

# Fast Polyhedra Abstract Domain



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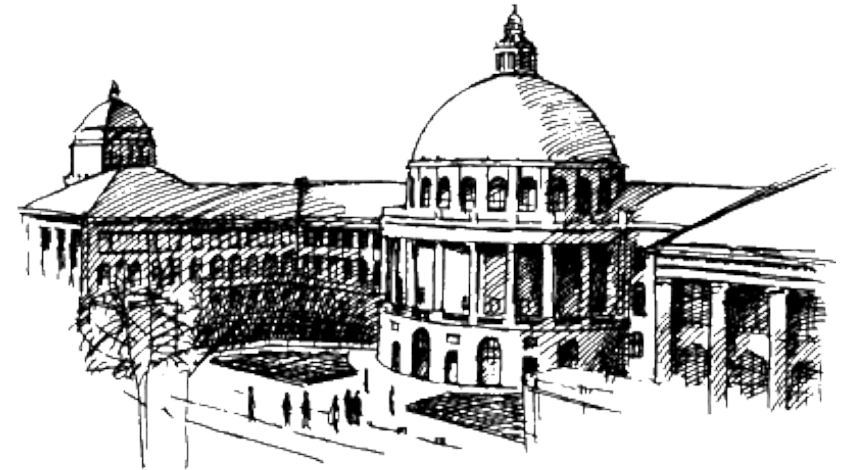
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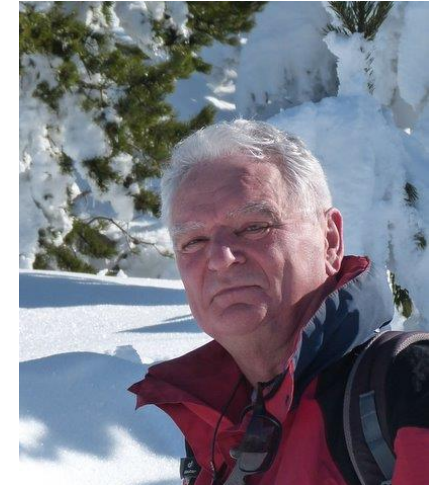
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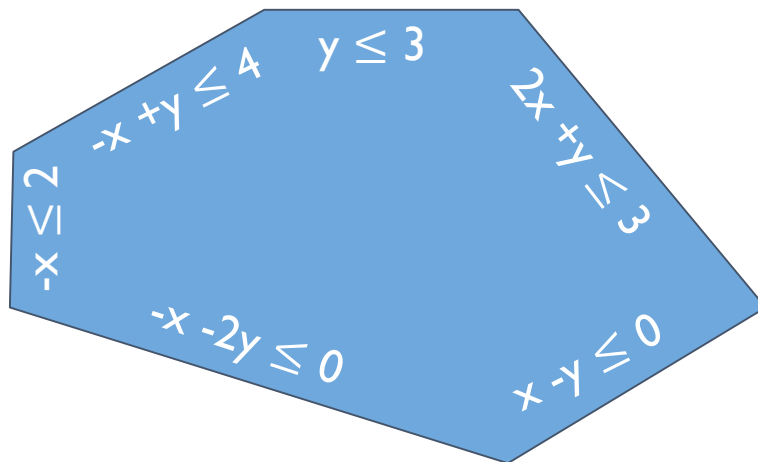
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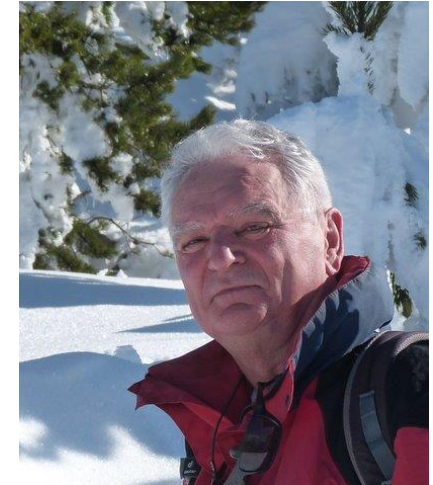
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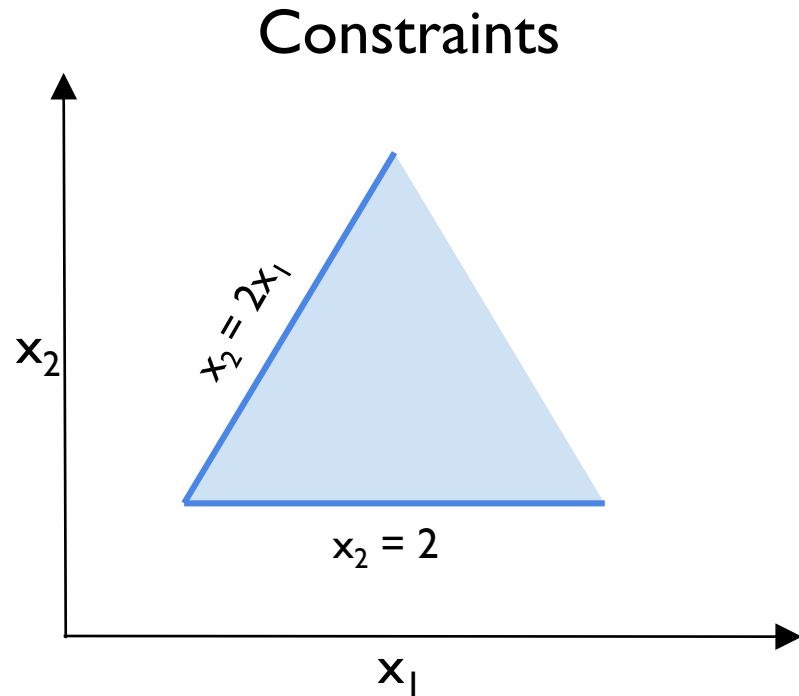
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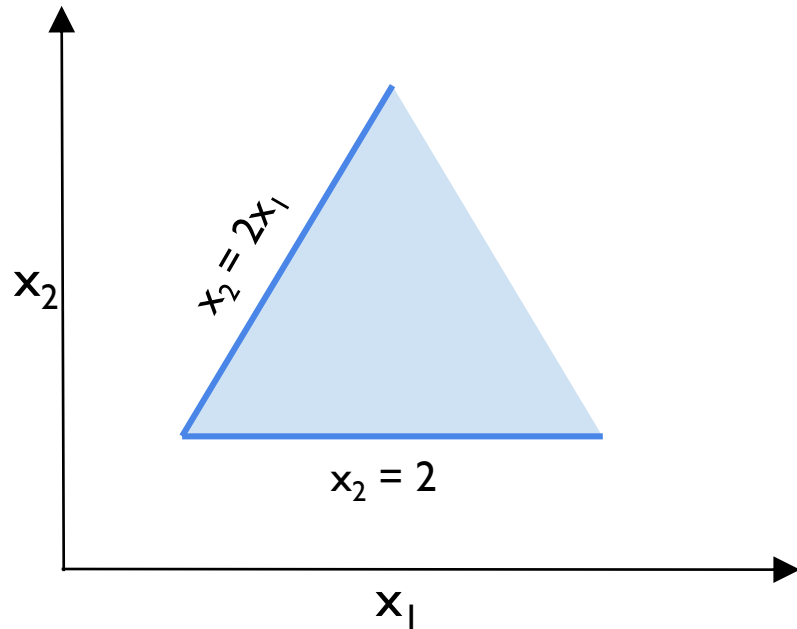


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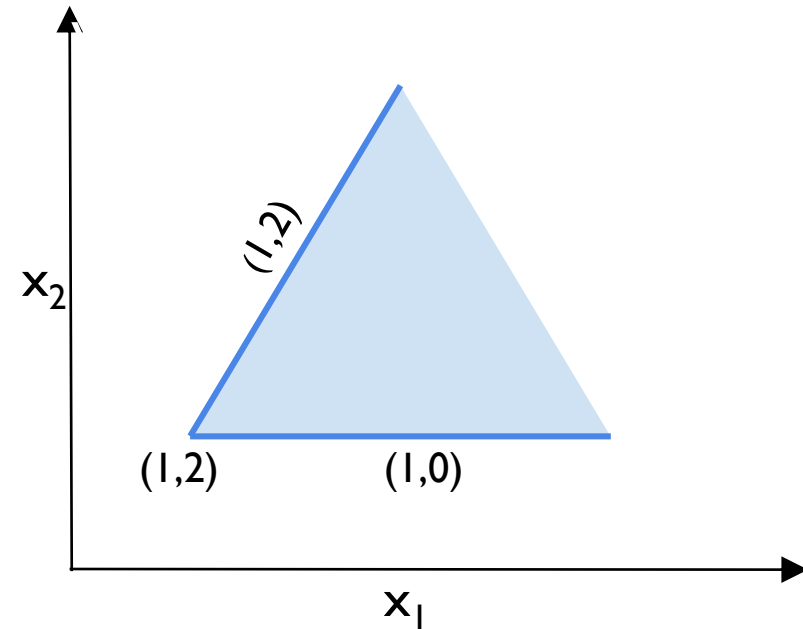
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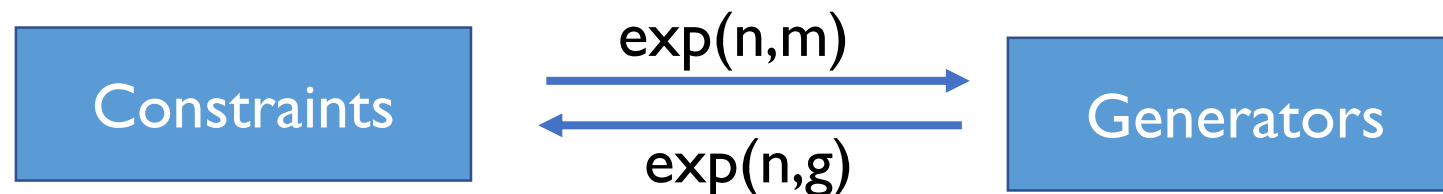
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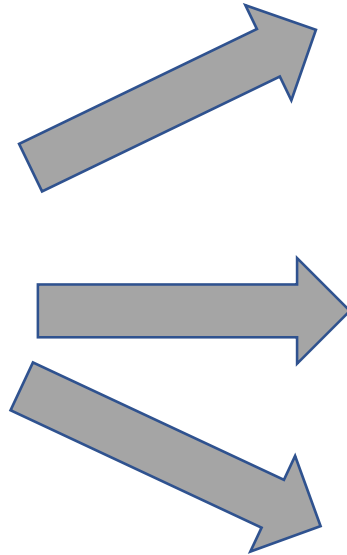
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working on smaller Polyhedra enables reduction in space and time



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**Definition:** A partition  $\pi$  is *permissible* for Polyhedron  $P$ , if there are no two variables  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  in different blocks of  $\pi$  related by a constraint in  $P$

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**Challenge: maintain permissible partitions for  $> 30$  operators**

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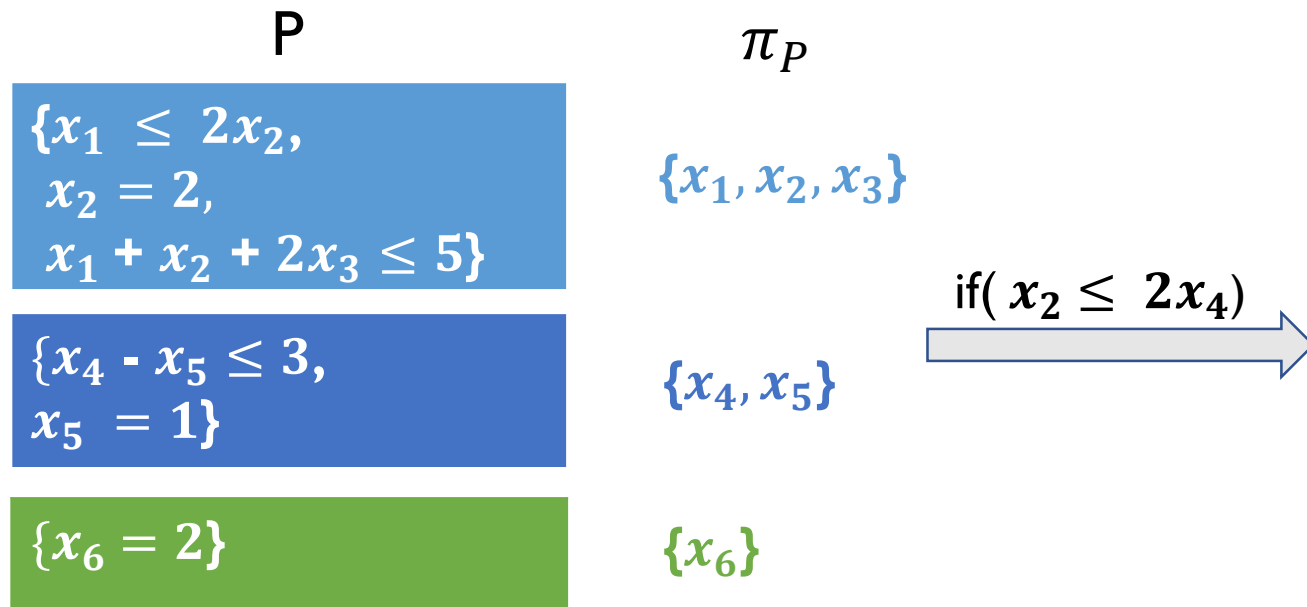
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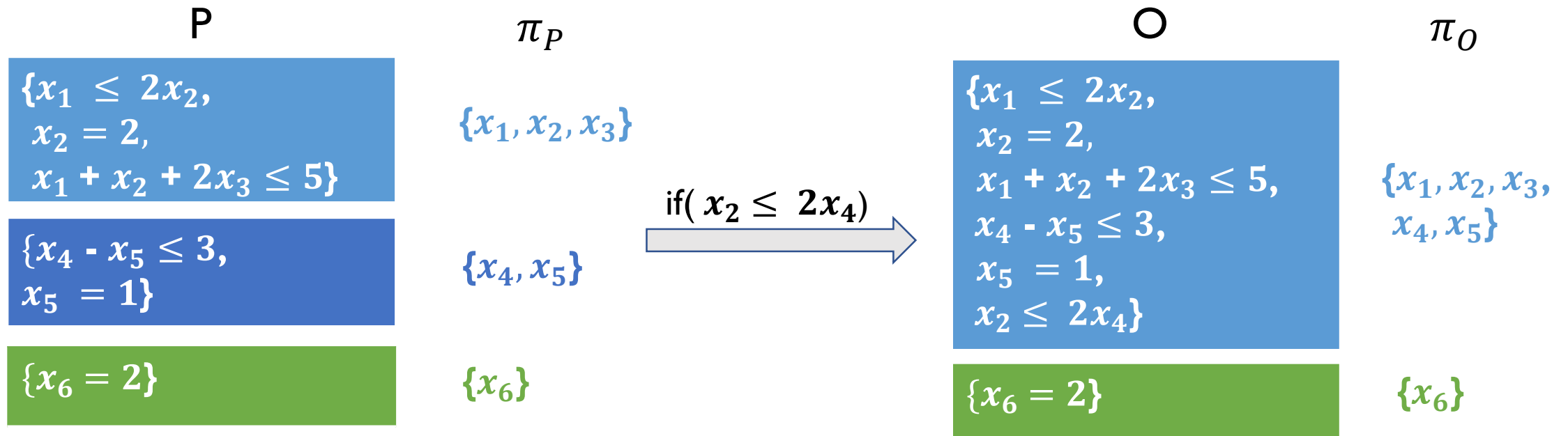


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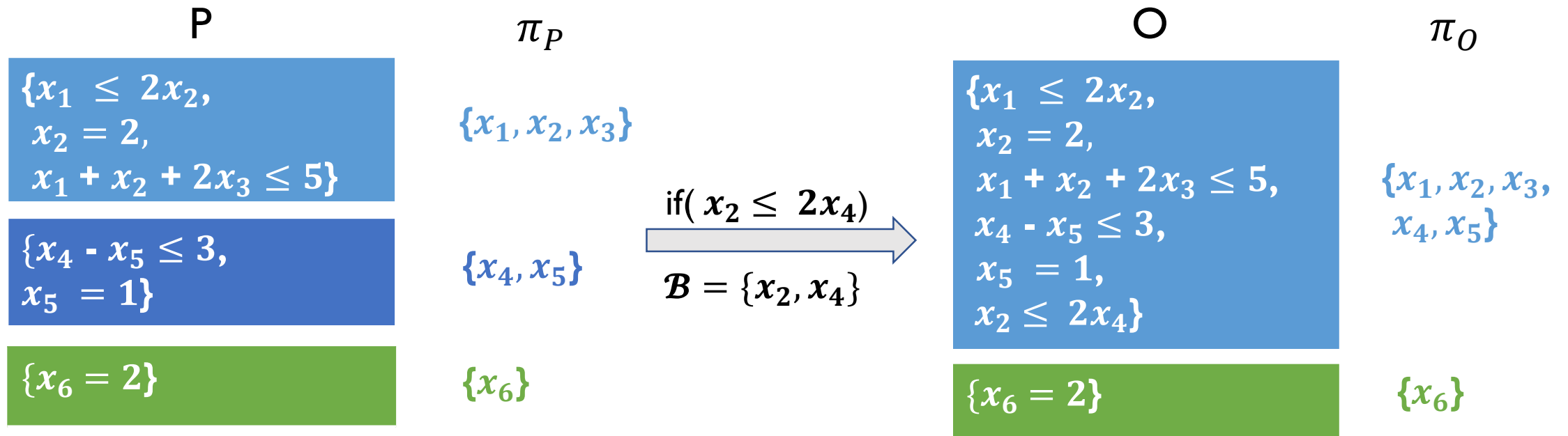


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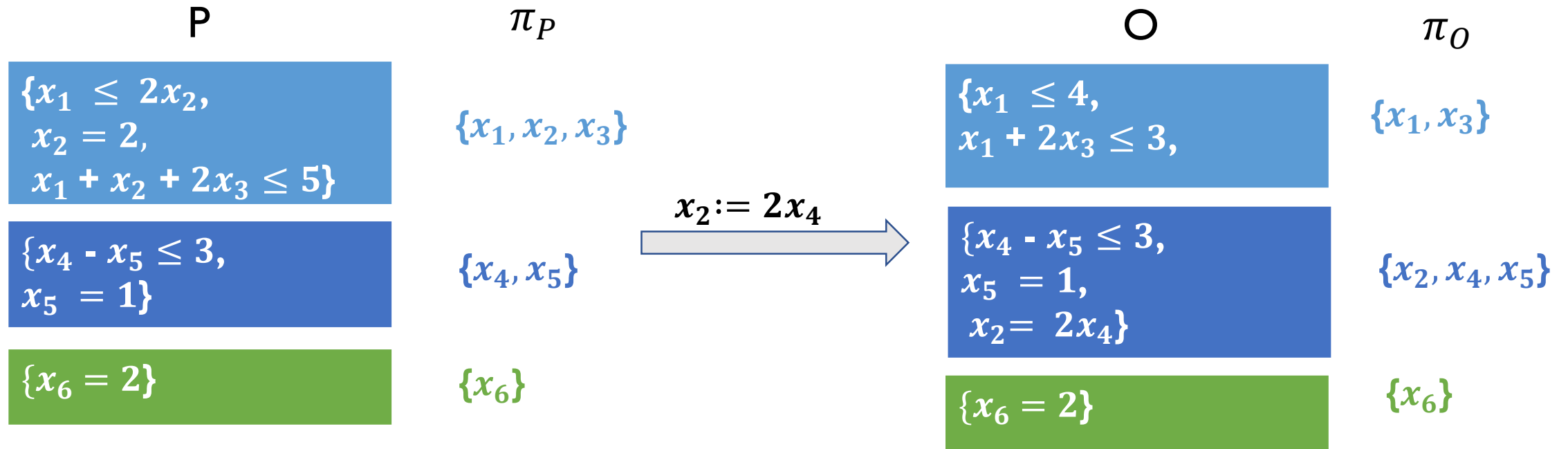
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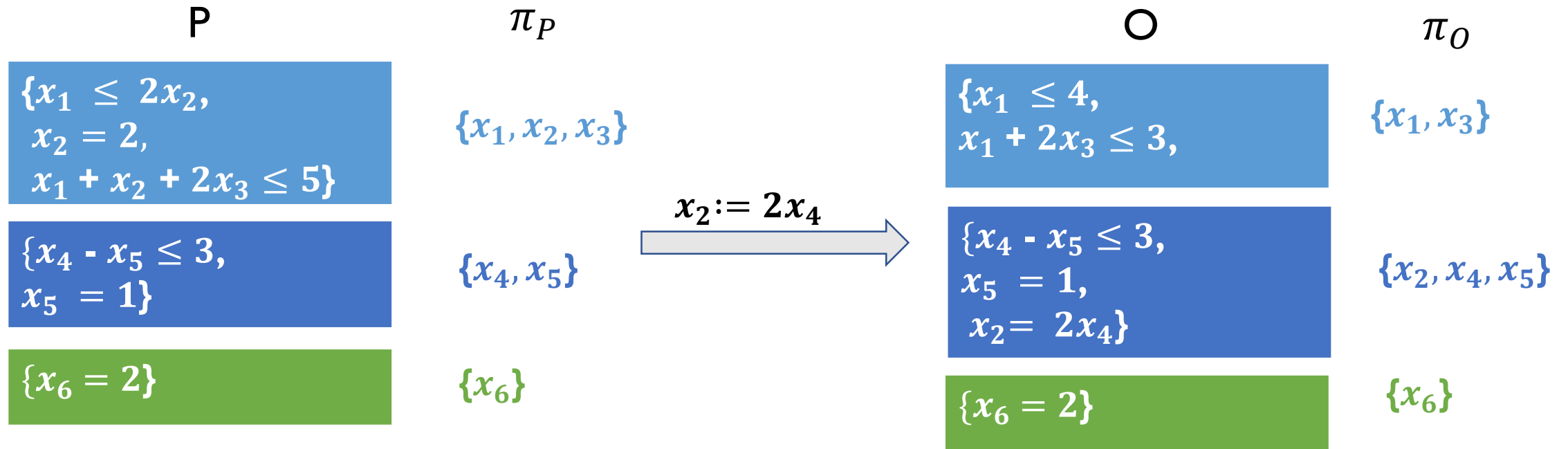
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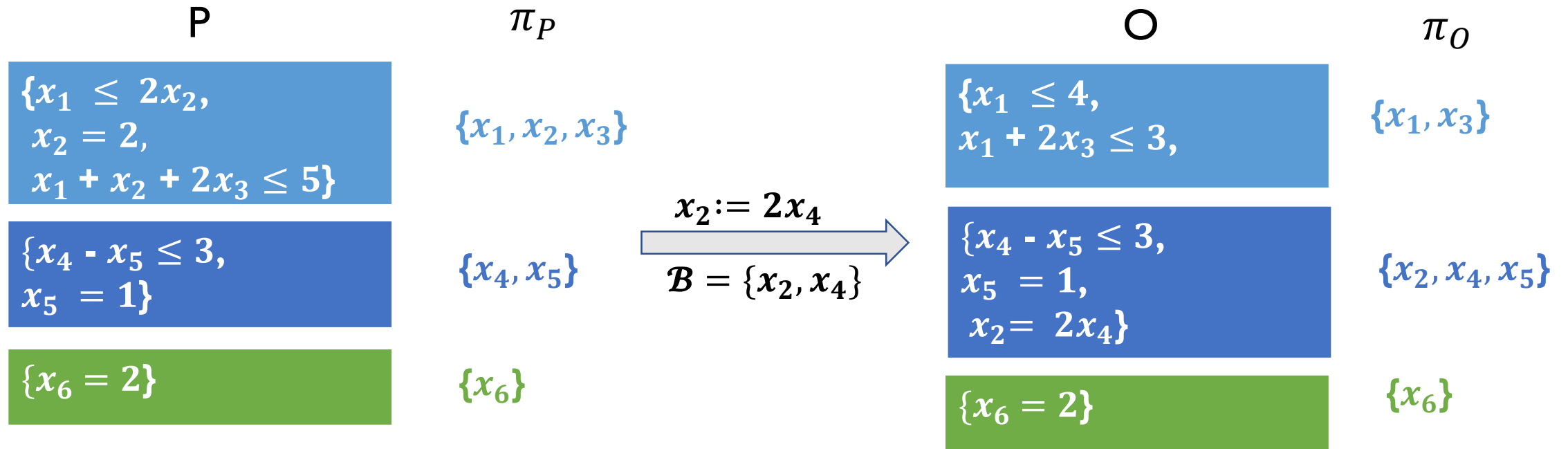
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*If  $P \sqsubseteq Q$  and  $P \neq \perp$ , then  $\pi_Q \sqsubseteq \pi_P$*

**Theorem: (finest partition after  $\sqcap$ ):**

*If  $P \sqcap Q \neq \perp$ , then  $\pi_O = \pi_P \sqcup \pi_Q$*

For join ( $\sqcup$ ), no general relationship exists between  $\pi_O$ ,  $\pi_P$  and  $\pi_Q$

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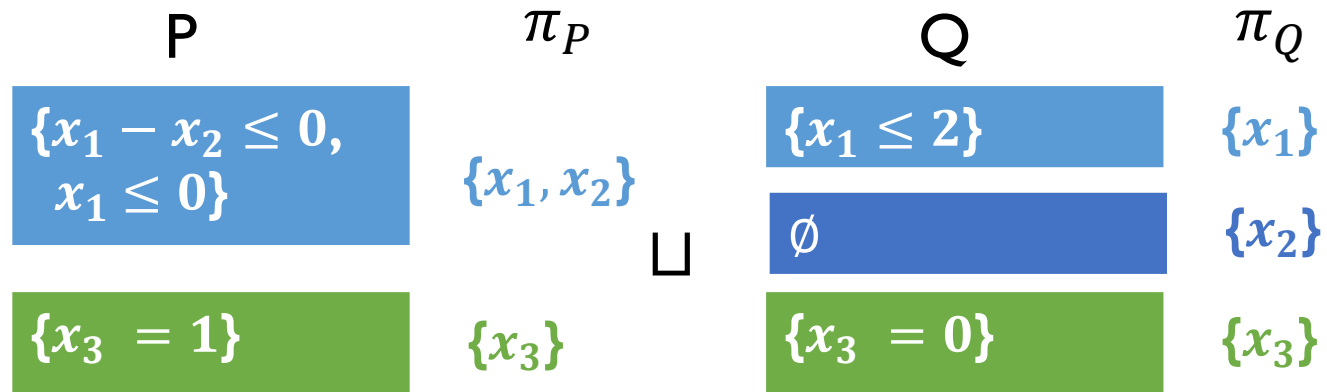
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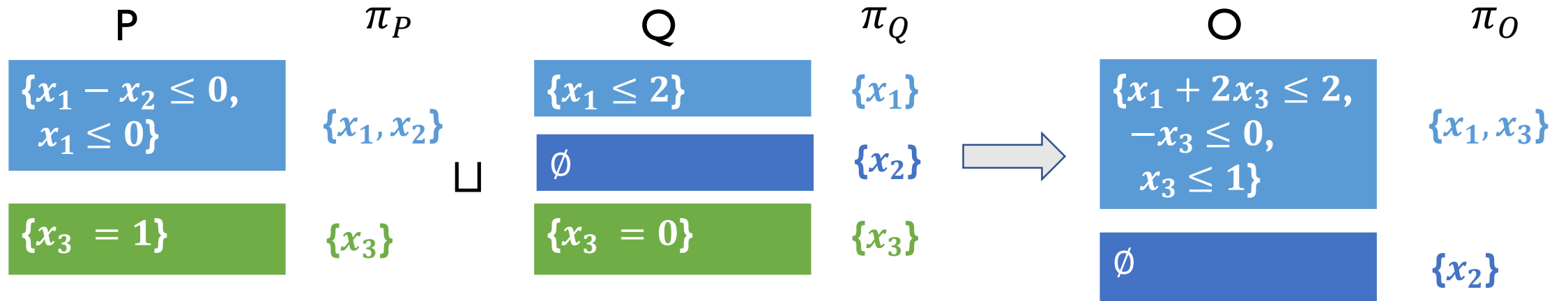
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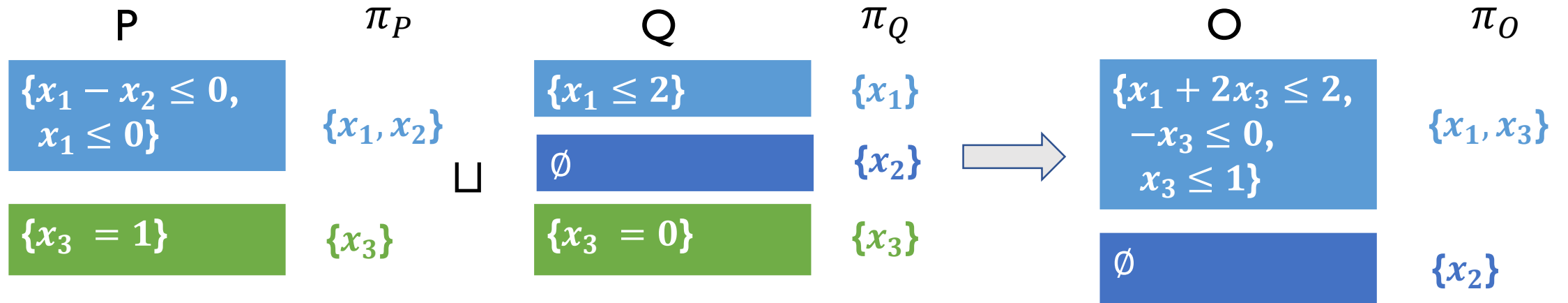
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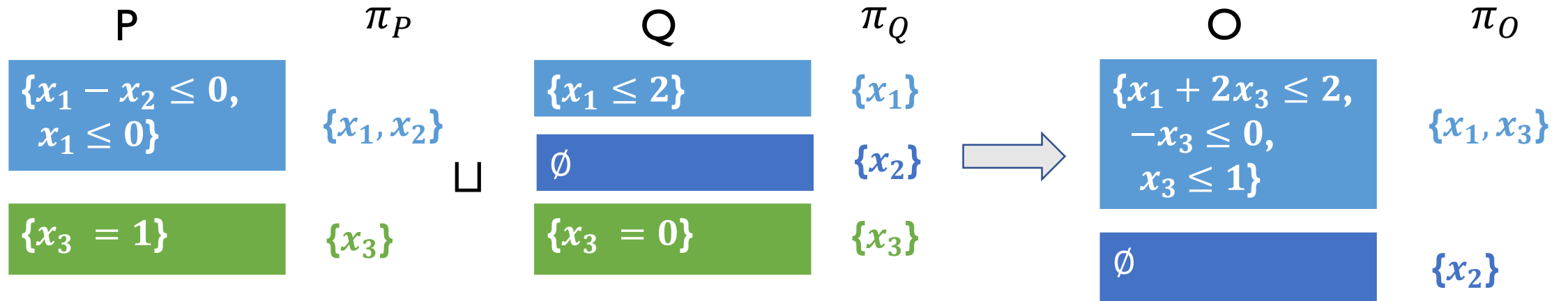


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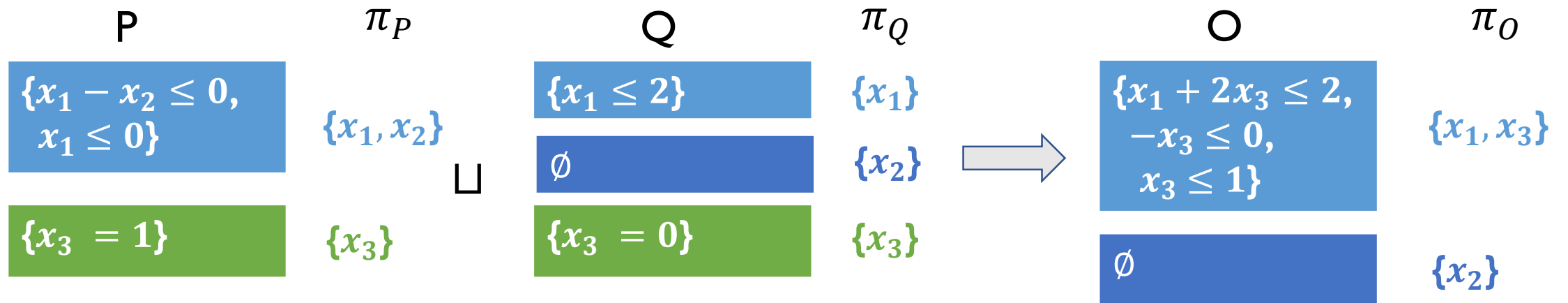
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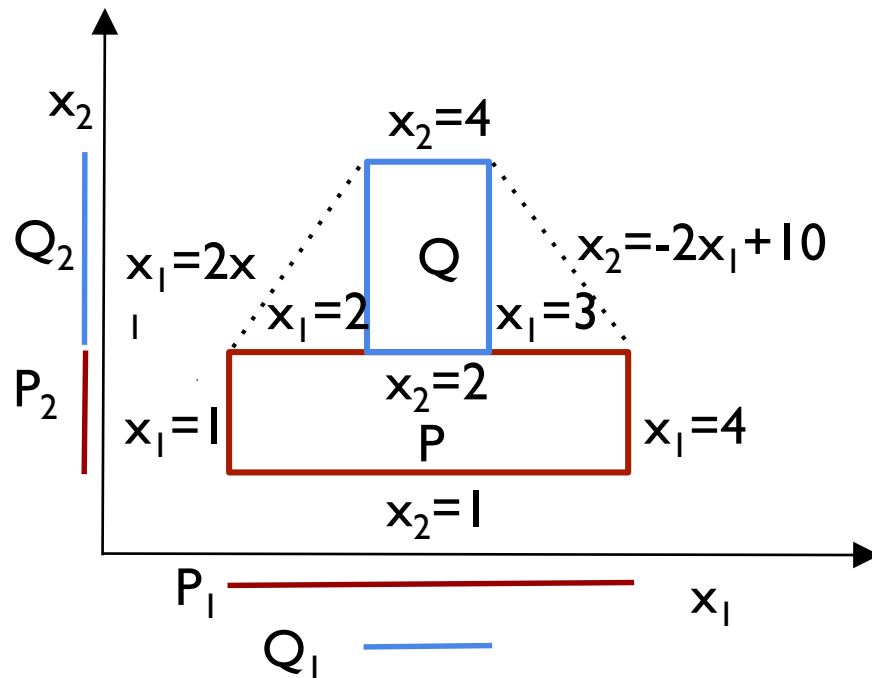


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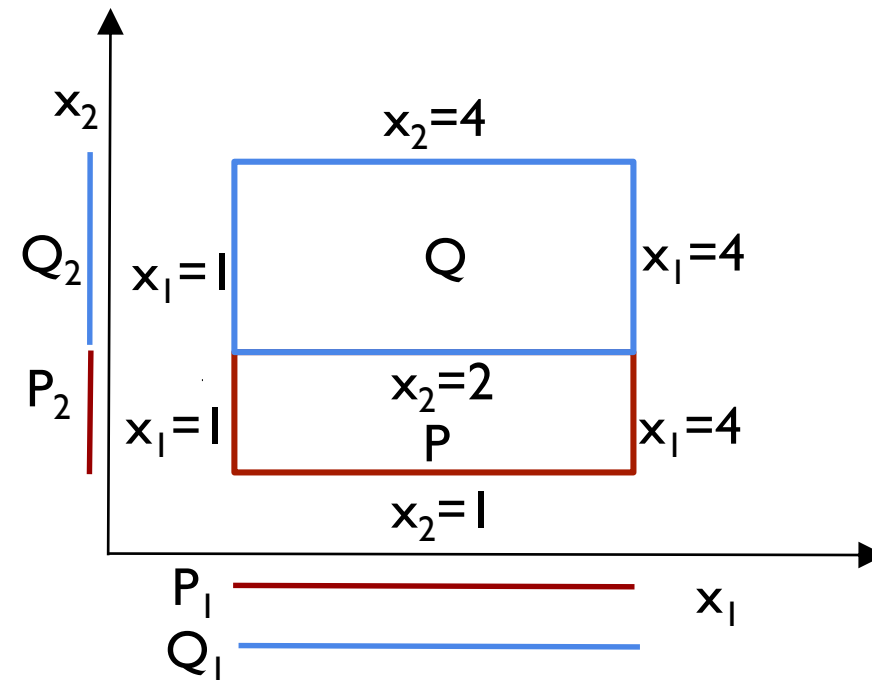
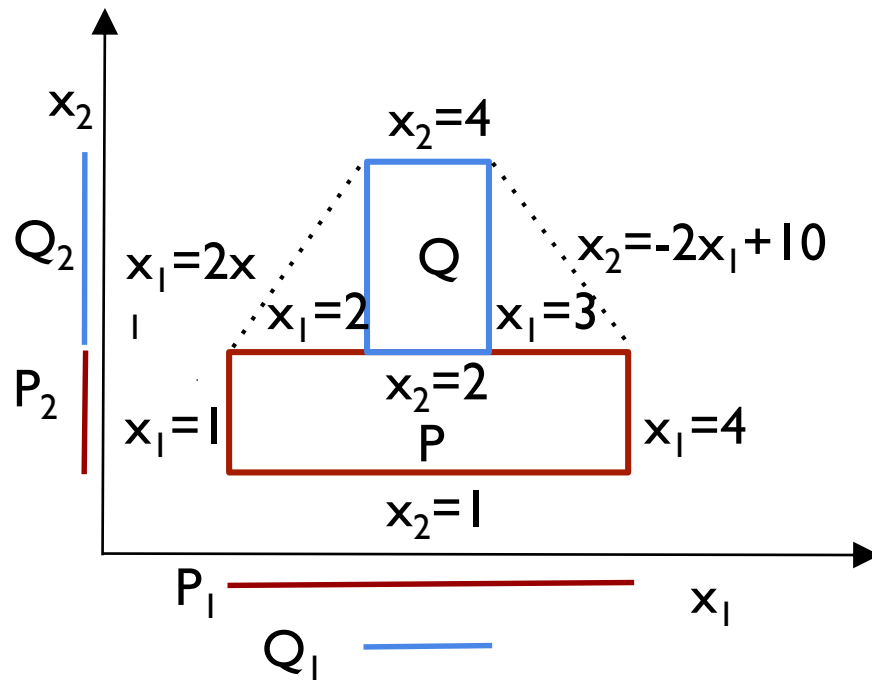
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Let  $\bar{\pi} = \bar{\pi}_P \sqcup \bar{\pi}_Q$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \{X_k \mid P_k = Q_k, X_k \in \bar{\pi}\}$ .

Then  $\bar{\pi}_{P \sqcup Q} = \mathcal{U} \cup \bigcup_{\mathcal{J} \in \bar{\pi} \setminus \mathcal{U}} \mathcal{J}$  is permissible for  $P \sqcup Q$

**Theorem (permissible partition after meet):**

$\bar{\pi}_P \sqcup \bar{\pi}_Q$  is permissible for  $P \sqcap Q$

**Theorem (permissible partition after conditional):**

If output  $O \neq \perp$ , then,  $\bar{\pi}_P \uparrow \mathcal{B}$  is permissible for conditional

**Theorem (permissible partition after assignment):**

$\bar{\pi}_P \uparrow \mathcal{B}$  is permissible for the output  $O$  of assignment

# Asymptotic Complexity of Operators with Permissible Partitions

Operator	Before (using both)	Our work (using decomposition)
Join ( $\sqcup$ )	$O(n g)$	$O(\sum_{i=1}^r n_i m_i g_i + n_{max} m_{max})$
Meet ( $\sqcap$ )	$O(n m)$	$O(\sum_{i=1}^r n_i m_i)$
Inclusion ( $\sqsubseteq$ )	$O(n g m)$	$O(\sum_{i=1}^r n_i m_i g_i)$
Assignment	$O(n g)$	$O(n_{max} g_{max})$
Conditional	$O(n)$	$O(n_{max})$
Conversion	$exp(n, g)$	$exp(n_{max}, g_{max})$

$r$ : number of blocks

# Experimental Evaluation

We compared performance of ELINA against NewPolka and PPL

Using the Seahorn verification framework [CAV'15]

- written in C, analyzes llvm-bitcode
- produces Polyhedra invariants

> 1500 benchmarks from the software verification competition

Time limit: 4 hours

Memory limit: 12 GB

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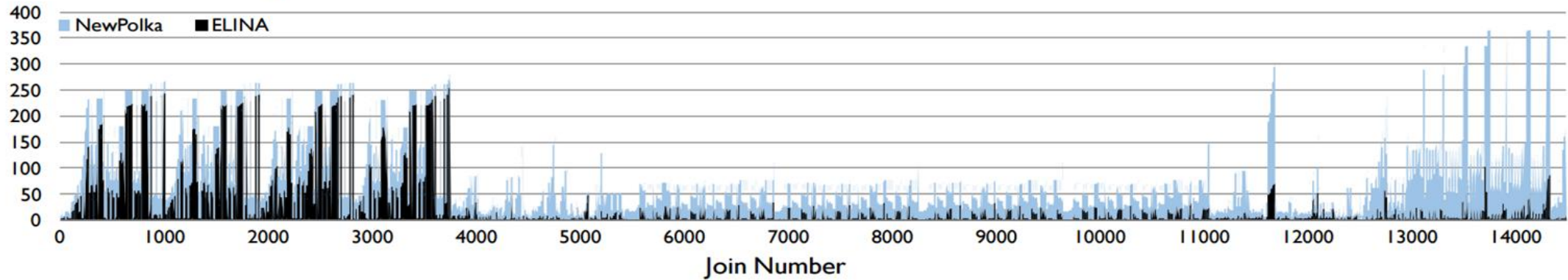
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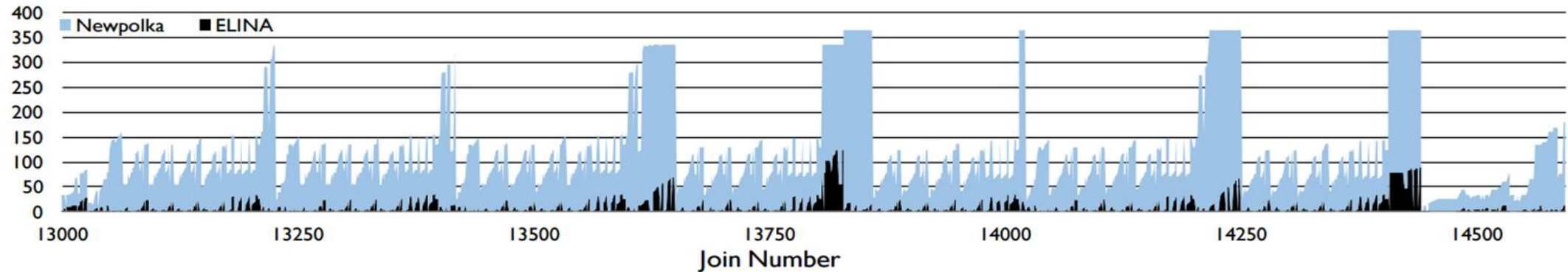
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$n_{ELINA} < n_{NewPolka}$ , large speedup as conversion is exponential in  $n$

# Related Work

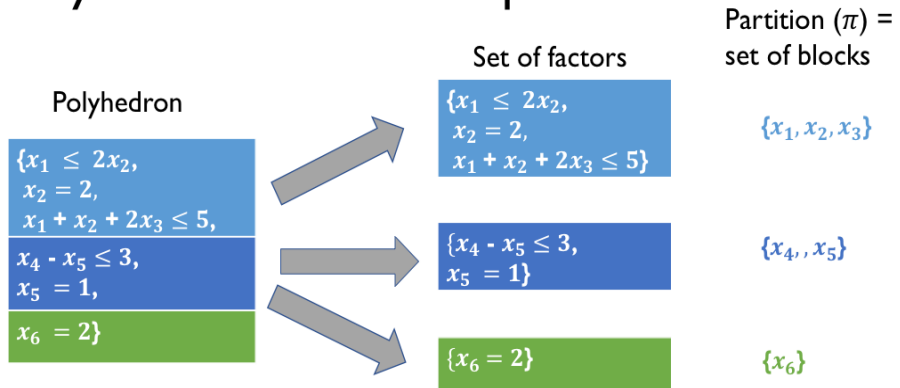
# Related Work

- Variable Packing
  - Blanchet et al. [PLDI'03]
  - decomposition based on syntactic criteria
  - loses precision
- Matrix based decomposition
  - Halbwachs et al. [FMSSD'06]
  - does not work with generators
  - decomposition too coarse for join

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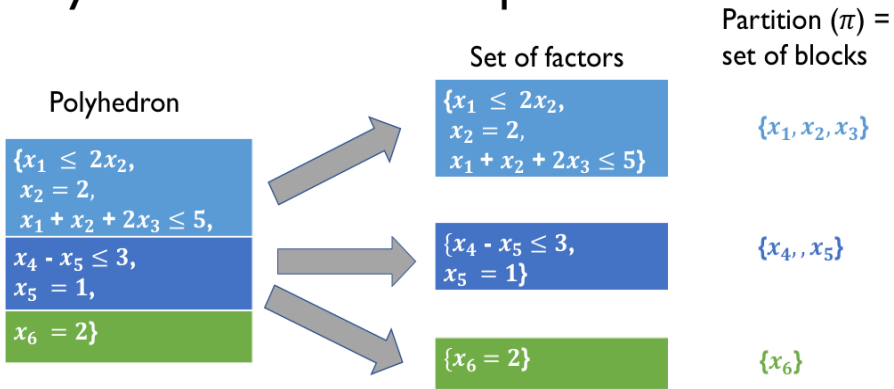


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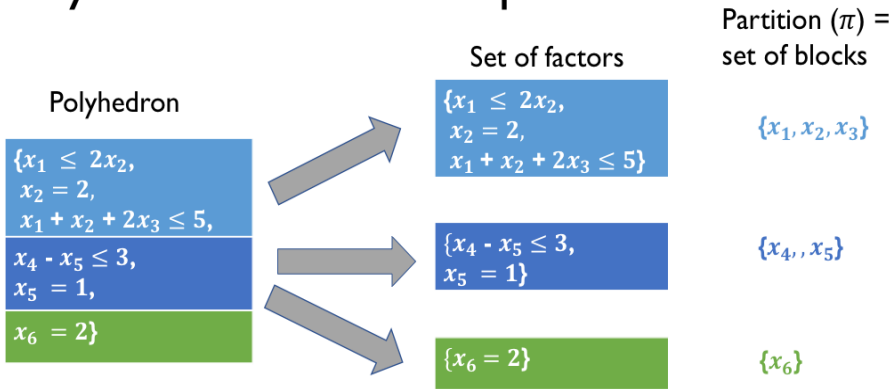


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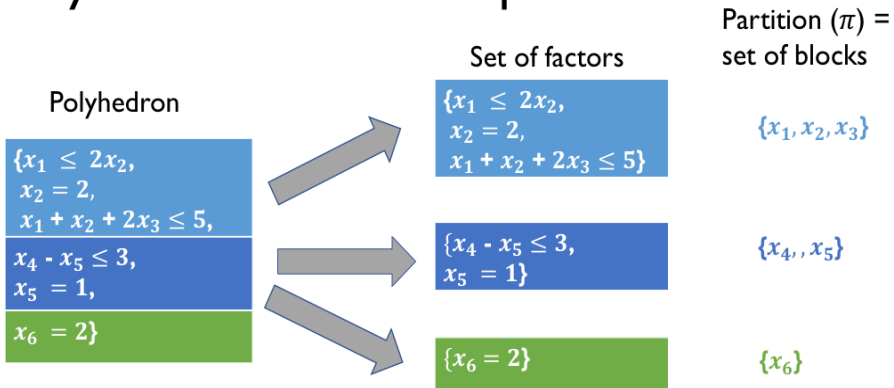
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 650 var</li> <li>➤ 25K LOC</li> </ul>	TO (> 4 hr)	TO (> 4 hr)	2 sec 0.4 GB