

SAT-Based Problem Solving

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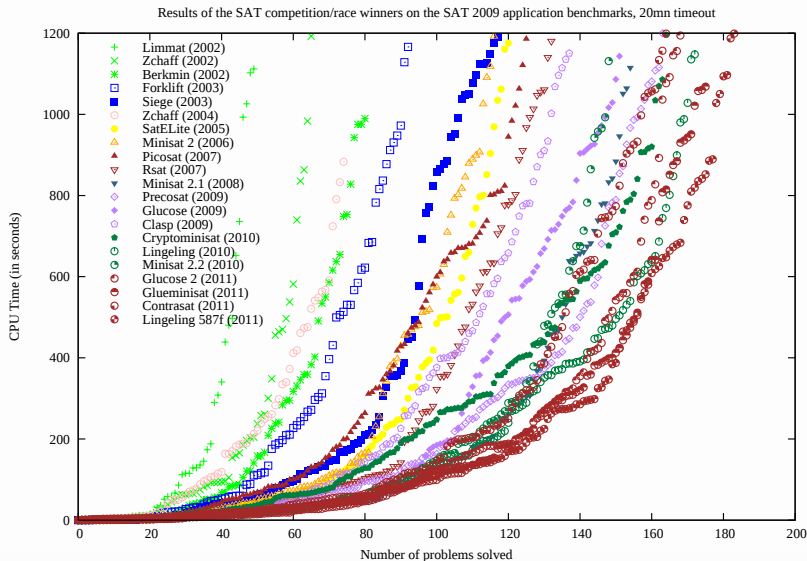
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SAT solver improvement

[Source: Le Berre&Biere 2011]



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 - Which optimization problems?
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 - ▶ Minimal satisfiability (MinSAT)
 - ▶ Pseudo-Boolean optimization / Weighted Boolean optimization / ...

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Lecture #1:

SAT Solvers & Problem Solving with SAT

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Part I

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– Example models:

- ▶ $\{r, s, a, b, c, d\}$
- ▶ $\{r, s, \bar{x}, y, \bar{w}, z, \bar{a}, b, c, d\}$

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[DP60,R65]

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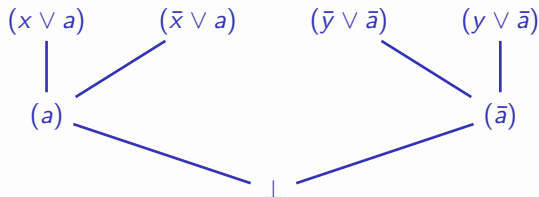
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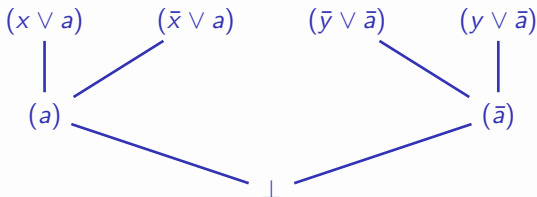
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- Self-subsuming resolution (with $\alpha' \subseteq \alpha$):

[e.g. SP04,EB05]

$$\frac{(\alpha \vee x) \quad (\alpha' \vee \bar{x})}{(\alpha)}$$

- (α) **subsumes** $(\alpha \vee x)$

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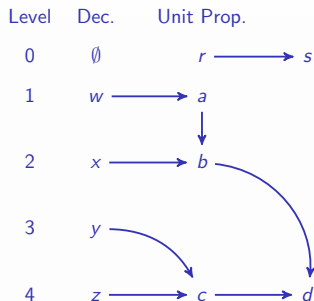
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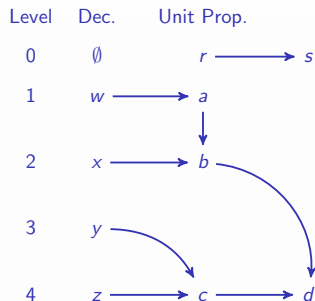


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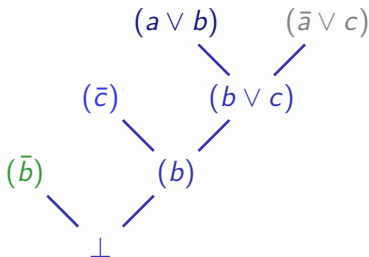


- Additional definitions:

- Antecedent (or reason) of an implied assignment
 - $(\bar{b} \vee \bar{c} \vee d)$ for d
- Associate assignment with decision levels
 - $w = 1 @ 1, x = 1 @ 2, y = 1 @ 3, z = 1 @ 4$
 - $r = 1 @ 0, d = 1 @ 4, \dots$

Resolution Proofs

- Refutation of unsatisfiable formula by iterated resolution operations produces **resolution proof**
- An example:
 $\mathcal{F} = (\bar{c}) \wedge (\bar{b}) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee c) \wedge (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee \bar{d}) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee \bar{d})$
- Resolution proof:



- A modern SAT solver can generate resolution proofs using clauses learned by the solver

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- CNF formula:

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Implication graph with **conflict**

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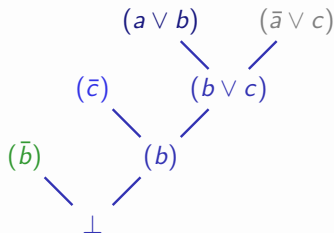
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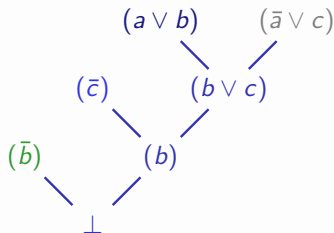
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Unsatisfiable subformula (core): $(\bar{c}), (\bar{b}), (\bar{a} \vee c), (a \vee b)$

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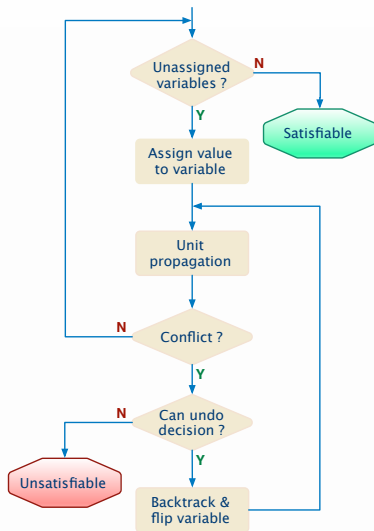
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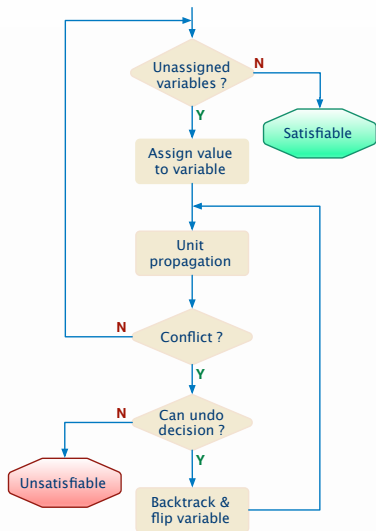
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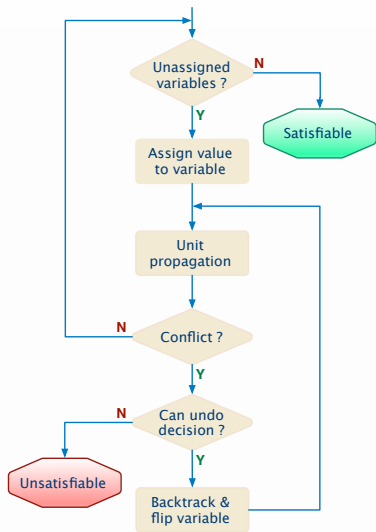
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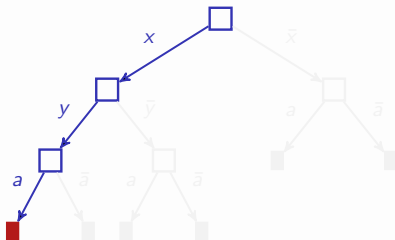
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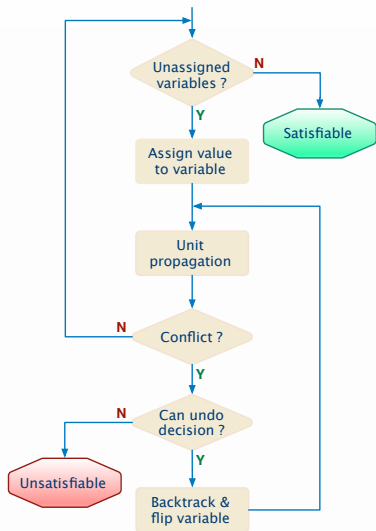
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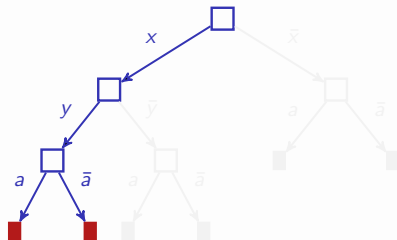
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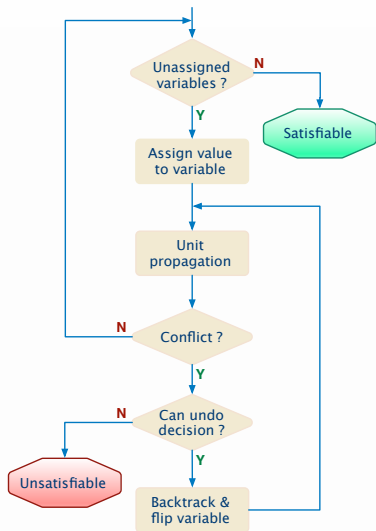
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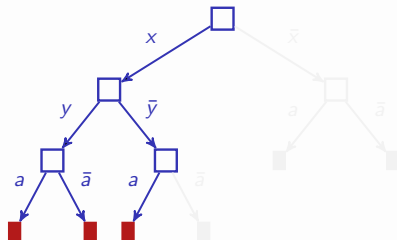
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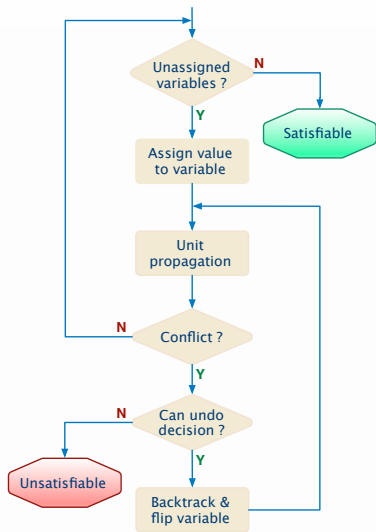
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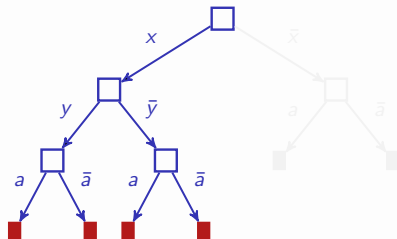
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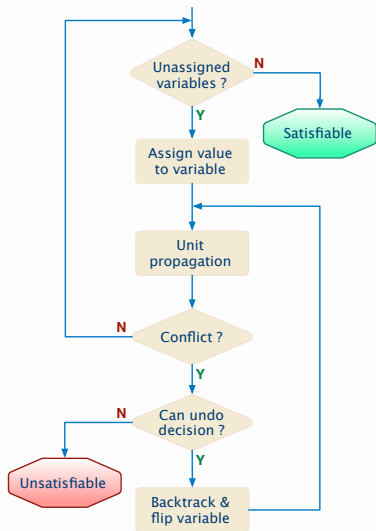
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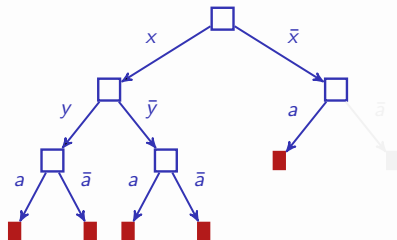


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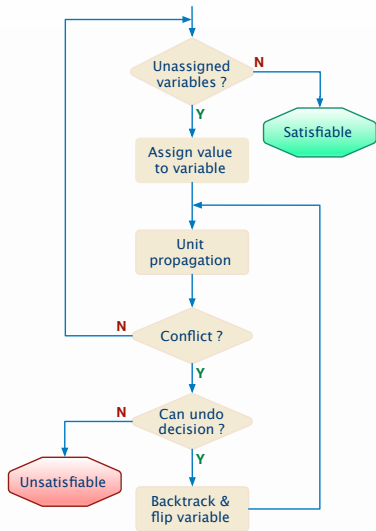
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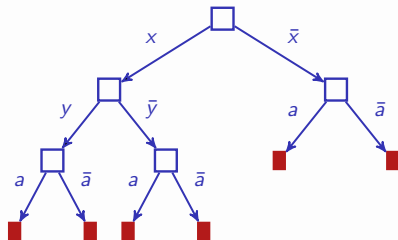


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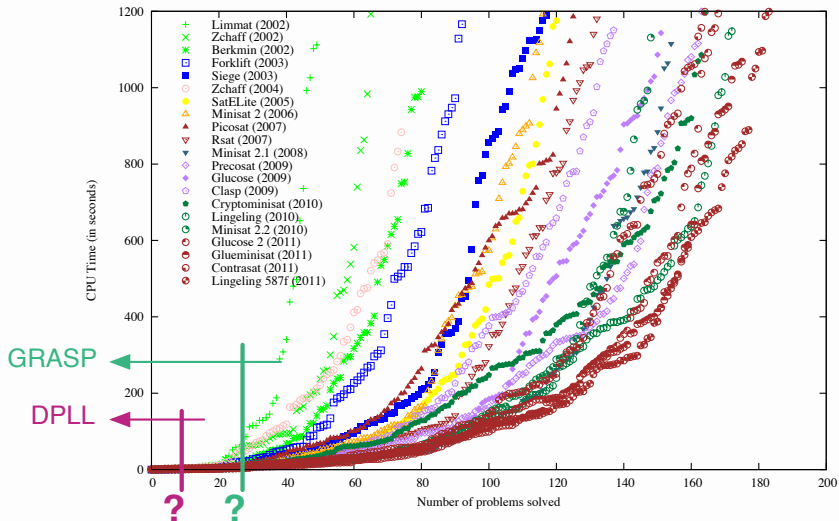
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What is a CDCL SAT Solver?

- Extend DPLL SAT solver with:
 - Clause learning & non-chronological backtracking [DP60,DLL62]
 - ▶ Exploit UIPs [MSS96,BS97,Z97]
 - ▶ Minimize learned clauses [MSS96,SSS12]
 - ▶ Opportunistically delete clauses [SB09,VG09]
 - Search restarts [MSS96,MSS99,GN02]
 - Lazy data structures [GSK98,BMS00,H07,B08]
 - ▶ Watched literals [MMZZM01]
 - Conflict-guided branching [MMZZM01]
 - ▶ Lightweight branching heuristics [PD07]
 - ▶ Phase saving
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How Significant are CDCL SAT Solvers?

Results of the SAT competition/race winners on the SAT 2009 application benchmarks, 20mn timeout



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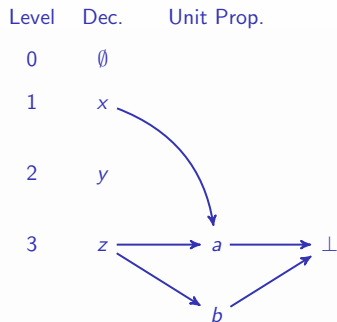
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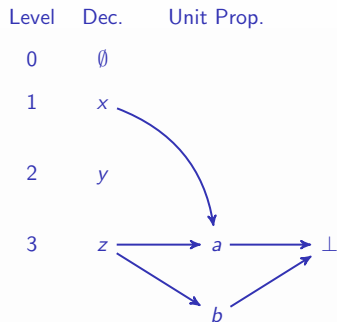
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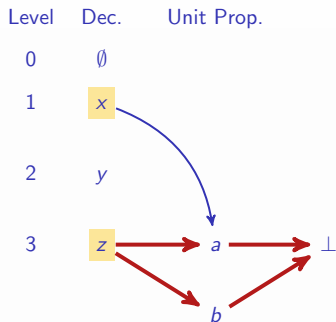


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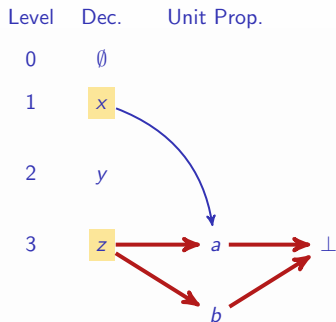
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3 z

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graph LR; x[x] -- blue --> a[a]; z[z] -- red --> a; z -- red --> b[b]; a -- red --> perp[⊥]; b -- red --> perp;
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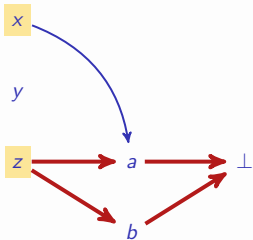
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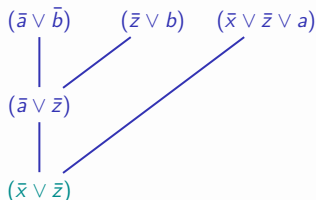
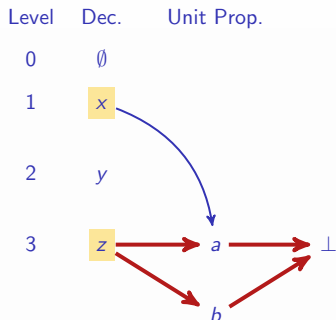
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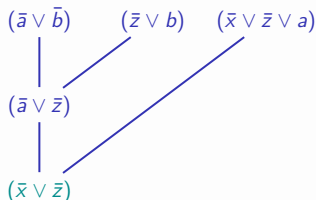
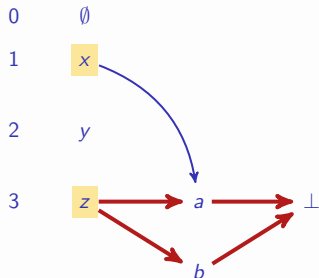
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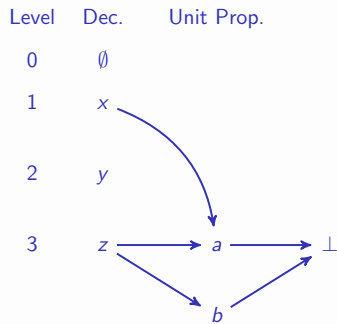
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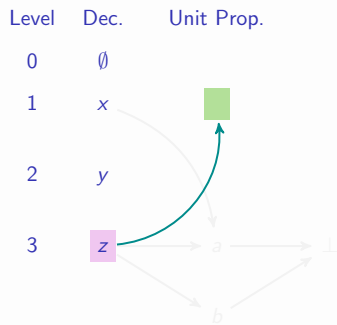


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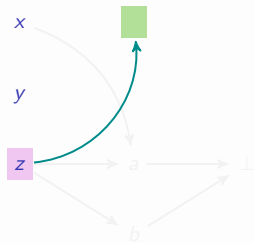
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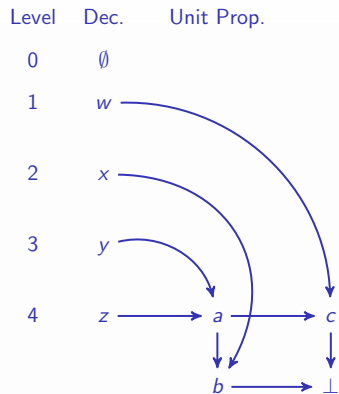
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- Clause $(\bar{x} \vee \bar{z})$ is **asserting** at decision level 1
- Learned clauses are **always** asserting
- Backtracking differs from plain DPLL:
 - Always **backtrack** after a **conflict**

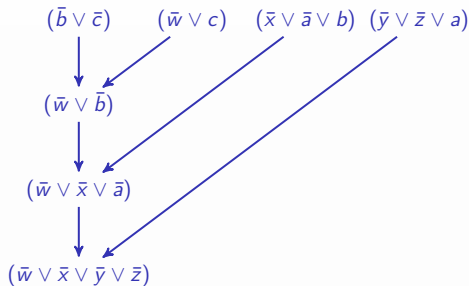
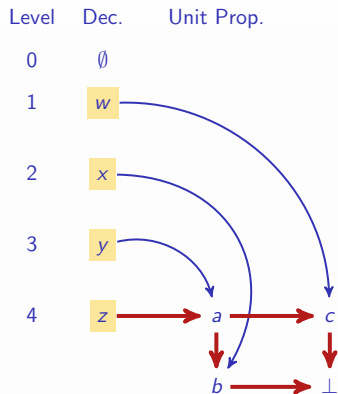
[MSS96,MSS99]

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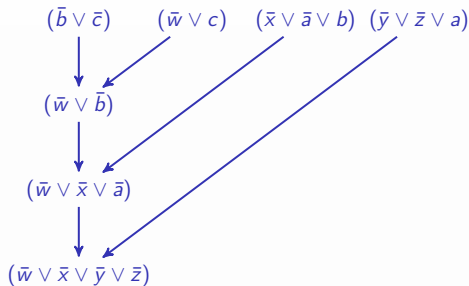
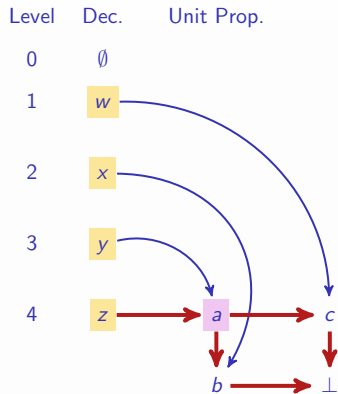


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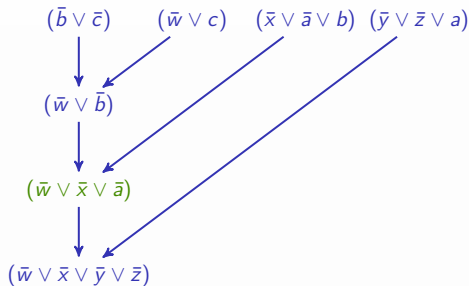
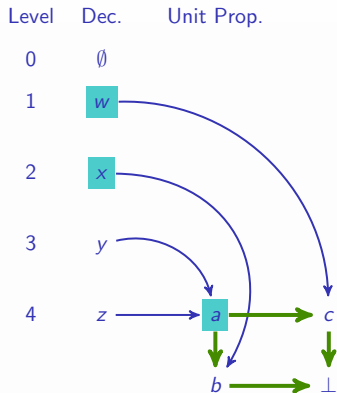
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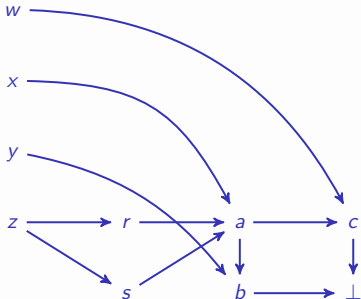
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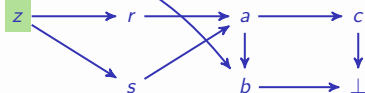
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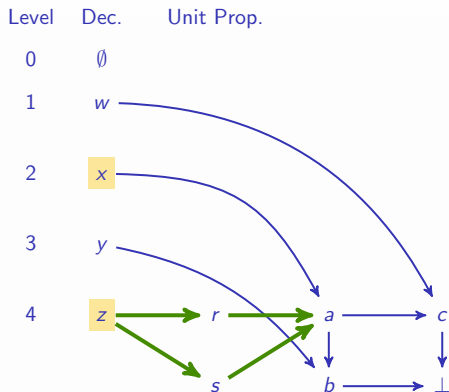
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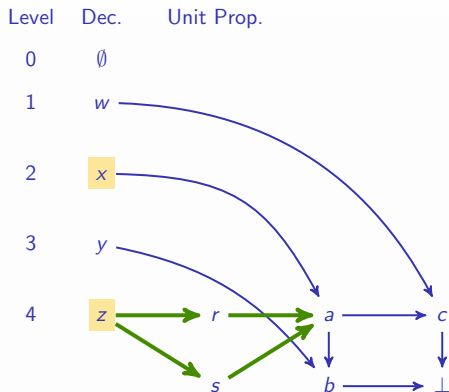
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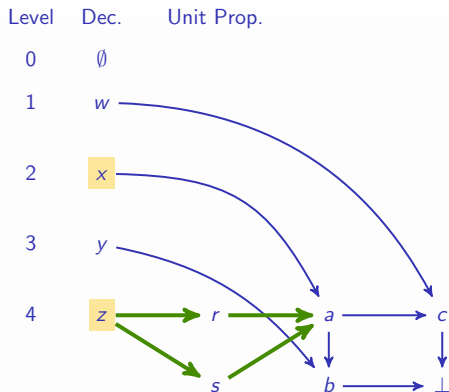
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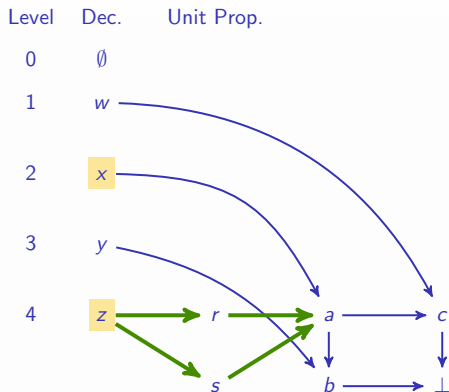
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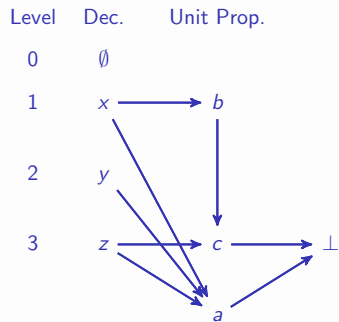
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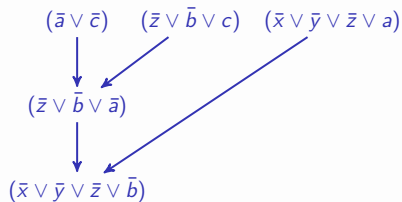
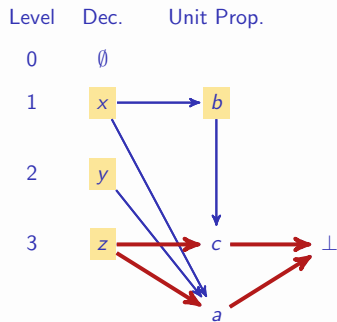
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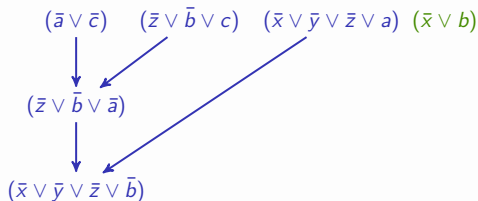
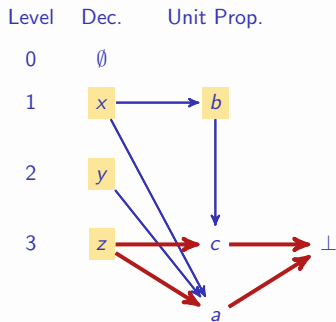


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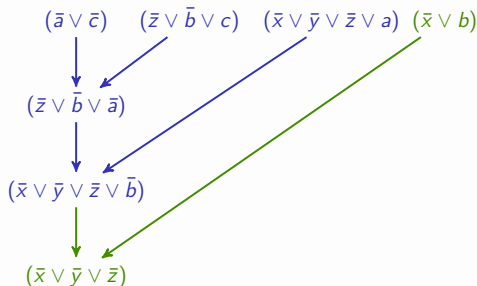
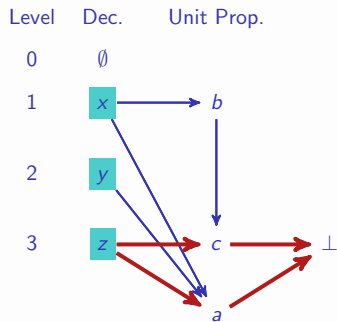
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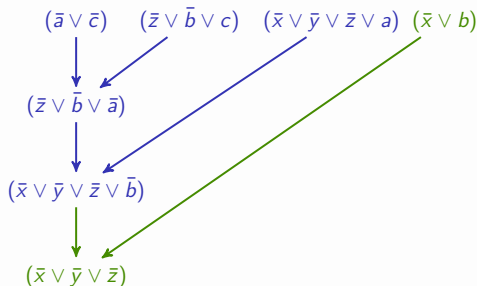
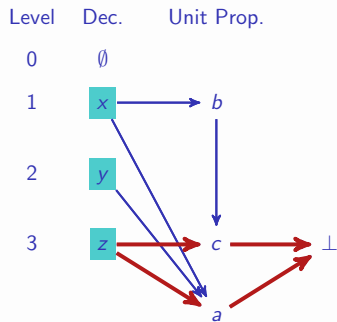
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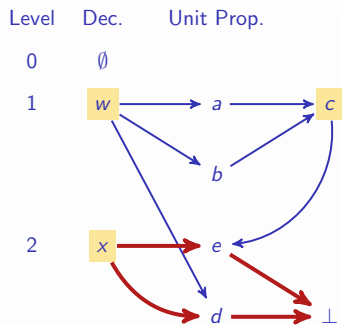
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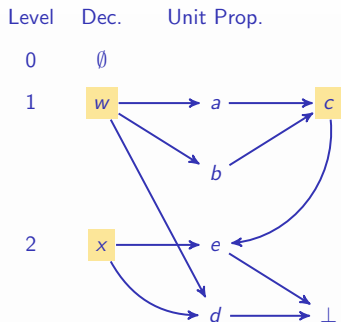
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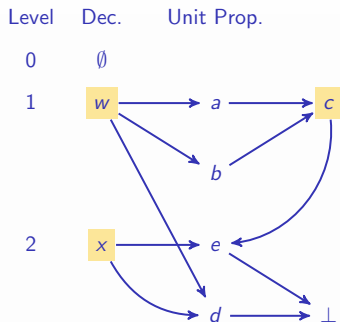
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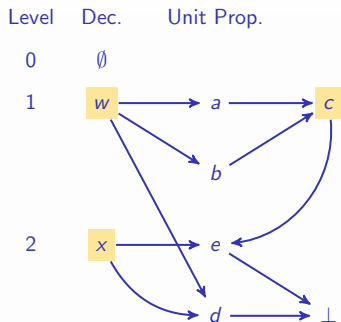
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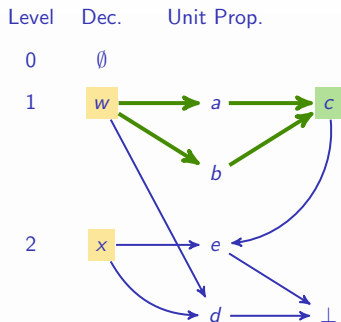


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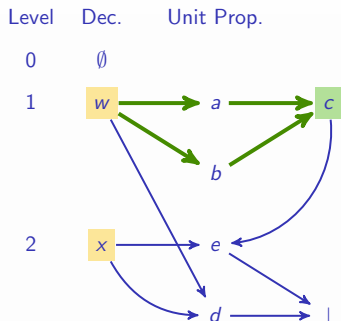


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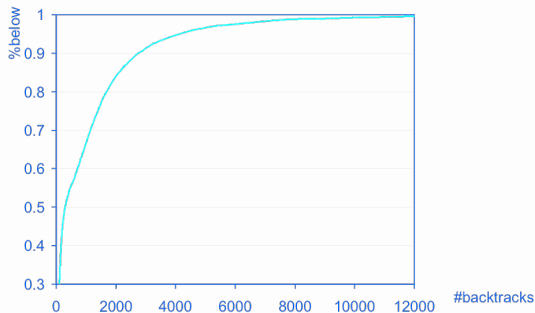
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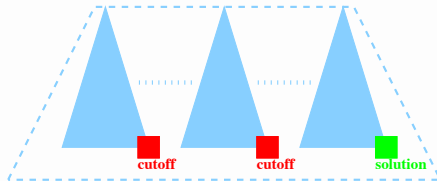
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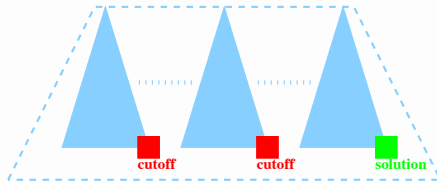
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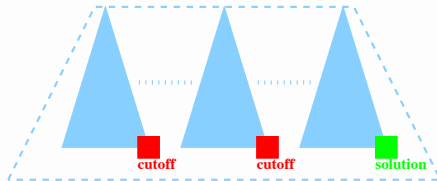
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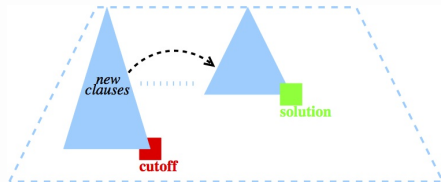
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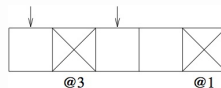


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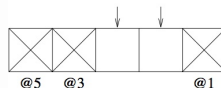
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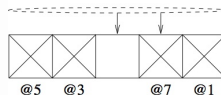
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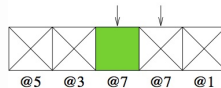
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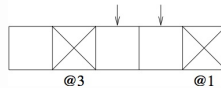
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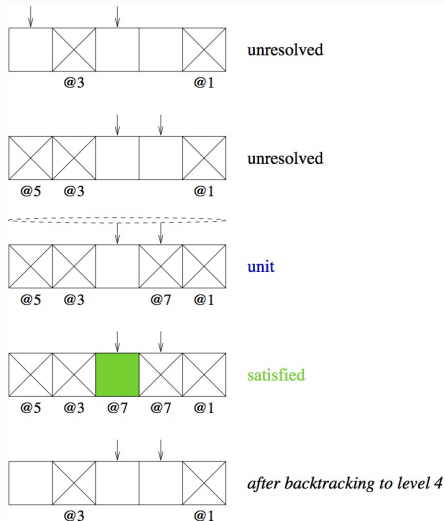


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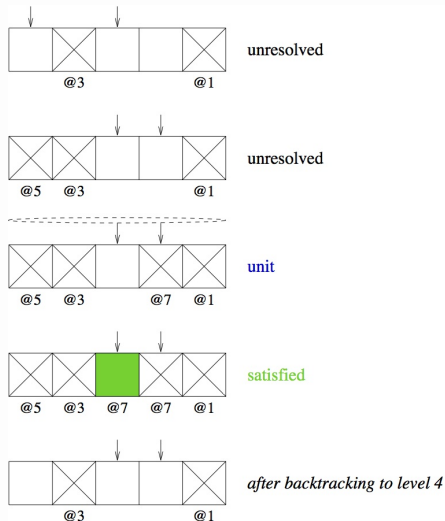
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[e.g. ABHJS08,AS09]

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- Essential in some applications

[e.g. JHB12,HJB11]

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[LB13]

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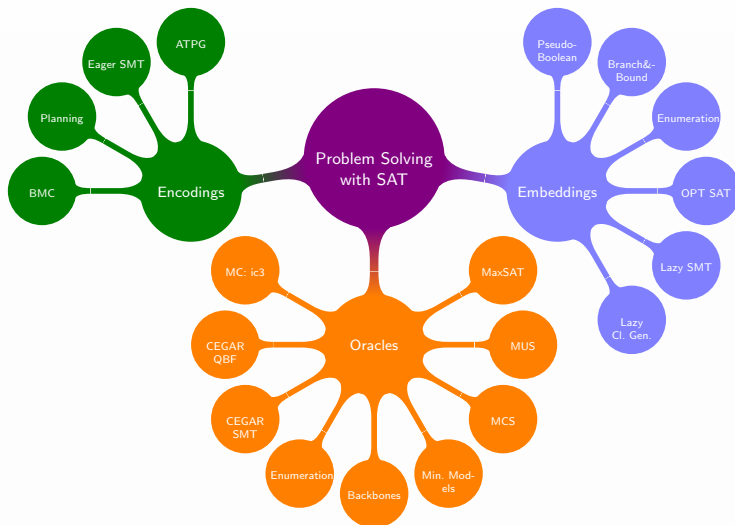
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 - (Weighted) Quantified MaxSAT (**QMaxSAT**)
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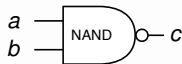
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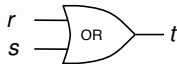
Representing Boolean Formulas / Circuits I

- Satisfiability problems can be defined on Boolean circuits/formulas
- Can represent circuits/formulas as CNF formulas [T68,PG86]
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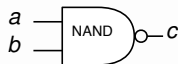
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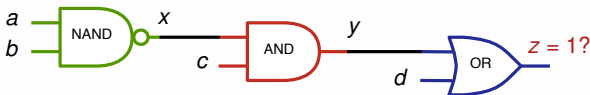
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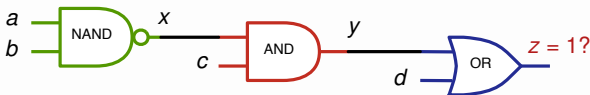
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Equals1, AtLeast1 & AtMost1 Constraints

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- $\sum_{j=1}^n x_j \geq 1$: encode with $(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \dots \vee x_n)$
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 - Pairwise encoding
 - ▶ Clauses: $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$; No auxiliary variables
 - Sequential counter [S05]
 - ▶ Clauses: $\mathcal{O}(n)$; Auxiliary variables: $\mathcal{O}(n)$
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General Cardinality Constraints

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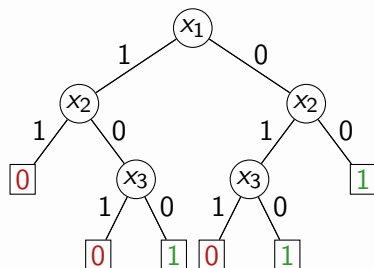
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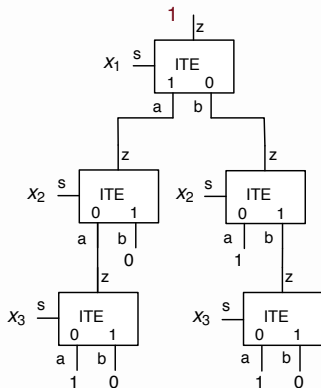
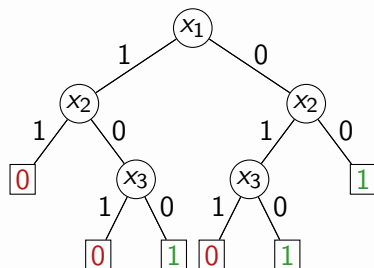
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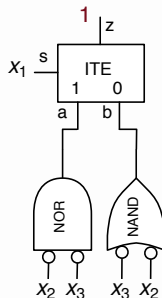
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- Many possible encodings:
 - Direct encoding [dK89,GJ96,W00]
 - Log encoding [W00]
 - Support encoding [K90,G02]
 - Log-Support encoding [G07]
 - Order encoding for finite linear CSPs [TTKB09]
 - ...

Direct Encoding for CSP w/ Binary Constraints

- Variable x_i with domain D_i , with $m_i = |D_i|$
- Represent values of x_i with Boolean variables $x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,m_i}$
- Require $\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} x_{i,k} = 1$
 - Suffices to require $\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} x_{i,k} \geq 1$
- If the pair of assignments $x_i = v_i \wedge x_j = v_j$ is not allowed, add binary clause $(\bar{x}_{i,v_i} \vee \bar{x}_{j,v_j})$

[W00]

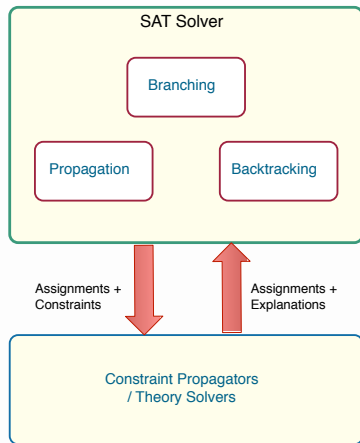
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- **Typical interface:**
 - SAT solvers communicates assignments/constraints to propagators
 - Retrieve resulting assignments or explanations for inconsistency
- Well-known examples (many more):
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 - **Non-clausal SAT solvers**
 - **Lazy SMT solving**
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- Branch and bound (**B&B**) PBO algorithm:
 - Extend SAT solver
 - Must develop propagator for PB constraints
 - B&B search for computing optimum cost function value
 - ▶ Trivial upper bound: all $x_j = 1$

[MMS00]

Limitations with Embeddings

- B&B MaxSAT solving:
 - Cannot use unit propagation
 - Cannot learn clauses
- MUS extraction:
 - Decision of clauses to include in MUS based on **unsatisfiable** outcomes
 - No immediate gain from embedding SAT solvers

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 - Embedding of SAT solvers
- Next lectures: problem solving with SAT oracles