The boolean Pythagorean Triples problem

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For an interpretation $I \subseteq V$ with $I \models F$, the resulting partition is:

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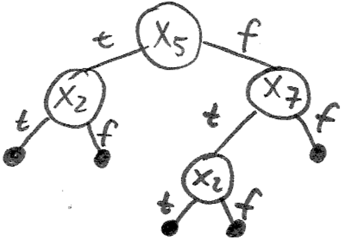

Runtime

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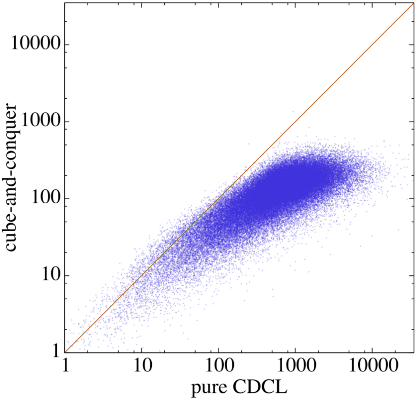

Validation of the program