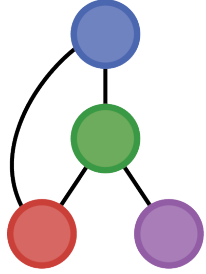


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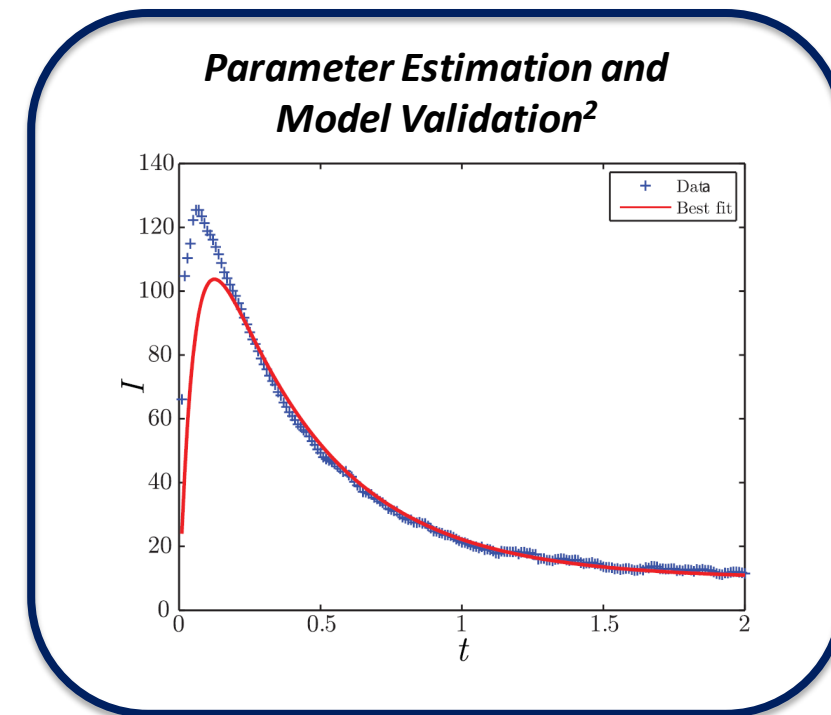
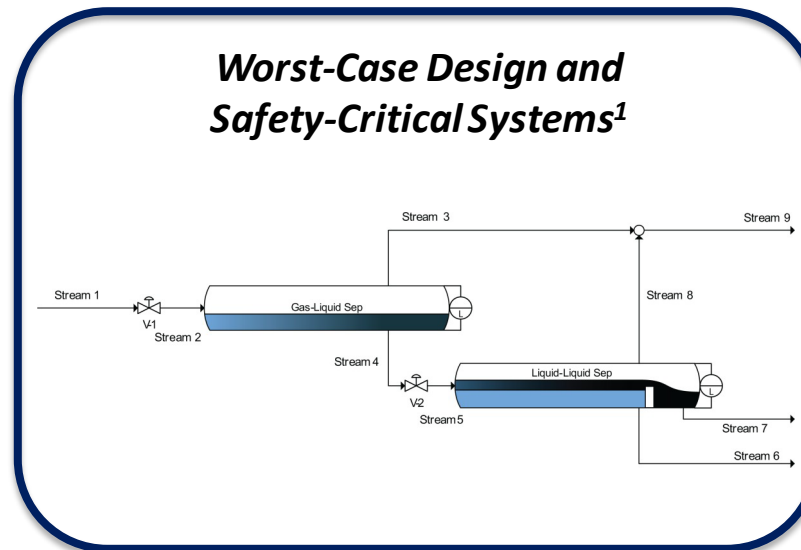
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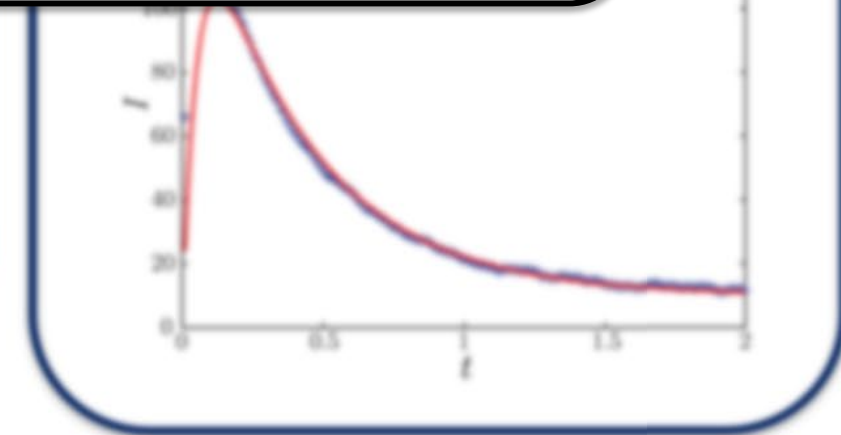
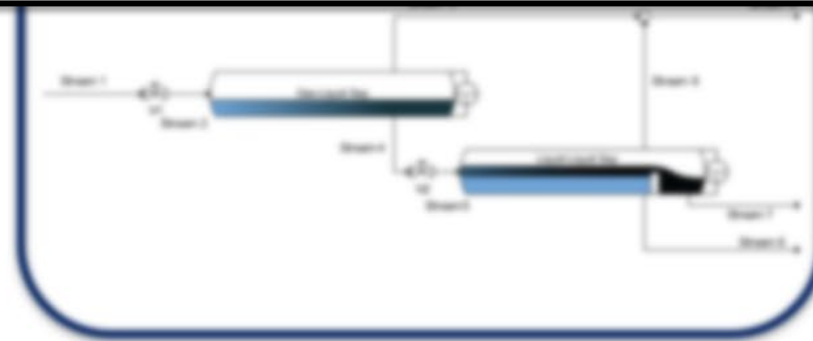
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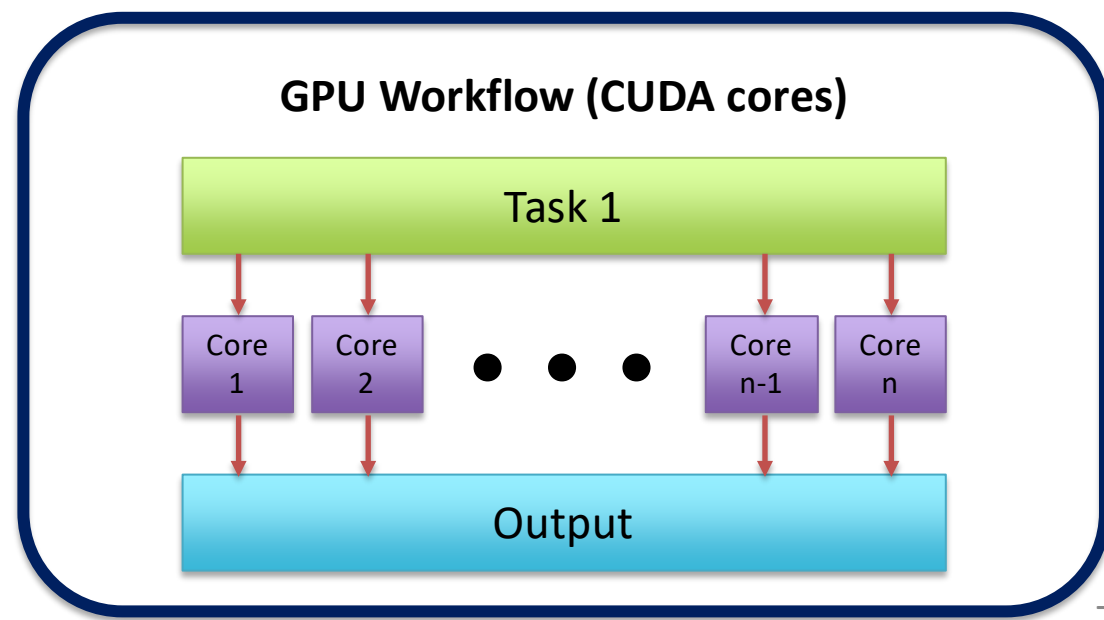
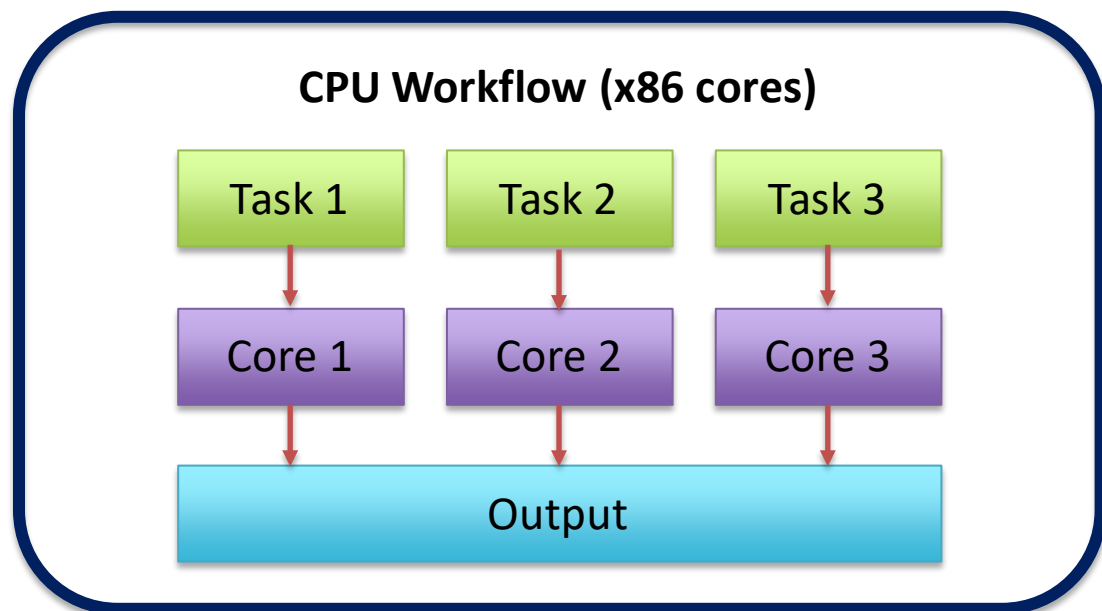
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# CPU vs. GPU Parallelism

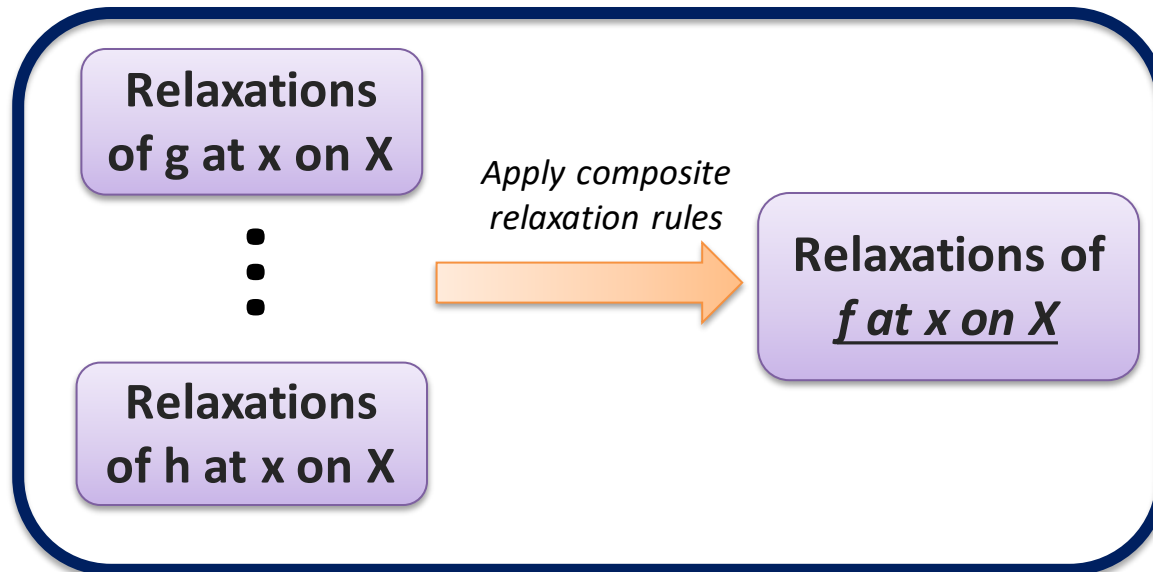
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- GPUs use **data parallelism (SIMD)**
  - Different cores perform the **same task** on **different portions of data**
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# McCormick Relaxations of Factorable Functions

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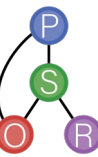
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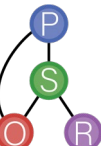


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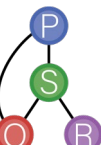


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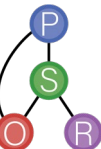
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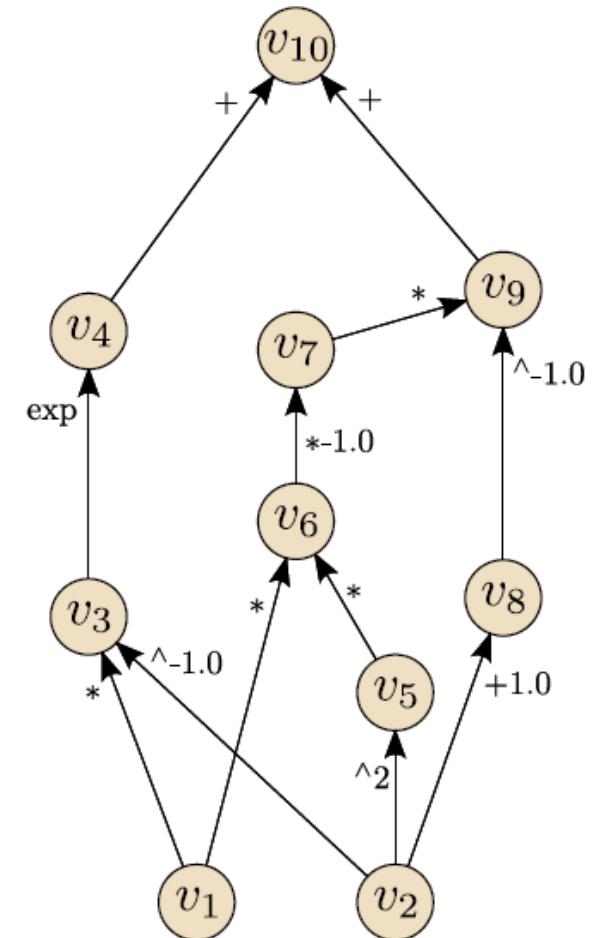
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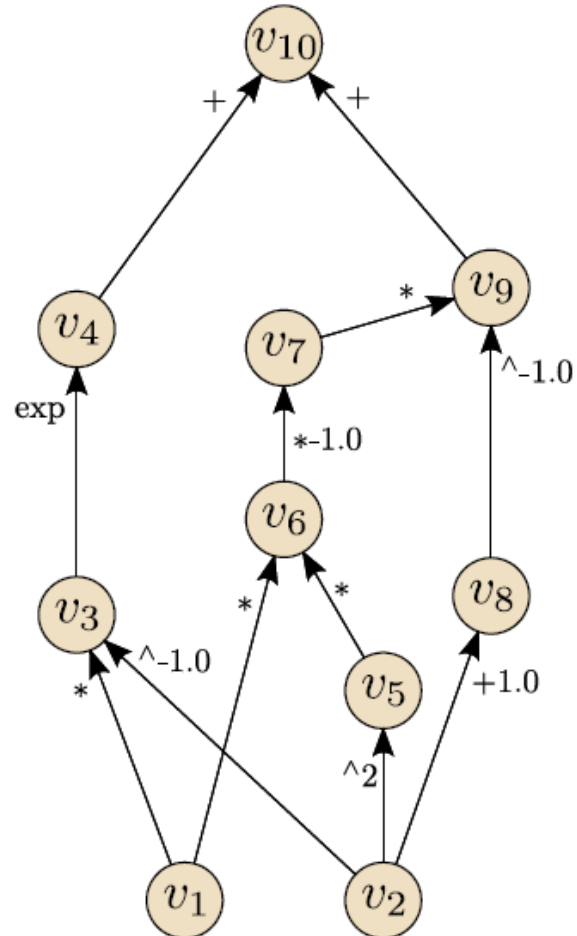
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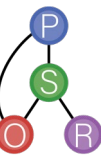


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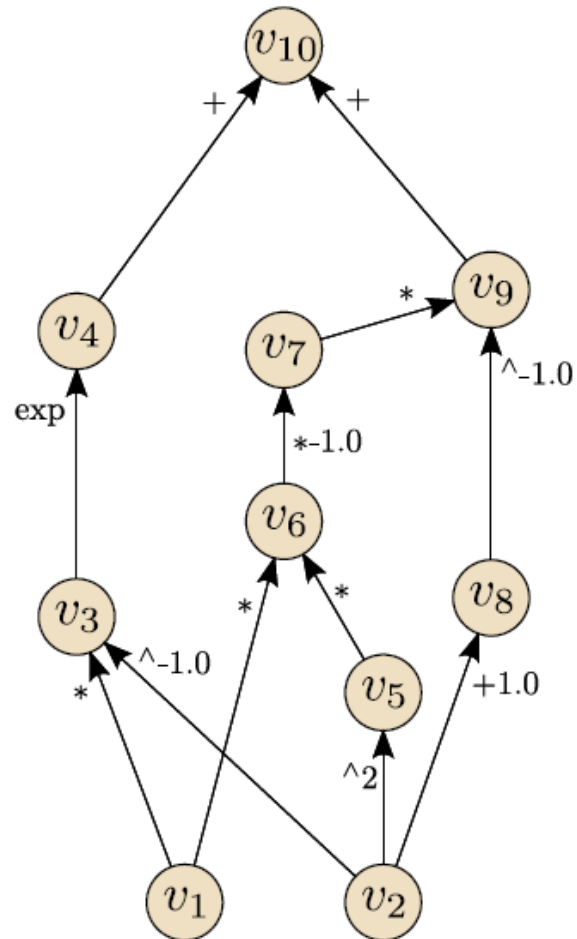


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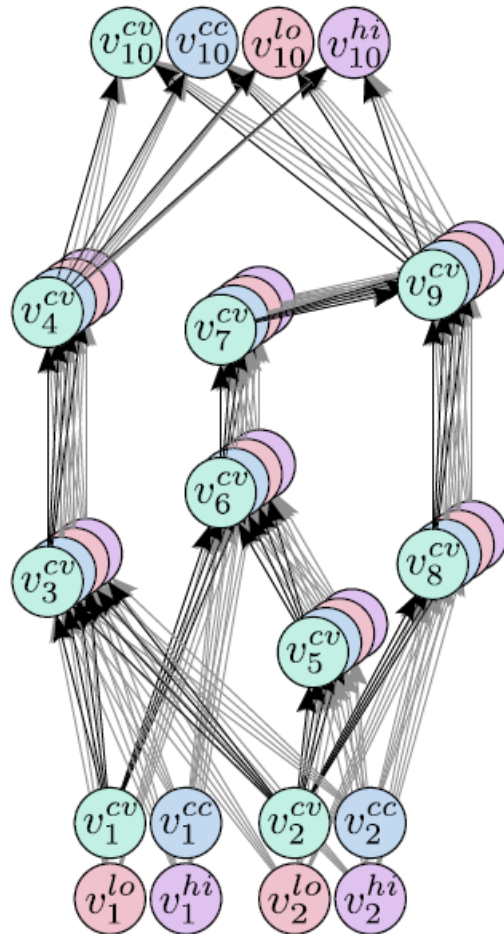


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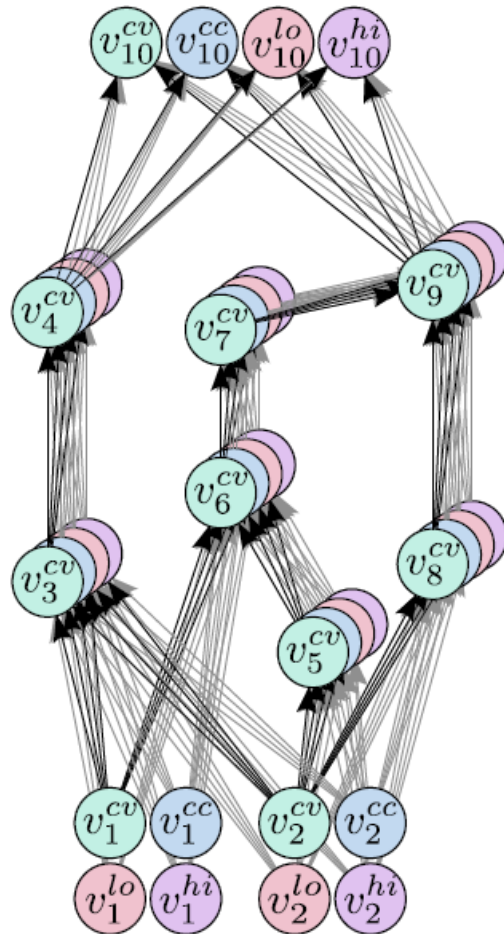
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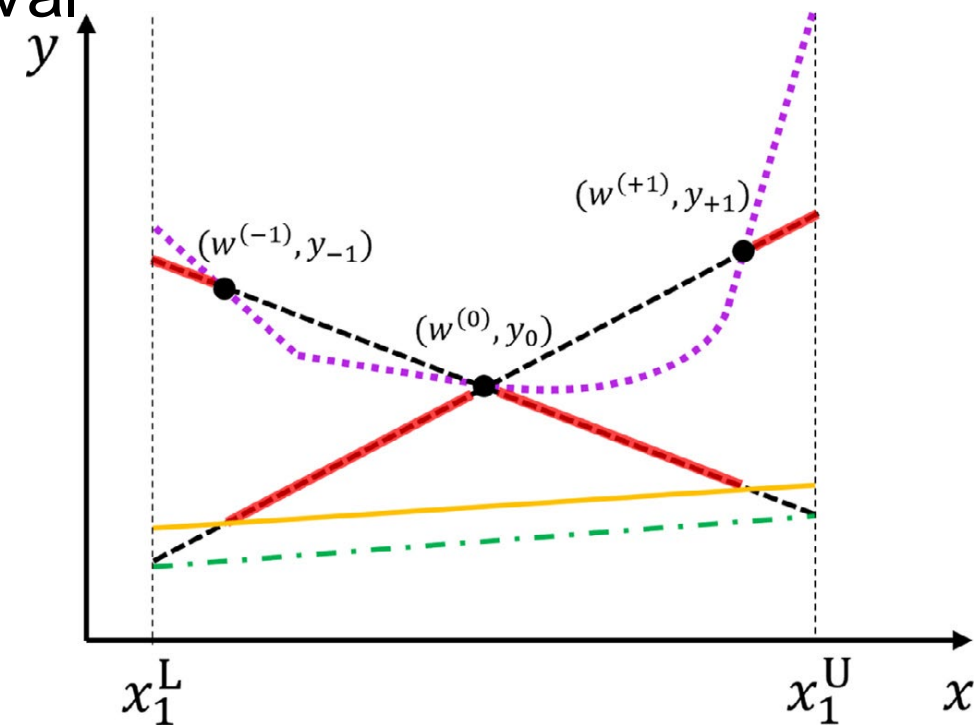


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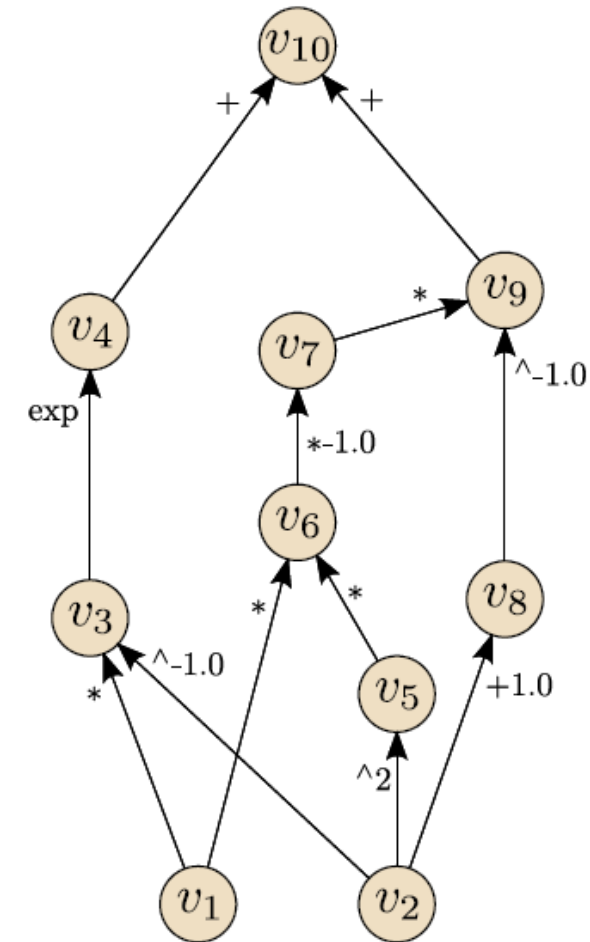
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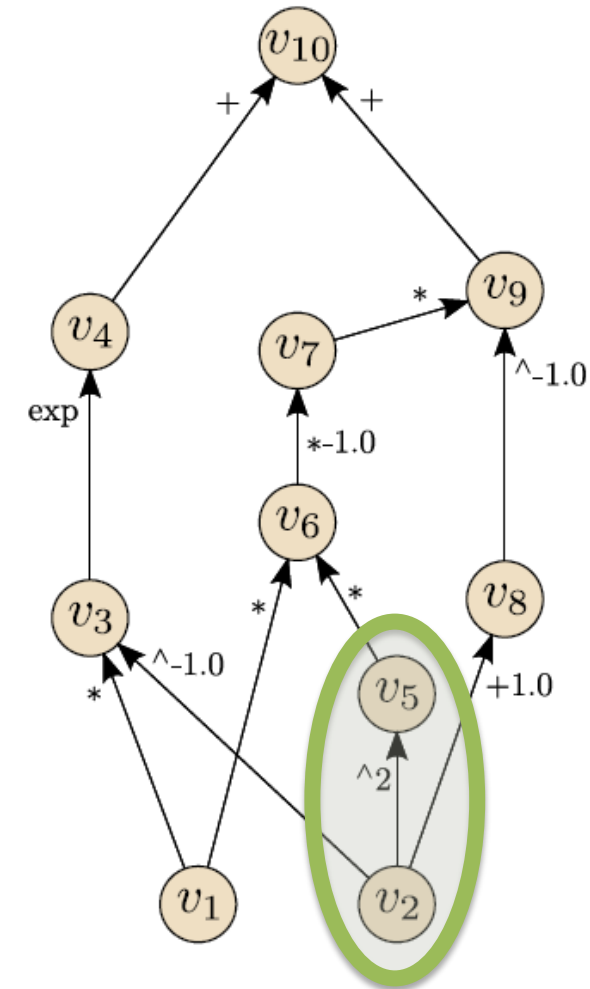
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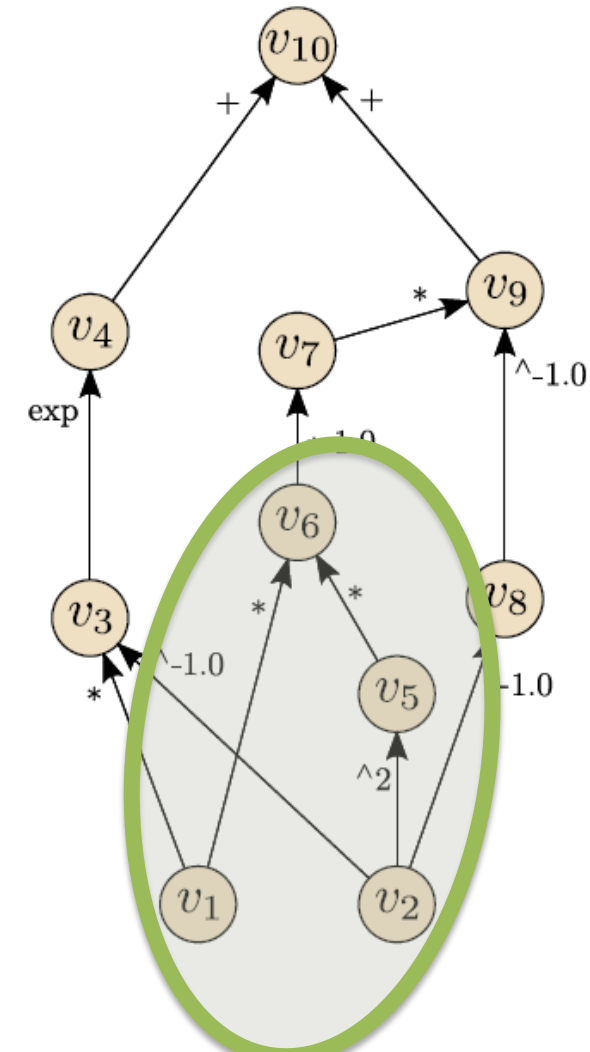
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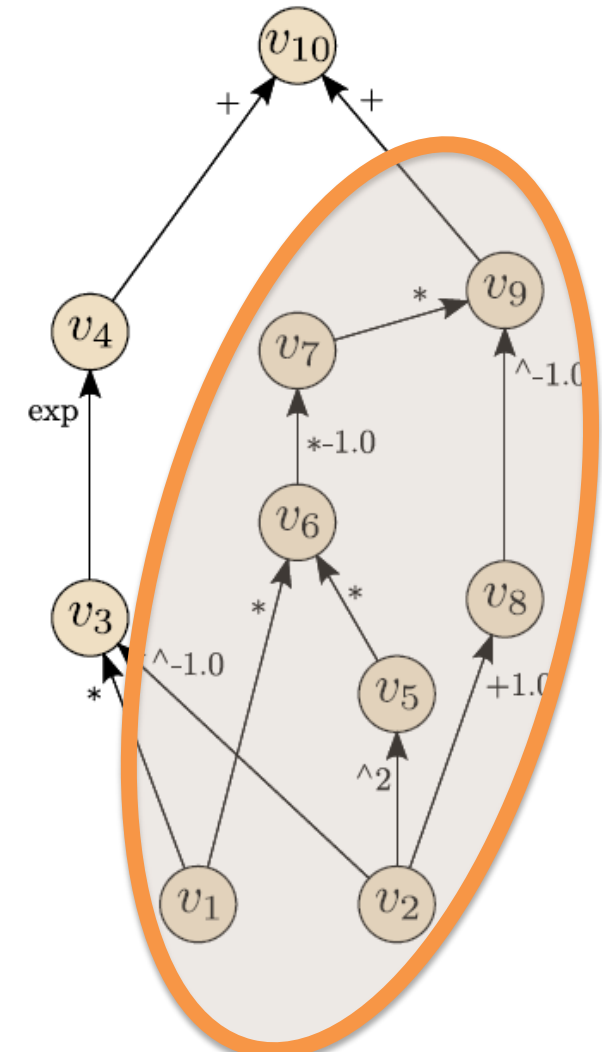
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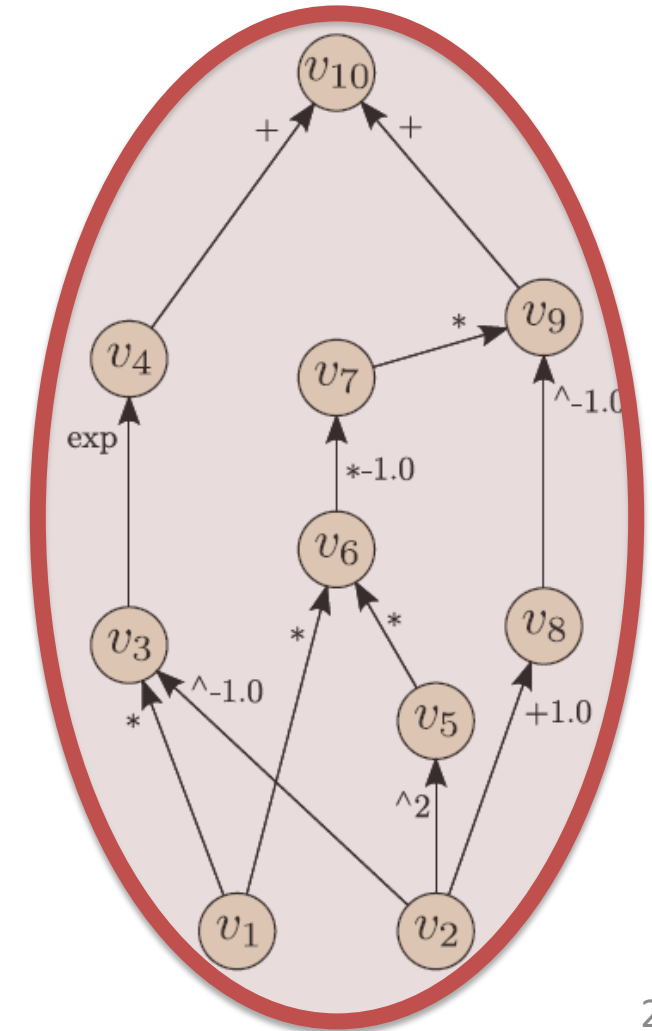
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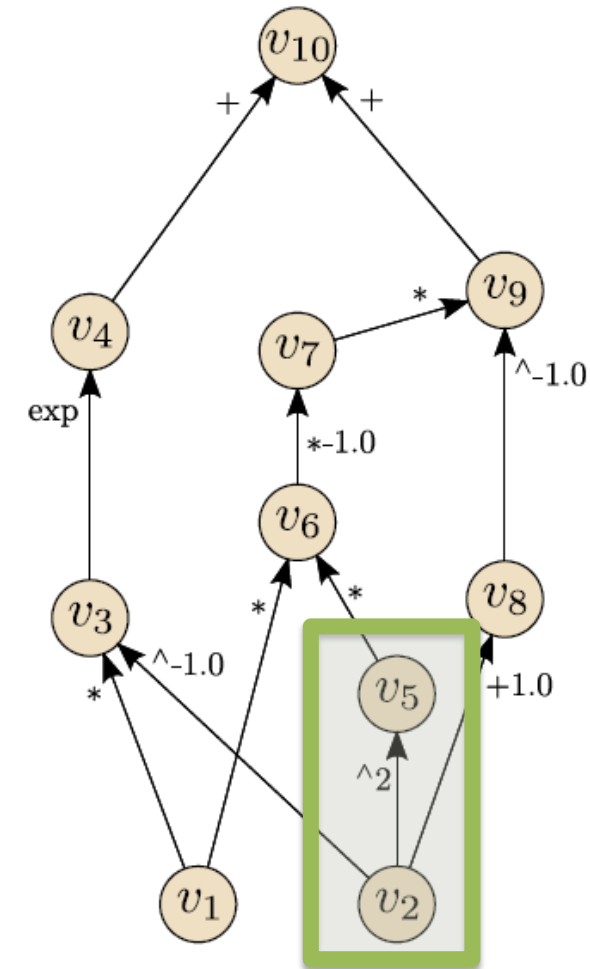
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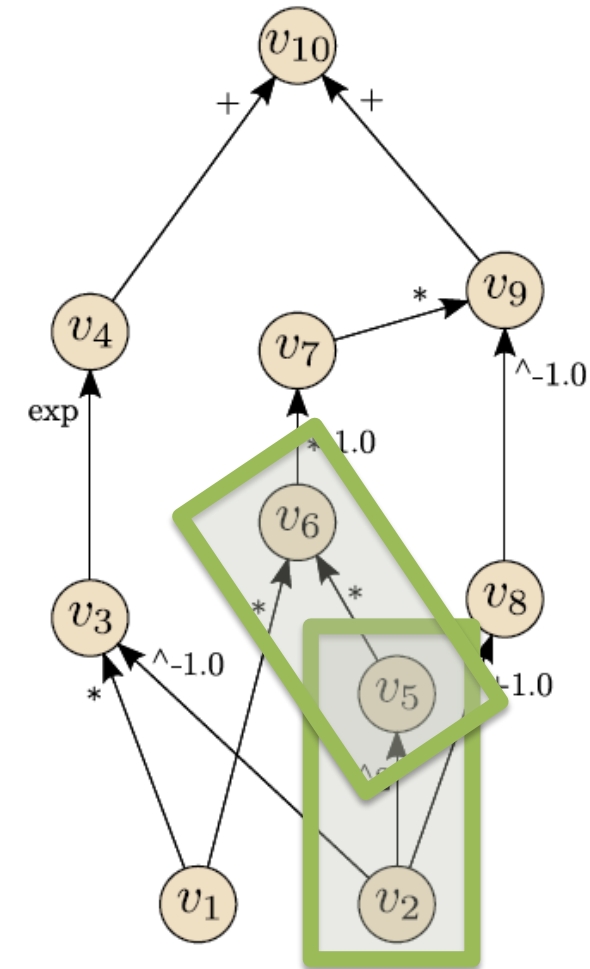
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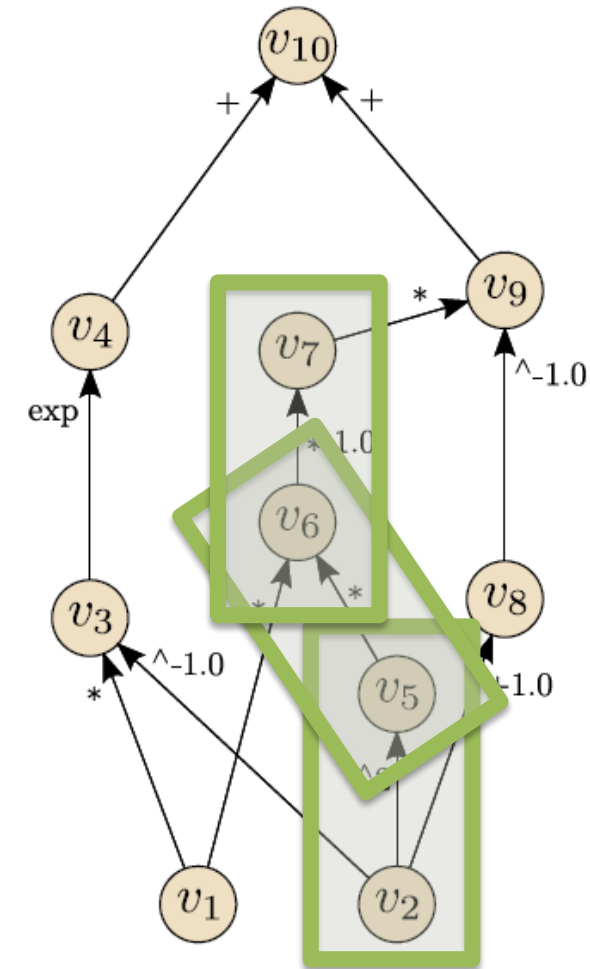
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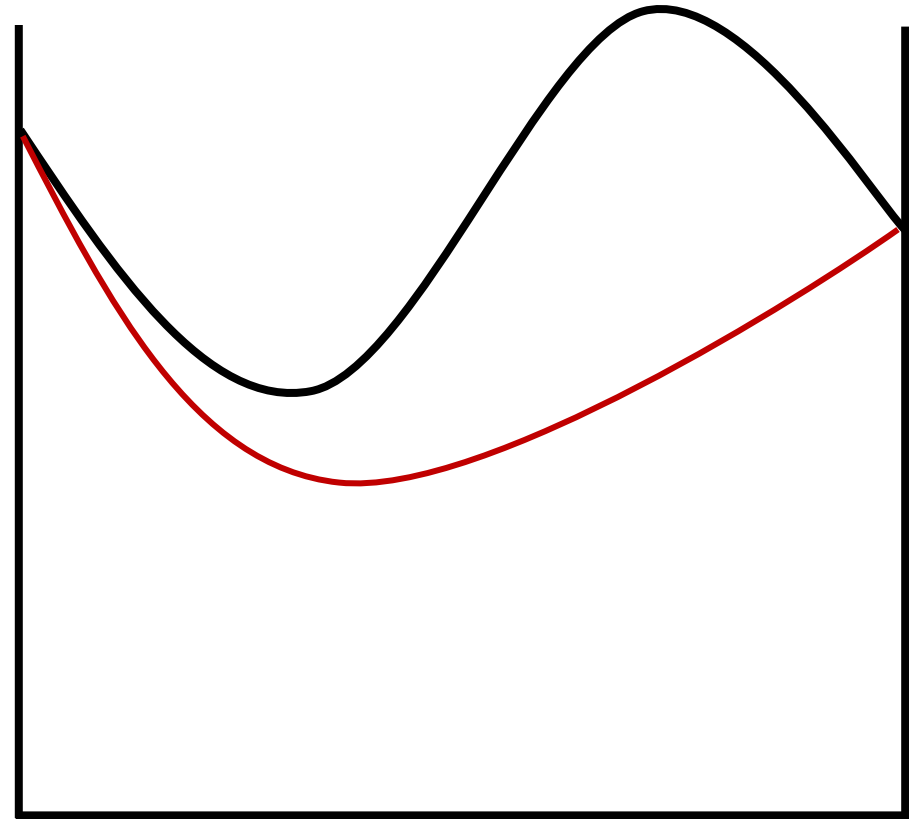
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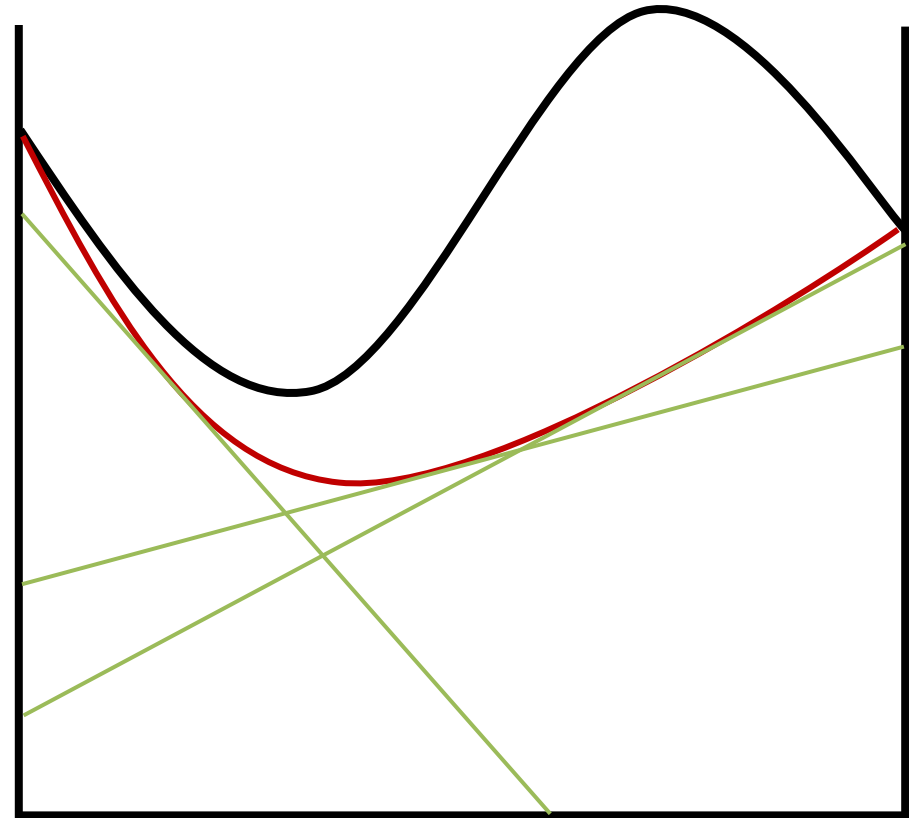
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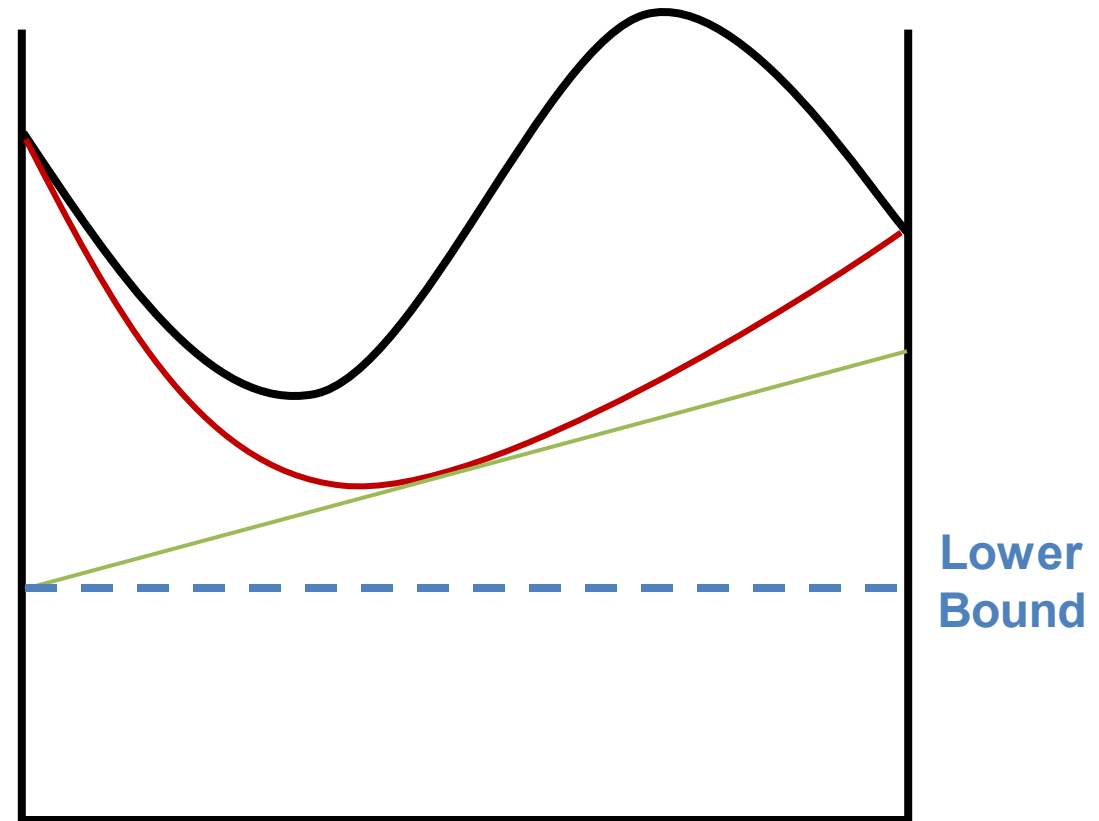
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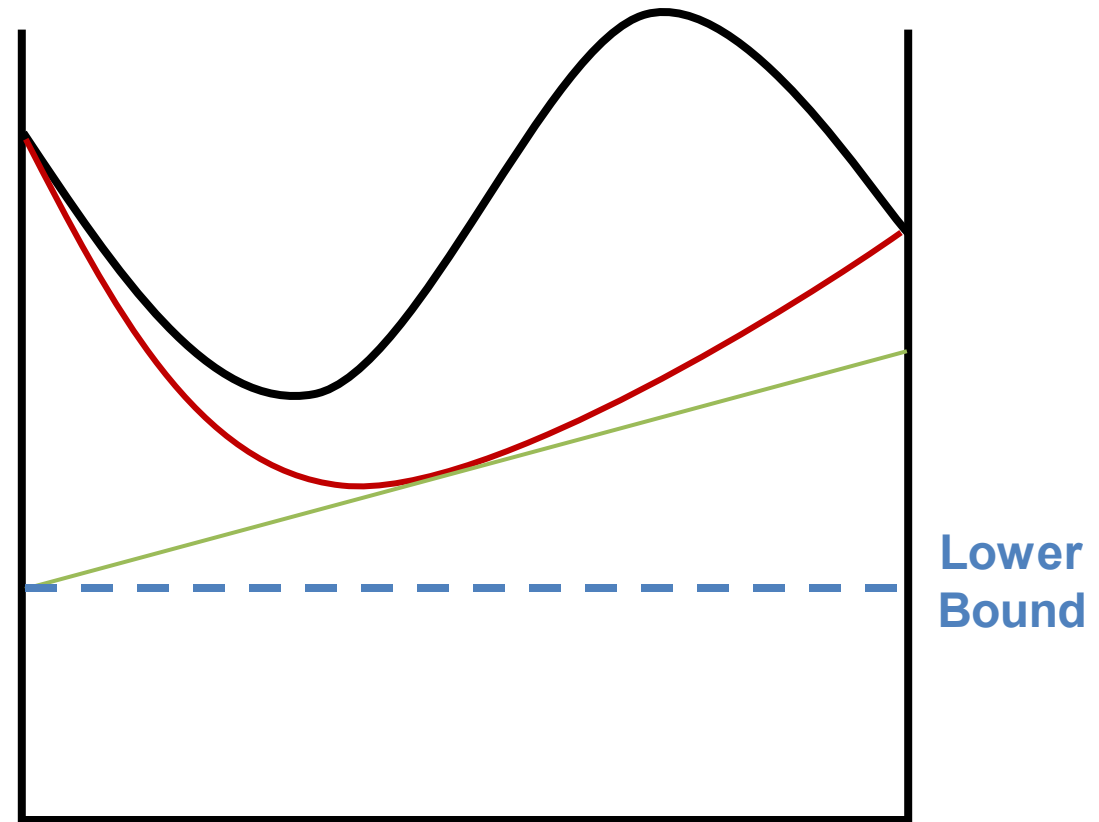


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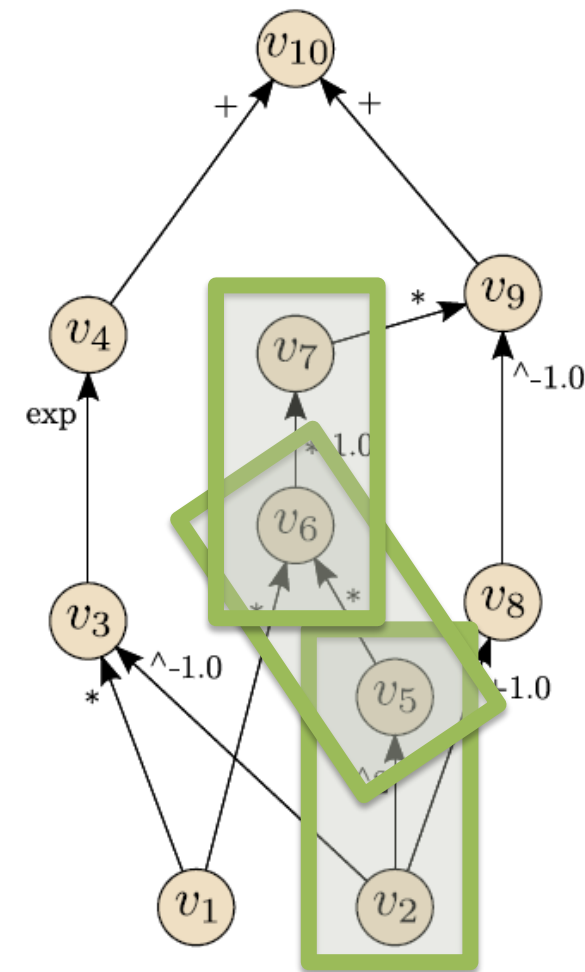
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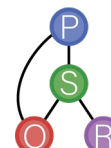
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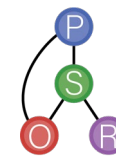
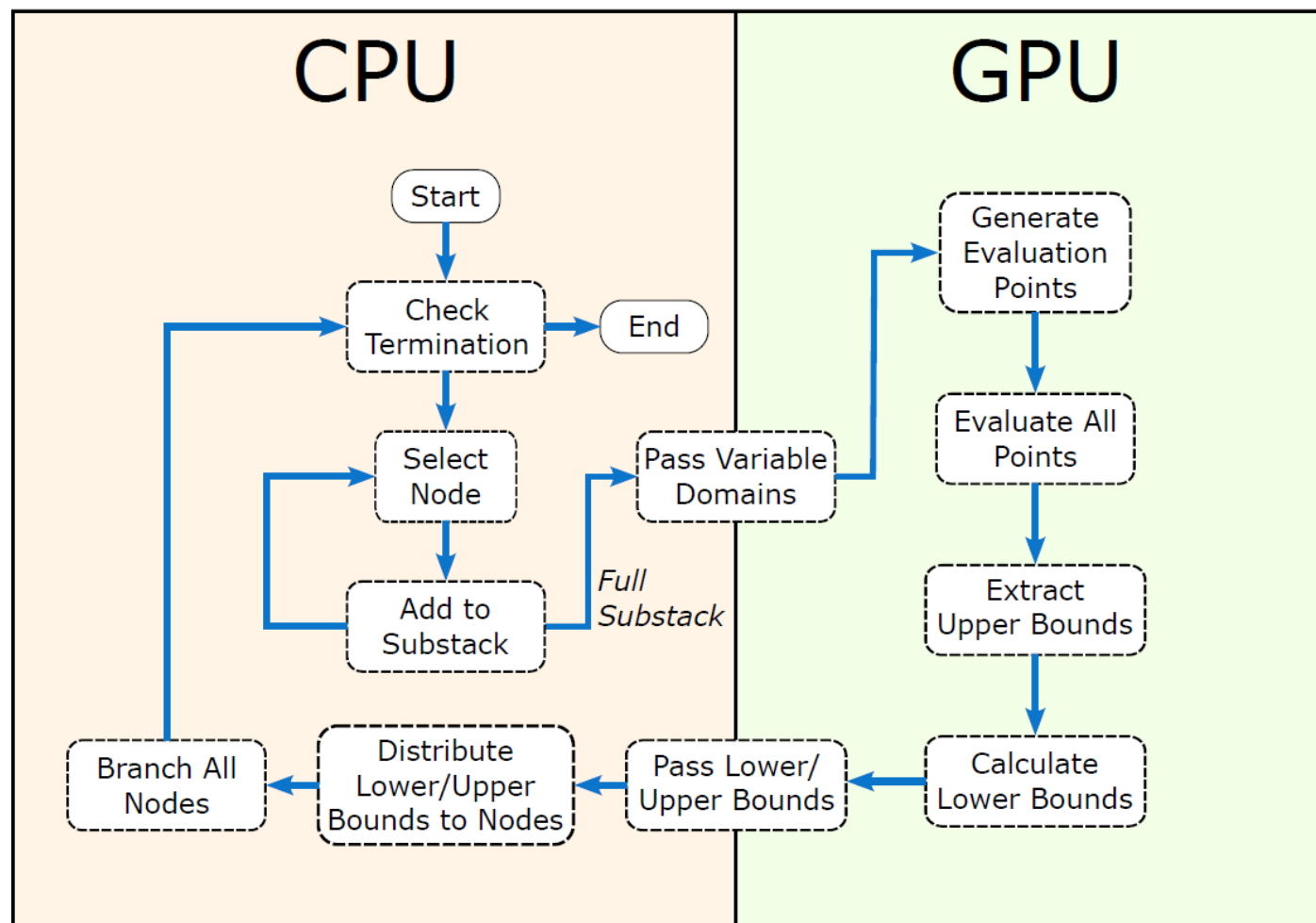
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# ParBB



# Kinetic Parameter Estimation

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$$I = x_A + \frac{2}{21} x_B + \frac{2}{21} x_D$$

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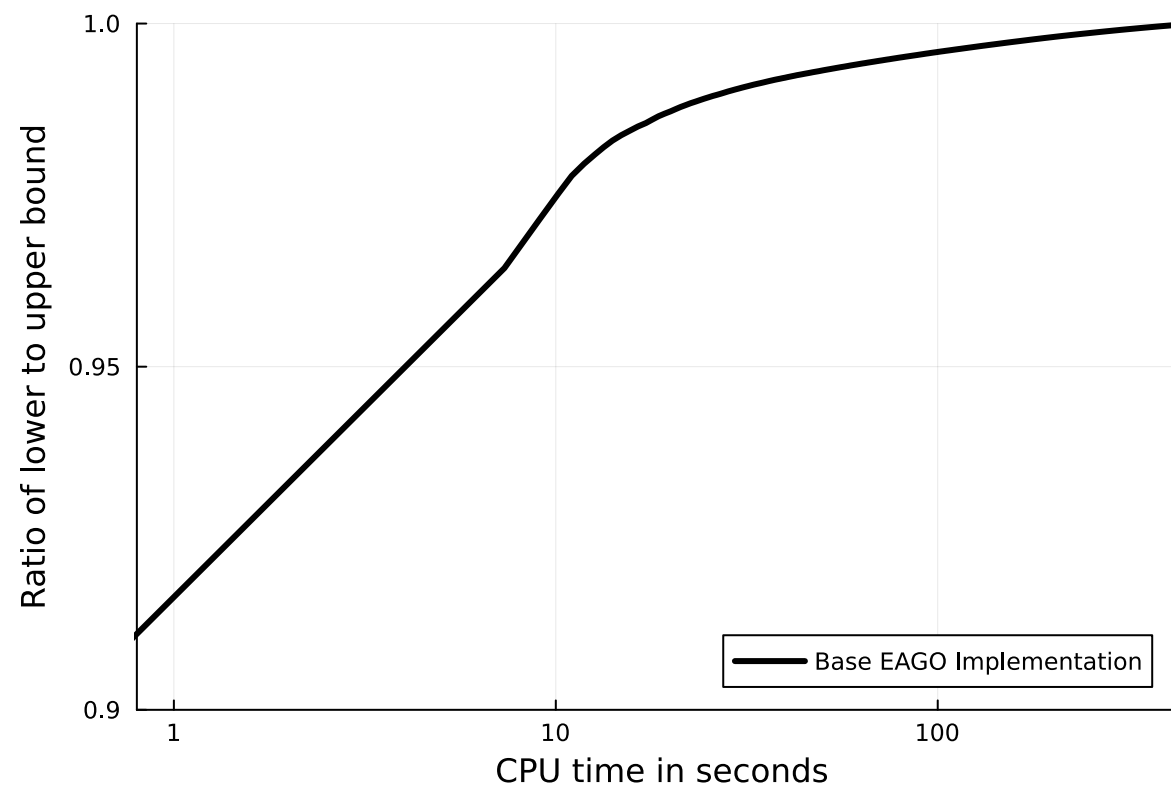


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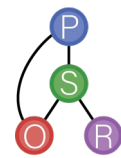


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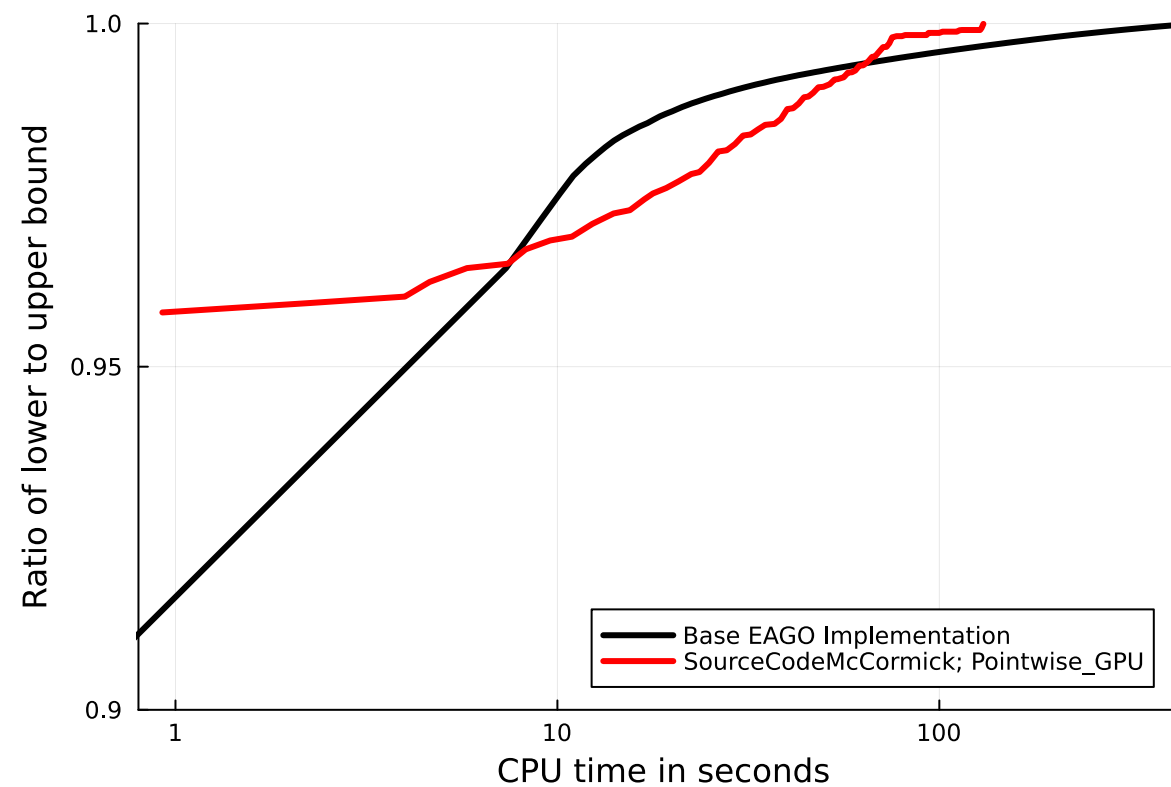


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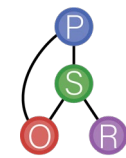
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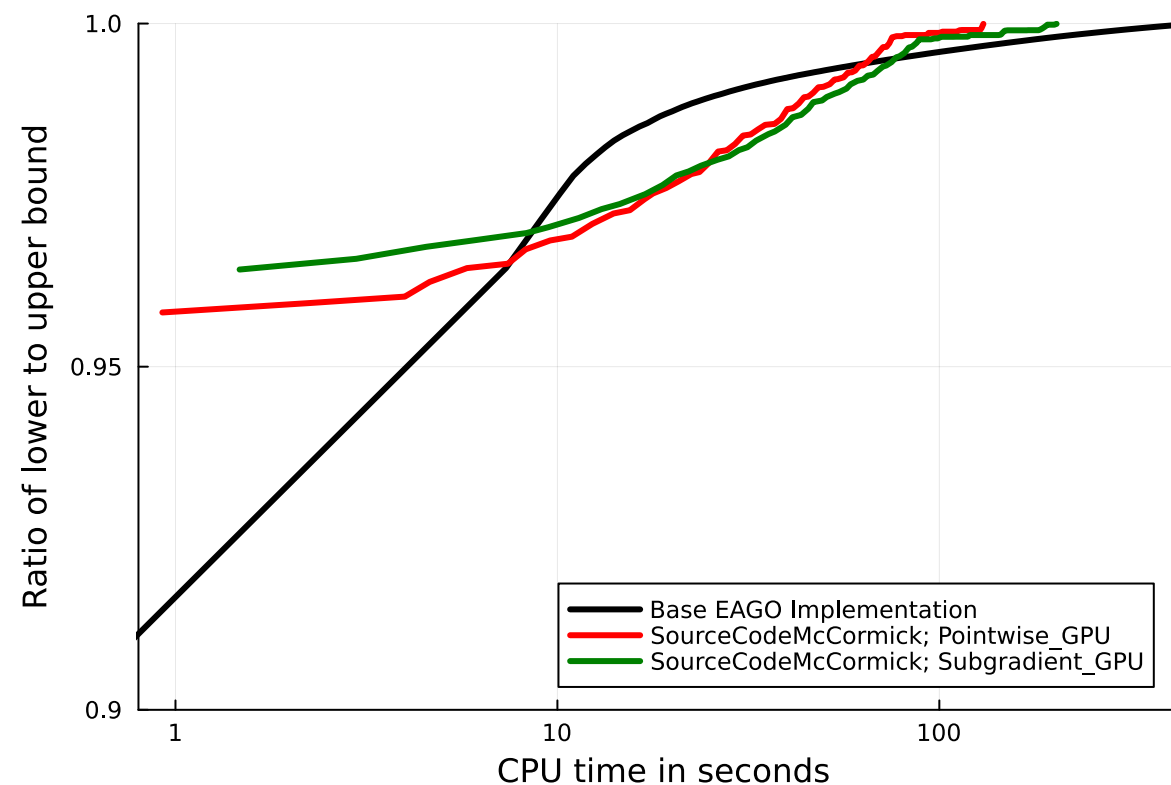
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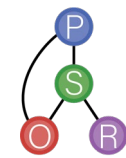
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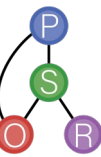
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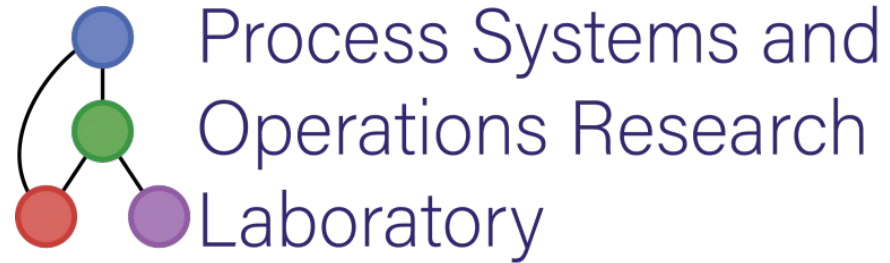
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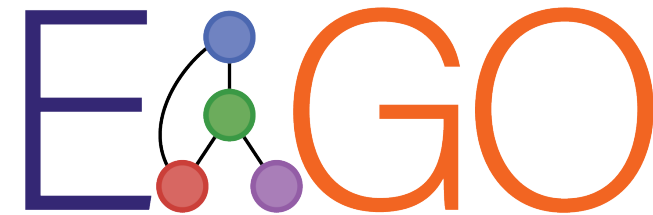
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# Questions?



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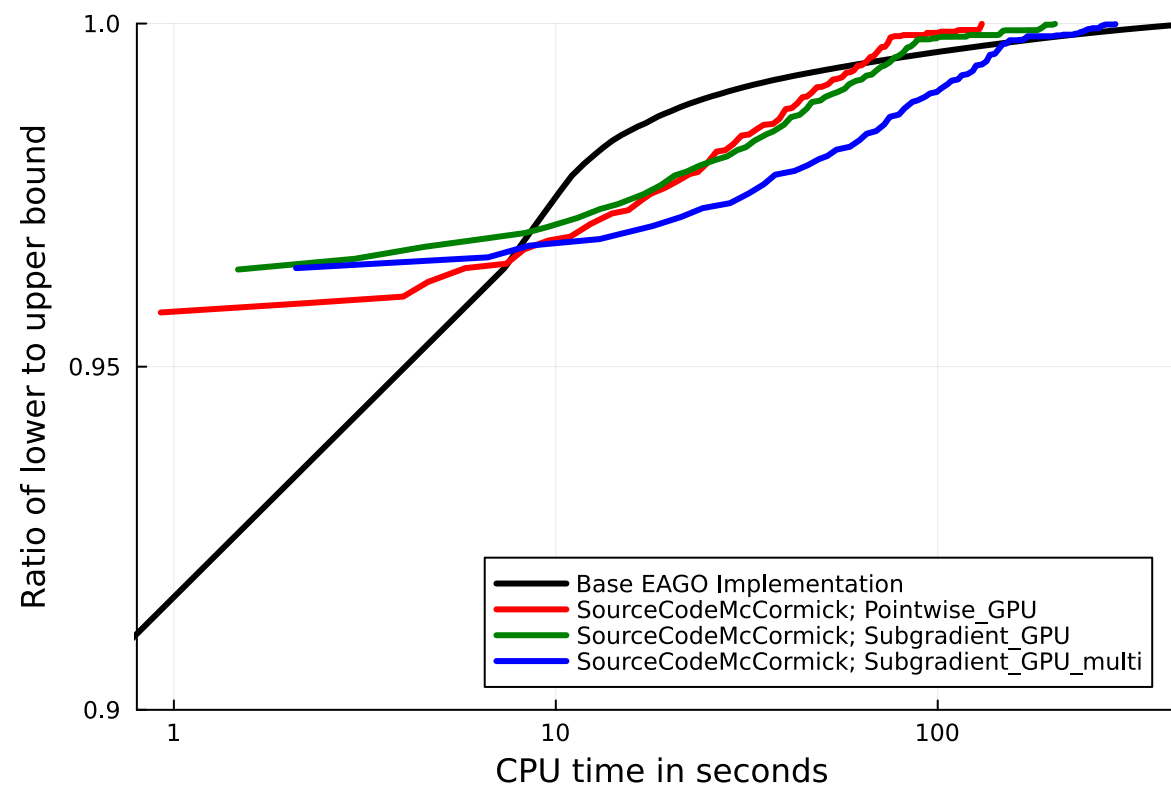


<https://www.github.com/PSORLab/EAGO.jl>



# Results

Solution Method	Convergence Time (s)	Nodes Accessed
Base EAGO	445.1	8.4E5
Pointwise GPU	130.4	4.5E6
Subgradient GPU	202.7	5.2E6
Subgradient GPU (multi)	291.9	4.3E6



CPU: Intel W-2195

GPU: NVIDIA Quadro GV100

