If return code is 0 or 4, the input word without the the enclitic ending and the lemma will be returned. word length,

Get input_word.
translate input_word to lower case;
word = input_word;
scan the word for a hyphen;
if word has no hyphen EXIT with rc = 8;

scan from the end of the word for a hyphen or apostrophe;

ending = substring from hyphen or apostrophe to end of word.

scan from the beginning of the word for a hyphen; head = substring of word up to hyphen; if the letter preceding the hyphen is 'a', 'e', or 'o' then do;

if ending = '' and