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Boosting Automated Reasoning by Mining Existing Proofs

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Idea:

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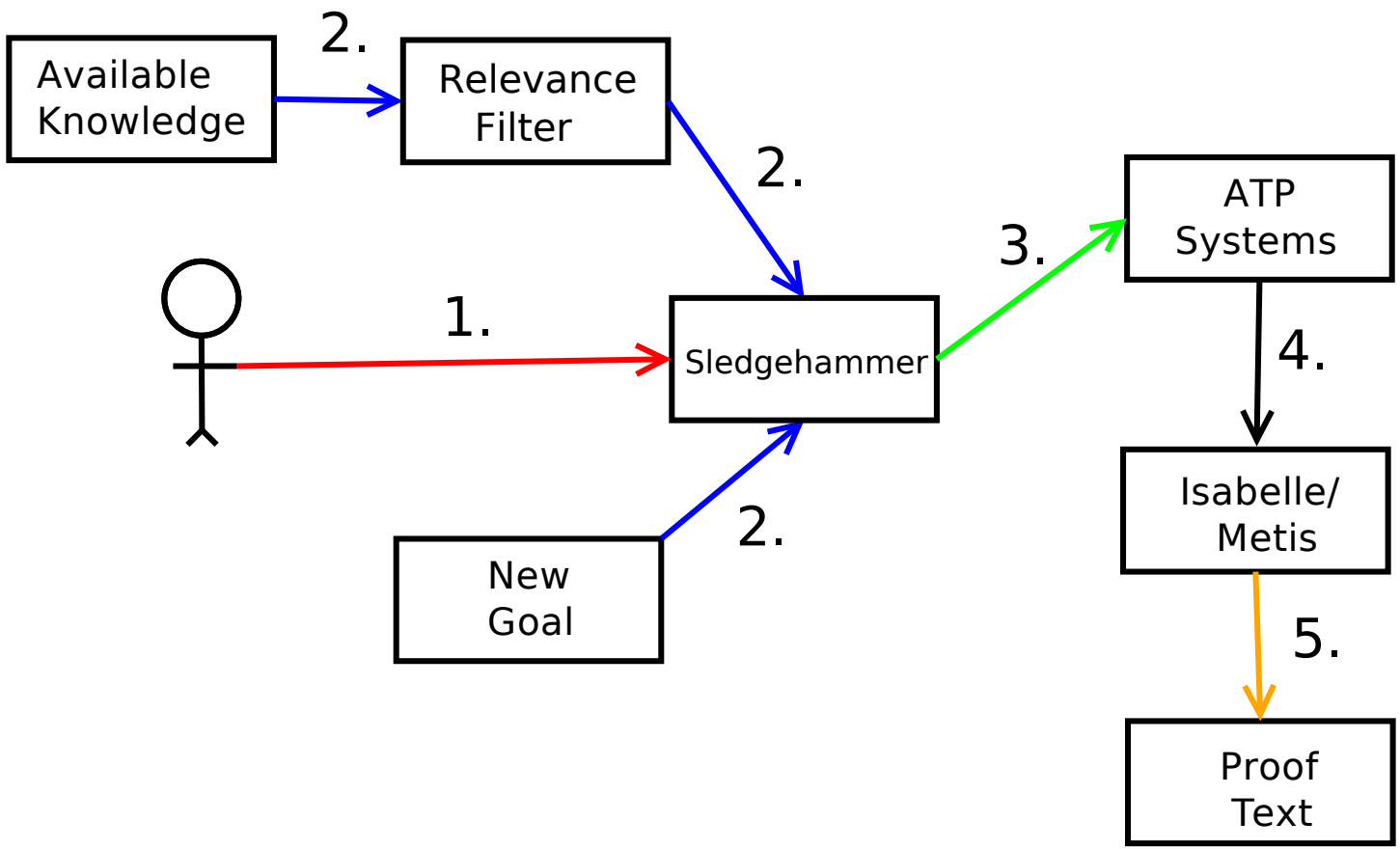

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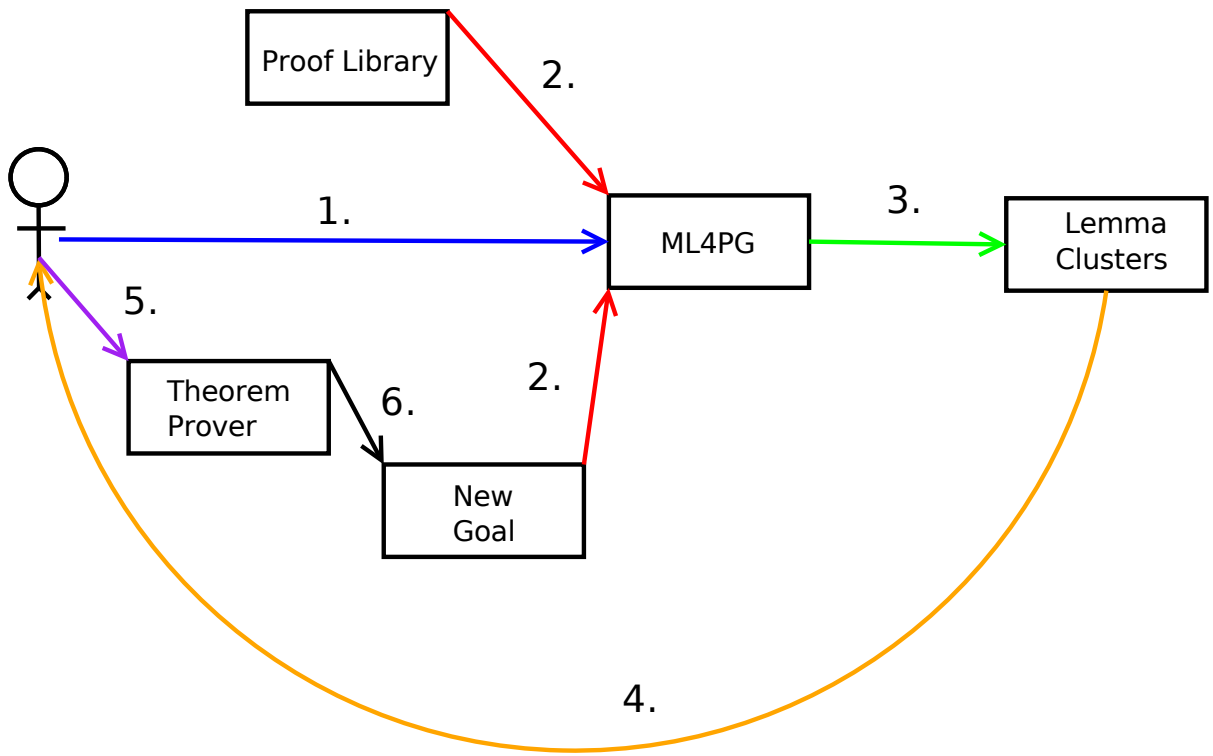

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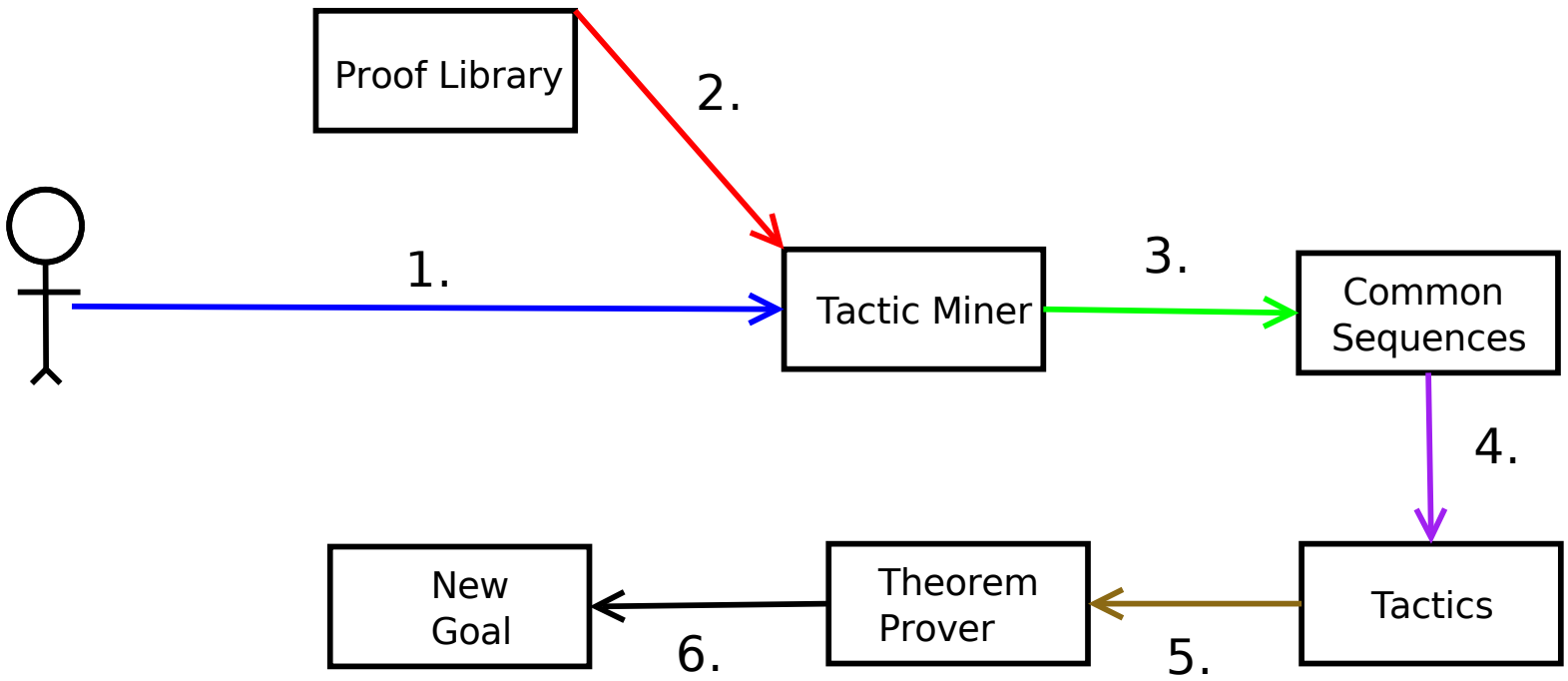

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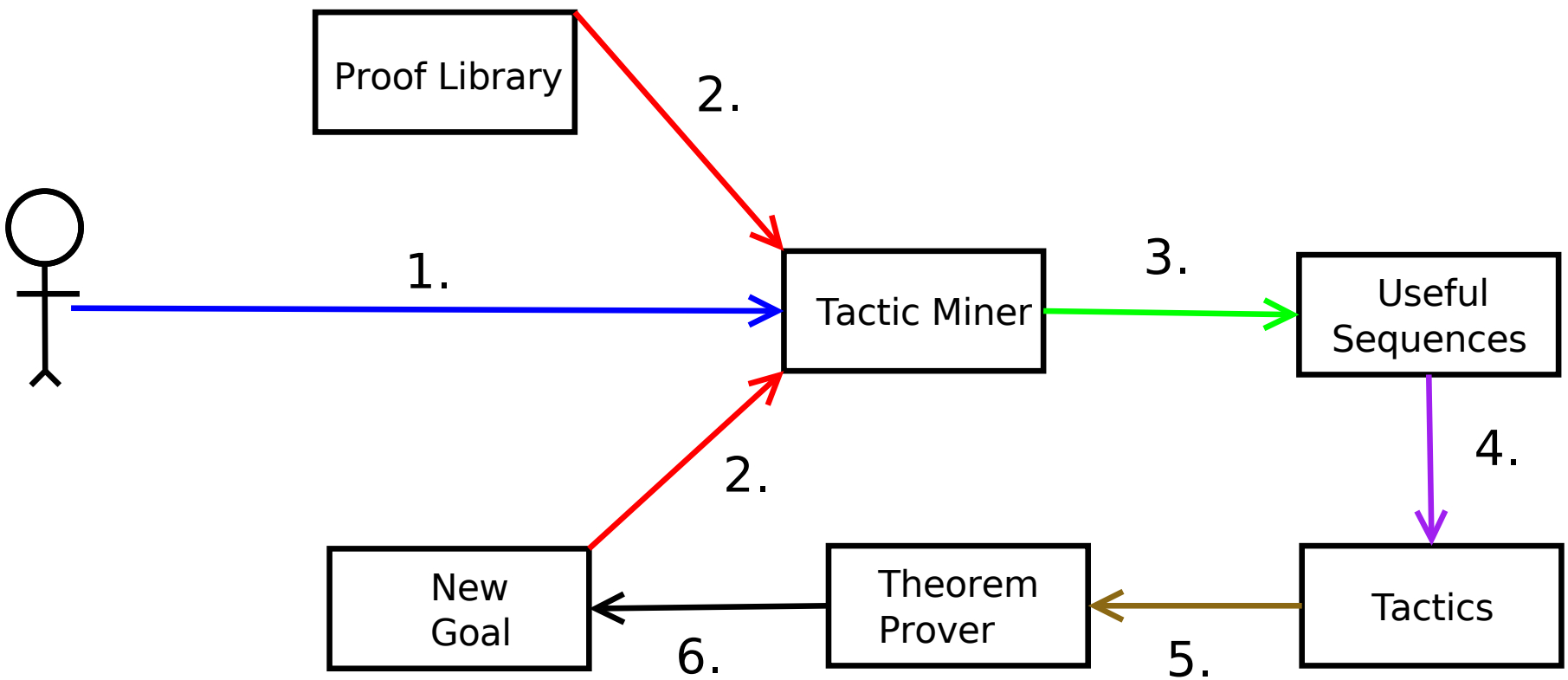

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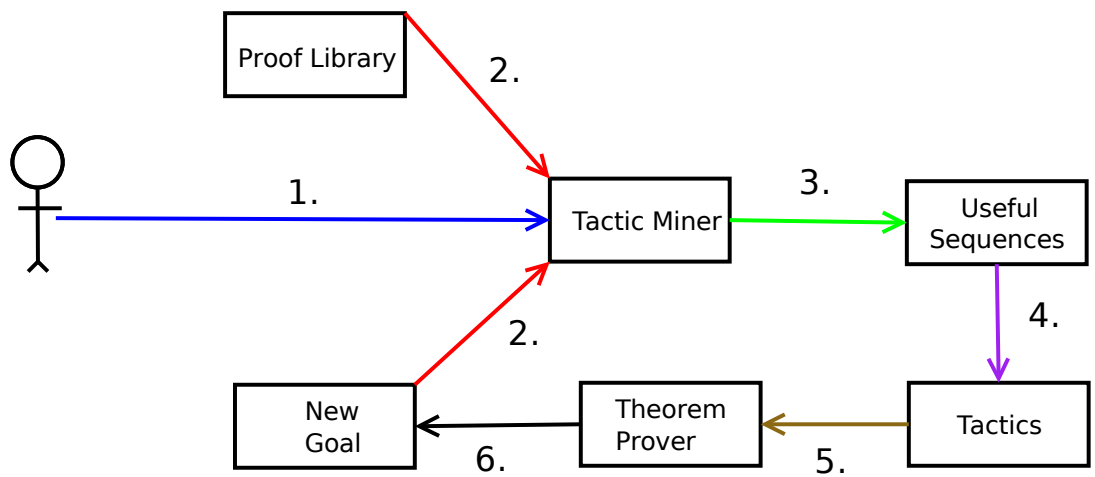

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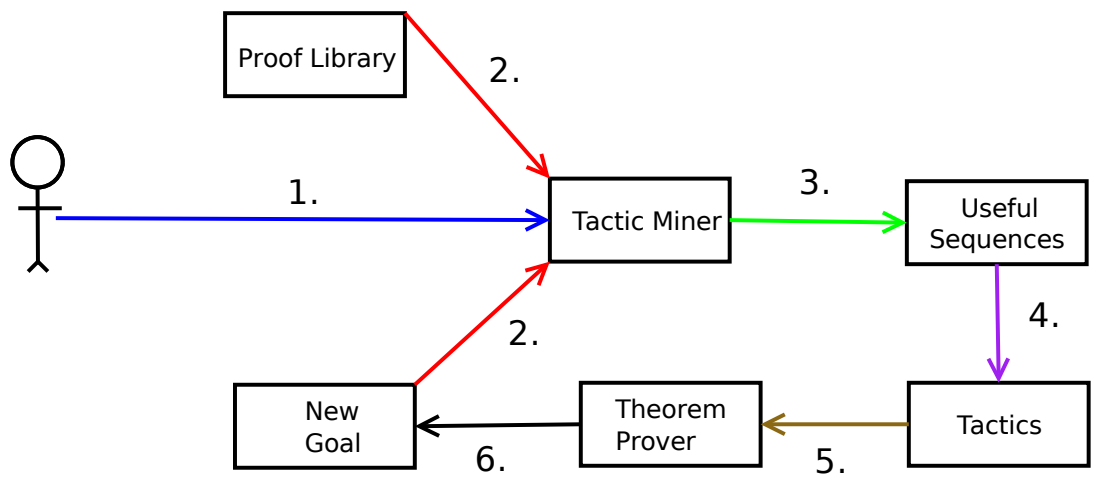

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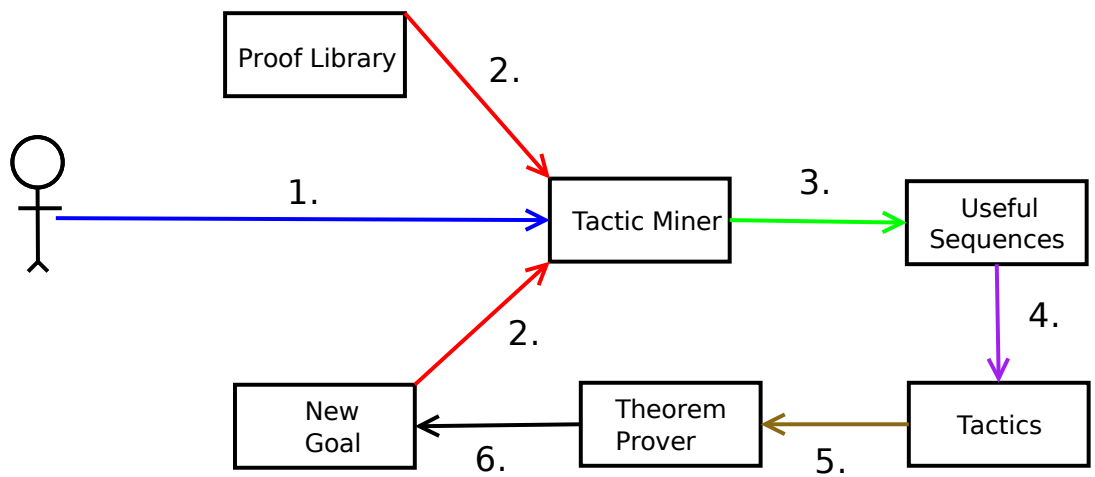

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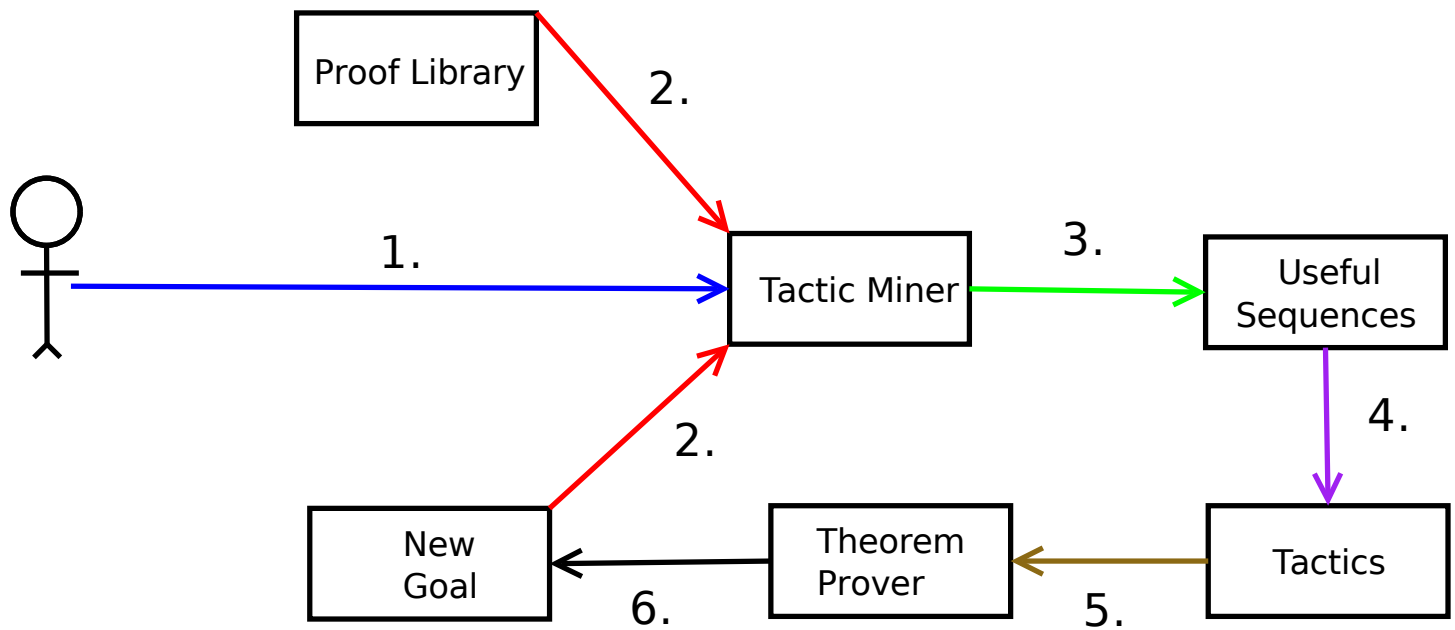

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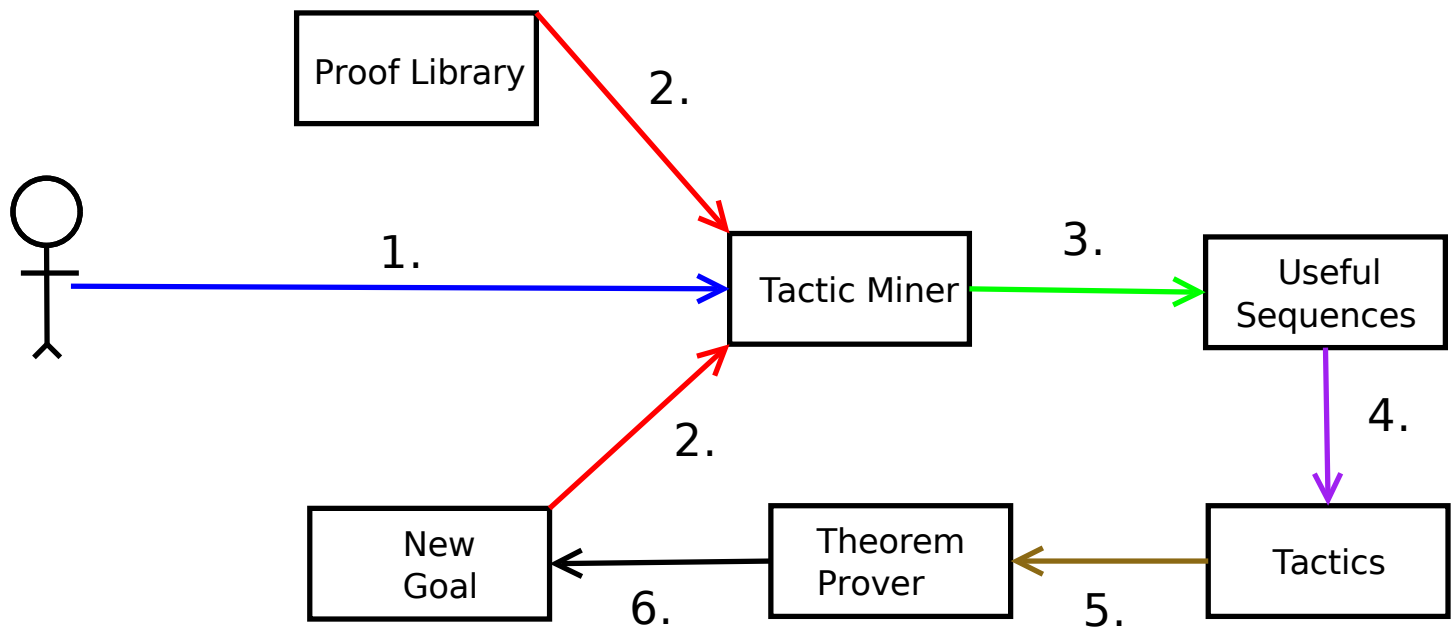

3. How will the theorem prover and tactic miner communicate?

We require two methods of communication to be defined:

- Theorem Prover to Tactic Miner
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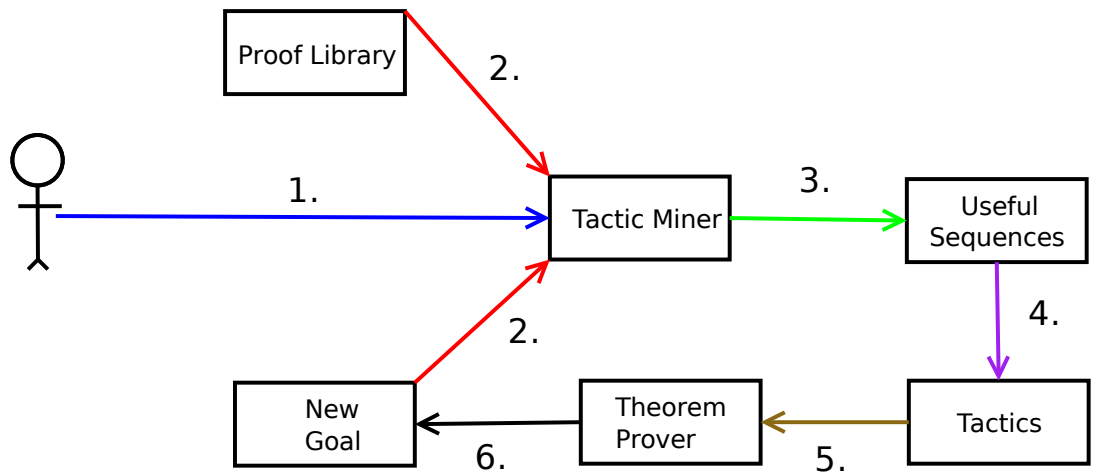

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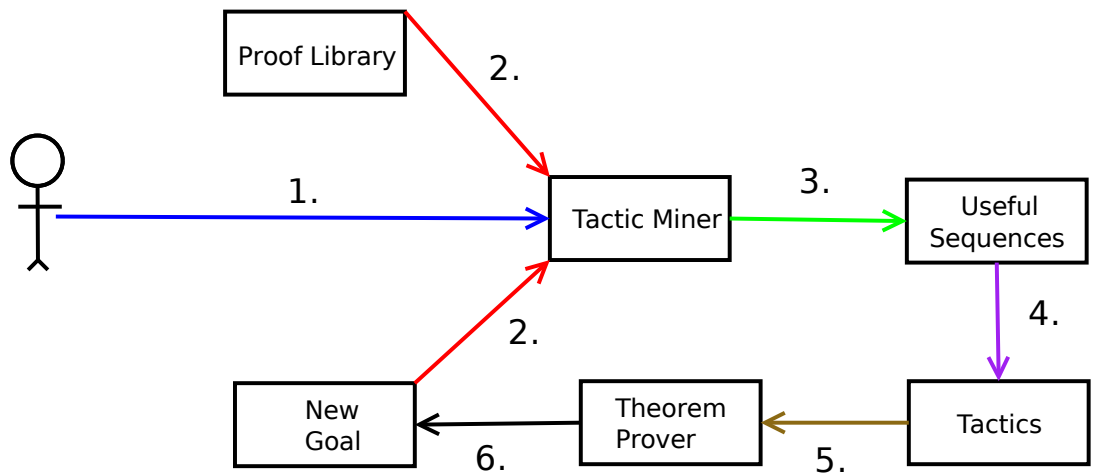

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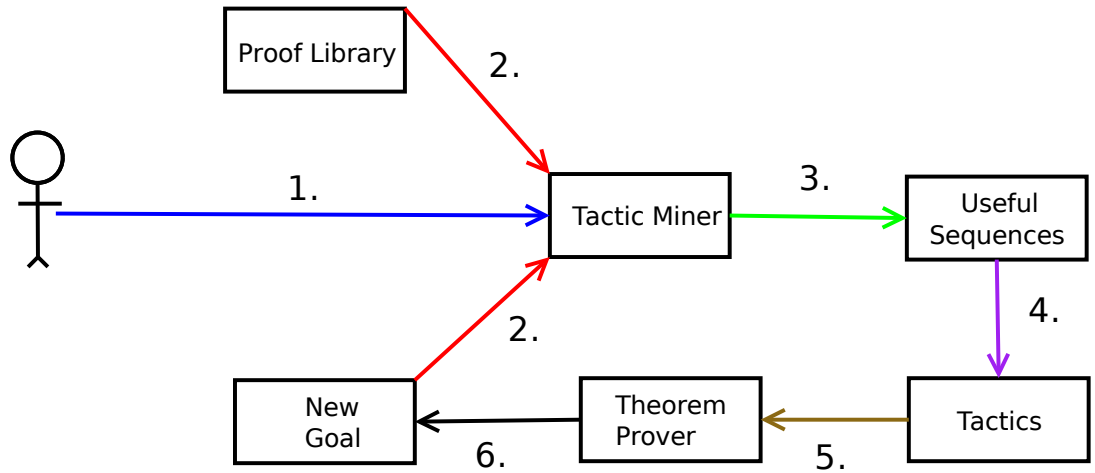

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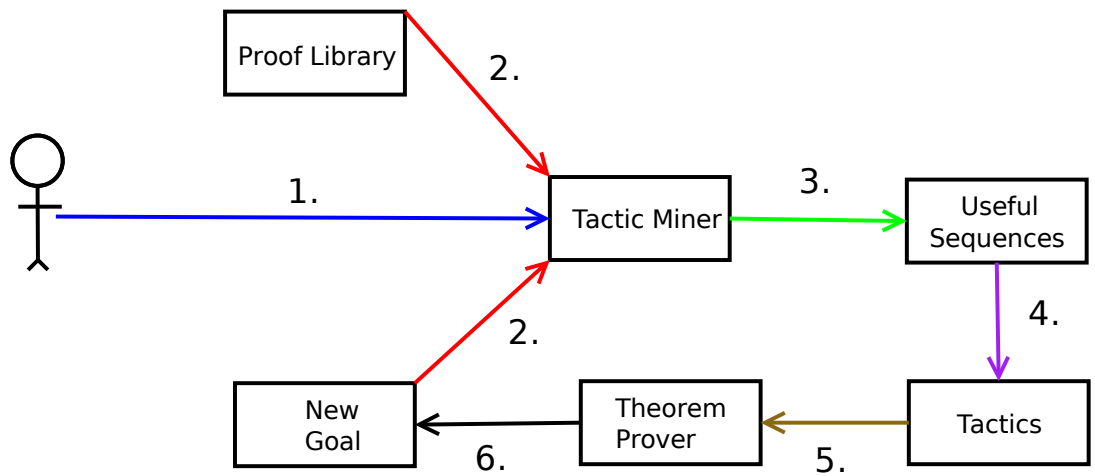

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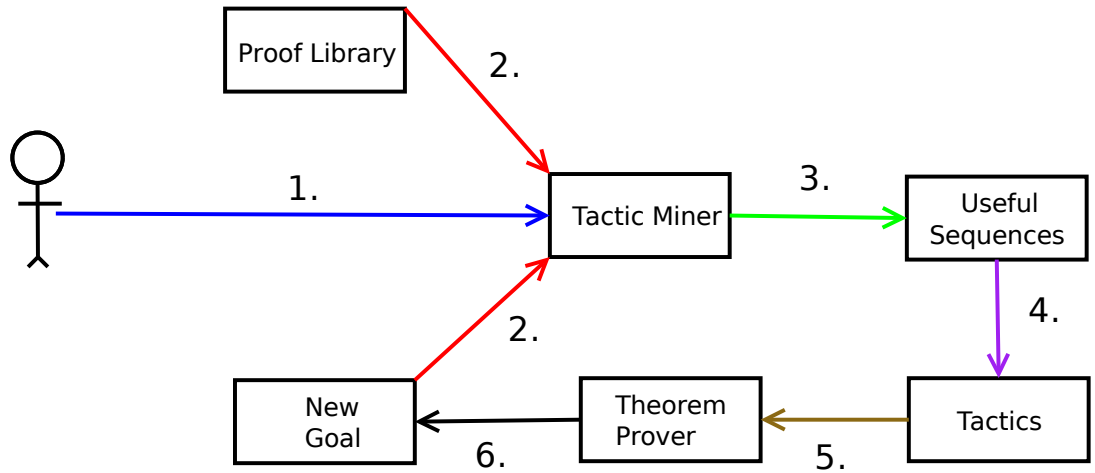

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