

CS 581

Advanced Artificial Intelligence

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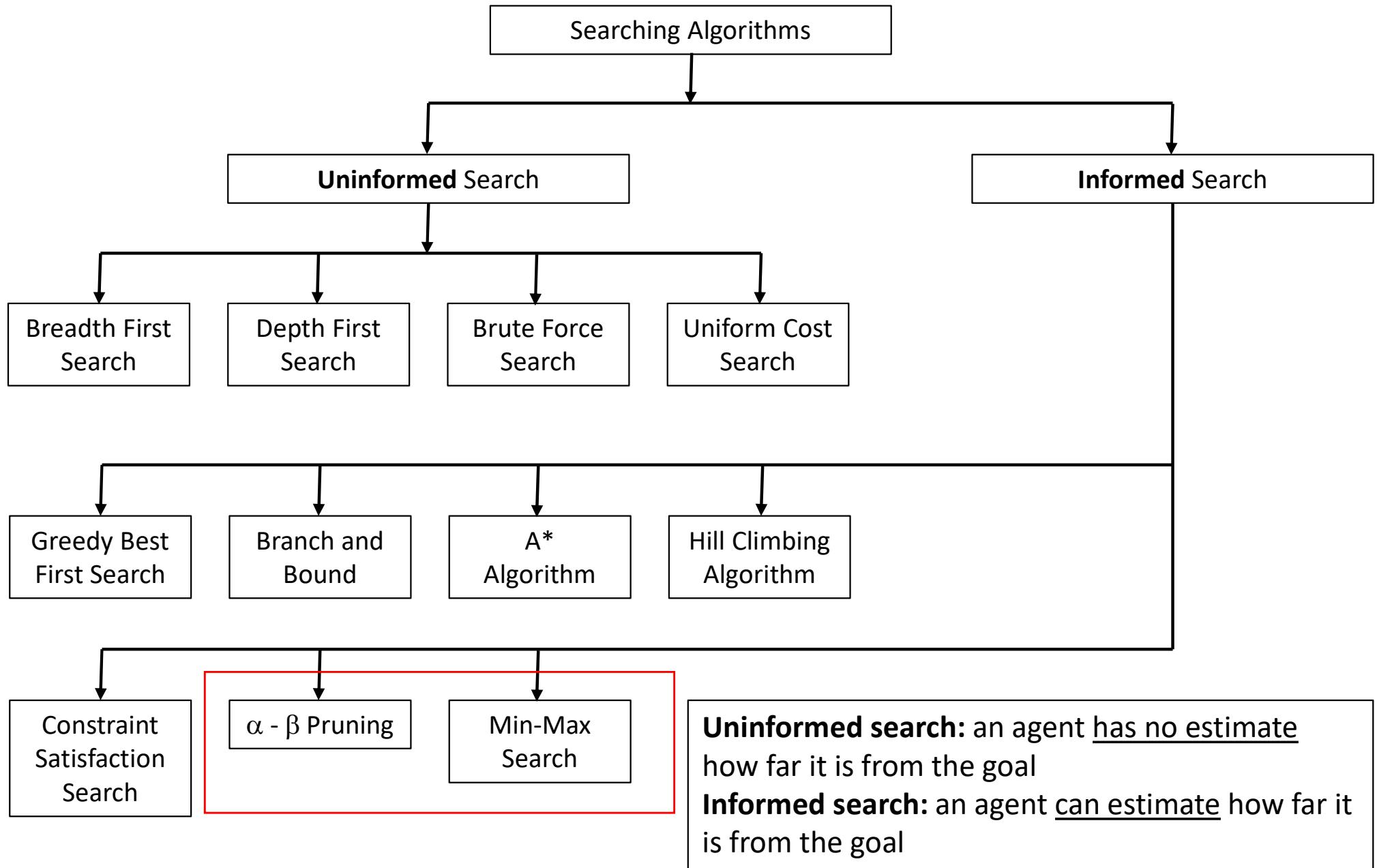
Announcements / Reminders

- Please follow the Week 02 To Do List instructions (if you haven't already)
- Written Assignment #01: to be posted soon
- Programming Assignment #01: to be posted soon

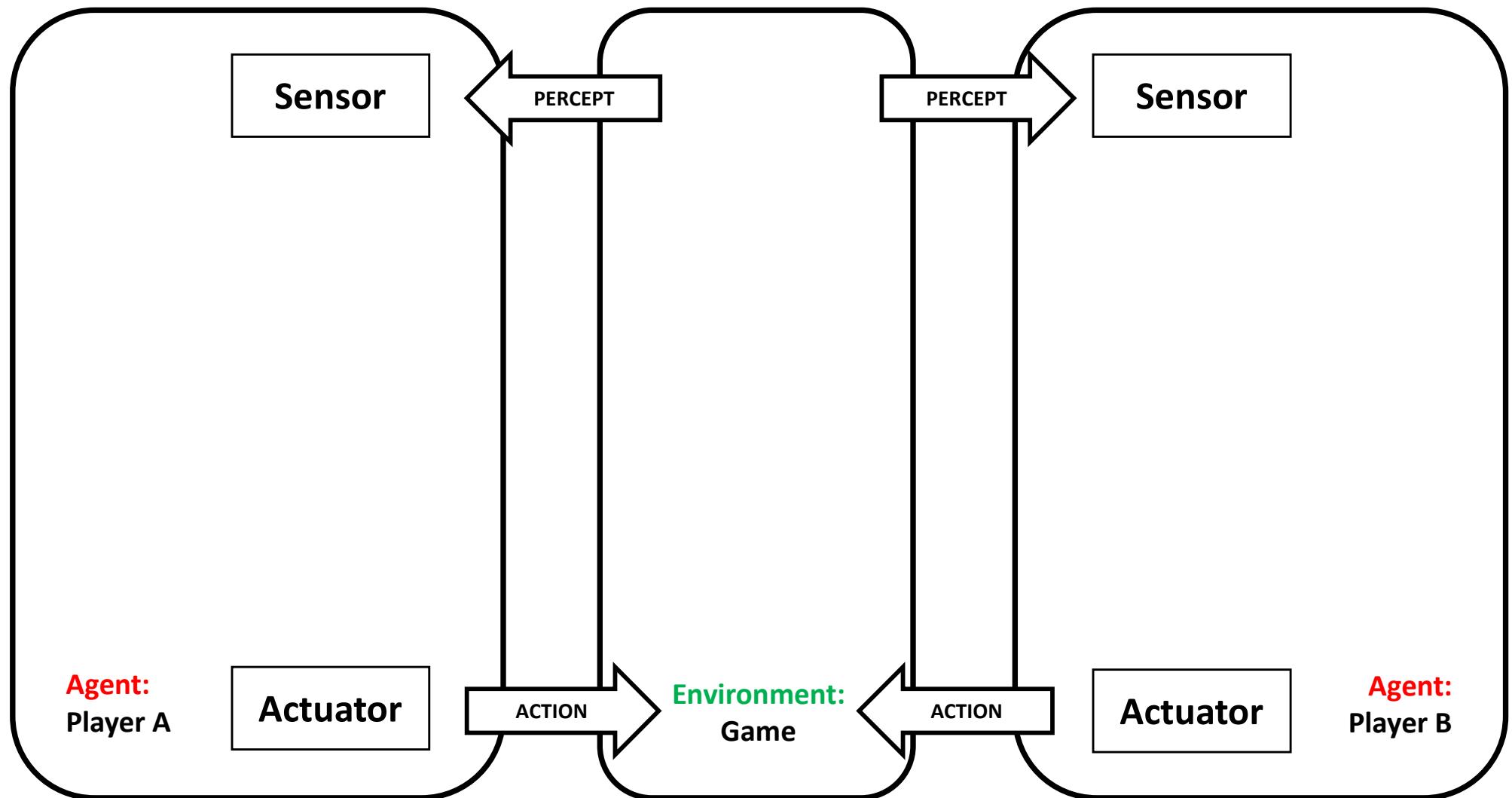
Plan for Today

- Local Search Problems [DELAYED]
- Problem Solving: Adversarial Search
- Adversarial Search: MinMax / α - β Pruning
- Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSP)

Selected Searching Algorithms



Two-player Games



Perfect Information Zero Sum Games

- Perfect information = fully observable
- Multiagent: number of players is 2 or more
- Multiagent: agents are competitive
- Zero-sum: “winner takes all”
- Examples:
 - Tic Tac Toe
 - Chess

Two Player Games: Env Assumptions

Works with a “Simple Environment”:

- Fully observable
- ~~Single agent~~ Multagent (competitive!)
- Deterministic
- Static
- Episodic / sequential
- Discrete
- Known to the agent

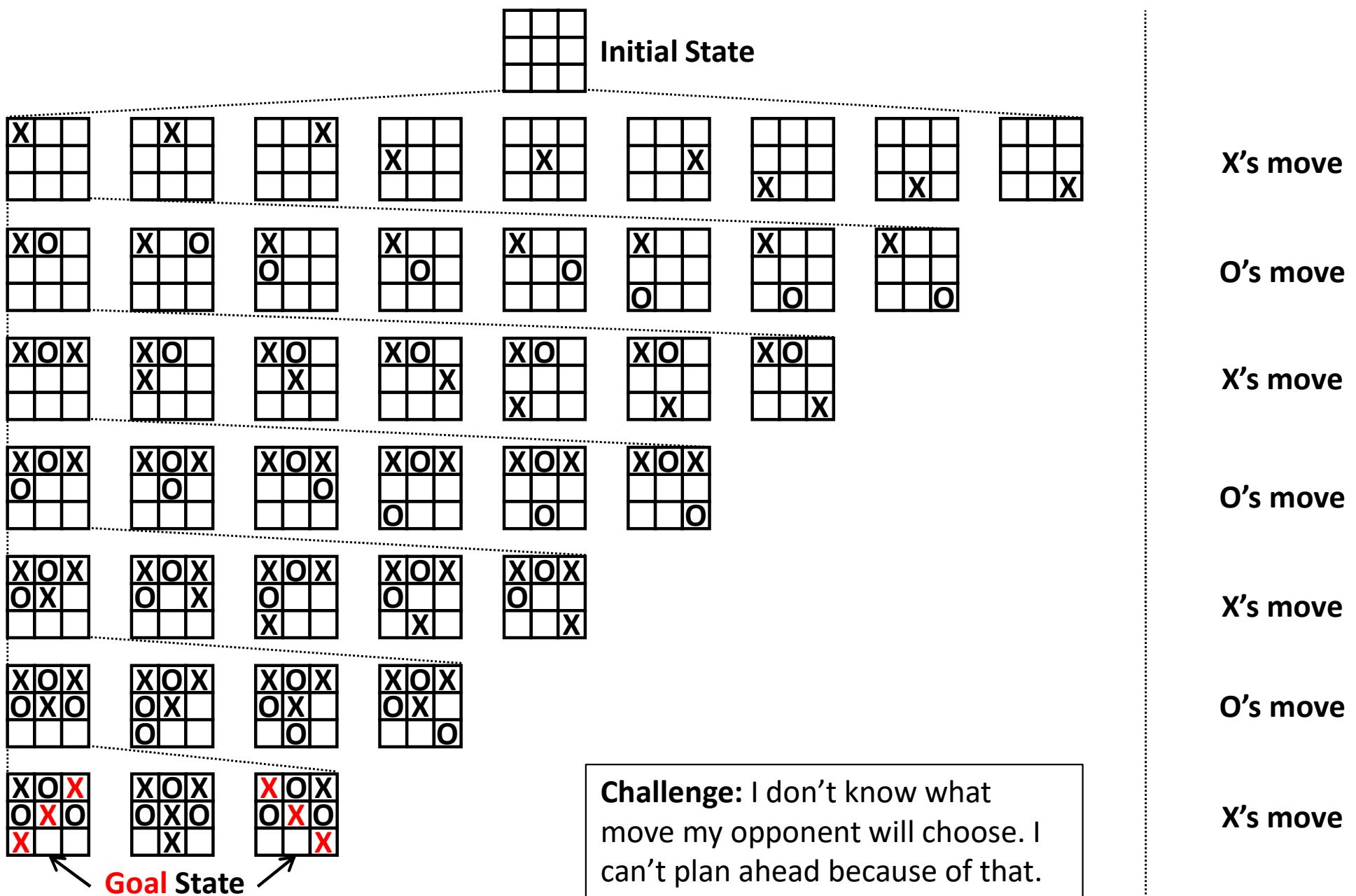
Defining Zero Sum Game Problem

- Define a set of possible states: **State Space**
- Specify how will you track **Whose Move / Turn** it is
- Specify **Initial State**
- Specify **Goal State(s)** (there can be multiple)
- Define a FINITE set of possible **Actions** (legal moves) for EACH state in the State Space
- Come up with a **Transition Model** which describes what each action does
- Come up with a **Terminal Test** that verifies if the game is over
- Specify the **Utility (Payoff / Objective) Function**: a function that defines the final numerical value to player p when the game ends in **terminal state** s

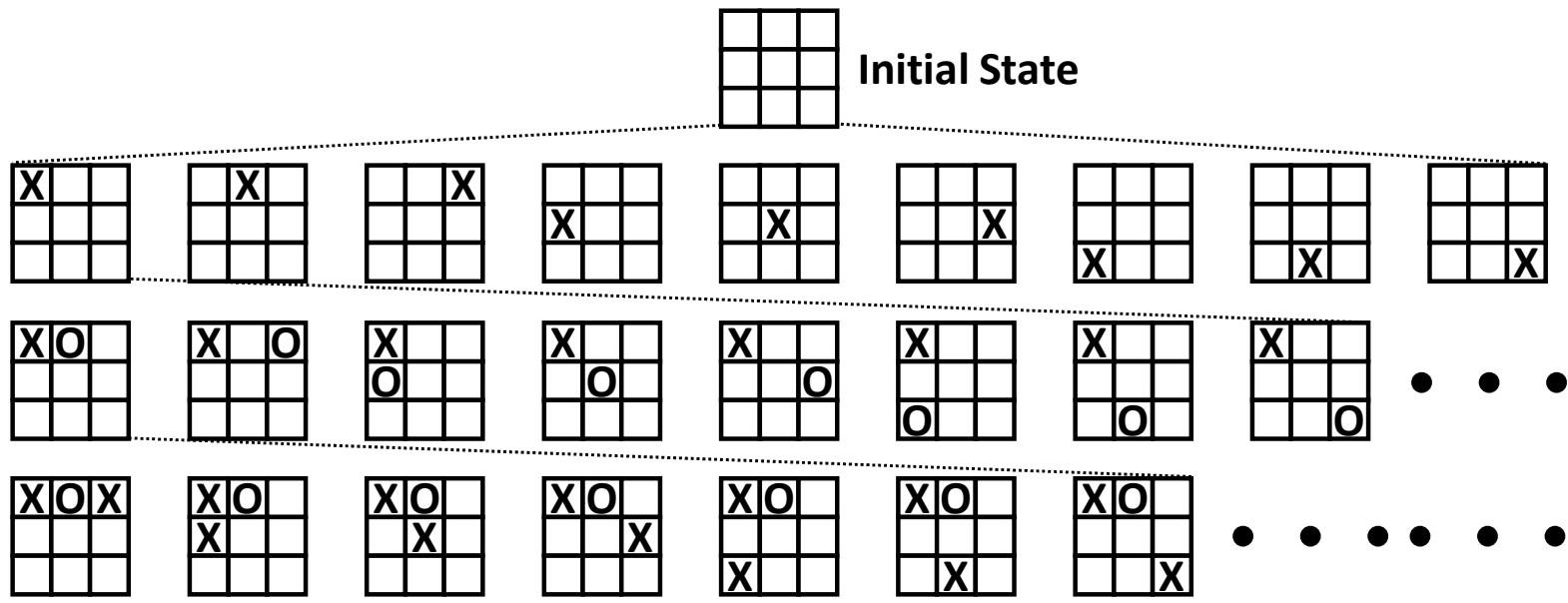
MinMax Algorithm: the Idea

I don't know what move my
opponent will choose, but I am going
to **ASSUME** that it is going to be the
best / optimal option

Tic Tac Toe: Zero Sum Game (2 Players)



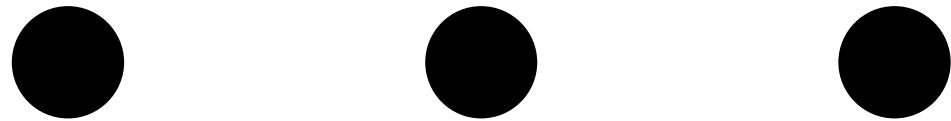
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X's move

O's move

X's move



State P:
X wins

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| X | | |

State R:
Tie

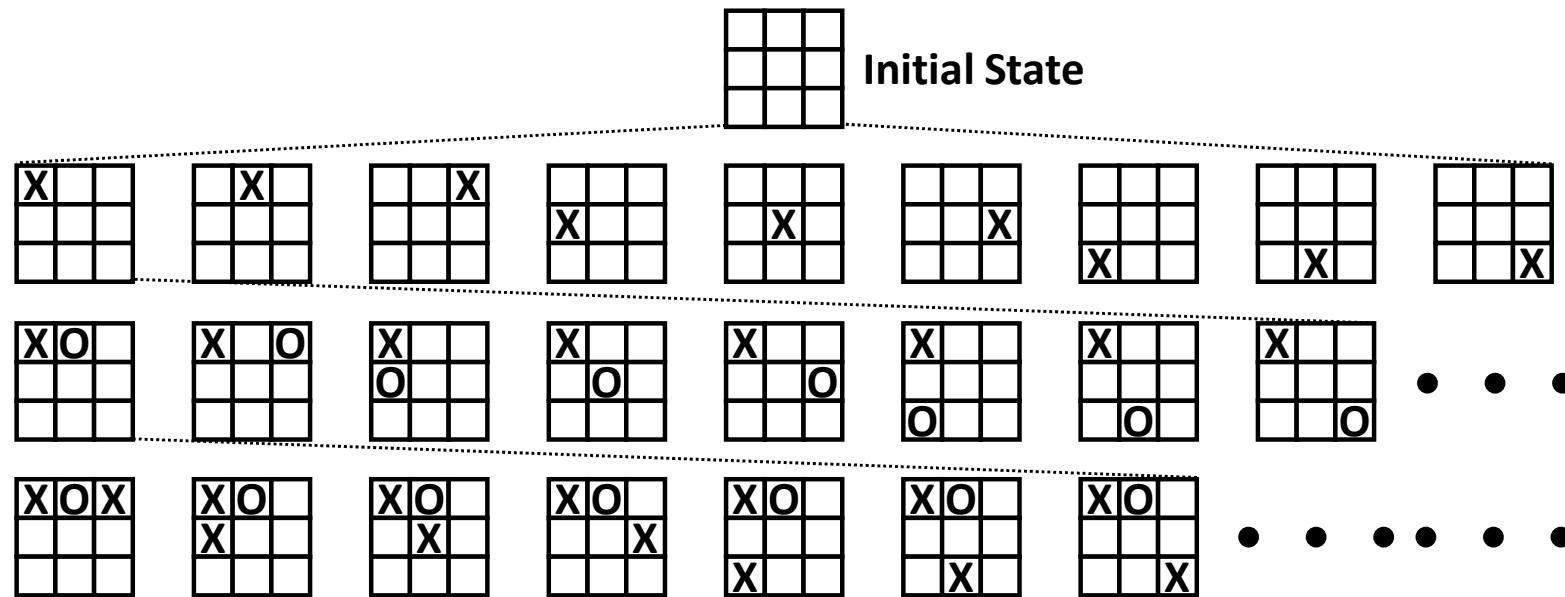
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State S:
O wins

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Terminal / Leaf States

Tic Tac Toe: Zero Sum Game (2 Players)



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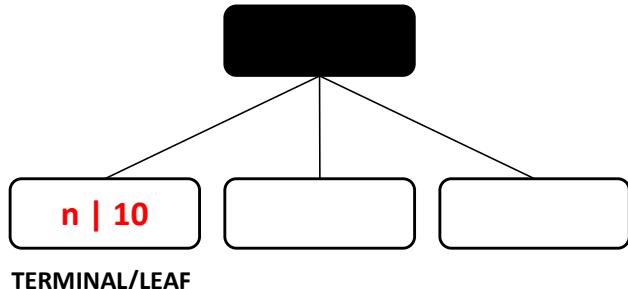
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MinMax: Assigning MINMAX Values

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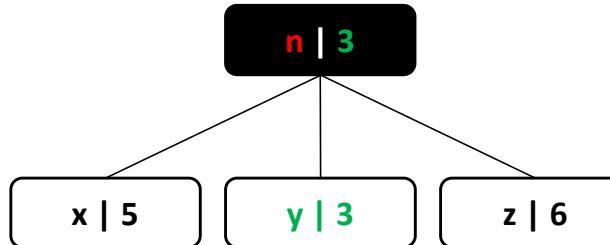


$$\begin{aligned} k &= \text{MINMAX}(n) = \text{UTILITY}(n) \\ &= \text{utility value of this state for MAX Player} \\ &= \textcolor{red}{10} \end{aligned}$$

CASE 2:

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TOMOVE(n) = **MIN**

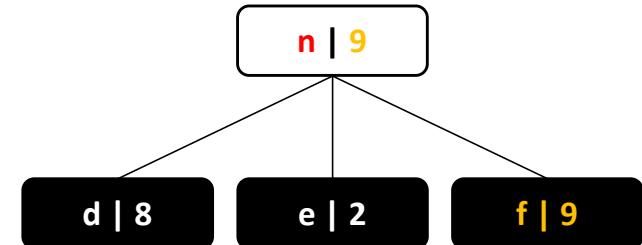


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CASE 3:

State **n** is a Non-Terminal Node and it is MAX Player's move

ISTERMINAL(n) = false
TOMOVE(n) = **MAX**



$$\begin{aligned} k &= \text{MINMAX}(n) = \\ &= \max_{a \in \text{ACTIONS}(n)} \text{MINMAX}(\text{RESULT}(n, a)) \\ &= \max(\text{MINMAX}(d), \text{MINMAX}(e), \text{MINMAX}(f)) \\ &= \max(8, 2, 9) = \textcolor{yellow}{9} \end{aligned}$$

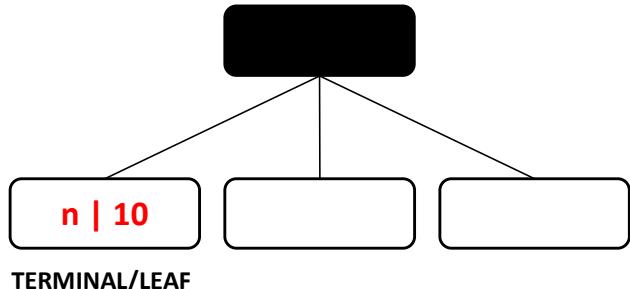
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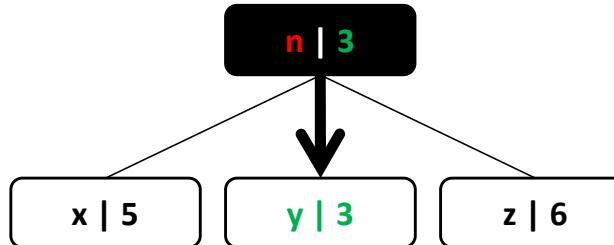
What does it mean?

Utility of node **n**, to **MAX Player**, is **10** (if the game gets here, this is what **MAX Player** will receive)

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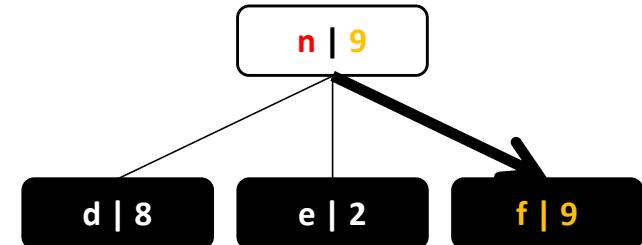
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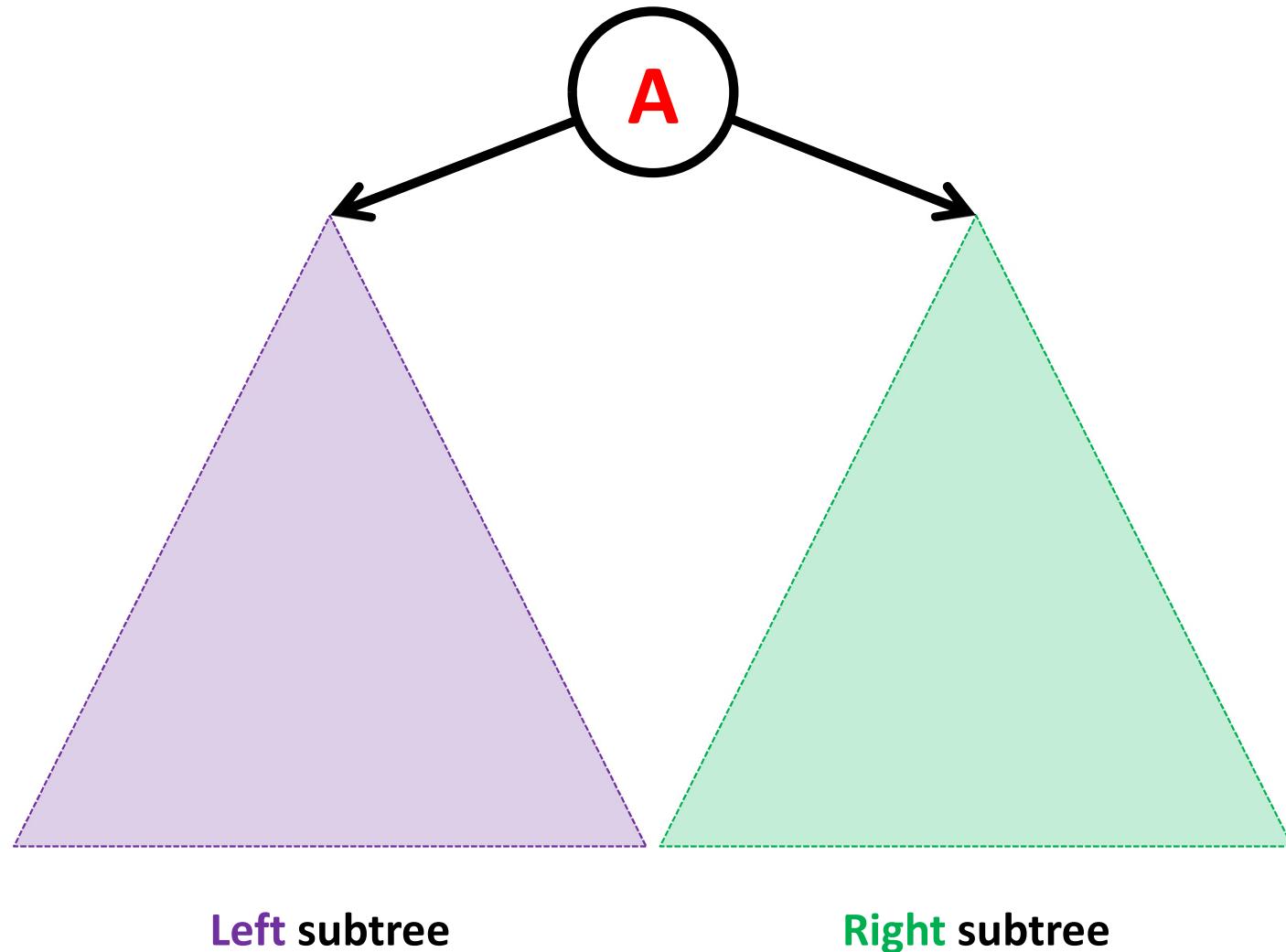
MinMax Algorithm: Pseudocode

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    player  $\leftarrow$  game.TO-MOVE(state)
    value, move  $\leftarrow$  MAX-VALUE(game, state)
    return move

function MAX-VALUE(game, state) returns a (utility, move) pair
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    v  $\leftarrow$   $-\infty$ 
    for each a in game.ACTIONS(state) do
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Search Tree: Recursive Structure



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The diagram features two black arrows originating from the 'return' statements of the MAX-VALUE and MIN-VALUE functions. These arrows converge and point towards a bold, black, sans-serif text label 'RECURSION' located on the right side of the slide.

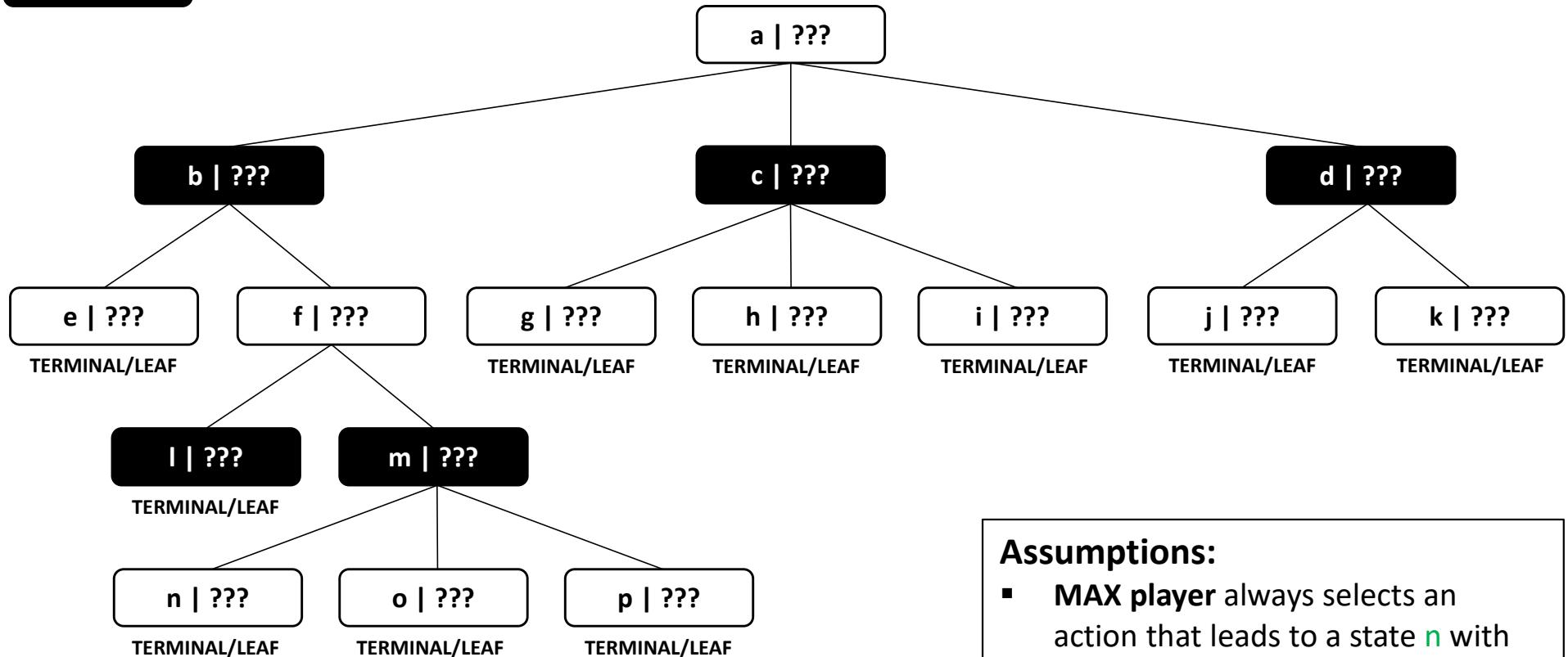
Example MinMax Search Tree

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

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MIN player state / move / turn



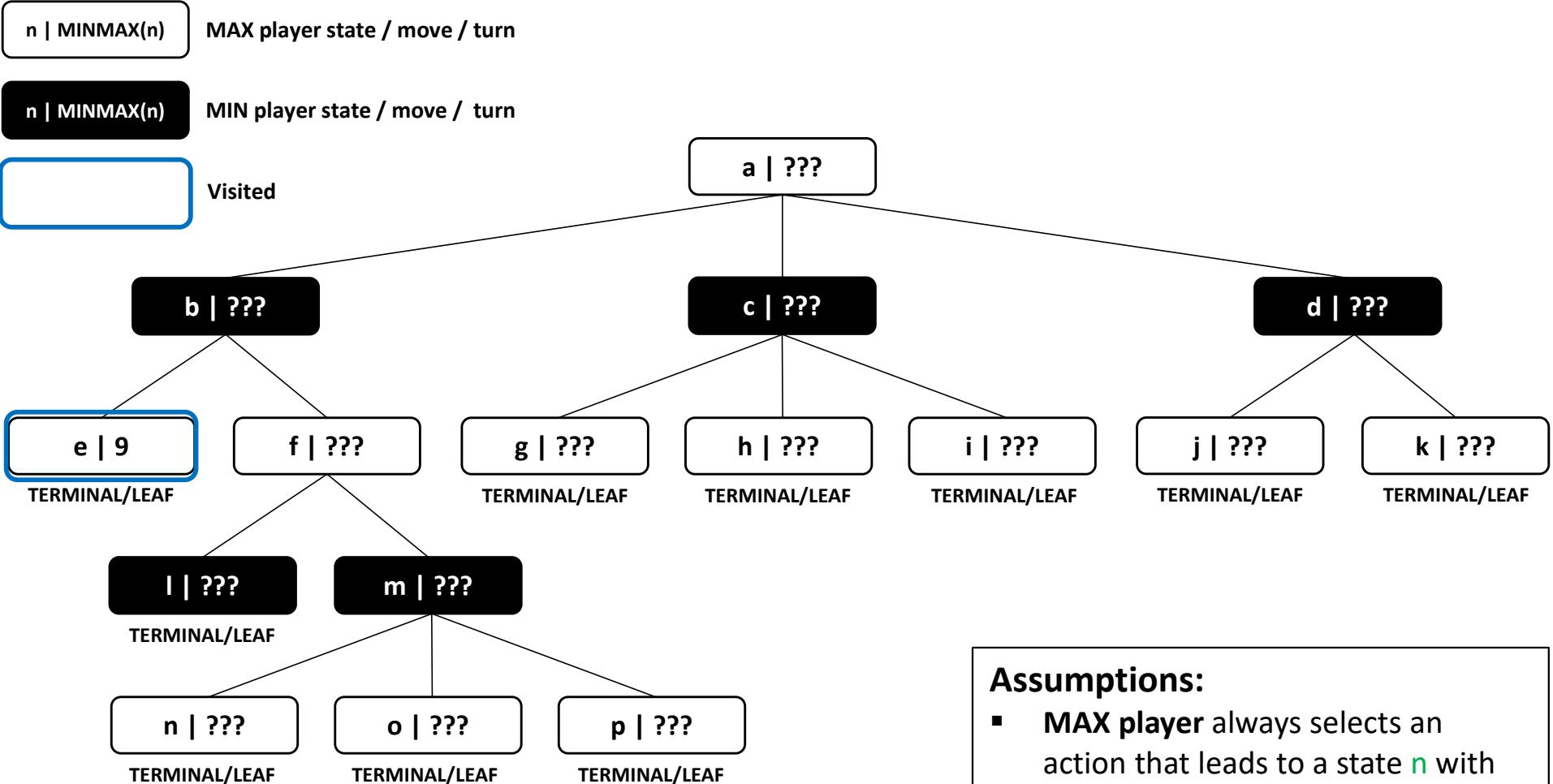
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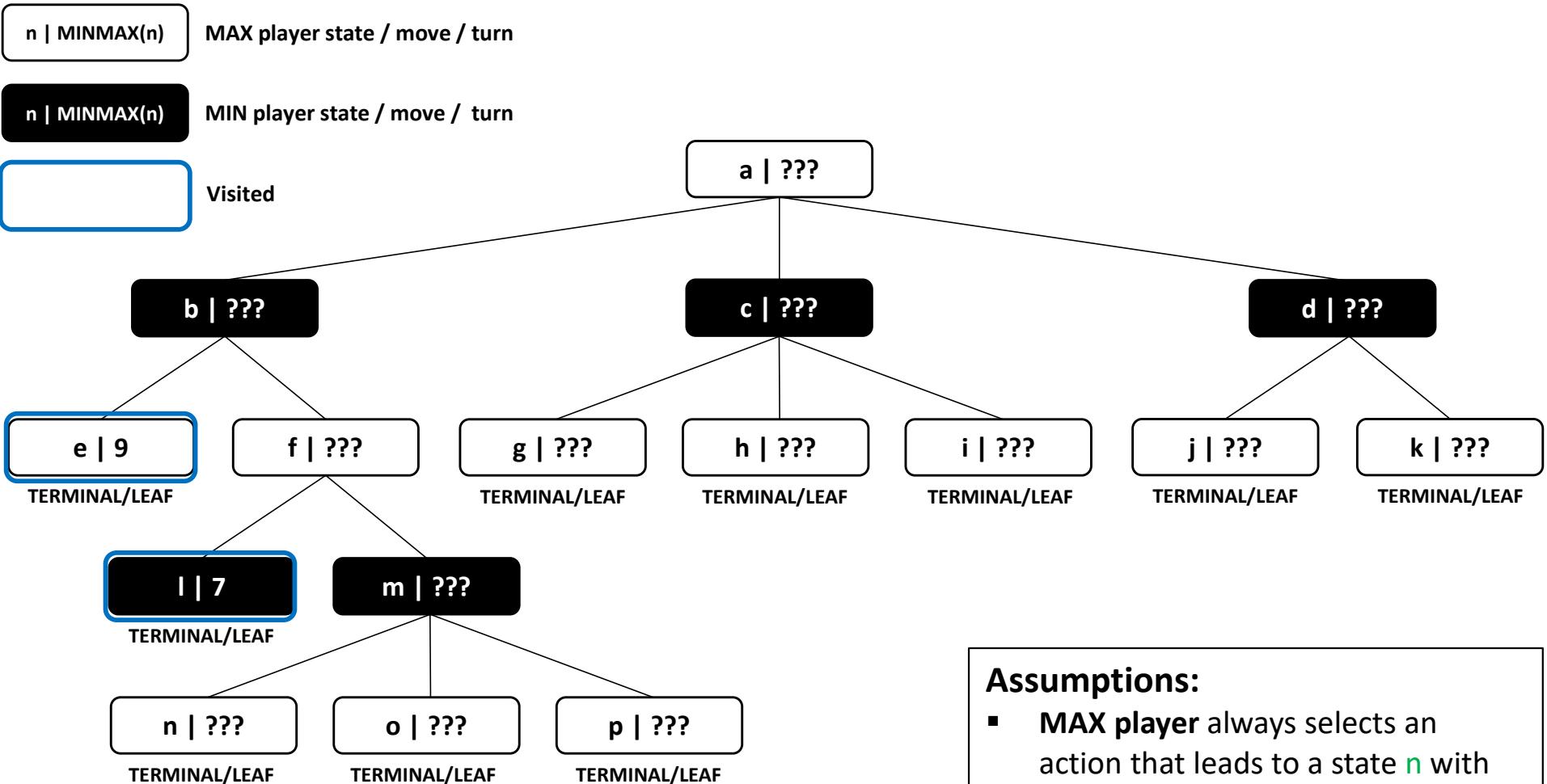
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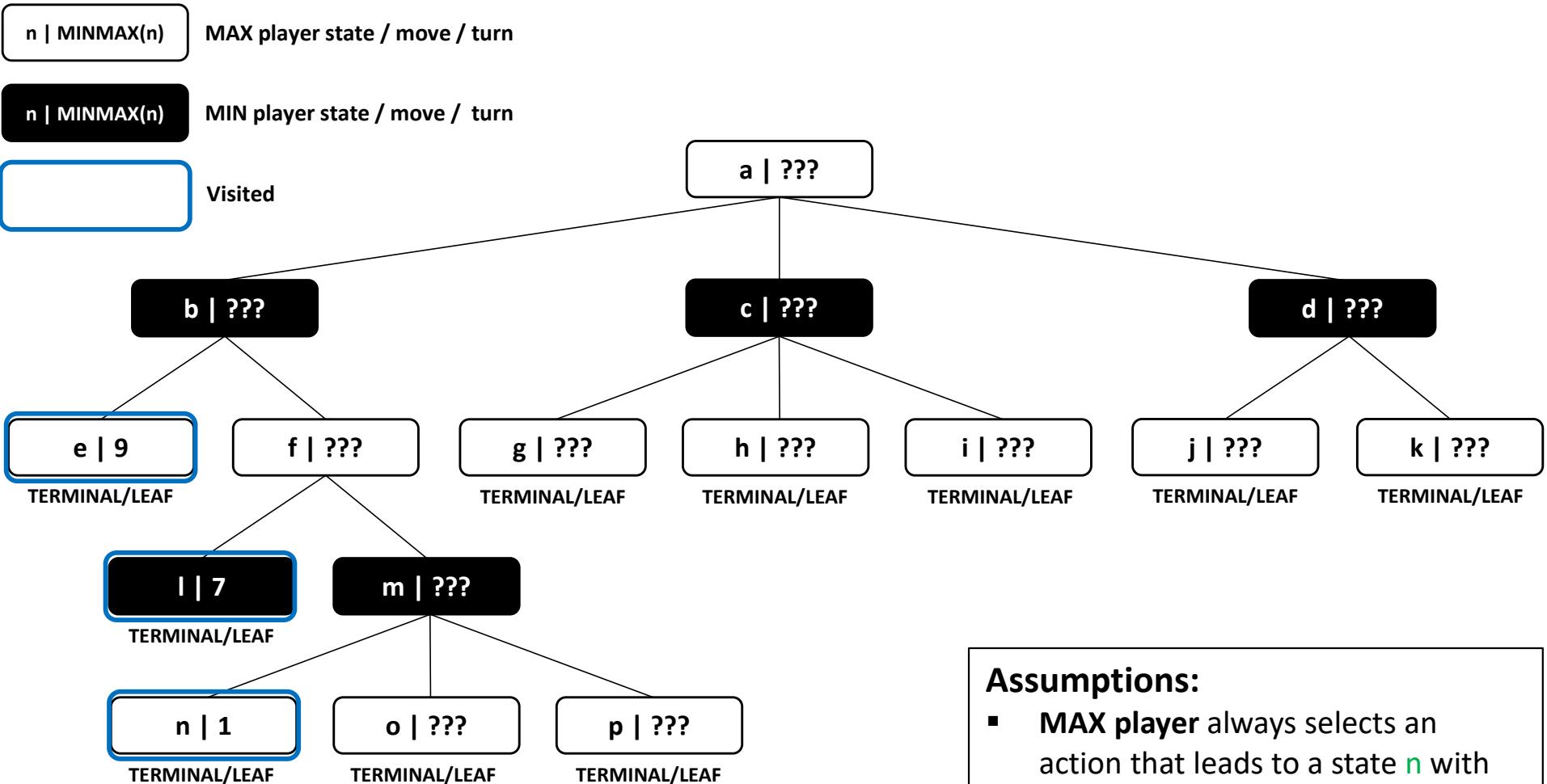
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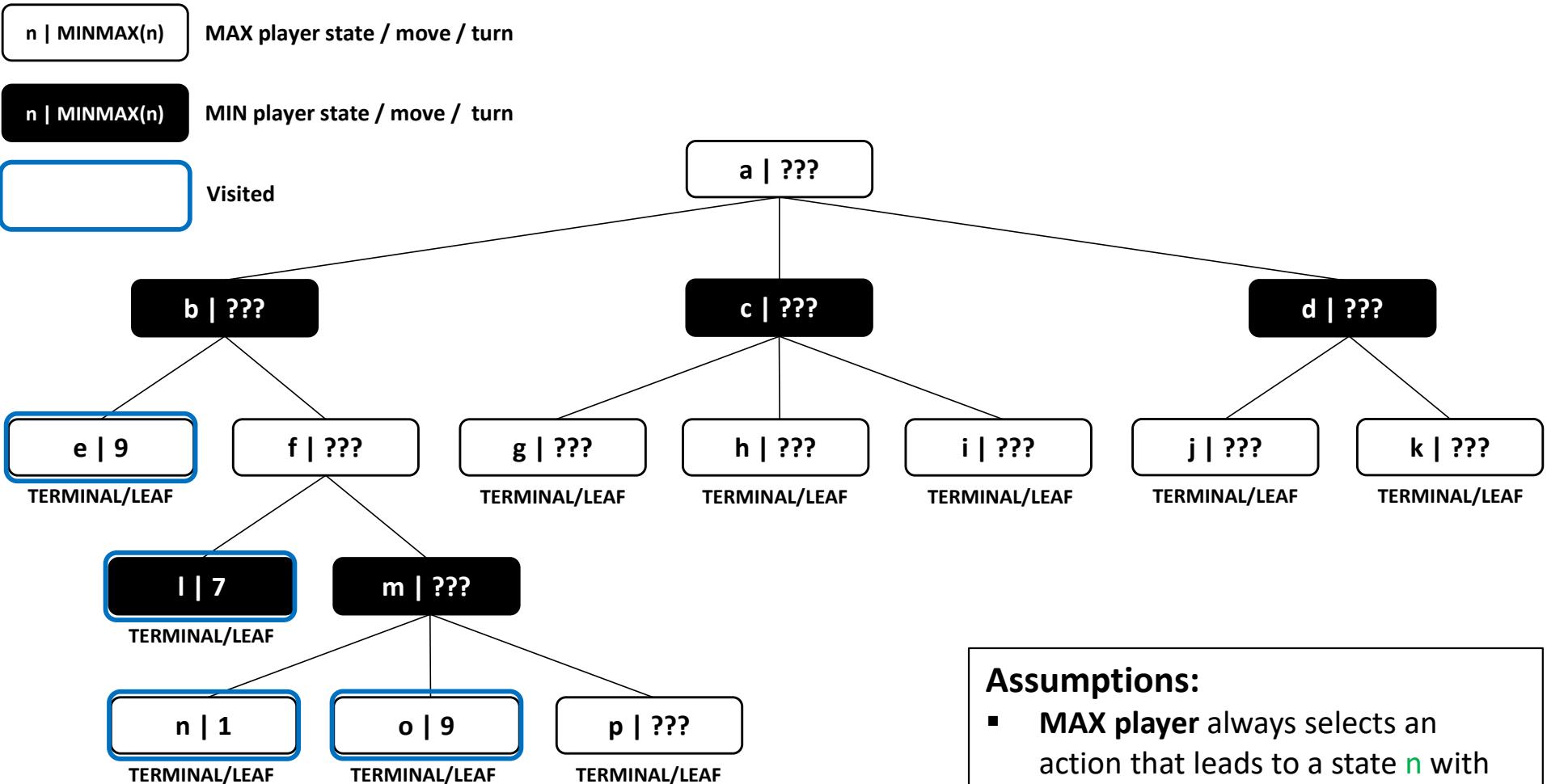
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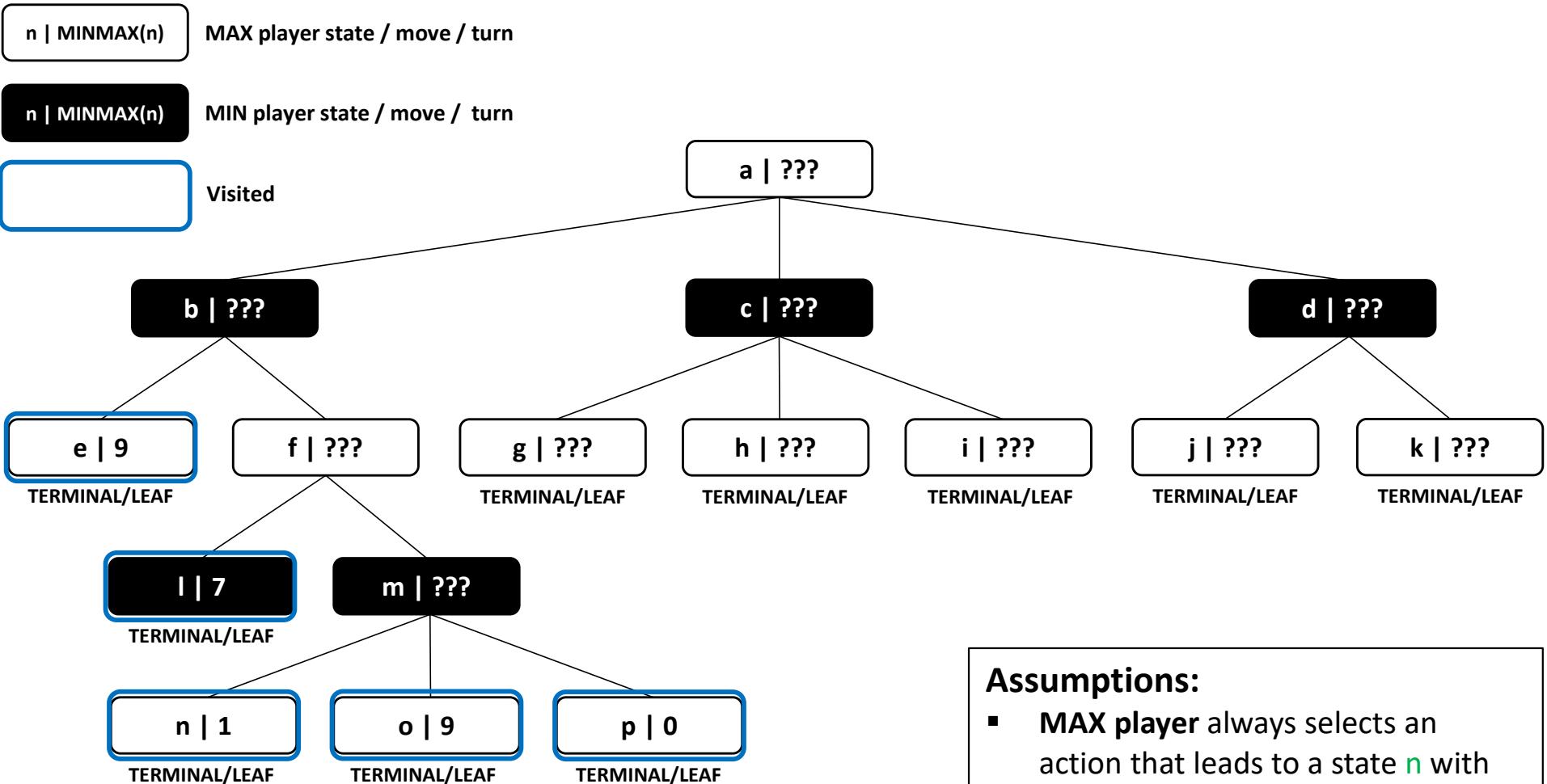
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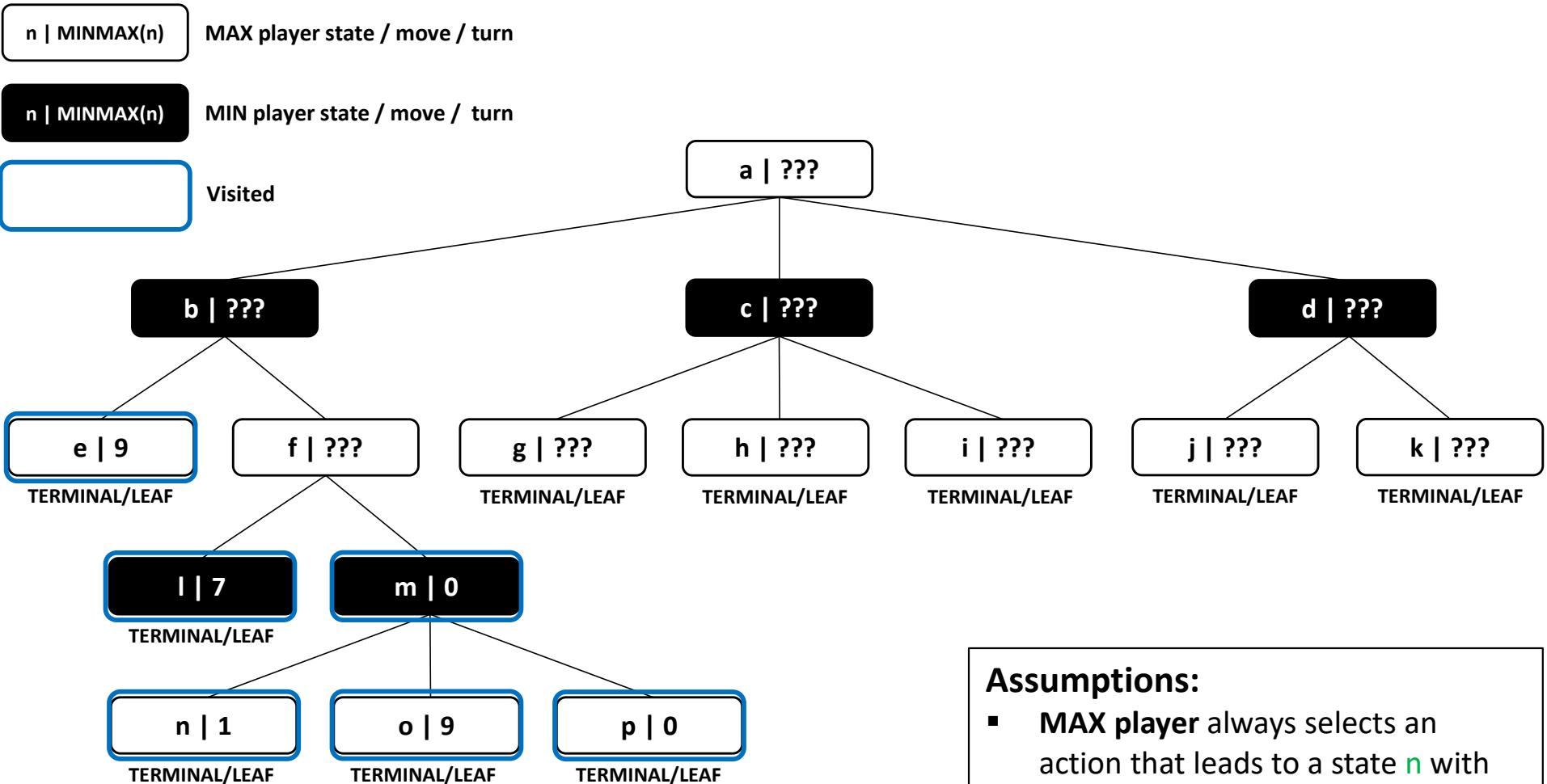
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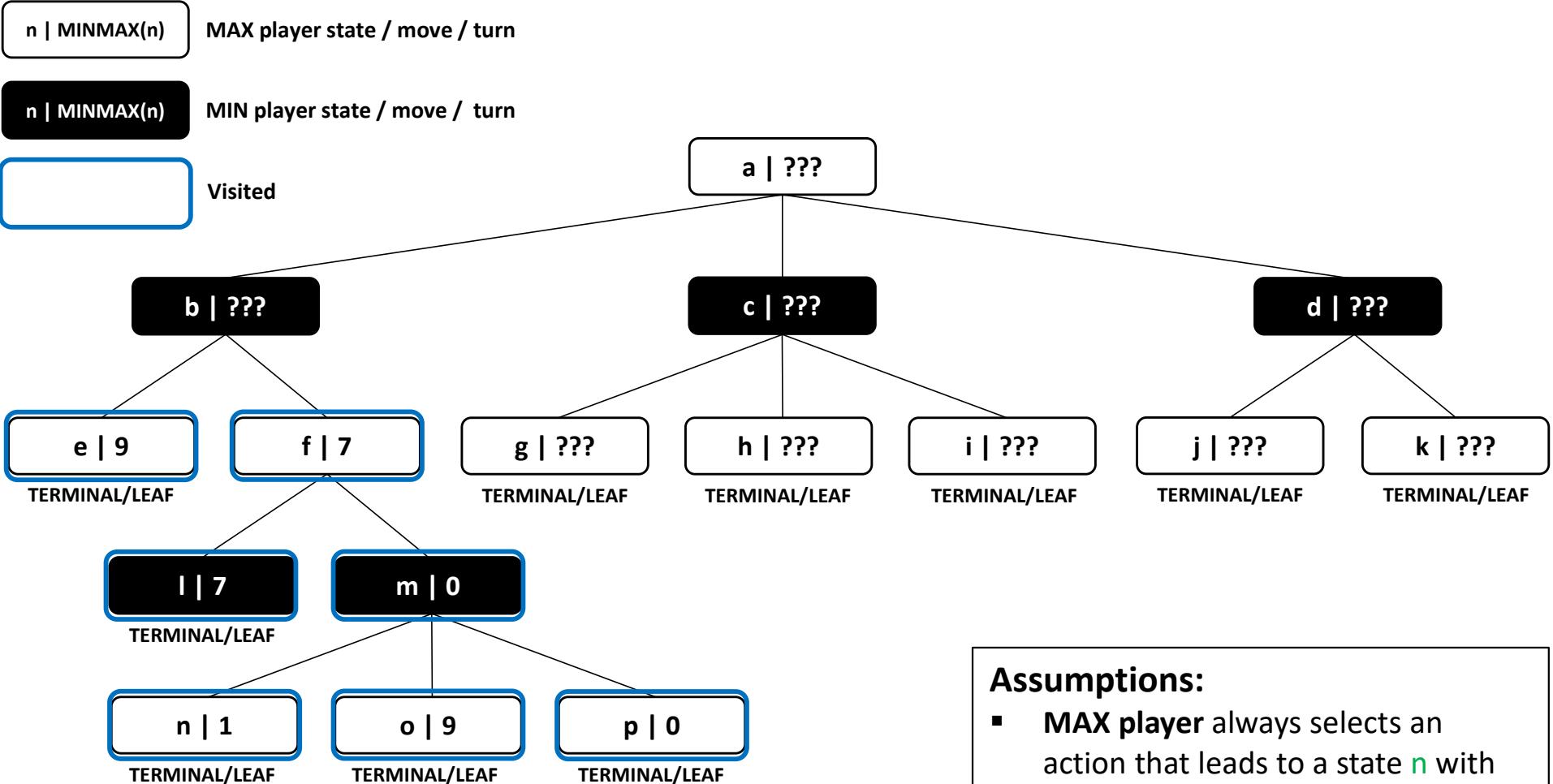
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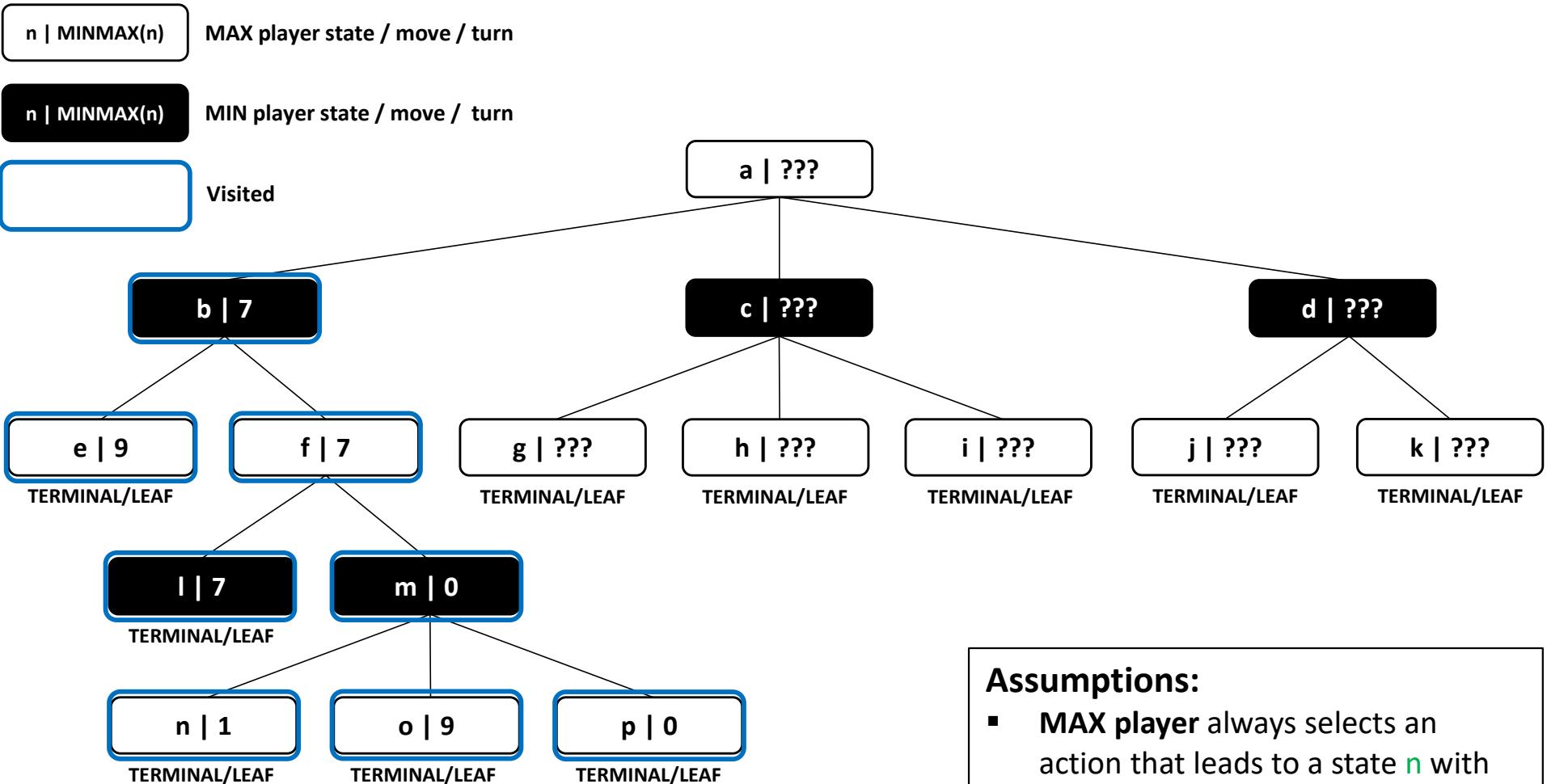
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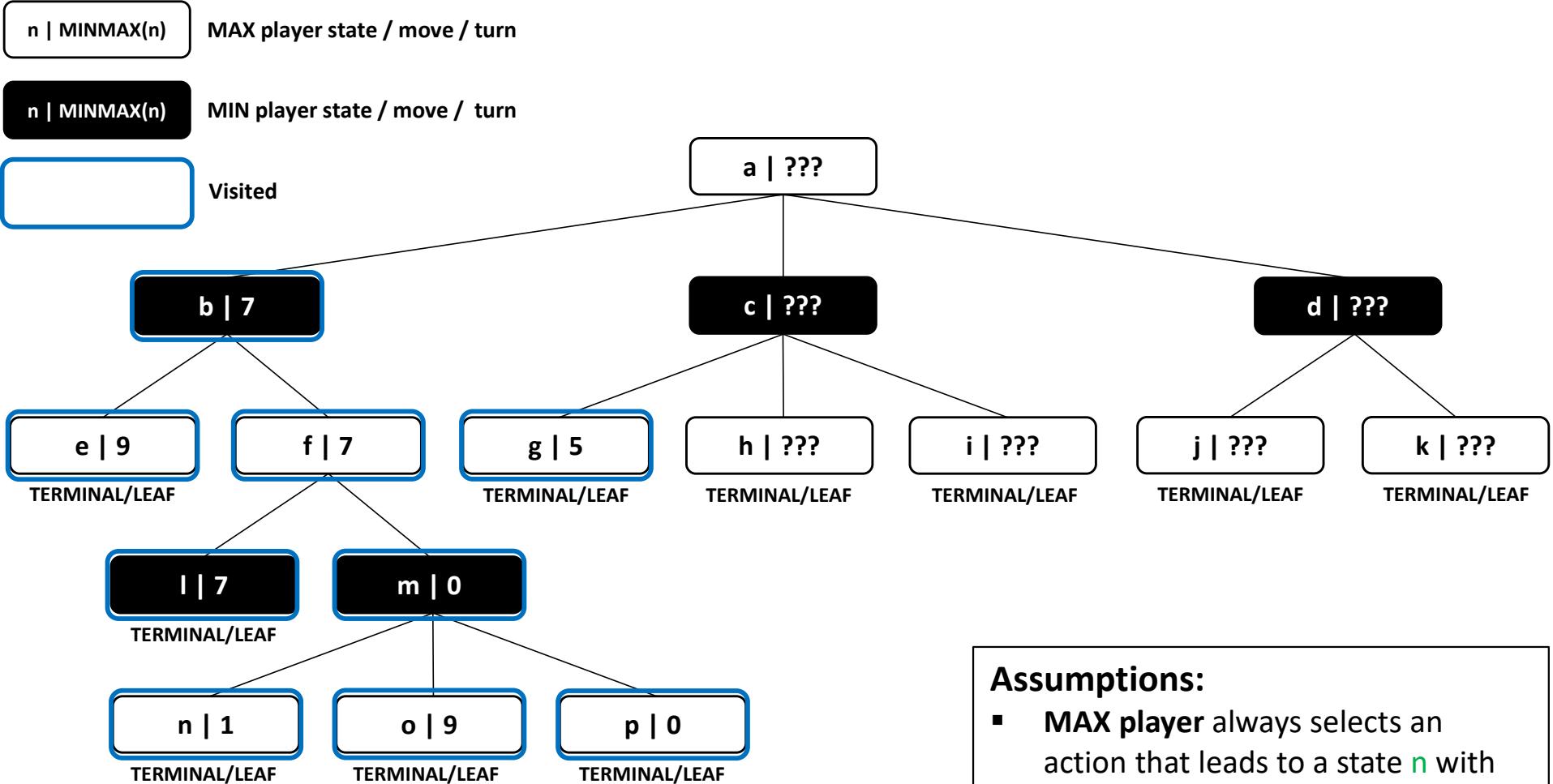
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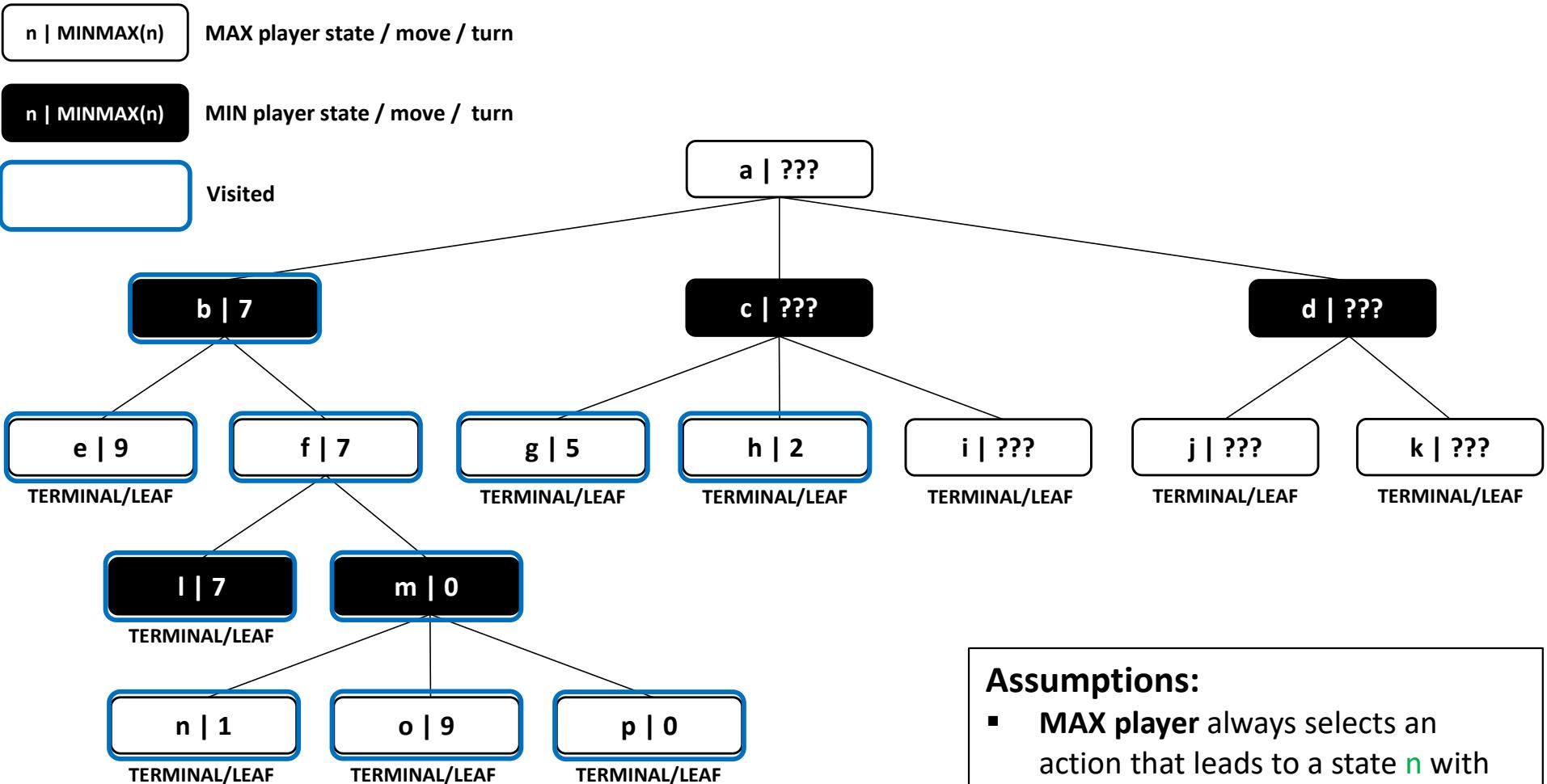
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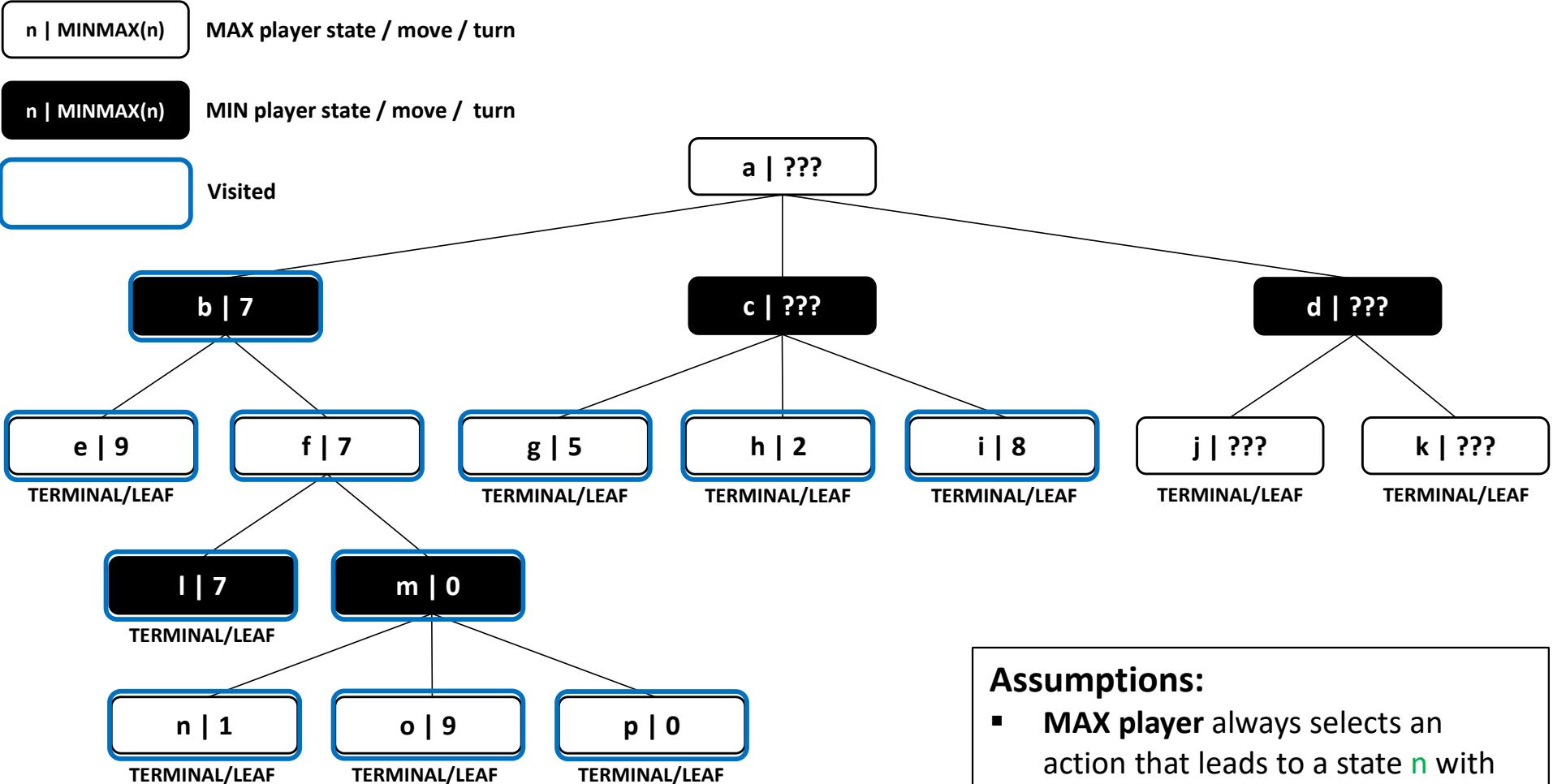
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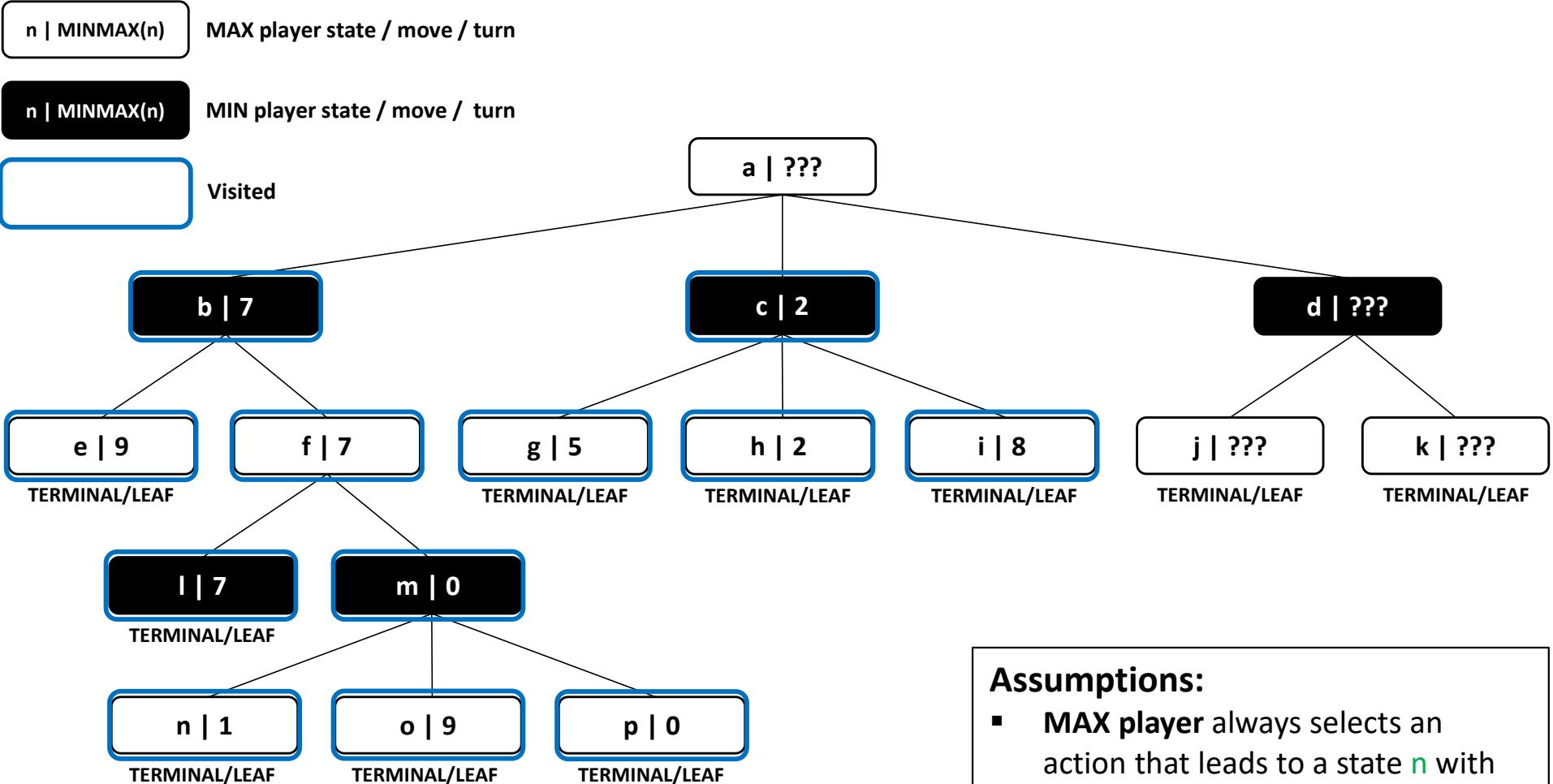
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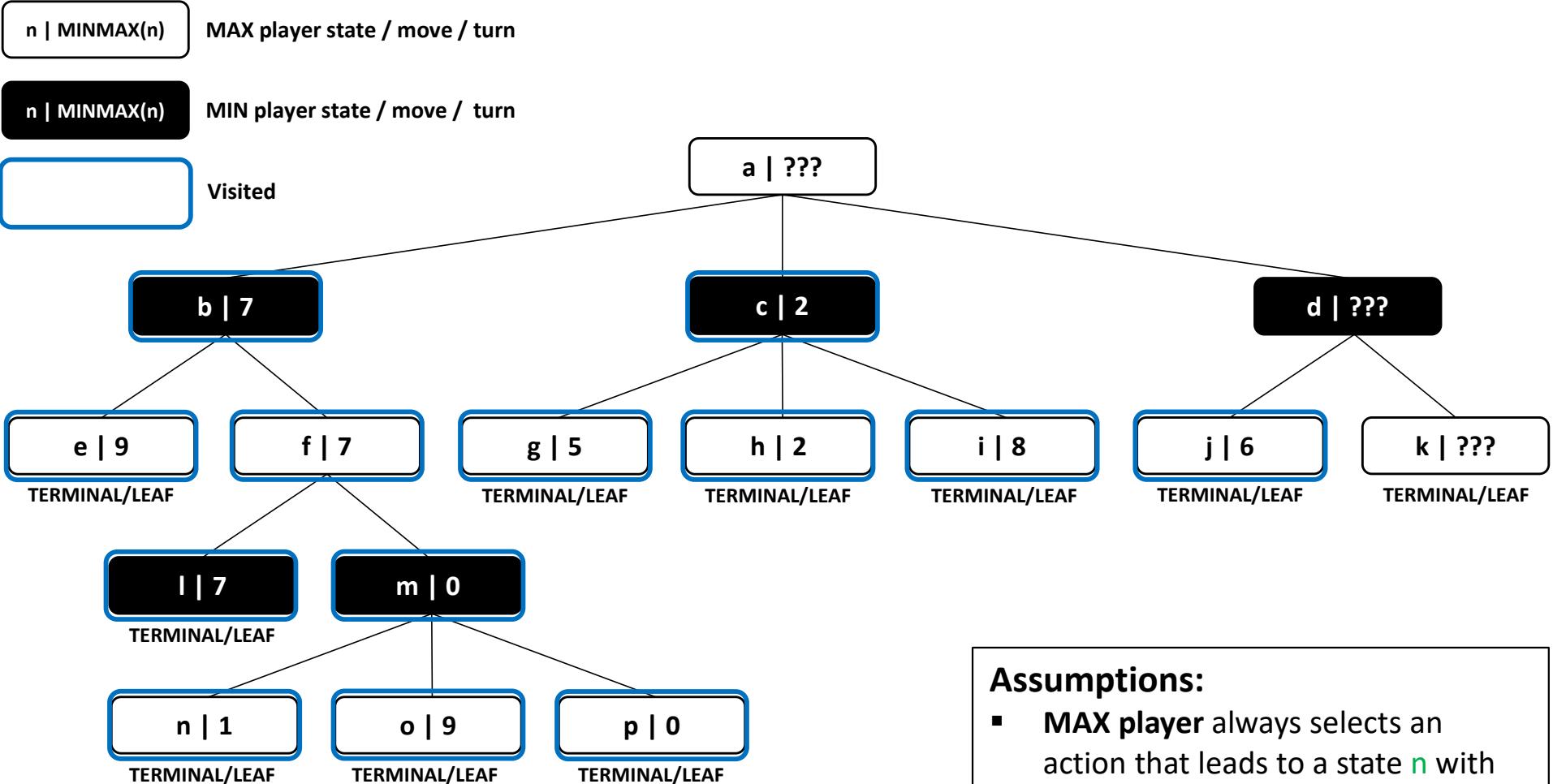
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Example MinMax Search Tree



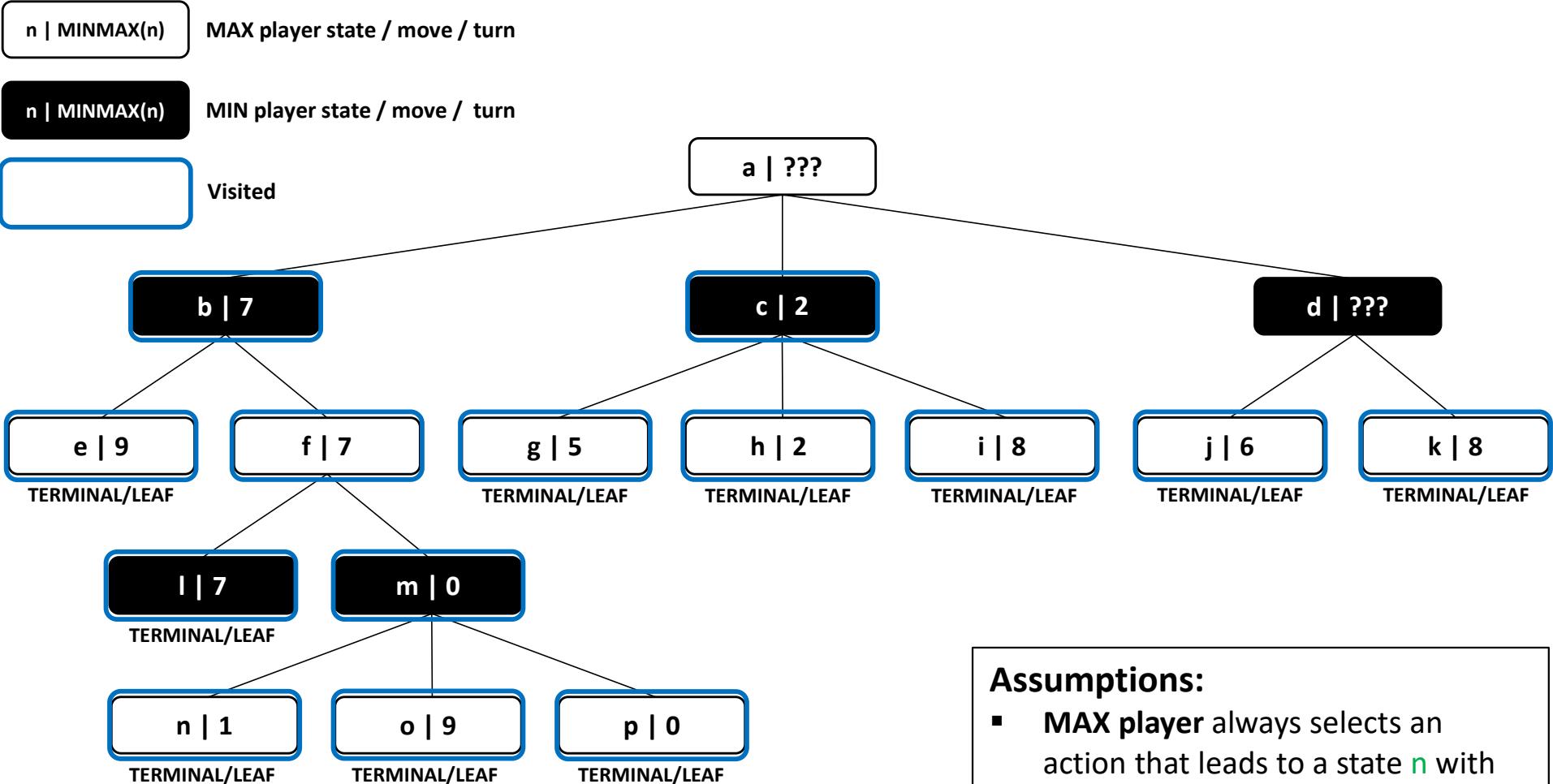
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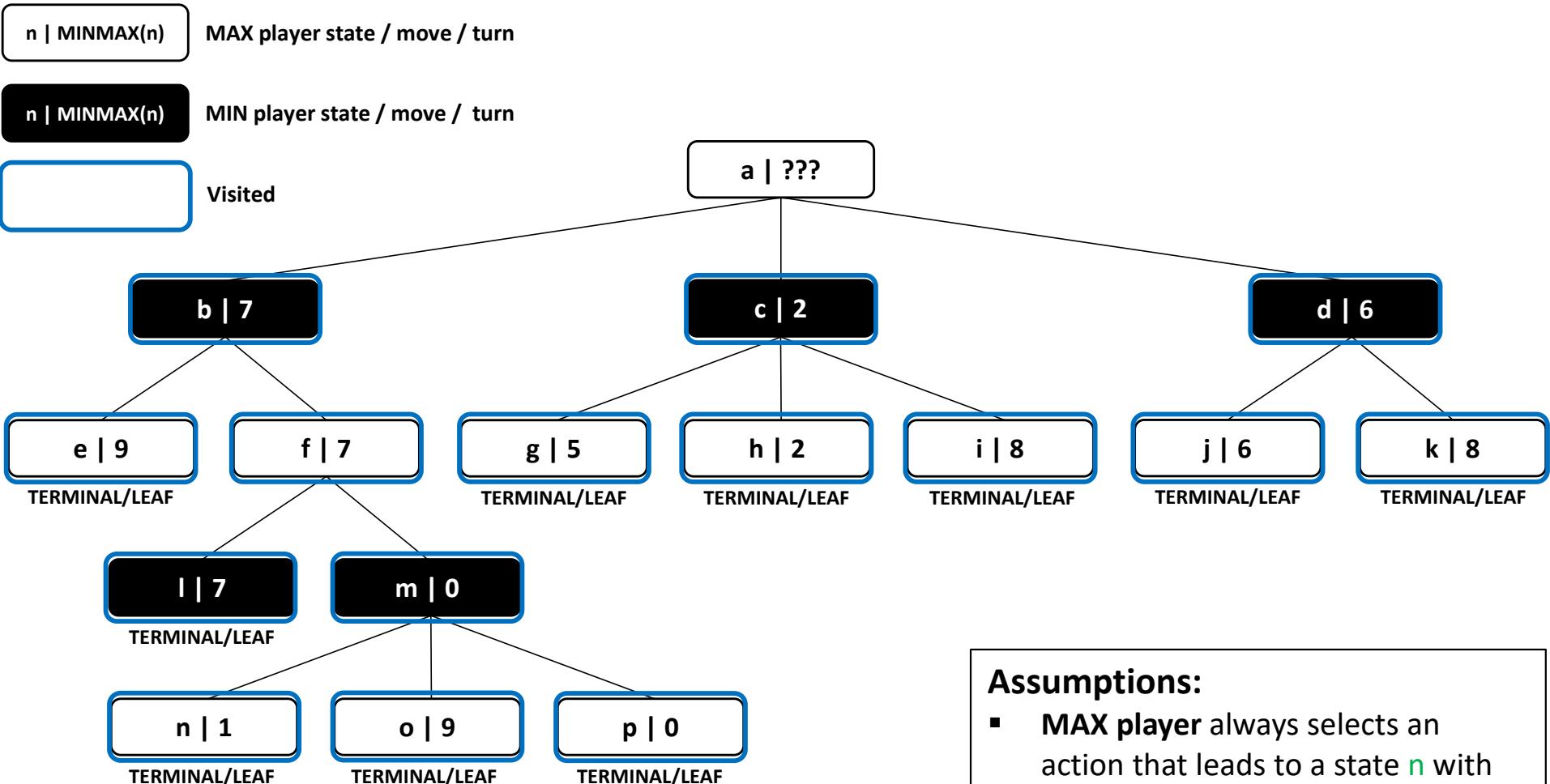
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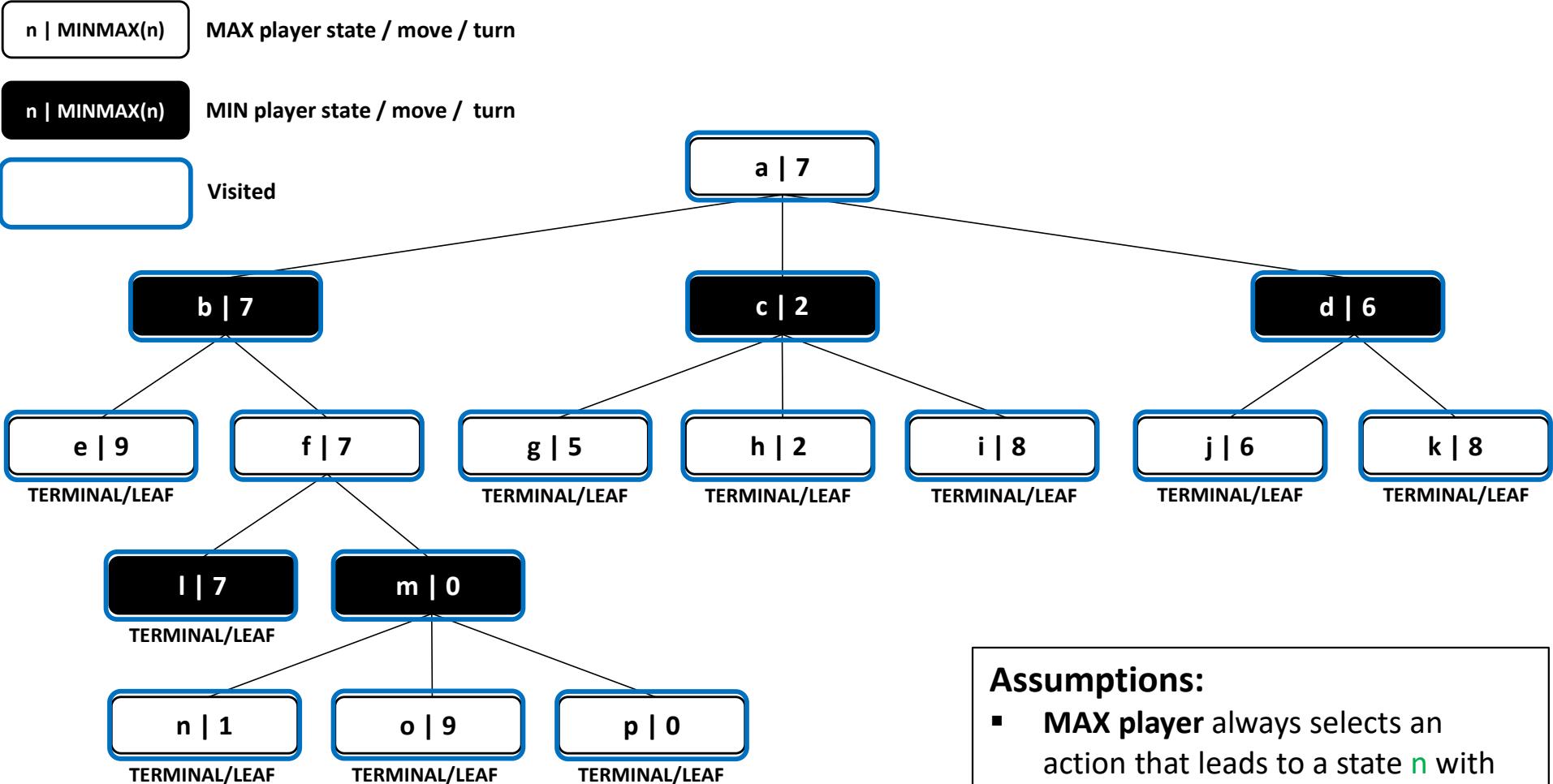
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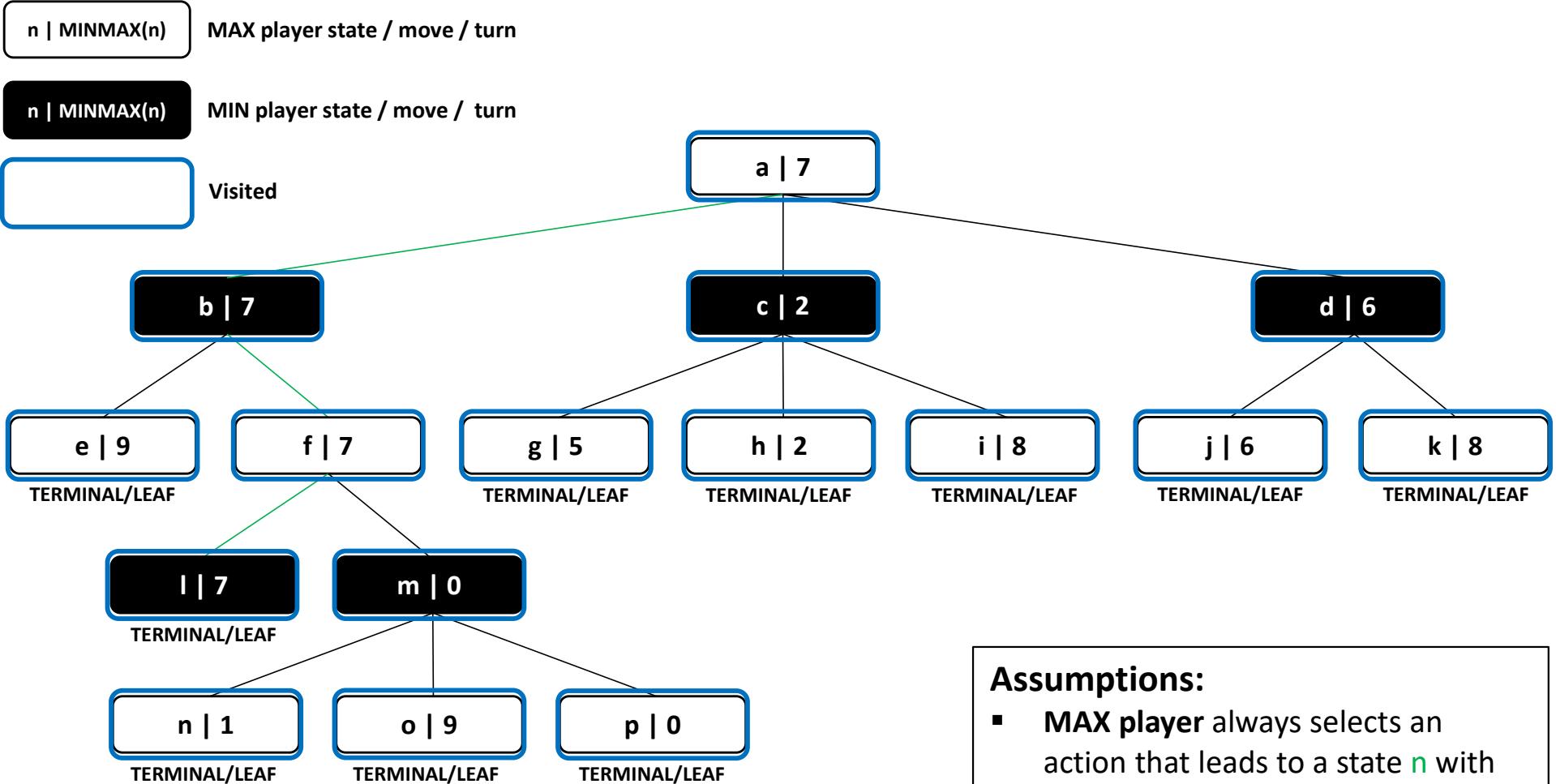
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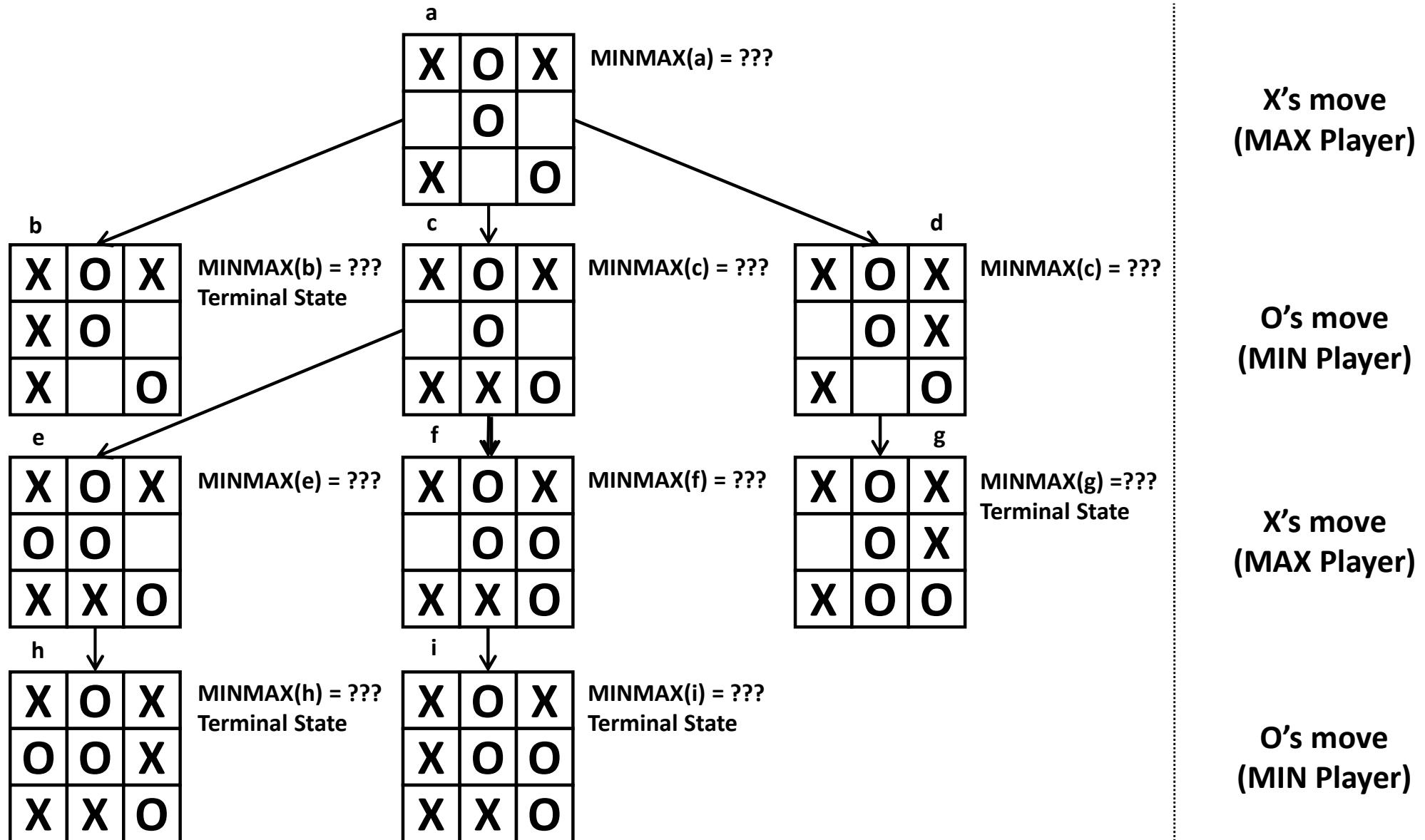
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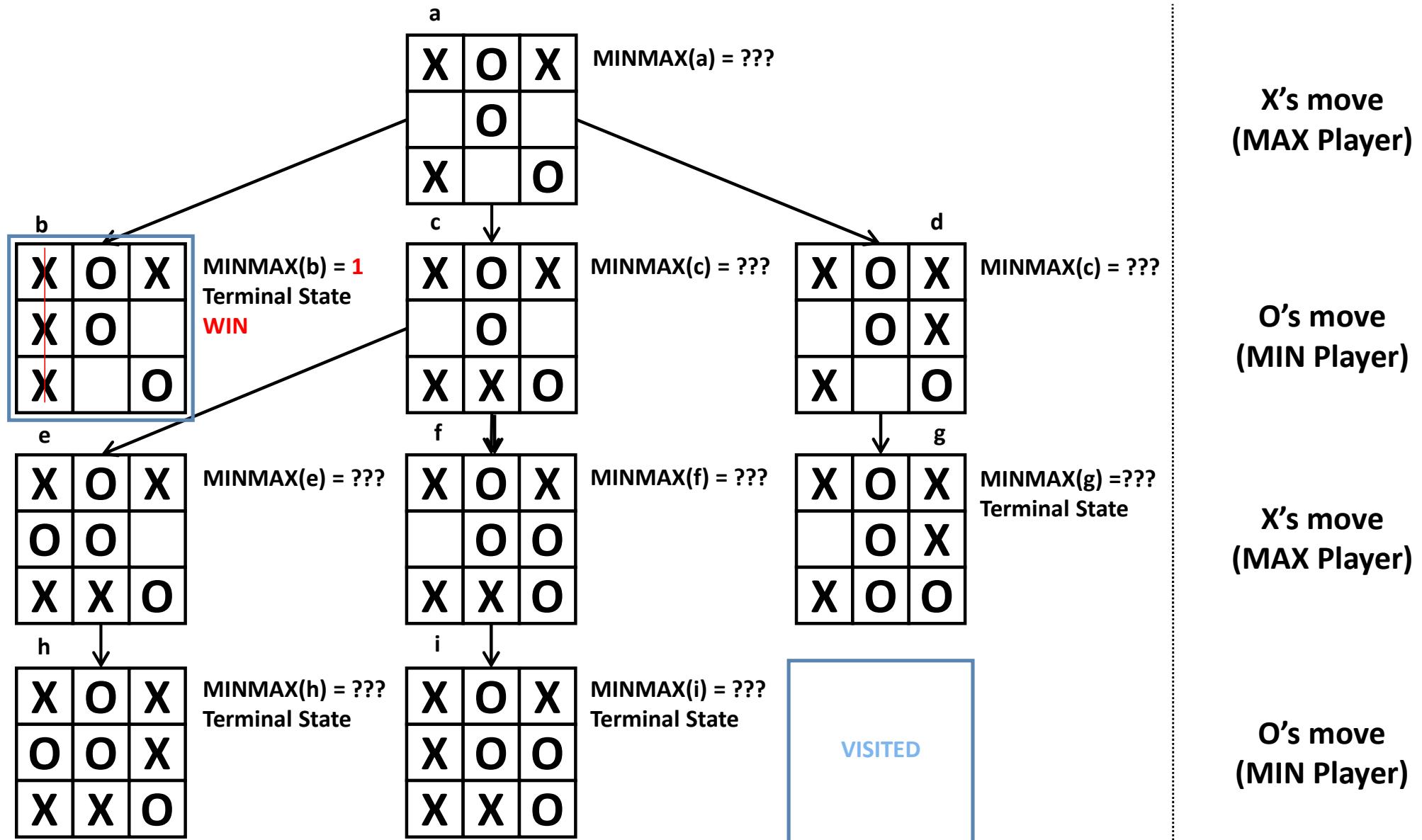
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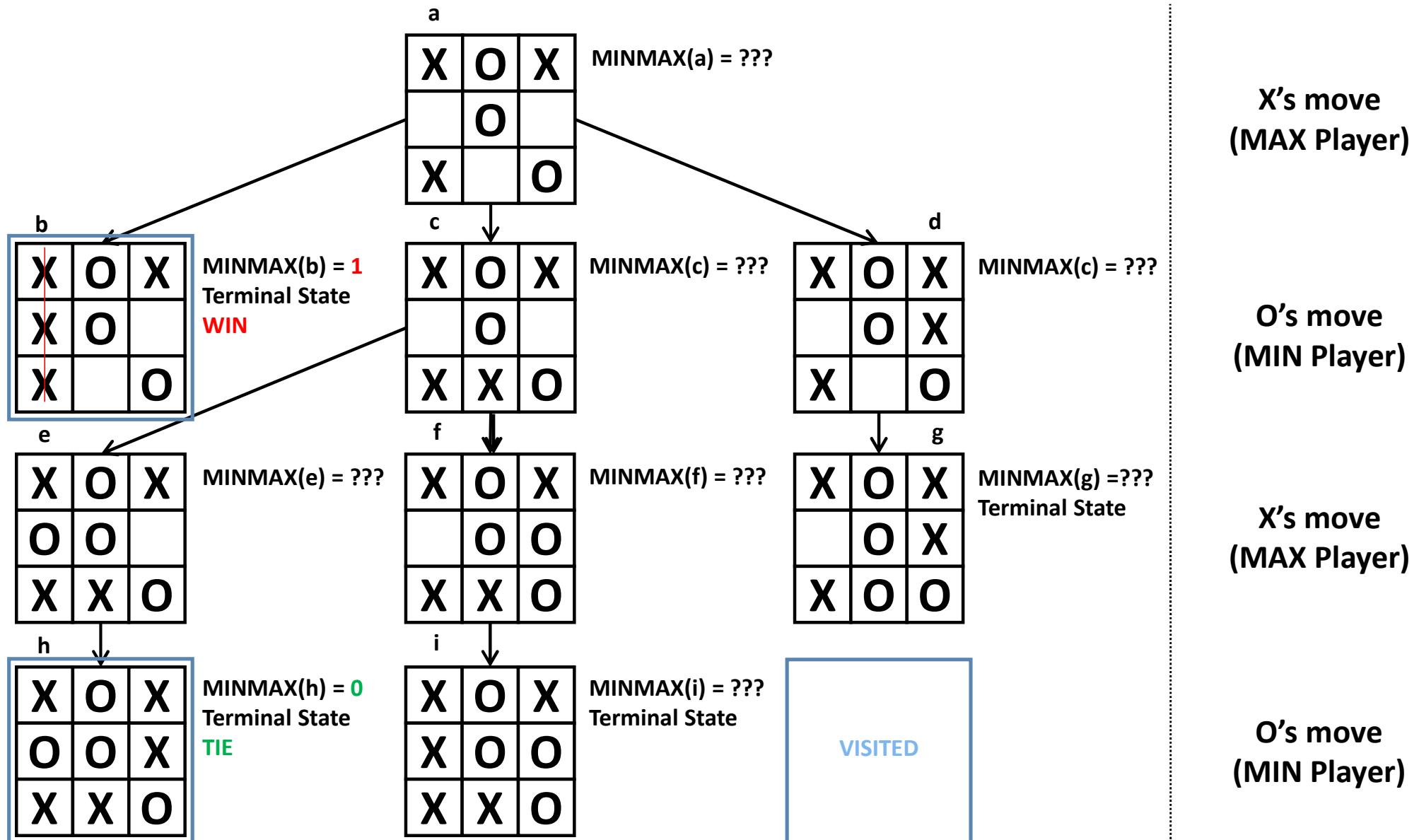
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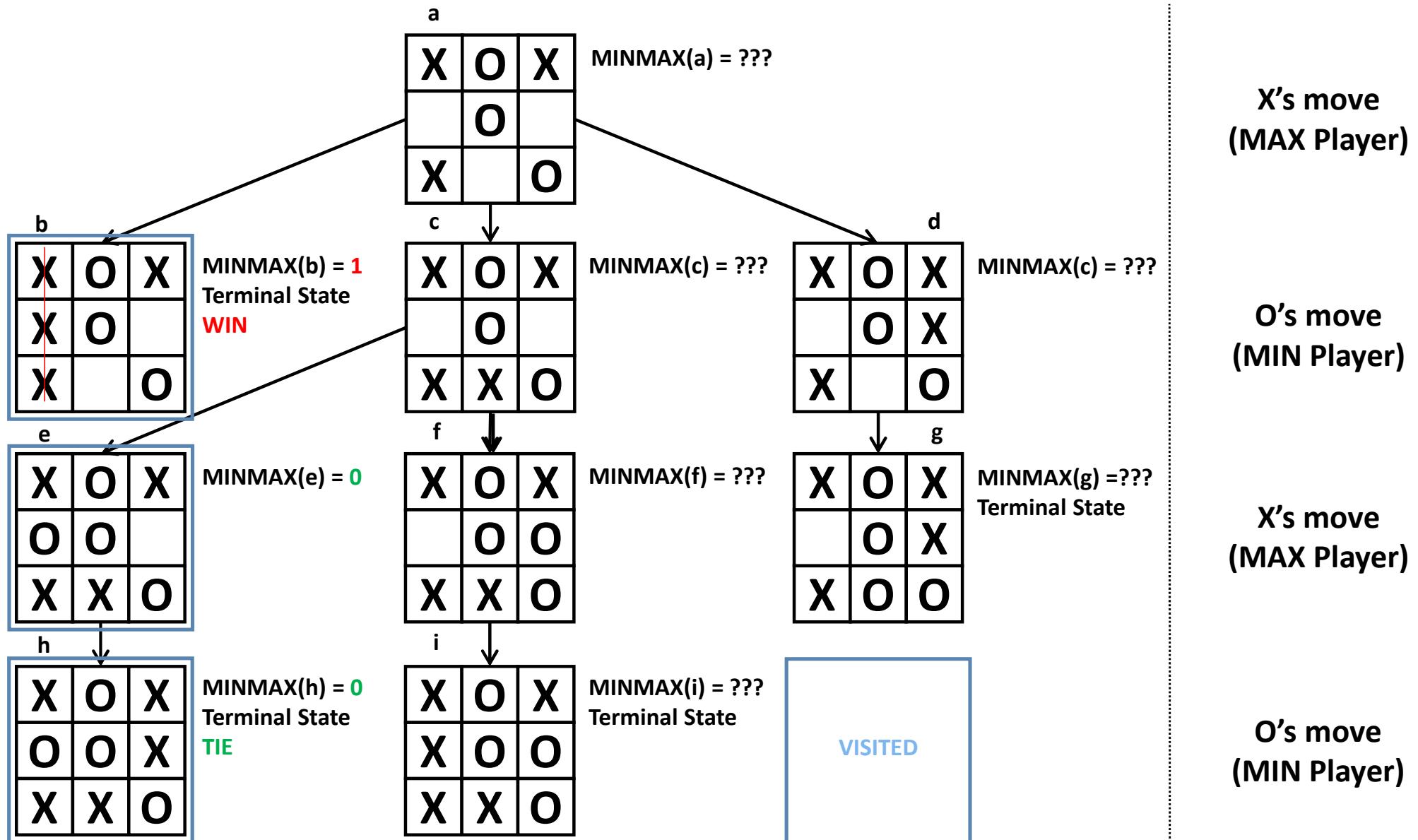
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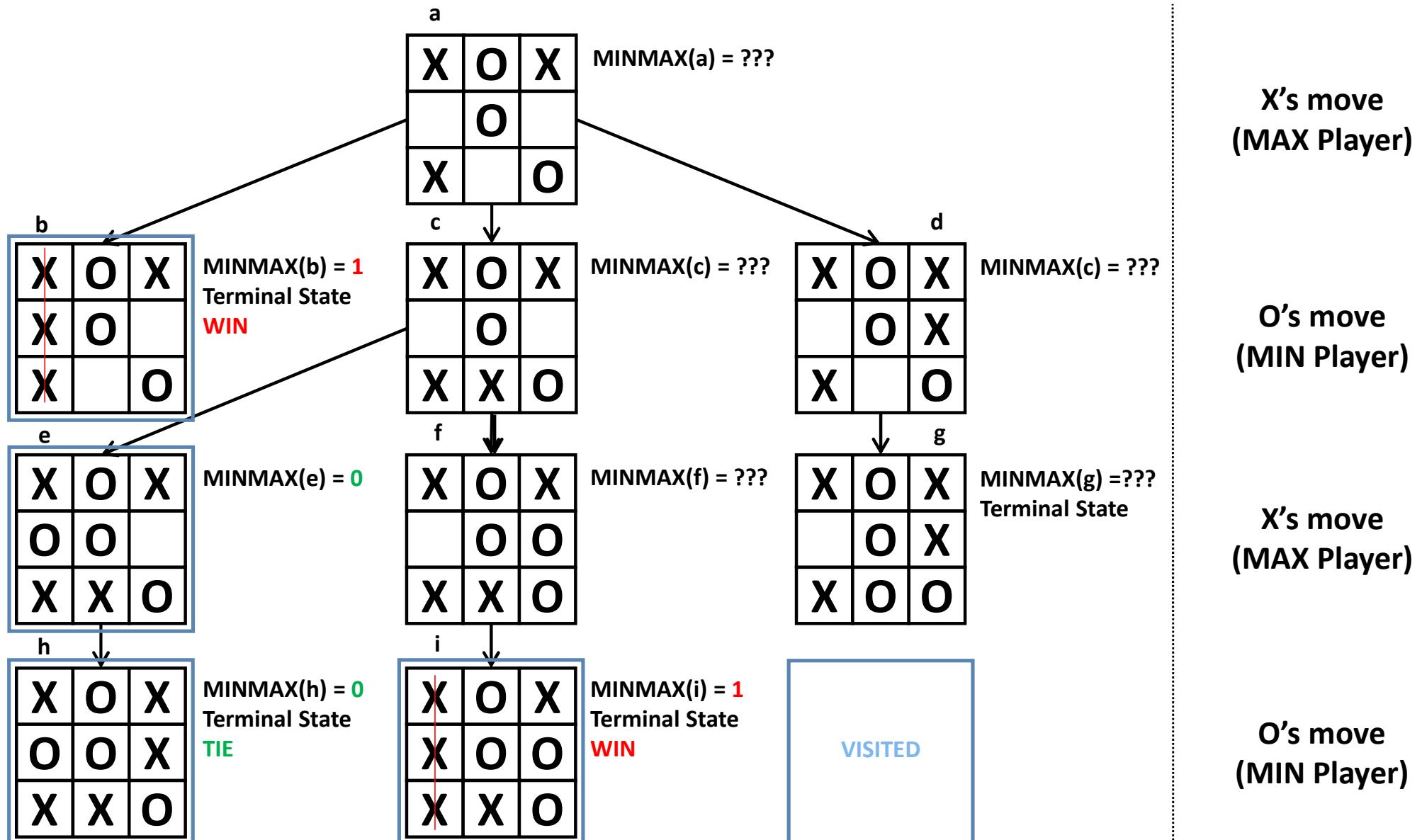
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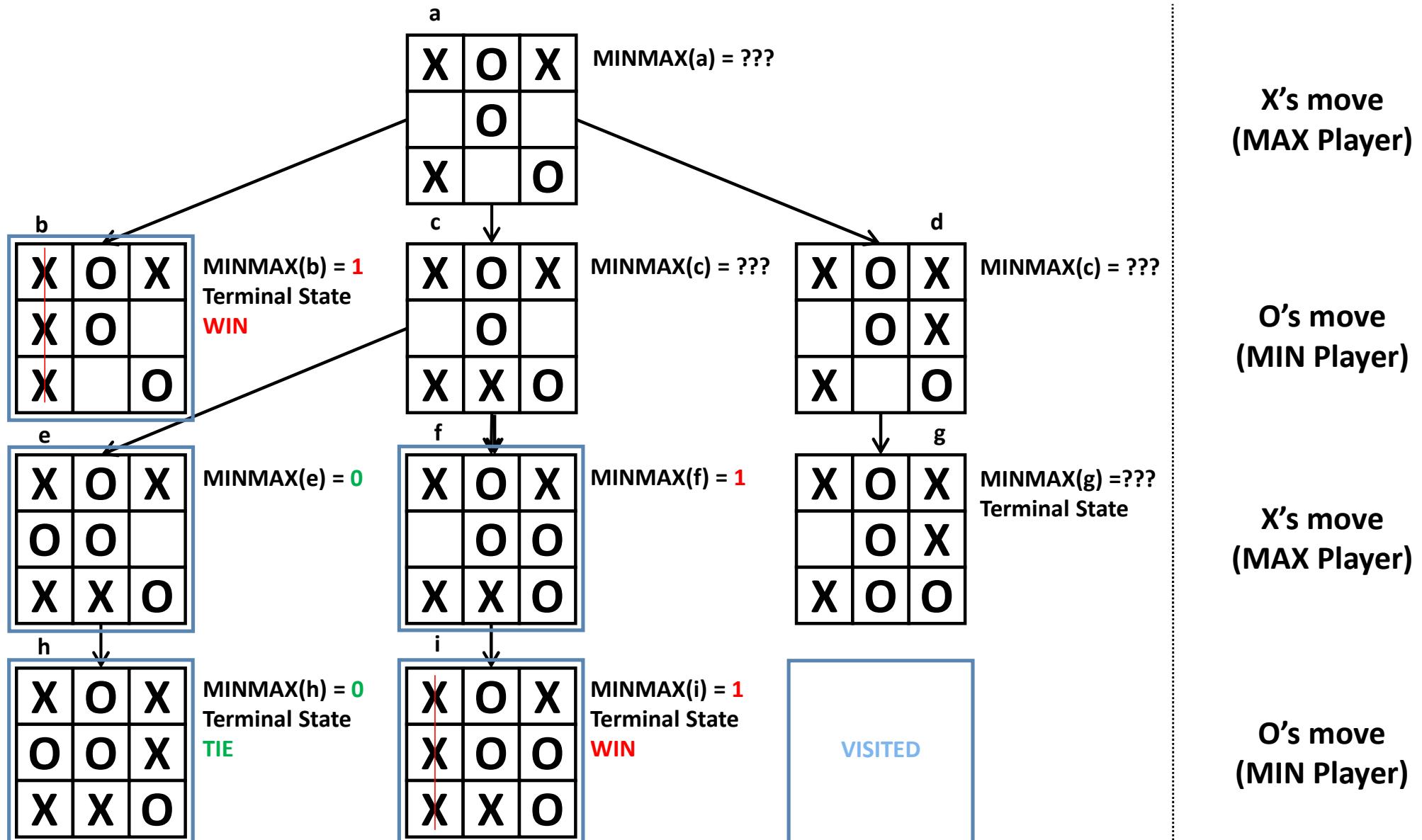
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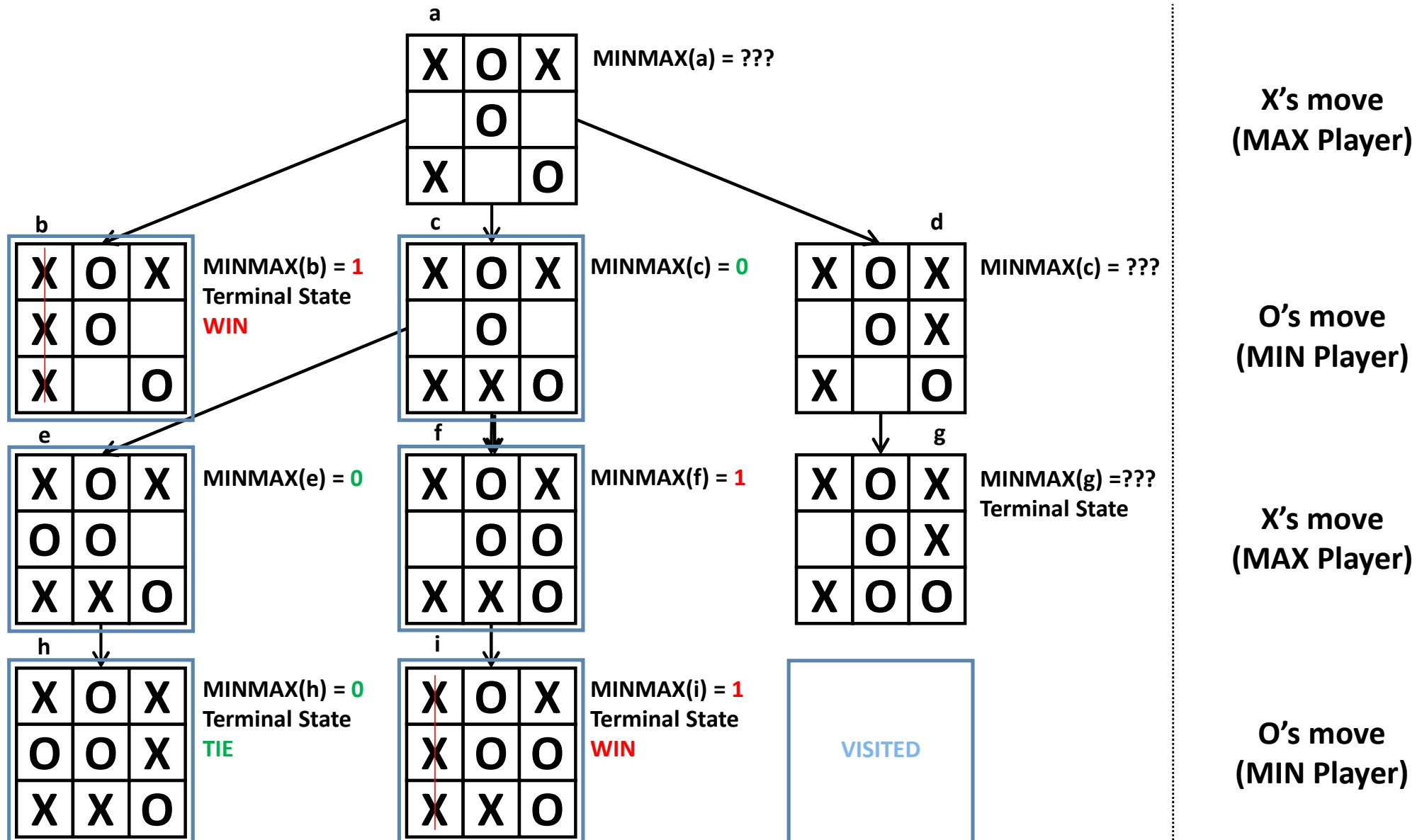
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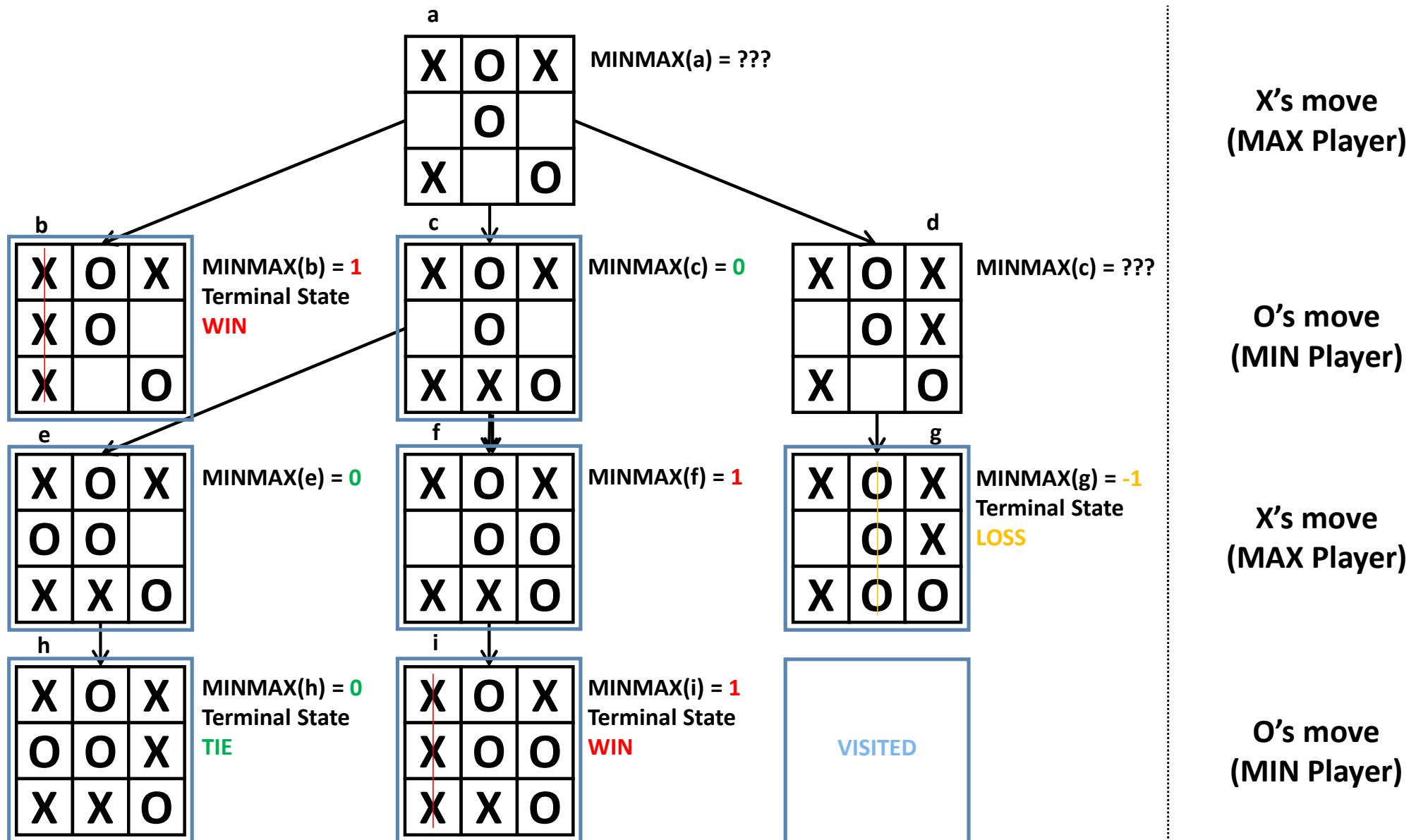
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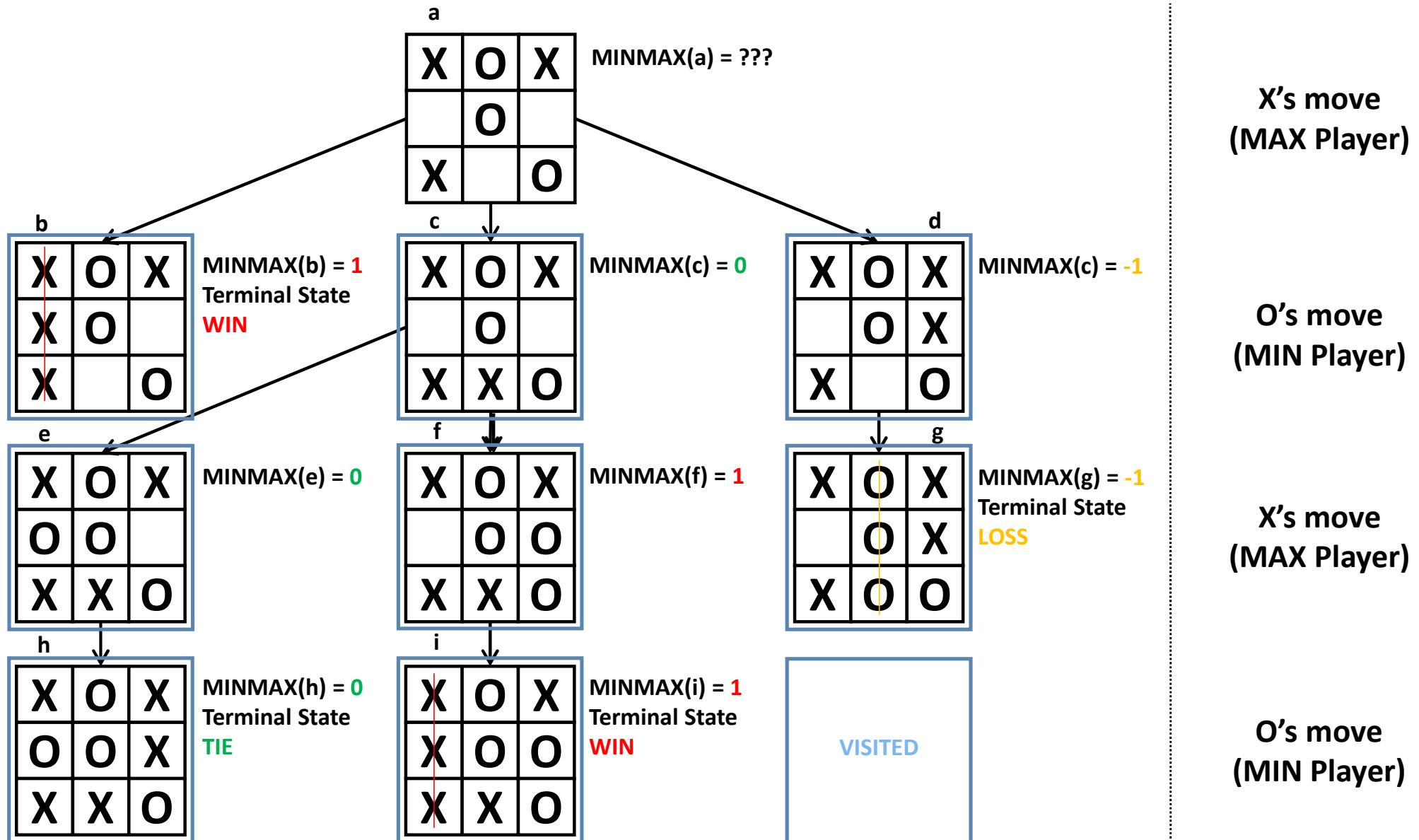
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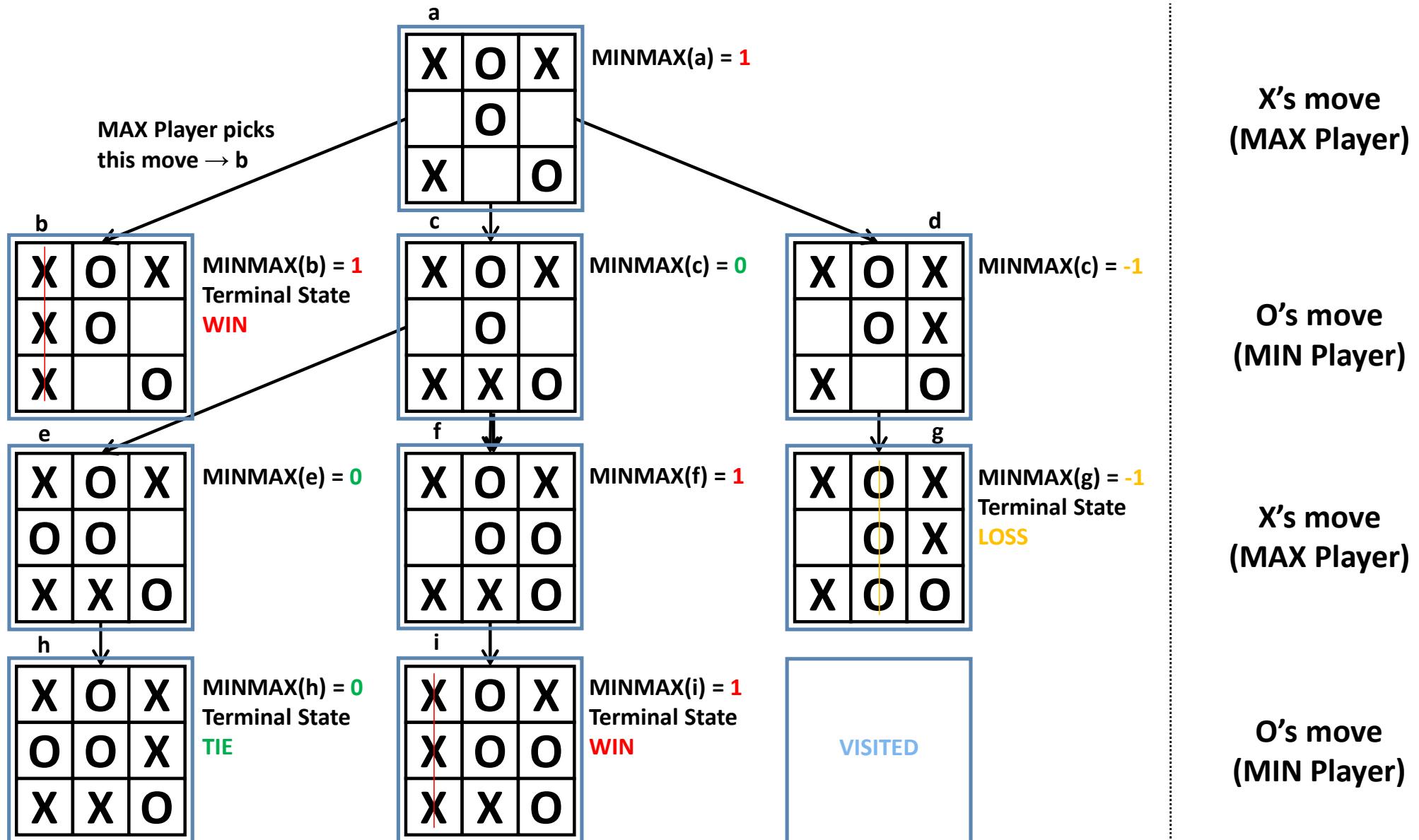
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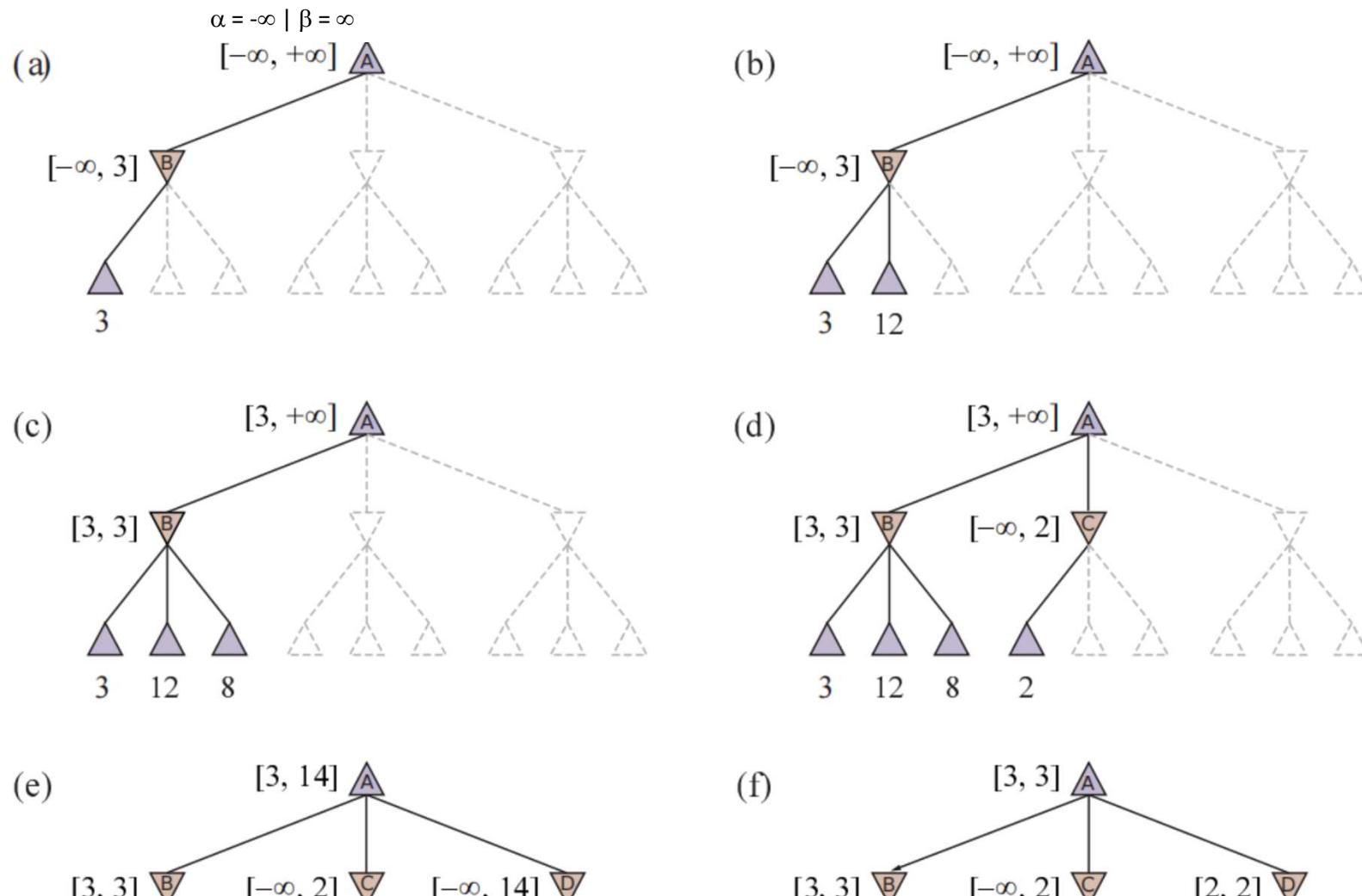


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MinMax: What is the Challenge?

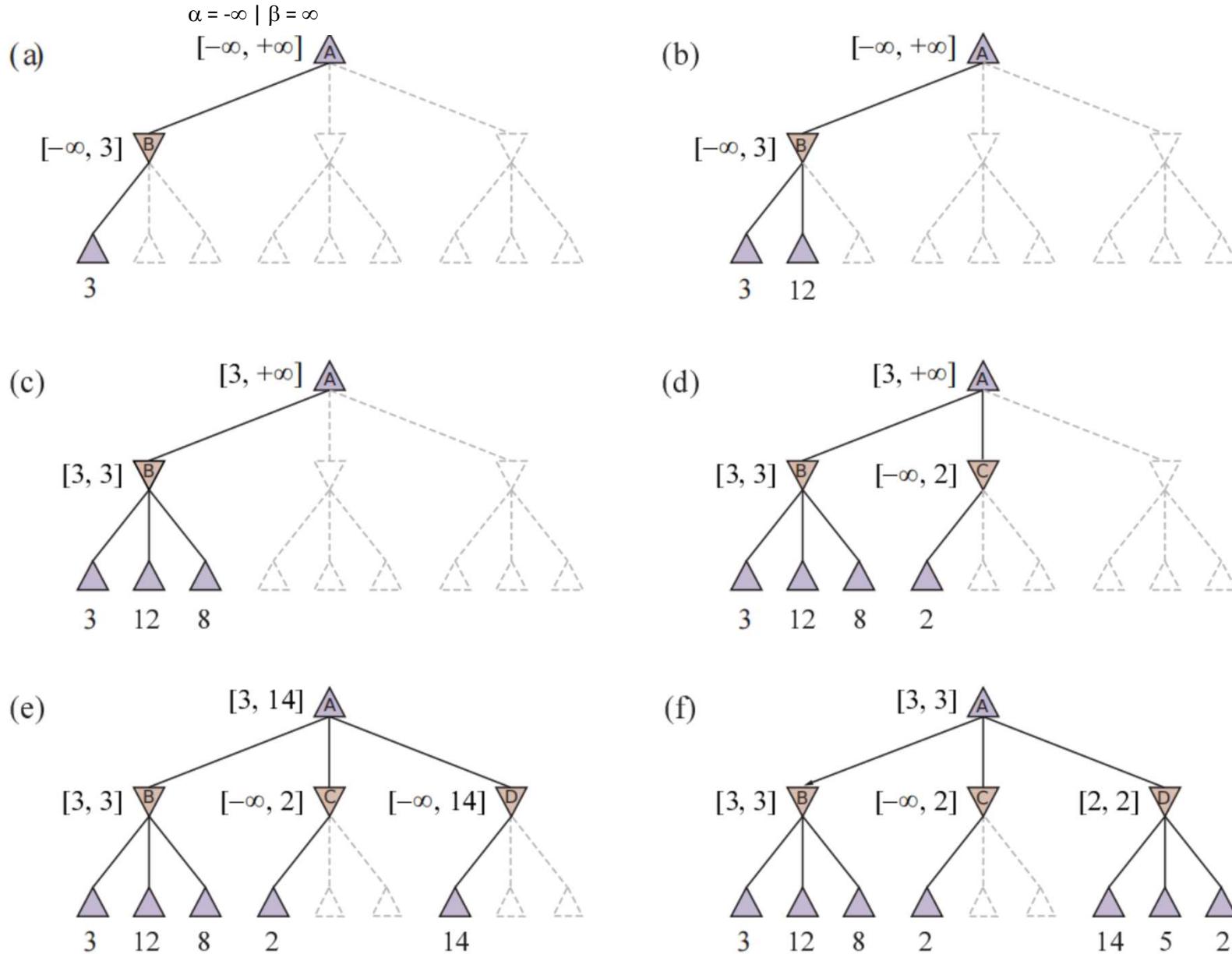
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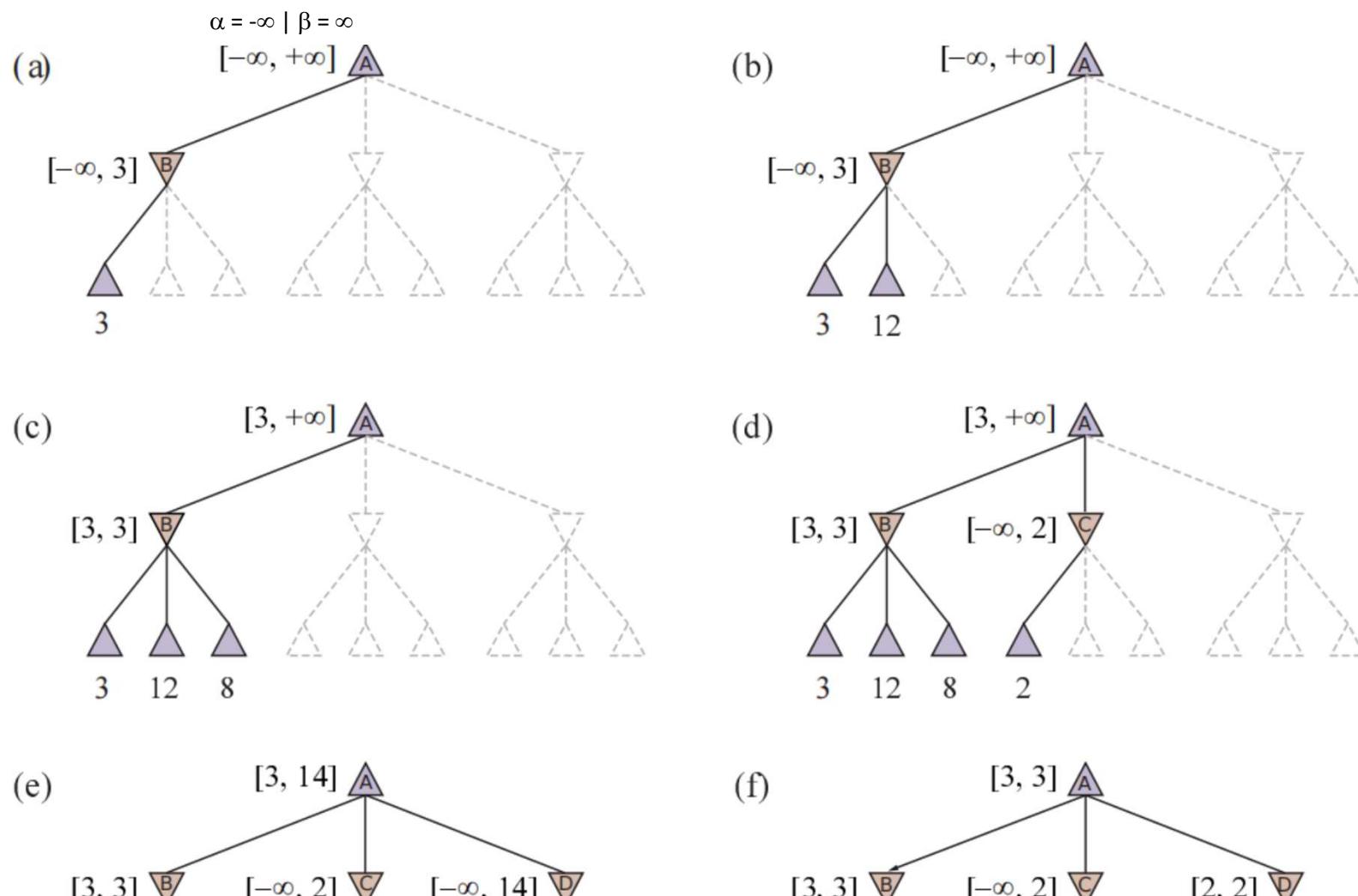
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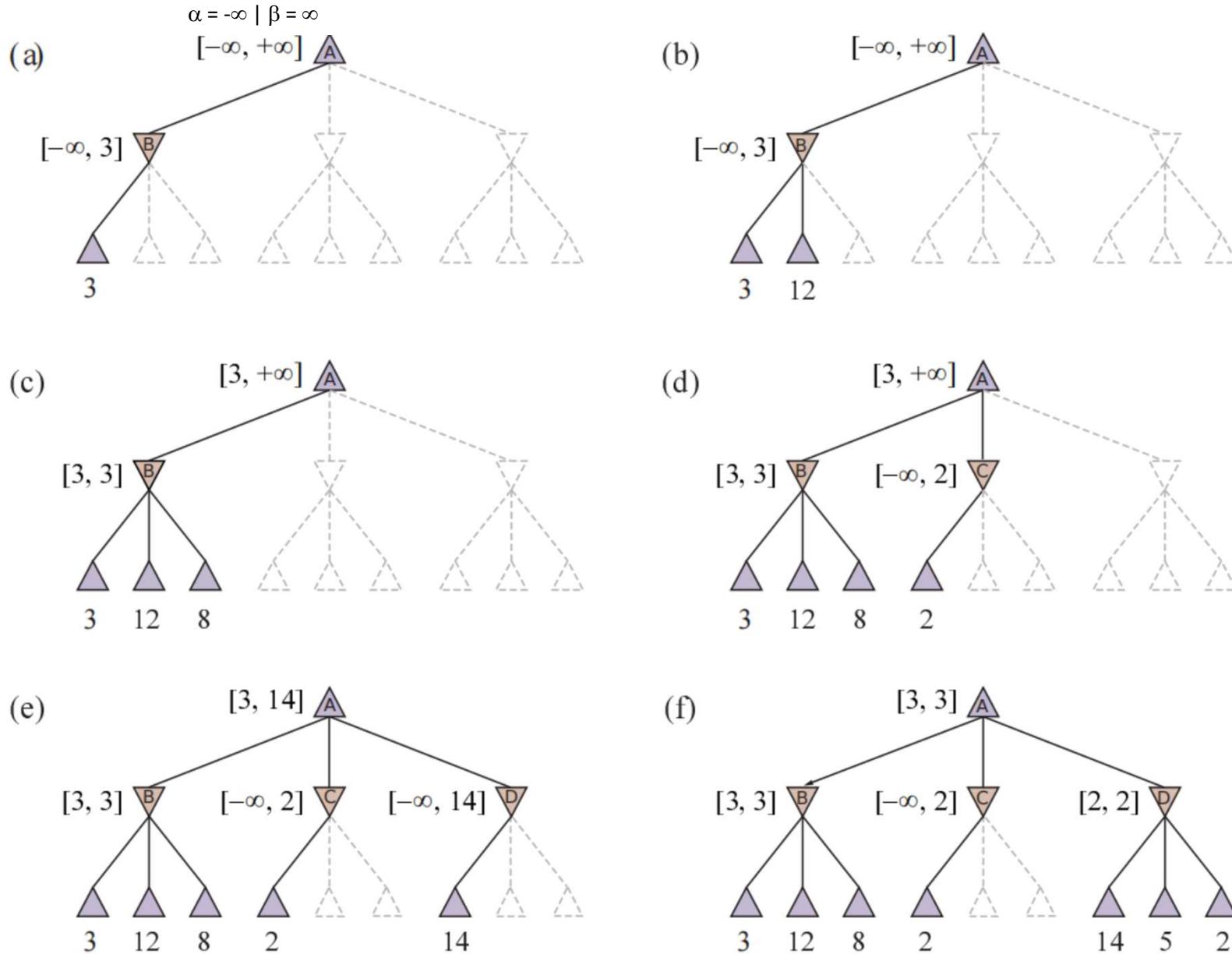
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RECURSION

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```

update bound α (within this recursive call only!)

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```
        if v2  $<$  v then
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If lower MINMAX(subtree) value found:

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            v, move  $\leftarrow$  v2, a
```

```
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```

update bound β (within this recursive call only!)

```
        if v  $\leq \alpha$  then return v, move
```

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MIN Player's move

MinMax with α - β : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

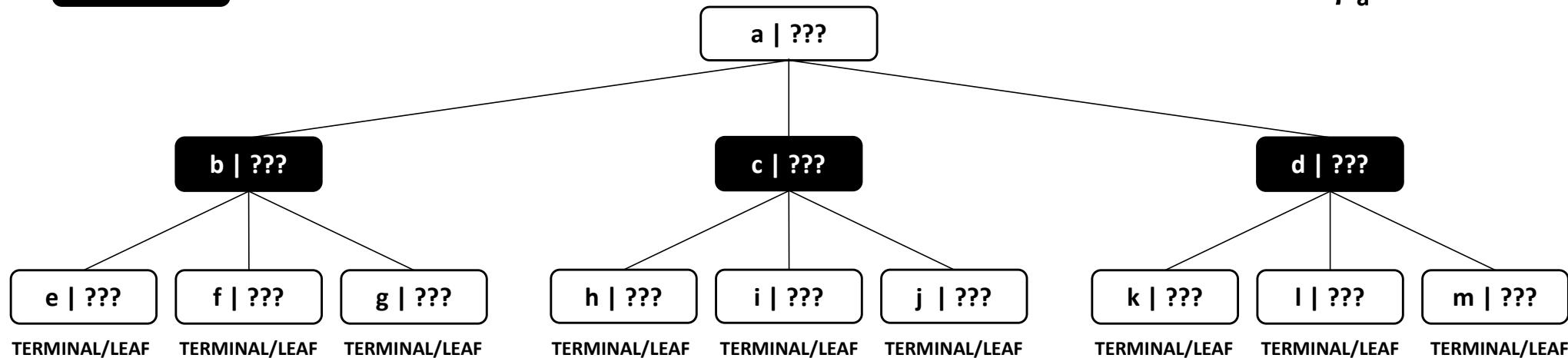
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MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



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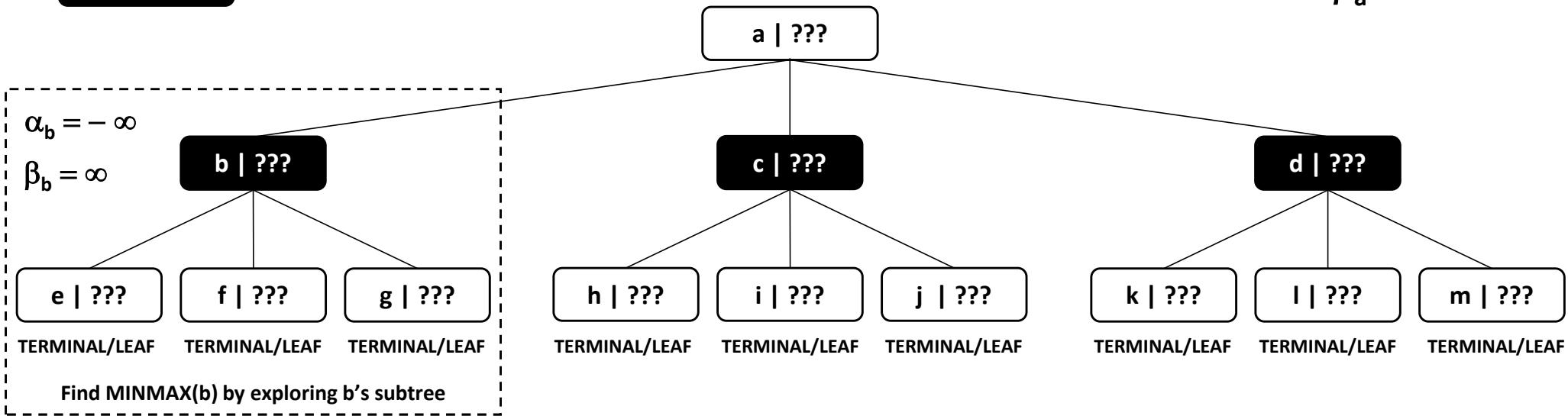
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MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- MIN Player (at node b) has not seen any successor MINMAX values yet \rightarrow min MINMAX seen: $v = \infty$
- $v > \alpha_a$ ($\infty > -\infty$) \rightarrow we can keep exploring b's subtree

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

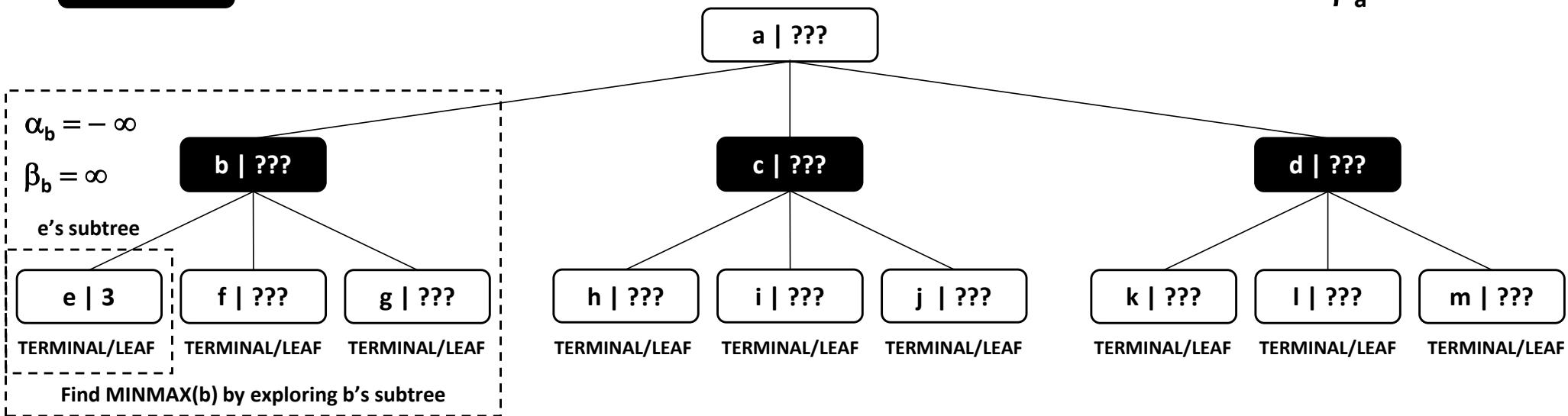
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MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- We need to analyze e's subtree
- Node e is a terminal node (Case 1) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(e) = \text{UTILITY}(e) = 3$ | $v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(e) = 3$

MinMax with α - β : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

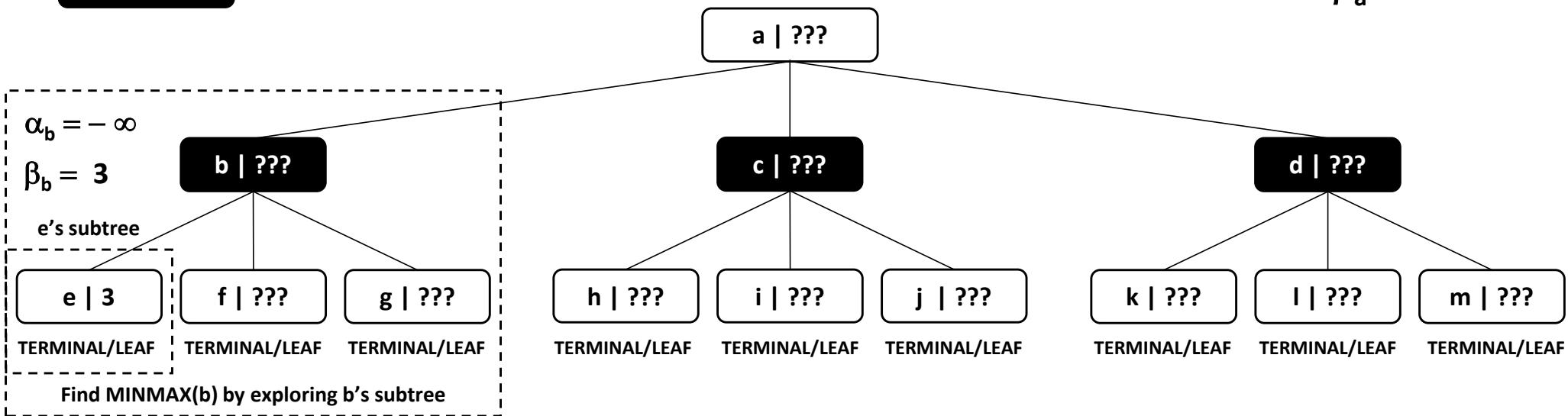
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- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(\text{???}, \text{???}, \text{??}) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- $v_2 < v (3 < \infty) \rightarrow v = v_2 = 3 \rightarrow \beta_b = \min(\beta_b, v) = \min(\infty, 3) = 3$
- $v > \alpha_a (3 > -\infty) \rightarrow \text{we can keep exploring b's subtree}$

MinMax with α - β : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

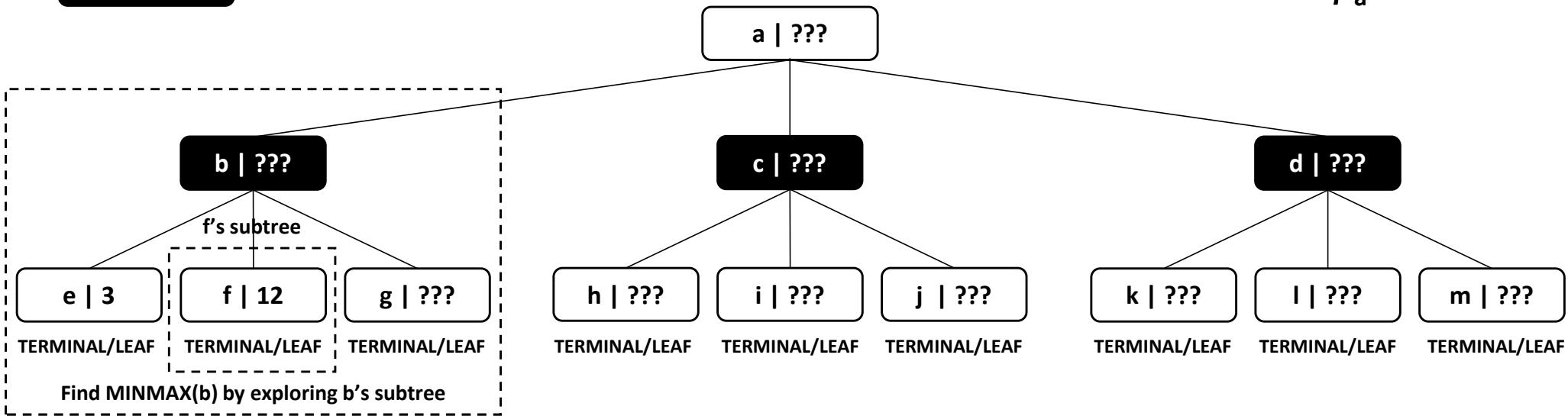
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
 - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(???, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- We need to analyze f's subtree
- Node f is a terminal node (Case 1) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(f) = \text{UTILITY}(f) = 12 | v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(f) = 12$

MinMax with α - β : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

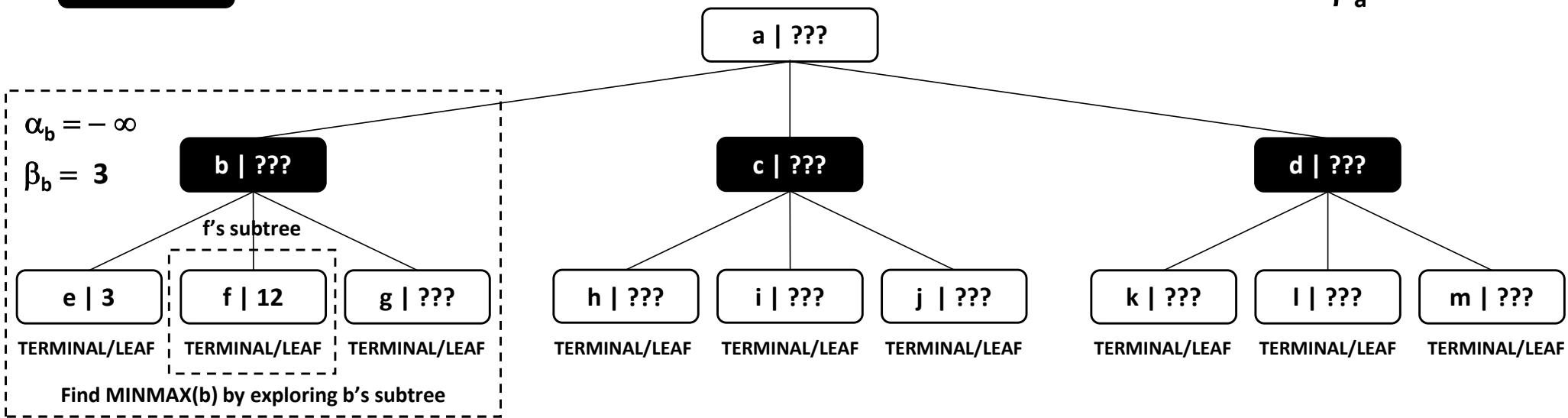
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- MINMAX(b) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
 - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(\text{???}, \text{???}, \text{??}) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- $v_2 > v$ ($12 > 3$) \rightarrow MINMAX(f) is not “better” than MINMAX(e) \rightarrow no changes
- $v > \alpha_a$ ($3 > -\infty$) \rightarrow we can keep exploring b's subtree

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

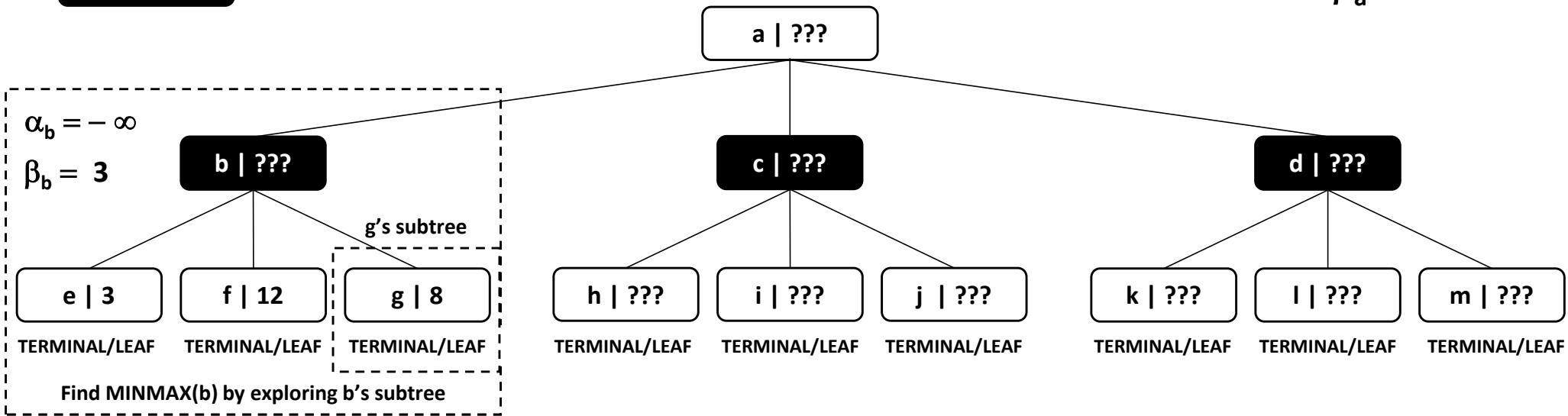
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \text{UNKNOWN}$
 - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(\text{???}, \text{???}, \text{??}) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- We need to analyze g's subtree
- Node g is a terminal node (Case 1) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(g) = \text{UTILITY}(g) = 8$ | $v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(g) = 8$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n | \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

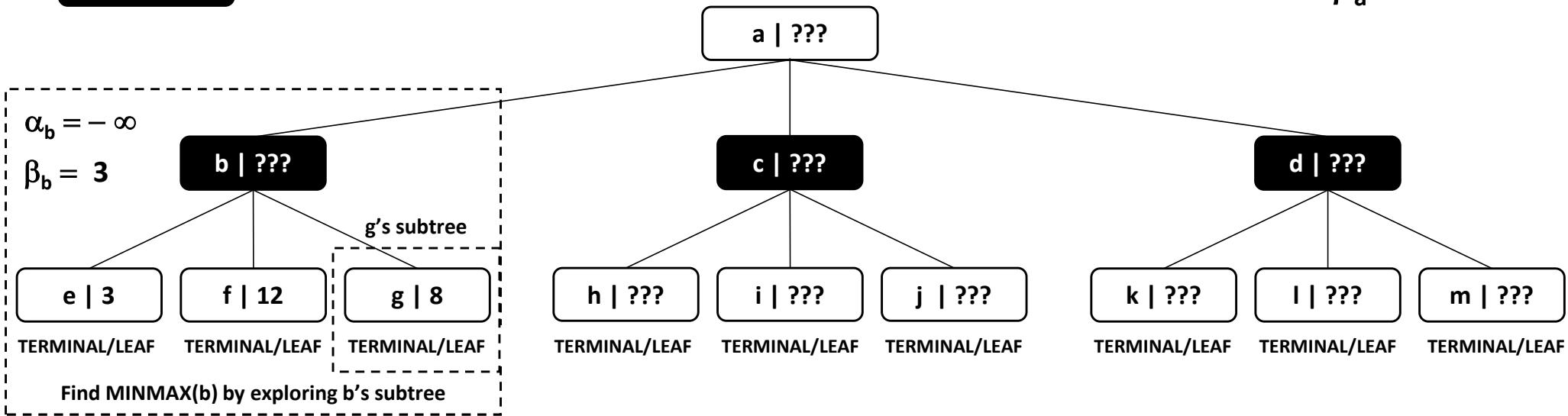
$n | \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \text{UNKNOWN}$
 - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(\text{???}, \text{???}, \text{??}) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore b's subtree:

- $v_2 > v$ ($8 > 3$) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(g)$ is not “better” than $\text{MINMAX}(e)$ \rightarrow no changes
- $v > \alpha_a$ ($3 > -\infty$) \rightarrow we could keep exploring b's subtree, but all b's subtrees are explored now

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

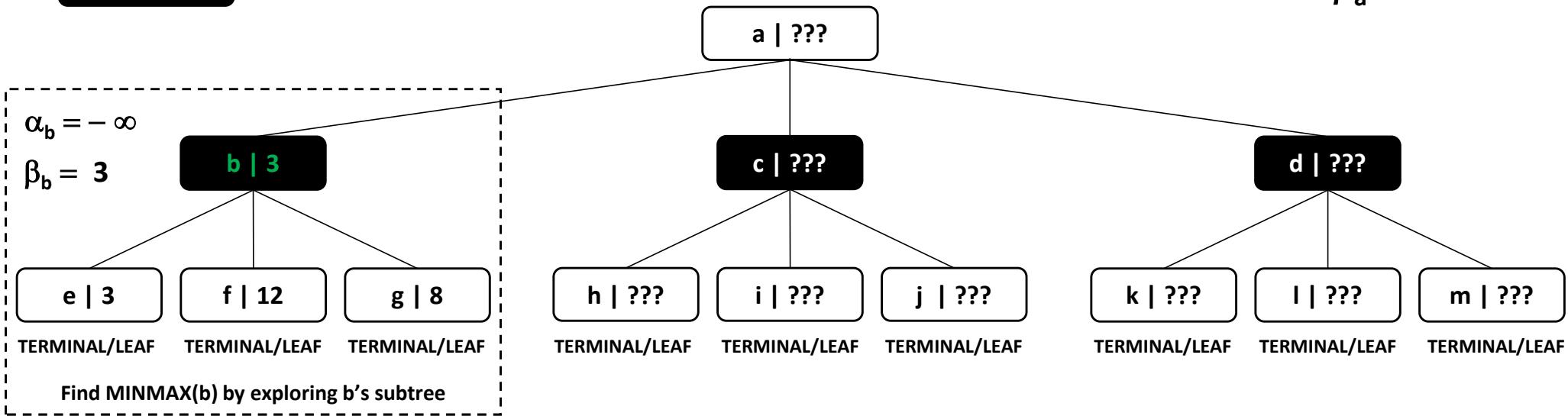
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \text{UNKNOWN}$
 - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(\text{???}, \text{???}, \text{??}) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player explored entire b's subtree:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = \min(\text{MINMAX}(e), \text{MINMAX}(f), \text{MINMAX}(g)) = 3$ (Case 2)
- $v > \alpha_a$ ($3 > -\infty$) → we could keep exploring b's subtree, but all b's subtrees are explored now

MinMax with α - β : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

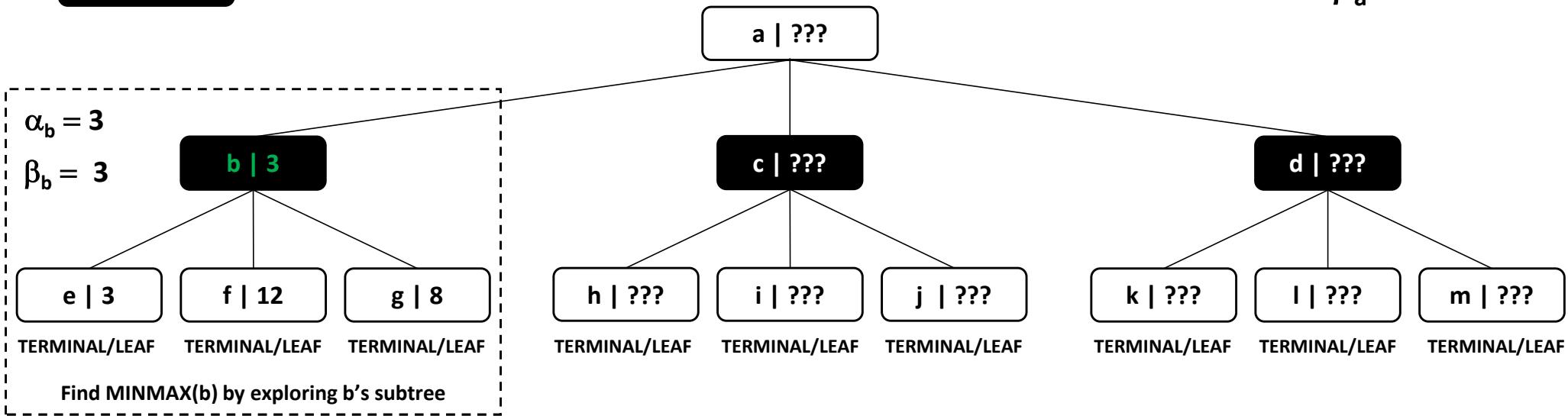
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = -\infty$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \text{UNKNOWN}$ | $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \text{UNKNOWN}$
 - MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
- $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(\text{???}, \text{???}, \text{??}) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player explored entire b's subtree:

- We know the exact value of $\text{MINMAX}(b) \rightarrow \alpha_b = 3$

MinMax with α - β : Example

n | MINMAX(n)

MAX player state / move / turn

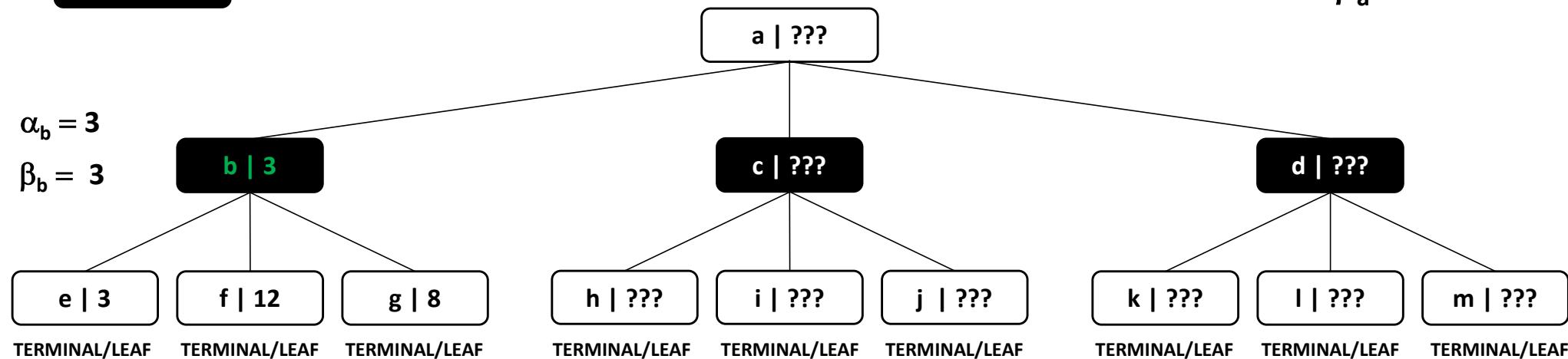
n | MINMAX(n)

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

MINMAX(a) = $\max(\text{MINMAX}(b), \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \text{???}, \text{??}) \rightarrow$ can't be established, but
MAX Player now knows that it will be AT LEAST 3 (3 OR HIGHER) $\rightarrow \alpha_a = 3$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

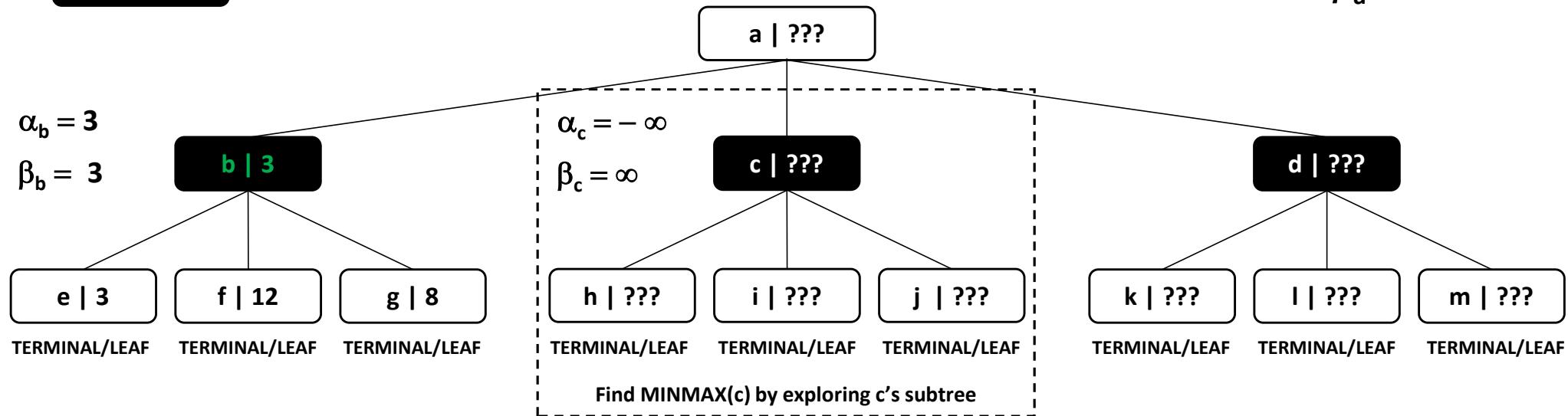
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MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



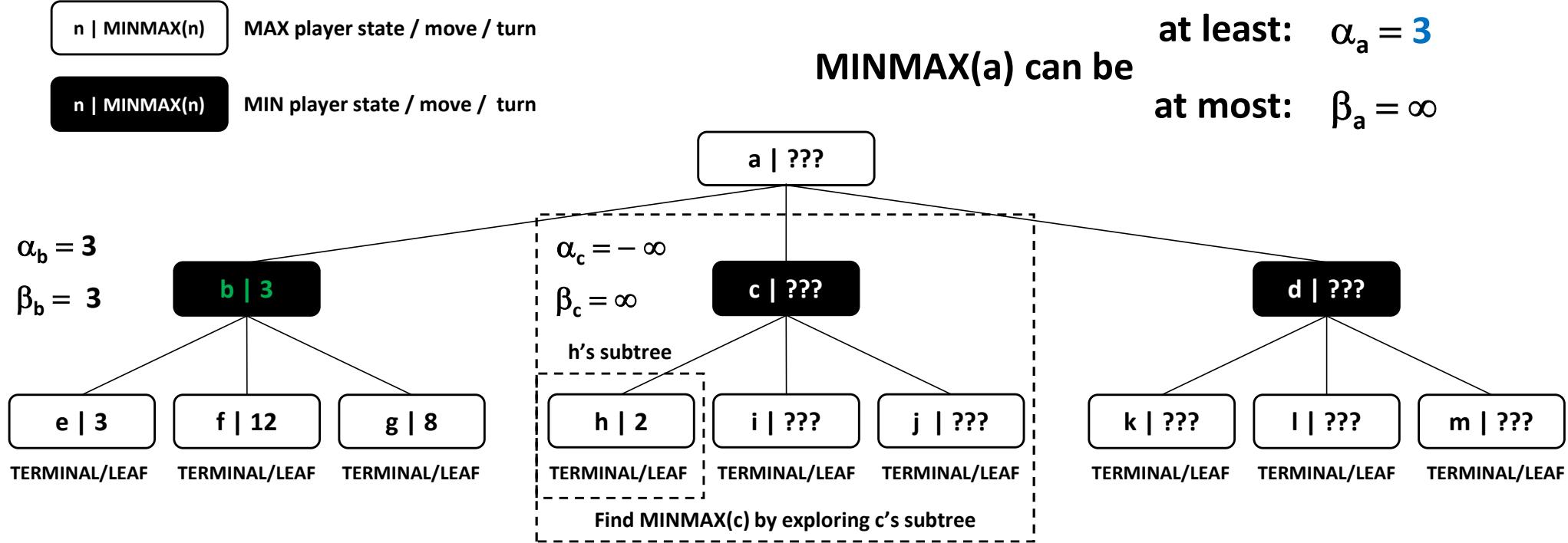
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 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore c 's subtree:

- MIN Player (at node c) has not seen any successor MINMAX values yet $\rightarrow \min \text{MINMAX seen: } v = \infty$
- $v > \alpha_a$ ($\infty > 3$) \rightarrow we can keep exploring c 's subtree

MinMax with α - β : Example



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
MINMAX(a) = $\max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore c's subtree:

- We need to analyze h's subtree
- Node h is a terminal node (Case 1) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(h) = \text{UTILITY}(h) = 2 \mid v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(h) = 2$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

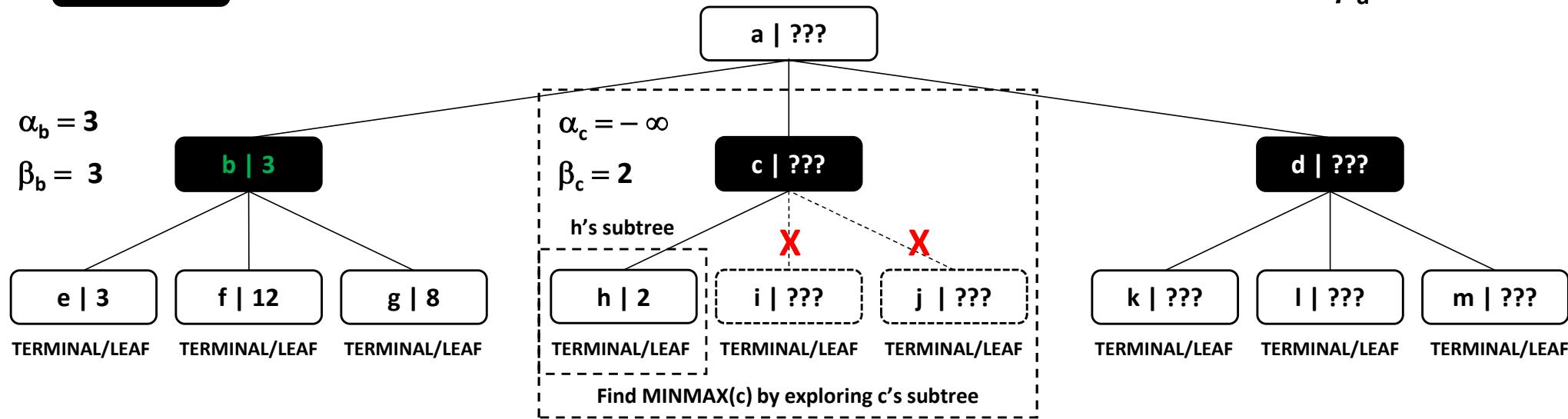
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b , c , d . It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3 | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN**
- **MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.**
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore c 's subtree:

- $v_2 < v (2 < \infty) \rightarrow v = v_2 = 2 \rightarrow \beta_c = \min(\beta_c, v) = \min(\infty, 2) = 2$
- $v < \alpha_a (2 < 3) \rightarrow \text{we cannot keep exploring } c\text{'s subtree} \rightarrow \text{prune remaining branches}$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

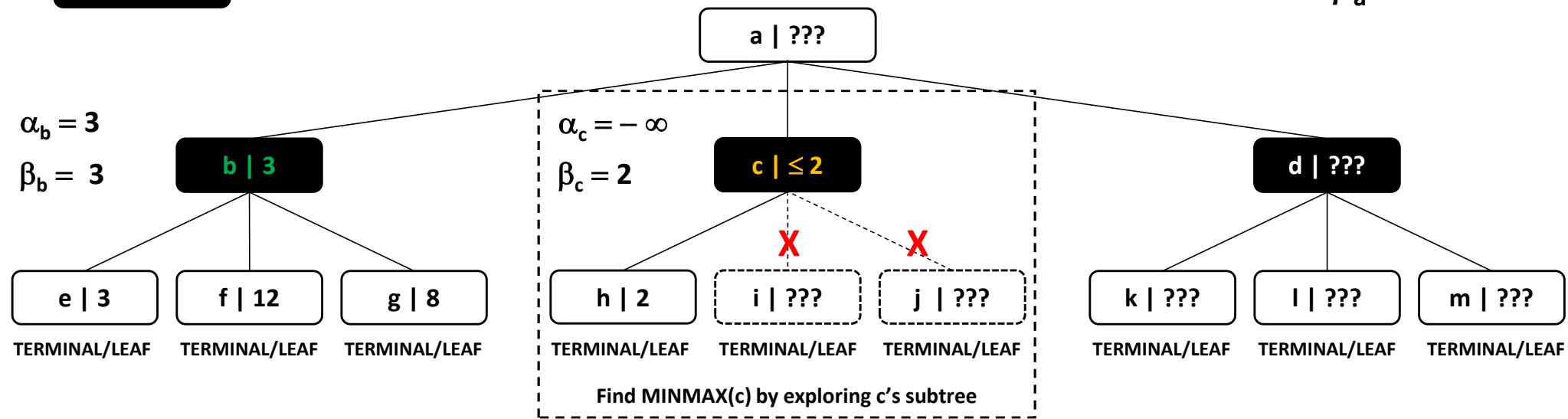
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MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b , c , d . It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3 | MINMAX(c) = UNKNOWN | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN**
- **MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.**
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, ???, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player explored c 's subtree as far as it was necessary:

- **We know that $\text{MINMAX}(c) \leq 2$**

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

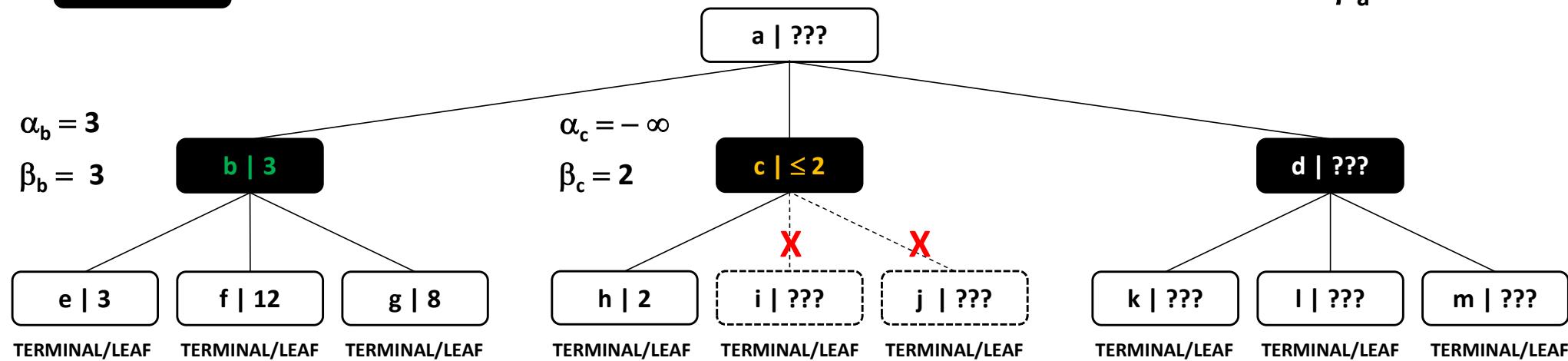
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MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$

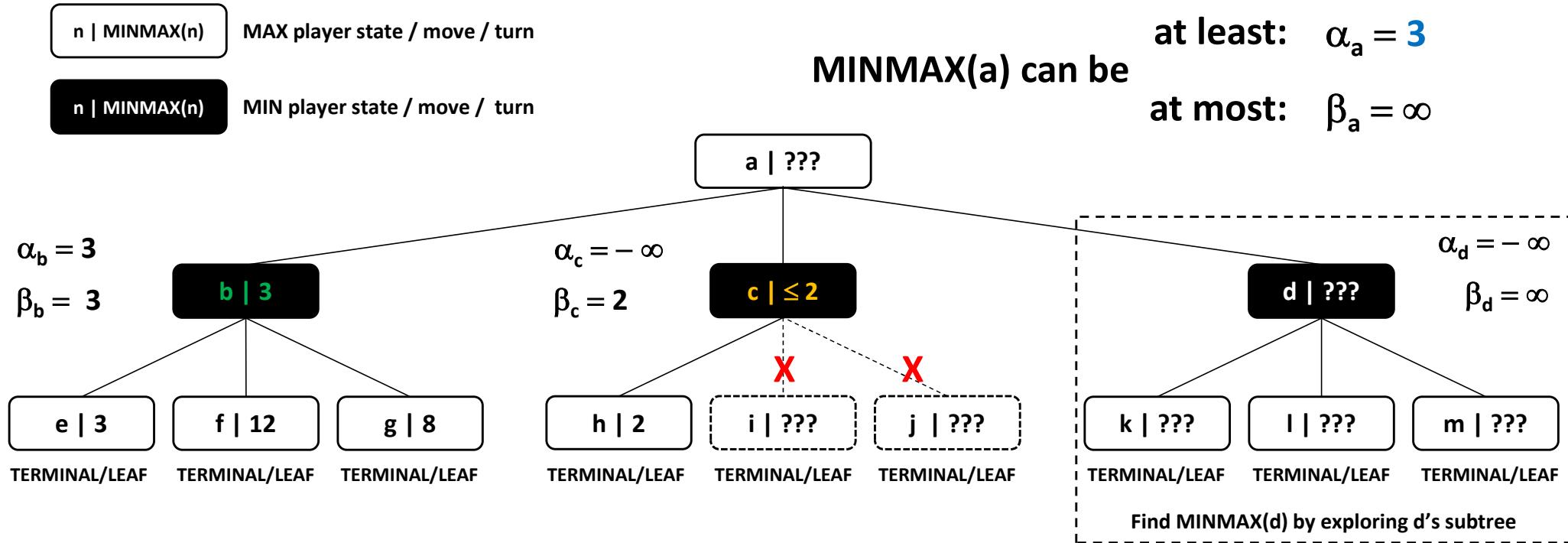


MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3 | MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2 | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN**
- **MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.**

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MinMax with α - β : Example



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3** | **MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2** | **MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN**
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- MIN Player (at node d) has not seen any successor MINMAX values yet \rightarrow min MINMAX seen: $v = \infty$
- $v > \alpha_a$ ($\infty > 3$) \rightarrow we can keep exploring d's subtree

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

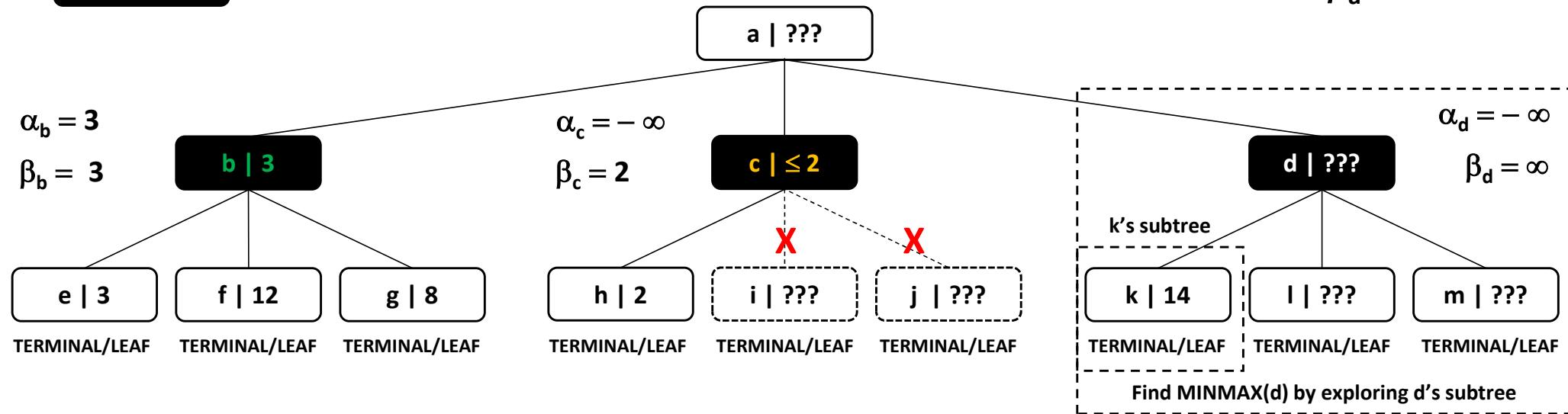
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3 | MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2 | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN**
- **MAX Player's decision:** not enough information yet.

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- We need to analyze k's subtree
- Node k is a terminal node (Case 1) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(k) = \text{UTILITY}(k) = 14 \mid v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(k) = 14$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

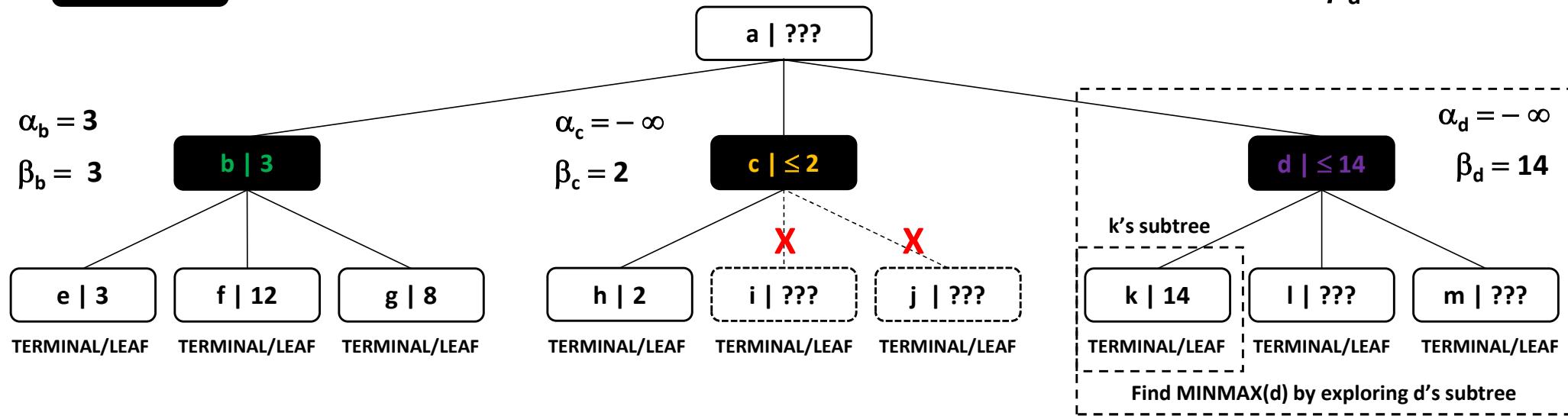
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = \infty$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3 | MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2 | MINMAX(d) = UNKNOWN**
- **MAX Player's decision:** not enough information yet.

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, ???) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- $v_2 < v (14 < \infty) \rightarrow v = v_2 = 14 \rightarrow \beta_d = \min(\beta_d, v) = \min(\infty, 14) = 14$
- $v > \alpha_a (14 > 3) \rightarrow \text{we can keep exploring d's subtree} \rightarrow \text{we also know that } \text{MINMAX}(d) \leq 14$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

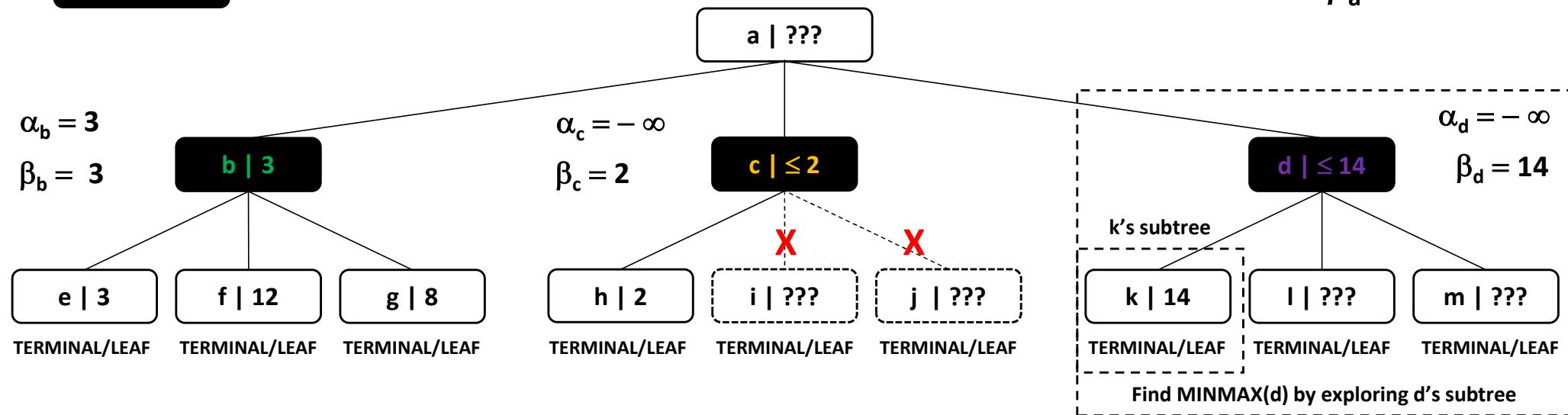
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = 14$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = 3 \mid \text{MINMAX}(c) = \leq 2 \mid \text{MINMAX}(d) = \leq 14$
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 14) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- we know that $\text{MINMAX}(d) \leq 14 \rightarrow$ this tells us that $\text{MINMAX}(a)$ cannot be $> 14 \rightarrow \beta_a = 14$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

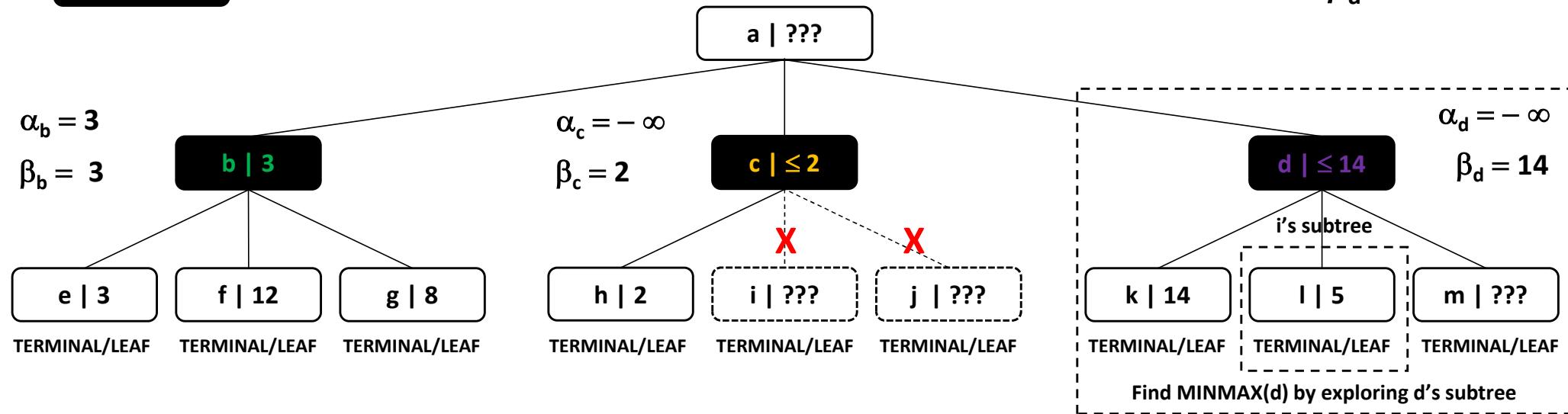
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = 14$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = 3 \mid \text{MINMAX}(c) = \leq 2 \mid \text{MINMAX}(d) = \leq 14$
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 14) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- We need to analyze l's subtree
- Node l is a terminal node (Case 1) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(l) = \text{UTILITY}(l) = 5 \mid v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(l) = 5$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

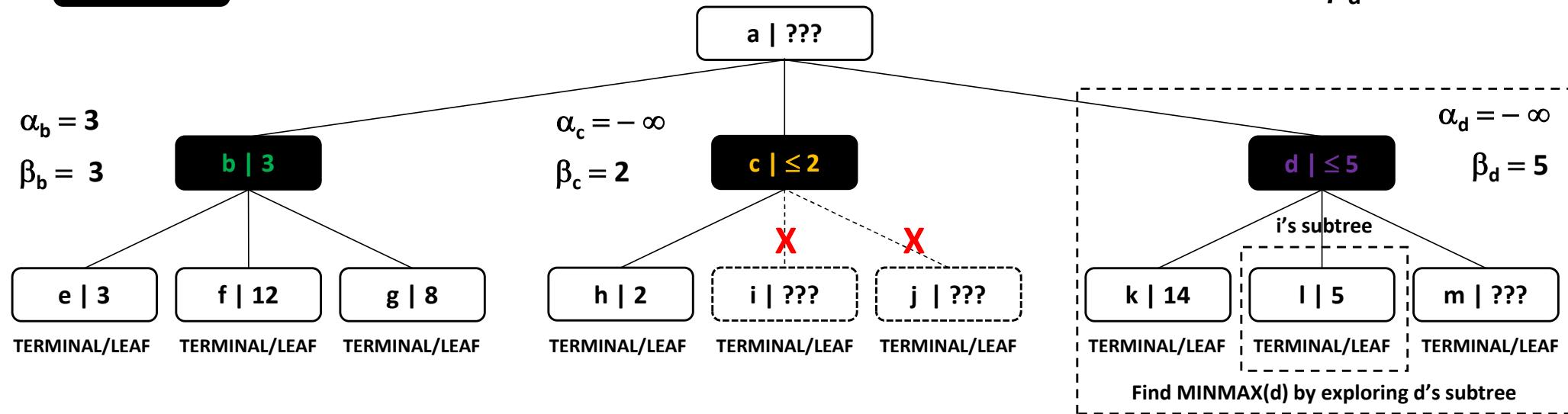
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = 14$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = 3 \mid \text{MINMAX}(c) = \leq 2 \mid \text{MINMAX}(d) = \leq 14$
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.

$$\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 14) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- $v_2 < v (5 < 14) \rightarrow v = v_2 = 5 \rightarrow \beta_d = \min(\beta_d, v) = \min(\infty, 5) = 5$
- $v > \alpha_a (5 > 3) \rightarrow \text{we can keep exploring d's subtree} \rightarrow \text{we also know that } \text{MINMAX}(d) \leq 5$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

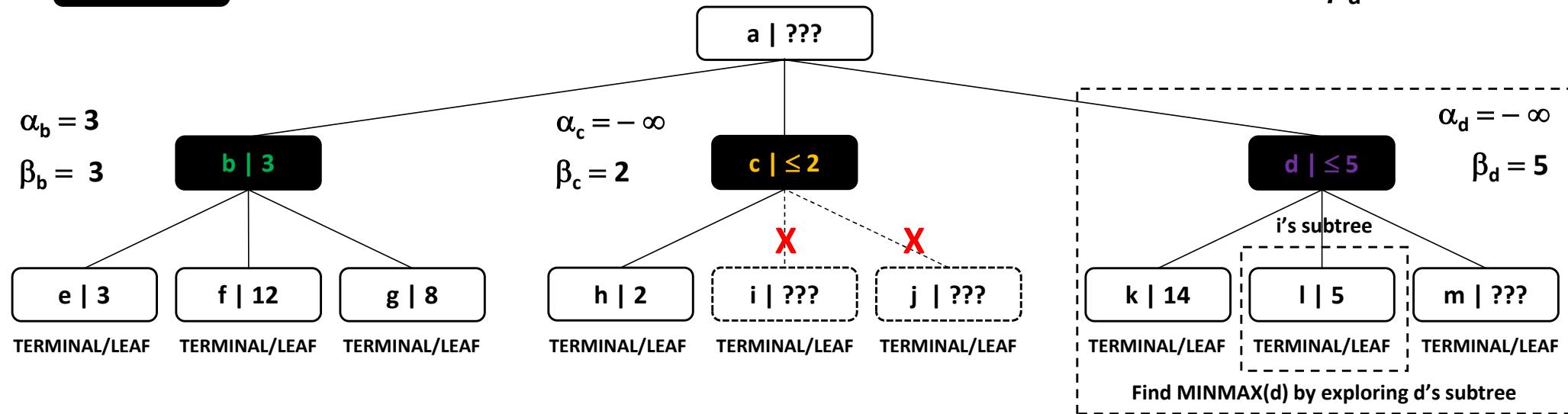
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = 5$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- **MINMAX(b) = 3 | MINMAX(c) = ≤ 2 | MINMAX(d) = ≤ 5**
- **MAX Player's decision:** not enough information yet.
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 5) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- we know that $\text{MINMAX}(d) \leq 5 \rightarrow$ this tells us that $\text{MINMAX}(a)$ cannot be $> 5 \rightarrow \beta_a = 5$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

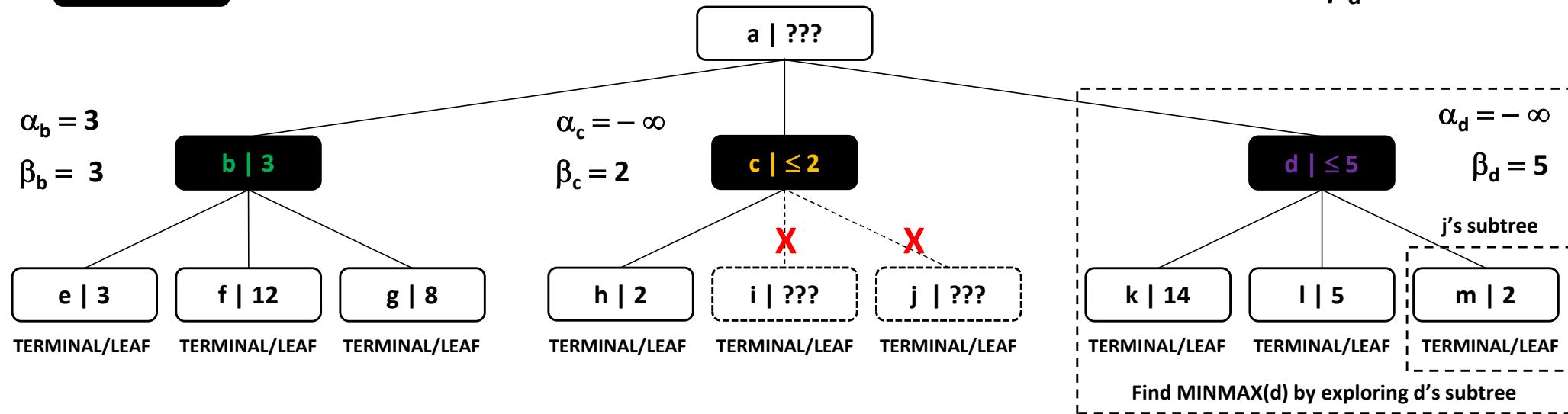
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MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = 5$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = 3$ | $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \leq 2$ | $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \leq 5$
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 5) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- We need to analyze m's subtree
- Node m is a terminal node (Case 1) $\rightarrow \text{MINMAX}(m) = \text{UTILITY}(m) = 2$ | $v_2 = \text{MINMAX}(m) = 2$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

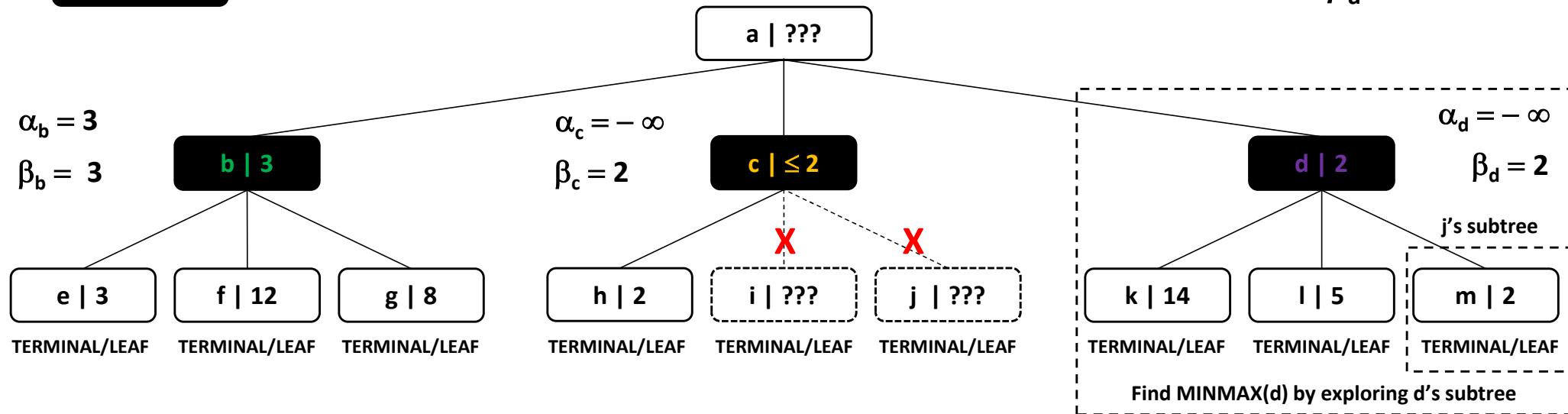
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

at most: $\beta_a = 5$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = 3$ | $\text{MINMAX}(c) = \leq 2$ | $\text{MINMAX}(d) = \leq 5$
- MAX Player's decision: not enough information yet.
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, \leq 5) \rightarrow \text{can't be established}$

MIN Player needs to explore d's subtree:

- $v_2 < v$ ($2 < 5$) $\rightarrow v = v_2 = 2 \rightarrow \beta_d = \min(\beta_d, v) = \min(\infty, 2) = 2$
- $v < \alpha_a$ ($2 < 3$) \rightarrow we cannot keep exploring d's subtree \rightarrow we also know that $\text{MINMAX}(d) = 2$

MinMax with α - β : Example

$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MAX player state / move / turn

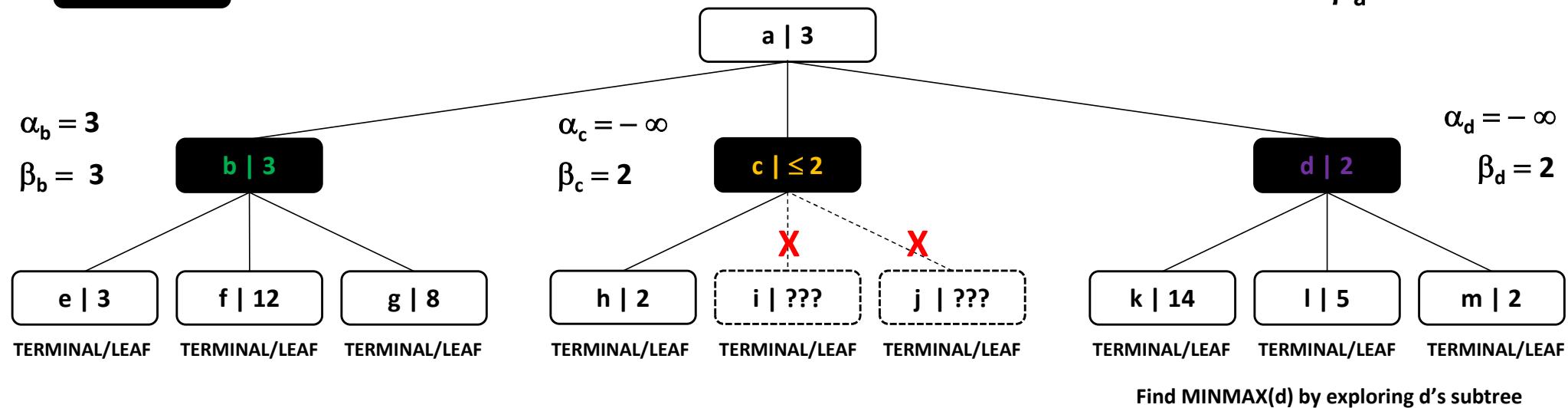
$n \mid \text{MINMAX}(n)$

MIN player state / move / turn

MINMAX(a) can be

at least: $\alpha_a = 3$

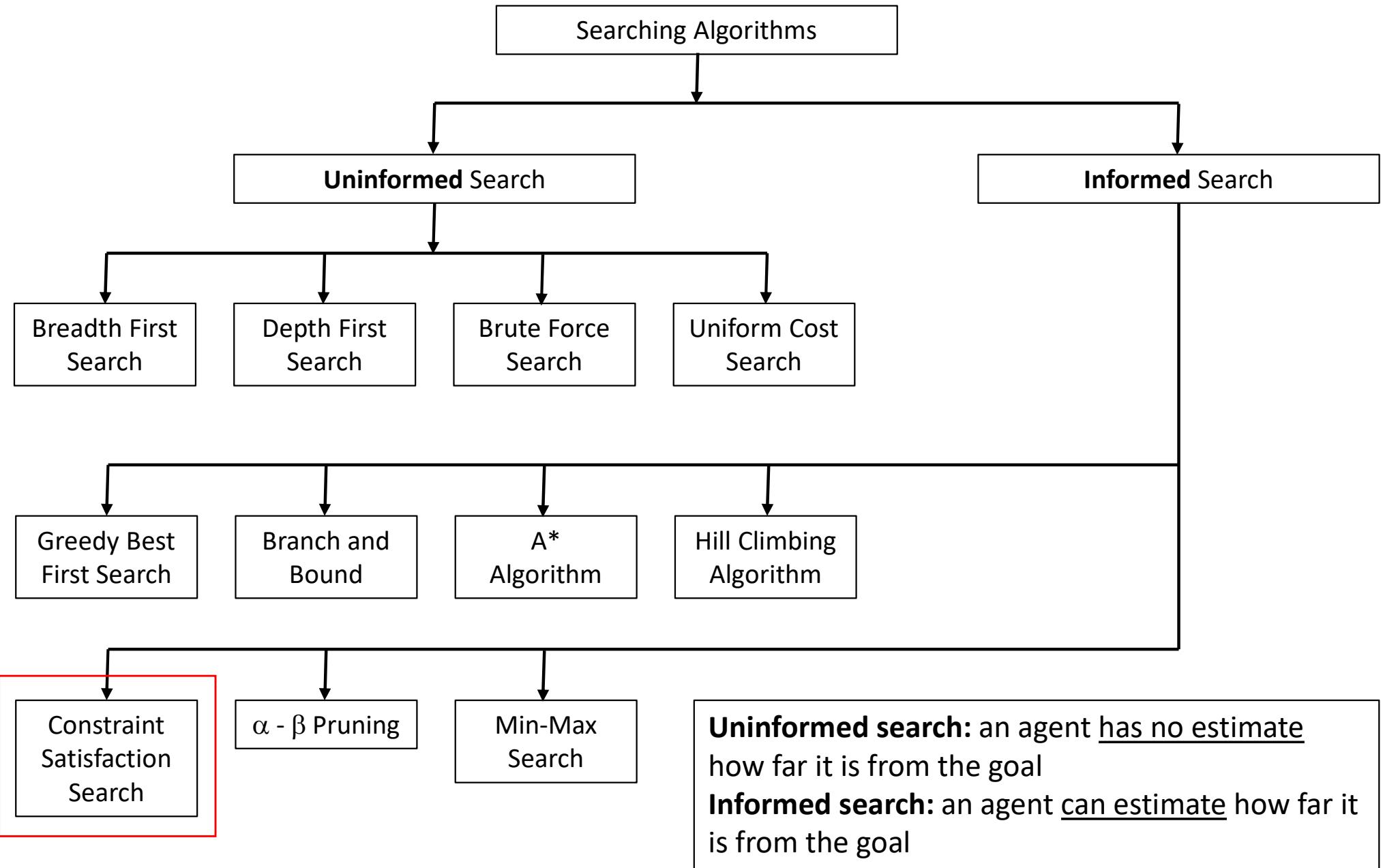
at most: $\beta_a = 3$



MAX Player wants to maximize the utility of the game by choosing the right move from state a to one of three successor states: b, c, d. It will choose the state with maximum MAXMIN value. Currently:

- $\text{MINMAX}(b) = 3 \mid \text{MINMAX}(c) = \leq 2 \mid \text{MINMAX}(d) = 2$
- MAX Player's decision: choose move b, because:
 $\text{MINMAX}(a) = \max(3, \text{MINMAX}(c), \text{MINMAX}(d)) = \max(3, \leq 2, 2) = 3$
- Since we know $\text{MINMAX}(a)$, we can update β_a for completeness $\rightarrow \beta_a = 3$

Selected Searching Algorithms



Constraint Satisfaction Problem

A Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP) consists of three components:

- a set of variables $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$
- a set of domains $D = \{D_1, \dots, D_n\}$
- a set of constraints C that specify allowable combinations of values
- A domain D_i is a set of allowable values $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ for variable X_i
- A constraint C_j is a $\langle \text{scope}, \text{relation} \rangle$ pair, for example $\langle (X1, X2), X1 > X2 \rangle$

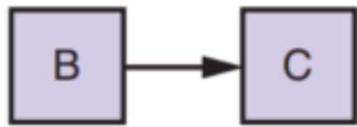
Constraint Satisfaction Problem

The goal is to **find an assignment** (variable = value):

$$\{X_1 = v_1, \dots, X_n = v_n\}$$

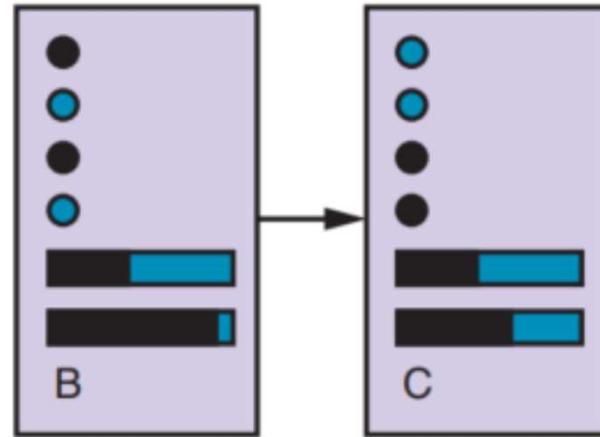
- If NO constraints violated: **consistent** assignment
- If ALL variables have a value: **complete** assignment
- If SOME variables have NO value: **partial** assignment
- **SOLUTION:** **consistent** and **complete** assignment
- **PARTIAL SOLUTION:** **consistent** and **partial** assignment

State Representations



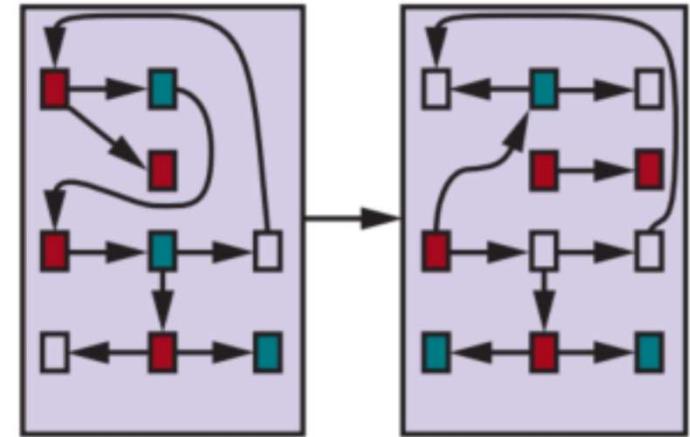
(a) Atomic

- Searching
- Hidden Markov models
- Markov decision process
- Finite state machines



(b) Factored

- Constraint satisfaction algorithms
- Propositional logic
- Planning
- Bayesian algorithms
- Some machine learning algorithms



(c) Structured

- Relational database algorithms
- First-order logic
- First-order probability models
- Natural language understanding (some)

CSP Example: Map Coloring

Problem:



Color this map in a way that no two neighbors have same color

Variables:

$$X = \{WA, NT, Q, NSW, V, SA, T\}$$

Variable Domains:

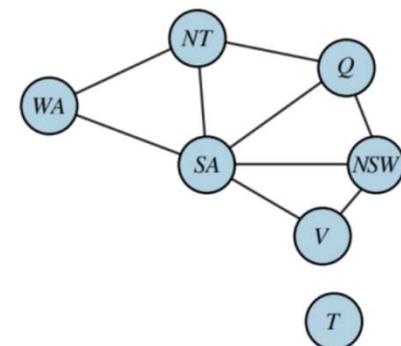
$$\begin{aligned}D_{WA} &= \{\text{RED, GREEN, BLUE}\} \\D_{NT} &= \{\text{RED, GREEN, BLUE}\} \\D_Q &= \{\text{RED, GREEN, BLUE}\} \\D_{NSW} &= \{\text{RED, GREEN, BLUE}\} \\D_V &= \{\text{RED, GREEN, BLUE}\} \\D_{SA} &= \{\text{RED, GREEN, BLUE}\} \\D_T &= \{\text{RED, GREEN, BLUE}\}\end{aligned}$$

Constraints (Rules):

- Neighboring regions have to have DISTINCT colors:

$$\text{CONSTRAINTS} = C = \{SA \neq WA, SA \neq NT, SA \neq Q, \\SA \neq NSW, SA \neq V, WA \neq NT, NT \neq Q, Q \neq NSW, NSW \neq V\}$$

Constraint Graph:



CSP Example: Sudoku (3x3 for now)

Problem:

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| $x_{1,1}$ | $x_{1,2}$ | $x_{1,3}$ |
| $x_{2,1}$ | $x_{2,2}$ | $x_{2,3}$ |
| $x_{3,1}$ | $x_{3,2}$ | $x_{3,3}$ |

Variables:

$$X = \{x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, x_{1,3}, x_{2,1}, x_{2,2}, x_{2,3}, x_{3,1}, x_{3,2}, x_{3,3}\}$$

Variable Domains:

$$\begin{aligned}D_{x1,1} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x1,2} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x1,3} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x2,1} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x2,2} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x2,3} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x3,1} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x3,2} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \\D_{x3,3} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}\end{aligned}$$

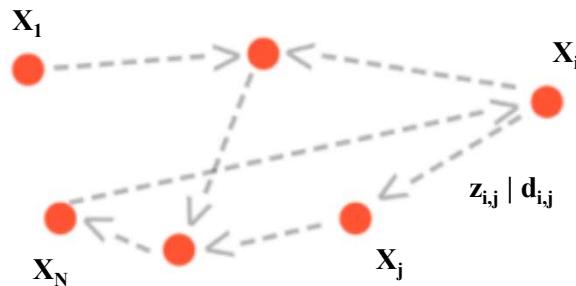
Constraints (Rules):

- Each value $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ can appear EXACTLY once:

CONSTRAINTS = $C = \{x_{1,1} \neq x_{1,2}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{1,3}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{2,1}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{1,1} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{1,3}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{2,1}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{1,2} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{2,1}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{1,3} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{2,2}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{2,1} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{2,3}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{2,2} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{2,3} \neq x_{3,1}, x_{2,3} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{2,3} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{3,1} \neq x_{3,2}, x_{3,1} \neq x_{3,3}, x_{3,2} \neq x_{3,3}\}$

CSP Example: Traveling Salesman

Problem:



Variables:

$$Z = \{z_{1,2}, z_{1,3}, \dots, z_{N-1,N}\}$$
$$D = \{d_{1,2}, d_{1,3}, \dots, d_{N-1,N}\}$$

Variable Domains:

$$D_{zi,j} = \{\text{traveled, notTraveled}\}$$

or better:

$$D_{zi,j} = \{1, 0\}$$

$$D_{di,j} = R_+$$

There are:

- **N cities (vertices)**
- **$N(N-1)$ links (edges)**
- **Each link has some positive cost d**
- **Total path (tour) cost is COST**

Constraints (Rules):

- **Exit each city EXACTLY once:**

$$\sum_{j=1}^N z_{i,j} = 1$$

- **Enter each city EXACTLY once:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^N z_{i,j} = 1$$

- **Cost of tour is at most C:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N z_{i,j} d_{i,j} \leq COST$$

CSP: Variable Types

- Domains can be:
 - finite, for example: $\{1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 20\}$ (**simpler**)
 - infinite, for example: a set of all integers
- Variables can be:
 - discrete, for example: $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ (**simpler**)
 - continuous, for example: R_+
- Constraints can be:
 - unary (**involve single variable**), for example: $X_1 = 5$
 - binary (**involve two variables**), for example: $X_1 = X_2$
 - higher order (**involve > 2 variables**), for example: $X_1 = X_2 * X_3$
- Soft constraints (**preferences: green over blue**) possible

CSP as a Search Problem

CSP is a variant of a search problem you already know. The problem can be restated / updated with:

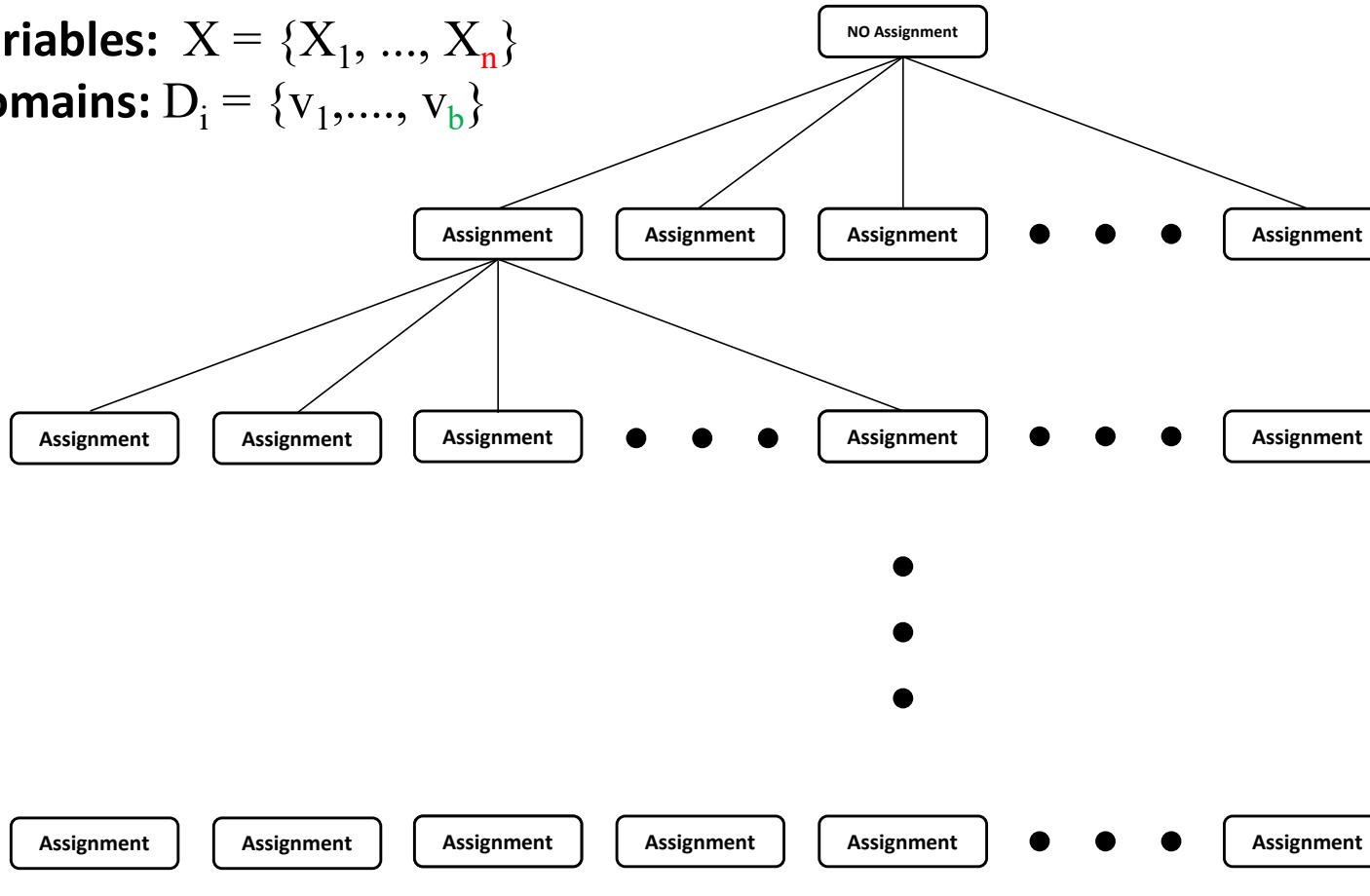
- **Initial state:** the empty assignment $\{ \}$, in which all variables are unassigned.
- **Successor function:** a value can be assigned to any unassigned variable, provided that it does not conflict with previously assigned variables.
- **Goal test:** the current assignment is complete.
- **Path cost:** a constant cost (e.g., 1) for every step.

CSP Search Tree: Idea

CSP Problem:

Variables: $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

Domains: $D_i = \{v_1, \dots, v_b\}$



0 variables assigned

1 variables assigned

2 variables assigned

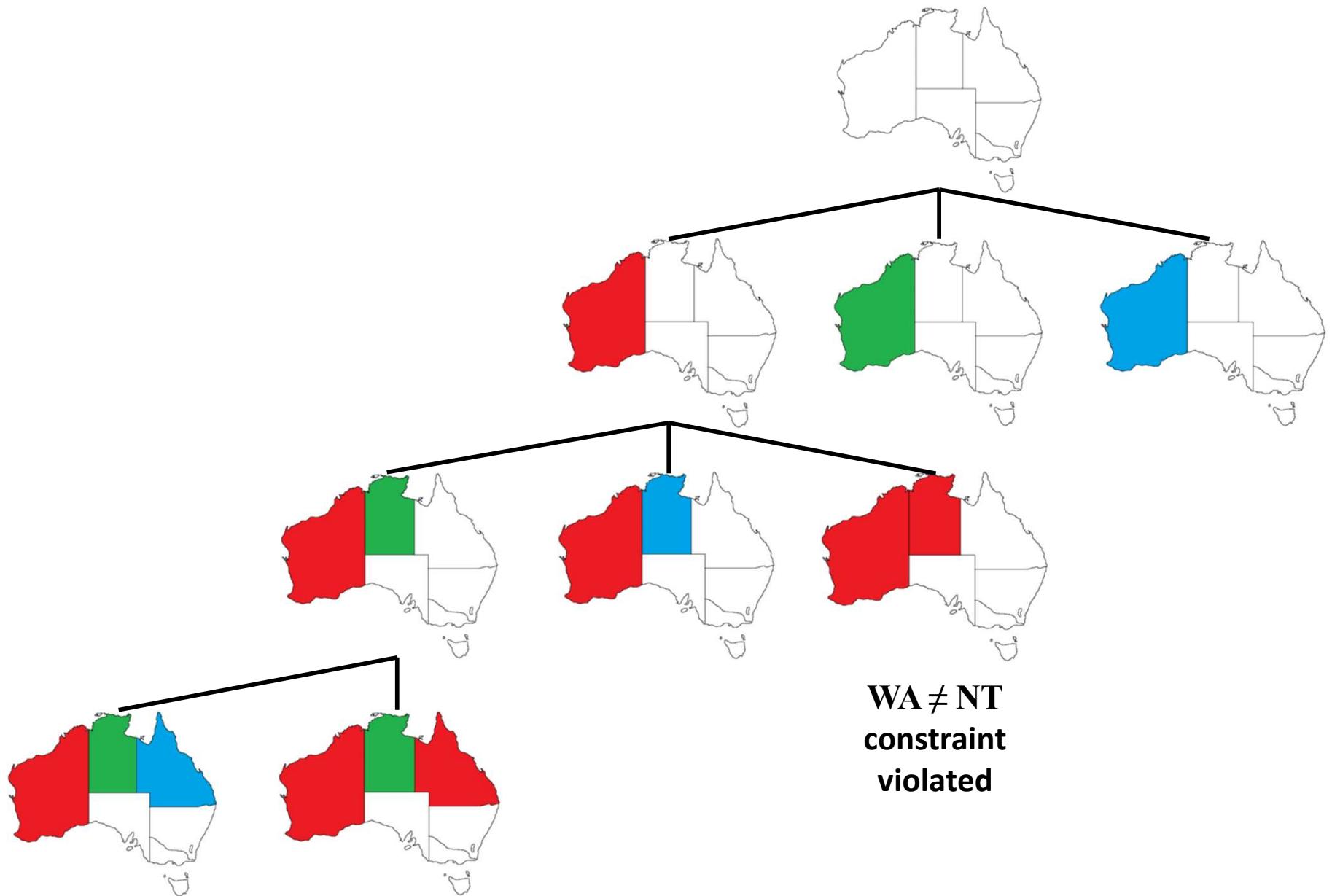
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ALL (n) variables assigned

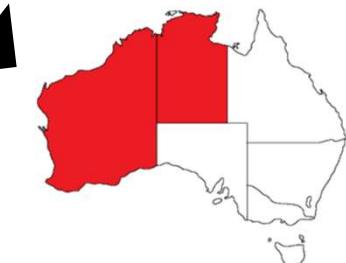
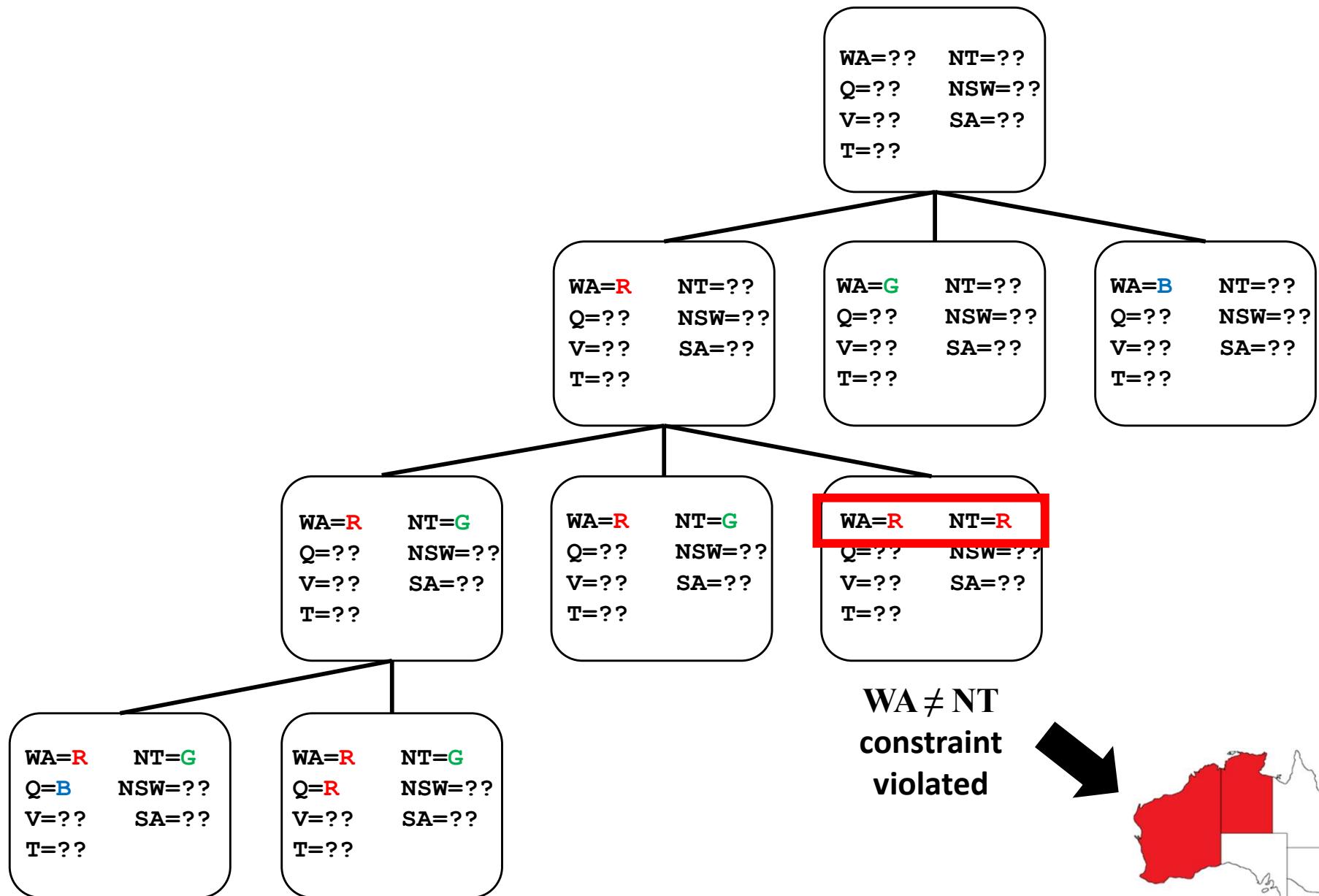
Tree leaves are COMPLETE assignments

The sequence of variable assignments does NOT matter*
*(when you disregard performance)

CSP as a Tree Search Problem



CSP as a Tree Search Problem

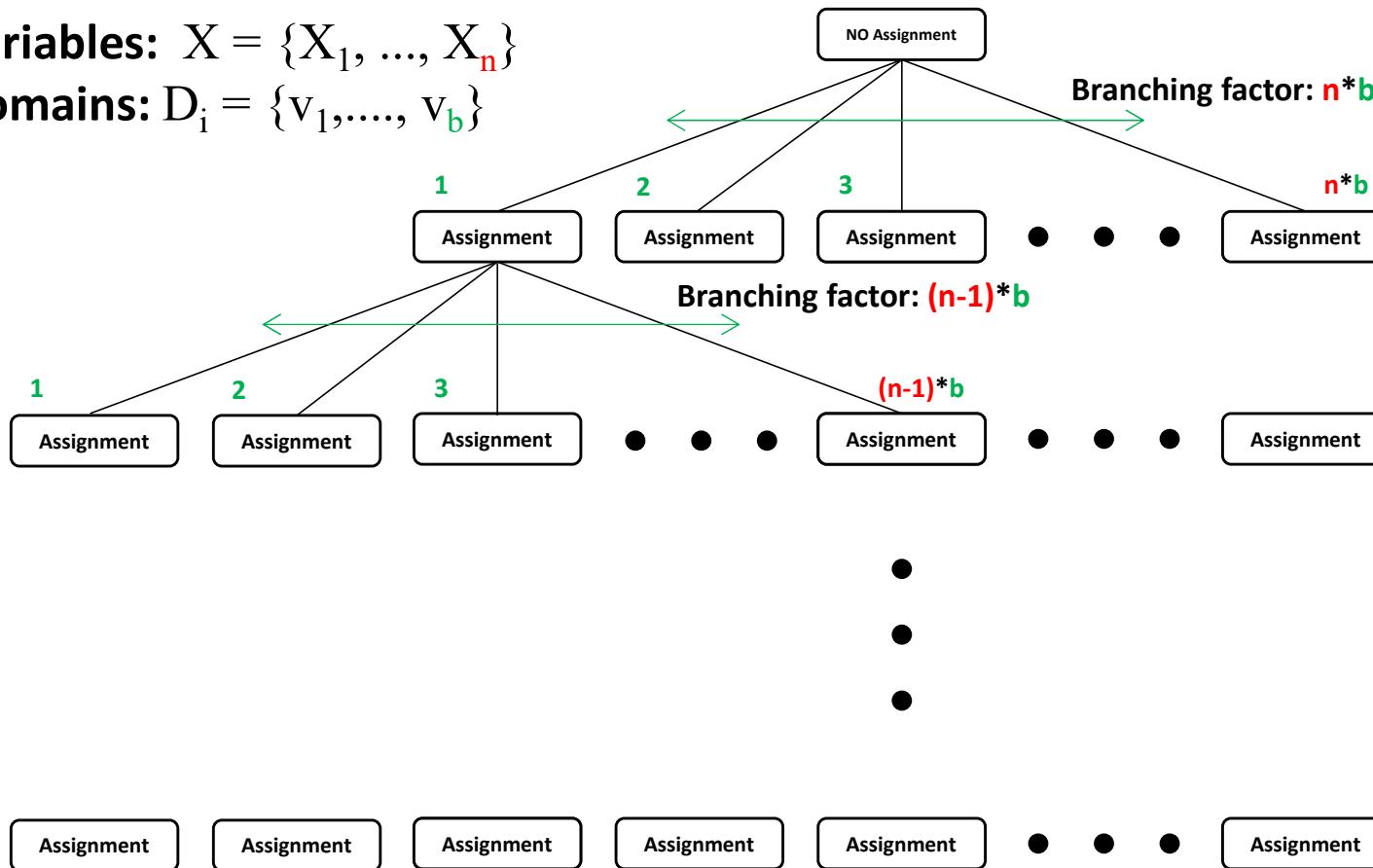


CSP Search Tree: Size

CSP Problem:

Variables: $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

Domains: $D_i = \{v_1, \dots, v_b\}$



$$N_0 = 0$$

$$N_1 = n^* b$$

$$N_2 = n^* b^* (n-1)^* b = \\ = n^* (n-1)^* b^2$$

$$N_n = n! * b^n$$

Total number of leafnodes / states: $n! * b^n$

(ignores COMMUTATIVITY of CSP assignments:

assigning $X_1 = m$ and then $X_2 = n$ SAME as assigning $X_2 = n$ and then $X_1 = m$)

In reality: there is only b^n complete assignments

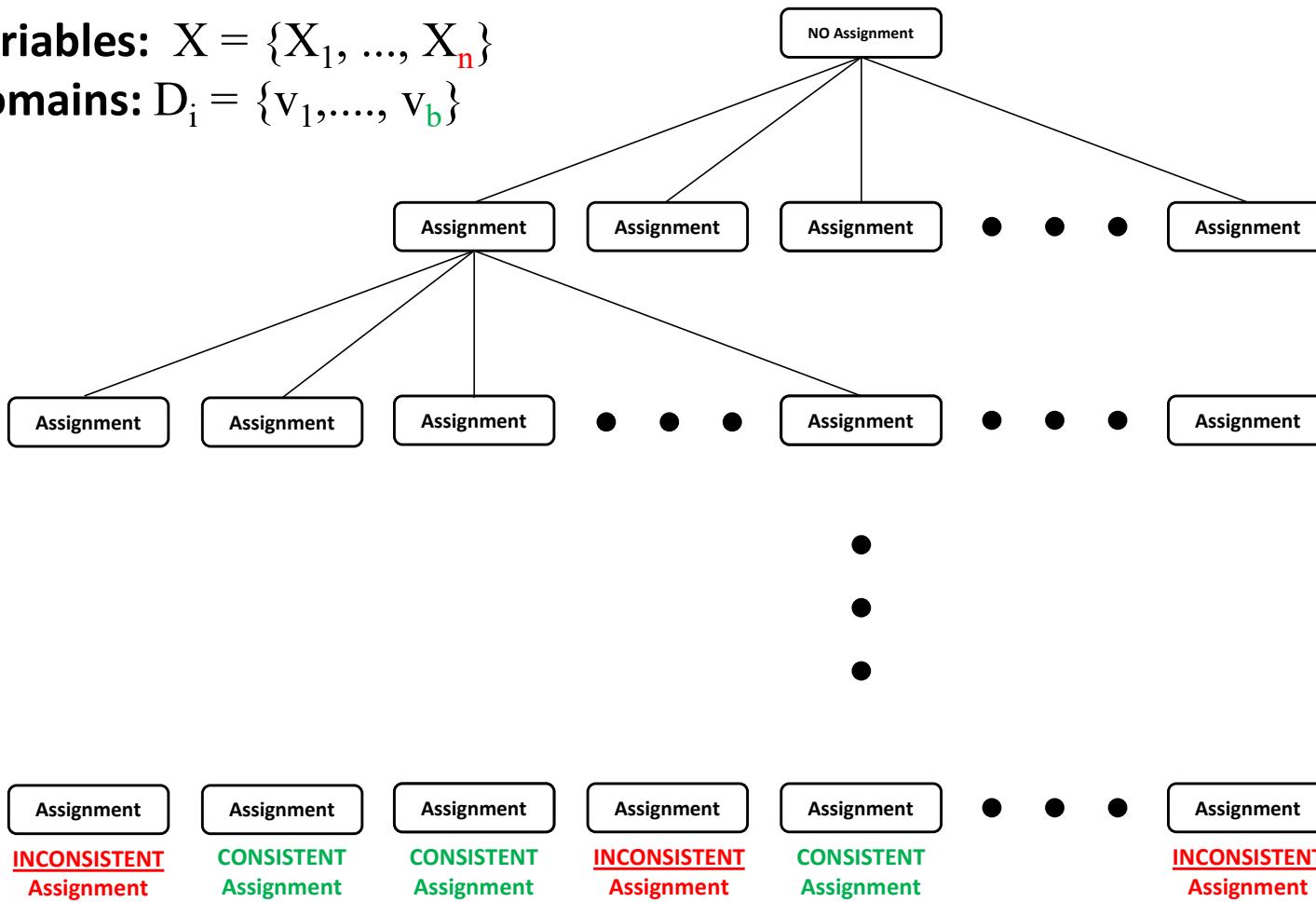
Can We Do Better?

CSP Search Tree: Solutions

CSP Problem:

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Domains: $D_i = \{v_1, \dots, v_b\}$

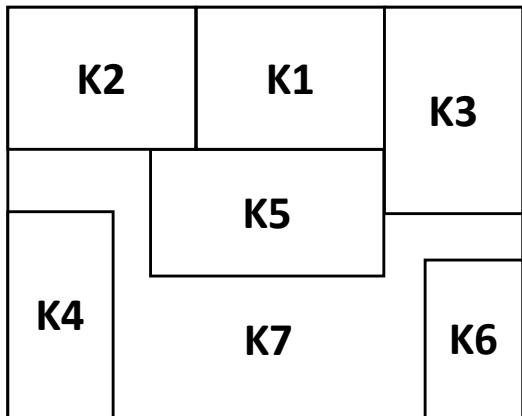


Some nodes / states will be CONSISTENT, while others will be INCONSISTENT.

Depth first search could possibly visit them all → WASTEFUL.

CSP Example: Map Coloring

Problem:



Color this map in a way that no two neighbors have same color

Variables:

$$X = \{K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7\}$$

Variable Domains:

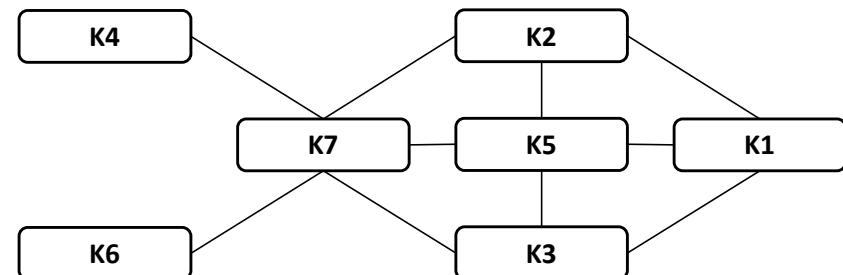
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Constraints (Rules):

- Neighboring regions have to have DISTINCT colors:

CONSTRAINTS = $C = \{K1 \neq K2, K1 \neq K3, K1 \neq K5, K2 \neq K5, K2 \neq K7, K3 \neq K5, K3 \neq K7, K4 \neq K7, K5 \neq K7, K6 \neq K7\}$

Constraint Graph:



CSP Backtracking: Pseudocode

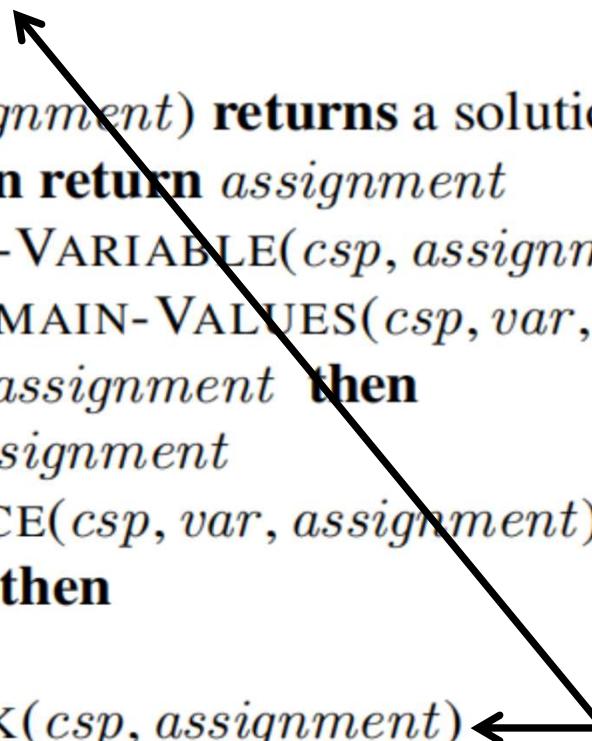
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    return BACKTRACK(csp, { })

function BACKTRACK(csp, assignment) returns a solution or failure
    if assignment is complete then return assignment
    var  $\leftarrow$  SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE(csp, assignment)
    for each value in ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES(csp, var, assignment) do
        if value is consistent with assignment then
            add  $\{ \text{var} = \text{value} \}$  to assignment
            inferences  $\leftarrow$  INFERENCE(csp, var, assignment)
            if inferences  $\neq$  failure then
                add inferences to csp
                result  $\leftarrow$  BACKTRACK(csp, assignment)
                if result  $\neq$  failure then return result
                remove inferences from csp
                remove  $\{ \text{var} = \text{value} \}$  from assignment
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RECURSION

Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: ???

K3: ???

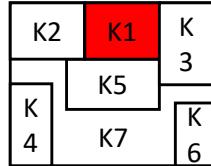
K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???

**Initial (NO
assignment) state
not shown**



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED, BLUE, GREEN**

Assignment:

K1: **RED**

K2: **RED**

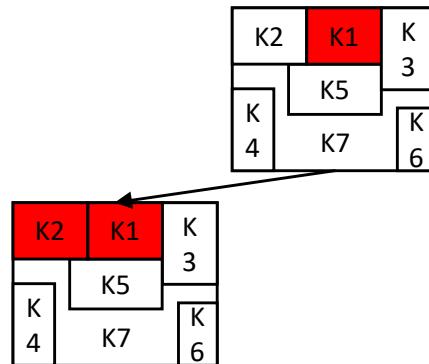
K3: ???

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K7: ???



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Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

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Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: RED

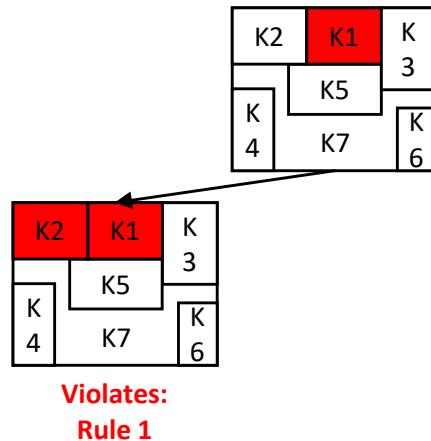
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Assignment:

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K2: ???

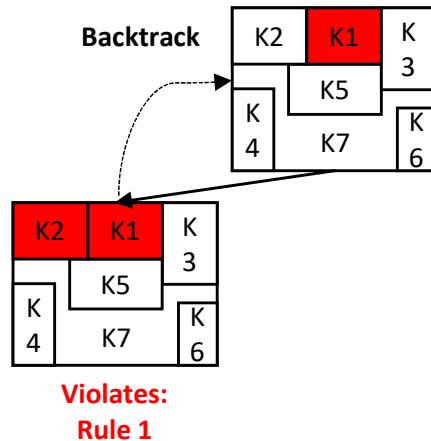
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Assignment:

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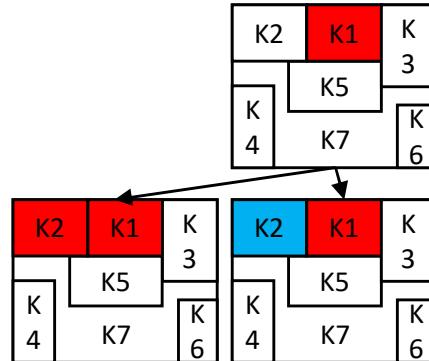
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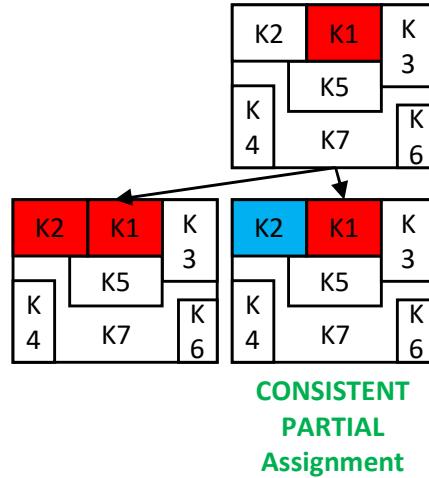
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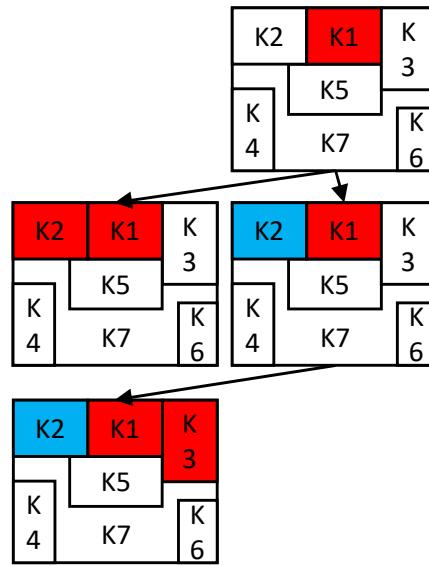
K3: RED

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



Violates:

Rule 2

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

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Assignment:

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K2: BLUE

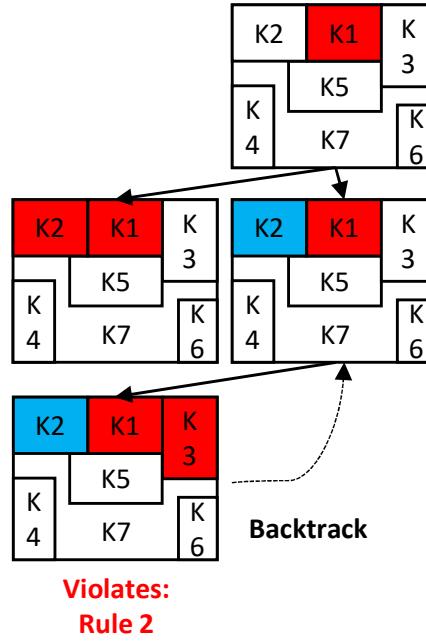
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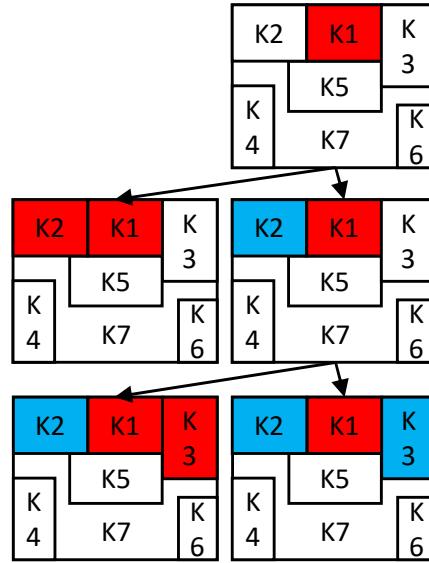
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Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

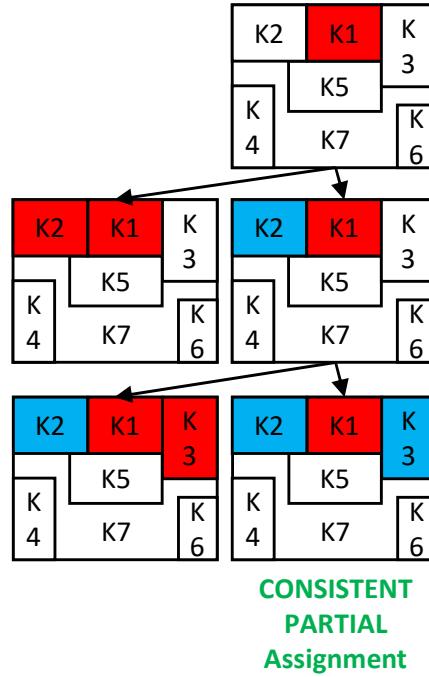
K3: BLUE

K4: ???

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



CONSISTENT
PARTIAL
Assignment

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

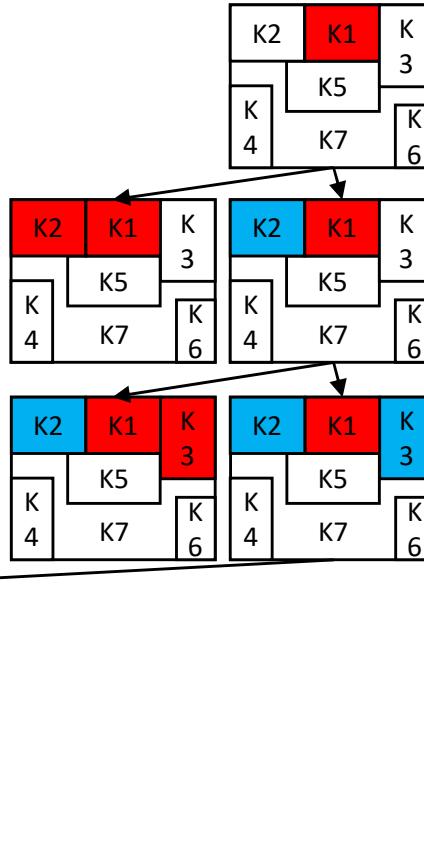
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



CONSISTENT
PARTIAL
Assignment

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

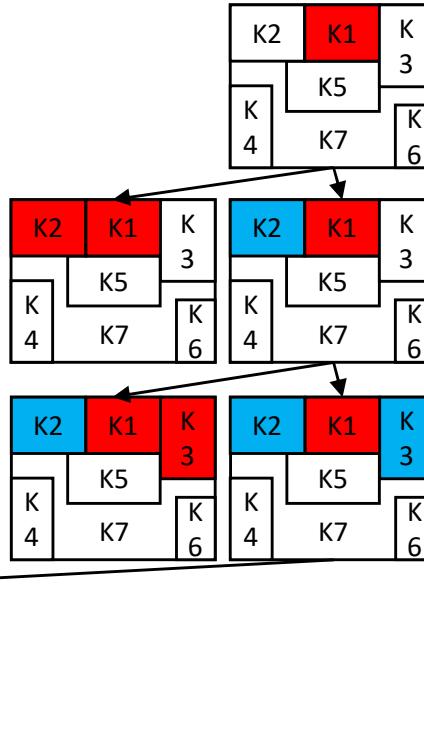
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



- ## Constraints:
- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
 - Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
 - Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
 - Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
 - Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
 - Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

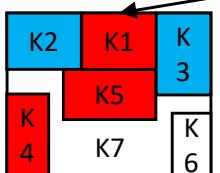
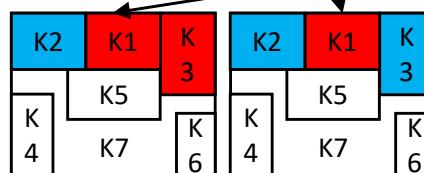
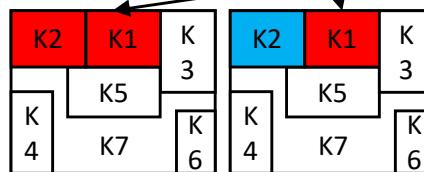
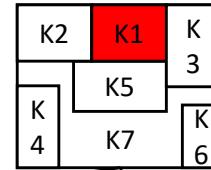
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: RED

K6: ???

K7: ???



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

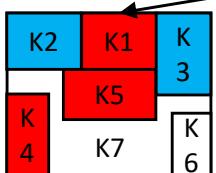
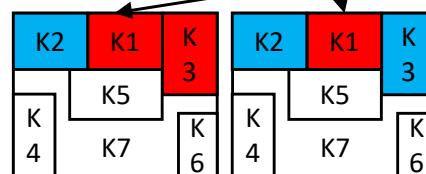
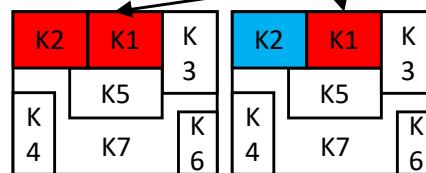
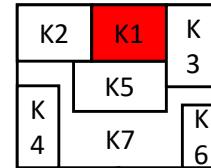
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: RED

K6: ???

K7: ???



Violates:
Rule 3

- Constraints:
- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
 - Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
 - Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
 - Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
 - Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
 - Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

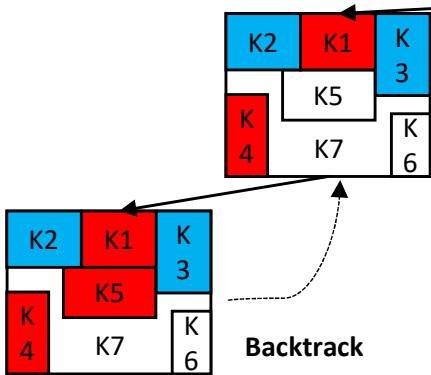
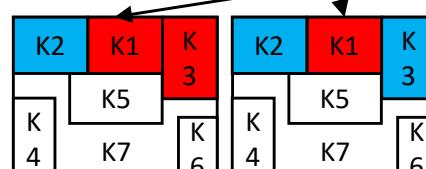
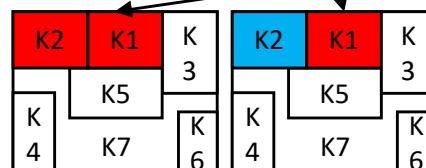
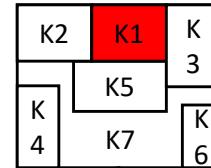
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



Violates:

Rule 3

- Constraints:**
- Rule 1: K1 ≠ K2
 - Rule 2: K1 ≠ K3
 - Rule 3: K1 ≠ K5**
 - Rule 4: K2 ≠ K5
 - Rule 5: K2 ≠ K7
 - Rule 6: K3 ≠ K5
 - Rule 7: K3 ≠ K7
 - Rule 8: K4 ≠ K7
 - Rule 9: K5 ≠ K7
 - Rule 10: K6 ≠ K7

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

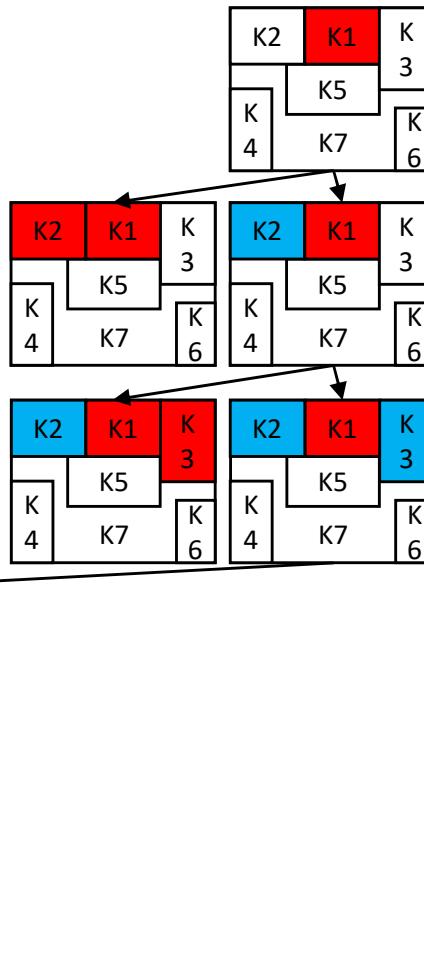
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: BLUE

K6: ???

K7: ???



- Constraints:**
- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
 - Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
 - Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
 - Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
 - Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
 - Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

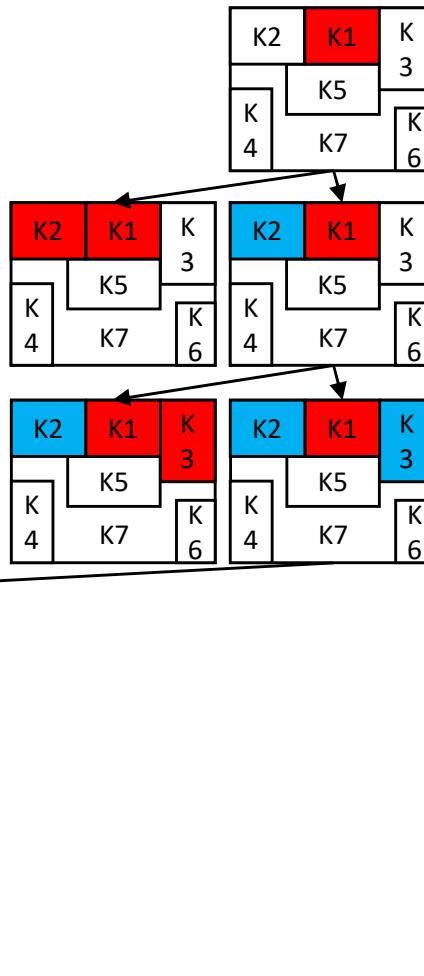
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: BLUE

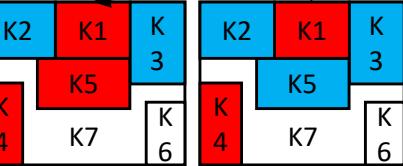
K6: ???

K7: ???



- Constraints:**
- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
 - Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
 - Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
 - Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
 - Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
 - Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Violates:
Rule 4
Rule 6



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

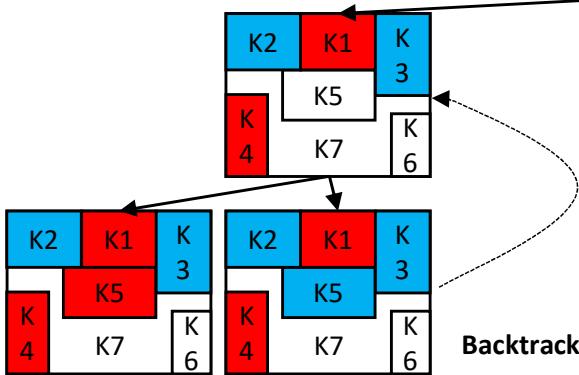
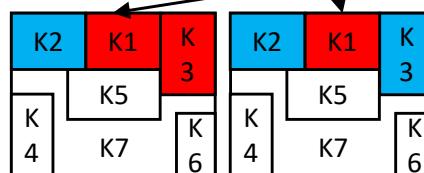
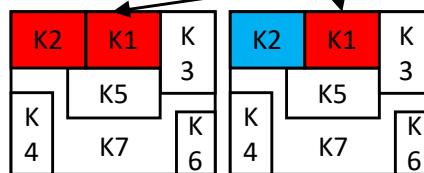
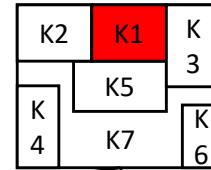
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: ???

K6: ???

K7: ???



Violates:

Rule 4

Rule 6

- Constraints:**
- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
 - Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
 - Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
 - Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
 - Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
 - Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

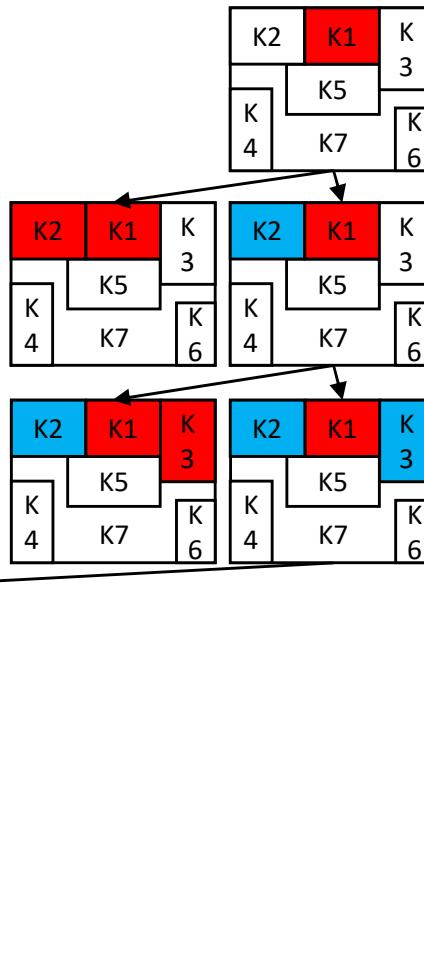
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

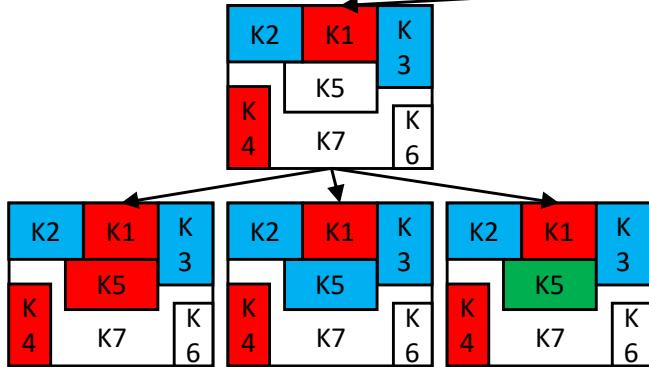
K6: ???

K7: ???



Constraints:

- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
- Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
- Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
- Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
- Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
- Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
- Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
- Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
- Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
- Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

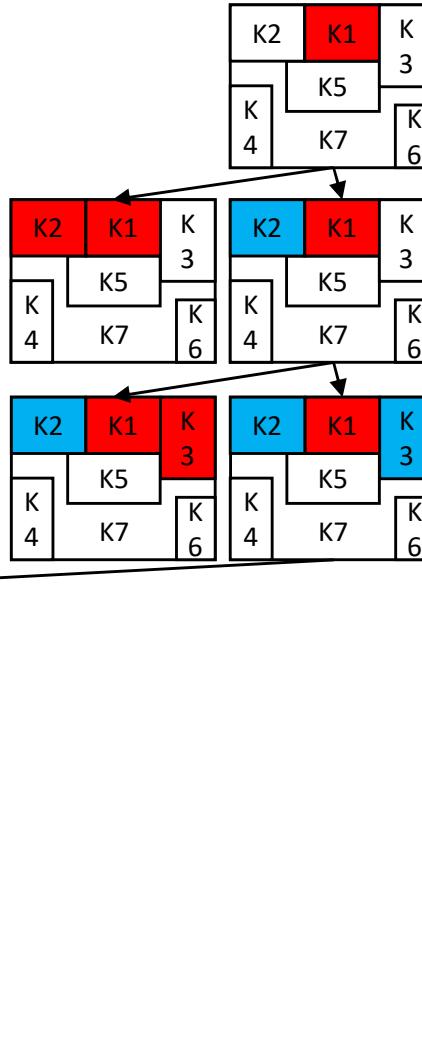
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???



Constraints:

- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
- Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
- Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
- Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
- Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
- Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
- Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
- Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
- Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
- Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

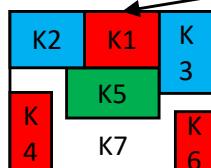
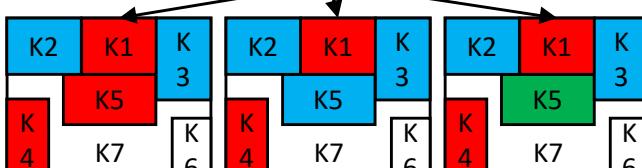
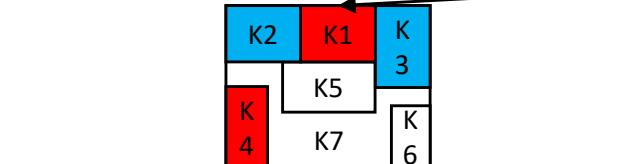
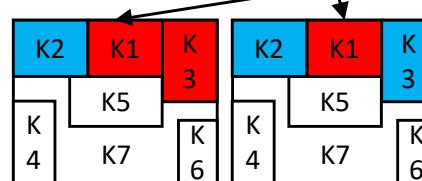
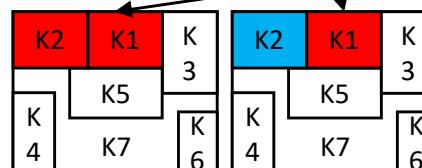
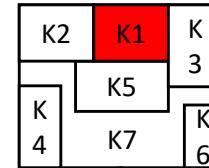
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

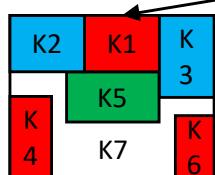
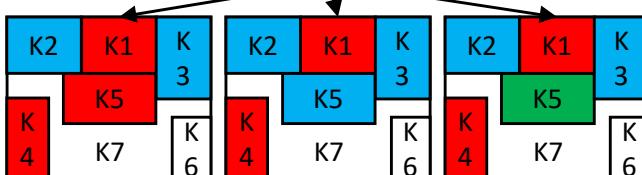
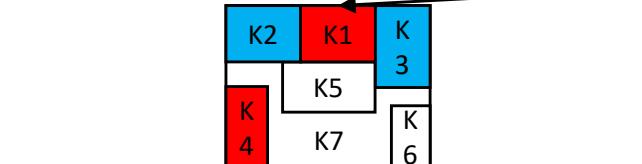
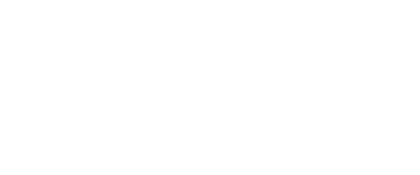
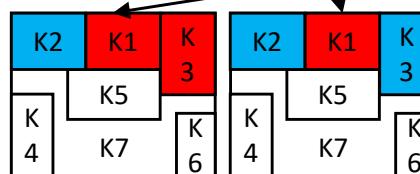
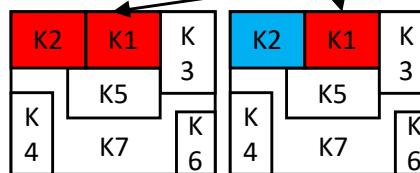
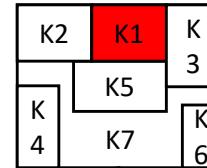
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???



**CONSISTENT
PARTIAL
Assignment**

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

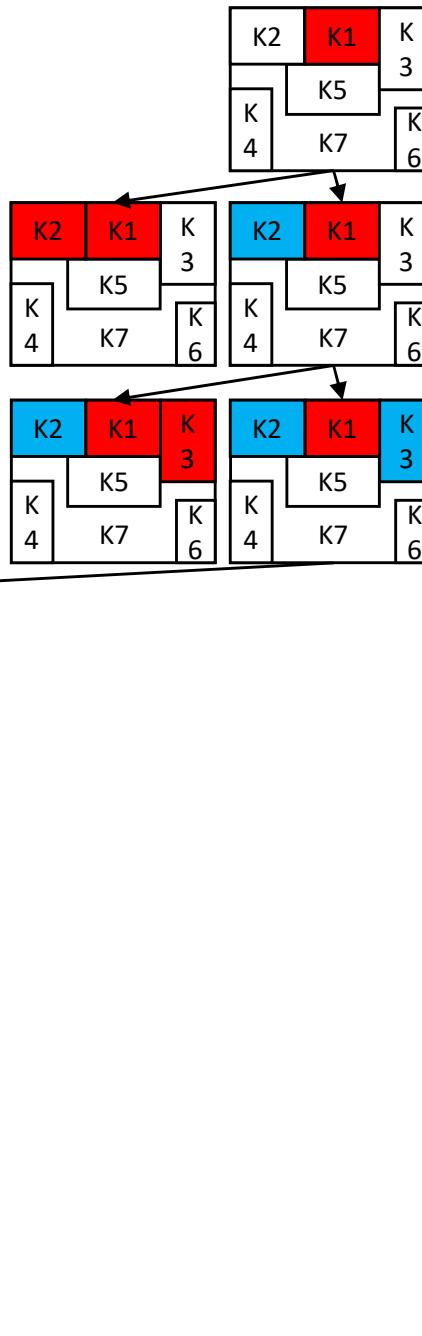
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: RED



Constraints:

- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
- Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
- Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
- Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
- Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
- Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
- Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
- Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
- Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
- Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

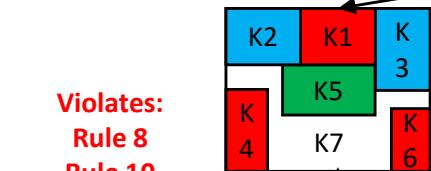
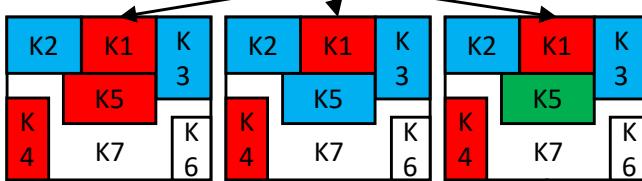
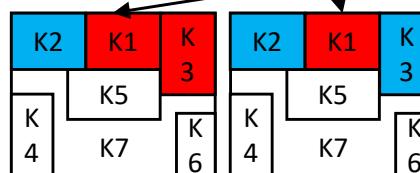
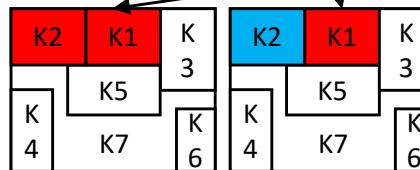
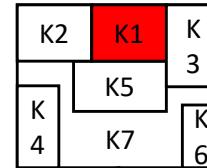
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

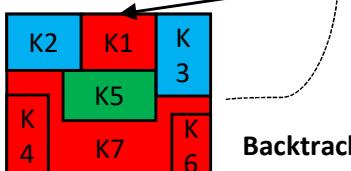
K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???



Violates:
Rule 8
Rule 10



Backtrack

Constraints:

Rule 1: K1 ≠ K2

Rule 2: K1 ≠ K3

Rule 3: K1 ≠ K5

Rule 4: K2 ≠ K5

Rule 5: K2 ≠ K7

Rule 6: K3 ≠ K5

Rule 7: K3 ≠ K7

Rule 8: K4 ≠ K7

Rule 9: K5 ≠ K7

Rule 10: K6 ≠ K7

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

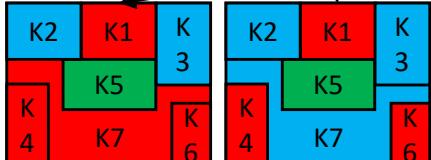
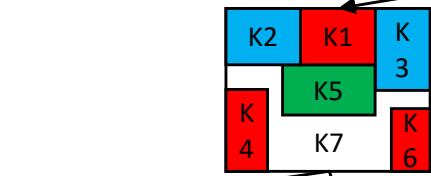
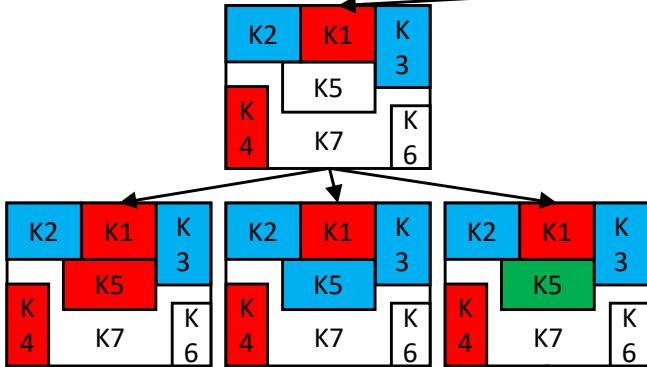
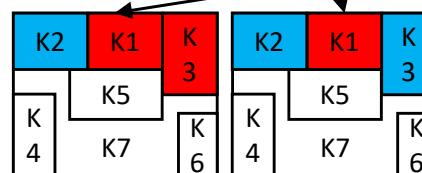
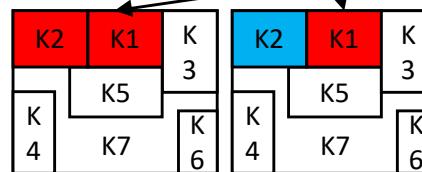
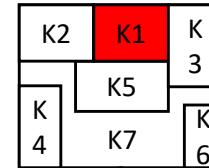
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: BLUE



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

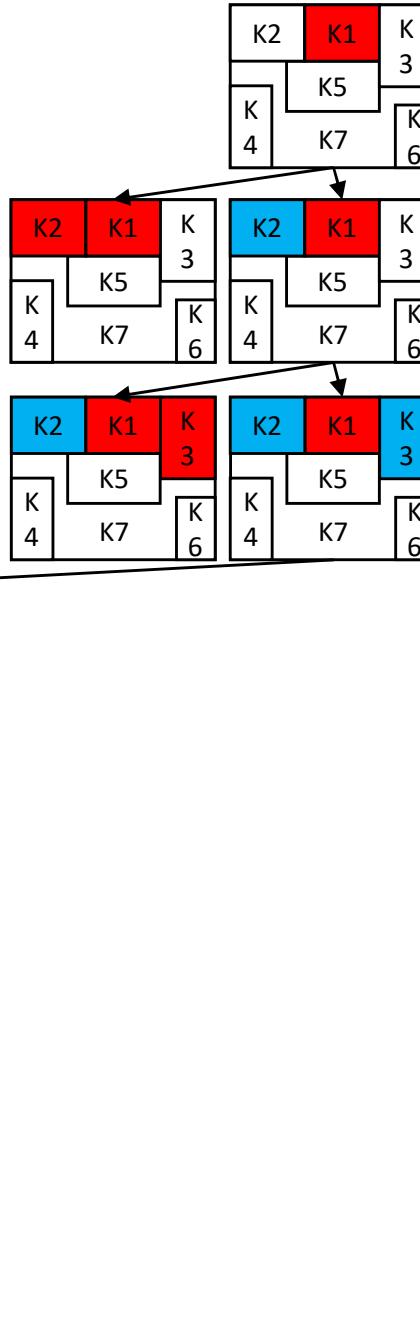
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K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: BLUE



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

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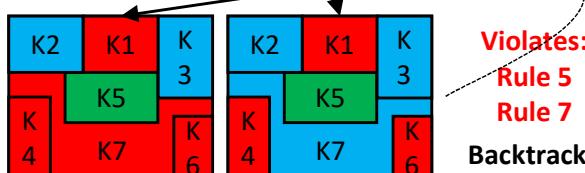
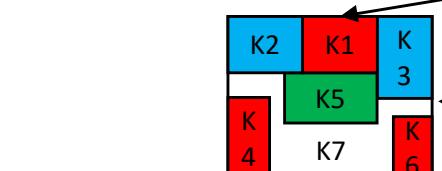
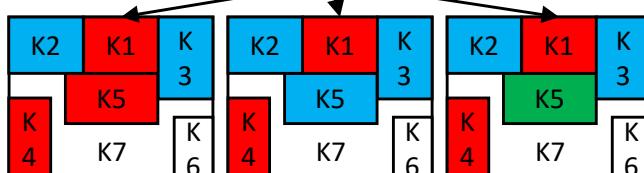
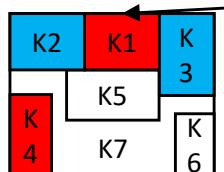
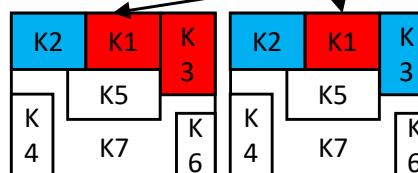
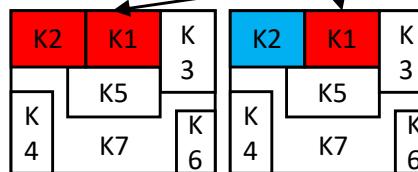
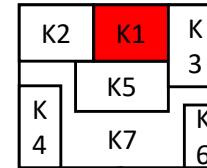
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K6: RED

K7: ???



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

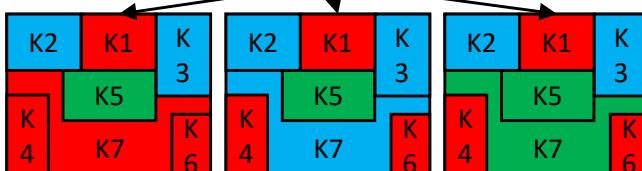
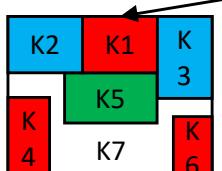
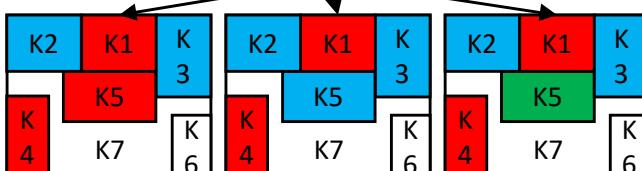
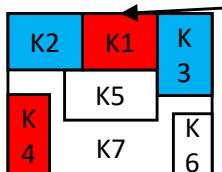
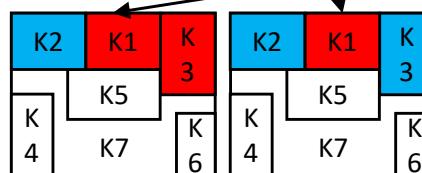
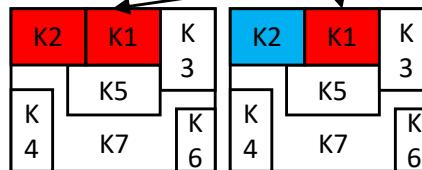
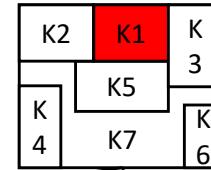
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K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: GREEN



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: GREEN

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

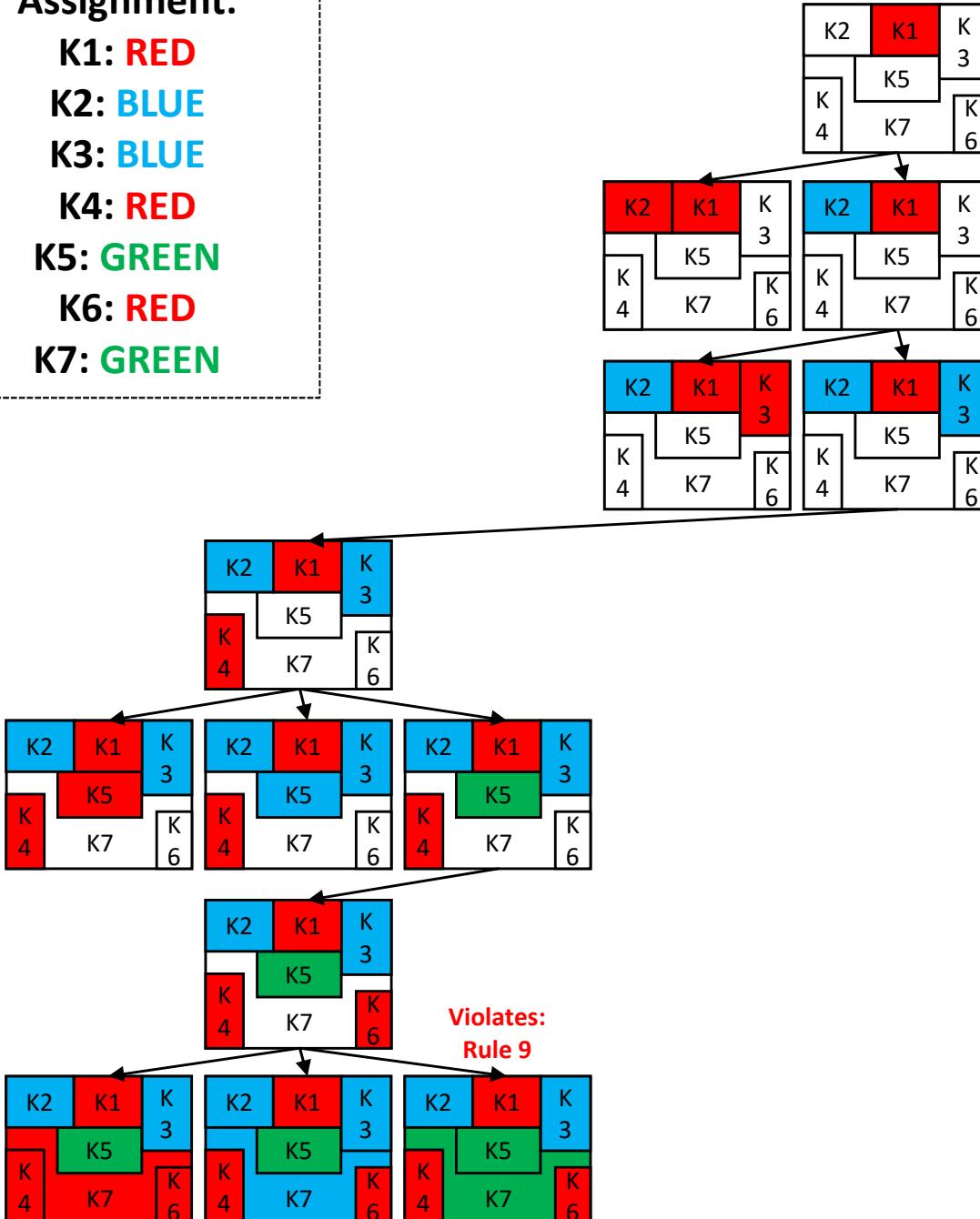
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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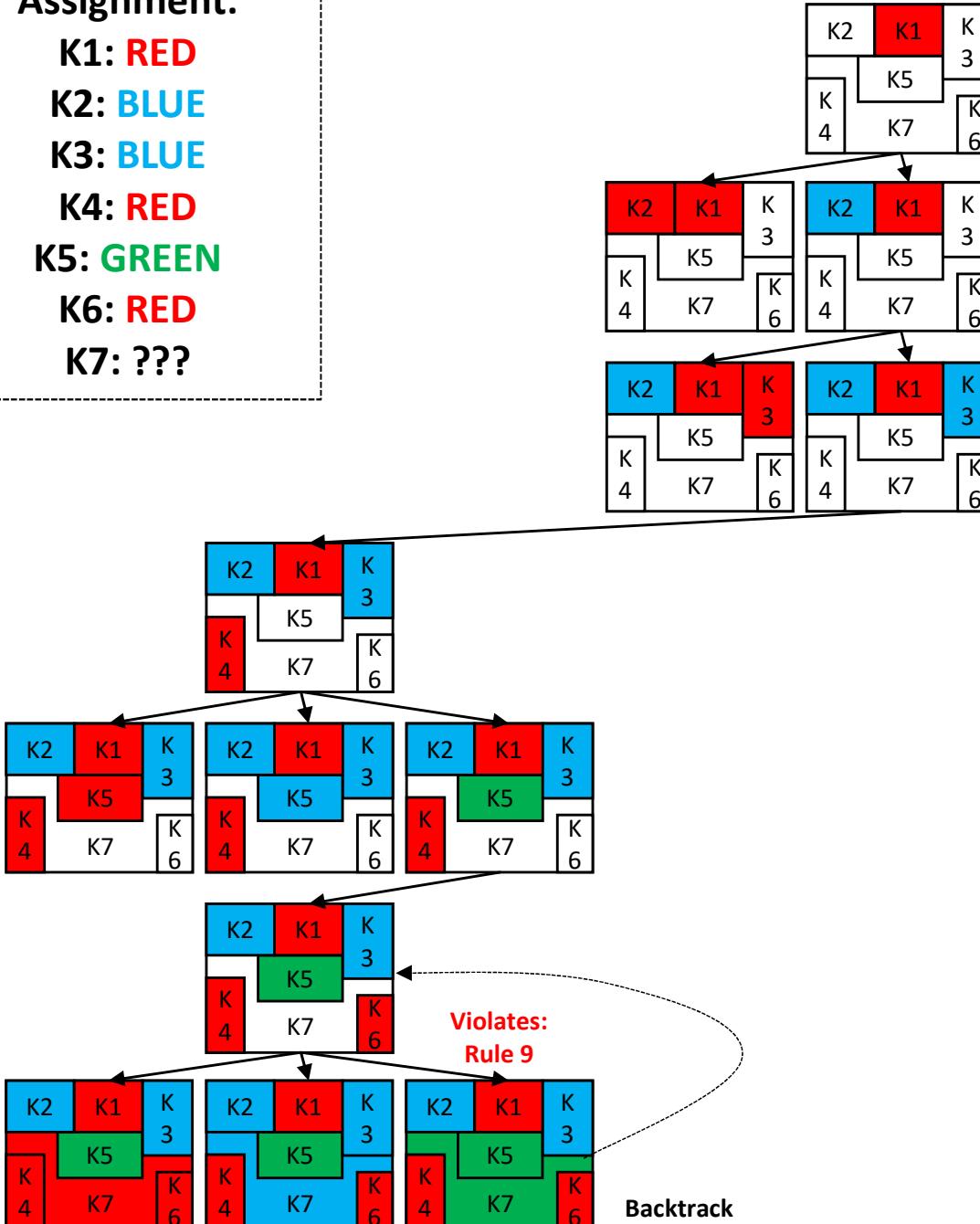
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

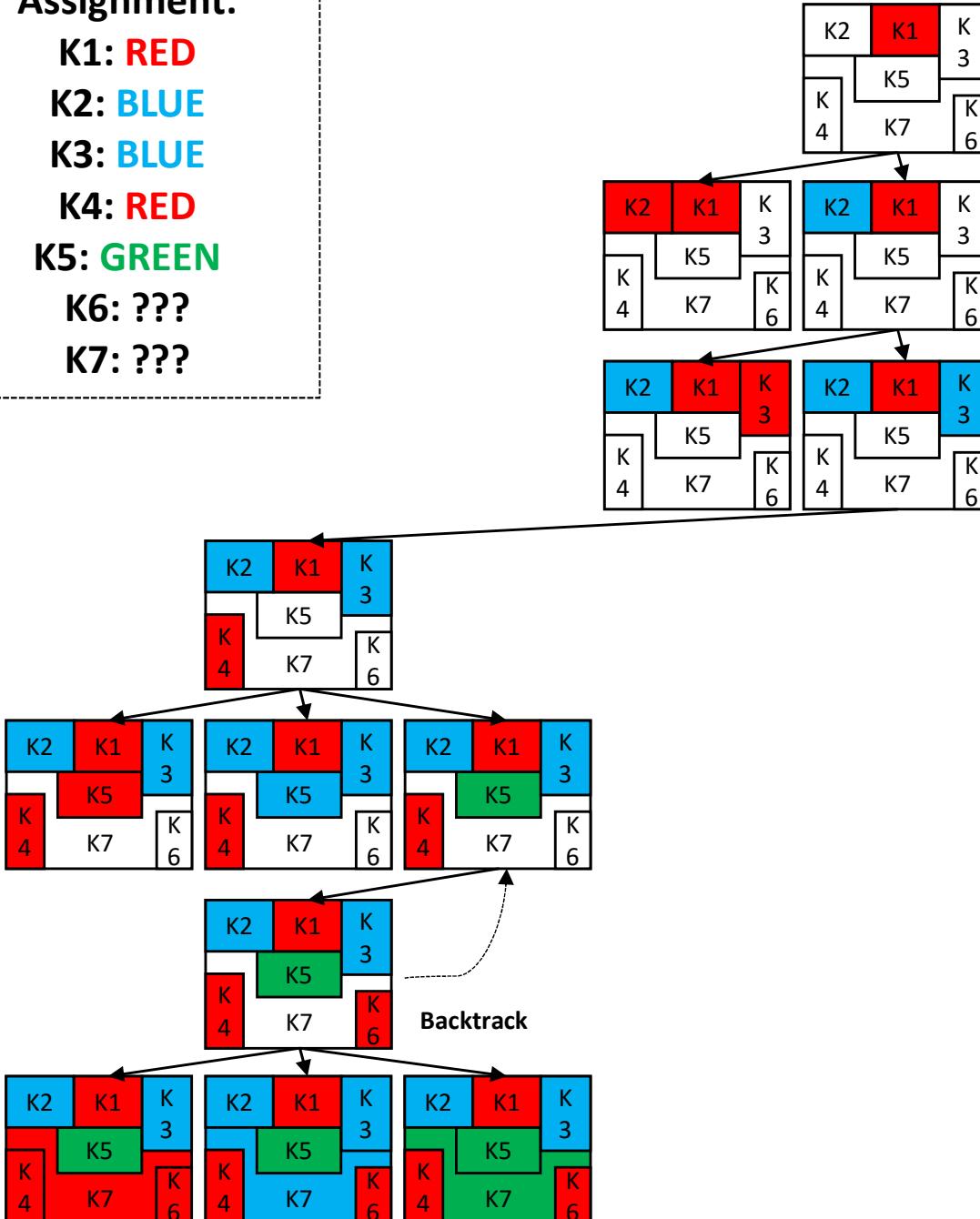
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

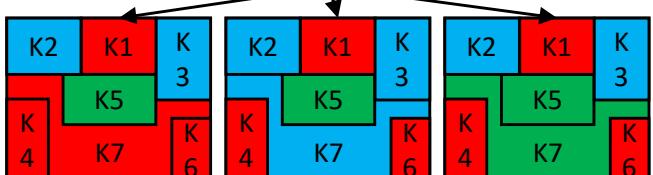
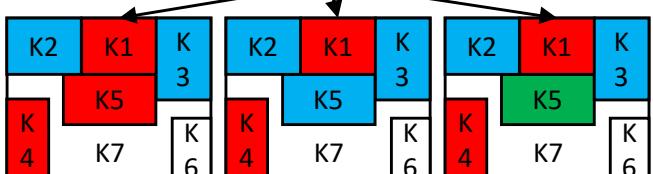
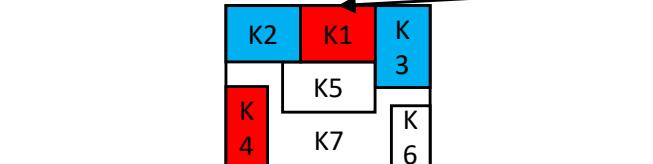
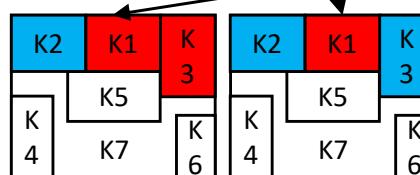
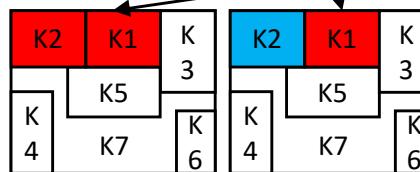
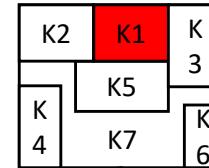
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K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: ???



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

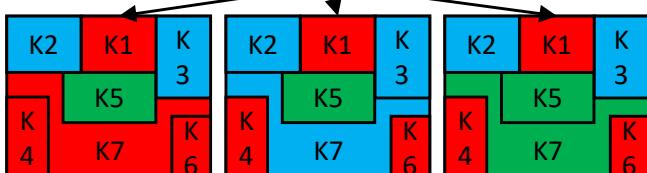
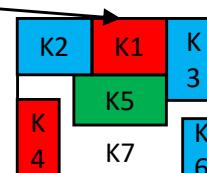
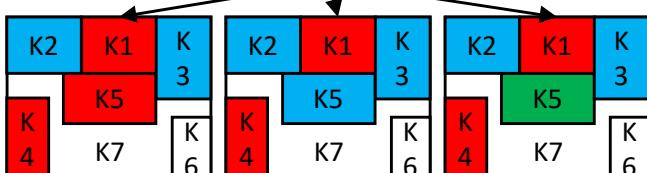
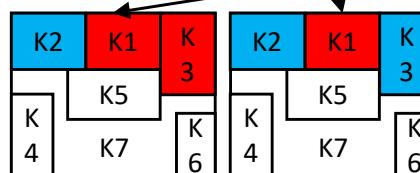
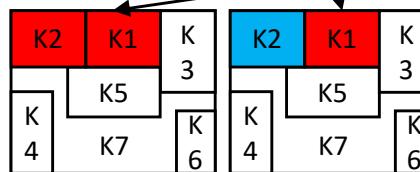
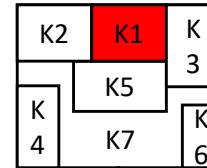
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: ???



**CONSISTENT
PARTIAL
Assignment**

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Constraints:

Rule 1: K1 ≠ K2

Rule 2: K1 ≠ K3

Rule 3: K1 ≠ K5

Rule 4: K2 ≠ K5

Rule 5: K2 ≠ K7

Rule 6: K3 ≠ K5

Rule 7: K3 ≠ K7

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Rule 9: K5 ≠ K7

Rule 10: K6 ≠ K7

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

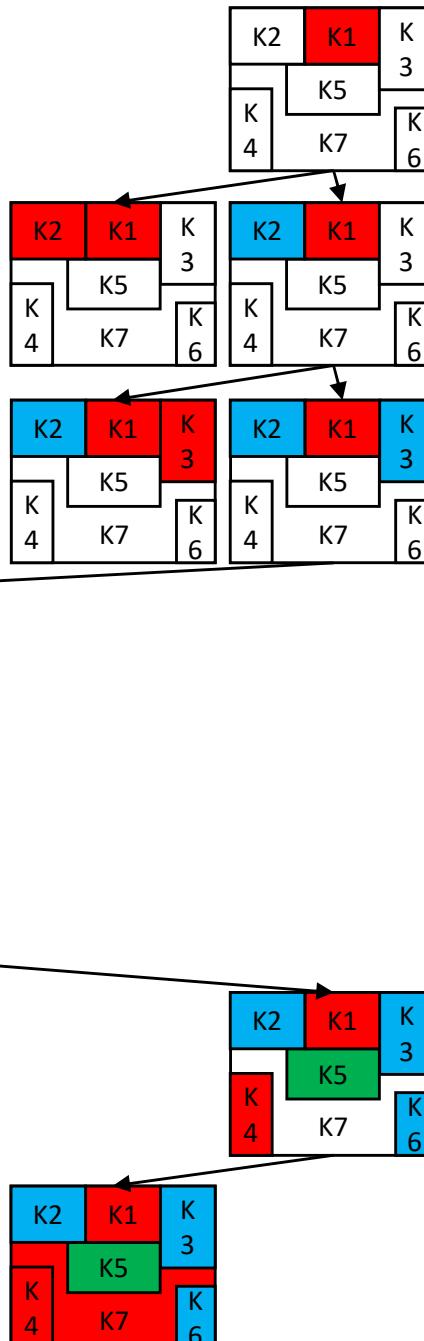
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: RED



- Constraints:**
- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
 - Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
 - Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
 - Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
 - Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
 - Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

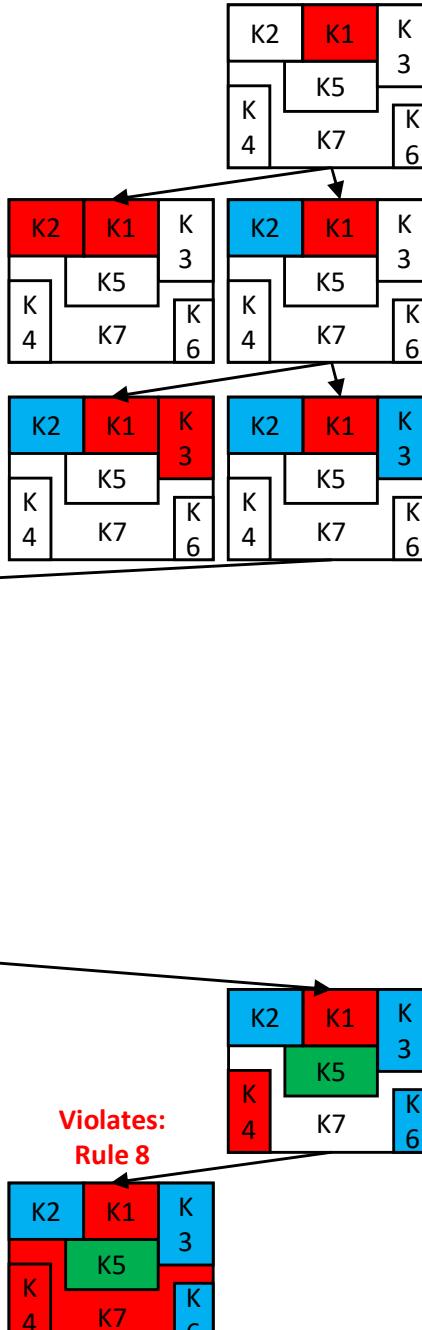
K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: RED



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K_1 \neq K_2$

Rule 2: $K_1 \neq K_3$

Rule 3: K1 ≠ K5

Rule 4: $K_2 \neq K_5$

Rule 5: K2 ≠ K7

Rule 6: K3 \neq K5

Rule 7: K3 \neq K7

Rule 8: K4 ≠ K7

Rule 9: K5 \neq K7

Rule 10: K6 ≠ K7

Violates: Rule 8

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

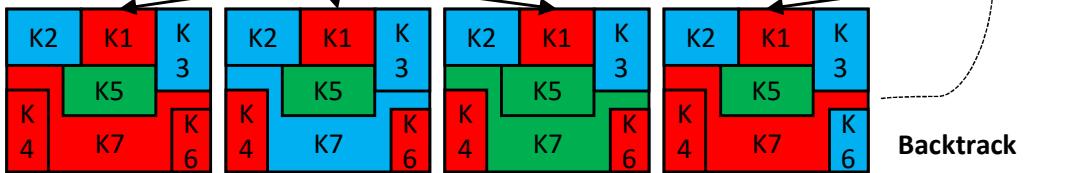
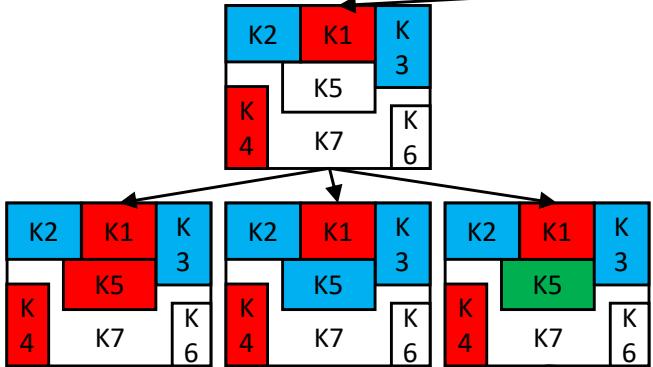
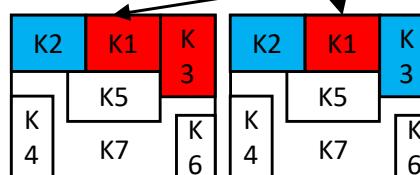
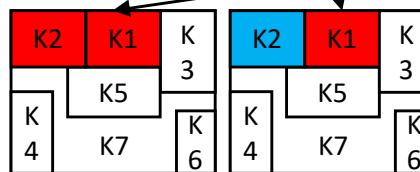
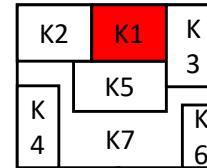
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K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: ???



Violates:
Rule 8

Backtrack

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

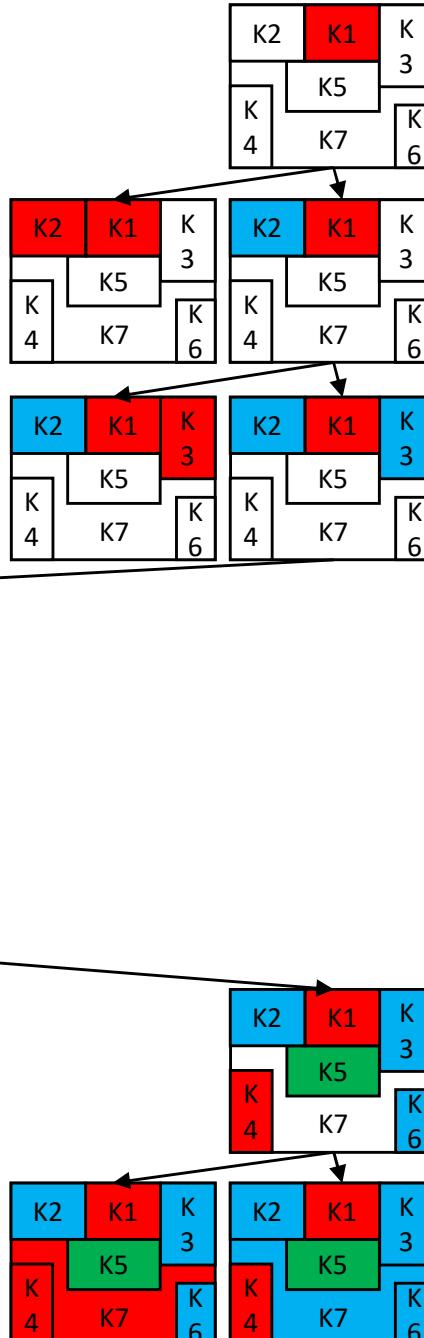
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K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: BLUE



Constraints:

- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
- Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
- Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
- Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
- Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
- Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
- Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
- Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
- Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
- Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

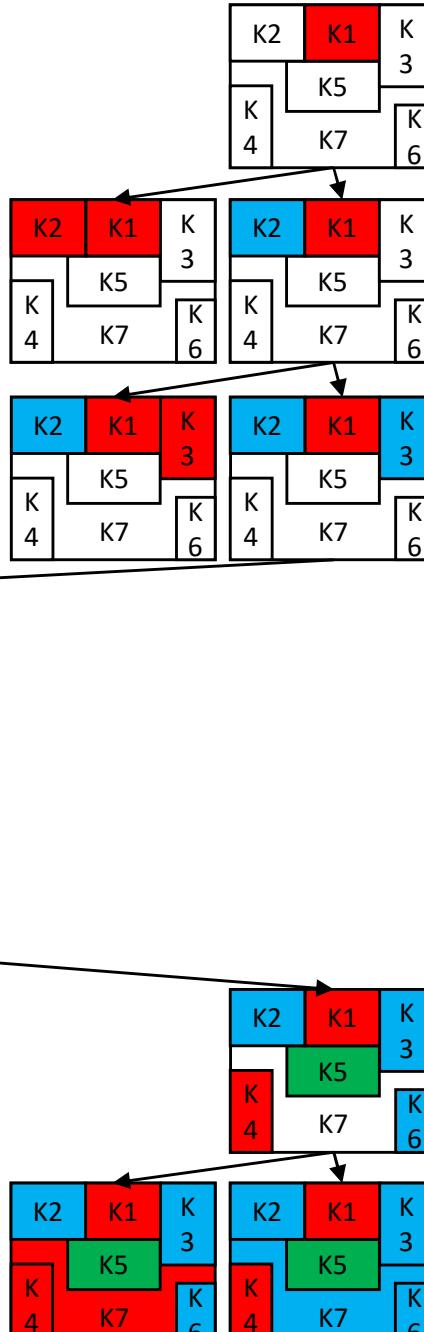
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K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: BLUE



Constraints:

- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
- Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
- Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
- Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
- Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
- Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
- Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
- Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
- Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
- Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Violates:
Rule 5
Rule 7
Rule 10

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

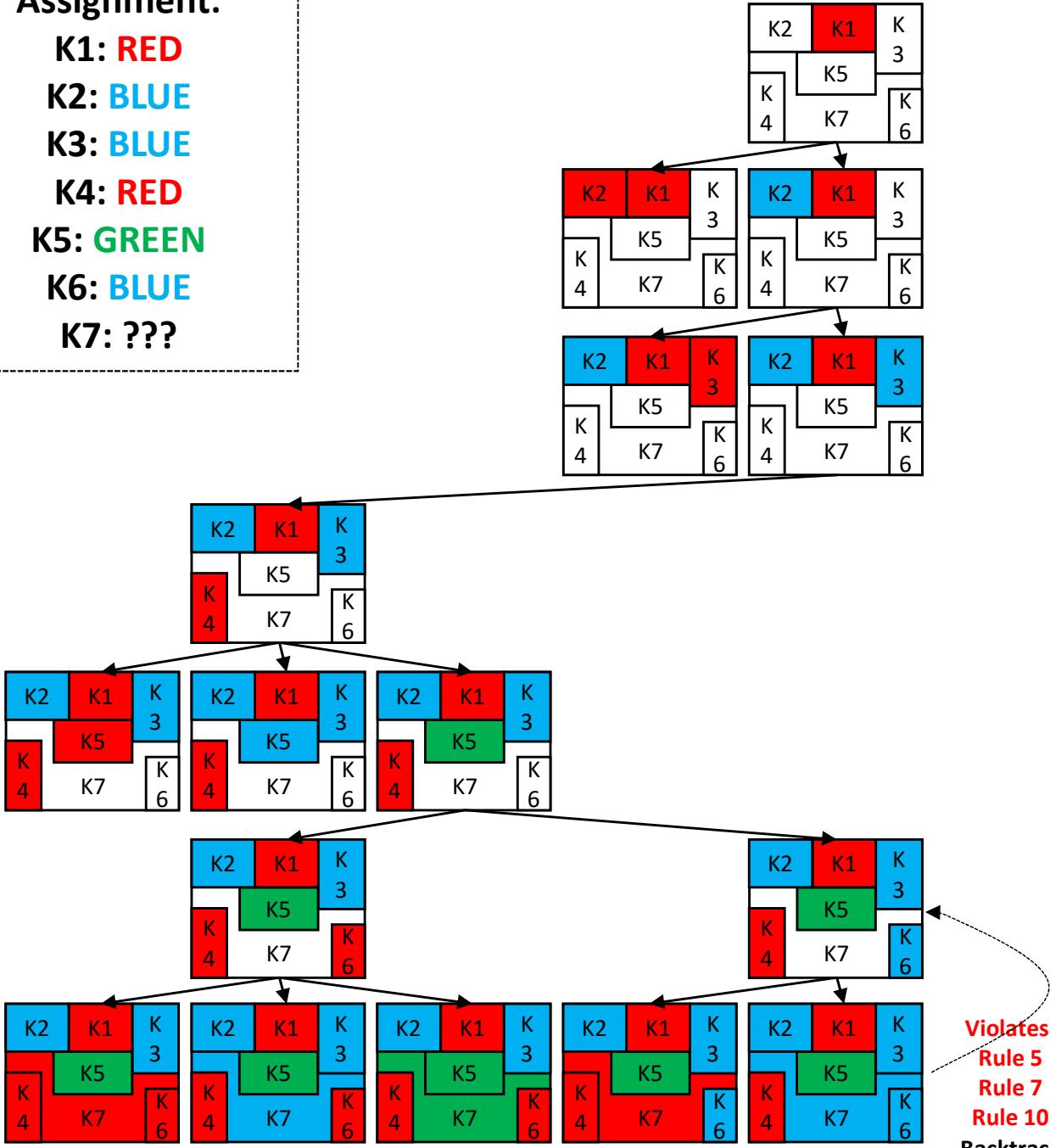
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Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

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K2: BLUE

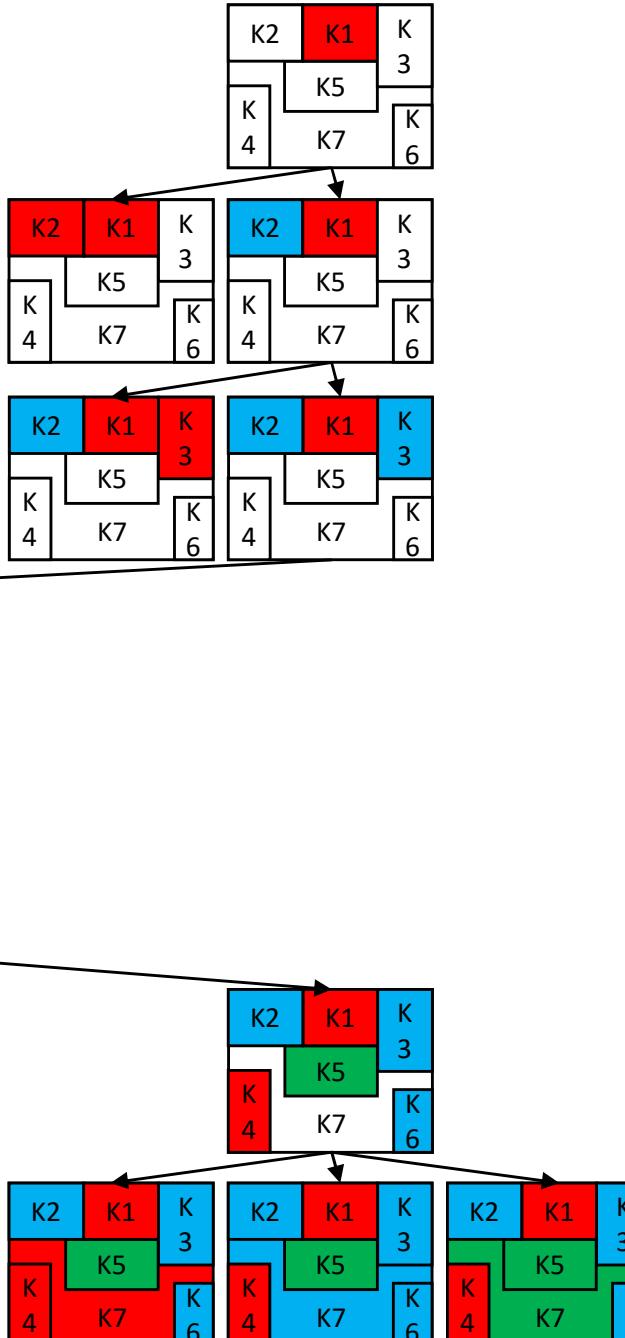
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K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: GREEN



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: GREEN

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

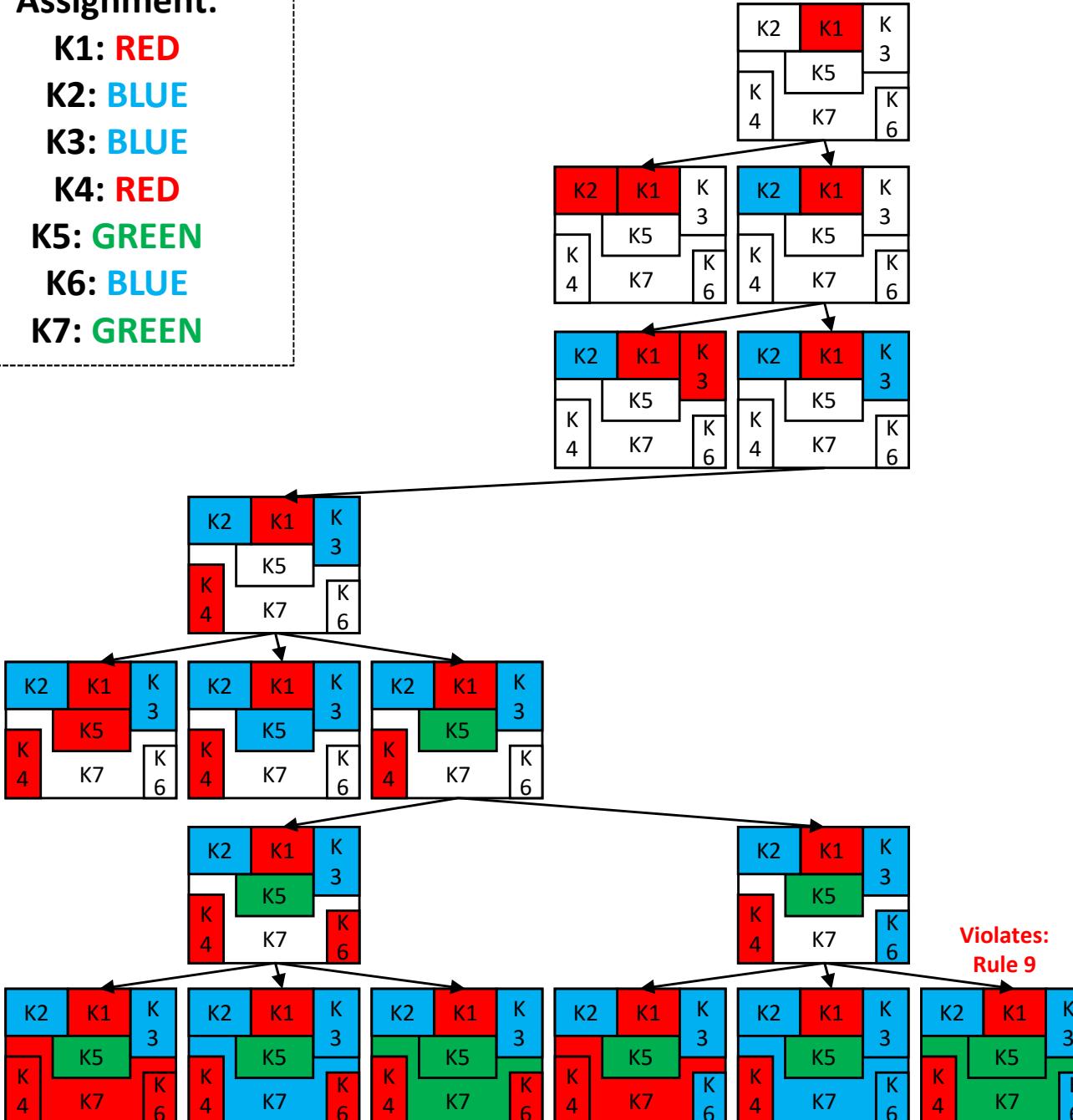
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Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: BLUE

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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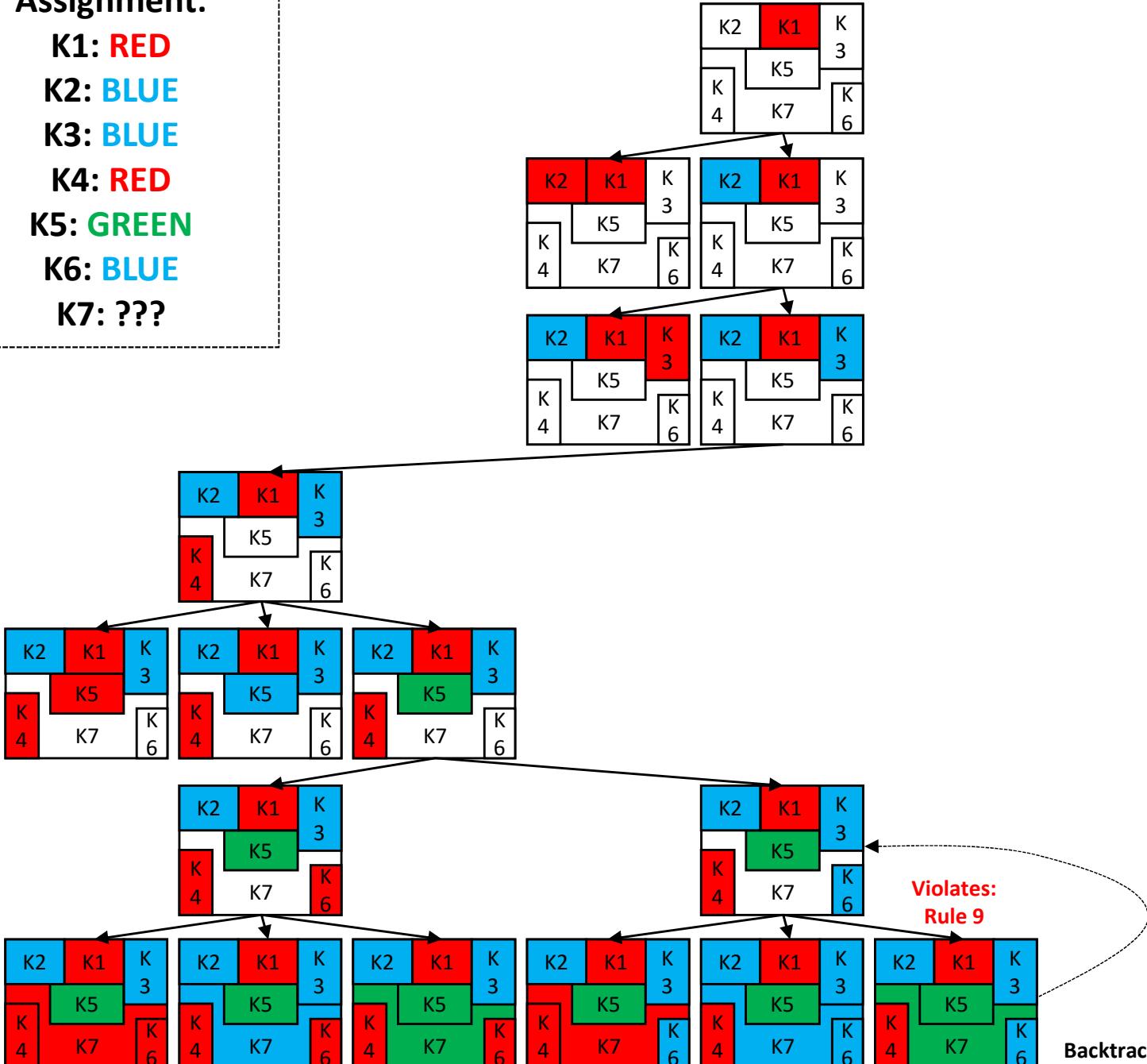
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Assignment:

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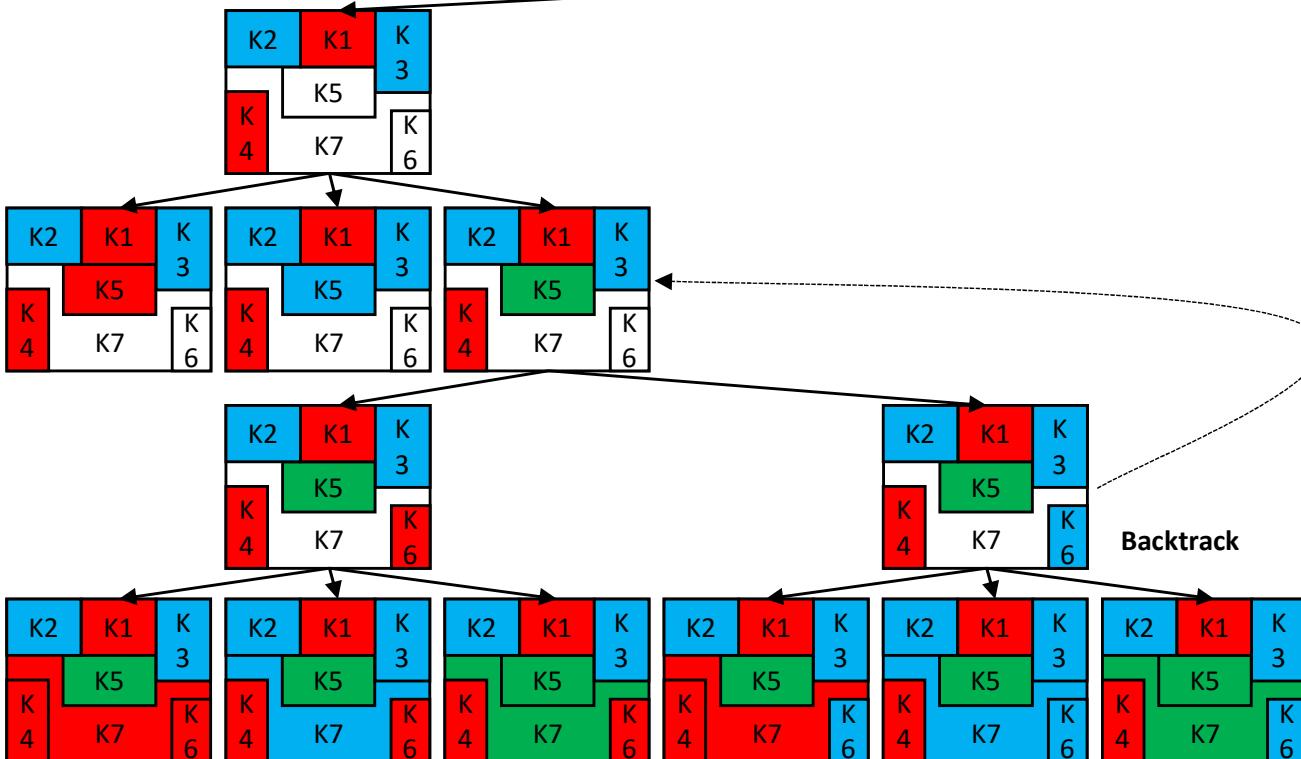
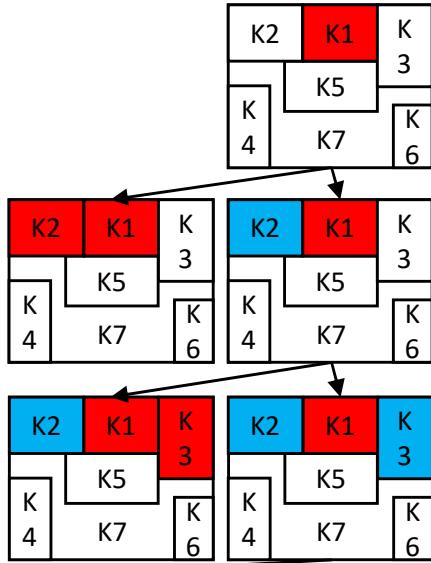
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K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K_1 \neq K_2$

Rule 2: $K_1 \neq K_3$

Rule 3: $K_1 \neq K_5$

Rule 4: $K_2 \neq K_5$

Rule 5: K2 ≠ K7

Rule 6: K3 \neq K5

Rule 7: K3 ≠ K7

Rule 8: K4 ≠ K7

Rule 10: K6 ≠ K7

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: GREEN

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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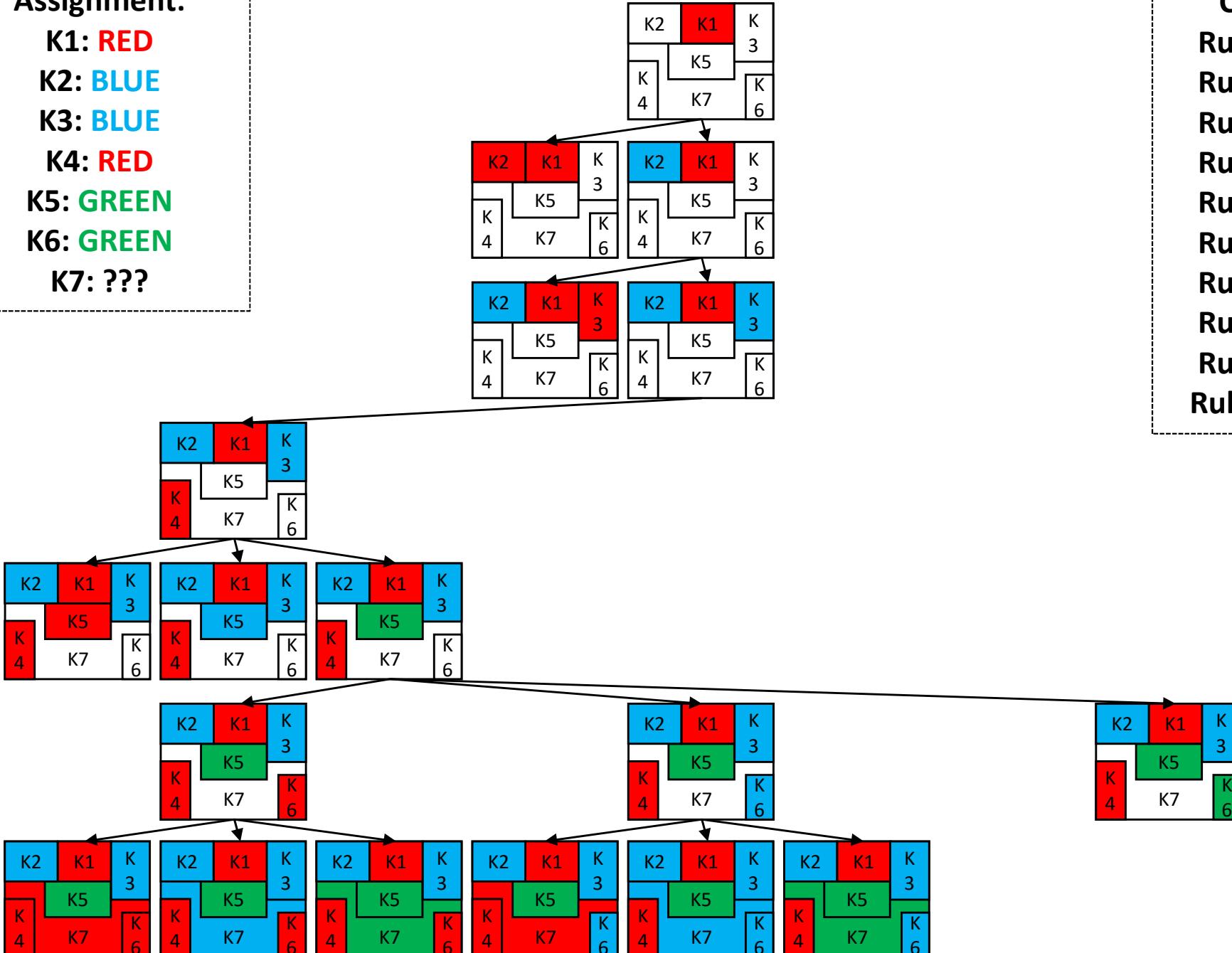
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

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K6: GREEN

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$

Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$

Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

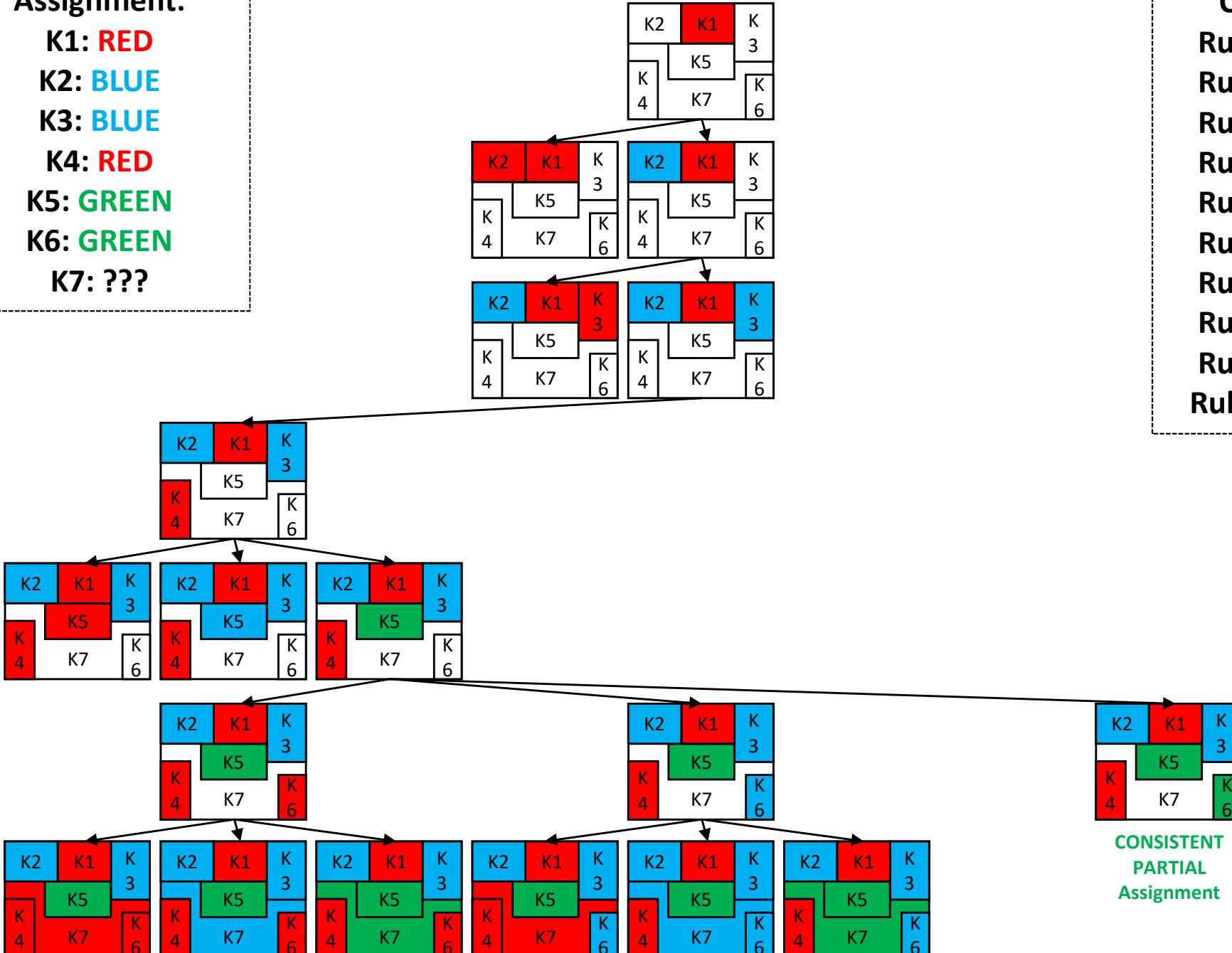
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Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

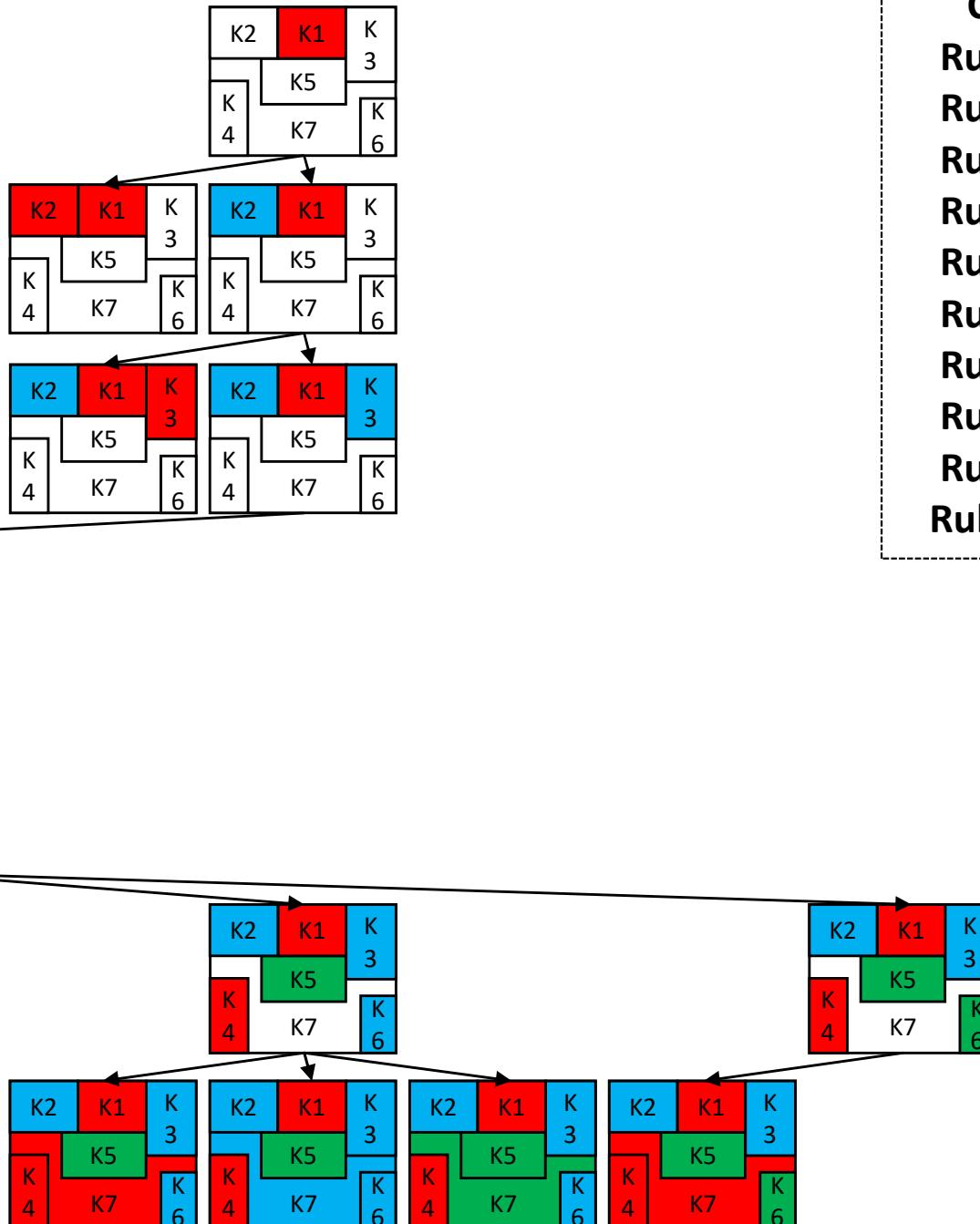
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K6: GREEN

K7: RED



- Constraints:**
- Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$
 - Rule 2: $K1 \neq K3$
 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
 - Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$
 - Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$
 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
 - Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$
 - Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$
 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

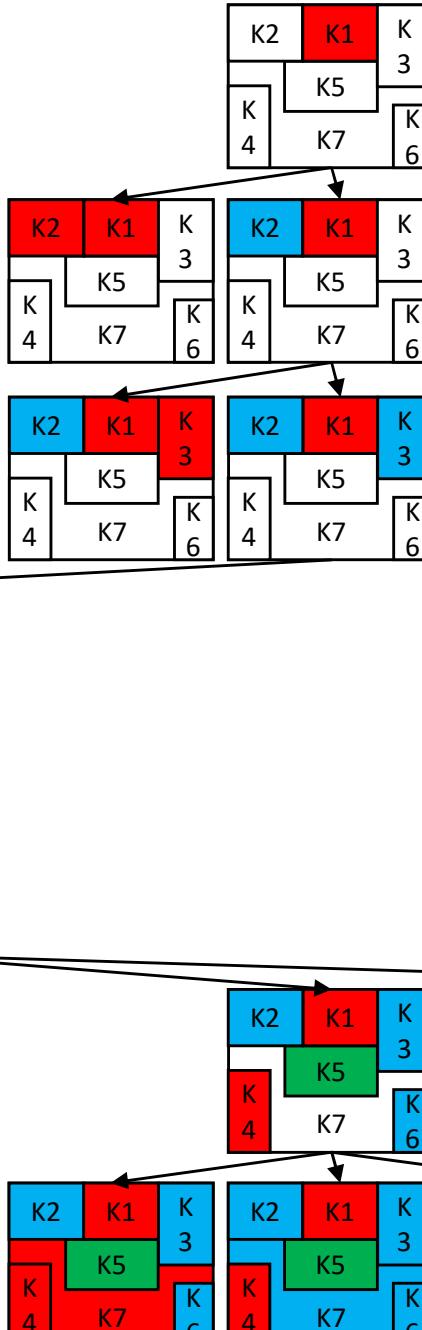
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K7: RED



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K_1 \neq K_2$

Rule 2: $K_1 \neq K_3$

Rule 3: K1 ≠ K5

Rule 4: K2 ≠ K5

Rule 5: K2 ≠ K7

Rule 6: K3 \neq K5

Rule 7: K3 \neq K7

Rule 8: K4 ≠ K7

Rule 9: K5 \neq K7

Rule 10: K6 ≠ K7

Violates Rule 8

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | **Value assignment order:** RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: GREEN

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

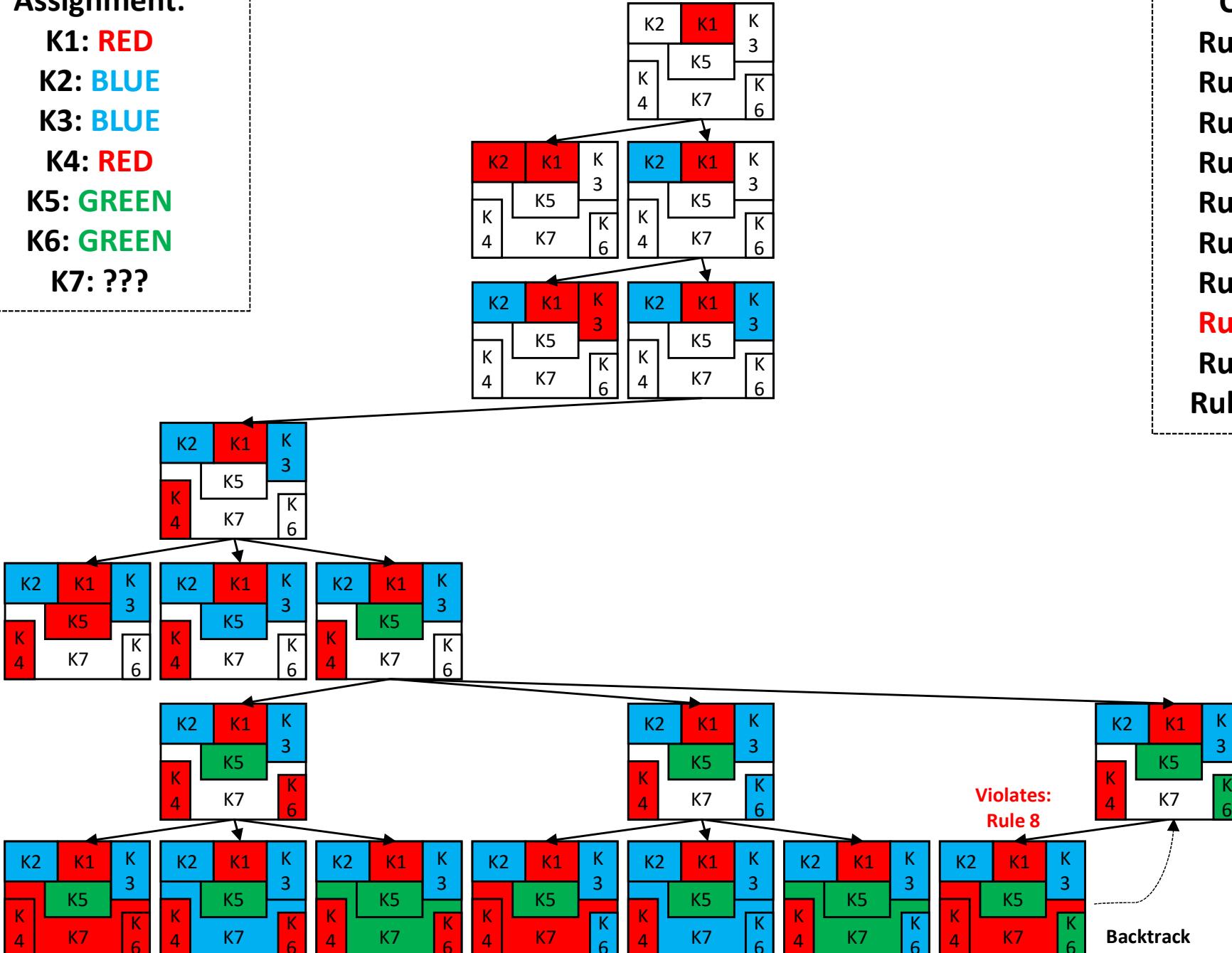
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Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$



Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: GREEN

K7: BLUE

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

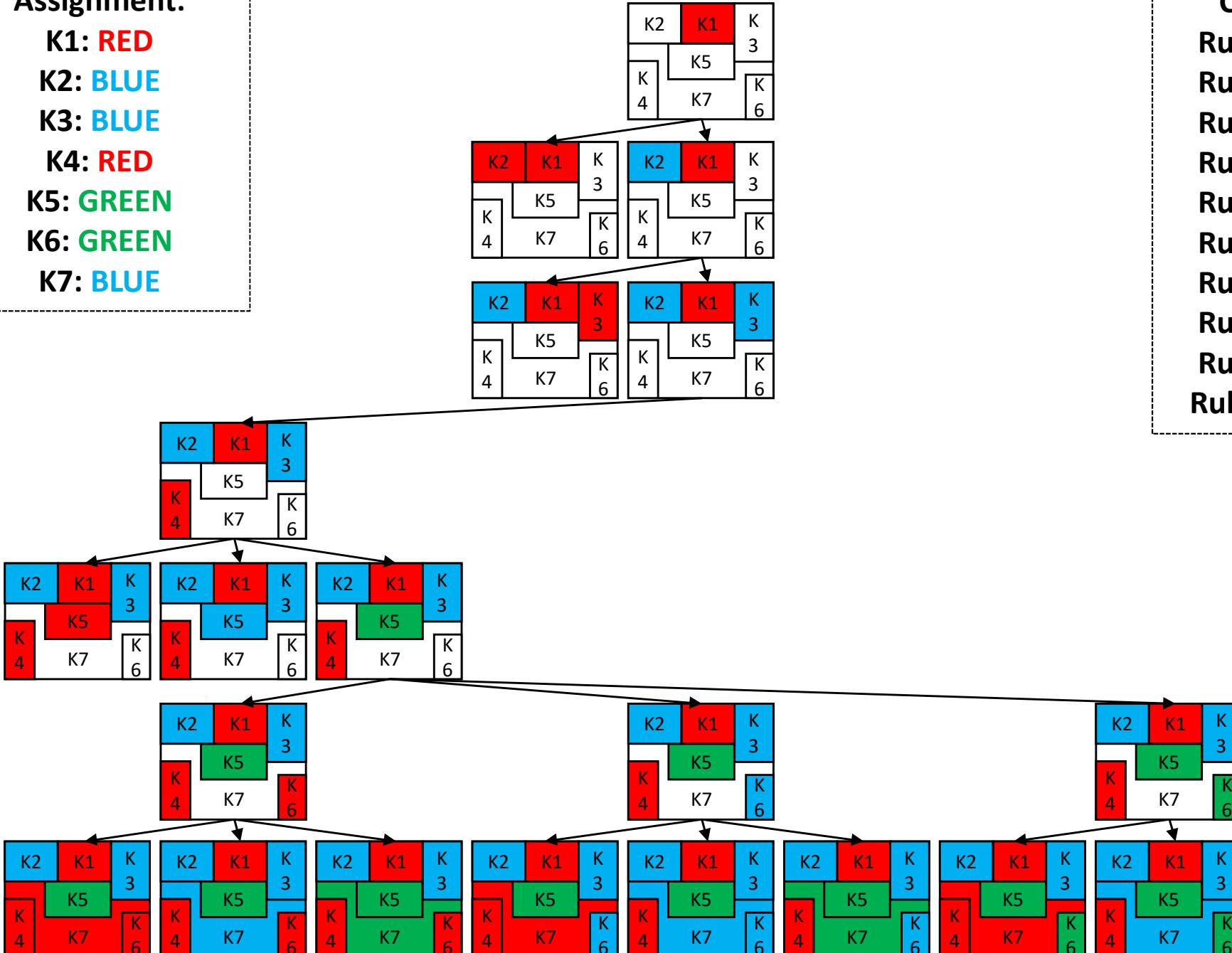
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: GREEN

K7: BLUE

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

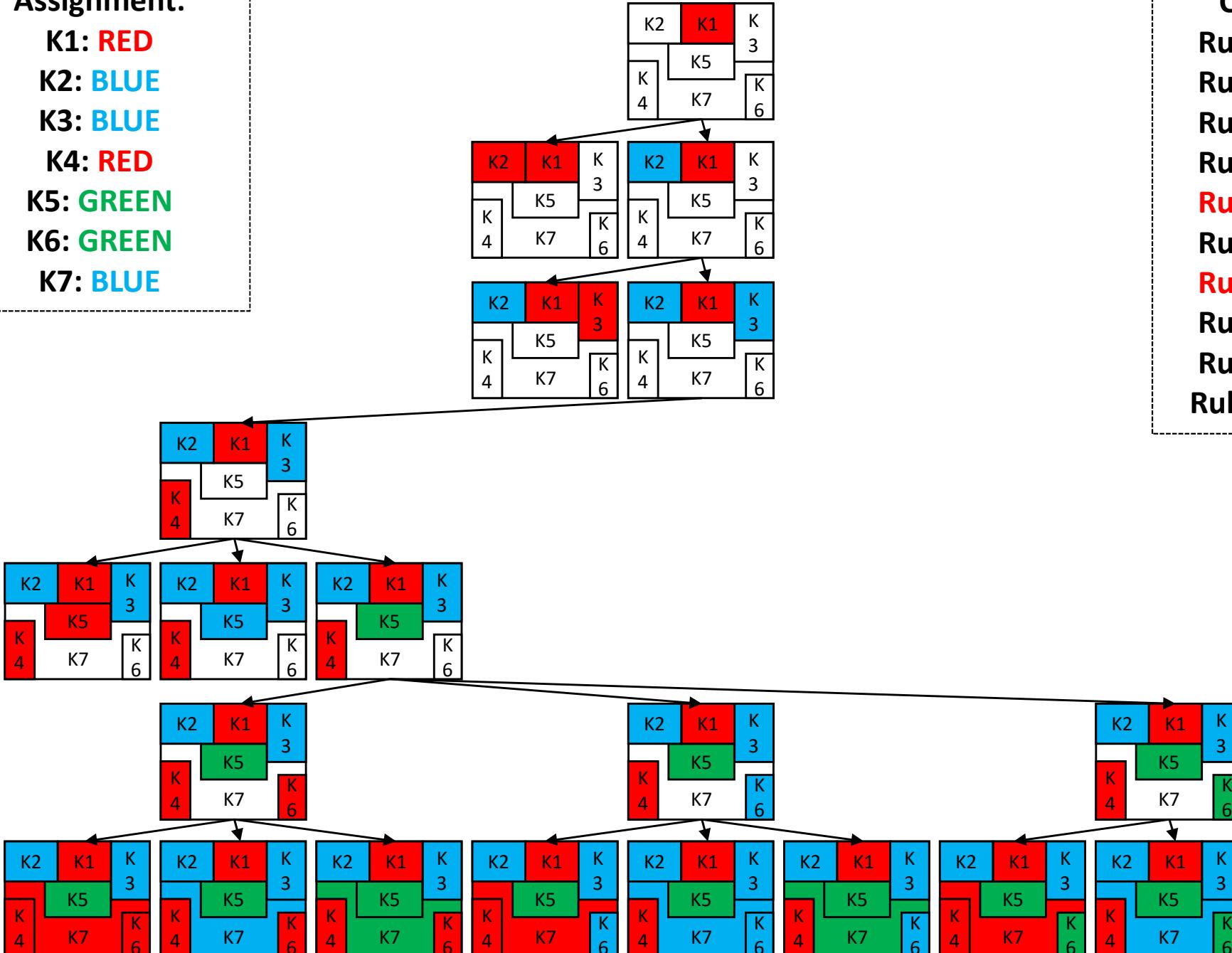
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

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K2: BLUE

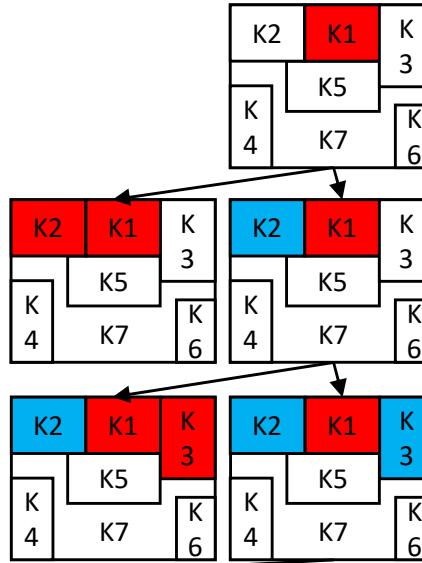
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K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: GREEN

K7: ???



Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

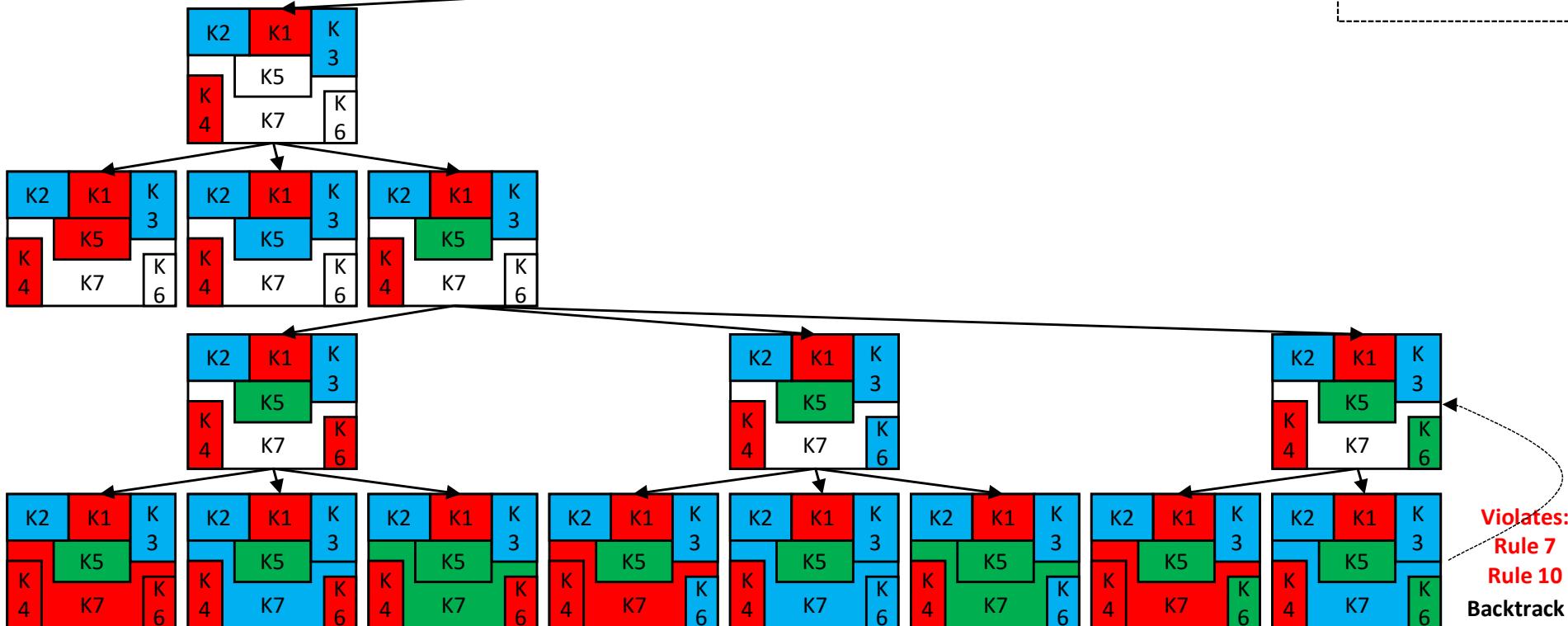
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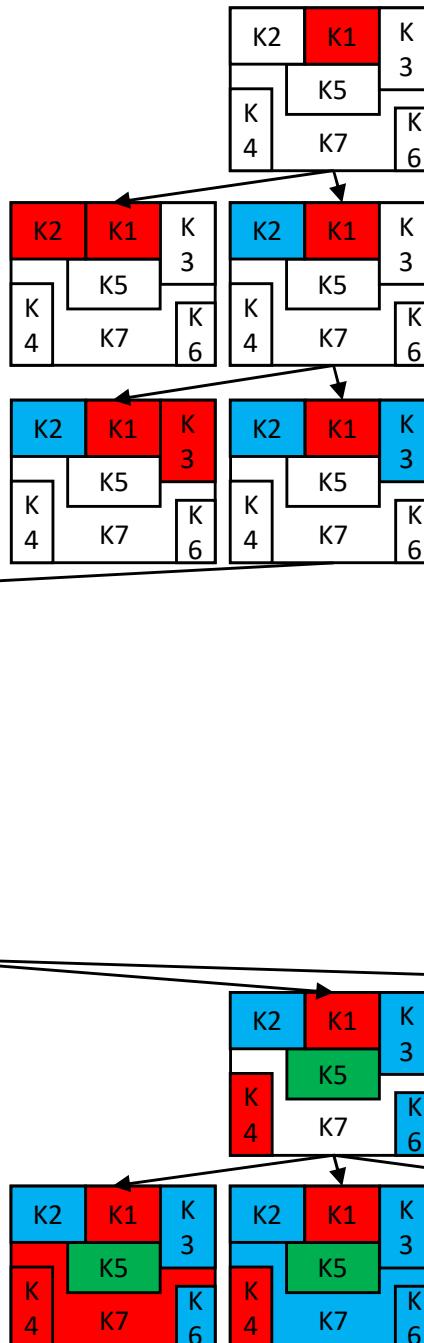
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 - Rule 3: $K1 \neq K5$
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 - Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$
 - Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$
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 - Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: RED

K5: GREEN

K6: GREEN

K7: GREEN

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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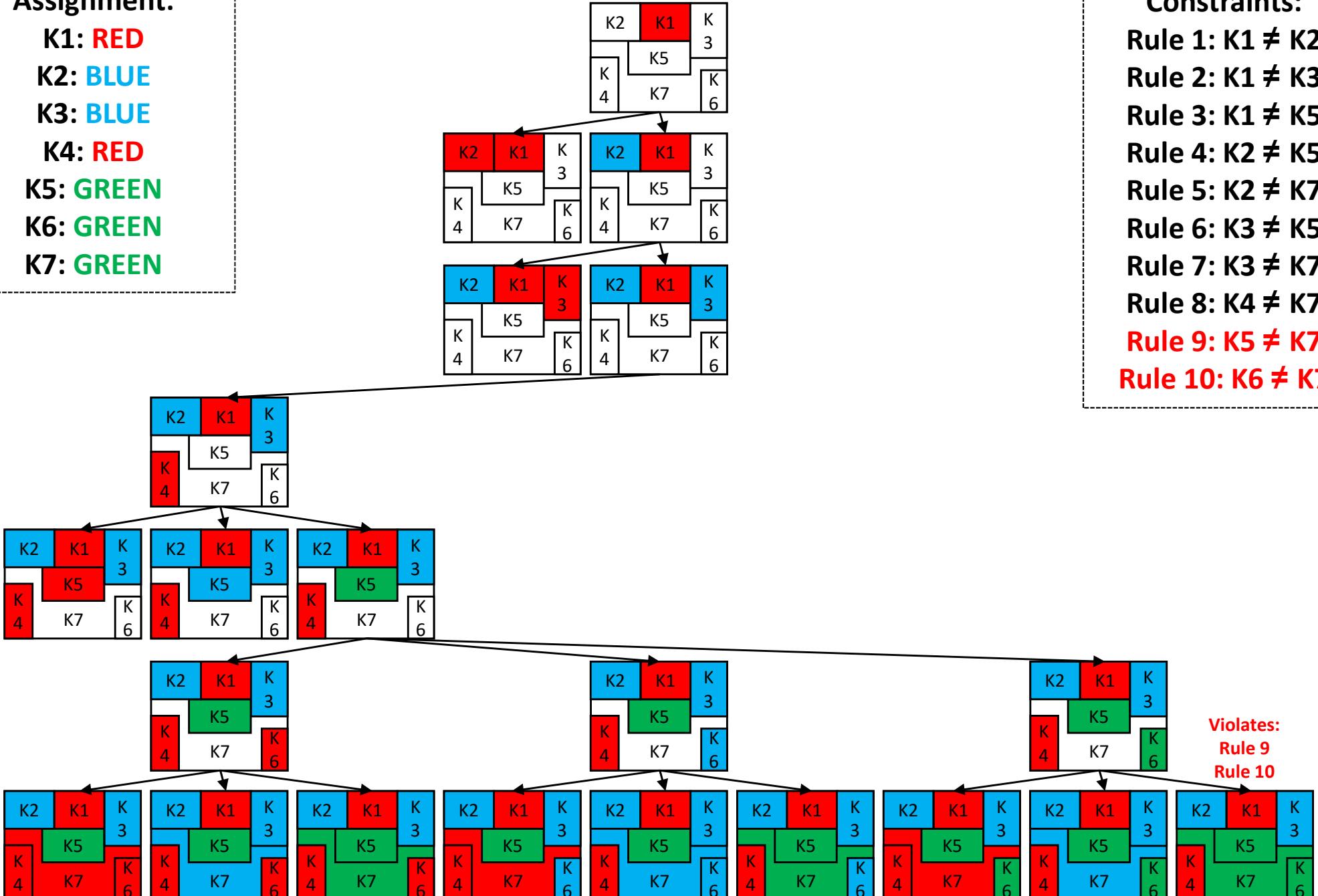
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Assignment:

K1: RED

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K4: RED

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K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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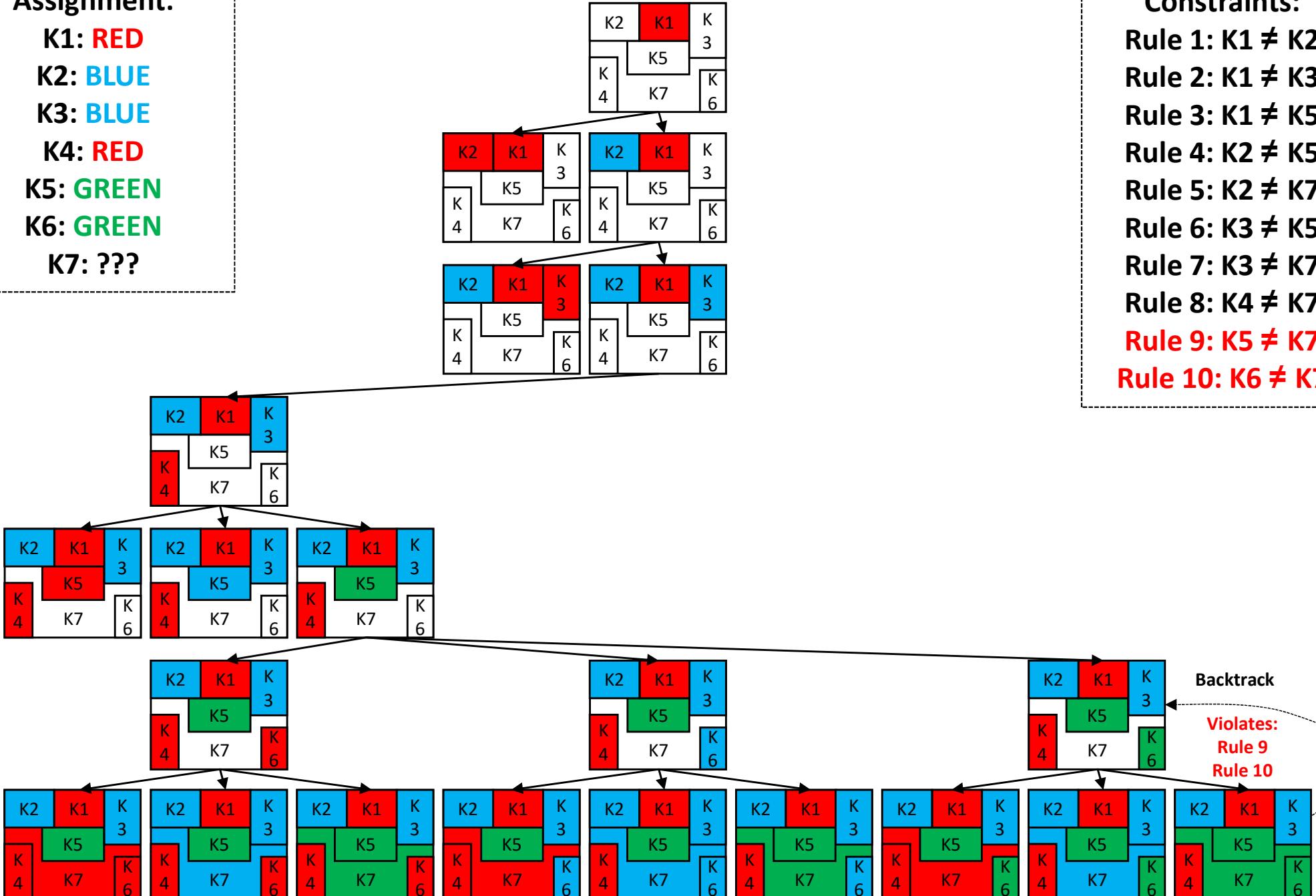
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Assignment:

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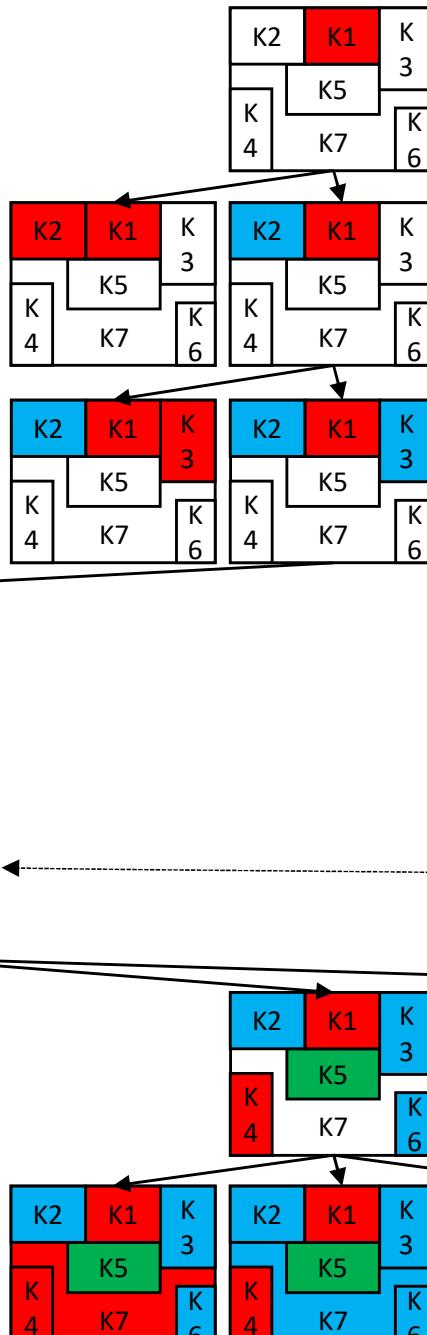
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K6: ???

K7: ???



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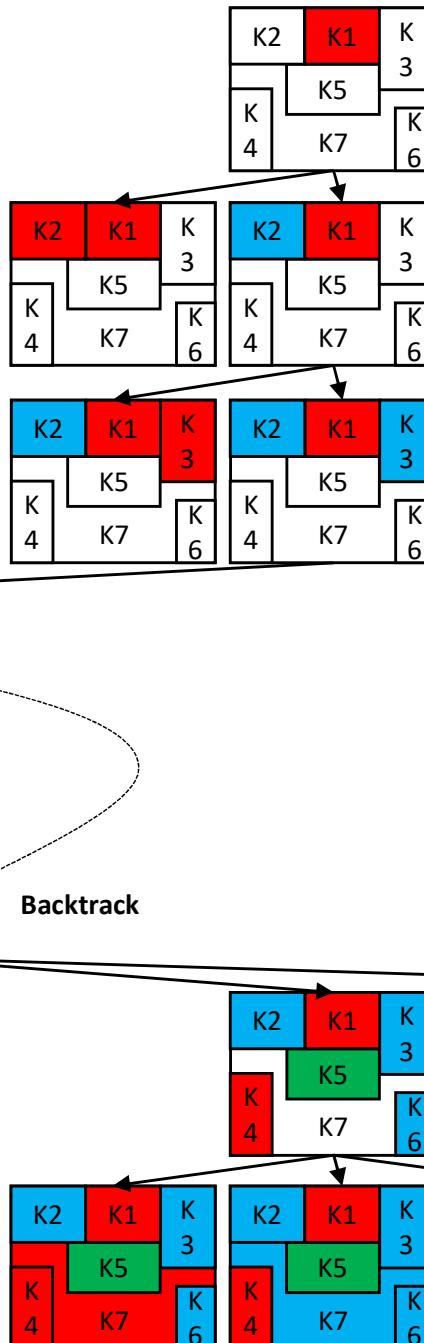
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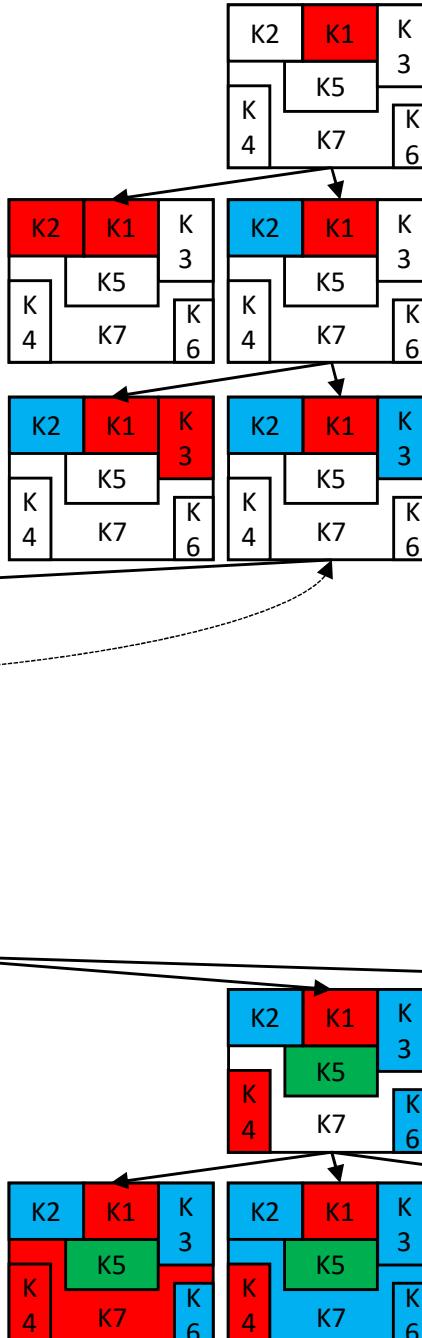
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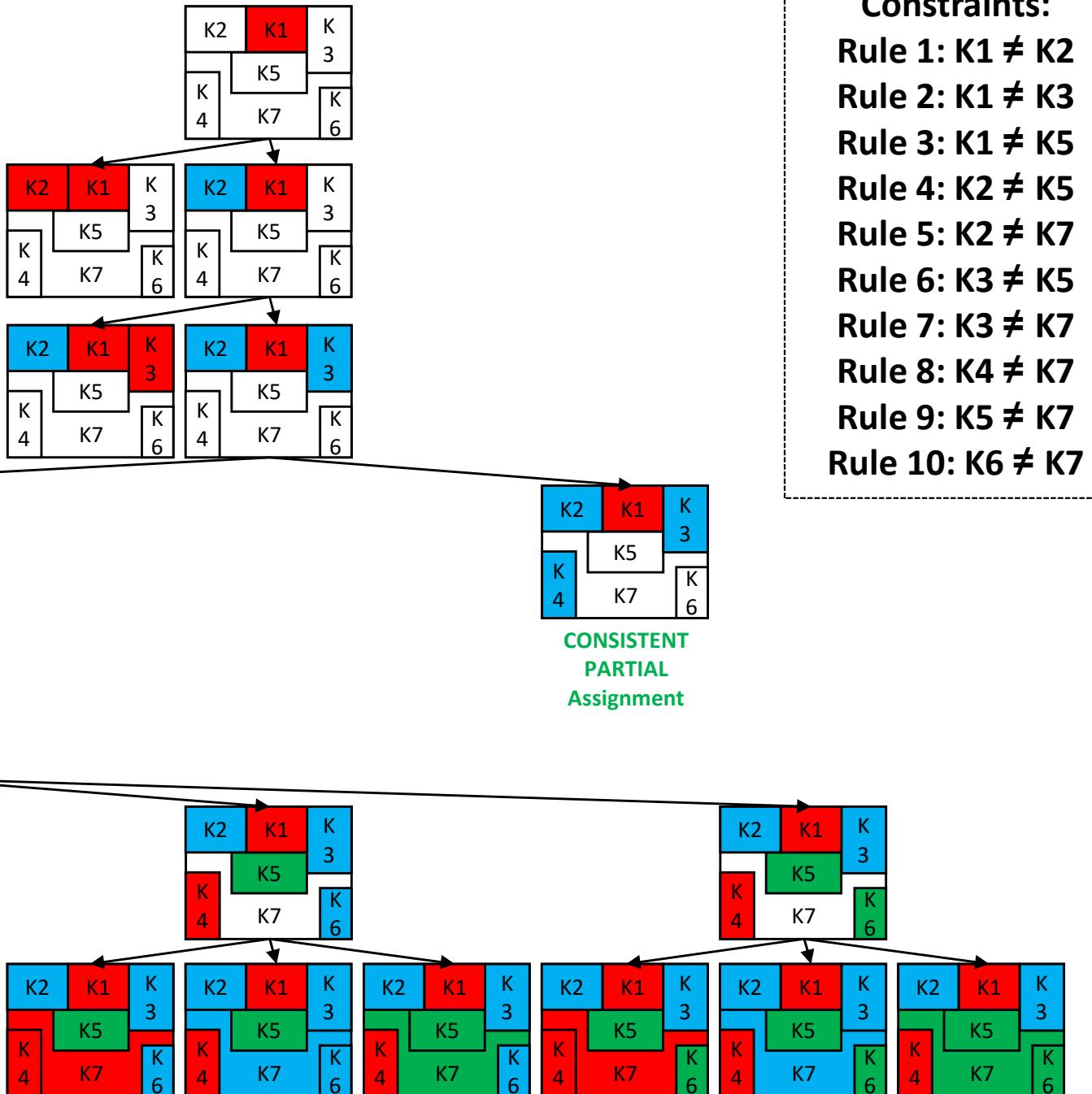
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Assignment:

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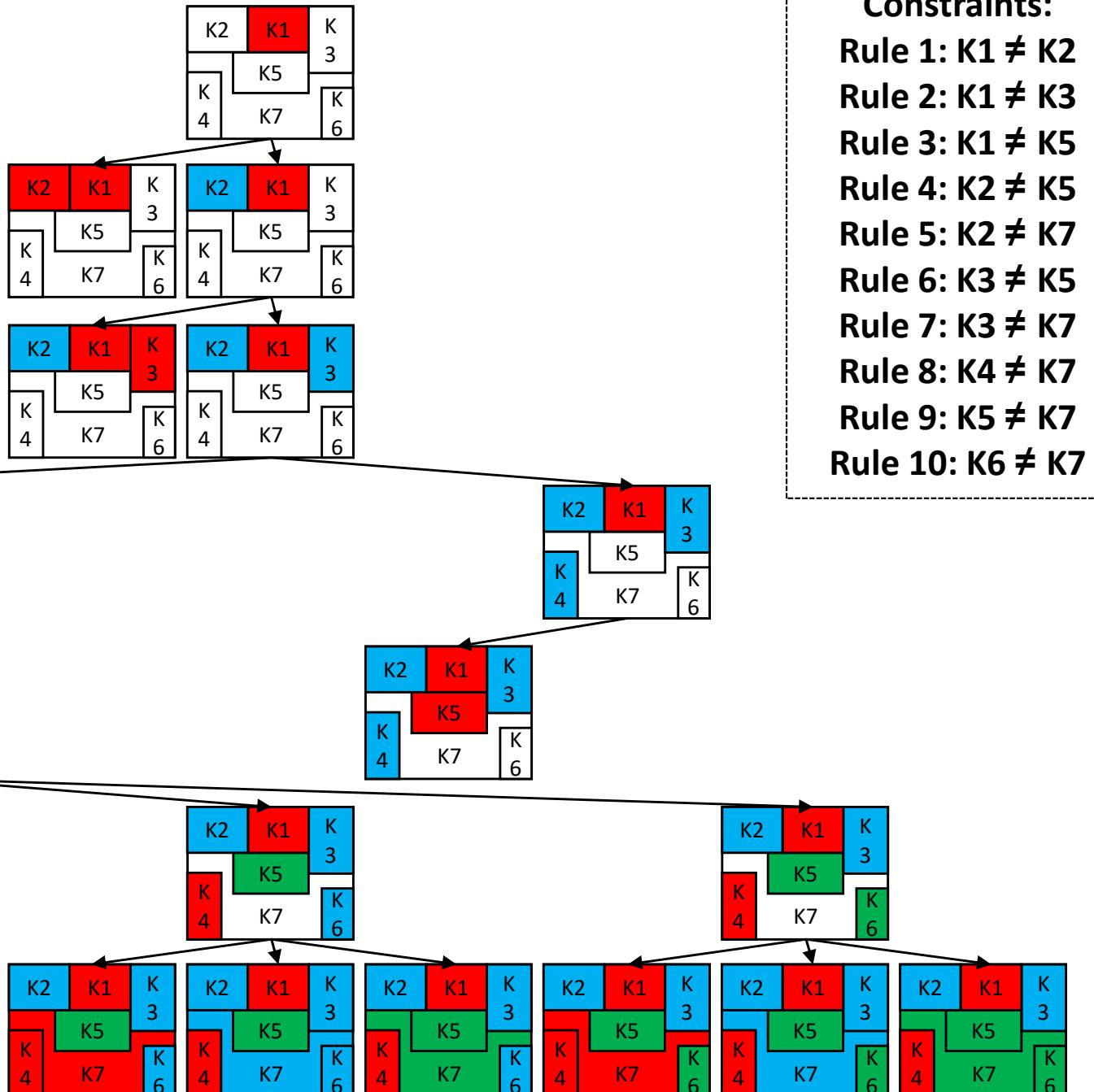
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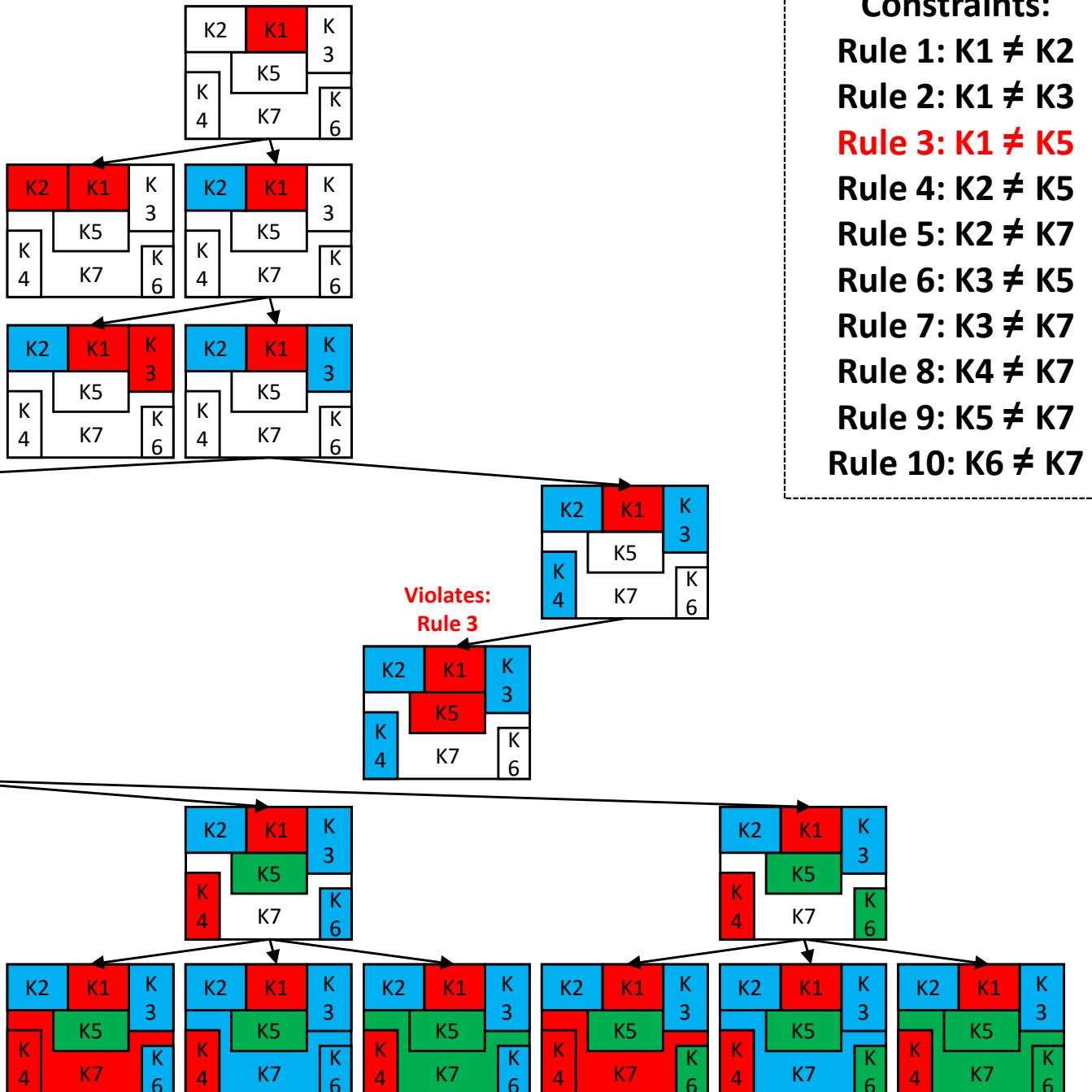
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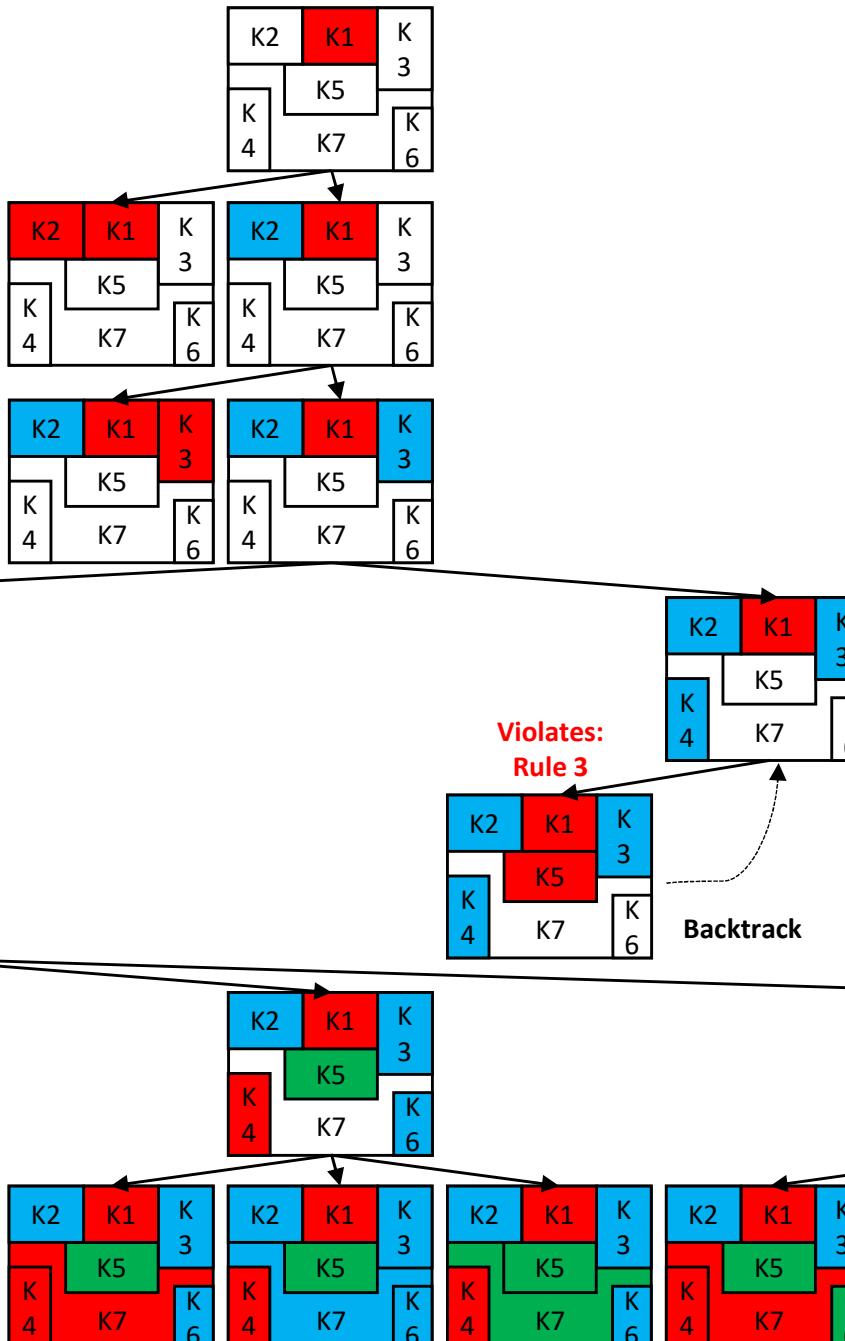
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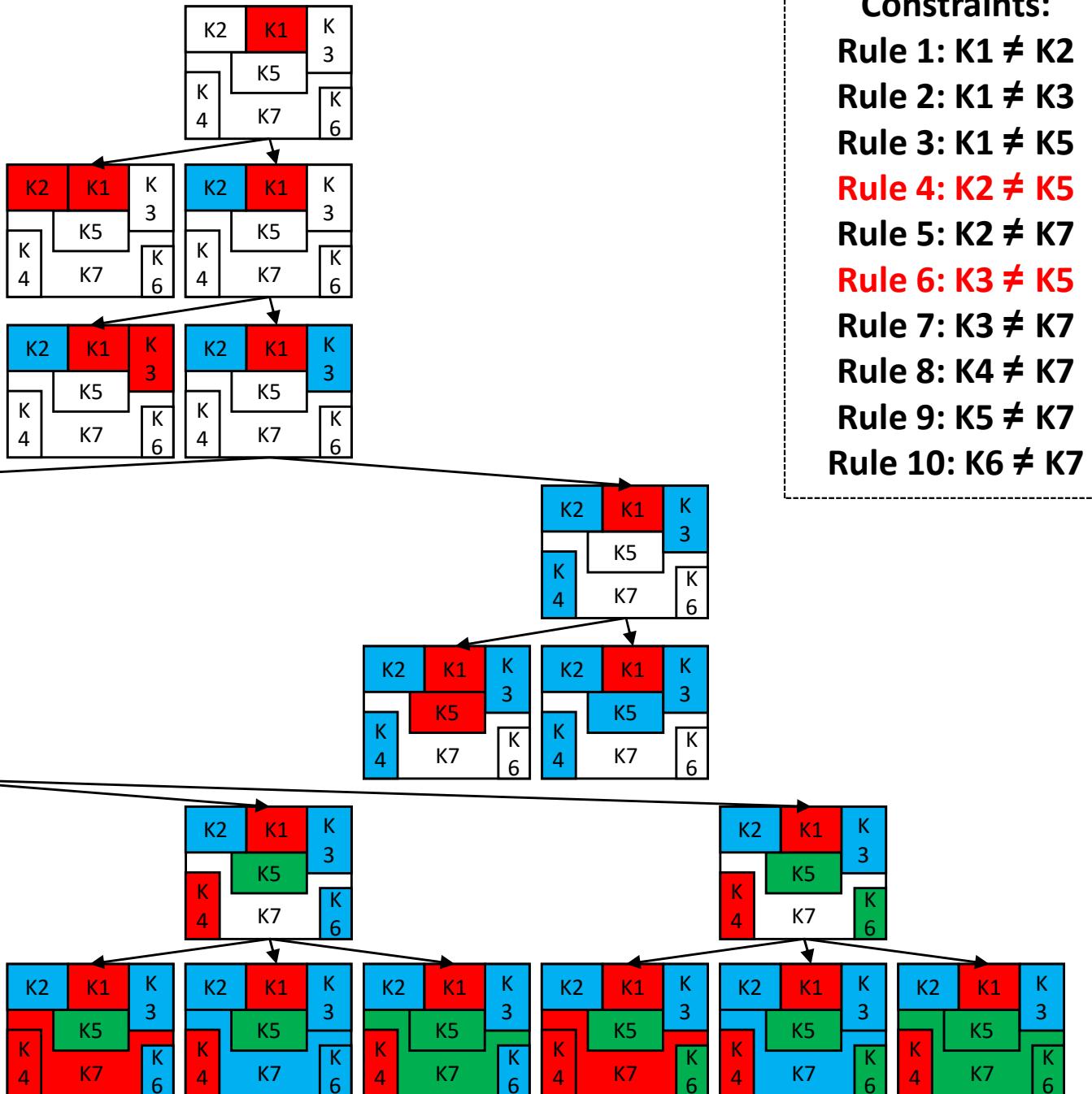
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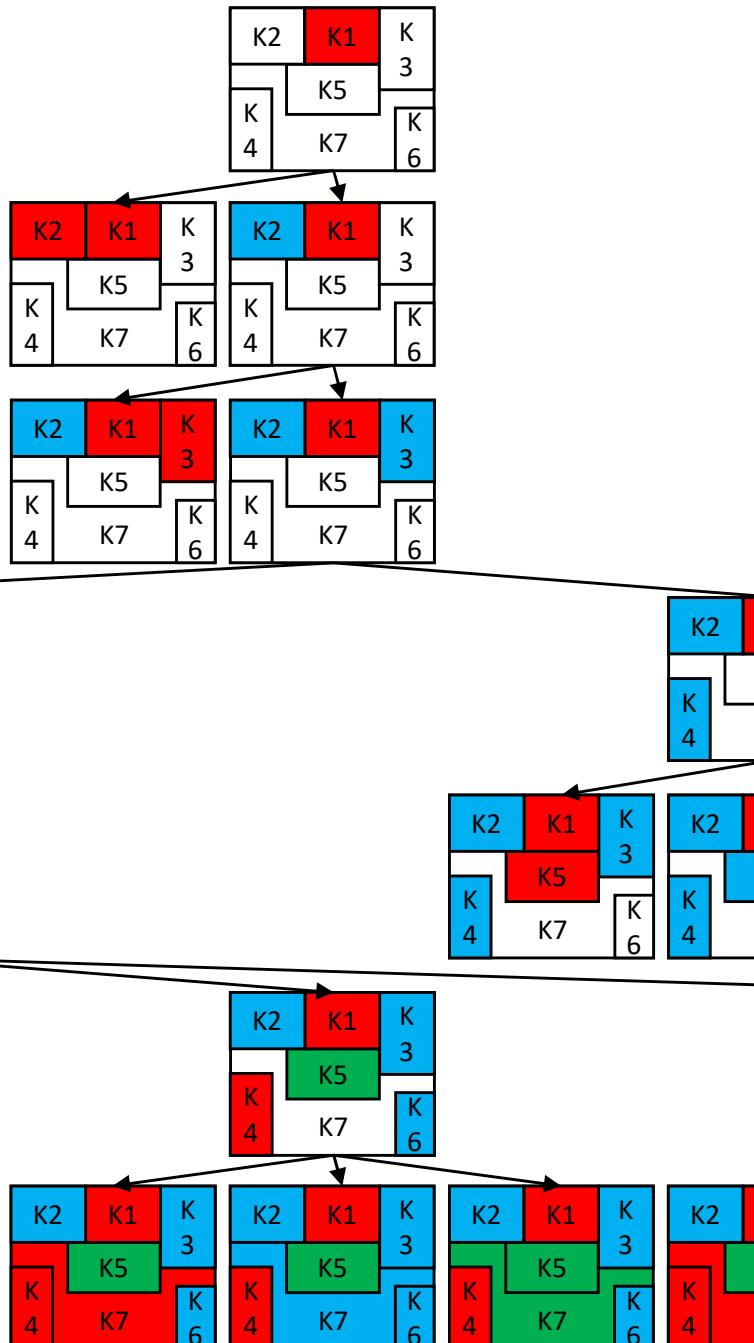
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Constraints:

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Rule 4: $K2 \neq K5$

Rule 5: $K2 \neq K7$

Rule 6: $K3 \neq K5$

Rule 7: $K3 \neq K7$

Rule 8: $K4 \neq K7$

Rule 9: $K5 \neq K7$

Rule 10: $K6 \neq K7$

Violates:

Rule 4

Rule 6

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Assignment:

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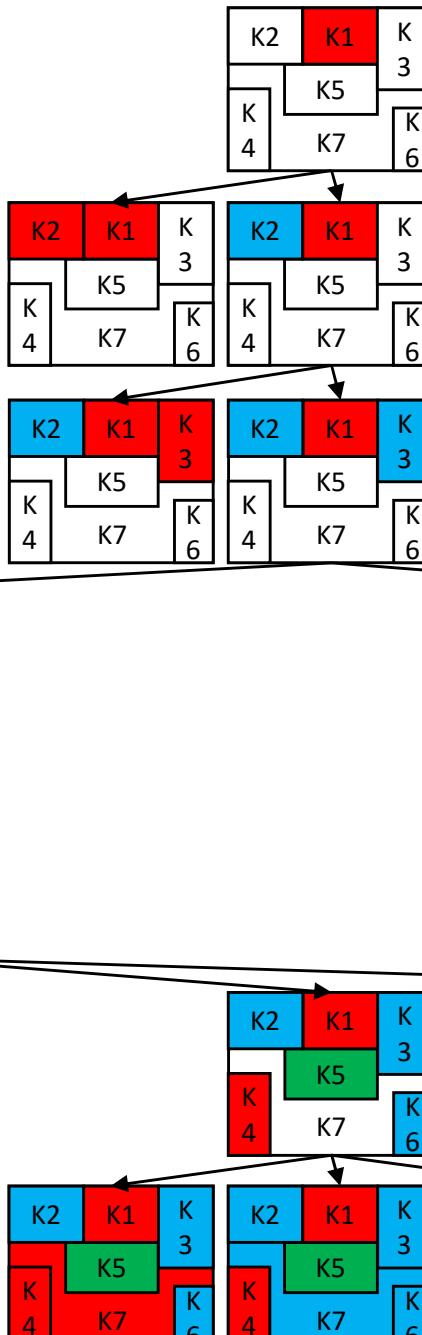
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Assignment:

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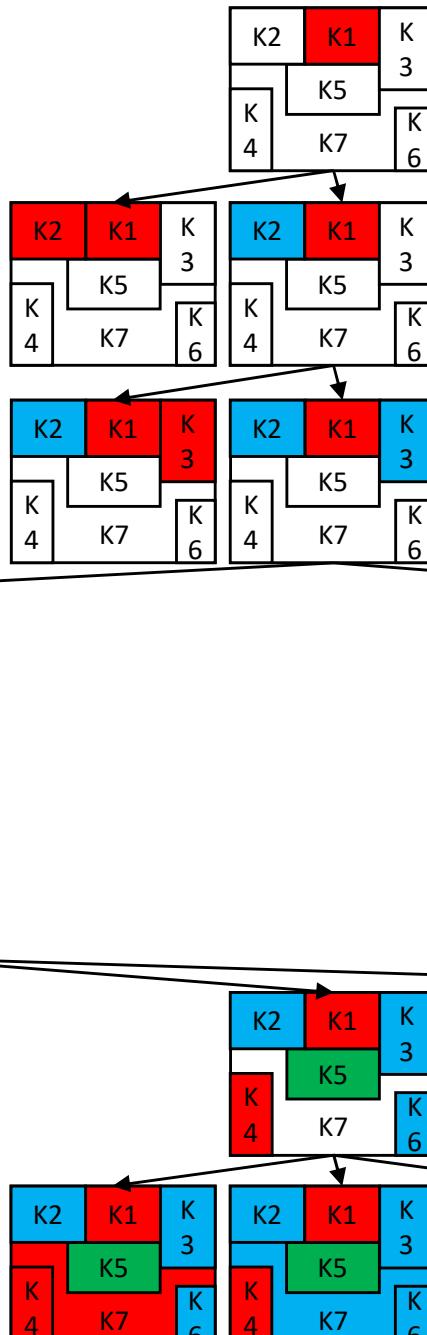
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Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

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K5: GREEN

K6: ???

K7: ???

Constraints:

Rule 1: $K1 \neq K2$

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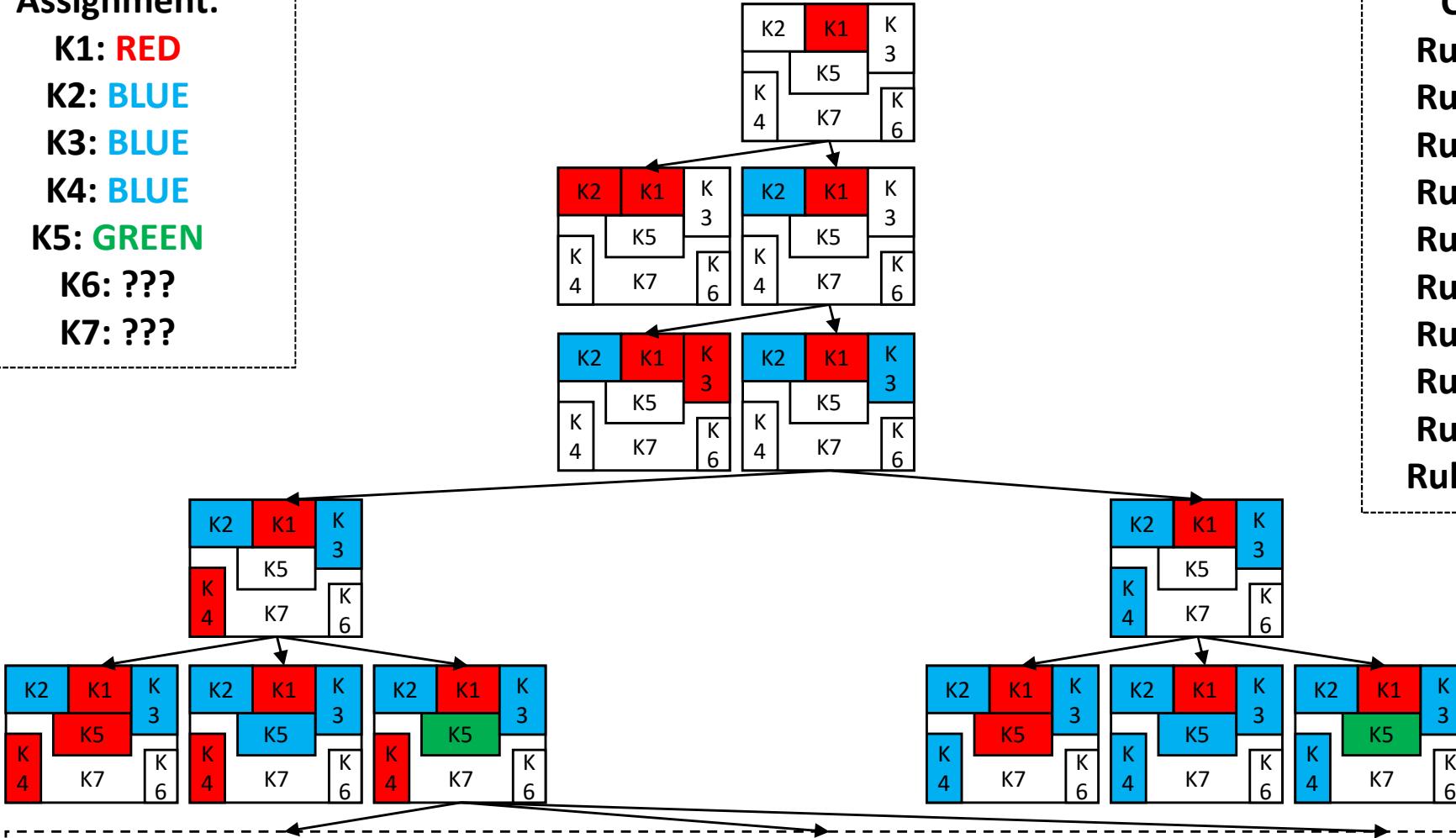
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**CONSISTENT
PARTIAL
Assignment**

Visited / dead ends
Complete, but inconsistent assignments

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: RED, BLUE, GREEN

Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: BLUE

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???

Constraints:

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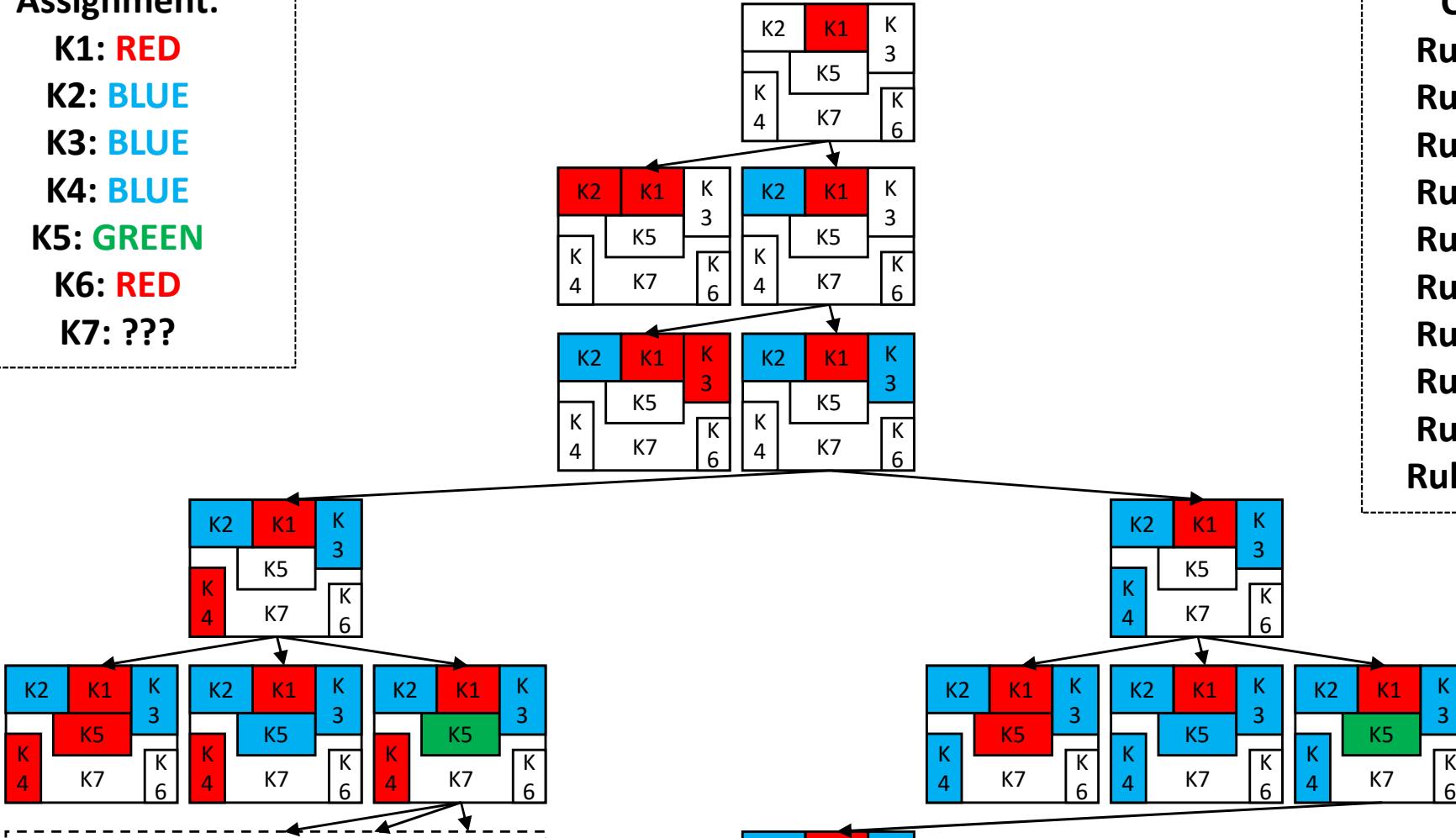
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Complete, but inconsistent
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Assignment:

K1: RED

K2: BLUE

K3: BLUE

K4: BLUE

K5: GREEN

K6: RED

K7: ???

Constraints:

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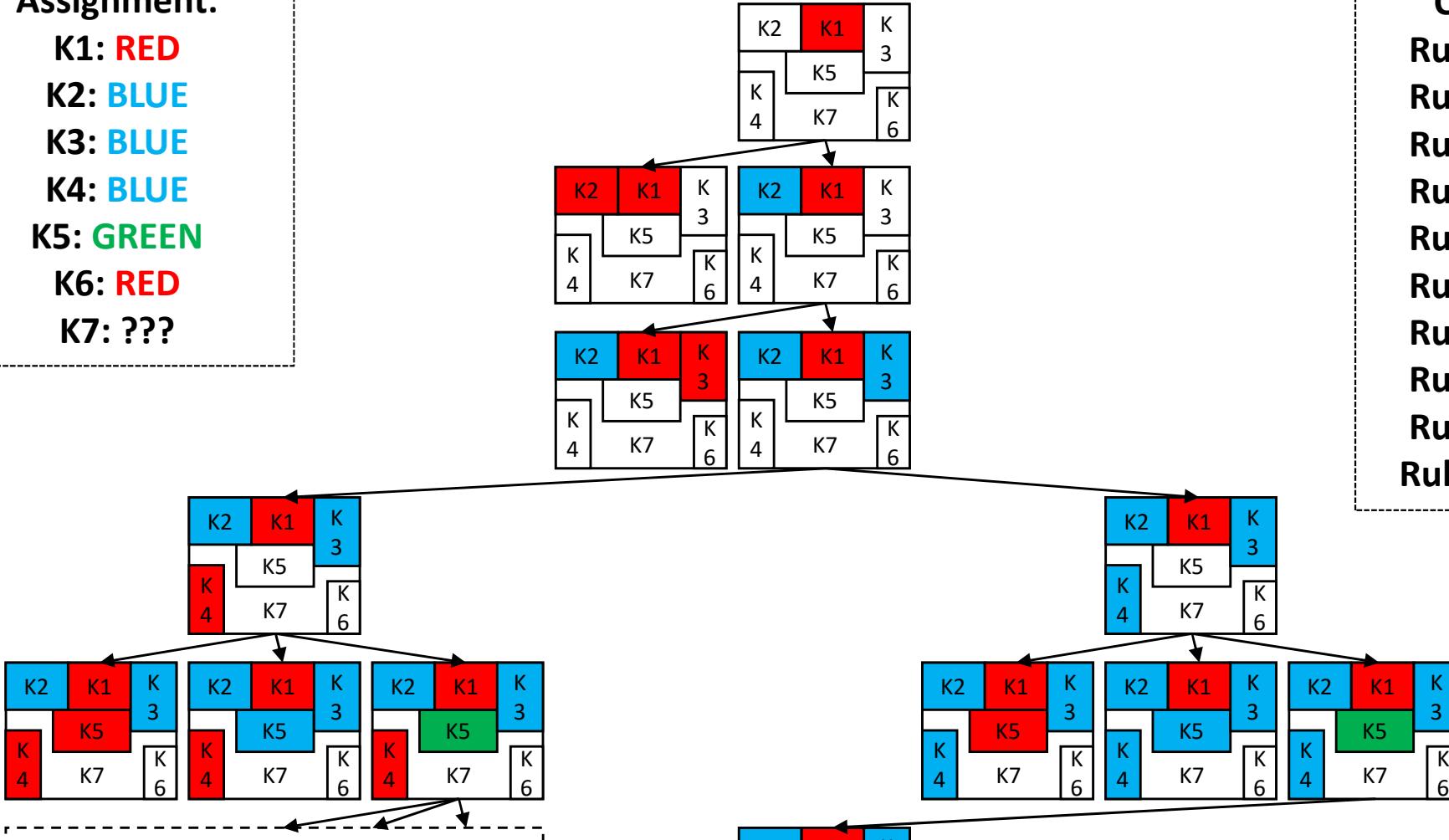
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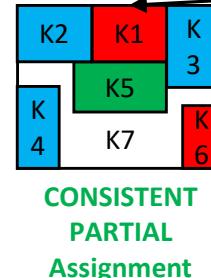
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Visited / dead ends:
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Assignment:

K1: RED

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K6: RED

K7: RED

Constraints:

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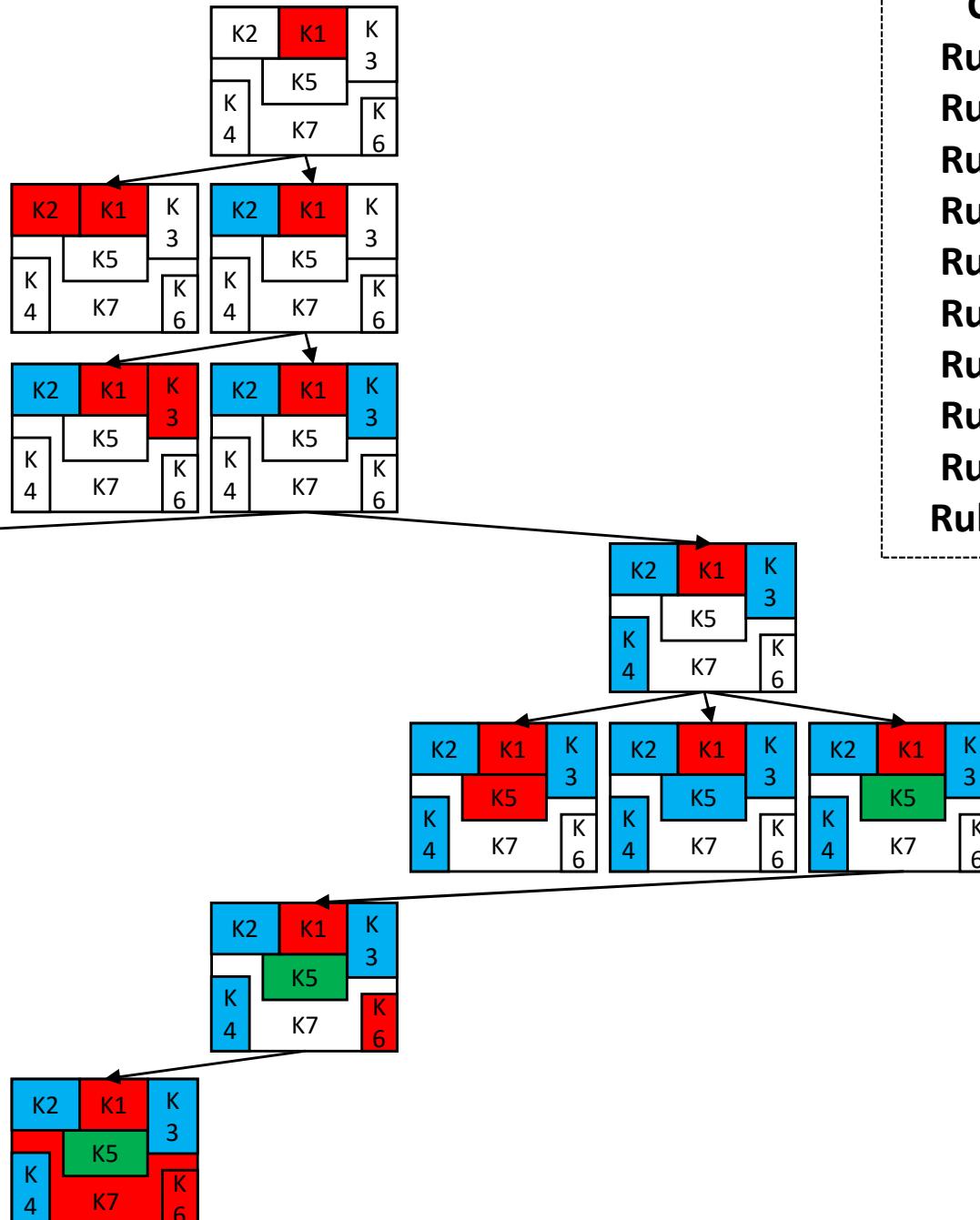
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Assignment:

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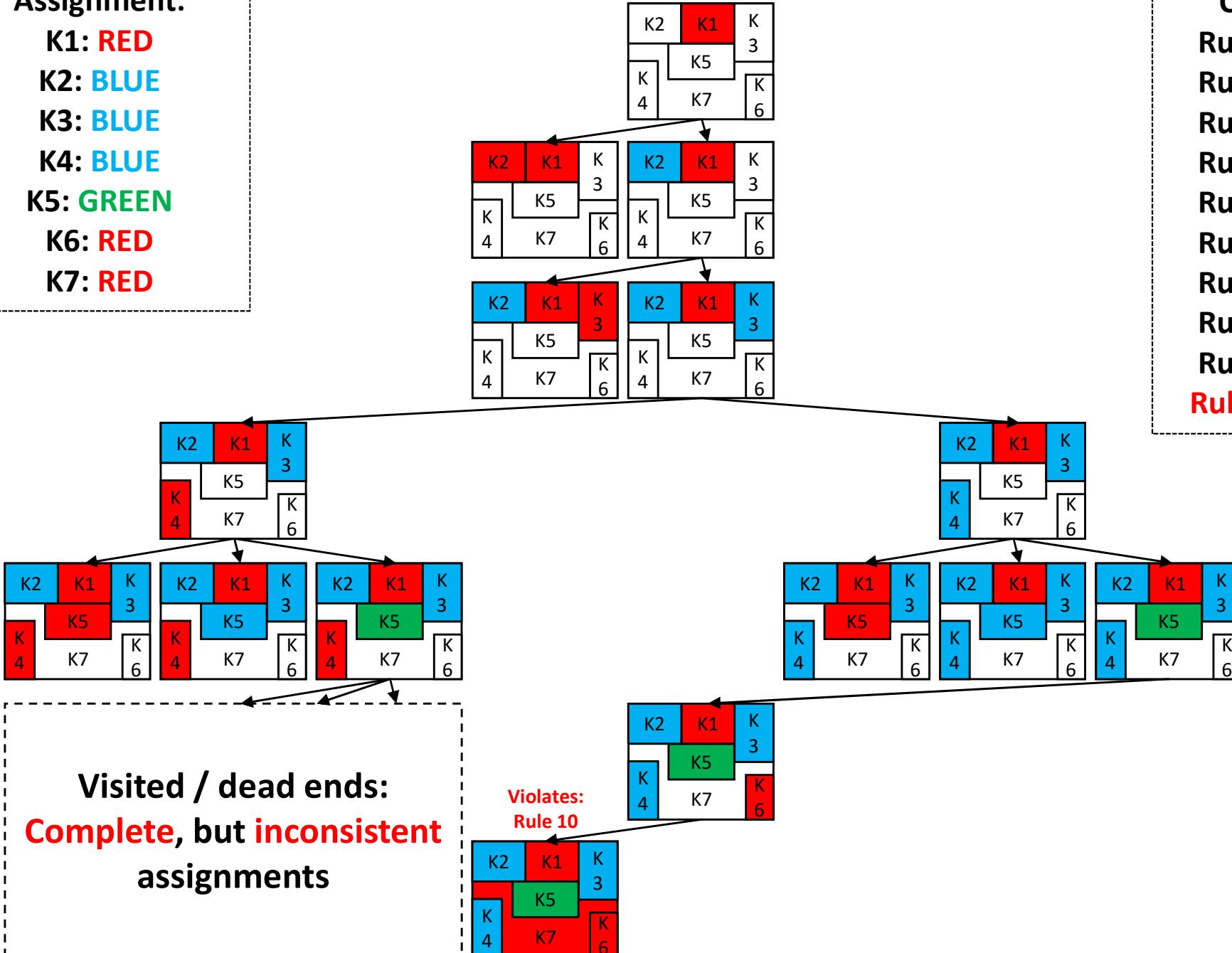
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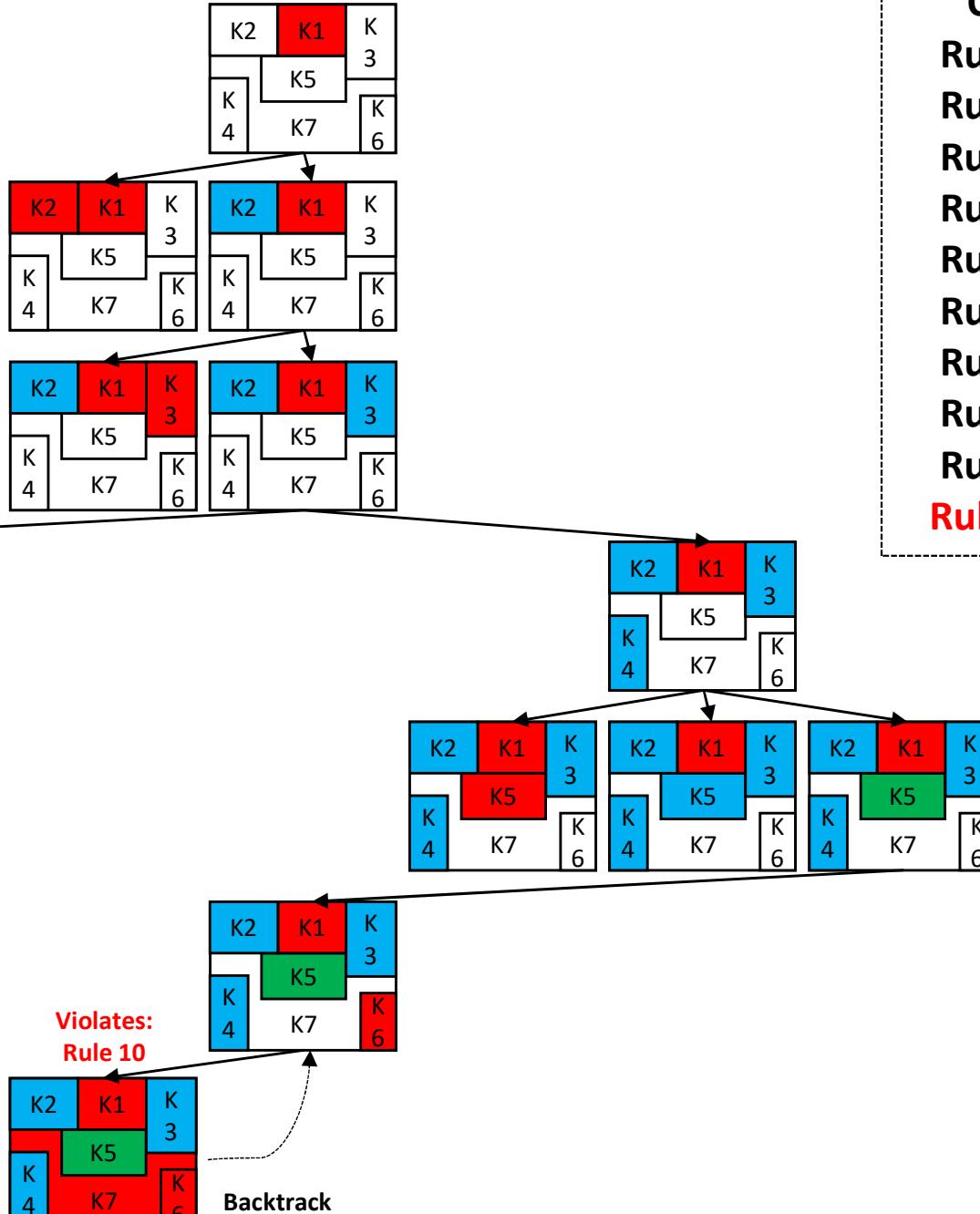
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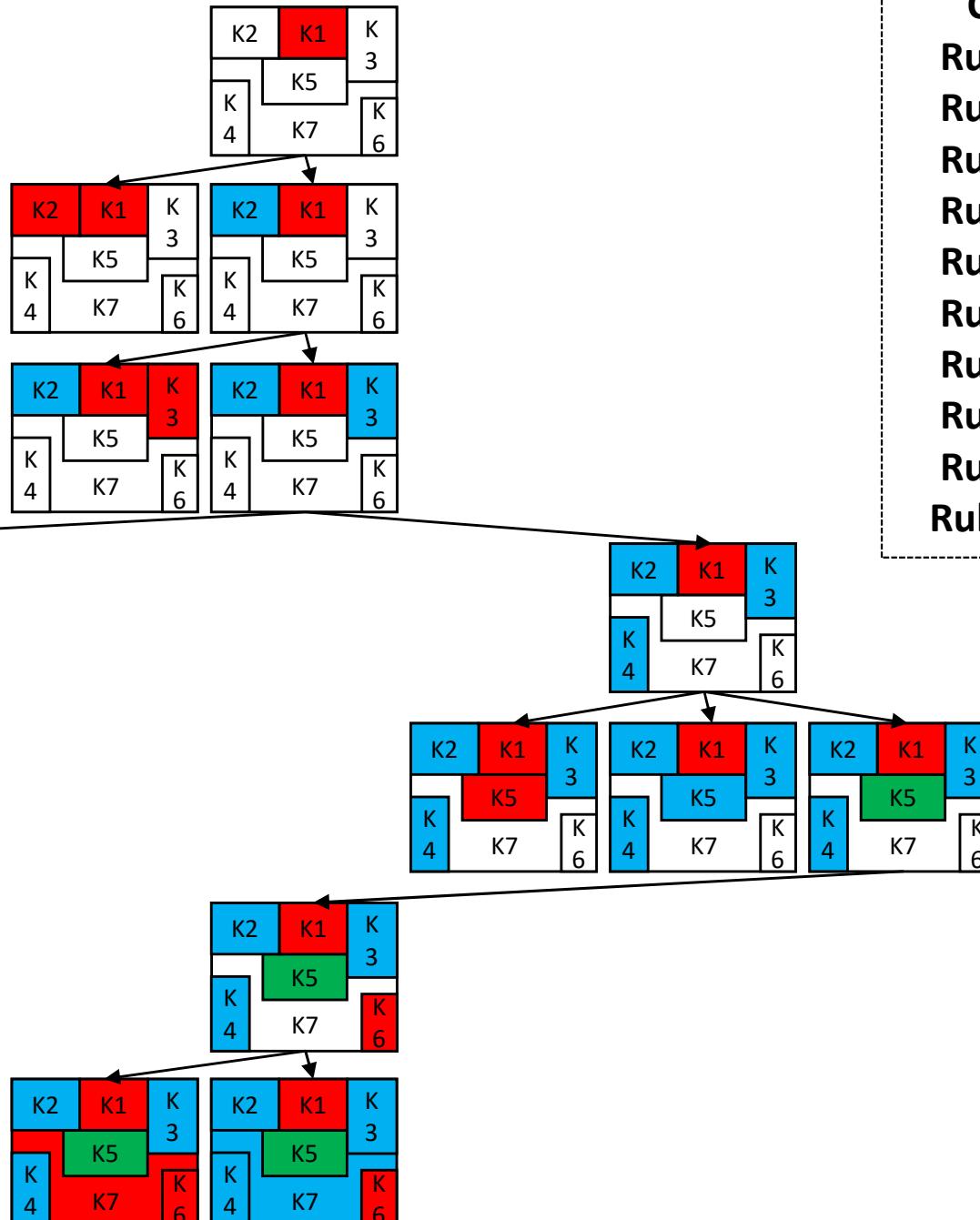
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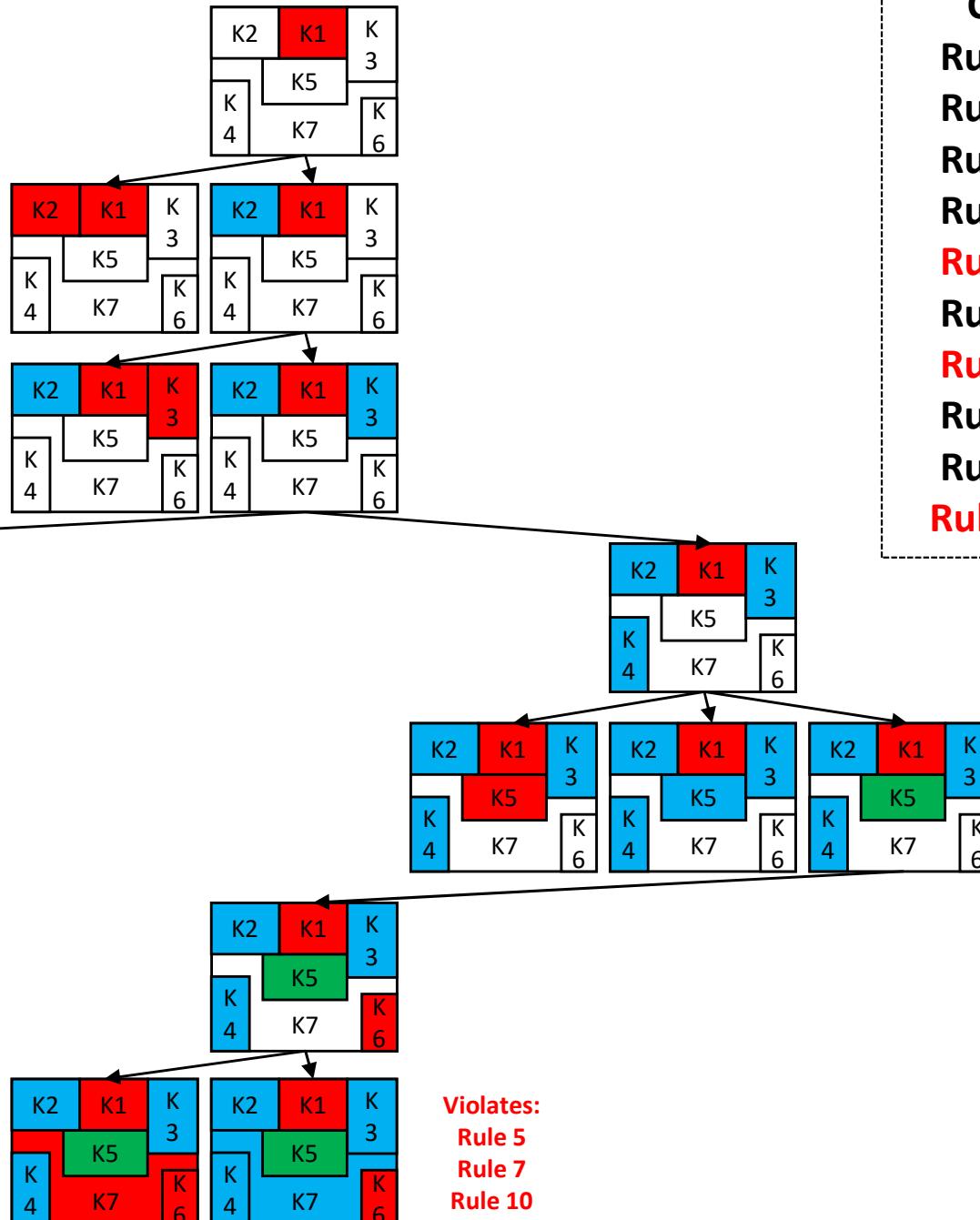
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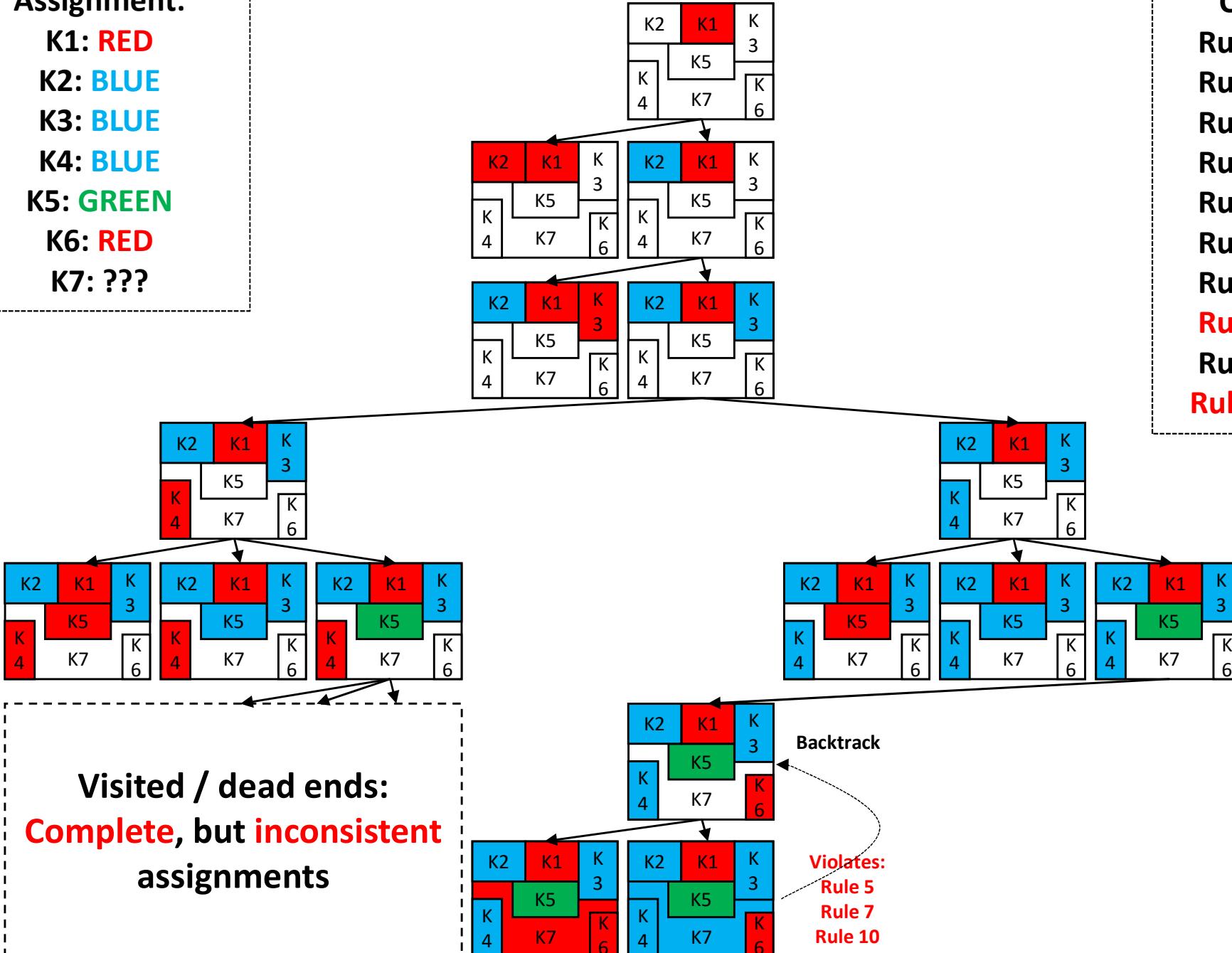
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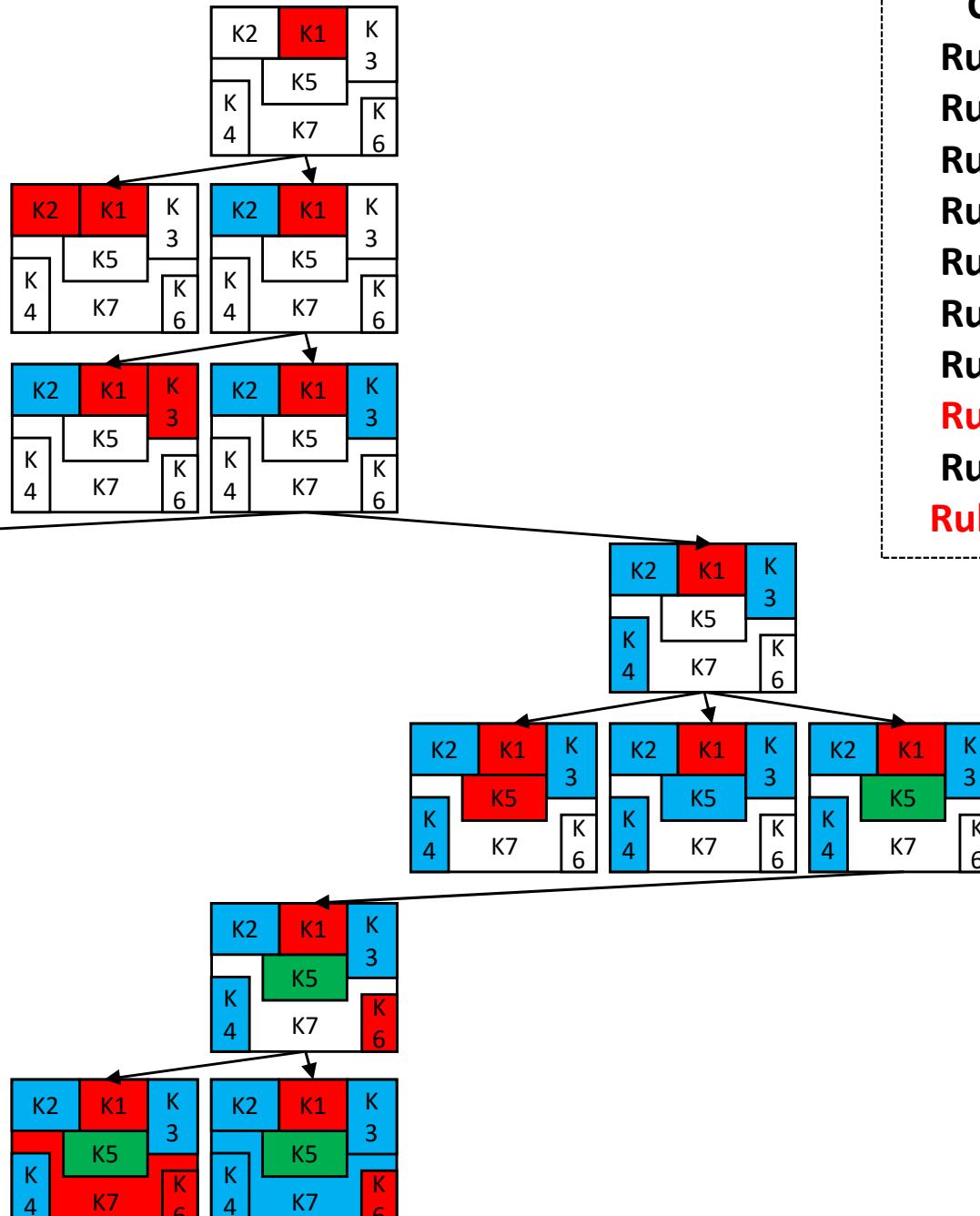
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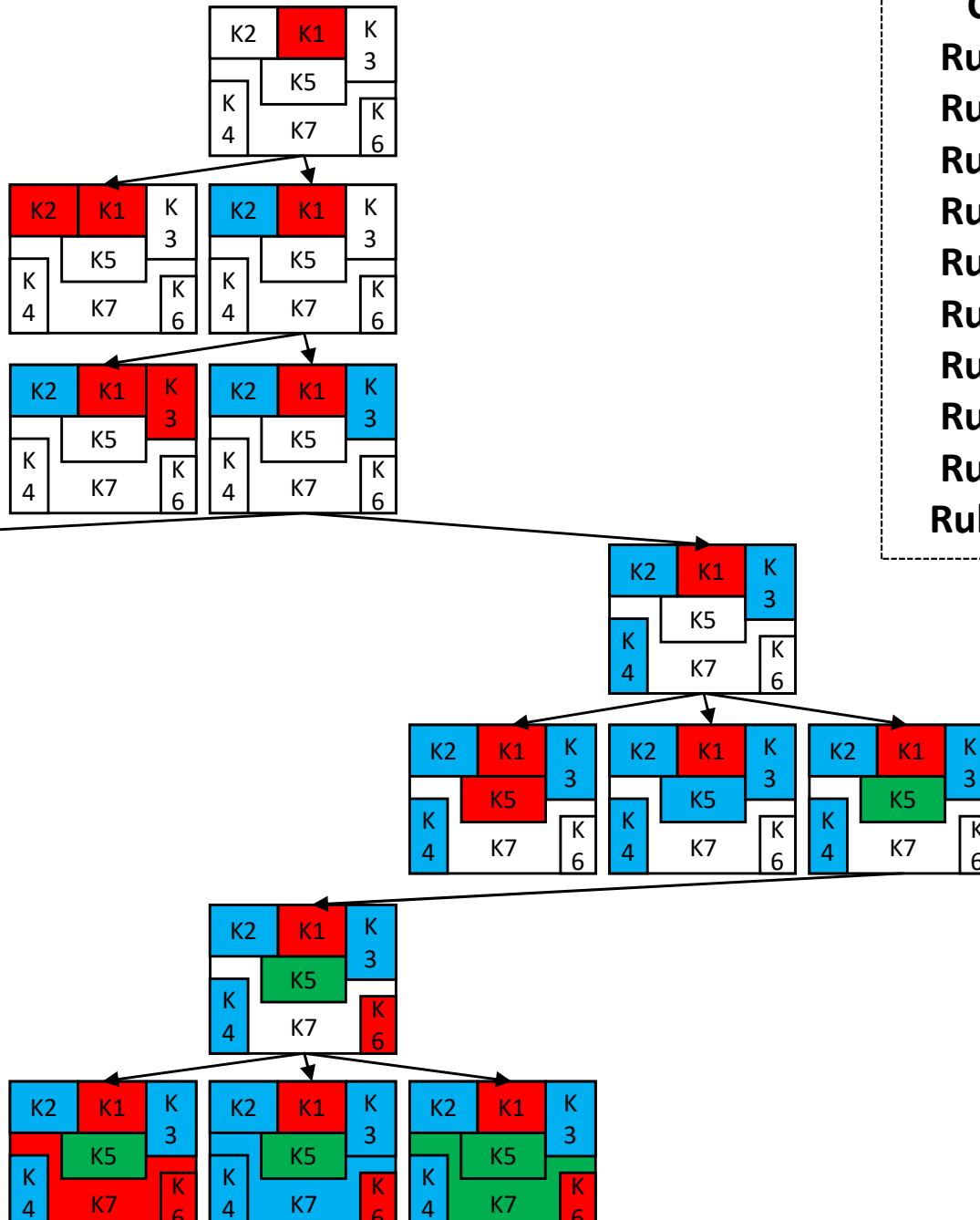
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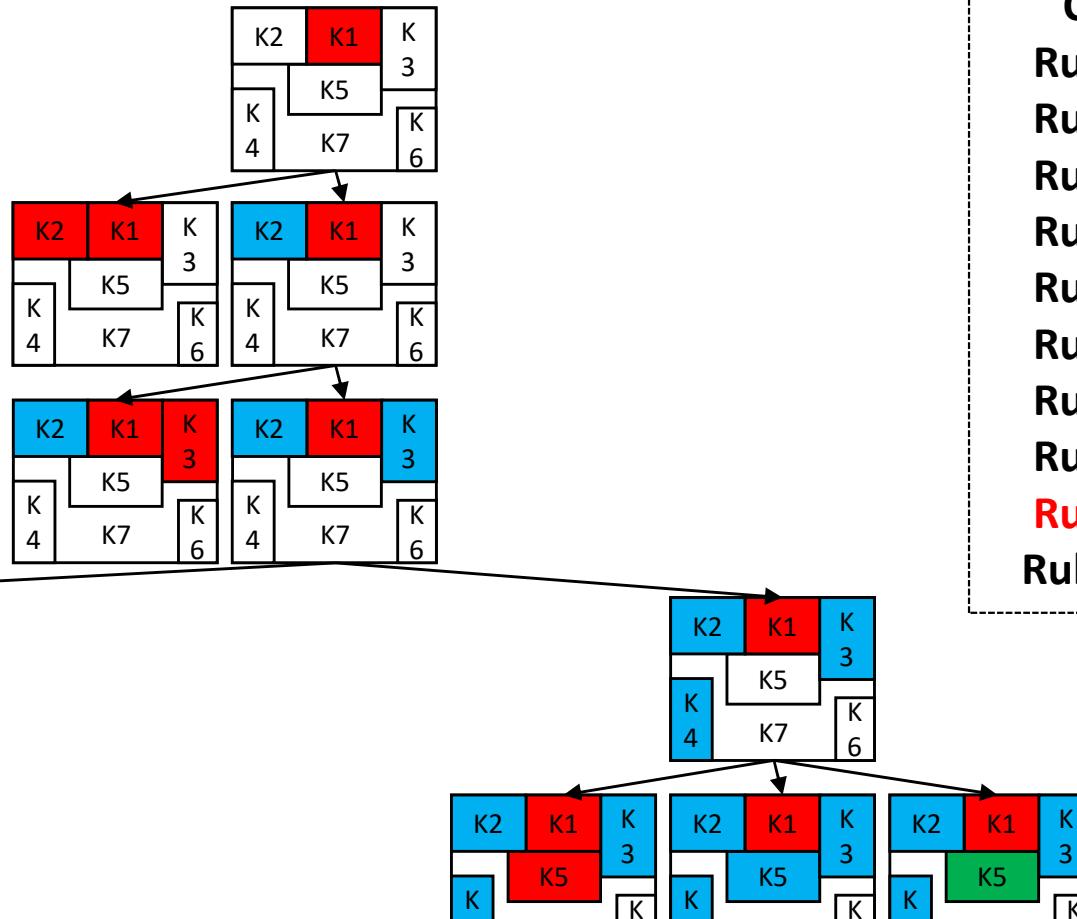
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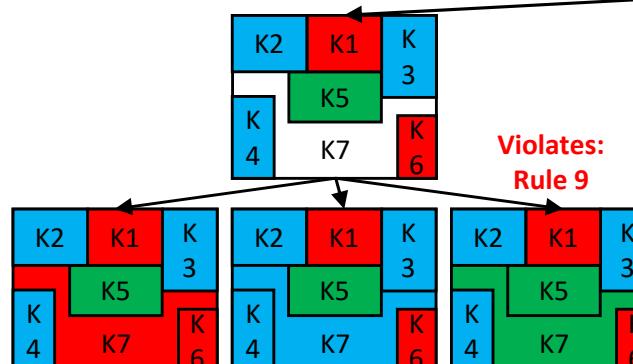
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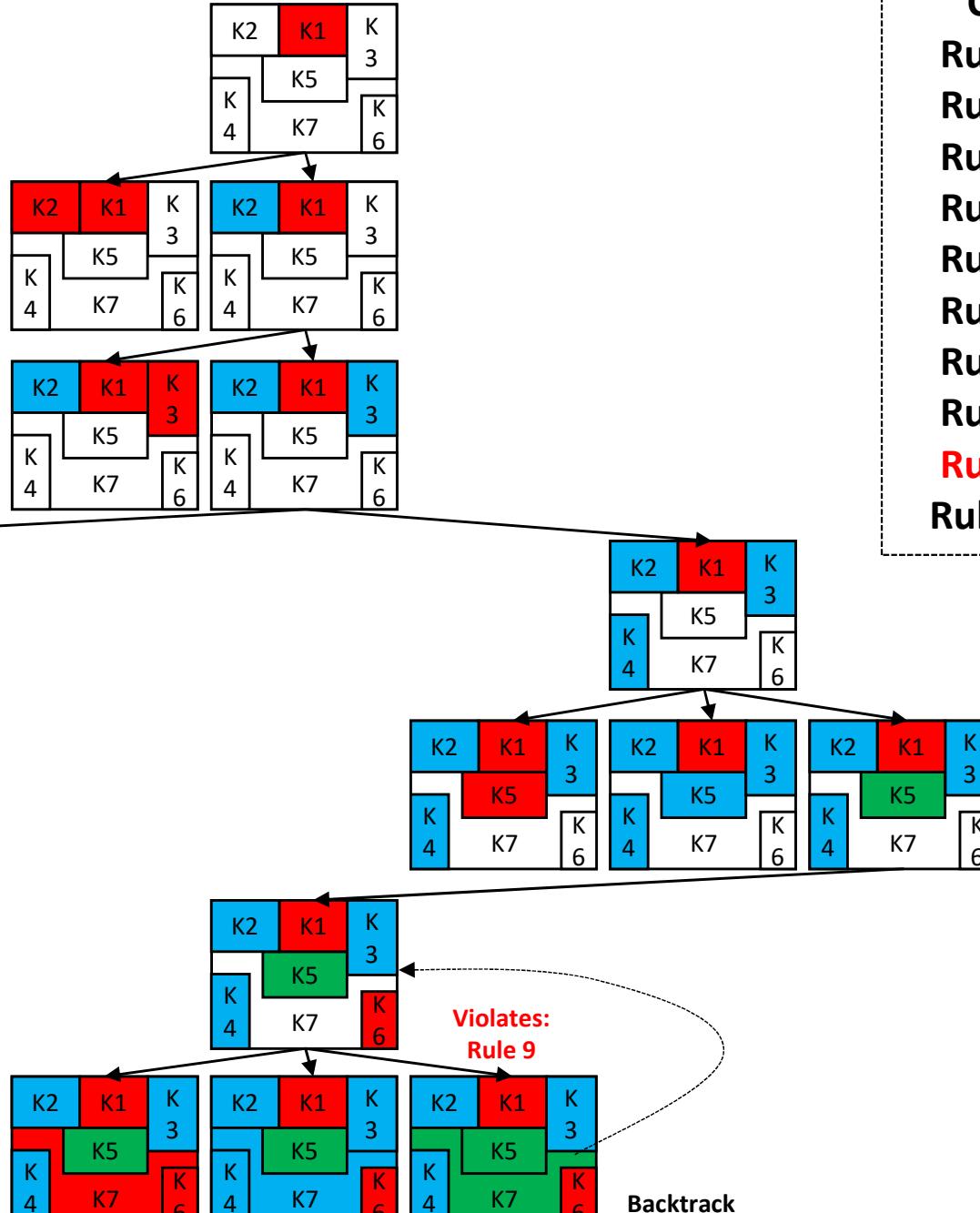
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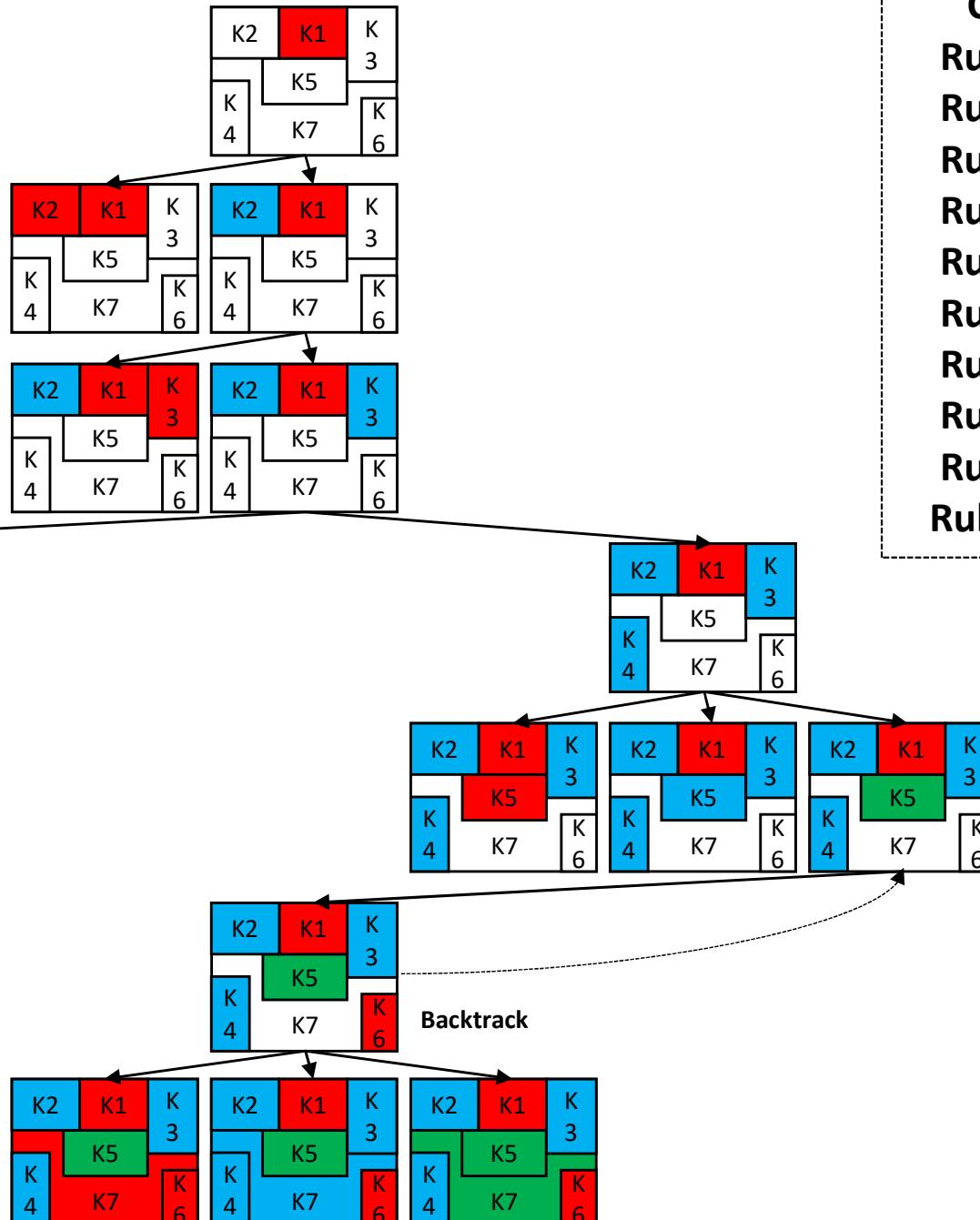
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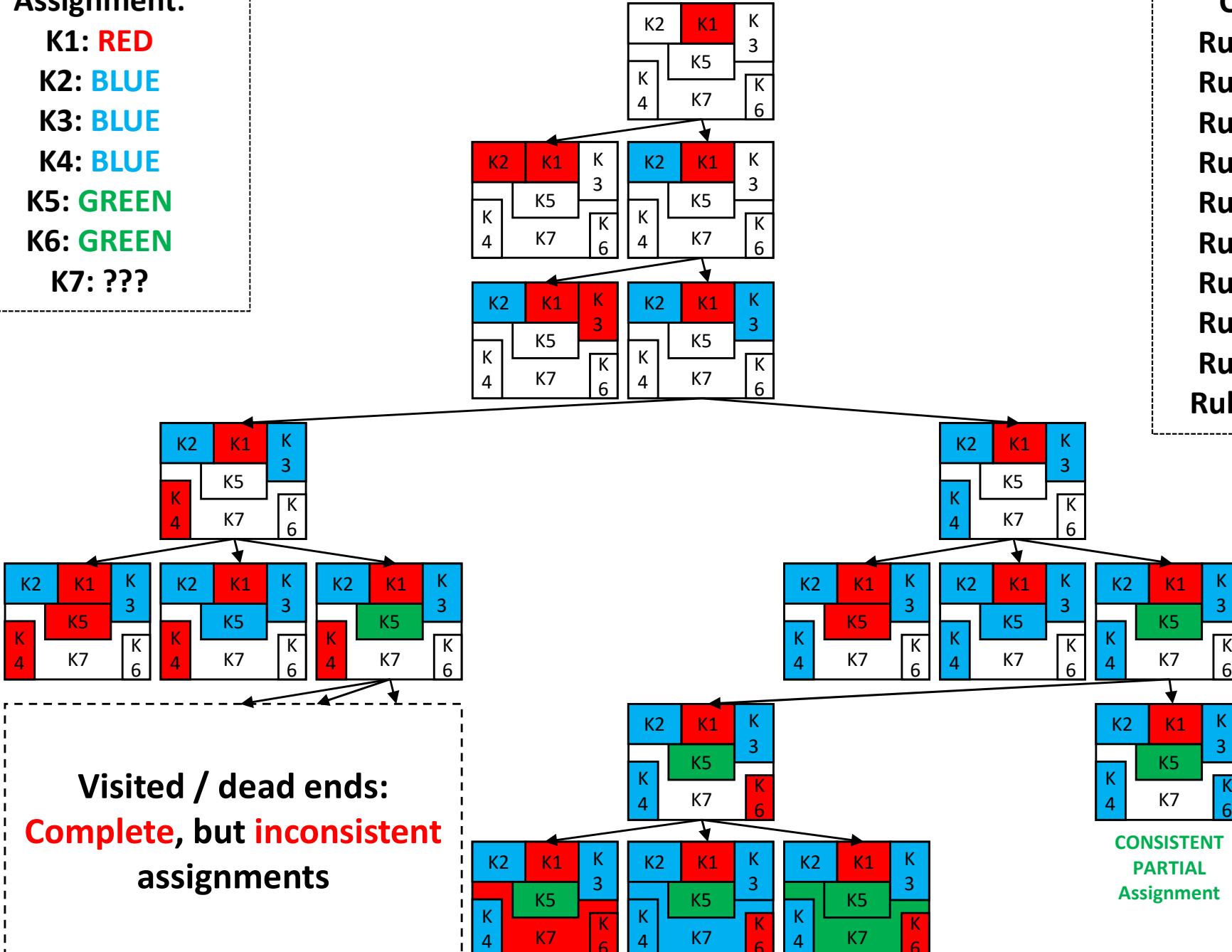
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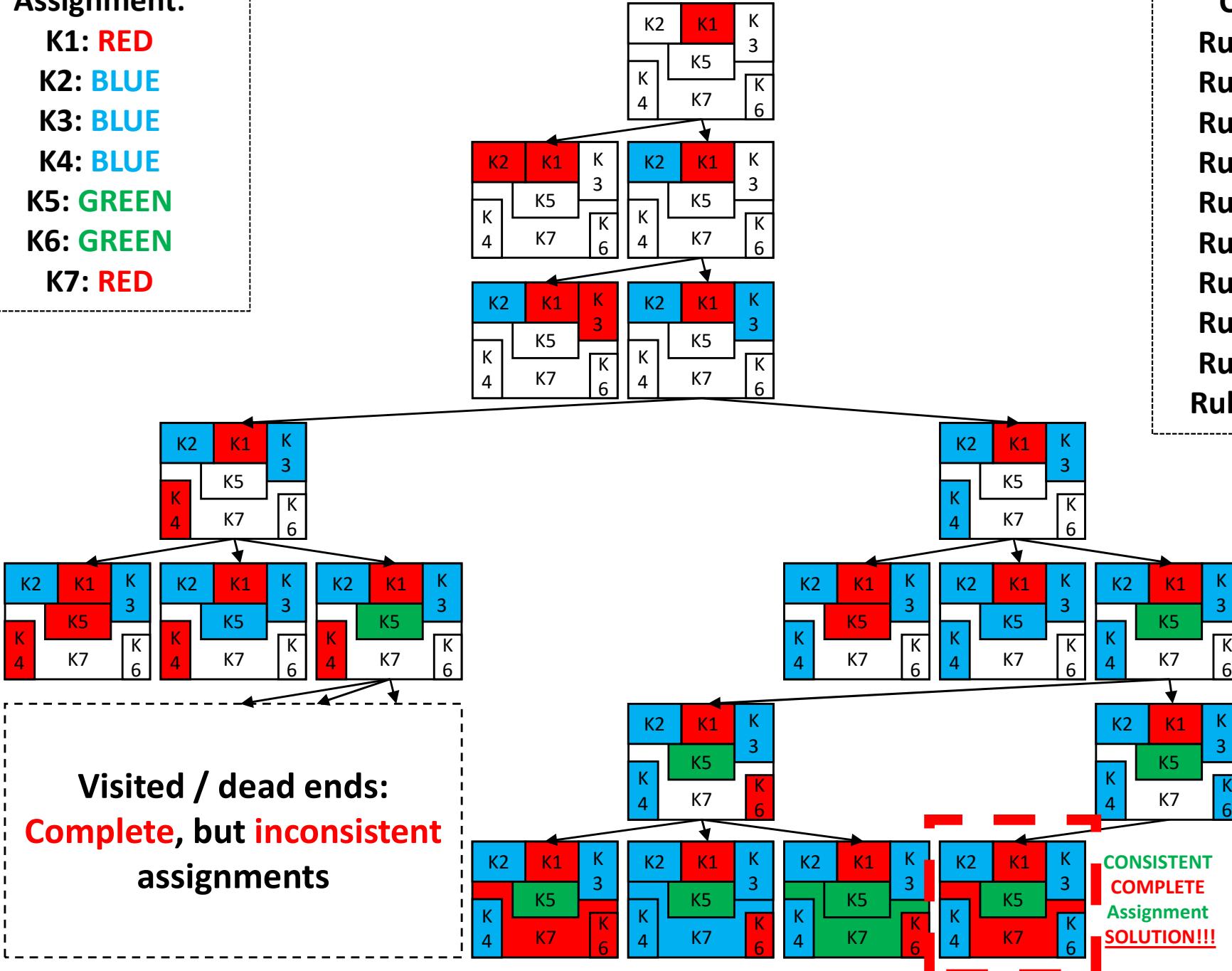
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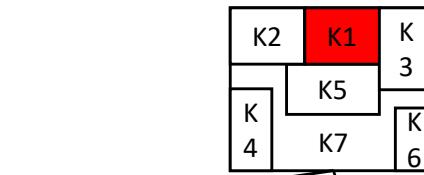
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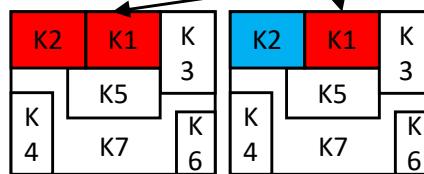
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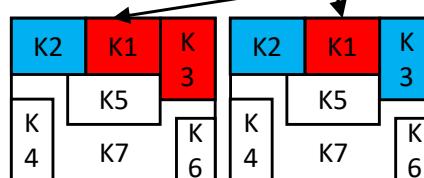
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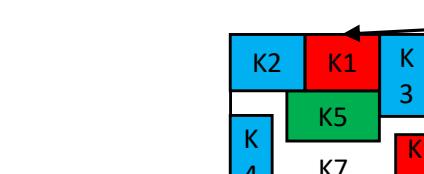
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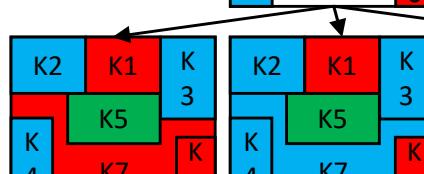
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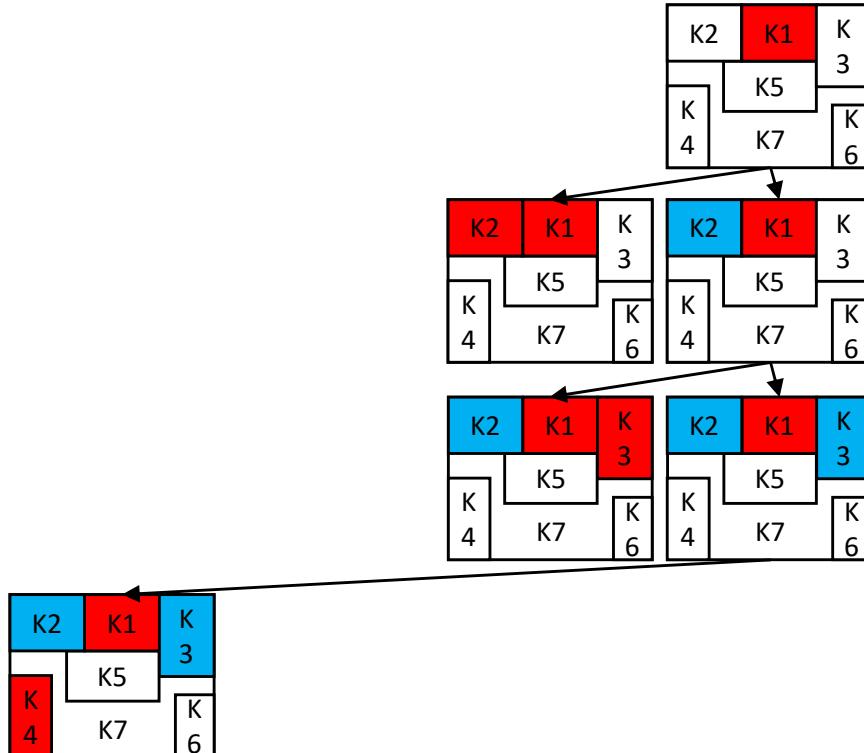
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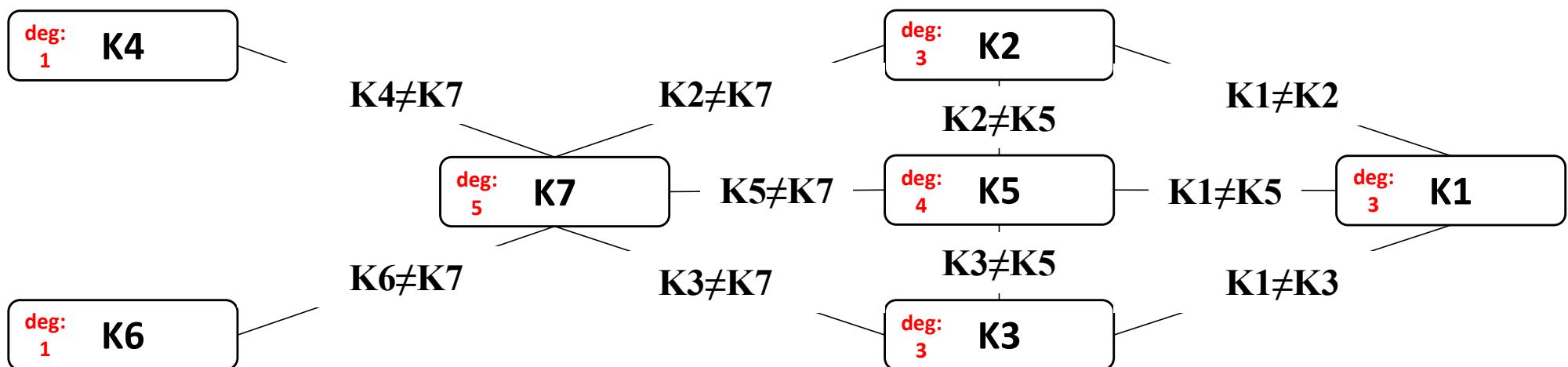
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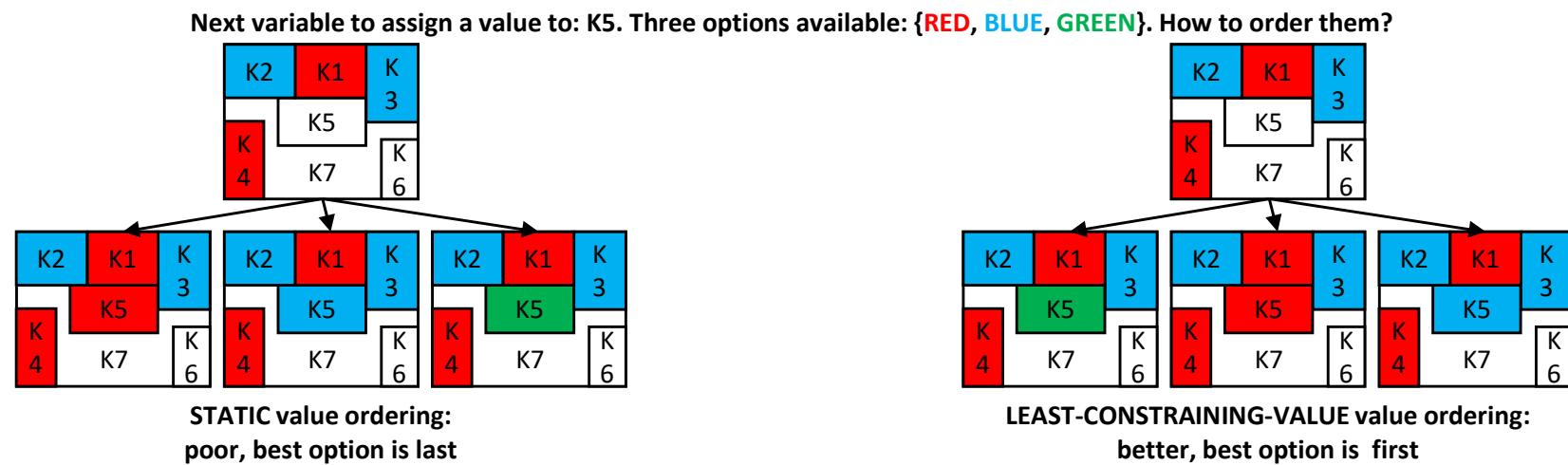
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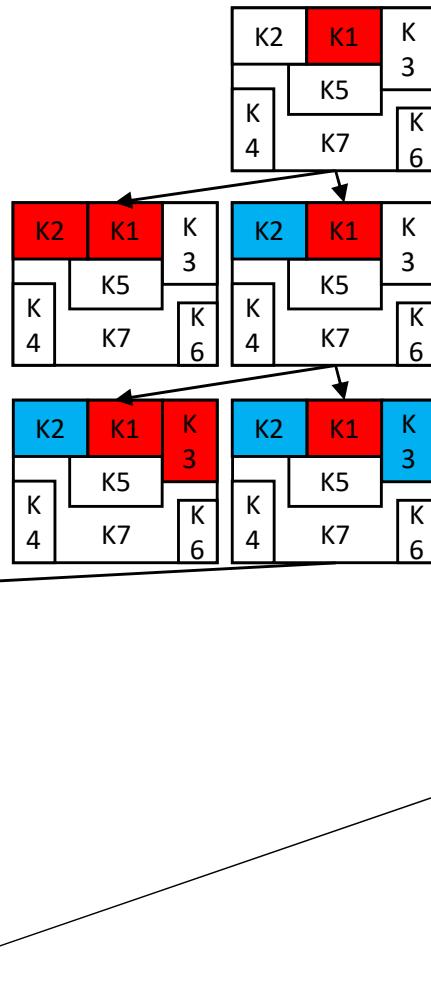
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Least-Constraining-Value Heuristics

We picked (SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE) the next variable to assign a value to and we have a number of values to choose from. What next?

- use the least-constraining-value heuristic
 - picks a value that **rules out the fewest choices for neighboring variables in the constraint graph** (increase **flexibility for FUTURE assignments**)
 - ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES is the function that orders values here





INCONSISTENCY of
this PARTIAL
assignment was
established at the
node level:
node consistency

Can we detect /
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INCONSISTENCIES
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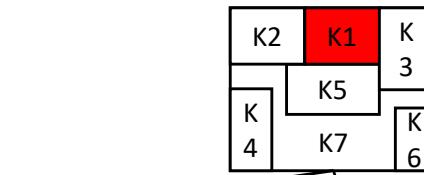
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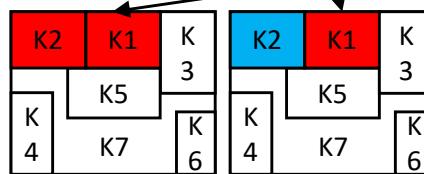
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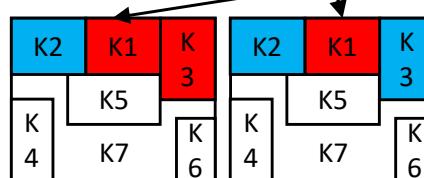
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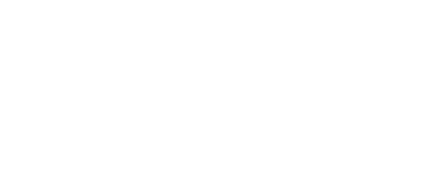
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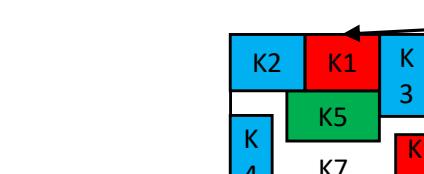
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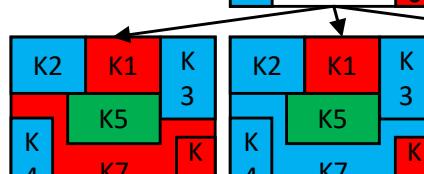
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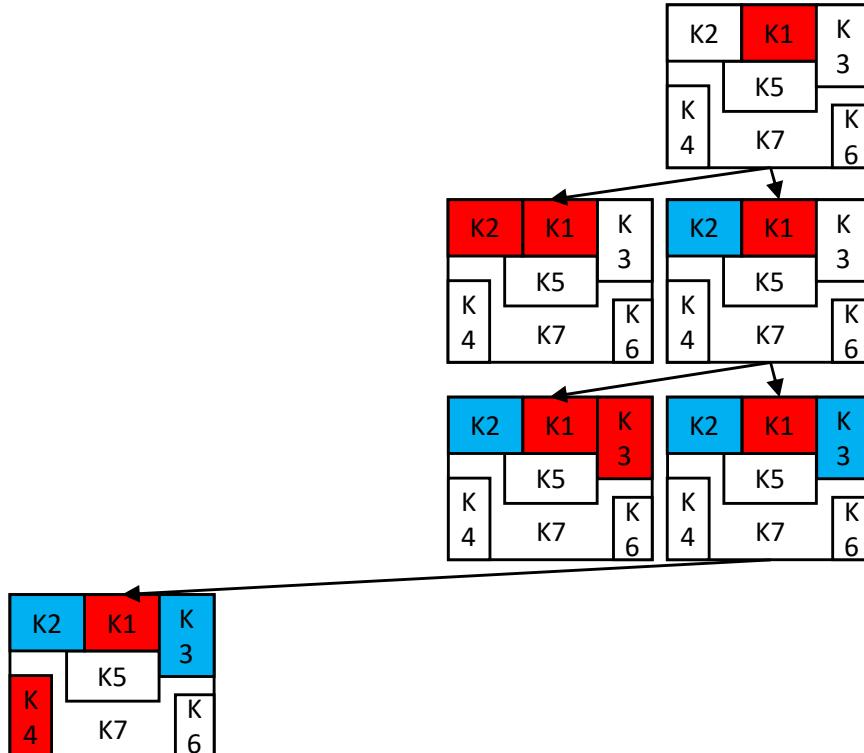
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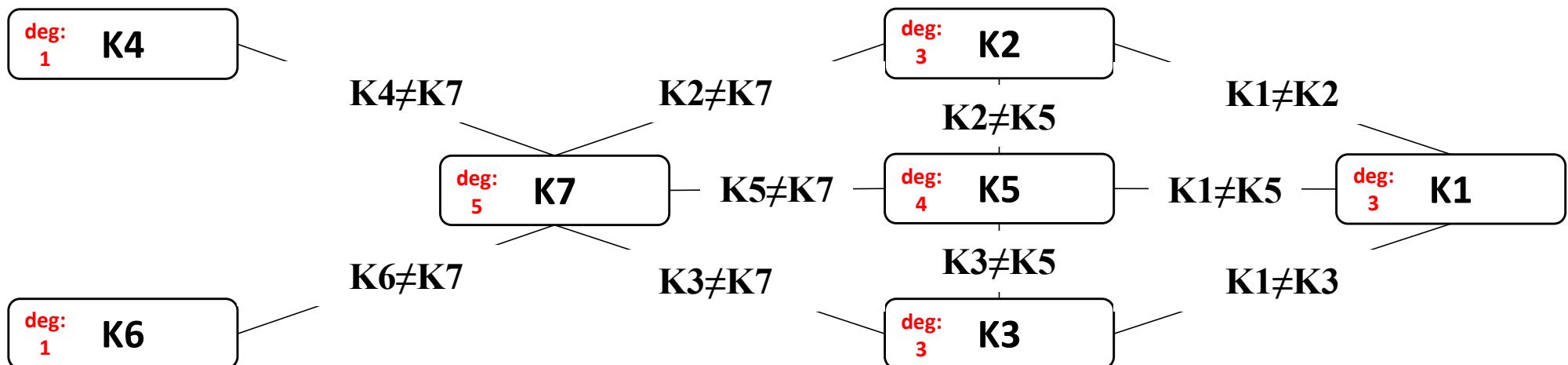
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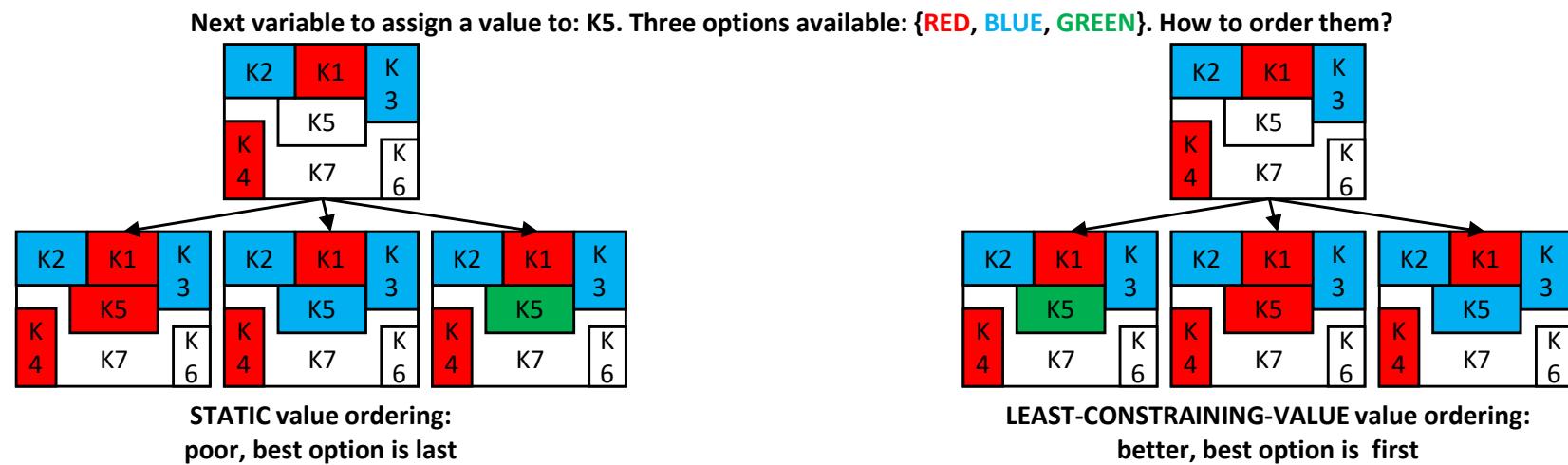
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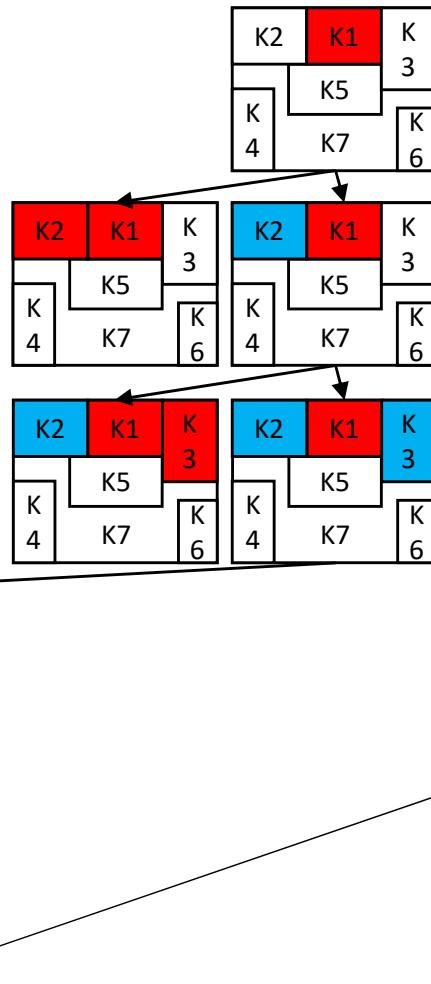
You can modify this
order to change the
value assignment
ordering and
potentially improve
performance

Least-Constraining-Value Heuristics

We picked (SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE) the next variable to assign a value to and we have a number of values to choose from. What next?

- use the least-constraining-value heuristic
 - picks a value that **rules out the fewest choices for neighboring variables in the constraint graph** (increase **flexibility for FUTURE assignments**)
 - ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES is the function that orders values here



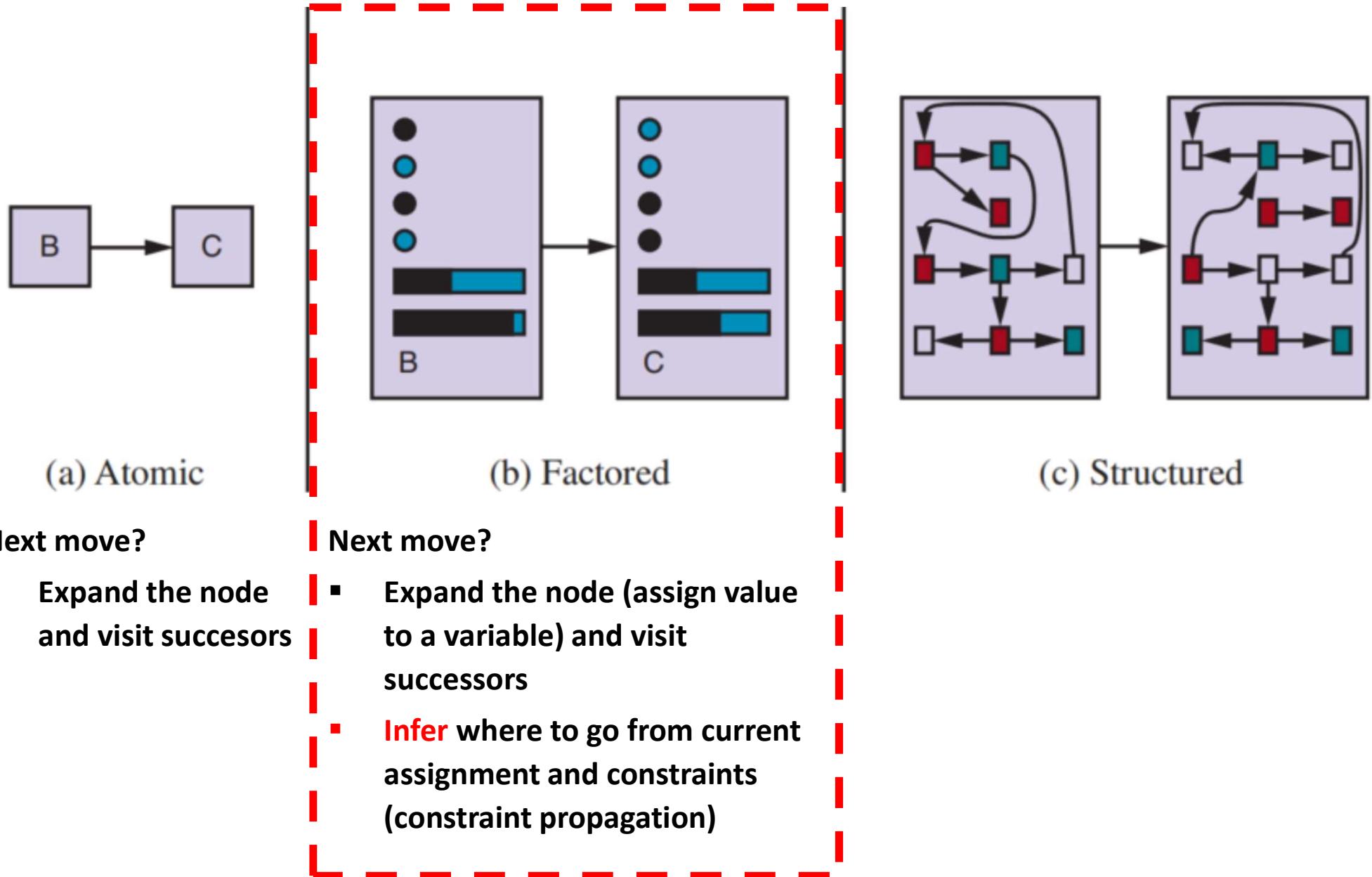


INCONSISTENCY of
this PARTIAL
assignment was
established at the
node level:
node consistency

Can we detect /
“predict”
INCONSISTENCIES
earlier and prune
useless branches?
YES!

Variable assignment order: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 | Value assignment order: **RED, BLUE, GREEN**

How CSP Can Reduce Work



CSP: More Pruning with Inference

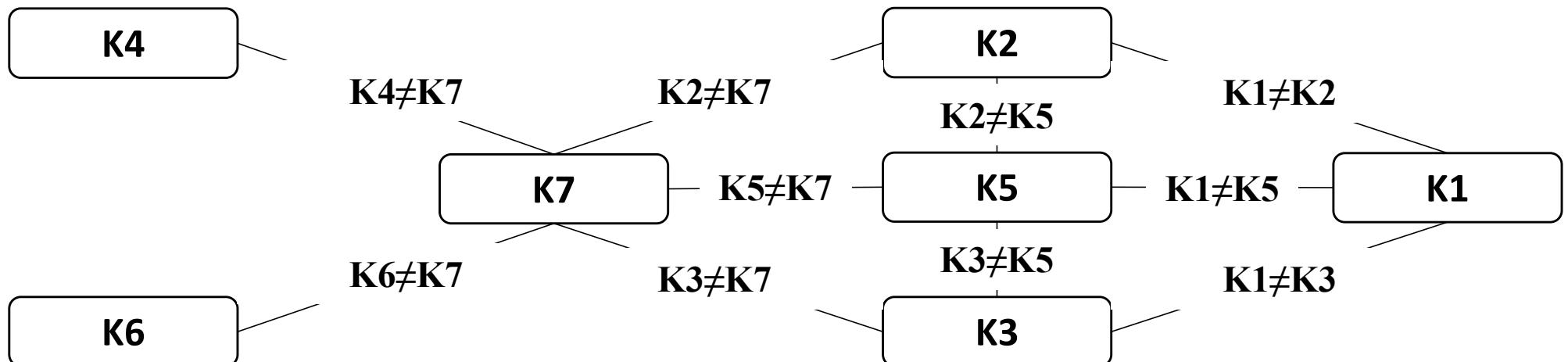
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With the information available to you, you can INFER that a particular branch is going to be INCONSISTENT

Inference in CSP

- Simplifying the problem:
 - preprocessing / pre-check or part of the search
 - it can reduce the problem OR even solve it
- Inference with Constraint Propagation:
 - use constraint graph to enforce consistency locally

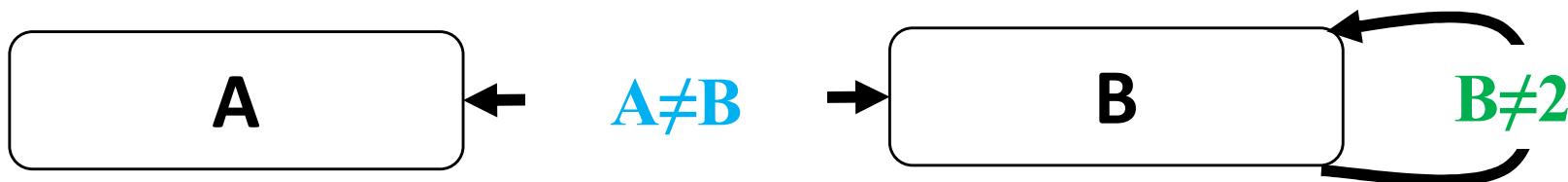


Local Consistency

- The idea:
 - remove inconsistent values from variable domains as we go as they would make certain assignments inconsistent later anyway
- Types:
 - Node consistency
 - Arc consistency (or edge consistency)
 - Path consistency

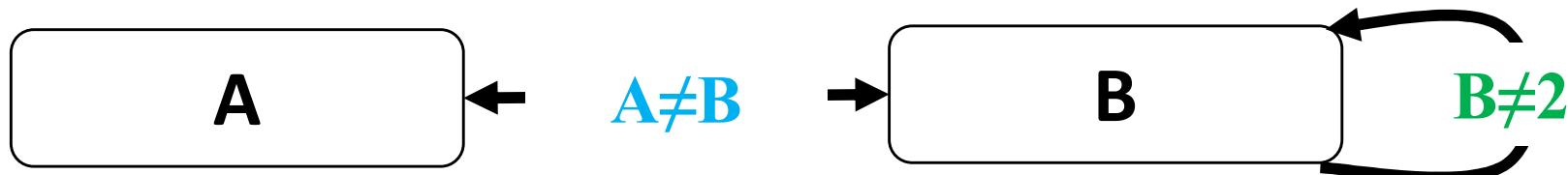
Node Consistency

- Consider the following CSP example:
 - variables: $X = \{A, B\}$
 - domains:
 - $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$
 - $D_B = \{2, 3, 4\}$
 - constraints: $C = \{A \neq B, B \neq 2\}$
 - one **binary** and one **unary** constraint
 - constraint graph:



Node Consistency

- The idea:
 - a **single variable** is node-consistent (**in a constraint graph**) if all the values in its domain satisfy variable **unary constraints**
- (**Constraint**) graph is node-consistent if every **variable in the graph** is node-consistent



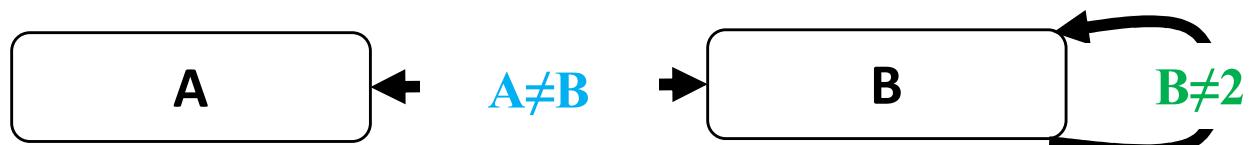
Variable B is **NOT** node-consistent because in $D_B = \{2,3,4\}$ value **2** does not satisfy unary **$B \neq 2$**

- Approach: remove unary constraints by reducing variable domain

Node Consistency

- Unary constraints can easily be removed to reduce the problem:
 - BEFORE (unary constraint removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$
- $D_B = \{2, 3, 4\}$



Constraint graph is **NOT node-consistent**
because of variable B

- AFTER (unary constraint removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$
- $D_B = \{3, 4\}$



Constraint graph is **node-consistent**

Arc (Edge) Consistency

- The idea:
 - a **single variable** is arc-consistent (**in a constraint graph**) if all the values in its domains satisfy **ALL** its **binary constraints**
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Variables A and B are **NOT** arc-consistent because in $D_A = \{1,2,3\}$ and $D_B = \{3,4\}$ value 3 clashes

- Approach: reducing variable domains to remove clashes

Arc (Edge) Consistency

- Values that clash can be removed from variable domains to reduce the problem:
 - BEFORE (clashing value(s) removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$
- $D_B = \{3, 4\}$



Constraint graph is NOT arc-consistent
because of value 3 clashing in both domains

- AFTER (clashing value(s) removal) domains:

- $D_A = \{0, 1, 3\}$
- $D_B = \{4\}$ or
- $D_A = \{0, 1\}$
- $D_B = \{3, 4\}$ (depends on: which variable we start with)



Constraint graph is arc-consistent

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function REVISE(*csp*, X_i , X_j) **returns** true iff we revise the domain of X_i

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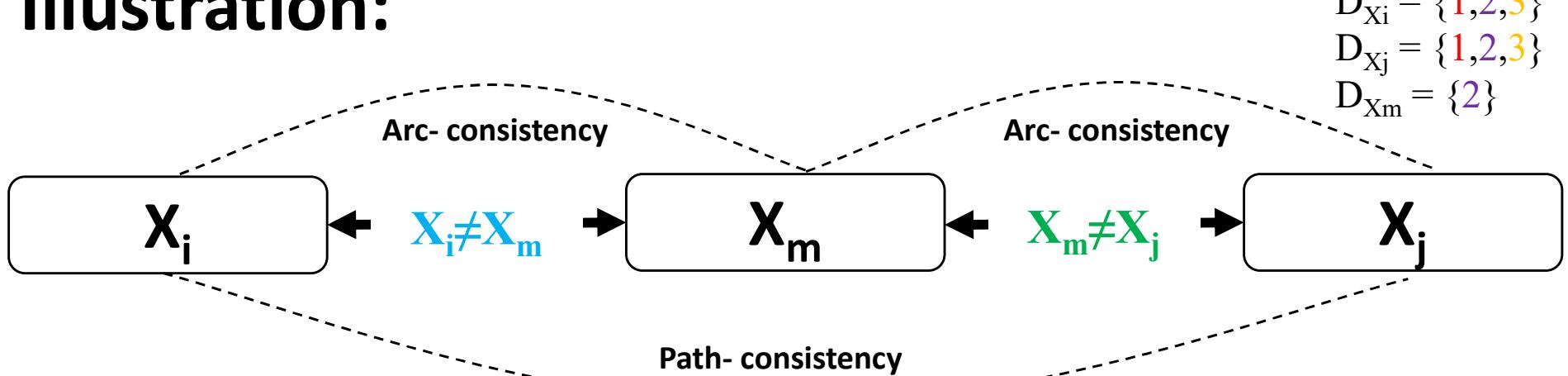
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return *revised*

Path Consistency

- The idea:
 - two variable set $\{X_i, X_j\}$ is path-consistent (in a constraint graph) with respect to a third variable X_m if for EVERY assignment $\{X_i = a, X_j = b\}$ there is an assignment to X_m (between X_i and X_j) that satisfies constraints on $\{X_i, X_m\}$ and $\{X_m, X_j\}$.

- Illustration:



Searching with Inference

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Apply local consistency checks and report failure if you know that following given path is going to dead end

Searching with Inference

Two key ideas:

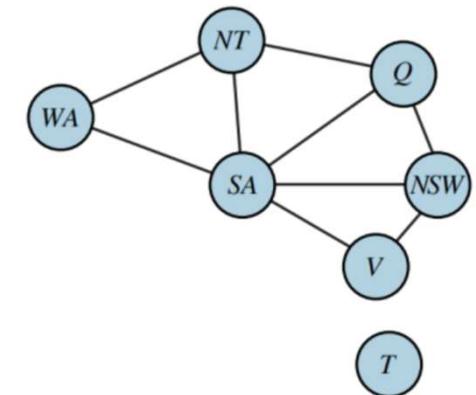
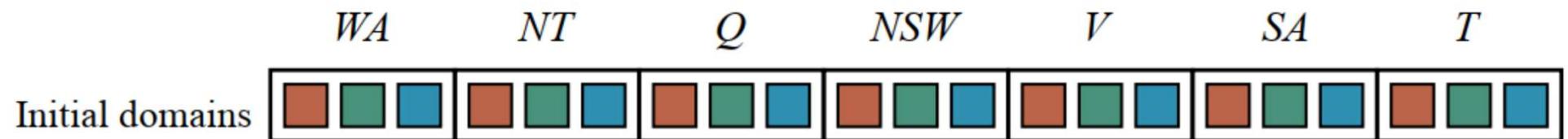
- Forward checking
- Maintaining Arc Consistency

Forward Checking

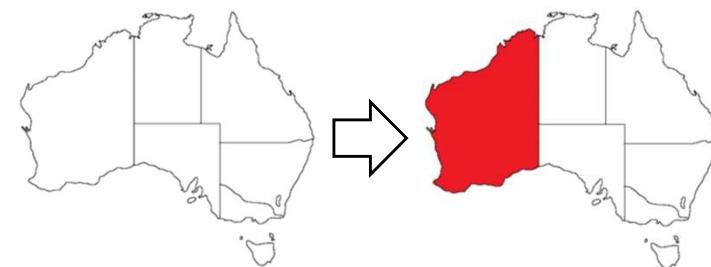
Idea:

After some value a is assigned to variable X , examine **every unassigned variable Y** connected to X by a constraint and **delete values from Y 's domain** that are inconsistent with a

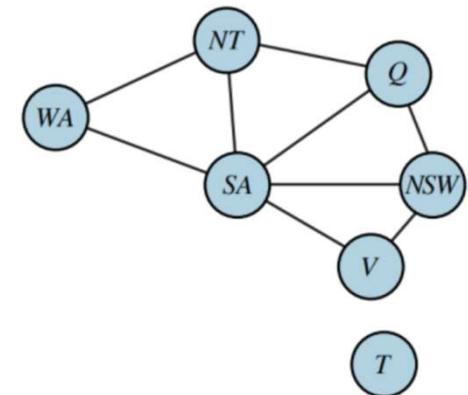
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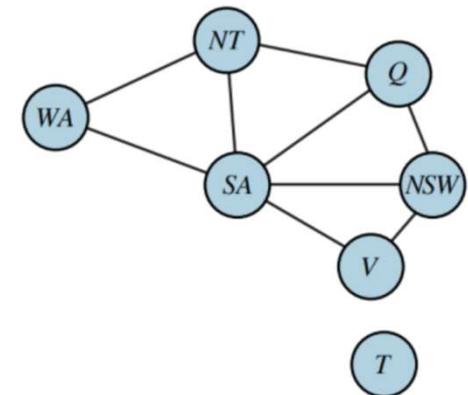
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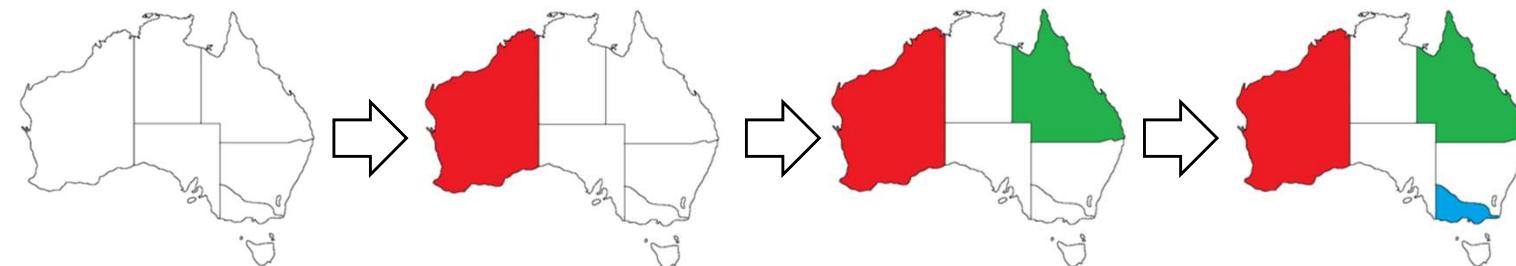
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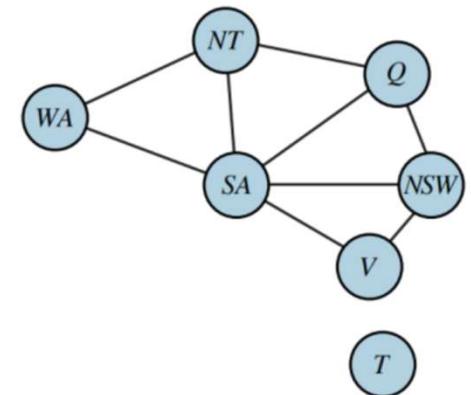
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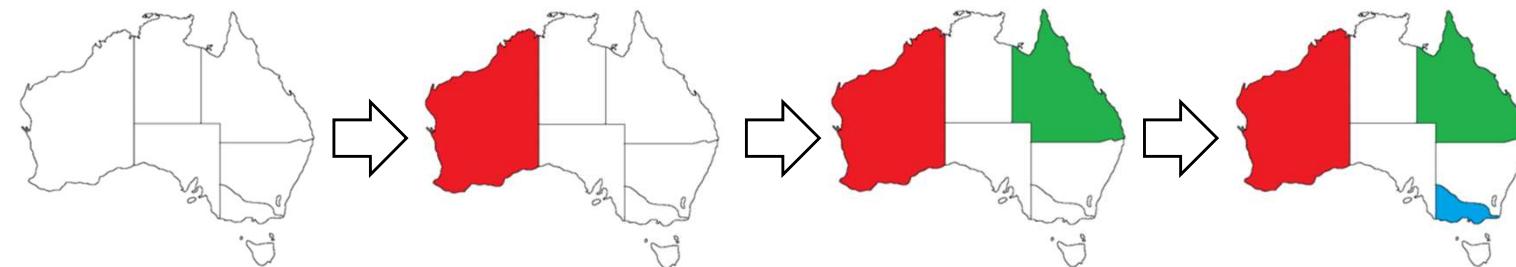
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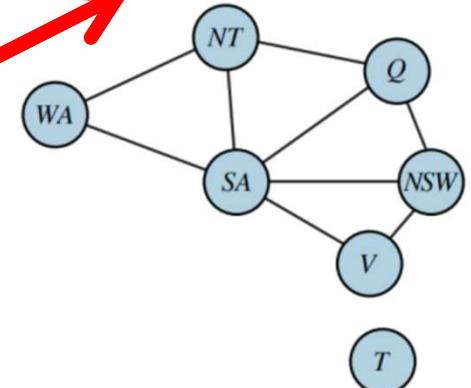
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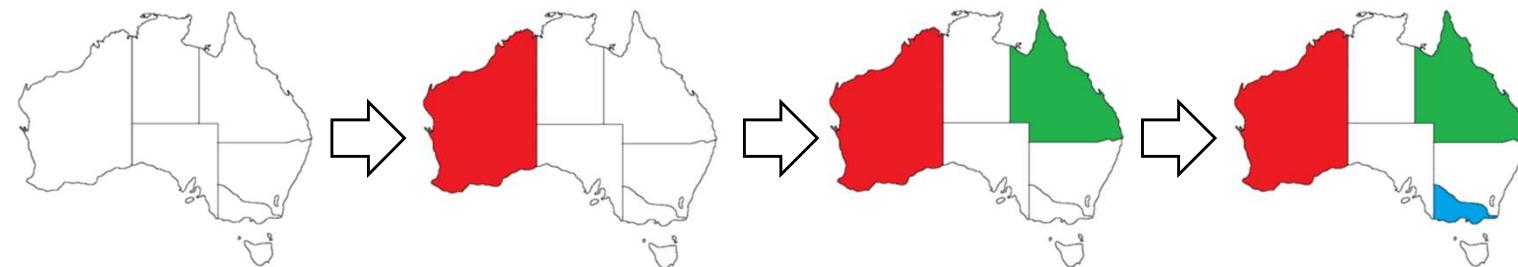


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| After $V=blue$ | Red | Blue | Green | Red | Blue | Empty | Red Blue |



SA domain is empty!

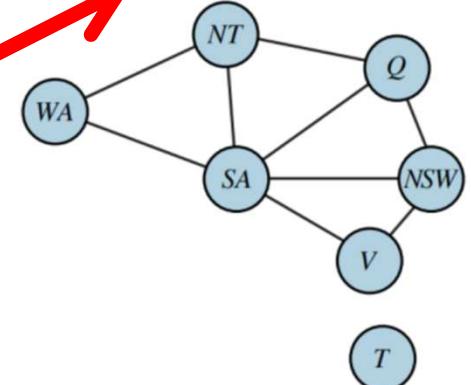
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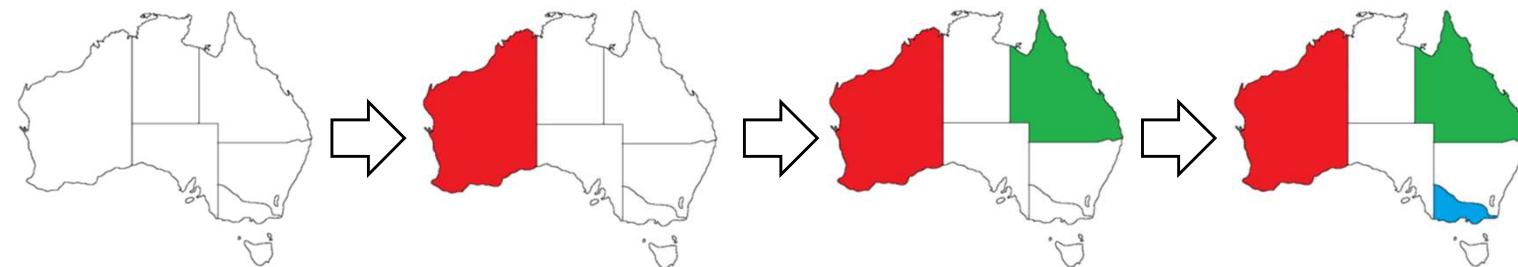
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Inconsistent assignment

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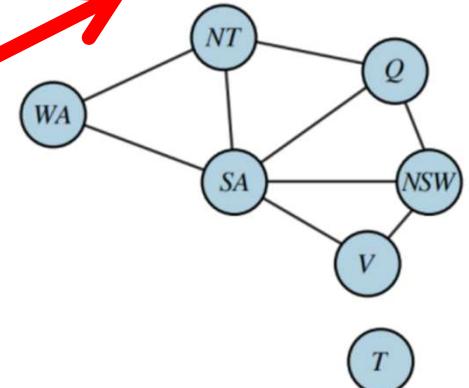
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Path inconsistency missed!

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        delete  $x$  from  $D_i$ 
        revised  $\leftarrow$  true
return revised
```

Maintaining Arc-Consistency Algorithm

Idea:

After some value is assigned to variable X_i ,
infer by calling AC3 algorithm, but with a
reduced number of edges / arcs for its
queue:

- only (X_i, X_j) arcs for all X_j variables that:
 - are constrained by X_i (neighbors of X_i on the constraint graph)
 - have no value assigned

MAC Algorithm Call to AC3

function $\text{AC-3}(csp)$ **returns** false if an inconsistency is found and true otherwise

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Intelligent Backtracking

- Chronological Backtracking:
 - Backpropagation used it
- Backjumping:
 - maintains a **conflict** set for a node X : a set of assignments that are in conflict with some X domain value
 - backtracks to a variable assignment level where a conflict (it ruled out some potential value of X earlier)
 - Forward checking can help construct conflict set

Some CSP Challenges

- What if not all constraints can be satisfied?
 - Hard vs. soft constraints vs. preferences
 - Degree of constraint satisfaction concept
 - Cost of violating constraints
- What if constraints are of different forms?
 - Symbolic constraints
 - Logical constraints
 - Temporal constraints
 - Mixed constraints

Search Problems: Summary

- **Initial problem analysis:**
 - can it be represented with a state space?
 - what is the most useful state representation?
 - where, in the search tree, solution is expected? BFS or DFS?
- **Do problem solutions need to be optimal?**
- **Do you care about time or space performance? Or both?**
- **Does your problem representation match known search algorithms?**
 - Yes? Use it. No? See if you can make some simplifying assumptions and ask that question again
- **Use all available knowledge about the problem to come with handy heuristics and use them to prune search tree**