

COL:750/7250

Foundations of Automatic Verification

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Course Webpage



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Announcements

- Assignment 1 has been released. The deadline is 31st January, end of day (EoD).
- Please reach out to the TAs (Raj) if you have any questions related to the assignment.
- A Piazza class has been created. Please post all your doubts there.

DP algorithm for SAT Solving (Martin Davis - Hilary Putnam 1960)

1. Start with F_{CNF}
2. For every clause C in F_{CNF} that either contains both l and $\neg l$ or has pure literal do:
 1. $F_{CNF} \leftarrow \text{remove_from_formula}(C, F_{CNF})$
3. $F_{CNF} \leftarrow \text{UnitPropagation}(F_{CNF})$
4. If F_{CNF} is empty
 1. Return SAT
5. If F_{CNF} has empty clause then
 1. Return UNSAT
6. Pick a literal l that occurs with both polarities in F_{CNF} .
 1. $F_{CNF} \leftarrow \text{Resolution}(C, l, F_{CNF})$
7. For every clause C that contains l or $\neg l$ do :
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DPLL algorithm (Davis -Putnam-Logemann-Loveland 1960)

Complete and Sound algorithm & takes linear space in worst case.

Still the basis of SAT solver

zChaff Solver — efficient implementation of DPLL.

Won test of time award at CAV 2001.

Notations

Partial Model: subset of elements of $\text{Vars}(F)$ maps to $\{0,1\}$

Under partial model m ,

A literal l is True if $m(l)=1$

A literal l is False if $m(l)=0$

Otherwise:

l is unassigned.

Example: $F = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$; $m = \{x_1 \mapsto 1, x_3 \mapsto 1\}$

x_1 is True, x_2 is unassigned, x_3 is False.

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Clause C is True if there is a $l \in C$, such that l is True.

Clause C is False if for each literal $l \in C$, l is False

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$C = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) - \text{True}$

$C = (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3) - \text{Unassigned}$

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F_{CNF} is unassigned.

Unit Clause (updated): C is a unit clause under partial model m if there is exactly one literal l in C which is unassigned, and rest all literals of C are False.

Example: $C = (x_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_2)$; $m = \{x_1 \mapsto 0, x_2 \mapsto 1\}$ C is unit clause under m .

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1. Maintains a partial model, initially \emptyset
2. Assign unassigned variables either 0 or 1
 1. (Randomly one after the other)
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$$F = (x_1 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$$

Initially m is \emptyset

Pick a variable, say x_3 , and assign it a Boolean value, say 1. Partial model $m = \{x_3 \mapsto 1\}$

$C_1 : (x_1 \vee \neg x_2)$ unassigned.

$C_2 : (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$ unassigned.

Pick another variable, say x_1 , and assign it a Boolean value, say 0.

Partial model $m = \{x_1 \mapsto 0, x_3 \mapsto 1\}$

$C_1 : (x_1 \vee \neg x_2)$ Unit clause, forced decision $(x_2 \mapsto 0)$

$C_2 : (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3)$ True.

$m = \{x_1 \mapsto 0, x_2 \mapsto 0, x_3 \mapsto 1\}$ and $m \models F$

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What to do if F is False under partial model m ?

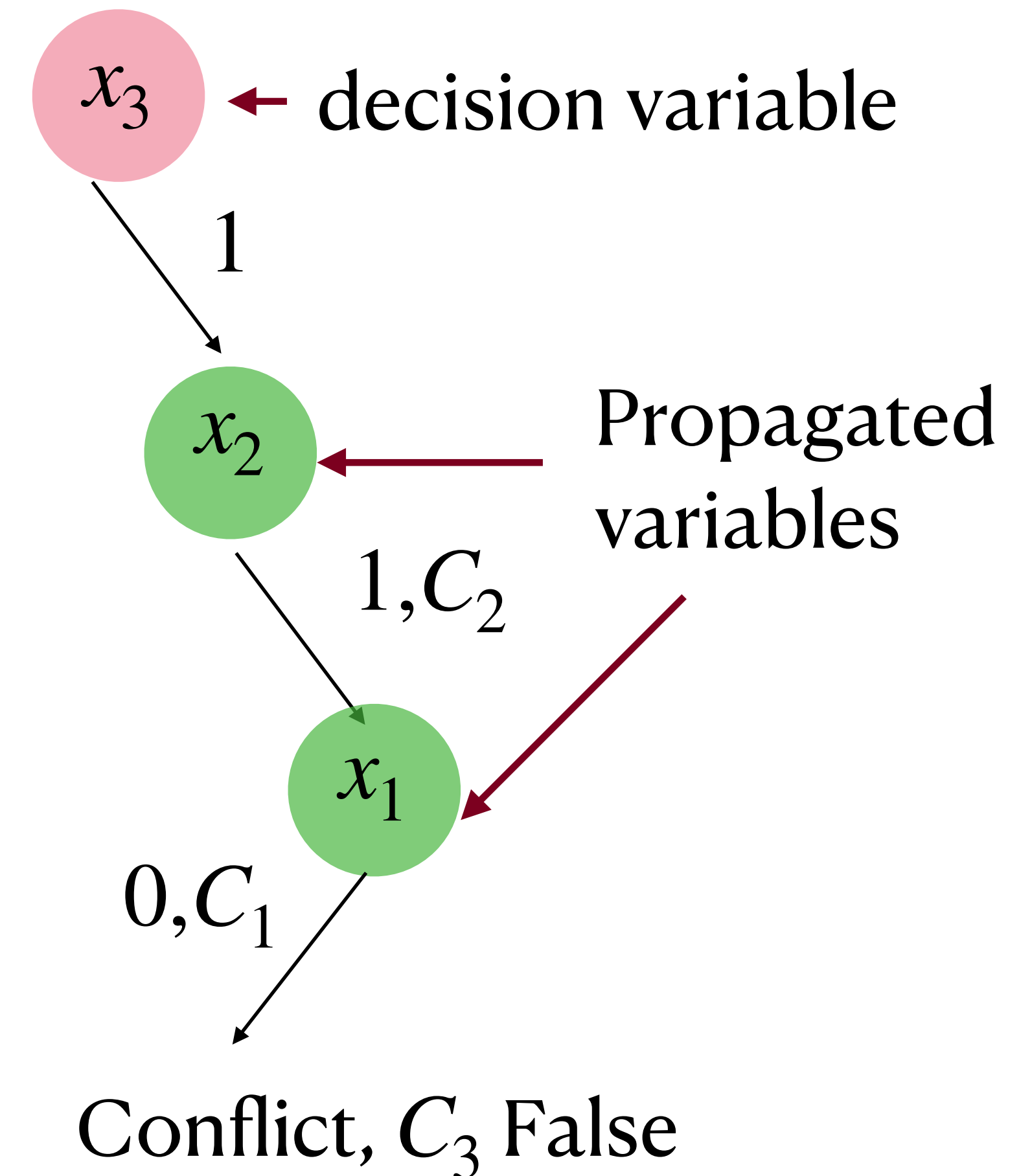
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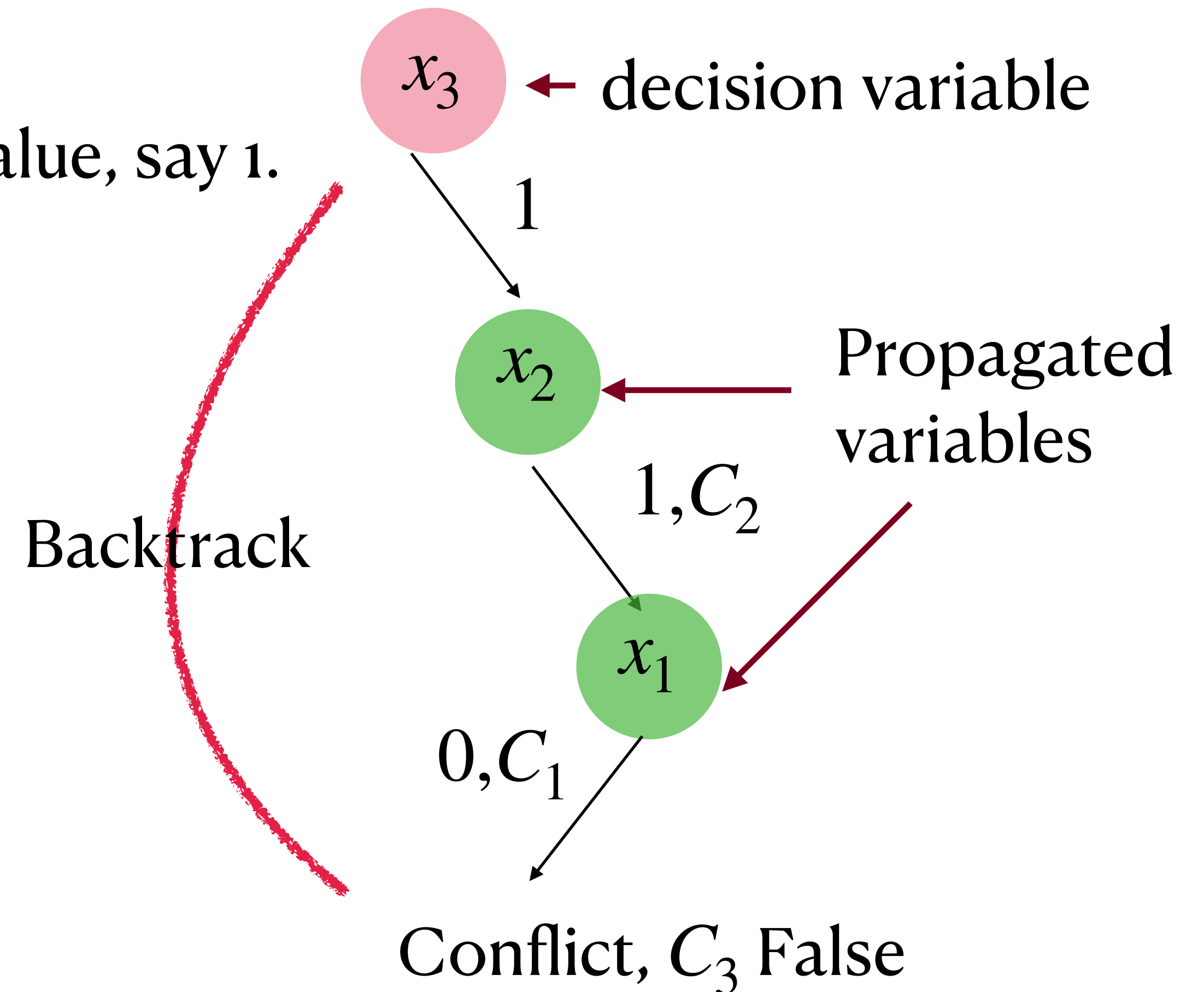
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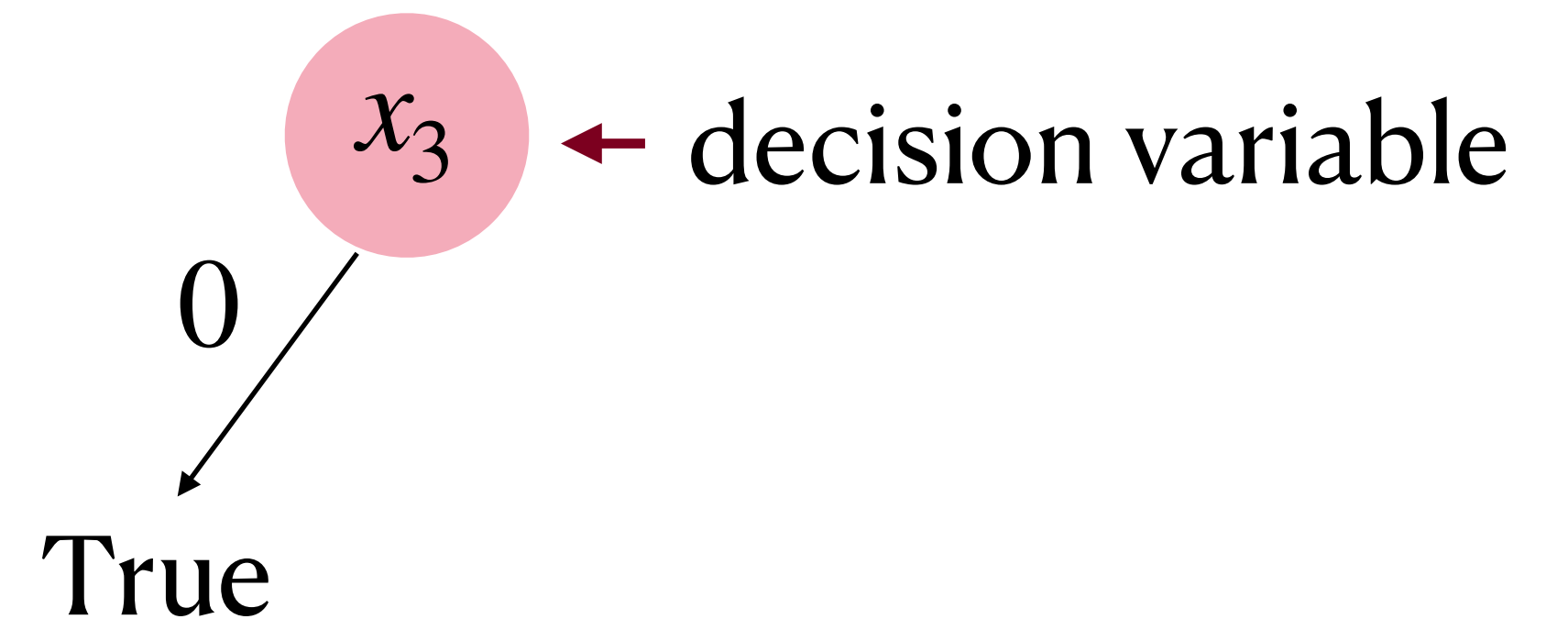
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Backtrack to last decision, and change the polarity.

Partial model $m = \{x_3 \mapsto 0\}$

All clauses are True, hence F is True



DPLL algorithm (Davis -Putnam-Logemann-Loveland 1960)

$DPLL(F, m = \emptyset)\{$

1. If F is True under m then **Return SAT**
2. If F is False under m then **Return UNSAT**
3. If there is a unit literal l under m then **Return $DPLL(F, m[l \mapsto 1])$**
4. If there is a unit literal $\neg l$ under m then **Return $DPLL(F, m[l \mapsto 0])$**

Backtracking at
conflict

Unit Propagation

Choose an unassigned variable p , and random bit $b \in \{0,1\}$

5. If $DPLL(F, m[p \mapsto b]) == \text{SAT}$ then **Return SAT**

Else **Return $DPLL(F, m[p \mapsto 1 - b])$**

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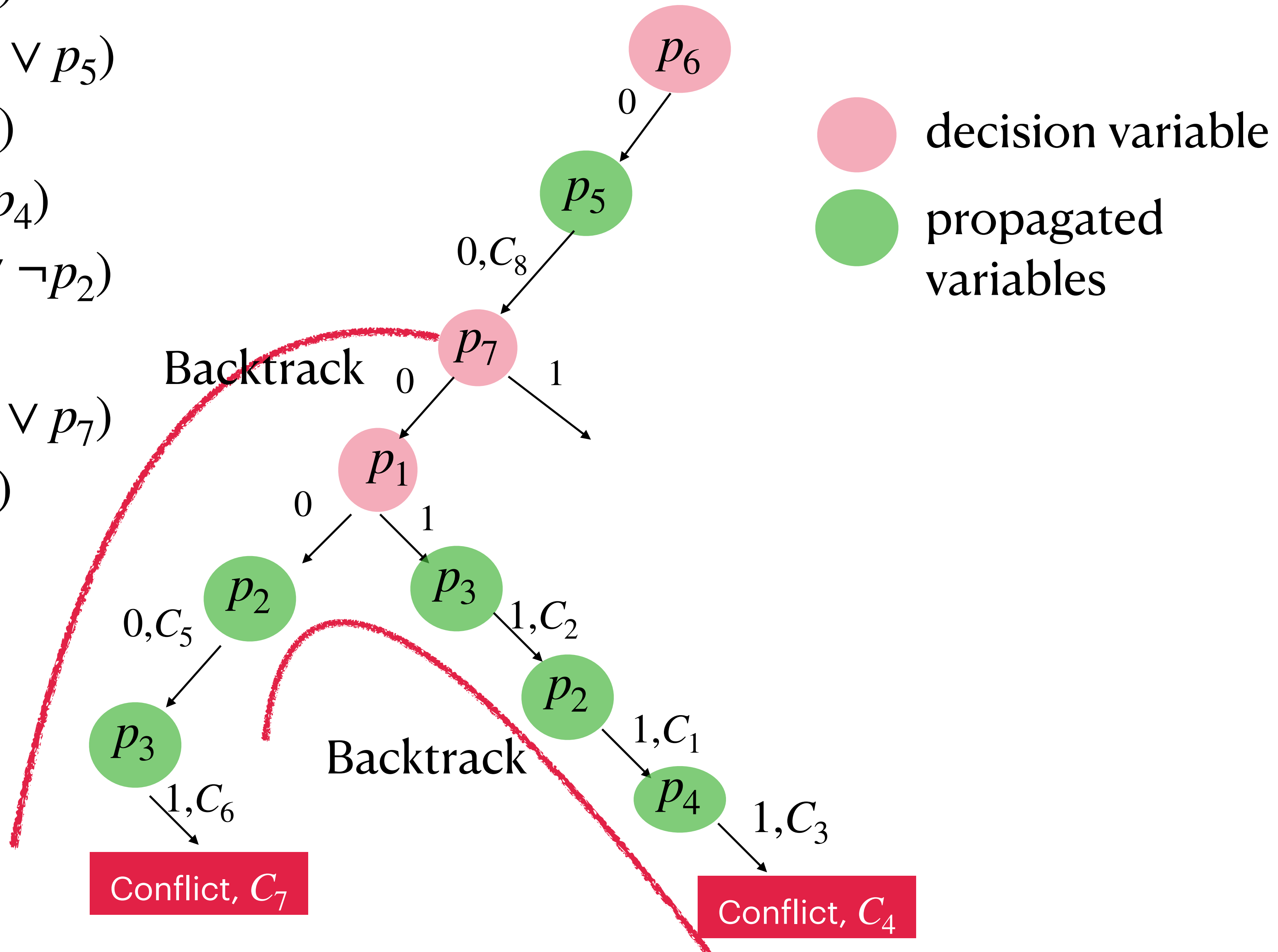
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DPLL run consists of

- Decision
- Unit propagation
- Backtracking

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CDCCL: Conflict Driven Clause Learning

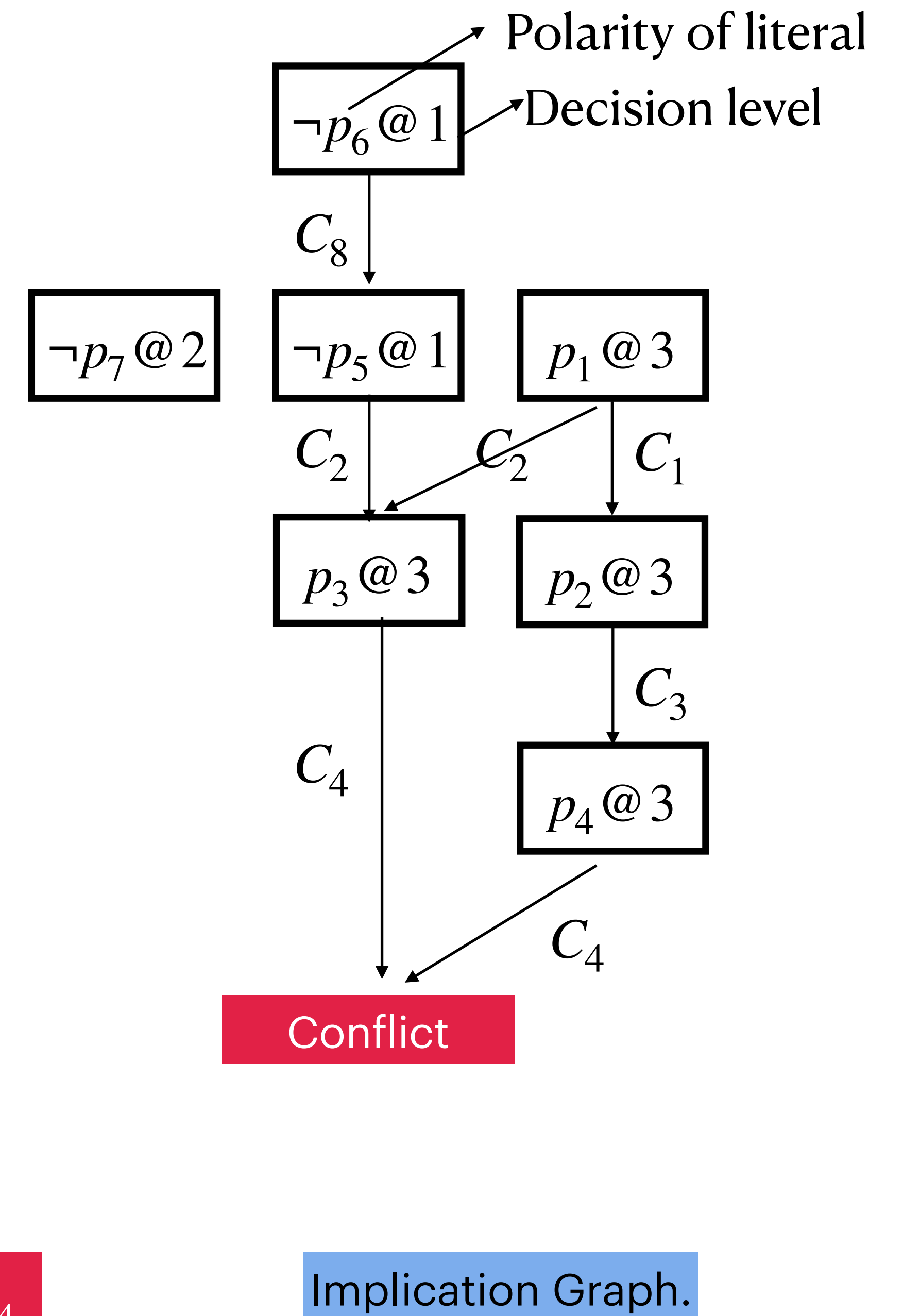
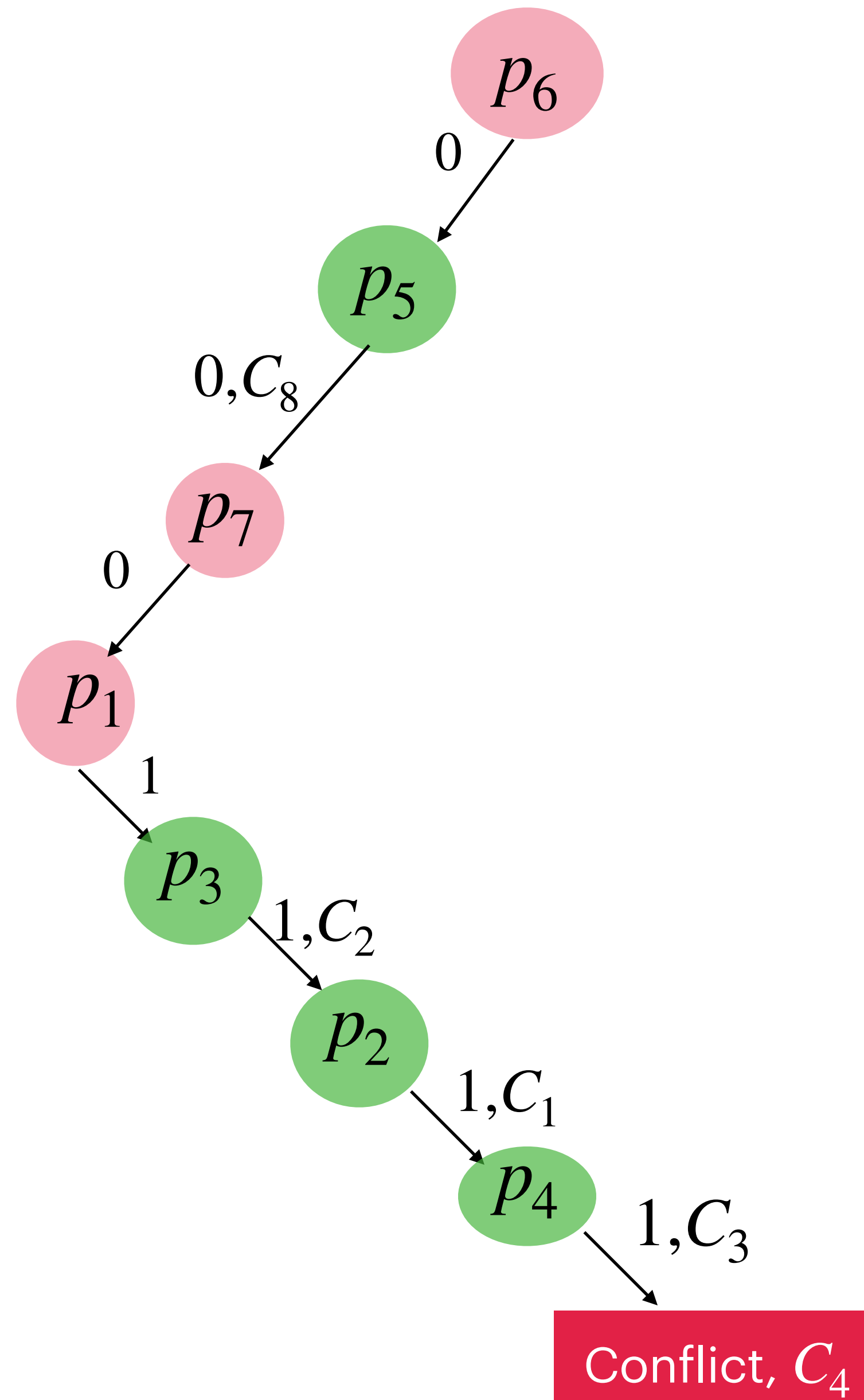
An optimization of DPLL:

As we decide and propagate, we can observe the run, and avoid unnecessary backtracking.

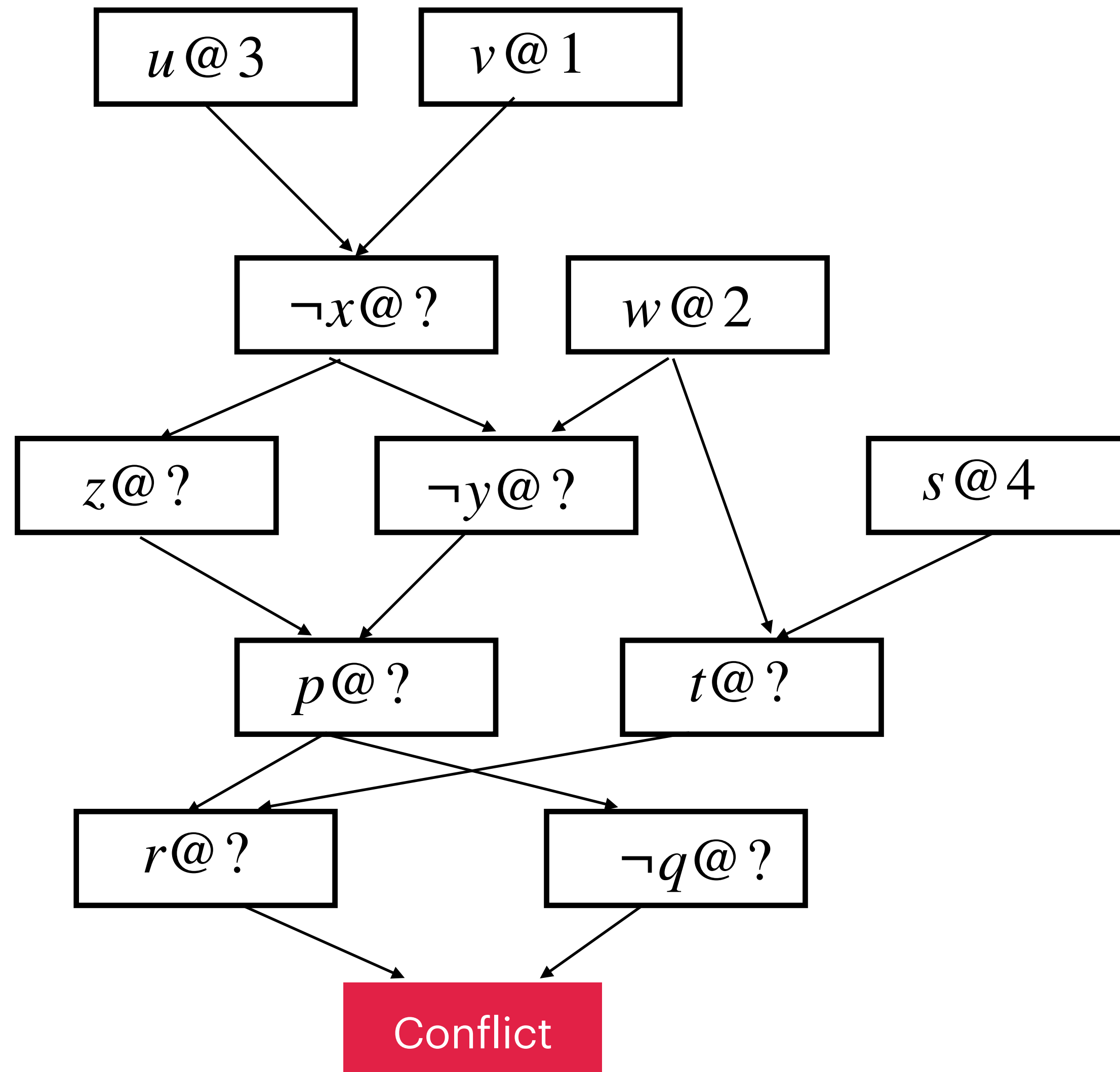
Construct a data structure to avoid unnecessary backtracking.

Implication Graph.

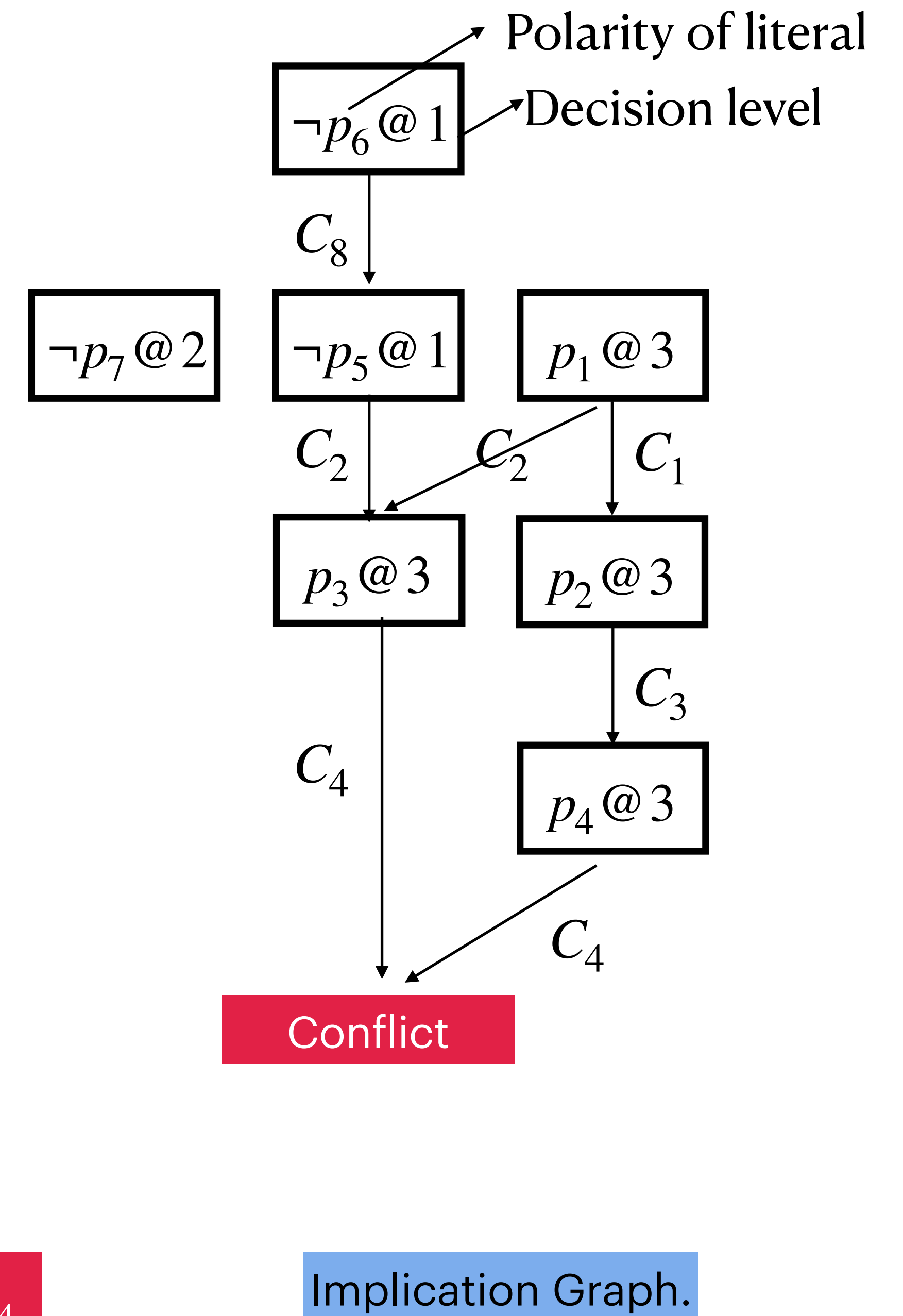
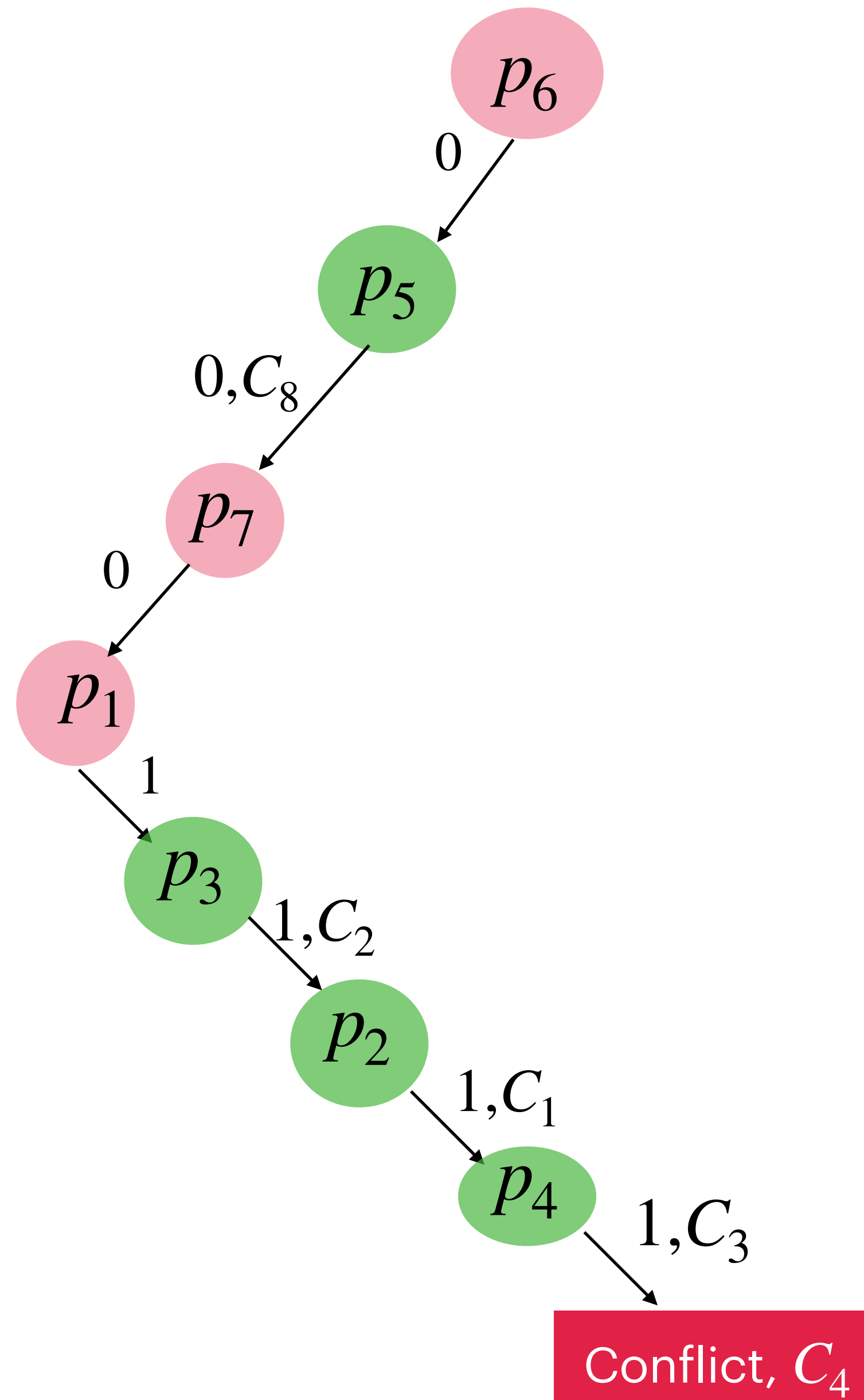
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Assign decision level at every node in implication graph



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Conflict Clause

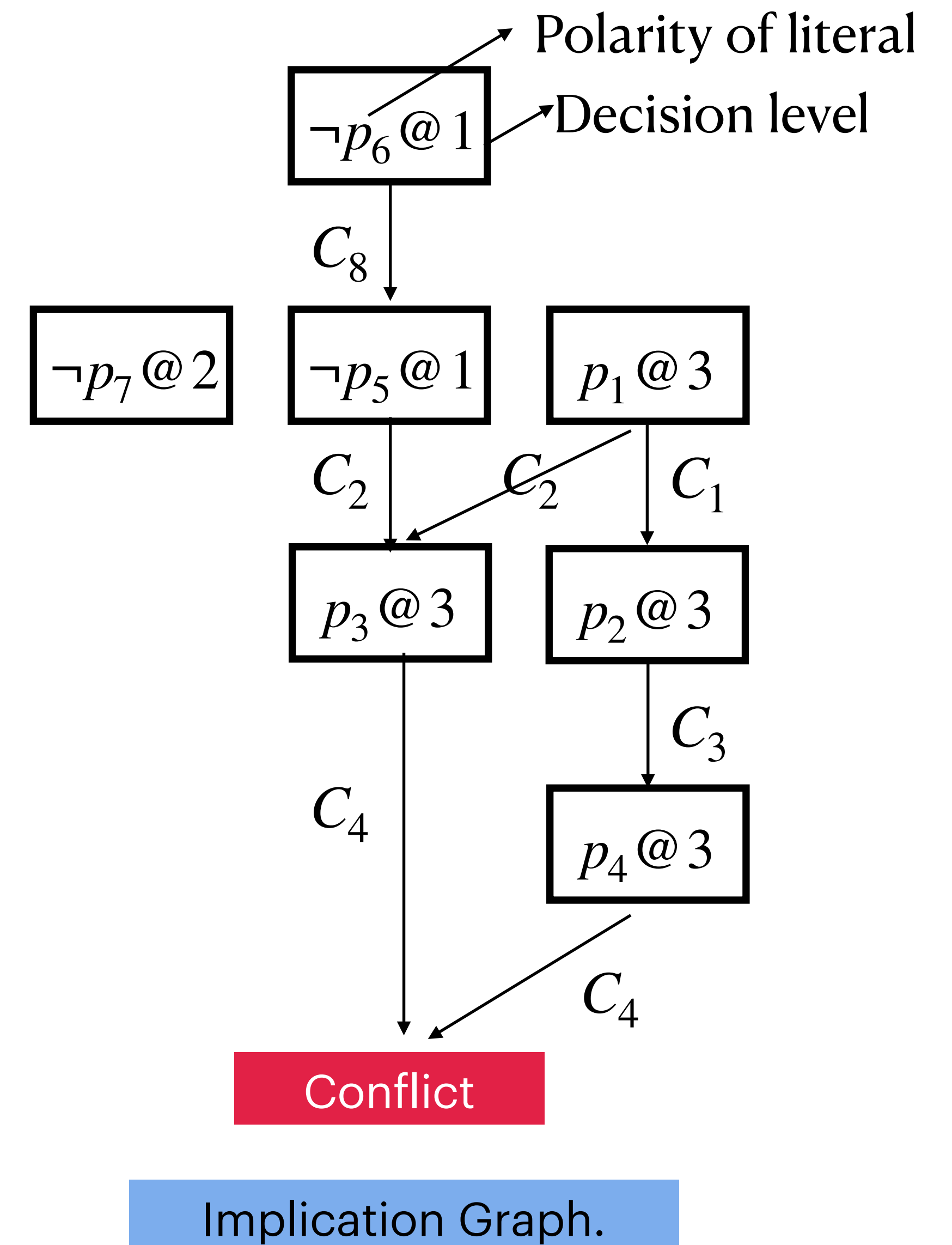
The clause of the negations of the causing decisions is called conflict clause.

Mistake: $p_6 = 0$ and $p_1 = 1$

Conflict clause : $\neg(\neg p_6 \wedge p_1) \equiv p_6 \vee \neg p_1$

$m(p_6) = 0, m(p_7) = 1, m(p_1) = 1$
 $m(p_6) = 0, m(p_1) = 1$ } This will never be tried again!

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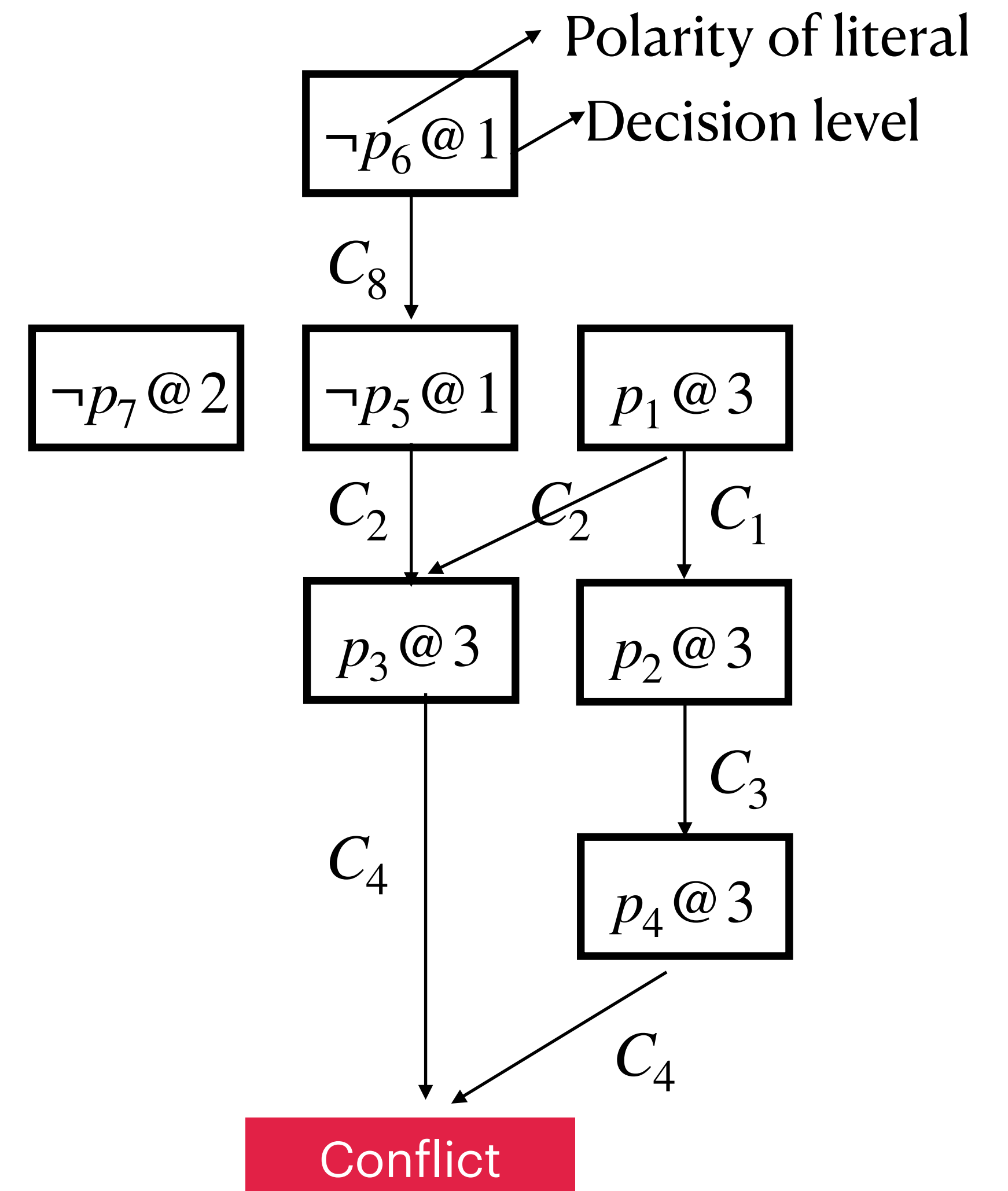


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Added a new clause!
Where should we backtrack?

Backtrack to second largest
decision in the conflict clause.

Here we should backtrack to
decision level 1.



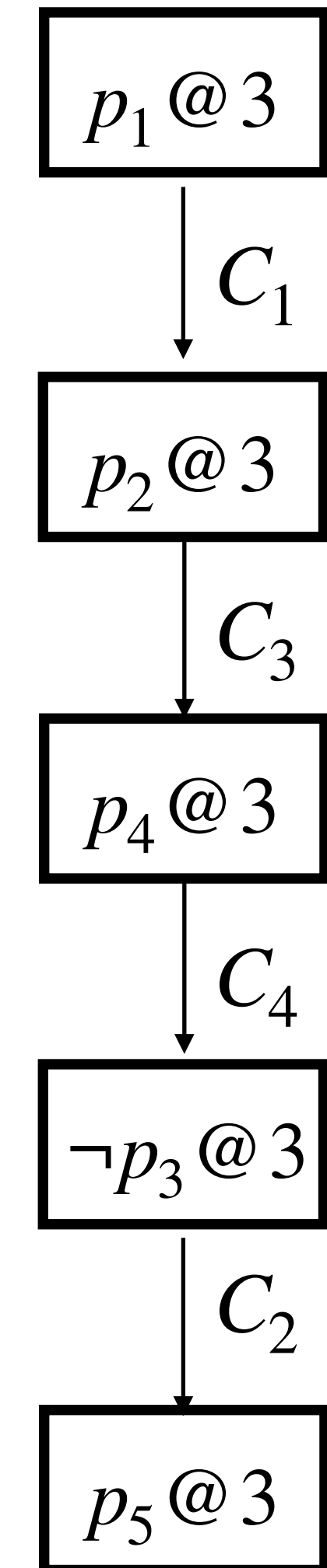
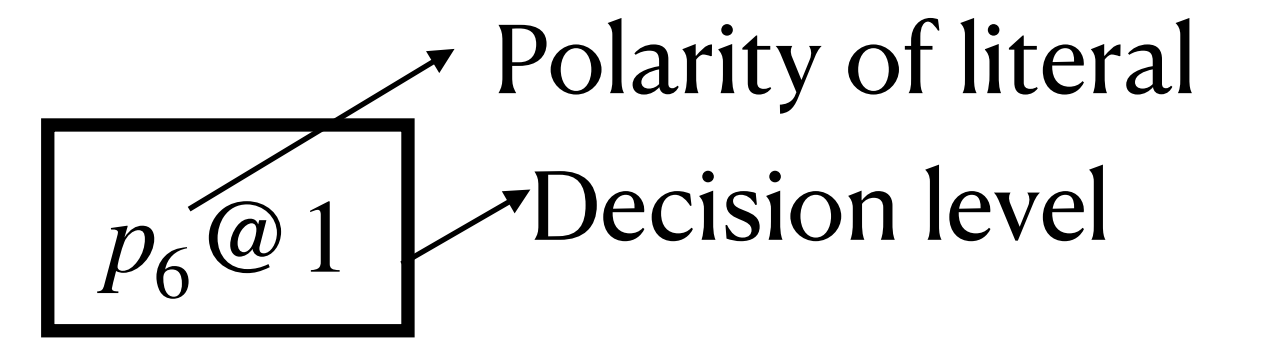
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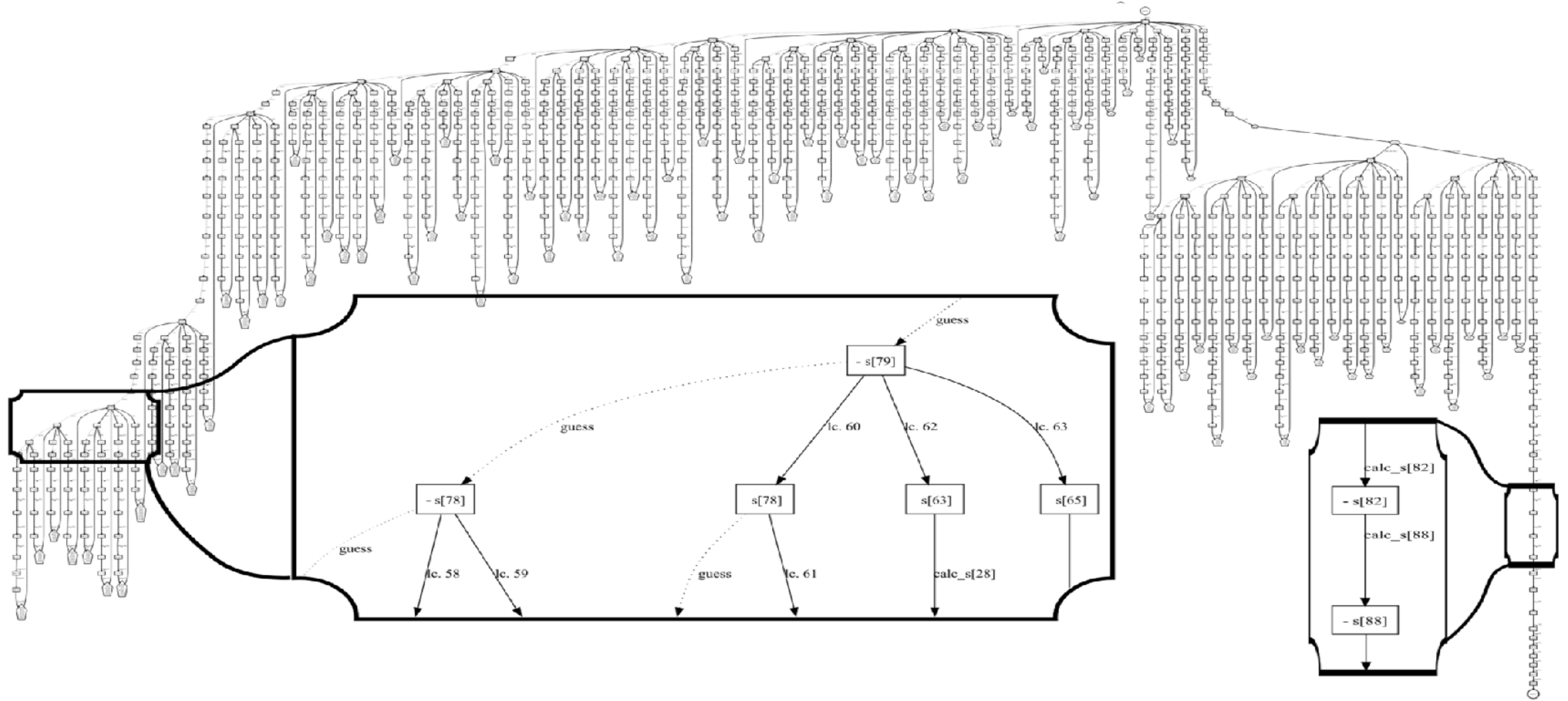
Implication Graph.

$$\neg p_7 @ 2$$



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Taken from Mate Soos 's slides.

SAT Competition & Race Winners (CNF & Appl. & Seq. & Non-incr. & All-inst.)

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
zChaff	Forklift	zChaff	SatELit eGTI	MiniSat	RSAT	MiniSat	Precos	Crypto MiniSat	Glucos
Moskewicz z Madigan Zhao Zhang Malik	Goldberg Novikov	Moskewicz z Madigan Zhao Zhang Malik	Eén Sörensson	Eén Sörensson	Pipatsrisawat Darwiche	Eén Sörensson	Biere	Soots	Audemard Simon
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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2022	2023								
KissatMAB-HyWal	SBVA-CaDiC								
Zheng He Chen	Haberlandt Green								

MiniSat-based:



Armin Biere's & derived:



Others:



Taken from Alex's slides.

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2. Decide(m, F): choose an unassigned variable in m and assign it a Boolean value.

Heuristics: which variables to pick, what value to assign?

3. ClauseLearning(m, F): returns a conflict clause learned using implication graph, and a decision level upto which the solver needs to backtrack.

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AnalyzeConflict(m,F): some choices of clauses are found to be better than others.

Notations:

UIP (Unique Implication Point)

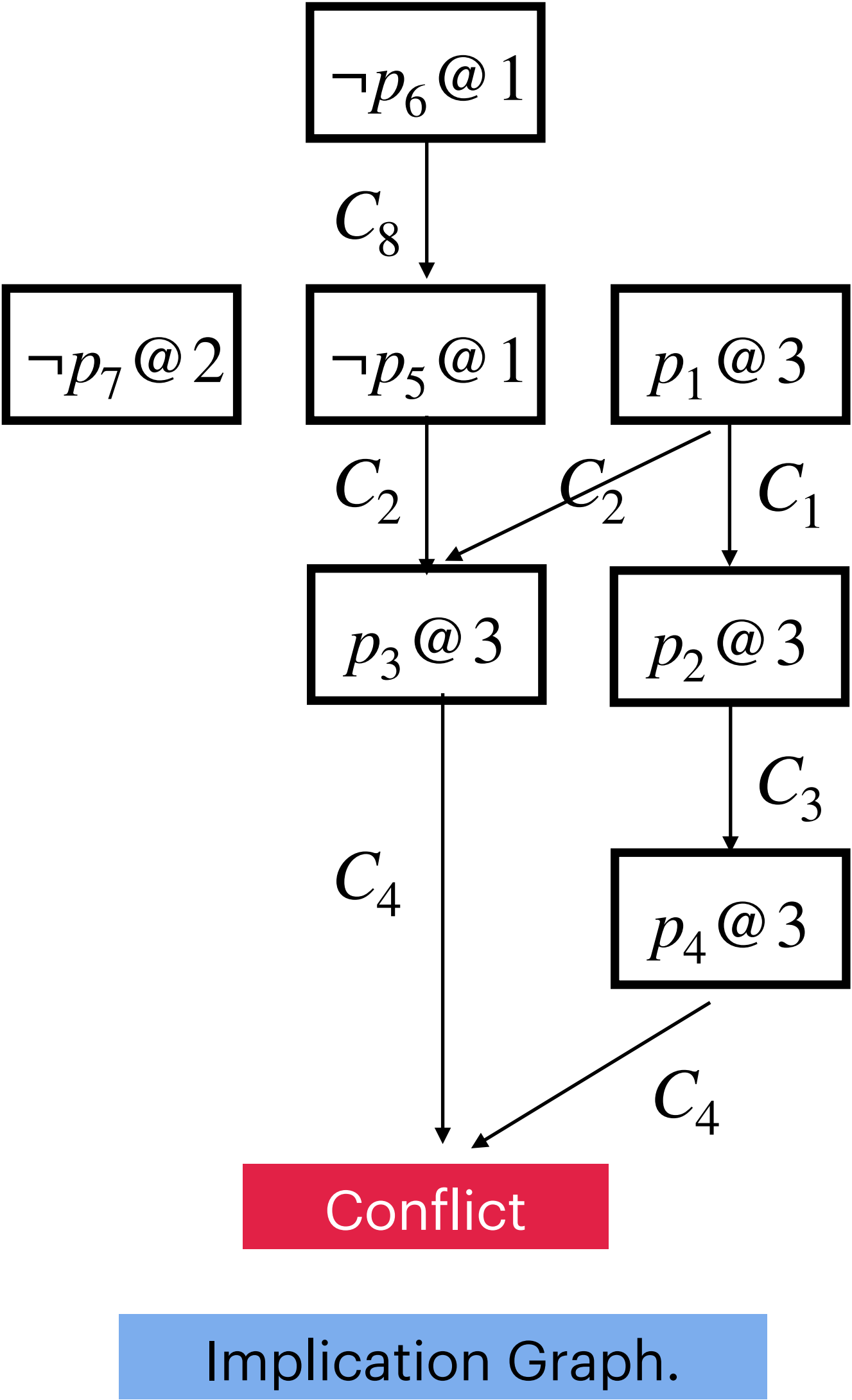
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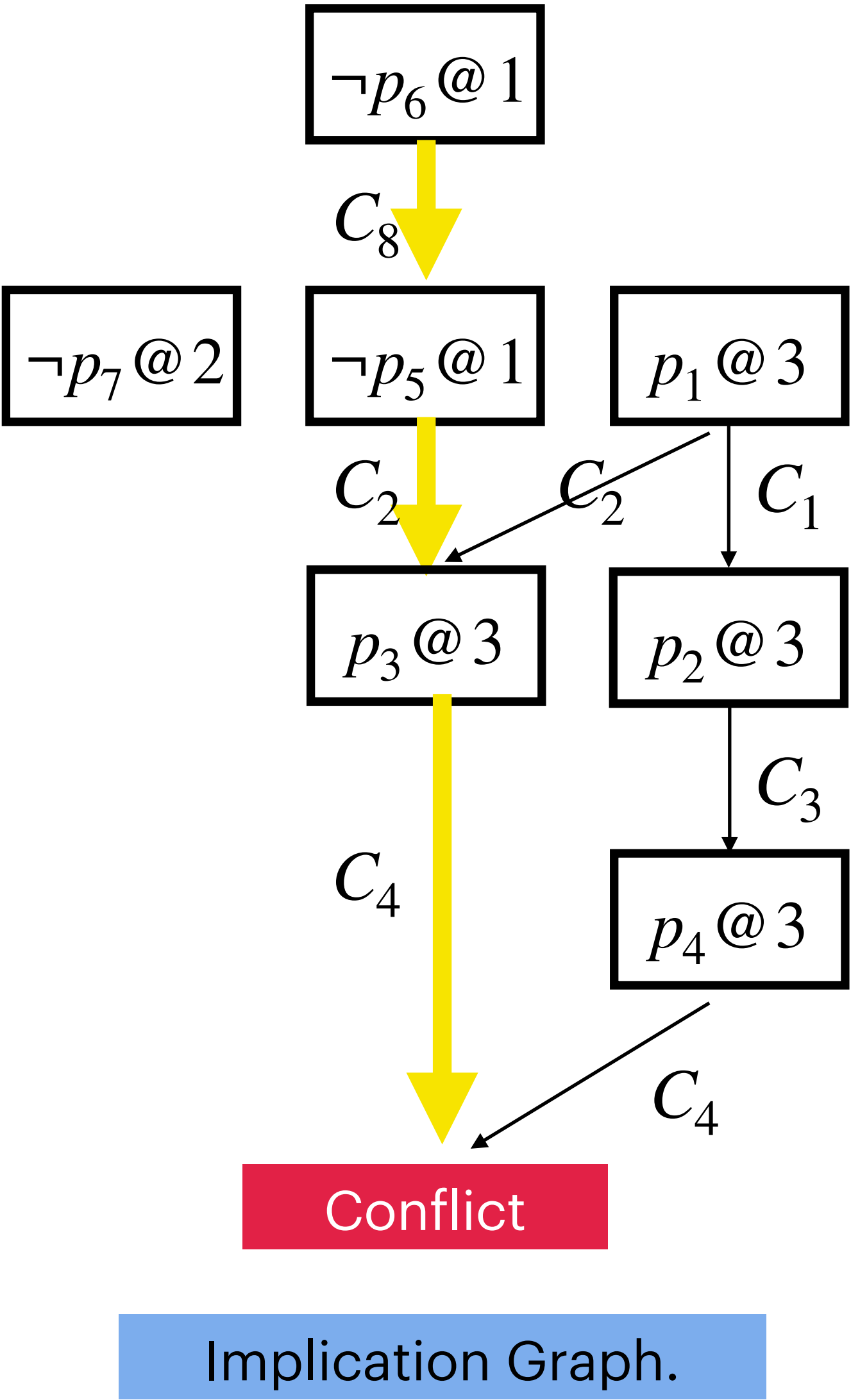


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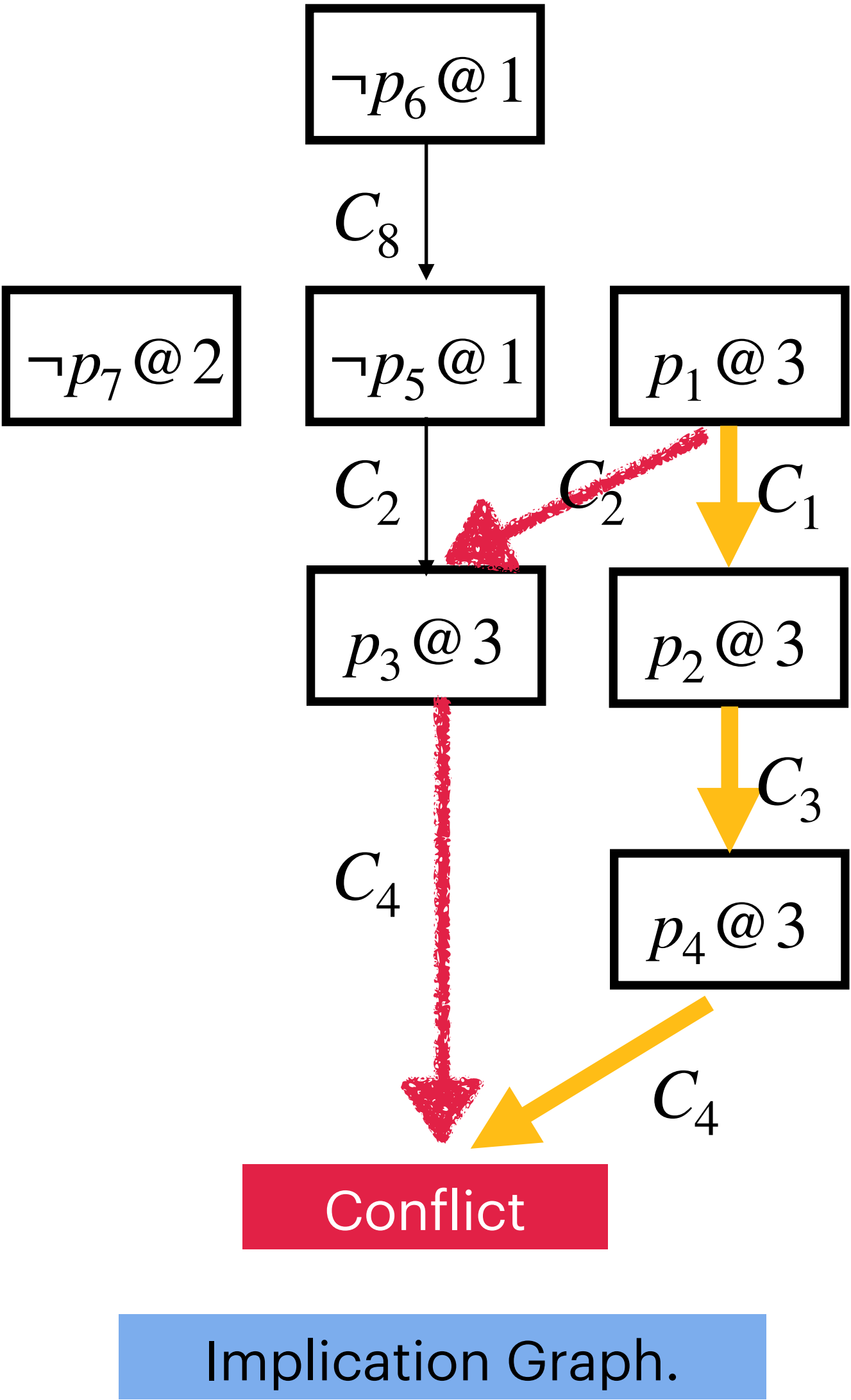


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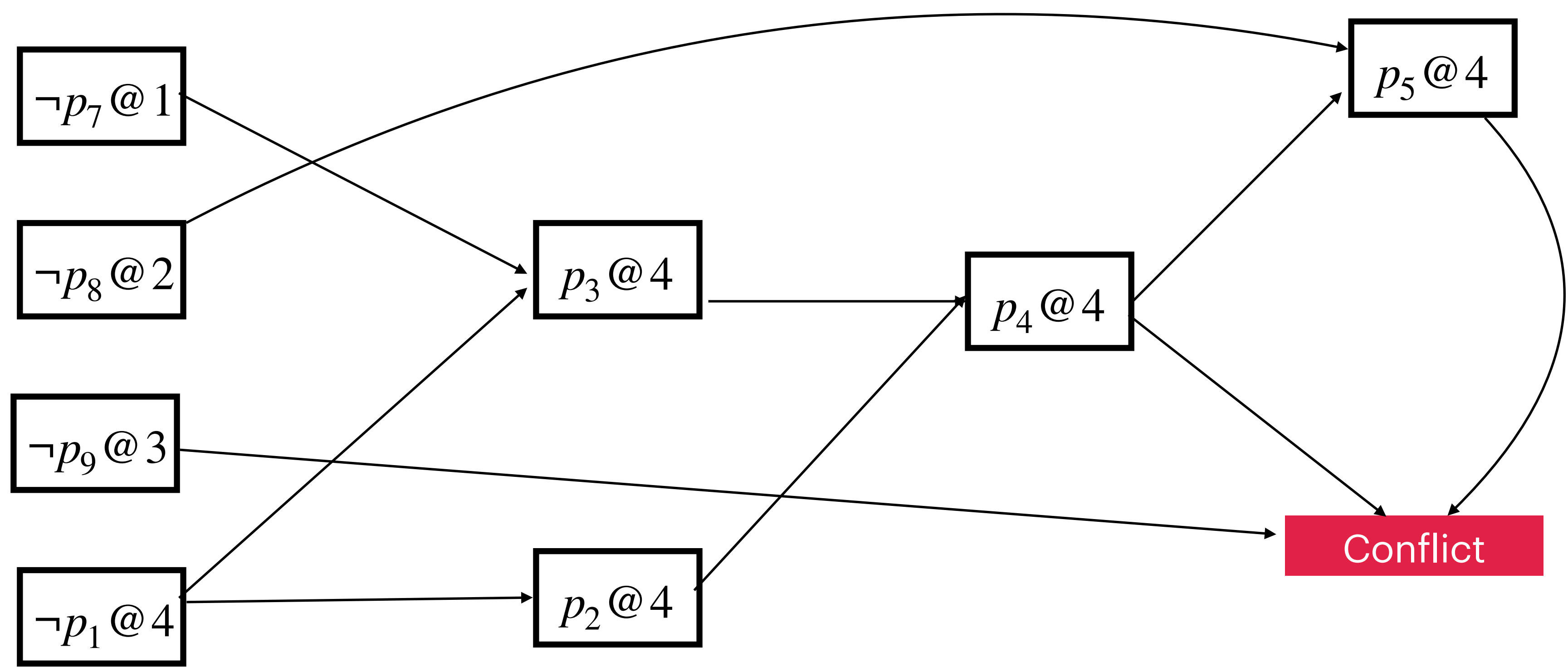
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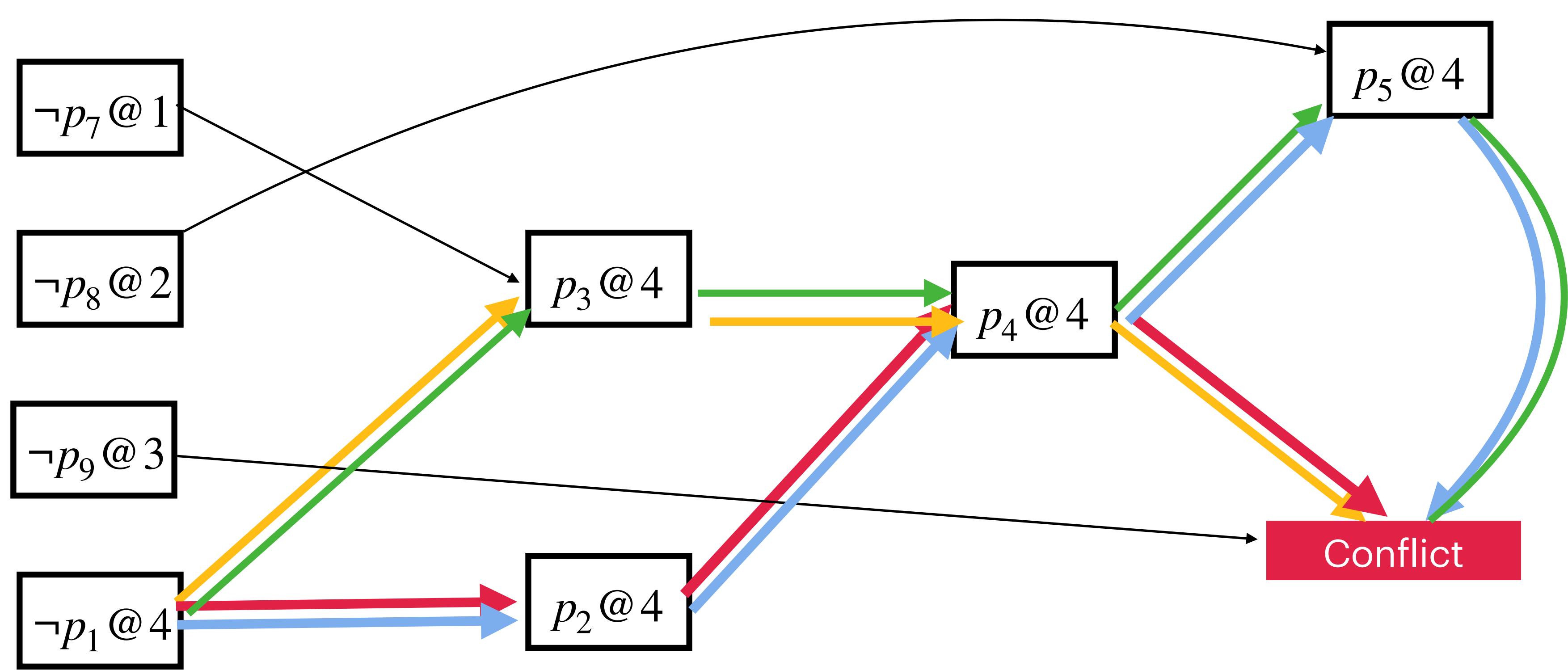


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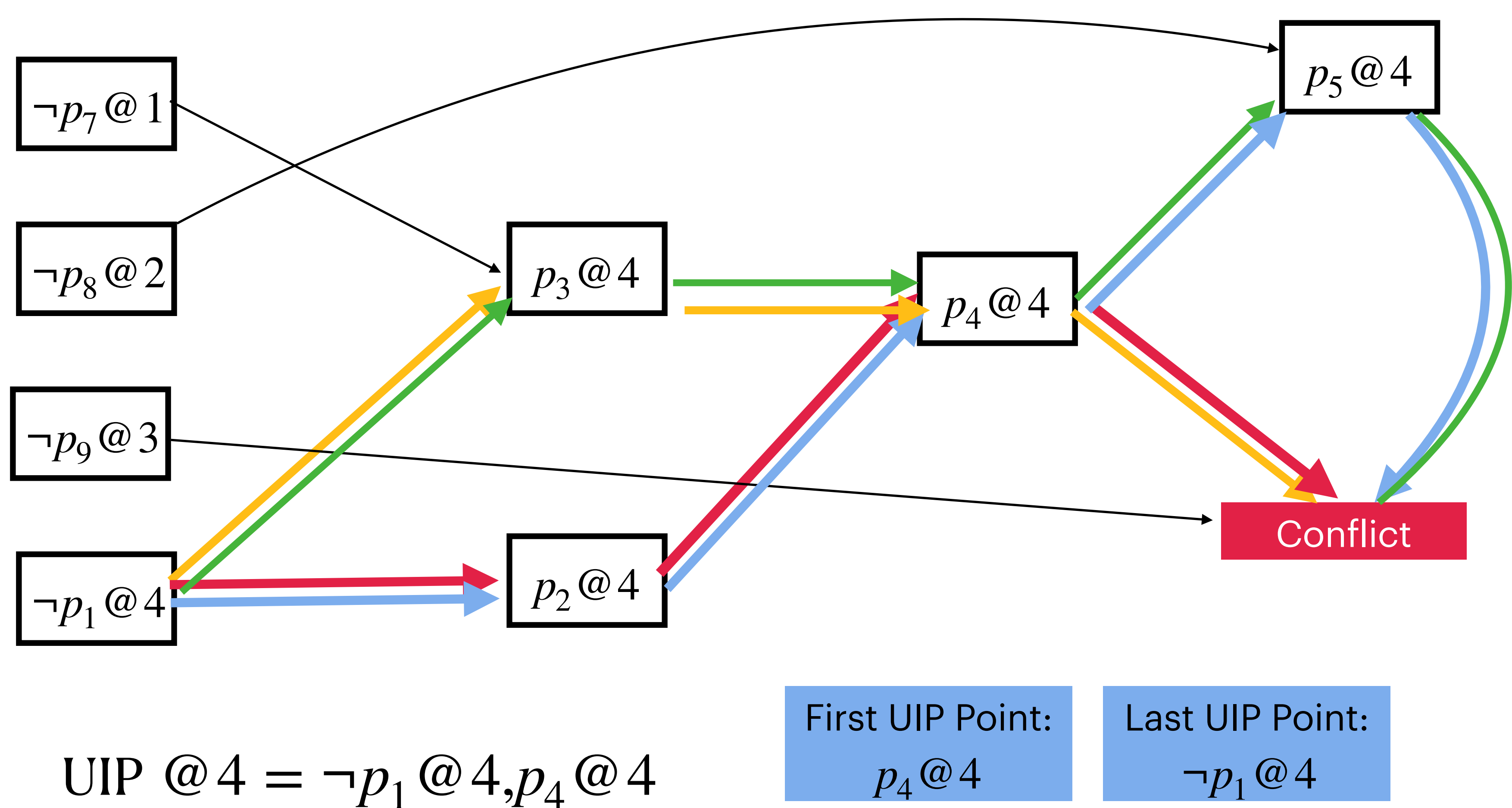
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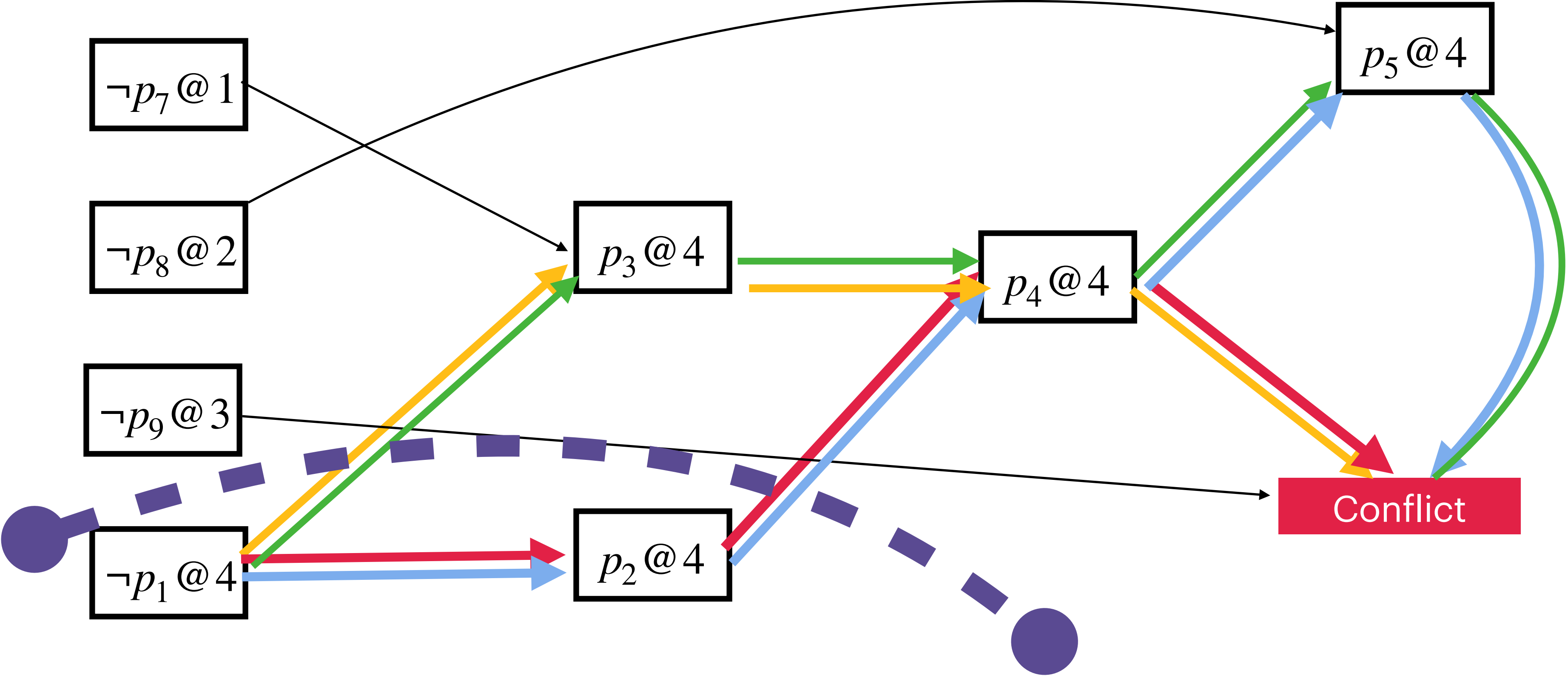
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Where,

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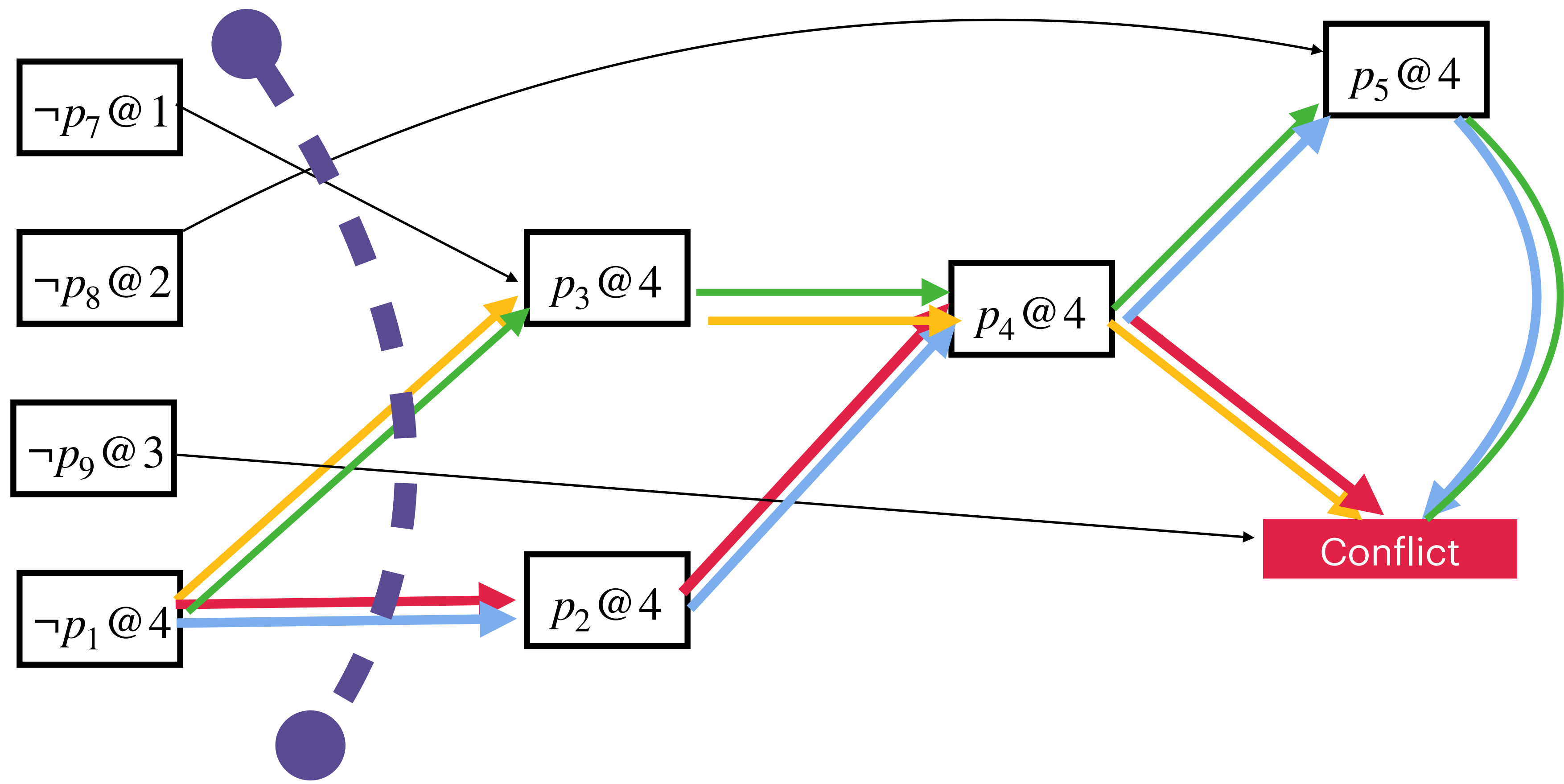
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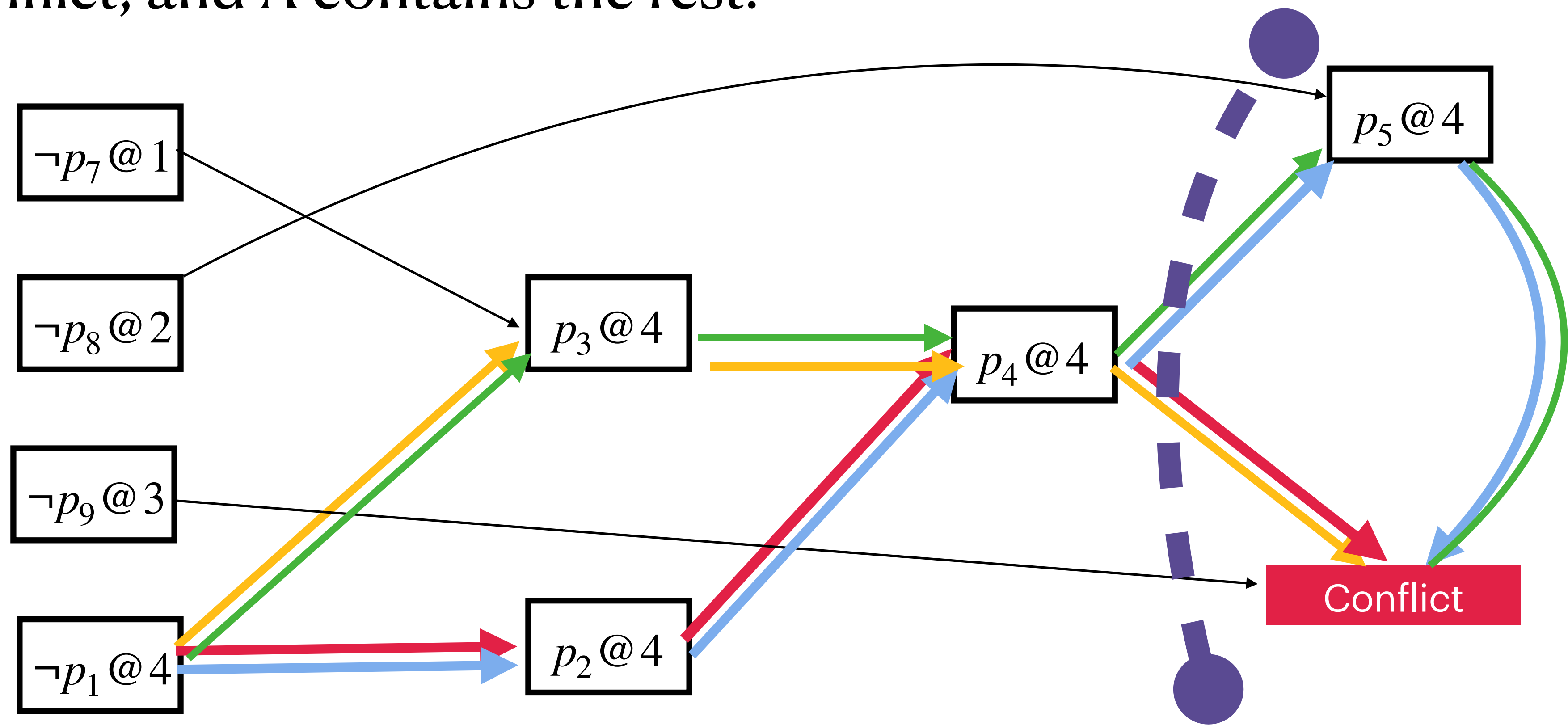
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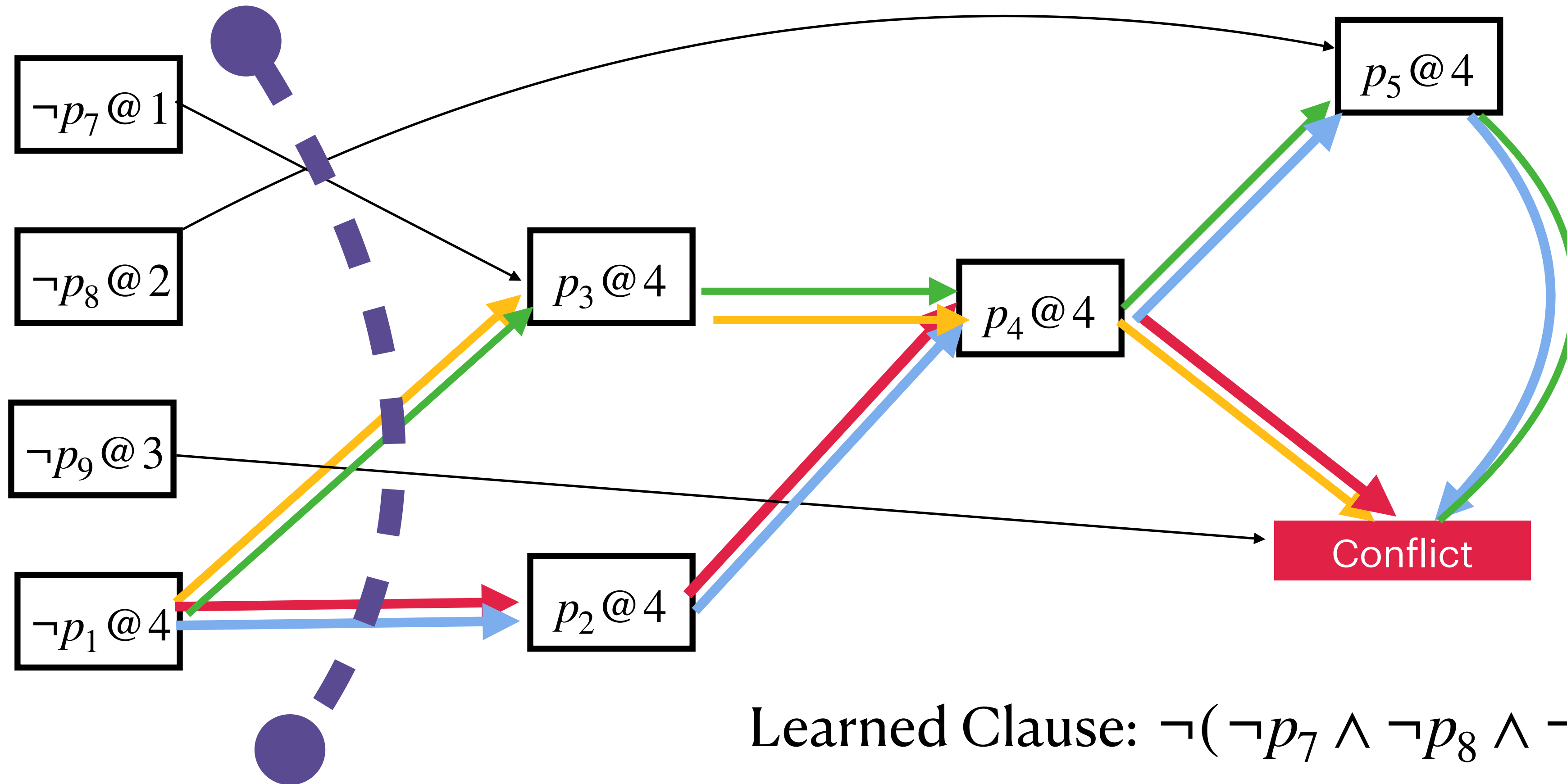


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Learned Conflict Clause from UIP cut

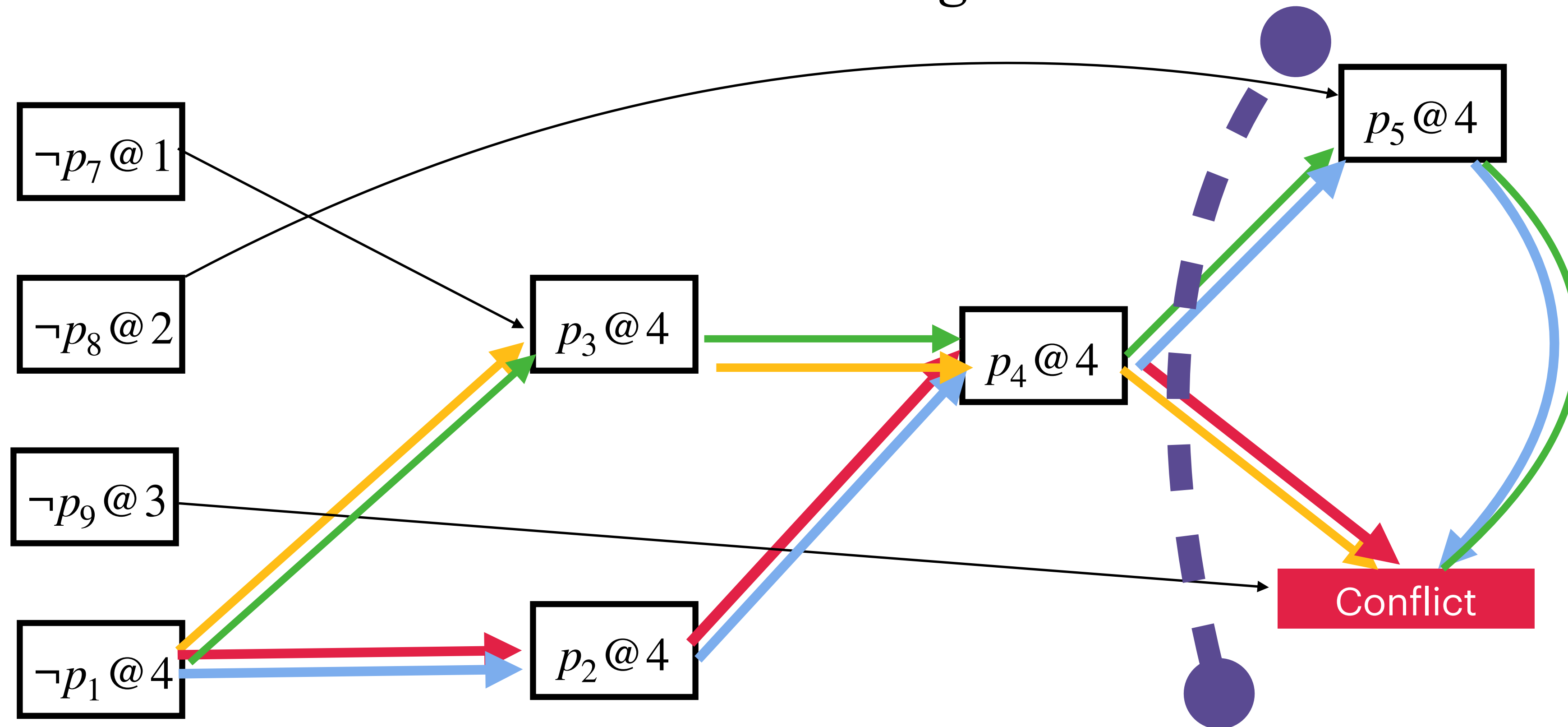
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Learned Clause: $\neg(\neg p_8 \wedge p_4 \wedge \neg p_9)$