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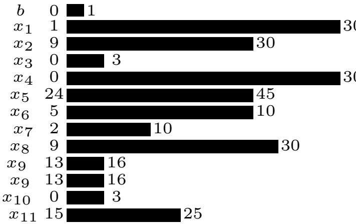

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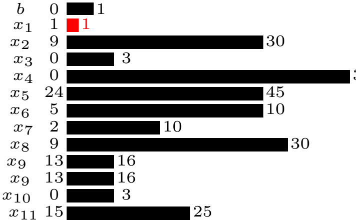

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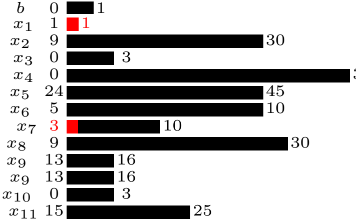

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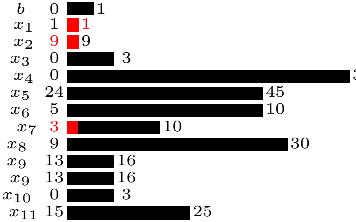

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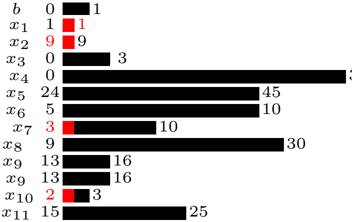

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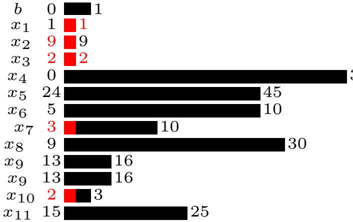

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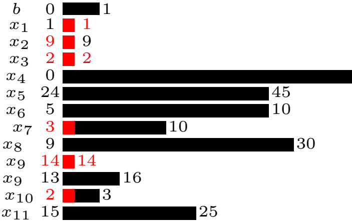

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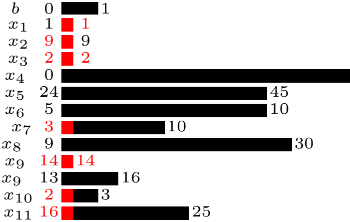

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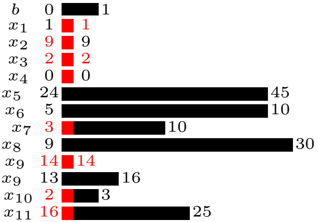

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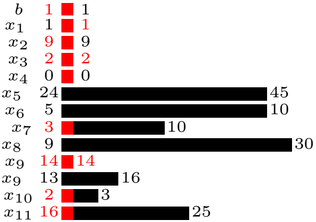

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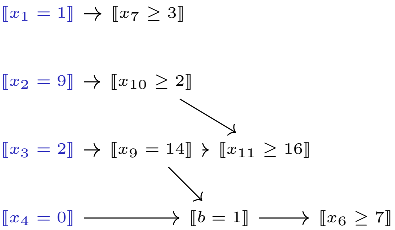

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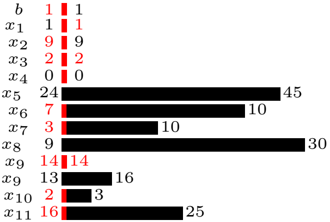

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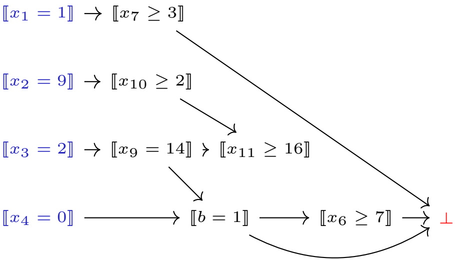

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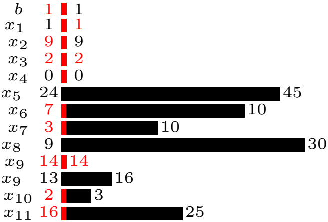

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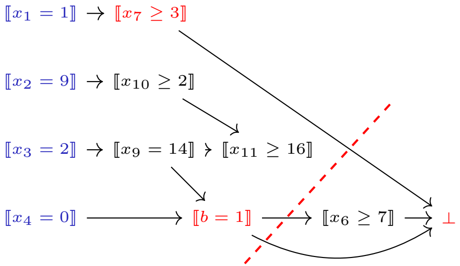

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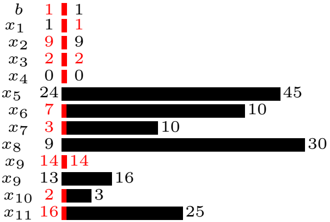

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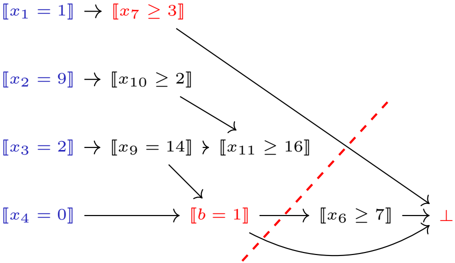

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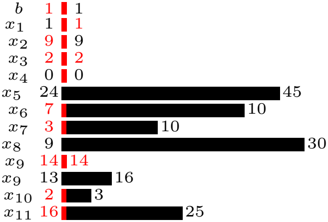

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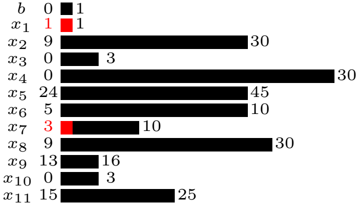

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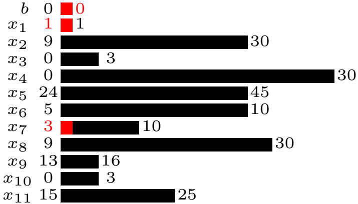

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&x_1 + x_7 \geq 4 \wedge \\
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&x_3 + x_9 = 16 \wedge \\
&x_5 \geq x_8 + x_9 \wedge \\
&b \leftrightarrow (x_9 - x_4 = 14) \wedge \\
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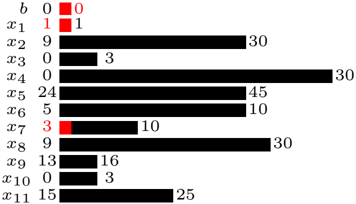

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Algorithm 1: 1-UIP-with-Propagators

$\Psi \leftarrow explain(\bot)$;
while $|\{q \in \Psi \mid level(q) = current\ level\}| > 1$ **do**
  $p \leftarrow \arg\max_q(\{rank(q) \mid level(q) = current\ level \ \wedge \ q \in \Psi\})$;
  $\Psi \leftarrow \Psi \cup \{q \mid q \in explain(p) \wedge level(q) > 0\} \setminus \{p\}$;
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Exercise

- Let $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ be a sequence of Boolean variables, and let d be a positive integer.
- The CARDINALITY$(x_1, \ldots, x_n, d)$ constraint holds iff exactly d variables from the sequence $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ are true.
- Write a filtering algorithm for CARDINALITY.
- What is the time complexity?
- Does it enforce arc consistency?
- Explain the CARDINALITY filtering.

Correction

Algorithm 4: CARDINALITY($[x_1, \ldots, x_n], d$)

if $\left|\{x_j \mid \mathcal{D}(x_j) = \{1\}\}\right| > d$ **then**
1 $\quad \mathcal{D} \leftarrow \perp$;
if $\left|\{x_j \mid \mathcal{D}(x_j) = \{0\}\}\right| > n - d$ **then**
2 $\quad \mathcal{D} \leftarrow \perp$;
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