

Abstract Conflict Driven Clause Learning



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Anglo-EU Translation Guide

What the British say	What the British mean	What others understand
That's not bad.	That's good	Could be better.
Oh, by the way ...	The primary purpose of our discussion is ...	It's not very important, but ...

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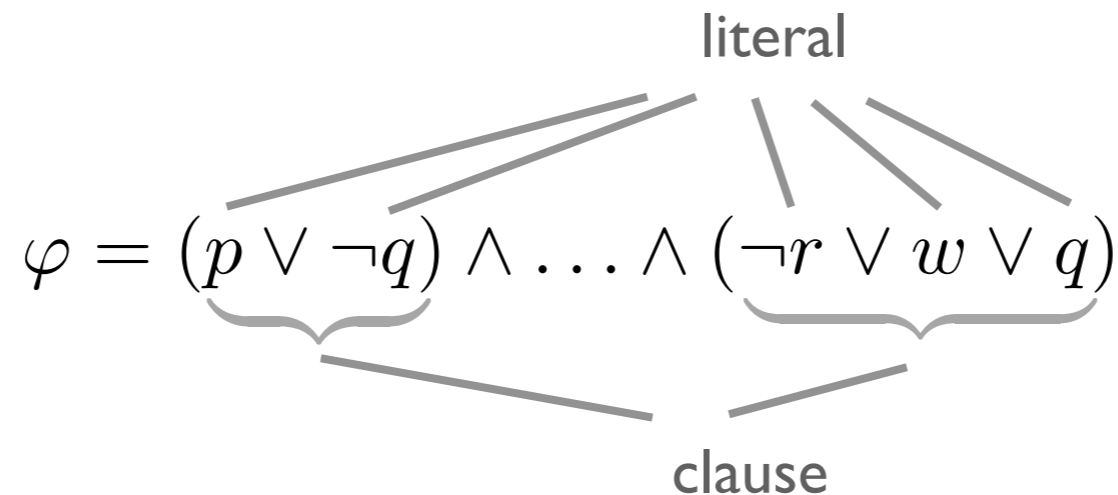
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... including SAT solvers

(Satisfiability Solvers are Static Analysers. D'Silva, Haller, Kroening, SAS 2012)

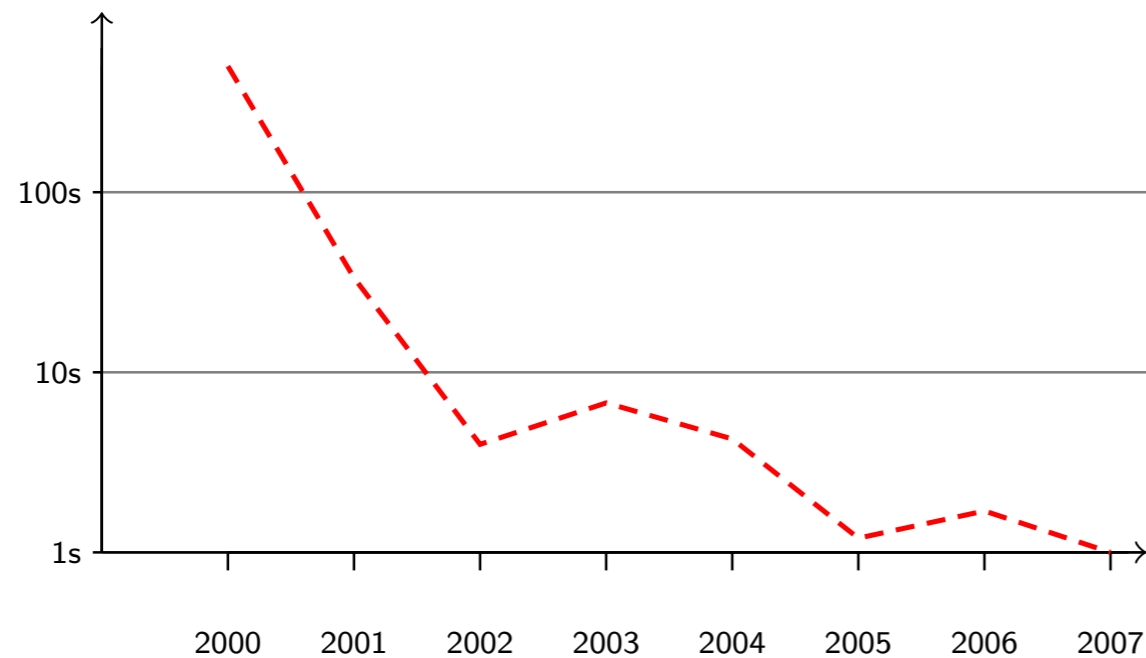
Propositional Satisfiability (SAT)



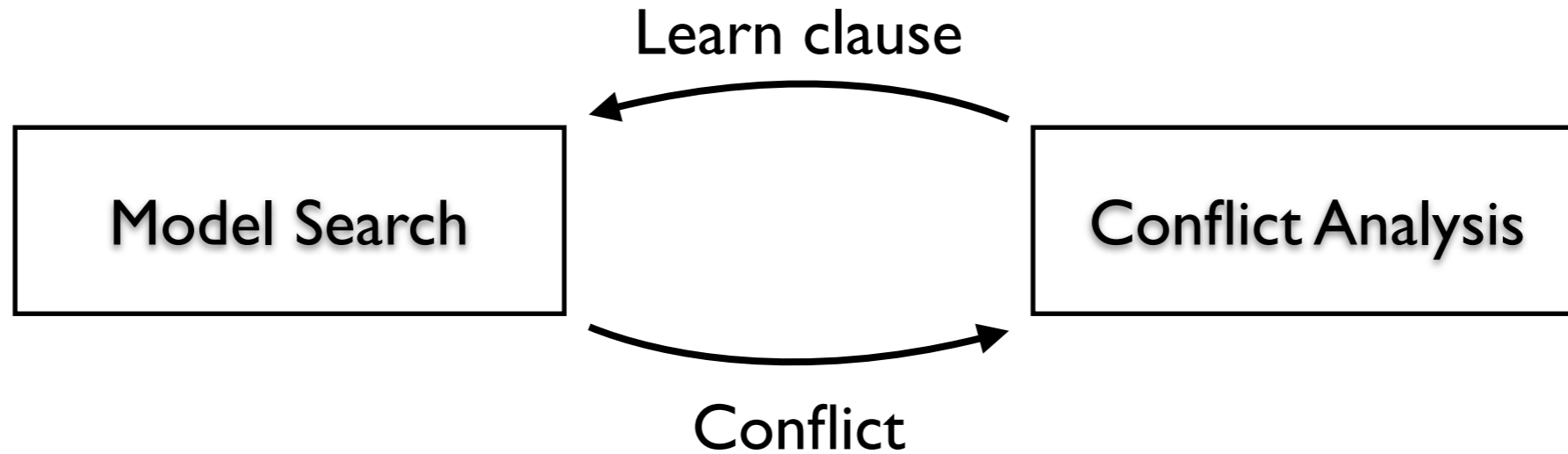
Given a propositional formula φ , is there a propositional truth assignment σ such that $\sigma \models \varphi$.

- Solvers are based on Conflict Driven Clause Learning (CDCL)
- Basis of modern Satisfiability Module Theory (SMT) solvers
- Critical components of program verification techniques

CDCL



(Malik and Zhang, 2009)



Work on CDCL has resulted in an exponential decrease in runtimes.

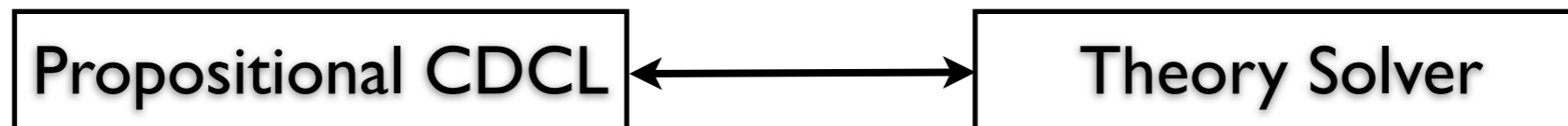
Can we lift this success to other domains?

SMT via DPLL(T)

Solve satisfiability for (QF) first order formula with background theory

$$\underbrace{(x + y \leq 3 \vee 2x - y \geq 1)}_p \wedge \underbrace{(x = 5 \vee y = x)}_{r \vee s}$$

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



CDCL enumerates candidate propositional truth assignments,
theory solver checks consistency.

DPLL(T) is a mathematical recipe and implementation framework for
building SMT decision procedures!

SMT via DPLL(T)

DPLL(T) can be viewed to partition the space of potential models using the structure of the formula.

Measures have to be taken to avoid enumeration behaviour.

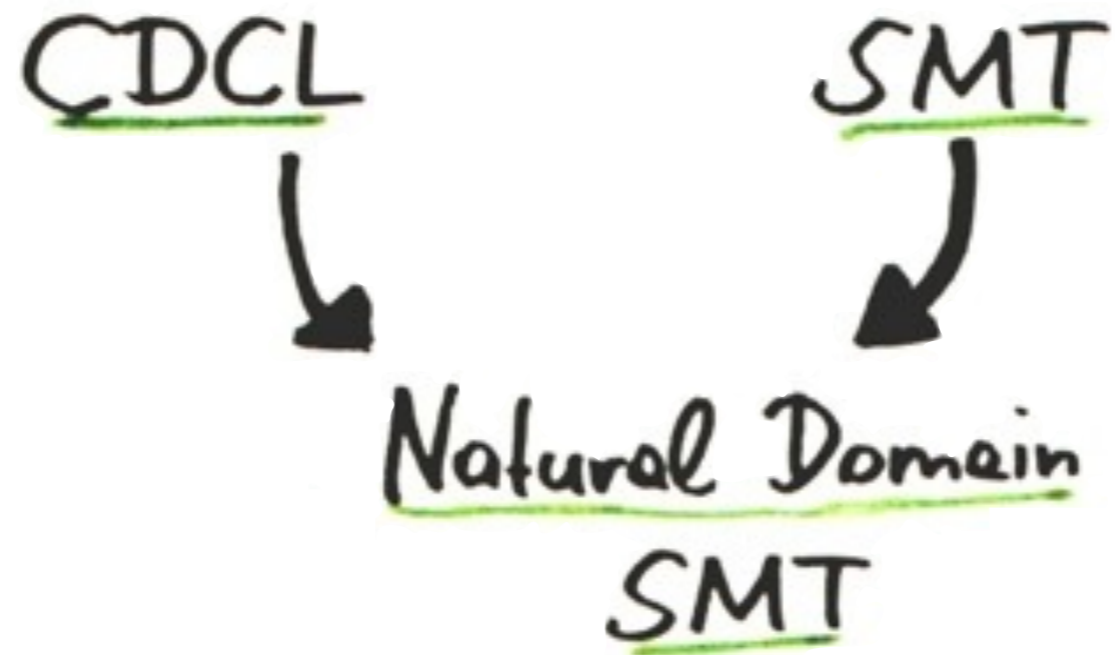
$$(x = 0 \vee x = 2 \vee x = 4 \vee \dots \vee x = 2k) \wedge$$
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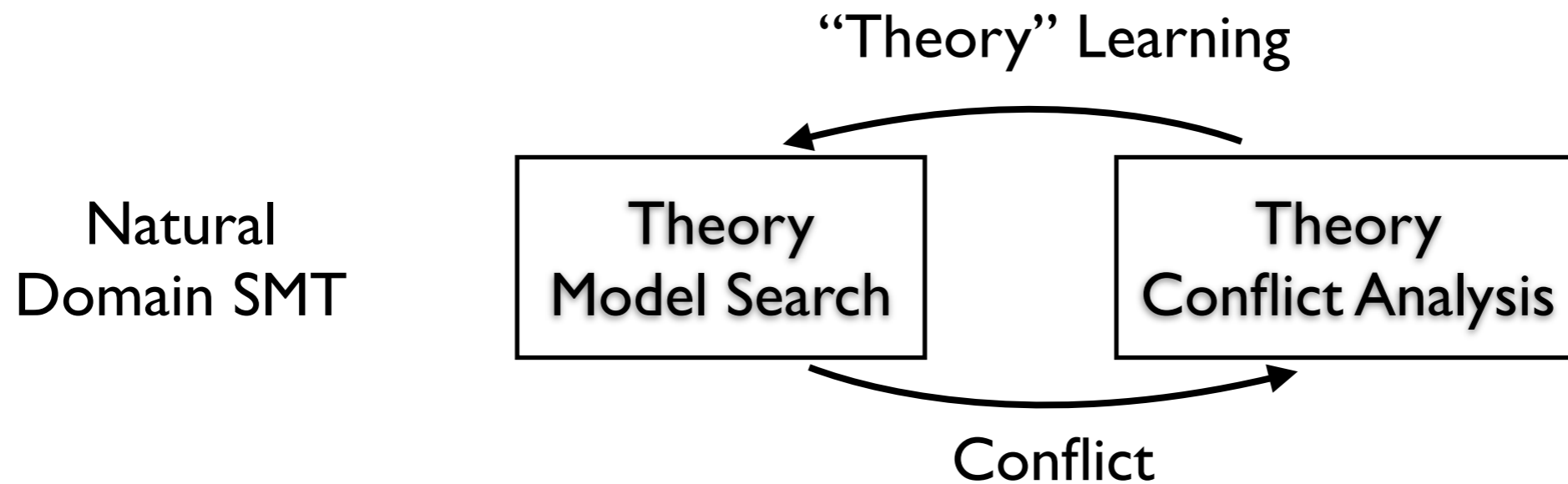
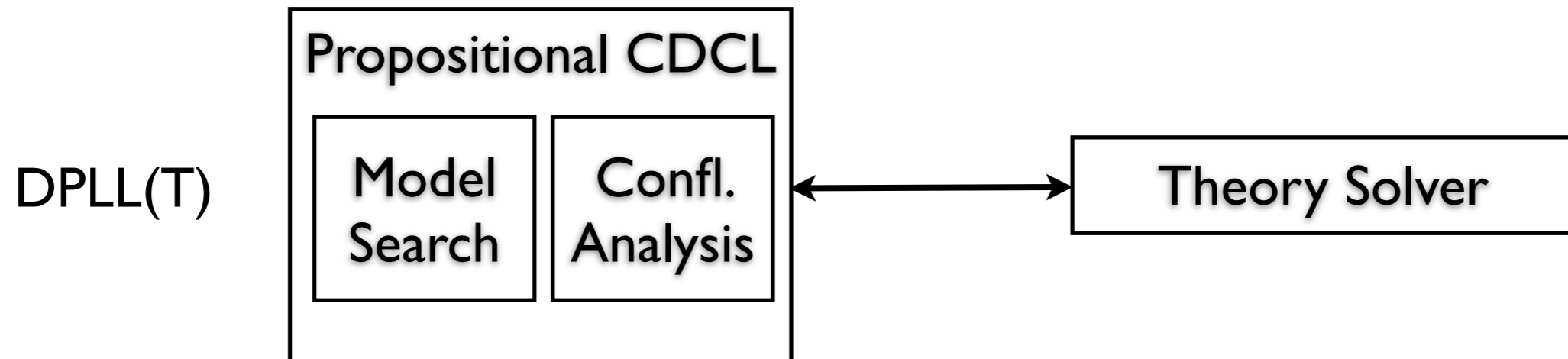
DPLL(T) explores truth assignments to predicates

x\y	even	odd
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Full even / odd partitioning



Natural Domain SMT



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Sound, but incomplete

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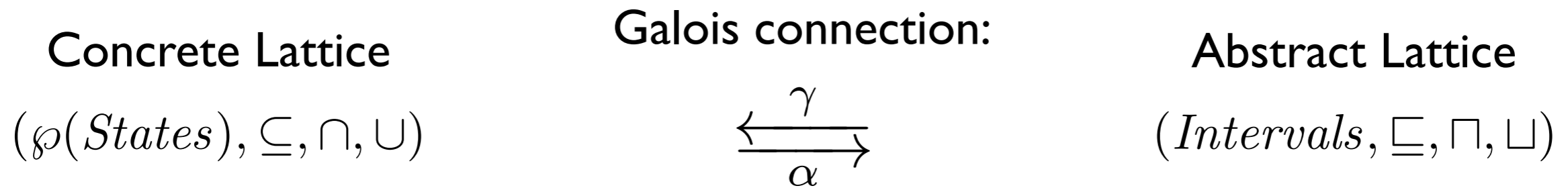
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Sound abstr. transformer

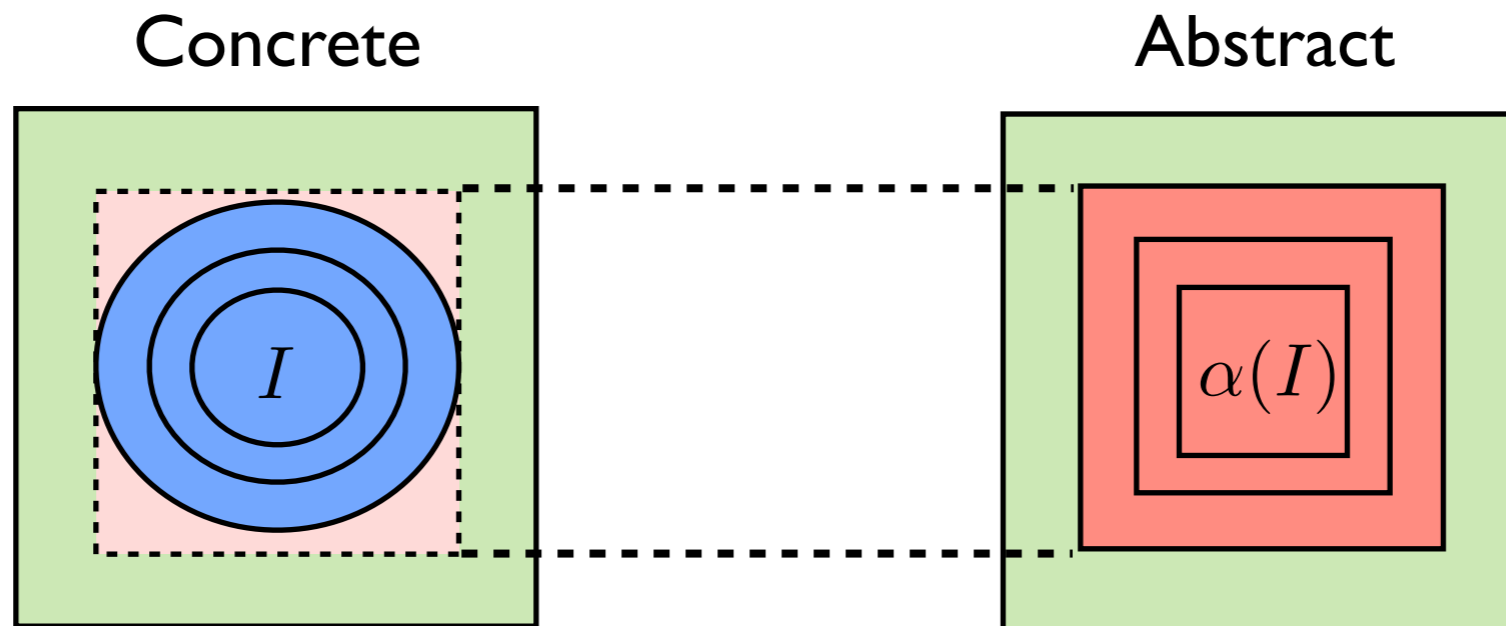
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$$post \circ \gamma \subseteq \gamma \circ p\hat{o}st$$

Approximating Fixed Points

Fixed points can be computed in the abstract

$$\text{lfp } X. I \cup \text{post}(X) \subseteq \gamma(\text{lfp } X. \alpha(I) \sqcup \hat{\text{post}}(X))$$



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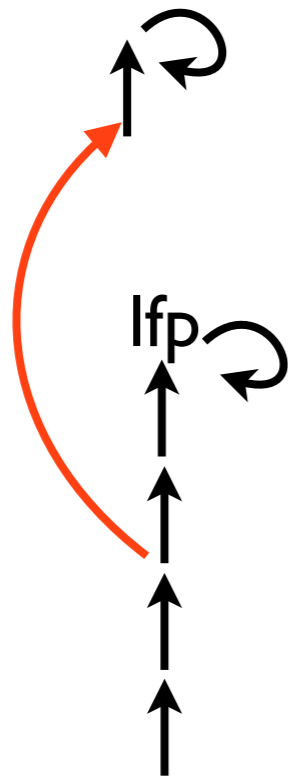
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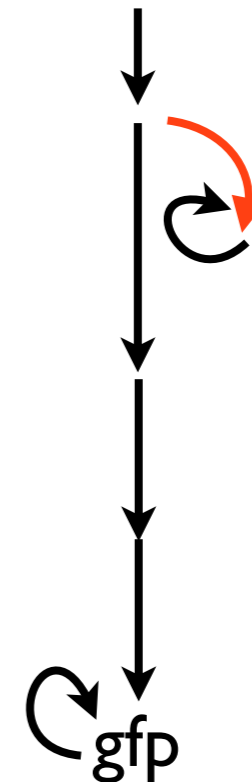
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Widening
(jumps above least fixed point)



Narrowing
(stay above greatest fixed point)



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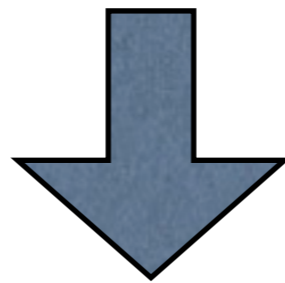


Interpreting Logic

Abstractly Interpreting Logic

Check satisfiability of the following formula

$$\varphi = p \wedge (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q)$$

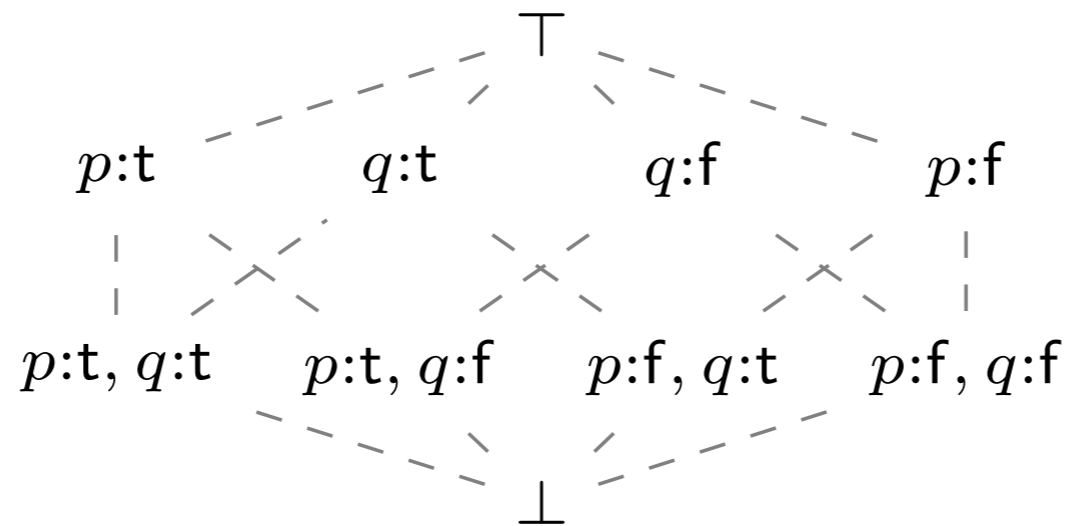


Prove the following program safe

```
int main()
{
    if(p)
        if(!p || q)
            if(!p || !q)
                assert(false);
}
```

Abstractly Interpreting Logic

Constants analysis



<code>int main()</code>	\top
<code>{</code>	
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E.g., propositional logic:

$Lit = \{p, \neg p \mid p \in Props\}$

$Clauses = \wp(Lit)$

$Form = \wp(Clauses)$

$Struct = Props \rightarrow \{t, f\}$

$\sigma \models \varphi$ iff

$\forall C \in \varphi. \exists l \in C. (l = p \wedge \sigma(p) = t) \vee (l = \neg p \wedge \sigma(p) = f)$

Abstract Satisfaction

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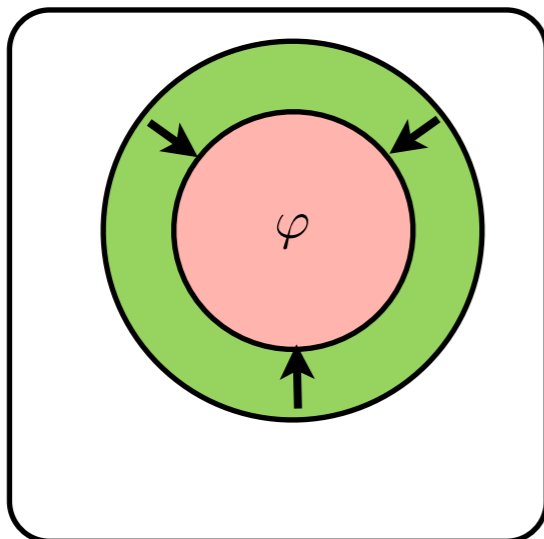
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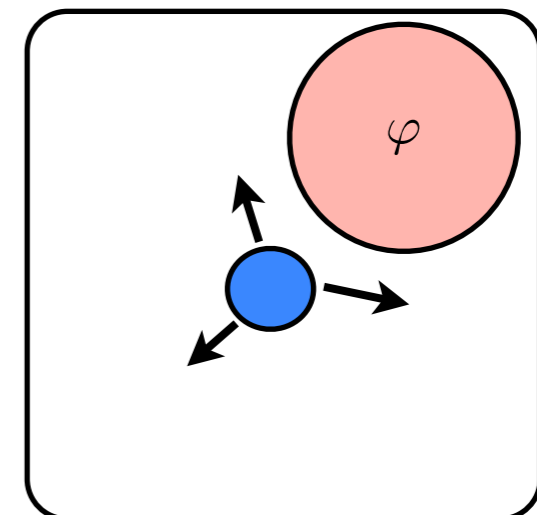
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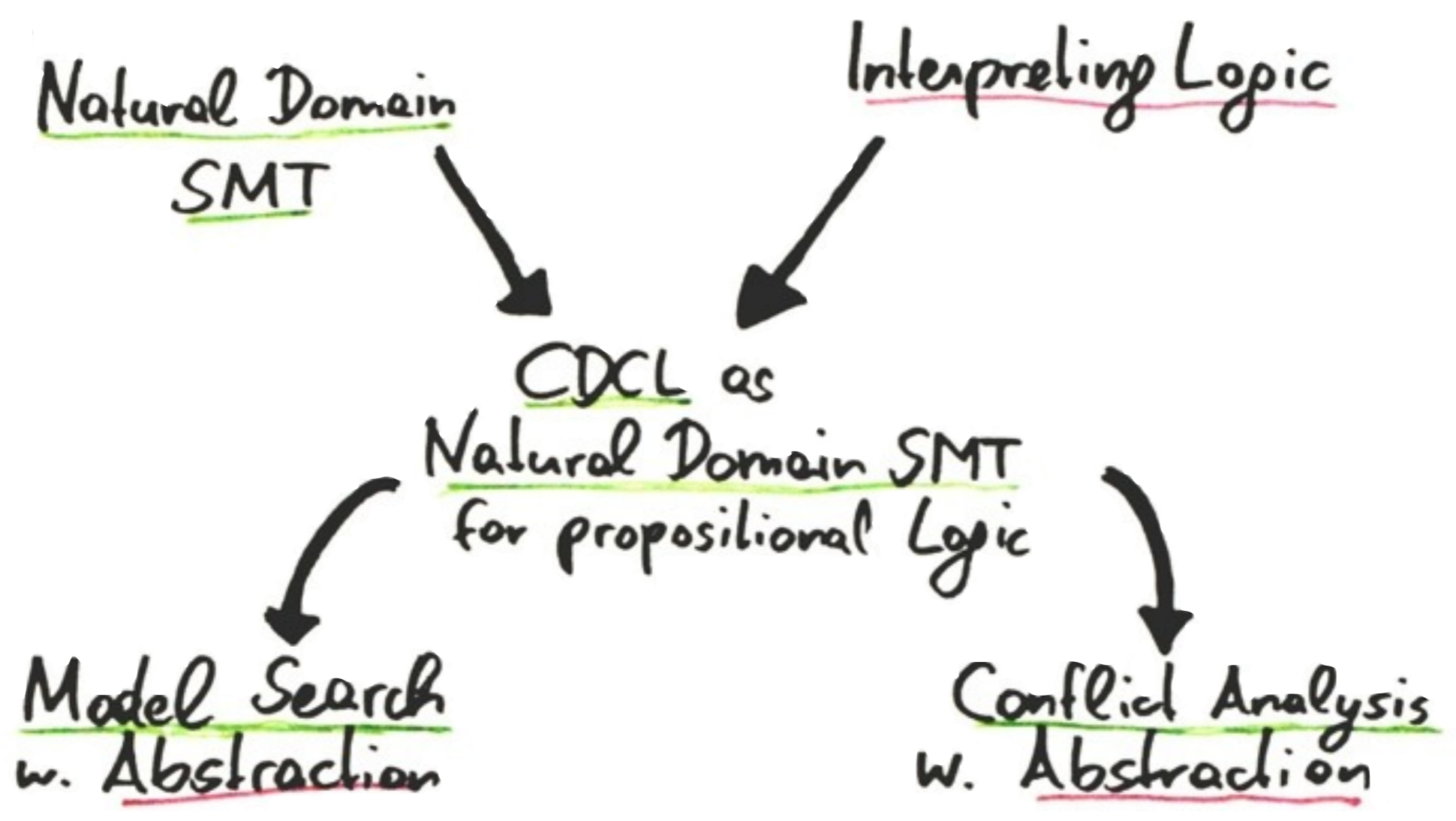
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Struct



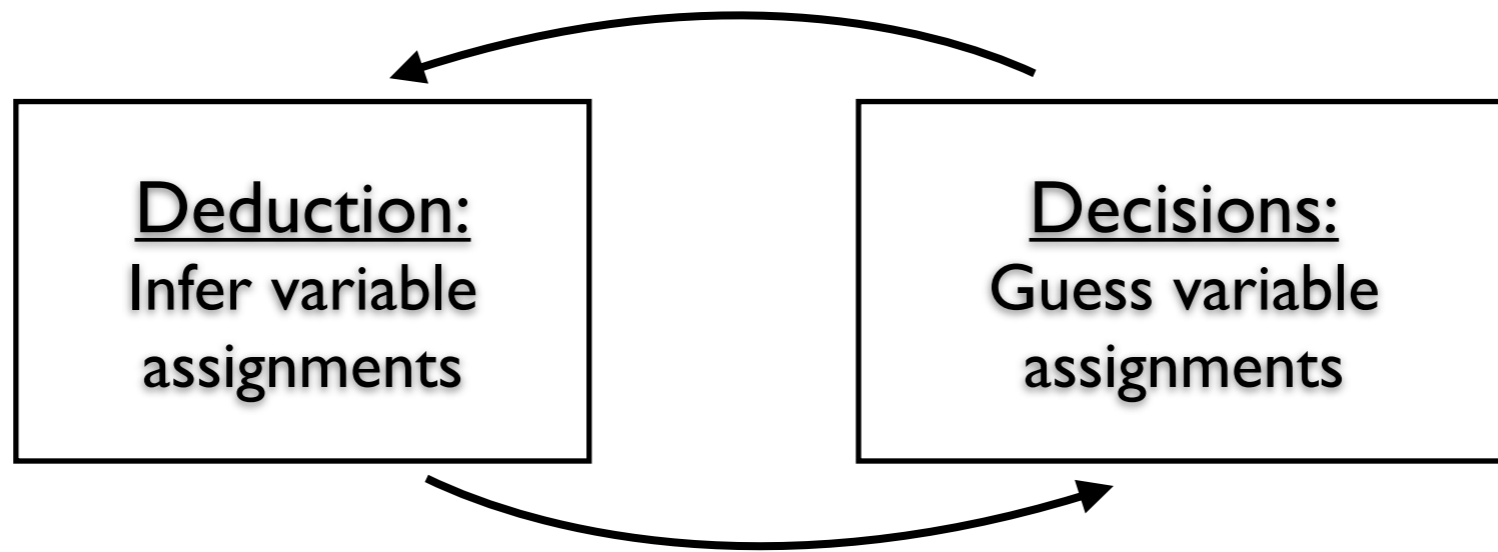
Struct





Model Search

Find either a satisfying assignment or a conflicting partial assignment



Partial Assignments are an Abstract Domain

```
#define l_True  (lbool (( uint8_t )0))  
#define l_False (lbool (( uint8_t )1))  
#define l_Undef (lbool (( uint8_t )2))
```

```
class lbool { [...] };
```

```
class Solver {
```

```
  [...]
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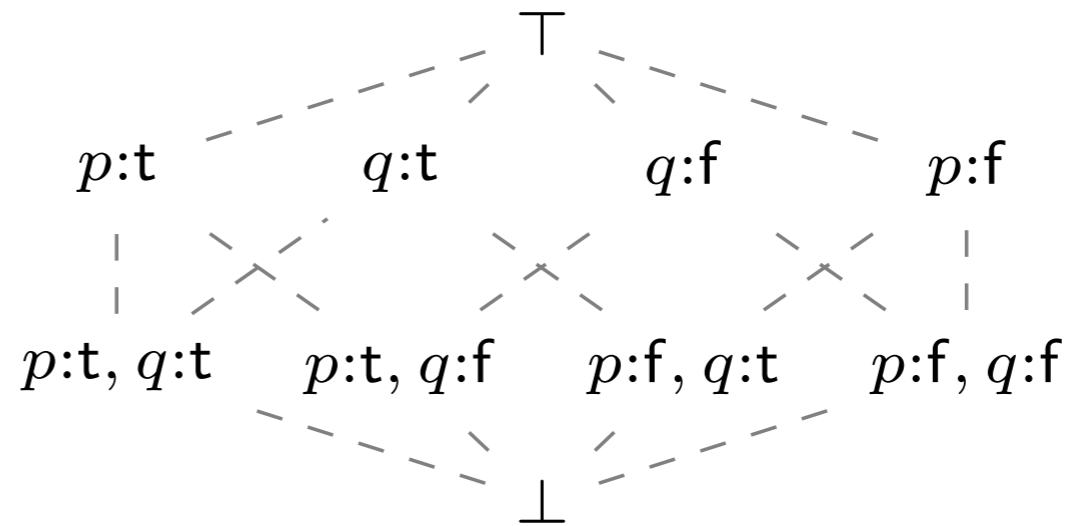
```
  // FALSE means solver is in a conflicting state
```

```
  bool      okay      () const;
```

```
  vec<lbool> assigns; // The current assignments.
```

```
  // Enqueue a literal . Assumes value of literal is undefined.
```

$$\wp(\text{Props} \rightarrow \{t, f\}) \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma}$$



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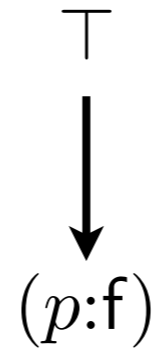
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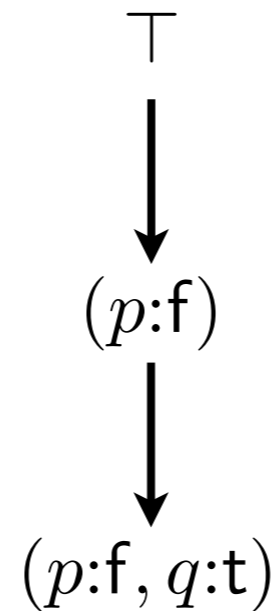


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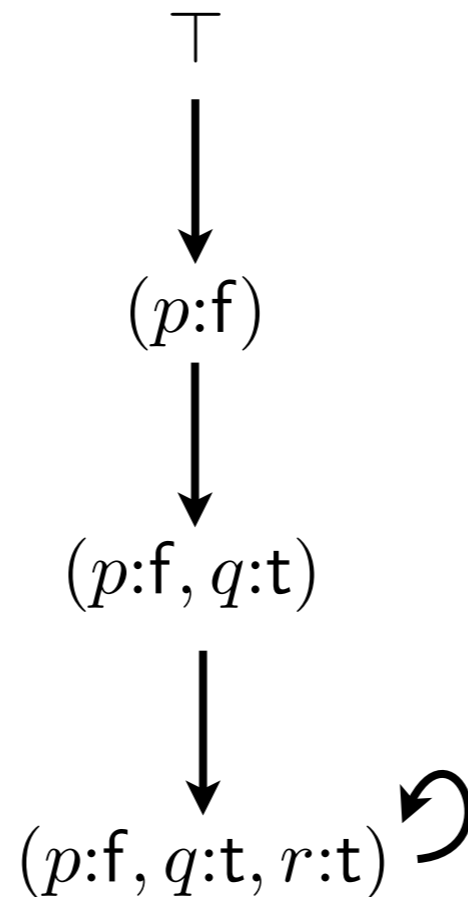


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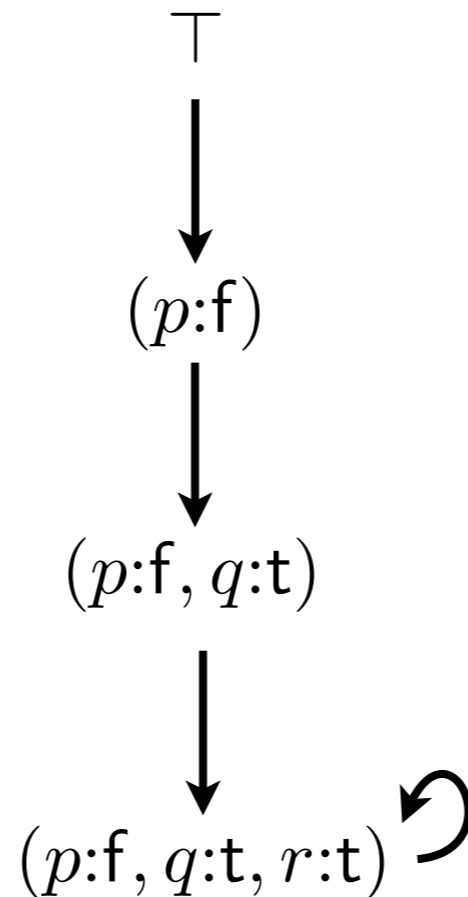


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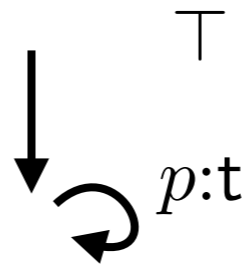
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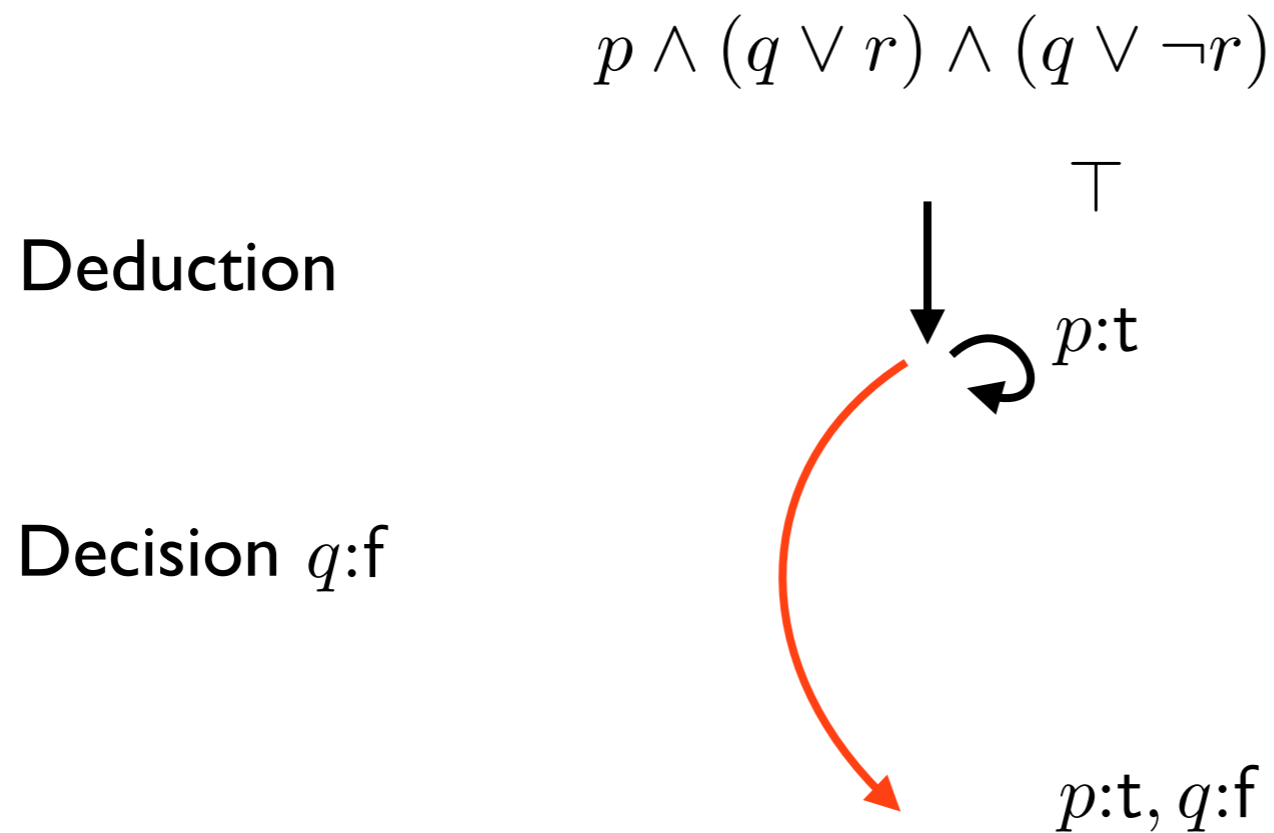
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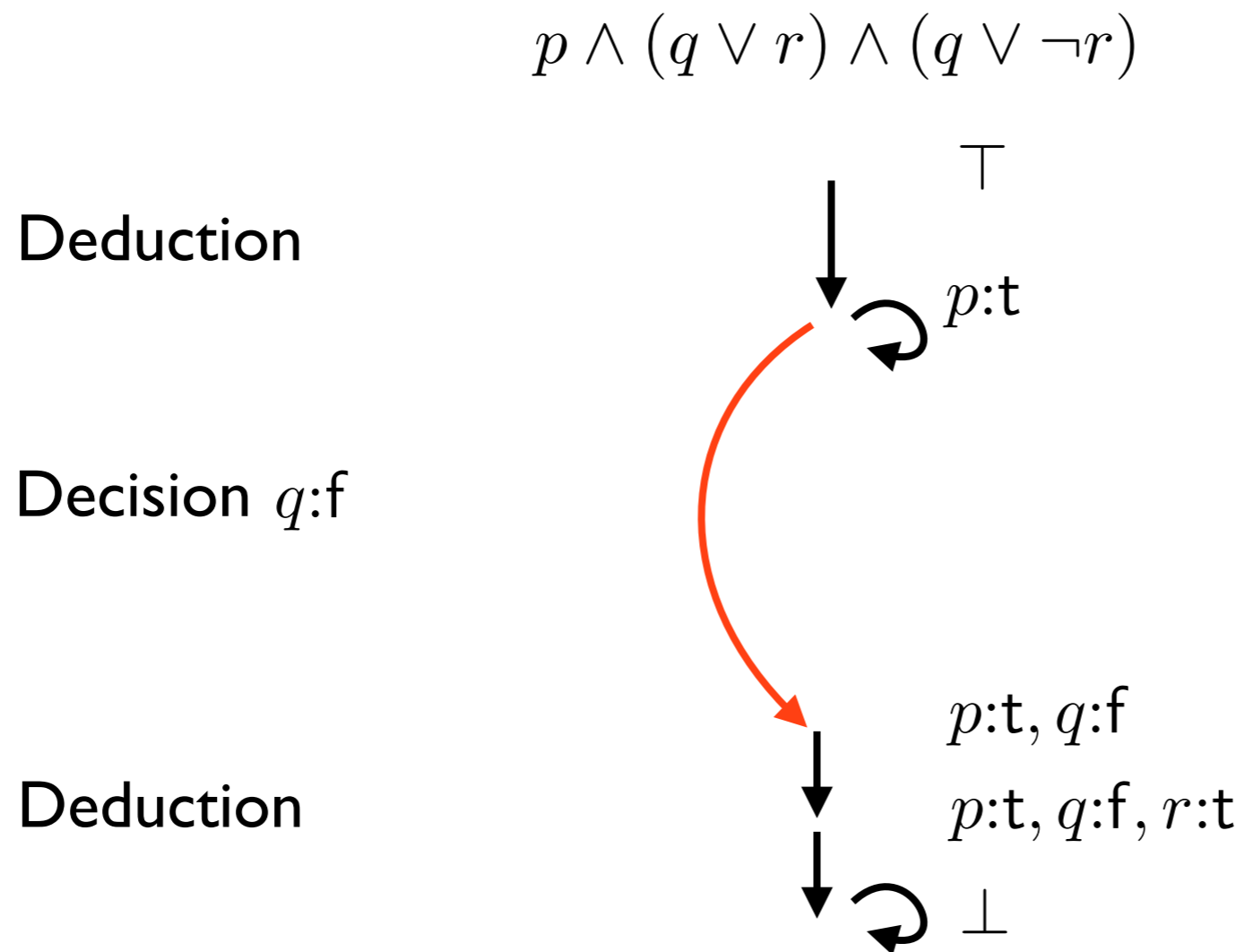
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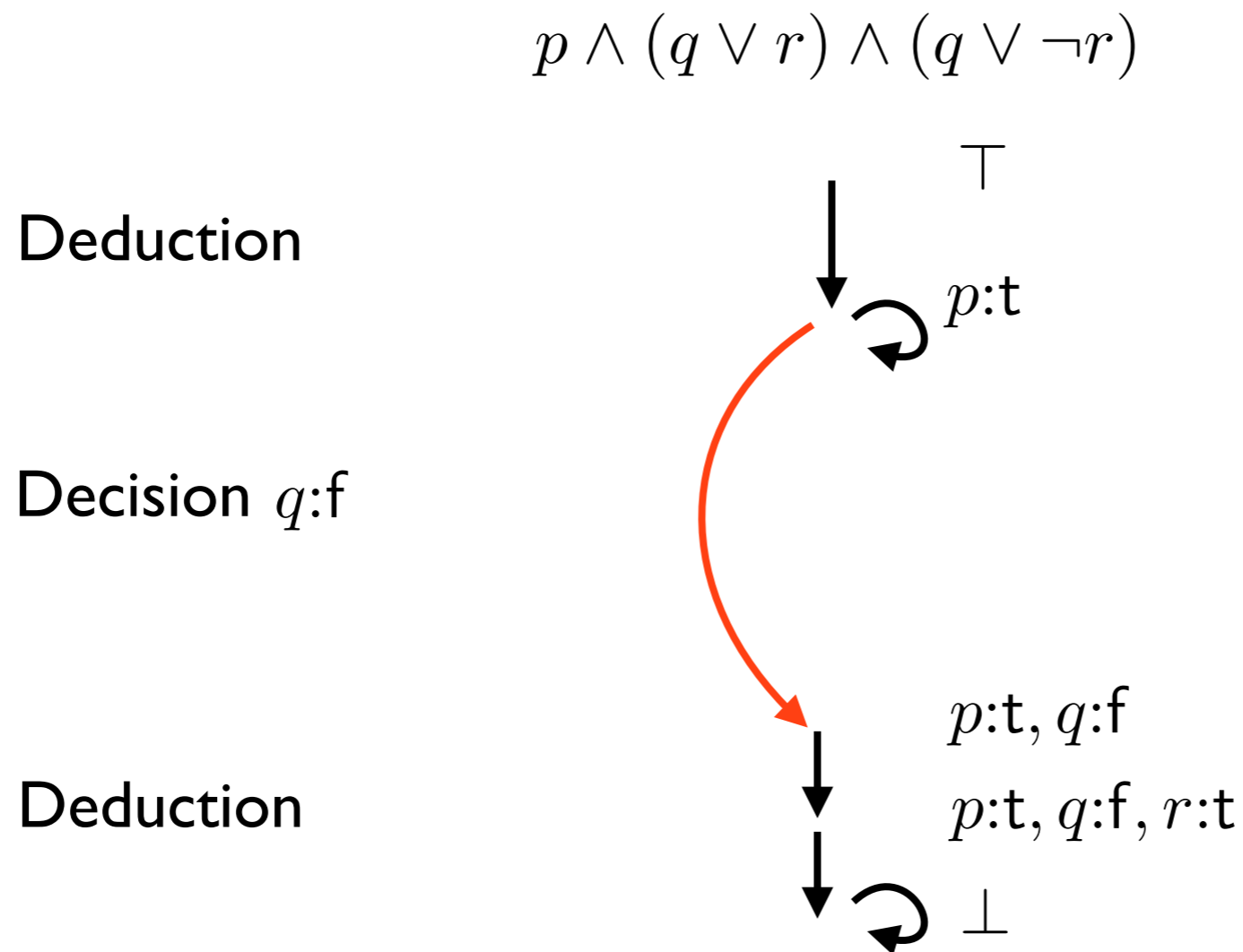
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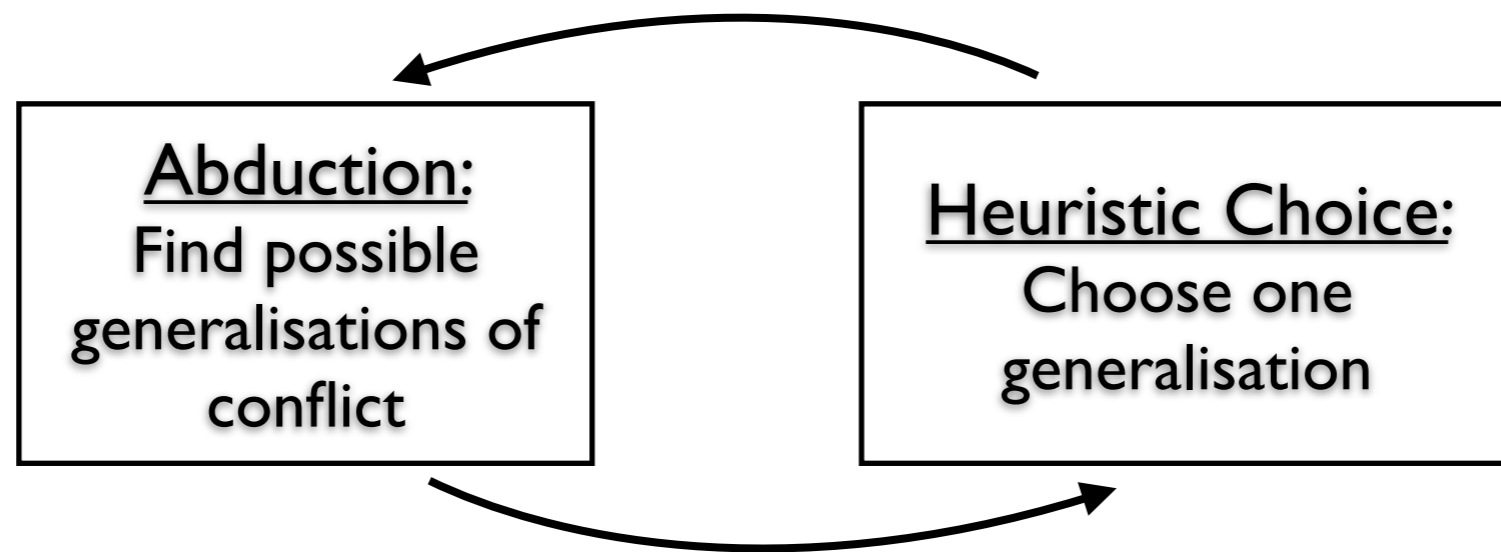
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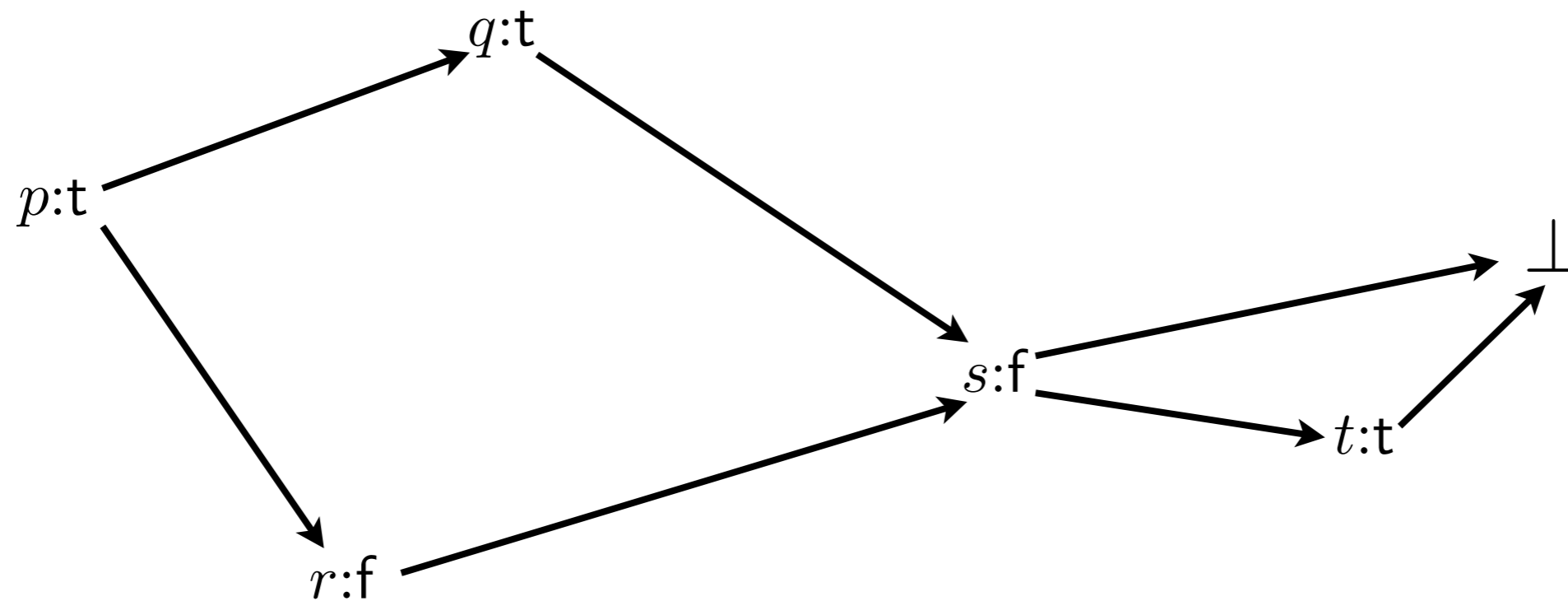
Conflict Analysis



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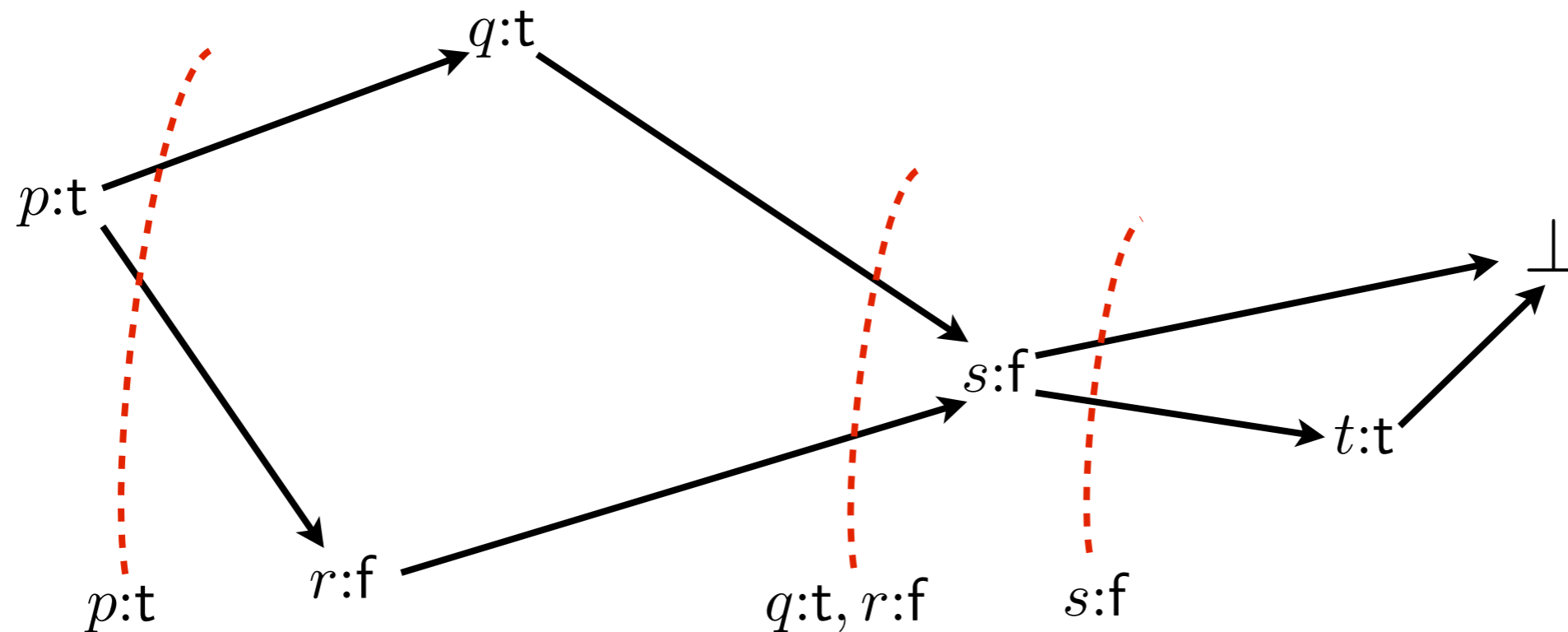
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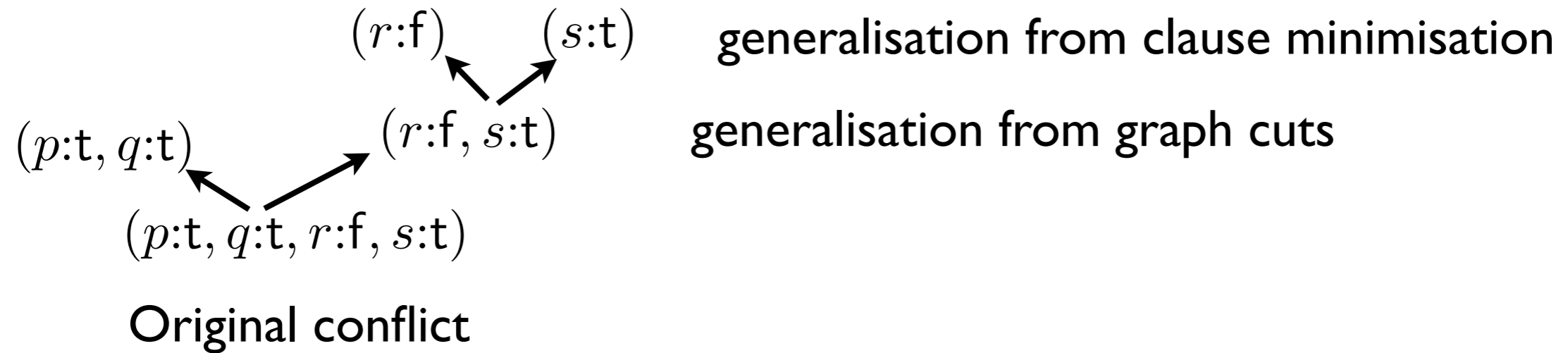
Original conflict

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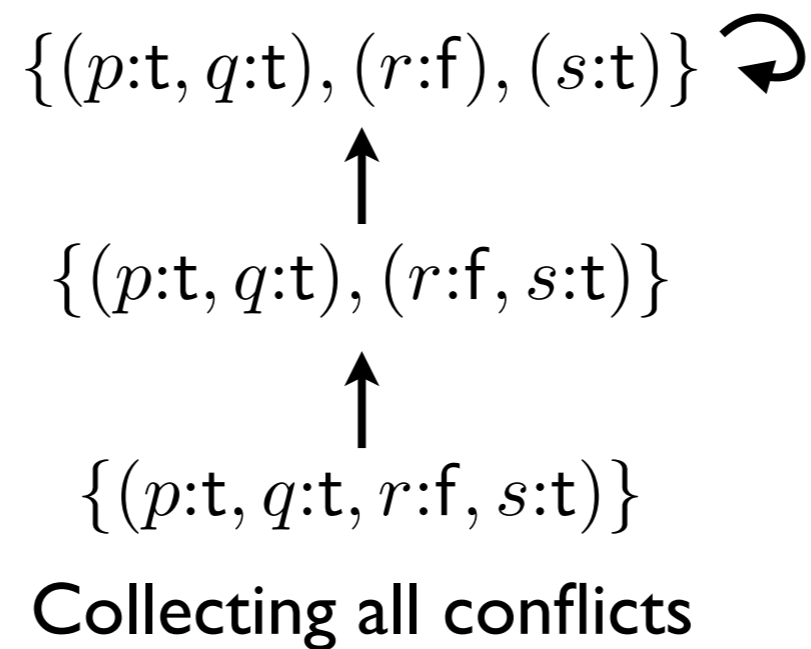
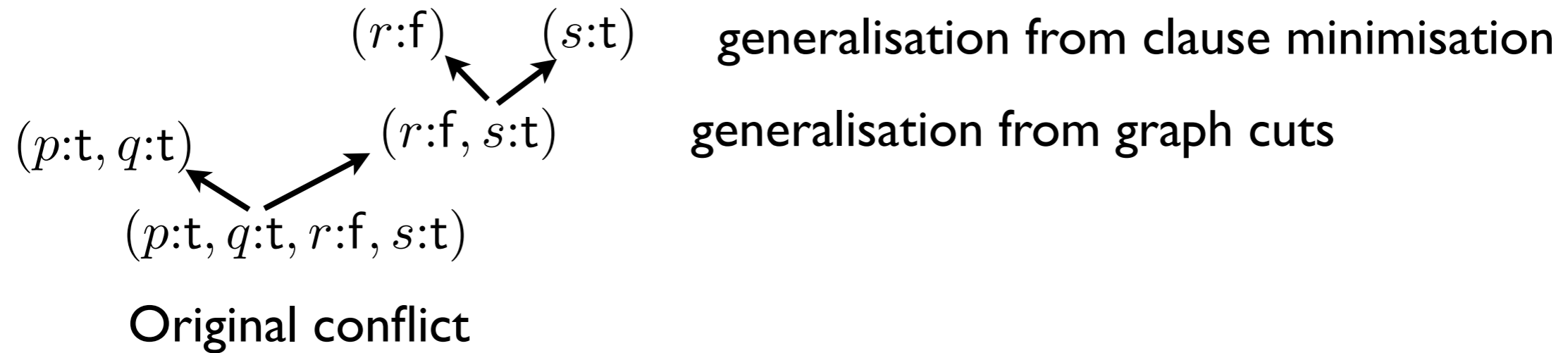
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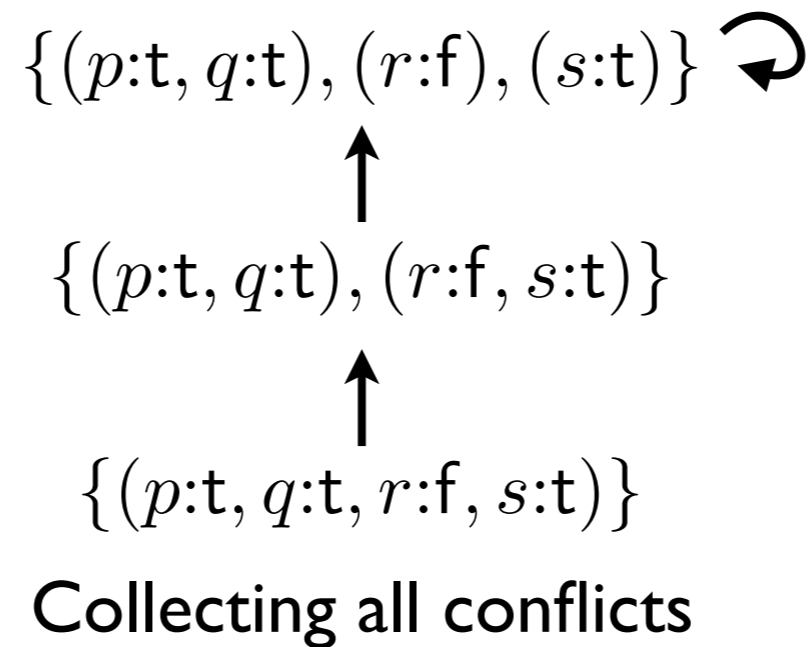
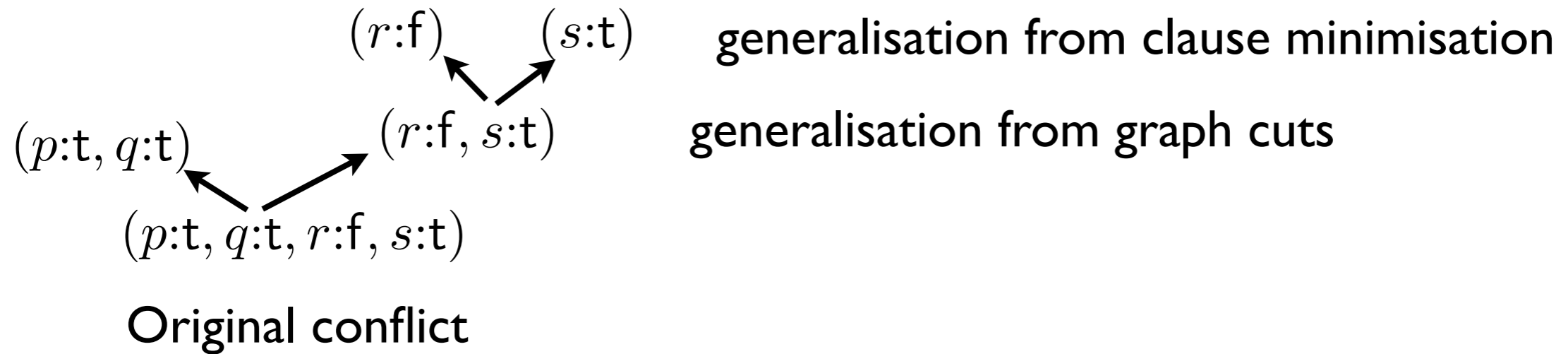
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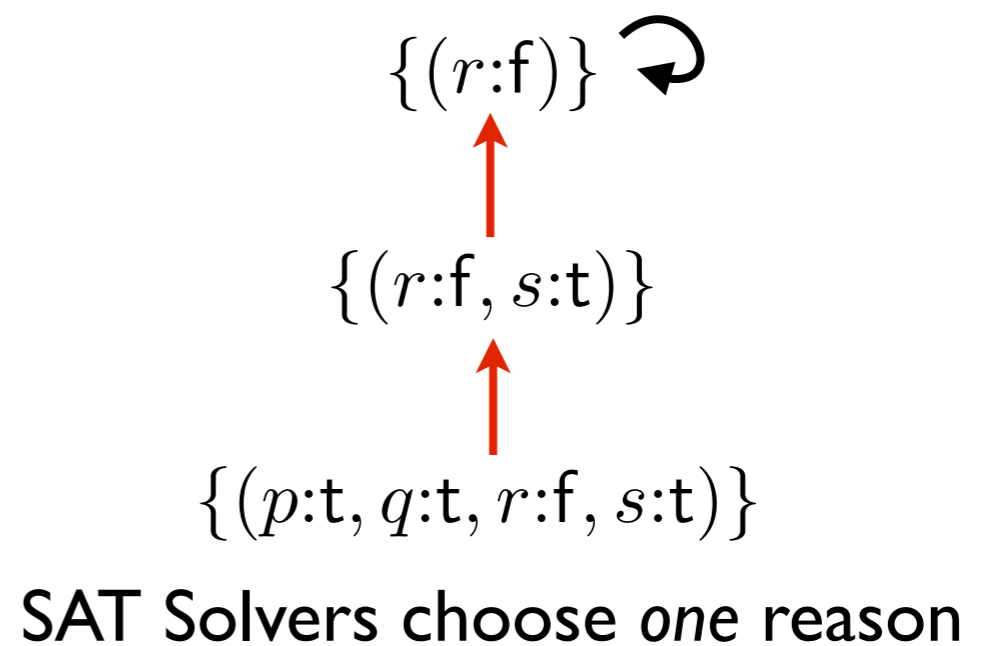
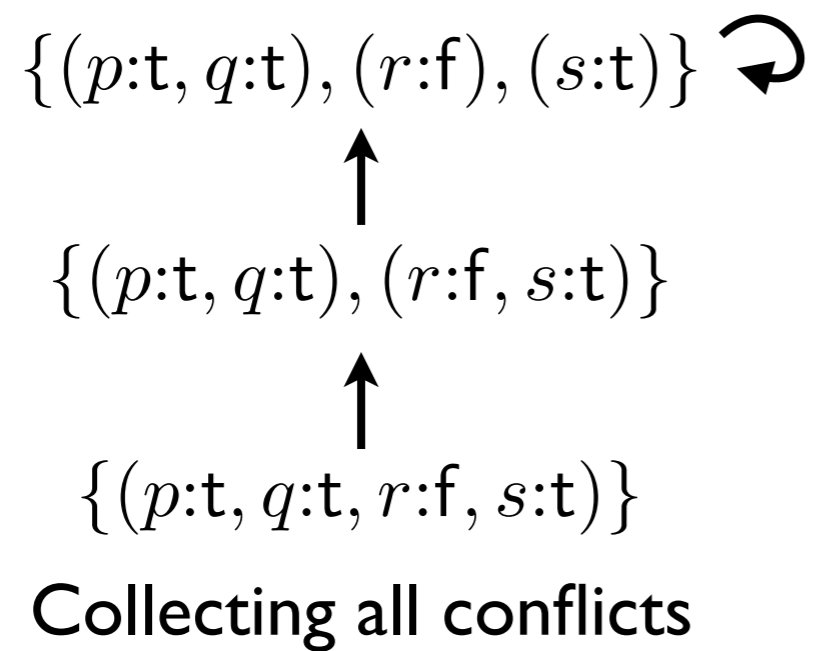
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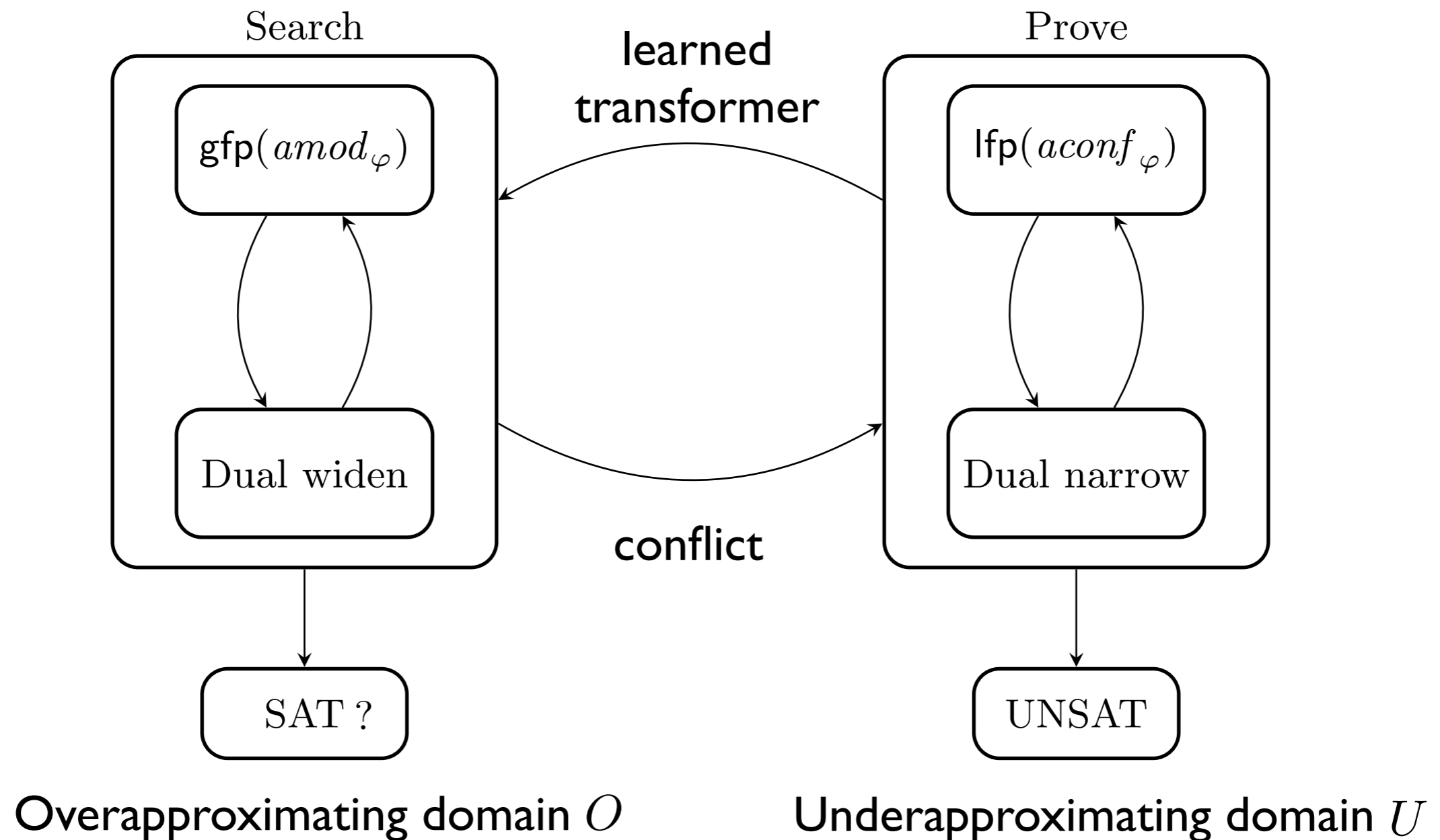


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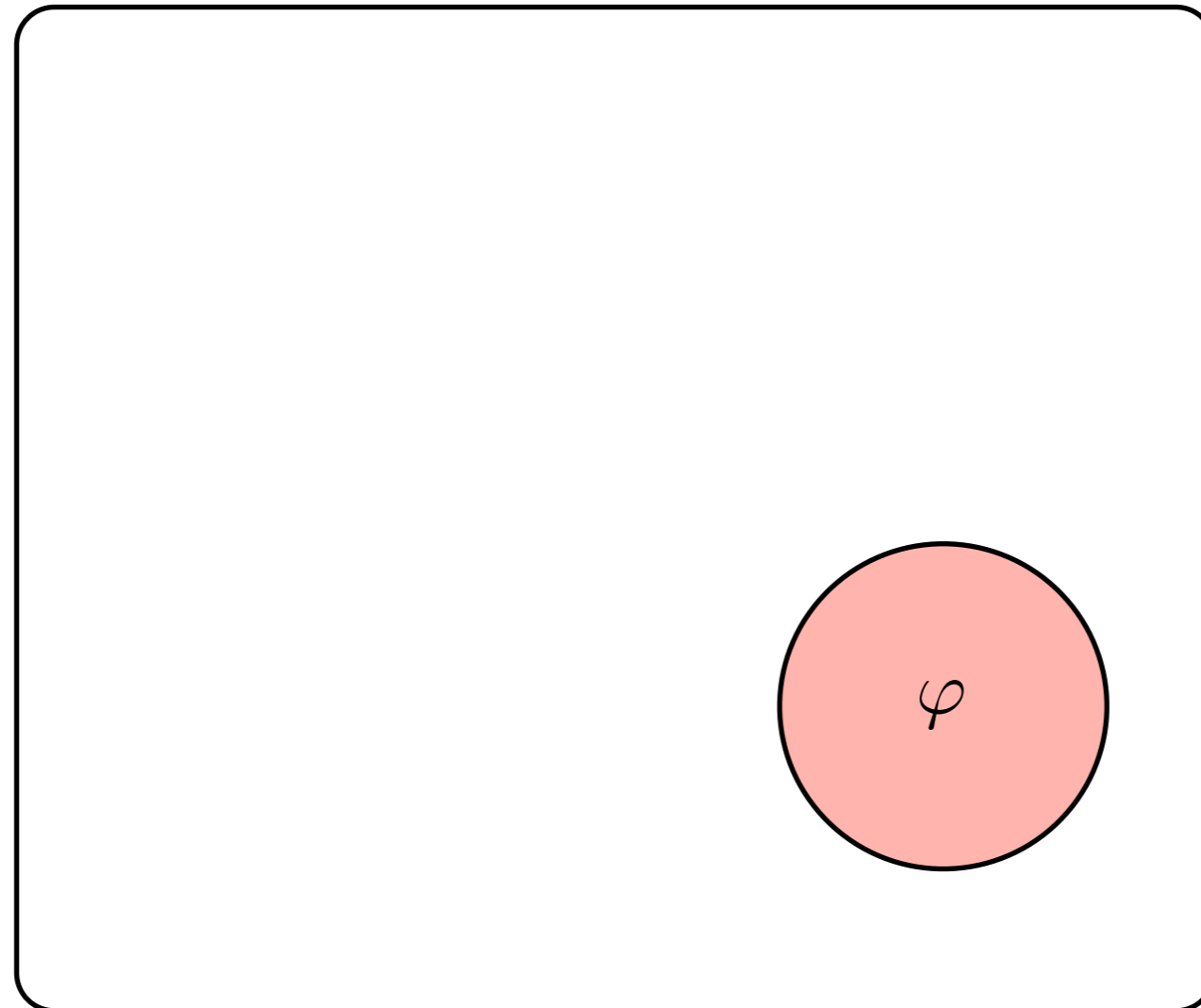
Recall that narrowing is used to converge above a greatest fixed point.
Heuristic choice of conflict reasons leads to convergence below a least fixed point!

ACDCL: A recipe for deriving natural domain SMT solvers from abstract domains



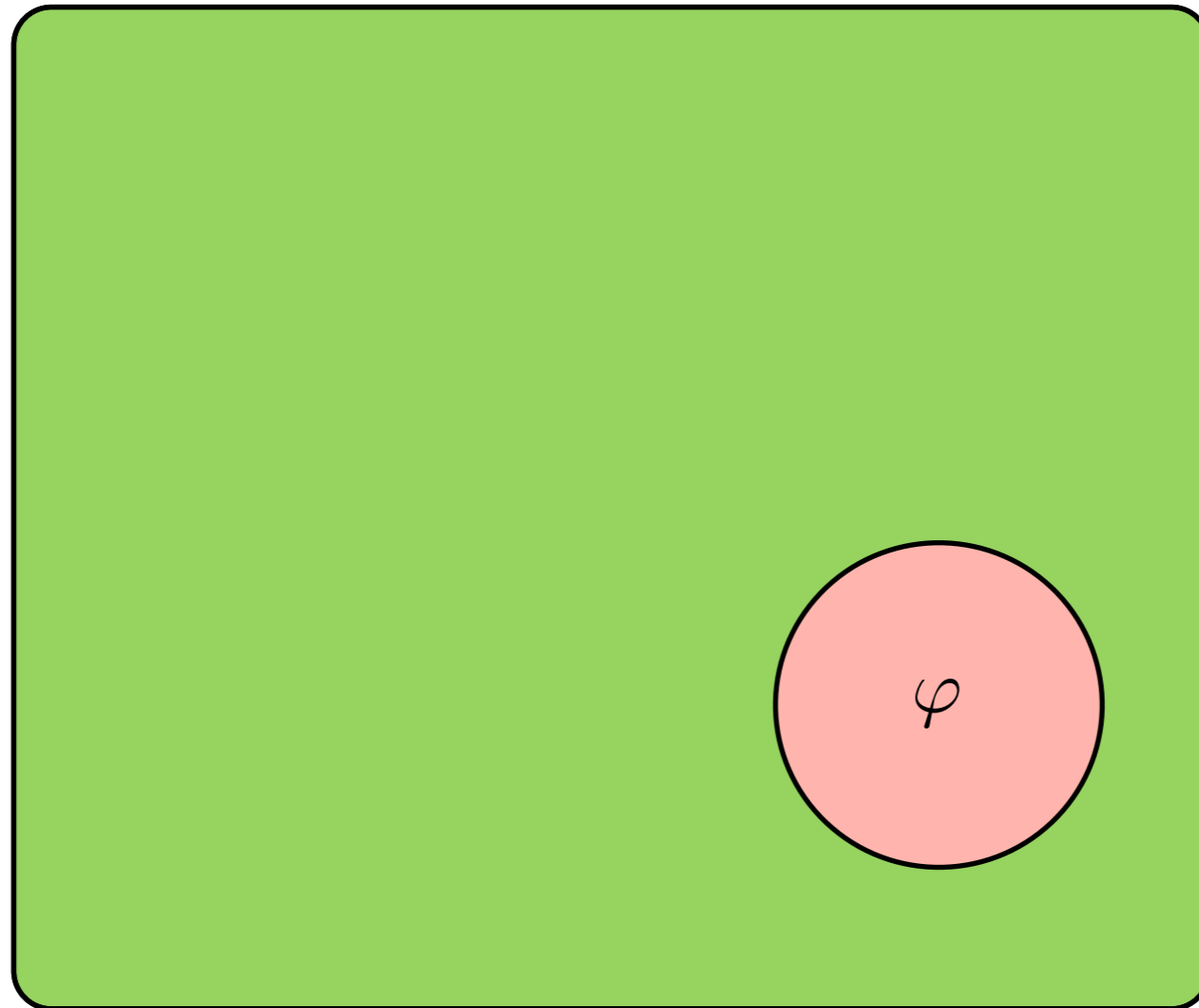
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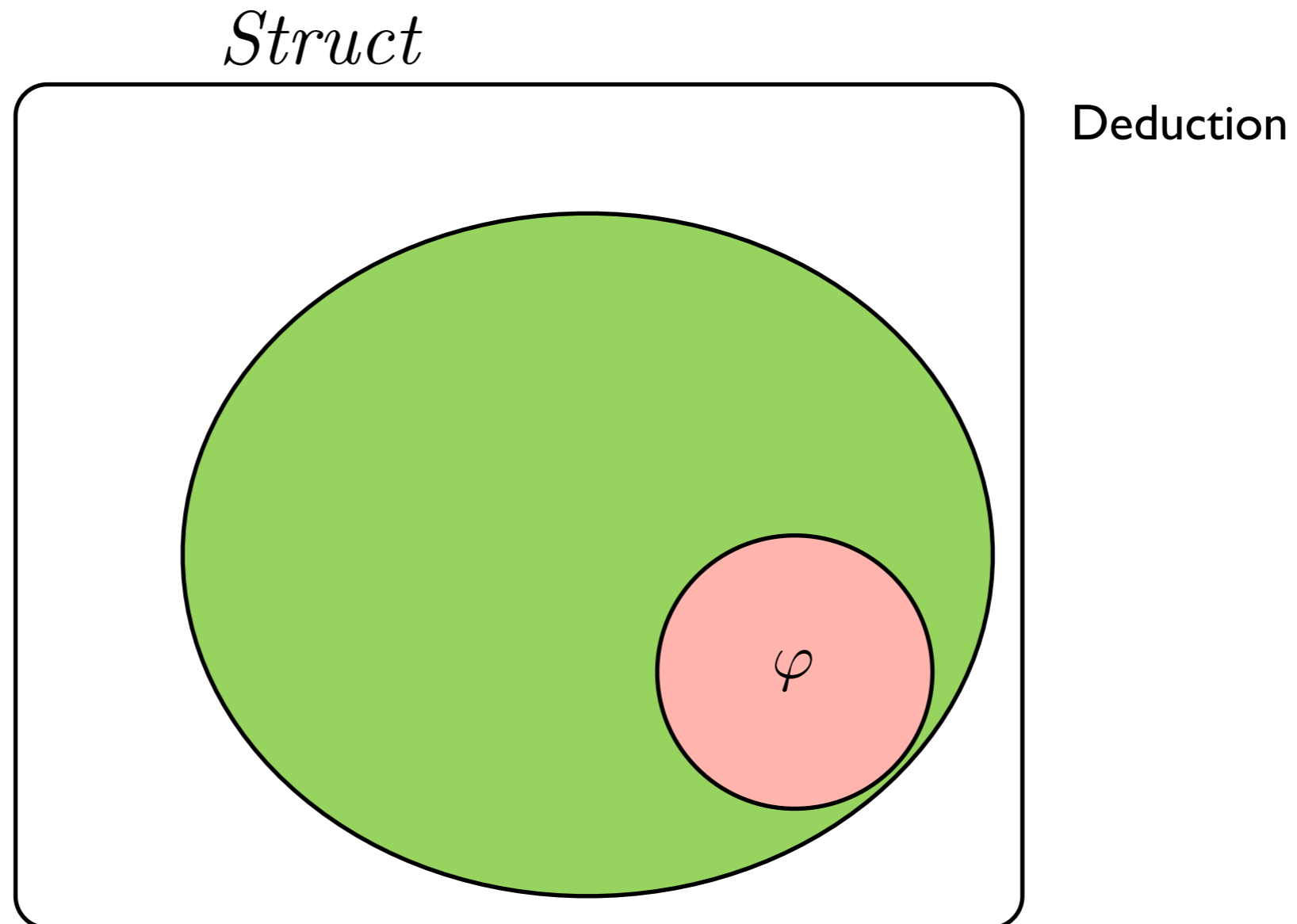


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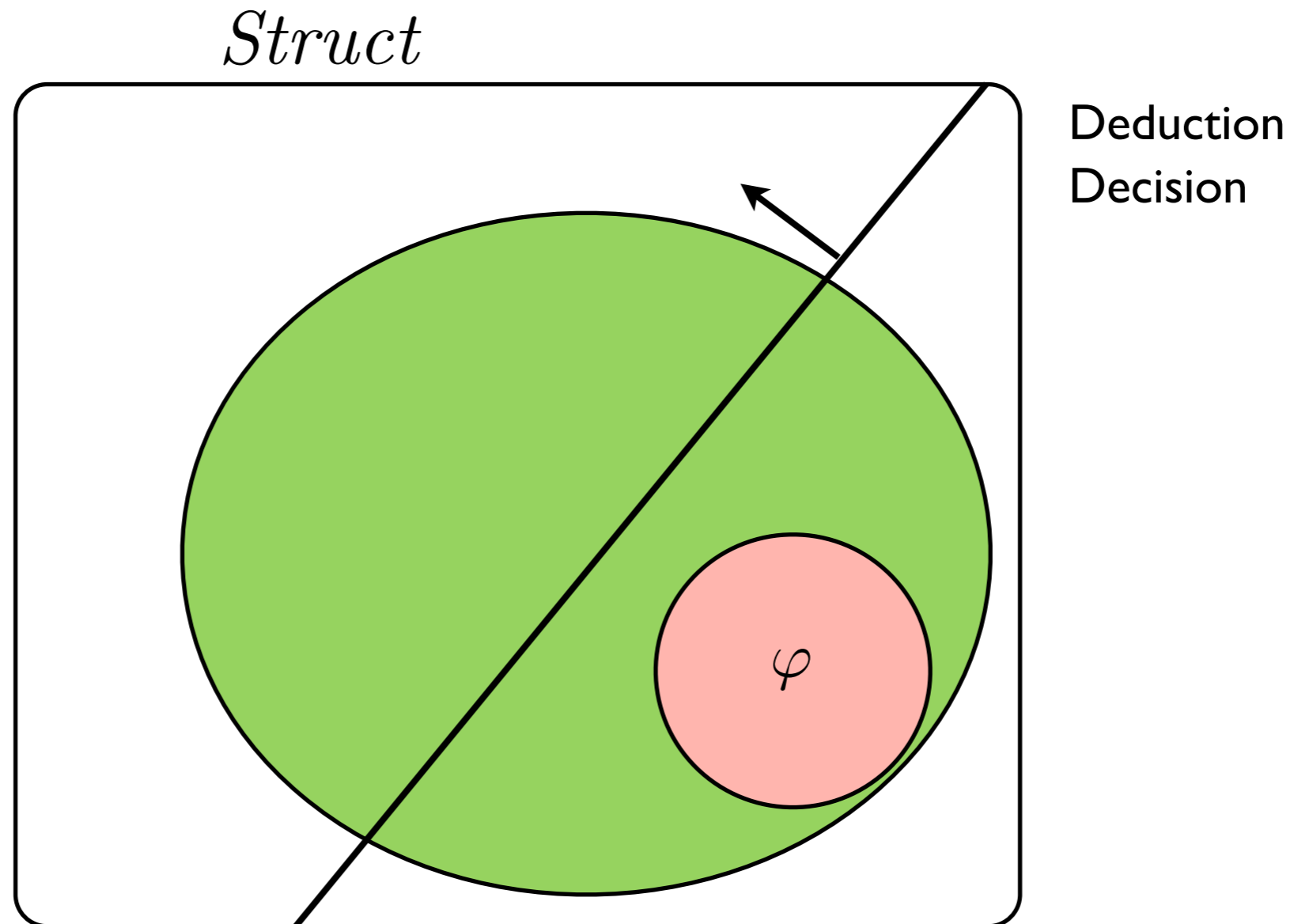
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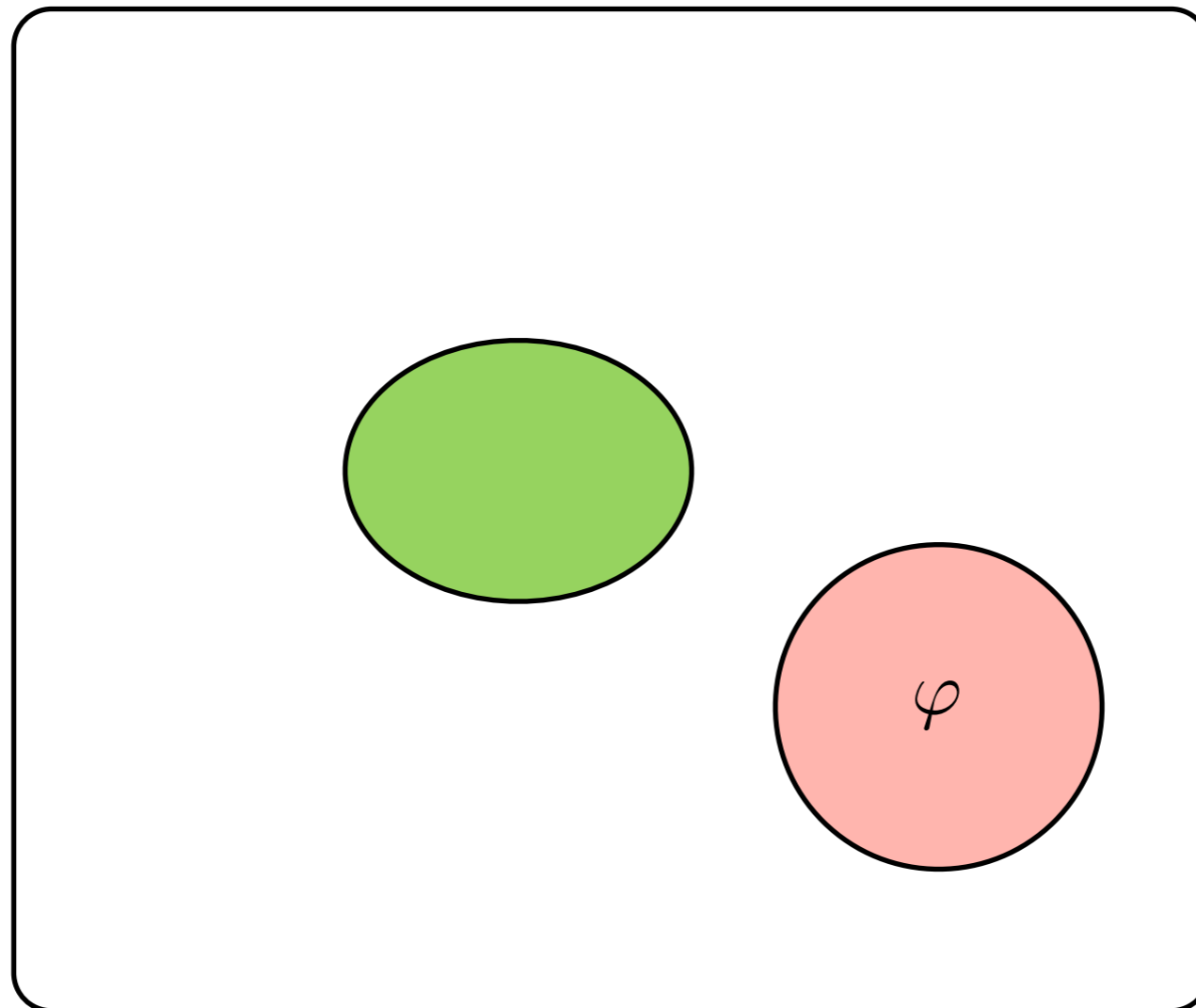


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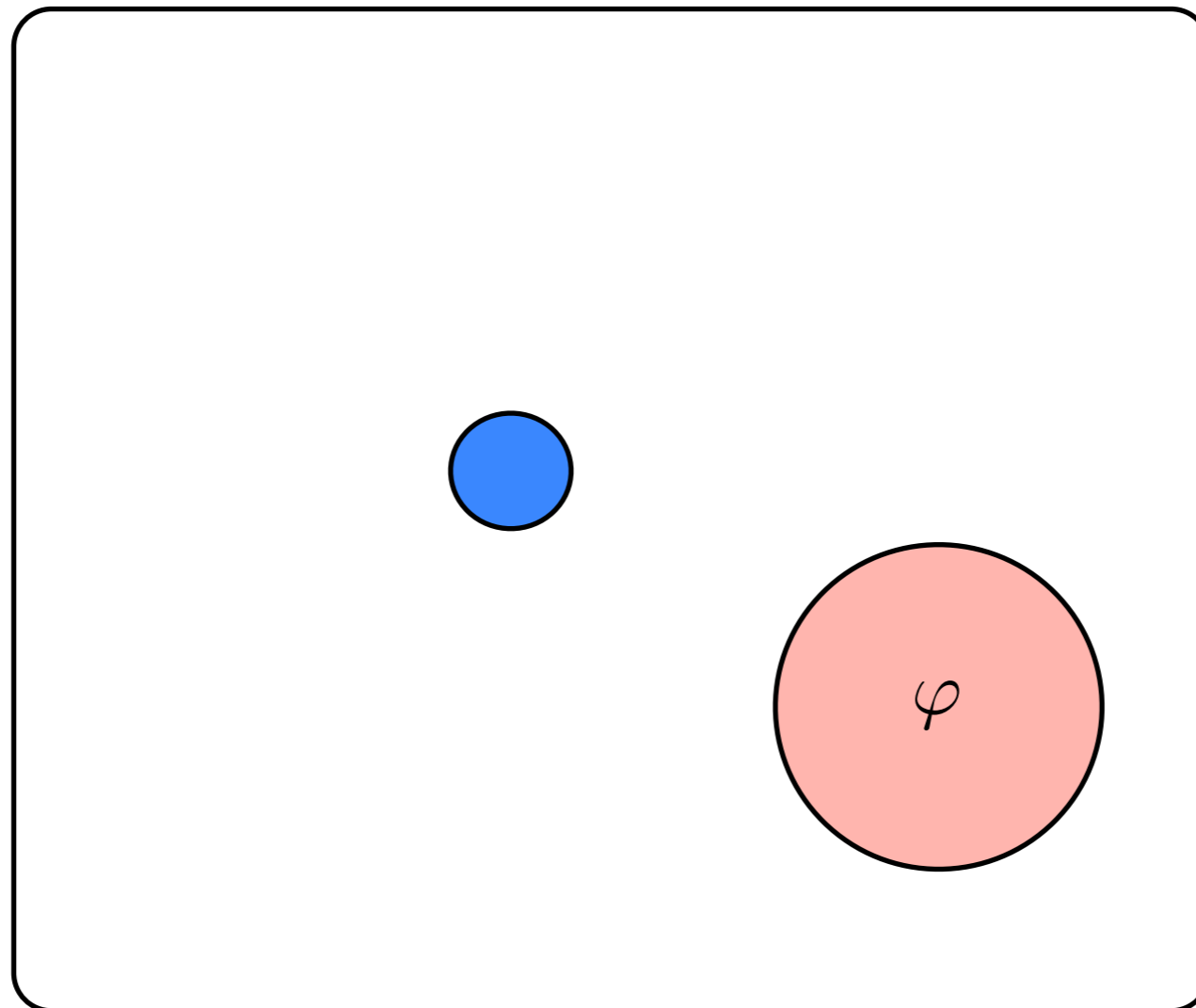
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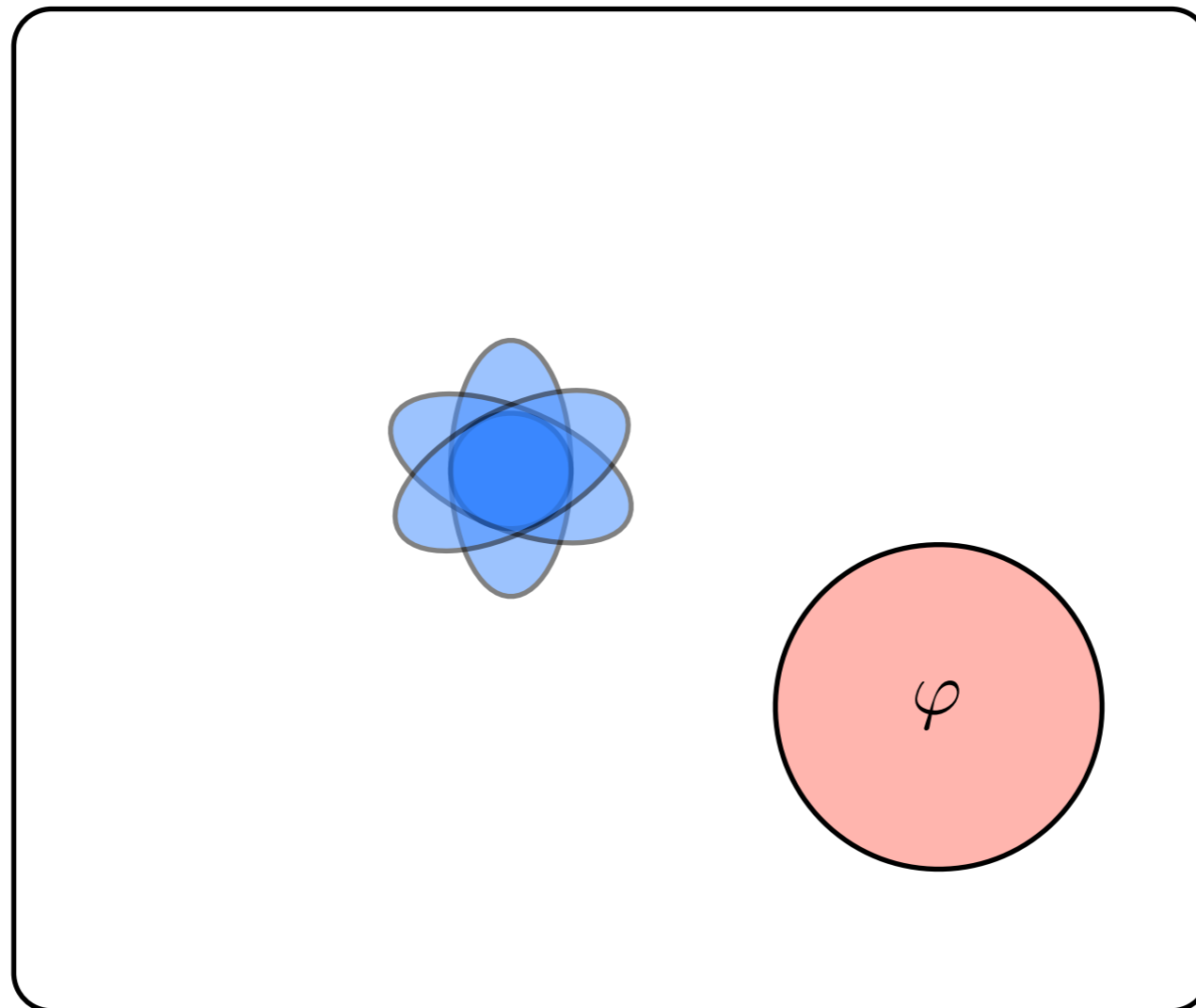
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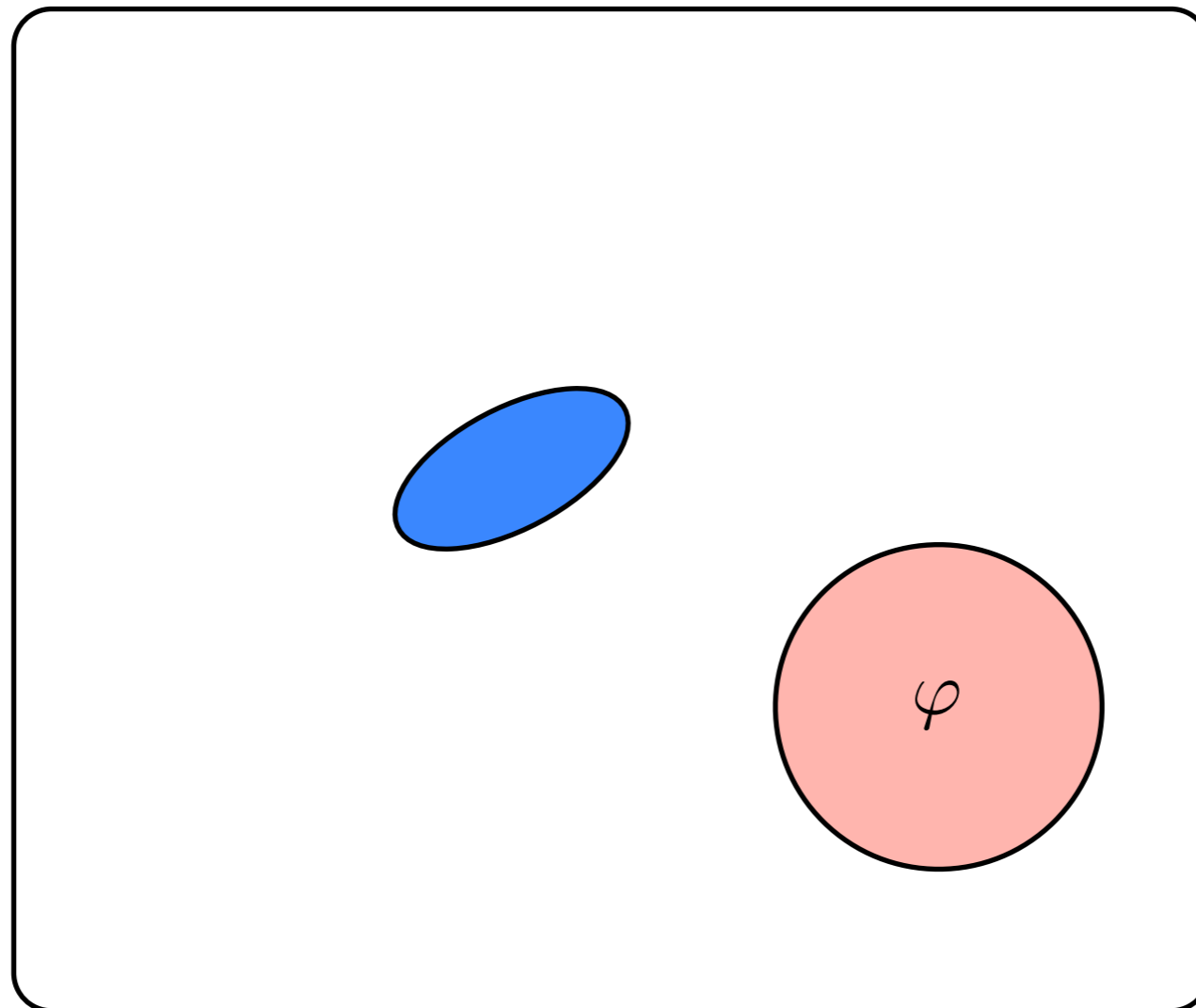
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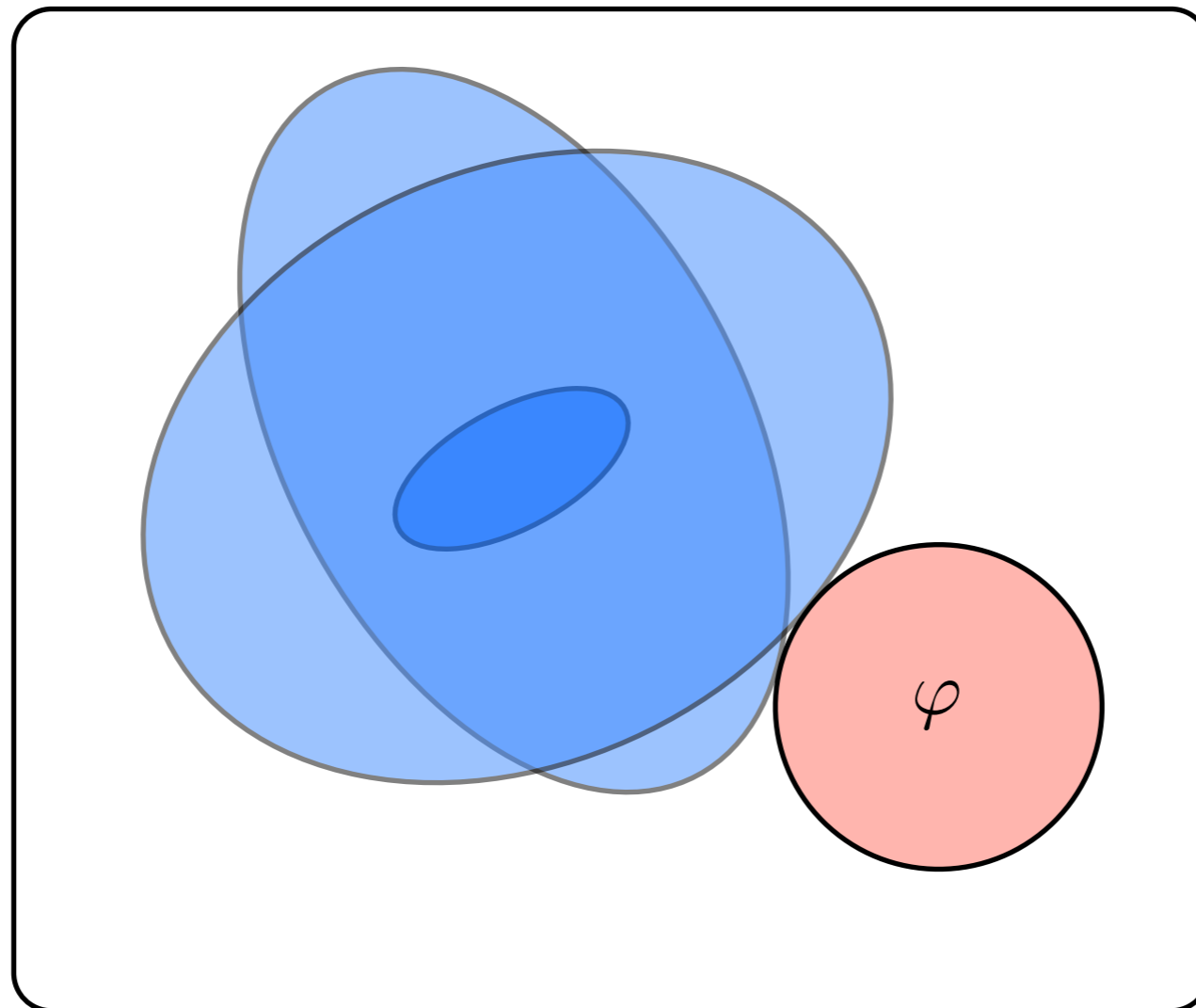
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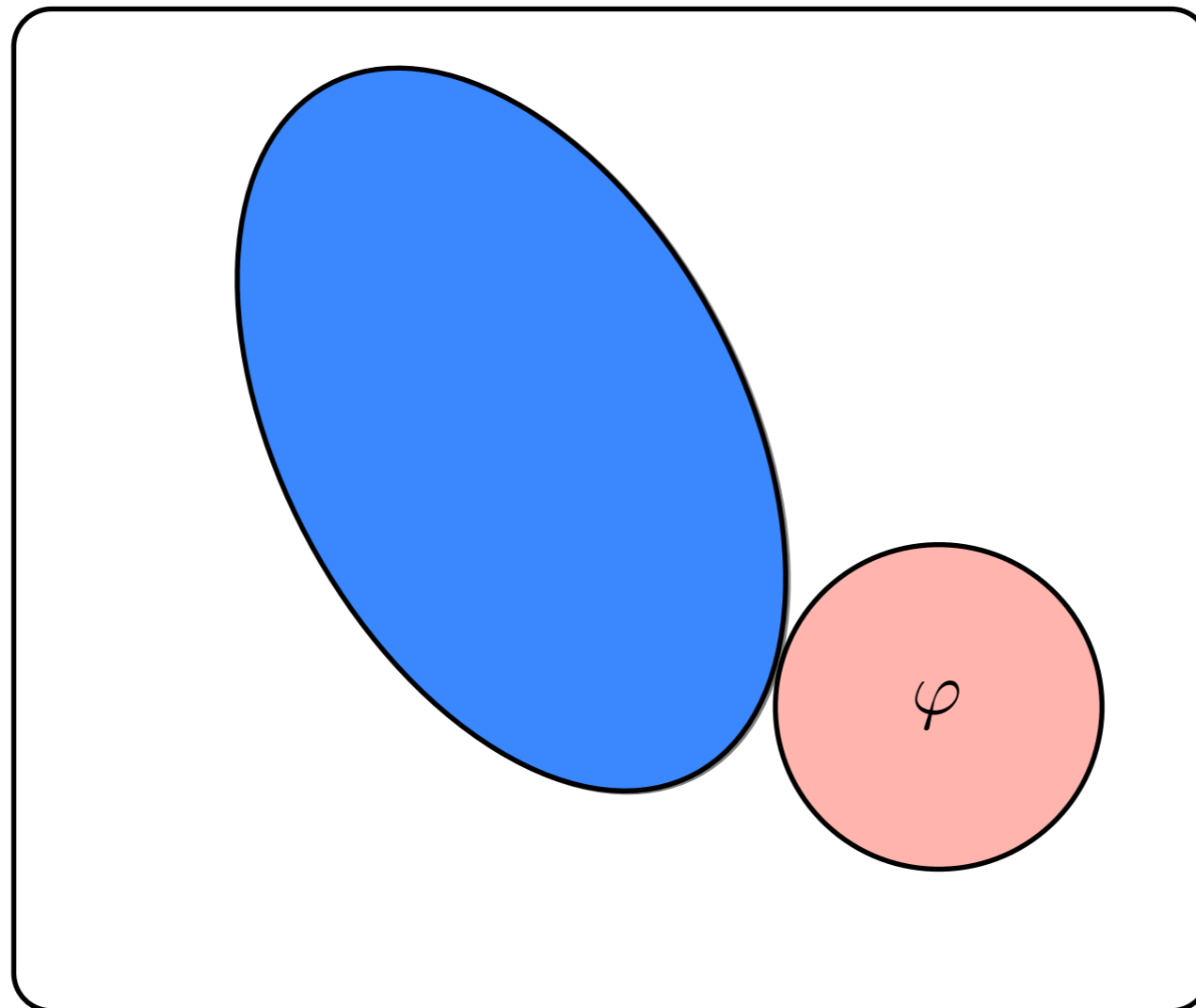
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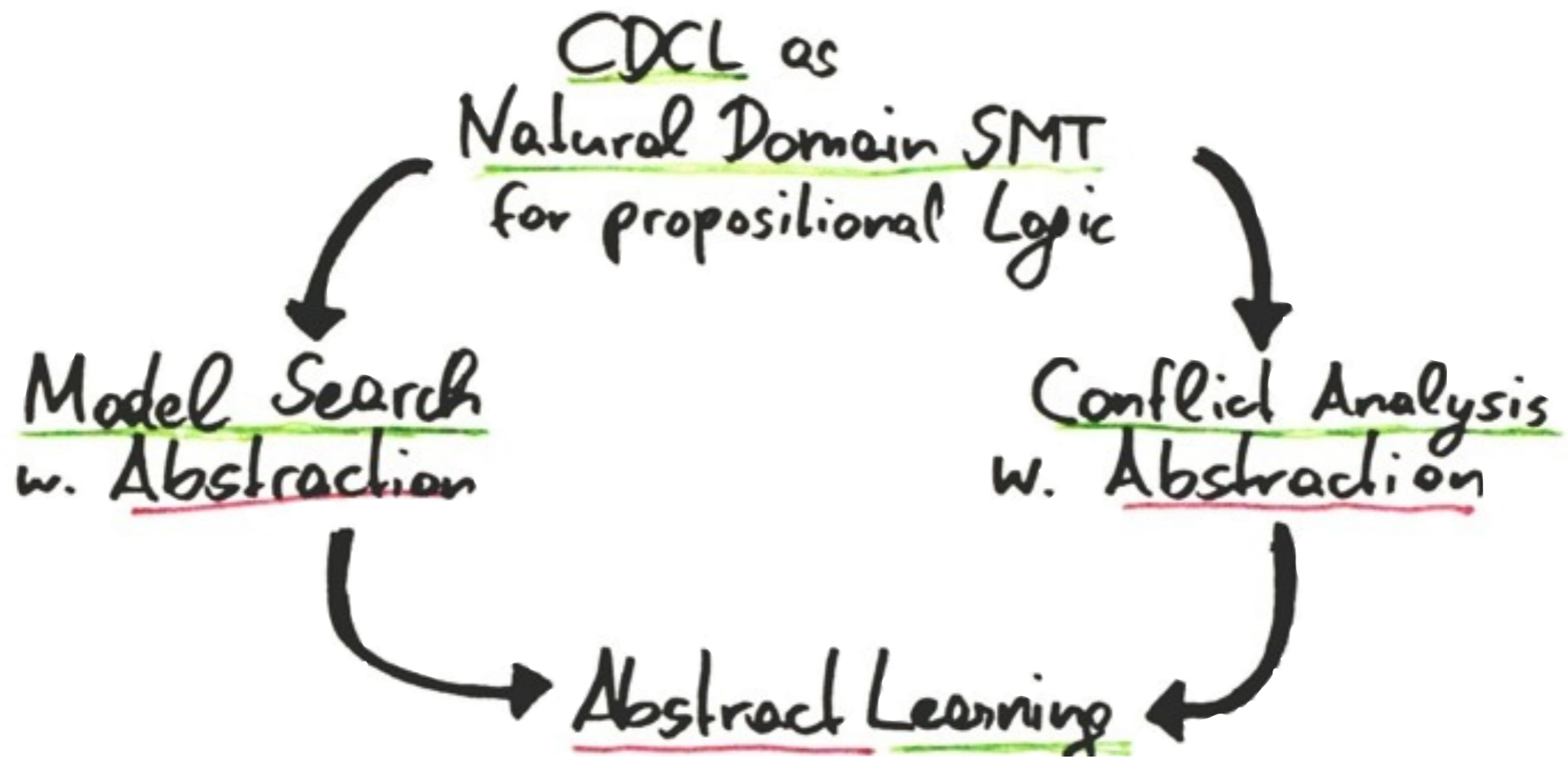
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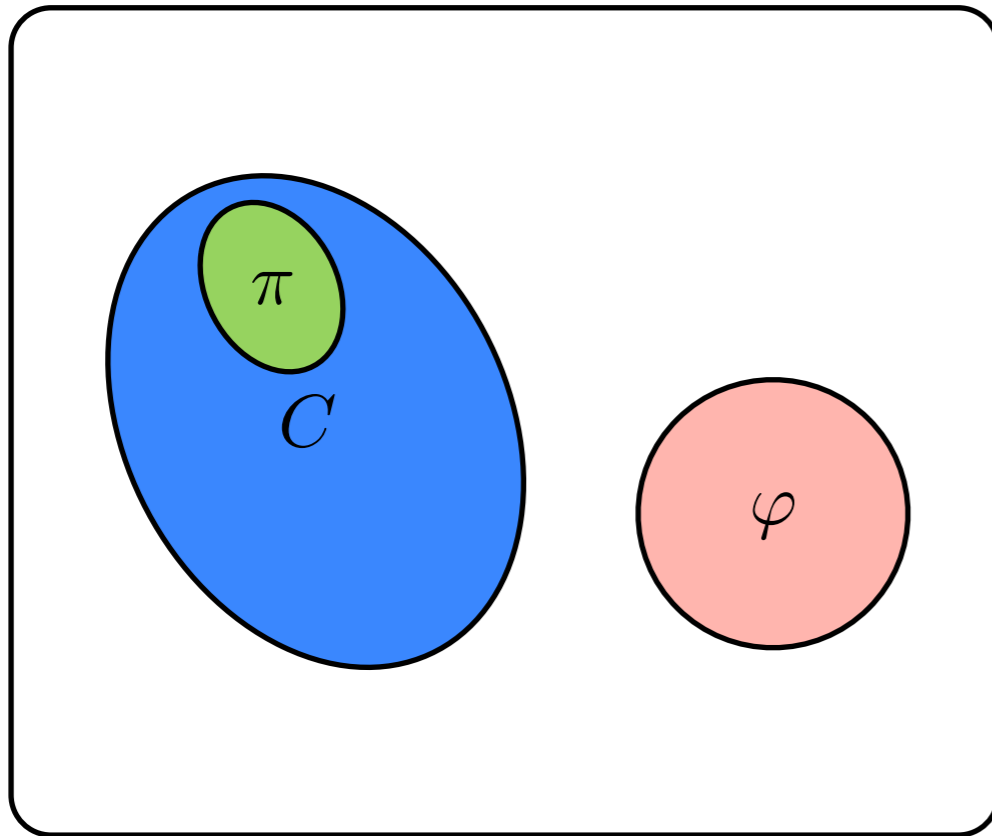


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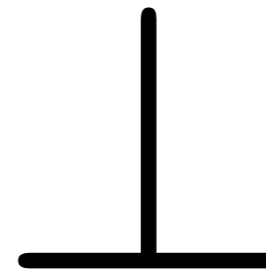
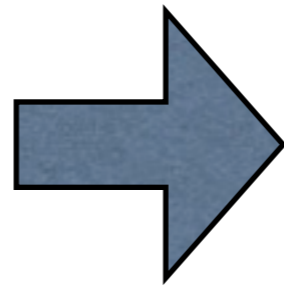
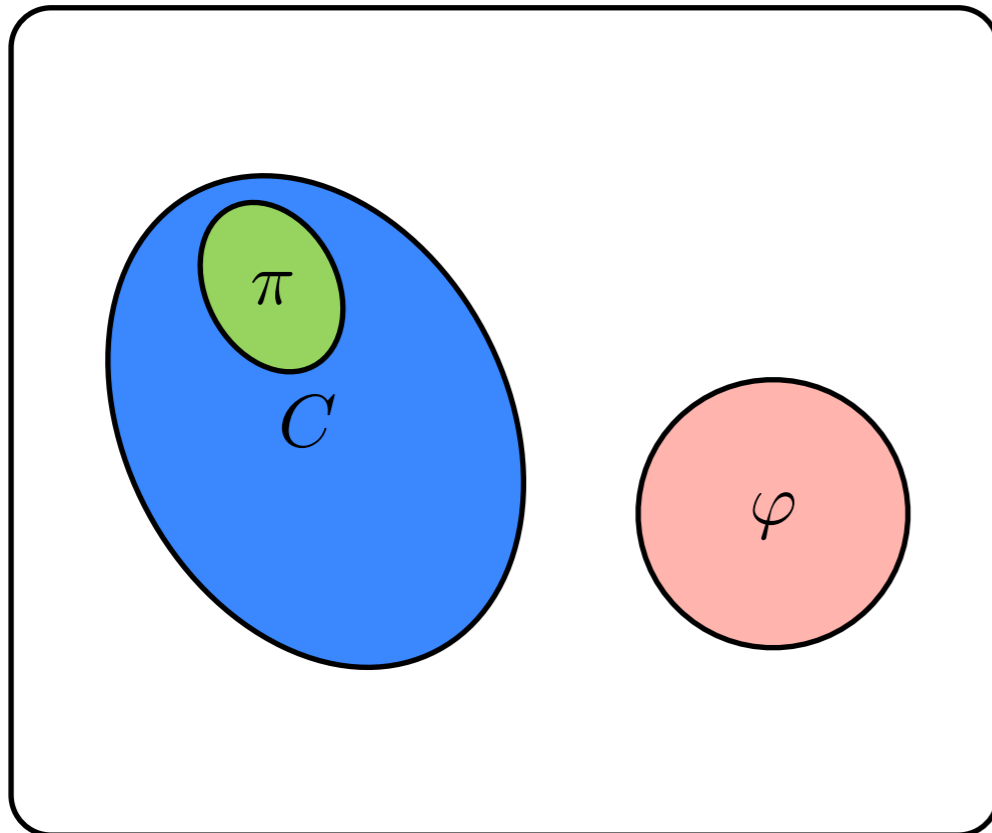
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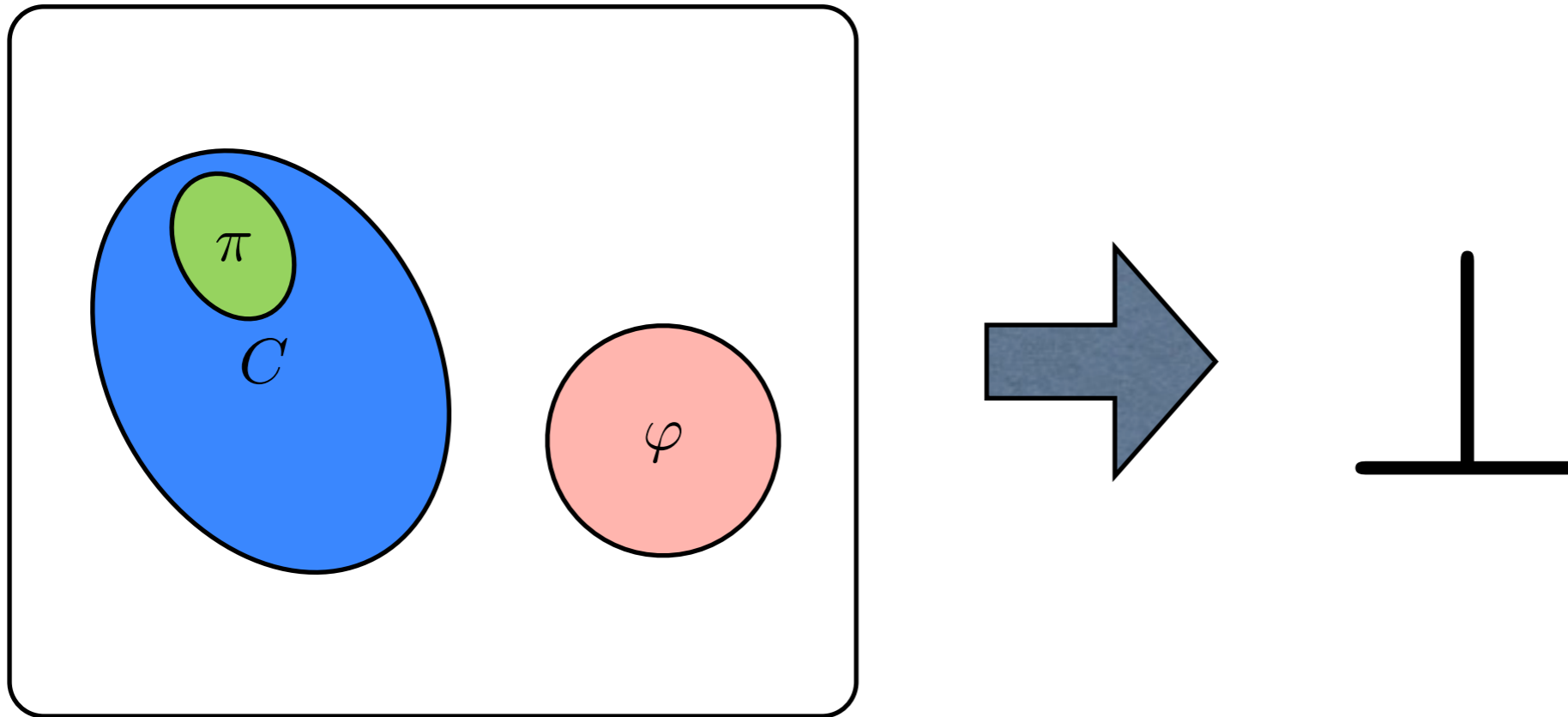
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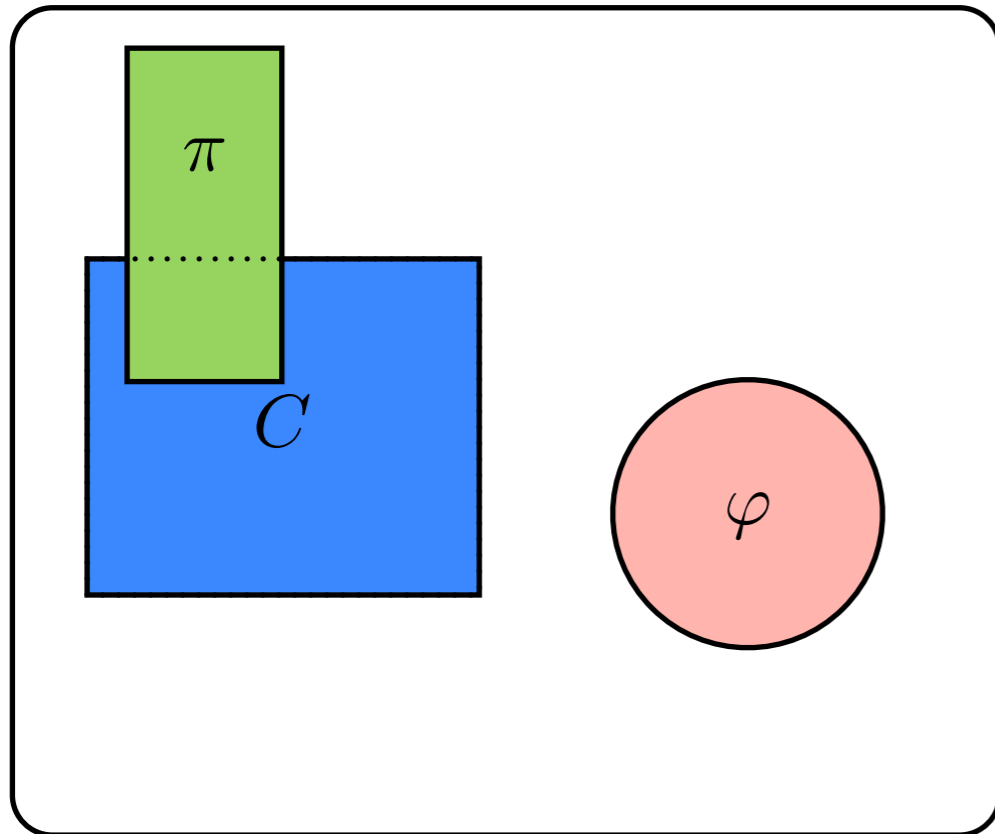


No lattice theoretic prerequisites, possible over any domain

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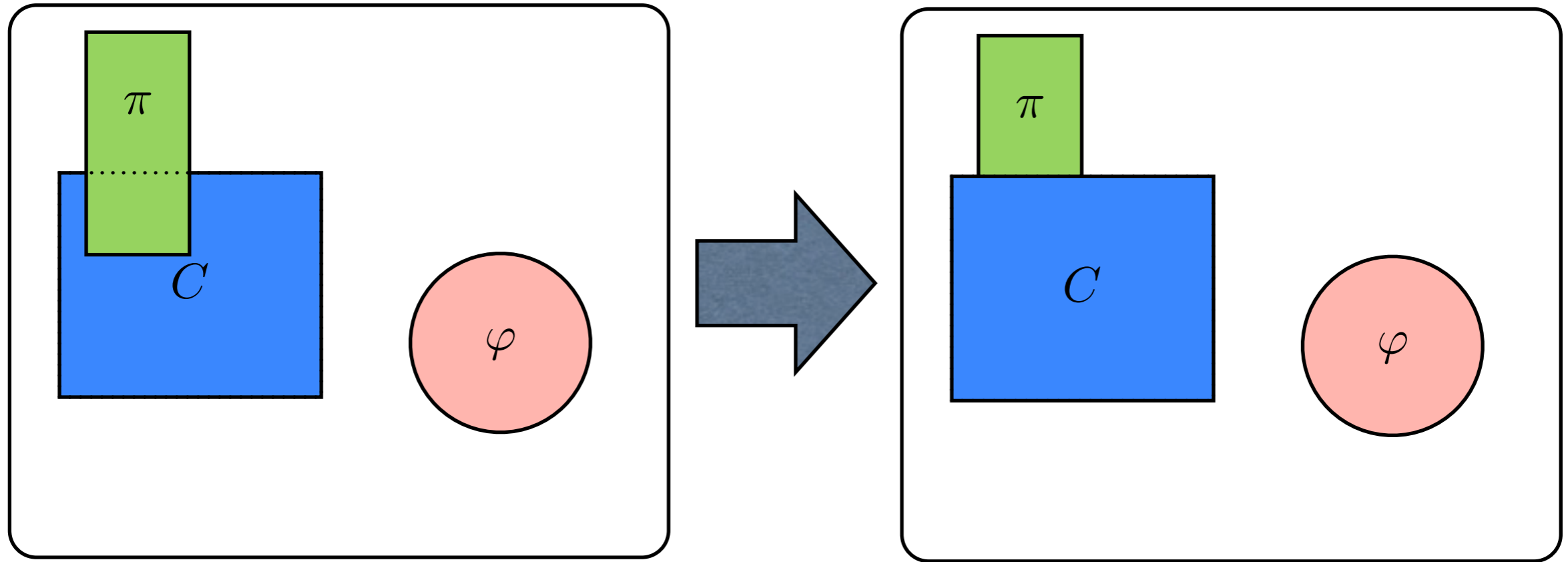
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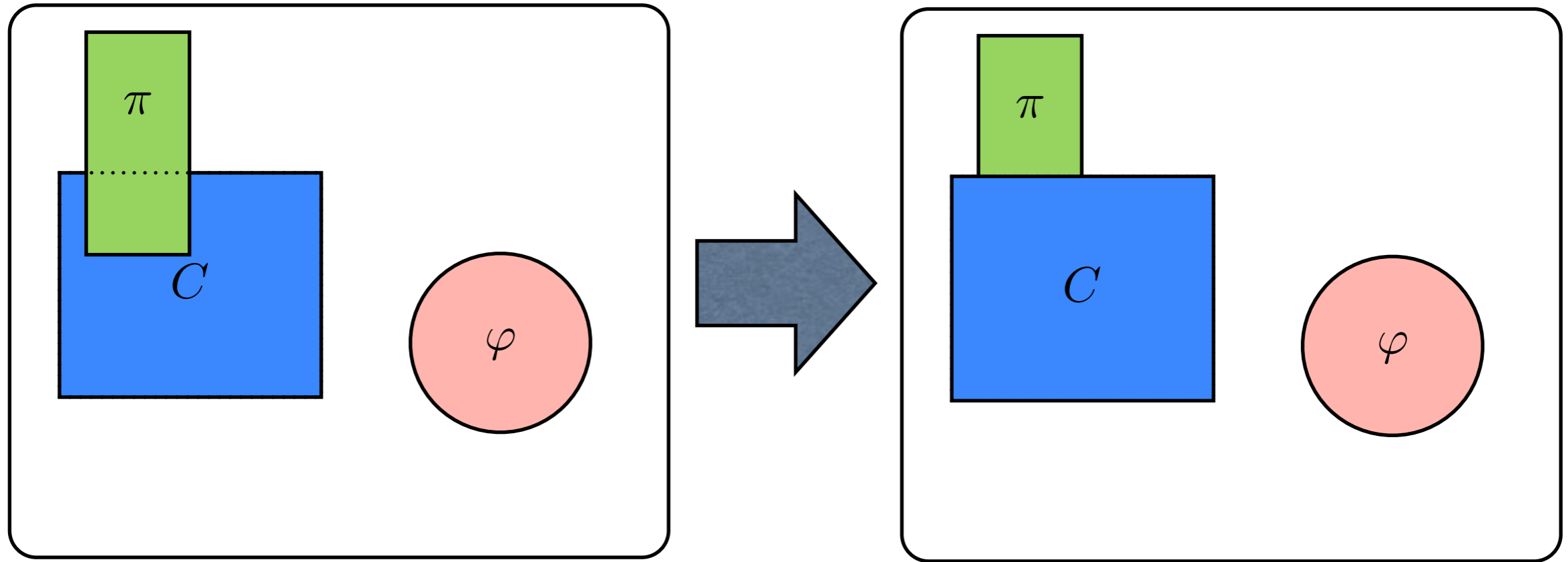
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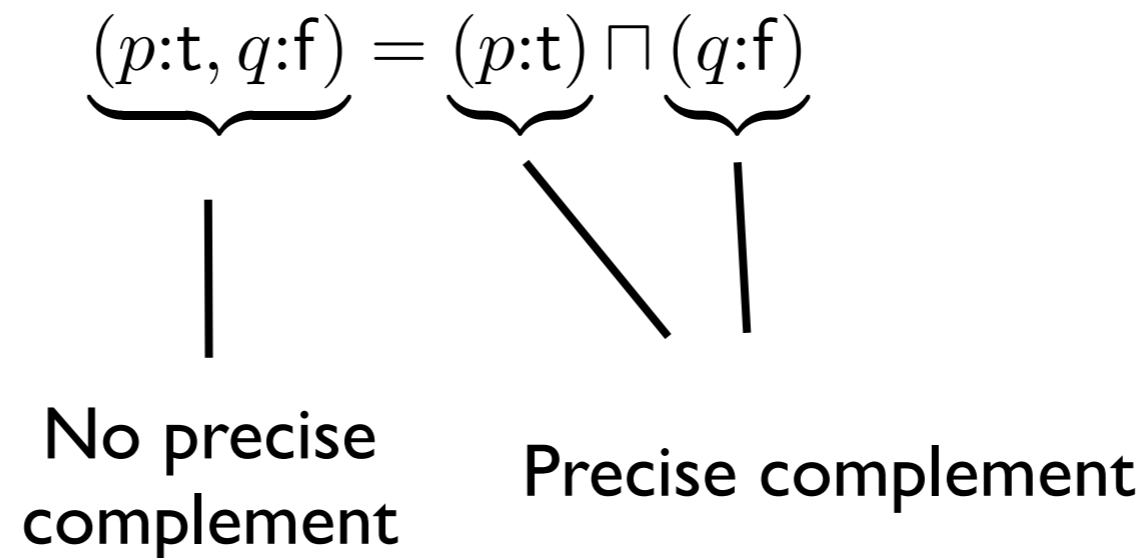
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decomposition allows us to express “nearly conflicting”

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Clause learning requires a weak complementation property of the abstraction



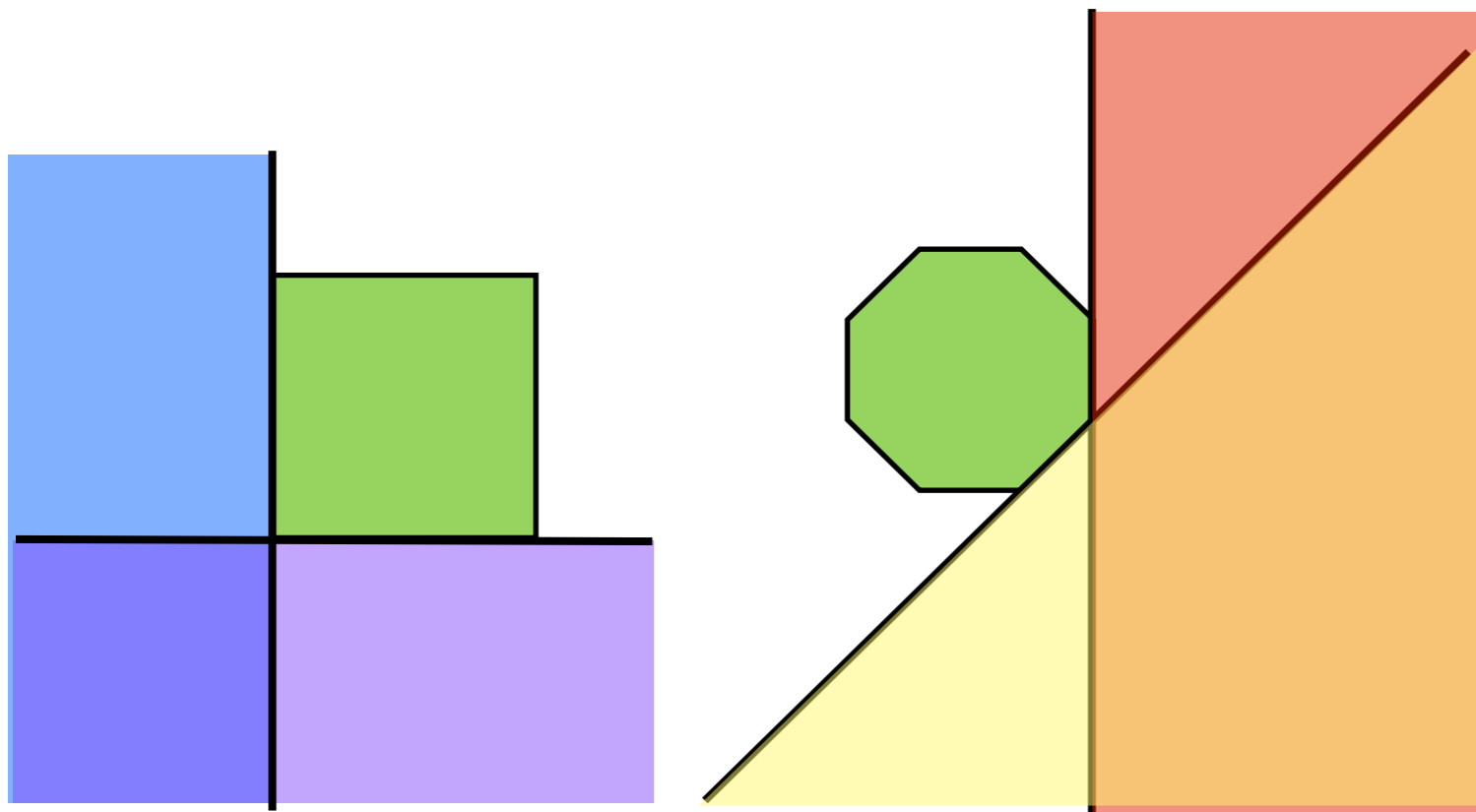
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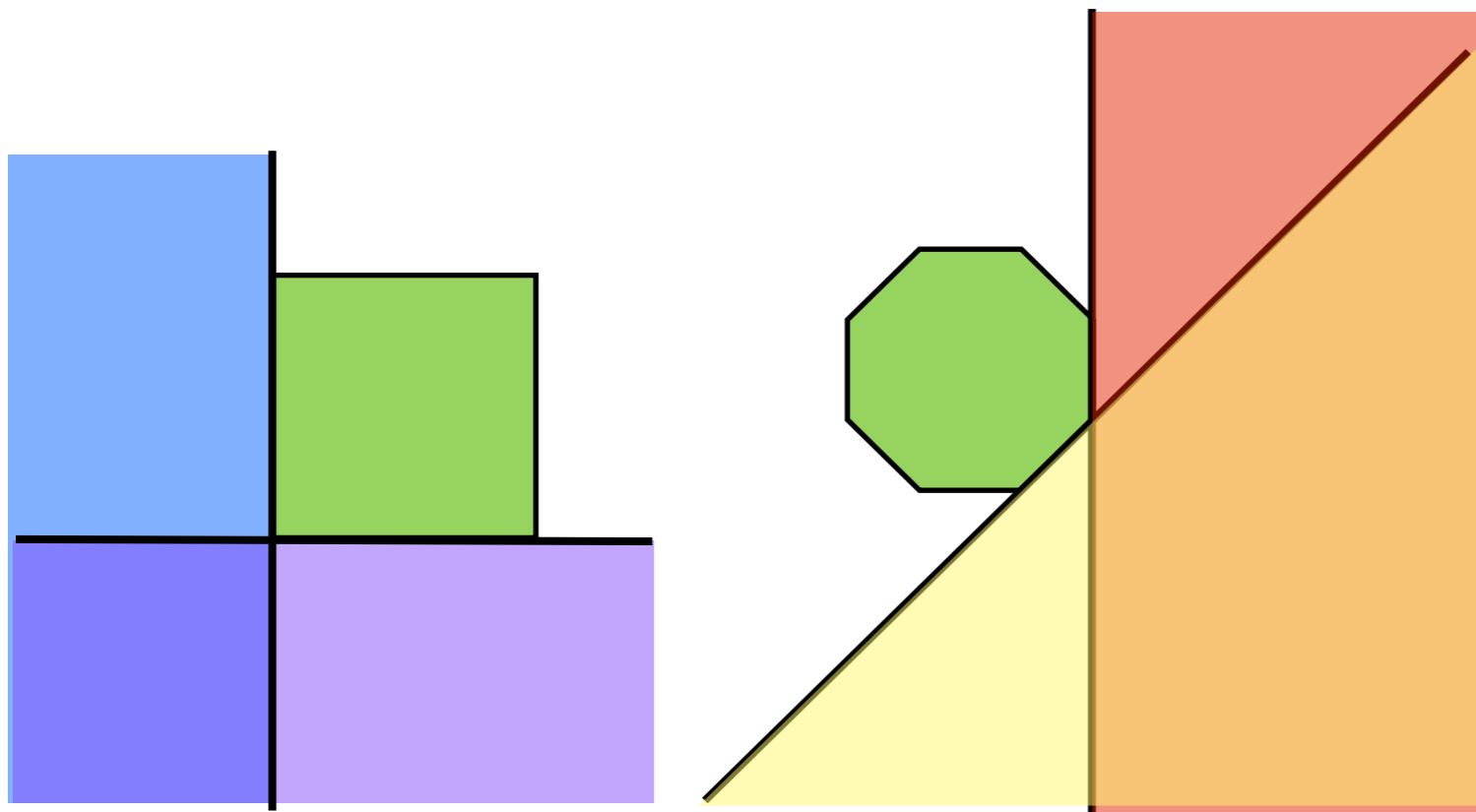
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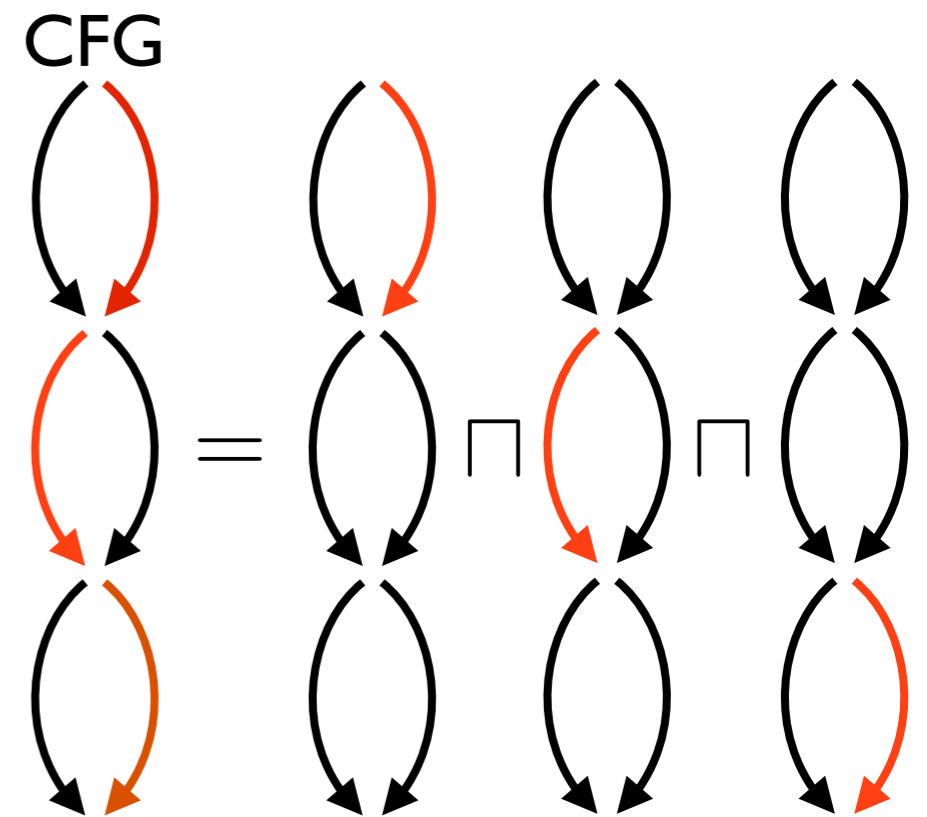
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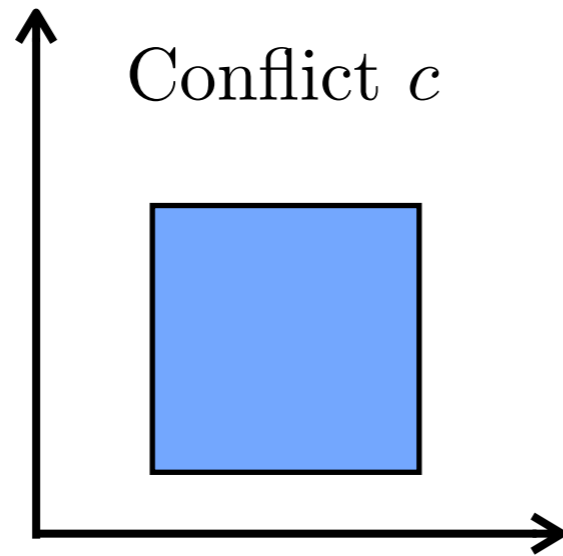


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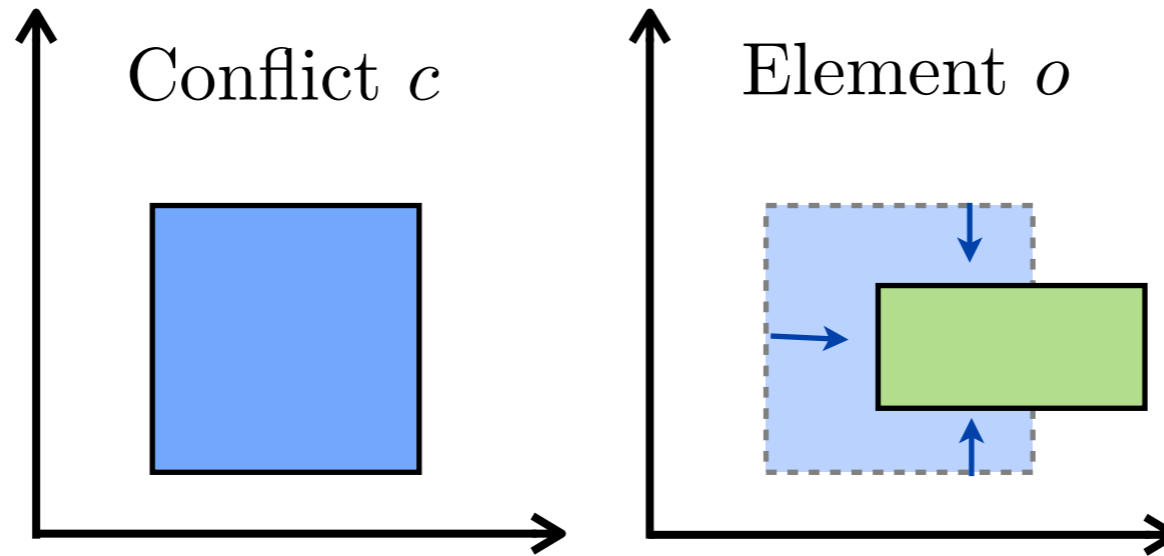
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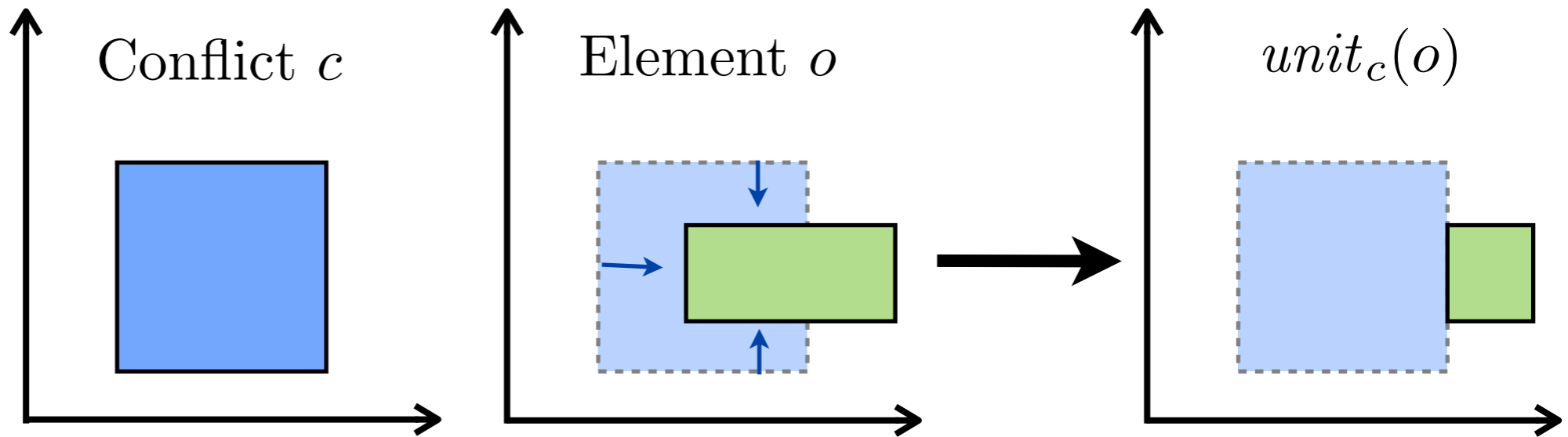
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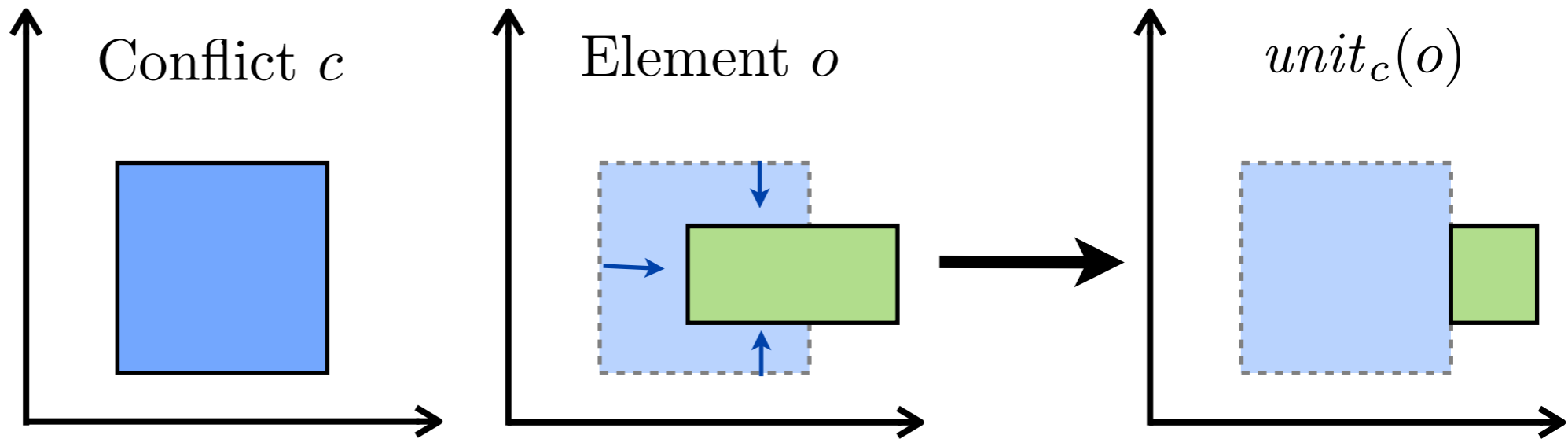
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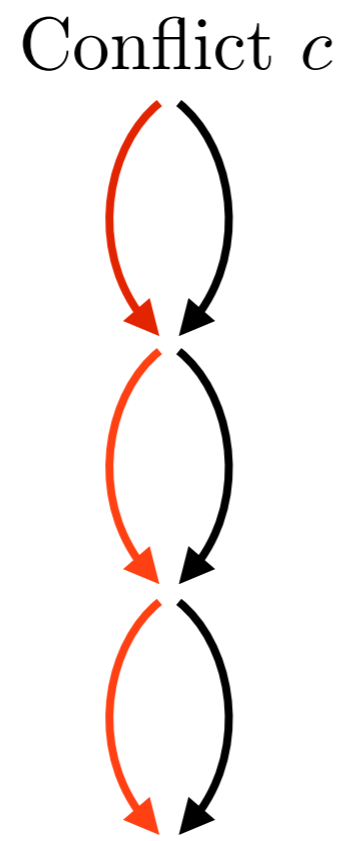


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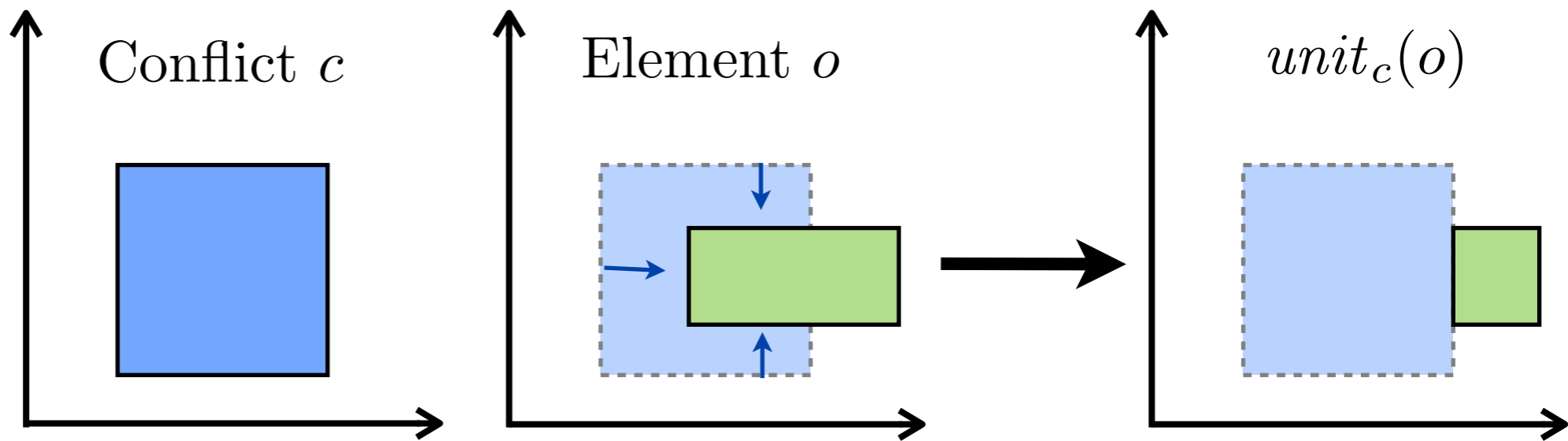


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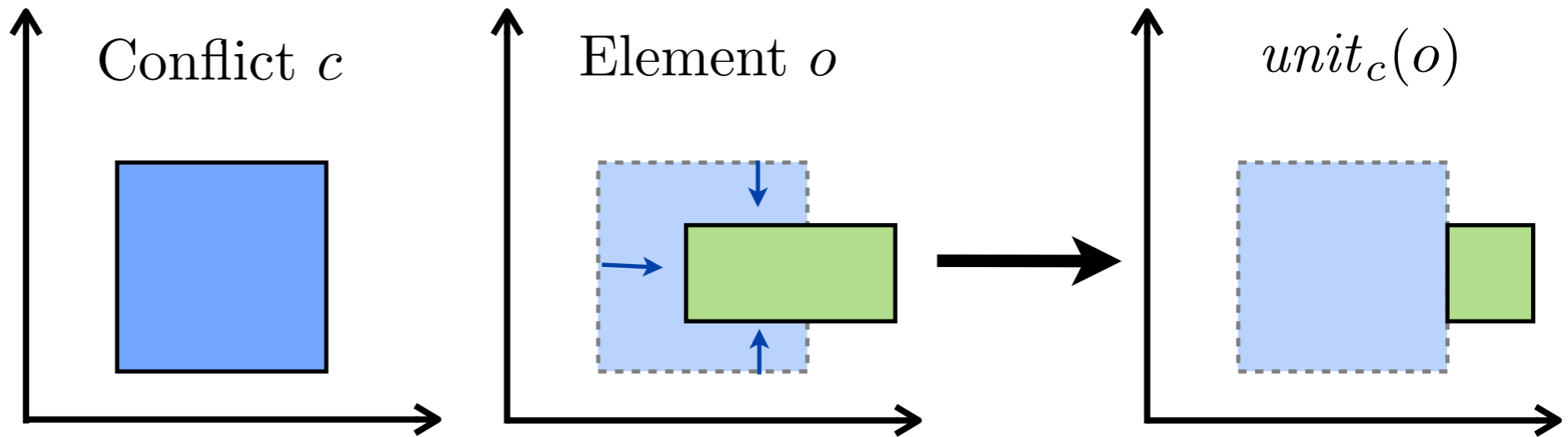


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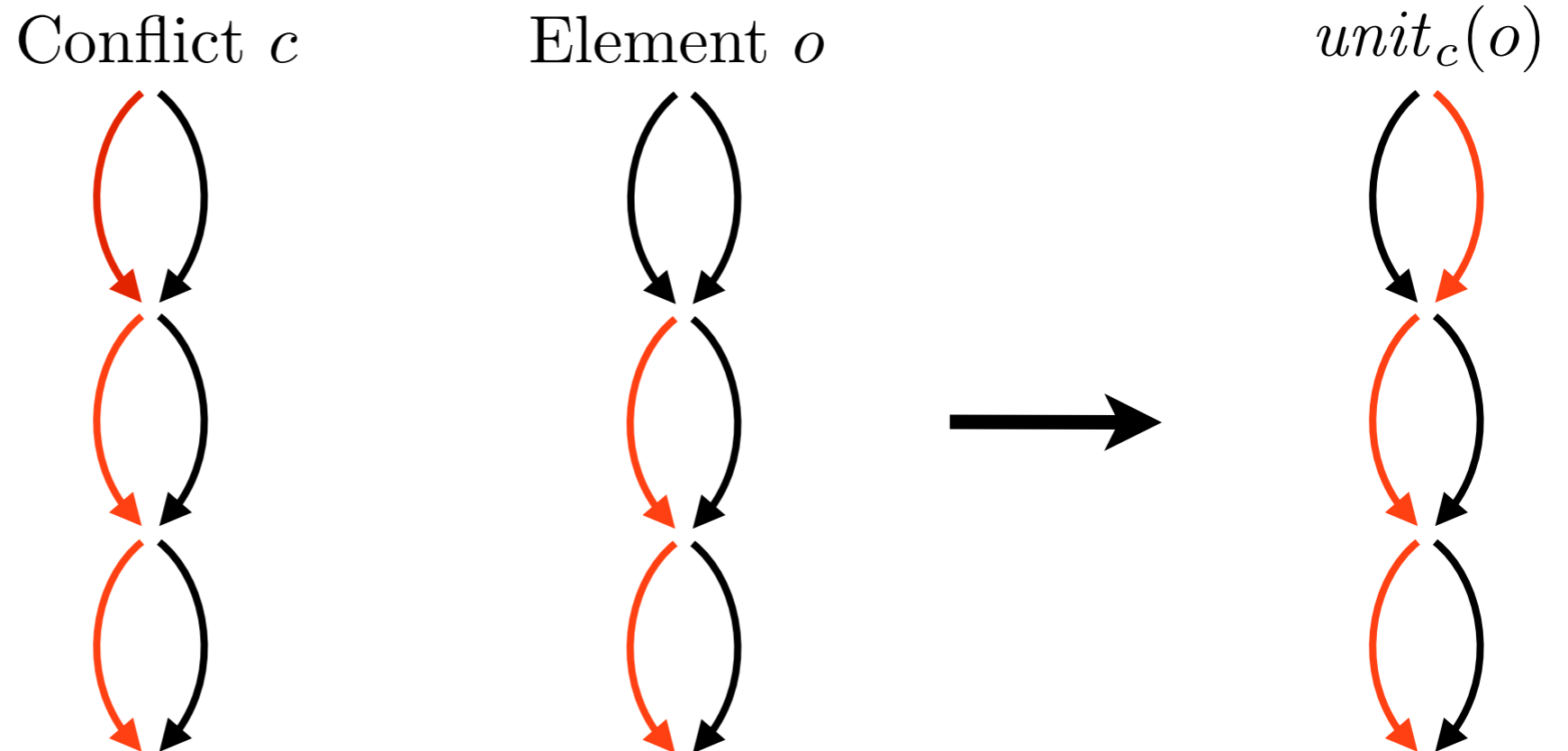


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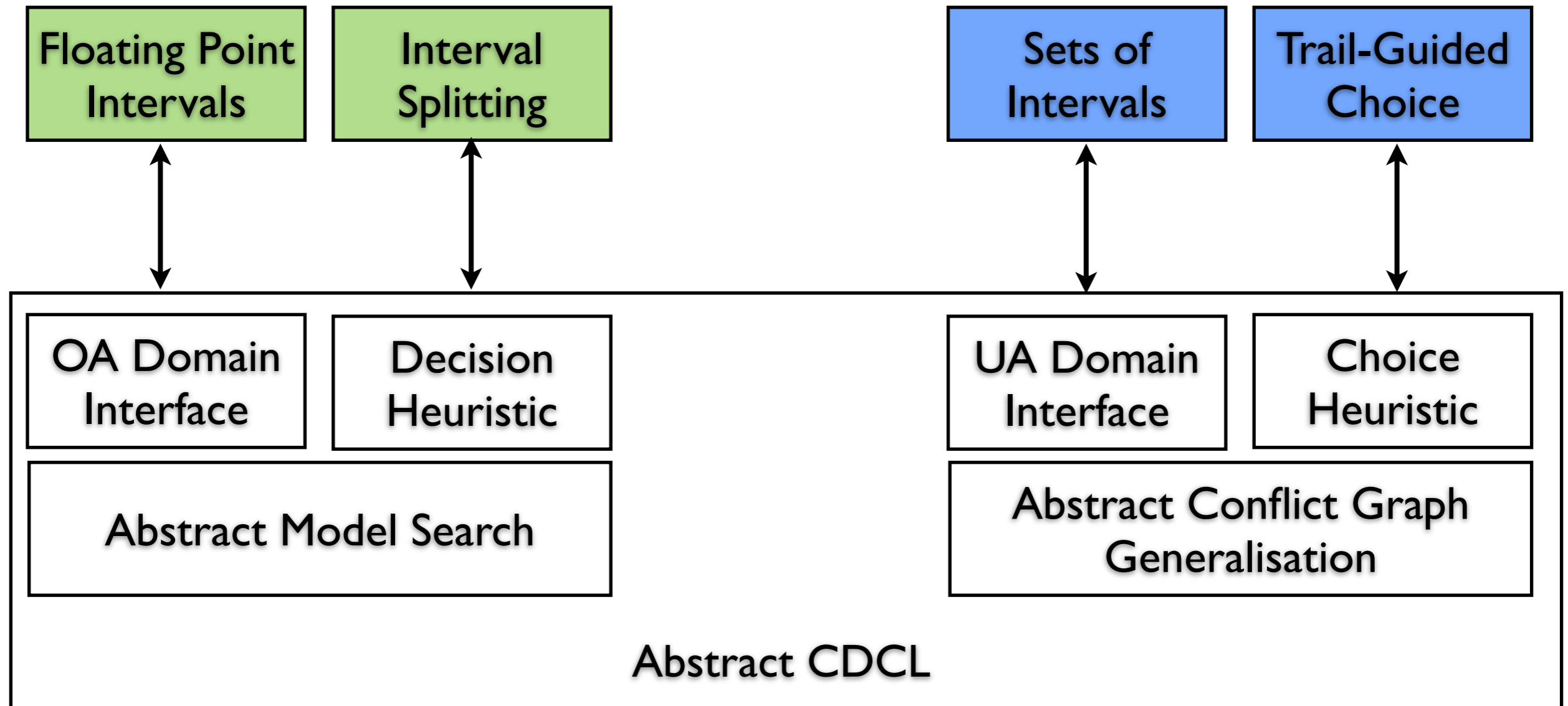


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Instances/Applications

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An SMT Solver based on ACDCL



(Joint work with Alberto Griggio, implemented using MathSAT infrastructure)

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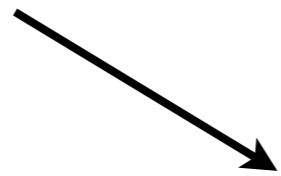
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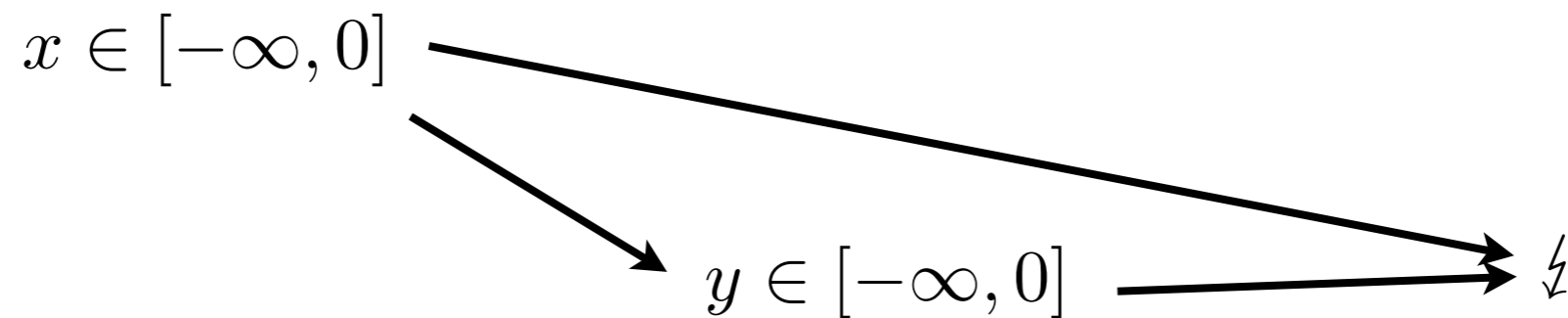
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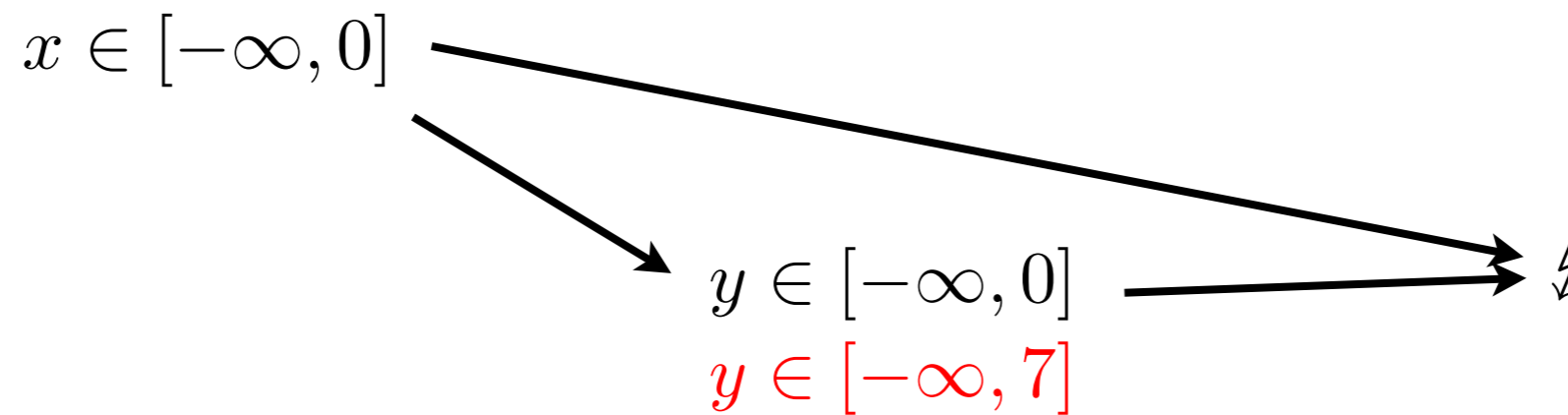


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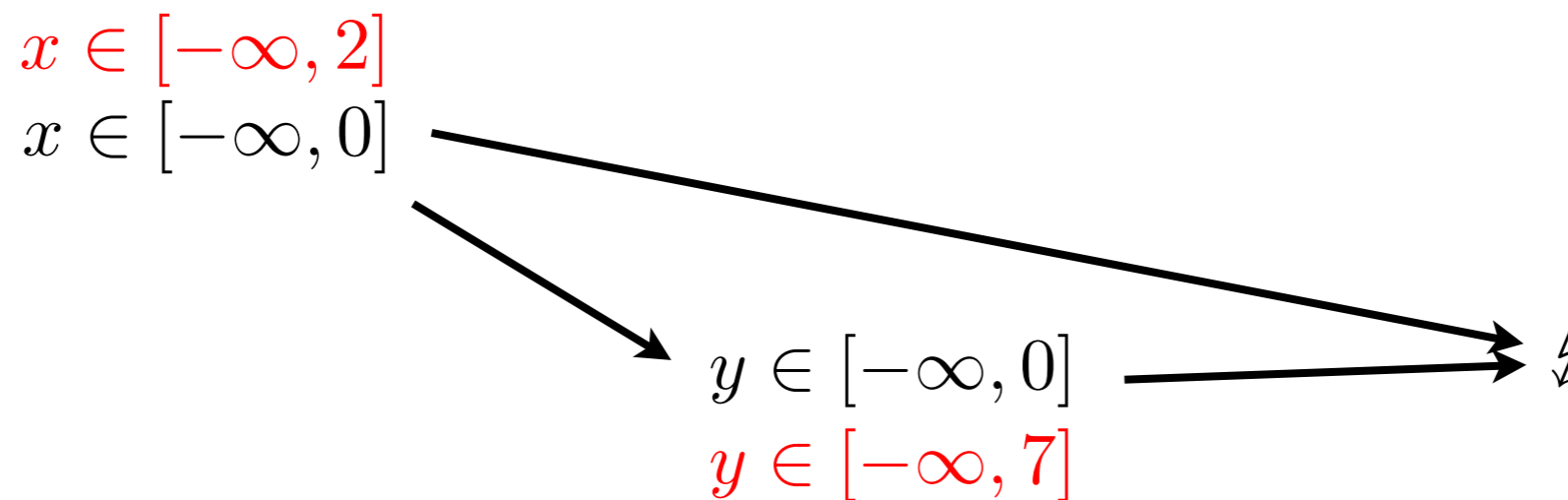


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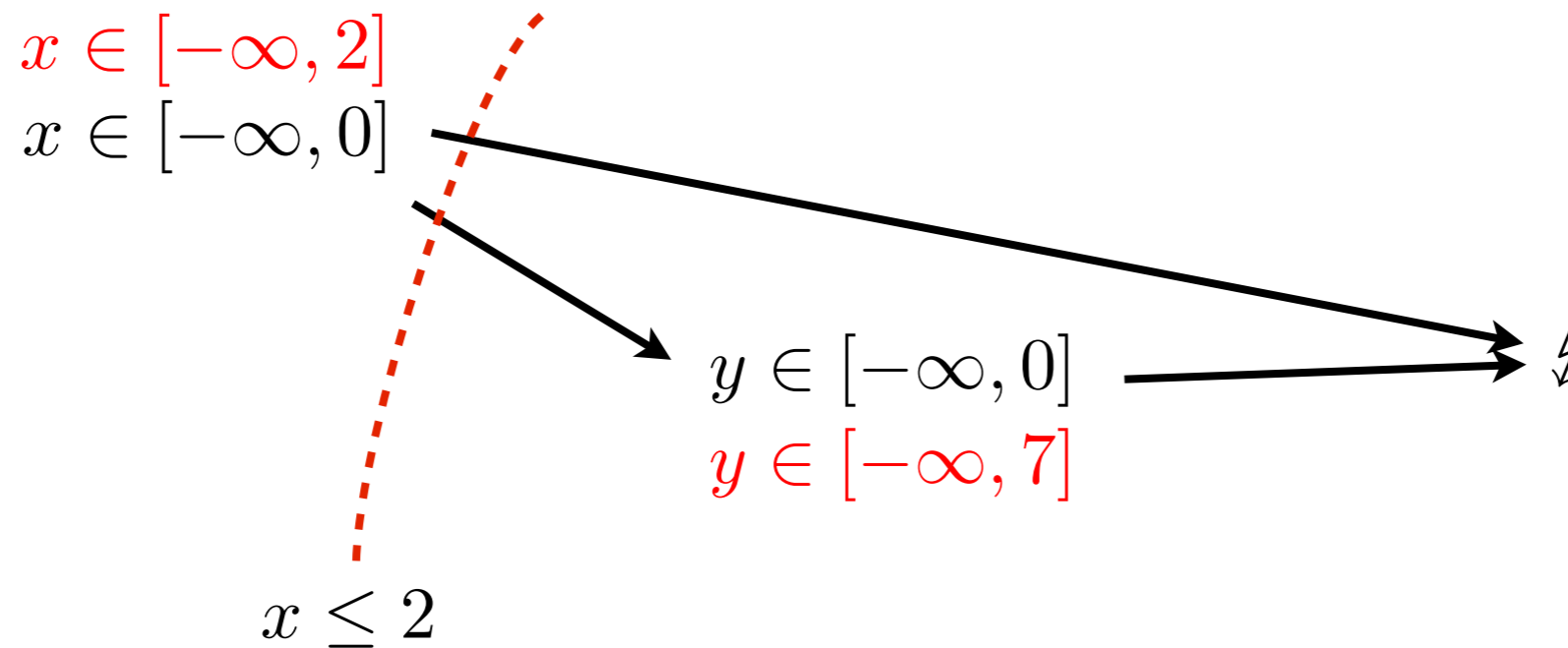


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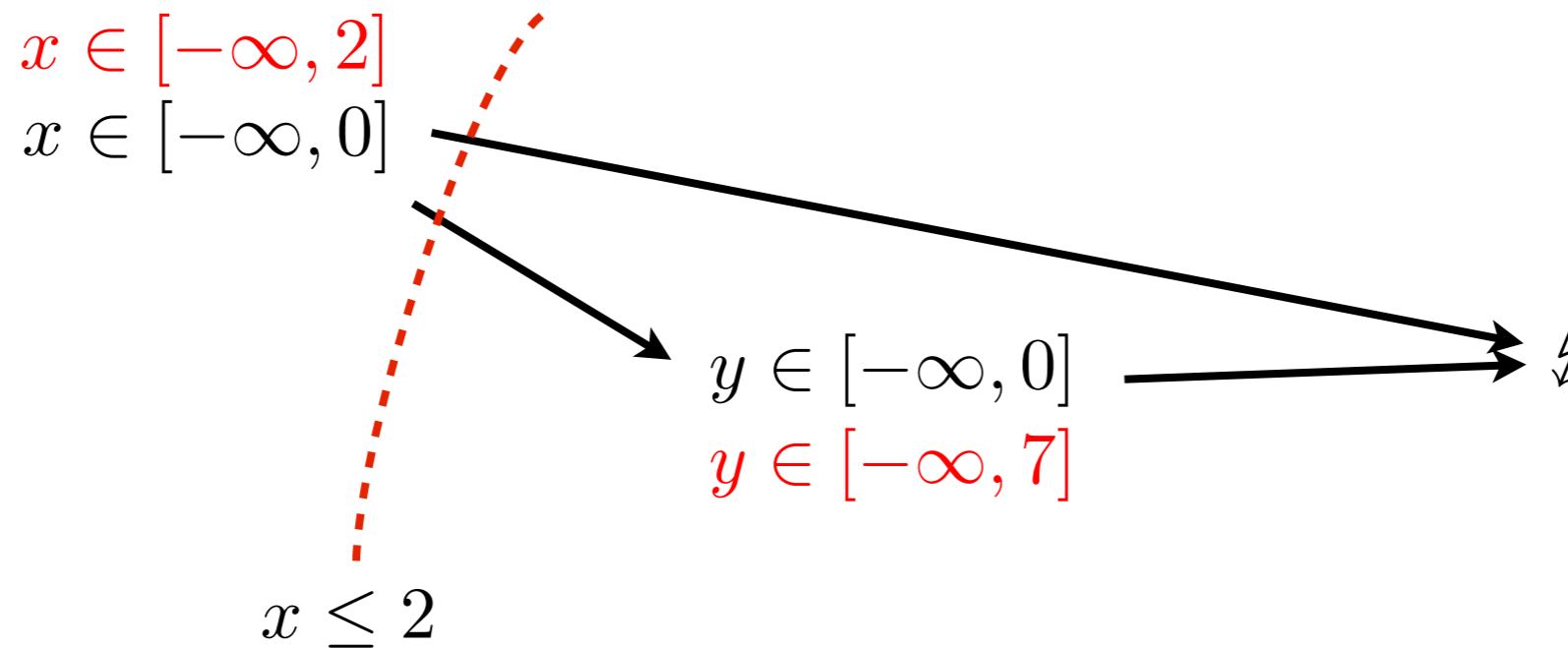


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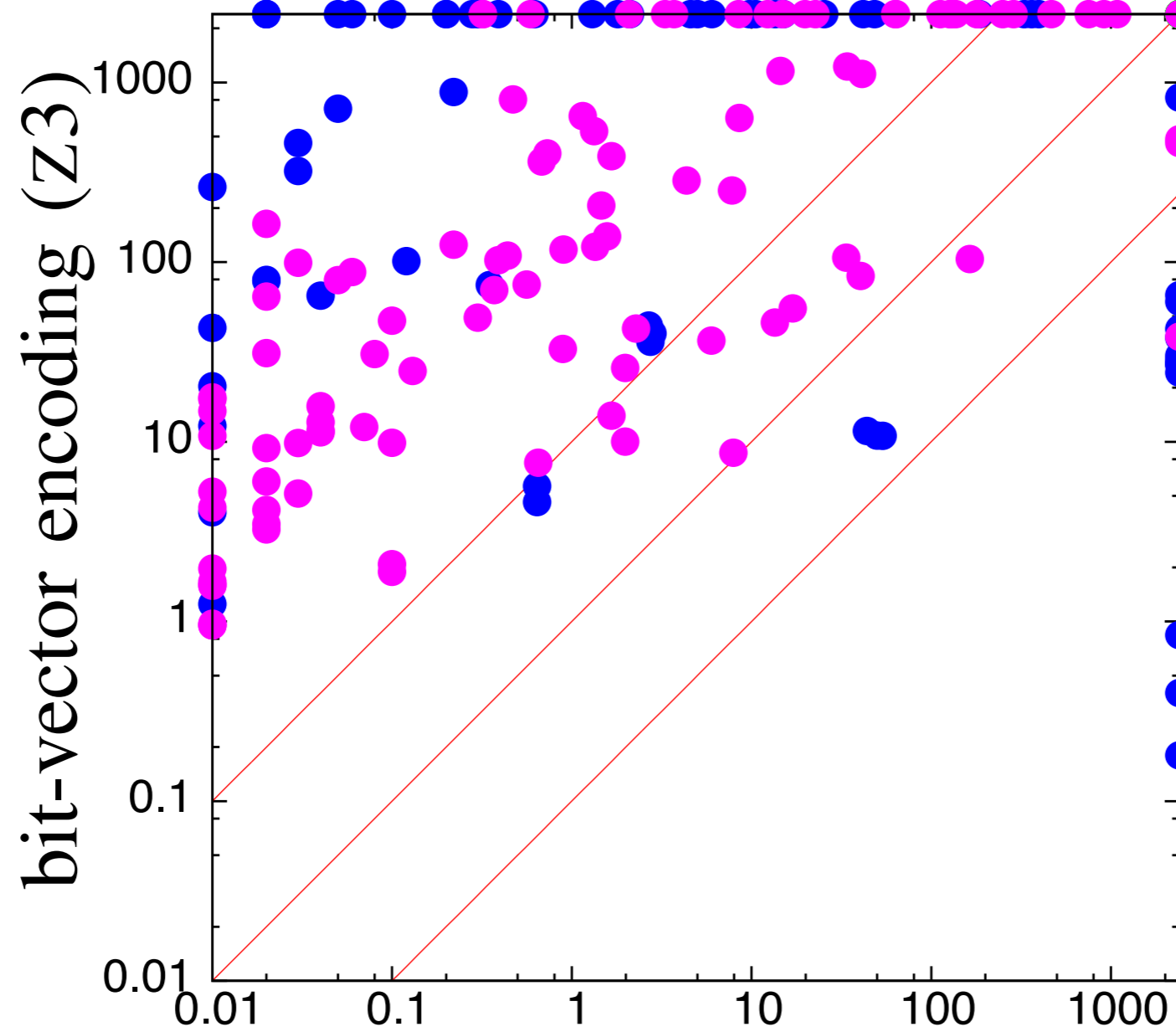
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1. Generalise each node of the conflict graph using heuristic choice
2. Cut the graph

Experiments

FP-ACDCL



(Bit-vector encoding generated by MathSAT, solved by Z3)

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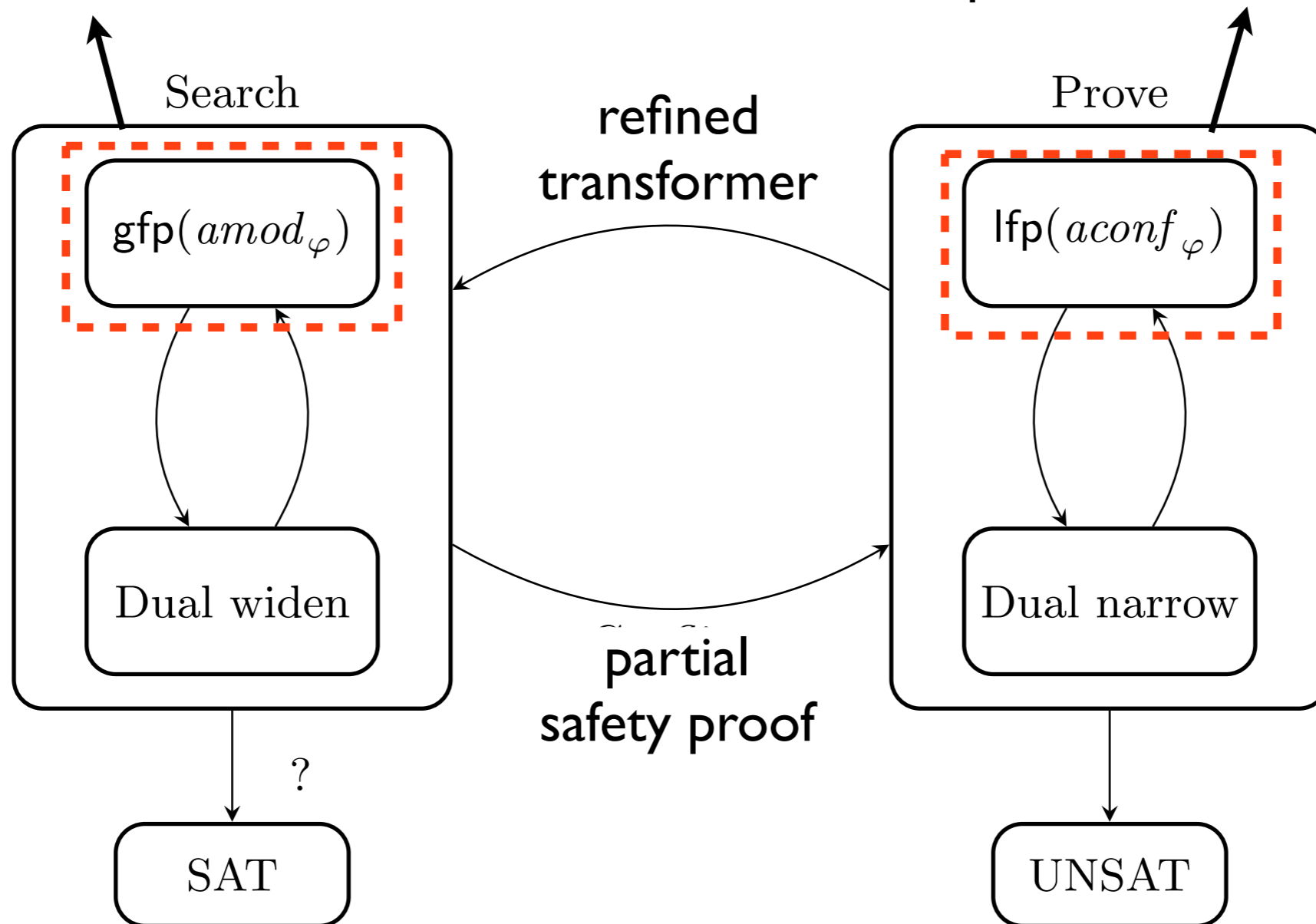
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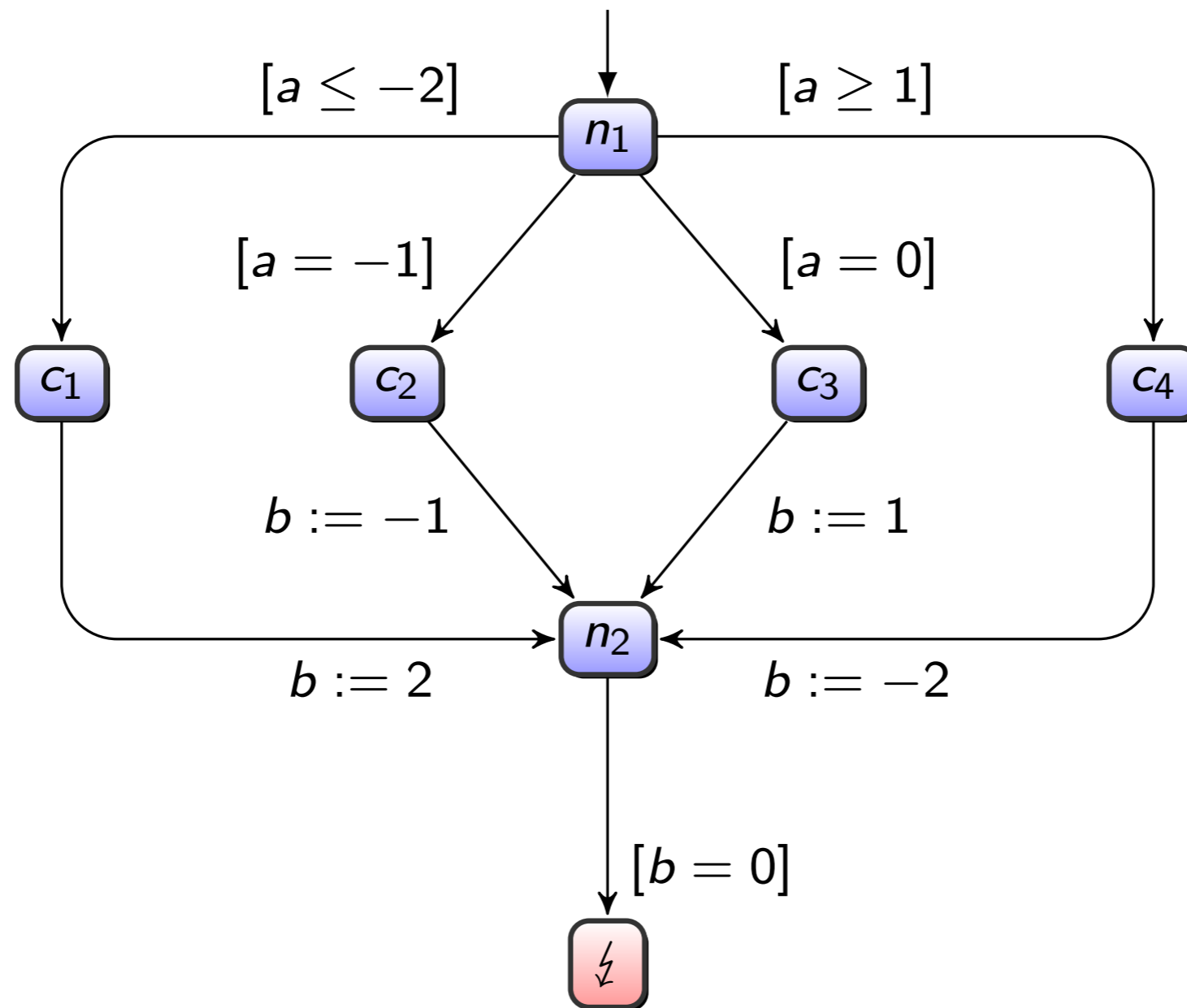
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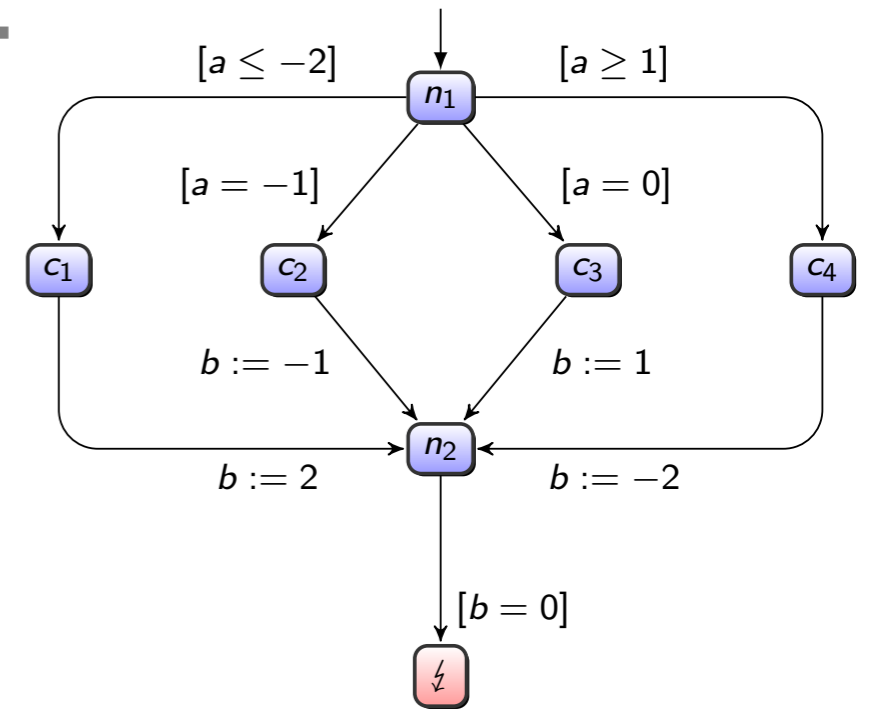


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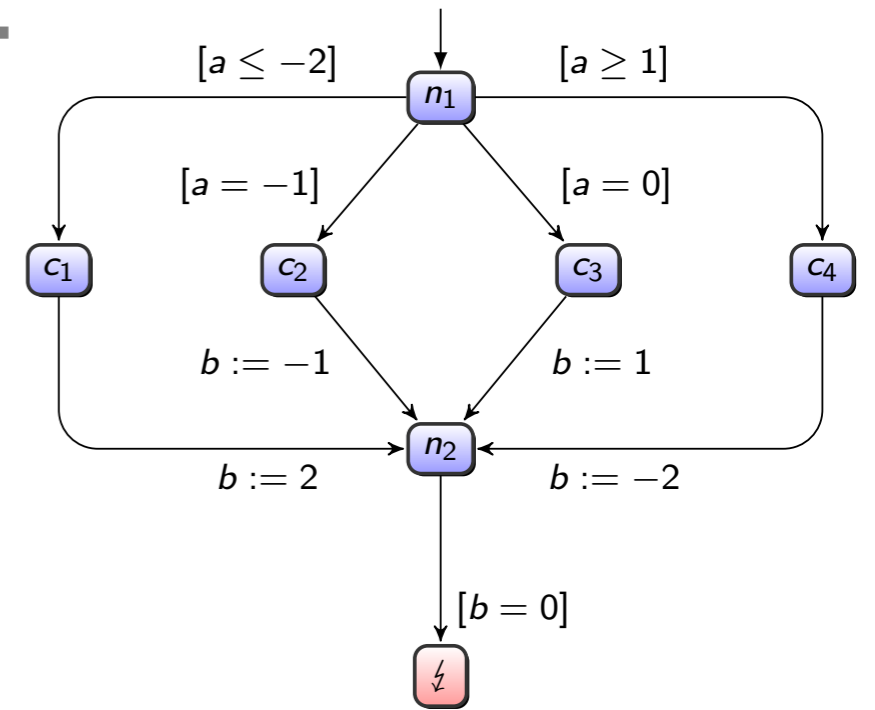
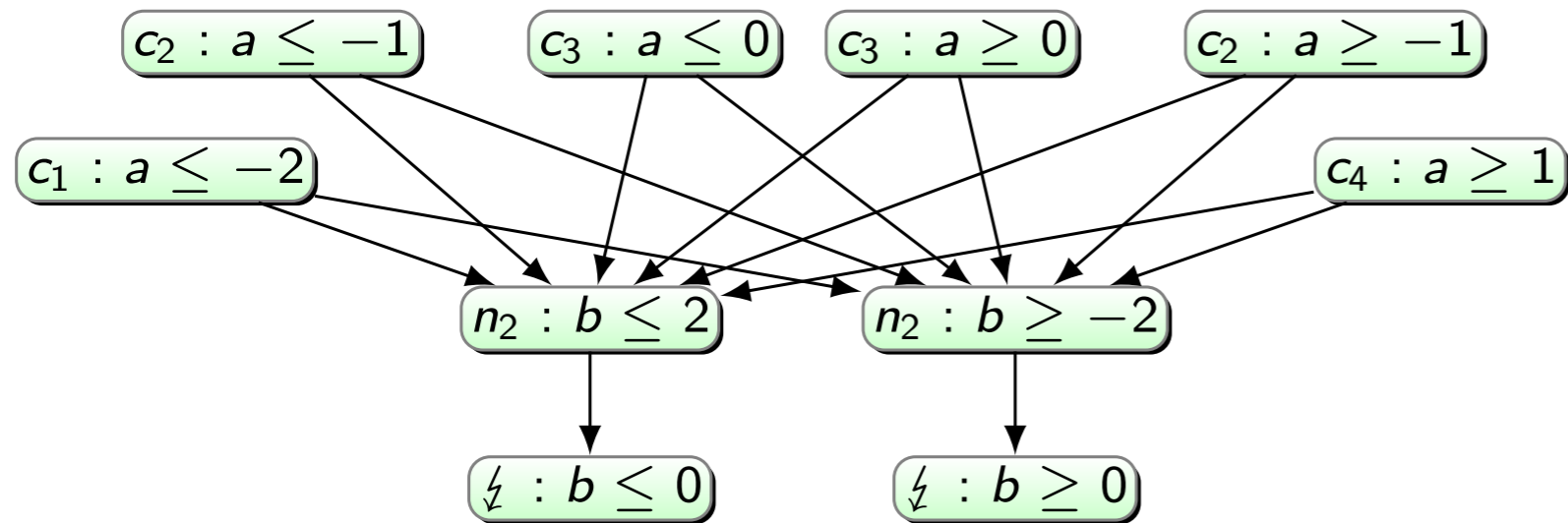
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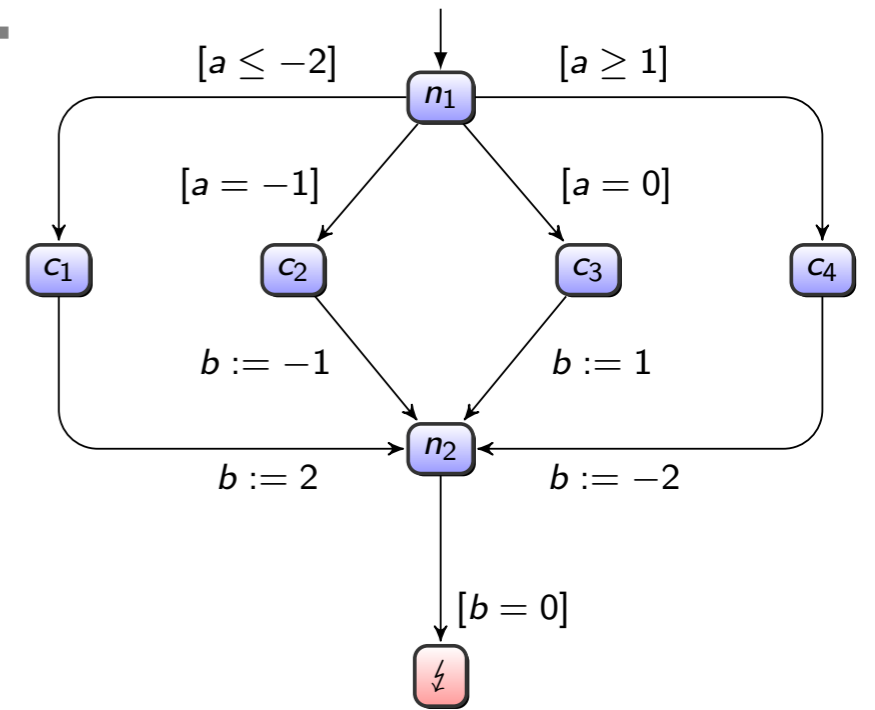
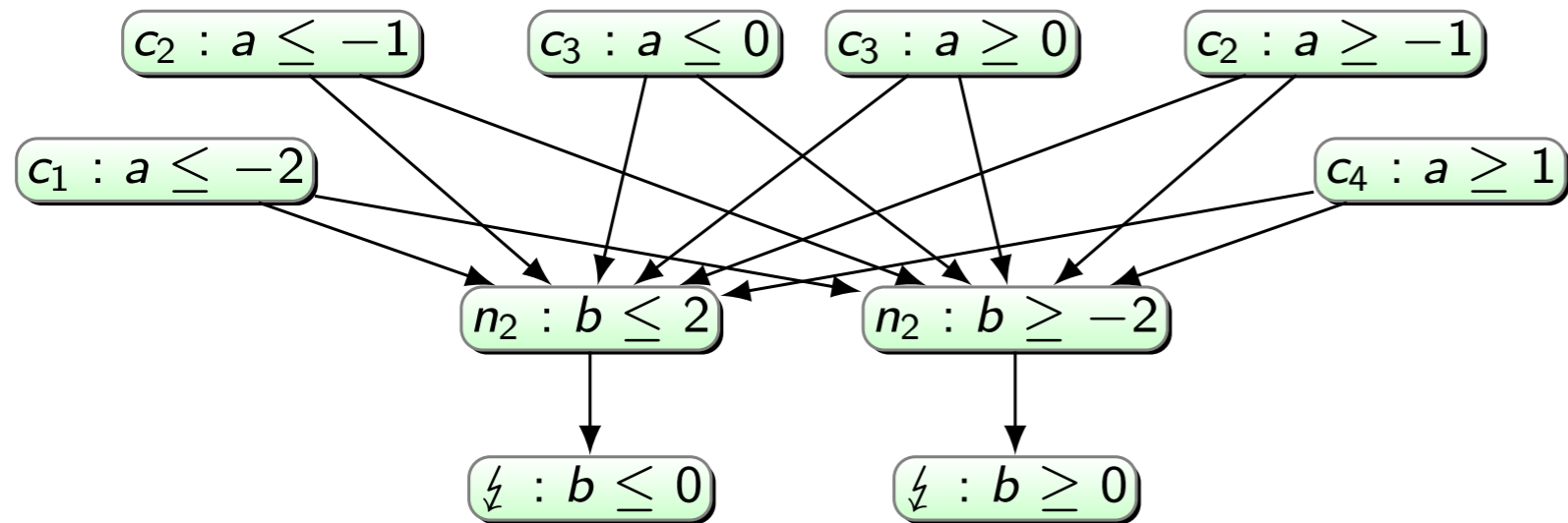
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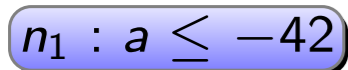


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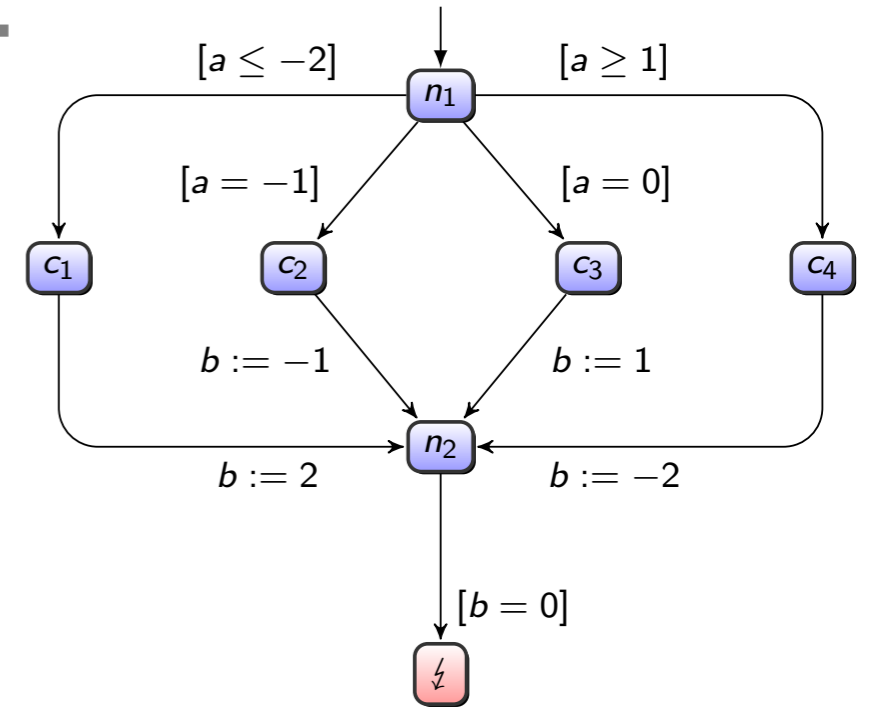
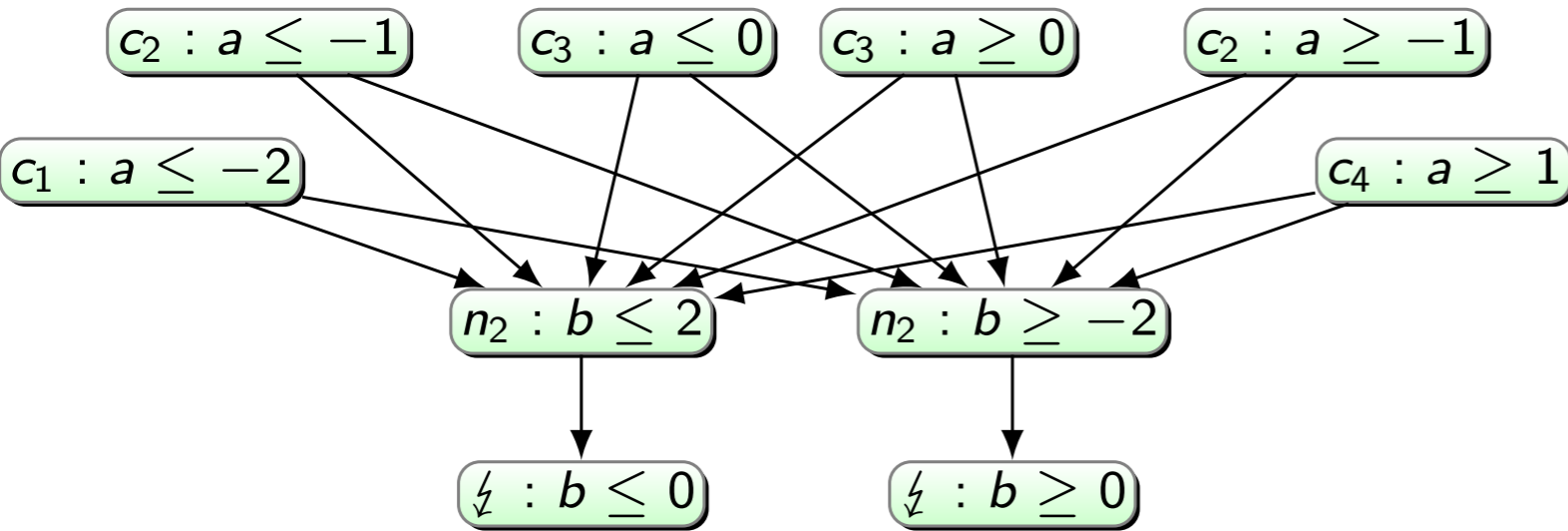


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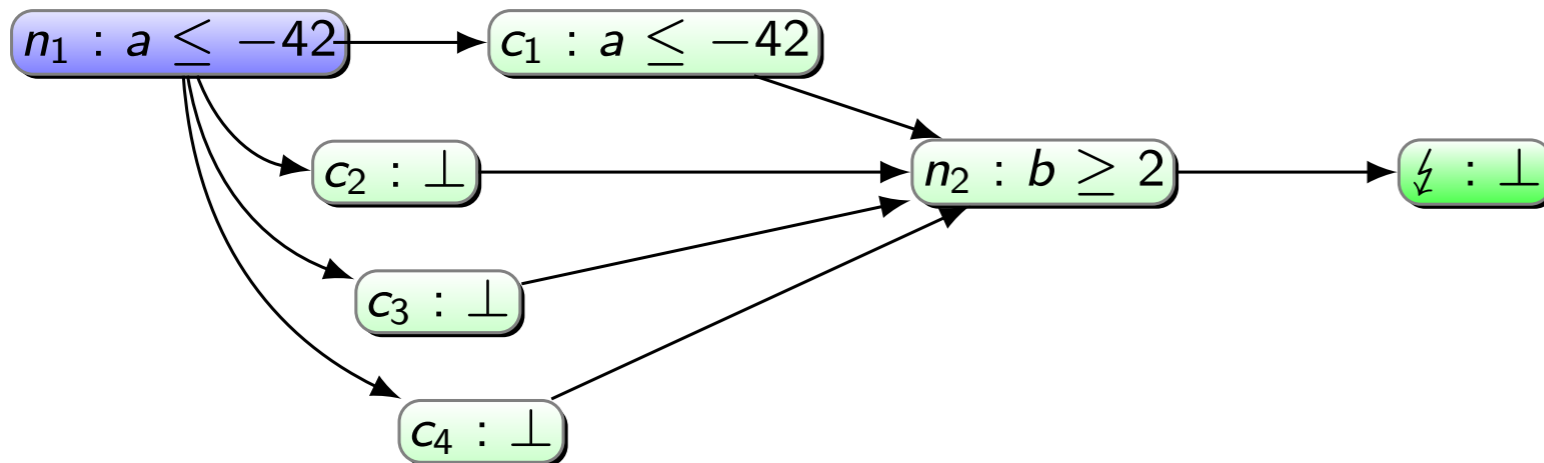


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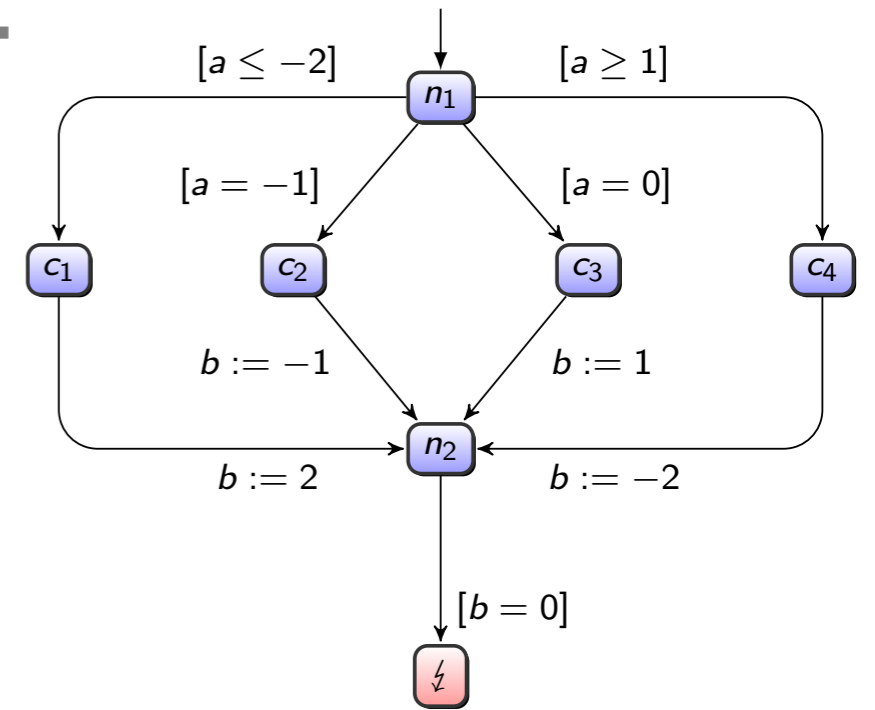
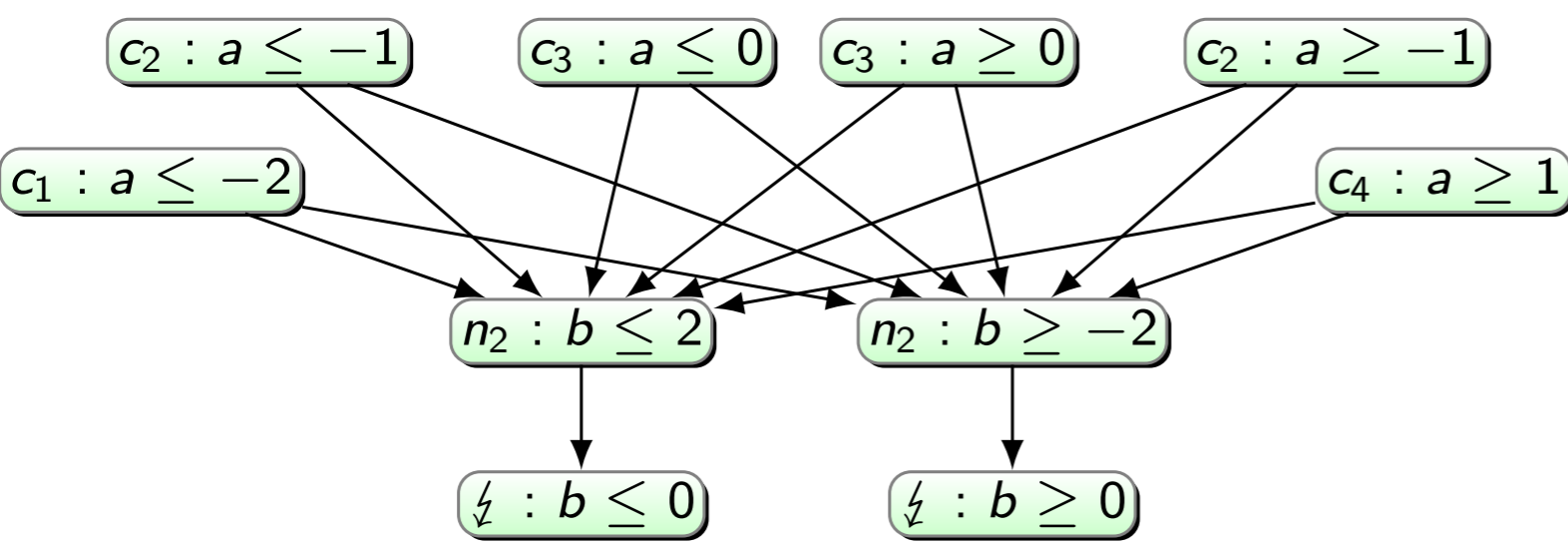
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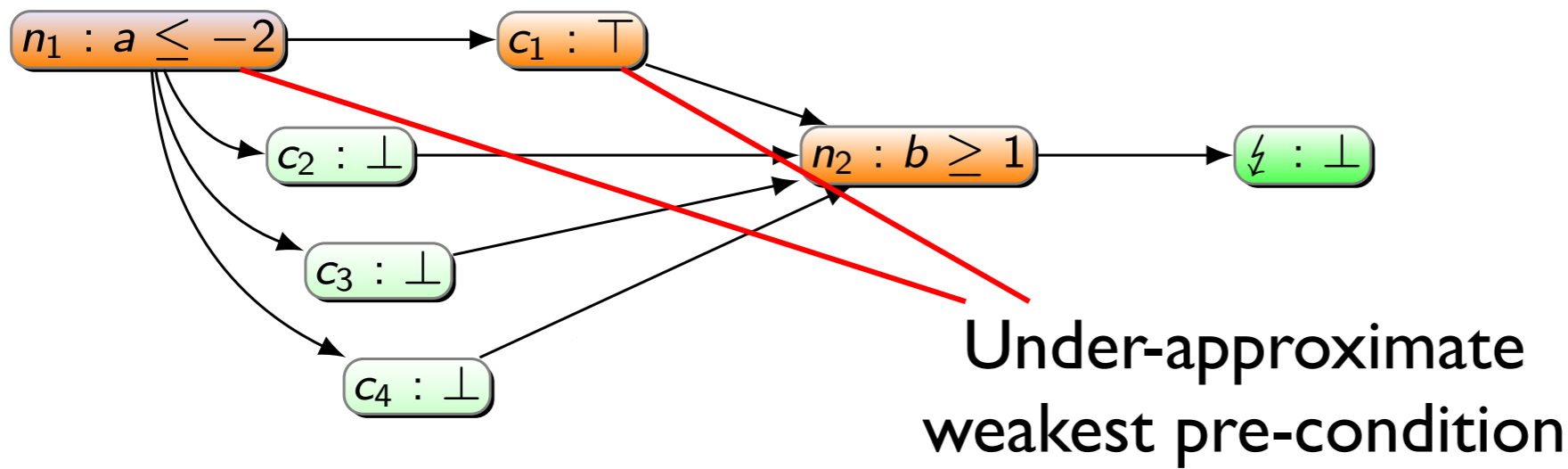
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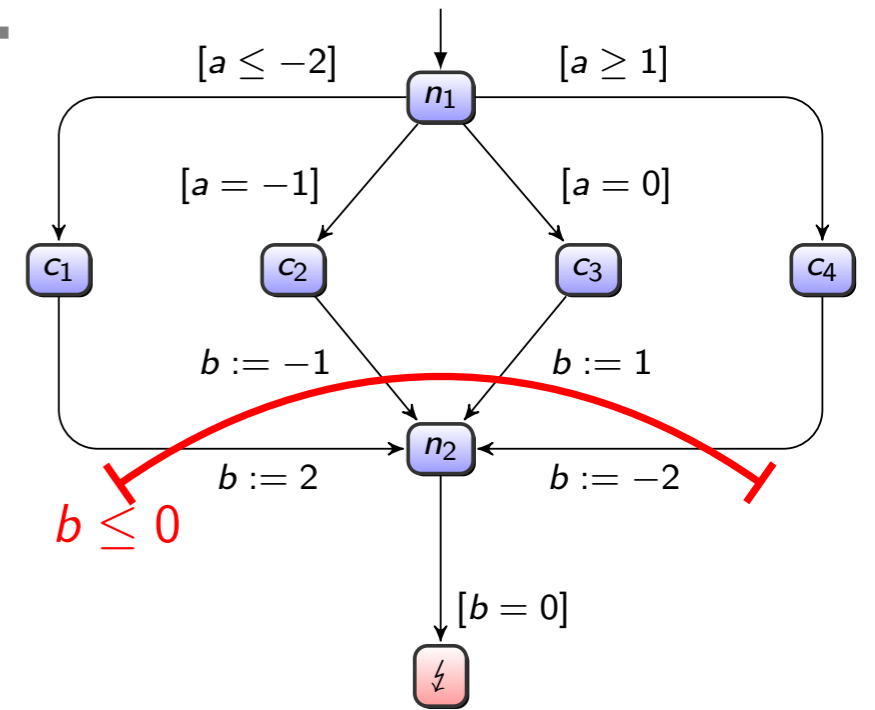
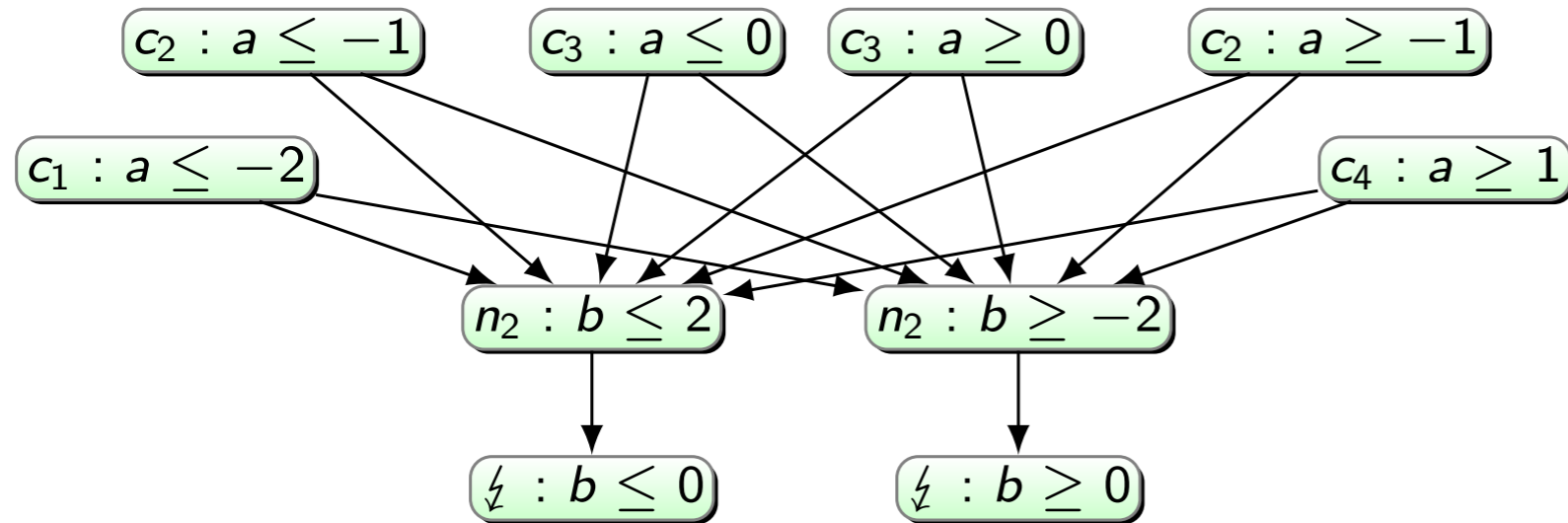
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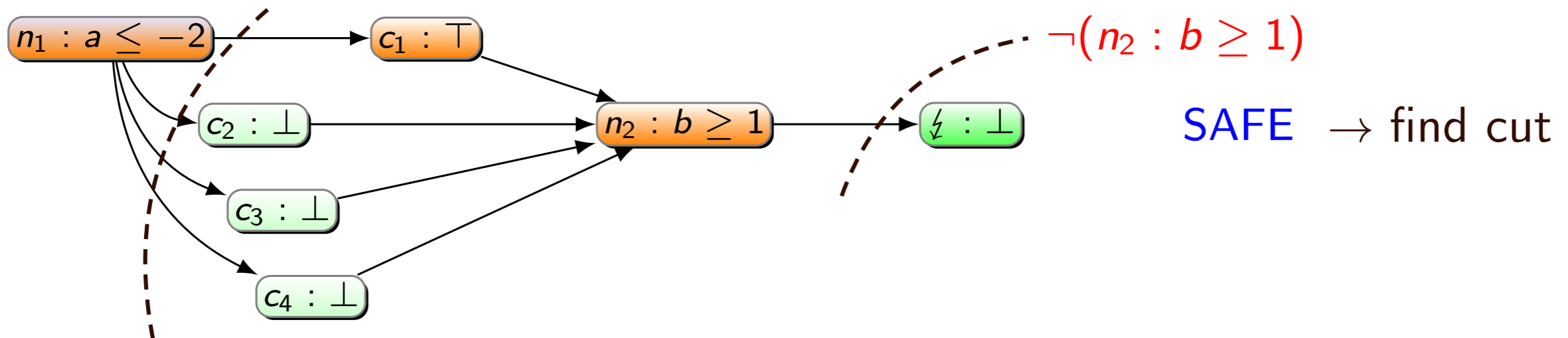
SAFE → Generalise!

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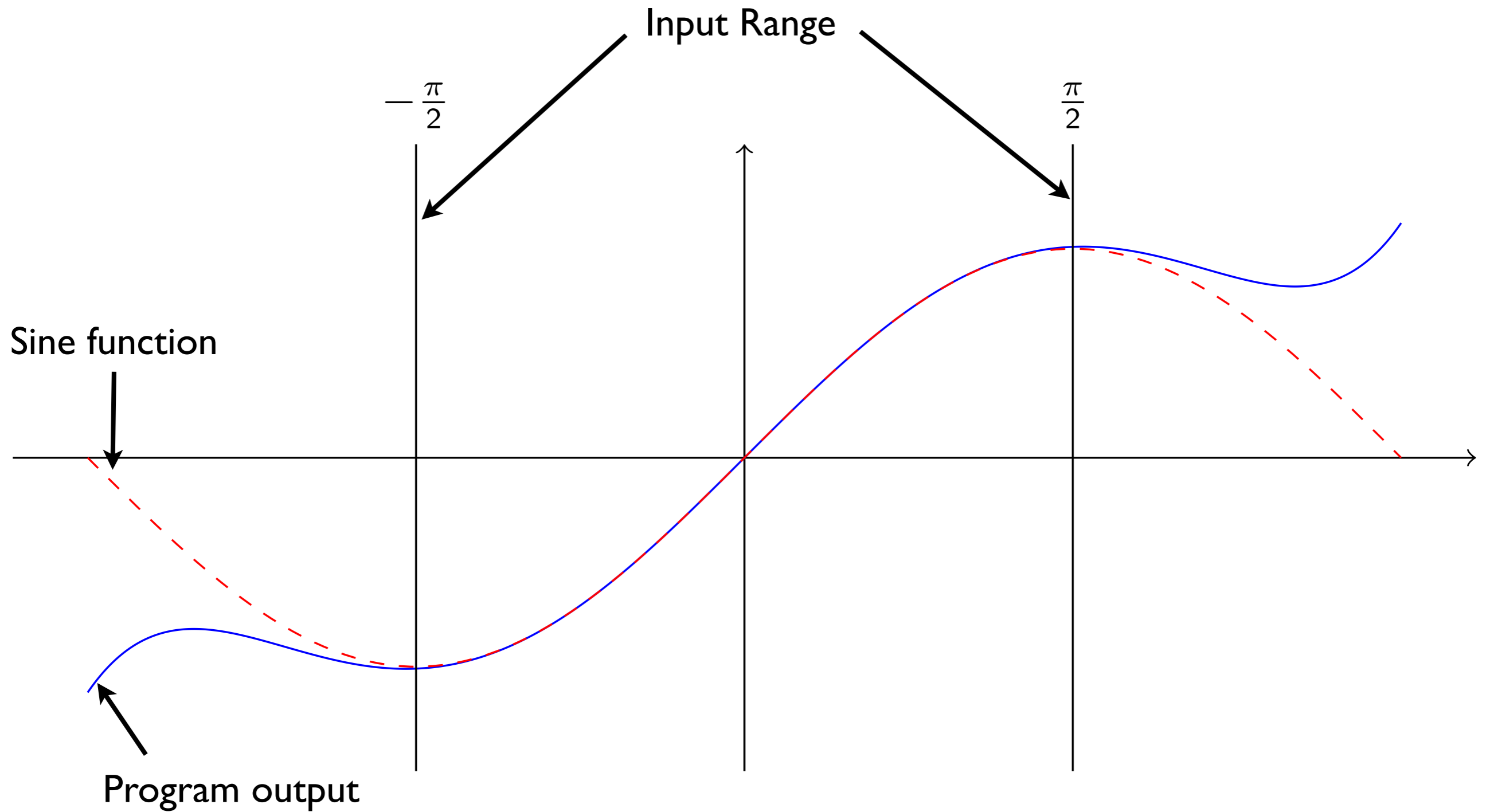


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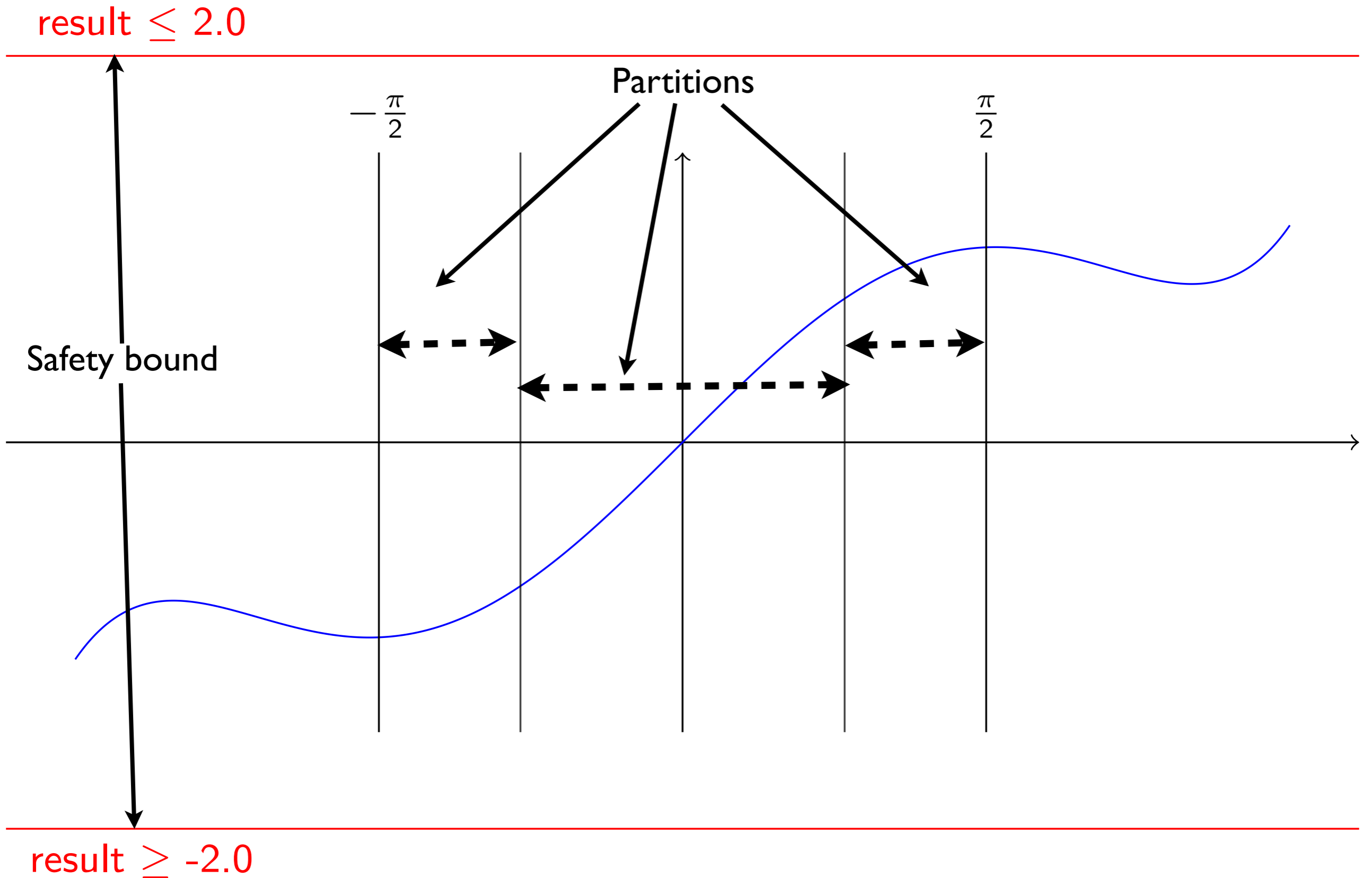


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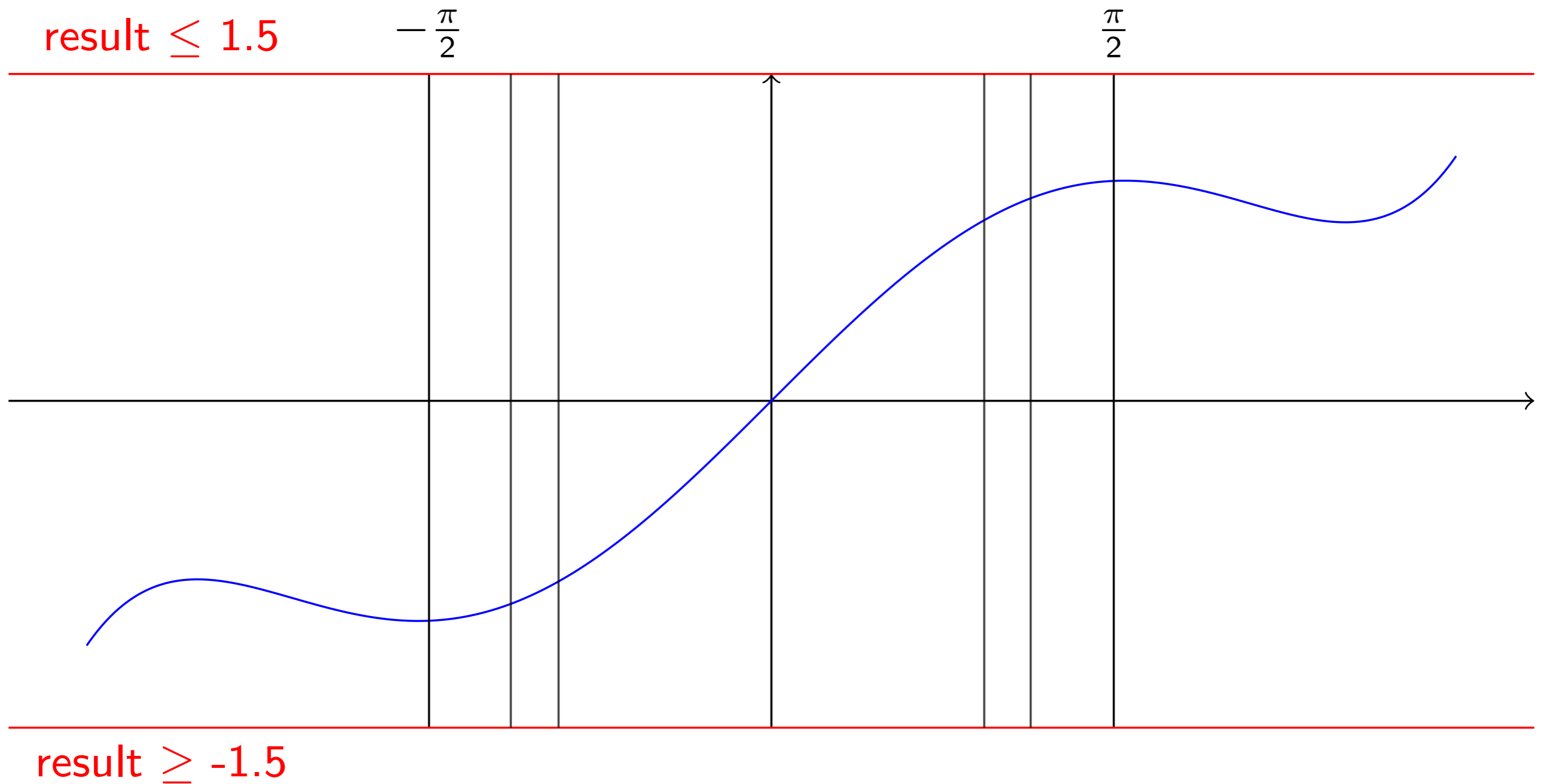
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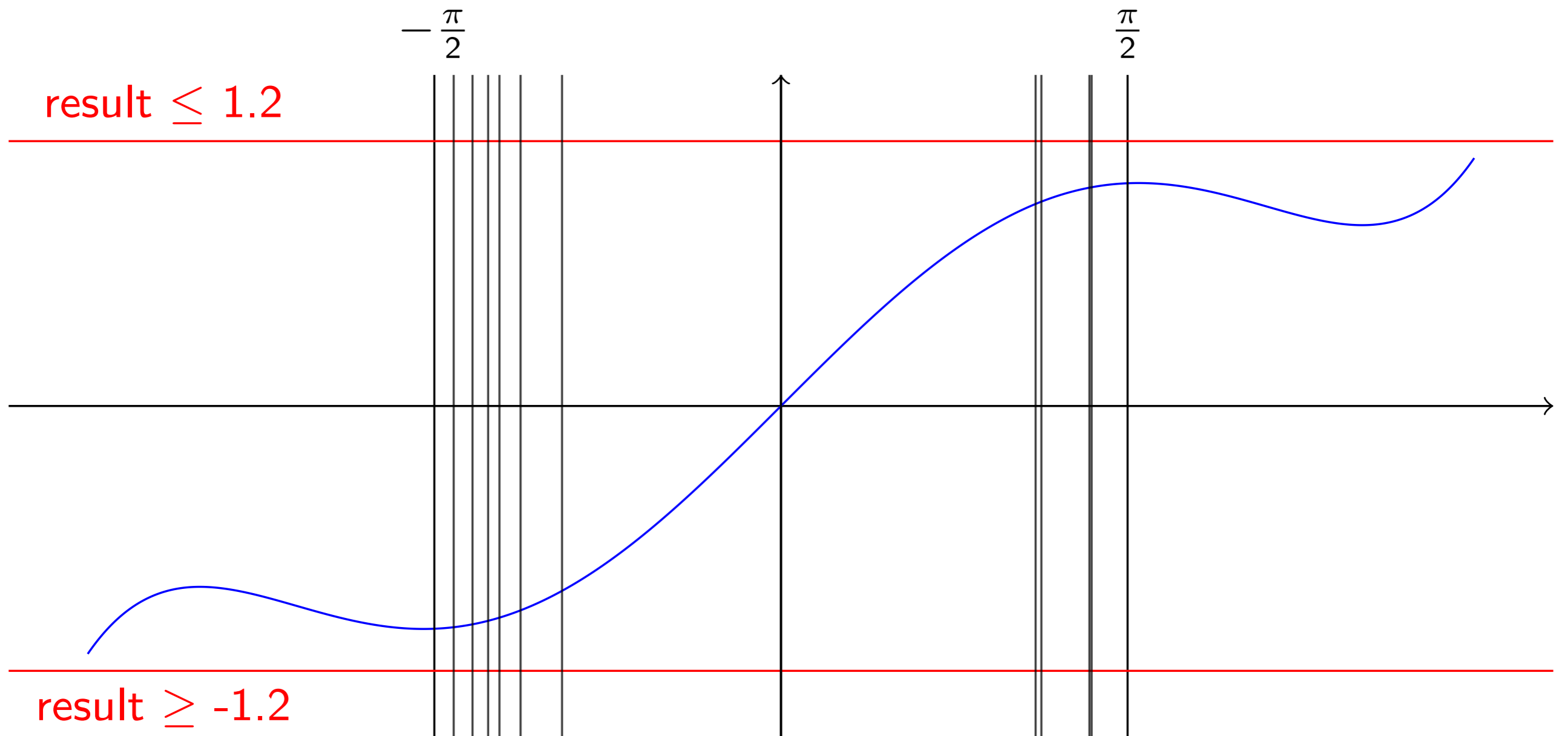
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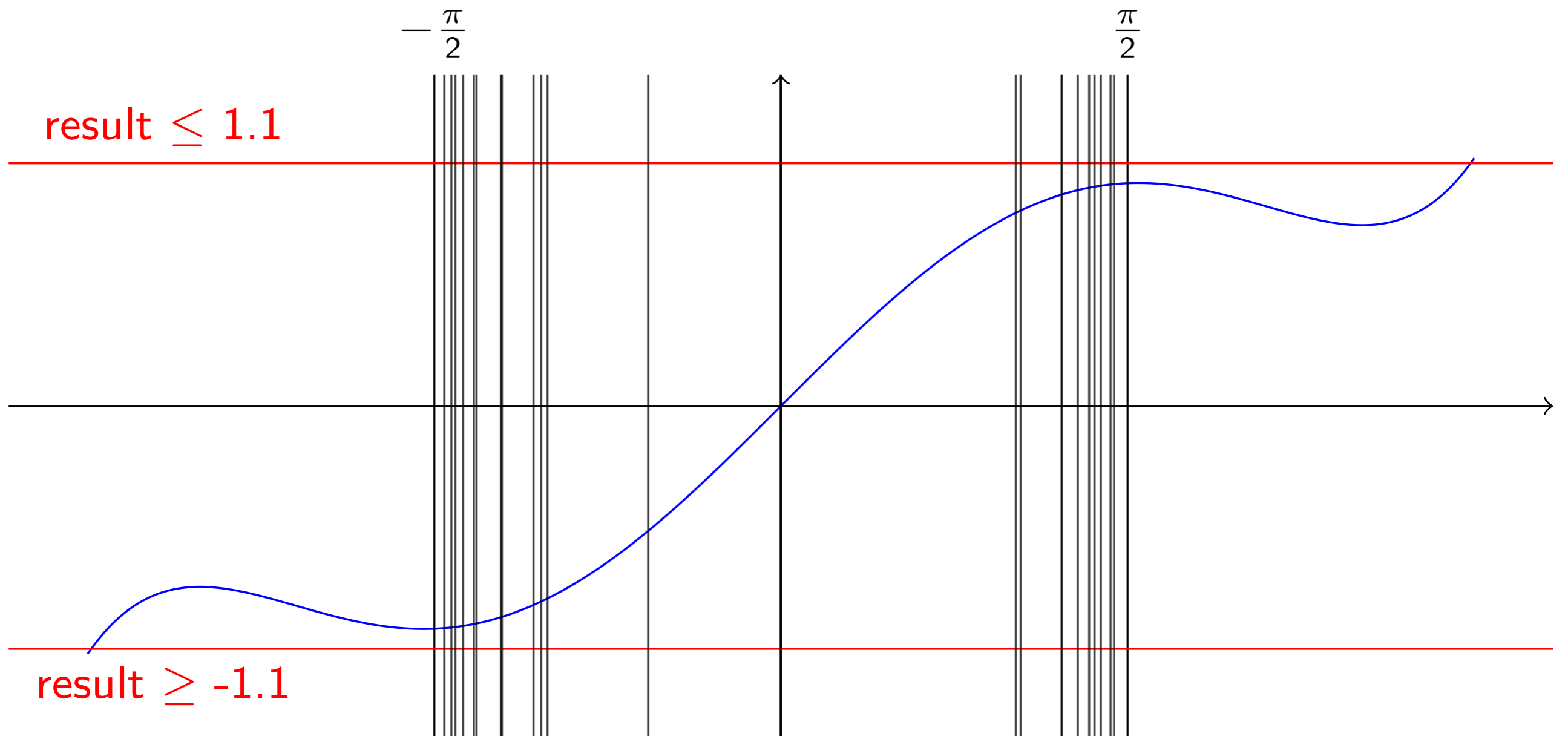
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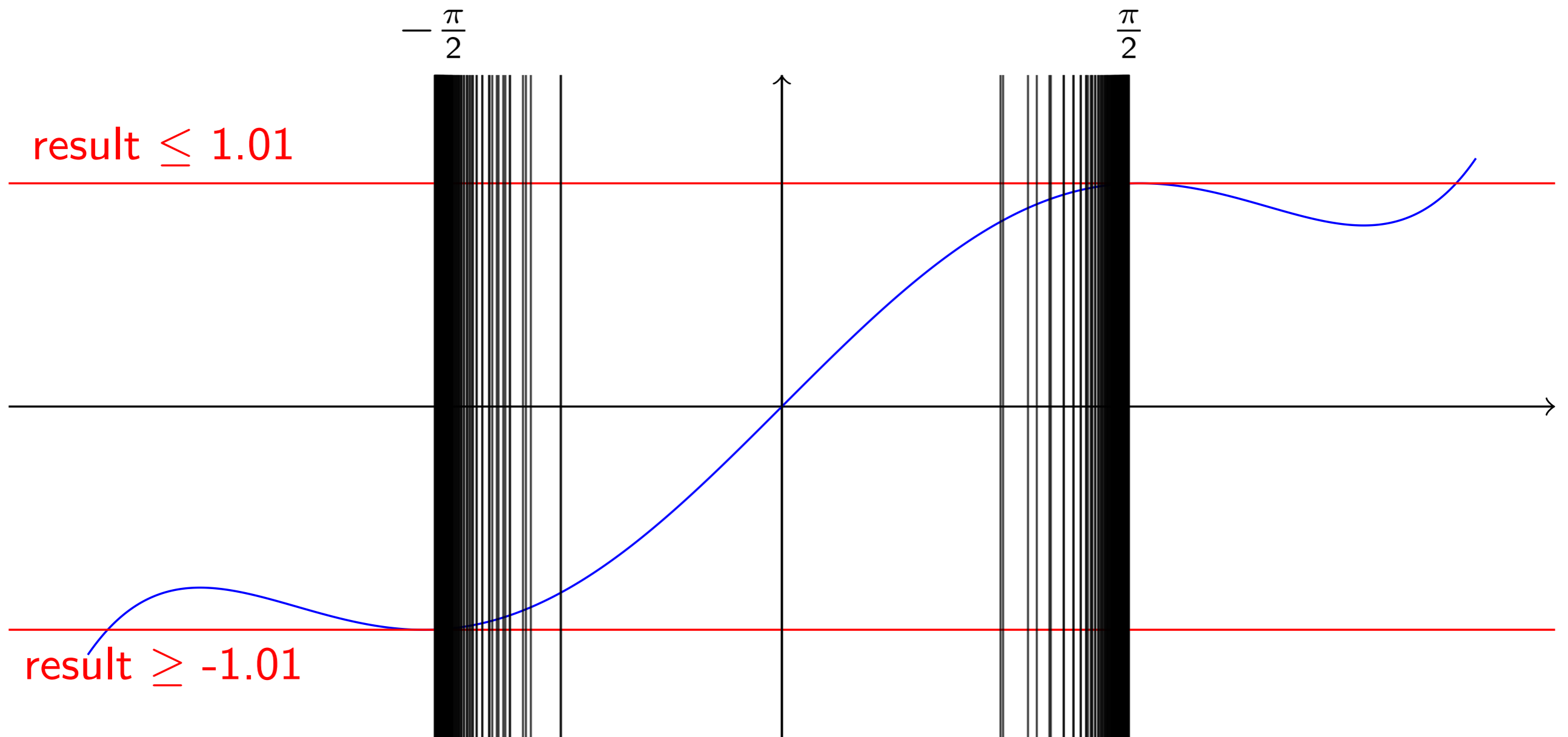
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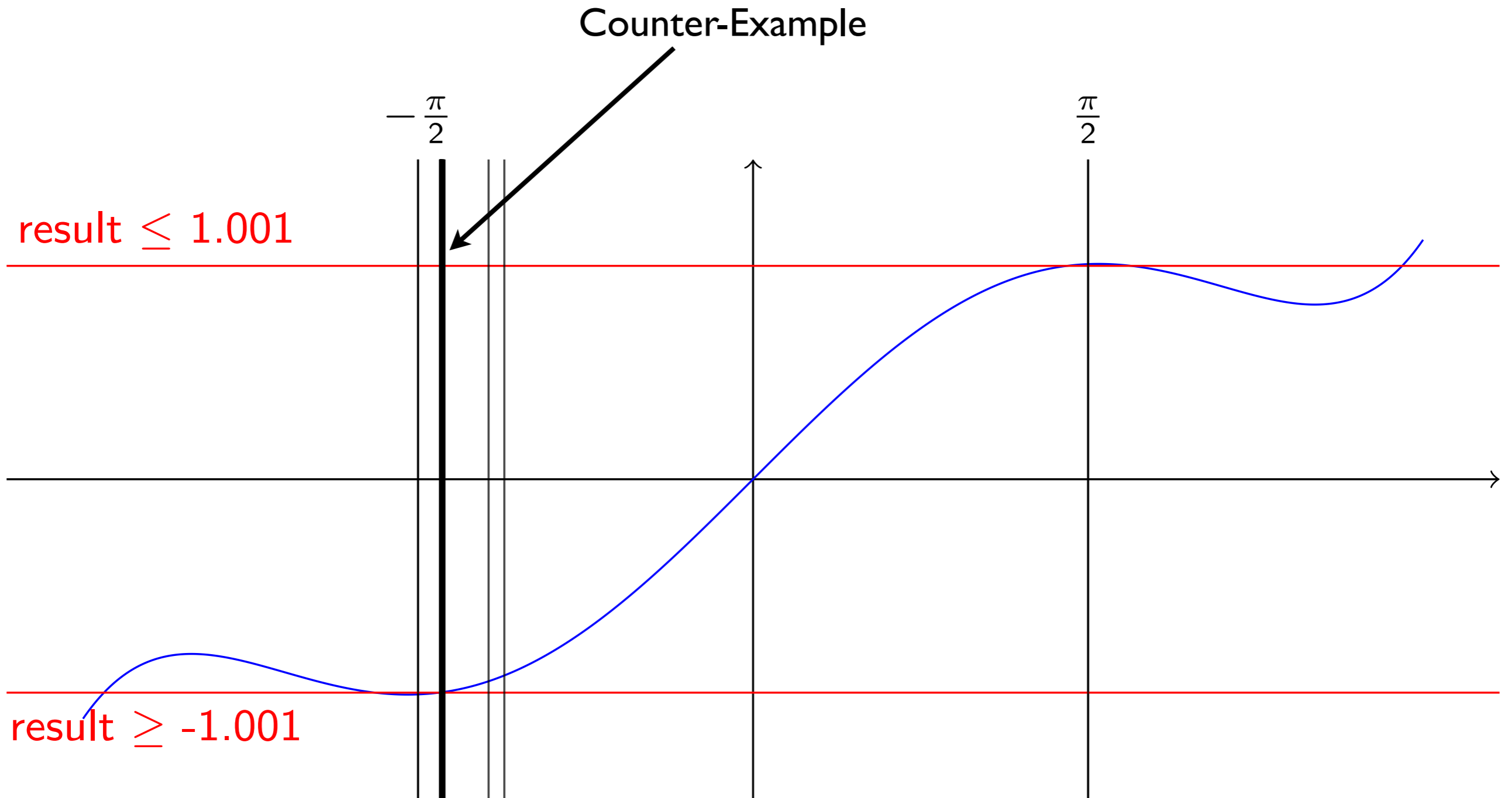
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And never the twain shall meet?

Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet,
Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat;
But there is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth,
When two strong men stand face to face, tho' they come from the ends
of the earth!

Thanks for your attention!