

Foundations of Artificial Intelligence

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Exercise Session
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Exercise 5.3

Solve the 4-Queens problem. The problem consists of placing 4 queens on a 4x4 chess board so that no queen can attack any other. Formulate the problem as a constraint satisfaction problem and solve it using backtracking with minimum-remaining-values heuristic and forward checking. Only one solution is required.

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$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$$

x_i is the row at which the queen in column i is placed

$$D = \{D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4\}$$

$$D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = D_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

We can express the constraints in a compact form, with $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$:

$$C(x_i, x_{i+j}) = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, |a - b| \in \{0, j\}\}$$

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In an extensive way:

$$C(X_1, X_2) = \{\langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle\}$$

$$C(X_1, X_3) = \{\langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle\}$$

$$C(X_1, X_4) = \{\langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle, \langle 3, 2 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 3 \rangle\}$$

$$C(X_2, X_3) = C(X_1, X_2)$$

$$C(X_2, X_4) = C(X_1, X_3)$$

$$C(X_3, X_4) = C(X_1, X_2)$$

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Even if not requested by the exercise, we try to apply AC-3:

$$Q = \{x_1 \rightarrow x_2, x_2 \rightarrow x_1, x_1 \rightarrow x_3, x_3 \rightarrow x_1, x_1 \rightarrow x_4, x_4 \rightarrow x_1, x_2 \rightarrow x_3, x_3 \rightarrow x_2, x_2 \rightarrow x_4, x_4 \rightarrow x_2, x_3 \rightarrow x_4, x_4 \rightarrow x_3\}$$

$x_1 \rightarrow x_2$: nothing

$x_2 \rightarrow x_1$: nothing

$x_1 \rightarrow x_3$: nothing

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$x_3 \rightarrow x_1$: nothing

$x_1 \rightarrow x_4$: nothing

$x_4 \rightarrow x_1$: nothing

$x_2 \rightarrow x_3$: nothing

$x_3 \rightarrow x_2$: nothing

$x_2 \rightarrow x_4$: nothing

$x_4 \rightarrow x_2$: nothing

$x_3 \rightarrow x_4$: nothing

$x_4 \rightarrow x_3$: nothing

In this problem, AC-3 is unable to shrink the domains, but not all assignments of domain values is a solution!

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We apply **backtracking** with:

- minimum-remaining-values heuristic (**MRV**)
- forward checking (**FC**)

$$D_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$D_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$D_3 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$D_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$



MRV: all domains have 4 values
→ lexicographical order

$$D_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$D_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$D_3 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

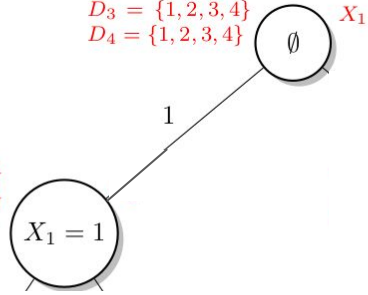
$$D_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

FC

$$D_2 = \{3, 4\}$$

$$D_3 = \{2, 4\}$$

$$D_4 = \{2, 3\}$$



$$D_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$D_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

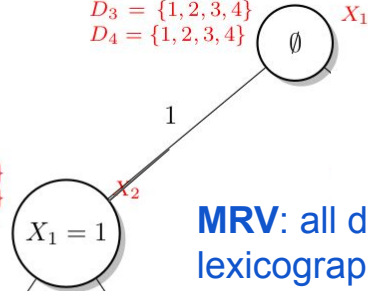
$$D_3 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$D_4 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

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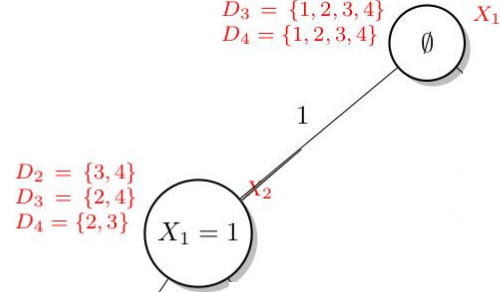
$$D_3 = \{2, 4\}$$

$$D_4 = \{2, 3\}$$



MRV: all domains have 4 values \rightarrow
lexicographical order

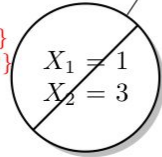
$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ D_2 &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ D_3 &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\ D_4 &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \end{aligned}$$



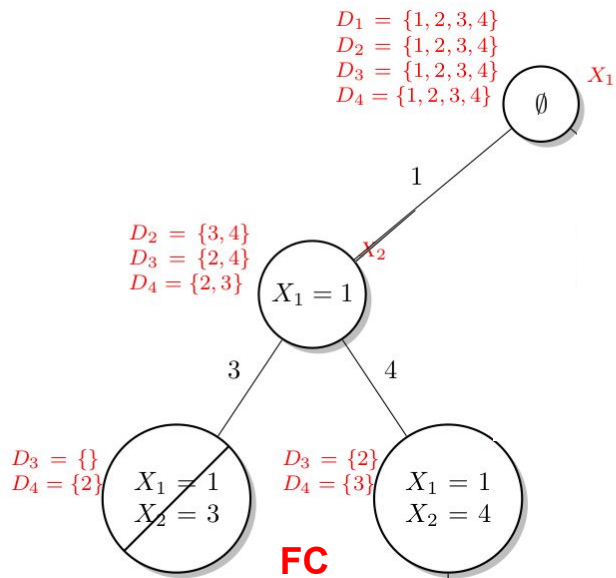
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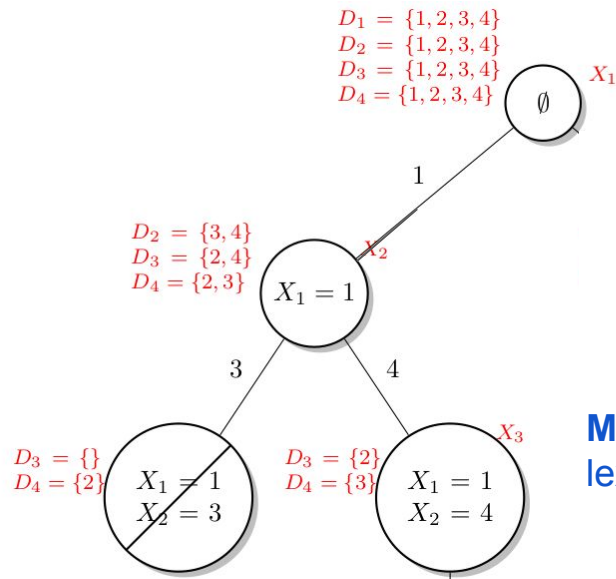
FC

$$\begin{aligned} D_3 &= \{\} \\ D_4 &= \{2\} \end{aligned}$$

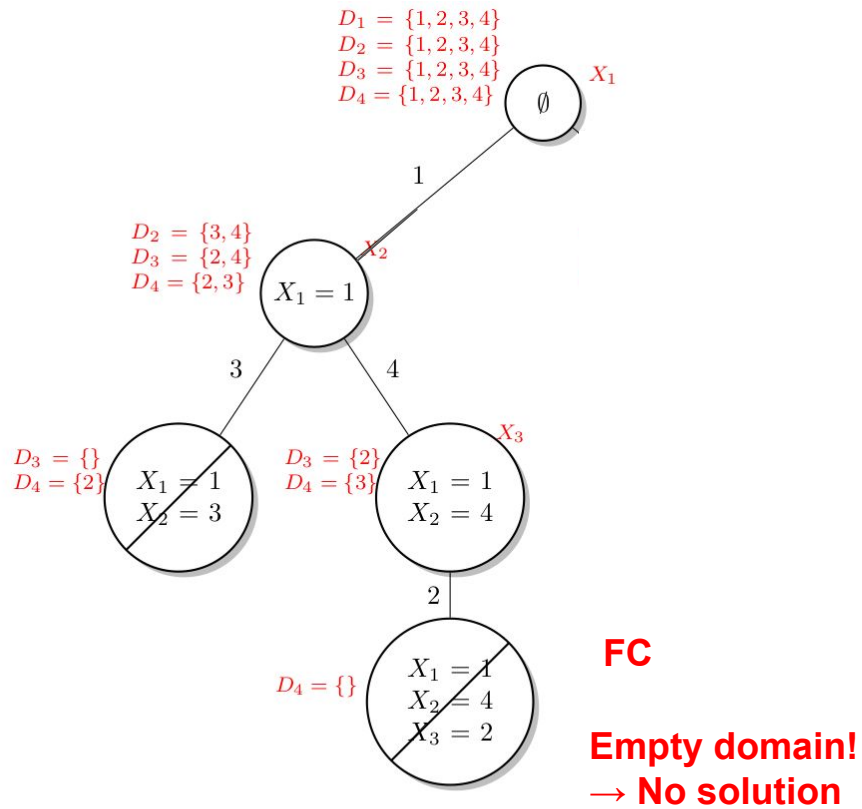


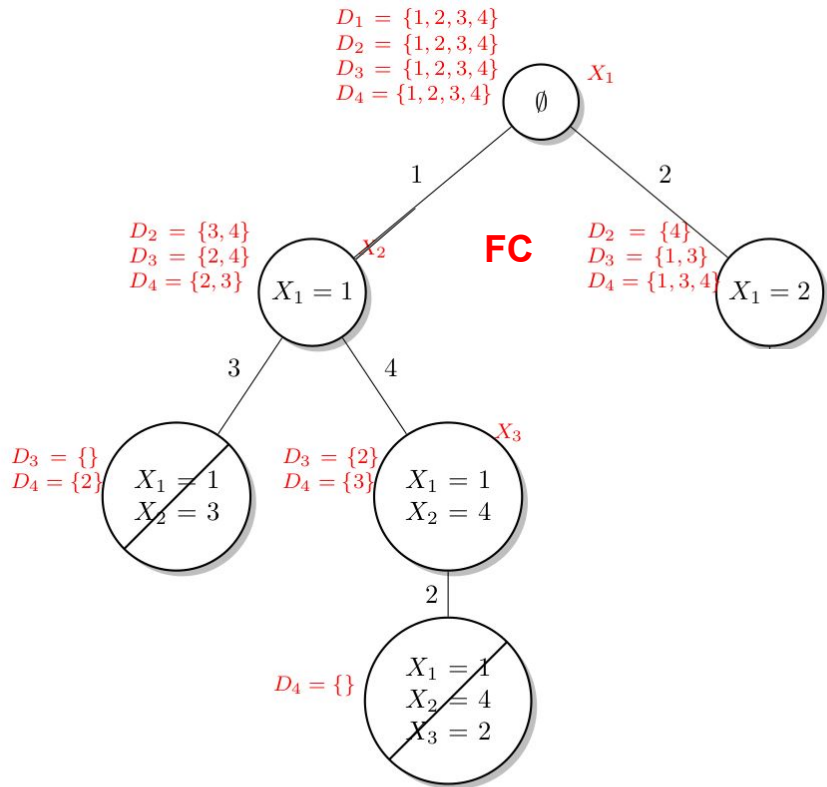
Empty domain!
→ No solution

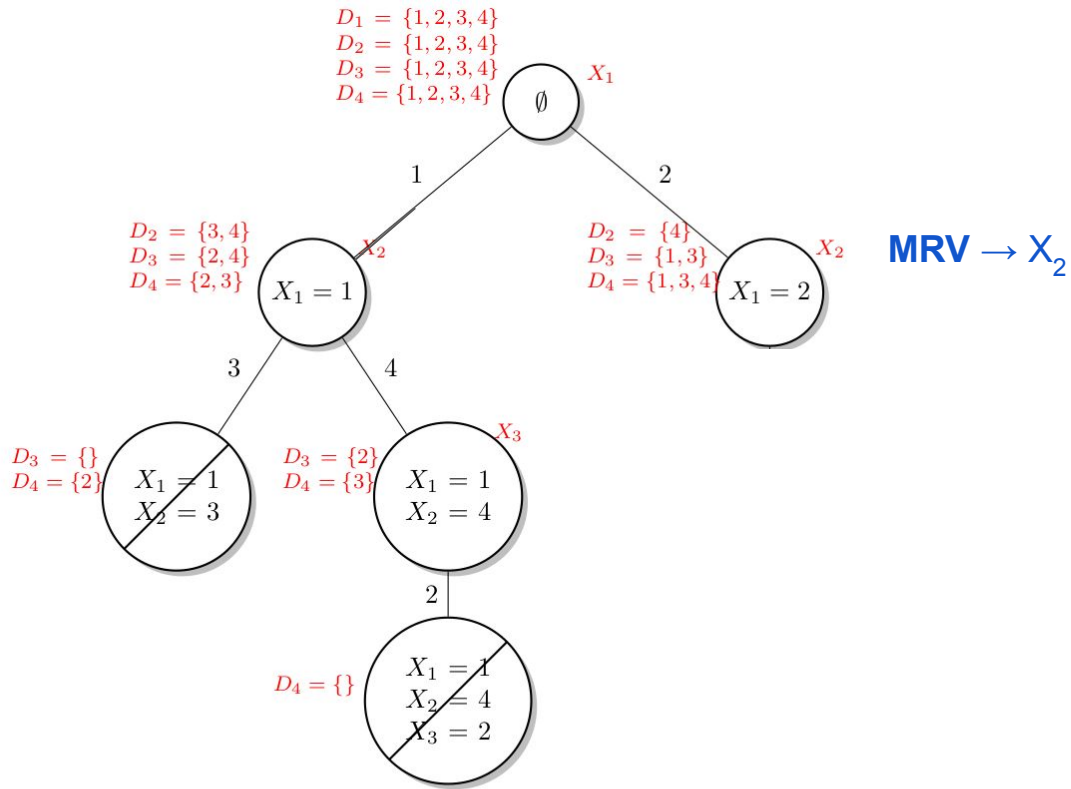


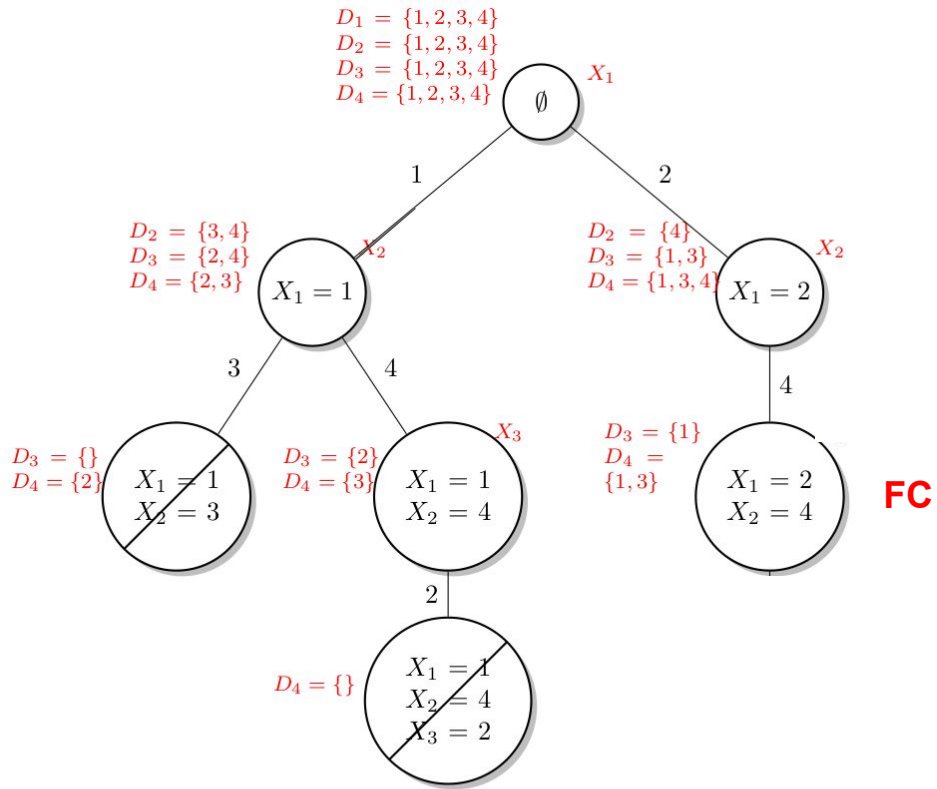


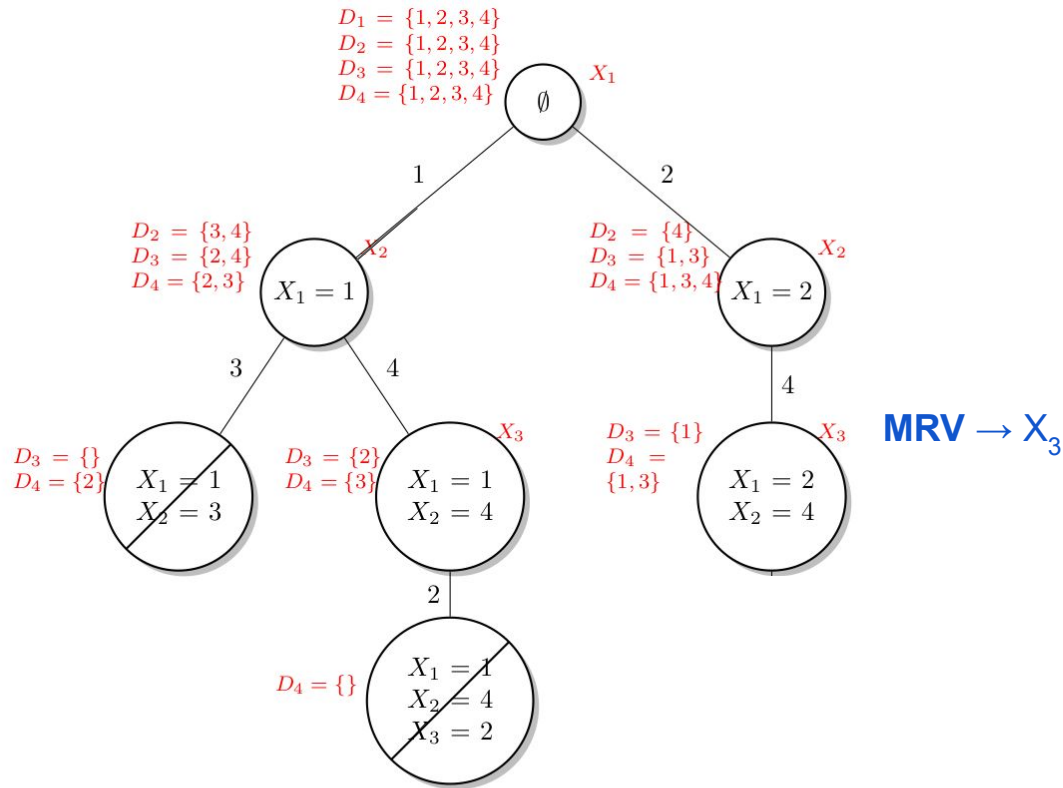
MRV: all domains have 4 values →
lexicographical order

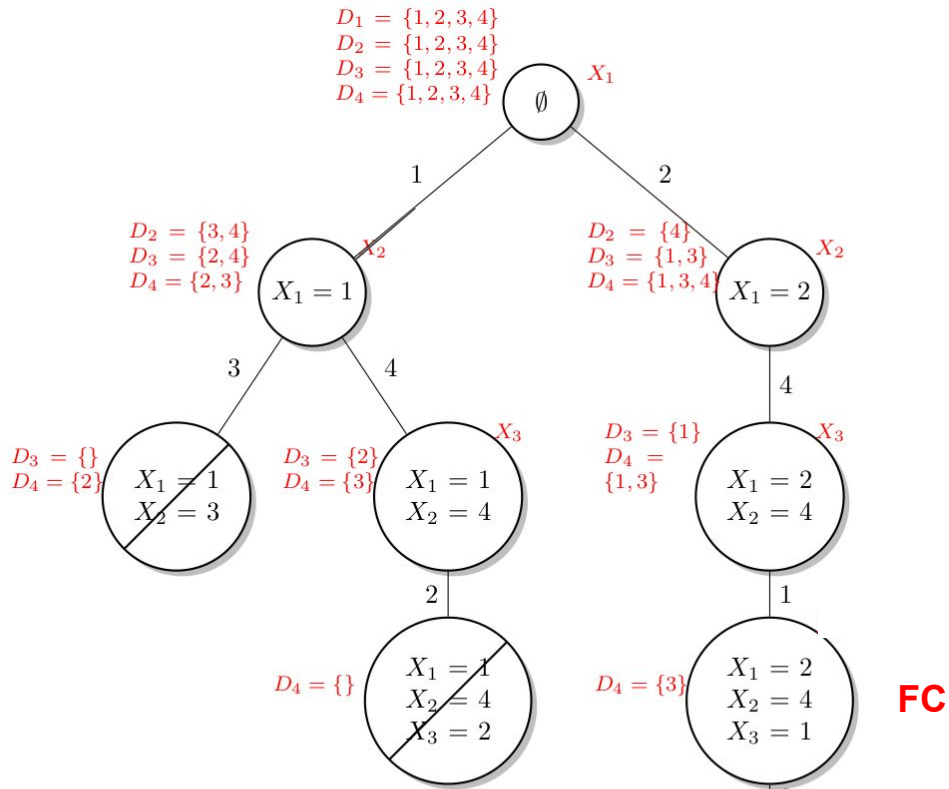


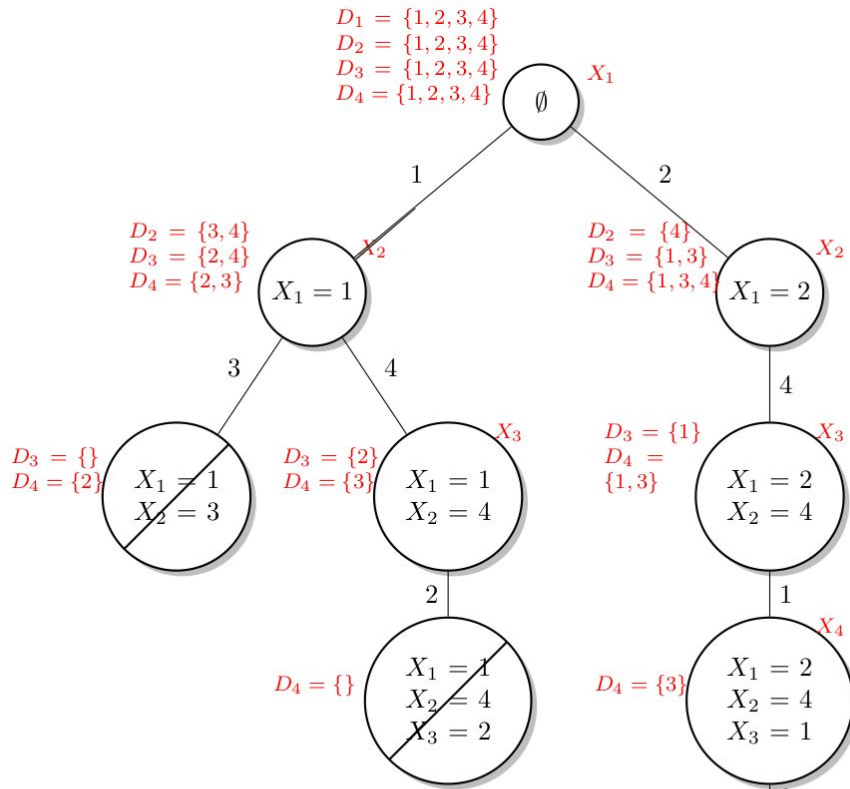




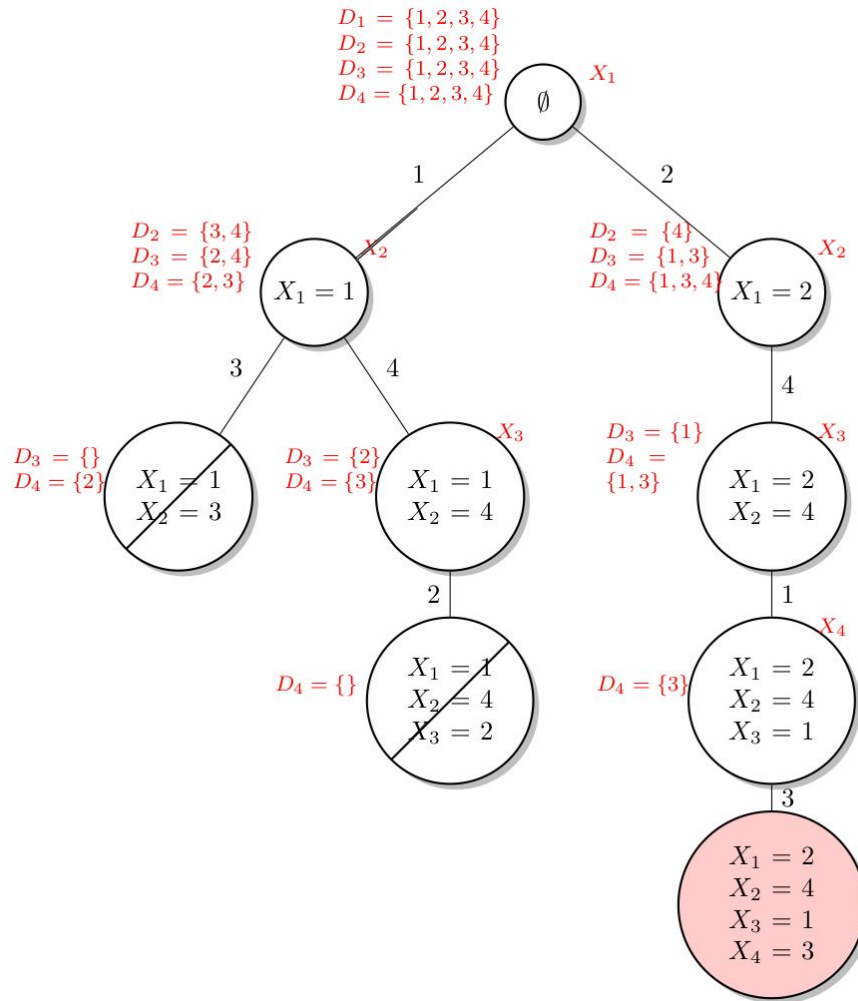








MRV \rightarrow only X_4



Solution!

Propositional Logic (8 points). Consider the following Knowledge Base (KB) in propositional logic:

P

$$(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$$

$$(S \vee T) \rightarrow Q$$

T

Question 1. Apply the resolution inference algorithm (*using the unit resolution strategy*) to establish whether R is entailed by the KB.

Report all the steps.

Question 2. According to what you found in Question 1, is R entailed by the KB? Why?

Question 3. Is the unit resolution strategy complete in general? Why?