

CS3243 INTRODUCTION TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

ADVERSARIAL SEARCH

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CONTENT SUMMARY

KEY CONCEPTS

▶ **Adversarial Search**

- ▶ Tracing tree with Alpha-Beta pruning algorithm
 - ▶ Detect nodes that are pruned/not evaluated
 - ▶ Knowing values/range of values for which the nodes will/will not be pruned
 - ▶ Knowing what happens when some values change (could solve by brute force) **Key is to be fast!**
- ▶ The Minimax algorithm

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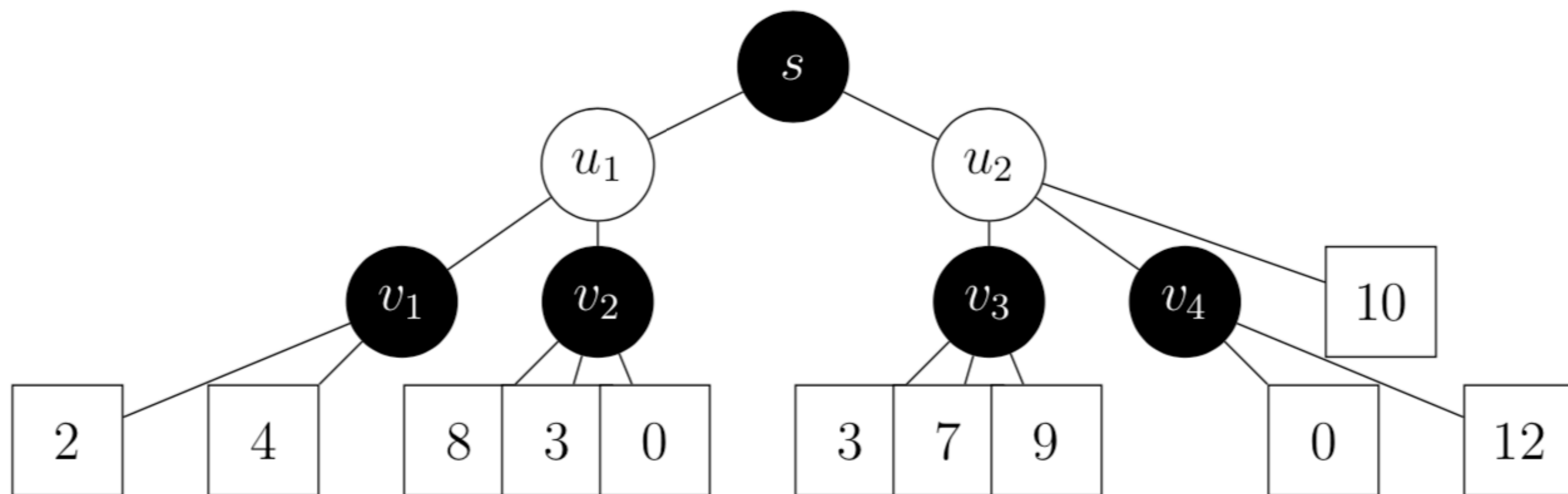
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MASTERING ADVERSARIAL SEARCH GRAPHS

- ▶ α : worst case (lower bound) for MAX $\alpha \geq \#$
 β : worst case (upper bound) for MIN $\beta \leq \#$
- ▶ Have α for every MAX node, start with $-\infty$
Have β for every MIN node, start with ∞
- ▶ When propagating upwards (or deep-compare),
PRUNING: If [child] $\alpha \geq \beta$ [parent], then prune child's remaining
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If prune, value don't copy upwards
- ▶ Compare all the way up for conflict if deep tree

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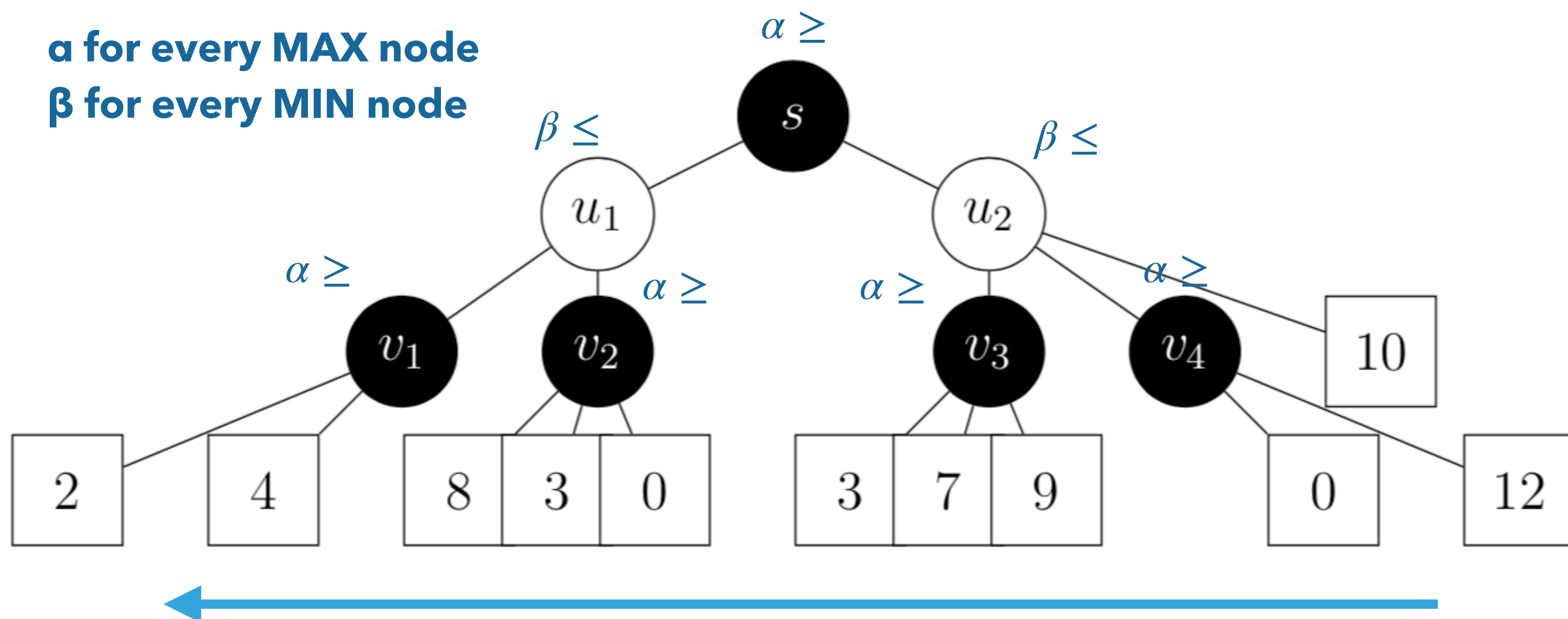
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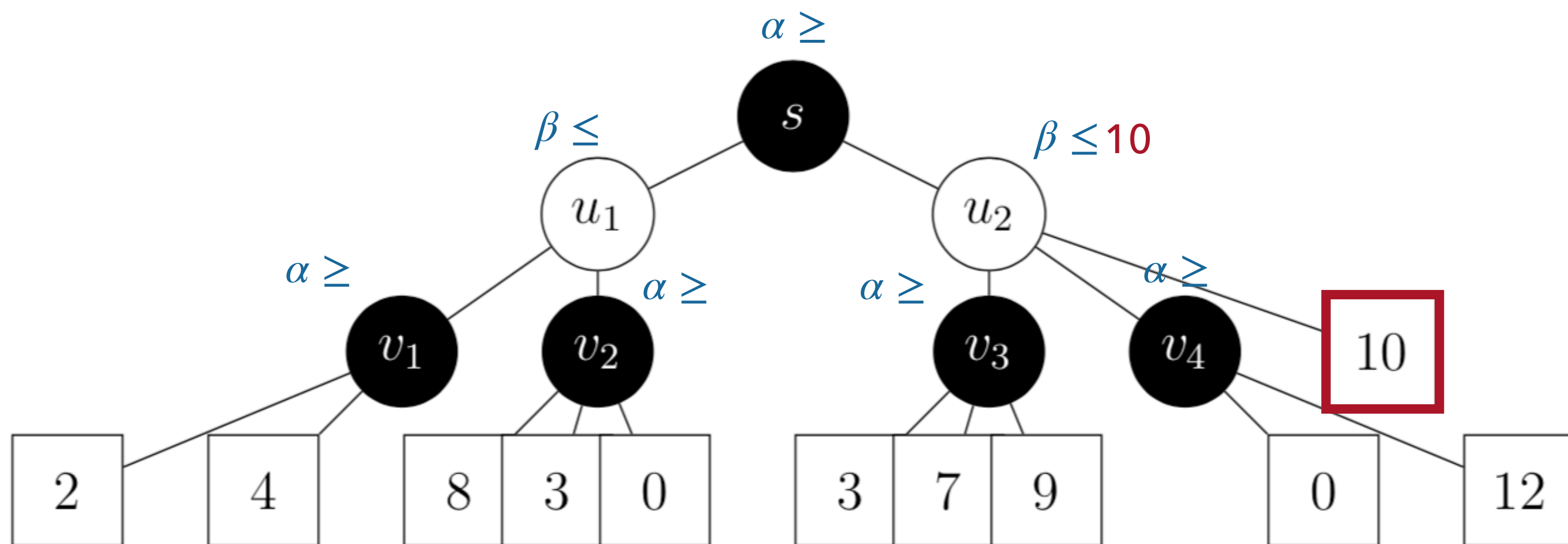


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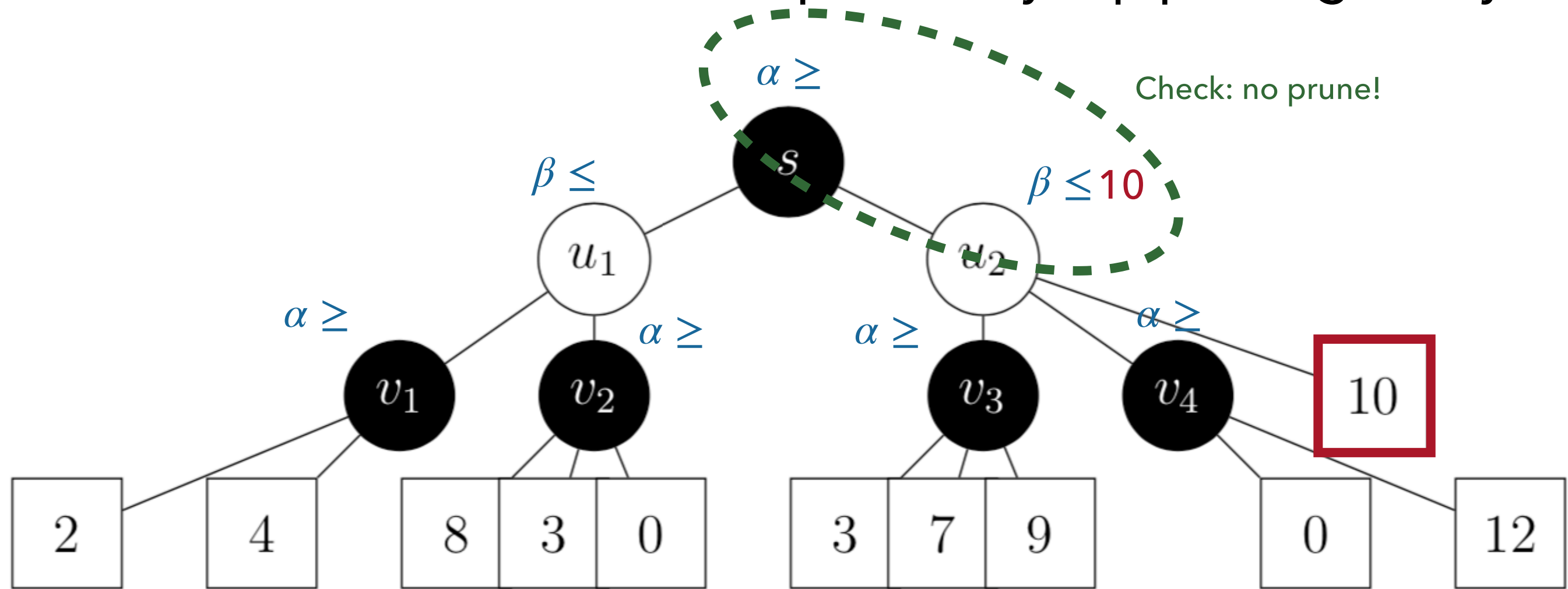


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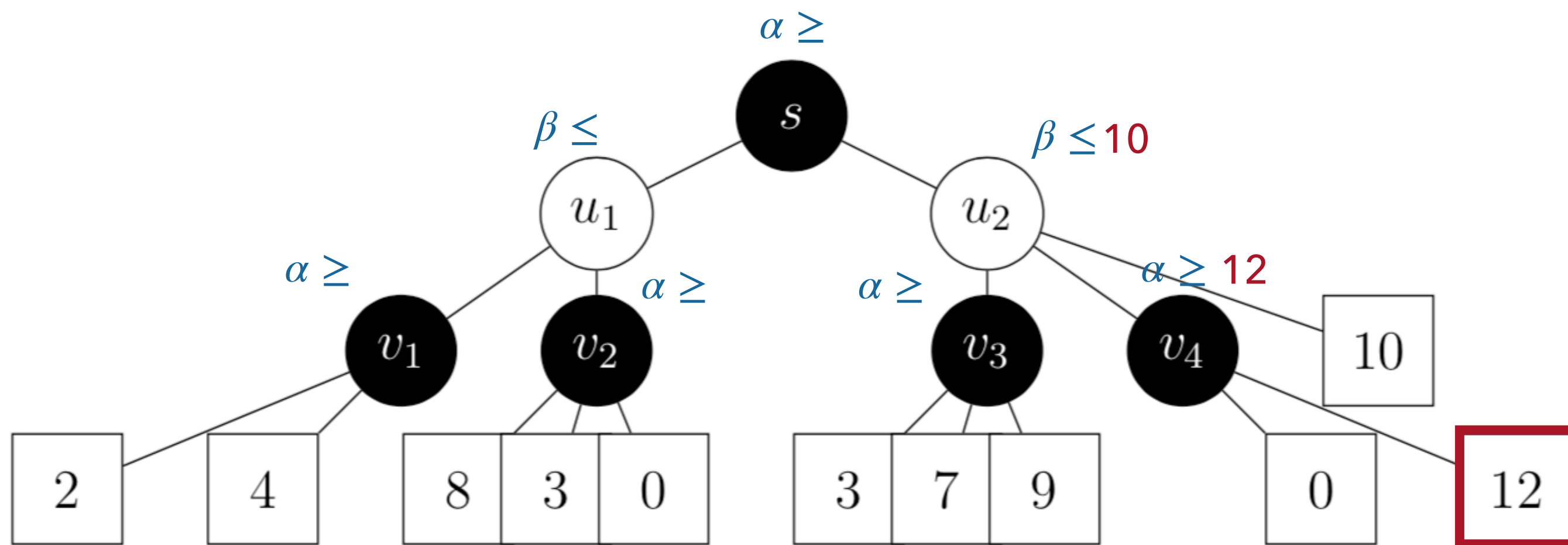
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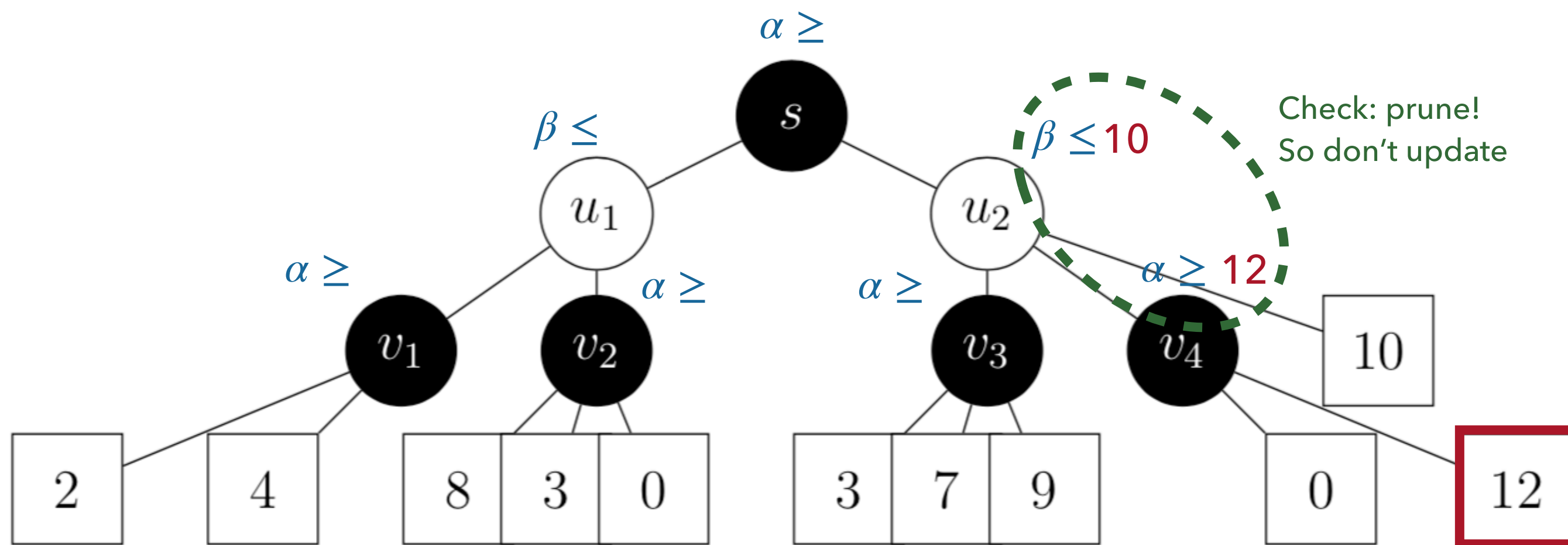
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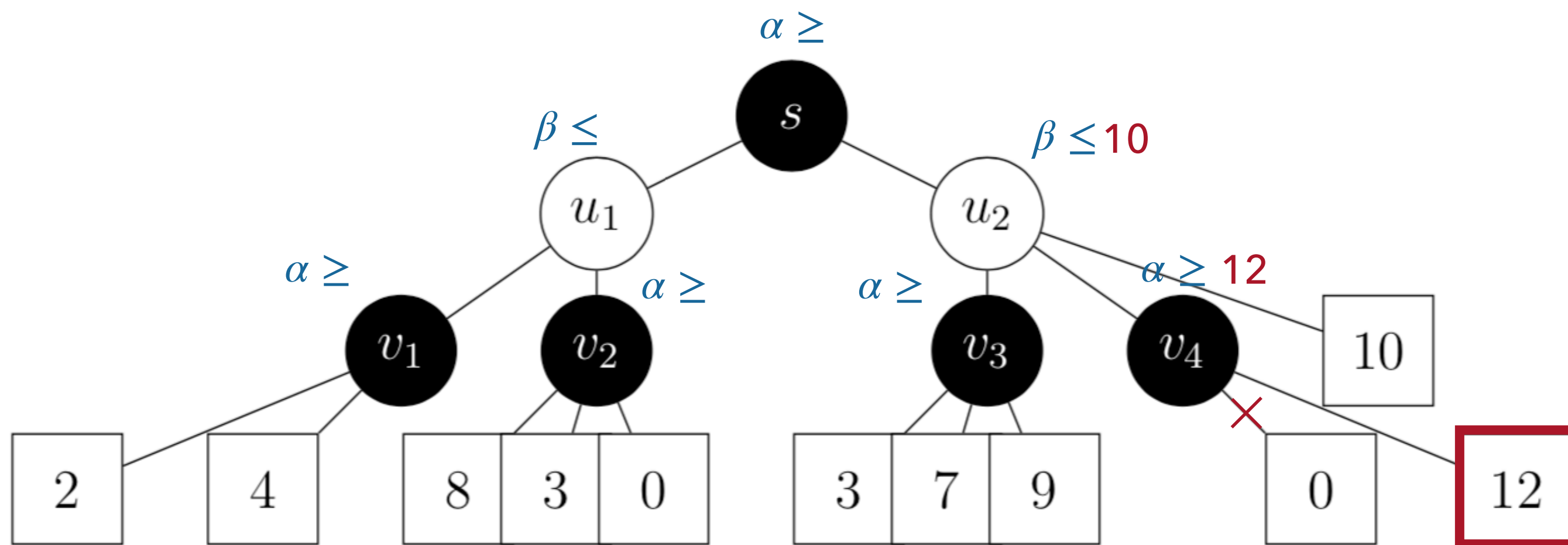
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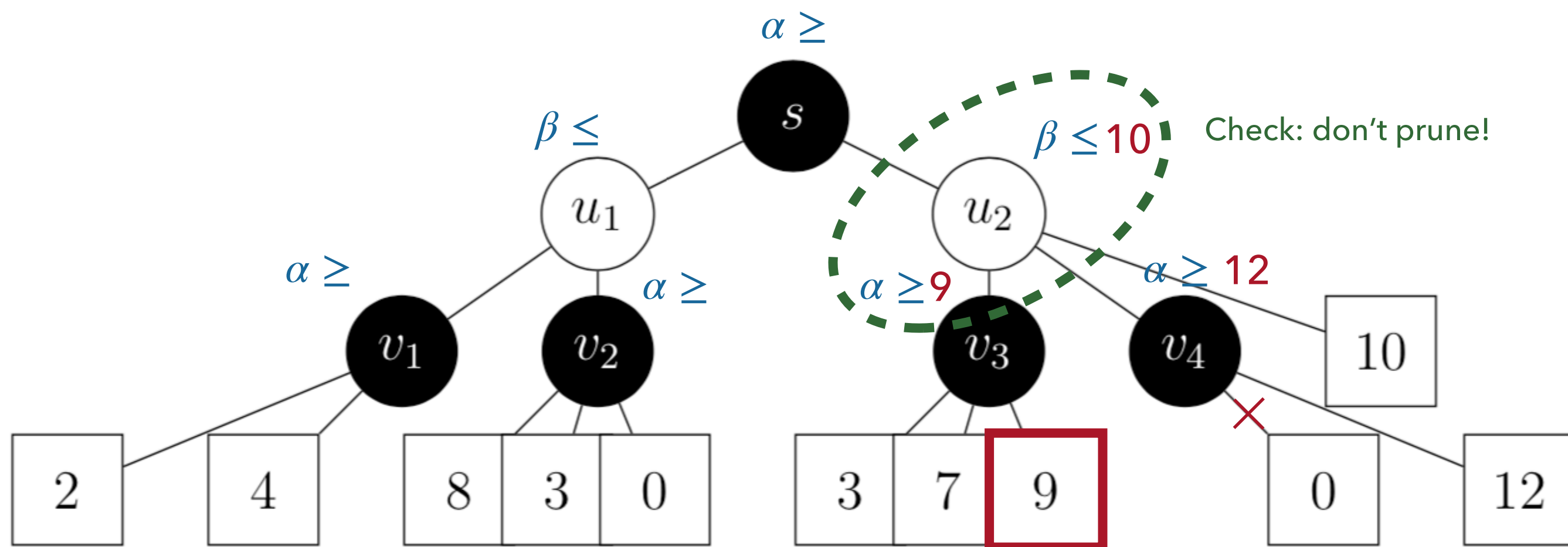


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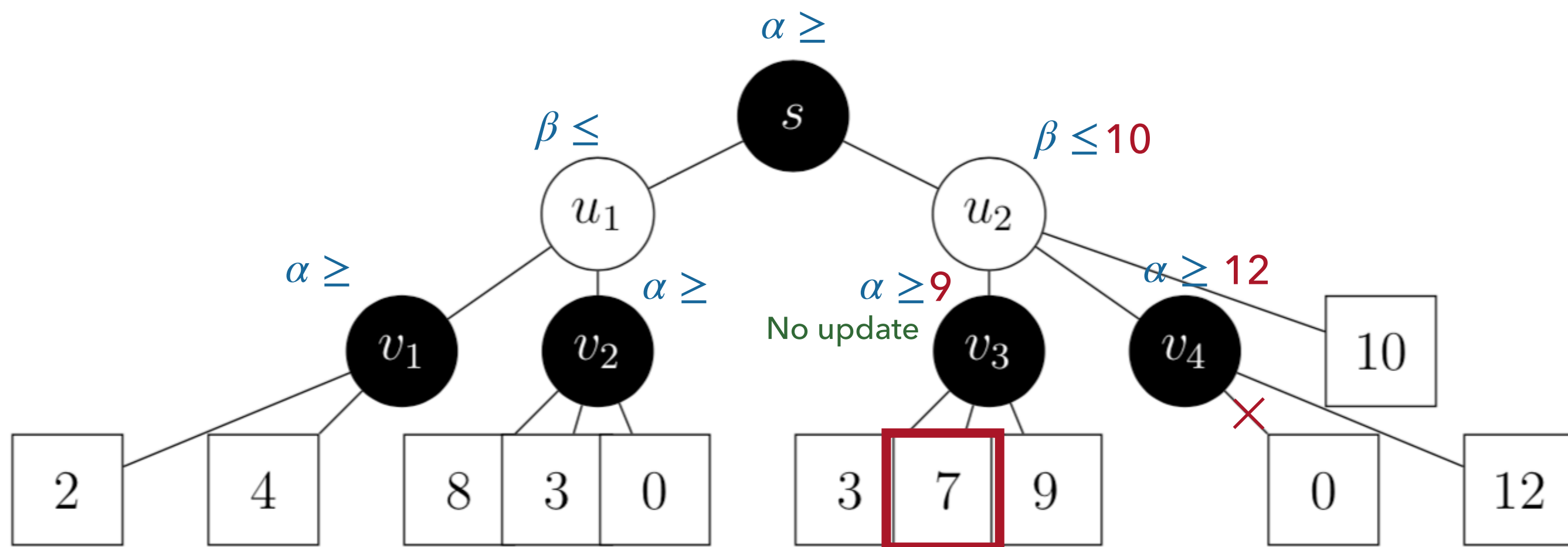
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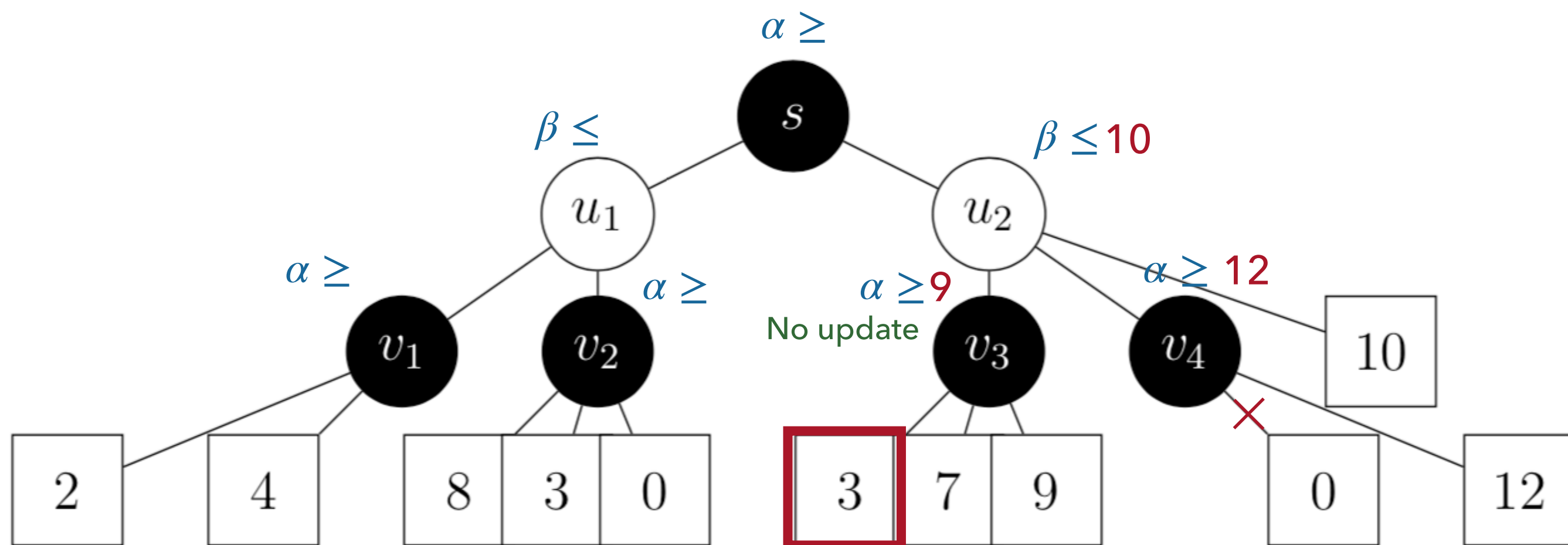
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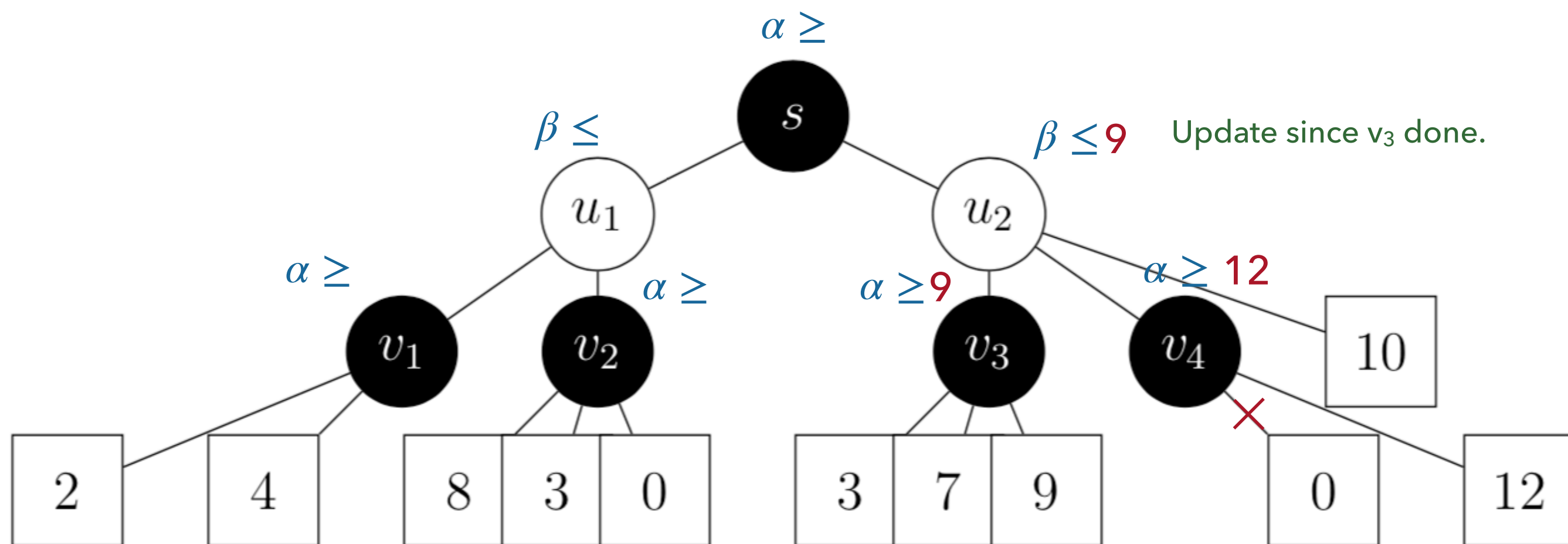
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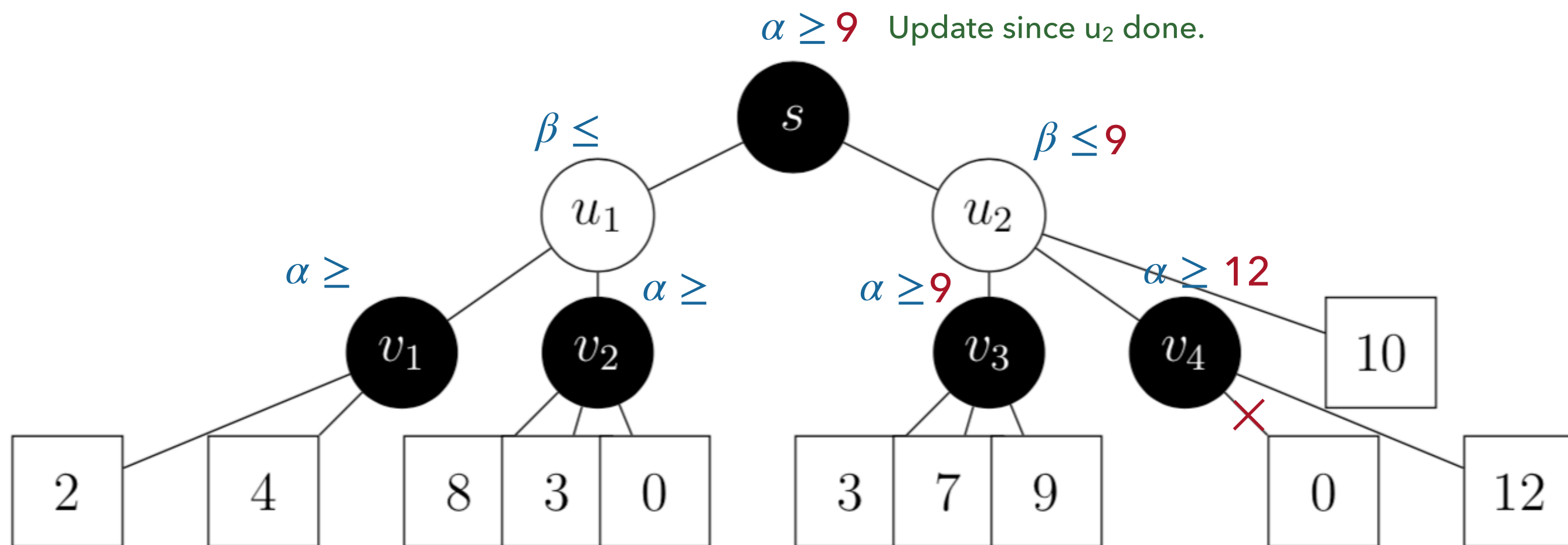
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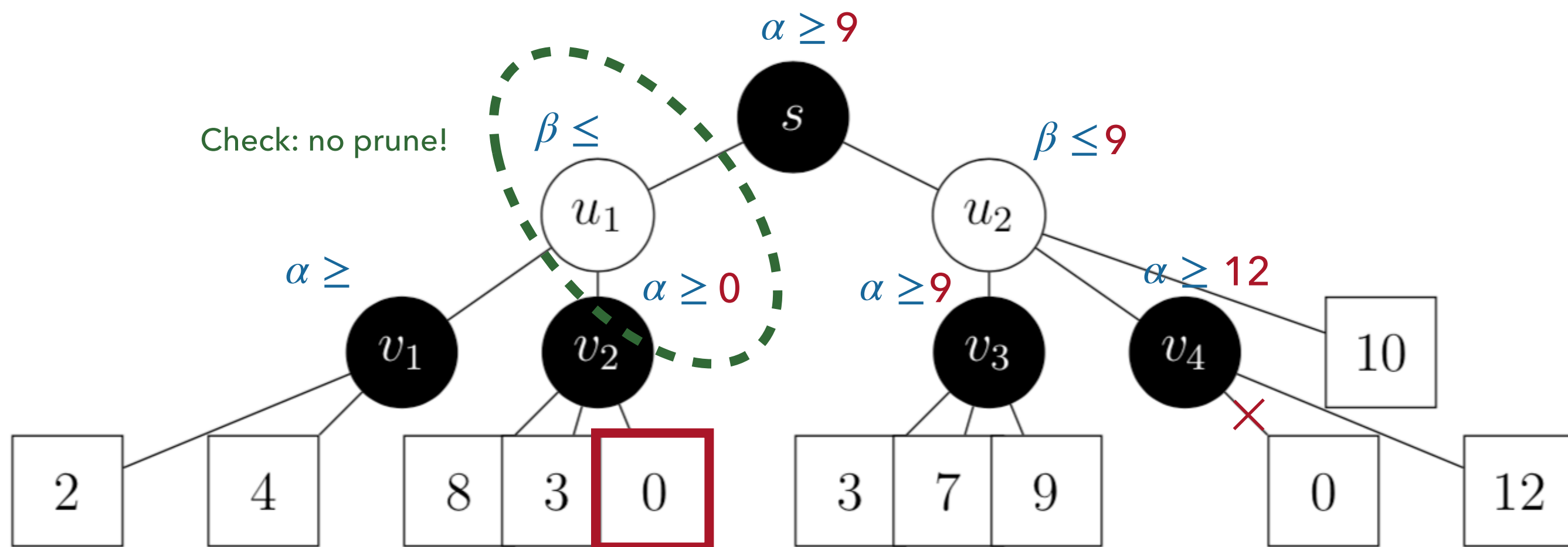


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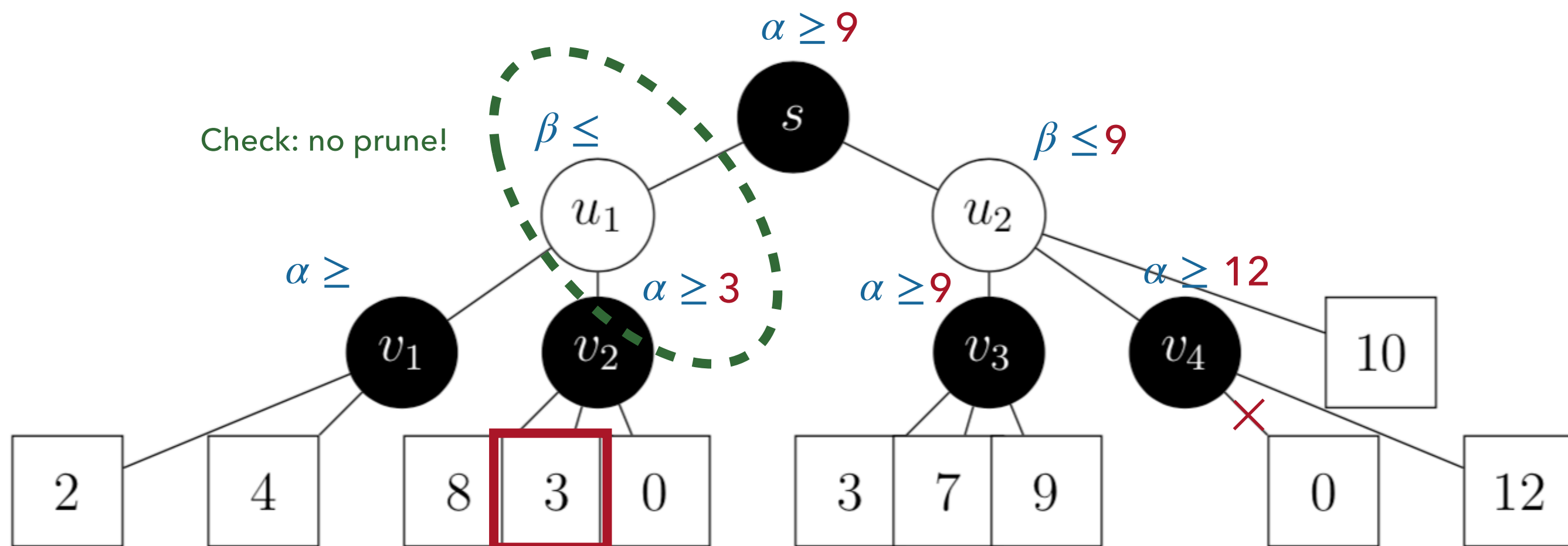


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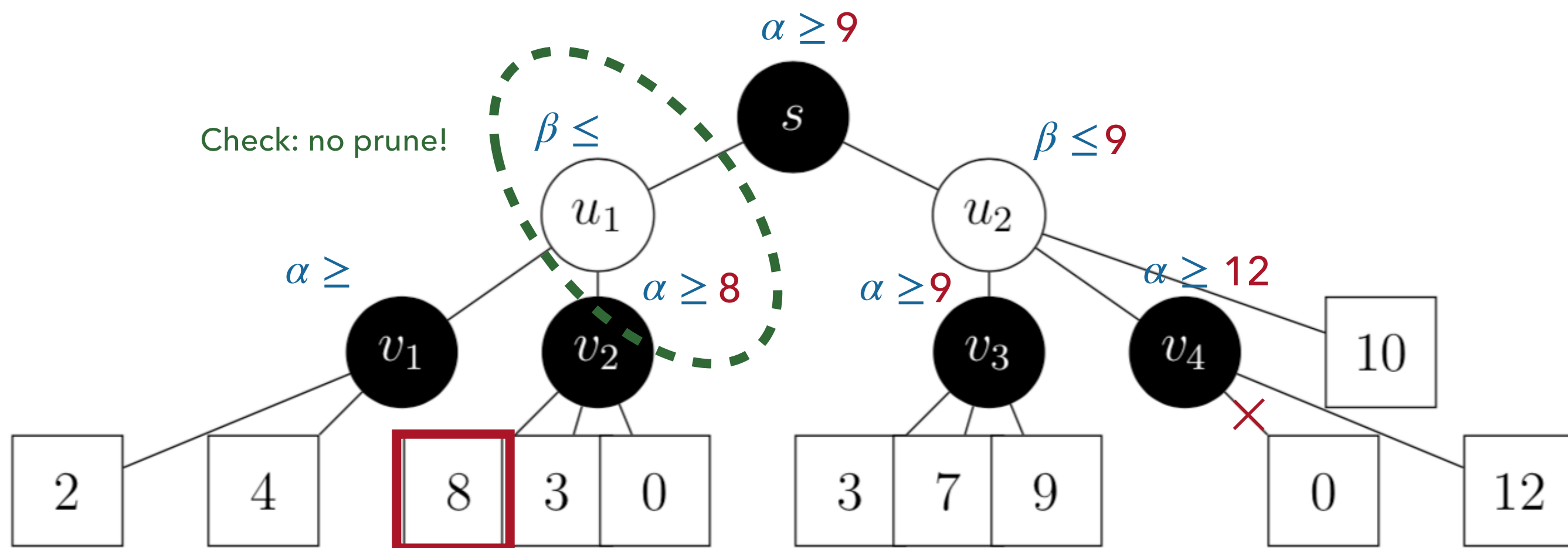


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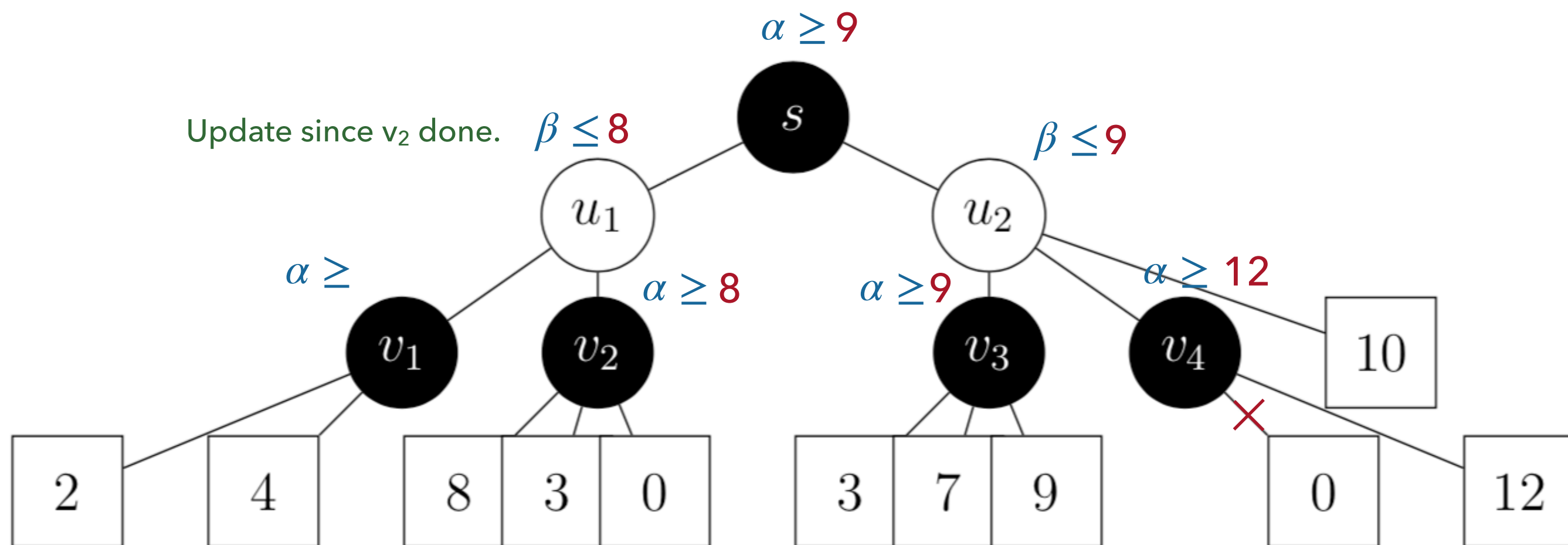
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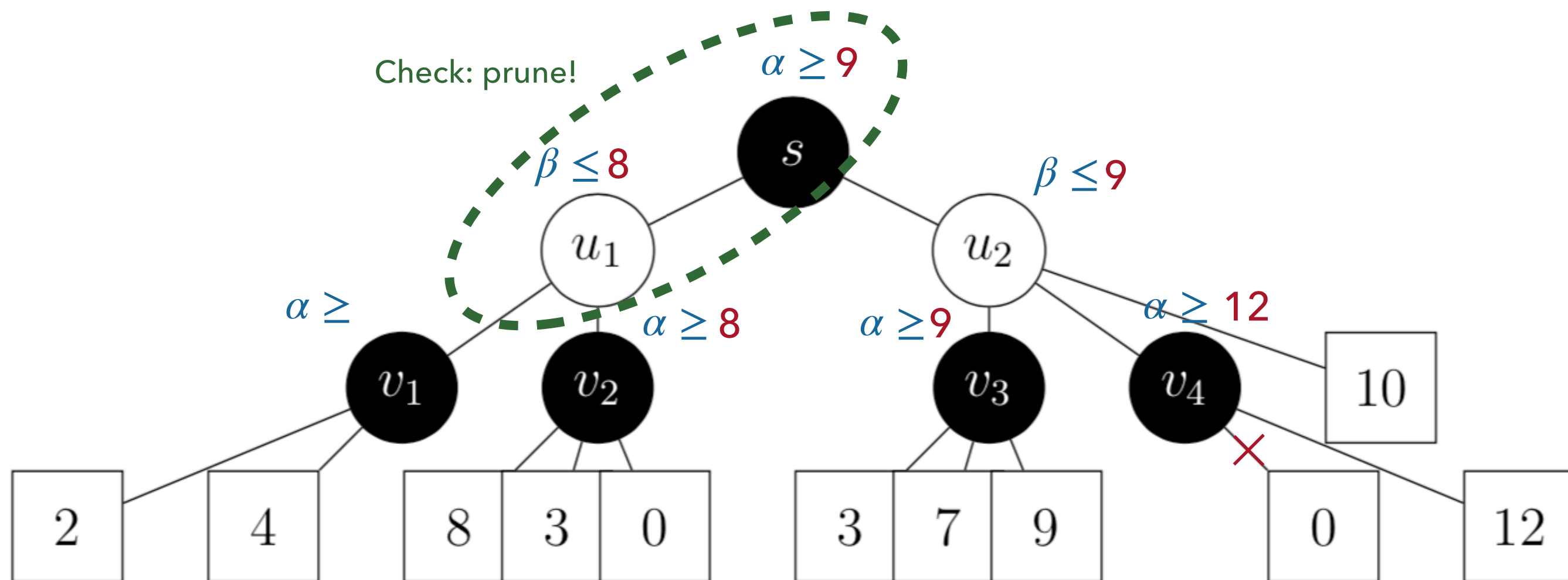


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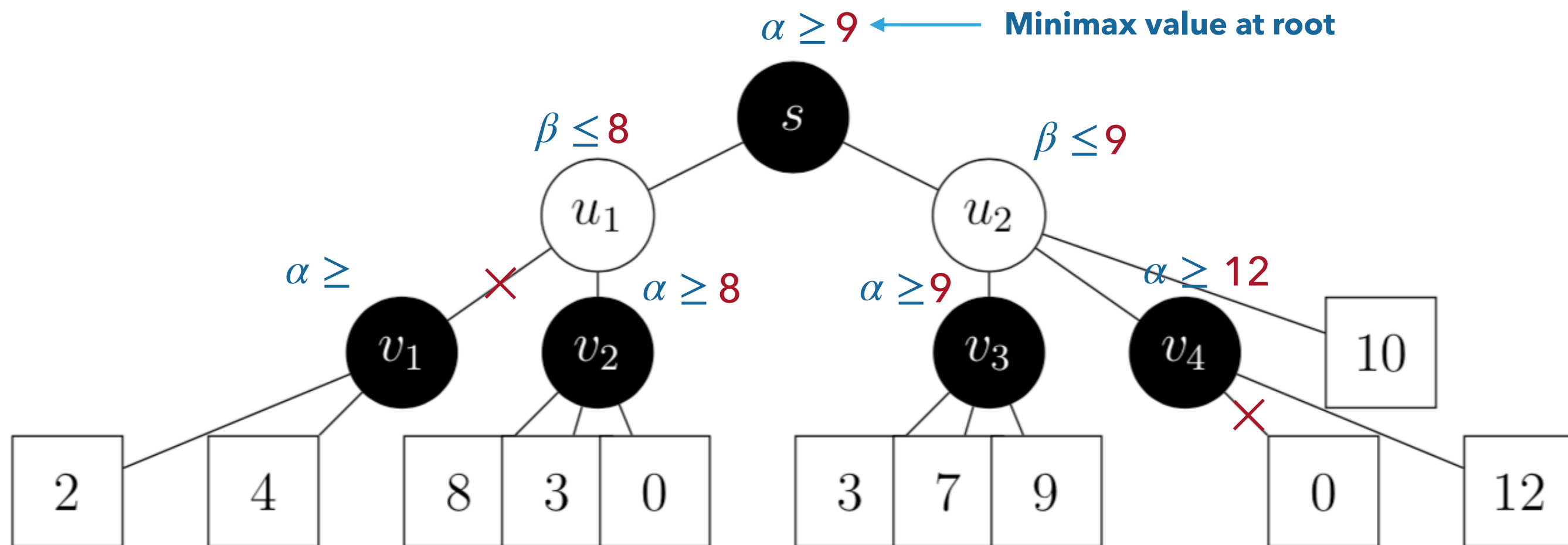
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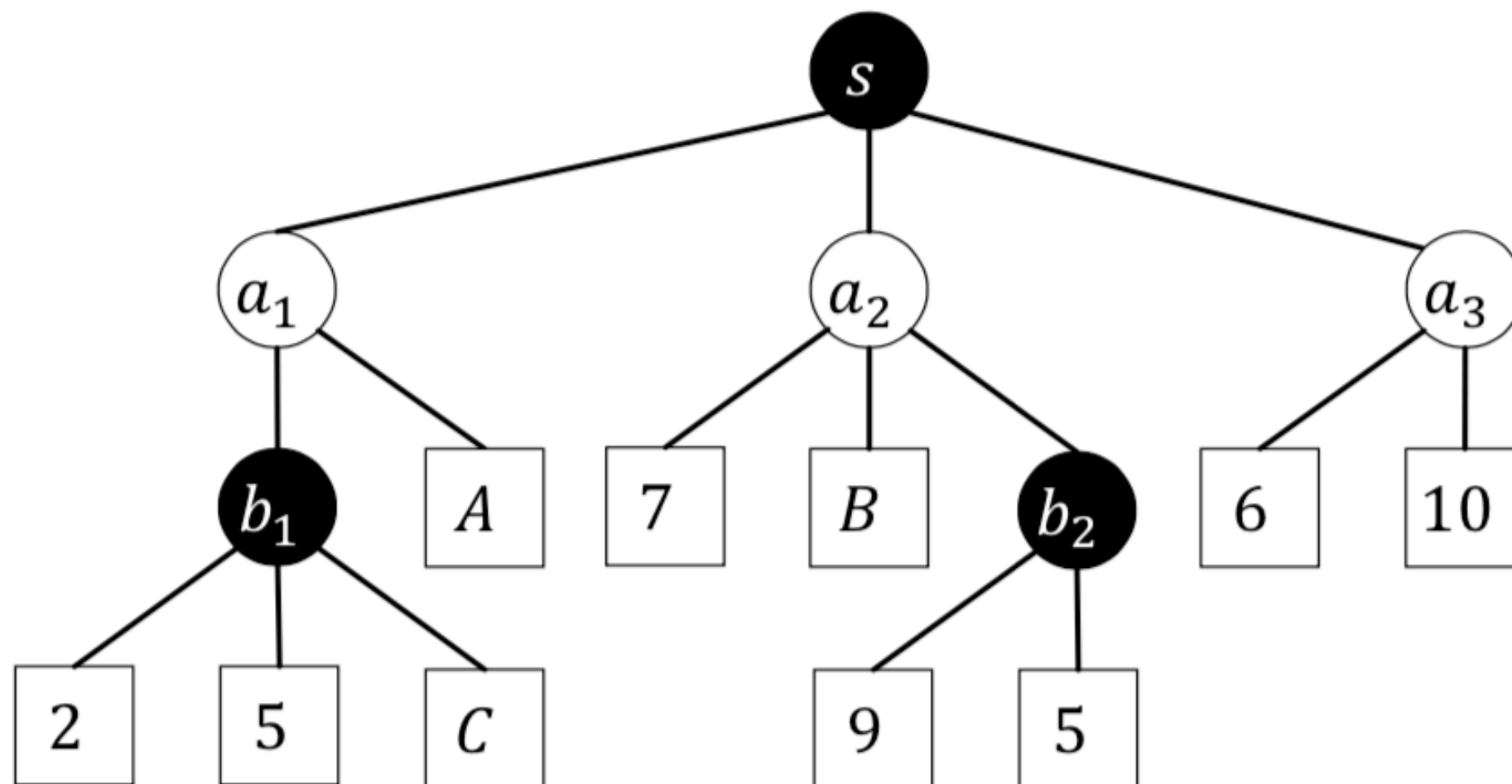
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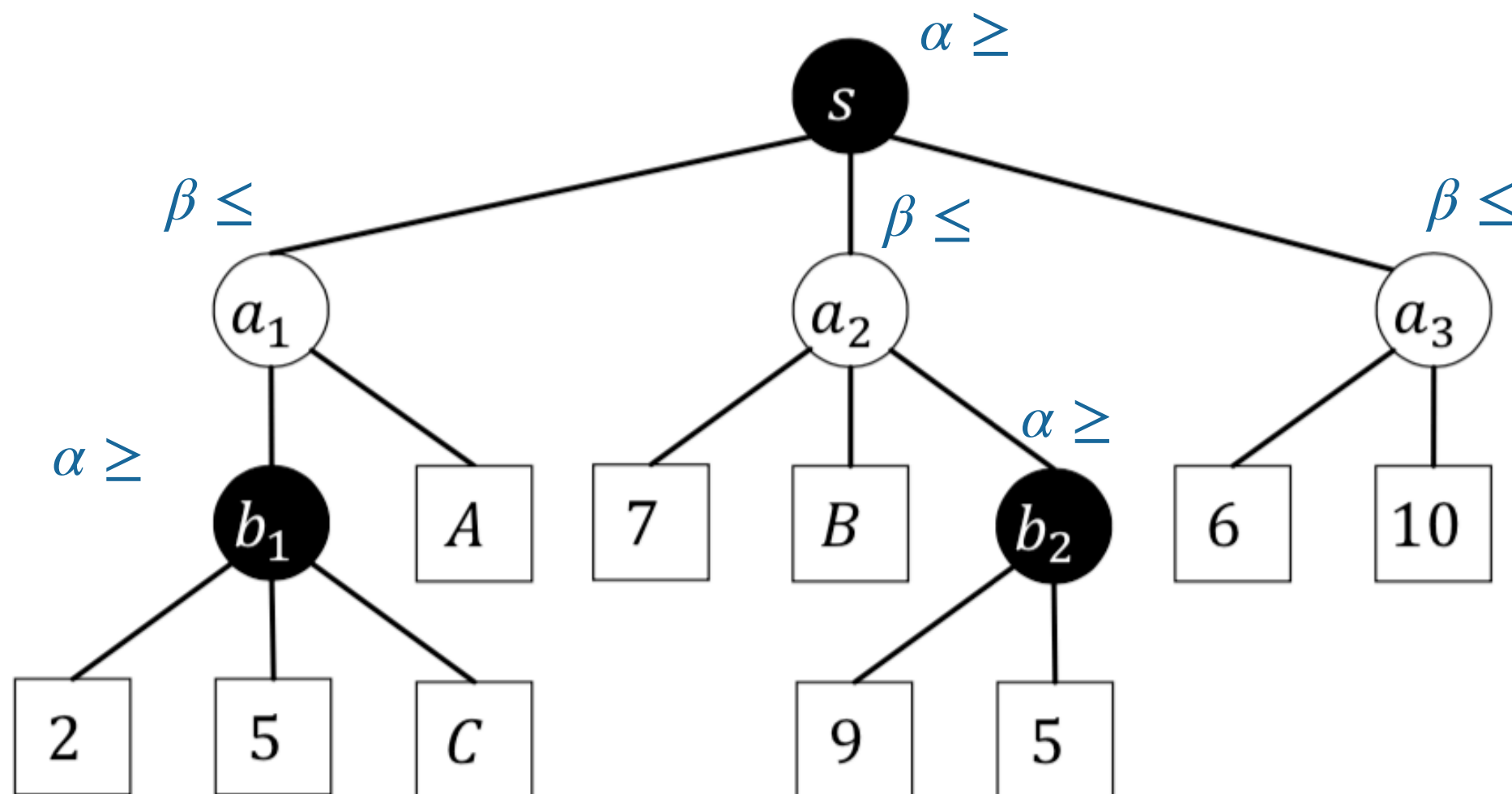
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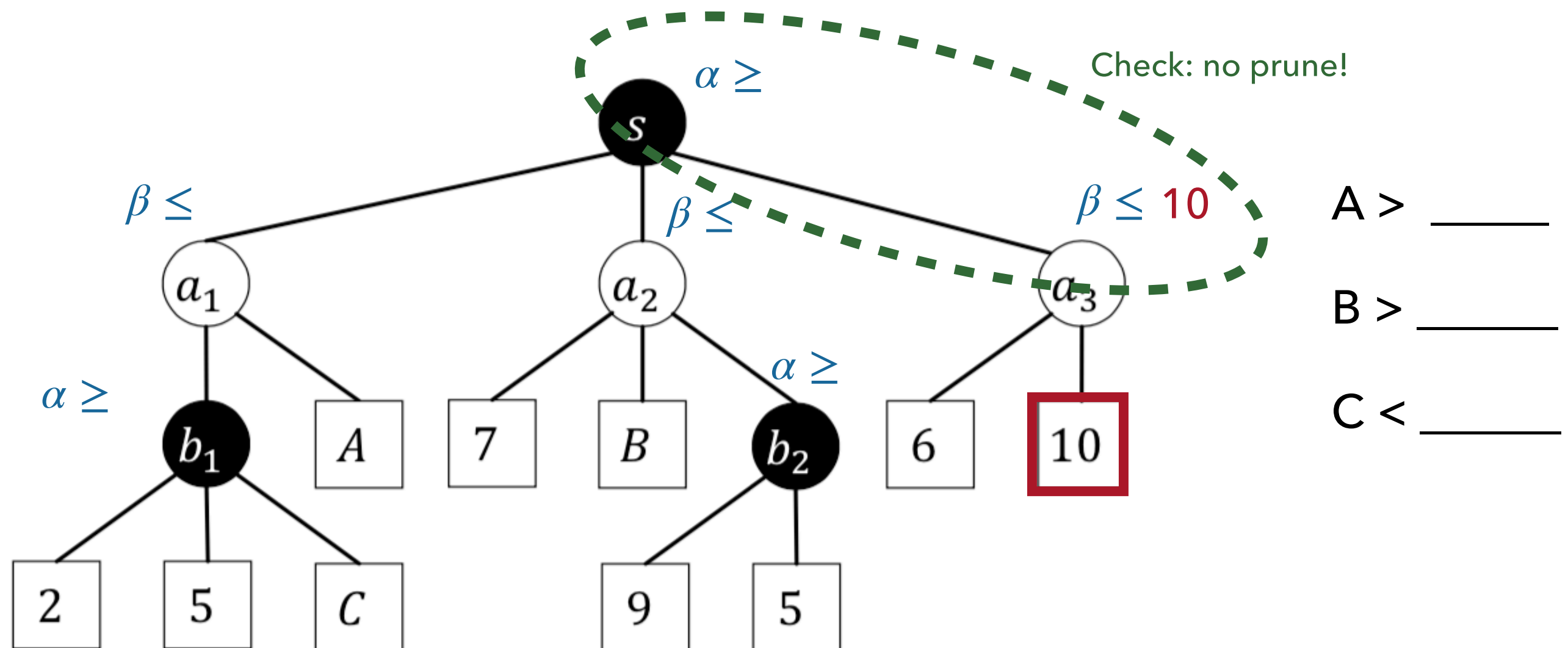
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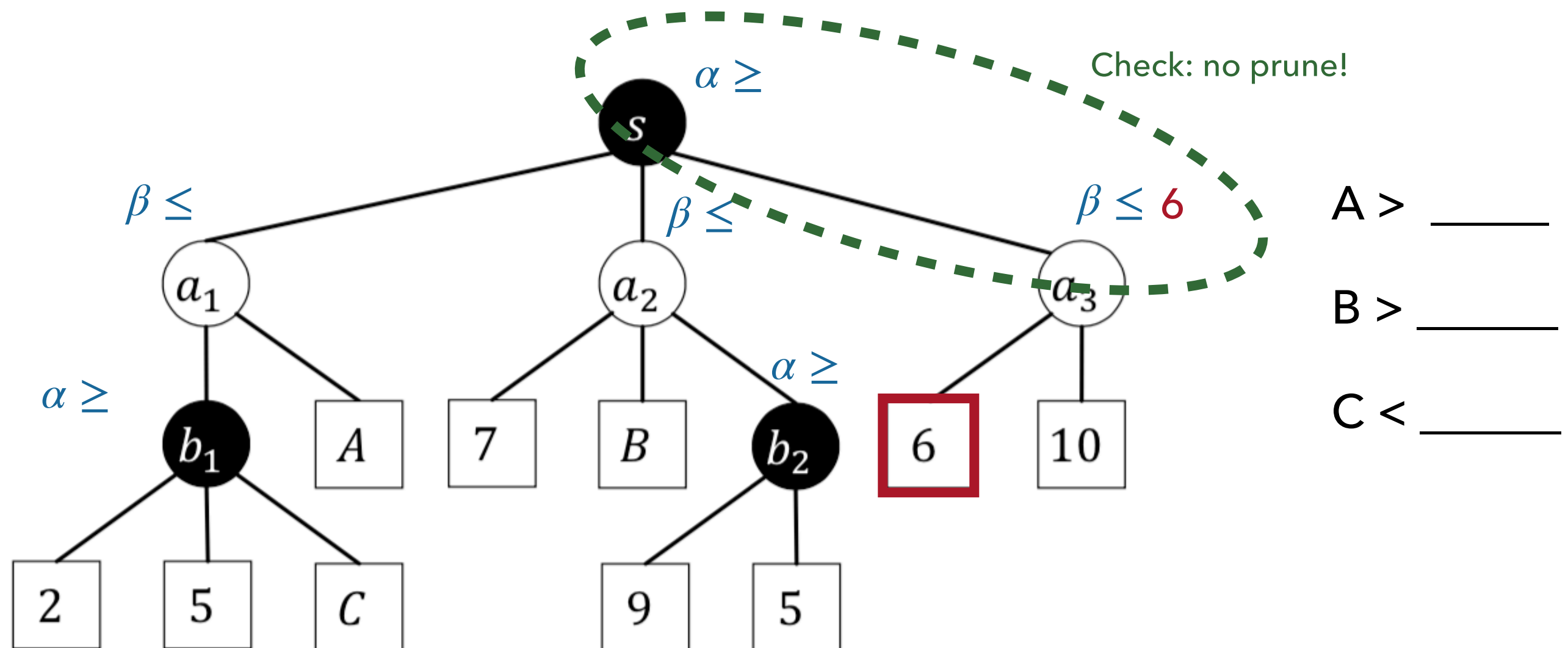


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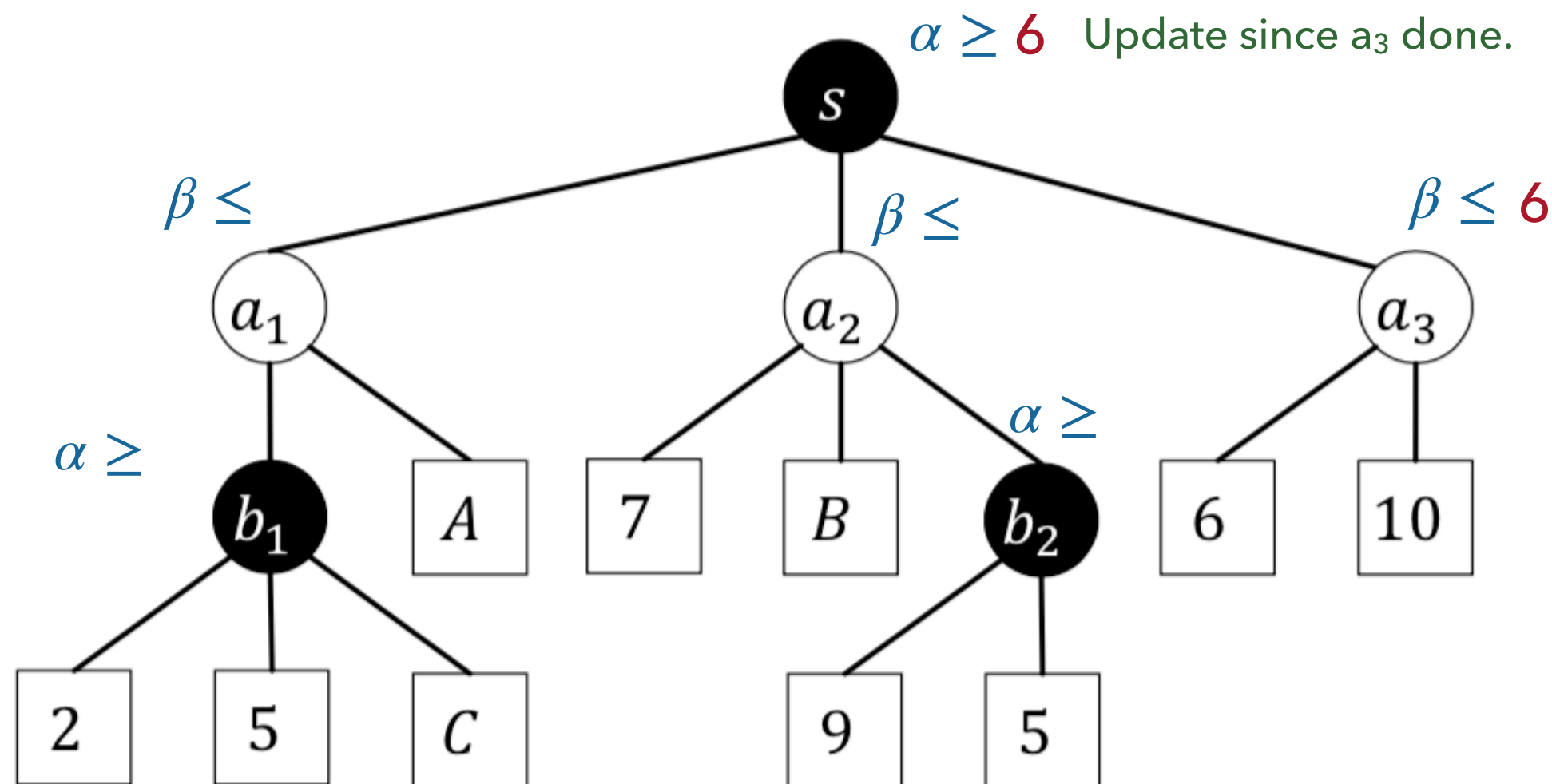


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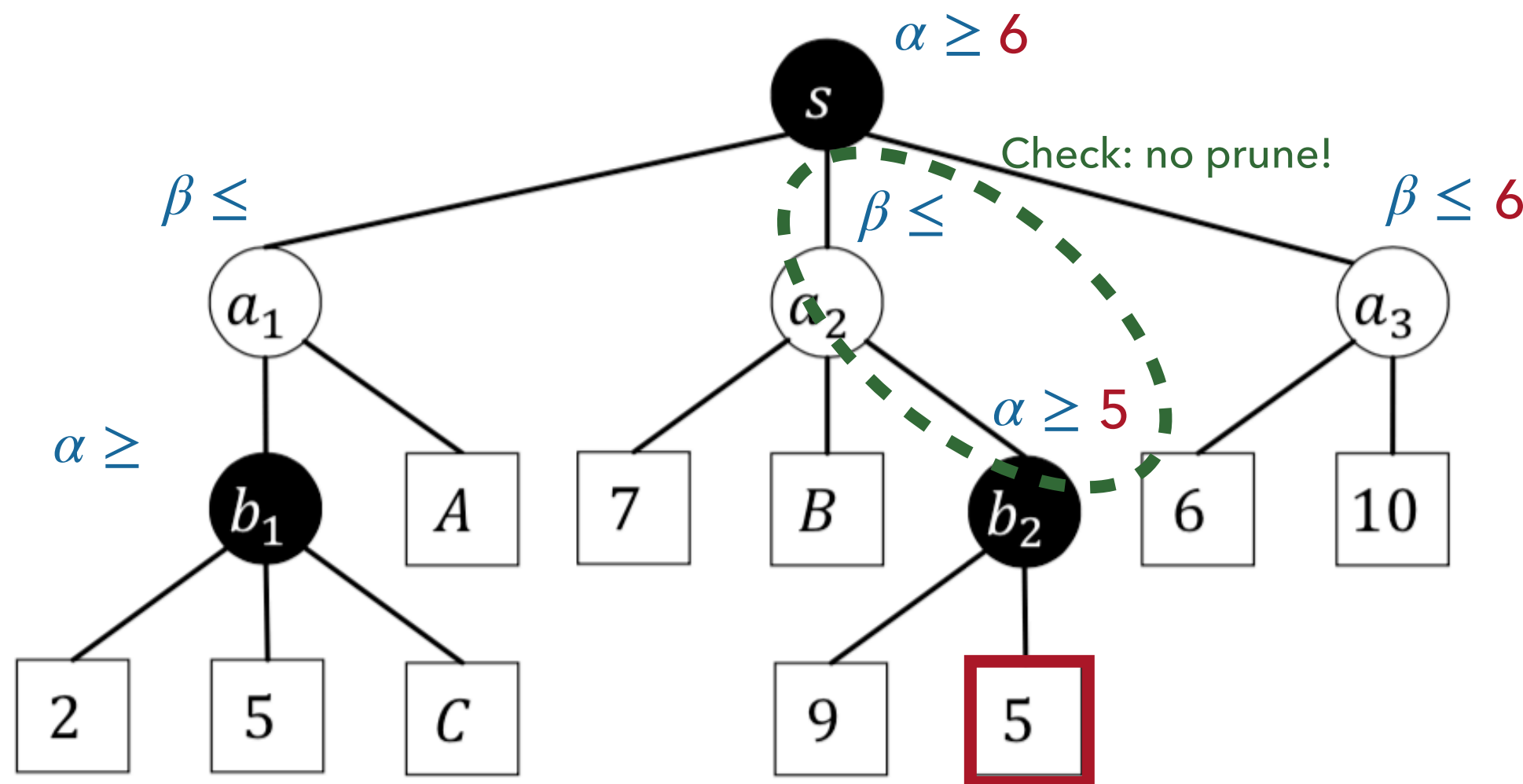
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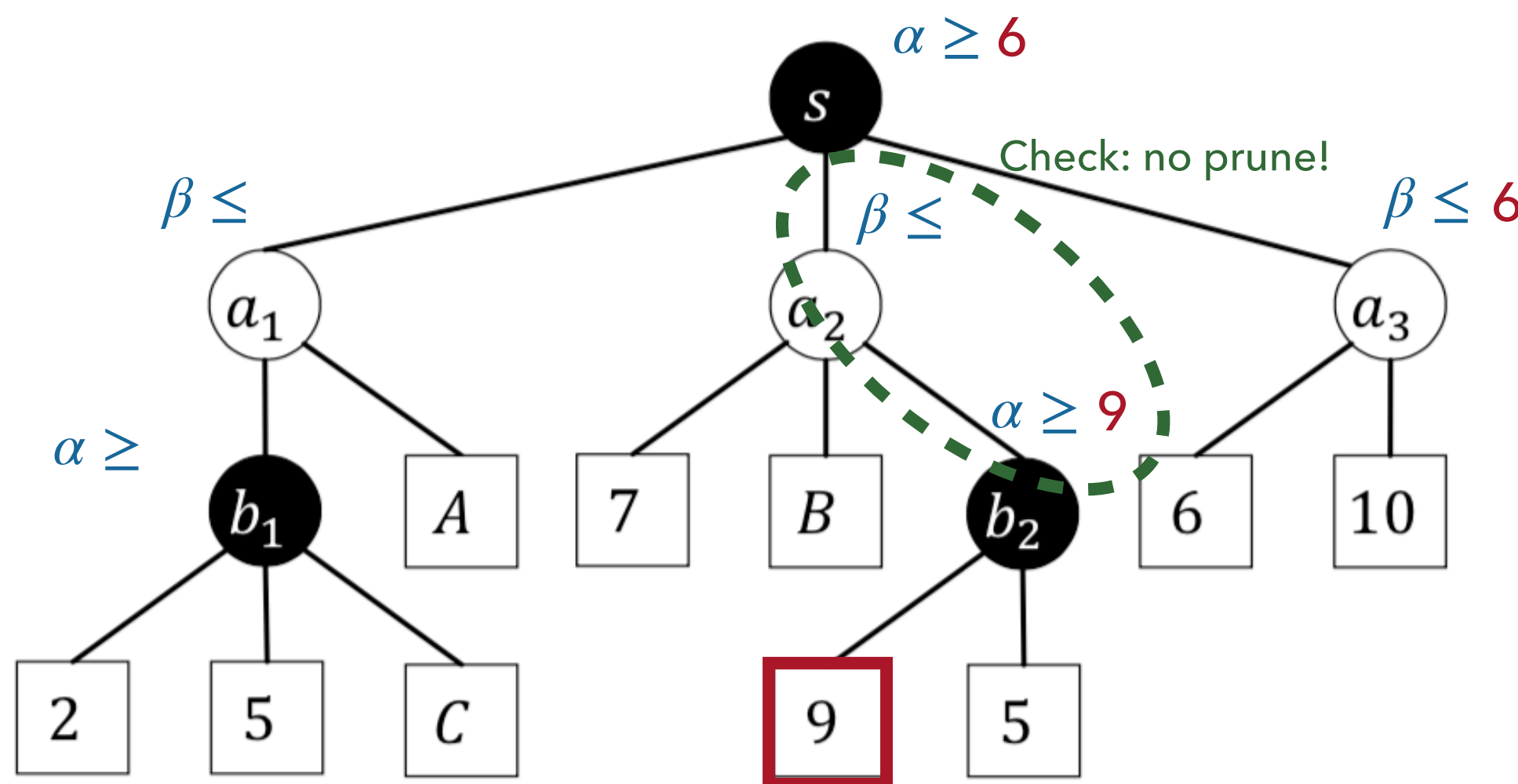
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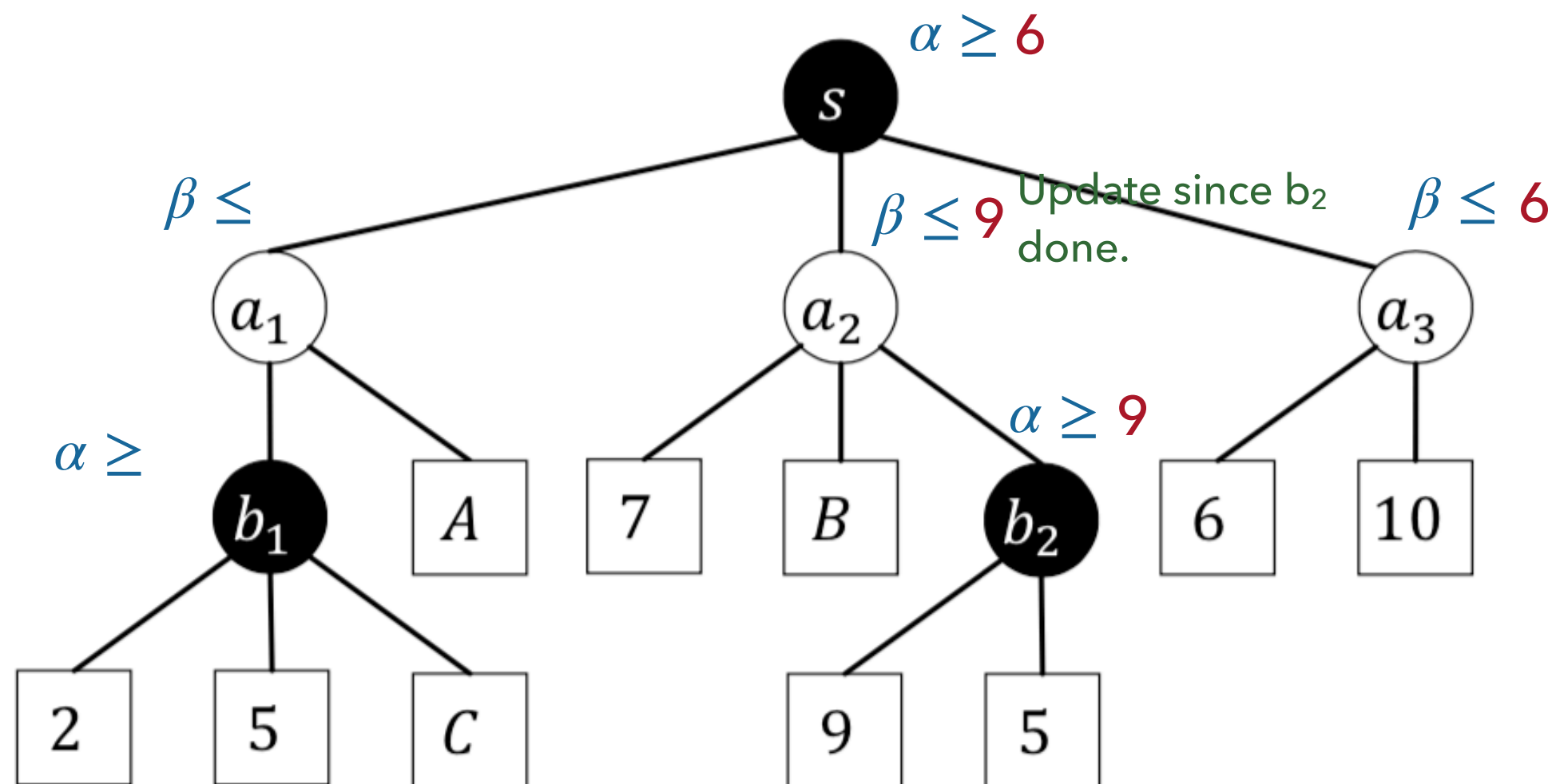
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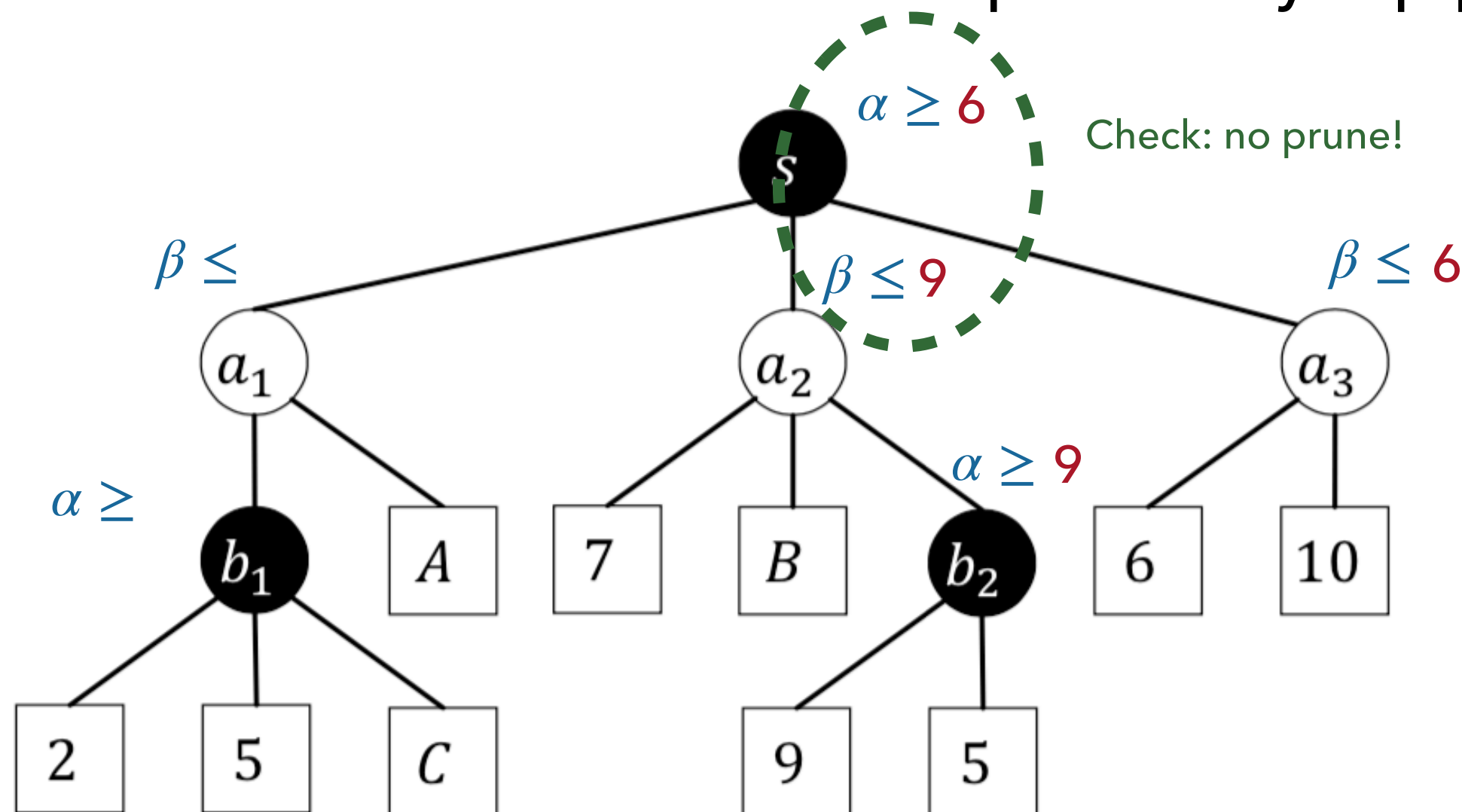
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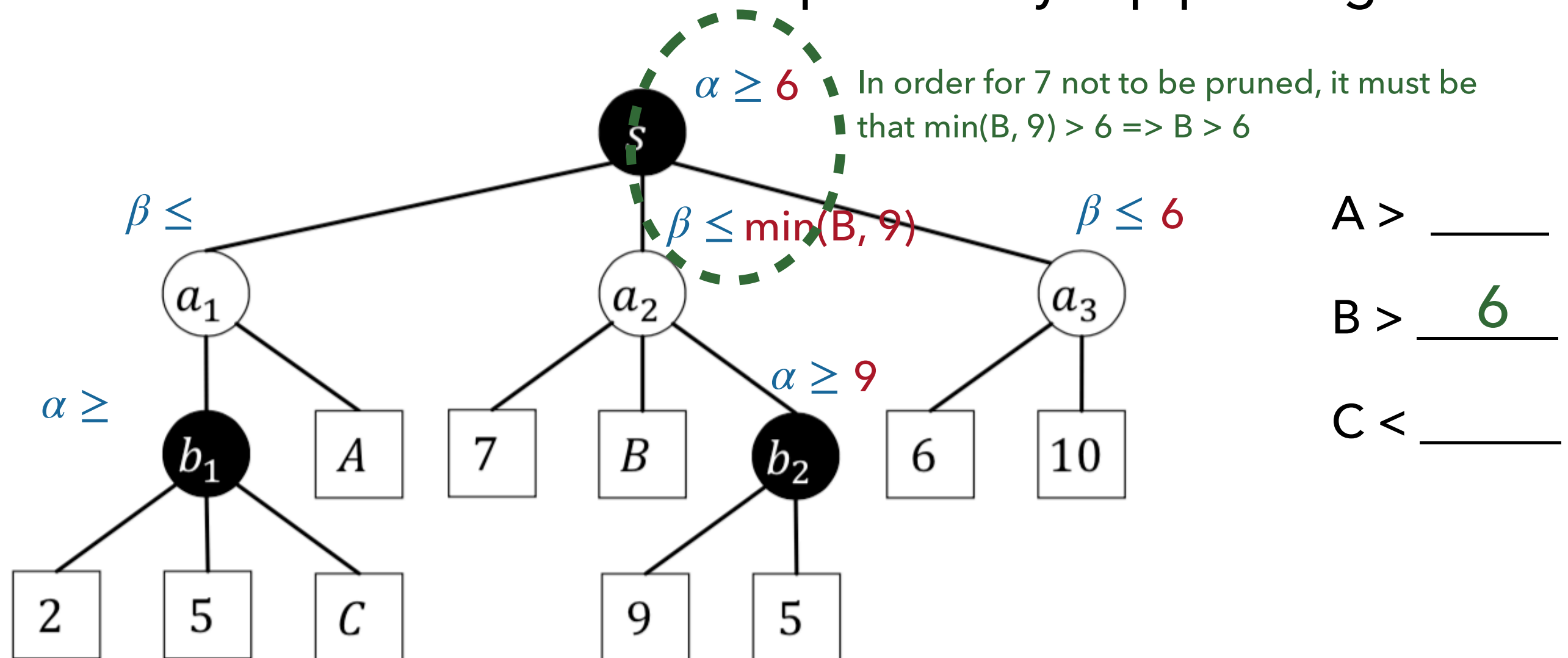
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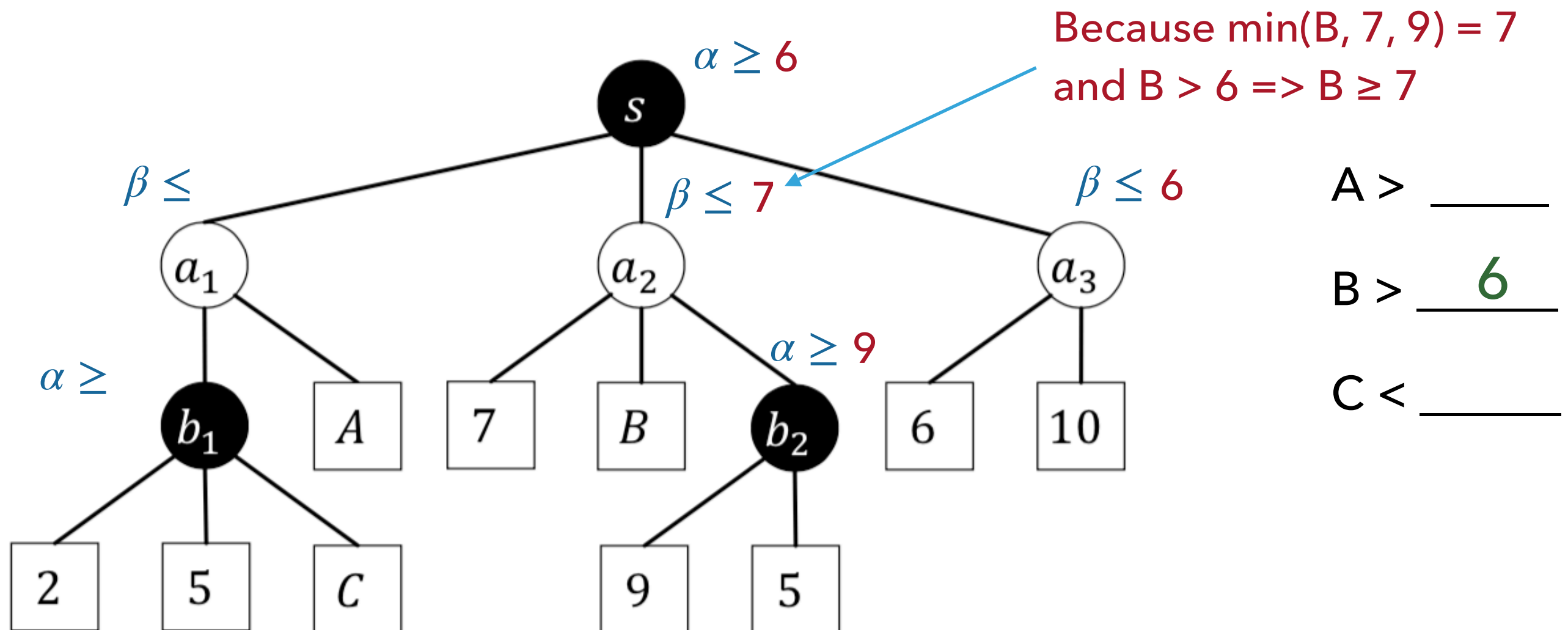


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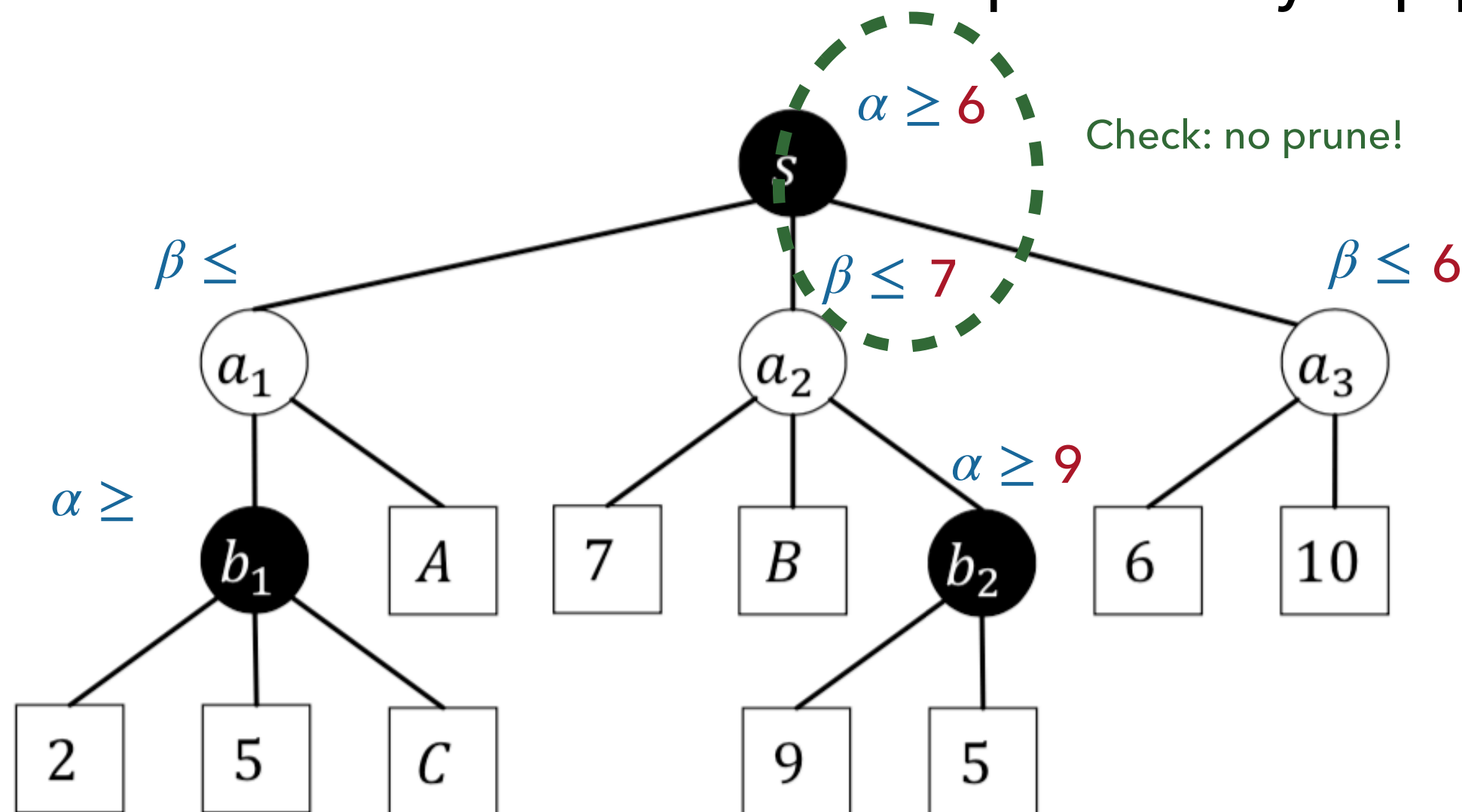


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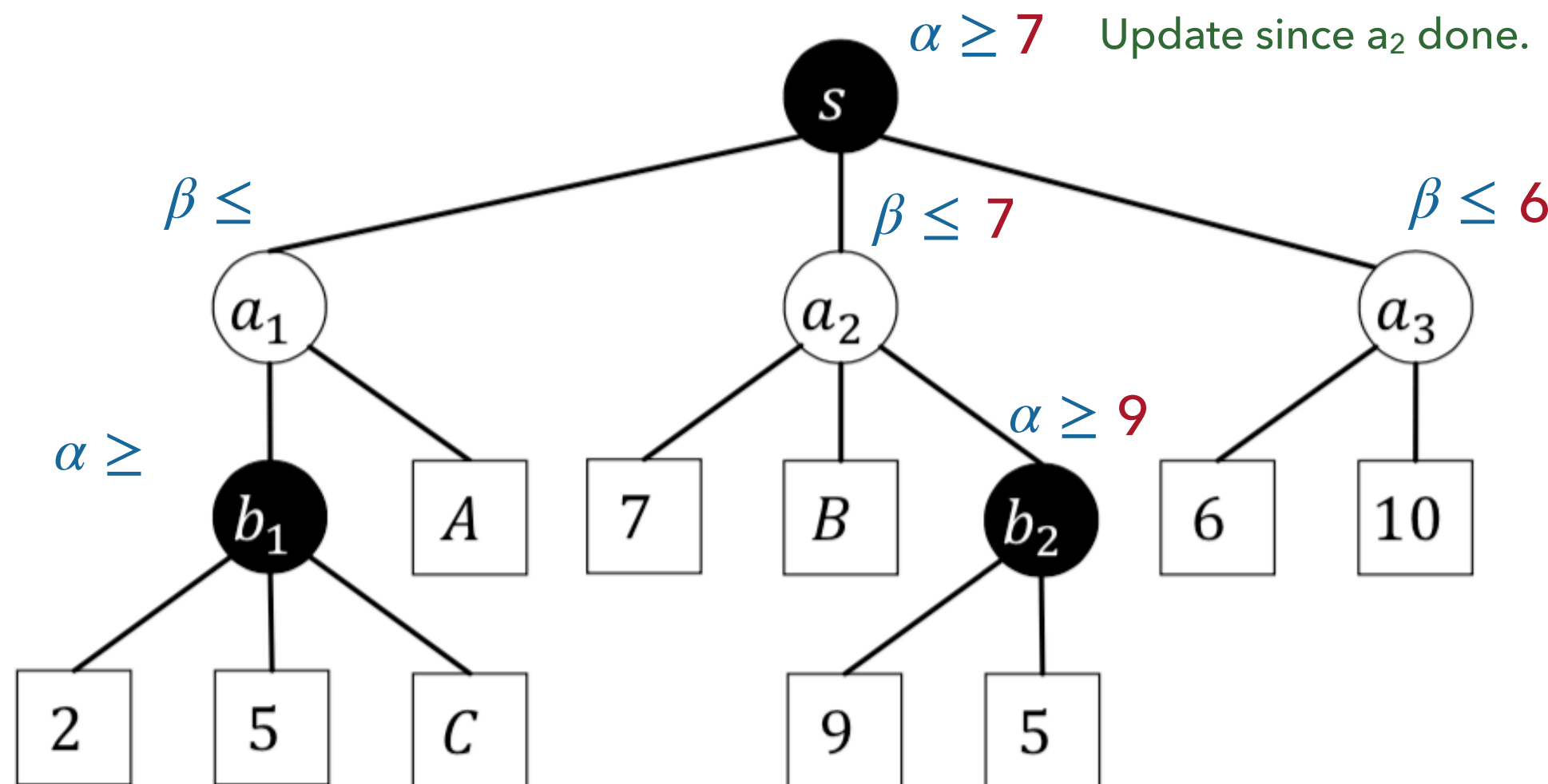
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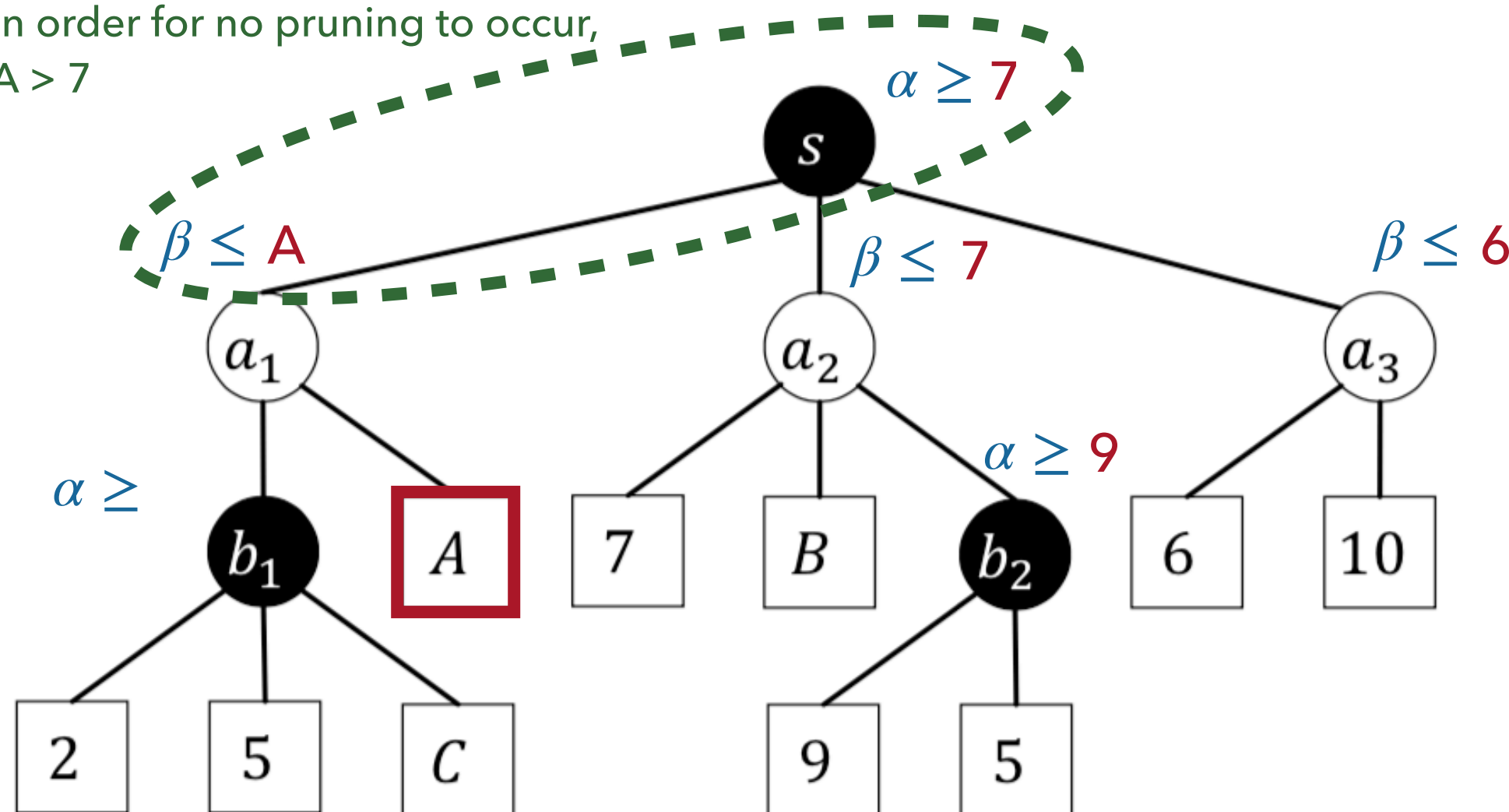
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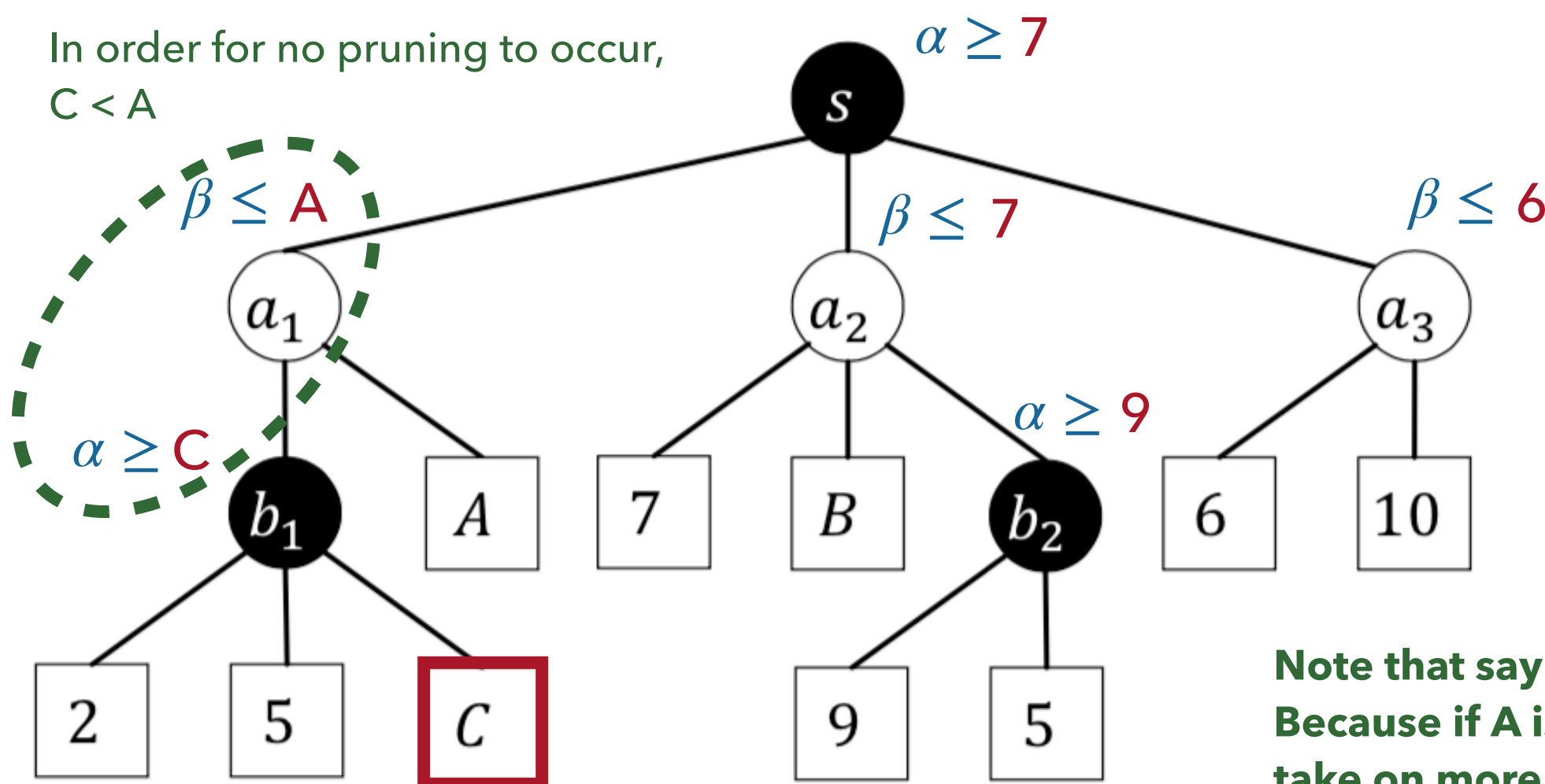
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Note that saying $C < 8$ is insufficient. Because if A is very large, then C can take on more values than merely $C < 8$.

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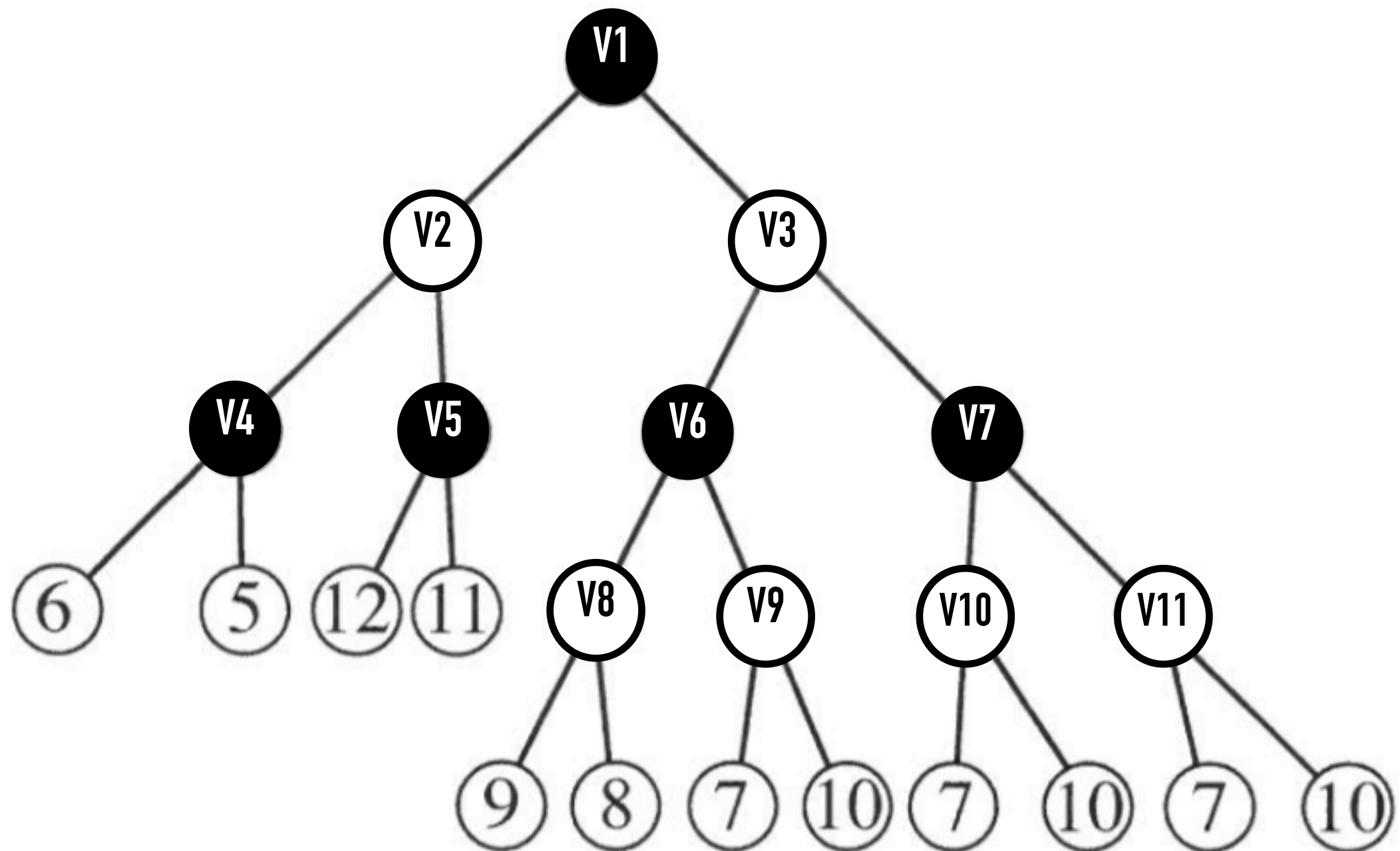
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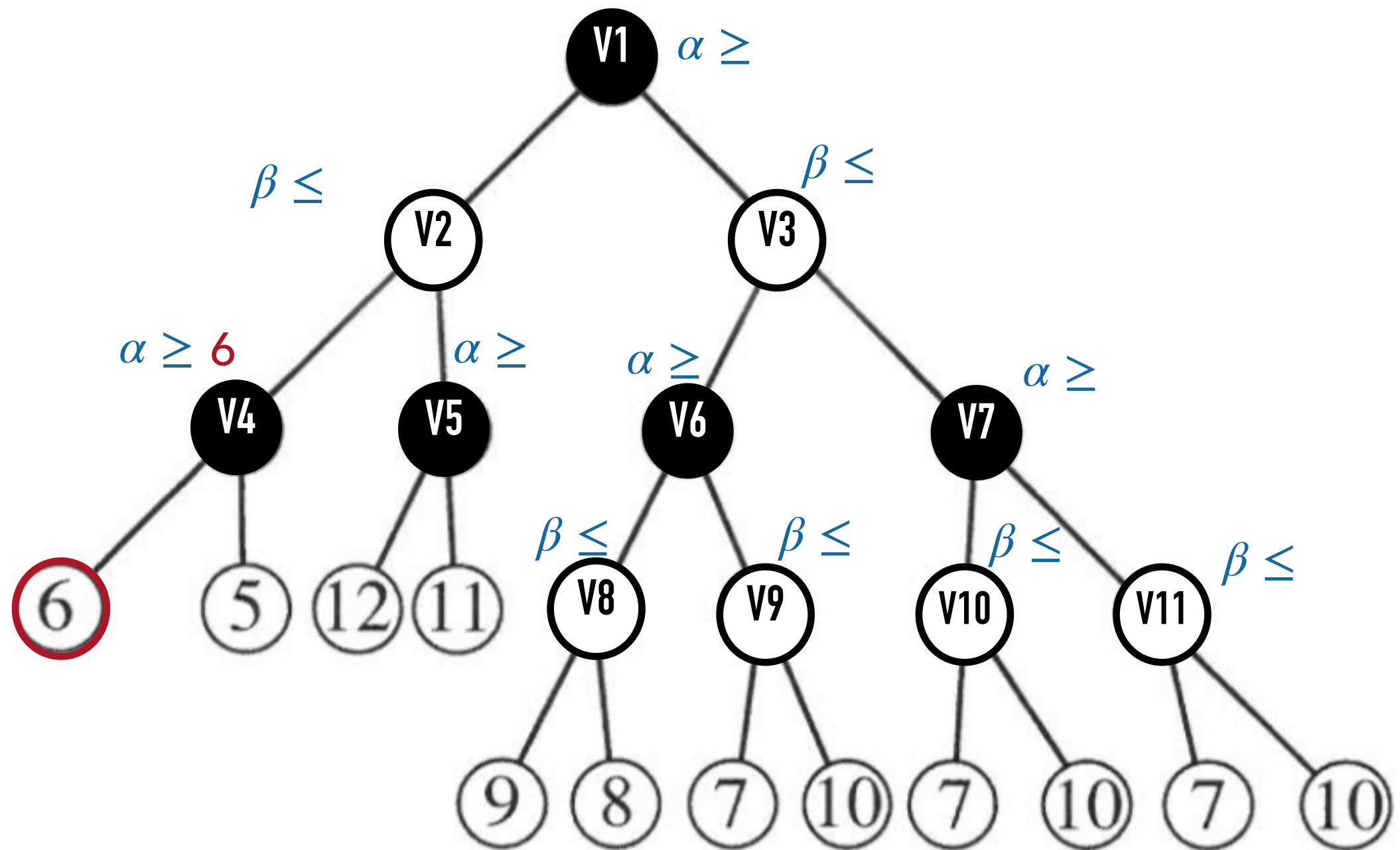
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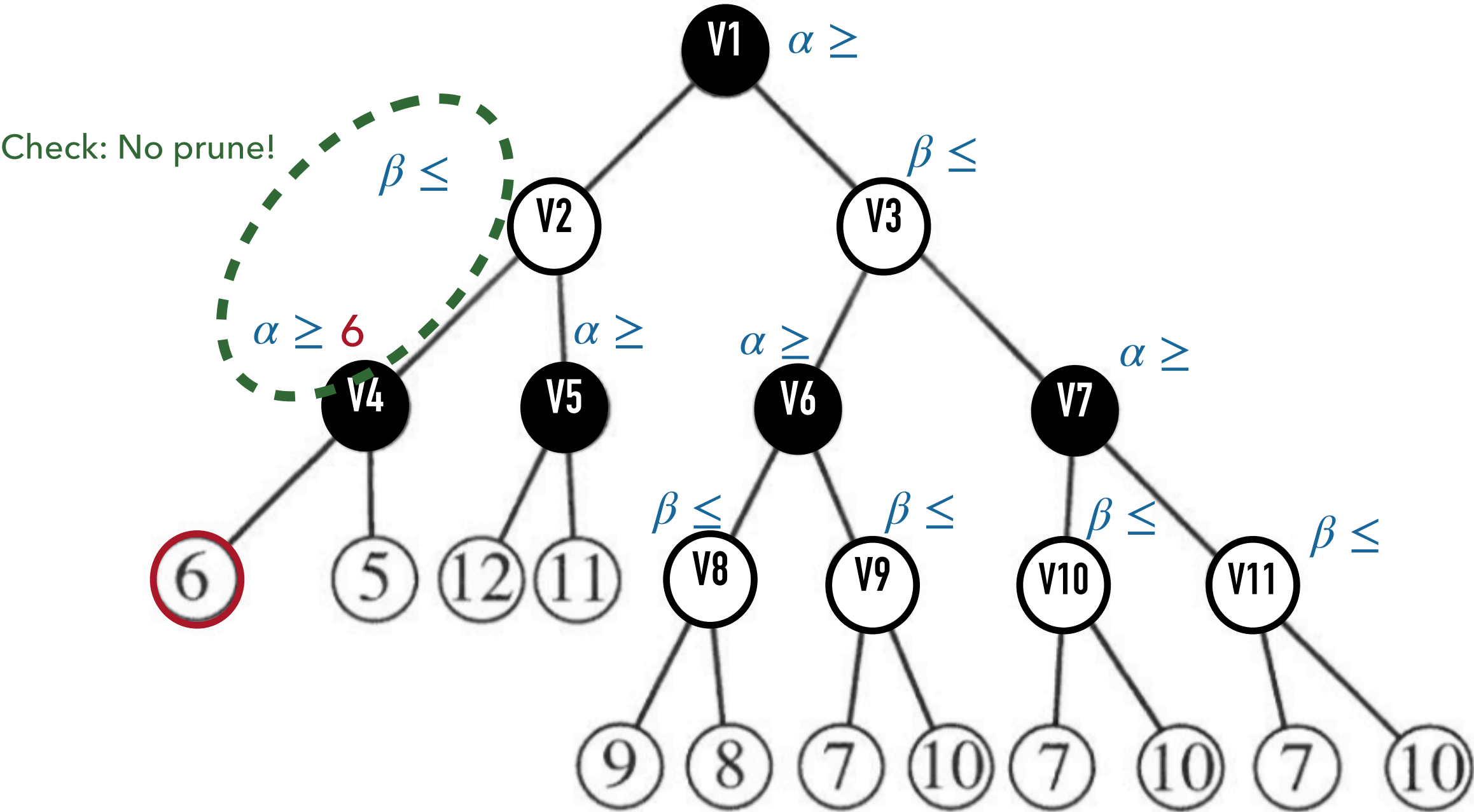


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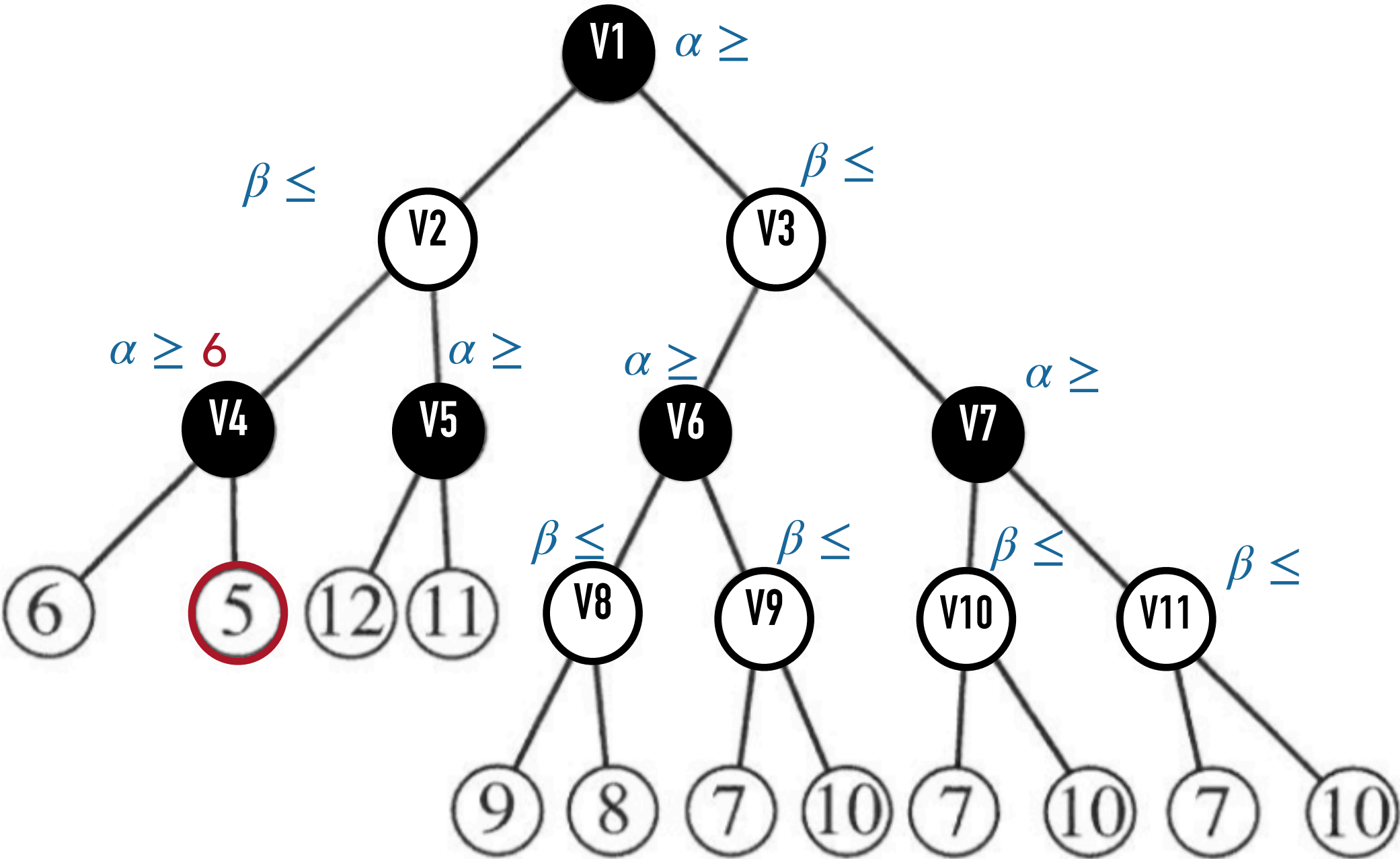
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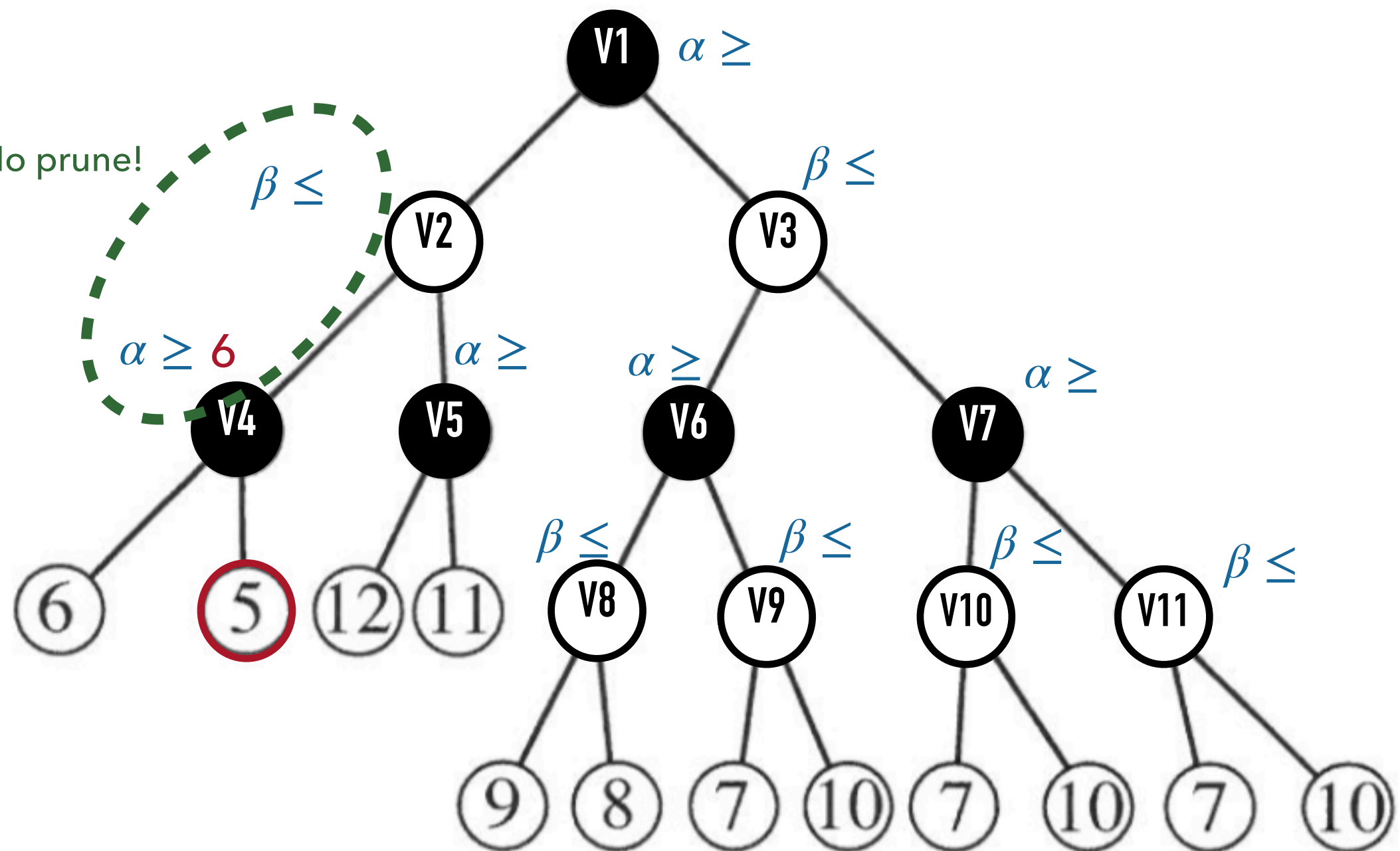
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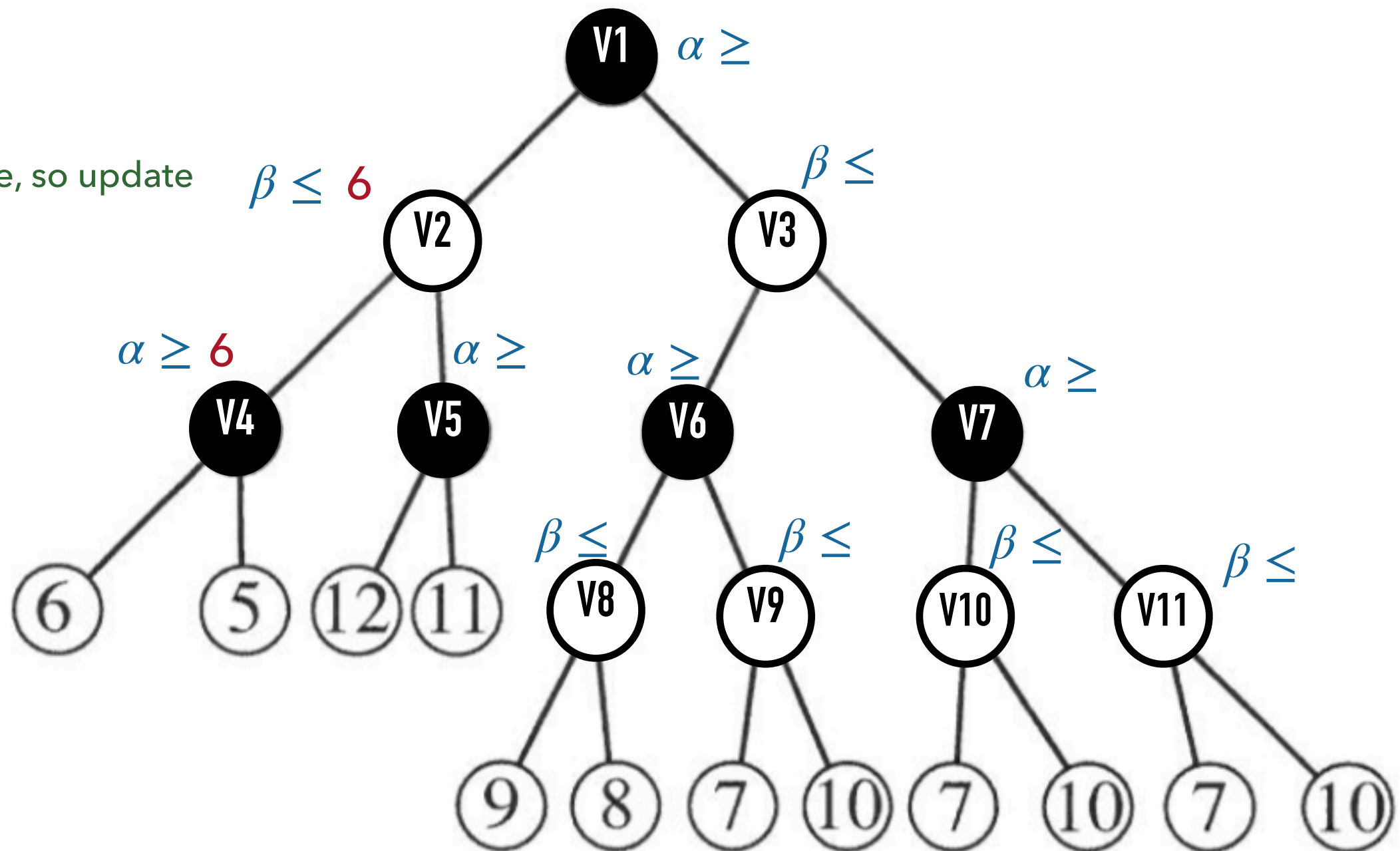
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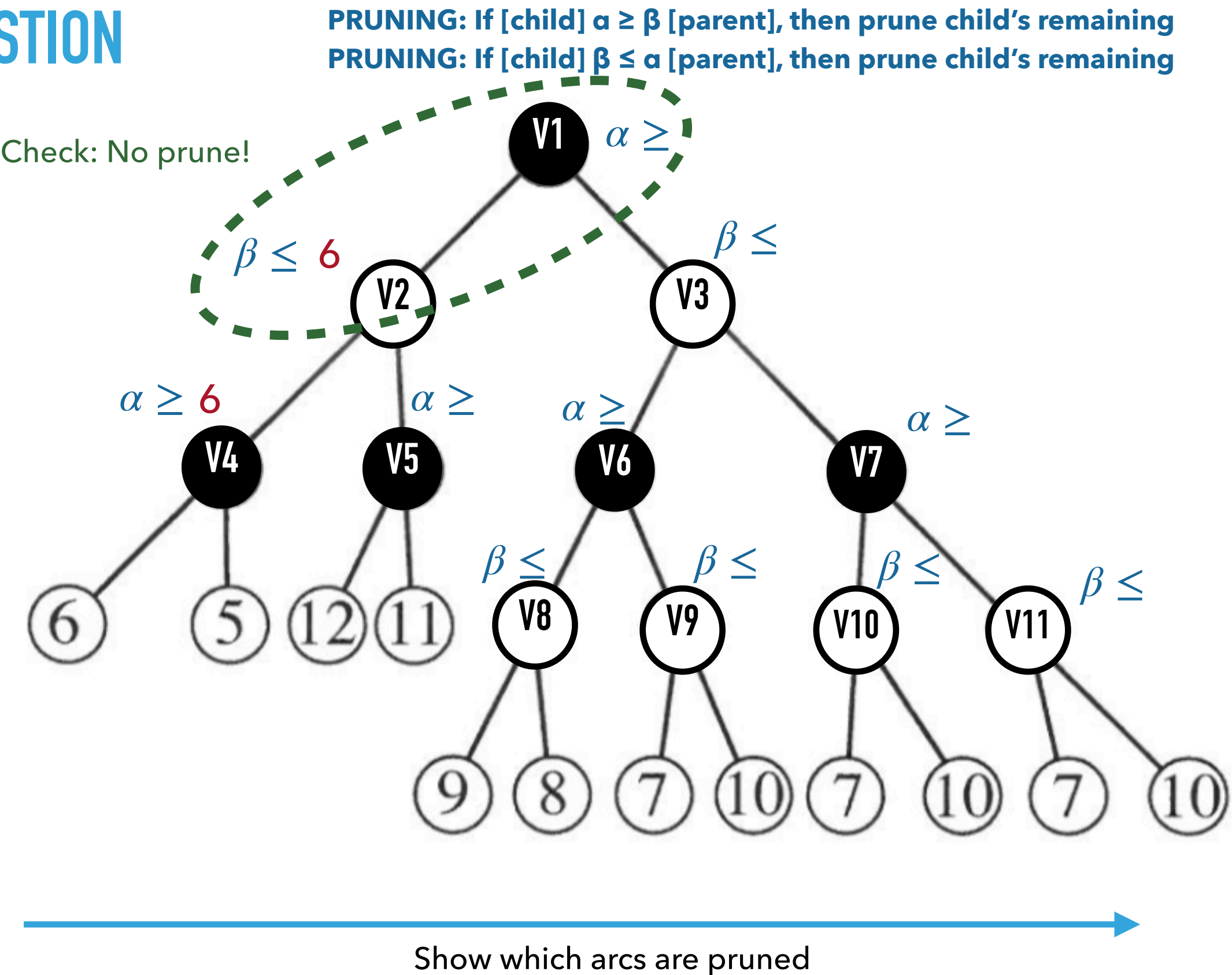
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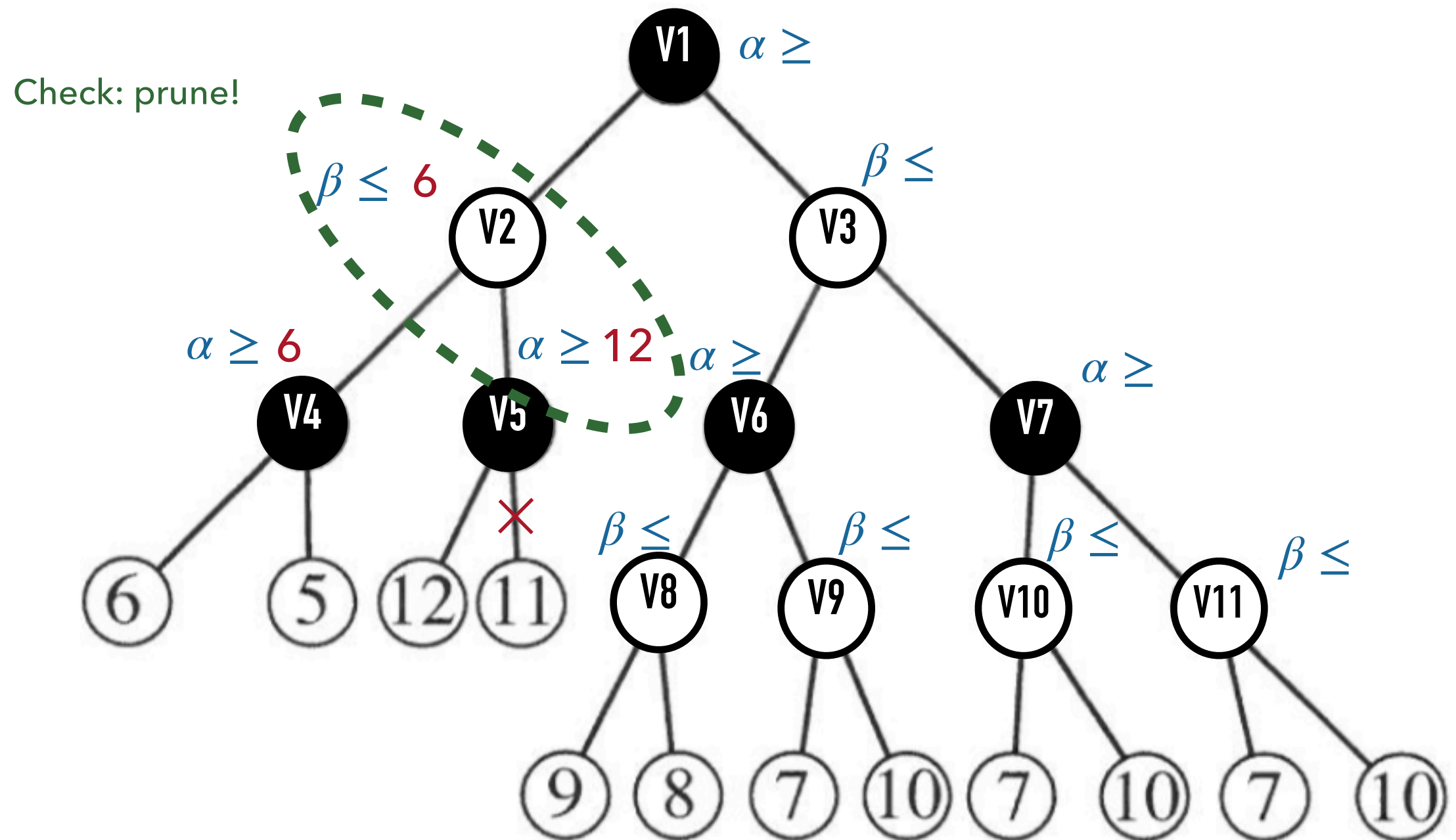
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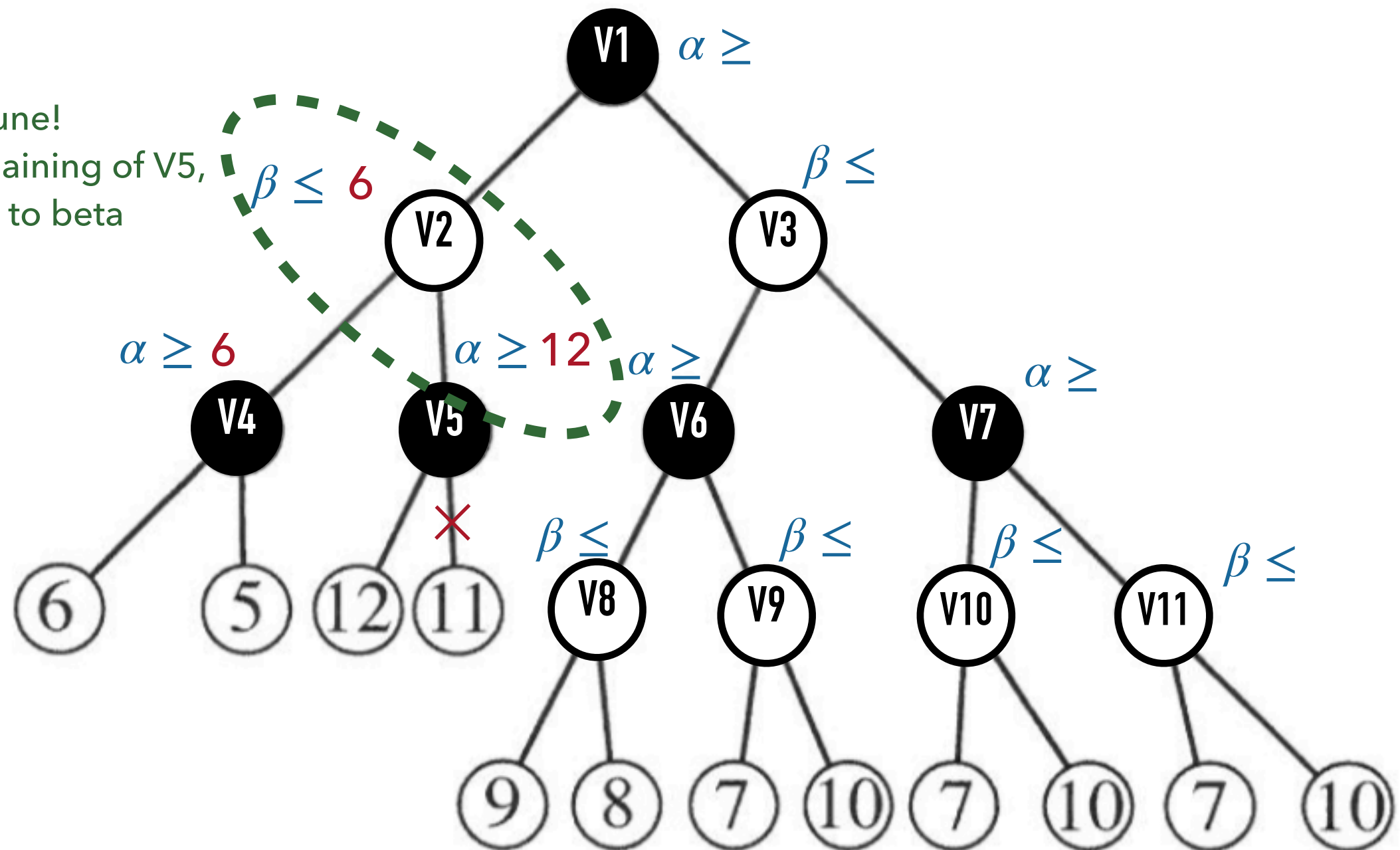
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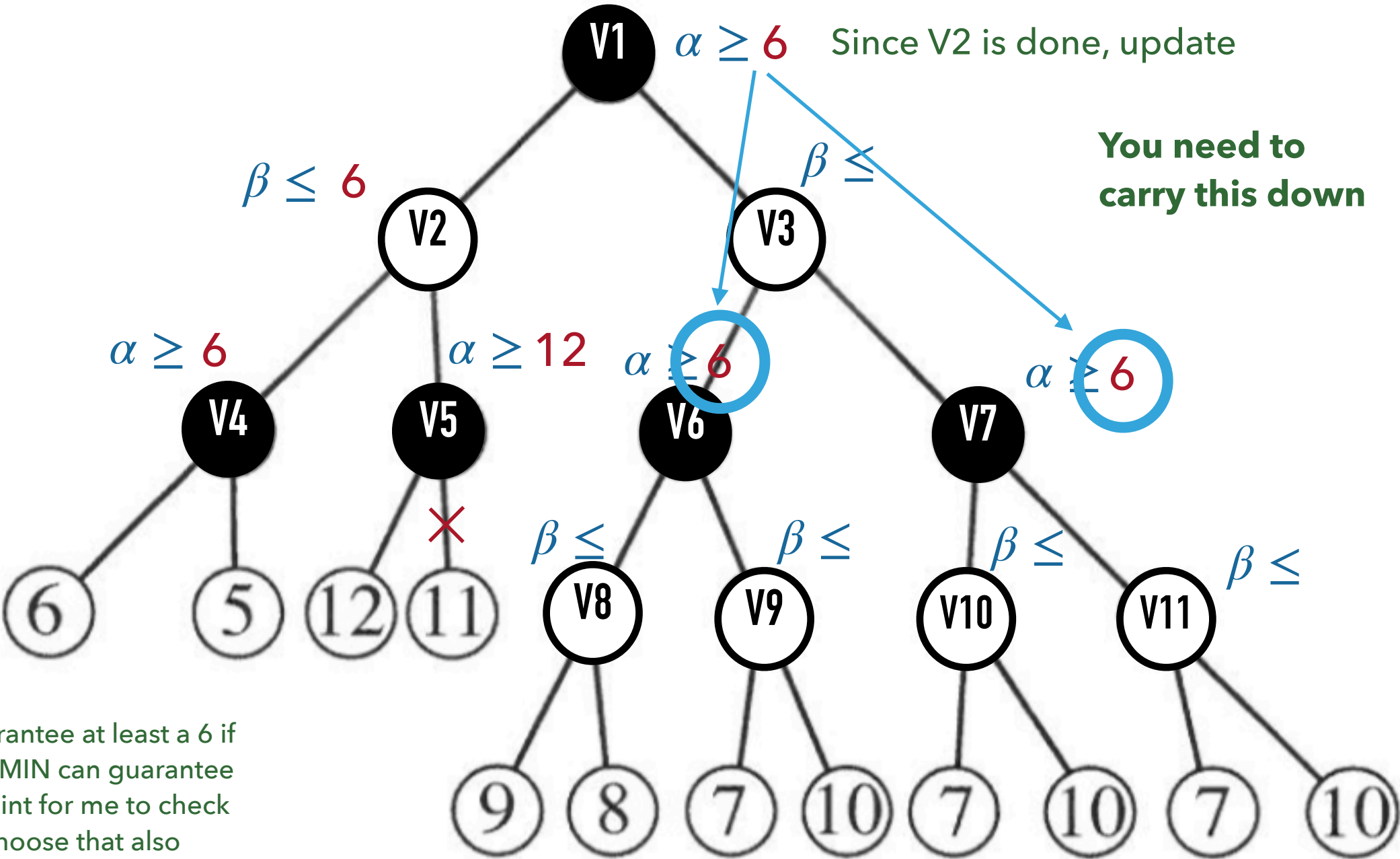
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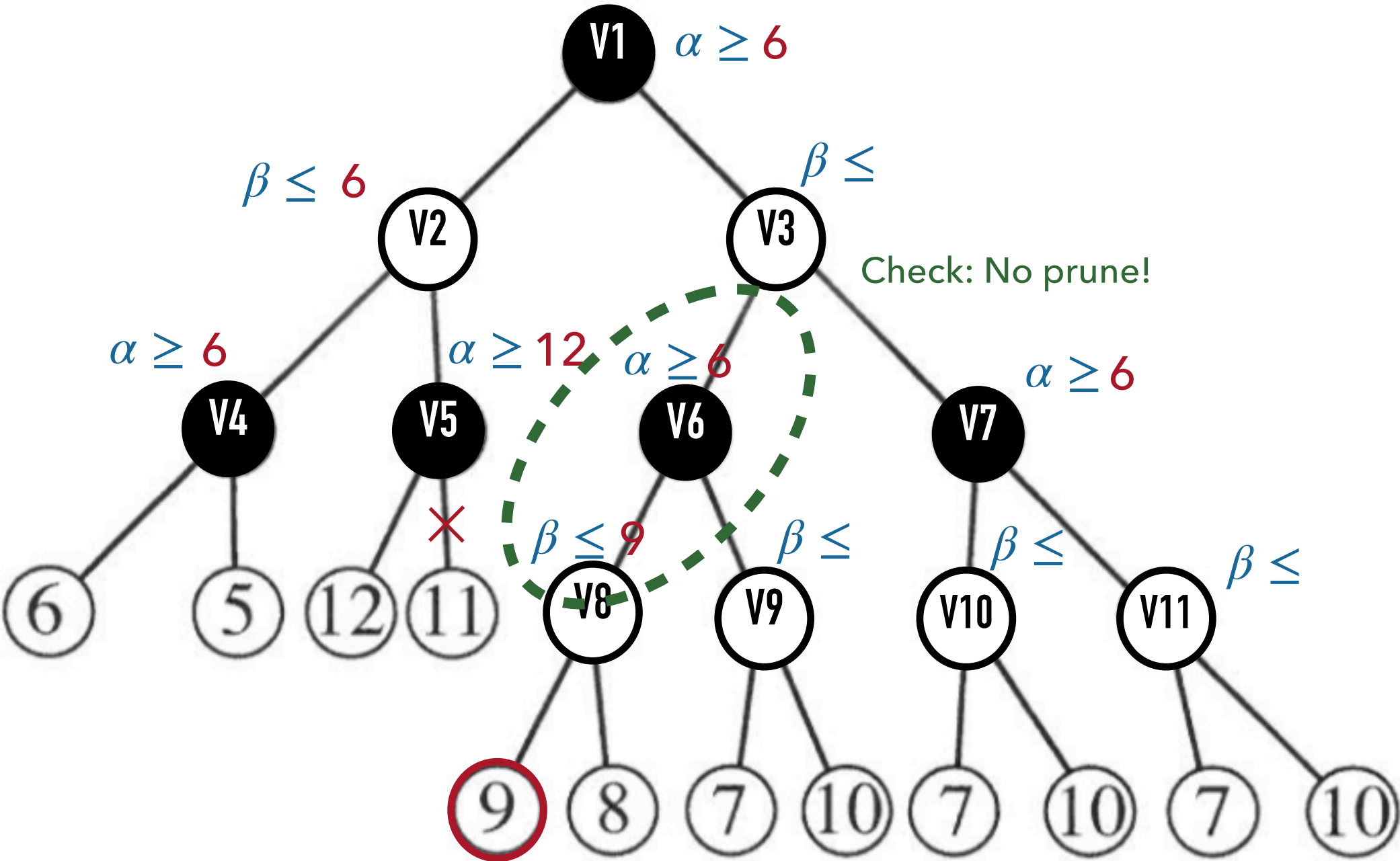
Because MAX at V1 can guarantee at least a 6 if he goes LEFT. If at V8 or V9, MIN can guarantee at most 6, then there's no point for me to check that MIN node further - V6 choose that also upper bounded by 6, so V6 will not pick that MIN node. Similar argument for V7.

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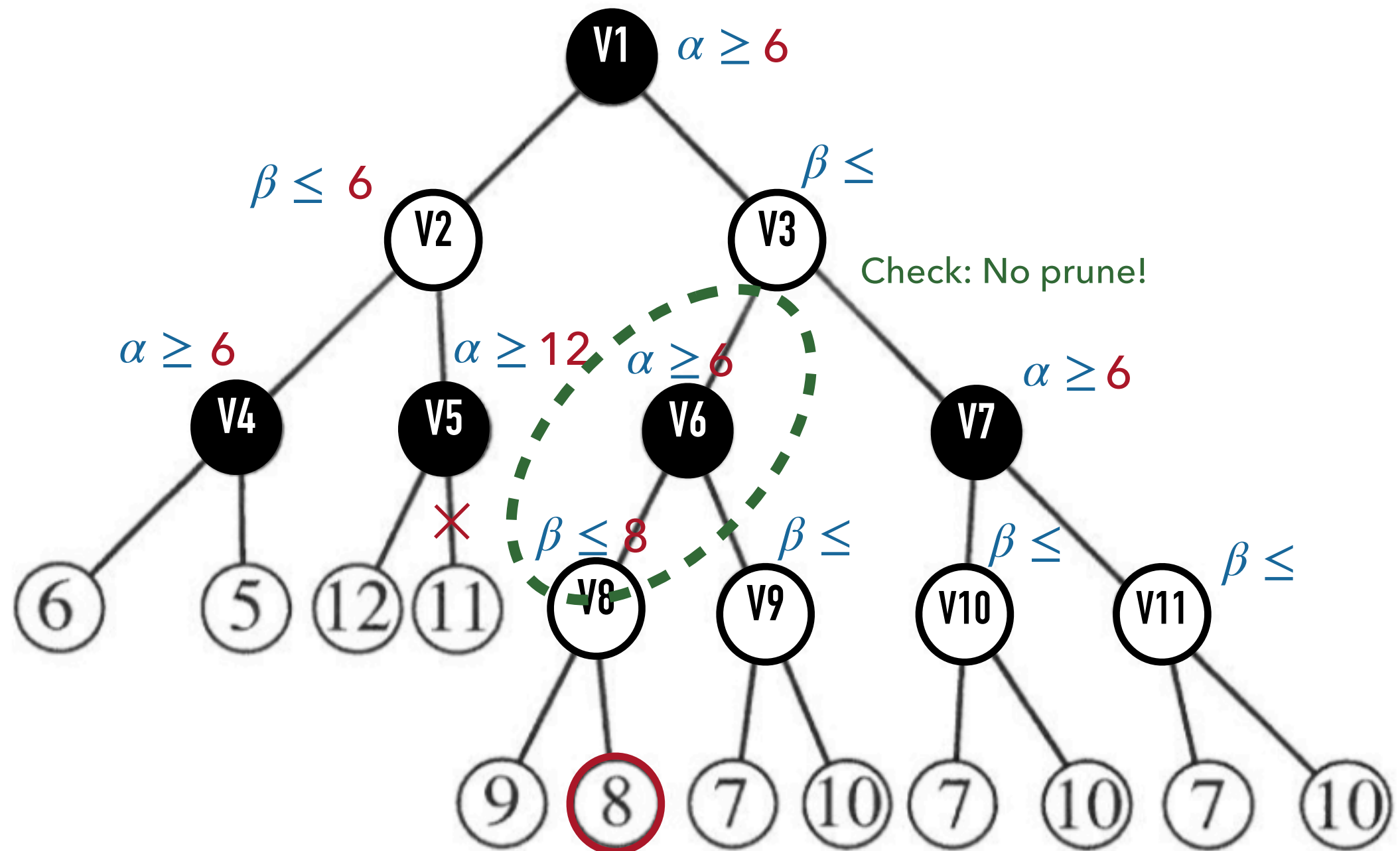
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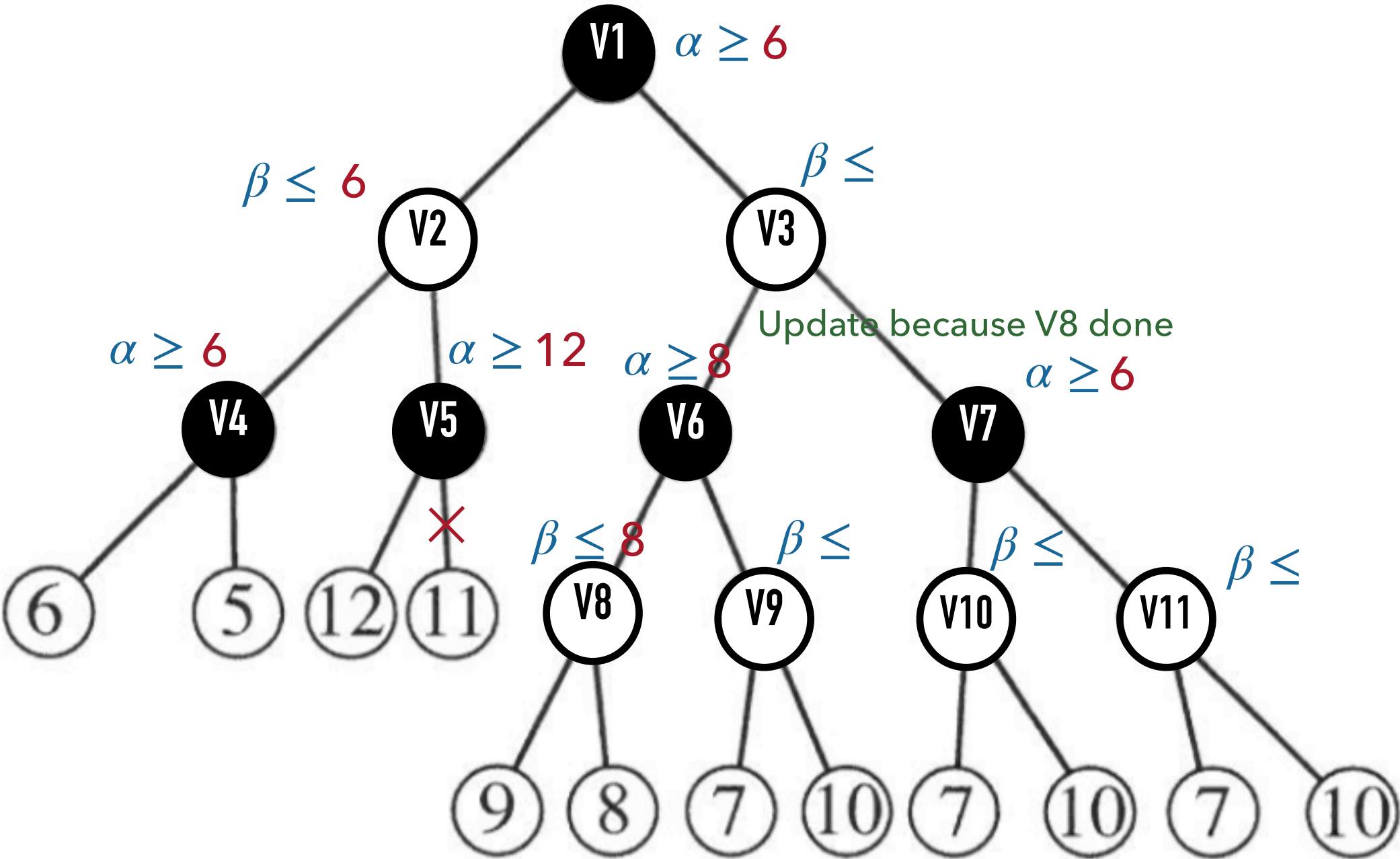


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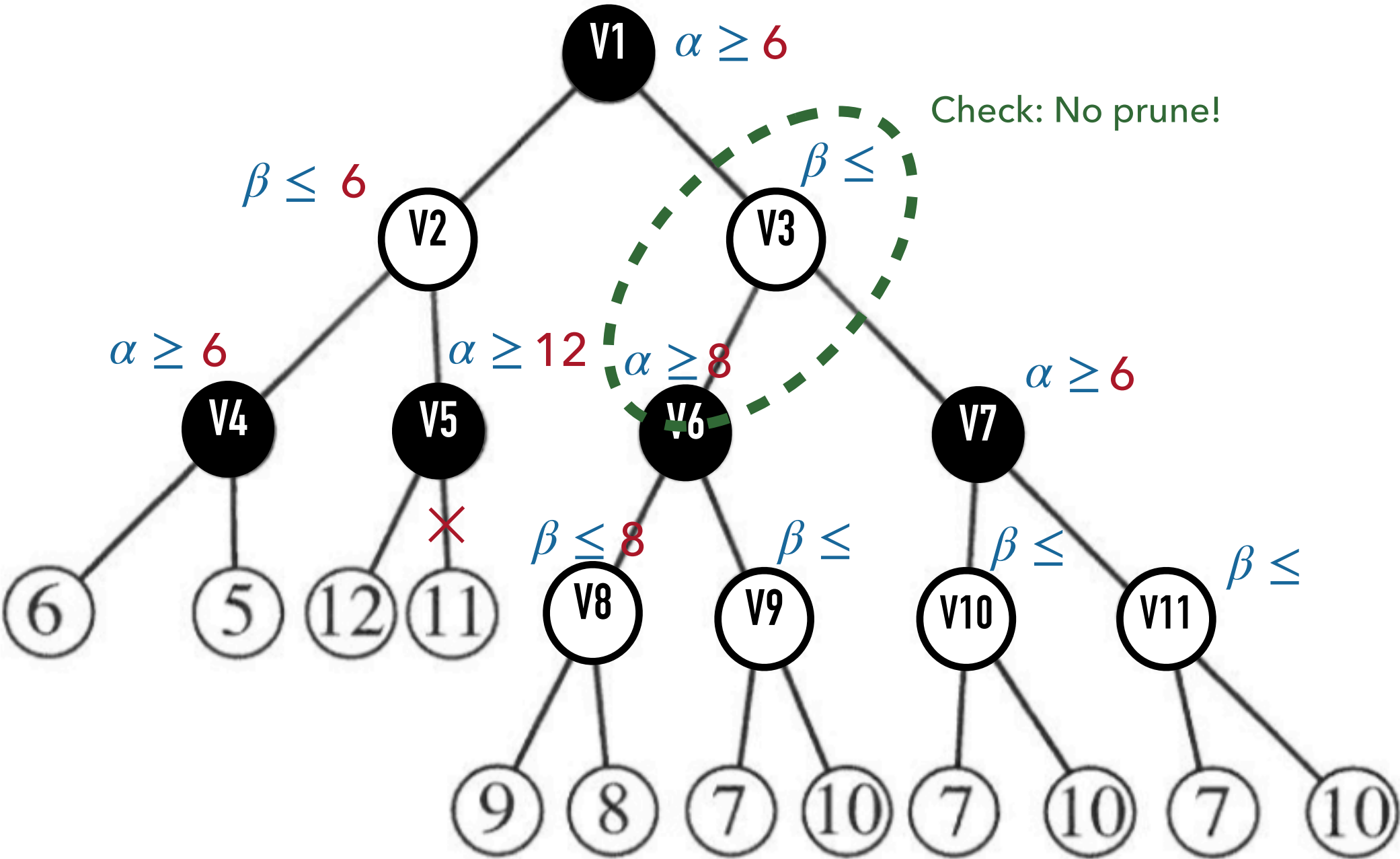
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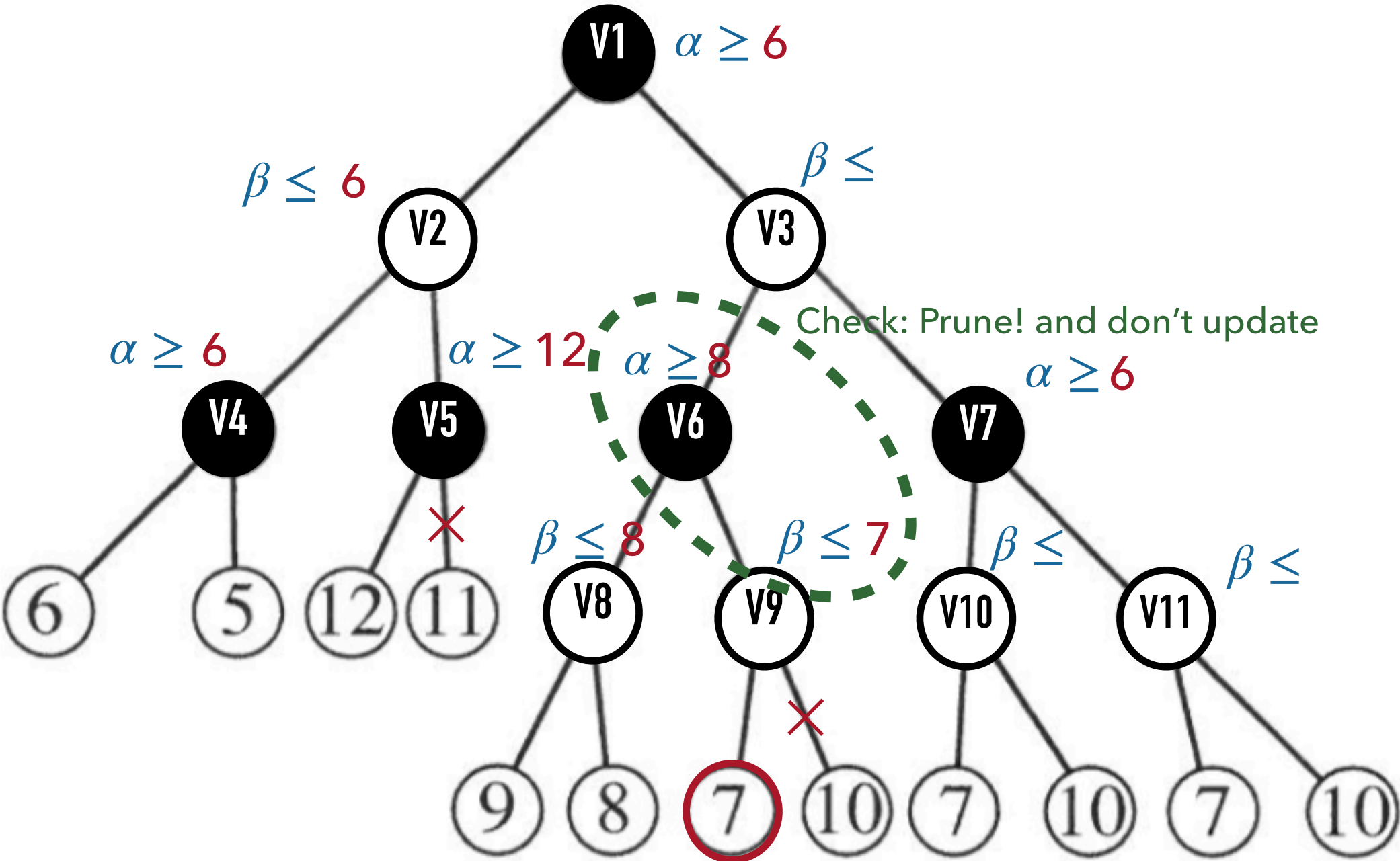


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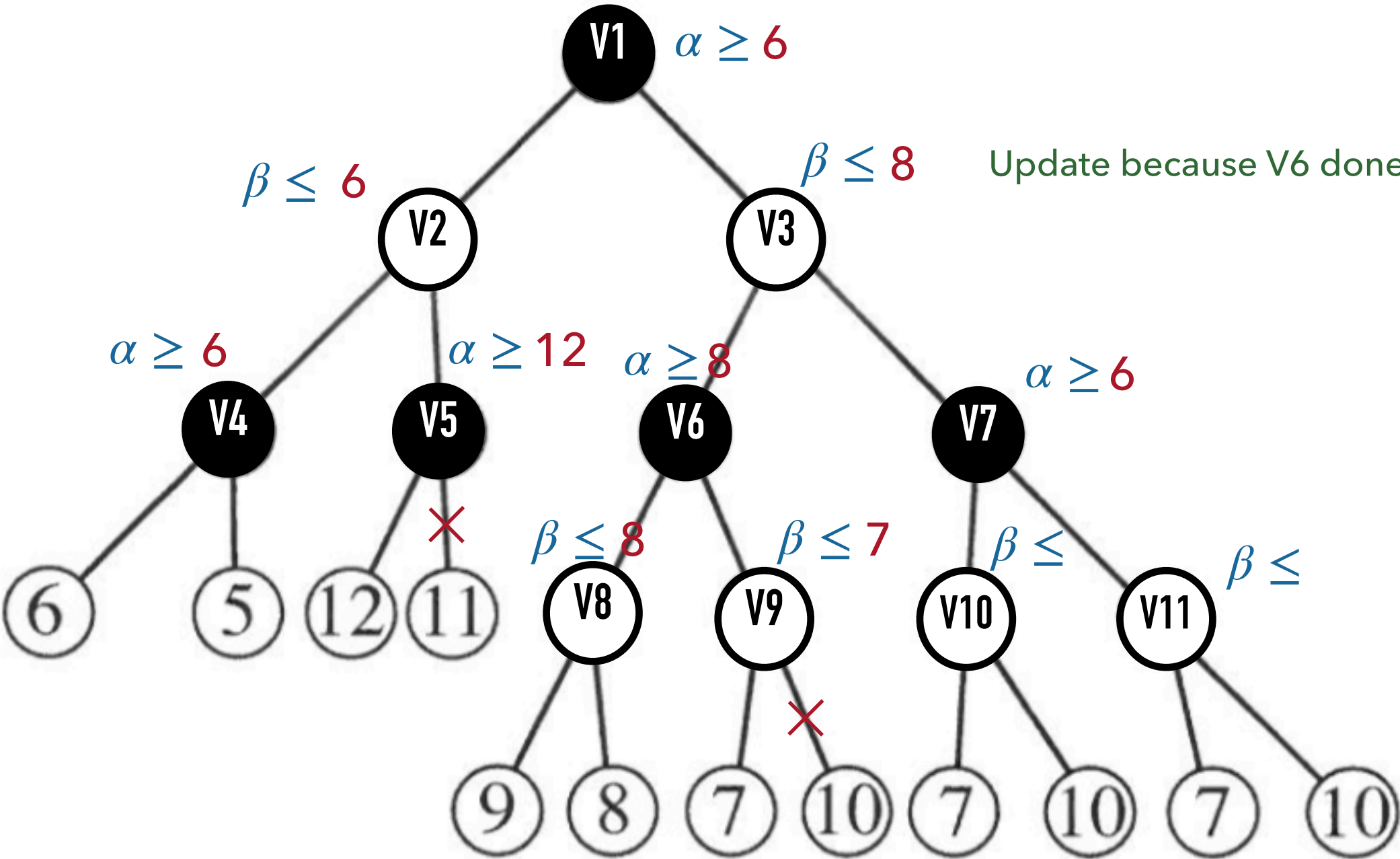
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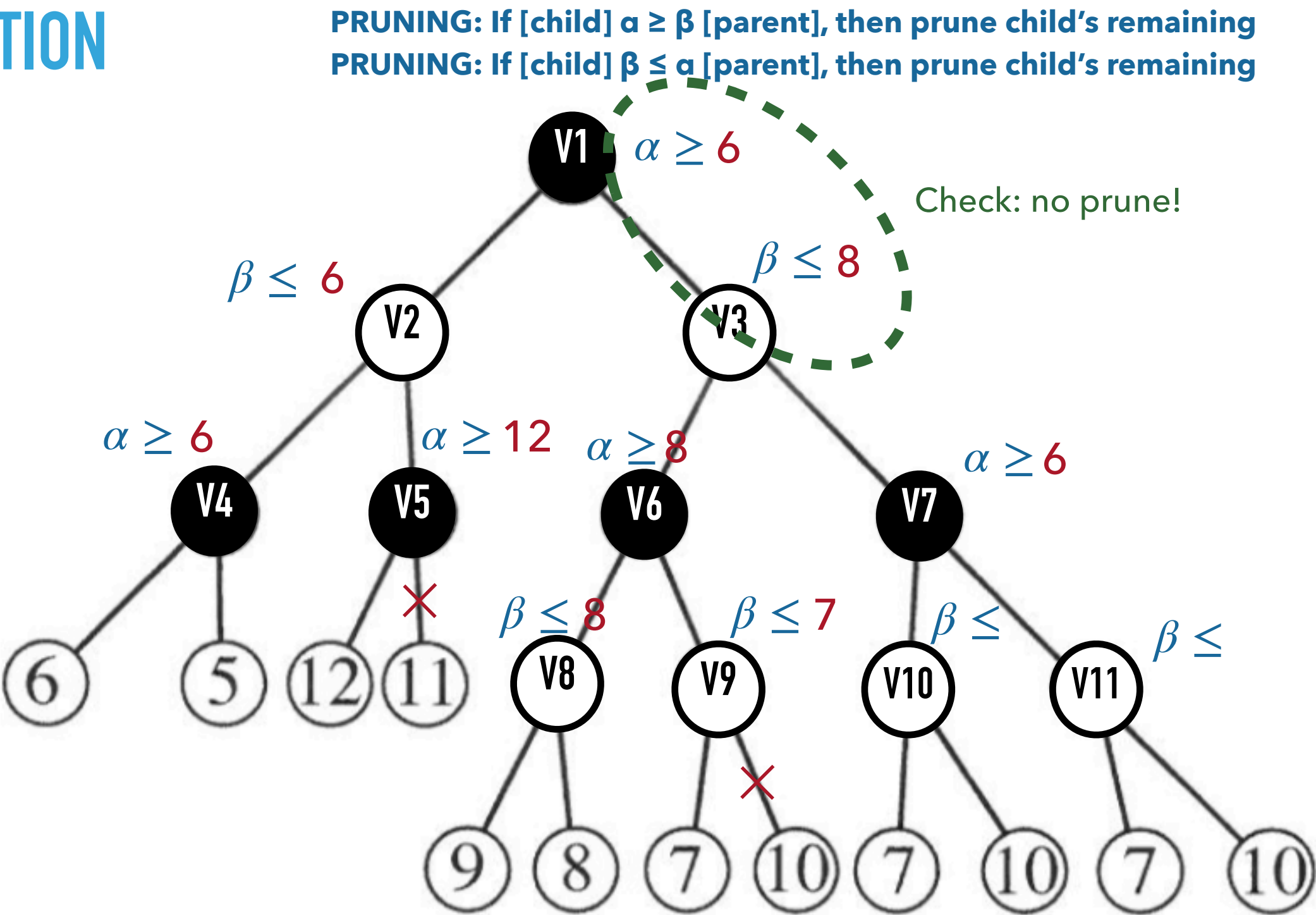
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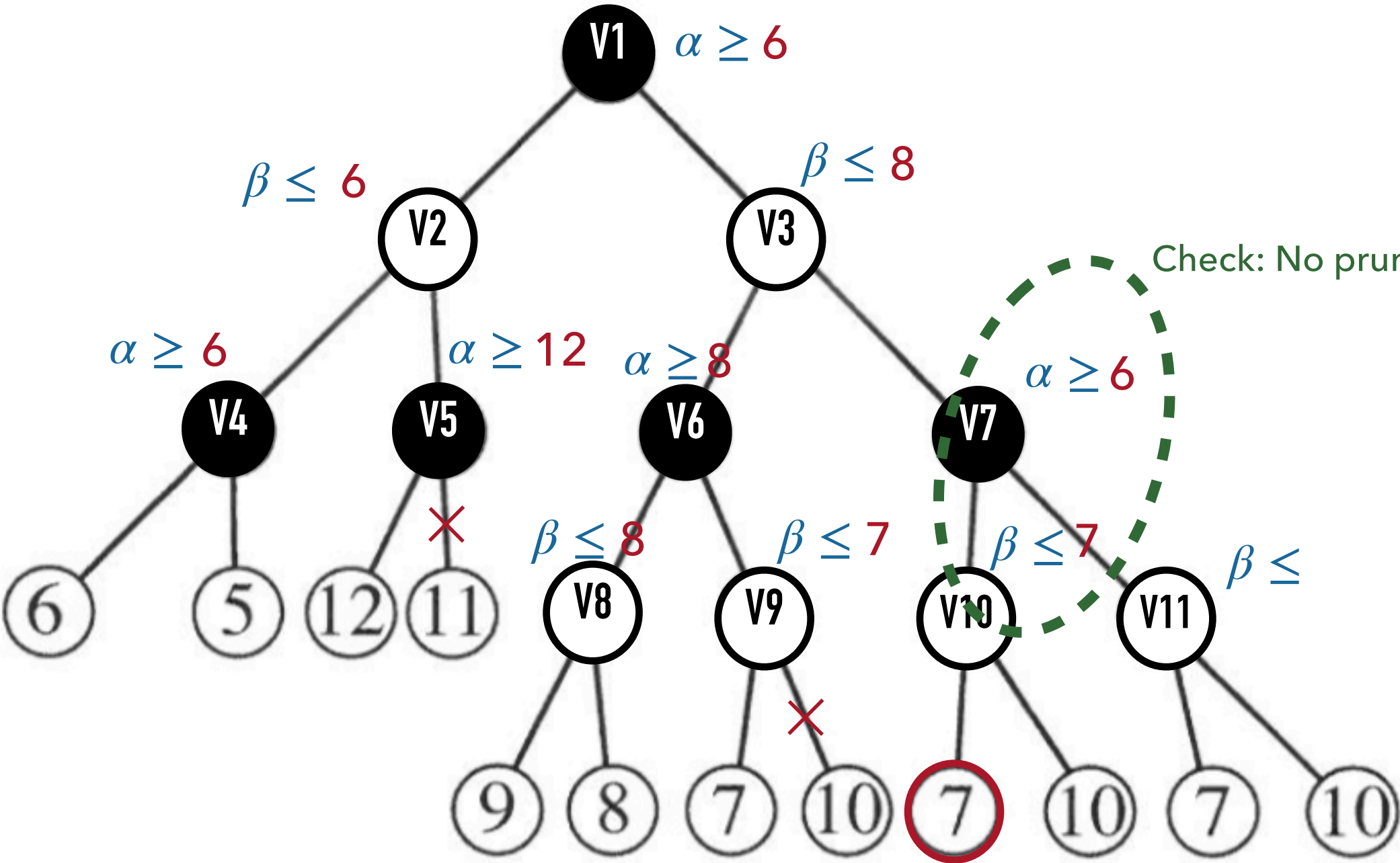
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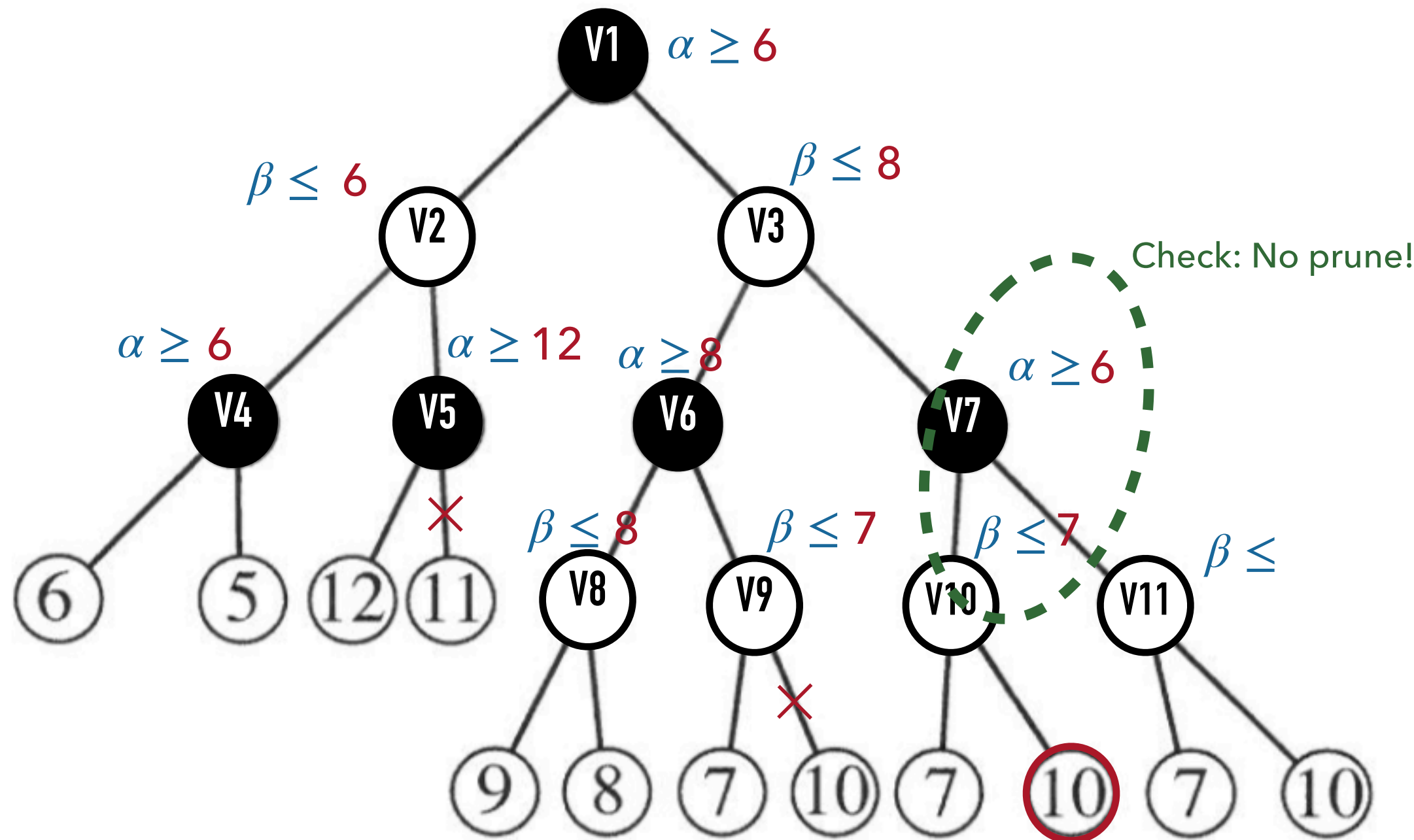
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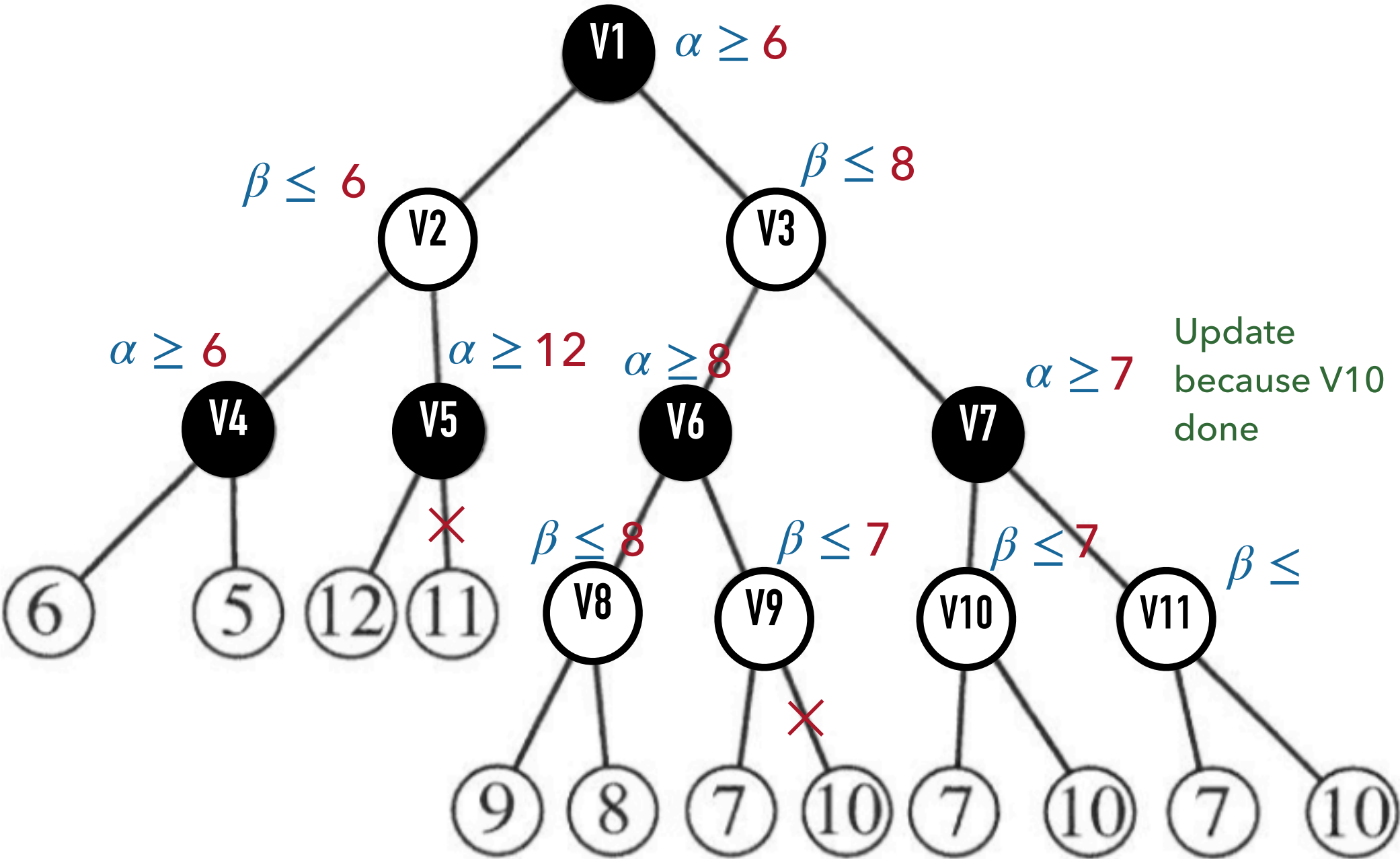
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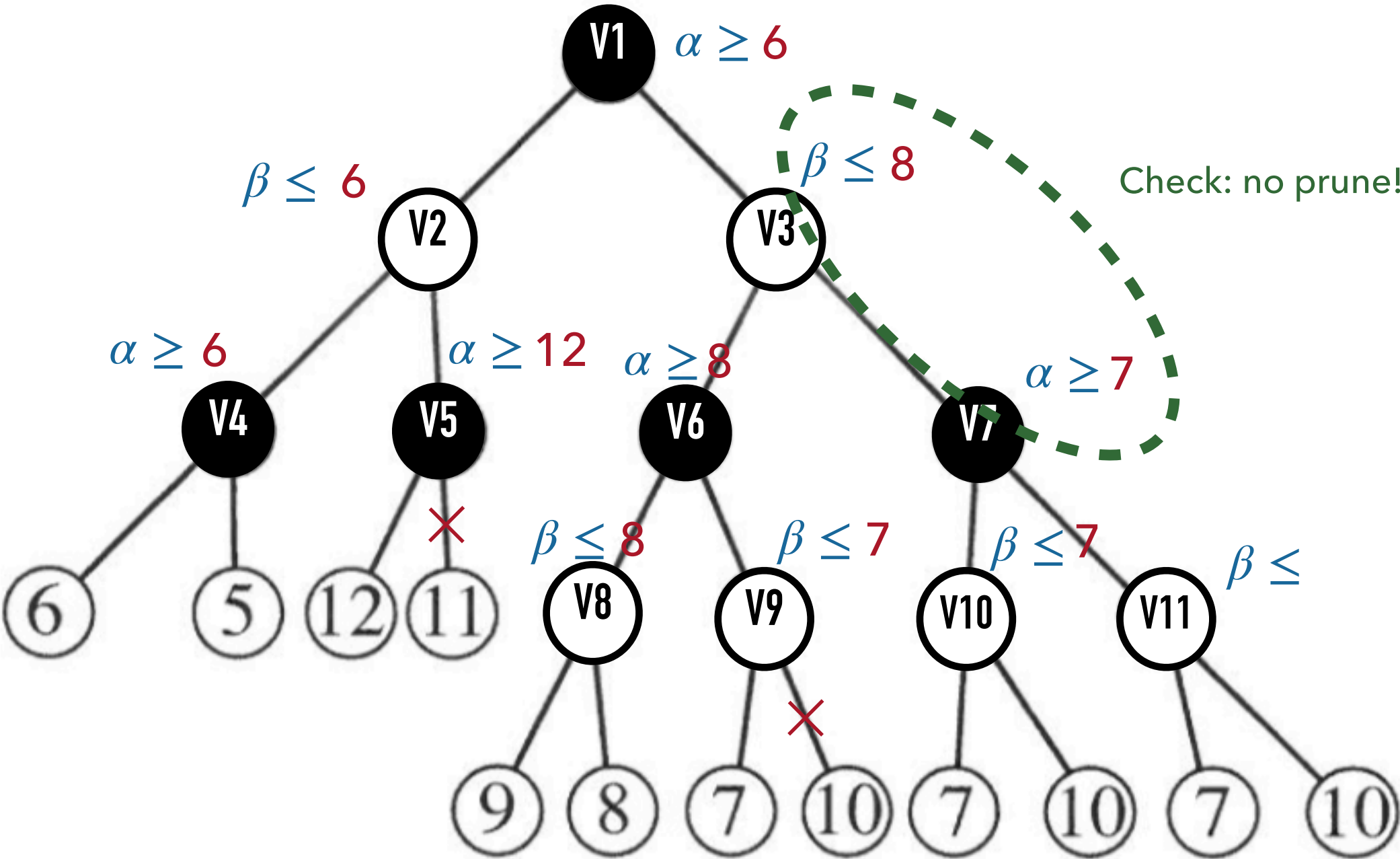
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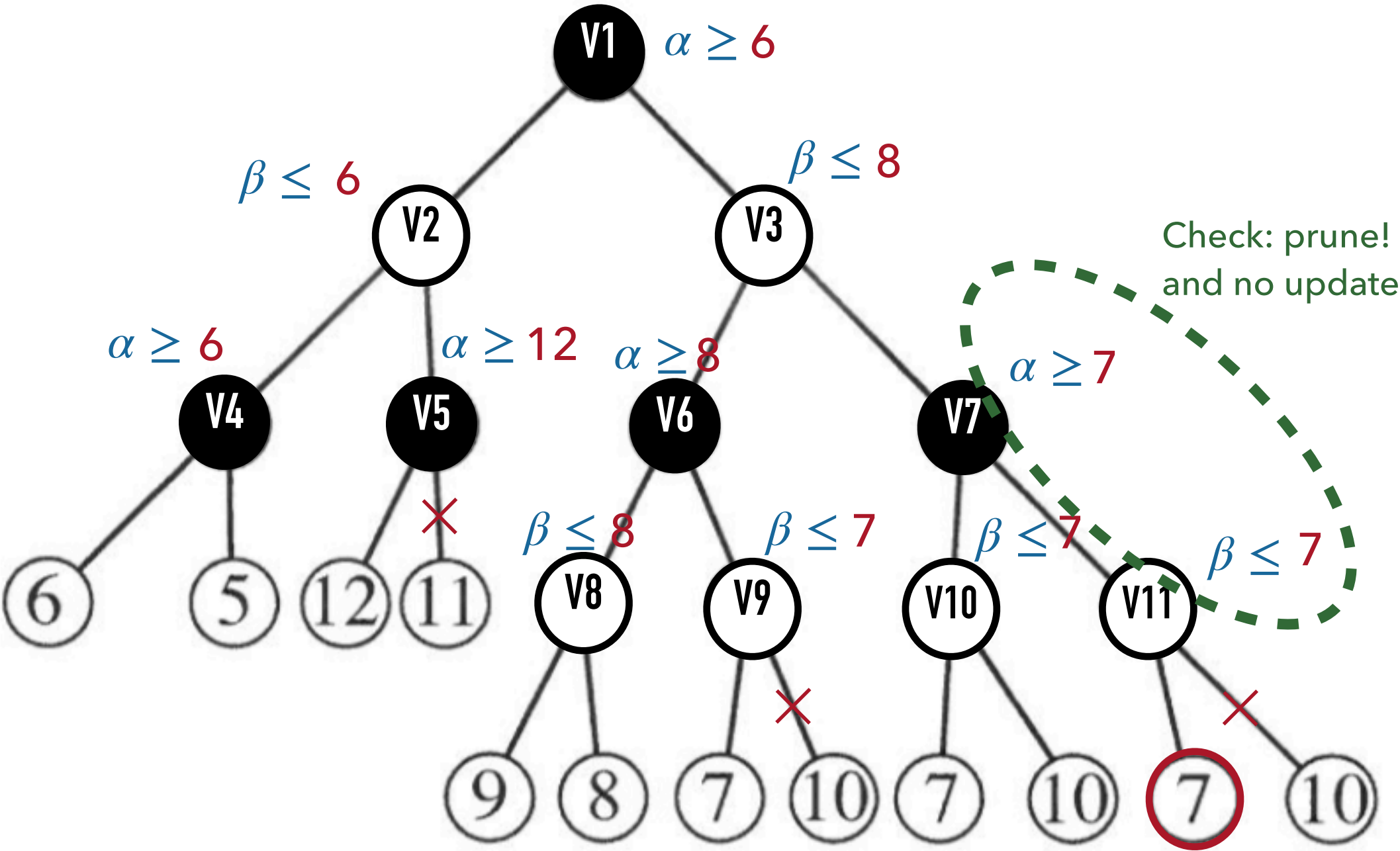
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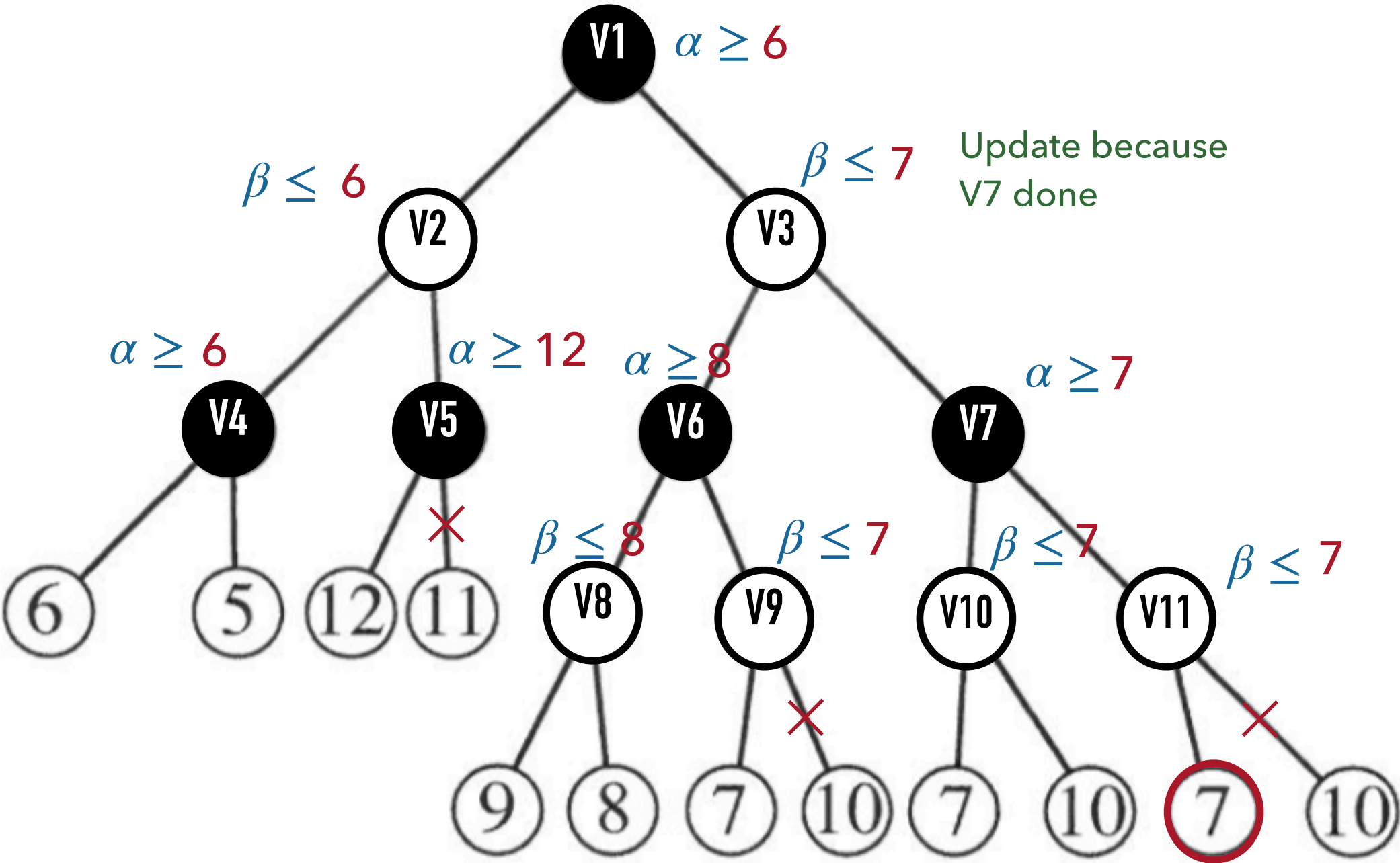
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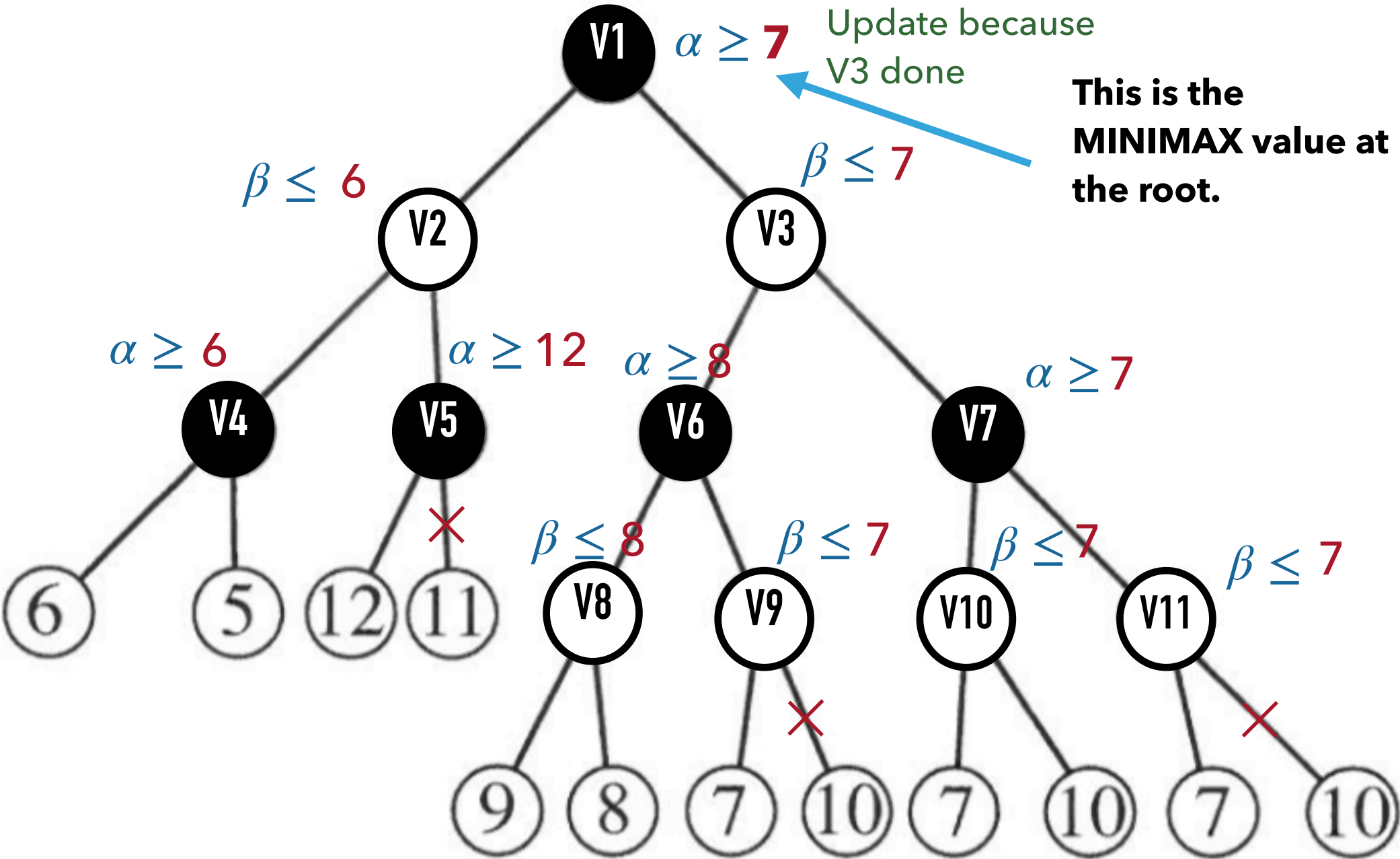
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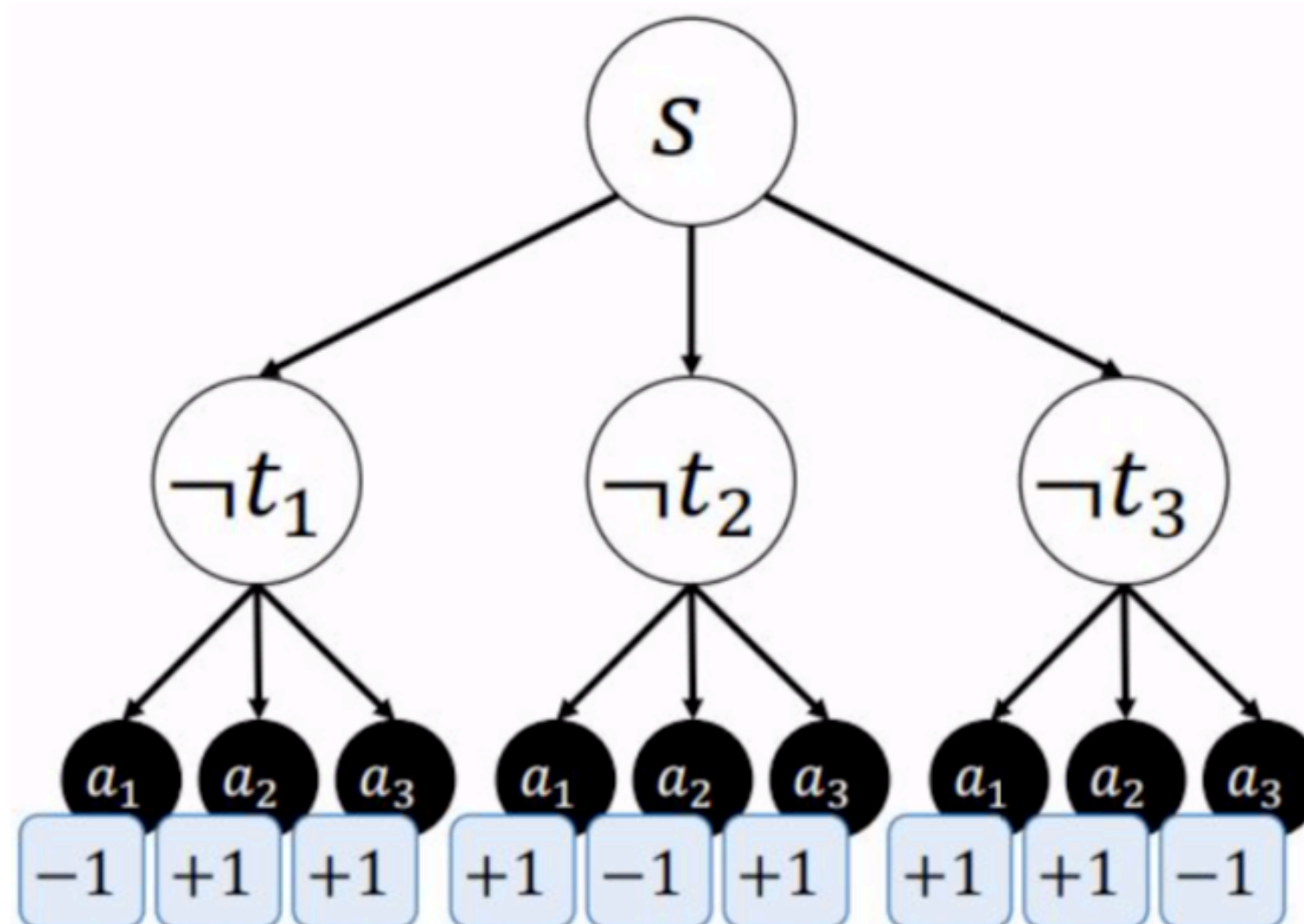
(Stackelberg Security Games)

- ▶ Consider the following game: we have an attacker looking at three targets: t_1 , t_2 and t_3 . A defender must choose which of the two targets it will guard; however, the attacker has an advantage: it can observe what the defender is doing before it chooses its move. If an attacker successfully attacks it receives a payoff of 1 and the defender gets a payoff of -1 .

(a) Model this problem as a minimax search problem. Draw out the search tree. What is the defender's payoff in this game?

TUTORIAL 5 QUESTION 2

- ▶ **Model this problem as a minimax search problem. Draw out the search tree. What is the defender's payoff in this game?**



TUTORIAL 5 QUESTION 3

- ▶ **Construct an example where, should the MIN player play sub-optimally, the MINIMAX algorithm makes a sub-optimal move.**

