

Some Observations on Boolean Logic and Optimization

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Outline

- **Logic and cutting planes**
- **Logic of 0-1 inequalities**
- **Logic and linear programming**
- **Inference duality**
- **Constraint programming**
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This suggests there are deep connections between resolution and cutting planes.

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They do, if and only if the underlying **set covering problems** define convex hulls.

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monotone = every variable has the same sign in all occurrences.

A monotone subset of clauses is a set covering problem (after complementing negated variables).

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Theorem (JNH). Classical resolution + **diagonal summation** generates all 0-1 prime implicates (up to logical equivalence).

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Unit resolution

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We don't know a **necessary and sufficient condition** for solubility by unit refutation.

But we can identify sufficient conditions by **generalizing Horn sets**.

For example, to **extended Horn sets**, which rely on a rounding property of linear programming.

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To generalize this, we use the following:

Theorem (Chandrasekaran): If $Ax \geq b$ has integral components and T is nonsingular such that:

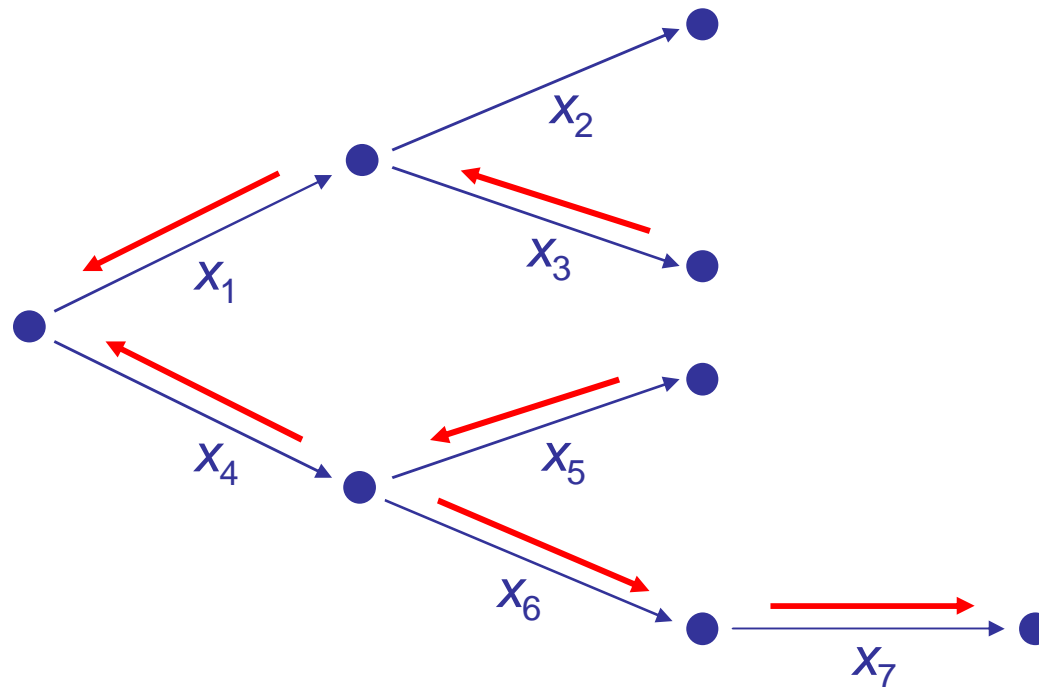
- T and T^{-1} are integral
- Each row of T^{-1} contains at most one negative entry, namely -1
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Then if x solves $Ax \geq b$, so does $T^{-1} \lceil Tx \rceil$

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A clause has the **extended star-chain property** if it corresponds to a set of edge-disjoint flows into the root of an arborescence and a flow on one additional chain.

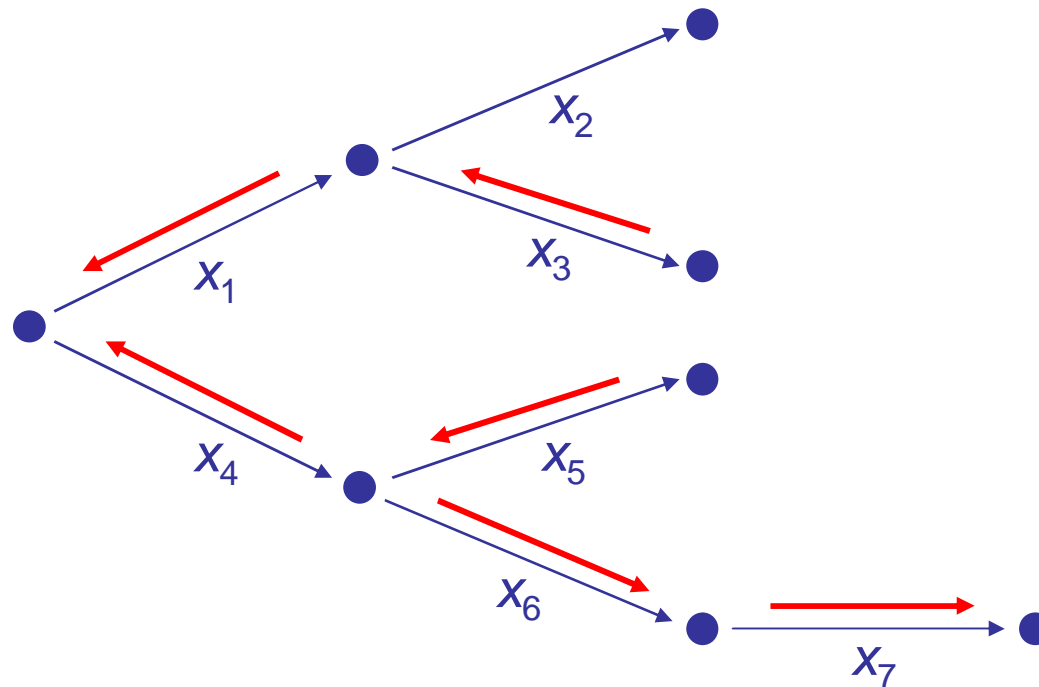
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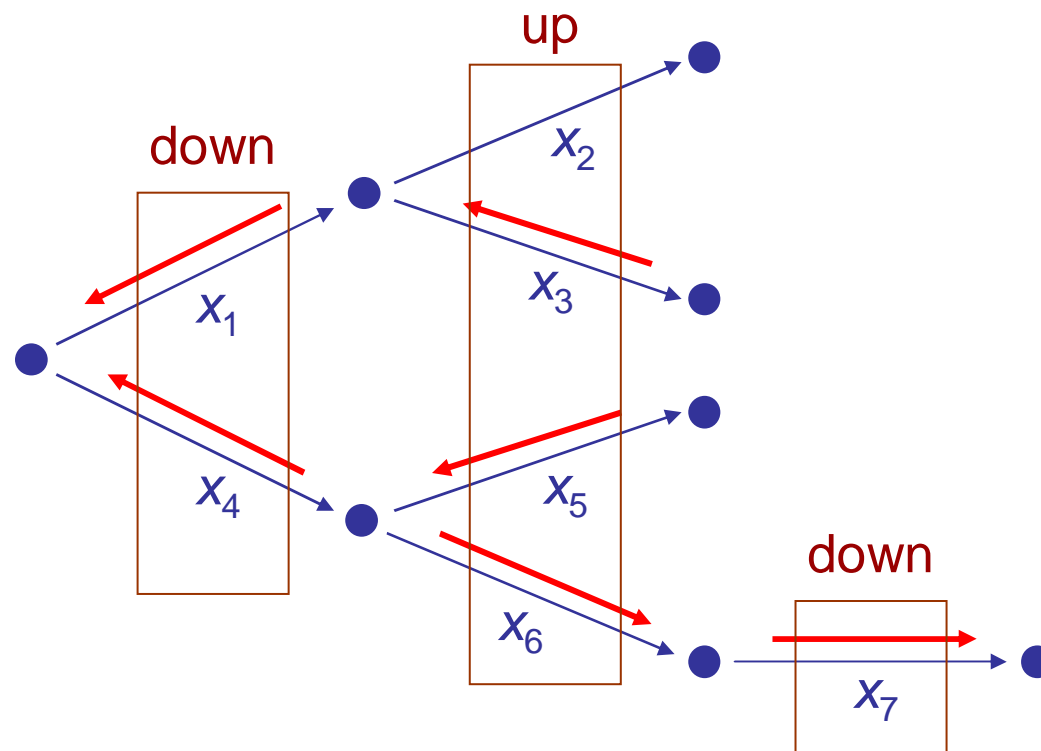
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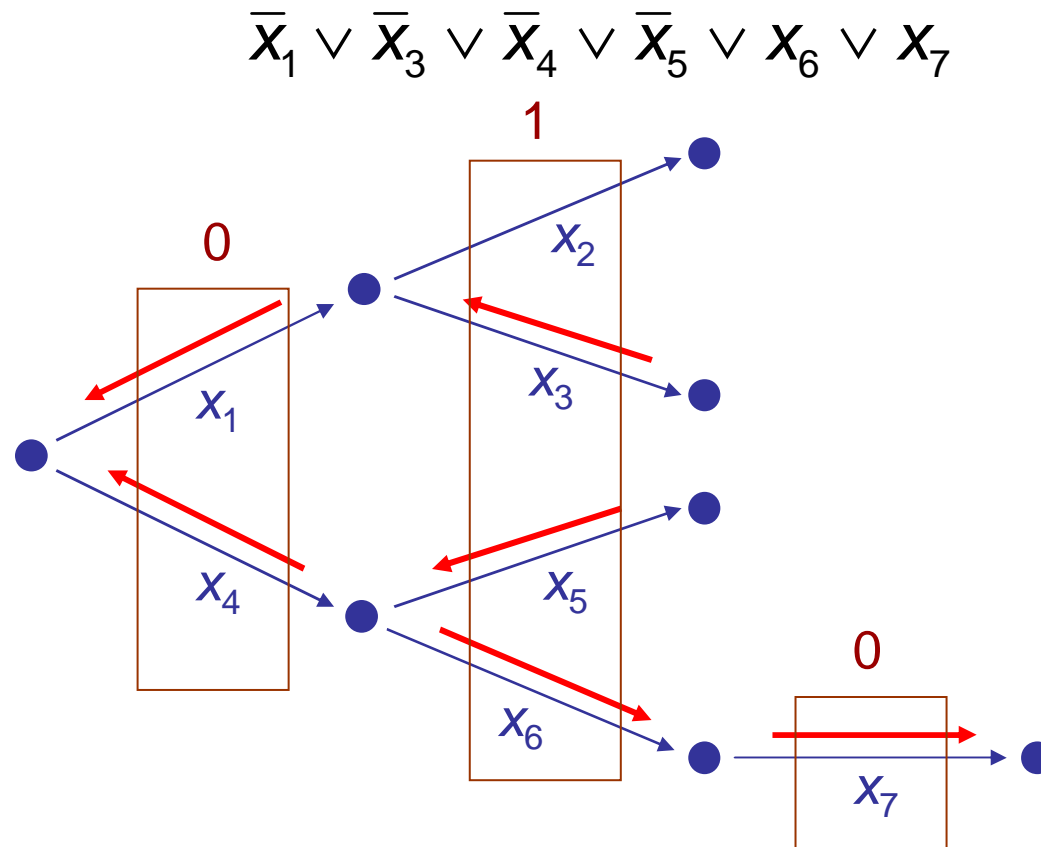
Theorem (Chandru and JNH). A satisfiable extended Horn clause set can be solved by rounding a solution of the LP relaxation as shown:

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Corollary. A satisfiable extended Horn clause set can be solved by assigning values as shown:



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Corollary (Schlipf, Annexstein, Franco & Swaminathan). A one-step lookahead algorithm solves a satisfiable extended Horn problem without knowledge of the arborescence.

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There is a proof P of $f(x) \geq v$
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Family of admissible proofs

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This is a **strong dual** because the inference method is **complete** (Farkas Lemma).

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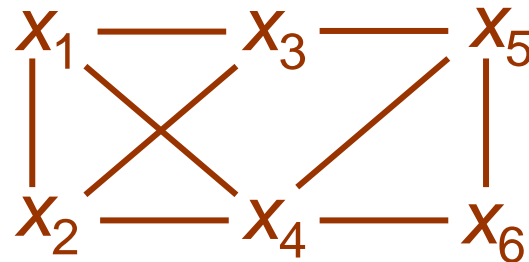
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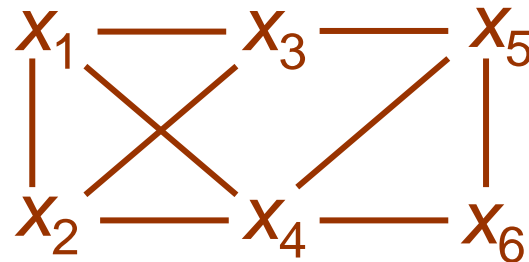


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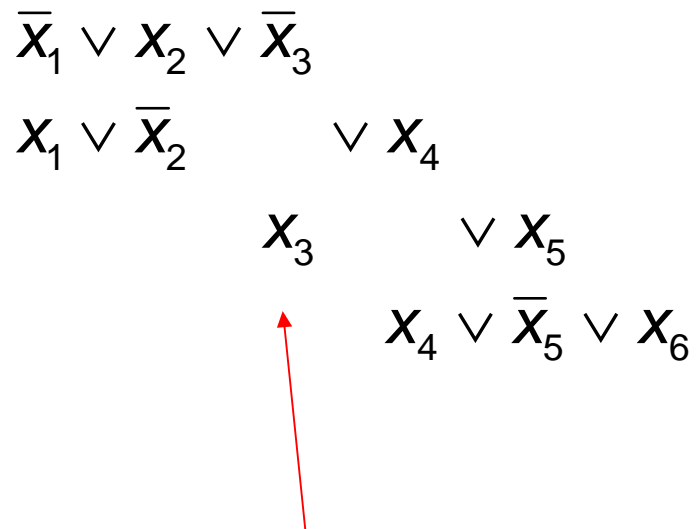
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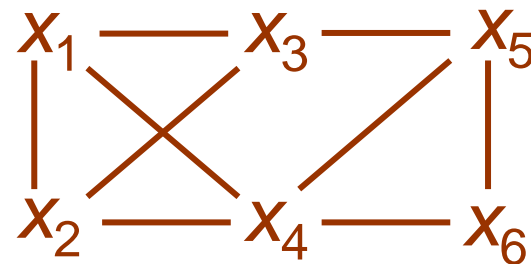
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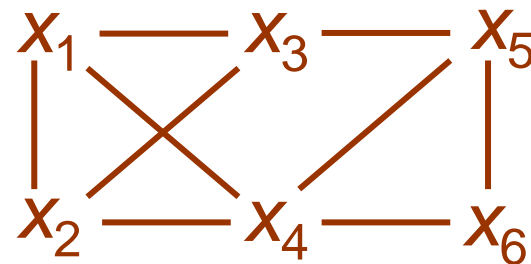
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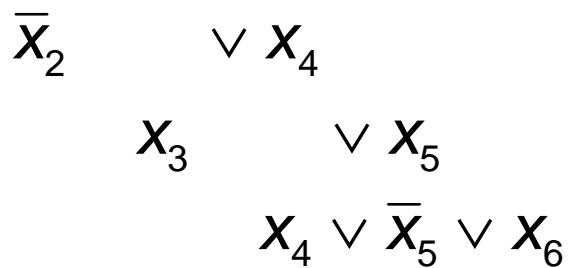
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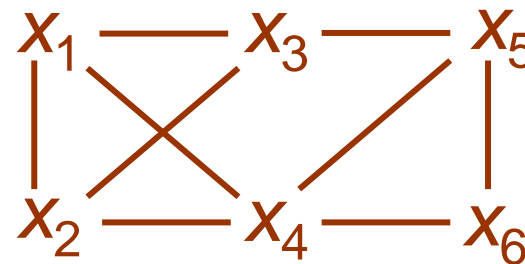
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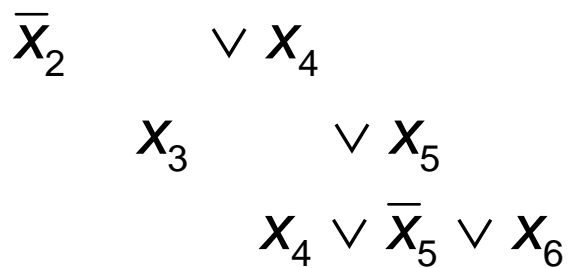


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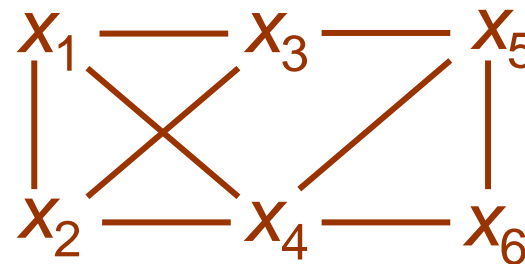
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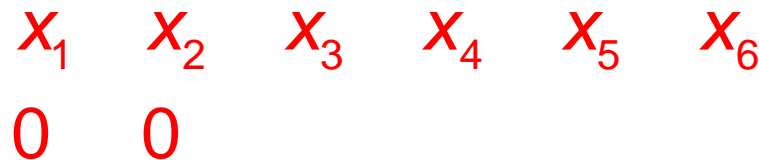
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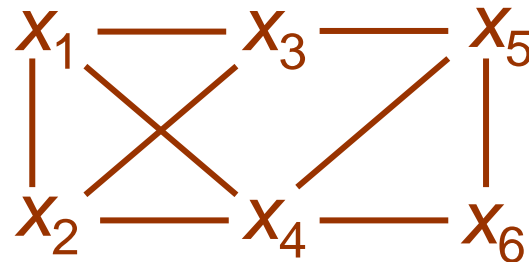


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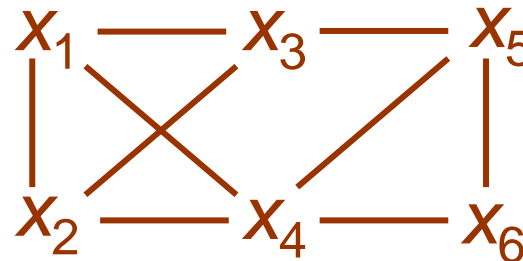
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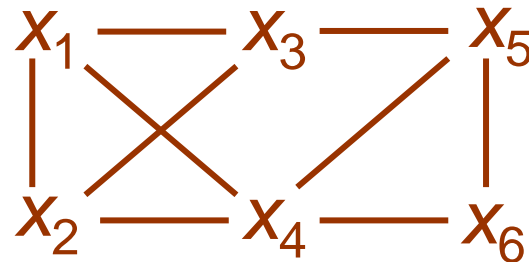
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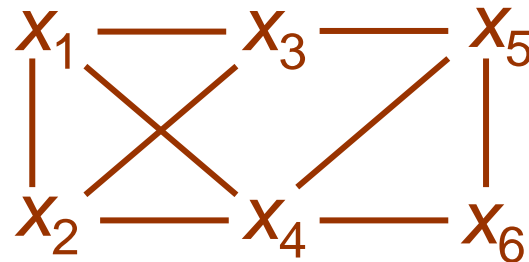
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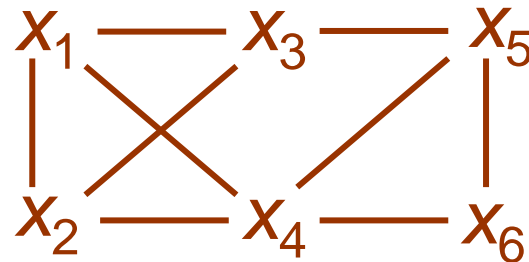
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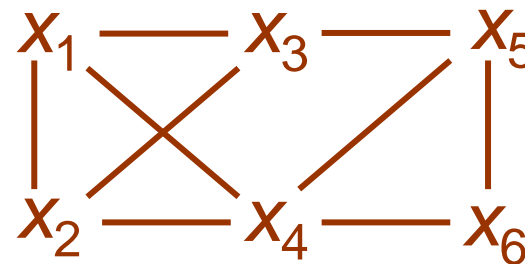
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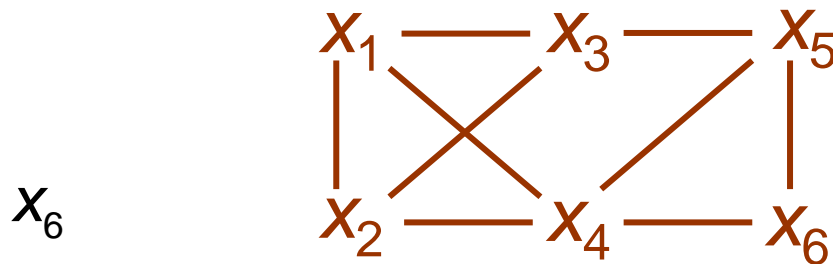
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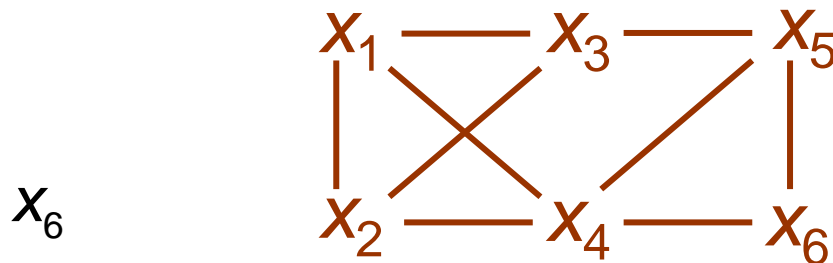
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All resolvents have 3 or more literals.

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Example: **cardinality rules**

We have 3 possible sites for factories and 3 possible products.

Rule 1: If at least 2 plants are built, then at least 2 products should be made.

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Theorem (Yan and JNH): These describe the convex hull of the feasible set.

Generalized by Balas, Bockmayr, Pinaruk & Wolsey.