

Implementation with SCIP

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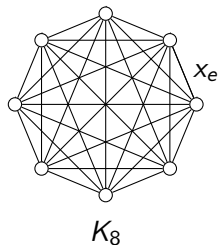
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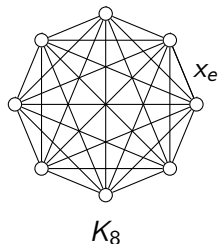
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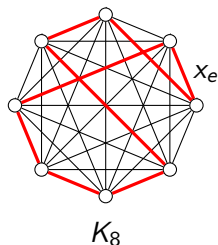
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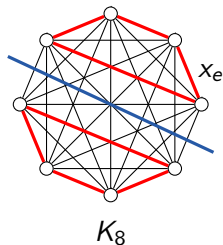
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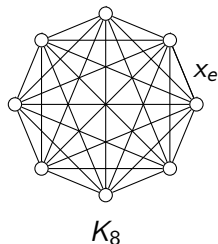
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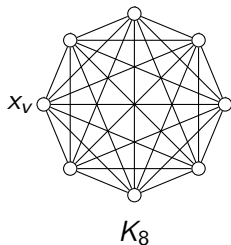
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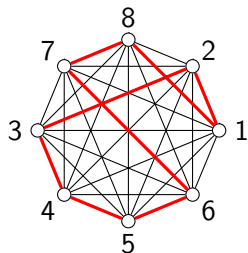
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The Heart of the CIP Concept

Mixed Integer Program

- ▷ Linear objective function
- ▷ Linear constraints
- ▷ Real and integer variables

Constraint Program

- ▷ Arbitrary objective function
- ▷ Arbitrary constraints
- ▷ Arbitrary (discrete) variables

Constraint Integer Program

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- ▷ Real and integer variables
- ▷ After fixing all integer variables:
CIP becomes an LP

Remark:

- ▷ Arbitrary objective or variables modeled by constraints

→ For each type of constraint, one constraint handler is responsible.

Constraint Integer Program (CIP)

Characteristics

Objective function:

- ▷ **linear** function

Feasible region:

- ▷ described by **arbitrary** constraints
- ▷ after fixing all integer vars:
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Variable domains:

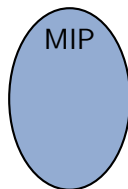
- ▷ real or integer values

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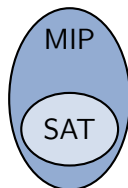
(CIP formulation of TSP)

Single nosubtour constraint rules out subtours (e.g. by domain propagation). It may also separate subtour elimination inequalities.

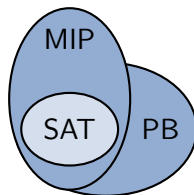
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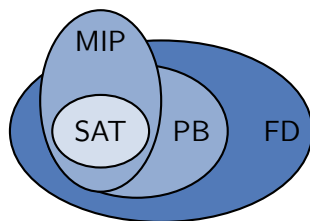


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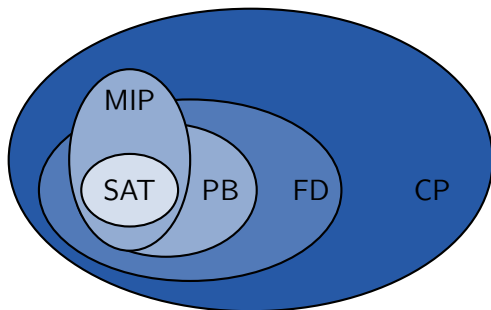
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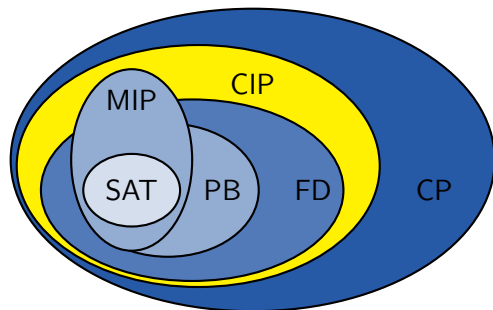
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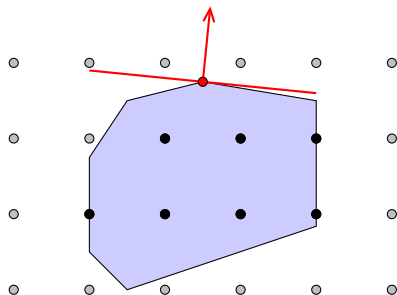
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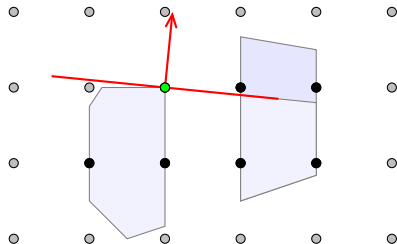
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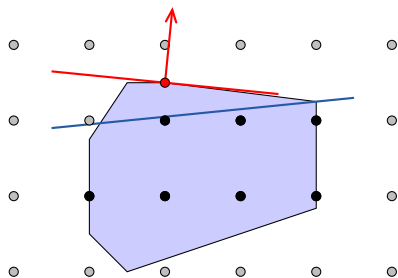
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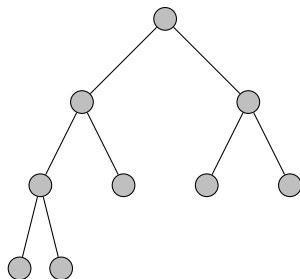
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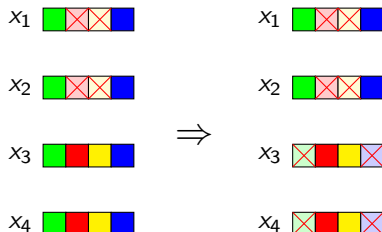


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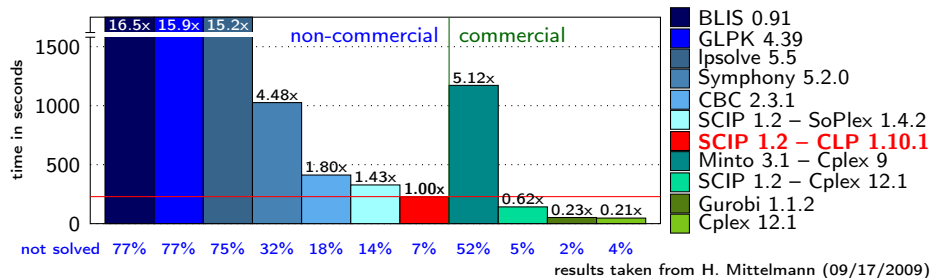
$\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\} \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
pairwise different.



- ▷ Approx. 275.640 lines of C code
 - 18% documentation
 - 20% assertions
- ▷ 7 examples illustrating the use of SCIP
- ▷ HowTos: each plugin type, debugging, automatic testing, ...
- ▷ C++ wrapper classes
- ▷ 7 interfaces to external linear programming solvers
 - CLP, CPLEX, Gurobi, Mosek, QSOpt, SoPlex, XPRESS
- ▷ 6 different input formats
 - cnf, flatzinc, lp, mps, opb (pseudo-boolean), zimpl
- ▷ 876 parameters to play with
- ▷ Part of the **ZIB Optimization Suite** <http://zibopt.zib.de>

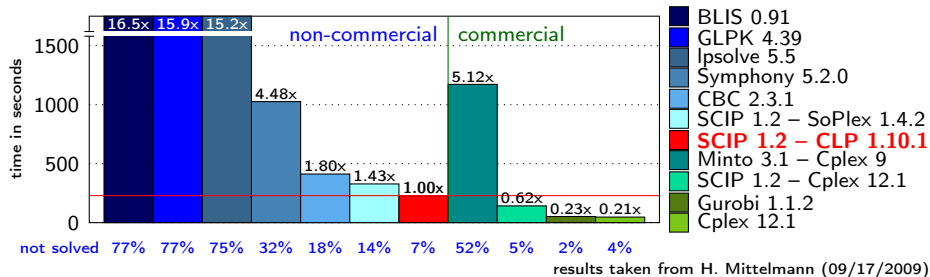
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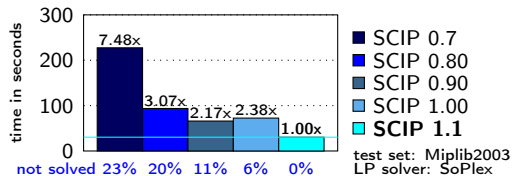


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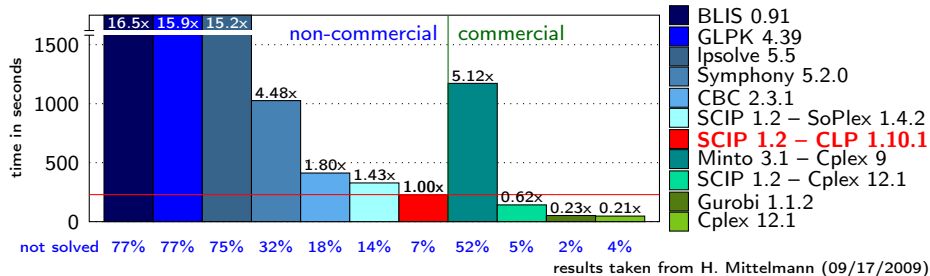


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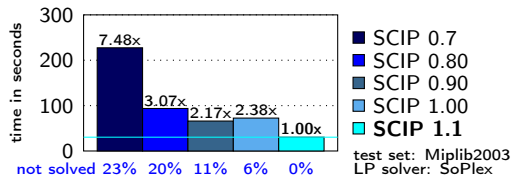


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▷ Winner of the "Pseudo-Boolean Evaluation 2009"

<http://www.cril.univ-artois.fr/PB09/>

ZIP Optimization Suite = SCIP + SoPlex + ZIMPL

Tool for **generating** and **solving** constraint integer programs

ZIMPL

- ▷ A mixed integer programming modeling language
- ▷ Easily generating linear programs and mixed integer programs

SCIP

- ▷ A mixed integer programming solver and constraint programming
- ▷ **ZIMPL models can directly be loaded into SCIP and solved**

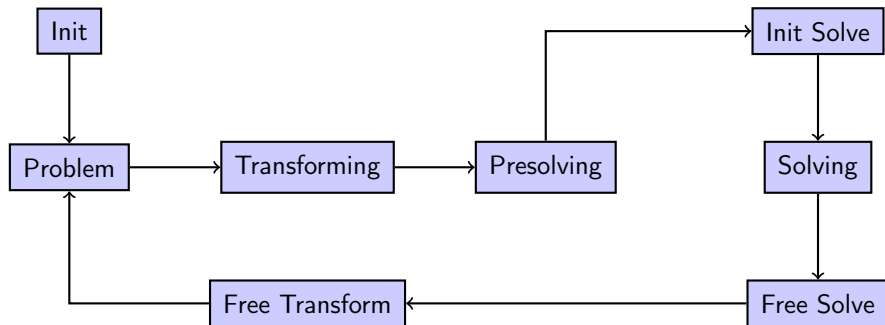
SoPlex

- ▷ A linear programming (LP) solver
- ▷ Solution process SCIP may use SoPlex as underlying LP solver

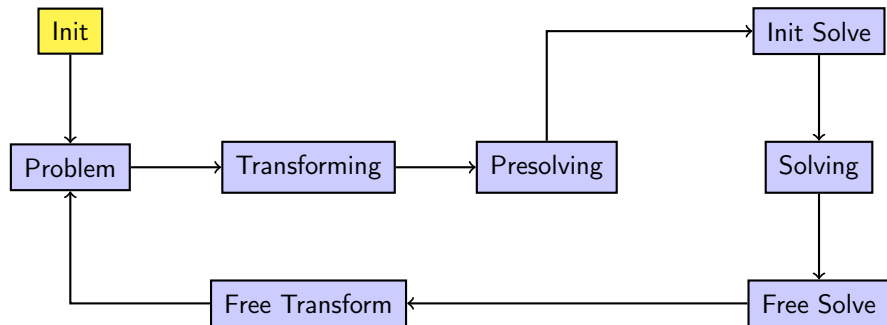
All three tools are available in source code and free for academic use

- ▷ SCIP is **constraint based**
 - ▶ Advantage: flexibility
 - ▶ Disadvantage: limited global view
- ▷ **A constraint knows its variables, but a variable does not know the constraints it appears in.**
- ▷ A single constraint may represent a whole set of inequalities, not only a single one.
- ▷ From the constraint programming perspective:
 - ▶ LP-relaxation is only an add-on!
 - ▶ Many constraints do not separate inequalities at all.

Operational Stages



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- ▷ Basic data structures are allocated and initialized.
- ▷ User includes required plugins (or just takes default plugins).

Main SCIP interface: **plugins**.

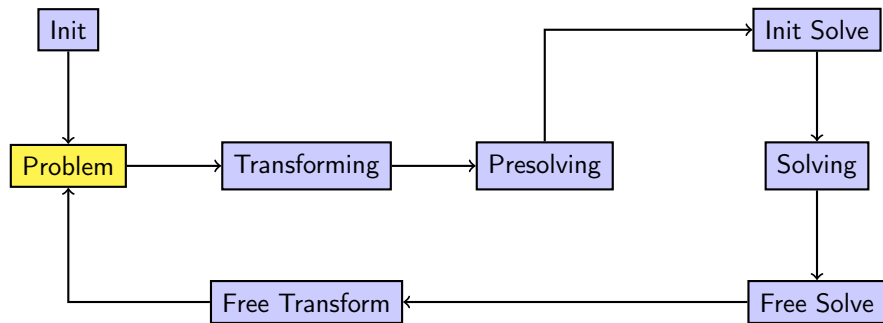
- ▷ Perform all problem specific actions.
- ▷ Each step calls user defined plugins.
- ▷ SCIP knows of plugins through “include” functions.
- ▷ Plugins may have private data.
- ▷ User defined callback functions (virtual functions in C++-interface).
- ▷ Yields modular structure.
- ▷ The MIP solver is realized through plugins.

Everything SCIP knows, it knows through plugins.

Types of Plugins

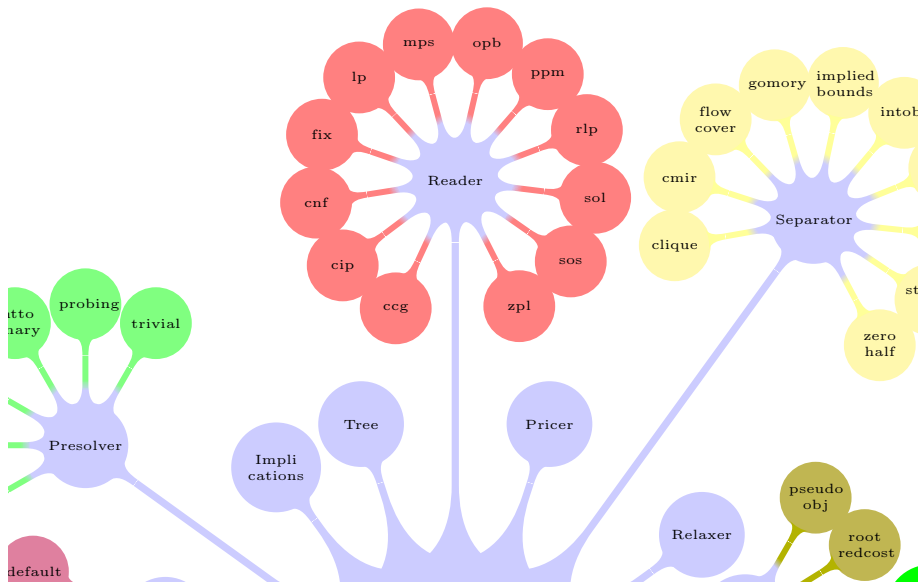
- ▷ **Constraint handler:** assures feasibility, strengthens formulation
- ▷ **Separator:** adds cuts, improves dual bound
- ▷ **Pricer:** allows dynamic generation of variables
- ▷ **Heuristic:** searches solutions, improves primal bound
- ▷ **Branching rule:** how to divide the problem?
- ▷ **Node selection:** which subproblem should be regarded next?
- ▷ **Presolver:** simplifies the problem in advance, strengthens structure
- ▷ **Propagator:** simplifies problem, improves dual bound locally
- ▷ **Reader:** reads problems from different formats
- ▷ **Event handler:** catches events (e.g., bound changes, new solutions)
- ▷ **Display:** allows modification of output
- ▷ ...

Problem Specification

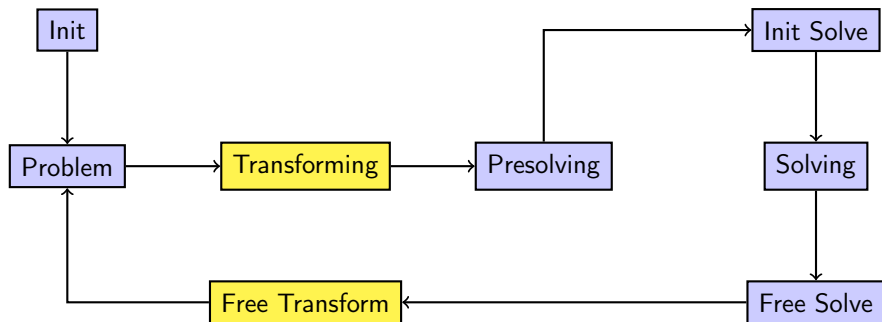


- ▷ User creates and modifies the original problem instance.
- ▷ Problem creation is usually done in **file readers** (`SCIPreadProb()`).

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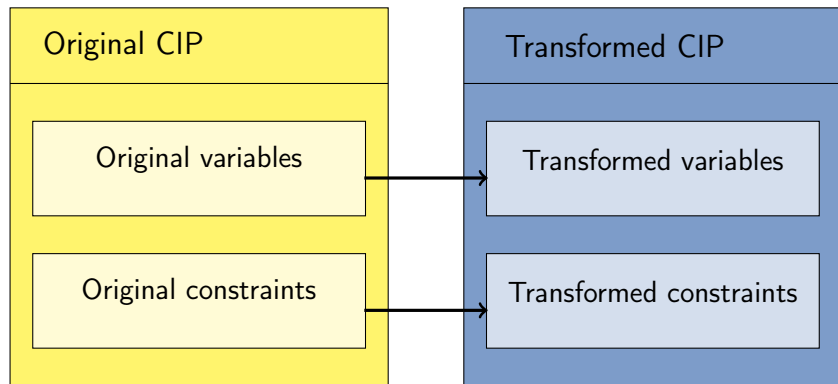


Transformation



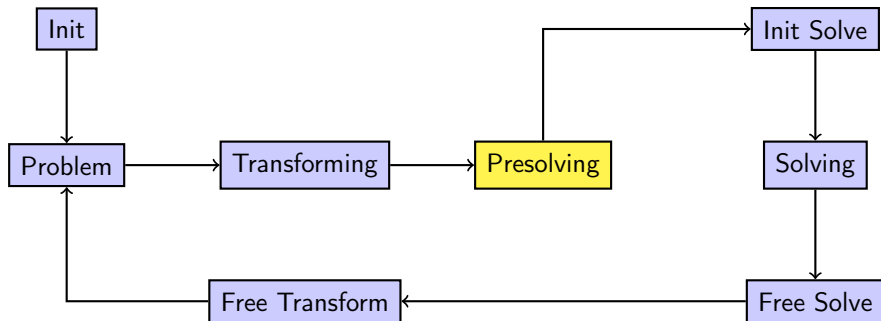
- ▷ Creates a working copy of the original problem.

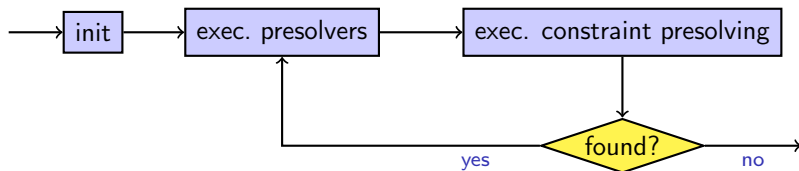
Original and Transformed Problem



- ▷ data are copied into separate memory area
- ▷ presolving and solving operate on transformed problem
- ▷ original data can only be modified in problem modification stage

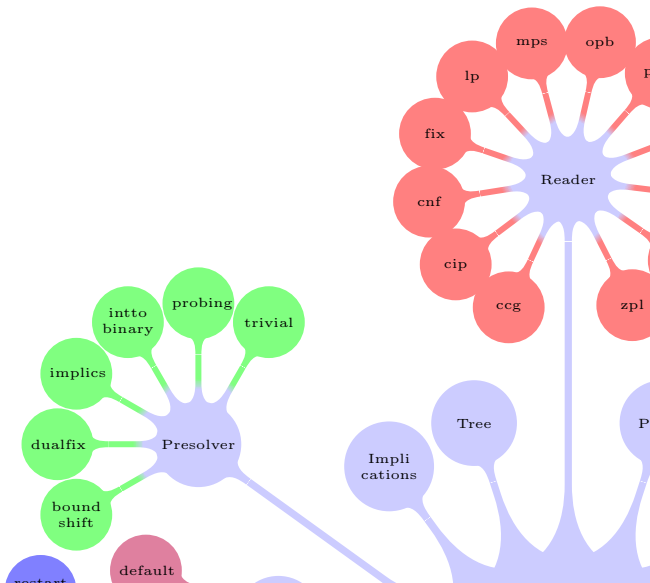
Presolving



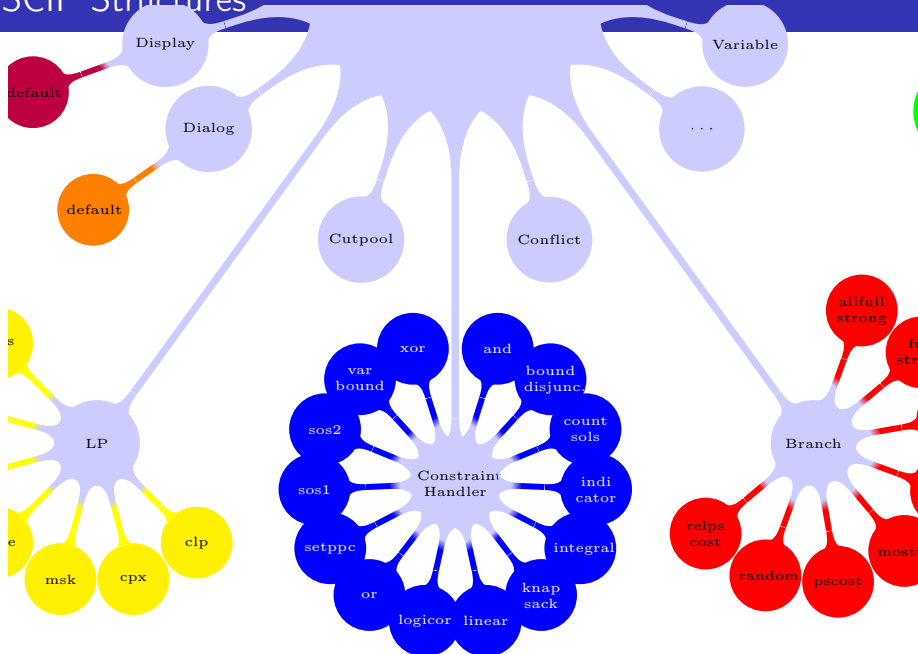


- ▶ Presolvers provide global presolving (e.g. dual fixing)
- ▶ Constraint Handlers provide constraint specific presolving, e.g.:
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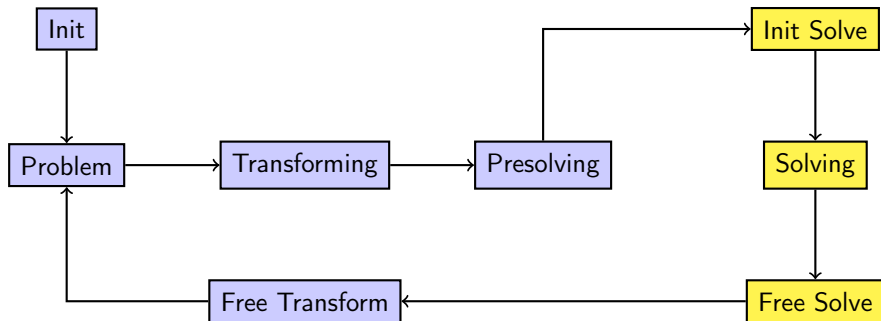
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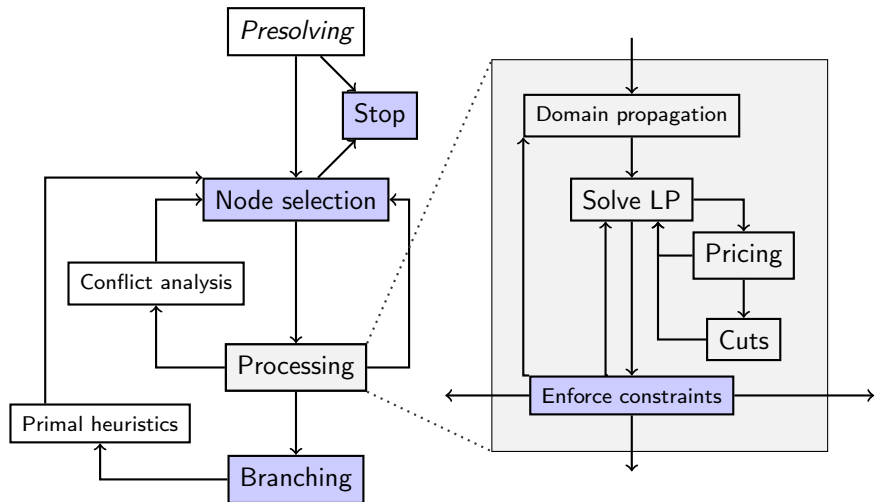
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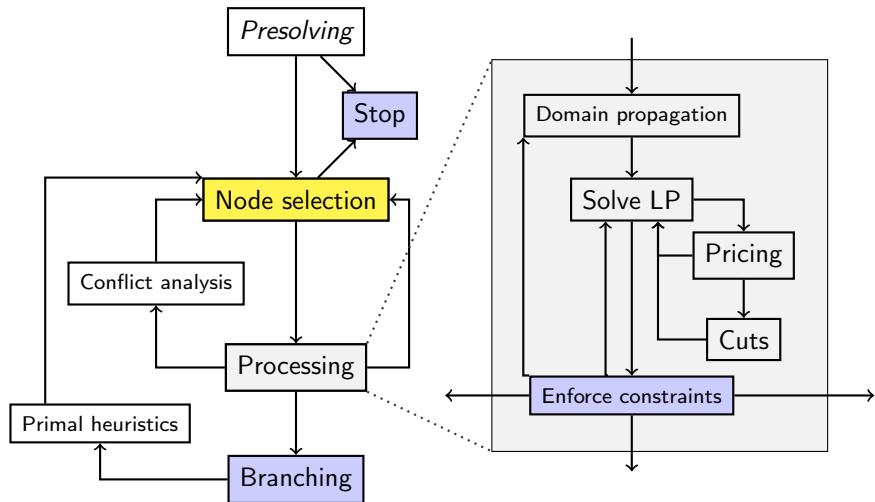
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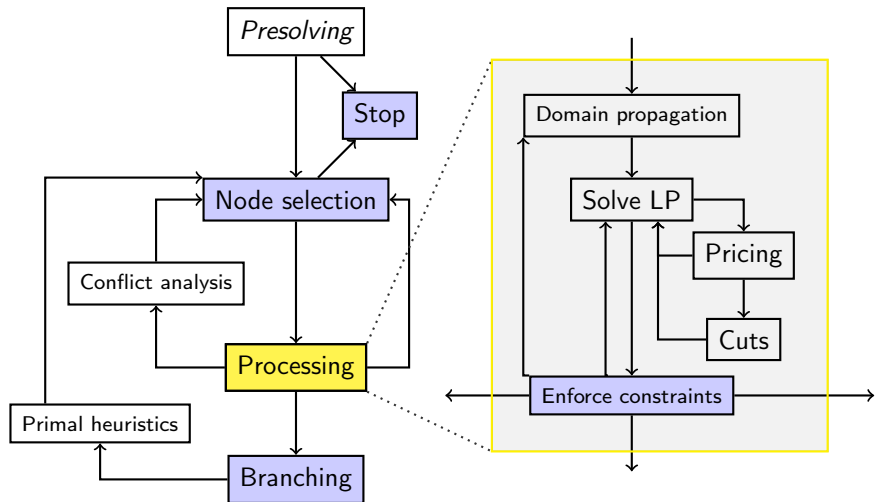
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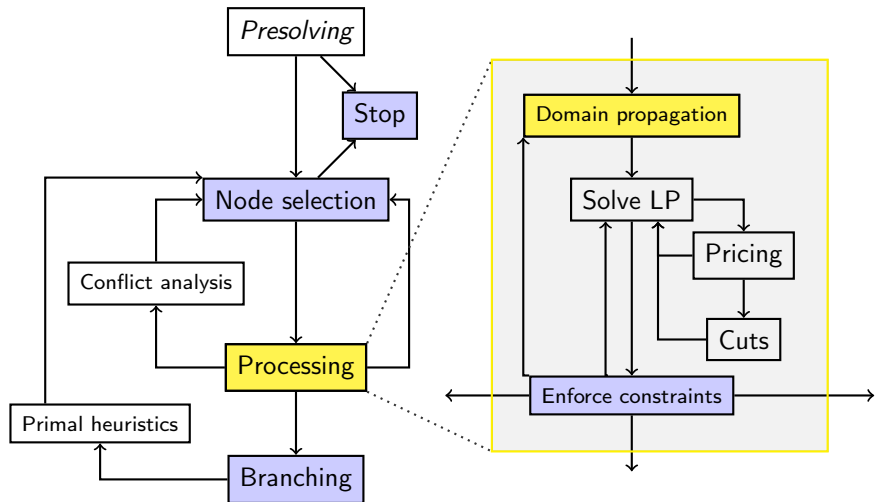
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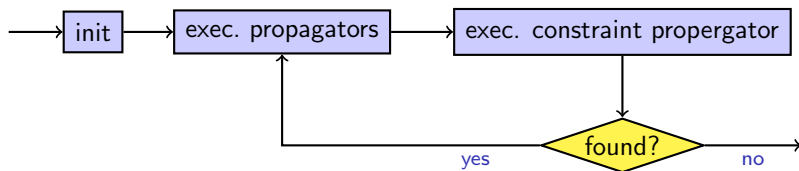
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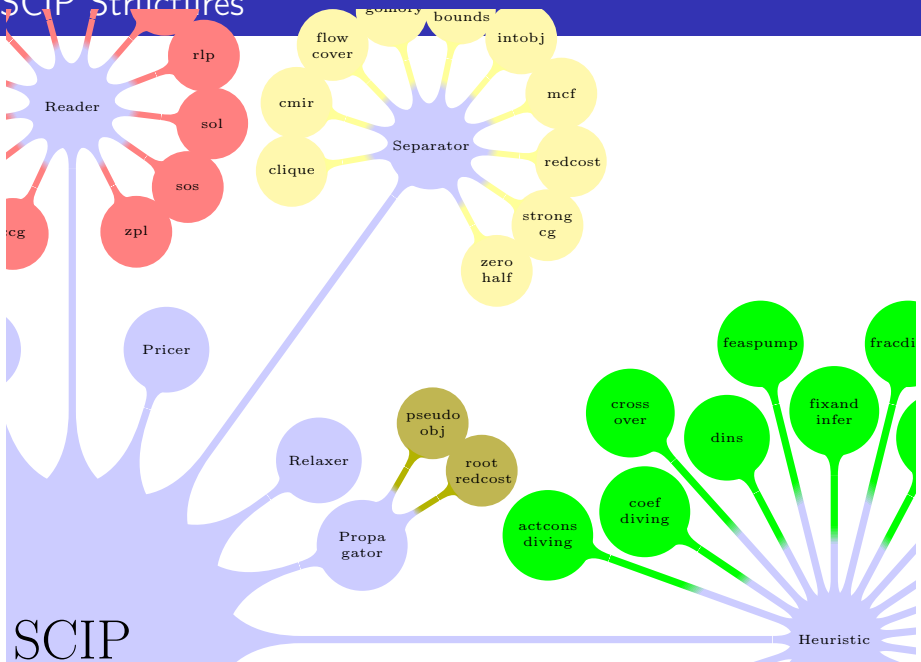


Domain Propagation (Node Presolving)



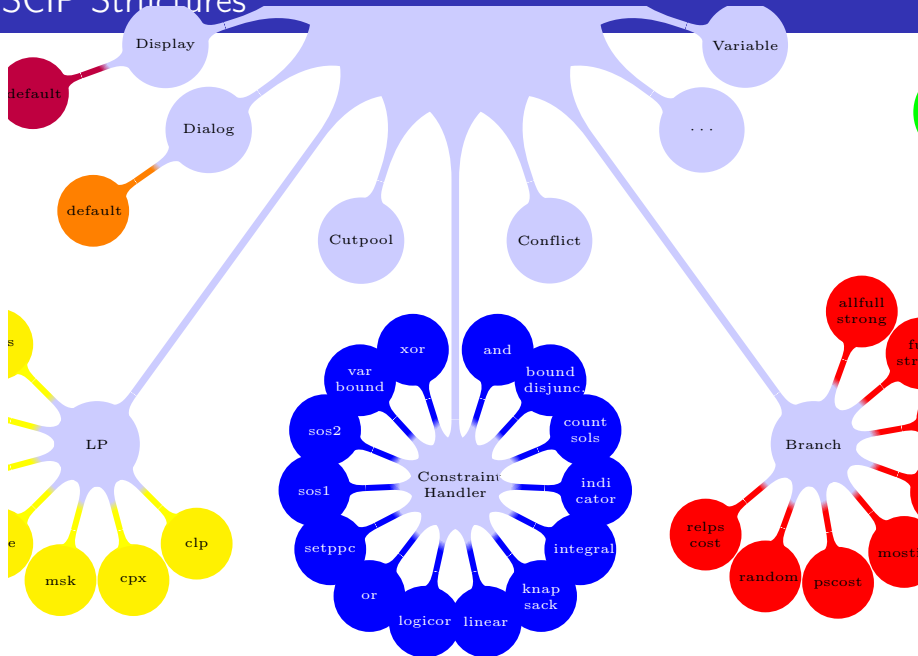
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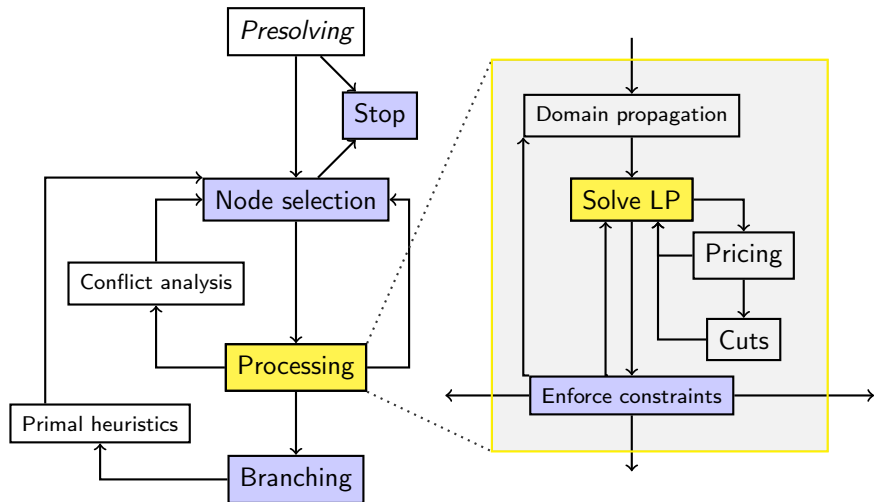


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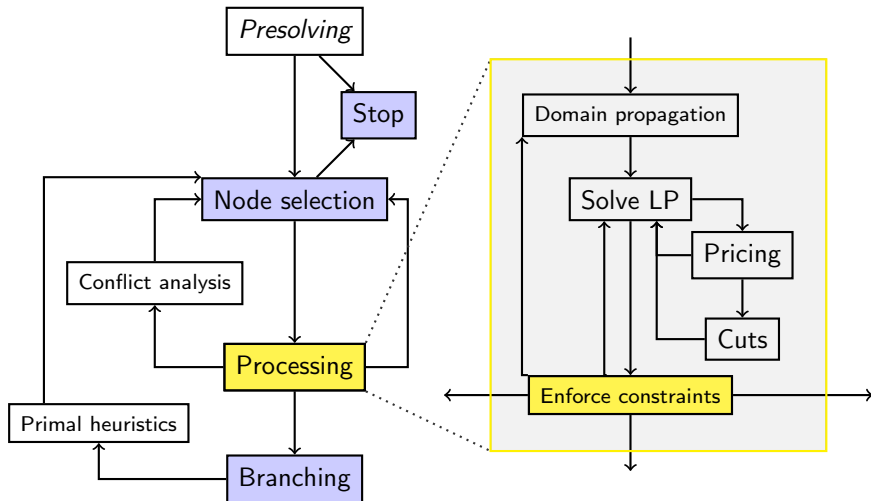
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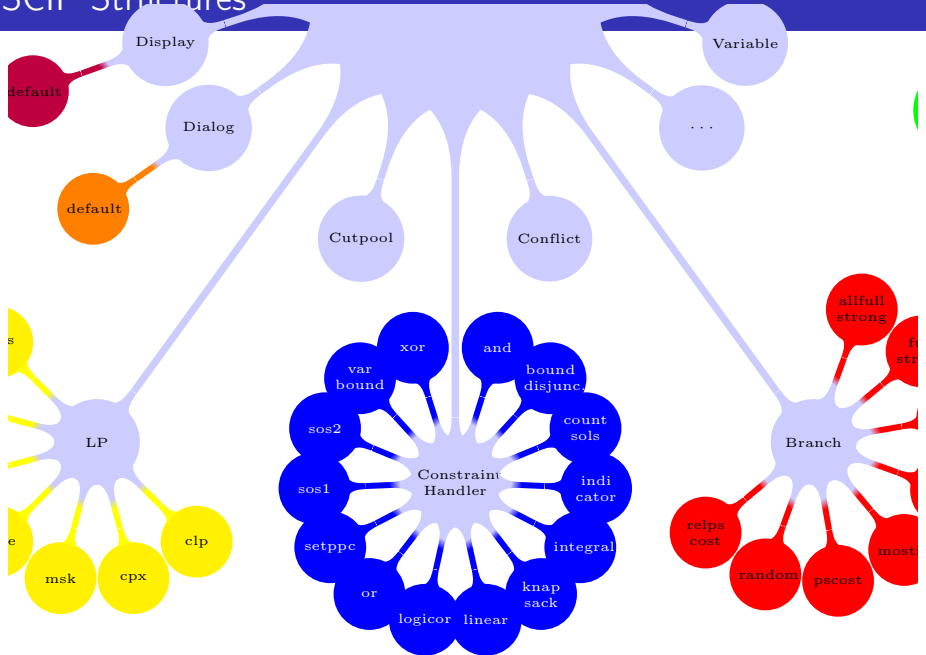
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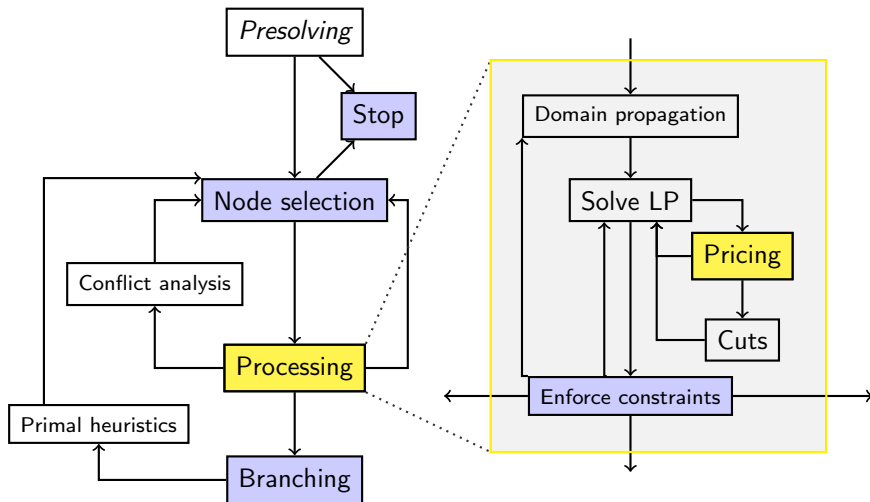
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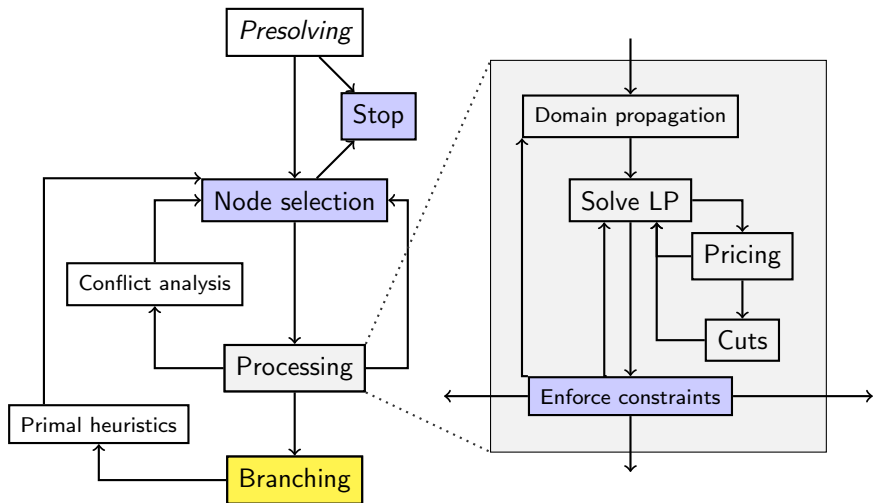


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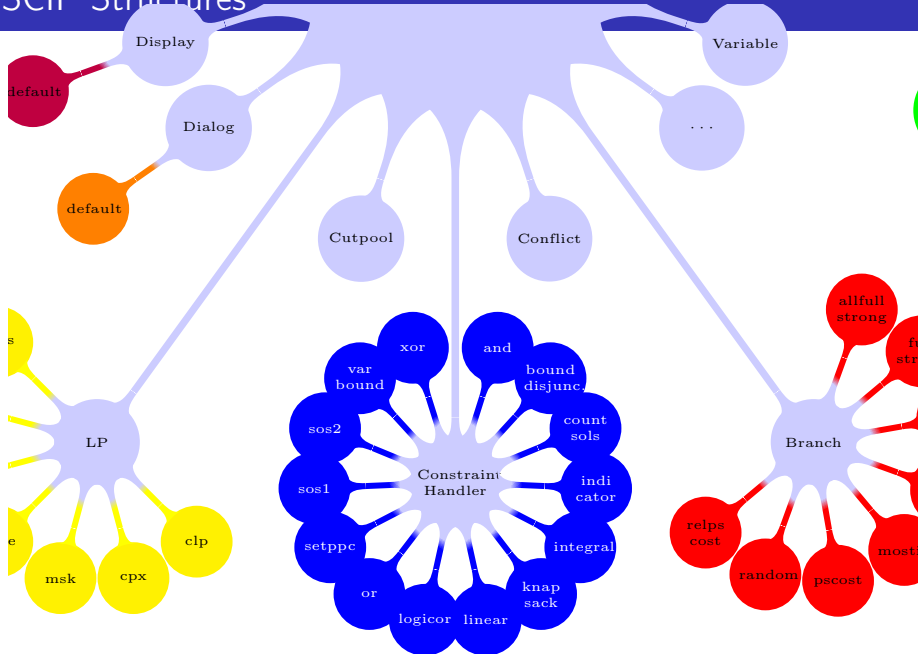
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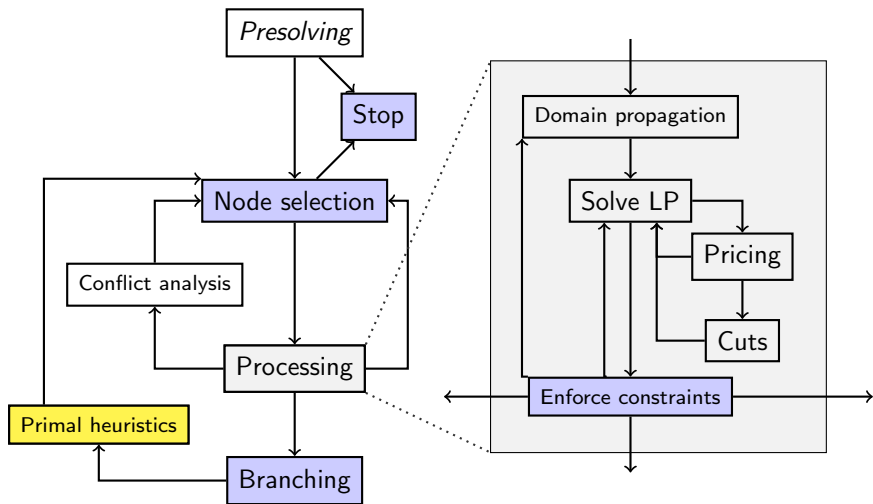


- ▶ Creates a branching with the infeasible solution no longer being feasible in the relaxations of the child nodes.

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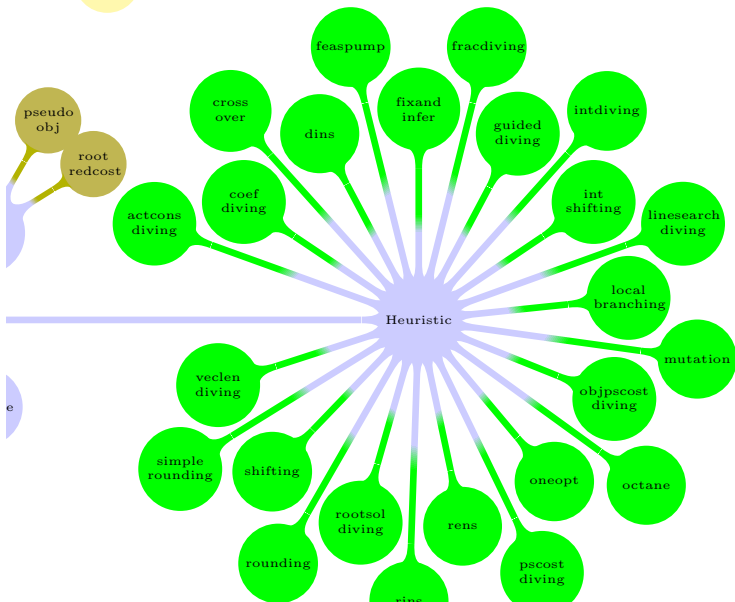


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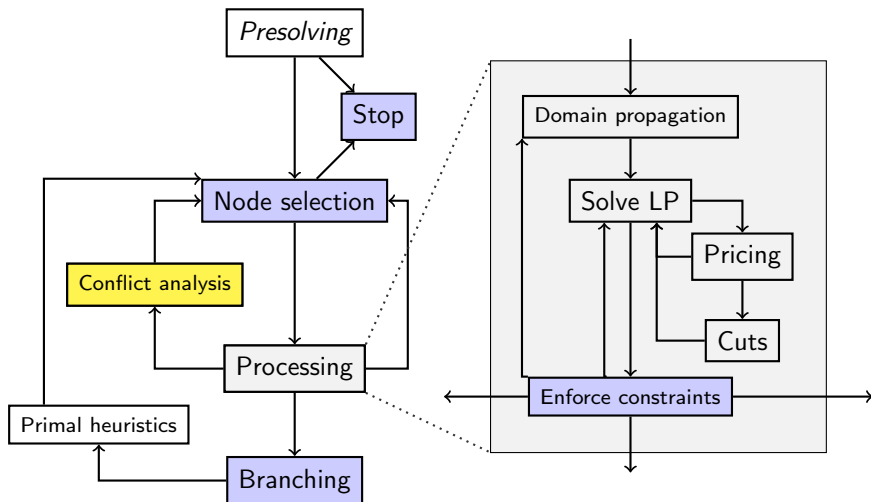


- ▶ **Primal heuristics** try to find feasible solutions (in addition to feasible LP solutions).

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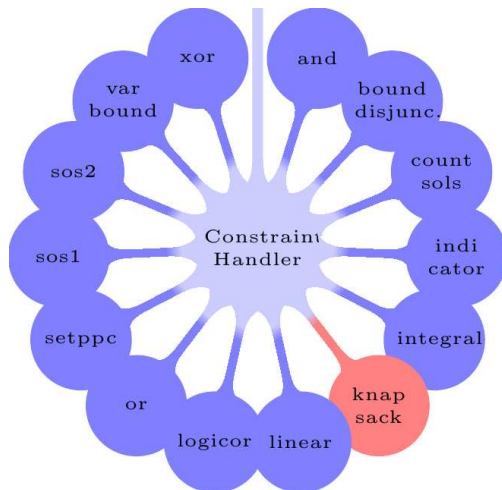


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- **Conflict analysis** learns from infeasible subproblems

Default Plugins



Special Linear Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + y_1 + y_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y_1 \leq 3 + 4x_1 \\ & y_2 \leq 4 + 5x_2 \\ & 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 \leq 8 \\ & x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1 \\ & 3x_1 + 4.5x_2 + 3.2x_5 + 0.8y_1 + 1.2y_2 \geq 4 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \{0, 1\} \\ & x_5 \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \\ & y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+ \end{aligned}$$

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$$3x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 \leq 8$$

$$x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1$$

$$3x_1 + 4.5x_2 + 3.2x_5 + 0.8y_1 + 1.2y_2 \geq 4$$

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$$\{ x \in \{0, 1\}^{|N|} : \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j \leq b \}$$

- ▷ weights of the variables: $a_j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ for all $j \in N$
- ▷ capacity of the knapsack: $b \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

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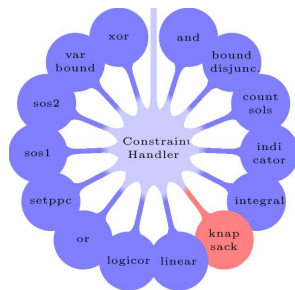
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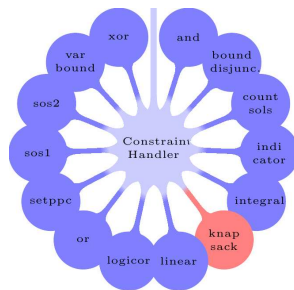
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Constraint data: information needed to define single constraint

```
struct SCIP_ConsData
{
    SCIP_VAR**    vars;        // variables in knapsack
    int           nvars;       // number of variables
    SCIP_Longint* weights;     // weights of variables
    SCIP_Longint  capacity;    // capacity of knapsack
};
```

Constraint handler data: information belonging to constraint handler itself

```
struct SCIP_ConshdlrData
{
    int    maxrounds;    // max nr. of sepa rounds per node
    int    maxsepacuts; // max nr. of cuts per sepa round
};
```

Interface Methods

Creating a single knapsack constraint.

```
SCIP_RETCODE SCIPcreateConsKnapsack(  
    SCIP*          scip,          // SCIP data structure  
    SCIP_CONS**   cons,          // pointer to hold created cons  
    const char*   name,          // name of constraint  
    SCIP_VAR**    vars,          // array with variables  
    int           nvars,         // number of variables in knapsack  
    SCIP_Longint* weights,       // array with weights  
    SCIP_Longint  capacity,      // capacity of knapsack  
    SCIP_Bool     separate,      // should constraint be separated?  
    ...  
)  
{  
    SCIP_CONSDATA* consdata;  
    SCIP_CALL( consdataCreate(scip, &consdata, nvars, vars,  
                             weights, capacity) );  
    SCIP_CALL( SCIPcreateCons(scip, cons, name, conshdlr,  
                             consdata, separate, ...) );  
    ...  
}
```

Including the knapsack constraint handler.

```
SCIP_RETCODE SCIPincludeConshdlrKnapsack(  
    SCIP*          scip          // SCIP data structure  
)  
{  
    SCIP_CONSHDLRDATA* conshdlrdata;  
  
    SCIP_CALL( conshdlrdataCreate(scip, &conshdlrdata) );  
  
    SCIP_CALL( SCIPincludeConshdlr(scip, CONSHDLR_CHECKPRIORITY,  
        consCheckKnapsack, ..., conshdlrdata) );  
  
    ...  
}
```

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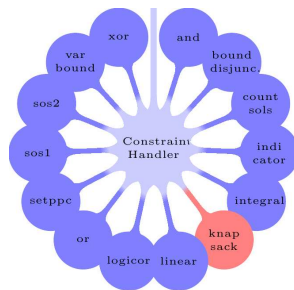
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- ▷ Provides **dual information** for **single constraints** (useful for presolving, primal heuristics, ...)
- ▷ For each variable of a constraint, returns whether ...
 - ▶ **increasing** its value, and/or
 - ▶ **decreasing** its value
 may lead to a violation of the constraint

$$3x_1 - 5x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 7$$

increasing: x_1 and x_3

decreasing: x_2

Most important callback ...

- ▷ usually called by **primal heuristics**
- ▷ checks given solution for **feasibility** wrt all constraints of its type
- ▷ possible **result values**
 - ▶ SCIP_FEASIBLE
 - ▶ SCIP_INFEASIBLE

Given solution:

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (1, 0, 1)$$

Knapsack constraints:

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 \leq 8$$

$$2x_1 + \quad + 2x_3 \leq 3$$

Result: SCIP_INFEASIBLE

CONSENFOLP and CONSENFOPS

CONSENFOLP: checks LP solution for feasibility

CONSENFOPS: checks Pseudo solution for feasibility

LP solution

- ▷ solution of LP relaxation

Pseudo Solution

- ▷ solution of LP relaxation
with only bound constraints
- ▷ used if LP solving disabled, or
- ▷ numerical difficulties occurred

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & x_1 - x_2 + x_3 \\ \text{s.t.} & 3x_1 + 8x_2 + 4x_3 \leq 4 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \{0, 1\} \end{array}$$

LP solution: $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$

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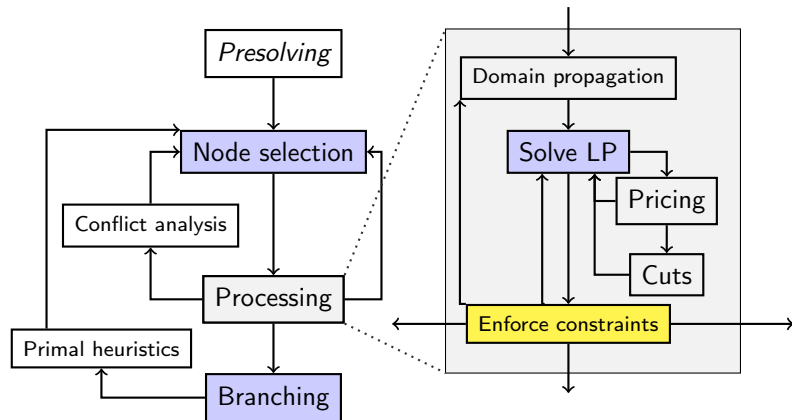
LP solution may violate a constraint not contained in the relaxation.

Enforcement callbacks are necessary for a correct implementation!

In addition, they can resolve an infeasibility by ...

- ▷ reducing a variable's domain,
- ▷ separating a cutting plane (may use integrality),
- ▷ adding a (local) constraint,
- ▷ creating a branching,
- ▷ concluding that the subproblem is infeasible and can be cut off, or
- ▷ just saying "solution infeasible".

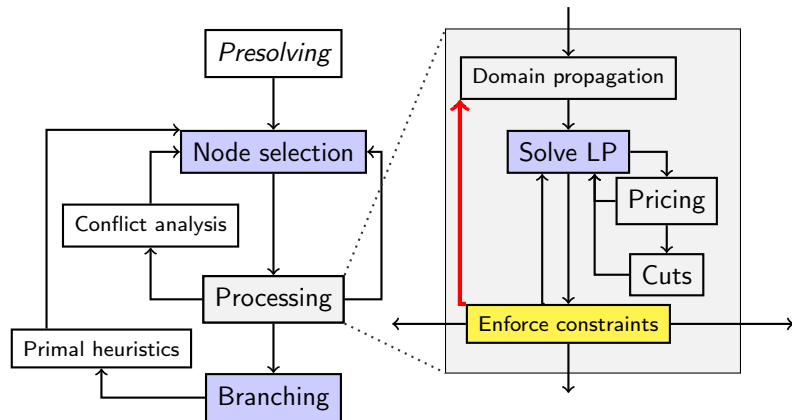
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- ▷ feasible

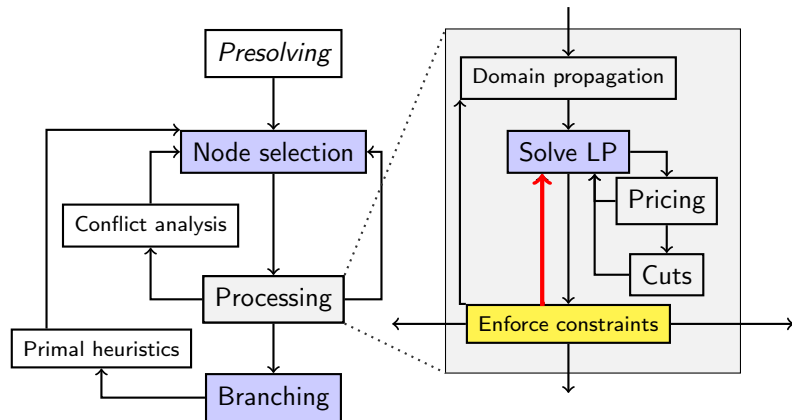
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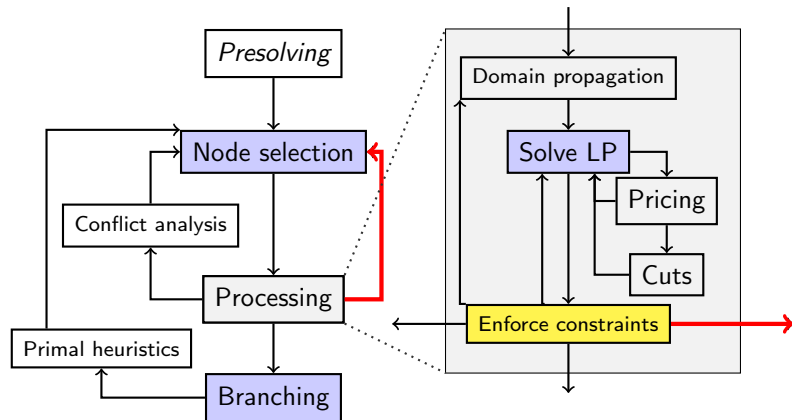
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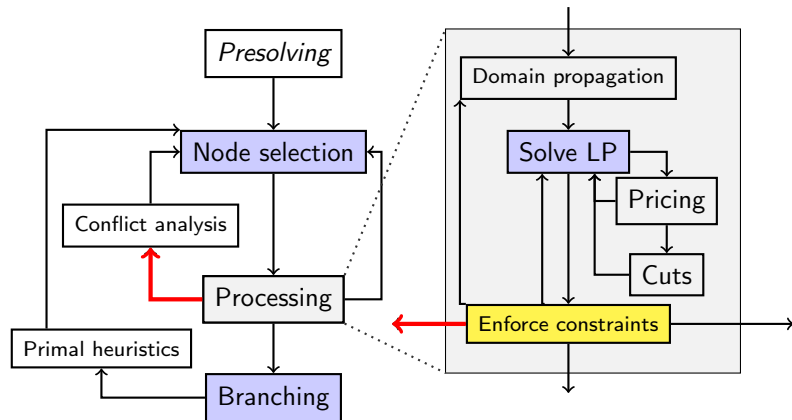
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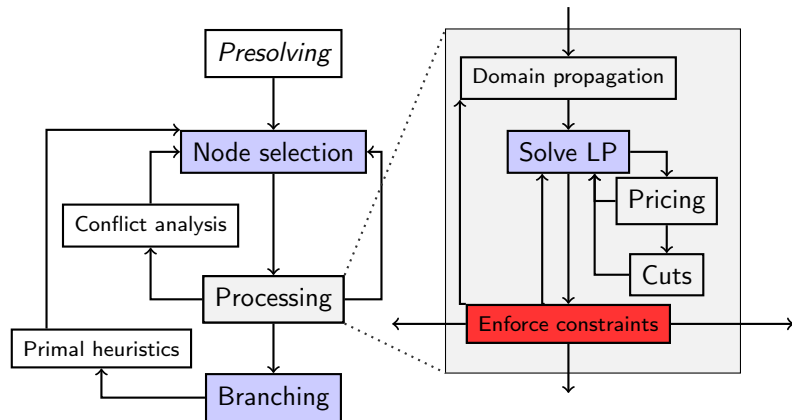
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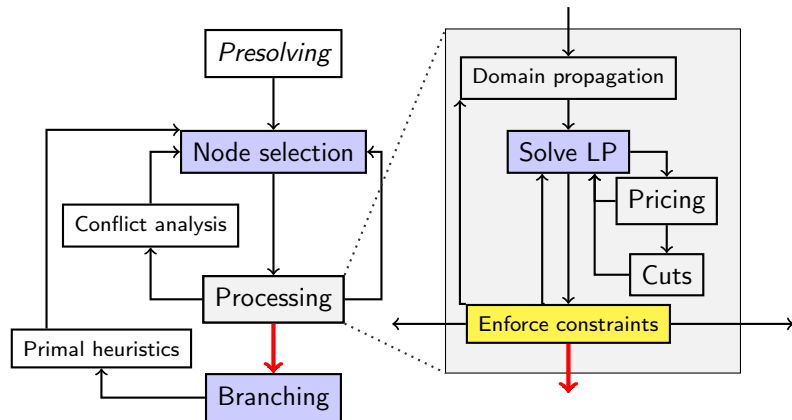
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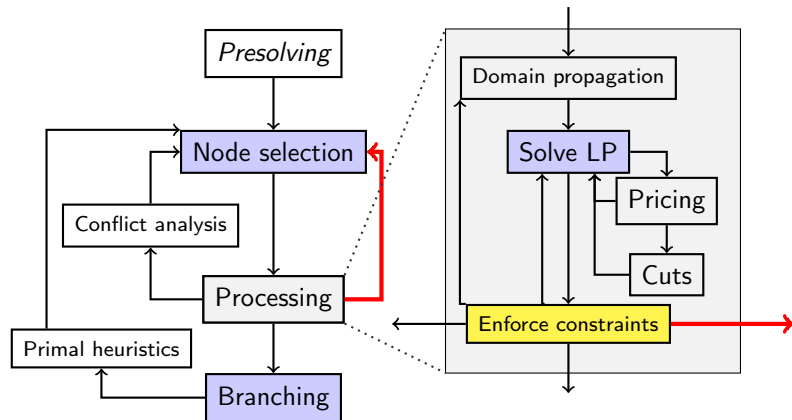
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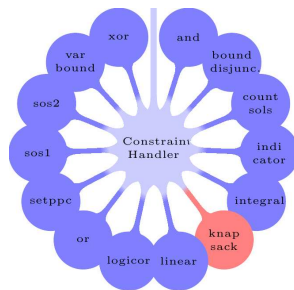
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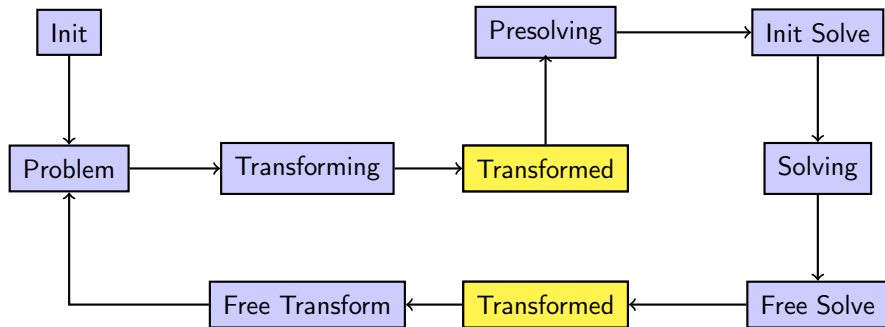
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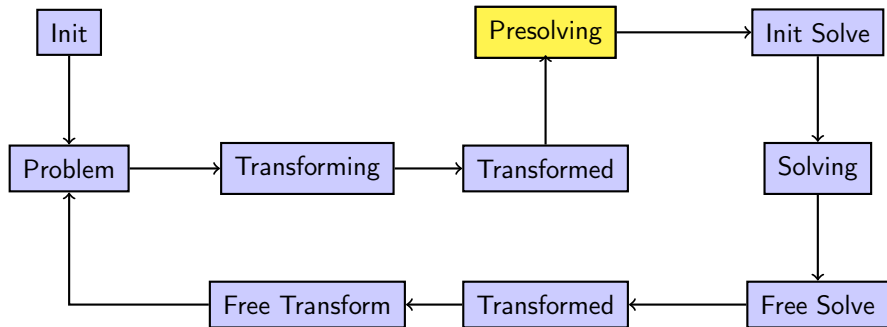
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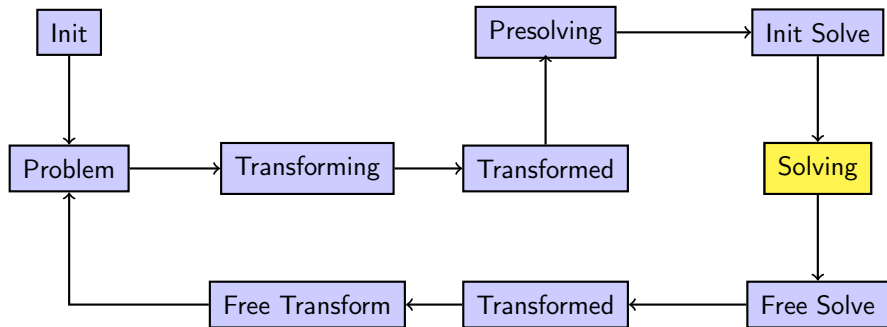
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- ▷ initialize and free statistics in `SCIP_ConshdlrData`



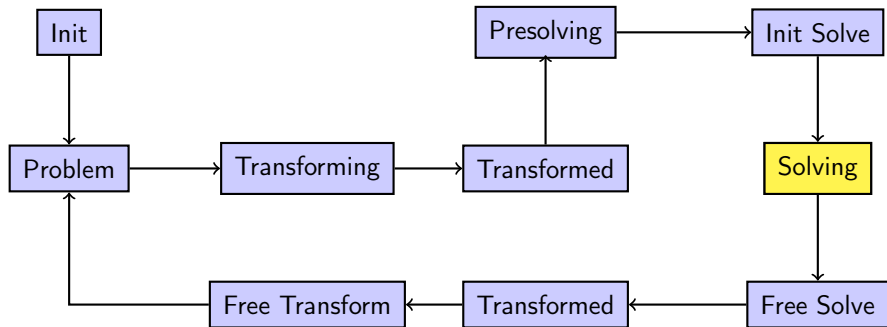
CONSINITPRE and CONSEXITPRE:

- ▷ called before presolving starts / after presolving is finished
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CONSINIT SOL and CONEXIT SOL:

- ▷ called before branch-and-bound process starts / before branch-and-bound process is freed
- ▷ initialize and release branch-and-bound specific data



CONINITLP:

- ▷ called before first LP relaxation is solved
- ▷ add linear relaxation of all "initial" constraints to the LP relaxation

Feasible region of 0-1 knapsack problem:

$$\{ x \in \{0, 1\}^{|N|} : \sum_{j \in N} a_j x_j \leq b \}$$

Minimal Cover: $C \subseteq N$

- ▷ $\sum_{j \in C} a_j > b$
- ▷ $\sum_{j \in C \setminus \{i\}} a_j \leq b \quad \forall i \in C$

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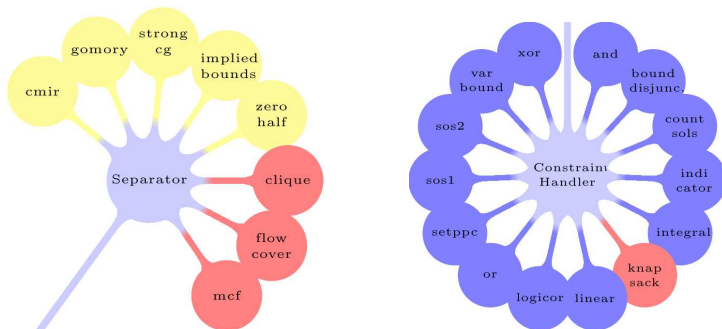
Minimal cover inequality:

$$x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \leq 2$$

separated in
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Minimal Cover Inequality

$$\sum_{j \in C} x_j \leq |C| - 1$$



Separation is implemented in separators and constraint handlers.

1. Separators with $SEPA_PRIORITY \geq 0$ (decreasing order)
2. Constraint handlers (decreasing order of $CONSHDLR_SEPAPRIORITY$)
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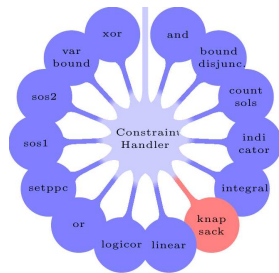
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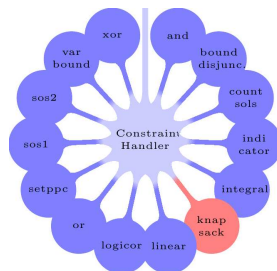
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Called whenever ...

- ▷ SCIP enters/leaves subtree where **local constraint** exists
- ▷ constraint is enabled/disabled (**no propagation, no separation**)

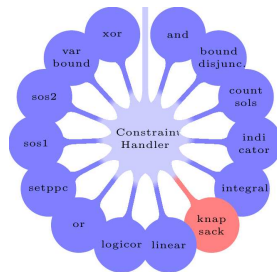
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- ▷ Displaying, parsing problems
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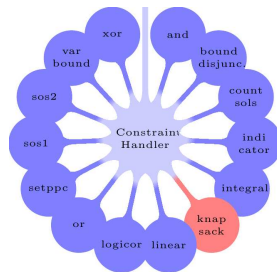
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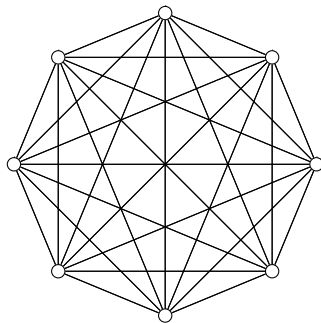
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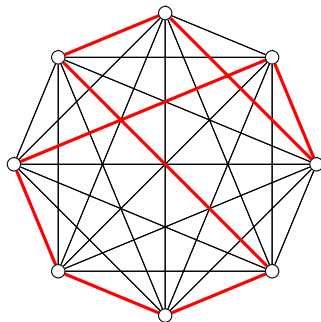
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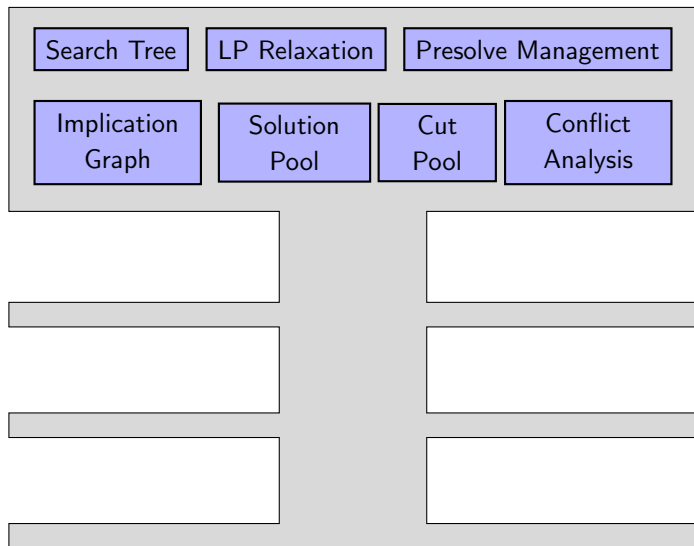
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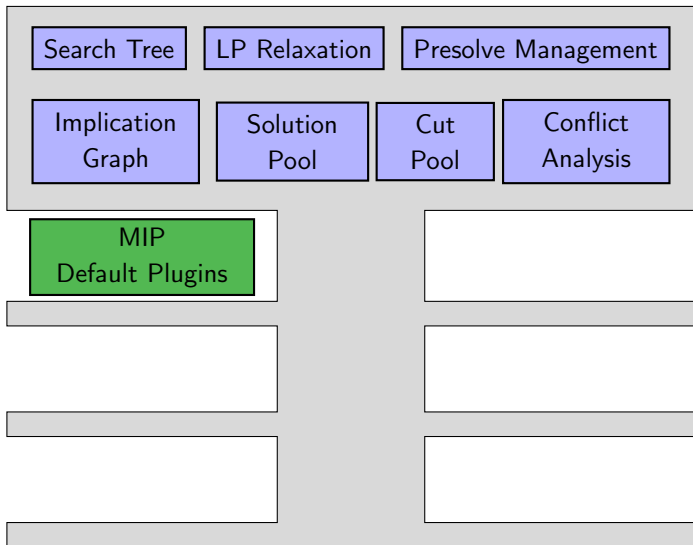
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$\text{nosubtour}(G, x) \Leftrightarrow \nexists C \subseteq \{e \in E \mid x_e = 1\} : C \text{ is a cycle of length } |C| < |V|$

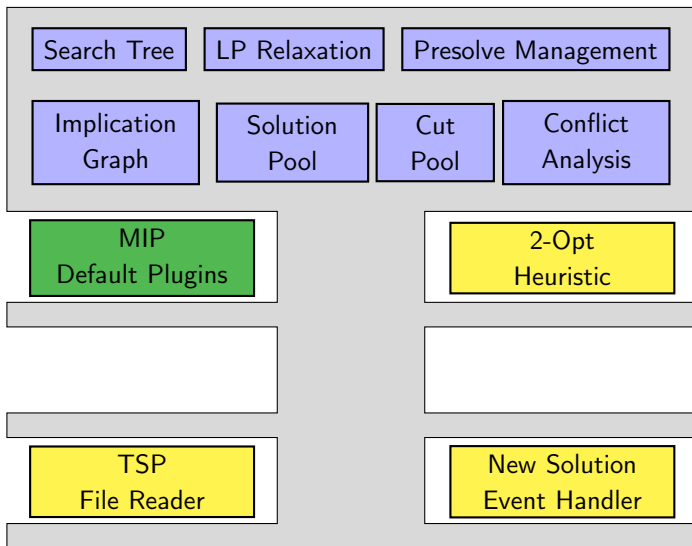
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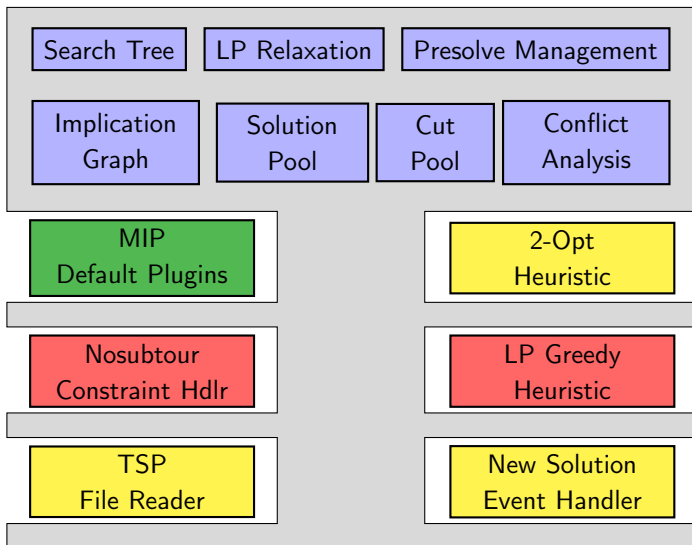
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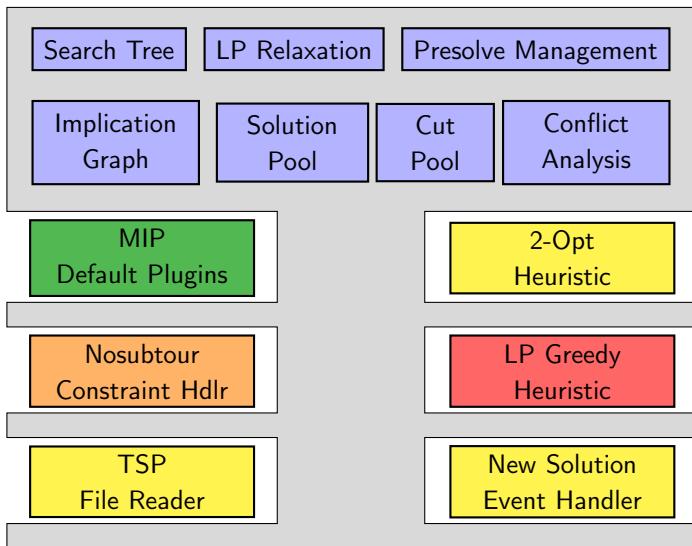
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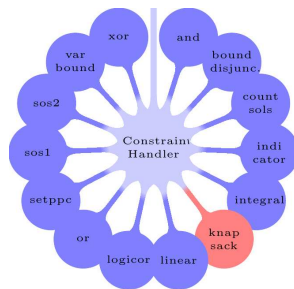
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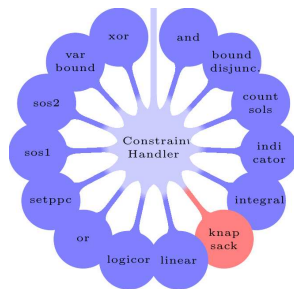
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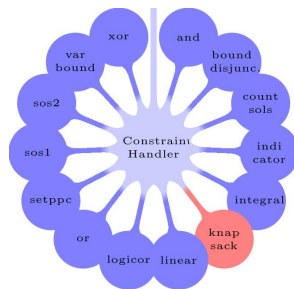
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- ▶ CONSCHECK
- ▶ CONSENFOLP, CONSENFOPS

▷ Additional:

- ▶ **CONSSEPALP, CONSSEPASOL**

- ▶ CONSTRANS, CONSDELETE



Further Ingredients

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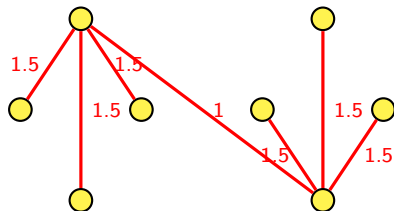
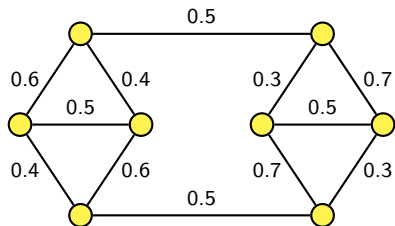
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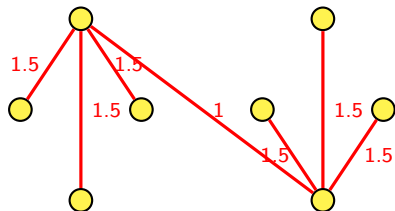
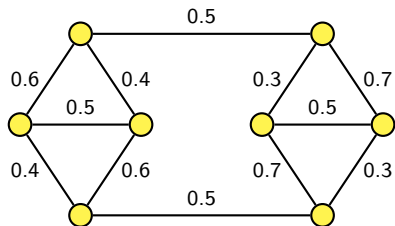


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