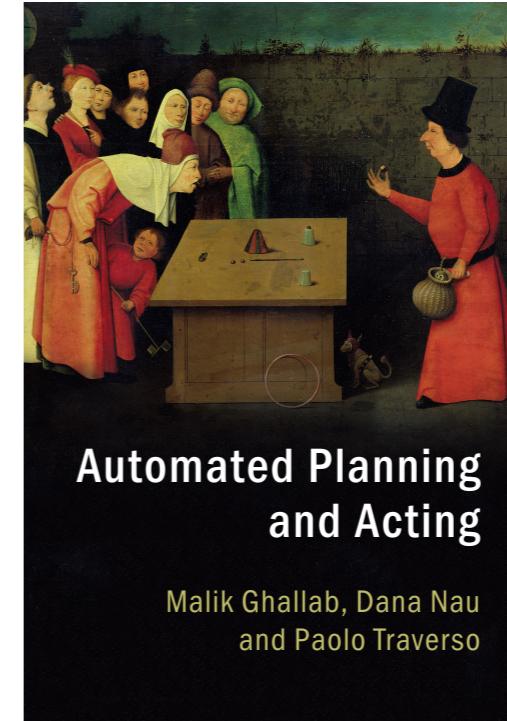


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## Section 2.7.8 Planning with Control Rules



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# Motivation

- Sometimes we can write highly efficient planning algorithms for a specific domain
  - Use special properties of the domain
- Example: the “blocks world”

`pickup( $x$ )`

pre:  $\text{loc}(x)=\text{table}$ ,  $\text{clear}(x)=\text{T}$ ,  $\text{holding}=\text{nil}$   
eff:  $\text{loc}(x)=\text{crane}$ ,  $\text{clear}(x)=\text{F}$ ,  $\text{holding}=x$

`putdown( $x$ )`

pre:  $\text{holding}=x$   
eff:  $\text{holding}=\text{nil}$ ,  $\text{loc}(x)=\text{table}$ ,  $\text{clear}(x)=\text{T}$

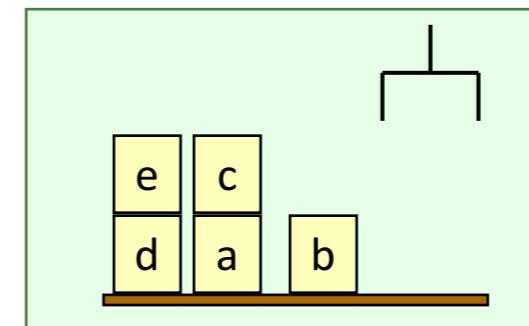
`stack( $x,y$ )`

pre:  $\text{holding}=x$ ,  $\text{clear}(y)=\text{T}$   
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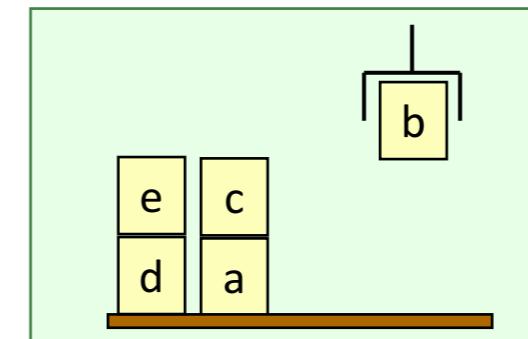
`unstack( $x,y$ )`

pre:  $\text{loc}(x)=y$ ,  $\text{clear}(x)=\text{T}$ ,  $\text{holding}=\text{nil}$   
eff:  $\text{loc}(x)=\text{crane}$ ,  $\text{clear}(x)=\text{F}$ ,  $\text{holding}=x$ ,  $\text{clear}(y)=\text{T}$

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# The Blocks World

- For block-stacking problems with  $n$  blocks, easy to get a solution of length  $O(n)$ 
  - Move all blocks to the table, then build up stacks from the bottom
- With more domain knowledge, can do even better

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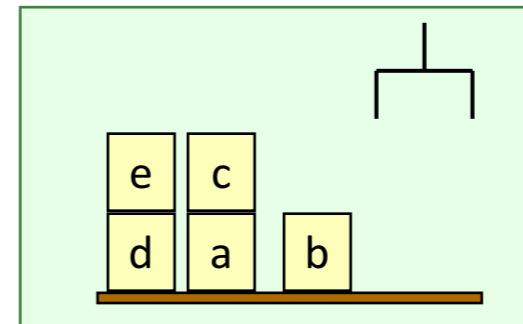
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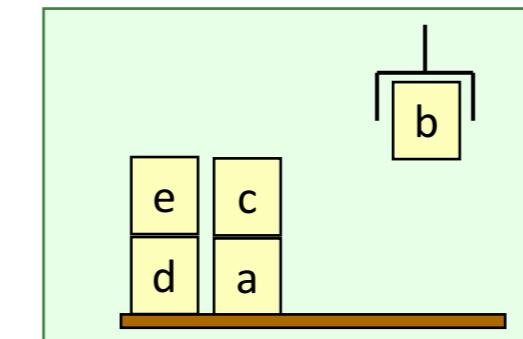
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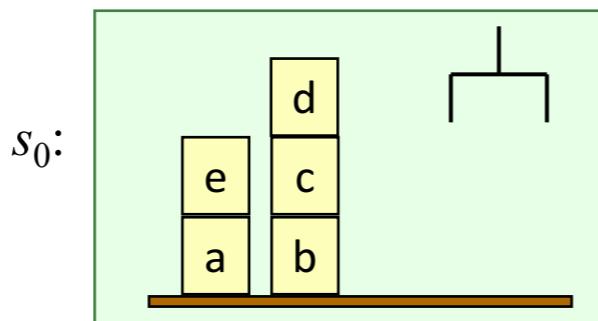


## Block-Stacking Algorithm

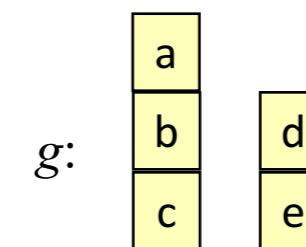
**loop**

**if**  $\exists$  a clear block  $c$  that needs moving  
& we can move  $c$  to a position  $d$   
where  $c$  won't need to be moved  
**then** move  $c$  to  $d$   
**else if**  $\exists$  a clear block  $c$  that needs to be moved  
**then** move  $c$  to any clear pallet  
**else if** the goal is satisfied  
**then return** success  
**else return** failure

**repeat**



- $c$  needs to be moved if
  - $s$  contains  $\text{loc}(c)=d$  and  $g$  contains  $\text{loc}(c)=e$ , where  $e \neq d$
  - $s$  contains  $\text{loc}(c)=d$  and  $g$  contains  $\text{loc}(b)=d$ , where  $b \neq c$
  - $s$  contains  $\text{loc}(c)=d$  and  $d$  needs moving



$\langle \text{unstack}(e,a), \text{putdown}(e), \text{unstack}(d,c), \text{stack}(d,e), \text{unstack}(c,b), \text{putdown}(c), \text{pickup}(b), \text{stack}(b,c), \text{pickup}(a), \text{stack}(a,b) \rangle$

## Properties of the Algorithm

- Sound, complete, guaranteed to terminate on all block-stacking problems
- Runs in time  $O(n^3)$ 
  - Can be modified (Slaney & Thiébaux) to run in time  $O(n)$
- Often finds optimal (shortest) solutions
- But sometimes only near-optimal
  - For block-stacking problems, PLAN-LENGTH is NP-complete
- Some ways to implement it:
  - As a domain-specific algorithm
  - Using refinement methods (RAE and SeRPE, Chapter 3)
  - Using HTN planning (SHOP, PyHop, Section 2.7.7)
  - Using control rules

## Planning with Control Rules

- Basic idea: given a state  $s$  and an action  $a$ , do domain-specific tests on  $\gamma(s,a)$  to find cases where we won't want use  $a$ 
  - $a$  doesn't lead to a solution
  - $a$  is *dominated* (there's a better solution along some other path)
  - $a$  doesn't lead to a solution that's acceptable according to domain-specific criteria
    - In such cases, *prune*  $s$
- Write logical formulas giving conditions that states must satisfy
  - Prune states that don't satisfy the formulas

## Quick Review of First Order Logic

- First Order Logic (FOL) syntax:
  - atomic formulas (or *atoms*)
    - predicate symbol with arguments, e.g.,  $\text{clear}(c)$
  - logical connectives ( $\vee, \wedge, \neg, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$ ), quantifiers ( $\forall, \exists$ ), punctuation
    - e.g.,  $(\text{loc}(r1)=d1 \wedge \forall c \text{ clear}(c)) \Rightarrow \neg \exists c \text{ loc}(c)=r1$
- FOL with equality
  - '=' is a binary predicate symbol, e.g.,  $\text{loc}(r1)=d1$
- First Order Theory  $\mathcal{T}$ 
  - “Logical” axioms, inference rules – encode logical reasoning in general
  - Additional “nonlogical” axioms – talk about a particular domain
  - Theorems: produced by applying the axioms and rules of inference
- *Model*: a set of objects, functions, relations that the symbols refer to
  - For our purposes, a model is a state of the world  $s$
  - In order for  $s$  to be a model, all theorems of  $\mathcal{T}$  must be true in  $s$
  - $s \models \text{loc}(r1)=d1$  “ $s$  satisfies  $\text{loc}(r1)=d1$ ” or “ $s$  entails  $\text{loc}(r1)=d1$ ”
    - $r1$  is at  $d1$  in the state  $s$

# Linear Temporal Logic

- *Modal logic:* FOL plus *modal operators*  
to express concepts that would be difficult to express within FOL
- Linear Temporal Logic (LTL):
  - Purpose: to express a limited notion of time
    - Infinite sequence  $\langle 0, 1, 2, \dots \rangle$  of time instants
    - Infinite sequence  $M = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots \rangle$  of states of the world
  - Modal operators to refer to states in  $M$ :
    - $Xf$  “next  $f$ ” -  $f$  is true in the next state, e.g.,  $X \text{ loc}(a)=b$
    - $Ff$  “future  $f$ ” -  $f$  either is true now or in some future state
    - $Gf$  “globally  $f$ ” -  $f$  is true now and in all future states
    - $f_1 \cup f_2$  “ $f_1$  until  $f_2$ ” -  $f_2$  is true now or in a future state,  
and  $f_1$  is true until then
  - Propositional constant symbols true and false

## Linear Temporal Logic (continued)

- Quantifiers cause problems with computability
  - Suppose  $f(x)$  is true for infinitely many values of  $x$
  - Problem evaluating truth of  $\forall x f(x)$  and  $\exists x f(x)$
- Bounded quantifiers
  - Let  $g(x)$  be such that  $\{x \mid g(x) \text{ is true}\}$  is finite and easily computed
  - $\forall[x: g(x)] f(x)$ 
    - ▶ means  $\forall x (g(x) \Rightarrow f(x))$
    - ▶ expands into  $f(x_1) \wedge f(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge f(x_n)$
  - $\exists[x: g(x)] f(x)$ 
    - ▶ means  $\exists x (g(x) \wedge f(x))$
    - ▶ expands into  $f(x_1) \vee f(x_2) \vee \dots \vee f(x_n)$

## State-Variable Notation in LTL Formulas

- We can use state-variable assignments directly as atoms
  - $\text{clear}(c)=T \wedge X \text{ loc}(a)=c$
- Simplify the notation
  - Earlier we defined  $\text{clear}(x)$  to be Boolean, i.e.,  $\text{Range}(\text{clear}(x)) = \{T, F\}$
  - Can replace it with a logical proposition
    - Instead of writing  $\text{clear}(x)=T$ , write  $\text{clear}(x)$
    - Instead of writing  $\text{clear}(x)=F$ , write  $\neg\text{clear}(x)$
  - $\text{clear}(c) \wedge X \text{ loc}(a)=c$

## Examples

- Suppose  $M = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots \rangle$
- All of the following are equivalent:
  - All mean a is on b in state  $s_2$
  - $(M, s_0) \models \text{XX loc(a)=b}$
  - $M \models \text{XX loc(a)=b}$  omit the state, it defaults to  $s_0$
  - $(M, s_2) \models \text{loc(a)=b}$
  - $s_2 \models \text{loc(a)=b}$
- $M \models G \text{ holding} \neq c$ 
  - in every state in  $M$ , we aren't holding c
- $M \models G (\text{clear}(b) \Rightarrow (\text{clear}(b) \cup \text{loc(a)=b}))$ 
  - whenever we enter a state in which b is clear, b remains clear until a is on b

## Models for Planning with LTL

- A model is a pair  $\mathcal{M} = (M, s_i)$ 
  - $M = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots \rangle$  is a sequence of states
  - $s_i$  is the  $i$ 'th state in  $M$ ,
- For planning, we also have a goal  $g = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$ 
  - To reason about it, add a modal operator called “Goal”
    - Not part of ordinary LTL, but I'll call it LTL anyway
  - In an LTL formula, use “ $\text{Goal}(g_i)$ ” to refer to part of  $g$ 
    - $((M, s_i), g) \models \text{Goal}(g_i)$  iff  $g \models g_i$
- Planning problem:
  - Initial state  $s_0$ , a goal  $g$ , control formula  $f$
  - Find a plan  $\pi = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  that generates a sequence of states  $M = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle$  such that  $M \models f$  and  $s_n \models g$ 
    - That's not quite correct
    - Do you know why?

## Models for Planning with LTL

- $M$  needs to be an infinite sequence
- Kluge: assume that the final state repeats infinitely after the plan ends
- Planning problem:
  - Initial state  $s_0$ , a goal  $g$ , control formula  $f$
  - Find a plan  $\pi = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  that generates a sequence of states  $M = \langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n, s_n, s_n, \dots \rangle$  such that  $M \models f$  and  $s_n \models g$

## TLPlan

- Nondeterministic forward search
  - $s$  = current state,  $f$  = control formula,  $g$  = goal
- If  $s$  satisfies  $g$  then we're done
- Otherwise, think about what kind of plan we need
  - It must generate a sequence of states  $M = \langle s, s^+, s^{++}, \dots \rangle$  that satisfies  $f$
- Compute a formula  $f^+$  such that
  - $(M, s) \models f$  iff  $(M, s^+) \models f^+$
- If  $f^+ = \text{false}$ , then fail
  - No matter what  $M$  and  $s^+$  are, they can't satisfy  $f^+$
- Fail if no applicable actions
- Otherwise, nondeterministically choose one, compute  $s^+$ , and call TLPlan with  $s^+$  and  $f^+$

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TLPlan (s, f, g)
  if s satisfies g then return ⟨ ⟩
   $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f, s)$ 
  if  $f^+ = \text{false}$  then return failure
   $A \leftarrow \{\text{actions applicable to } s\}$ 
  if  $A$  is empty then return failure
  nondeterministically choose  $a \in A$ 
   $s^+ = \gamma(s, a)$ 
   $\pi^+ \leftarrow \text{TLPlan}(s^+, f^+, g)$ 
  if  $\pi^+ \neq \text{failure}$  then return  $a.\pi^+$ 
  return failure
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# Progression

Procedure  $\text{Progress}(f, s)$

Case:

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. $f$ contains no temporal ops : | $f^+ \leftarrow \text{true}$ if $s \models f$ , $\text{false}$ otherwise                     |
| 2. $f = f_1 \wedge f_2$           | $: f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$                    |
| 3. $f = f_1 \vee f_2$             | $: f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$                      |
| 4. $f = \neg f_1$                 | $: f^+ \leftarrow \neg \text{Progress}(f_1, s)$  |
| 5. $f = X f_1$                    | $: f^+ \leftarrow f_1$   |
| 6. $f = F f_1$                    | $: f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee f$  |
| 7. $f = G f_1$                    | $: f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f$  |
| 8. $f = f_1 U f_2$                | $: f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_2, s) \vee (\text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f)$           |
| 9. $f = \forall [x:g(x)] h(x)$    | $: f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$ |
| 10. $f = \exists [x:g(x)] h(x)$   | $: f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \vee \dots \vee \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$     |

$\underbrace{\text{simplify } f^+ \text{ and return it}}$

Compute the formula  $f^+$  that  $M^+$  must satisfy

false  $\wedge h = \text{false}$ ,  
 true  $\wedge h = h$ ,  
 $\neg \text{false} = \text{true}$ ,  
 etc.

# Progressing ordinary formulas

Procedure  $\text{Progress}(f, s)$

Case:

1.  $f$  contains no temporal ops :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{true if } s \models f, \text{ false otherwise}$
2.  $f = f_1 \wedge f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
3.  $f = f_1 \vee f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
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simplify  $f^+$  and return it

- $f = \text{loc}(a) = b$ 
  - if  $a$  is currently on  $b$ , then true (every possible  $M^+$  is OK)
  - otherwise false (there is no  $M^+$  that's OK)

# Progressing X

Procedure  $\text{Progress}(f, s)$

Case:

1.  $f$  contains no temporal ops :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{true}$  if  $s \models f$ , false otherwise
2.  $f = f_1 \wedge f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
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simplify  $f^+$  and return it

- $f = X \text{ loc}(a)=b$

- in the next state,  
a must be on b
- $f^+ = \text{loc}(a)=b$

- $f = XX \text{ loc}(a)=b$

- two states from now,  
a must be on b
- $f^+ = X \text{ loc}(a)=b$

# Progressing $\wedge$

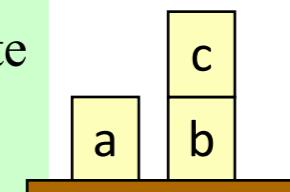
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simplify  $f^+$  and return it

- $f = \text{clear}(c)=\text{T} \wedge X \text{ loc}(a)=c$ 
  - $c$  must be clear now, and  $a$  must be on  $c$  in the next state
- $f^+ = \text{Progress}(\text{clear}(c)=\text{T}, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(X \text{ loc}(a)=c, s)$ 
 $= \text{true} \wedge \text{loc}(a)=c$ 
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# Progressing $\wedge$

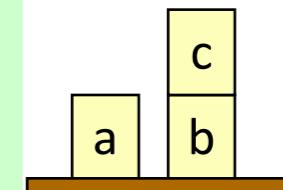
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simplify  $f^+$  and return it

- $f = G \text{loc}(a)=c$ 
  - a must be on c now, and must stay there forever
- $f^+ = \text{Progress}(\text{loc}(a)=c, s) \wedge f$ 
  - = false  $\wedge G \text{loc}(a)=c$
  - = false



# Progressing $\wedge$

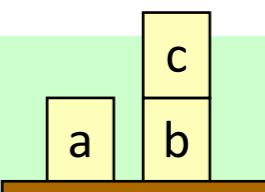
Procedure  $\text{Progress}(f, s)$

Case:

1.  $f$  contains no temporal ops :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{true}$  if  $s \models f$ , false otherwise
2.  $f = f_1 \wedge f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
3.  $f = f_1 \vee f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
4.  $f = \neg f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \neg \text{Progress}(f_1, s)$
5.  $f = X f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow f_1$
6.  $f = F f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee f$
7.  $f = G f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f$
8.  $f = f_1 \cup f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_2, s) \vee (\text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f)$
9.  $f = \forall [x: g(x)] h(x)$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$
10.  $f = \exists [x: g(x)] h(x)$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \vee \dots \vee \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$

simplify  $f^+$  and return it

- $f = \text{loc}(a)=b \wedge \text{clear}(c)=T$ 
  - $c$  must be clear, **or**  $a$  must be on  $b$  and stay there until  $c$  is clear
- $f^+ = \text{Progress}(\text{clear}(c)=T, s) \vee [\text{Progress}(\text{loc}(a)=b, s) \wedge f]$ 
  - = true  $\vee$  [ false  $\wedge (\text{loc}(a)=b) \cup \text{clear}(c)=T$  ]
  - = true



# Progressing $\forall$

Procedure  $\text{Progress}(f, s)$

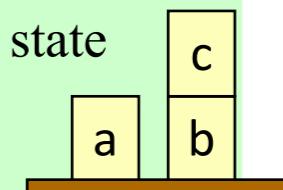
Case:

1.  $f$  contains no temporal ops :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{true if } s \models f, \text{ false otherwise}$
2.  $f = f_1 \wedge f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
3.  $f = f_1 \vee f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
4.  $f = \neg f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \neg \text{Progress}(f_1, s)$
5.  $f = X f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow f_1$
6.  $f = F f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee f$
7.  $f = G f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f$
8.  $f = f_1 \cup f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_2, s) \vee (\text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f)$
9.  $f = \forall [x: g(x)] h(x)$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$
10.  $f = \exists [x: g(x)] h(x)$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \vee \dots \vee \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$

$x_i$  is the  $i$ 'th element of  $\{x \mid s \models g(x)\}$

simplify  $f^+$  and return it

- $f = \forall [x: \text{clear}(x)=T] X \text{loc}(x)=\text{table}$ 
  - every currently-clear block must be on the table in the next state
- $f^+ = \text{Progress}(X \text{loc}(a)=\text{table}, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(X \text{loc}(c)=\text{table}, s)$ 
 $= \text{loc}(a)=\text{table} \wedge \text{loc}(c)=\text{table}$



# Progressing $\exists$

Procedure  $\text{Progress}(f, s)$

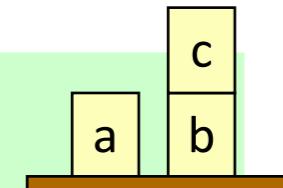
Case:

1.  $f$  contains no temporal ops :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{true}$  if  $s \models f$ , false otherwise
2.  $f = f_1 \wedge f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
3.  $f = f_1 \vee f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee \text{Progress}(f_2, s)$
4.  $f = \neg f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \neg \text{Progress}(f_1, s)$
5.  $f = X f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow f_1$
6.  $f = F f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \vee f$
7.  $f = G f_1$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f$
8.  $f = f_1 U f_2$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f_2, s) \vee (\text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f)$
9.  $f = \forall [x:g(x)] h(x)$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$
10.  $f = \exists [x:g(x)] h(x)$  :  $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(h(x_1), s) \vee \dots \vee \text{Progress}(h(x_n), s)$

$x_i$  is the  $i$ 'th  
element of  $\{x \mid s \models g(x)\}$

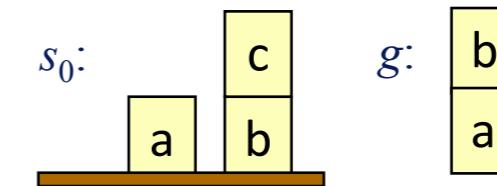
simplify  $f^+$  and return it

- $f = \exists [x: \text{clear}(x)=T] X \text{loc}(x)=\text{table}$ 
  - $\{x \mid \text{clear}(x)=T\} = \{a, c\}$
- $f^+ = \text{Progress}(X \text{loc}(a)=\text{table}, s) \vee \text{Progress}(X \text{loc}(c)=\text{table}, s)$ 
 $= \text{loc}(a)=\text{table} \vee \text{loc}(c)=\text{table}$



## Example Planning Problem

- $s = \{\text{clear}(a)=T, \text{clear}(b)=F, \text{clear}(c)=T, \text{holding}=\text{nil}, \text{loc}(a)=\text{table}, \text{loc}(b)=\text{table}, \text{loc}(c)=b\}$
- $g = \{\text{loc}(b)=a\}$
- $f = G \forall [x: \text{clear}(x)] (\text{loc}(x) \neq \text{table} \vee \exists [y: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(x)=y)] \vee X \text{ holding} \neq x)$ 
  - never pick up a clear block from the table unless it needs to be elsewhere



Run TLPlan using depth-first search

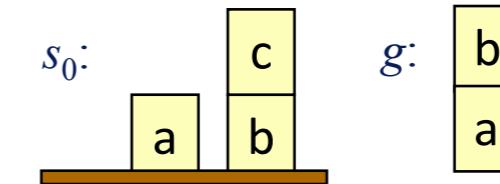
- $s$  doesn't satisfy  $g$
- Compute  $f^+$  (see next page)
  - $f^+ = \text{holding} \neq a \wedge f$
- $A = \{\text{pickup}(a), \text{unstack}(c,b)\}$
- Try using  $\text{pickup}(a)$ 
  - $s^+ = \gamma(s, \text{pickup}(a))$
  - Call  $\text{TLPlan}(s^+, f^+, g)$ 
    - $\text{Progress}(f^+, s^+) = \text{false}$
    - Recursive call returns failure
- Try  $\text{unstack}(c,b)$  ...

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TLPlan ( $s, f, g$ )
  if  $s$  satisfies  $g$  then return  $\langle \rangle$ 
   $f^+ \leftarrow \text{Progress}(f, s)$ 
  if  $f^+ = \text{false}$  then return failure
   $A \leftarrow \{\text{actions applicable to } s\}$ 
  if  $A$  is empty then return failure
  nondeterministically choose  $a \in A$ 
   $s^+ = \gamma(s, a)$ 
   $\pi^+ \leftarrow \text{TLPlan}(s^+, f^+, g)$ 
  if  $\pi^+ \neq \text{failure}$  then return  $a.\pi^+$ 
  return failure
  
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## Computing $f^+$

- $s = \{\text{loc}(a)=\text{table}, \text{loc}(b)=\text{table}, \text{clear}(a), \text{clear}(c), \text{loc}(c)=b\}$
- $g = \{\text{loc}(b)=a\}$



$$\bullet f = G \underbrace{\forall [x: \text{clear}(x)] \underbrace{(\text{loc}(x) \neq \text{table} \vee \exists [y: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(x)=y)] \vee X \text{ holding} \neq x)}_{h(x)}}_{f_1}$$

- $f^+ = \text{Progress}(G f_1, s) = \text{Progress}(f_1, s) \wedge f$   
 $= \text{Progress}(\forall [x: \text{clear}(x)] h(x)), s) \wedge f$   
 $= \text{Progress}(h(a) \wedge h(c)), s) \wedge f$   
 $= \text{Progress}(h(a)), s) \wedge \text{Progress}(h(c)), s) \wedge f$ 
  - $\text{Progress}(h(a), s) = \text{Progress}(\text{loc}(a) \neq \text{table} \vee \exists [y: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(a)=y)] \vee X \text{ holding} \neq a), s)$   
 $= \text{false} \vee \text{false} \vee \text{holding} \neq a$   
 $= \text{holding} \neq a$
  - $\text{Progress}(h(c), s) = \text{Progress}(\text{loc}(c) \neq \text{table} \vee \exists [y: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(c)=y)] \vee X \text{ holding} \neq c), s)$   
 $= \text{true} \vee \text{false} \vee \text{holding} \neq c$   
 $= \text{true}$
- $f^+ = \text{holding} \neq a \wedge \text{true} \wedge f = \text{holding} \neq a \wedge f$

## Block-Stacking Problems

- Want to define a formula  $\text{final}(x)$  that means
  - $x$  is at the top of a stack and we're finished moving it
  - Neither  $x$  nor the blocks below  $x$  will ever need to be moved
- Axioms to support this:
  - $\text{final}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{clear}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Goal}(\text{holding}=x) \wedge \text{finalbelow}(x)$
  - $\text{finalbelow}(x) \Leftrightarrow$ 
$$(\text{loc}(x)=\text{table} \wedge \forall [y: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(x)=y)] y=\text{table})$$
$$\vee \exists [y: \text{loc}(x)=y] [$$
$$\neg \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(x)=\text{table}) \wedge \neg \text{Goal}(\text{holding}=y) \wedge \neg \text{Goal}(\text{clear}(y))$$
$$\wedge \forall [z: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(x)=z)] (z=y) \wedge \forall [z: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(z)=y)] (z=x)$$
$$\wedge \text{finalbelow}(y)]$$
  - $\text{nonfinal}(x) \Leftrightarrow \text{clear}(x) \wedge \neg \text{final}(x)$

## Control Rules

Try TLPlan with three different control formulas:

(1) If  $x$  is final, only put a block  $y$  onto  $x$  if it will make  $y$  final:

$$\triangleright G \forall [x: \text{clear}(x)] (\text{final}(x) \Rightarrow X [\text{clear}(x) \vee \exists [y: \text{loc}(y)=x] \text{final}(y)])$$

(2) Like (1), but also says that if a block isn't final, don't put anything onto it:

$$\begin{aligned} \triangleright G \forall [x: \text{clear}(x)] [ & (\text{final}(x) \Rightarrow X [\text{clear}(x) \vee \exists [y: \text{loc}(y)=x] \text{final}(y)]) \\ & \wedge (\text{nonfinal}(x) \Rightarrow X \neg \exists [y: \text{loc}(y)=x])] \end{aligned}$$

(3) Like (2), but also says not to pick up a nonfinal block from the table unless you can put it where it will be final:

$$\begin{aligned} \triangleright G \forall [x: \text{clear}(x)] [ & (\text{final}(x) \Rightarrow X [\text{clear}(x) \vee \exists [y: \text{loc}(y)=x] \text{final}(y)]) \\ & \wedge (\text{nonfinal}(x) \Rightarrow X \neg \exists [y: \text{loc}(y)=x]) \\ & \wedge (\text{ontable}(x) \wedge \exists [y: \text{Goal}(\text{loc}(x)=y)] [\neg \text{final}(y) \Rightarrow X \neg \text{holding}(x)])] \end{aligned}$$

