

# Tree Interpolation in Vampire

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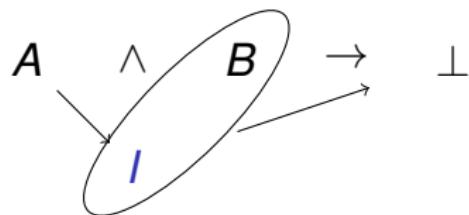
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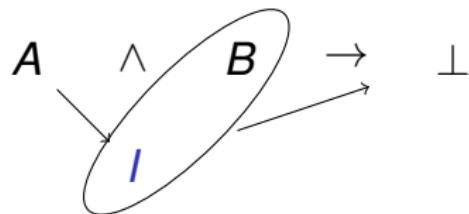
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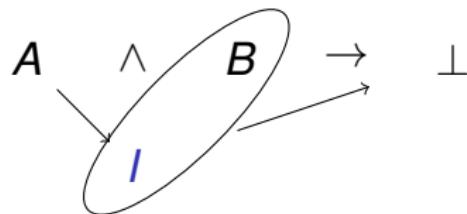
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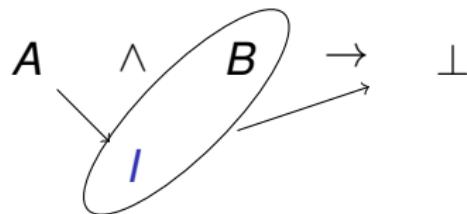
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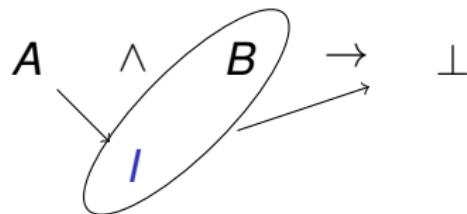
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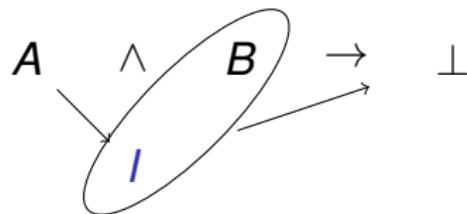
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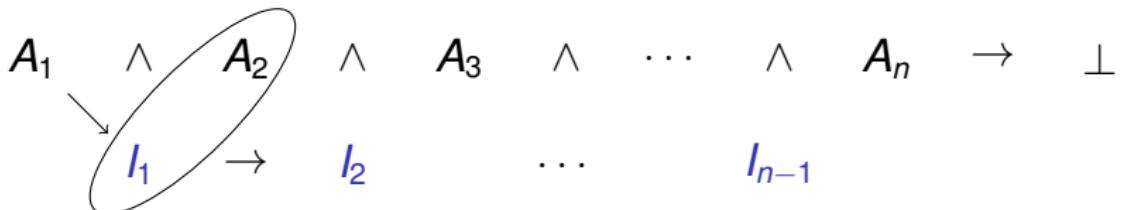
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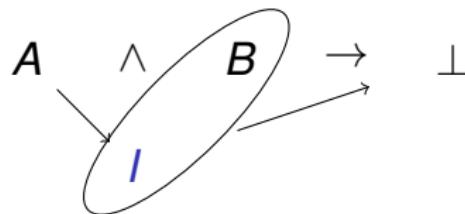
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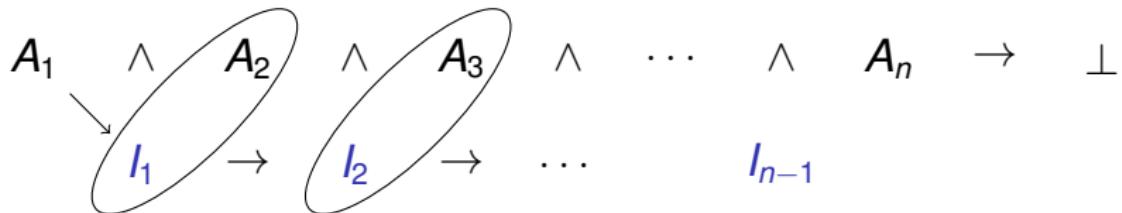
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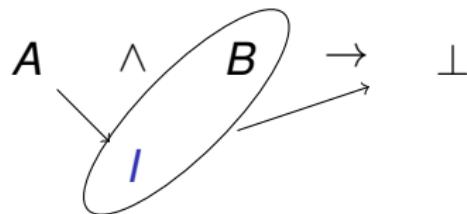
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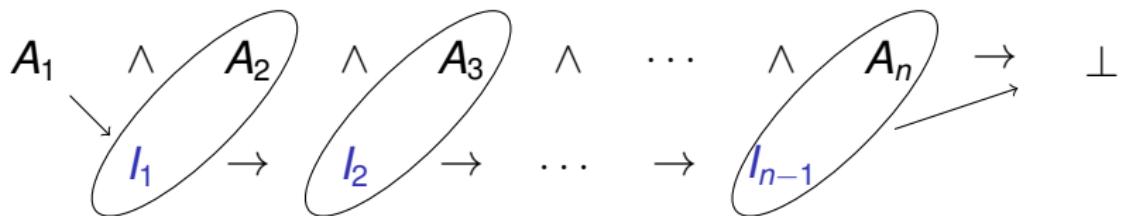
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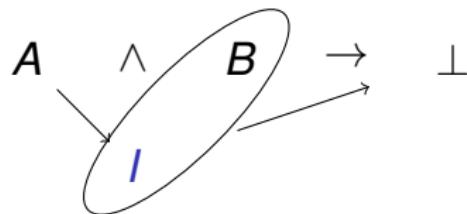
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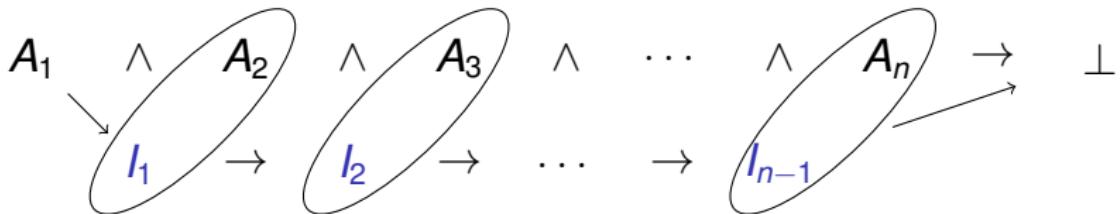
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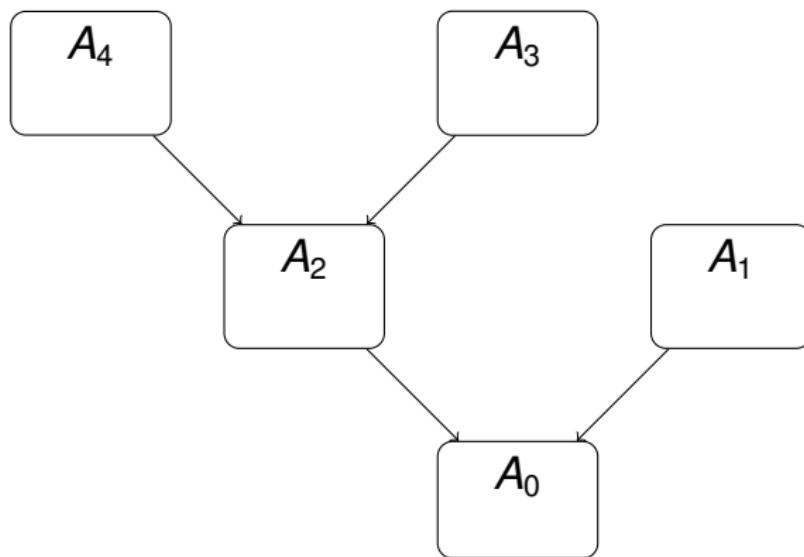
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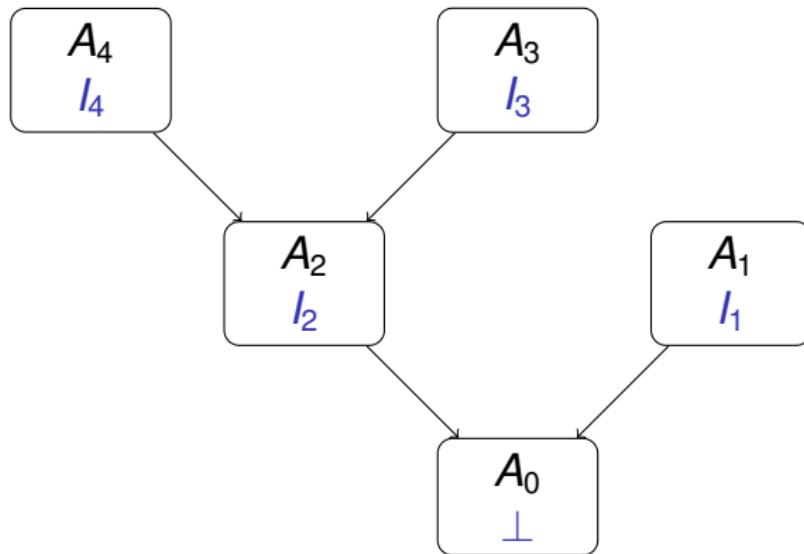
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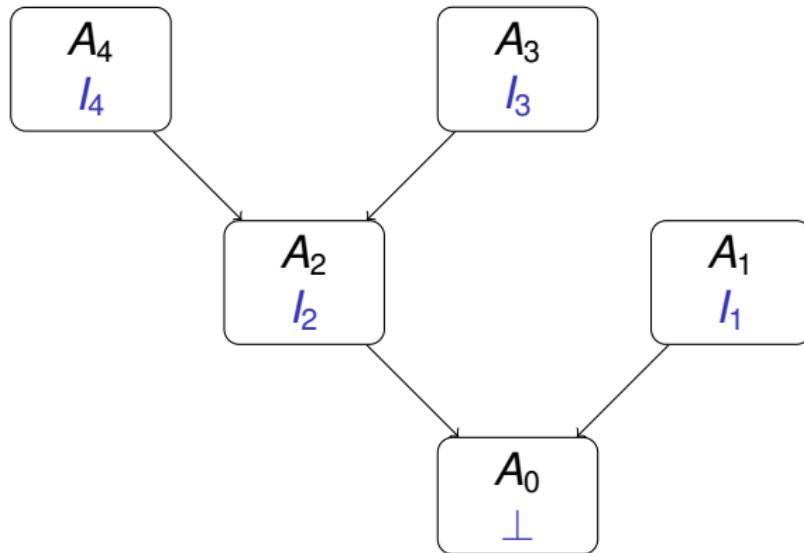
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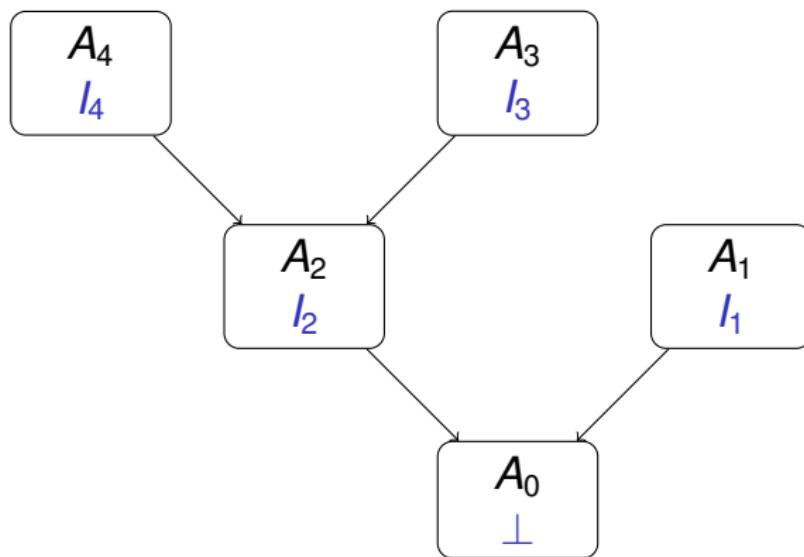
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Language restrictions

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## Related Work

Solving recursion-free Horn clauses  
[Gupta, Popeea, Rybalchenko POPL'11]

Interpolants for procedure summarization  
[McMillan, Rybalchenko MSR-TR'13]

Generalized property directed reachability  
[Hoder, Bjørner SAT'12]

Interpolation and Horn Clauses  
[Hojjat, Rümmer, Kuncak CAV'13]

Nested Interpolants  
[Heizmann, Hoenicke, Podelski POPL'10]

and many more ...

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- How to obtain “good” interpolants?

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interpolant:  $a = c$

# Vampire

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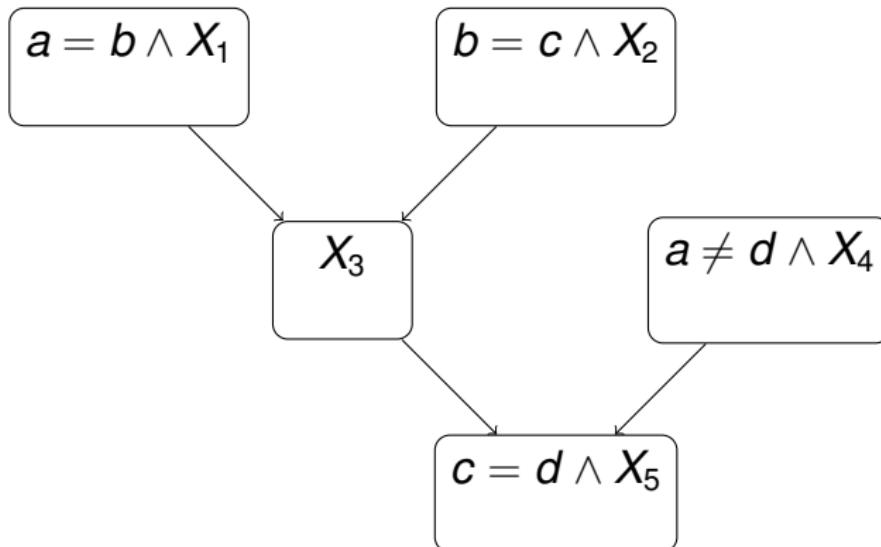
- Recent developments/extensions:

- Invariant generation [FASE'09, MICAI'11]
- Interpolation and Symbol Elimination [CADE'09, IJCAR'10]
- Interpolant minimization &  
Theory independent proof localization [POPL'12]
- Incremental tree interpolation [today]

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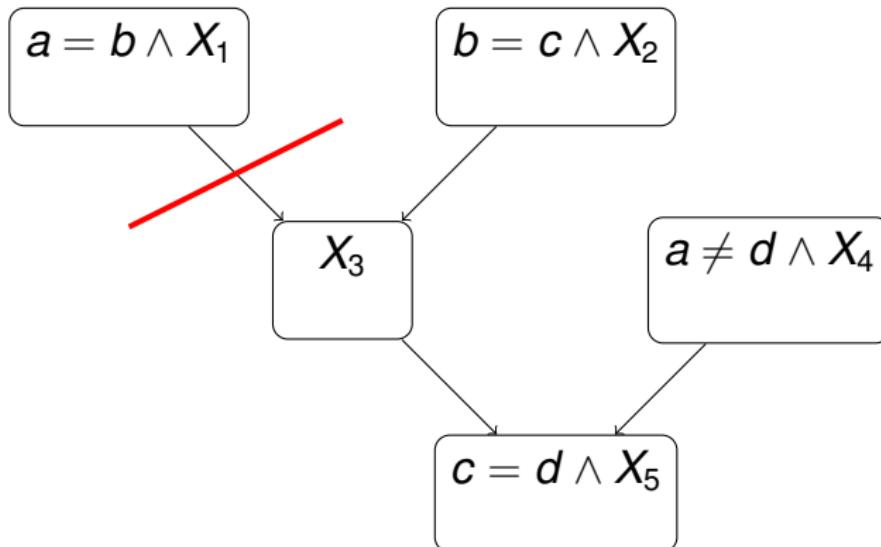
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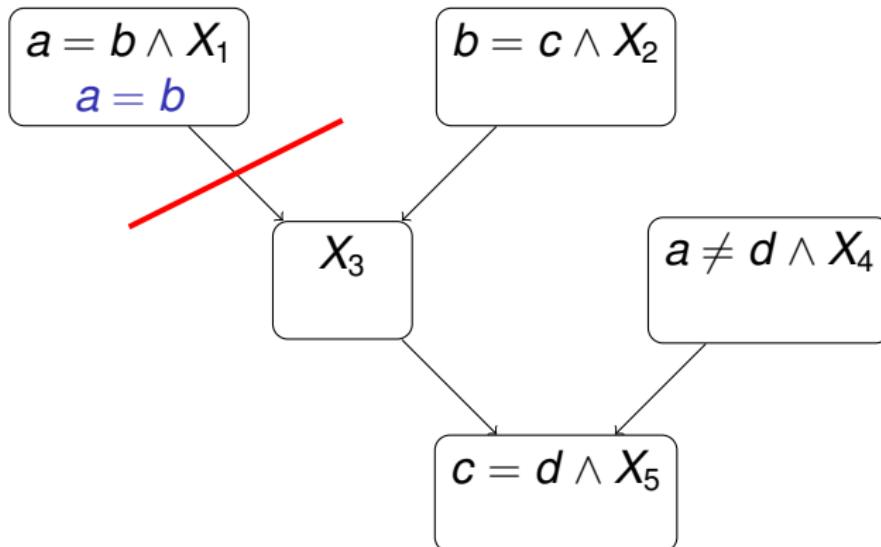
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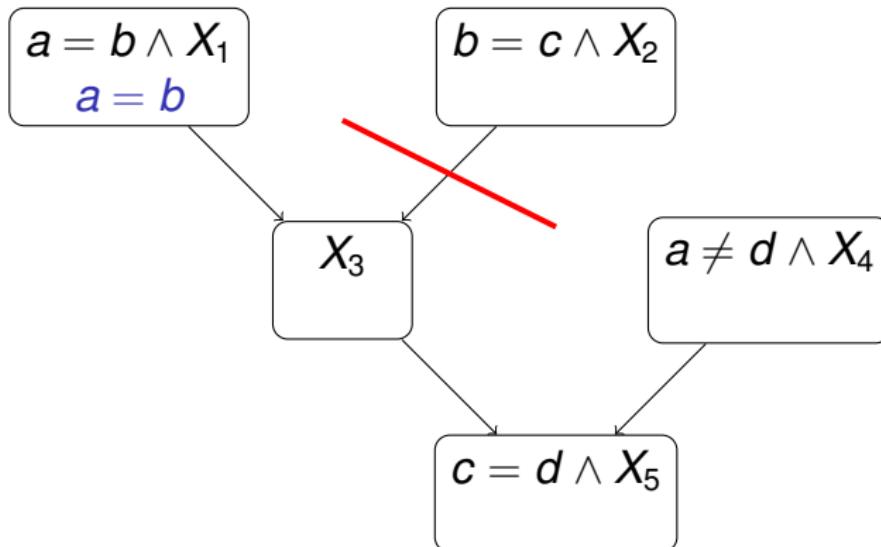
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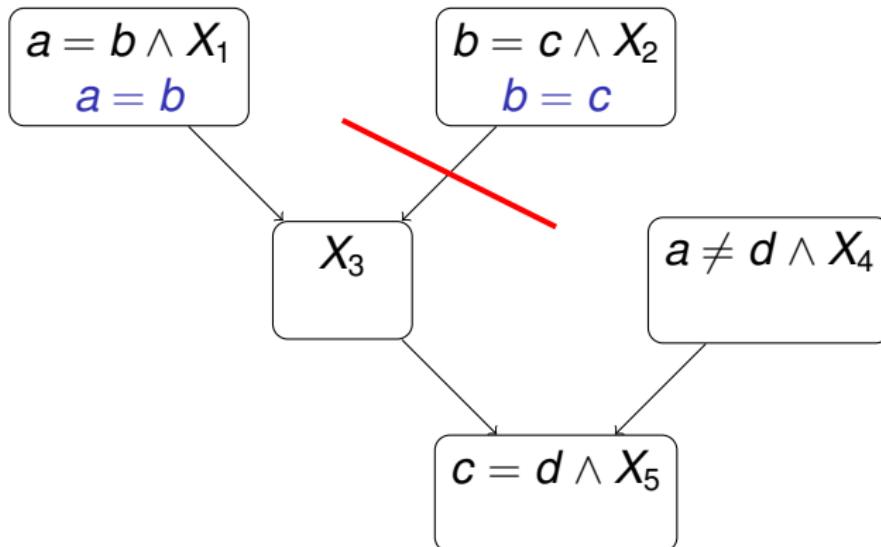
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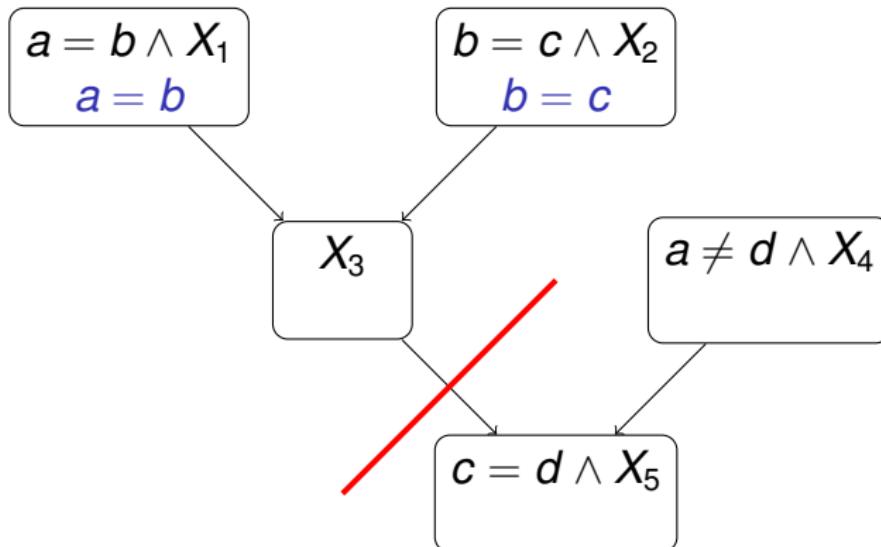
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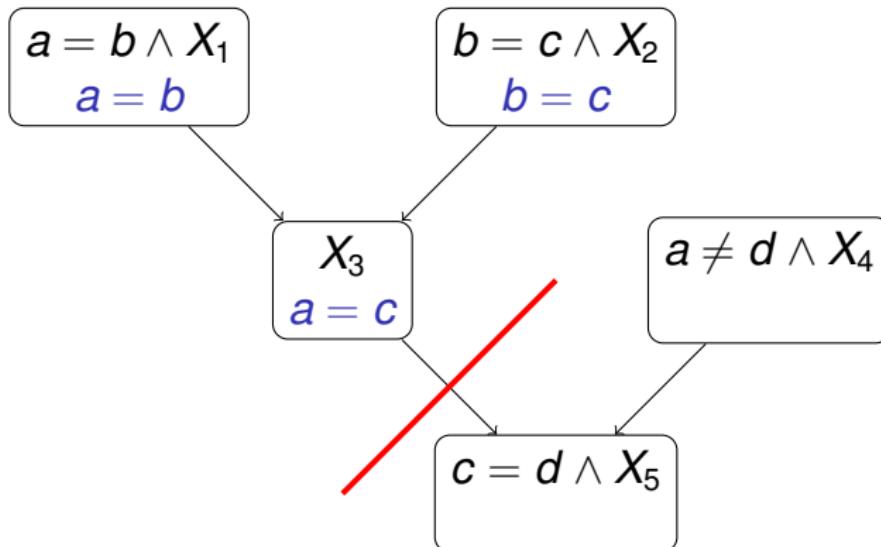
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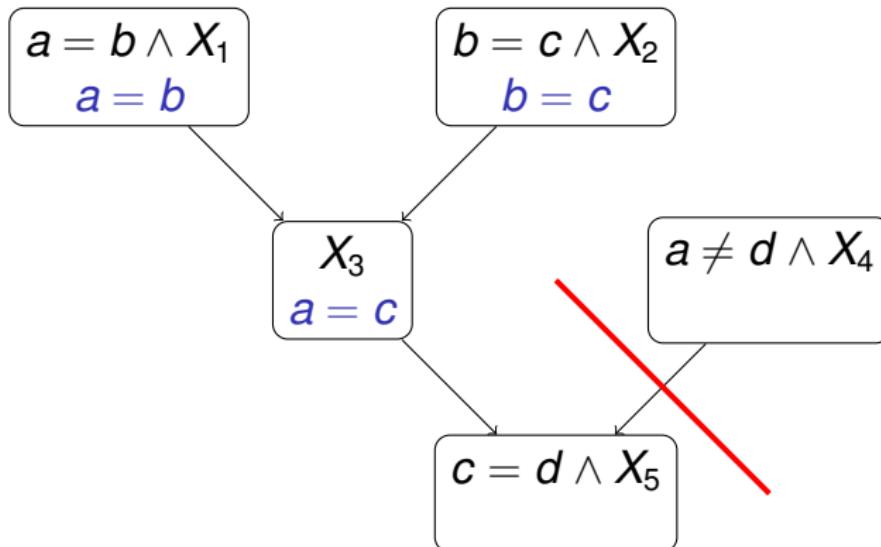
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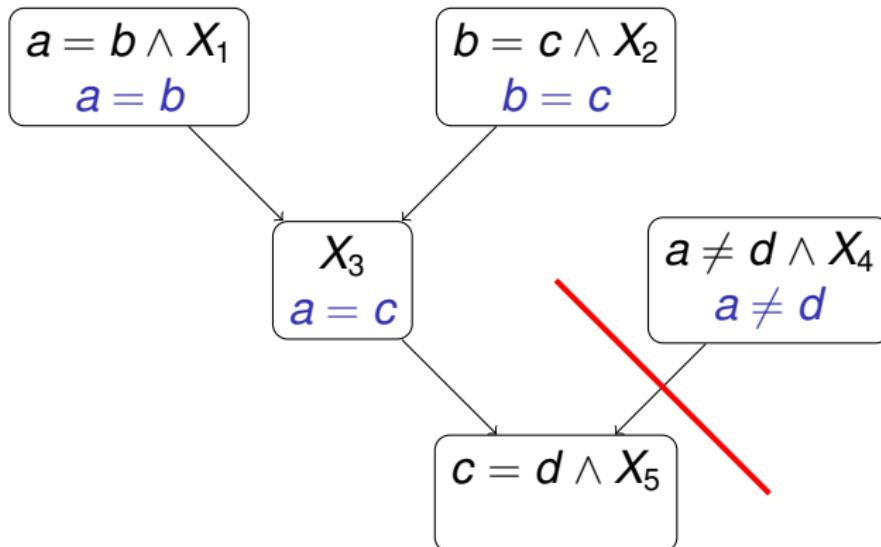
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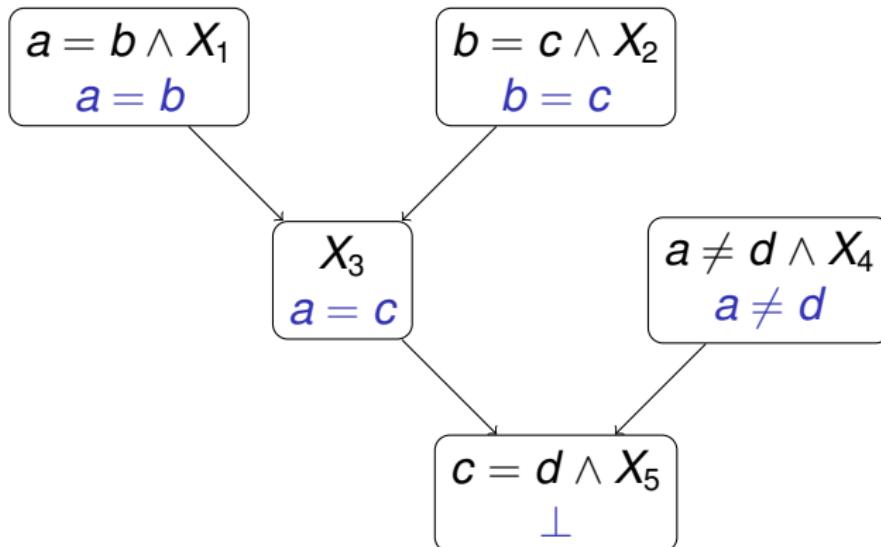
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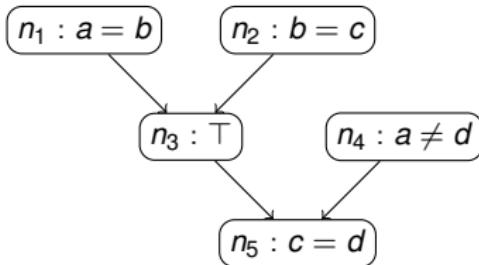
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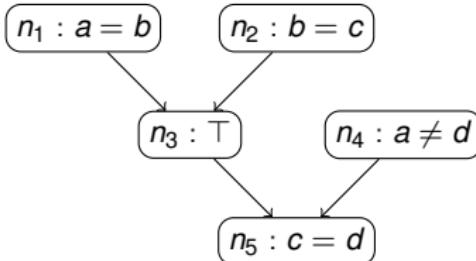
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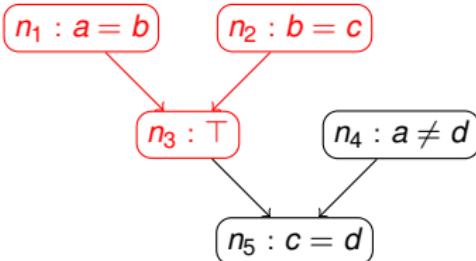
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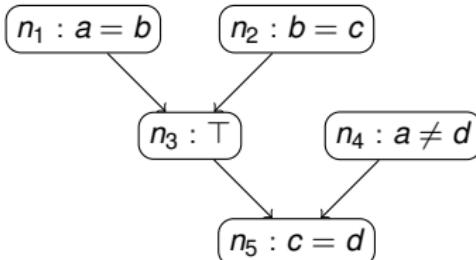
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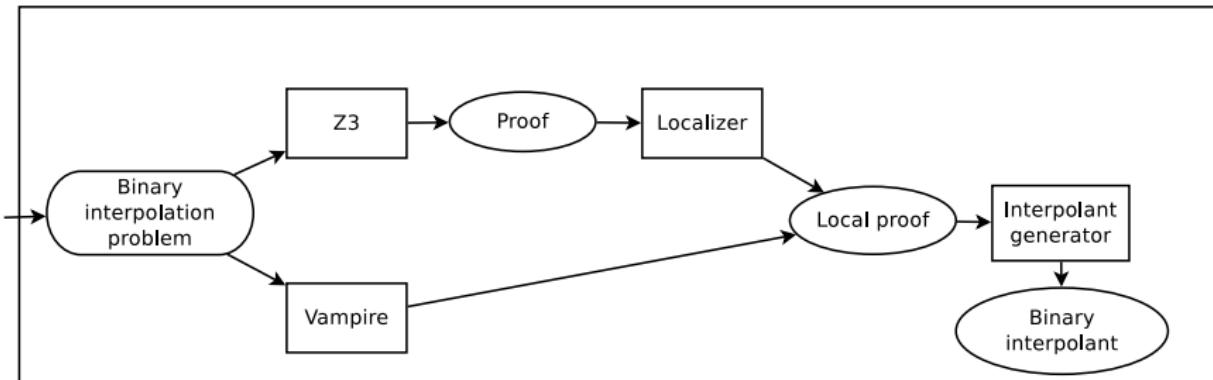
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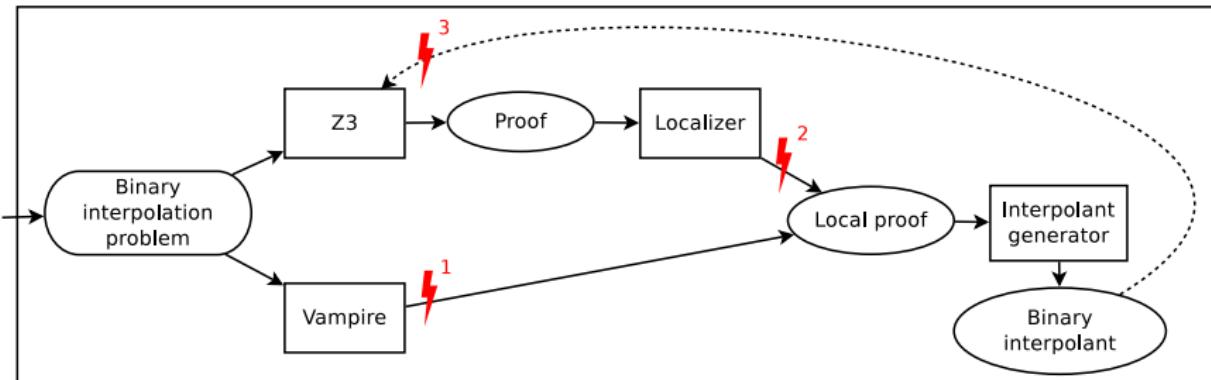
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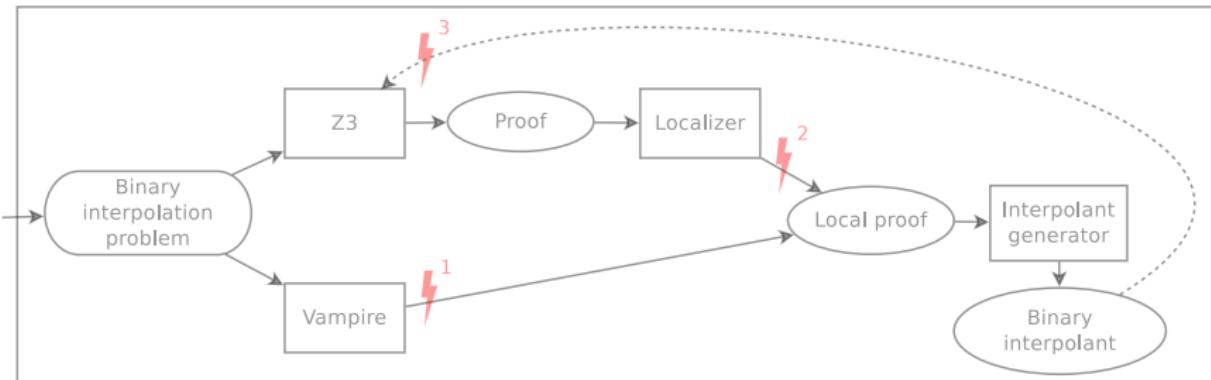
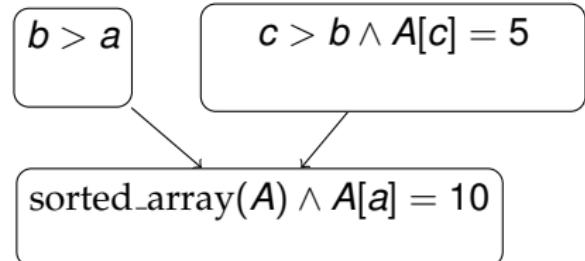
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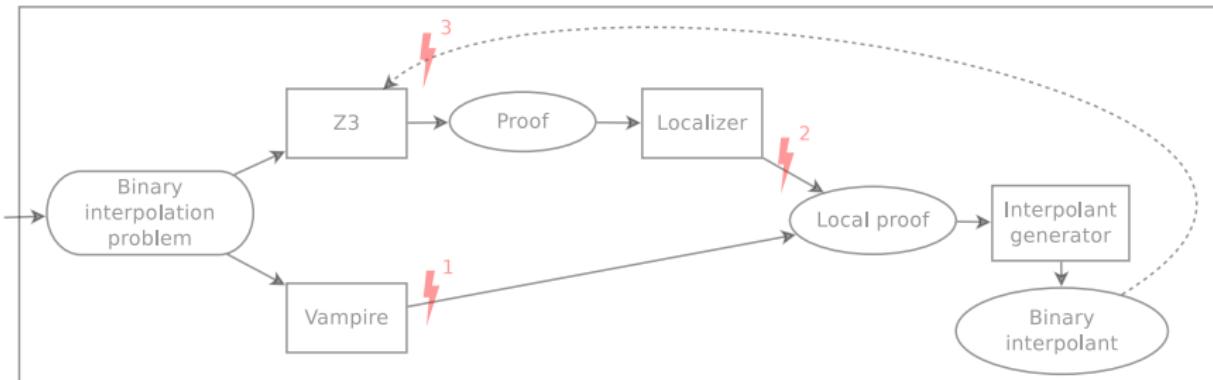
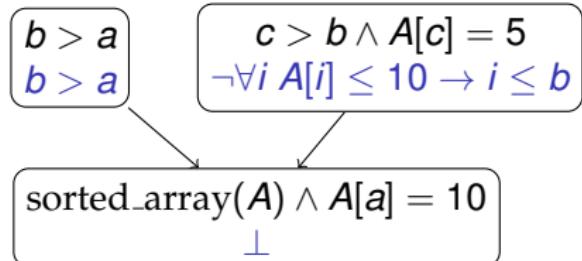
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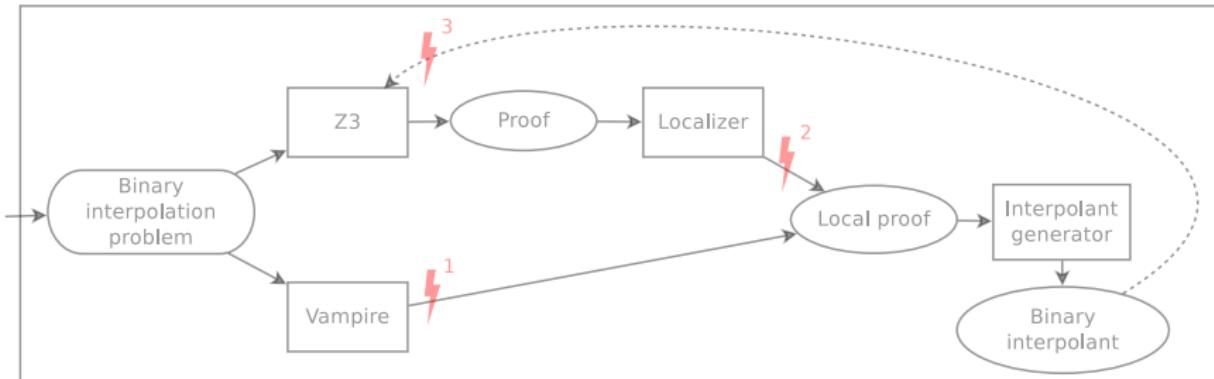
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