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DPLL ingredients:

- ▶ Unit Propagation
- ▶ Splitting

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We established **unsatisfiability** of this set of clauses **in a completely deterministic way**, by unit propagation.

DPLL = splitting + unit propagation

```
procedure DPLL(S)  
input: set of clauses S  
output: satisfiable or unsatisfiable  
parameters: function select_literal  
begin  
  S := propagate(S)  
  if S is empty then return satisfiable  
  if S contains  $\square$  then return unsatisfiable  
  L := select_literal(S)  
  if DPLL( $S \cup \{L\}$ ) = satisfiable  
    then return satisfiable  
    else return DPLL( $S \cup \{\bar{L}\}$ )  
end
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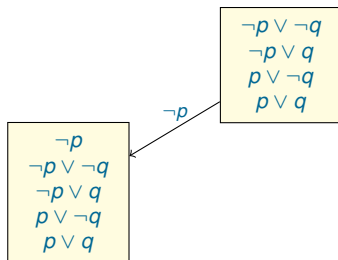
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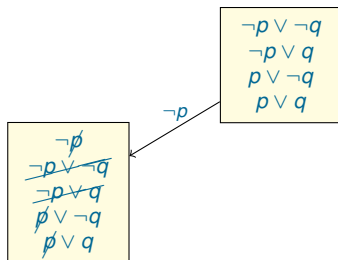
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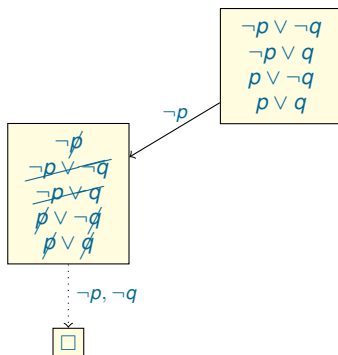
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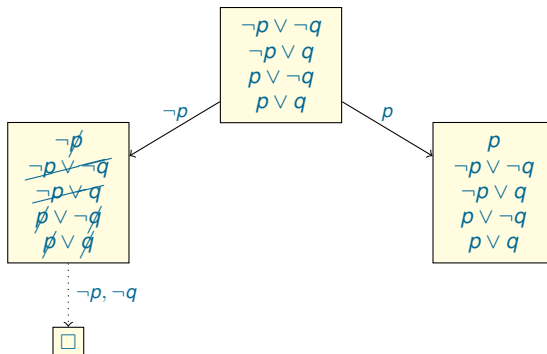
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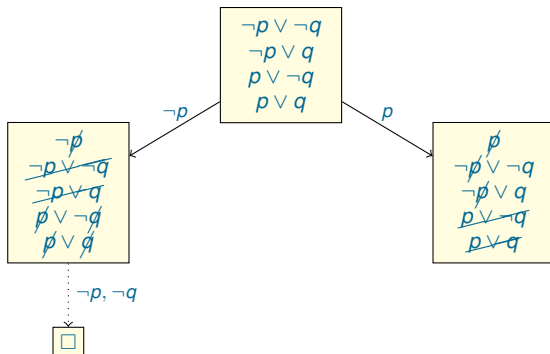
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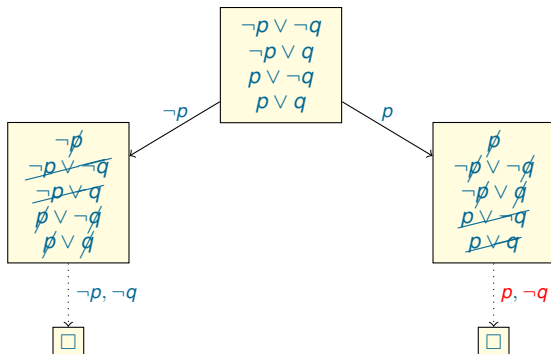
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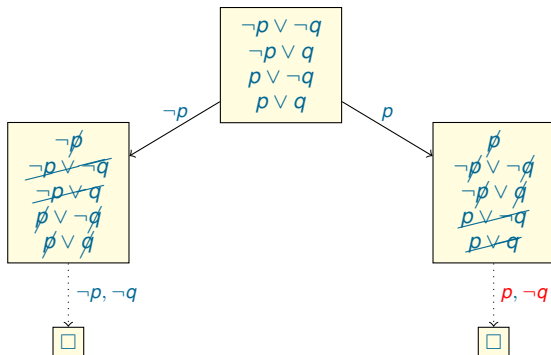
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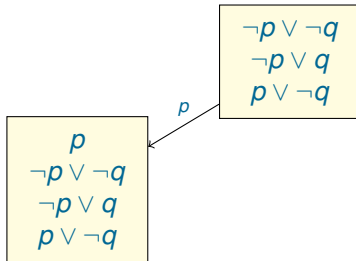
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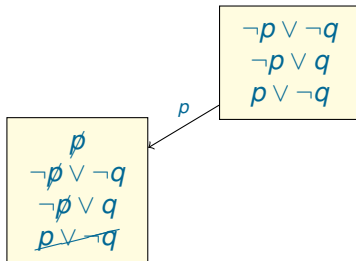


Since all branches end up in a set containing the **empty clause**, the initial set of clauses is **unsatisfiable**.

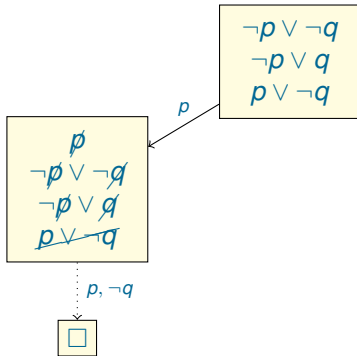
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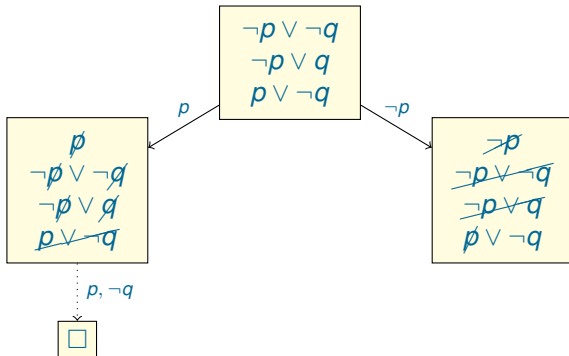
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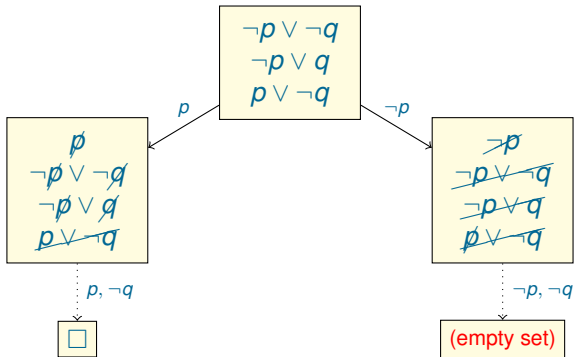
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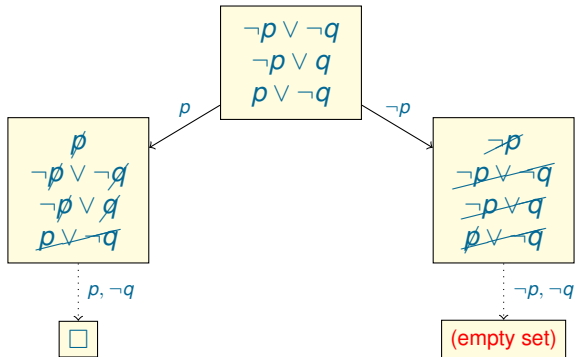
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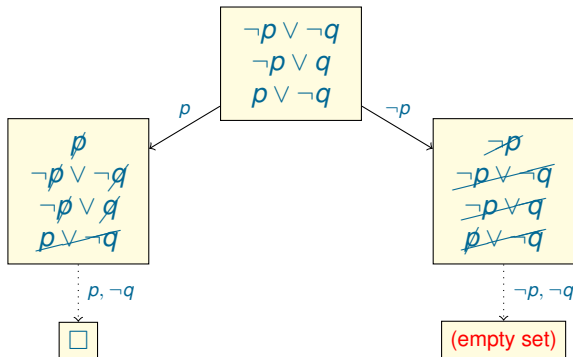


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The **model** can be obtained by collecting all **selected literals** and **literals used in unit propagation** on the branch resulting in the **empty set**.

This DPLL tree gives us the model $\{p \mapsto 0, q \mapsto 0\}$.

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This gives us two models:

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Extra material/links will be added to BB (but not part of this course)
Implement DPLL/CDCL (optional)

Probabilistic analysis of satisfiability

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- ▶ **Randomized algorithms** for showing satisfiability.

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1 0 0 0 1

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	<u>p_1</u>	<u>p_2</u>	<u>p_3</u>	<u>p_4</u>	<u>p_5</u>		<u>p_1</u>	<u>p_2</u>	<u>p_3</u>	<u>p_4</u>	<u>p_5</u>
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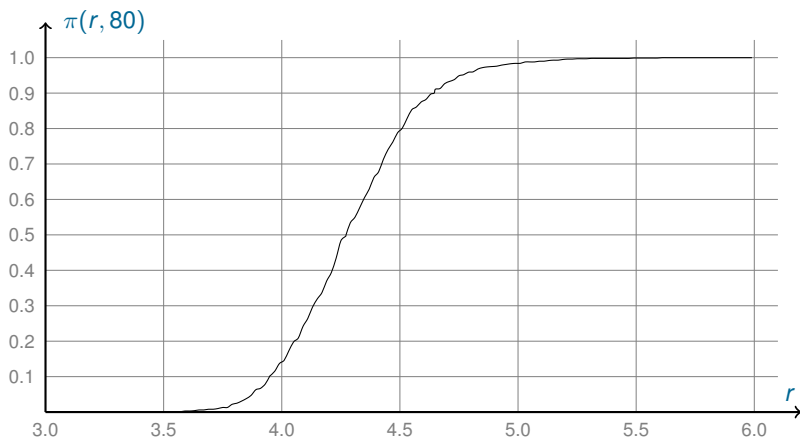
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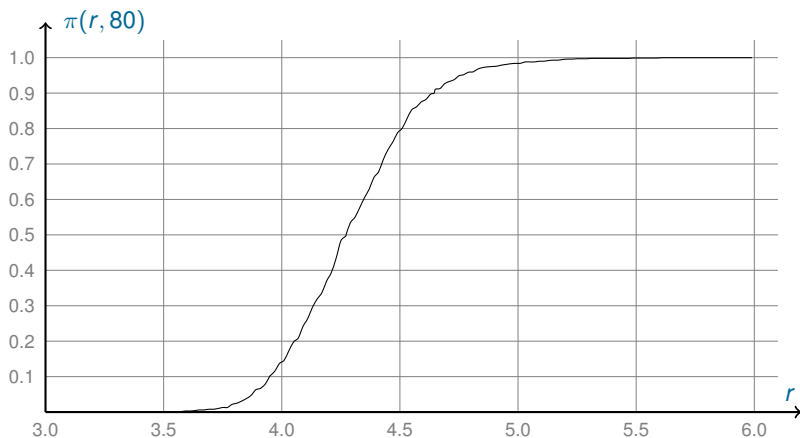
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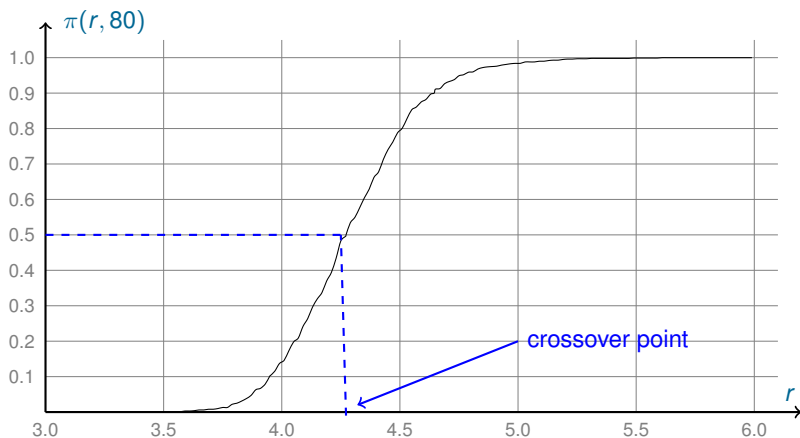
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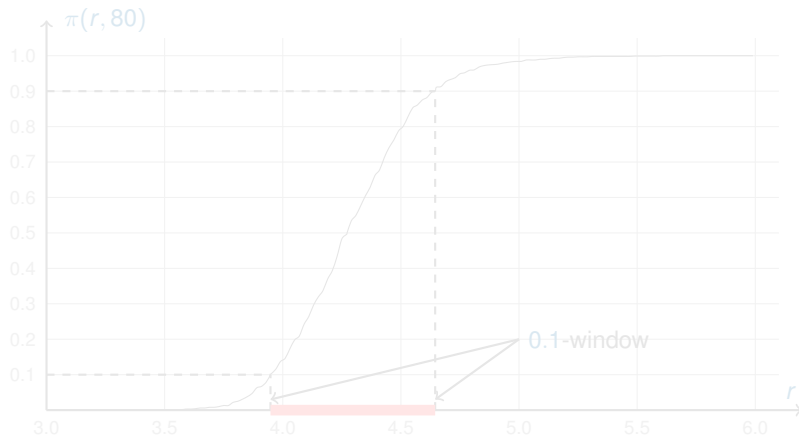


Experimentally: for large n **crossover point** is close to 4.25.

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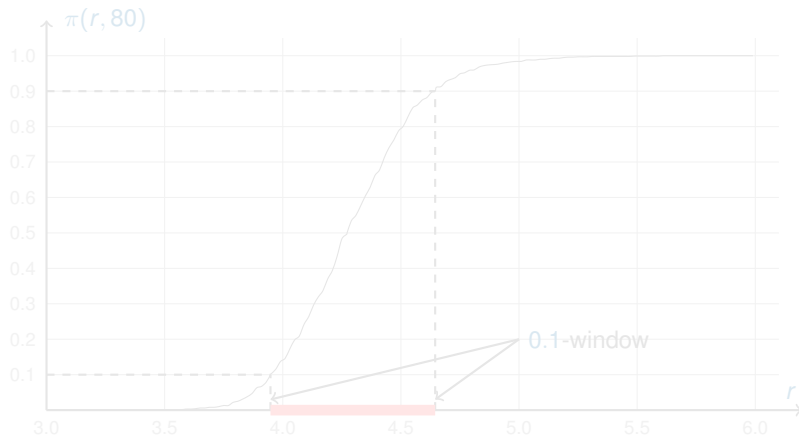
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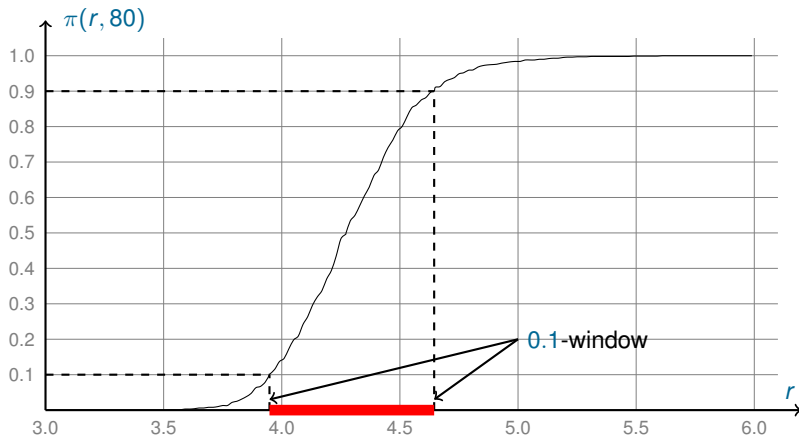
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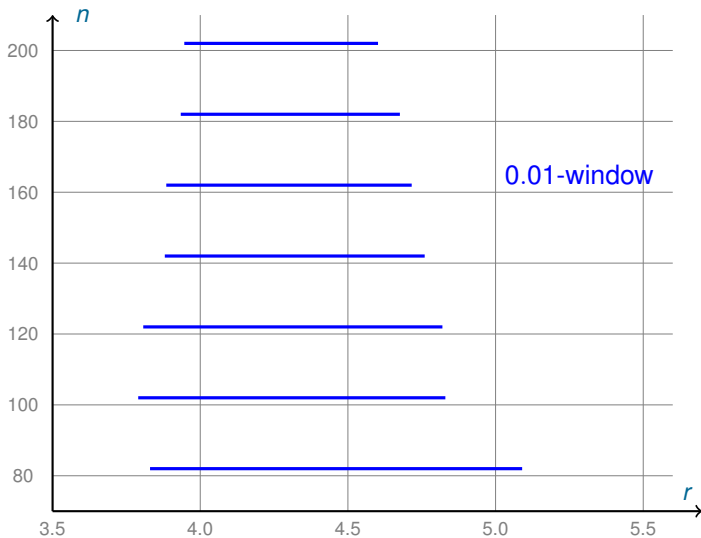
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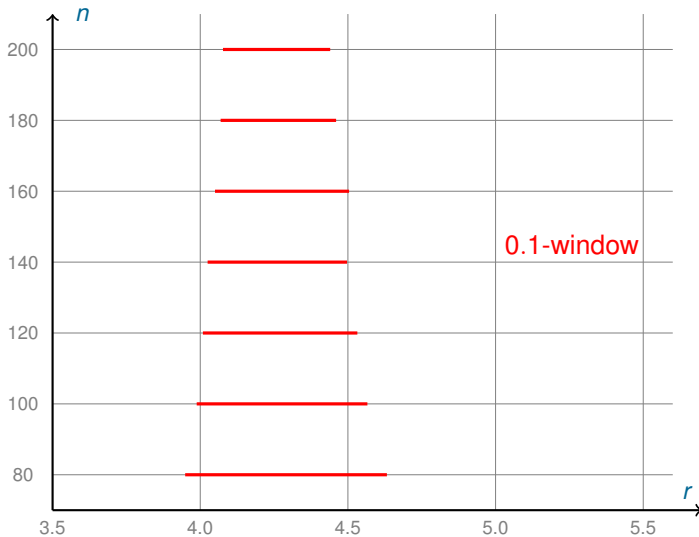
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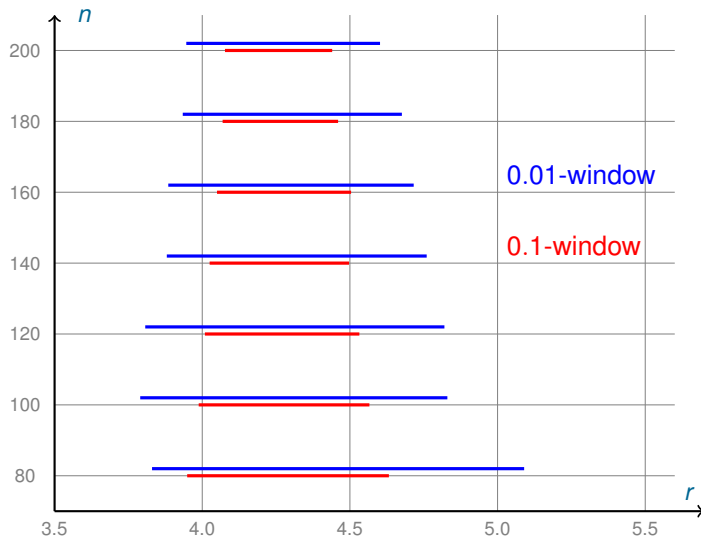
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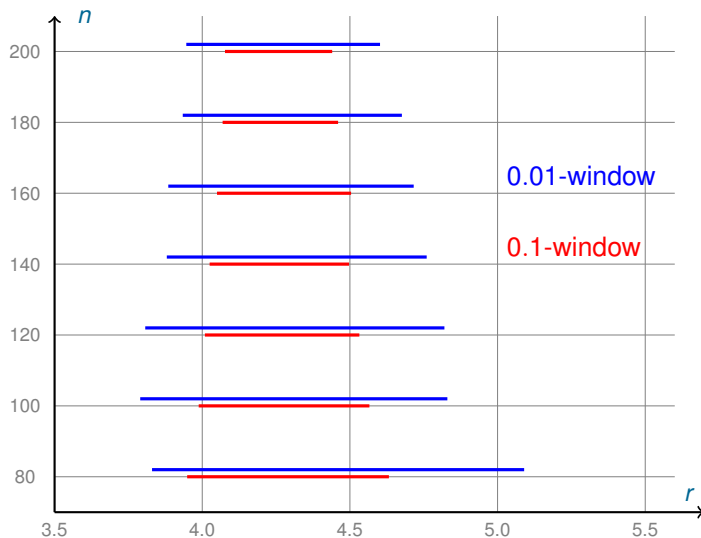
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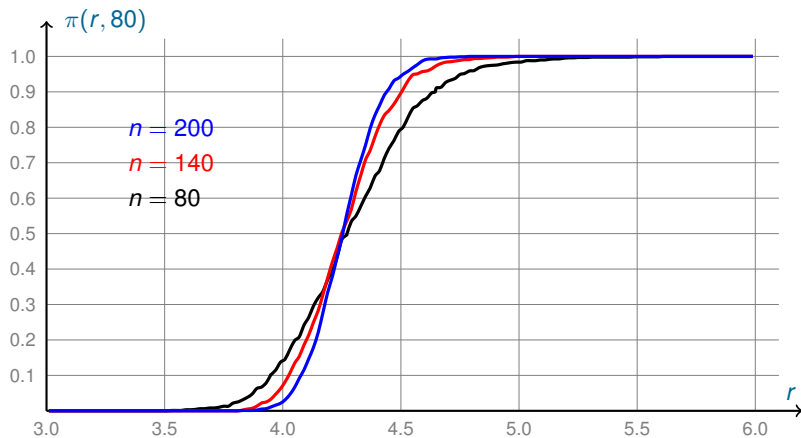


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Conjecture: for $n \rightarrow \infty$ every ϵ -window “degenerates into a point”.

Sharp Phase Transition



Easy-Hard-Easy Pattern (for SAT solvers)

