A Case for Multi-Switch Constraints in OPAM

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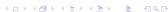
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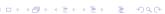- Apply the solution to the switch

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