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What are  $\vee$  ,  $\leftarrow$  ,  $\rightarrow$  ,  $\neg$  ,  $\oplus$  ,  $\leftrightarrow$  ?

What are variables (atoms)?

What are assignments (models)?

What does satisfaction mean?

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Can we do something smarter?

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**TSEITIN'S THEOREM:** For every propositional formula, there exists a polynomial size *equisatisfiable* formula in conjunctive normal form.

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Can find a satisfying assignment in polynomial time?

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$C$



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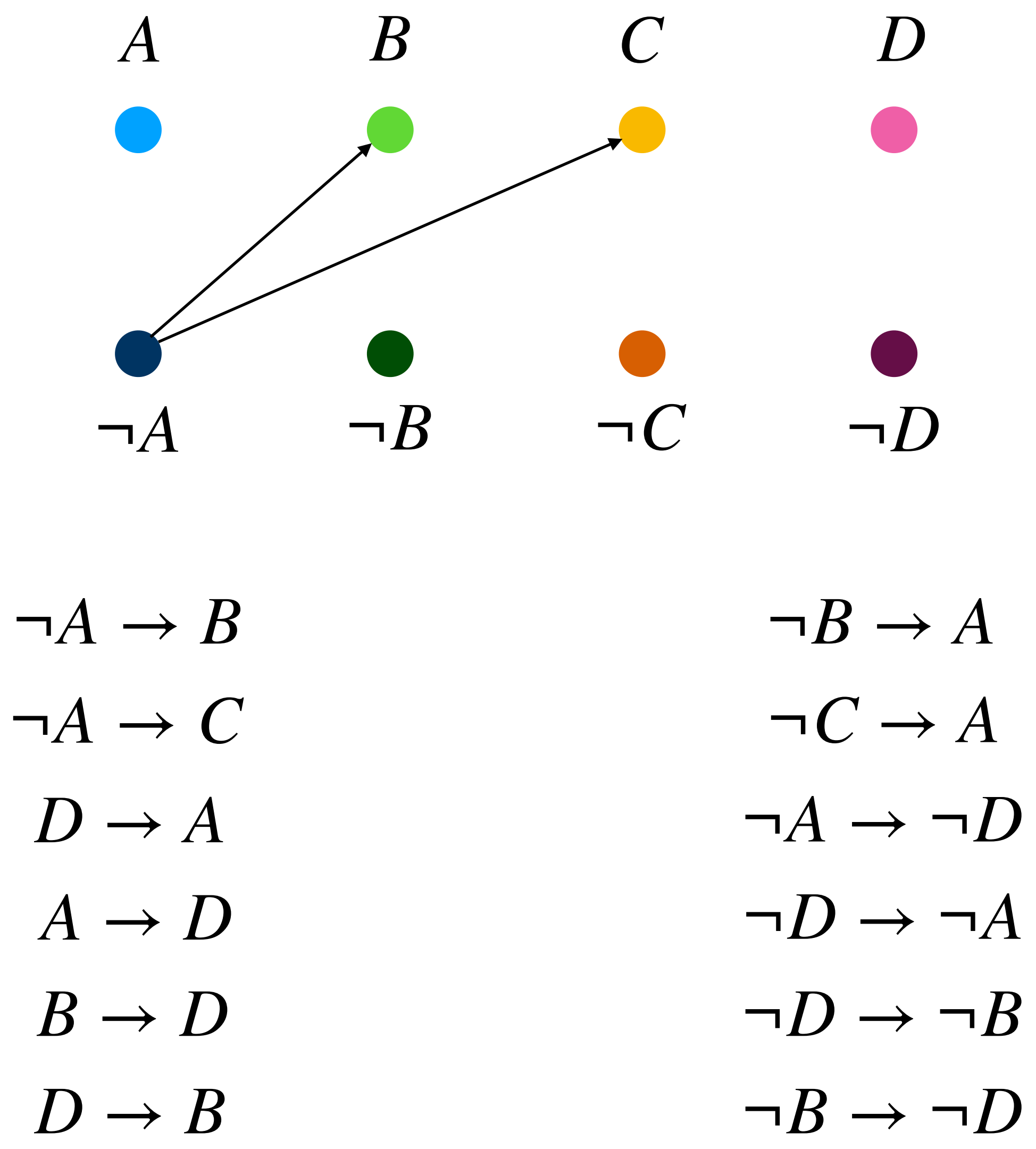
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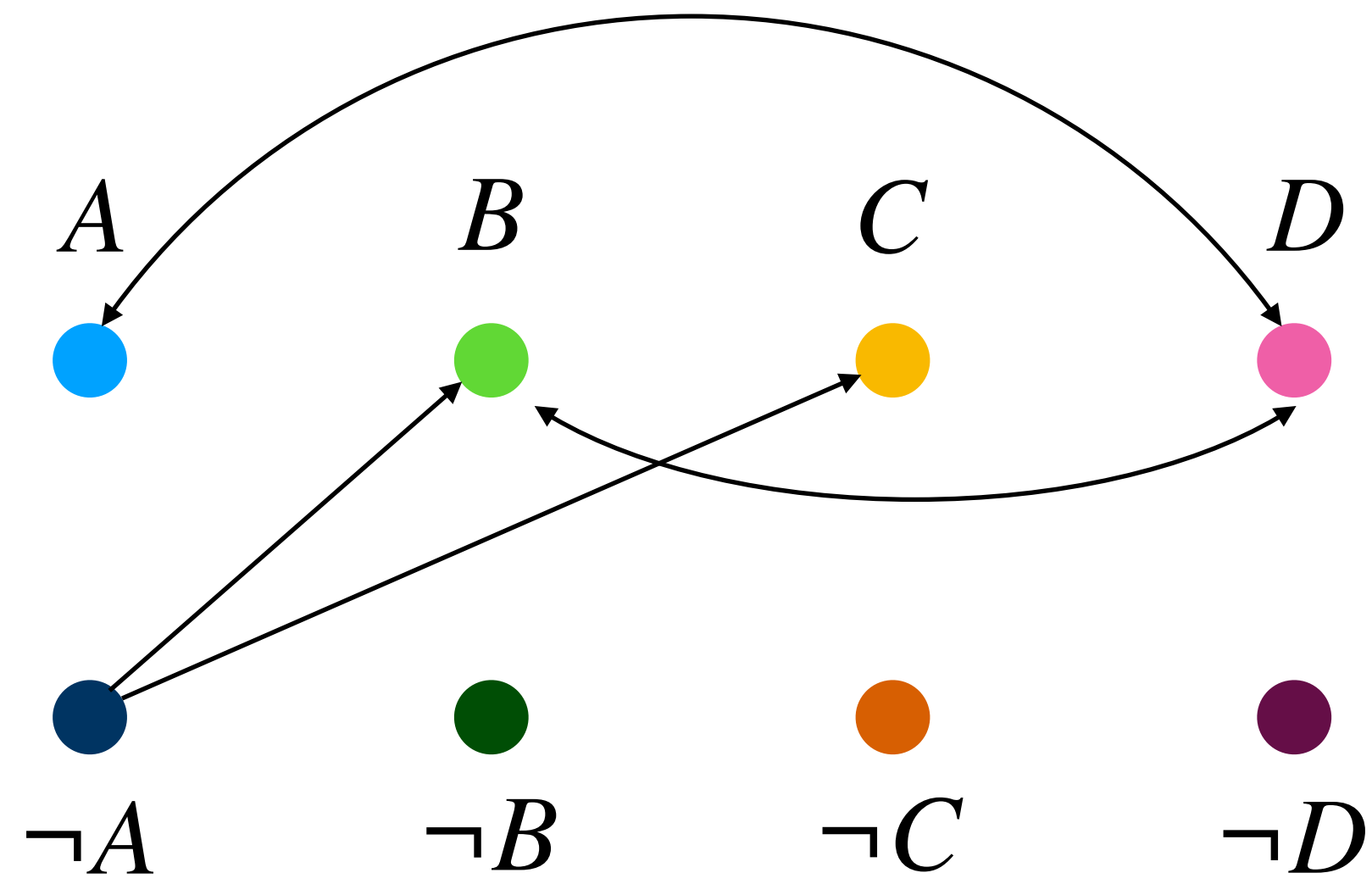
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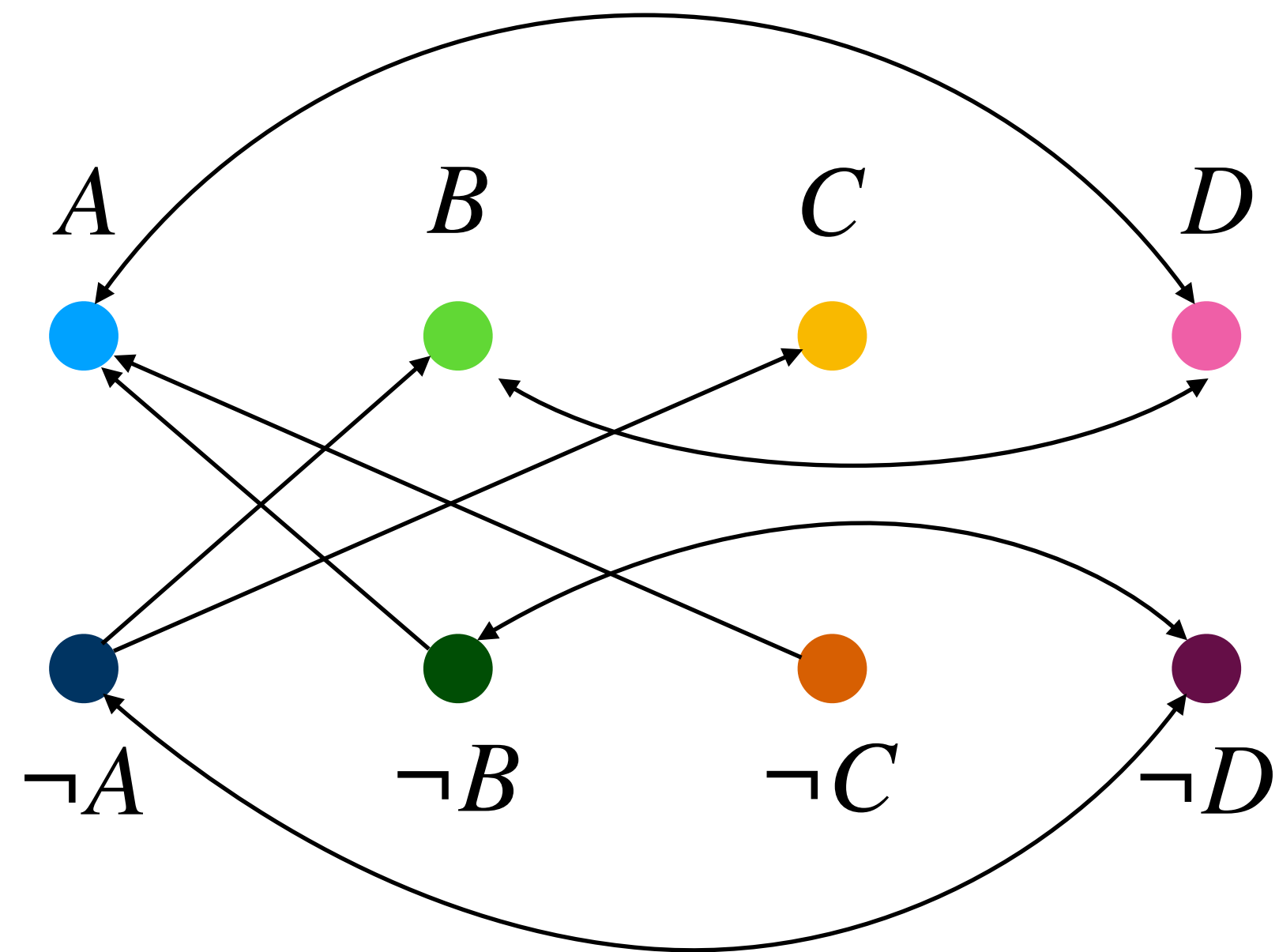
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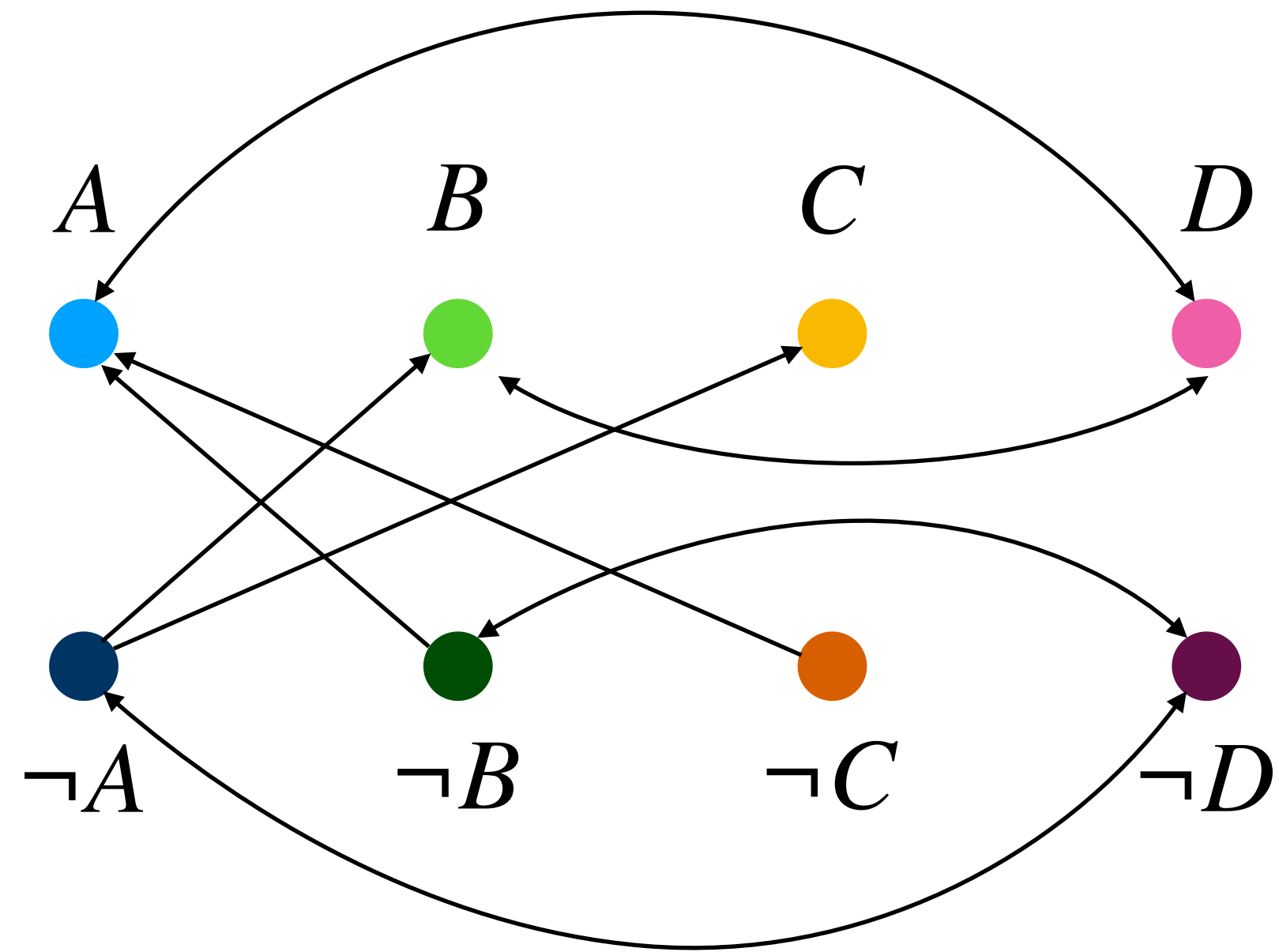
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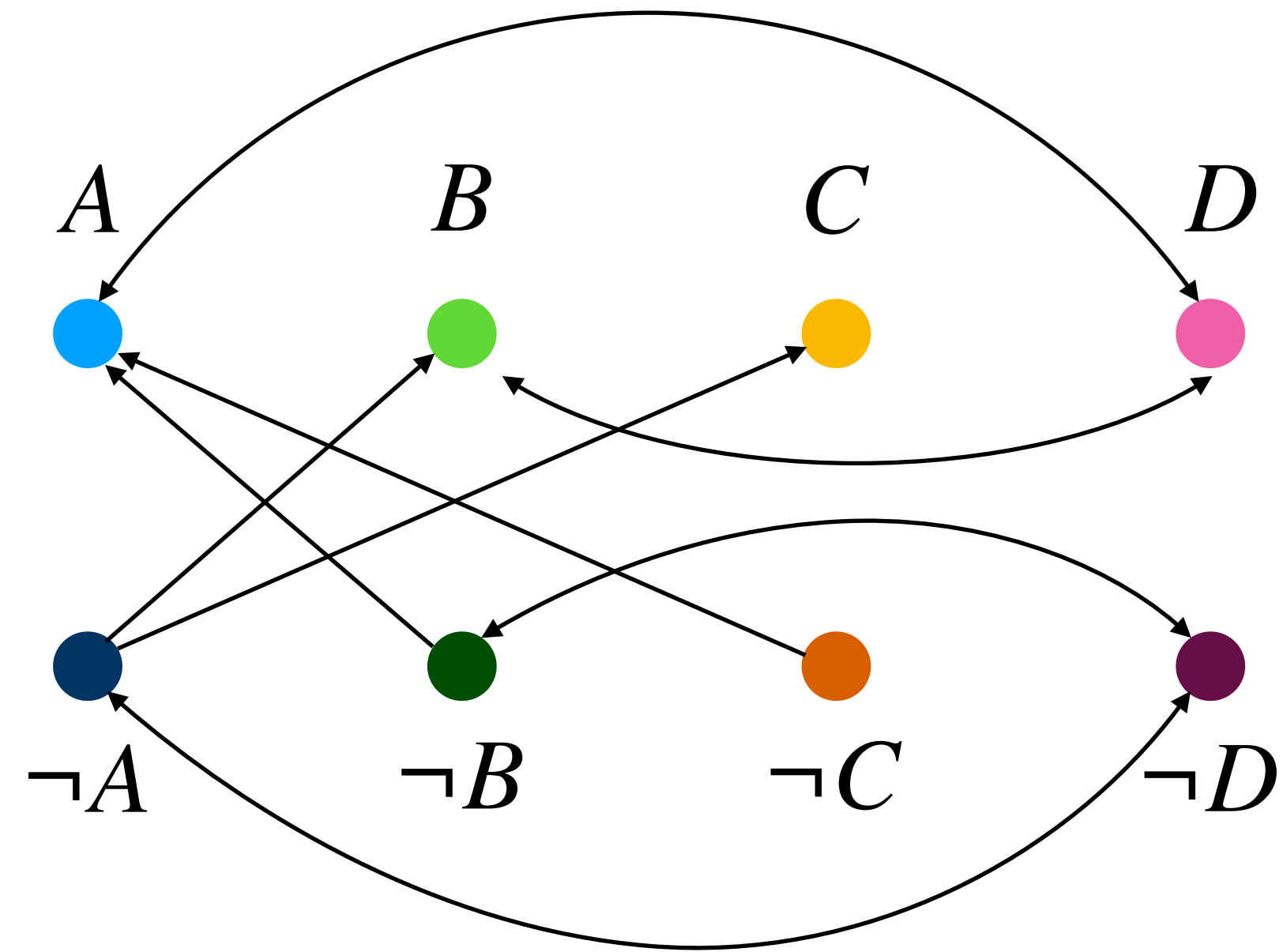
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When is a SAT problem in P?

## SCHAEFER'S DICHOTOMY THEOREM:

Given a finite set of variables, and a conjunction of constraints, a class of SAT instances is in P if and only if all constraints are:

1. Satisfied when all the variables are true (or when all variables are false).
2. Binary clauses
3. Horn clauses or dual-Horn clauses
4. Affine clauses

## What do we want?

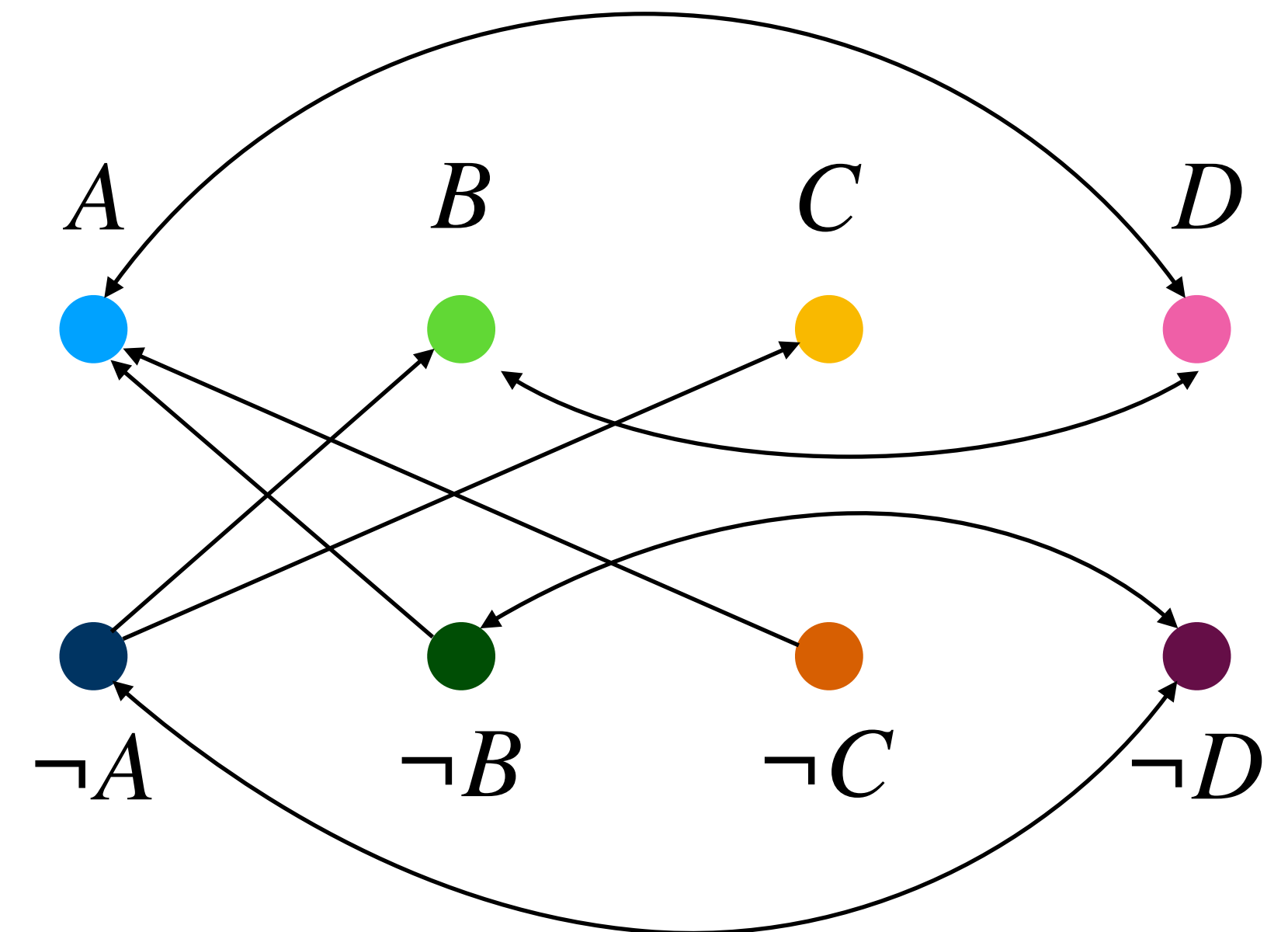
$$A \wedge B \wedge C \rightarrow D$$

$$\text{true} \rightarrow A$$

$$D \rightarrow \text{false}$$

$$B \wedge C \rightarrow E$$

$$E \wedge C \rightarrow B$$



For certain classes of propositional logic, we have efficient algorithms.

For all of propositional logic, a *somewhat efficient* algorithm?

## DAVIS–PUTNAM–LOGEMANN–LOVELAND (DPLL) ALGORITHM

Partial assignment:  $m : \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, ?\}$

State of a literal:  $l$  is true under  $m$  if  $m(l) = 1$ ,  
and  $l$  is false under  $m$  if  $m(l) = 0$ .

State of a clause:  $c$  is true under  $m$  if for some  $l \in c$ ,  $m(l) = 1$ ,  
and  $c$  is false under  $m$  if for all  $l \in c$ ,  $m(l) = 0$ .

Unit clause:  $c$  is a unit clause under  $m$  if exactly one  $l \in c$  is unassigned  
and the rest are assigned 0. Such an  $l$  is called a unit literal.



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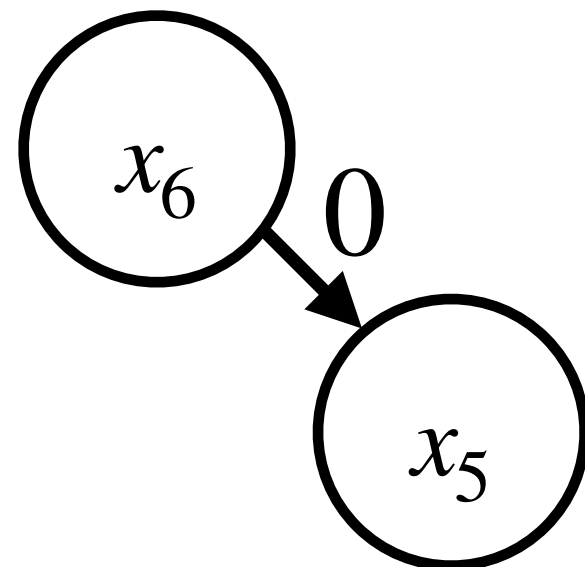
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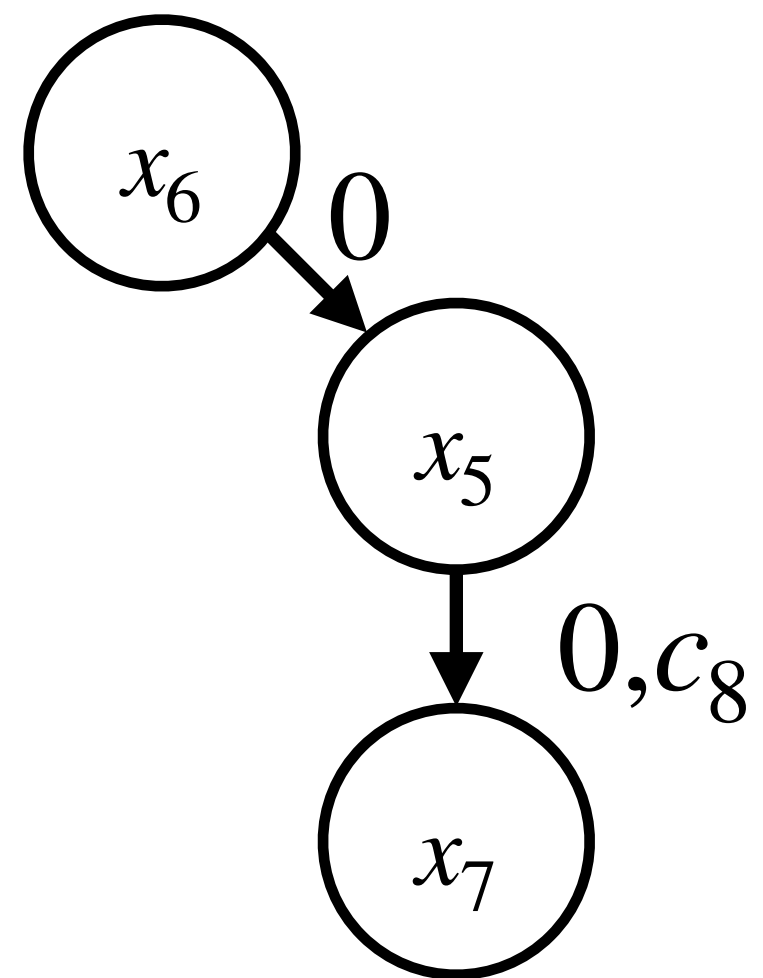
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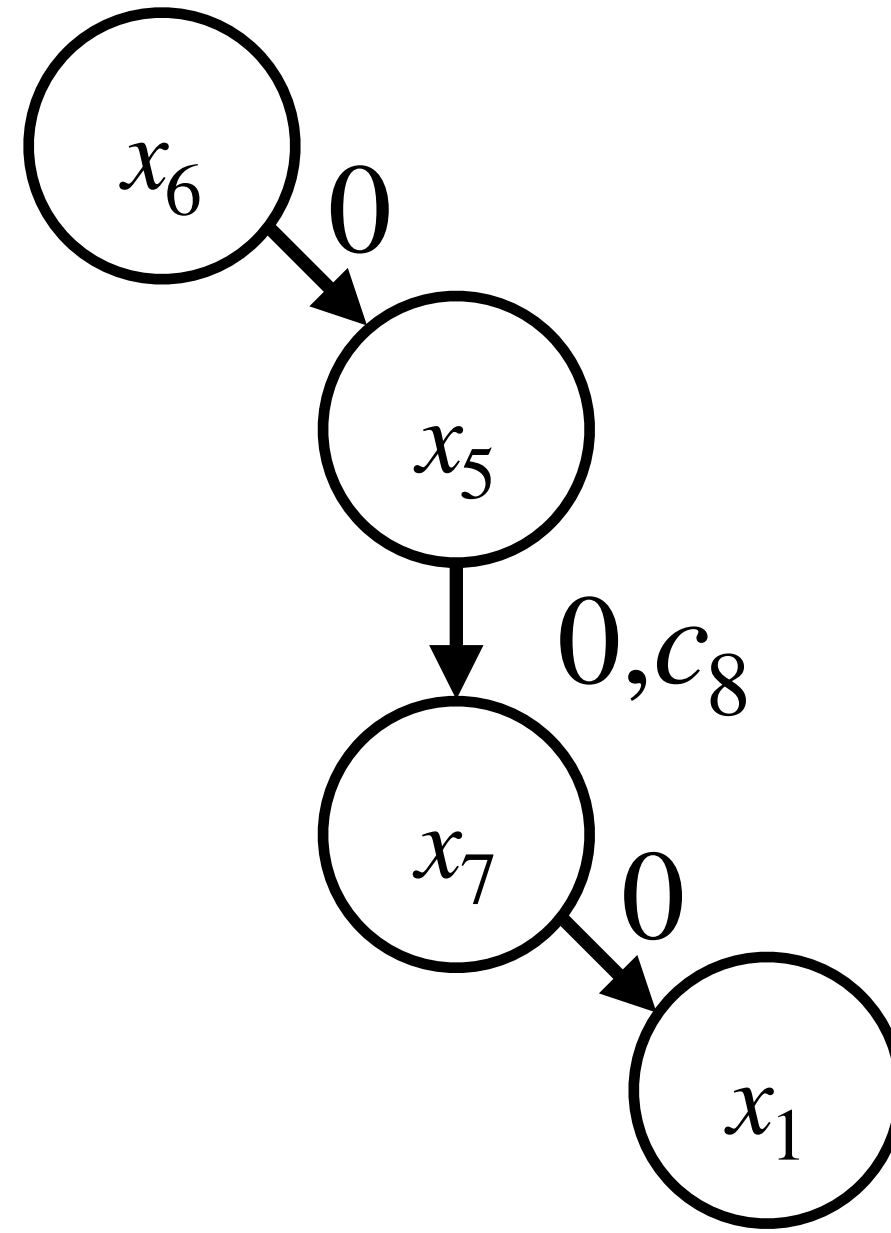
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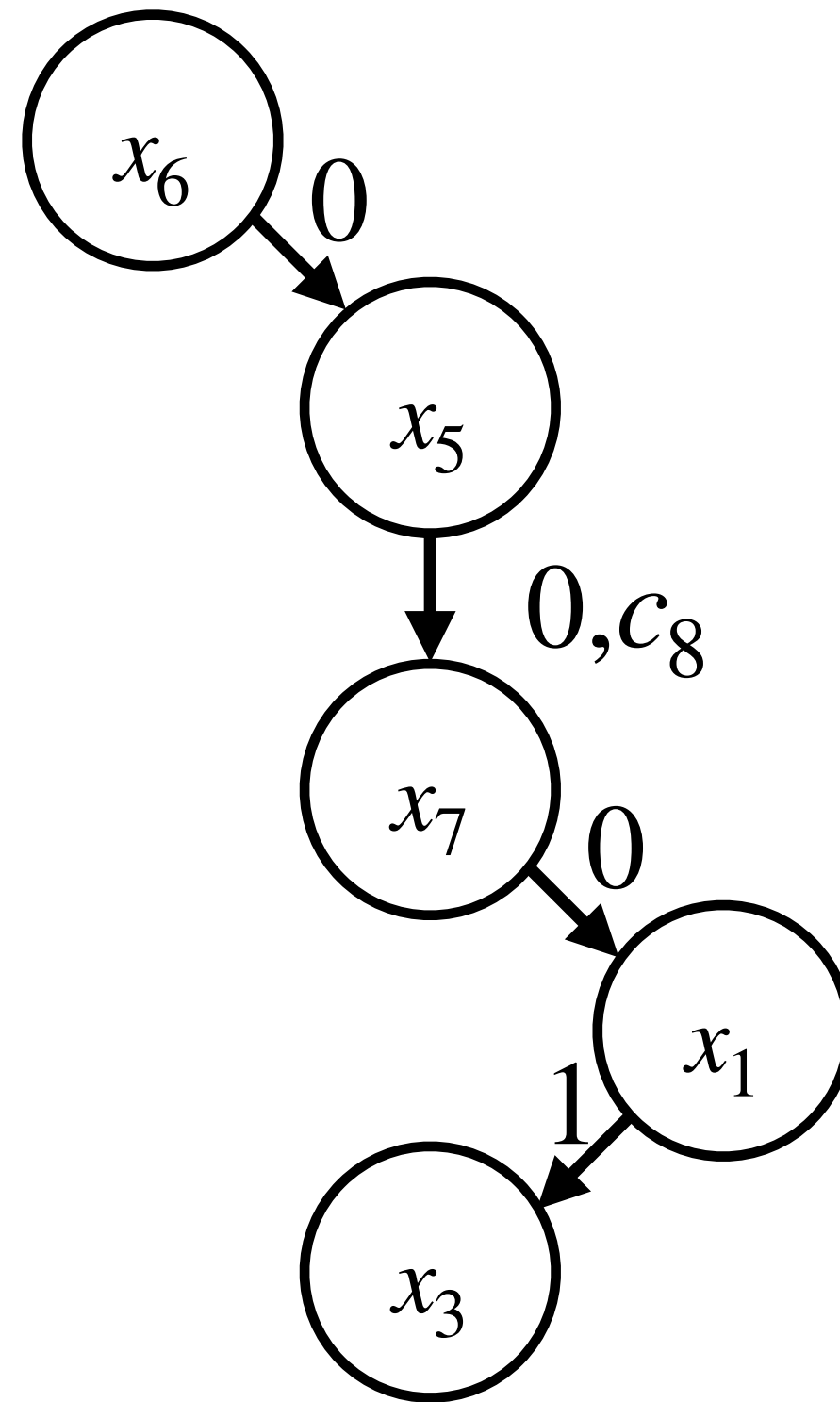
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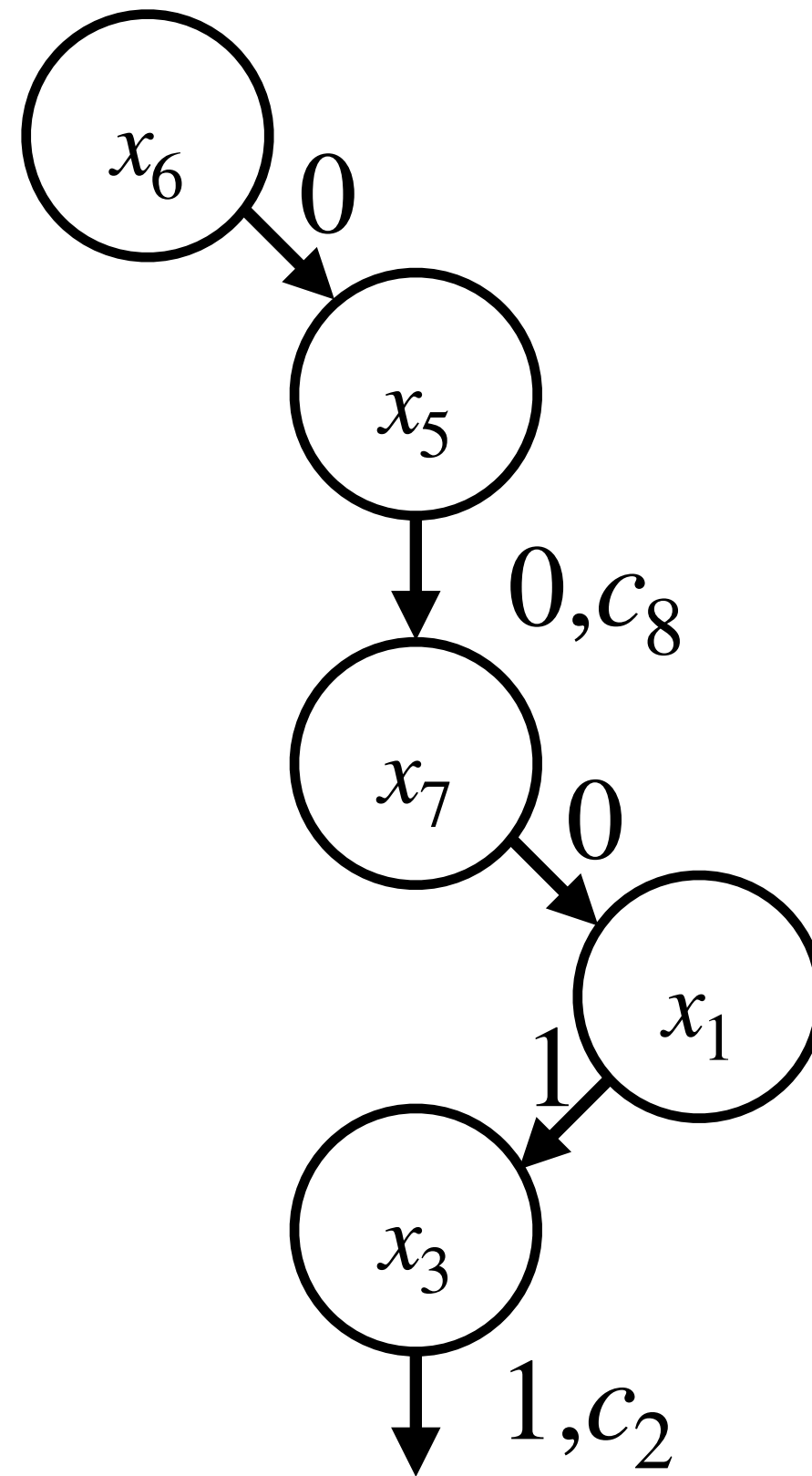
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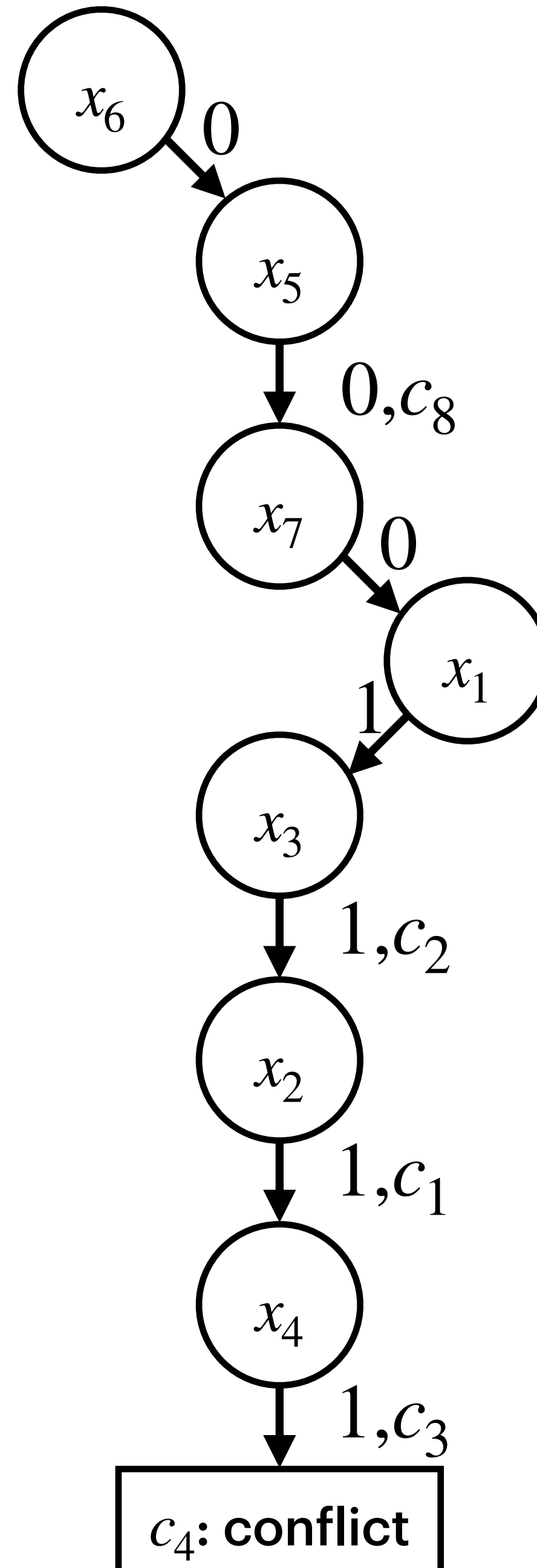
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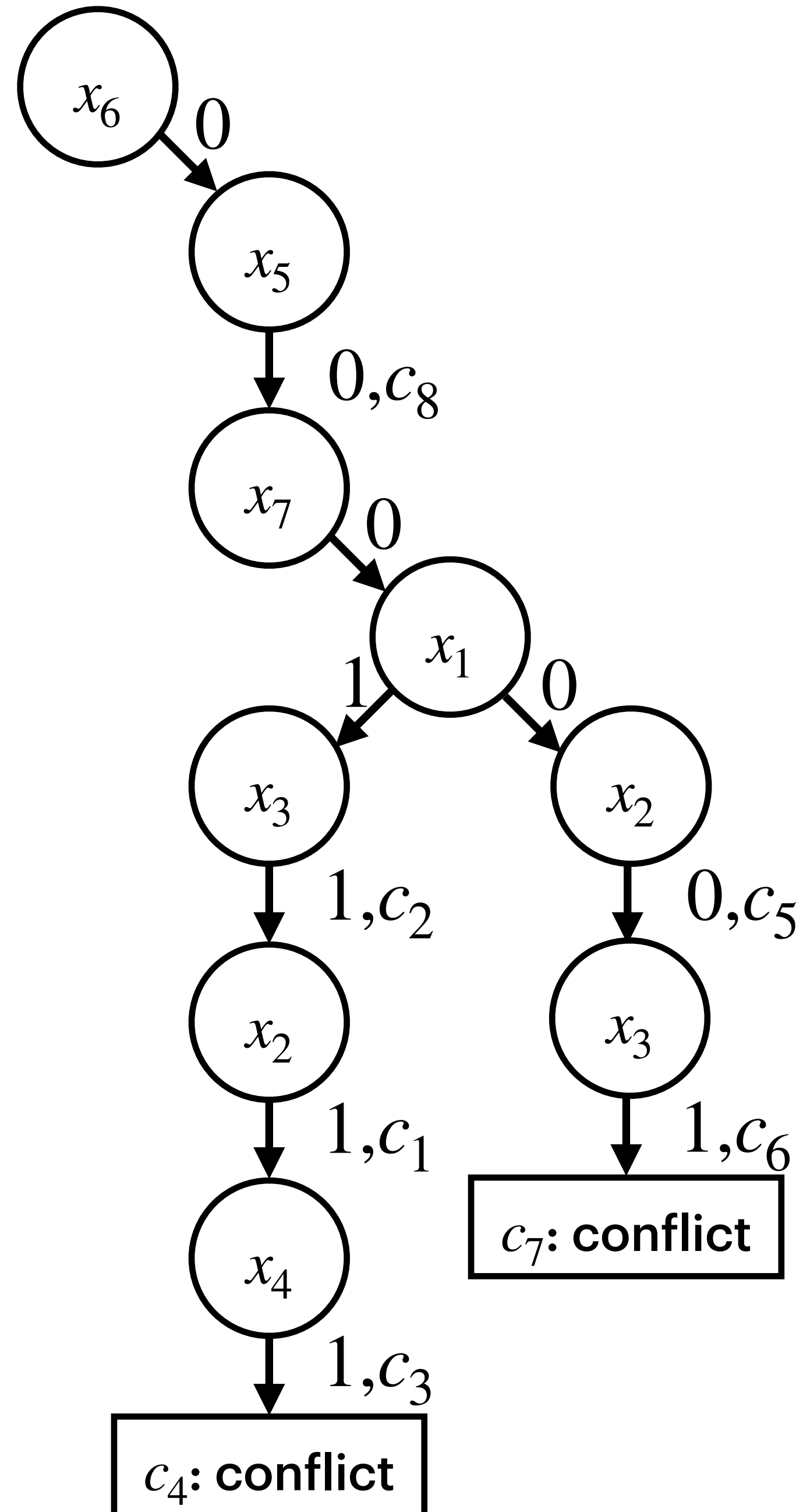
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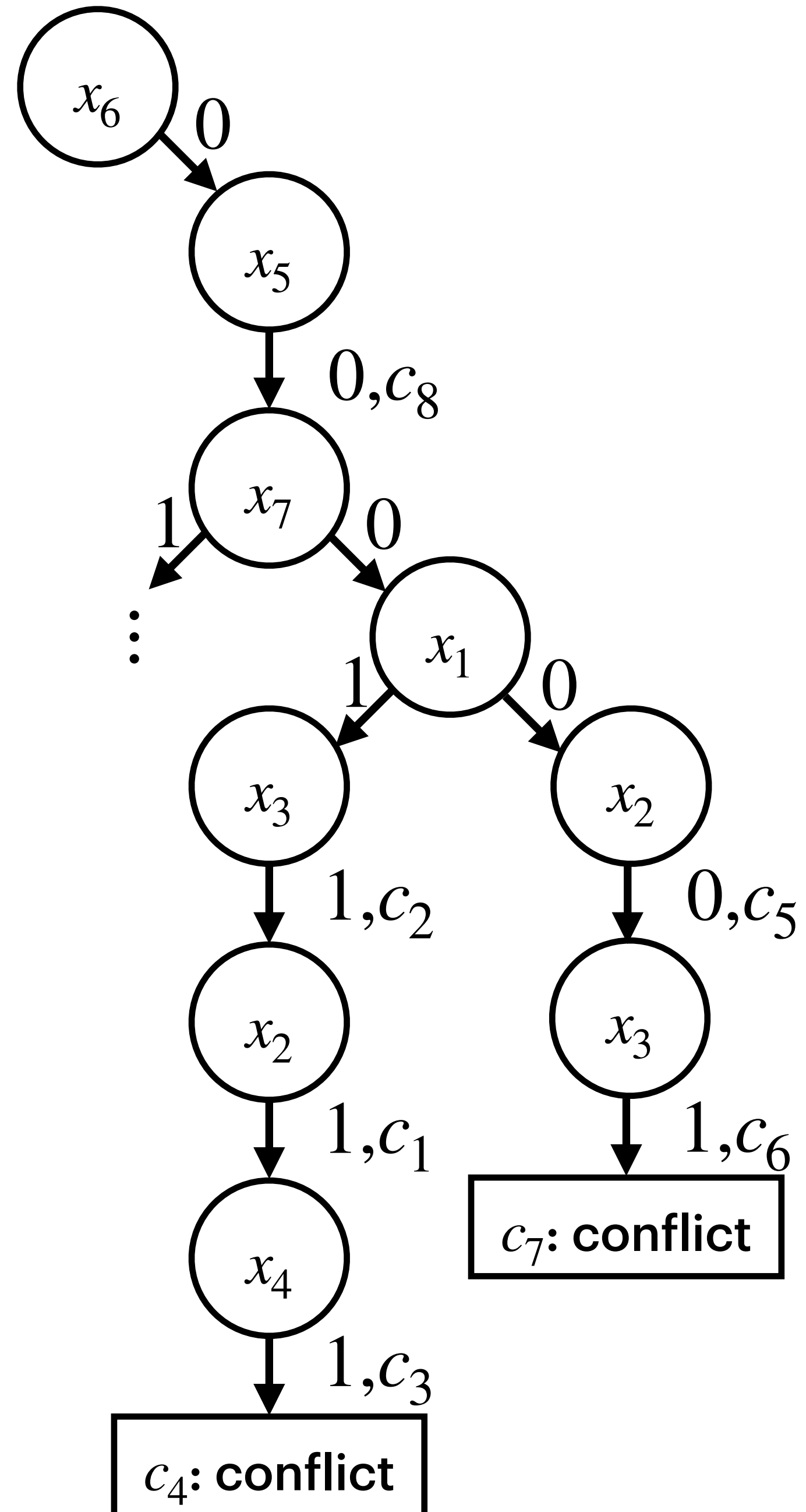
If  $DPLL(f, m[a \rightarrow b]) = SAT$ , return  $m[a \rightarrow b]$

Else, return  $DPLL(f, m[a \rightarrow 1 - b])$

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**Time to Code!**

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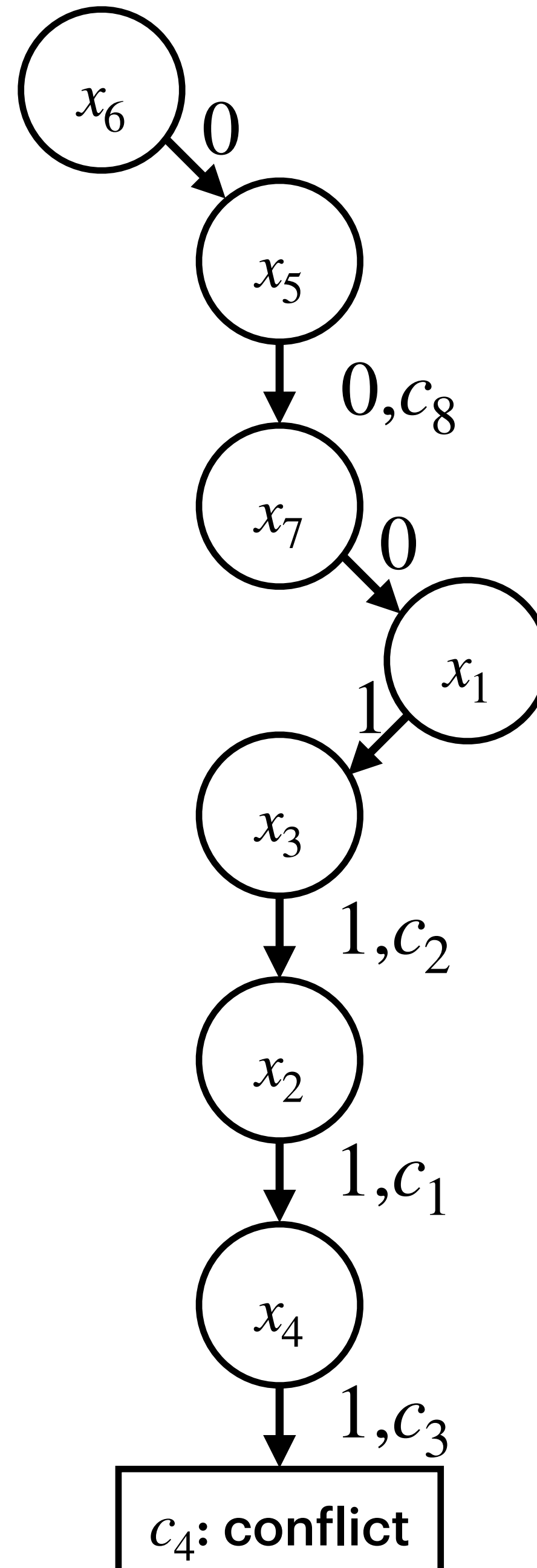
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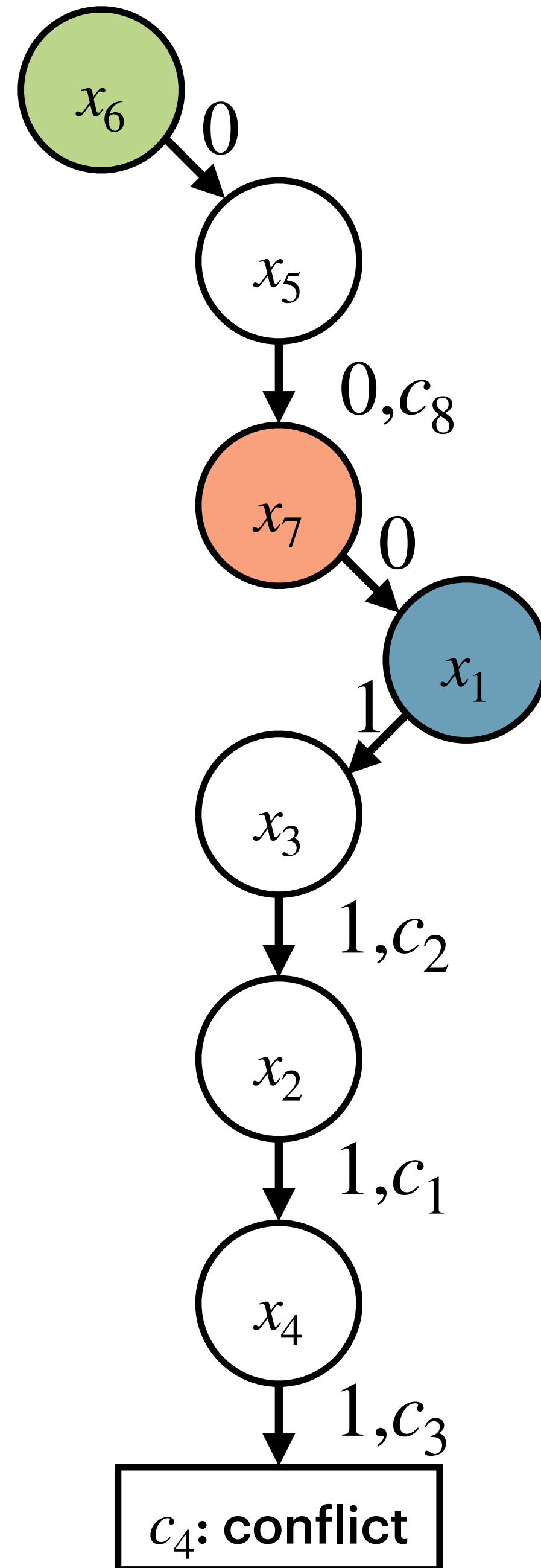
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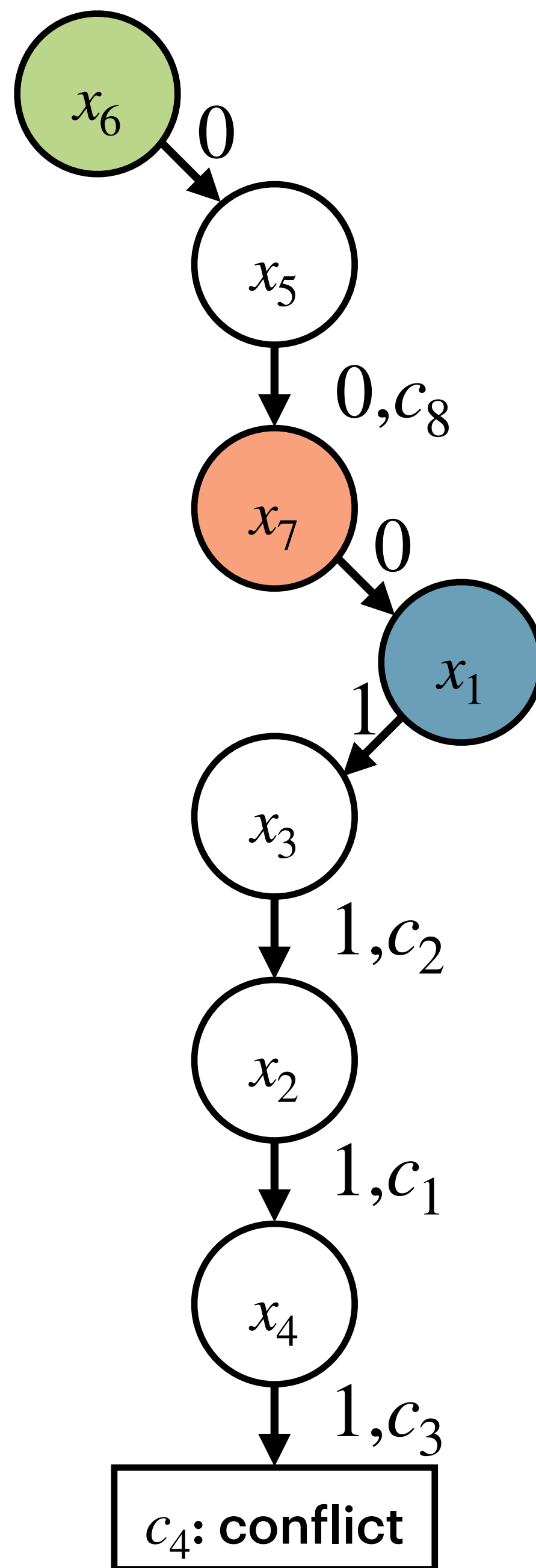
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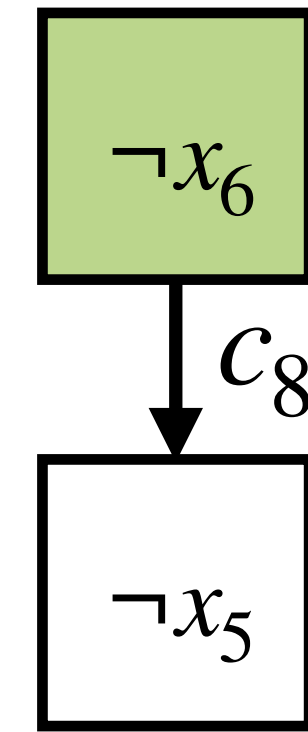
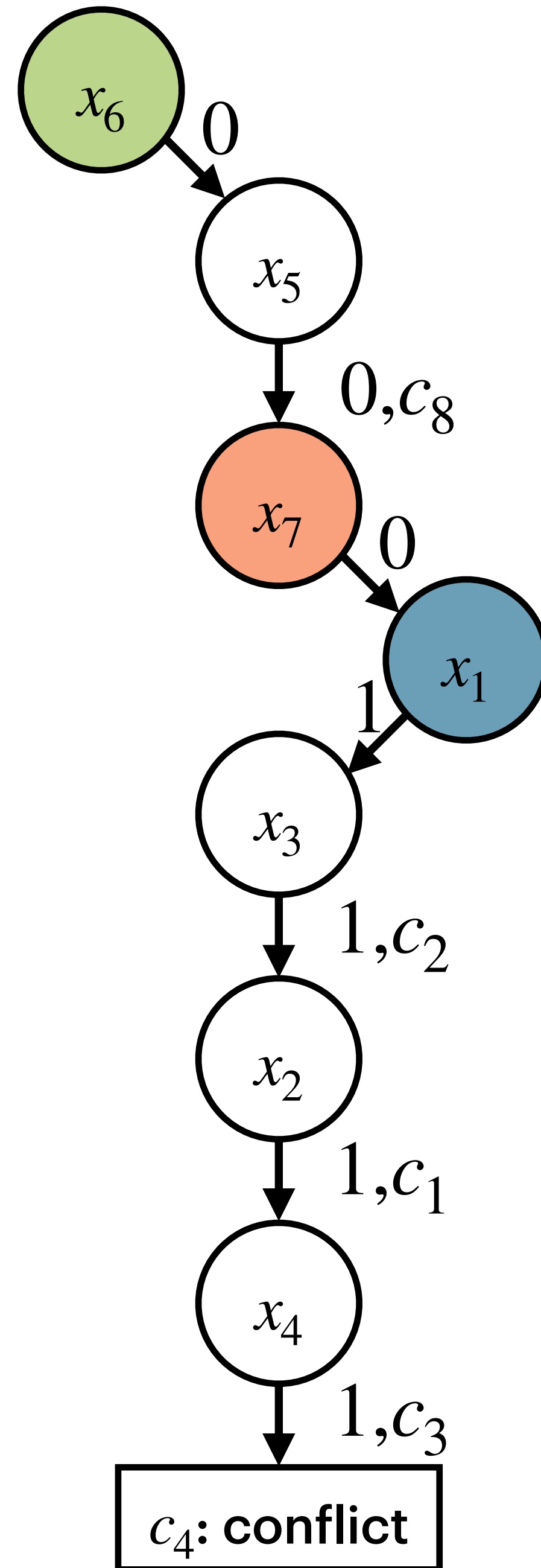
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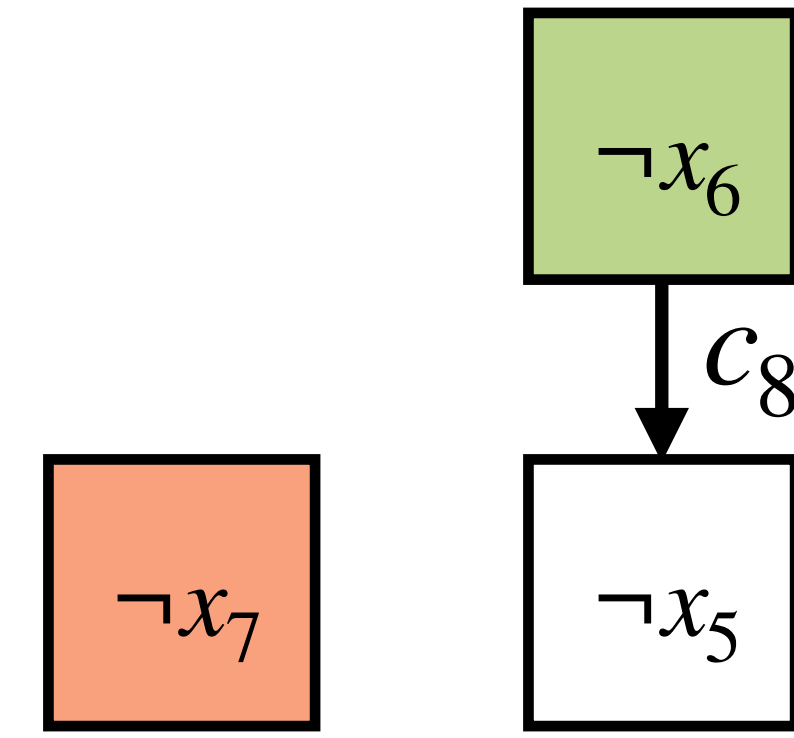
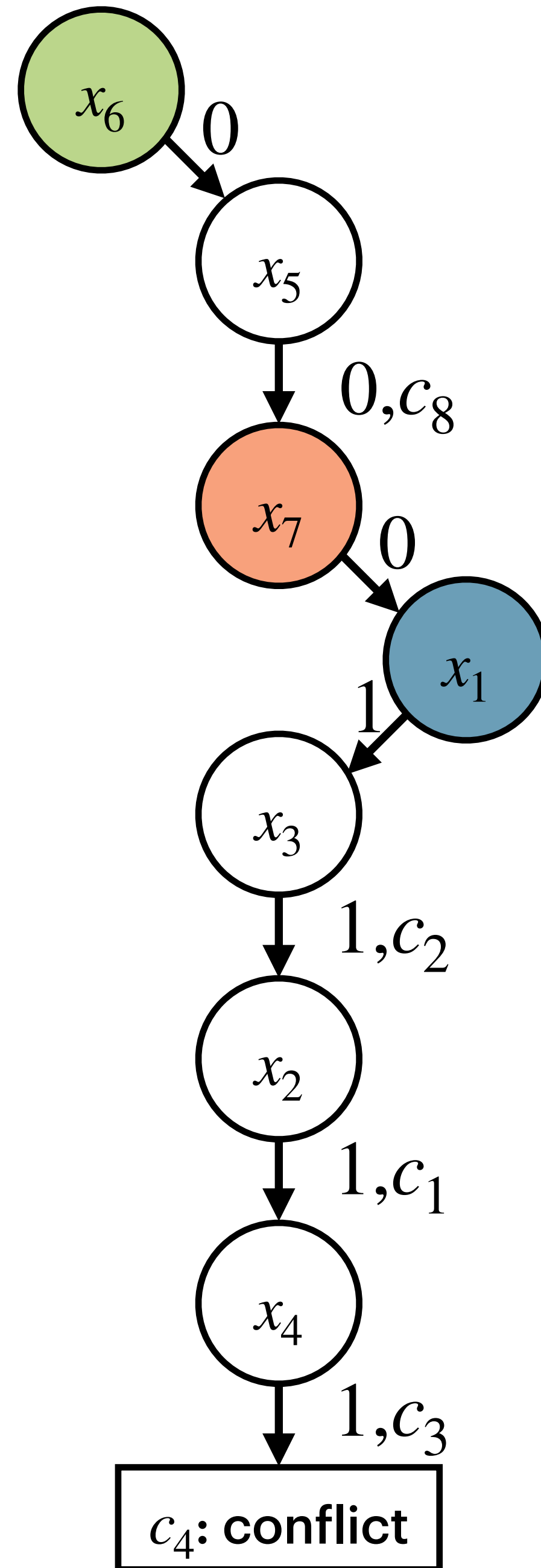


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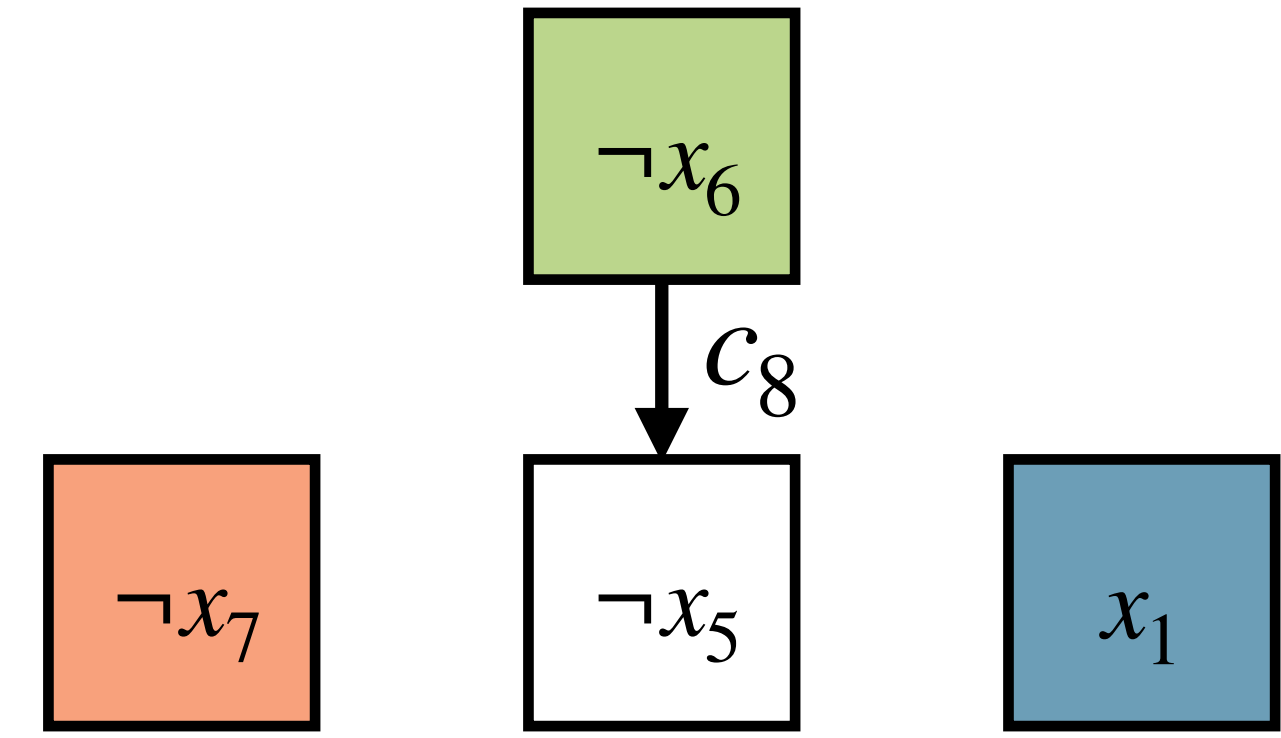
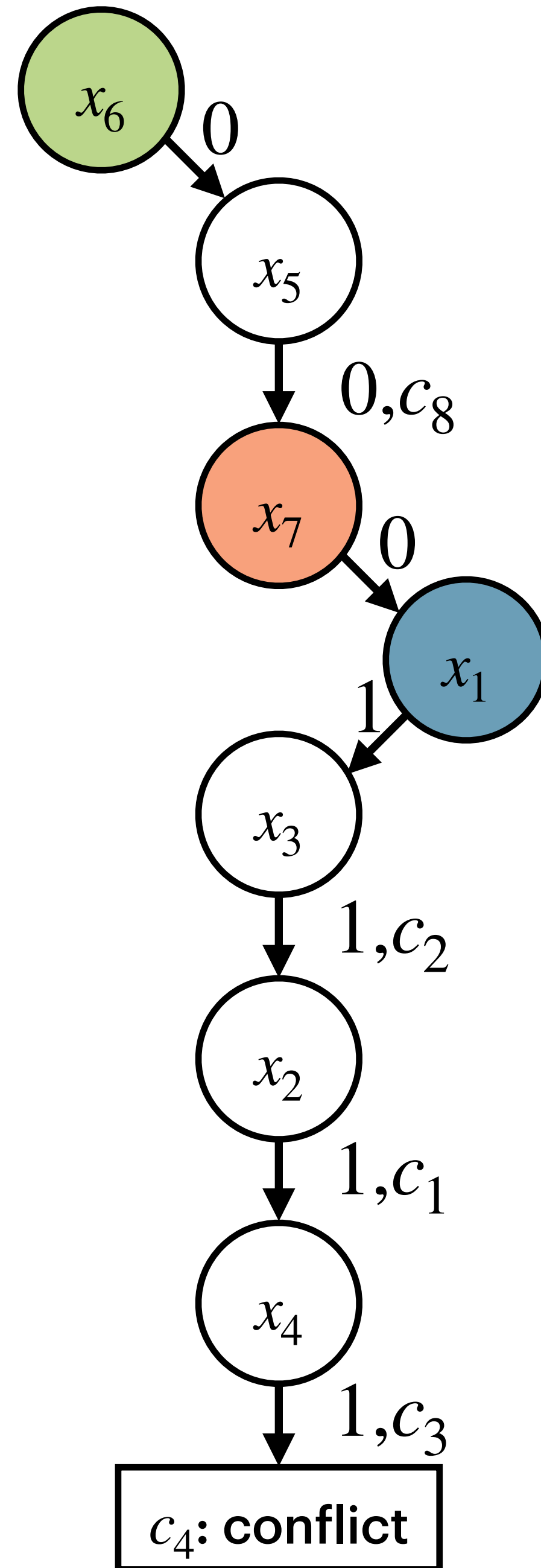
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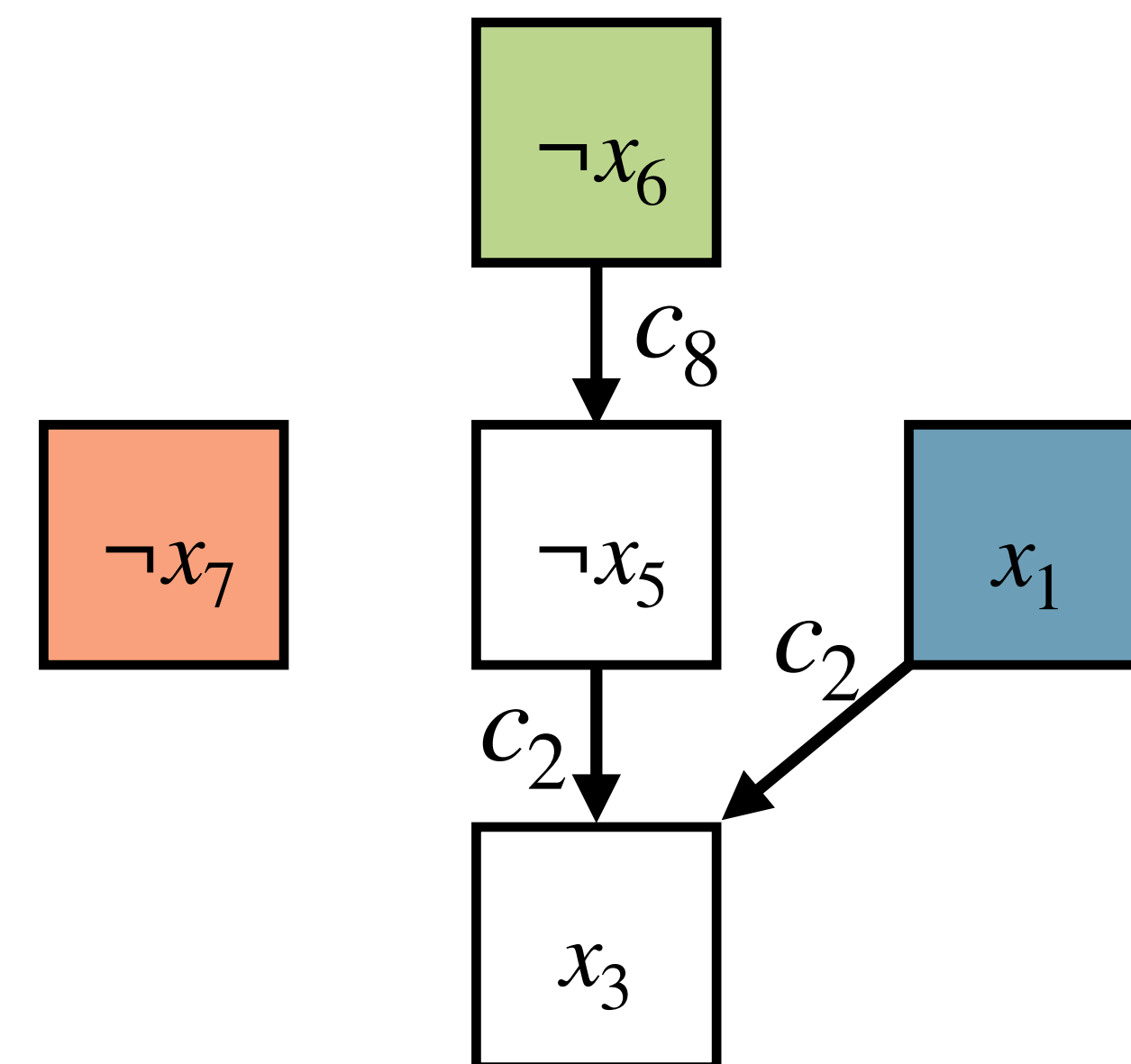
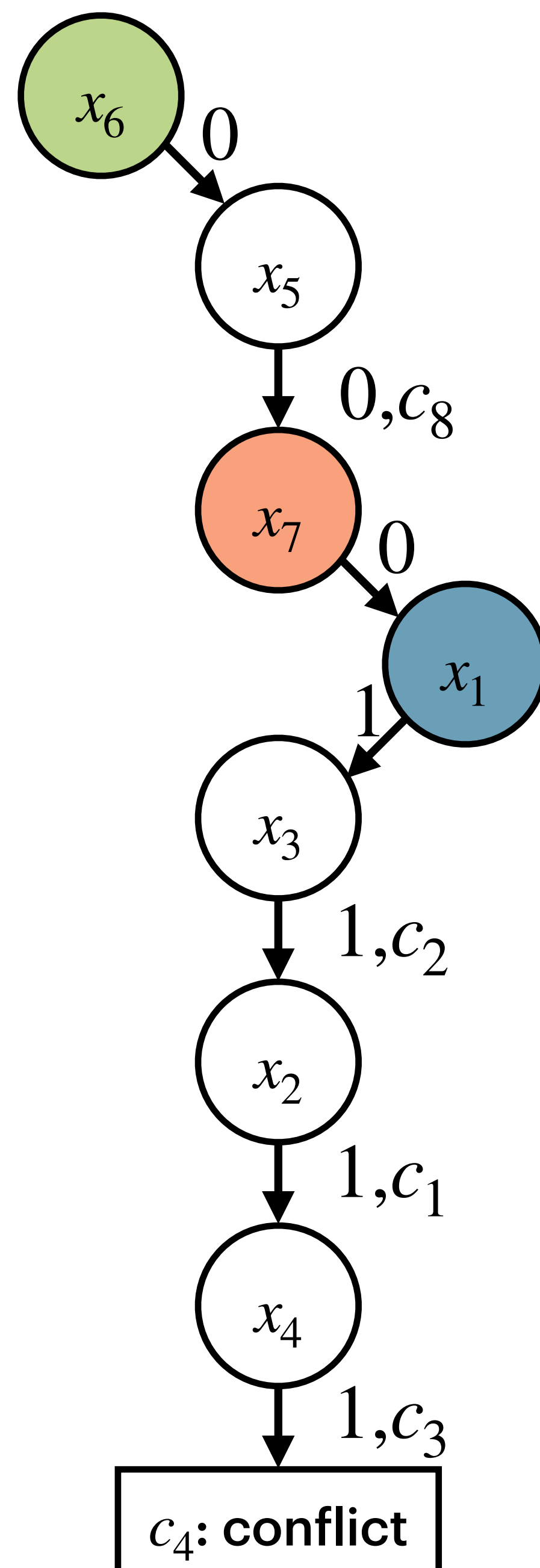
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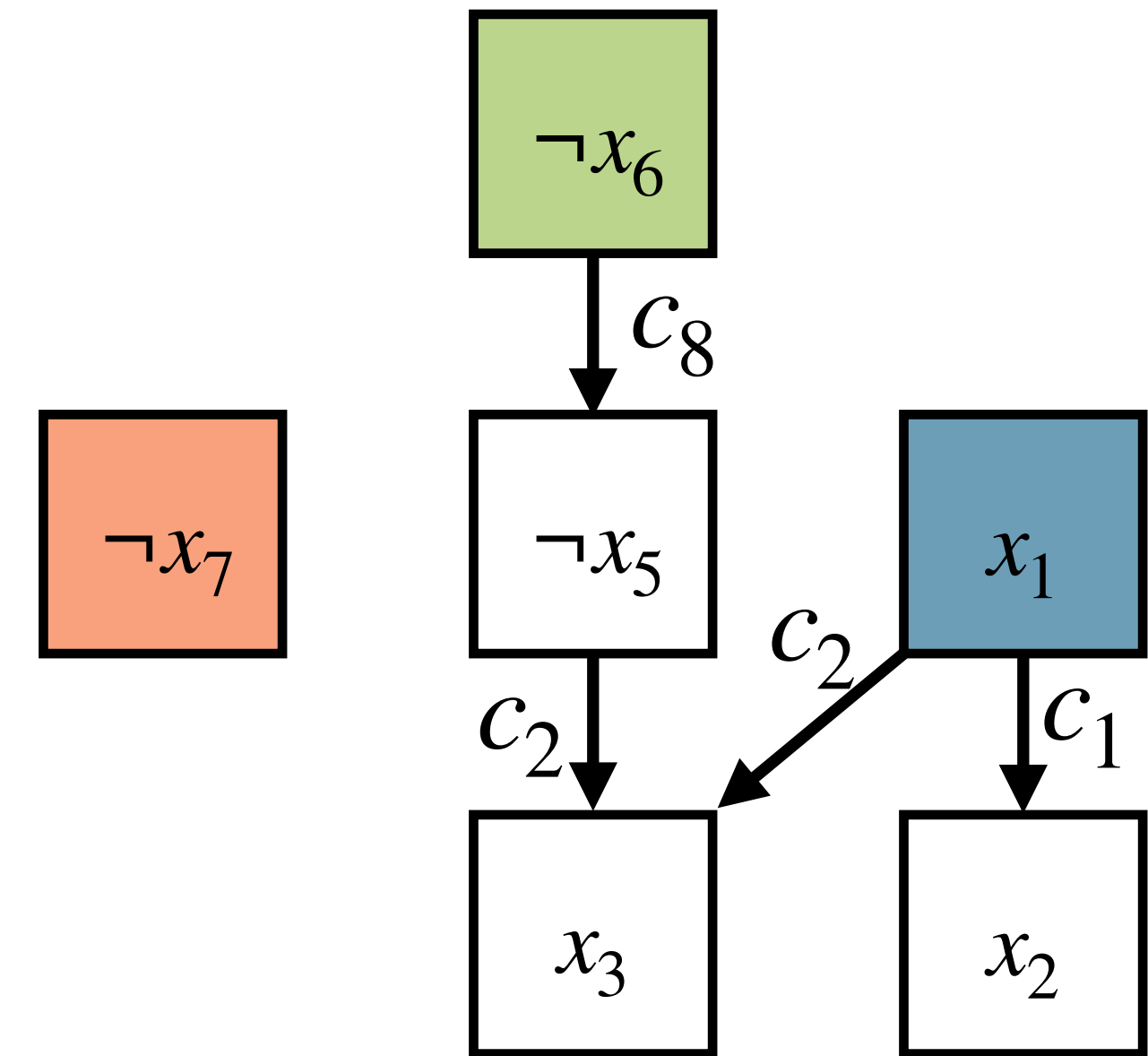
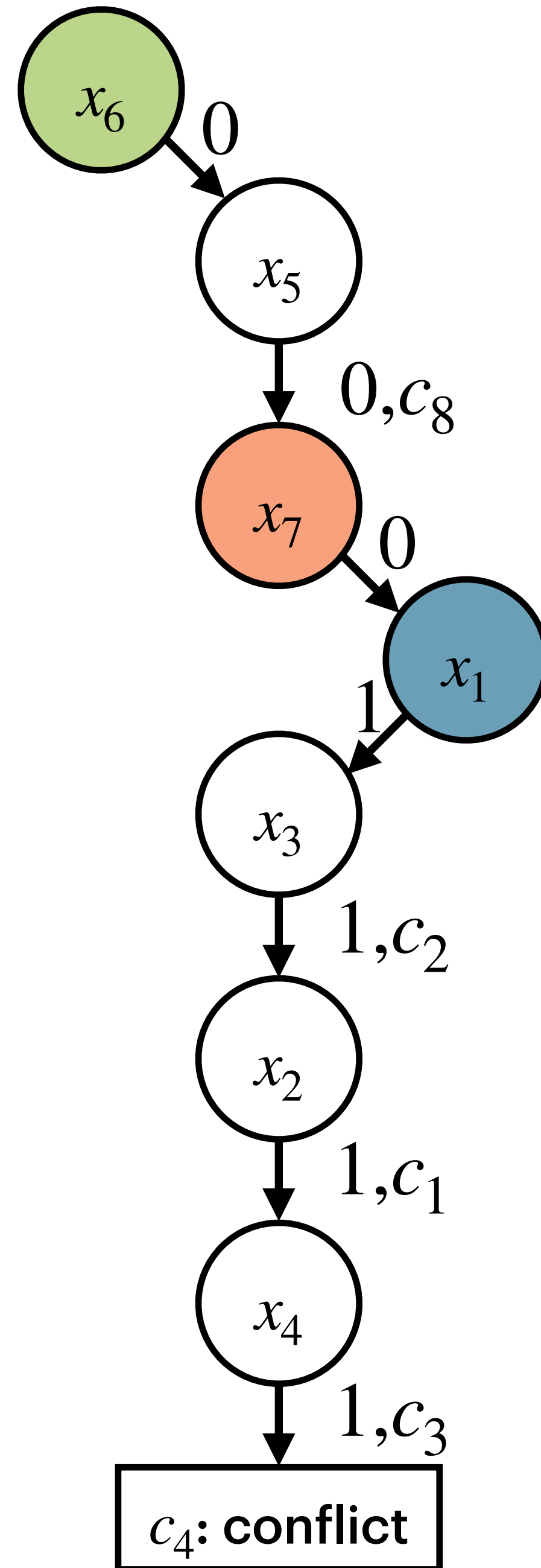


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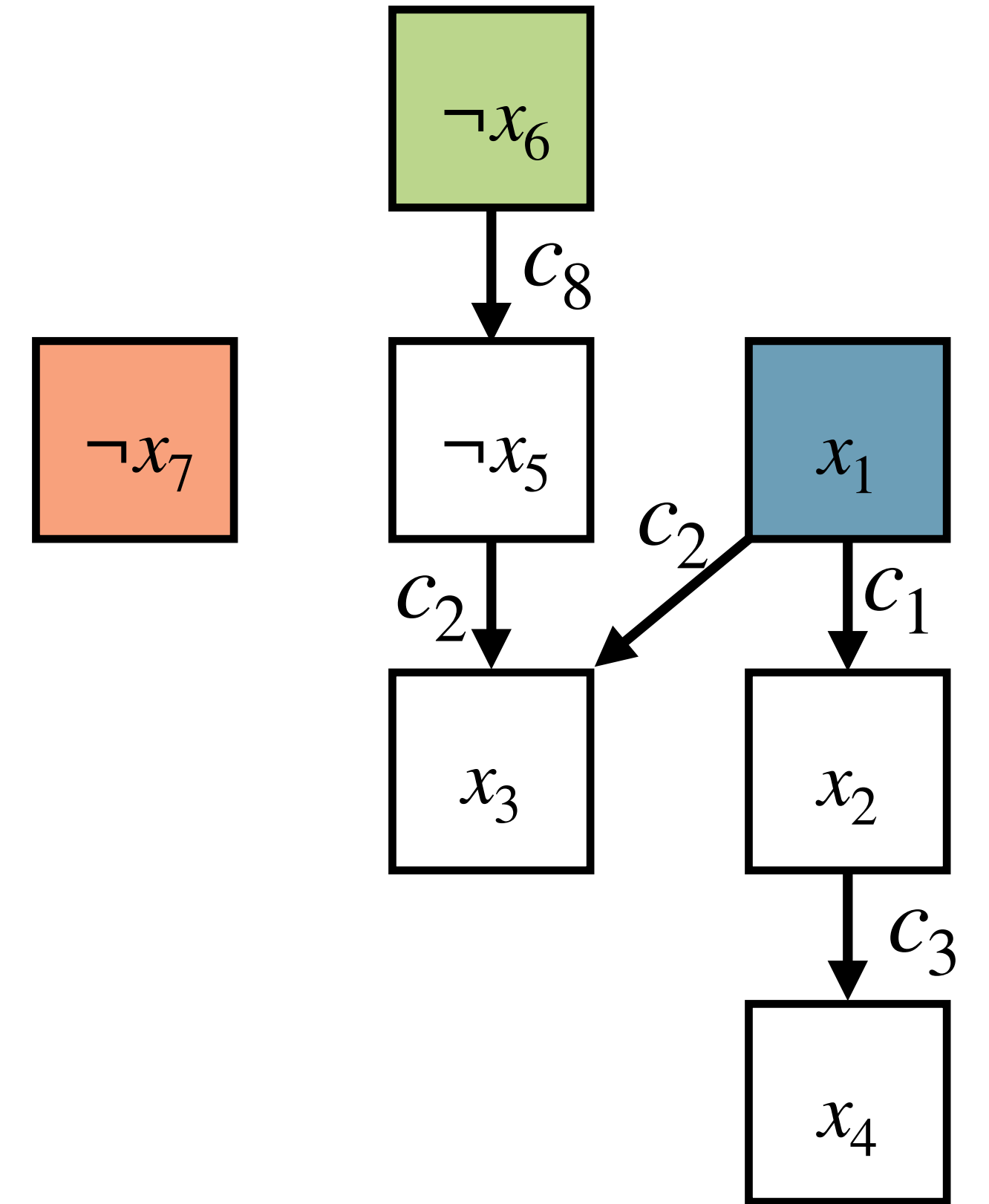
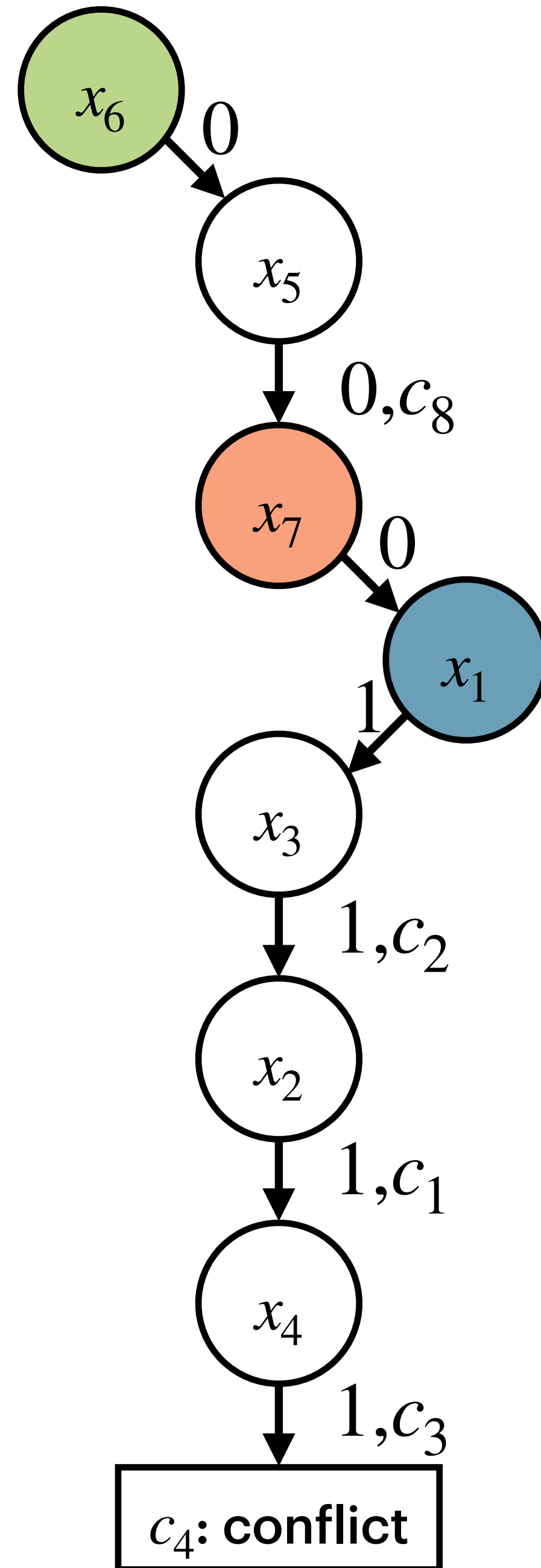




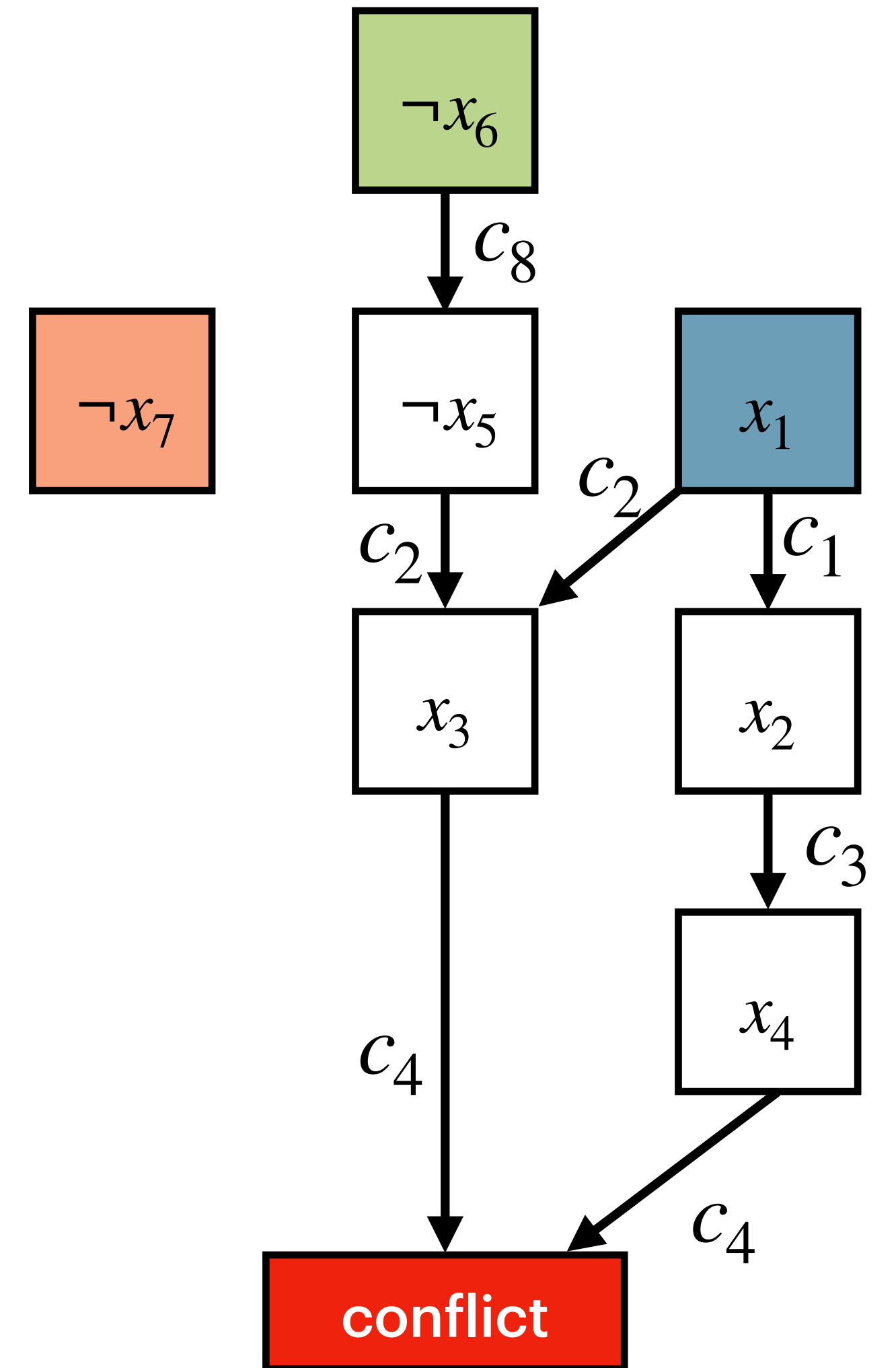
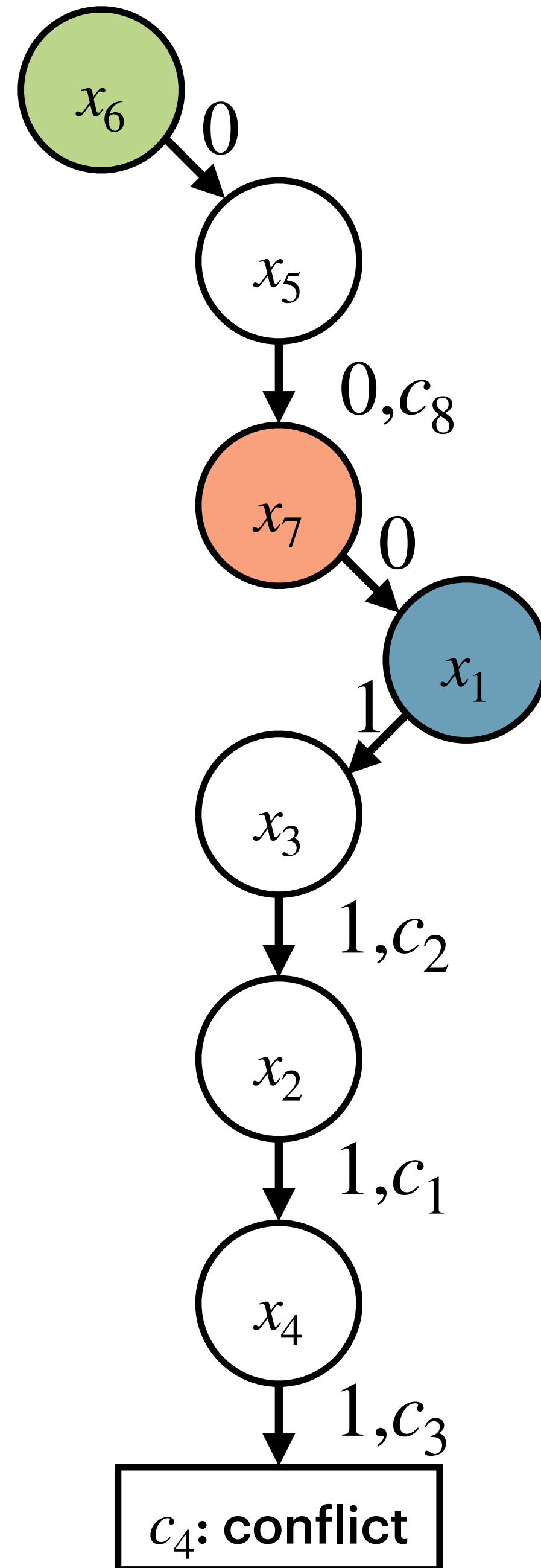
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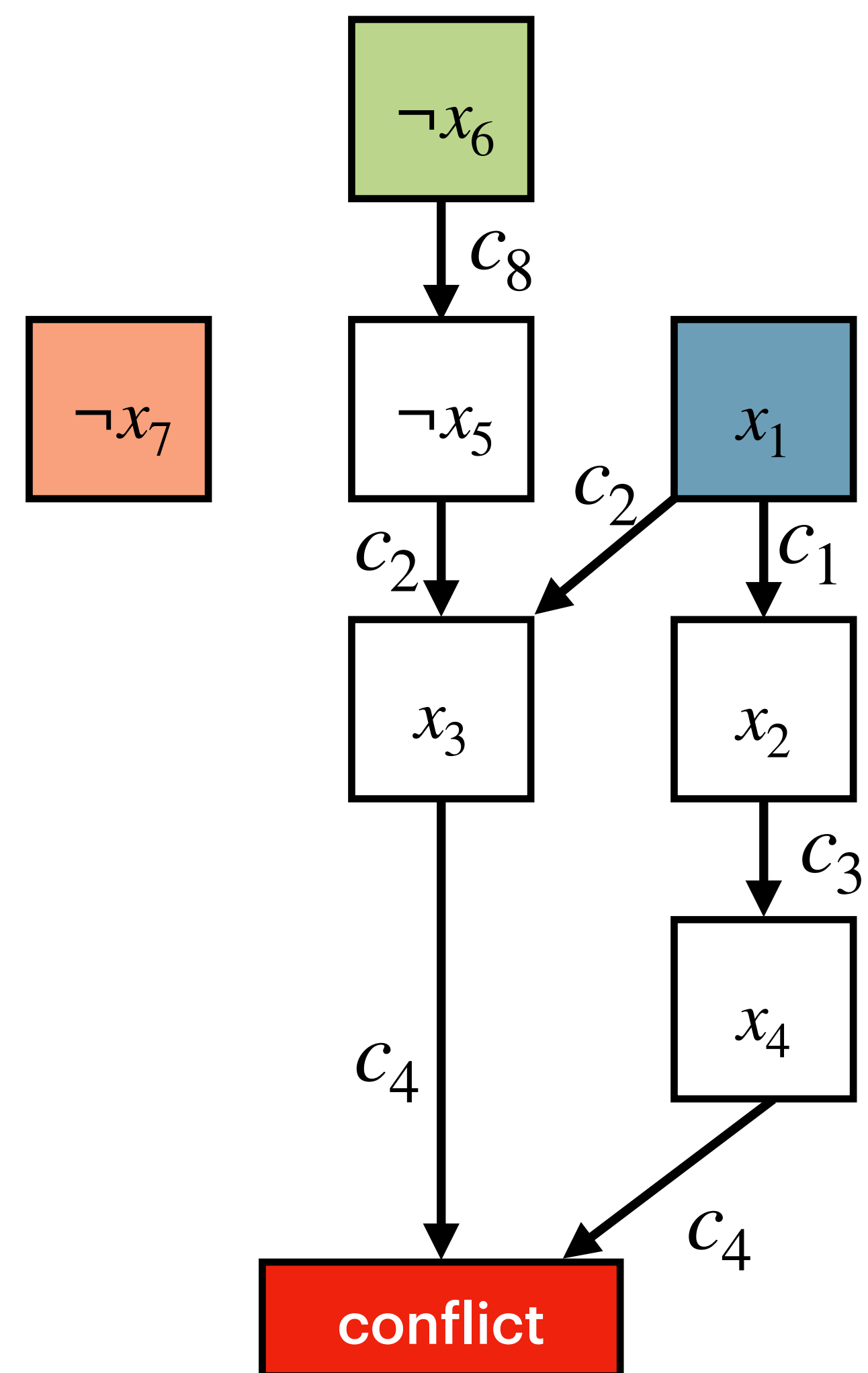
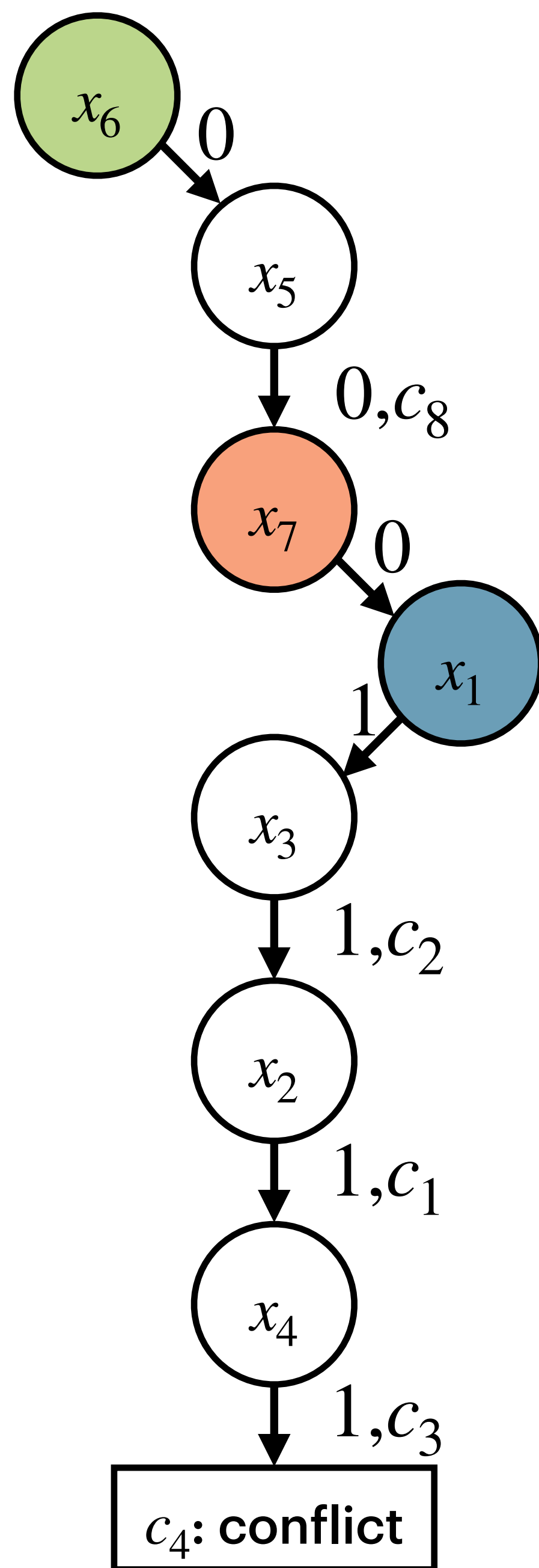
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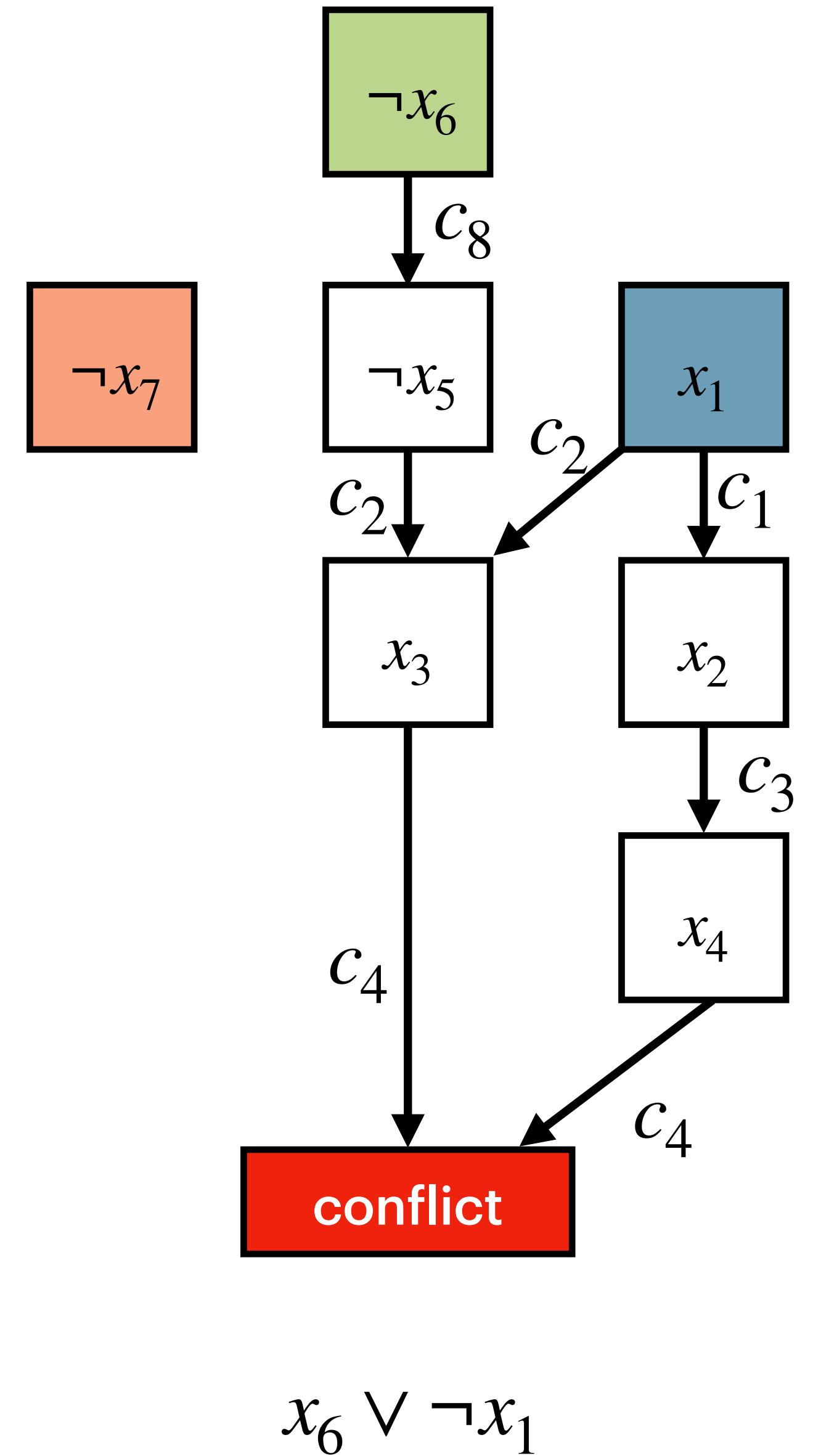
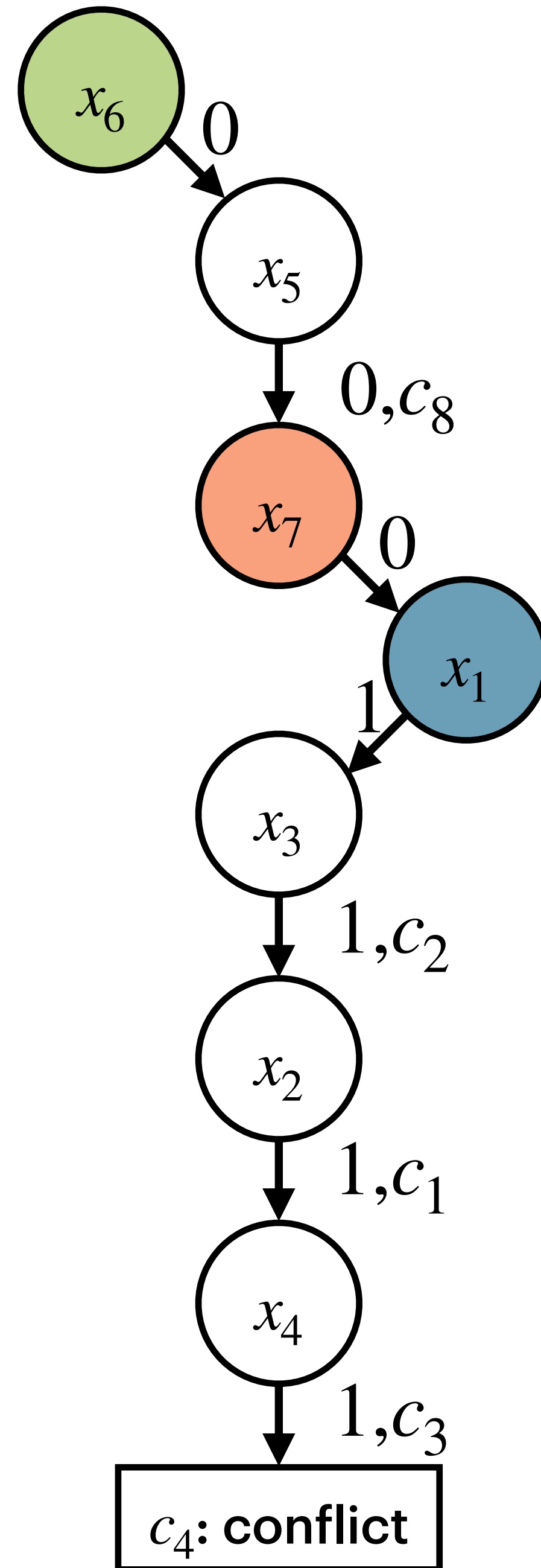


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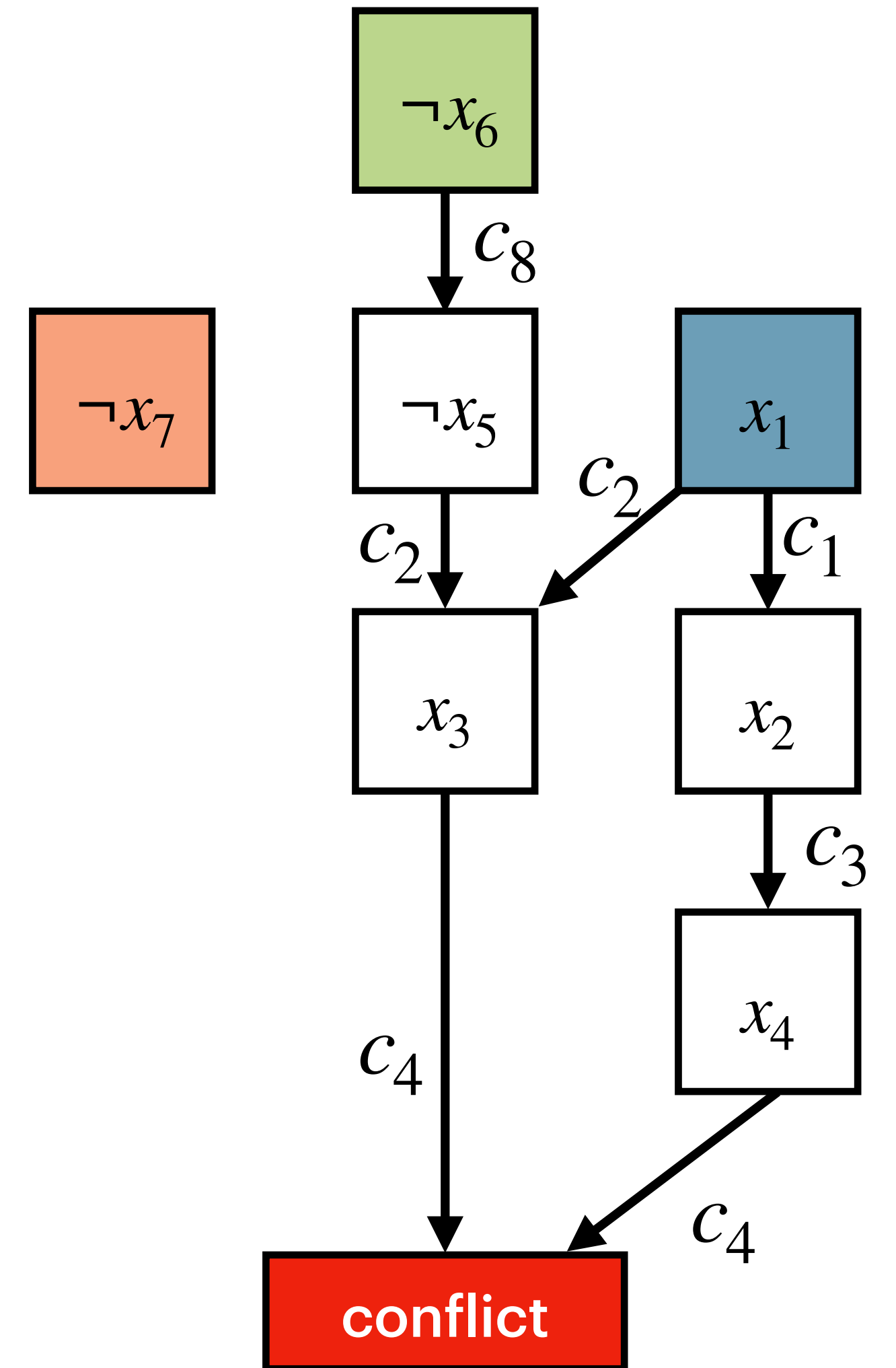
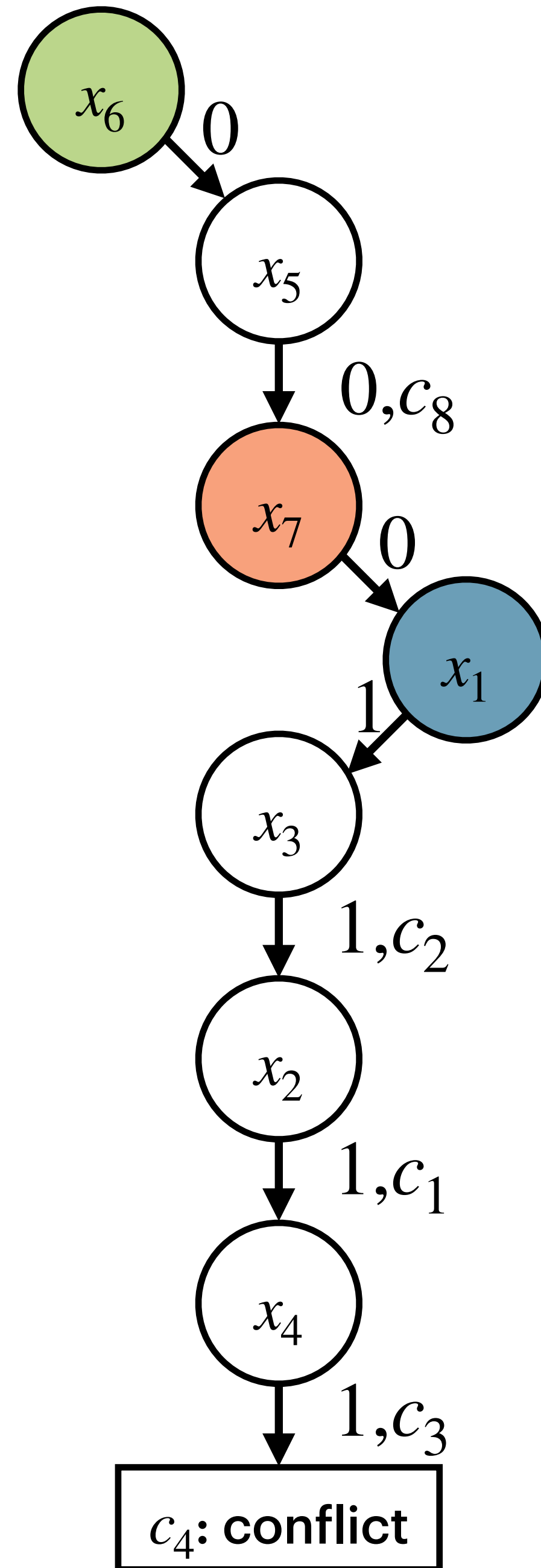


$$\neg x_6 \wedge x_1 \rightarrow \perp$$

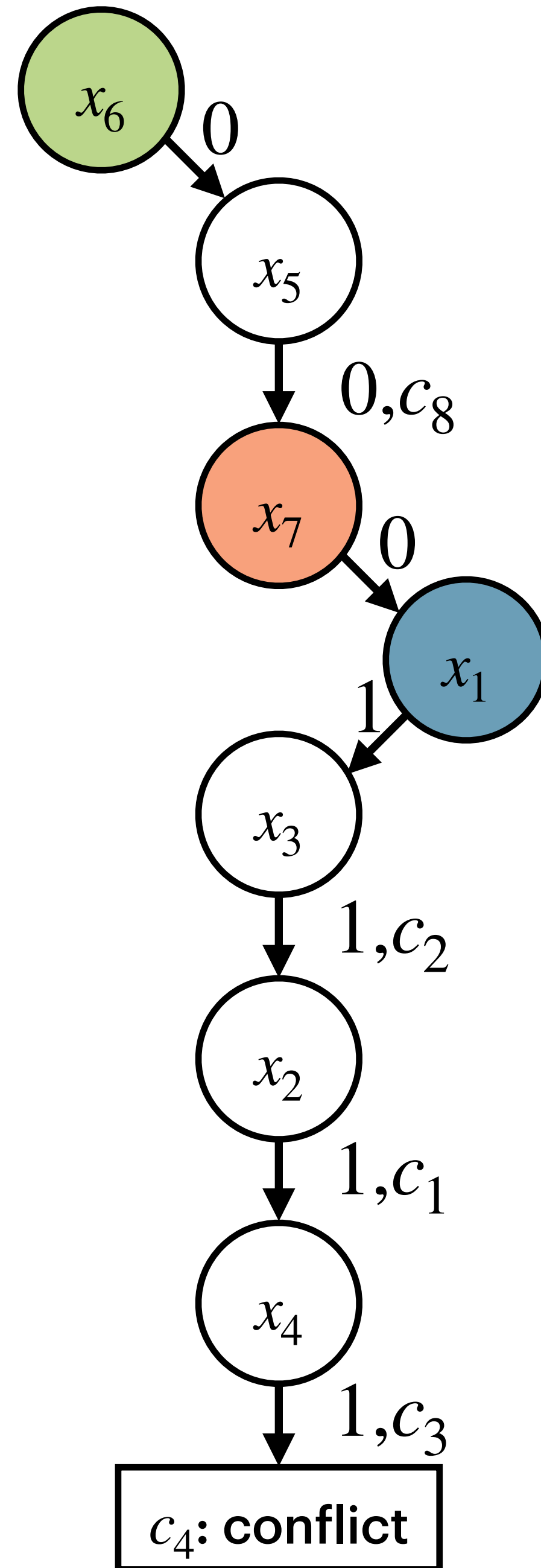
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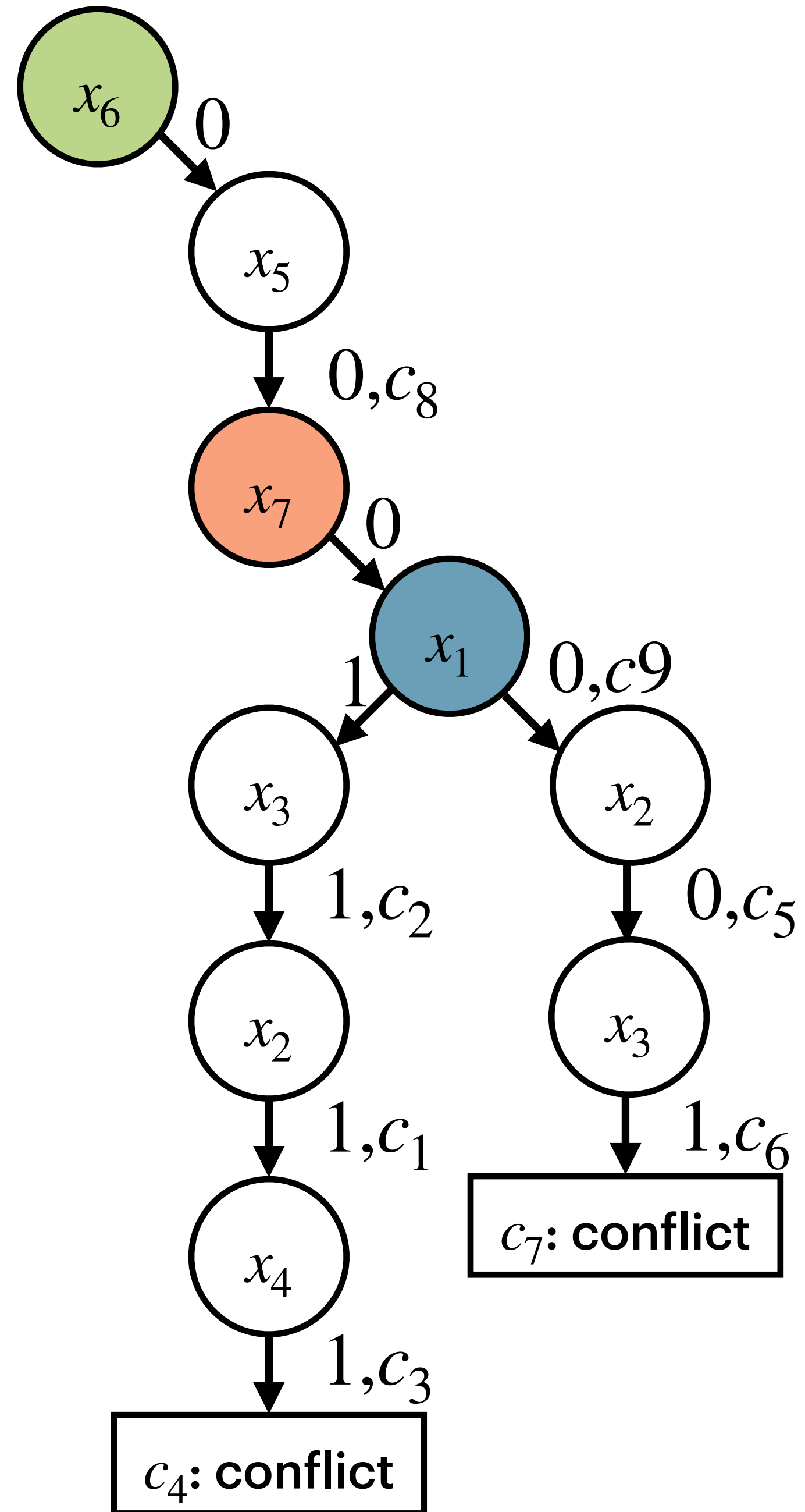
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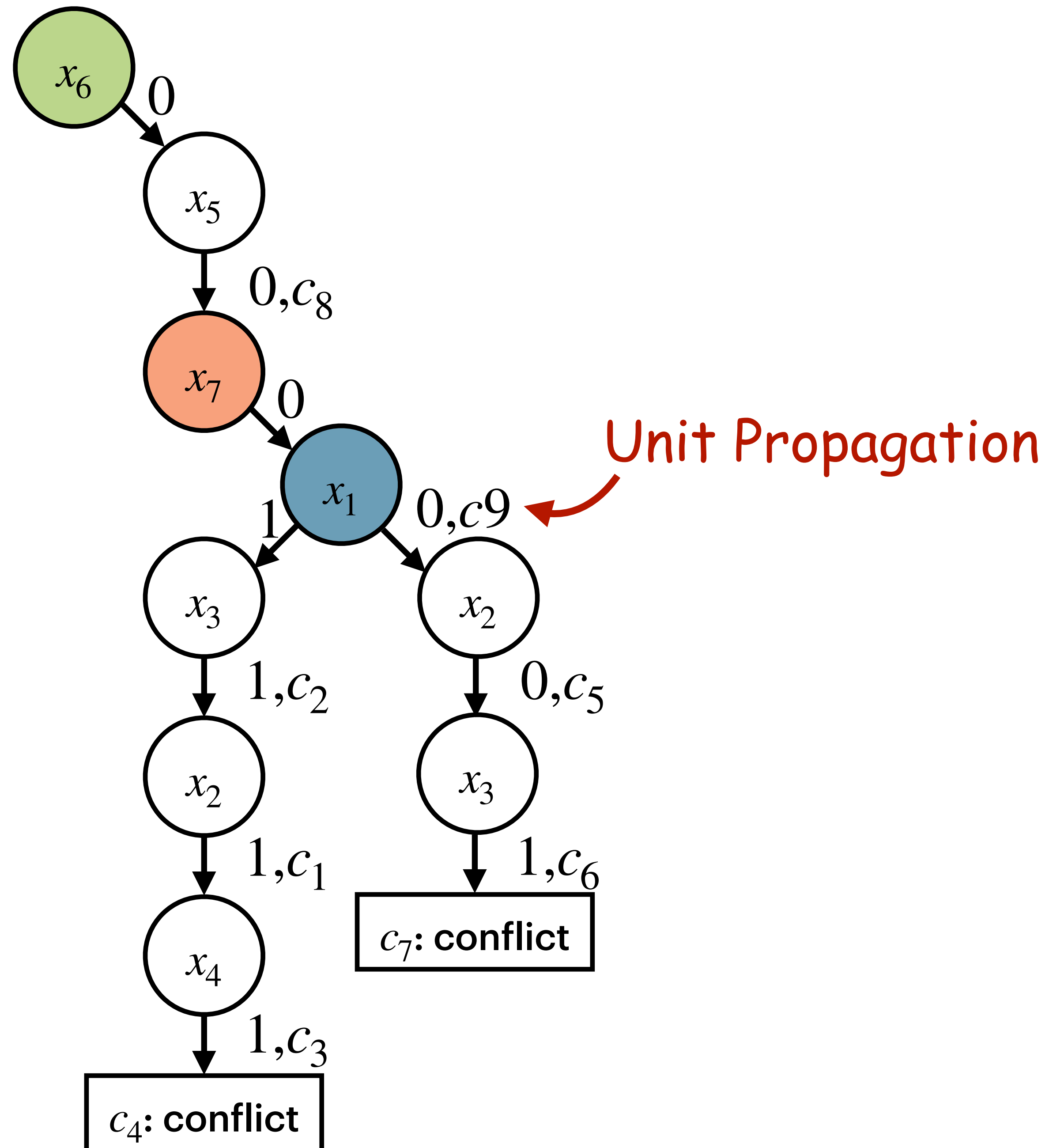
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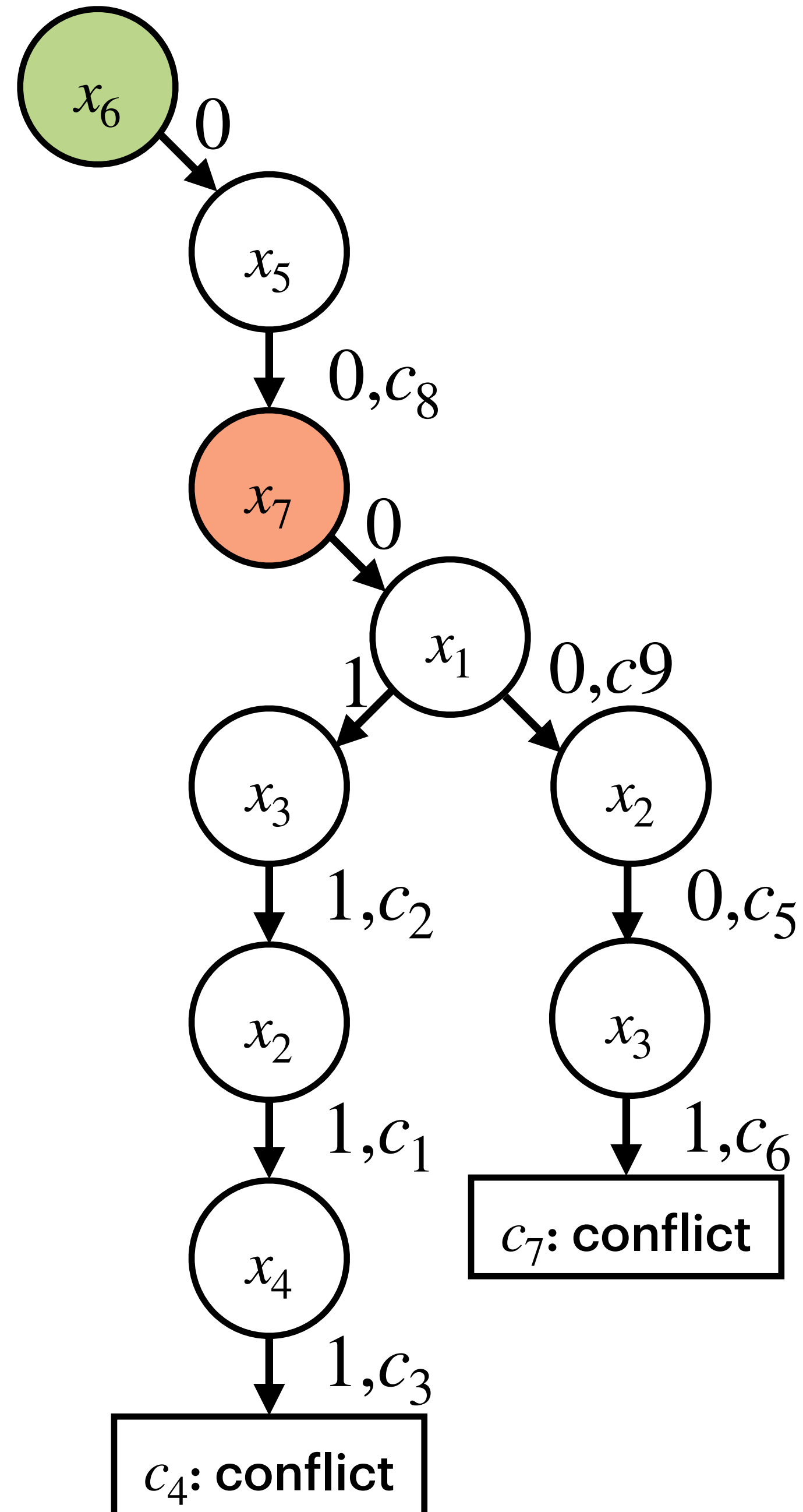
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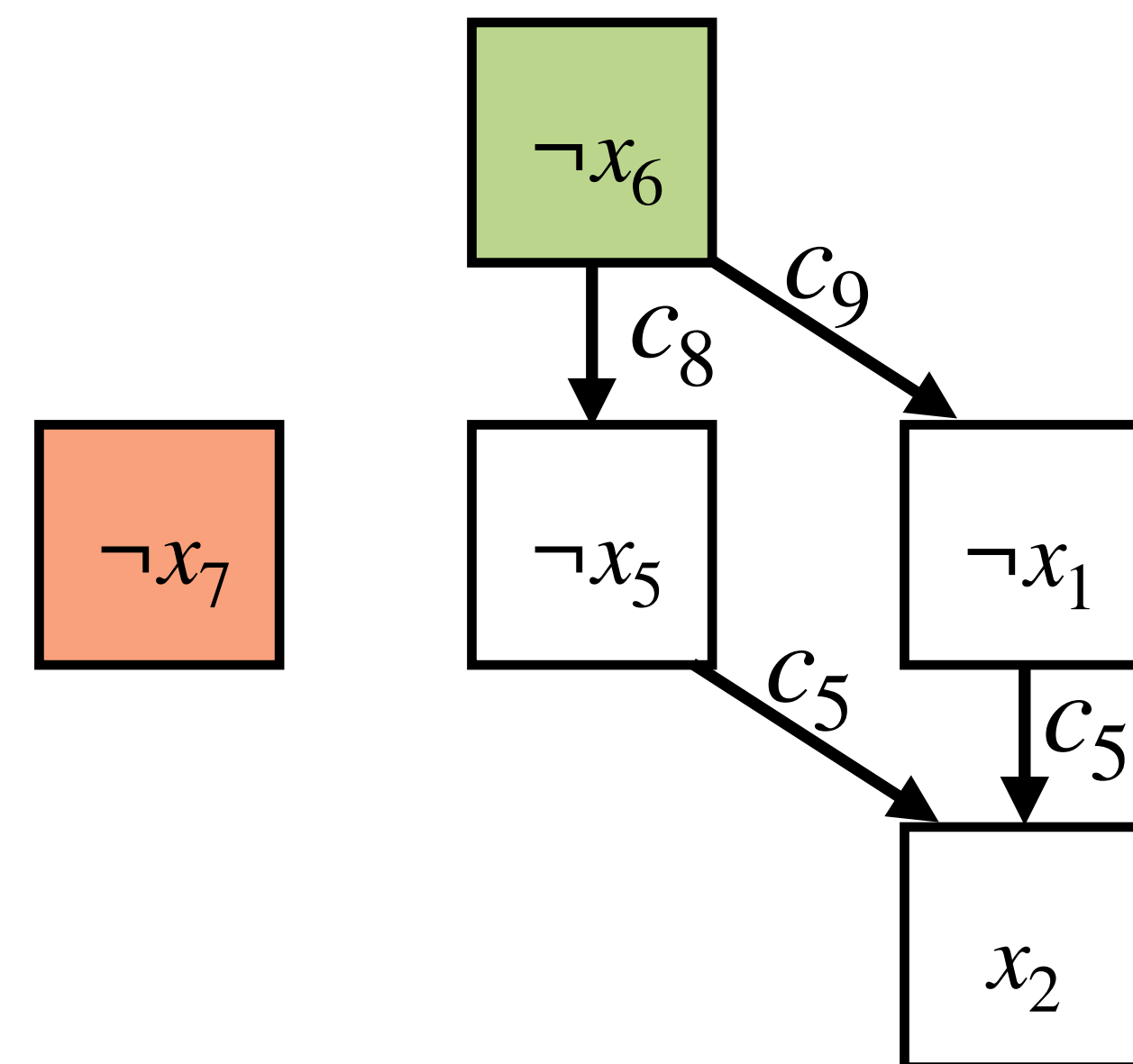
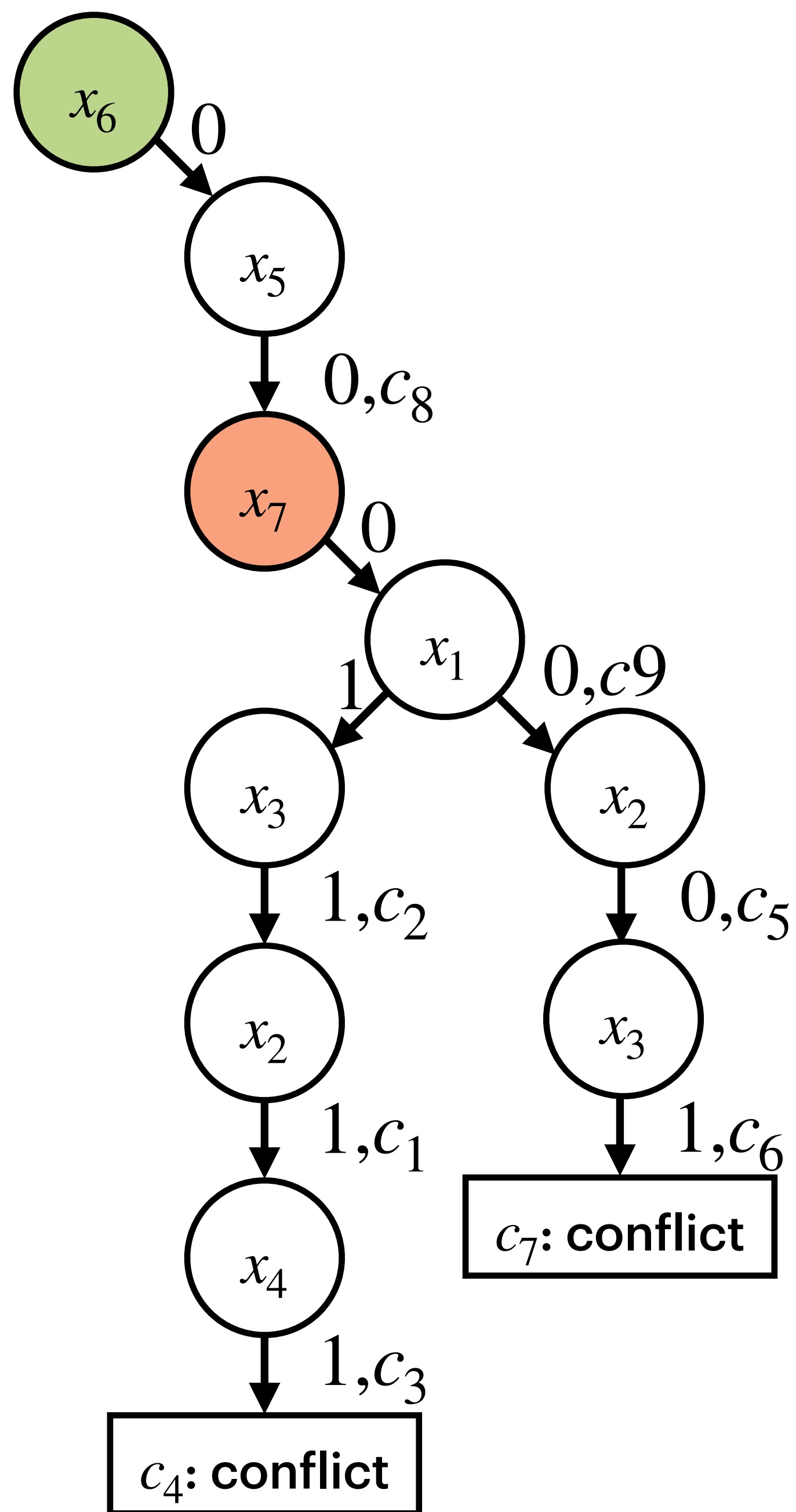
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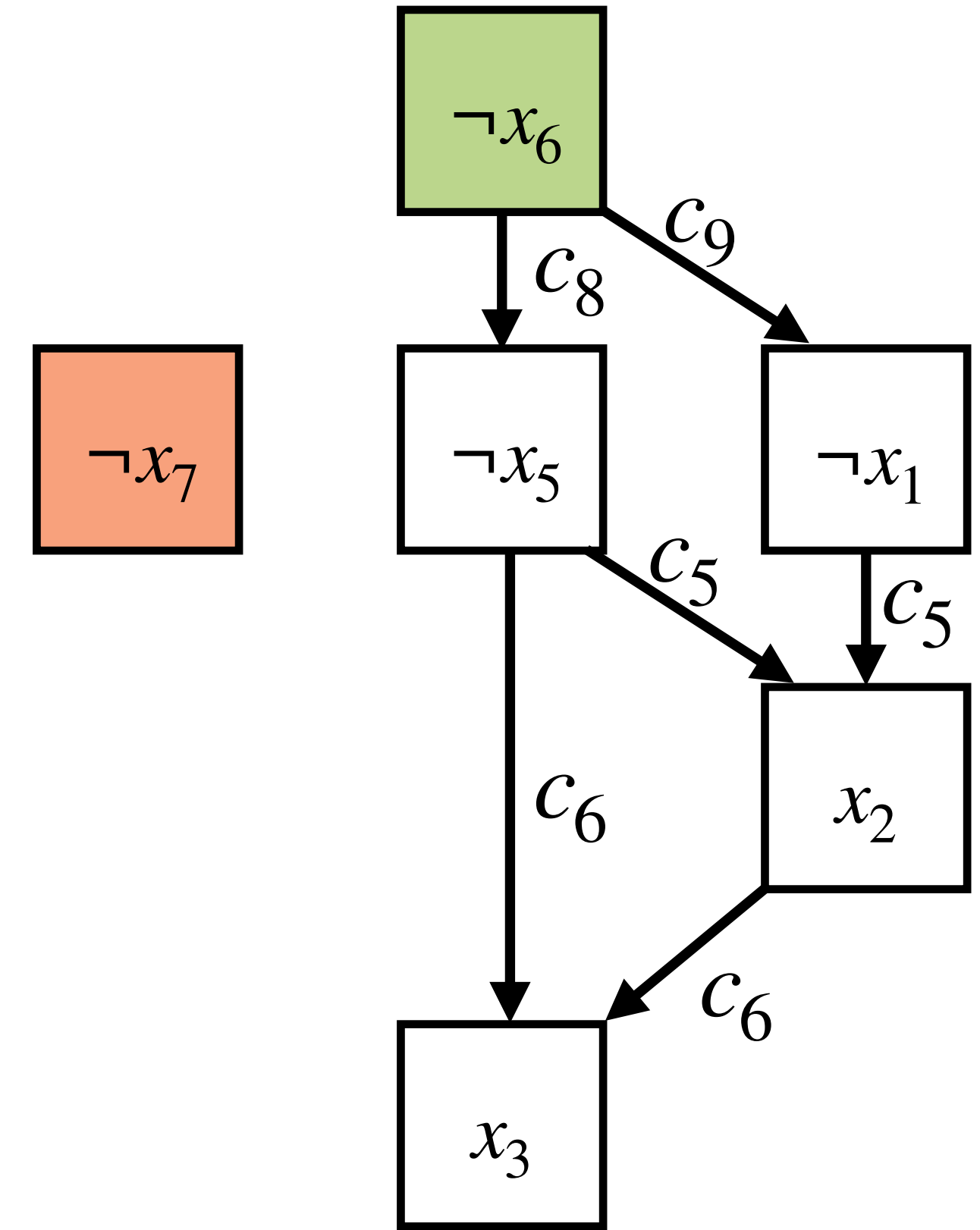
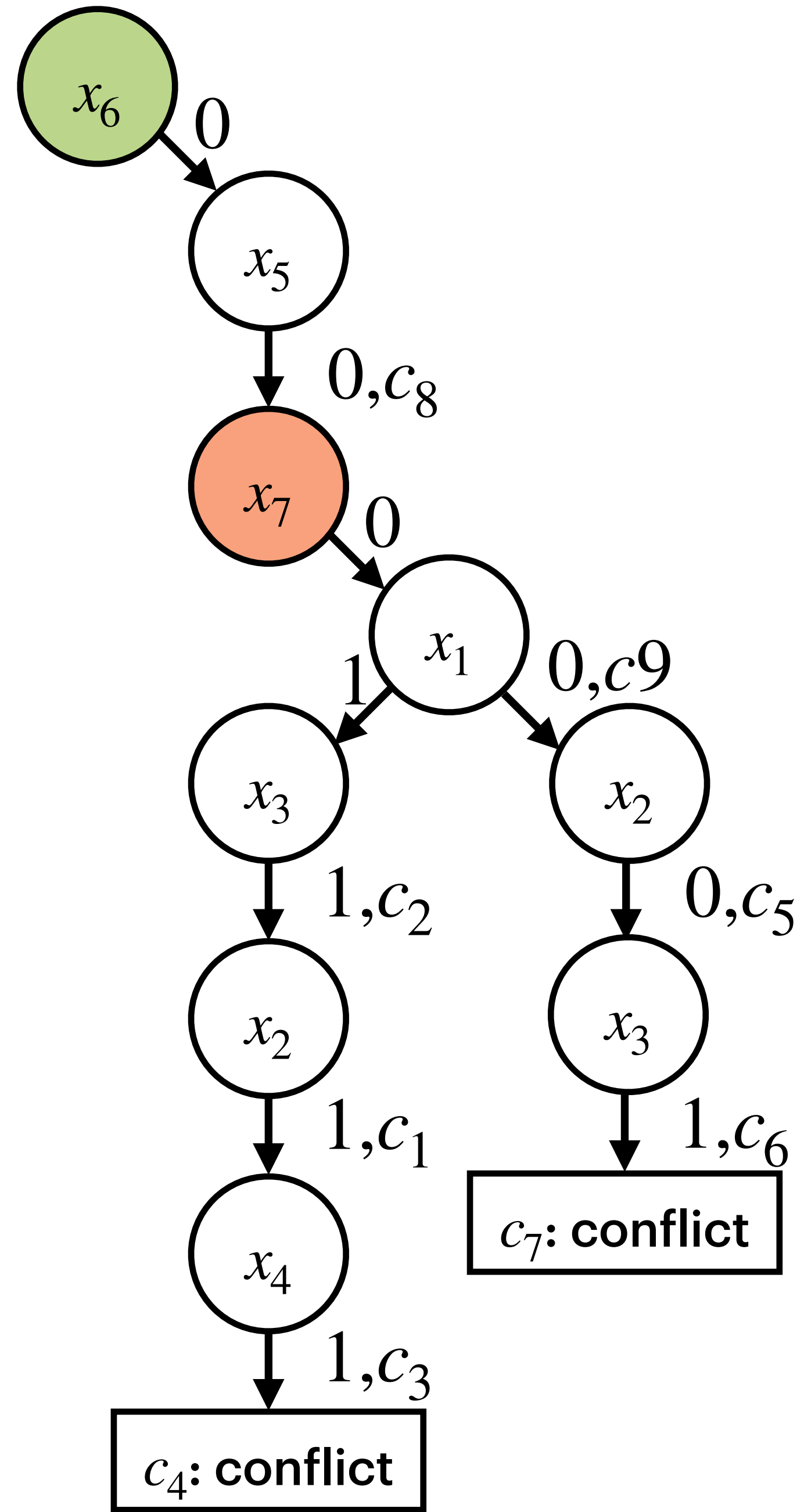
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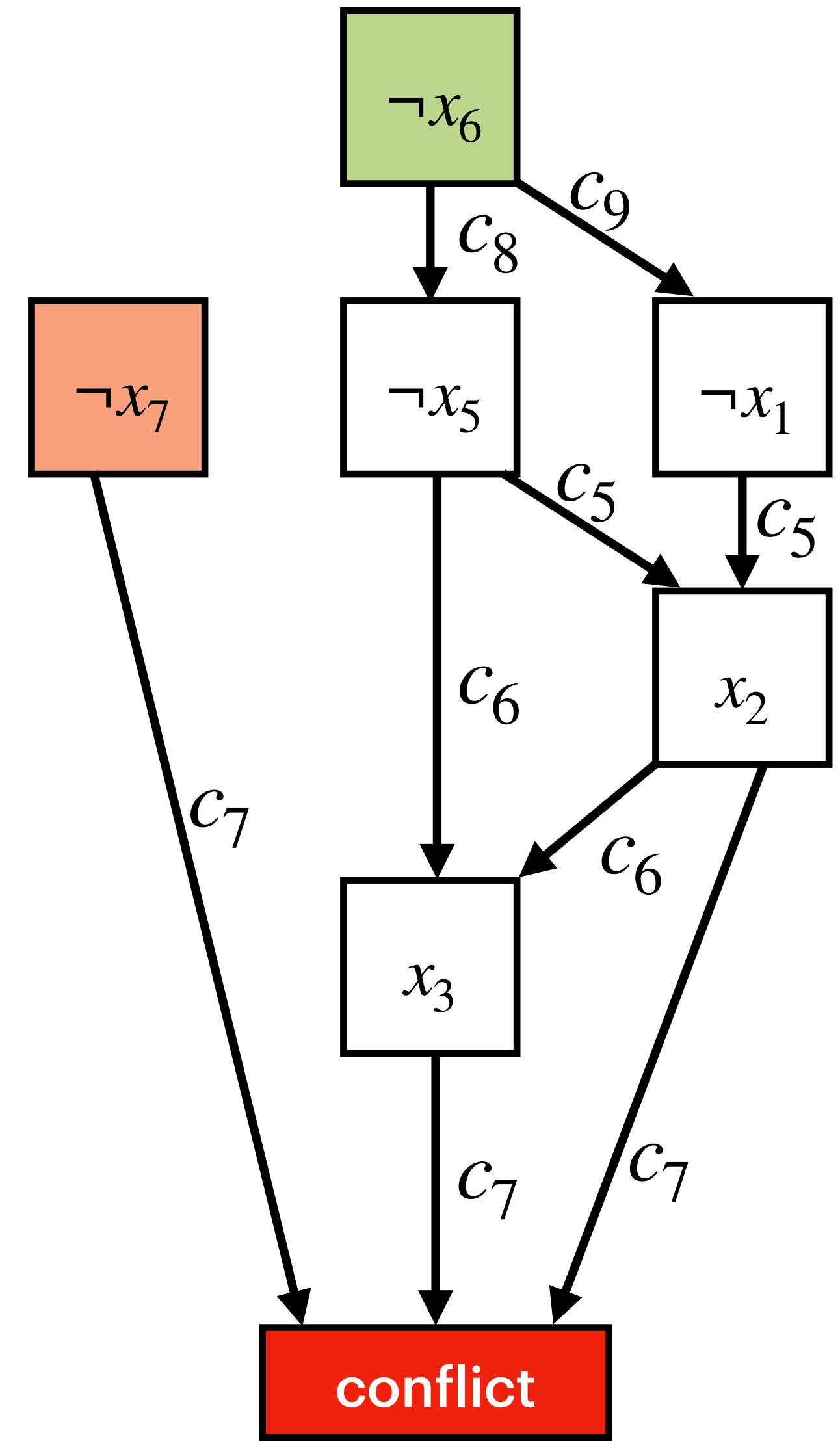
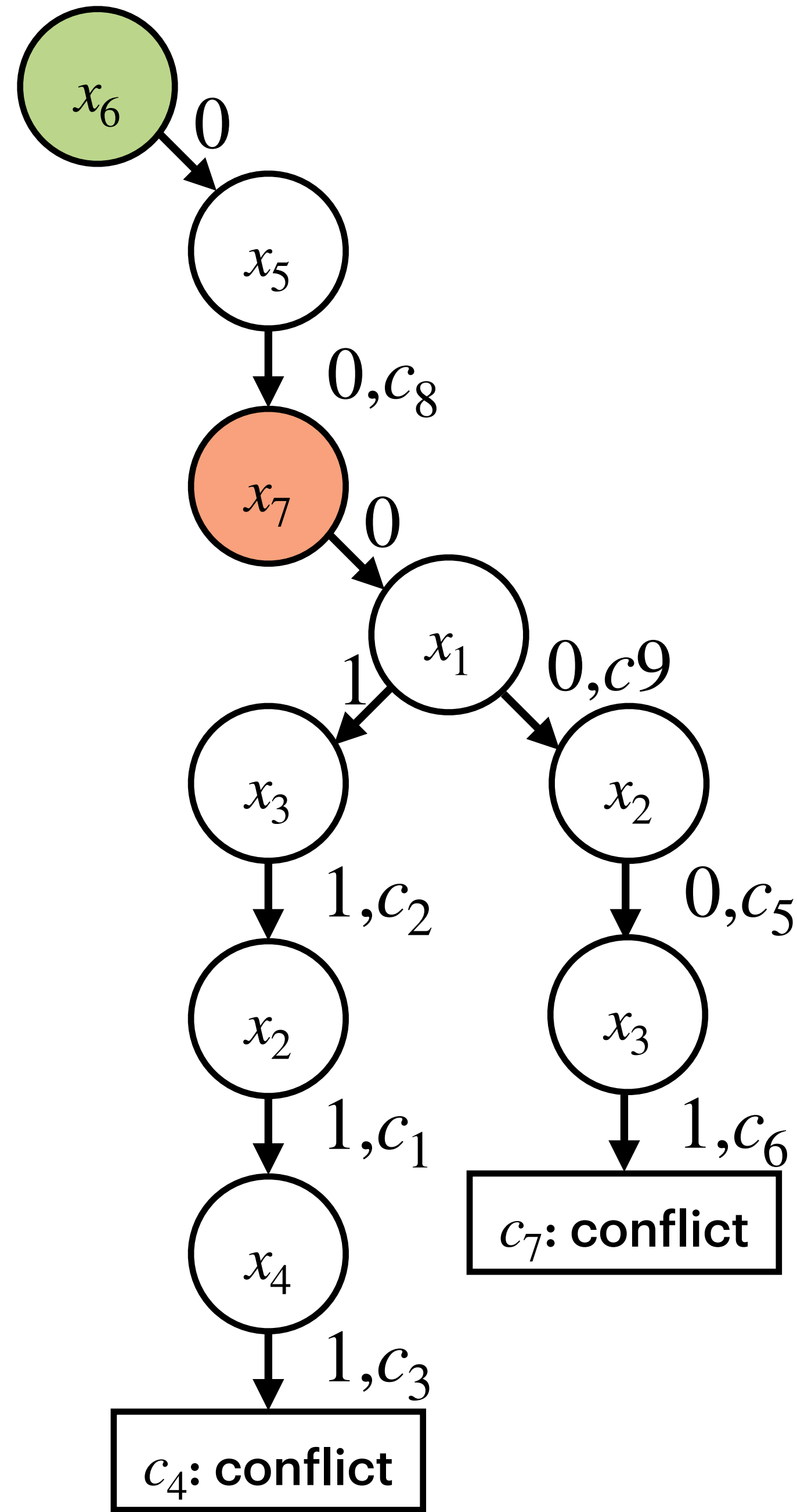
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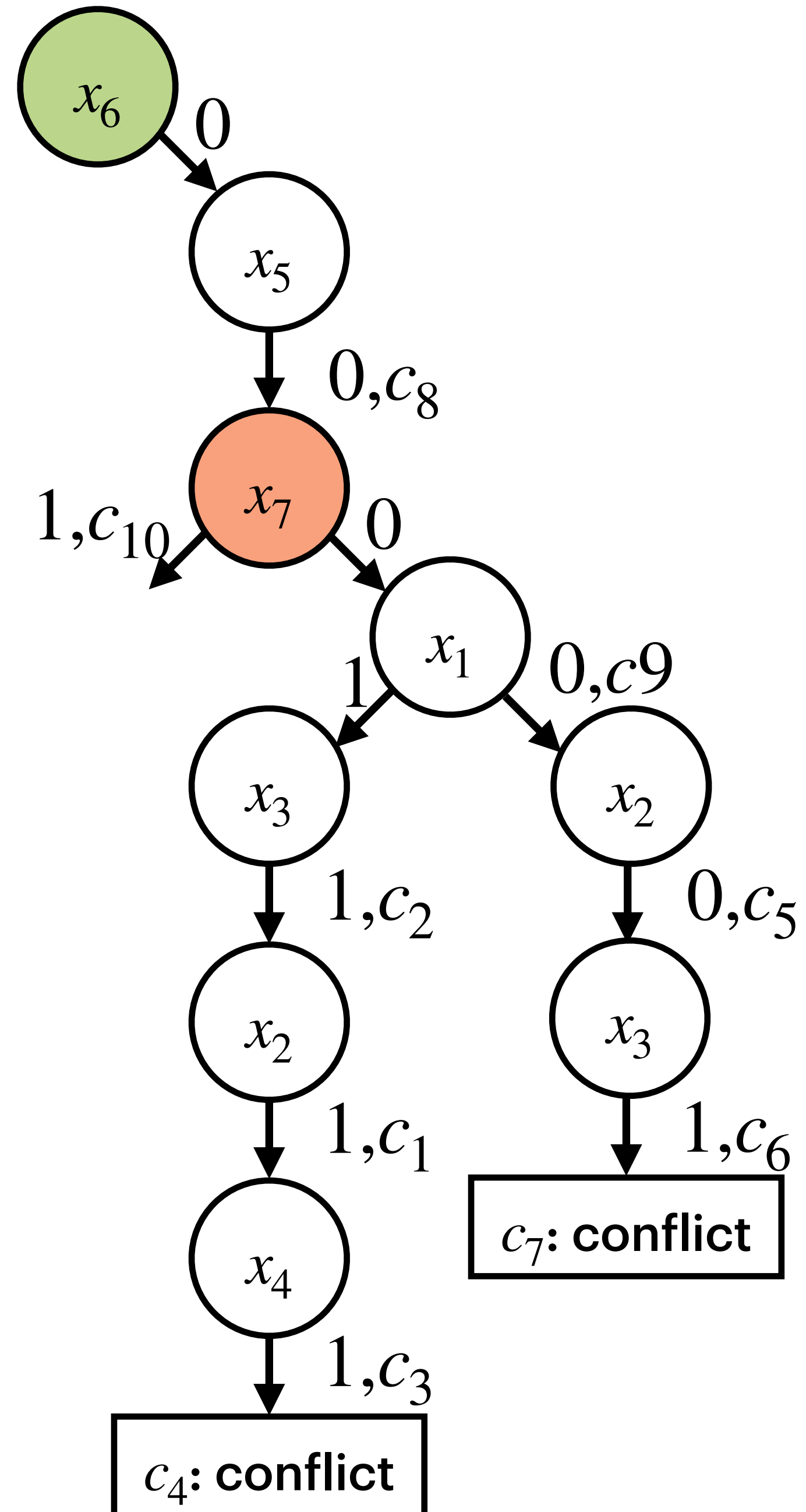
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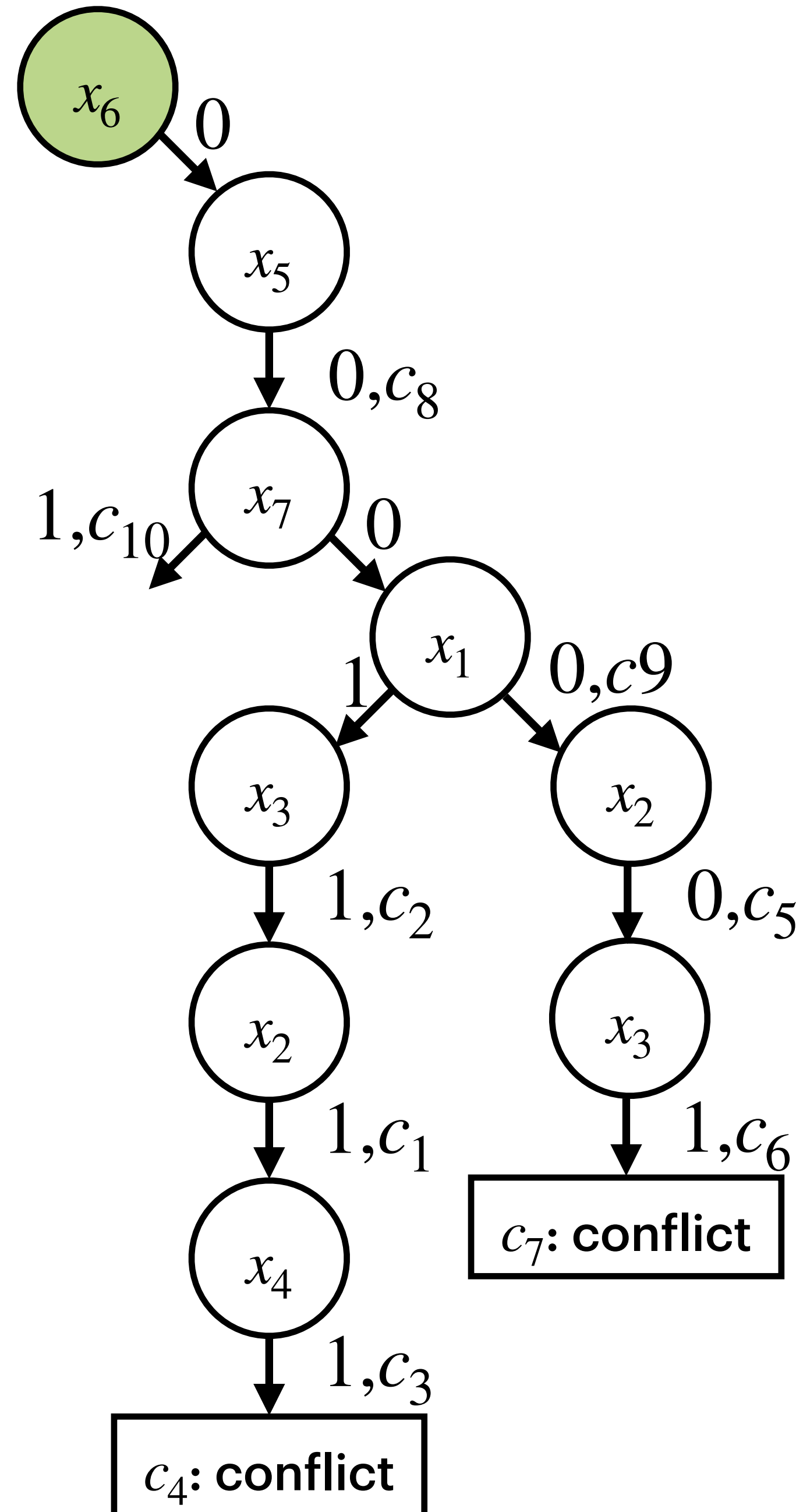
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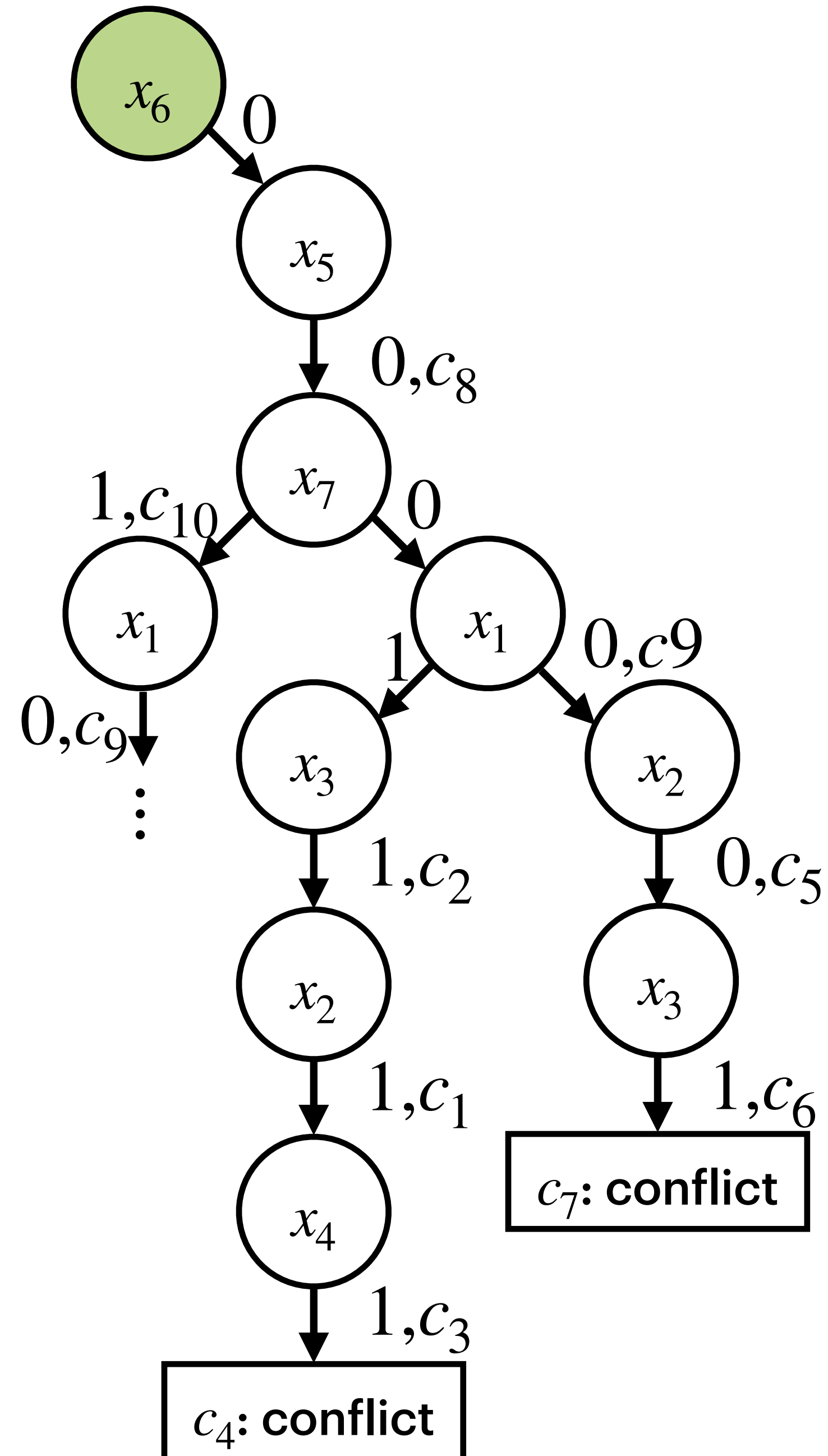
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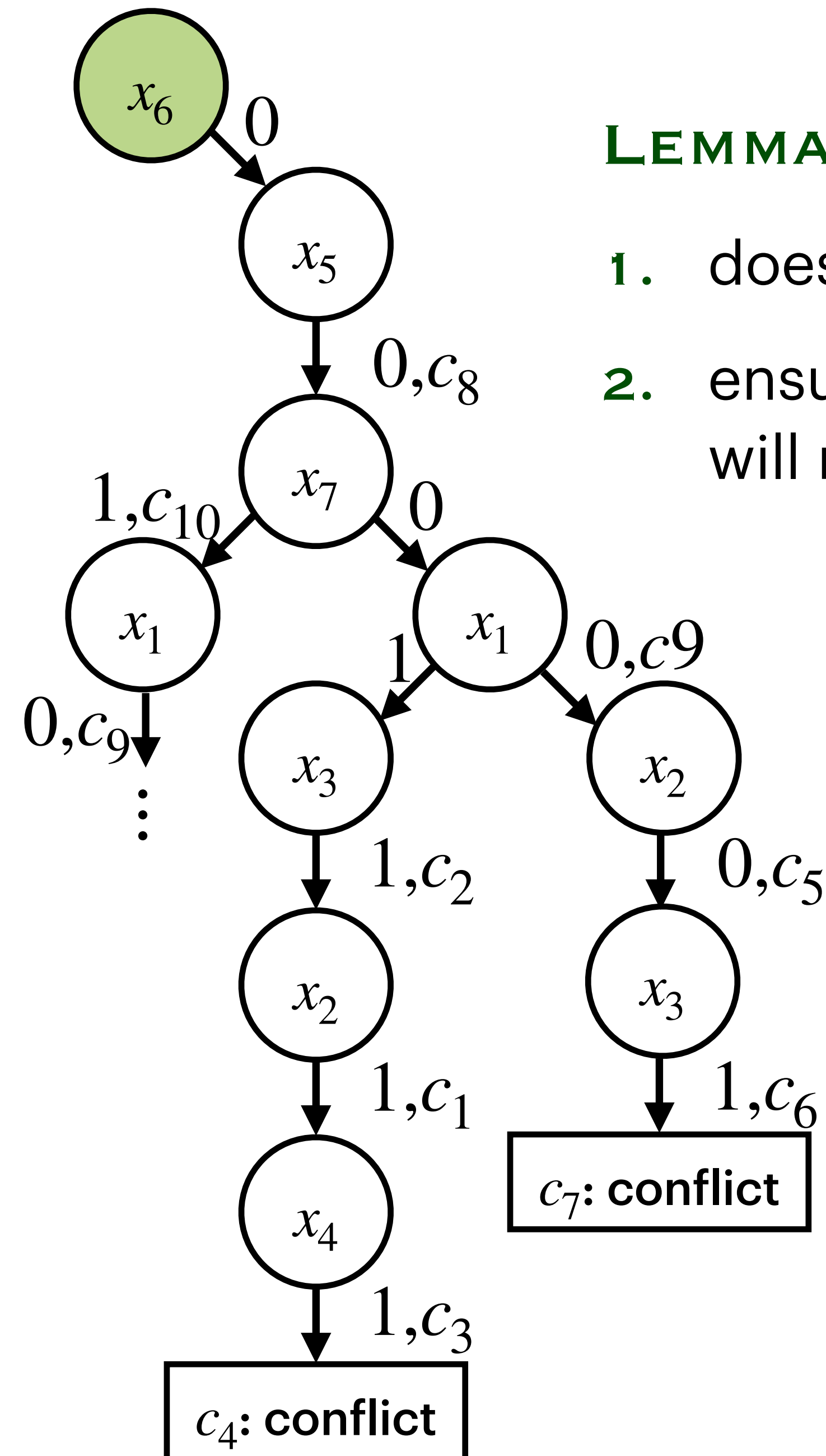


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**LEMMA:** adding conflict clauses

1. does not change satisfying assignments
2. ensures conflicting partial assignments will not be retried.

## DAVIS–PUTNAM–LOGEMANN–LOVELAND (DPLL) ALGORITHM

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**MOM** (Maximum Occurrence in Minimal Size Clauses): Let  $k$  be the shortest size clause in  $f$ . Choose a literal  $l$  with maximal occurrences of  $l$  and  $\neg l$  in  $k$ -sized clauses of  $f$ .

**Time to Code!**

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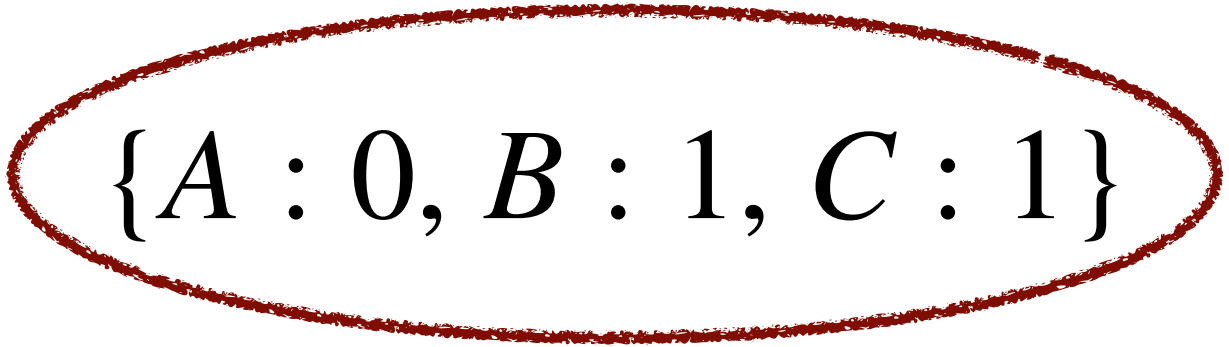
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## More Theories

$$p_1 : (y = g(y)) \wedge (f(x) = f(g(x)))$$

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Design an algorithm to decide if a given statement in EUF is a theorem.



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int a = f(x);  
int b = g(a, y);  
int a = h(b, z);  
return a;
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int a = h(g(f(x), y), z);  
return a;
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Are these two equivalent?

# Examples

$$p_1 : (7 = g(7)) \wedge (f(x) = f(g(x)))$$

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Given two theories  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  and a formula  $\phi$  in the signature of  $T_1 \cup T_2$

Compute  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  by replacing each symbol in  $\phi$  by its interpretation in  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  respectively

Compute  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  in  $T_1 \cup T_2$  using Nelson-Oppen combination

Return  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$  if it is satisfiable, otherwise return false

# Nelson-Oppen Theory Combination

$$F[\sim] := \bigwedge \{t = s \mid t \sim s \text{ and } t, s \in S\} \wedge \bigwedge \{t \neq s \mid t \not\sim s \text{ and } t, s \in S\}$$

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2. Guess an equivalence relation  $\sim$  over  $vars(F_1) \cap vars(F_2)$ .
3. Check  $DP_1(F_1 \wedge F[\sim])$ .
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2. Guess an equivalence relation  $\sim$  over  $vars(F_1) \cap vars(F_2)$ .
3. Check  $DP_1(F_1 \wedge F[\sim])$ .
4. Check  $DP_2(F_2 \wedge F[\sim])$ .

**Time to Code!**



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