

# Propositional logic

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# Syntax of propositional logic

$$F ::= (P) \mid (\neg F) \mid (F \vee F) \mid (F \wedge F) \mid (F \rightarrow F)$$
$$P ::= p \mid q \mid r \mid \dots$$

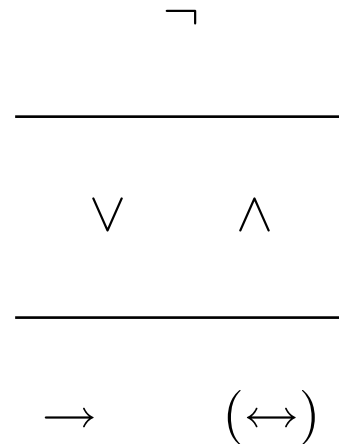
- propositional atoms:  $p, q, r, \dots$  for describing declarative sentences such as:
  - All students have to follow the course Programming and Modal Logic
  - 1037 is a prime number
- connectives:

Connective	Symbol	Alternative symbols
negation	$\neg$	$\sim$
disjunction	$\vee$	$\mid$
conjunction	$\wedge$	$\&$
implication	$\rightarrow$	$\Rightarrow, \supset, \supseteq$

Sometimes also bi-implication ( $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow, \equiv$ ) is considered as a connective.

# Syntax of propositional logic

## Binding priorities



for reducing the number of brackets.

Also outermost brackets are often omitted.

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- The meaning of the propositional atoms (that occur in that formula)
  - a declarative sentence is either true or false
  - captured as an assignment of truth values ( $\mathbb{B} = \{T, F\}$ ) to the propositional atoms:

a *valuation*  $v : P \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$

- The meaning of the connectives (that occur in that formula)

- the meaning of an  $n$ -ary connective  $\oplus$  is captured by a function  $f_{\oplus} : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$

- usually such functions are specified by means of a truth table.

$A$	$B$	$\neg A$	$A \wedge B$	$A \vee B$	$A \rightarrow B$
T	T	F	T	T	T
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F	T	T	F	T	T
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T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
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*Formally (this is not in the book)*

$$[[\_]] : F \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow \mathbb{B}) \rightarrow \mathbb{B})$$

$[[p]](v) = v(p)$	$[[\phi \wedge \psi]](v) = f_{\wedge}([[\phi]](v), [[\psi]](v))$
$[[\neg\phi]](v) = f_{\neg}([[\phi]](v))$	$[[\phi \vee \psi]](v) = f_{\vee}([[\phi]](v), [[\psi]](v))$
	$[[\phi \rightarrow \psi]](v) = f_{\rightarrow}([[\phi]](v), [[\psi]](v))$

# Questions

Our interest lies with the following questions:

- Semantic entailment

Many logical arguments are of the form: from the assumptions  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ , we know  $\psi$ . This is formalised by the *semantic entailment* relation  $\models$ .

Formally,  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$  iff for all valuations  $v$  such that  $\llbracket \phi_i \rrbracket(v) = \mathbf{T}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  we have  $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket(v) = \mathbf{T}$ .

- Validity: A formula  $\phi$  is *valid* if  $\models \phi$  holds.

- Satisfiability: A formula  $\phi$  is *satisfiable* if there exists a valuation  $v$  such that  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket(v) = \mathbf{T}$ .

# Semantic entailment

How to establish semantic entailment  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$ ?

Option 1: Construct a truth table.

If the formulas contain  $m$  different propositional atoms, the truth table contains  $2^m$  lines!

Option 2: Give a proof.

Suppose that  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ . Suppose that  $p$ . Then, as  $p \rightarrow q$  follows from  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ , we have  $q$ . Finally, as  $q \rightarrow r$  follows from  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$ , we have  $r$ . Thus the formula holds.

# Semantic entailment

Proof rules for inferring a conclusion  $\psi$  from a list of premises  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ :

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \psi \quad (\text{sequent})$$

What is a proof of a sequent  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \psi$  according to the book (informal definition)?

- Proof rules may be instantiated, i.e. consistent replacement of variables by formulas
- Constructing the proof is filling the gap between the premises and the conclusion by applying a suitable sequence of proof rules.

# Natural deduction

Proof rules for **conjunction**:

- $\wedge$  introduction

$$\frac{\phi \quad \psi}{\phi \wedge \psi} \wedge i$$

- $\wedge$  elimination

$$\frac{\phi \wedge \psi}{\phi} \wedge e_1 \qquad \frac{\phi \wedge \psi}{\psi} \wedge e_2$$

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Linear representation:

1	$(p \wedge q) \wedge r$	premise
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3	$p \wedge q$	$\wedge e_1$ 1
4	$q$	$\wedge e_2$ 3
5	$s$	$\wedge e_1$ 2
6	$q \wedge s$	$\wedge i$ 4, 5

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Tree representation:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{(p \wedge q) \wedge r}{p \wedge q} \wedge e_1}{q} \wedge e_2 \quad \frac{s \wedge t}{s} \wedge e_1}{q \wedge s} \wedge i$$



# Natural deduction

Proof rules for **disjunction**:

- $\vee$  introduction

$$\frac{\phi}{\phi \vee \psi} \vee i_1 \qquad \frac{\psi}{\phi \vee \psi} \vee i_2$$

- $\vee$  elimination

$$\frac{\phi \vee \psi \quad \begin{array}{|l} \phi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} \psi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{array}}{\chi} \vee e$$

# Exercise

Exercise 1.4.2.(q). Prove

$$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) \vdash p \wedge (q \vee r)$$

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1	$(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	premise
2	$p \wedge q$	assumption
3	$p$	$\wedge e_1$ 2
4	$q$	$\wedge e_2$ 2
5	$q \vee r$	$\vee i_1$ 4
6	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	$\wedge i$ 3,5
7	$p \wedge r$	assumption
8	$p$	$\wedge e_1$ 7
9	$r$	$\wedge e_2$ 7
10	$q \vee r$	$\vee i_2$ 9
11	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	$\wedge i$ 8,10
12	$p \wedge (q \vee r)$	$\vee e$ 1,2-6,7-11

# Natural deduction

Proof rules for **implication**:

- $\rightarrow$  introduction

$$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \vdots \\ \psi \end{array}}}{\phi \rightarrow \psi} \rightarrow \text{i}$$

- $\rightarrow$  elimination

$$\frac{\phi \quad \phi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \rightarrow \text{e}$$

# Exercise

1. Prove  $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow r$ .

2. Prove  $\vdash (p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$ .

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Linear representation:

1	$p \rightarrow q$	premise
2	$q \rightarrow r$	premise
3	$p$	assumption
4	$q$	$\rightarrow$ e 1,3
5	$r$	$\rightarrow$ e 2,4
6	$p \rightarrow r$	$\rightarrow$ i 3-5

Tree representation (assumption management more difficult):

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q \quad p}{q} \rightarrow e \quad q \rightarrow r}{r} \rightarrow e}{p \rightarrow r} \rightarrow i$$

# Natural deduction

Proof rules for **negation**:

- $\neg$  introduction

$$\frac{\begin{array}{|c} \phi \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}{\neg\phi} \neg i$$

- $\neg$  elimination

$$\frac{\phi \quad \neg\phi}{\perp} \neg e$$

Example:  $\vdash p \rightarrow (\neg p \rightarrow q)$

# Natural deduction

Proof rules for **falsum**:

- $\perp$  introduction: there are no proof rules for the introduction of  $\perp$
- $\perp$  elimination

$$\frac{\perp}{\phi} \perp e$$

Proof rules for **double negation**:

- $\neg\neg$  elimination

$$\frac{\neg\neg\phi}{\phi} \neg\neg e$$



# Natural deduction

Derived rules (derivation in book):

- Modus Tollens 
$$\frac{\phi \rightarrow \psi \quad \neg \psi}{\neg \phi} \text{MT}$$

- $\neg\neg$  introduction 
$$\frac{\phi}{\neg\neg\phi} \neg\neg i$$

- Reduction Ad Absurdum / Proof by contradiction

$$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \neg\phi \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}}{\phi} \text{RAA}$$

- Law of the Excluded Middle / Tertium Non Datur

$$\frac{}{\phi \vee \neg\phi} \text{LEM}$$

# Natural deduction

## Soundness of natural deduction

if  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \psi$ , then  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$

## Completeness of natural deduction

if  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$ , then  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \psi$

# Deciding validity and satisfiability of propositional formulas

- Validity: A formula  $\phi$  is *valid* if for any valuations  $v$ ,  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket(v) = \mathbf{T}$ .
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$p \wedge \neg p$	valid? satisfiable?

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## Examples

$p \wedge q$	satisfiable
$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$	valid
$p \wedge \neg p$	unsatisfiable

Given a propositional formula  $\phi$ , how to check whether it is valid? satisfiable?

## Deciding validity

What are the means to decide whether or not a given formula  $\phi$  is valid?

- Use techniques for semantic entailment (e.g., natural deduction).
- Use a calculus for semantical equivalence to prove that  $\phi \equiv \top$ .
- *Transform  $\phi$  into some normal form that is semantically equivalent and then apply dedicated techniques (syntactic).*

$\phi$  and  $\psi$  are **semantically equivalent** (not.  $\phi \equiv \psi$ ) iff  $\phi \models \psi$  and  $\psi \models \phi$ .

A decision procedure for validity can be used for semantic entailment.

**Lemma (1.41):**

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi \text{ iff } \models \phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (\phi_n \rightarrow \psi))$$

# Deciding Validity

- If I am wealthy, then I am happy. I am happy. Therefore, I am wealthy.
- If John drinks beer, he is at least 18 years old. John does not drink beer. Therefore, John is not yet 18 years old.
- If girls are blonde, they are popular with boys. Ugly girls are unpopular with boys. Intellectual girls are ugly. Therefore, blonde girls are not intellectual.
- If I study, then I will not fail basket weaving 101. If I do not play cards too often, then I will study. I failed basket weaving 101. Therefore, I played cards too often.

# Deciding validity

## Conjunctive Normal Forms

A **literal** is either an atom  $p$  or the negation of an atom  $\neg p$ .

A formule  $\phi$  is in **conjunctive normal form (CNF)** if it is a conjunction of a number of disjunctions of literals only.

$L ::= P \mid \neg P$	literal
$C ::= L \mid C \vee C$	clause
$CNF ::= C \mid CNF \wedge CNF$	CNF

## Examples

- $p$  and  $\neg p$  are in CNF;
- $\neg\neg p$  is not in CNF;
- $p \wedge \neg p$  and  $(p \vee \neg r) \wedge (\neg r \vee s) \wedge q$  are in CNF;
- $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee q$  is not in CNF.



# Deciding validity

## Usefulness of CNF

- Deciding validity of formulas in CNF is easy!

$$C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge C_n$$

(CNF)

Each clause has to be valid.

$$L_1 \vee L_2 \vee \cdots \vee L_m$$

(C)

**Lemma (1.43):**  $\models L_1 \vee \cdots \vee L_m$  iff there are  $i$  and  $j$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ ) such that  $L_i$  and  $\neg L_j$  are syntactically equal.

- Any formula can be transformed into an equivalent formula in CNF!

# Deciding validity

## Transformation into CNF

### 1. Remove all occurrences of $\rightarrow$ .

Done by the algorithm IF

Input: formula

Output: formula without  $\rightarrow$

### 2. Obtain a 'negation normal form' (only atoms are negated!).

$$\begin{aligned} N &::= P \mid \neg P \mid (N \vee N) \mid (N \wedge N) \\ P &::= p \mid q \mid r \mid \dots \end{aligned}$$

Done by the algorithm NNF

Input: formula without  $\rightarrow$

Output: formula in NNF

### 3. Apply distribution laws

Done by the algorithm CNF

Input: formula in NNF

Output: formula in CNF

Therefore,  $\text{CNF}(\text{NNF}(\text{IF}(\phi)))$  is in CNF and semantically equivalent with  $\phi$ .

# Deciding validity

Transformation into CNF. The algorithm IF

Idea: Apply the following replacement until it can not be applied anymore:  
 $\phi \rightarrow \psi$  replace by  $\neg\phi \vee \psi$

Inductive definition of IF:

$\text{IF}(p)$	$=$	$p$
$\text{IF}(\neg\phi)$	$=$	$\neg\text{IF}(\phi)$
$\text{IF}(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2)$	$=$	$\text{IF}(\phi_1) \wedge \text{IF}(\phi_2)$
$\text{IF}(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2)$	$=$	$\text{IF}(\phi_1) \vee \text{IF}(\phi_2)$
$\text{IF}(\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2)$	$=$	$\neg\text{IF}(\phi_1) \vee \text{IF}(\phi_2)$

Properties of IF:

- IF is well-defined (terminates for any input)
- $\text{IF}(\phi) \equiv \phi$  (the output of IF and the input of IF are semantically equivalent)
- $\text{IF}(\phi)$  is an implication-free formula for any formula  $\phi$

# Deciding validity

Transformation into CNF. The algorithm NNF

Idea: apply the following replacements until none can be applied anymore:

$\neg\neg\phi$  replace by  $\phi$   
 $\neg(\phi \wedge \psi)$  replace by  $\neg\phi \vee \neg\psi$   
 $\neg(\phi \vee \psi)$  replace by  $\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi$

$\text{NNF}(p)$	$=$	$p$
$\text{NNF}(\neg p)$	$=$	$\neg p$
$\text{NNF}(\neg\neg\phi)$	$=$	$\text{NNF}(\phi)$
$\text{NNF}(\neg(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2))$	$=$	$\text{NNF}(\neg\phi_1 \vee \neg\phi_2)$
$\text{NNF}(\neg(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2))$	$=$	$\text{NNF}(\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2)$
$\text{NNF}(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2)$	$=$	$\text{NNF}(\phi_1) \wedge \text{NNF}(\phi_2)$
$\text{NNF}(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2)$	$=$	$\text{NNF}(\phi_1) \vee \text{NNF}(\phi_2)$

Inductive definition of NNF:

Properties of NNF:

- NNF is well-defined (terminates for any input)
- $\text{NNF}(\phi) \equiv \phi$  (the output of NNF and the input of NNF are semantically equivalent)
- $\text{NNF}(\phi)$  is a NNF for any implication-free formula  $\phi$

# Deciding validity

Transformation into CNF. The algorithm CNF

Idea: apply until no longer possible:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) \vee \psi & \text{replace by } (\phi_1 \vee \psi) \wedge (\phi_2 \vee \psi) \\ \phi \vee (\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2) & \text{replace by } (\phi \vee \psi_1) \wedge (\phi \vee \psi_2) \end{array}$$

Inductive definition of CNF:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{CNF}(p) & = p \\ \text{CNF}(\neg p) & = \neg p \\ \text{CNF}(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) & = \text{CNF}(\phi_1) \wedge \text{CNF}(\phi_2) \\ \text{CNF}(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) & = \text{D}(\text{CNF}(\phi_1), \text{CNF}(\phi_2)) \end{array}$$

with

$$\text{D}(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \begin{cases} \text{D}(\phi_{11}, \phi_2) \wedge \text{D}(\phi_{12}, \phi_2) & \phi_1 = \phi_{11} \wedge \phi_{12} \\ \text{D}(\phi_1, \phi_{21}) \wedge \text{D}(\phi_1, \phi_{22}) & \phi_2 = \phi_{21} \wedge \phi_{22} \\ \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Properties of CNF (and D):

- CNF and D are well-defined
- $\text{D}(\phi, \psi) \equiv \phi \vee \psi$  and  $\text{CNF}(\phi) \equiv \phi$
- $\text{CNF}(\phi)$  is in CNF for any formula  $\phi$  in NNF and  $\text{D}(\phi, \psi)$  is in CNF for any formulas  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  in CNF

## Example

Find a CNF for  $p \vee \neg q \rightarrow r$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & p \vee \neg q \rightarrow r \\ \mapsto & \neg(p \vee \neg q) \vee r \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg(p \vee \neg q) \vee r \\ \mapsto & (\neg p \wedge \neg\neg q) \vee r \\ \mapsto & (\neg p \wedge q) \vee r \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg p \wedge q) \vee r \\ \mapsto & (\neg p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee r) \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Validity of  $((p \leftrightarrow q) \leftrightarrow r) \leftrightarrow s$ .

CNF: ??

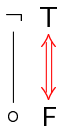
# SAT Solver

- Finding satisfying valuations to a propositional formula.



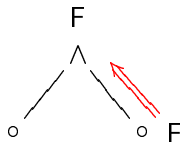
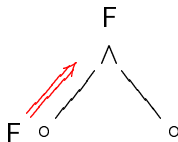
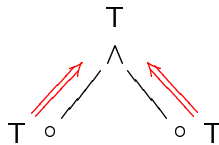
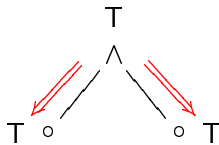
## Forcing laws – negation

$\phi$	$\neg\phi$
T	F
F	T

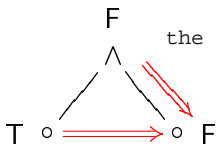


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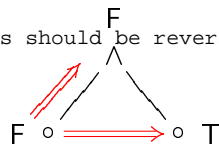
$\phi$	$\psi$	$\phi \wedge \psi$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F



Other laws possible,  
but  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$   
are adequate



the arrows should be reversed



## Using the SAT solver

1. Convert to  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$ .

$$T(p) = p$$

$$T(\neg\phi) = \neg T(\phi)$$

$$T(\phi \wedge \psi) = T(\phi) \wedge T(\psi)$$

$$T(\phi \vee \psi) = \neg(\neg T(\phi) \wedge \neg T(\psi))$$

$$T(\phi \rightarrow \psi) = \neg(T(\phi) \wedge \neg T(\psi))$$

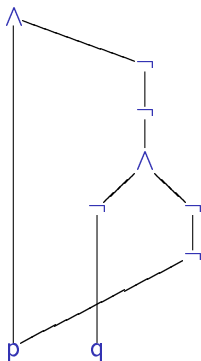
Linear growth in formula size (no distributivity).

2. Translate the formula to a DAG, sharing common subterms.
3. Set the root to T and apply the forcing rules.

Satisfiable if all nodes are consistently annotated.

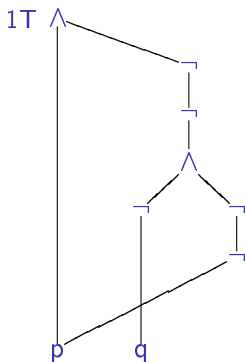
## Example: satisfiability

Formula:  $p \wedge \neg(q \vee \neg p) \equiv p \wedge \neg\neg(\neg q \wedge \neg\neg p)$



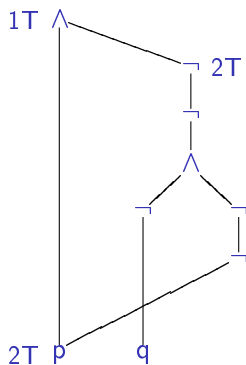
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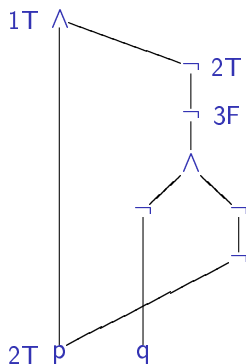
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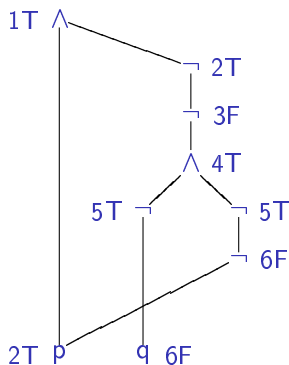






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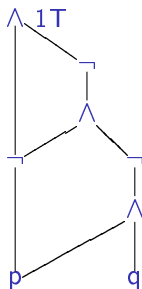


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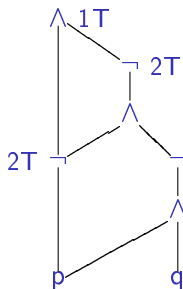


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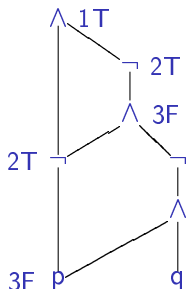


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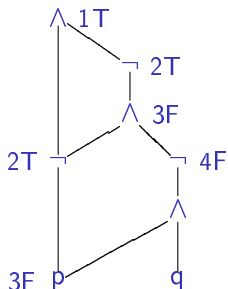


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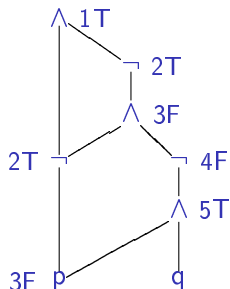


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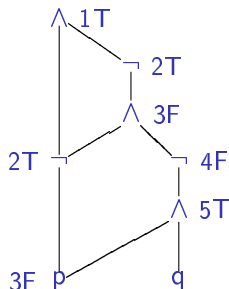


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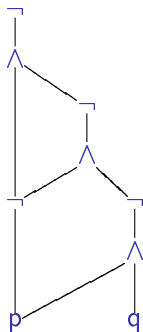
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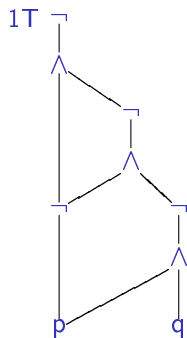
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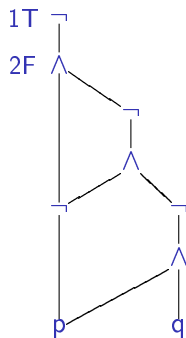
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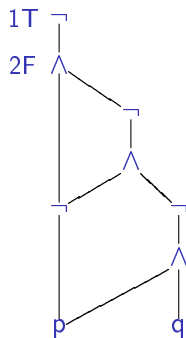
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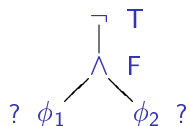
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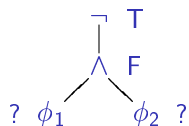


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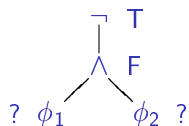


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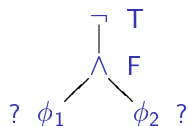
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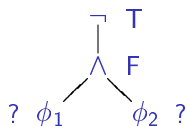
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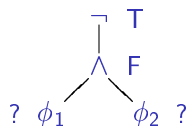
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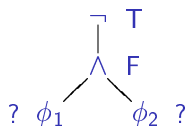
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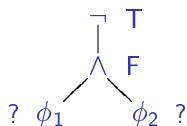
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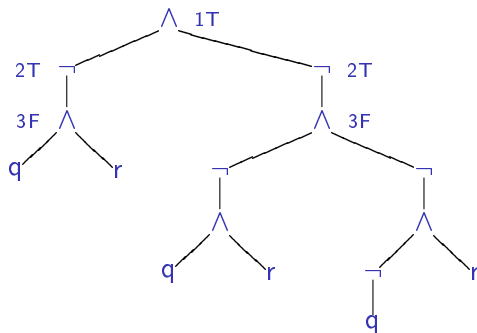
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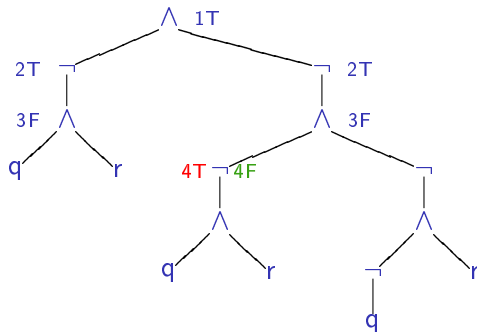
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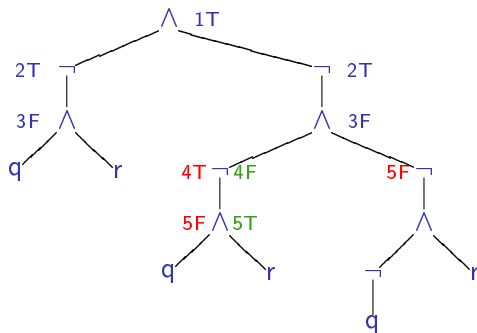
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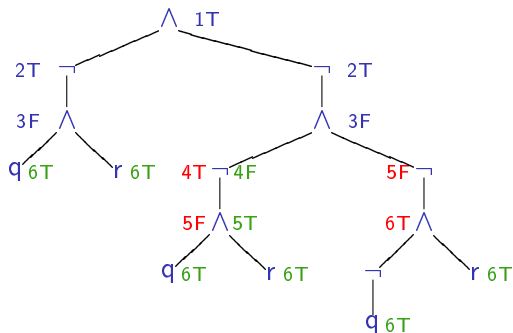


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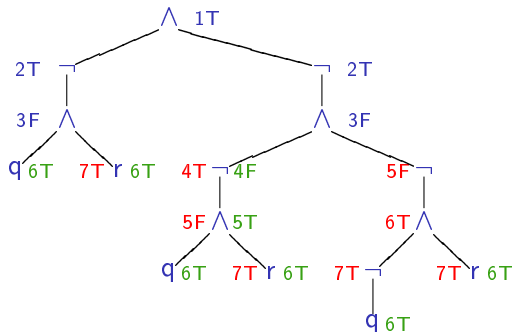
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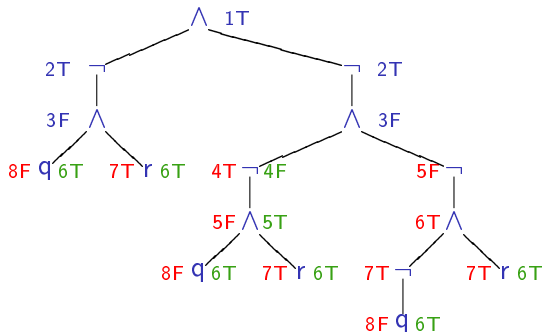
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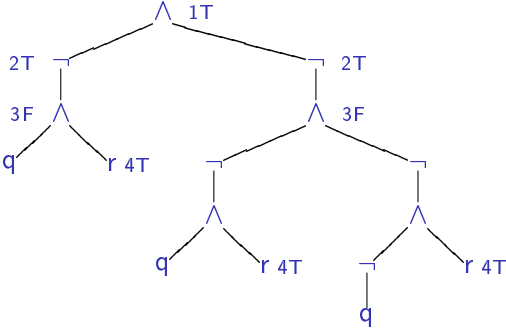
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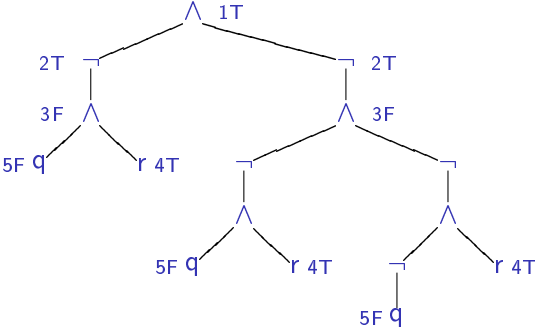
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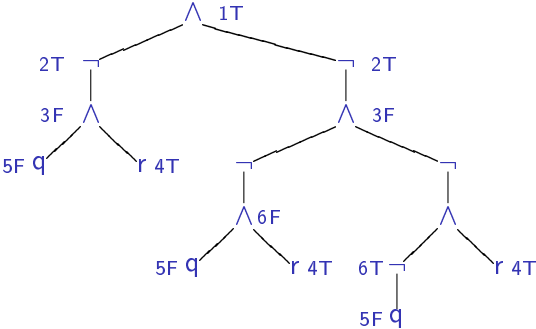
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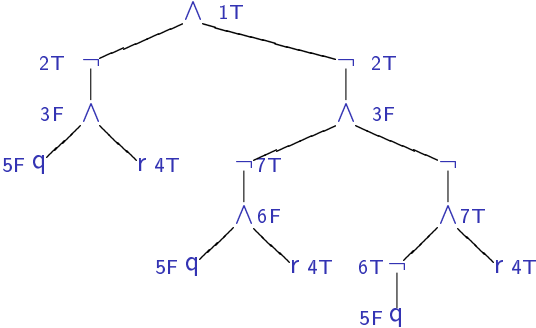
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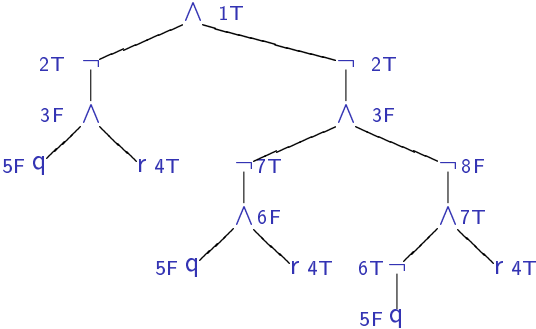
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Satisfiable.



## Extended algorithm

### Algorithm:

1. Pick an unmarked node and add temporary T and F marks.
2. Use the forcing rules to propagate both marks.
3. If both marks lead to a contradiction, report a contradiction.
4. If both marks lead to some node having the same value, permanently assign the node that value.
5. Erase the remaining temporary marks and continue.

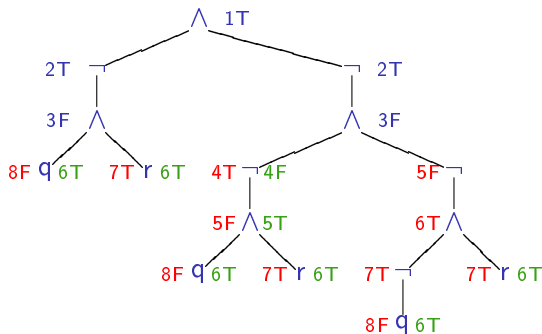
### Complexity $O(n^3)$ :

1. Testing each unmarked node:  $O(n)$
2. Testing a given unmarked node:  $O(n)$
3. Repeating the whole thing when a new node is marked:  $O(n)$

Why isn't it exponential?

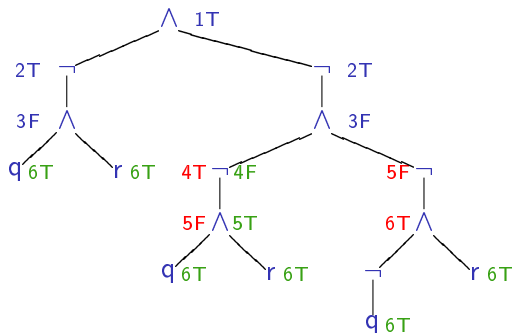
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We could stop here: red values give a complete and consistent valuation.

## Another optimization



- ▶ Contradiction in the leftmost subtree.
- ▶ No need to analyze  $q$ , etc.
- ▶ Permanently mark “4T4F” as T.

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Perform backtracking search  
over values of variables

Try to satisfy each clause

M. Davis, G. Logemann, and D. Loveland. A machine program for theorem-proving. *Communications of the ACM*, 5:394–397, 1962

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Performs backtracking search over variable assignments

Basic definitions

Under a given partial assignment (PA) to variables

- A variable may be
  - **assigned** (true/false literal)
  - **unassigned**.
- A clause may be
  - **satisfied** ( $\geq 1$  true literal)
  - **unsatisfied** (all false literals)
  - **unit** (one unassigned literal, rest false)
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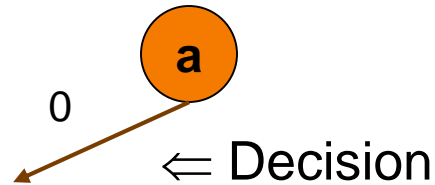
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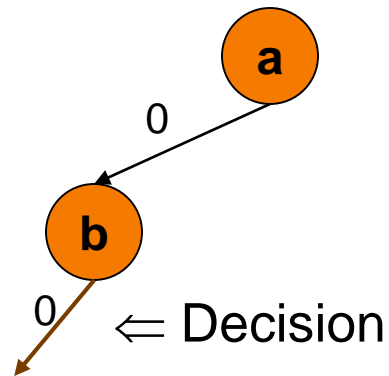
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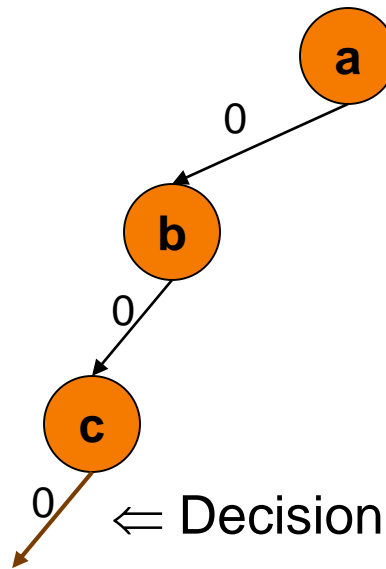
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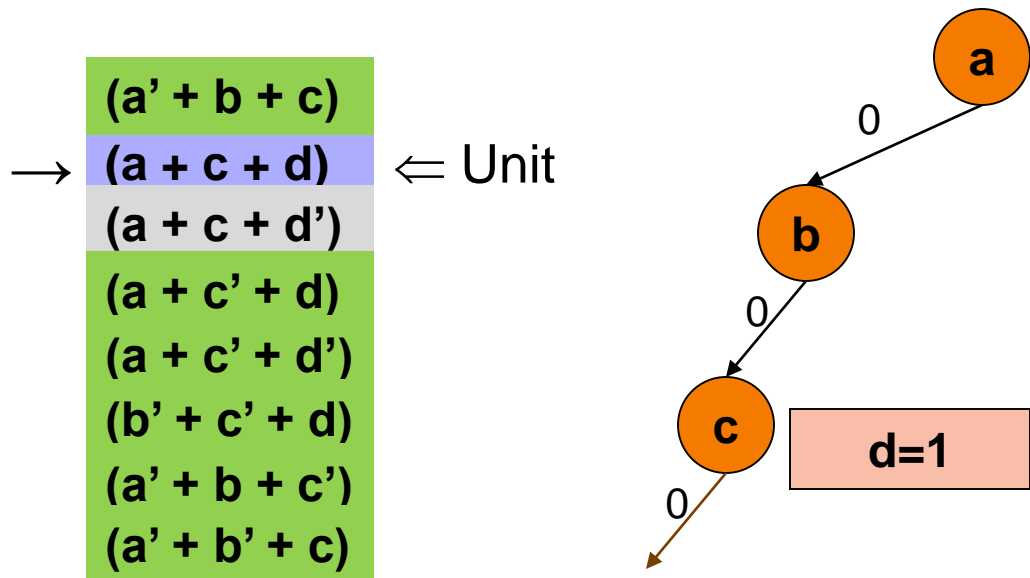


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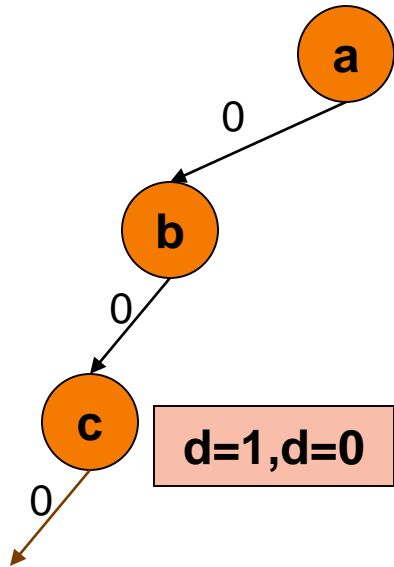
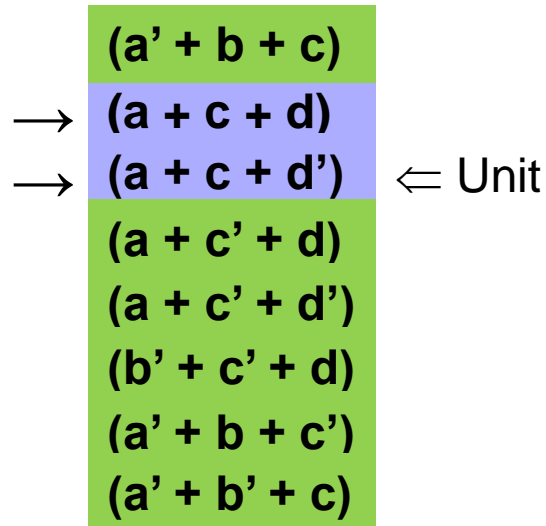
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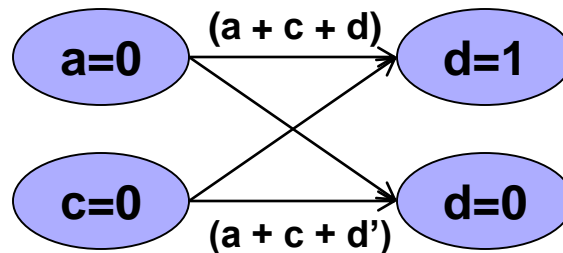
BCP: Boolean Constraint Propagation repeatedly applies *Unit Clause Rule*

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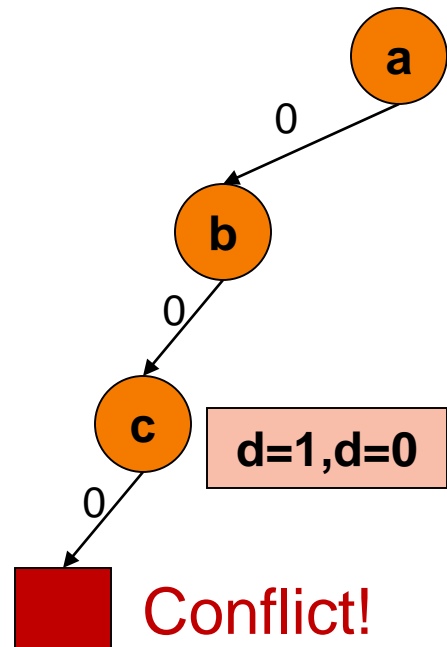


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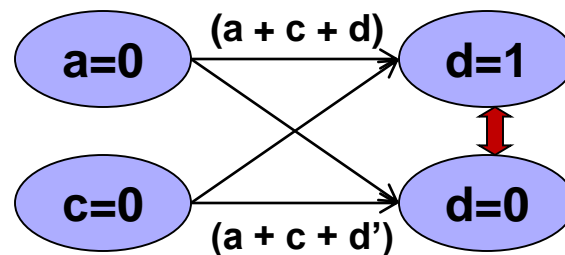


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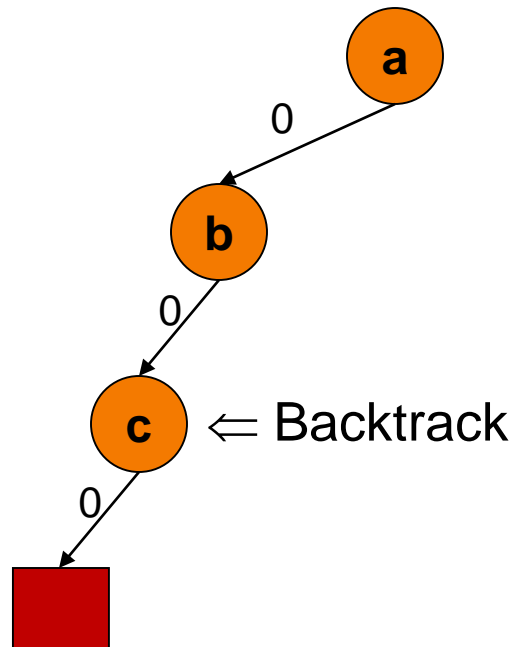
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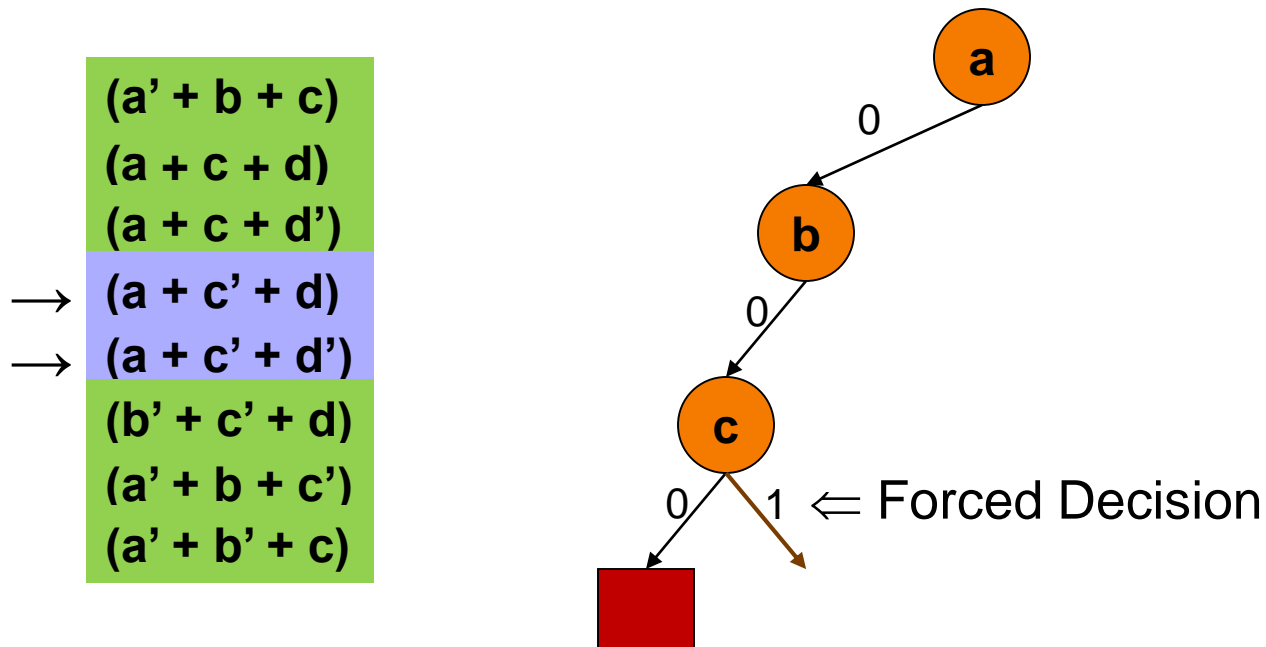
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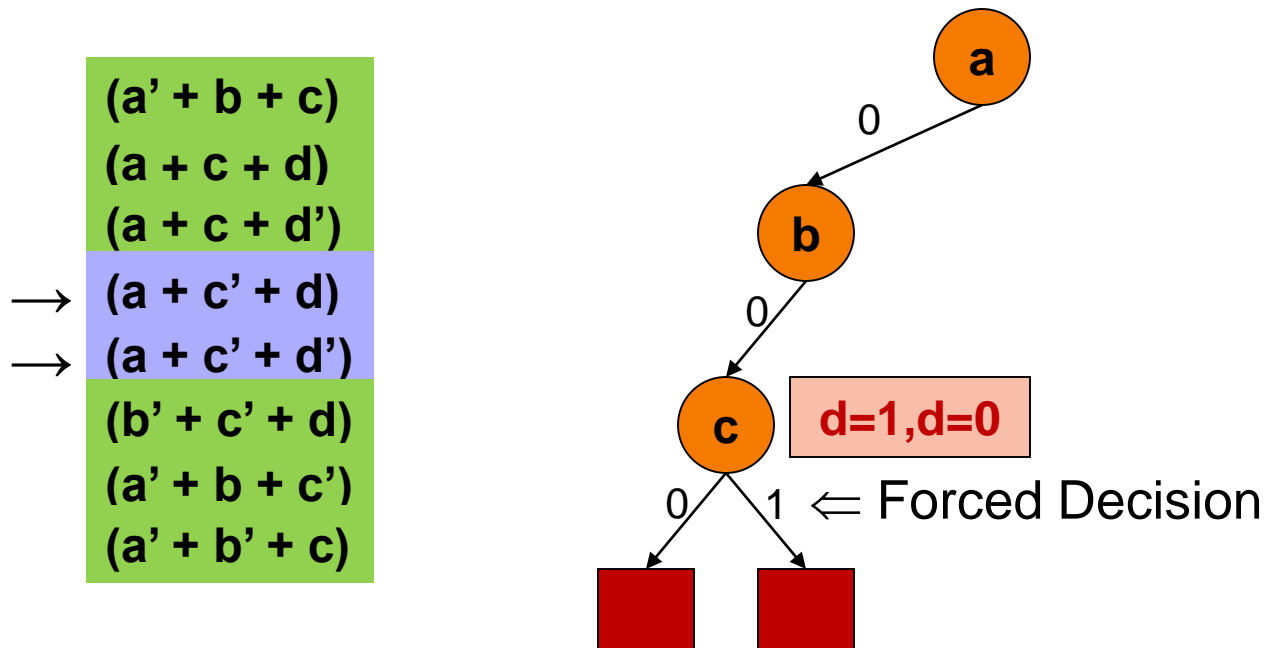
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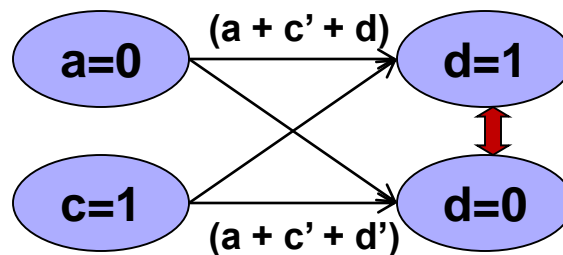


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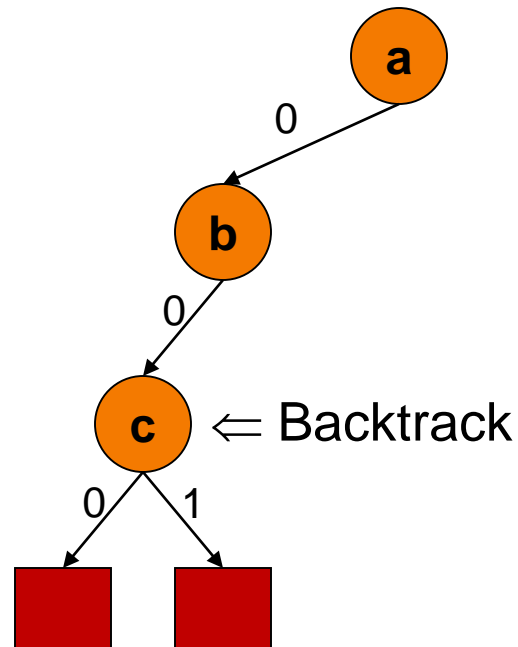
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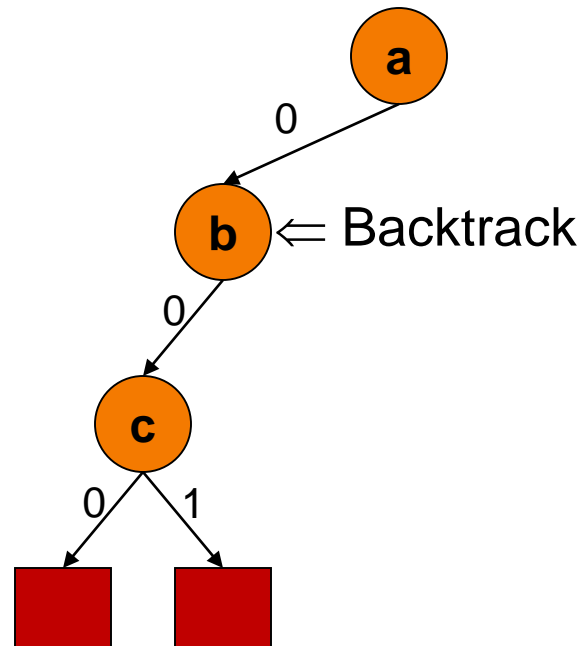
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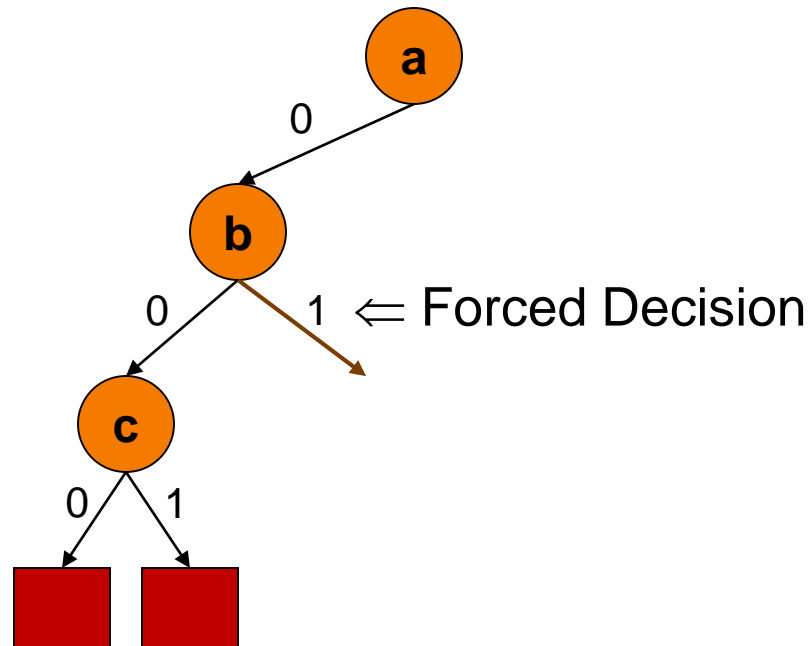
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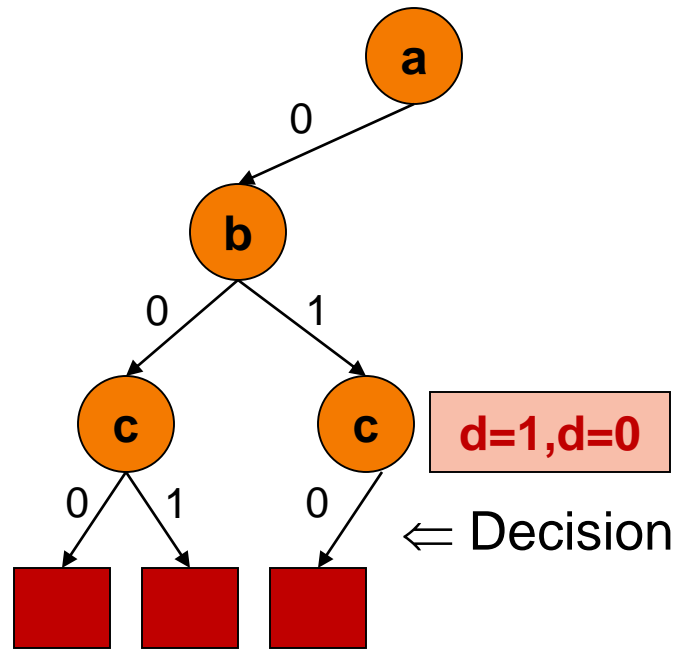
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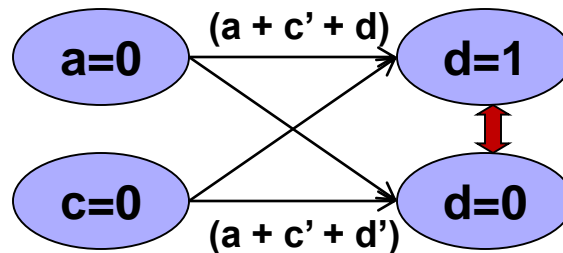


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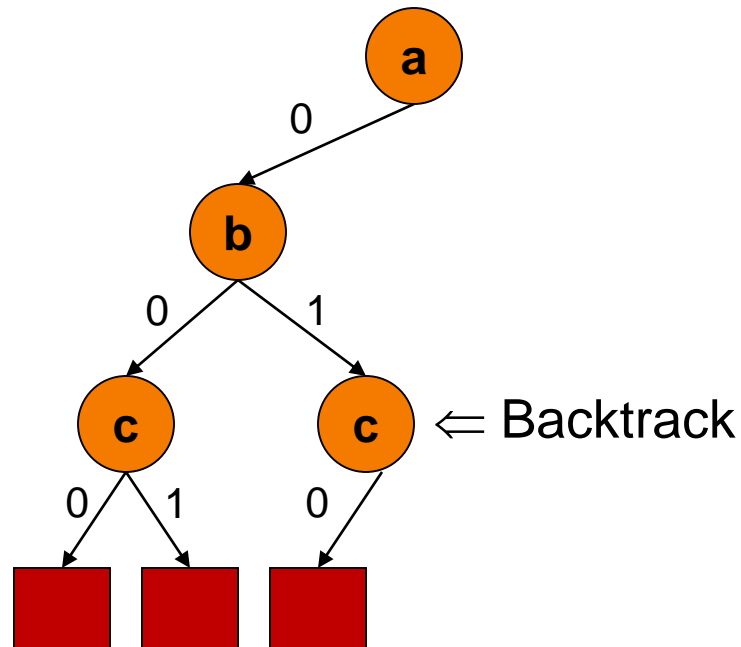
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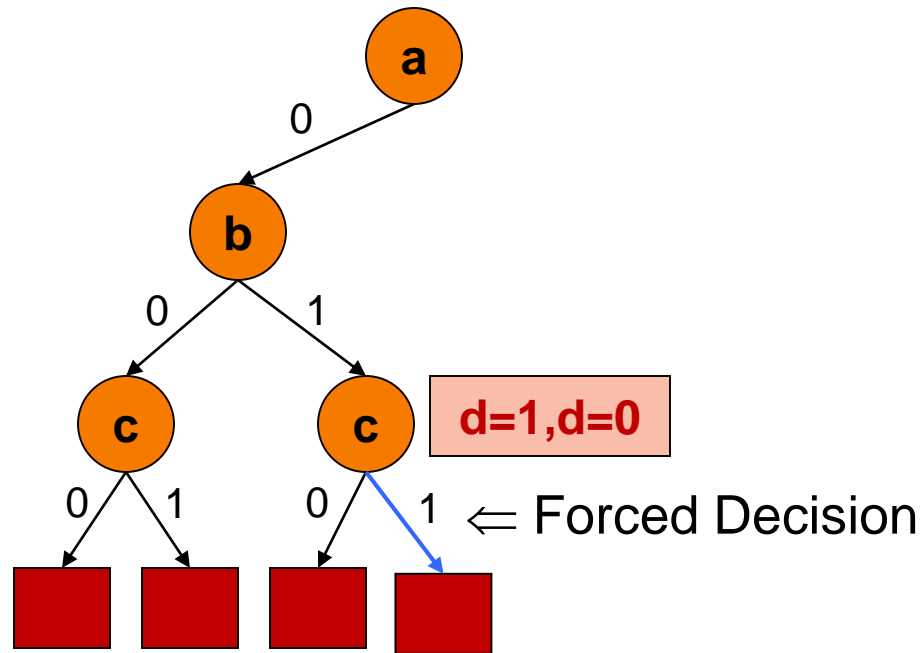
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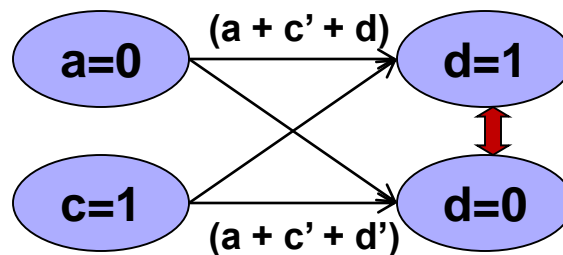


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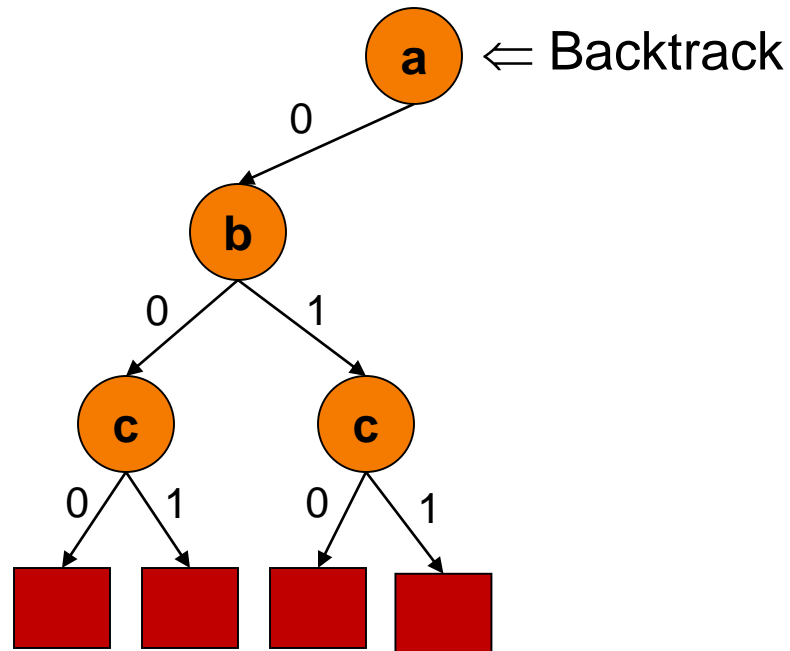
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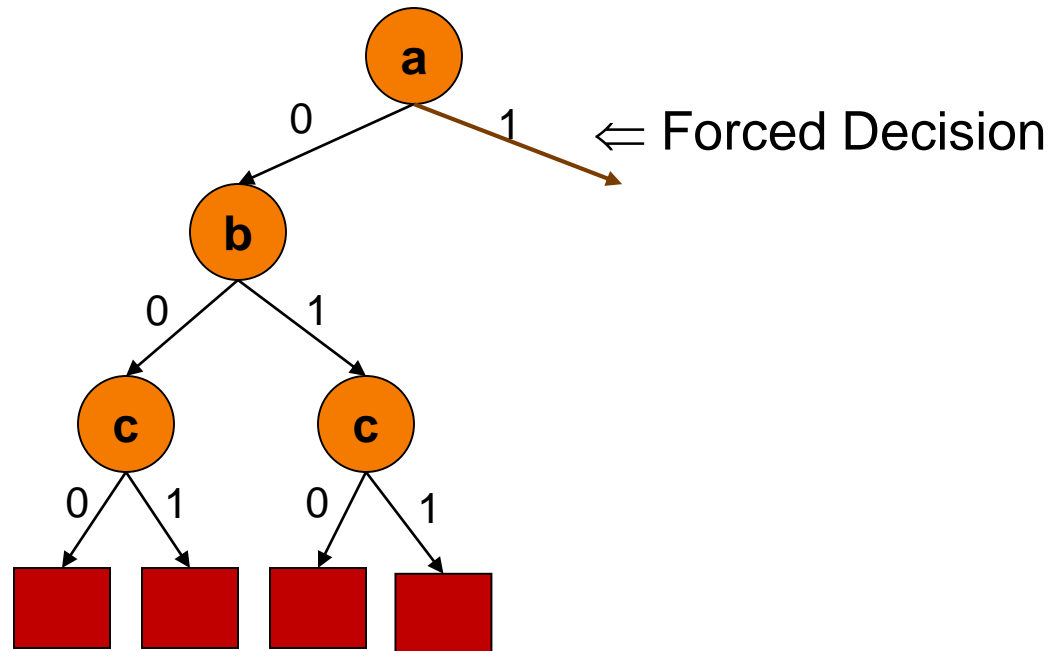
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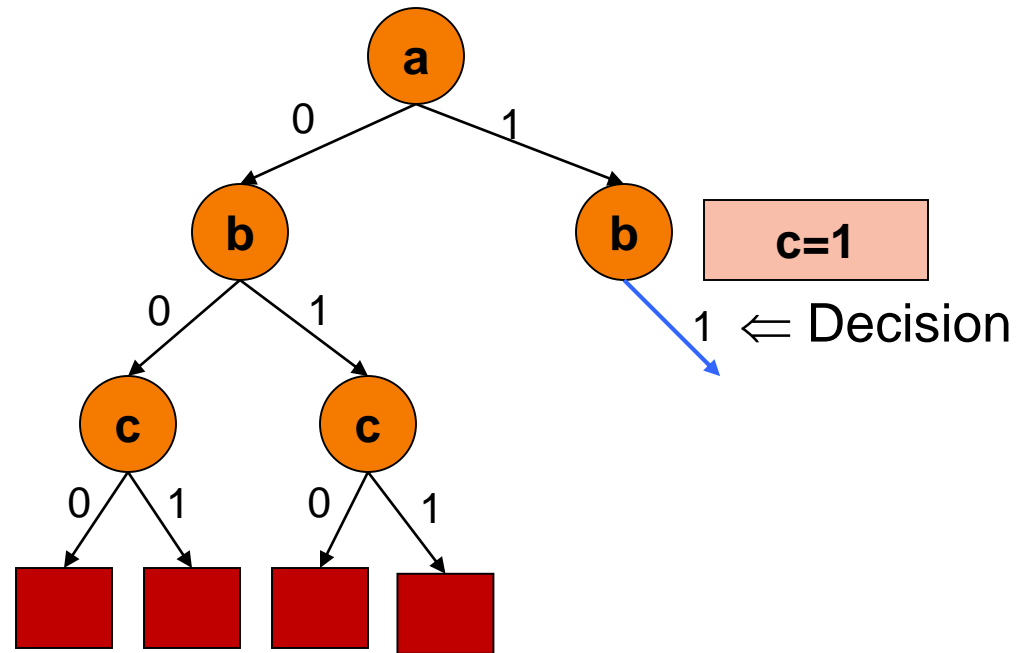
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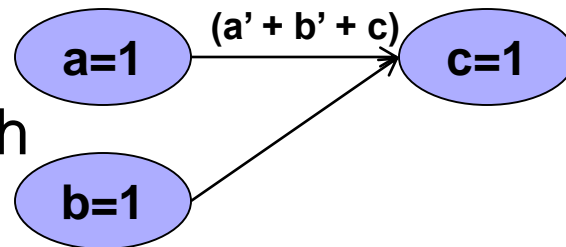


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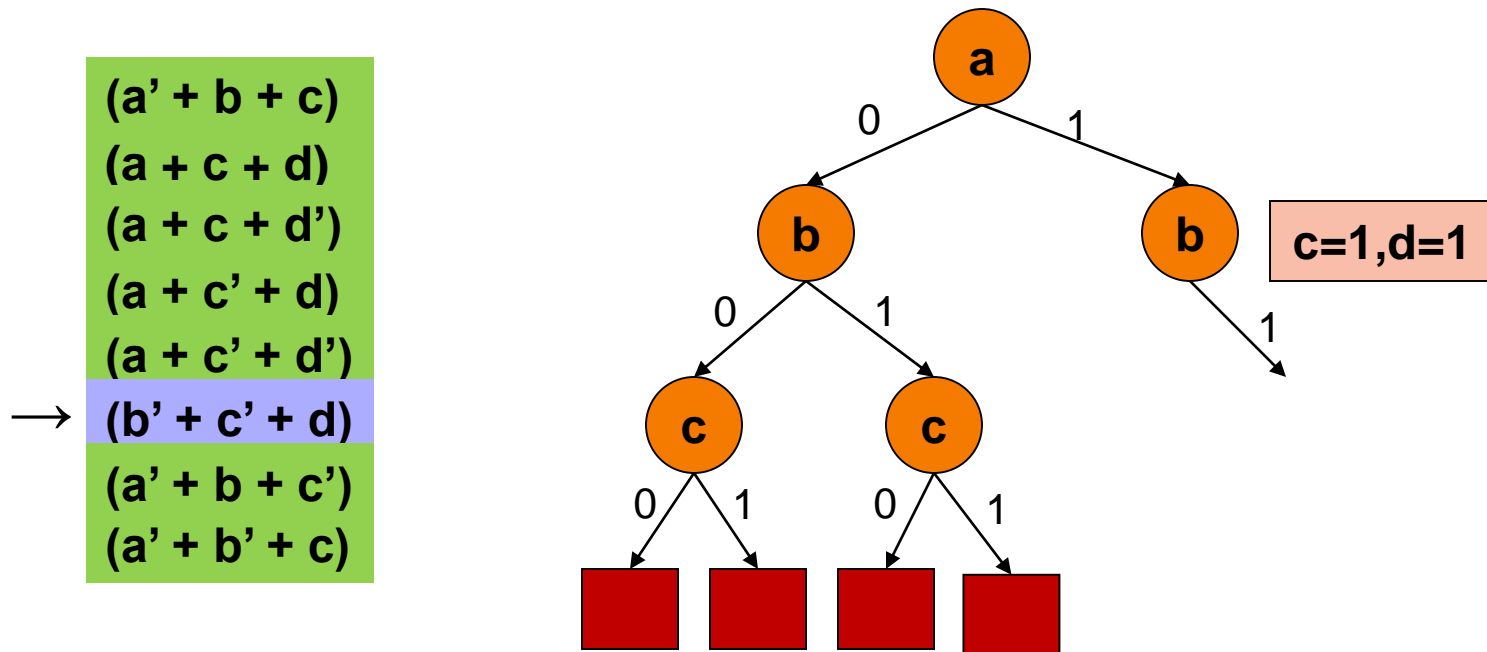


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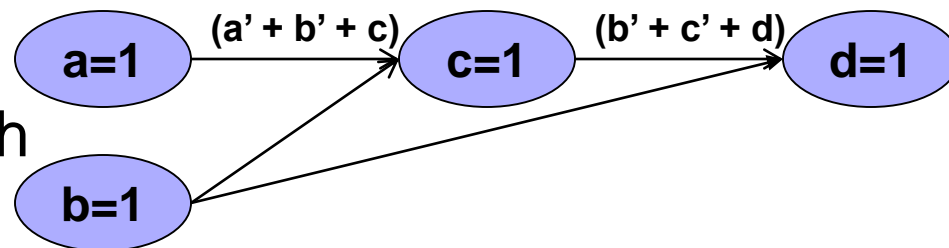




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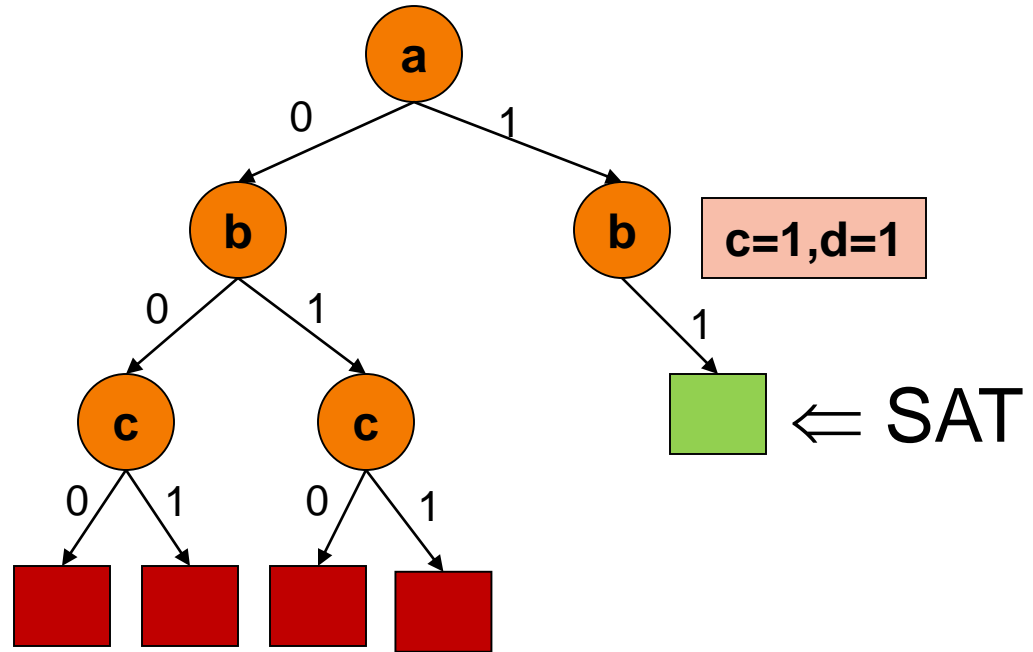
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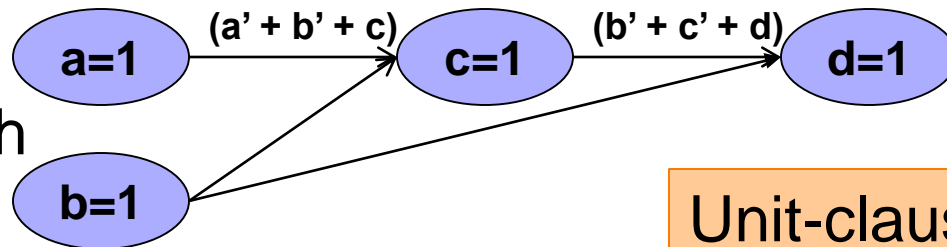
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Unit-clause rule with backtrack search

# DPLL SAT Solver

unit clause rule

DPLL(F)

$G \leftarrow \mathbf{BCP}(F)$

if  $G = \top$  then return *true*

if  $G = \perp$  then return *false*

$p \leftarrow \mathbf{choose}(\text{vars}(G))$

return DPLL( $G\{p \mapsto \top\}$ ) = "SAT" or DPLL( $G\{p \mapsto \perp\}$ )

decision heuristics

backtracking search