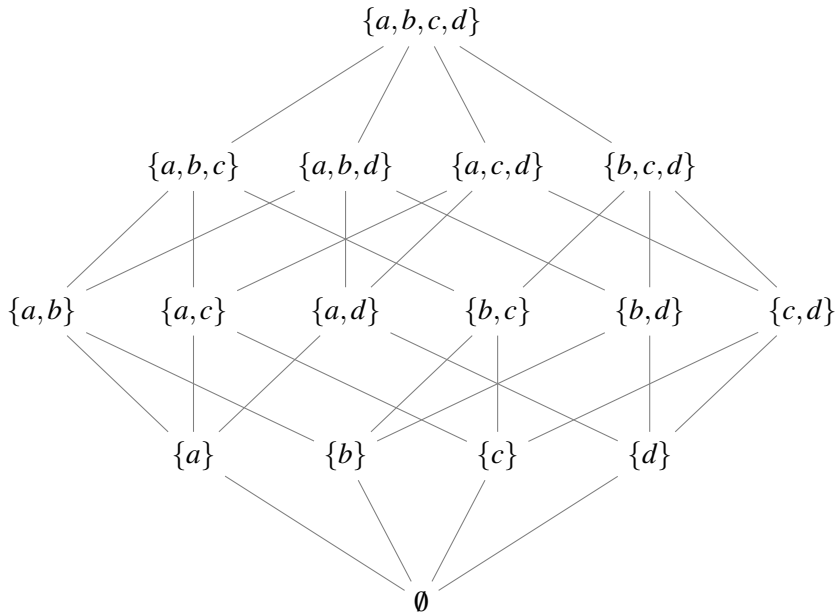


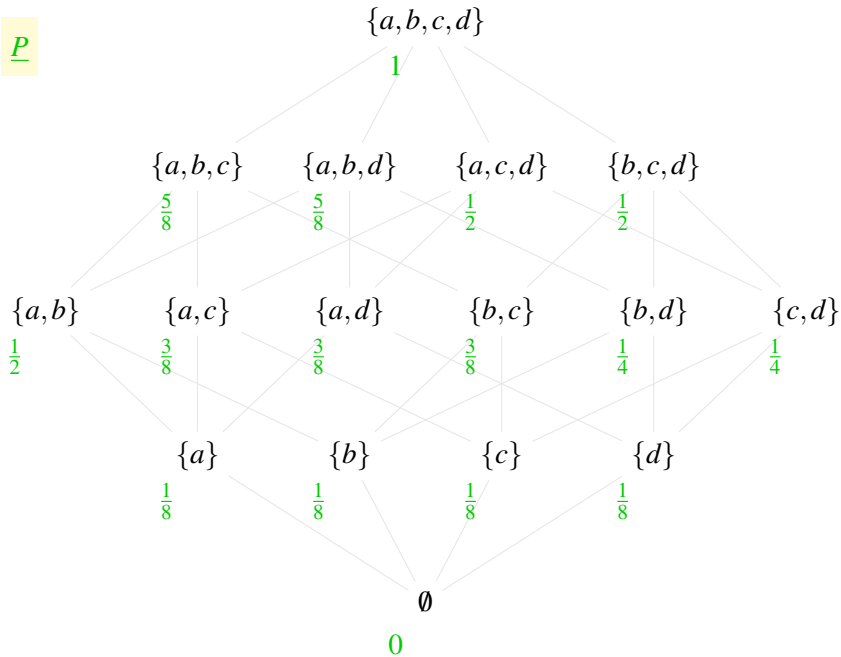
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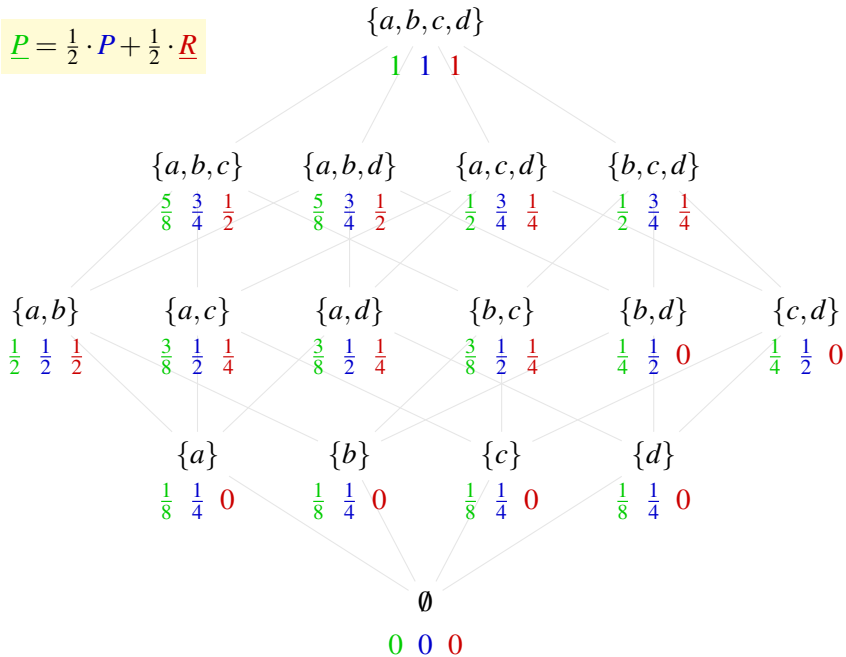
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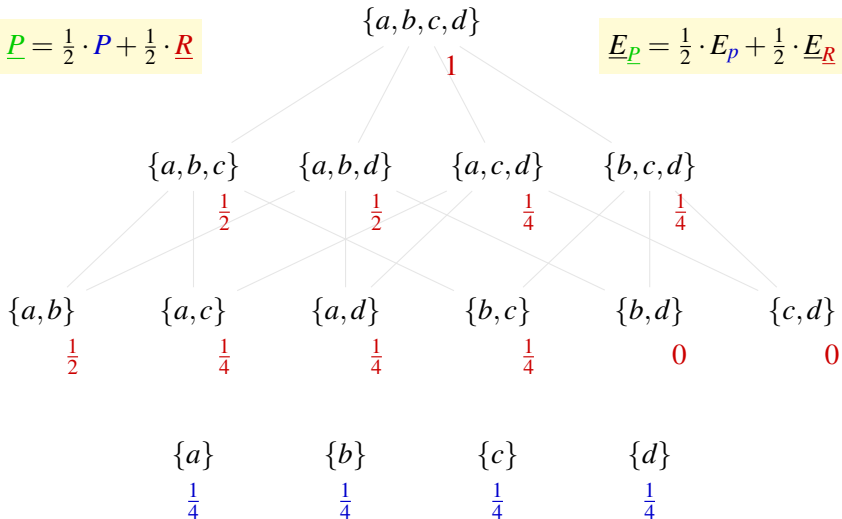


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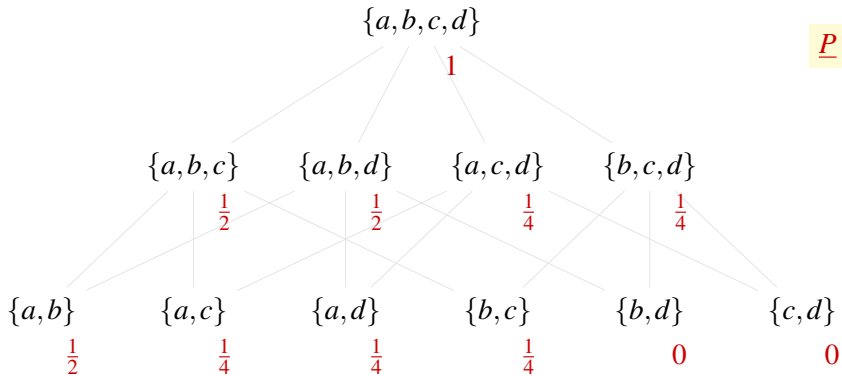


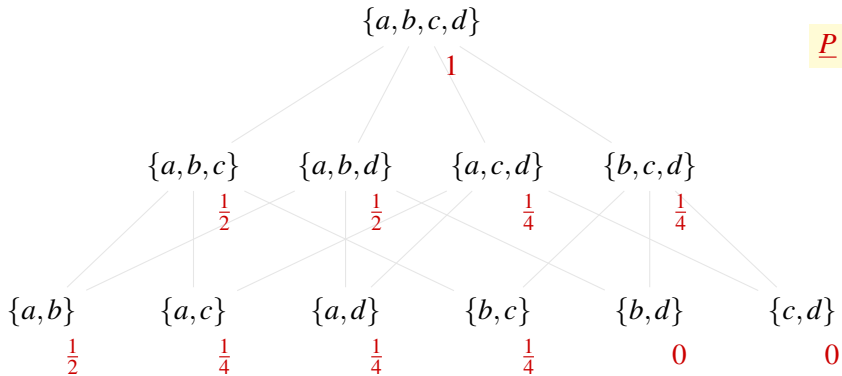
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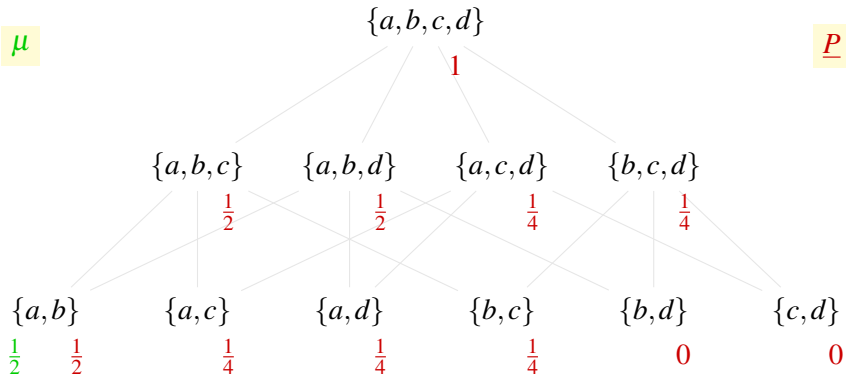
linear-imprecise decomposition





Recursive  
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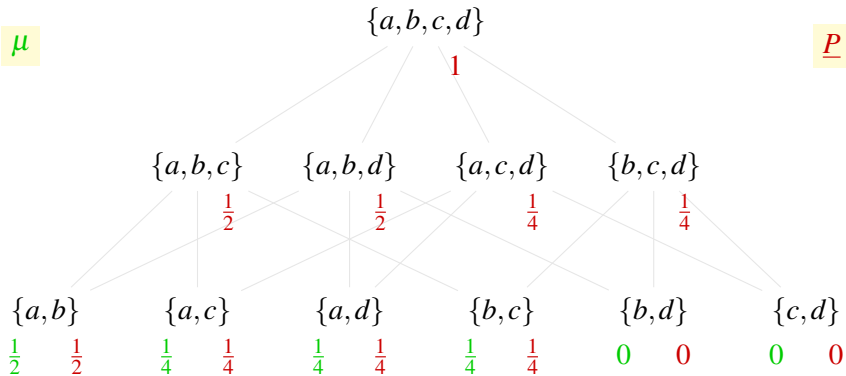
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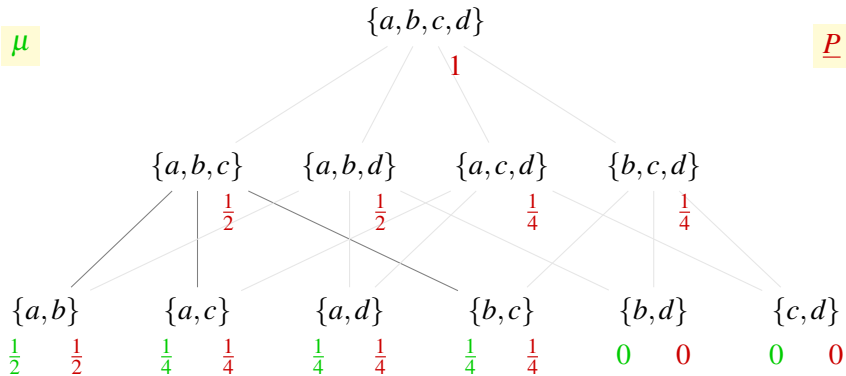
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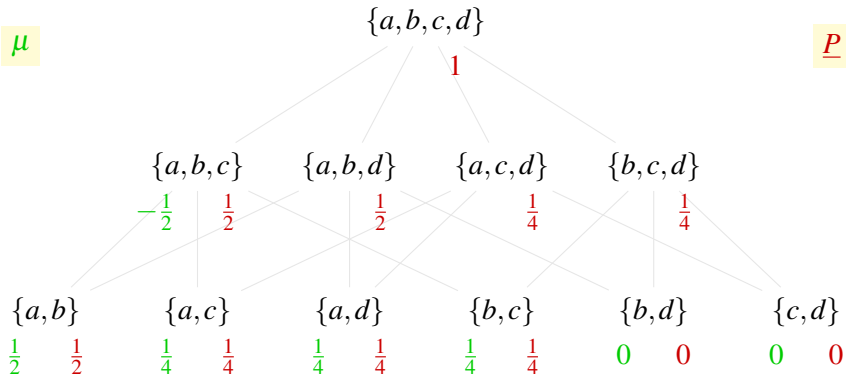
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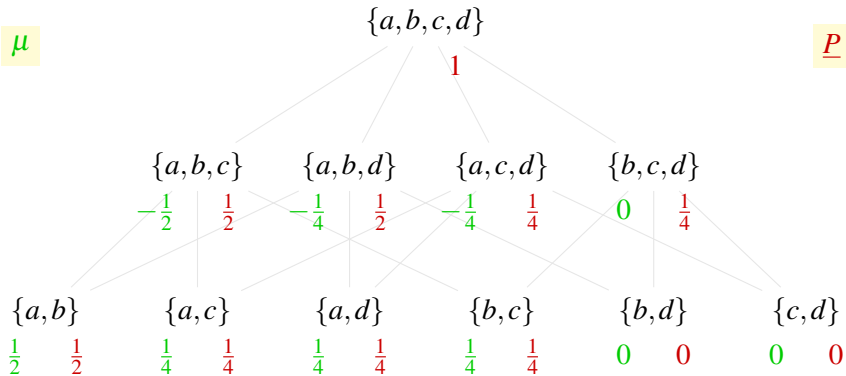
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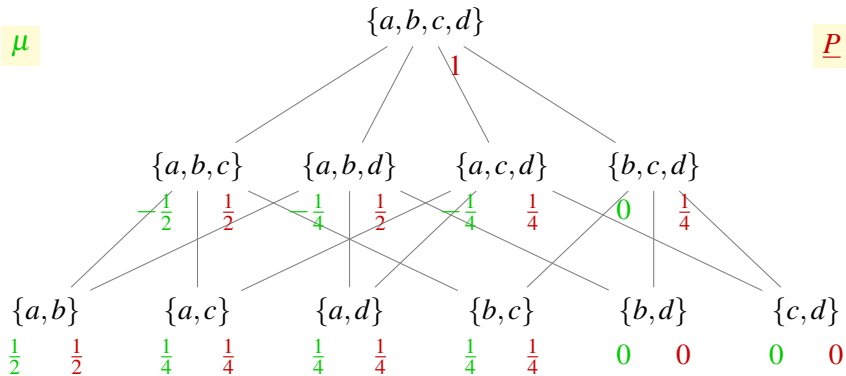
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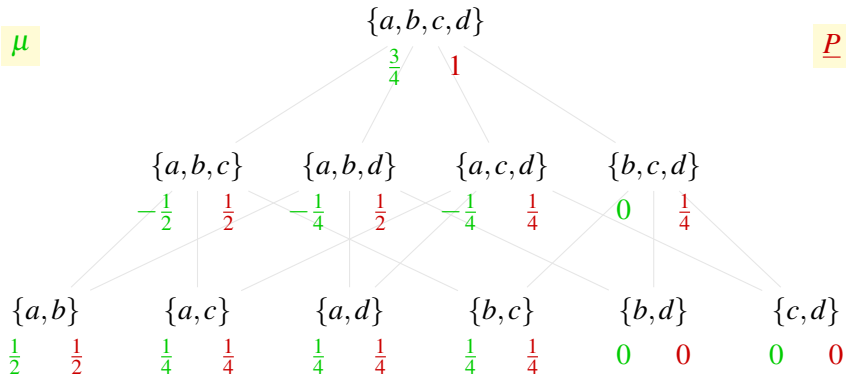
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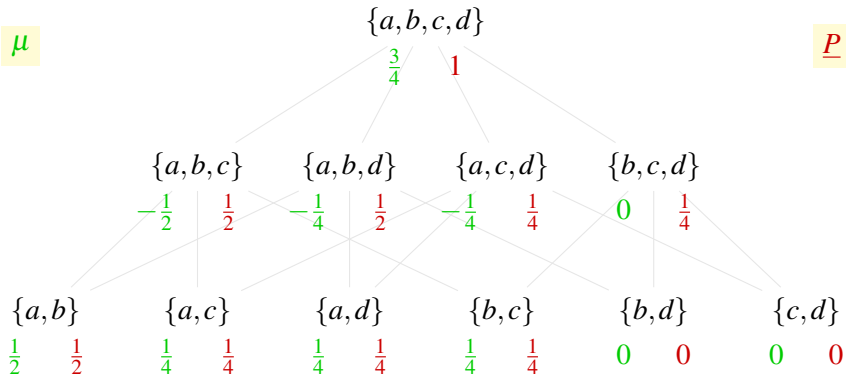
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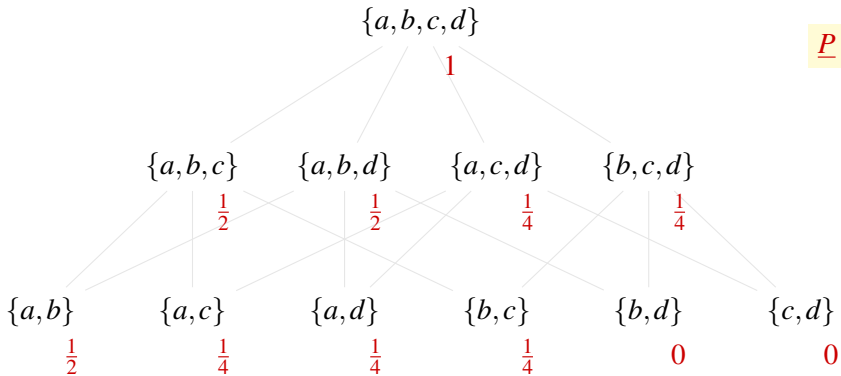
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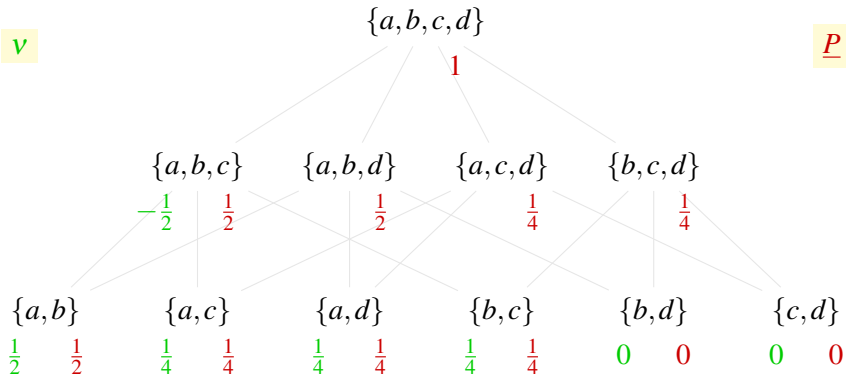
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$$\underline{P}A = \sum_{B \subset A} \mu B \quad \text{Möbius inverse}$$



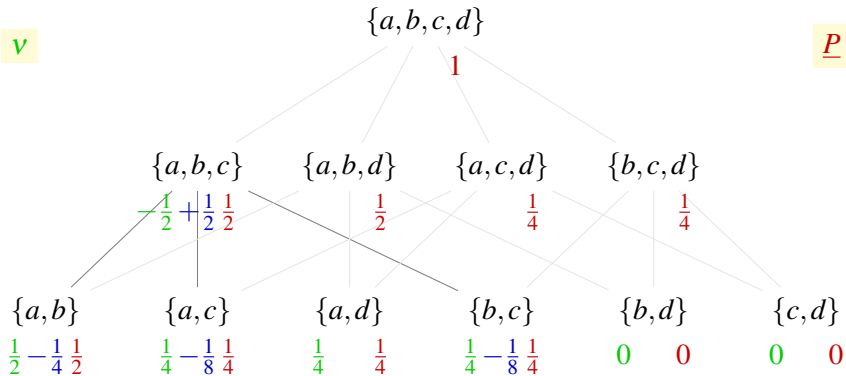
Iterative Rescaling Method



$v$  $\underline{P}$ 

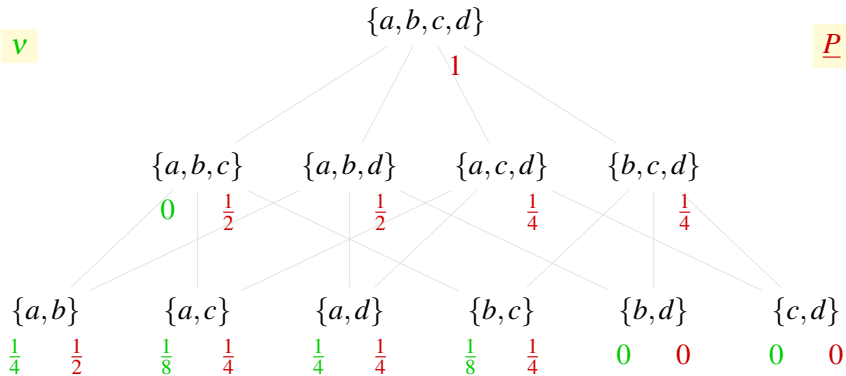
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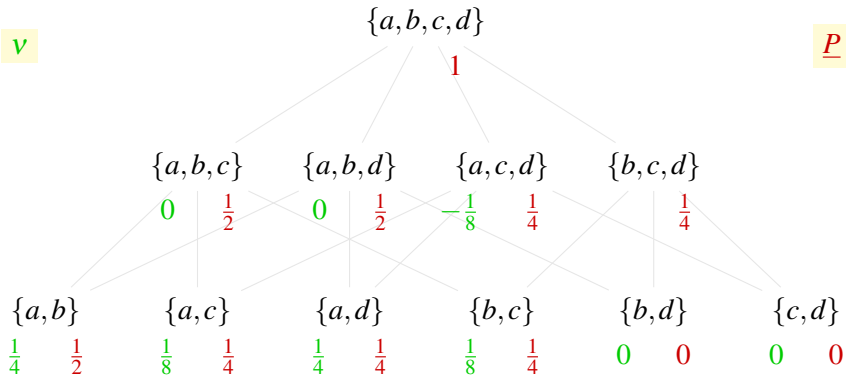
$V$  $P$ 

Iterative Rescaling Method

Rescale  
when negative

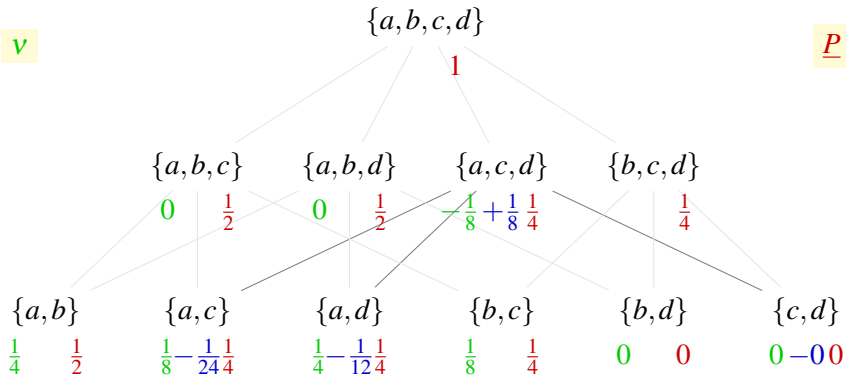
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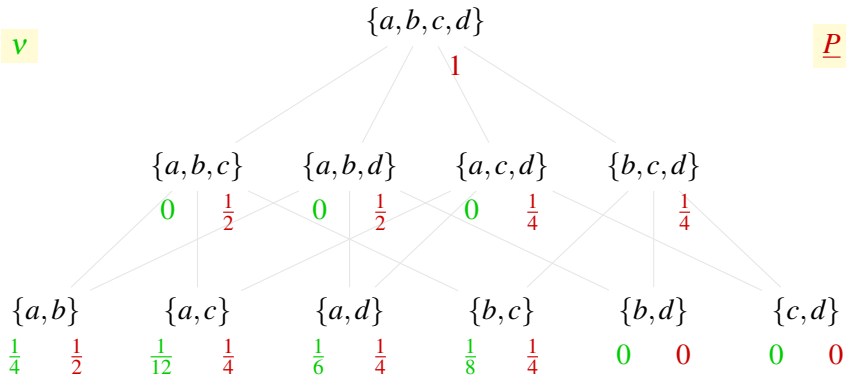
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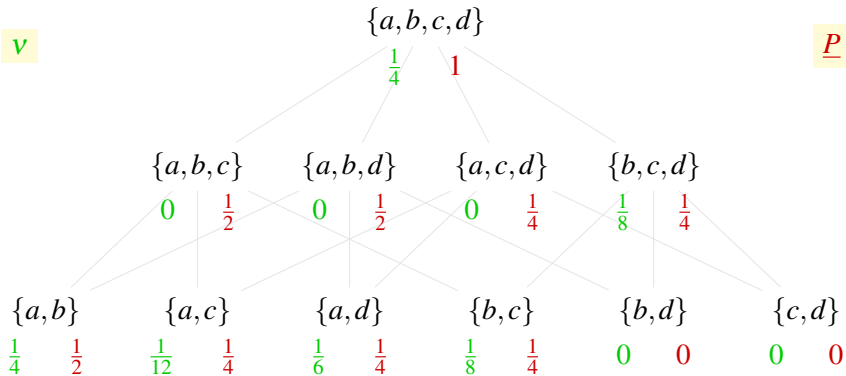
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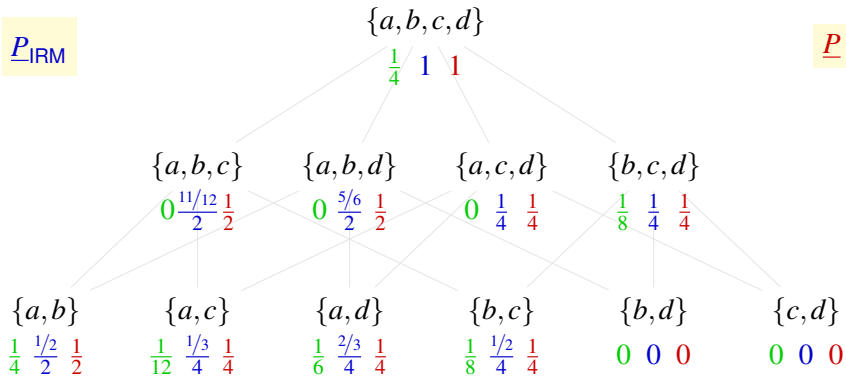
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Iterative Rescaling Method

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Recursive  
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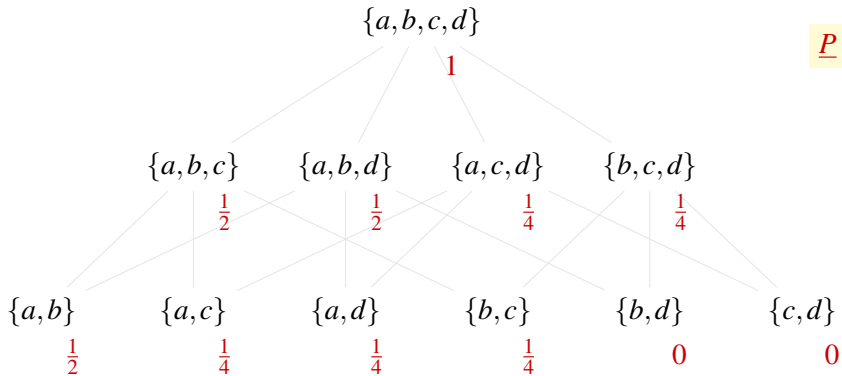
Iterative Rescaling Method

$\underline{P}_{\text{IRM}}$  $\underline{P}$ 

Iterative Rescaling Method

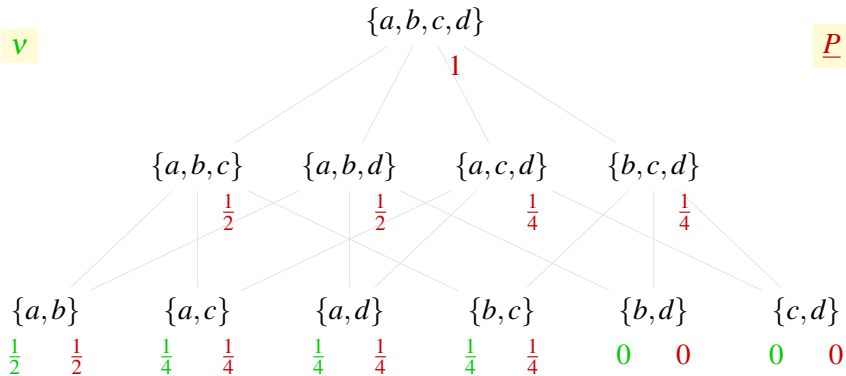
$$\underline{P}_{\text{IRM}}A = \sum_{B \subseteq A} \nu B \quad \text{Möbius inverse}$$





**Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

$V$  $\underline{P}$ **Minimal**Möbius transform  
*per cardinality*

Iterative Rescaling Method

$V$  $\underline{P}$  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ 

1

 $\{a, b, c\}$  $\{a, b, d\}$  $\{a, c, d\}$  $\{b, c, d\}$  $-\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $-\frac{1}{4}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $-\frac{1}{4}$  $\frac{1}{4}$ 

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**Minimal**Möbius transform  
per cardinality

Iterative Rescaling Method

$v$  $\underline{P}$  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ 

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**Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

Rescale  
when negative

$v$  $\underline{P}$  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ 

1

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**Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

Rescale *minimally*  
when negative

$v$  $\underline{P}$  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ 

1

 $\{a, b, c\}$  $\{a, b, d\}$  $\{a, c, d\}$  $\{b, c, d\}$  $-\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $-\frac{1}{4}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $-\frac{1}{4}$  $\frac{1}{4}$ 

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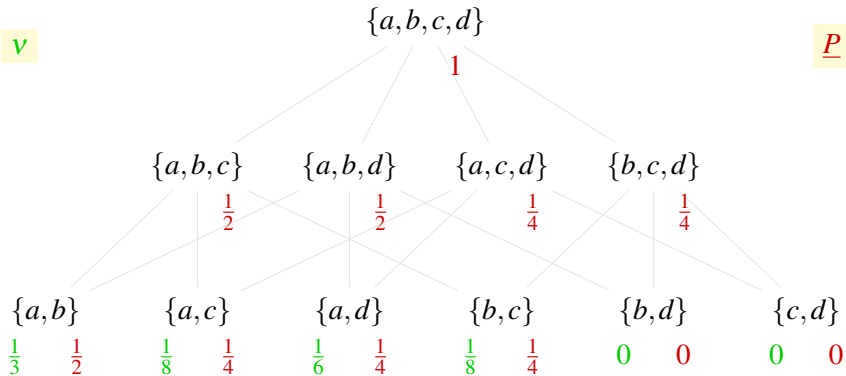
**Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

Rescale *minimally*  
when negative

$V$

$P$



**Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

$V$  $\underline{P}$  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ 

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 $\{a, b, c\}$  $\{a, b, d\}$  $\{a, c, d\}$  $\{b, c, d\}$  $-\frac{1}{12}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

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**Minimal**Möbius transform  
per cardinality

Iterative Rescaling Method



$v$  $\underline{P}$  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ 

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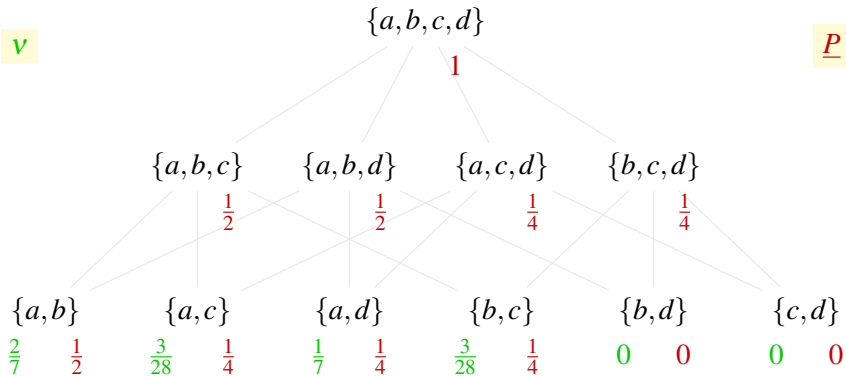
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**Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

Rescale *minimally*  
when negative

$V$  $\underline{P}$ **Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

$V$  $\underline{P}$  $\{a, b, c, d\}$ 

1

 $\{a, b, c\}$  $\{a, b, d\}$  $\{a, c, d\}$  $\{b, c, d\}$ 

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**Minimal**Möbius transform  
per cardinality

Iterative Rescaling Method

$v$

$\underline{P}$

$\{a, b, c, d\}$

$\frac{1}{7}$

1

$\{a, b, c\}$

$\{a, b, d\}$

$\{a, c, d\}$

$\{b, c, d\}$

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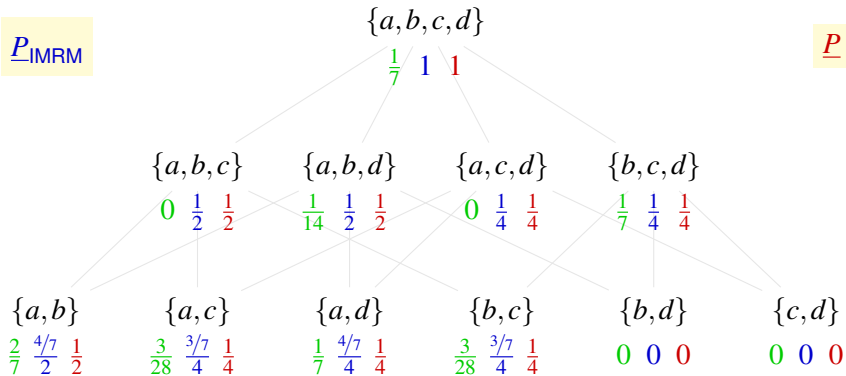
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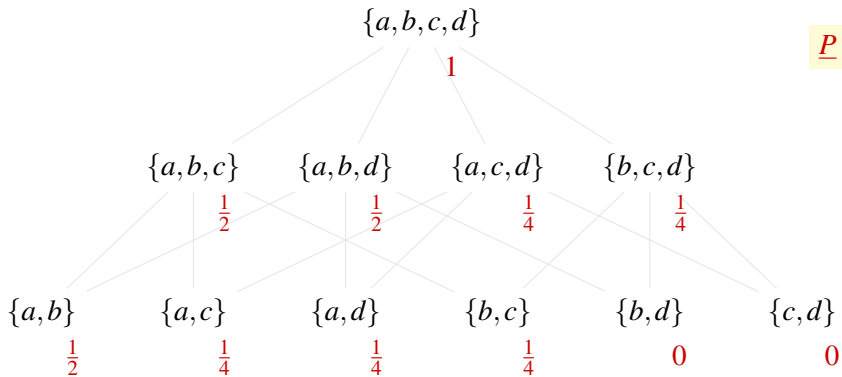
Möbius transform  
*per cardinality*

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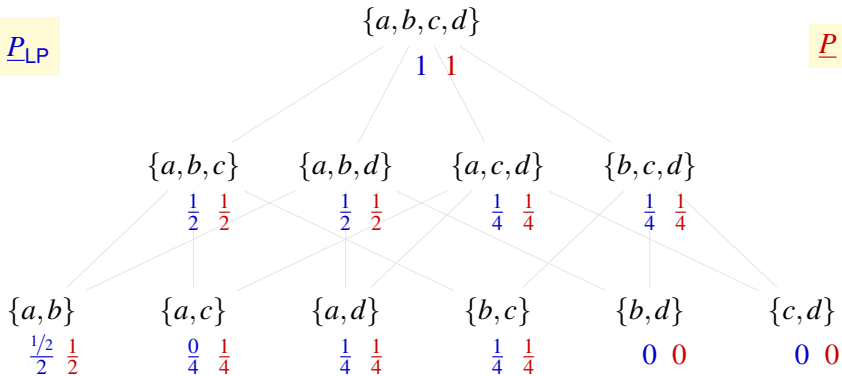
$\underline{P}_{\text{IMRM}}$  $\underline{P}$ **Minimal**

Iterative Rescaling Method

$$\underline{P}_{\text{IMRM}}^A = \sum_{B \subseteq A} \nu B \quad \text{Möbius inverse}$$

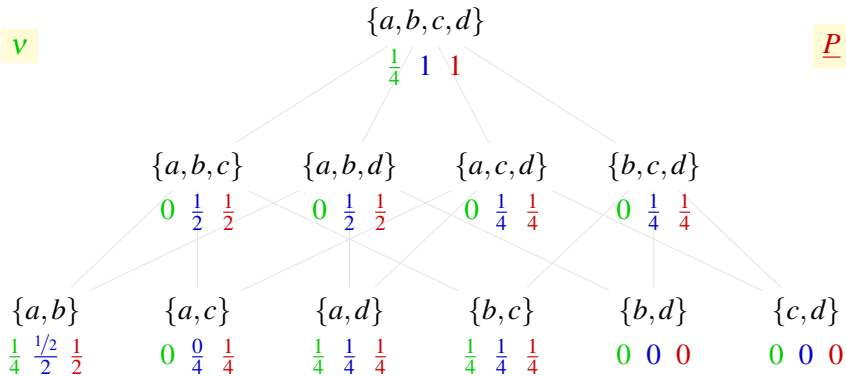


Optimization Approach

$\underline{P}_{LP}$  $\underline{P}$ 

## Linear Programming

minimize  $\sum_{A \subseteq \Omega} |\underline{P}A - \underline{P}_{LP}A|$   
 subject to  $\underline{P}_{LP} \leq \underline{P}$   
 $\underline{P}_{LP}$  is  $\infty$ -monotone

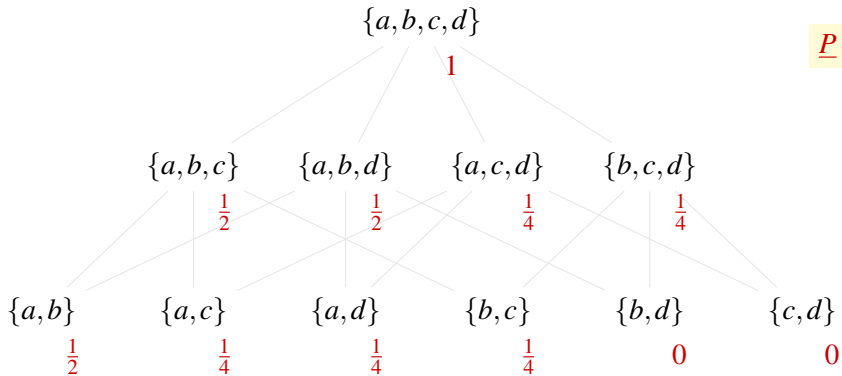
$v$  $\underline{P}$ 

## Linear Programming

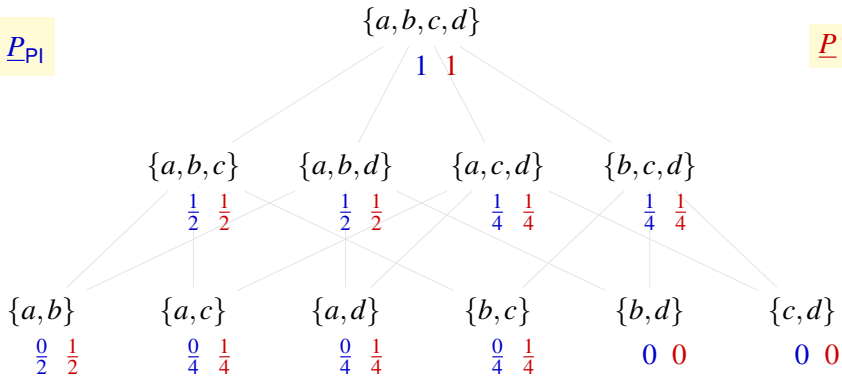
minimize  $\sum_{A \subseteq \Omega} |\underline{P}A - \underline{P}_{LP}A|$   
 subject to  $\underline{P}_{LP} \leq \underline{P}$   
 $\underline{P}_{LP}$  is  $\infty$ -monotone

maximize  $\sum_{B \subseteq \Omega} 2^{|\Omega \setminus B|} v_B$   
 subject to  $\forall A \subseteq \Omega (\sum_{B \subseteq A} v_B \leq \underline{P}A)$   
 $v \geq 0, \sum_{B \subseteq \Omega} v_B = 1$





Probability Interval Approach

$\underline{P}_{PI}$  $\underline{P}$ 

Probability Interval Approach

# Conclusions

From the paper:

- ▶ linear-imprecise decomposition is nice
- ▶ IMRM bests IRM at increased computational cost
- ▶ IMRM and LP have different strengths
- ▶ (PI is just lousy)

For the future:

- ▶ non-LP optimization approaches?
- ▶ generalize idea IMRM to less-than-complete monotonicity?