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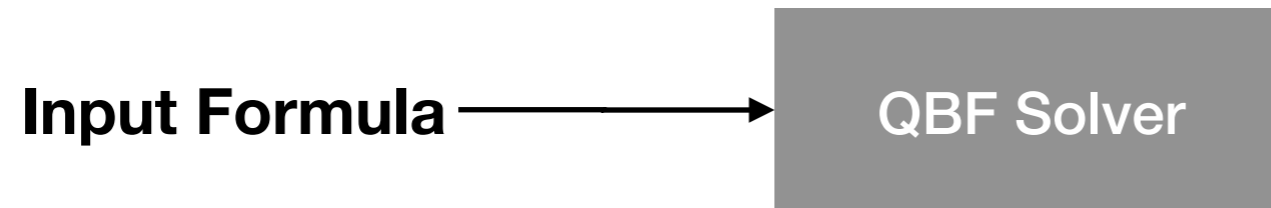
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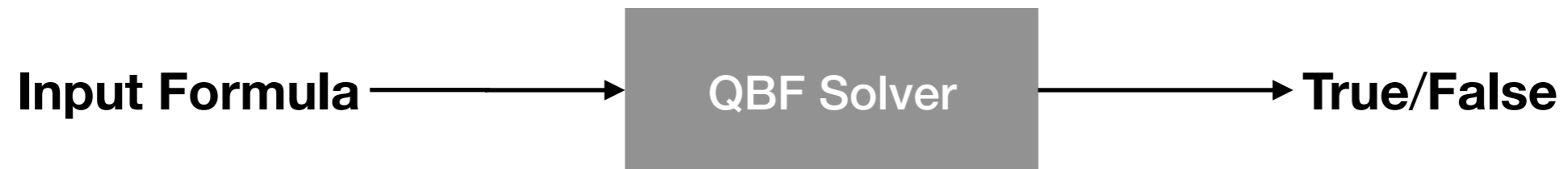
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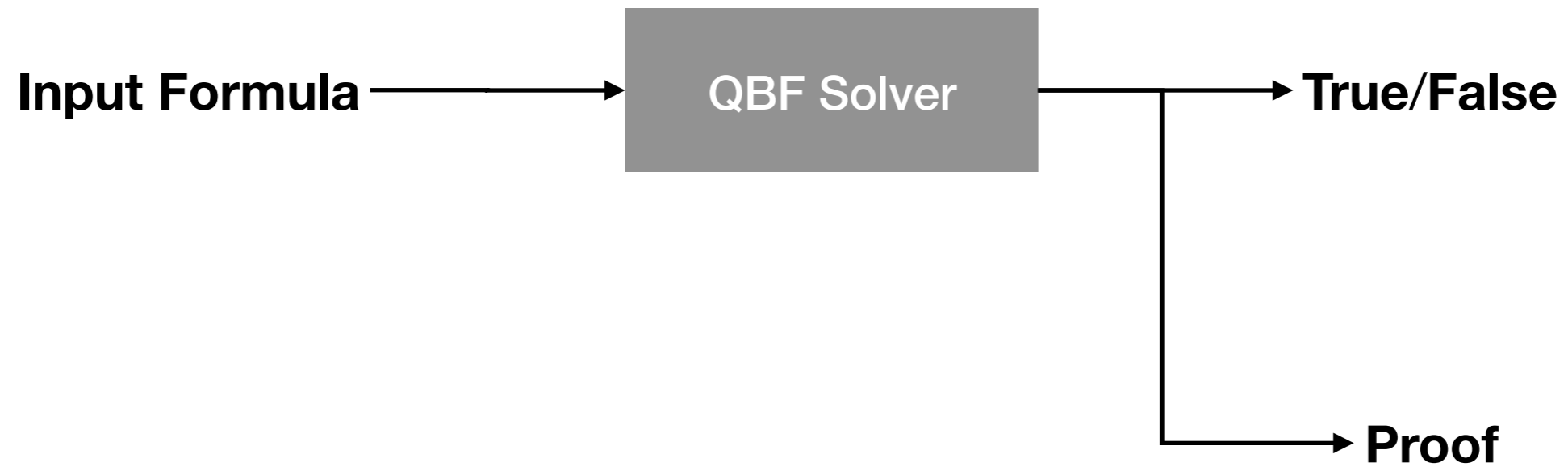
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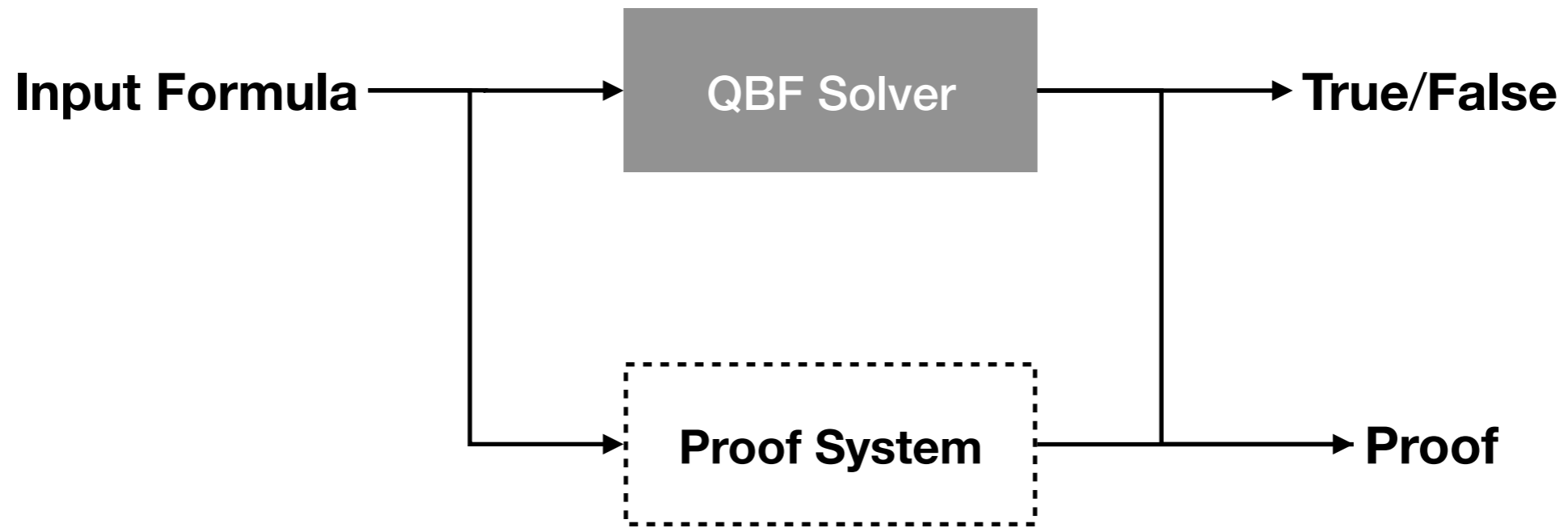
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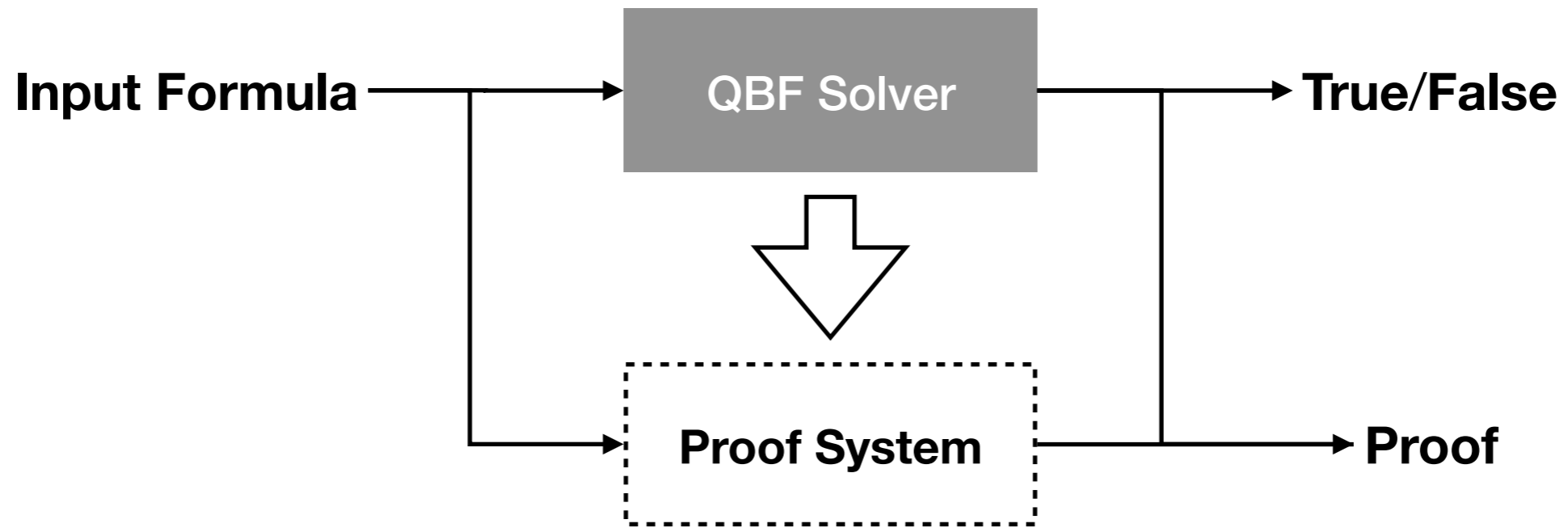
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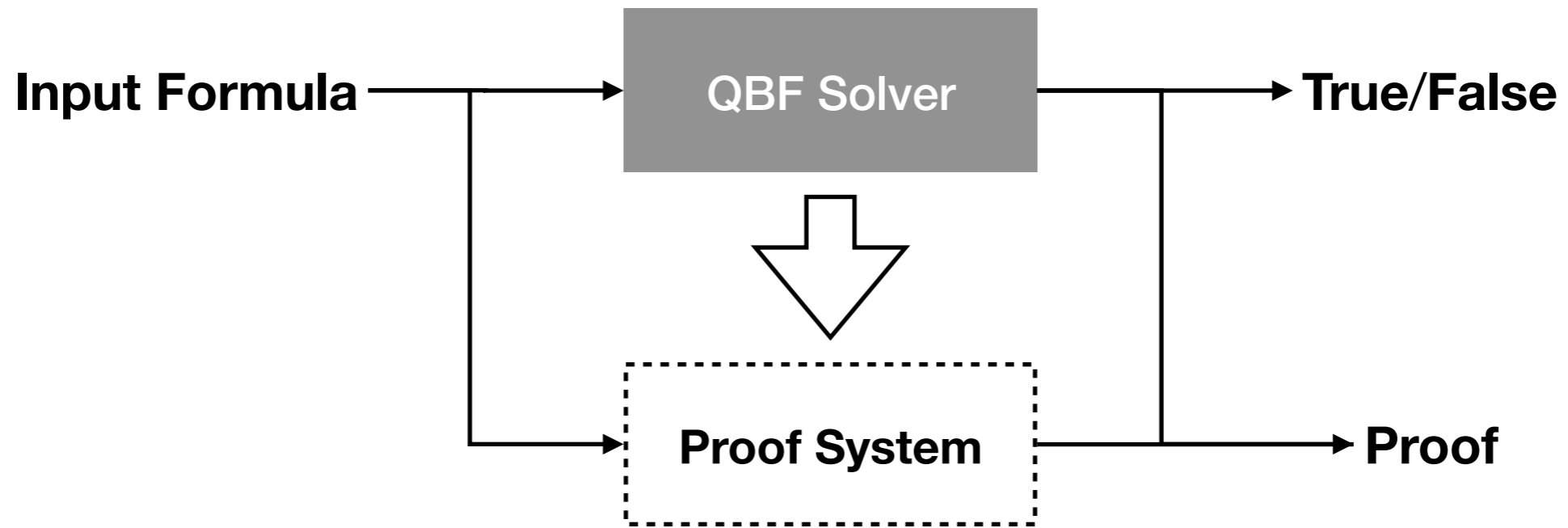
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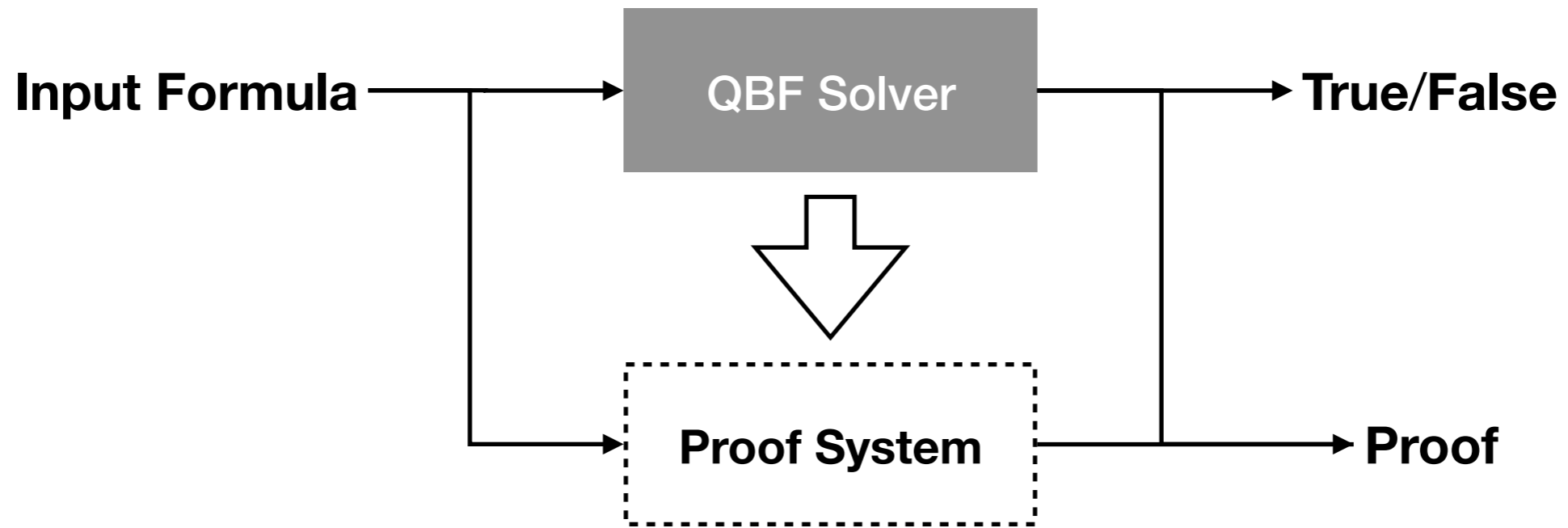


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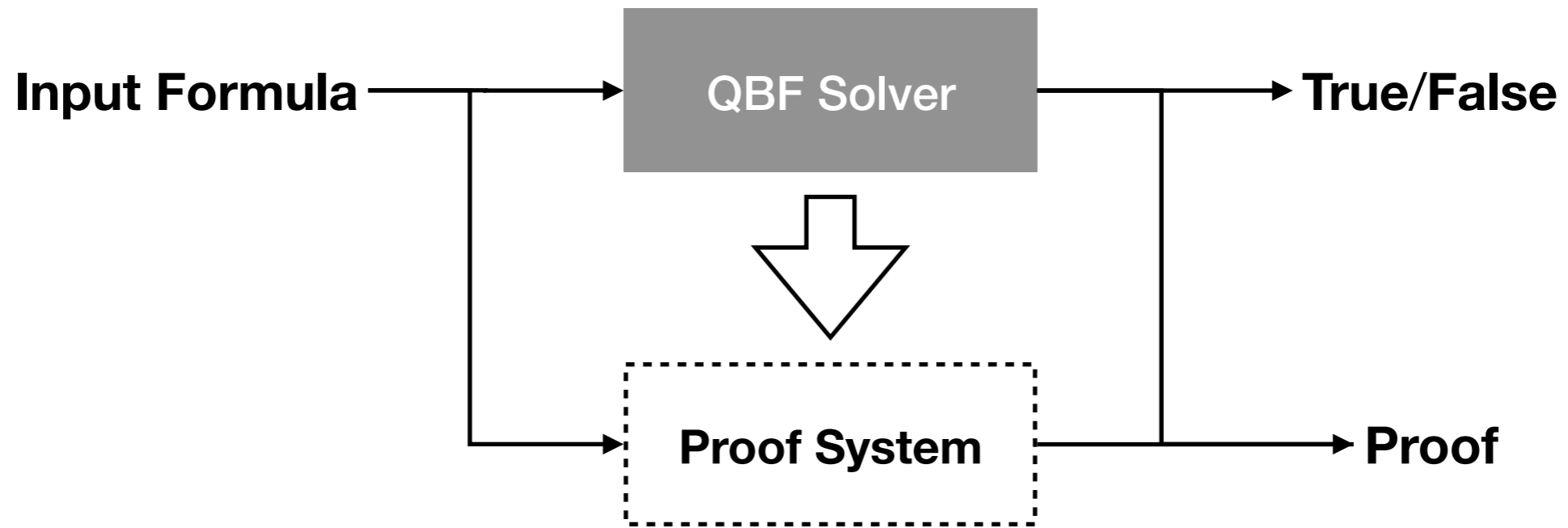
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QBF Solver A

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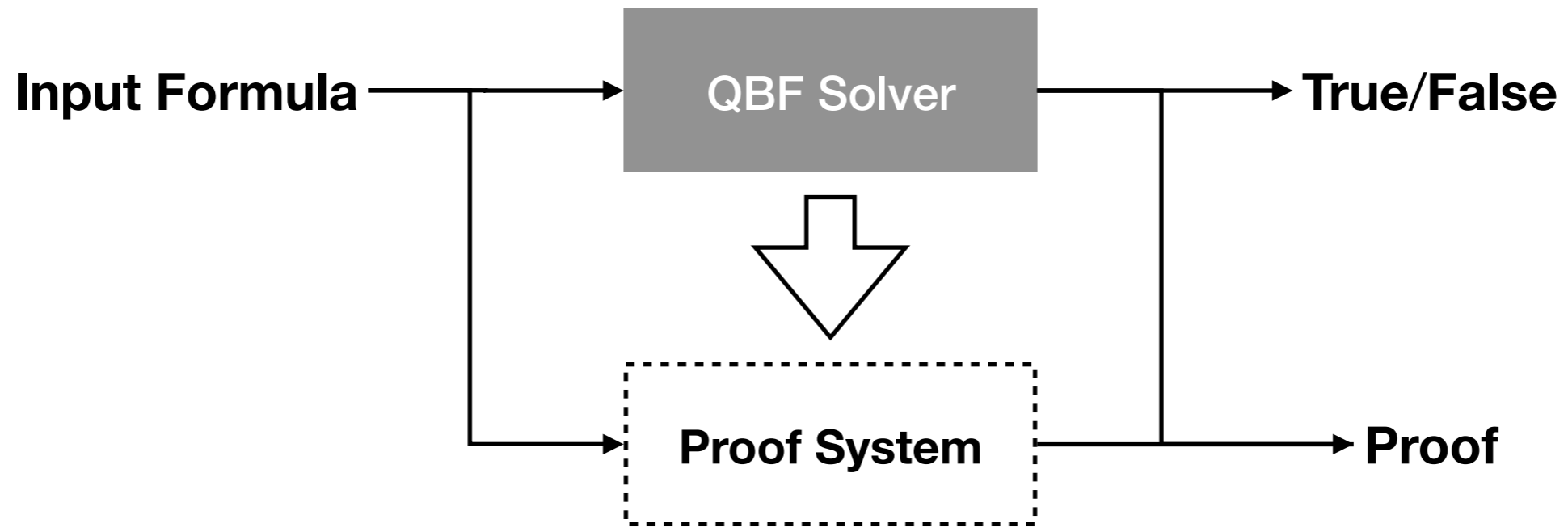


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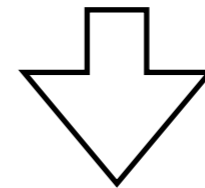
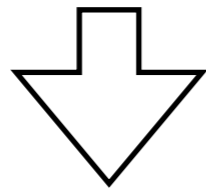
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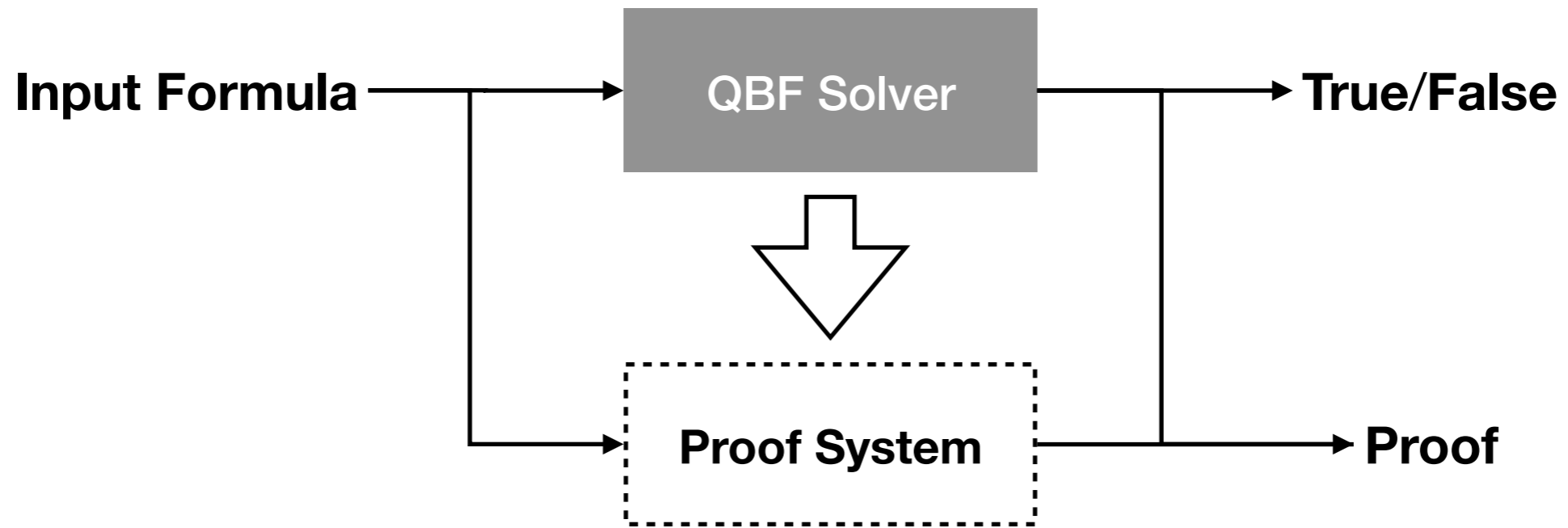
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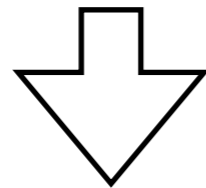
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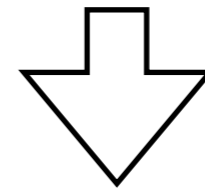
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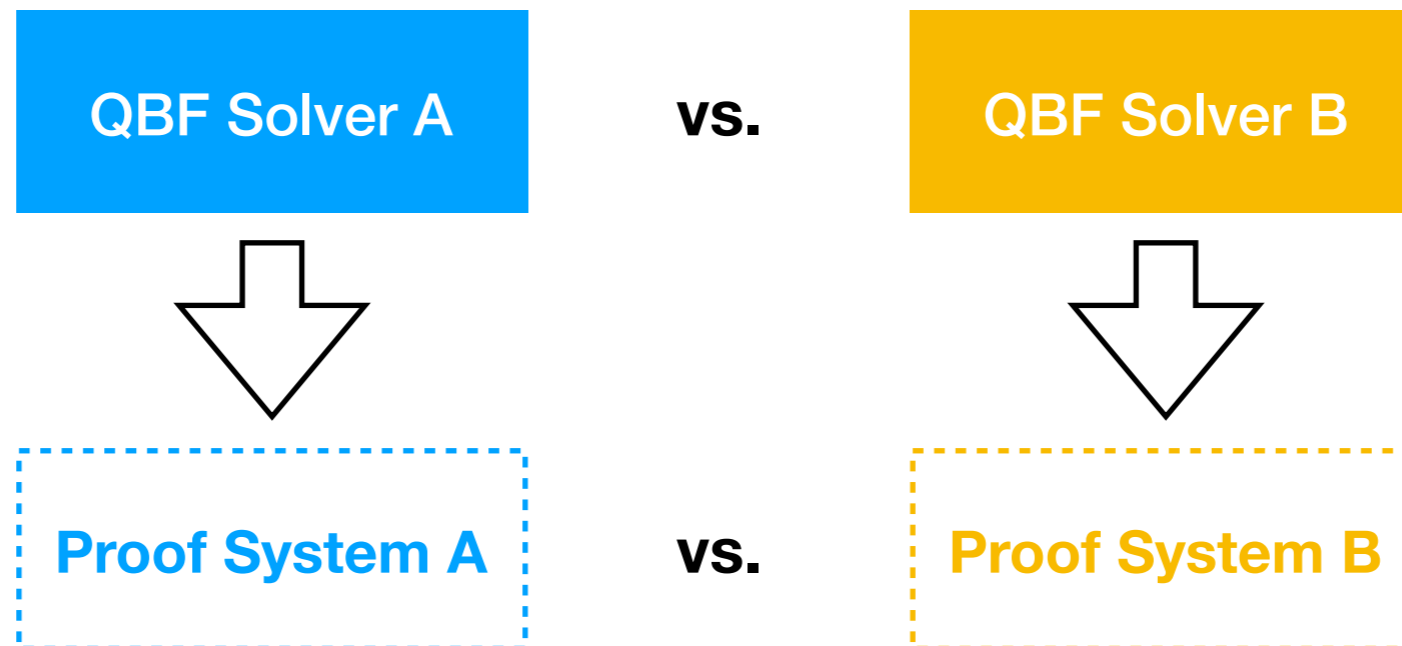
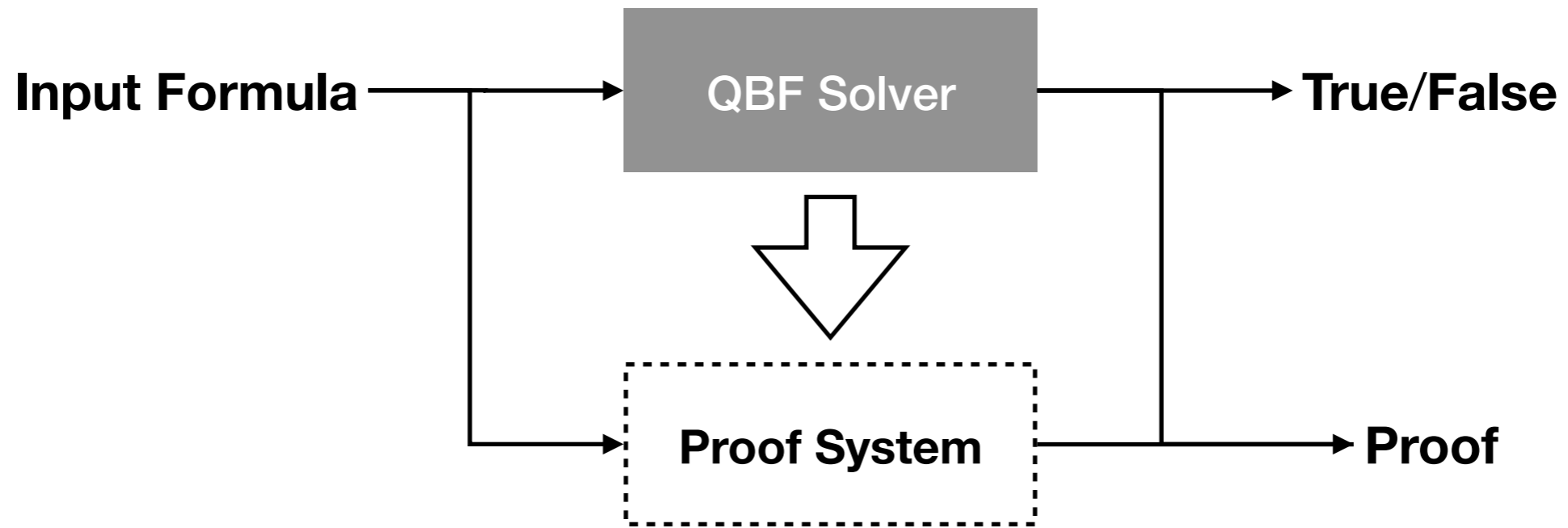


Proof System A



Proof System B

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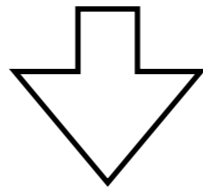
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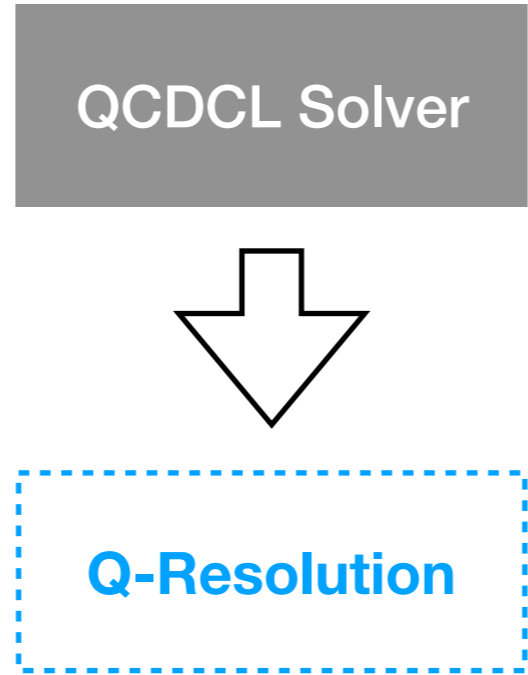
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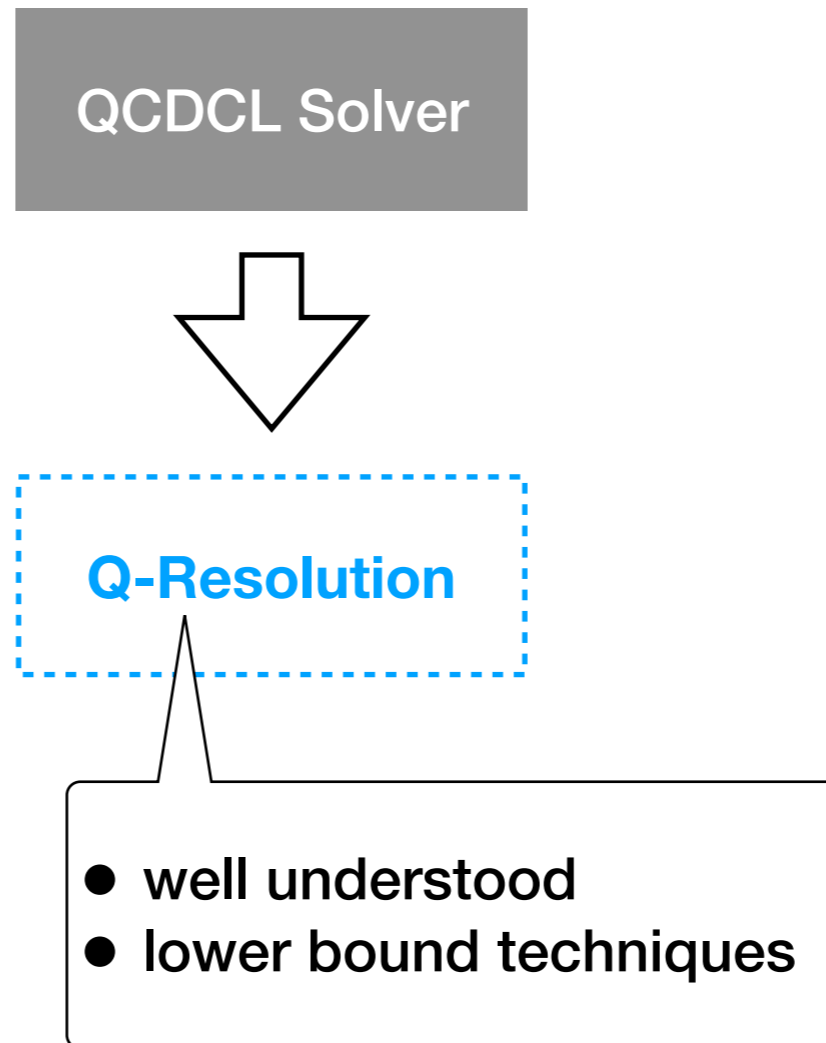
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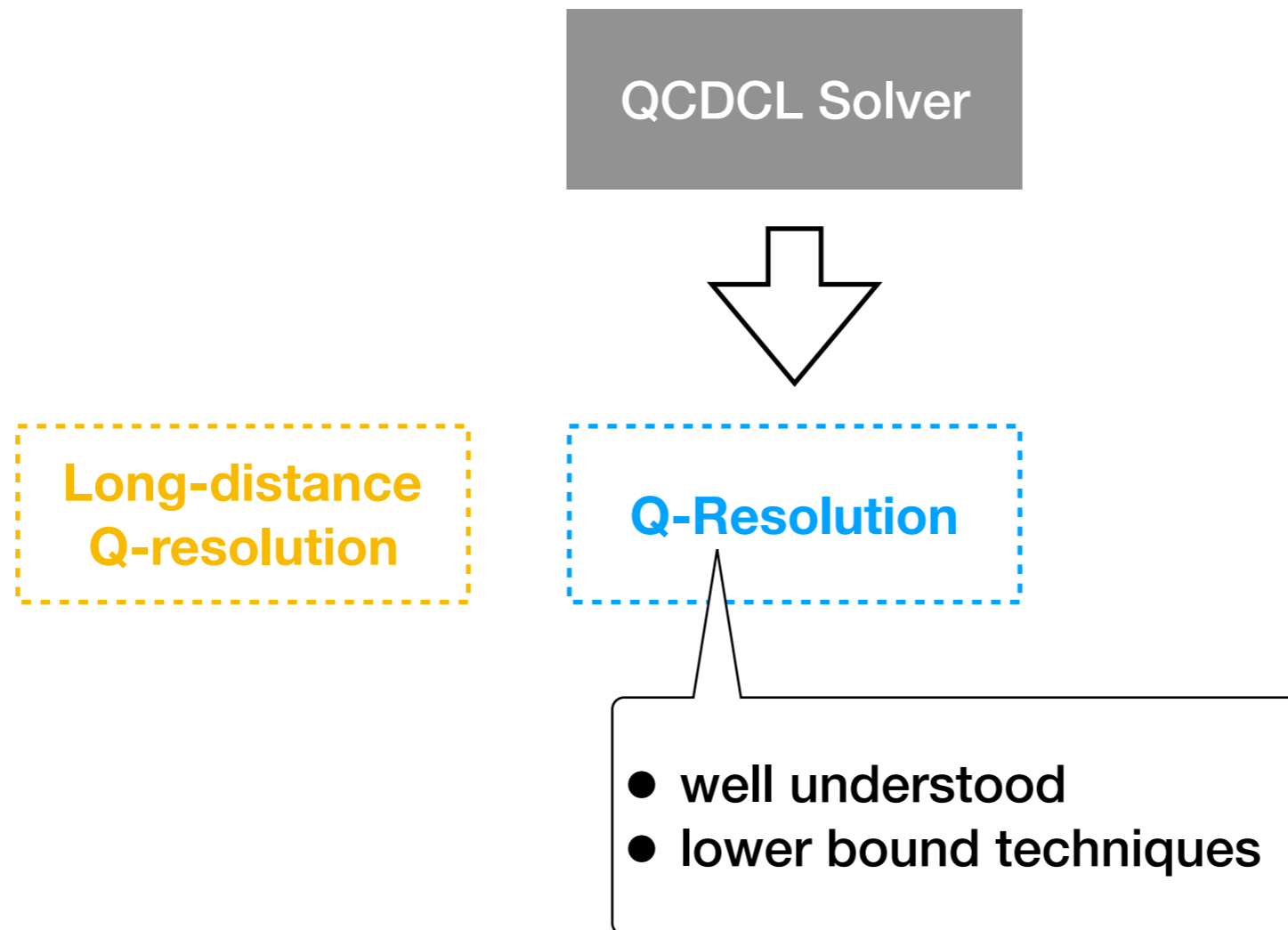
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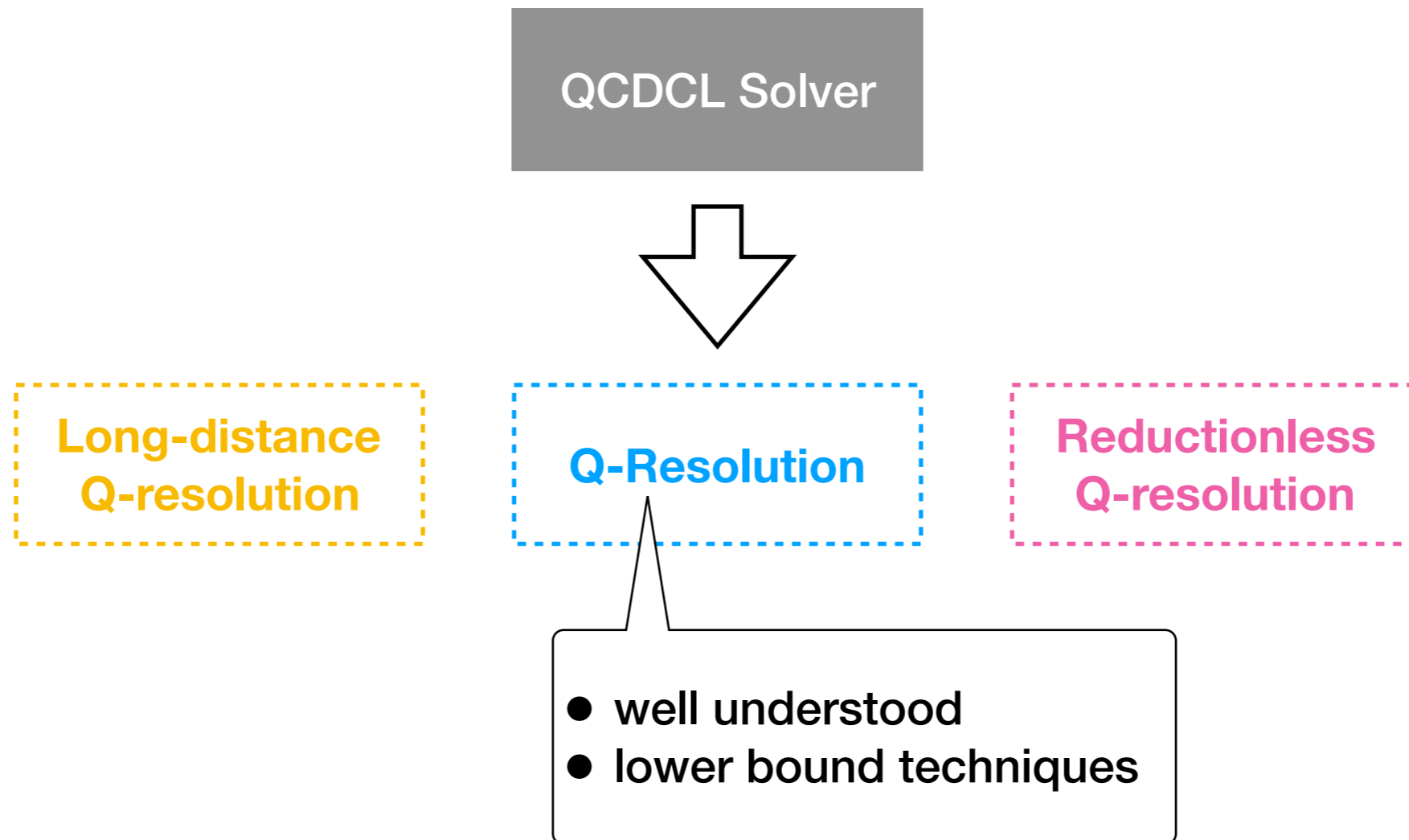
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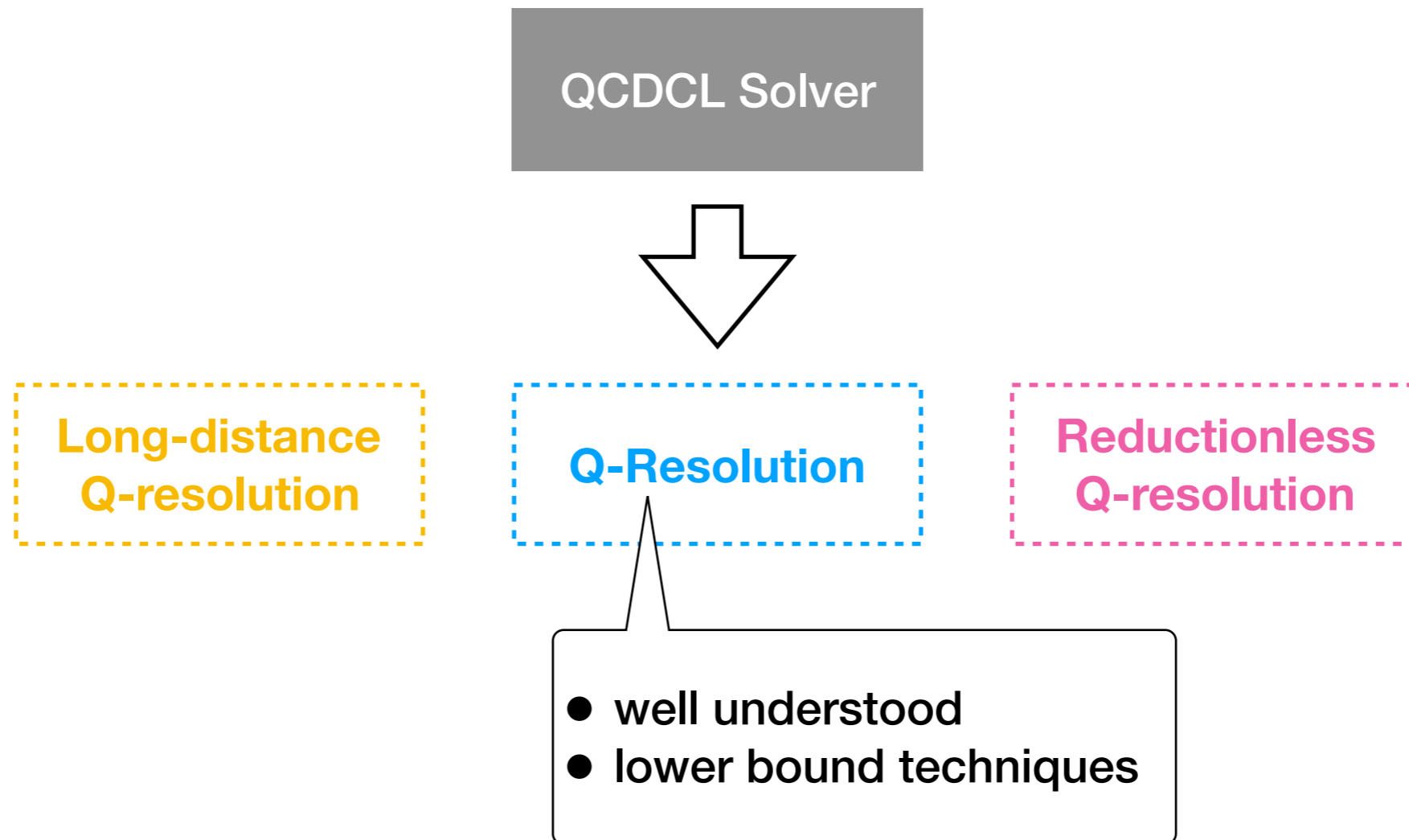
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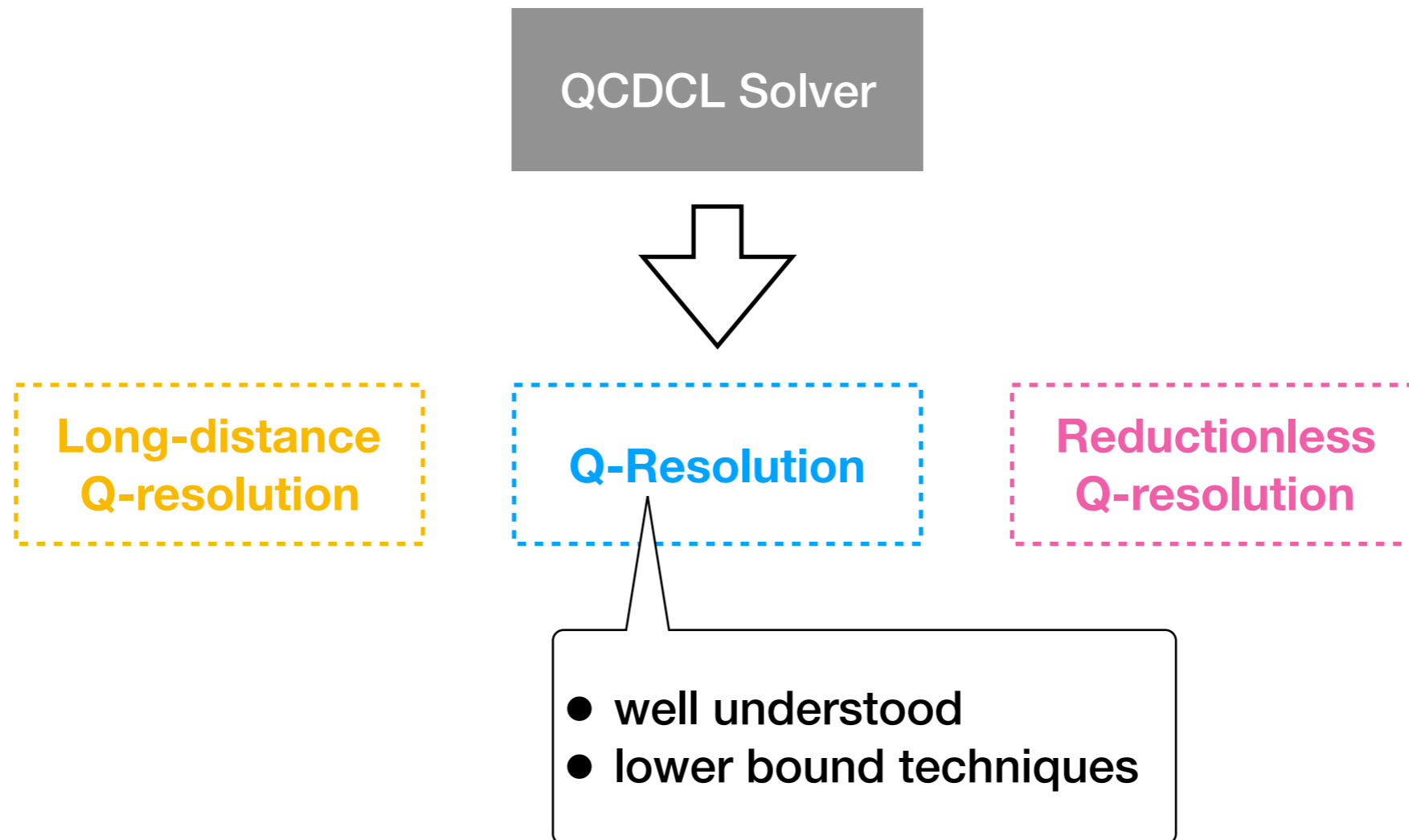


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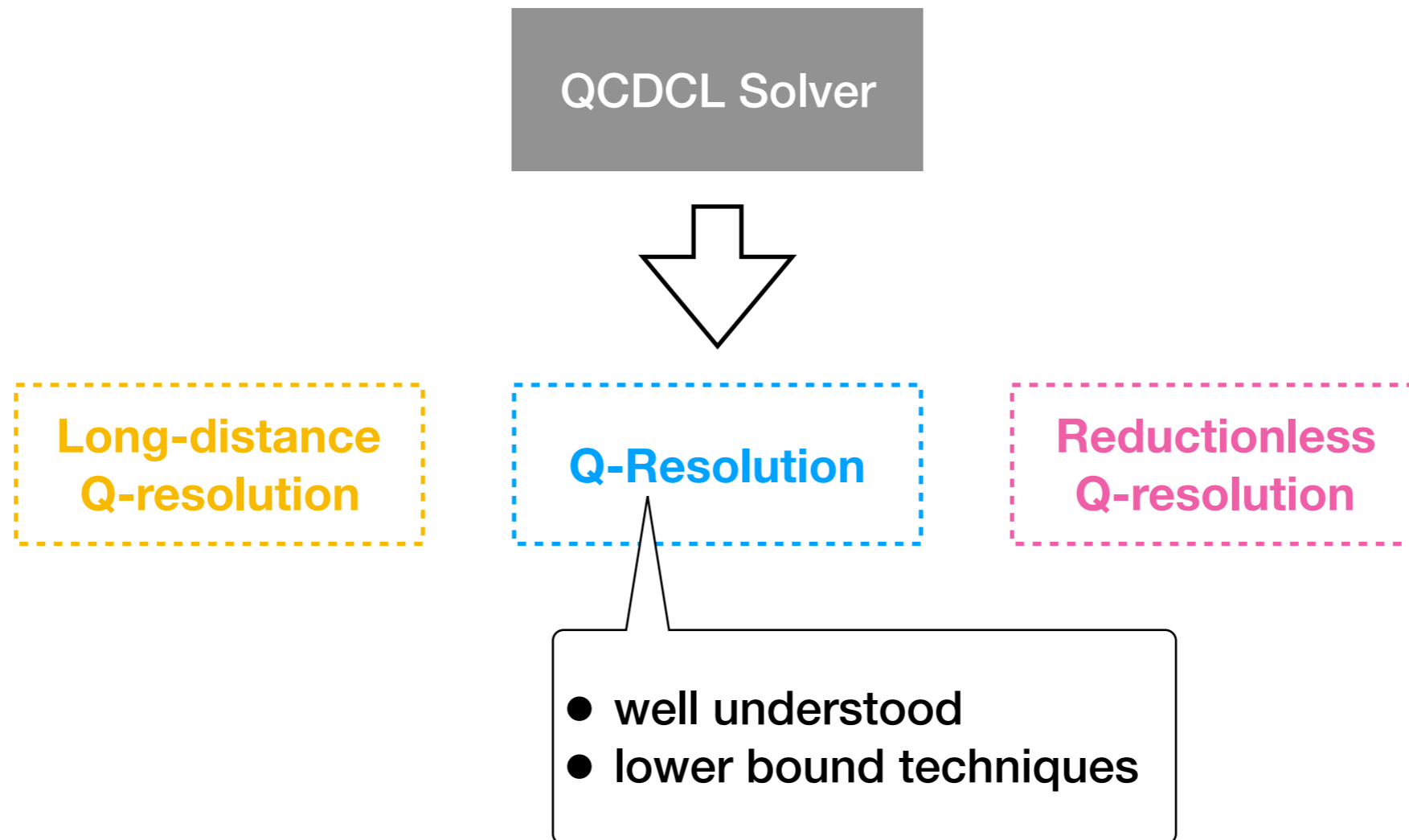
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This talk:

1. Relative Strength Reductionless Q-res.

QCDCL and Q-resolution



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1. Relative Strength Reductionless Q-res.
2. Extending Lower Bound Techniques

Q-resolution and Strategy Extraction

Q-resolution

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$$\forall x_1 \exists y_1 \dots \forall x_k \exists y_k . \varphi$$

Q-resolution

$$\forall x_1 \exists y_1 \dots \forall x_k \exists y_k . \varphi \leftarrow \text{CNF}$$

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CNF

$$\frac{C \vee e \quad \neg e \vee D}{C \vee D}$$

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non-tautological

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$$\frac{C \vee u}{C}$$

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Early work on proof complexity:

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Early work on proof complexity:

1. propositional lower bounds
2. ad-hoc proofs

Strategies

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Players

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\forall

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Strategies

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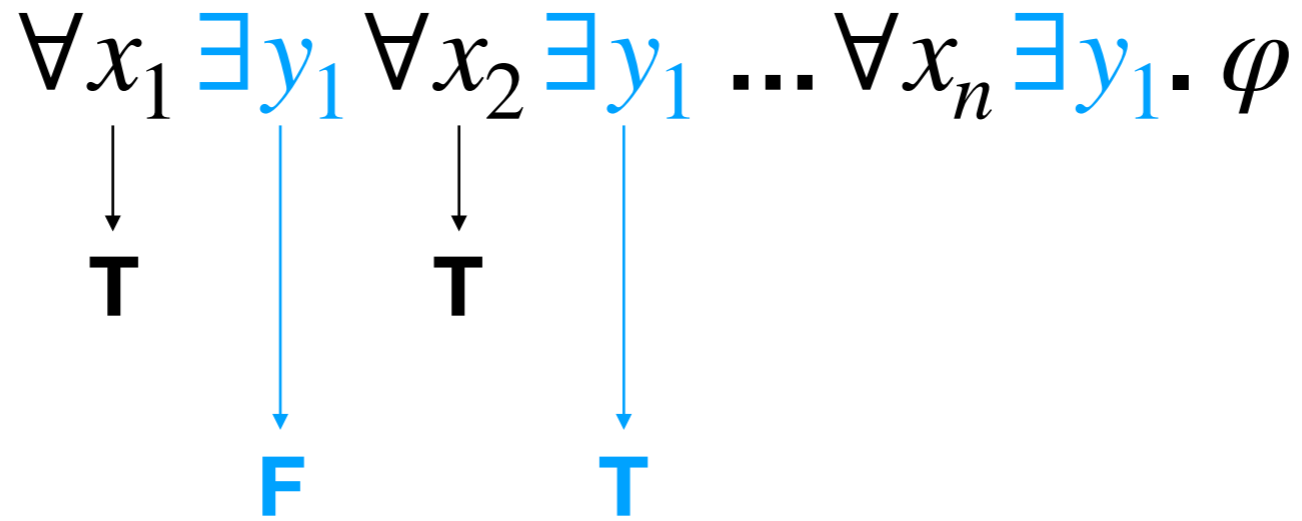
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Strategies

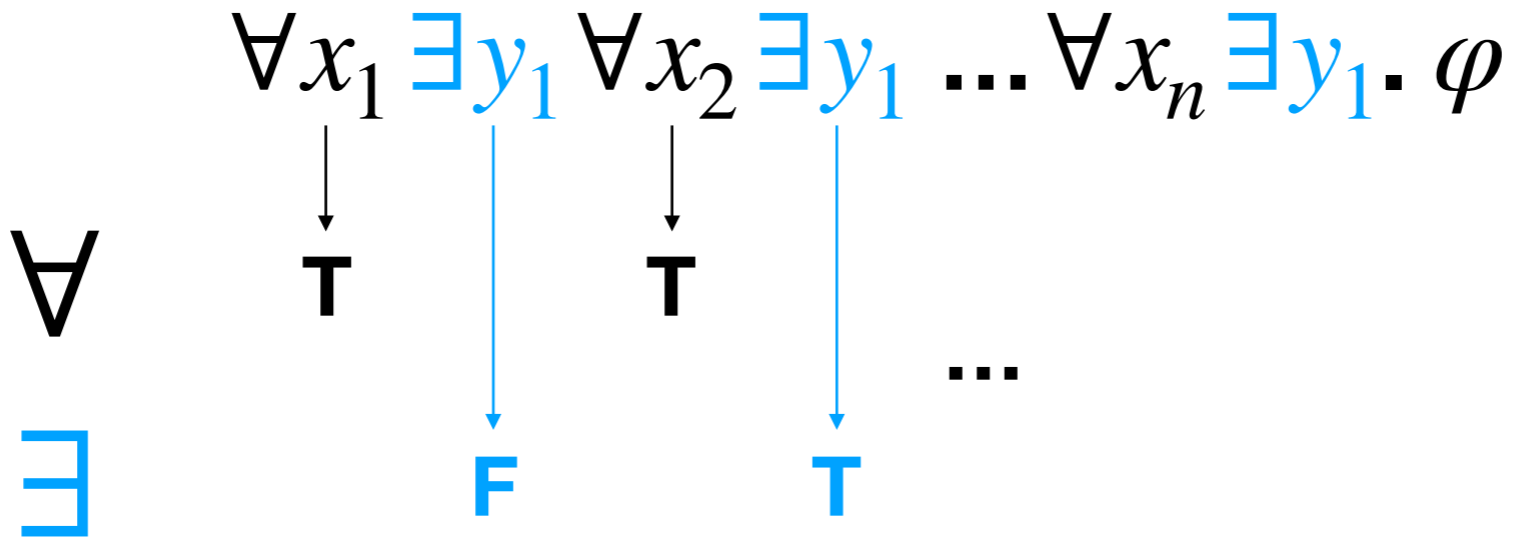
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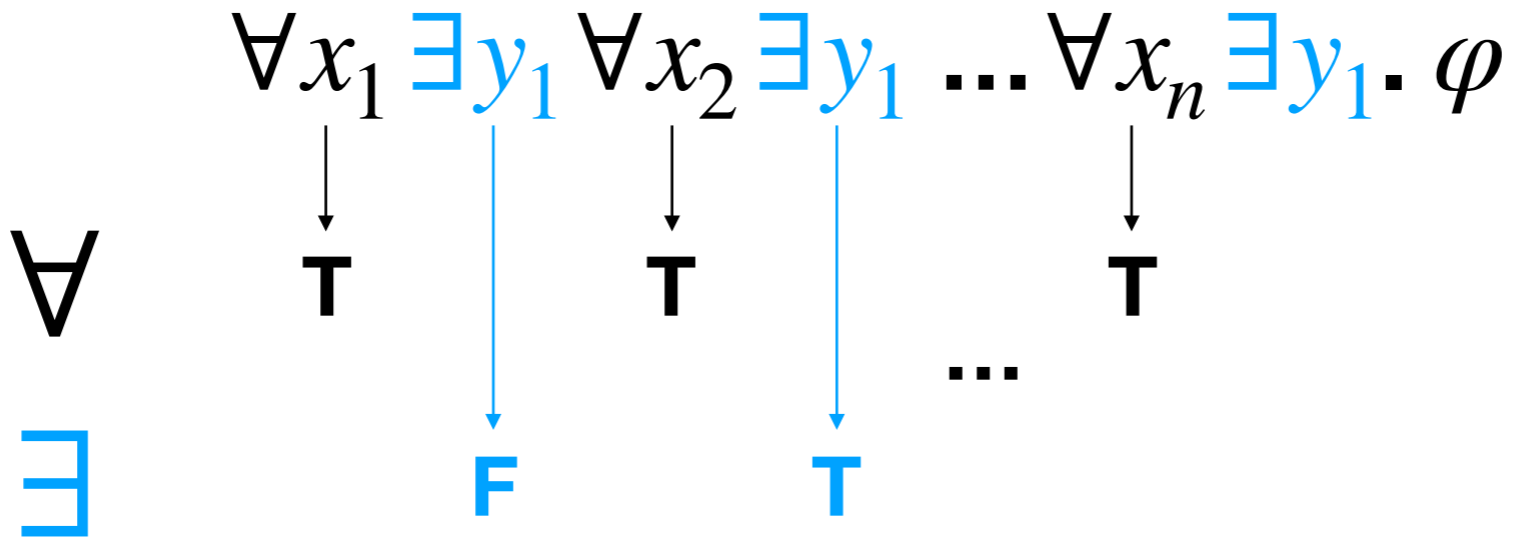
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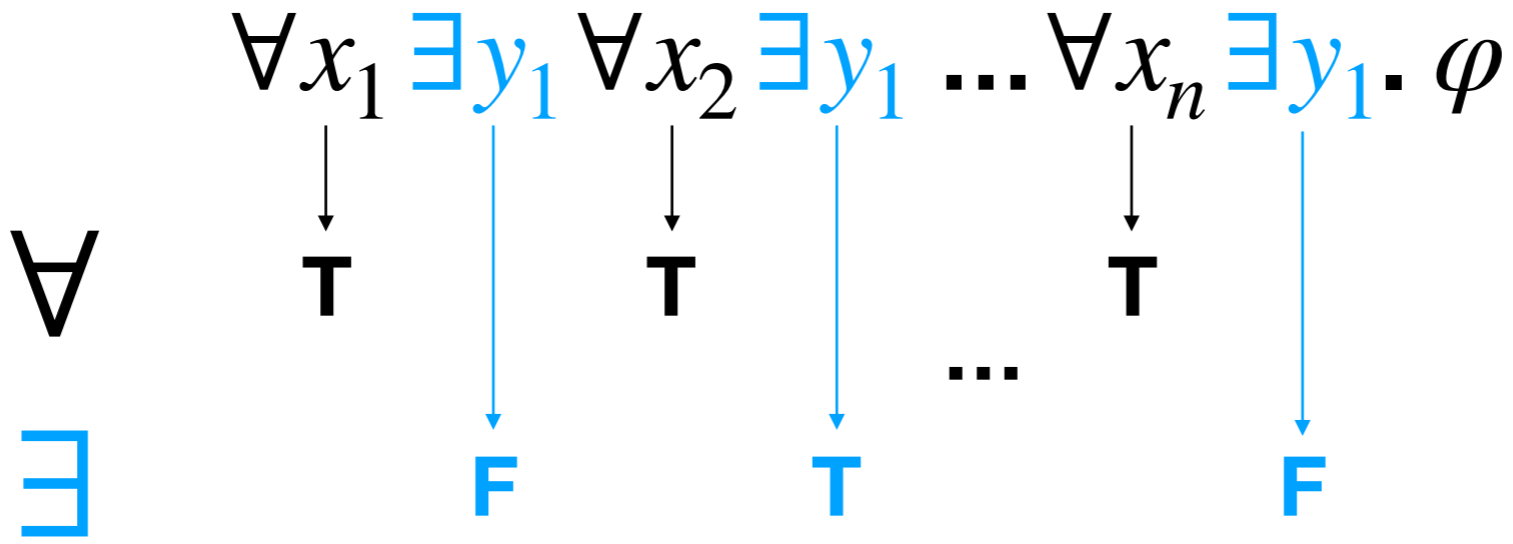
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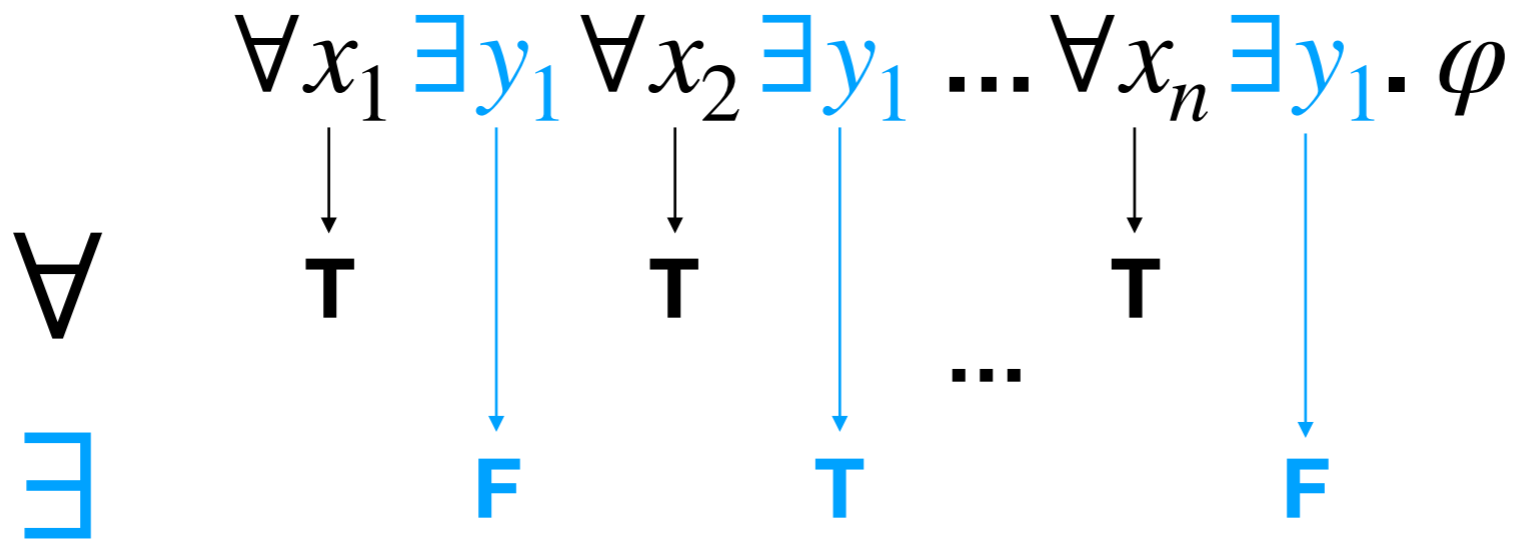
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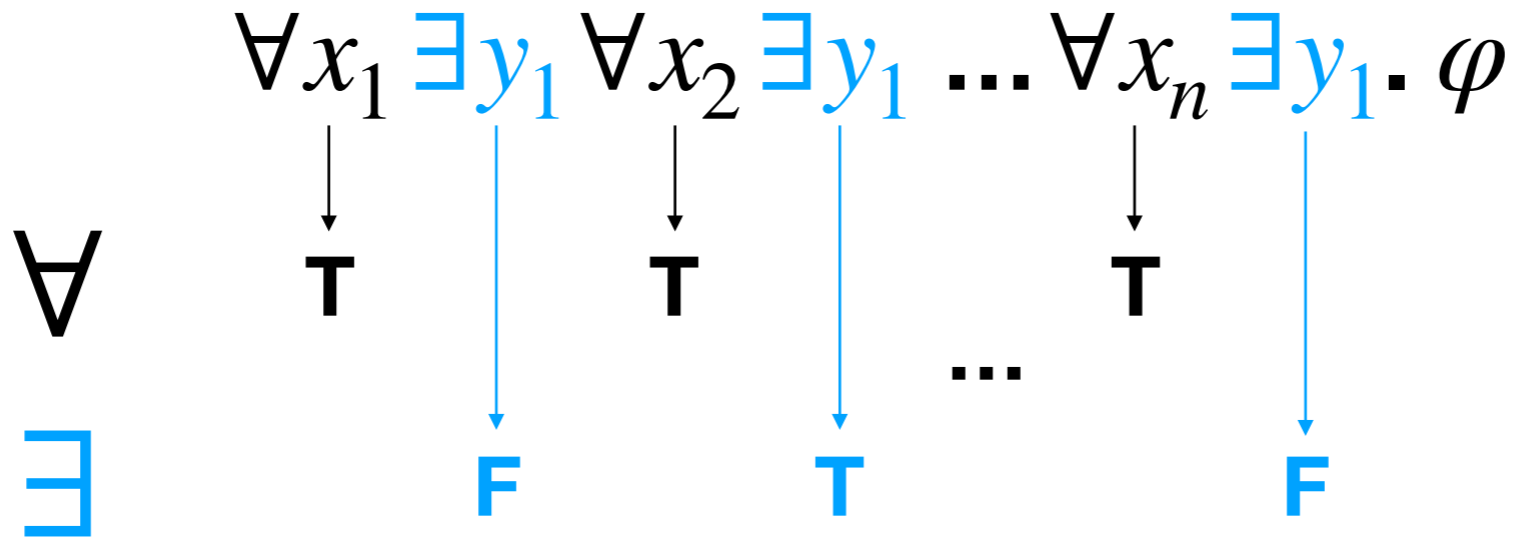
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\forall/\exists wins if the assignment **falsifies/satisfies** φ

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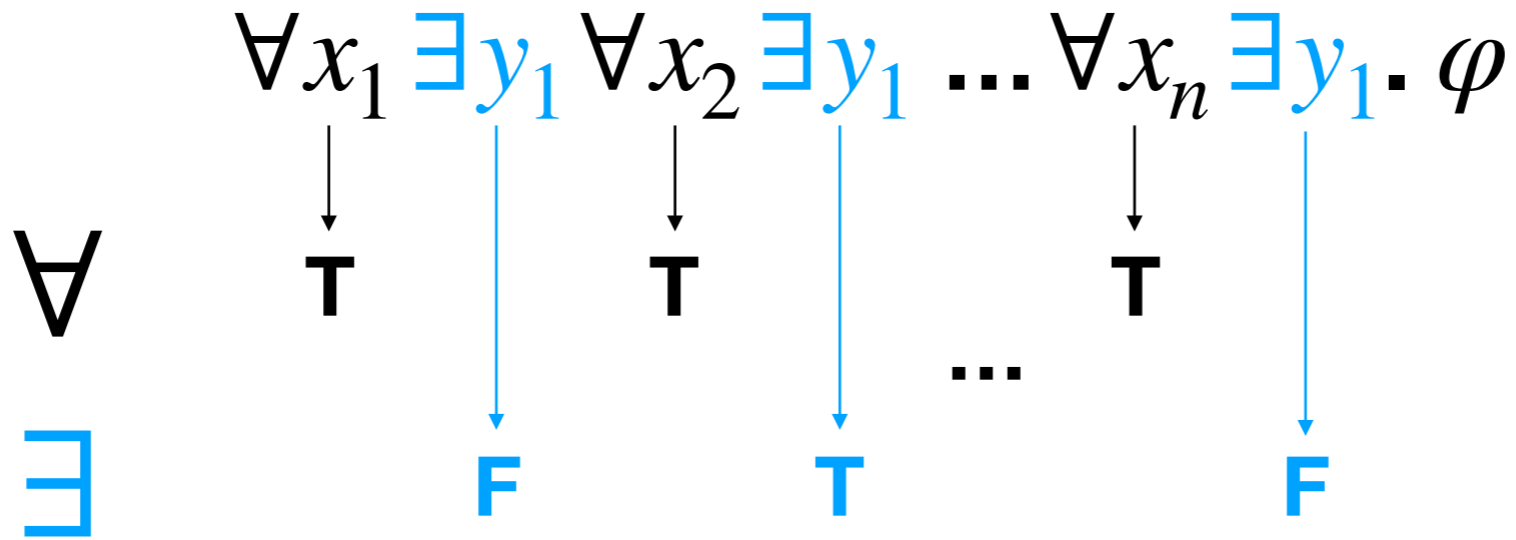


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Strategies

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true \Leftrightarrow **existential** winning strategy

false \Leftrightarrow **universal** winning strategy

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C_1

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C_1

C_2

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C_3

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C_1

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C_1

C_2

C_3

...

C_{k-1}

Strategy Extraction for Q-resolution

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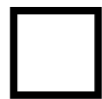
C_1

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C_{k-1}



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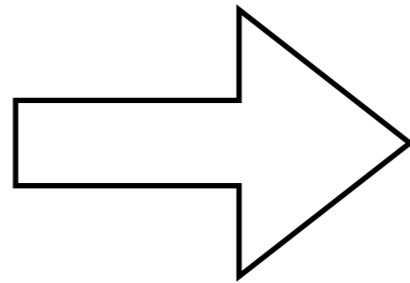
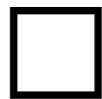
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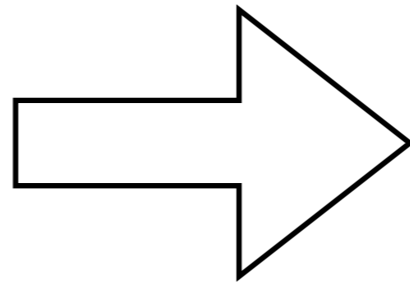
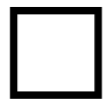
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C_1

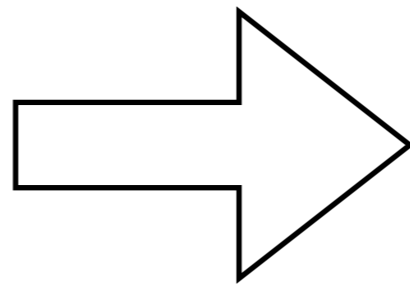
C_2

C_3

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C_{k-1}

□



Strategy

f_{u_1}, \dots, f_{u_n}

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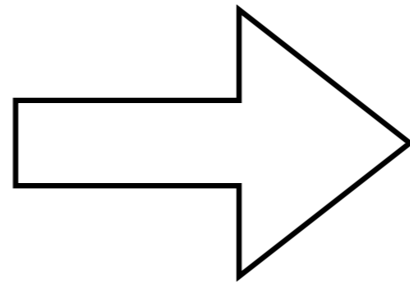
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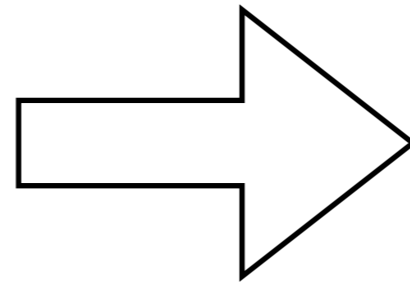
f_{u_1}, \dots, f_{u_n}

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$$\begin{array}{l} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ \dots \\ C_{k-1} \\ \square \end{array} \quad \frac{C_3 \vee u}{C_3}$$



Strategy

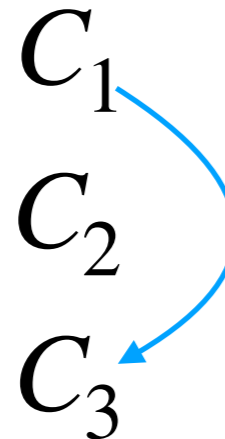
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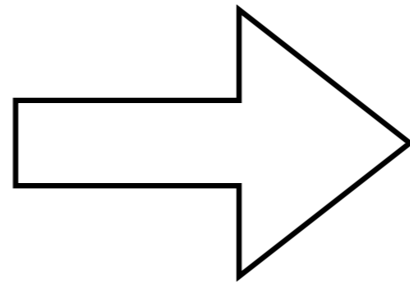
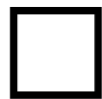
C_1
 C_2
 C_3



$\frac{C_3 \vee u}{C_3}$

...

C_{k-1}



Strategy

f_{u_1}, \dots, f_{u_n}

if $\neg C_3$ then $\neg u$

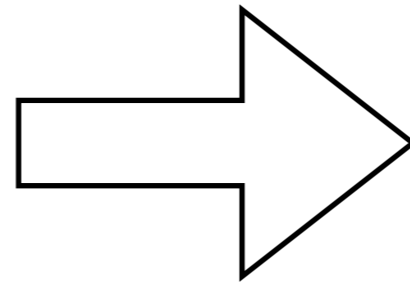
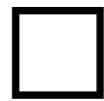
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$$\begin{array}{l} \dots \\ C_{k-1} \end{array} \quad \frac{C_{k-1} \vee \neg u}{C_{k-1}}$$



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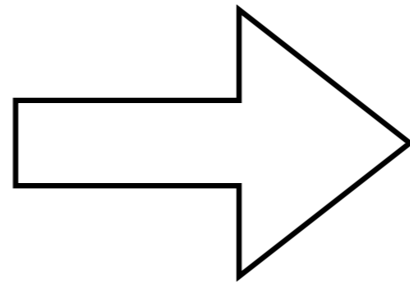
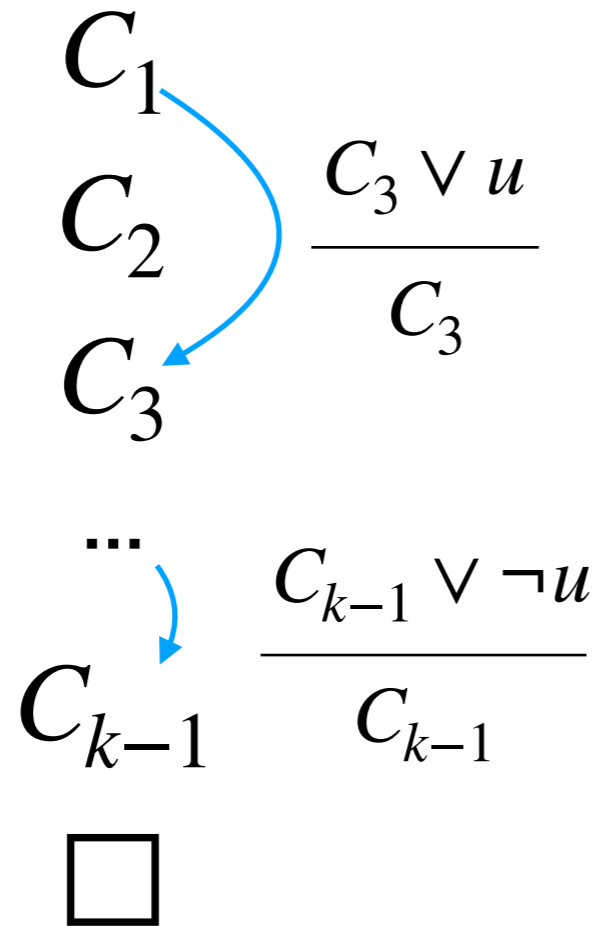
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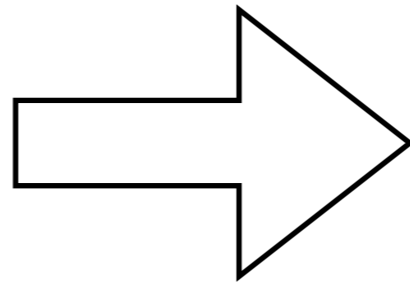
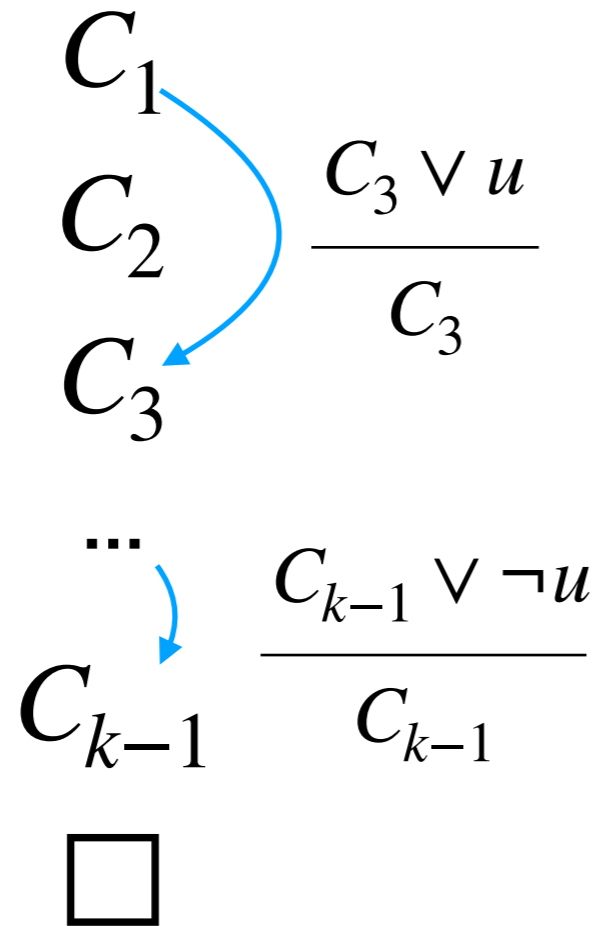
if $\neg C_3$ then $\neg u$

else if $\neg C_{k-1}$ then u

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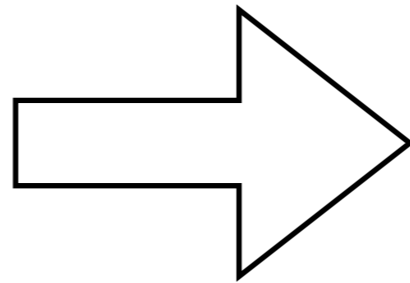
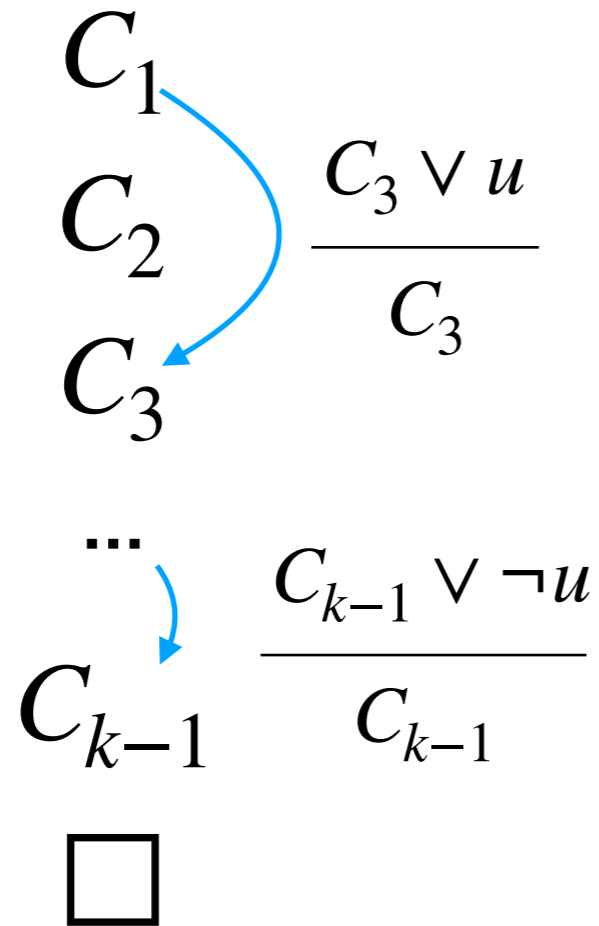
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f_u

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 \dots

Proof Size Lower Bounds via Strategy Extraction

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if $\neg C_1$ then l_1^u
else if $\neg C_2$ then l_2^u
...
else if $\neg C_k$ then l_k^u

Proof Size Lower Bounds via Strategy Extraction

Beyersdorff, Chew, Janota '15

if $\neg C_1$ then l_1^u
else if $\neg C_2$ then l_2^u ← $l_i^u \in \{u, \neg u\}$
...
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if $\neg C_1$ then l_1^u $\neg C_1 \rightarrow l_1^u$
else if $\neg C_2$ then l_2^u \swarrow
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...		...
else if $\neg C_k$ then l_k^u		

$l_i^u \in \{u, \neg u\}$

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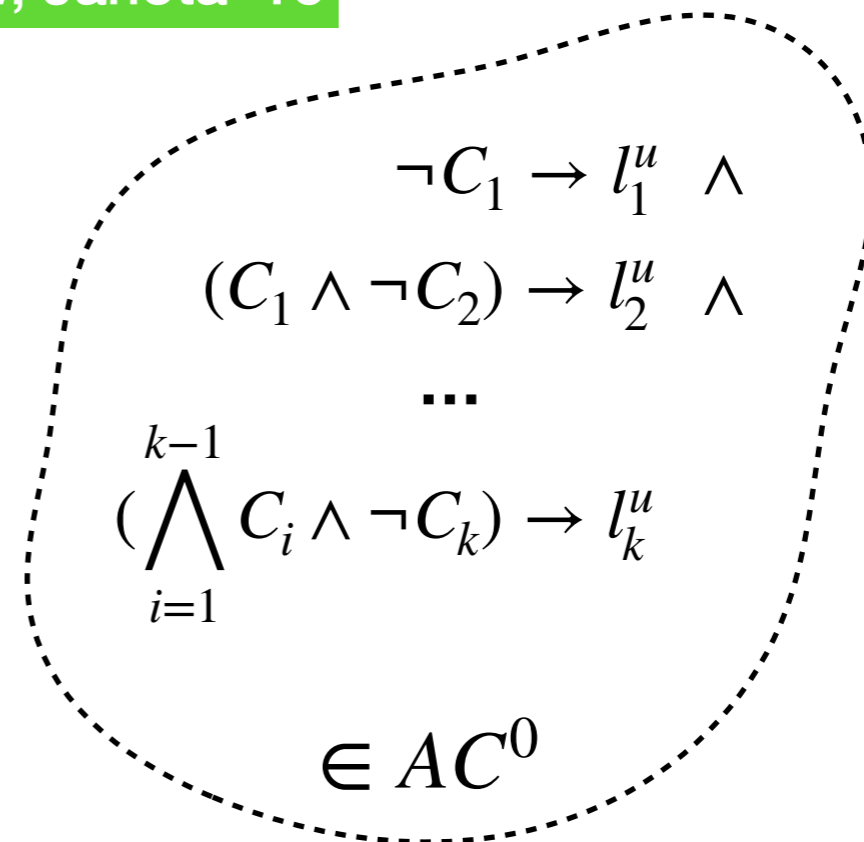
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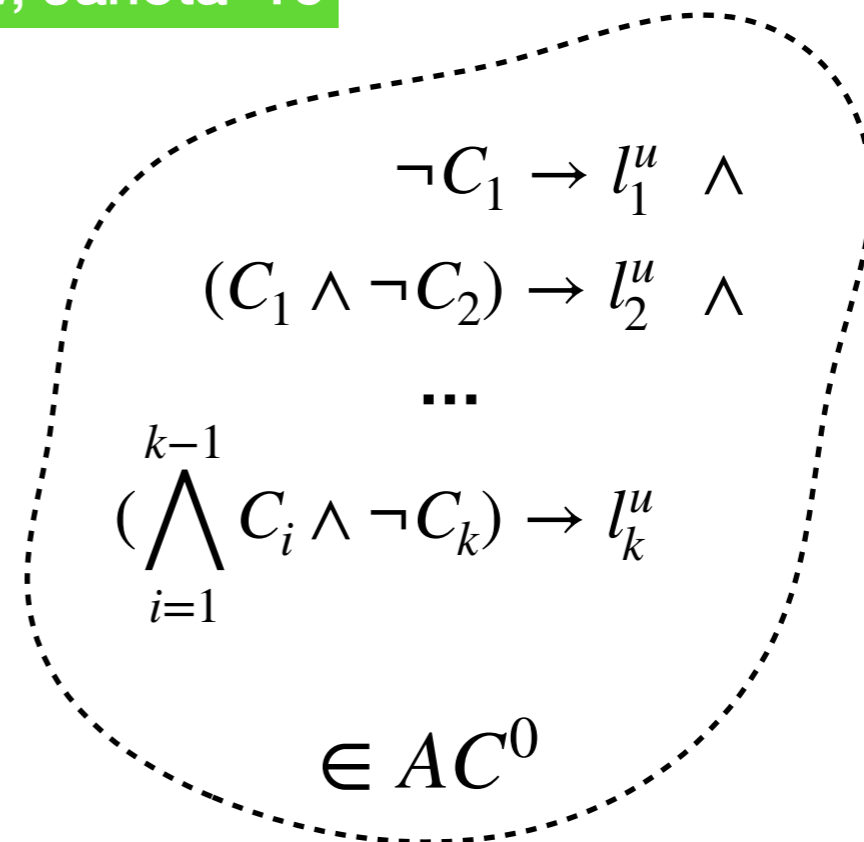
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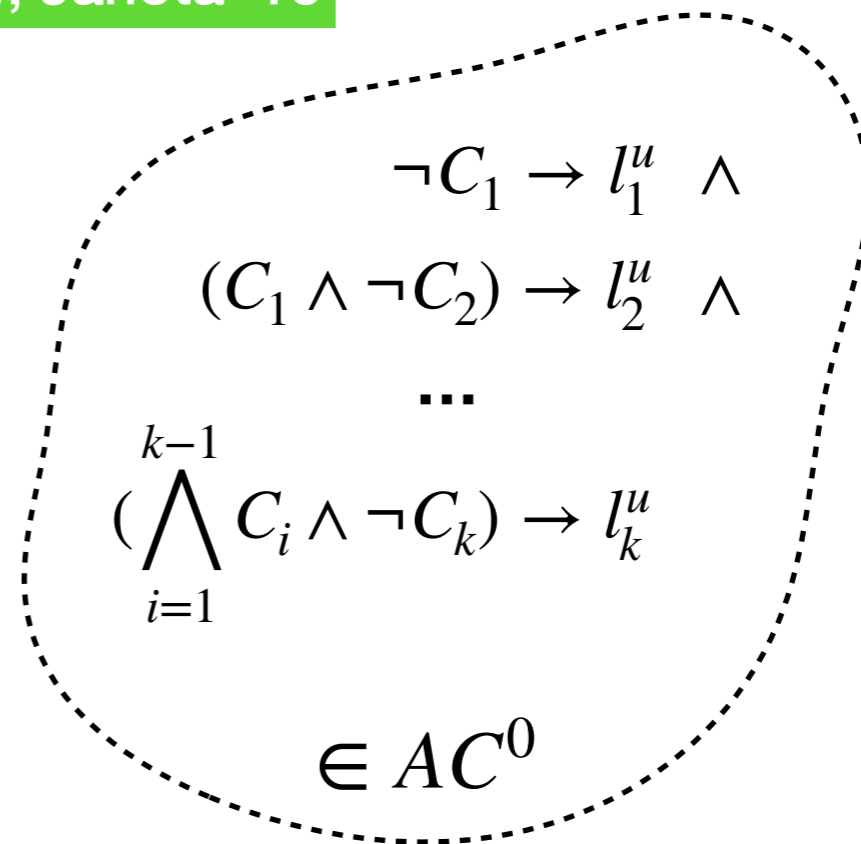
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Theorem

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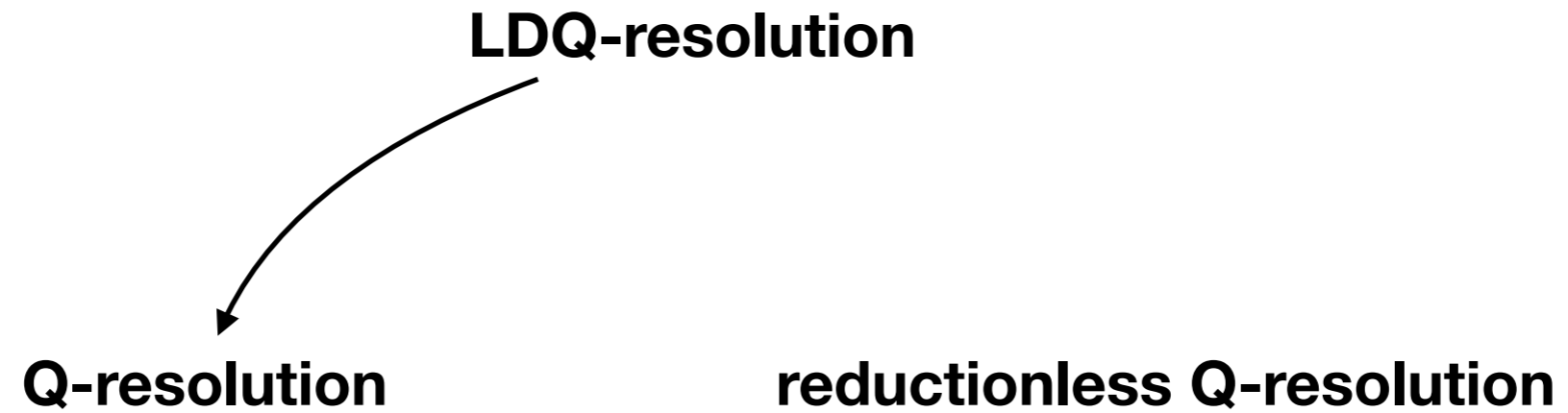
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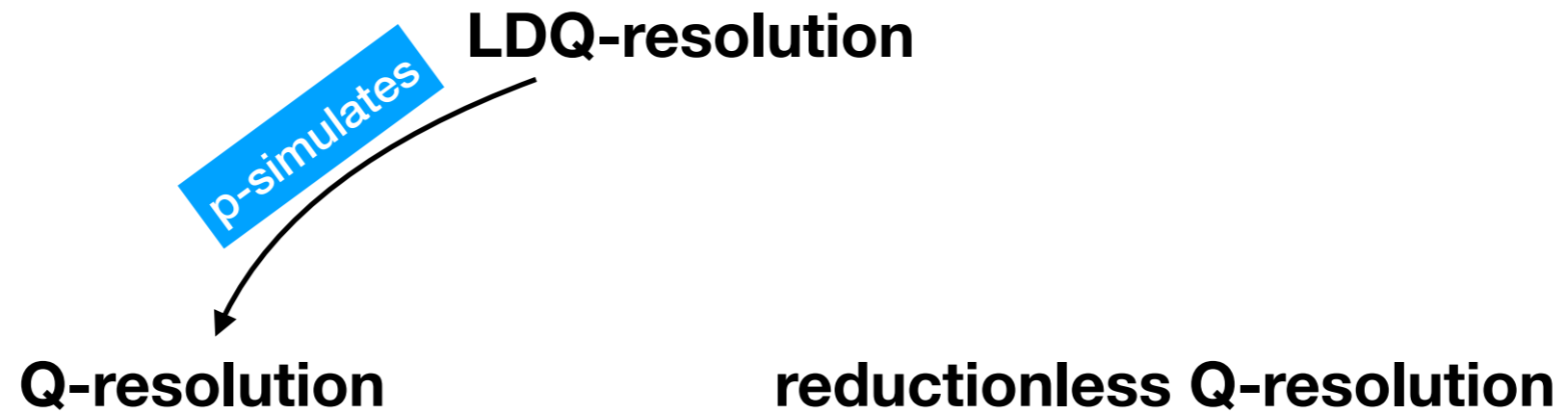
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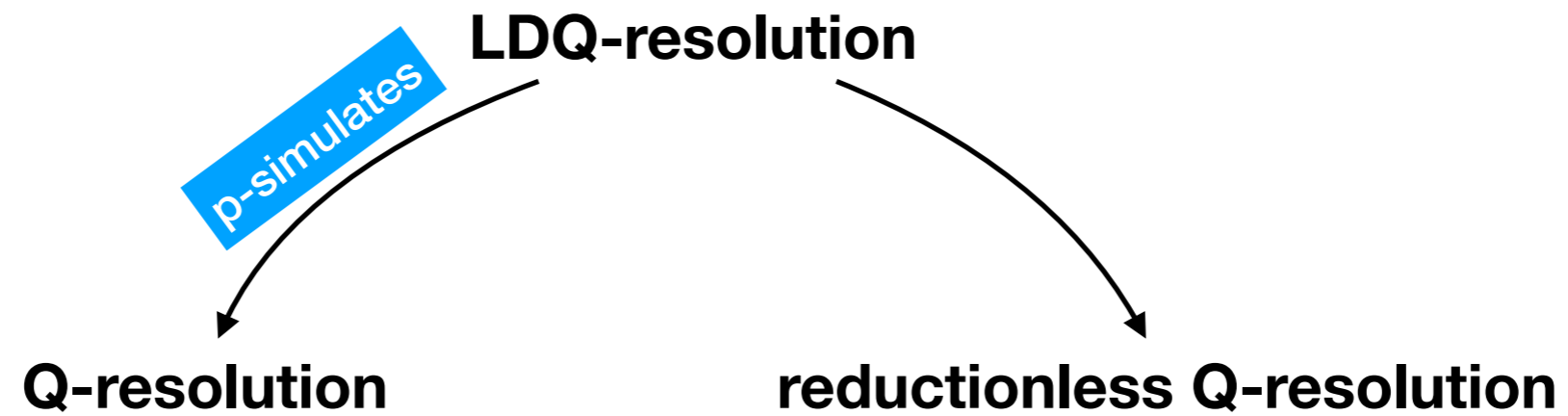
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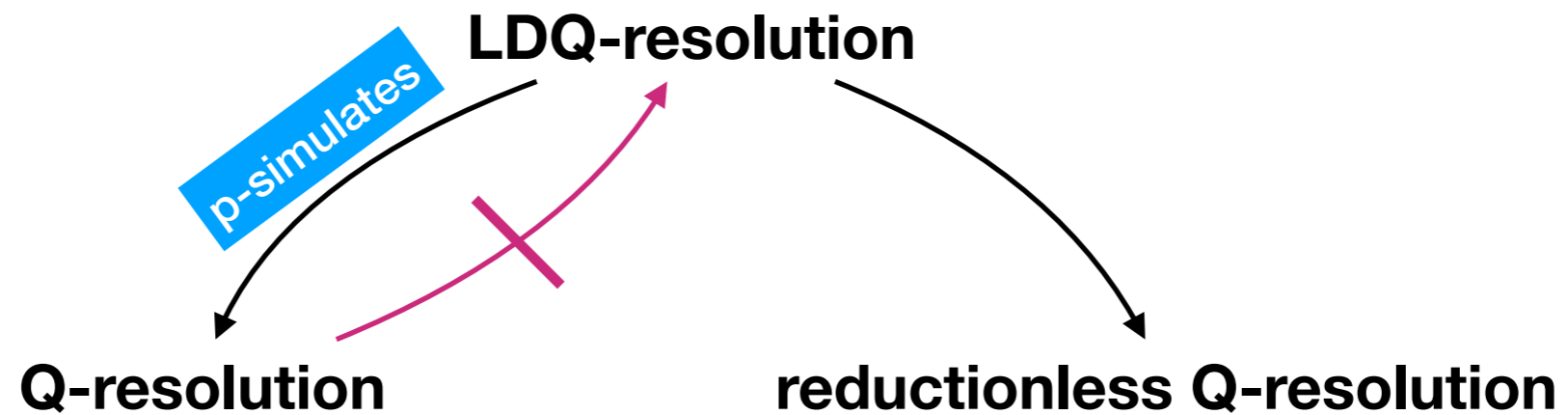
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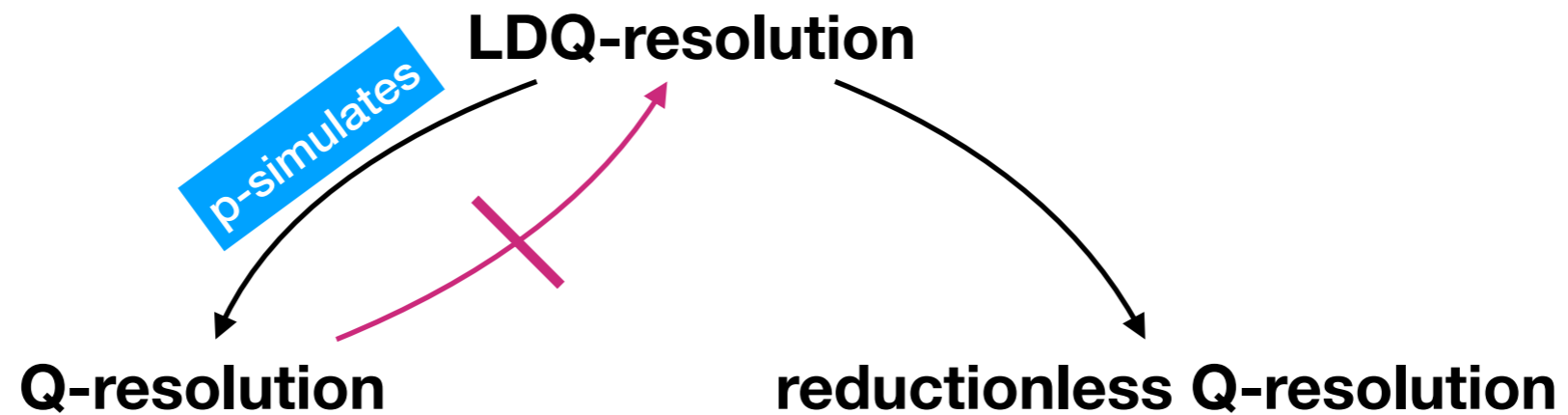
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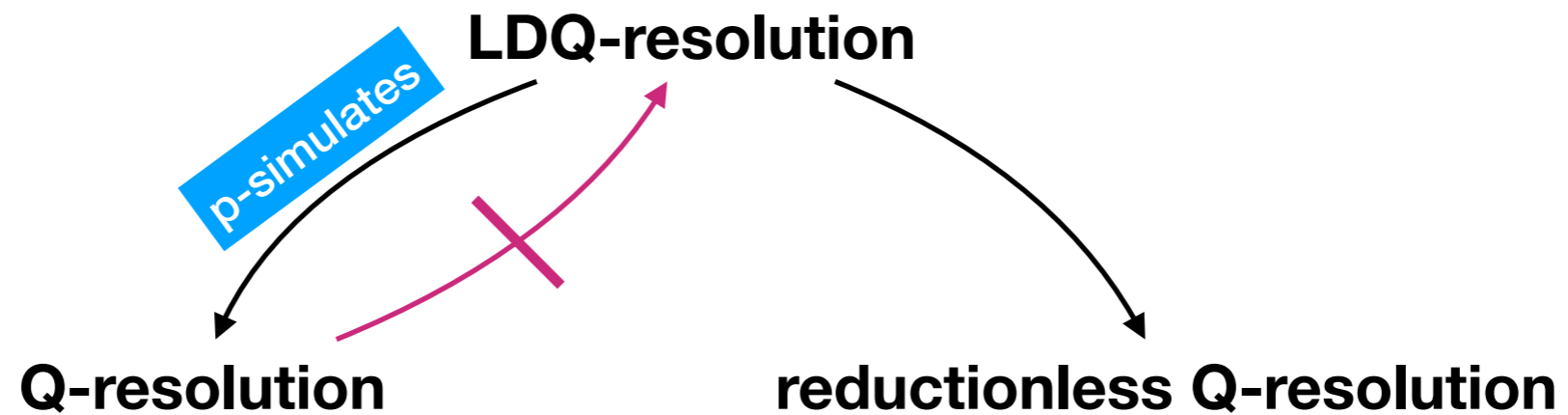


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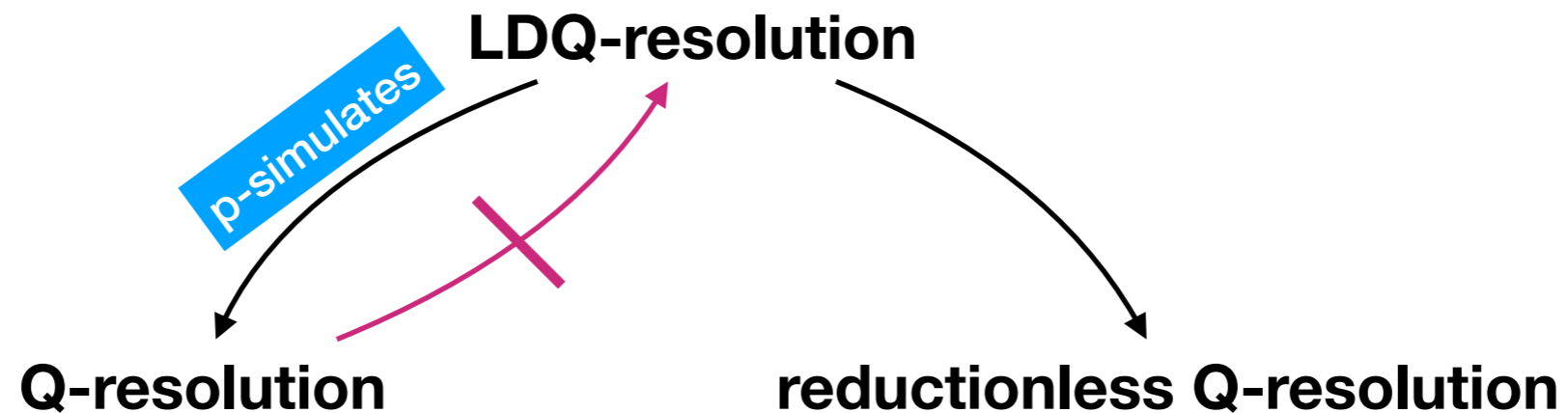
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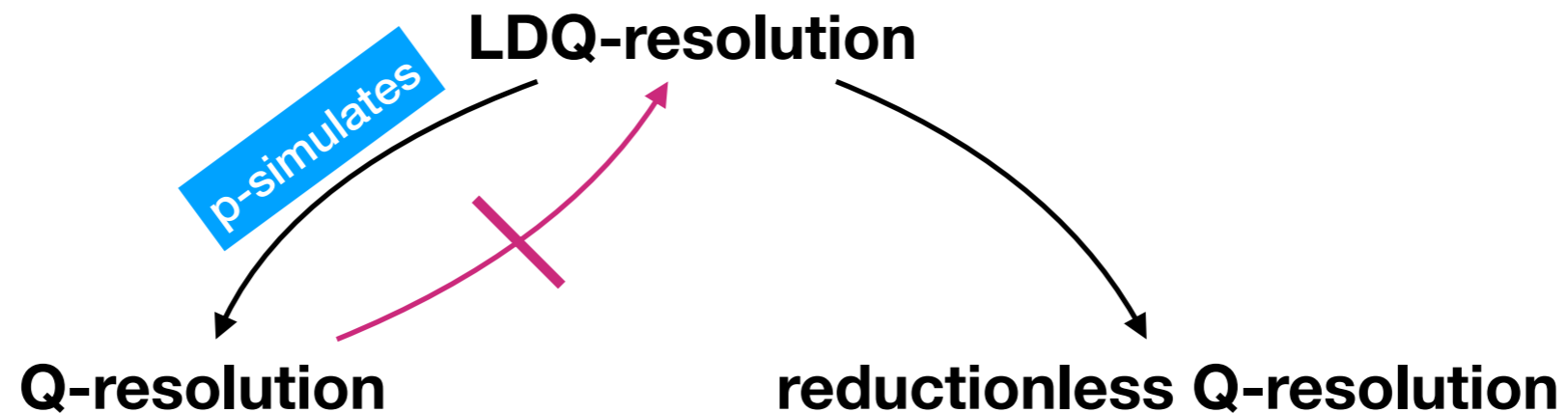


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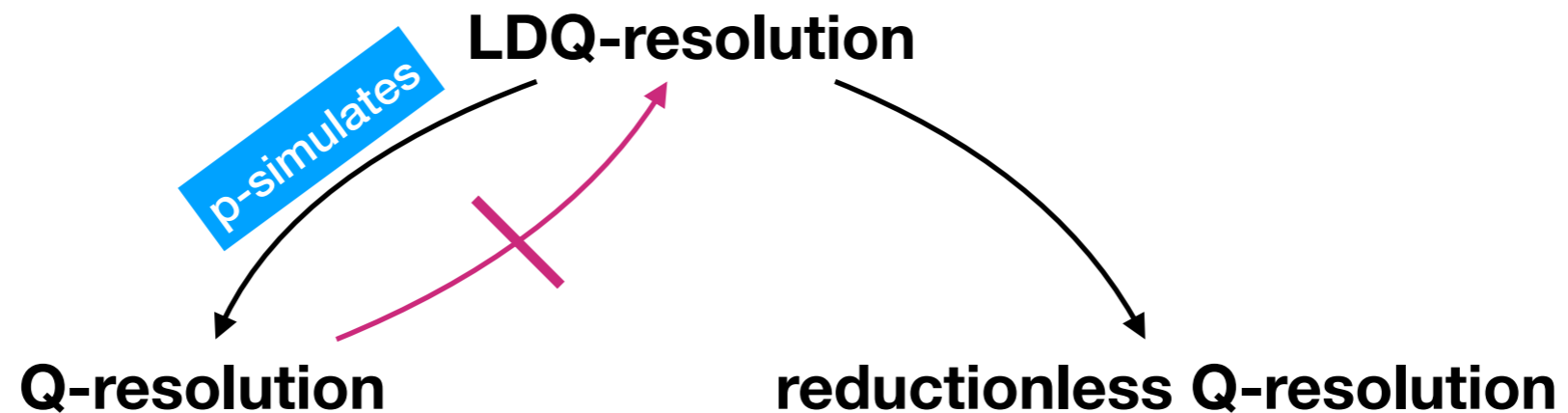
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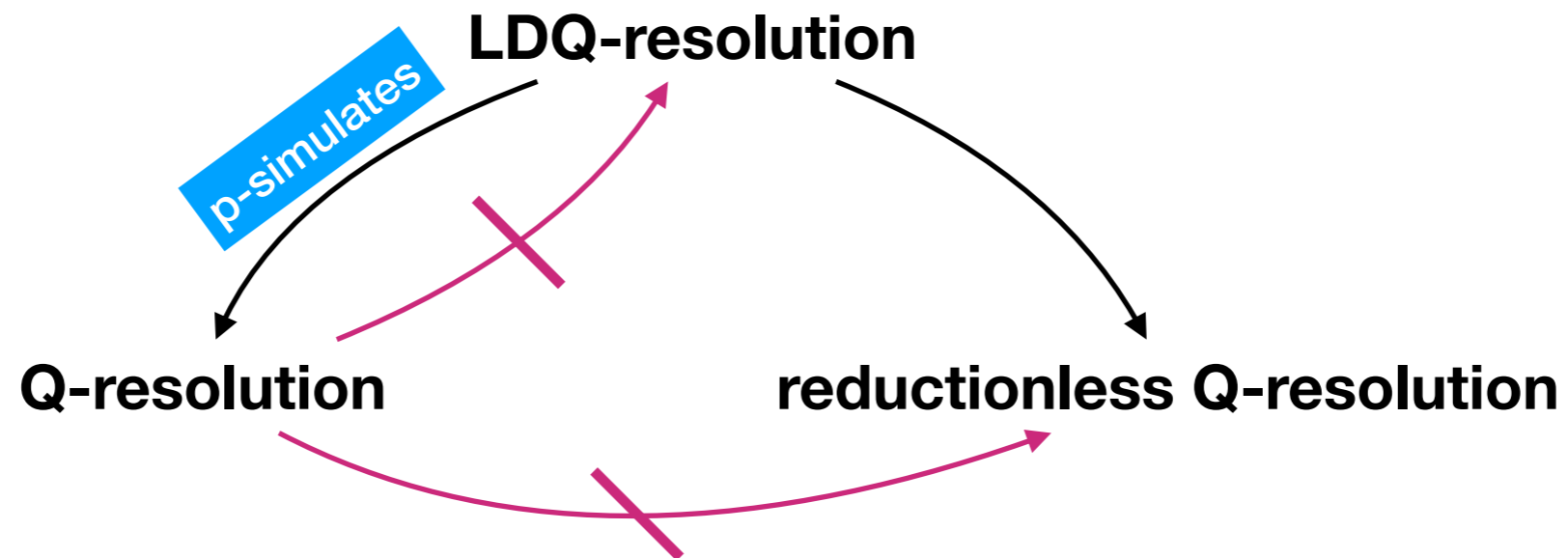
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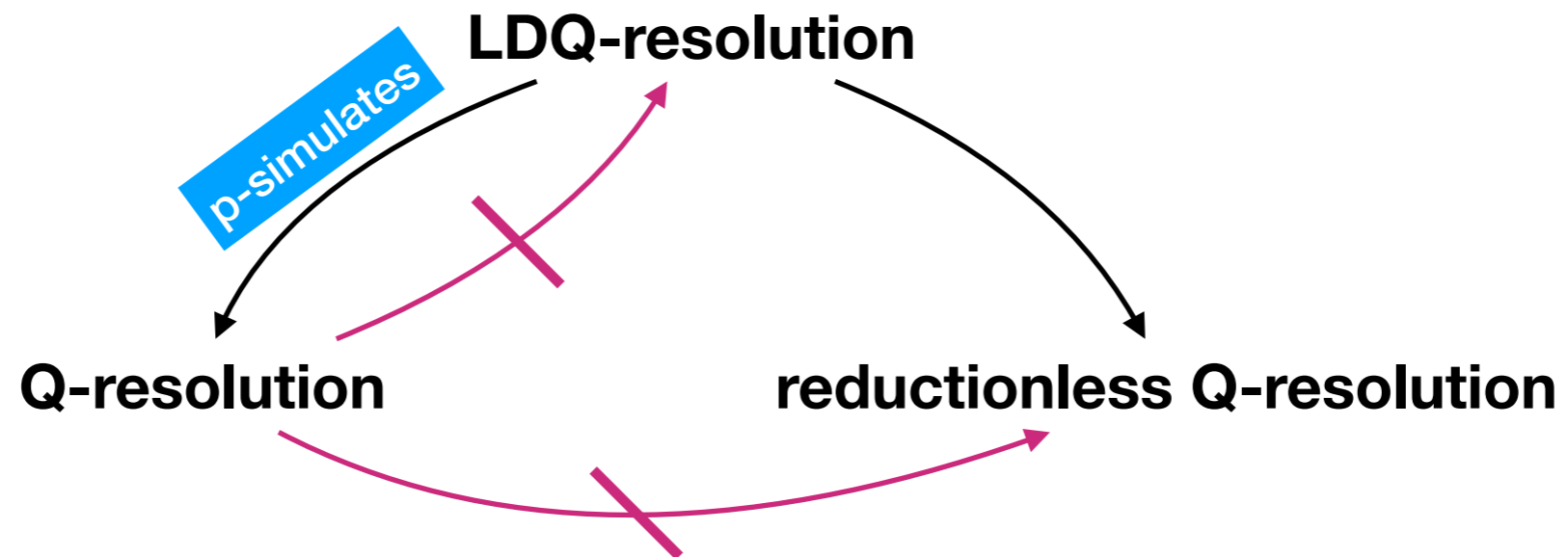
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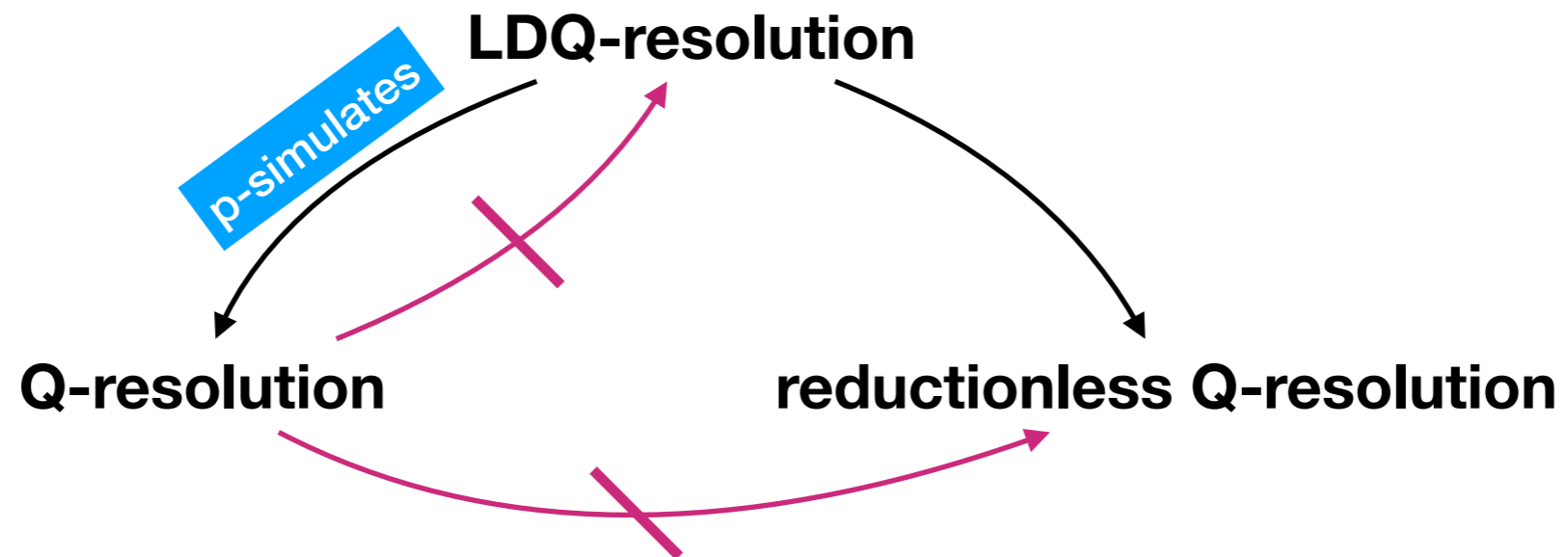
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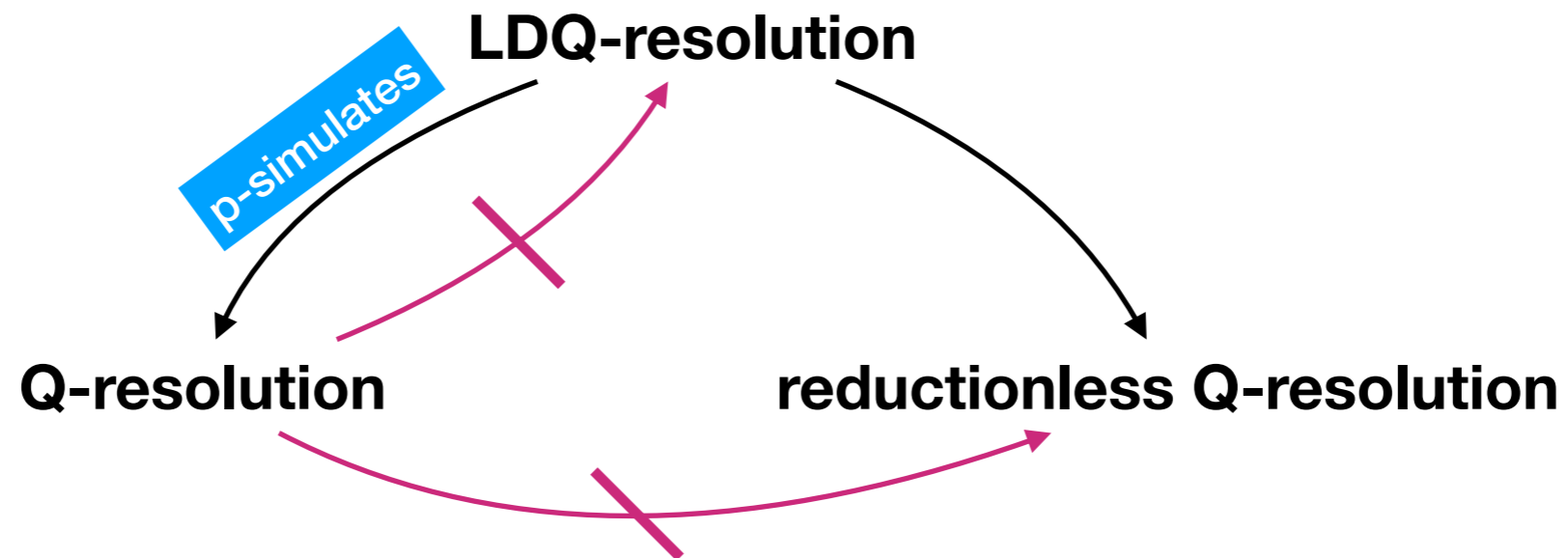
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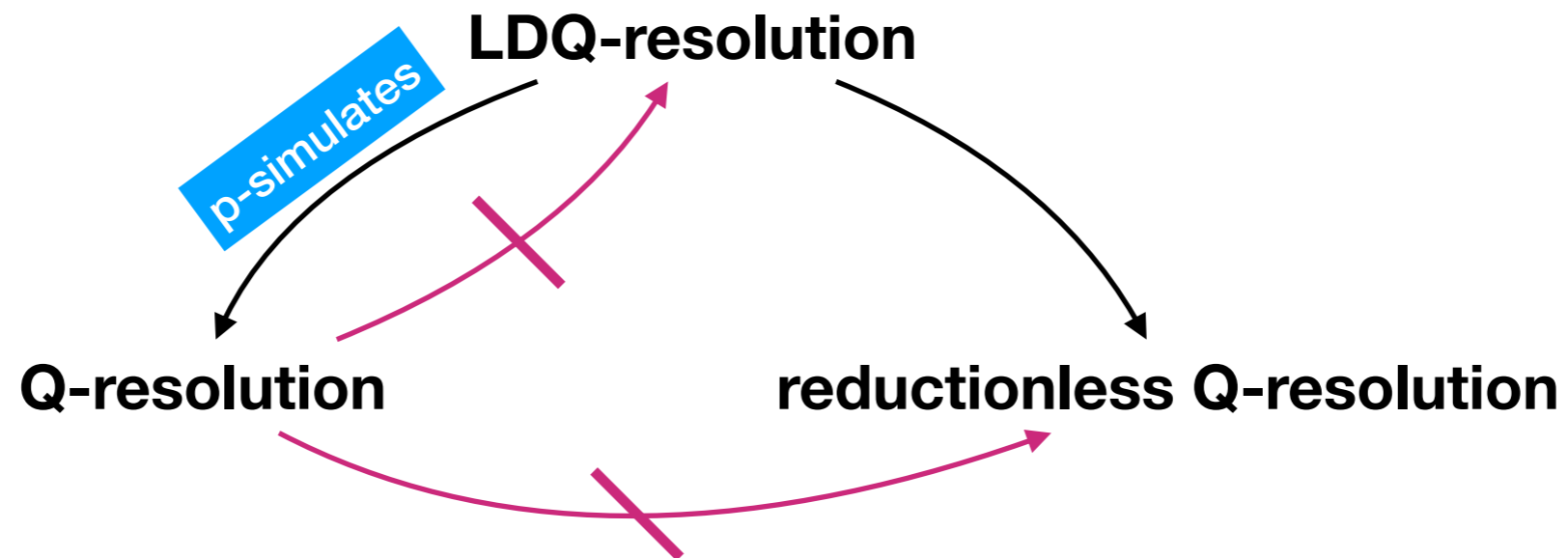
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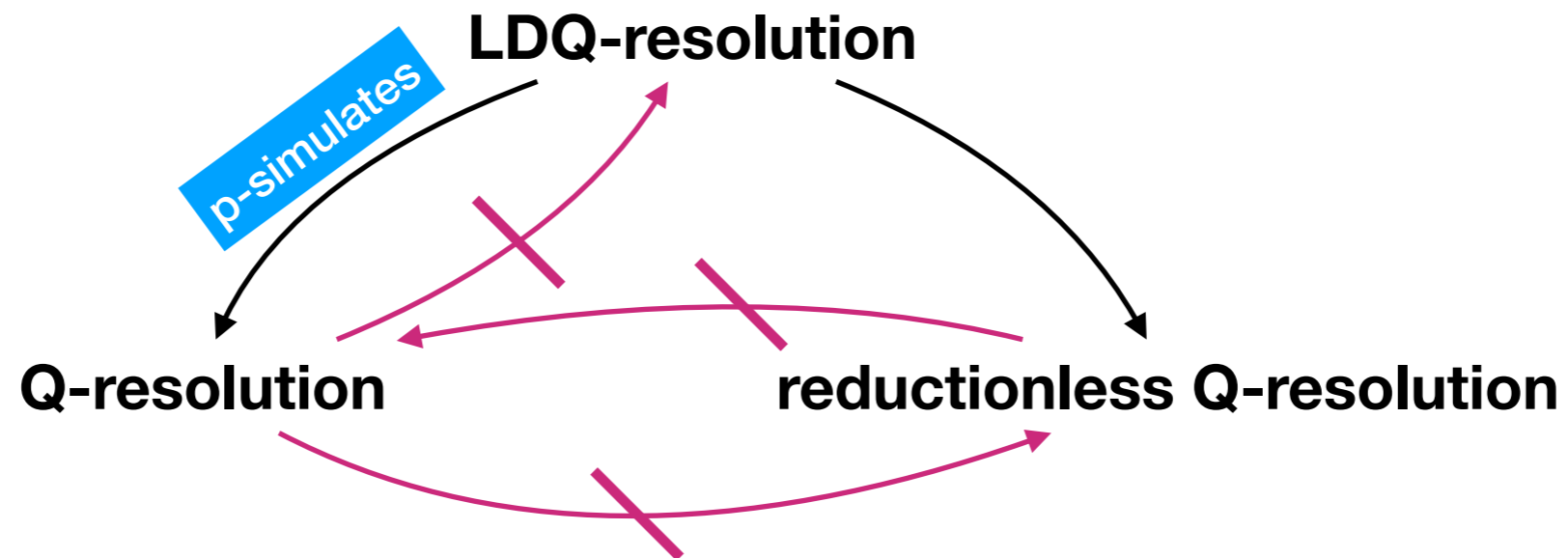
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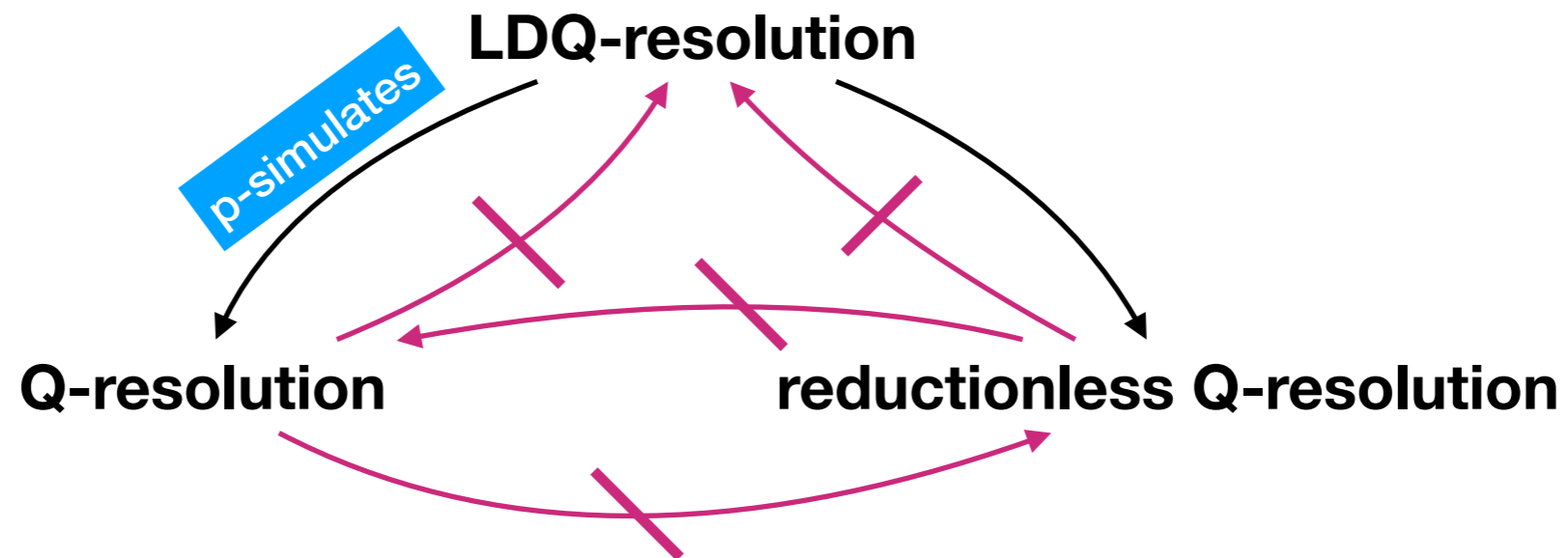
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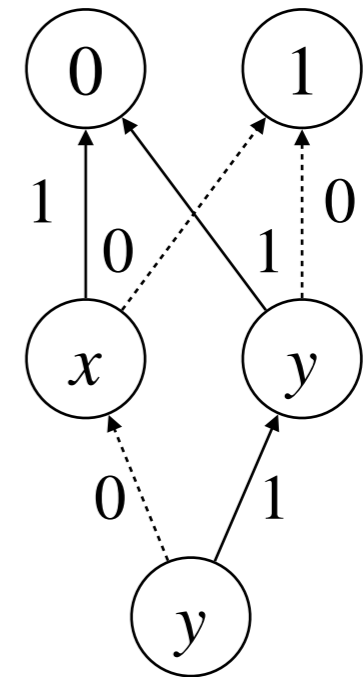
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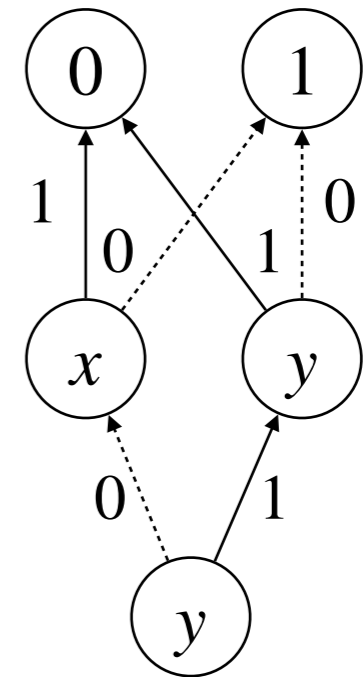


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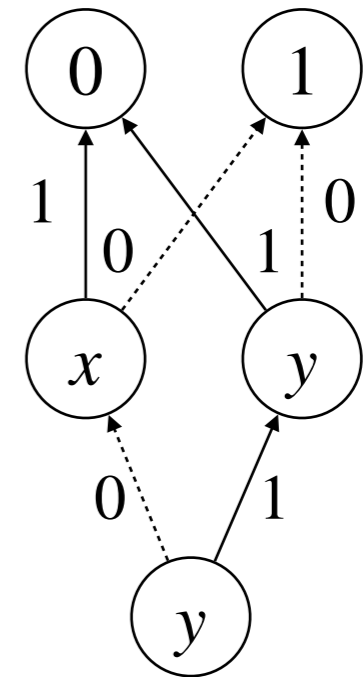


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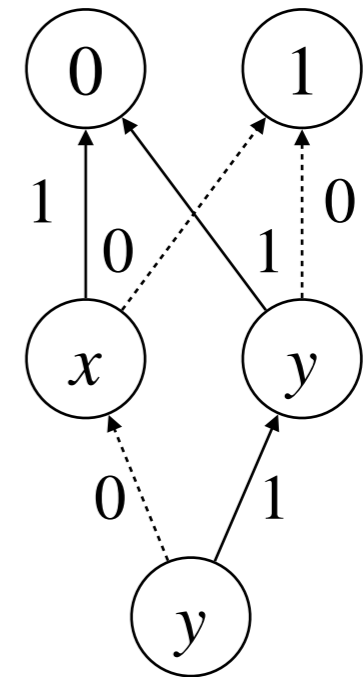
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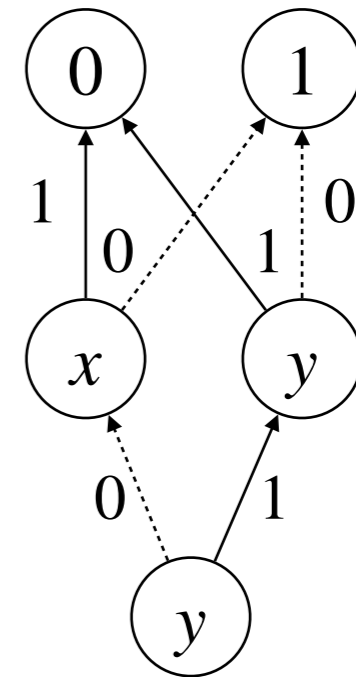
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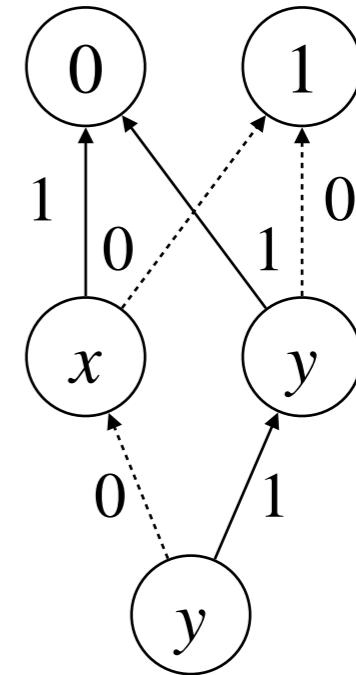
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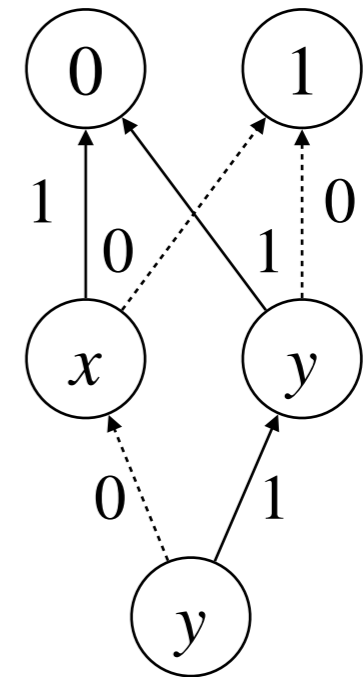
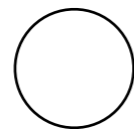
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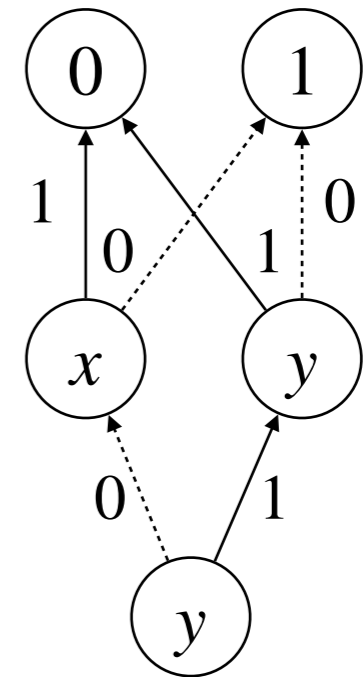
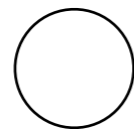
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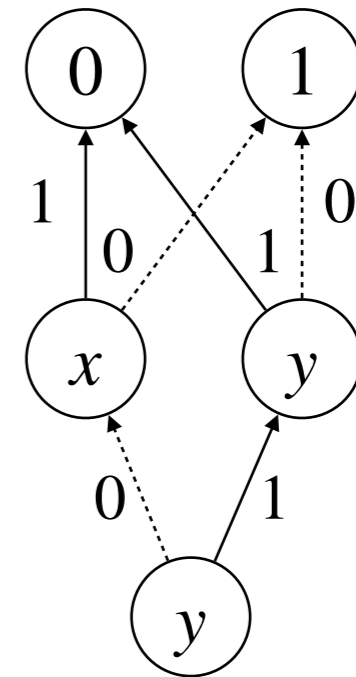
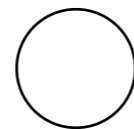
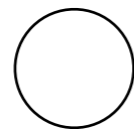
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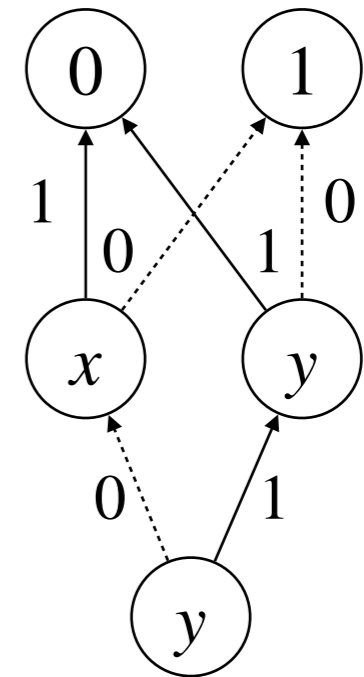
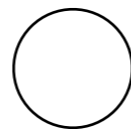
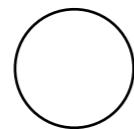
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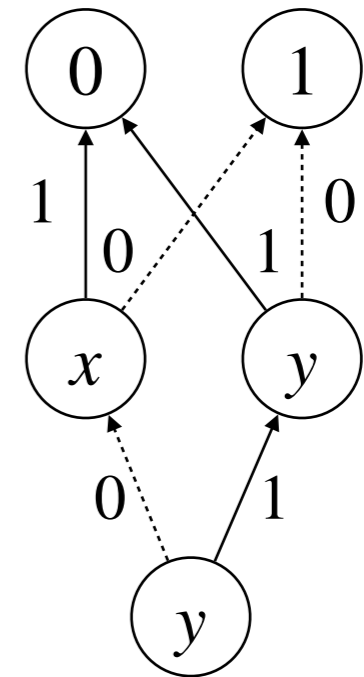
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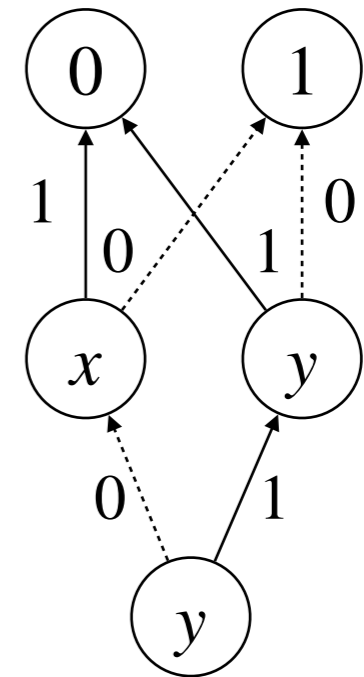
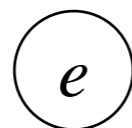
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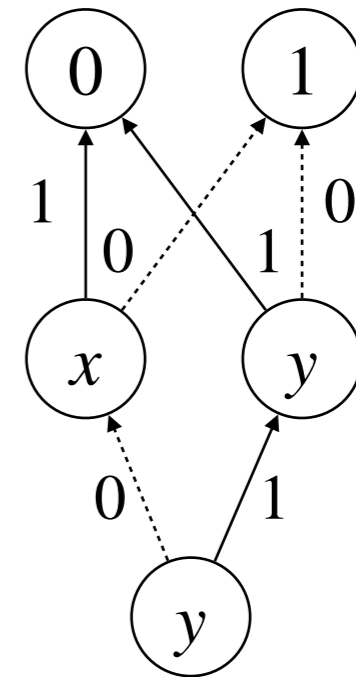
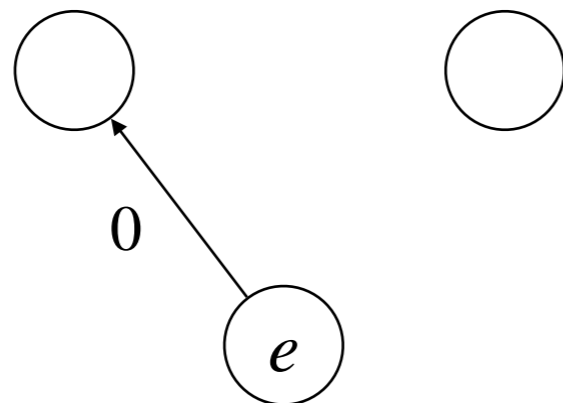
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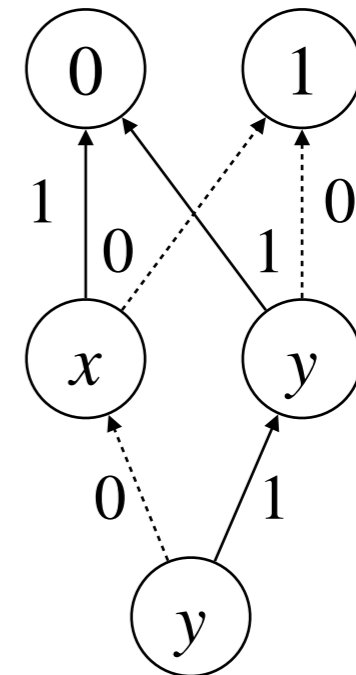
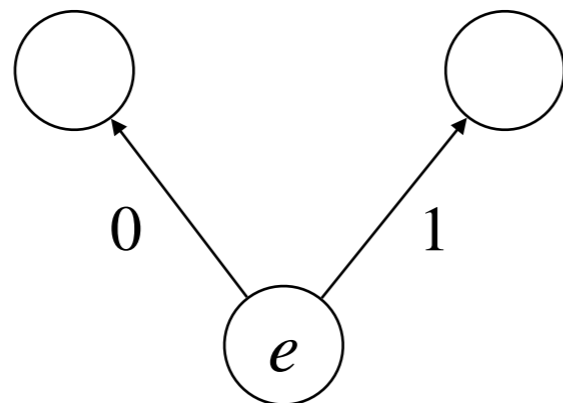
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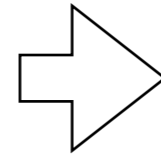
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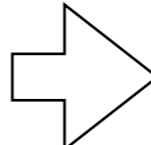
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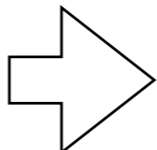
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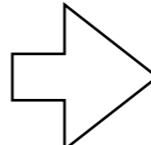
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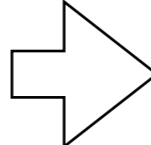
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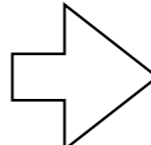
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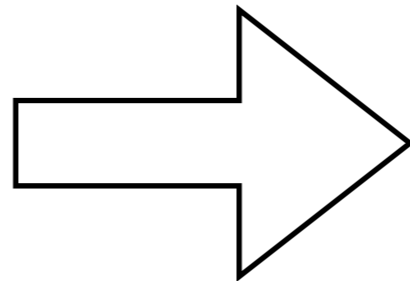
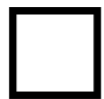
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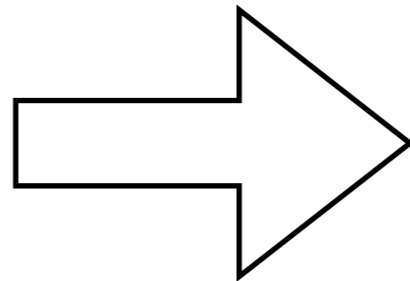
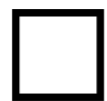
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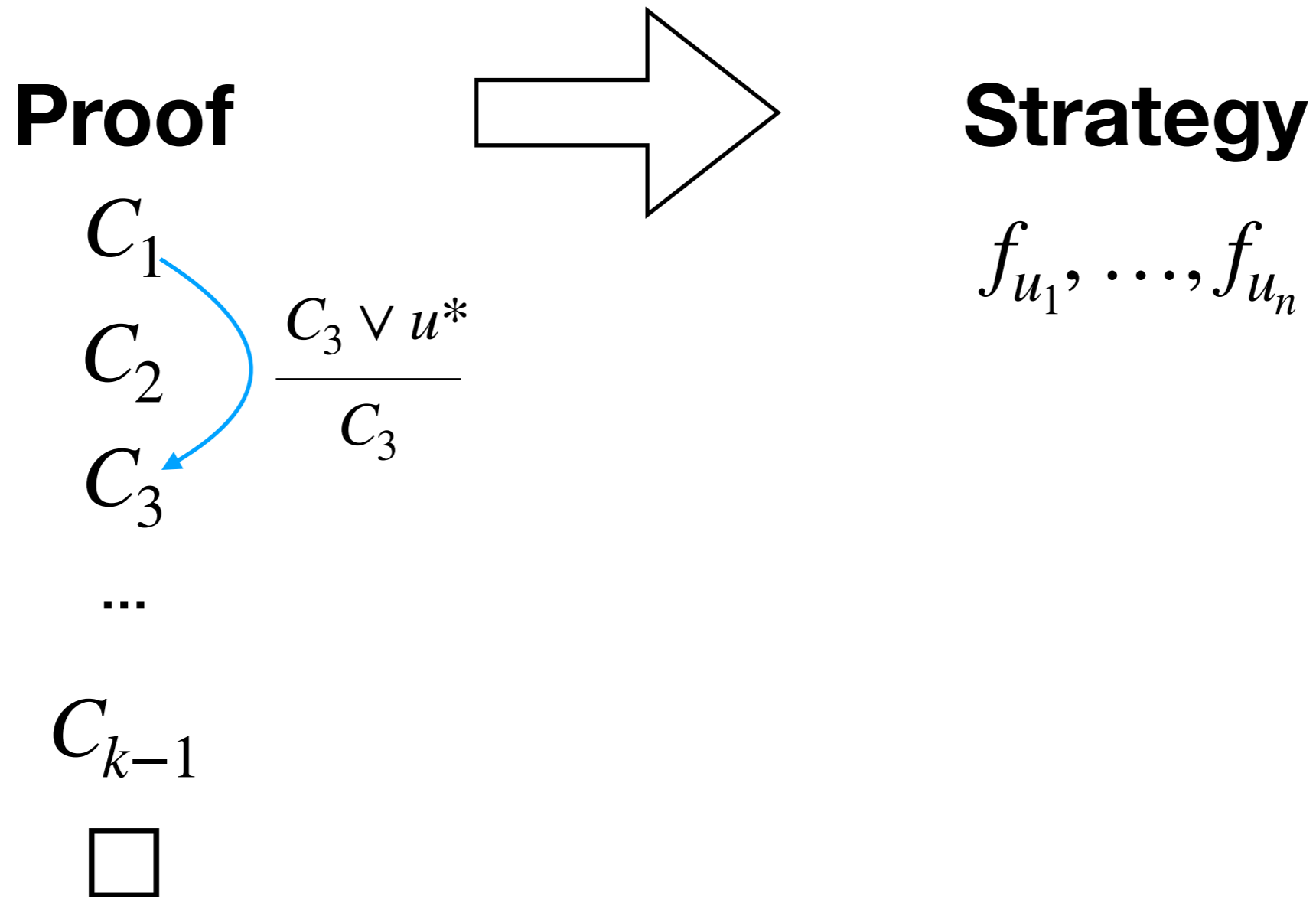


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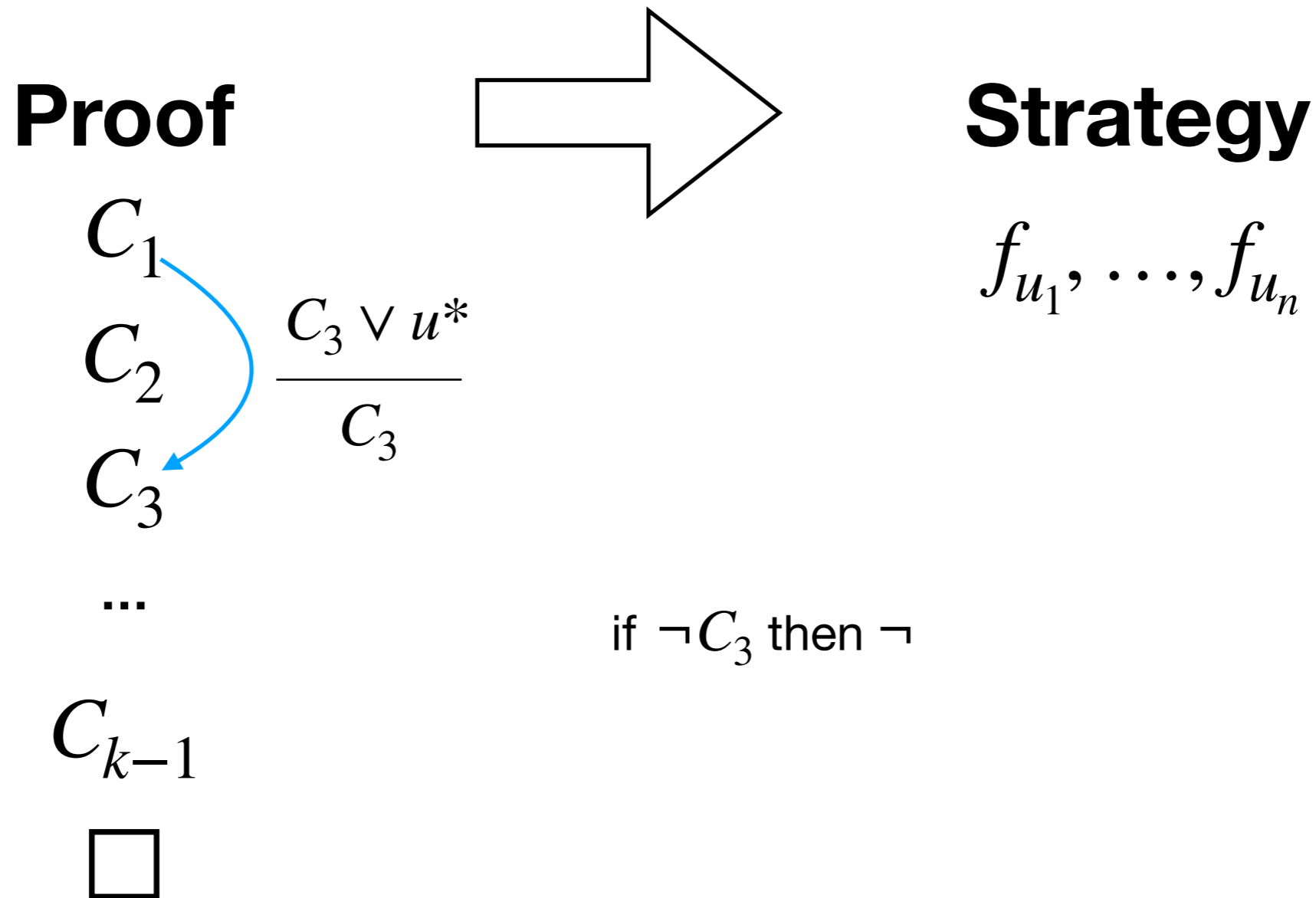
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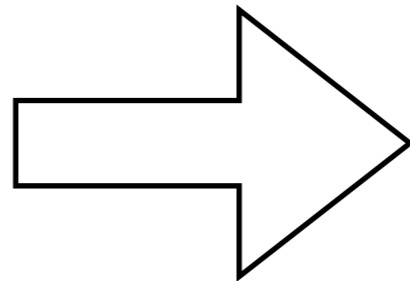
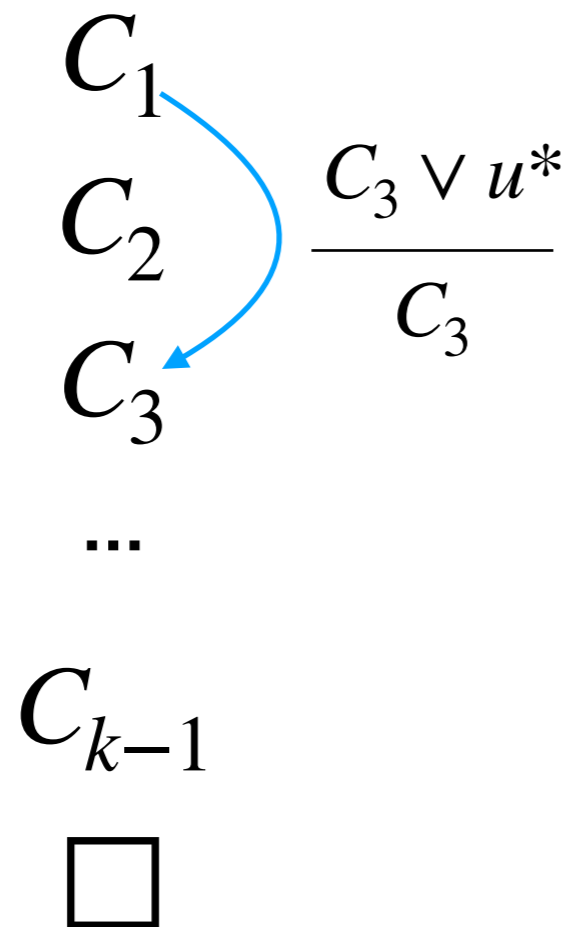
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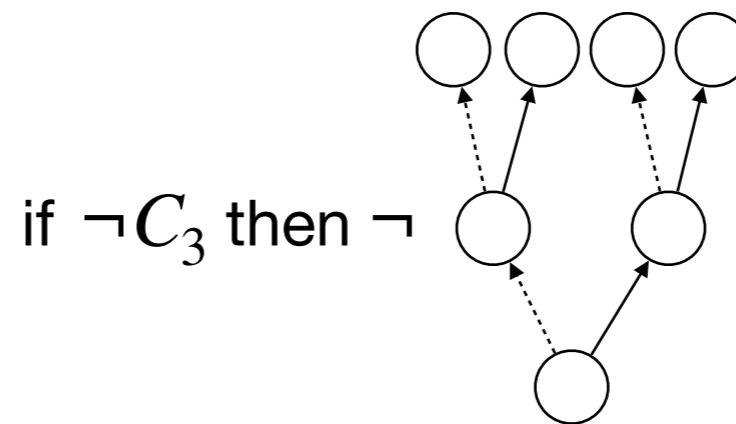
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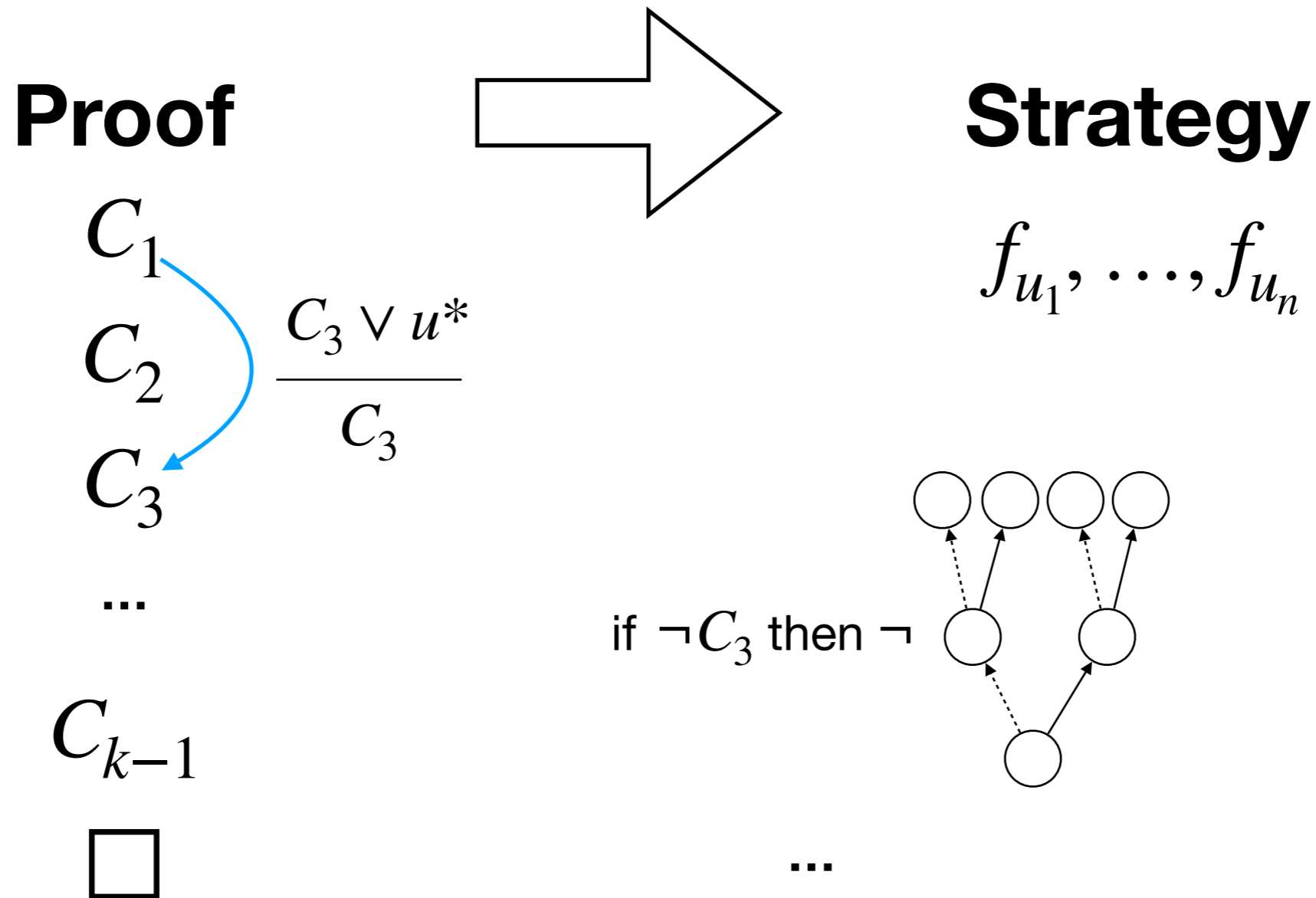
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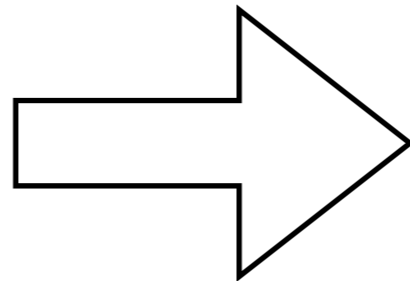
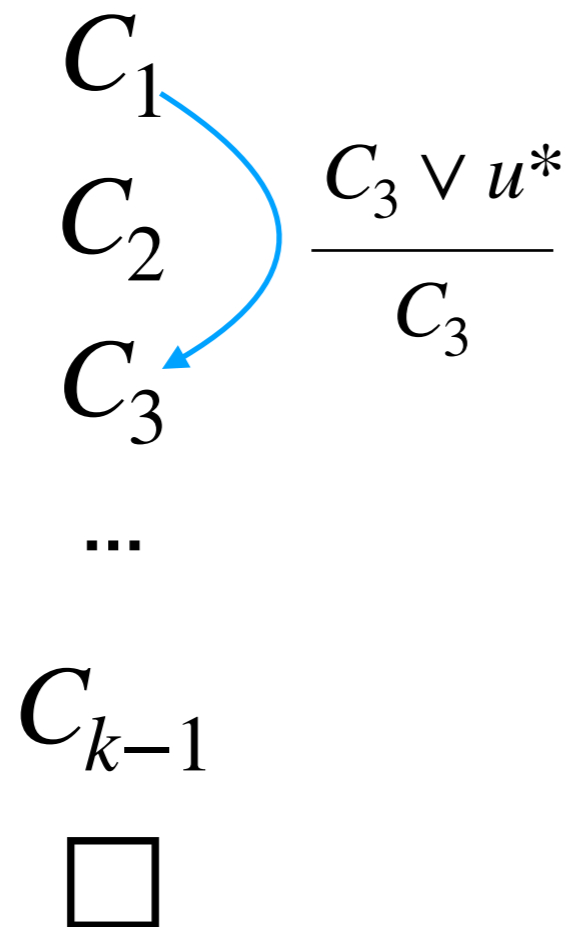
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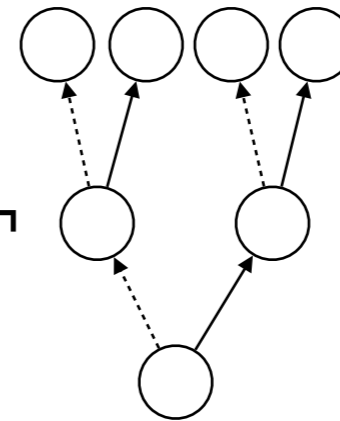
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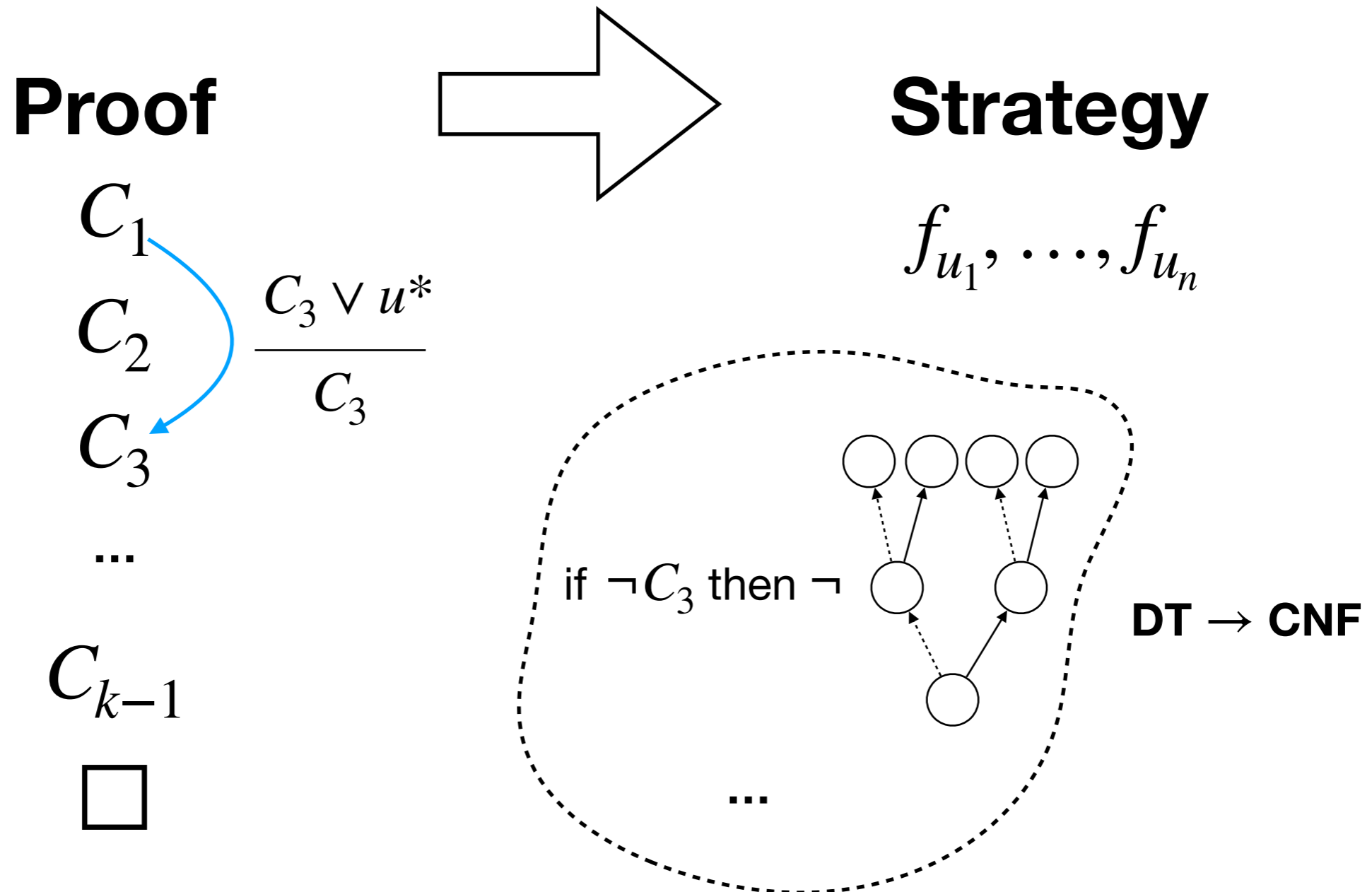


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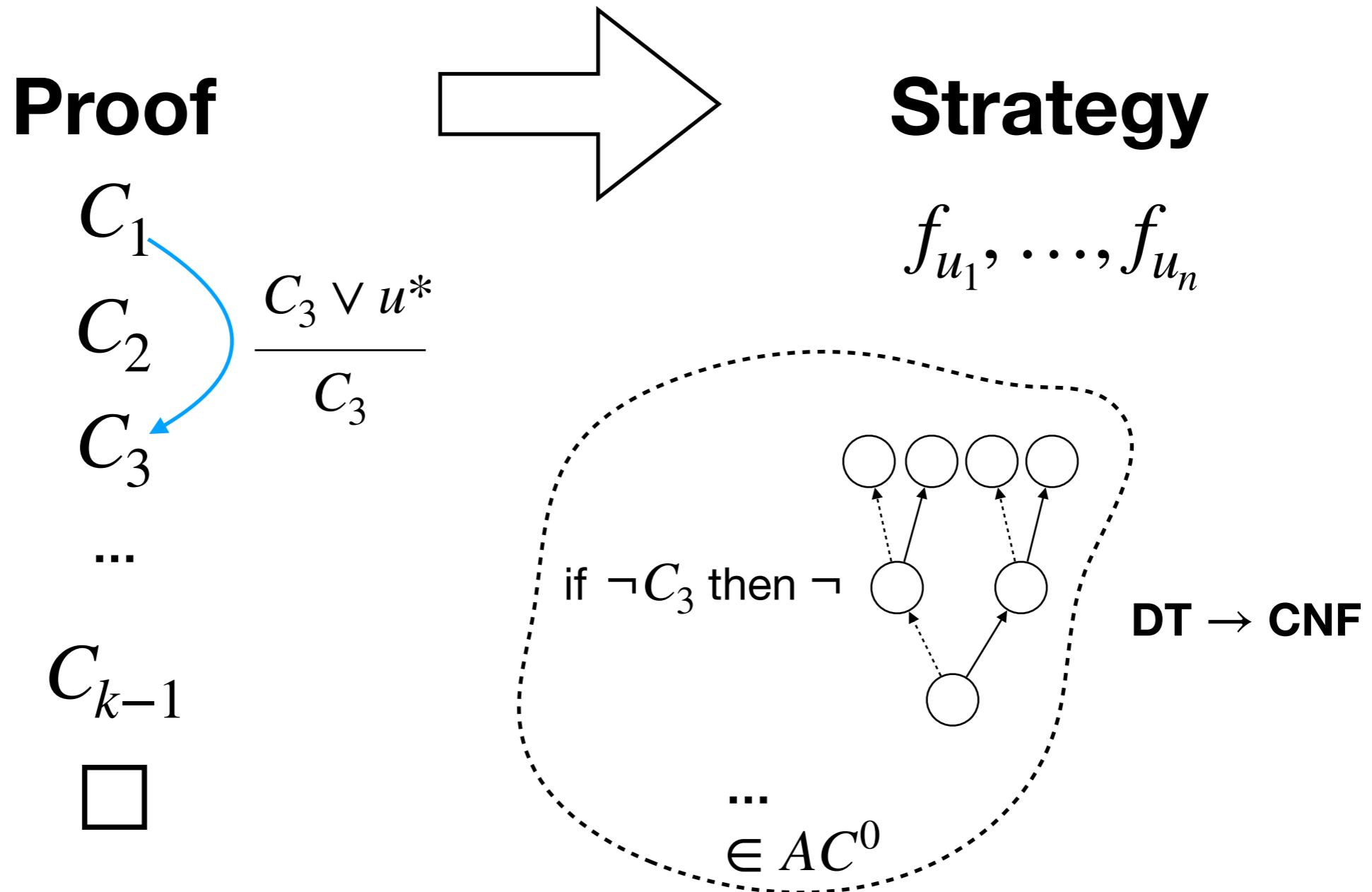
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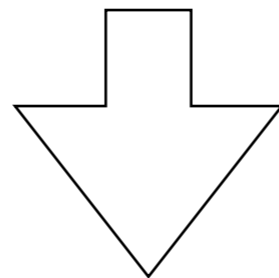
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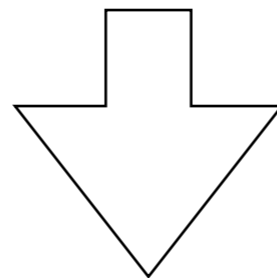
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