

# **COL:750/7250**

## **Foundations of Automatic Verification**

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Course Webpage



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# DPLL algorithm (Davis -Putnam-Logemann-Loveland 1960)

$DPLL(F, m = \emptyset)\{$

1. If  $F$  is True under  $m$  then Return SAT
2. If  $F$  is False under  $m$  then Return UNSAT
3. If there is a unit literal  $l$  under  $m$  then Return  $DPLL(F, m[l \mapsto 1])$
4. If there is a unit literal  $\neg l$  under  $m$  then Return  $DPLL(F, m[l \mapsto 0])$

Backtracking at  
conflict

Unit Propagation

Choose an unassigned variable  $p$ , and random bit  $b \in \{0,1\}$

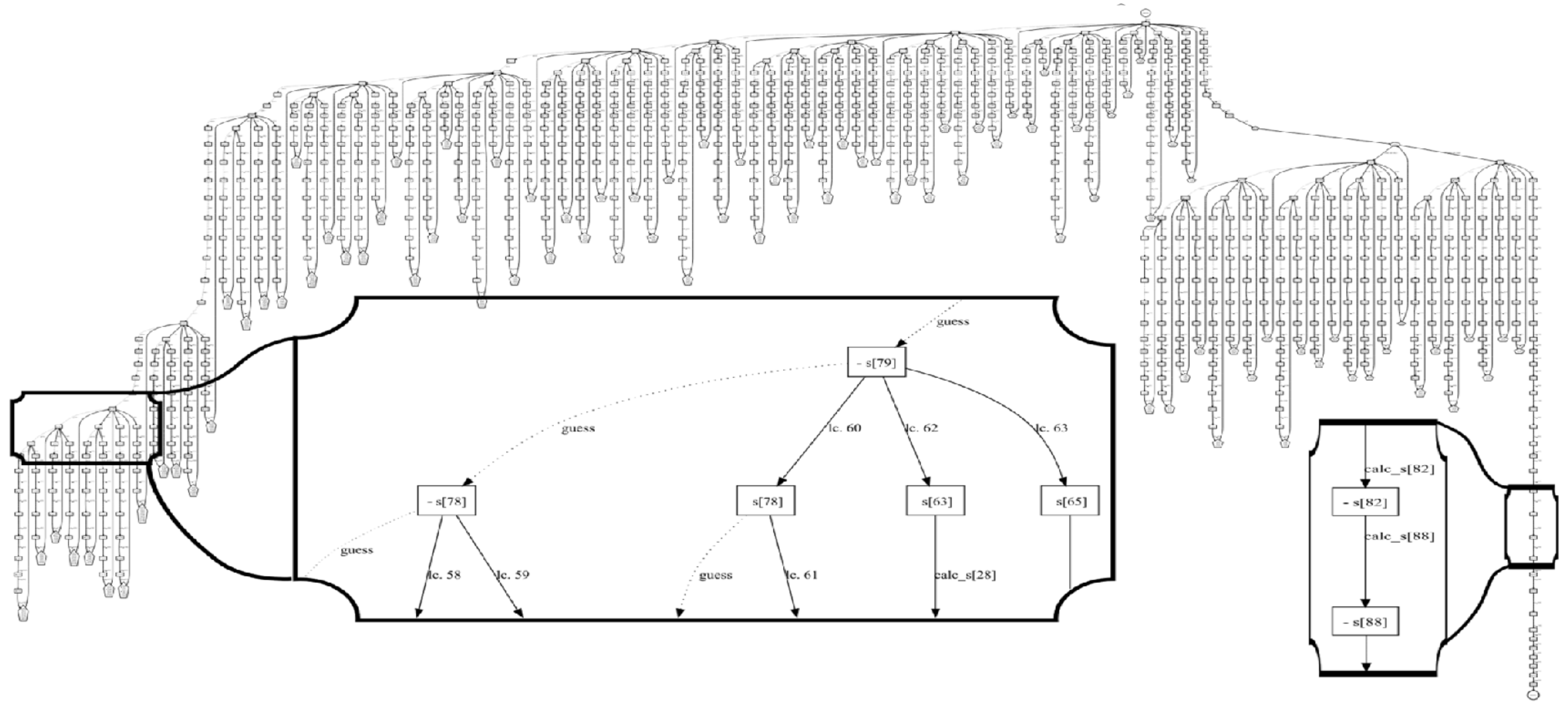
5. If  $DPLL(F, m[p \mapsto b]) == \text{SAT}$  then Return SAT

Else Return  $DPLL(F, m[p \mapsto 1 - b])$

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3.  $\text{AnalyzeConflict}(m, F)$ : returns a conflict clause learned using implication graph, and a decision level upto which the solver needs to backtrack.



Taken from Mate Soos 's slides.



# SAT Competition & Race Winners (CNF & Appl. & Seq. & Non-incr. & All-inst.)

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>zChaff</b>	<b>Forklift</b>	<b>zChaff</b>	<b>SatELit eGTI</b>	<b>MiniSat</b>	<b>RSAT</b>	<b>MiniSat</b>	<b>Precos</b>	<b>Crypto MiniSat</b>	<b>Glucos</b>
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2022	2023								
<b>KissatMAB-HyWal</b>	<b>SBVA-CaDiC</b>								
Zheng He Chen	Haberlandt Green								

MiniSat-based:



Armin Biere's & derived:



Others:



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AnalyzeConflict(m,F): some choices of clauses are found to be better than others.

## Notations:

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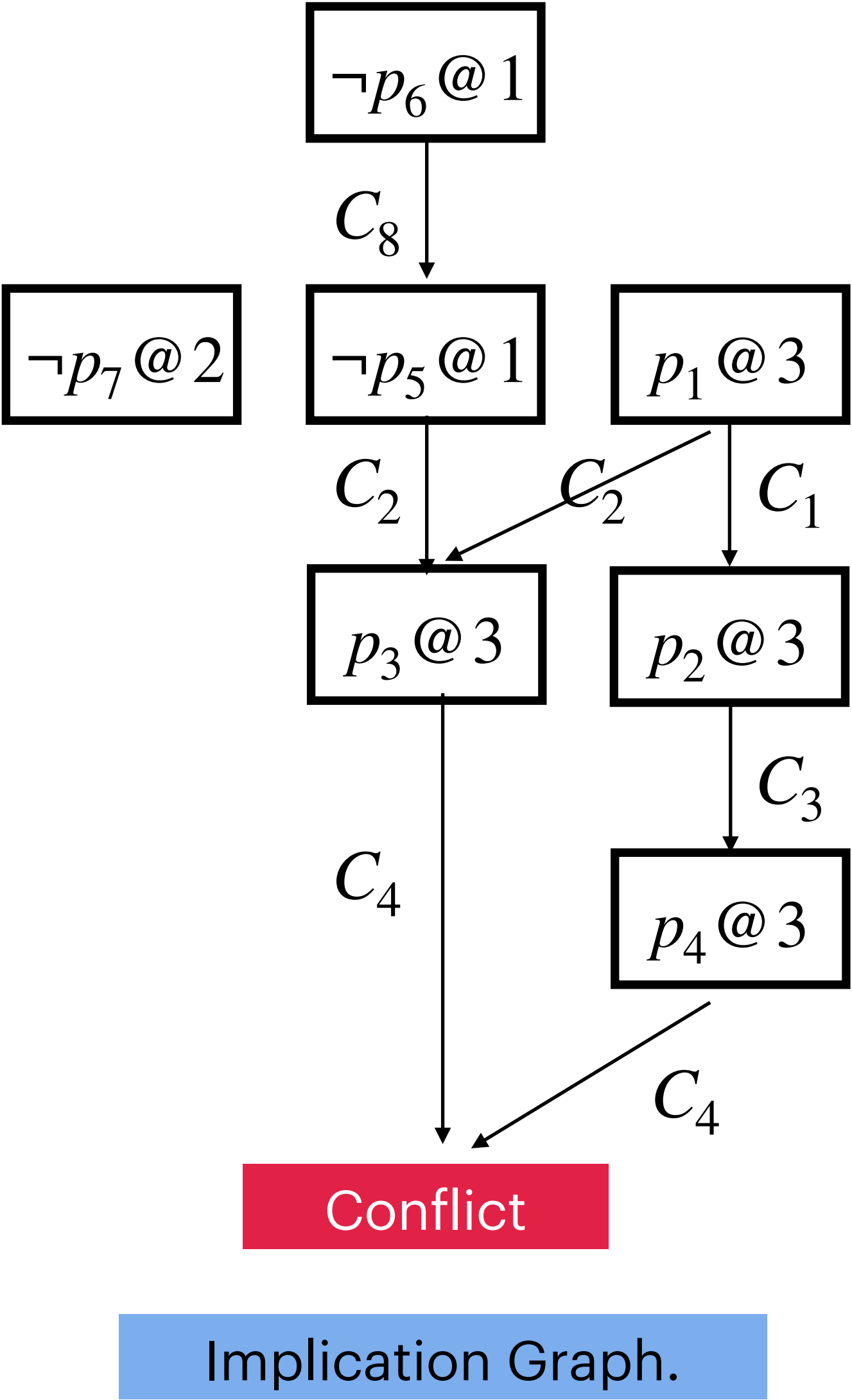
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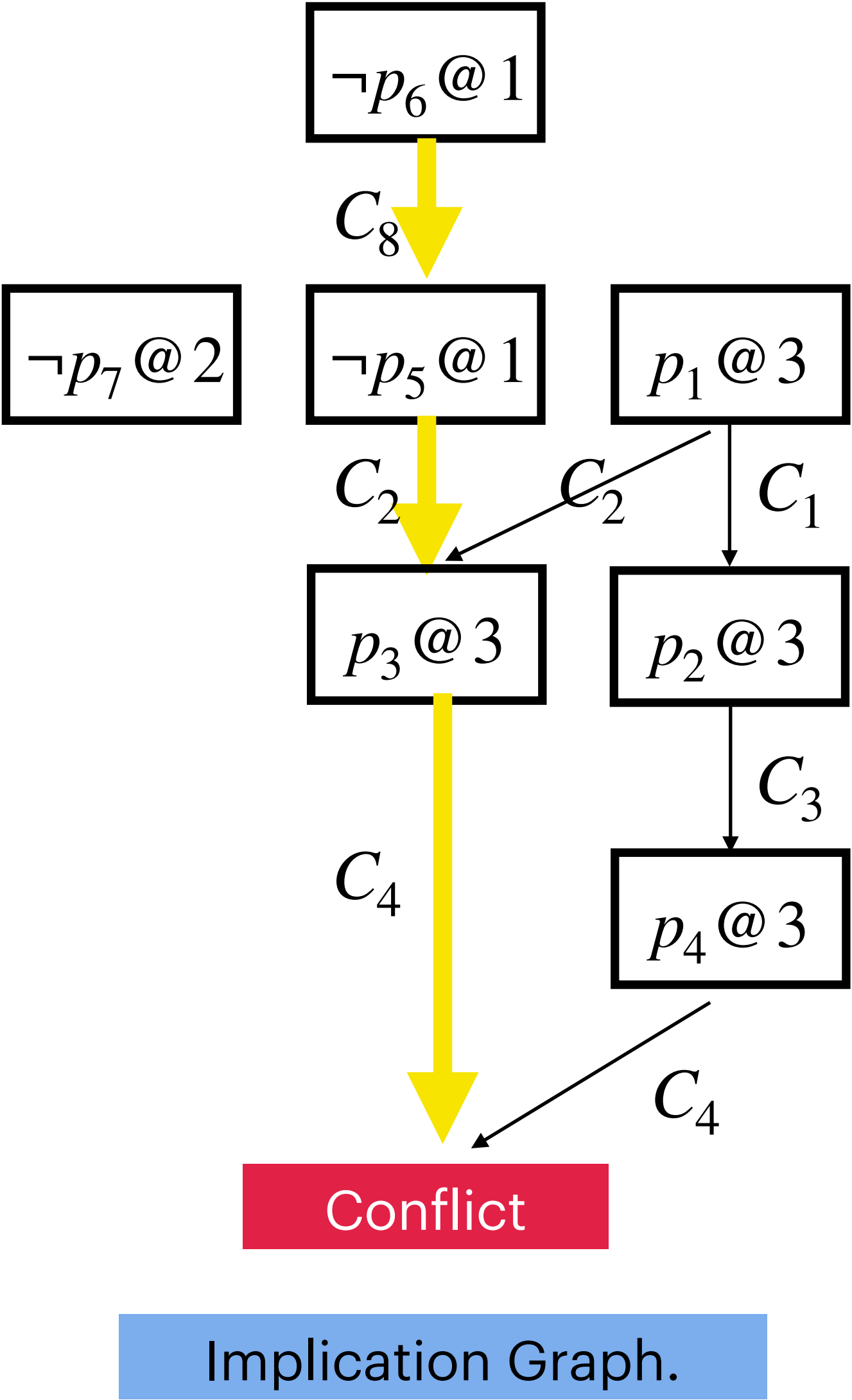


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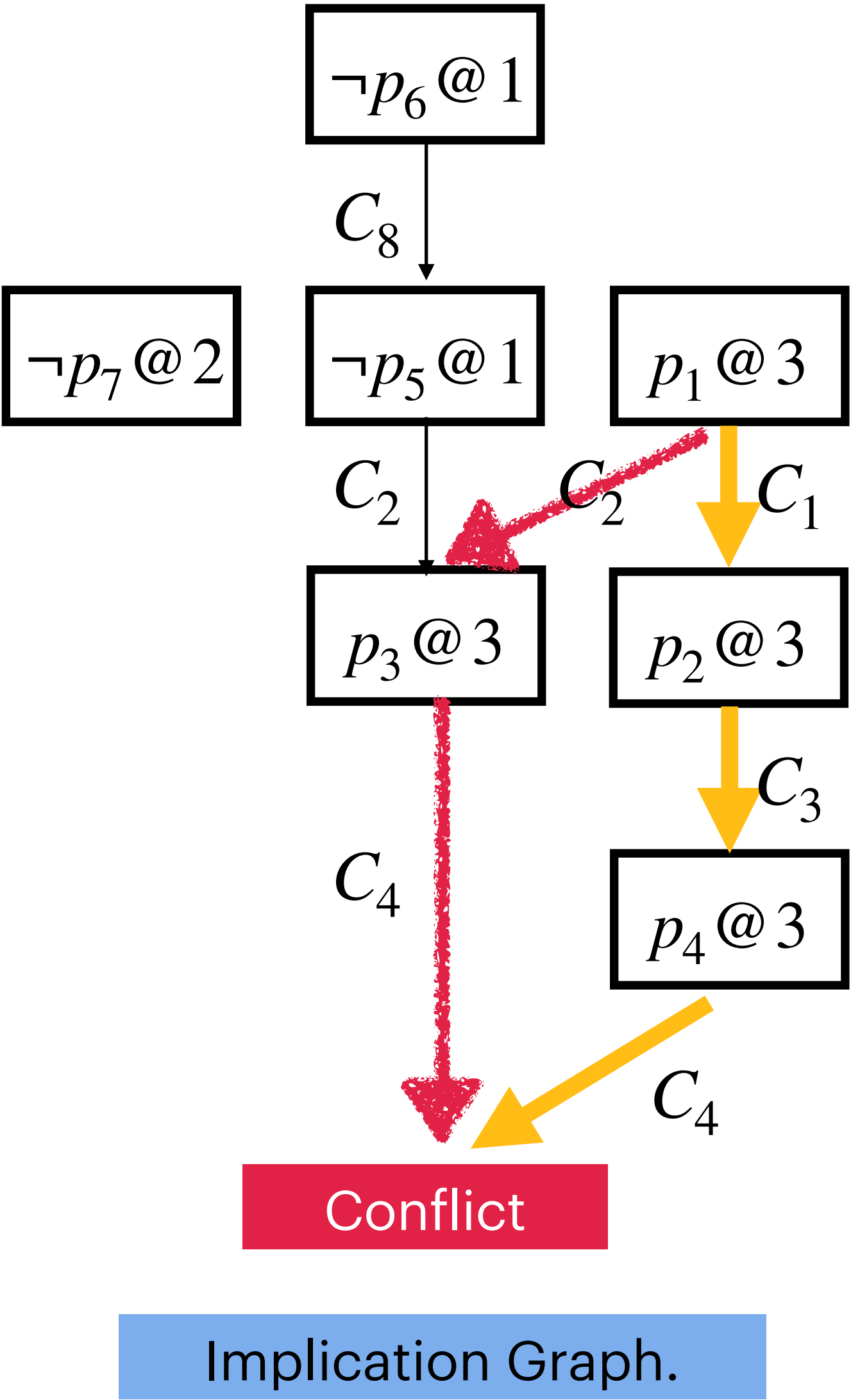


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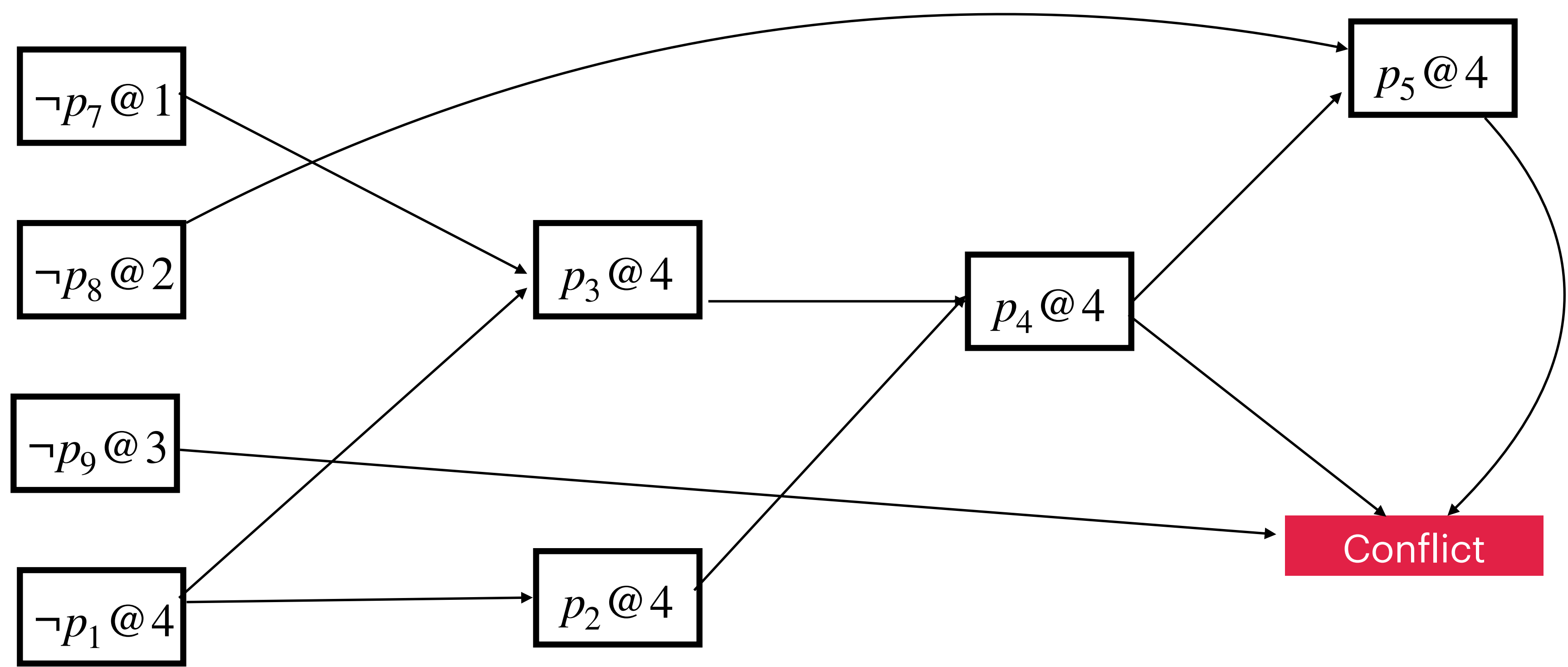
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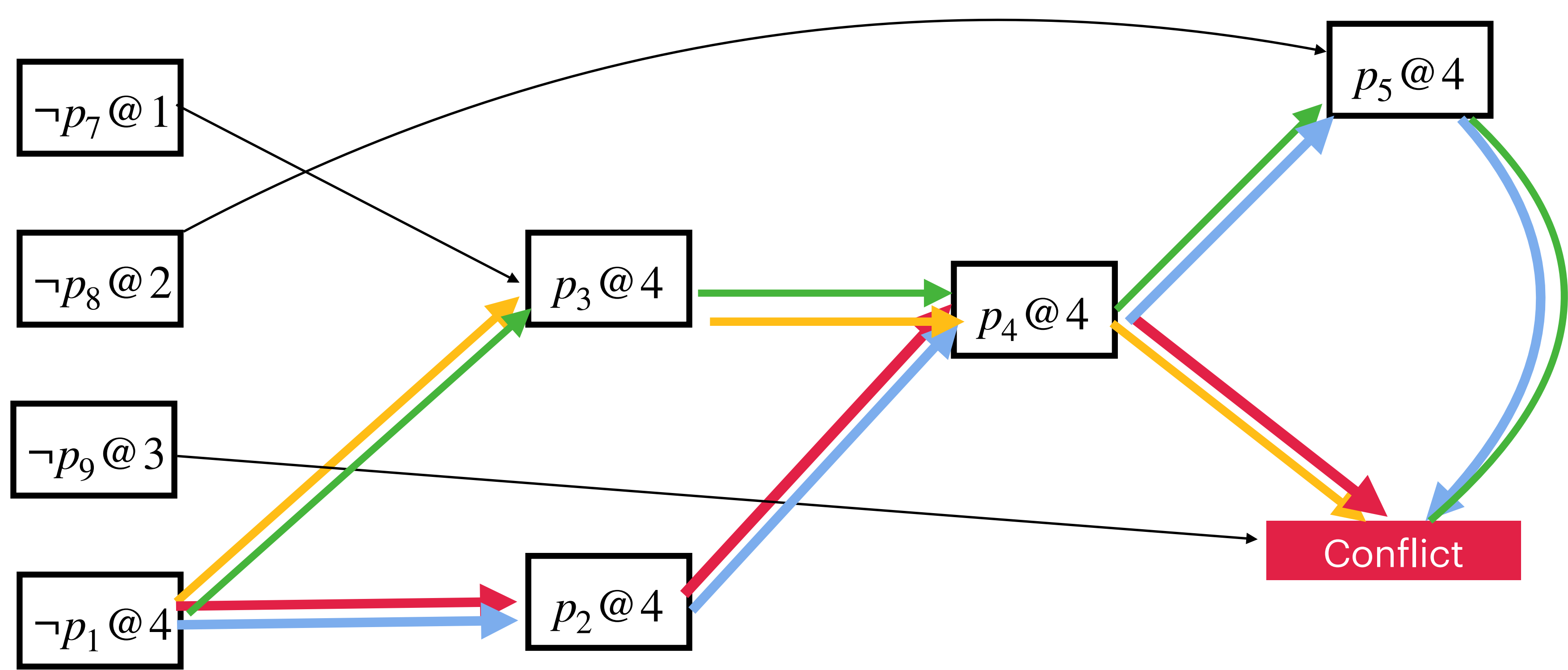


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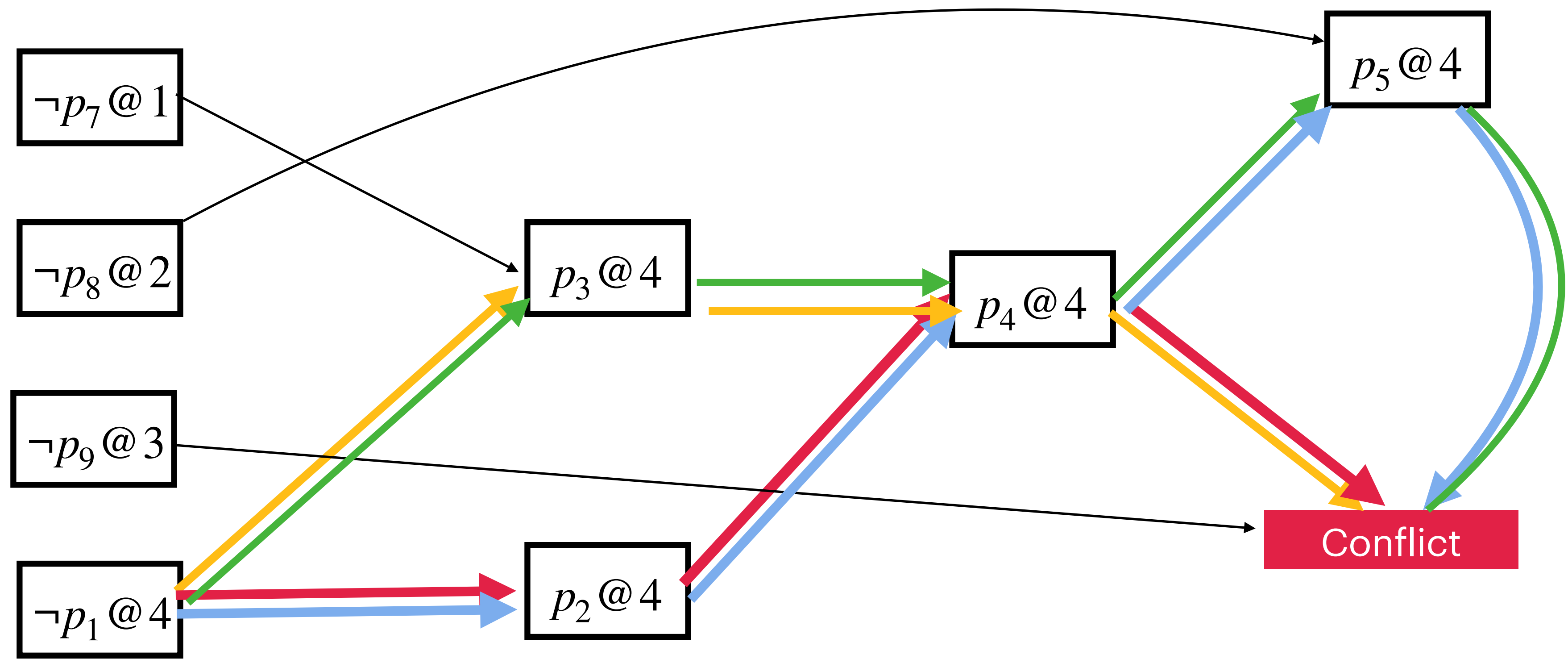
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First UIP Point:  
 $p_4 @ 4$

Last UIP Point:  
 $\neg p_1 @ 4$

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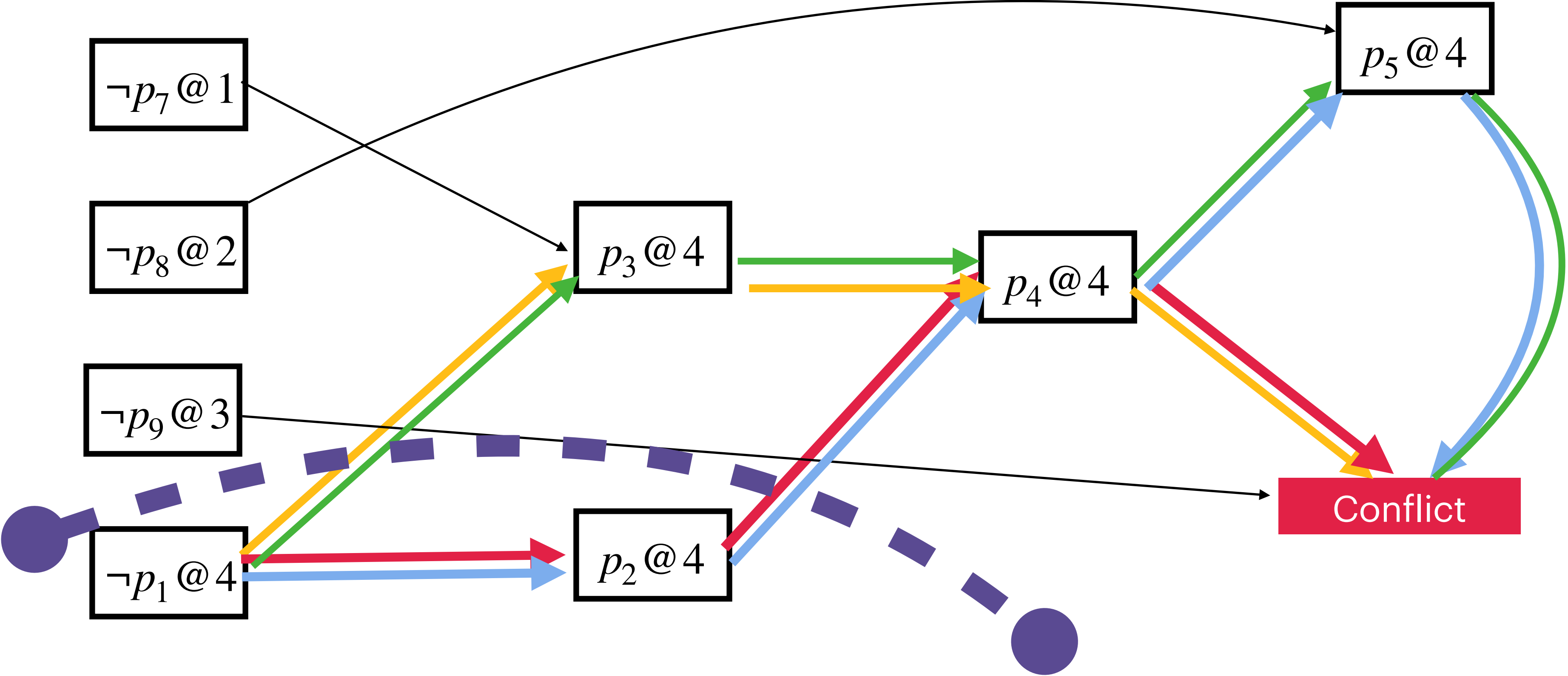
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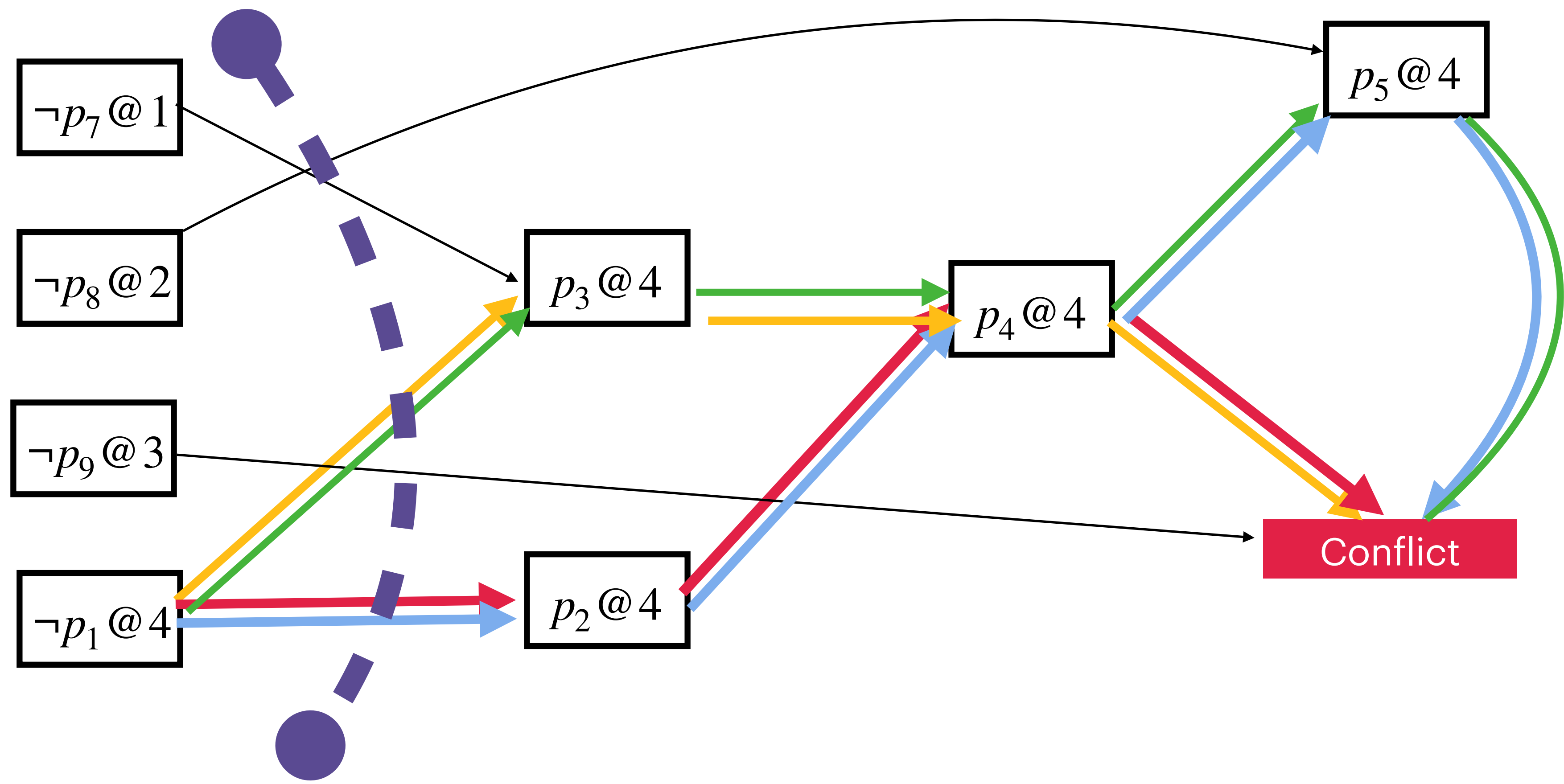
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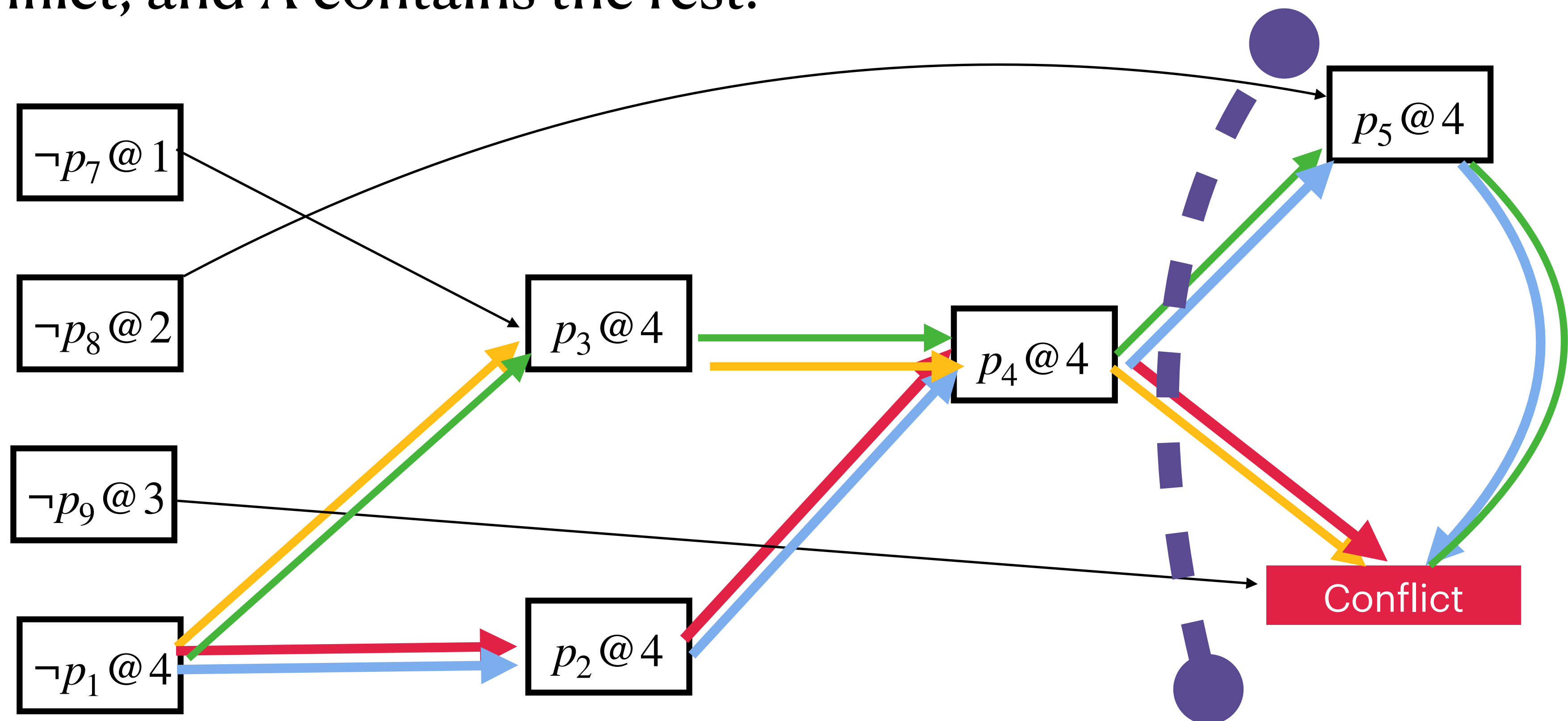
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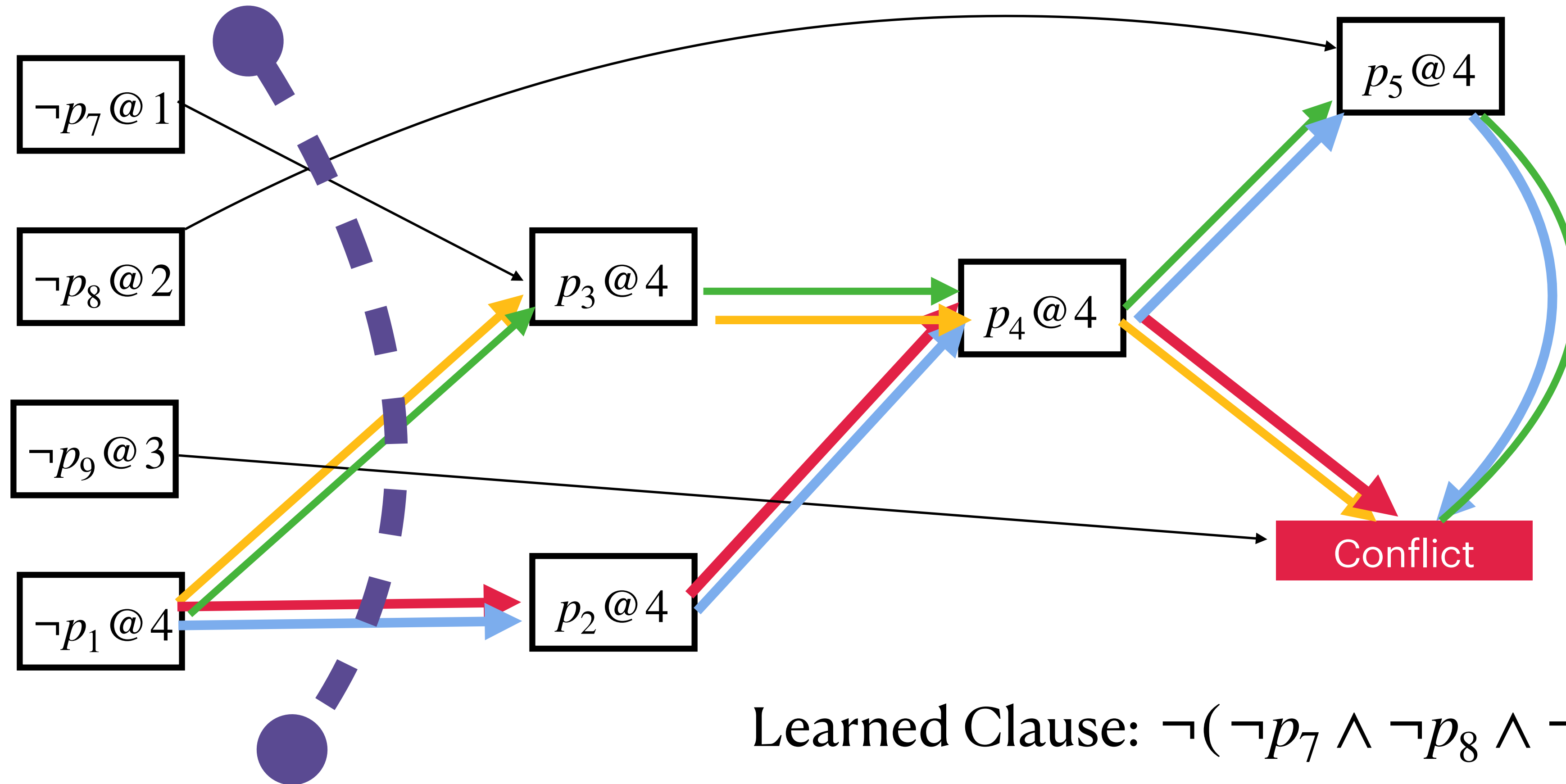
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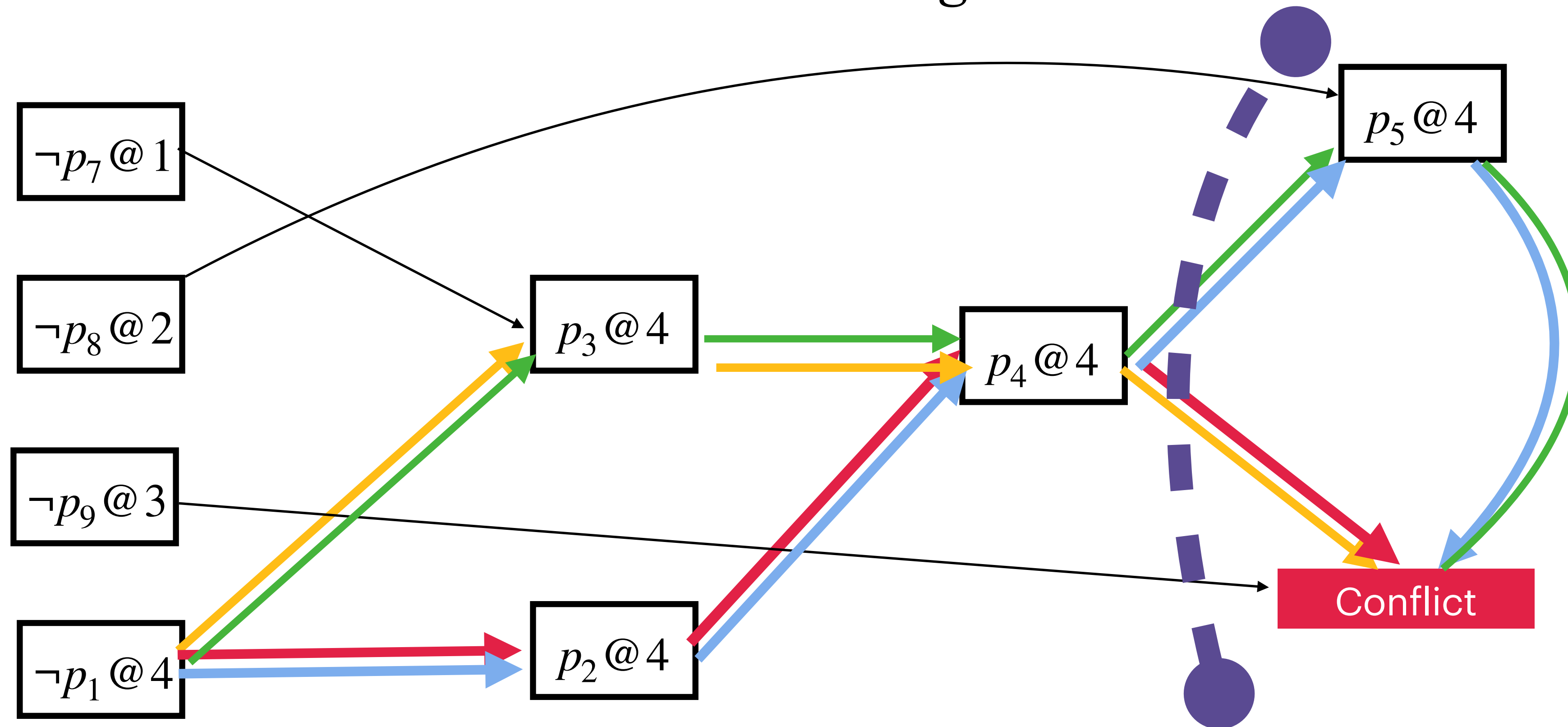
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Learned Clause:  $\neg(\neg p_8 \wedge p_4 \wedge \neg p_9)$

# Heuristics: which variables to pick, what value to assign?

Variable ordering, Decision heuristics, Branching heuristics.

- # of variables occurrence in remaining unsatisfied clauses (different variants were studied in 90s).
- Dynamic heuristics:
  - Focus on variables which were useful recently in deriving learned clauses.
  - Can be interpreted as reinforcement learning.
  - VSIDS: Variable State Independent Decaying Sum.
- Look-ahead
  - Spent more time in selecting good variables.



# VSIDS: Variable State Independent Decaying Sum

- Each literal  $l$  has a counter  $S(l)$ , initialized to zero.
- For every new clause  $C = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n\}$ ,  $S(l_i)$  is incremented if  $l_i \in C$ .
- The unassigned variable and polarity with highest counter is chosen.
- Ties are broken randomly.
- Periodically (once in 256 conflict), all counters are halved.

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Literals	Score
$a$	4
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$d$	2
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$e$	2
$\neg e$	6

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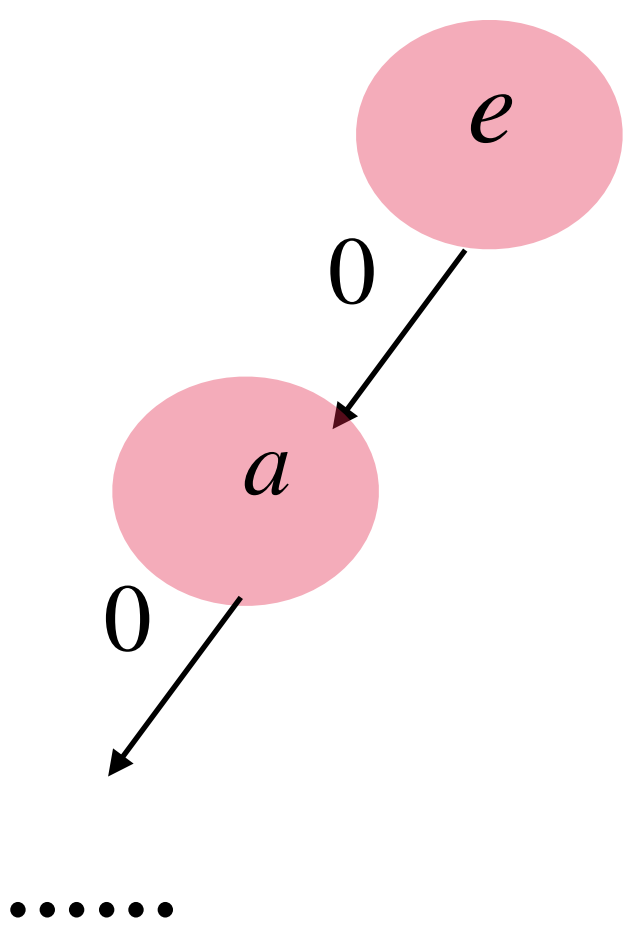
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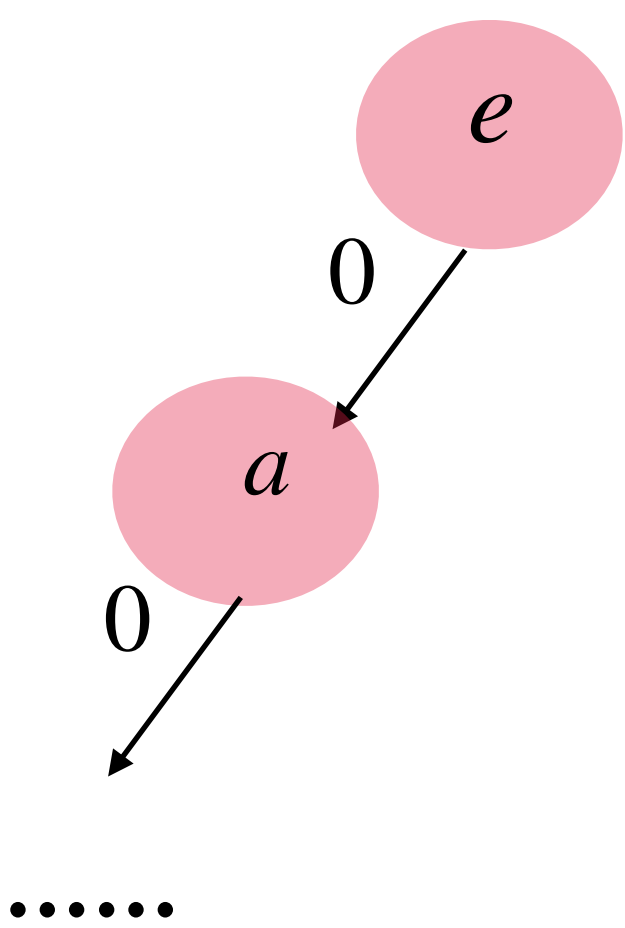
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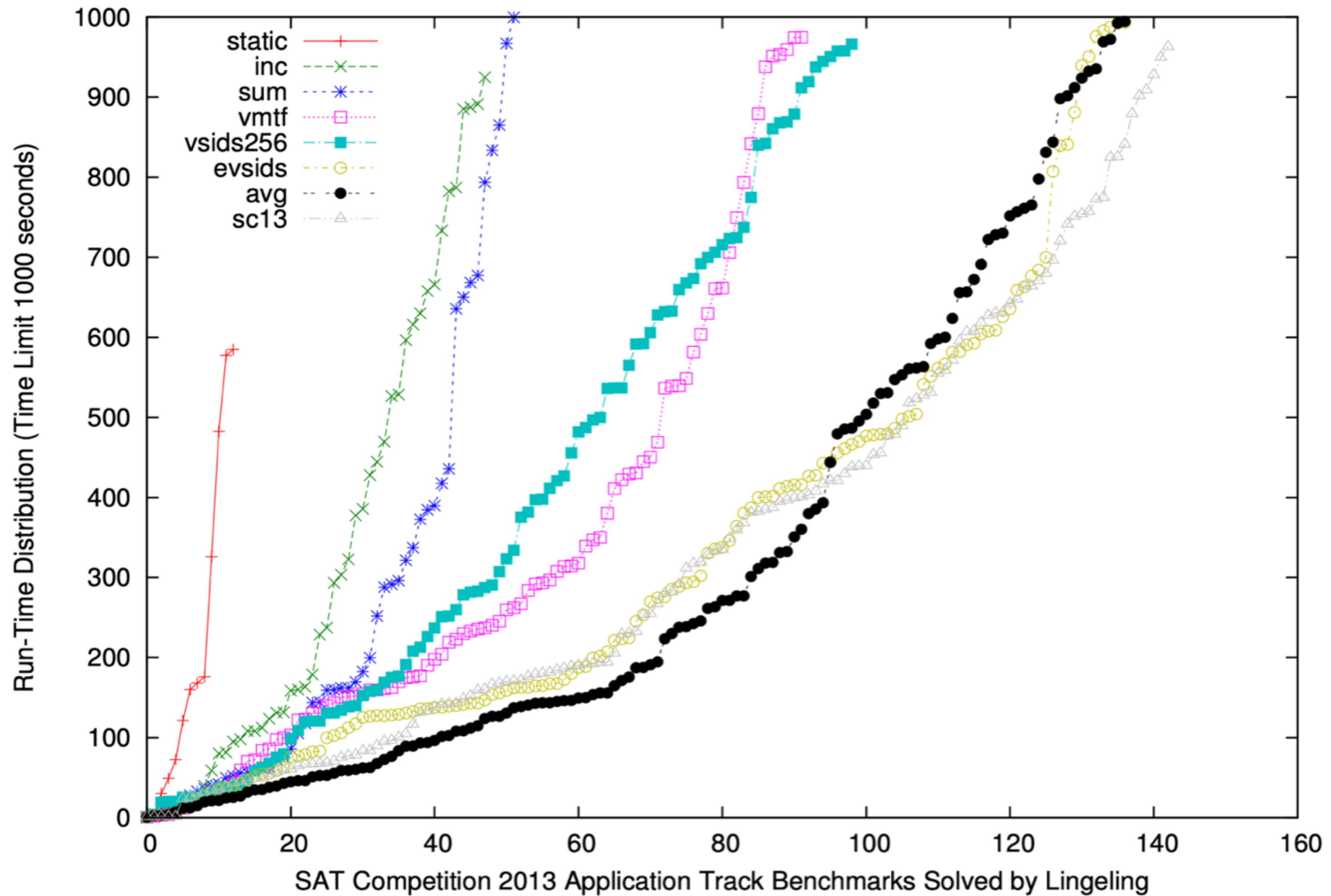
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# VSIDS: Variable State Independent Decaying Sum

Why it was a breakthrough?

- Pre-chaff static heuristics — go over all clauses that are not satisfied and compute some function  $f(a)$  for each literal “a”.
- VSLDS
  - Extremely low overhead.
  - Dynamic & local (conflict driven).
  - Focuses the search to learn from the local context.



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**Repetition:** writing separate formulas for each room.

As the number of rooms increases, the formula grows linearly.

**No generalization:** We cannot express the general rule "For any room, if no one is present, the light should be off" without enumerating each case.

# First Order Logic (FOL)

FOL is a logical system for reasoning about properties of objects.

Predicates — describes properties of objects.

Functions — maps objects to one another.

Quantifiers — to reason about multiple objects



# First Order Logic (FOL): Objects

"John is happy" as P

"Mary is happy" as Q

Propositional variables don't provide any structure about what the proposition refers to or relationships between entities — how P and Q are related ?

Objects: It represent entities in a domain of discourse (things we want to reason about), such as people, numbers, or physical objects.

Objects are: John, and Marry.

Happy(John) — property "happy" is applied to John.

Happy(Mary) — property "happy" is applied to Mary.

Likes(Mary,John): "Mary likes John."

Objects allow FOL to express relationships, properties, and reasoning about entities.

# First Order Logic (FOL): Predicates

$Likes(You, Yogurt) \wedge Likes(You, Mango) \rightarrow Likes(You, MangoLassi) .$

Objects: { You, Yogurt, Mango, MangoLassi}.

Predicates:  $Likes(Obj_1, Obj_2) \mapsto \{0,1\}$

Predicates takes objects as an arguments and evaluate to True or False.

Predicates — describes properties of objects.

Happy(John)

Cute(John)



# First Order Logic (FOL): Functions

$\text{FavoriteMovieOf(You)} \neq \text{FavoriteMovieOf(Date)} \wedge$   
 $\text{StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(You))} = \text{StarOf(FavoriteMovieOf(Date))}$

Functions take objects as an argument and return objects associated with it.

$\text{Medianof}(x,y,z), +(x,y), \text{Wife(John)}.$

As with predicates, functions can take in any number of arguments, but always return a single object.

	<b>Operate On</b>	<b>And Produce</b>
Connectives ( $\leftrightarrow$ , $\rightarrow$ , $\wedge$ , ... )	Propositions	A Proposition
Predicates	Objects	A Proposition
Functions	Objects	An Object

# First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

There is a number which is both prime and even.

Variables:  $x$ .

Predicates:  $\text{Even}(x)$ ,  $\text{Prime}(x)$

$\exists x(\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$

There is someone who is taller than I am and weighs more than I do.

Objects: me, Variable:  $x$

Predicates:  $\text{Taller}(x, \text{me})$ ,  $\text{WeighsMore}(x, \text{me})$

$\exists x \text{Taller}(x, \text{me}) \wedge \text{WeighMore}(x, \text{me})$

Existential Quantifier ( $\exists$ ): Expresses the existence of at least one element for which a statement is true.

# First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

For every number  $x$ , adding 0 to  $x$  results in  $x$  itself.

Variable:  $x$

Function:  $+(x,0)$

Predicate:  $= (x, +(x,0))$

$\forall x = (x, +(x,0))$

For all even numbers  $x$ ,  $x$  is divisible by 2.

Variable:  $x$

Function:  $mod(x,2)$

Predicate:  $even(x), = (mod(x,2),0)$

$\forall x (even(x) \rightarrow = (mod(x,2),0))$

Universal Quantifier ( $\forall$ ): Expresses generalization across all elements.

# First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

Scope of Quantifiers: refers to the part of the formula where the quantifier applies to the variable it introduces.

Bound Variable: A variable is bound if it lies within the scope of a quantifier.

Free Variable: A variable is free if it is not within the scope of any quantifier.

$\forall x P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)$ .  $x$  is bounded and  $y$  is free

Nested Quantifiers: When quantifiers are nested, the scope of the inner quantifier is restricted by the outer quantifier.

$\forall x((\exists y P(x, y)) \rightarrow Q(x))$       Scope of  $\forall x$  is entire formula.  
Scope of  $\exists y$  is limited to  $P(x, y)$



# First Order Logic (FOL): Quantifiers

When multiple quantifiers share overlapping scopes, their interactions can lead to significant differences in meaning.

$$\forall x \exists y P(x, y)$$

For every  $x$ , there exists a  $y$  such that  $P(x, y)$ .

Each person can know a different language, as long as they know at least one language.

$$\exists y \forall x P(x, y)$$

There exists a  $y$ , for all  $x$  such that  $P(x, y)$ .

There is a single language that everyone knows.

# First Order Logic (FOL): Syntax

Well-Formed Formula (wff) of FOL are composed of six types of symbols (not including Parenthesis).

1. Constant symbols — representing objects.
2. Functions symbols — functions from pre-specified number of objects to an object.
3. Predicate symbols — more like specify properties to objects. Have specified arity.  
Zero arity predicate symbols are treated as propositional symbols.
4. Variable symbols — will be used to quantify over objects.
5. Universal and existential quantifiers — will be used to indicate the type of quantification.
6. Logical connectives and negation.

# First Order Logic (FOL): Syntax

Formula  $\rightarrow$  Atomic Formula

| Formula Connective Formula

| Quantifier Variable Formula

|  $\neg$  Formula

| (Formula)

Connective  $\rightarrow \leftrightarrow \mid \wedge \mid \vee \mid \rightarrow$

Quantifier  $\rightarrow \forall \mid \exists$

Atomic Formula  $\rightarrow P(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  where  
 $P \in \text{Predicates}$ ,  $T_i$  are Terms,  $n$  is arity.

Term  $\rightarrow c$ , where  $c \in \text{CONST}$ .

|  $v$ , where  $v \in \text{VAR}$

|  $F(T_1, \dots, T_n)$ , where  $F \in \text{Functions}$ ,  $T_i$  are Terms,

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# First Order Logic (FOL): Syntax

Is it a WFF?

*TallerThan(John, Fatherof(John))  $\wedge$  TallerThan(Fatherof(Fatherof(John)), John) .*

Yes, notice, Term is recursive.

Term  $\rightarrow$  c, where  $c \in \text{CONST}$ .

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