Answer Set Solving in Practice

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Resources

- Course material
  - http://potassco.org/teaching
- Systems
  - *clasp* http://potassco.org
  - *clingo* http://potassco.org
  - *dlv* http://www.dlvsystem.com
  - *smodels* http://www.tcs.hut.fi/Software/smodels
  - *wasp* https://www.mat.unical.it/ricca/wasp
  - *gringo* http://potassco.org
  - *lparse* http://www.tcs.hut.fi/Software/smodels
  - *asparagus* http://asparagus.cs.uni-potsdam.de

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The Potassco Book

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Literature

Books	[2], [31], [42], [58]
Surveys	[55], [41], [21], [9]
Articles	[44], [45], [4], [66], [59], [54], [43], [26], etc.

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    - Modalities, fix-points, second-order logic

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    - Icebreakers: `lparse` and `smodels`

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Rough notational convention

We sometimes use the following notation interchangeably in order to stress the respective view:

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source code		`:-`	`,`	`;`		`not`	`-`
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formula	$\bot, \top$	$\rightarrow$	$\wedge$	$\vee$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\sim$	$\neg$

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- and combinations of them

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edge(1,2).  edge(2,4).  edge(3,1).  edge(4,1).  edge(5,3).  edge(6,2).
edge(1,3).  edge(2,5).  edge(3,4).  edge(4,2).  edge(5,4).  edge(6,3).
edge(1,4).  edge(2,6).  edge(3,5).             edge(5,6).  edge(6,5).

color(r).  color(b).  color(g).

{assign(1,r),assign(1,b),assign(1,g)} = 1. {assign(4,r),assign(4,b),assign(4,g)} = 1.
{assign(2,r),assign(2,b),assign(2,g)} = 1. {assign(5,r),assign(5,b),assign(5,g)} = 1.
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:- assign(1,r),assign(2,r).  :- assign(2,r),assign(4,r). [...] :- assign(6,r),assign(2,r).
:- assign(1,b),assign(2,b).  :- assign(2,b),assign(4,b).       :- assign(6,b),assign(2,b).
:- assign(1,g),assign(2,g).  :- assign(2,g),assign(4,g).       :- assign(6,g),assign(2,g).
:- assign(1,r),assign(3,r).  :- assign(2,r),assign(5,r).       :- assign(6,r),assign(3,r).
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:- assign(1,r),assign(4,r).  :- assign(2,r),assign(6,r).       :- assign(6,r),assign(5,r).
:- assign(1,b),assign(4,b).  :- assign(2,b),assign(6,b).       :- assign(6,b),assign(5,b).
:- assign(1,g),assign(4,g).  :- assign(2,g),assign(6,g).       :- assign(6,g),assign(5,g).
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Graph coloring: Grounding

```
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node(1).  node(2).  node(3).  node(4).  node(5).  node(6).

edge(1,2).  edge(2,4).  edge(3,1).  edge(4,1).  edge(5,3).  edge(6,2).
edge(1,3).  edge(2,5).  edge(3,4).  edge(4,2).  edge(5,4).  edge(6,3).
edge(1,4).  edge(2,6).  edge(3,5).             edge(5,6).  edge(6,5).

color(r).  color(b).  color(g).

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:- assign(1,r),assign(2,r).  :- assign(2,r),assign(4,r). [...] :- assign(6,r),assign(2,r).
:- assign(1,b),assign(2,b).  :- assign(2,b),assign(4,b).       :- assign(6,b),assign(2,b).
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:- assign(1,r),assign(3,r).  :- assign(2,r),assign(5,r).       :- assign(6,r),assign(3,r).
:- assign(1,b),assign(3,b).  :- assign(2,b),assign(5,b).       :- assign(6,b),assign(3,b).
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:- assign(1,r),assign(4,r).  :- assign(2,r),assign(6,r).       :- assign(6,r),assign(5,r).
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:- assign(1,r),assign(2,r).  :- assign(2,r),assign(4,r). [...] :- assign(6,r),assign(2,r).
:- assign(1,b),assign(2,b).  :- assign(2,b),assign(4,b).       :- assign(6,b),assign(2,b).
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:- assign(1,g),assign(4,g).  :- assign(2,g),assign(6,g).       :- assign(6,g),assign(5,g).
```

ASP solving process

Graph coloring: Solving

```
$ gringo graph.lp color.lp | clasp 0
```

```
clasp version 2.1.0
Reading from stdin
Solving...
Answer: 1
node(1) [...] assign(6,b) assign(5,g) assign(4,b) assign(3,r) assign(2,r) assign(1,g)
Answer: 2
node(1) [...] assign(6,r) assign(5,g) assign(4,r) assign(3,b) assign(2,b) assign(1,g)
Answer: 3
node(1) [...] assign(6,g) assign(5,b) assign(4,g) assign(3,r) assign(2,r) assign(1,b)
Answer: 4
node(1) [...] assign(6,r) assign(5,b) assign(4,r) assign(3,g) assign(2,g) assign(1,b)
Answer: 5
node(1) [...] assign(6,g) assign(5,r) assign(4,g) assign(3,b) assign(2,b) assign(1,r)
Answer: 6
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SATISFIABLE

Models       : 6
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ASP solving process

A coloring

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Basic methodology

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The n-queens problem

- Place n queens on an $n \times n$ chess board
- Queens must not attack one another

Defining the field

queens.lp

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
```

- Create file queens.lp
- Define the field
  - n rows
  - n columns

Defining the field

Running ...

```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp
Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5)
SATISFIABLE

Models       : 1
Time         : 0.000
```

Placing some queens

queens.lp

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
```

- Guess a solution candidate

  by placing some queens on the board

Placing some queens

Running ...

```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp 3
Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5)
Answer: 2
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) queen(1,1)
Answer: 3
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) queen(2,1)
SATISFIABLE

Models       : 3+
```

Placing some queens

```
Answer: 1
```

Placing some queens

```
Answer: 2
```

Placing some queens

```
Answer: 3
```

Placing *n* queens

queens.lp

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
:- { queen(I,J) } != n.
```

- Place exactly *n* queens on the board

Placing *n* queens

queens.lp

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
:- not { queen(I,J) } = n.
```

- Place exactly *n* queens on the board

Placing *n* queens

Running ...

```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp 2
Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
queen(5,1) queen(4,1) queen(3,1) queen(2,1) queen(1,1)
Answer: 2
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
queen(1,2) queen(4,1) queen(3,1) queen(2,1) queen(1,1)
```

Placing n queens

```
Answer: 1
```

Placing n queens

```
Answer: 2
```

Horizontal and vertical attack

queens.lp

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
:- { queen(I,J) } != n.
:- queen(I,J), queen(I,J'), J != J'.
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J), I != I'.
```

- Forbid horizontal attacks
- Forbid vertical attacks

Horizontal and vertical attack

queens.lp

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
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```

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Horizontal and vertical attack

Running ...

```
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Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
queen(5,5) queen(4,4) queen(3,3) queen(2,2) queen(1,1)
```

Horizontal and vertical attack

```
Answer: 1
```

Diagonal attack

queens.lp

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
:- { queen(I,J) } != n.
:- queen(I,J), queen(I,J'), J != J'.
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J), I != I'.
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J'), (I,J) != (I',J'), I-J == I'-J'.
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J'), (I,J) != (I',J'), I+J == I'+J'.
```

- Forbid diagonal attacks

Diagonal attack

Running ...

```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp
Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
queen(4,5) queen(1,4) queen(3,3) queen(5,2) queen(2,1)
SATISFIABLE

Models       : 1+
Time         : 0.000
```

Diagonal attack

```
Answer: 1
```

Optimizing

queens-opt.lp

```
{ queen(I,1..n) } = 1 :- I = 1..n.
{ queen(1..n,J) } = 1 :- J = 1..n.
 :- { queen(D-J,J) } > 1, D = 2..2*n.
 :- { queen(D+J,J) } > 1, D = 1-n..n-1.
```

- Encoding can be optimized
- Much faster to solve

And sometimes it rocks

```
$ clingo -c n=5000 queens-opt-diag.lp --config=jumpy -q --stats=2
```

```
clingo version 4.1.0
Solving...
SATISFIABLE

Models       : 1+
Time         : 3758.143s (Solving: 1905.22s 1st Model: 1896.20s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time     : 3758.320s

Choices      : 288594554
Conflicts    : 3442   (Analyzed: 3442)
Restarts     : 17     (Average: 202.47 Last: 3442)
Model-Level  : 7594728.0
Problems     : 1      (Average Length: 0.00 Splits: 0)
Lemmas       : 3442   (Deleted: 0)
  Binary     : 0      (Ratio:   0.00%)
  Ternary    : 0      (Ratio:   0.00%)
  Conflict   : 3442   (Average Length: 229056.5 Ratio: 100.00%)
  Loop       : 0      (Average Length:    0.0 Ratio:   0.00%)
  Other      : 0      (Average Length:    0.0 Ratio:   0.00%)

Atoms        : 75084857 (Original: 75069989 Auxiliary: 14868)
Rules        : 100129956 (1: 50059992/100090100 2: 39990/29856 3: 10000/10000)
Bodies       : 25090103
Equivalences : 125029999 (Atom=Atom: 50009999 Body=Body: 0 Other: 75020000)
Tight        : Yes
Variables    : 25024868 (Eliminated: 11781 Frozen: 25000000)
Constraints  : 66664  (Binary: 35.6% Ternary:  0.0% Other: 64.4%)

Backjumps    : 3442   (Average: 681.19 Max: 169512 Sum: 2344658)
  Executed   : 3442   (Average: 681.19 Max: 169512 Sum: 2344658 Ratio: 100.00%)
  Bounded    : 0      (Average:  0.00 Max:   0 Sum:      0 Ratio:   0.00%)
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Traveling Salesperson

```
node(1..6).

edge(1,(2;3;4)).  edge(2,(4;5;6)).  edge(3,(1;4;5)).
edge(4,(1;2)).    edge(5,(3;4;6)).  edge(6,(2;3;5)).

cost(1,2,2).  cost(1,3,3).  cost(1,4,1).
cost(2,4,2).  cost(2,5,2).  cost(2,6,4).
cost(3,1,3).  cost(3,4,2).  cost(3,5,2).
cost(4,1,1).  cost(4,2,2).
cost(5,3,2).  cost(5,4,2).  cost(5,6,1).
cost(6,2,4).  cost(6,3,3).  cost(6,5,1).
```

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Traveling Salesperson

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node(1..6).

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cost(1,2,2).  cost(1,3,3).  cost(1,4,1).
cost(2,4,2).  cost(2,5,2).  cost(2,6,4).
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cost(6,2,4).  cost(6,3,3).  cost(6,5,1).

edge(X,Y) :- cost(X,Y,_).
```

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- Aggregates provide a general way to obtain a single value from a collection of input values
- Popular aggregate (functions)
  - average
  - count
  - maximum
  - minimum
  - sum
- Cardinality and weight constraints rely on count and sum aggregates

Syntax

- An aggregate has the form:

$$\alpha\ \{w_1 : a_1, \ldots, w_m : a_m, w_{m+1} : {\sim}a_{m+1}, \ldots, w_n : {\sim}a_n\} \prec k$$

  where for $1 \leq i \leq n$
  - α stands for a function mapping multisets over $\mathbb{Z}$ to $\mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty, -\infty\}$
  - $\prec$ stands for a relation between $\mathbb{Z} \cup \{+\infty, -\infty\}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$
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  - w_i are integers
- Example $sum\ \{30 : hd(a), \ldots, 50 : hd(m)\} \leq 300$

Semantics

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Interlude: Partial interpretations

or: 3-valued interpretations

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Basic idea

- Idea Extend T_P to normal logic programs
- Logical background The idea is to turn a program's completion into an operator such that
  - the head atom of a rule must be *true*
    if the rule's body is *true*
  - an atom must be *false*
    if the body of each rule having it as head is *false*

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- Traditionally, tableau calculi are used for
  - automated theorem proving and
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  in classical as well as non-classical logics
- General idea Given an input, prove some property by decomposition Decomposition is done by applying deduction rules
- For details, see *Handbook of Tableau Methods*, Kluwer, 1999

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- Goal Approach to computing stable models of logic programs, based on concepts from
  - Constraint Processing (CP) and
  - Satisfiability Testing (SAT)
- Idea View inferences in ASP as unit propagation on nogoods
- Benefits
  - A uniform constraint-based framework for different kinds of inferences in ASP
  - Advanced techniques from the areas of CP and SAT
  - Highly competitive implementation

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Nogoods from logic programs
via program completion

The completion of a logic program P can be defined as follows:

$$\{v_B \leftrightarrow a_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge a_m \wedge \neg a_{m+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \neg a_n \mid B \in body(P) \text{ and } B = \{a_1, \ldots, a_m, \sim a_{m+1}, \ldots, \sim a_n\}\}$$

$$\cup \quad \{a \leftrightarrow v_{B_1} \vee \cdots \vee v_{B_k} \mid a \in atom(P) \text{ and } body_P(a) = \{B_1, \ldots, B_k\}\} \ ,$$

where $body_P(a) = \{body(r) \mid r \in P \text{ and } head(r) = a\}$

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and induces the set of nogoods

$$\Delta(B) = \{\, \{\mathbf{T}B, \mathbf{F}a_1\}, \ldots, \{\mathbf{T}B, \mathbf{F}a_m\}, \{\mathbf{T}B, \mathbf{T}a_{m+1}\}, \ldots, \{\mathbf{T}B, \mathbf{T}a_n\} \,\}$$

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   gives rise to the nogood

$$\delta(B) = \{\mathbf{F}B, \mathbf{T}a_1, \ldots, \mathbf{T}a_m, \mathbf{F}a_{m+1}, \ldots, \mathbf{F}a_n\}$$

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- Analogously, the (atom-oriented) equivalence

$$a \leftrightarrow v_{B_1} \vee \cdots \vee v_{B_k}$$

yields the nogoods

1. $\Delta(a) = \{\, \{\mathbf{F}a, \mathbf{T}B_1\}, \ldots, \{\mathbf{F}a, \mathbf{T}B_k\} \,\}$ and
2. $\delta(a) = \{\mathbf{T}a, \mathbf{F}B_1, \ldots, \mathbf{F}B_k\}$

Nogoods from logic programs
atom-oriented nogoods

- For an atom a where $body_P(a) = \{B_1, \ldots, B_k\}$, we get

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- Example Given Atom x with $body(x) = \{\{y\}, \{\sim z\}\}$, we obtain

x	$\leftarrow$	y
x	$\leftarrow$	$\sim z$

$$\{\mathbf{T}x, \mathbf{F}\{y\}, \mathbf{F}\{\sim z\}\}$$
$$\{\,\{\mathbf{F}x, \mathbf{T}\{y\}\}, \{\mathbf{F}x, \mathbf{T}\{\sim z\}\}\,\}$$

For nogood $\{\mathbf{T}x, \mathbf{F}\{y\}, \mathbf{F}\{\sim z\}\}$, the signed literal

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Nogoods from logic programs
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Characterization of stable models

for tight logic programs

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via loop formulas

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Example

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Towards conflict-driven search

Boolean constraint solving algorithms pioneered for SAT led to:

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  (DPLL stands for 'Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland')
  - (Unit) propagation
  - (Chronological) backtracking
  - in ASP, eg *smodels*
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$\nabla := \emptyset$ // *set of recorded nogoods*
$dl := 0$ // *decision level*

loop
  $(A, \nabla) := \textsc{NogoodPropagation}(P, \nabla, A)$
  if $\varepsilon \subseteq A$ **for some** $\varepsilon \in \Delta_P \cup \nabla$ **then** // *conflict*
    if $\max(\{dlevel(\sigma) \mid \sigma \in \varepsilon\} \cup \{0\}) = 0$ **then return** no stable model
    $(\delta, dl) := \textsc{ConflictAnalysis}(\varepsilon, P, \nabla, A)$
    $\nabla := \nabla \cup \{\delta\}$ // *(temporarily) record conflict nogood*
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  else
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Output : An extended assignment and set of nogoods.

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    $\Sigma := \{\delta \in \Delta_P \cup \nabla \mid \delta \setminus A = \{\overline{\sigma}\}, \sigma \notin A\}$ *// unit-resulting nogoods*
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Requirements for UnfoundedSet

- Implementations of UnfoundedSet must guarantee the following for a result U
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simple.lp

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```
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on(D,P,0) :- init_on(D,P).
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#program step(t).

1 { move(D,P,t) : disk(D), peg(P) } 1.

moved(D,t) :- move(D,_,t).
blocked(D,P,t) :- on(D+1,P,t-1), disk(D+1).
blocked(D,P,t) :- blocked(D+1,P,t), disk(D+1).
:- move(D,P,t), blocked(D-1,P,t).
:- moved(D,t), on(D,P,t-1), blocked(D,P,t).

on(D,P,t) :- on(D,P,t-1), not moved(D,t).
on(D,P,t) :- move(D,P,t).
:- not 1 { on(D,P,t) : peg(P) } 1, disk(D).
```

Towers of Hanoi Encoding

```
#program check(t).
#external query(t).

:- goal_on(D,P), not on(D,P,t), query(t).
```

Incremental Solving (ASP)

```
#script (python)

from clingo import SolveResult, Fun

def main(prg):
    ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
    parts.append(("base", []))
    while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
        parts.append(("step", [step]))
        parts.append(("check", [step]))
        prg.ground(parts)
        prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
        prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
        ret, parts, step = prg.solve(), [], step+1

#end.
```

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Incremental Solving (tohCtrl.lp)

```
#script (python)

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        ret, parts, step = prg.solve(), [], step+1

#end.
```

Incremental Solving

```
$ clingo toh.lp tohCtrl.lp
clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from toh.lp ...
Solving...
Solving...
[...]
Solving...
Answer: 1
move(7,a,1)  move(6,b,2)  move(7,b,3)  move(5,a,4)  move(7,c,5)  move(6,a,6)  \
move(7,a,7)  move(4,b,8)  move(7,b,9)  move(6,c,10) move(7,c,11) move(5,b,12) \
move(1,c,13) move(7,a,14) move(6,b,15) move(7,b,16) move(3,a,17) move(7,c,18) \
move(6,a,19) move(7,a,20) move(5,c,21) move(7,b,22) move(6,c,23) move(7,c,24) \
move(4,a,25) move(7,a,26) move(6,b,27) move(7,b,28) move(5,a,29) move(7,c,30) \
move(6,a,31) move(7,a,32) move(2,c,33) move(7,c,34) move(6,b,35) move(7,b,36) \
move(5,c,37) move(7,a,38) move(6,c,39) move(7,c,40)
SATISFIABLE

Models       : 1+
Calls        : 40
Time         : 0.312s (Solving: 0.22s 1st Model: 0.01s Unsat: 0.21s)
CPU Time     : 0.300s
```

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Incremental Solving (Python)

```
from sys import stdout
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prg = Control()
prg.load("toh.lp")

ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
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while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
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    parts.append(("check", [step]))
    prg.ground(parts)
    prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
    prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
    f = lambda m: stdout.write(str(m))
    ret, parts, step = prg.solve(on_model=f), [], step+1
```

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Incremental Solving (tohCtrl.py)

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    prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
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Incremental Solving (Python)

```
$ python tohCtrl.py
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move(7,c,24) move(7,c,11) move(3,a,17) move(6,a,19) move(7,b,3)  move(7,c,5)  \
move(7,a,1)  move(6,b,35) move(6,c,10) move(6,a,6)  move(6,b,2)  move(7,b,9)  \
move(7,a,7)  move(4,b,8)  move(7,a,38) move(7,b,16) move(5,a,29) move(7,b,22) \
move(6,c,39) move(6,c,23) move(5,b,12) move(4,a,25) move(1,c,13) move(5,a,4)  \
move(7,a,14) move(7,a,26) move(6,b,27) move(7,a,32) move(7,b,28) move(7,c,30) \
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move(7,a,7)  move(4,b,8)  move(7,a,38) move(7,b,16) move(5,a,29) move(7,b,22) \
move(6,c,39) move(6,c,23) move(5,b,12) move(4,a,25) move(1,c,13) move(5,a,4)  \
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board.lp

```
dim(1..16).

barrier( 2, 1, 1, 0). barrier(13,11, 1, 0). barrier( 9, 7, 0, 1).
barrier(10, 1, 1, 0). barrier(11,12, 1, 0). barrier(11, 7, 0, 1).
barrier( 4, 2, 1, 0). barrier(14,13, 1, 0). barrier(14, 7, 0, 1).
barrier(14, 2, 1, 0). barrier( 6,14, 1, 0). barrier(16, 9, 0, 1).
barrier( 2, 3, 1, 0). barrier( 3,15, 1, 0). barrier( 2,10, 0, 1).
barrier(11, 3, 1, 0). barrier(10,15, 1, 0). barrier( 5,10, 0, 1).
barrier( 7, 4, 1, 0). barrier( 4,16, 1, 0). barrier( 8,10, 0,-1).
barrier( 3, 7, 1, 0). barrier(12,16, 1, 0). barrier( 9,10, 0,-1).
barrier(14, 7, 1, 0). barrier( 5, 1, 0, 1). barrier( 9,10, 0, 1).
barrier( 7, 8, 1, 0). barrier(15, 1, 0, 1). barrier(14,10, 0, 1).
barrier(10, 8,-1, 0). barrier( 2, 2, 0, 1). barrier( 1,12, 0, 1).
barrier(11, 8, 1, 0). barrier(12, 3, 0, 1). barrier(11,12, 0, 1).
barrier( 7, 9, 1, 0). barrier( 7, 4, 0, 1). barrier( 7,13, 0, 1).
barrier(10, 9,-1, 0). barrier(16, 4, 0, 1). barrier(15,13, 0, 1).
barrier( 4,10, 1, 0). barrier( 1, 6, 0, 1). barrier(10,14, 0, 1).
barrier( 2,11, 1, 0). barrier( 4, 7, 0, 1). barrier( 3,15, 0, 1).
barrier( 8,11, 1, 0). barrier( 8, 7, 0, 1).
```

targets.lp

```
#external goal(1..16).

target(red,   5, 2) :- goal(1).
target(red,  15, 2) :- goal(2).
target(green, 2, 3) :- goal(3).
target(blue, 12, 3) :- goal(4).
target(yellow, 7, 4) :- goal(5).
target(blue,  4, 7) :- goal(6).
target(green, 14, 7) :- goal(7).
target(yellow,11, 8) :- goal(8).
target(yellow, 5,10) :- goal(9).
target(green, 2,11) :- goal(10).
target(red,  14,11) :- goal(11).
target(green, 11,12) :- goal(12).
target(yellow,15,13) :- goal(13).
target(blue,  7,14) :- goal(14).
target(red,   3,15) :- goal(15).
target(blue, 10,15) :- goal(16).

robot(red;green;blue;yellow).
#external pos((red;green;blue;yellow),1..16,1..16).
```

ricochet.lp

```
time(1..horizon).
dir(-1,0;1,0;0,-1;0,1).

stop( DX, DY,X, Y   ) :- barrier(X,Y,DX,DY).
stop(-DX,-DY,X+DX,Y+DY) :- stop(DX,DY,X,Y).

pos(R,X,Y,0) :- pos(R,X,Y).

1 { move(R,DX,DY,T) : robot(R), dir(DX,DY) } 1 :- time(T).
move(R,T) :- move(R,_,_,T).

halt(DX,DY,X-DX,Y-DY,T) :- pos(_,X,Y,T), dir(DX,DY), dim(X-DX), dim(Y-DY),
                           not stop(-DX,-DY,X,Y), T < horizon.

goto(R,DX,DY,X,Y,T) :- pos(R,X,Y,T), dir(DX,DY), T < horizon.
goto(R,DX,DY,X+DX,Y+DY,T) :- goto(R,DX,DY,X,Y,T), dim(X+DX), dim(Y+DY),
                         not stop(DX,DY,X,Y), not halt(DX,DY,X,Y,T).

pos(R,X,Y,T) :- move(R,DX,DY,T), goto(R,DX,DY,X,Y,T-1),
                not goto(R,DX,DY,X+DX,Y+DY,T-1).
pos(R,X,Y,T) :- pos(R,X,Y,T-1), time(T), not move(R,T).

:- target(R,X,Y), not pos(R,X,Y,horizon).

#show move/4.
```

Solving `goal(13)` from cornered robots

```
$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp -c horizon=9 \
        <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(yellow,16,16).   goal(13).")

clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
Answer: 1
move(red,0,1,1)     move(red,1,0,2) move(red,0,1,3)    move(red,-1,0,4) move(red,0,1,5) \
move(yellow,0,-1,6) move(red,1,0,7) move(yellow,0,1,8) move(yellow,-1,0,9)
SATISFIABLE

Models       : 1+
Calls        : 1
Time         : 1.895s (Solving: 1.45s 1st Model: 1.45s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time     : 1.880s


$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp -c horizon=8 \
        <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(yellow,16,16).   goal(13).")

clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
UNSATISFIABLE

Models       : 0
Calls        : 1
Time         : 2.817s (Solving: 2.41s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 2.41s)
CPU Time     : 2.800s
```

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Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
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Solving...
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Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
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```

optimization.lp

```
goon(T) :- target(R,X,Y), T = 0..horizon, not pos(R,X,Y,T).

:- move(R,DX,DY,T-1), time(T), not goon(T-1), not move(R,DX,DY,T).

#minimize{ 1,T : goon(T) }.
```

Solving goal(13) from cornered robots

```
$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp optimization.lp -c horizon=20 --quiet=1,0 \
        <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(yellow,16,16).   goal(13).")
clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
Optimization: 20
Optimization: 19
Optimization: 18
Optimization: 17
Optimization: 16
Optimization: 15
Optimization: 14
Optimization: 13
Optimization: 12
Optimization: 11
Optimization: 10
Optimization: 9
Answer: 12
move(blue,0,-1,1)   move(blue,1,0,2)    move(yellow,0,-1,3) move(blue,0,1,4)    move(yellow,-1,0,5) \
move(blue,1,0,6)    move(blue,0,-1,7)   move(yellow,1,0,8)  move(yellow,0,1,9)  move(yellow,0,1,10) \
move(yellow,0,1,11) move(yellow,0,1,12) move(yellow,0,1,13) move(yellow,0,1,14) move(yellow,0,1,15) \
move(yellow,0,1,16) move(yellow,0,1,17) move(yellow,0,1,18) move(yellow,0,1,19) move(yellow,0,1,20)
OPTIMUM FOUND

Models       : 12
  Optimum    : yes
Optimization : 9
Calls        : 1
Time         : 16.145s (Solving: 15.01s 1st Model: 3.35s Unsat: 2.02s)
CPU Time     : 16.080s
```

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Solving...
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Answer: 12
move(blue,0,-1,1)   move(blue,1,0,2)    move(yellow,0,-1,3) move(blue,0,1,4)    move(yellow,-1,0,5) \
move(blue,1,0,6)    move(blue,0,-1,7)   move(yellow,1,0,8)  move(yellow,0,1,9)  move(yellow,0,1,10) \
move(yellow,0,1,11) move(yellow,0,1,12) move(yellow,0,1,13) move(yellow,0,1,14) move(yellow,0,1,15) \
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Playing in rounds

Round 1: `goal(13)`

Round 2: `goal(4)`

Control loop

1. Create an operational *clingo* object
2. Load and ground the logic programs encoding Ricochet Robot (relative to some fixed `horizon`) within the control object
3. While there is a goal, do the following
   1. Enforce the initial robot positions
   2. Enforce the current goal
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            self.undo_external.append(x)
        self.last_solution = None
        self.ctl.solve(on_model=self.on_model)
        return self.last_solution

    def on_model(self, model):
        self.last_solution = model.atoms()
        self.last_positions = []
        for atom in model.atoms(Model.ATOMS):
            if (atom.name() == "pos" and len(atom.args()) == 4 and atom.args()[3] == self.horizon):
                self.last_positions.append(Fun("pos", atom.args()[:-1]))

horizon   = 15
encodings = ["board.lp", "targets.lp", "ricochet.lp", "optimization.lp"]
positions = [Fun("pos", [Fun("red"),     1,  1]), Fun("pos", [Fun("blue"),    1, 16]),
             Fun("pos", [Fun("green"),  16,  1]), Fun("pos", [Fun("yellow"), 16, 16])]
sequence  = [Fun("goal", [13]), Fun("goal", [4]), Fun("goal", [7])]

player = Player(horizon, positions, encodings)
for goal in sequence:
    print player.solve(goal)
```

Let's play!

```
$ python ricochet.py
[move(red,0,1,1), move(yellow,-1,0,14), move(yellow,-1,0,12), move(yellow,-1,0,11),
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 move(red,0,1,3), move(red,0,1,5), move(yellow,0,1,8)]
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Linear constraints

```
#theory csp {
    linear_term {
      + : 5, unary;
      - : 5, unary;
      * : 4, binary, left;
      + : 3, binary, left;
      - : 3, binary, left
    };

    dom_term {
      + : 5, unary;
      - : 5, unary;
      .. : 1, binary, left
    };

    show_term {
      / : 1, binary, left
    };

    minimize_term {
      + : 5, unary;
      - : 5, unary;
      * : 4, binary, left;
      + : 3, binary, left;
      - : 3, binary, left;
      @ : 0, binary, left
    };

    &dom/0 : dom_term, {=}, linear_term, any;
    &sum/0 : linear_term, {<=,=,>=,<,>,!=}, linear_term, any;
    &show/0 : show_term, directive;
    &distinct/0 : linear_term, any;
    &minimize/0 : minimize_term, directive
}.
```

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$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & s & e & n & d \\ + & m & o & r & e \\ \hline m & o & n & e & y \end{array}$$

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&sum { D } > 0 :- high(D).

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number(1). number(2).
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aspif overview

- Rule statements
- Minimize statements
- Projection statements
- Output statements
- External statements
- Assumption statements
- Heuristic statements
- Edge statements
- Theory terms and atoms
- Comments

aspif theory example

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duration(1,200).
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4 7 task(2) 0
4 15 duration(1,200) 0
4 15 duration(2,400) 0
9 0 1 200
9 0 3 400
9 0 6 1
9 0 11 2
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9 1 2 2 <=
9 1 4 1 -
9 1 5 3 end
9 1 8 3 beg
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9 2 9 8 1 6
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Conflict-driven constraint learning modulo theories

```
(I)  initialize                                   // register theory propagators and initialize watches
     loop
        propagate completion, loop, and recorded nogoods      // deterministically assign literals
        if no conflict then
           if all variables assigned then
(C)           if some δ ∈ Δ_T is violated for T ∈ 𝕋 then record δ      // theory propagator's check
              else return variable assignment                          // 𝕋-stable model found
           else
(P)           propagate theories T ∈ 𝕋          // theory propagators may record theory nogoods
              if no nogood recorded then decide        // non-deterministically assign some literal
        else
           if top-level conflict then return unsatisfiable
           else
              analyze                            // resolve conflict and record a conflict constraint
(U)           backjump                           // undo assignments until conflict constraint is unit
```

Propagator interface

The *dot* propagator

```
#script (python)

import sys
import time

class Propagator:
    def init(self, init):
        self.sleep = .1
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    propagate                                   // deterministically assign literals
    if no conflict then
        if all variables assigned then return solution
        else decide                             // non-deterministically assign some literal
    else
        if top-level conflict then return unsatisfiable
        else
            analyze                             // analyze conflict and add conflict constraint
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Parallel CDCL-style solving in *clasp*

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- Compare *clasp* (2.0.5) to the multi-threaded SAT solvers
  - *cryptominisat* (2.9.2)
  - *manysat* (1.1)
  - *miraxt* (2009)
  - *plingeling* (587f)

  all run with four and eight threads in their default settings
- 160/300 benchmarks from crafted category at SAT'11
  - all solvable by *ppfolio* in 1000 seconds
  - crafted SAT benchmarks are closest to ASP benchmarks

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clasp's default portfolio for parallel solving

via `clasp --print-portfolio`

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clingcon

- Hybrid grounding and solving
- Solving in hybrid domains, like Bio-Informatics

- Basic architecture of *clingcon*:

Pouring Water into Buckets on a Scale

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 :- not pour(B,T), bucket(B), time(T), T < t, amount(B,T) $!=  0.

 :- bucket(B), time(T), T < t, volume(B,T+1) $!= volume(B,T)$+amount(B,T).

down(B,T) :- volume(C,T) $< volume(B,T), bucket(B;C), time(T).
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 :- up(a,t).
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Pouring Water into Buckets on a Scale

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$ clingcon --const t=4 balance.lp --text
```

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time(0). ... time(4).
bucket(a).
bucket(b).

1 { pour(b,0), pour(a,0) } 1.

 :- pour(a,0), 1 $> amount(a,0).
 :- pour(b,0), 1 $> amount(b,0).

 :- pour(a,0), amount(a,0) $> 30.
 :- pour(b,0), amount(b,0) $> 30.

 :- not pour(a,0), amount(a,0) $!= 0.
 :- not pour(b,0), amount(b,0) $!= 0.

 :- volume(a,1) $!= (volume(a,0) $+ amount(a,0)).
 :- volume(b,1) $!= (volume(b,0) $+ amount(b,0)).

down(a,0) :- volume(a,0) $< volume(a,0).
down(a,0) :- volume(b,0) $< volume(a,0).
down(b,0) :- volume(a,0) $< volume(b,0).
down(b,0) :- volume(b,0) $< volume(b,0).

up(a,0) :- not down(a,0).
up(b,0) :- not down(b,0).

 :- up(a,4).
```

```
$domain(0..500).
 :- volume(a,0) $!= 0.
 :- volume(b,0) $!= 100.

... 1 { pour(b,3), pour(a,3) } 1.

... :- pour(a,3), 1 $> amount(a,3).
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... :- pour(a,3), amount(a,3) $> 30.
... :- pour(b,3), amount(b,3) $> 30.

... :- not pour(a,3), amount(a,3) $!= 0.
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... :- volume(a,4) $!= (volume(a,3) $+ amount(a,3)).
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 :- not pour(b,0), amount(b,0) $!= 0.

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down(a,0) :- volume(a,0) $< volume(a,0).
down(a,0) :- volume(b,0) $< volume(a,0).
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down(b,0) :- volume(b,0) $< volume(b,0).

up(a,0) :- not down(a,0).
up(b,0) :- not down(b,0).

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... :- pour(b,3), 1 $> amount(b,3).

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... up(a,4) :- not down(a,4).
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up(b,0) :- not down(b,0).                           ...  up(b,4) :- not down(b,4).

 :- up(a,4).
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 :- volume(a,1) $!= (volume(a,0) $+ amount(a,0)).   ...   :- volume(a,4) $!= (volume(a,3) $+ amount(a,3)).
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down(a,0) :- volume(a,0) $< volume(a,0).            ...  down(a,4) :- volume(a,4) $< volume(a,4).
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down(b,0) :- volume(b,0) $< volume(b,0).            ...  down(b,4) :- volume(b,4) $< volume(b,4).

up(a,0) :- not down(a,0).                           ...  up(a,4) :- not down(a,4).
up(b,0) :- not down(b,0).                           ...  up(b,4) :- not down(b,4).

 :- up(a,4).
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```
$ clingcon --const t=4 balance.lp 0

Answer: 1
pour(a,0)   pour(a,1)   pour(a,2)   pour(a,3)

amount(a,0)=[11..30]   amount(b,0)=0        1 $> amount(b,0)   amount(a,0) $!= 0
amount(a,1)=[11..30]   amount(b,1)=0        1 $> amount(b,1)   amount(a,1) $!= 0
amount(a,2)=[11..30]   amount(b,2)=0        1 $> amount(b,2)   amount(a,2) $!= 0
amount(a,3)=[11..30]   amount(b,3)=0        1 $> amount(b,3)   amount(a,3) $!= 0

volume(a,0)=0          volume(b,0)=100      volume(a,0) $< volume(b,0)
volume(a,1)=[11..30]   volume(b,1)=100      volume(a,1) $< volume(b,1)
volume(a,2)=[41..60]   volume(b,2)=100      volume(a,2) $< volume(b,2)
volume(a,3)=[71..90]   volume(b,3)=100      volume(a,3) $< volume(b,3)
volume(a,4)=[101..120] volume(b,4)=100      volume(b,4) $< volume(a,4)

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Models       : 1
Time         : 0.000
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Boolean variables

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Non-Boolean variables

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claspfolio

- Automatic selection of some *clasp* configuration among several predefined ones via (learned) classifiers
- Basic architecture of *claspfolio*:

Instance Feature Clusters (after PCA)

Solving with *clasp* (as usual)

```
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clasp version 2.0.2
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$ claspfolio --features queens500

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 1023958,502993,1994,518971,1,0,0,254994,0,3990,0.100,0.000,99.900, \
 0,270303,812,4,0,812,2223,2223,262,262,2.738,2.738,0.000,812,812,  \
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clasp --configurations=./models/portfolio.txt          \
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      queens500 --quiet --autoverbose=1                \
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Towers of Hanoi: program interaction graph
Colors showing flipped assignments

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Towers of Hanoi: flipped assignments between decisions

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Towers of Hanoi: flipped assignments between decisions (zoomed in)

Visualization Examples

Towers of Hanoi: learned nogoods during zoomed in segment projected onto program interaction graph layout

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Towers of Hanoi: learned nogoods during zoomed in segment compared to program interaction graph

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Diagonals make trouble!

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queens_2.lp

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A Case for Oracles

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Models       : 1+
Time         : 22.654s (Solving: 10.53s 1st Model: 10.47s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time     : 15.750s
Choices      : 1058729
Conflicts    : 2128
Restarts     : 6

Variables    : 403123
Constraints  : 49636
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Wanted: assignment of $1, \ldots, N$

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 :- num(X,Y,N), gtX(X,Y,N).              :- num(X,Y,N), gtY(X,Y,N).
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% GENERATE
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% DEFINE + TEST
occX(X,N,C) :- X = 1..n, N = 1..n, C = { num(X,Y,N) }.
occY(Y,N,C) :- Y = 1..n, N = 1..n, C = { num(X,Y,N) }.
:- occX(X,N,C), C != 1.  :- occY(Y,N,C), C != 1.

% DISPLAY
#show num/3. #show sigma/1.
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- Note internal transformation by `gringo`

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- Note many symmetric solutions
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- Note Let's compare enumeration speed!

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Models : 1344      Time : 0.024s
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$\#preference(temps, aso)\{dive > sauna \parallel hot, sauna > dive \parallel \neg hot\}$

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             holds'(X) : preference(P,_,_,for(X),_), holds(X);
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```

$A =$

```
holds(neg(A)) :- not holds(A), preference(_,_,_,for(neg(A)),_).
holds'(neg(A)) :- not holds'(A),preference(_,_,_,for(neg(A)),_).
```

$H_{\{a,b\}} =$

```
holds(a). holds(b).
```

$H'_{\{a\}} =$

```
holds'(a).
```

We get a stable model containing `better(3)` indicating that $\{a, b\} \succ_3 \{a\}$, or $\{a\} \subset \{a, \neg b\}$

$$\#preference(3, subset)\{a, \neg b, c\}$$

$E_{subset} =$

```
better(P) :- preference(P,subset),
             holds'(X) : preference(P,_,_,for(X),_), holds(X);
             1 #sum { 1,X : not holds(X), holds'(X),
                          preference(P,_,_,for(X),_) }.
```

$F_3 =$

```
preference(3,subset). preference(3,1,1,for(a),()).
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Basic algorithm $solveOpt(P, s)$

Input : A program P over $\mathcal{A}$ and preference statement s
Output : A $\succ_s$-preferred stable model of P, if P is satisfiable, and $\bot$ otherwise

$Y \leftarrow solve(P)$
if $Y = \bot$ **then return** $\bot$

repeat
  $X \leftarrow Y$
  $Y \leftarrow solve(P \cup E_{t_s} \cup F_s \cup R_{\mathcal{A}} \cup H'_X) \cap \mathcal{A}$
until $Y = \bot$
return X

where $R_X = \{holds(a) \leftarrow a \mid a \in X\}$

Sketched Python Implementation

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#script (python)

from gringo import *
holds = []

def getHolds():
    global holds
    return holds

def onModel(model):
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    for a in model.atoms():
        if (a.name() == "_holds"): holds.append(a.args()[0])

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    prg.ground([("base", [])])
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        ret = prg.solve(on_model=onModel)
        if ret == SolveResult.UNSAT: break
        step = step+1
#end.

#program base.                      #program doholds(m).
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#end.
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```

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Example

in *asprin*'s input language

```
#preference(costs,less(weight)){
  C :: sauna : cost(sauna,C);
  C ::  dive : cost(dive,C)
}.
#preference(fun,superset){ sauna; dive; hike; not bunji }.
#preference(temps,aso){
  dive > sauna ||     hot;
 sauna > dive  || not hot
}.
#preference(all,pareto){name(costs); name(fun); name(temps)}.

#optimize(all).
```

asprin's library

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  - `less(cardinality)` and `more(cardinality)`
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Introduction

- some grounders (in chronological order)
  - *lparse* (grounding using domain predicates)
  - *dlv* (semi-naive evaluation based grounding)
  - *gringo* (semi-naive evaluation based since version 3)

Hamiltonian Cycle Instance

```
% vertices
node(a).  node(b).
node(c).  node(d).

% edges
edge(a,b).  edge(a,c).
edge(b,c).  edge(b,d).
edge(c,a).  edge(c,d).
edge(d,a).

% starting point (for presentation purposes)
start(a).
```

Hamiltonian Cycle Encoding

```
% generate path
path(X,Y) :- not omit(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
omit(X,Y) :- not path(X,Y), edge(X,Y).

% at most one incoming/outgoing edge
:- path(X,Y), path(X',Y), X < X'.
:- path(X,Y), path(X,Y'), Y < Y'.

% at least one incoming/outgoing edge
on_path(Y) :- path(X,Y), path(Y,Z).
:- node(X), not on_path(X).

% connectedness
reach(X) :- start(X).
reach(Y) :- reach(X), path(X,Y).
:- node(X), not reach(X).
```

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Grounding

- Safety
  - each variable has to occur in a positive body element
  - consider: `p(X) :- not q(X).`
- Herbrand universe
  - all constants in program and
    all functions over function symbols in program
- Herbrand base
  - all atoms over predicates in program
    with terms from Herbrand universe
- Instance of a rule
  - all variables replaced with elements from Herbrand universe
- Grounding of a program
  - $ground(P)$ is the union of all instances of rules in P

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Example: Size of Grounding

```
% Herbrand Universe: {a,b,c,d}
12 facts from instance
% path(X,Y) :- not omit(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
% omit(X,Y) :- not path(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
% reach(Y) :- reach(X), path(X,Y).
16 rules + 16 rules + 16 rules
% on_path(Y) :- path(X,Y), path(Y,Z).
% :- path(X,Y), path(X',Y), X < X'.
% :- path(X,Y), path(X,Y'), Y < Y'.
64 rules + 64 rules + 64 rules
% reach(X) :- start(X).
% :- node(X), not on_path(X).
% :- node(X), not reach(X).
4 rules + 4 rules + 4 rules
```

Example: Unnecessary Rules I

```
% path(X,Y) :- not omit(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
path(a,a) :- not omit(a,a), edge(a,a).
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b), edge(a,b).
path(a,c) :- not omit(a,c), edge(a,c).
path(a,d) :- not omit(a,d), edge(a,d).
          ⋮
path(d,a) :- not omit(d,a), edge(d,a).
path(d,b) :- not omit(d,b), edge(d,b).
path(d,c) :- not omit(d,c), edge(d,d).
path(d,d) :- not omit(d,d), edge(d,d).
```

Example: Unnecessary Rules II

```
% :- path(X,Y), path(X',Y), X < X'.
:- path(a,a), path(a,a), a < a.
:- path(a,b), path(a,b), a < a.
:- path(a,c), path(a,c), a < a.
:- path(a,d), path(a,d), a < a.

:- path(a,a), path(b,a), a < b.
:- path(a,b), path(b,b), a < b.
:- path(a,c), path(b,c), a < b.
:- path(a,d), path(b,d), a < b.
          ⋮
:- path(d,d), path(d,d), d < d.
```

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Bottom Up Grounding

- ground relevant rules by incrementally extending the Herbrand base
- $ground_D(P) = \{r \in ground(P) \mid body(r)^+ \subseteq D,$ all comparison literals in $body(r)$ are satisfied$\}$

---

function GROUND_BOTTOM_UP(P, D)
  $G \leftarrow ground_D(P)$
  if $head(G) \not\subseteq D$ **then**
    return GROUND_BOTTOM_UP$(P, D \cup head(G))$
  return G

- given safe program P and set of ground facts I (typically corresponds to encoding and instance), $P \cup I$ is equivalent to GROUND_BOTTOM_UP$(P, head(I)) \cup I$

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Example: Bottom Up Grounding Step 1

```
% Step 1
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b), edge(a,b).
          ⋮ % 7 rules total
path(d,a) :- not omit(d,a), edge(d,a).

omit(a,b) :- not path(a,b), edge(a,b).
          ⋮ % 7 rules total
omit(d,a) :- not path(d,a), edge(d,a).

:- node(a), not on_path(a).  :- node(b), not on_path(b).
:- node(c), not on_path(c).  :- node(d), not on_path(d).

:- node(a), not reach(a).  :- node(b), not reach(b).
:- node(c), not reach(c).  :- node(d), not reach(d).

reach(a) :- start(a).
```

Example: Bottom Up Grounding Step 2

```
% Step 2 and rules of Step 1
:- path(a,c), path(b,c), a < b.
:- path(b,d), path(c,d), b < c.
:- path(c,a), path(d,a), c < d.

:- path(a,b), path(a,c), b < c.
:- path(c,a), path(c,d), a < d.
:- path(b,c), path(b,d), c < d.

on_path(a) :- path(a,b), path(c,a).
           :
           : % 12 rules total
on_path(d) :- path(d,a), path(c,d).

reach(b) :- reach(a), path(a,b).
reach(c) :- reach(a), path(a,c).
```

Example: Bottom Up Grounding Step 3 and 4

```
% Step 3 and rules of Step 2
reach(c) :- reach(b), path(b,c).
reach(d) :- reach(b), path(b,d).
reach(a) :- reach(c), path(c,a).
reach(d) :- reach(c), path(c,d).

% Step 4 and rules of Step 3
reach(a) :- reach(d), path(d,a).
```

Properties of Bottom Up Grounding

- grounds only relevant rules
  - each positive body literal has a non-cyclic derivation (ignoring negative literals)
- regrounds rules from previous steps

---

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- does not perform simplifications

Improving Bottom Up Grounding

- use dependencies to focus grounding
  - begin with partial Herbrand base given by facts
  - use rule dependency graph of program to obtain components that can be grounded successively
- adapt semi-naive evaluation put forward in the database field
  - avoids redundancies when grounding
- perform simplifications during grounding
  - remove literals from rule bodies if possible
  - omit rules if body cannot be satisfied

Program Dependencies

- dependency graph of program P
  - rule r_2 depends on rule r_1
    if $b \in body(r_2)^+ \cup body(r_2)^-$ unifies with $h \in head(r_1)$
  - $G_P = (P, E)$ where $E = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_2 \text{ depends on } r_1\}$
- positive dependency graph of program P
  - rule r_2 positively depends on rule r_1
    if $b \in body(r_2)^+$ unifies with $h \in head(r_1)$
  - $G_P^+ = (P, E)$ where $E = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_2 \text{ positively depends on } r_1\}$
- let $L_P = (C_{1,1}, \ldots, C_{1,m_1}, \ldots, C_{n,1}, \ldots, C_{n,m_n})$ where
  - $(C_1, \ldots, C_n)$ is a topological ordering of G_P
  - $(C_{i,1}, \ldots, C_{i,m_i})$ is a topological ordering of each $G_{C_i}^+$

Example: Dependencies

Grounding With Dependencies

function GROUND_WITH_DEPENDENCIES(P, D)
  $G \leftarrow \emptyset$
  foreach C **in** L_P **do**
    $G' \leftarrow$ GROUND_BOTTOM_UP(C, D)
    $(G, D) \leftarrow (G \cup G', D \cup head(G'))$
  return G

- given safe program P and set of facts I, $P \cup I$ is equivalent to GROUND_WITH_DEPENDENCIES$(P, head(I)) \cup I$

Example: Grounding with Dependencies

```
% Component1,1
omit(a,b) :- not path(a,b), edge(a,b).
          ⋮ % 7 rules total
omit(d,a) :- not path(d,a), edge(d,a).

% Component1,2
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b), edge(a,b).
          ⋮ % 7 rules total
path(d,a) :- not omit(d,a), edge(d,a).

...
```

- no regrounding if there is no positive recursion in a component

Example: Grounding Component$_{7,1}$

```
% Step 1
reach(b) :- reach(a), path(a,b).
reach(c) :- reach(a), path(a,c).

% Step 2 and rules of Step 1
reach(c) :- reach(b), path(b,c).
reach(d) :- reach(b), path(b,d).
reach(a) :- reach(c), path(c,a).
reach(d) :- reach(c), path(c,d).

% Step 3 and rules of Step 2
reach(a) :- reach(d), path(d,a).

% less regrounding but still...
```

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Recursive Atoms

- given $L_P = (C_1, \ldots, C_n)$, an atom a_1 is recursive in component C_i if a_1 unifies a_2 such that
  - $r_1 \in C_i$ and $r_2 \in C_j$ with $i \leq j$,
  - $a_1 \in body(r_1)^+ \cup body(r_1)^-$, and
  - $a_2 \in head(r_2)$

Example: Recursive Atoms

Preparing Components

- the set of prepared rules for $r \in C$ is

$$\left\{\begin{array}{l} h \text{ :- } n(b_1),\ a(b_2),\ a(b_3),\ \ldots,\ a(b_{i-2}),\ a(b_{i-1}),\ a(b_i),\ B \\ h \text{ :- } o(b_1),\ n(b_2),\ a(b_3),\ \ldots,\ a(b_{i-2}),\ a(b_{i-1}),\ a(b_i),\ B \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \qquad\qquad \ddots \qquad\qquad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ h \text{ :- } o(b_1),\ o(b_2),\ o(b_3),\ \ldots,\ o(b_{i-2}),\ n(b_{i-1}),\ a(b_i),\ B \\ h \text{ :- } o(b_1),\ o(b_2),\ o(b_3),\ \ldots,\ o(b_{i-2}),\ o(b_{i-1}),\ n(b_i),\ B \end{array}\right\}$$

or $\{h \text{ :- } n(b_{i+1}), \ldots, n(b_j), b_{j+1}, \ldots, b_n\}$ if $i = 0$

where $body(r) = \{b_1, \ldots, b_i, b_{i+1} \ldots, b_j, b_{j+1}, \ldots, b_n\}$,
$b_k \in body(r)^+$ for $1 \leq k \leq i$ is recursive,
$b_k \in body(r)^+$ for $i < k \leq j$ is not recursive, and
$B = a(b_{i+1}), \ldots, a(b_j), b_{j+1}, \ldots, b_n$

- a prepared component is the union of all its prepared rules

Example: Preparing Components

```
% prepared Component1,1
omit(X,Y) :- n(edge(X,Y)), not path(X,Y).
% prepared Component1,2
path(X,Y) :- n(edge(X,Y)), not omit(X,Y).
% prepared Component2,1
:- n(path(X,Y)), n(path(X',Y)), X < X'.
...
% prepared Component7,1
reach(Y) :- n(reach(X)), a(path(X,Y)).
...
```

Semi-naive Evaluation-based Grounding

function GROUND_SEMI_NAIVE(P, A)
- $G \leftarrow \emptyset$
- **foreach** C **in** L_P **do**
  - $(O, N) \leftarrow (\emptyset, A)$
  - **repeat**
    - **let** $D_p = \{p(a) \mid a \in D\}$ for set D of atoms
    - $G' \leftarrow ground_{O_o \cup N_n \cup A_a}(\text{prepared } C)$
    - $N \leftarrow head(G') \setminus A$
    - $(G, O, A) \leftarrow (G \cup G', A, N \cup A)$
  - **until** $N = \emptyset$
- **return** G with $o/1$, $n/1$, $a/1$ stripped from positive bodies

- given safe program P and set of facts I, $P \cup I$ is equivalent to GROUND_SEMI_NAIVE$(P, head(I)) \cup I$

Example: Grounding Component$_{7,1}$

```
% grounding of
% reach(Y) :- n(reach(X)), a(path(X,Y)).

% Step 1 with N = A from previous step (reach(a) ∈ A)
reach(b) :- n(reach(a)), a(path(a,b)).
reach(c) :- n(reach(a)), a(path(a,c)).

% Step 2 with N = { reach(b), reach(c) }
reach(c) :- n(reach(b)), a(path(b,c)).
reach(d) :- n(reach(b)), a(path(b,d)).
reach(a) :- n(reach(c)), a(path(c,a)).
reach(d) :- n(reach(c)), a(path(c,d)).

% Step 3 with N = { reach(d) }
reach(a) :- n(reach(d)), a(path(d,a)).
```

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reach(d) :- reach(c), path(c,d).

% Step 3 with N = { reach(d) }
reach(a) :- reach(d), path(d,a).

% without n/1 and a/1 of course
```

Example: Nonlinear Programs

```
trans(U,V) :- edge(U,V).
trans(U,W) :- trans(U,V), trans(V,W).
```

```
% prepared Component 1:
trans(U,V) :- n(edge(U,V)).

% prepared Component 2:
trans(U,W) :- n(trans(U,V)), a(trans(V,W)).
trans(U,W) :- o(trans(U,V)), n(trans(V,W)).
```

Example: Nonlinear Programs

```
trans(U,V) :- edge(U,V).
% trans(U,W) :- trans(U,V), trans(V,W).
% better written as:
trans(U,W) :- trans(U,V), edge(V,W).

% prepared Component 1:
trans(U,V) :- n(edge(U,V)).

% prepared Component 2:
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```

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Propagation of Facts

- simplifications are performed on-the-fly
  (rules are printed immediately but not stored in *gringo*)
- maintain a set of fact atoms
- remove facts from positive body
- discard rules with negative literals over a fact
- discard rules whenever the head is a fact
- gather new facts whenever a rule body is empty

Example: Propagation of Facts

```
...
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b), edge(a,b).
...
reach(a) :- start(a).
```

Example: Propagation of Facts

```
...
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b).
...
reach(a). % reach(a) is added as fact
```

Example: Propagation of Facts

```
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...

:- node(a), not reach(a).
...
```

Example: Propagation of Facts

```
...
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...
reach(a). % reach(a) is added as fact

...
```

~~:- node(a), not reach(a).~~ % rule is discarded

```
...
```

Propagation of Negative Literals

- non-recursive negative literals not in the current base A can be removed from rule bodies
- stratified logic programs are completely evaluated during grounding
- consider the instance where node d is not reachable

Example: Propagation of Negative Literals

```
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b).
path(a,c) :- not omit(a,c).
path(b,c) :- not omit(b,c).
path(c,a) :- not omit(c,a).
path(d,a) :- not omit(d,a).
...
reach(a).
reach(b) :- path(a,b).
reach(c) :- path(a,c).
reach(c) :- path(b,c), reach(b).
...
% reach(X) is not recursive and reach(d) ∉ A
:- not reach(b).
:- not reach(c).
:- not reach(d). % remove not reach(d) from body
```

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...
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reach(b) :- path(a,b).
reach(c) :- path(a,c).
reach(c) :- path(b,c), reach(b).
...
% reach(X) is not recursive and reach(d) ∉ A
:- not reach(b).
:- not reach(c).
:- . % inconsistency detected during grounding
```

Conclusion/Summary

- grounding algorithms for normal logic programs (with integrity constraints)
- language features not covered here
  - (recursive) aggregates
  - conditional literals
  - optimization statements
  - disjunctions
  - arithmetic functions
  - syntactic sugar to write more compact encodings
  - safety of $=$ relation (for aggregates and terms)
  - python/lua integration
    - external functions
    - control over grounding and solving

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- the following slides show how to ground individual rules
- I am probably not going to show them

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Rule Grounding by Backtracking

function $\textsc{ground_backtrack}_{r,R,D}(\sigma, F, (b_1, \ldots, b_n))$

- **if** $n = 0$ **then**
  - **let** $H = head(r\sigma)$
    $B = body(r\sigma)^+ \setminus F \cup$
    $\{\texttt{not}\ \ a\sigma \mid a \in body(r)^- \setminus R, a \in D\} \cup$
    $\{\texttt{not}\ \ a\sigma \mid a \in body(r)^- \cap R\}$
  - **if** $B = \emptyset$ **then** $F \leftarrow F \cup H$
  - **return** $(\{H\ \ \texttt{:-}\ \ B \mid B^- \cap F = \emptyset, H \cap F = \emptyset\}, F)$
- **else**
  - $G \leftarrow \emptyset$
  - **foreach** $\sigma' \in match_{F,D}(\sigma, b_1)$ **do**
    - $(G, F) \leftarrow (G, F) \sqcup \textsc{ground_backtrack}_{r,R,D}(\sigma', F, (b_2, \ldots, b_n))$
  - **return** (G, F)

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