

SIMBA: Inductive Program Synthesis via Iterative Forward-Backward Abstract Interpretation

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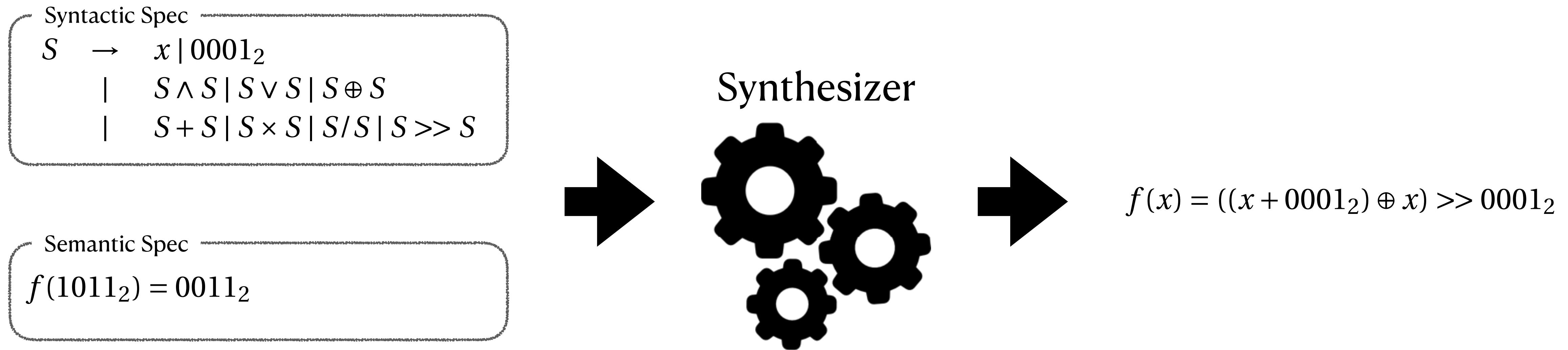


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Inductive Program Synthesis

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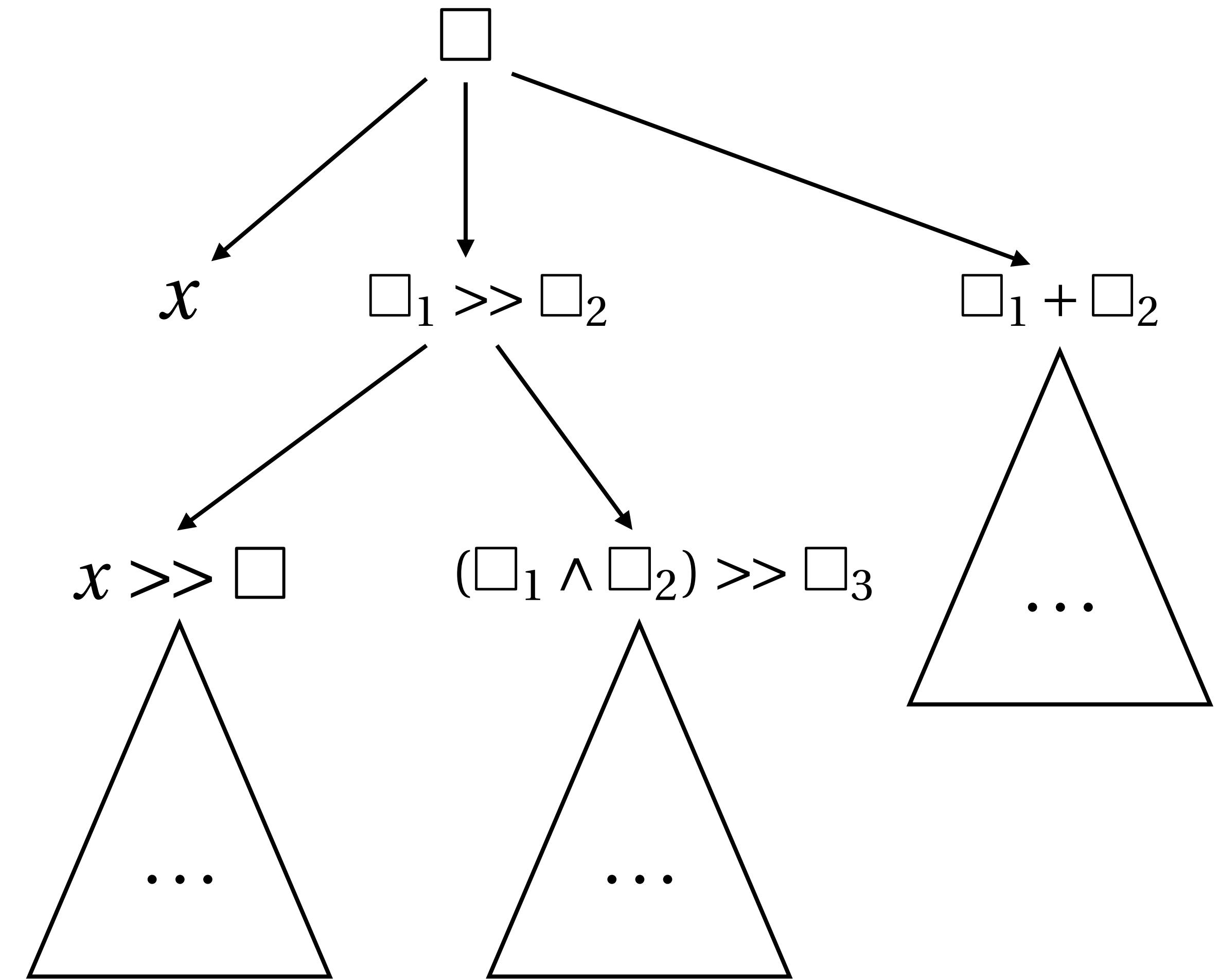
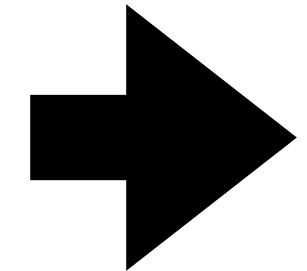


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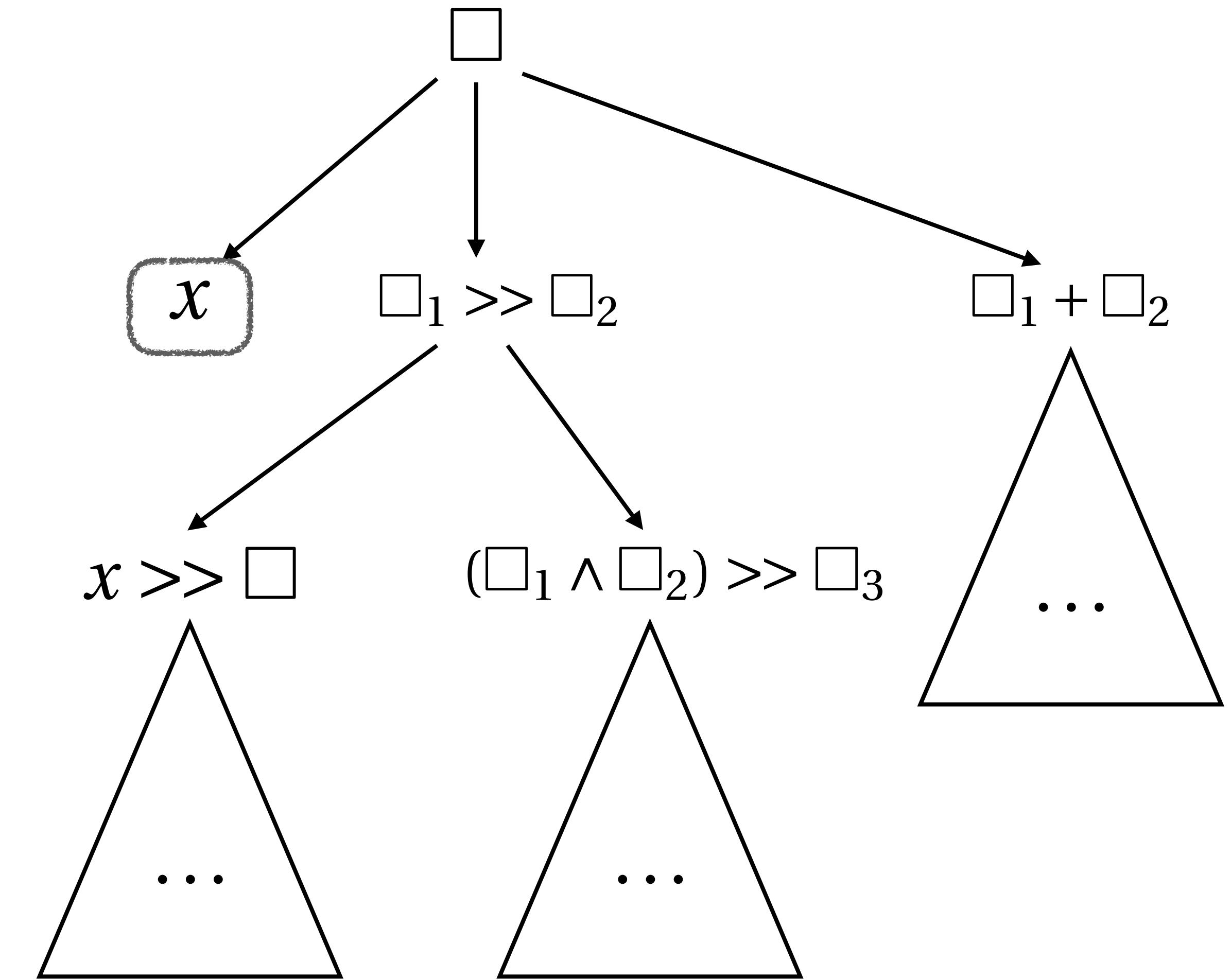
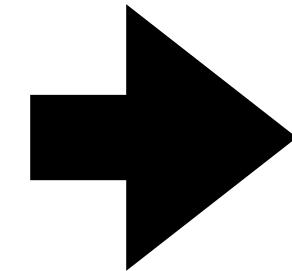
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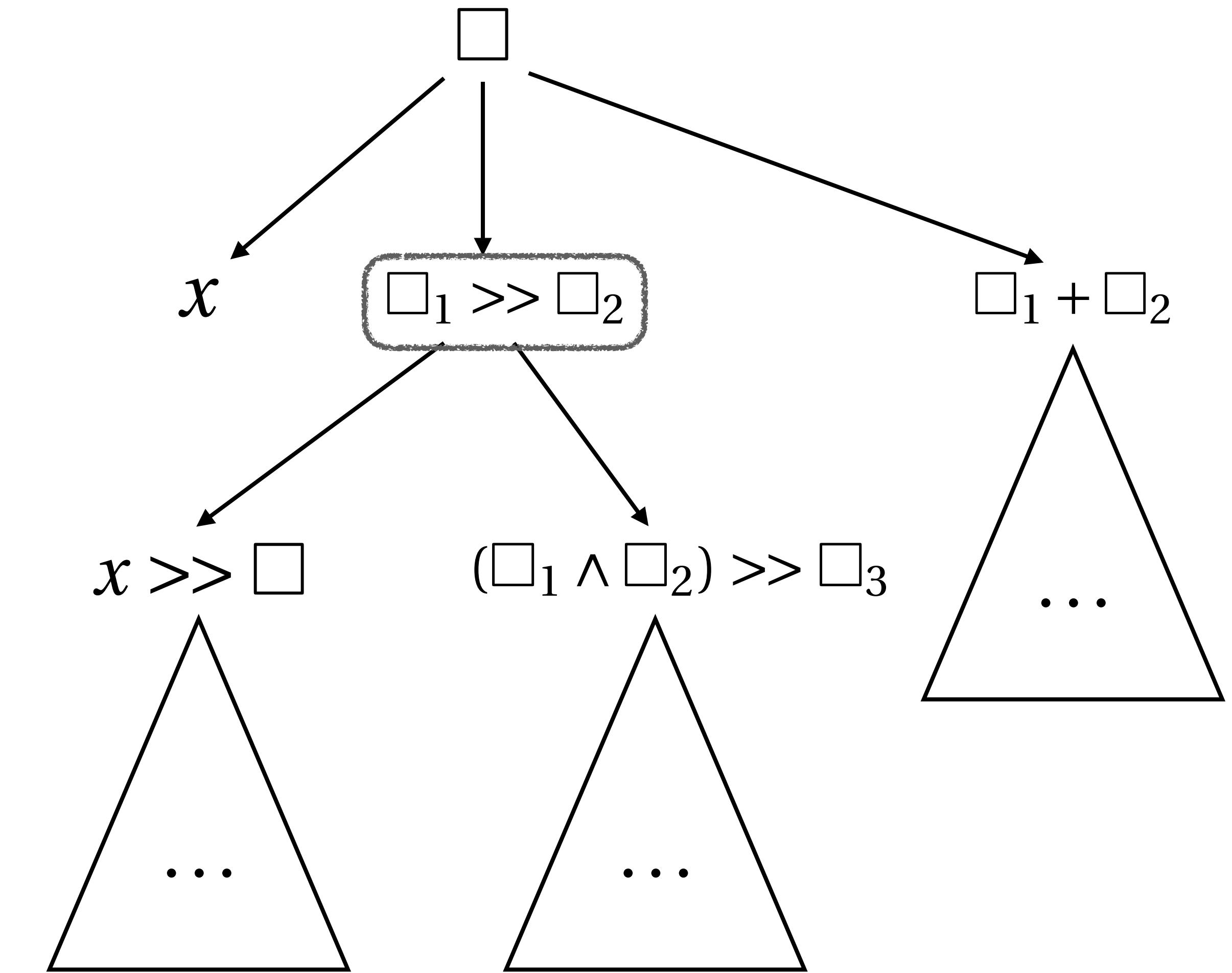
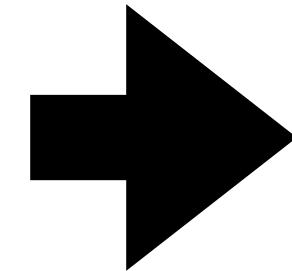
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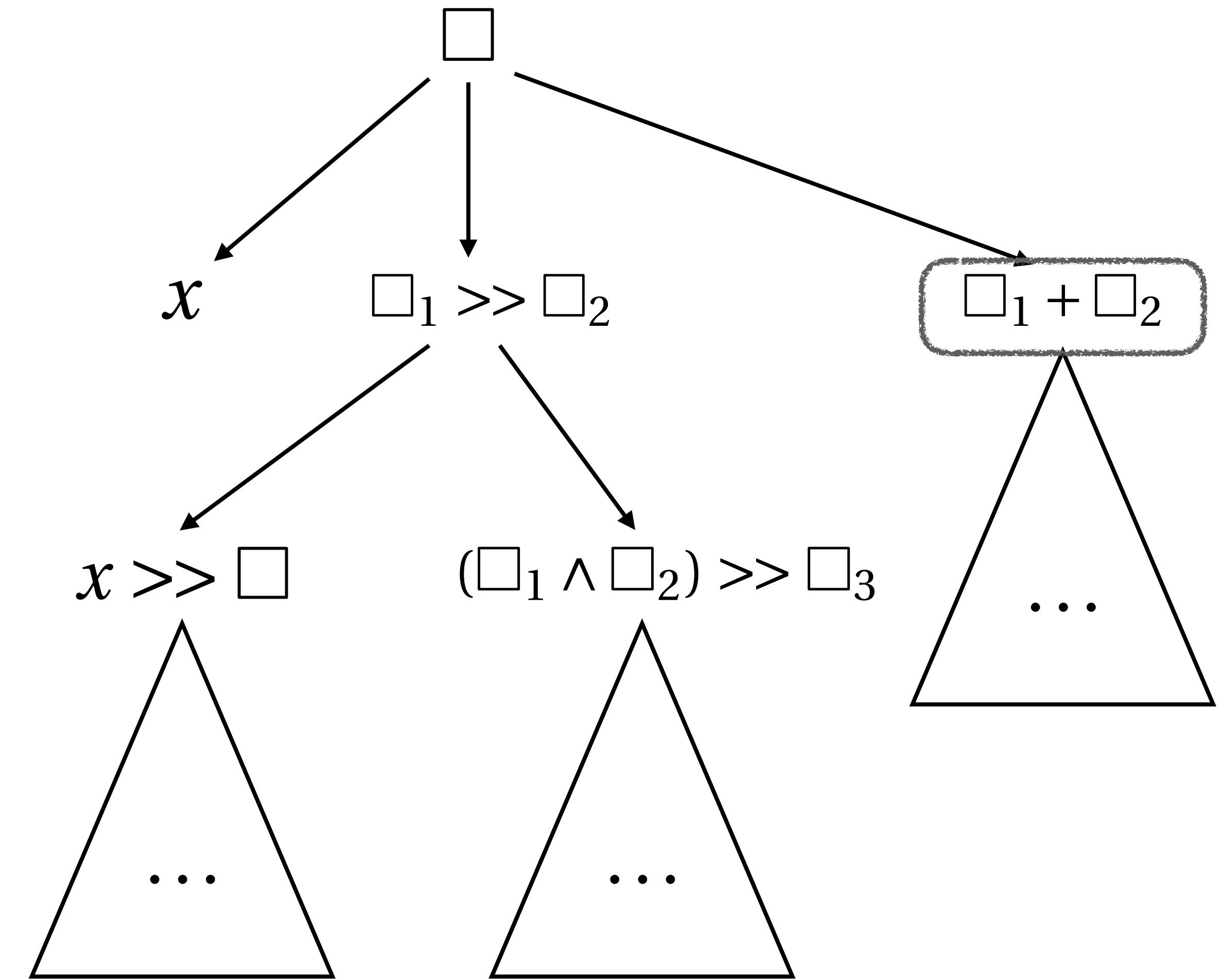
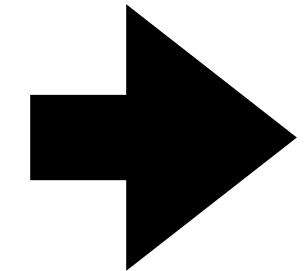
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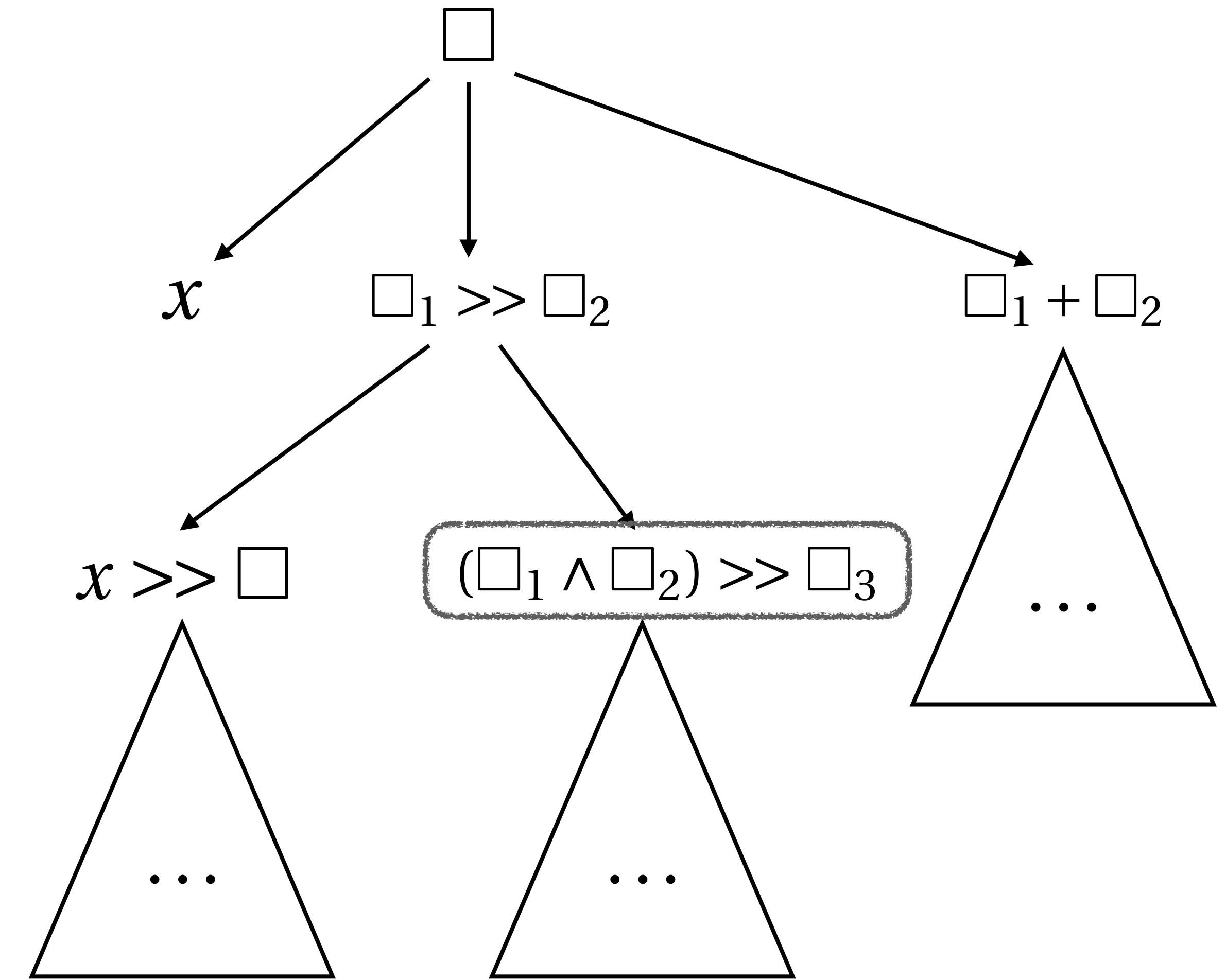
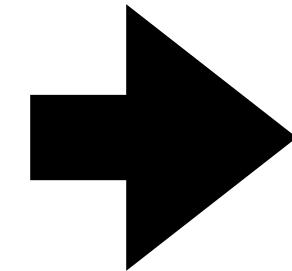
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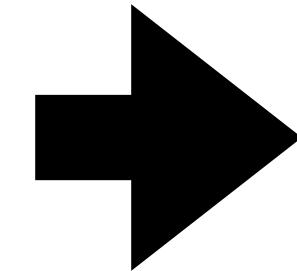
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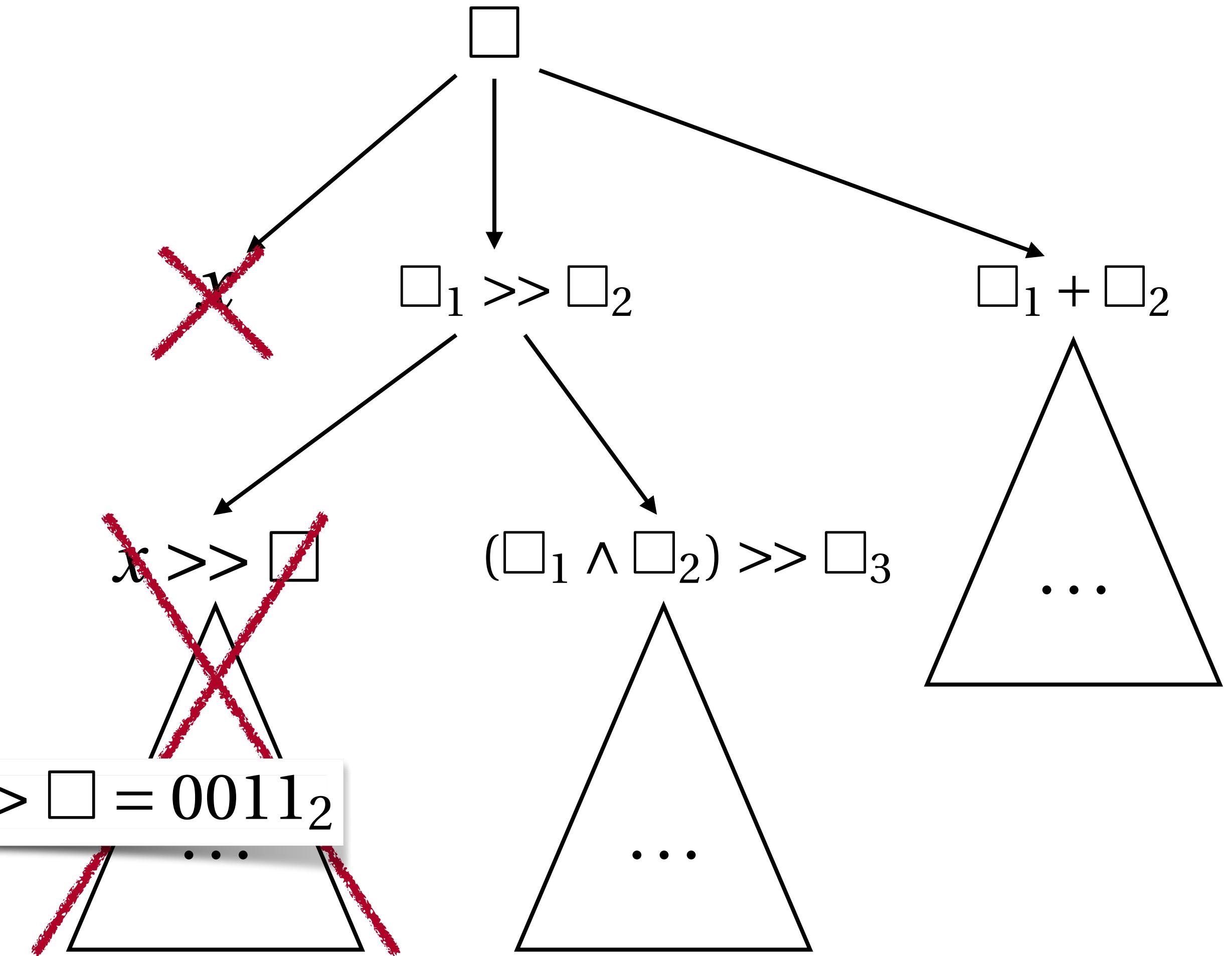
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$\exists \square. f(1011_2) = 1011_2 \gg \square = 0011_2$

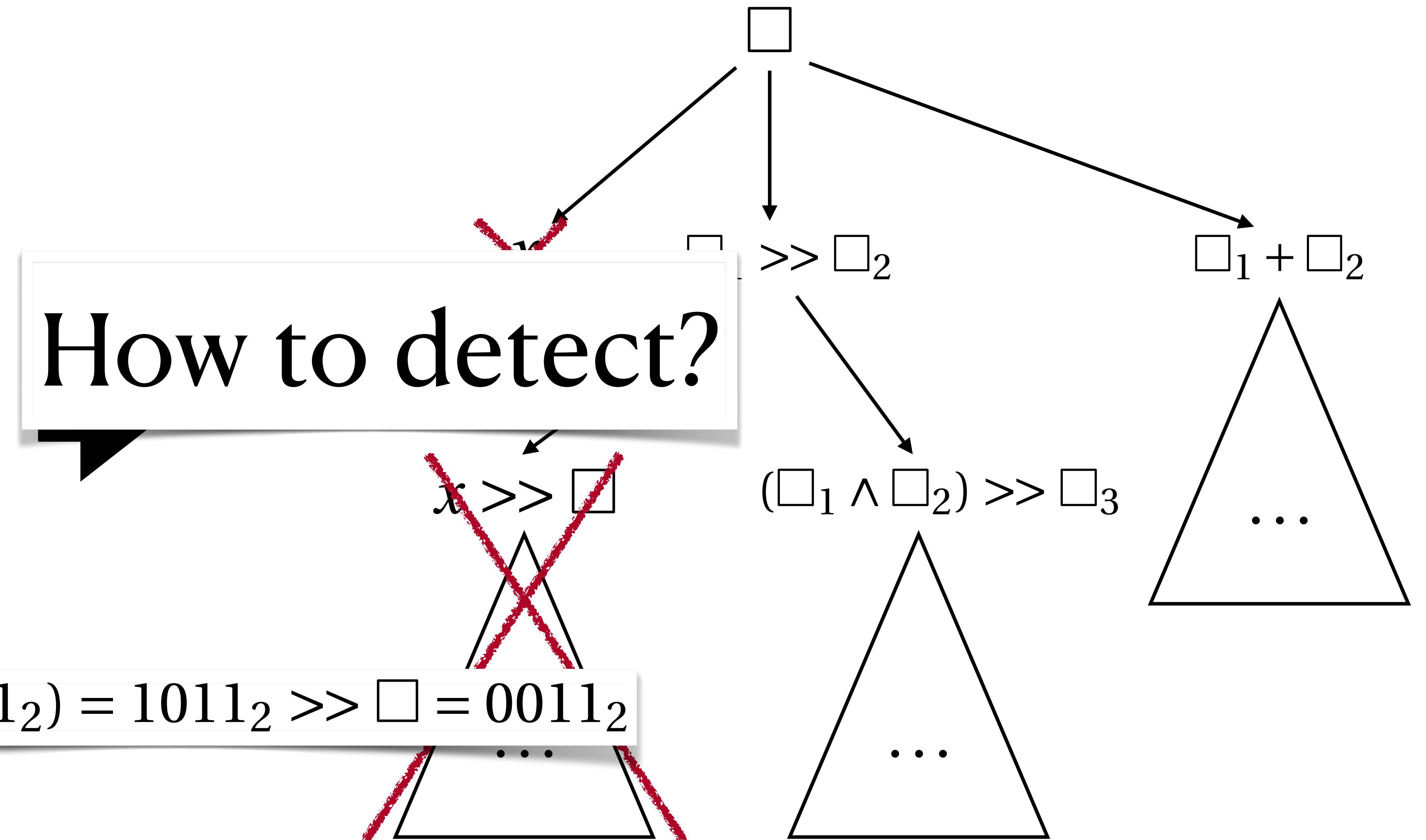


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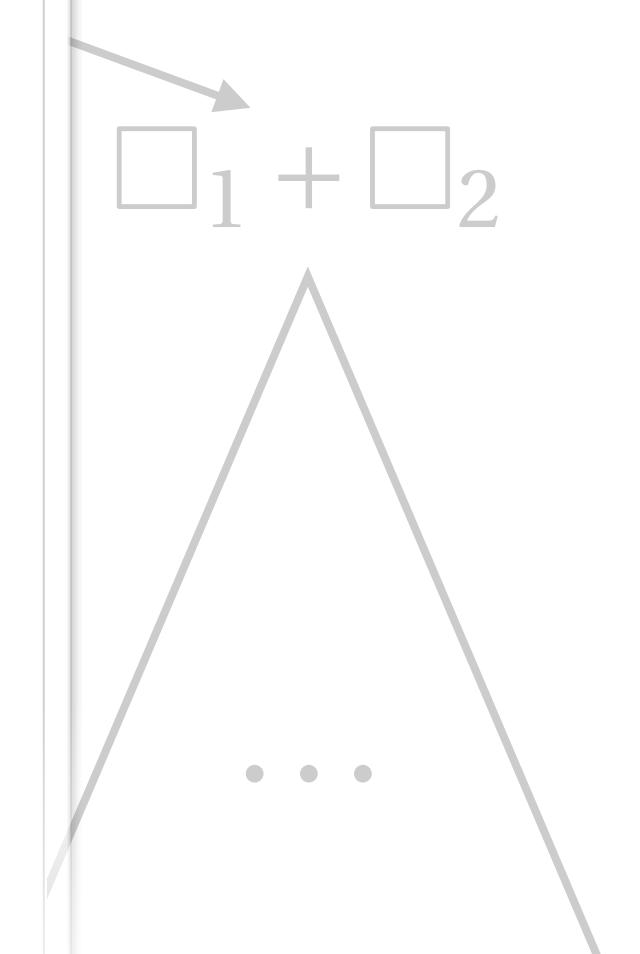
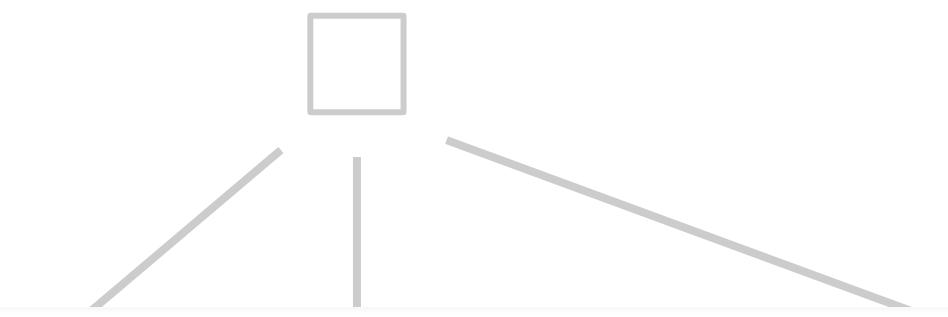
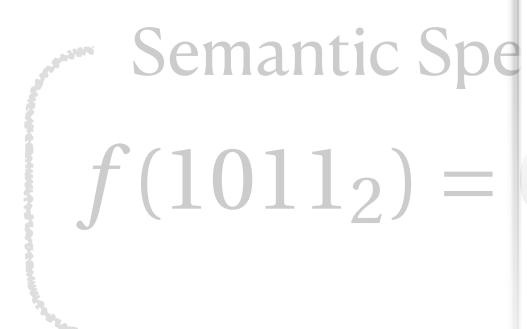
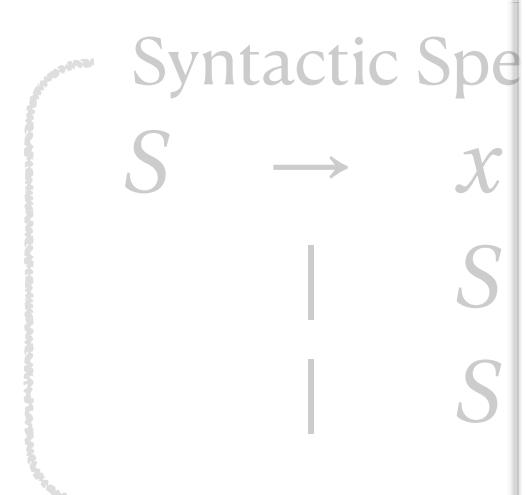
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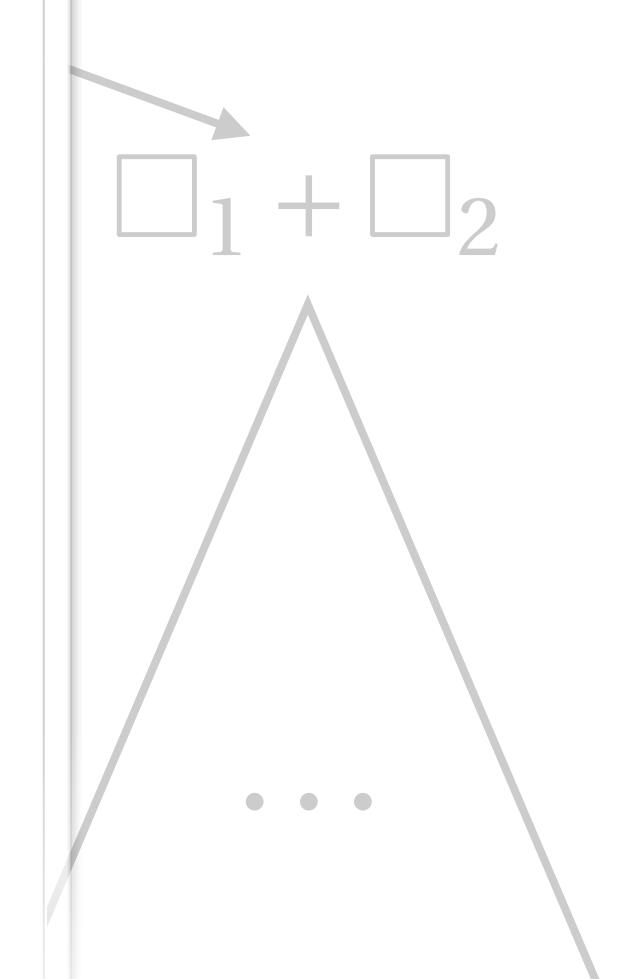
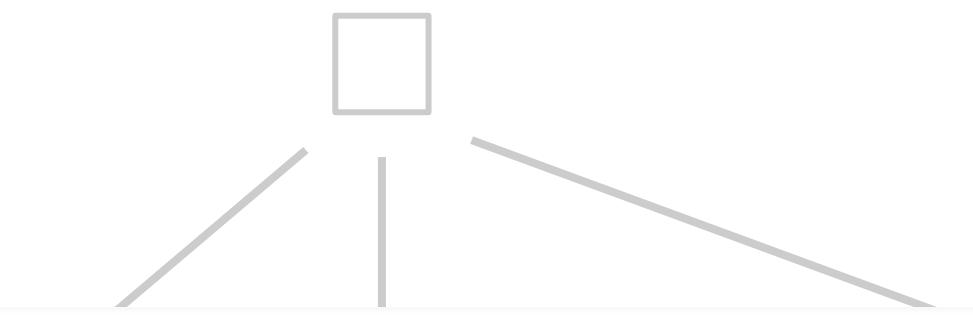
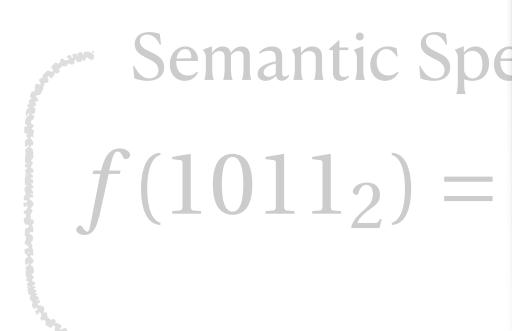
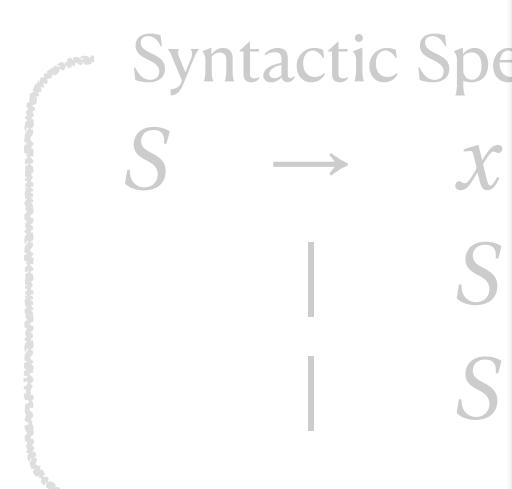
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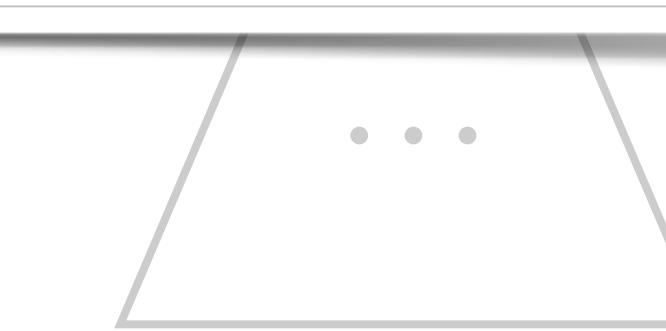
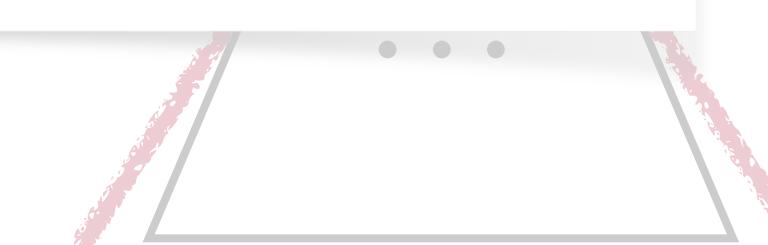
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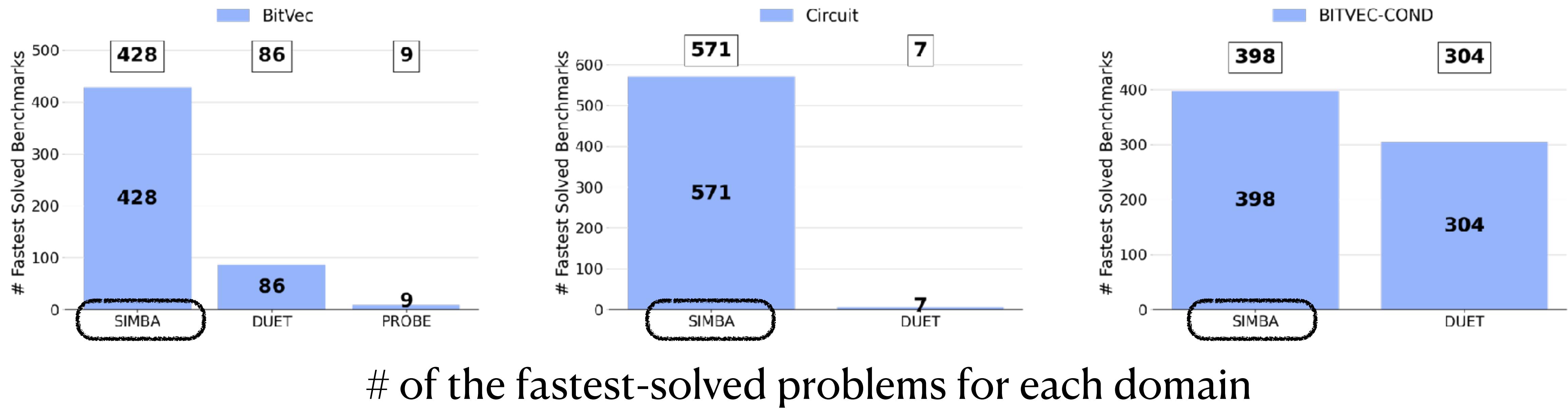
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Our Performance

Comparing to 2 existing tools on 3 benchmark domains

- Our tool SIMBA using Forward-Backward Static Analysis
 - Outperformed state-of-the-art tools for 2 branch-free benchmarks
 - Comparable to state-of-the-art tools for a branch benchmark



Using Forward Analysis

Checking only output feasibility

Forward



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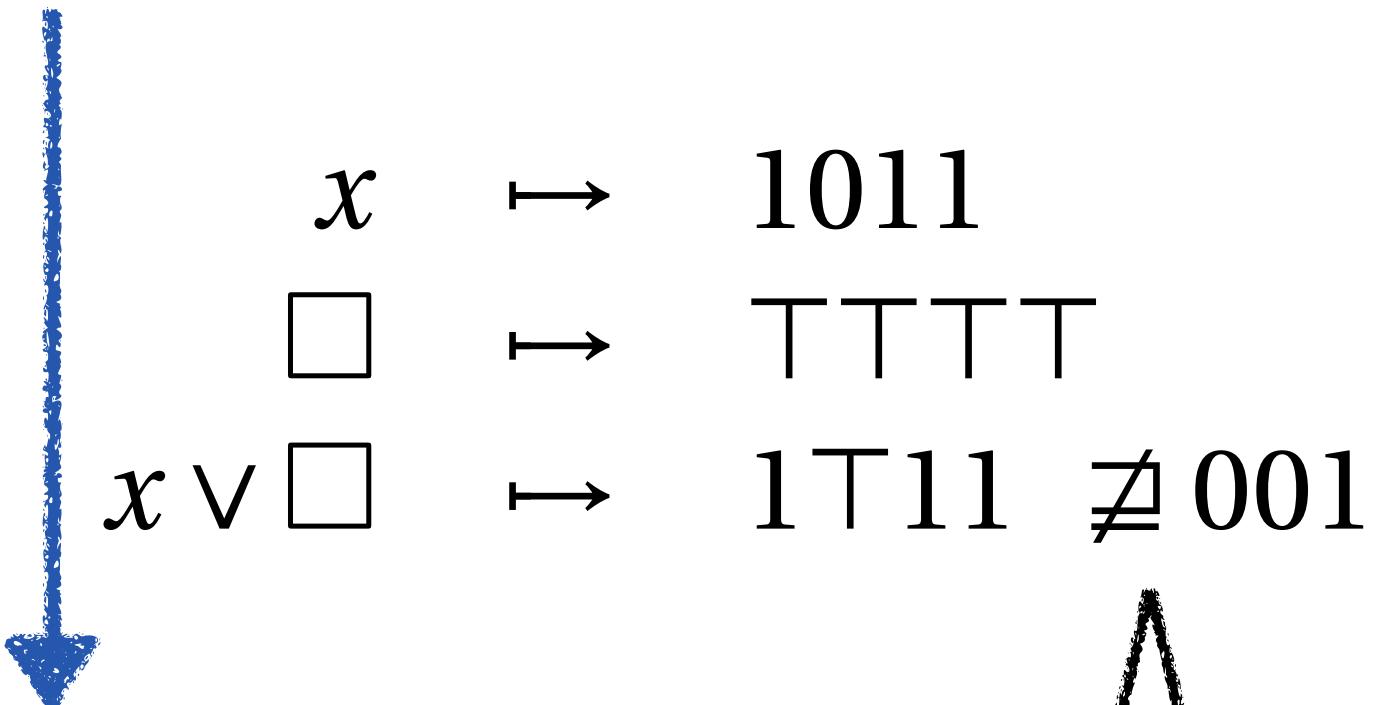
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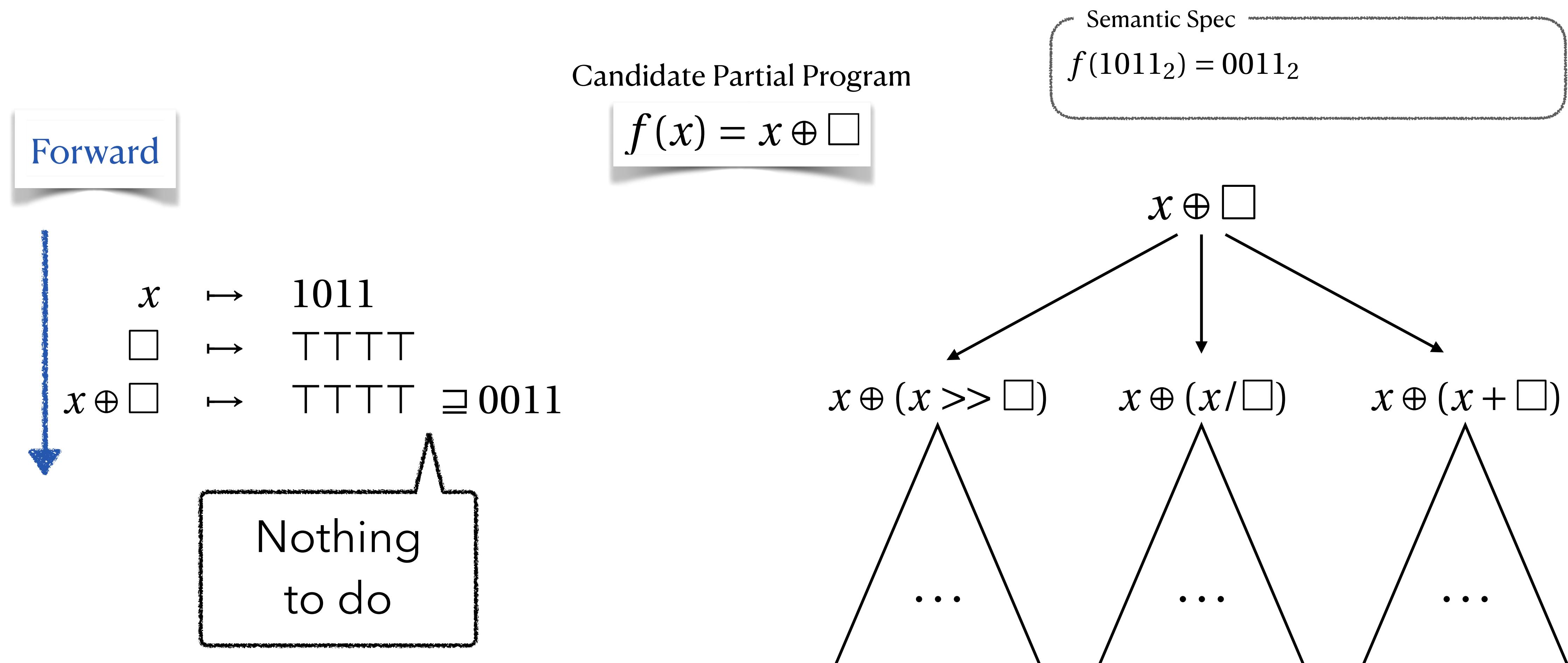
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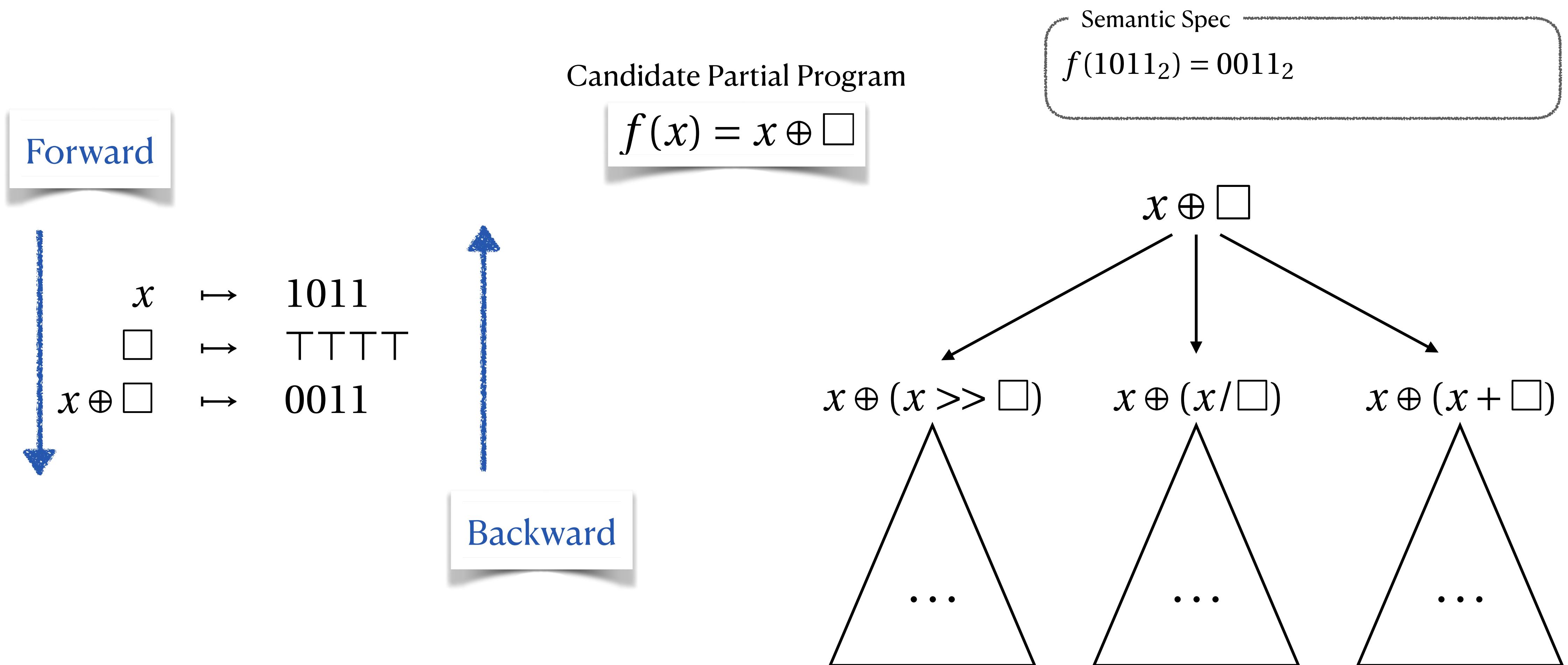
Limitation of Forward Analysis

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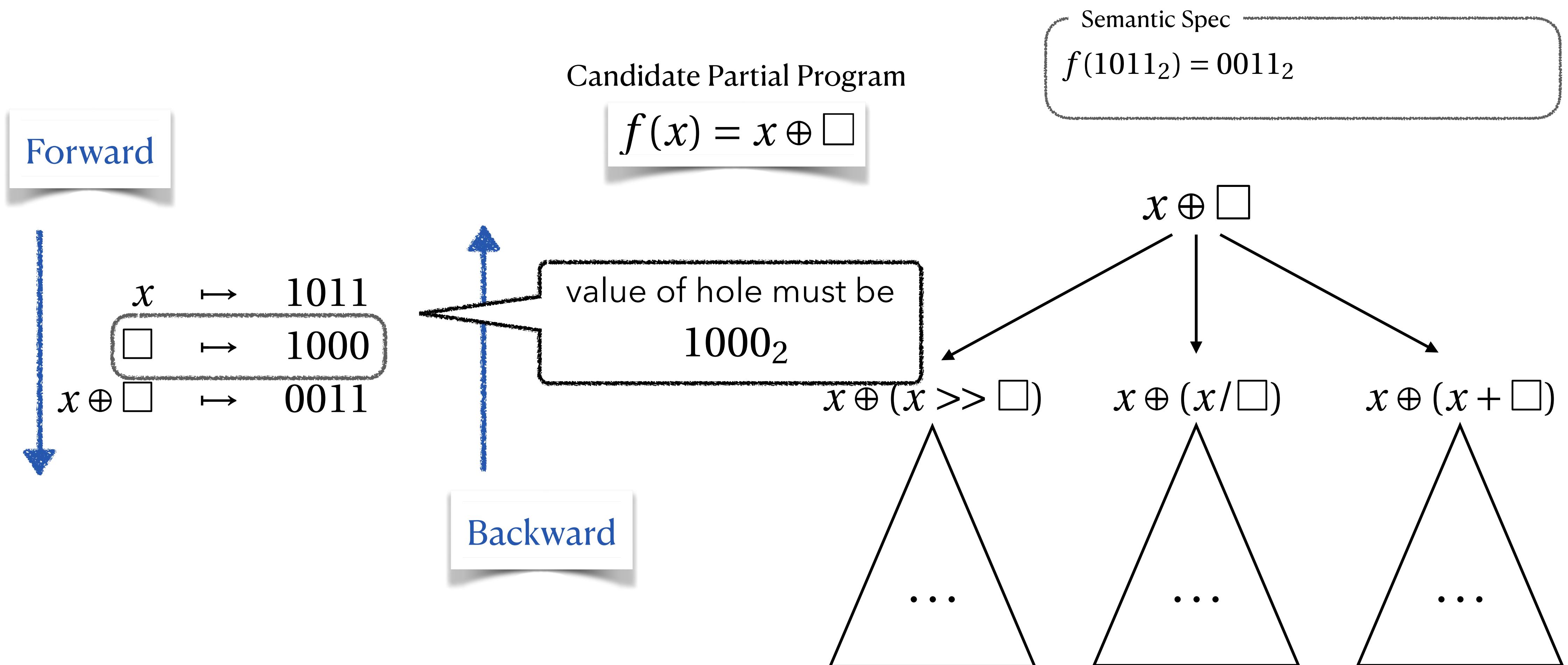
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Output feasibility + Hole Precondition



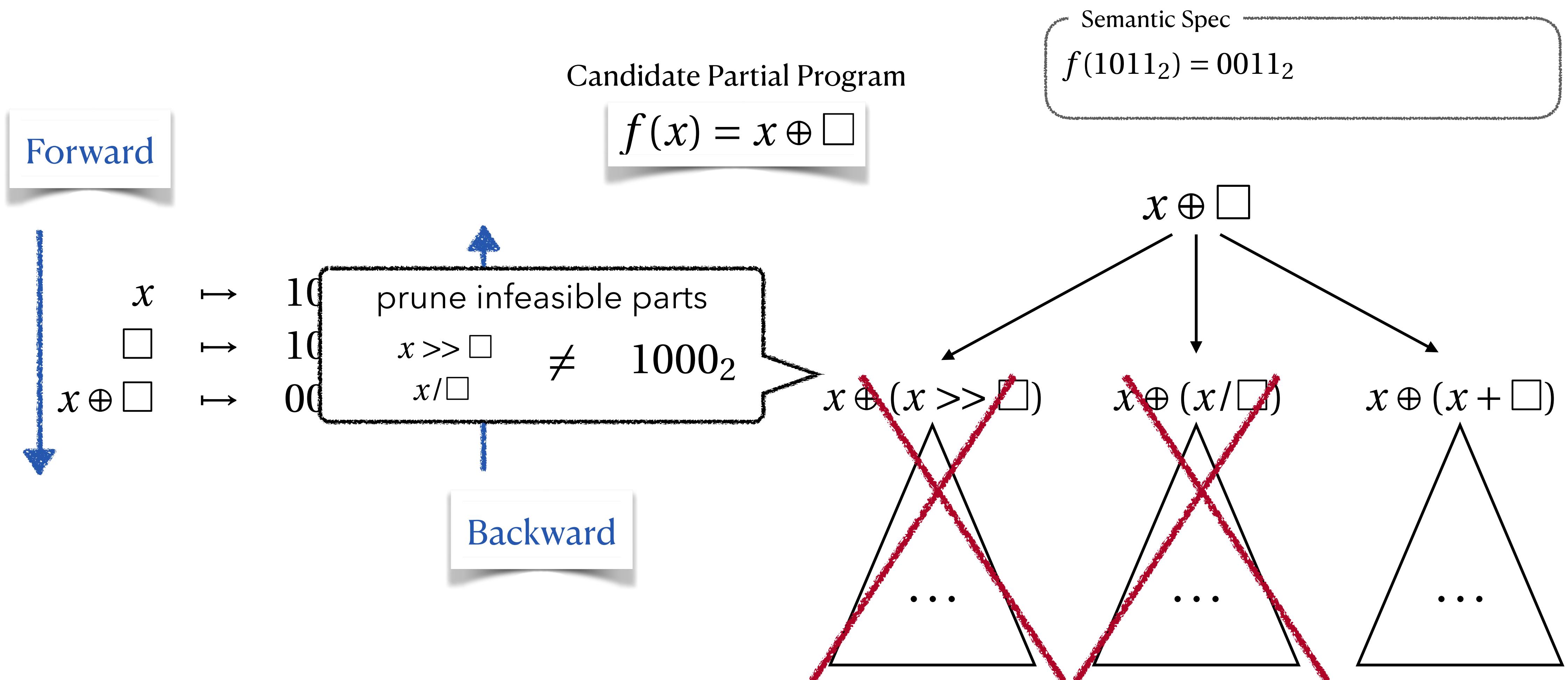
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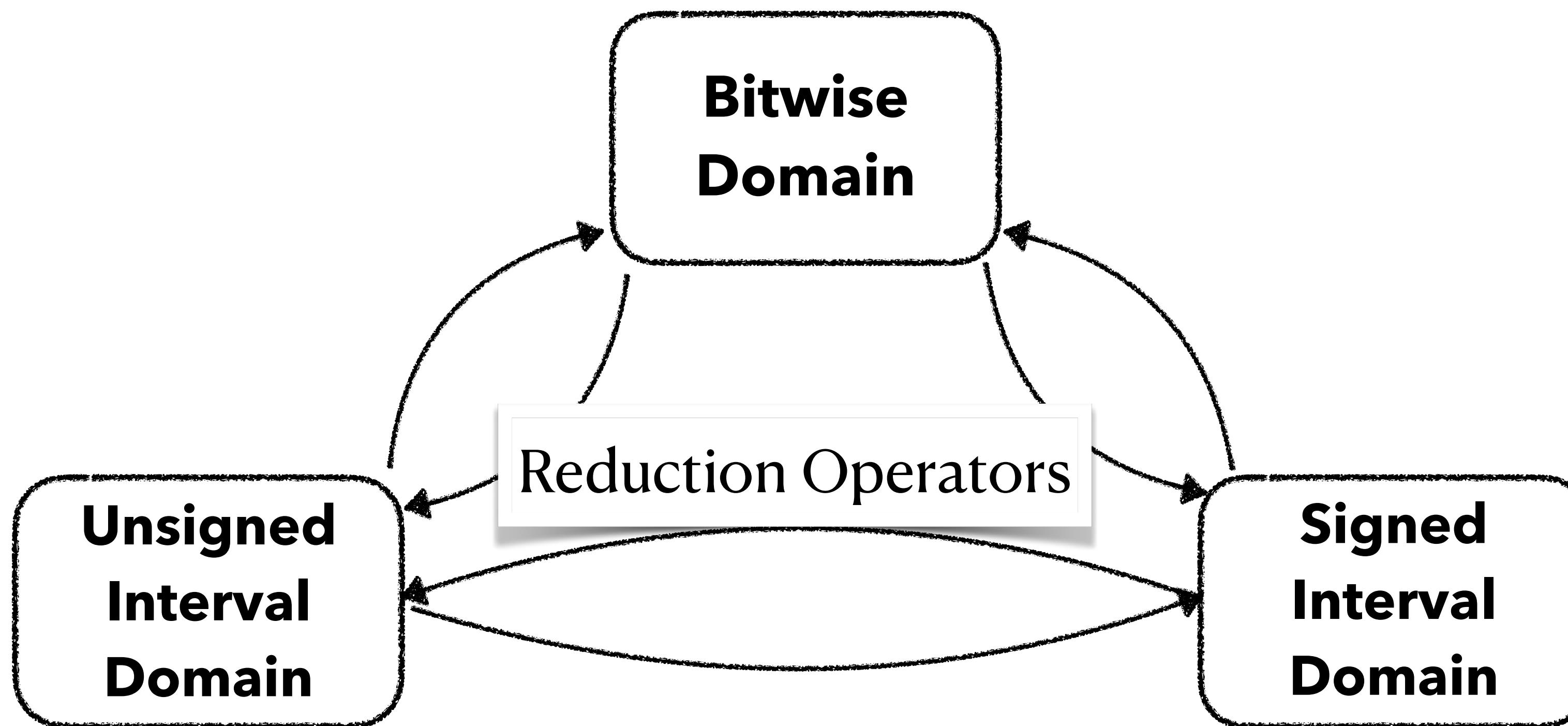
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Challenge 2: Precise Backward Analysis

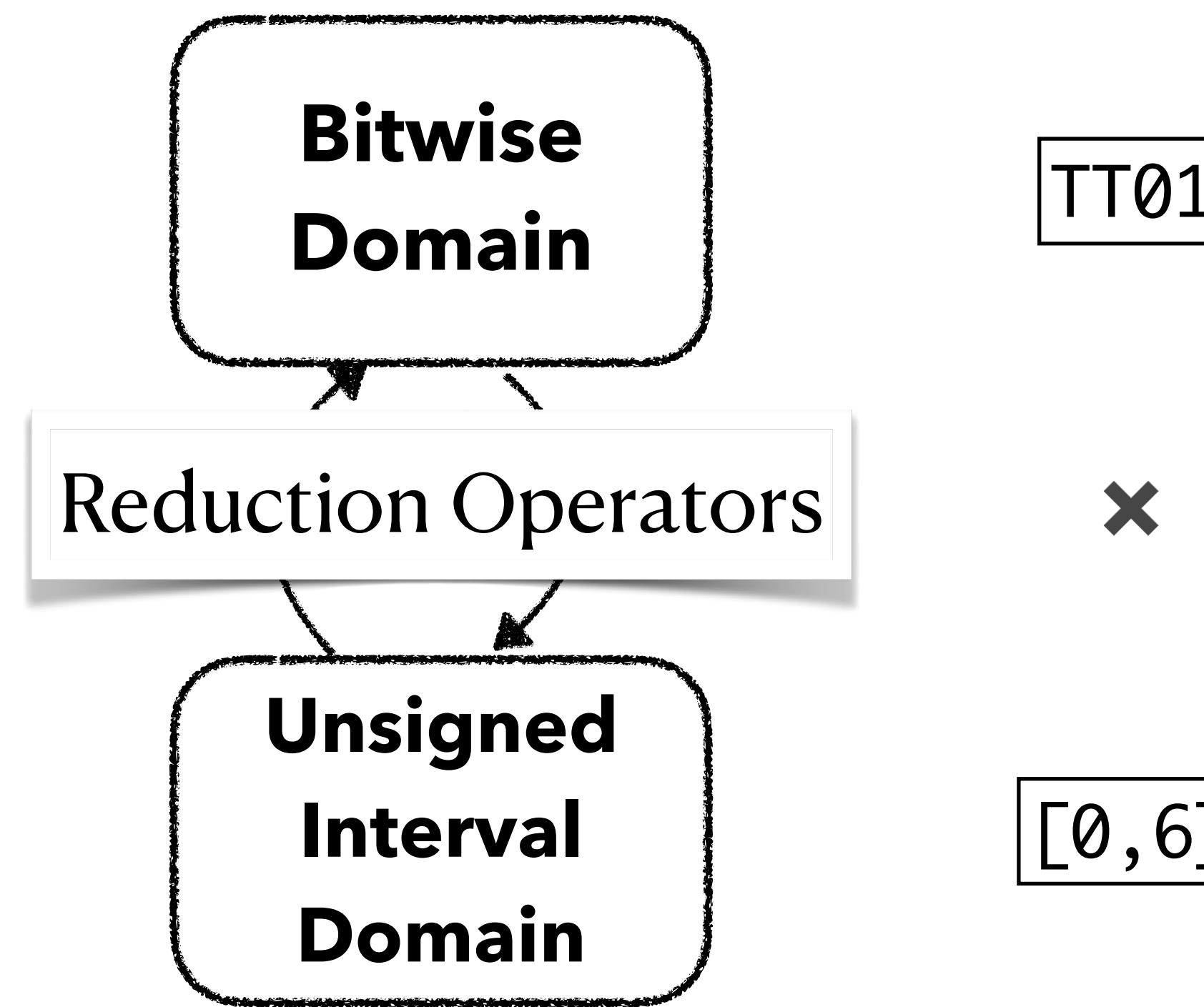
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- Reduced Product Domain of well-known and simple domains
- No more complex domain (e.g., relational domain) was necessary



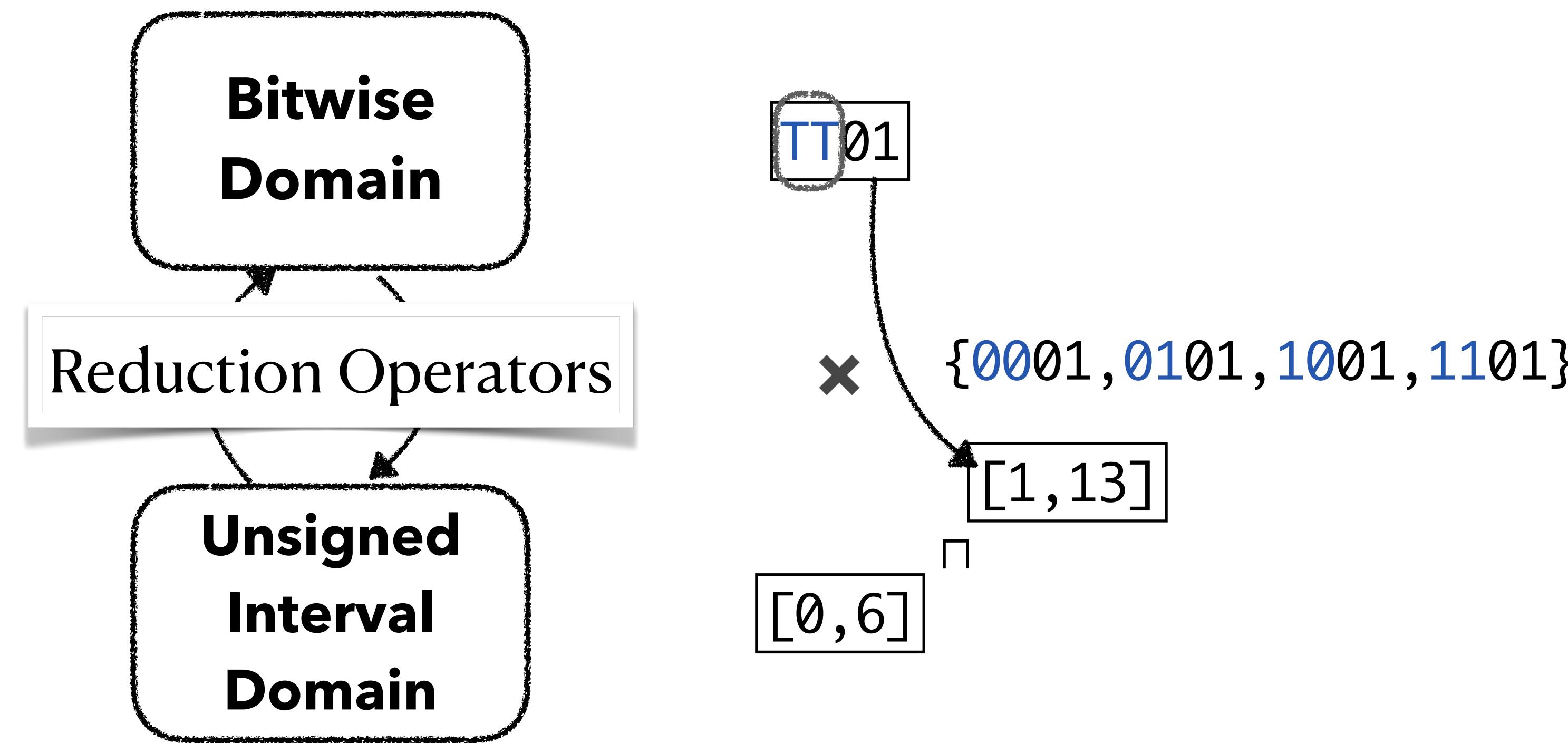
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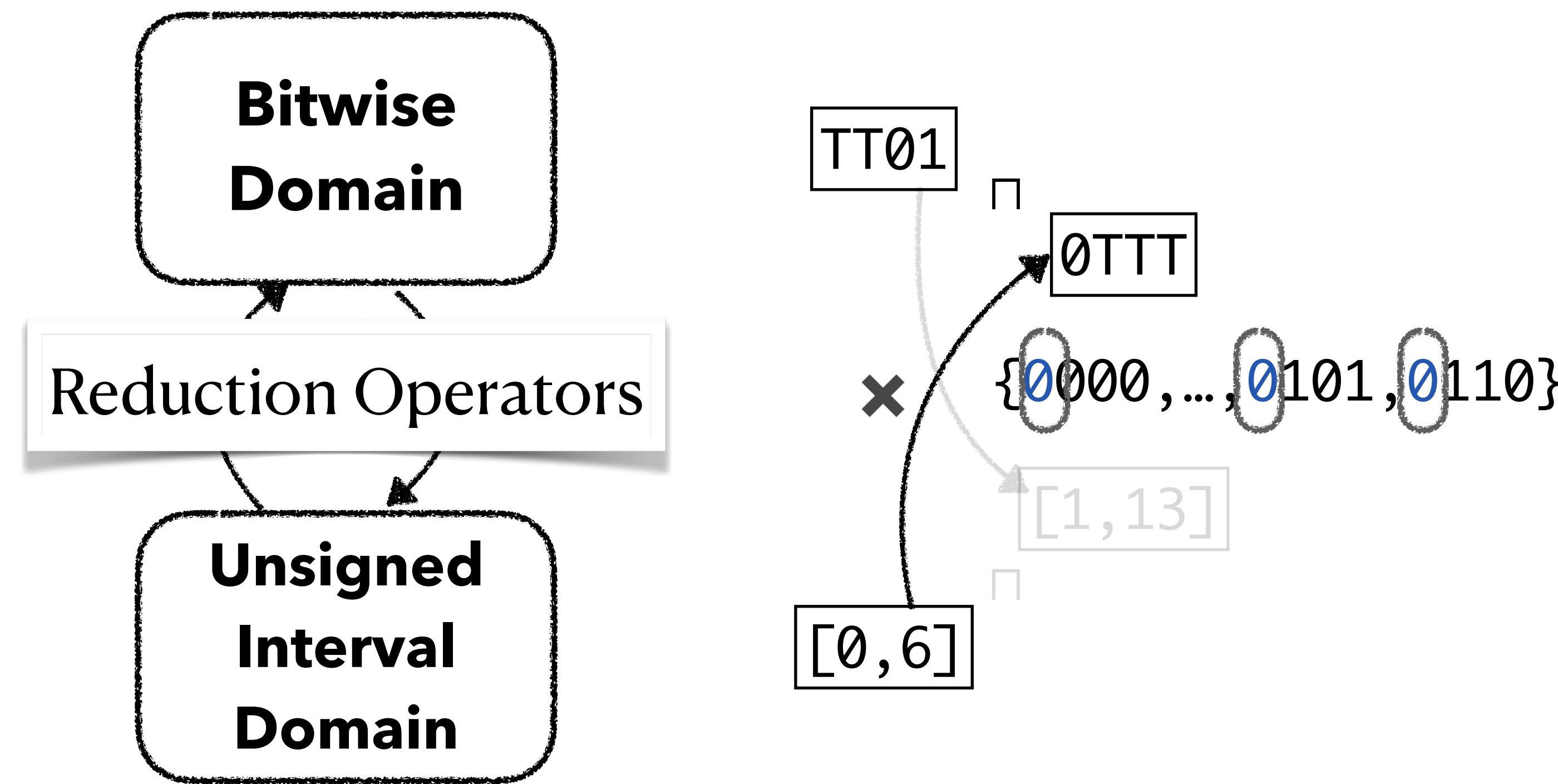
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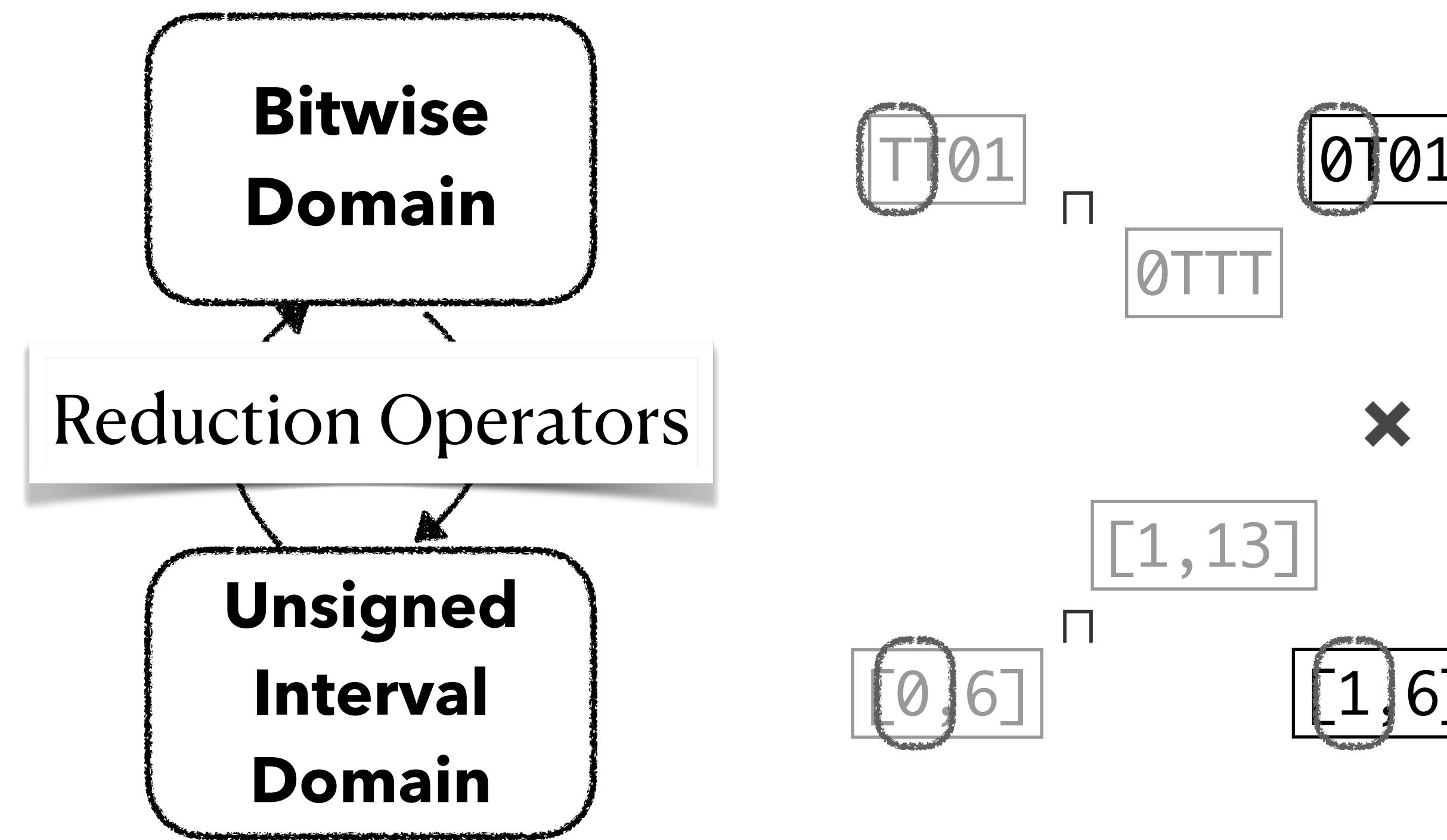
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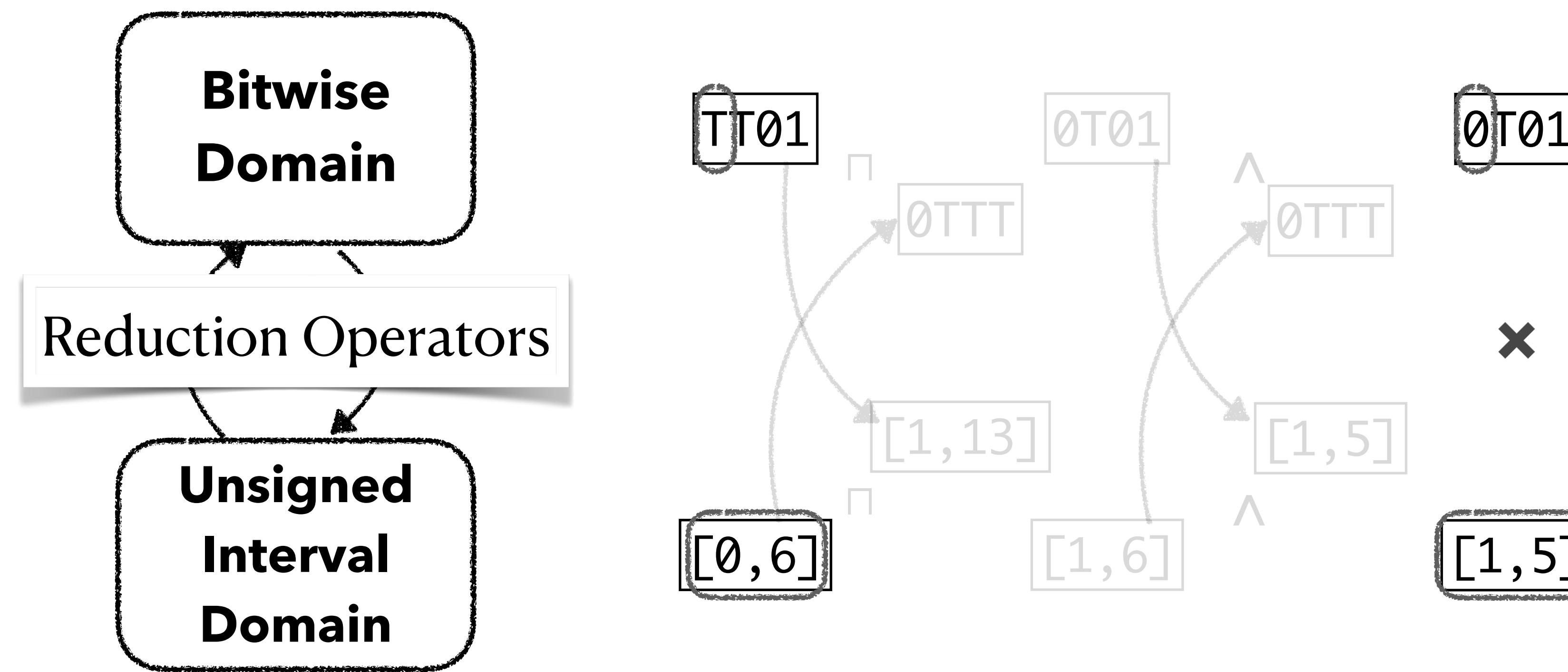
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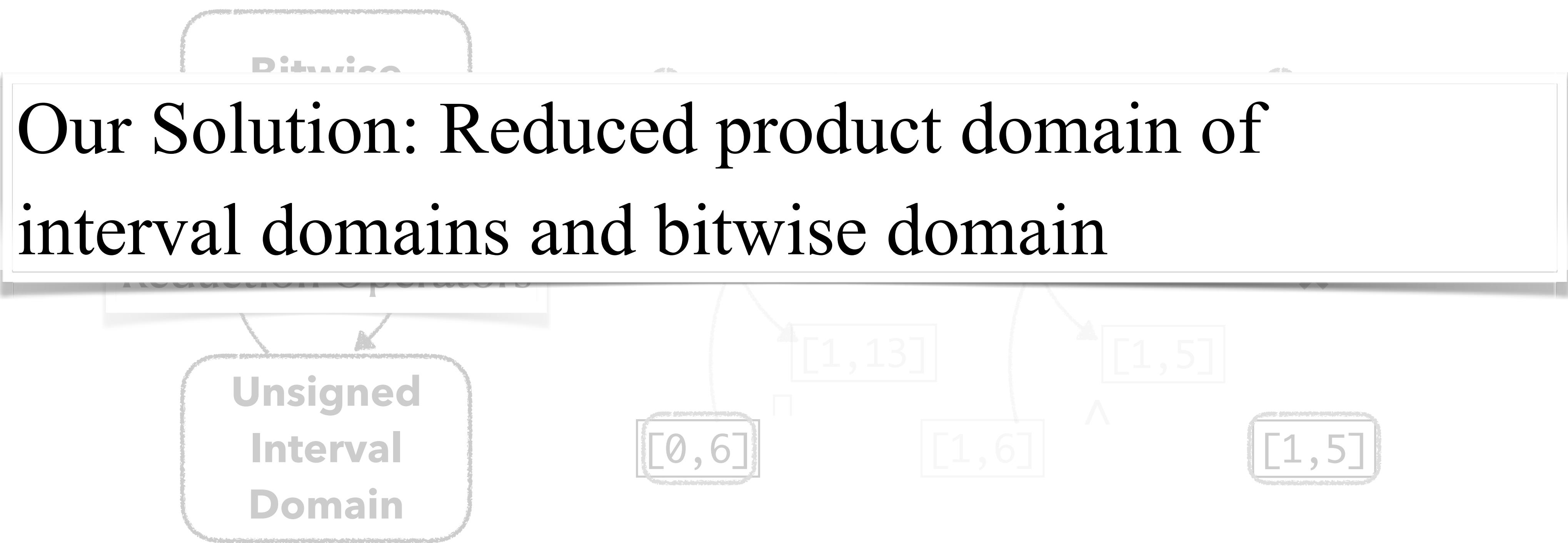
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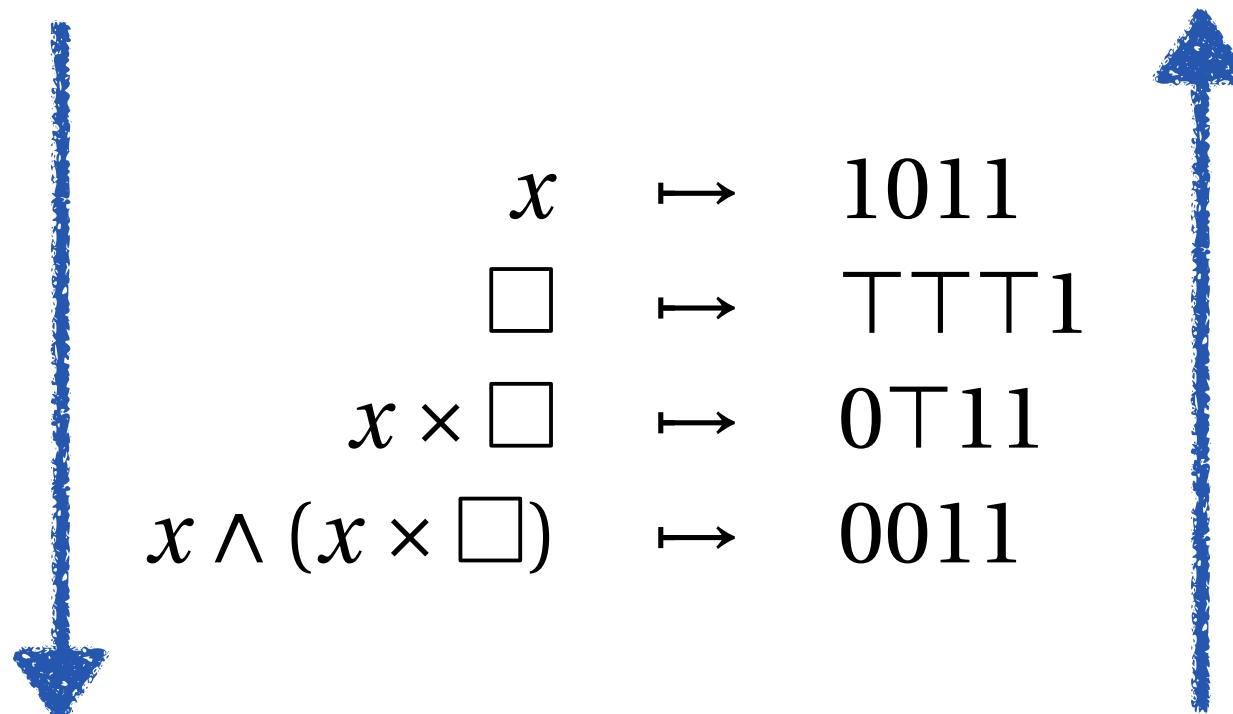
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Can we do better?

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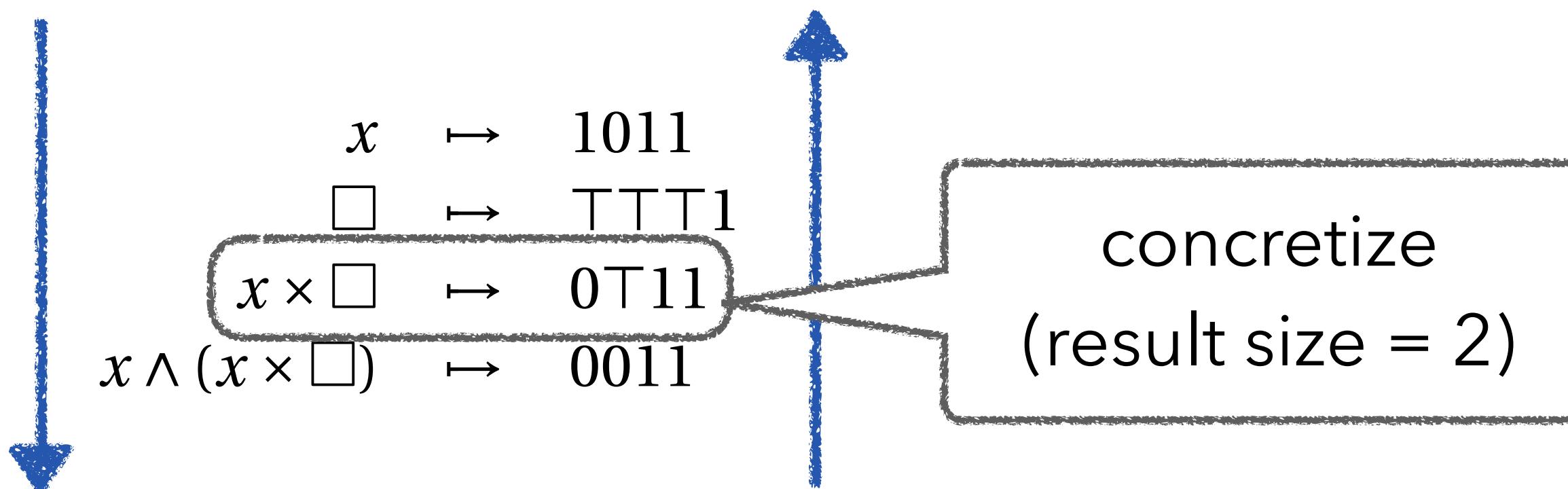
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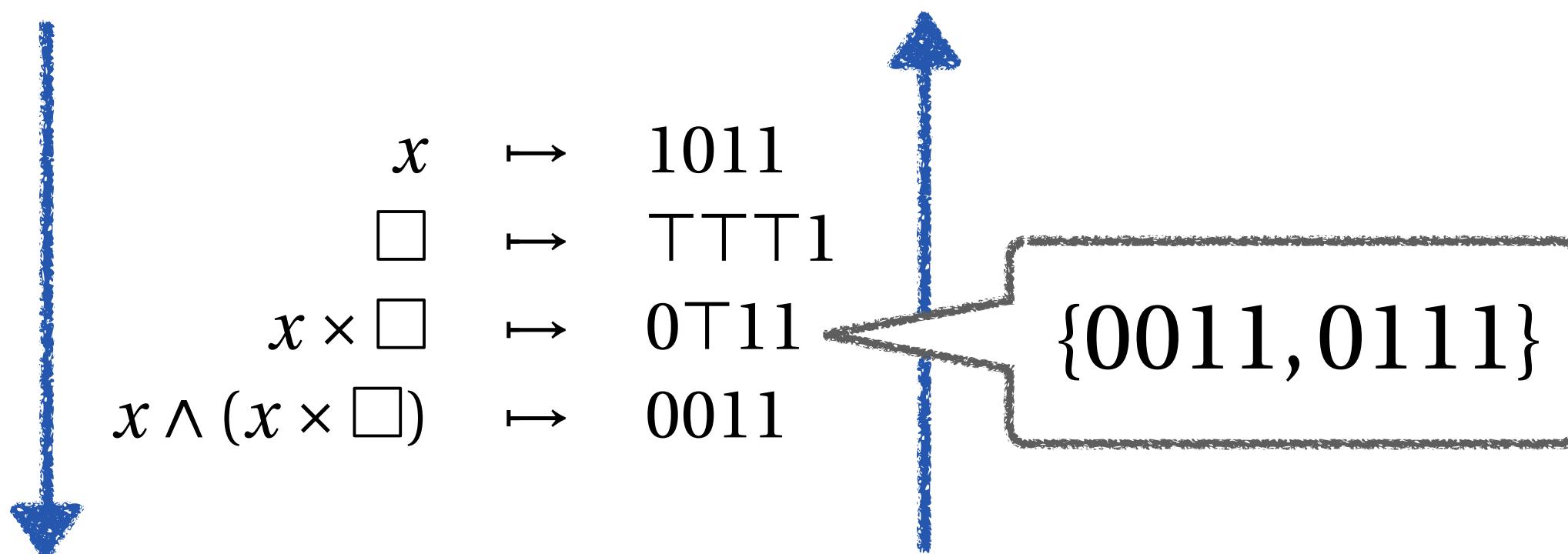
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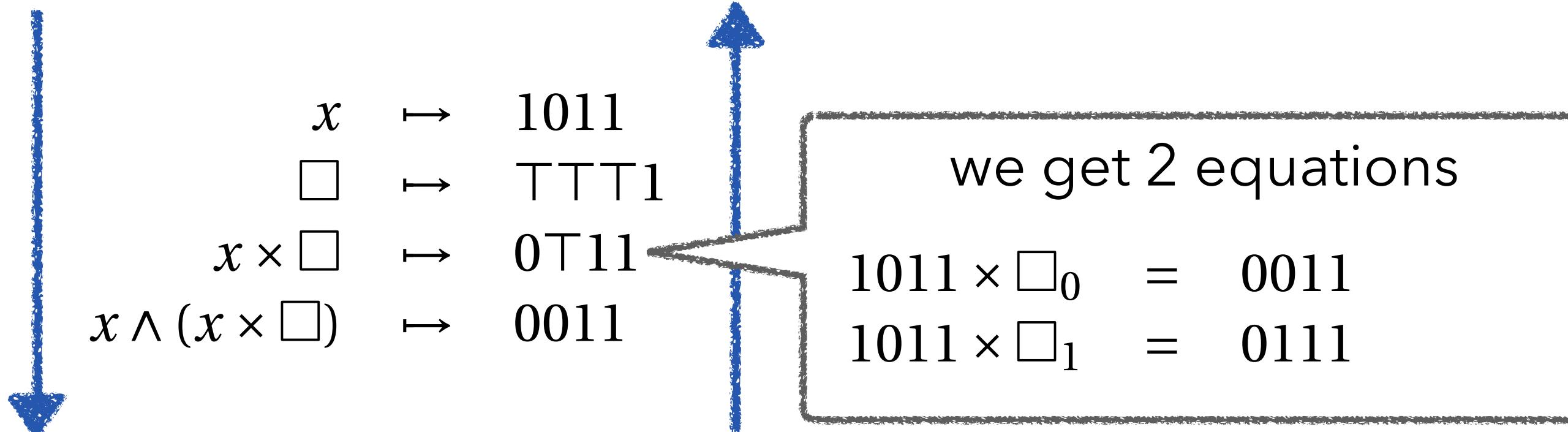
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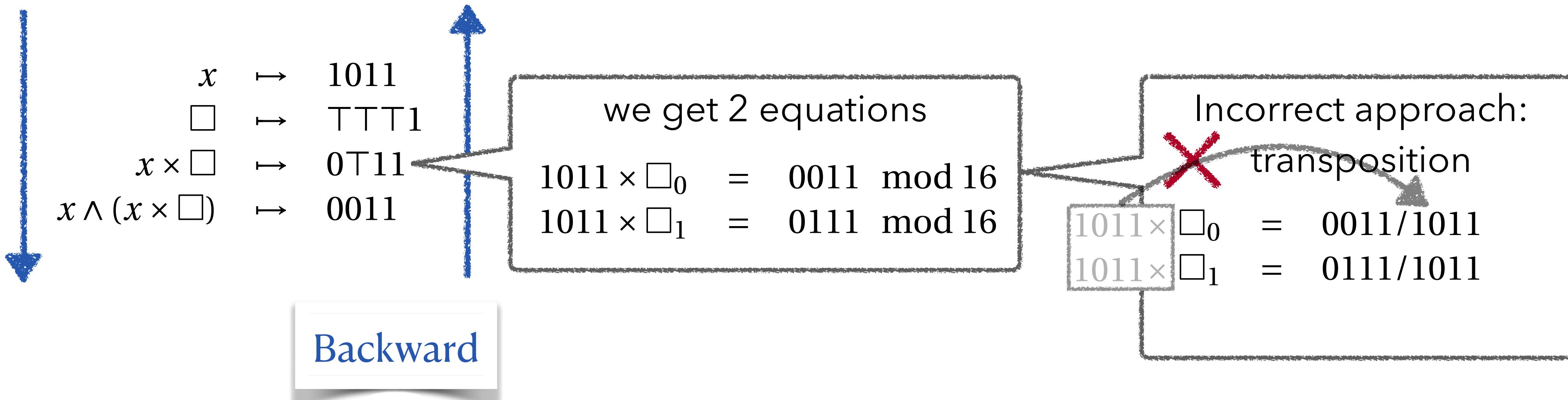
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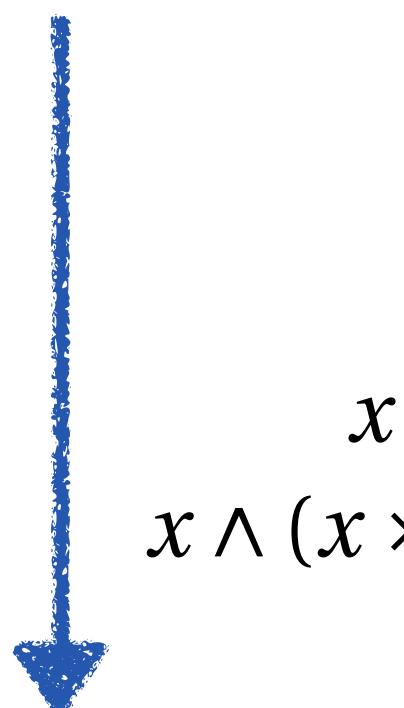
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we get 2 equations

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Our Solution: Use concretization for precise analysis

$$x \wedge (x \times \square) \rightarrow 0011$$

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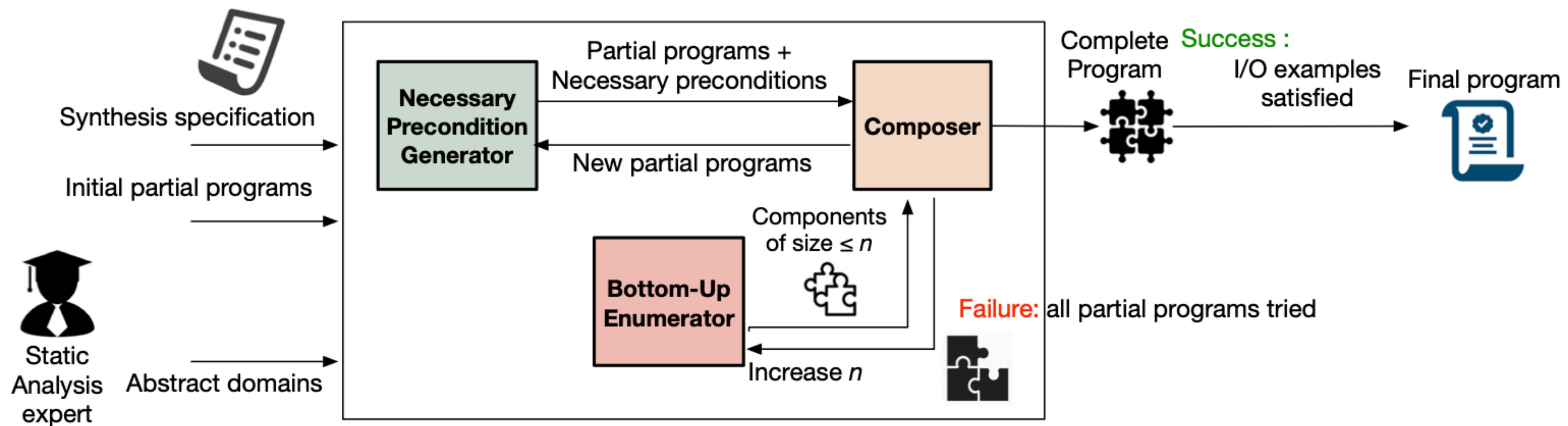
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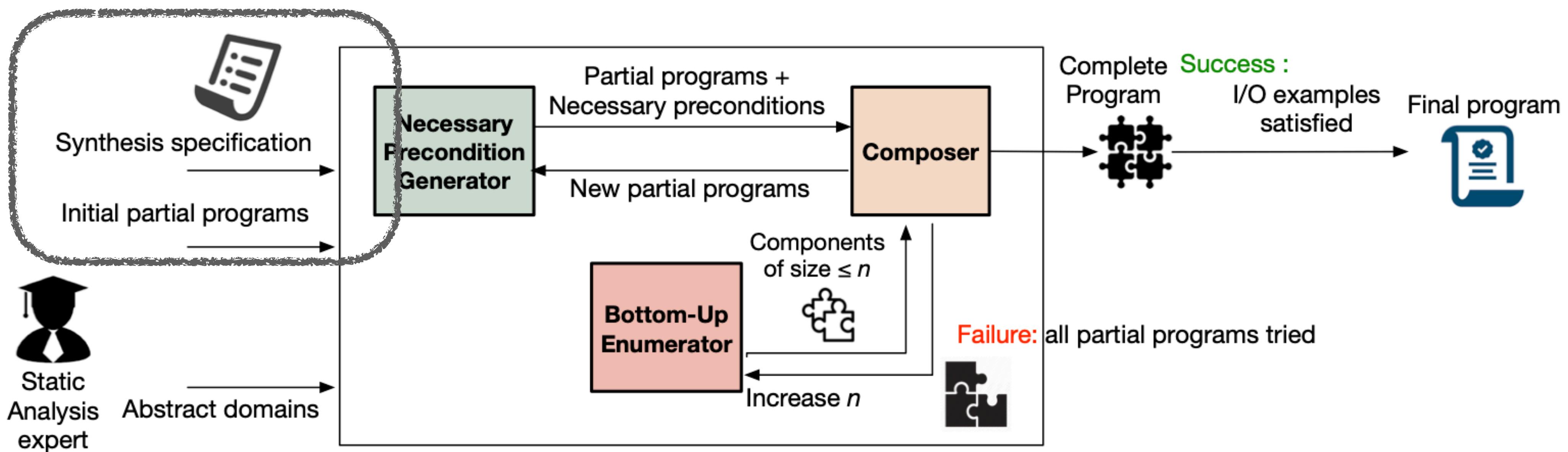
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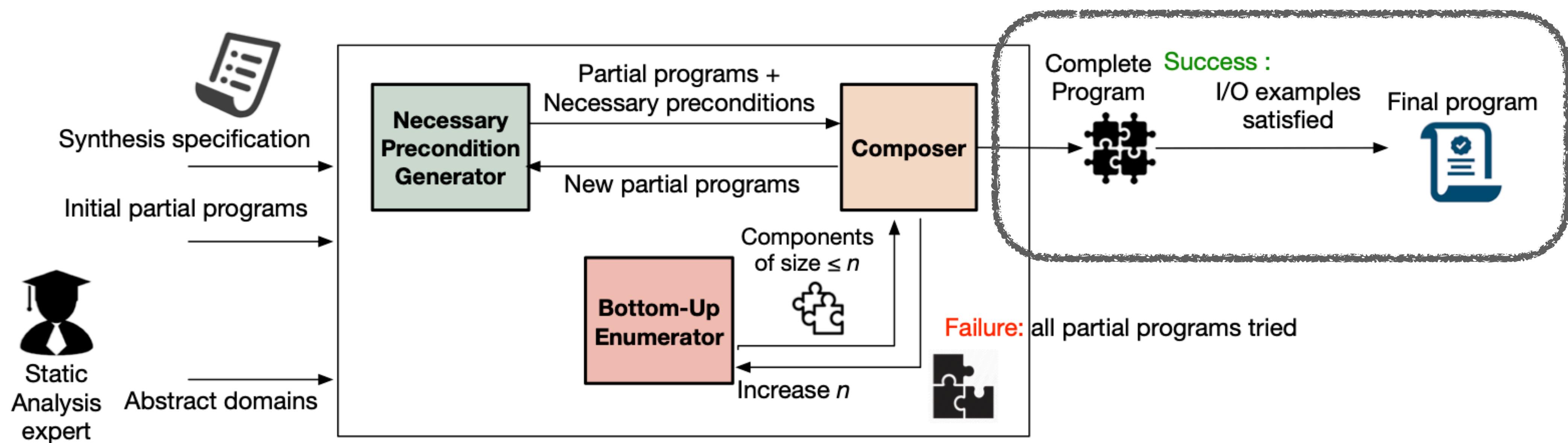
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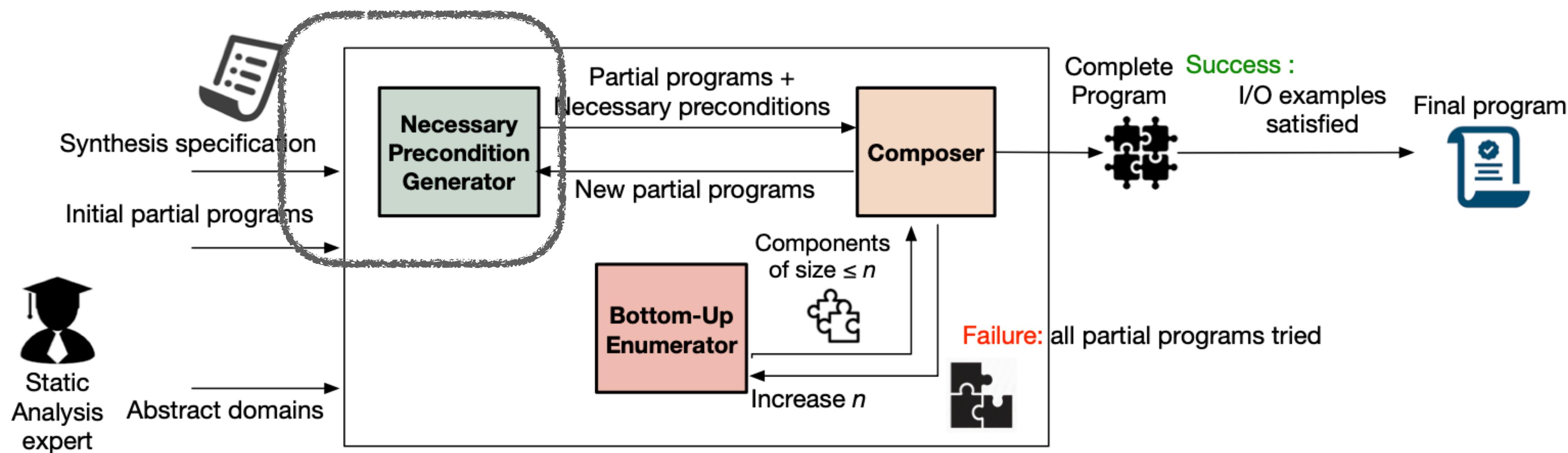
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Synthesis Algorithm



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Example Initial Partial Programs

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$(\square / x) \gg 0001_2$

Initial partial programs
chosen for illustration purpose

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Forward Analysis

$$\begin{array}{ll} \square & \mapsto \text{TTTT} \\ x & \mapsto 1011 \\ \square \oplus x & \mapsto \text{TTTT} \\ (\square \oplus x) \gg 0001_2 & \mapsto \text{TTTT} \end{array}$$

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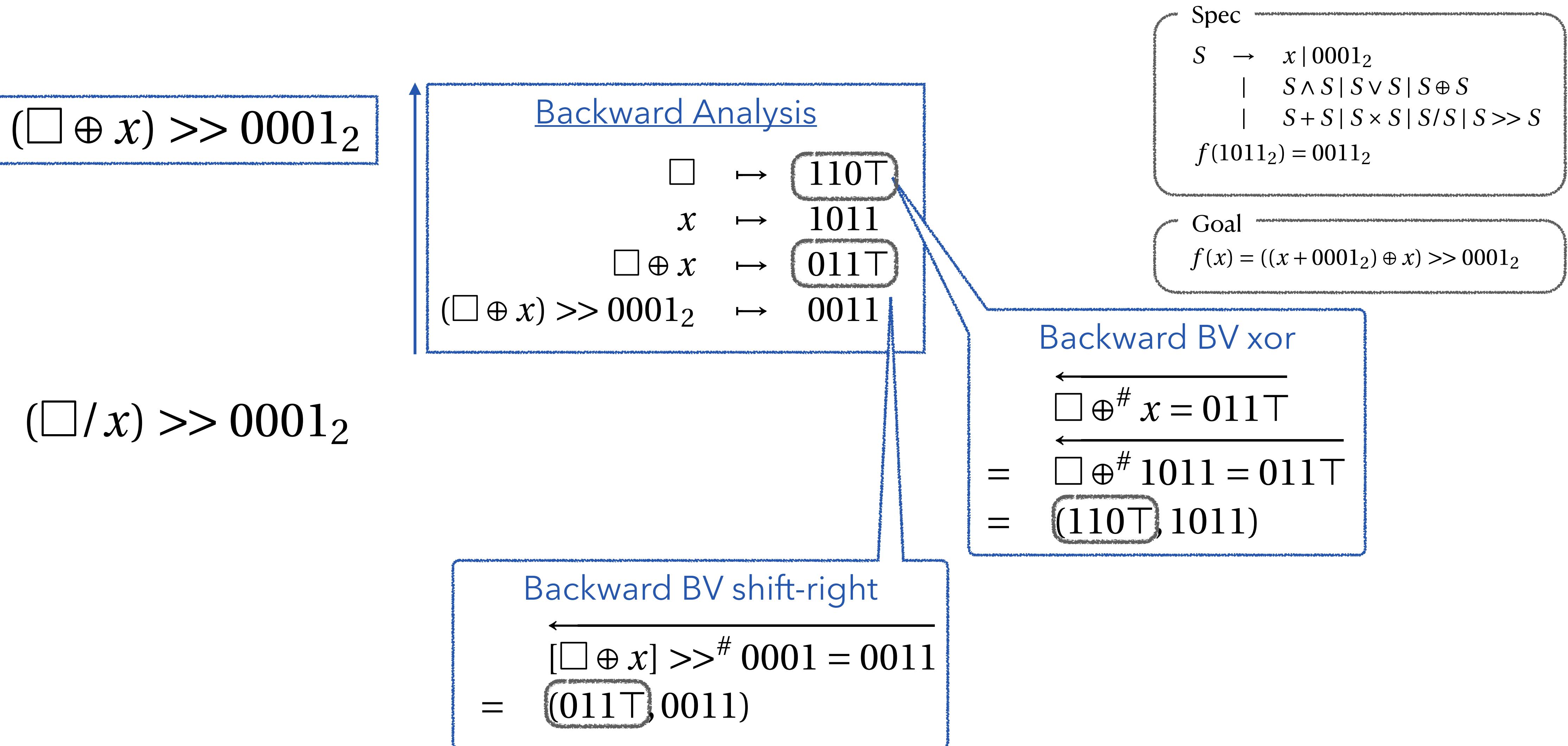
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$$\begin{array}{lcl} \square & \rightarrow & TTTT \\ x & \rightarrow & 1011 \\ \square / x & \rightarrow & 000\top \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \square & = [0, 15] \\ x & = [11, 11] \\ \hline \square /^{\#} x & = [l_S / h_x, h_S / l_x] \\ & = [0 / 11, 15 / 11] \\ & = [0, 1] \end{array}$$

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Synthesis Algorithm

Analyze Partial Programs (2/2)

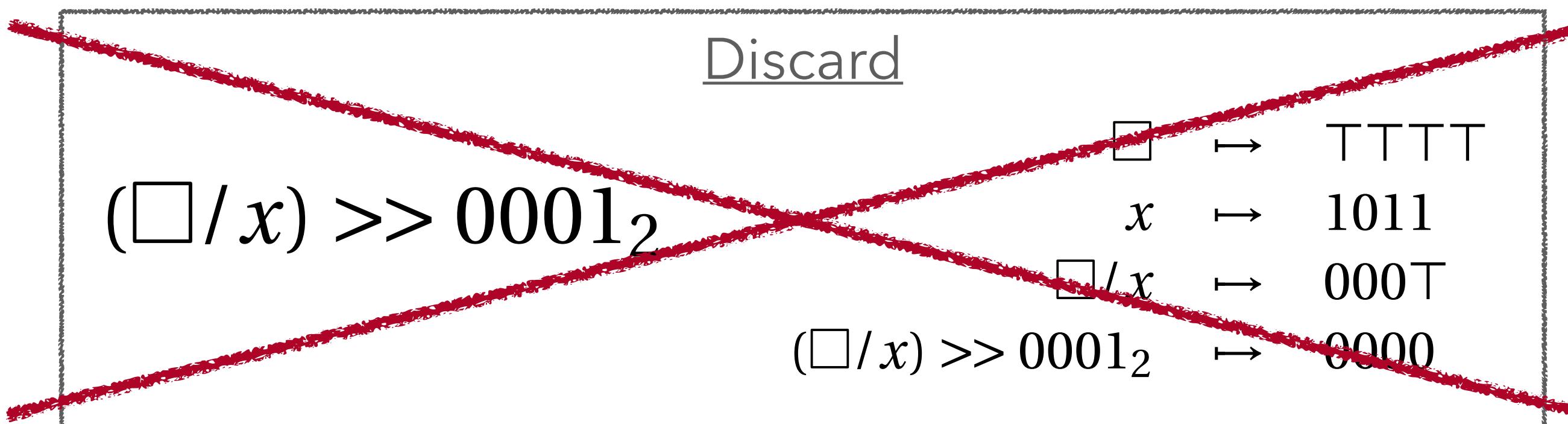
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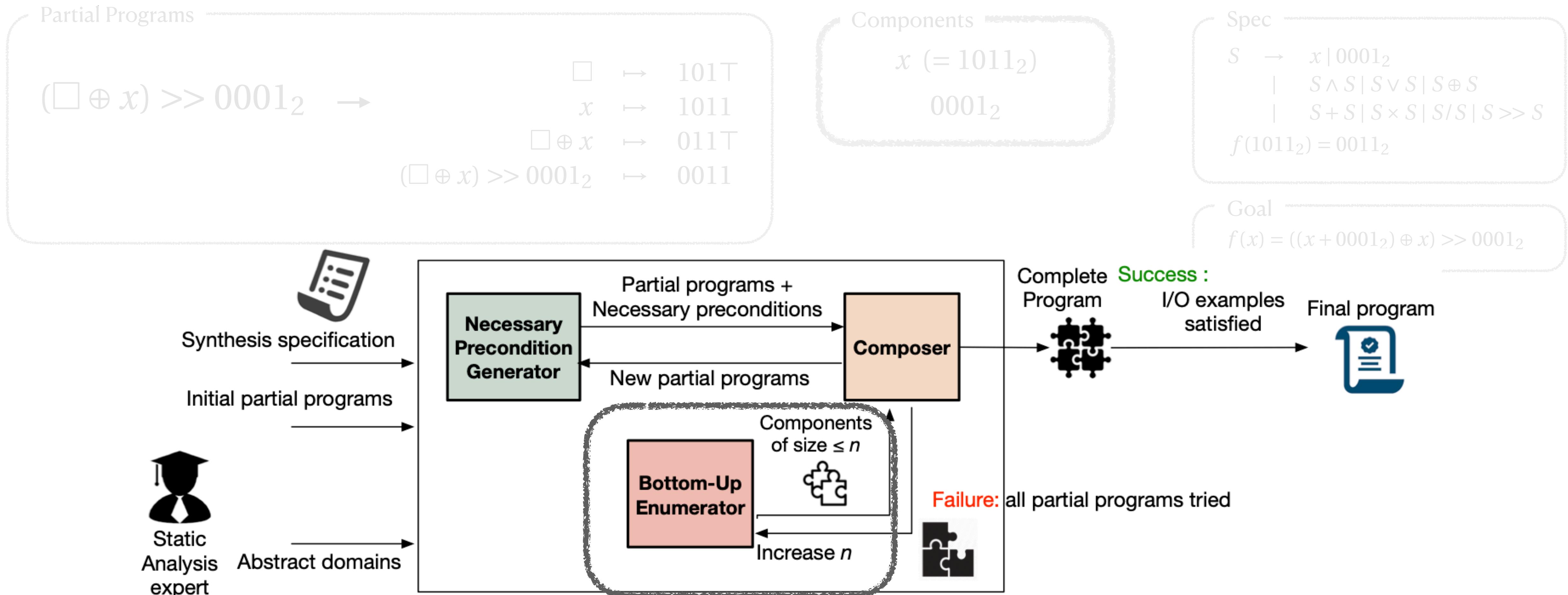
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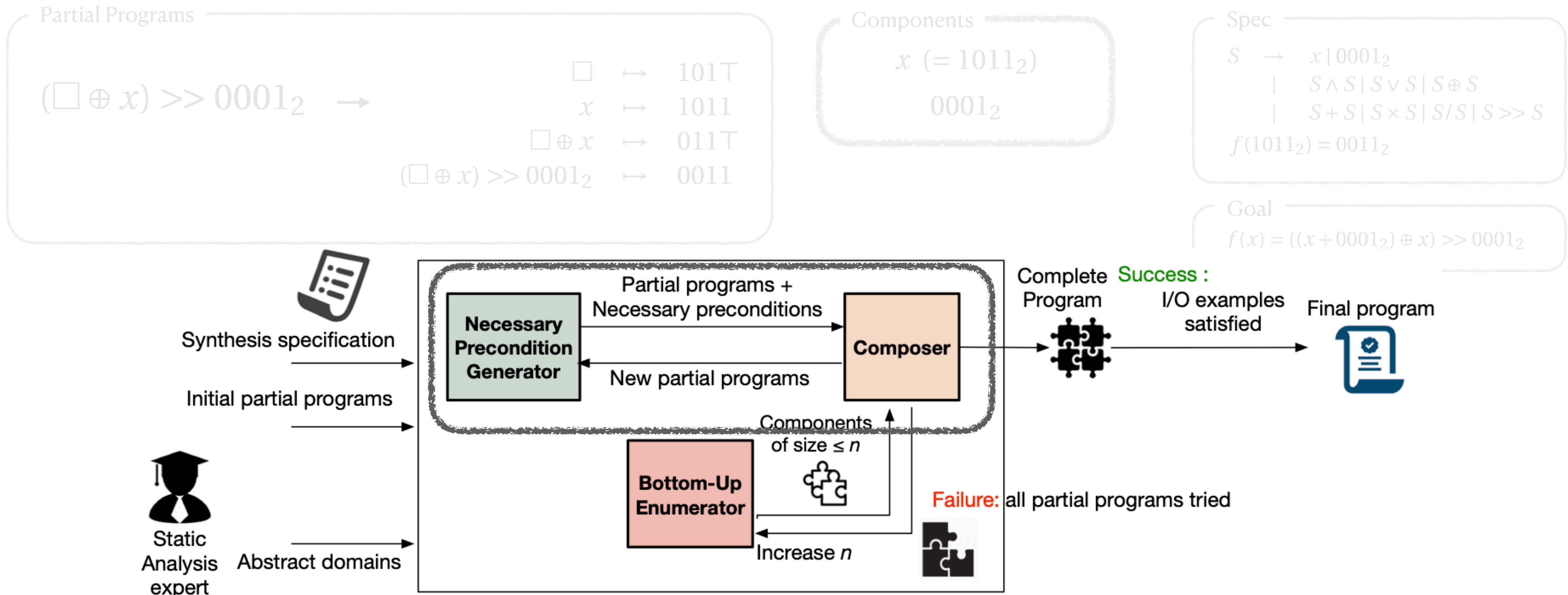
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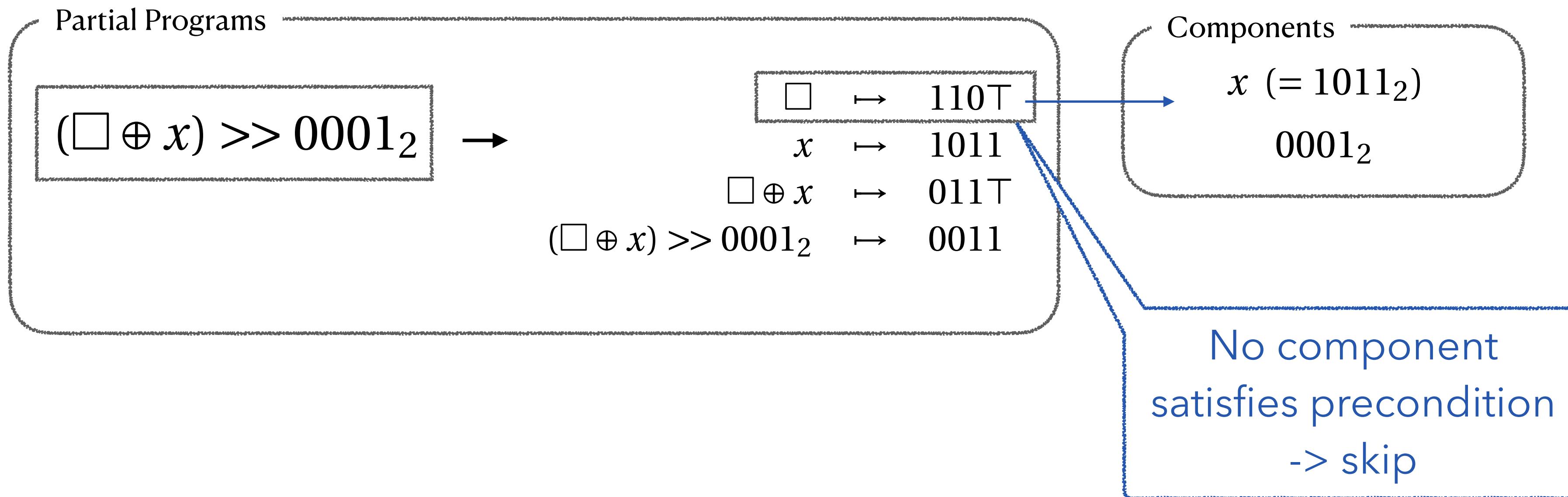
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Composition Round 1



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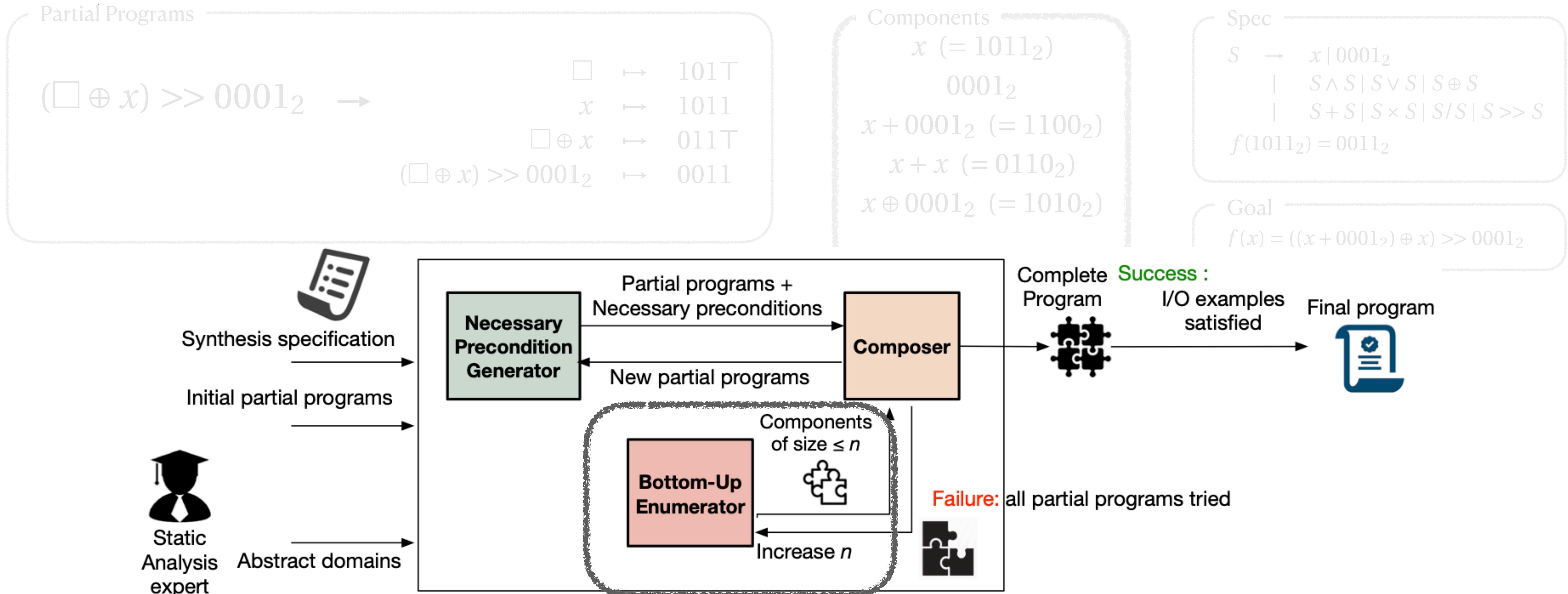
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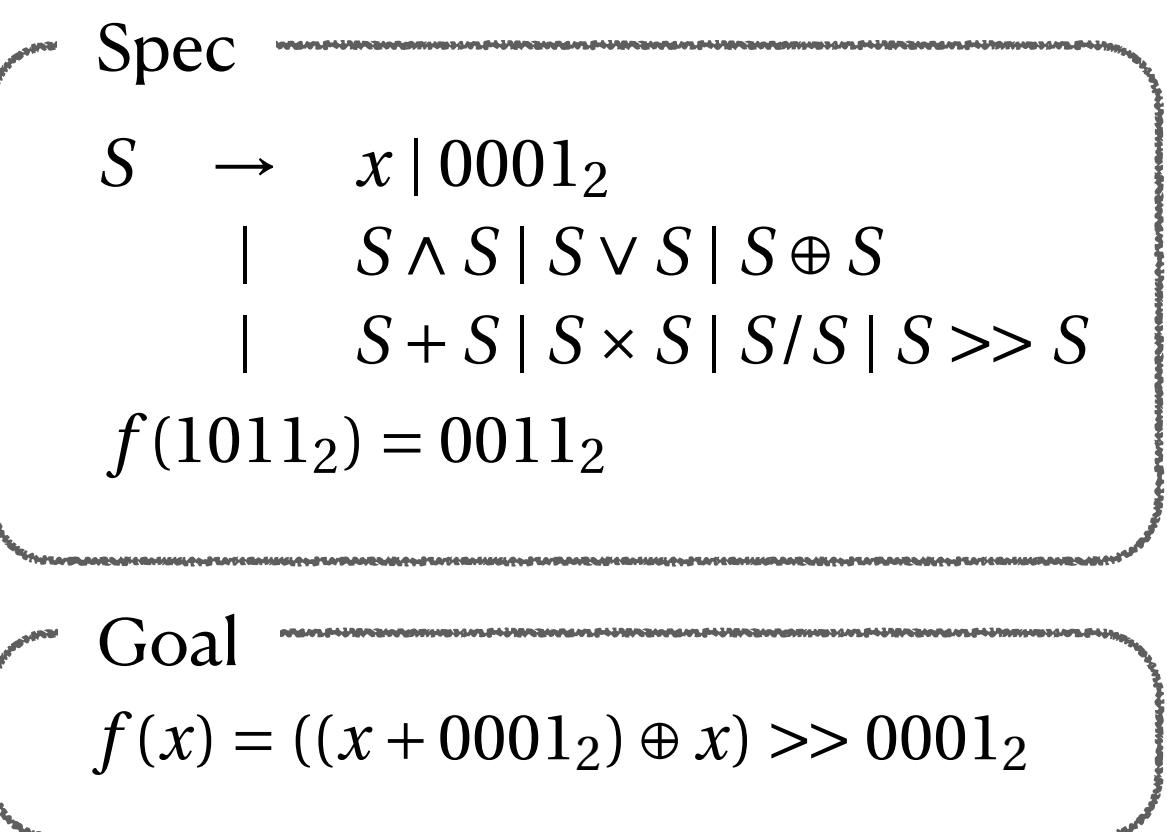
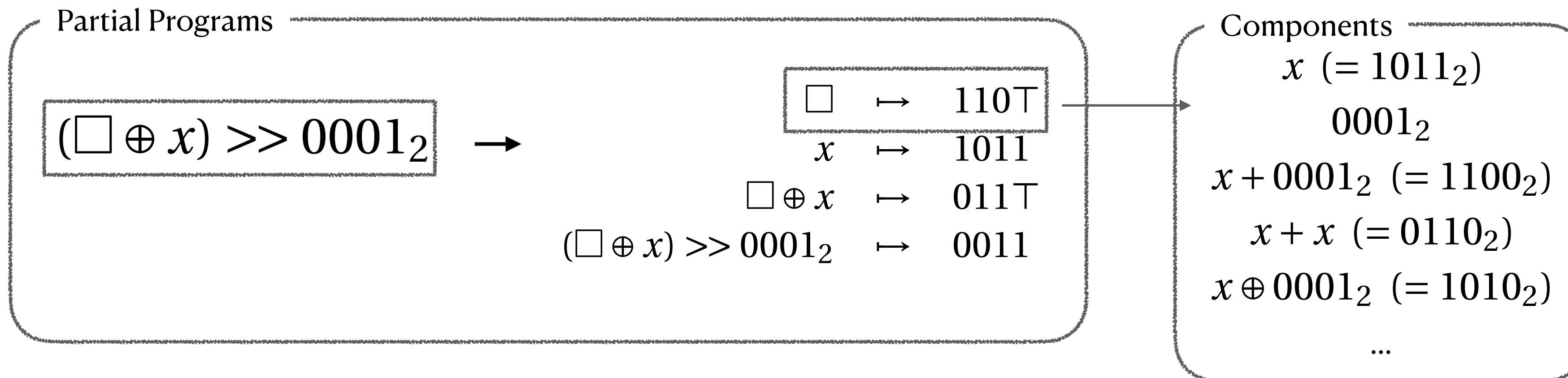
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Found Solution

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New Candidate Solution

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Solution Found!

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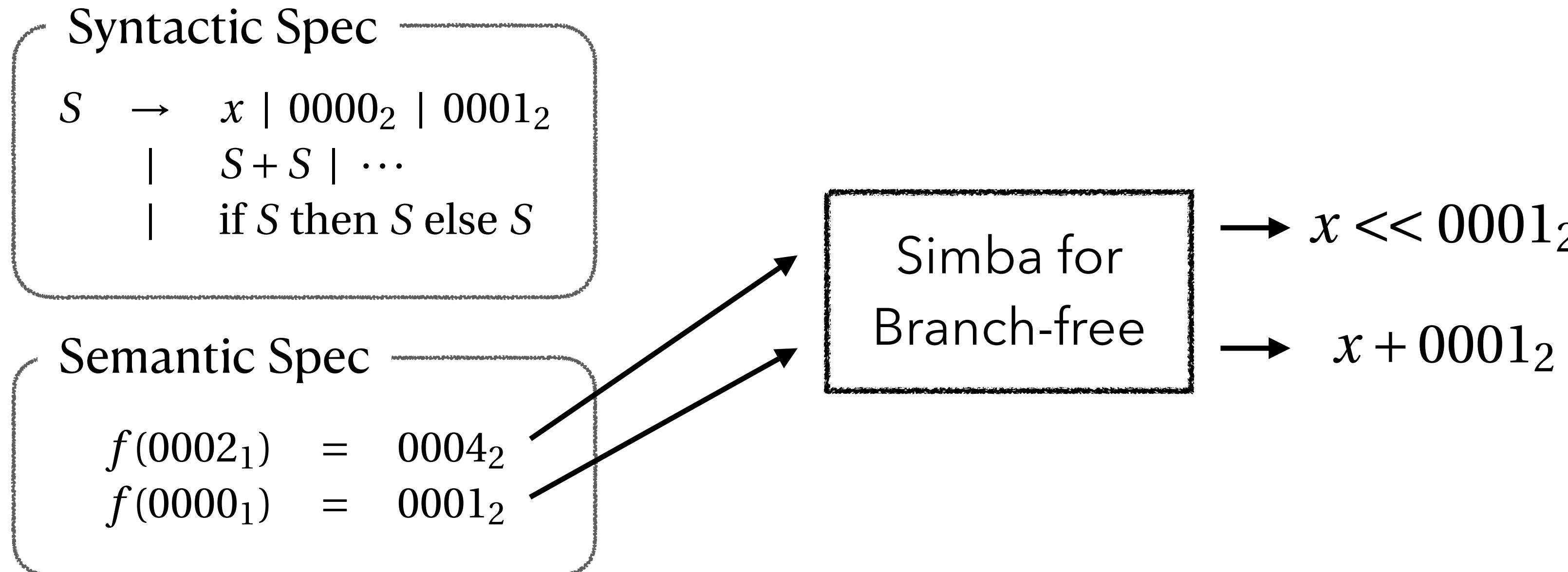
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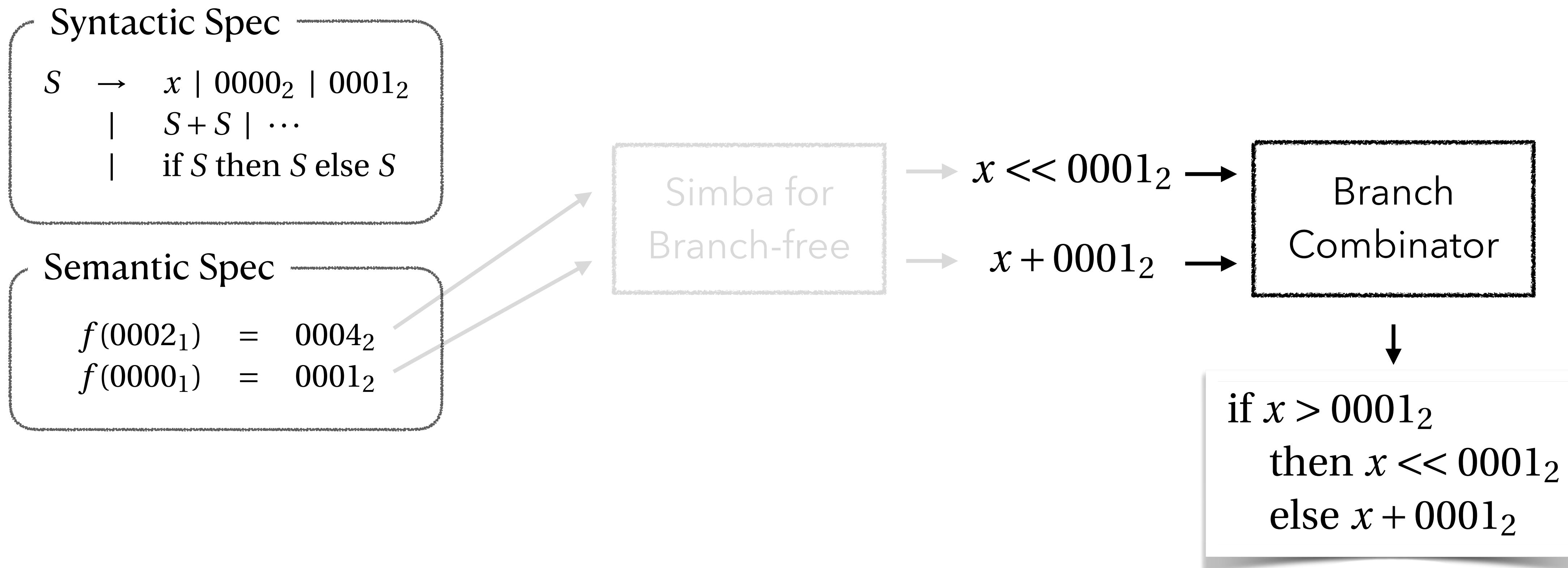
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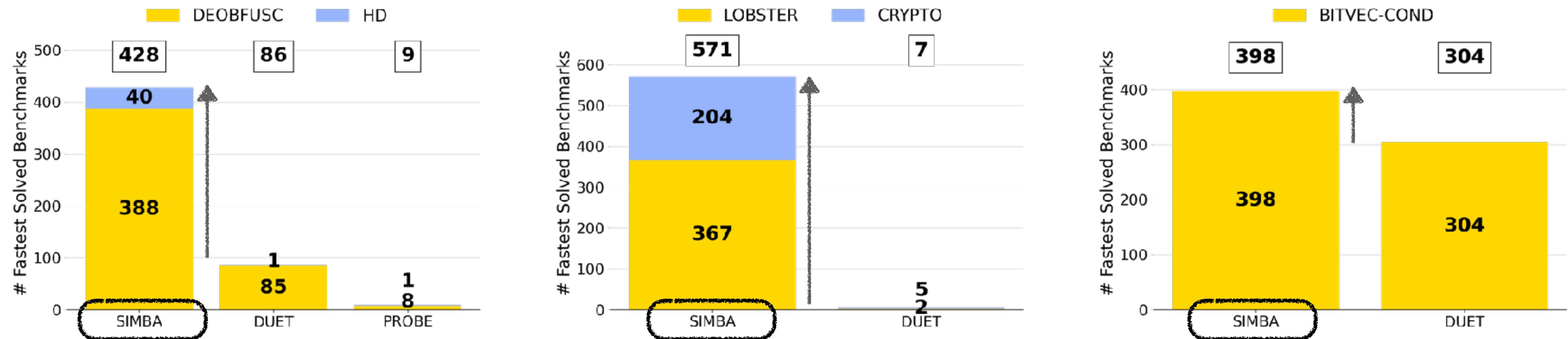
Evaluation: Baseline Solvers

- Duet [Lee 2021]: the state-of-the-art synthesis tool for **inductive** SyGuS problems
 - Employs a **bidirectional**(top-down + bottom-up) search strategy
 - Requires *inverse semantics operators* for search space pruning
- Probe [Barke et al. 2020]: tool performs a bottom-up search with probabilistic model
 - Probabilistic model is learned *just in time* during the search processes

Evaluation: Simba Performance

Solve Faster

- Outperformed baseline solvers for conditional-free program
- Comparable to baseline solvers for conditional program

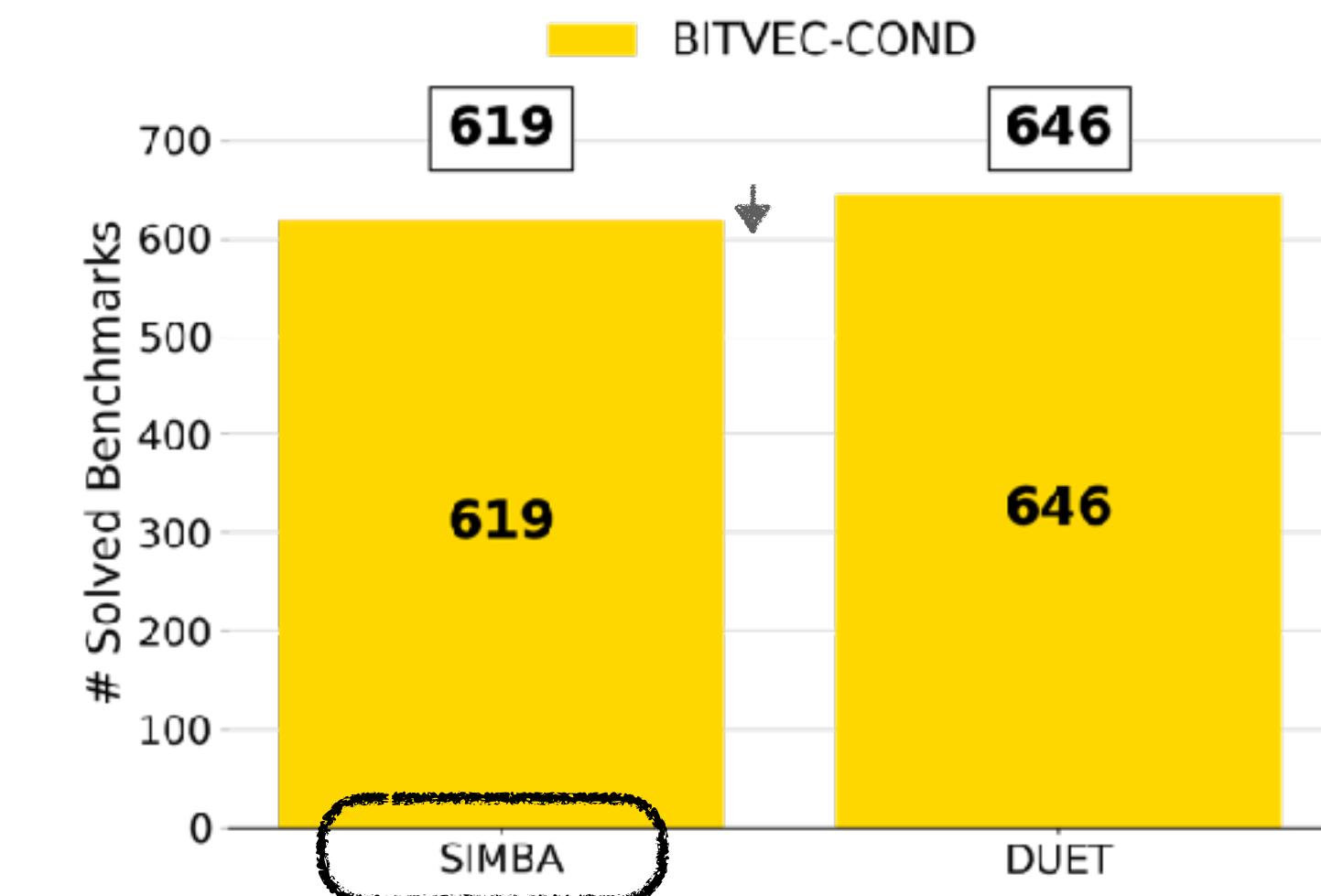
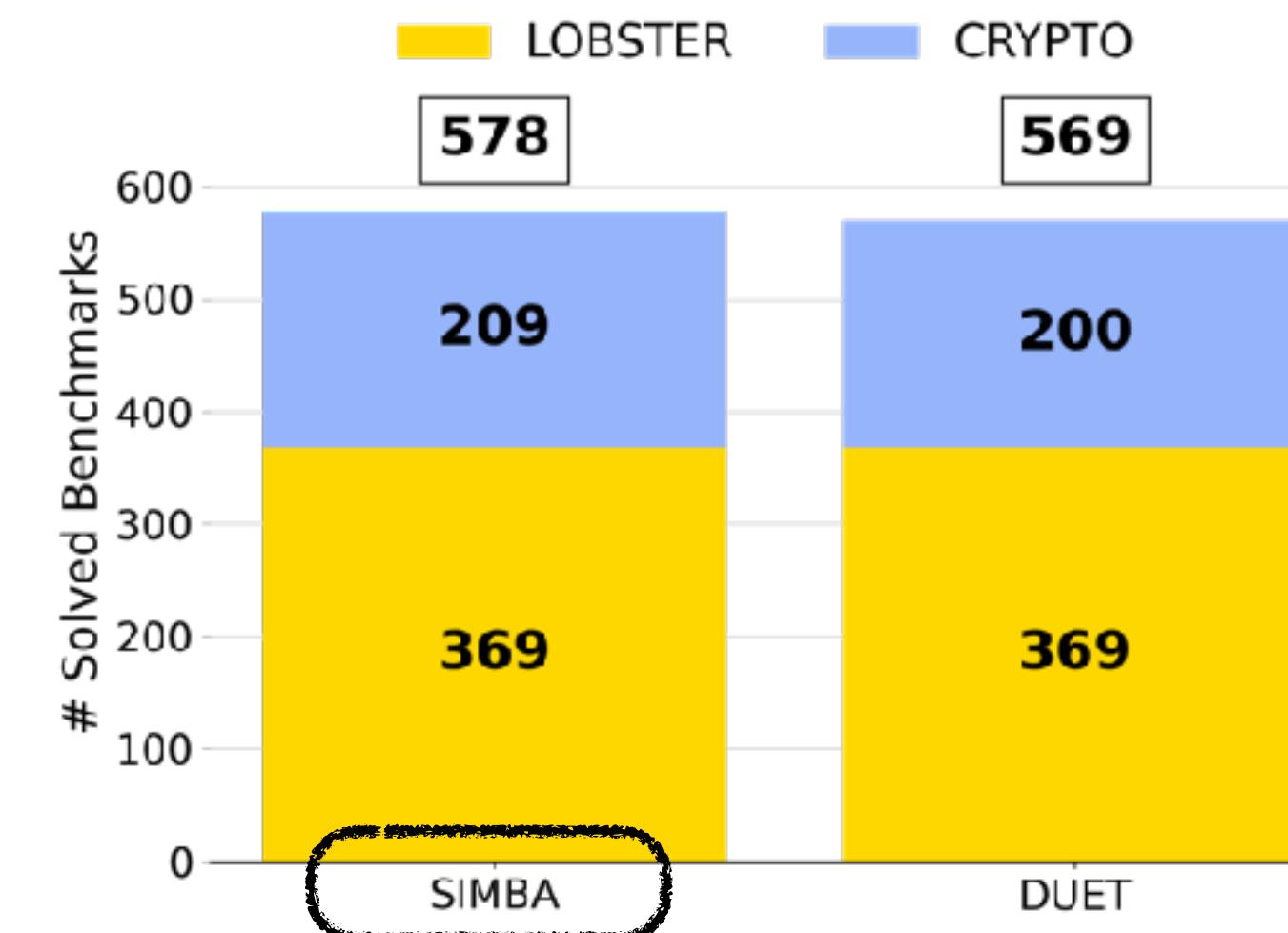
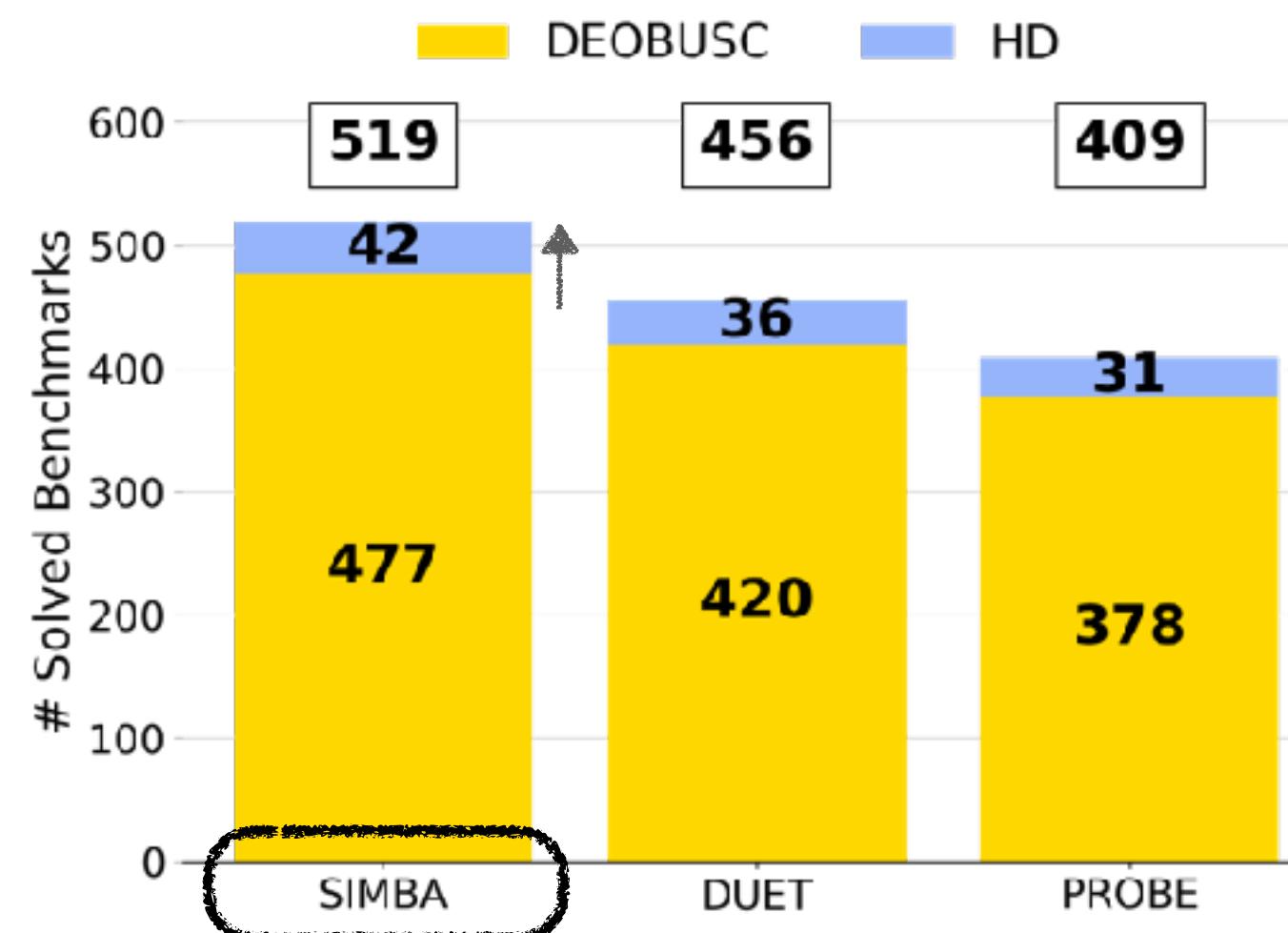


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Evaluation: Simba Performance

Solve More

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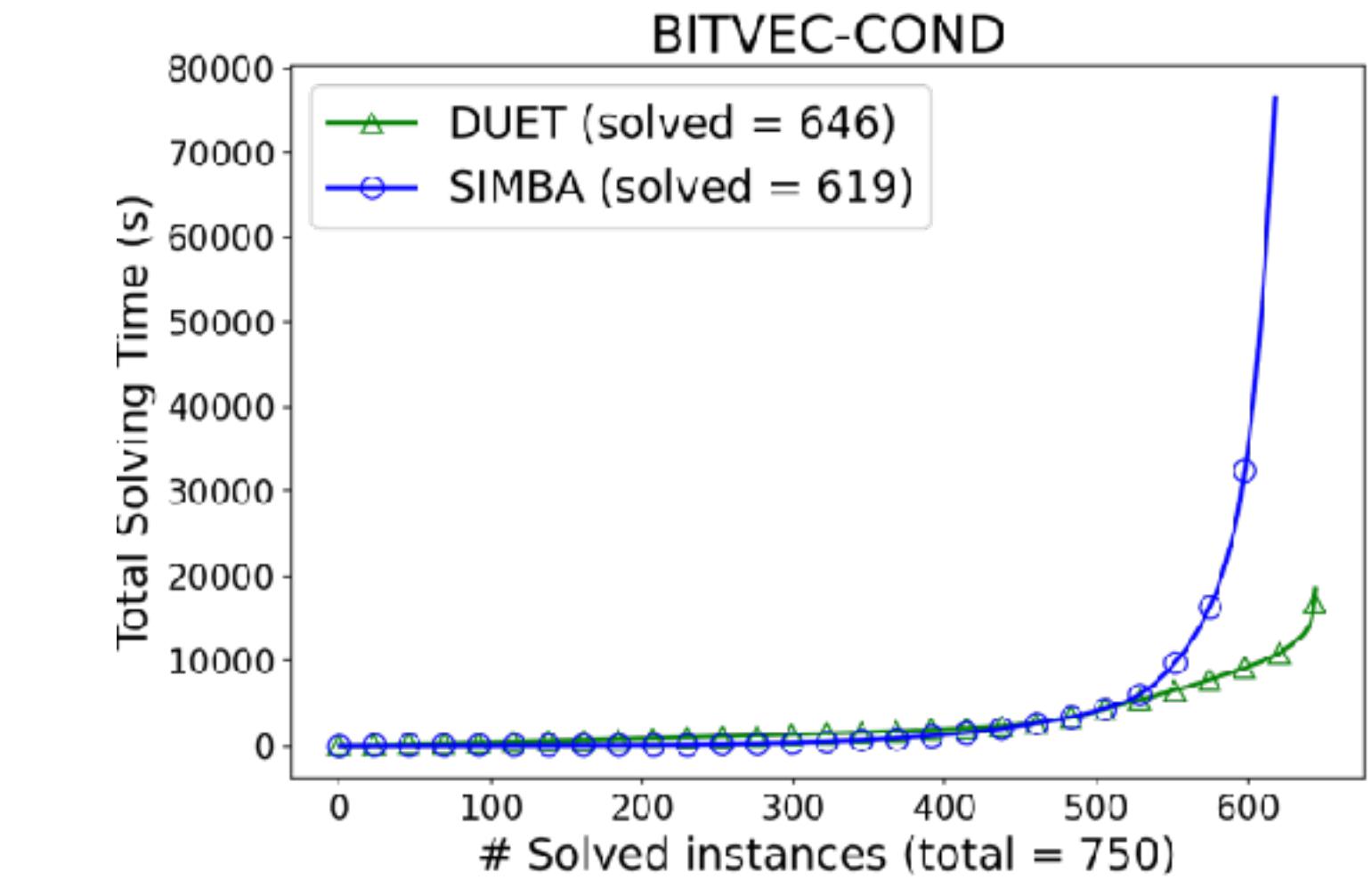
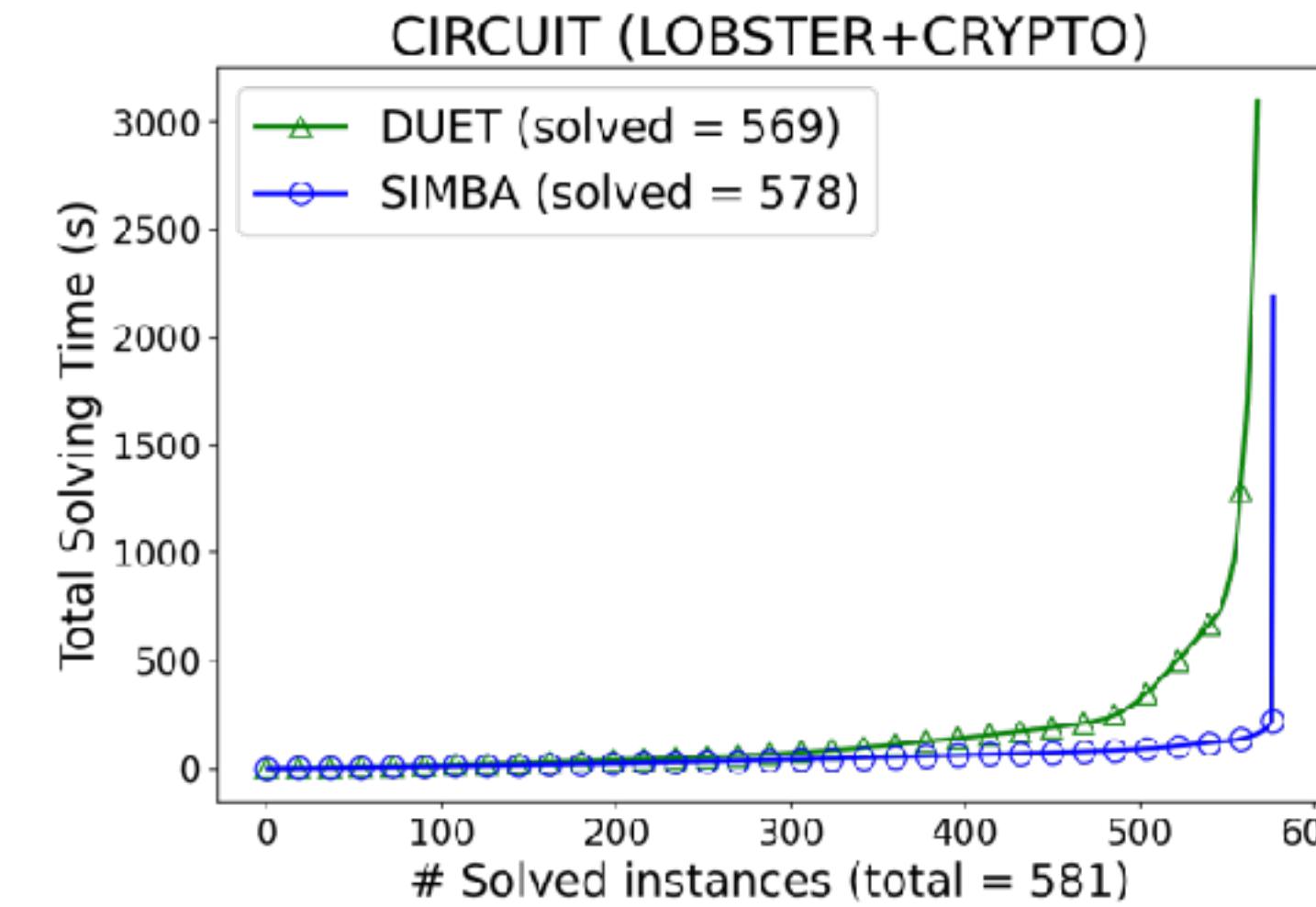
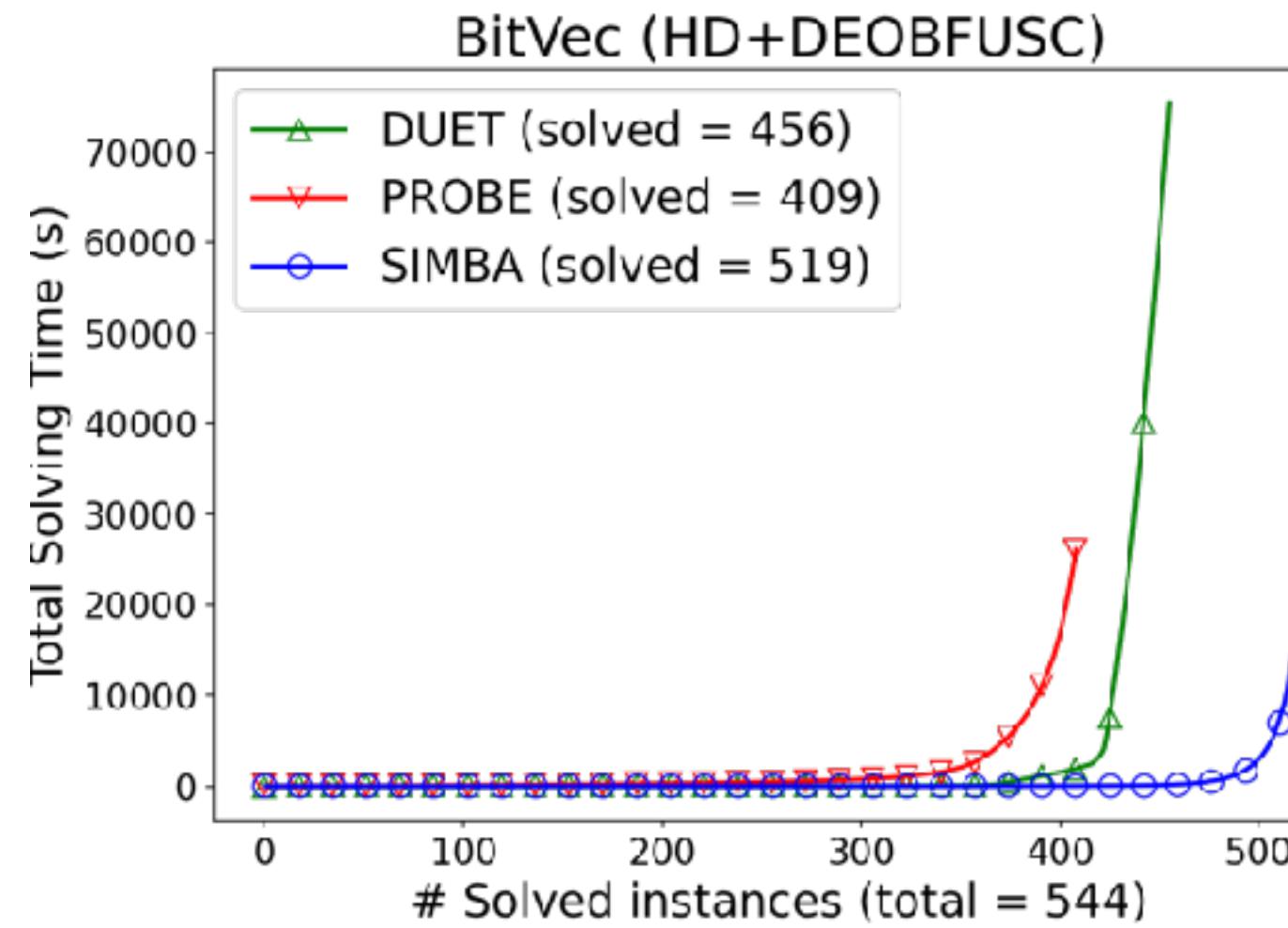


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Evaluation: Simba Performance

Overall

- SIMBA(plot \circ) shows the best performance for branch-free benchmarks
- DUET(plot \triangle) is better than SIMBA for branch benchmarks in average

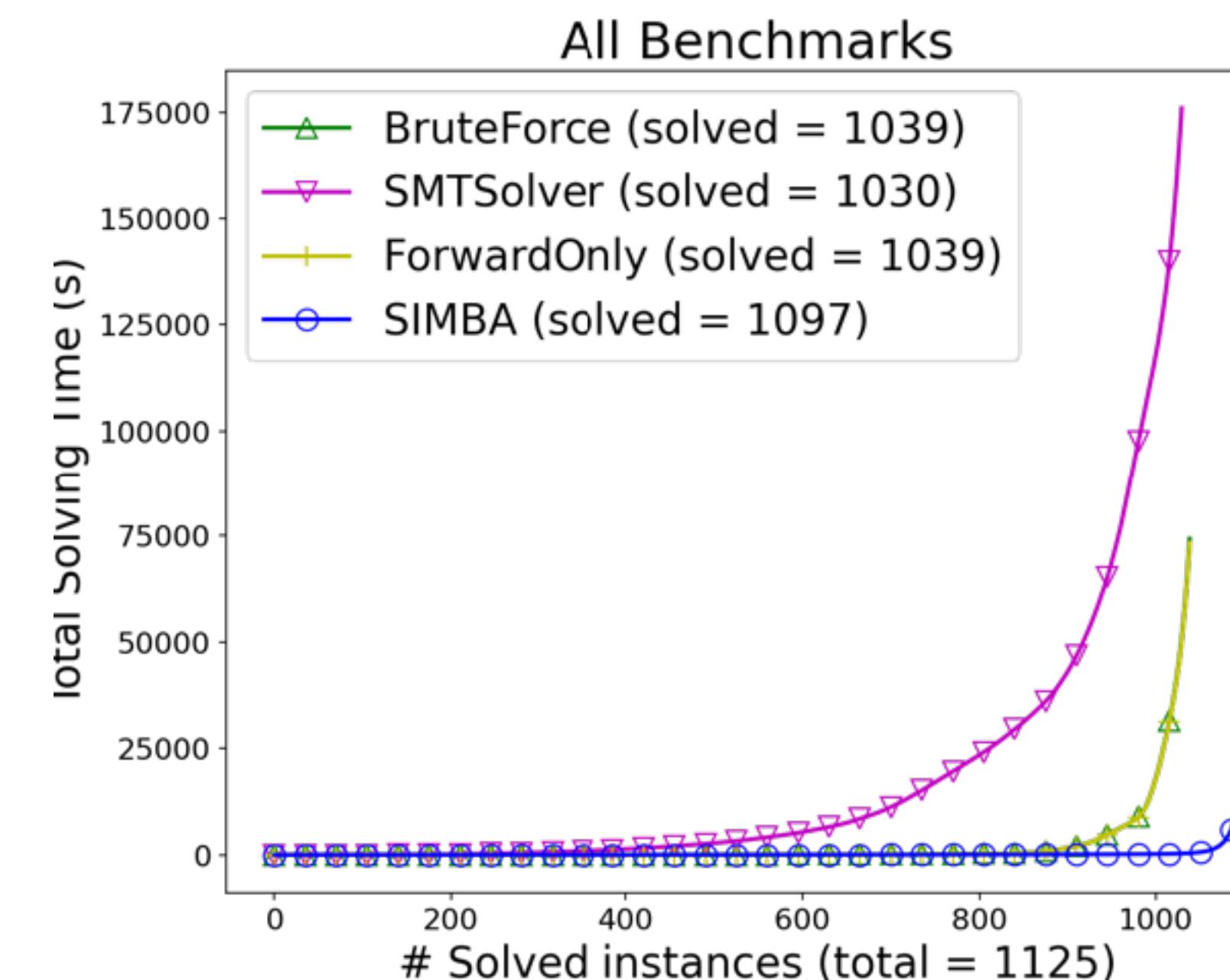


Cactus-plots

Evaluation: Simba Performance

Ablation Study

- Forward-Backward Analysis(plot \circ) is necessary to achieve the best performance
- Only forward analysis(plot $+$) or SMT Solver(plot ∇) is not sufficient
 - Sometimes, even worse than brute force(plot \triangle) because of bad analysis cost



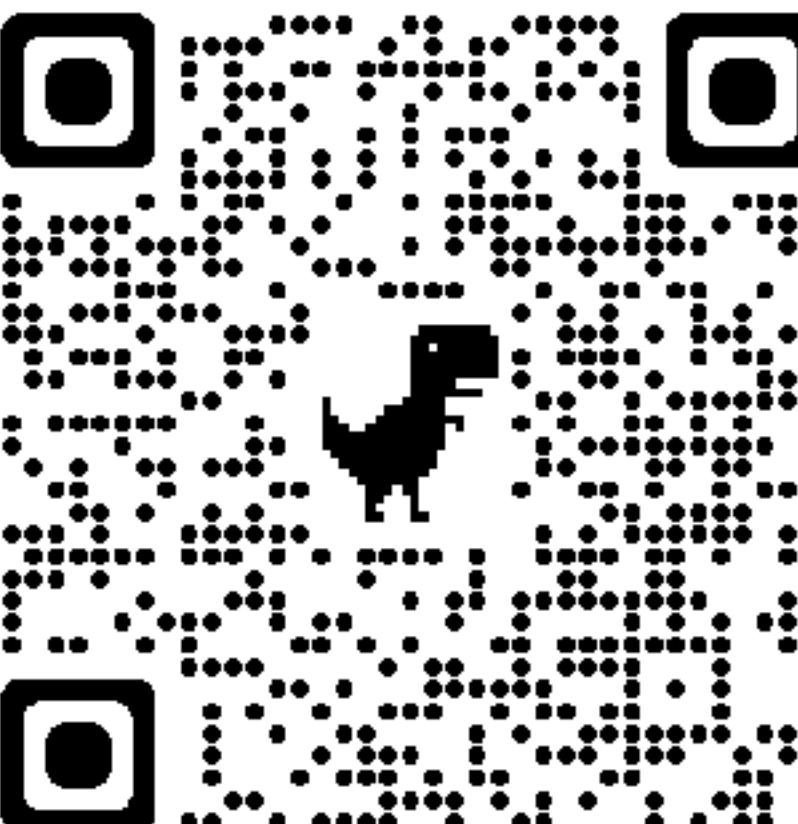
In the paper...

- Formalization (abstract domain, forward-backward transfer functions, etc.)
- Detailed Algorithm of synthesis and forward-backward analysis
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Thank You!