

# **CS 480**

## ***Introduction to Artificial Intelligence***

**February 10, 2021**

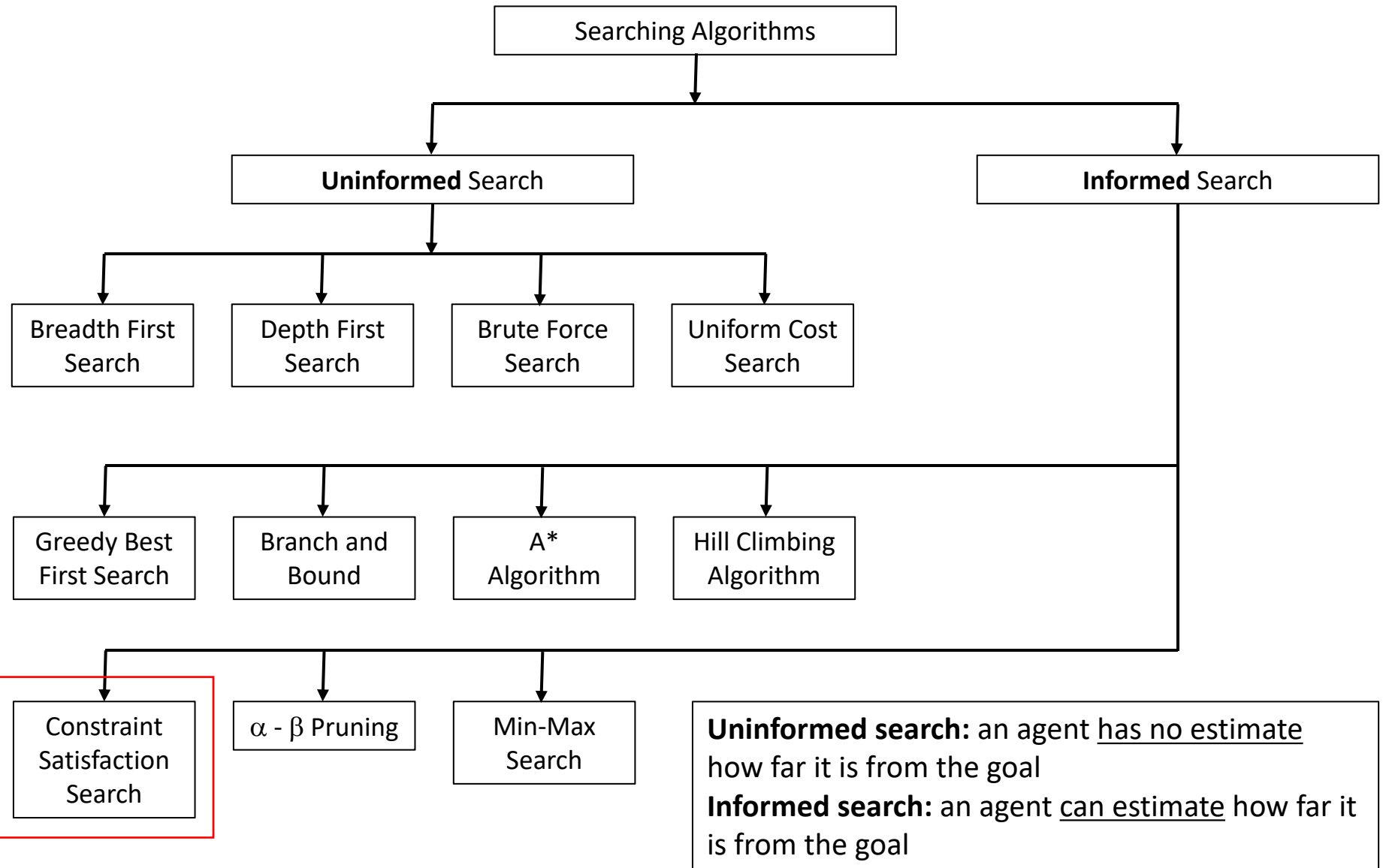
# **Announcements / Reminders**

- **Written Assignment #01 is posted**
  - **due on Thursday (02/17/22) at 11:00 PM CST**
- **Contribute to the discussion on Blackboard, please**
- **Please follow the Week 05 To Do List instructions**
- **Midterm course review will be available next week**
  - **Please respond. Thank you!**

# Plan for Today

- **Constraint Satisfaction Problems: Continued**

# Selected Searching Algorithms



# Constraint Satisfaction Problem

**A Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP) consists of three components:**

- **a set of variables  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$**
- **a set of domains  $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$**
- **a set of constraints  $C$  that specify allowable combinations of values**
- **A domain  $D_i$  is a set of allowable values  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  for variable  $X_i$**
- **A constraint  $C_j$  is a  $\langle \text{scope}, \text{relation} \rangle$  pair, for example  $\langle (X_1, X_2), X_1 > X_2 \rangle$**

# Constraint Satisfaction Problem

The goal is to **find an assignment** (variable = value):

$$\{X_1 = v_1, \dots, X_n = v_n\}$$

- If NO constraints violated: **consistent** assignment
- If ALL variables have a value: **complete** assignment
- If SOME variables have NO value: **partial** assignment
- SOLUTION: **consistent** and **complete** assignment
- PARTIAL SOLUTION: **consistent** and **partial** assignment

# CSP: Variable Types

- Domains can be:
  - finite, for example:  $\{1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 20\}$  (simpler)
  - infinite, for example: a set of all integers
- Variables can be:
  - discrete, for example:  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  (simpler)
  - continuous, for example:  $R_+$
- Constraints can be:
  - unary (involve single variable), for example:  $X_1 = 5$
  - binary (involve two variables), for example:  $X_1 = X_2$
  - higher order (involve  $> 2$  variables), for example:  $X_1 = X_2 * X_3$
- Soft constraints (preferences: green over blue) possible

# CSP as a Search Problem

CSP is a variant of a search problem you already know. The problem can be restated / updated with:

- **Initial state**: the empty assignment  $\{ \}$ , in which all variables are unassigned.
- **Successor function**: a value can be assigned to any unassigned variable, provided that it does not conflict with previously assigned variables.
- **Goal test**: the current assignment is complete.
- **Path cost**: a constant cost (e.g., 1) for every step.

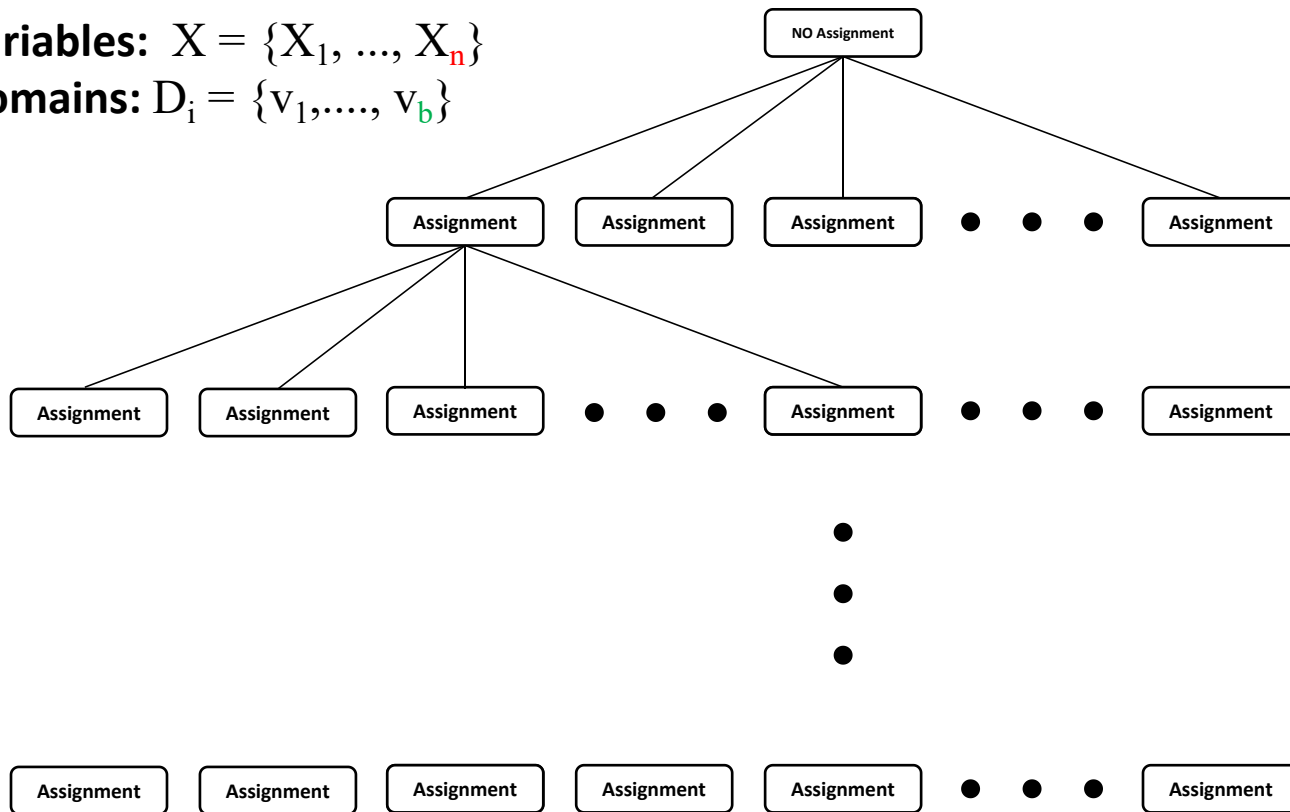


# CSP Search Tree: Idea

**CSP Problem:**

**Variables:**  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

**Domains:**  $D_i = \{v_1, \dots, v_b\}$



0 variable  
assigned

1 variables  
assigned

2 variables  
assigned

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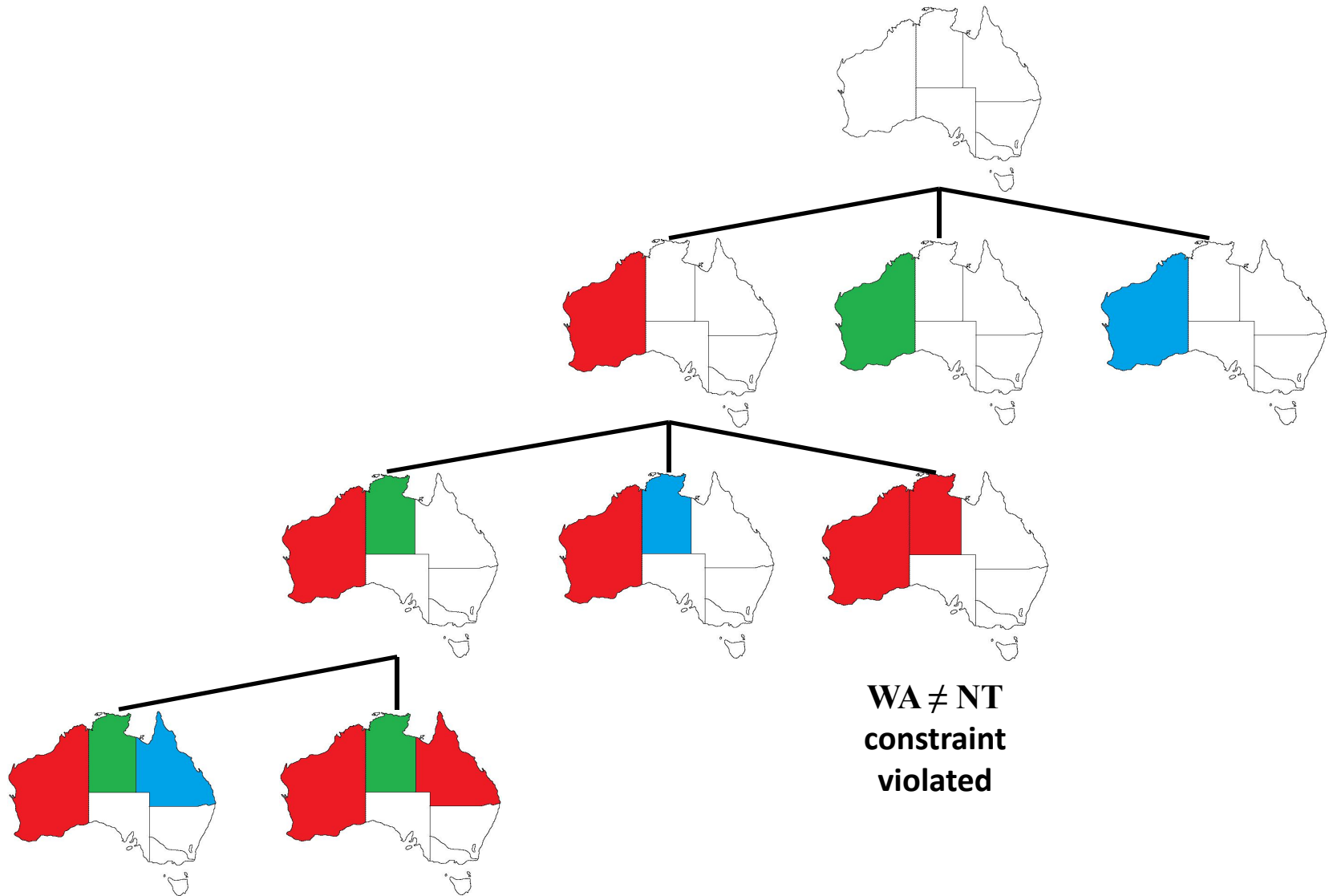
ALL (**n**) variables  
assigned

**Tree leaves are COMPLETE assignments**

The sequence of variable assignments does NOT matter\*

\*(when you disregard performance)

# CSP as a Tree Search Problem

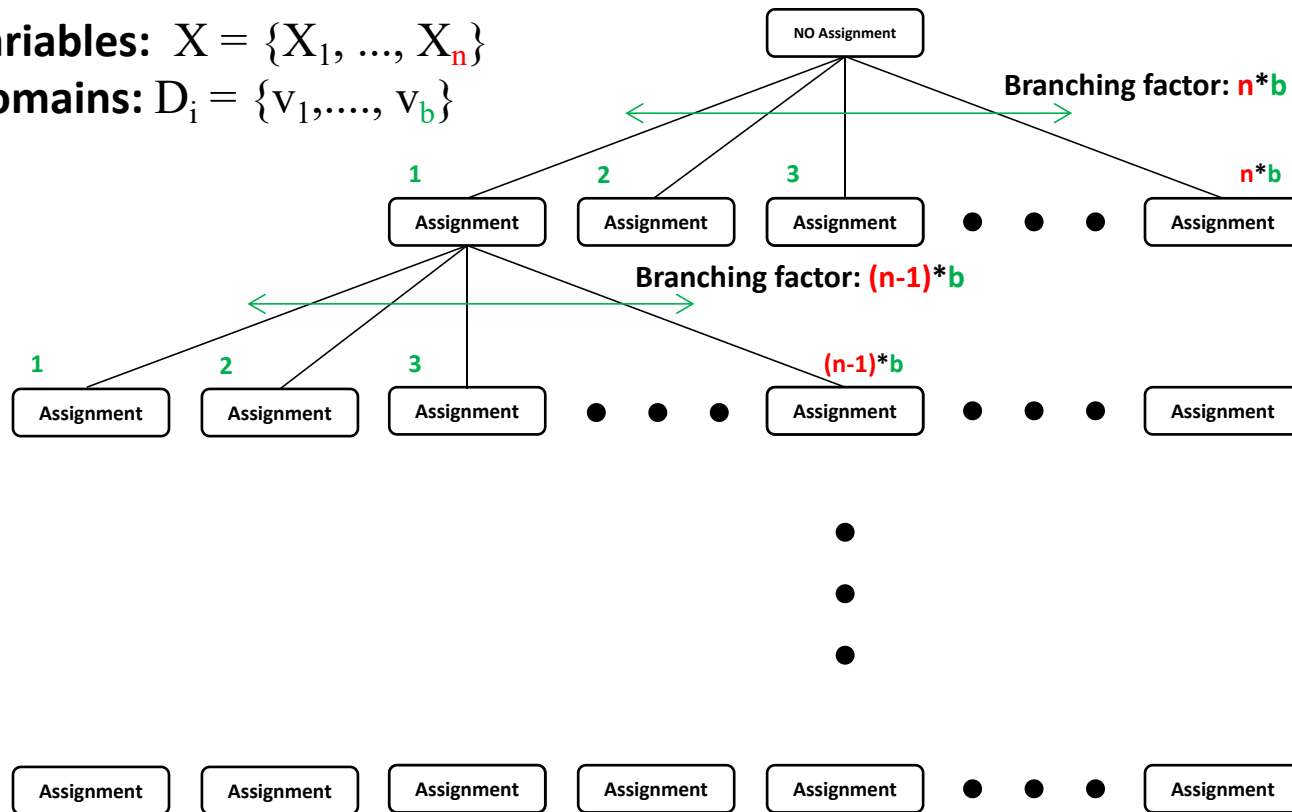


# CSP Search Tree: Size

**CSP Problem:**

**Variables:**  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

**Domains:**  $D_i = \{v_1, \dots, v_b\}$



$$N_0 = 0$$

$$N_1 = n*b$$

$$N_2 = n*b * (n-1)*b = n*(n-1)*b^2$$

$$N_n = n! * b^n$$

Total number of leafnodes / states:  $n! * b^n$

(ignores COMMUTATIVITY of CSP assignments:

assigning  $X_1 = m$  and then  $X_2 = n$  SAME as assigning  $X_2 = n$  and then  $X_1 = m$  )

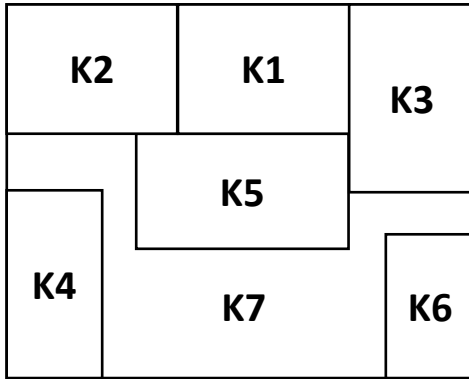
In reality: there is only  $b^n$  complete assignments

# Can We Do Better?



# CSP Example: Map Coloring

Problem:



Variables:

$X = \{K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7\}$

Variable Domains:

$D_{K1} = \{\text{RED}, \text{BLUE}, \text{GREEN}\}$

$D_{K2} = \{\text{RED}, \text{BLUE}, \text{GREEN}\}$

$D_{K3} = \{\text{RED}, \text{BLUE}, \text{GREEN}\}$

$D_{K4} = \{\text{RED}, \text{BLUE}, \text{GREEN}\}$

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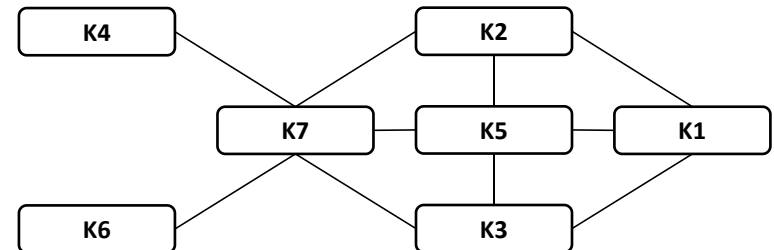
Color this map in a way that no two neighbors have same color

Constraints (Rules):

- Neighboring regions have to have DISTINCT colors:

$\text{CONSTRAINTS} = C = \{K1 \neq K2, K1 \neq K3, K1 \neq K5, K2 \neq K5, K2 \neq K7, K3 \neq K5, K3 \neq K7, K4 \neq K7, K5 \neq K7, K6 \neq K7\}$

Constraint Graph:



# CSP Backtracking: Pseudocode

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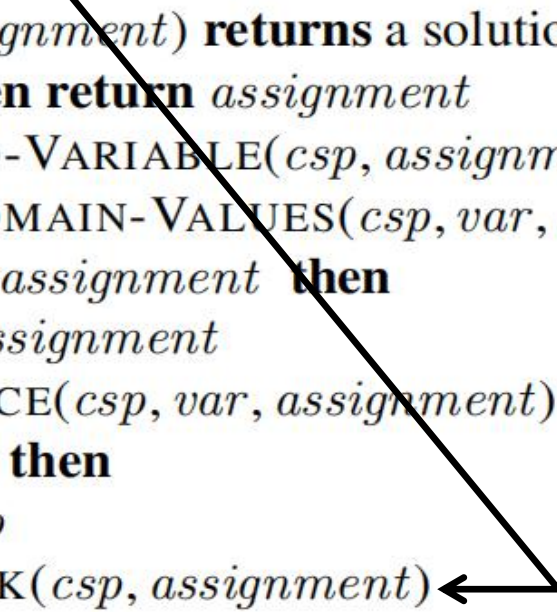
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            *inferences*  $\leftarrow$  INFERENCE(*csp*, *var*, *assignment*)  
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RECURSION



## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: ???

K3: ???

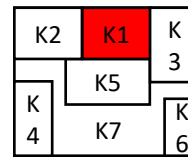
K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???

**Initial (NO  
assignment) state  
not shown**



## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$

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Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$

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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED**, **BLUE**, **GREEN**

## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **RED**

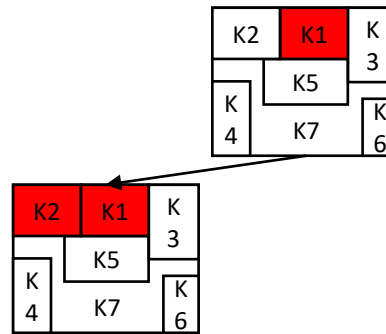
K3: ???

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## Constraints:

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## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **RED**

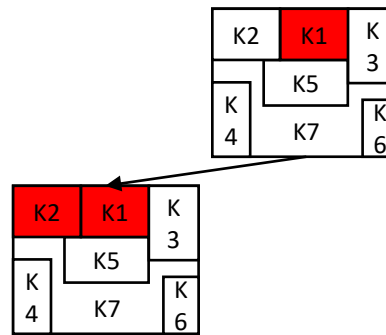
K3: ???

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



Violates:  
Rule 1

## Constraints:

Rule 1: **K1**  $\neq$  **K2**

Rule 2: K1  $\neq$  K3

Rule 3: K1  $\neq$  K5

Rule 4: K2  $\neq$  K5

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K2: ???

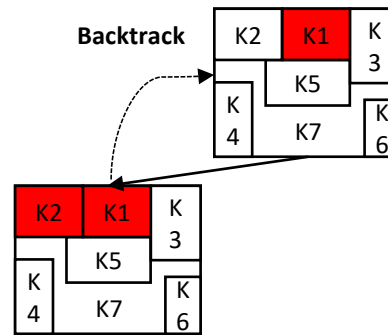
K3: ???

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



## Constraints:

**Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$**

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**Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$**

**Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$**

**Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$**

**Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$**

**Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$**

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## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

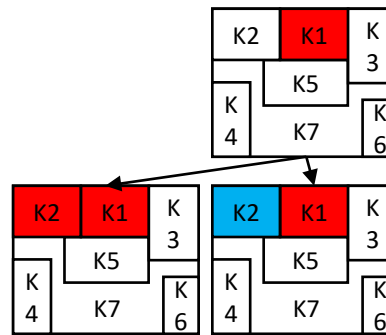
K3: ???

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K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



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K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

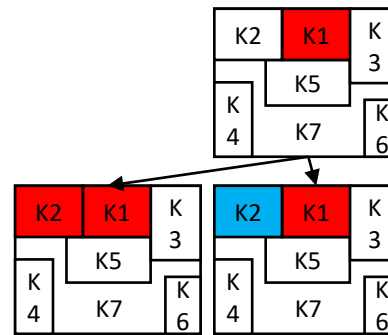
K3: ???

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



CONSISTENT  
PARTIAL  
Assignment

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

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## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

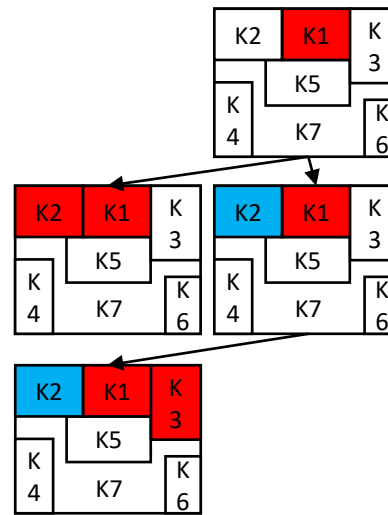
K3: RED

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



Violates:  
Rule 2

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

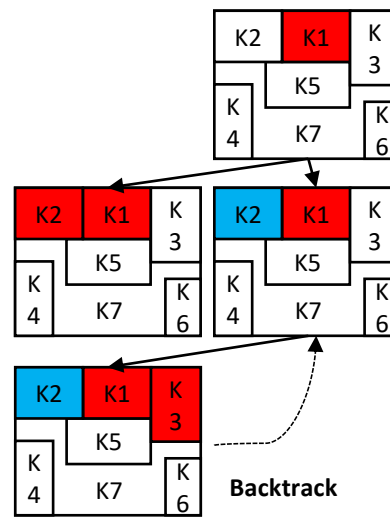
K3: ???

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



**Violates:**  
**Rule 2**

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

**Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$**

Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

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## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

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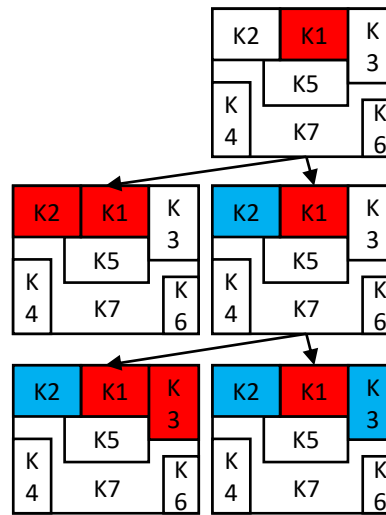
K3: **BLUE**

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



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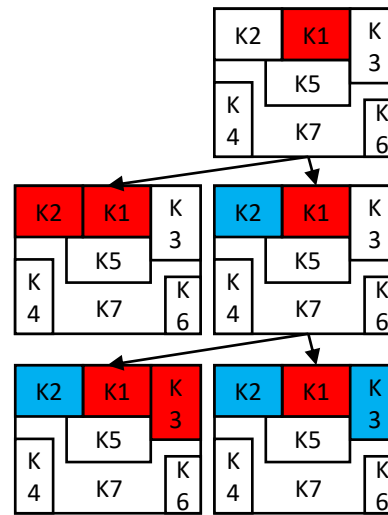
K3: **BLUE**

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



**CONSISTENT  
PARTIAL  
Assignment**

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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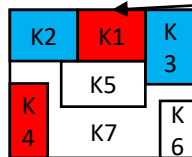
Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$

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**K7: ???**



**Variable assignment order:** K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | **Value assignment order:** RED, BLUE, GREEN

**Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$**

## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

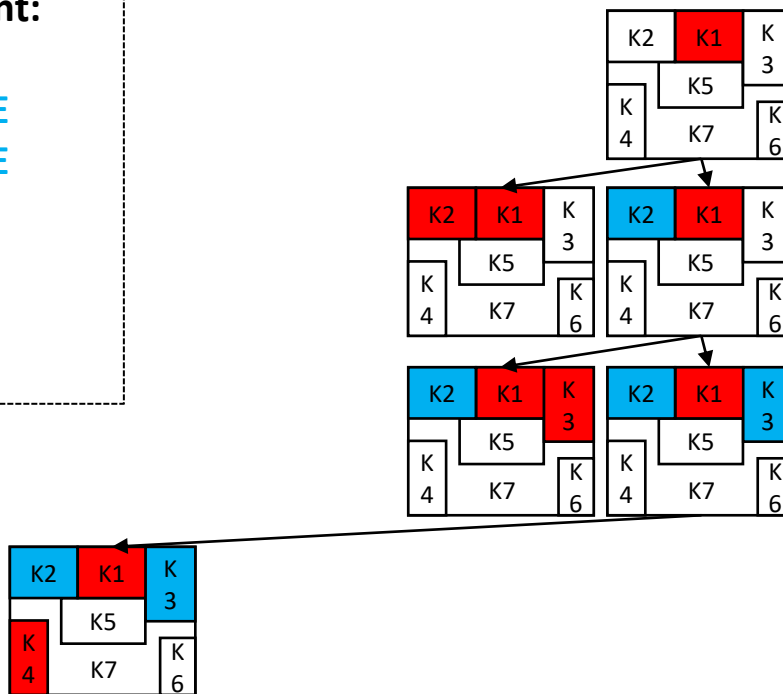
K3: **BLUE**

K4: **RED**

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



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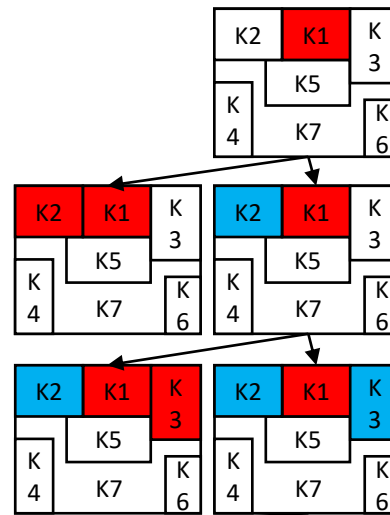
K3: **BLUE**

K4: **RED**

K5: **RED**

K6: ???

K7: ???



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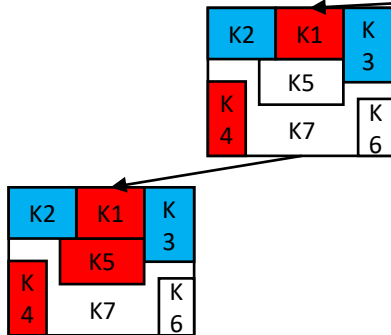
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## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

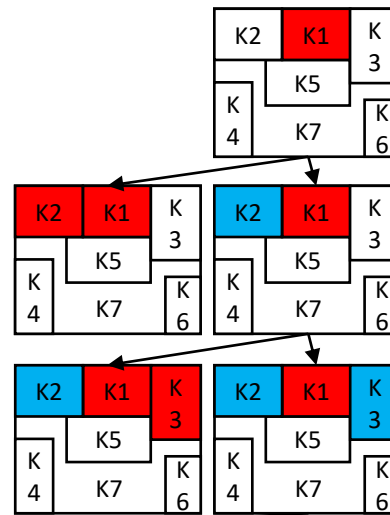
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: RED

K6: ???

K7: ???



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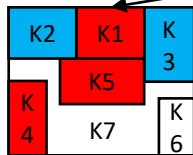
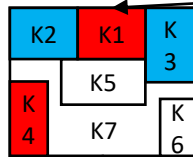
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Violates:  
Rule 3

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

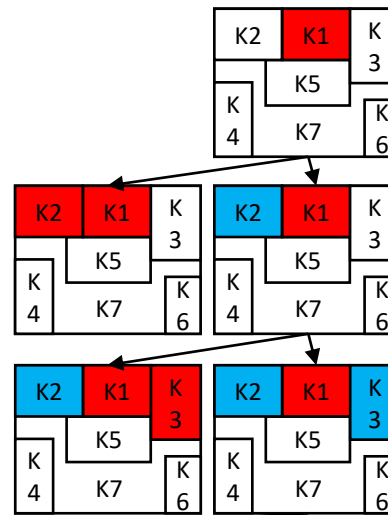
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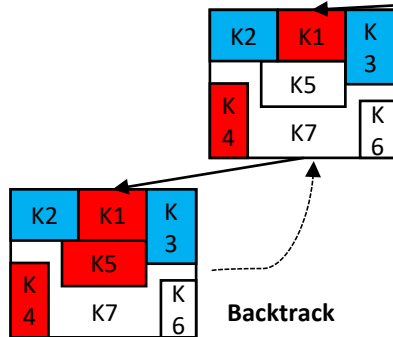
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**Violates:  
Rule 3**

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED**, **BLUE**, **GREEN**

## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

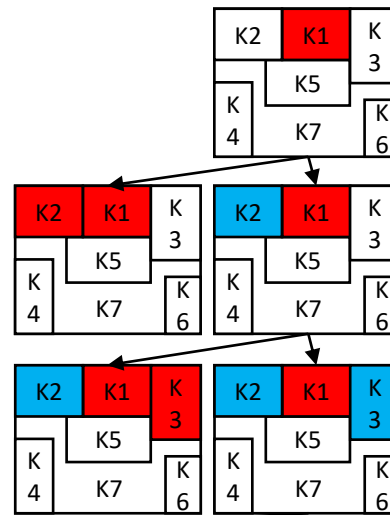
K3: **BLUE**

K4: **RED**

K5: **BLUE**

K6: ???

K7: ???



## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

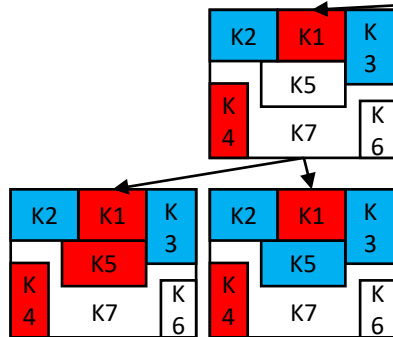
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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED**, **BLUE**, **GREEN**



## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

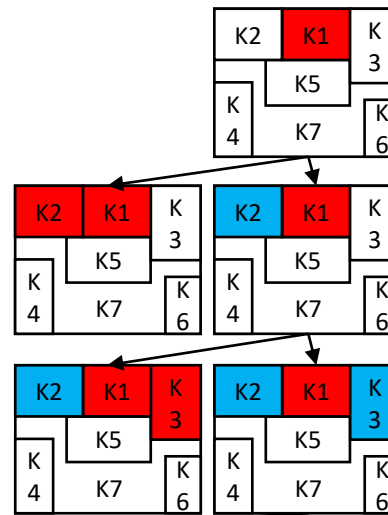
K3: **BLUE**

K4: **RED**

K5: **BLUE**

K6: ???

K7: ???



## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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**Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$**

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

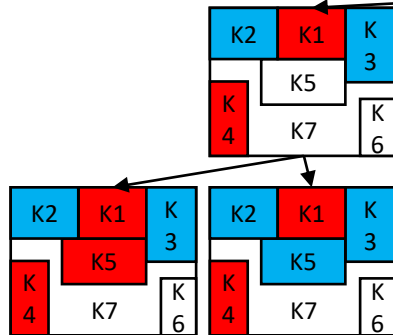
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



**Violates:**

**Rule 4**

**Rule 6**

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED**, **BLUE**, **GREEN**

## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

K3: **BLUE**

K4: **RED**

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

**Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$**

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

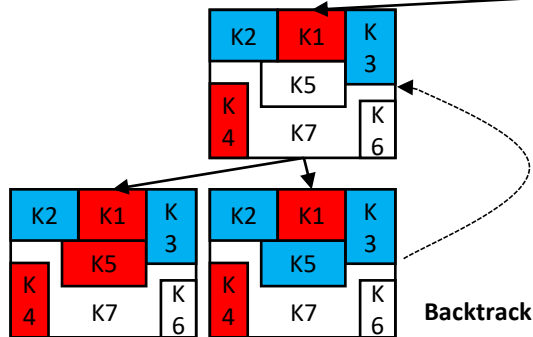
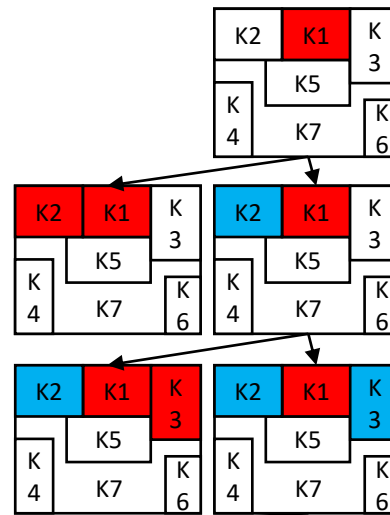
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Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



**Violates:**  
Rule 4  
Rule 6

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED**, **BLUE**, **GREEN**

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

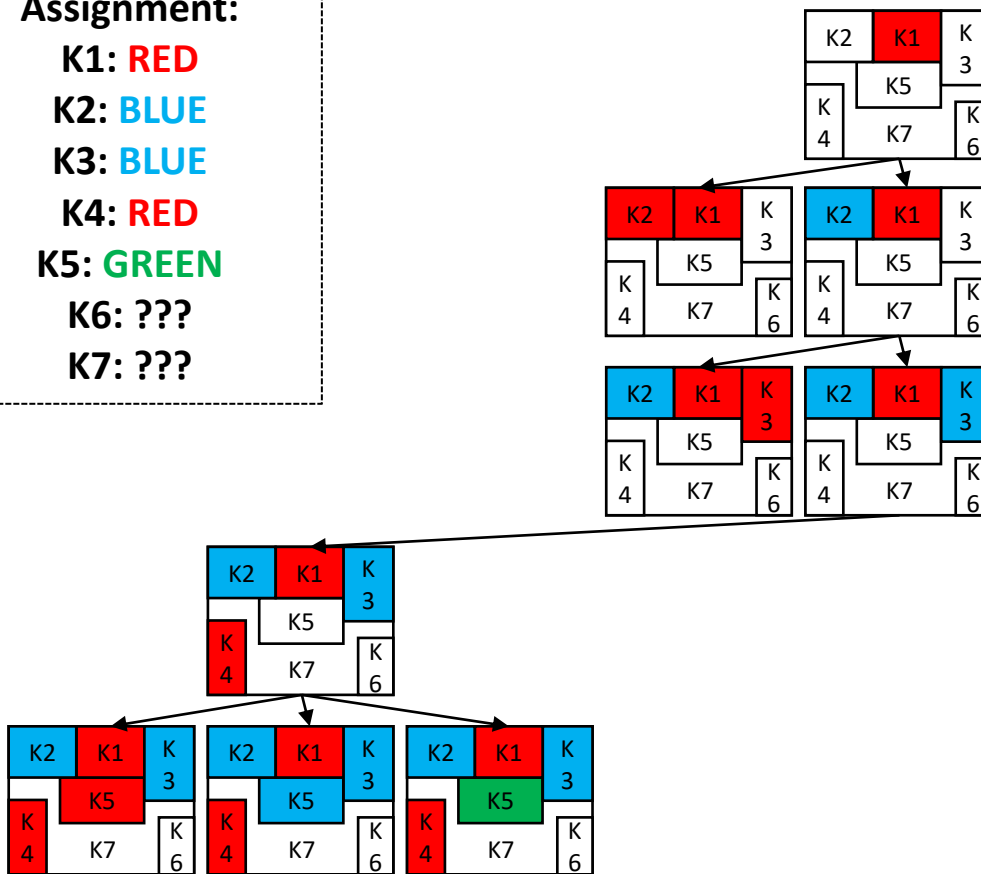
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???



## Constraints:

Rule 1: K1 ≠ K2

Rule 2: K1 ≠ K3

Rule 3: K1 ≠ K5

Rule 4: K2 ≠ K5

Rule 5: K2 ≠ K7

Rule 6: K3 ≠ K5

Rule 7: K3 ≠ K7

Rule 8: K4 ≠ K7

Rule 9: K5 ≠ K7

Rule 10: K6 ≠ K7

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

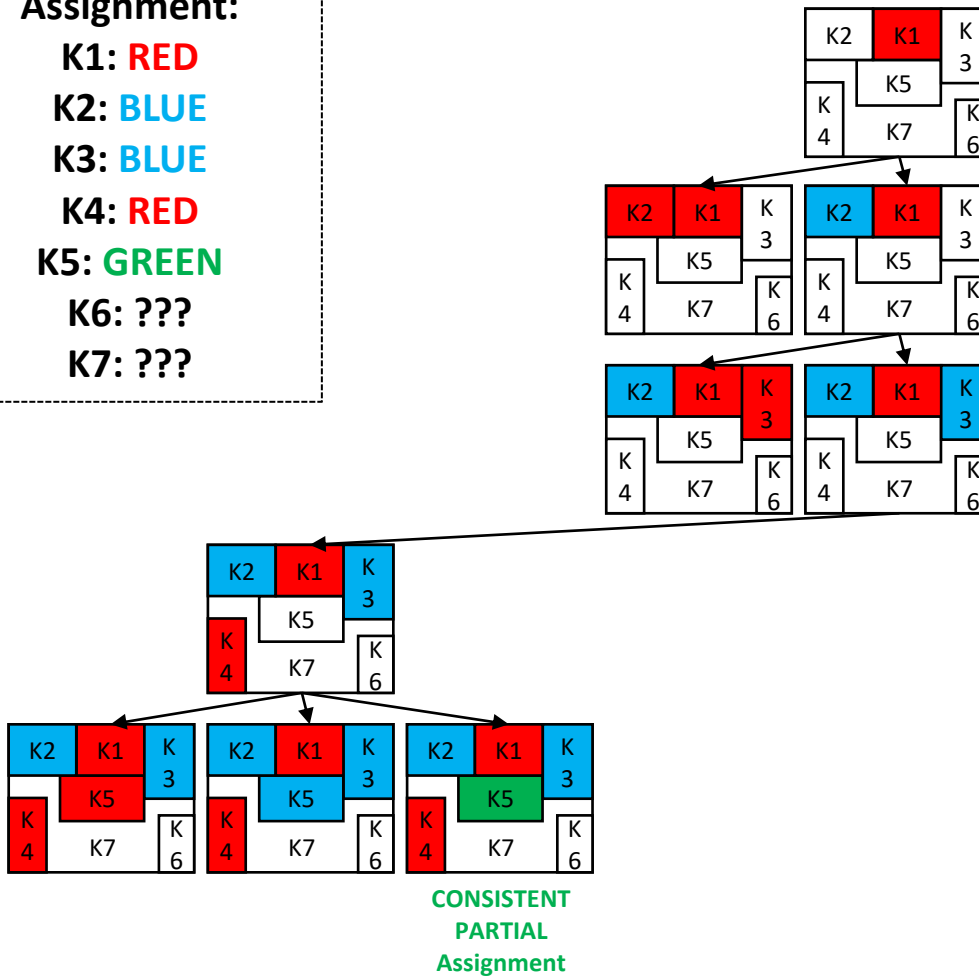
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???



## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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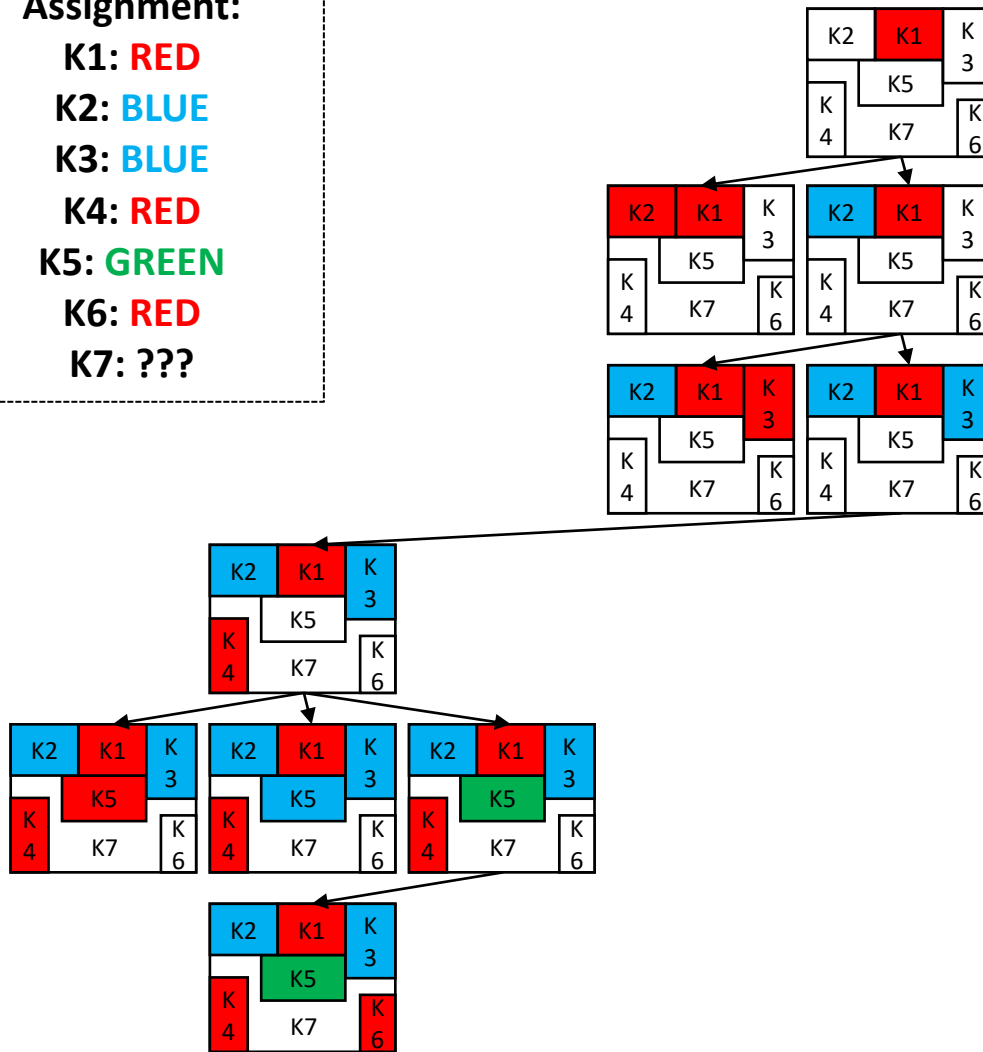
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **BLUE**

K3: **BLUE**

K4: **RED**

K5: **GREEN**

K6: **RED**

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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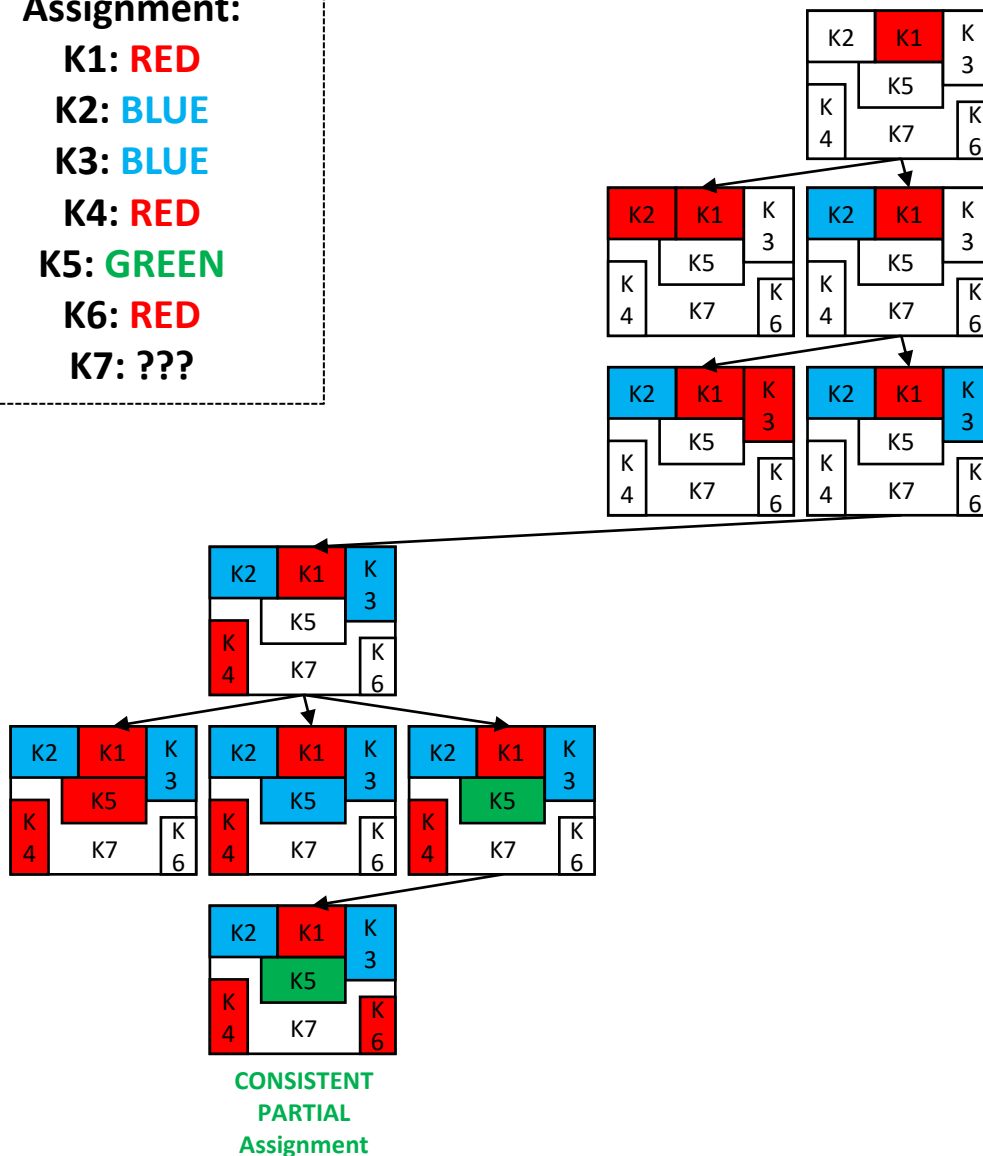
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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED**, **BLUE**, **GREEN**

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: RED

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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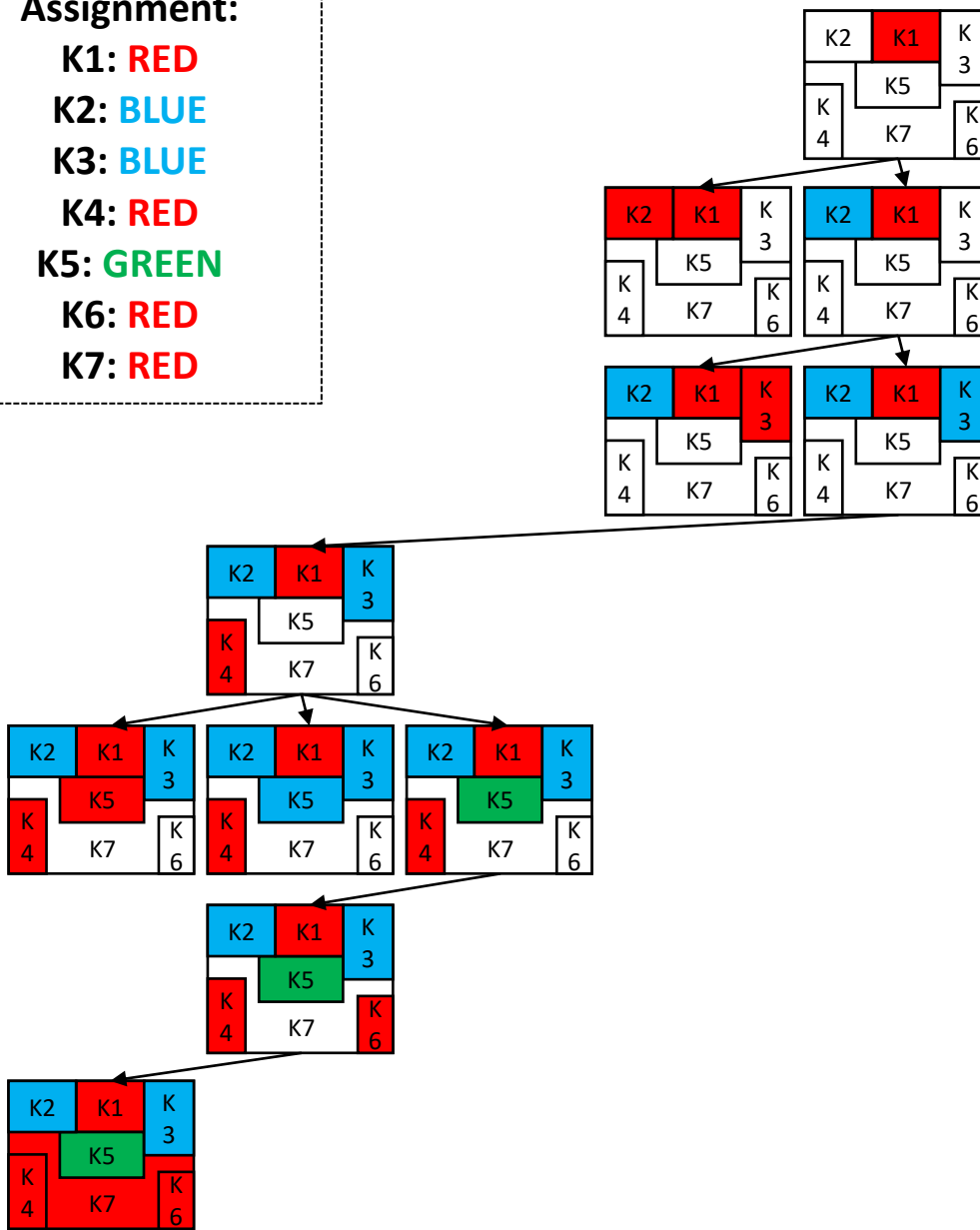
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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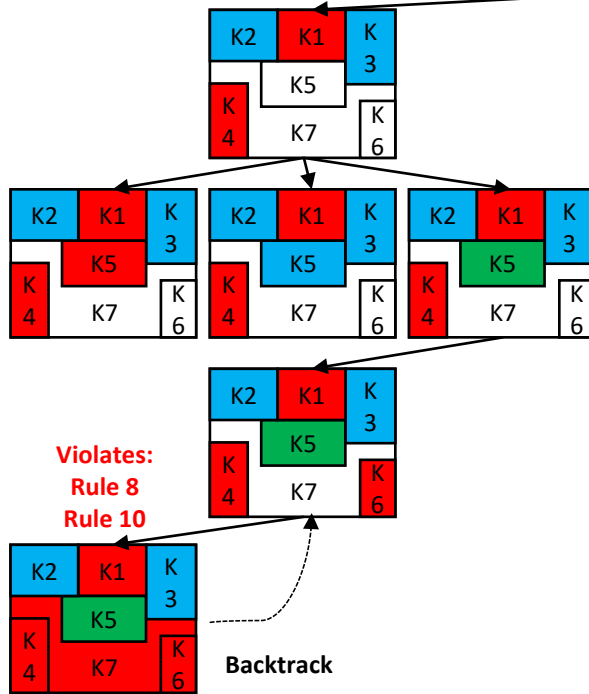
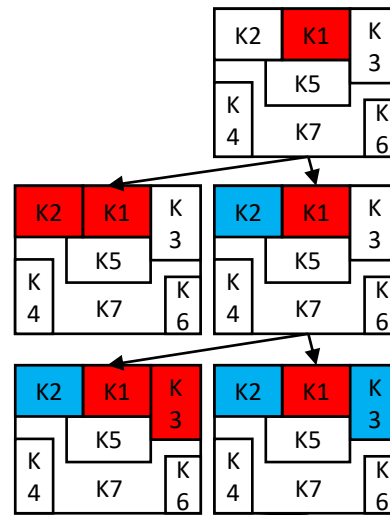
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN



## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: BLUE

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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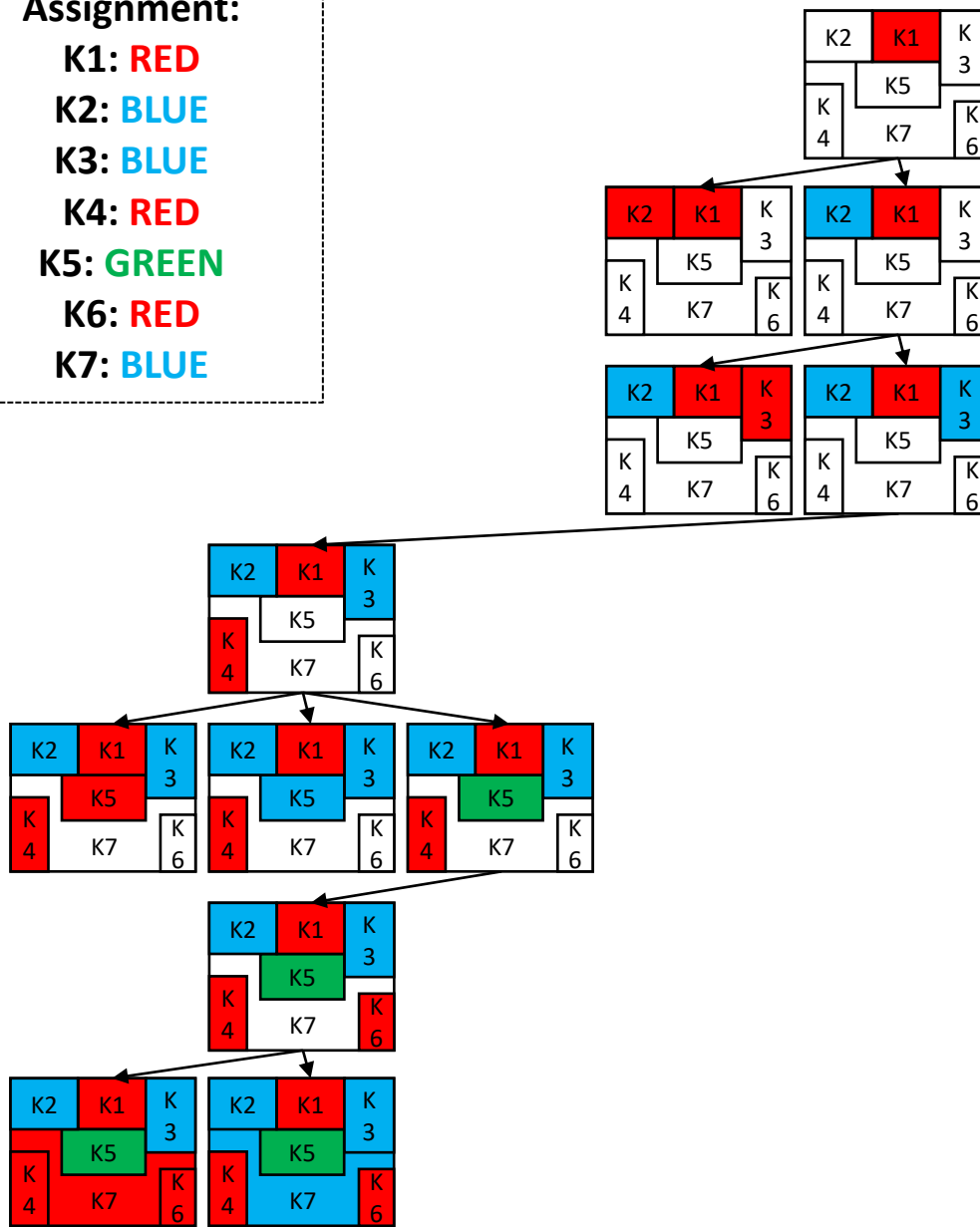
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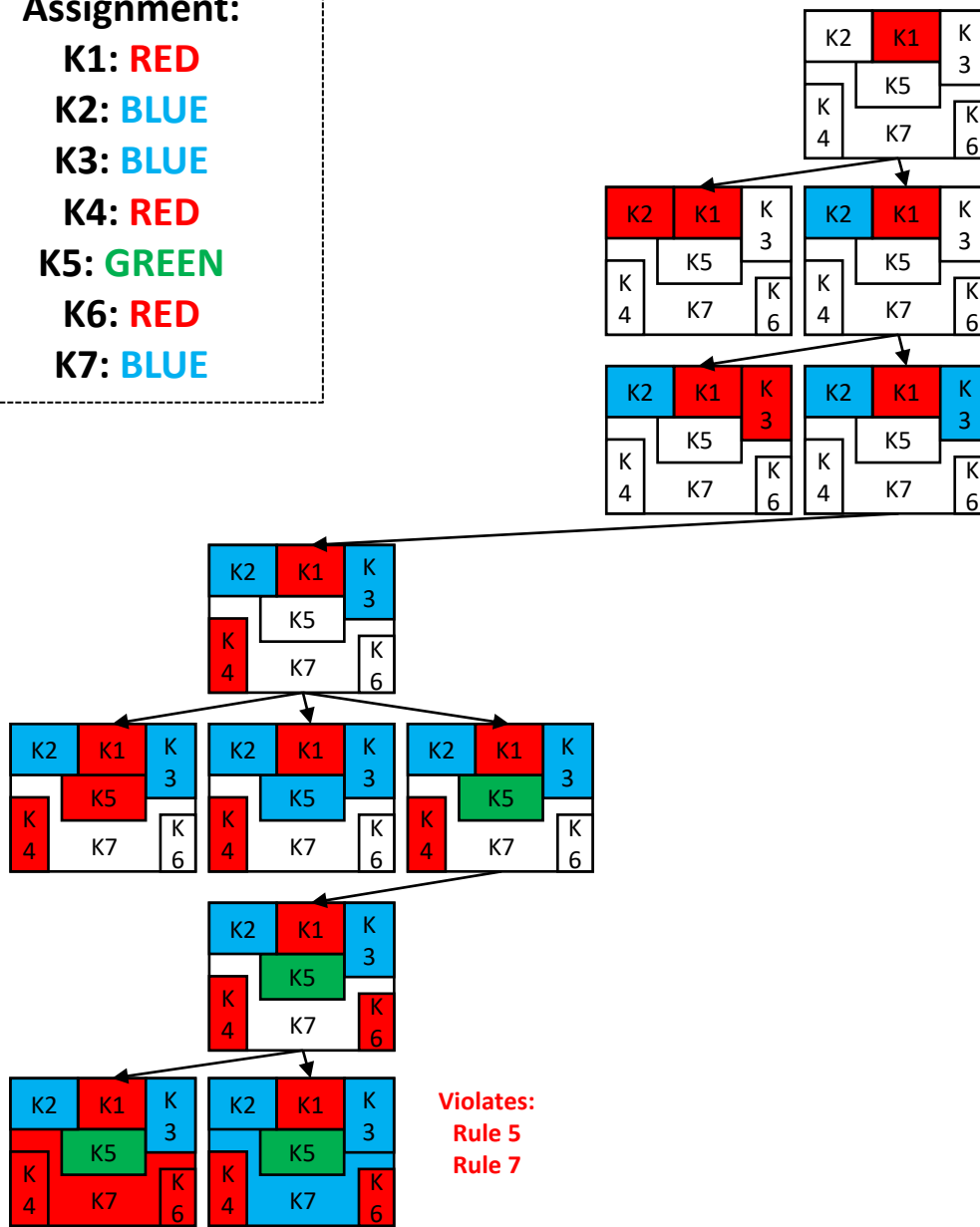
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: RED  
K7: BLUE

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
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Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
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Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$   
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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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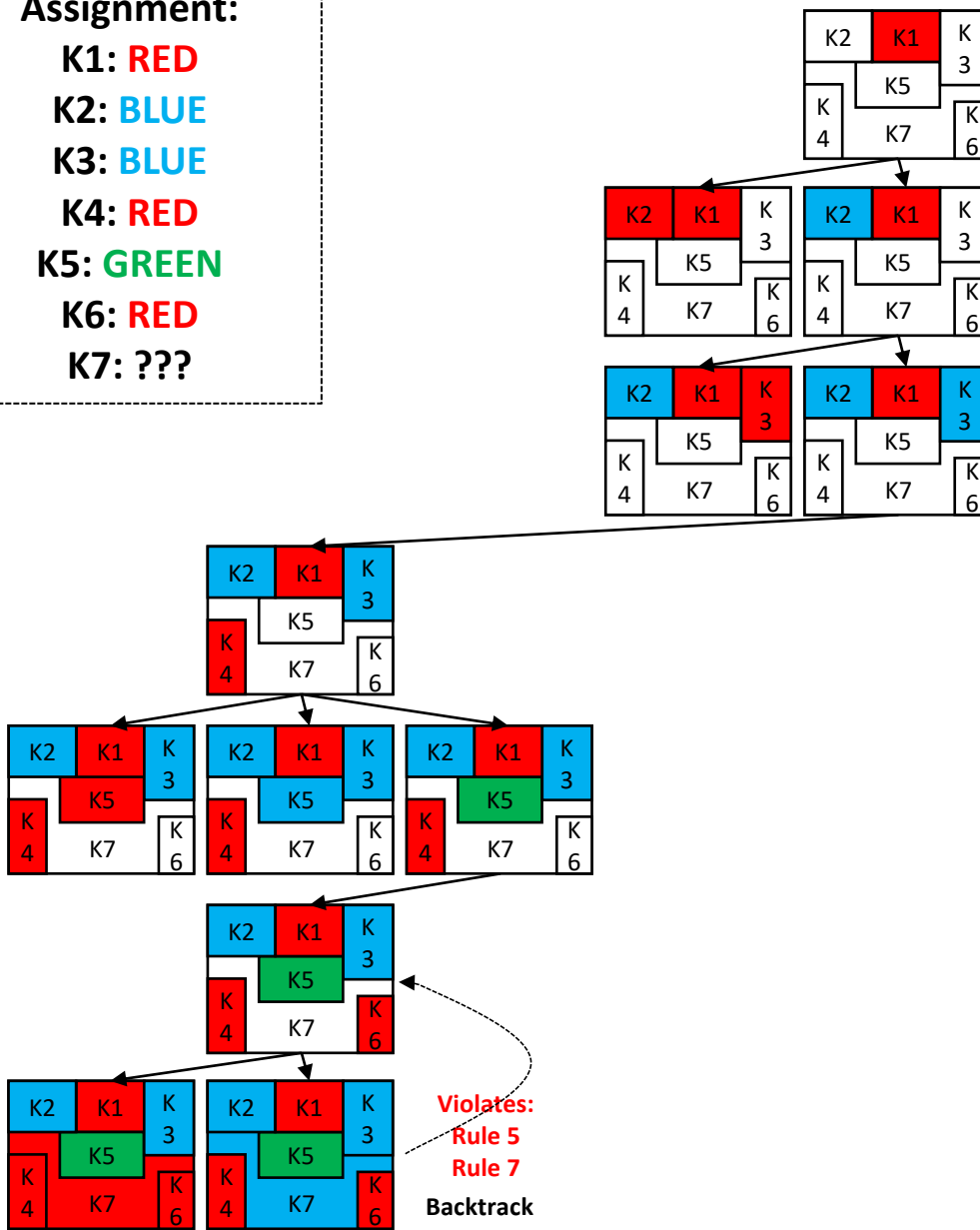
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: GREEN

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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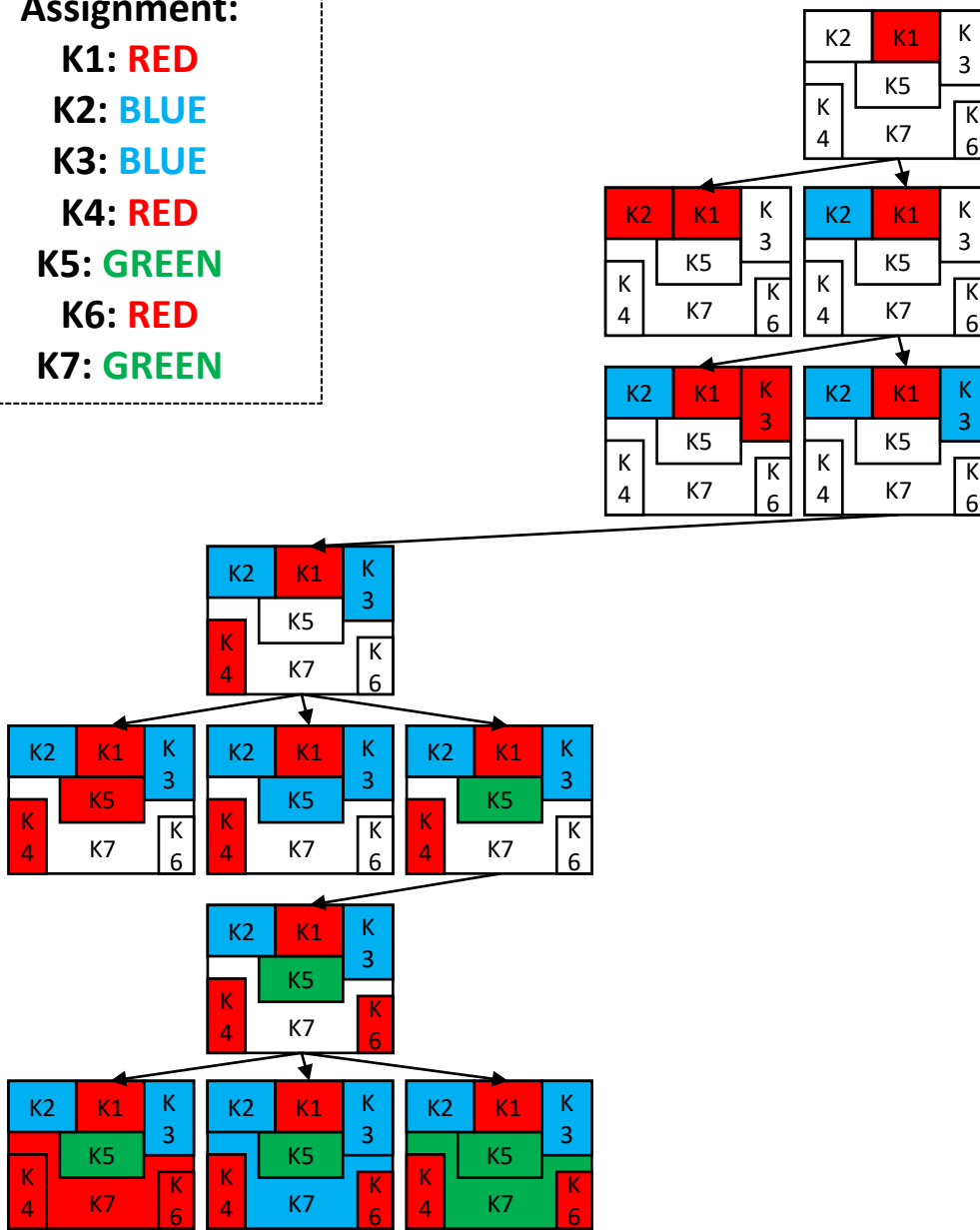
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: GREEN

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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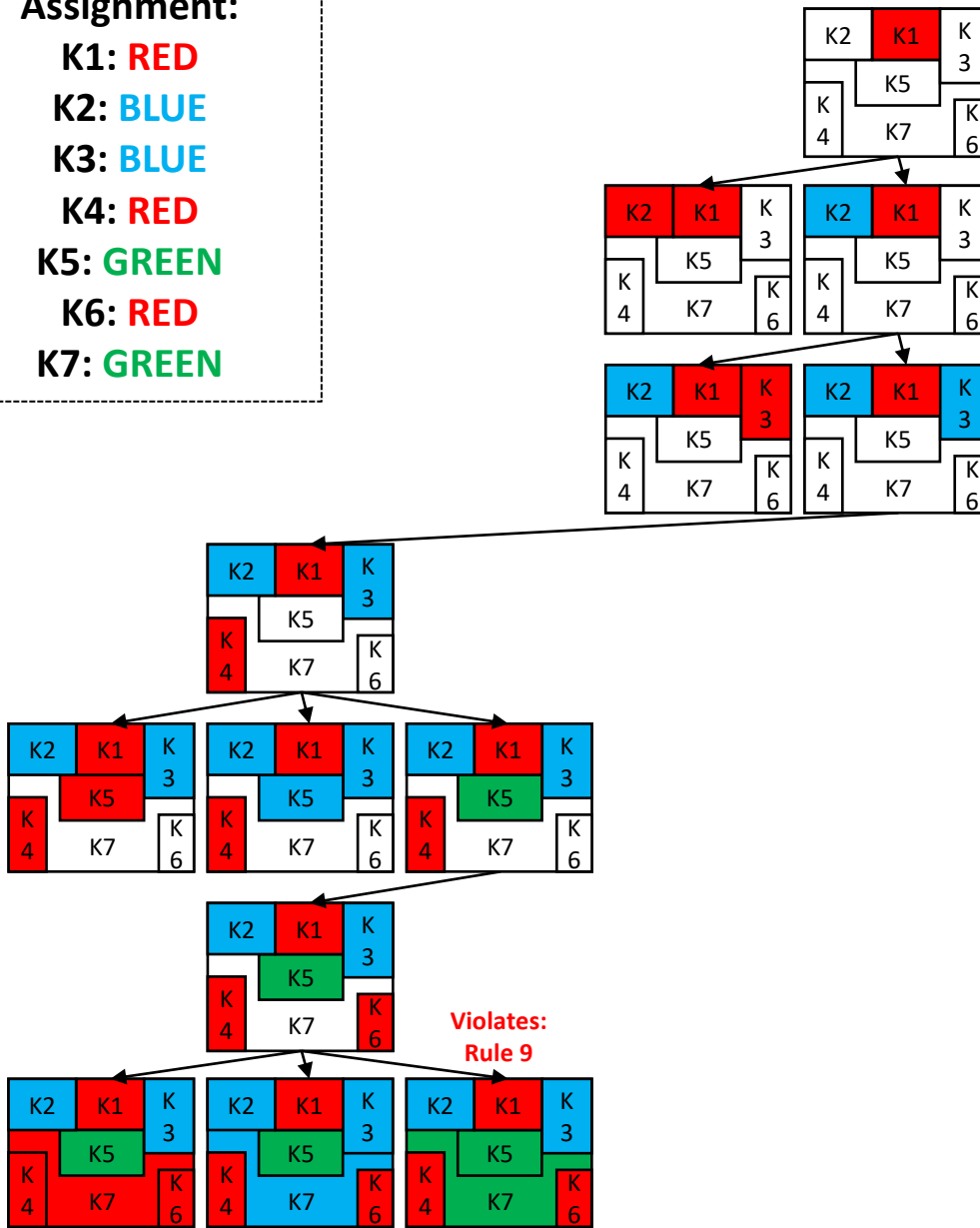
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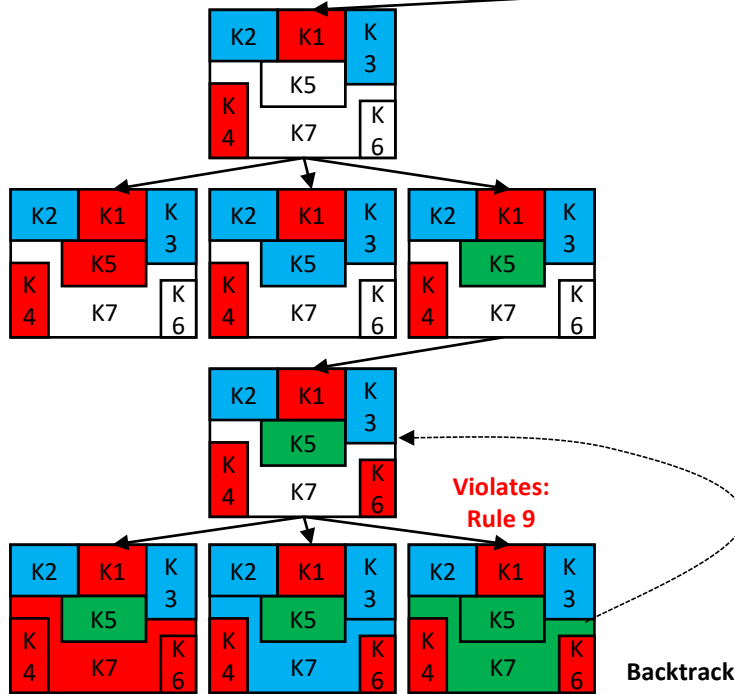
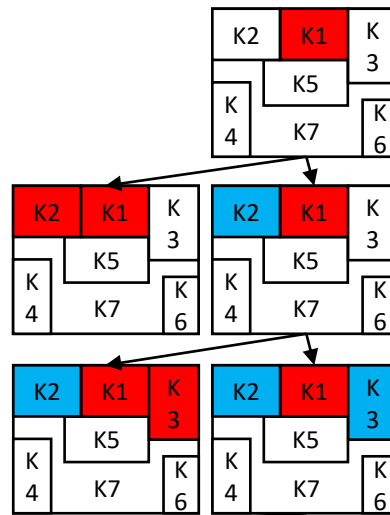
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: RED  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
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Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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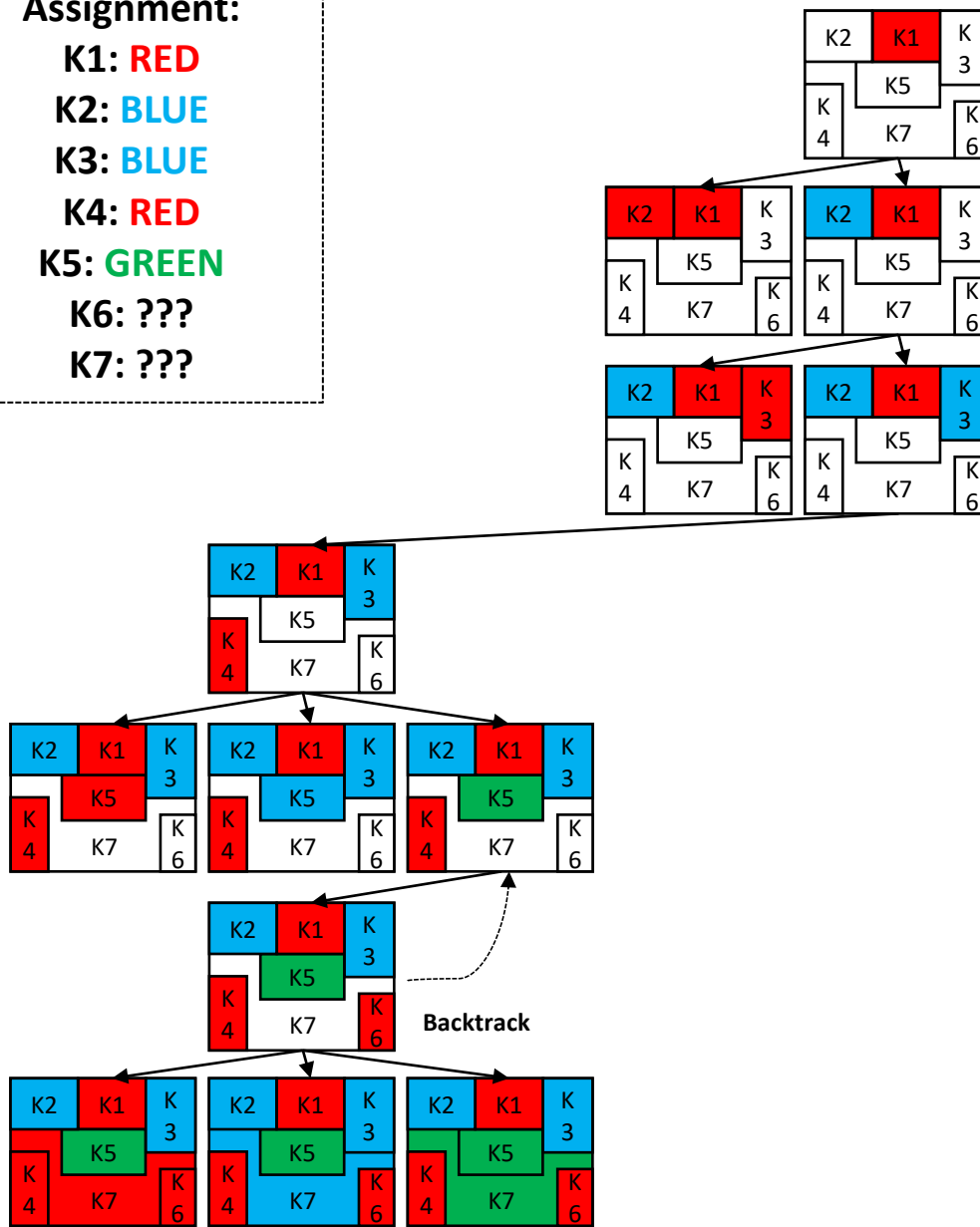
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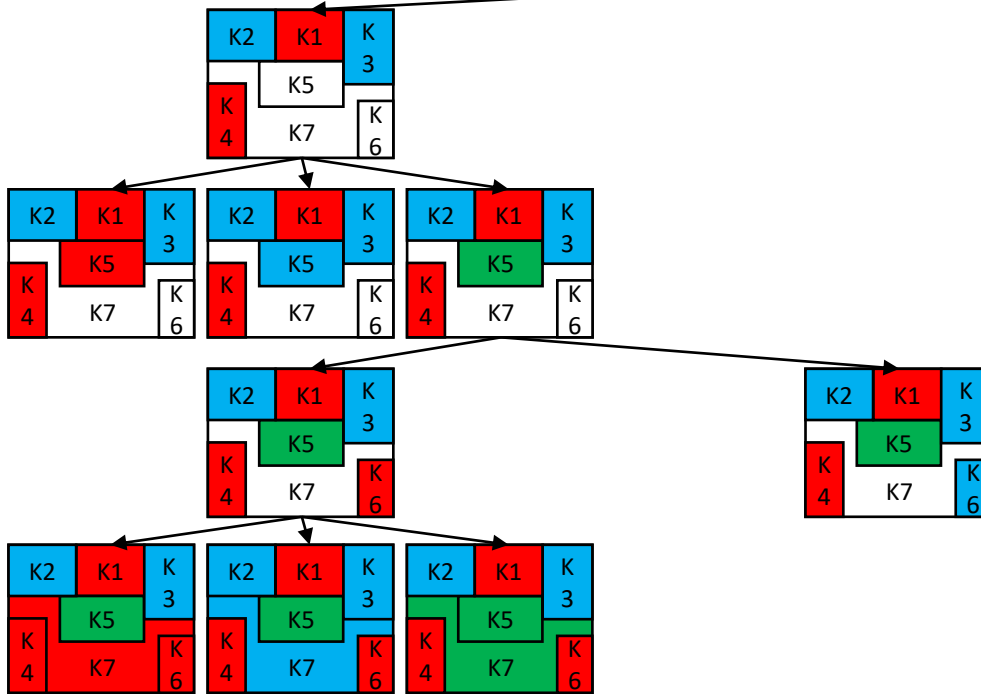
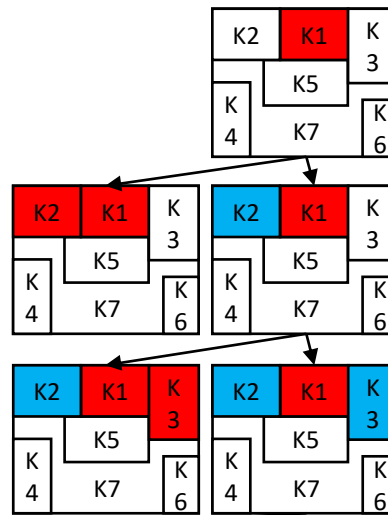
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
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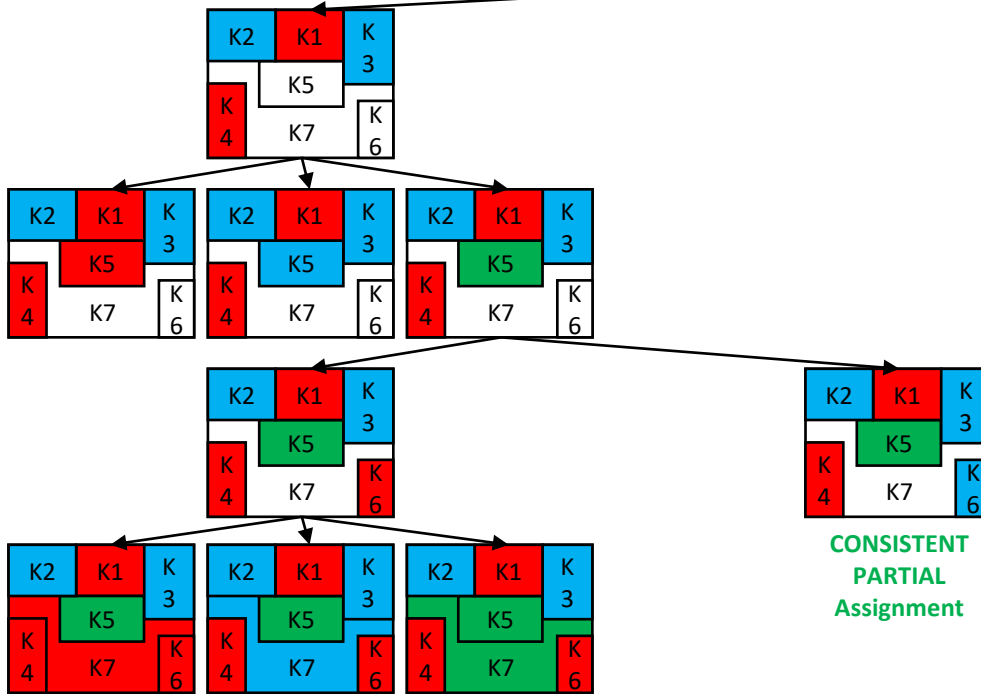
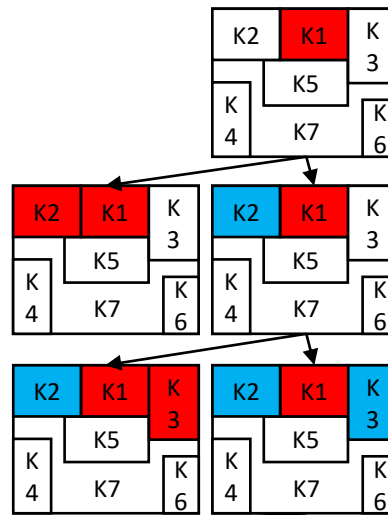


## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
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CONSISTENT  
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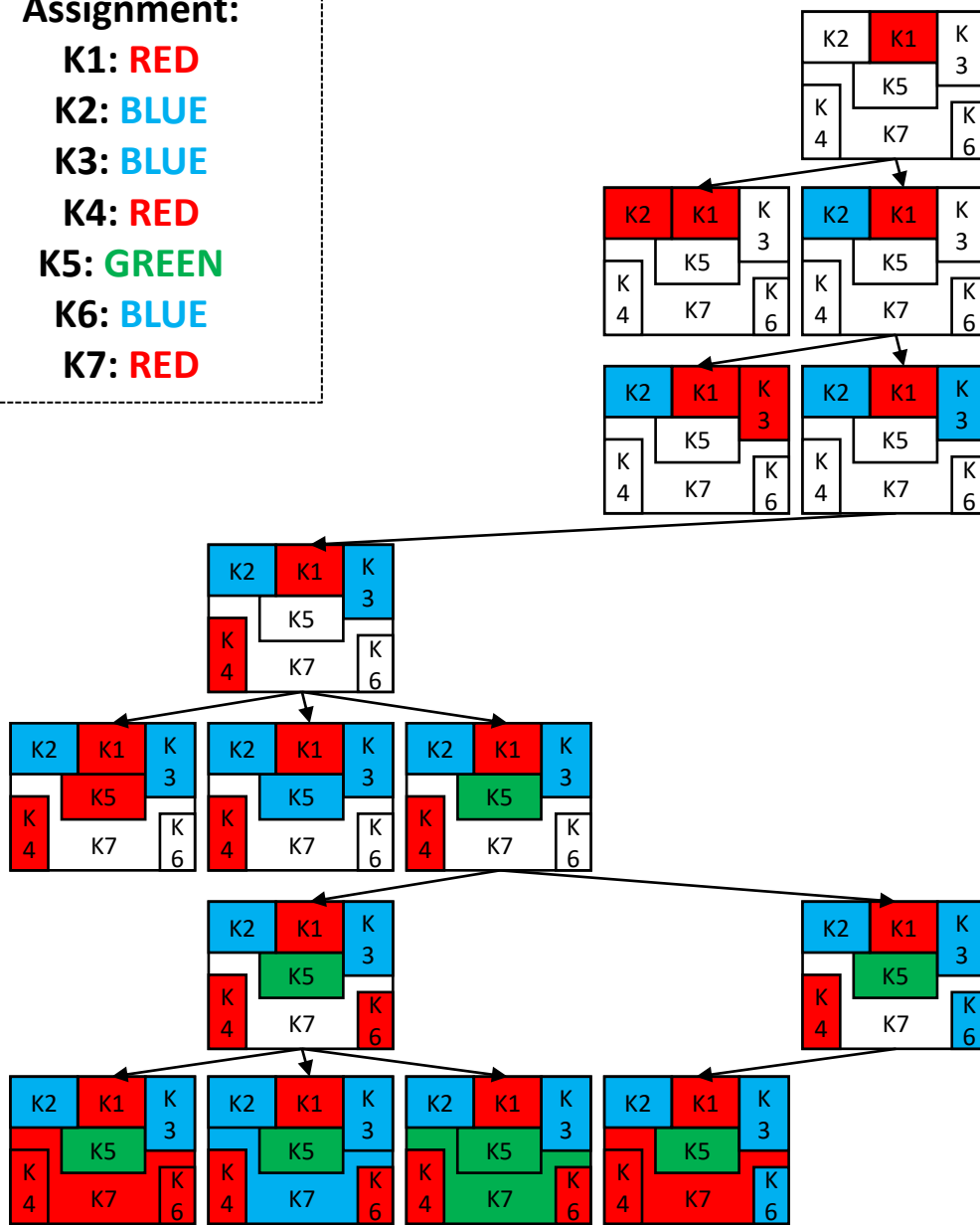
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: RED

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
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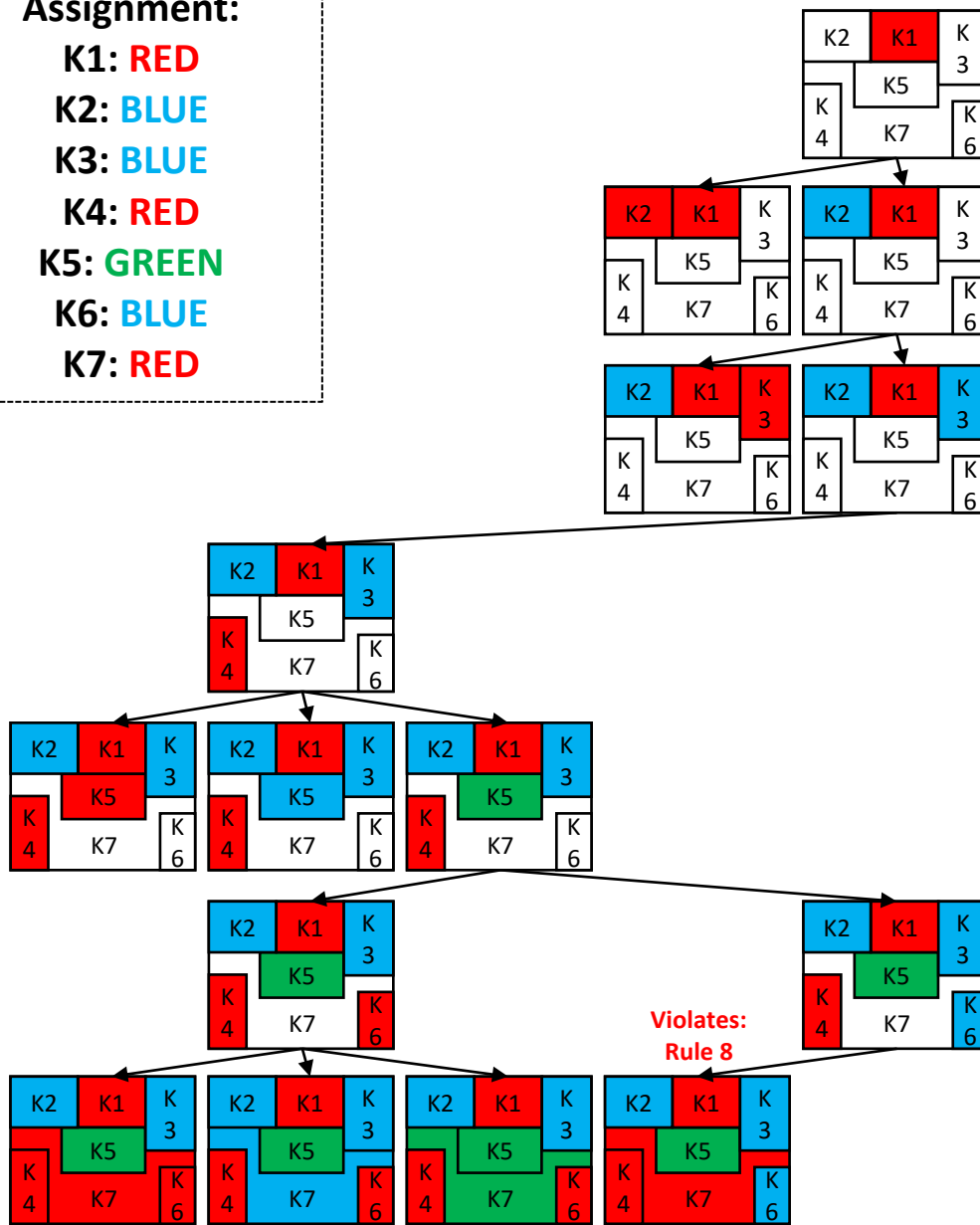
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: RED

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
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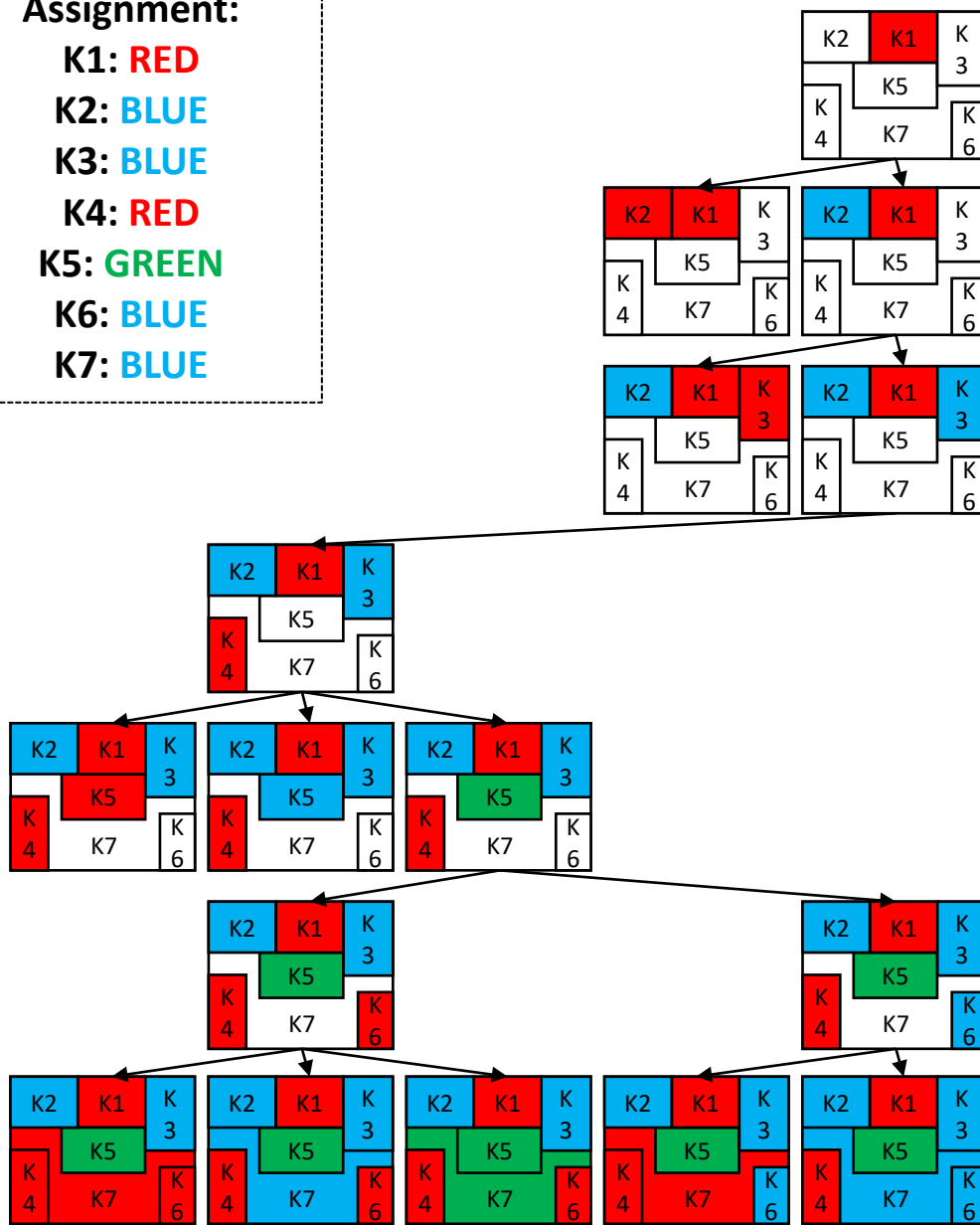


## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: BLUE

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
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Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
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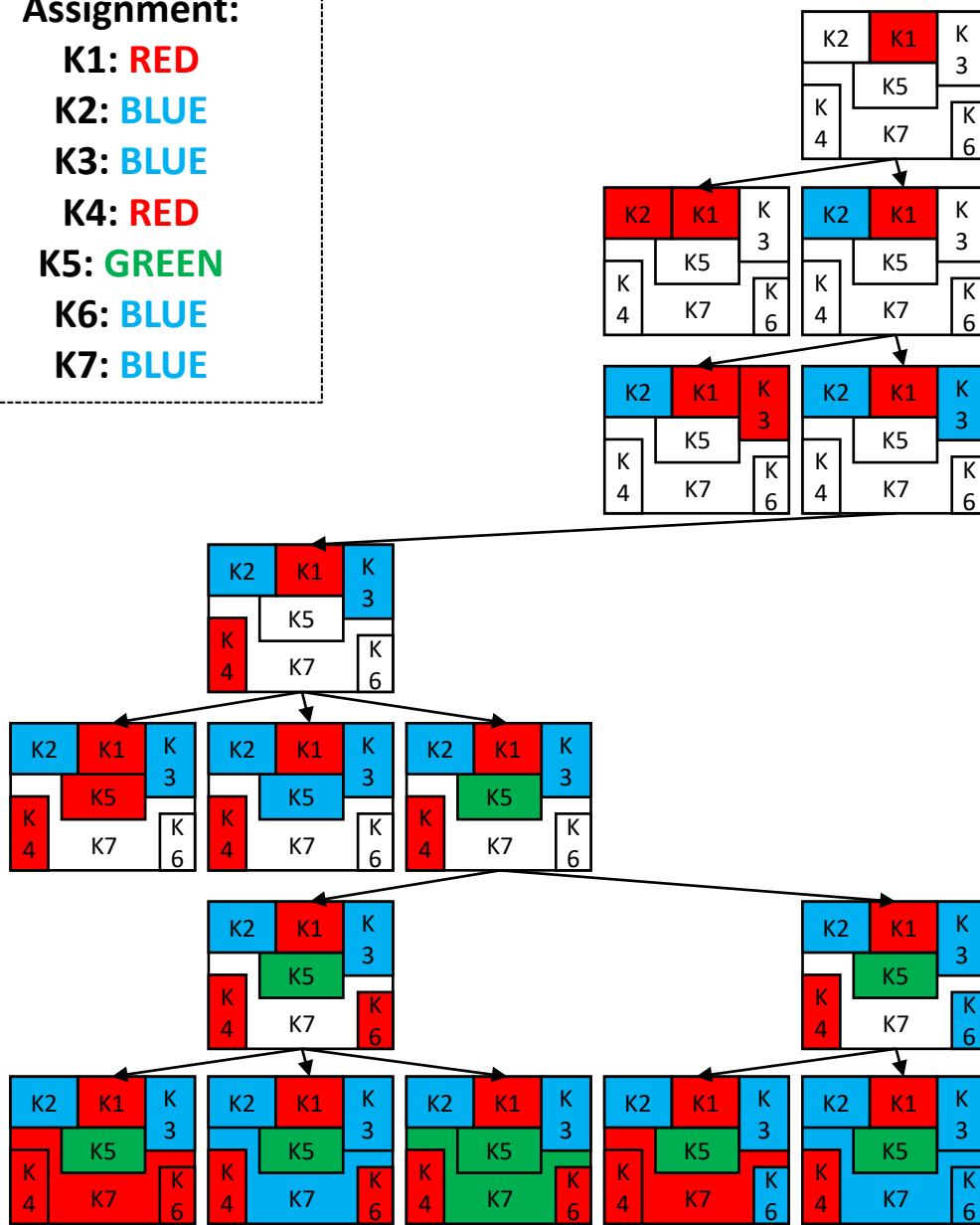
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: BLUE

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
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Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
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Violates:  
Rule 7  
Rule 10

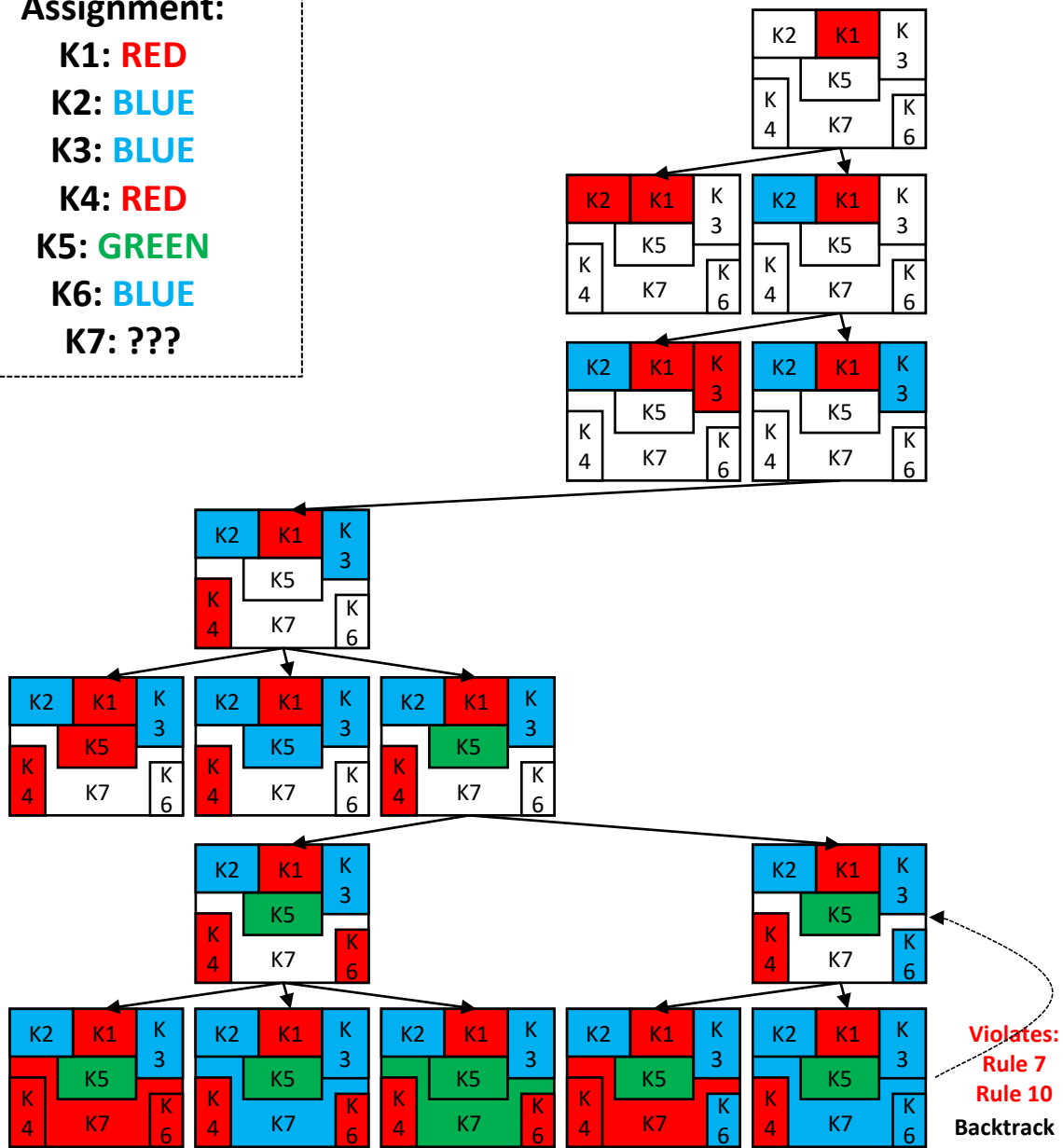
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
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**Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$**

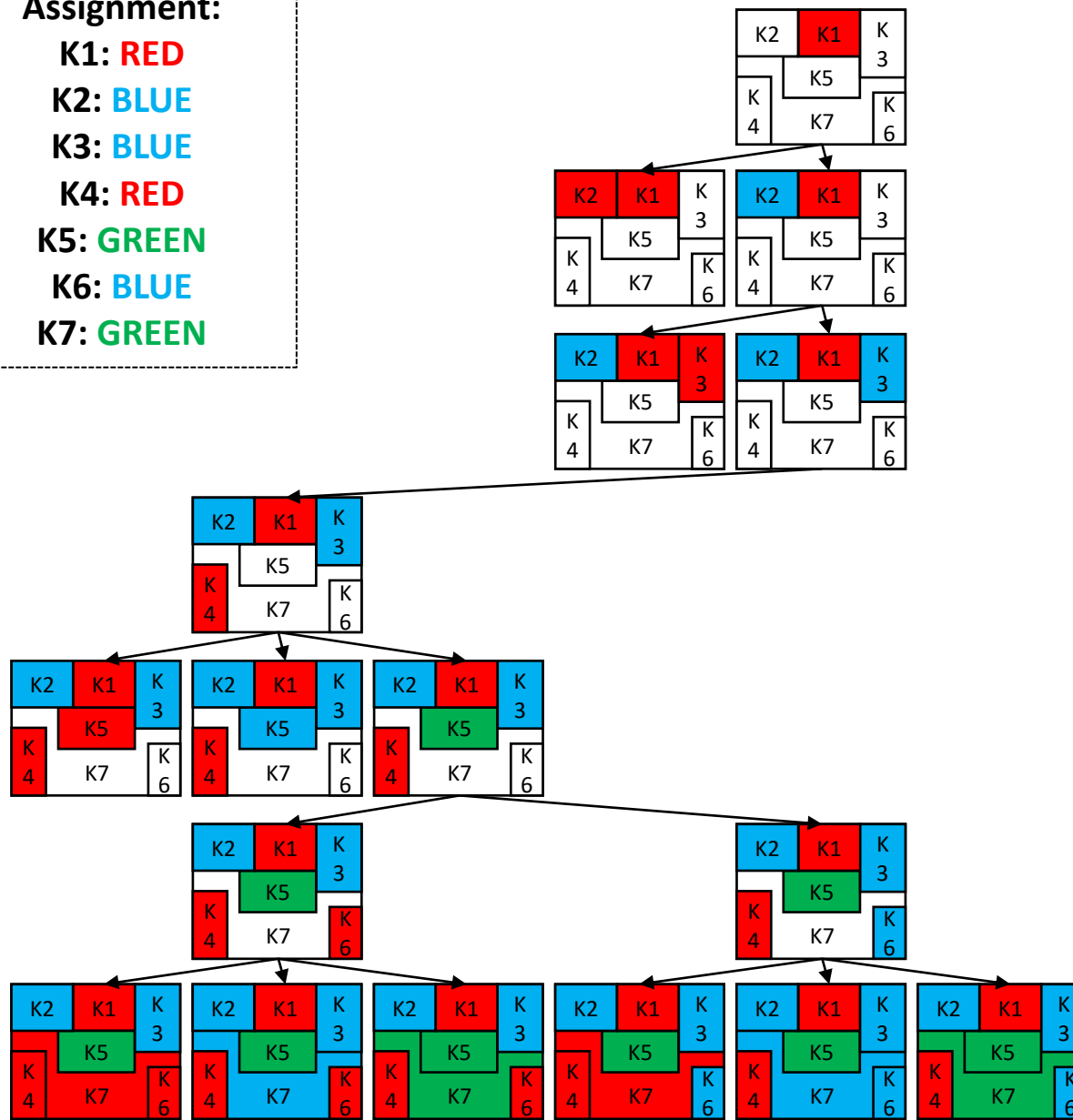


## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: GREEN

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$   
Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$   
Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$   
Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

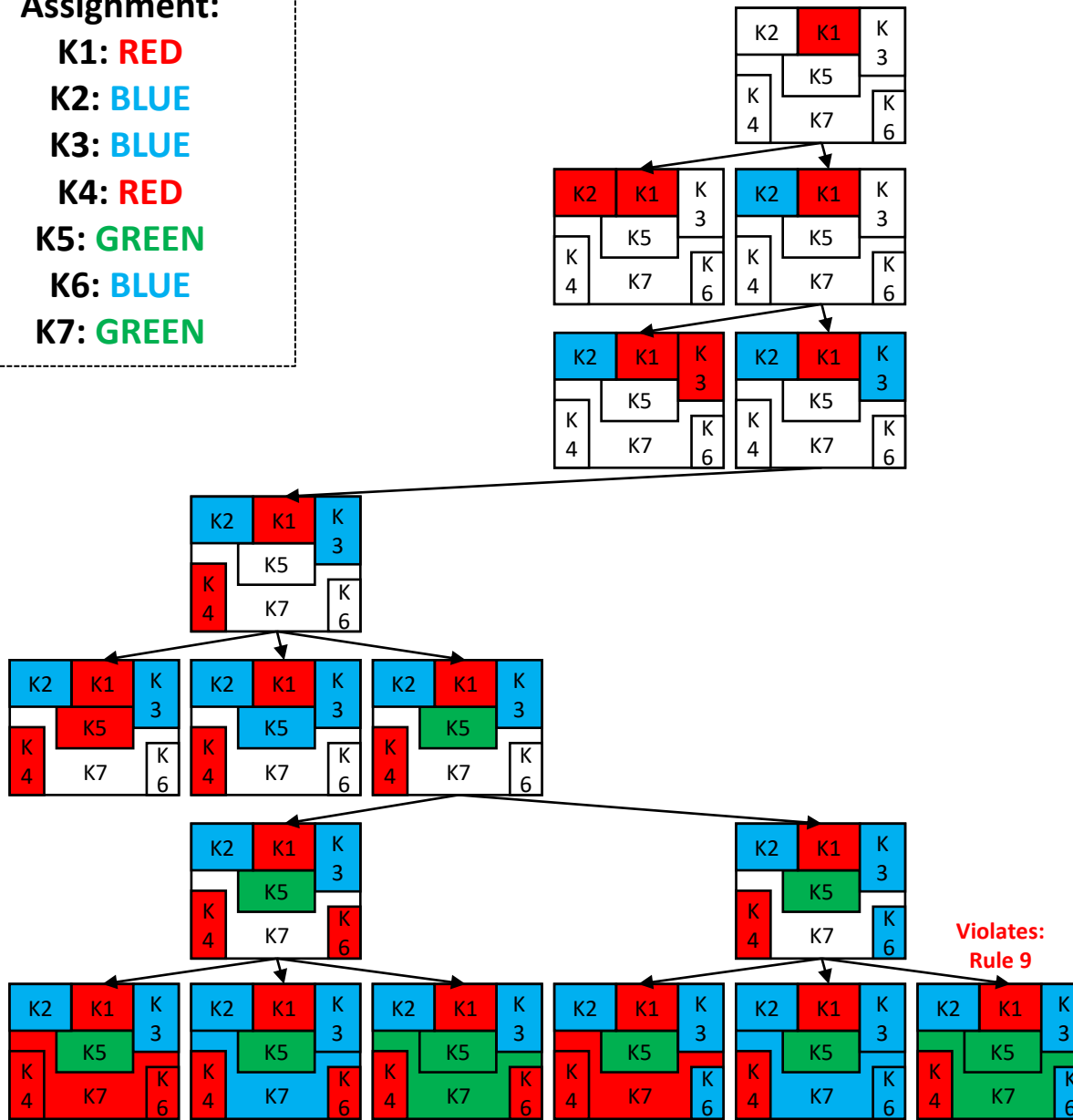


## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: BLUE  
K7: GREEN

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$   
Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$   
Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$   
Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN



## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

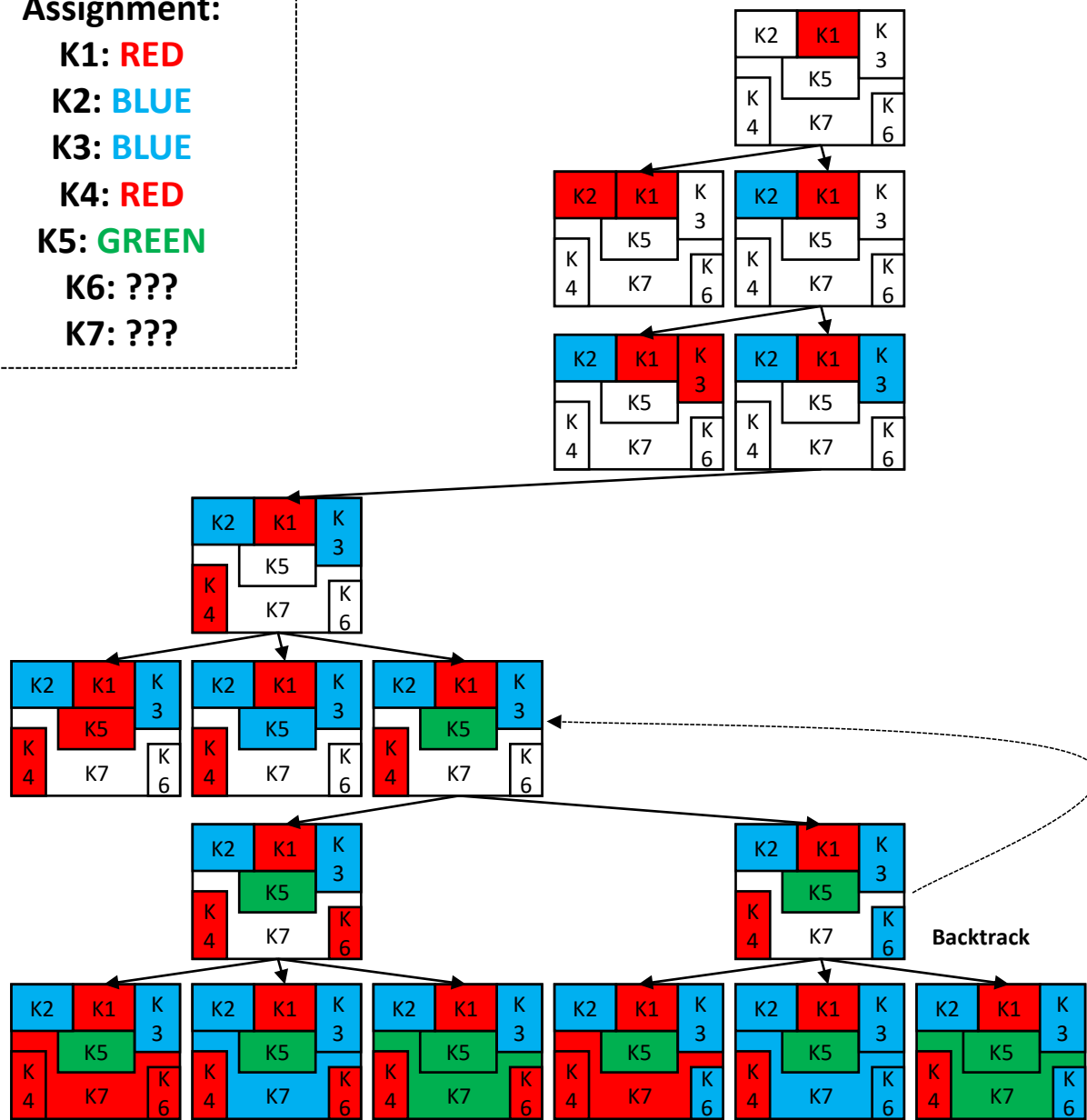
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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



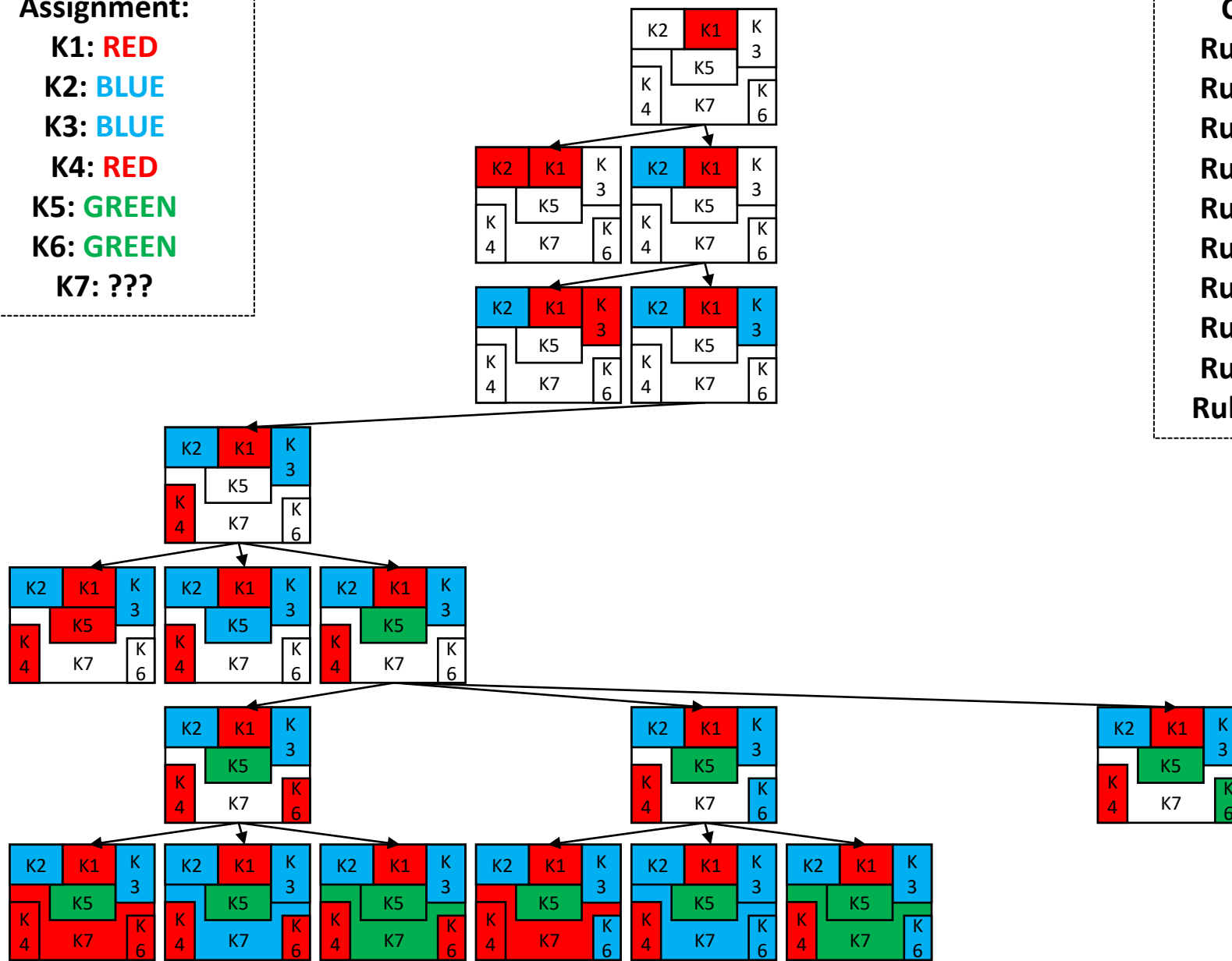
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
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Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



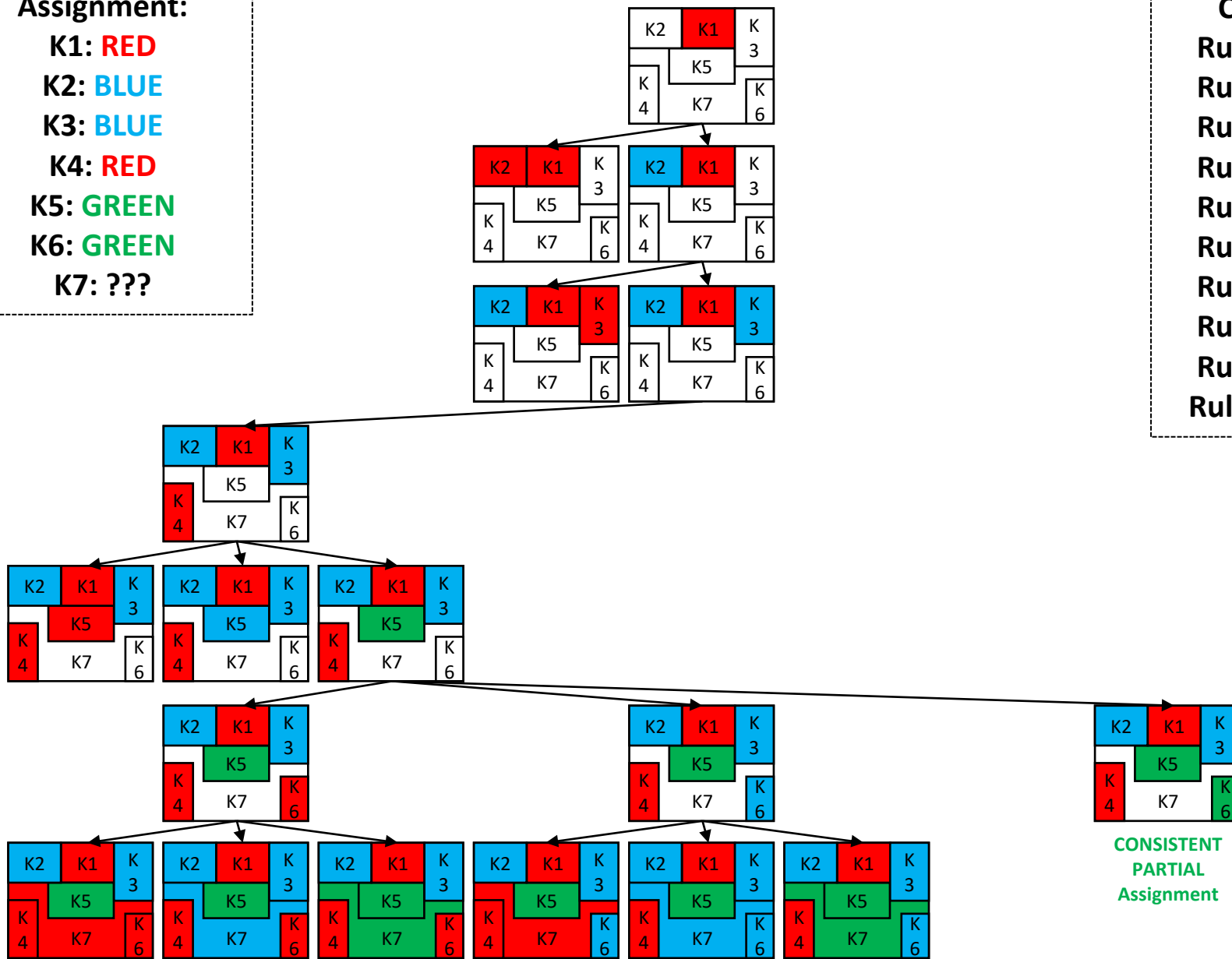
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
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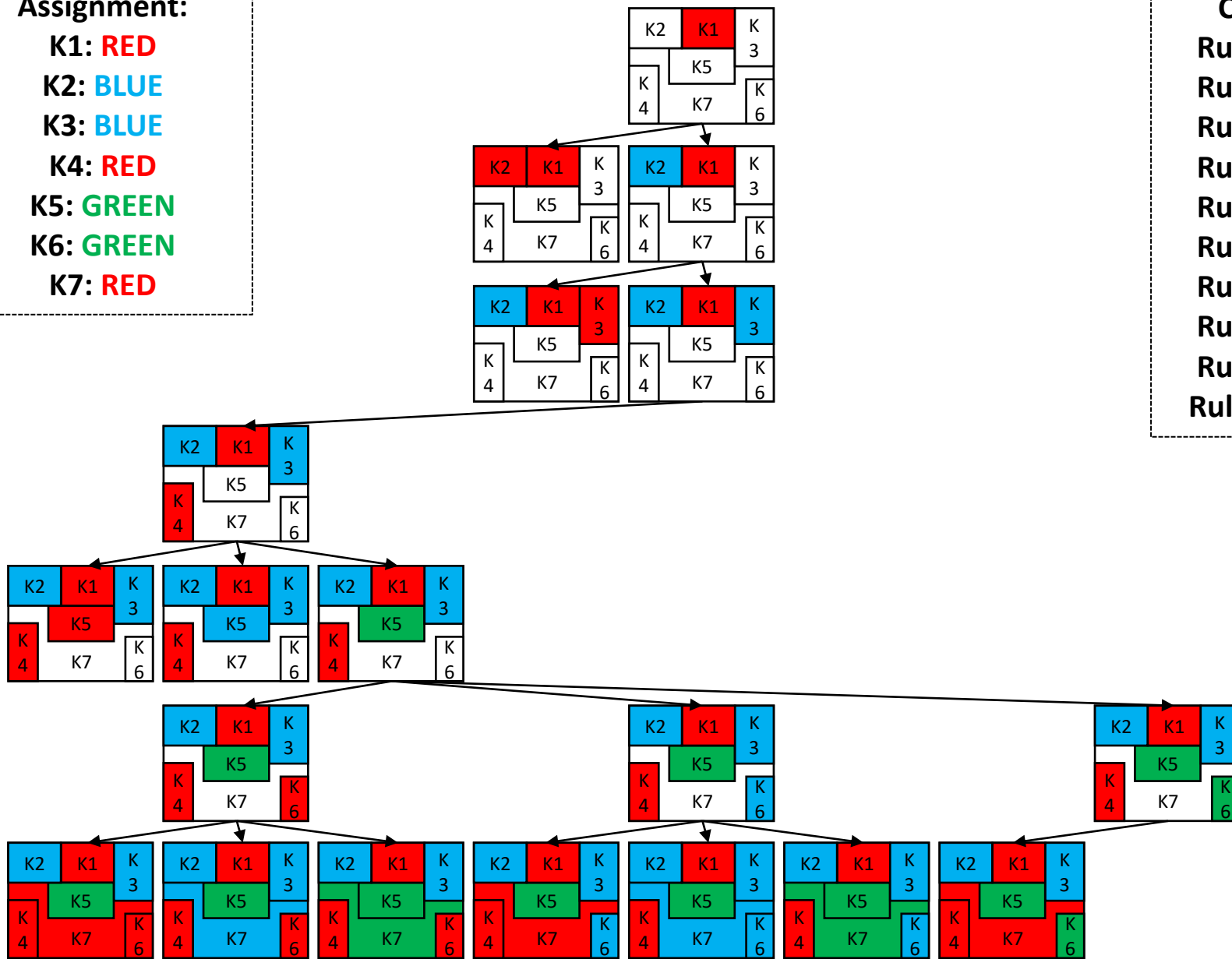
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: RED

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
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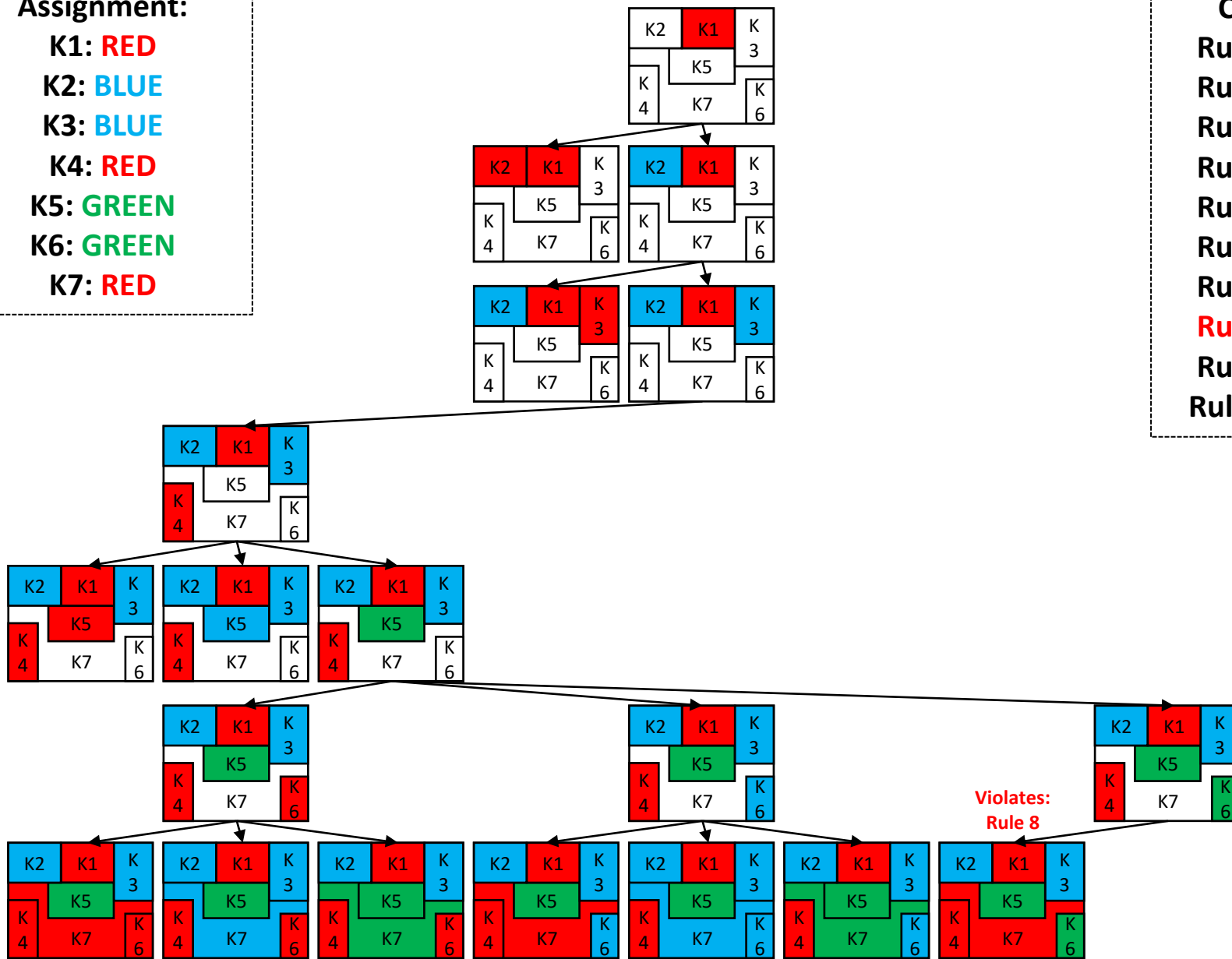
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: RED

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
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Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$   
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$   
Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



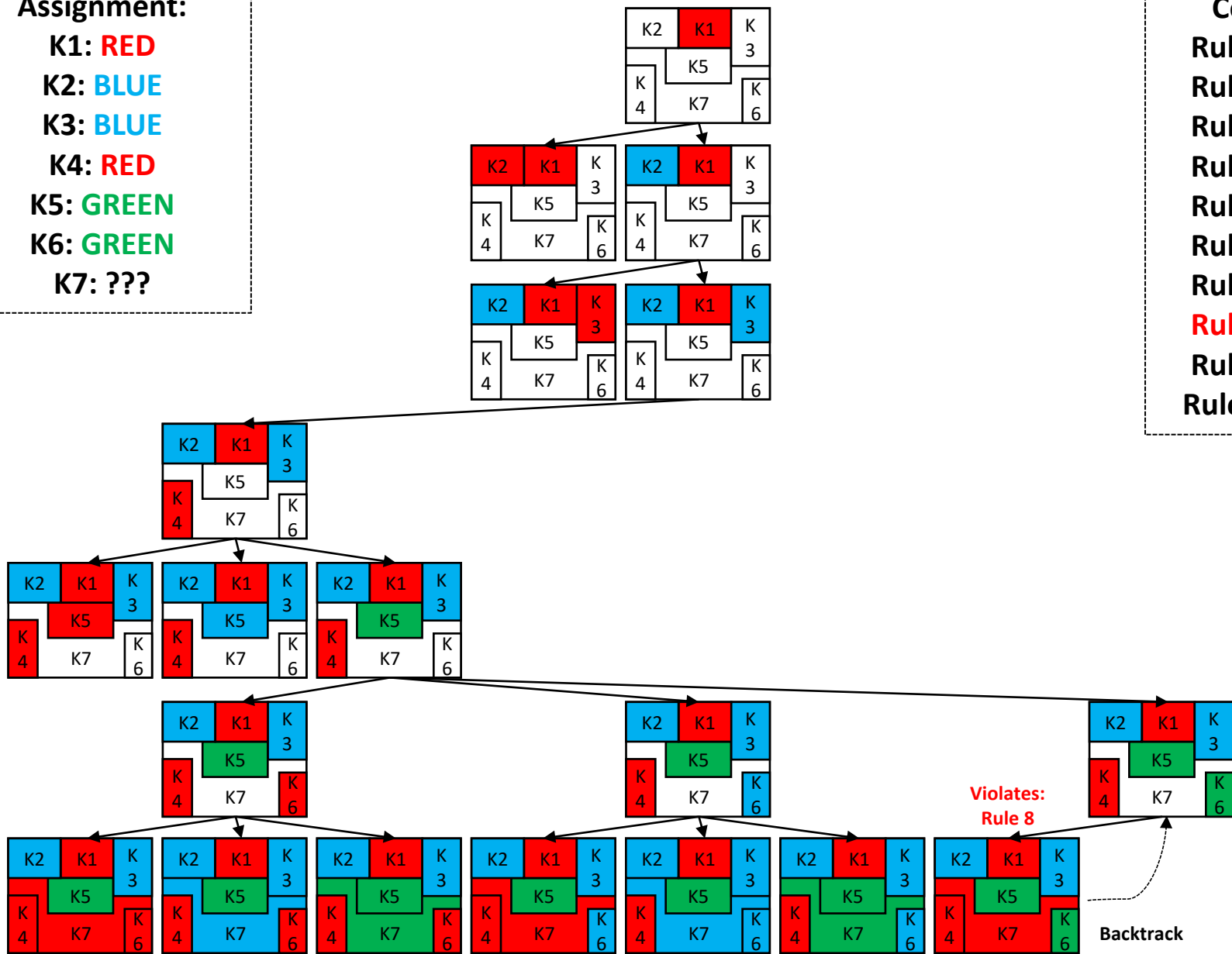
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$   
**Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$**   
Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$   
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

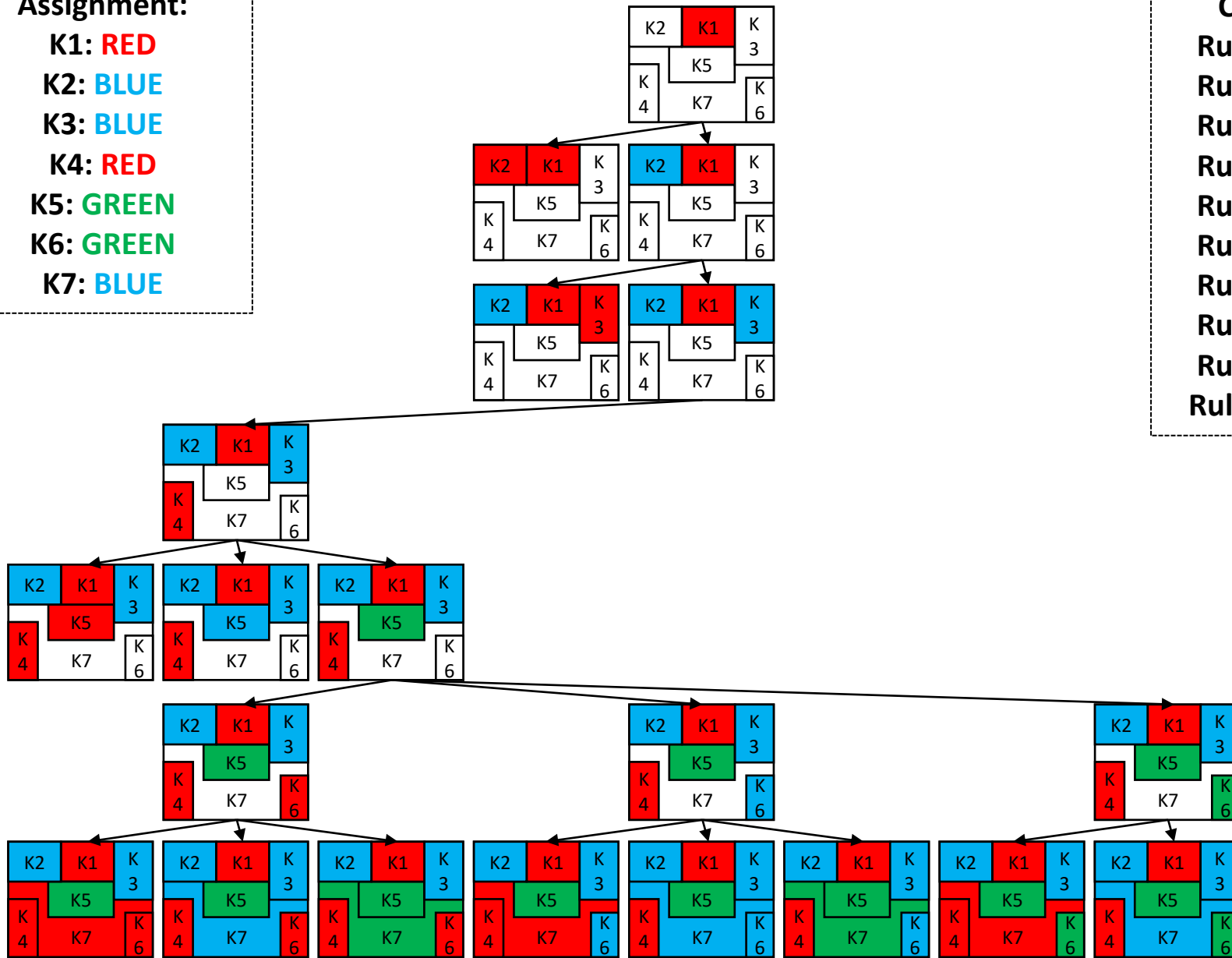


## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: BLUE

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
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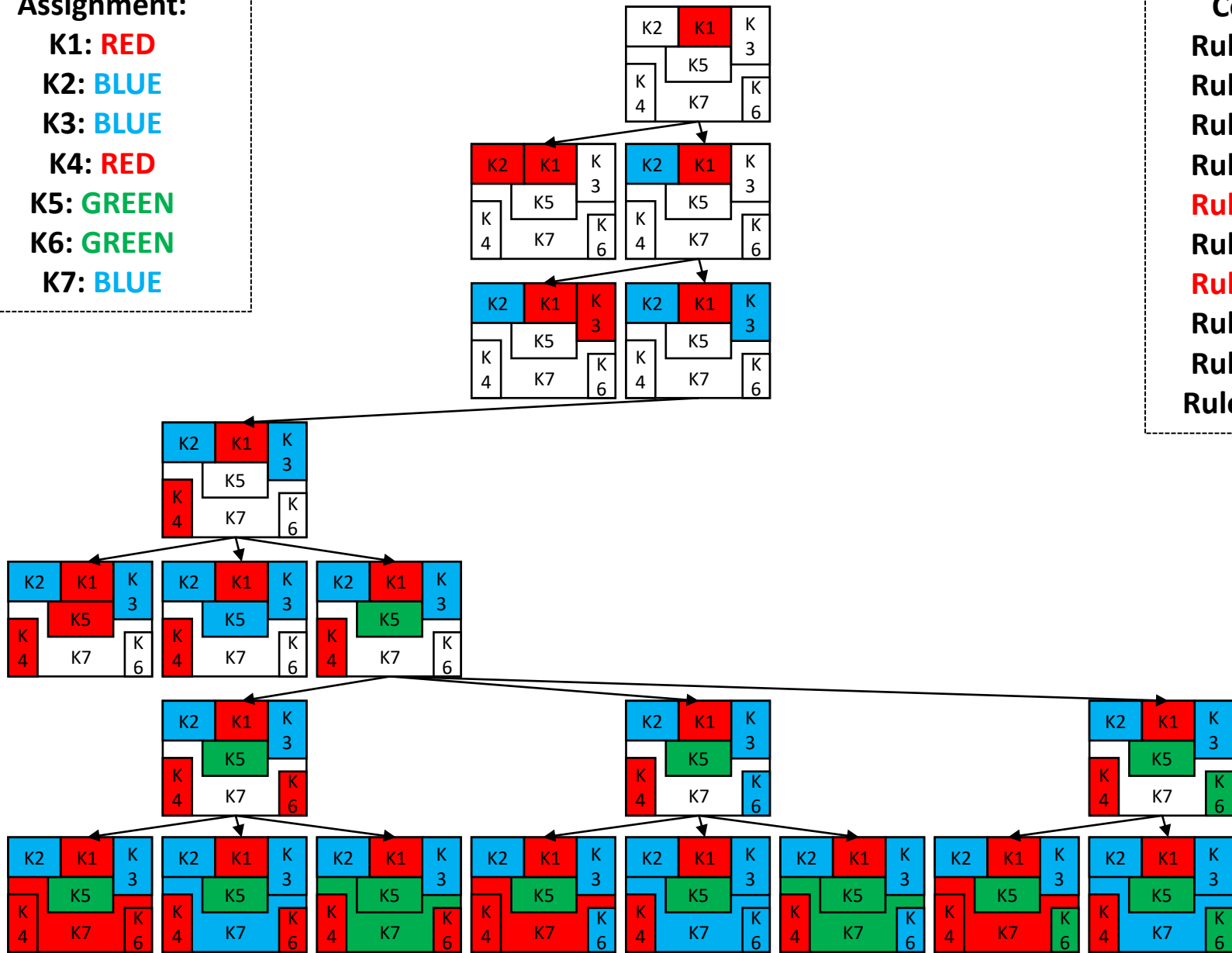
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: BLUE

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
**Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$**   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
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Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



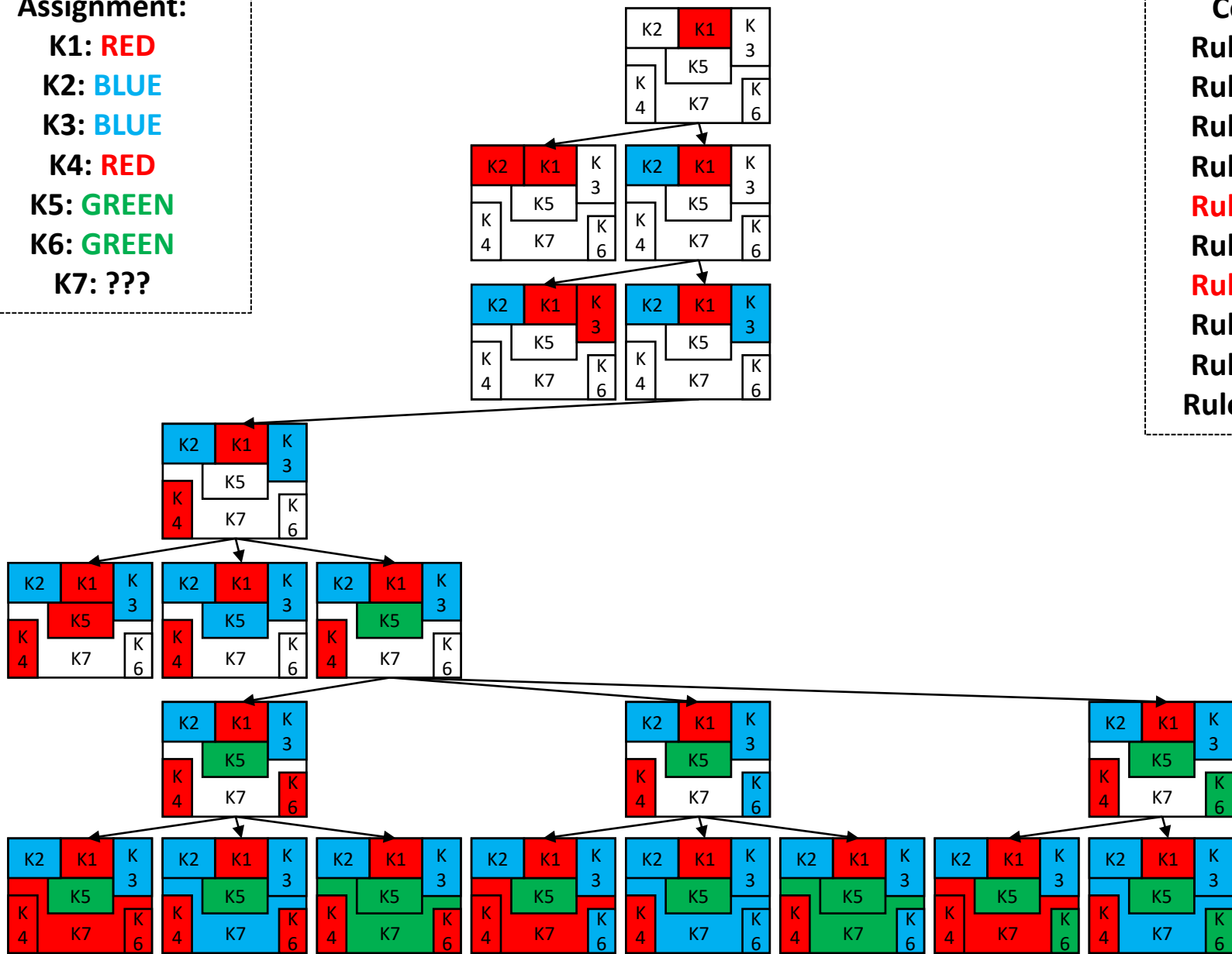
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
**Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$**   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
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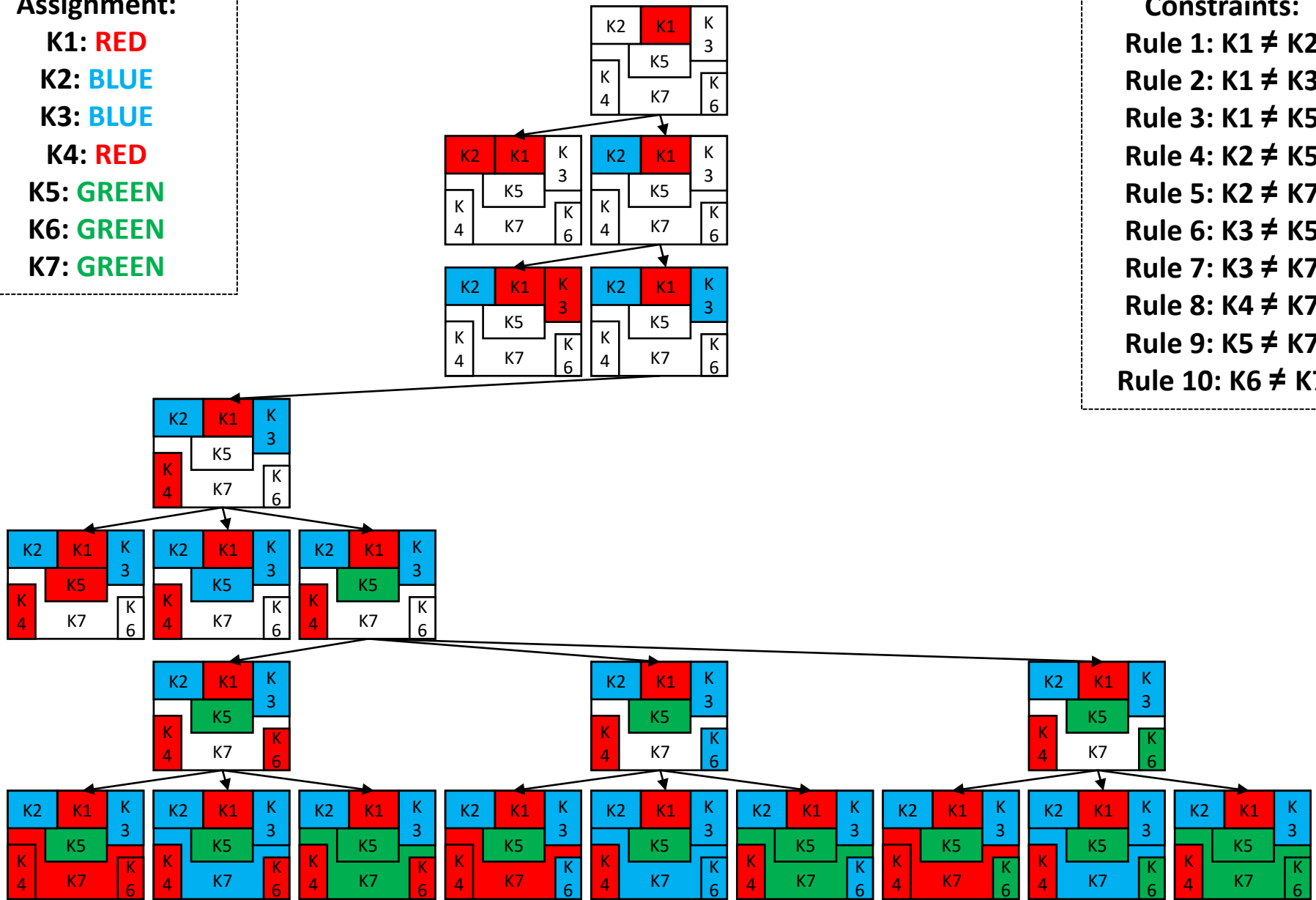
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: GREEN

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
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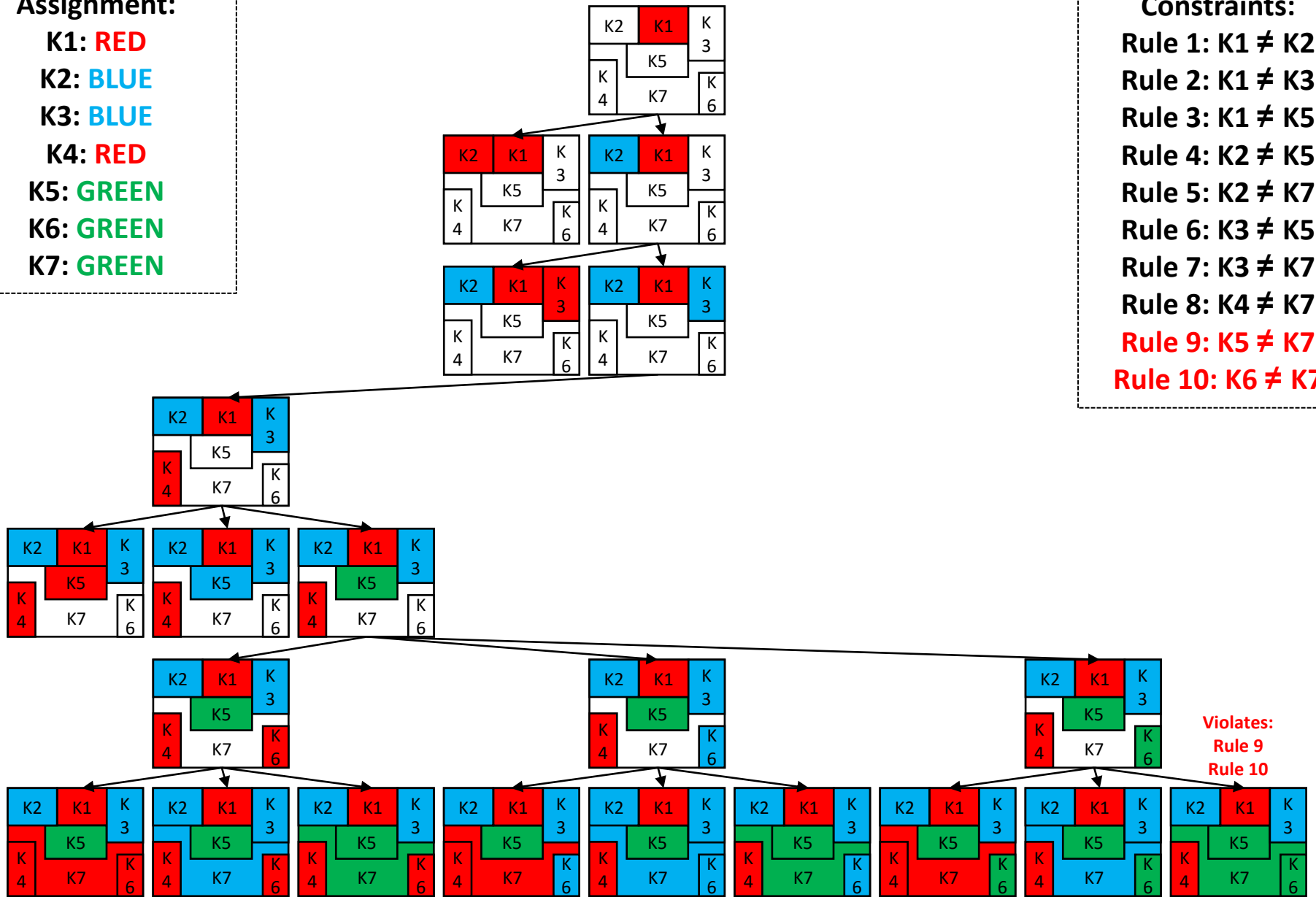
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: GREEN

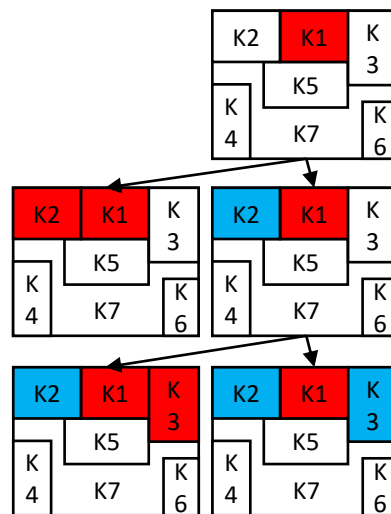
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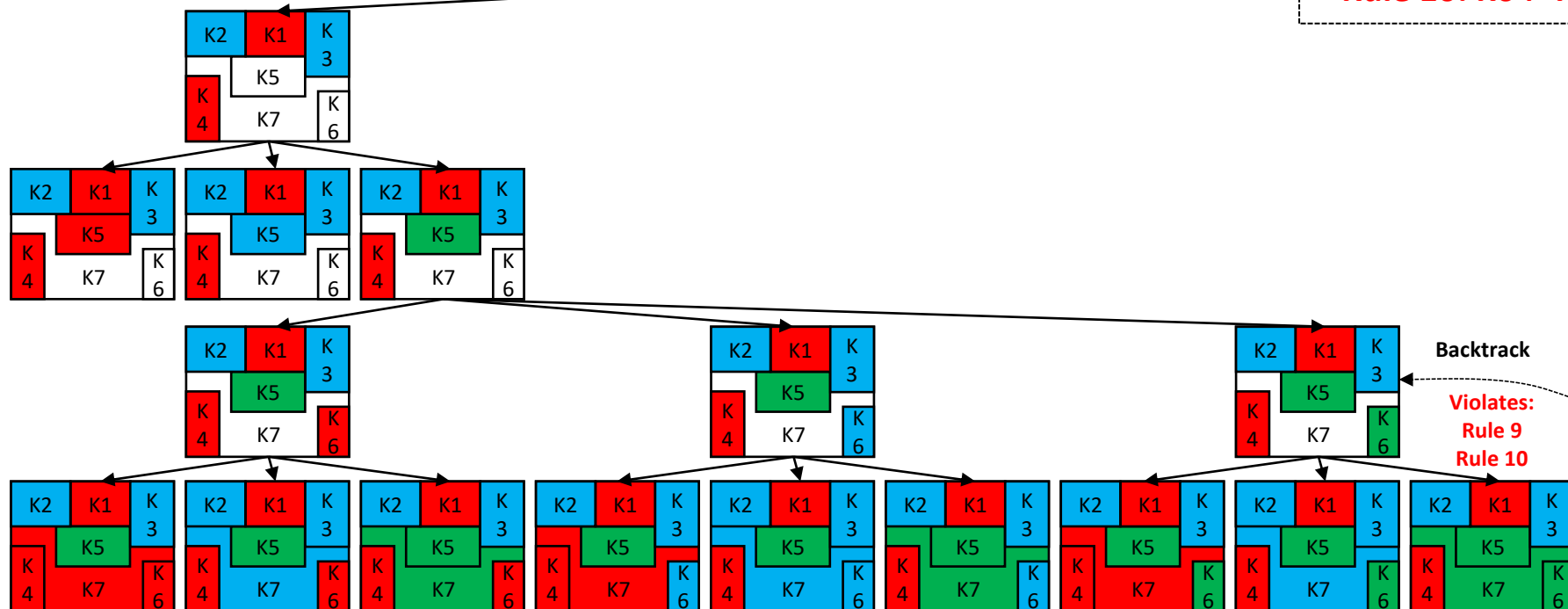


Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: GREEN  
K7: ???



Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
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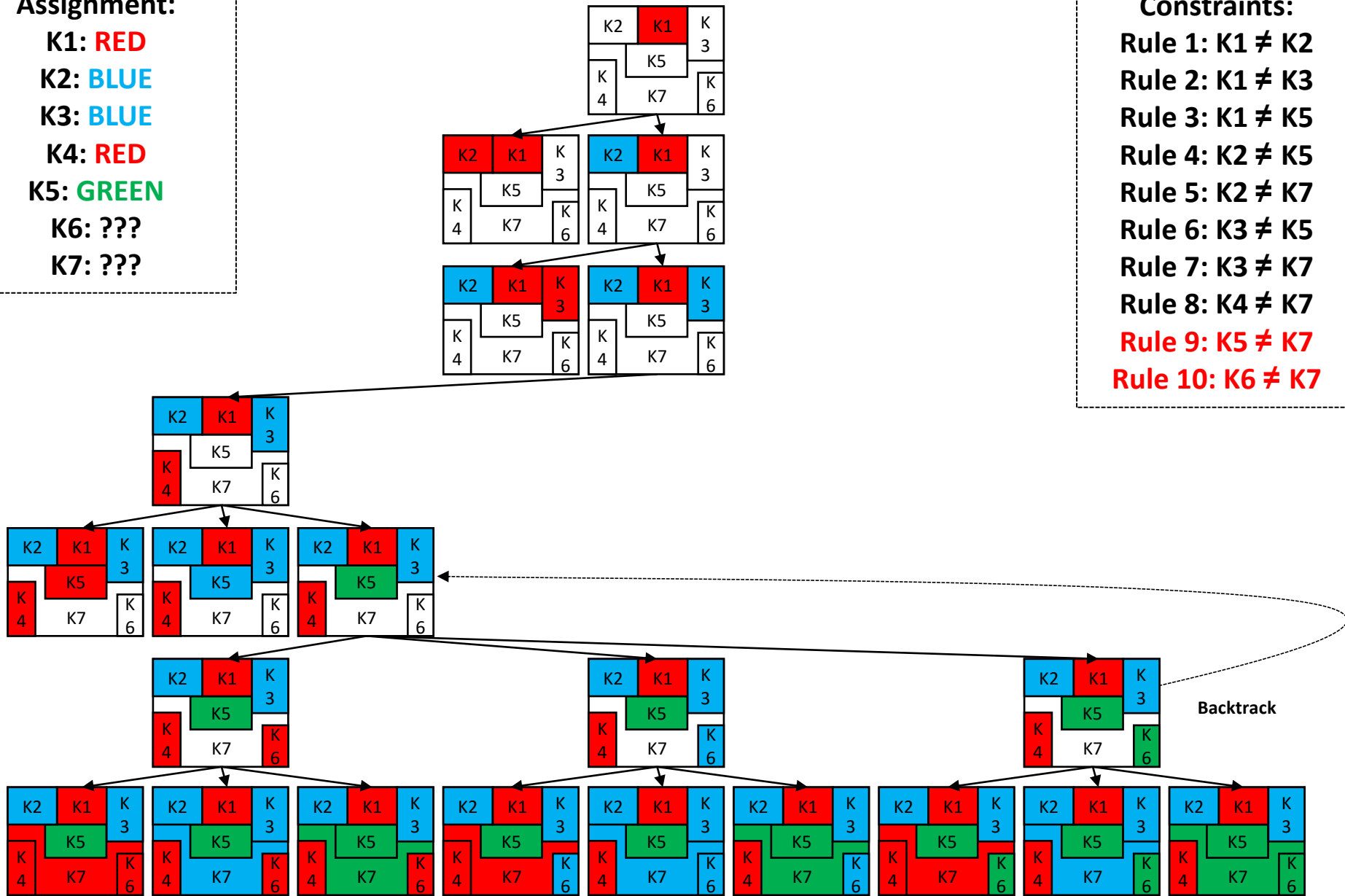
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: ???  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
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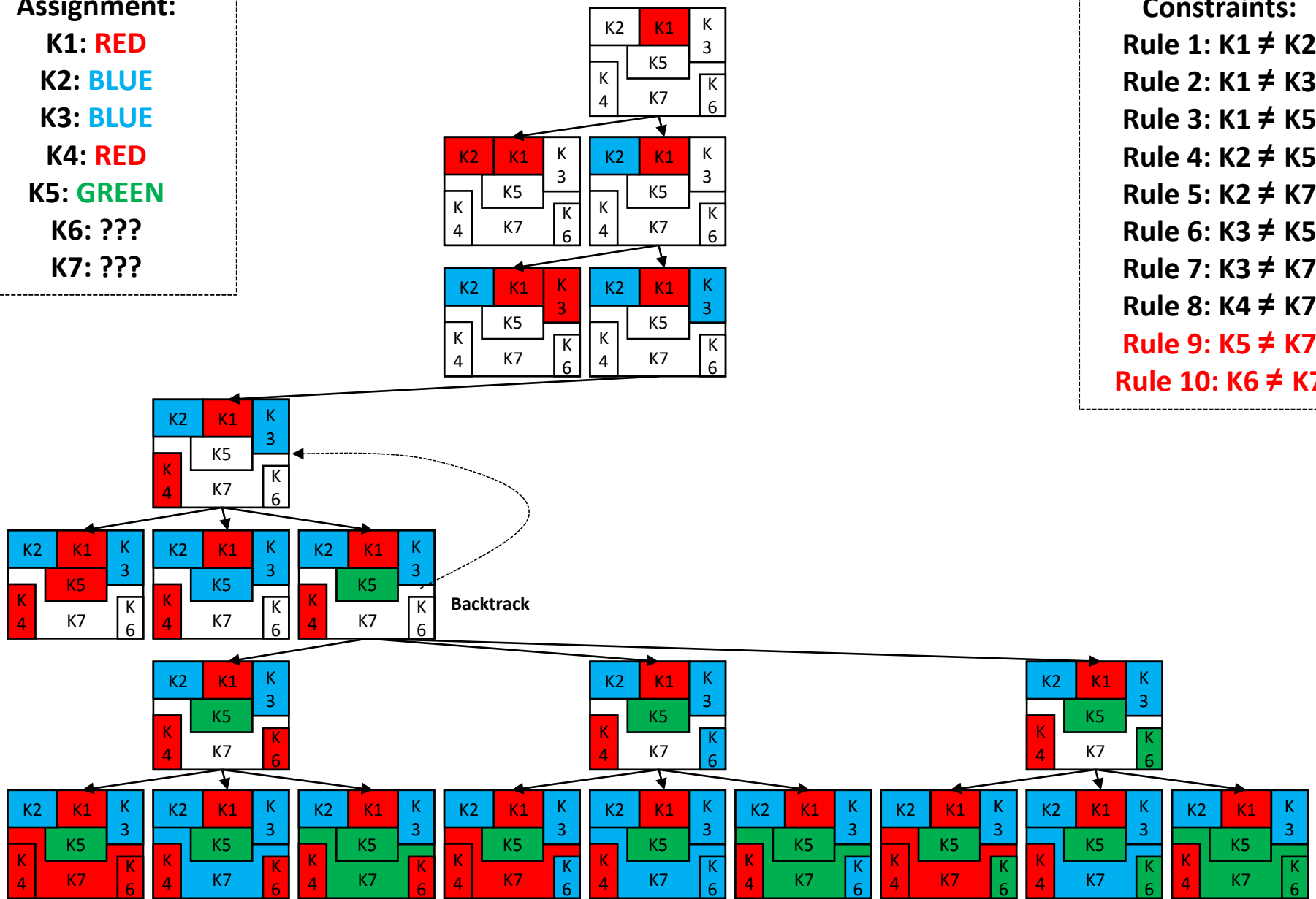
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
K2: BLUE  
K3: BLUE  
K4: RED  
K5: GREEN  
K6: ???  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
Rule 7:  $K3 \neq K7$   
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$   
Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN



## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

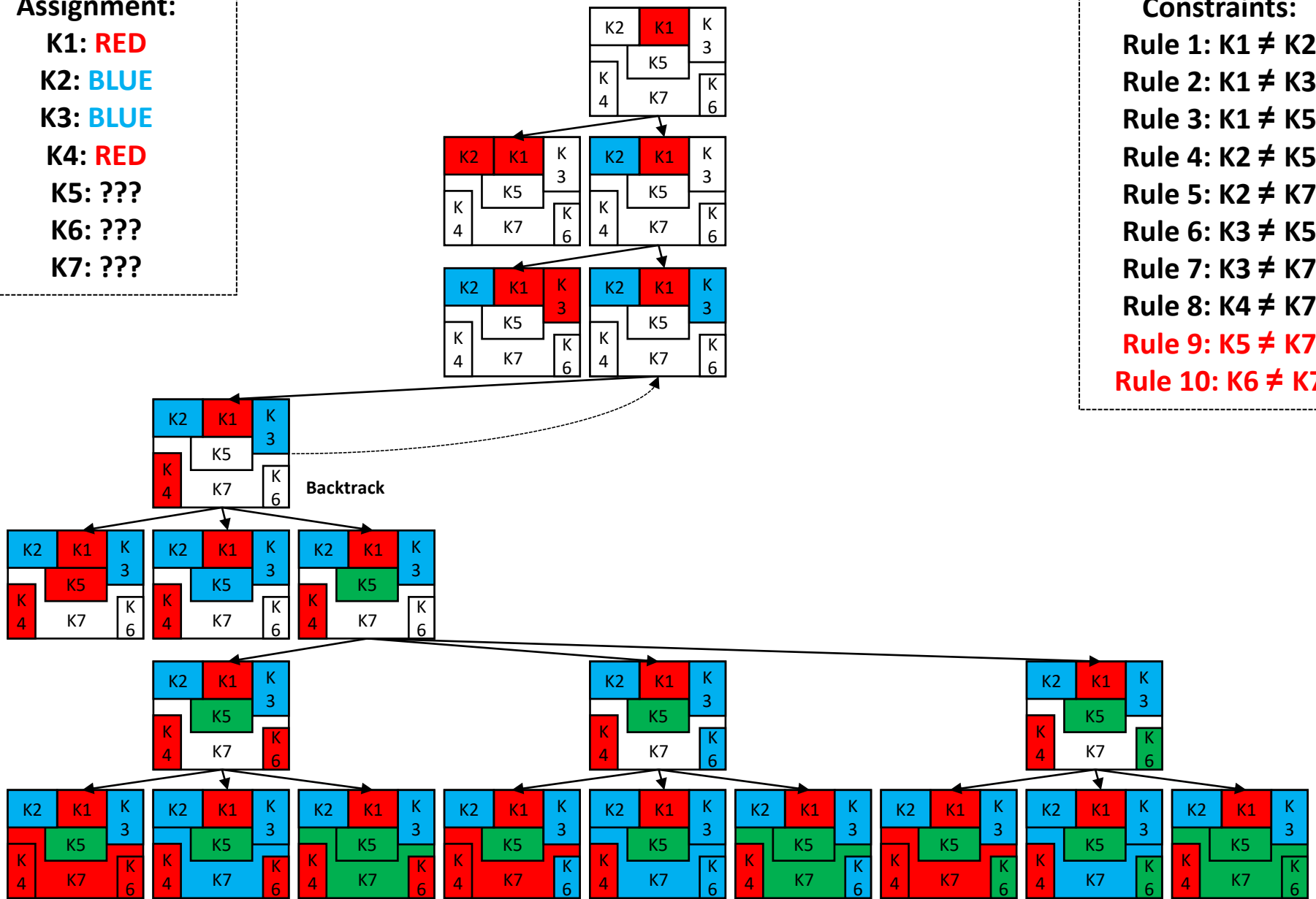
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: BLUE

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

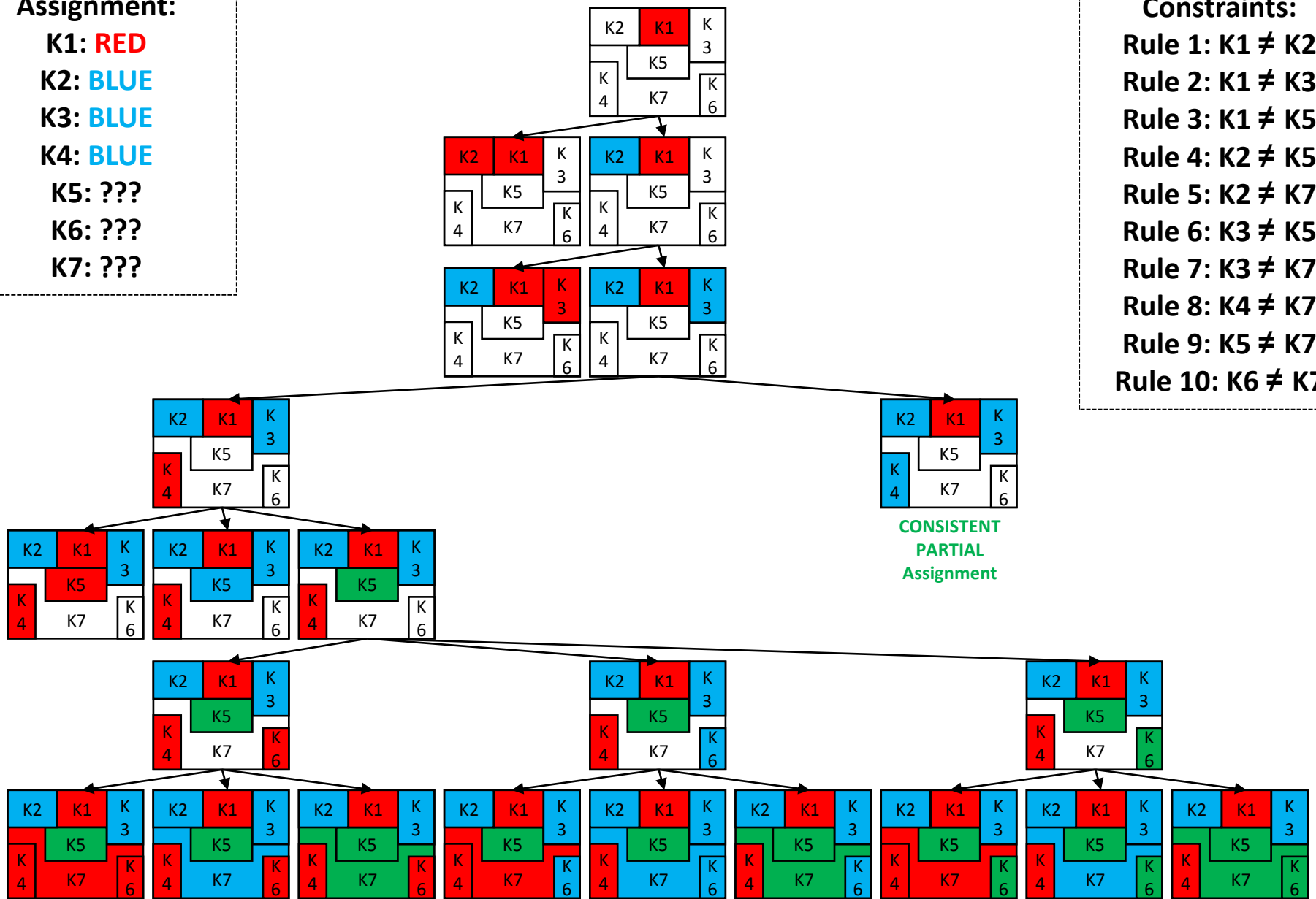
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN



## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: BLUE

K5: RED

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

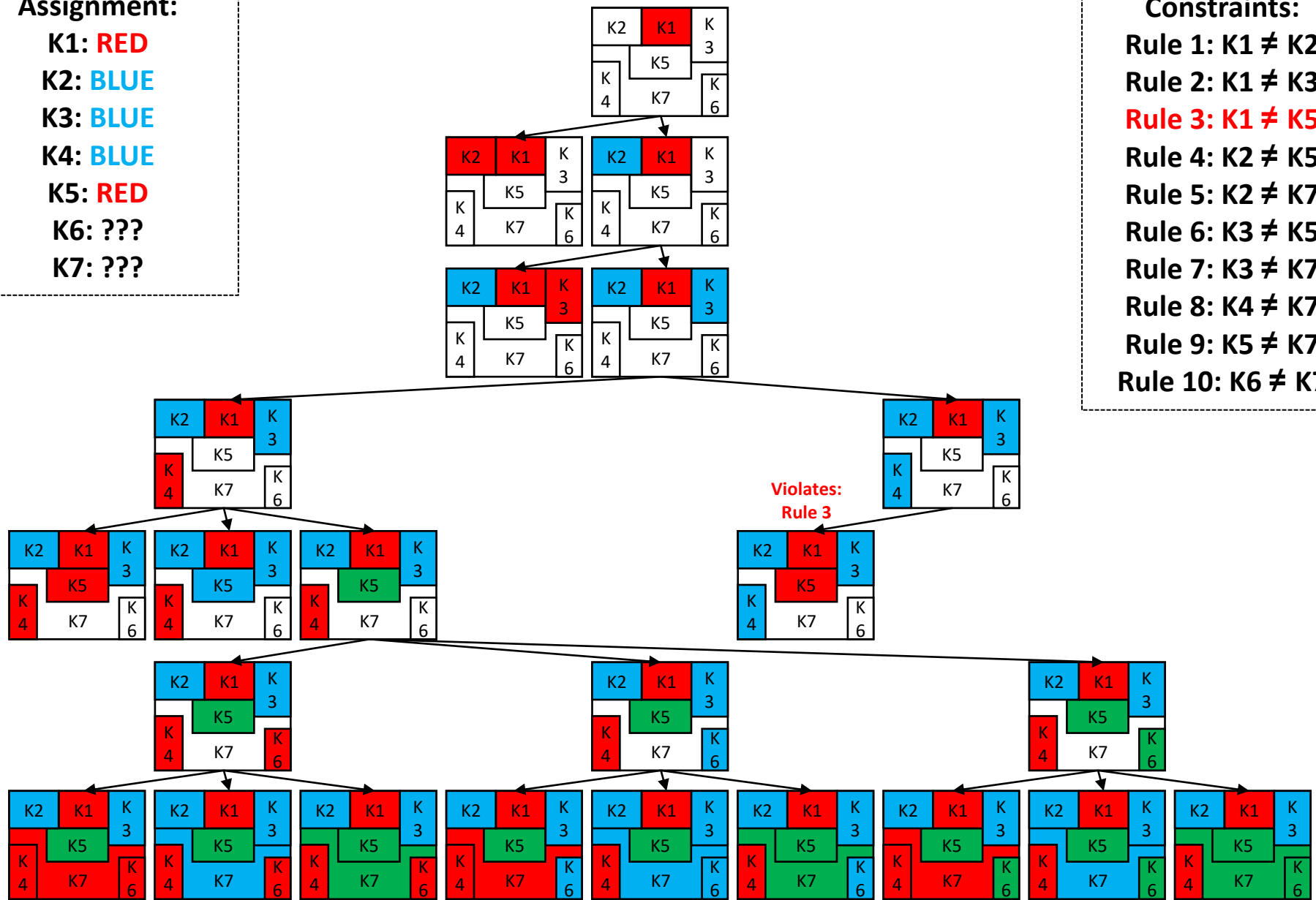
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: BLUE

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

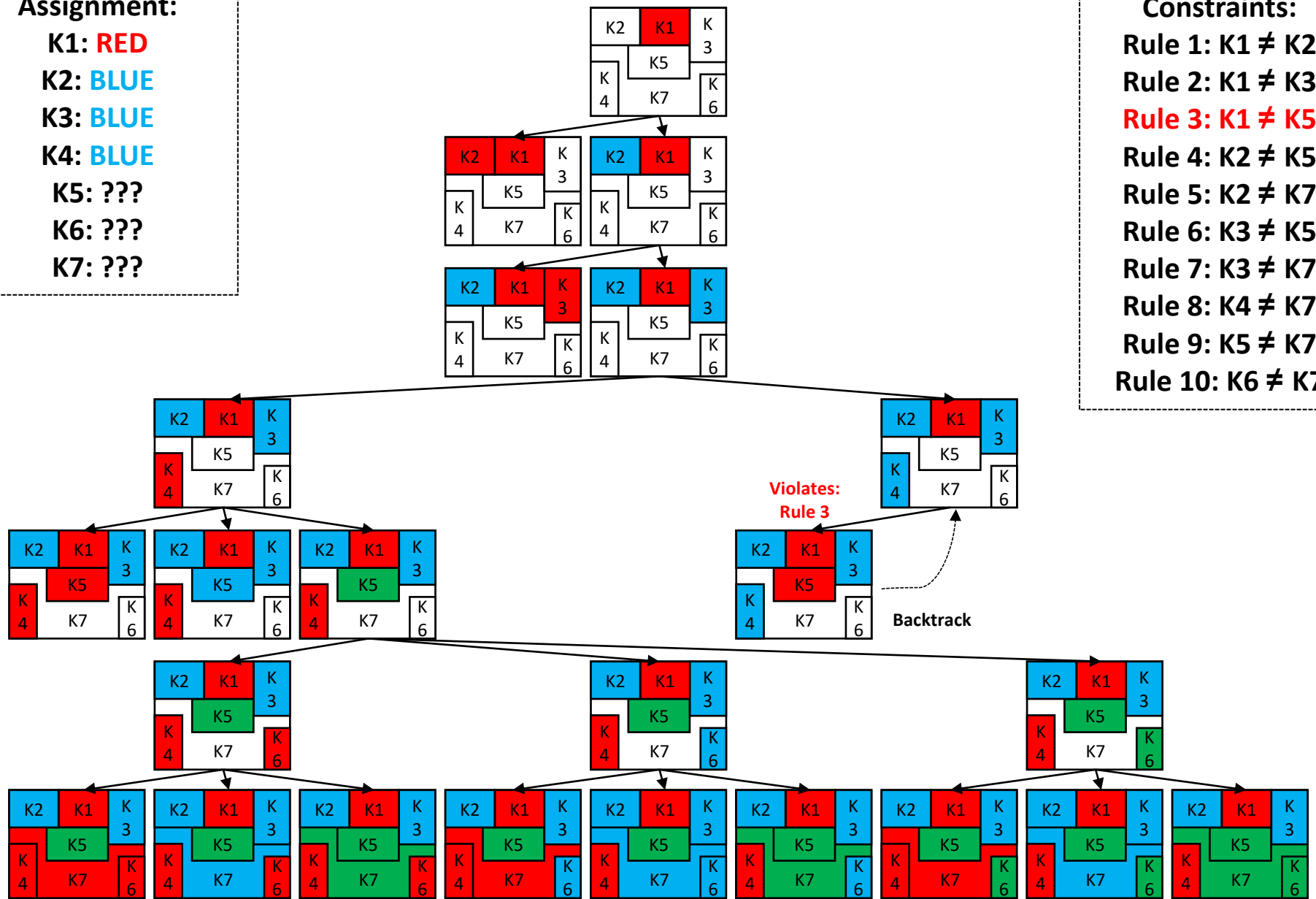
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Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

**K1: RED**

**K2: BLUE**

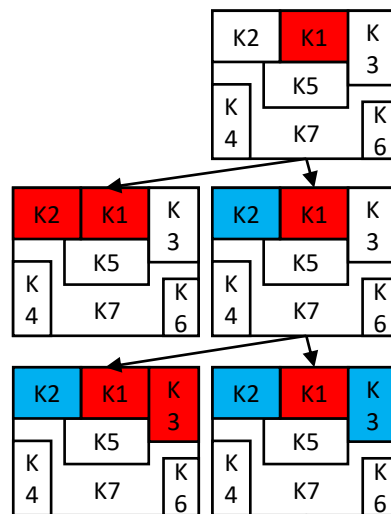
**K3: BLUE**

**K4: BLUE**

**K5: BLUE**

**K6: ???**

**K7: ???**



### Constraints:

### Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

## Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

### Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

## Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

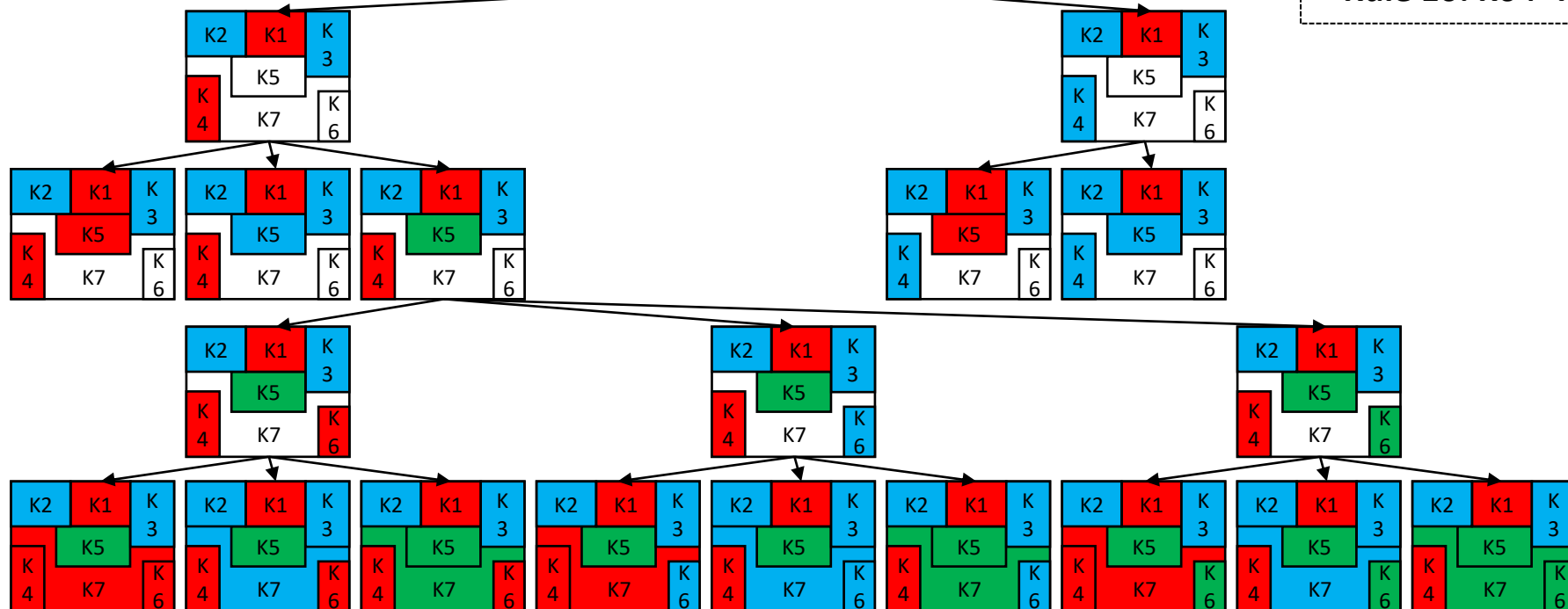
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## Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

### Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

**Rule 8:  $K4 \neq K7$**

**Rule 9:  $K5 \neq K7$**



**Variable assignment order:** K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | **Value assignment order:** RED, BLUE, GREEN

## Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: BLUE

K5: BLUE

K6: ???

K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$

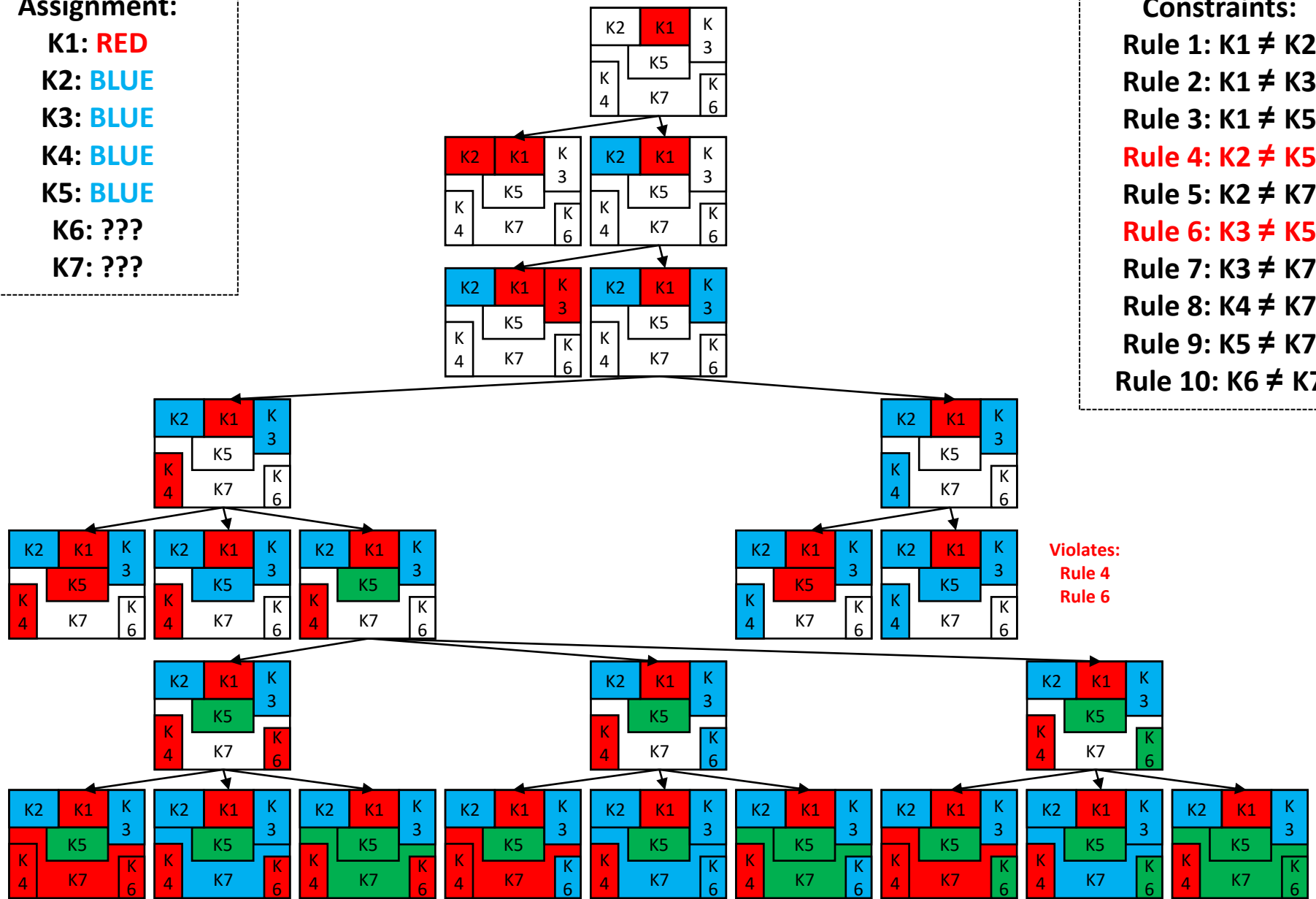
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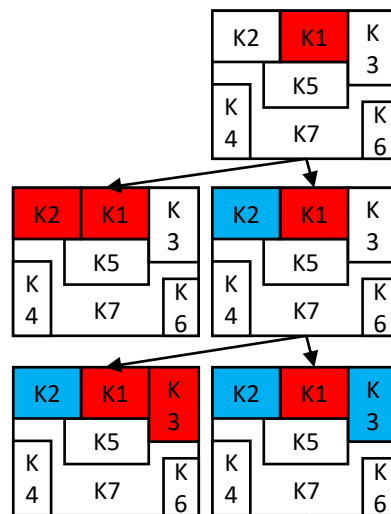
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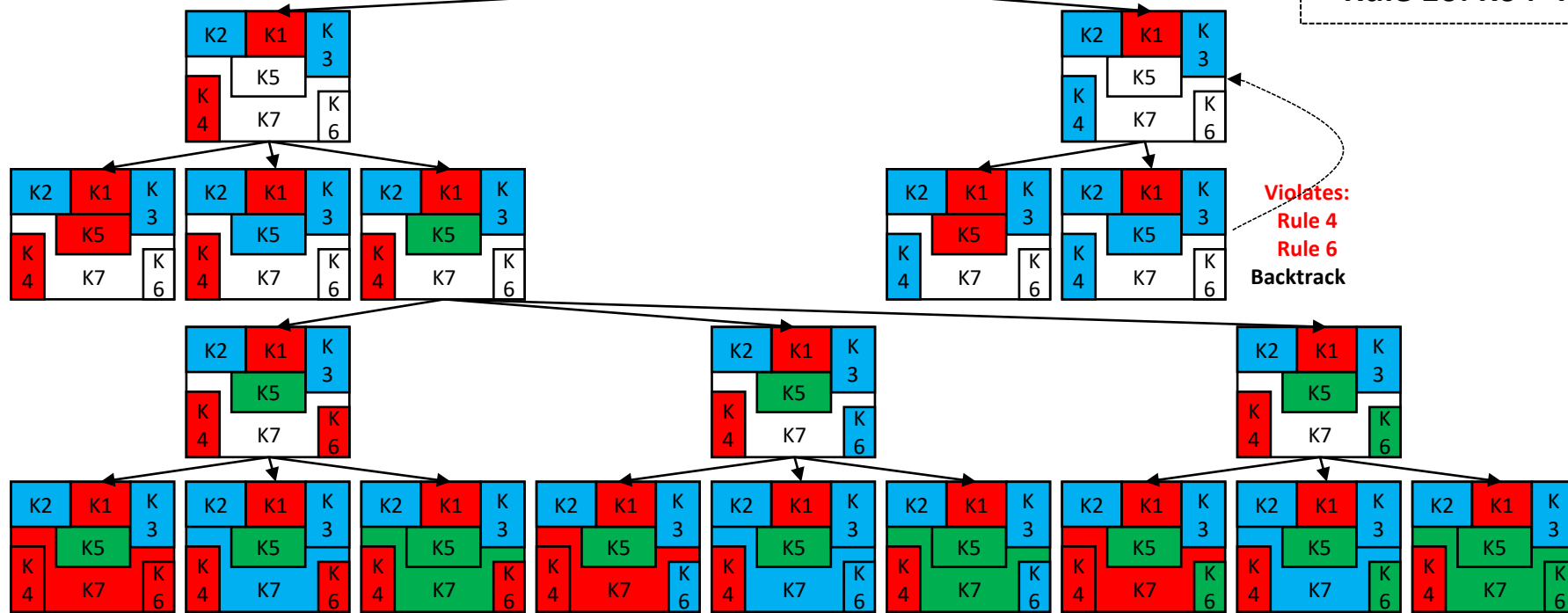


Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

**K7: ???**



**Rule 10:  $K6 \neq K7$**



**Variable assignment order:** K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | **Value assignment order:** RED, BLUE, GREEN

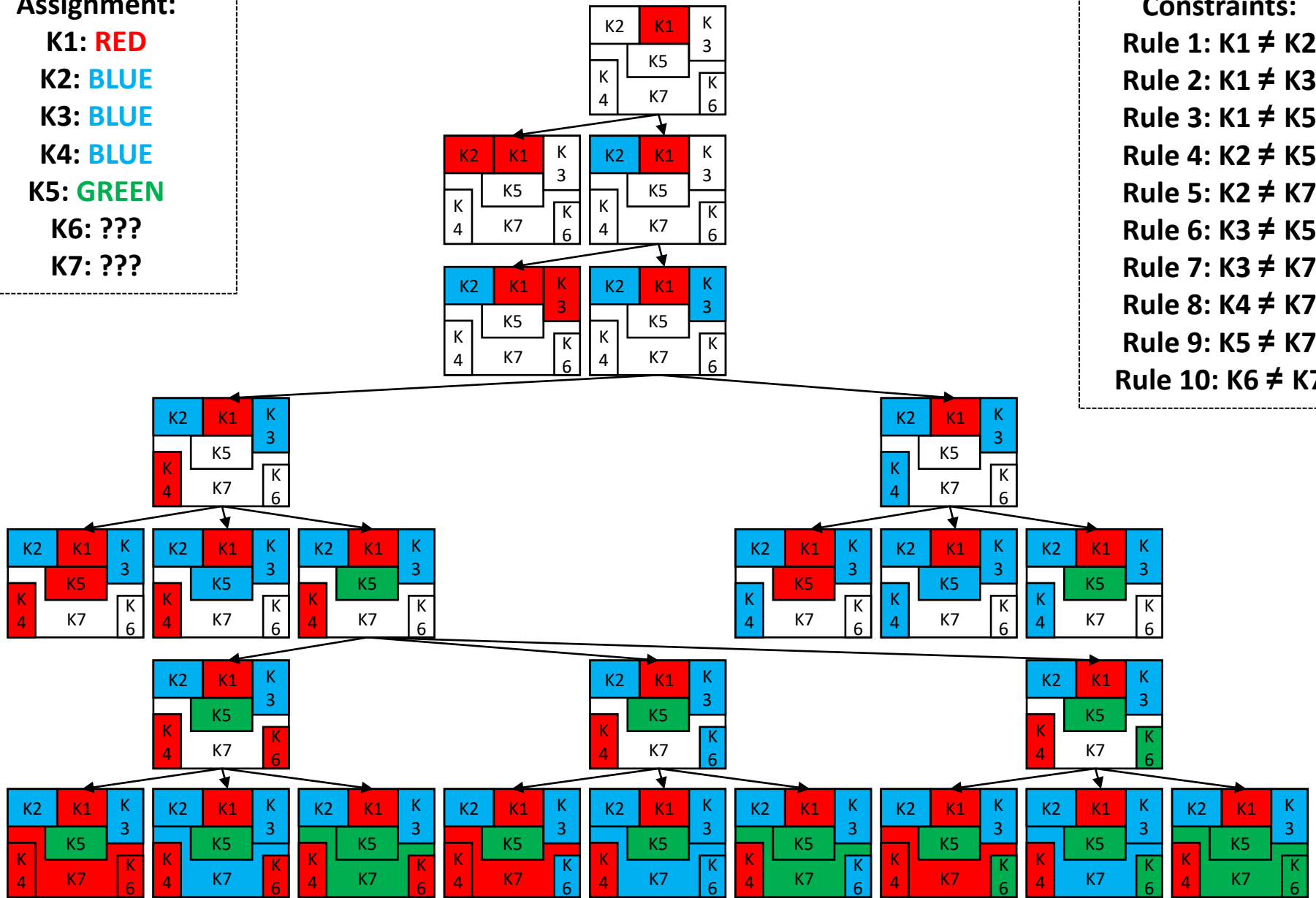


## Assignment:

K1: **RED**  
K2: **BLUE**  
K3: **BLUE**  
K4: **BLUE**  
K5: **GREEN**  
K6: ???  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

Rule 1:  $K1 \neq K2$   
Rule 2:  $K1 \neq K3$   
Rule 3:  $K1 \neq K5$   
Rule 4:  $K2 \neq K5$   
Rule 5:  $K2 \neq K7$   
Rule 6:  $K3 \neq K5$   
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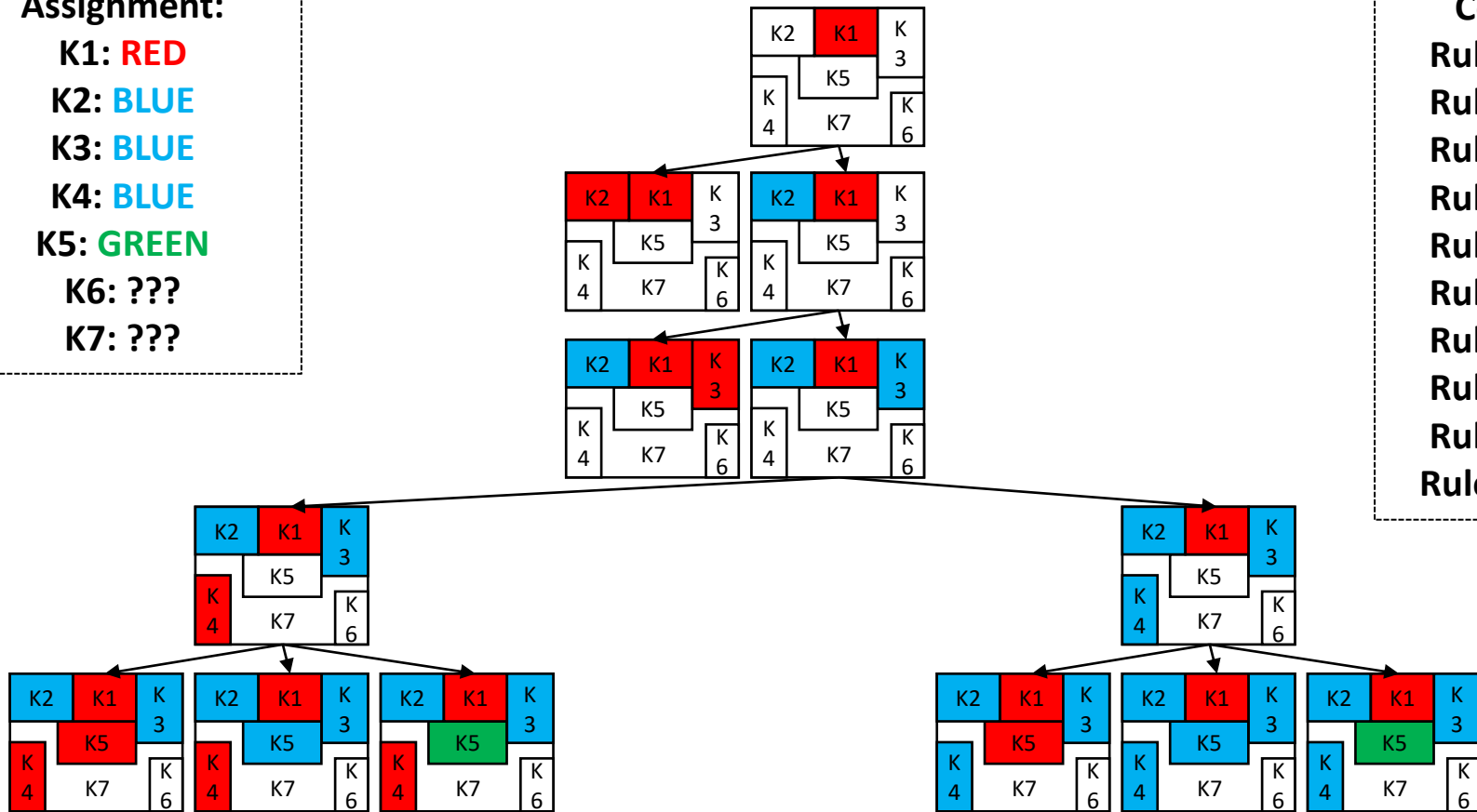
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## Assignment:

K1: **RED**  
K2: **BLUE**  
K3: **BLUE**  
K4: **BLUE**  
K5: **GREEN**  
K6: ???  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

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CONSISTENT  
PARTIAL  
Assignment

Visited / dead ends

Complete, but inconsistent assignments

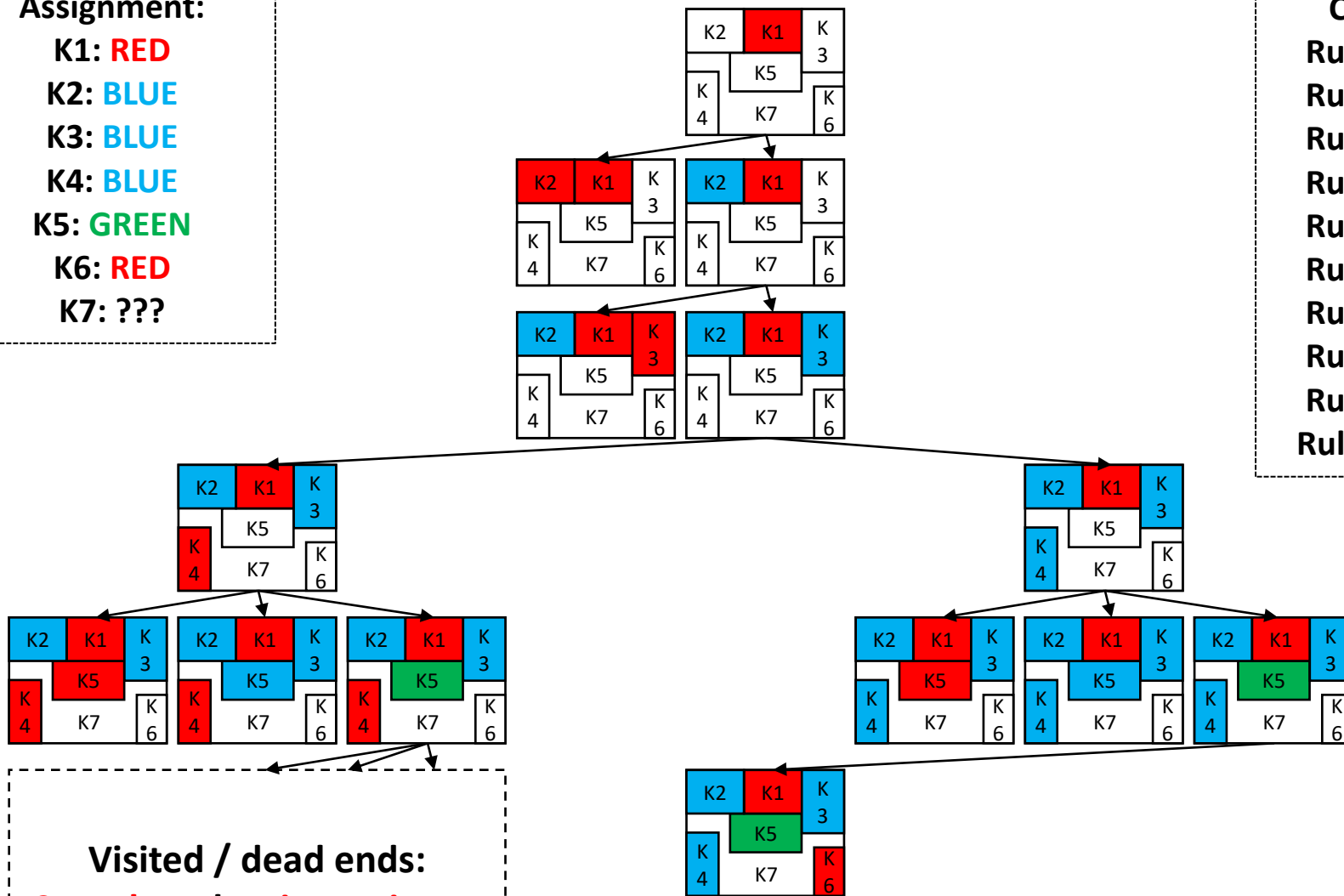
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K4: **BLUE**  
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K6: **RED**  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

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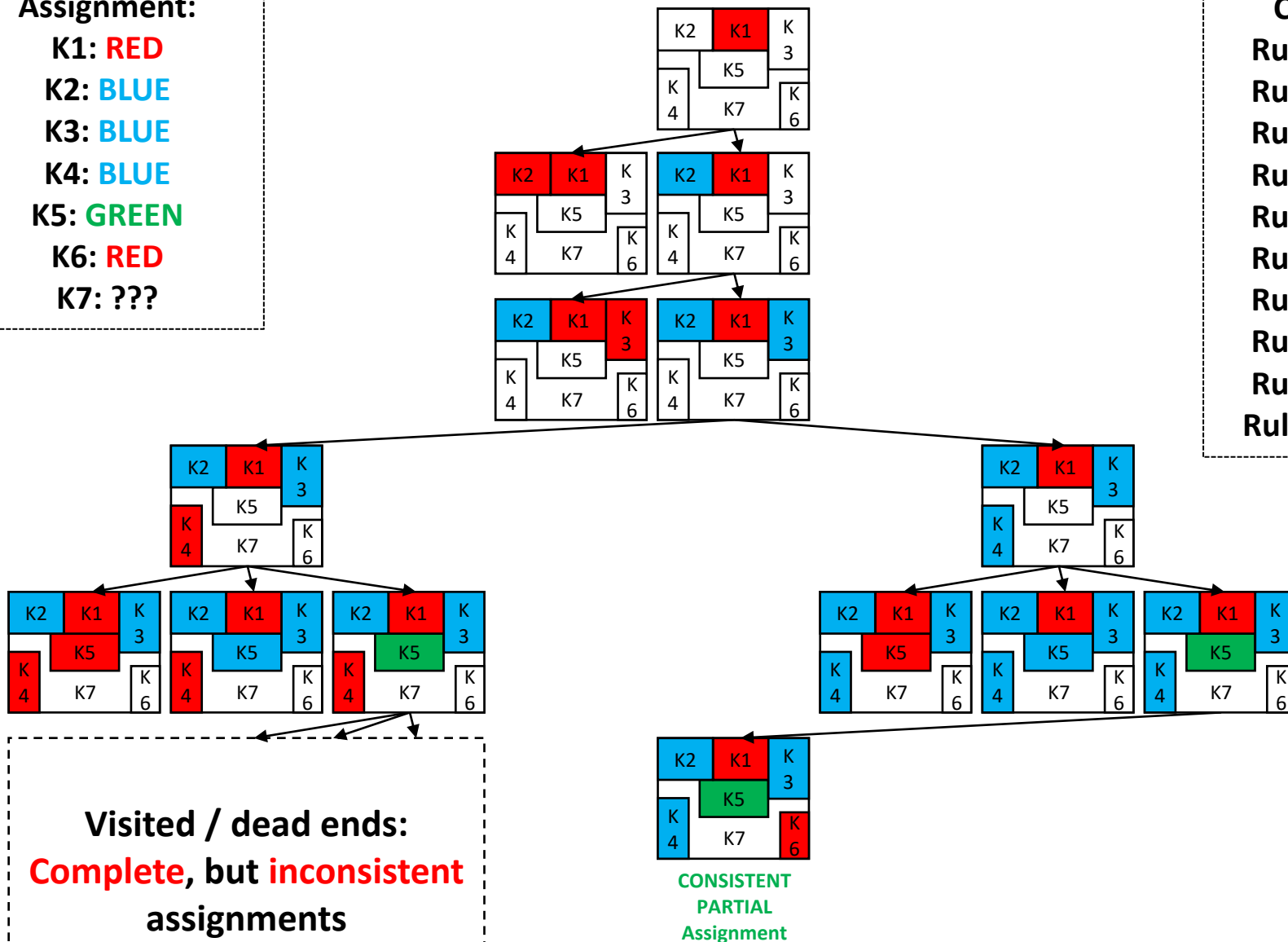
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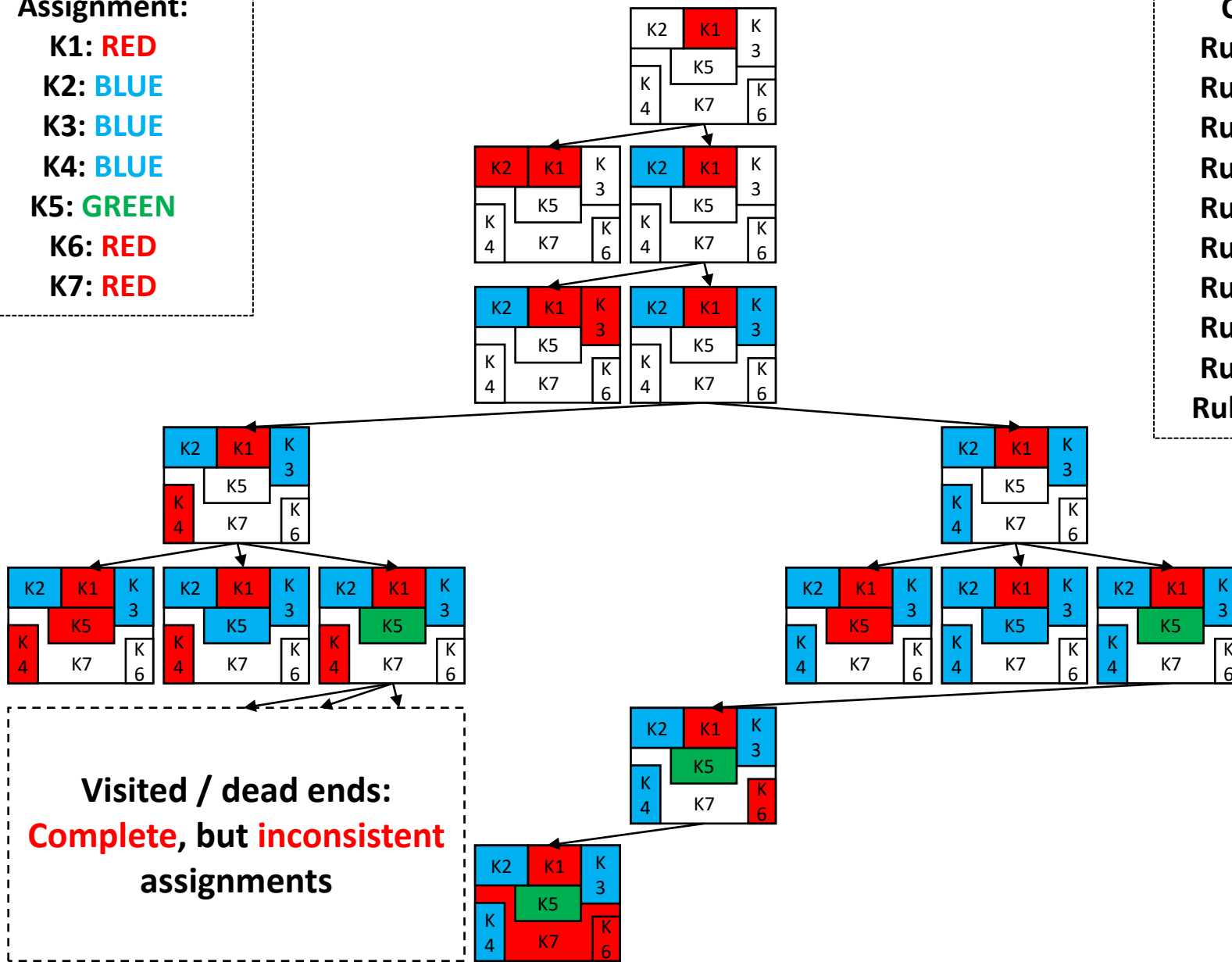
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K7: RED

## Constraints:

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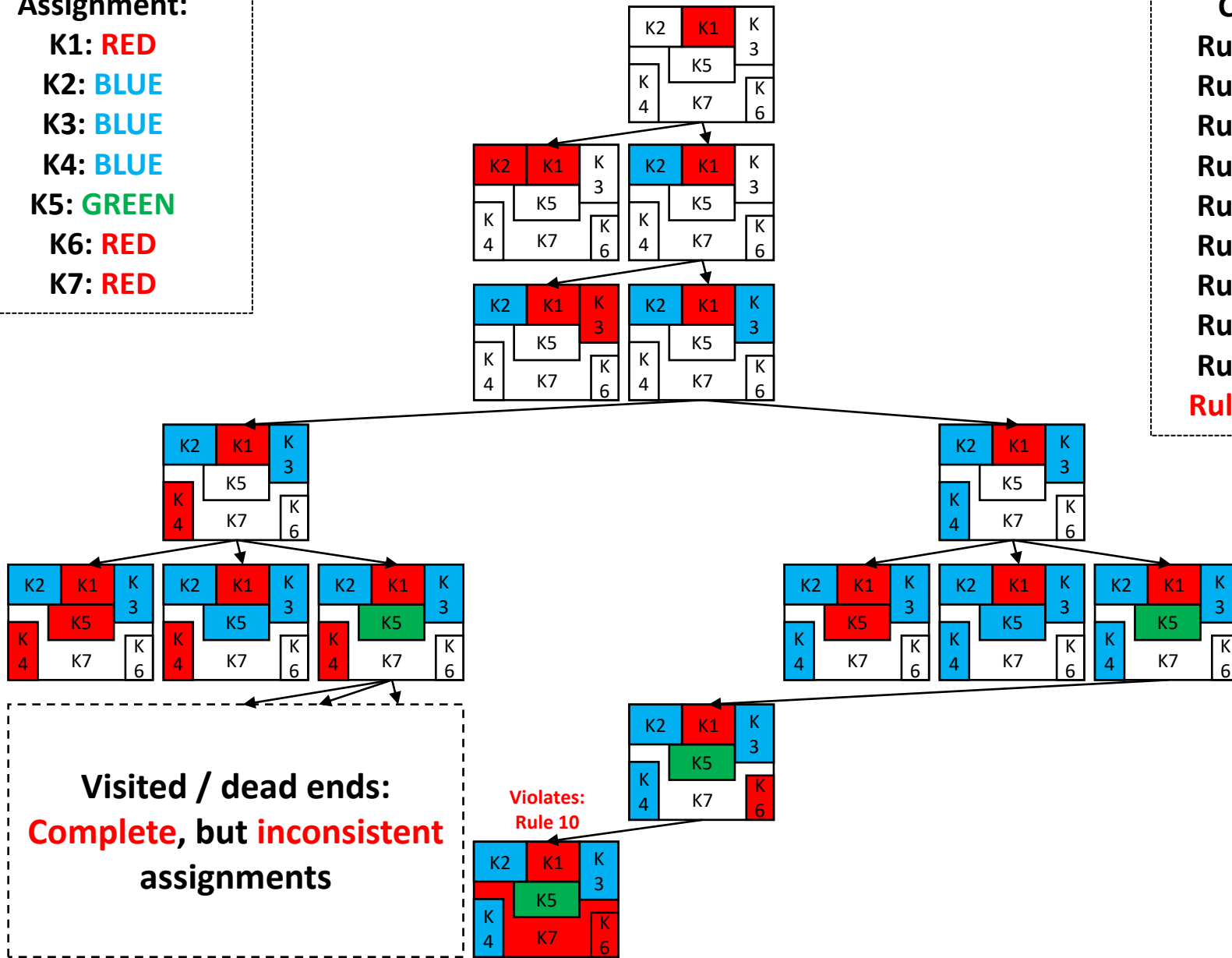
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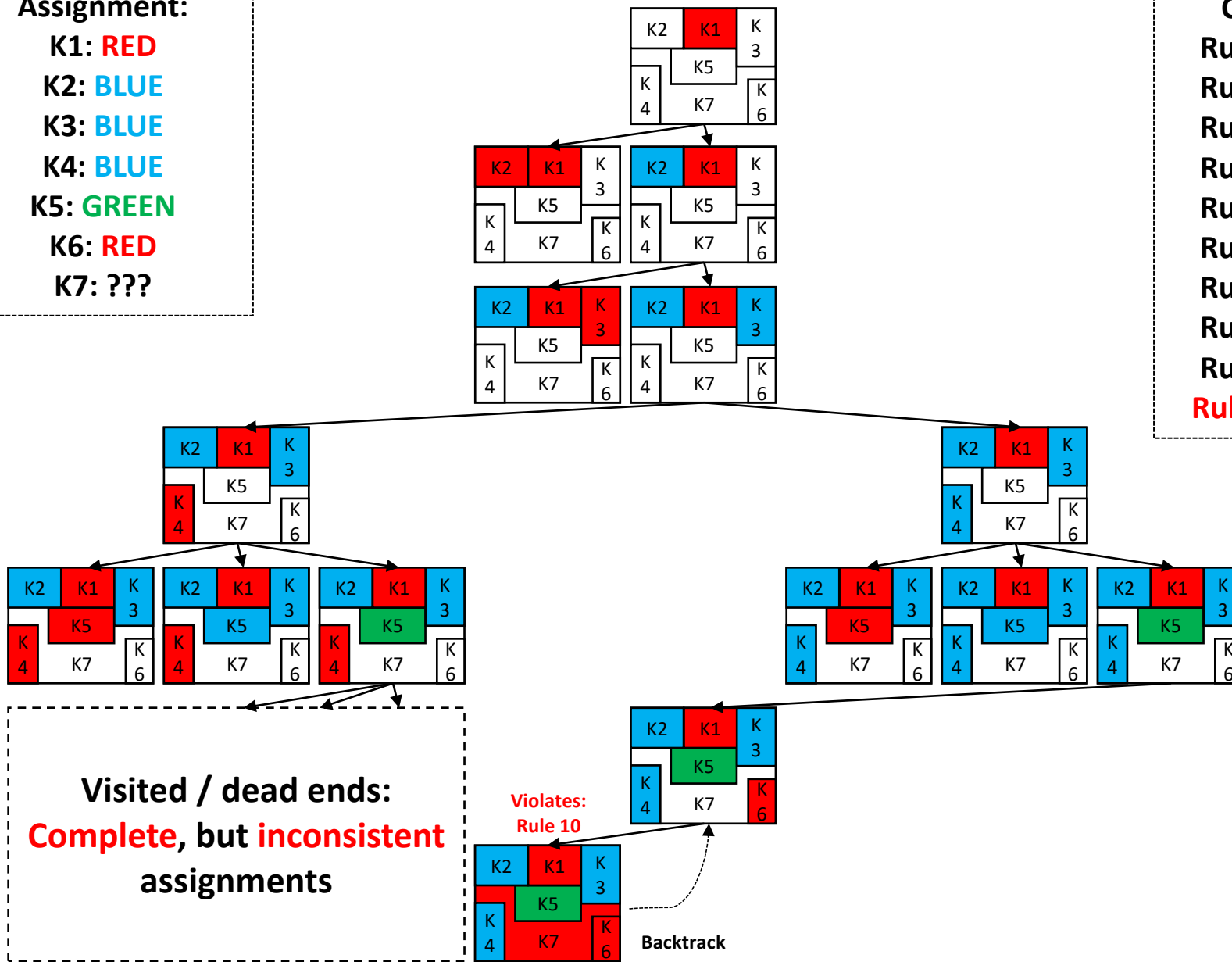
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## Constraints:

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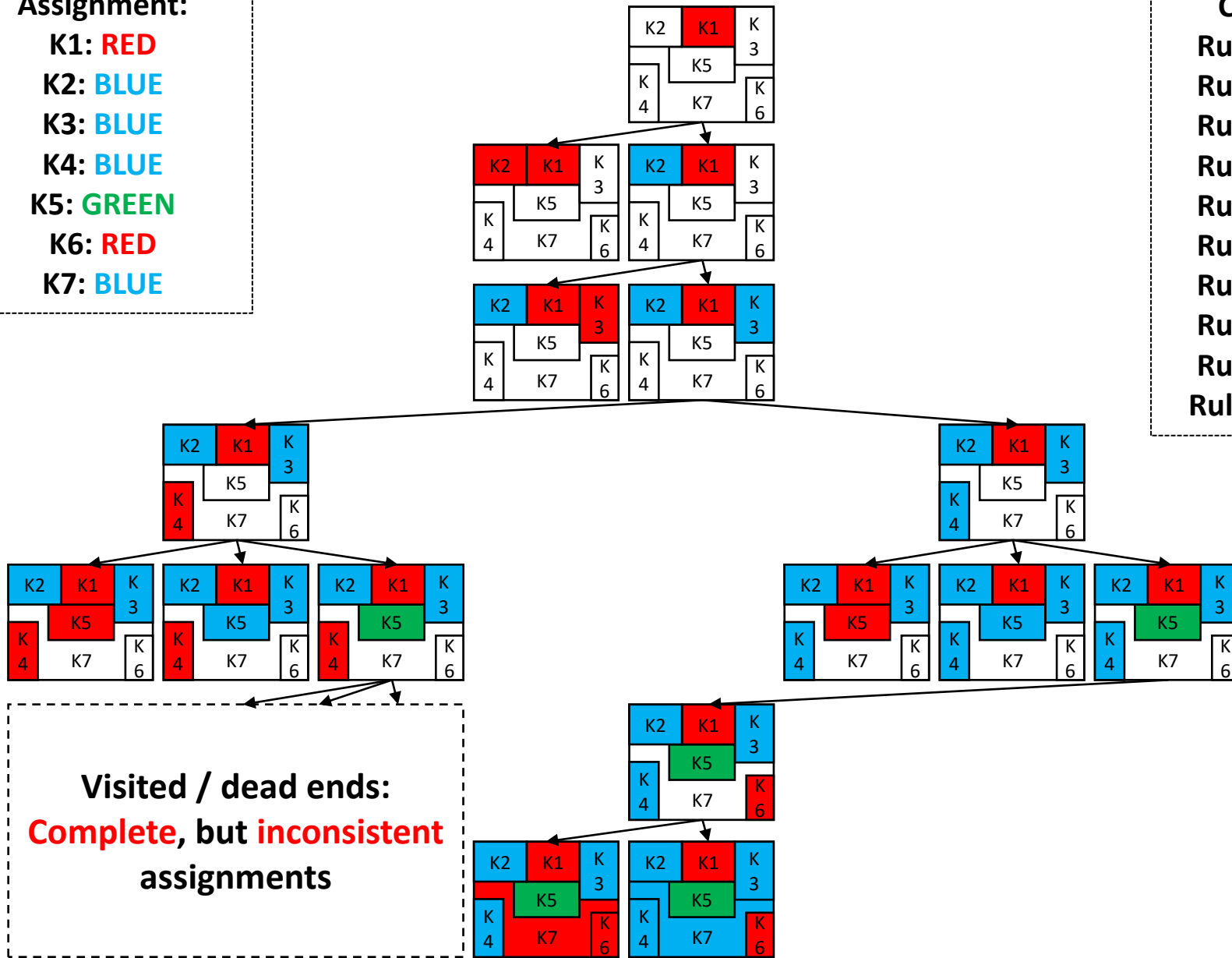
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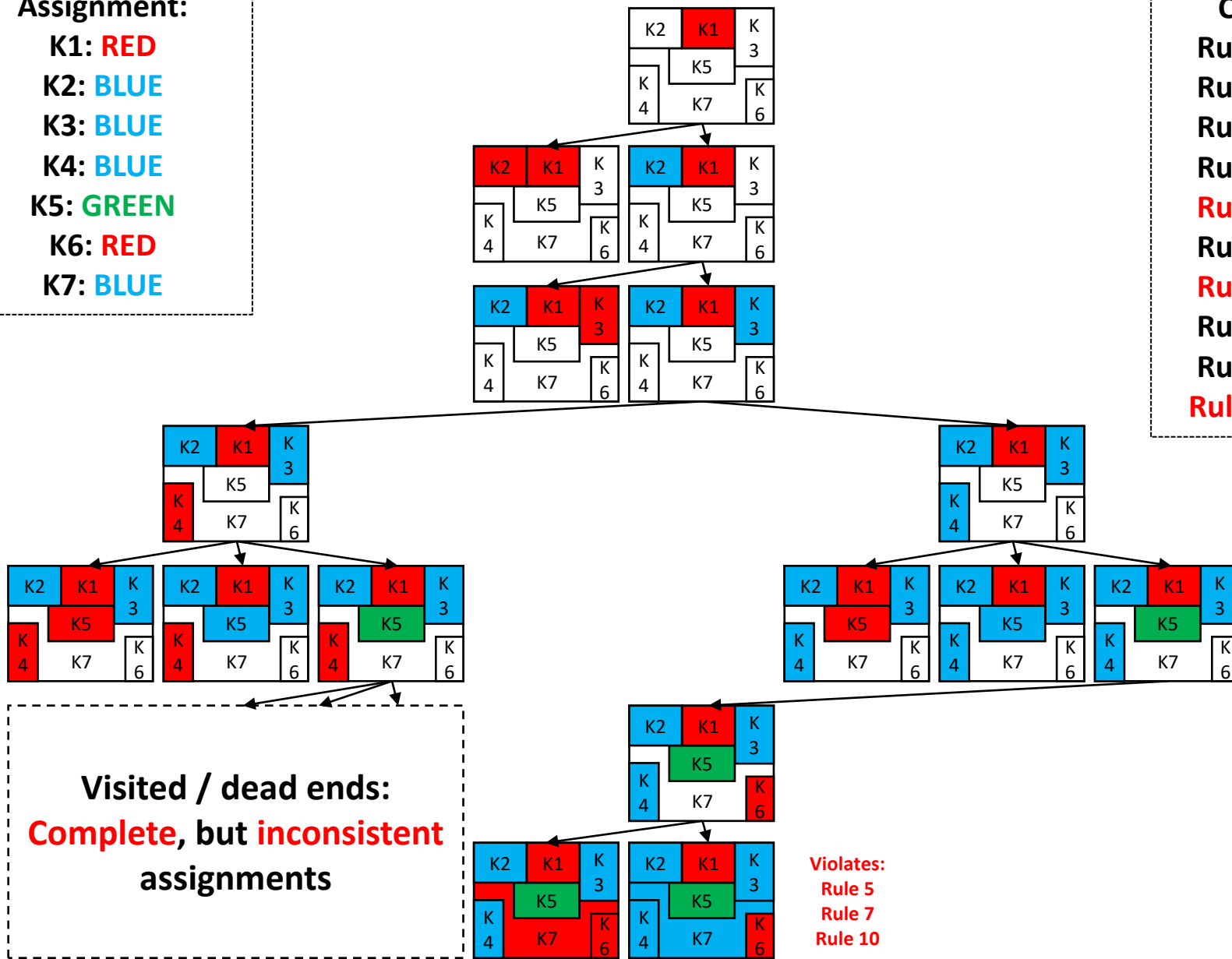


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K6: RED  
K7: BLUE

## Constraints:

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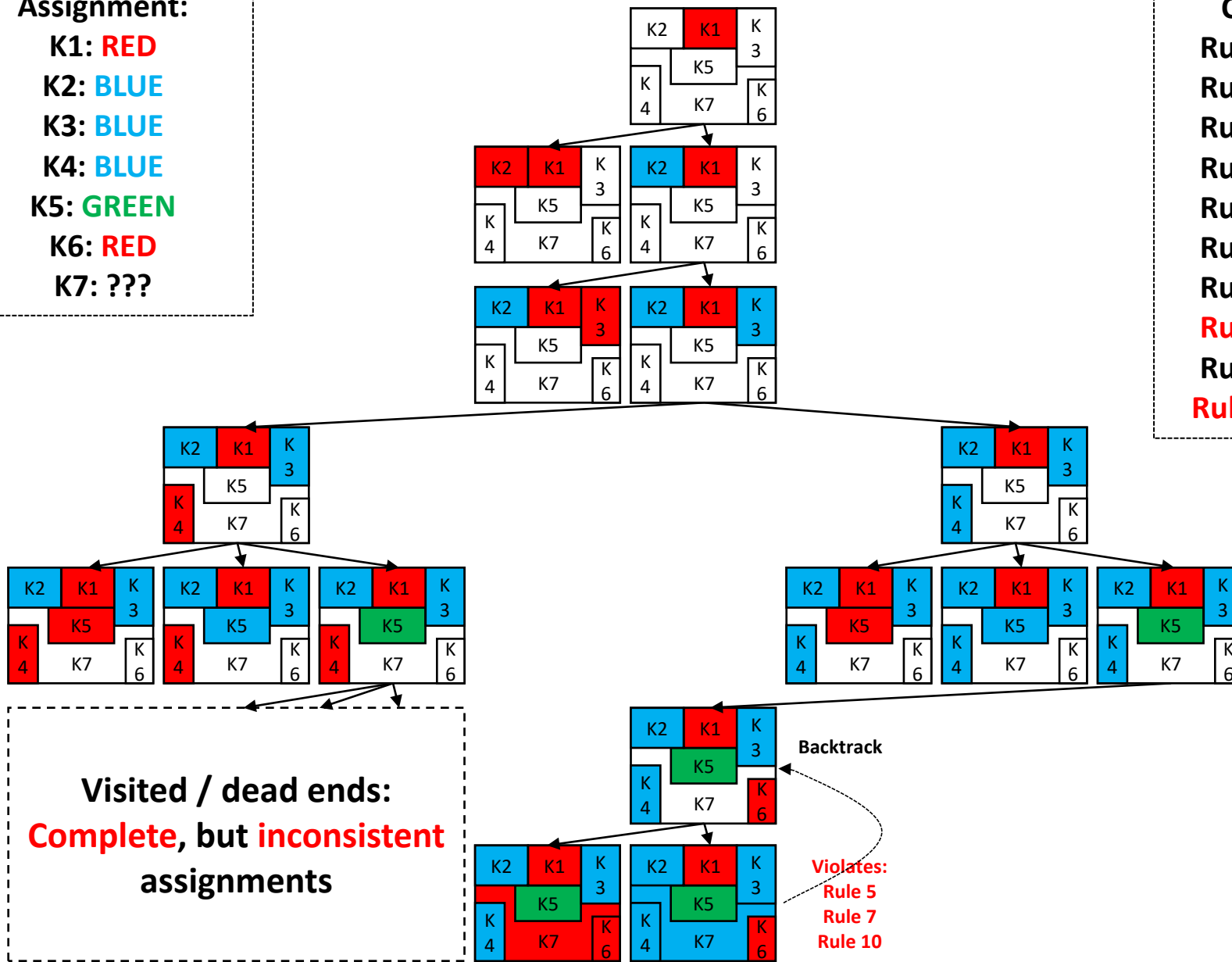
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## Assignment:

K1: RED  
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K4: BLUE  
K5: GREEN  
K6: RED  
K7: ???

## Constraints:

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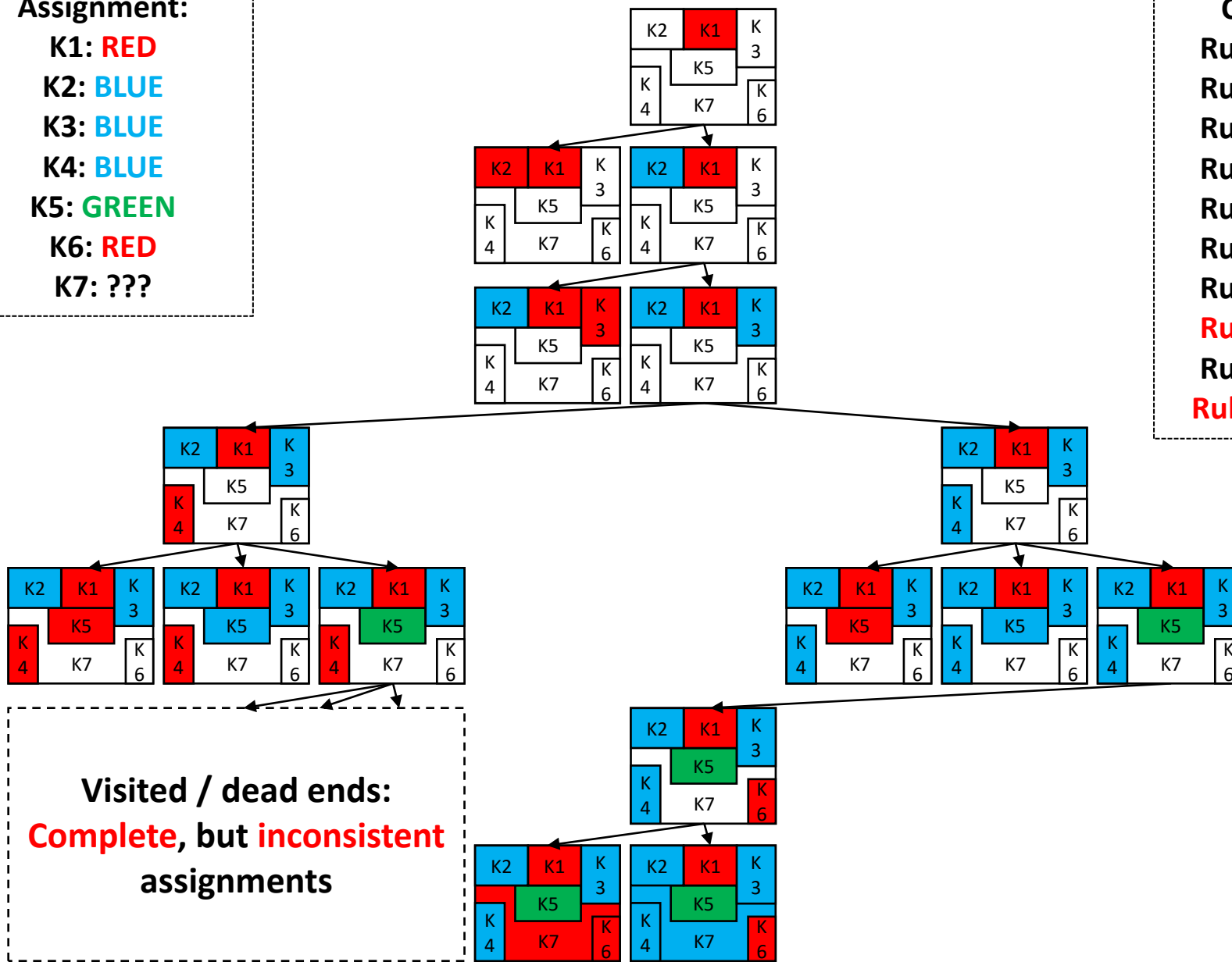
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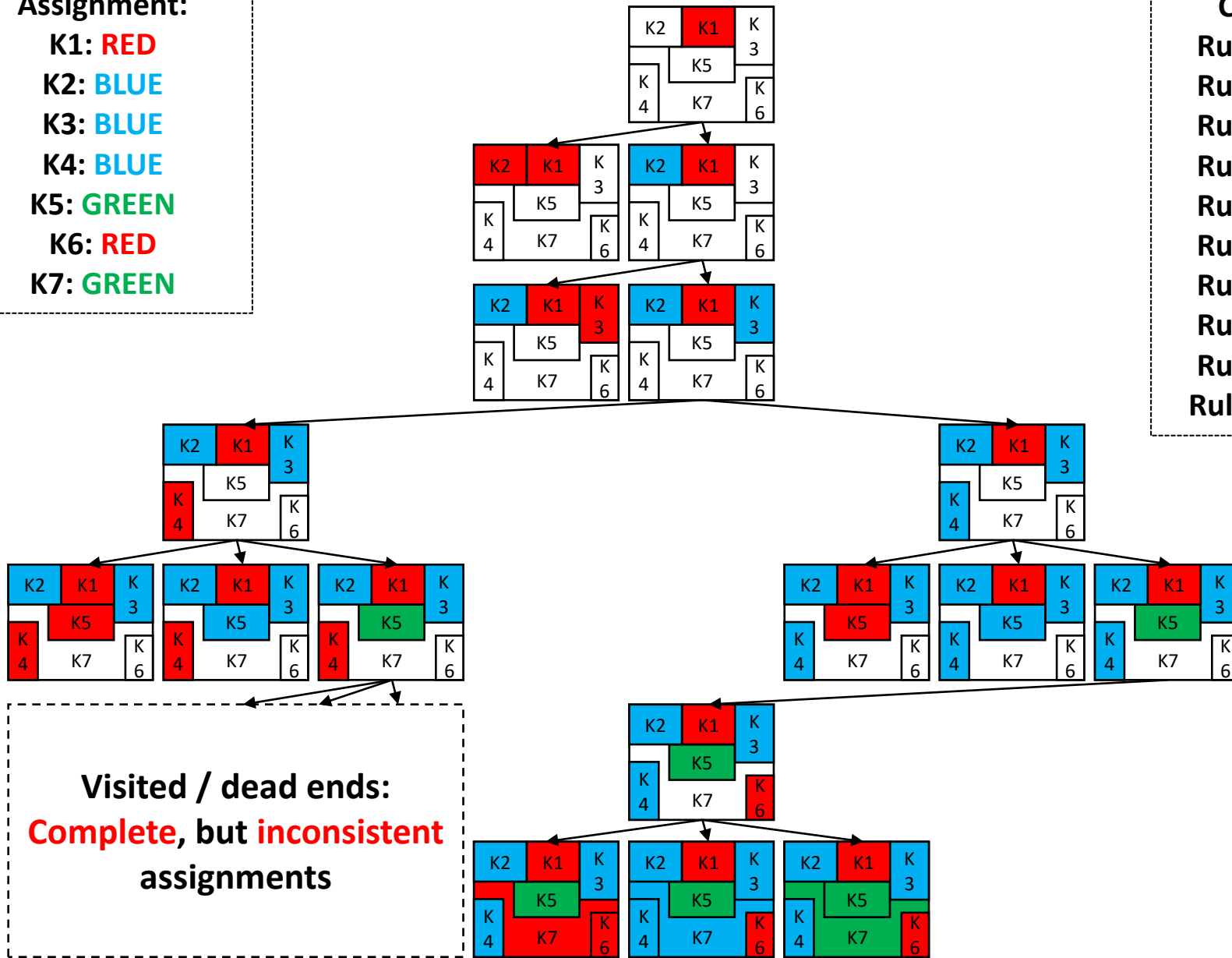
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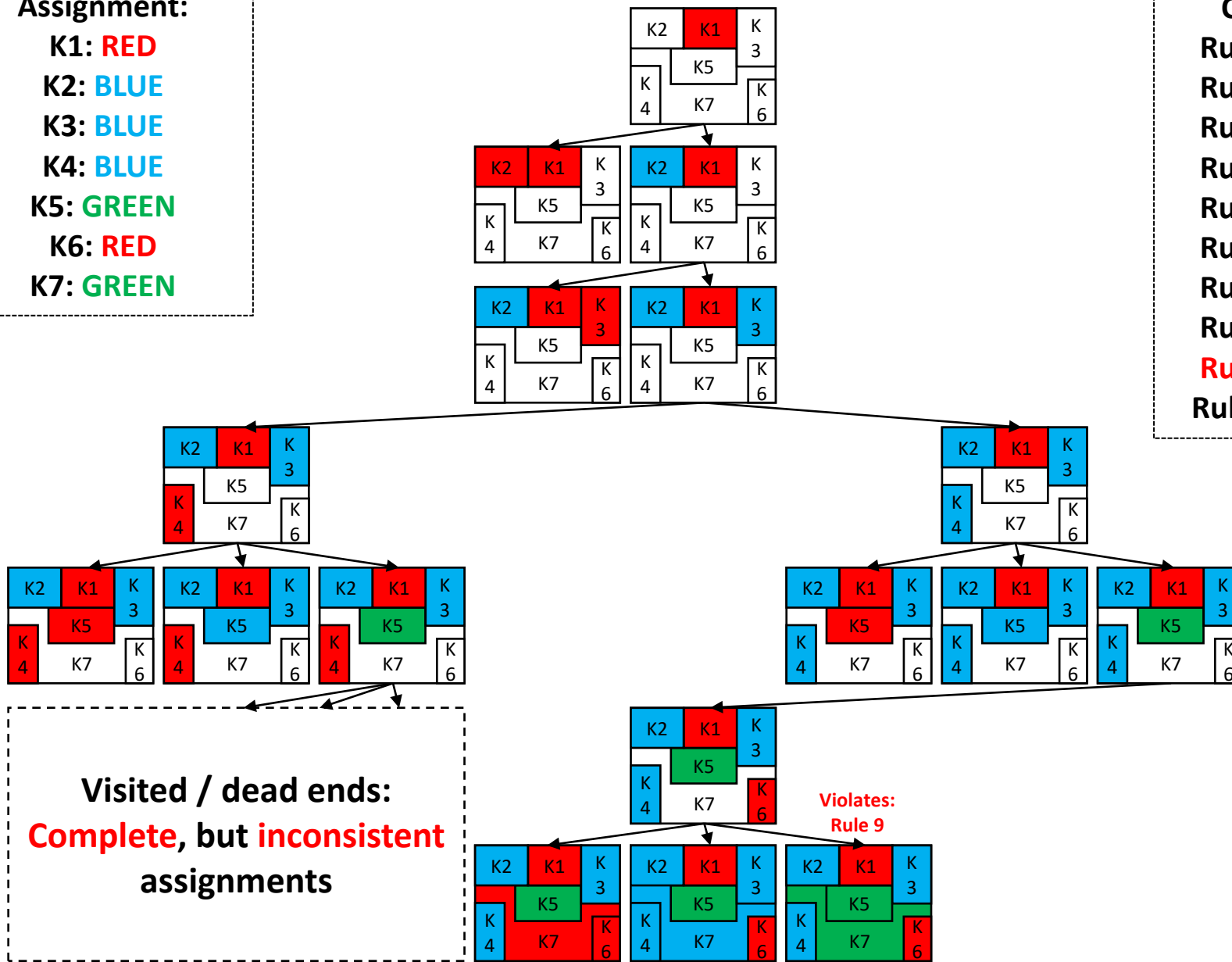
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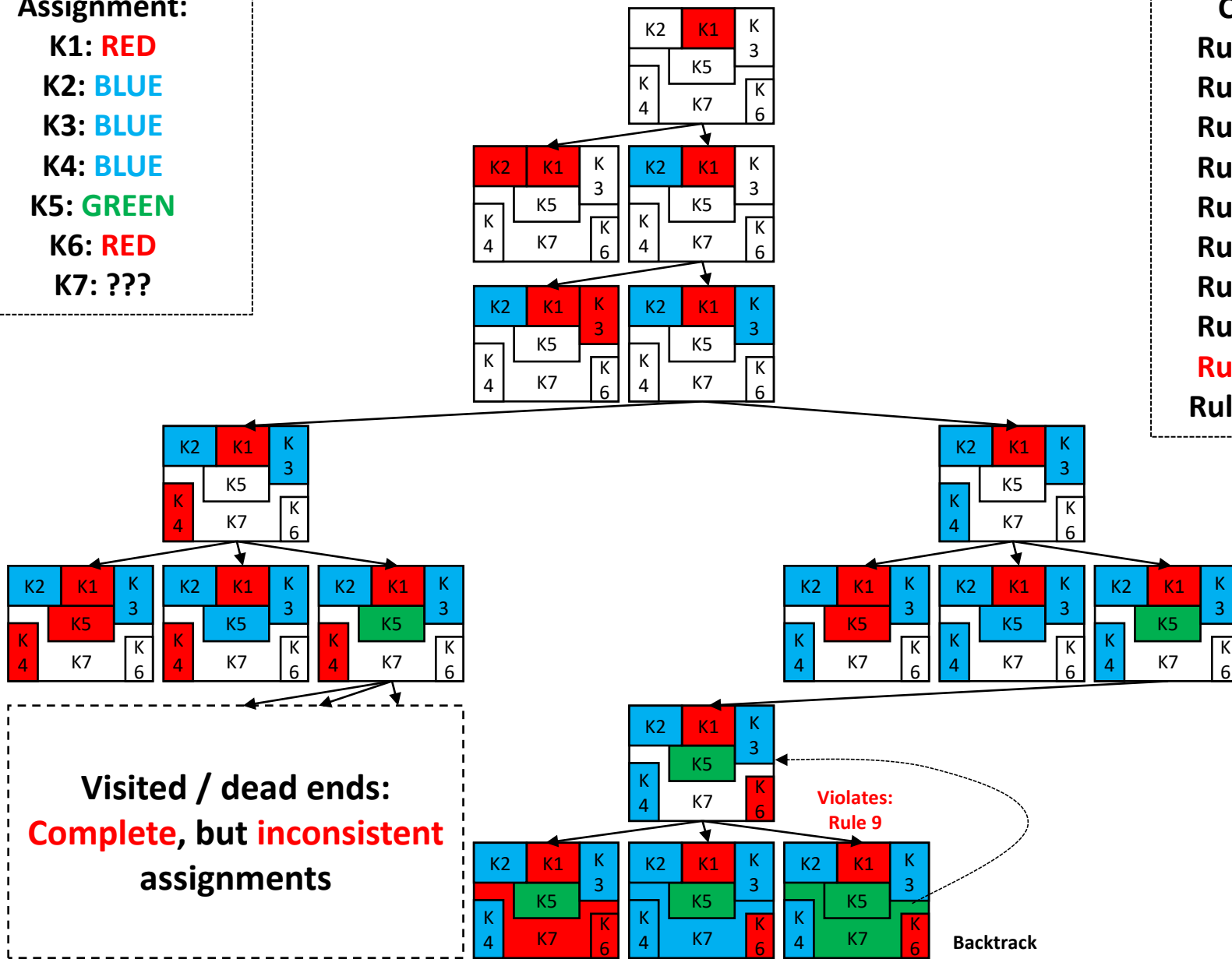
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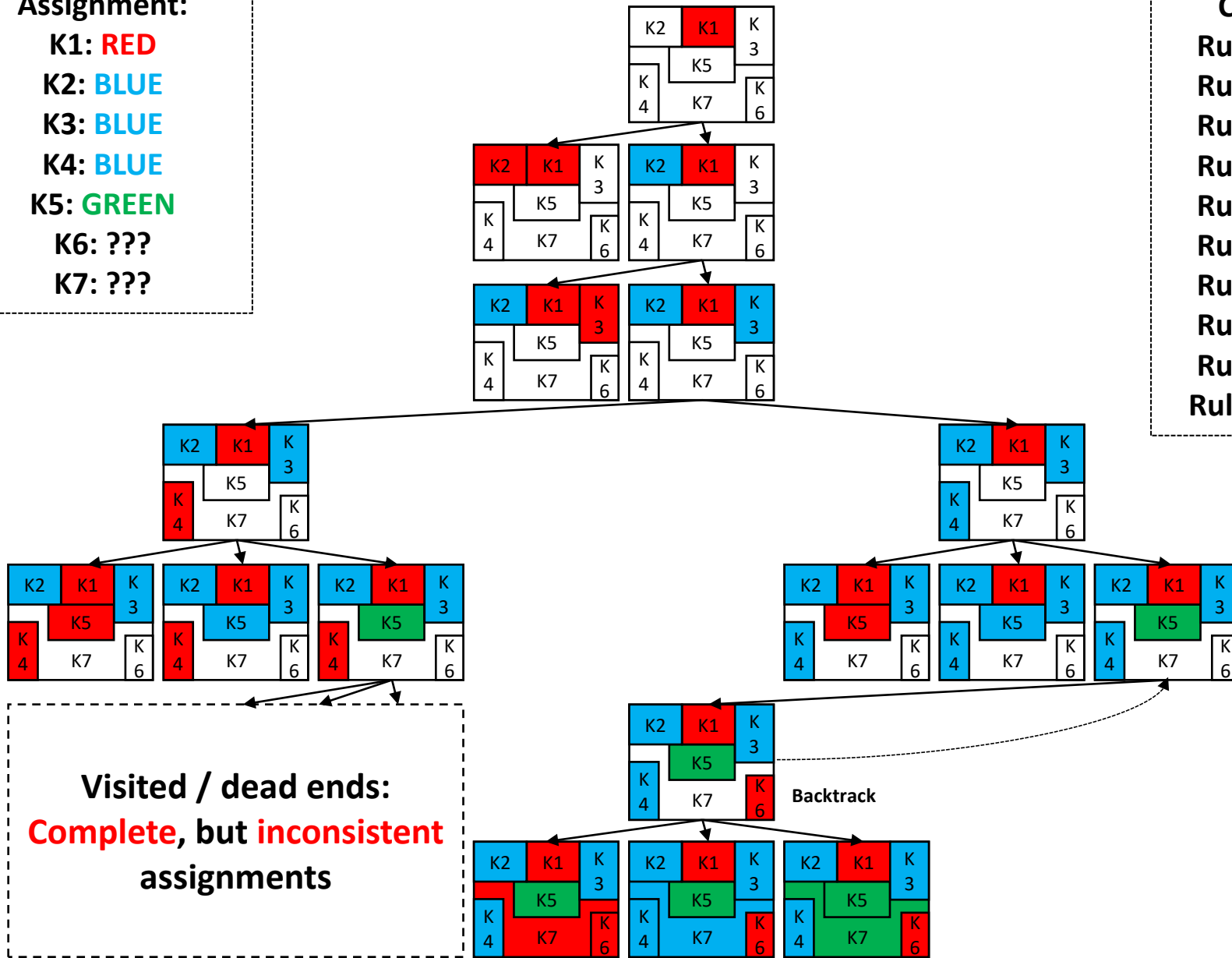
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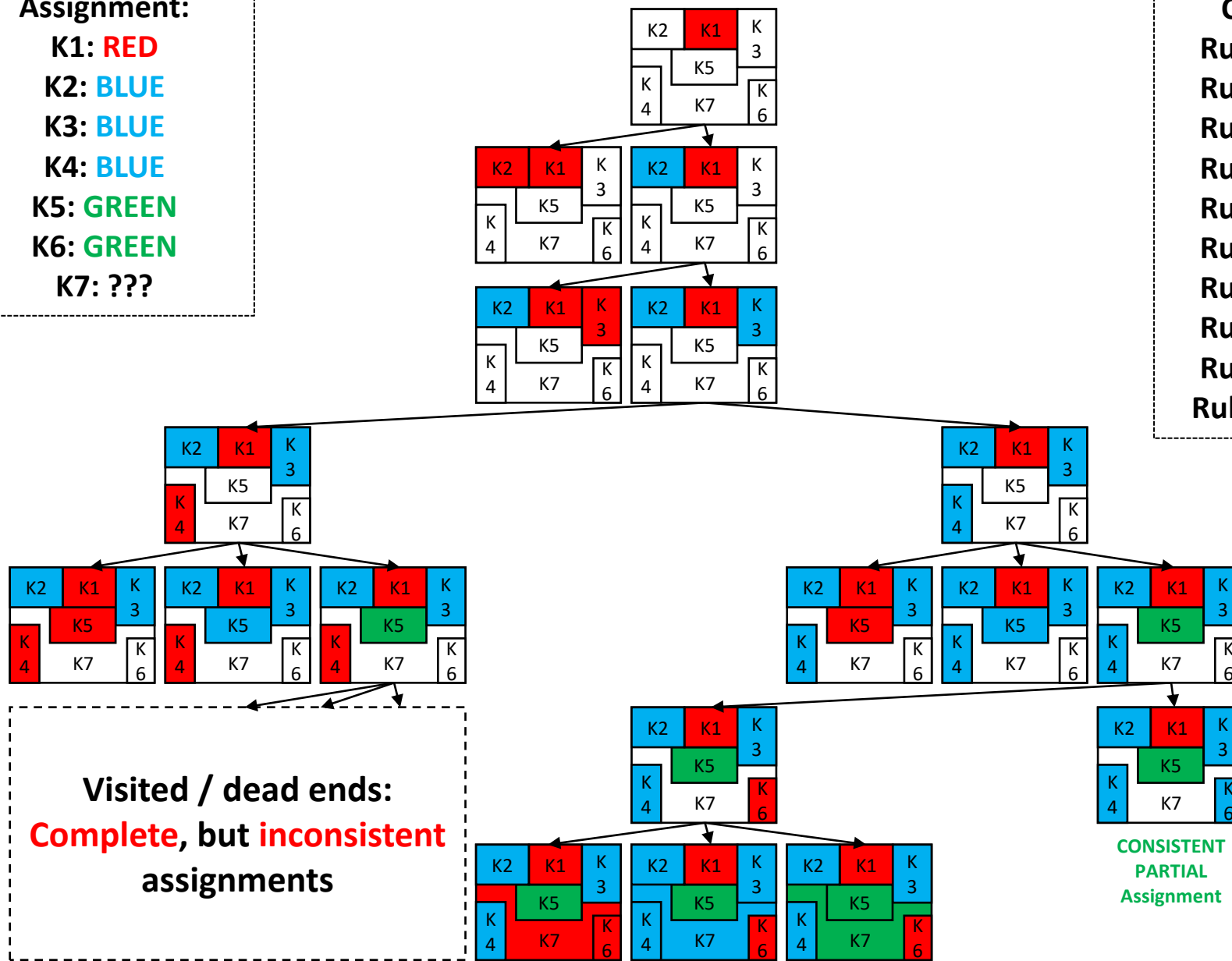
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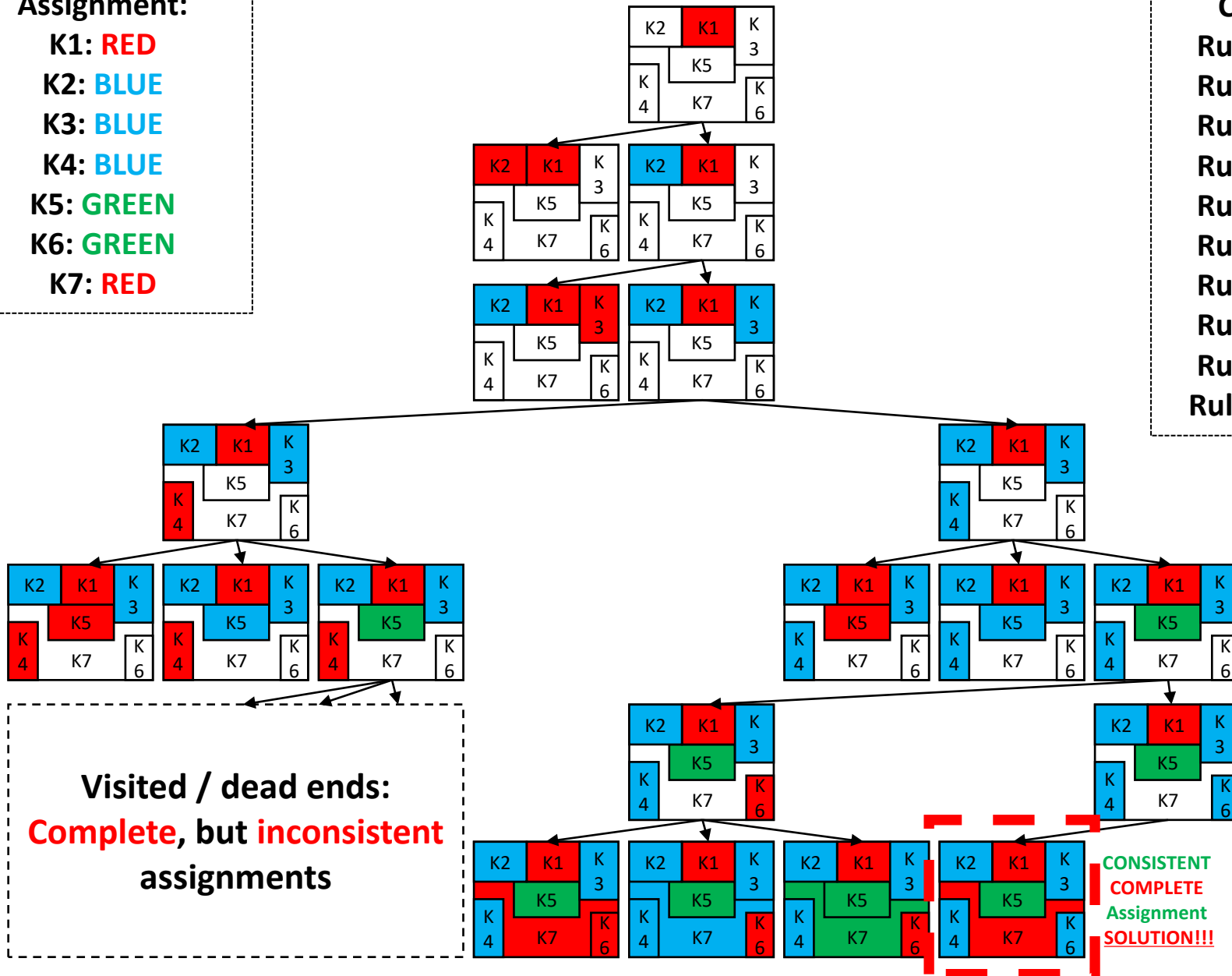


## Assignment:

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# Can We Do Better?

# CSP Backtracking: Pseudocode

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

**function** BACKTRACK(*csp*, *assignment*) **returns** a solution or *failure*  
    **if** *assignment* is complete **then return** *assignment*

*var*  $\leftarrow$  SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE(*csp*, *assignment*)

**for each** *value* **in** ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES(*csp*, *var*, *assignment*) **do**

**if** *value* is consistent with *assignment* **then**

            add {*var* = *value*} to *assignment*

*inferences*  $\leftarrow$  INFERENCE(*csp*, *var*, *assignment*)

**if** *inferences*  $\neq$  *failure* **then**

                add *inferences* to *csp*

*result*  $\leftarrow$  BACKTRACK(*csp*, *assignment*)

**if** *result*  $\neq$  *failure* **then return** *result*

                remove *inferences* from *csp*

            remove {*var* = *value*} from *assignment*

**return** *failure*

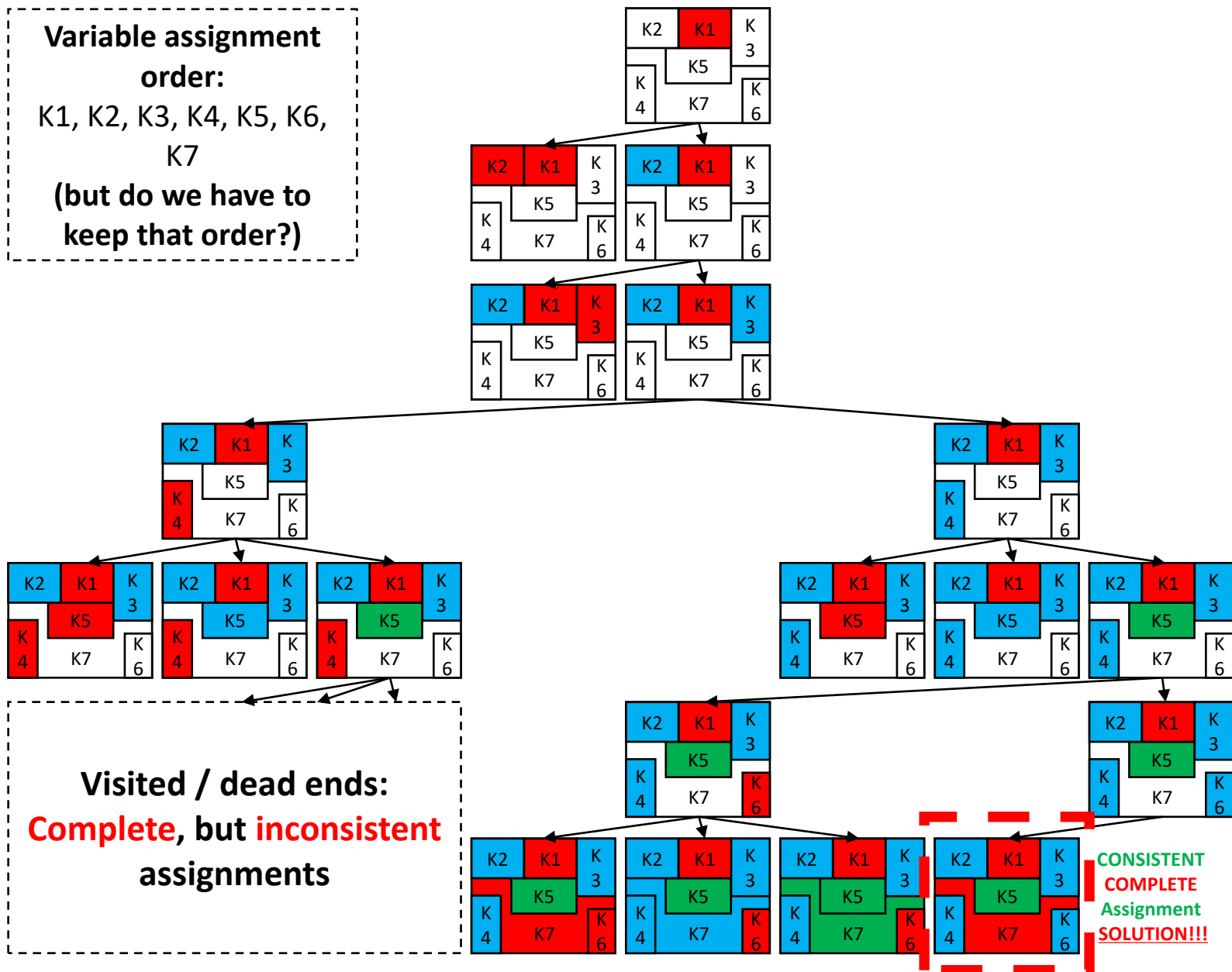
Which variable  
should we choose to  
assign a value to next?

Does it matter?

**Variable assignment  
order:**

K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6,  
K7

(but do we have to  
keep that order?)



K1 = ???

K2 = ???

K3 = ???

K4 = ???

K5 = ???

K6 = ???

K7 = ???

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7

# Variable Ordering: Alternatives

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

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**for each** *value* **in** ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES(*csp*, *var*, *assignment*) **do**

**if** *value* is consistent with *assignment* **then**

            add {*var* = *value*} to *assignment*

*inferences*  $\leftarrow$  INFERENCE(*csp*, *var*, *assignment*)

**if** *inferences*  $\neq$  *failure* **then**

            add *inferences* to *csp*

*result*  $\leftarrow$  BACKTRACK(*csp*, *assignment*)

**if** *result*  $\neq$  *failure* **then return** *result*

            remove *inferences* from *csp*

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**return** *failure*

You can modify this function to **change the variable ordering** and potentially improve performance



# Variable Ordering: Alternatives

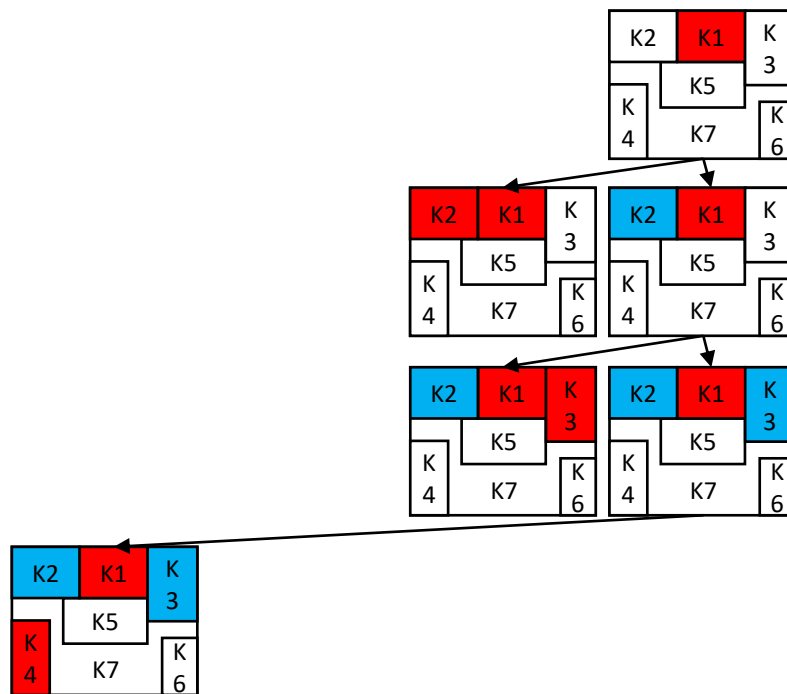
**CSP Backtracking algorithm can use a number of variable ordering strategies:**

- **Static: choose the variables in order (we did that)**
- **Random: order variables in random sequence**
- **Minimum-remaining-values (MRV) heuristic:**
  - choose the variable with the “fewest” legal values
- **Degree heuristic:**
  - choose the variable involved in the largest amount of constraints on other unassigned variables
  - choose the variable with highest node degree on a constraint graph

# Variable Ordering: MRV Heuristic

As CSP Backtracking algorithm progresses, the number of possible value assignments for each variable will shrink (due to constraints):

- MRV uses “fail-first” heuristics (also called “most constrained variable” heuristics)
- MRV picks a variable with lowest value assignment options “left”
  - expecting to limit exploration depth
  - likely to find a failure assignment faster
- Usually better than static and random orderings on average



K1 = ???

K2 = ???

K3 = ???

K4 = ???

Which variable to explore next (ignore the EXPECTED sequence on the right)?

Available options:

K5: {GREEN}

K6: {RED, BLUE, GREEN}

K7: {GREEN}

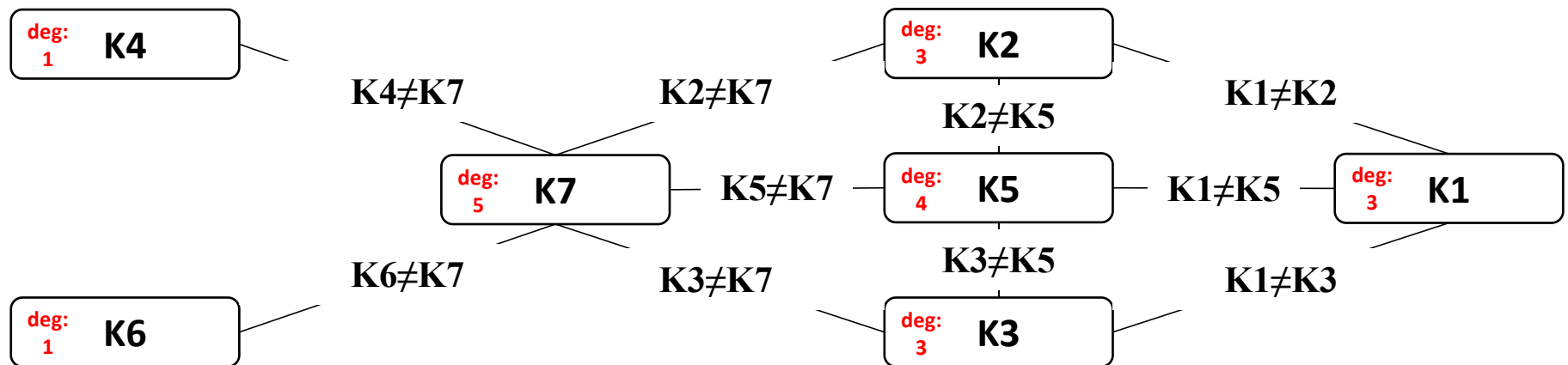
MRV should pick K5 or K7  
("fail first" variable).

Tie needs to be resolved.



# Variable Ordering: Degree Heuristics

Consider the following constraint graph representation of the problem we analyzed:



- degree heuristics is considered less effective than MRV
- degree heuristics can be used as a tie-breaker (two variables with the same “potential” according to MRV)
- attempts to reduce the branching factor on future choices

# Value Ordering: Alternatives

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**return** BACKTRACK(*csp*, { })

**function** BACKTRACK(*csp*, *assignment*) **returns** a solution or *failure*  
**if** *assignment* is complete **then return** *assignment*

*var*  $\leftarrow$  SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE(*csp*, *assignment*)

**for each** *value* **in** ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES(*csp*, *var*, *assignment*) **do**

**if** *value* is consistent with *assignment* **then**

add {*var* = *value*} to *assignment*

*inferences*  $\leftarrow$  INFERENCE(*csp*, *var*, *assignment*)

**if** *inferences*  $\neq$  *failure* **then**

add *inferences* to *csp*

*result*  $\leftarrow$  BACKTRACK(*csp*, *assignment*)

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remove *inferences* from *csp*

remove {*var* = *value*} from *assignment*

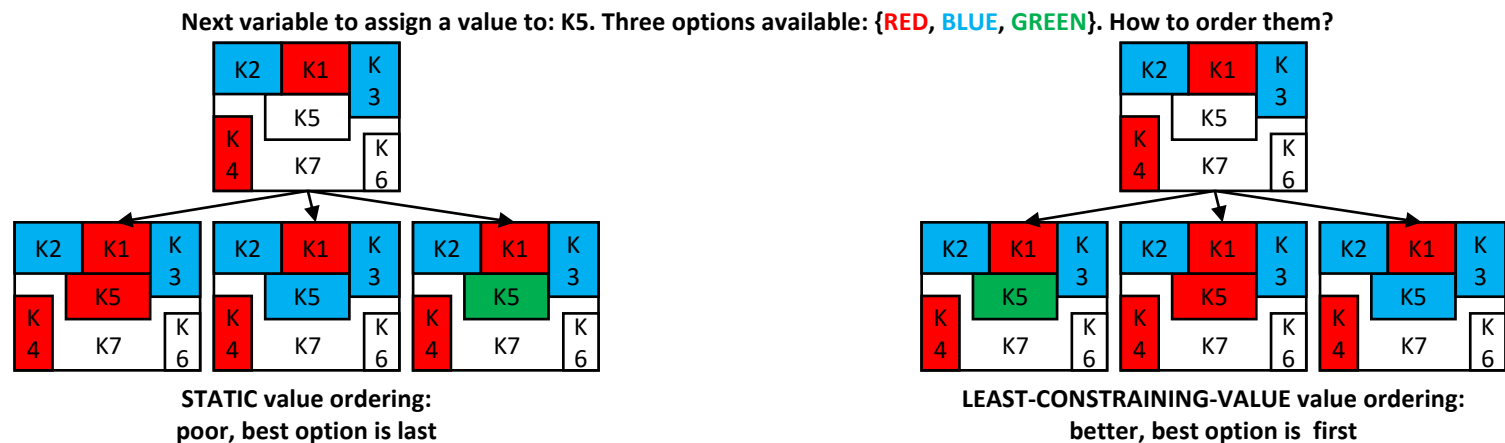
**return** *failure*

You can modify this order to **change the value assignment ordering** and potentially improve performance

# Least-Constraining-Value Heuristics

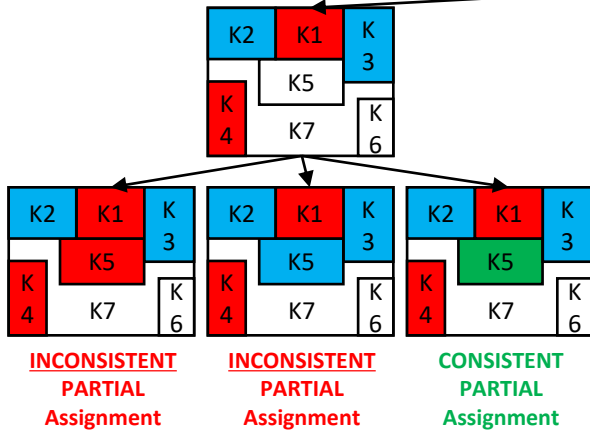
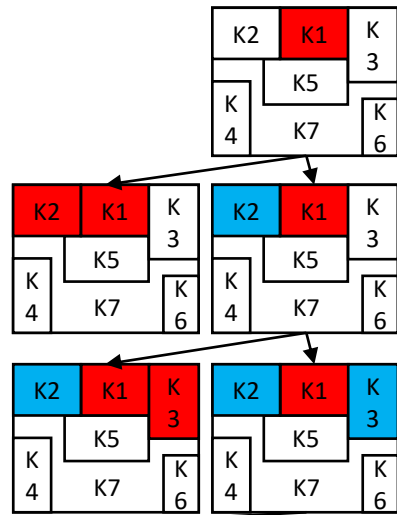
We picked (SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE) the next variable to assign a value to and we have a number of values to choose from. What next?

- use the least-constraining-value heuristic
  - picks a value that **rules out the fewest choices for neighboring variables in the constraining graph** (increase **flexibility for FUTURE** assignments)
  - ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES is the function that orders values here



# Can We Do Better?

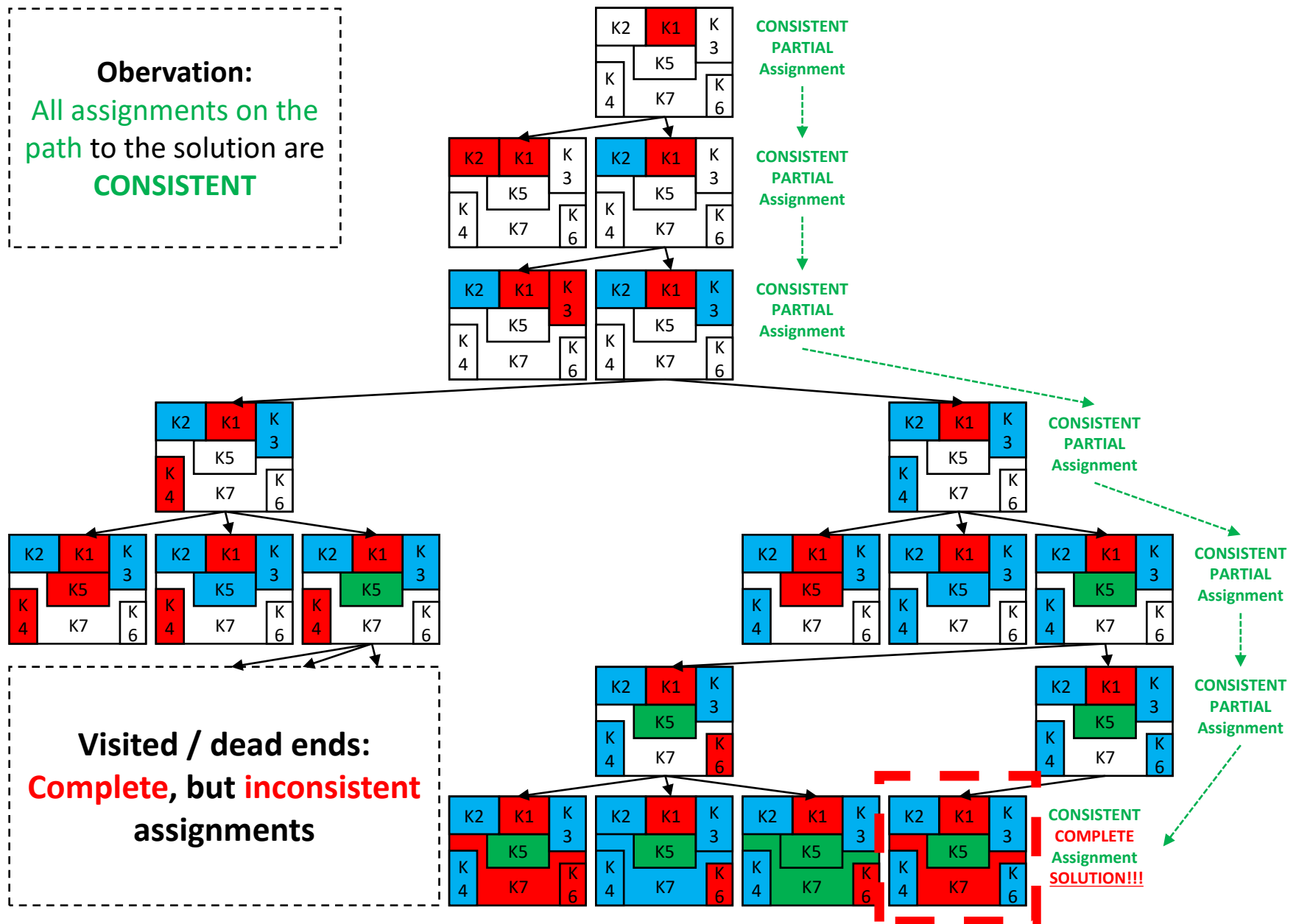
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 assignments **don't**  
 need to be explored  
 further



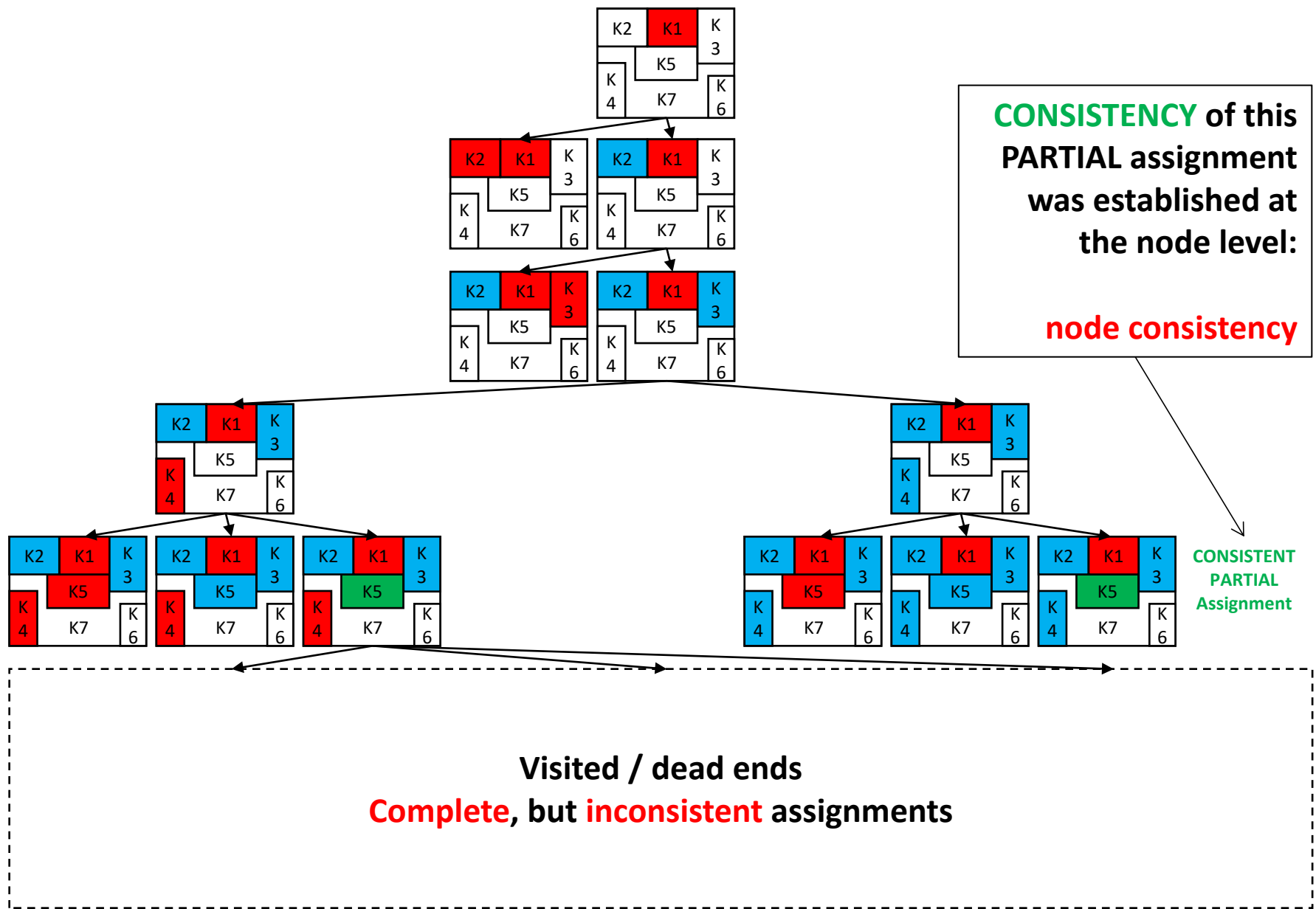
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## Obervation:

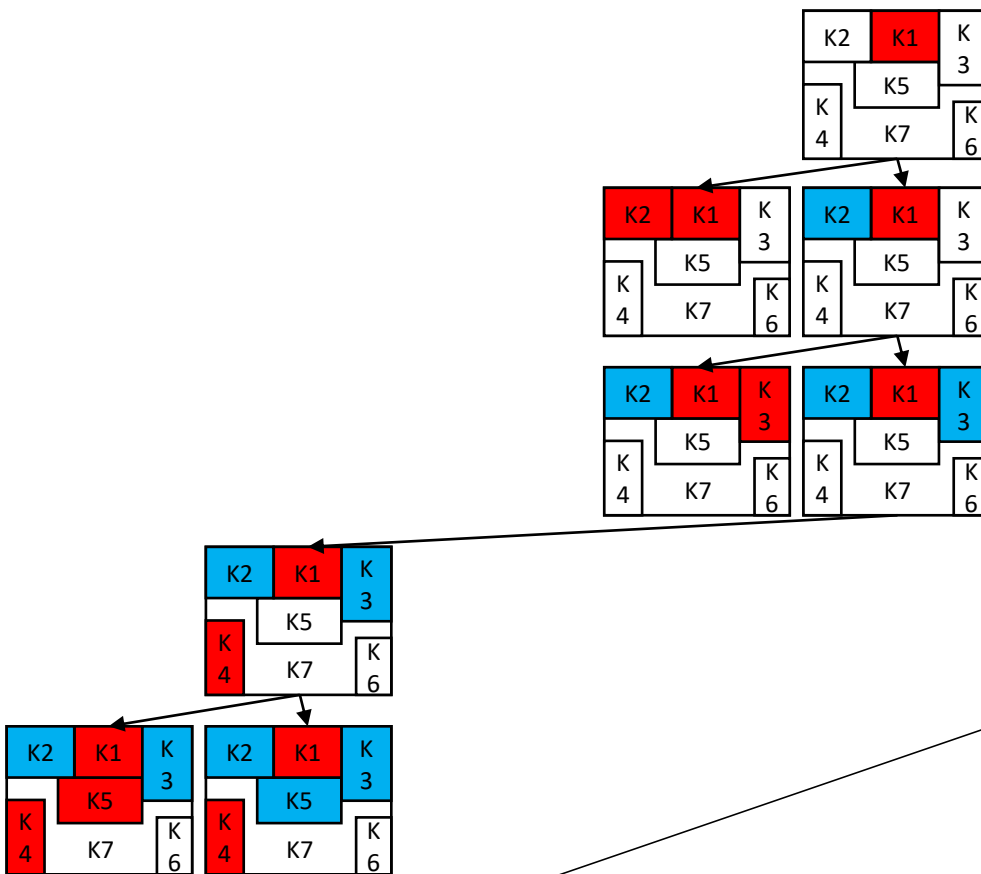
All assignments on the  
path to the solution are  
**CONSISTENT**



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Violates:  
Rule 4  
Rule 6

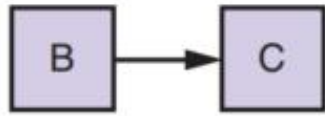
**INCONSISTENCY** of  
this **PARTIAL**  
assignment was  
established at the  
node level:  
  
**node consistency**

Can we detect /  
“predict”  
**INCONSISTENCIES**  
earlier and prune  
useless branches?  
  
**YES!**

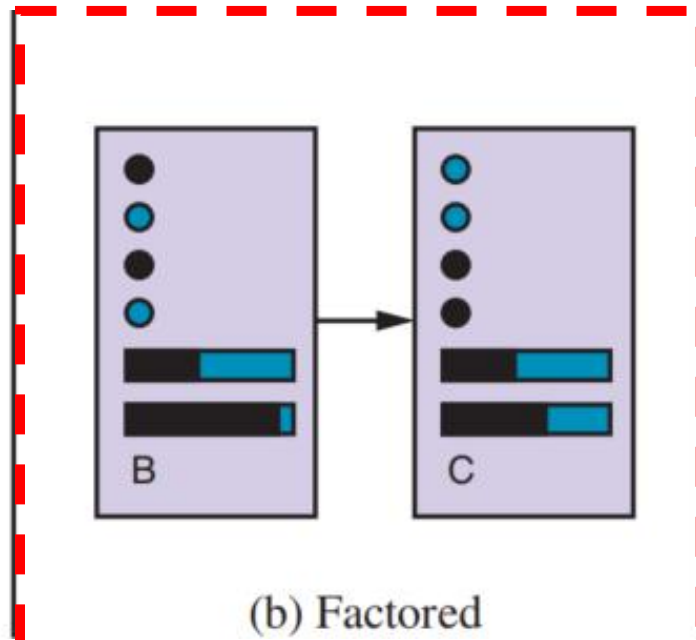
Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED**, **BLUE**, **GREEN**



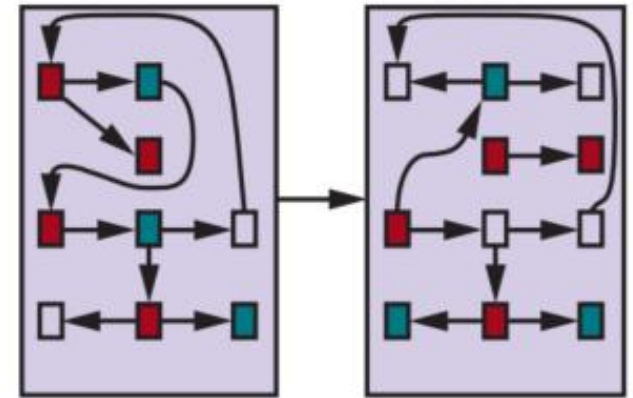
# How CSP Can Reduce Work



(a) Atomic



(b) Factored



(c) Structured

Next move?

- Expand the node and visit successors

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- Expand the node (assign value to a variable) and visit successors
- Infer** where to go from current assignment and constraints (constraint propagation)

# CSP: More Pruning with Inference

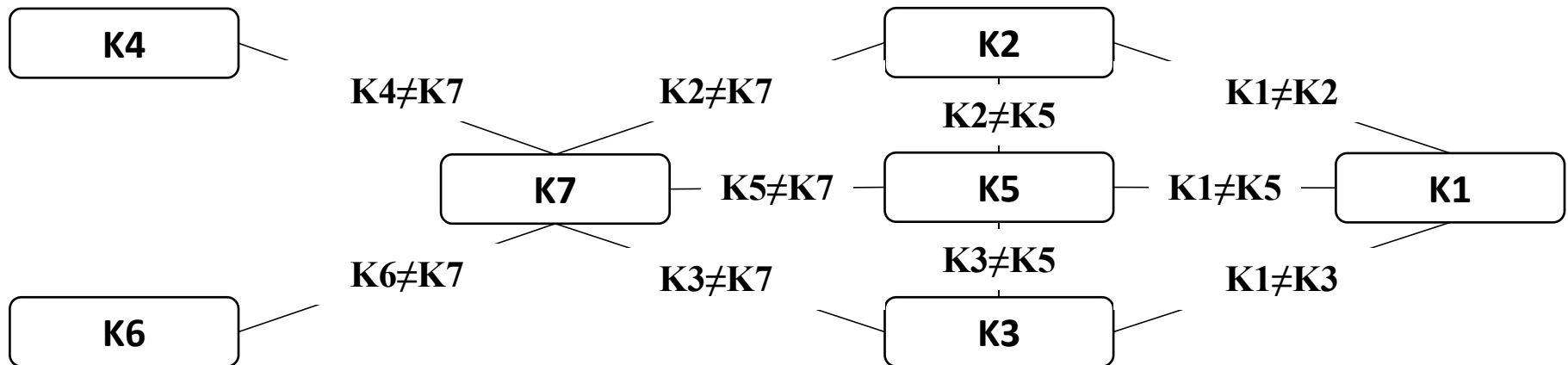
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With the information available to you, you can INFER that a particular branch is going to be INCONSISTENT

# Inference in CSP

- Simplifying the problem:
  - preprocessing / pre-check or part of the search
  - it can reduce the problem OR even solve it
- Inference with Constraint Propagation:
  - use constraint graph to enforce consistency locally

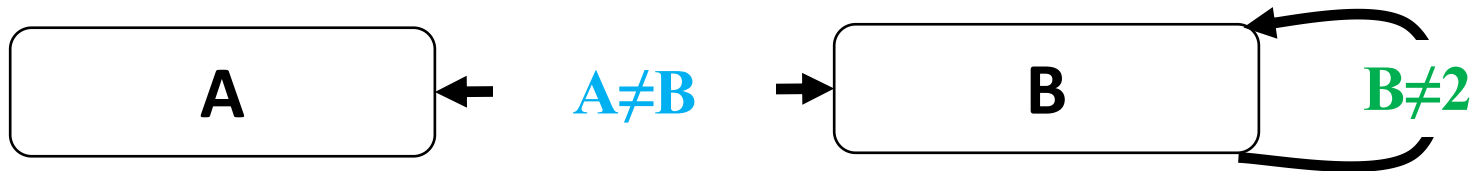


# Local Consistency

- **The idea:**
  - remove inconsistent values from variable domains as we go as they would make certain assignments inconsistent later anyway
- **Types:**
  - Node consistency
  - Arc consistency (or edge consistency)
  - Path consistency

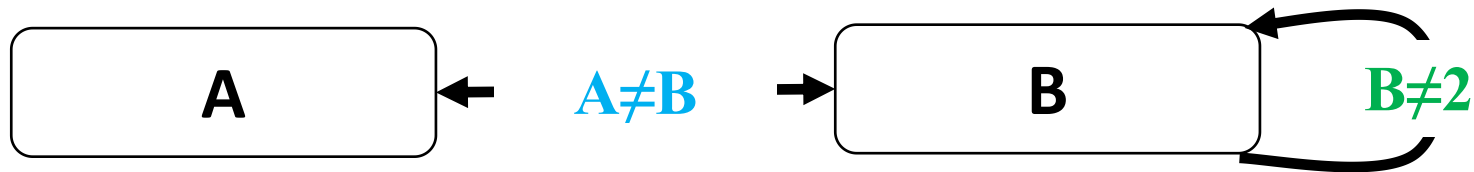
# Node Consistency

- Consider the following CSP example:
  - variables:  $X = \{A, B\}$
  - domains:
    - $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$
    - $D_B = \{2, 3, 4\}$
  - constraints:  $C = \{A \neq B, B \neq 2\}$ 
    - one **binary** and one **unary** constraint
  - constraint graph:



# Node Consistency

- The idea:
  - a **single variable** is node-consistent (**in a constraint graph**) if all the values in its domain satisfy variable unary constraints
- (Constraint) graph is node-consistent if every variable in the graph is node-consistent



Variable B is **NOT** node-consistent because in  $D_B = \{2, 3, 4\}$  value **2** does not satisfy unary  $B \neq 2$

- Approach: remove unary constraints by reducing variable domain

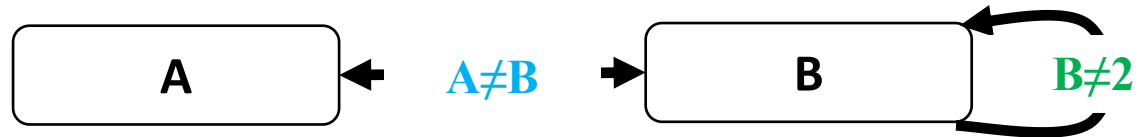
# Node Consistency

- Unary constraints can easily be removed to reduce the problem:

- BEFORE** (unary constraint removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$

- $D_B = \{2, 3, 4\}$



Constraint graph is **NOT node-consistent**  
because of variable B

- AFTER** (unary constraint removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$

- $D_B = \{3, 4\}$



Constraint graph is **node-consistent**



# Arc (Edge) Consistency

- The idea:
  - a **single variable** is arc-consistent (**in a constraint graph**) if all the values in its domains satisfy ALL its binary constraints
- (Constraint) graph is arc-consistent if every variable in the graph is arc-consistent



Variables A and B are **NOT** arc-consistent because in  $D_A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $D_B = \{3, 4\}$  value 3 clashes

- Approach: reducing variable domains to remove clashes



# Arc (Edge) Consistency

- Values that clash can be removed from variable domains to reduce the problem:

- BEFORE** (clashing value(s) removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$

- $D_B = \{3, 4\}$



Constraint graph is **NOT arc-consistent**  
because of value **3** clashing in both domains

- AFTER** (clashing value(s) removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$

- $D_B = \{4\}$  **or**

- $D_A = \{0, 1\}$

- $D_B = \{3, 4\}$  (depends on: which variable we start with)



Constraint graph is **arc-consistent**

# AC-3 Algorithm: Pseudocode

**function** AC-3(*csp*) **returns** false if an inconsistency is found and true otherwise

*queue*  $\leftarrow$  a queue of arcs, initially all the arcs in *csp*

**while** *queue* is not empty **do**

$(X_i, X_j) \leftarrow \text{POP}(\text{queue})$

**if** REVISE(*csp*,  $X_i$ ,  $X_j$ ) **then**

**if** size of  $D_i = 0$  **then return** false

**for each**  $X_k$  **in**  $X_i.\text{NEIGHBORS} - \{X_j\}$  **do**

add  $(X_k, X_i)$  to *queue*

**return** true

**Note:** treat a constraint graph edge as two directional edges:

constraint  $X_i \neq X_j$

corresponds to

edges  $(X_i, X_j)$  and  $(X_j, X_i)$

**function** REVISE(*csp*,  $X_i$ ,  $X_j$ ) **returns** true iff we revise the domain of  $X_i$

*revised*  $\leftarrow$  false

**for each**  $x$  **in**  $D_i$  **do**

**if** no value  $y$  in  $D_j$  allows  $(x, y)$  to satisfy the constraint between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  **then**

delete  $x$  from  $D_i$

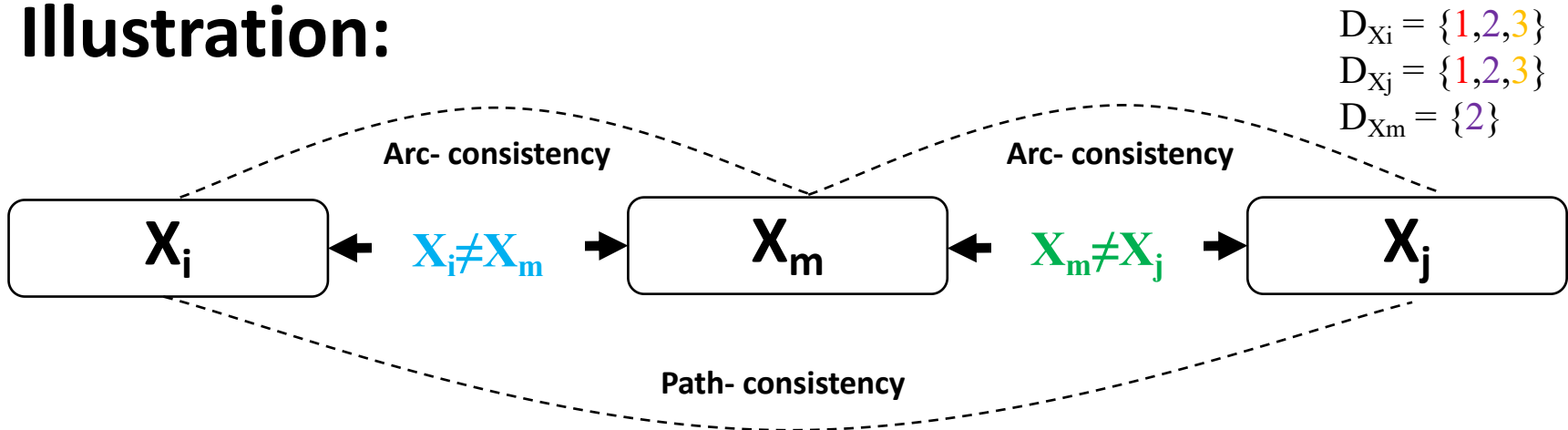
*revised*  $\leftarrow$  true

**return** *revised*

# Path Consistency

- The idea:
  - two variable set  $\{X_i, X_j\}$  is path-consistent (**in a constraint graph**) with respect to a third variable  $X_m$  if for EVERY assignment  $\{X_i = a, X_j = b\}$  there is an assignment to  $X_m$  (between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$ ) that satisfies constraints on  $\{X_i, X_m\}$  and  $\{X_m, X_j\}$ .

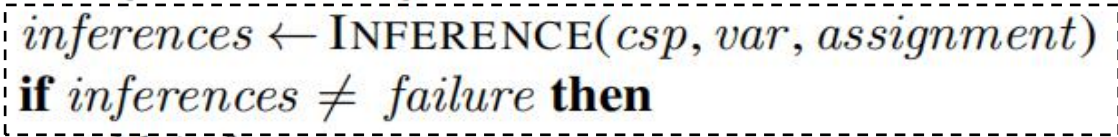
- Illustration:



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Apply local  
consistency checks  
and report failure if  
you know that  
following given path  
is going to dead end

# Searching with Inference

**Two key ideas:**

- **Forward checking**
- **Maintaining Arc Consistency**