



GRASP: A Search Algorithm for Propositional Satisfiability

EE878C Homework #2

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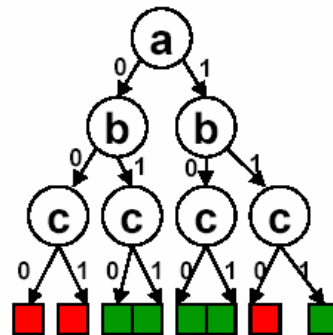
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Sat in a Nutshell

- ❖ Given a Boolean formula, find a variable assignment such that the formula evaluates to 1, or prove that no such assignment exists.

$$F = (a + b)(a' + b' + c)$$

- ❖ For n variables there are 2^n possible truth assignments to be checked.



- ❖ NP-Complete problem.

Problem Representation

- ❖ Conjunctive Normal Form
 - $F = (a+b)(a'+b'+c)$
 - Simple representation (more efficient data structures)
- ❖ Logic circuit representation
 - Circuits have structural and direction information
- ❖ Circuit – CNF conversion is straightforward

$$d \equiv (a + b)$$

$$(a + b + d')$$

$$(a' + d)$$

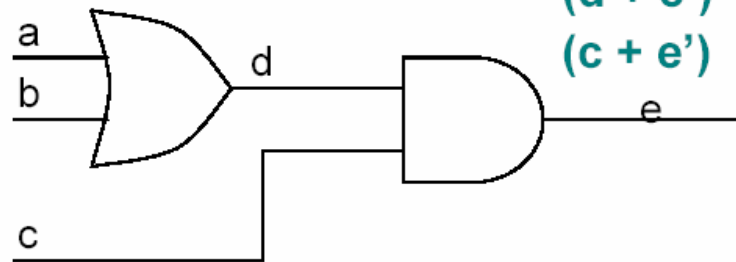
$$(b' + d)$$

$$e \equiv (c \cdot d)$$

$$(c' + d' + e)$$

$$(d + e')$$

$$(c + e')$$





DLL Algorithm

- ❖ Davis, Logemann and Loveland

- M. Davis, G. Logemann and D. Loveland, "A Machine Program for Theorem-Proving", Communications of ACM, Vol. 5, No. 7, pp. 394-397, 1962

- ❖ Basic framework for many modern SAT solvers

- ❖ Also known as DPLL for historical reasons

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$(a + c + d)$

$(a + c + d')$

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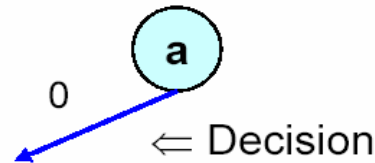
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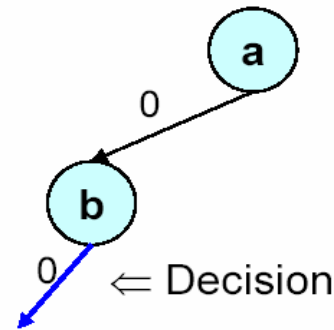
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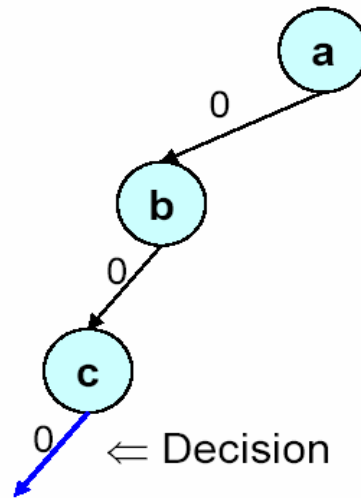
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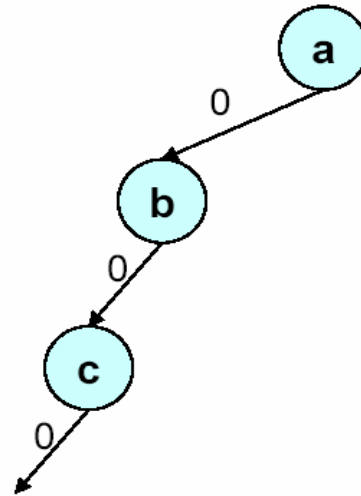
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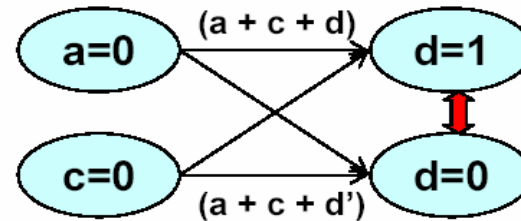
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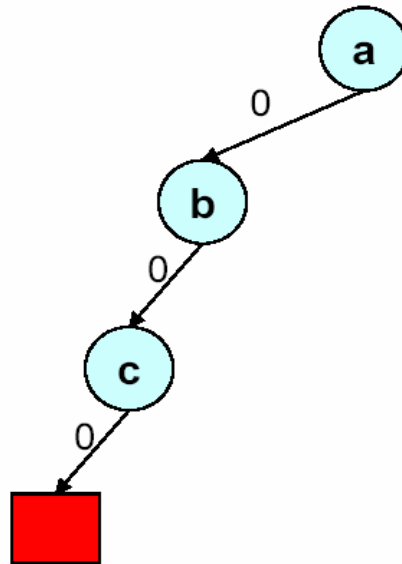


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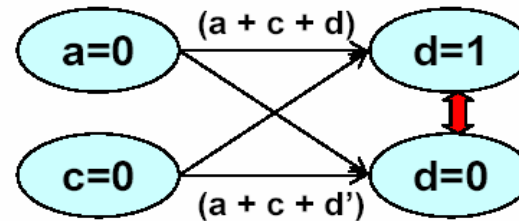
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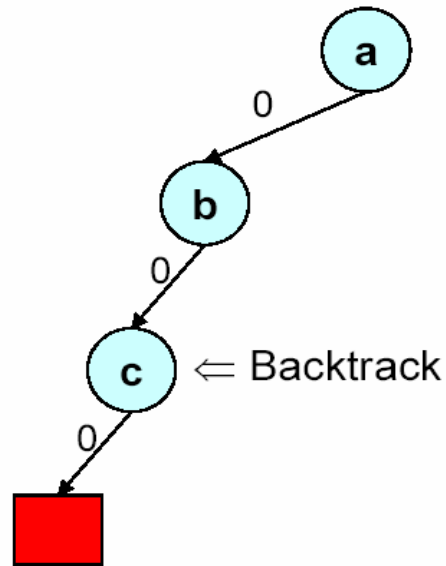


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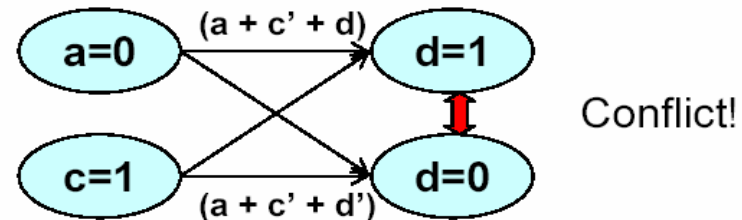
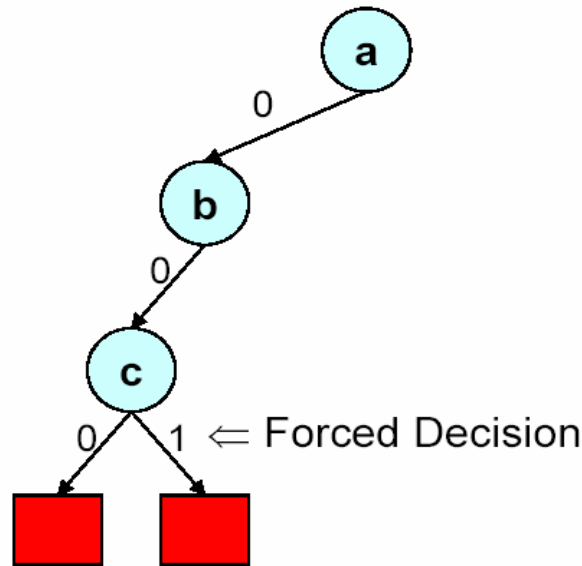
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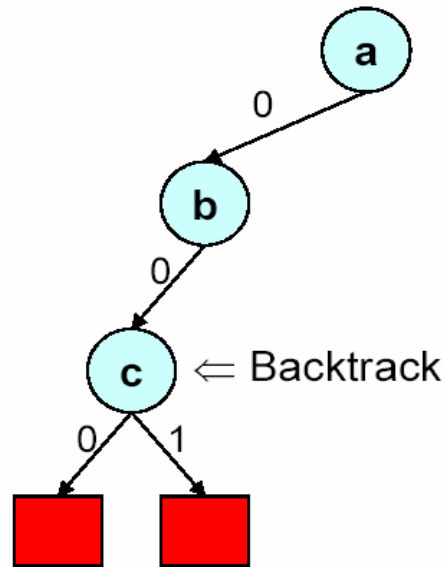
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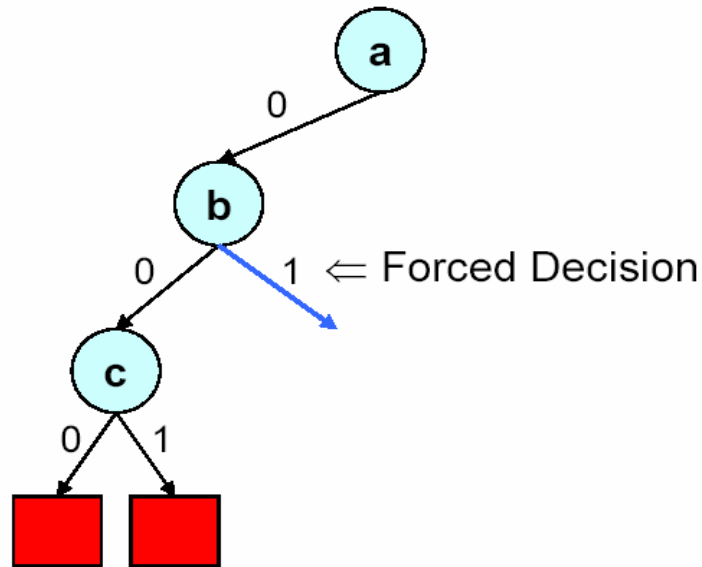
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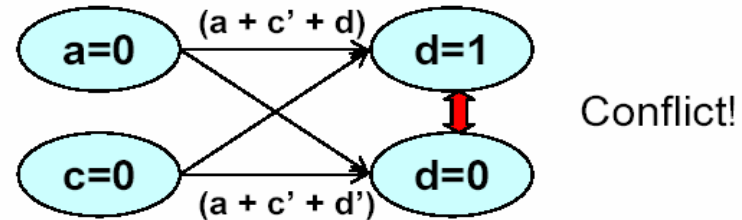
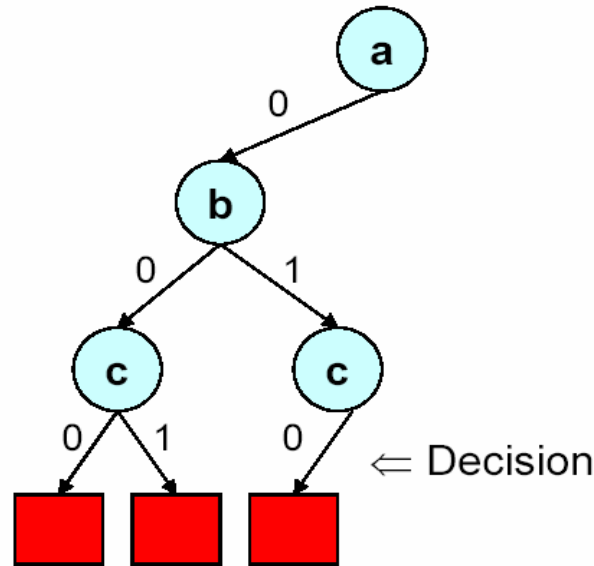
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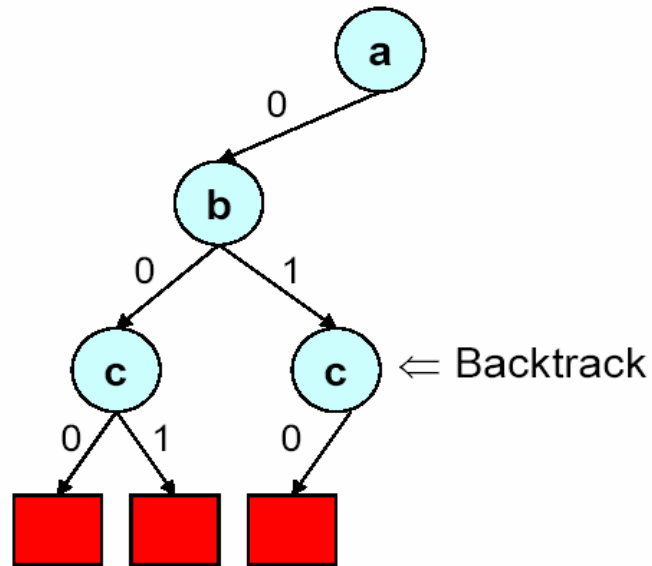
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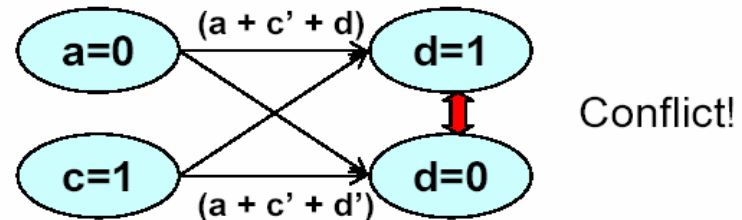
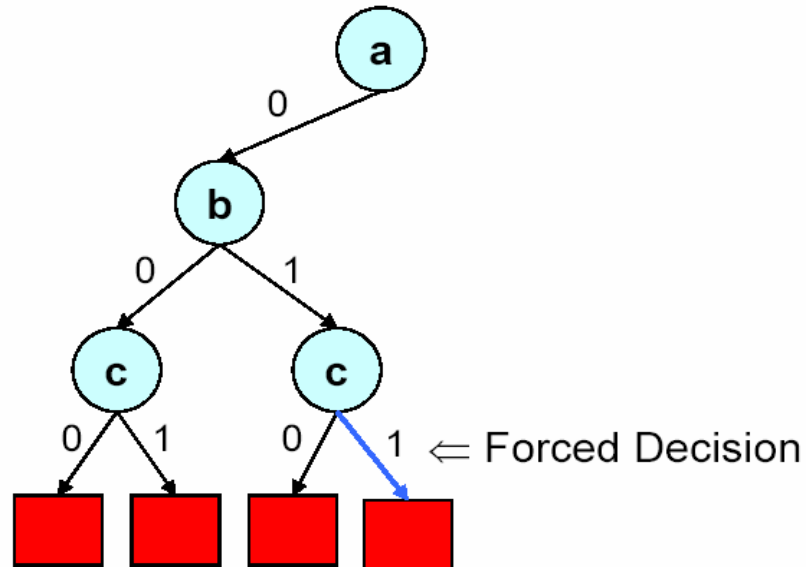
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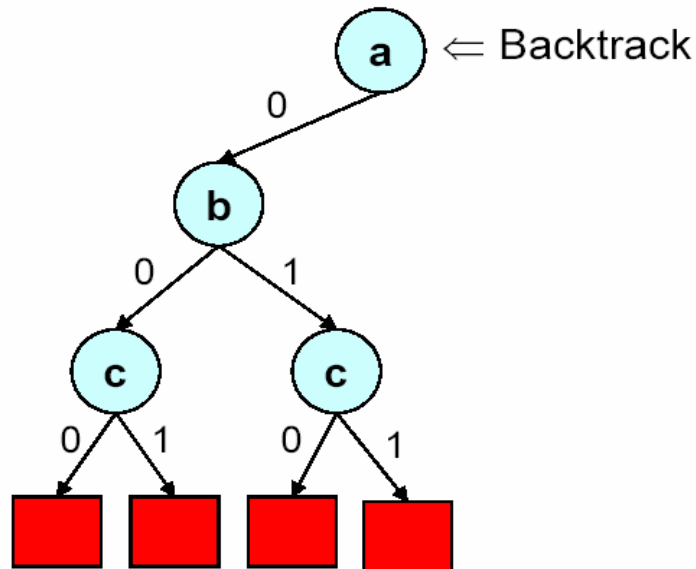
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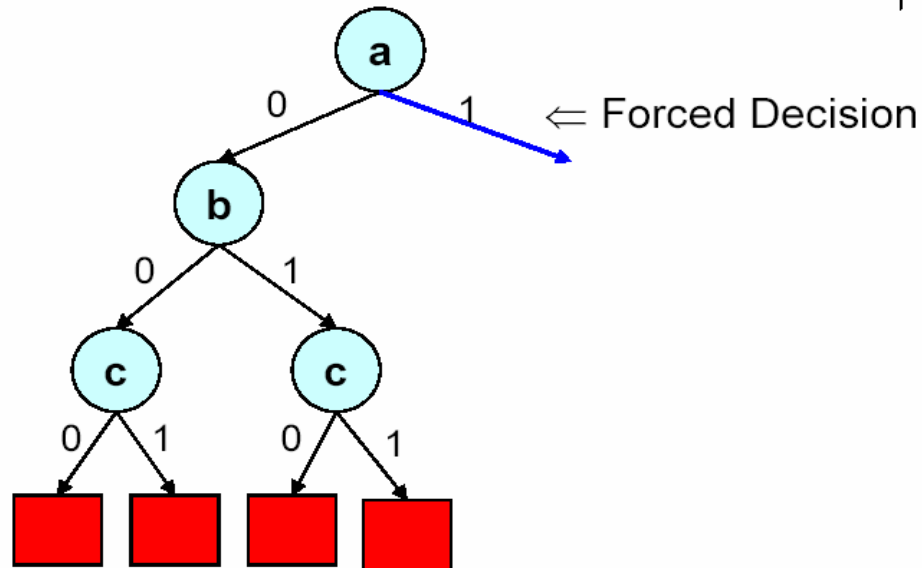
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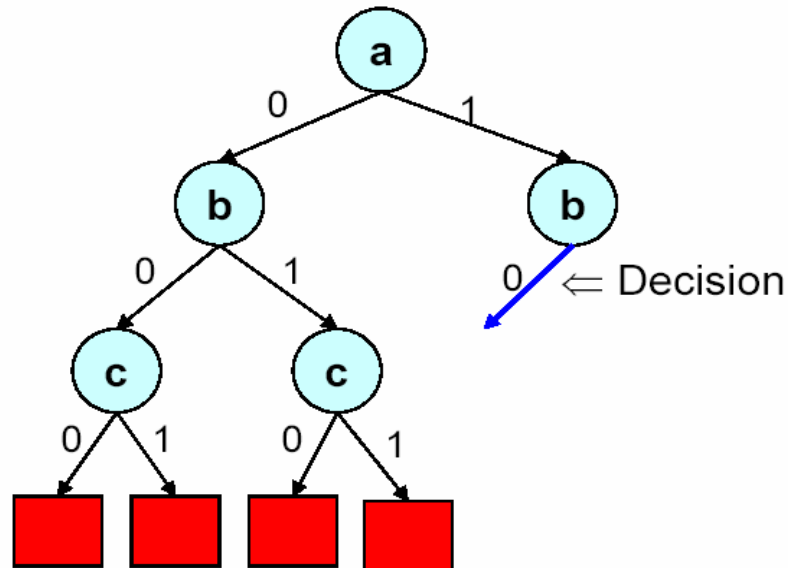
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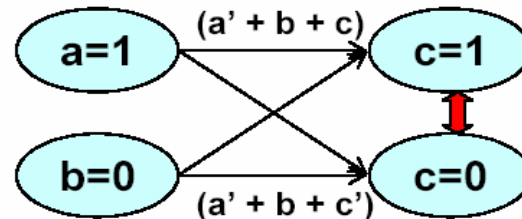
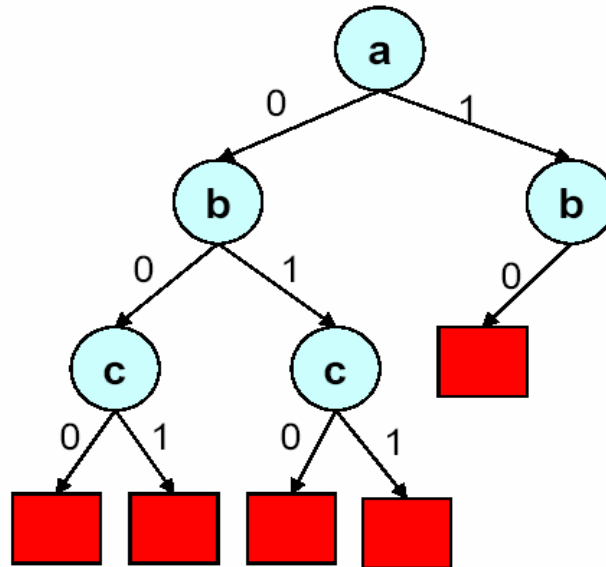
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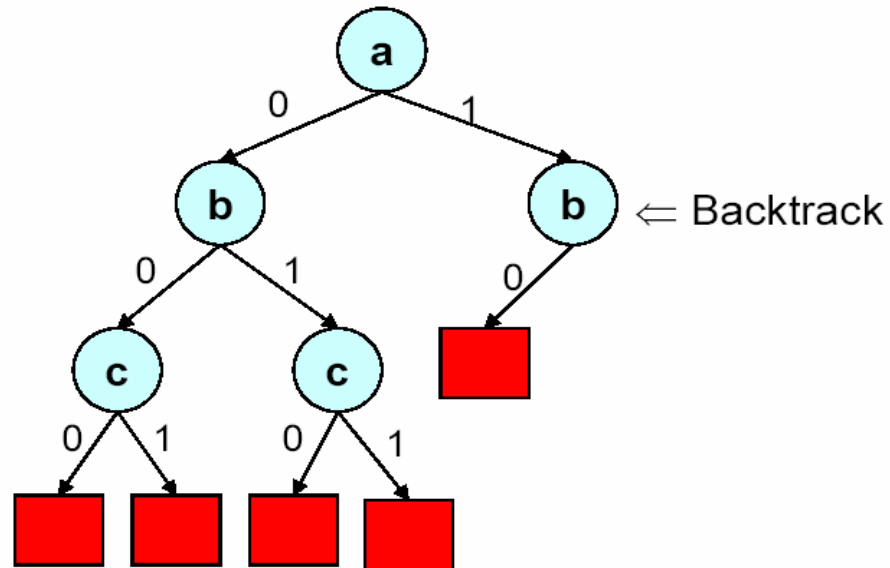


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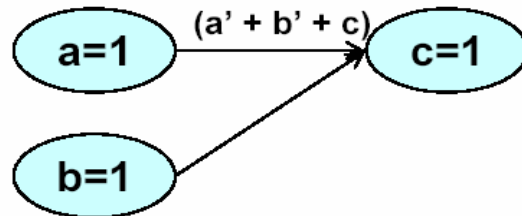
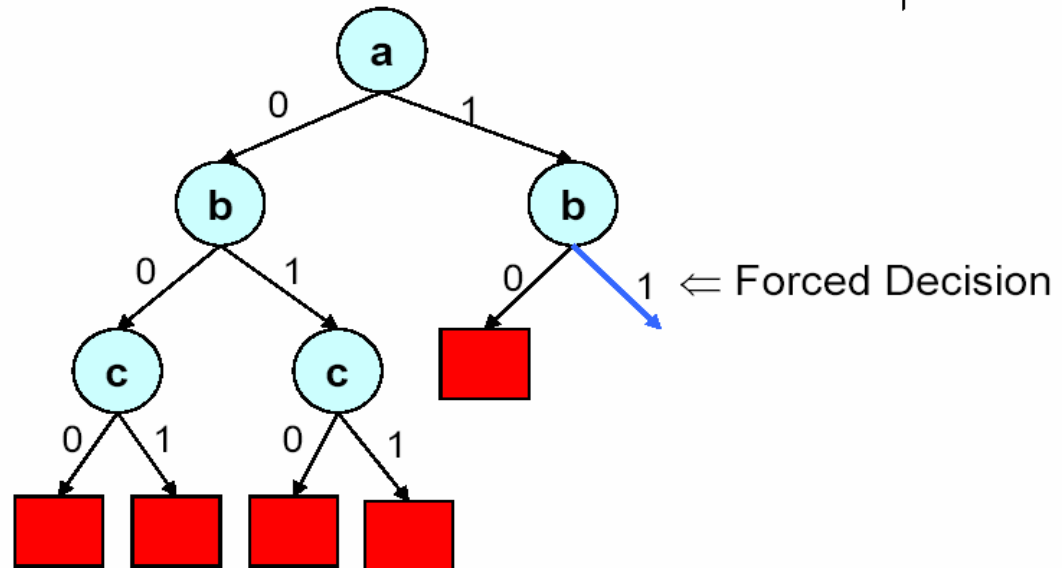
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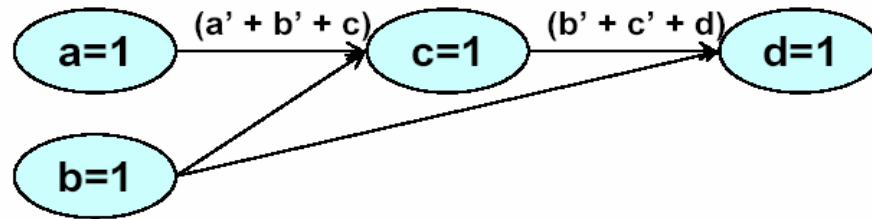
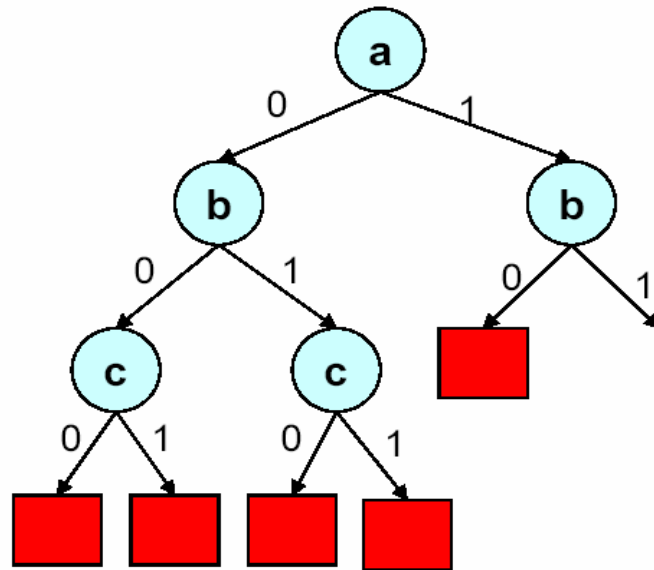
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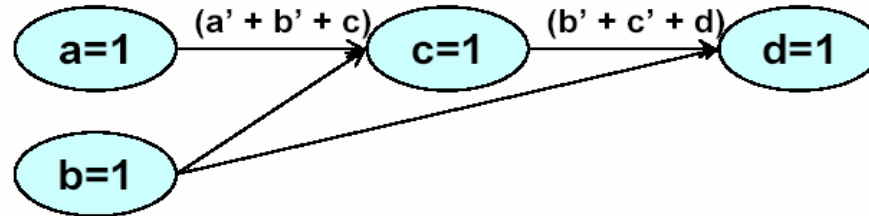
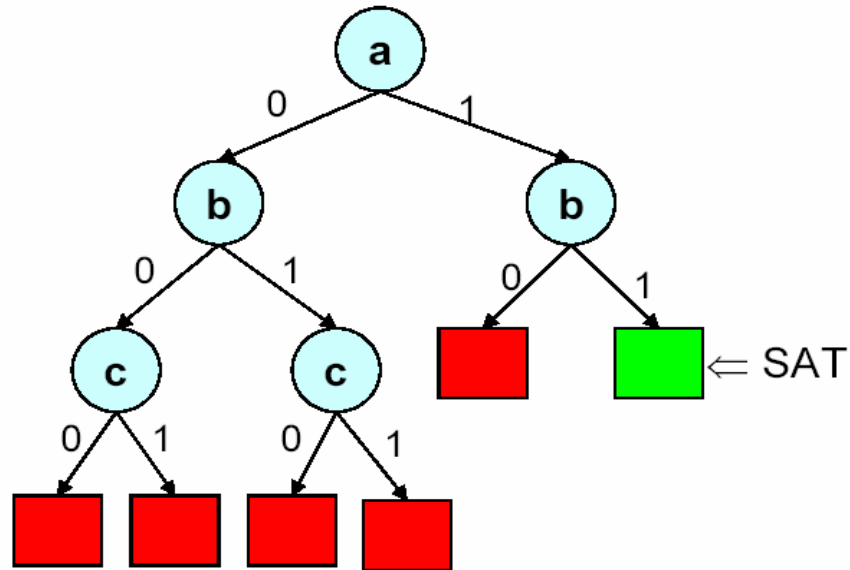
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Implications and Boolean Constraint Propagation

❖ Implication

- A variable is forced to be assigned to be True or False based on previous assignments.

❖ Unit clause rule (rule for elimination of one literal clauses)

- An unsatisfied clause is a unit clause if it has exactly one unassigned literal.

$$(a + b' + c)(b + c')(a' + c')$$

$a = T, b = T, c$ is unassigned

Satisfied Literal

Unsatisfied Literal

Unassigned Literal

- The unassigned literal is implied because of the unit clause.

❖ Boolean Constraint Propagation (BCP)

- Iteratively apply the unit clause rule until there is no unit clause available

❖ Workhorse of DLL based algorithms.



GRASP

- ❖ Marques-Silva and Sakallah [SS96,SS99]
 - J.P.Marques-Silva and K.A.Sakallah, "GRASP – A New Search Algorithm for Satisfiability," Proc. ICCAD 1996. (49 citations)
- ❖ Incorporates conflict driven learning and non-chronological backtracking
- ❖ Practical SAT instances can be solved in reasonable time
- ❖ Bayardo and Schrag's RelSAT also proposed conflict driven learning [BS97]

Conflict Driven Learning and Non-chronological Backtracking



$x_1 + x_4$

$x_1 + x_3' + x_8'$

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$x_2 + x_{11}$

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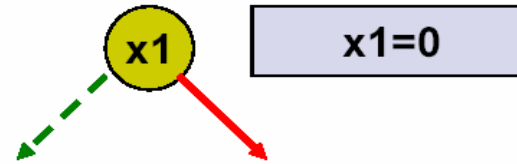
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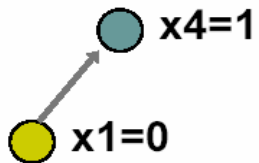
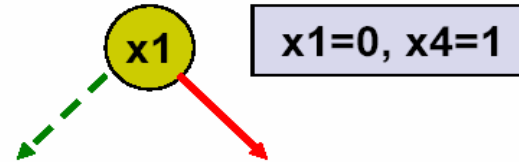


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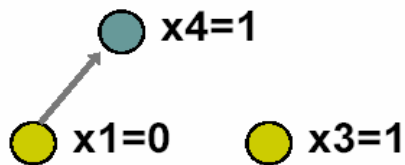
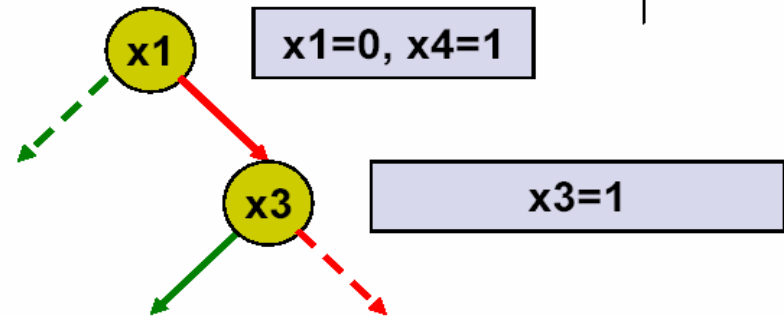
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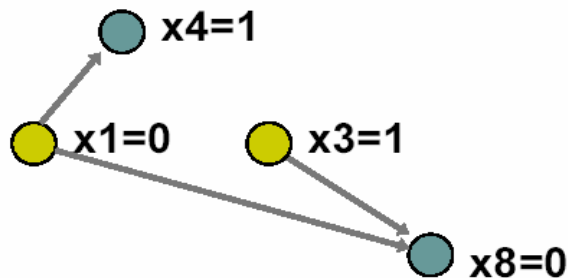
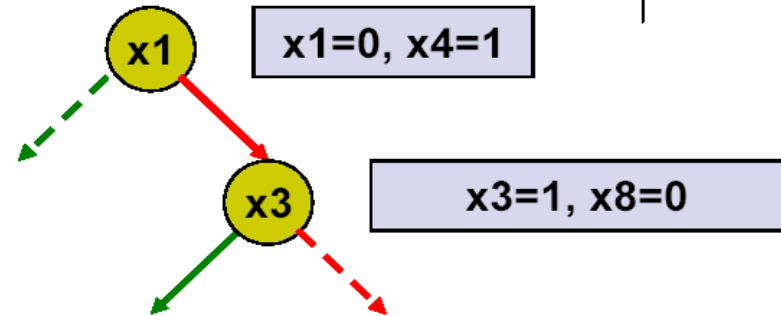
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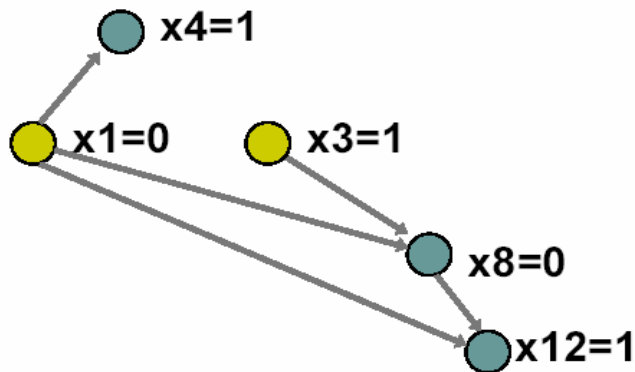
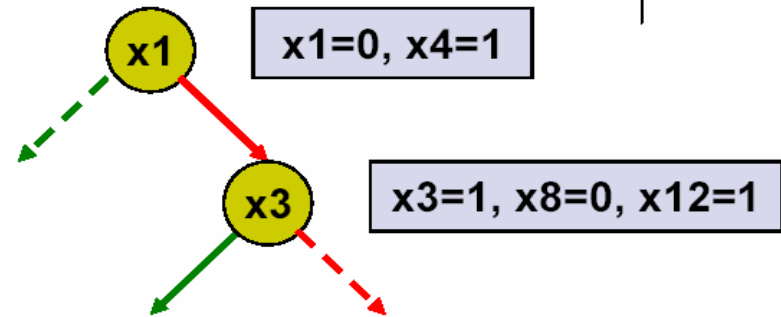
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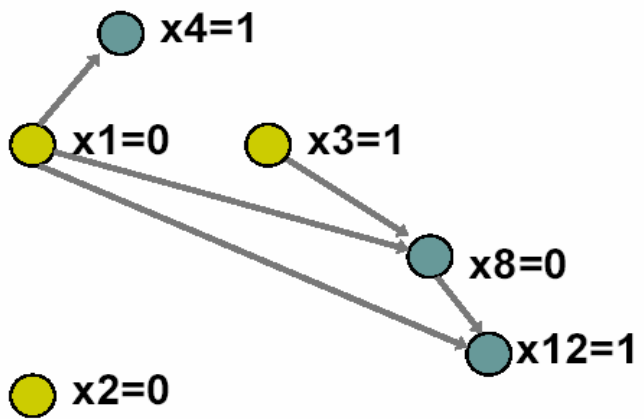
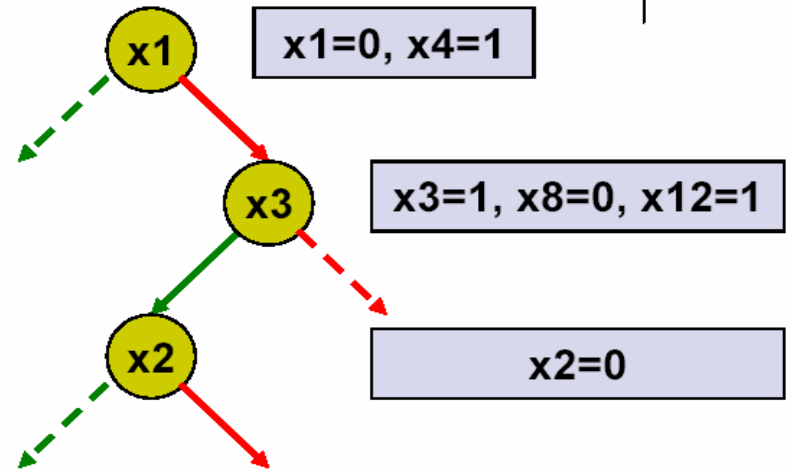
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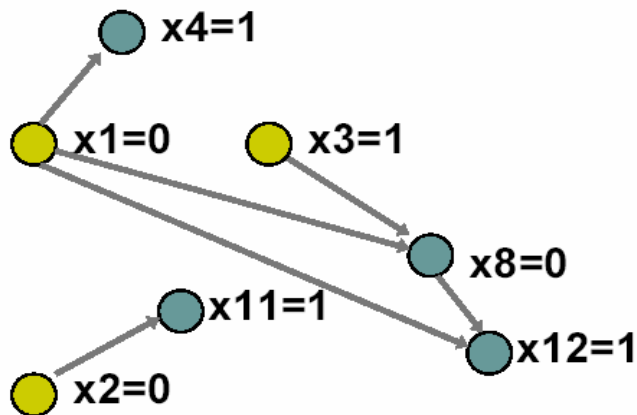
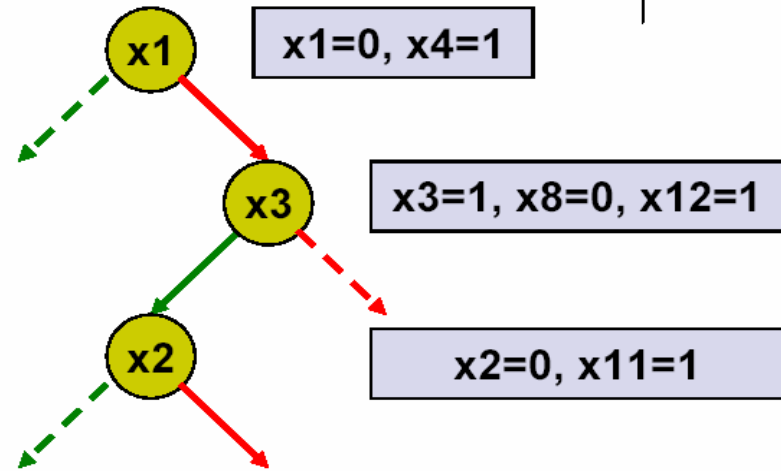
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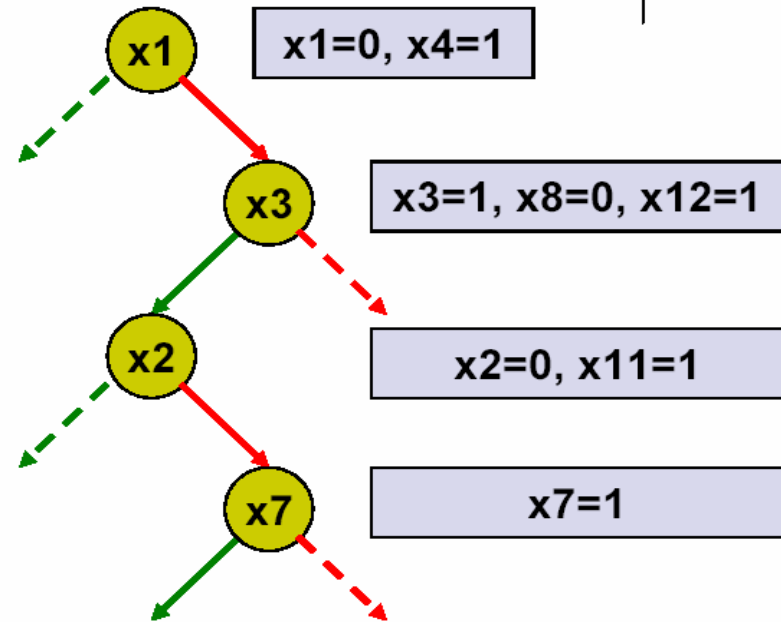
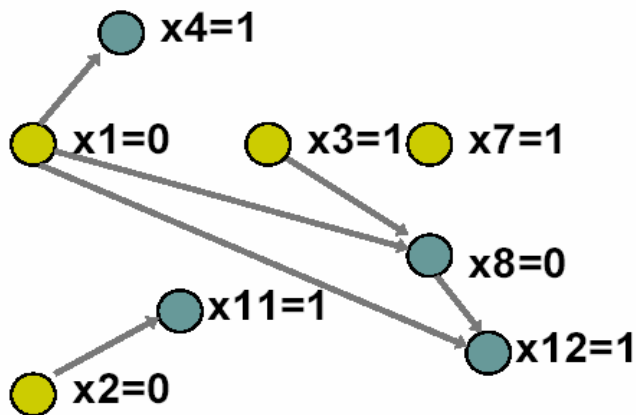
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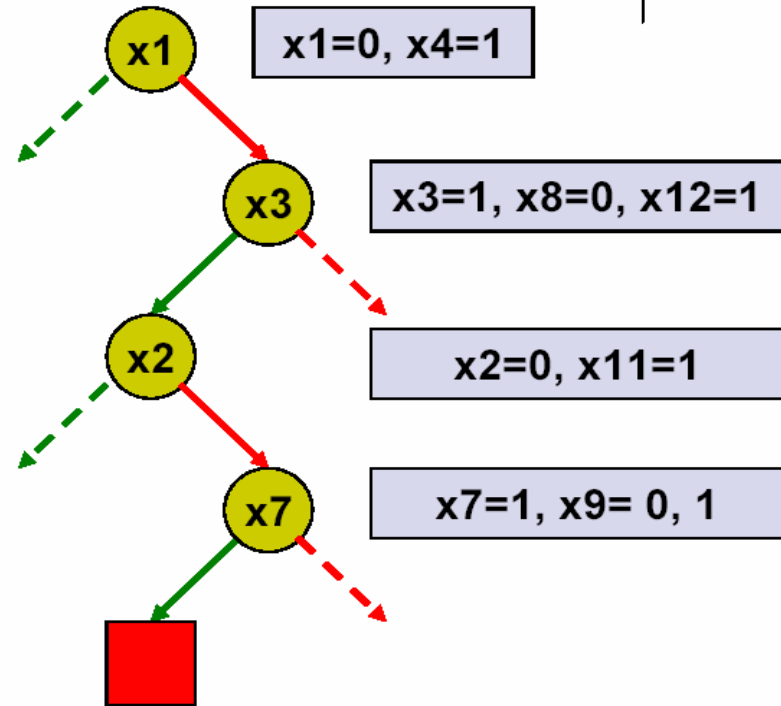
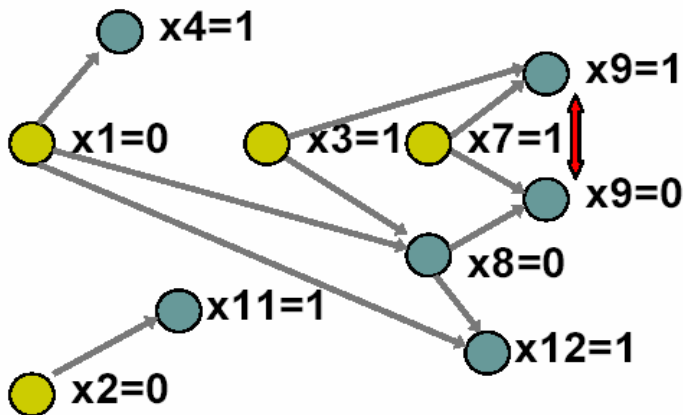
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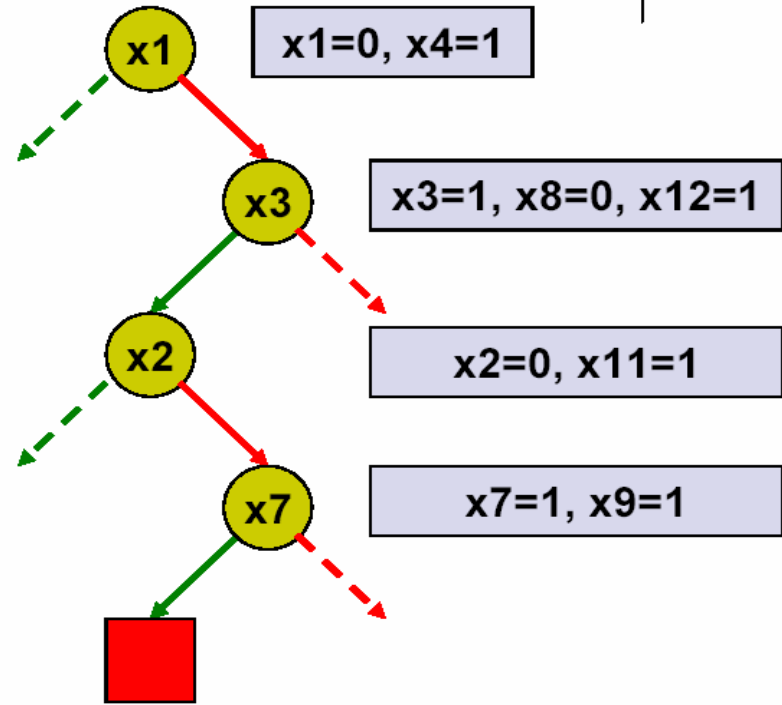
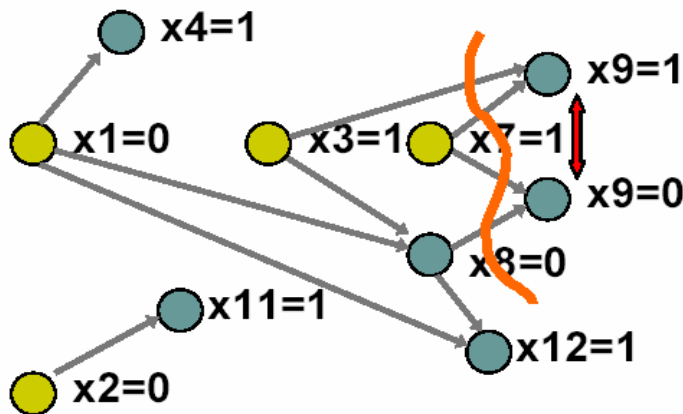
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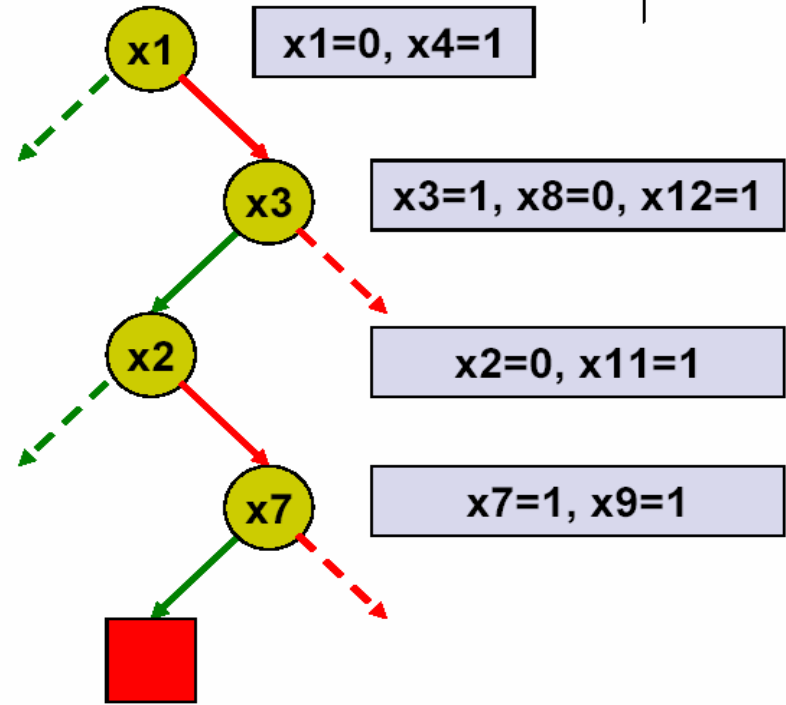
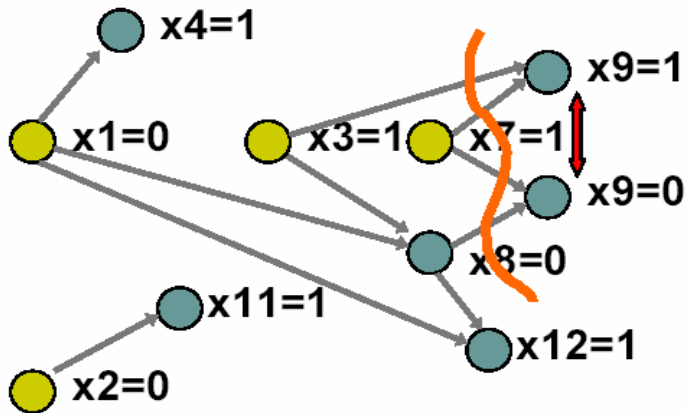


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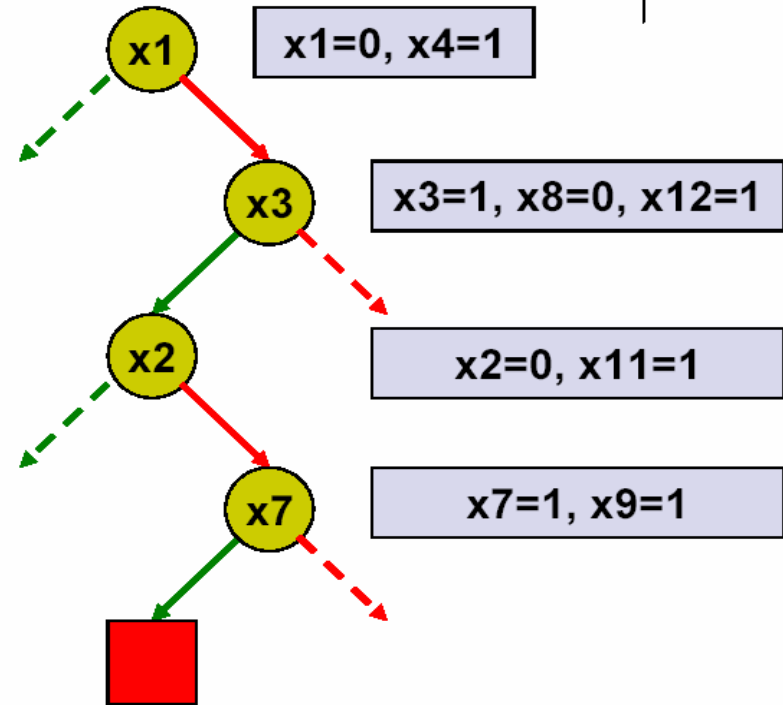
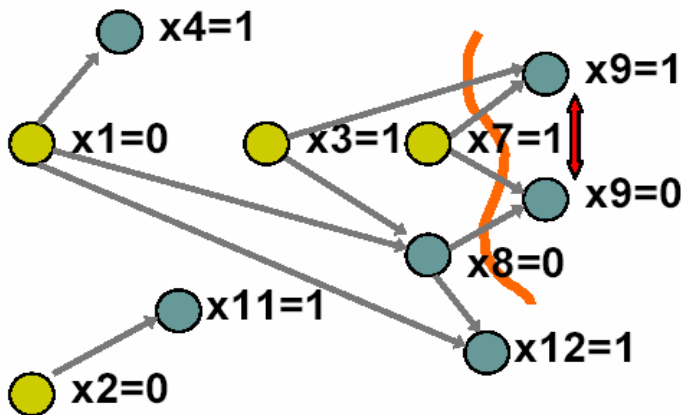
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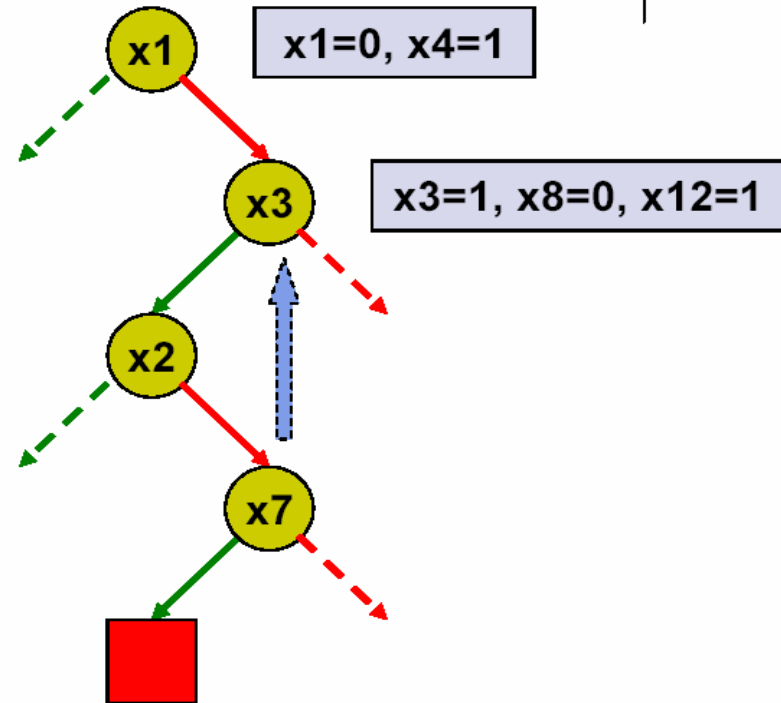
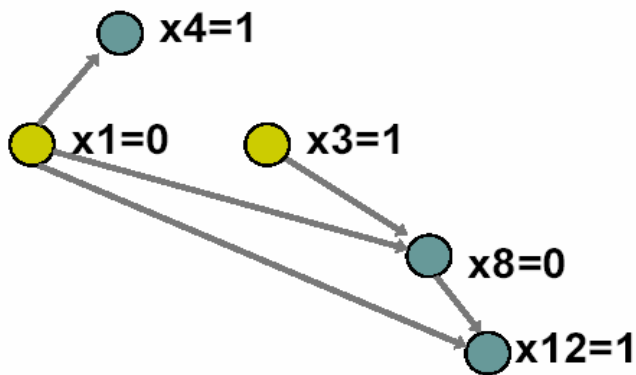
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Backtrack to the decision level of $x_3=1$
 $x_7 = 0$



Conflict Clause

- ❖ Significantly prune the search space
 - Learned clause is useful forever
- ❖ Useful in generating future conflict clauses