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This paper shall become the new manual of Expander2. The old manual can be found [here](#).



1 Overview

Expander2 is a flexible multi-purpose workbench for interactive term rewriting, graph transformation, theorem proving, constraint solving, flow graph analysis and other procedures that build up proofs or computation sequences. Moreover, tailor-made interpreters display terms as two-dimensional structures ranging from trees and graphs to a variety of pictorial representations that include tables, matrices, alignments, partitions, fractals and various tree-like or rectangular graph layouts (see section 8). Proofs and computations performed with Expander2 follow the rules and the semantics of [swinging types](#).

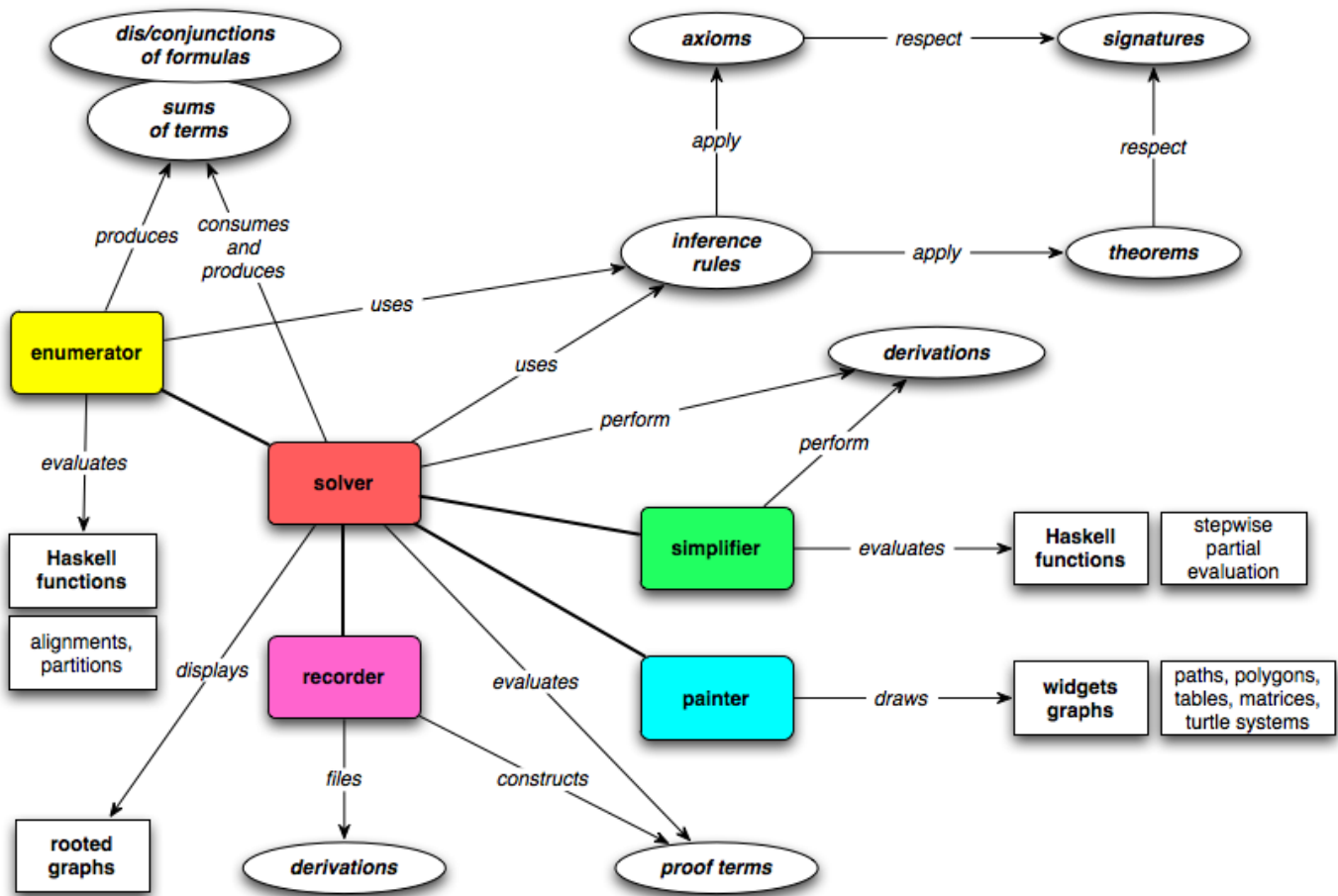
Swinging types are based on many-sorted predicate logic and combine constructor-based types with destructor-based (e.g. state-based) ones. The former come as initial term models, the latter as final models consisting of context interpretations. Relation symbols are interpreted as least or greatest solutions of their respective axioms.

The user may interact with the system at three levels of decreasing control over proofs and computations. At the top level, rules like induction and coinduction are applied locally and step by step. At the medium level, goals are rewritten or narrowed, i.e. axioms are applied exhaustively and iteratively. At the bottom level, built-in rules (some of them executing Haskell programs) simplify, i.e. (partially) evaluate terms and formulas, and thus hide routine steps of a proof or computation. Proofs are automatically translated into proof terms that can be evaluated and modified later. This allows one to design functional-logic programs as proof carrying code that a client can validate by running the proof term evaluator (proof checker).

Expander2 has been written in [O'Haskell](#), an extension of [Haskell](#) with object-oriented features for reactive programming and a typed interface to Tcl/Tk. Besides a comfortable GUI the design goals of Expander2 were to integrate testing, proving and visualizing deductive methods, admit several degrees of interaction and keep the system open for extensions or adaptations of individual components to changing demands.

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The main components of Expander2 are the **solver**, the **painter**, the **simplifier**, the **enumerator** and a **recorder** of proofs and computation sequences.



The **solver** is accessed via a window for editing and displaying trees that represents a disjunction or conjunction of logical formulas or a sum of functional terms. A proper (non-singleton) sum results from a computation obtained by nondeterministic rewriting. The solver window has a canvas for the two-dimensional representation of the list of current trees (among which one browses by moving the slider below the window) and a text field for their string representation. With the *parse buttons* one switches between the tree (or graph) and the string representation. Both representations are editable. As the usual cut, copy and paste operate on substrings in the text field, so do corresponding mouse-triggered functions when the cursor is moved over subtrees on the canvas.

After a widget interpreter has been selected from the *pict type menu*, pushing the paint button opens a painter window and the pictorial representations of all interpretable subtrees of the solver's current trees will be shown. Pictures are lists of widgets that can be edited in the painter window and completed to widget graphs. Widgets are built up of path, polygon and turtle action constructors that admit the definition of a variety of pictorial representations ranging from tables and matrices via string alignments, piles and partitions to complex fractals generated by turtle systems [22], which define a picture in terms of a sequence of actions that a turtle would perform when drawing the picture while moving over a canvas. The turtle works recursively in two ways: it maintains a stack of positions and orientations where it may return to, and it may give birth to subturtles, i.e. call other turtle systems. The solver and its associated painter are fully synchronized: the selection of a tree in the solver window is automatically translated to a selection of the tree's pictorial representation

in the painter window and vice versa. Hence rewriting, narrowing and simplification steps can be carried out from either window.

The **enumerator** provides algorithms that enumerate trees or graphs and passes their results both to the solver and the painter. Currently, two algorithms are available: a generator of all sequence alignments [5, 15] satisfying constraints that are partly given by axioms, and a generator of all nested partitions of a list with a given length and satisfying constraints given by particular predicates. The painter displays an alignment in the way DNA sequences are usually visualized. A nested partition is displayed as the corresponding rectangular dissection of a square.

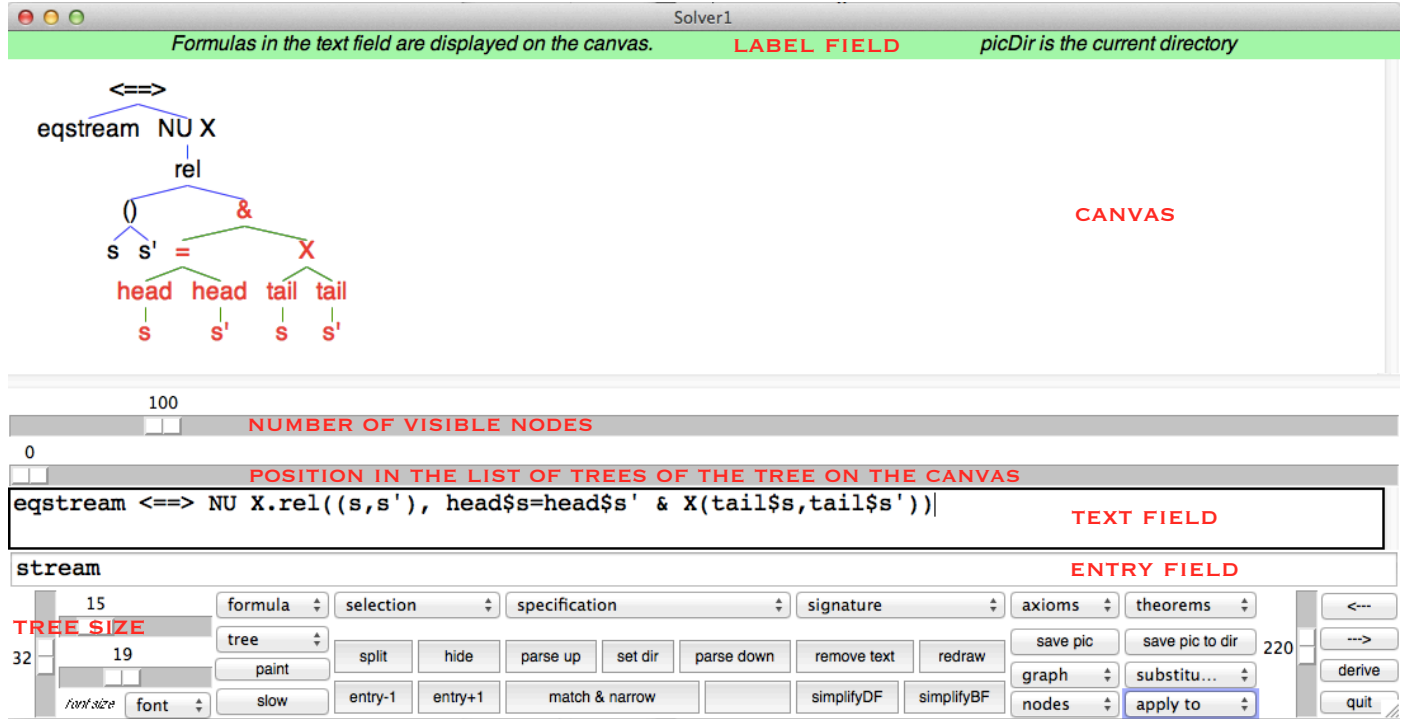


Figure 1. The solver window

Expander2 allows the user to control proofs and computations at **three levels of interaction**:

At the high level, analytic or synthetic inference rules or other syntactic transformations are applied individually and locally to selected subtrees (see the *transform-selection menu*). The rules cover single axiom applications, substitution or unification steps, Noetherian, Hoare, subgoal or fixpoint induction and coinduction. Derivations are correct if, in the case of trees representing terms, their sum is equivalent to the sum of their successors or, in the case of trees representing formulas, their dis- resp. conjunction is implied by the dis- resp. conjunction of their successors. The underlying models are determined by built-in data types and the least/greatest interpretation of Horn/co-Horn axioms. Incorrect deduction steps are detected and cause a warning. All proper tree transformations are recorded, be they correct proofs or other transformations. Terms and formulas are built up from the symbols of the current signature. For more details on the syntax and semantics of axioms, theorems and goals, see section 5 and [11].

At the medium level, rewriting and narrowing realize the iterated and exhaustive application of all

axioms for the defined functions, predicates and copredicates of the current signature. Terminating rewriting sequences end up with **normal forms**, i.e. terms consisting of constructors and variables. Terminating narrowing sequences end up with the formula True, False or *solved formulas* that represent solutions of the initial formula. Since the axioms are functional-logic programs in abstract logical syntax, rewriting and narrowing agree with program execution. Hence the medium level allows one to test such programs, while the inference rules of the high level provide a "tool box" for program verification. In the case of finite data sets, rewriting and narrowing is often sufficient even for program verification. Besides relations and deterministic functions, non-deterministic transition systems employing structured states, such as Maude programs [3] or algebraic nets [23], may also be axiomatized and verified by Expander2. The latter are executed by applying associative-commutative rewriting or narrowing on bag terms, i.e. multisets of terms.

At the low level, built-in Haskell functions simplify or (partially) evaluate terms and formulas and thereby hide most routine steps of proofs or computations. The functions comprise arithmetic, list, bag and set operations, term equivalence and inequivalence (that depend on the current signature's constructors) and logical simplifications that turn formulas into **nested Gentzen clauses**. Evaluating a function f at the medium level means narrowing upon the axioms for f , Evaluating f at the low level means running a built-in Haskell implementation of f . This allows one to test and debug algorithms and visualize their results. For instance, translators between different representations of Boolean functions were integrated into Expander2 in this way. In addition, an execution of an iterative algorithm can be split into its loop traversals such that intermediate results become visible, too. Currently, the computation steps of Gaussian equation solving, automata minimization [8], OBDD optimization, LR parsing, data flow analysis and global model checking can be carried out and displayed (see section 6).

For an introduction, see also [Expander2 as a Prover and Rewriter](#), sections 1 and 2.

2 Overall code structure

Expander2 consists of six O'Haskell modules:

- **Ecom.hs** configures the GUI and provides all string- or tree-generating, -manipulating or -translating commands that the user may call for carrying out proofs or computations and presenting their results interactively. Multiple tree-shaped results can be displayed and browsed through on the canvas of a solver and in some cases interpreted graphically and displayed in the painter window of a solver. *Ecom* closes with the main program of the system that creates the main objects, partly in a mutually recursive way:

```
main :: TkEnv -> Cmd ()
main tk = do
  mkDir $ userLibDir
  mkDir $ userLib "Pix"
  win1 <- tk.window []
```

```

win2 <- tk.window []
fix solve1 <- solver tk "Solver1" win1 solve2 "Solver2" enum1 paint1
    solve2 <- solver tk "Solver2" win2 solve1 "Solver1" enum2 paint2
    paint1 <- painter 820 tk "Solver1" solve1 "Solver2" solve2
    paint2 <- painter 820 tk "Solver2" solve2 "Solver1" solve1
    enum1 <- enumerator tk solve1
    enum2 <- enumerator tk solve2
solve1.buildSolve (0,20)
solve2.buildSolve (20,20)
win2.iconify

```

- **Epaint.hs** provides Haskell functions for parsing terms and formulas and computing and displaying their graphical representations that are built up from Tk canvas widgets. Collections of various pictorial elements can be defined as movements over the plane according to a *turtle interpretation* (see section 8). The reactive components for animating the turtle and displaying graphical objects are gathered in the `painter`, `crawler` and `slowActor` templates (= classes). The `colorFlasher` template animates the error messages appearing in label fields (see below).
- **Esolve.hs** encapsulates translators between string, tree and graphical representations of terms and formulas. *Esolve.hs* also contains the **simplifier** that partially evaluates terms and formulas. Moreover, the basic inference rules for applying axioms and theorems are implemented here. *Esolve.hs* also contains the `enumerator` template that provides a GUI for running tree enumeration algorithms (see Section 9). They are called from the `solver` template, which is part of *Ecom.hs*.
- **Eterm.hs** contains data types and functions for generating, manipulating or checking terms and formulas, such as unification, matching, reduction and expansion of collapsed trees.
- **System.hs** and **Tk.hs** provide the interface to Tcl/Tk.

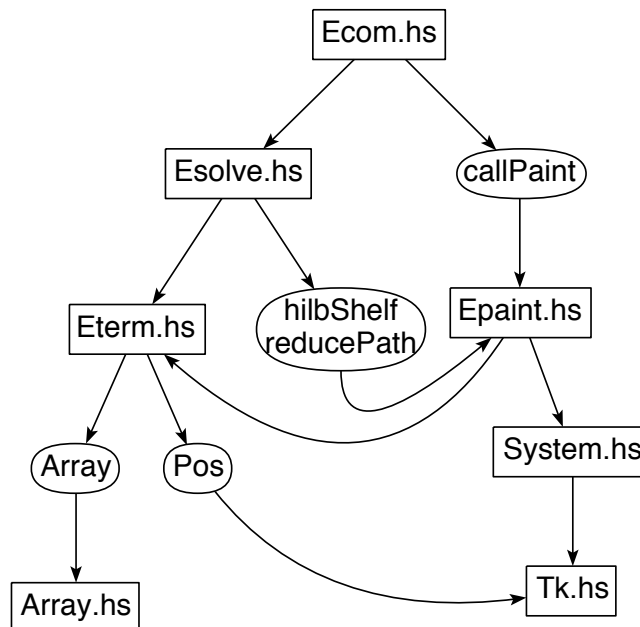


Figure 2. Haskell-modules use graph

3 Menus and commands

A command followed by a letter in round brackets is executed when the corresponding key is pushed after the keyboard has been activated by placing the cursor over the entry resp. label field and pressing the left mouse button. The keys for [specification > add](#), [apply clause](#), [load text](#) and [save tree](#) work if the entry field has been activated. The keys for [parse up](#) and [parse down](#) work if the text field has been activated. The keys for other commands work if the label field has been activated.

4 Terms, formulas and their manipulation

The type of terms (see Eterm.hs)

```
data Term a = V a | F a [Term a] | Hidden Special deriving (Show,Eq,Ord)
```

```
data Special = Dissect [(Int,Int,Int,Int)] |
              BoolMat [String] [String] [(String,String)] |
              ListMat [String] [String] (Triples String String) |
              ListMatL [String] (TriplesL String) |
              LRarr (Array (Int,Int) ActLR) |
              ERR deriving (Show,Eq,Ord)
```

```
type TermS = Term String
```

See [From Modal Logic to \(Co\)Algebraic Reasoning](#), section 8.

5 Specifications

The type of signatures (see Eterm.hs)

```
struct Sig = isPred,isCoped,isConstruct,isDefunct,isFovar,isHovar,blocked
              :: String -> Bool
             hovarRel      :: BoolFun String
             safeEqs       :: Bool
             simpls,transitions :: [(TermS,[TermS],TermS)]
             states,atoms,labels :: [TermS]           -- types of a Kripke model
             trans,value    :: [[Int]]
             transL,valueL  :: [[[Int]]]
```

A sample specification

```
-- PAFL
defuncts: flatten
```

```

preds:    part >>
fovvars:  s s' p s1
axioms:
  part([x],[[x]])
& (part(x:y:s,[x]:p) <=== part(y:s,p))
& (part(x:y:s,(x:s'):p) <=== part(y:s,s':p))
& flatten[] == []
& flatten(s:p) == s++flatten(p)
& x:s>>s
& (s >> s' <=== s >> s1 & s1 >> s')
conjects:
part(s,p) ==> flatten(p)=s

```

See also [Expander2 as a Prover and Rewriter](#), section 3, and [From Modal Logic to \(Co\)Algebraic Reasoning](#), sections 10-22.

6 Simplifications

See also [Expander2 as a Prover and Rewriter](#), section 5, and [From Modal Logic to \(Co\)Algebraic Reasoning](#), section 8.

7 Narrowing, rewriting and (co)induction

[Animation](#) of interactive proofs of the conjecture of PAFL by fixpoint and Noetherian induction, respectively.

See [Expander2 as a Prover and Rewriter](#), sections 6 and 7, and [From Modal Logic to \(Co\)Algebraic Reasoning](#), section 9.

8 Widgets, pictures and graphs

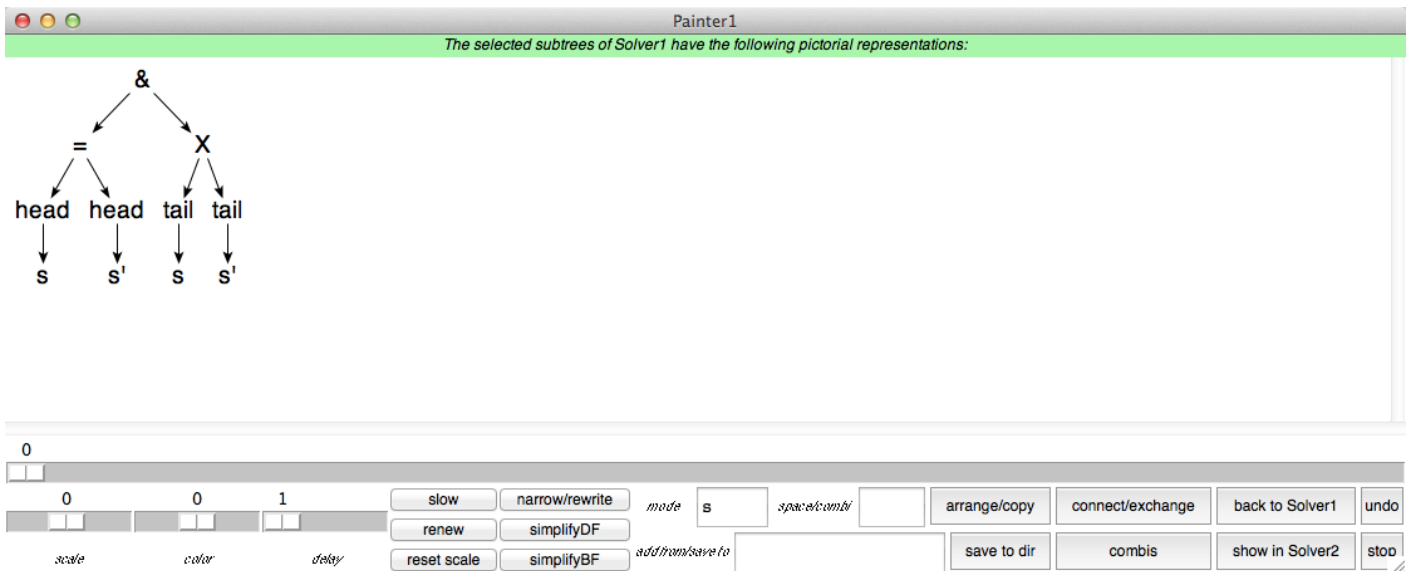


Figure 3. The painter window

Painter types (see Epaint.hs)

```

type Point = (Float,Float)
type Line_ = (Point,Point)
type Lines = [Line_]
type Path = [Point]
type State = (Point,Float,Color,Int) -- (center,orientation,hue,lightness)

```

```

type Graph = (Picture,Arcs)
type Picture = [Widget_]
type Arcs = [[Int]]

```

```

-- ([w1,...,wn],[as1,...,asn]) :: Graph represents a graph with node set
-- {w1,...,wn} and edge set {(wi,wj) | j in asi, 1 <= i,j <= n}.

```

```

data Widget_ = Arc State ArcStyleType Float Float | Bunch Widget_ [Int] |
  -- Bunch w is denotes w together with outgoing arcs to the
  -- widgets at positions is.
  Dot Color Point | Fast Widget_ | Gif String Widget_ | New |
  Oval State Float Float | Path State Int Path |
  Path0 Color Int Int Path | Poly State Int [Float] Float |
  Rect State Float Float | Repeat Widget_ | Skip |
  Text_ State Int [String] [Int] |
  Tree State Int Color (Term (String,Point,Int)) |
  -- The center of Tree .. ct agrees with the root of ct.
  Tria State Float | Turtle State Float TurtleActs | WTree TermW
  deriving (Show,Eq)

```

```

type TurtleActs = [TurtleAct]
data TurtleAct = Close | Draw |
  -- Close and Draw finish a polygon resp. path starting at the
  -- preceding Open command.
  Jump Float | JumpA Float | Move Float | MoveA Float |
  -- JumpA and MoveA ignore the scale of the enclosing turtle.
  Open Color Int | Scale Float | Turn Float | Widg Bool Widget_
  -- The Int parameter of Open determines the mode of the path
  -- ending when the next Close/Draw command is reached;
  -- see drawWidget (Path0 c i m ps).
  -- Widg False w ignores the orientation of w, Widg True w
  -- adds it to the orientation of the enclosing turtle.
  deriving (Show,Eq)

type WidgTrans = Widget_ -> Widget_
type PictTrans = Picture -> Picture

type TermW = Term Widget_
type TermWP = Term (Widget_,Point)

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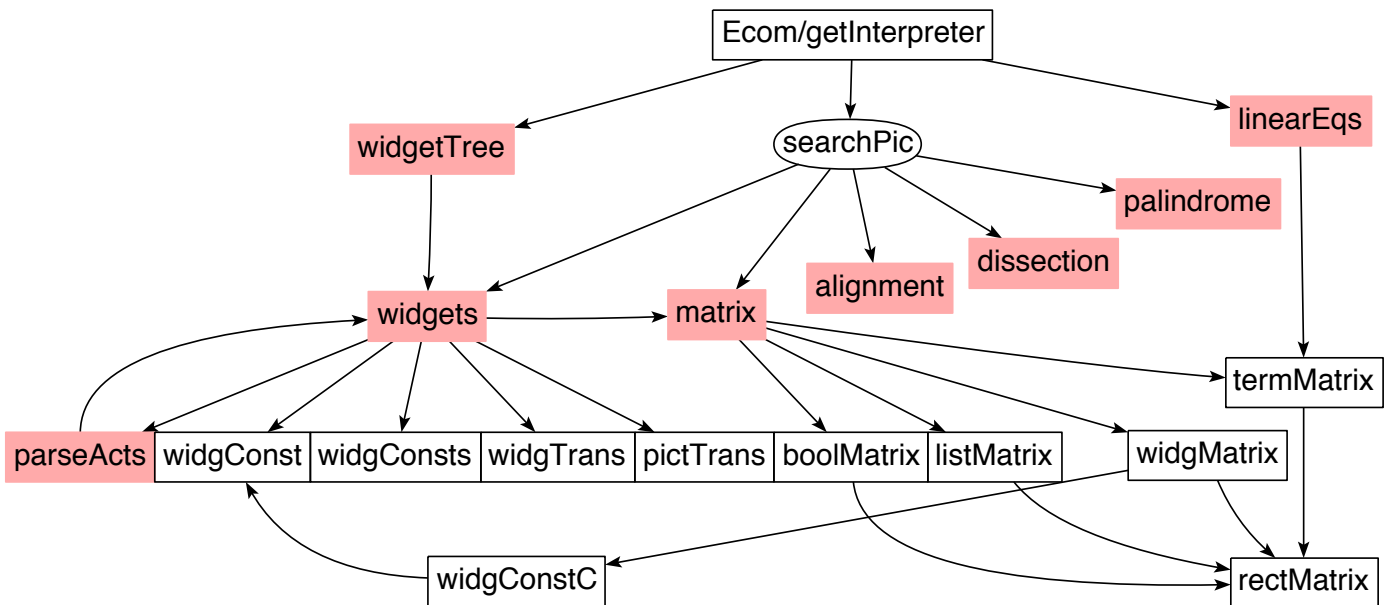


Figure 4. Eight graphic term interpreters

Specifications of the Examples directory containing terms processable by a term interpreter

- diagrams (widget trees; see below)
- flowers
- graphs (widget trees)


```
string(red$palindrome))
```

How to get from *diagrams* to Figure 4:

- enter *diagrams* into the entry field
- press the *return* key: *diagrams* is compiled to a specification
- enter the equations for Figure 4 (see above) into the text field
- press the *parse up* button: the equations are displayed on the canvas
- press the *simplifyD* button: the term arguments of *string* are converted to strings
- press the *graph > show graph* button: the equations are translated to a graph
- enter *draw* into the entry field
- press the *tree* button in the menu below *paint*
- press the *paint* button: the graph on the canvas is converted to an object of type *Graph* (see above) and displayed in a *painter* window
- customize nodes and (red) edge support points of the graph
- (enter 1 into the *save/combi* field and) push *combi*: support points are removed
- enter *Figure4.eps* or *Figure4.png* into the *add from/save to* field
- press the down arrow key: *Figure4.eps/png* is saved to the *ExpanderLib/Pix* directory

For saving the Haskell code of Figure 4, enter *Figure4* into the *add from/save to* field and press the down arrow key (to enter *Figure4* into the *ExpanderLib* directory). For loading the Haskell code of Figure 4 into the *painter* window, enter *Figure4* into the *add from/save to* field and press the up arrow key.

See also [Picture construction and animation with Expander2](#), sections 3-11, and [Das Painter-Manual](#), sections 3-6.

9 Loading and saving terms, proofs or pictures

10 Building and verifying transition systems

See [From Modal Logic to \(Co\)Algebraic Reasoning](#), sections 1-7 and 10-17.

11 Enumerators

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