

Inference of Linear Upper-Bounds on the Expected Cost by Solving Cost Relations

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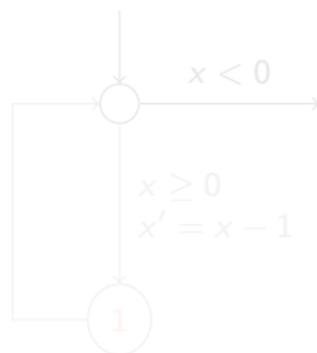
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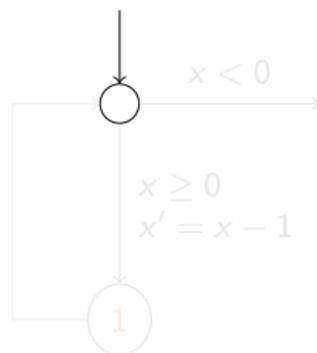
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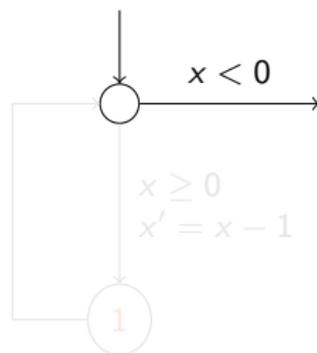
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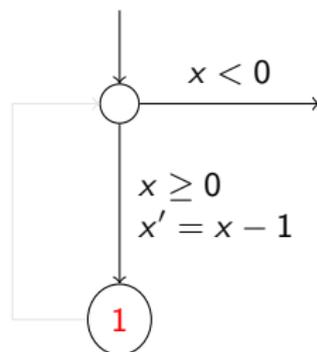
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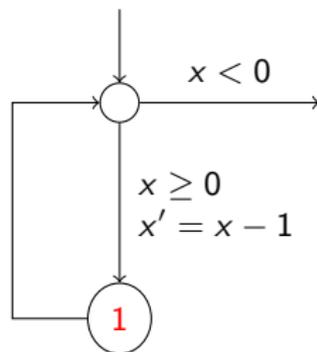
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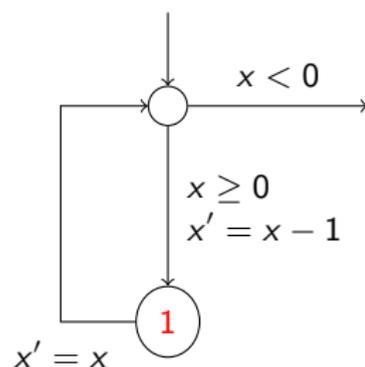


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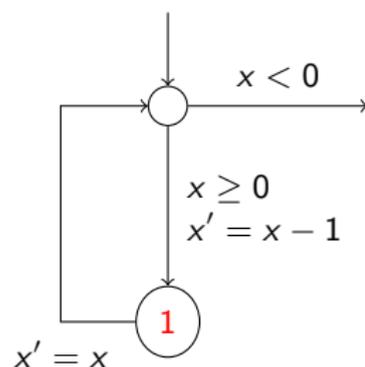
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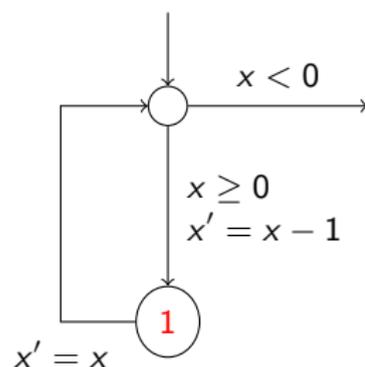
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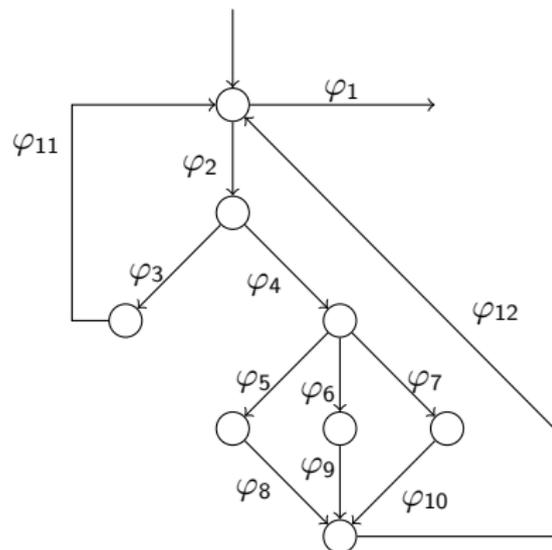
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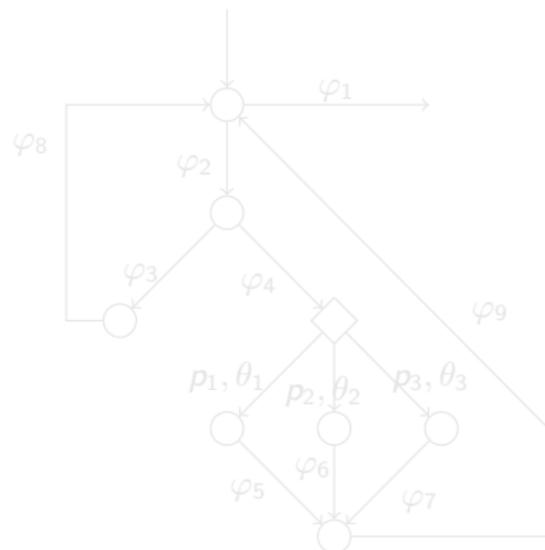
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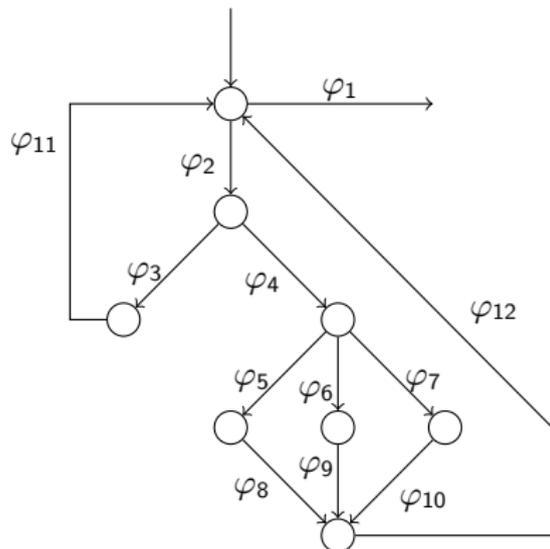


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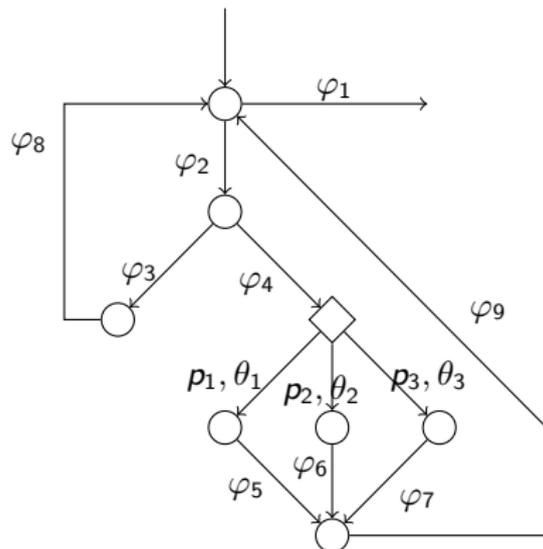


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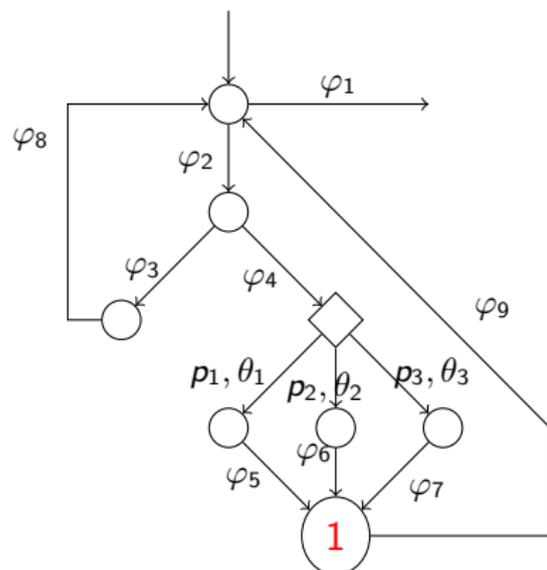
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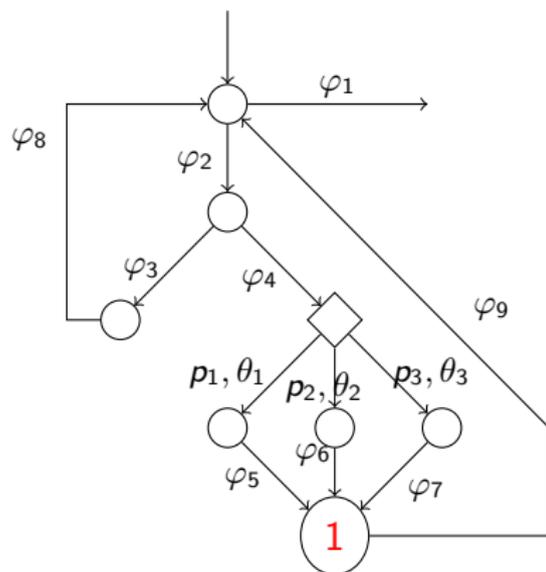


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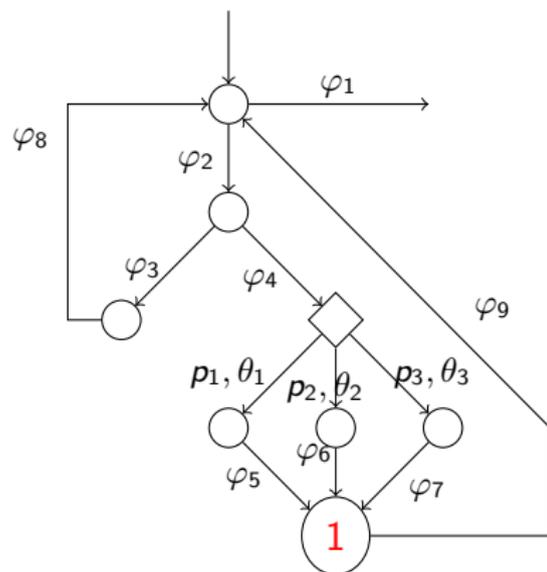
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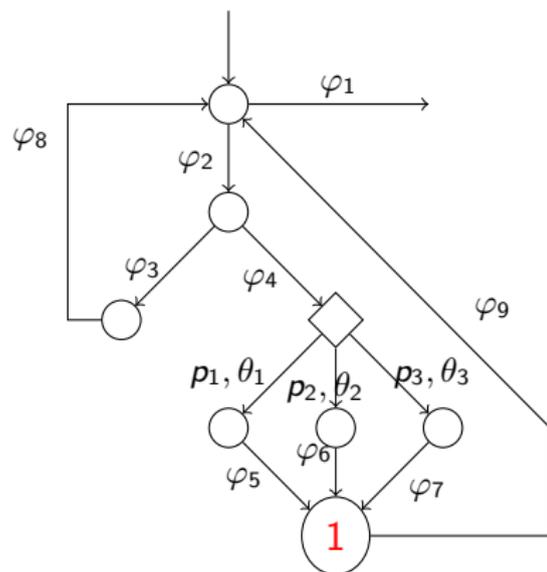
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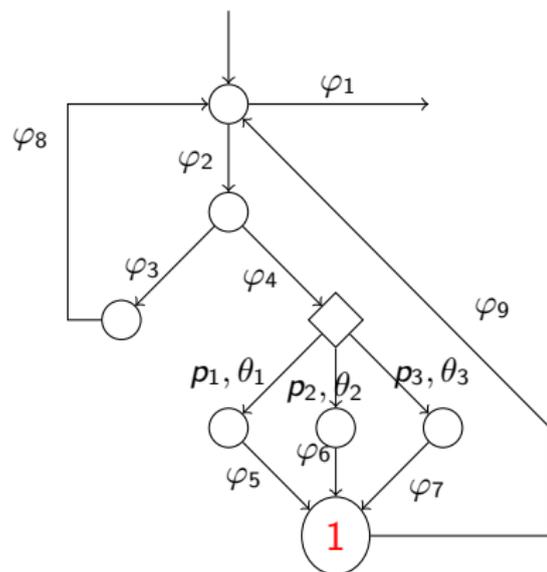
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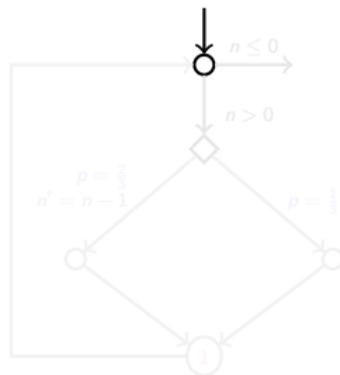
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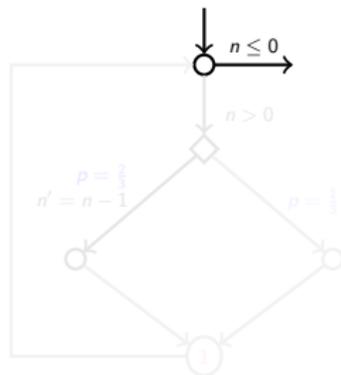
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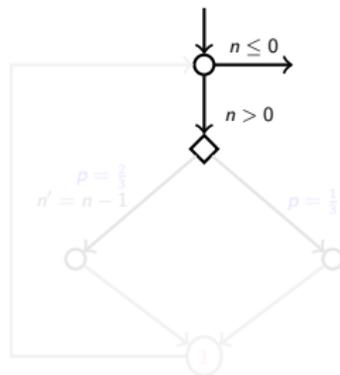
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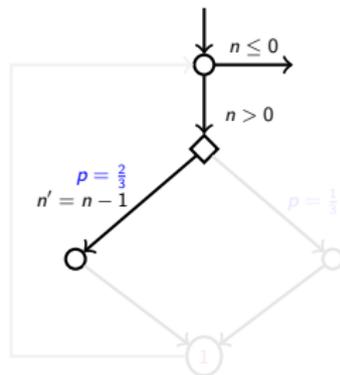
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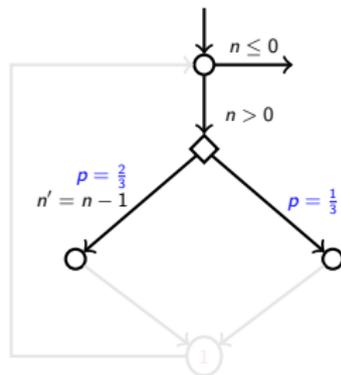
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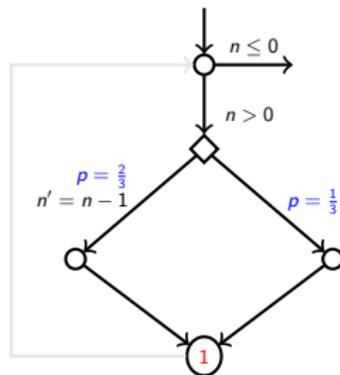
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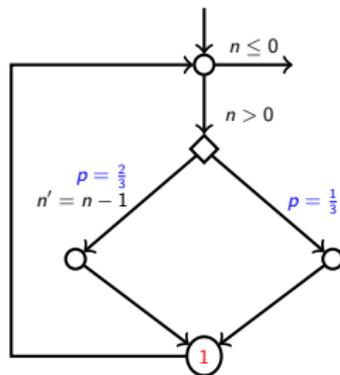
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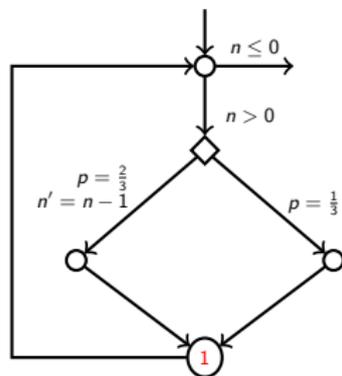
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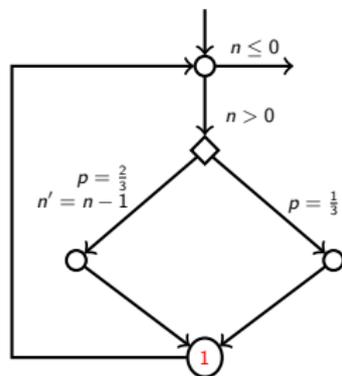


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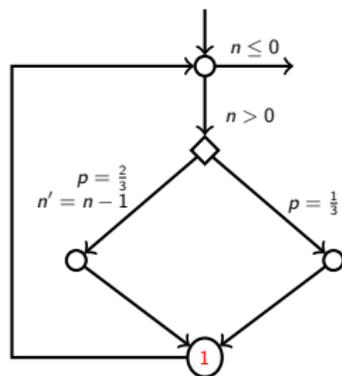


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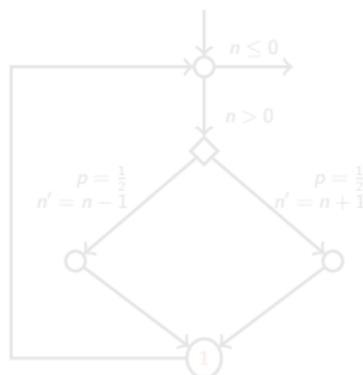
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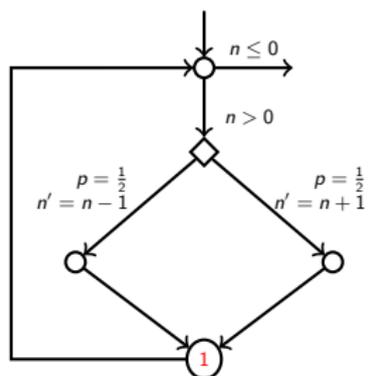
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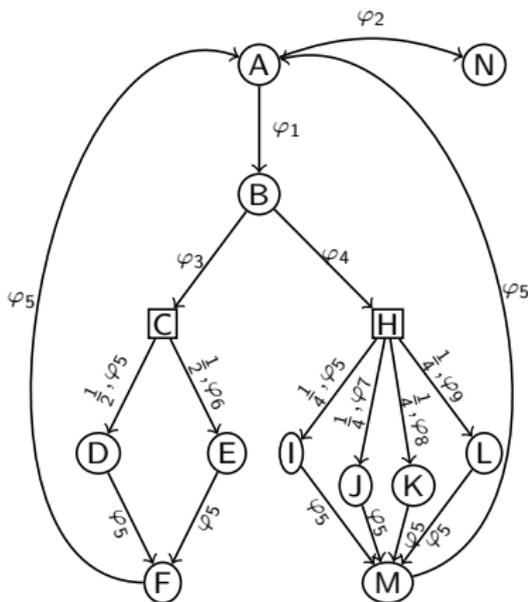
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