

The Best of Both Worlds

When Constraint Programming and Machine Learning Help Each Other

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Model + Search



- Goal: Find (optimal) solution wrt some constraints
- Pro: Exact method
- Con: Difficulties in dealing with huge inputs

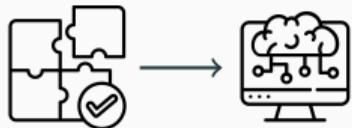
(Big) Data + algorithms



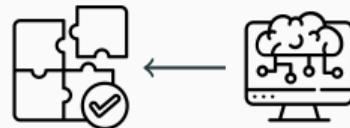
- Goal: Learn from examples
- Pro: Good with huge quantities of data
- Con: Difficulties to satisfy (hard) constraints in outputs

Can we get the best of both worlds?

Yes, by combining them!



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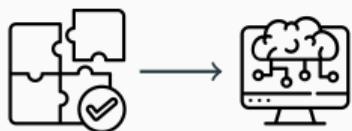


ML for CP

- Modeling ML problems
(e.g., clustering using CP)
- Joint inference on NN output
(e.g., visual sudoku problem)
- Improving the learning of NN
(e.g., PLS experiment)

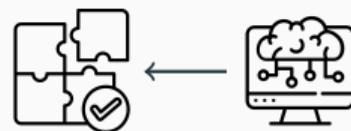
- Algorithm configuration
(e.g., Sunny-CP solver)
- Learning to branch
(e.g., SeaPearl project)
- Constraint acquisition
(e.g., ConAcq approach)

And many many other examples ...



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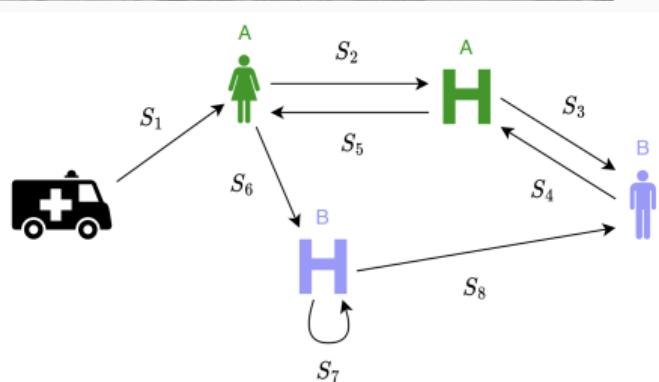
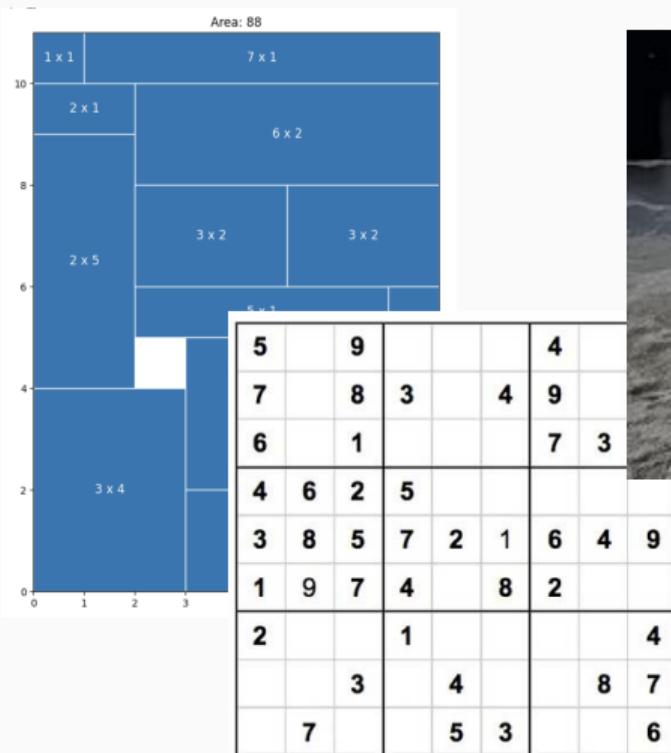
- Optimal decision trees



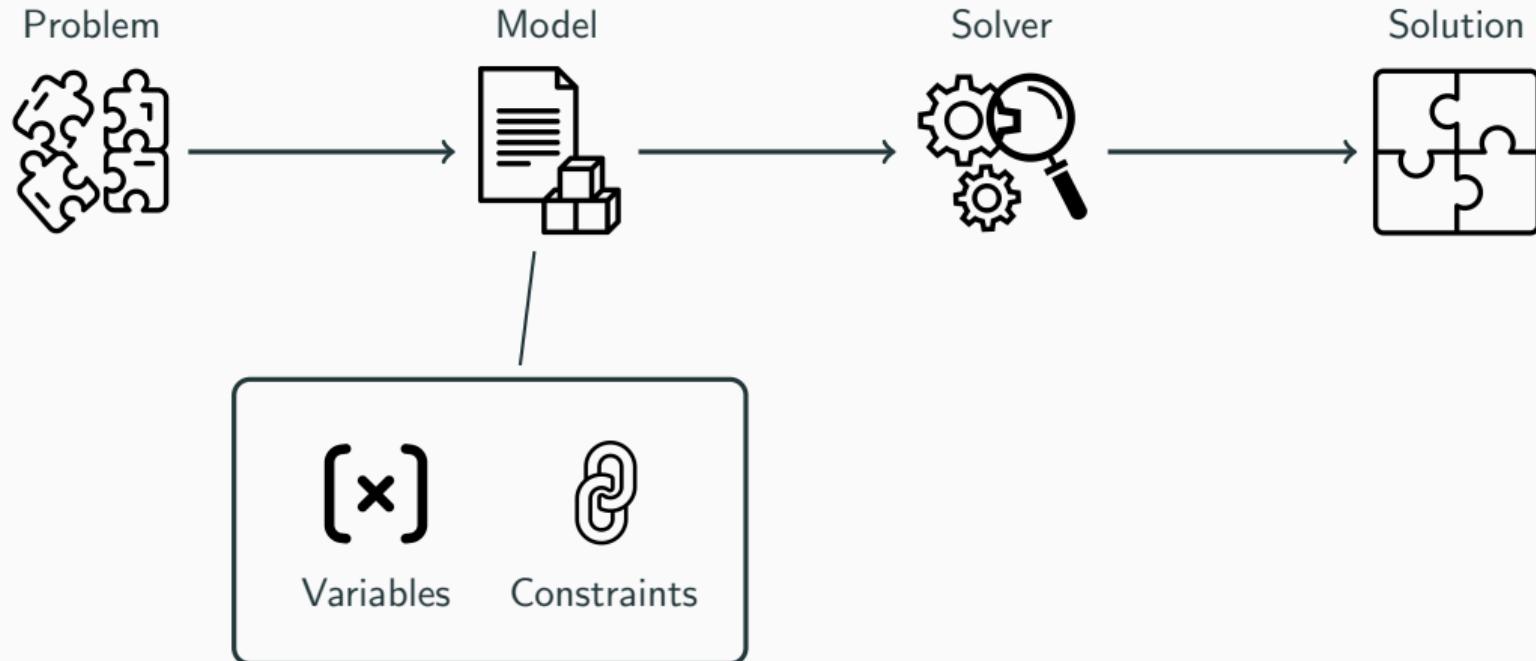
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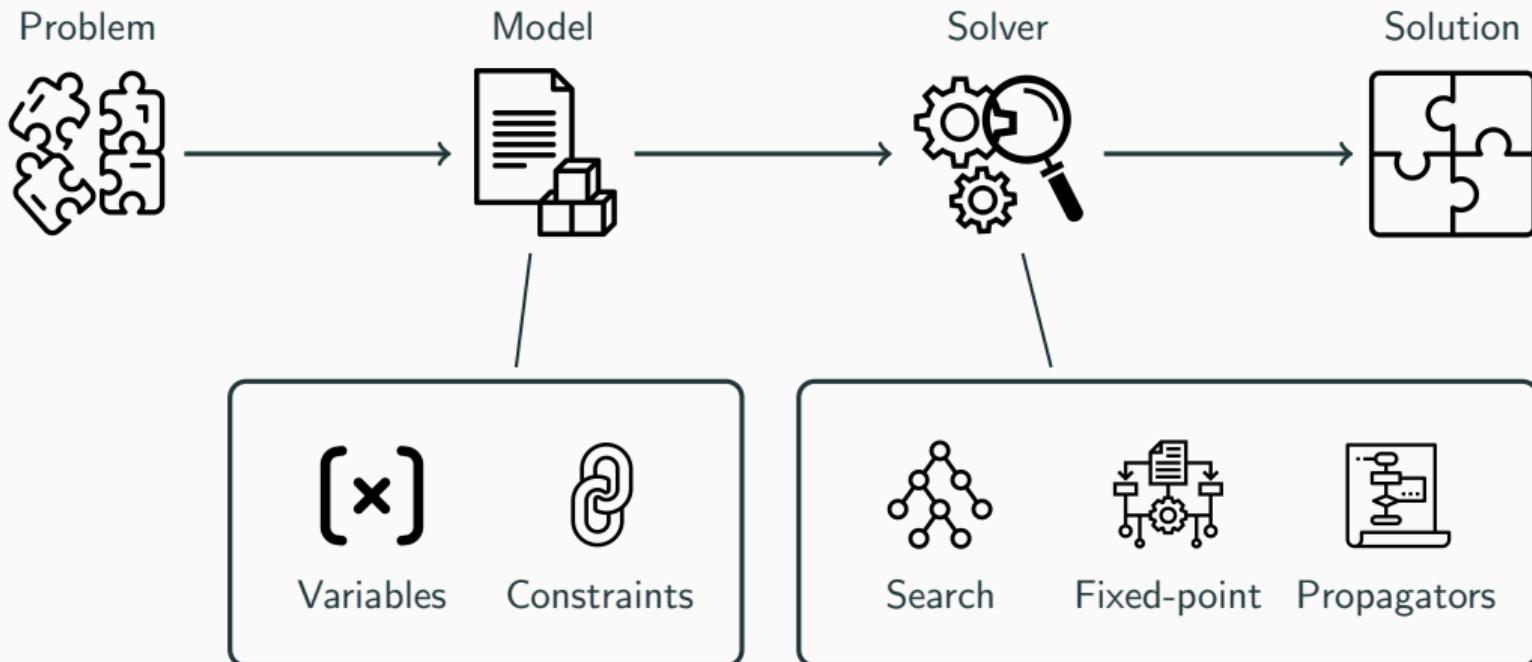
- Solving RCPSP using GNNs

Constraint Programming









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graph



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Reference: "CP(Graph): Introducing a Graph Computation Domain in Constraint Programming",
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Constraints: The Circuit constraint



Goal of global constraints
Capture a relation between a
non-fixed number of variables

given $NY = 0, SF = 1, \dots$

$$D(\text{succ}_i) = \{0, 1, \dots, N - 1\} \setminus \{i\}$$

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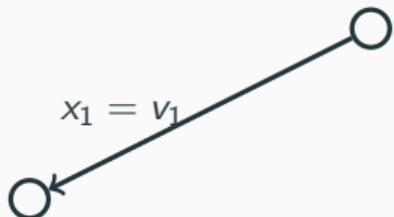
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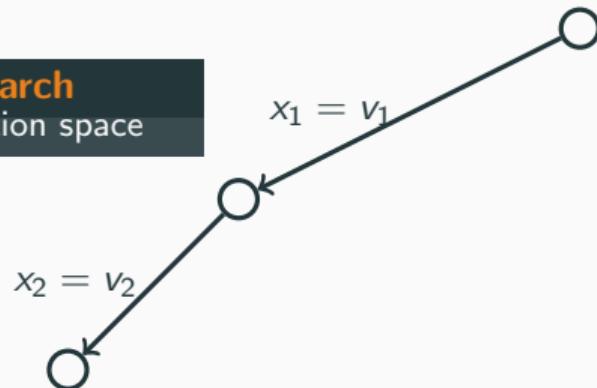
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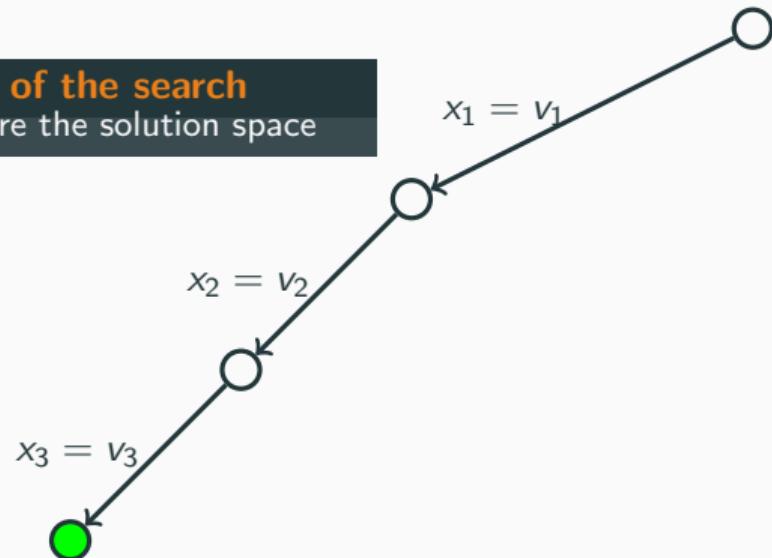
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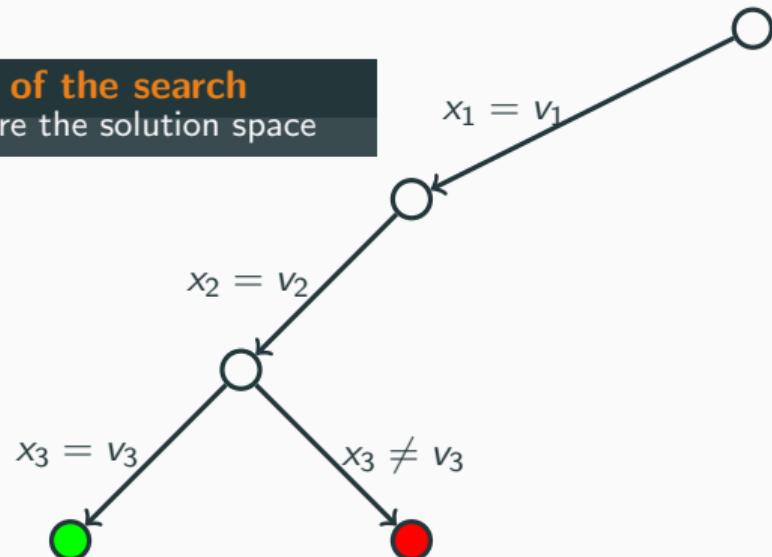
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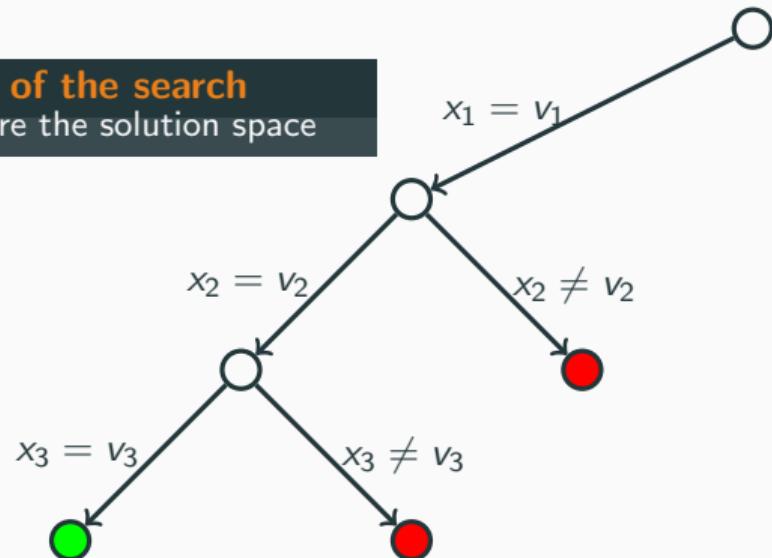
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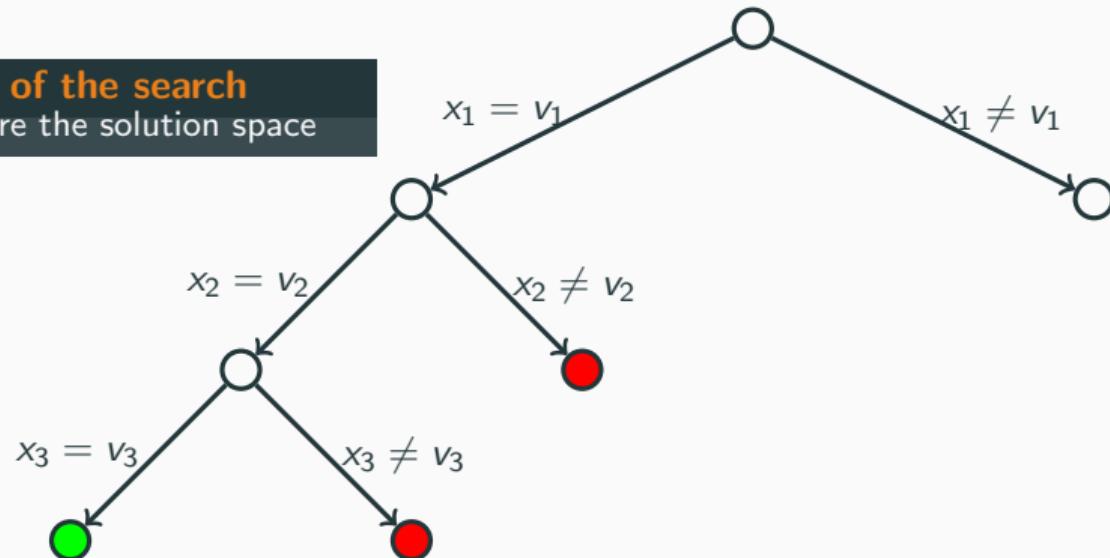
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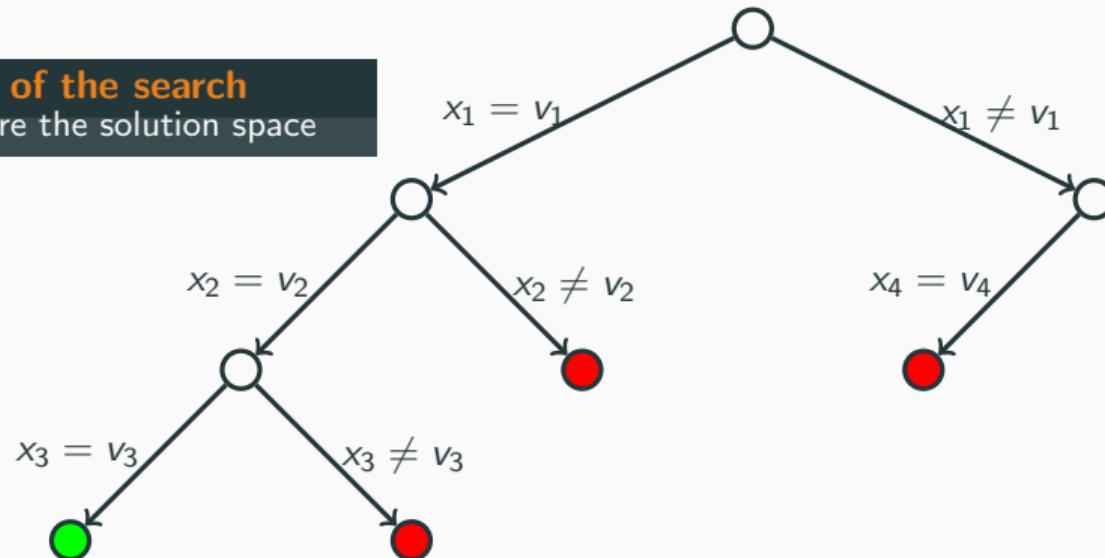
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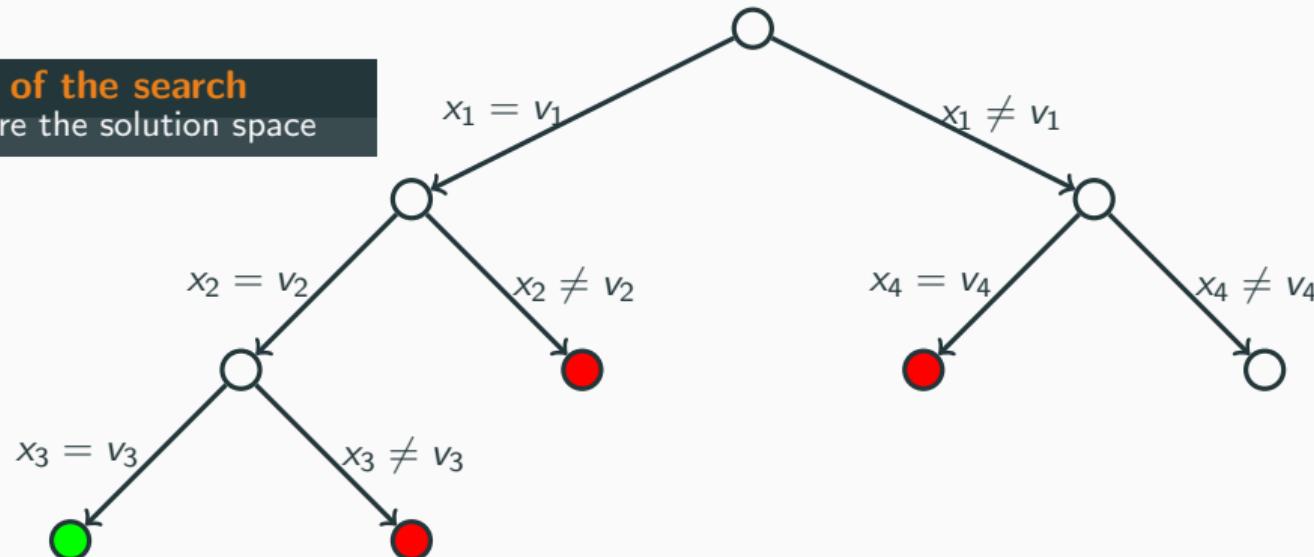
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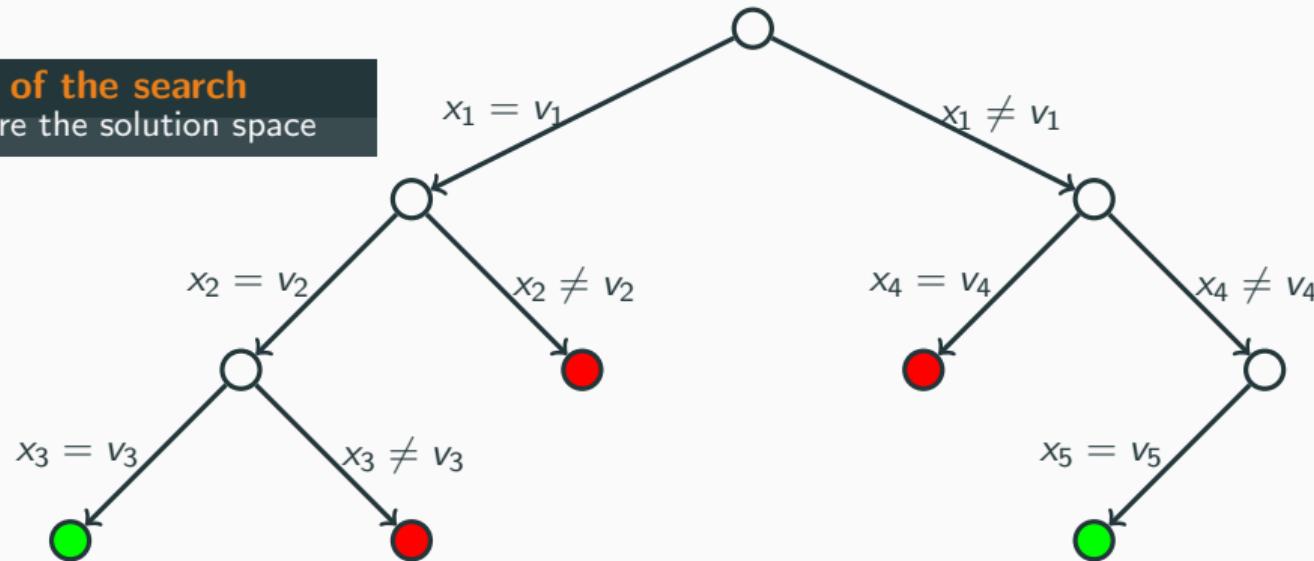
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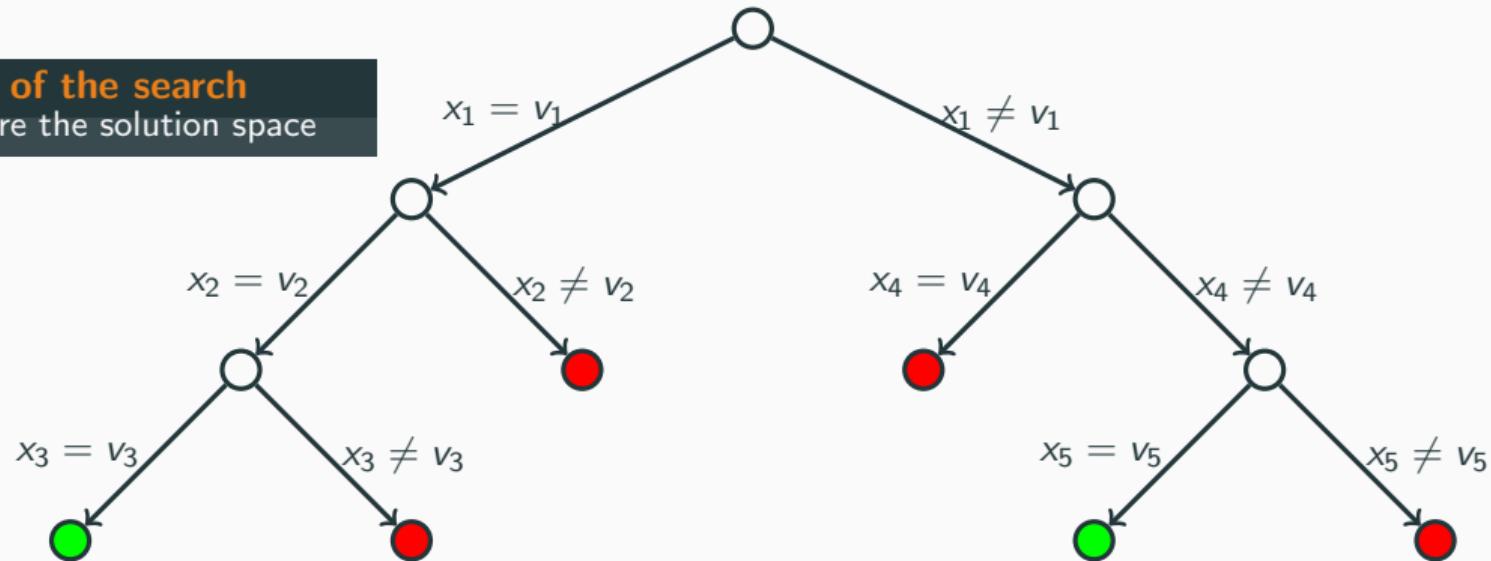
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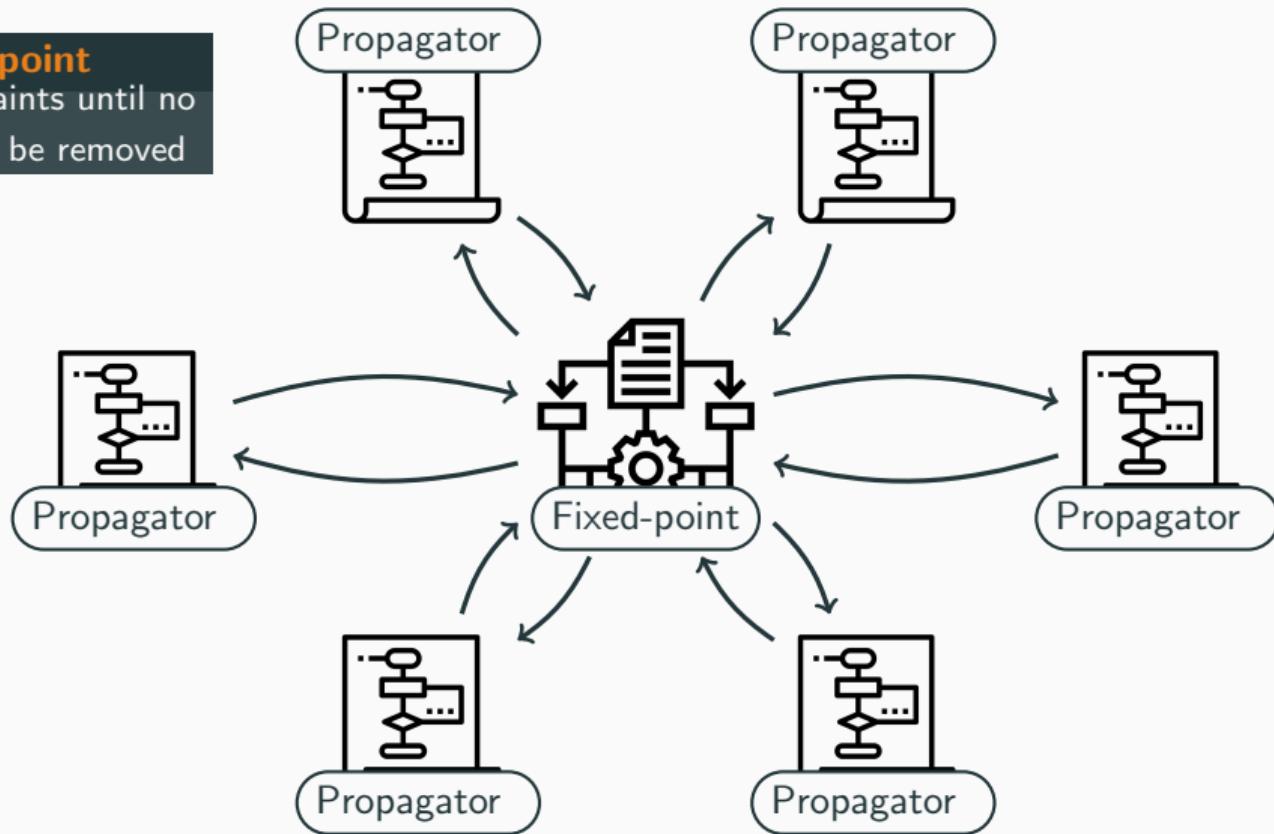
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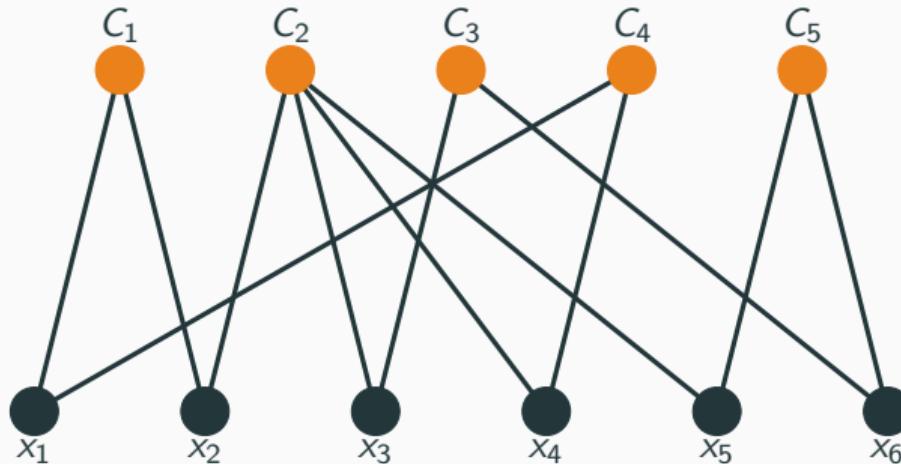


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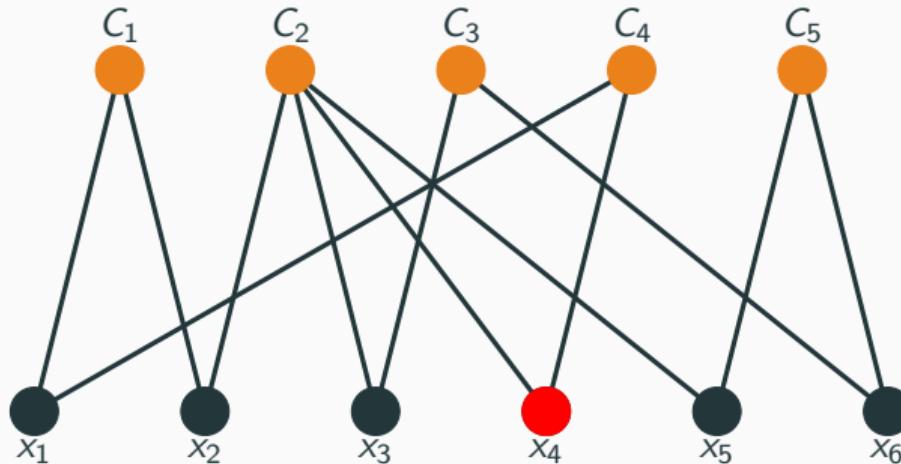


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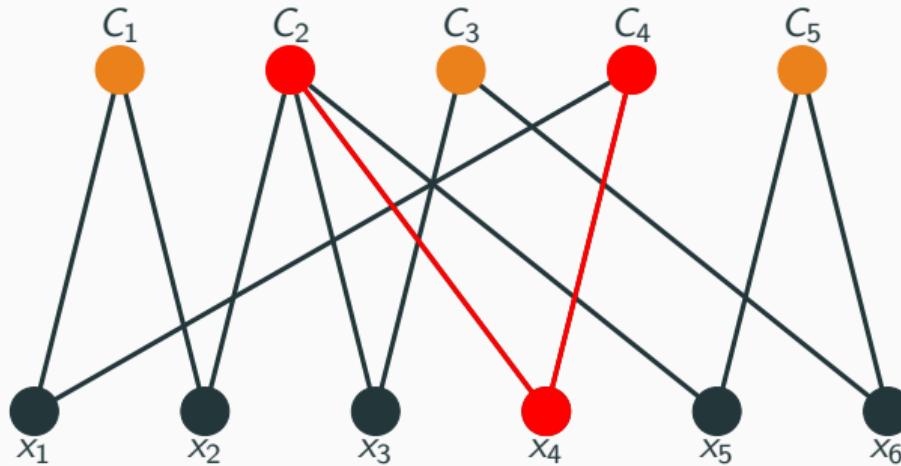
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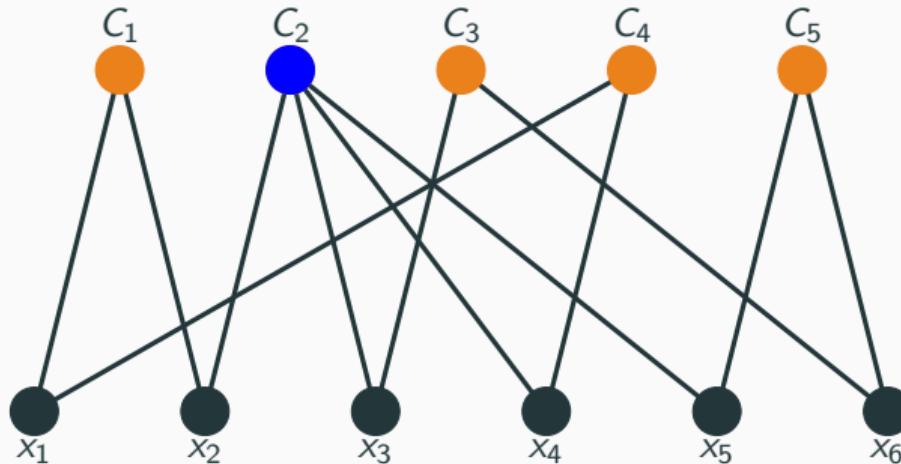
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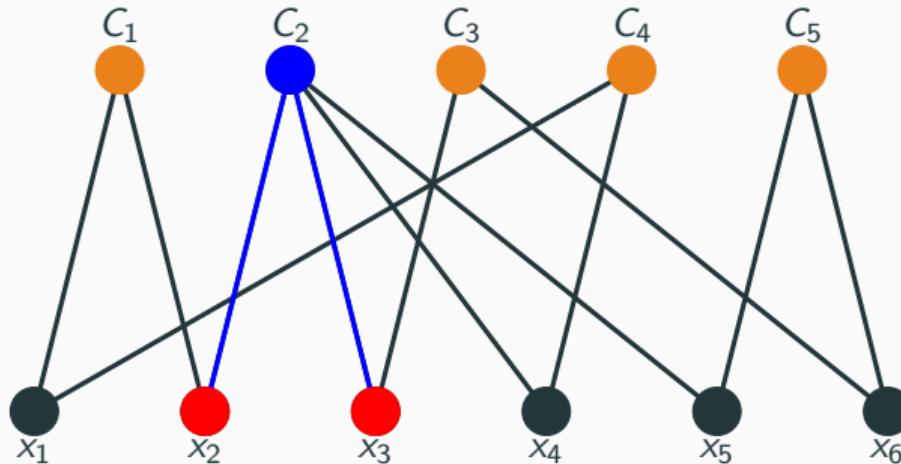
Propagating:

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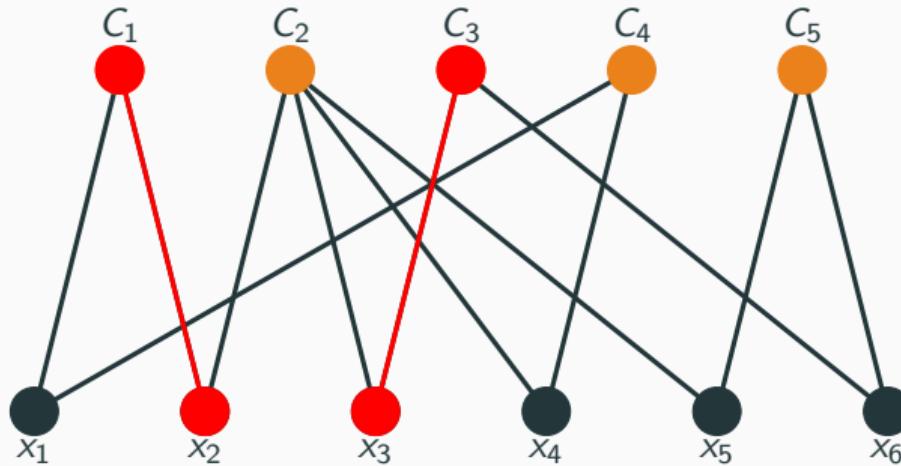
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Queue: C₄



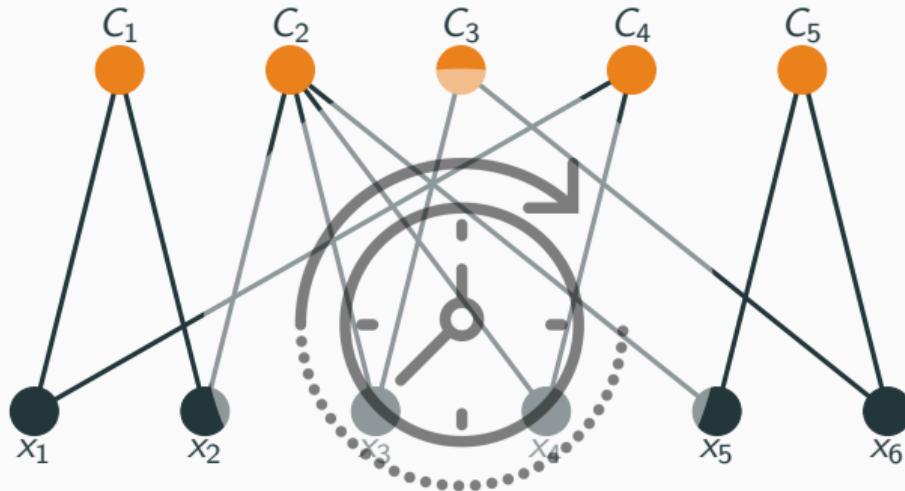
Propagating: C_2

Queue: C_4



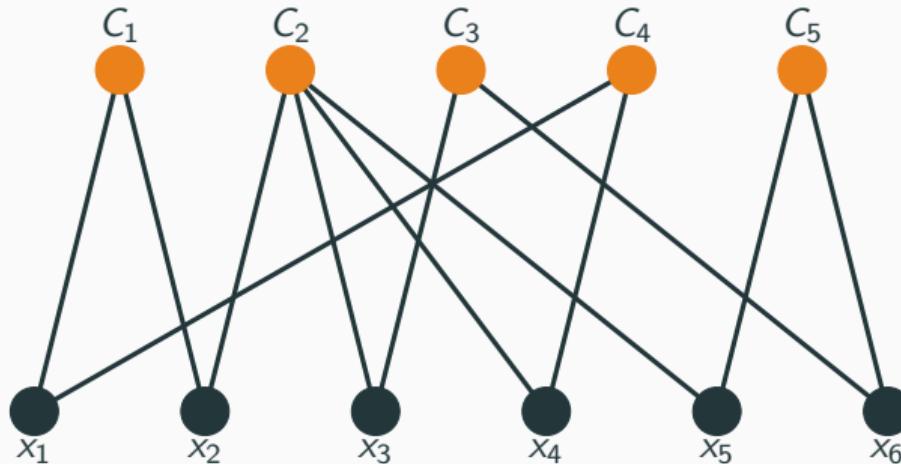
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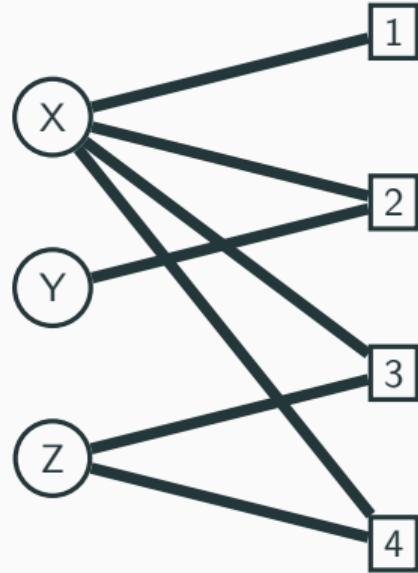
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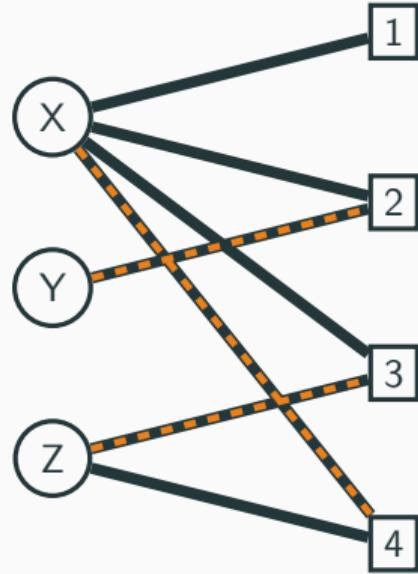
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Goal of propagators
Filter invalid values



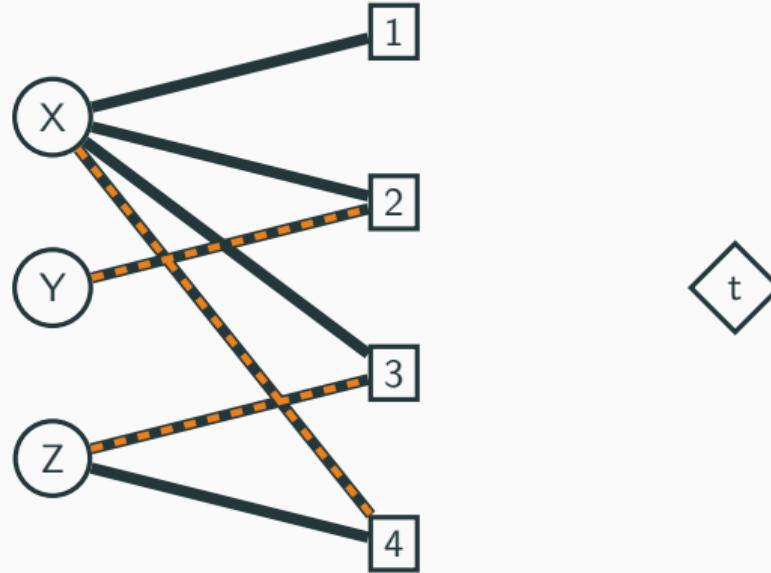
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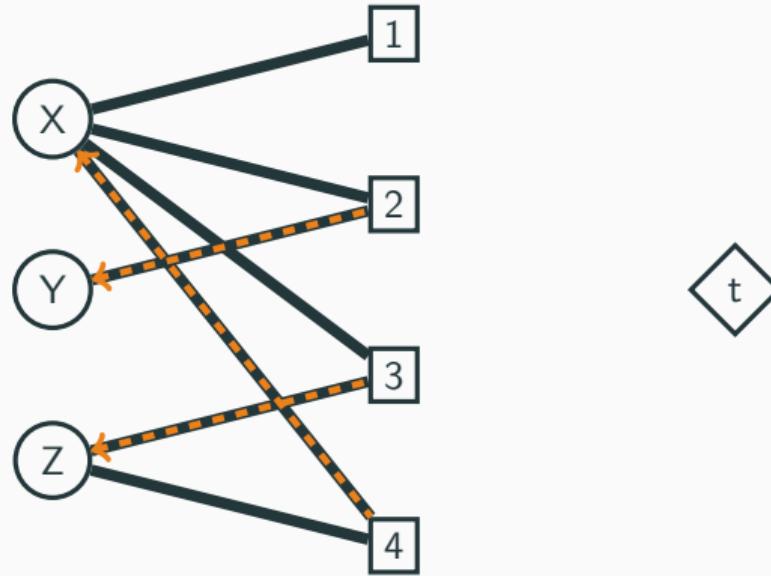
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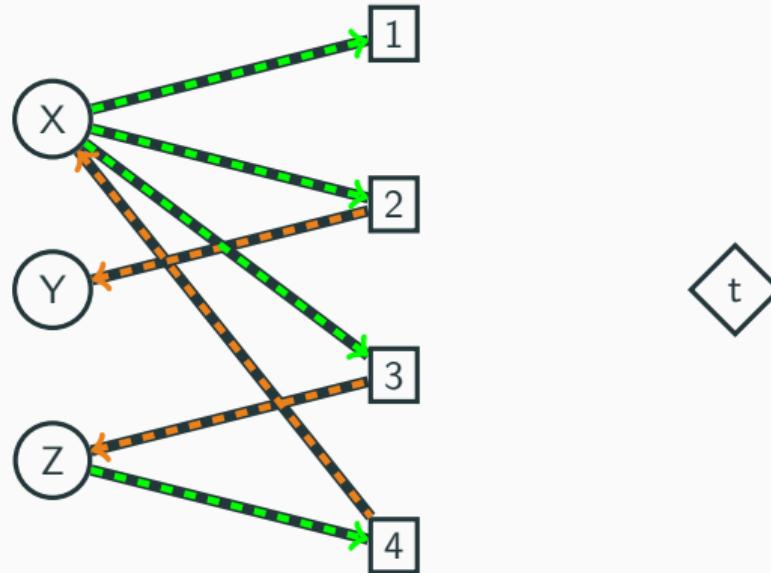
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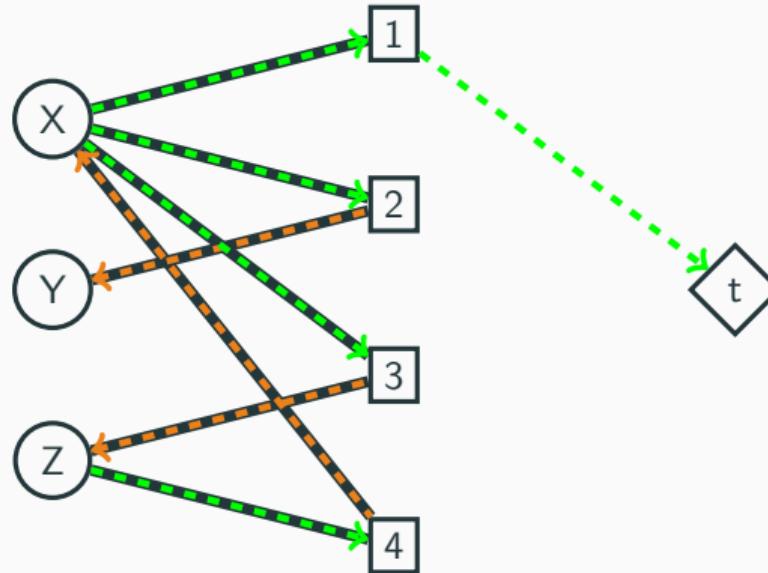
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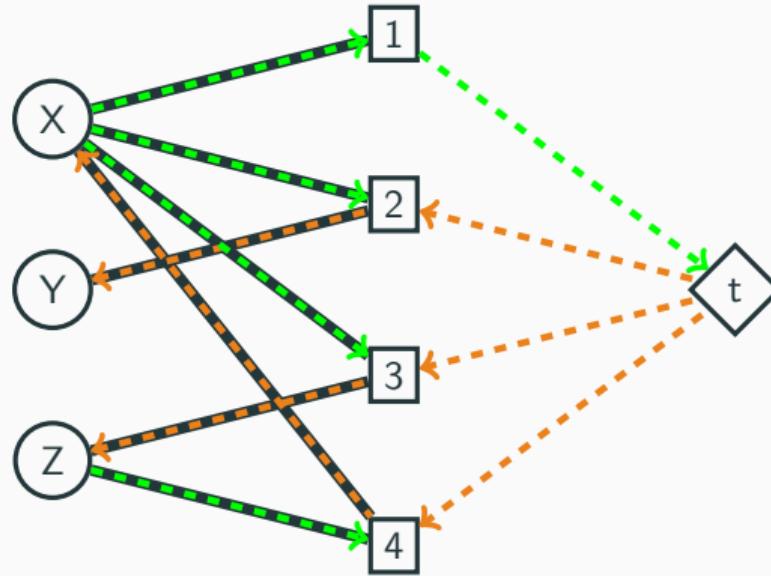
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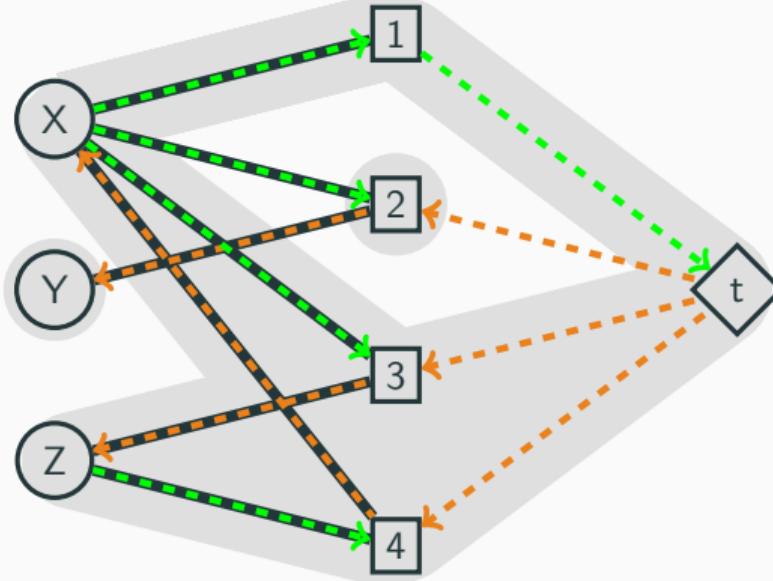
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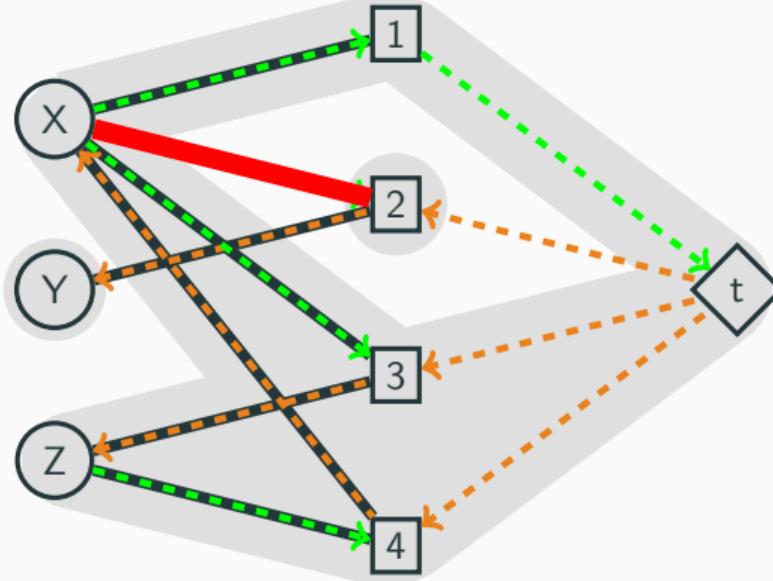
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Solving a problem using CP:

- **Step 1:** model the problem, using variables and constraints
- **Step 2:** solver searches for solution(s) using search strategies, fixed-point and propagators

Constraint programming

- is **modular** and **versatile**
- **can adapt** to one's needs
- relies on **well-defined structures** and mathematical **tools** such as graphs

CP applied to ML: Optimal Decision trees

Learning Optimal Decision Trees using Constraint Programming

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Pesant · Claude-Guy Quimper · Pierre
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Abstract Decision trees are among the most popular classification models in machine learning. Traditionally, they are learned using greedy algorithms. However, such algorithms pose several disadvantages: it is difficult to limit the size of the decision trees while maintaining a good classification accuracy, and it is hard to impose additional constraints on the models that are learned. For these reasons,

The Problem: Learning Optimal Decision Trees

Database					
f_1	f_2	f_3	...	f_n	c
1	0	1	...	1	+
0	1	0	...	1	-
1	1	0	...	0	+
0	0	0	...	0	+
1	0	0	...	0	+
0	1	1	...	1	-
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:	:	:	⋮	:	⋮
1	1	1	...	1	+

- already a binary database

is green	produce gum	has flowers	poisonous?
yes	yes	no	+
no	yes	yes	-

- binarization required

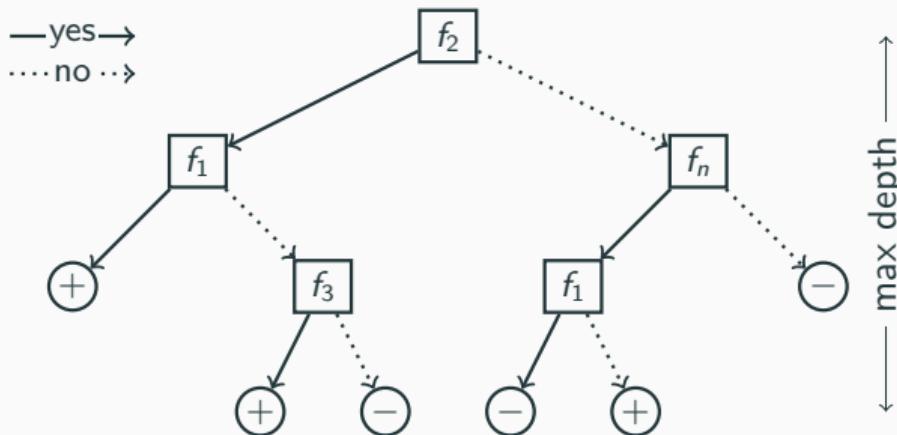
height	age	F	sick?
134	34	1.45	+
178	23	3.66	-

height < 150	height < 180	F < 1	...	sick?
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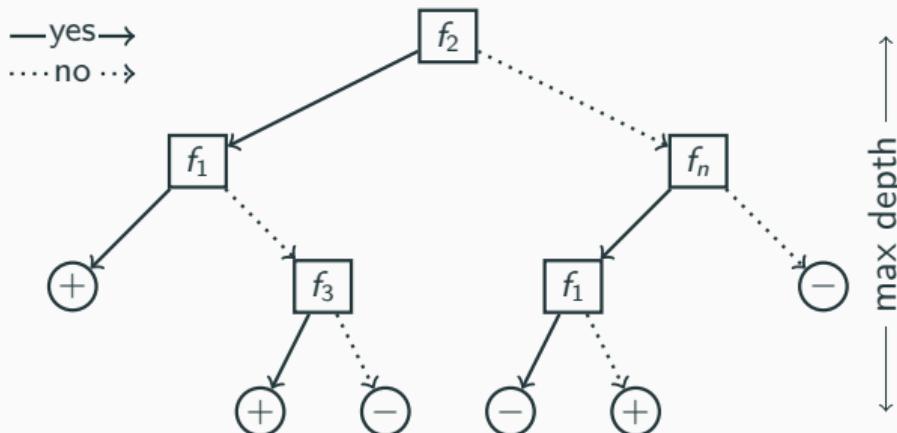


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New sample					
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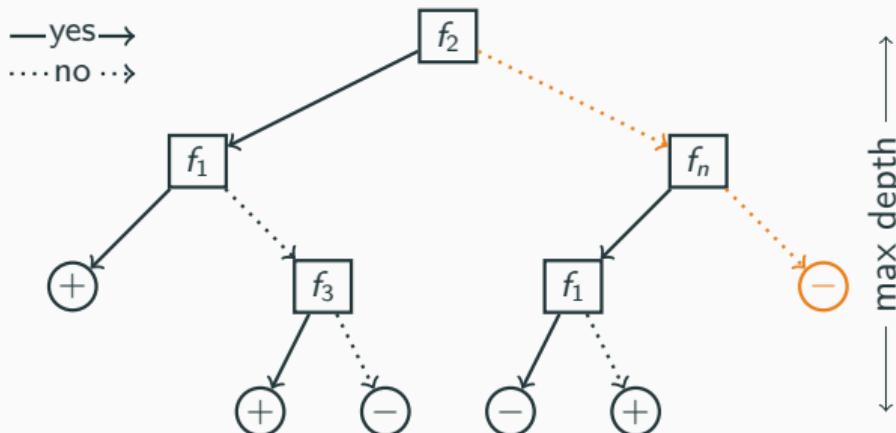


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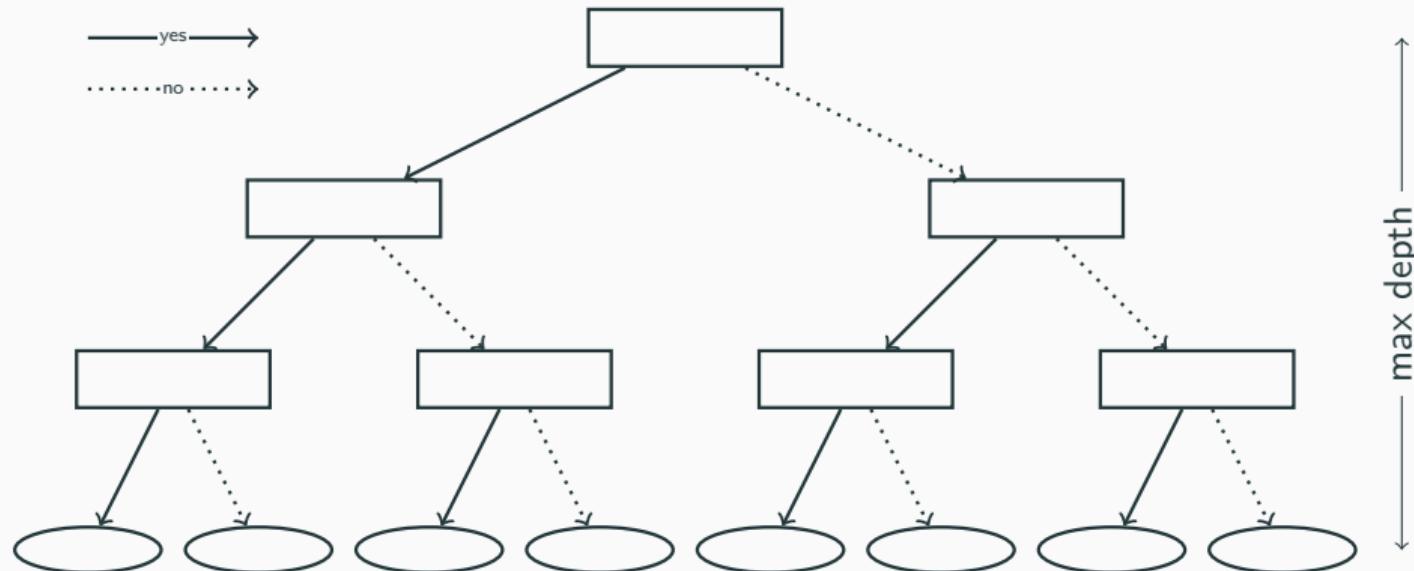


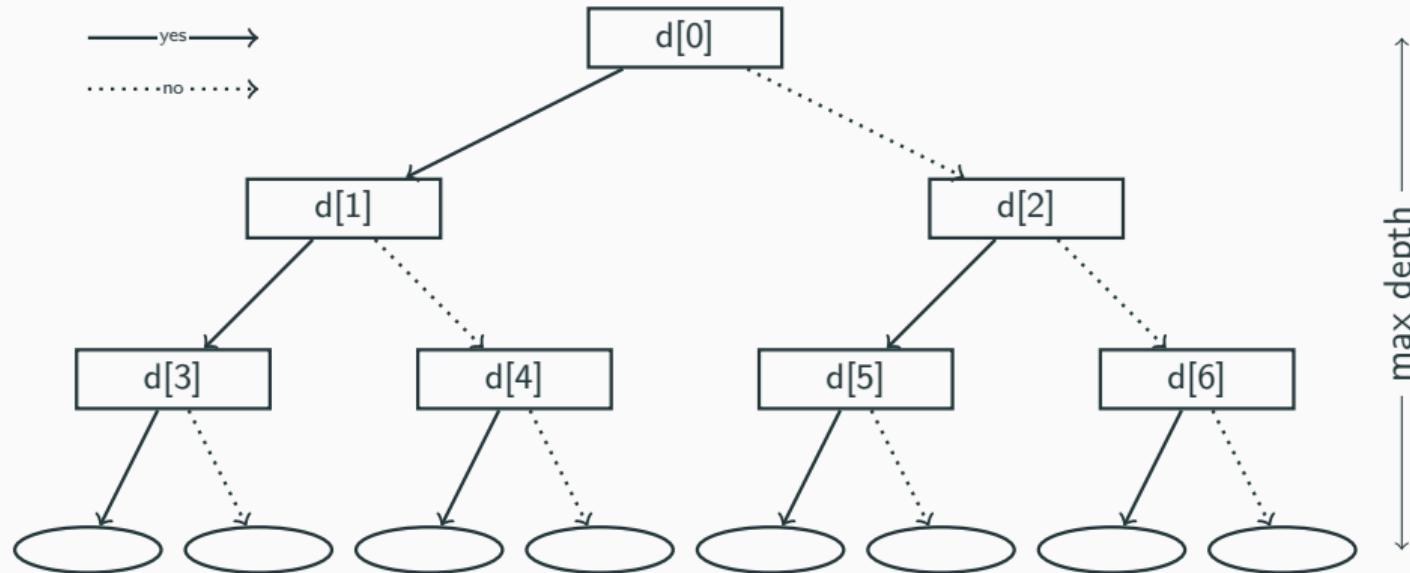
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Greedy methods:

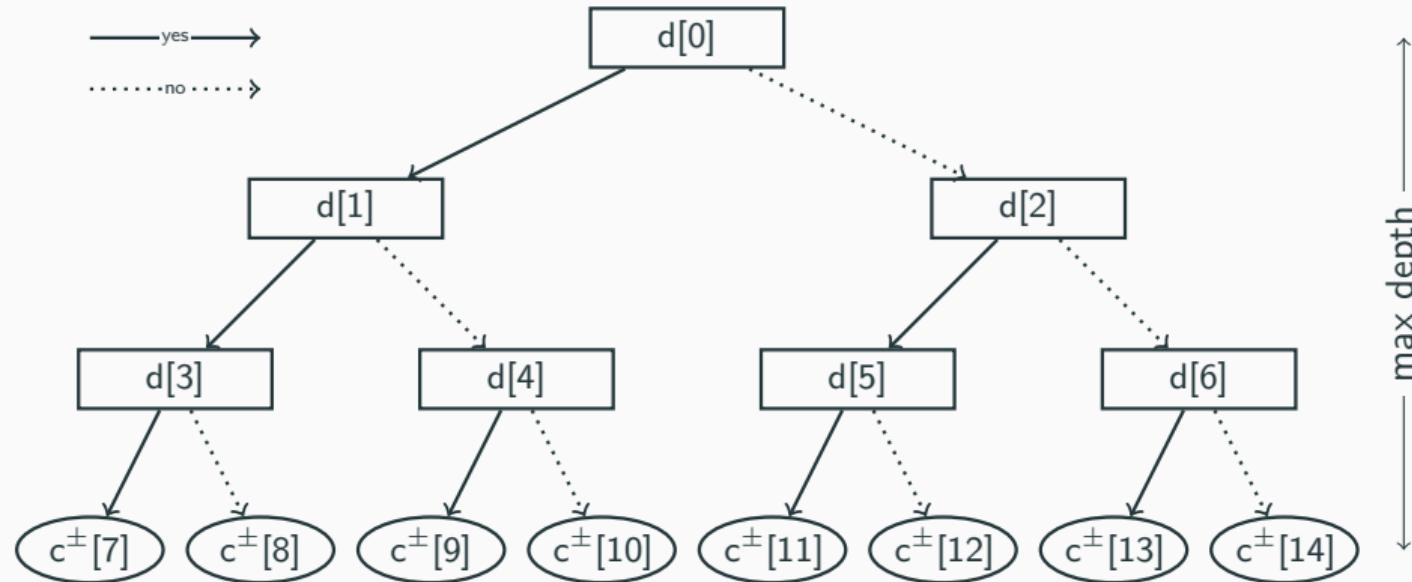
- ✓ easy construction
- ✗ hard to impose additional constraints
- ✗ potentially unnecessarily complex tree

- Mining optimal decision trees from itemset lattices, Nijssen, S., Fromont, E., 2007
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- **Optimal classification trees**, Bertsimas, D., Dunn, J., 2017
- Learning optimal decision trees with sat, Narodytska, N., Ignatiev, A., Pereira, F., Marques-Silva, J., RAS, I., 2018
- Learning optimal and fair decision trees for non-discriminative decision-making, Aghaei, S., Azizi, M.J., Vayanos, P., 2019
- Learning optimal classification trees using a binary linear program formulation, Verwer, S., Zhang, Y., 2019



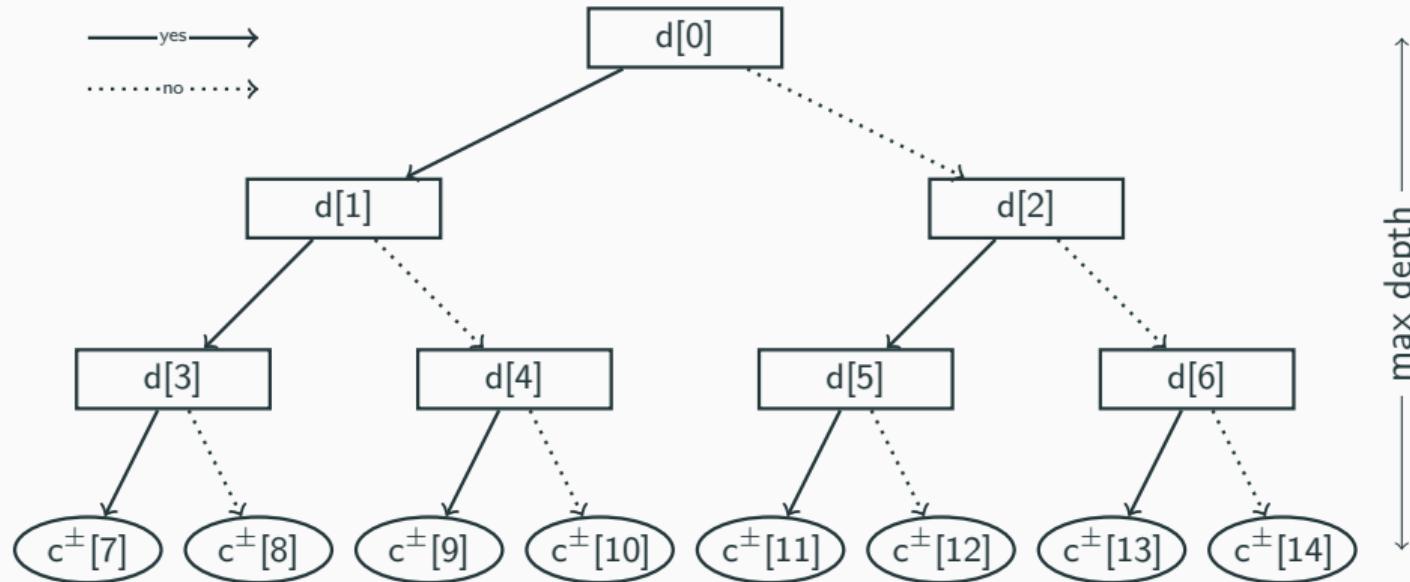


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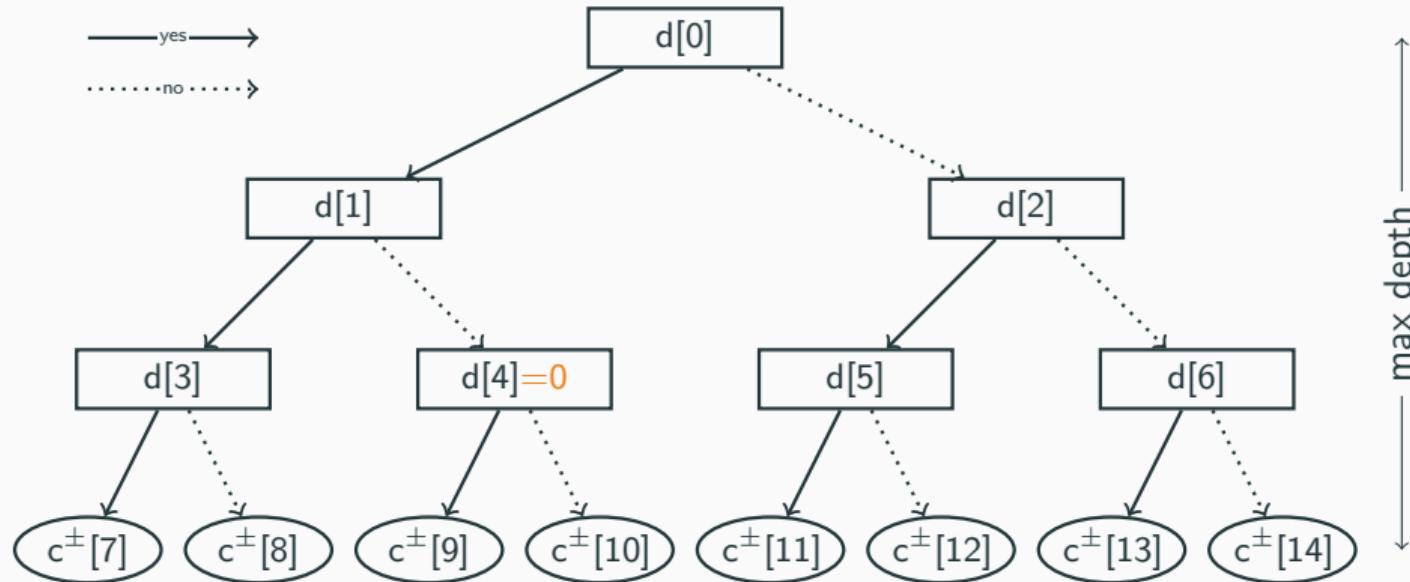
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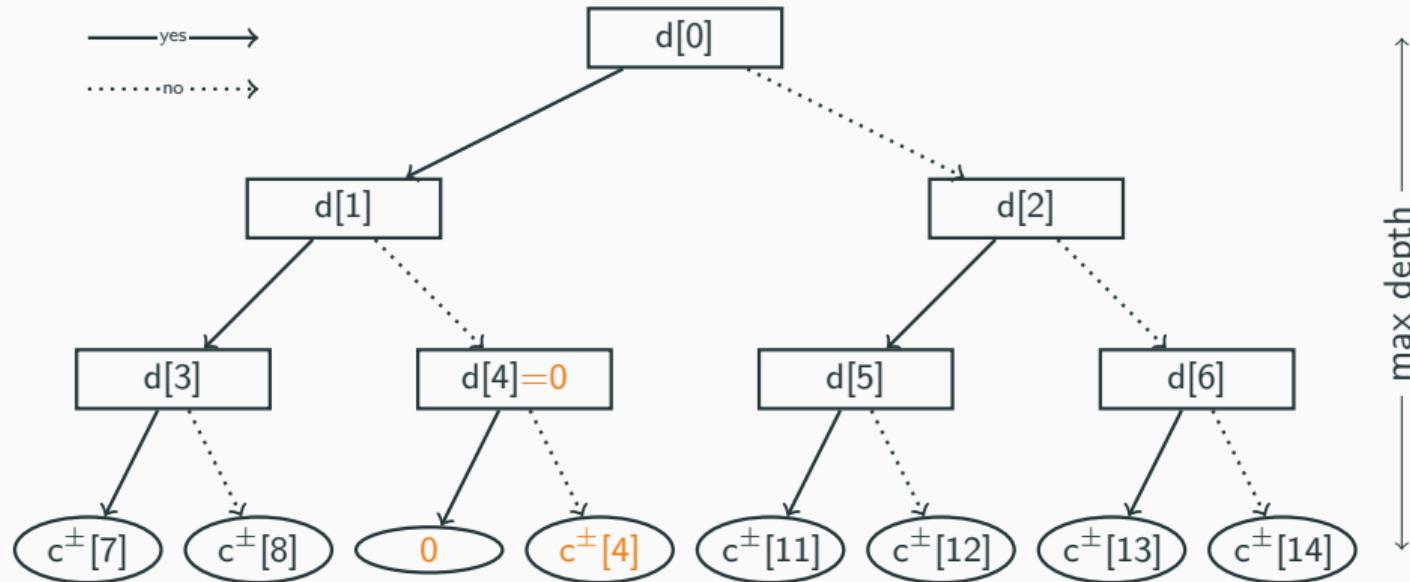
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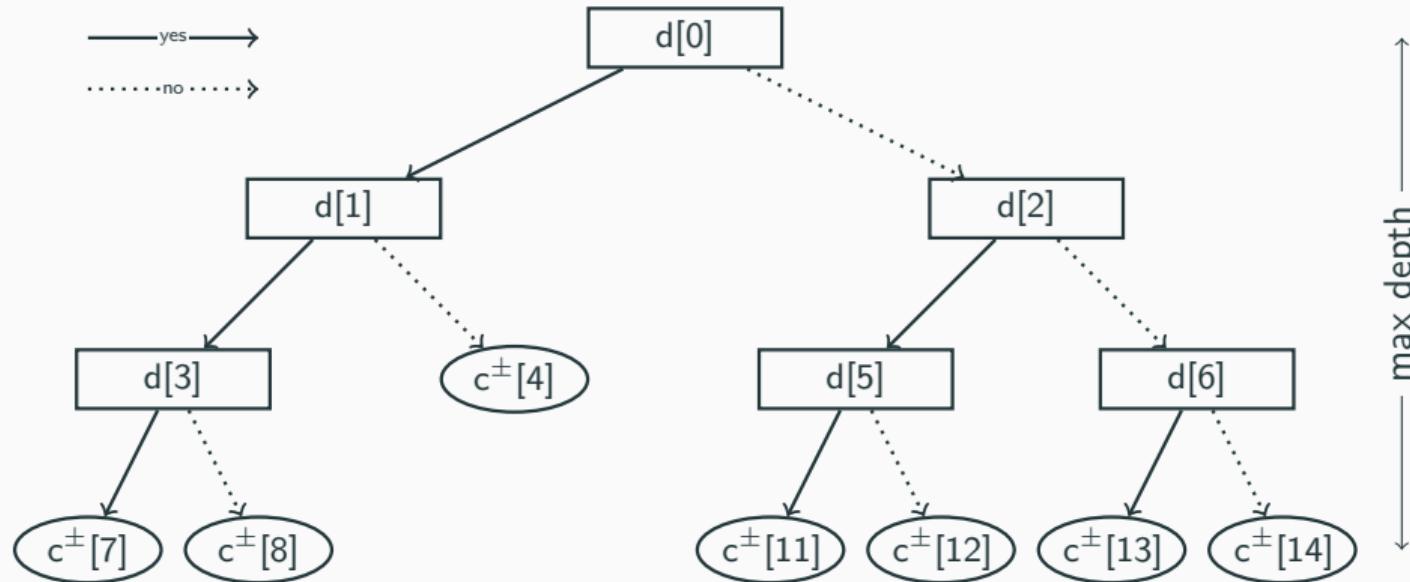
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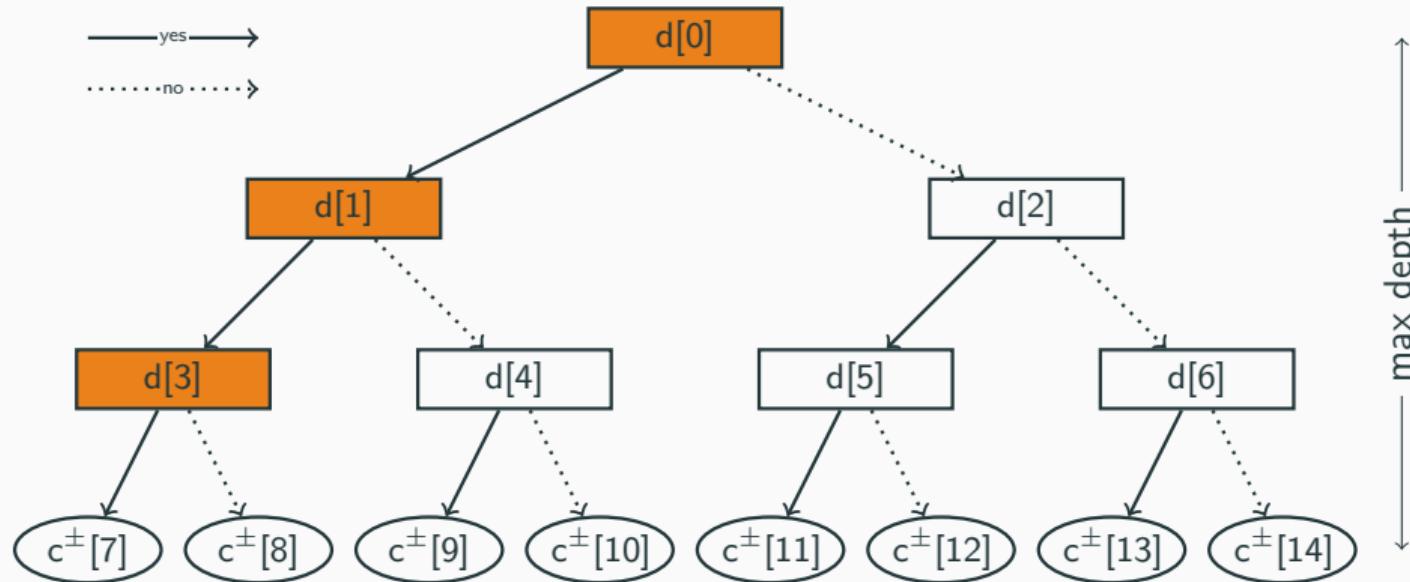
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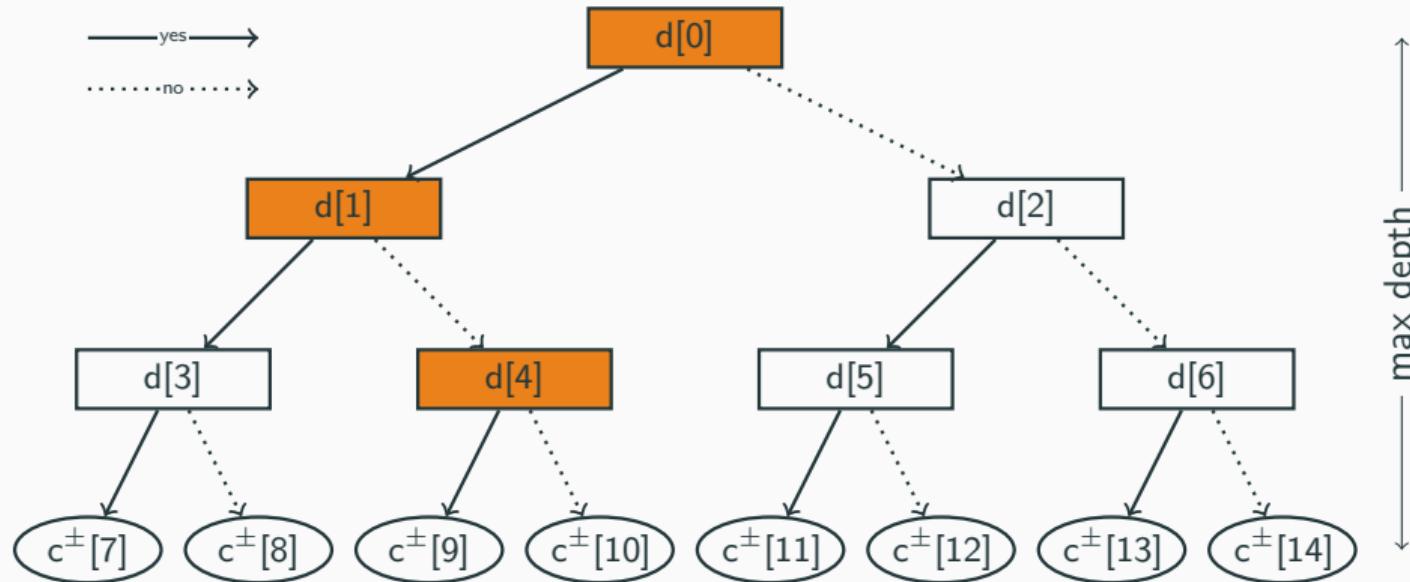
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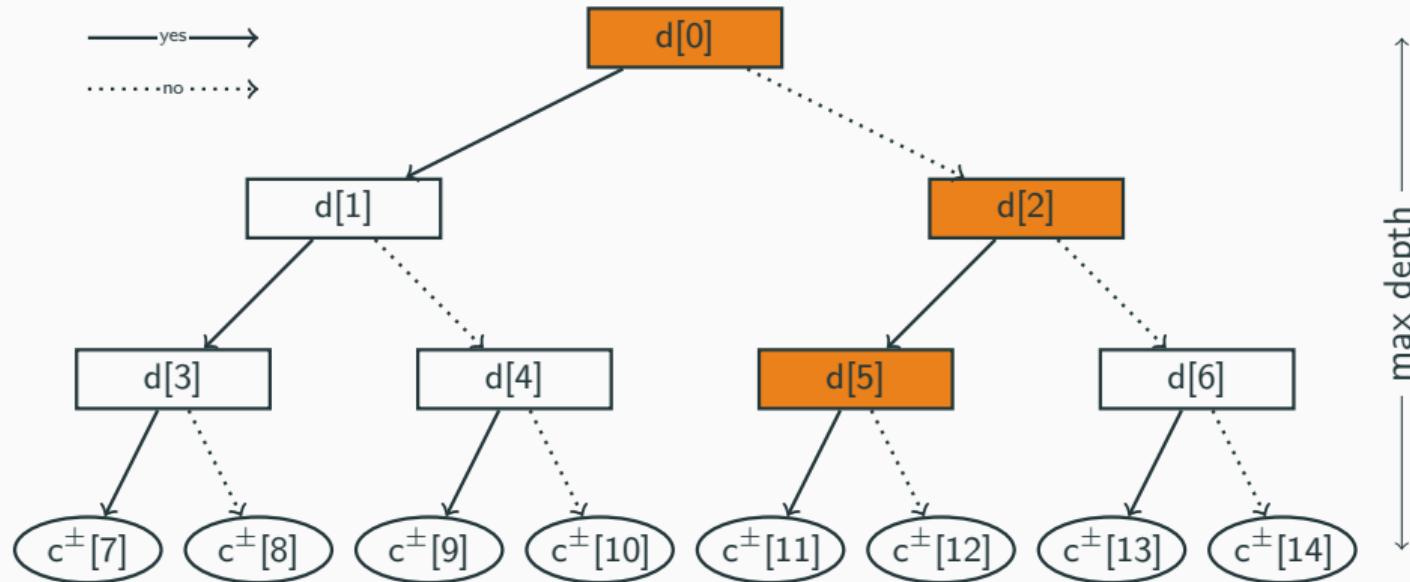
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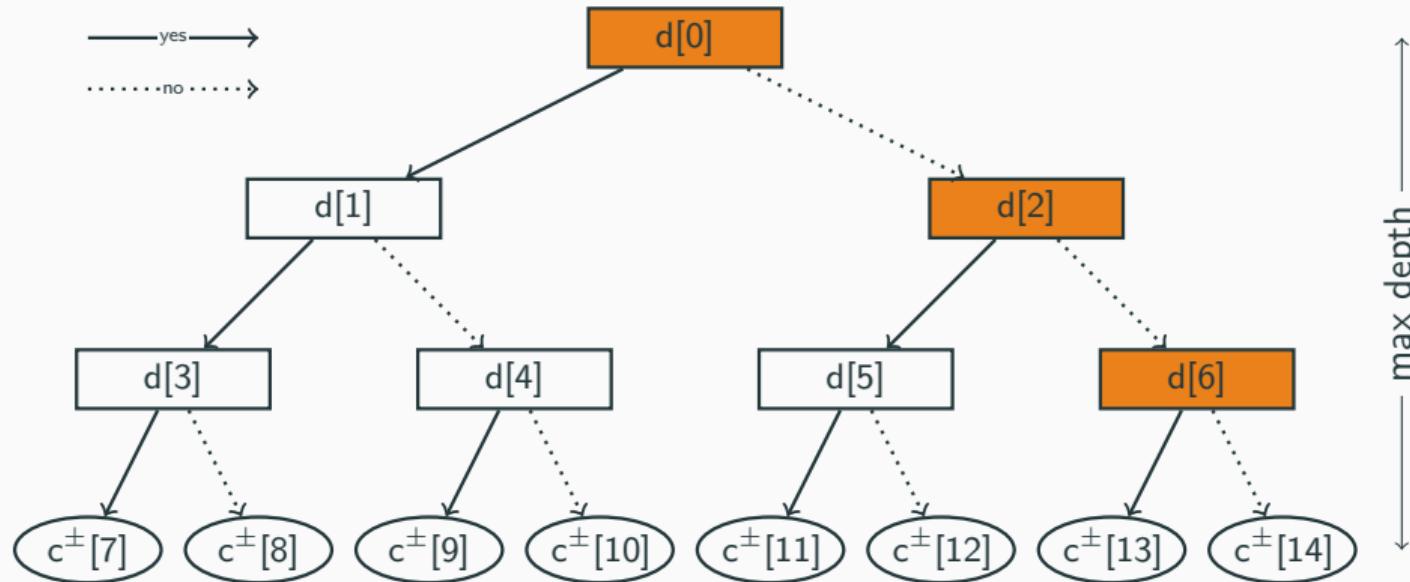
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- Dense representation
- No feature rejection

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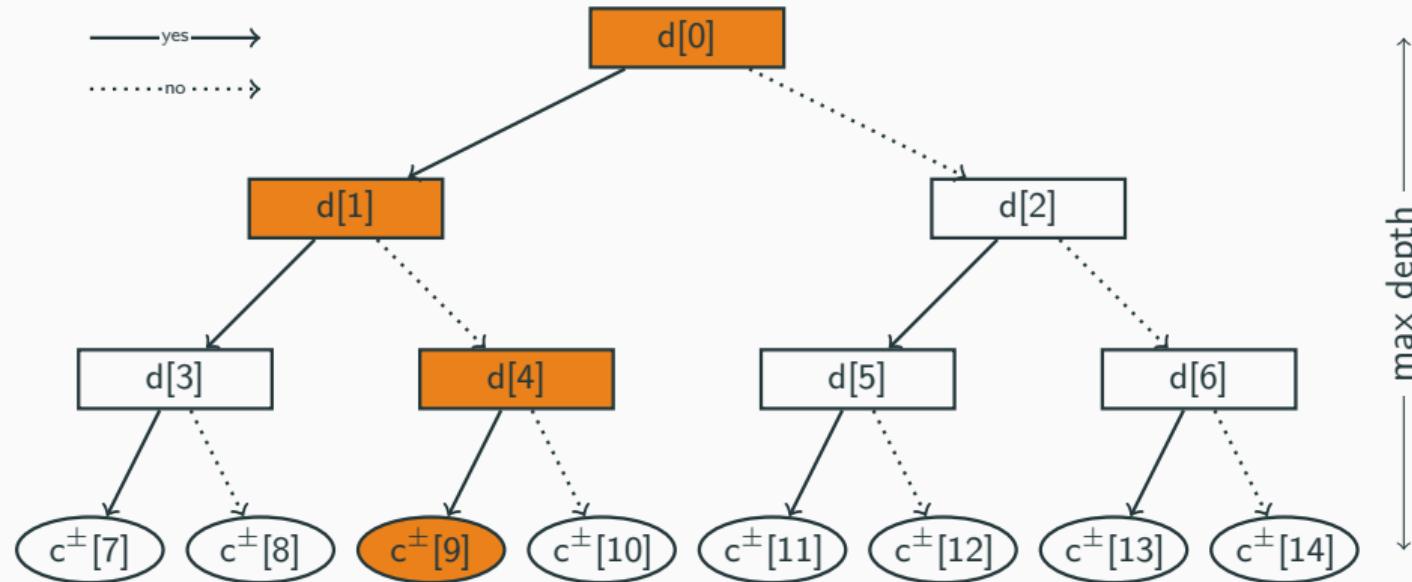
Features (Sparse)		Counter
y_1	y_2	
2	4	3

- Dense representation
- No feature rejection

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0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0
1	1	1	1

✓ Features (Sparse)		✗ Features (Sparse)		Counter
y_1	y_2	z_1		
2	4	3		1

- Dense representation
- No feature rejection

 $\text{Coversize}(\{d[0], d[4]\}, \{d[1]\}, c^+[9])$ $\text{Coversize}(\{d[0], d[4]\}, \{d[1]\}, c^-[9])$

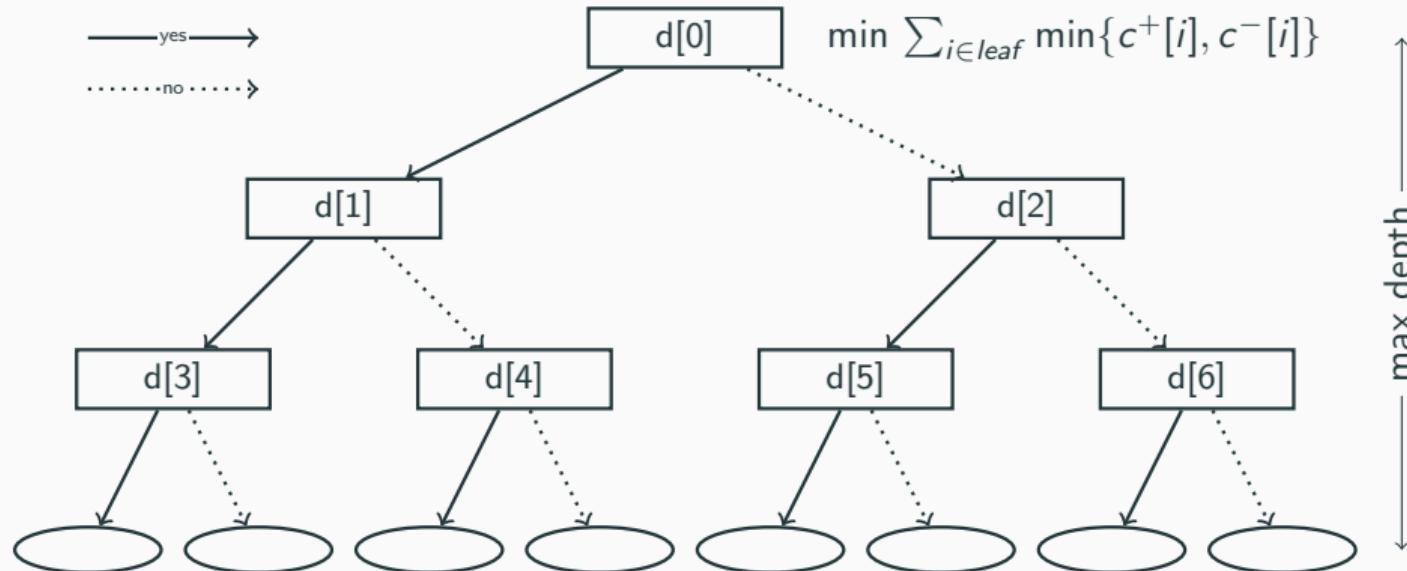
- constraints imposing minimum at leaf

$$c^+[i] + c^-[i] \geq N_{min}$$

- constraints avoiding useless decisions

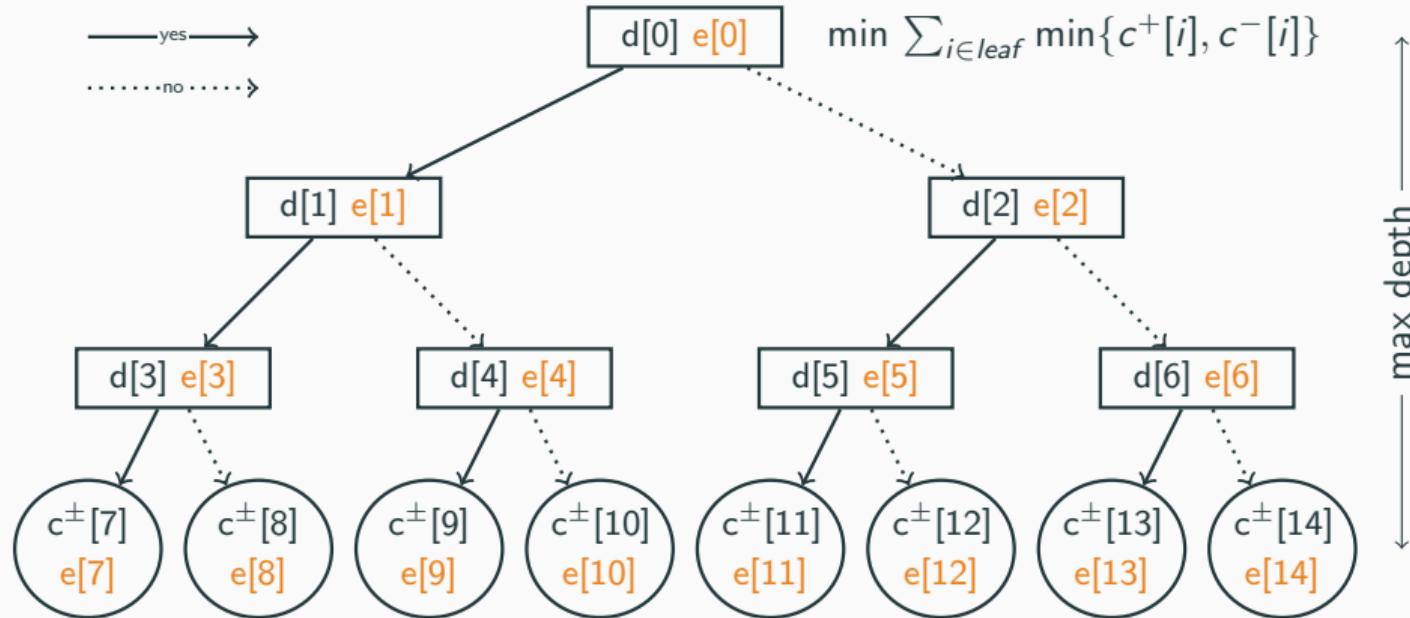


- redundant constraints improving speed



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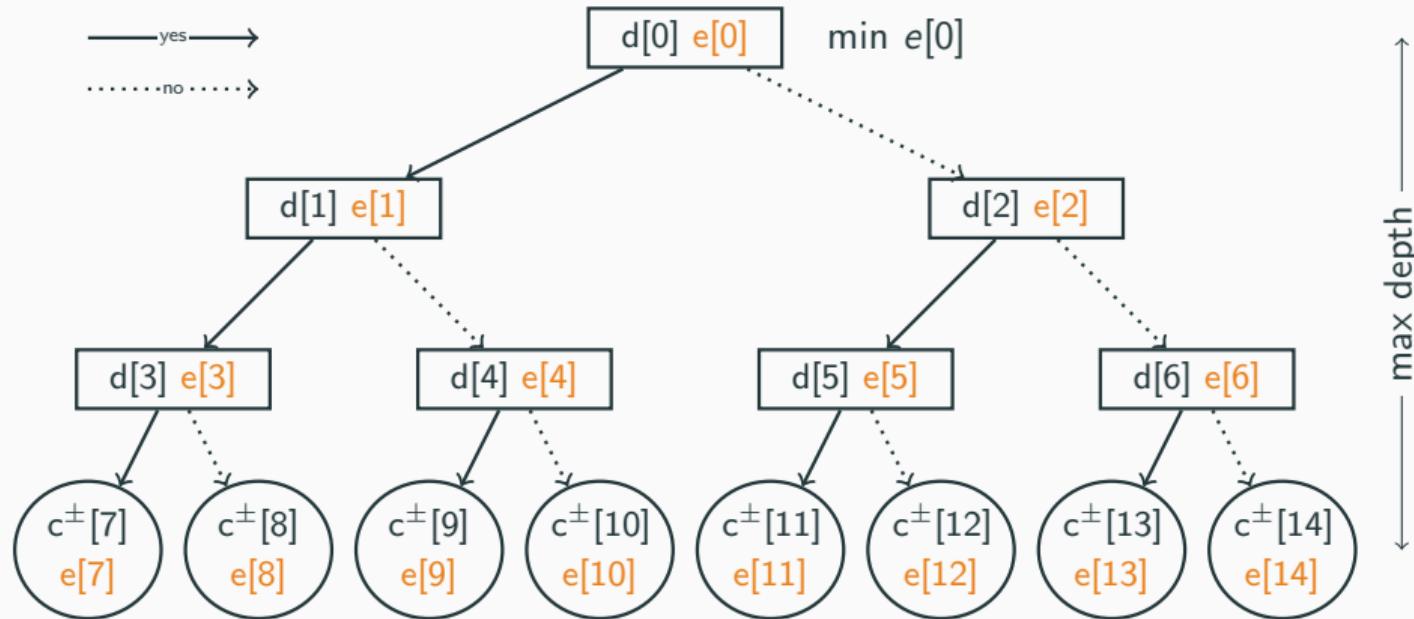
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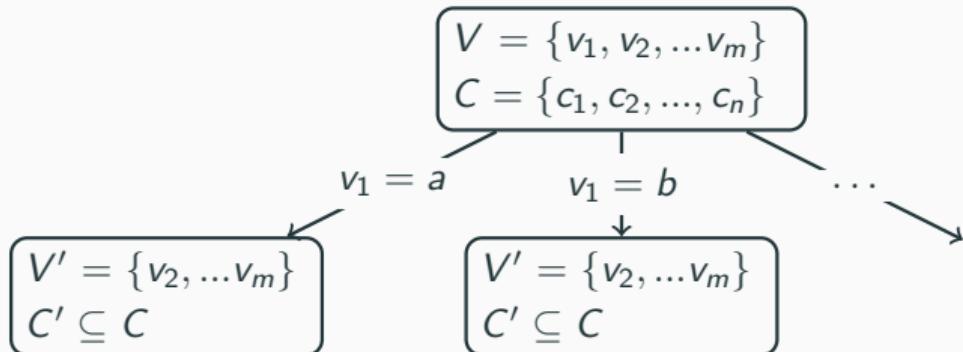
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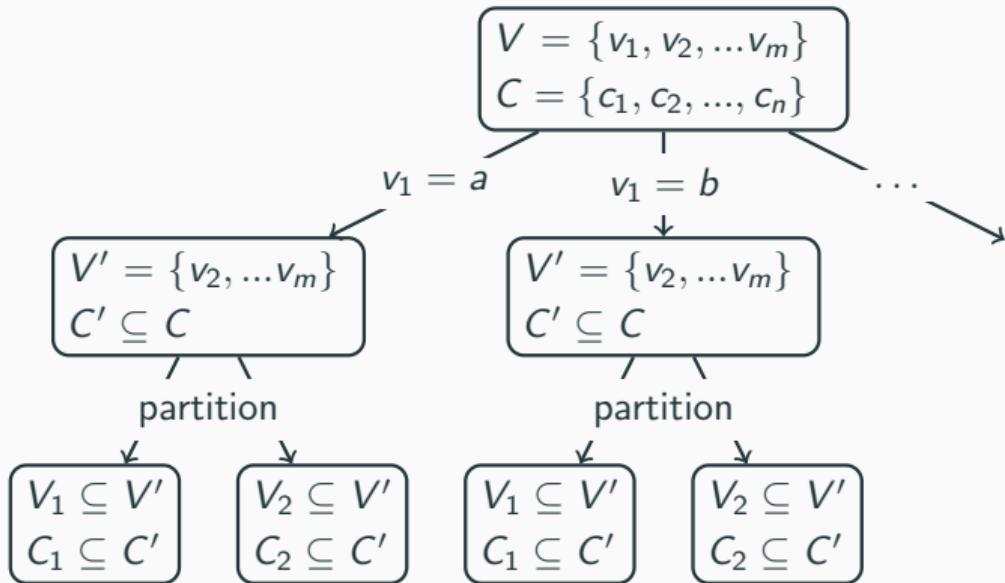
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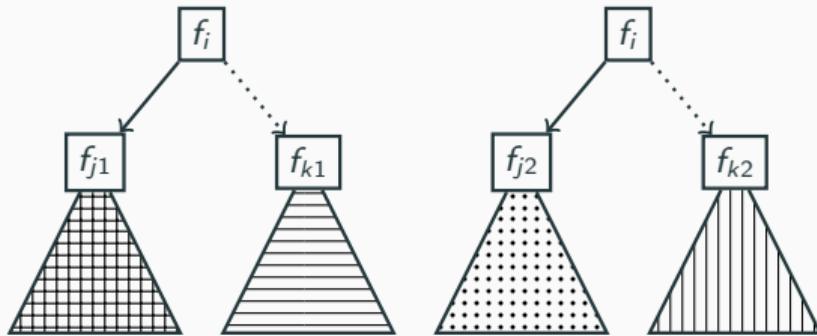
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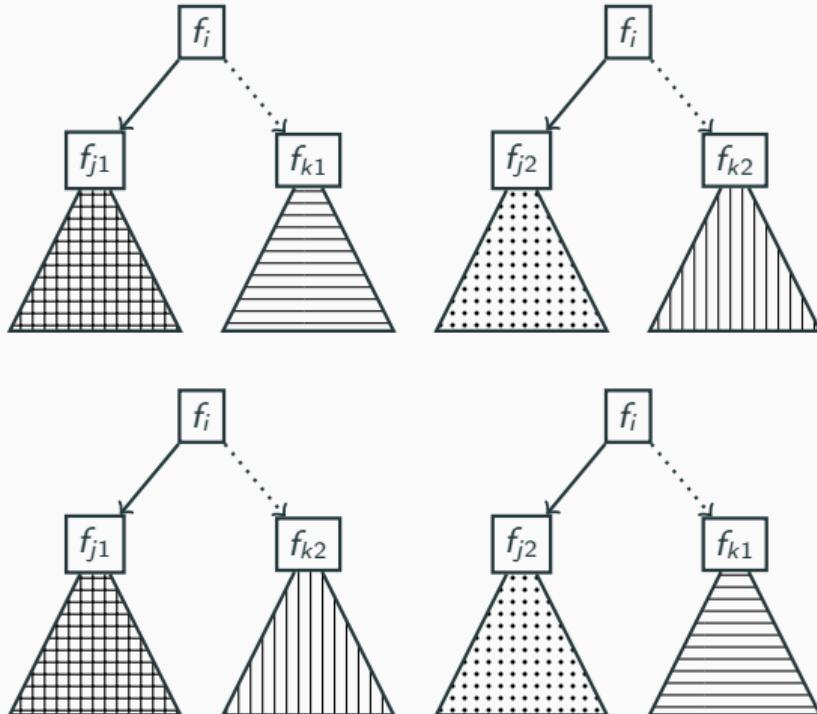


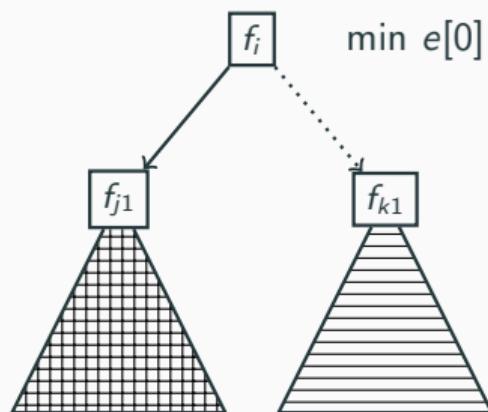
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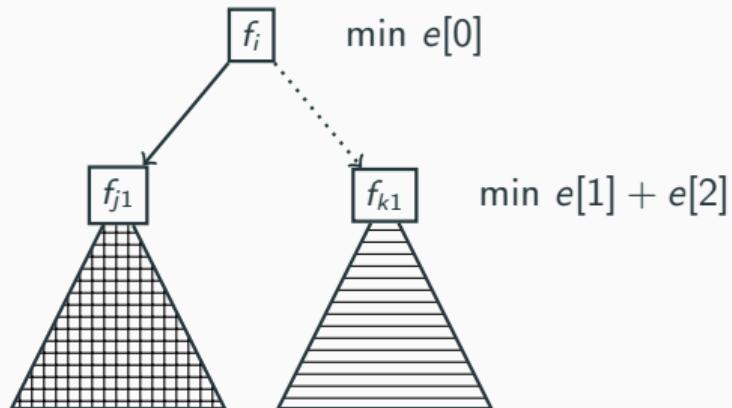
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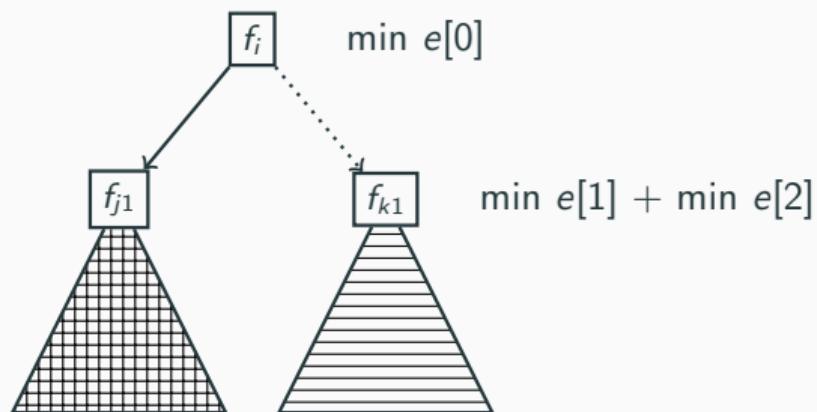
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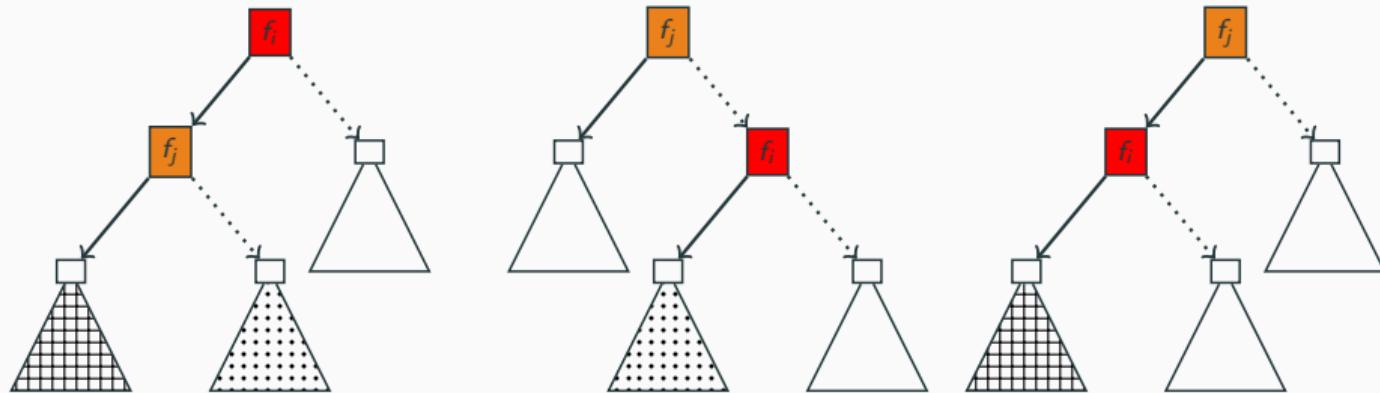


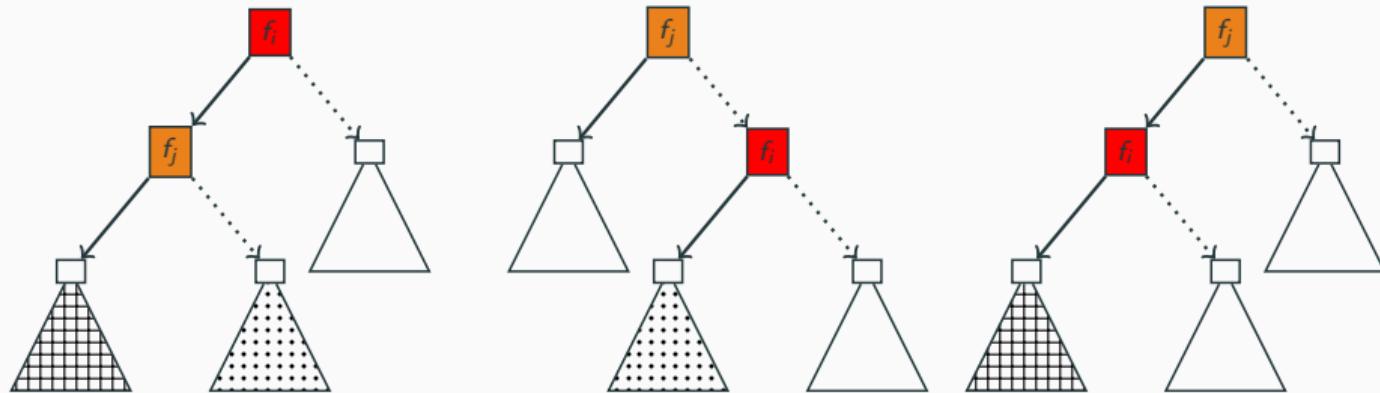












	yes	no	hash
	 		f_i, f_j-
	 		$f_i - f_j$

	$N_{\min} = 1$			$N_{\min} = 5$			
	DL8	BinOCT	CP	DL8	CP	CP-c	CP-m
Proven optimality	49(64%)	13(17%)	57(75%)	54(71%)	56(74%)	56(74%)	58(76%)
Best solution found	49(64%)	21(28%)	76(100%)	54(71%)	74(97%)	74(97%)	70(92%)
Fastest	23(30%)	11(14%)	49(64%)	28(37%)	40(53%)	33(43%)	22(29%)
Time out	27(36%)	63(83%)	19(25%)	22(29%)	21(28%)	21(28%)	19(25%)

23 instances, depths from 2 to 5, 10 min TO

DL8: Dynamic programming approach using frequent itemsets mining

BinOCT: MIP-based approach running on CPLEX

ML applied to CP: Learning Precedences with GNNs

Learning Precedences for Scheduling Problems with Graph Neural Networks

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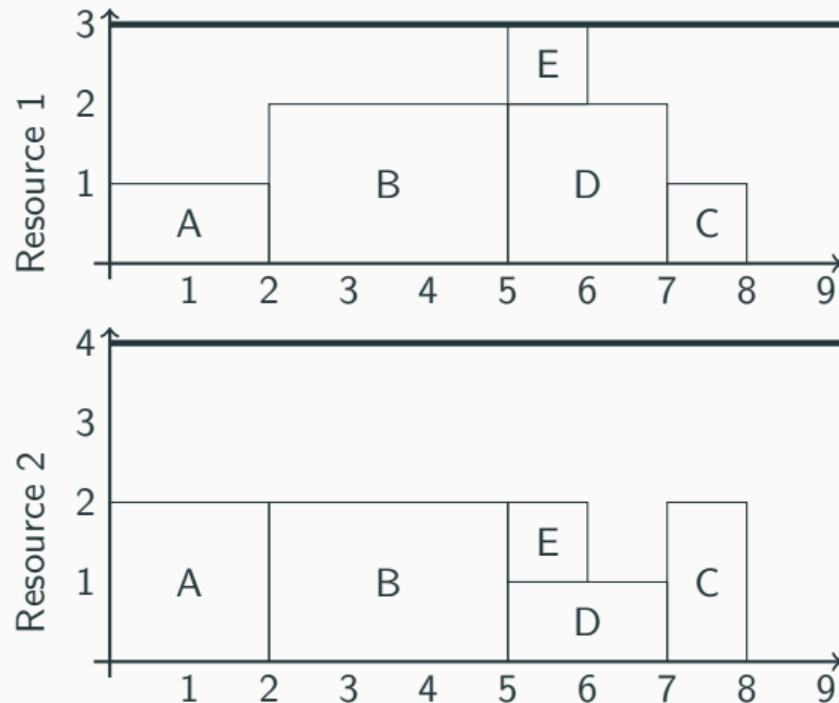
Abstract

The *resource constrained project scheduling problem* (RCPSP) consists of scheduling a finite set of resource-consuming tasks within a temporal horizon subject to resource capacities and precedence relations between pairs of tasks. It is \mathcal{NP} -hard and many techniques have been introduced to improve the efficiency of CP solvers to solve it. The problem is naturally represented as a directed graph, commonly referred to as the *precedence graph*, by linking pairs of tasks subject to a precedence.



Task	p_i	c_{ir_1}	c_{ir_2}	succ
A	2	1	2	B C D
B	3	2	2	E
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$C_{r_1} = 3$ and $C_{r_2} = 4$



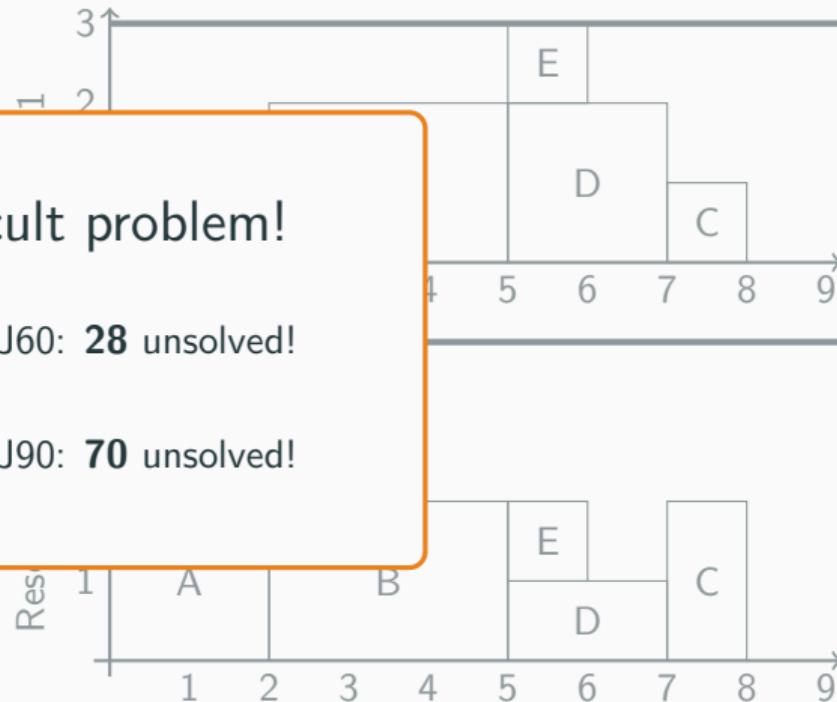
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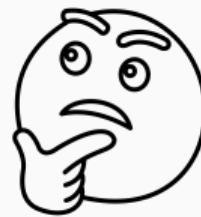
Difficult problem!

PSPlib J60: **28** unsolved!

PSPlib J90: **70** unsolved!



What if we had more information about the solution?

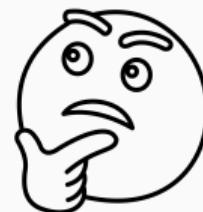


What if we had more information about the solution?



- Guide toward solution
- Reduce search space

How do I get more information about the solution?



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How about Machine Learning?
Can we learn to predict
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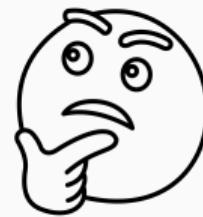
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Which ML tool?

Which information could be useful?



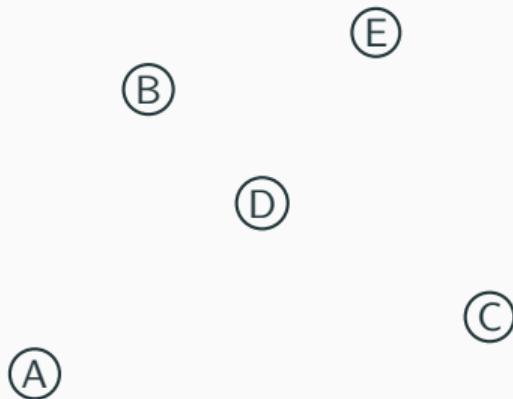
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Precedences between pairs of tasks

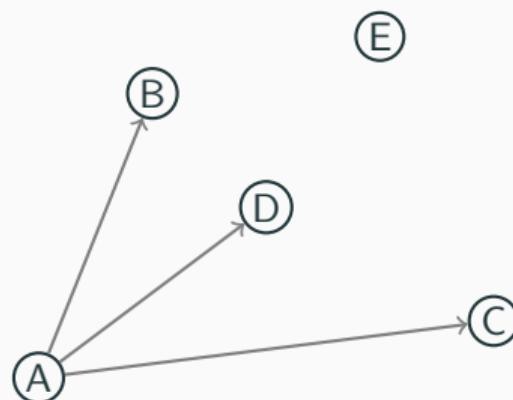
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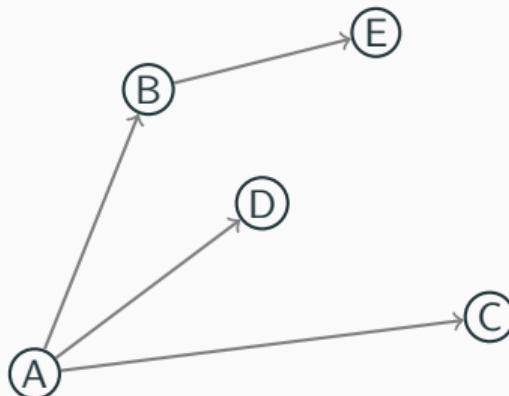
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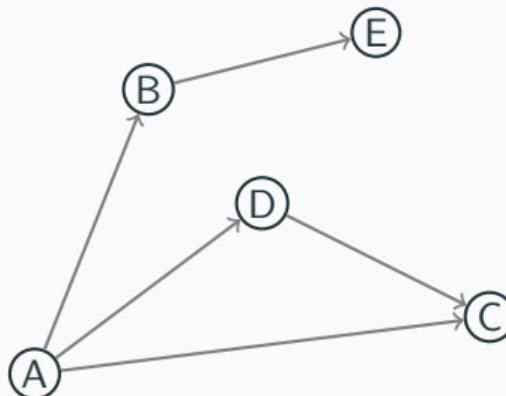
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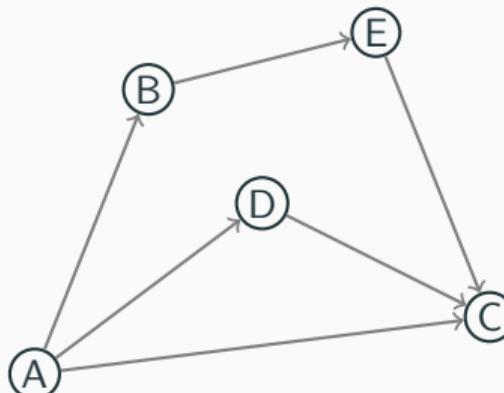
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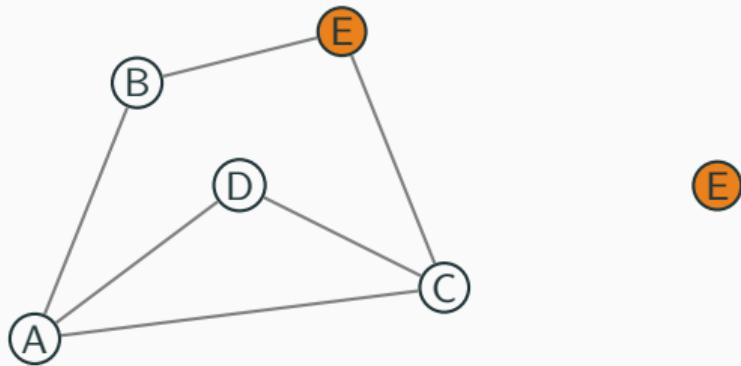
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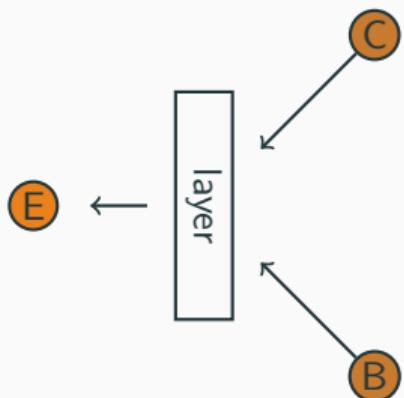
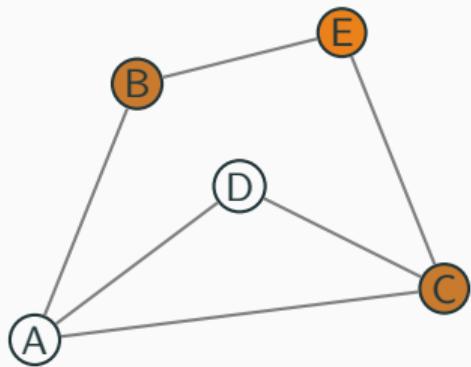


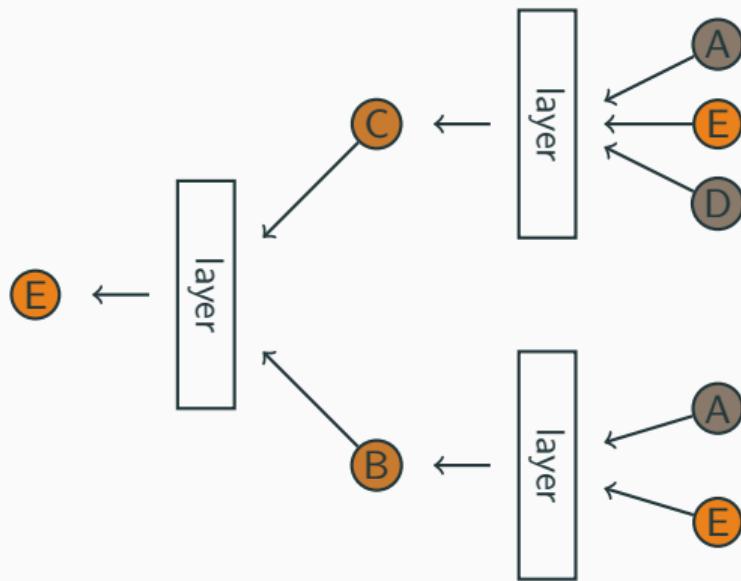
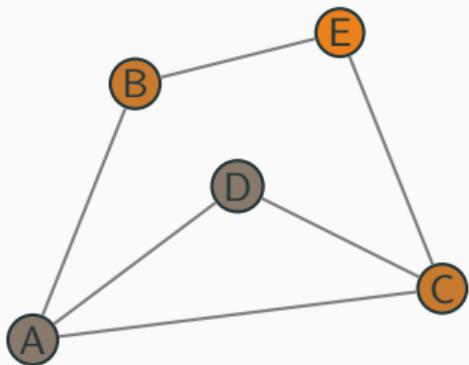
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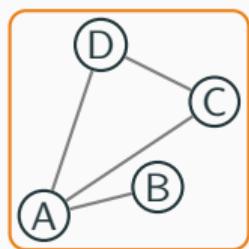
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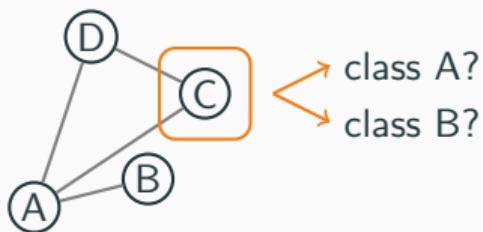






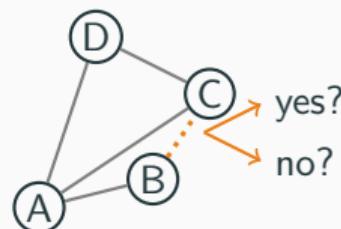
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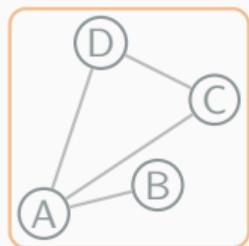
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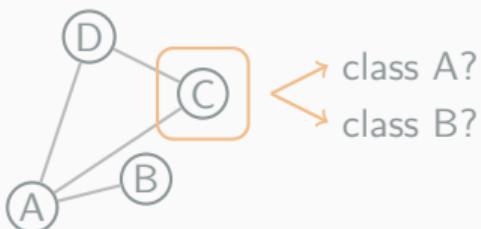
yes?
no?

Link prediction



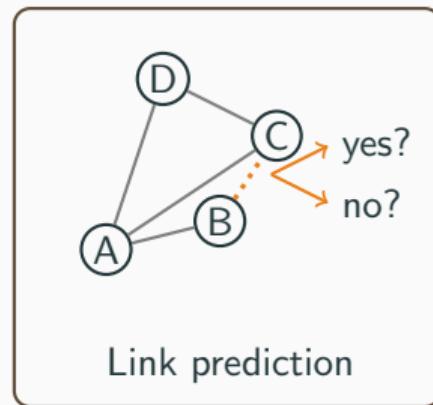
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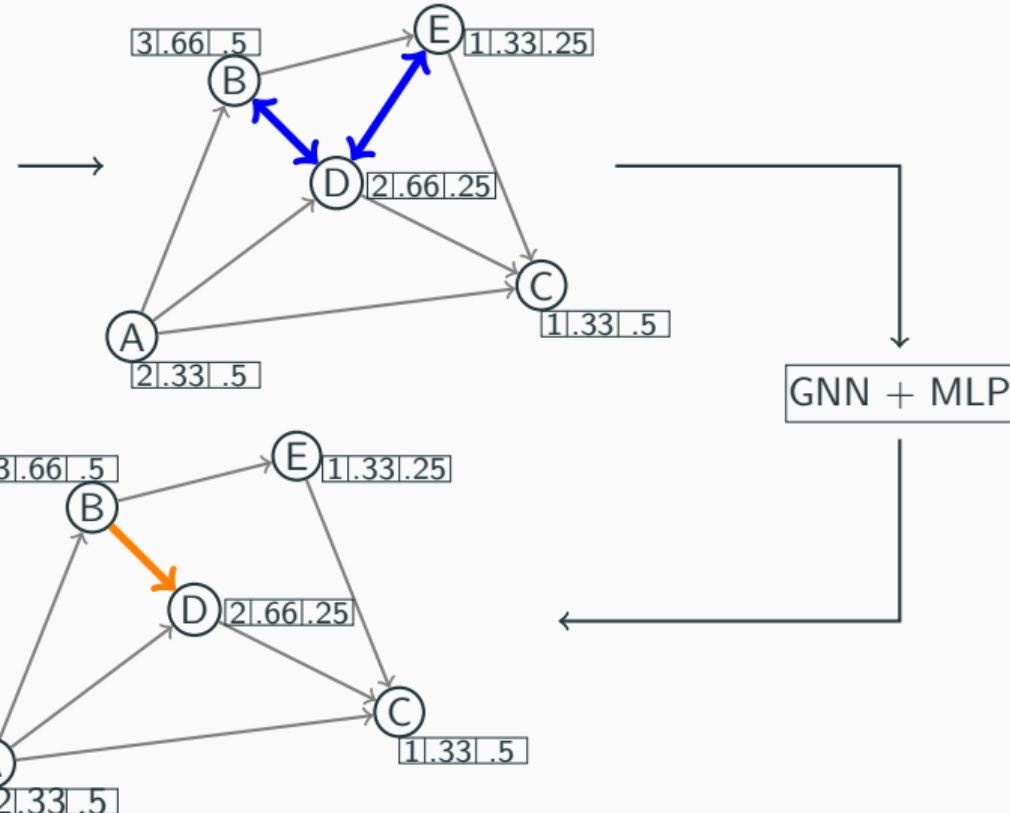
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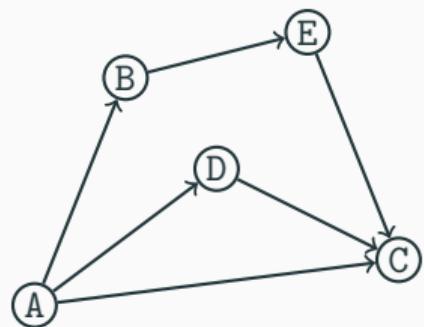
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Our method

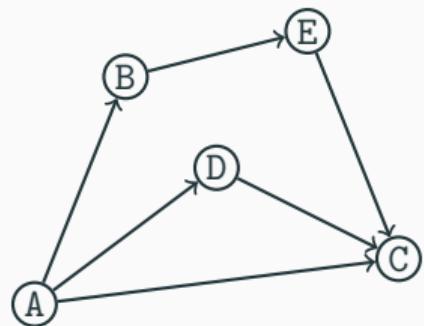
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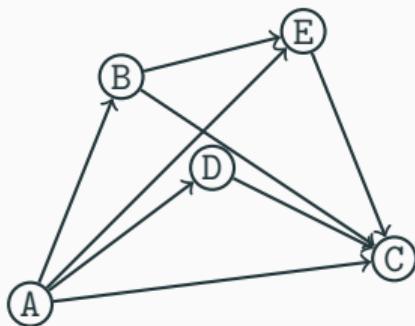
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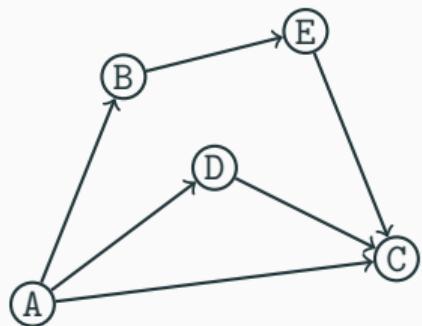


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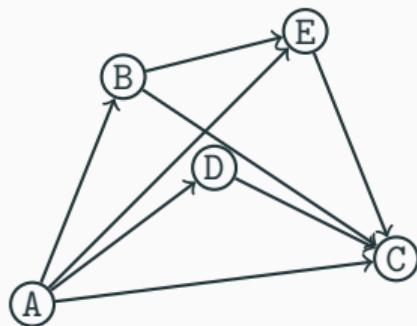


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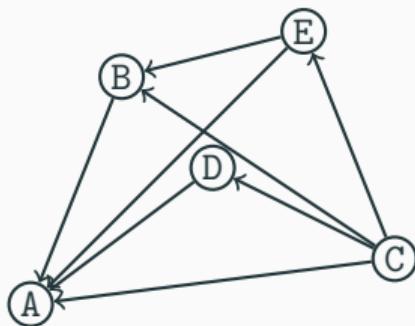
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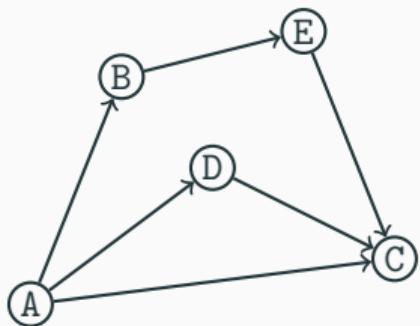


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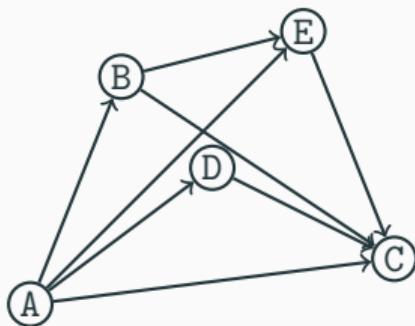


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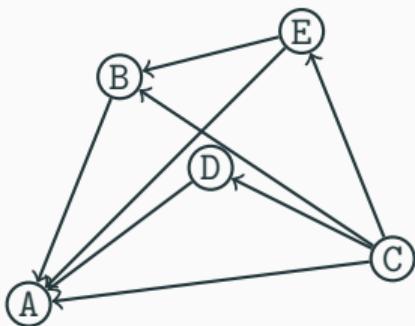
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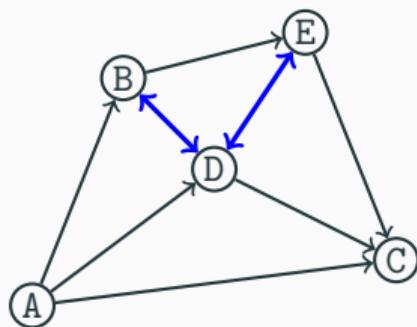
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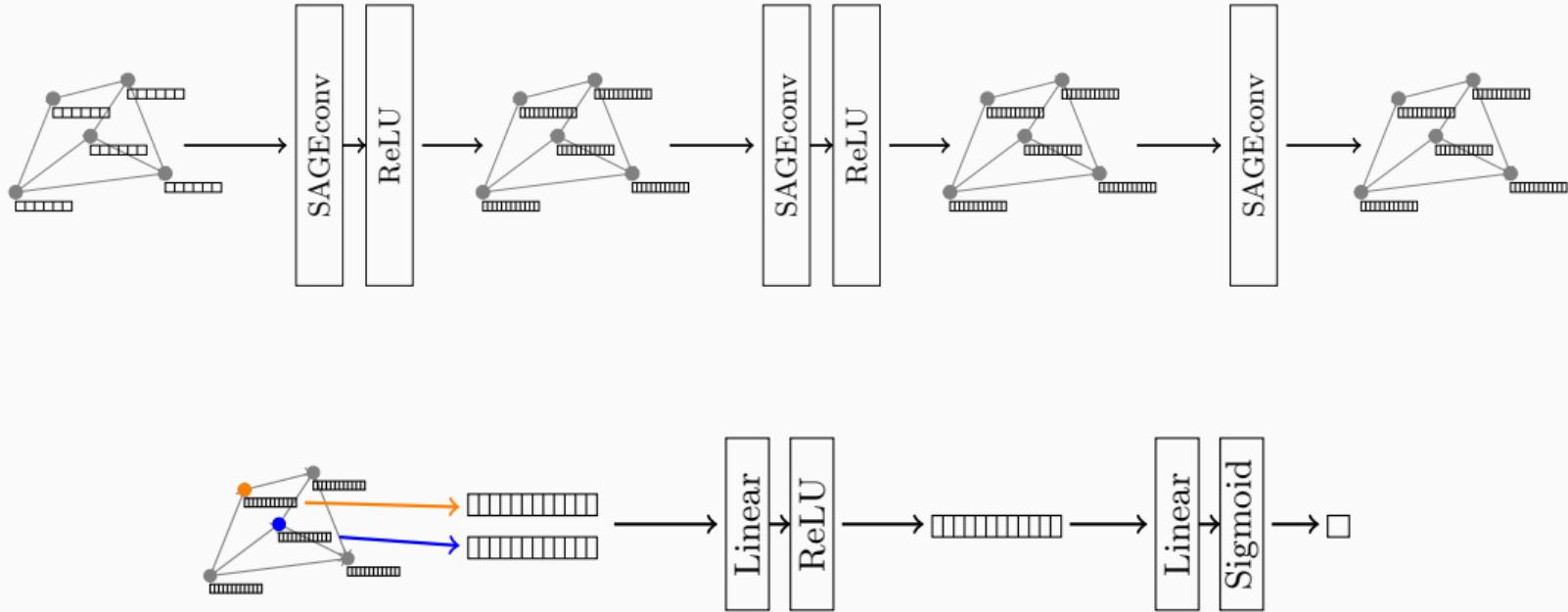


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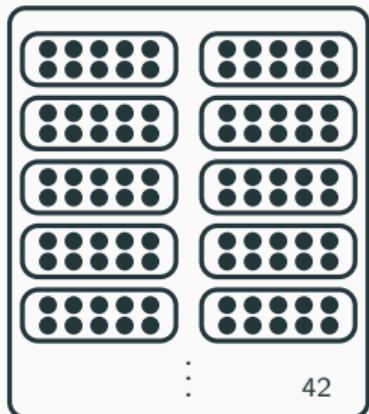
Additional precedences

- + reduces search space
- restriction of the problem

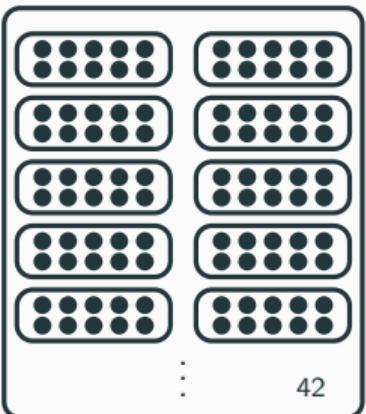
Ordering heuristic

- + preserve solutions
- static ordering are slower

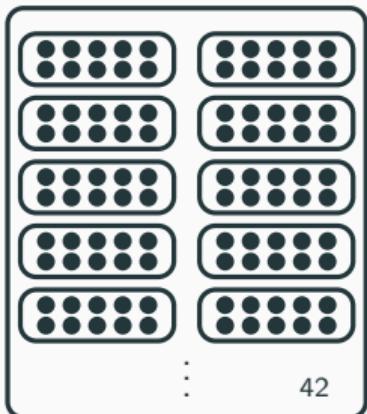
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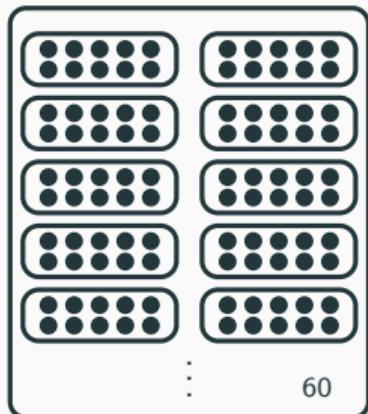
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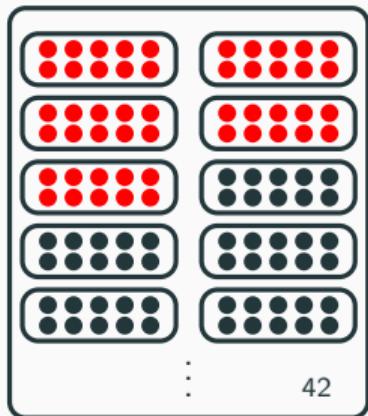
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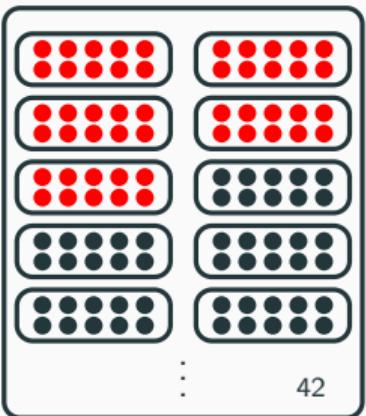
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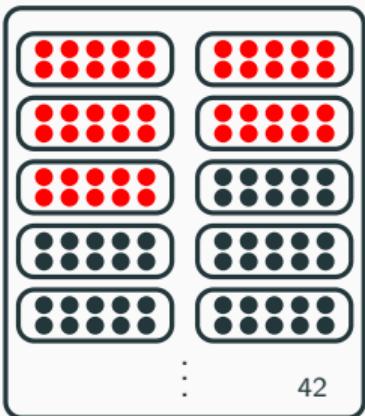
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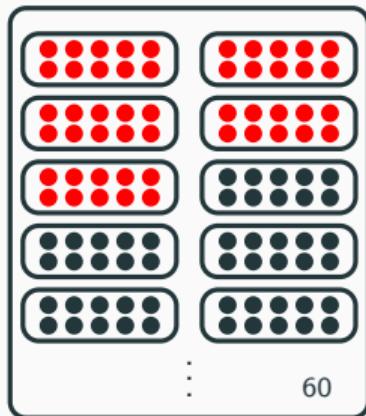
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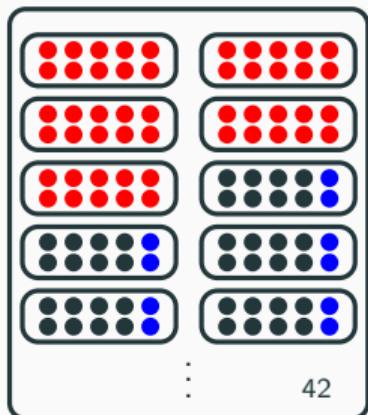


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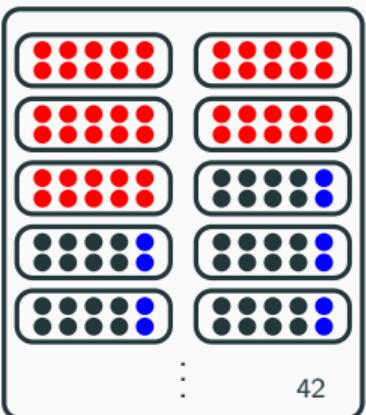


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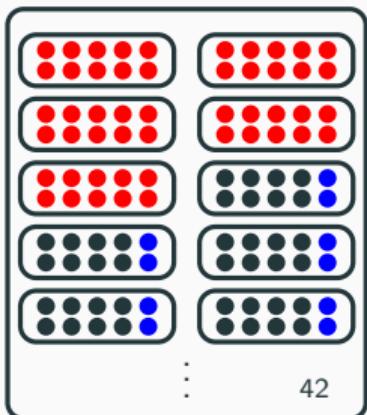
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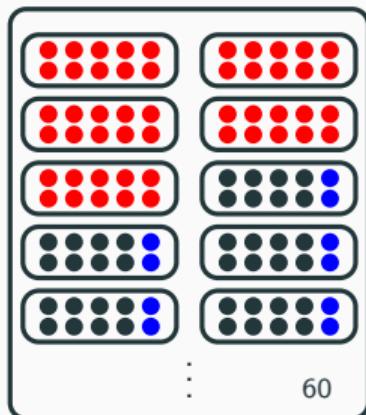
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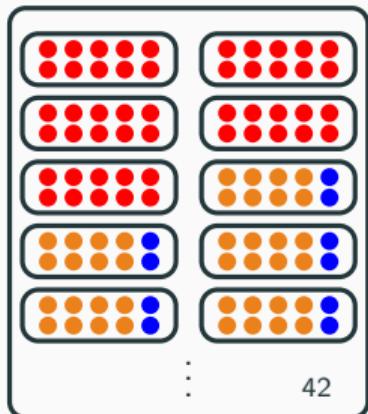
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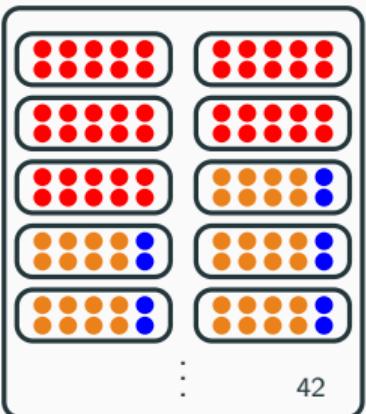
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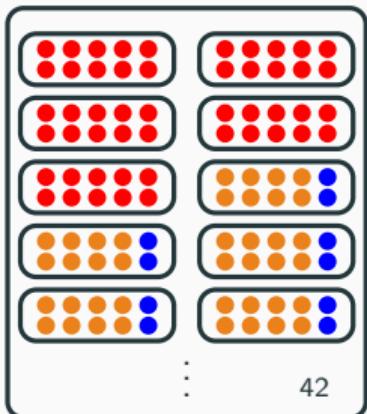
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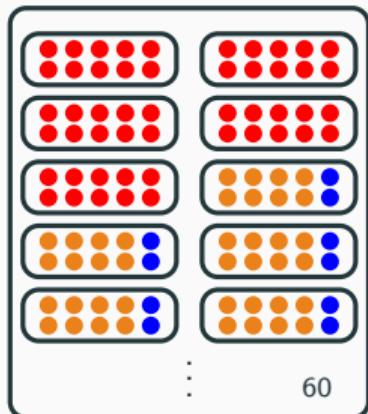
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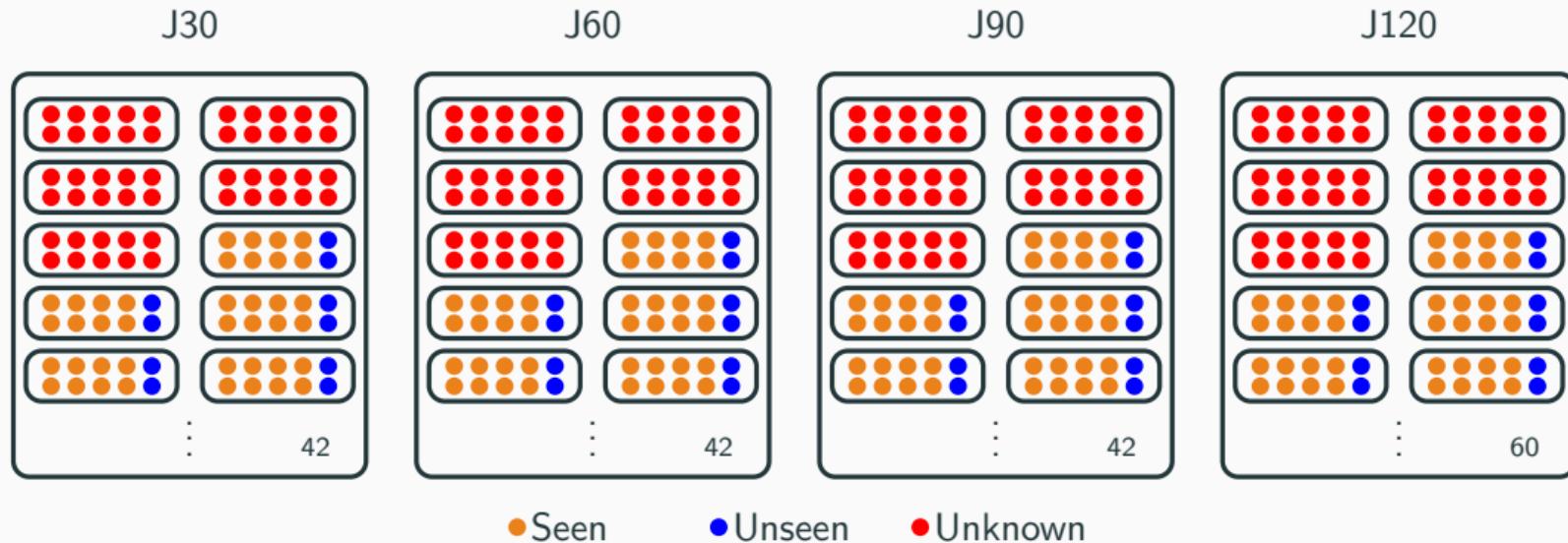
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- solutions at 1h time out
 - 10-fold cross validation
 - chuffed solver
- two CP models:
 - one with early task first heuristic
 - one with sbps/vsids search heuristic

Quality of the training set

	Model A ("without")				Model B ("with")			
	f1	prec	rec	tn	f1	prec	rec	tn
SEEN _{J120}	0.79	0.89	0.71	0.91	0.71	0.82	0.62	0.87
UNSEEN _{J120}	0.78	0.89	0.70	0.92	0.71	0.83	0.62	0.87
UNKNOWN _{J120}	0.80	0.90	0.72	0.92	0.72	0.84	0.64	0.87
ALL _{J120}	0.79	0.89	0.71	0.91	0.71	0.83	0.62	0.87

	Predictions used as constraints				Predictions used for ordering			
	to=1s	to=1m	to=10m	to=1h	to=1s	to=1m	to=10m	to=1h
Model A	411/163	108/454	24/533	28/526	413/45	172/39	6/25	1/13
Model B	419/152	125/386	26/469	34/459	433/26	179/25	8/17	2/8

Setting: Training on $\leq J120$ instances generated with or without vsids/sbps; evaluation on $J120$ instances, with vsids/sbps

	Model A ("without")				Model B ("with")			
	f1	prec	rec	tn	f1	prec	rec	tn
SEEN _{J120}					62	0.87		
UNSEEN _{J120}					62	0.87		
UNKNOWN _{J120}					64	0.87		
ALL _{J120}					62	0.87		
	t							
Model A	41							
Model B	41							

Takeaway: Use best training set

Worse training metrics

Better use metrics

Setting: Training on $\leq J120$ instances generated with or without vsids/sbps; evaluation on $J120$ instances, with vsids/sbps

	<i>f1</i>	<i>prec</i>	<i>rec</i>	<i>tn</i>
SEEN _{J120}	0.72	0.82	0.64	0.86
UNSEEN _{J120}	0.72	0.83	0.64	0.87
UNKNOWN _{J120}	0.73	0.83	0.65	0.87
ALL _{J120}	0.72	0.83	0.64	0.87

	Predictions used as constraints				Predictions used for ordering			
	1s	1m	10m	1h	1s	1m	10m	1h
$\leq J120$ train	419/152	125/386	26/469	34/459	433/26	179/25	8/17	2/8
$\leq J60$ train	421/141	119/398	27/484	35/481	430/17	187/18	6/10	1/4

Setting: Training on $\leq J60$ instances; evaluation on J120 instances, with vsids/sbps

	$f1$	$prec$	rec	tn
SEEN _{J120}	0.72	0.82	0.64	0.86

Takeaway: very good generalization

Equivalent training metrics

Equivalent use metrics

	1s
$\leq J120$ train	419/1
$\leq J60$ train	421/1

sed for ordering	10m	1h
8/17	2/8	
6/10	1/4	

Setting: Training on $\leq J60$ instances; evaluation on $J120$ instances, with vsids/sbps

Sol 1

Sol 1

Sol 2

Sol 3

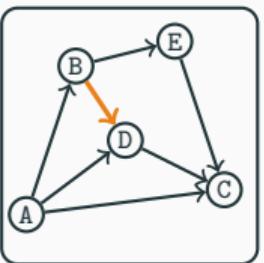
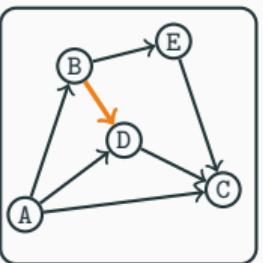
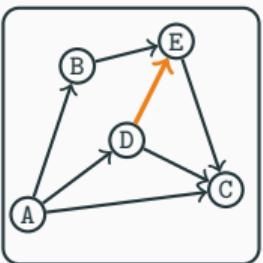
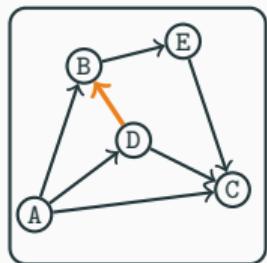
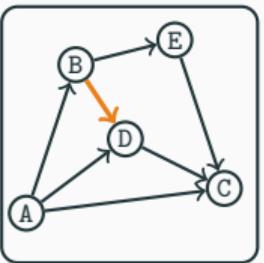
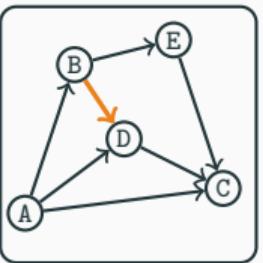
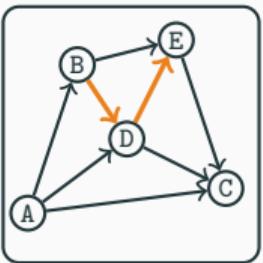
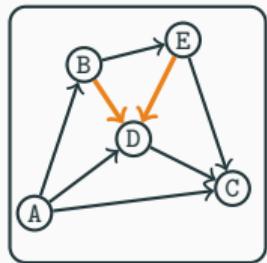
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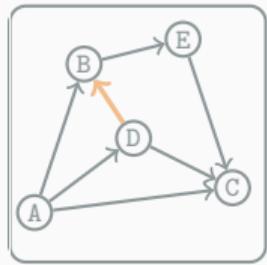
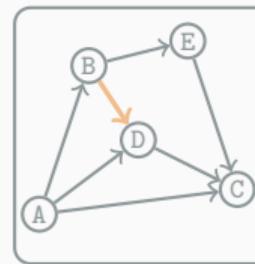
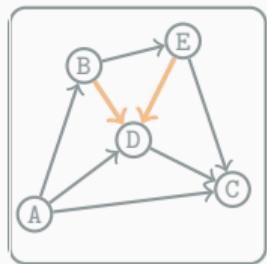
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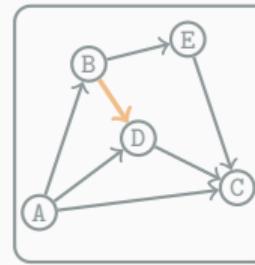
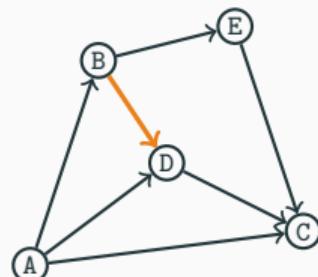


B → D : 75%

B ← D : 12,5%

D → E : 25%

D ← E : 12,5%



	f1	prec	rec	tn
ALL _{J30}	0.67	0.80	0.57	0.86
ALL _{J60}	0.68	0.79	0.59	0.84
ALL _{J90}	0.67	0.78	0.59	0.83
ALL _{J120}	0.72	0.83	0.64	0.87

	Predictions used as constraints				Predictions used for ordering			
	1s	1m	10m	1h	1s	1m	10m	1h
1-sol	421/141	119/398	27/484	35/481	430/17	187/18	6/10	1/4
Aggregate	436/108	154/332	46/427	48/424	451/0	193/1	7/2	0/2

Setting: Training on $\leq J60$ instances, with aggregate of up to 100 solutions (70% threshold); evaluation on J120 instances, with vsids/sbps

	f1	prec	rec	tn
ALL _{J30}	0.67	0.80	0.57	0.86
ALL _{J60}	0.68	0.79	0.59	0.84

Takeaway: More useful precedences

	1s
1-sol Aggregate	421/14 436/10

Equivalent training metrics

Improved use metrics

ed for ordering	10m	1h
6/10	1/4	
7/2	0/2	

Setting: Training on $\leq J60$ instances, with aggregate of up to 100 solutions (70% threshold); evaluation on $J120$ instances, with vsids/sbps



- Solver independent solution
- Good learning capabilities
- Very good generalization, allowing easier dataset generation
- Noise reduction when training on aggregate solutions
- Better earlier solutions

Conclusion

- Hybridization is beneficial
- Opens up a lot of new approaches for solving problems
- Allows to benefit from the best of both families of methods

Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

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