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Unit Deletions in DRAT Proofs

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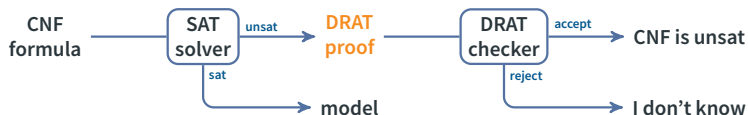
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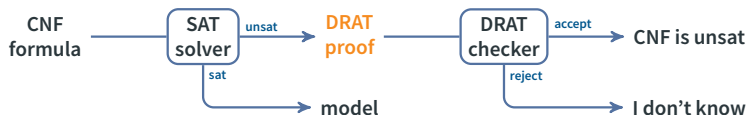
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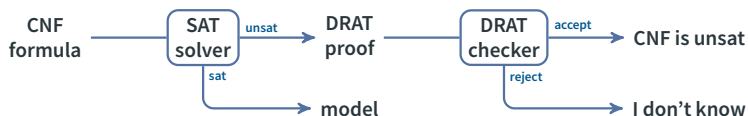
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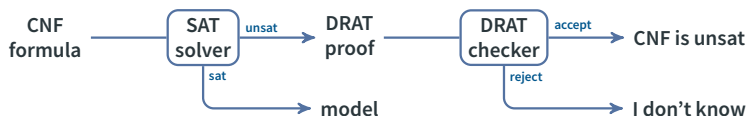
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- Short correct proofs in one flavor, incorrect in the other [Rebola, Biere '18]
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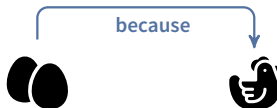
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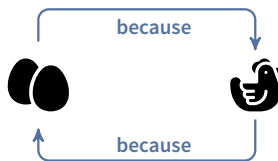
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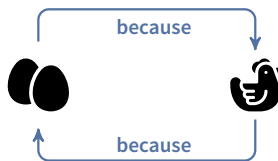
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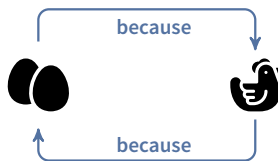
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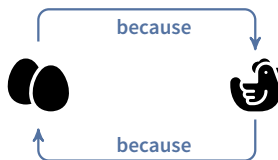
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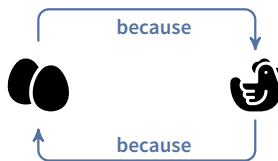
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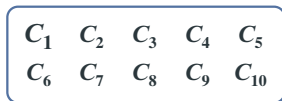
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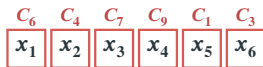
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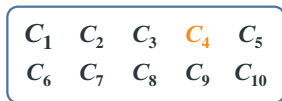


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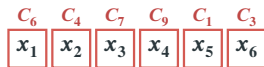
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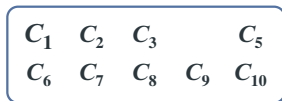


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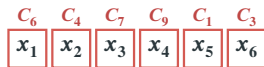
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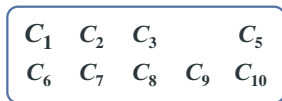


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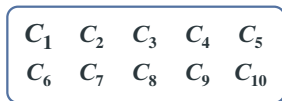
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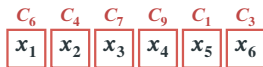
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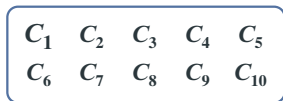


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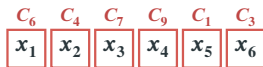
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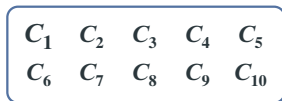
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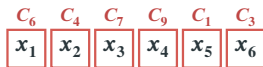
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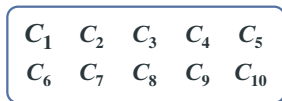
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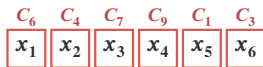
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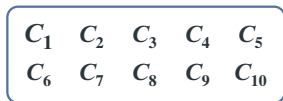
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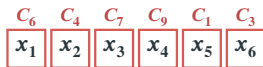
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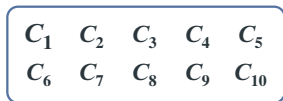
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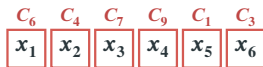
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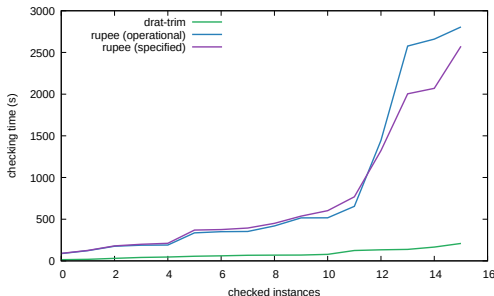
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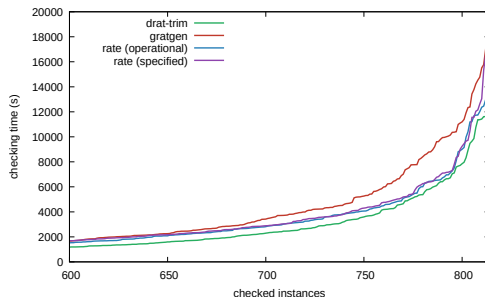
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