

# Tutorial: Optimization in CP

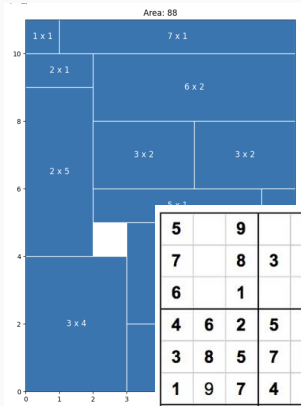
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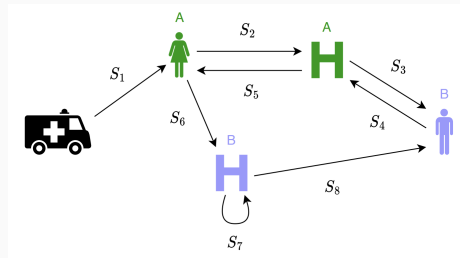
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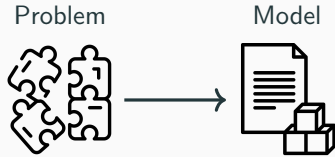
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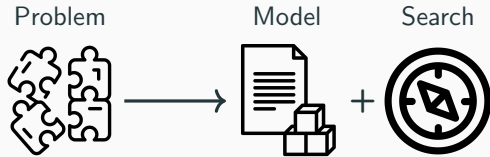


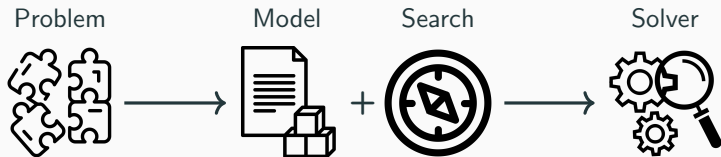


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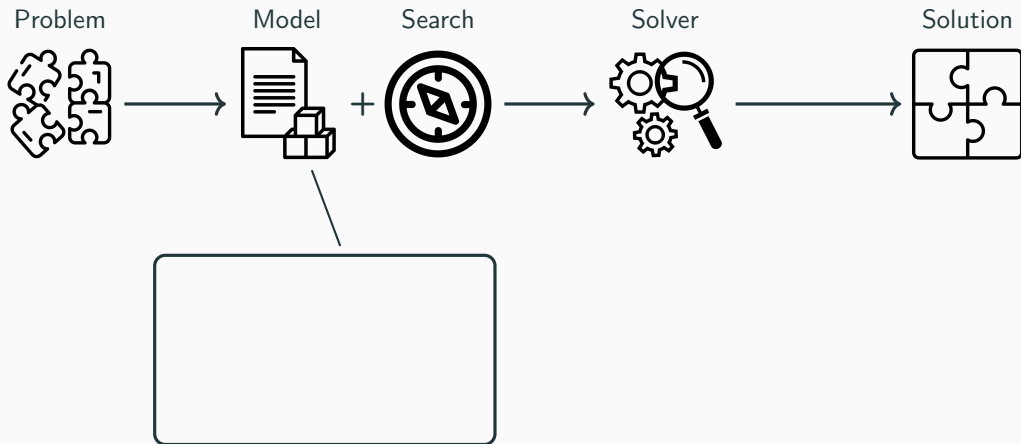


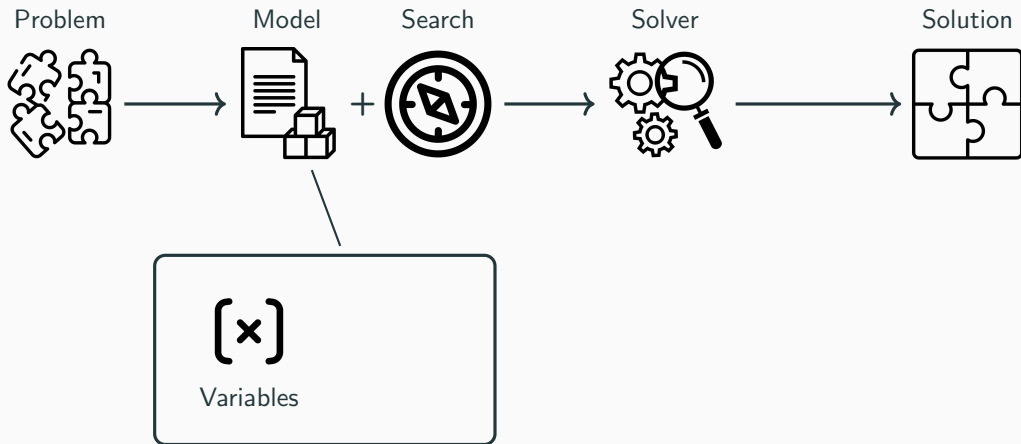


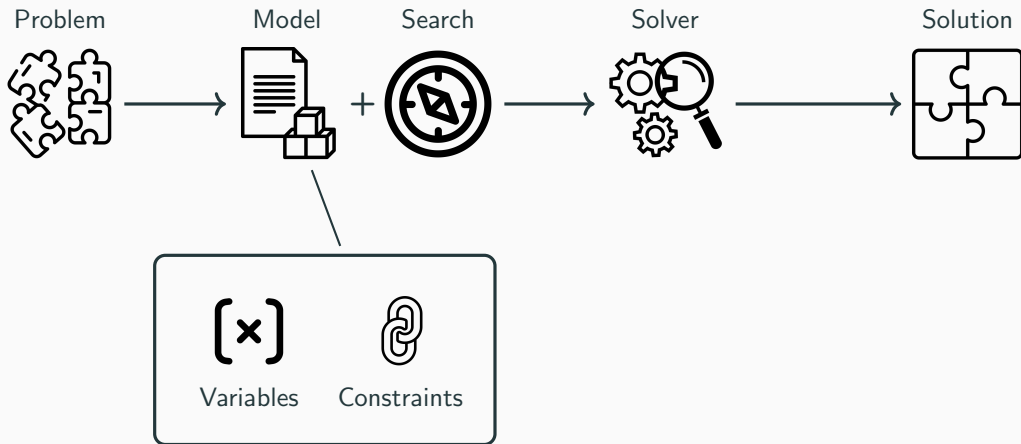


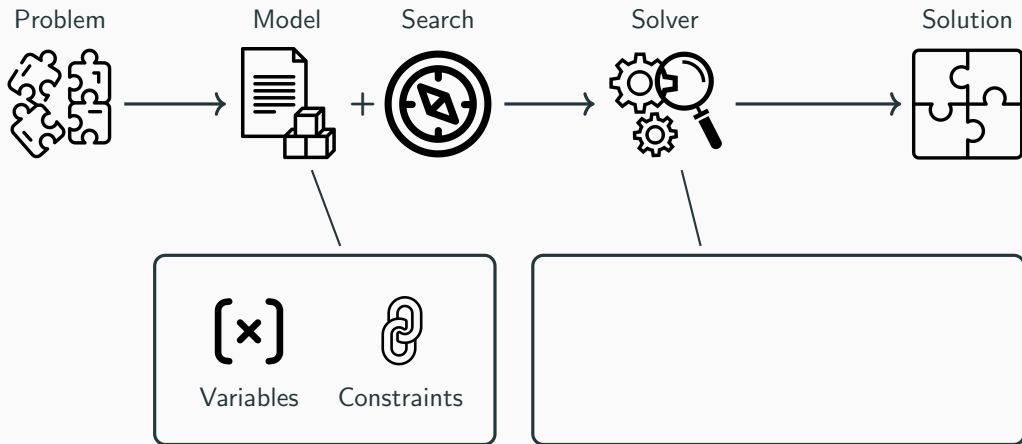


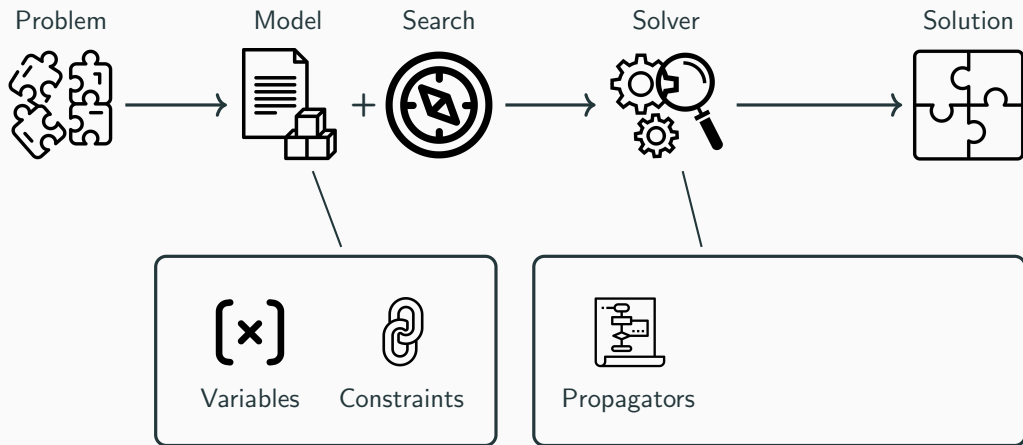


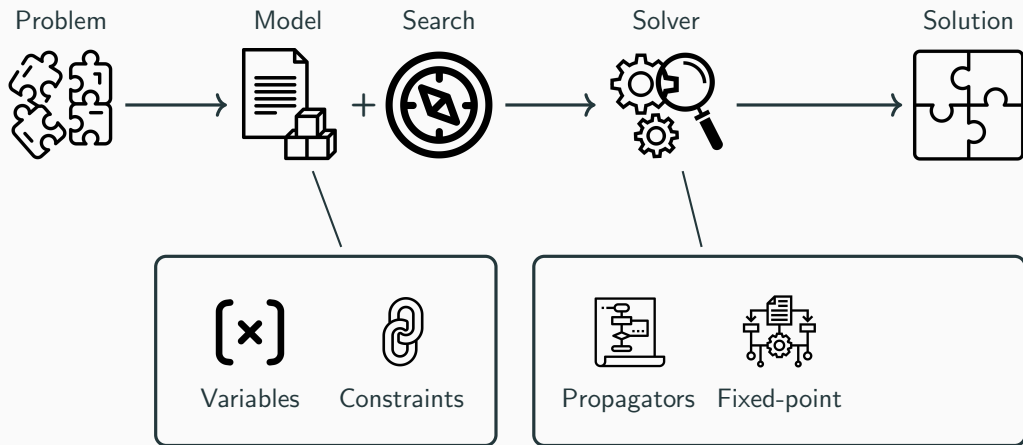


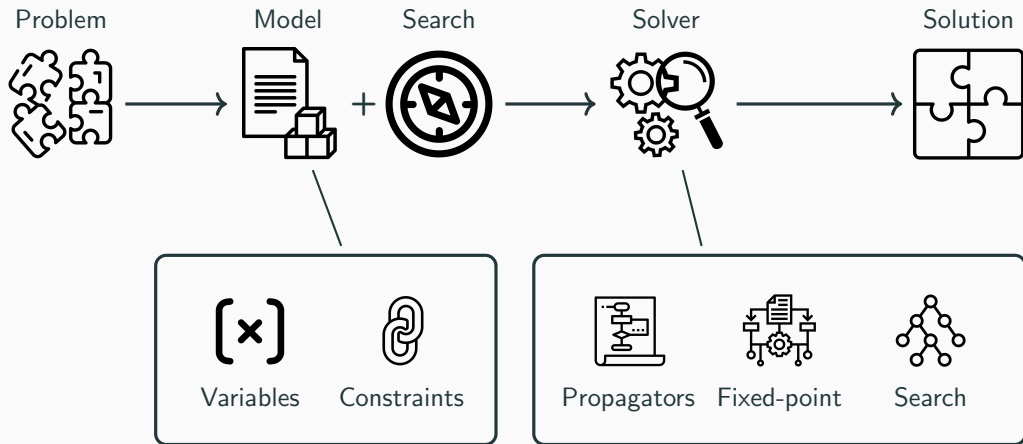












# Model

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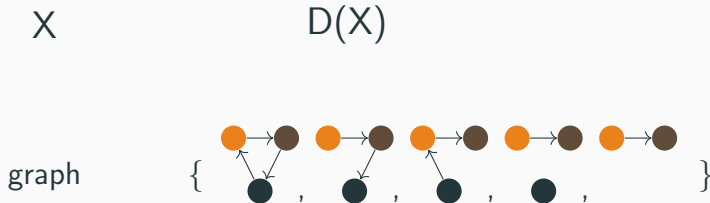
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Ref: "CP(Graph): Introducing a Graph Computation Domain in Constraint Programming",

by G. Doms, Y. Deville, and P. Dupont, CP2005



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interval

$\{[1,2], [2,5], [3,5], \dots\}$

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Ref: **Interval constraint programming in C++**,

by E. Hyvönen, S. De Pascale, A. Lethola, Constraint Programming, 1994

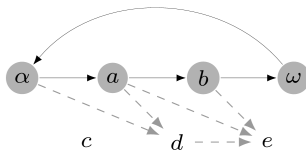


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Ref: **Sequence Variables for Routing Problems**,

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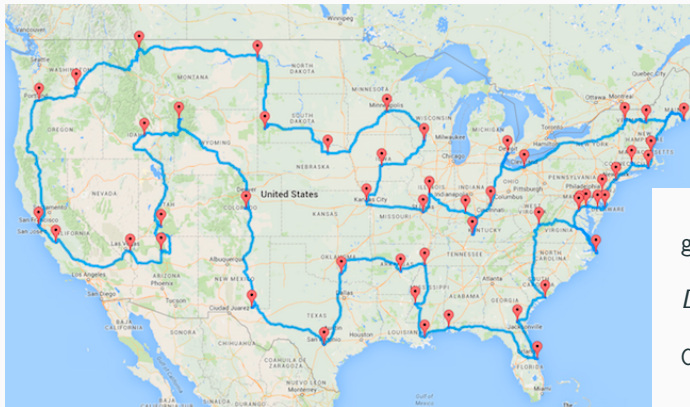
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$$\min \sum \text{dist}(i, succ_i)$$



**minimise/maximise smth**

Examples:

minimise  $X$

maximise  $\text{sum}(X, Y, Z)$

minimise  $\text{NValue}(X)$



Search

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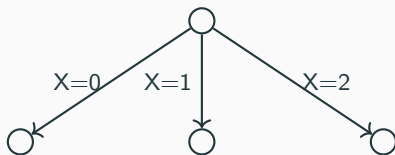
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- First-Fail principle: if a decision leads to a fail, it is better to have it early in the search tree, to allow the pruning of many decisions
  - Ref: "**Increasing tree search efficiency for constraint satisfaction problems**", by R. Haralick and G. Elliott, IJCAI 1979



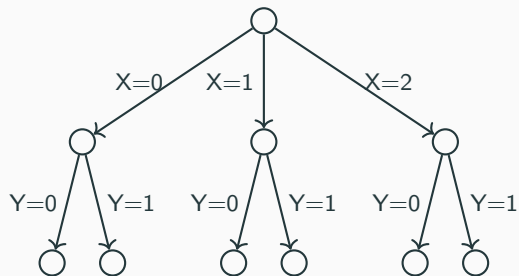
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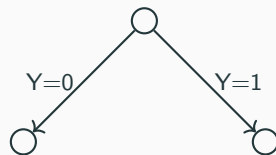
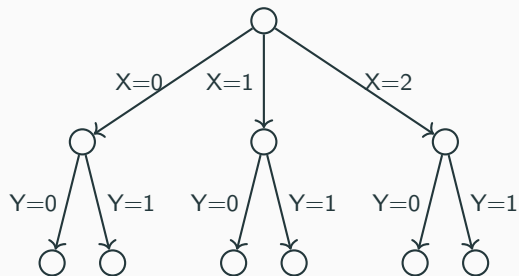
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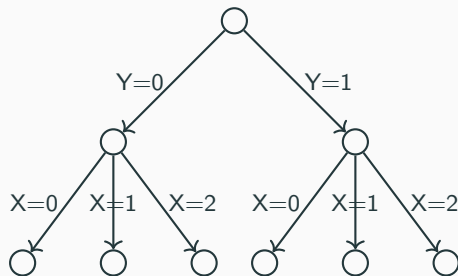
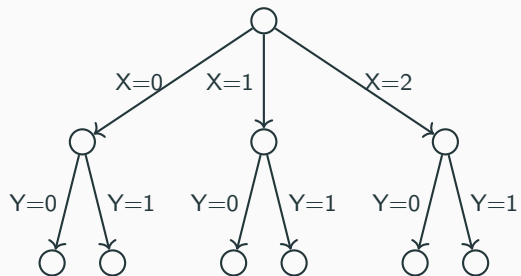
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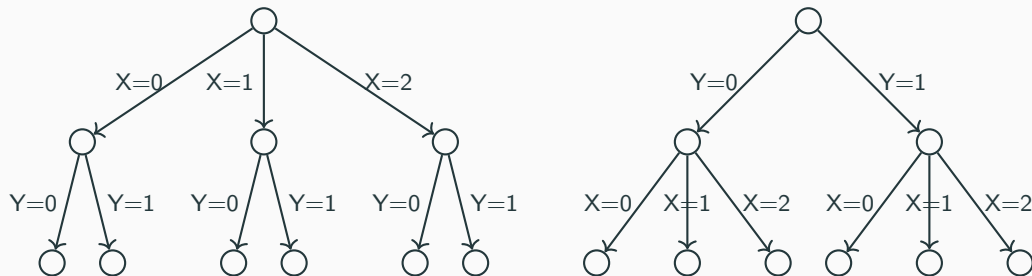
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Selecting smallest domain first leads to fewer nodes



$$\min \frac{|D(X)|}{\text{Deg}(X)}$$

- $\text{Deg}(X)$  is the number of constraints where  $X$  is involved
- Idea: target small domains first (smaller tree), but also variables that might be in the center of conflicts (fail early)



$$\max \frac{A(X)}{|D(X)|}$$

- $A(X)$  is the activity indicator
- At each decision:
  - $A(X) = A(X) \times \alpha$  for each unbound  $X$  (decay)
  - $A(X) = A(X) + 1$  if  $D(X)$  have been modified by the decision
- Idea: Variables whose domains shrink easily are at the center of conflicts (fail early)
- Usually initialised by a bit of random search first



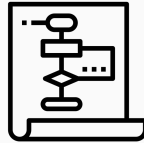
$$\max \text{timestamp}(X)$$

- $\text{timestamp}(X)$  is the last time a decision on  $X$  led to a dead end
- At each decision, if there is a failure (dead end):
  - $\text{timestamp}(X) = \text{time}$ , where  $X$  is the variable at the decision
- Idea: fix variables at the heart of conflict first (fail early)

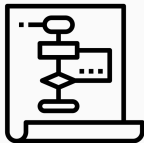


# Solver

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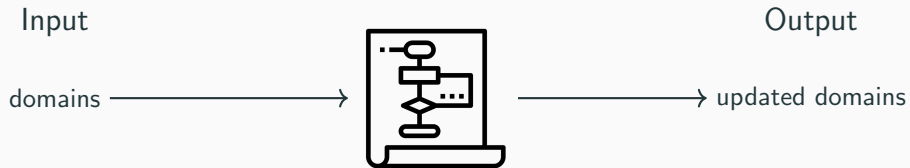
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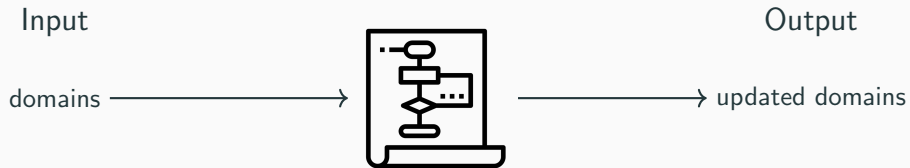
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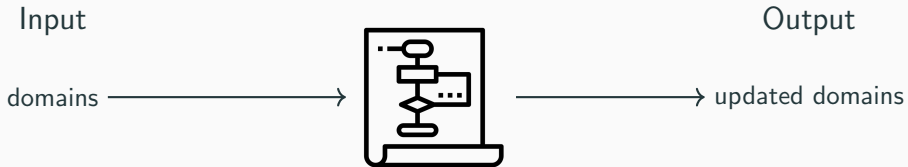
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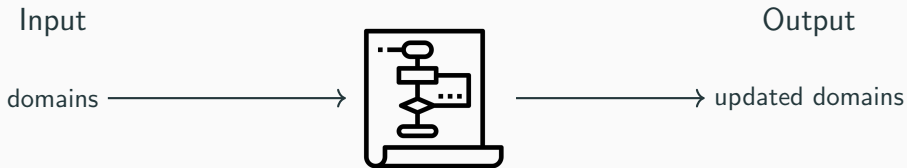


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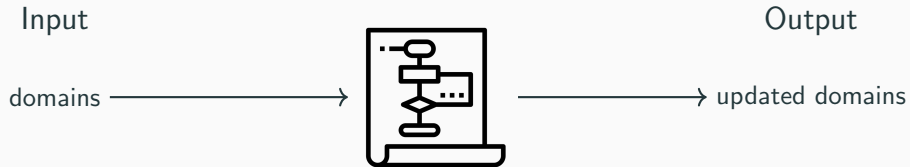
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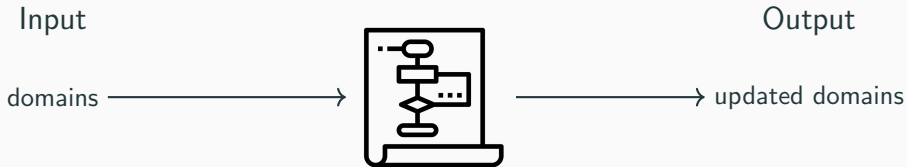
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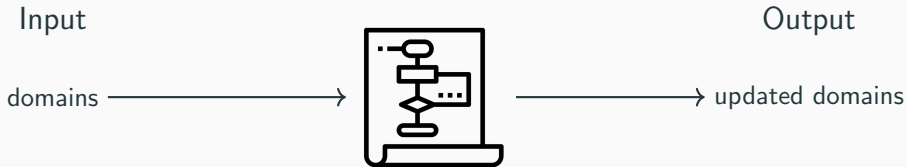


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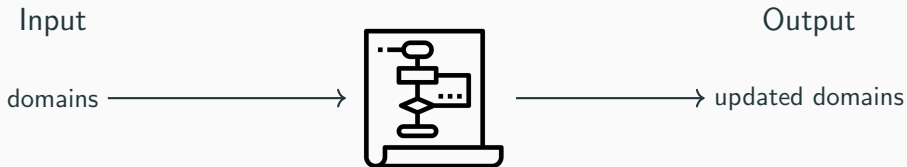
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The propagator algorithm is tailored to the semantics of the constraint



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| 3 | 0        | <b>3</b> |
| 1 | 4        | <b>5</b> |

No support for  $X=0$ ,  $Z=6$ ,  $Z=8$ !



Given  $D(X) = \{0, 1, 3, 5\}$ ,  $D(Y) = \{0, 2, 4\}$  and  $D(Z) = \{3, 5, 6, 8\}$ , and  $X + Y == Z$

## Bound Consistent (BC(Z))

|                 | X        | Y        | Z        |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| $D(X) = [0, 5]$ |          |          |          |
| $D(Y) = [0, 4]$ | <b>0</b> | 3        | 3        |
| $D(Z) = [3, 8]$ | <b>5</b> | 0        | 5        |
|                 | 4        | <b>0</b> | 4        |
|                 | 3        | <b>4</b> | 7        |
|                 | 2        | 1        | <b>3</b> |
|                 | 4        | 4        | <b>8</b> |

Support for every  
bound, no filtering

## Global Arc Consistent (GAC)

| X        | Y        | Z | X | Y        | Z        |
|----------|----------|---|---|----------|----------|
| <b>1</b> | 2        | 3 | 1 | <b>2</b> | 3        |
| <b>3</b> | 0        | 3 | 1 | <b>4</b> | 5        |
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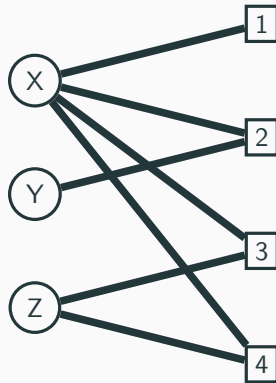
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Side note: There exists another bound consistency (BC(D)), slightly stronger than BC(Z)



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Filter invalid values

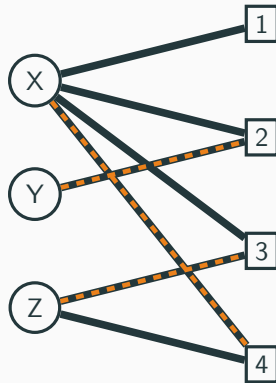


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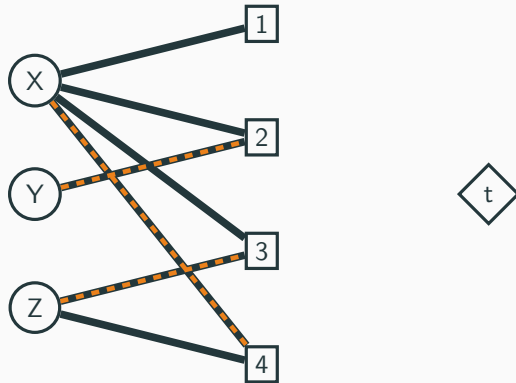


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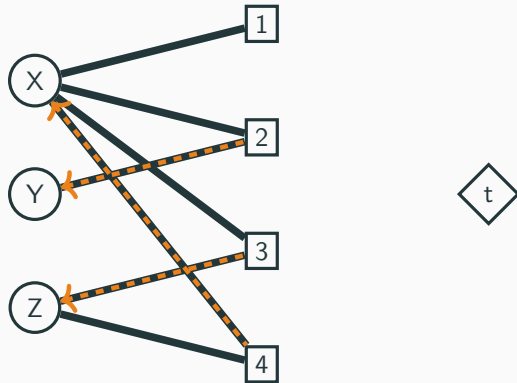
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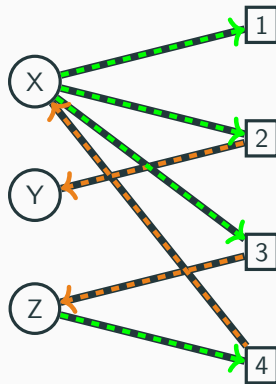
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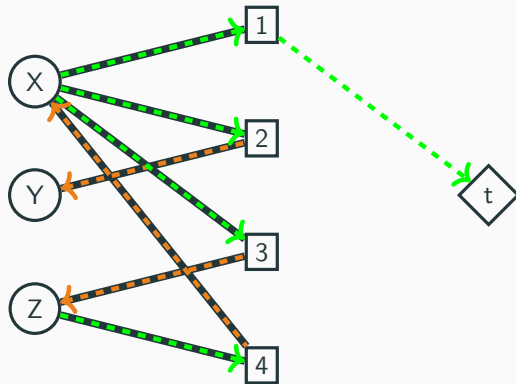
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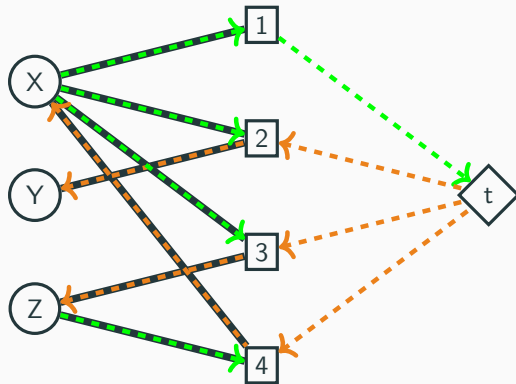
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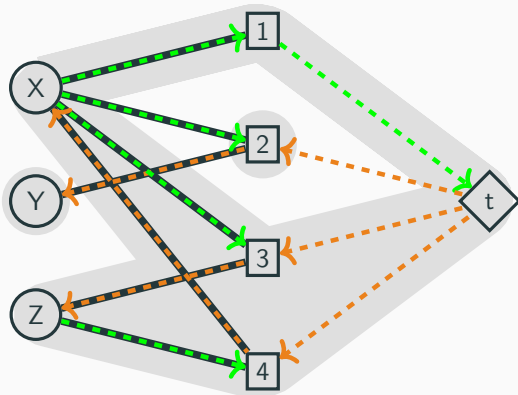
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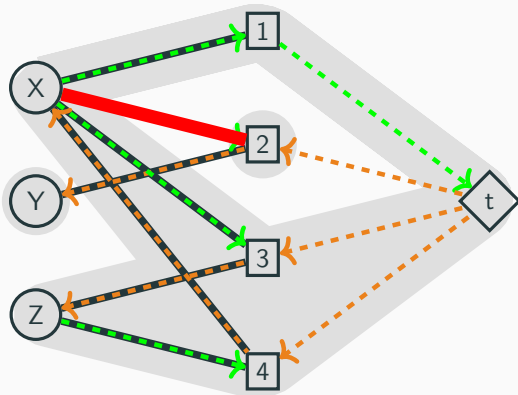
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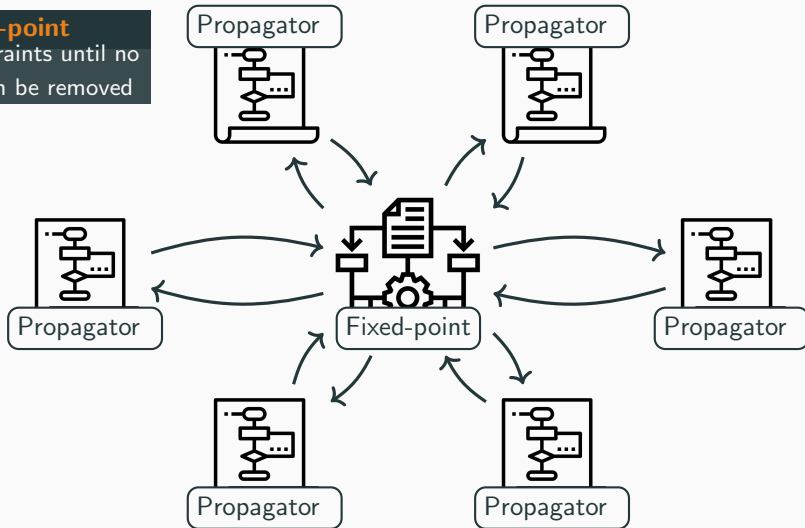
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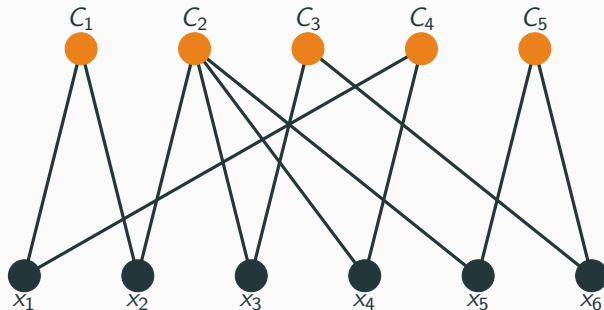
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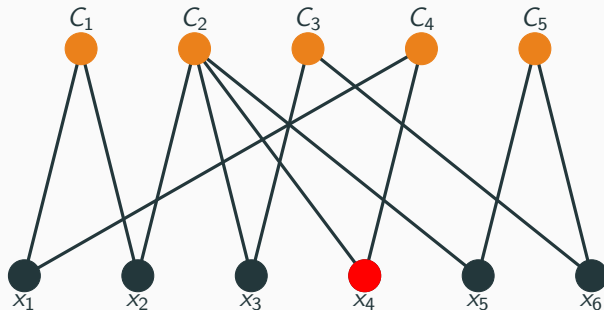




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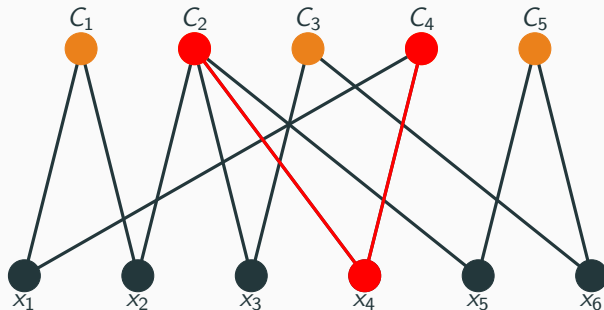




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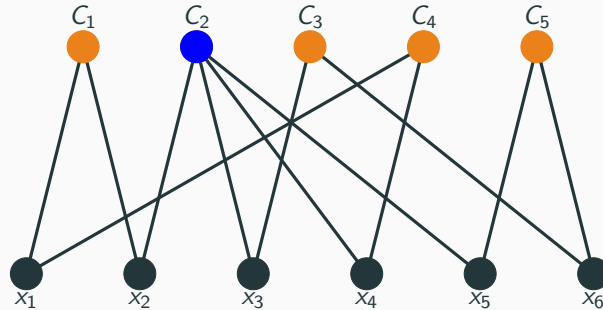




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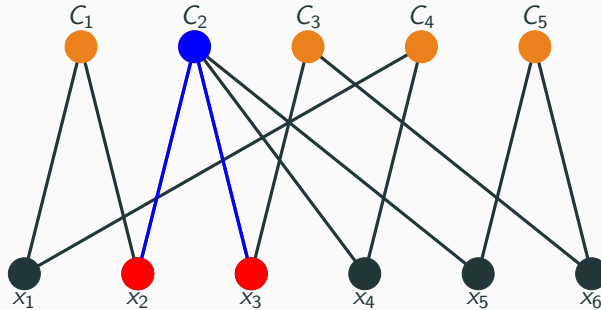




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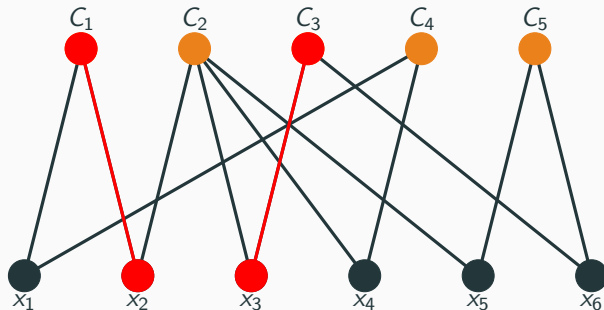




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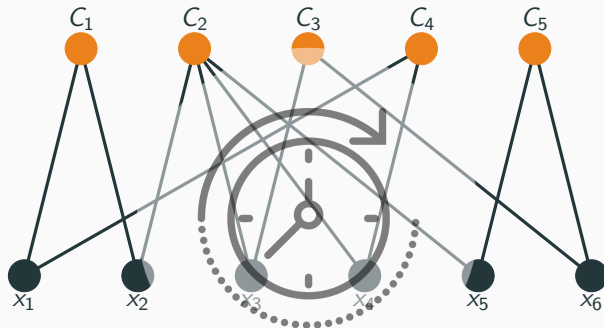




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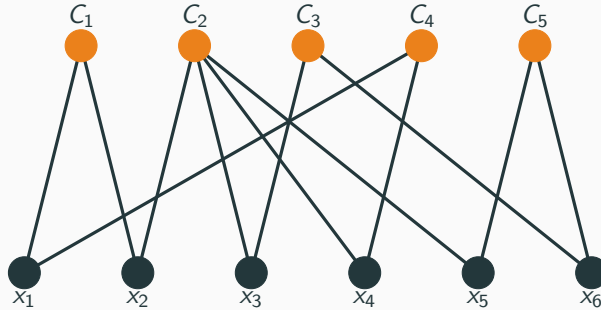




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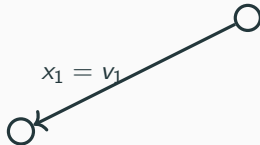
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Explore the solution space



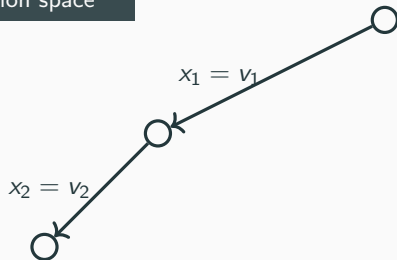
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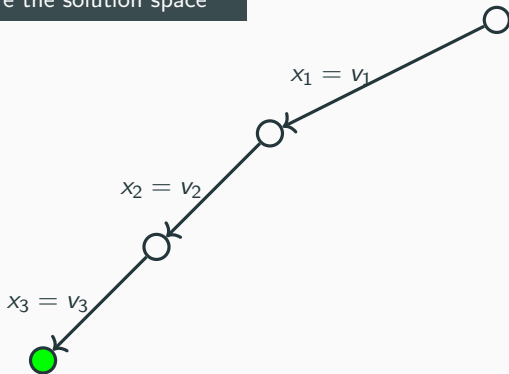
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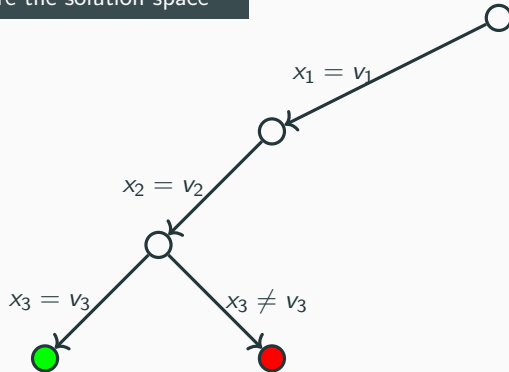
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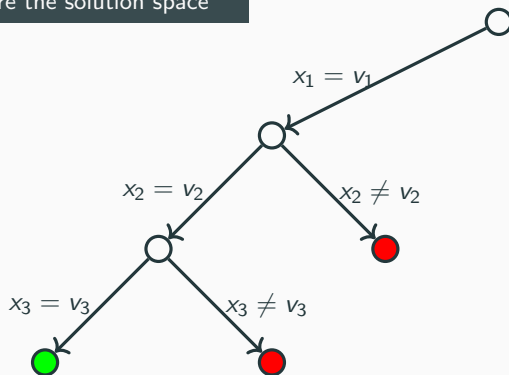
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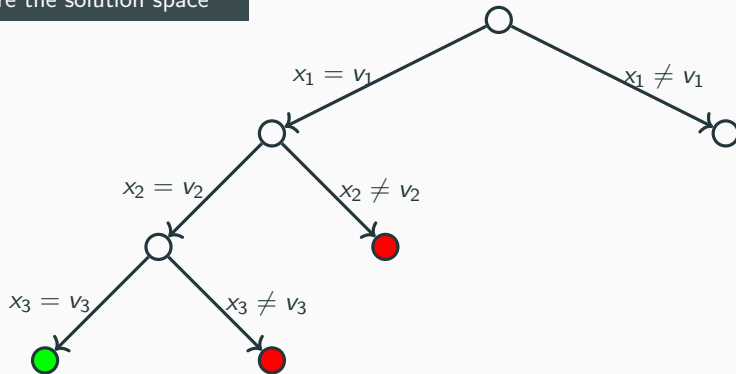
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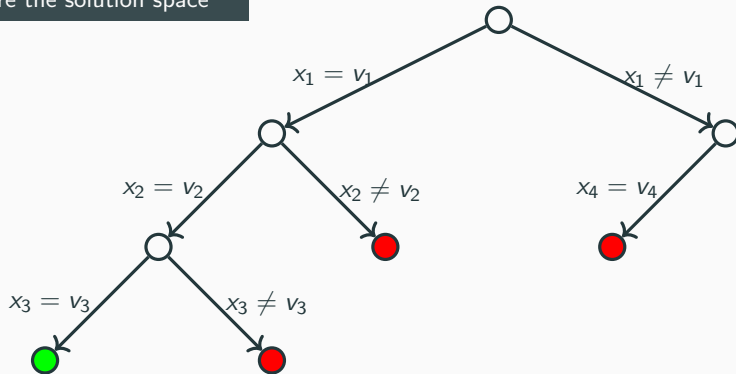
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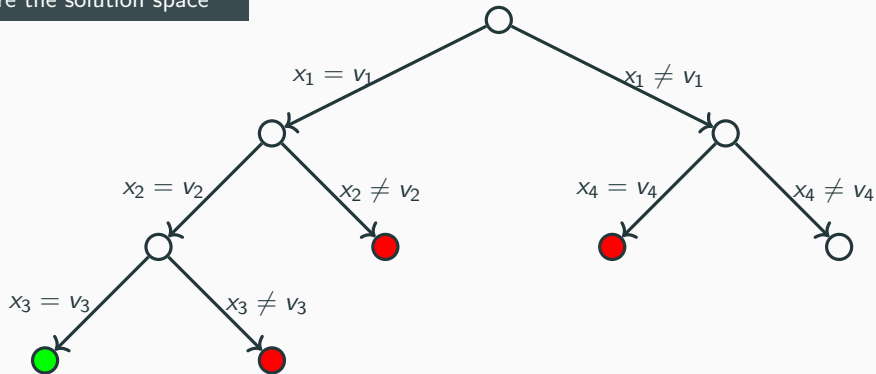
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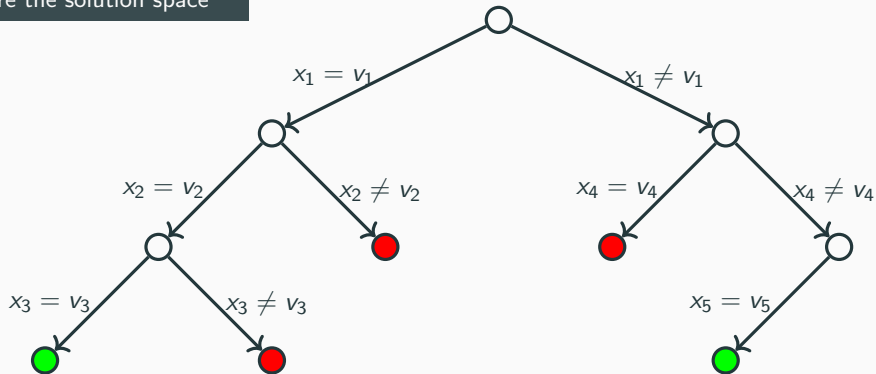
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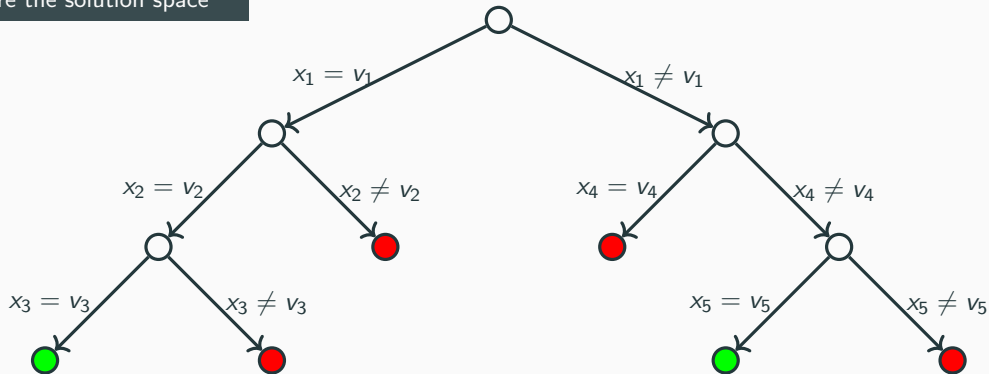
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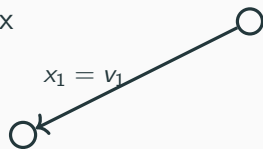
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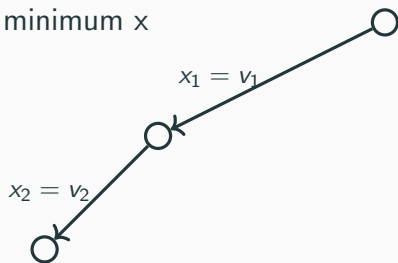
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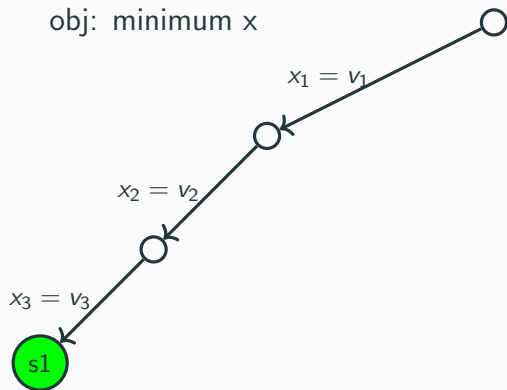


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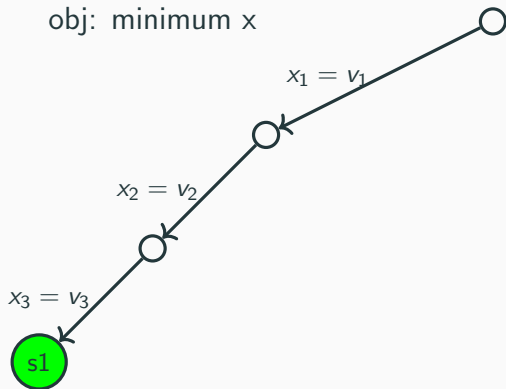


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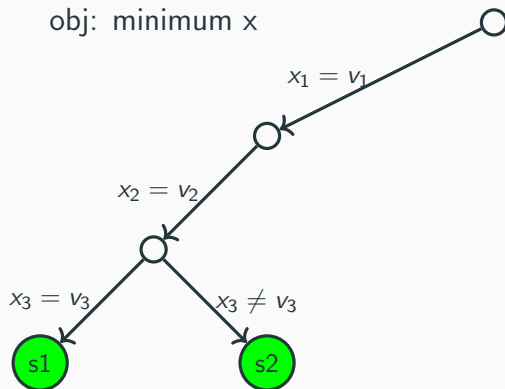


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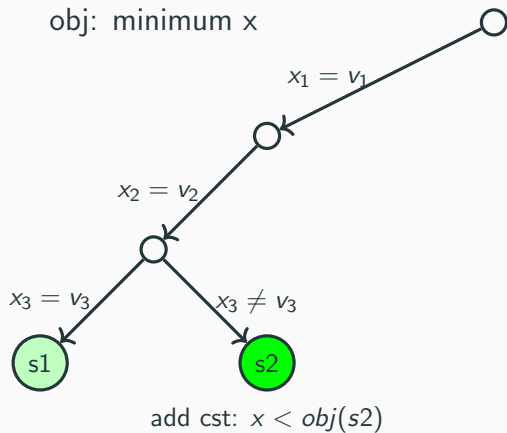
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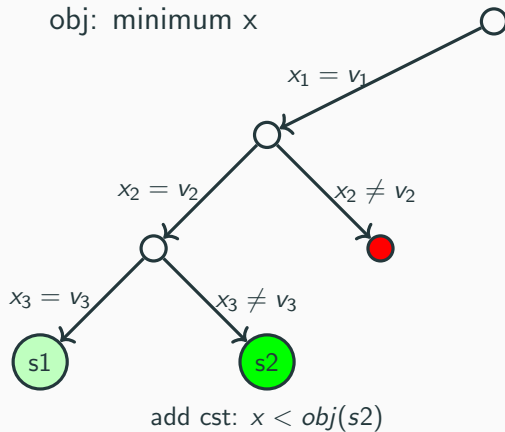
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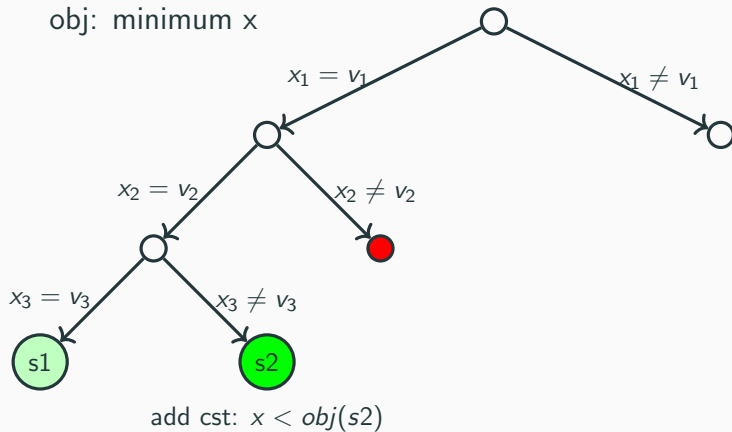


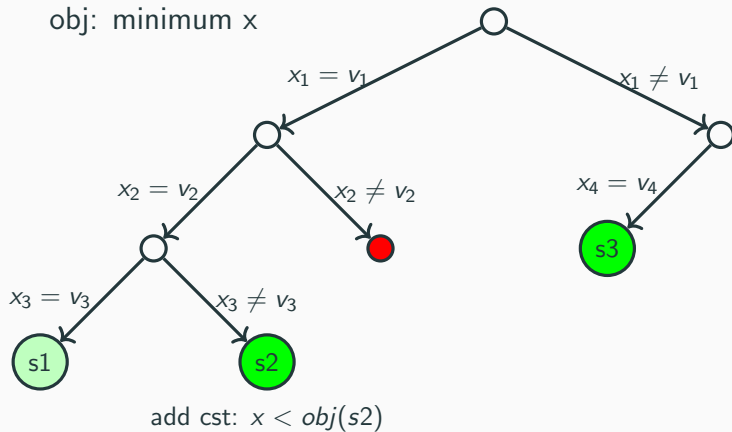
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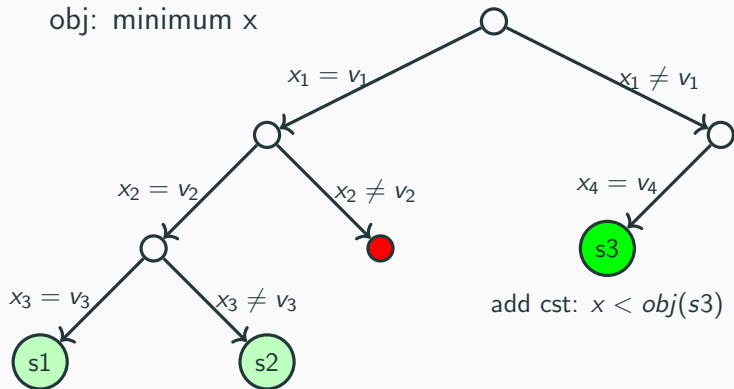


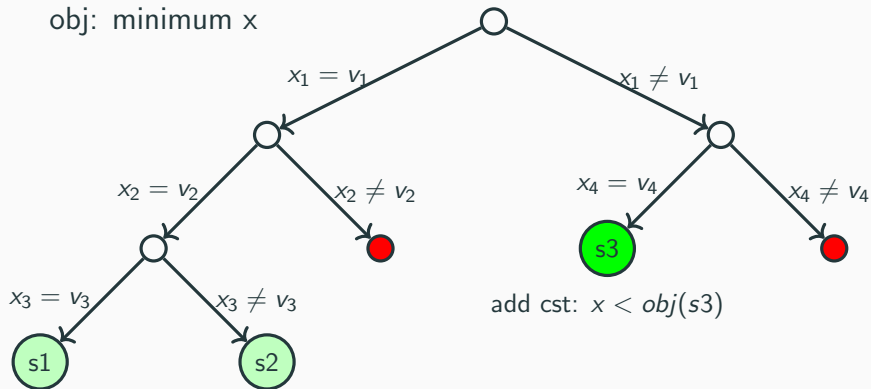


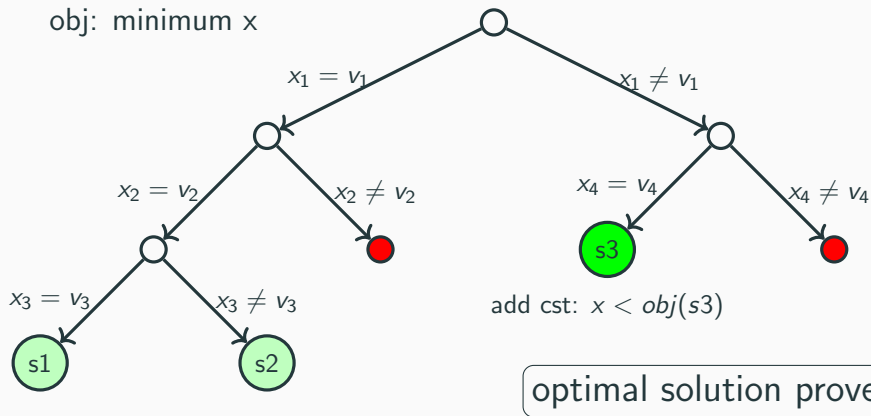












## How to go back in the search?

Before decision, set "state save points" you can go back to

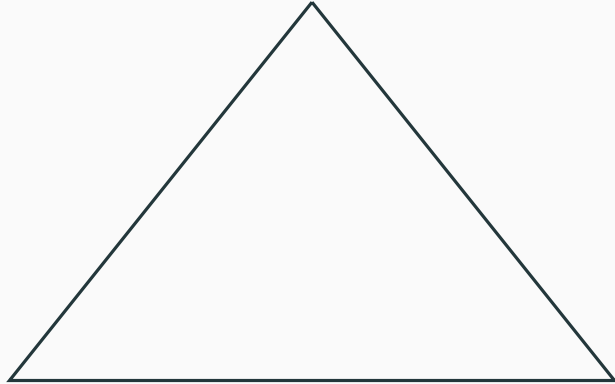
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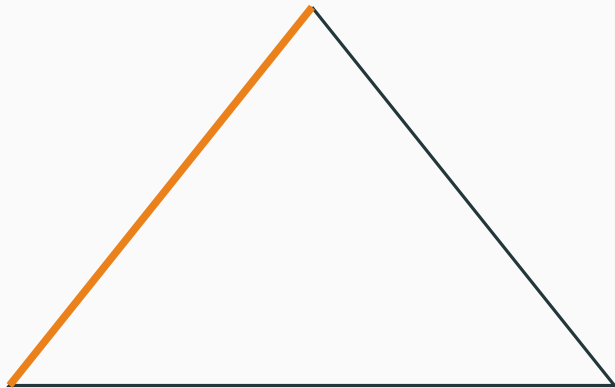
- save: copy the required part of the state
- restore: replace the state with the copy

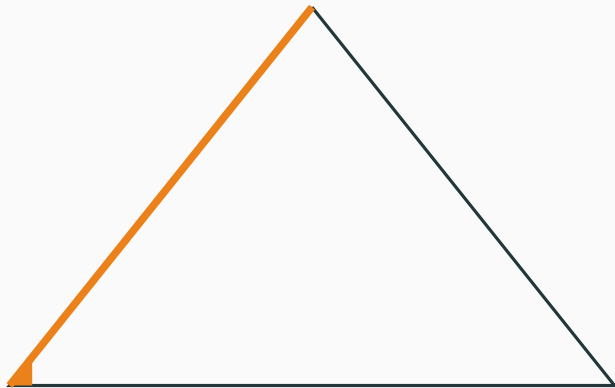
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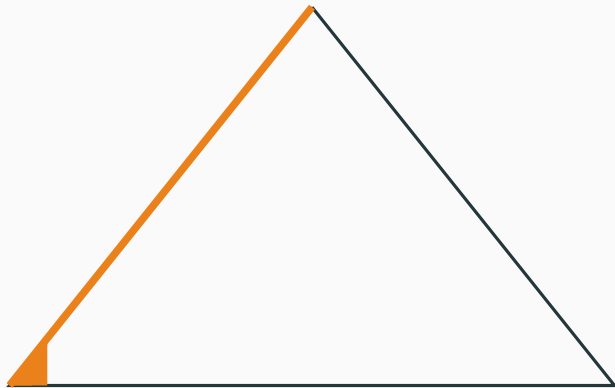
- save: create restoring operation for each modification since last save
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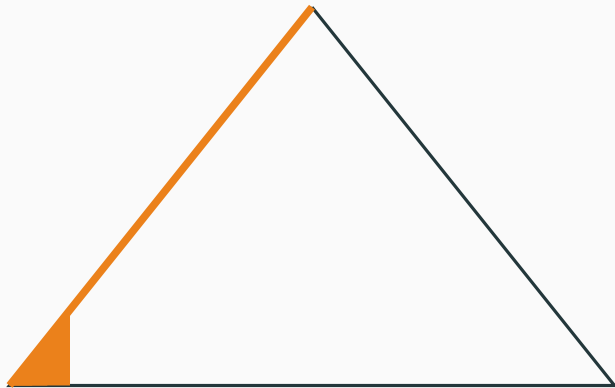
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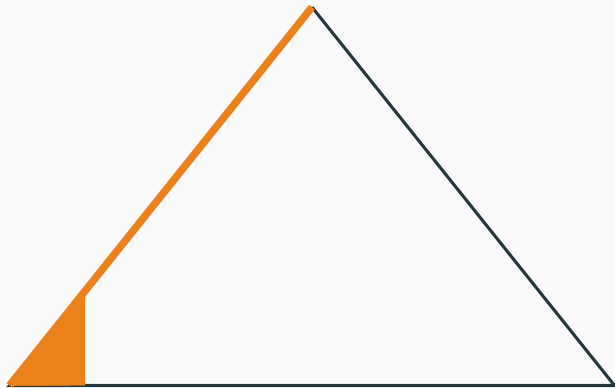


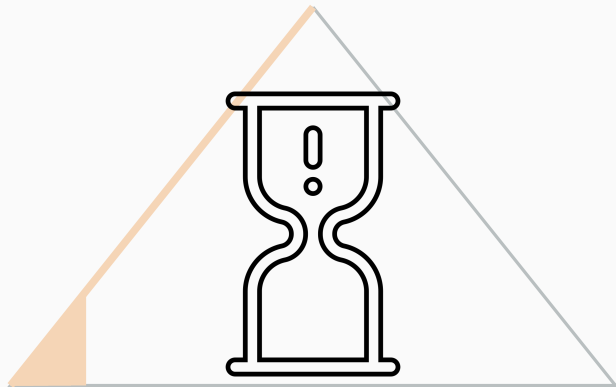


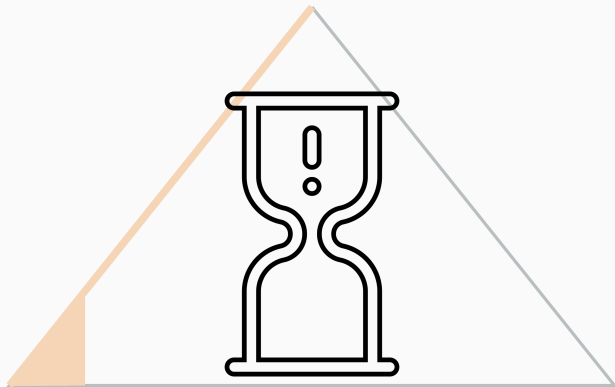




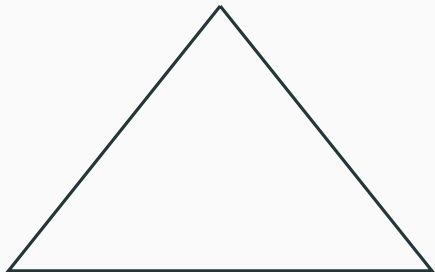


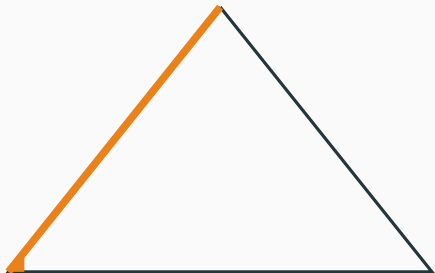


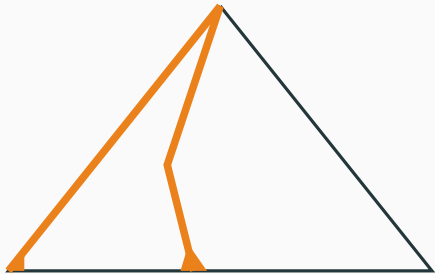


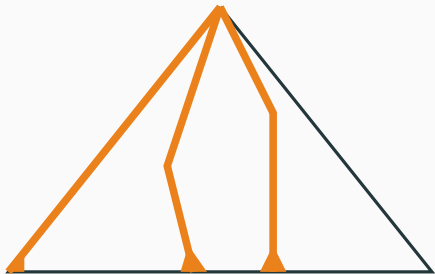


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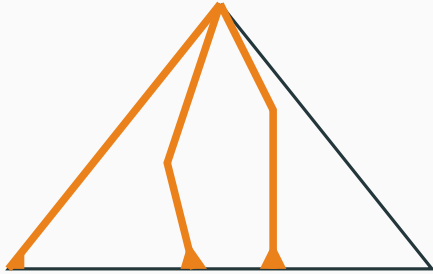






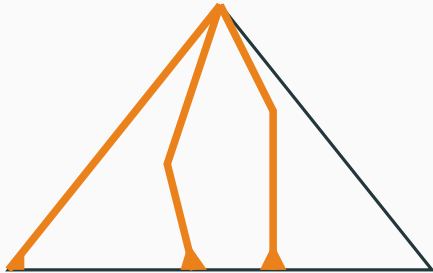


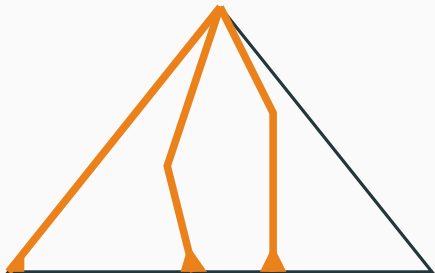
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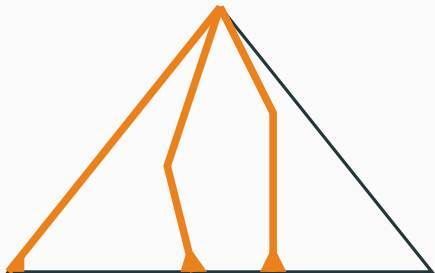
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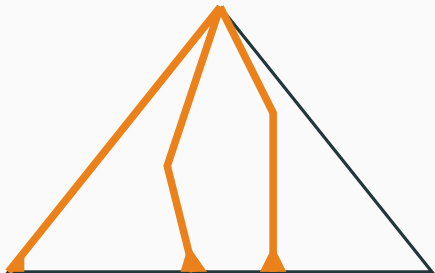
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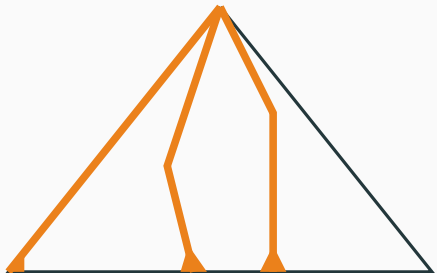
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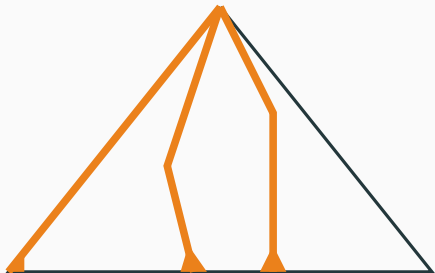
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## Hybrids of techniques

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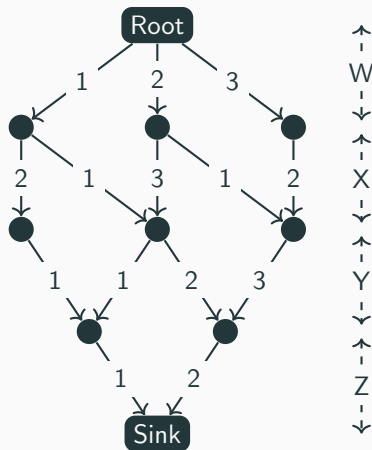
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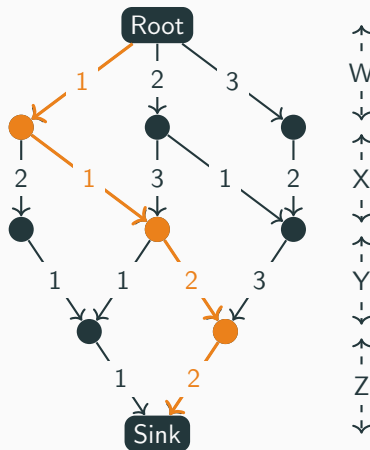
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## Propagation via lazy clause generation

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## An Auditable Constraint Programming Solver

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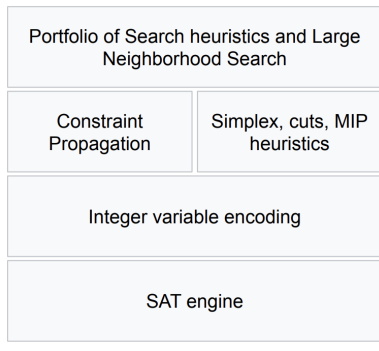
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Or-Tools CP-SAT-LP

# Conclusion

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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

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