

# Parameter synthesis for algebraic problems with a Boolean structure

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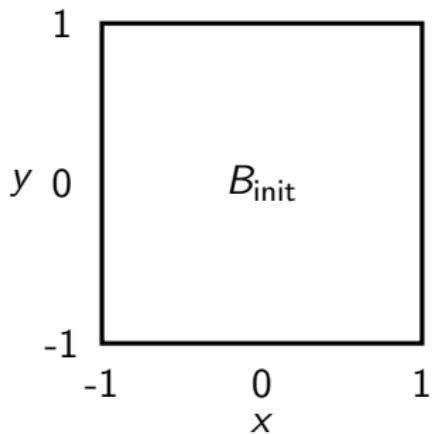
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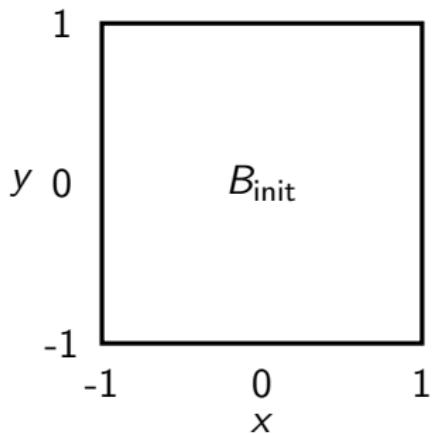
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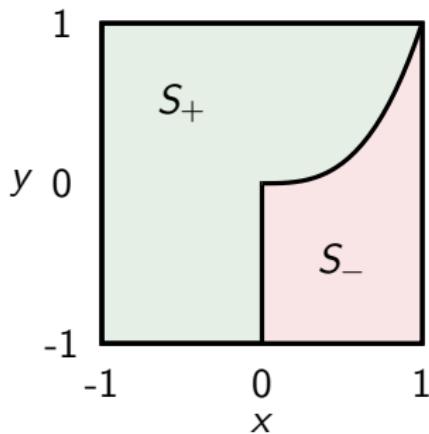
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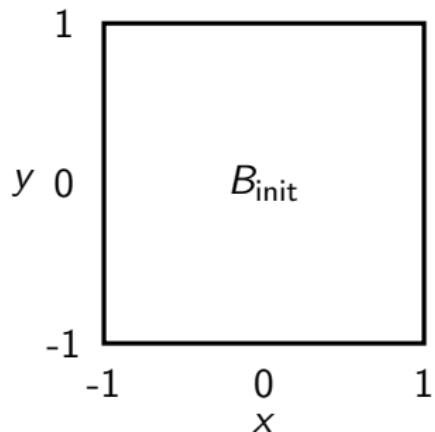
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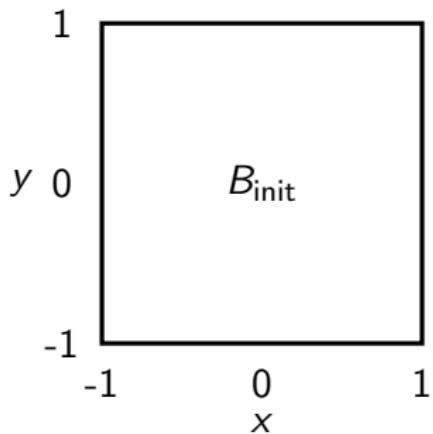
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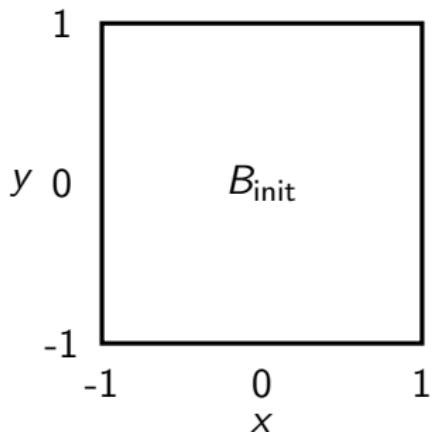
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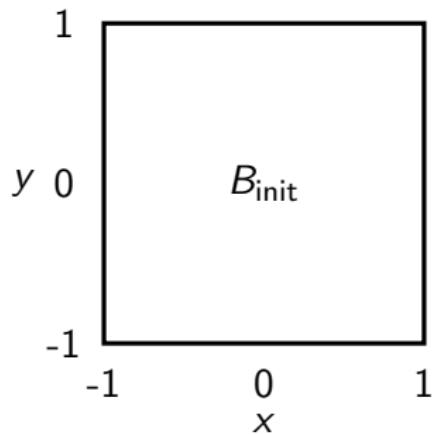
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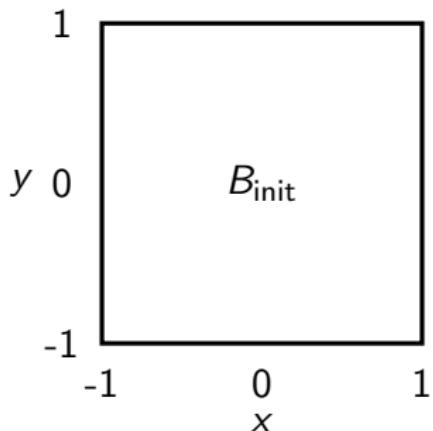
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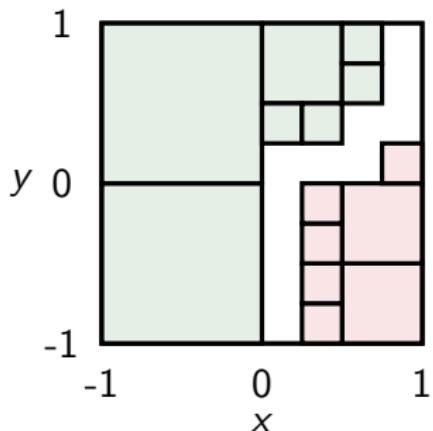
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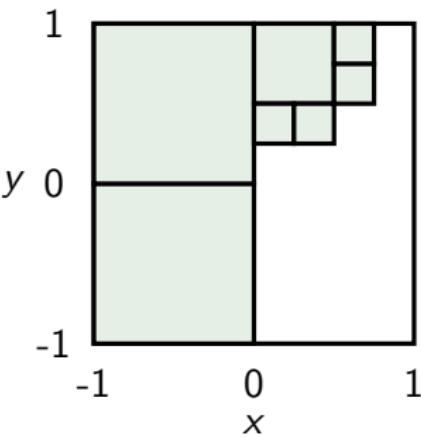
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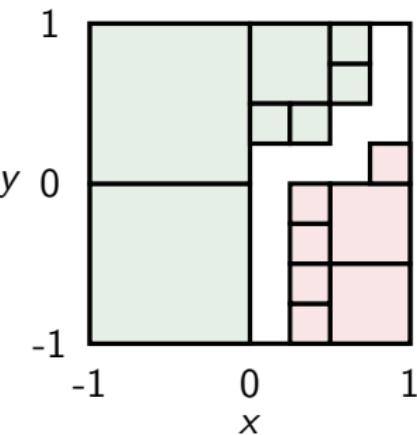
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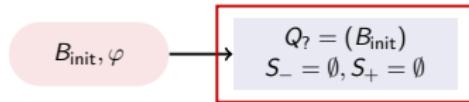
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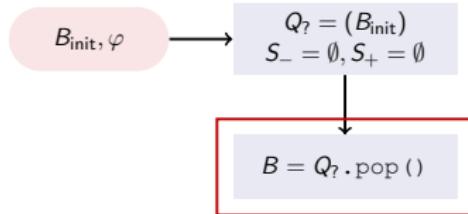
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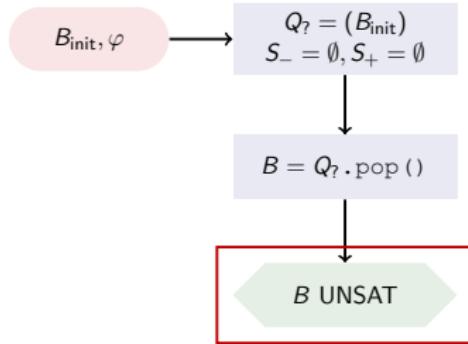
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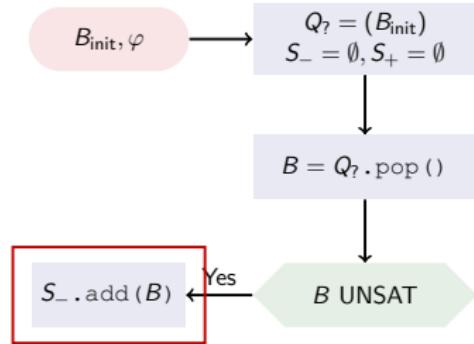
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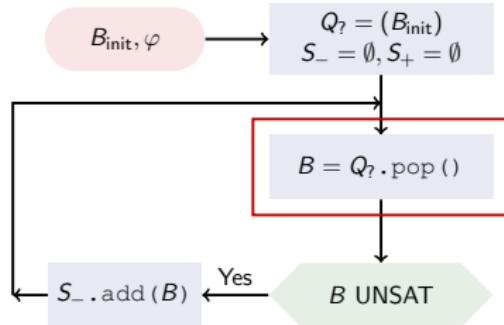
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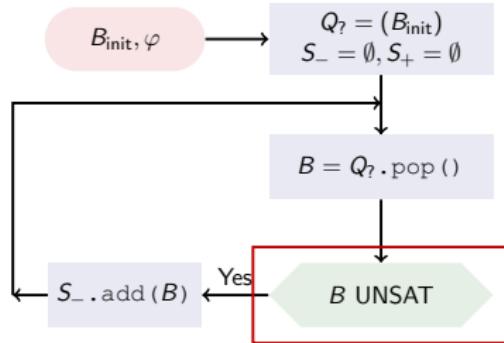
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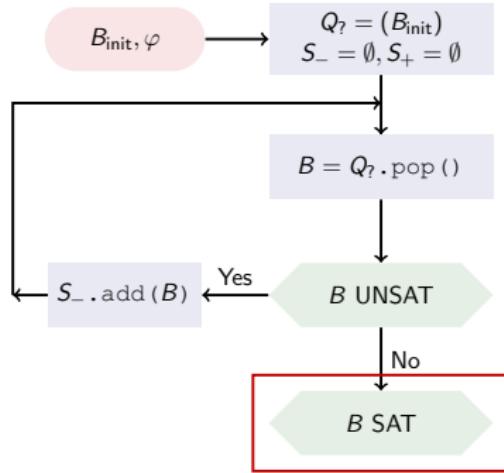
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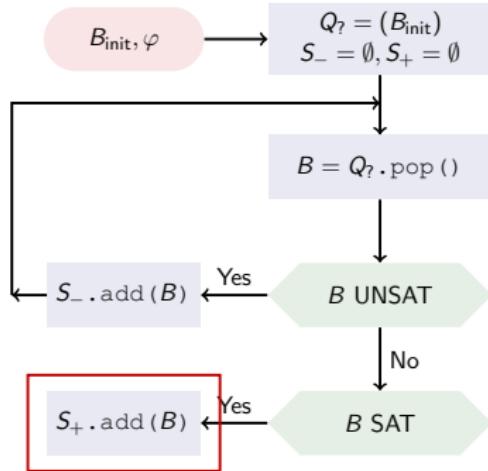
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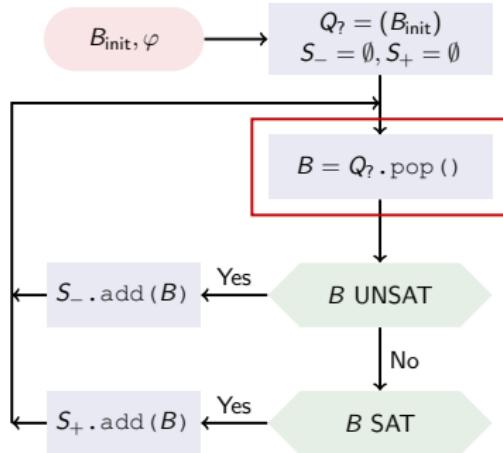
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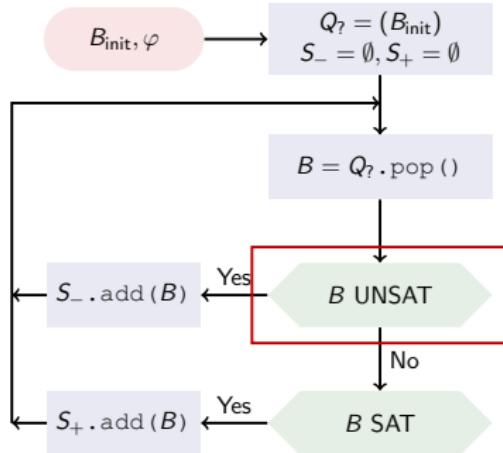
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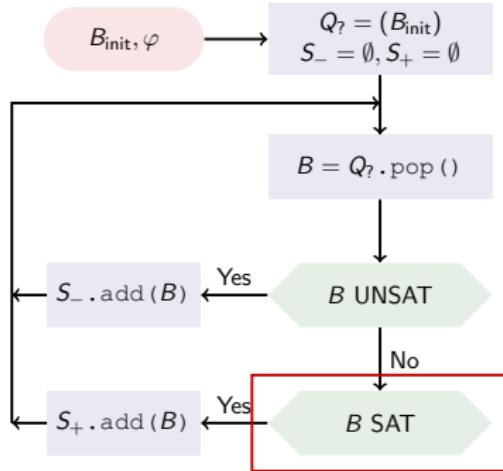
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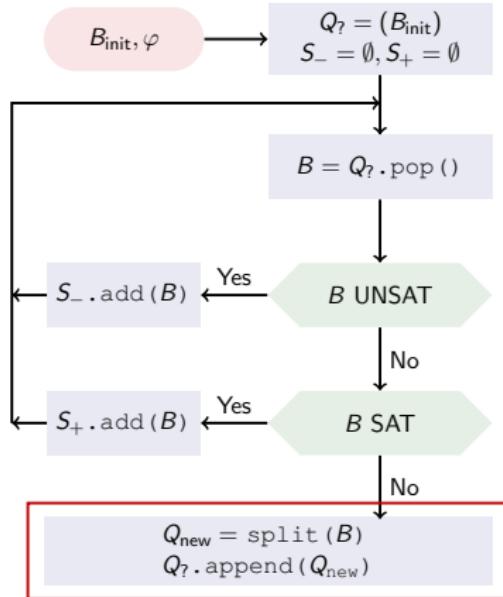
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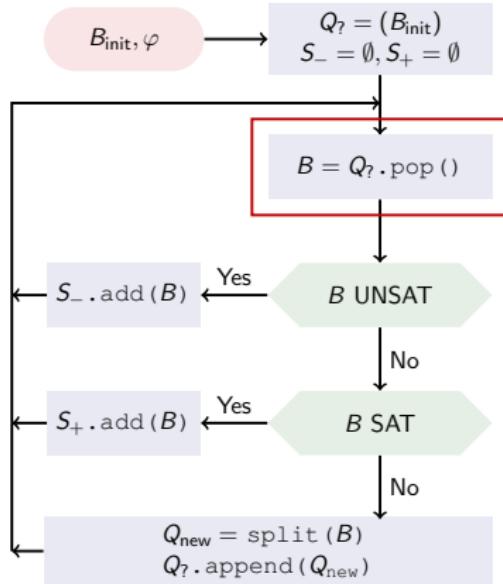
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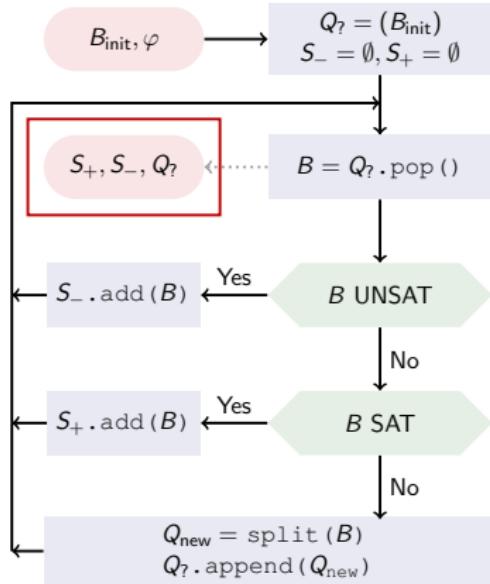
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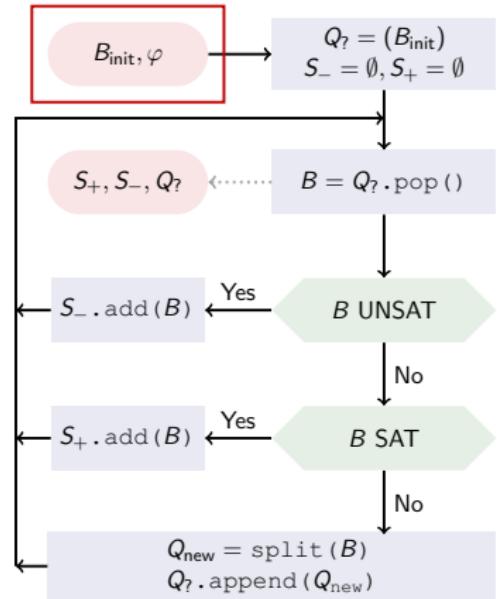


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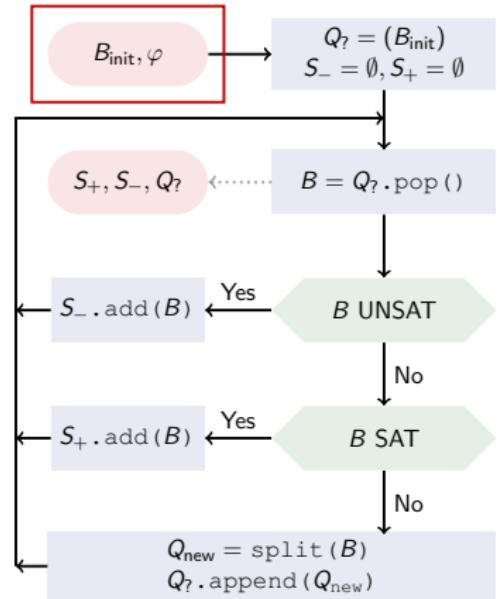
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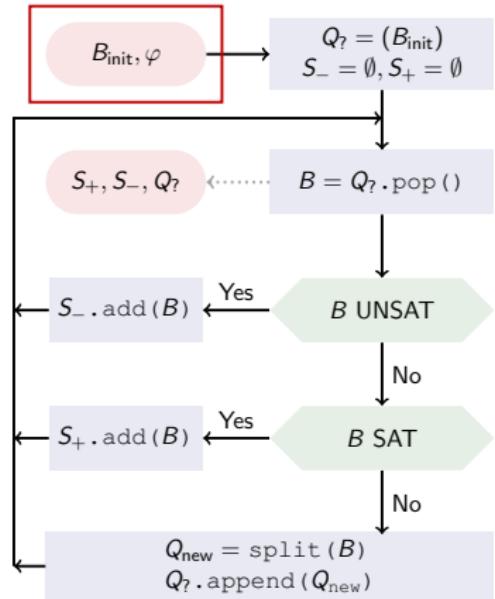
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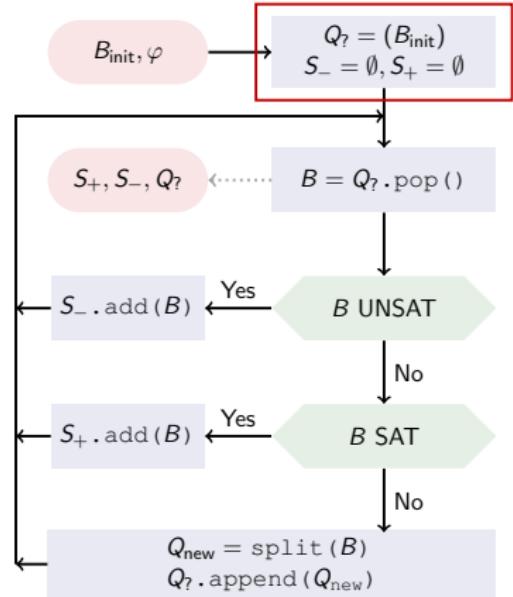
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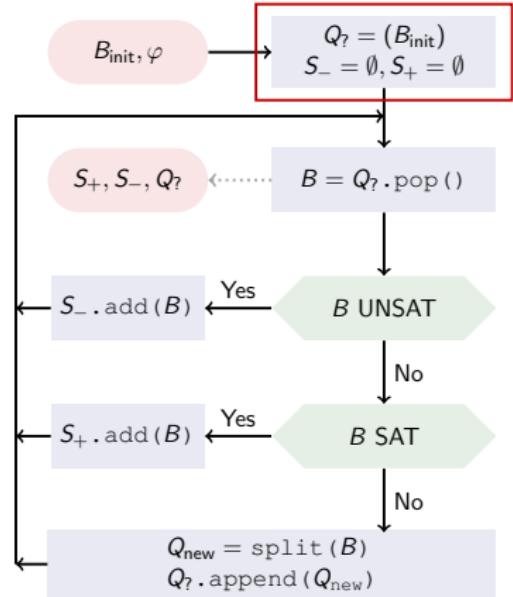
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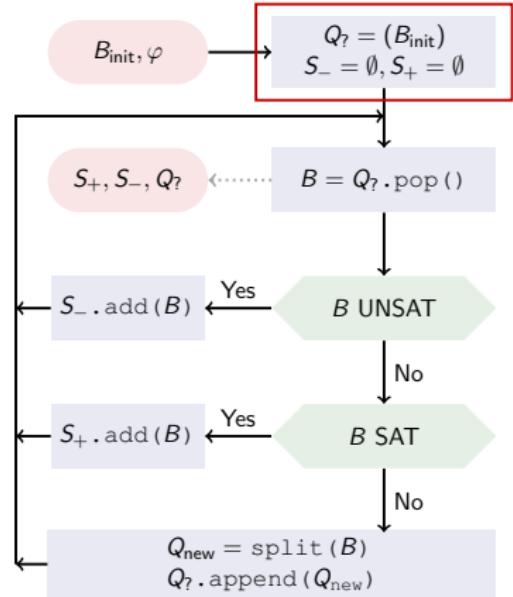
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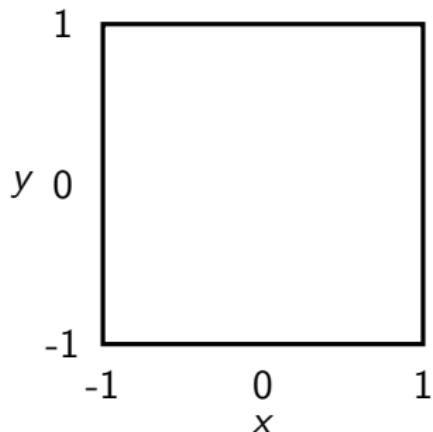
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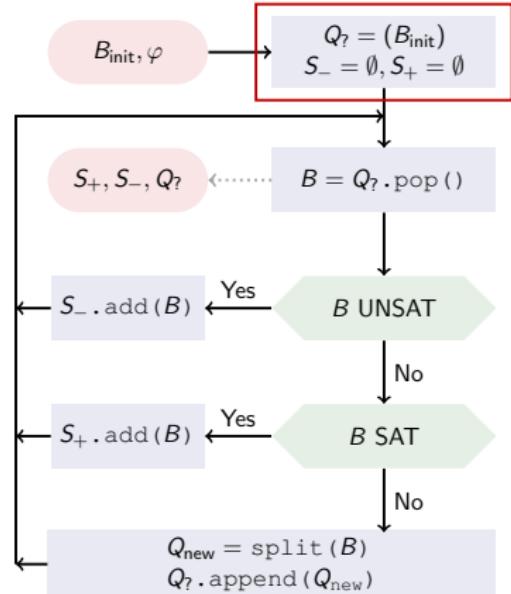
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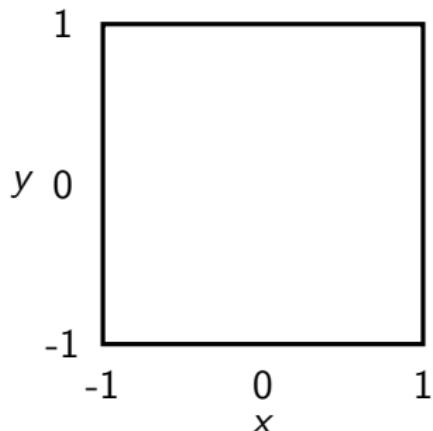
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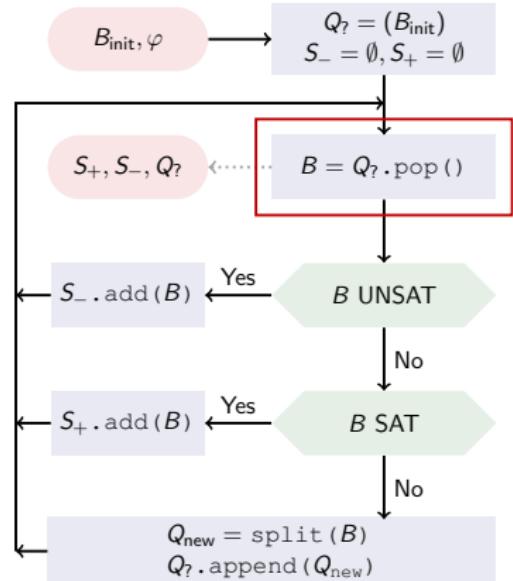
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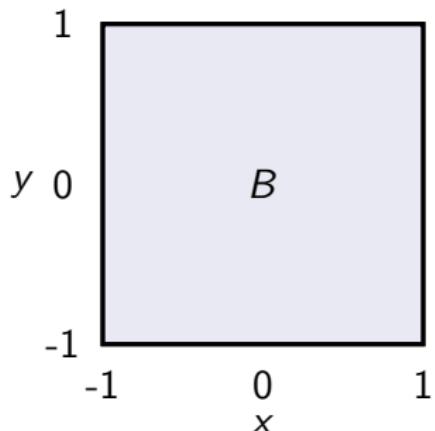
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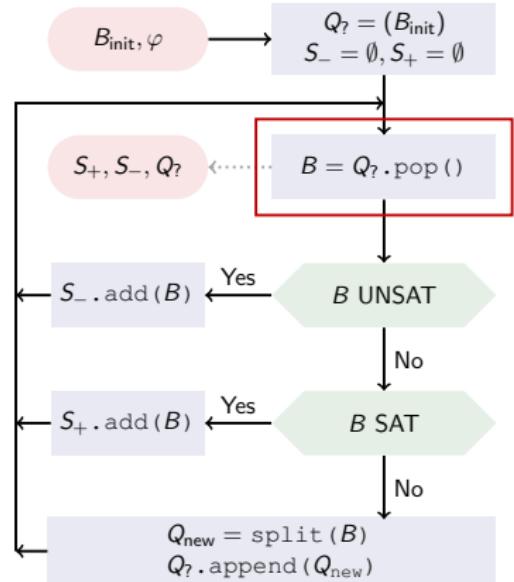
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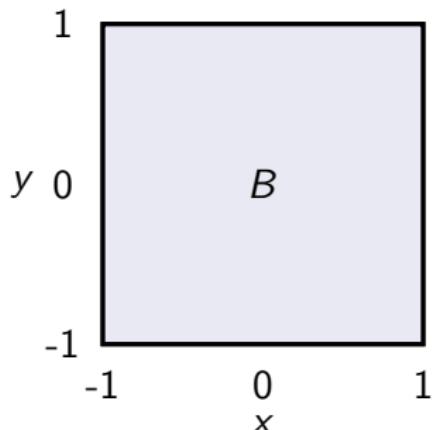
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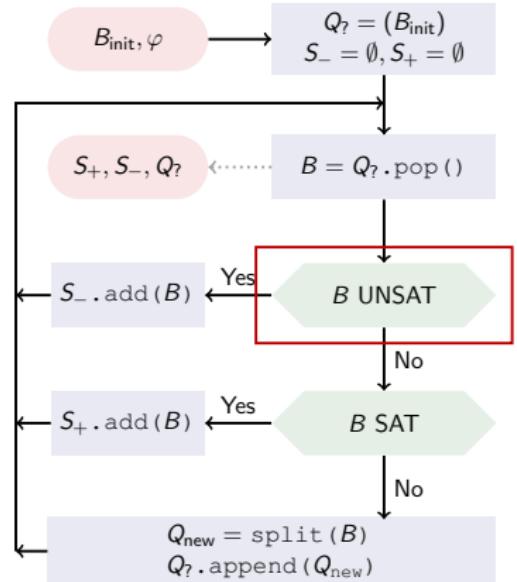
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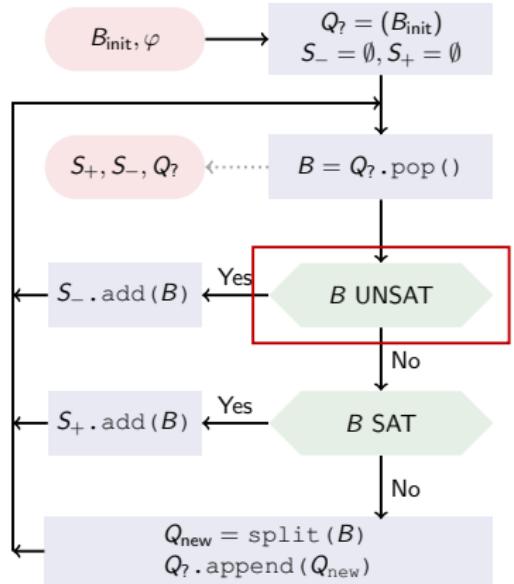
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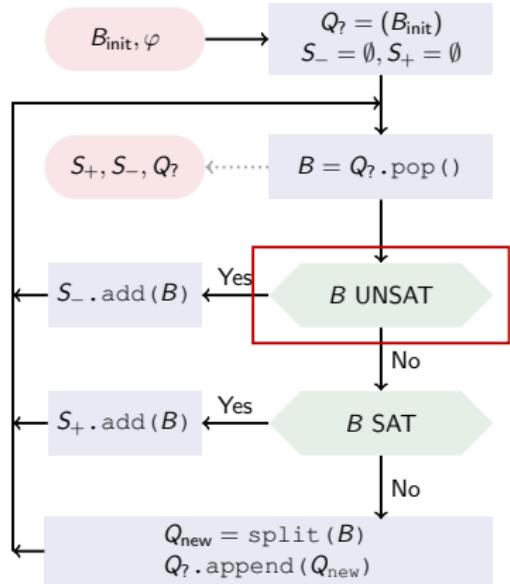
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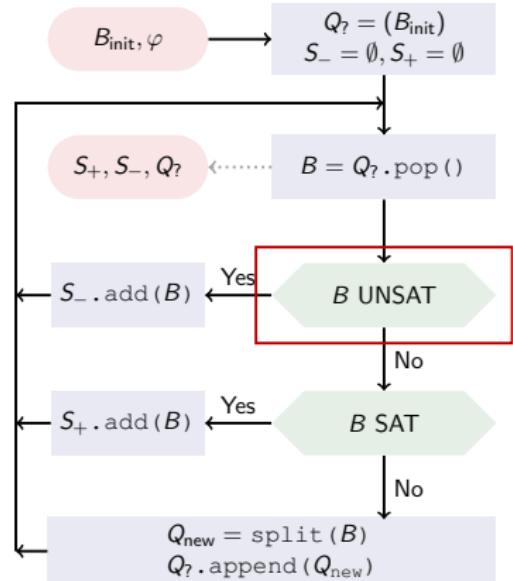
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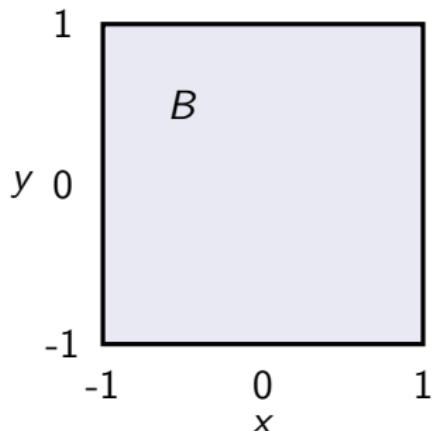
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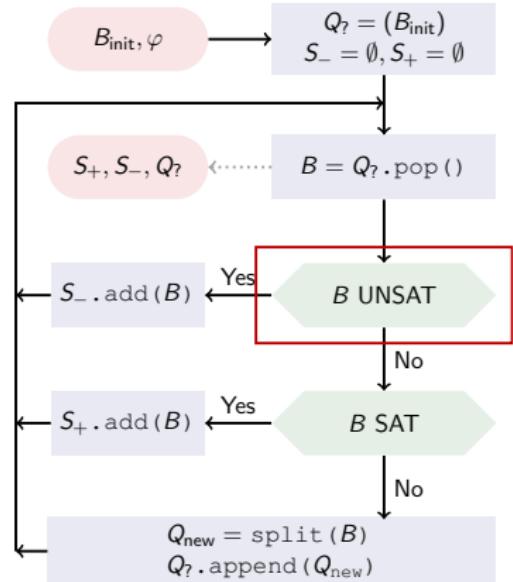
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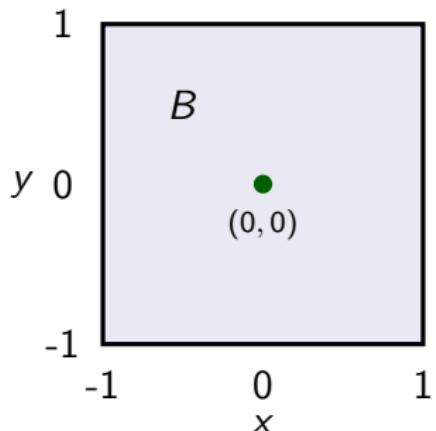
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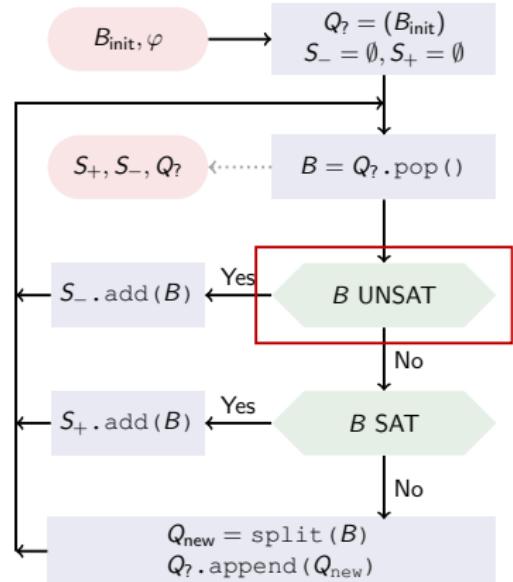
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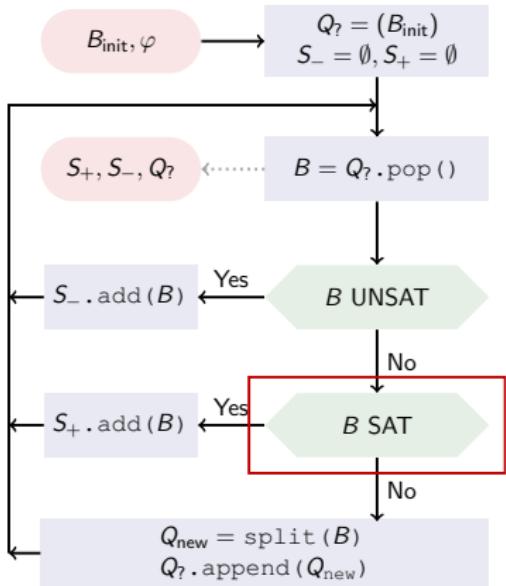
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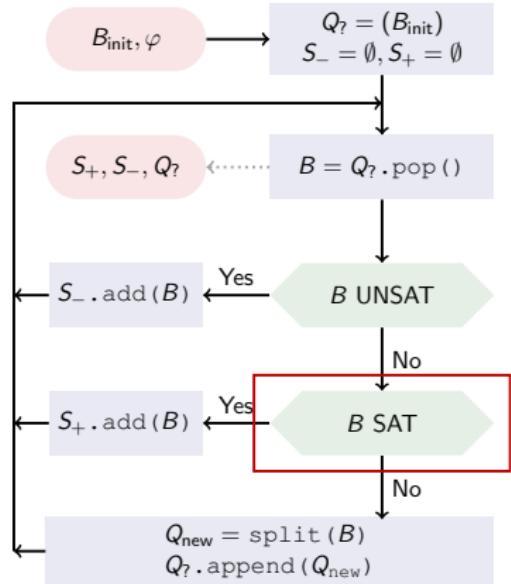
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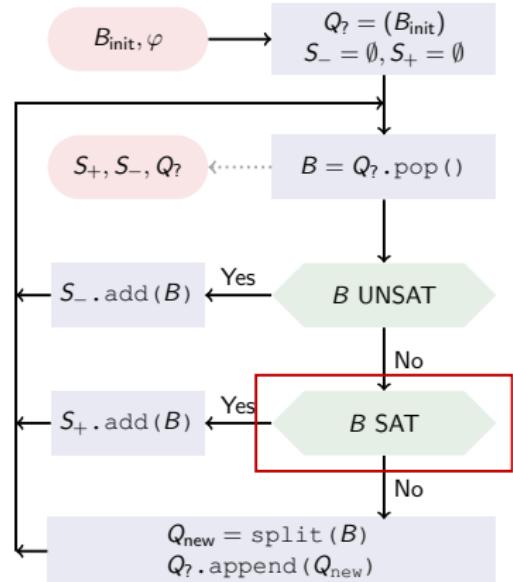
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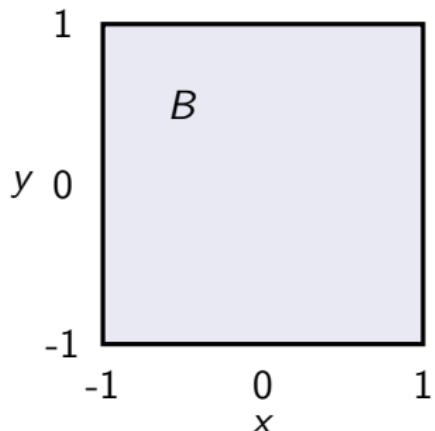
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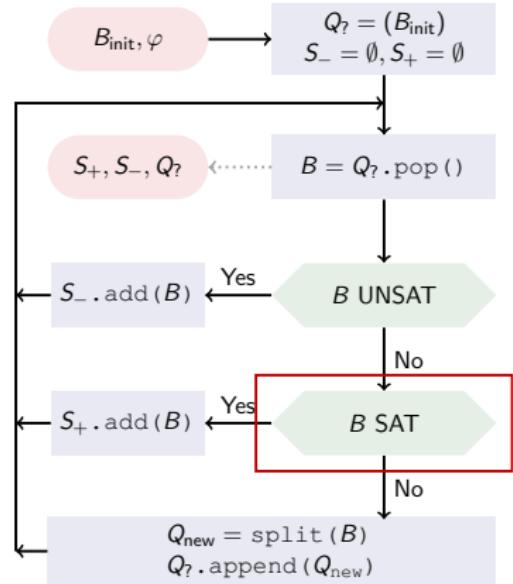
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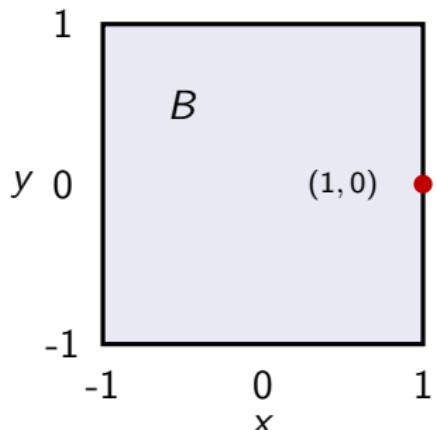
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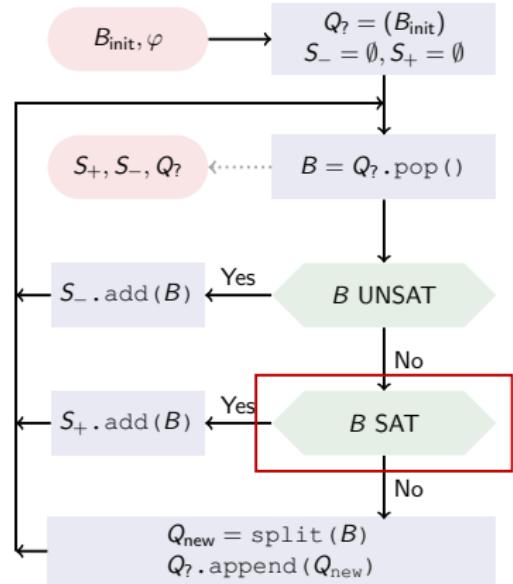
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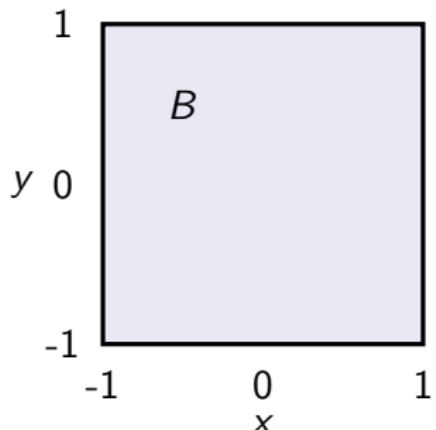
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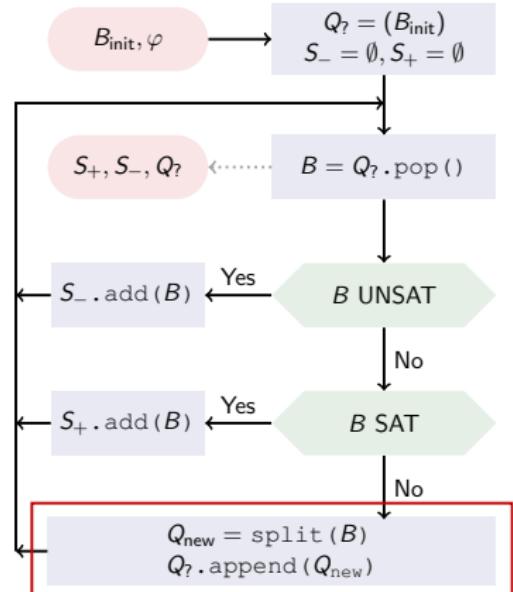
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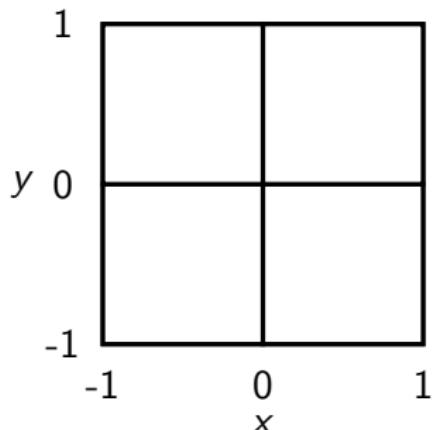
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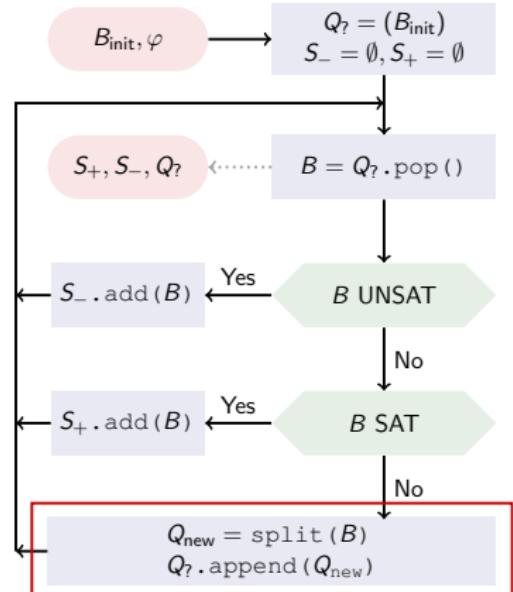
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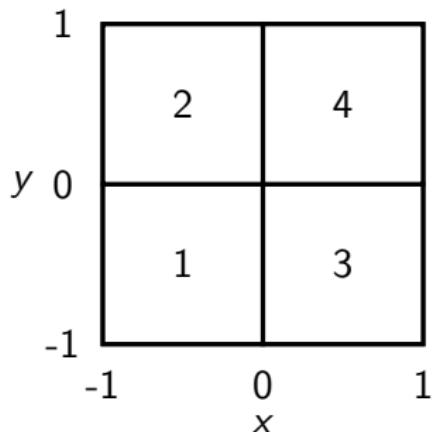
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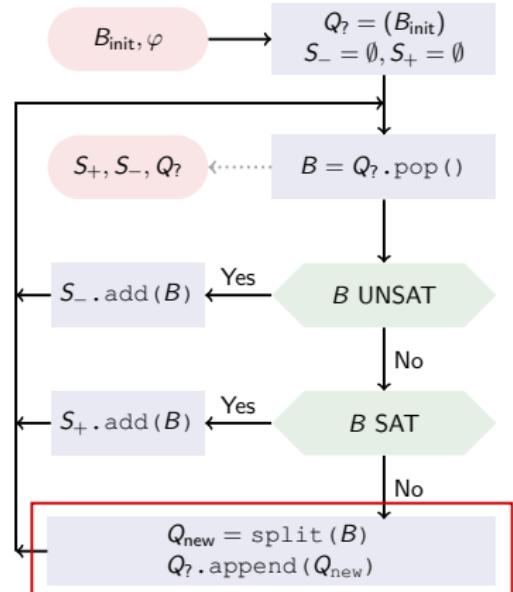
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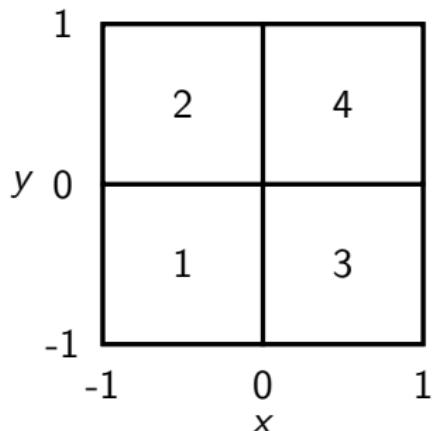
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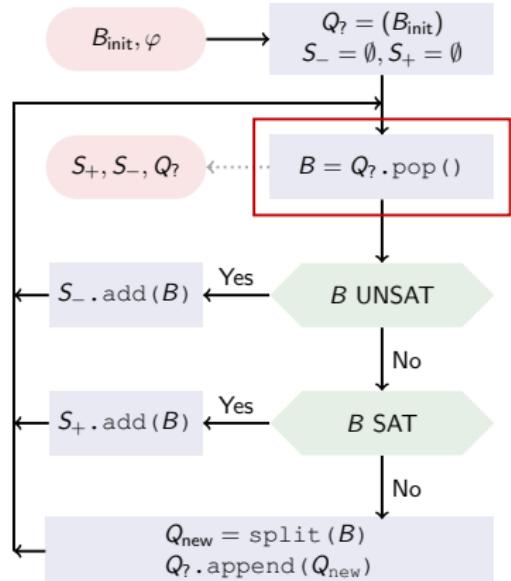
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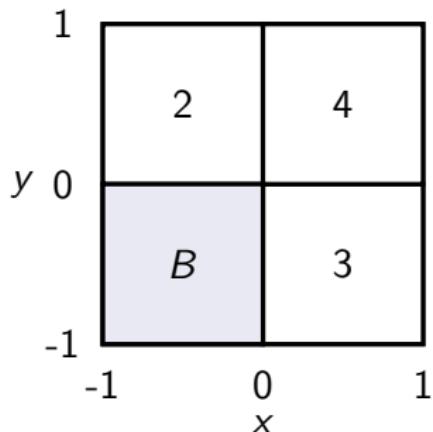
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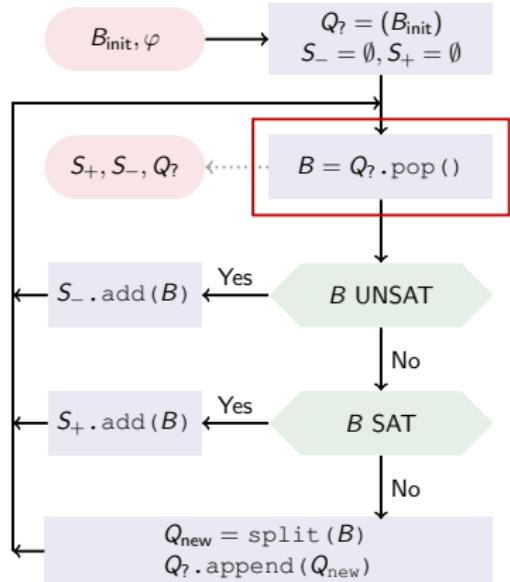
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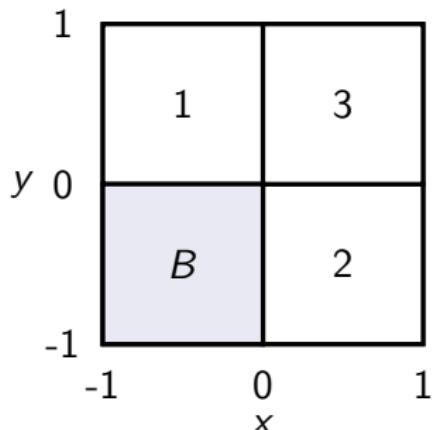
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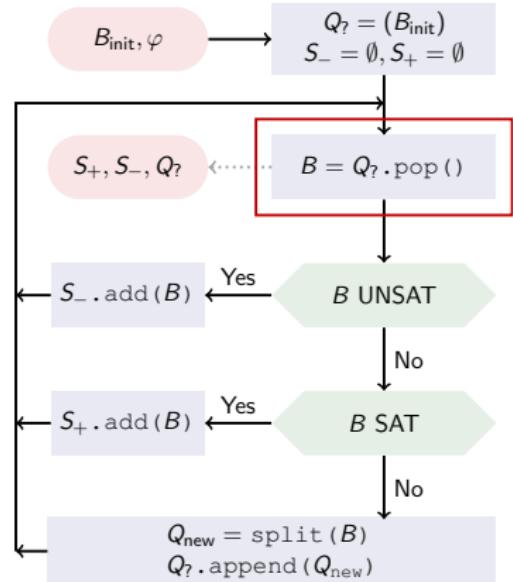
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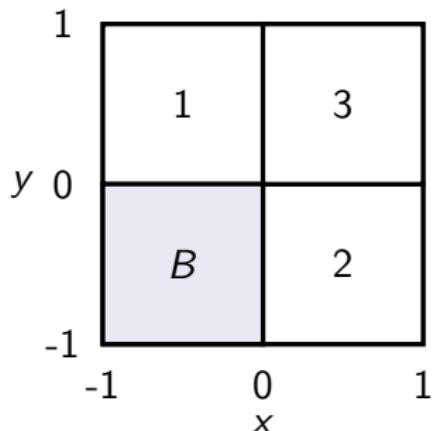
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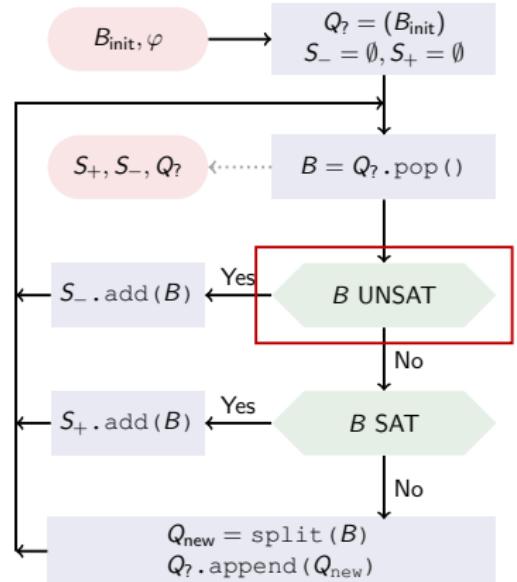
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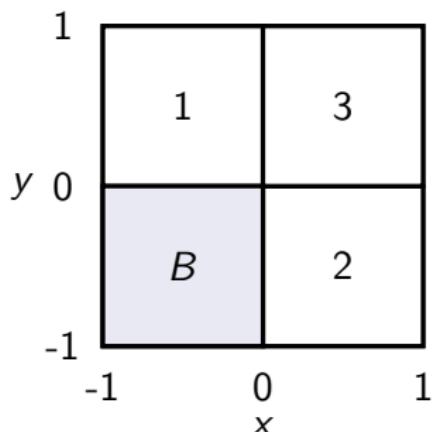
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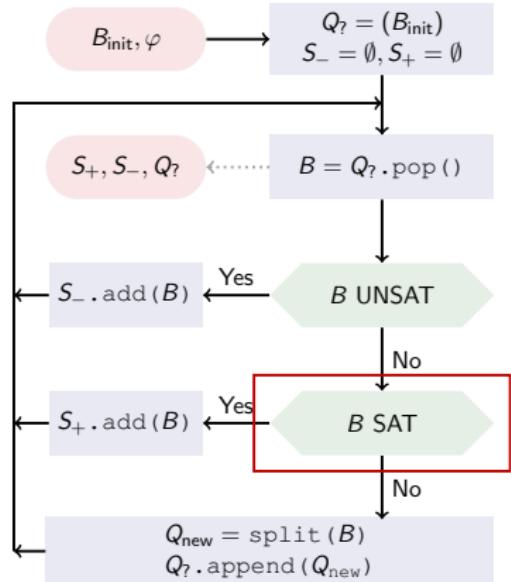
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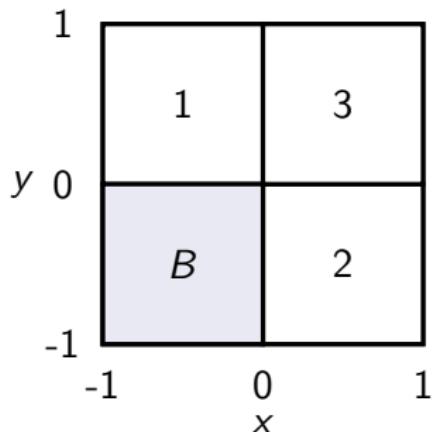
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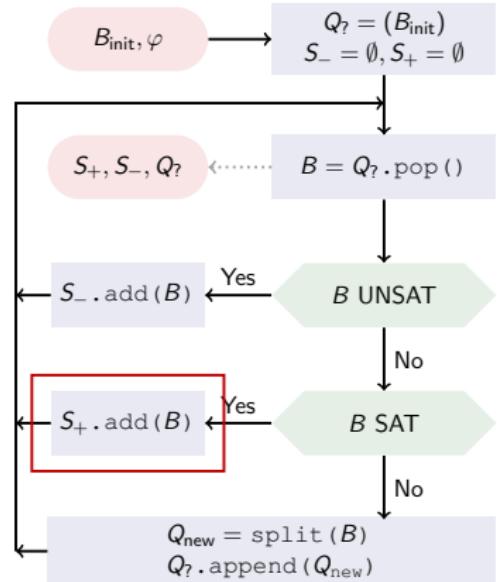
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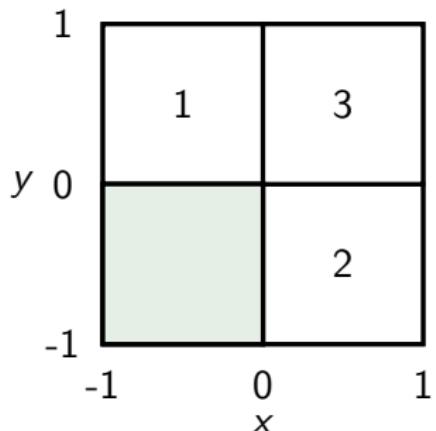
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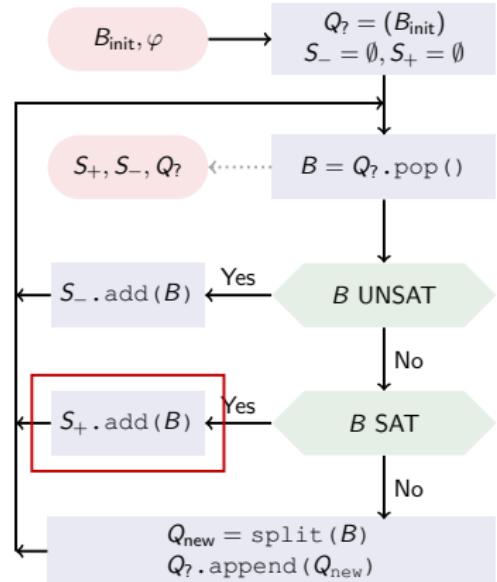
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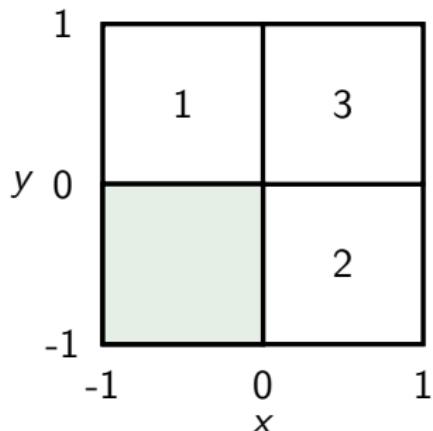
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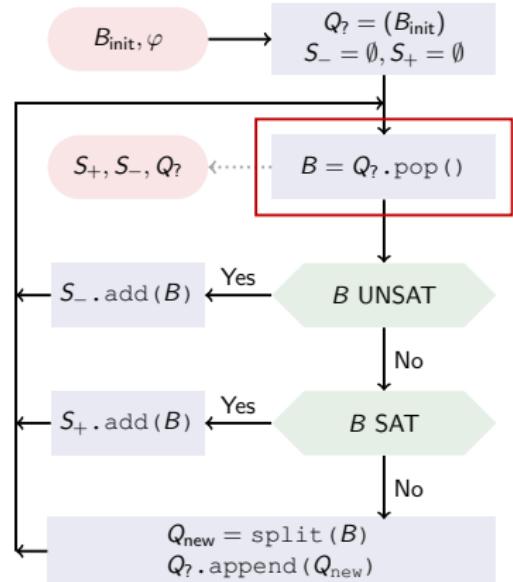
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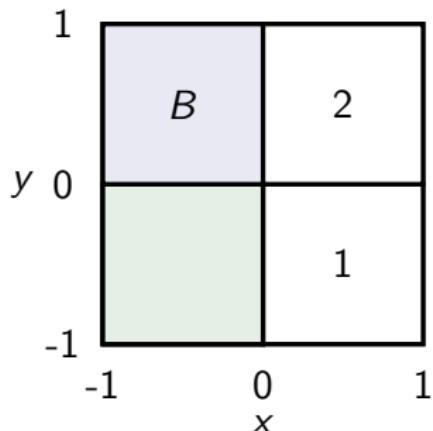
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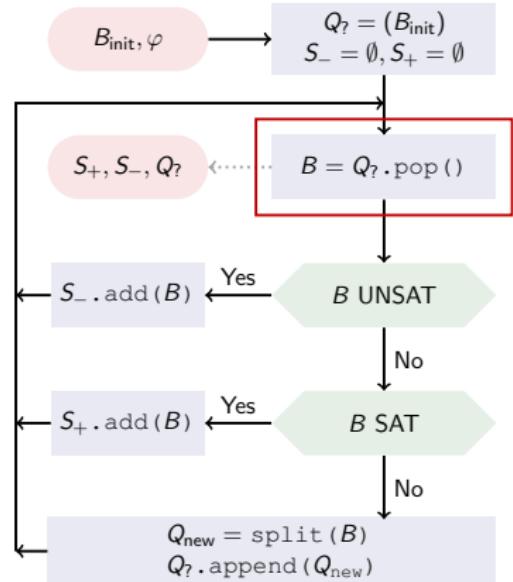
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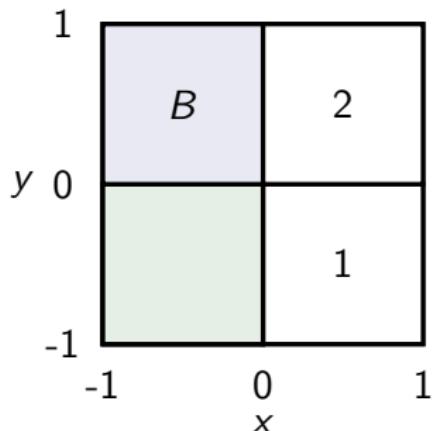
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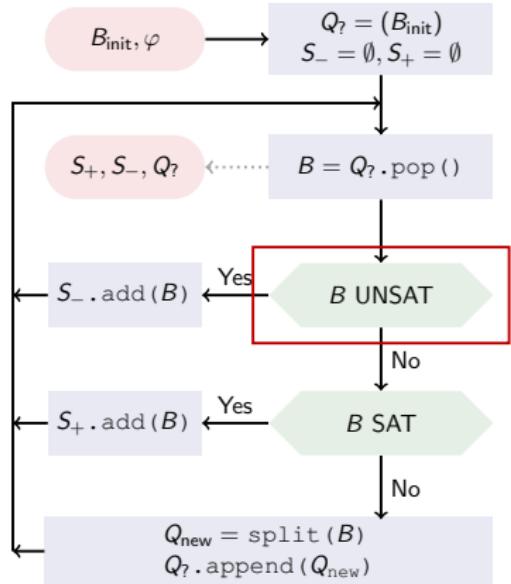
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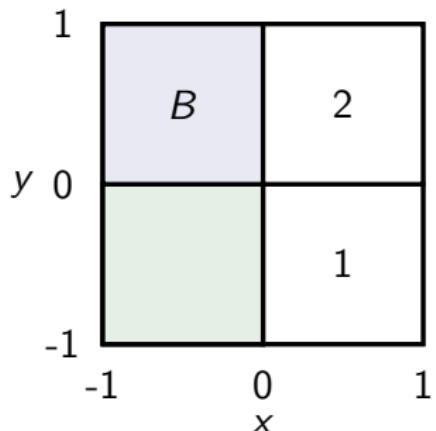
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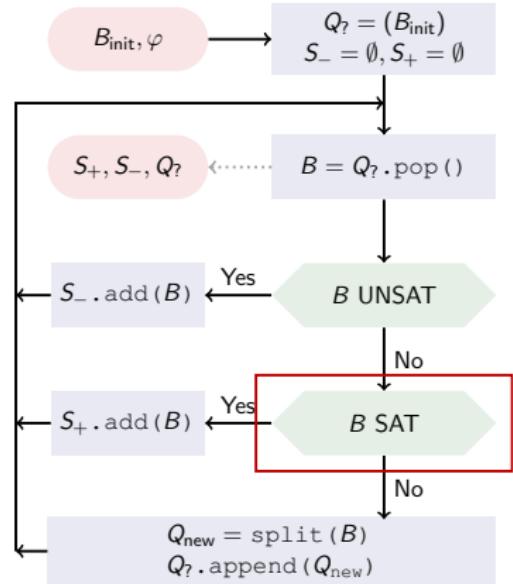
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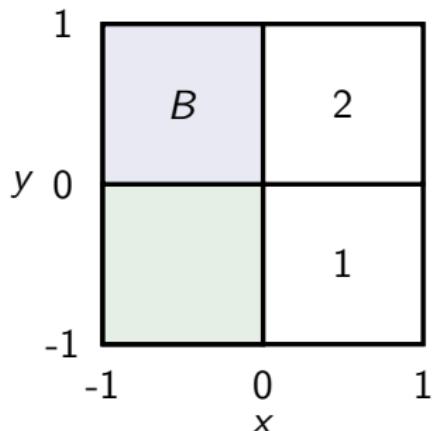
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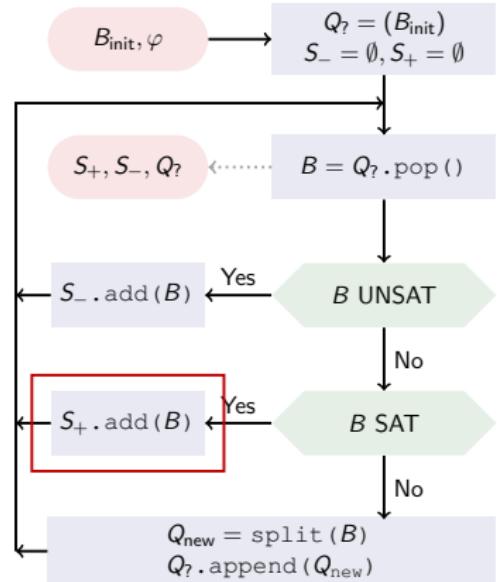
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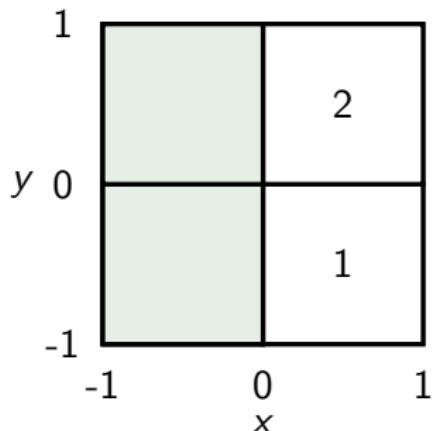
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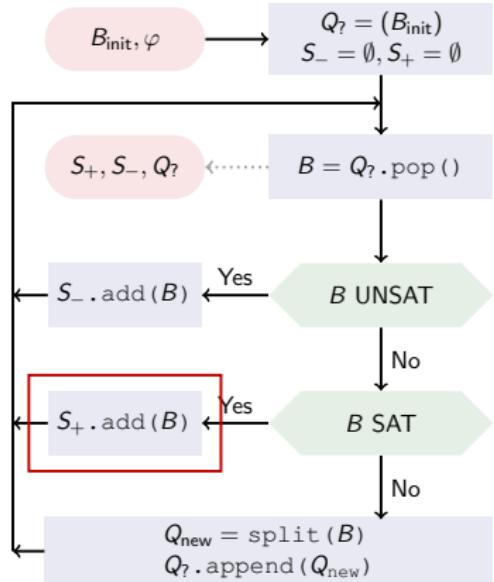
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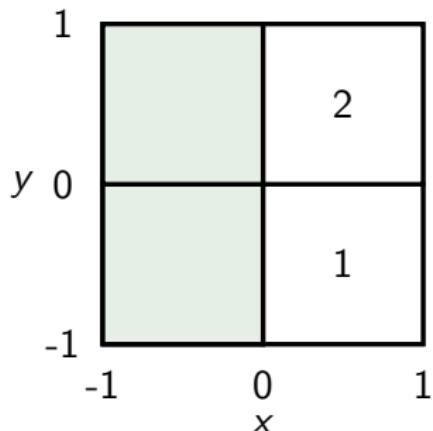
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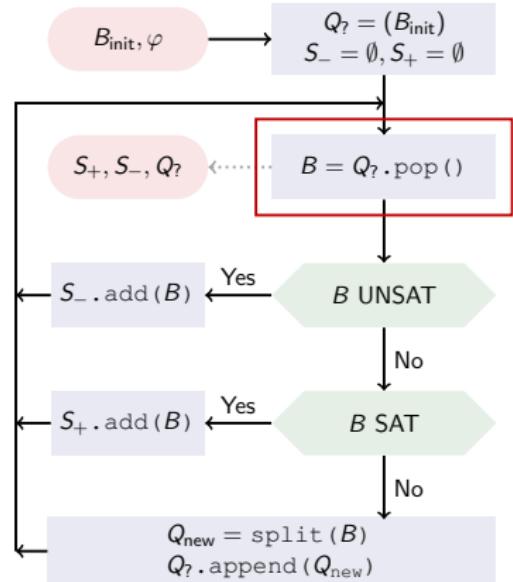
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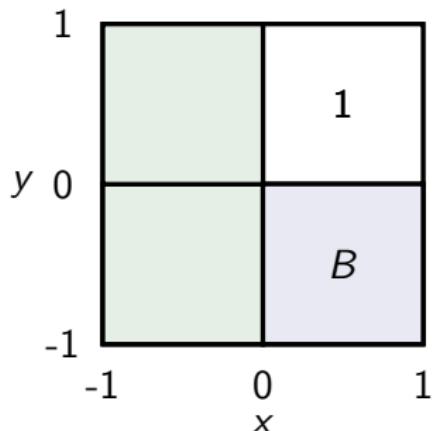
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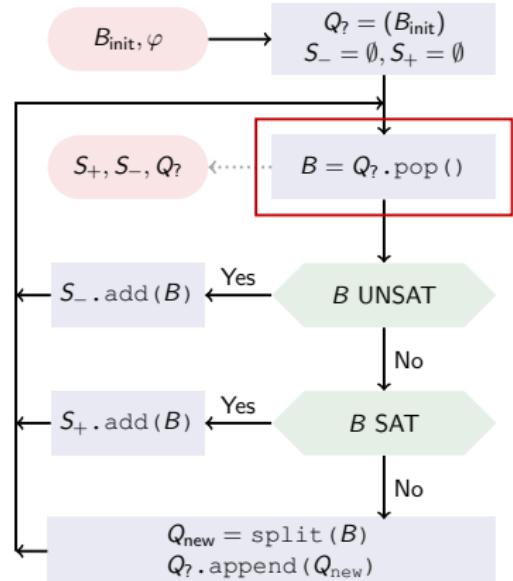
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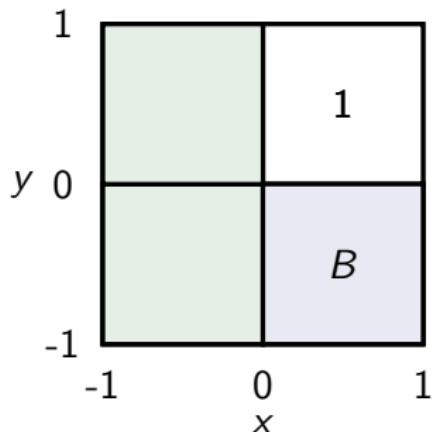
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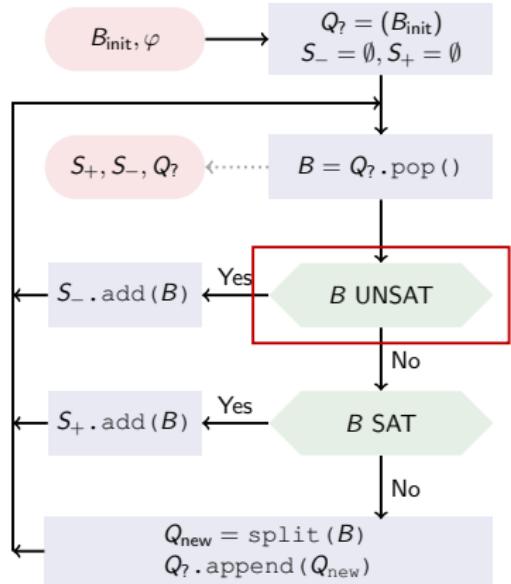
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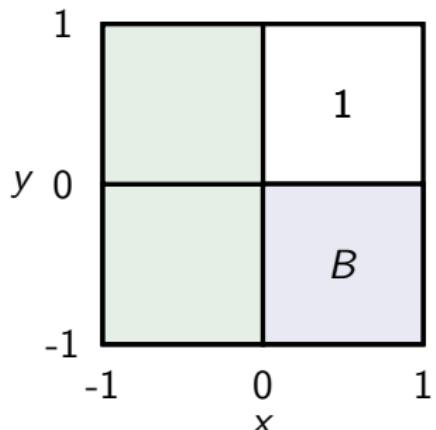
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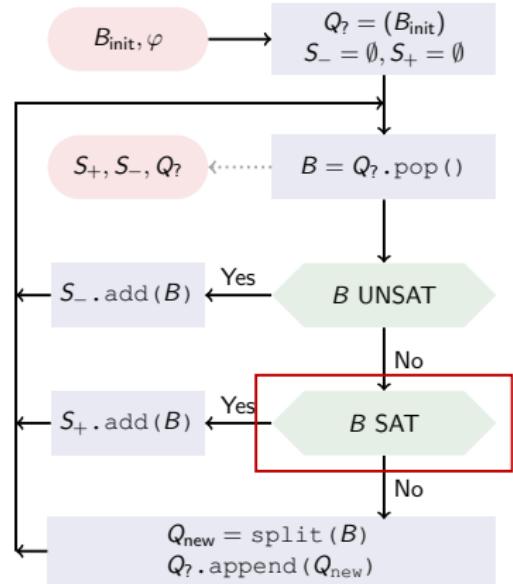
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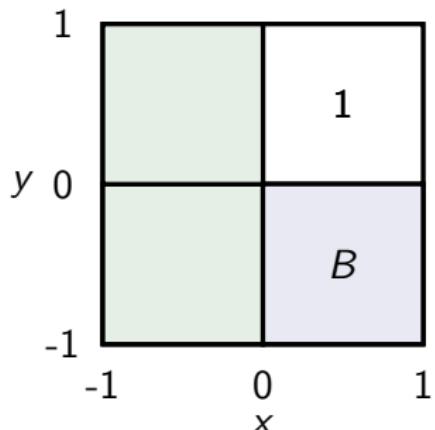
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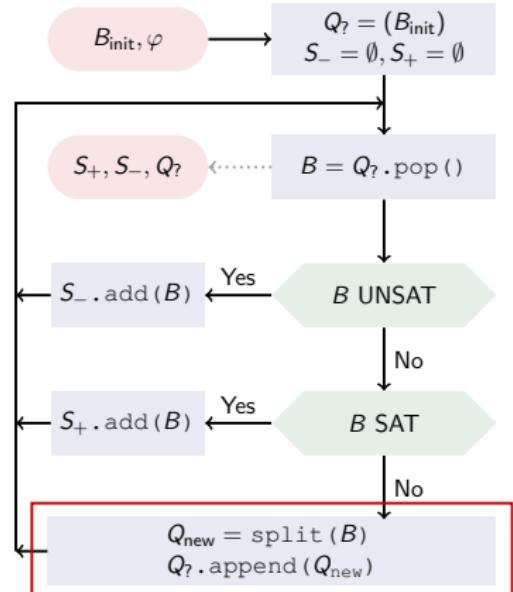
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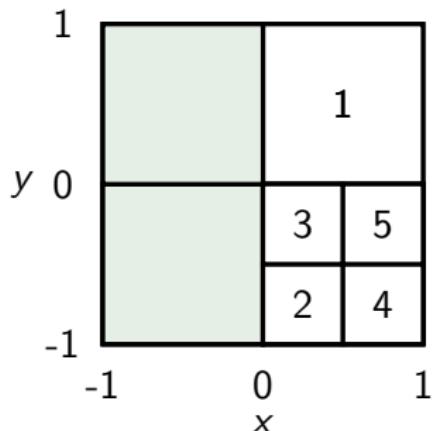
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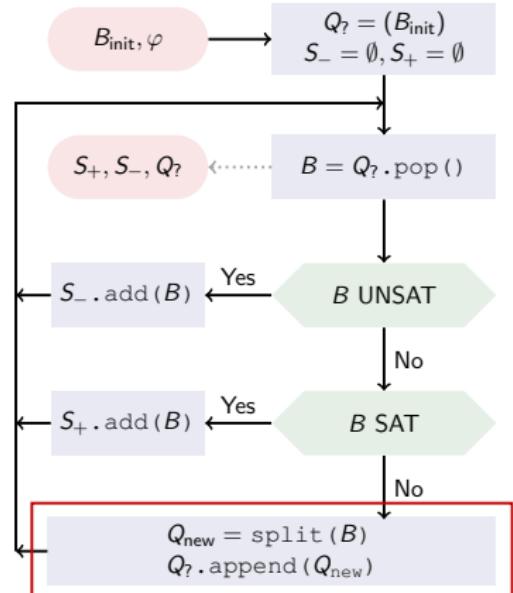
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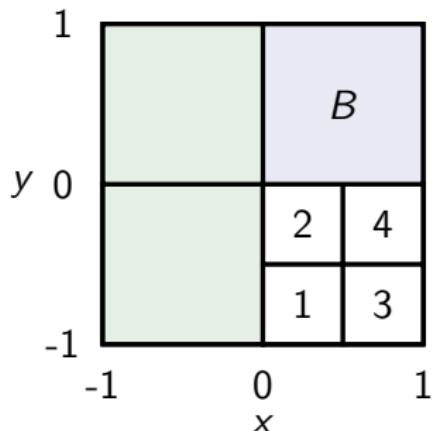
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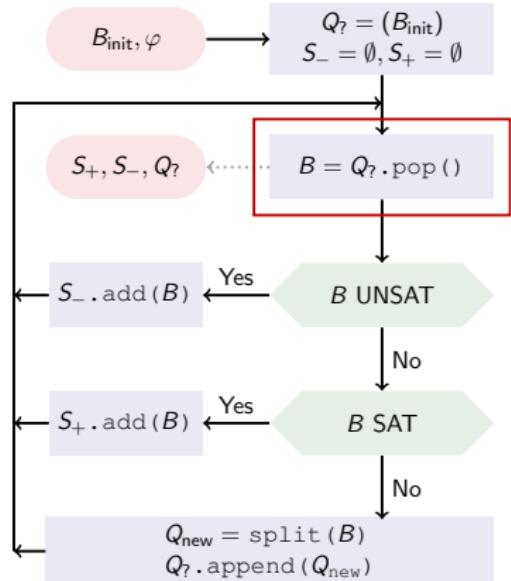
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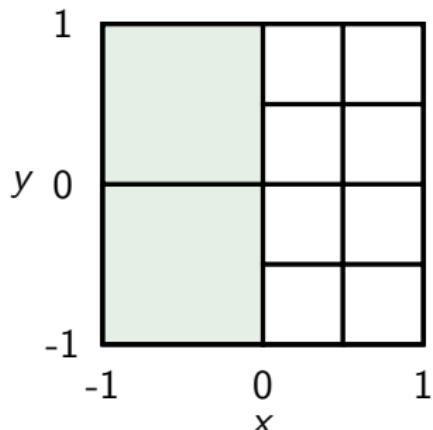
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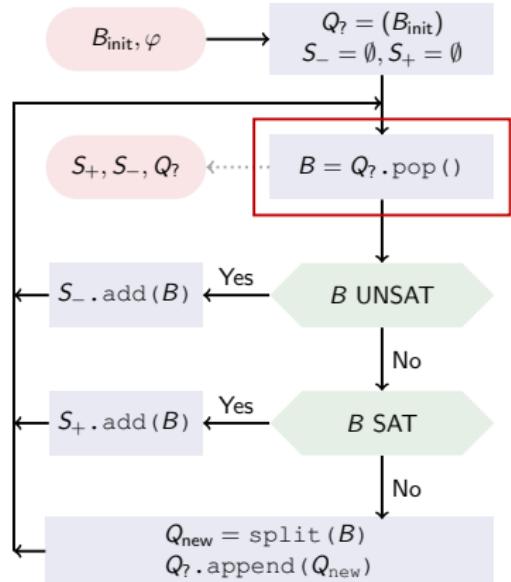
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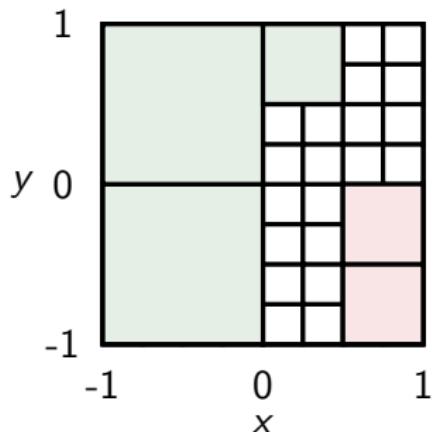
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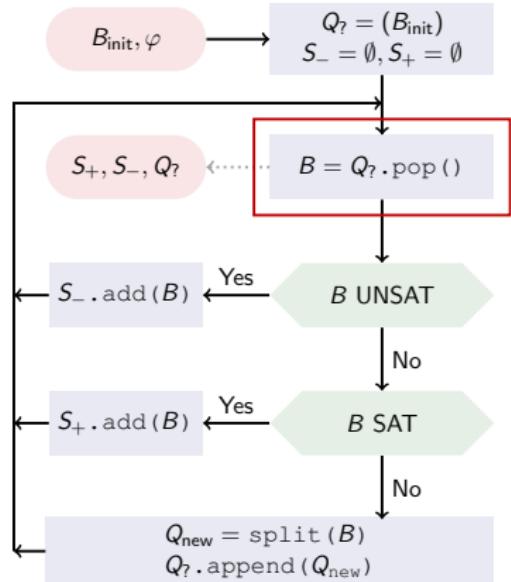
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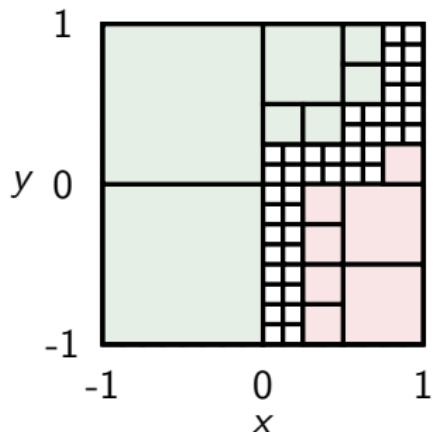
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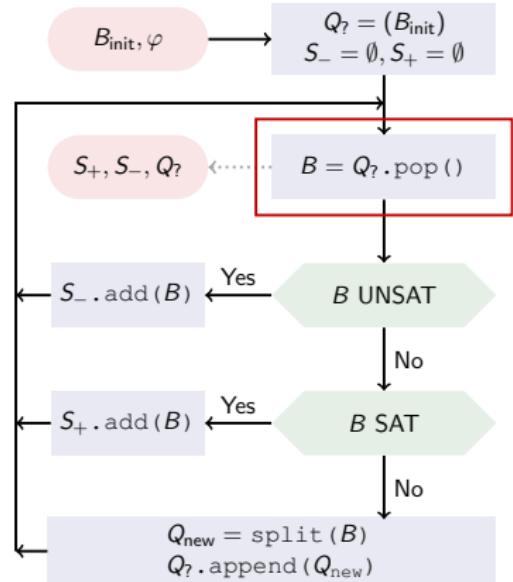
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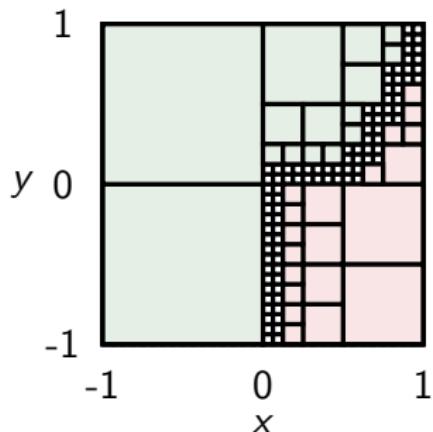
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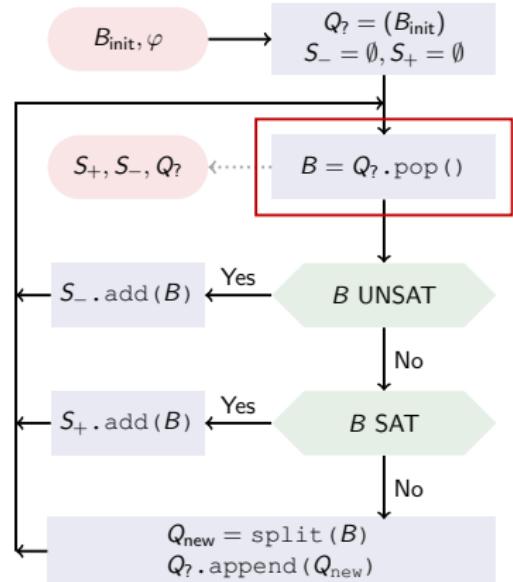
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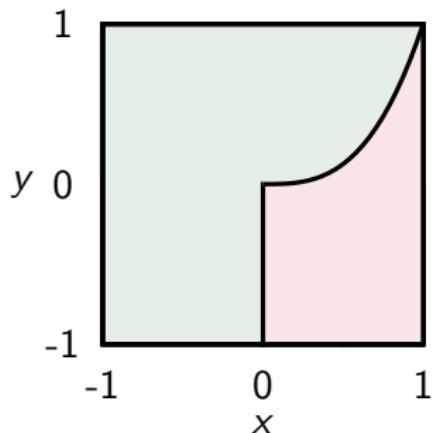
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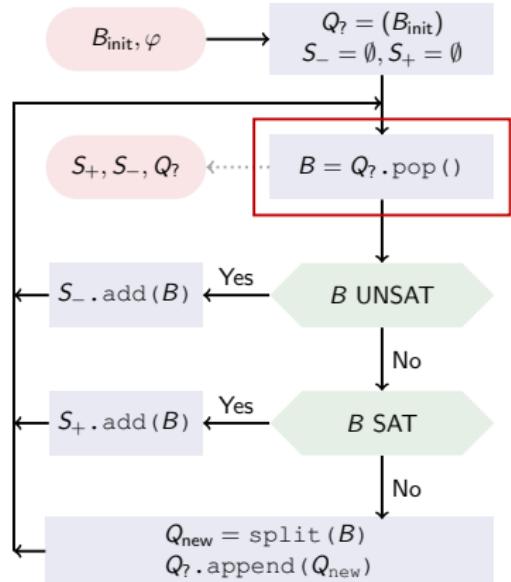
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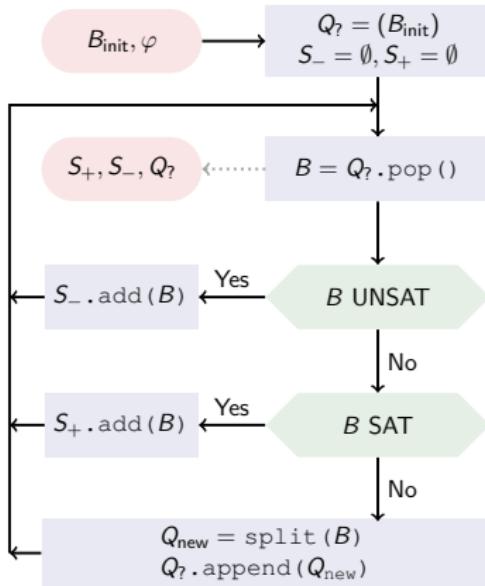
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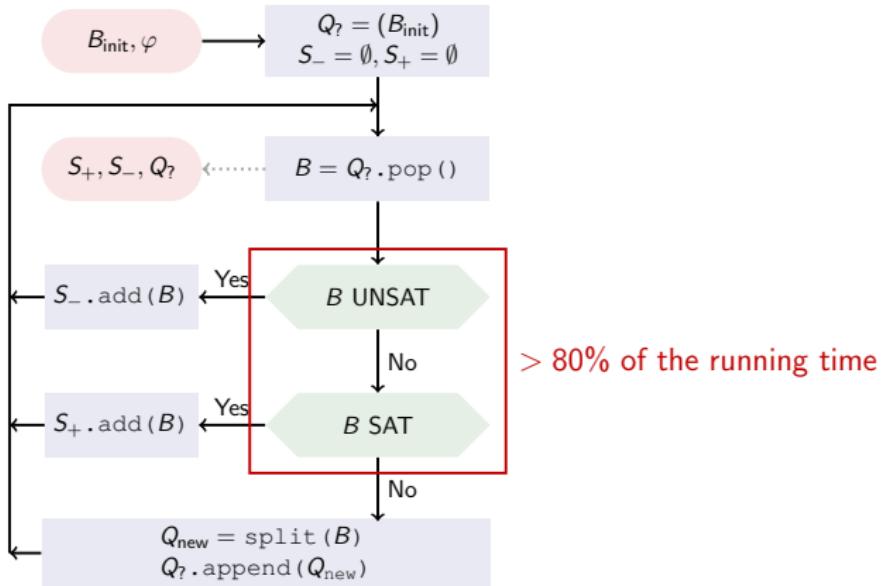
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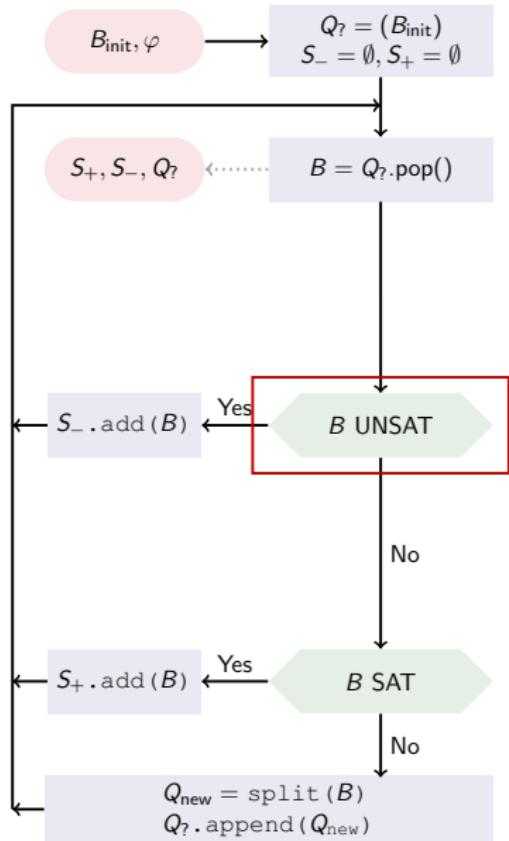
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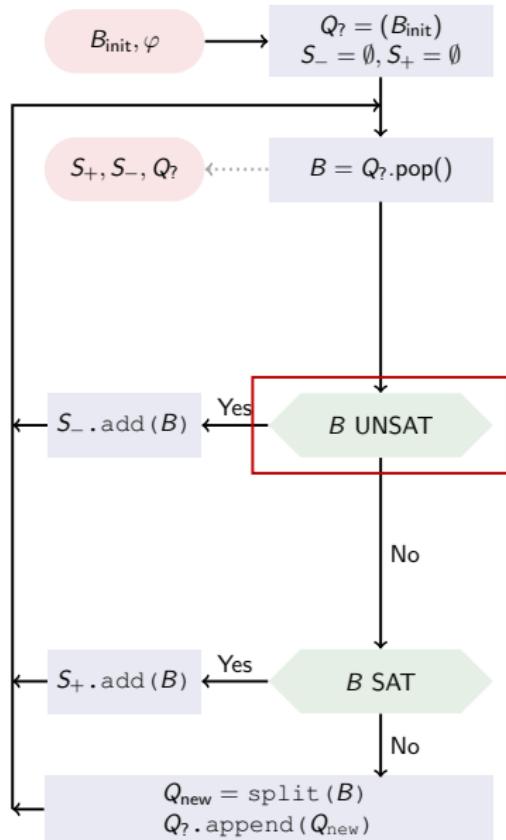
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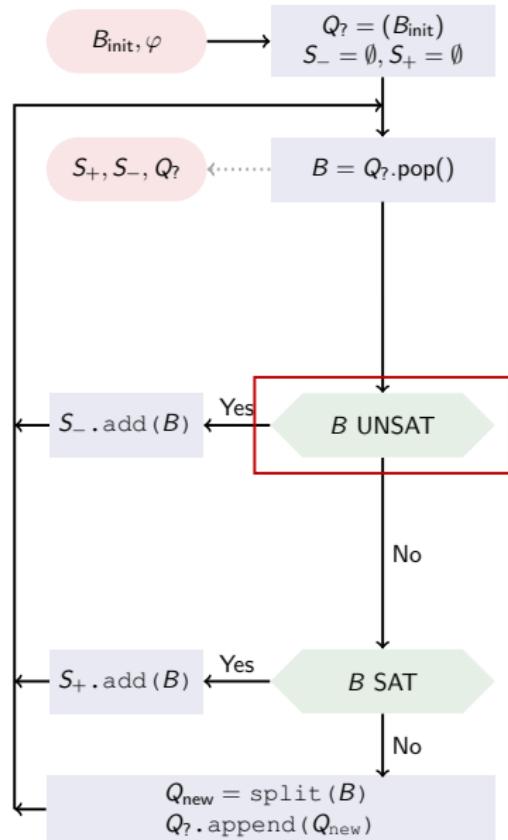
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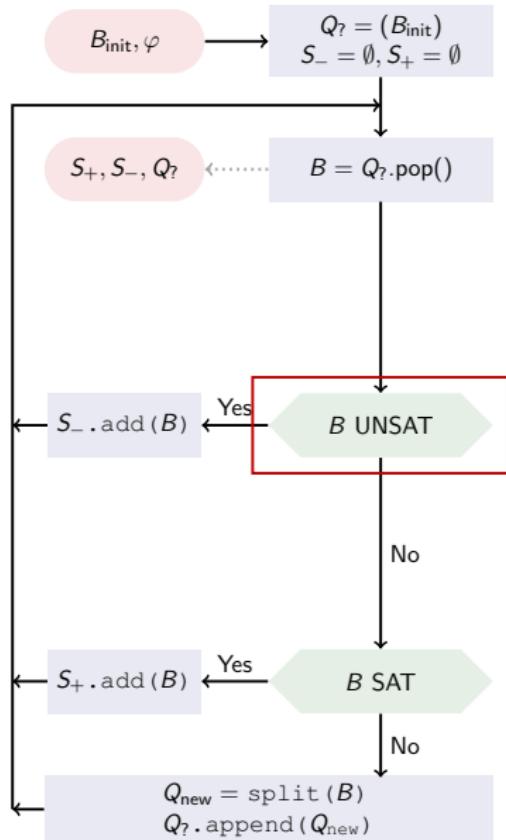
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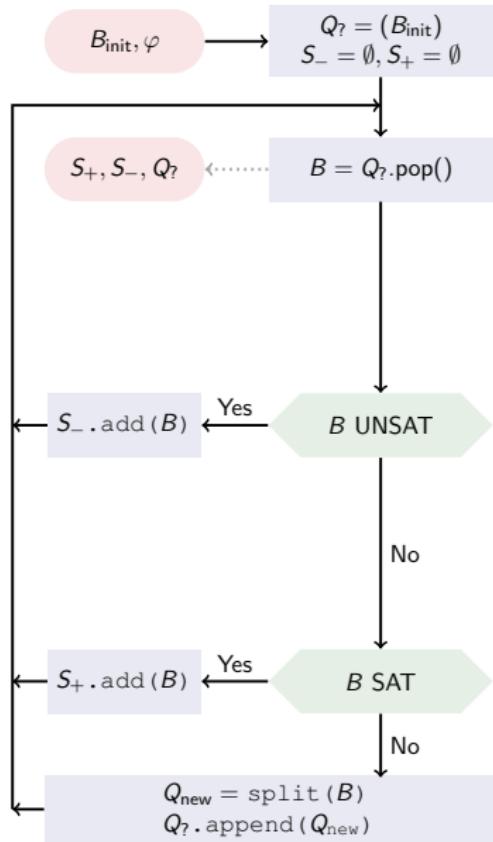
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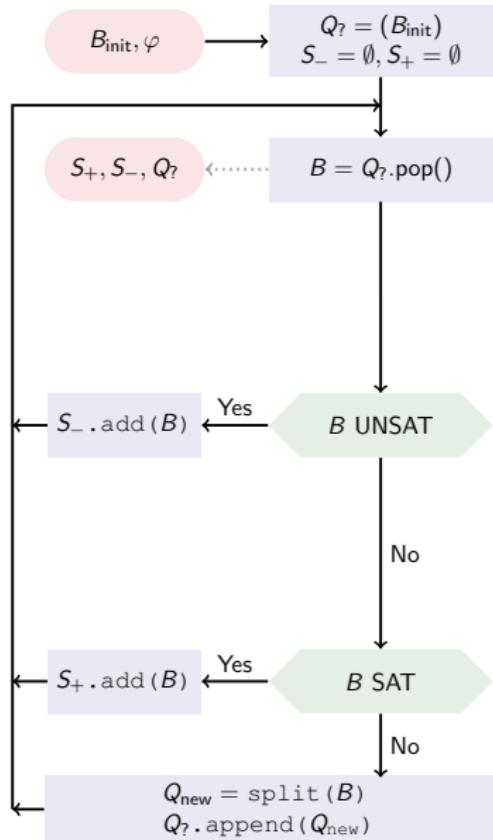
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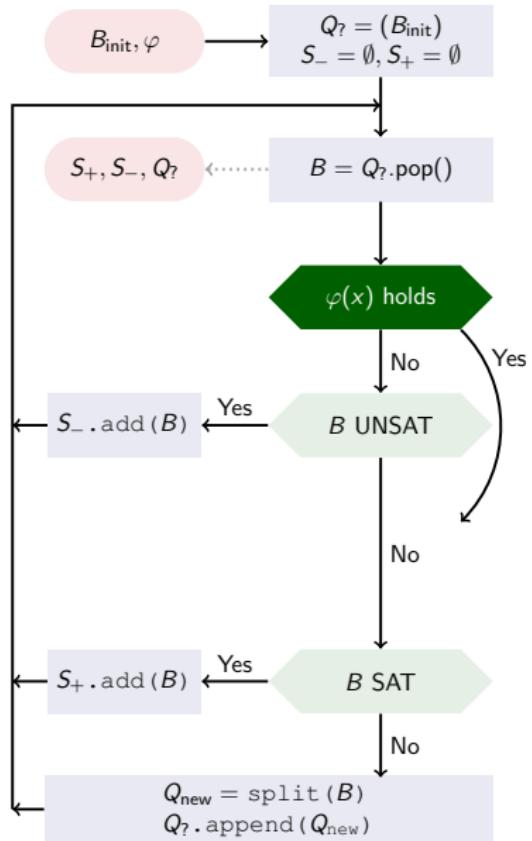
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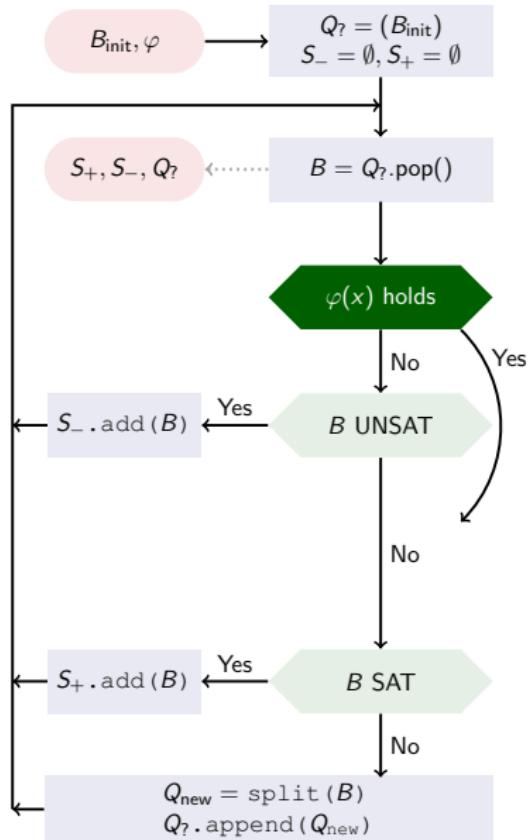
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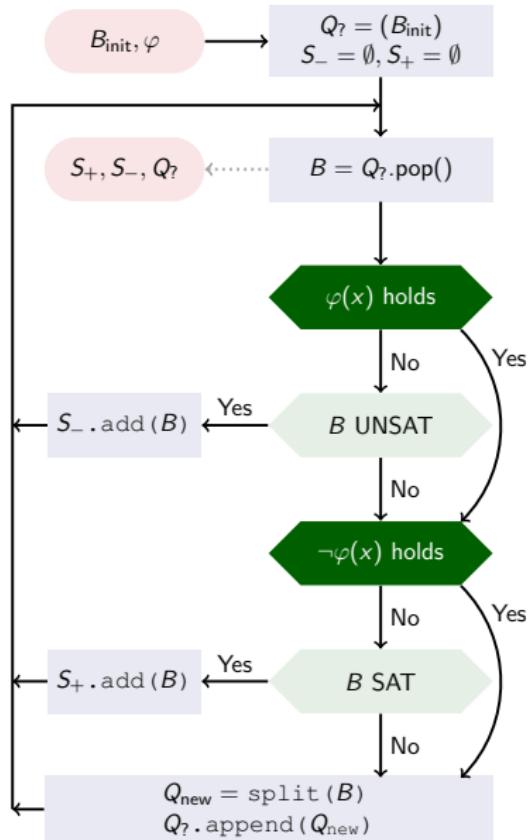
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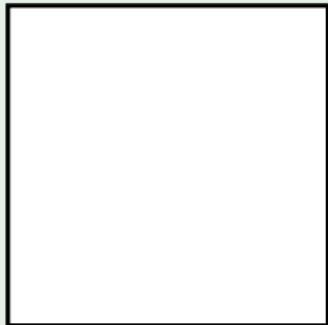
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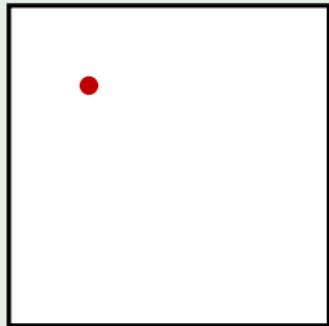
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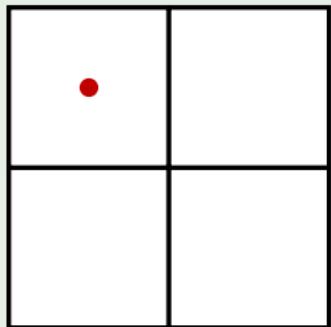
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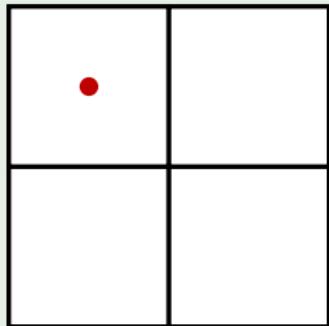
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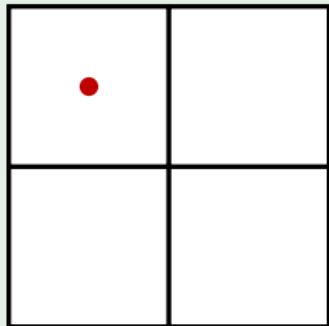
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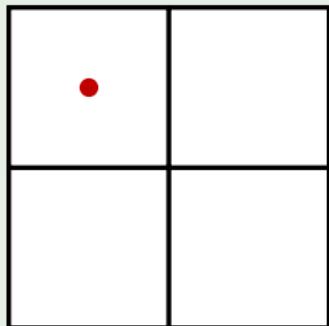


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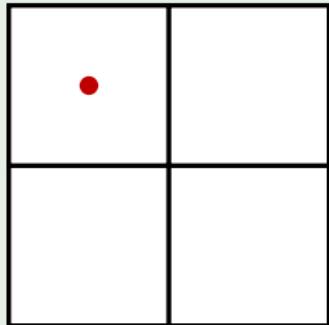
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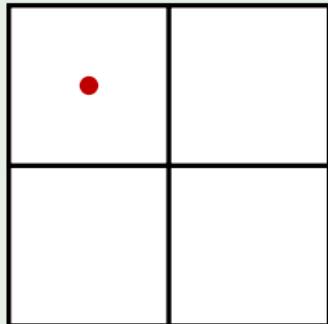
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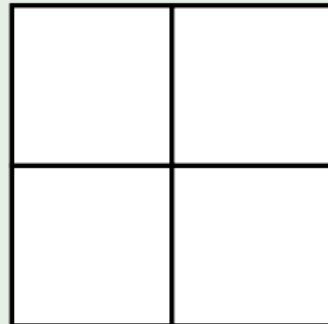
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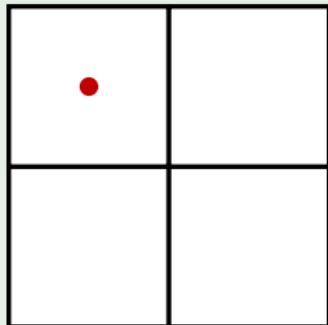
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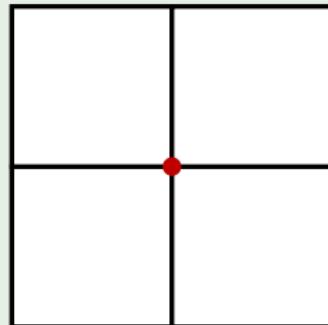
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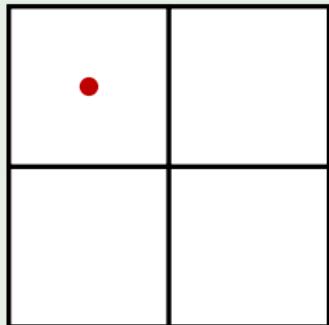
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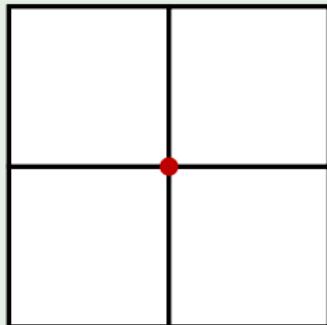
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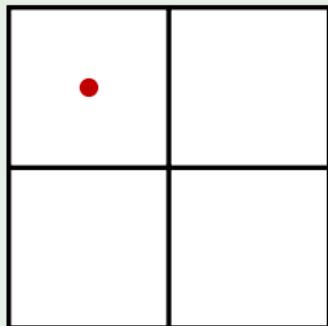
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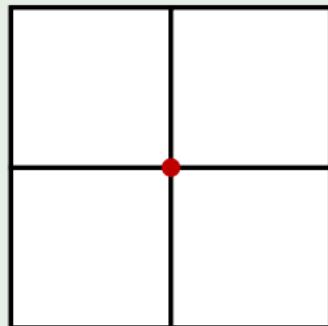
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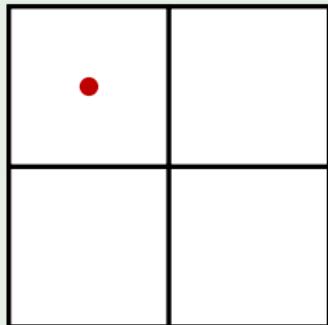


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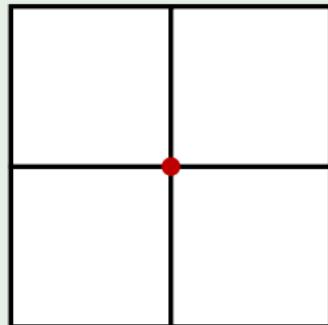
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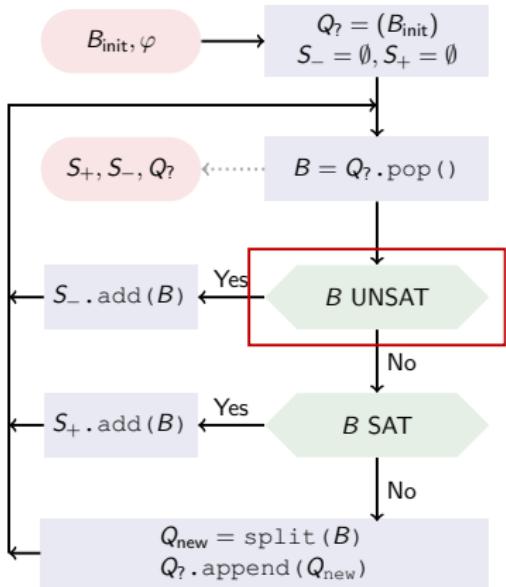
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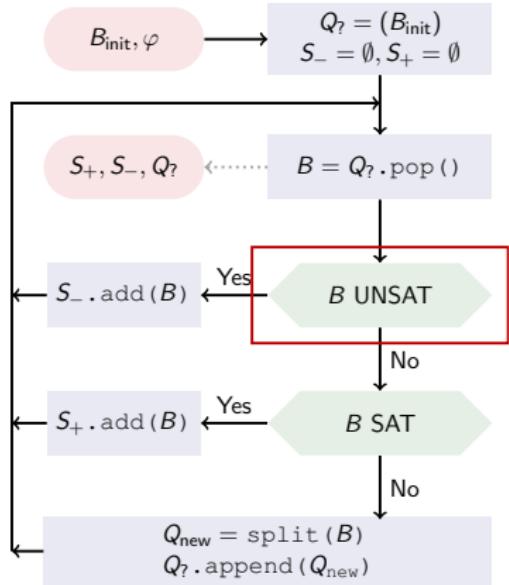
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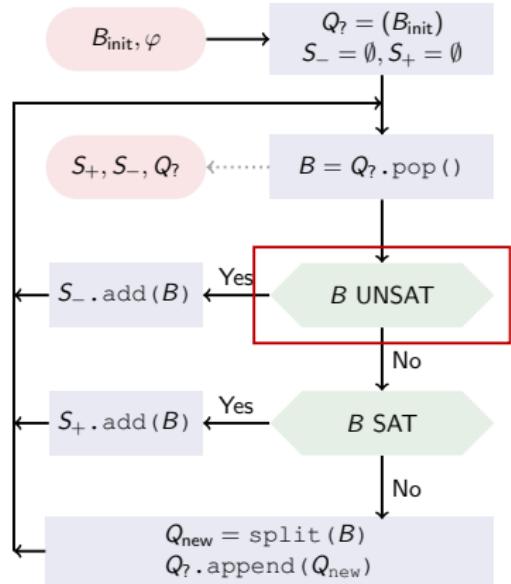
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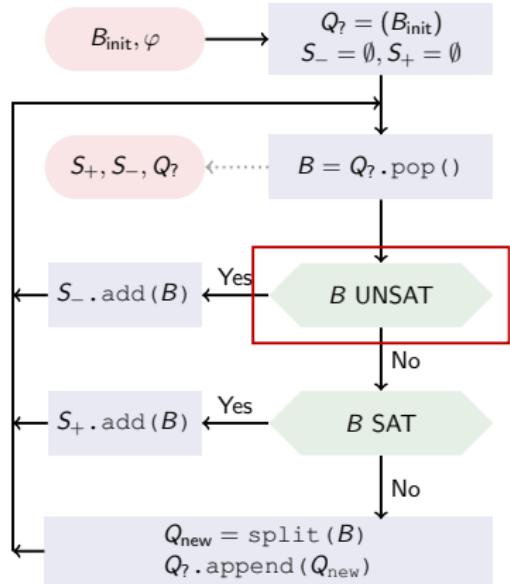
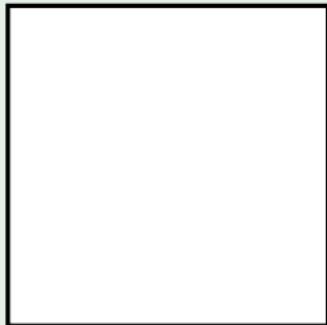


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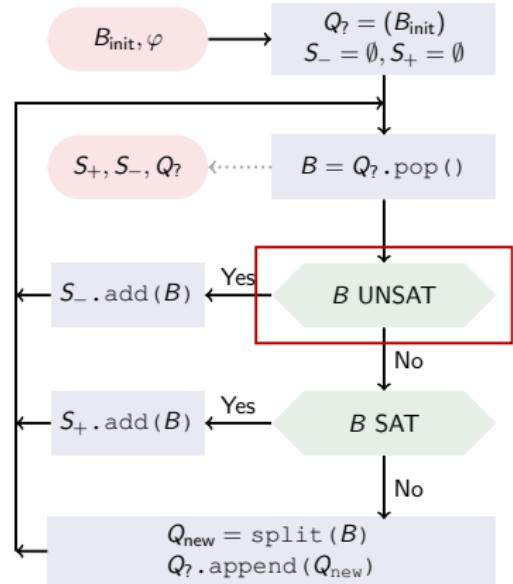
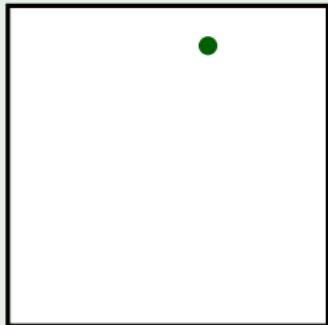


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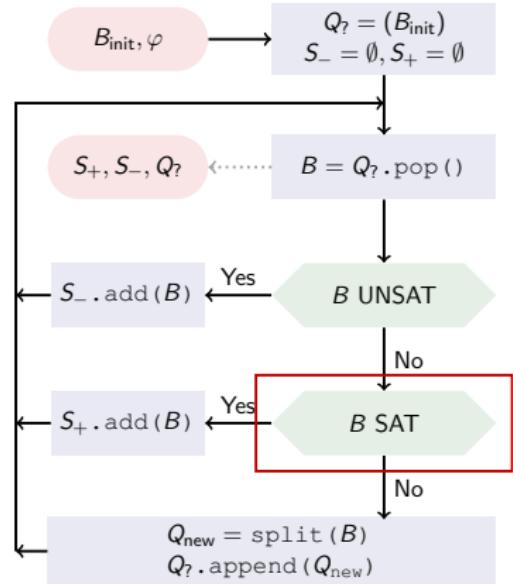
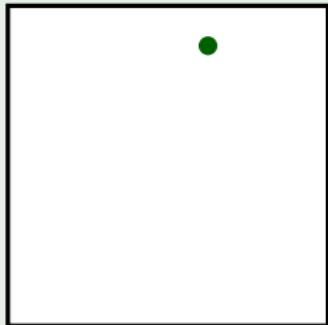


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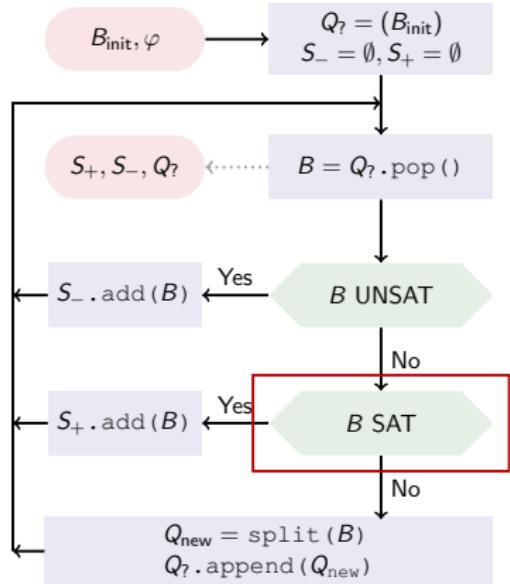
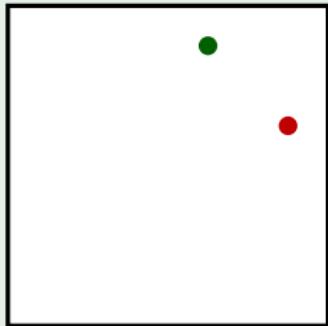


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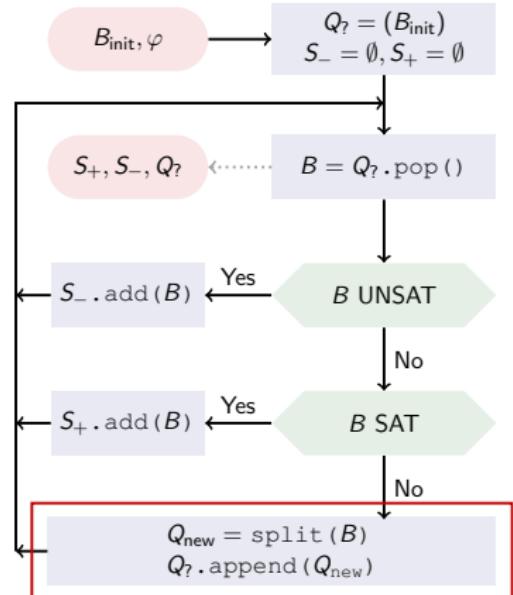
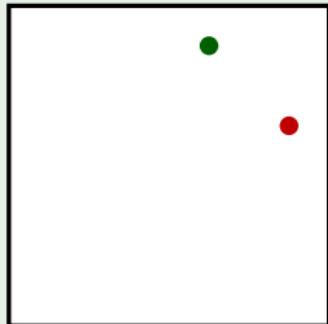


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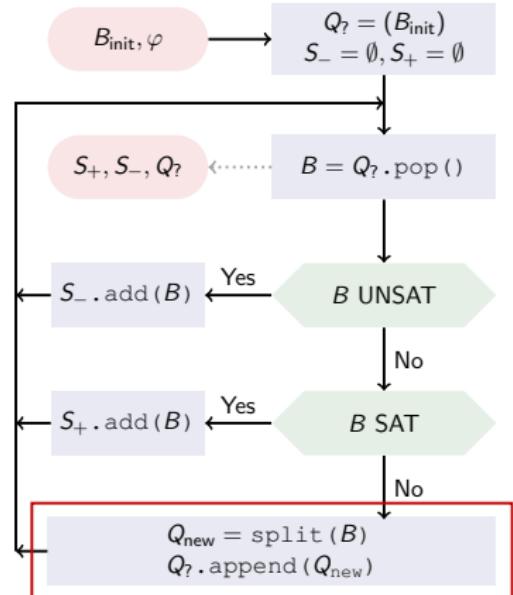
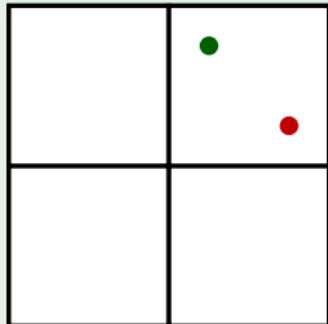


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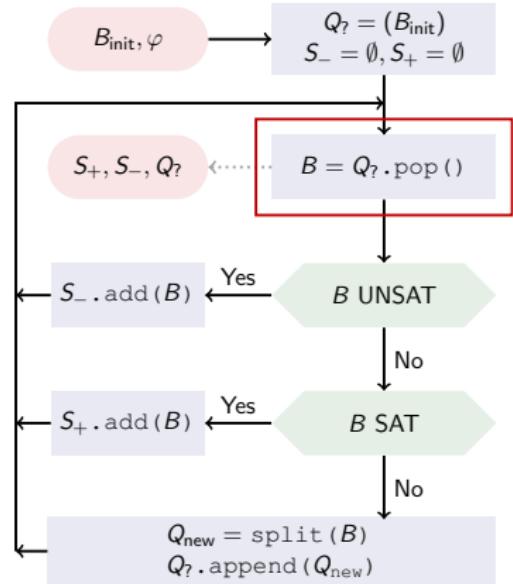
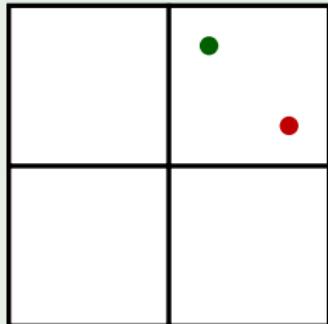


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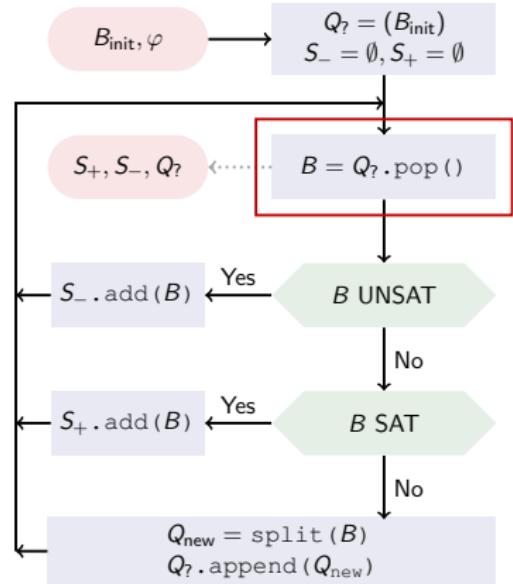
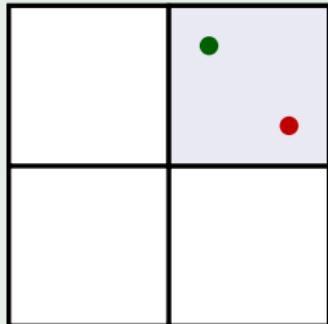


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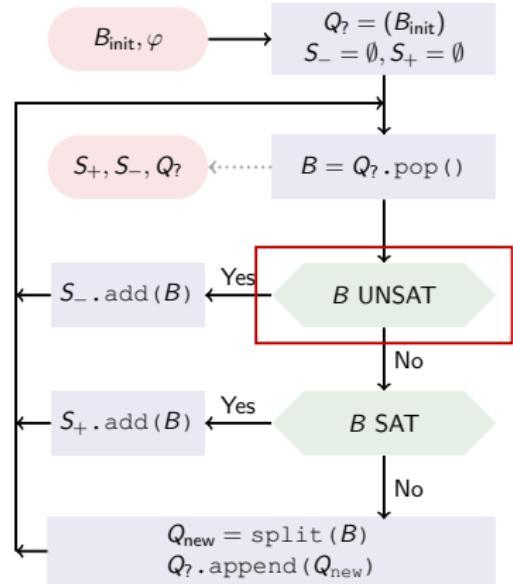
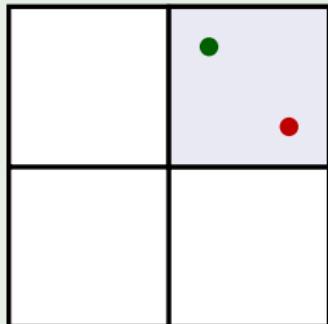


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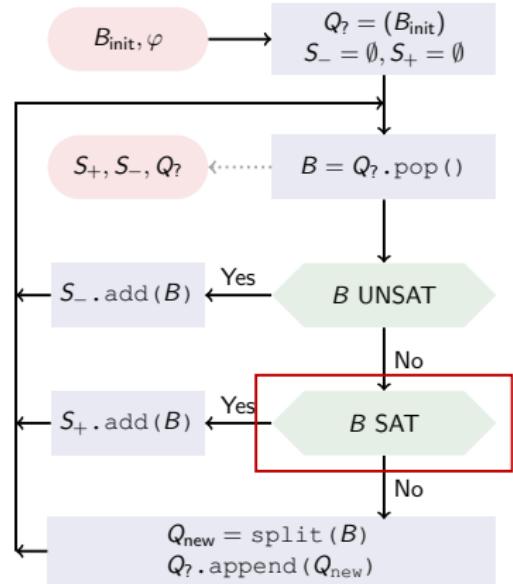
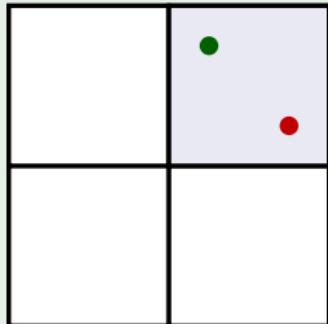


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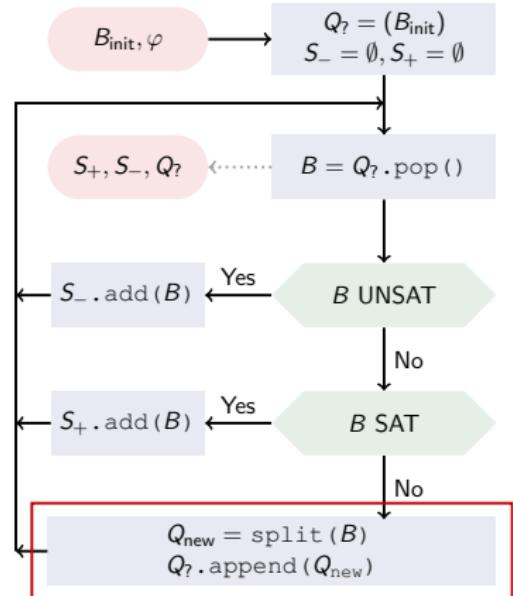
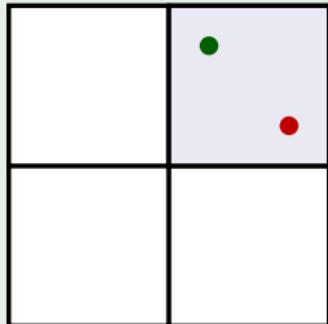


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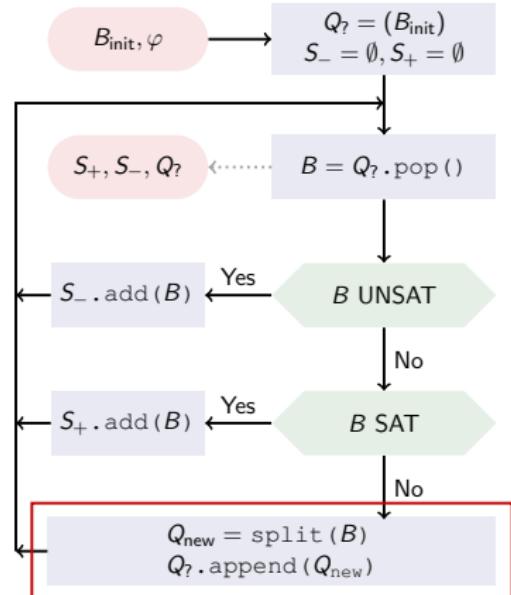
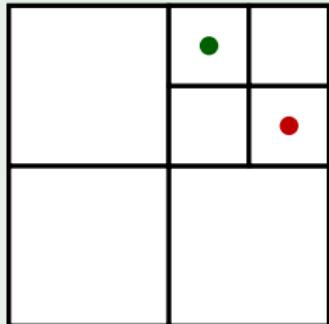


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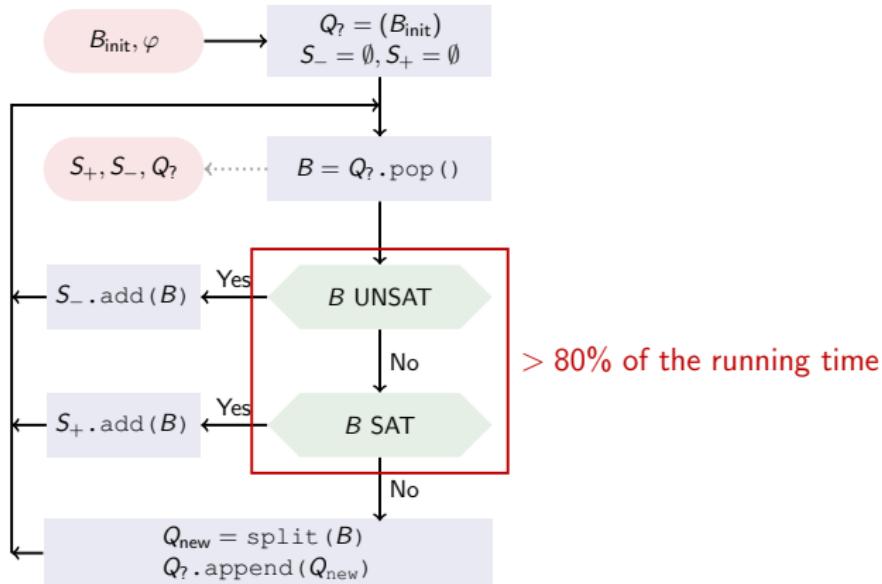
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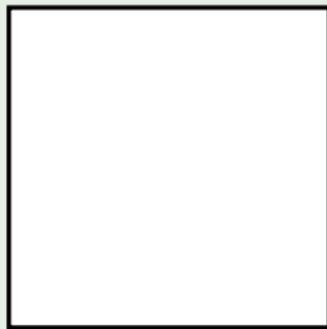
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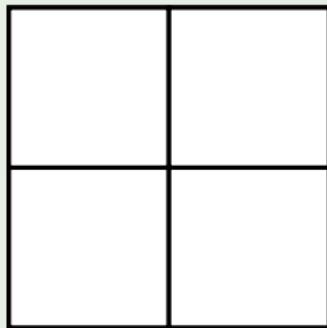
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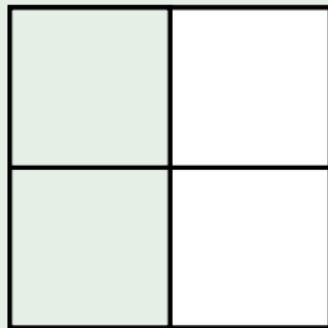
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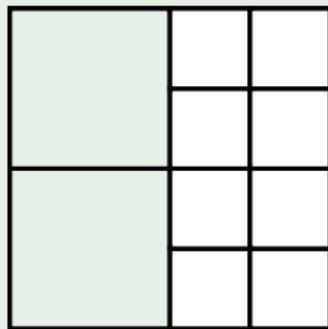
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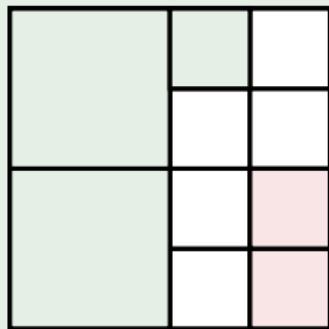
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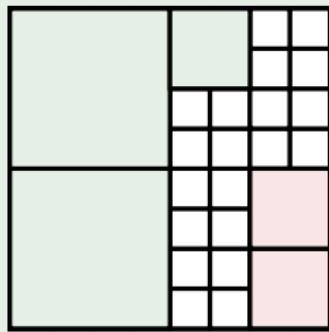
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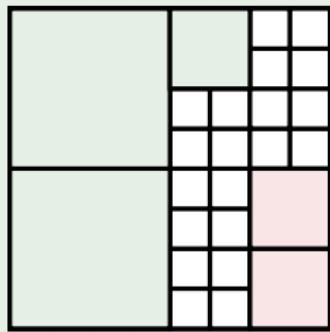
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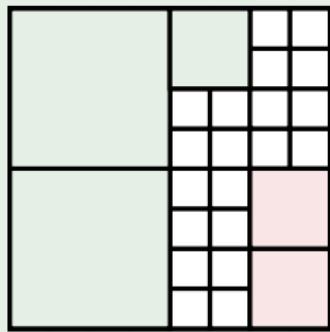


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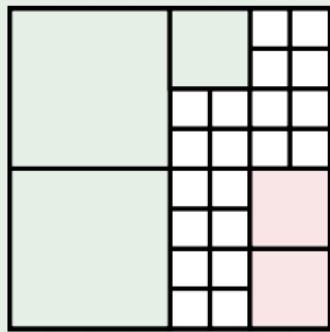
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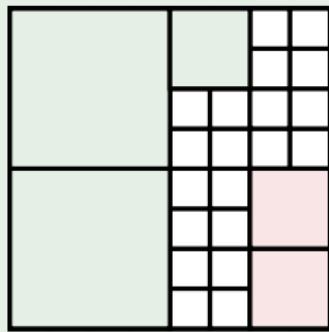
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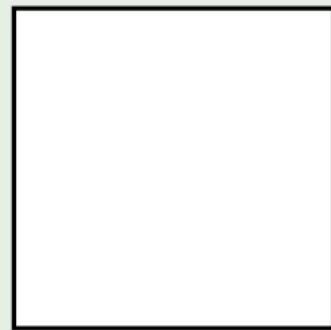
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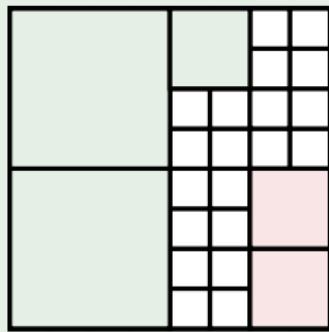
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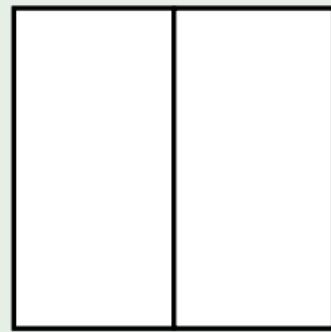
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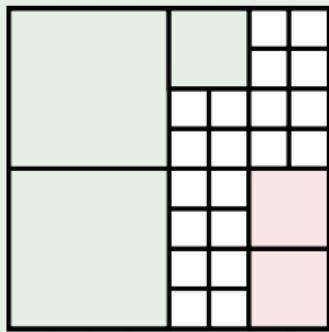
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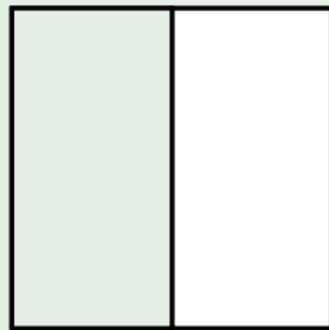
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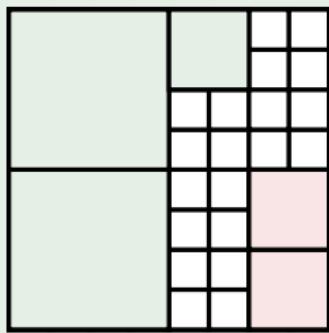
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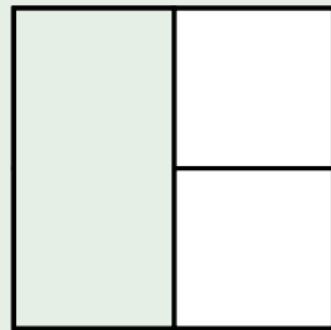
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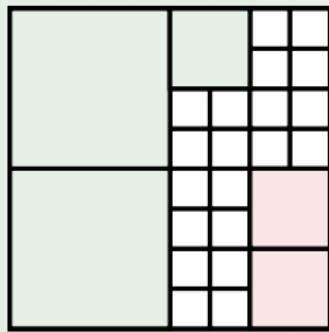
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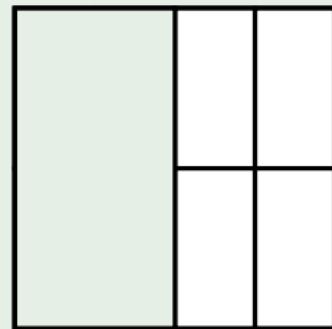
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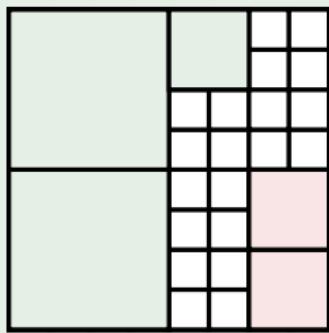
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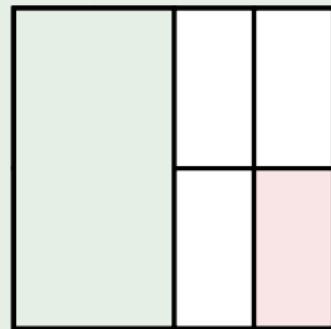
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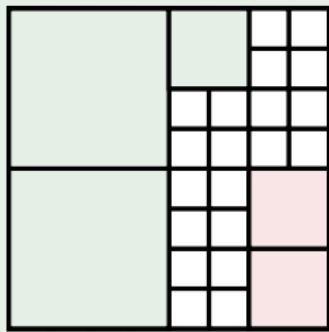
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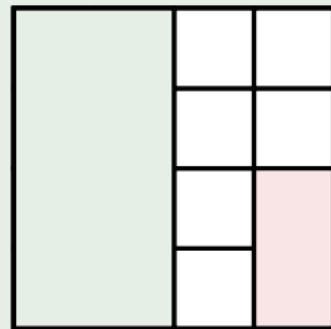
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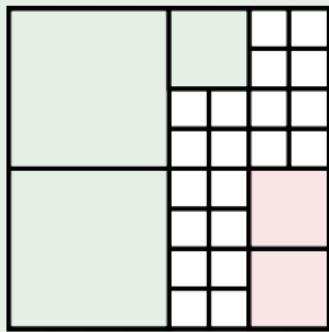
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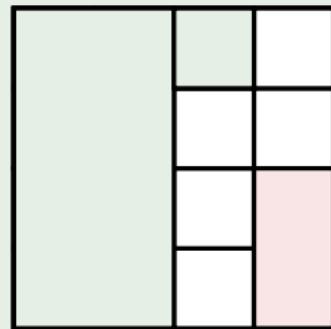
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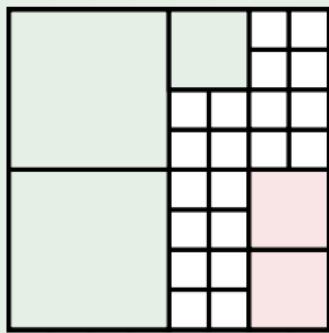
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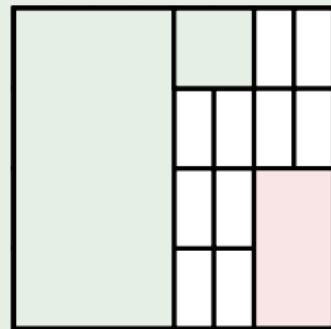
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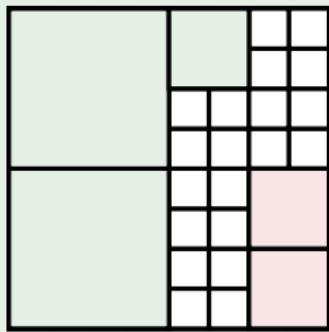
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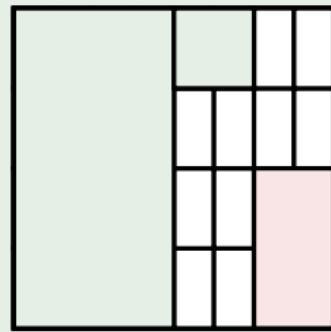
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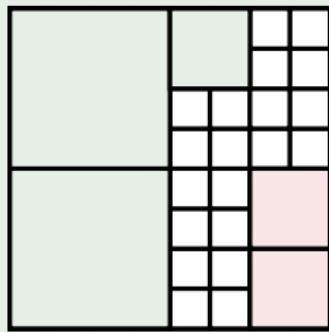


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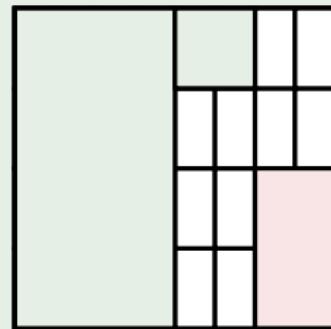
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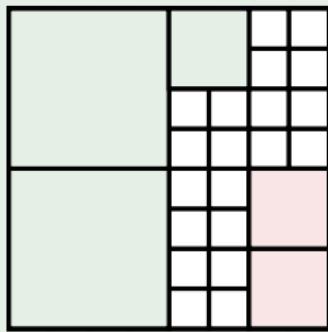


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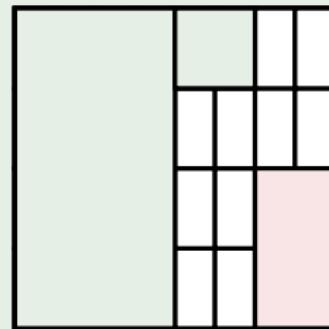
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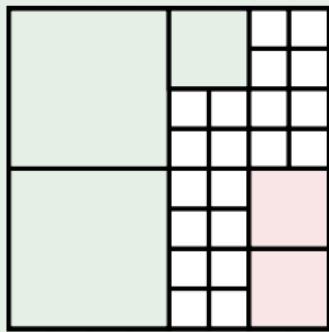


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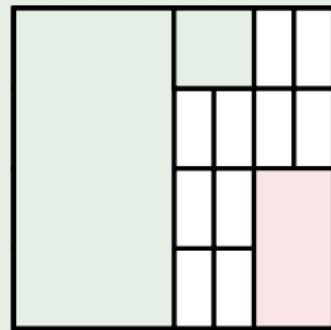
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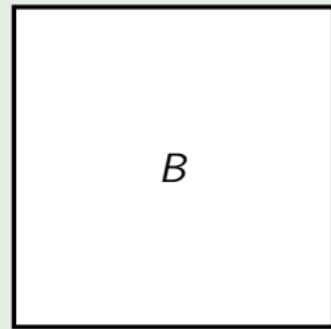
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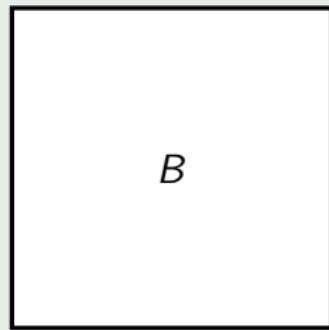
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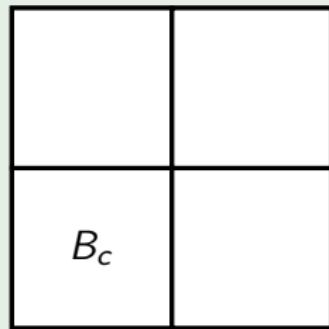
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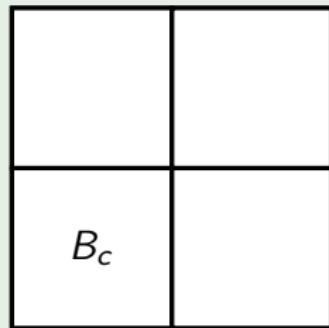
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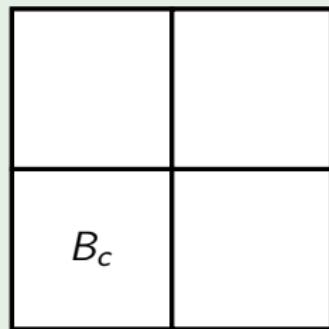
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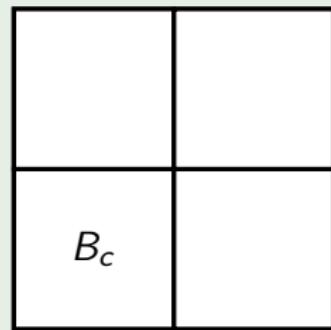
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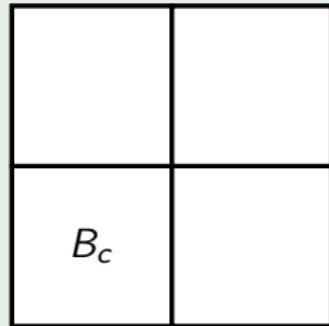
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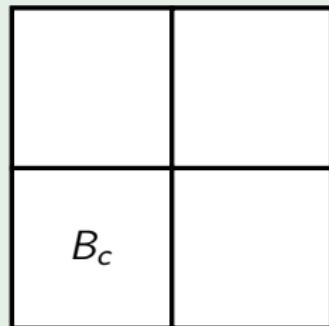
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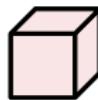
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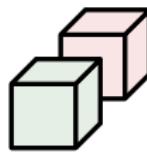
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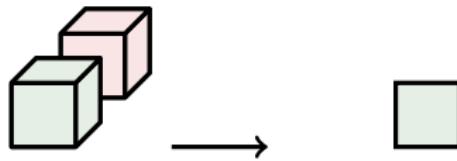
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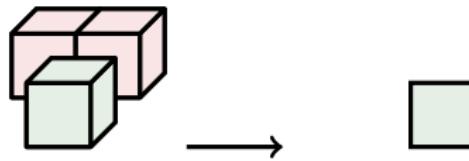
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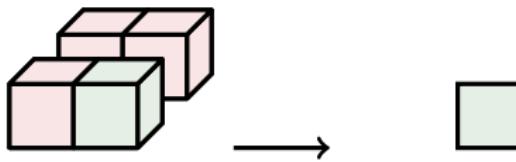
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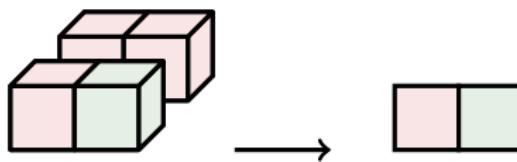
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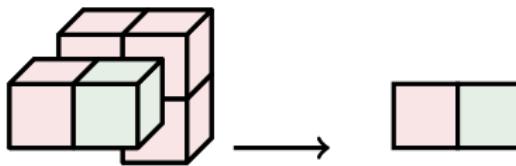
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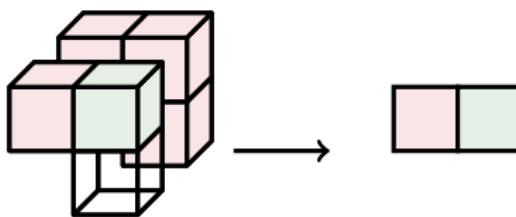
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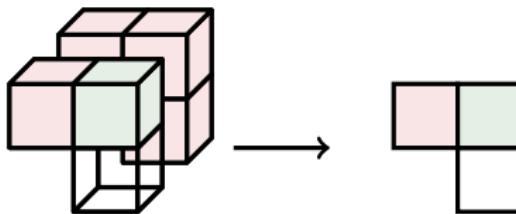
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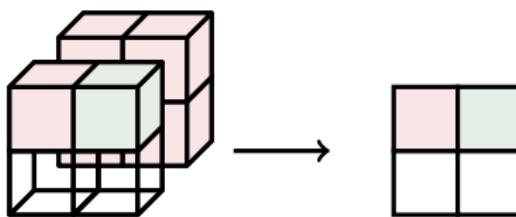
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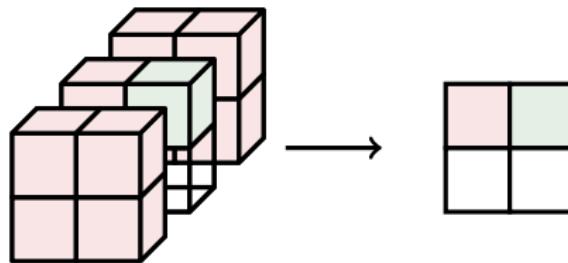
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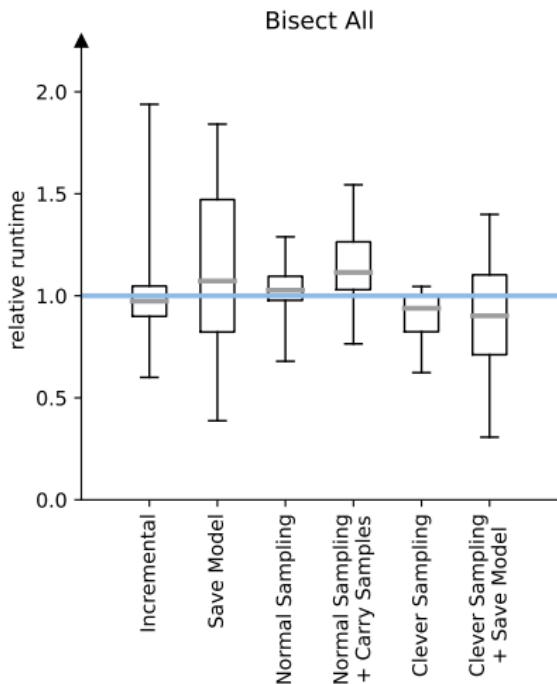
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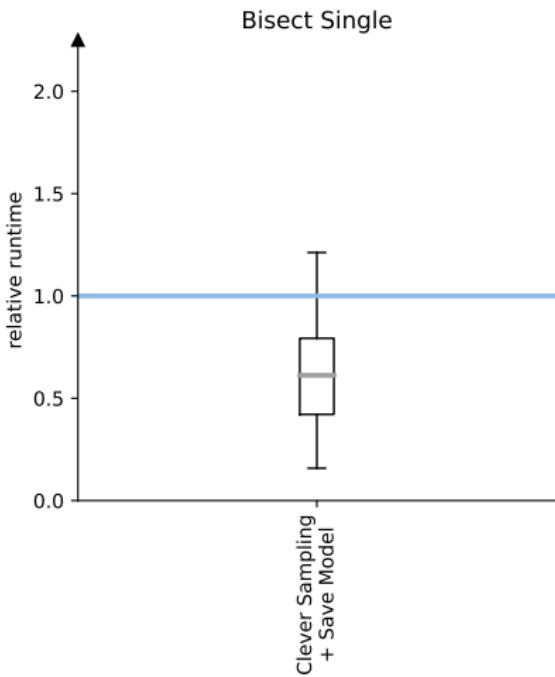
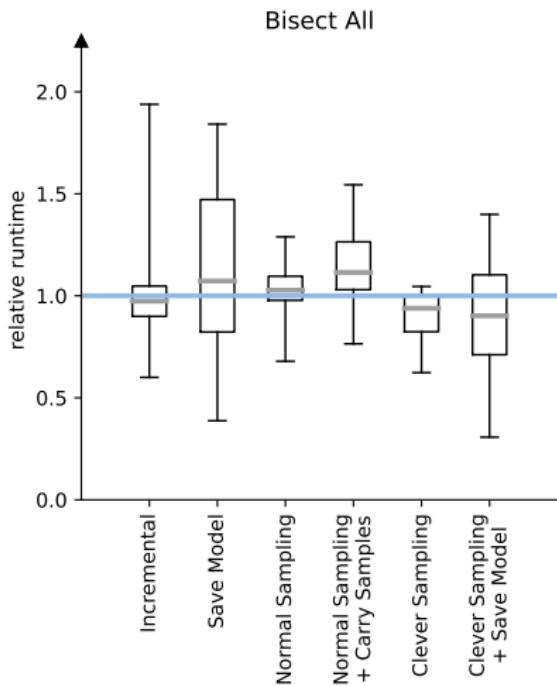
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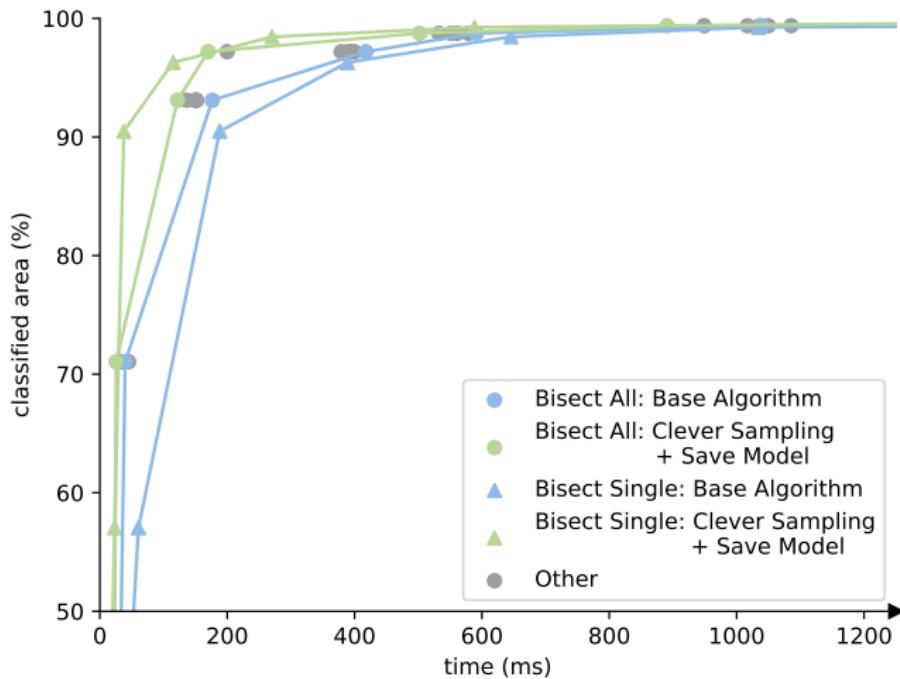
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Incremental	0.55	0.00	-	-
Save Model	0.55	0.17	-	-
Normal Sampling	0.55	0.29	-	-
+ Carry Samples	0.55	0.31	-	-
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+ Save Model	0.55	0.39	0.83	0.72

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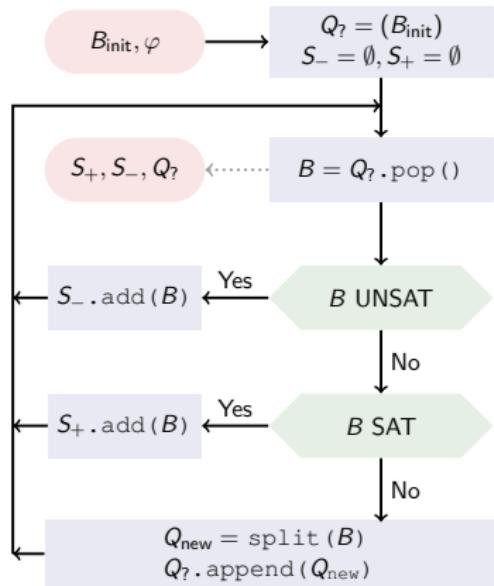
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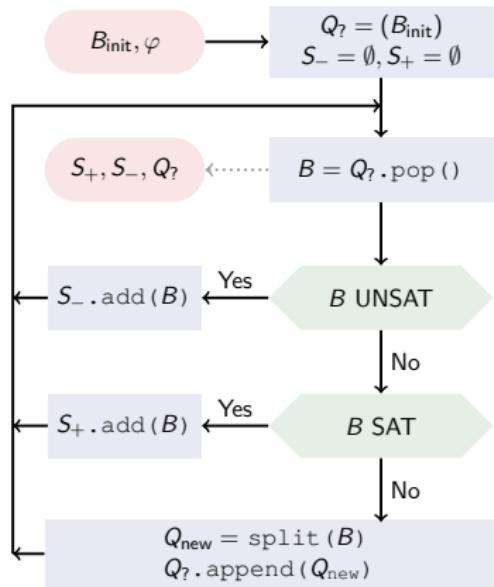


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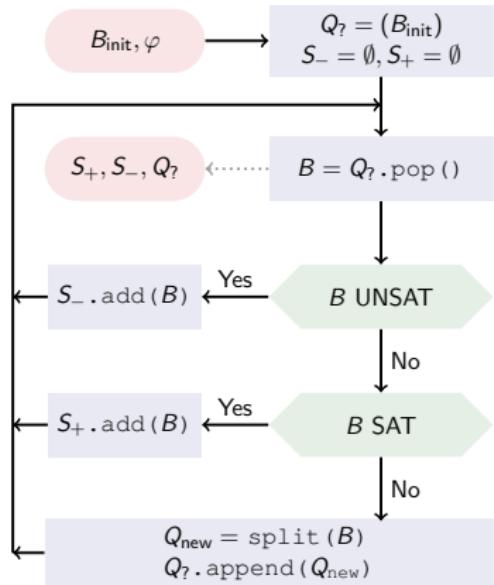
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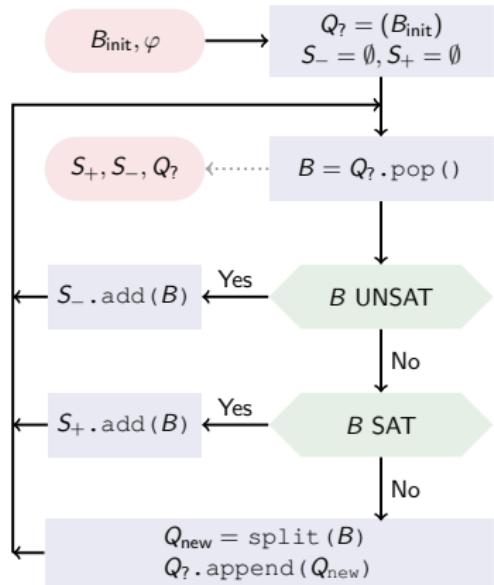
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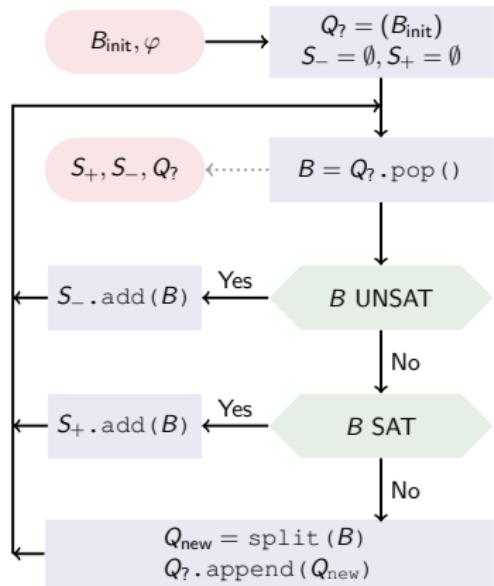
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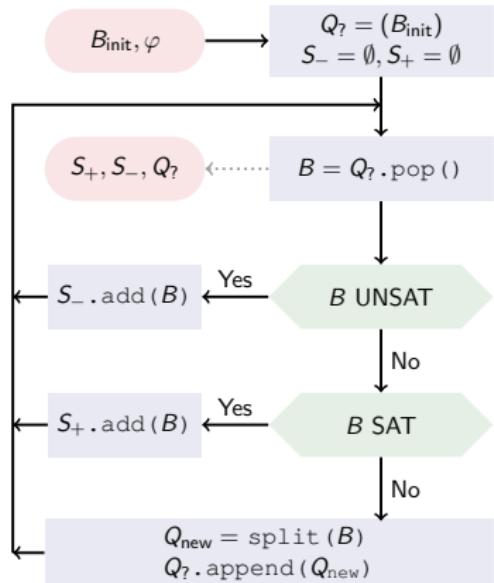
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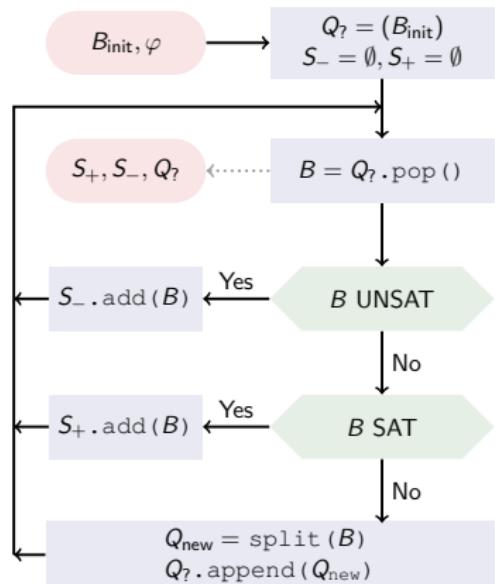
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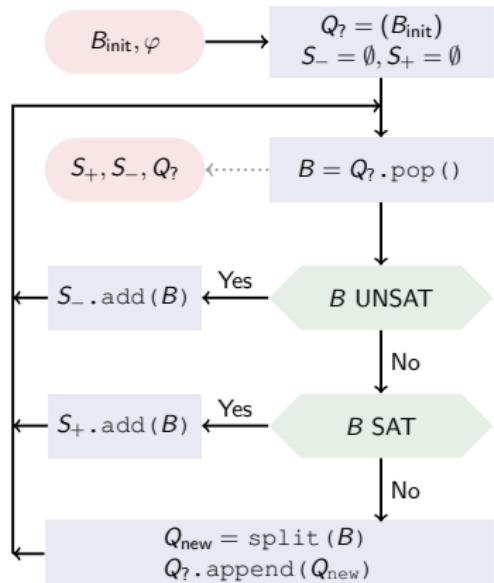
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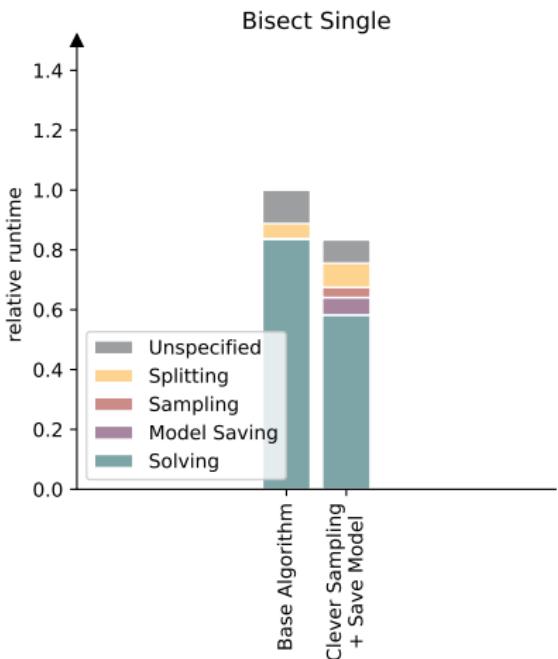
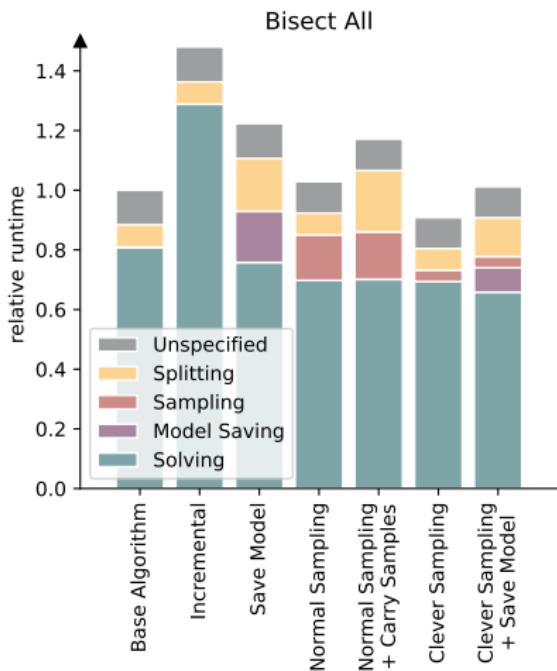
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- ▶ advanced splitting heuristics



# Experimental Evaluation: Time Distribution



# Evaluation: Average Speed-Up Factors

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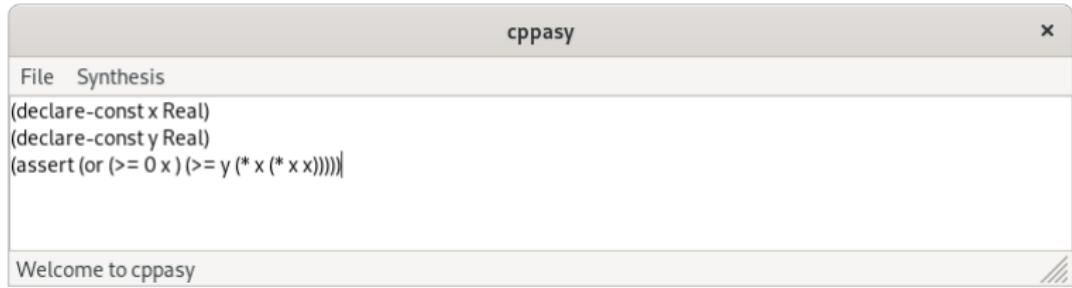
	$4^{1910}$	$5^{1910}$	$6^{1910}$	$7^{1843}$	$8^{1319}$	$9^{922}$	$10^{732}$
Clever Sampling	0.85	0.96	0.91	0.98	0.91	1.04	0.95
Base Algorithm	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Clever Sampling +Save Model	1.57	1.33	1.01	1.03	0.93	1.04	0.91
Normal Sampling	1.02	1.01	1.03	1.03	1.05	1.10	1.10
Normal Sampling +Carry Samples	1.12	1.12	1.17	1.15	1.17	1.23	1.23
Save Model	1.92	1.39	1.22	1.19	1.16	1.13	1.09
Incremental	1.39	-	1.48	-	1.1	-	1.07

# Evaluation: Average Speed-Up Factors

## Bisect Single

	$4^{1910}$	$5^{1910}$	$6^{1910}$	$7^{1578}$	$8^{1008}$	$9^{763}$	$10^{568}$
Clever Sampling +Save Model	0.79	0.77	0.83	0.71	0.64	0.61	0.59
Base Algorithm	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

# Implementation: GUI



The screenshot shows a window titled "cppasy" with a menu bar containing "File" and "Synthesis". The main area displays a logic expression:

```
(declare-const x Real)
(declare-const y Real)
(assert (or (>= 0 x) (>= y (* x (* x x)))))
```

At the bottom of the window, there is a welcome message: "Welcome to cppasy".

# Implementation: GUI

Preferences

Variable	Upper Bound	Lower Bound
x	-1	1
y	-1	1

x-Axis

y-Axis

Depth

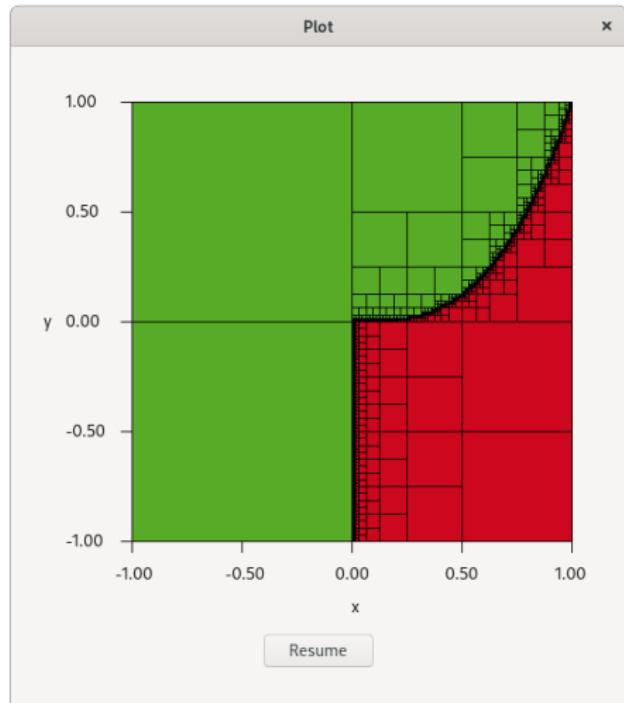
Split

Sample

Split Samples

Save Model

Incremental



# Implementation: CLI

```
$ ./build/cli --help
Allowed options:
-h [ --help ]           produce help message
--boundaries-file arg  Text file containing a list of all variables and their
                         boundaries. The file should contain lines of the form
                         '<variable-name> <lower-bound> <upper-bound>'.
--default-boundaries arg (=10)
                         Set default 'radius' of the initial orthotope.
--splitting-heuristic arg (=bisect_all)
                         Select a splitting heuristic. Options are 'bisect_all'
                         and 'bisect_single'.
--sampling-heuristic arg (=no_sampling)
                         Select a sampling heuristic. Options are 'no_sampling',
                         'center', and 'clever'.
--max-depth arg (=10) maximal depth.
--save-model             Save models found by solver. Only useful if
                         'split-samples' enabled.
--incremental            Enable incremental solving.
--split-samples          Also carry samples when splitting orthotopes.
--splits-needed          Returns true if splits are needed to process this
                         formula.
--print-orthotopes       Prints all (SAFE, UNSAFE and UNKNOWN) resulting
                         orthotopes.
```