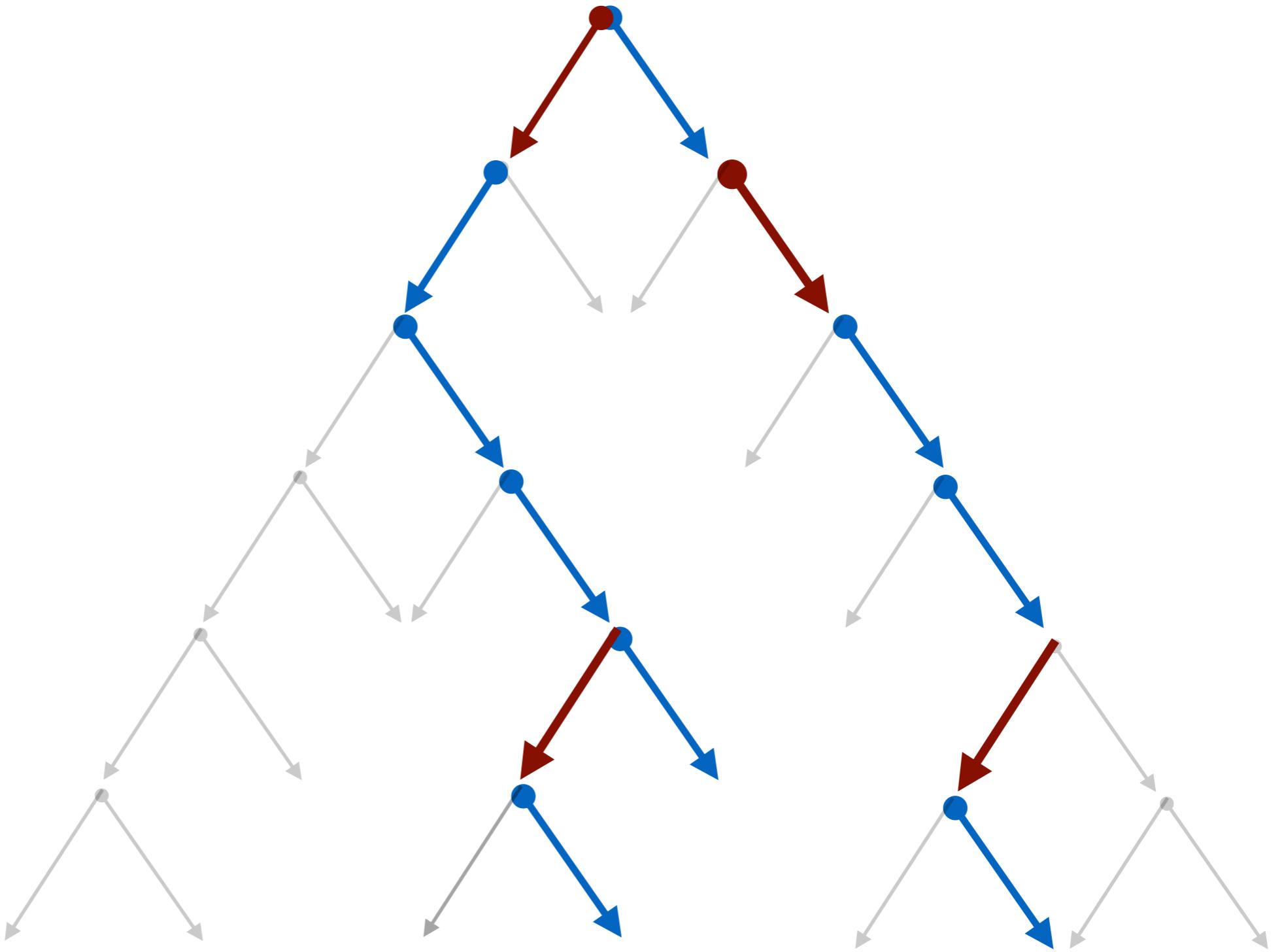


Combinatorial Search (SAT and ILP)

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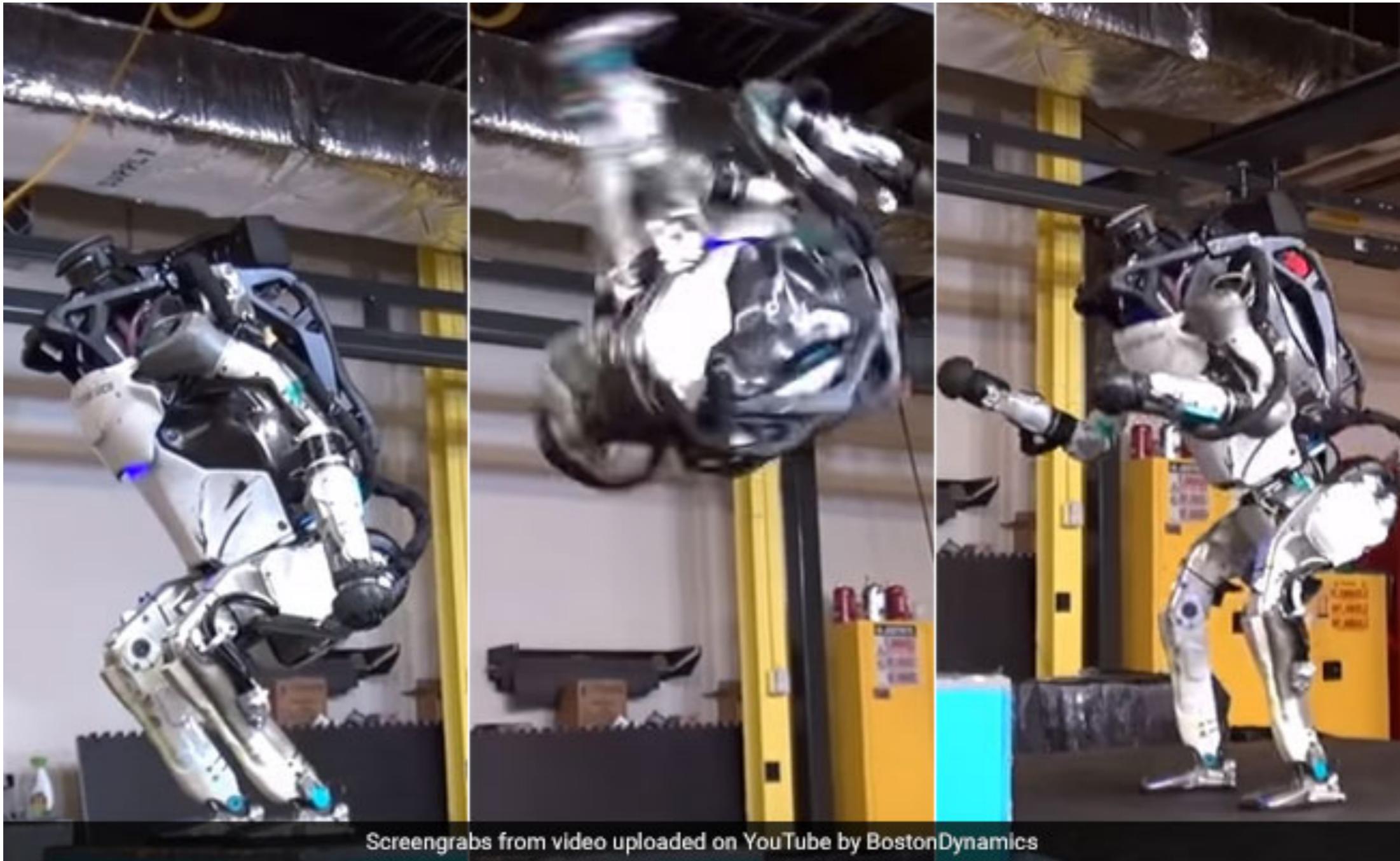
Constraint Solving



What to do for very large dimensions?

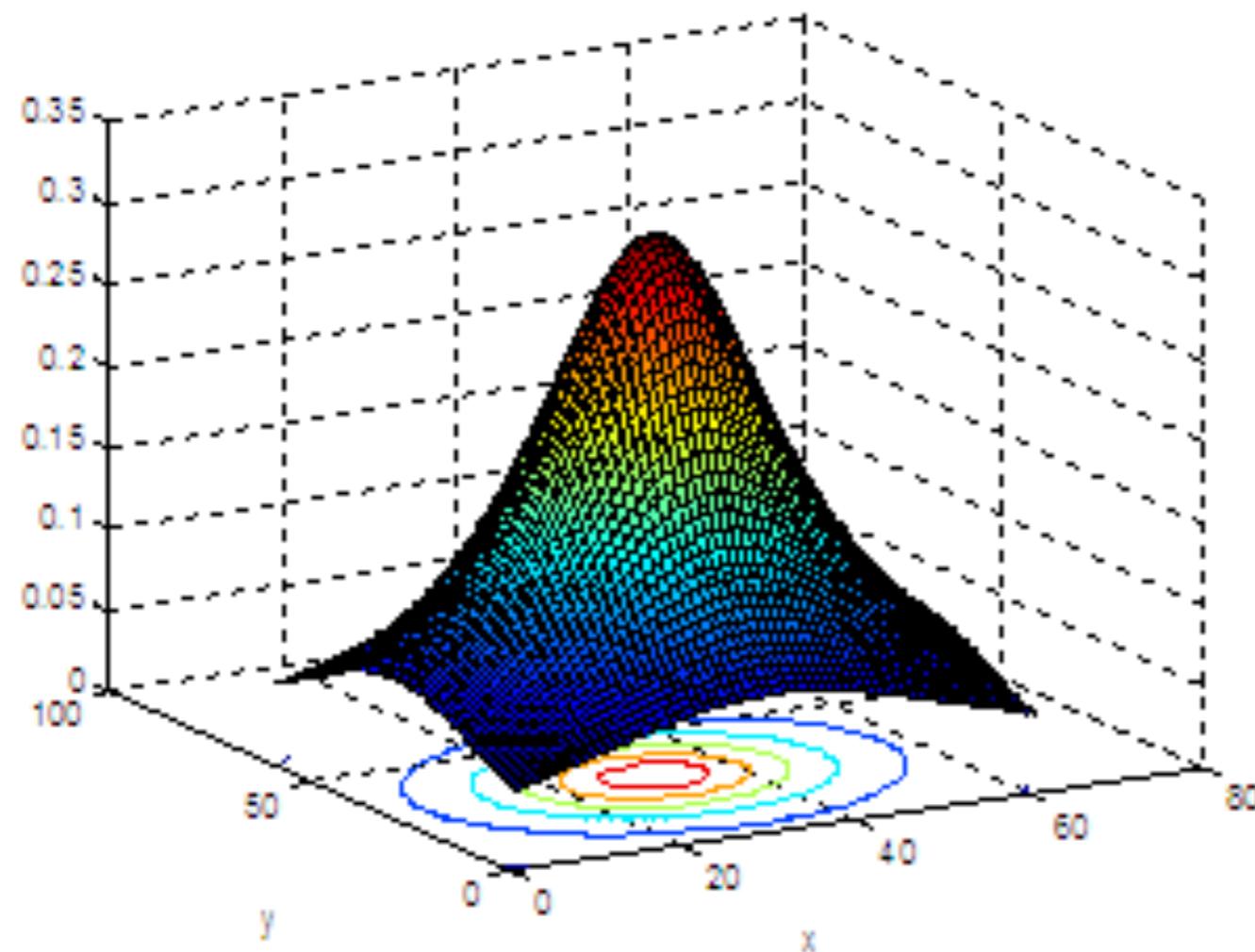


Or in an infinite space of states?



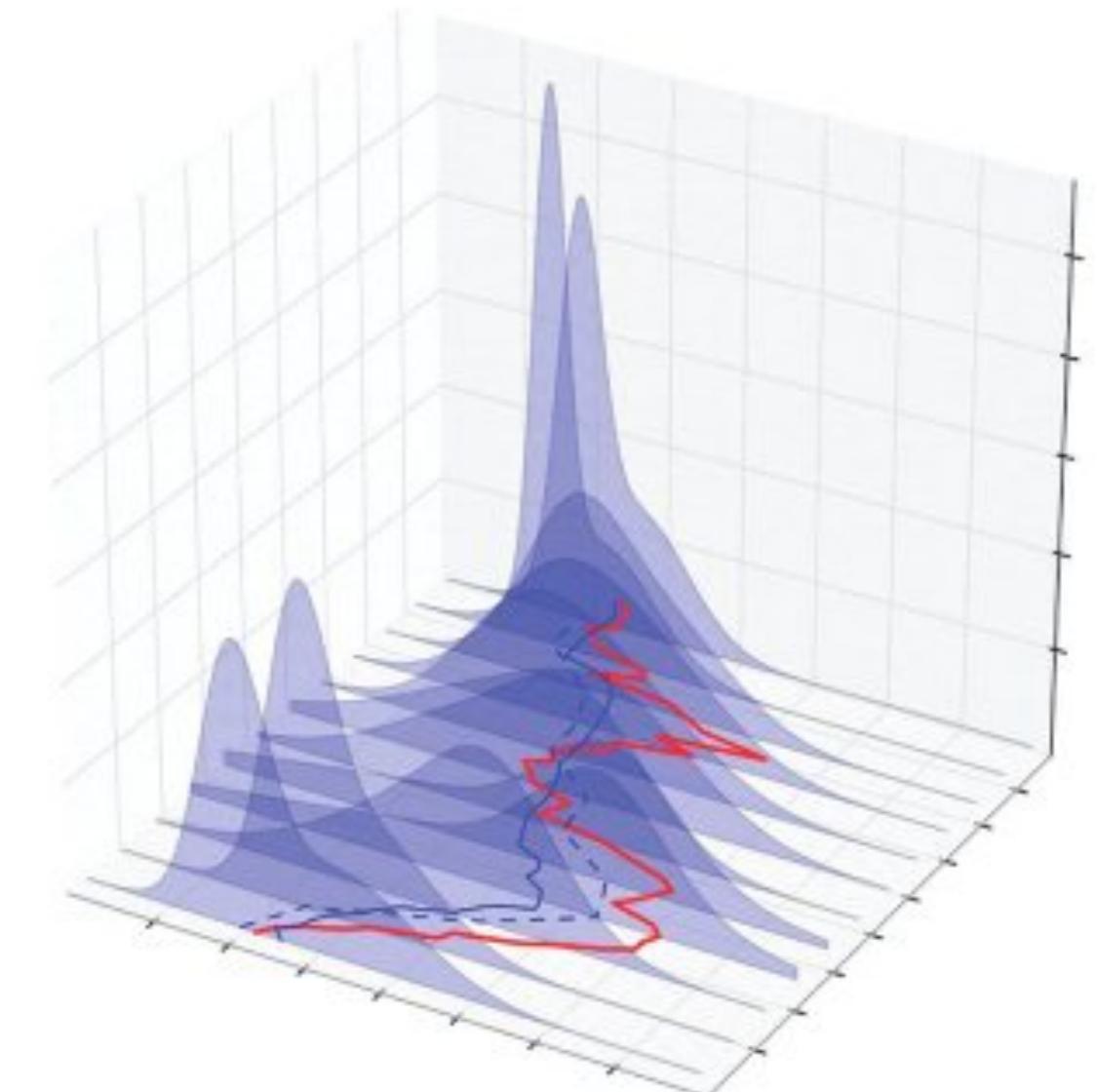
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Need an Abstract Perspective Now



- Potential solutions form a space
- Search is about moving in the space and zoom into some solution.
- The legal moves are defined by **constraints** on the variables.

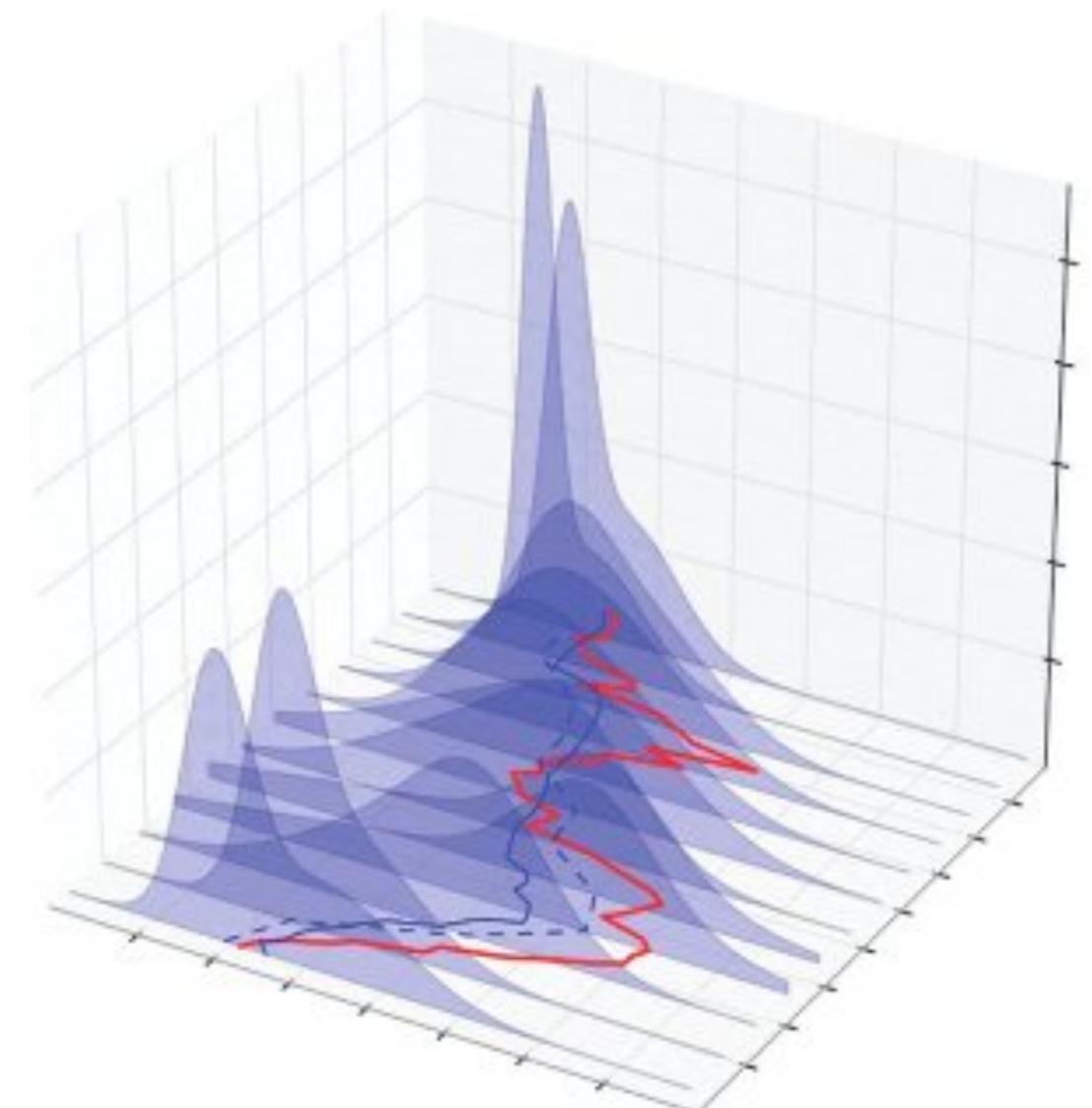
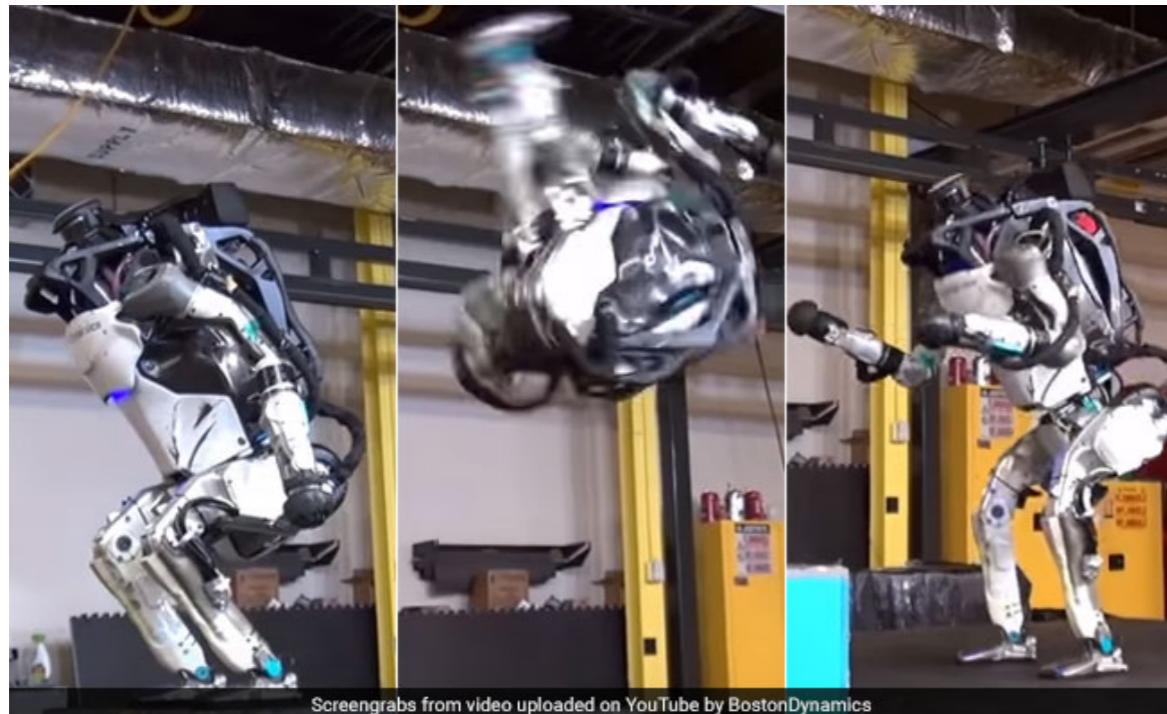
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steps coordinates cost

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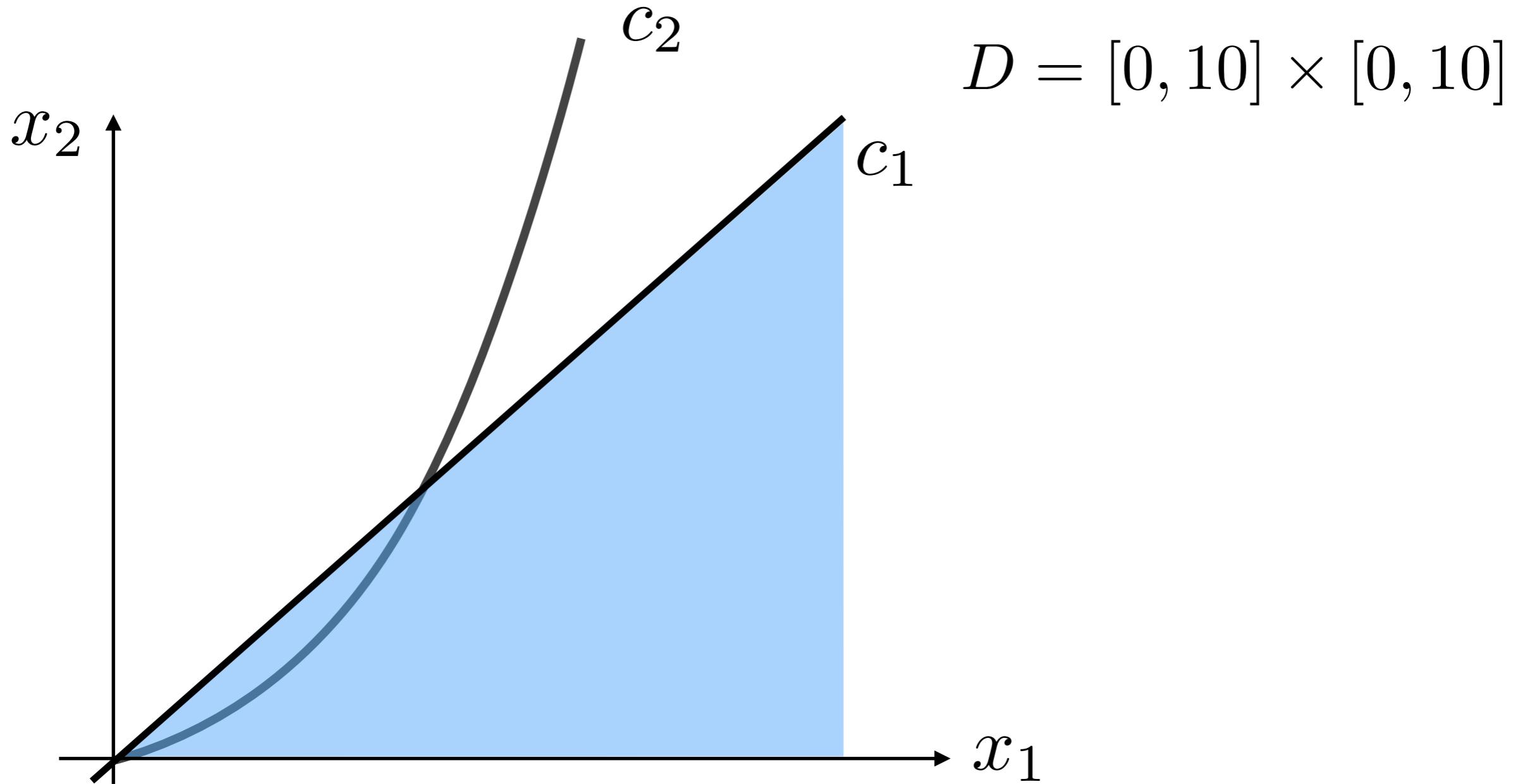
$$\sigma : X \rightarrow D$$

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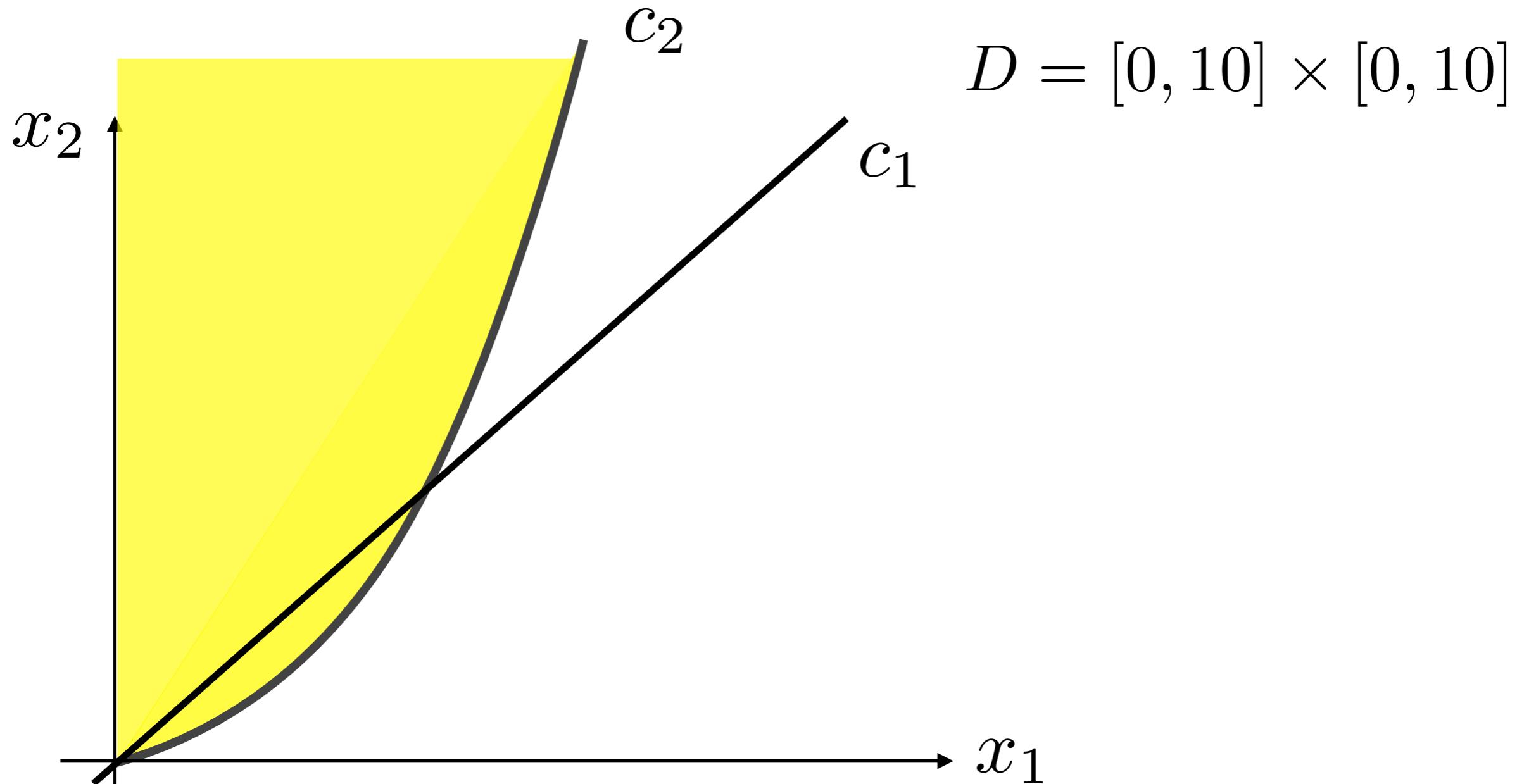
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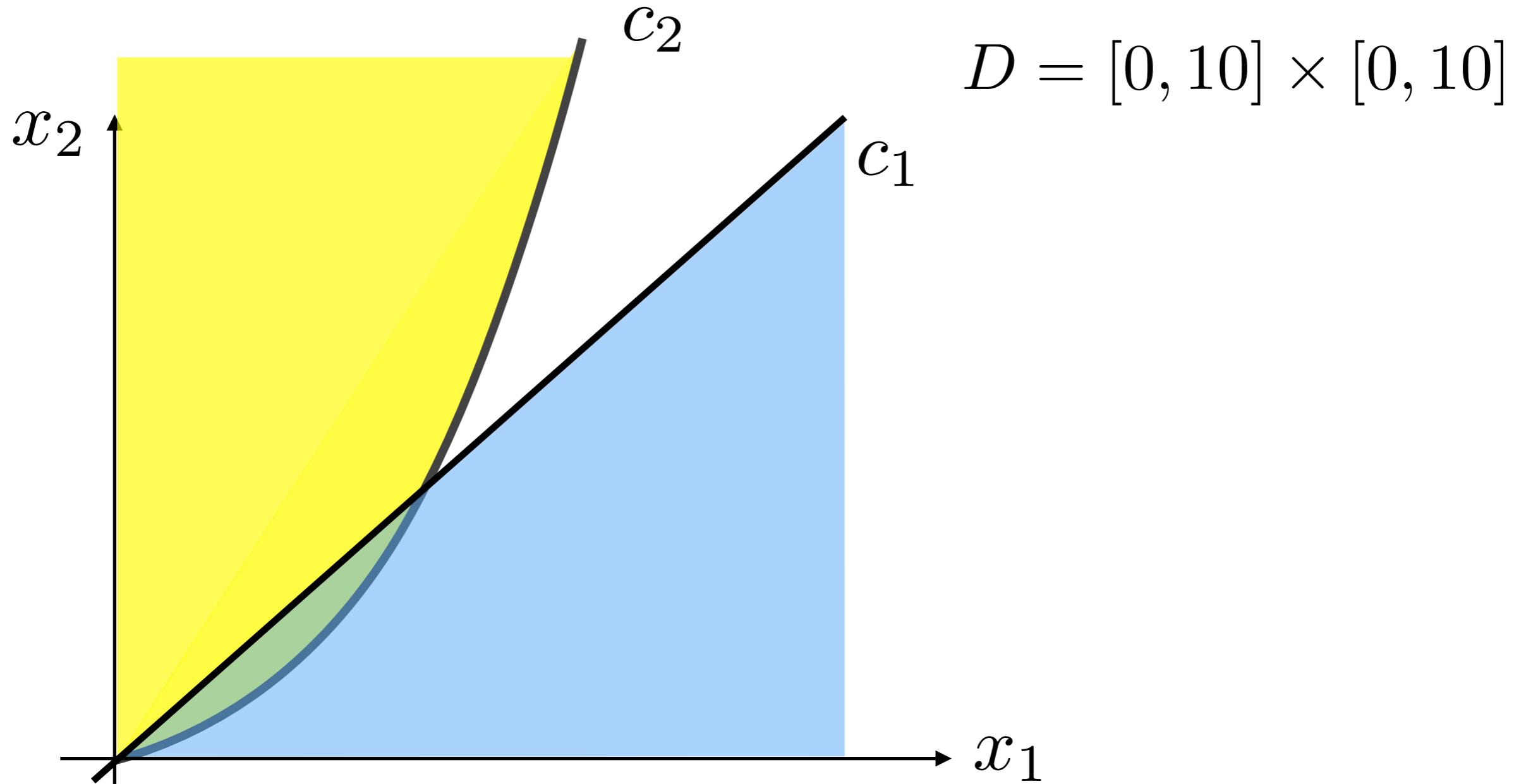
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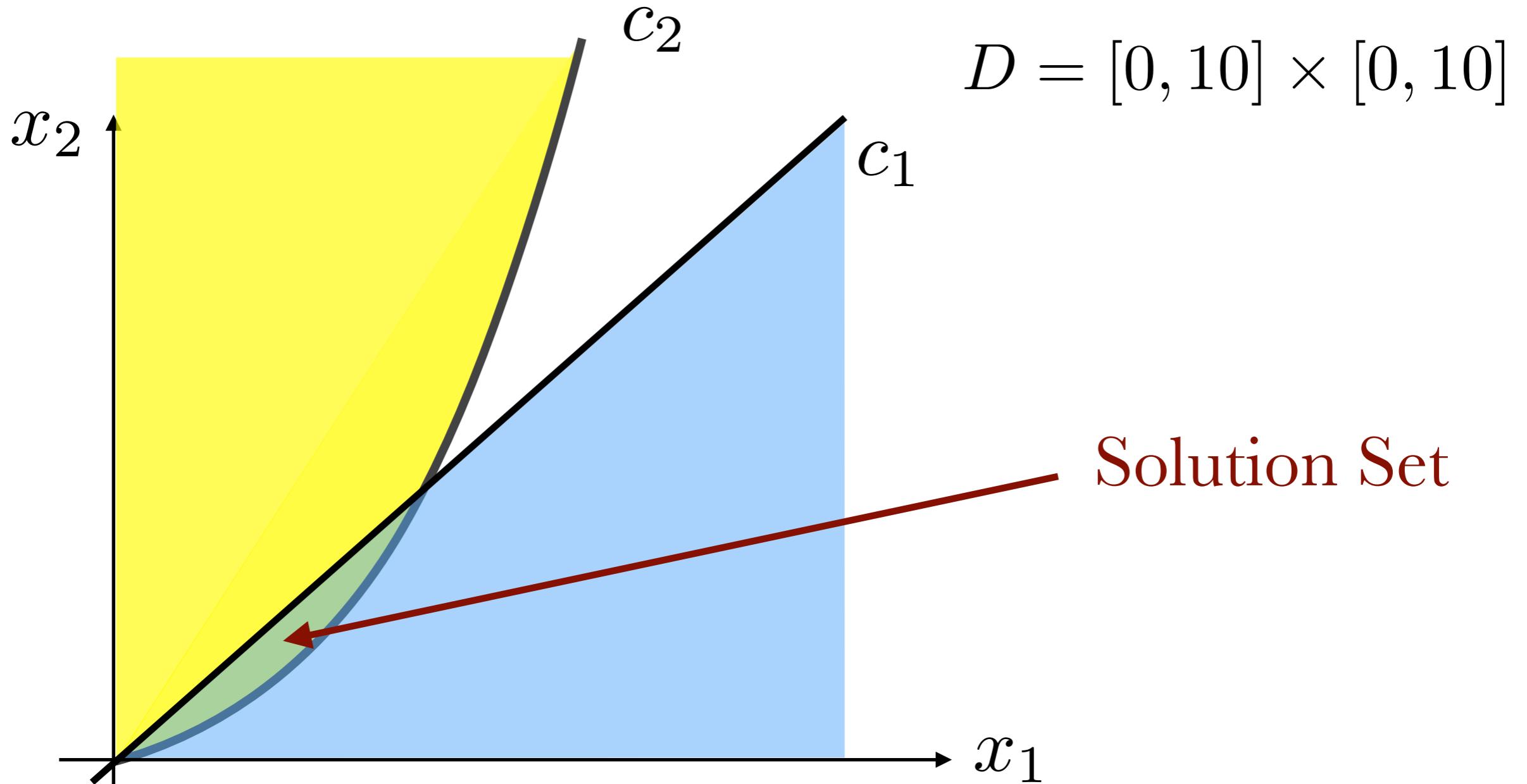
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Sudoku

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$$X = \{x_{(1,1)}, \dots, x_{(9,9)}\}$$

$$D = \{1, \dots, 9\}^{81}$$

$$C = ?$$

$\sigma :$

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
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7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
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How do you solve Sudoku?

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We can then **prune out** large parts of the domains that are not arc-consistent.

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- Just by applying the same reasoning, we can fill in the row.
- This is why you feels that these steps are “easy”
(translation: polynomial-time)

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- Let's keep making decisions and apply consistency.

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A 9x9 Sudoku grid showing the state after arc-consistency. Two cells are highlighted with orange circles containing a minus sign, indicating they are impossible values:

- (Row 1, Column 3) contains a 1.
- (Row 9, Column 7) contains a 1.

The grid values are as follows:

5	3	1	6	7	8	4	9	1
6			1	9	5			
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
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- The hard part of Sudoku will show up if we keep going.
- **Conflict!**

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- **Conflict!**
- Now we need to erase some values.
- **Backtracking**

What do we need to do in backtracking?

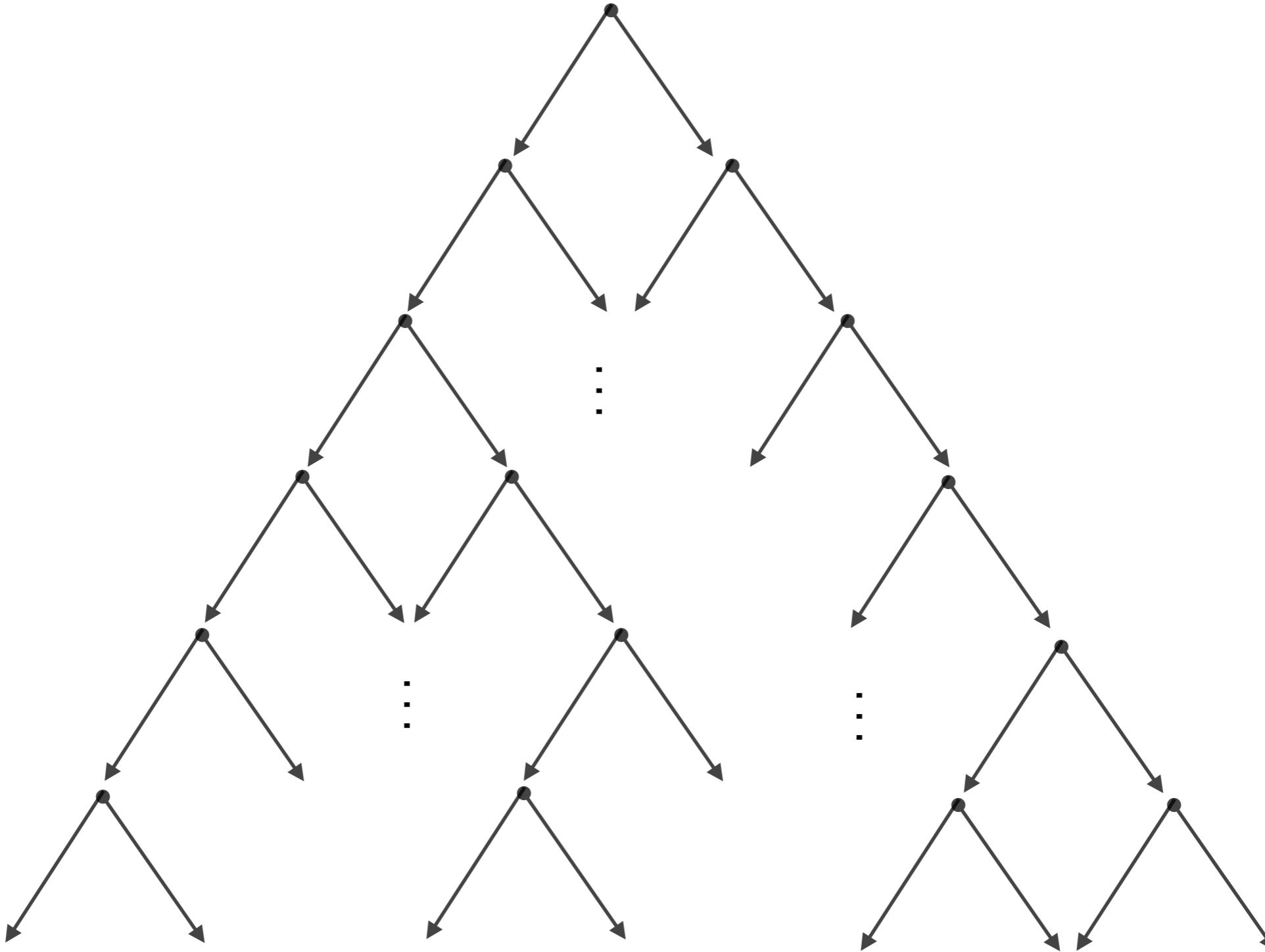
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- Give up some pruning.
- Change some decision.
- Backtracking makes the whole thing complicated.
(translation: exponential time)

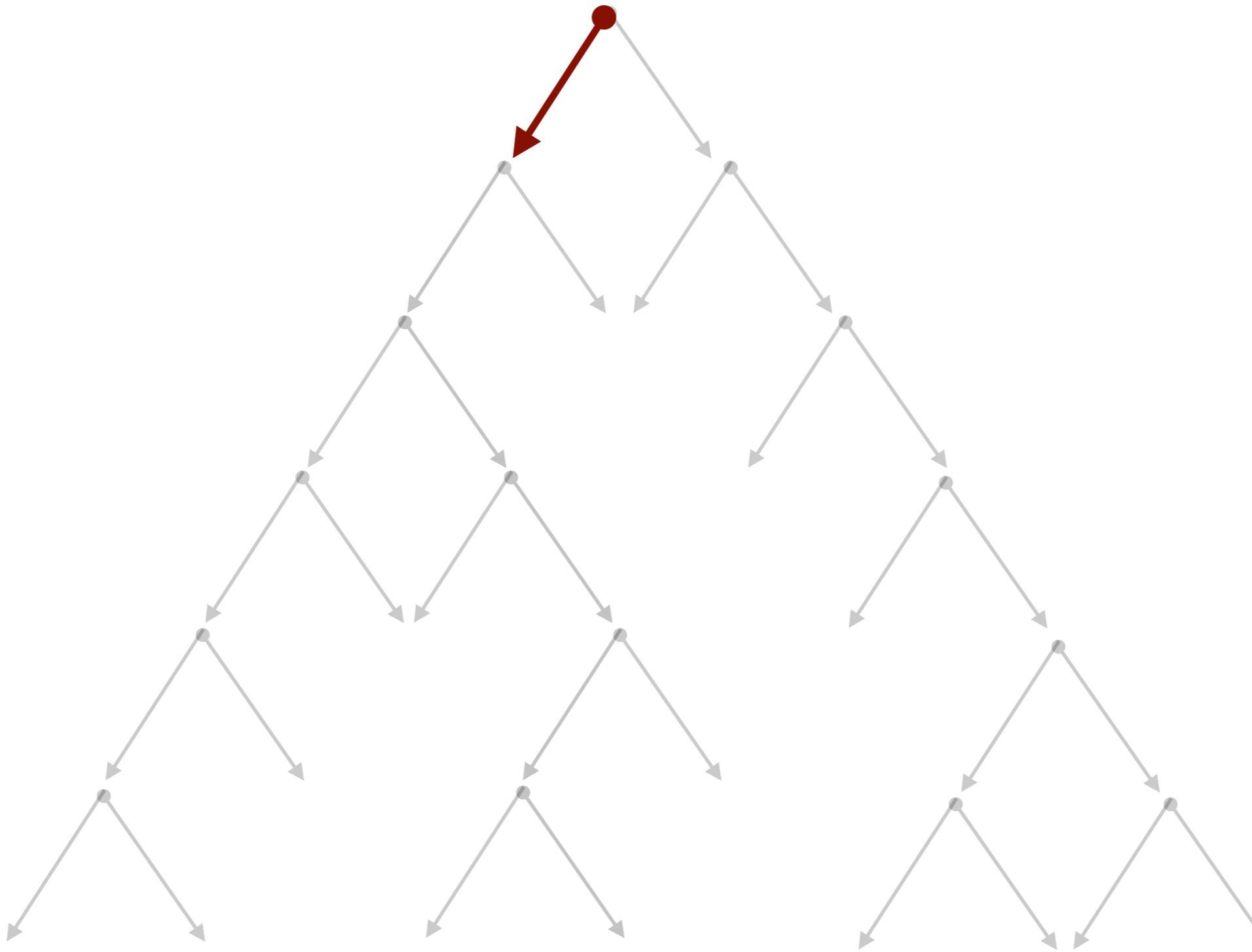
Constraint Solving via Backtracking Search

- Make decisions. (Guess)
- For each decision, apply arc-consistency to “propagate” the decision to its logical consequences. (Propagate, no guessing)
- When you reach a conflict, backtrack, and make different decisions. (Change some guess)

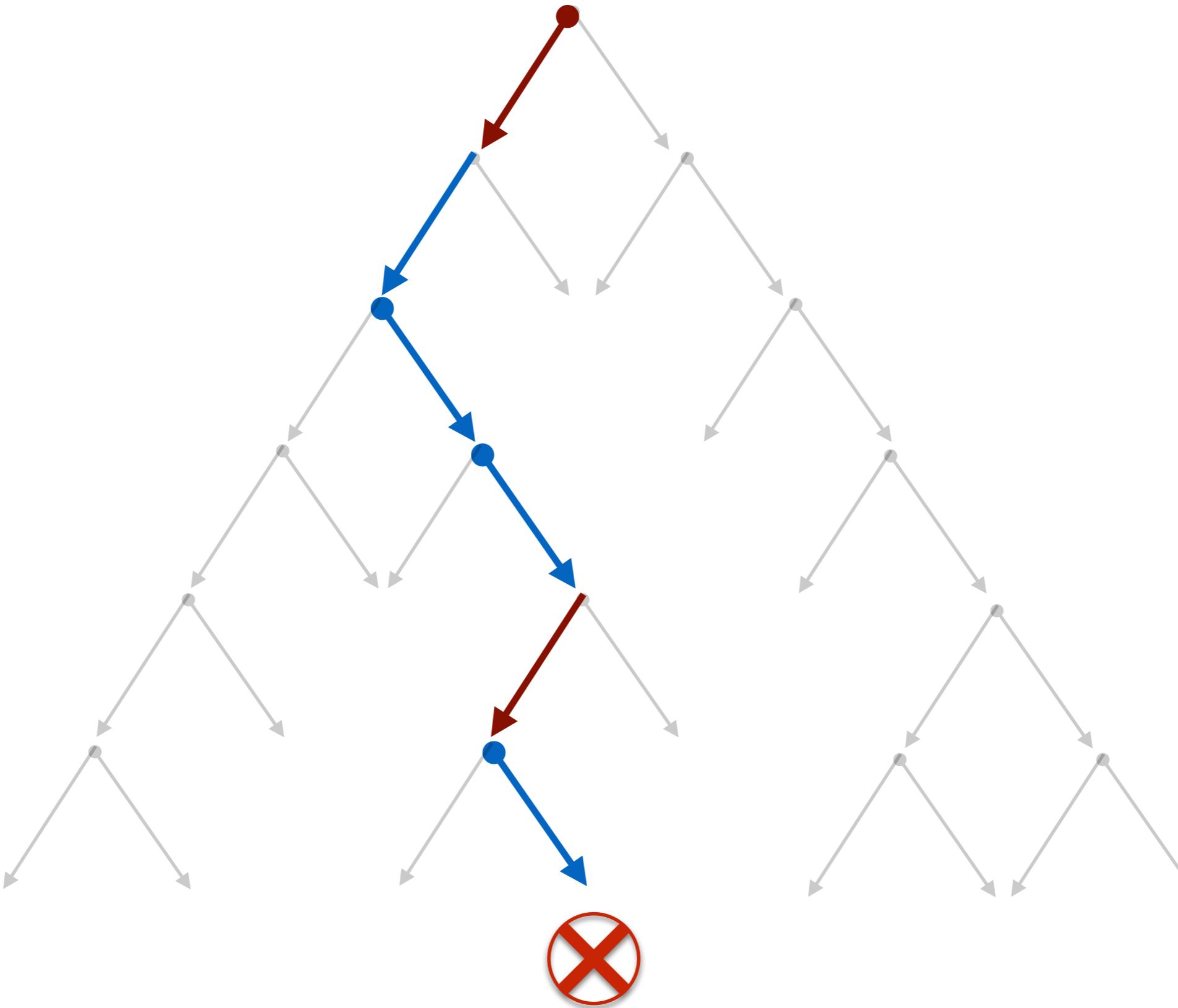
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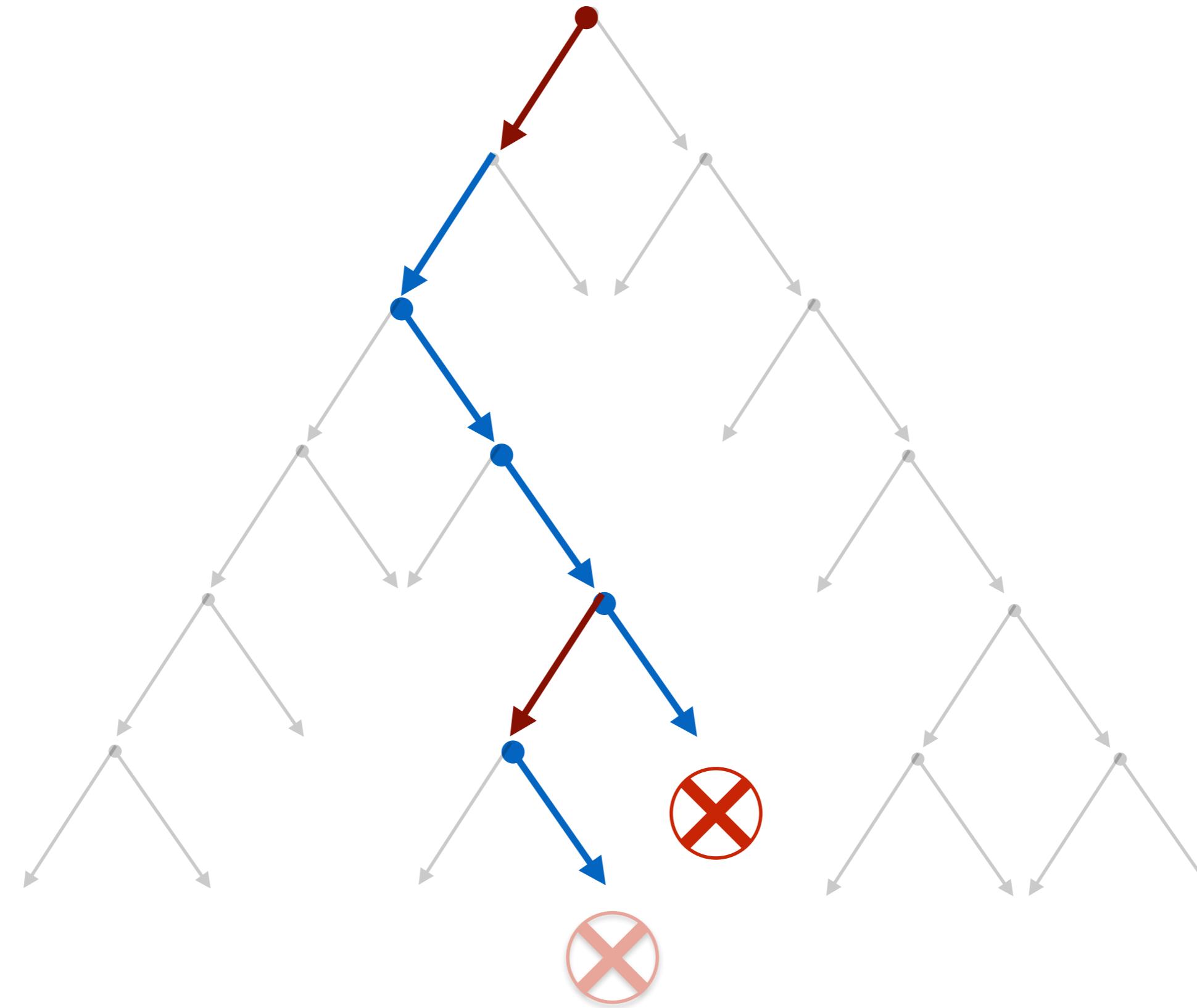
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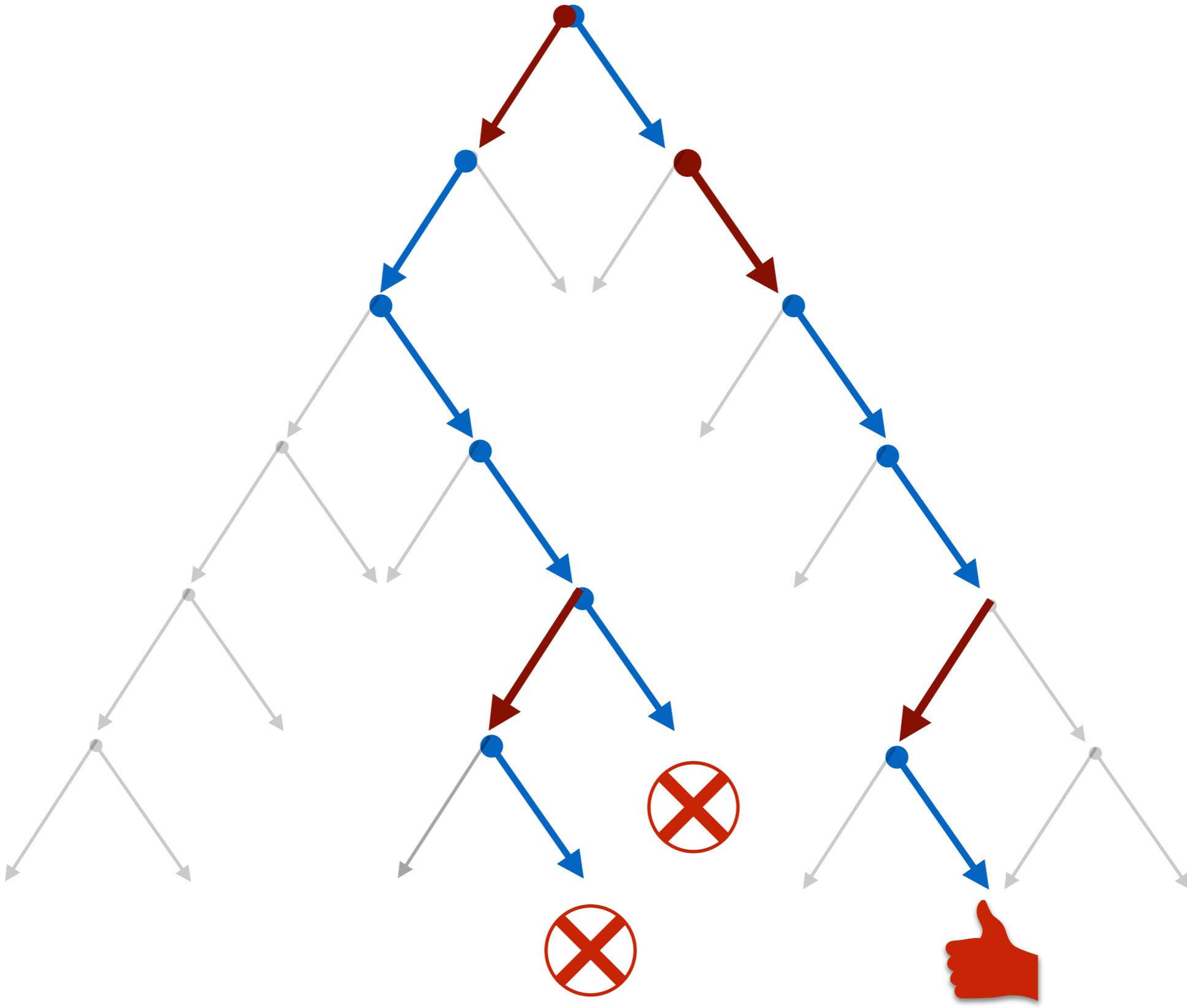
Alternate between guessing, propagating, ...



Alternate between guessing, propagating, and backtracking



Eventually find a good answer



Backtracking Search

```
function BACKTRACKING-SEARCH(csp) returns a solution, or failure
  return BACKTRACK({ }, csp)
```

```
function SEARCH(assignment, csp) returns a solution, or failure
  if assignment is complete then return assignment
  var  $\leftarrow$  SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE(csp)
  for each value in ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES(var, assignment, csp) do
    if value is consistent with assignment then
      add {var = value} to assignment
      inferences  $\leftarrow$  INFERENCE(csp, var, value)
      if inferences  $\neq$  failure then
        add inferences to assignment
        result  $\leftarrow$  SEARCH(assignment, csp)
        if result  $\neq$  failure then
          return result
    remove {var = value} and inferences from assignment
  return failure
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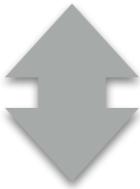
Discrete Combinatorial Problems: Languages

- Boolean Satisfiability (SAT)
- Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSP)
- Integer Linear Programming (ILP)
- Other NP-complete formulations are mostly just theoretical interest

Discrete Combinatorial Problems: Languages

- SAT can be encoded as 0-1 ILP

$$q \leftrightarrow (p_1 \wedge p_2)$$



$$y \geq x_1 + x_2 - 1, y \leq x_1, y \leq x_2, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

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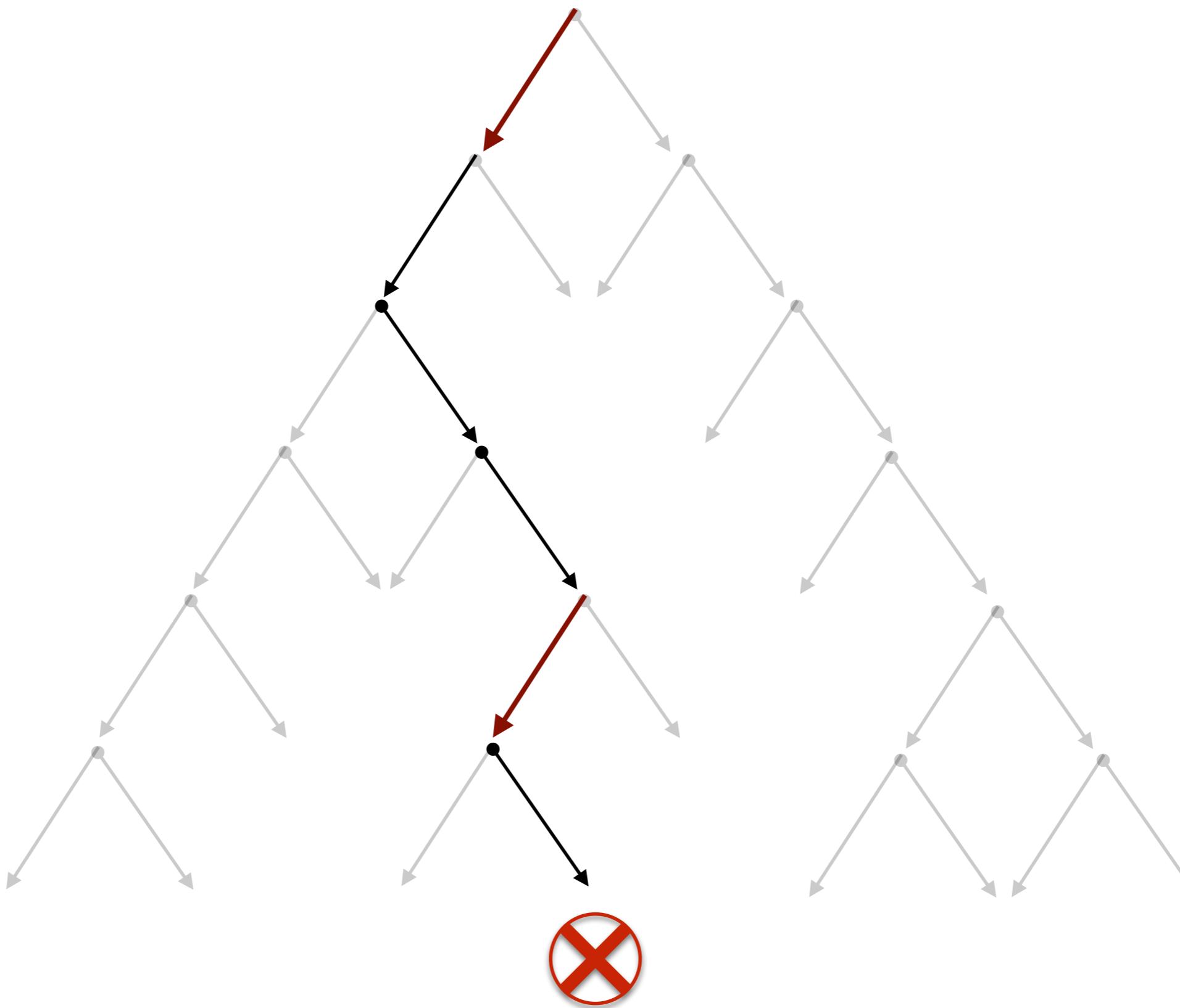
- ILP can be encoded as SAT
 - Use binary variables to bit-blast integers
 - Single-objective optimization reducible to feasibility in $\log(D)$

$$\min f \quad \leftrightarrow \quad f < c \text{ and } f > c/2?$$

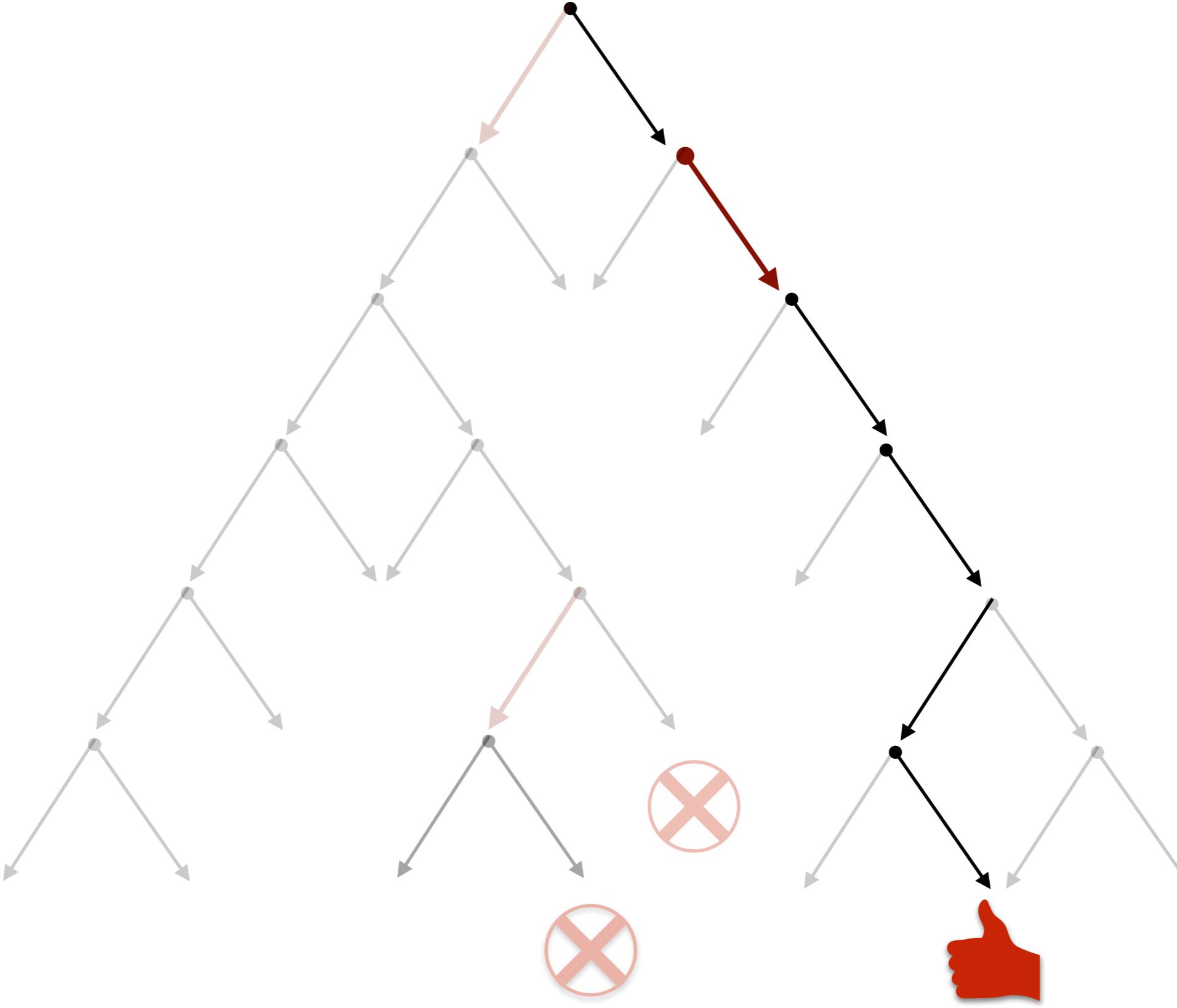
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Most branches don't work



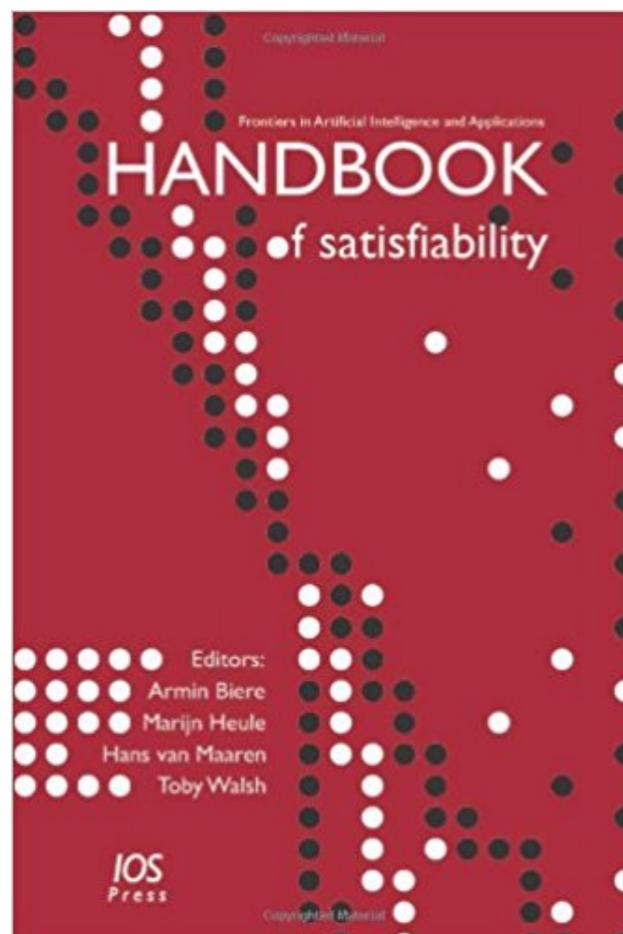
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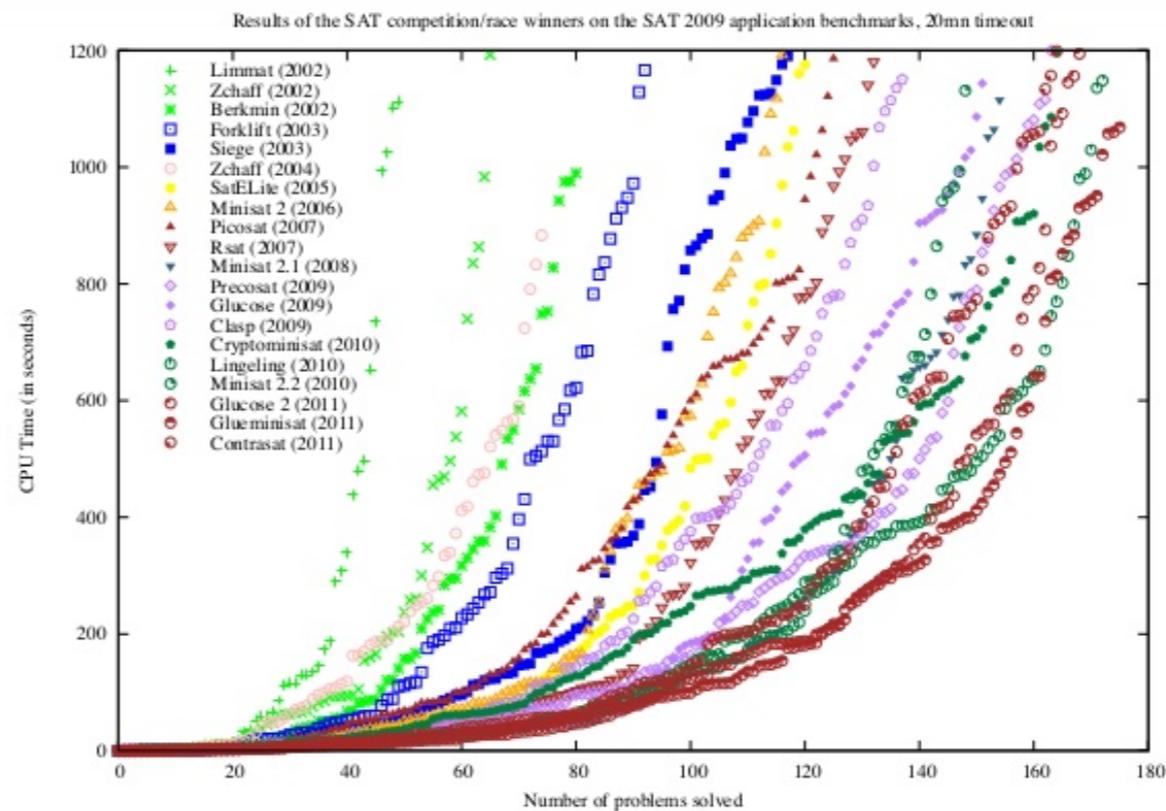
Discrete Combinatorial Problems: Languages

- The most popular question:
Should we use SAT or ILP?
- No good answer
- Different styles of search
- Usable geometric structure: ILP
- Very large number of vars: SAT

Much progress in SAT since the 90s



Progress of SAT Solvers (shown by [Simon 2011])

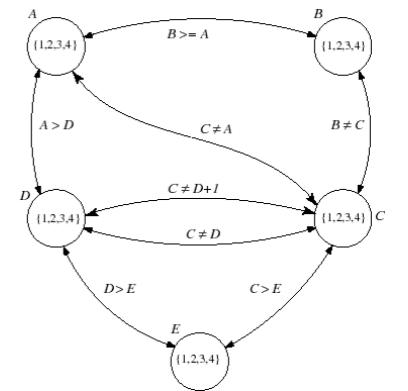


Cactus Plot shown by [Simon 2011]

Propositional Logic

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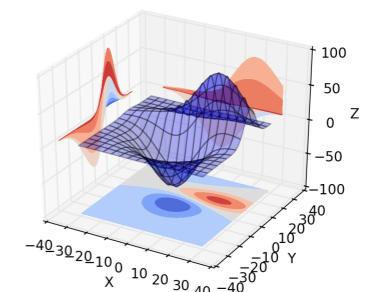
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Examples:

$$(p_1 \rightarrow p_2) \rightarrow (\neg p_2 \rightarrow \neg p_1)$$

$$p_1 \rightarrow (p_2 \rightarrow p_3) \rightarrow ((p_1 \rightarrow p_2) \rightarrow (p_1 \rightarrow p_3))$$

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Size of formula grows **linearly** in the number of dimensions.

Semantics

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Variable assignments:

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Composition rules:

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Satisfiability

Given any propositional logic formula

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We say

ϕ is satisfiable

if there exists an assignment function

σ such that $\sigma(\phi) = 1$

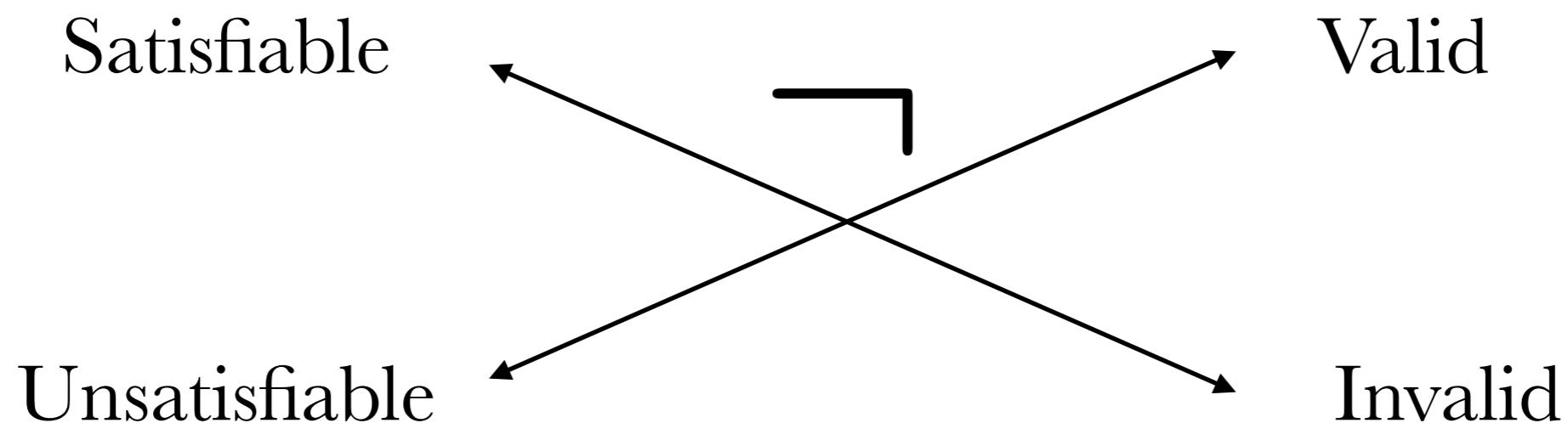
Satisfiability vs Validity

We say a logic formula is valid if it is true under any assignment.

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A theorem is a valid logic formula.

THE SAT PROBLEM

Design an algorithm **A**, such that given any propositional logic formula

$$\phi \in \Phi$$

A correctly returns whether

ϕ is satisfiable or not.

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SAT diverged from generic constraint solving because all these tasks can be done in very efficient ways.

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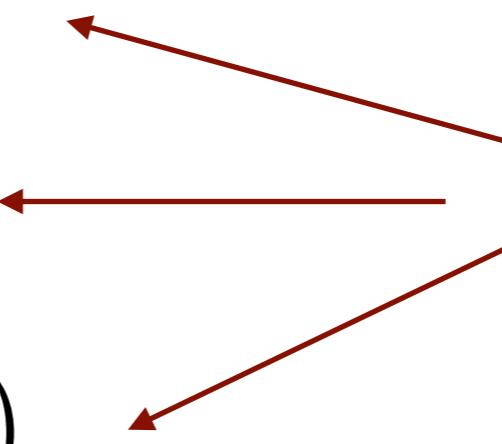
$$(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee p_3)$$

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The diagram illustrates a Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF) expression consisting of three clauses separated by logical AND (\wedge). Each clause is a disjunction of literals separated by logical OR (\vee). The first clause contains literals p_1 , p_2 , and p_3 . The second clause contains literals p_3 and $\neg p_1$. The third clause contains literals p_1 , $\neg p_2$, and p_4 . Three red arrows originate from the right side of the image and point to the three clauses, with the word "Constraints!" written in red text next to them.

Constraints!

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The conjunctive normal form allows us to think about SAT from a constraint solving perspective.

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Every propositional logic formula can be turned in to a CNF in linear time, with additional variables.

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Putting formulas in CNF (Tseitin's Method)

$$\phi := ((p \vee q) \wedge r) \rightarrow (\neg s)$$

Introduce new variables for each subformula

$$x_1 \leftrightarrow \neg s$$

$$x_2 \leftrightarrow p \vee q$$

$$x_3 \leftrightarrow x_2 \wedge r$$

$$x_4 \leftrightarrow x_3 \rightarrow x_1$$

Putting formulas in CNF

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$$\begin{array}{ll} x_1 \leftrightarrow \neg s \\ x_2 \leftrightarrow p \vee q \\ x_3 \leftrightarrow x_2 \wedge r \\ x_4 \leftrightarrow x_3 \rightarrow x_1 \end{array}$$

Rewrite the original formula into a big conjunction

$$x_4 \wedge (x_4 \leftrightarrow x_3 \rightarrow x_1) \wedge (x_3 \leftrightarrow x_2 \wedge r) \wedge (x_2 \leftrightarrow p \vee q) \wedge (x_1 \leftrightarrow \neg s)$$

Each of these conjunctive clauses can be CNF

$$x_2 \leftrightarrow p \vee q \equiv (\neg x_2 \vee p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee x_2) \wedge (\neg q \vee x_2)$$

Key definition: CNF

Dimacs Format

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p cnf 59056 323700
1 2 0
1 3 0
1 4 0
1 -5 0
1 6 0
1 -7 0
1 -8 0
1 -9 0
1 -10 0
-2 -3 -4 5 -6 7 8 9 10 -1 0
-11 -12 -13 14 0
-14 11 0
-14 12 0
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CNF significantly simplifies representation of SAT problems, and it is key to many algorithmic ideas.

Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)

Dual of CNF: disjunctions of conjunctions

$$(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$$

$$\vee(p_3 \wedge \neg p_1)$$

$$\vee(p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge p_4)$$

CNF vs. DNF

SAT is NP-complete if the input formulas are in CNF.

SAT is in linear time if the input formulas are in DNF!

Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)

Why linear time?

Every disjunct gives you a satisfying assignment.

$$(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$$

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If you have the DNF, you actually know **all** the solutions.

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Naturally, if P is not NP, there does not exist any procedure that puts propositional formulas into an equivalent DNF in polynomial time.

Basis of Modern SAT Solving

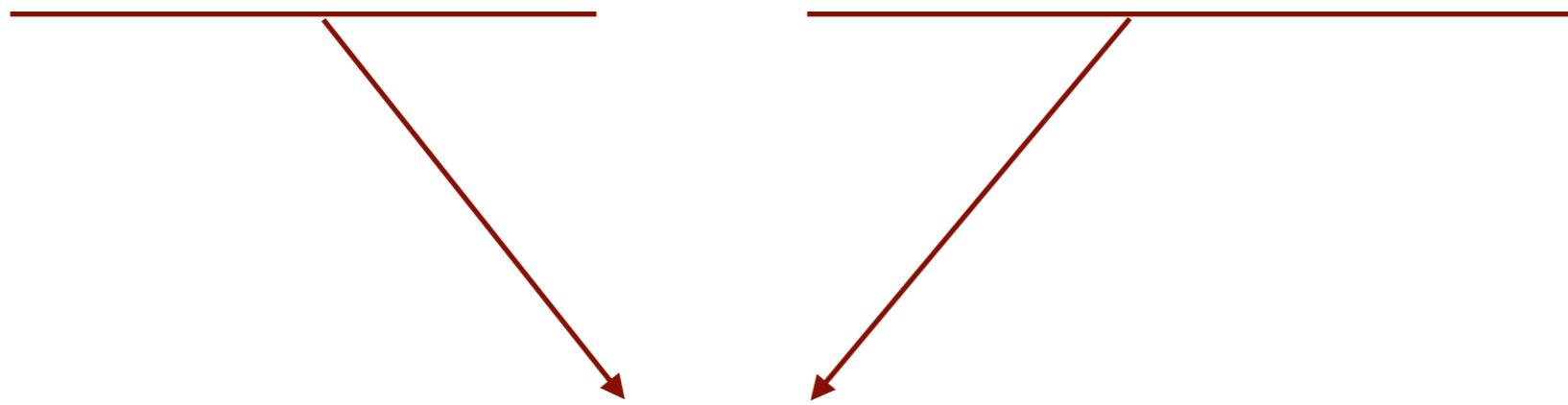
The basic algorithm is named DPLL.

It is just a constraint solving loop, specially designed for logical rules.

- make decisions
- propagate based on consistency
- backtrack when needed

DPLL: Terminology

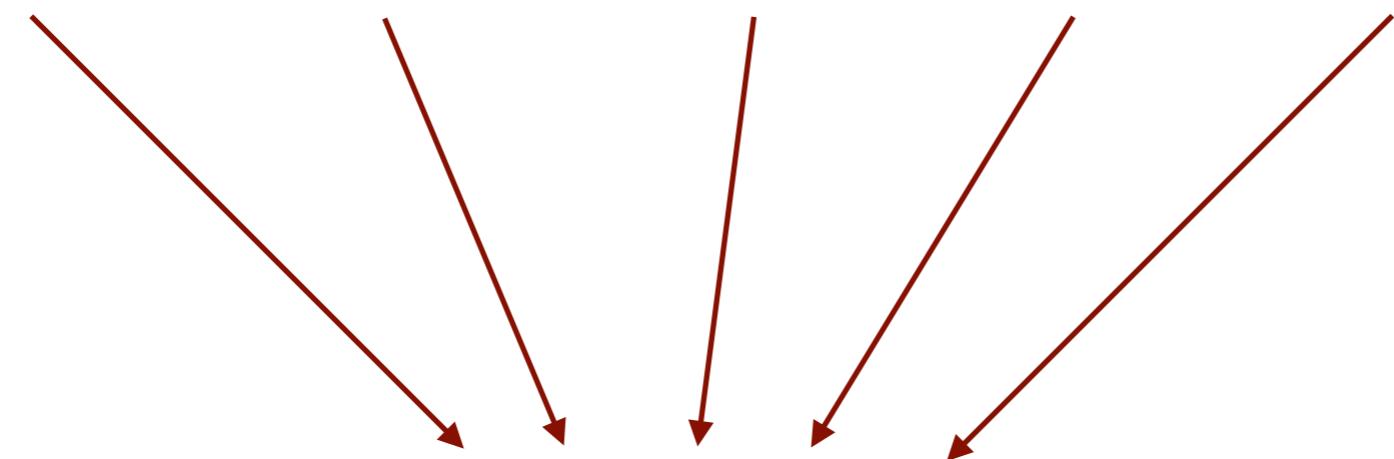
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Clauses

DPLL: Terminology

$$(p_1 \vee \neg p_2) \wedge (p_3 \vee \neg p_1 \vee p_2) \wedge \dots$$



Literals

DPLL: Terminology

$$(p_1 \vee \boxed{\neg p_2}) \wedge (p_3 \vee \neg p_1 \vee \boxed{p_2}) \wedge \dots$$

Negative literal

Positive literal

Literals

DPLL: Terminology

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$$\{p_1, \neg p_2\}, \{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}, \dots$$

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A formula is just a set of clauses.

A clauses is just a set of literals.

DPLL: Getting Started

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If a variable only occur in one polarity in all clauses, then eliminate the variable and all the clauses that contain it.

If a variable appear in one polarity, then we can set the corresponding literal to 1, and all the clauses that contain it are satisfied.

DPLL: Getting Started

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If a clause only contains one literal, the corresponding variable has to be assigned a value that makes the literal true.

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DPLL: High-Level Picture

Take a formula in CNF as input:

- Simplify using pure literal and singletons, and initialize the assignment function accordingly.
- Then, loop between the following steps:
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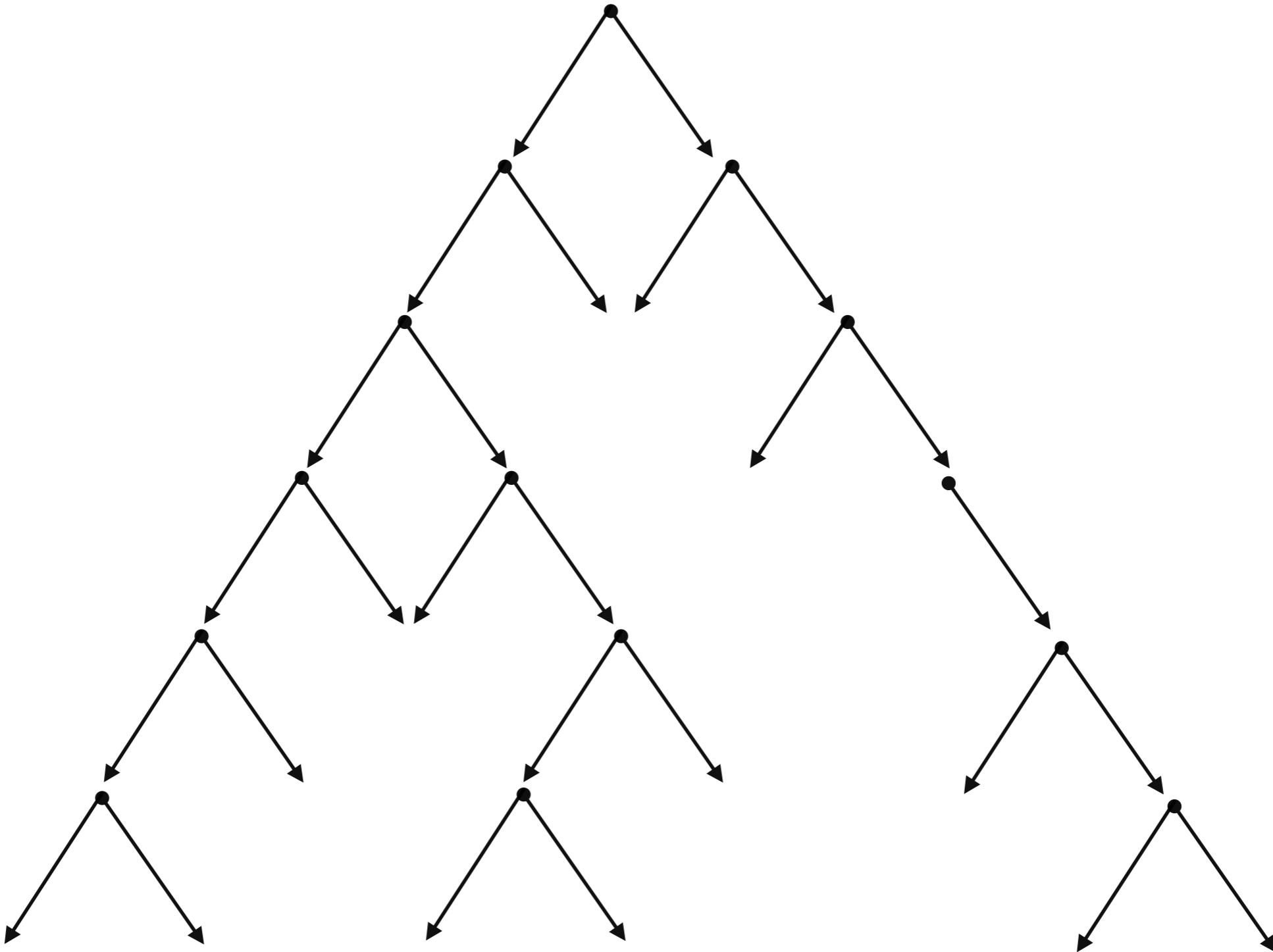
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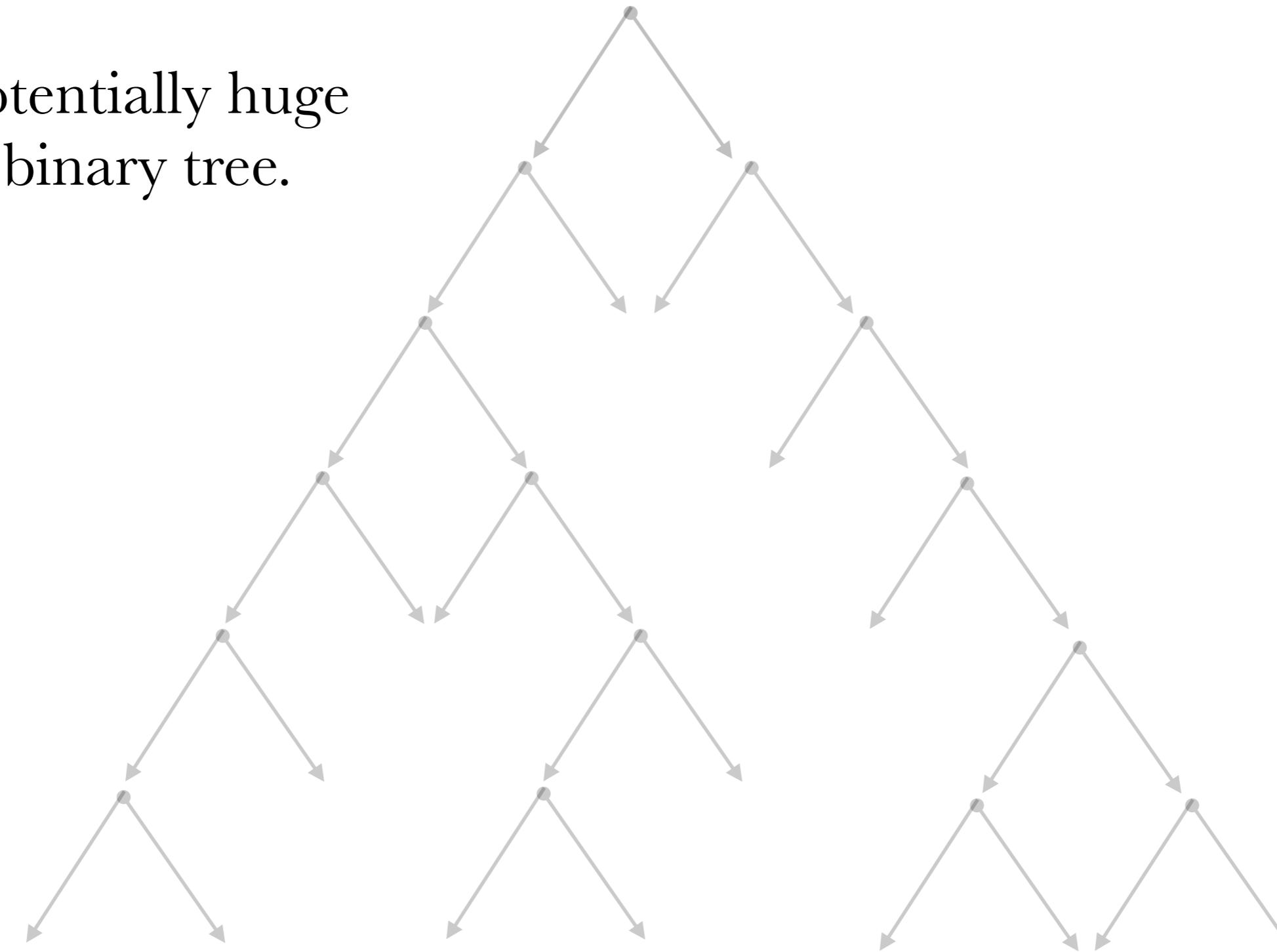


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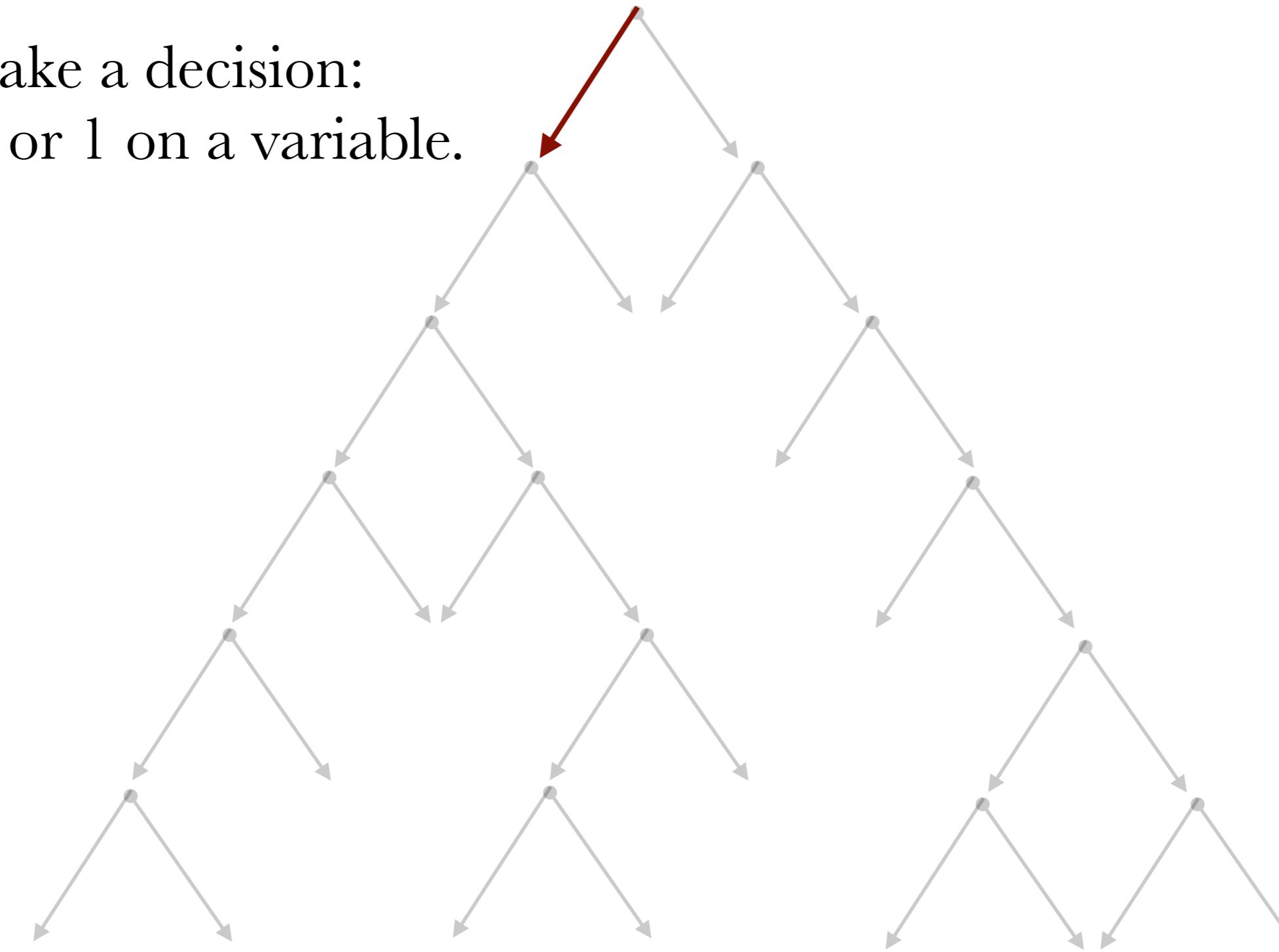
DPLL: Full Algorithm

Potentially huge
binary tree.



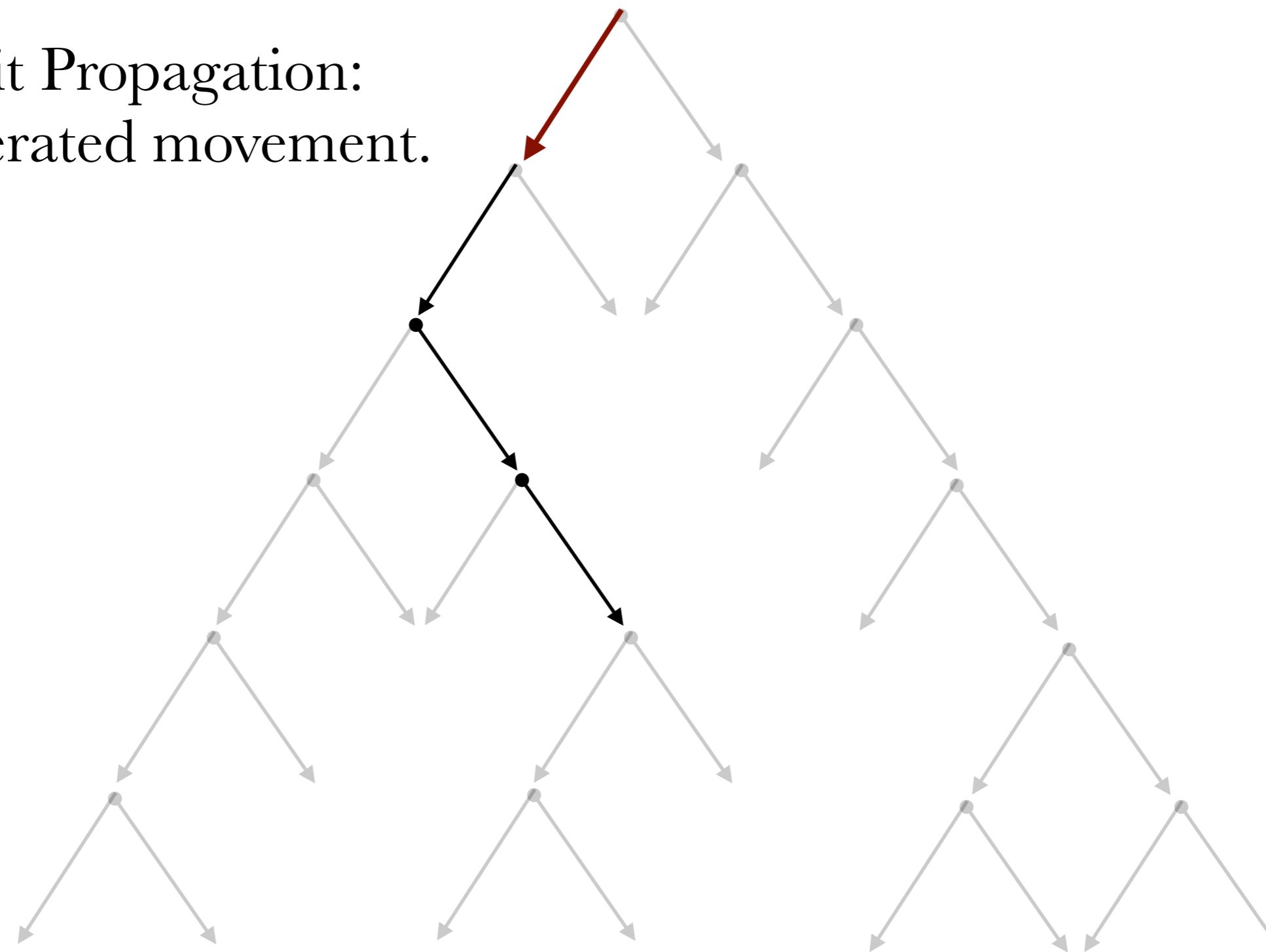
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Make a decision:
Pick 0 or 1 on a variable.



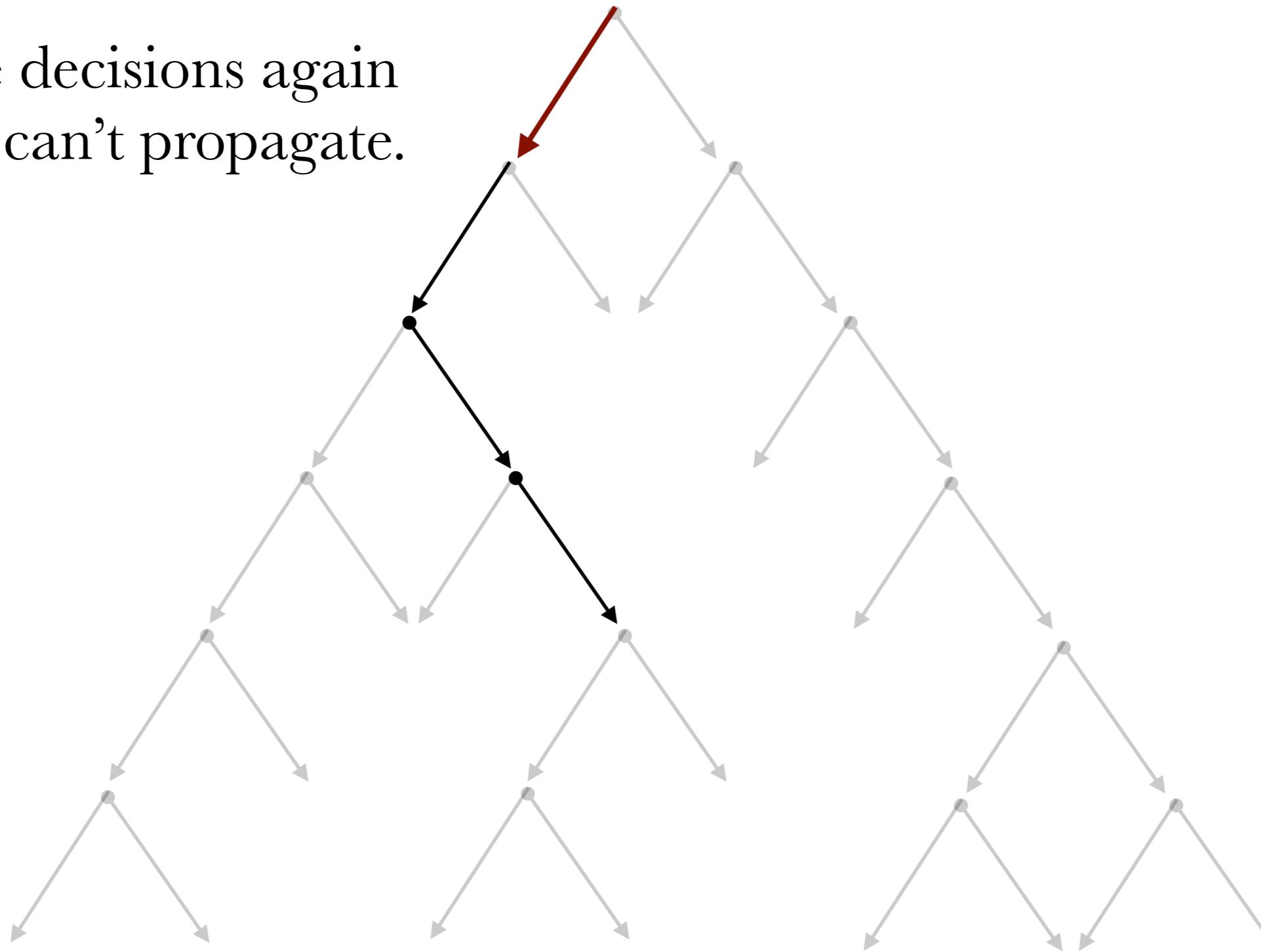
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Unit Propagation: Accelerated movement.



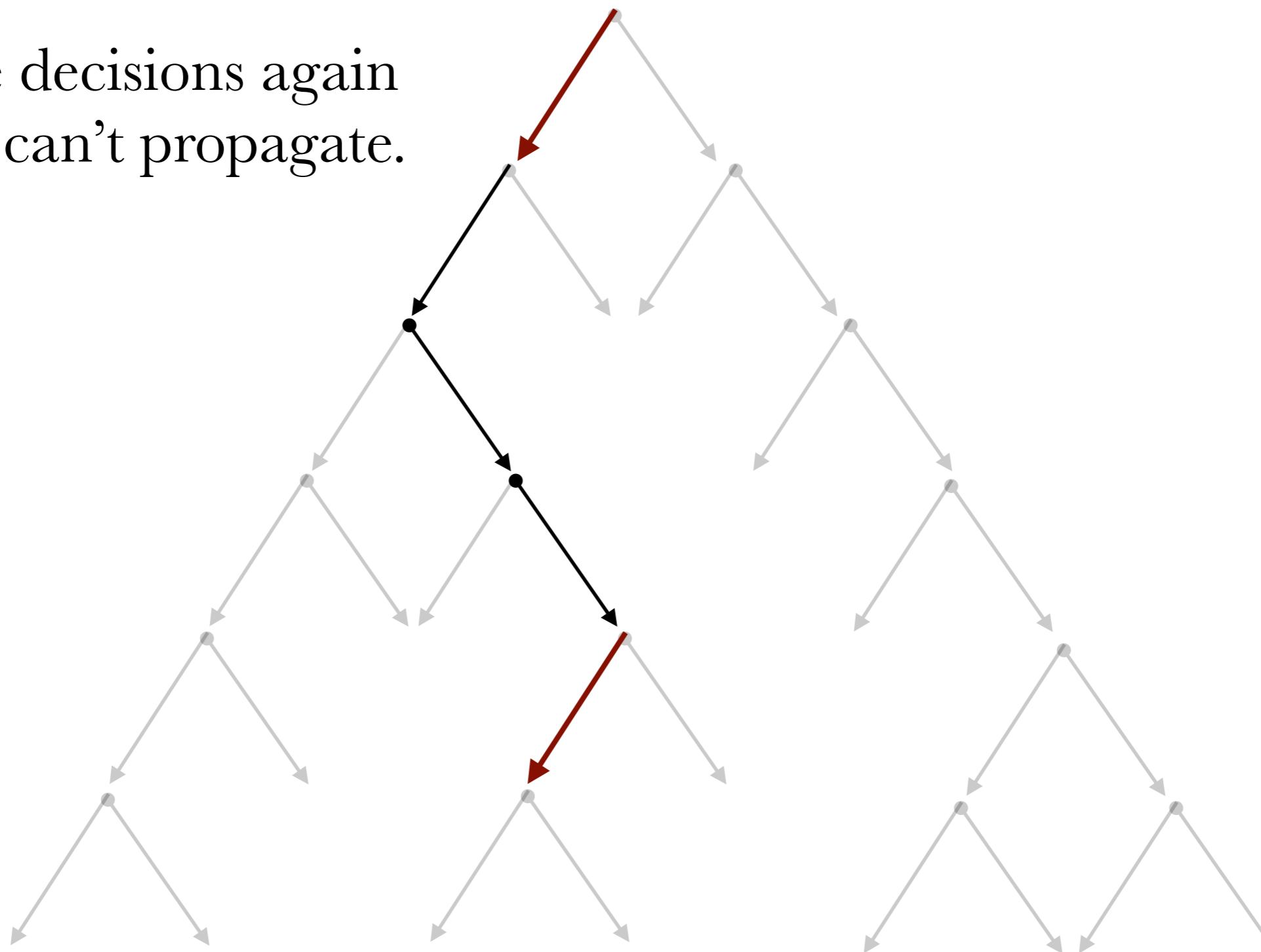
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Make decisions again
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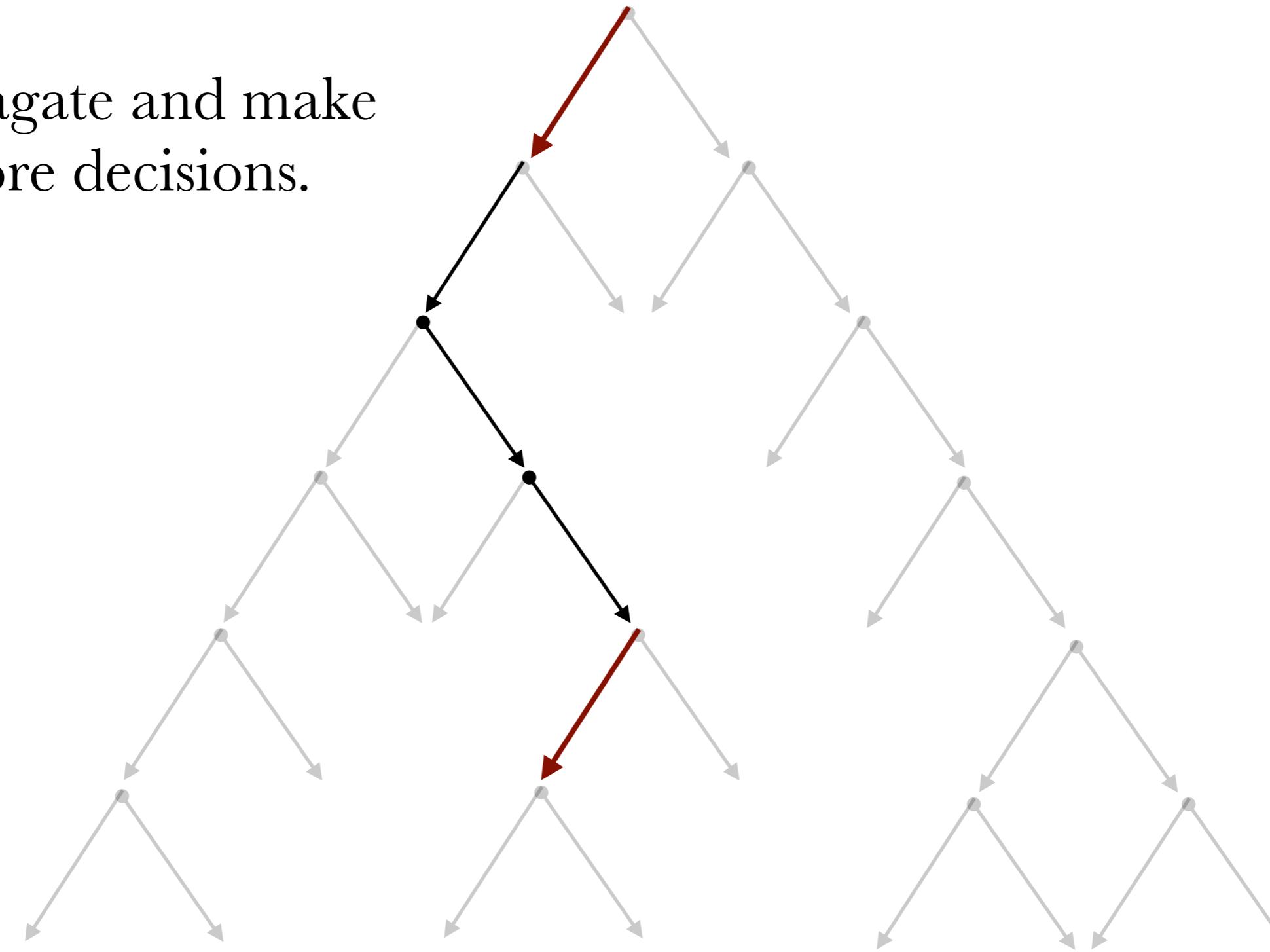
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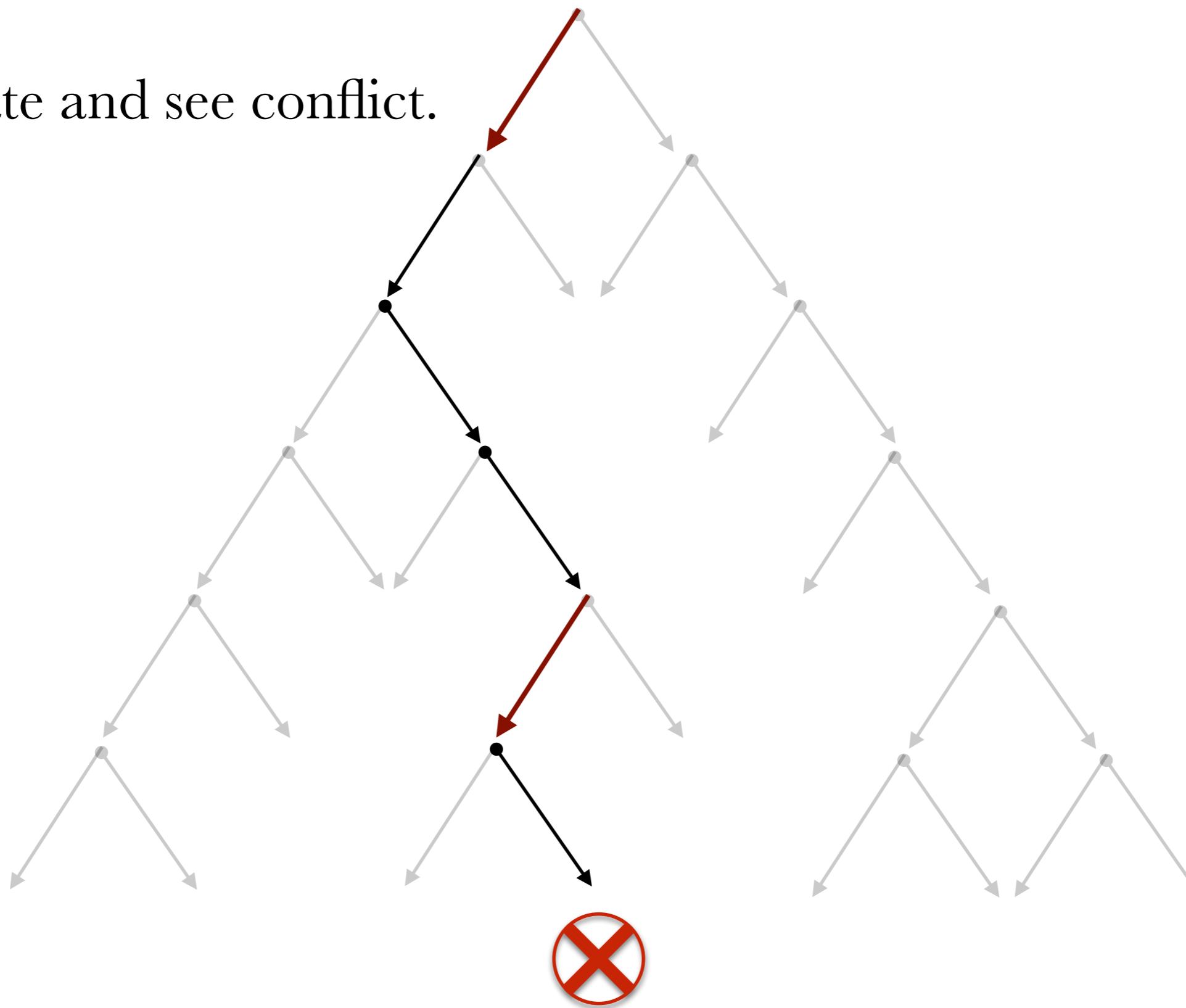
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Propagate and make
more decisions.



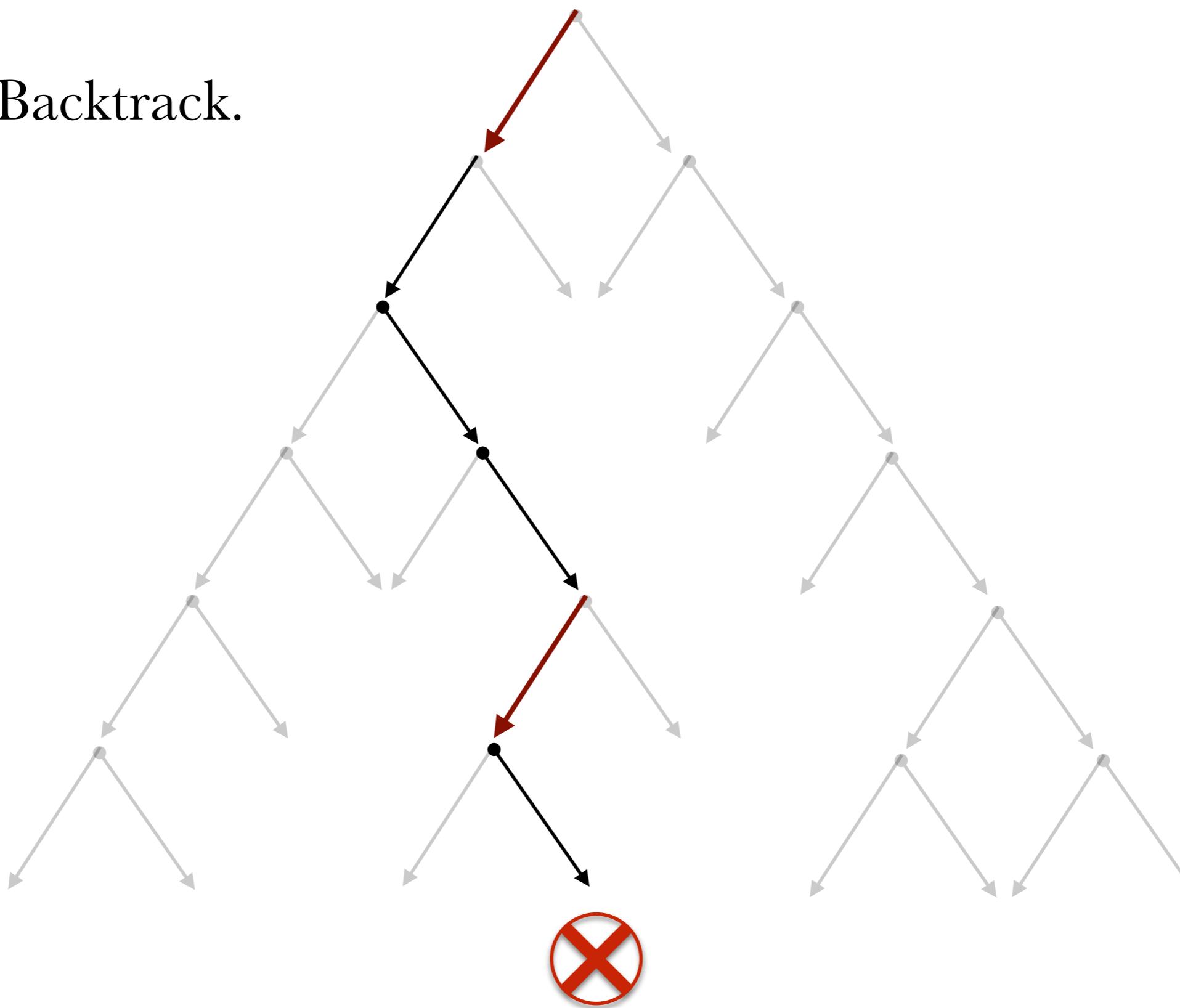
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Propagate and see conflict.



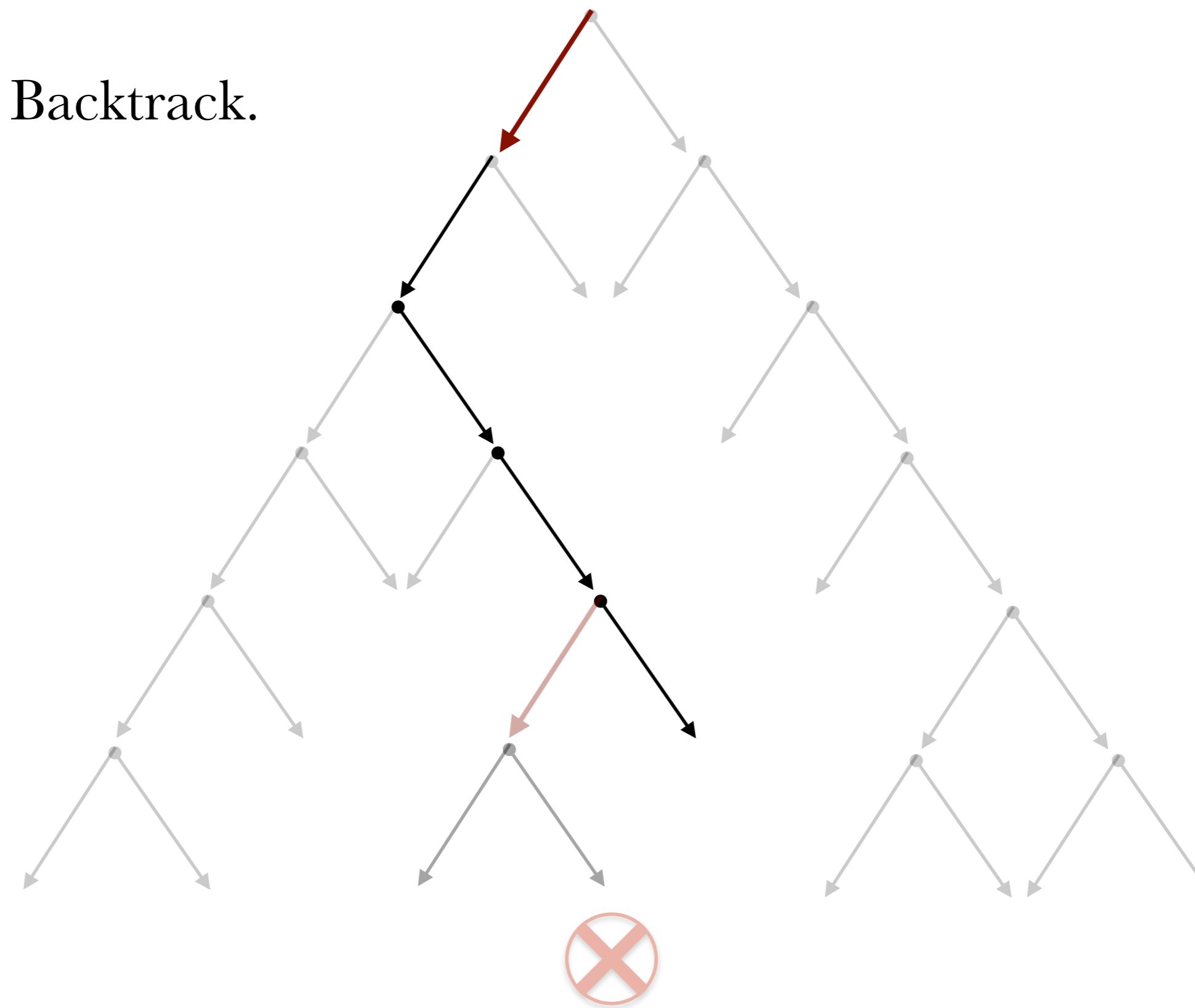
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Backtrack.



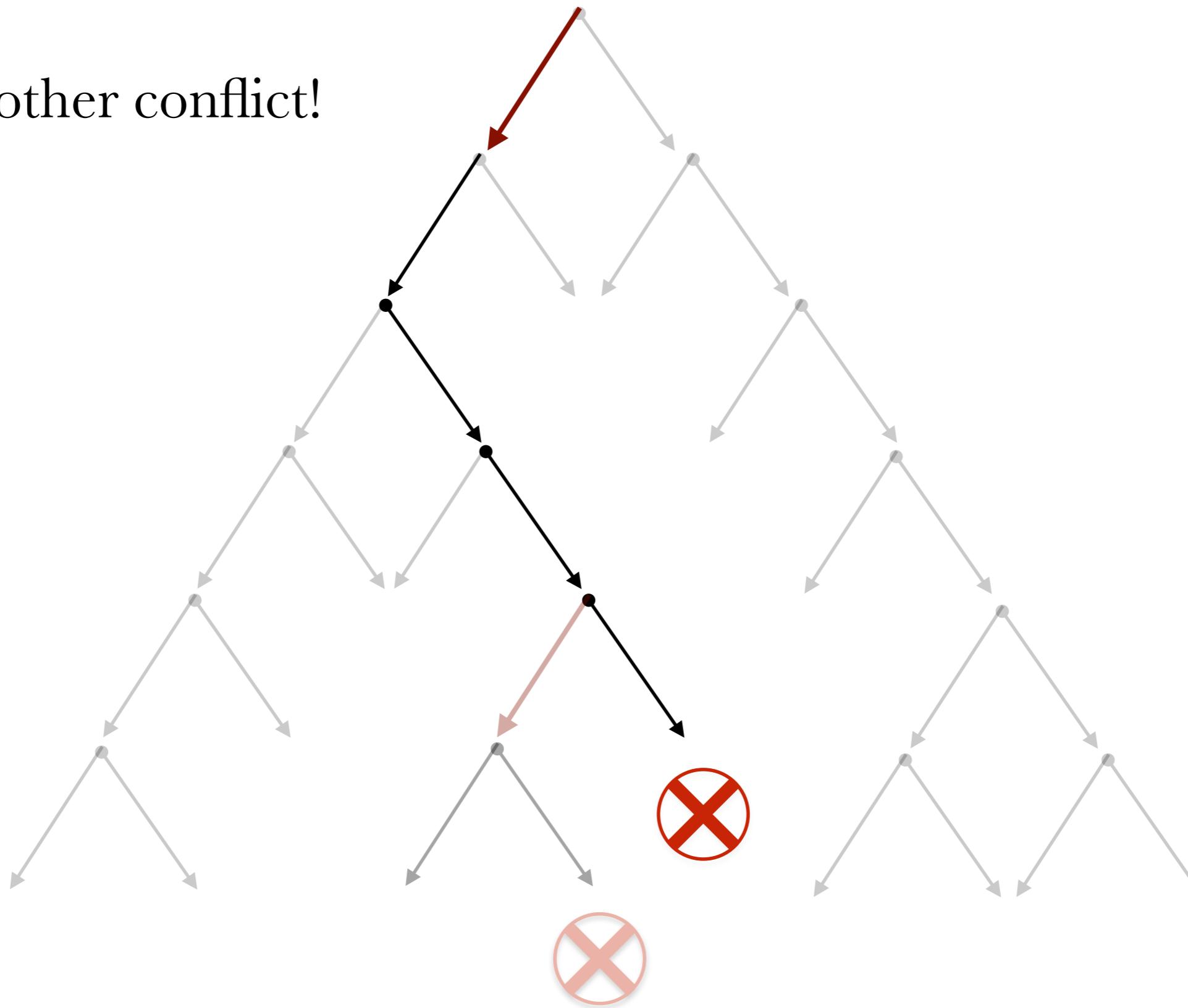
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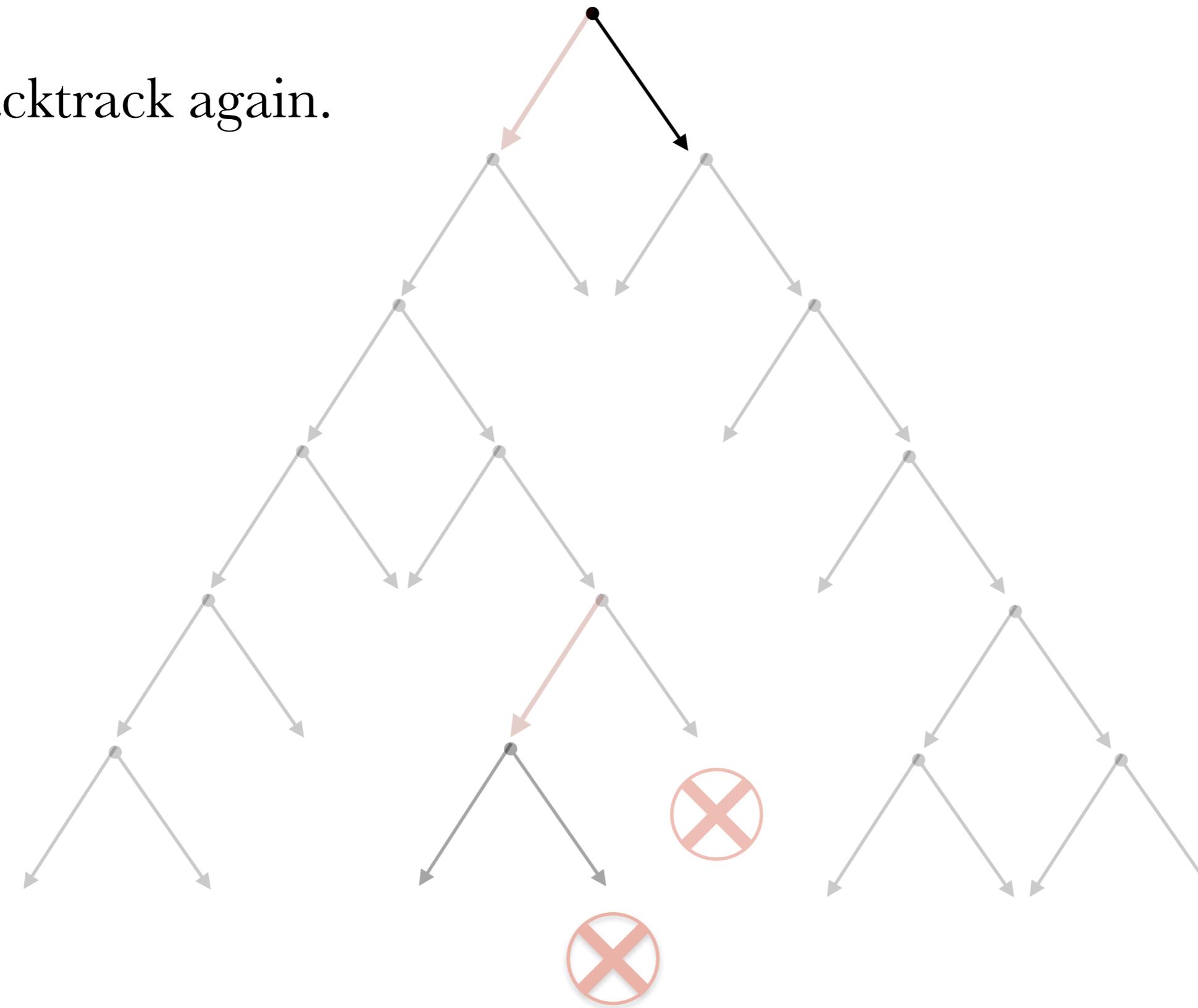
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Another conflict!



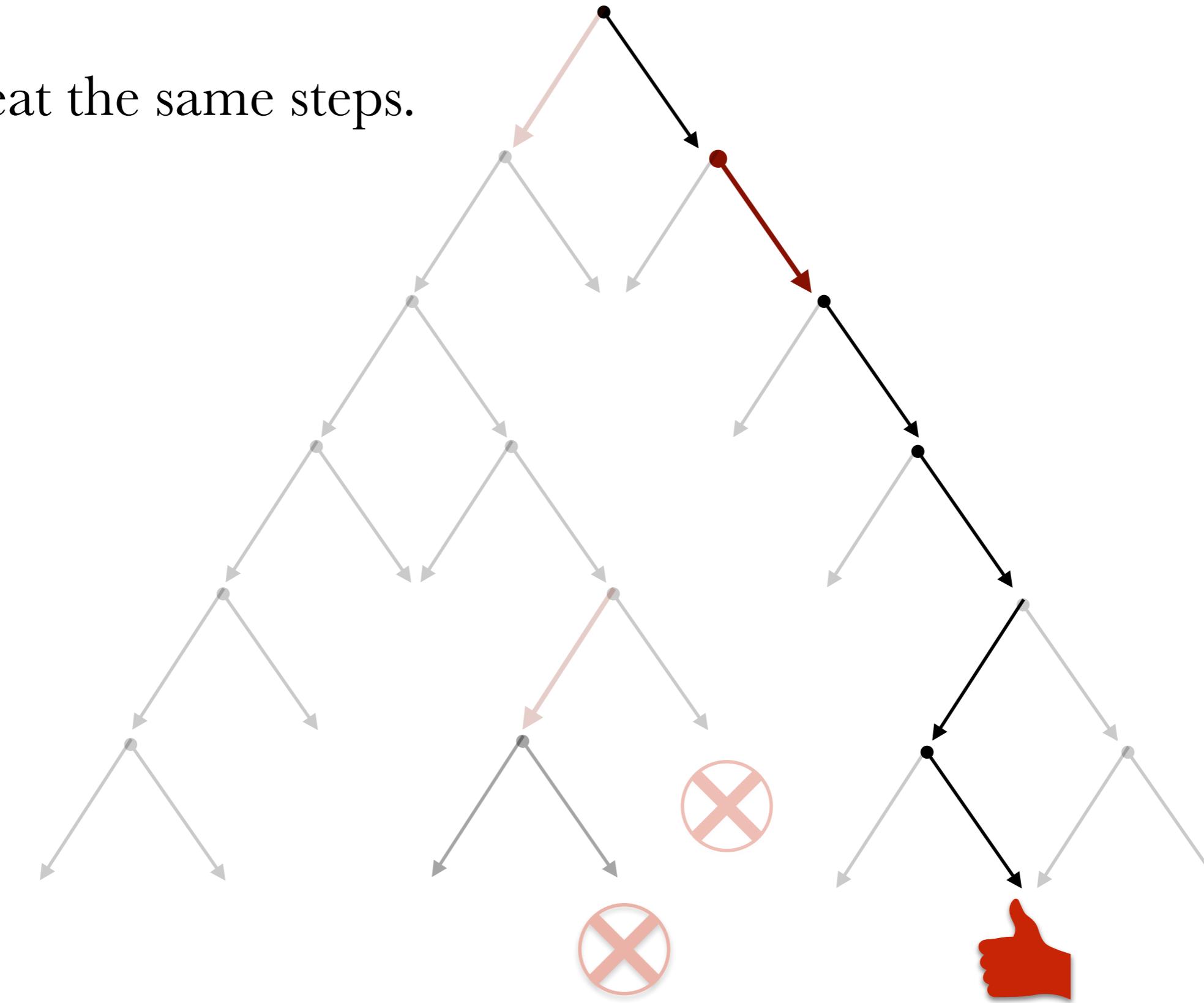
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Backtrack again.



DPLL: Full Algorithm

Repeat the same steps.



DPLL: Example

$$\{p_1, \neg p_2\}$$

What do we do first?

$$\{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}$$

- Pure literals? $\neg p_5$

$$\{\neg p_3, p_2, p_4\}$$

- Singletons? $\{\neg p_4\}$

$$\{\neg p_4\}$$

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

DPLL: Example

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After applying the rules:

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DPLL: Example

$$\{p_1, \neg p_2\}$$

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$$\{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}$$

What's next?

$$\{\neg p_3, p_2, p_4\}$$

$$\{\neg p_4\}$$

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

DPLL: Example

$\{p_1, \neg p_2\}$

$\sigma(p_4) = 0$

$\{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}$

What's next?

$\{\neg p_3, p_2, p_4\}$

No unit clause to use.

$\{\neg p_4\}$

Make a decision.

$\{\neg p_5\}$

DPLL: Example

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Make a decision.

$$\{\neg p_4\}$$

$$\sigma(p_1) = 0$$

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

DPLL: Example

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$$\{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}$$

What's next?

$$\{\neg p_3, p_2, p_4\}$$

Make a decision.

$$\{\neg p_4\}$$

$$\sigma(p_1) = 0$$

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

Also, record the decision.

DPLL: Example

$$\{p_1, \neg p_2\}$$

Assignment so far:

$$\{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}$$

$$\sigma(p_4) = 0$$

$$\{\neg p_3, p_2, p_4\}$$

$$\sigma(p_1) = 0$$

$$\{\neg p_4\}$$

Decision stack:

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

$$\Delta = \{\neg p_1\}$$

DPLL: Example

$$\{p_1, \neg p_2\}$$

$$\Delta = \{\neg p_1\}$$

$$\{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}$$

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Now: Propagate!

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

DPLL: Example

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Unit Clauses?

DPLL: Example

$\boxed{\{p_1, \neg p_2\}}$

$\{p_3, \neg p_1, p_2\}$

$\{ \neg p_3, p_2, p_4\}$

$\{\neg p_4\}$

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$$\sigma(p_1) = 0$$

Now: Propagate!

$$\sigma(p_2) = 0$$

DPLL: Example

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Now: Propagate!

$$\sigma(p_2) = 0$$

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$$\{\neg p_4\}$$

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Everything variable gets assigned.
No conflicts. **Done.**

DPLL: Example

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$$\Delta = \{\neg p_1\}$$

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$$\sigma(p_4) = 0$$

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Let's change one clause.

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

DPLL: Example

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$$\{\neg p_4\}$$
$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

$$\Delta = \{\neg p_1\}$$

$$\sigma(p_4) = 0$$

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Unit Clauses?

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Propagate!

$$\sigma(p_2) = 0$$

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Now: Propagate!

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

$$\sigma(p_3) = 1$$

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Conflict!

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The latest propagation sequence

DPLL: Example

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We now have to flip the last decision.

DPLL: Example

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$$\boxed{\{\neg p_3, p_2, p_4\}}$$

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DPLL: Example

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$$\{\neg p_4\}$$

Need to make a new decision.

$$\{\neg p_5\}$$

$$\sigma(p_2) = 0$$

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Propagate:

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DPLL: Full Algorithm

Algorithm 2 DPLL Search

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2:    $\sigma \leftarrow \emptyset$                                  $\triangleright$  Assignment mapping
3:    $\Delta \leftarrow \emptyset$                              $\triangleright$  Decision variable stack
4:    $\varphi \leftarrow \text{PureLiteralElimination}(\varphi)$ 
5:    $\Gamma \leftarrow \text{Singletons}(\varphi)$             $\triangleright$  Singleton clauses are the initial active clauses
6:   while true do
7:      $\sigma, \Gamma \leftarrow \text{UnitPropagate}(\varphi, \sigma, \Gamma)$ 
8:     if  $\perp \notin \sigma$  then
9:       if AllAssigned( $\sigma$ ) then
10:        return SATISFIABLE
11:       else
12:          $\langle p, b \rangle \leftarrow \text{MakeDecision}(\varphi, \sigma)$ 
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14:          $\sigma \leftarrow \sigma \cup \{\langle p, b \rangle\}$ 
15:          $\Gamma \leftarrow \Gamma \cup \{\gamma(p)\}$ 
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17:     else
18:       if  $\Delta == \emptyset$  then
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26:     end if
27:   end while
28: end function
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Unit Propagation

DPLL: Full Algorithm

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Check for conflicts

DPLL: Full Algorithm

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10:         return SATISFIABLE
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15:          $\Gamma \leftarrow \Gamma \cup \{\gamma(p)\}$ 
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18:       if  $\Delta == \emptyset$  then
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26:     end if
27:   end while
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No conflict:
Make a new decision

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13:         $\Delta \leftarrow \Delta \cup \{\langle p, b \rangle\}$  Put on decision stack
14:         $\sigma \leftarrow \sigma \cup \{\langle p, b \rangle\}$ 
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Update relevant clauses

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Found conflict

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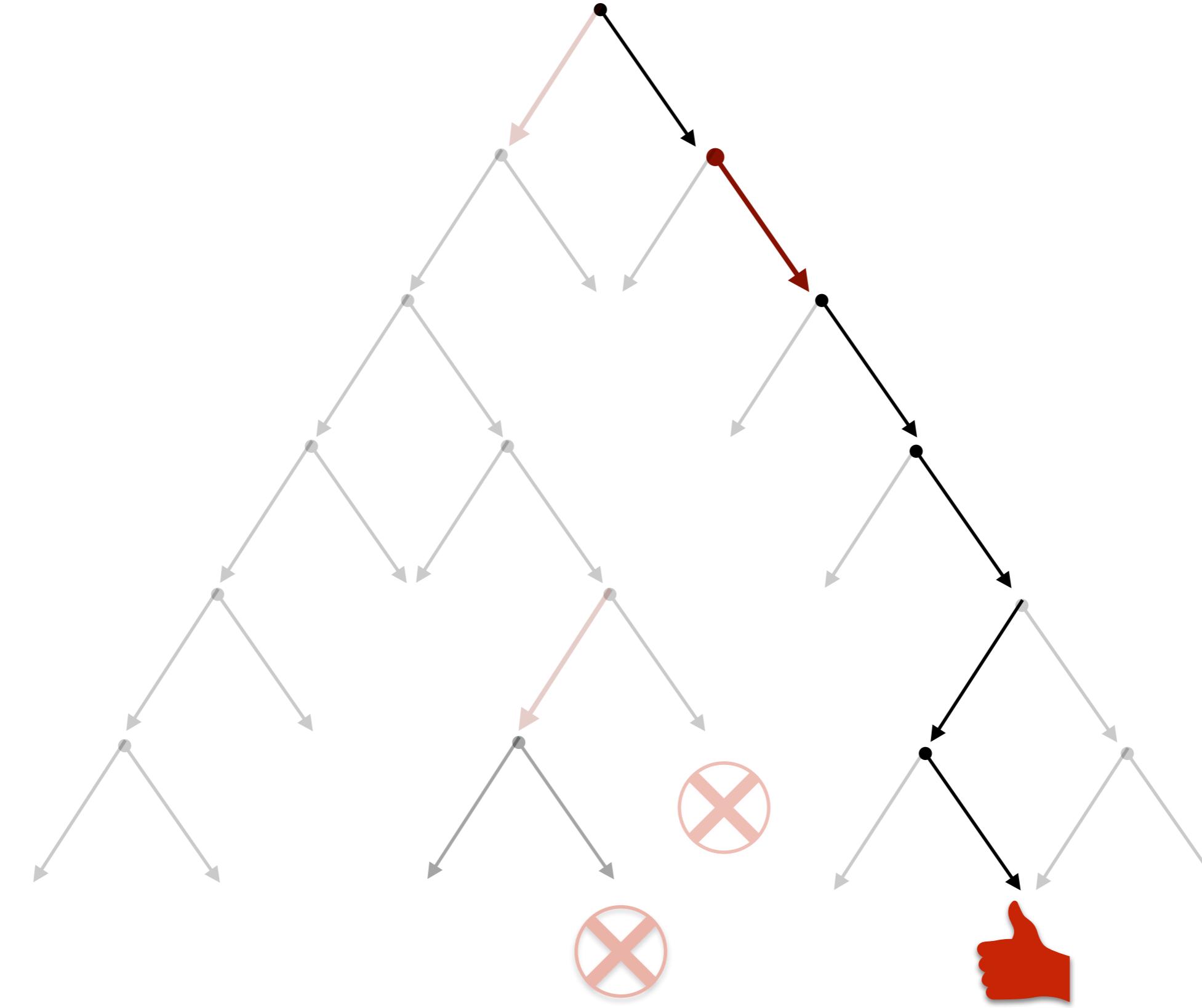
If no decision was made,
then there is no solution.

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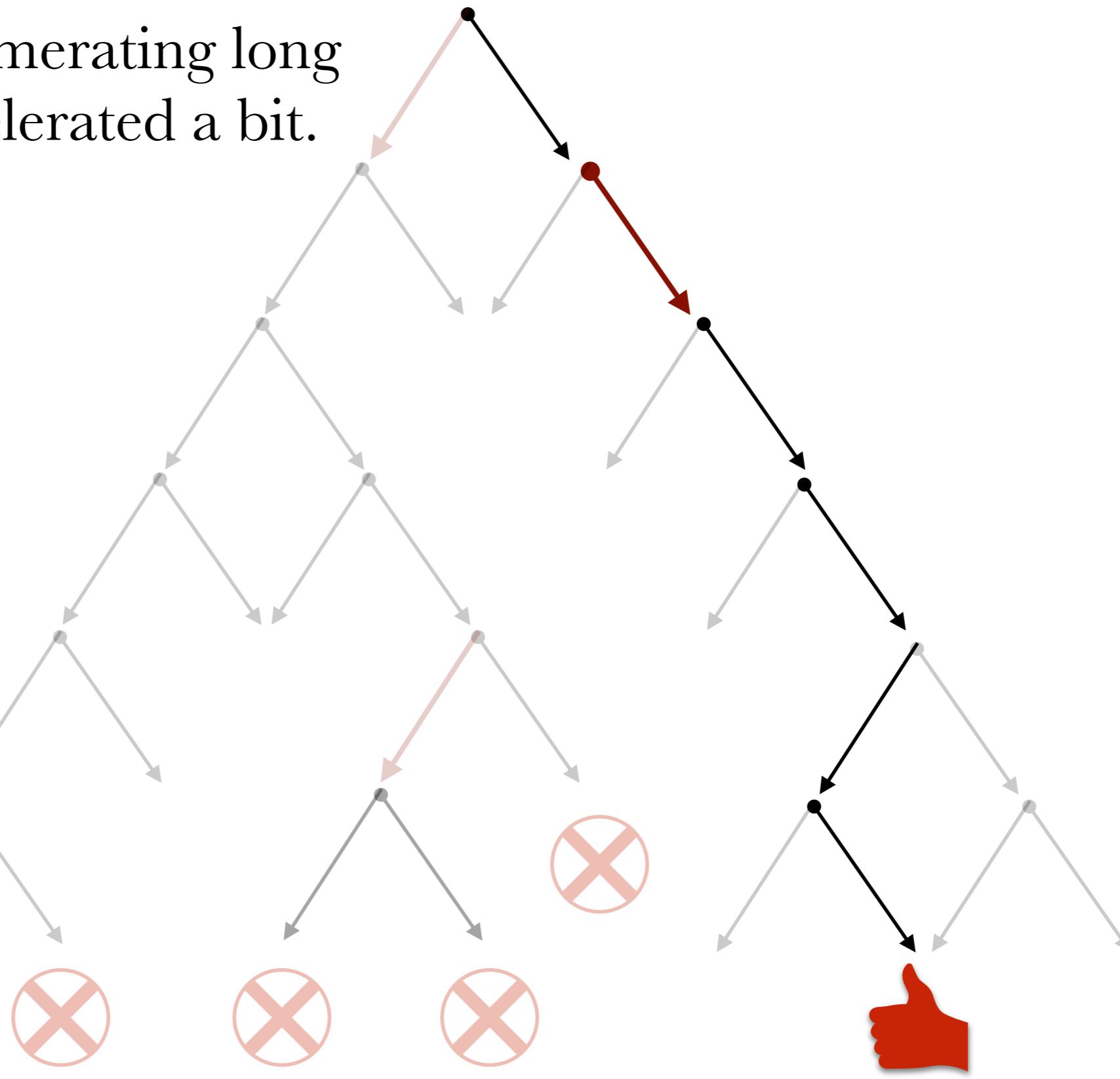
If the conflict came from
a decision, backtrack

However, DPLL is still naive.



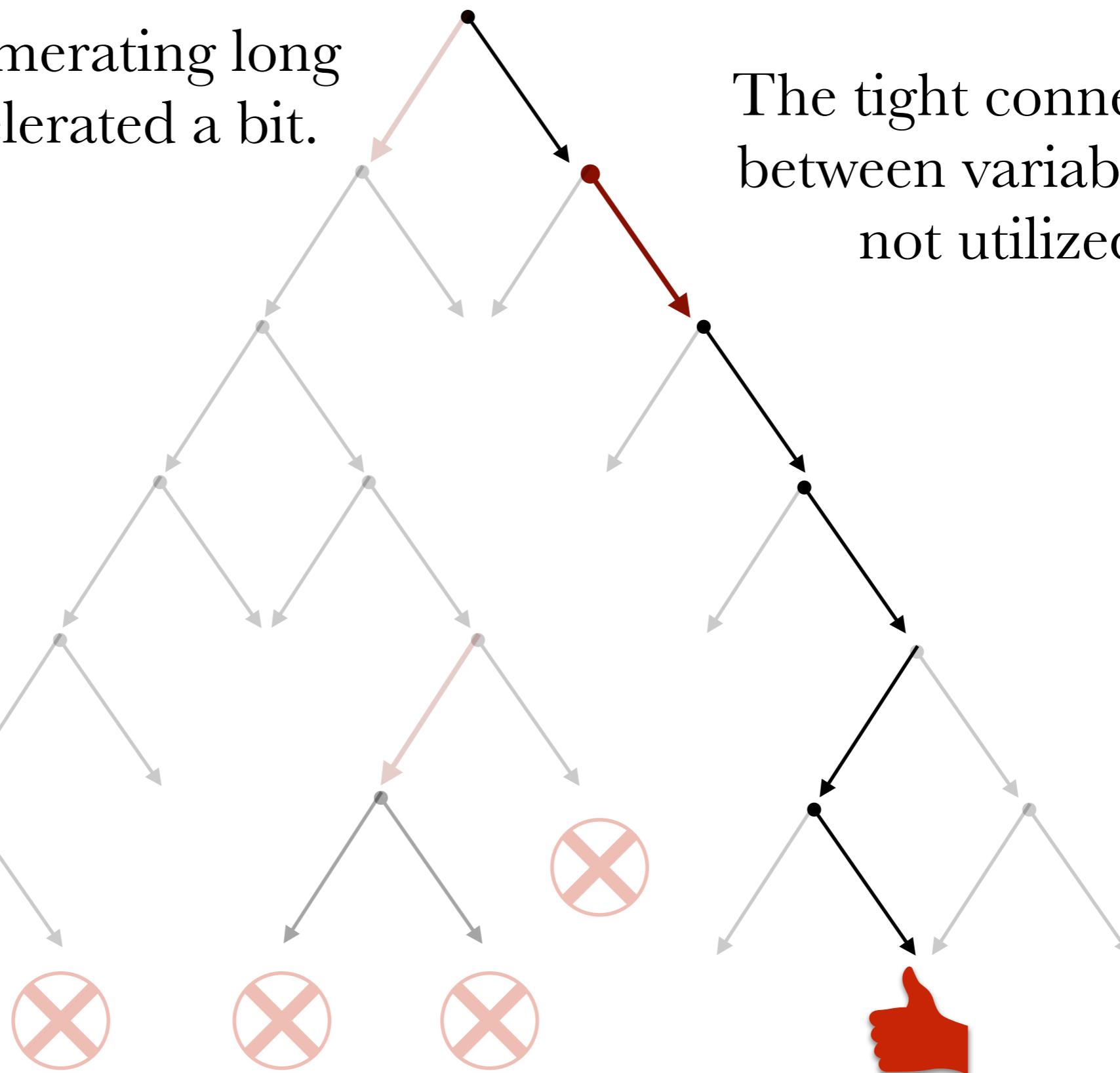
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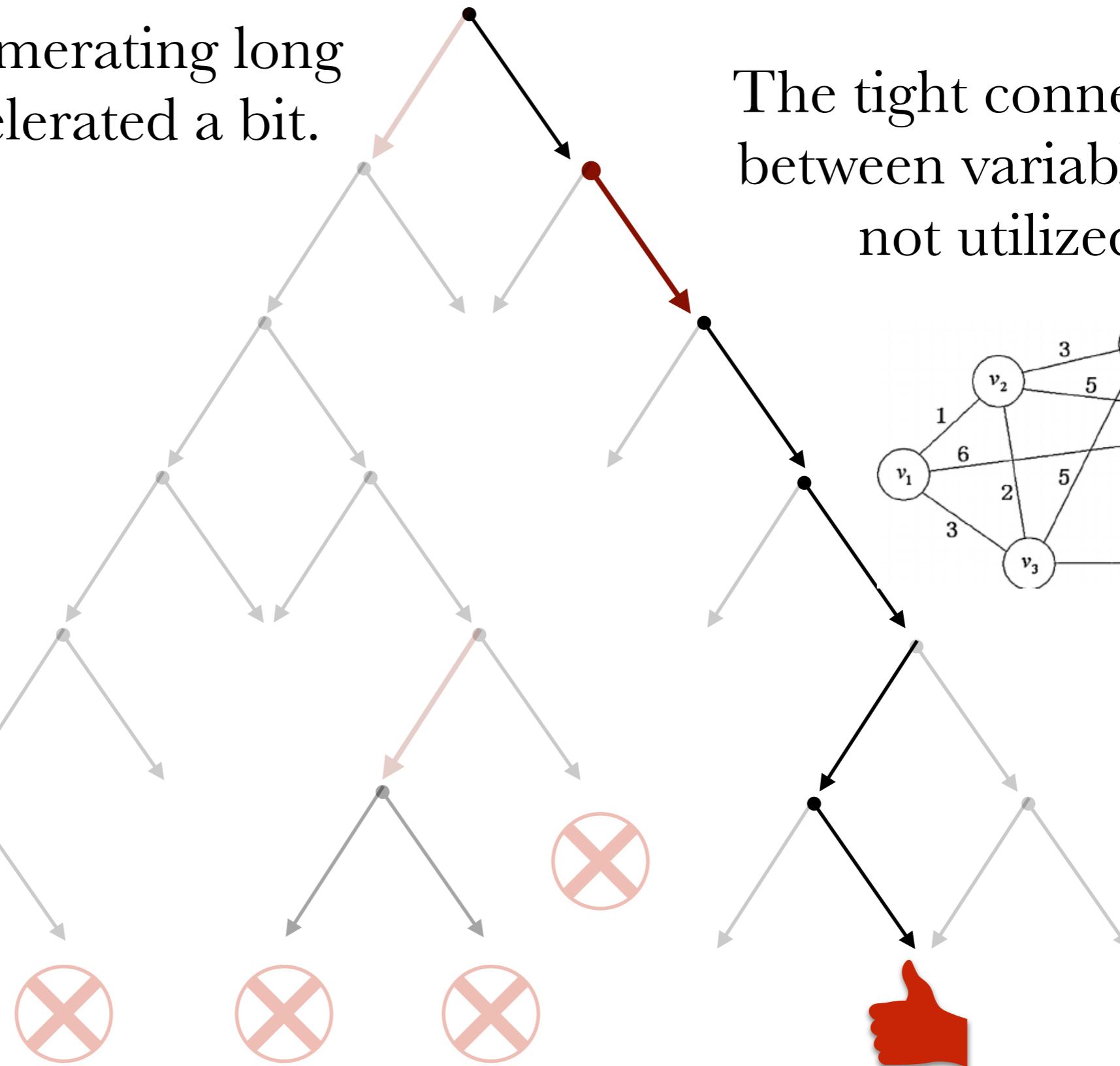
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The tight connections between variables are not utilized.

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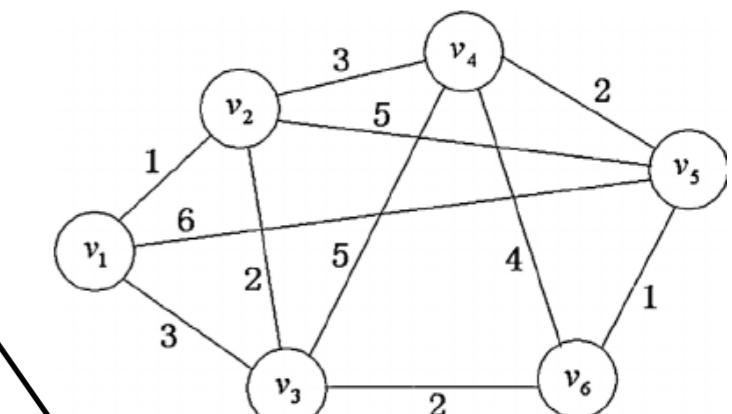
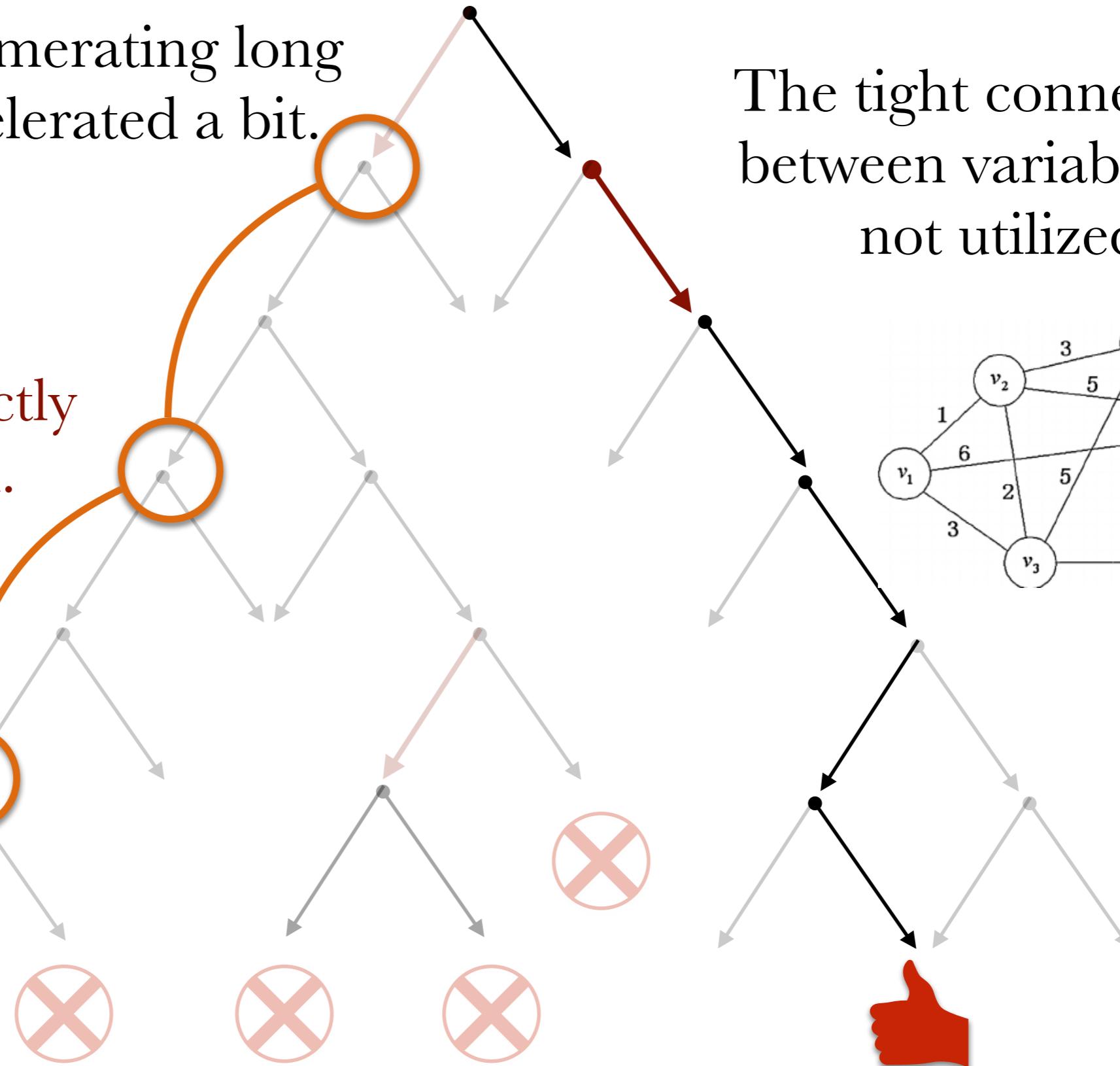
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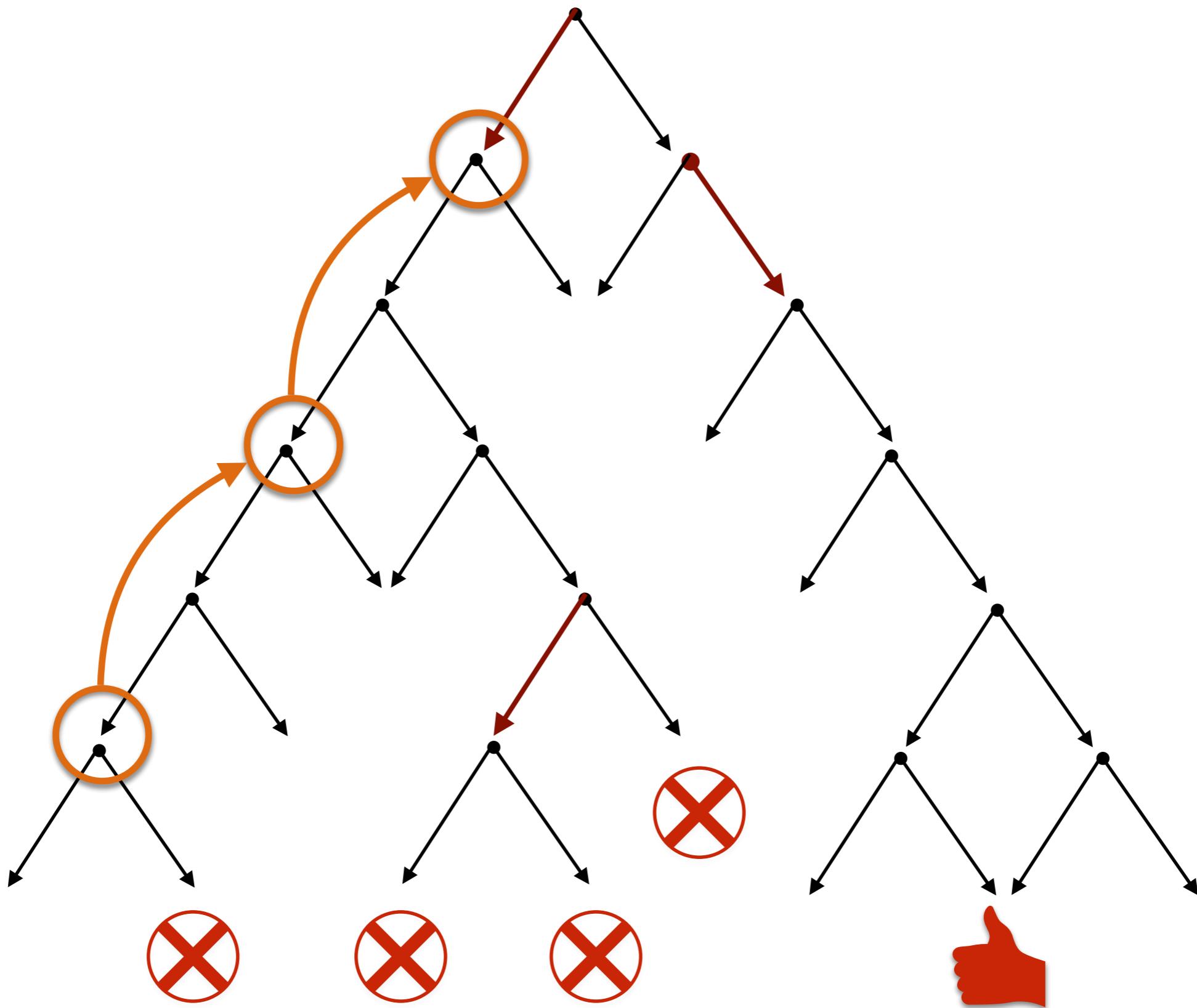


However, DPLL is still naive.

We are still enumerating long paths, just accelerated a bit.

May be directly connected.





However, DPLL is still naive.

CDCL

Conflict-Driven Clause-Learning Search



CDCL: Basic Ideas

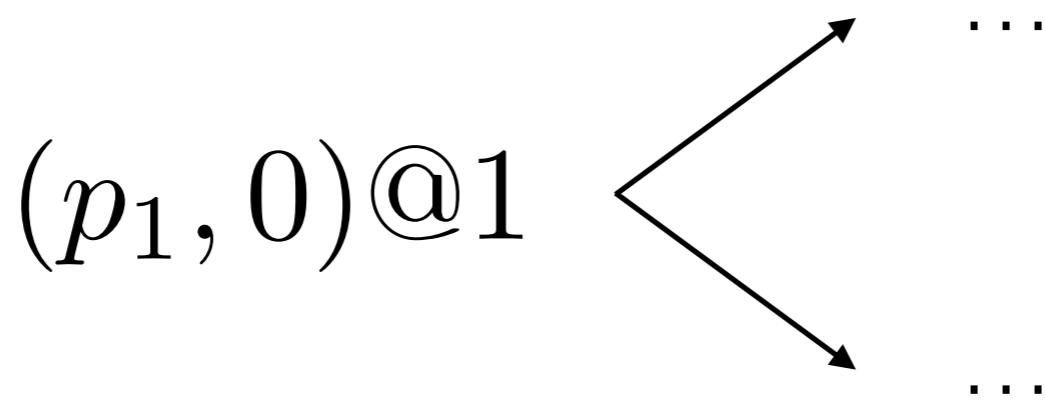
We should exploit the constraints among variables to improve the following aspects:

- We should keep track of what combinations of variables lead to conflicts and avoid them.
- Instead of backtracking to the most recent decision, we should “backjump” and skip much larger parts of the tree.

Key Concept: Implication Graph

Each decision has a “decision level”. Unit propagation does not increase decision levels.

When conflict occur, we analyze what levels they came from, and figure out what constraints were responsible for that.



Key Concept: Implication Graph

$\{p_1, \neg p_2\}$

$(p_4, 0) @ 0$

$\{p_3, p_1, p_2\}$

$\{\neg p_3, p_2\}$

$\{\neg p_4\}$

$\{\neg p_5\}$

Key Concept: Implication Graph

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$\boxed{\{p_3, p_1, p_2\}}$

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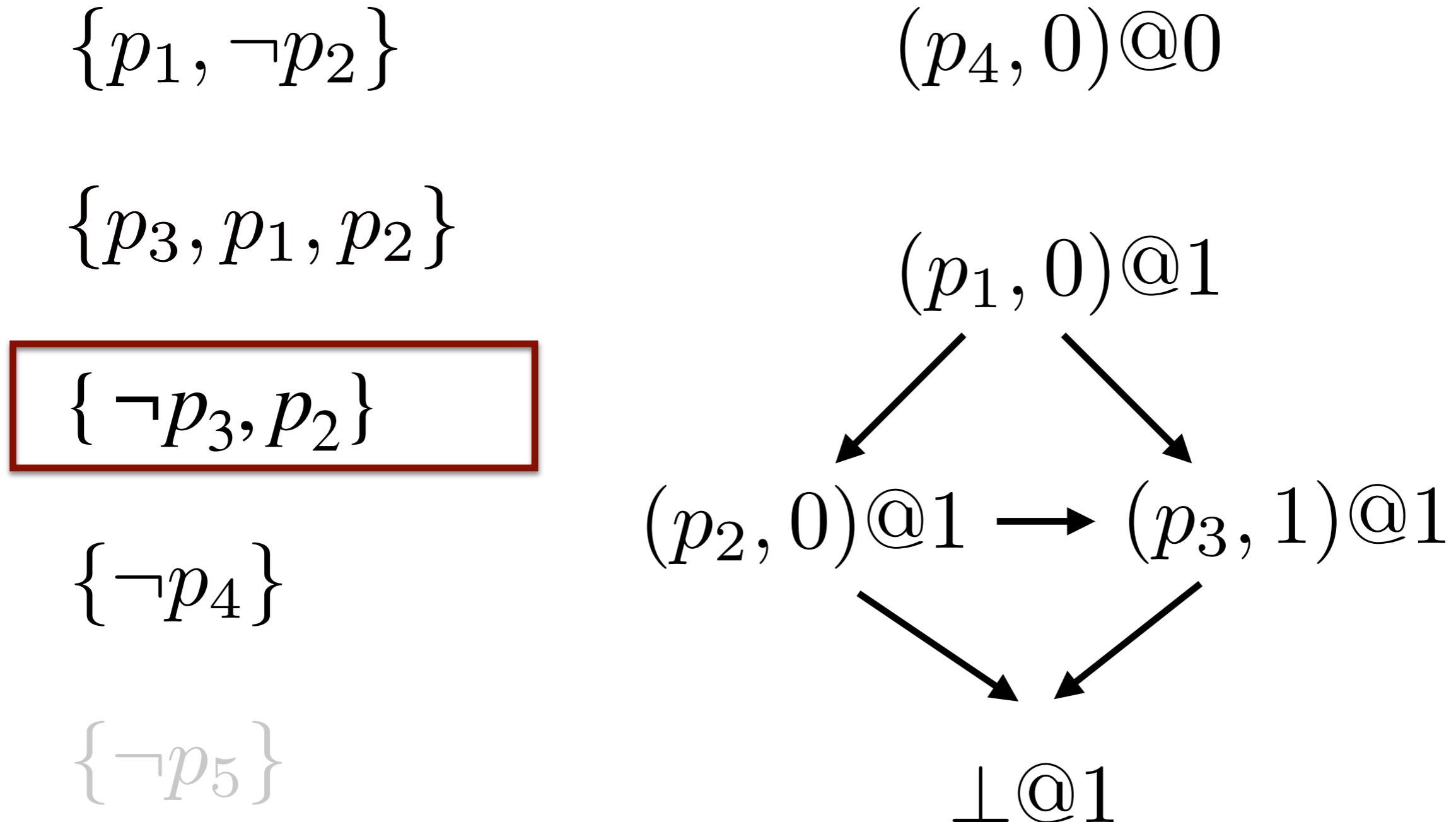
$\{\neg p_3, p_2\}$

$(p_2, 0)@\{1\} \rightarrow (p_3, 1)@\{1\}$

$\{\neg p_4\}$

$\{\neg p_5\}$

Key Concept: Implication Graph



How do we explain the conflict?

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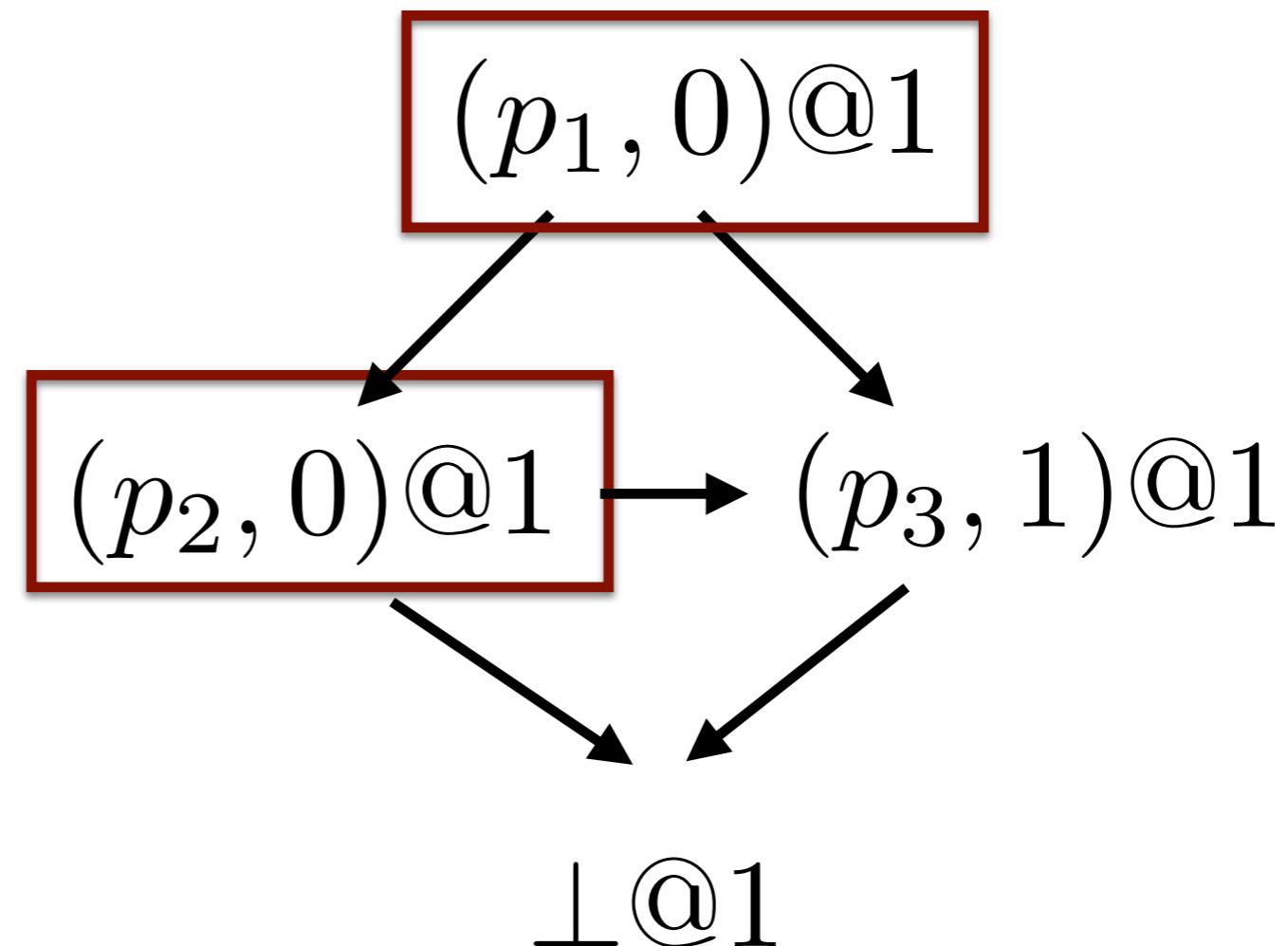
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$\perp @1$

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We can learn a lot from a conflict

$$\neg(\neg p_2 \wedge p_3)$$

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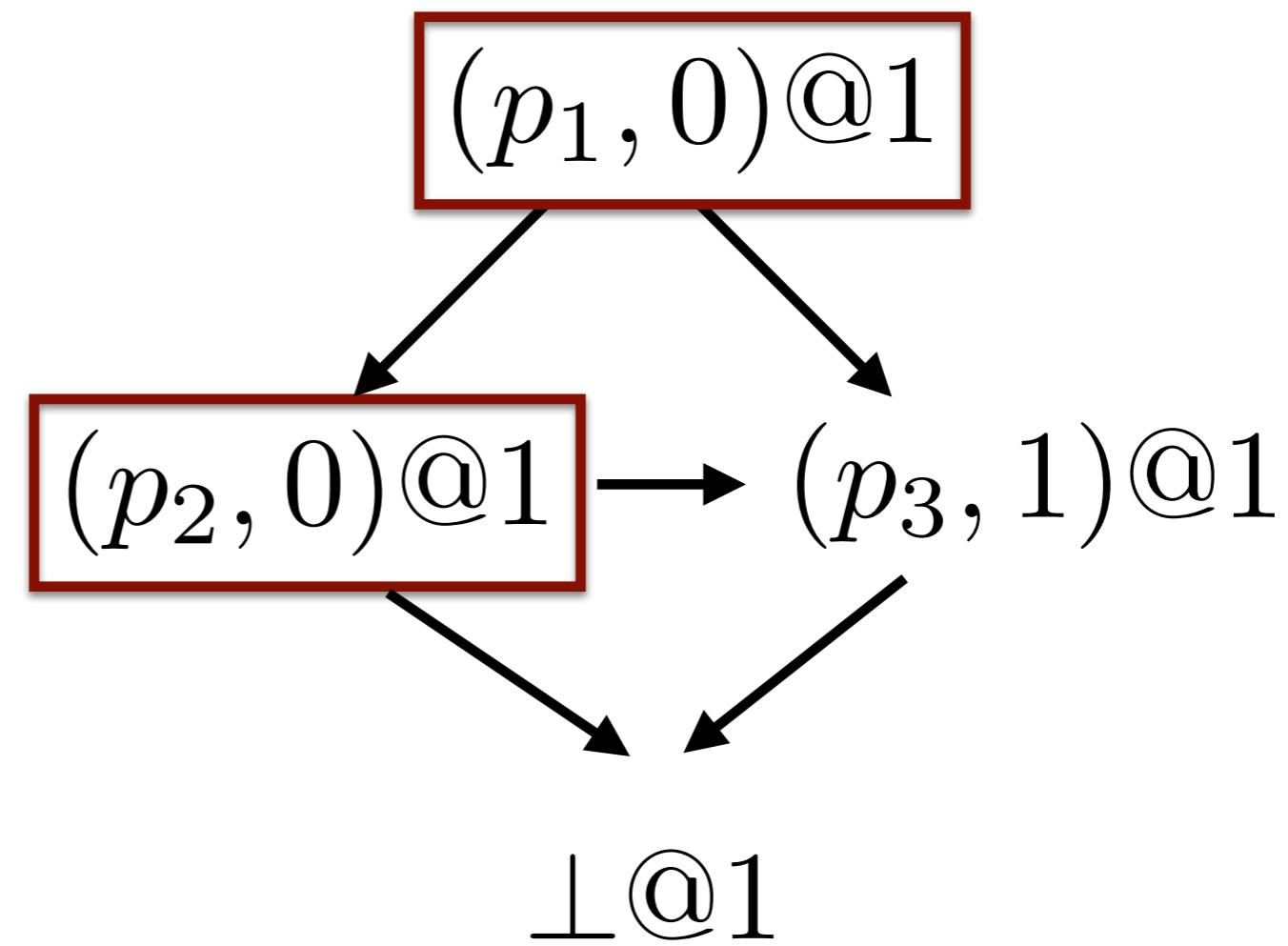
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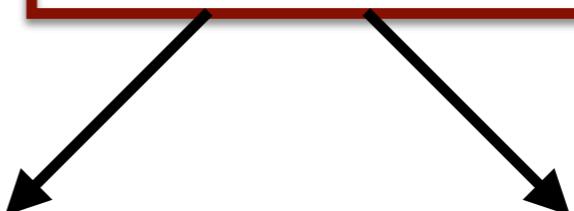
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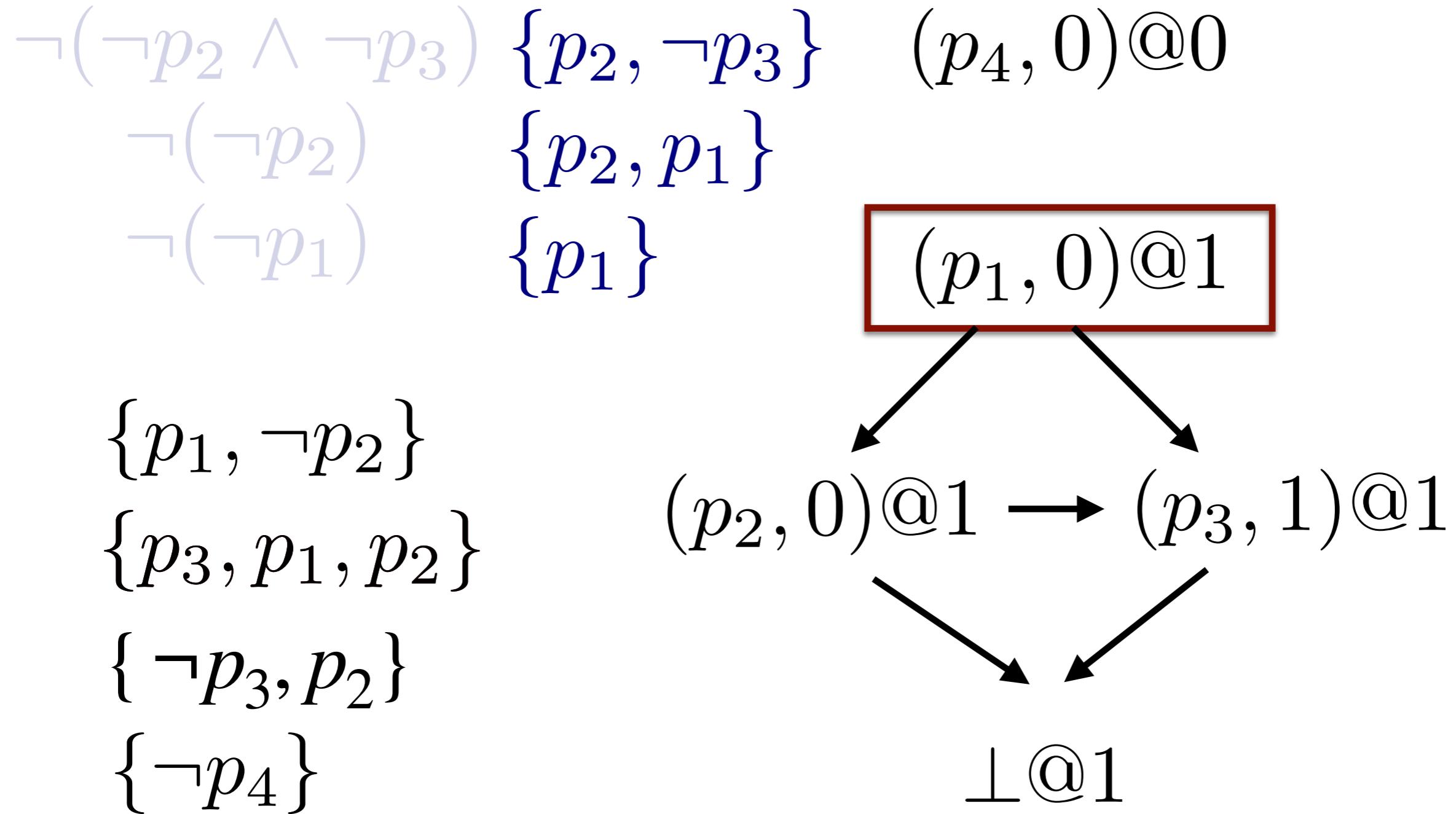
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CNF helps: Everything we learn is a clause!



The learned clauses force new values

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$\{\neg p_3, p_2\}$

$(p_1, 1)@\text{1} \rightarrow \perp@\text{1}$

$\{\neg p_4\}$

Don't need the decision stack anymore!

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$\perp @1$

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Make decisions and propagate in the same way

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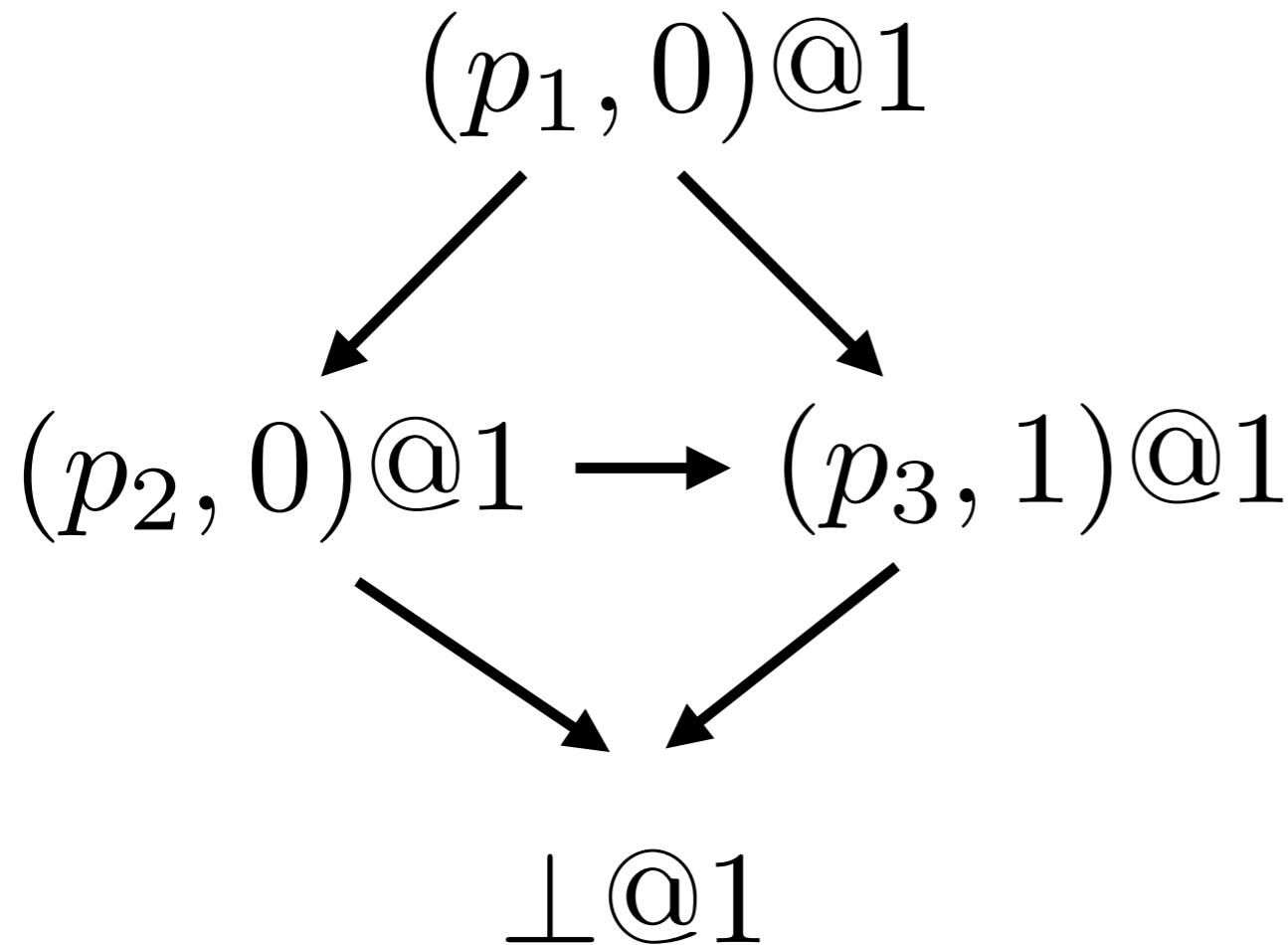
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$(p_3, 0)@1$

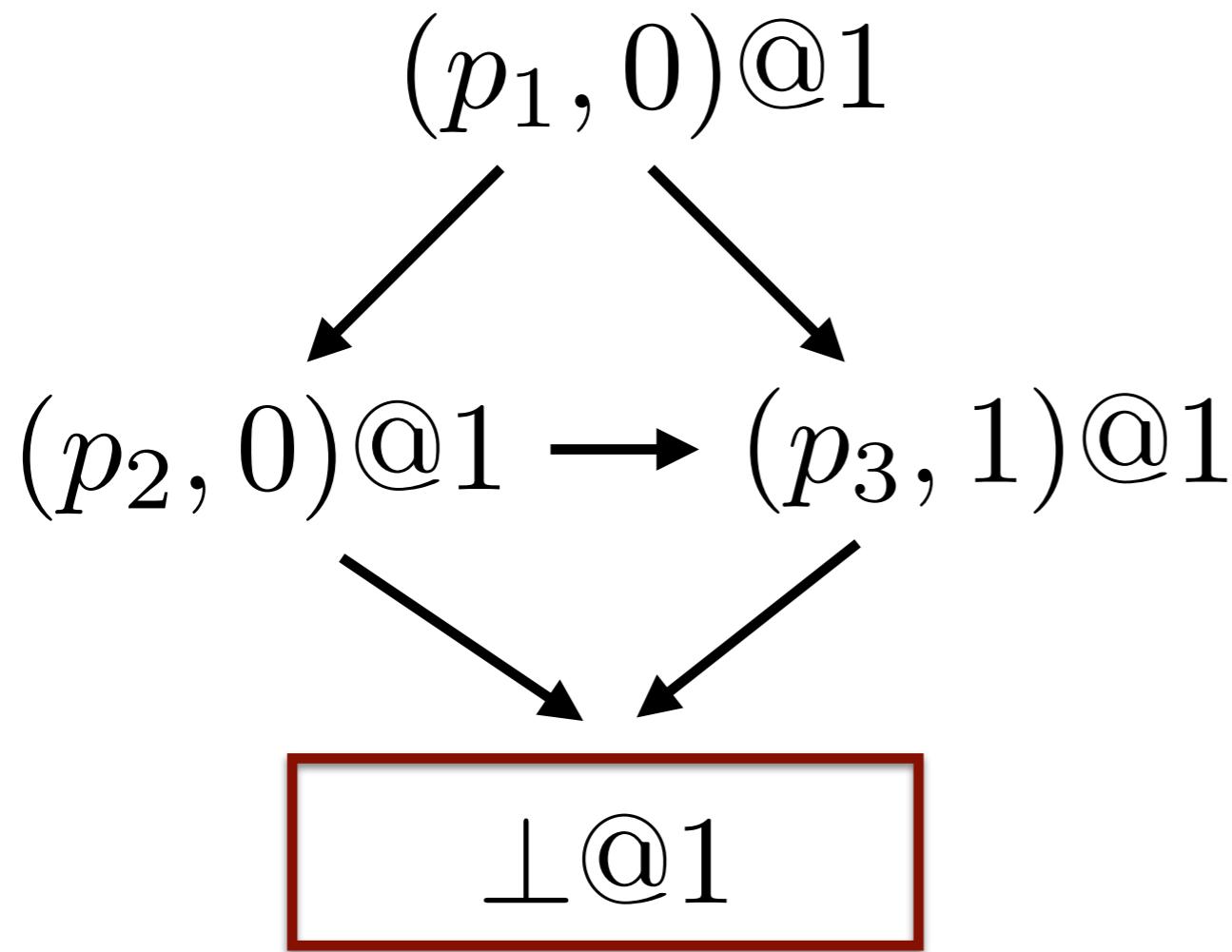
Done.

CDCL: More concepts



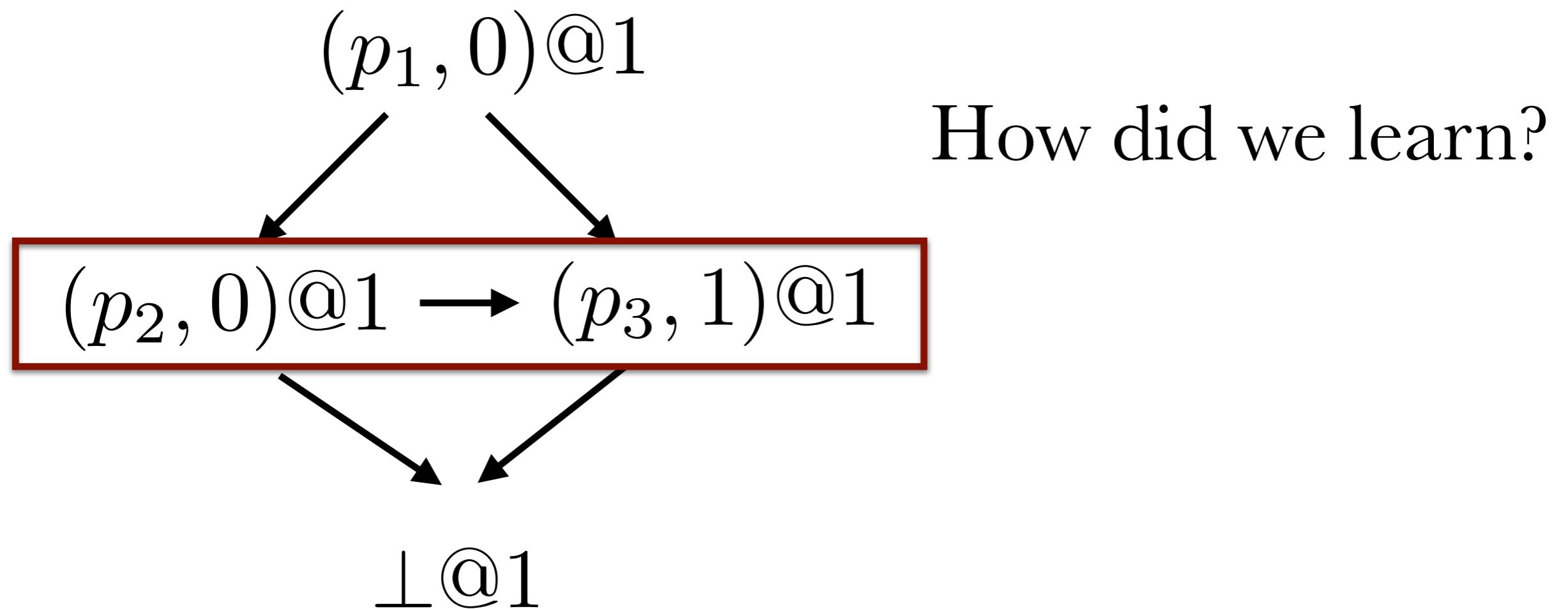
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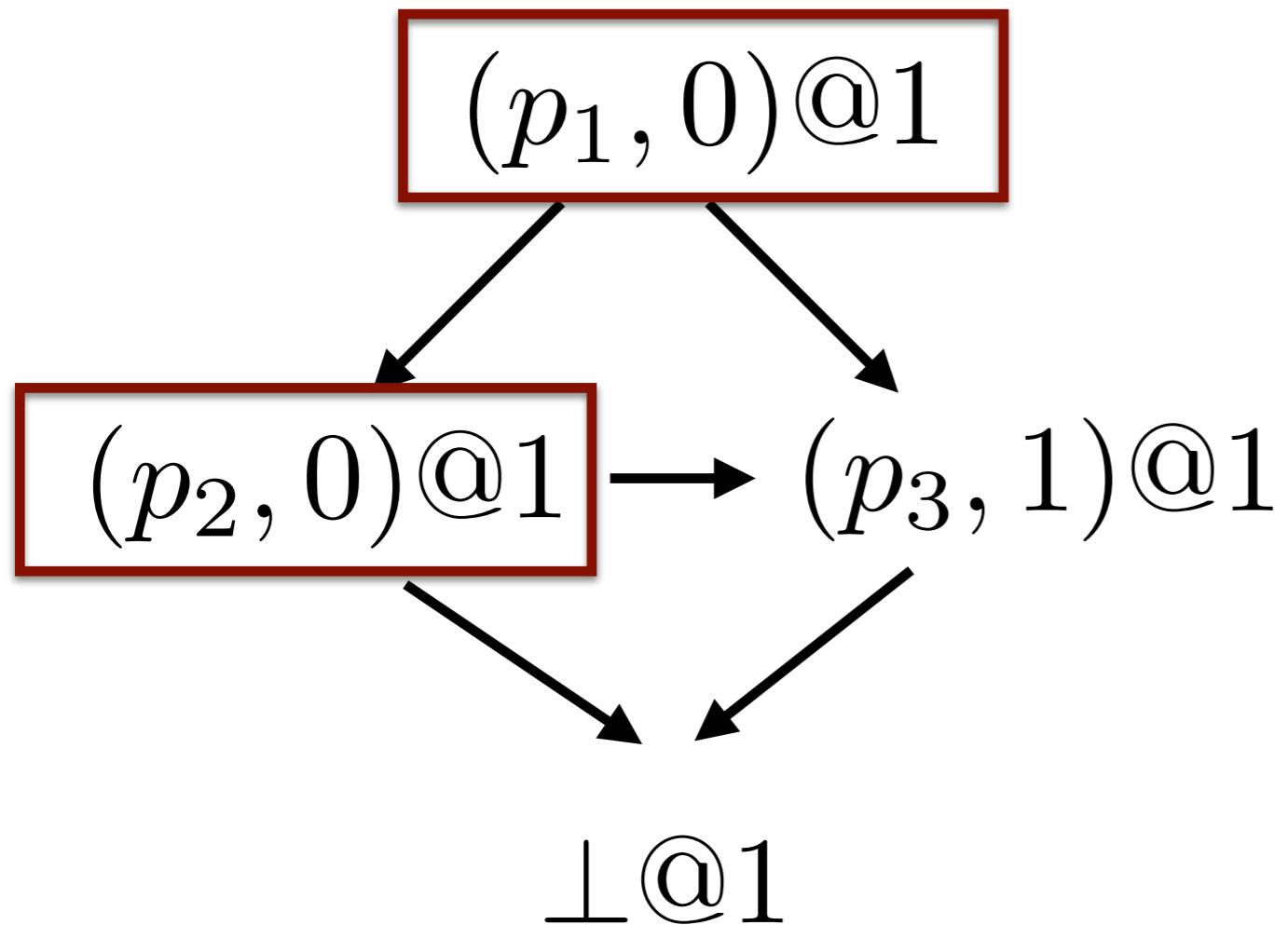


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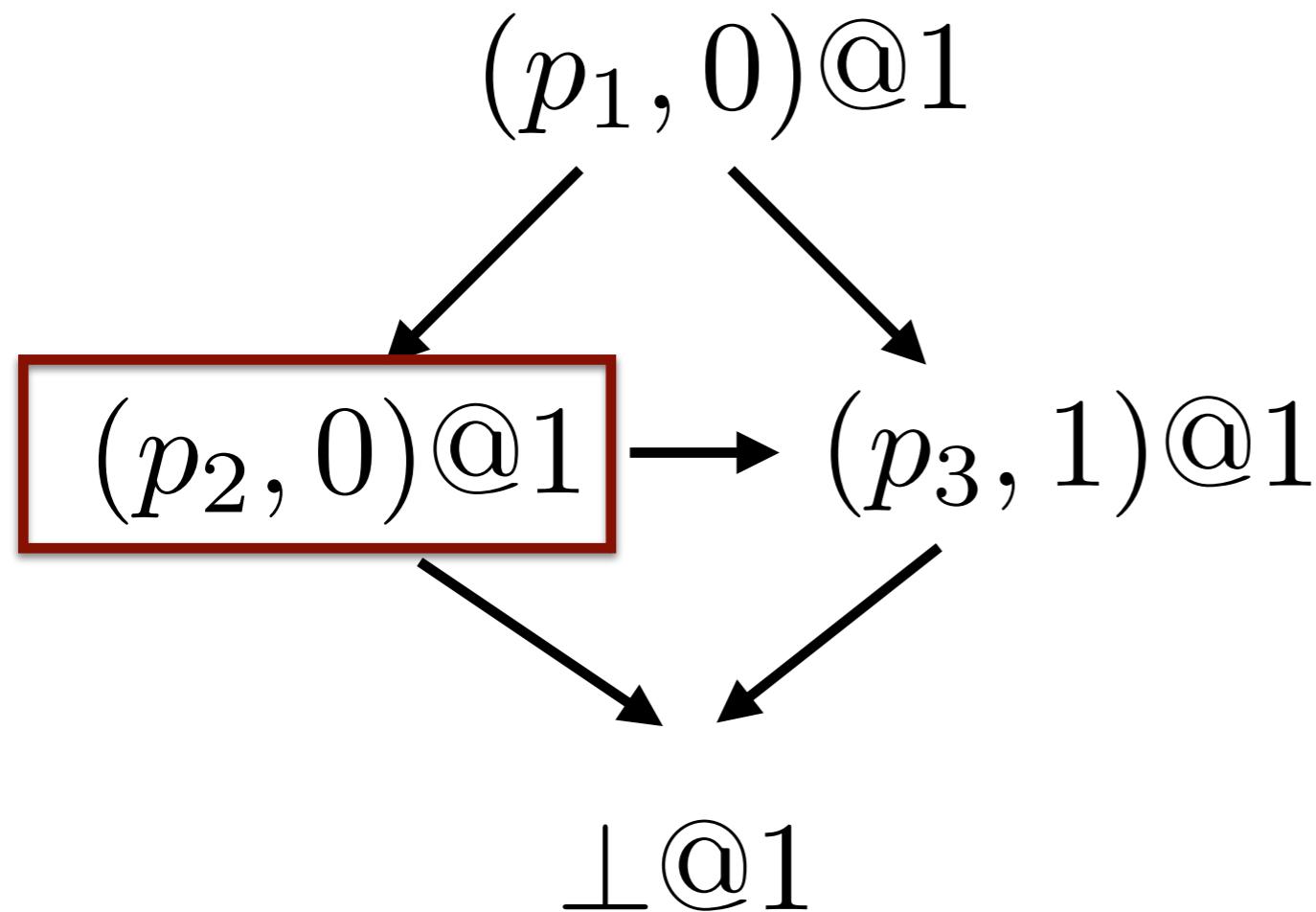


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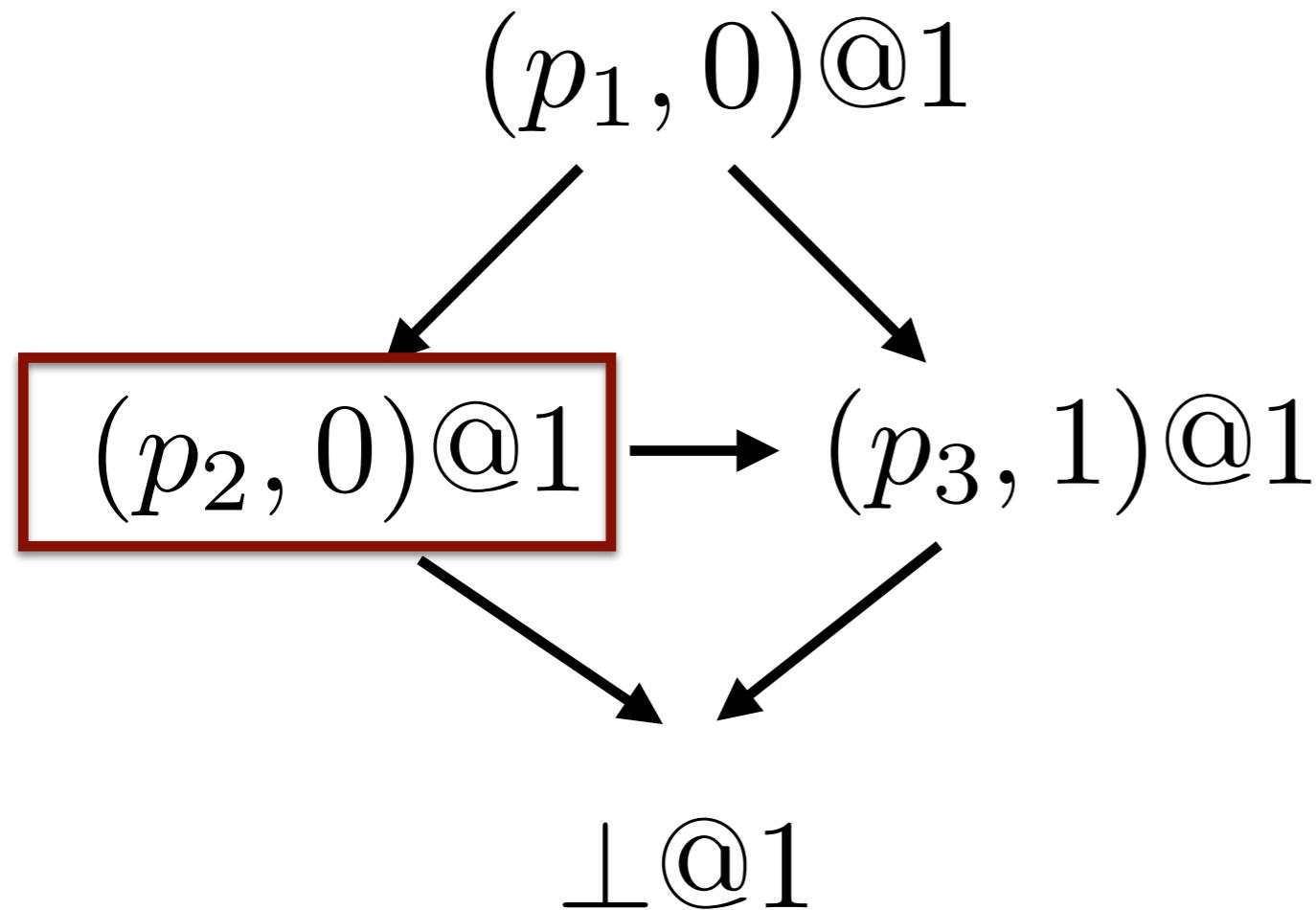
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Why not learn this?

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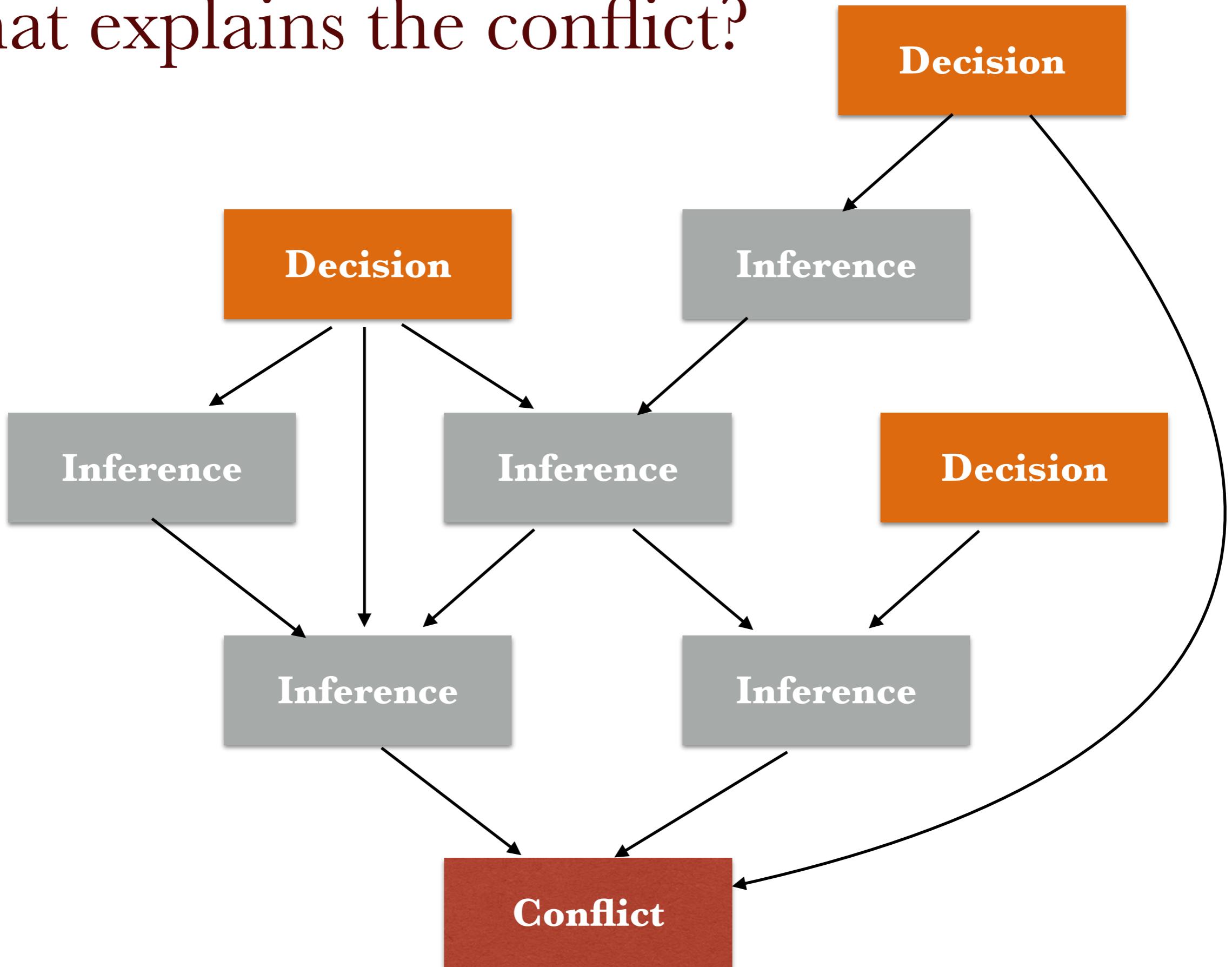


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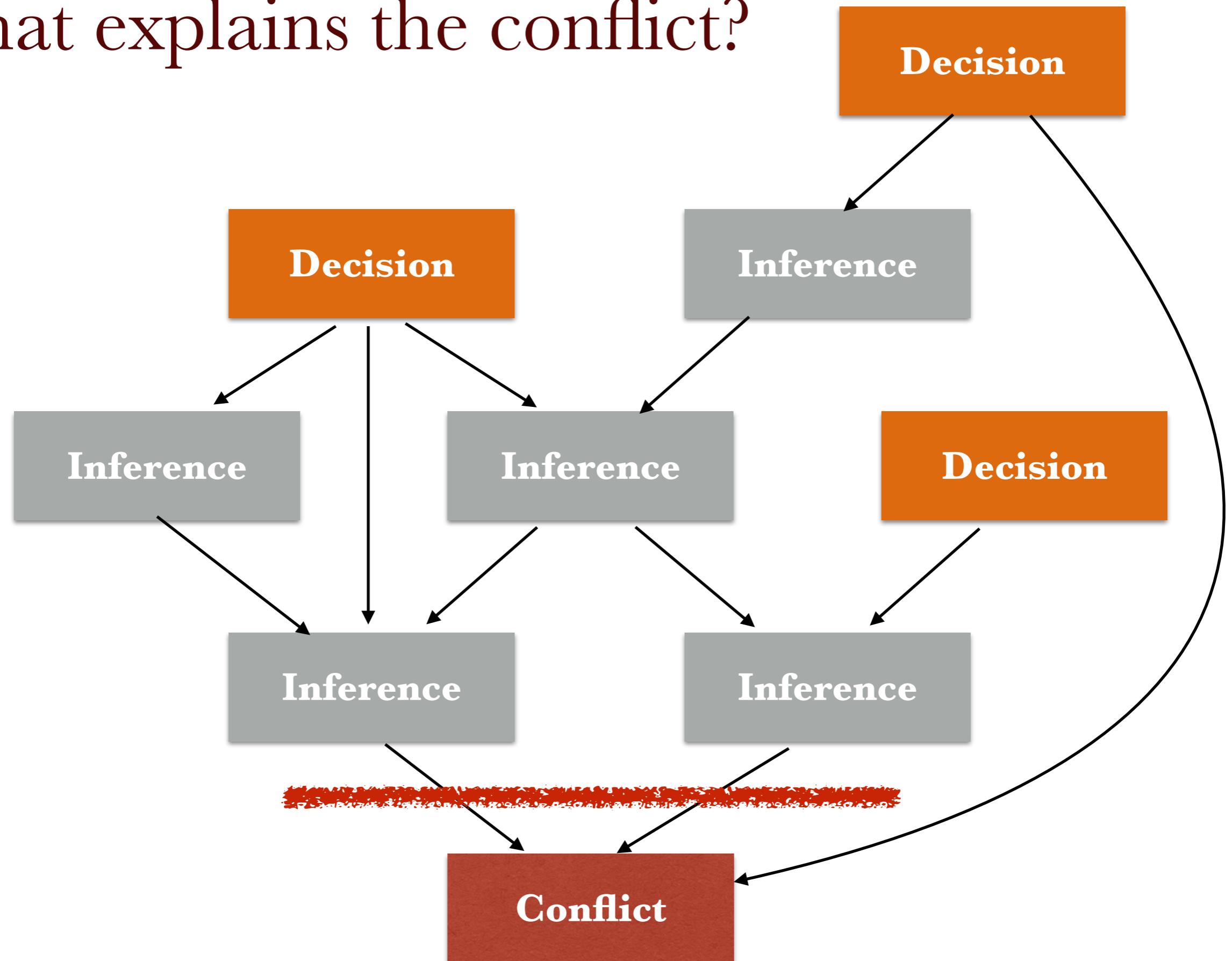
$$\{\neg p_2\}$$

It is not a complete explanation.

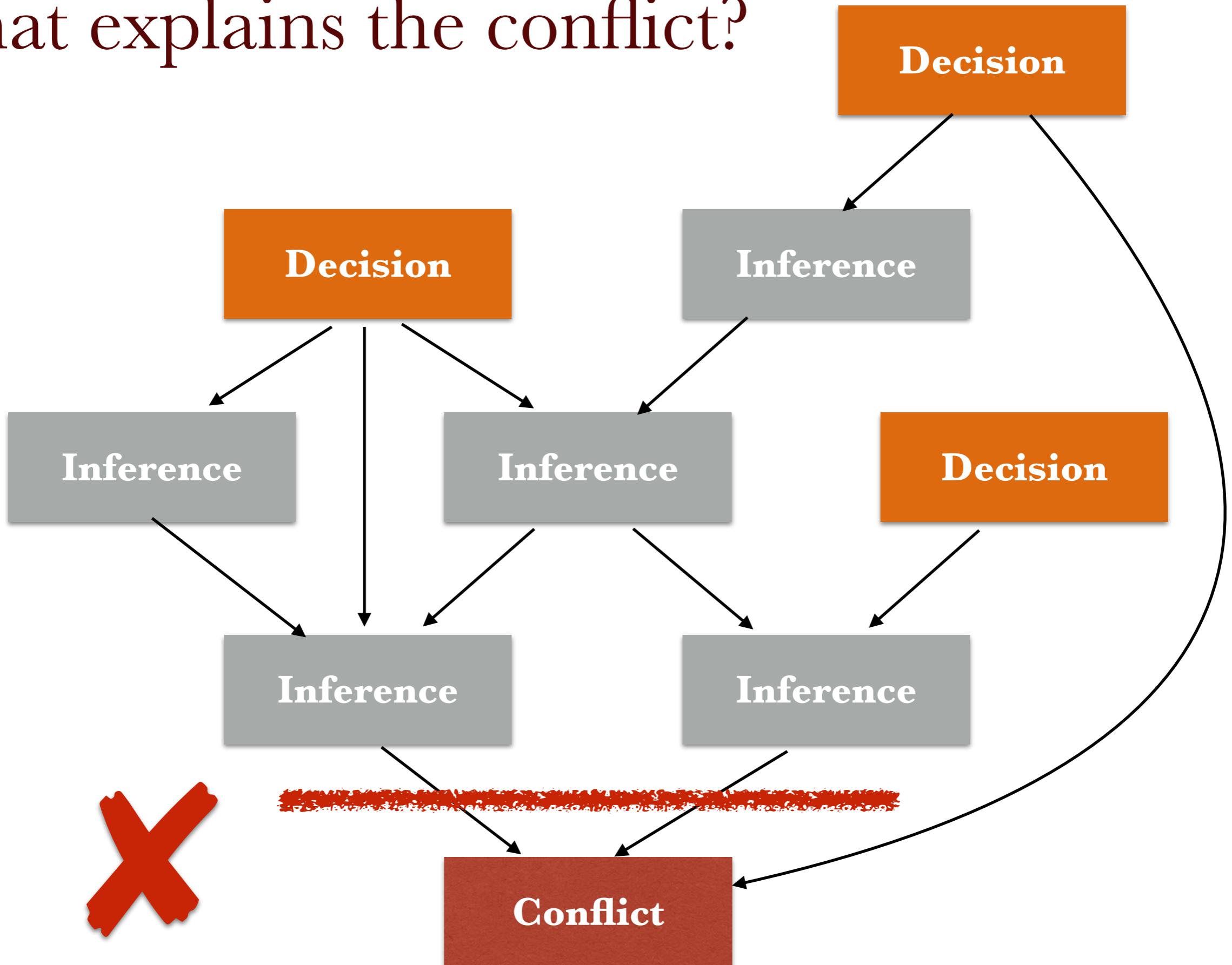
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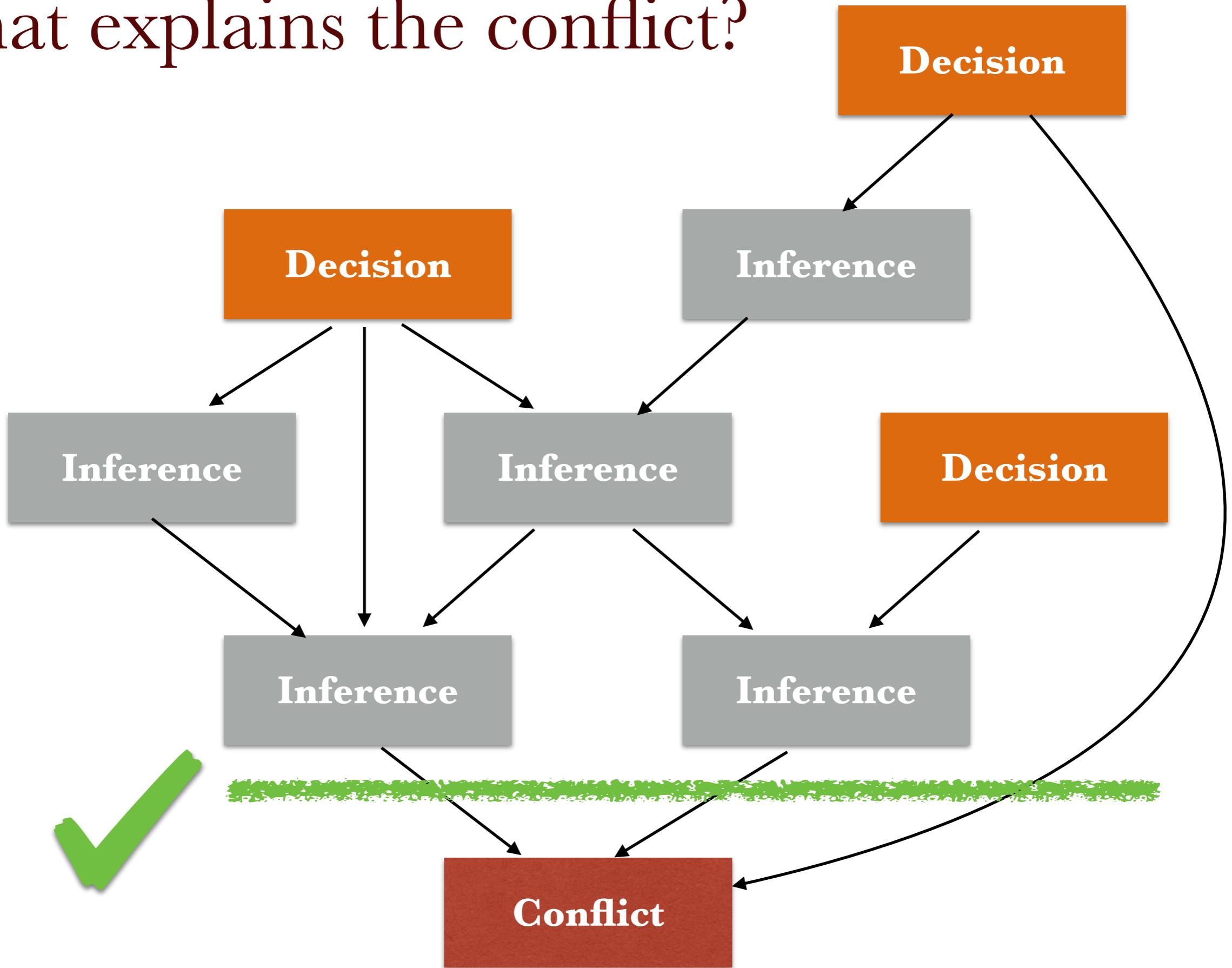
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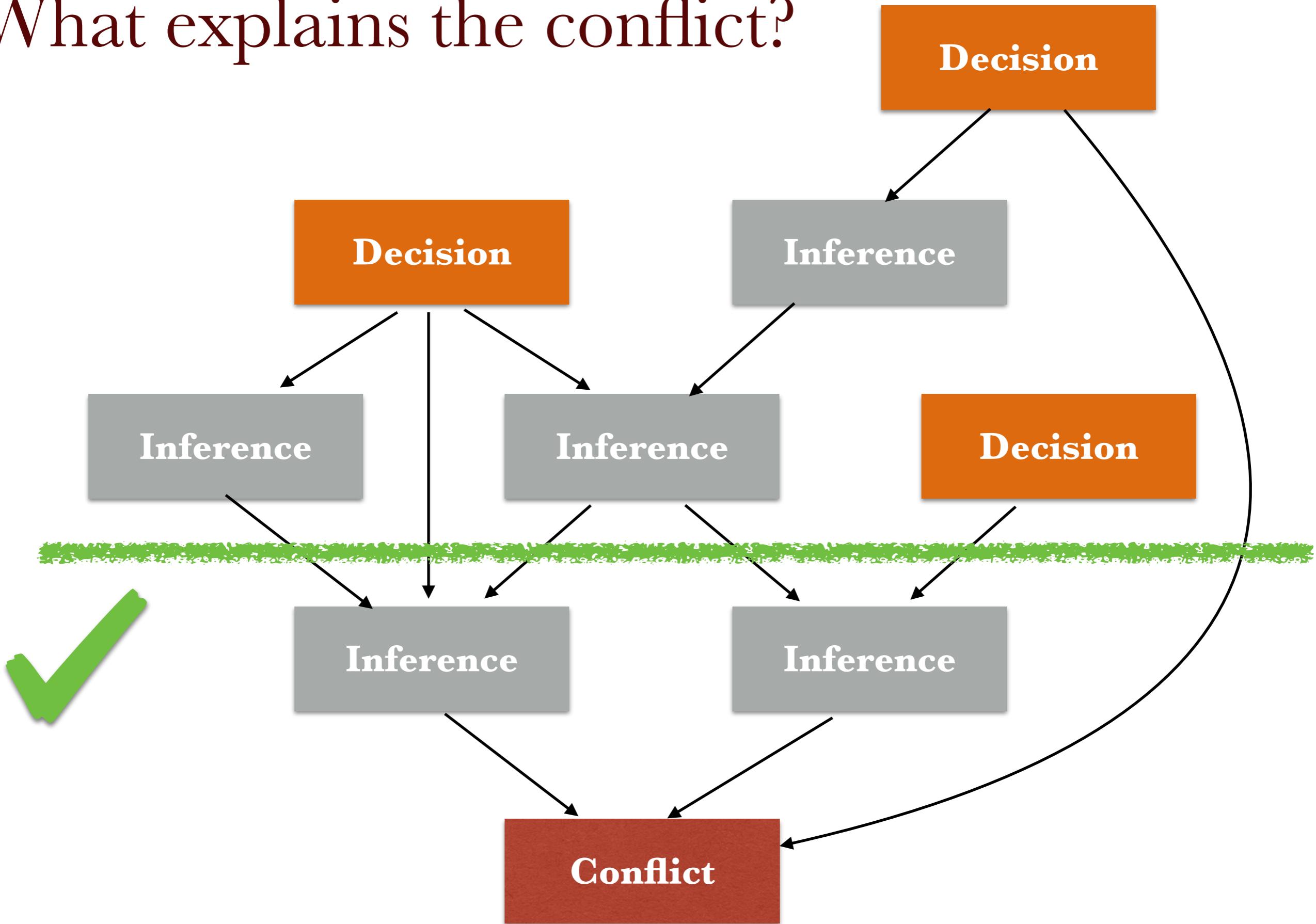
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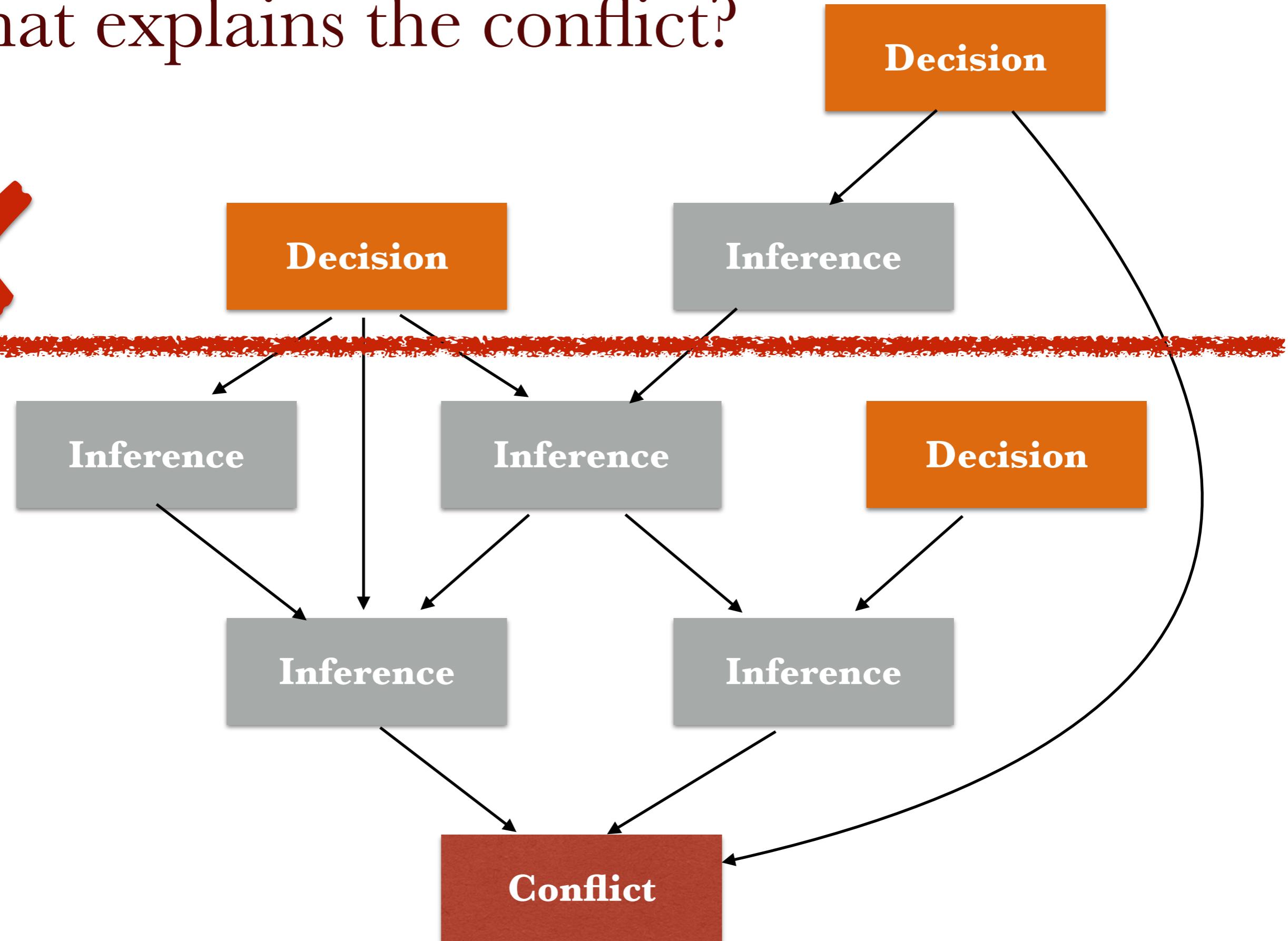
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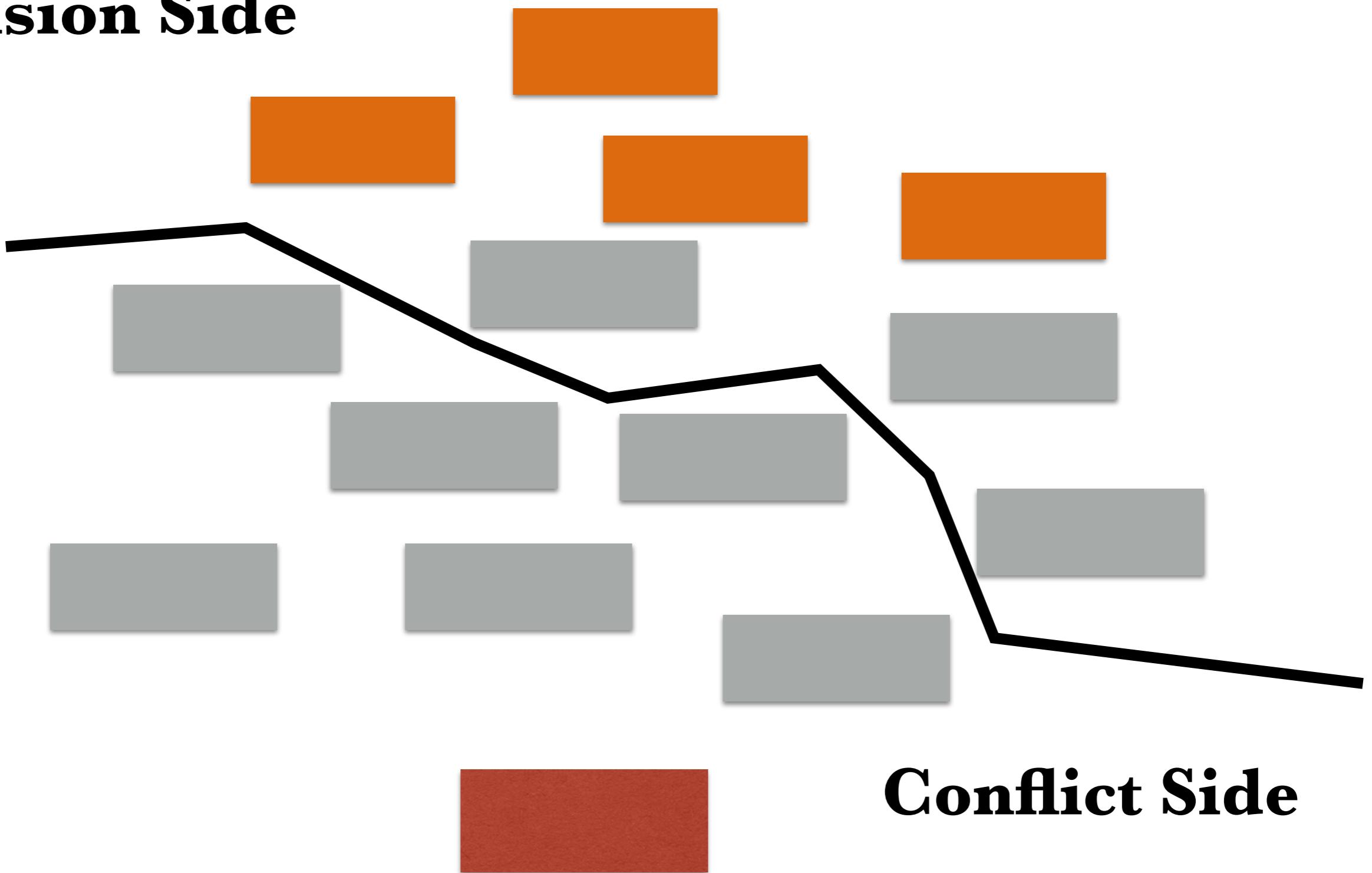


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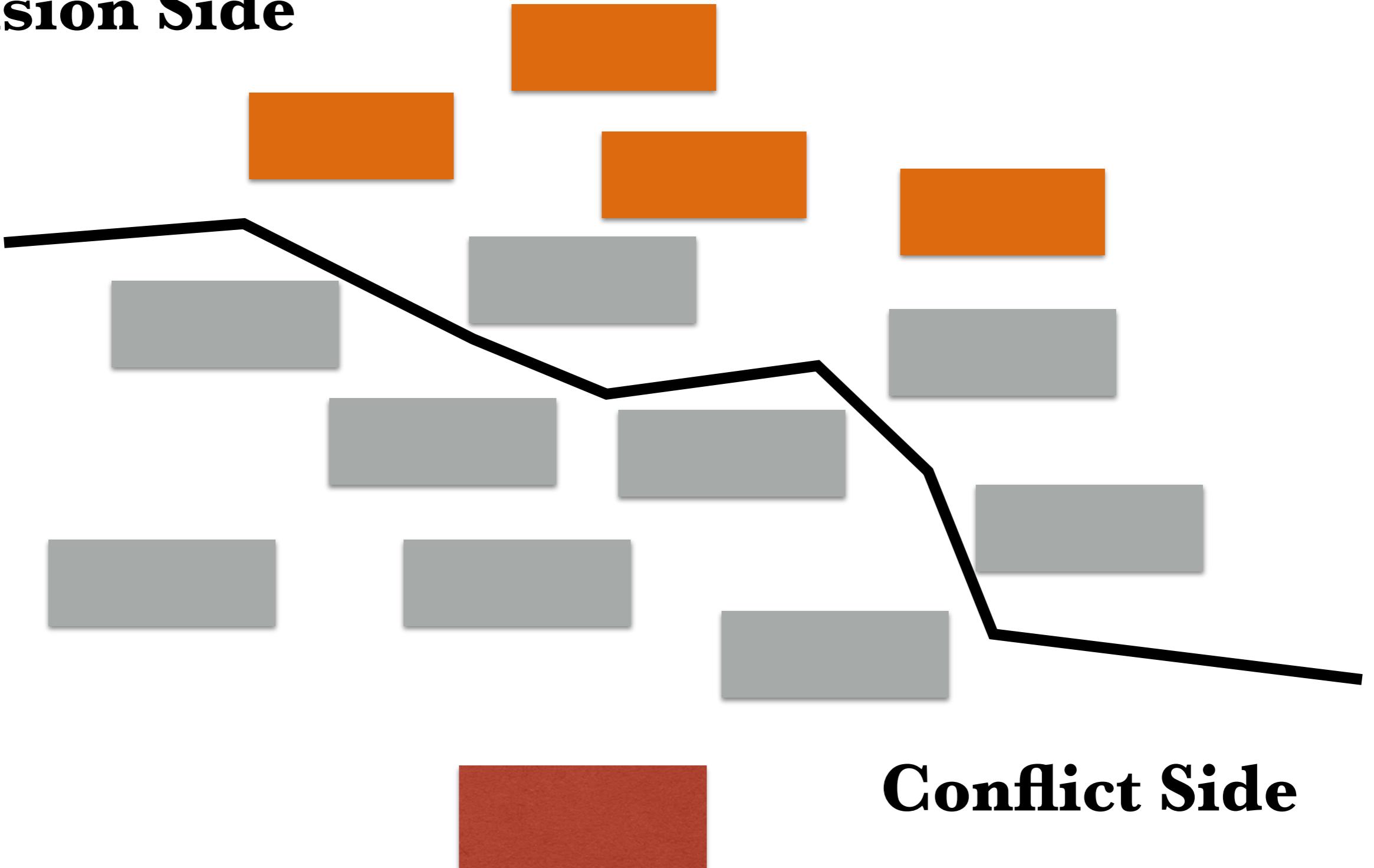
Learn cuts of the implication graph!

Decision Side



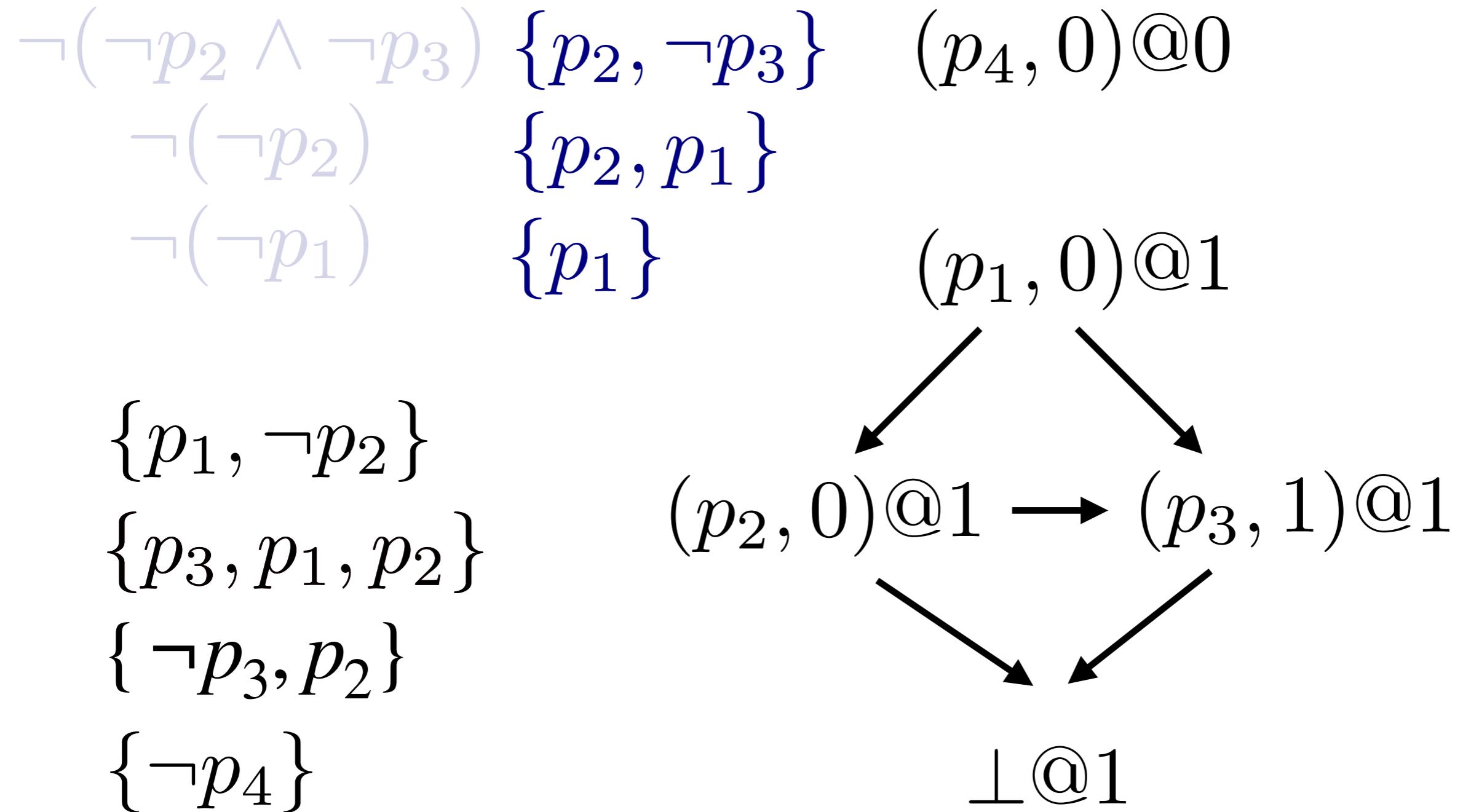
Explanatory Cuts

Decision Side



Conflict Side

Now how to pick among all these cuts?



Unique Implication Point

$$C_1 : \neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_4$$

$$C_2 : \neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3$$

$$C_3 : \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4$$

$$C_4 : x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6$$

$$C_5 : \neg x_5 \vee x_7$$

$$C_6 : \neg x_6 \vee x_7 \vee \neg x_8$$

...

x₈@2

x₁@1

\neg x₇@3

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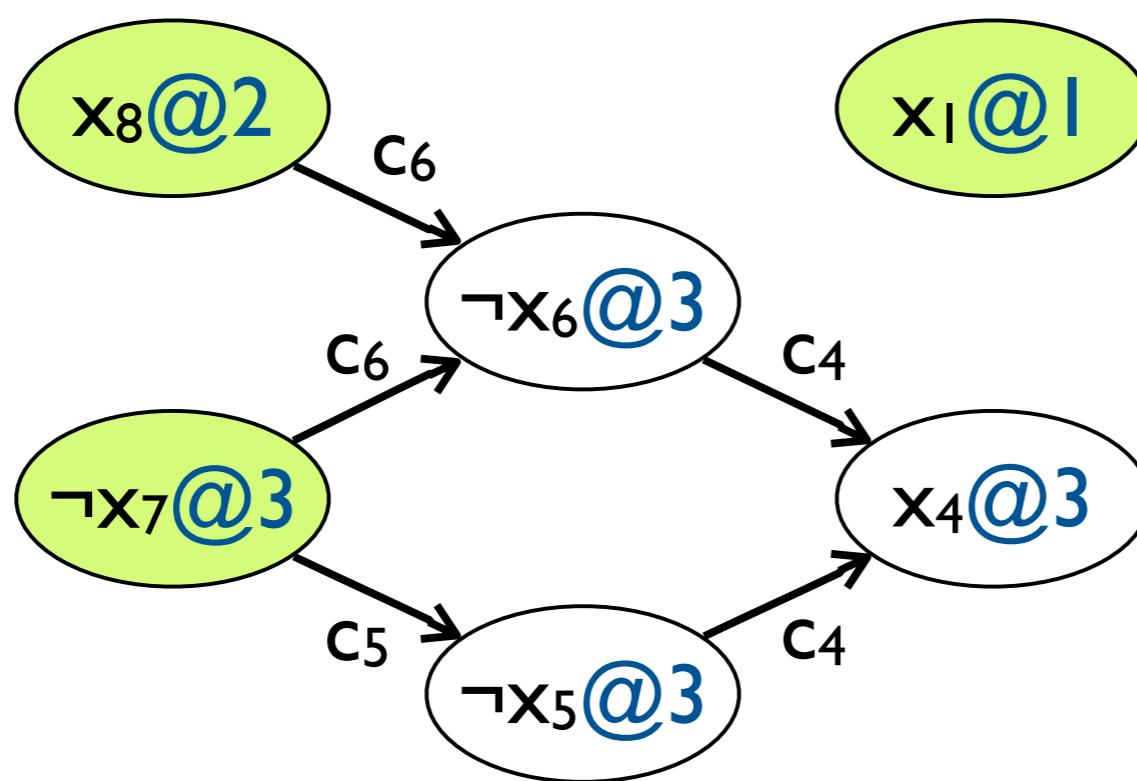
$$C_3 : \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4$$

$$C_4 : x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6$$

$$C_5 : \neg x_5 \vee x_7$$

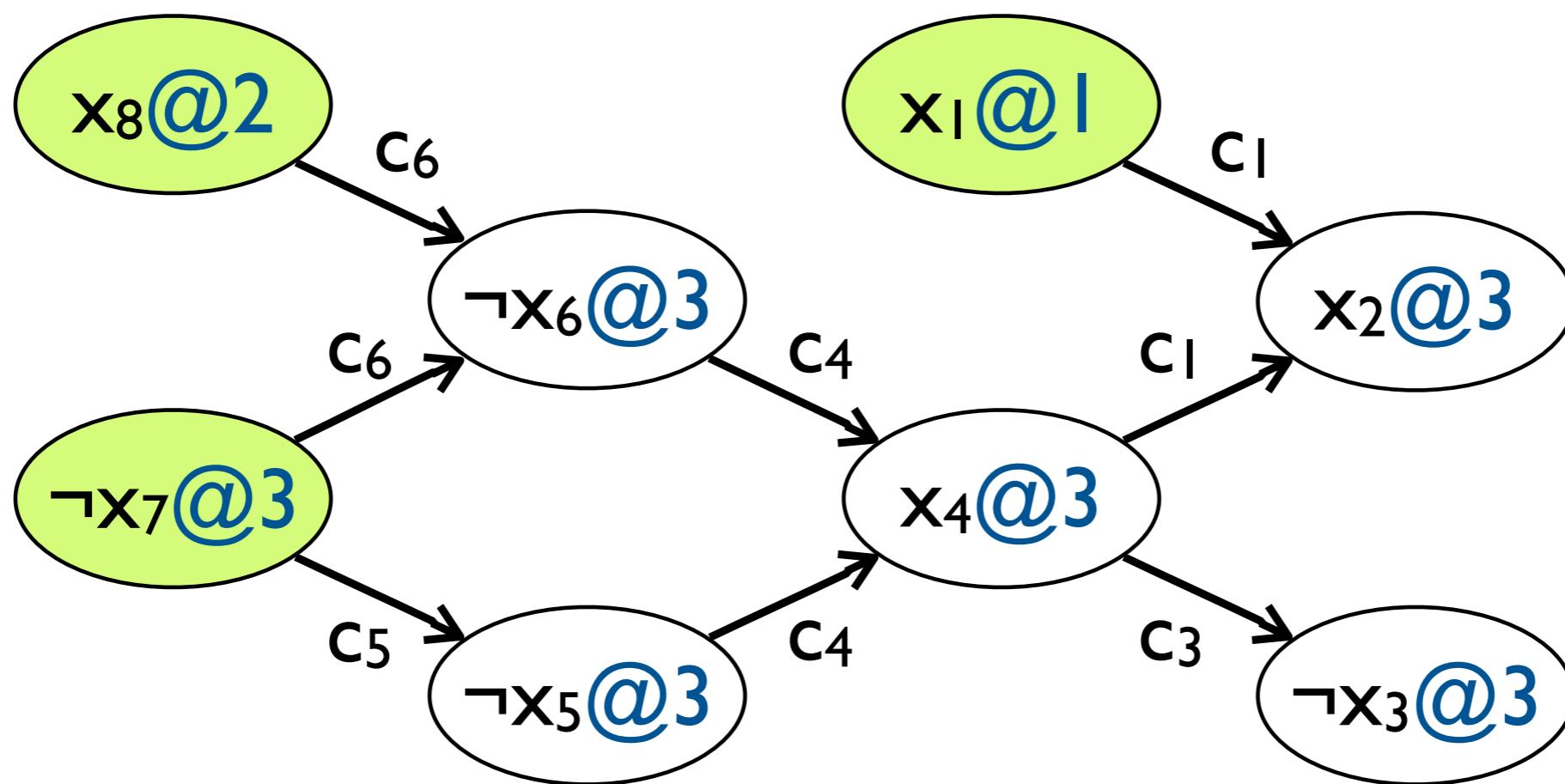
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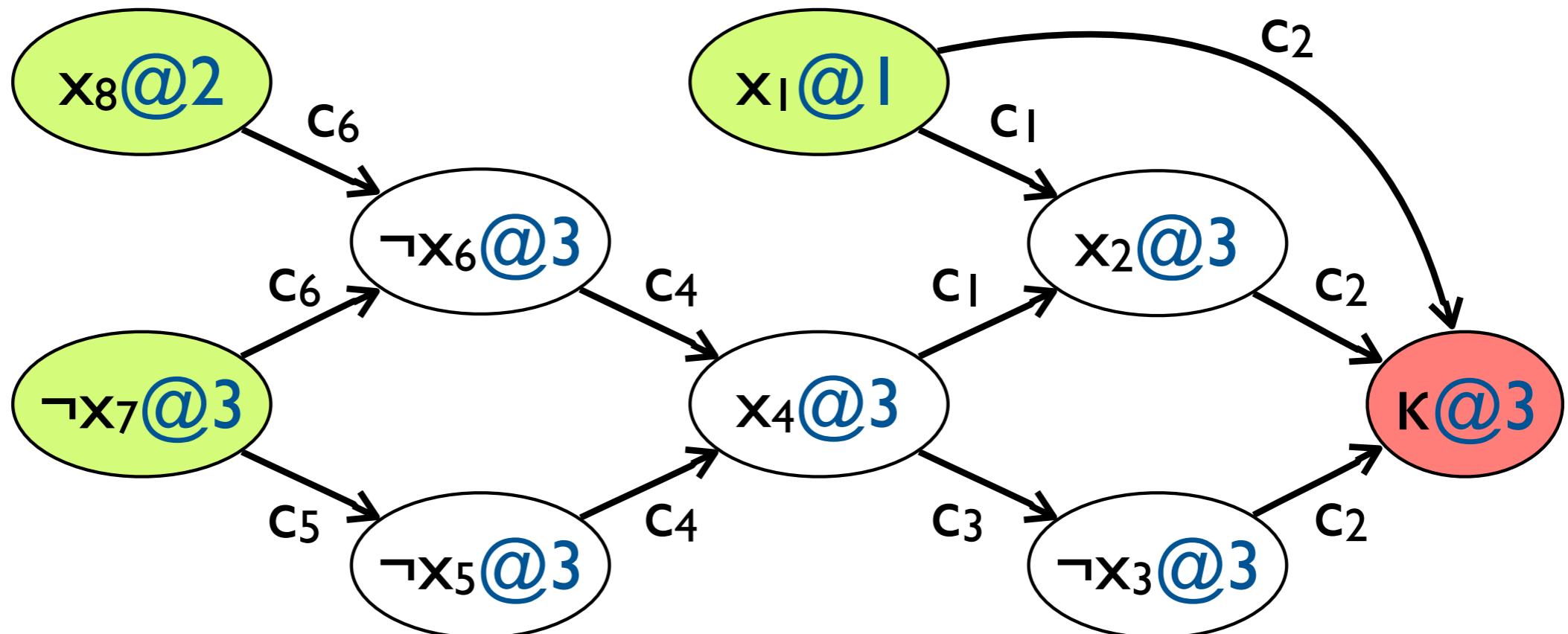
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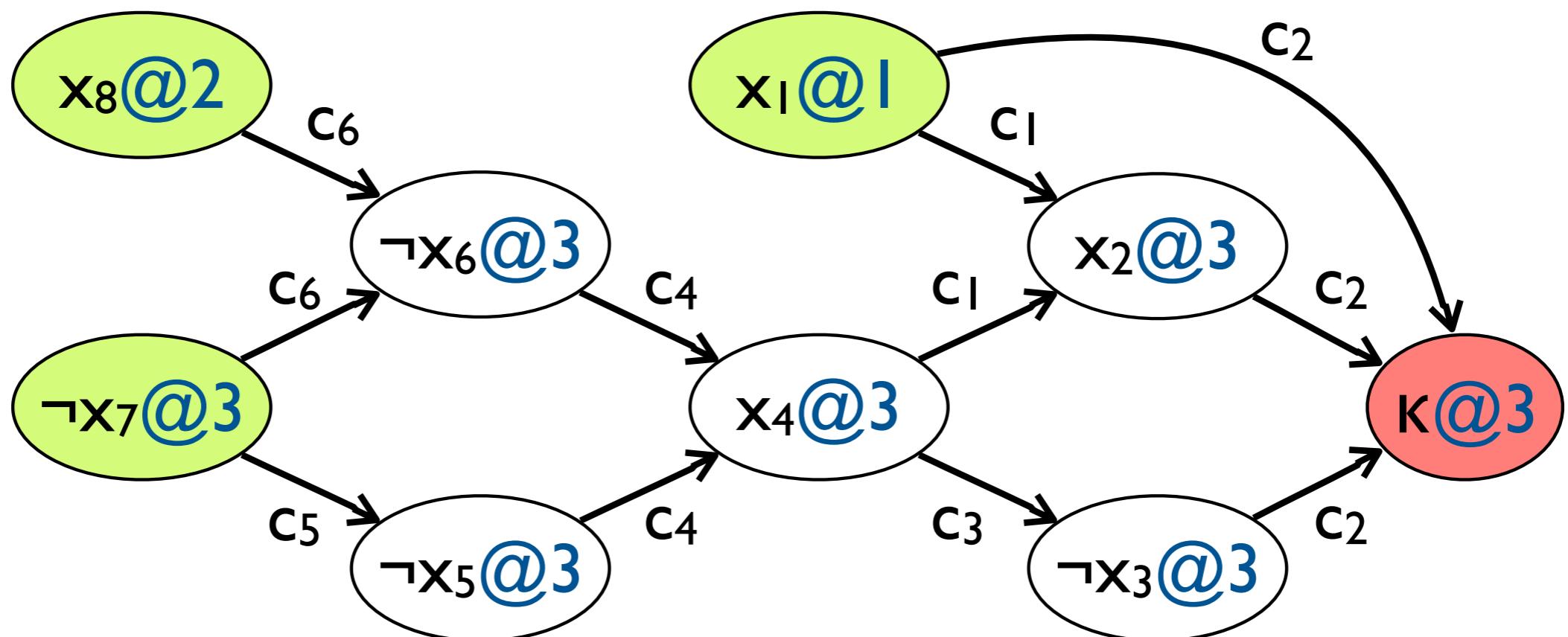
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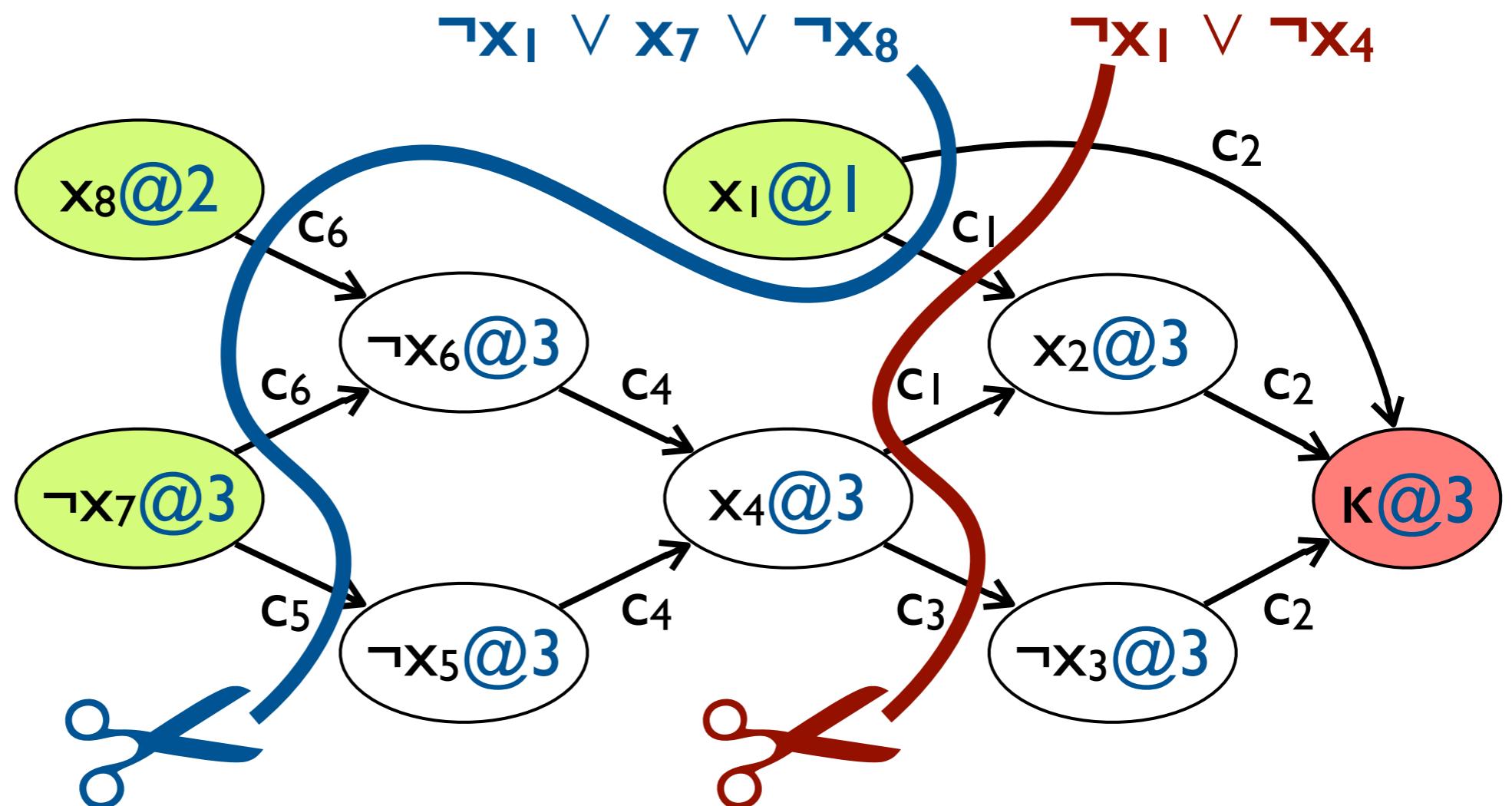
Find a cut in which the highest decision level only appears once.



Unique Implication Point

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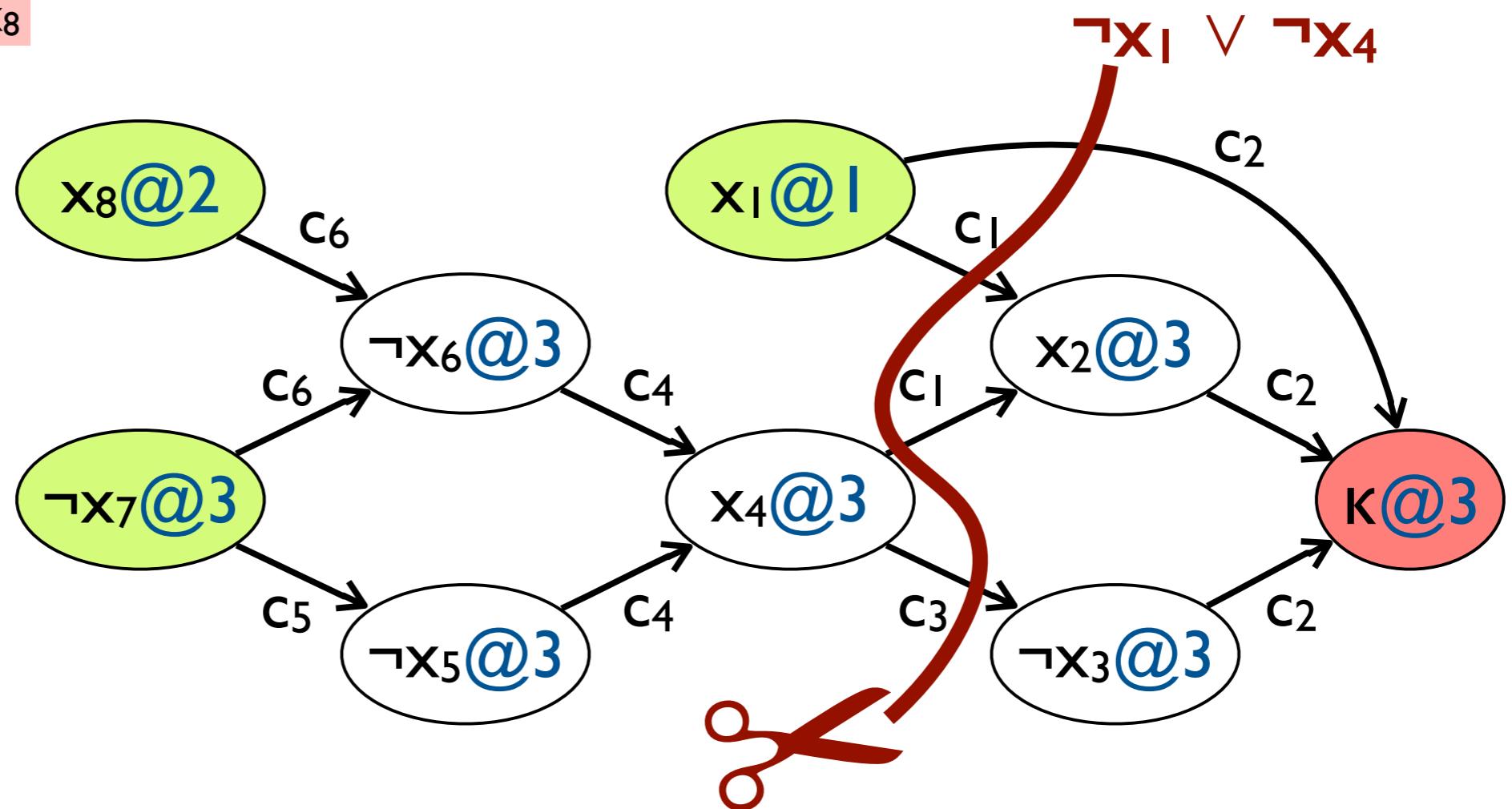
Find a cut in which the highest decision level only appears once.



First Unique Implication Point (1-UIP)

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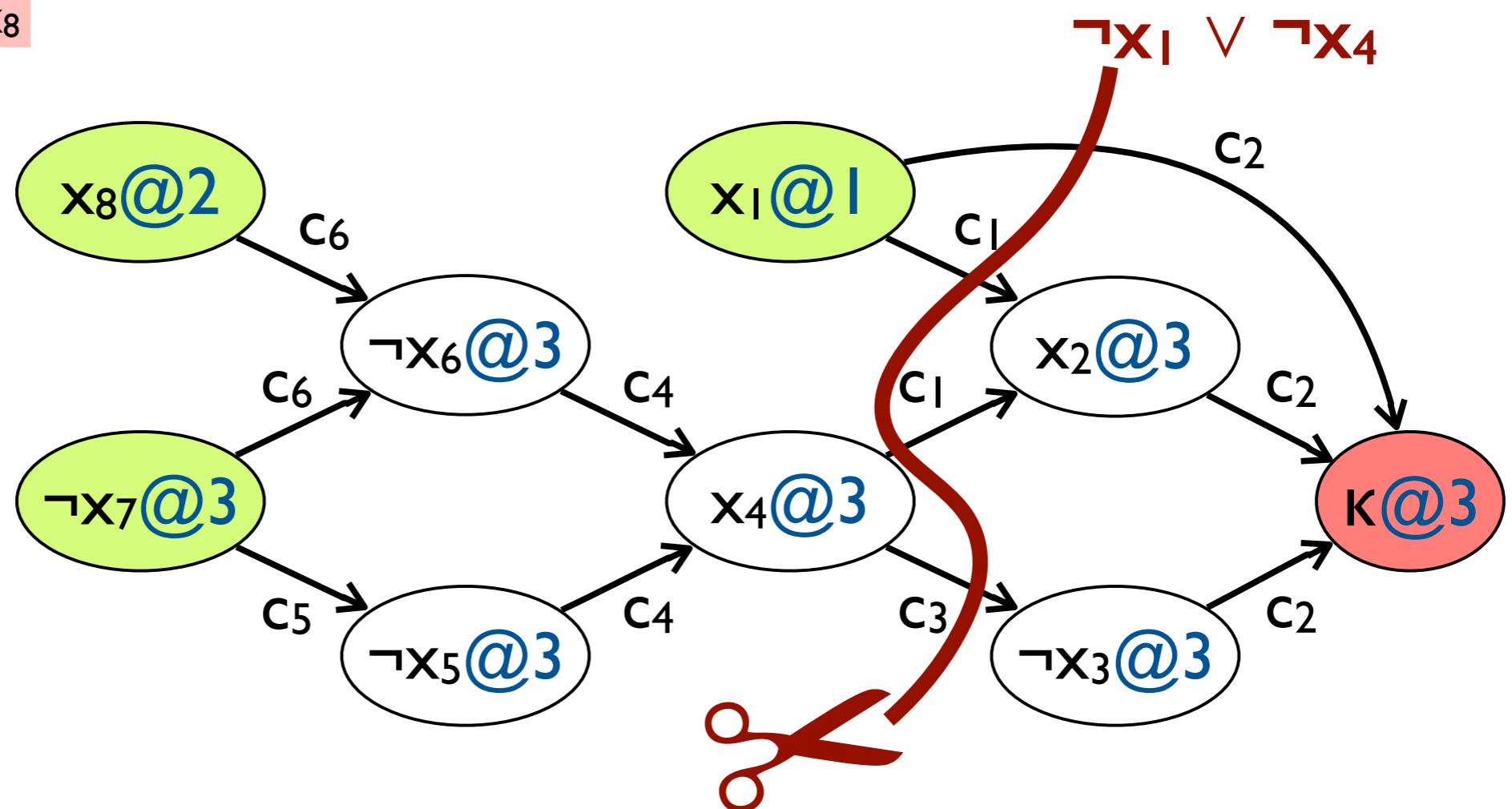
1 UIP: the first cut in which the highest decision level only appears once.



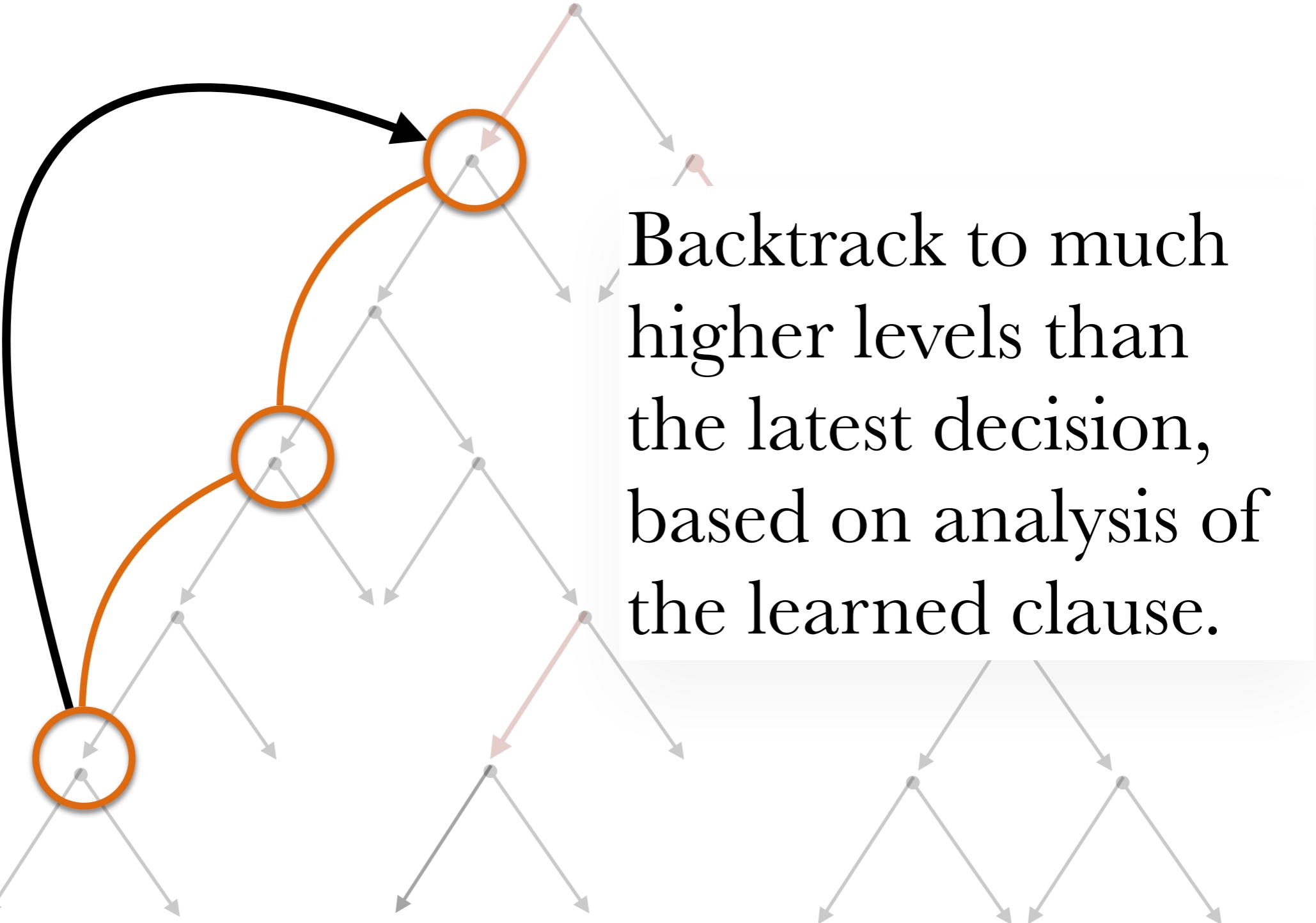
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Backjumping: Jump to the **second** decision level in the 1-UIP!



CDCL: Backjumping



CDCL: Key Points

- Keep track of how inferences are made with an **implication graph**
- When conflict arises, analyze the conflict through cutting the IMP and find the **1-UIP**
- Backjump to the **2nd highest** decision level in 1-UIP and restart the propagation

With careful engineering, this algorithm can search in spaces with up to $2^{1000000}$ states.

Algorithm 1 CDCL Search

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1: function CDCL( $\varphi$ )
2:    $\sigma \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
3:    $dl \leftarrow 0$ 
4:    $IG \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
5:    $\langle\sigma, IG\rangle \leftarrow \text{UnitPropagation}(\varphi, \sigma, IG, dl)$ 
6:   if  $\perp \in IG$  then
7:     return unsat
8:   end if
9:   while not AllAssigned( $\varphi, \sigma$ ) do
10:     $\langle p, b \rangle \leftarrow \text{PickBranchingVariable}(\varphi, \sigma, IG)$ 
11:     $\sigma \leftarrow \sigma \cup \{\langle p, b \rangle\}$ 
12:     $dl \leftarrow dl + 1$ 
13:     $IG \leftarrow \langle V \cup \{\langle p, b, dl \rangle\}, E, l \rangle$ 
14:     $\langle\sigma, IG\rangle \leftarrow \text{UnitPropagation}(\varphi, \sigma, IG, dl)$ 
15:    if  $\perp \in IG$  then
16:       $dl \leftarrow \text{ConflictAnalysis}(\varphi, \sigma, IG)$ 
17:      if  $dl < 0$  then
18:        return unsat
19:      else
20:         $\langle\sigma, IG\rangle \leftarrow \text{Backtrack}(\varphi, \sigma, dl, IG)$ 
21:      end if
22:    end if
23:  end while
24:  return sat
25: end function
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Linear Programming

$$\min c^T x$$

s.t.

$$Ax = b$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

Remember the interpretation: find the right mixture of the column vectors of A to produce b while minimizing total cost of x

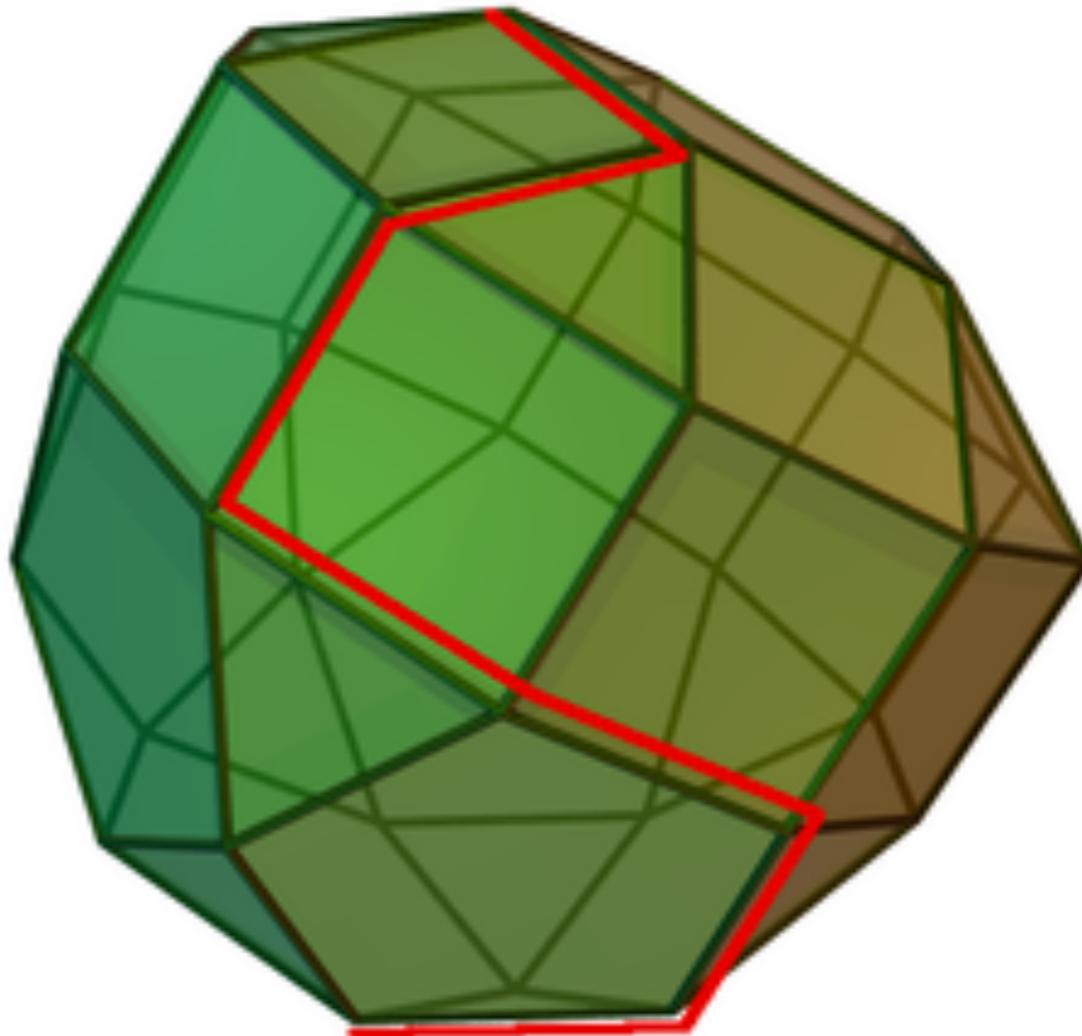
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Linear Programming

$$\hat{A}_1 x_1 + \dots + \hat{A}_m x_m + \hat{A}_{m+1} x_{m+1} + \dots + \hat{A}_n x_n = \hat{b}$$

$$\hat{a}_1 x_1 +$$

$$\hat{a}_{1,m+1} x_{m+1} + \dots + \hat{a}_{1,n} x_n = \hat{b}_1$$

$$\hat{a}_2 x_2 +$$

$$\hat{a}_{2,m+1} x_{m+1} + \dots + \hat{a}_{2,n} x_n = \hat{b}_2$$

⋮

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basic columns and basic variables

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⋮

nonbasic columns and nonbasic variables

Linear Programming

$$\hat{a}_1 x_1 +$$

$$\hat{a}_{1,m+1} x_{m+1} + \cdots + \hat{a}_{1,n} x_n = \hat{b}_1$$

$$\hat{a}_2 x_2 +$$

$$\hat{a}_{2,m+1} x_{m+1} + \cdots + \hat{a}_{2,n} x_n = \hat{b}_2$$

⋮

$$\hat{a}_m x_m + \hat{a}_{m,m+1} x_{m+1} + \cdots + \hat{a}_{m,n} x_n = \hat{b}_m$$

$$x_i = \hat{b}_i / \hat{a}_i \quad x_j = 0$$

$$i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \quad j \in \{m+1, \dots, n\}$$

Mixed Integer Linear Programming

$$\min c^T x + d^T y$$

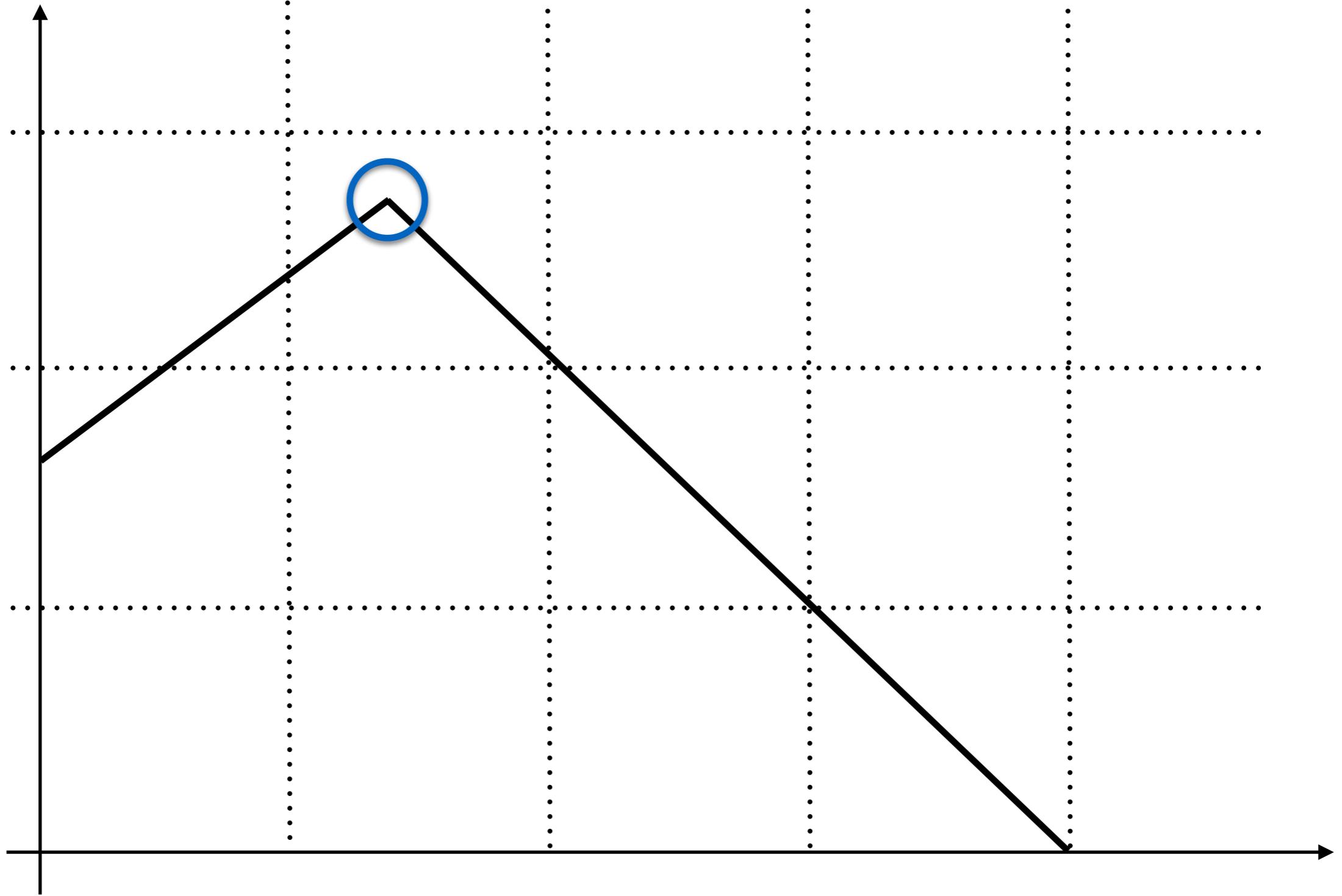
s.t.

$$Ax + By = b$$

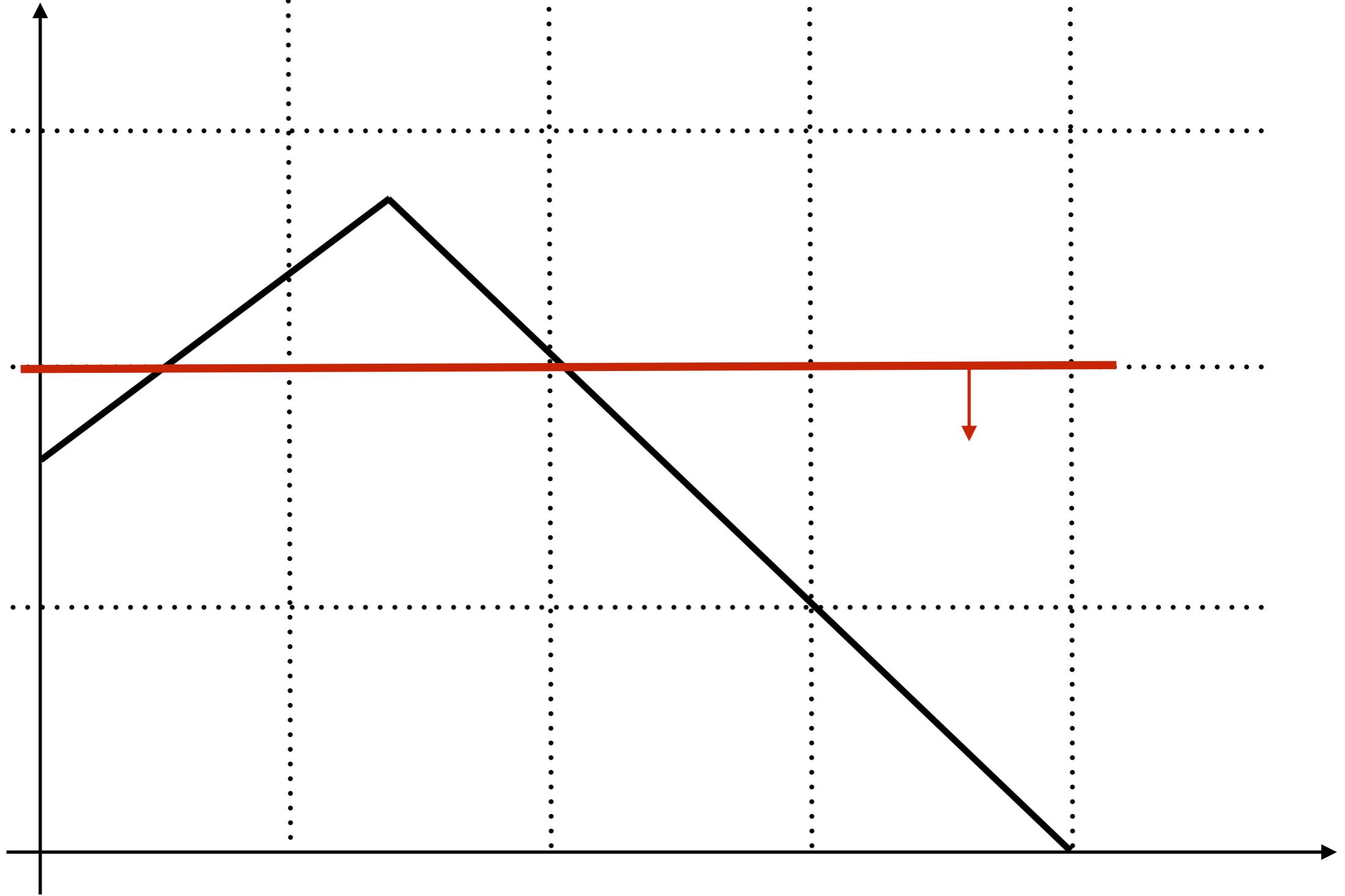
$$x, y \geq 0$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^k, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

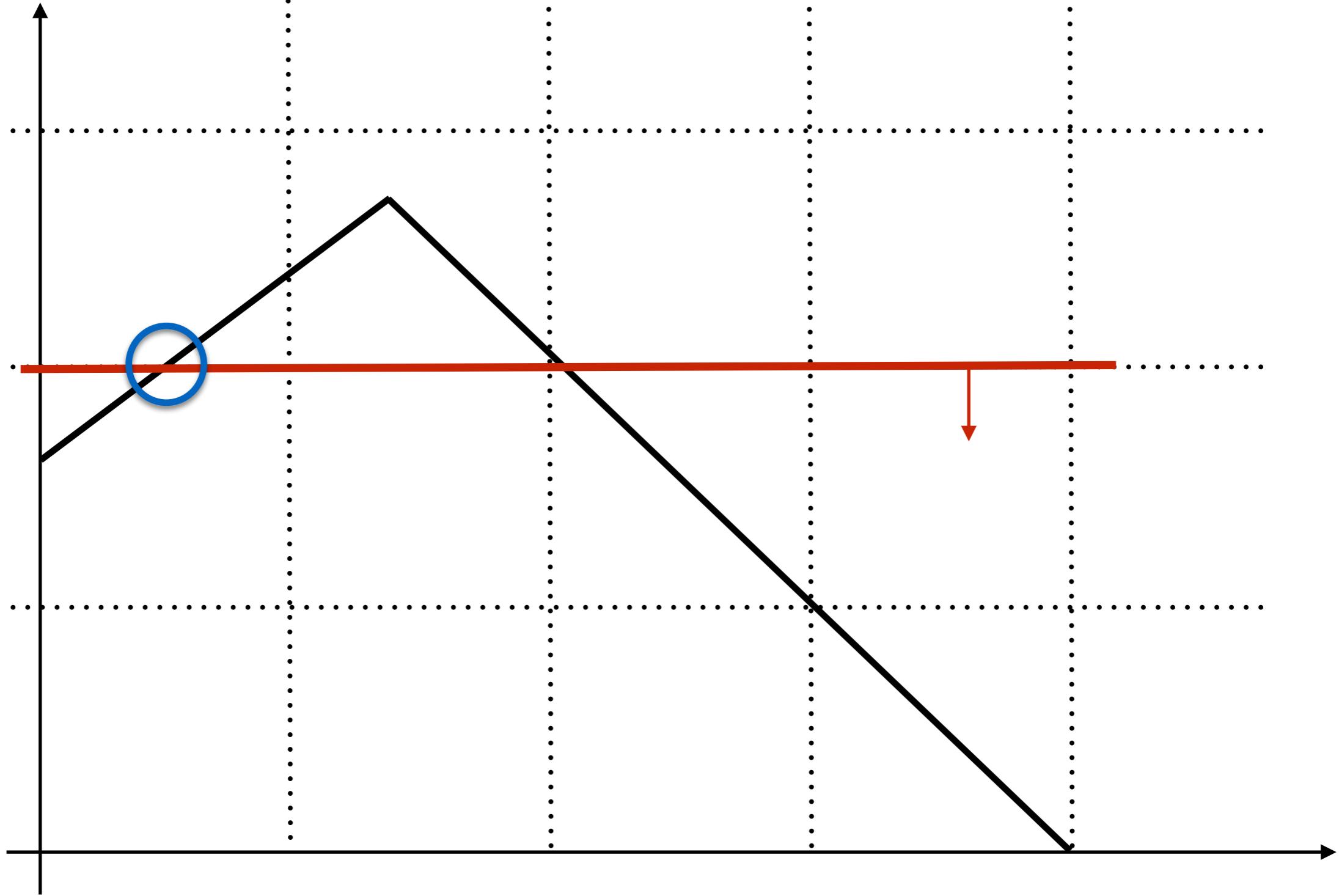
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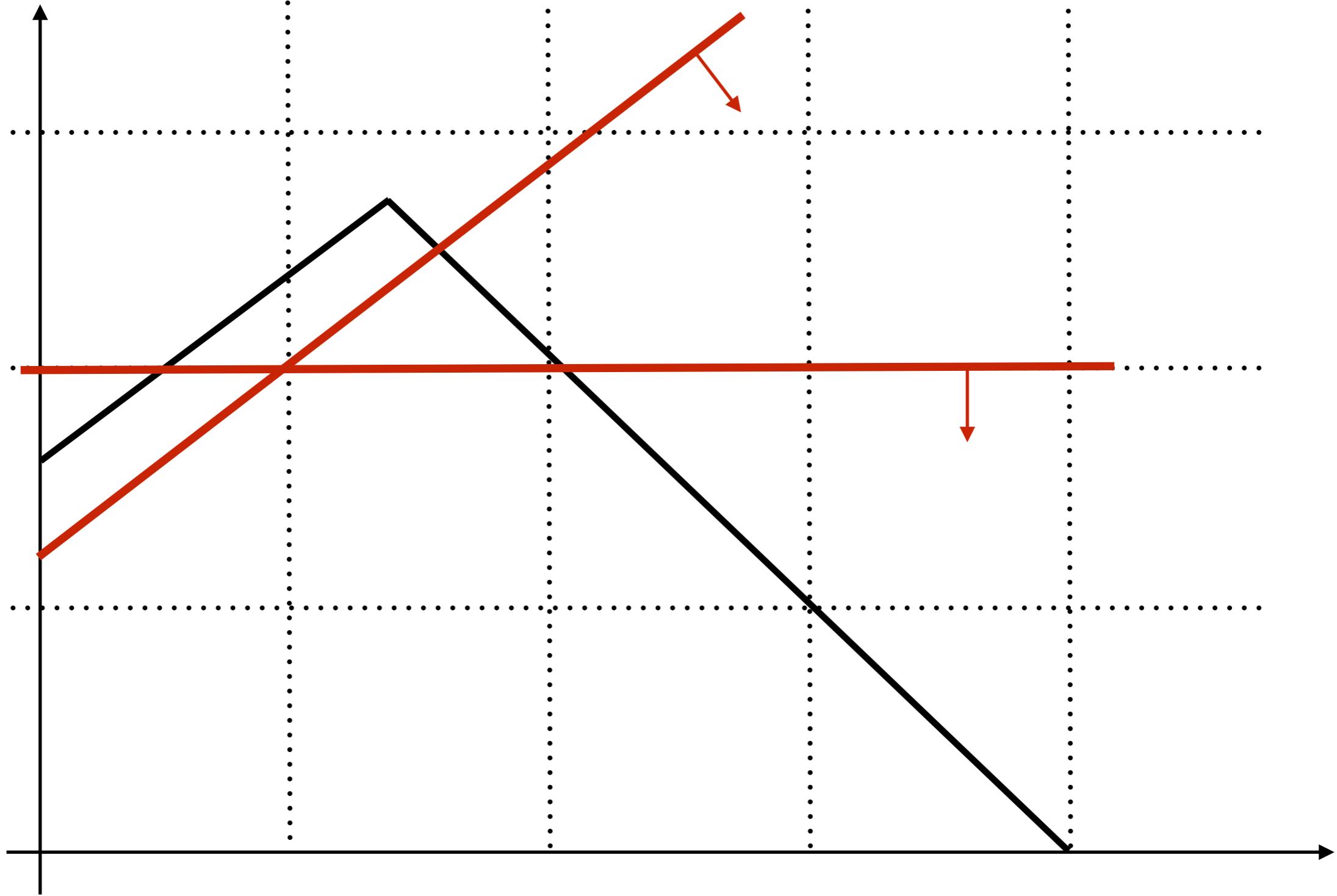
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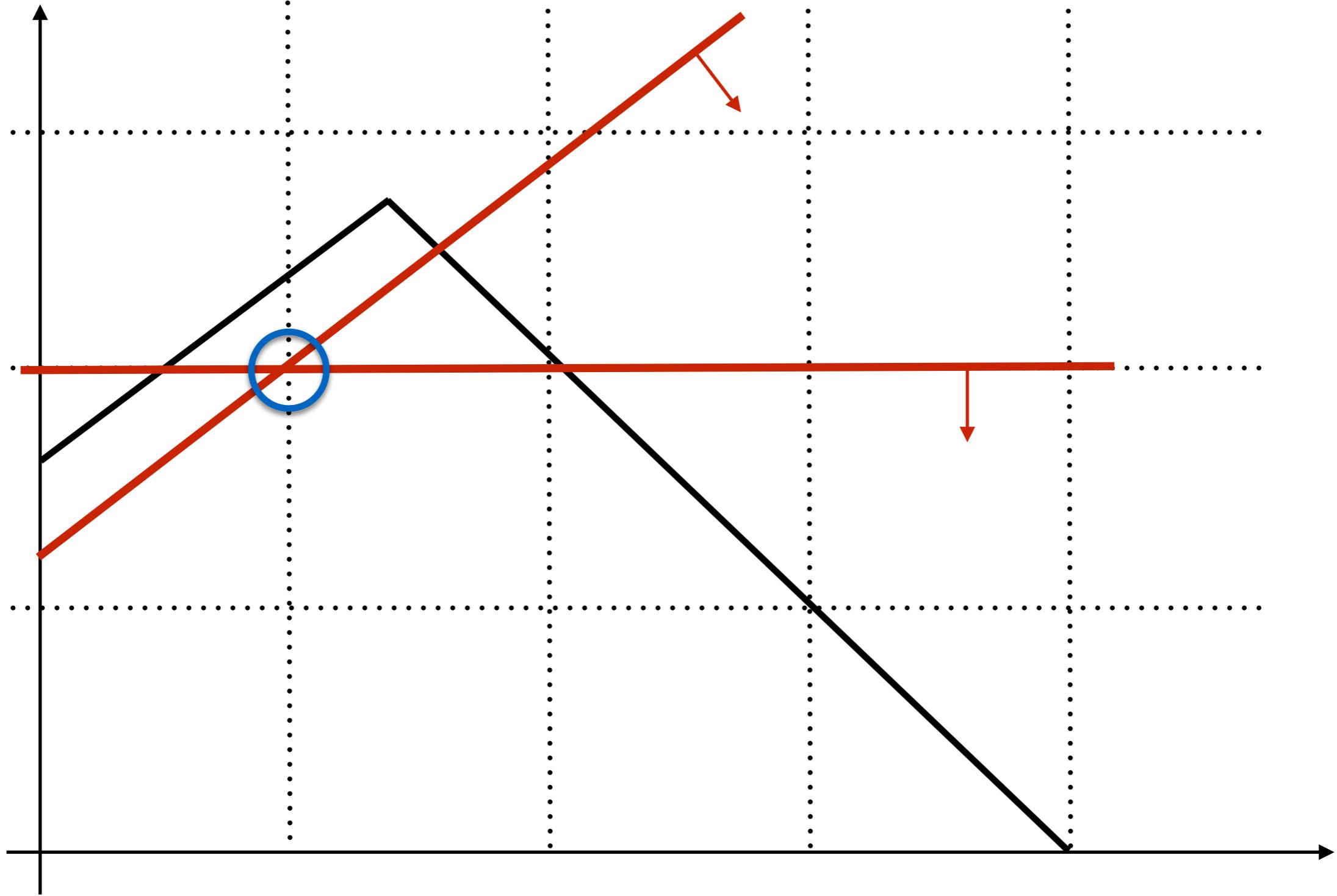
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Cutting Planes

Pick any row where the integer constraints are violated on its basic variable

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Cutting Planes

Pick any row where the integer constraints are violated on its basic variable

$$\hat{a}_2x_2 + \hat{a}_{2,m+1}x_{m+1} + \cdots + \hat{a}_{2,n}x_n = \hat{b}_2$$

$$x_i + \sum_j a_{ij}x_j = b_i$$

Cutting Planes

Pick any row where the integer constraints are violated on its basic variable

$$x_i + \sum_j a_{ij}x_j = b_i$$

Because of nonnegative ranges on all variables

$$x_i + \sum_j \lfloor a_{ij} \rfloor x_j \leq x_i + \sum_j a_{ij}x_j$$

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Because of nonnegative ranges and integer constraints

$$x_i + \sum_j \lfloor a_{ij} \rfloor x_j \leq \lfloor b_i \rfloor$$

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Pick any row where the integer constraints are violated on its basic variable and generate an additional constraint

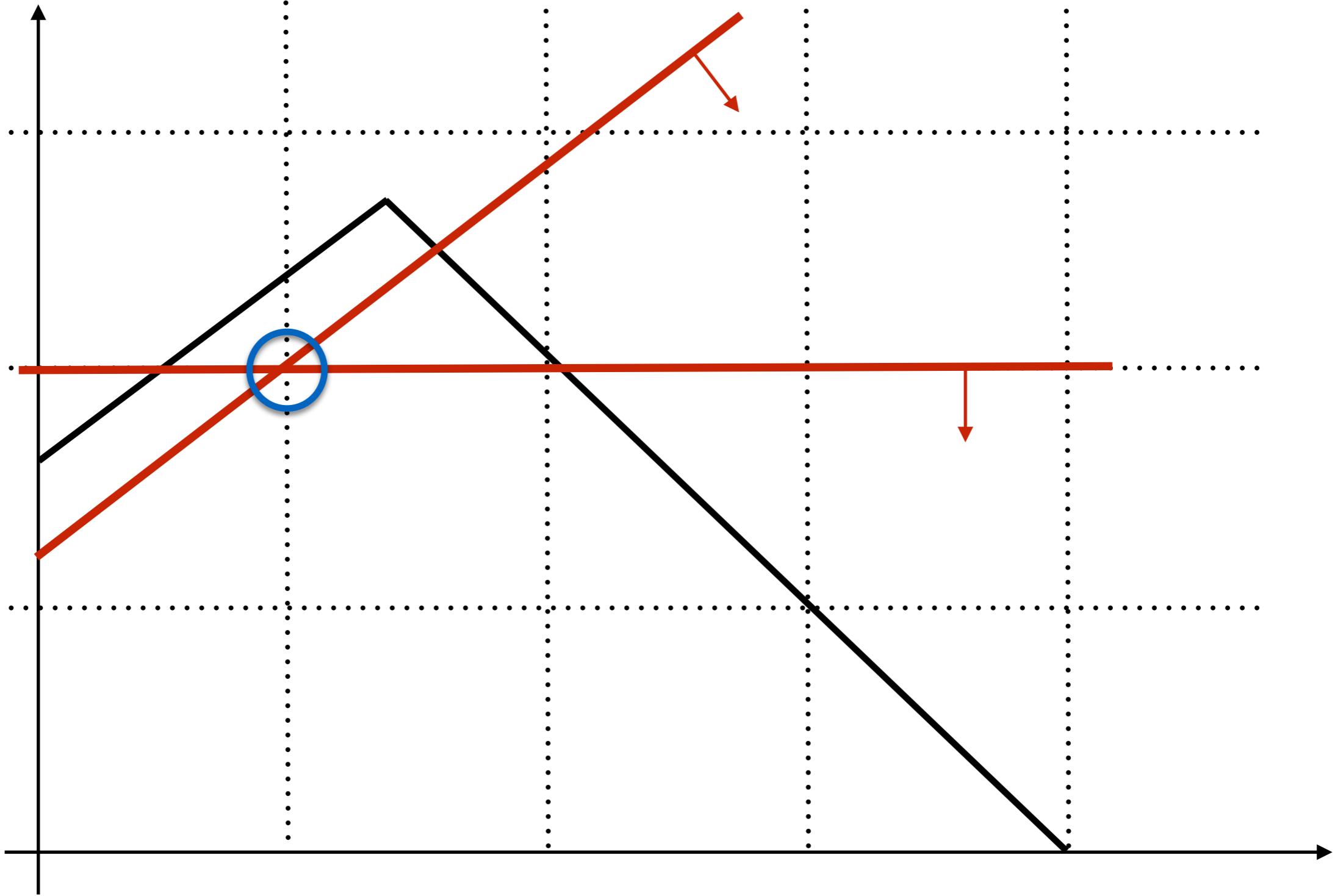
$$x_i + \sum_j a_{ij}x_j = b_i$$



$$x_i + \sum_j \lfloor a_{ij} \rfloor x_j \leq \lfloor b_i \rfloor$$

This new constraint gives us a new (Gomory) cutting plane

Cutting Planes



Example

$$\text{minimize } x_1 - 2x_2$$

s.t.

$$-4x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 9$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 4$$

$$x_i \in \mathbb{N}$$

Example

$$\text{minimize } x_1 - 2x_2$$

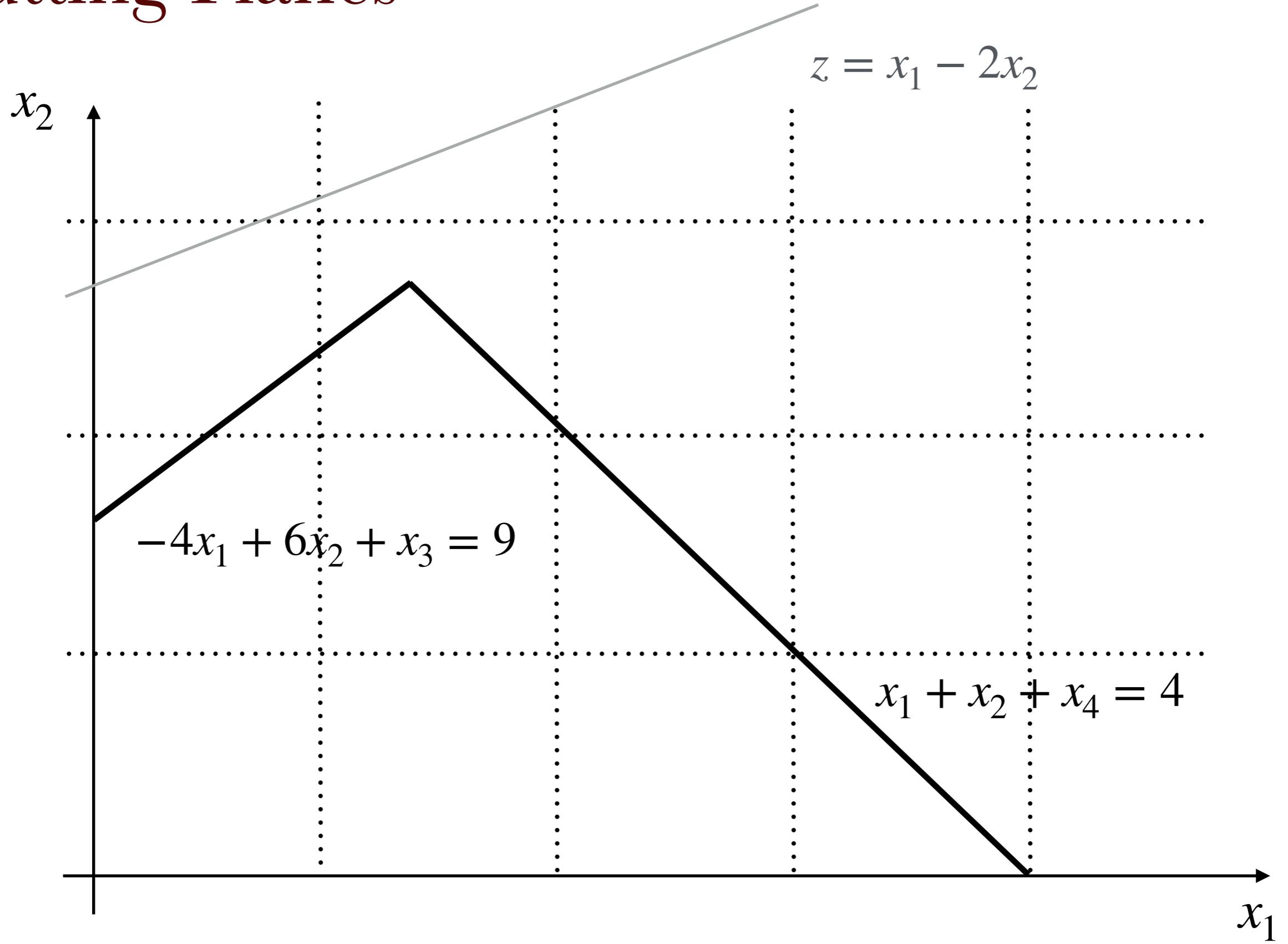
s.t.

$$-4x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 = 9$$

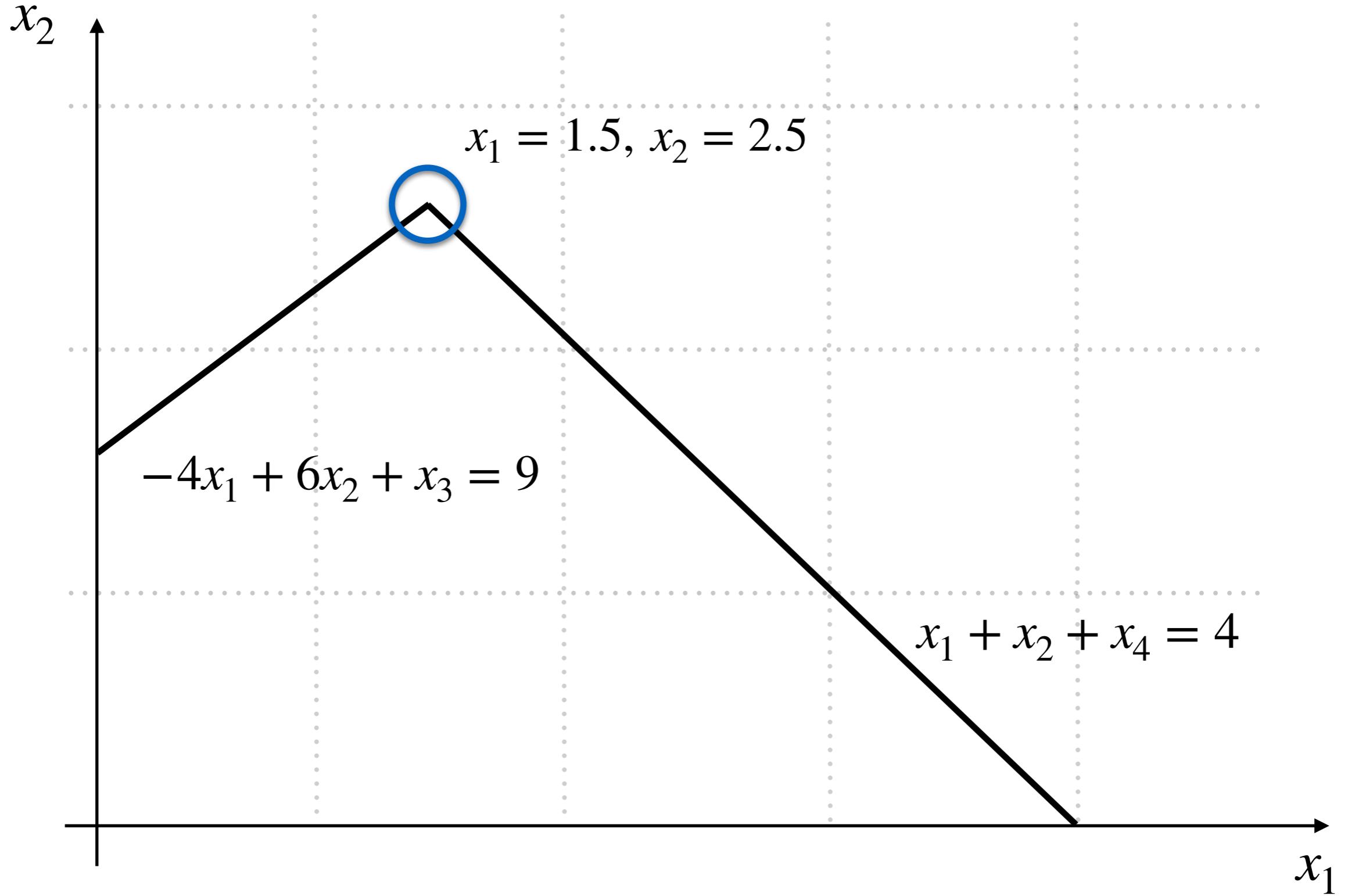
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_4 = 4$$

$$x_i \in \mathbb{N}$$

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Example

Solving with simplex, we get the optimal tableau

$$x_1 - \frac{1}{10}x_3 + \frac{3}{5}x_4 = \frac{15}{10},$$

$$x_2 + \frac{1}{10}x_3 + \frac{2}{5}x_4 = \frac{25}{10}.$$

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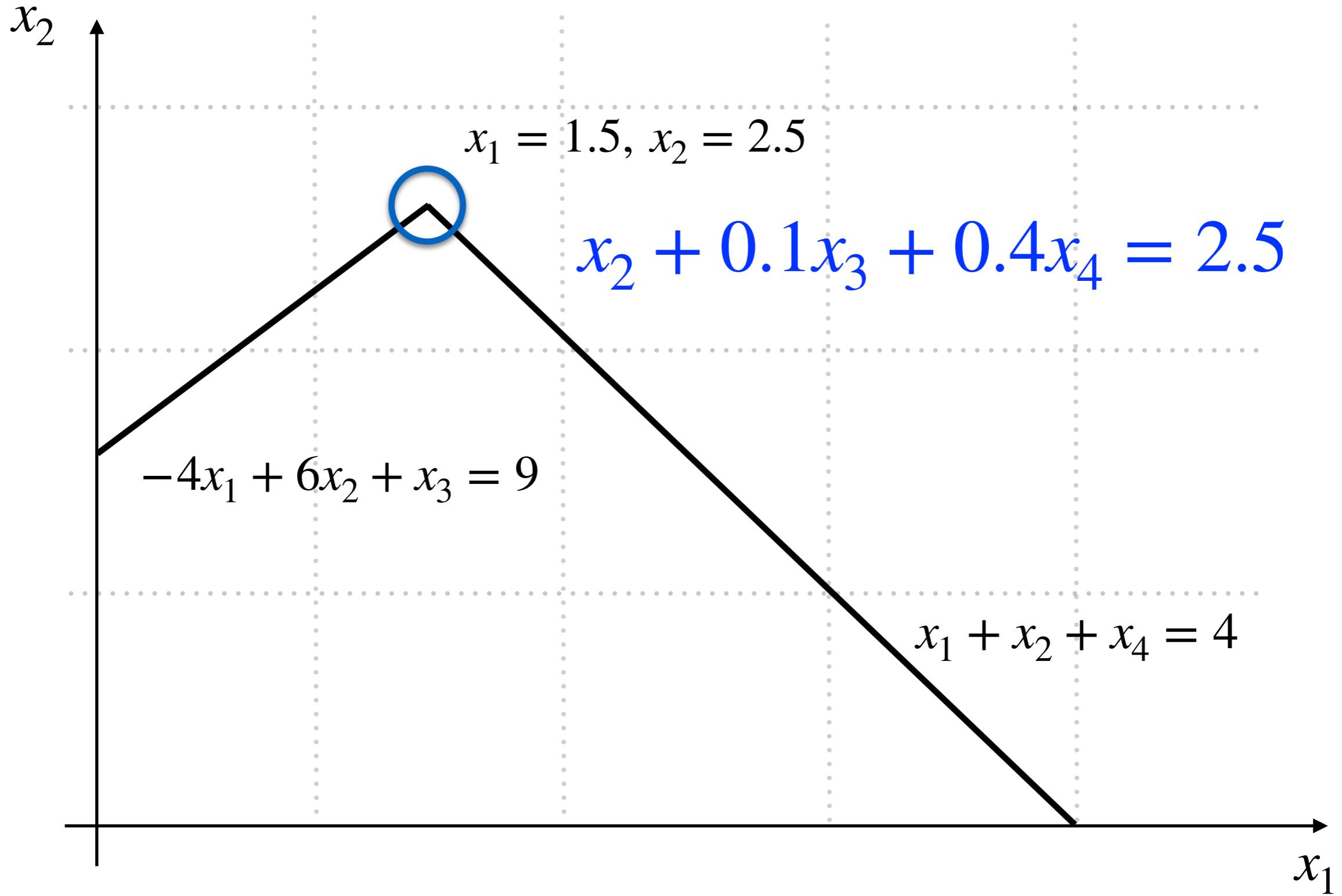
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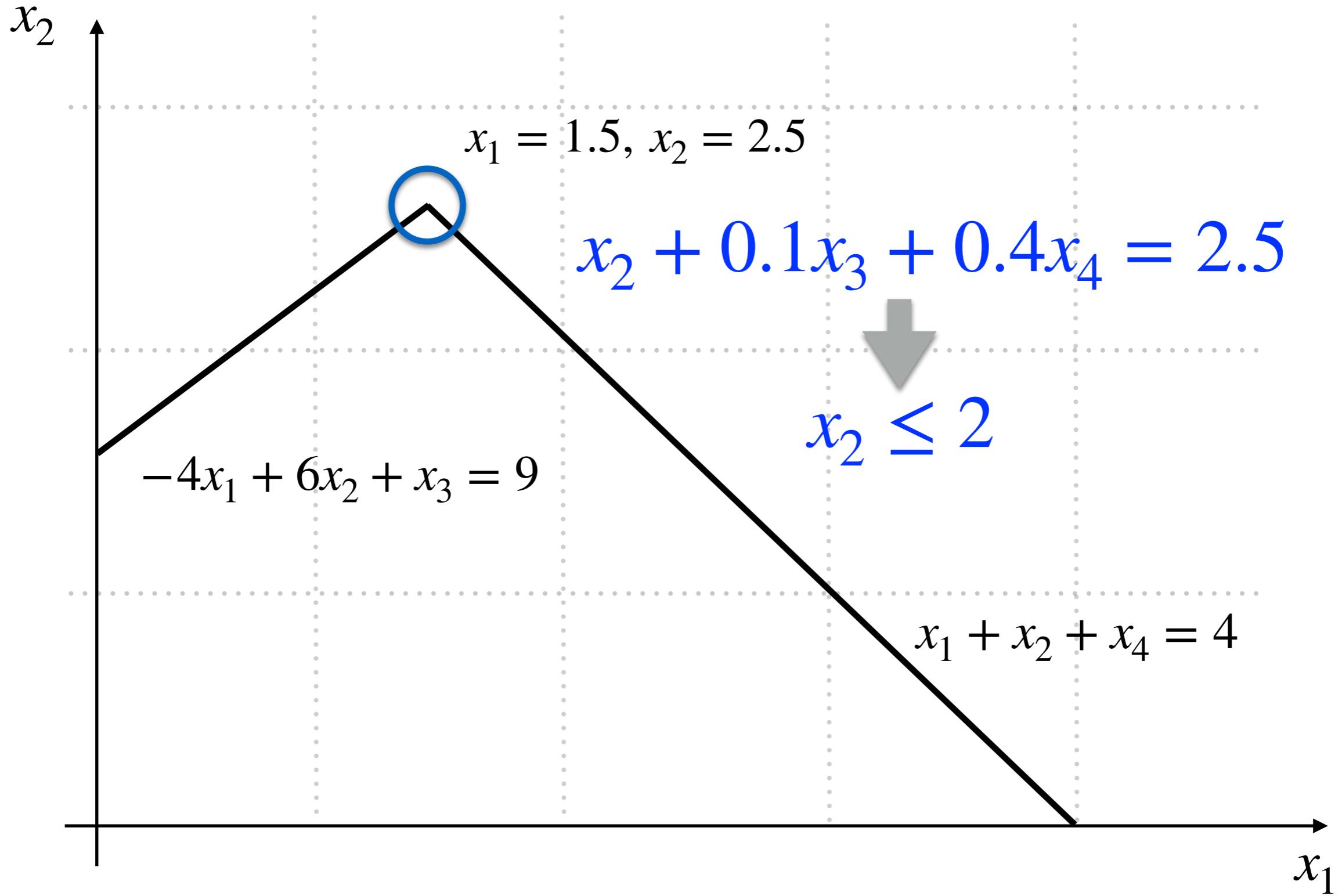
$$x_2 + \frac{1}{10}x_3 + \frac{2}{5}x_4 = \frac{25}{10}.$$

Optimal solution: $x_1 = 1.5, x_2 = 2.5$

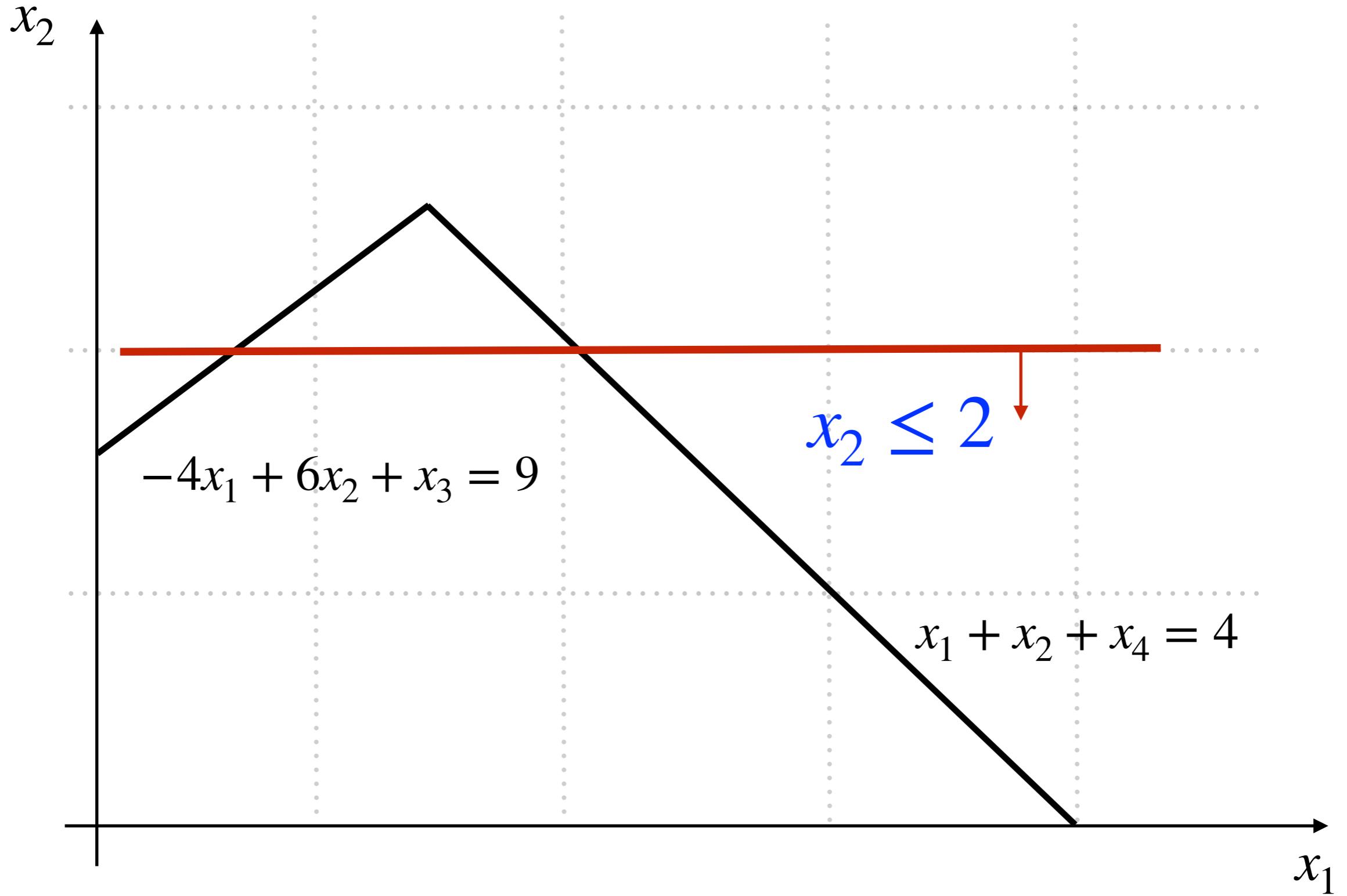
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$$x_2 \leq 2$$

$$x_i \in \mathbb{N}$$

Example

$$\text{minimize } x_1 - 2x_2$$

s.t.

$$-4x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 = 9$$

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$$x_2 + x_5 = 2$$

$$x_i \in \mathbb{N}$$

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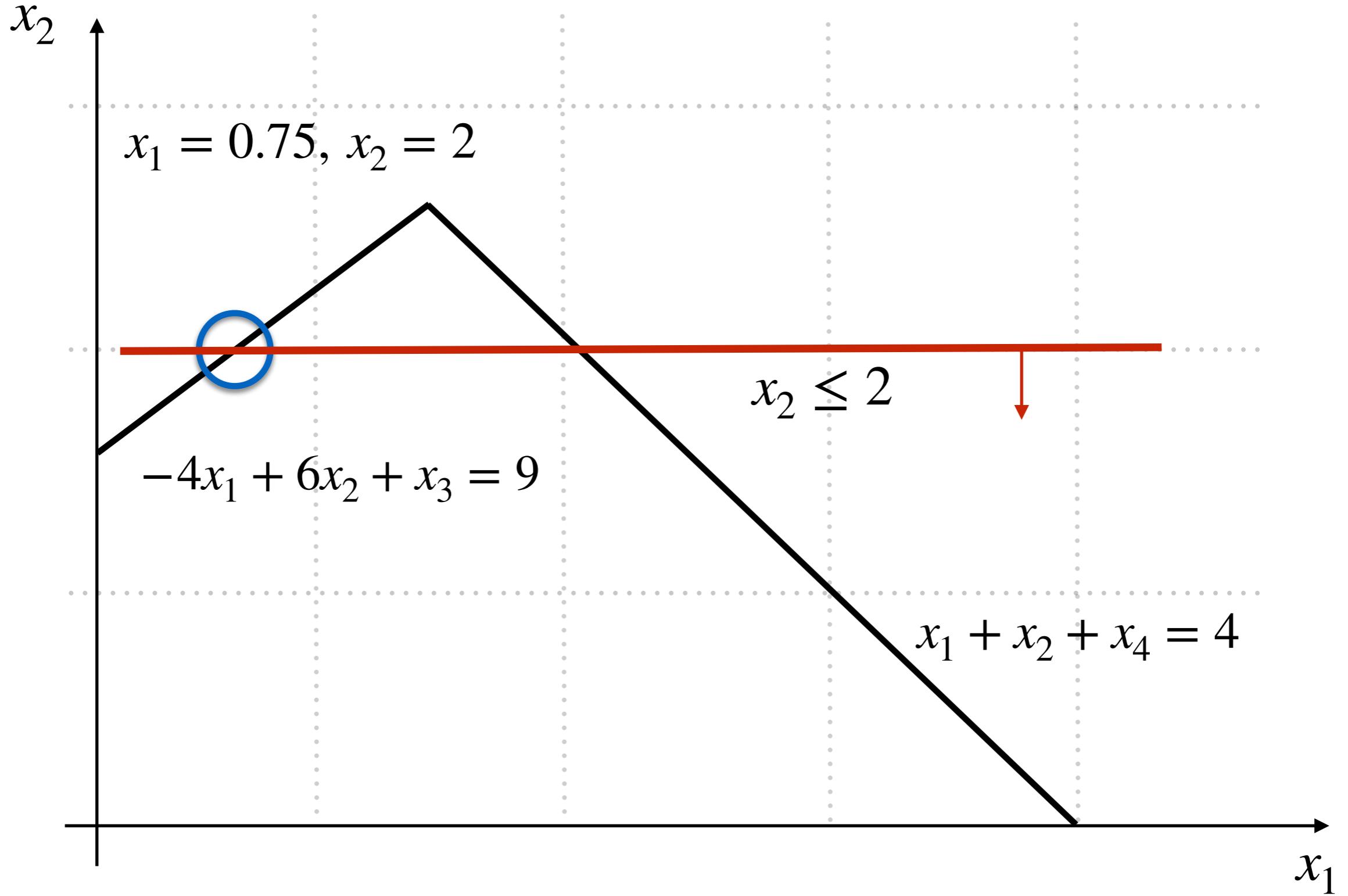
Solving with simplex, we get the optimal tableau

$$x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + \frac{3}{2}x_5 = \frac{3}{4},$$

$$x_2 + x_5 = 2.$$

Optimal solution: $x_1 = 0.75, x_2 = 2$

Cutting Planes



Example

Solving with simplex, we get the optimal tableau

$$x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + \frac{3}{2}x_5 = \frac{3}{4},$$

$$x_2 + x_5 = 2.$$

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Example

$$x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 + \frac{3}{2}x_5 = \frac{3}{4}$$

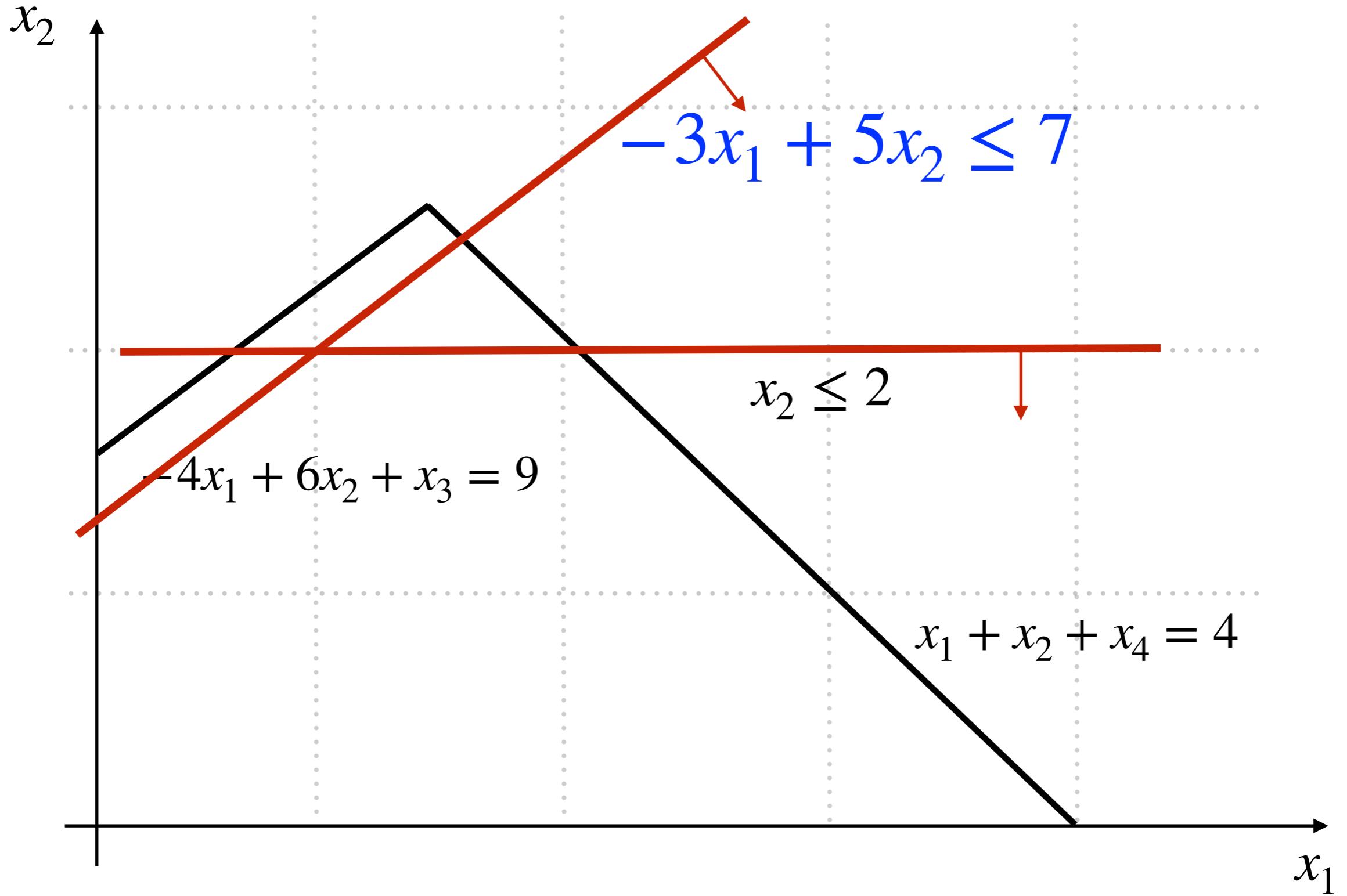


$$x_1 - x_3 + x_5 \leq 0$$

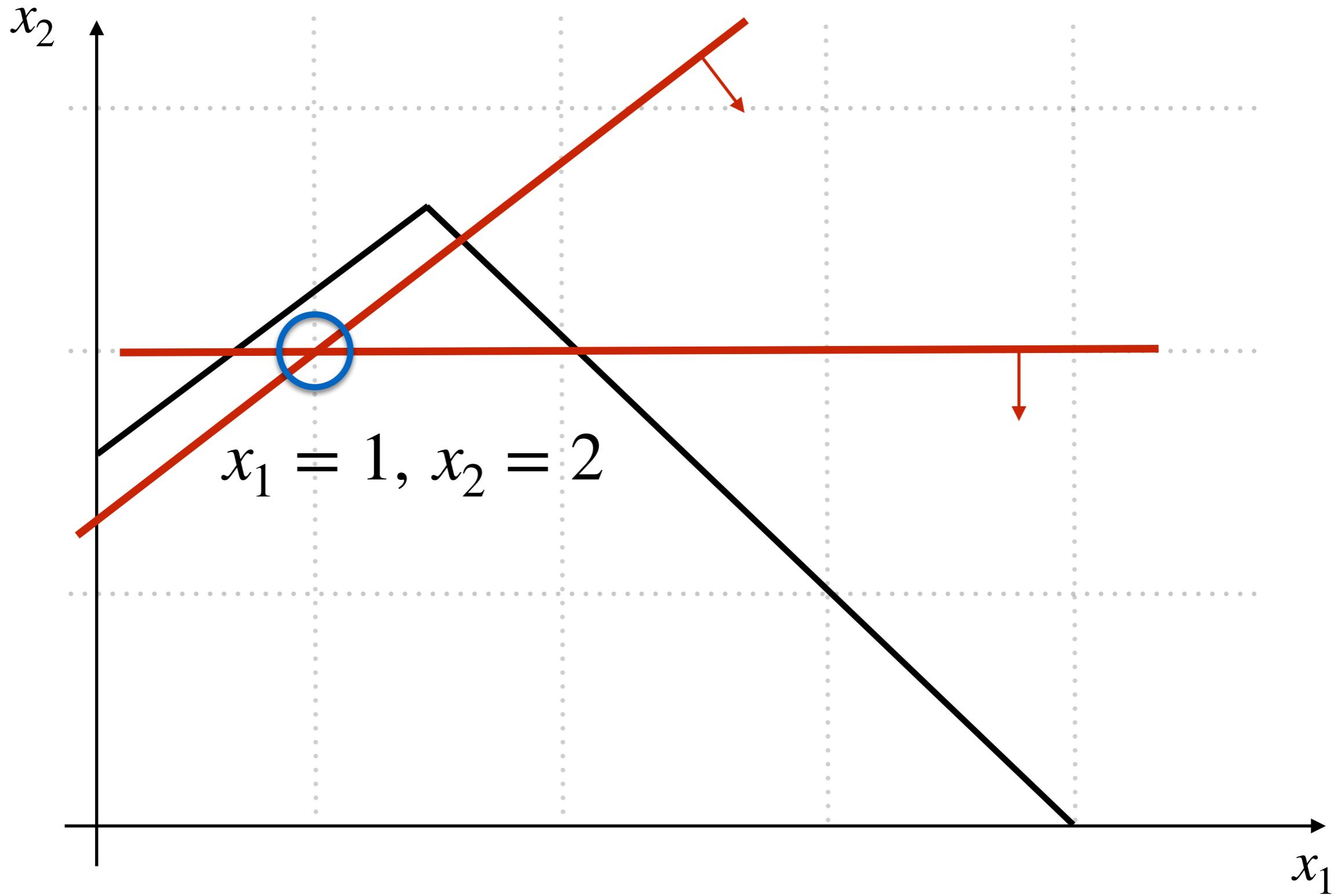
To visualize in the original variables, we have

$$-3x_1 - 5x_2 \leq 7$$

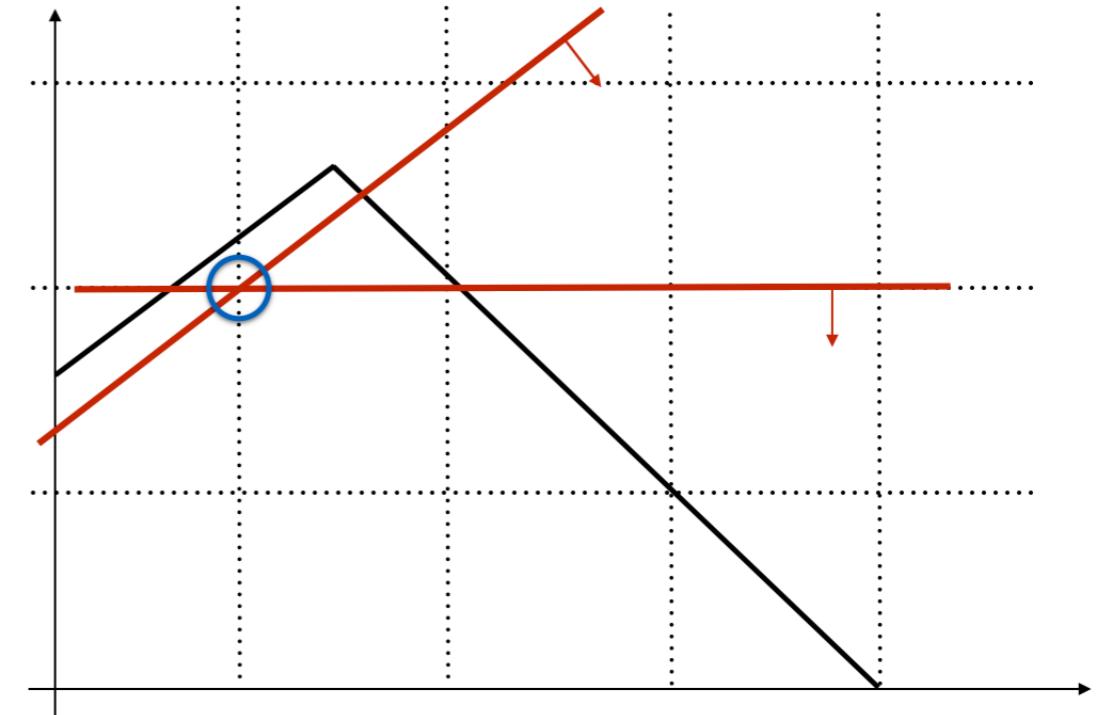
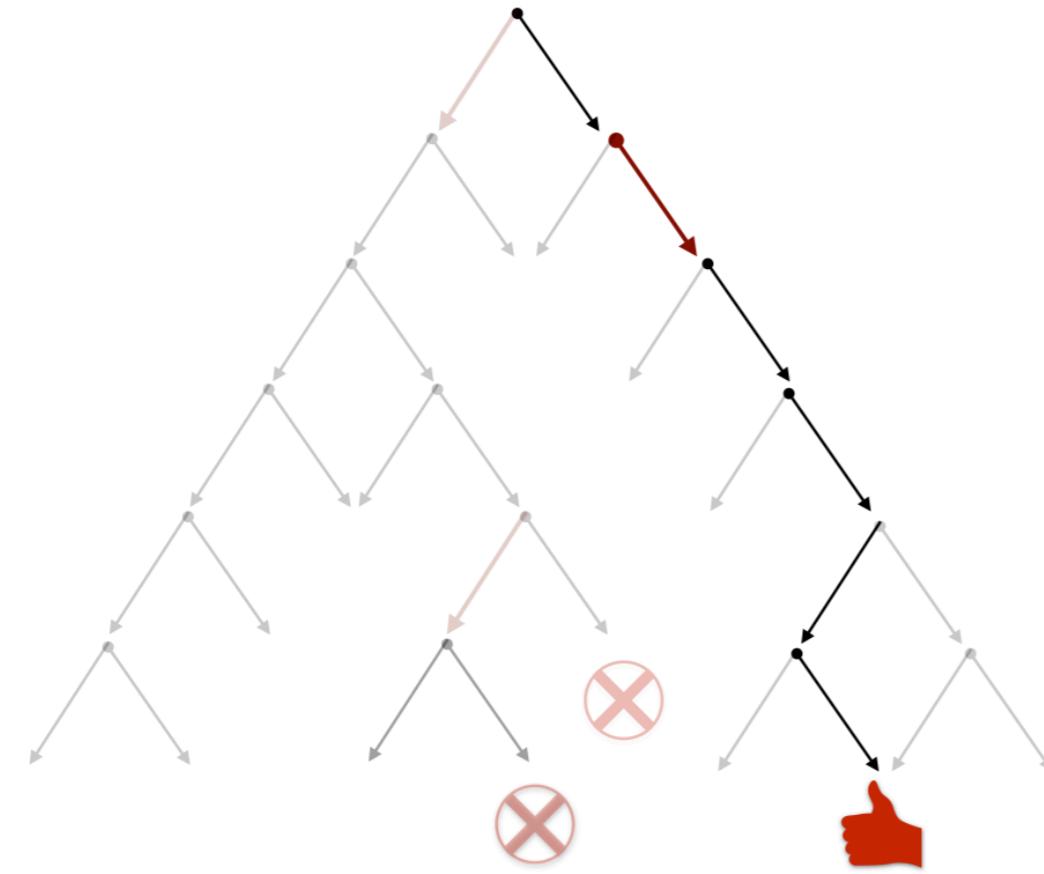
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Branch and Cut



Recursively split the domain on some integer variables and create a branching tree structure. In **each** branch, do simplex and add cutting planes to the problem. Terminate when the cost function can't be improved.

Summary

