Algorithms for Graph Visualization

Layered Layout – Part 2

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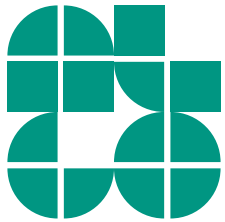

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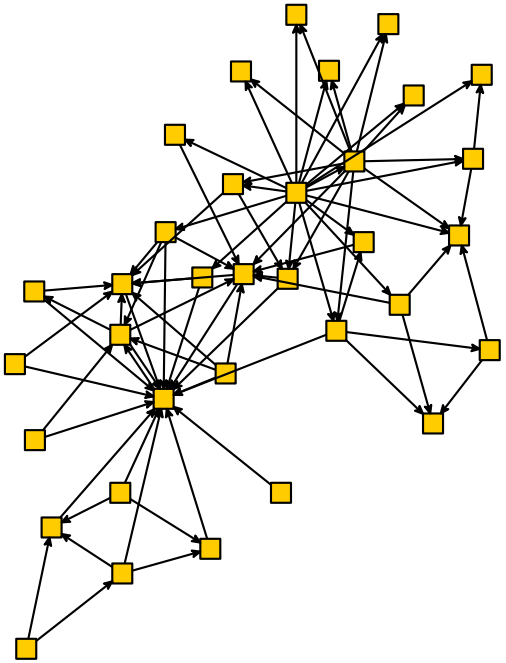

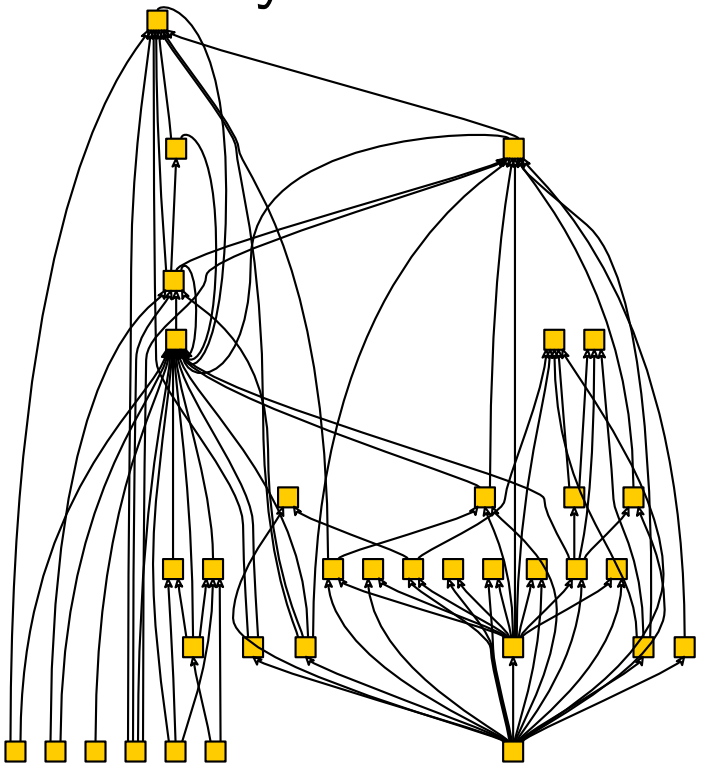

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Criteria:

- many edges pointing to the same direction
- few layers or limited number of nodes per layer
- preferably few edge crossings
- nodes distributed evenly
- edges preferably straight and short

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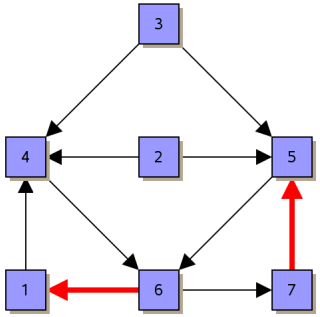

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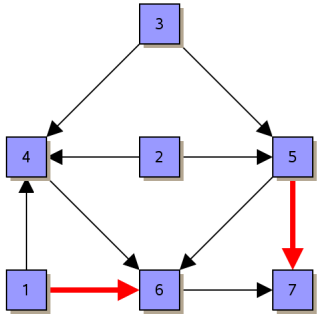

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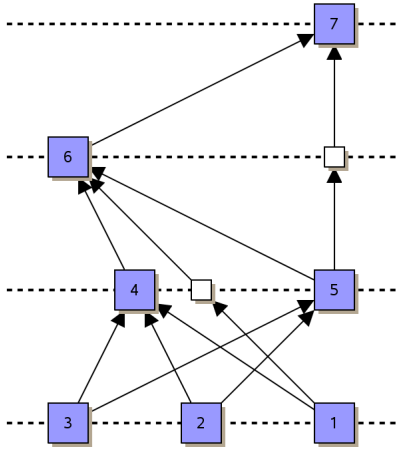

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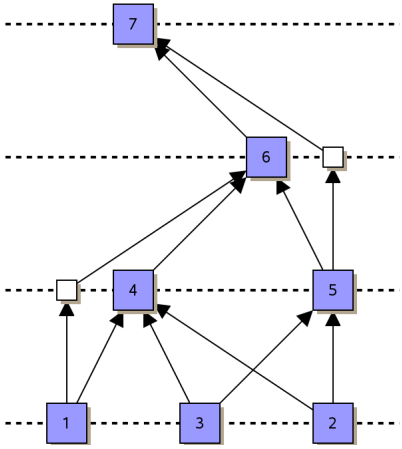

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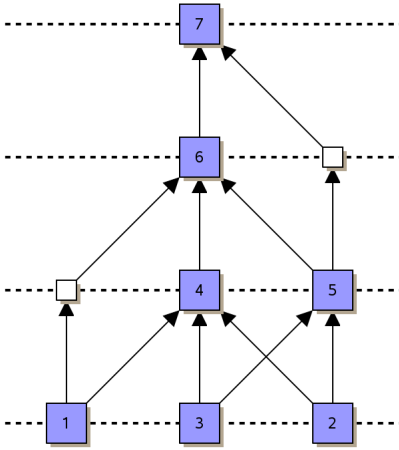

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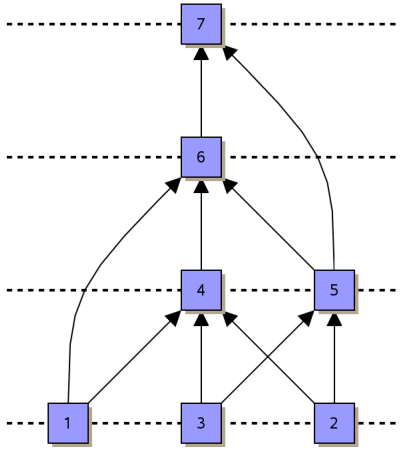

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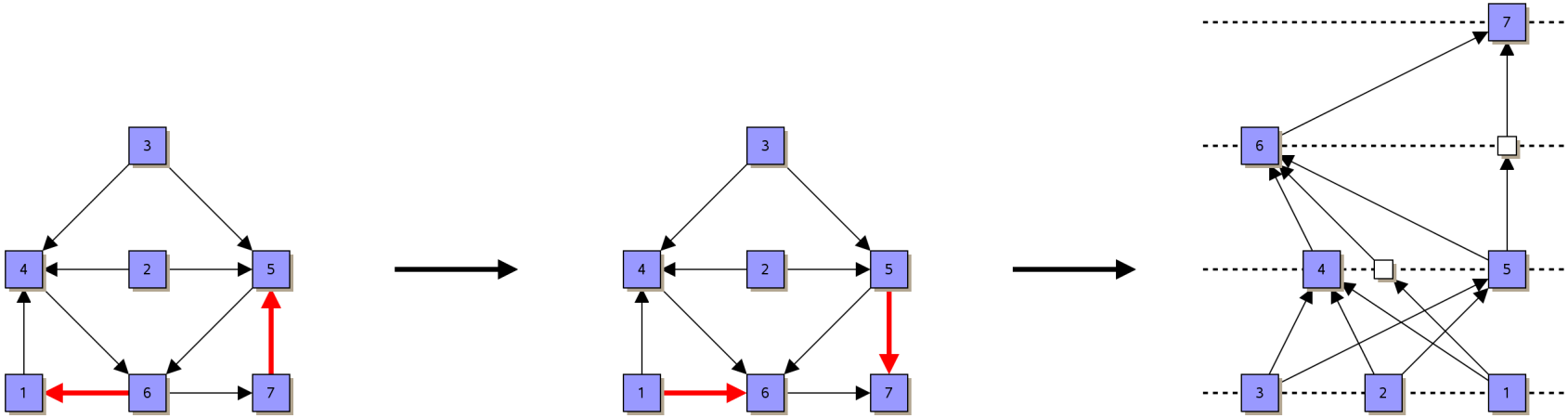

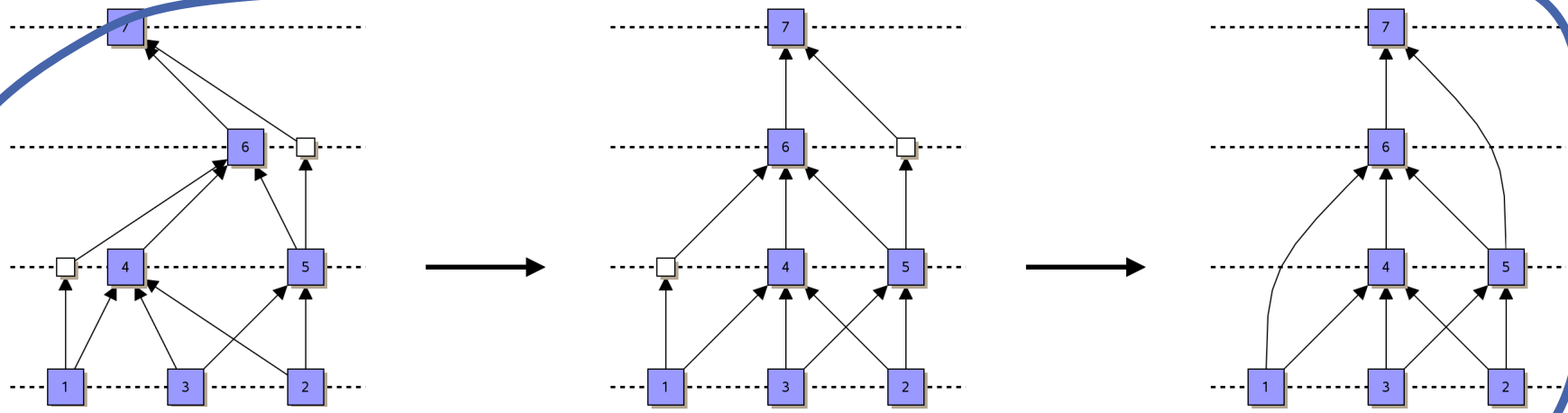

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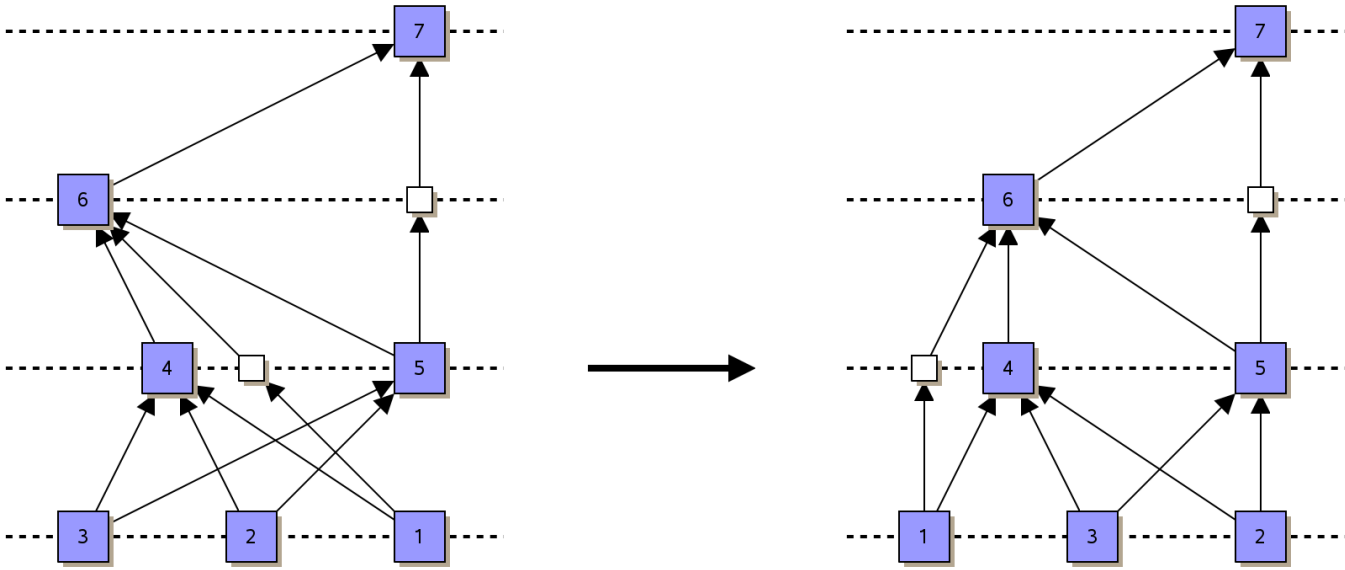

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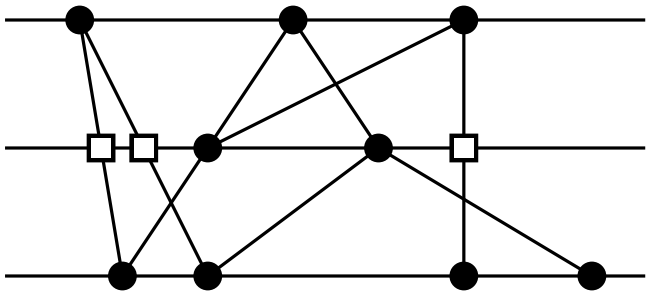
Properties

- Problem is NP-hard even for two layers (Bipartite Crossing Number [Garey, Johnson '83])
- No approach over several layers simultaneously
- Usually iterative optimization for two adjacent layers
- For that: insert dummy nodes at the intersection of edges with layers



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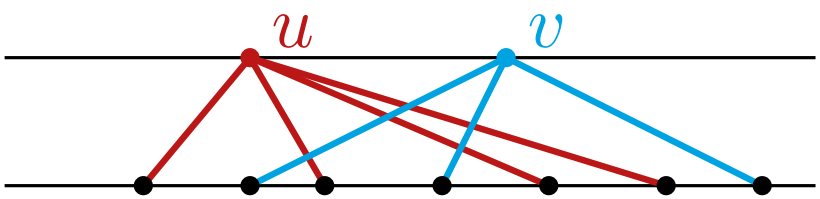

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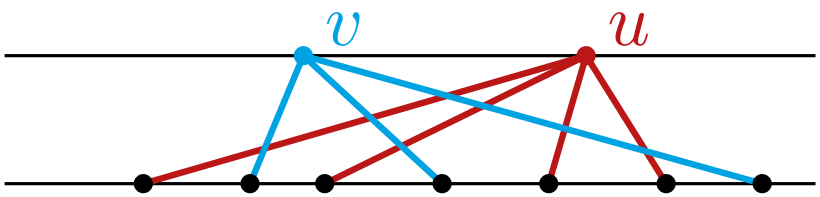

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Think for a minute and then share

Why the second inequality is not an equality?

1 min

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Theorem 1: The One-Sided Crossing Minimization (OSCM) problem is NP-hard (Eades, Wormald 1994).

Algorithms for OSCM

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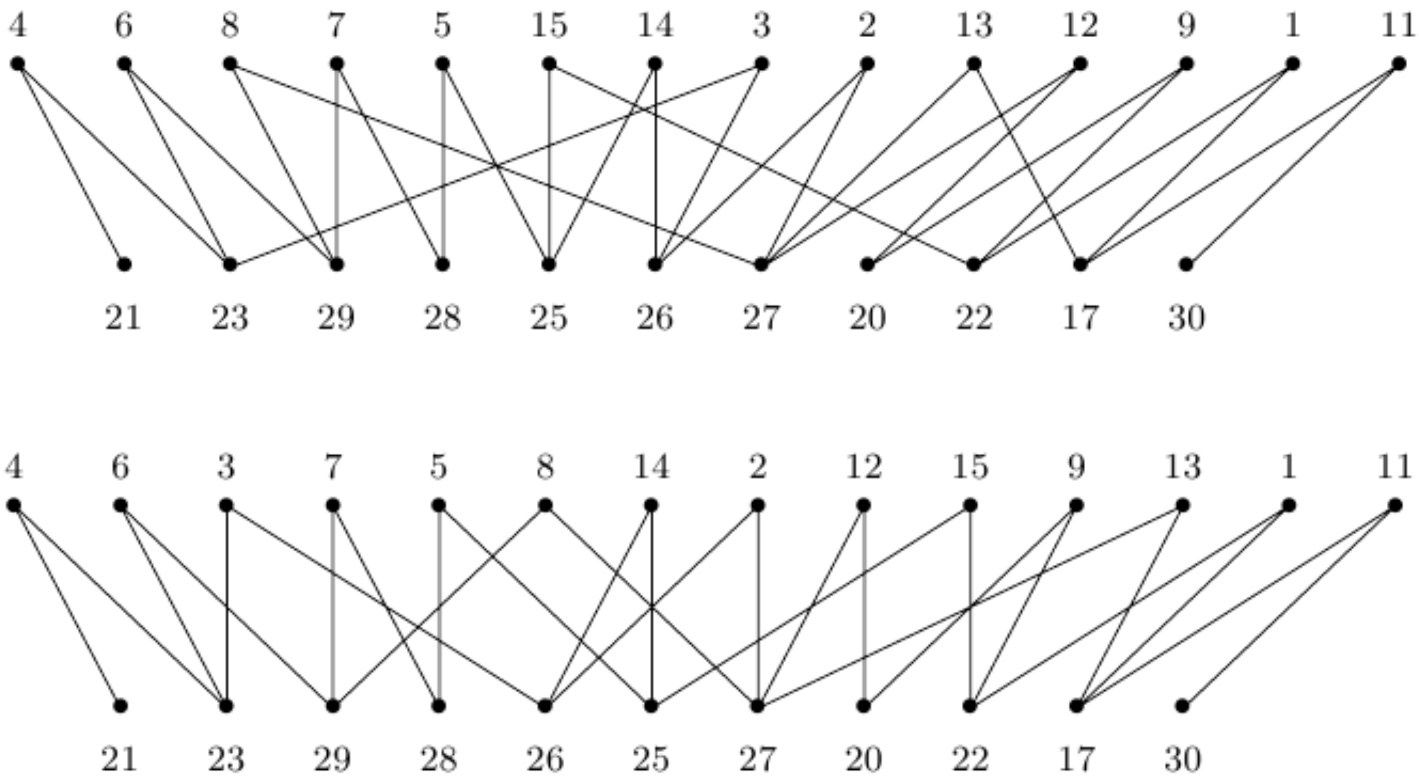

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Work with your neighbour and then share

Construct an example proving that barycenter method works at least $\sqrt{n}$ times worse than optimal

5 min

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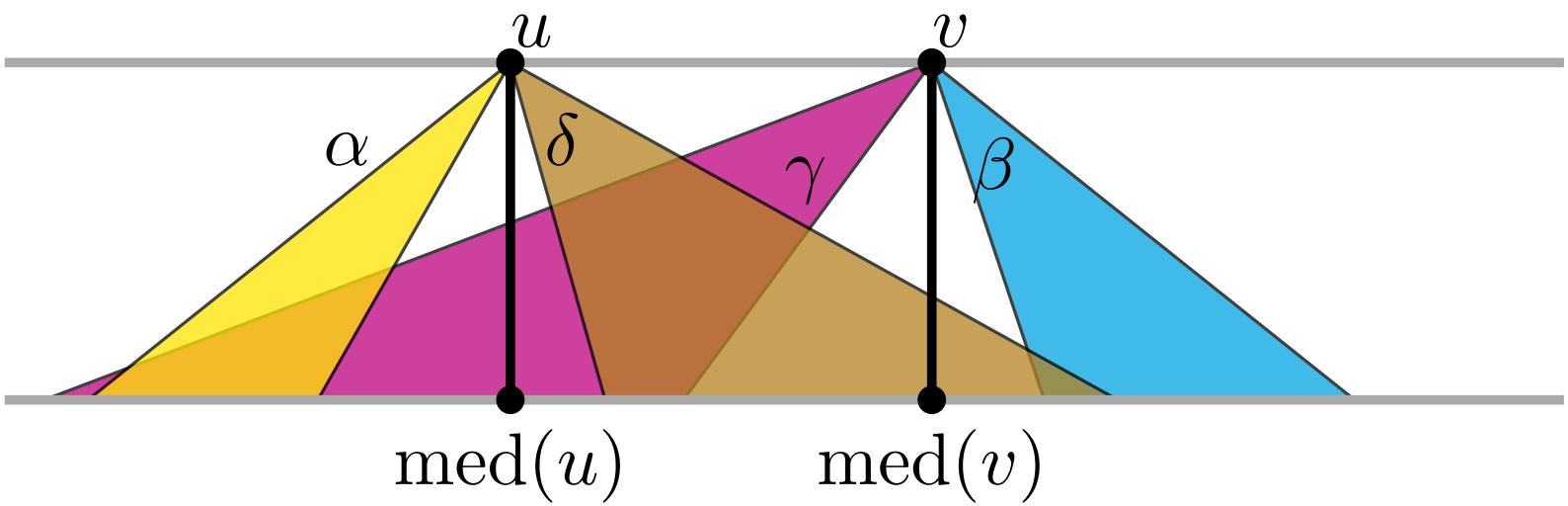

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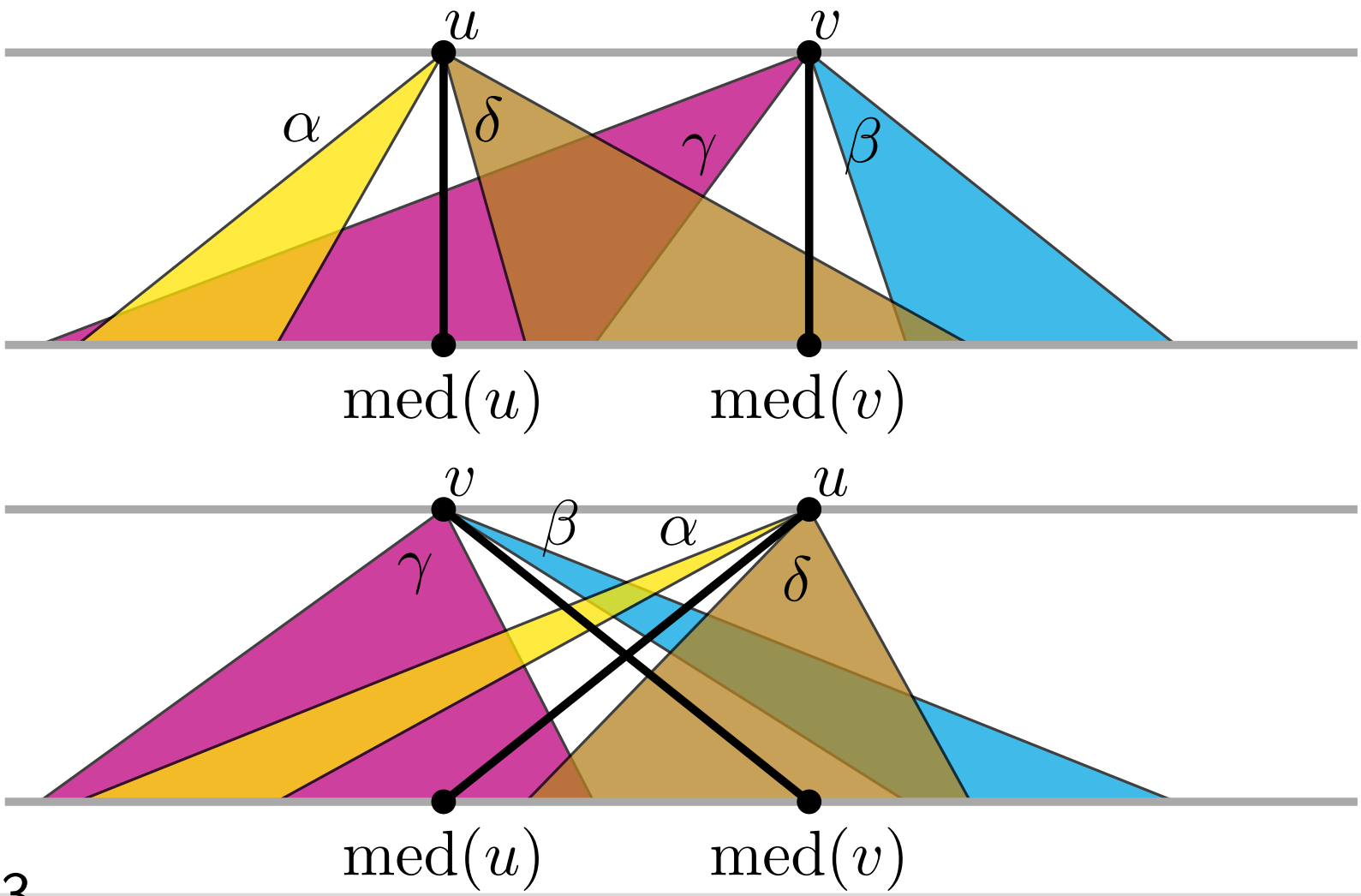

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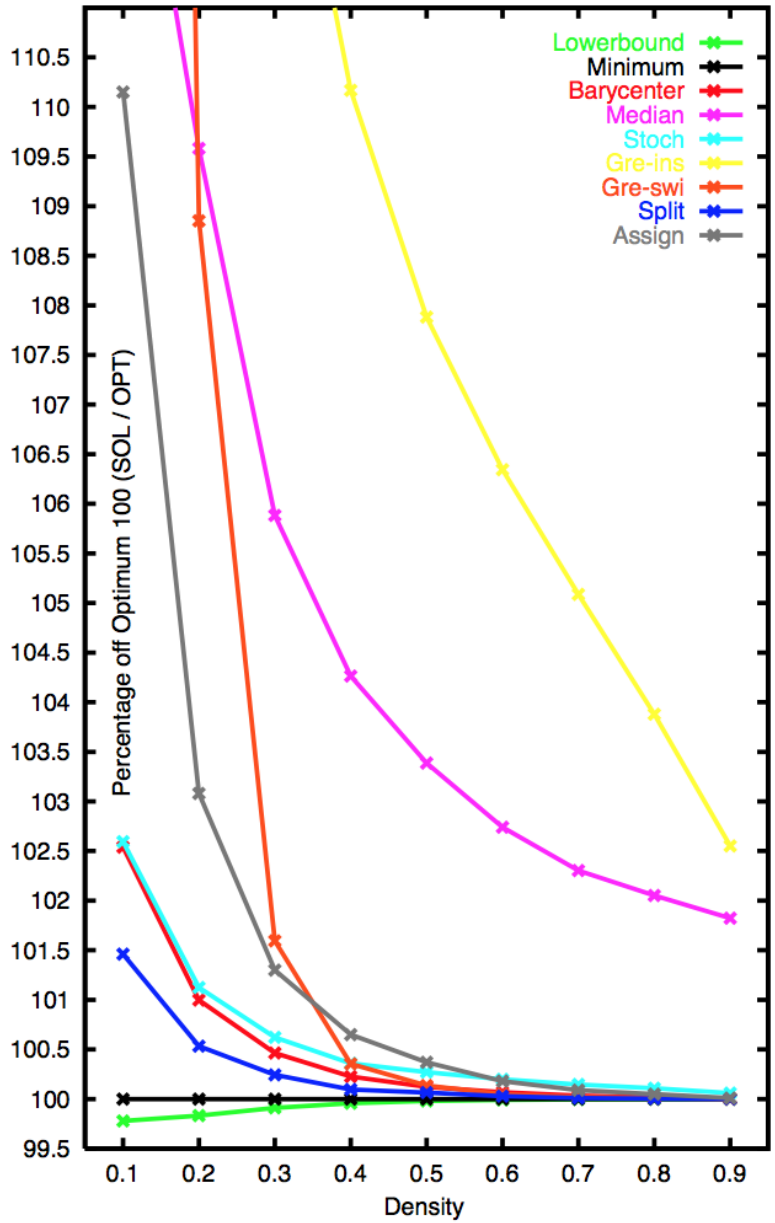

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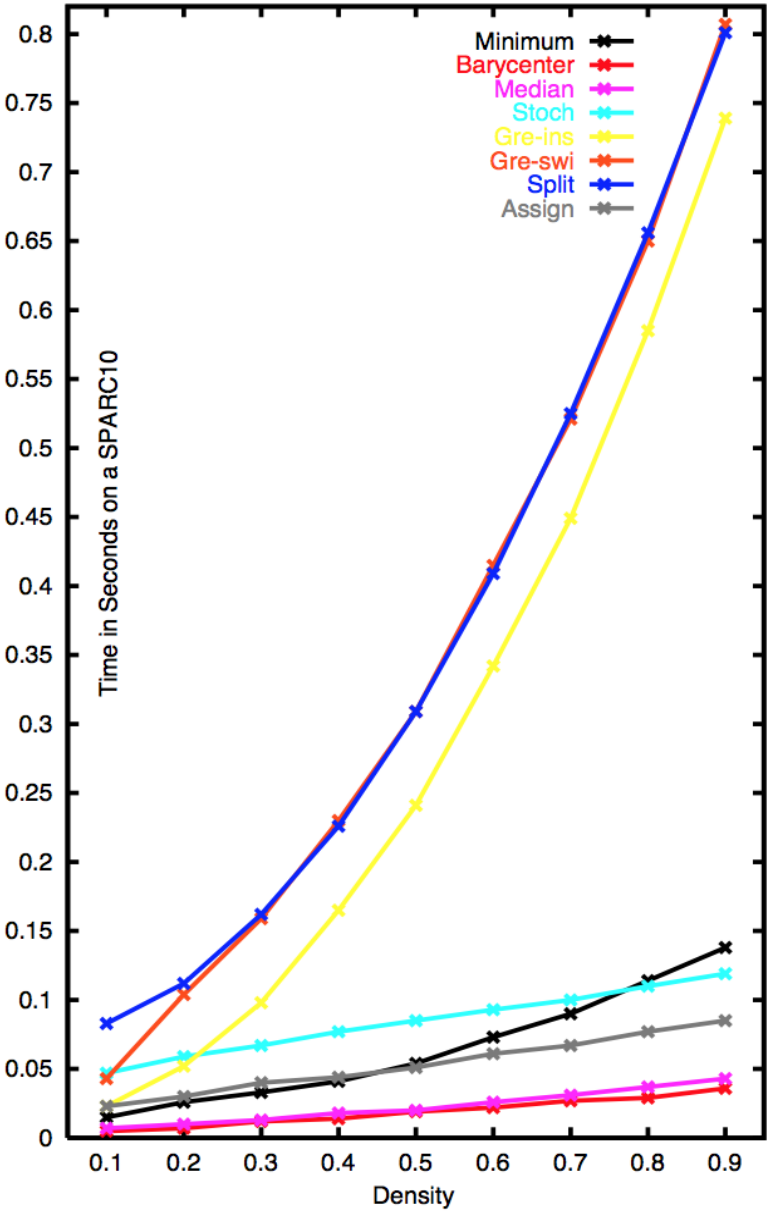

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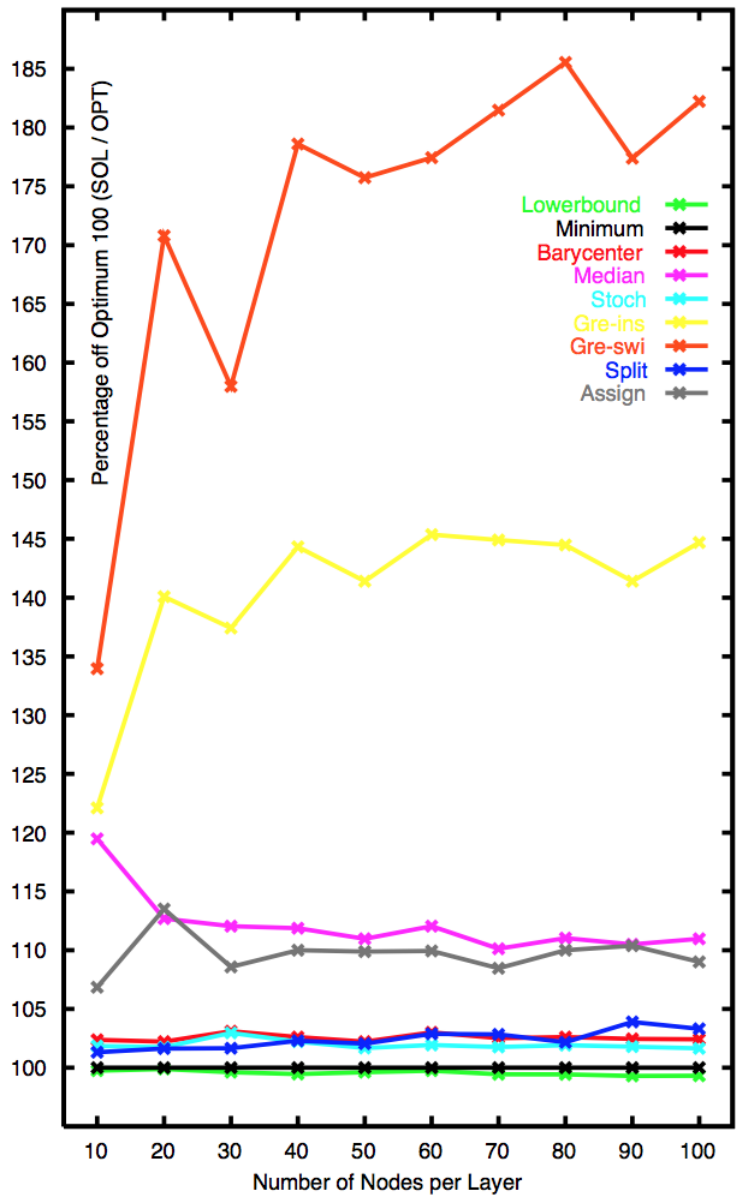

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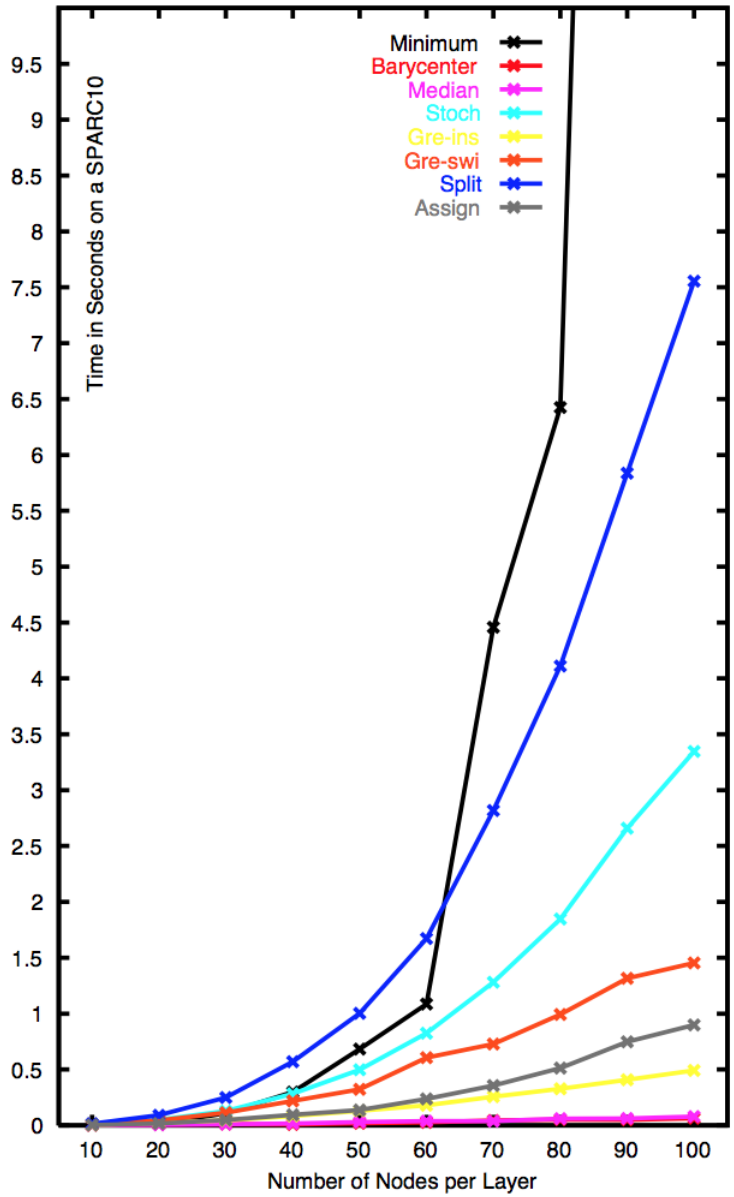

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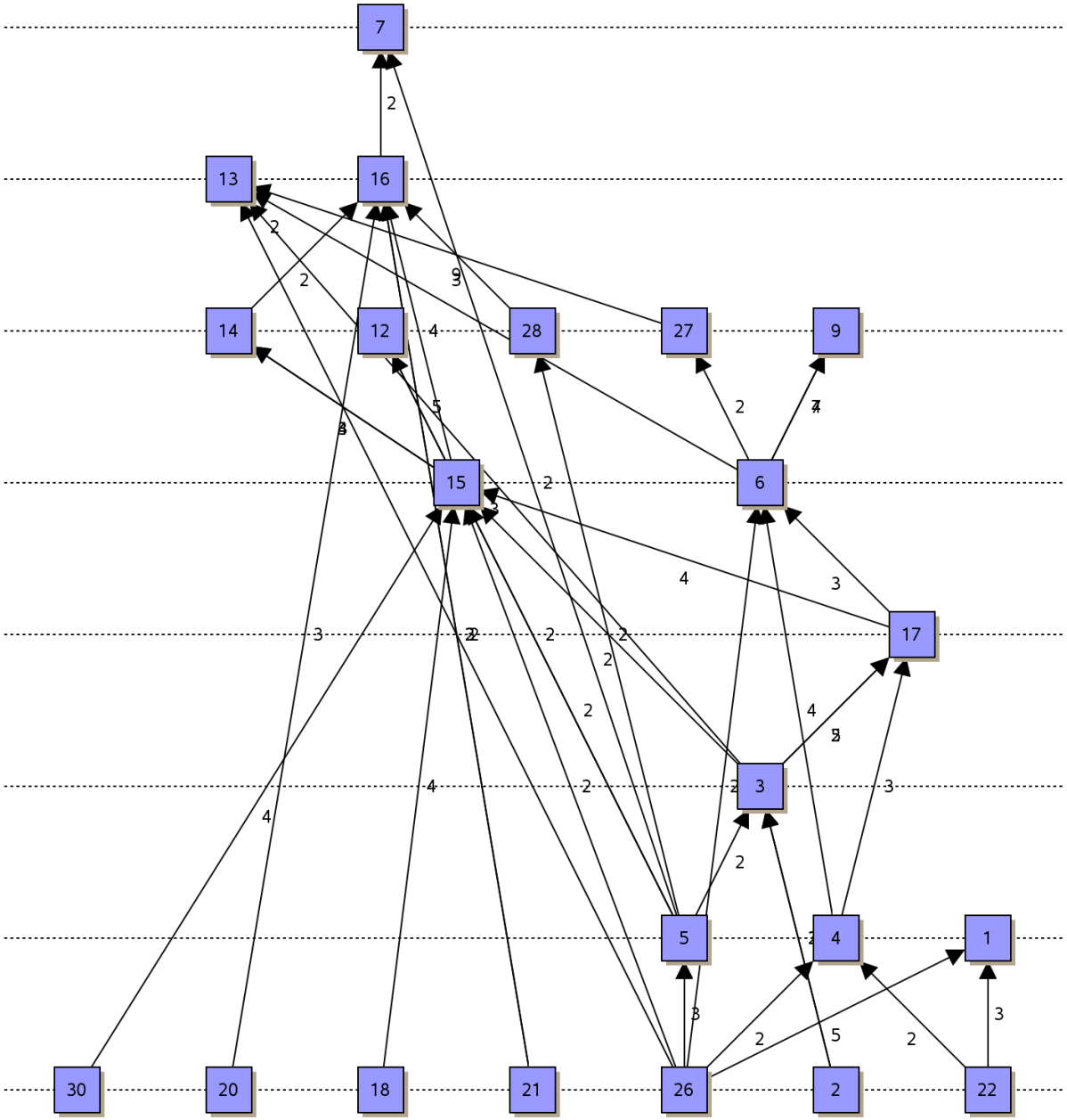

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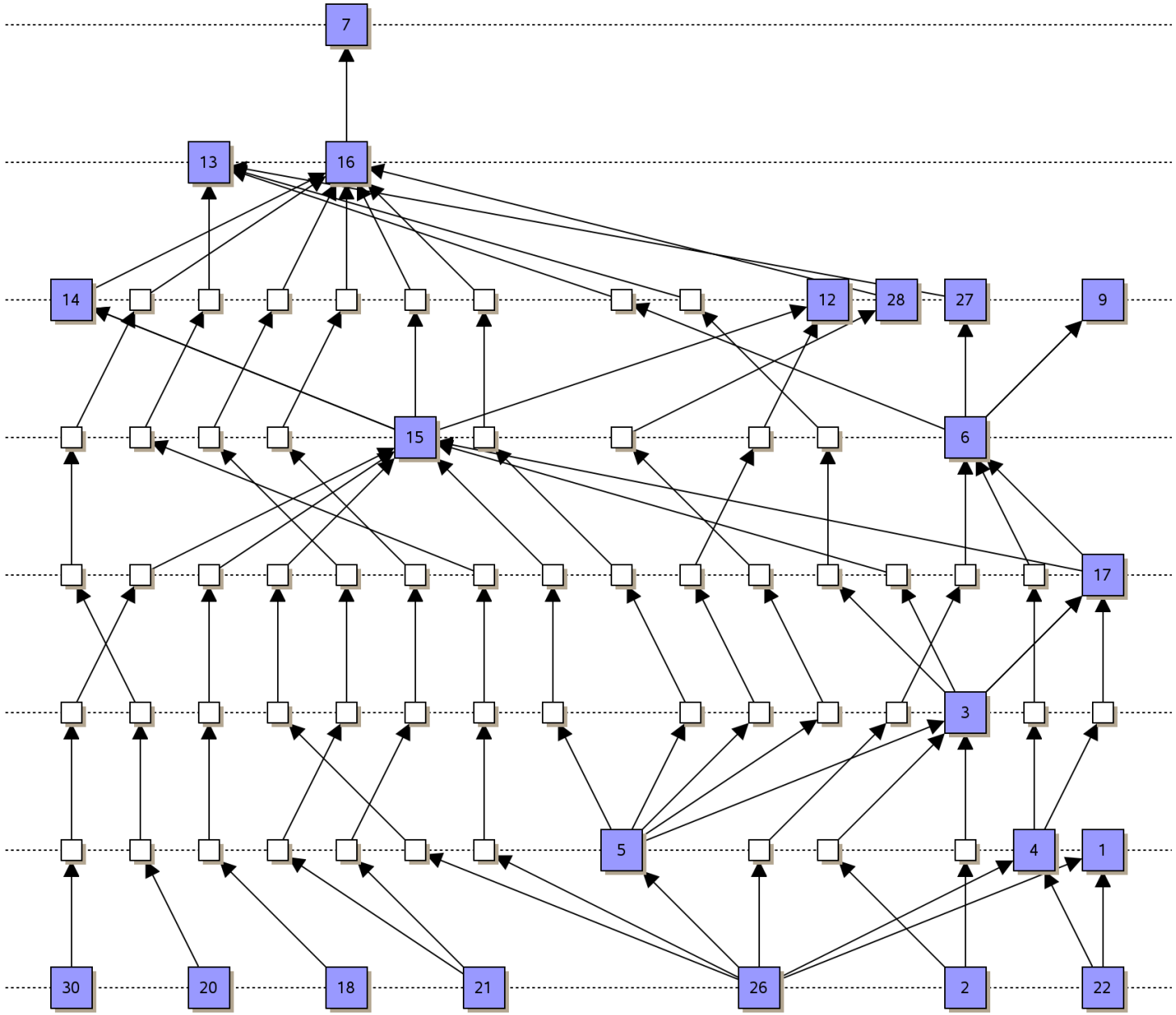

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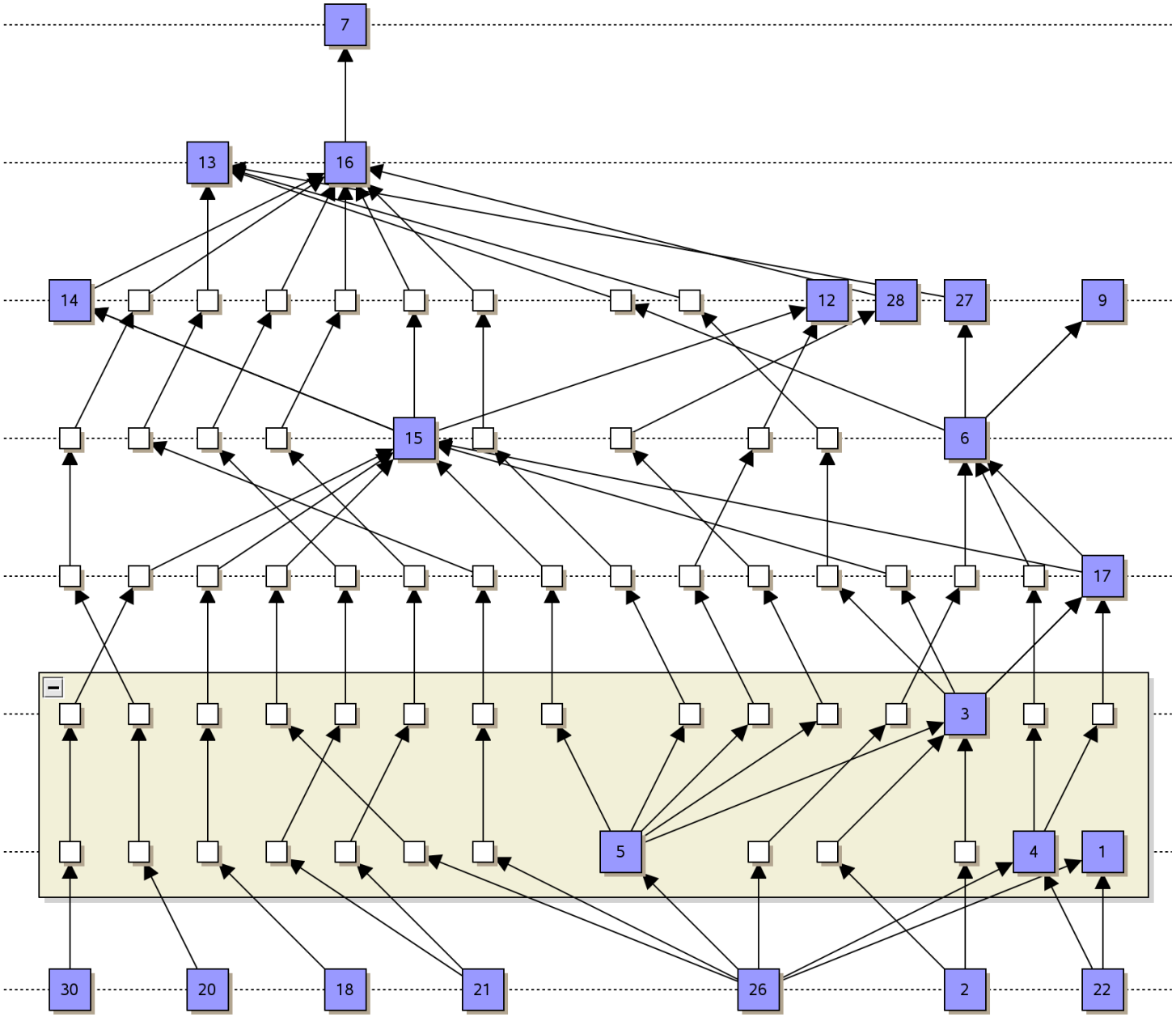

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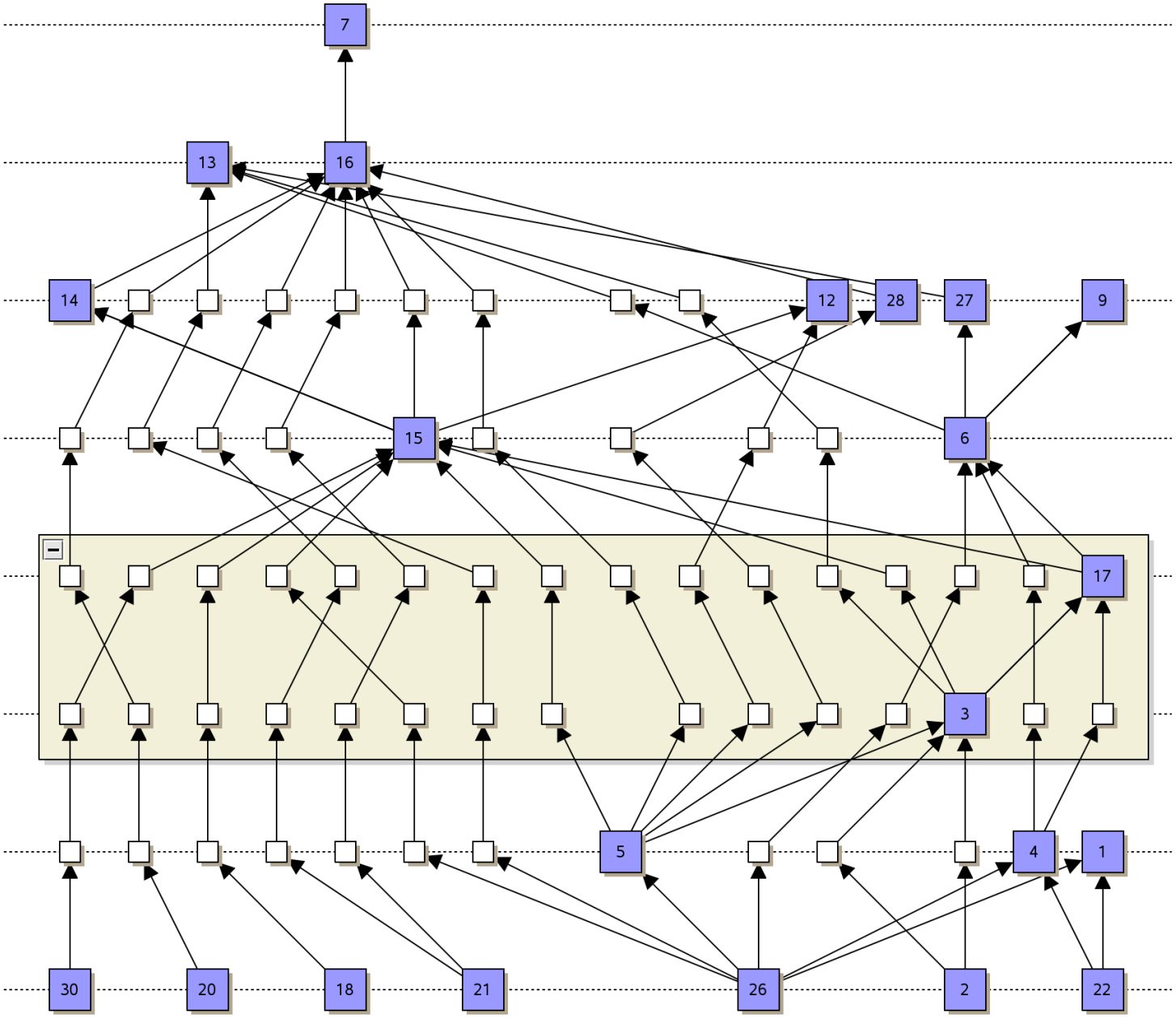

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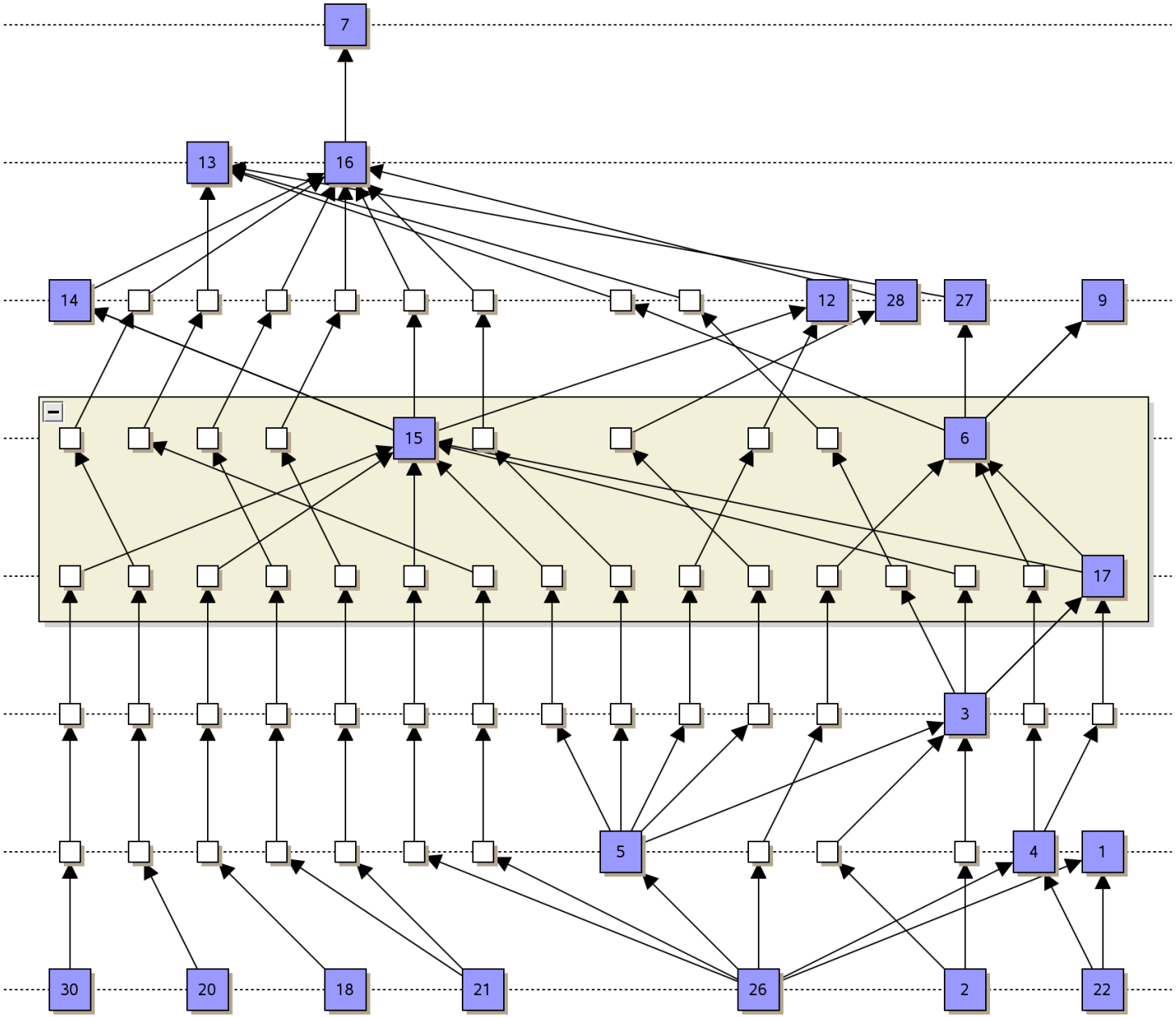

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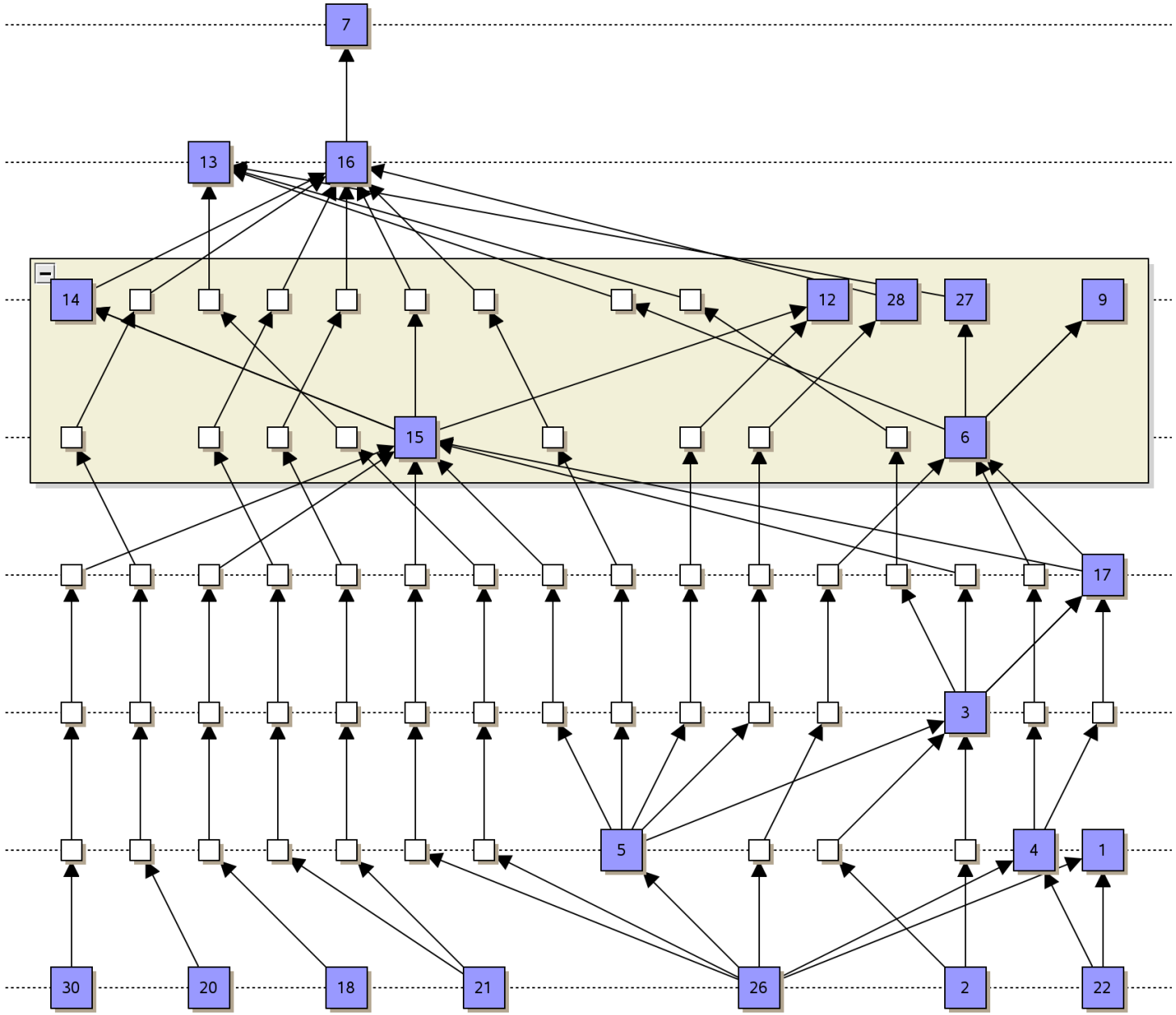

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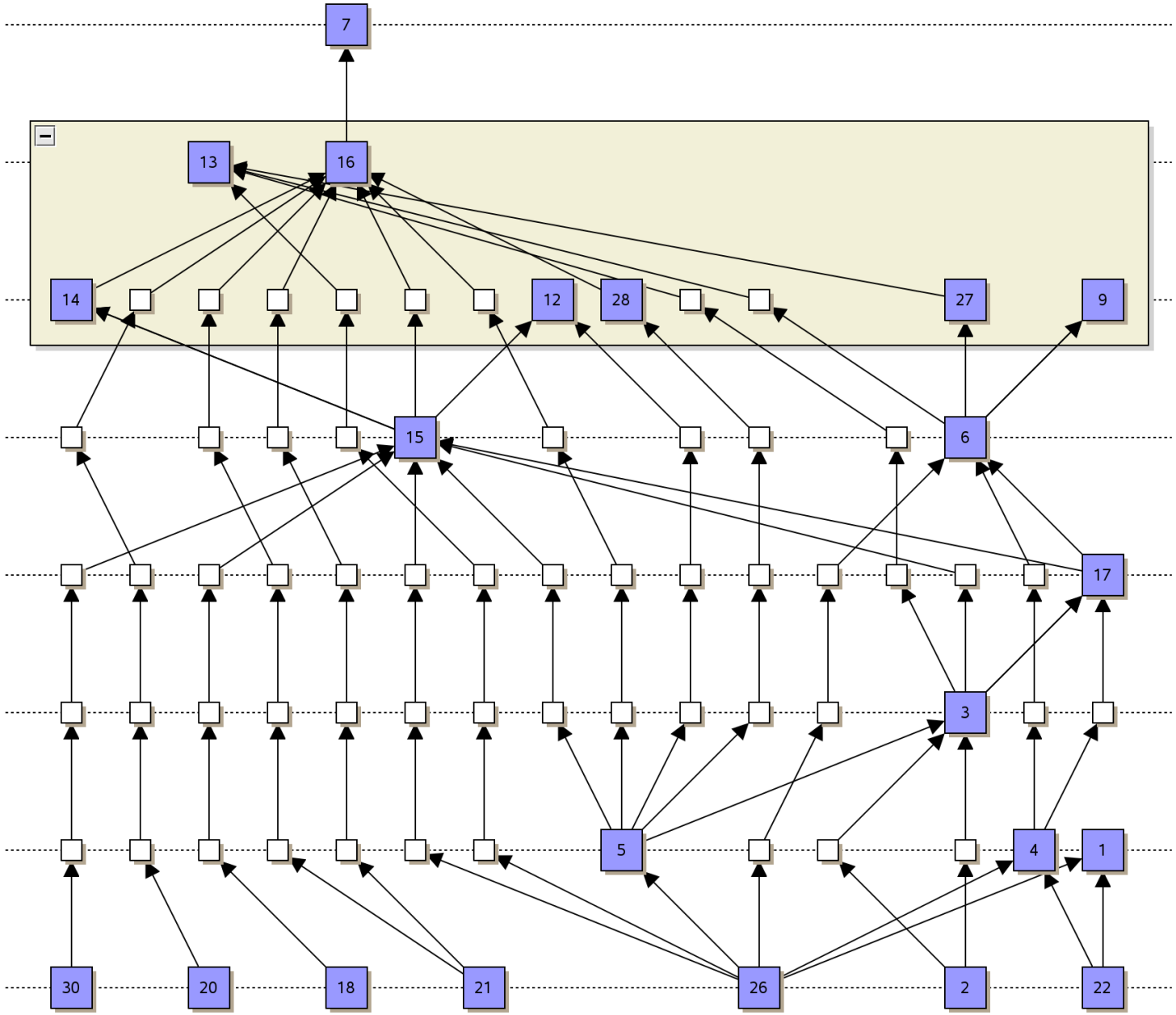

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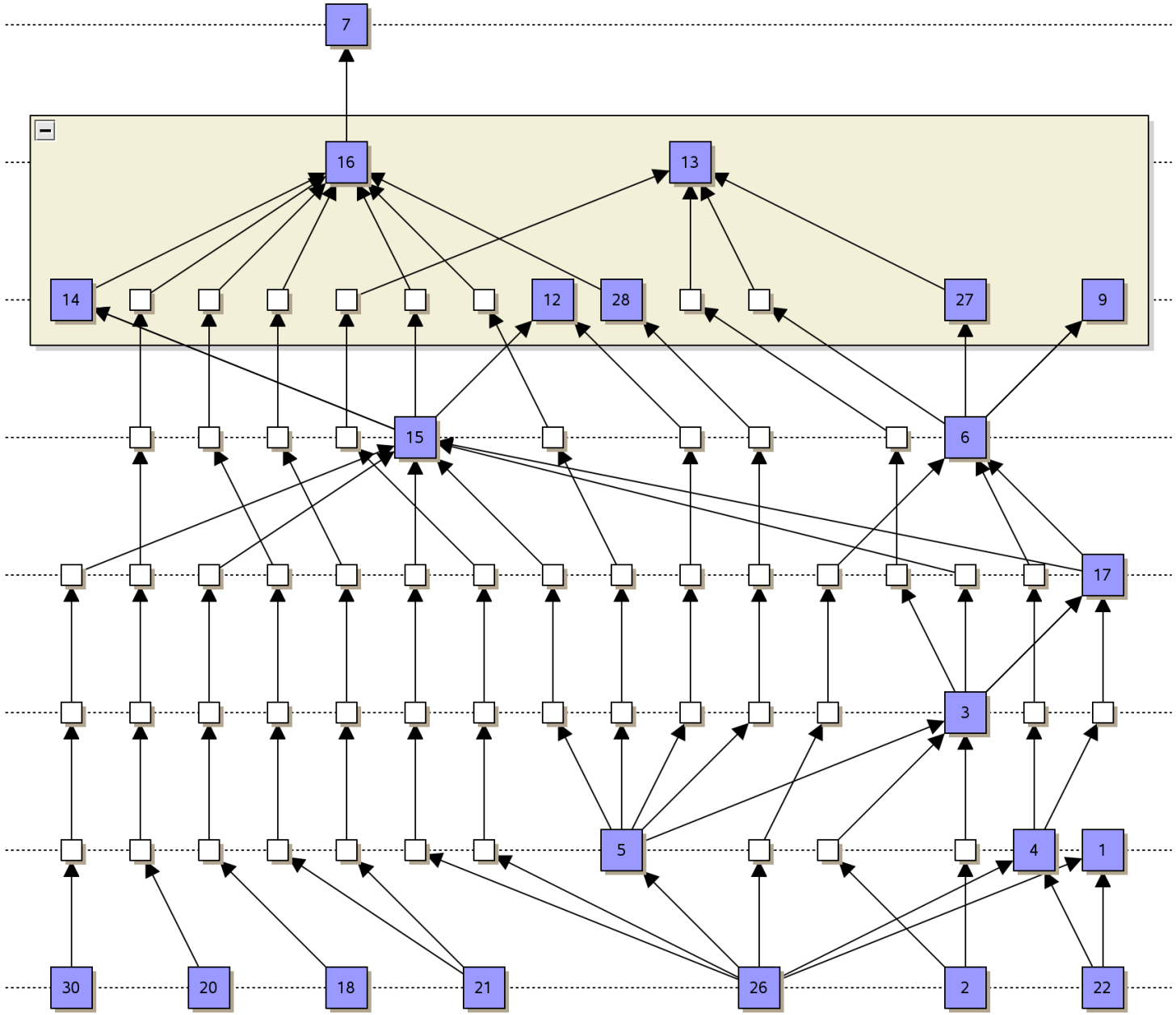

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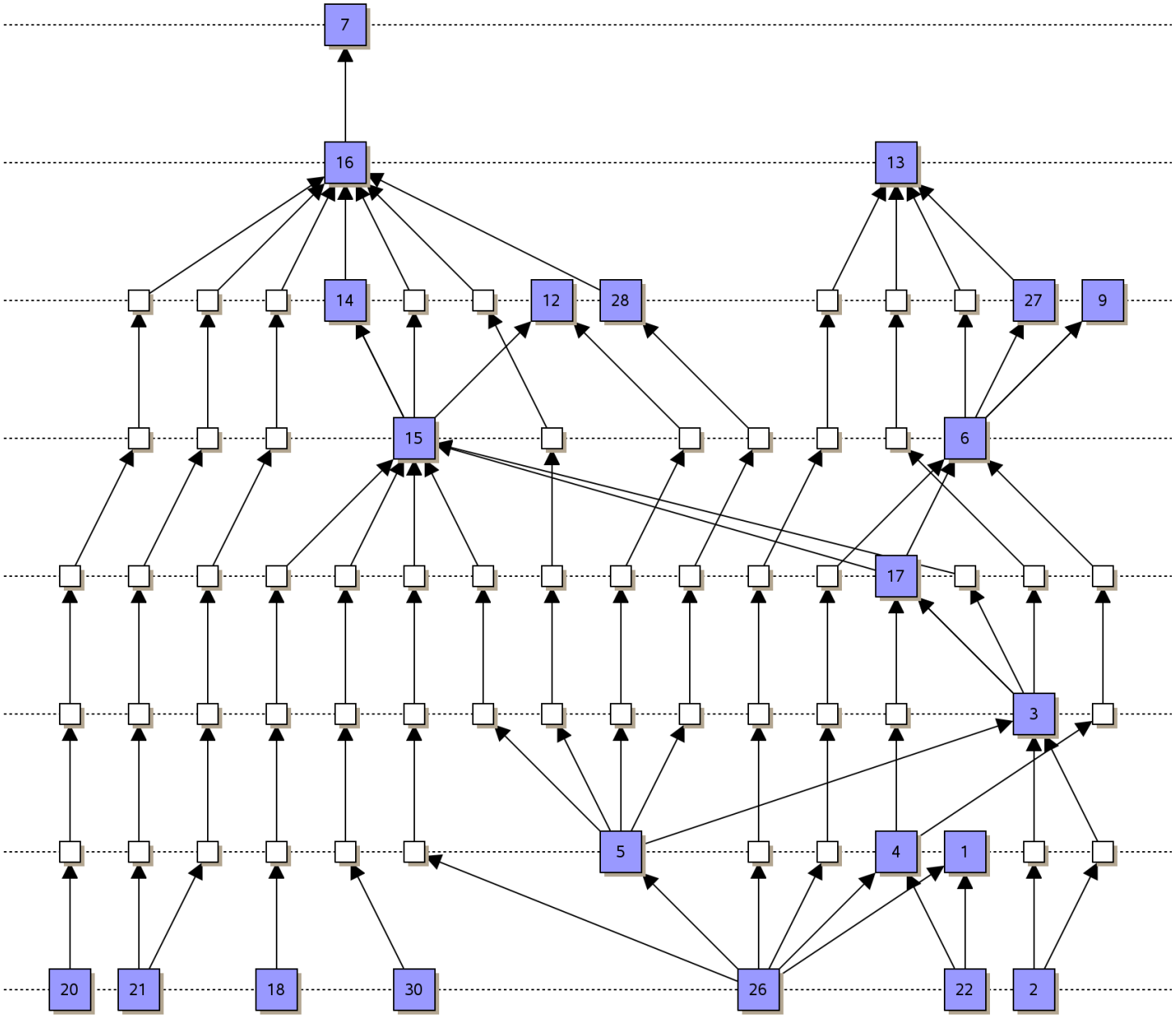

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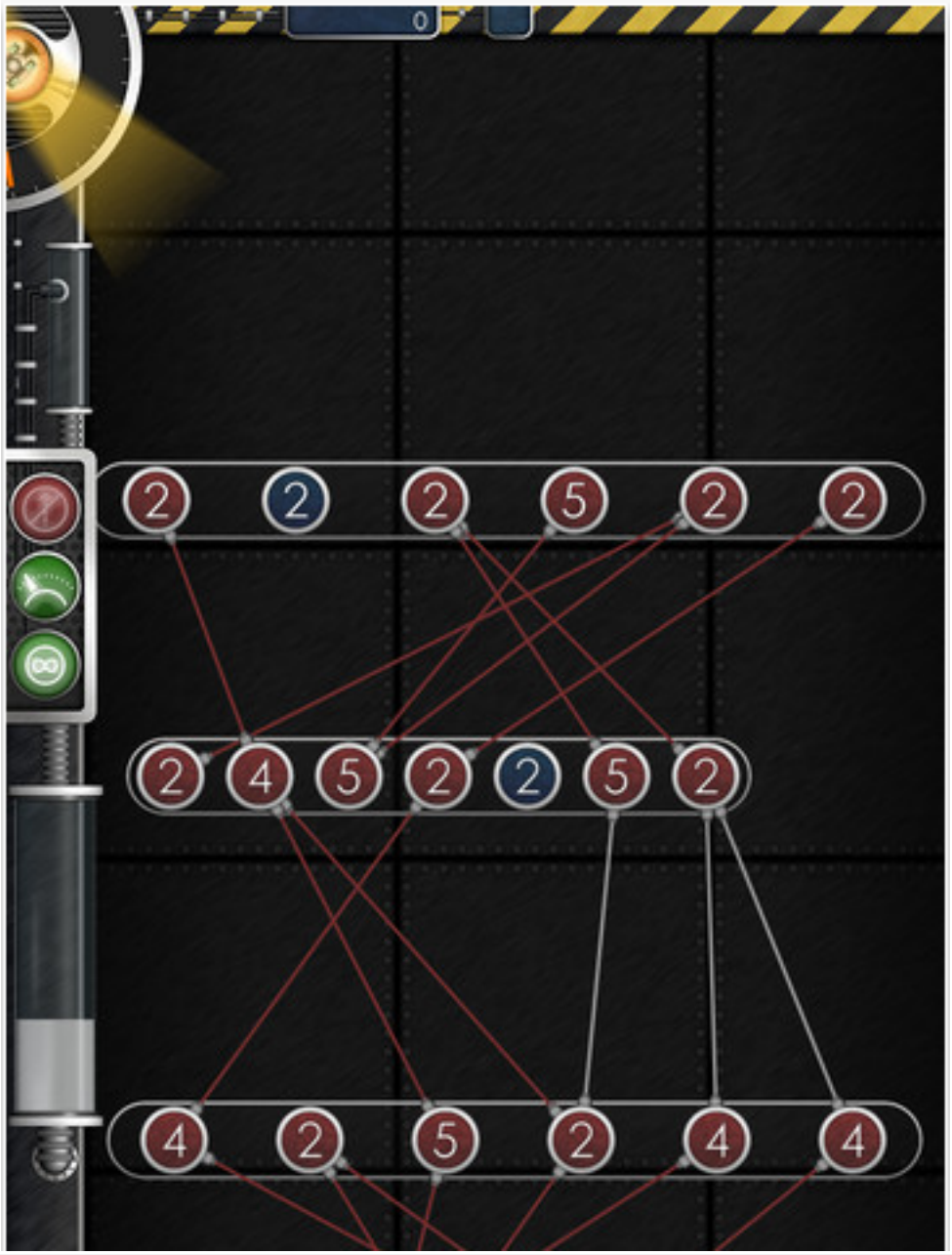
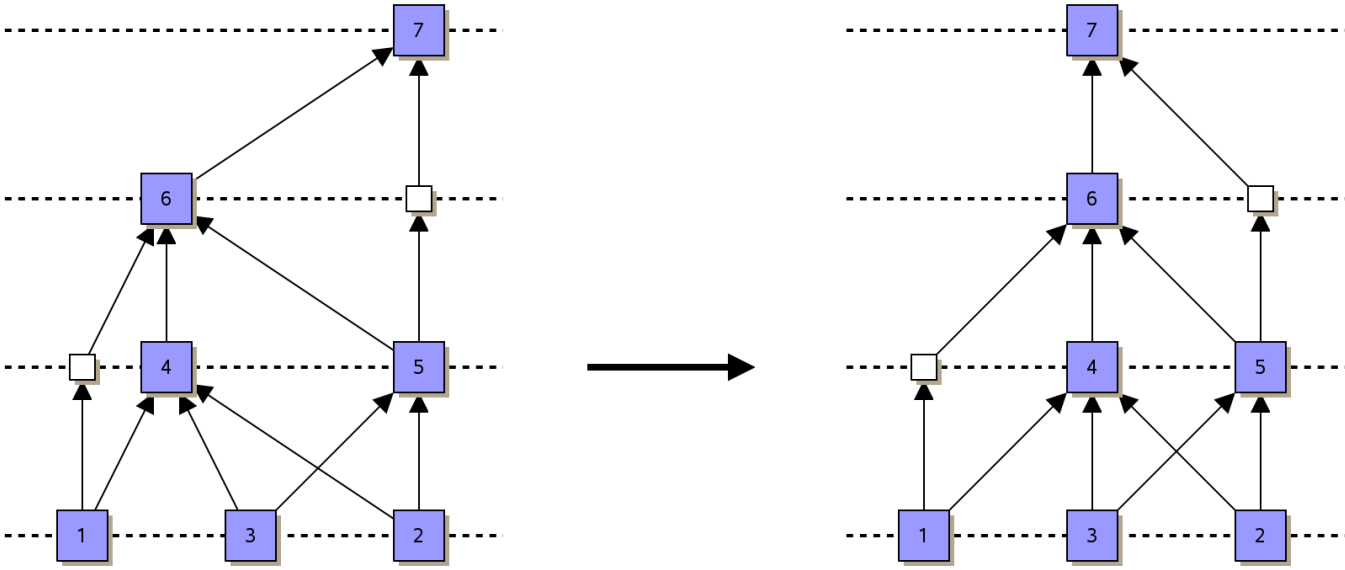


There was even an iPad game **CrossingX** for the OSCM Problem!

Winner of Graph Drawing Game Contest 2012

Step 4: Coordinate Computation



Which could be the goals?

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Properties:

- quadratic program is time-expensive
- width can be exponential
- optimization function can be adapted to optimize "verticality"

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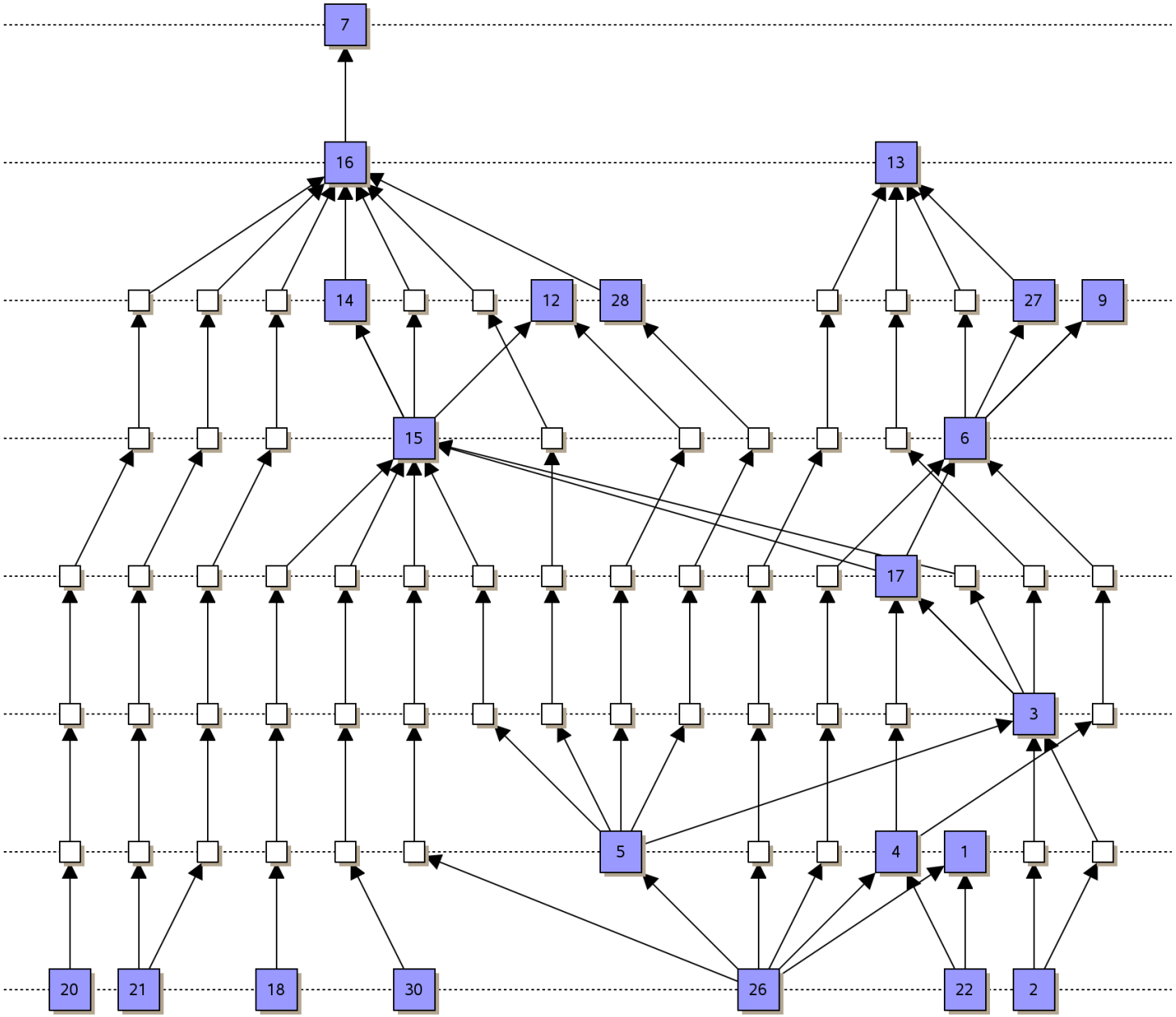

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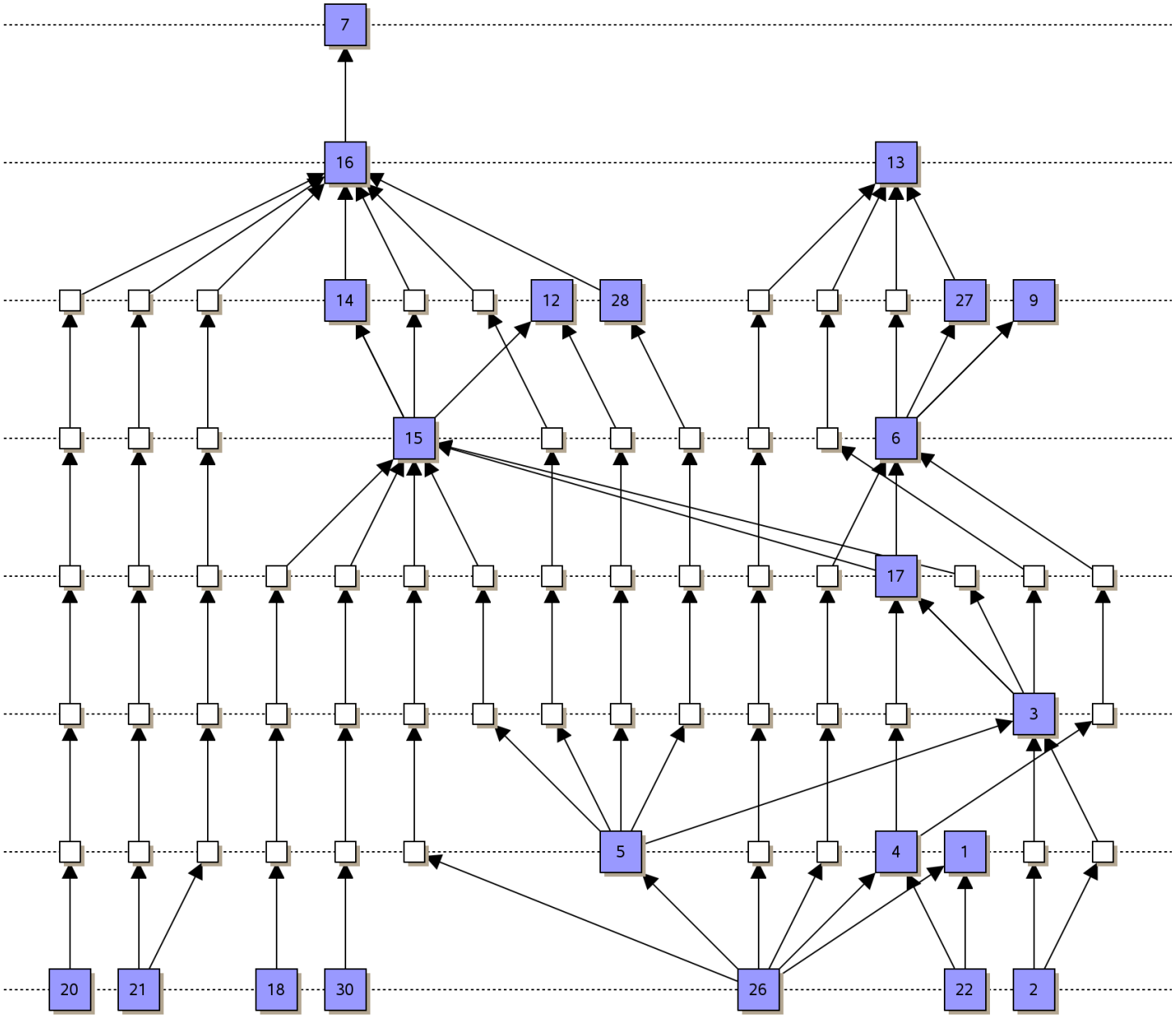
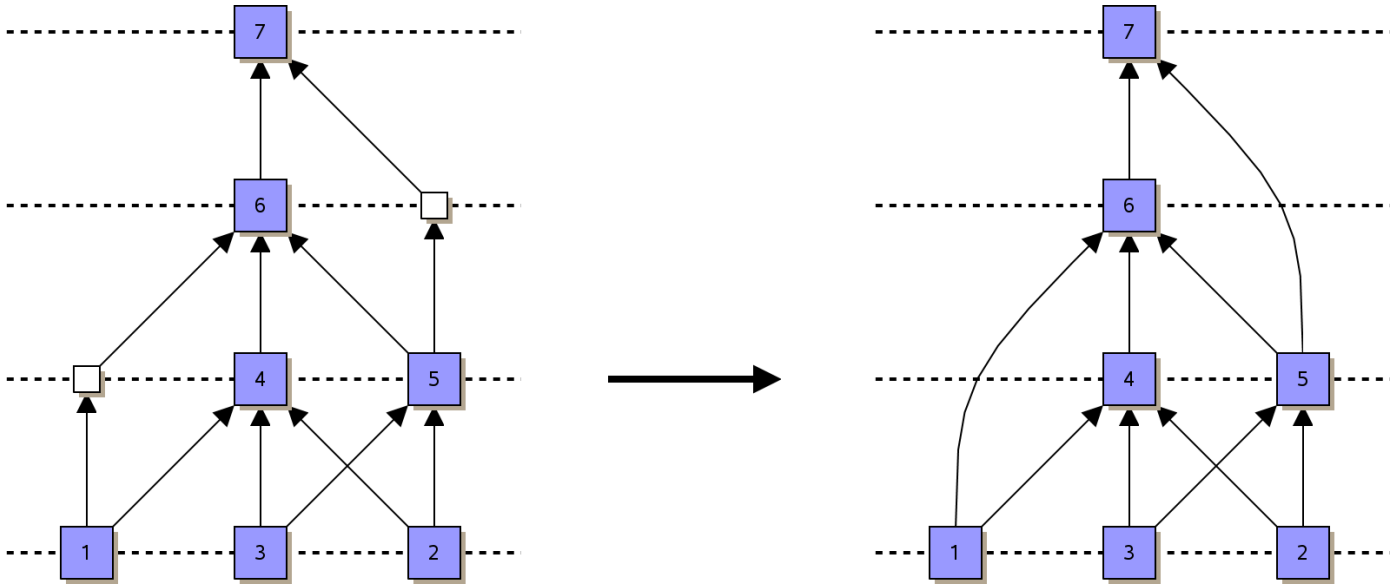


Step 5: Drawing edges



Possibility: Substitute polylines by Bézier curves

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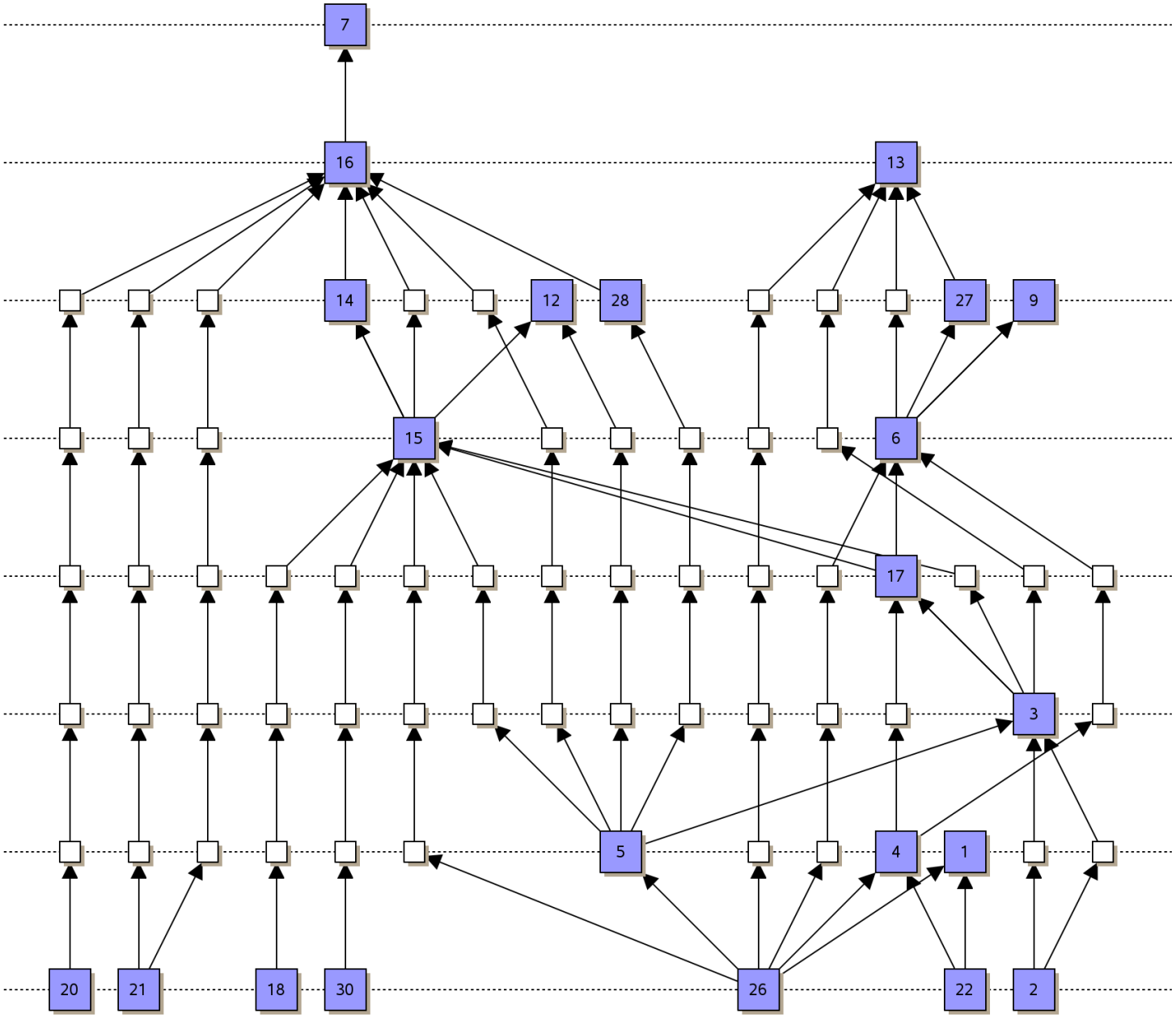

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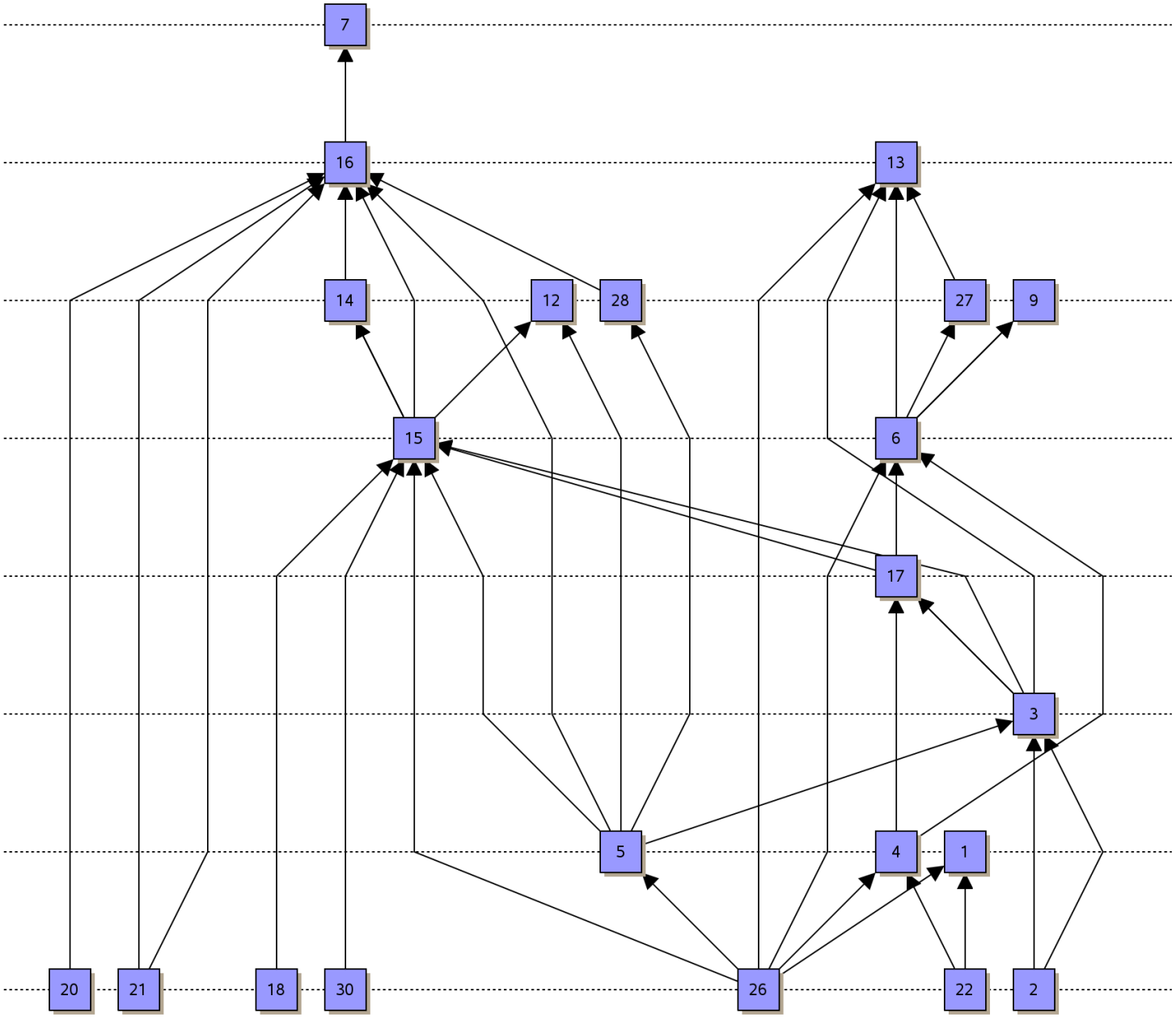

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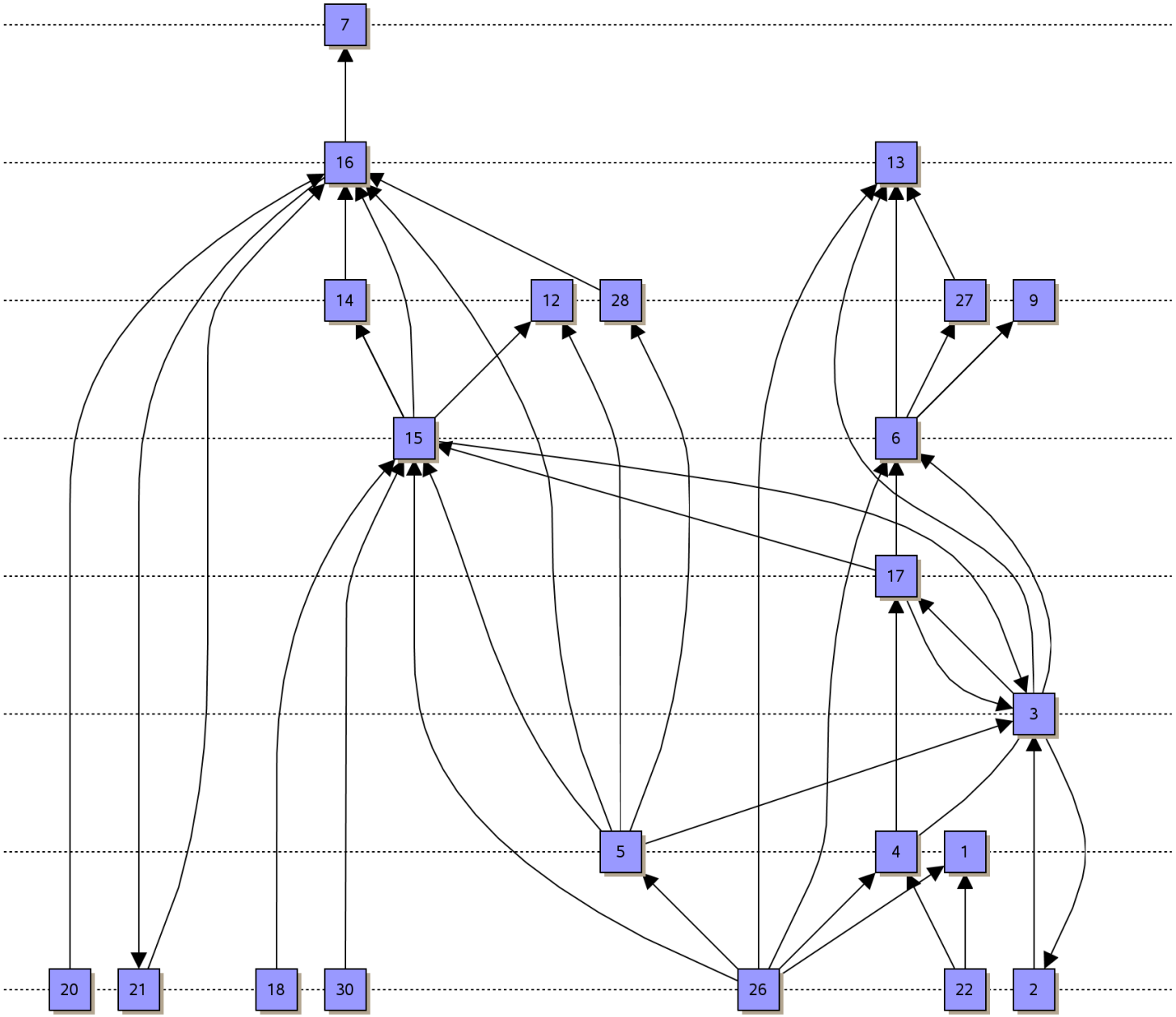

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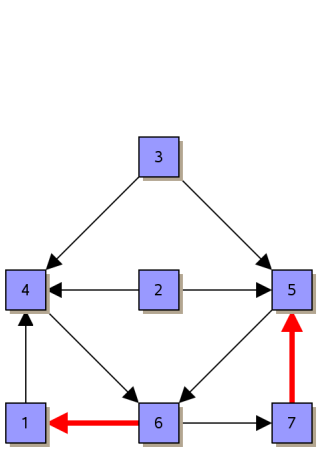

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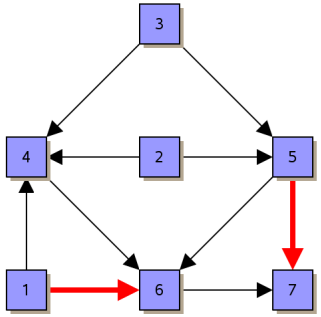

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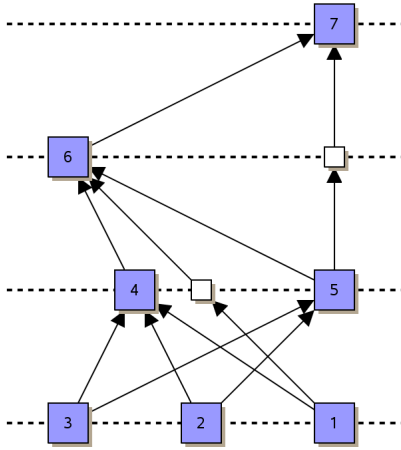
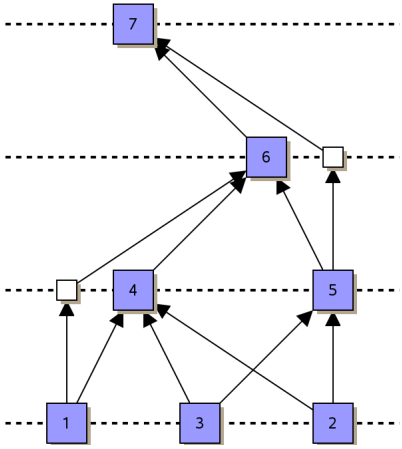
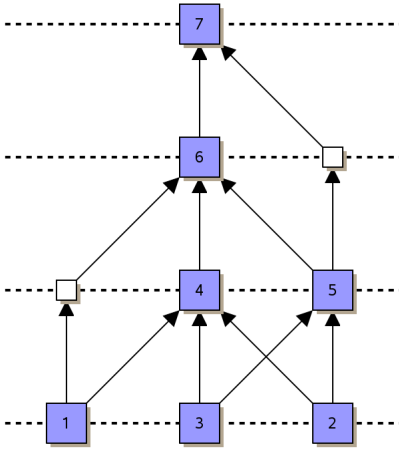


layer assignement



crossing minimization



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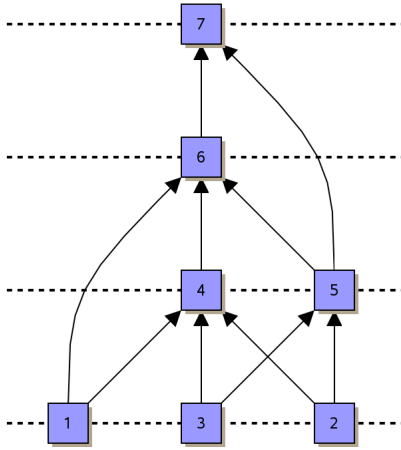

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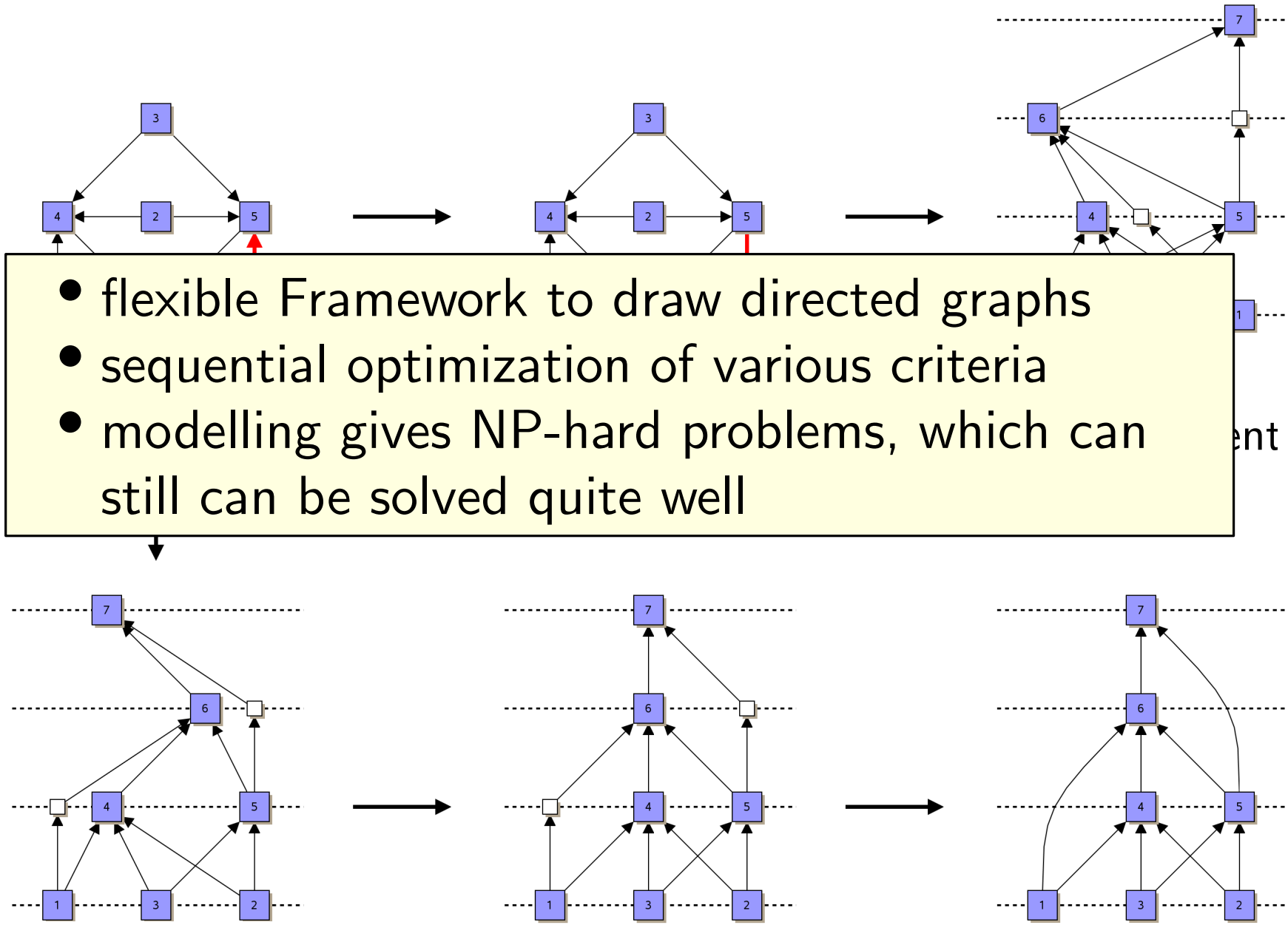
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- sequential optimization of various criteria
- modelling gives NP-hard problems, which can still can be solved quite well
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