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Rewriting Optimization Statements in Answer-Set Programs

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Output: P with a modified statement and added normal rules.

Goal: Keep answer sets and boost solving performance.

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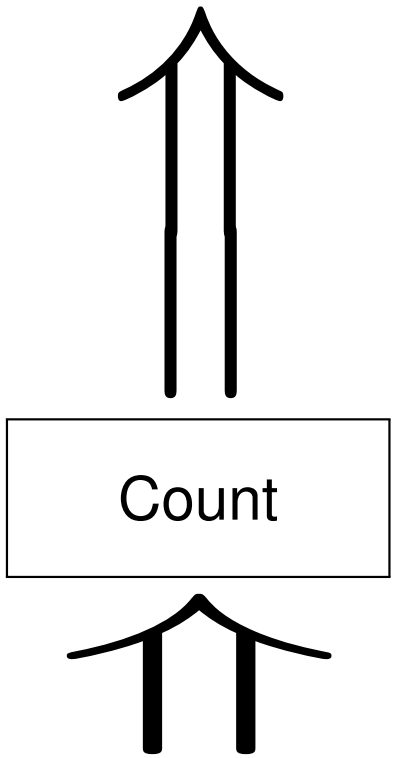

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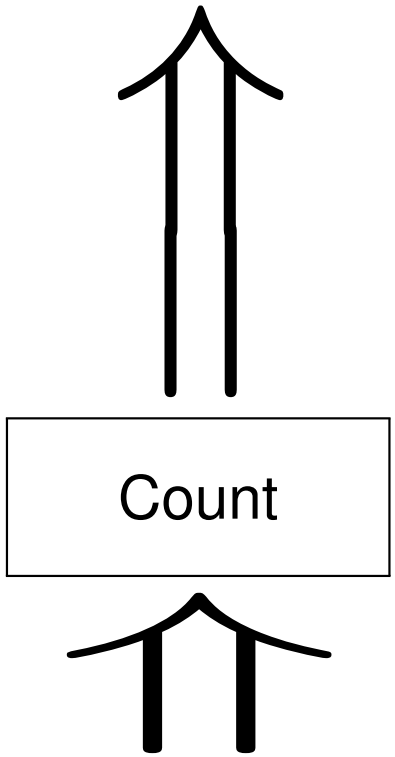

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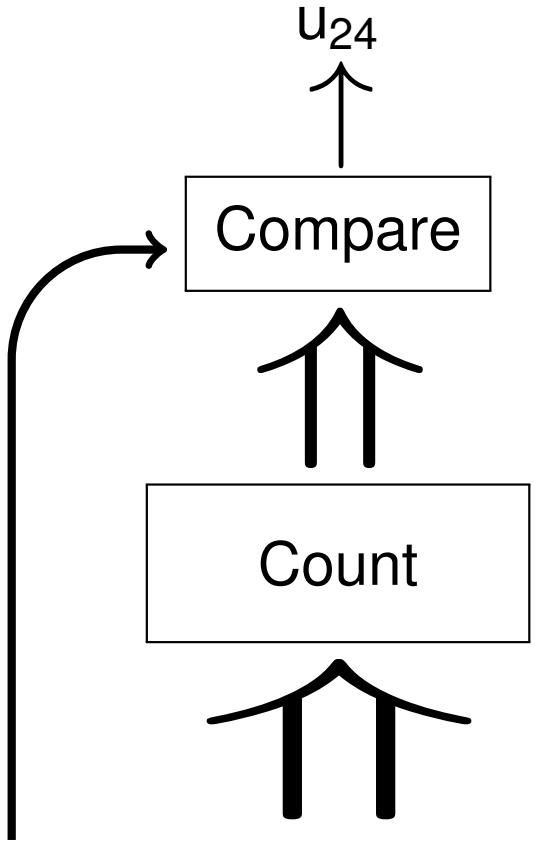
Previously:

$h :- u_{24}.$



$$12 \leq 5a + 6b + 2c + 3d + 10e$$

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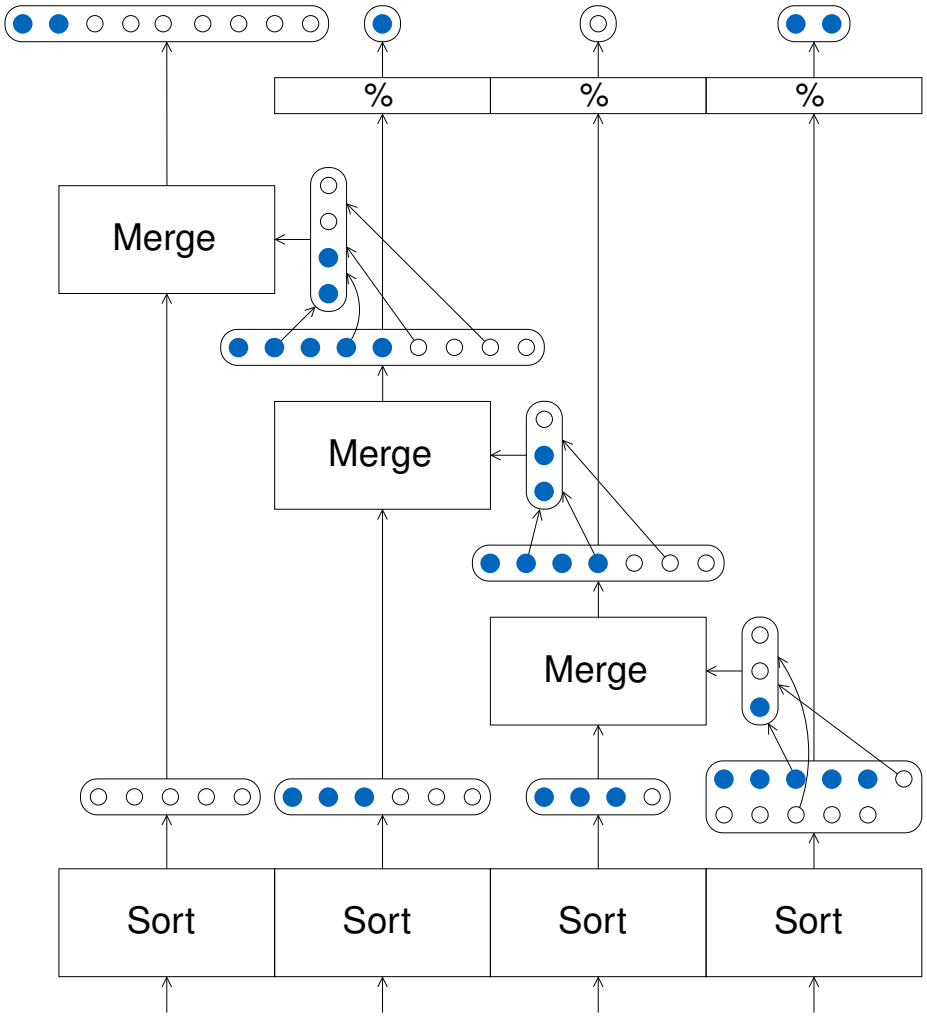
Weighted Expressions



Eén and Sörensson, JSAT'06

- Pseudo-Boolean $\Rightarrow$ sorting networks $\Rightarrow$ SAT.

Bomanson, Gebser, and Janhunen, JELIA'14

- Weight rules $\Rightarrow$ normal rules

Size: $O(b(\log b)^2)$ in the number of bits.

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- ... or one chunk of digits:

$$= 4a + 1a + 4b + 2b + 2c + 2d + 1d + 8e + 2e$$
$$= (4a + 4b + 8e) + 1a + 2b + 2c + 2d + 1d + 2e$$

Significance Based Selection

Global $k = 2$:

	5	6	2	3	10
1	1	0	0	1	0
2	0	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	1

Significance Based Selection

Local $k = 1$:

	5	6	2	3	10
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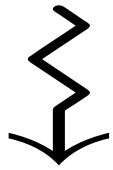

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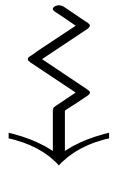

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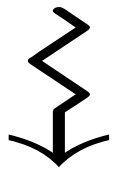

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Experiments

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mixed-radix				37	5	19	32	19
global $k = 7$				28	8	19	31	23
local $k = 1$				38	9	18	45	26
local $k = 2$				39	10	19	48	27
local $k = 3$				38	10	23	48	27

Conclusion

- We rewrite optimization statements in ASP programs.
- The rewritings are similar to translations of pseudo-Boolean constraints.
- Based on experiments, limiting output size by rewriting in chunks or rewriting only important parts selectively is beneficial.