

# SAT Tutorial

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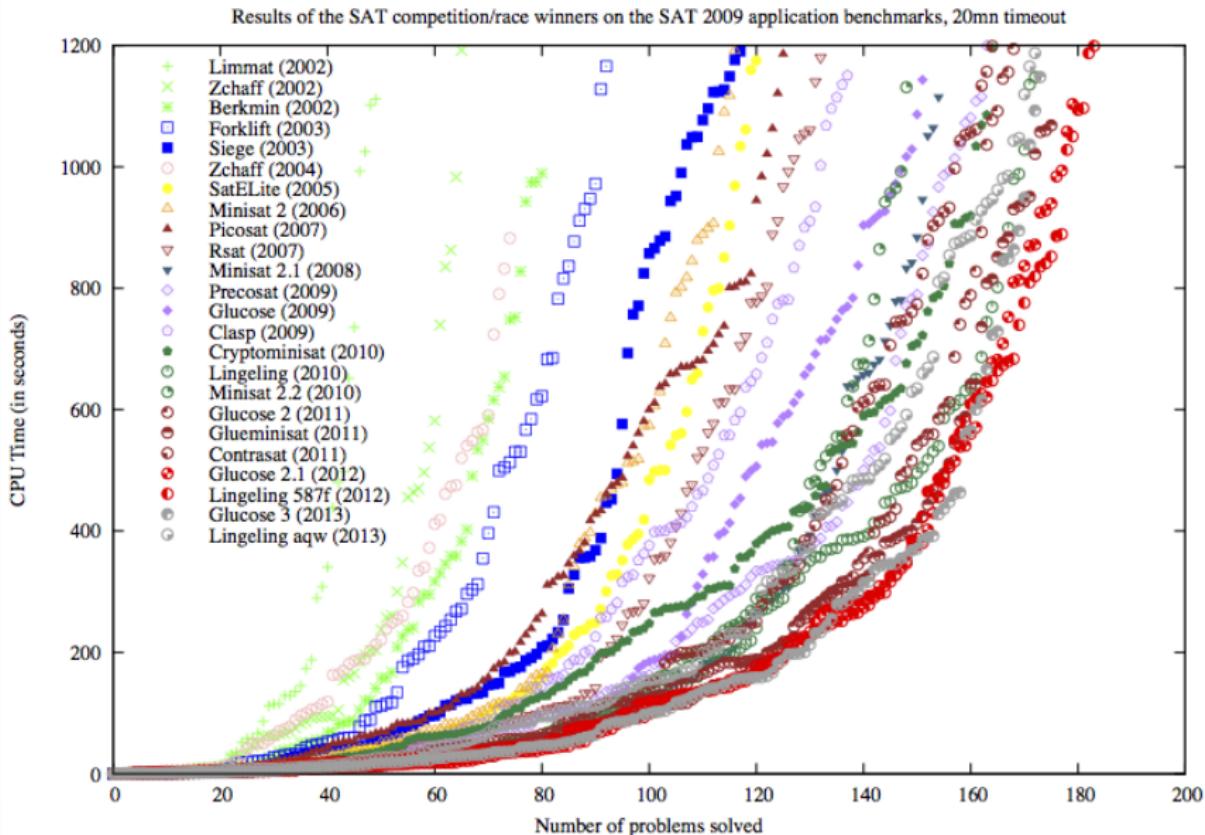
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  - Hundreds (thousands?) of practical applications



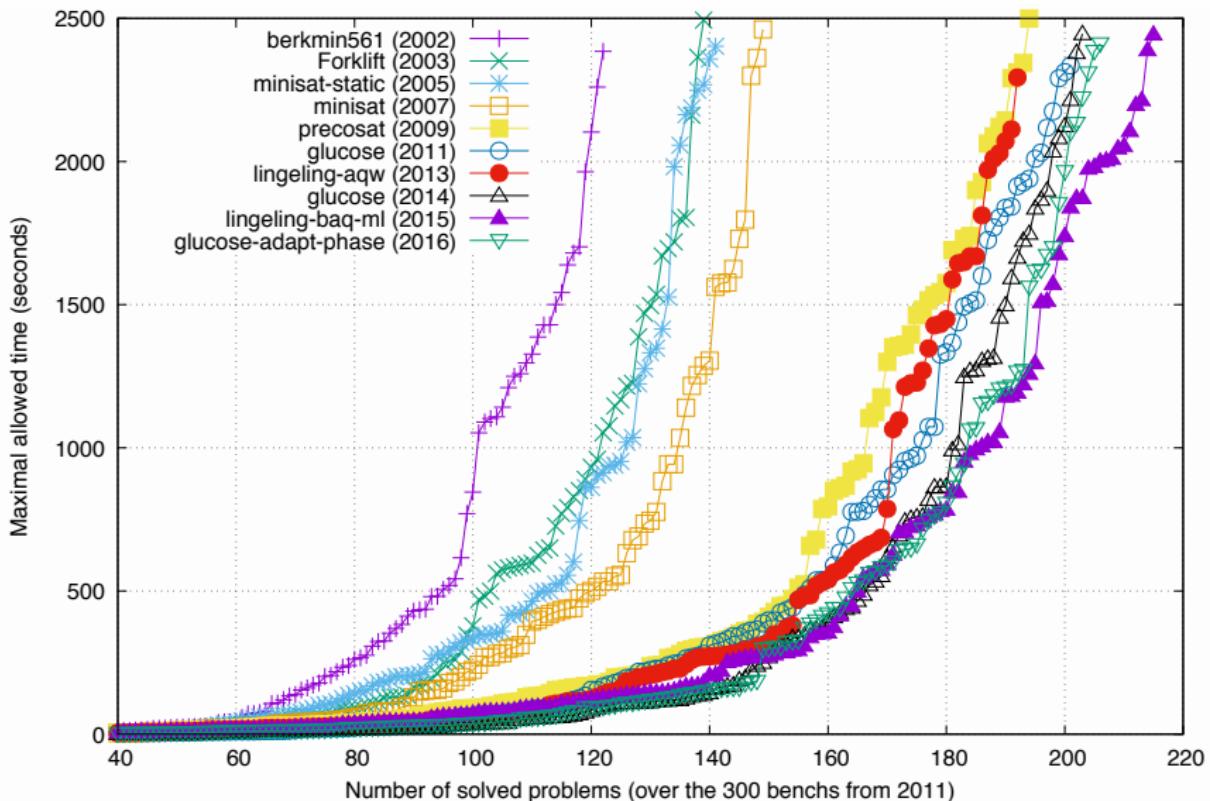
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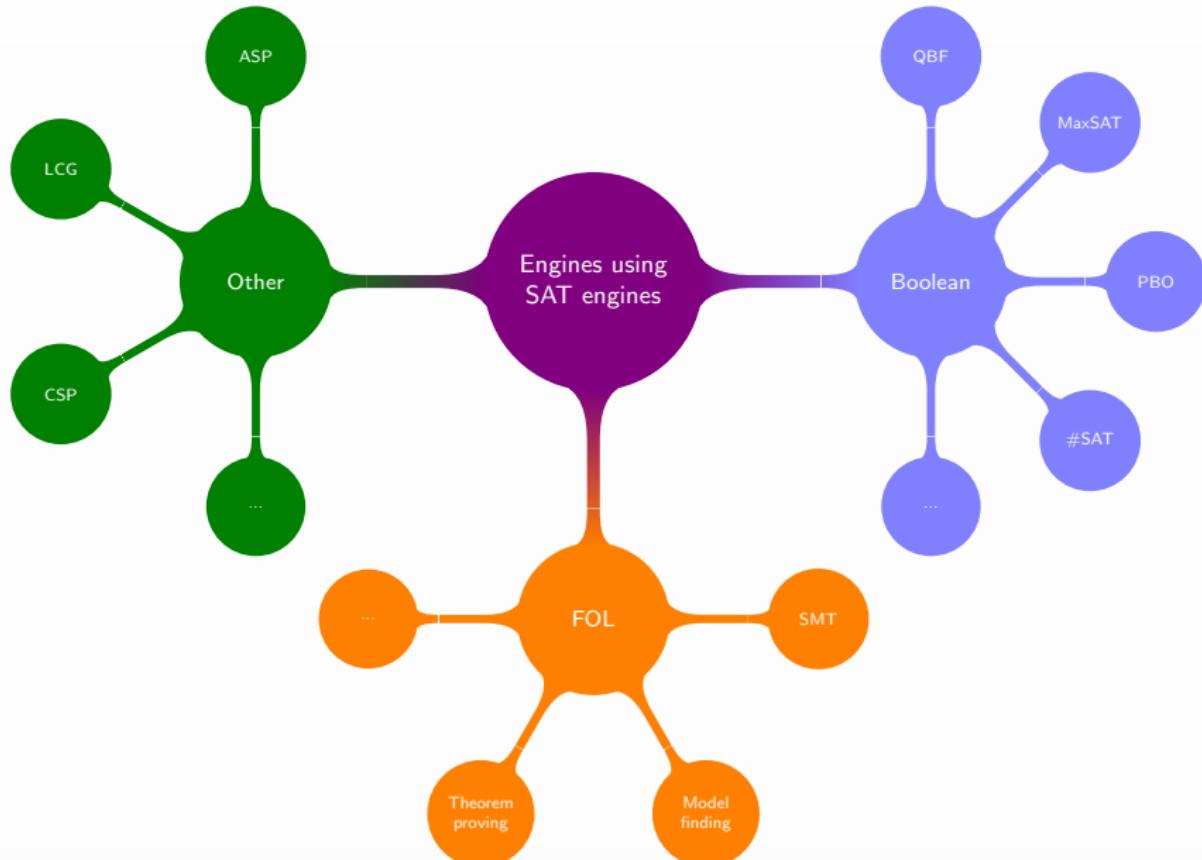


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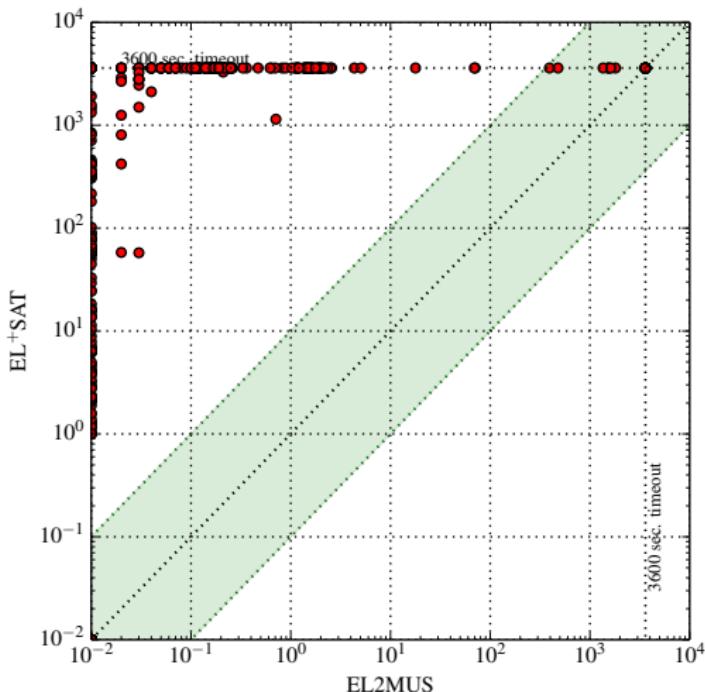
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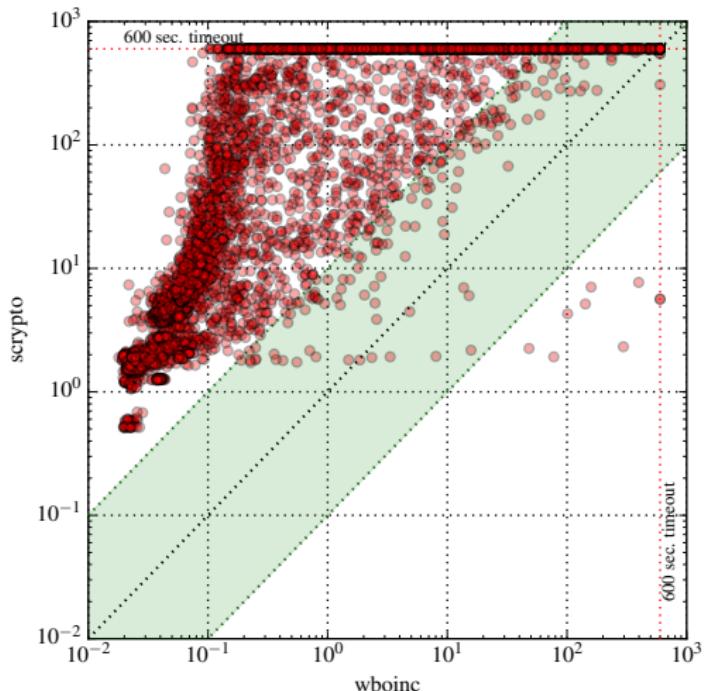
# SAT can make the difference – axiom pinpointing



- $\mathcal{EL}^+$  medical ontologies
  - Minimal unsatisfiability (MUSes) & maximal satisfiability (MCSEs) & Enumeration

[SAT'15]

# SAT can make the difference – model based diagnosis



- Model-based diagnosis problem instances
  - Maximum satisfiability (**MaxSAT**)

[IJCAI'15]

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  - Counting problems
  - Quantification problems
  - Etc.

## Part I

### CDCL SAT Solving

# Outline

## Basic Definitions

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Why CDCL Works?

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- Example models:
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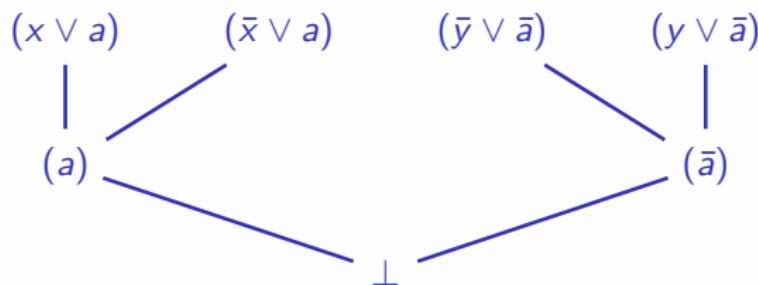
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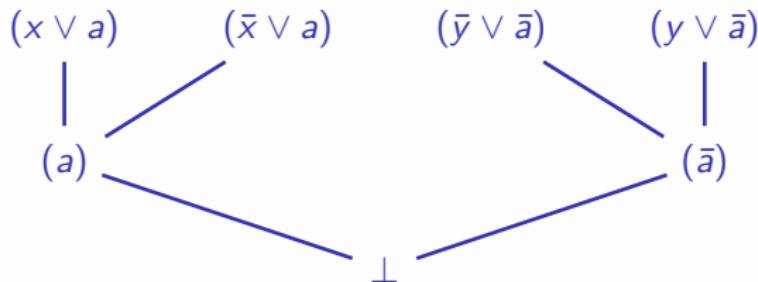
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- Self-subsuming resolution (with  $\alpha' \subseteq \alpha$ ):

[E.g. SP04,EB05]

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- $(\alpha)$  subsumes  $(\alpha \vee x)$

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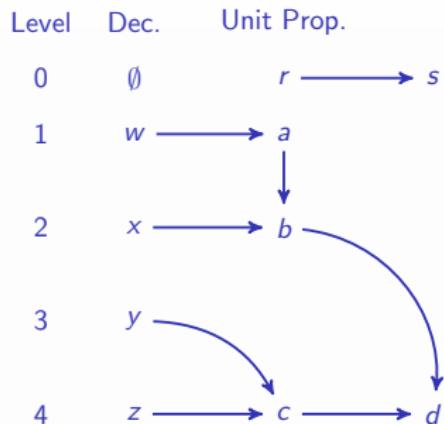
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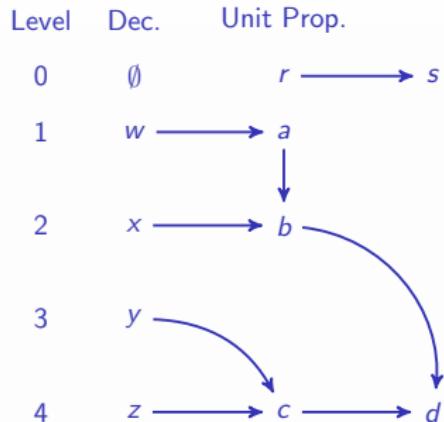
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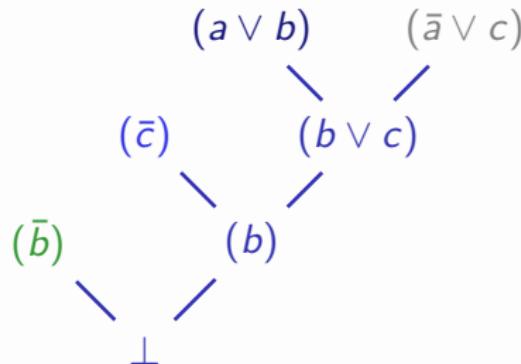
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- Additional definitions:
  - Antecedent (or reason) of an implied assignment
    - $(\bar{b} \vee \bar{c} \vee d)$  for  $d$
  - Associate assignment with decision levels
    - $w = 1 @ 1, x = 1 @ 2, y = 1 @ 3, z = 1 @ 4$
    - $r = 1 @ 0, d = 1 @ 4, \dots$

# Resolution proofs

- Refutation of unsatisfiable formula by iterated resolution operations produces **resolution proof**
- An example:  
 $\mathcal{F} = (\bar{c}) \wedge (\bar{b}) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee c) \wedge (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee \bar{d}) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee \bar{d})$
- Resolution proof:



- A modern SAT solver can generate resolution proofs using clauses learned by the solver

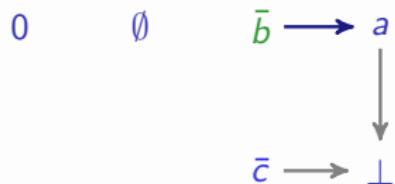
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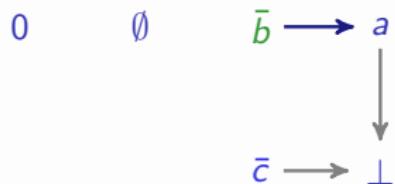
Implication graph with **conflict**

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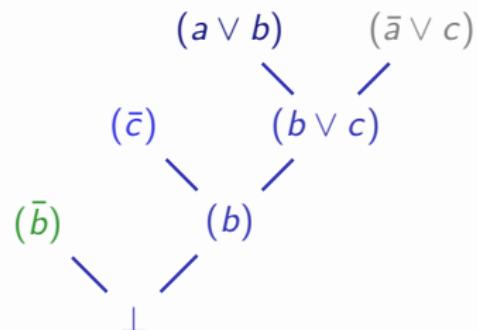
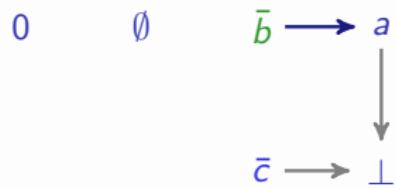
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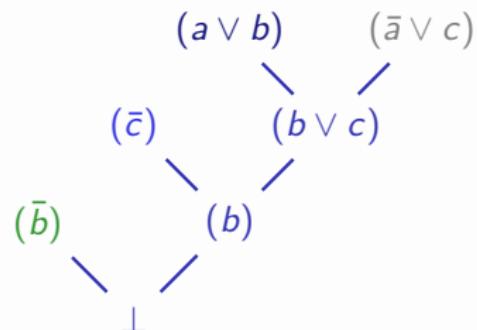
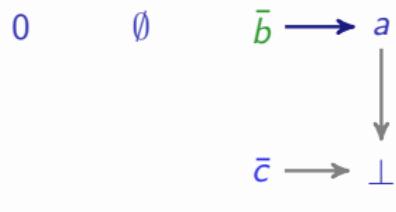
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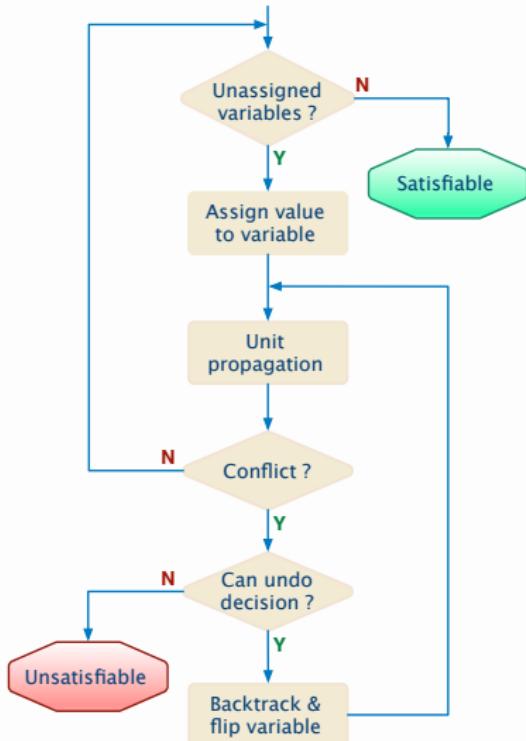
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Unsatisfiable subformula (core):  $(\bar{c}), (\bar{b}), (\bar{a} \vee c), (a \vee b)$

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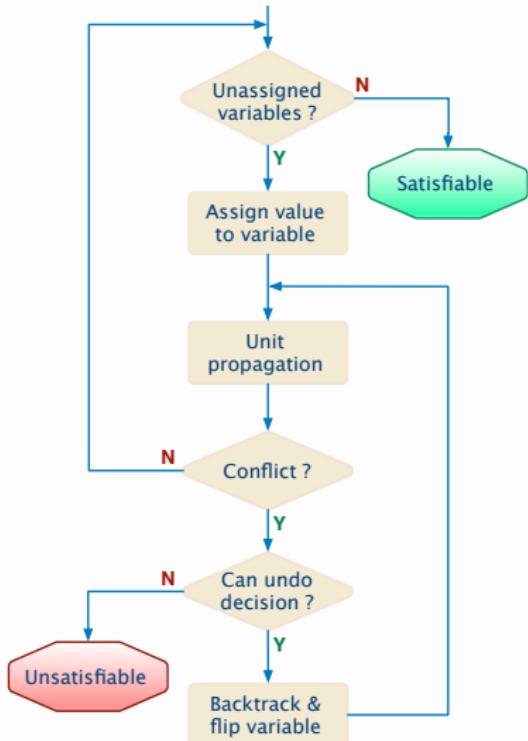


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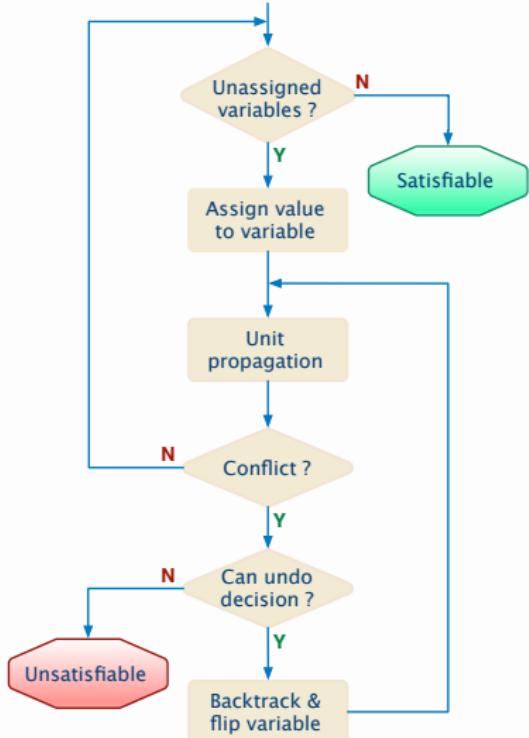
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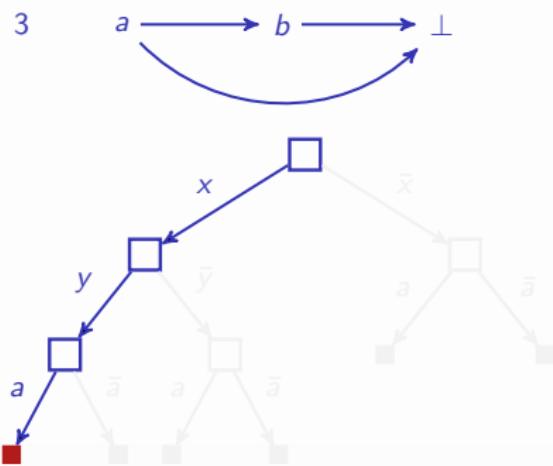
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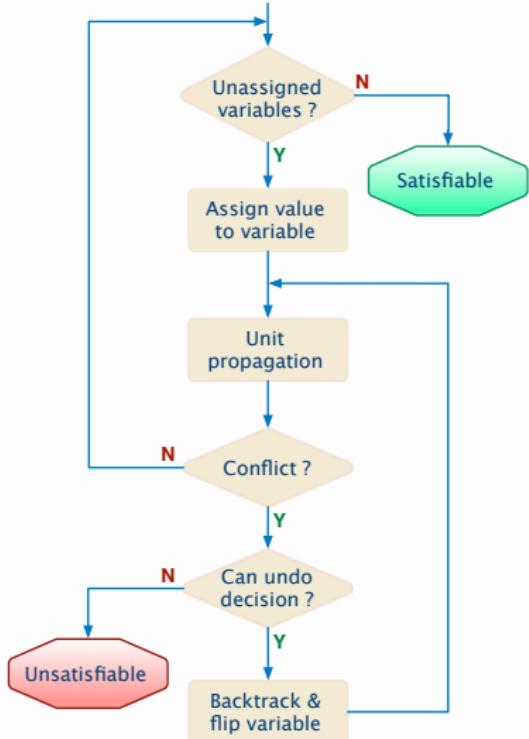
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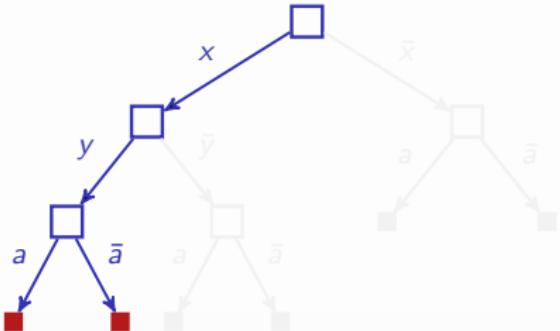
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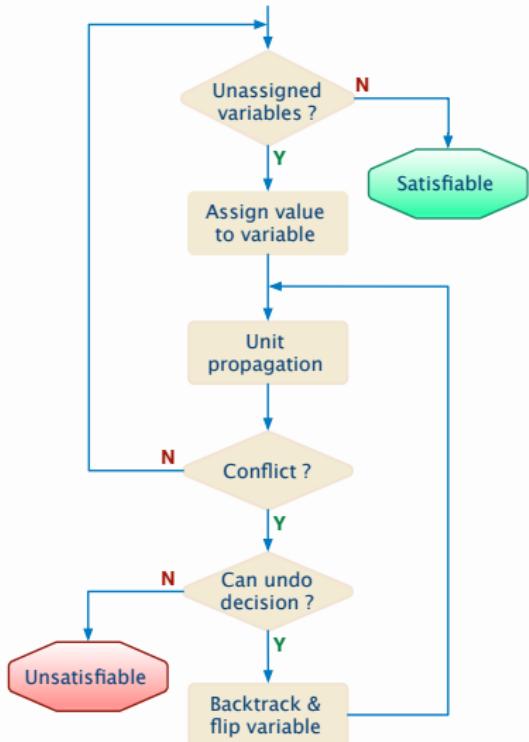
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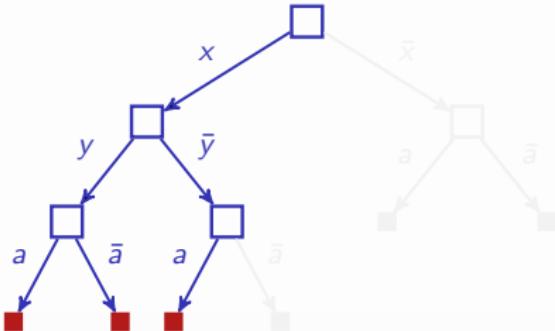
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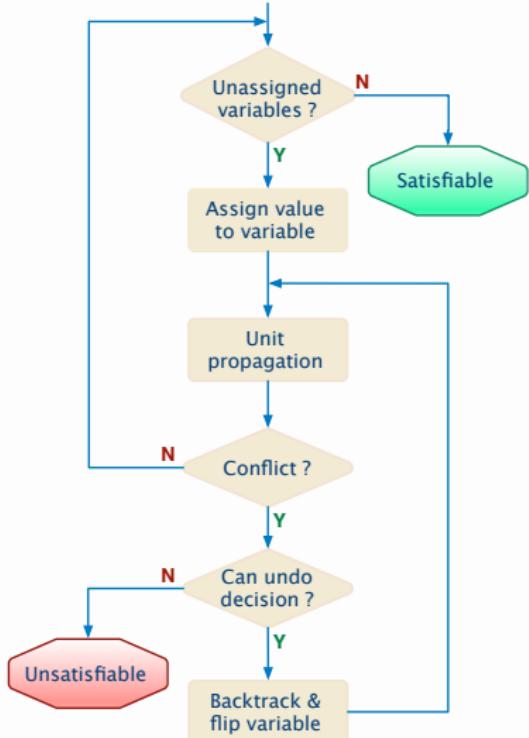
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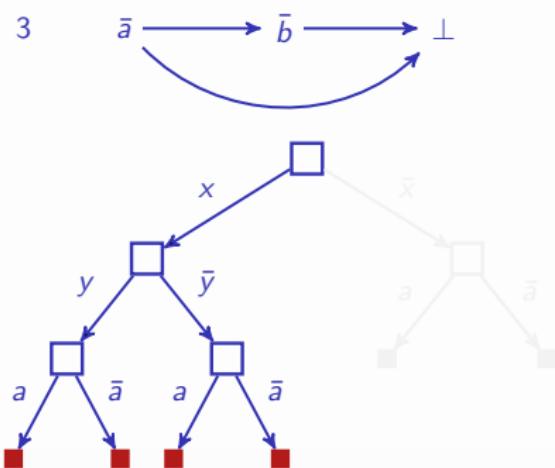
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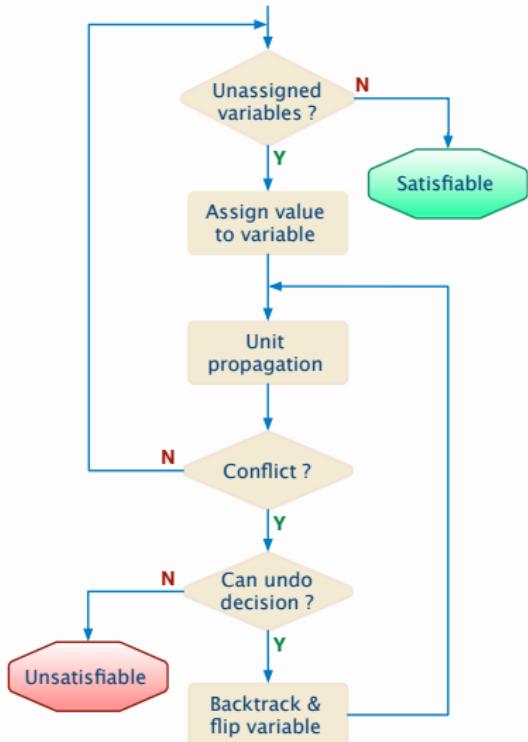
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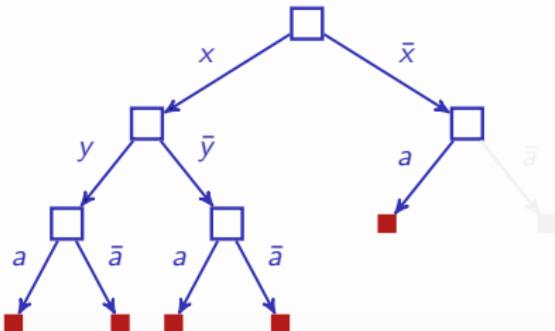
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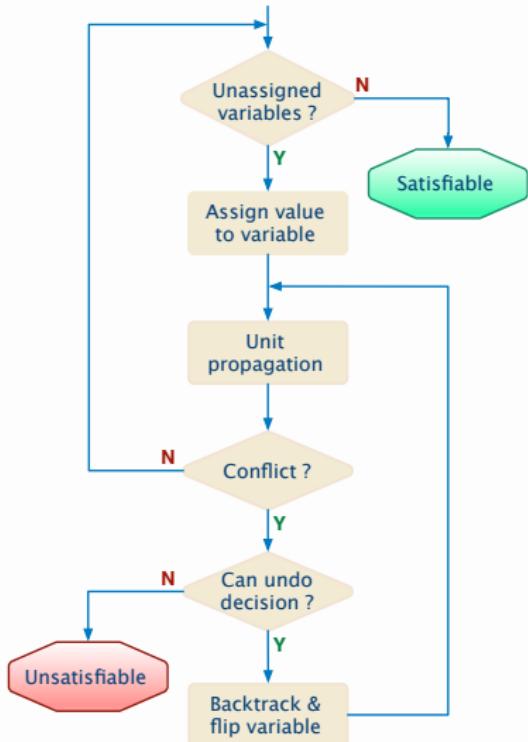
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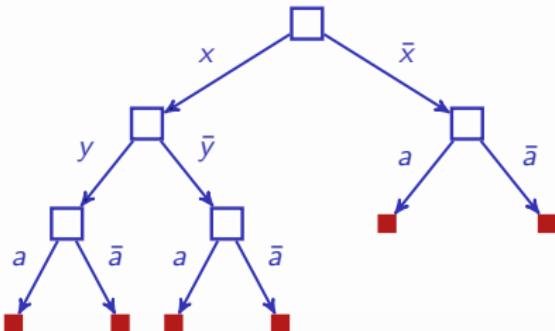
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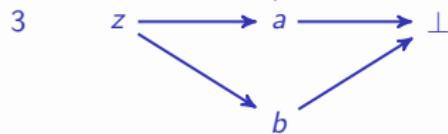
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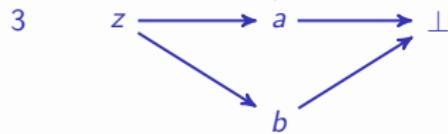
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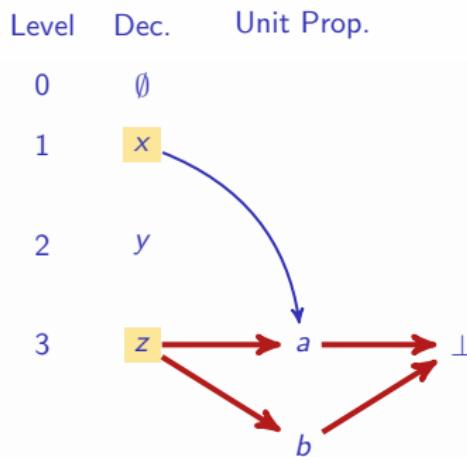
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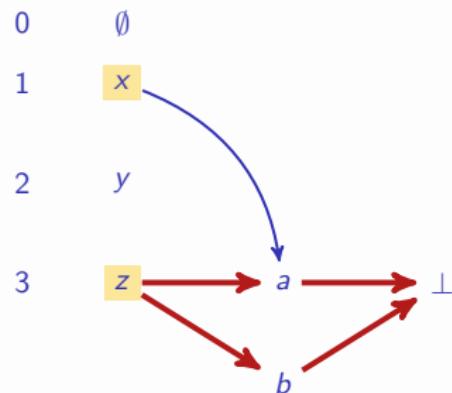


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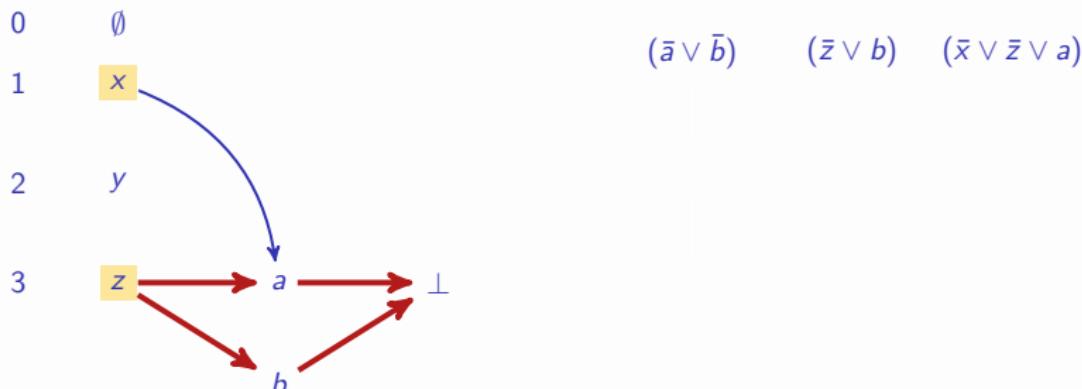


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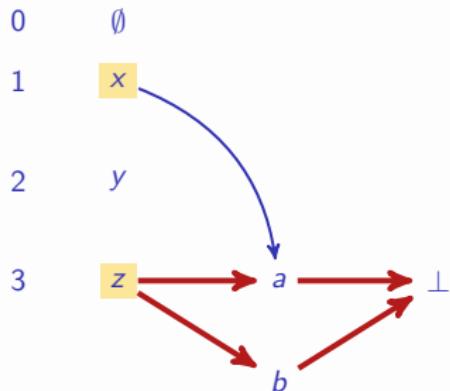


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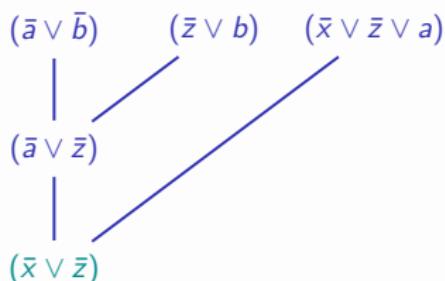
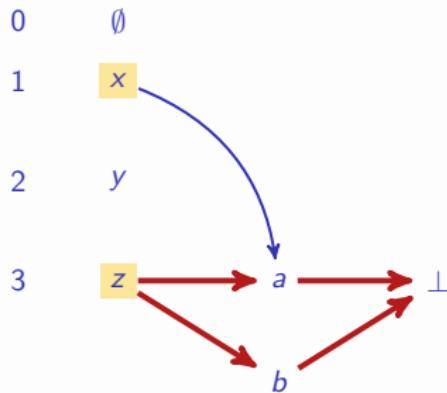
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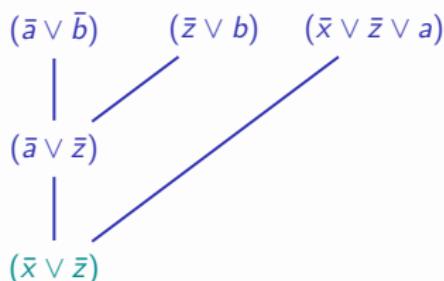
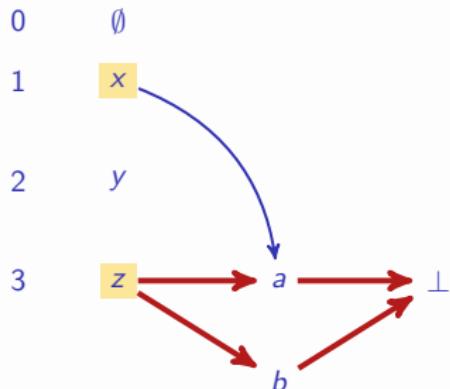


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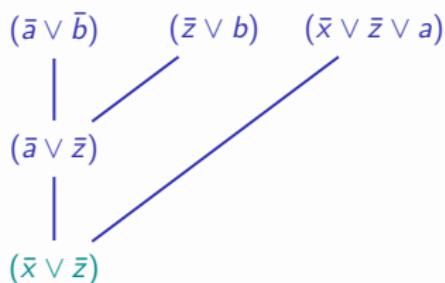
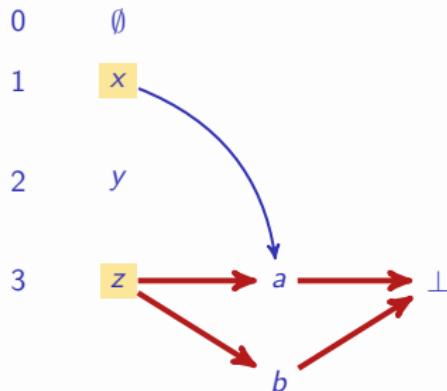


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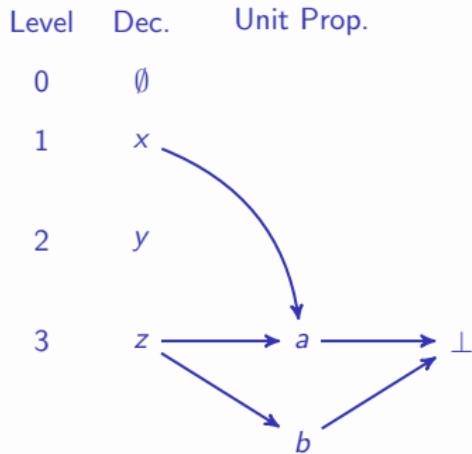
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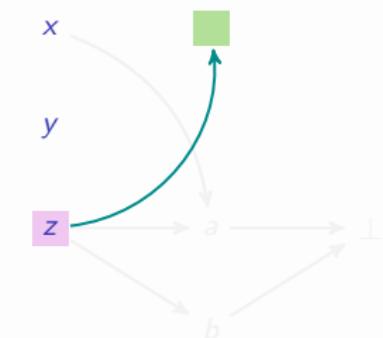
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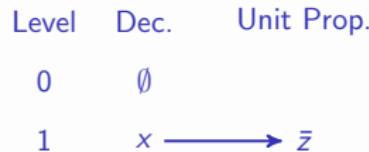
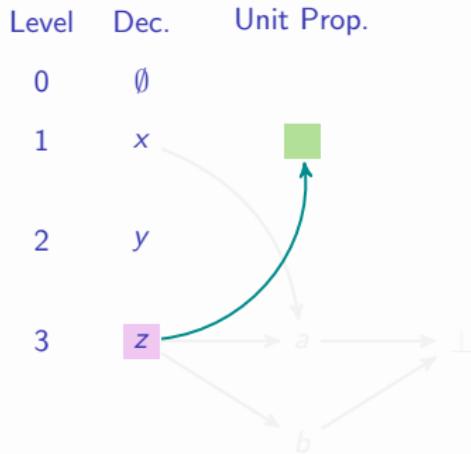
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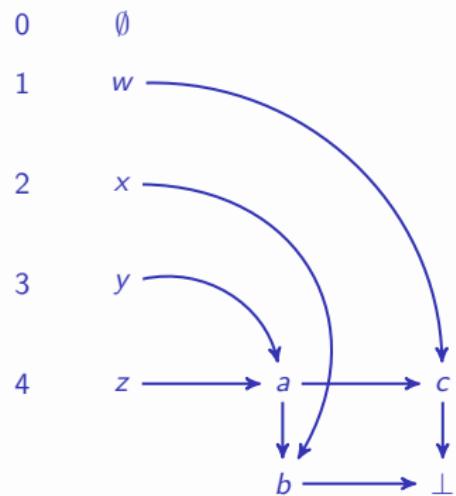
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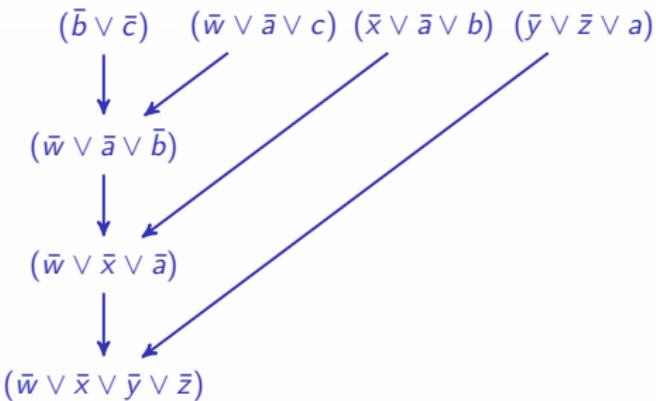
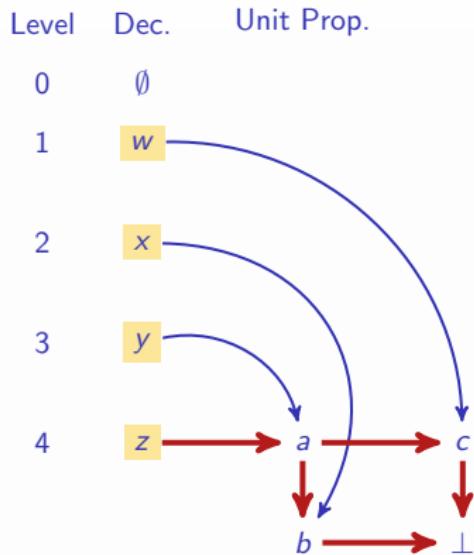
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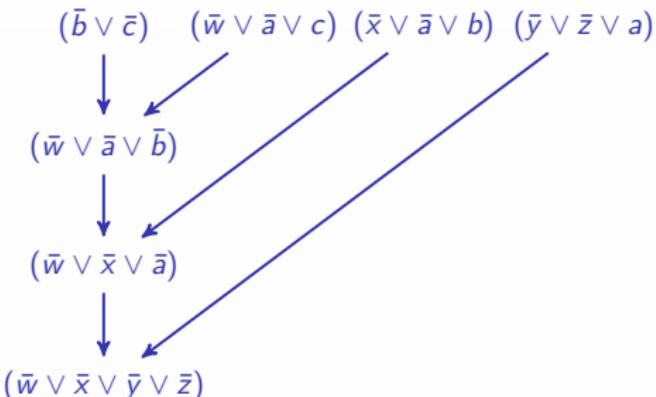
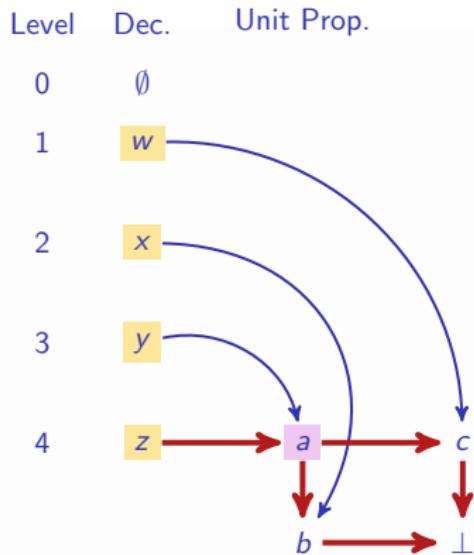


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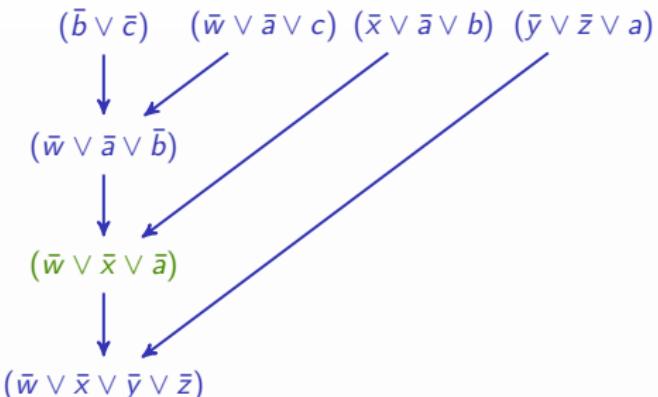
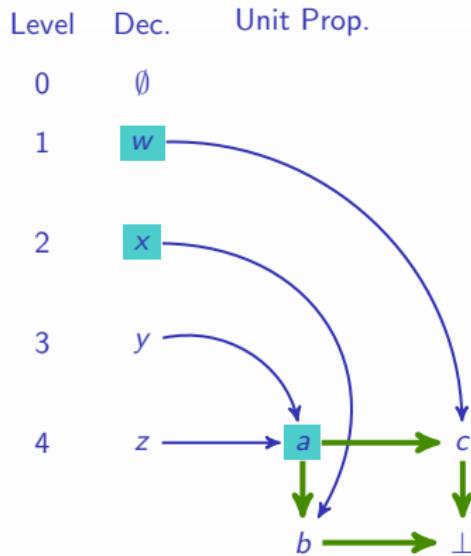
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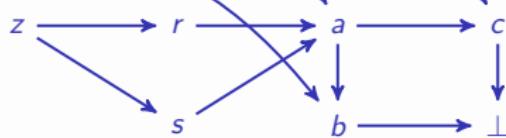
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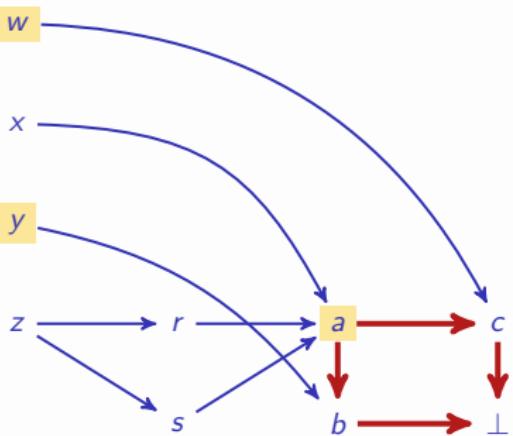
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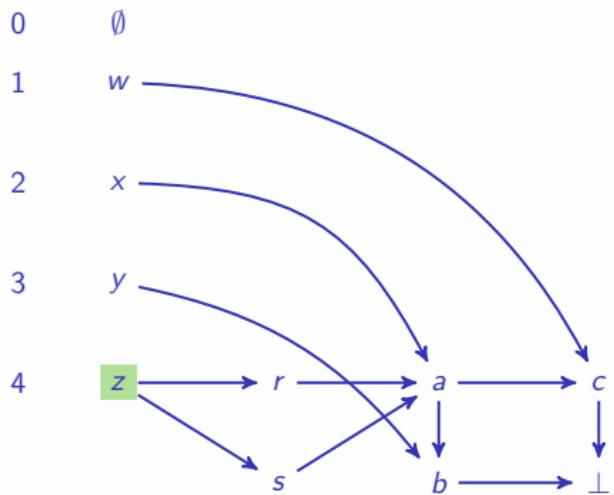
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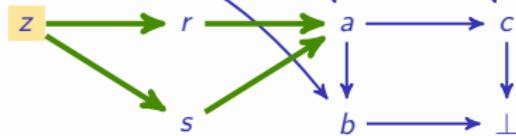
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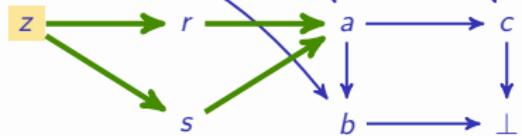
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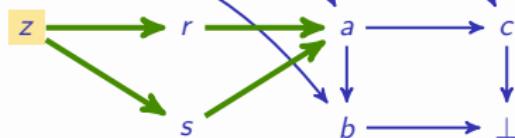
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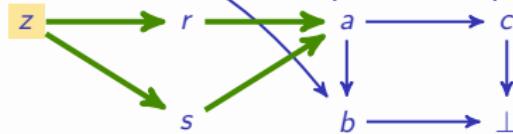
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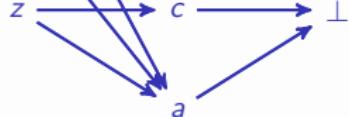
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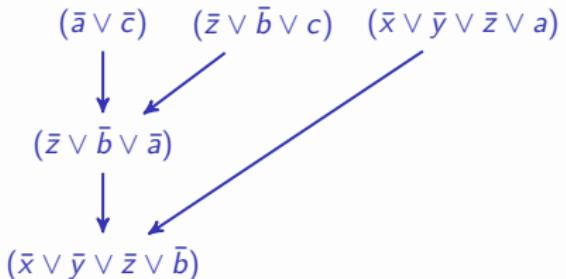
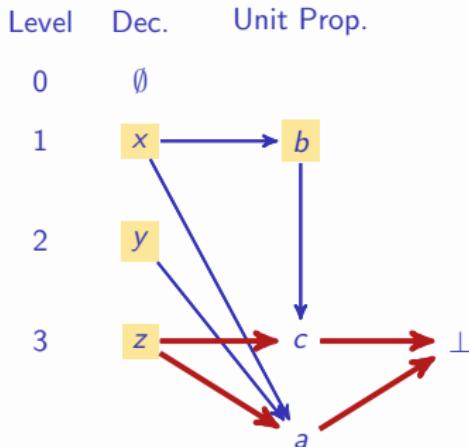
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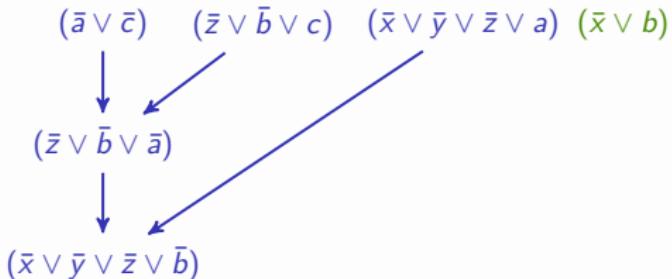
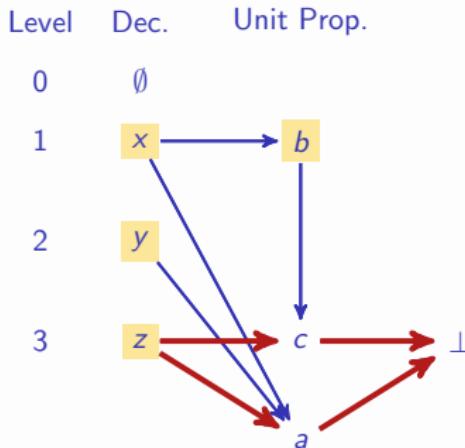


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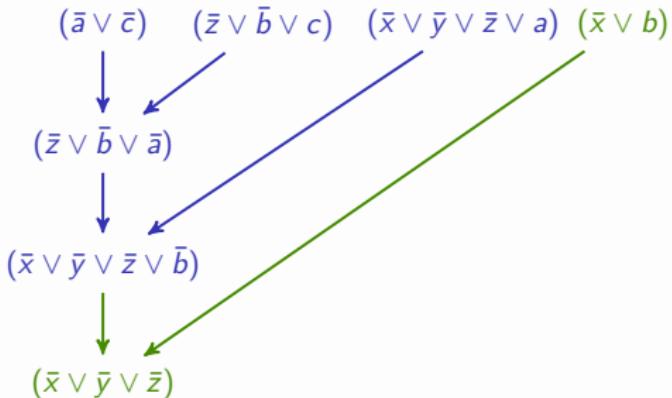
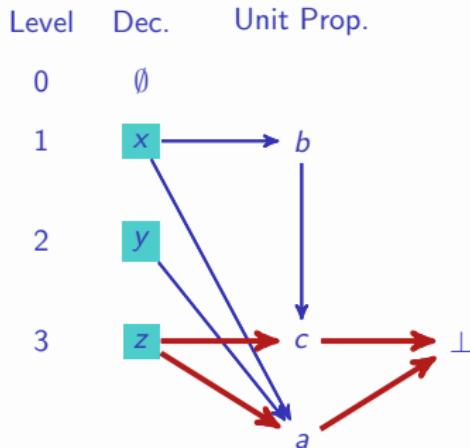
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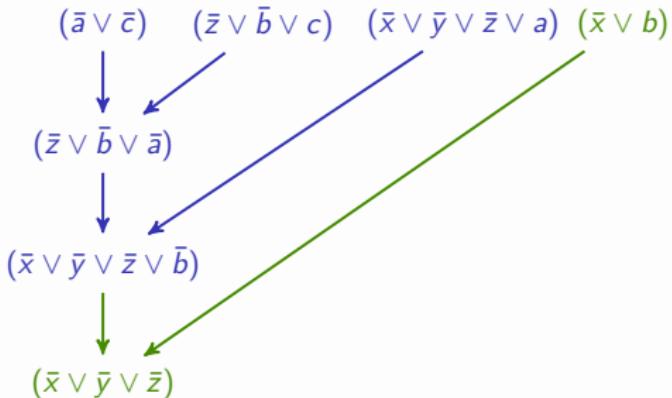
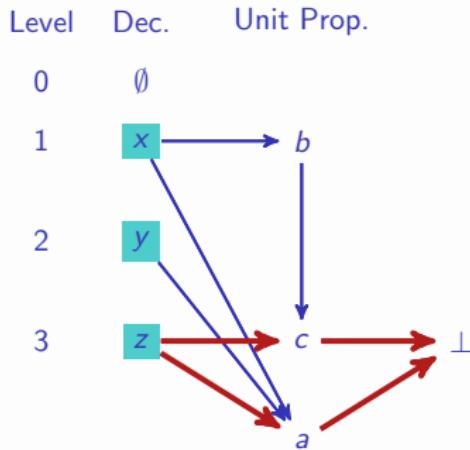
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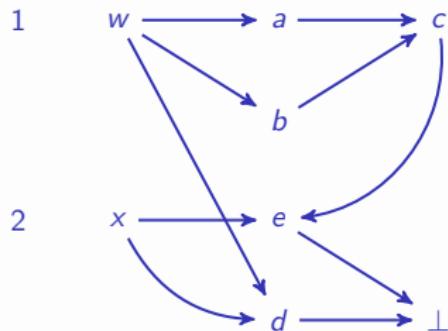
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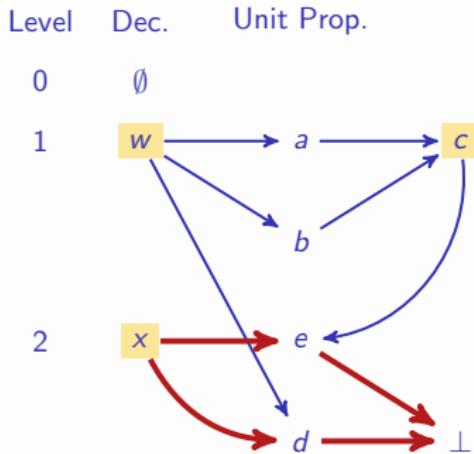
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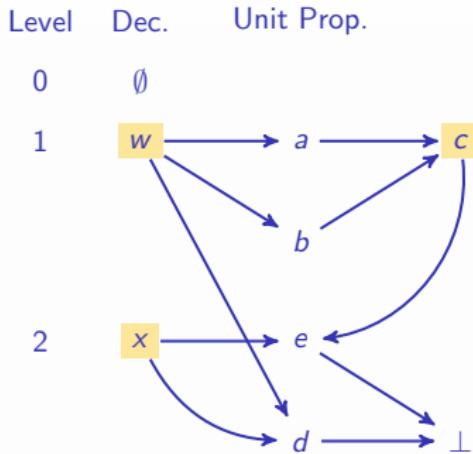


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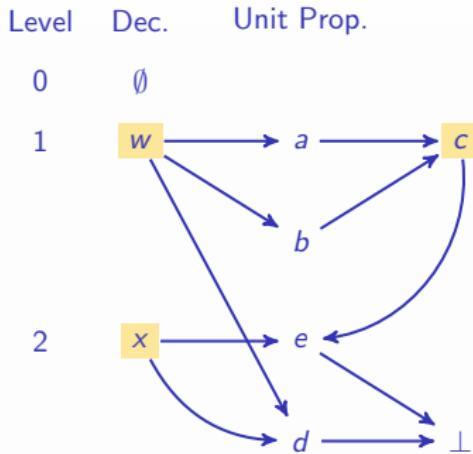
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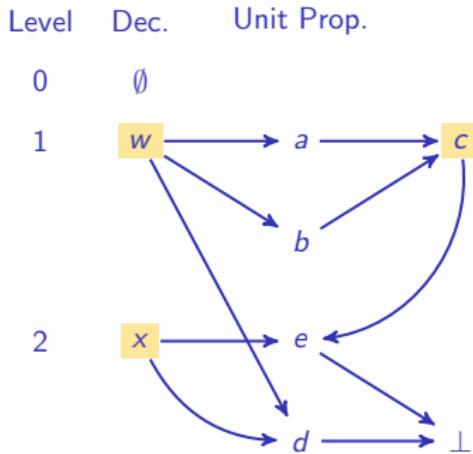
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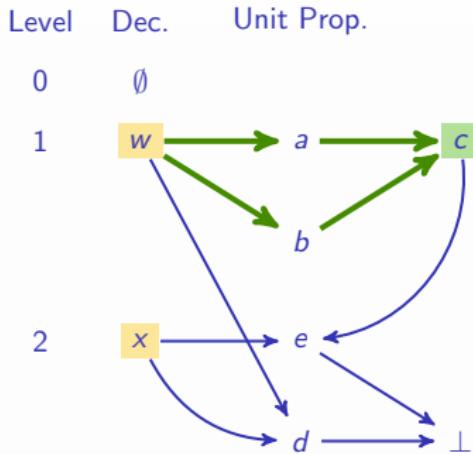


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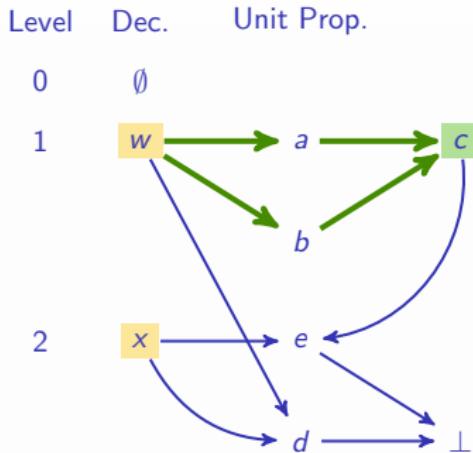


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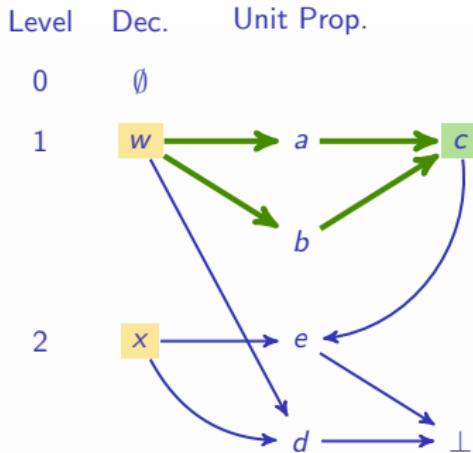


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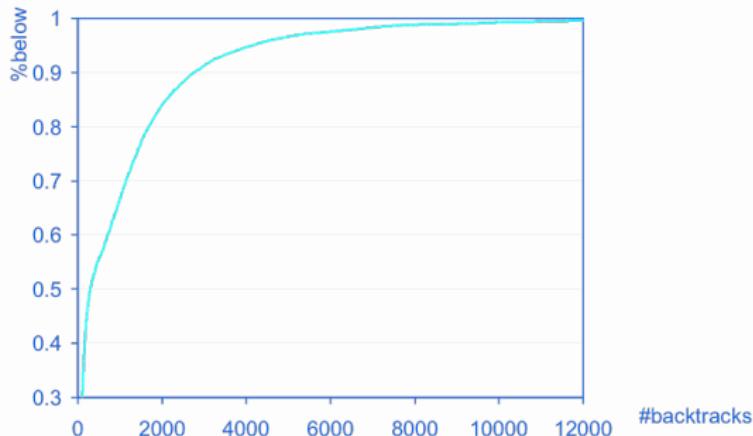
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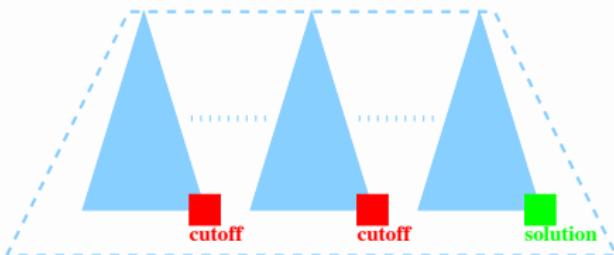
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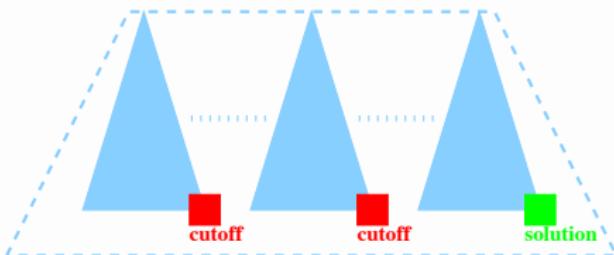
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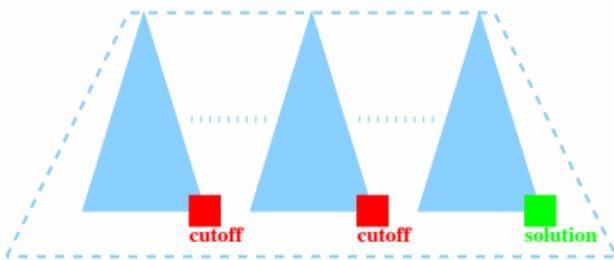
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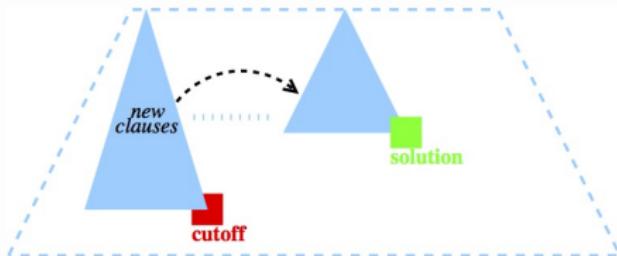
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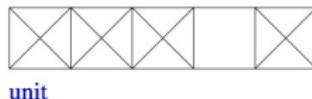
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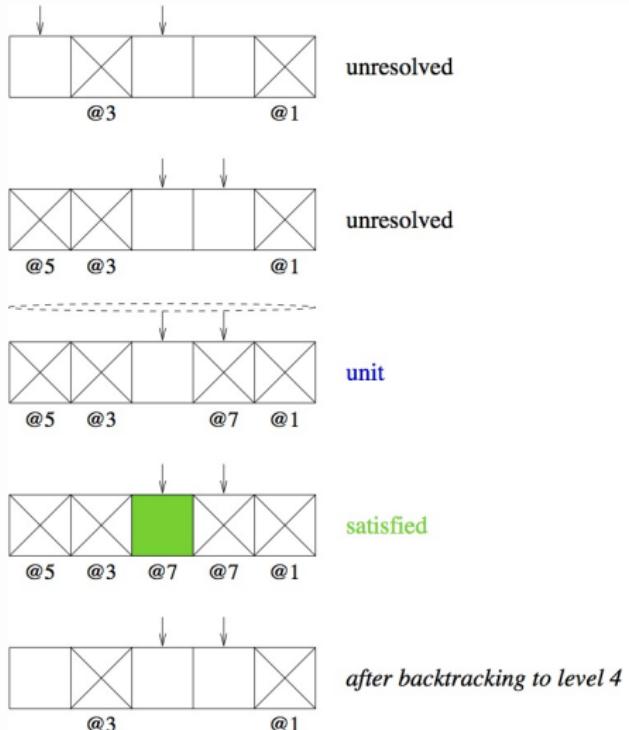


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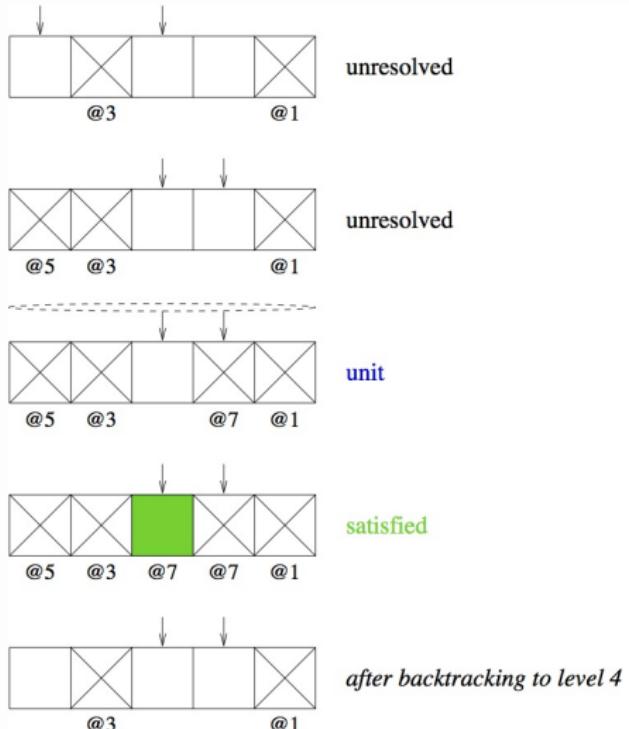
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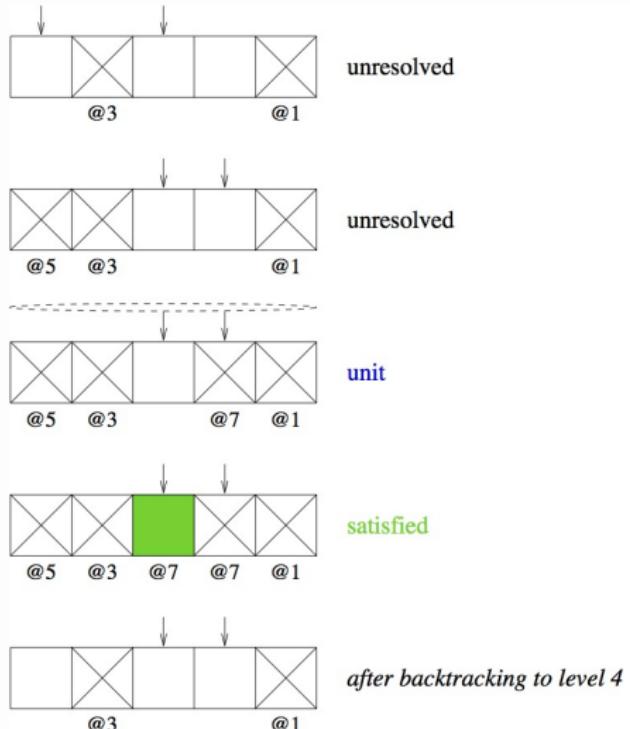
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## Part II

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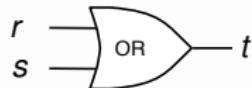
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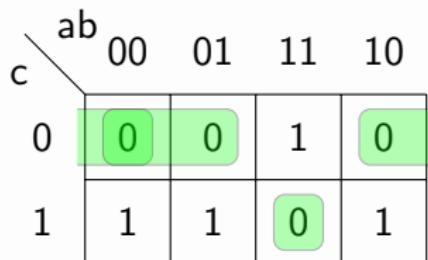
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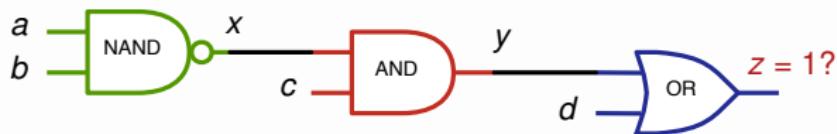
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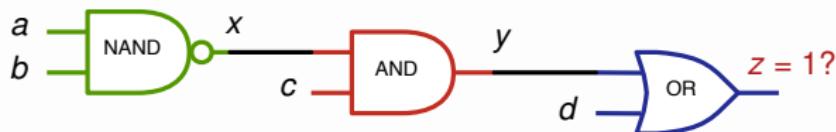
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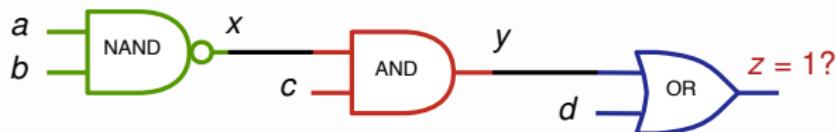


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    - Clauses/Variables:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$
    - Does **not** guarantee arc-consistency
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- In general, number of clauses is  $C_{k+1}^n$ 
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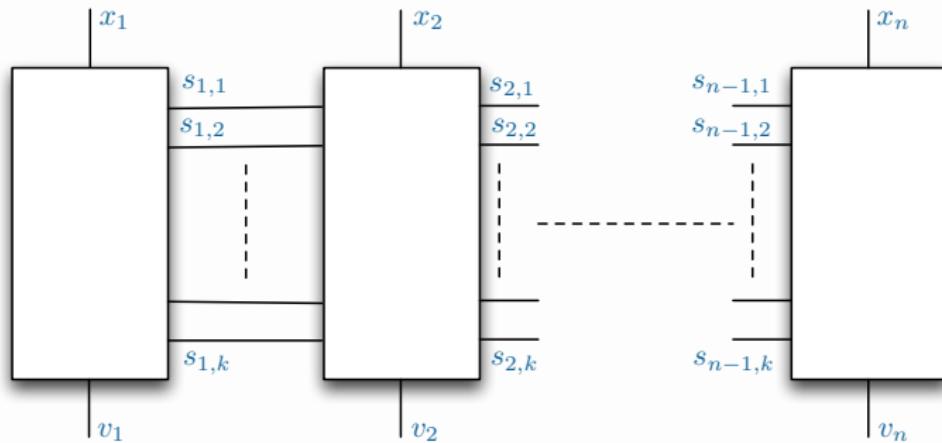
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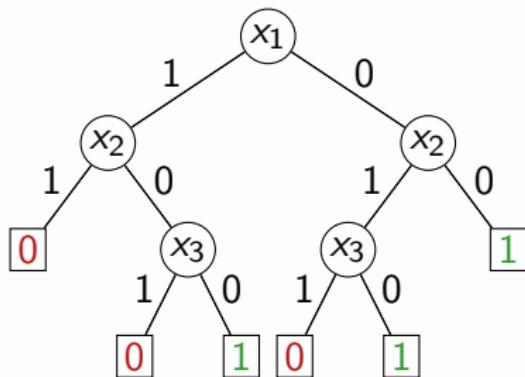
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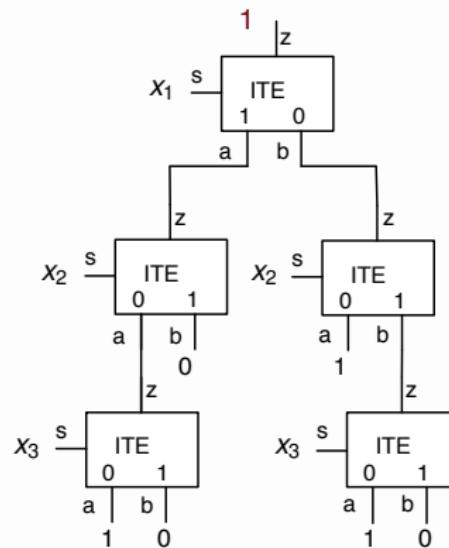
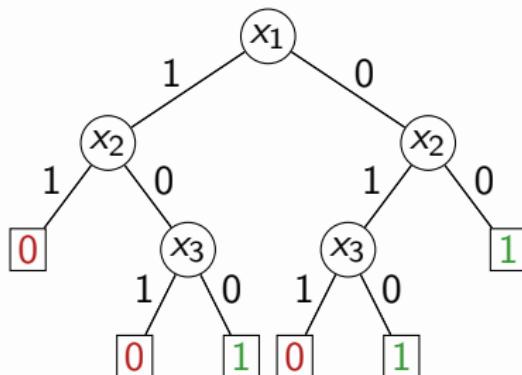
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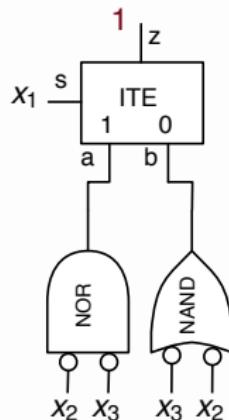
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- Direct encoding [dK89,GJ96,W00]

- Log encoding [W00]

- Support encoding [K90,G02]

- Log-Support encoding [G07]

- Order encoding for finite linear CSPs [TTKB09]

## Direct encoding for CSP w/ binary constraints

- Variable  $x_i$  with domain  $D_i$ , with  $m_i = |D_i|$
- Constraints are **relations** over domains of variables
  - For a constraint over  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ , define relation  $R \subseteq D_1 \times \dots \times D_k$
  - Need to encode elements **not** in the relation
  - For a binary relation, use set of binary clauses, one for each element **not** in  $R$
- Represent values of  $x_i$  with Boolean variables  $x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,m_i}$
- Require  $\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} x_{i,k} = 1$ 
  - Suffices to require  $\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} x_{i,k} \geq 1$
- If the pair of assignments  $x_i = v_i \wedge x_j = v_j$  is not allowed, add binary clause  $(\bar{x}_{i,v_i} \vee \bar{x}_{j,v_j})$

[W00]

## Additional topics

- Encoding problems to SAT is ubiquitous:
  - Many more encodings of finite domain CSP into SAT
  - Encodings of [Answer Set Programming \(ASP\)](#) into SAT
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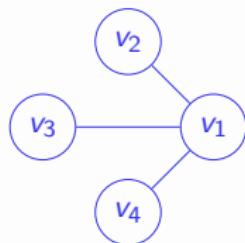
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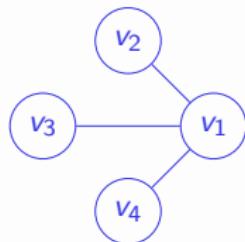
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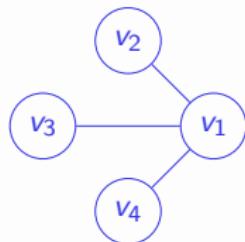
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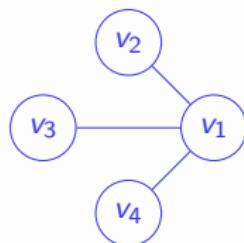
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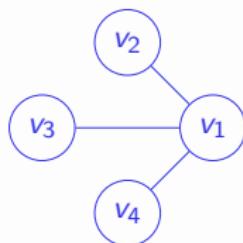
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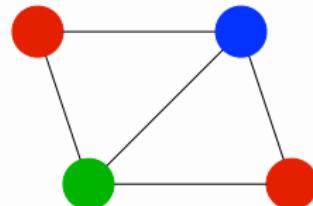
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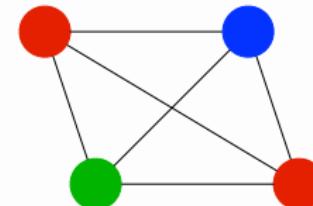
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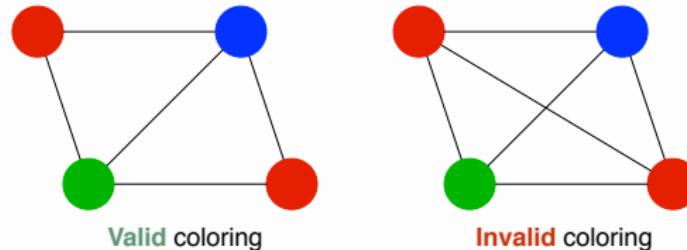
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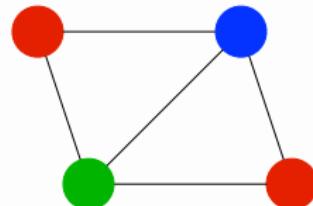
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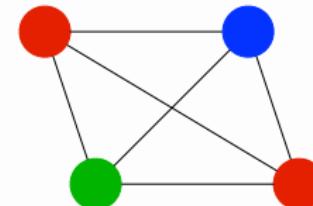
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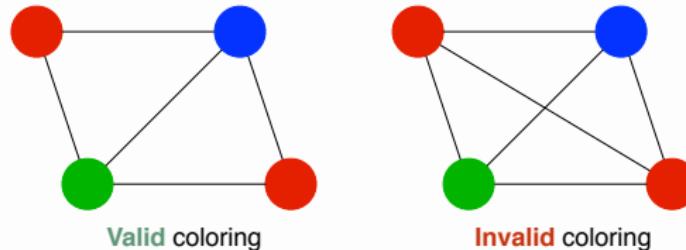


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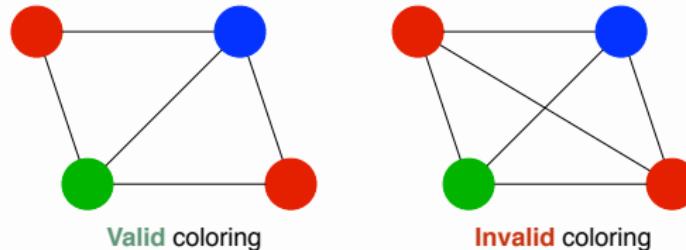
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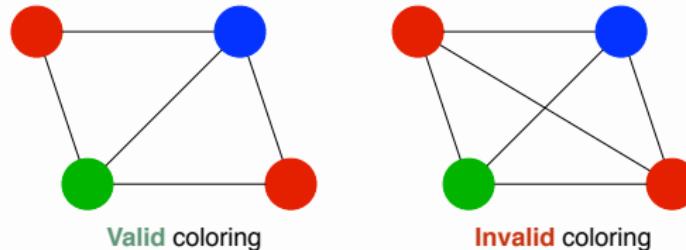
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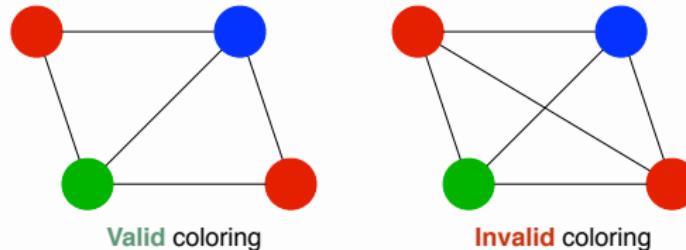
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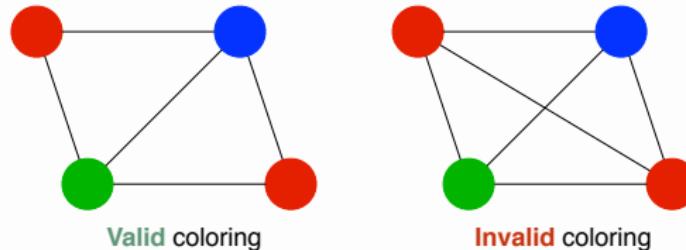
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- Example for a  $5 \times 5$  board:

Q				
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## The N-Queens problem II

- $x_{ij}$ : 1 if queen placed in position  $(i, j)$ ; 0 otherwise
- Each row must have exactly one queen:

$$1 \leq i \leq N, \quad \sum_{j=1}^N x_{ij} = 1$$

- Each column must have exactly one queen:

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- Also, need to define constraints on diagonals...

# The N-Queens problem III

- Each diagonal can have at most one queen:

↖	↖	↖	↖	
↖				↖
↖				↖
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↗	↗	↗	↗	

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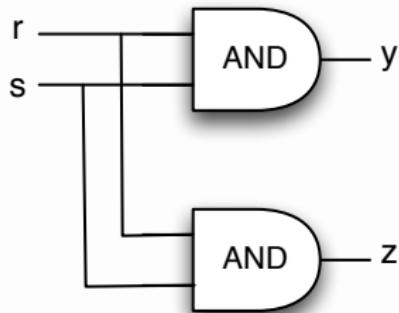
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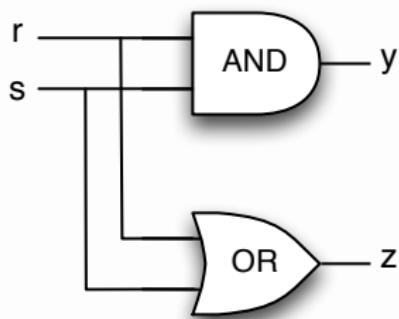
# Design debugging

[SMVLS'07]

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Faulty circuit



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- The model:
  - Hard clauses: Input and output values
  - Soft clauses: CNF representation of circuit
- The problem:
  - Maximize number of satisfied clauses (i.e. circuit gates)

# Software package upgrades

[MBCV'06, TSJL'07, AL'08, ALMS'09, ALBL'10]

- Universe of software packages:  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$
- Associate  $x_i$  with  $p_i$ :  $x_i = 1$  iff  $p_i$  is installed
- Constraints associated with package  $p_i$ :  $(p_i, D_i, C_i)$ 
  - $D_i$ : dependencies (required packages) for installing  $p_i$
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# Software package upgrades

[MBCV'06, TSJL'07, AL'08, ALMS'09, ALBL'10]

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$$\begin{array}{ll}\max & \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \cdot x_i \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot x_i \leq W\end{array}$$

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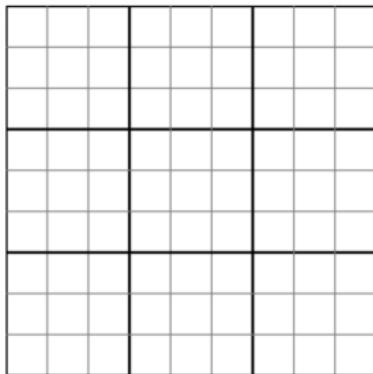
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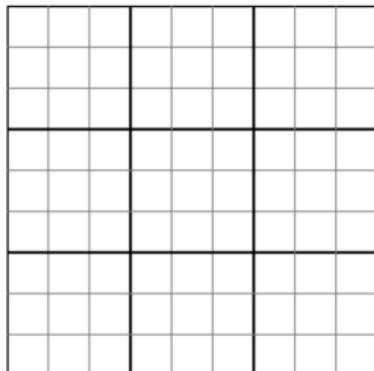
- How to solve Sudoku with SAT?

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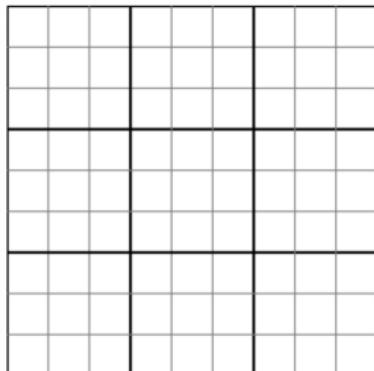
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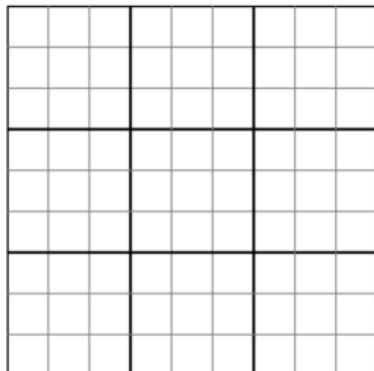
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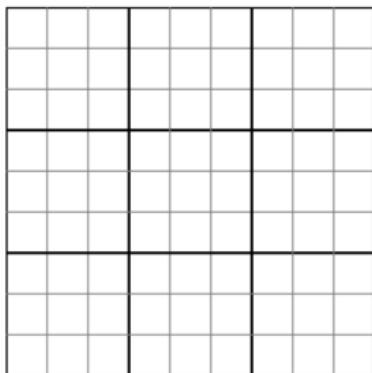
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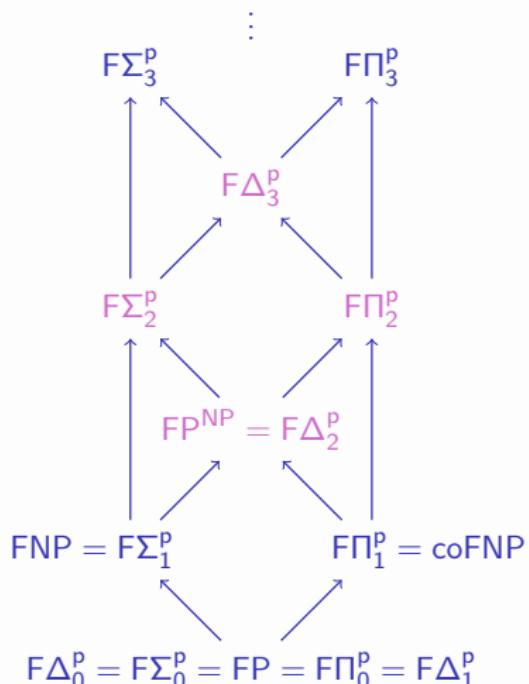
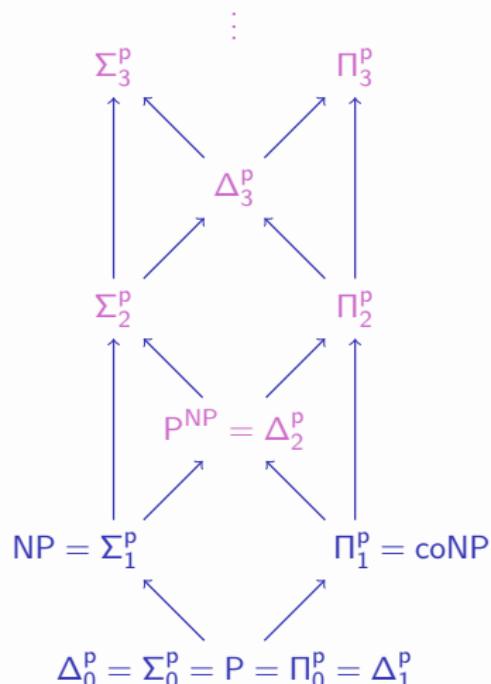
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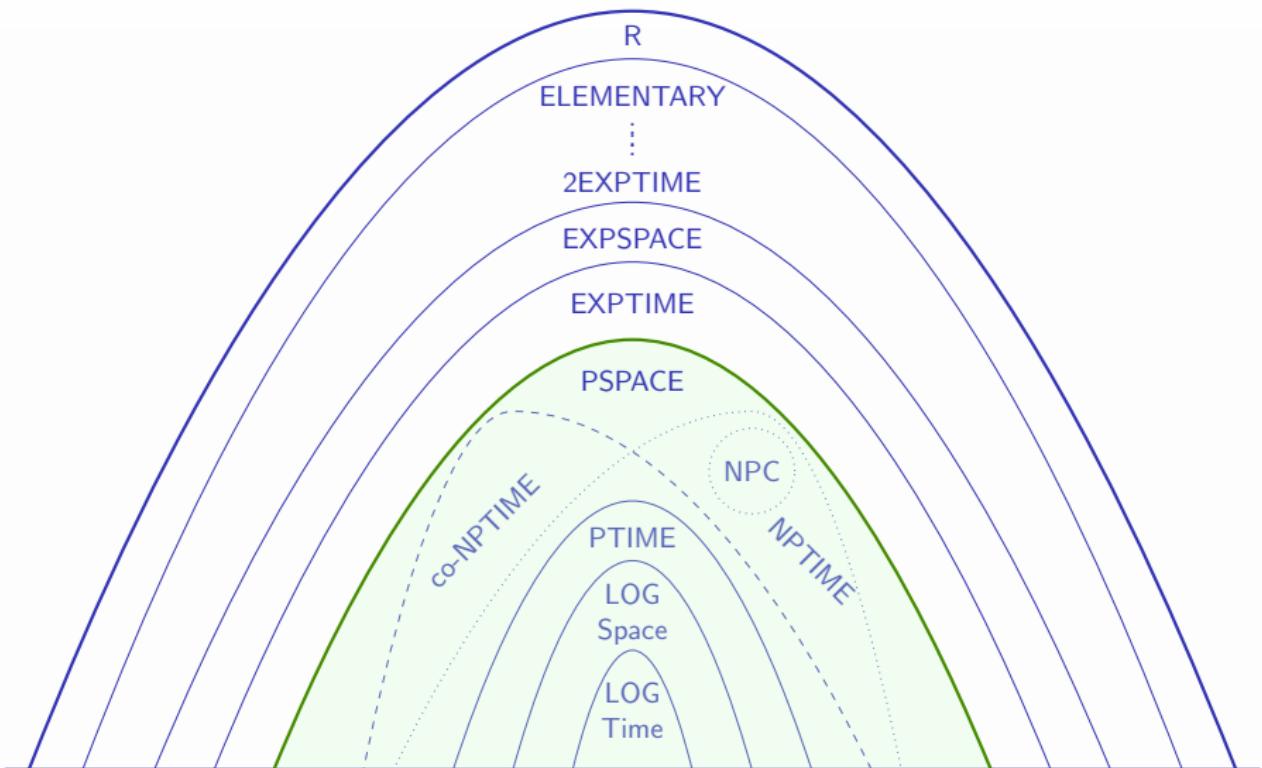
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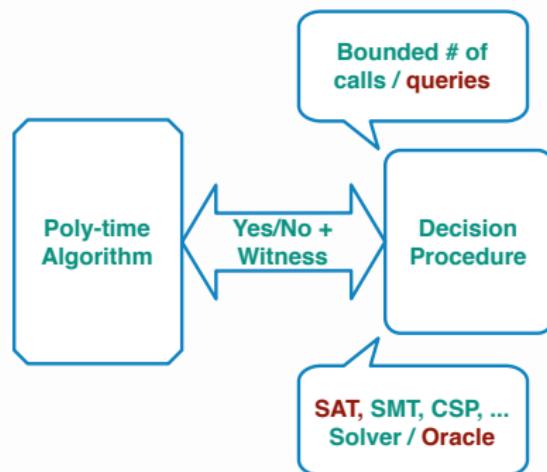
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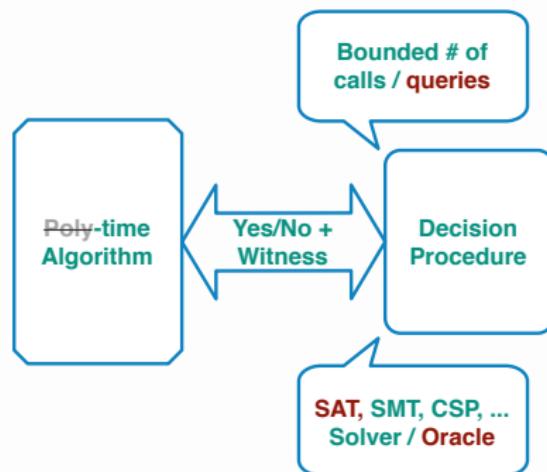
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## Oracle-based problem solving – ideal scenario



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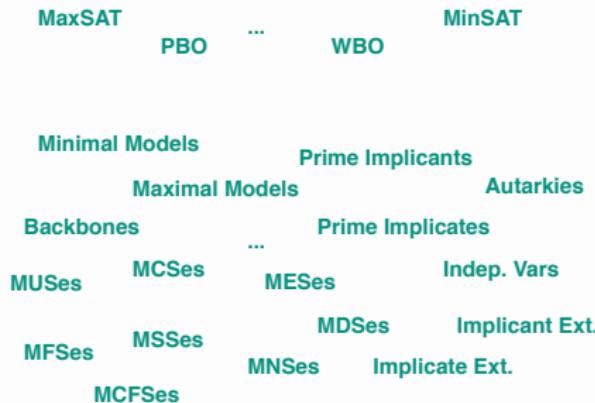
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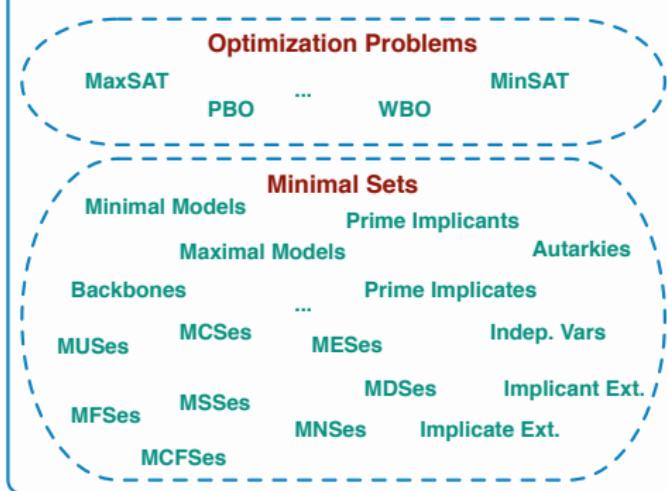
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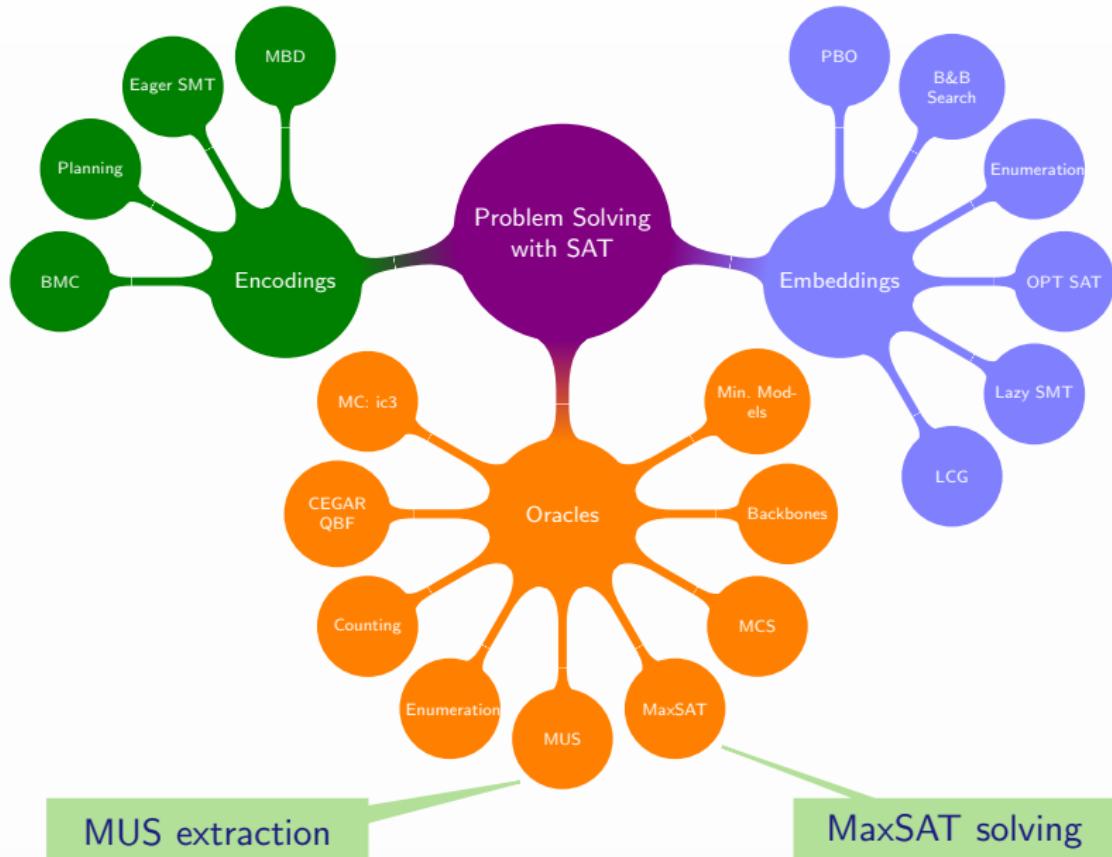
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    - ▶ Spreadsheet debugging
    - ▶ Debugging relational specifications (e.g. Alloy)
    - ▶ Type error debugging
    - ▶ Axiom pinpointing in description logics
    - ▶ ...
  - Model checking of software & hardware systems
  - Inconsistency measurement
  - Minimal models; MinCost SAT; ...
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Linear insertion	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	[MSL'11,BLMS'12]
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- **Note:** Lower bound in  $\text{FP}_{\parallel}^{\text{NP}}$  and upper bound in  $\text{FP}_{\parallel}^{\text{NP}}$  [CT95]
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Additional Exercises

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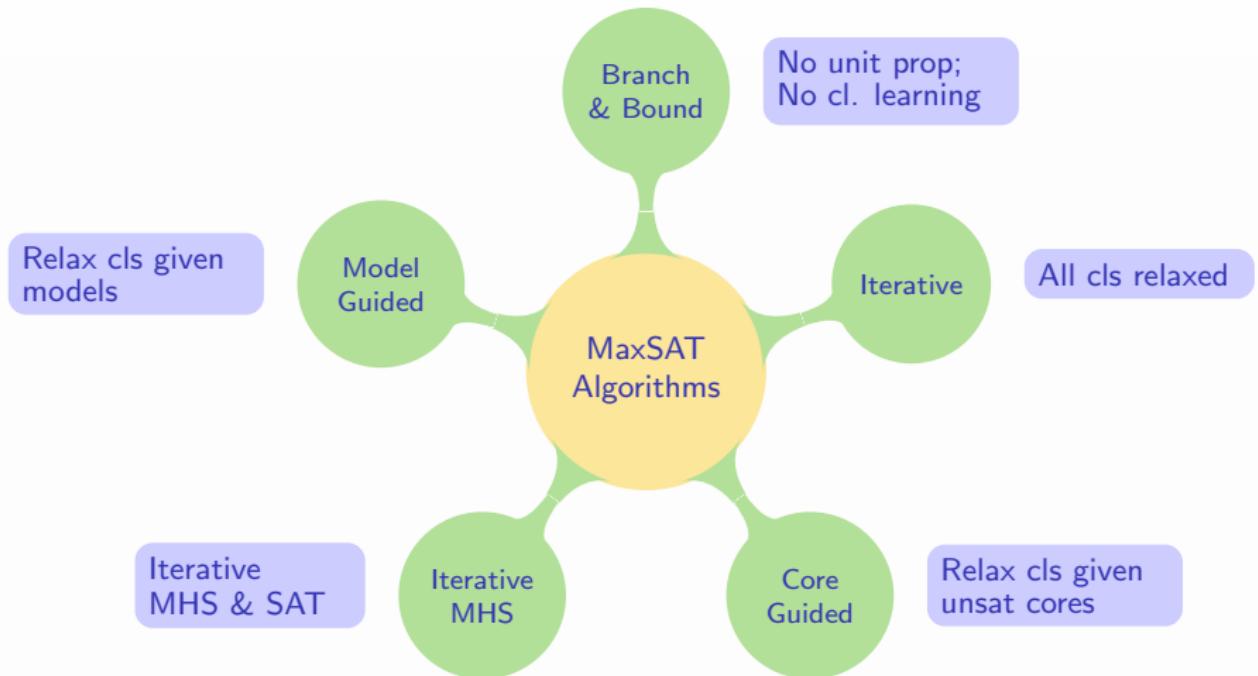
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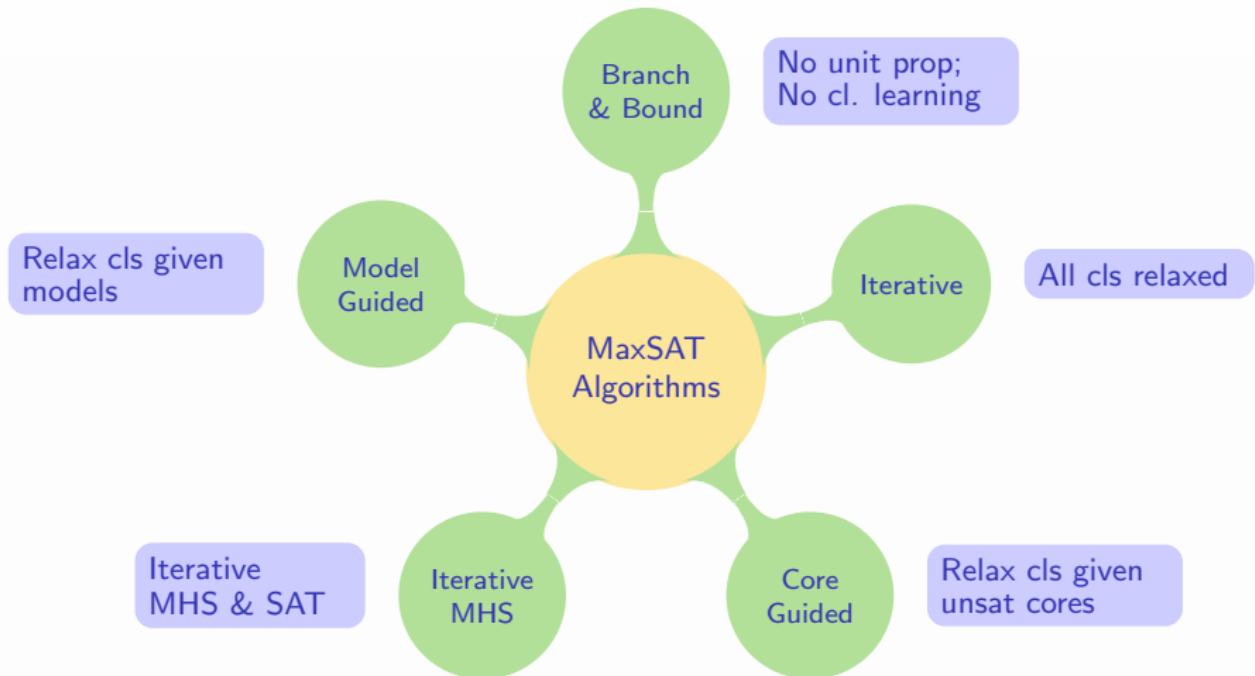
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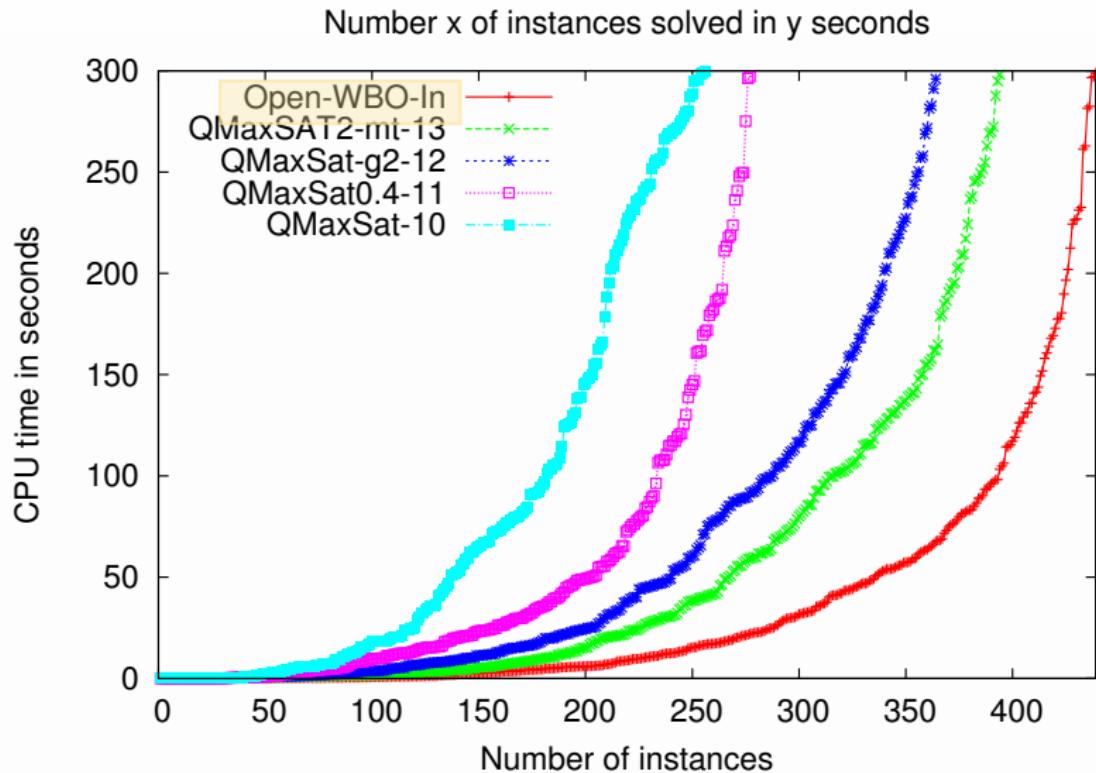
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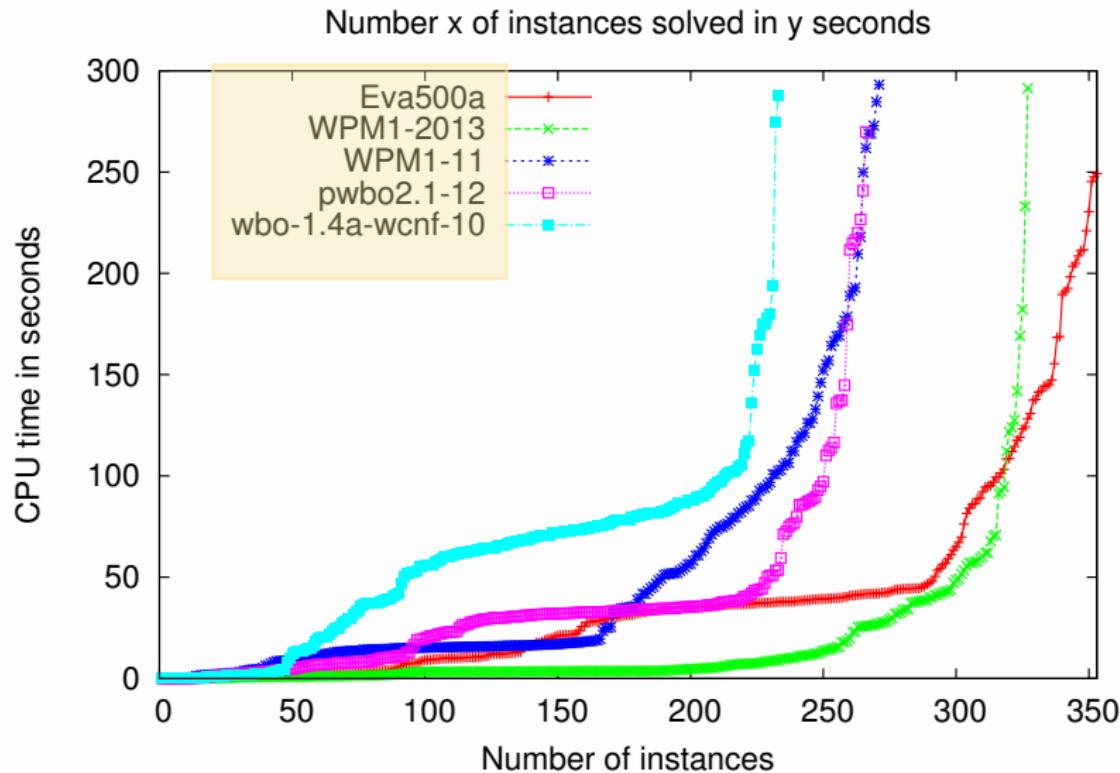
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$$\neg x_2 \vee x_1$$

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Example CNF formula

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{12} r_i \leq 12$$

Relax **all** clauses; Set  $UB = 12 + 1$

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Formula is **UNSAT**; terminate

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Instance is now **SAT**

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- But also additional recent work:

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