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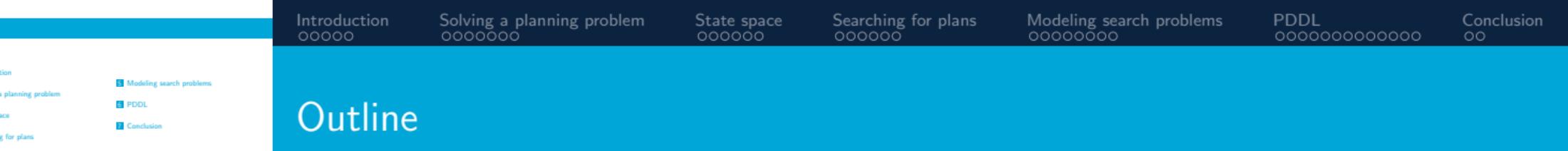
- ## Who am I?

- Issa Hanou
 - PhD candidate Algorithmics department
 - Working on Planning and Scheduling for Railway logistics



Figure: Shunting yard in the Netherlands

└ Outline



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2 Solving a planning problem

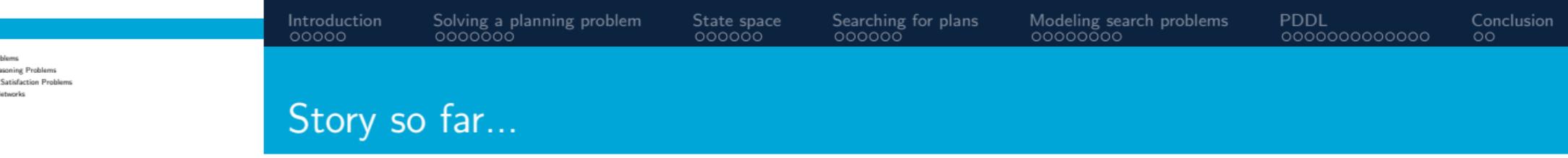
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5 Modeling search problems

6 PDDL

7 Conclusion



└ Story so far...

1. Course so far has discussed different types of problems
2. Utility for preferences: model risk of actions
3. Today: Problems so far don't have time, sometimes we need to weigh options or have multiple actions in sequence

- Search Problems
- Logical Reasoning Problems
- Constraint Satisfaction Problems
- Bayesian Networks
- Utility

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What is Planning?



What do you think planning is?

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Examples of Planning



└ What is Planning?

Patrik Haslum is an Associate Professor at the Australian National University School of Computing, co-authoring a book on PDDL and planning

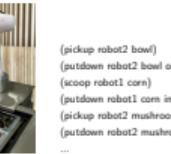
The slide has a blue header bar with the title 'What is Planning?' and a navigation menu. Below the header is a quote by Patrik Haslum: 'Planning is the art and practice of thinking before acting.' -Patrik Haslum.

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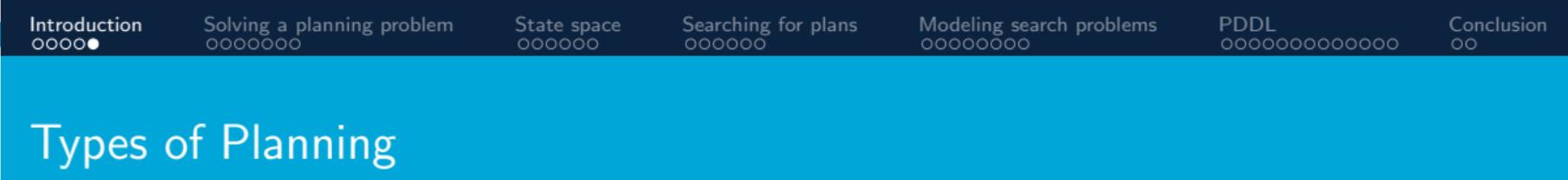
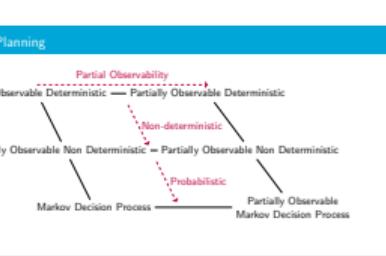
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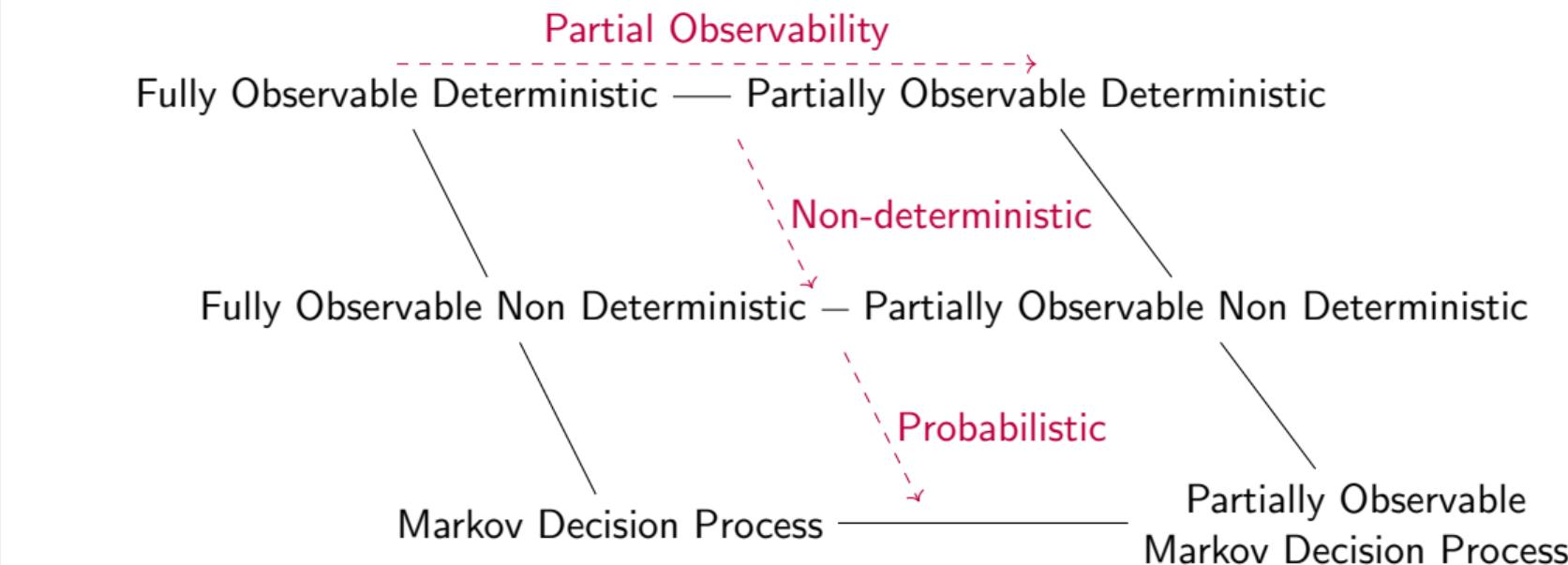
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└ Types of Planning

Today we will focus on the Fully observable deterministic setting to consider the automated planning framework, but this can be extended to other types.



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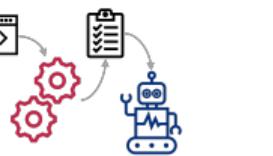


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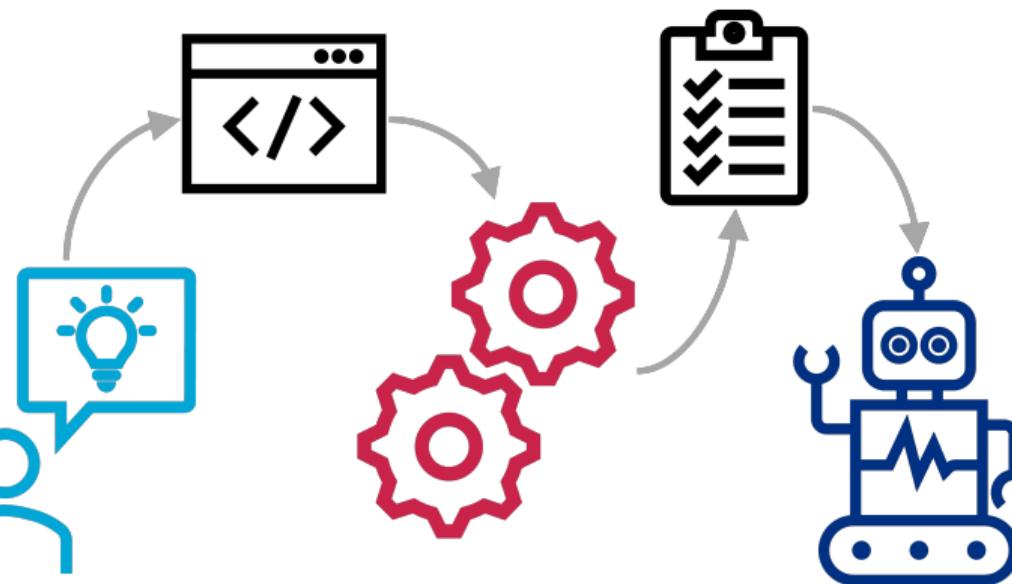
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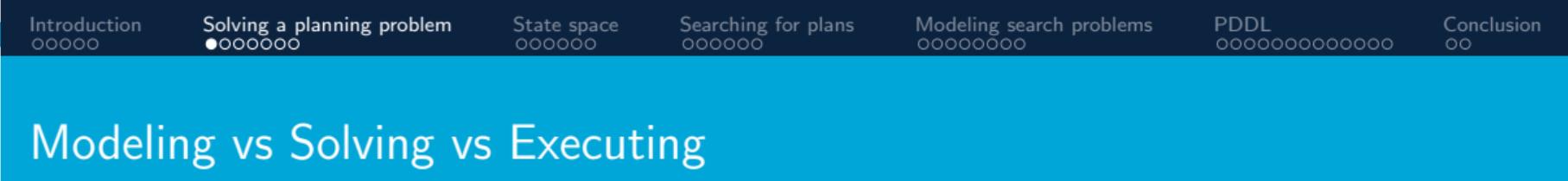
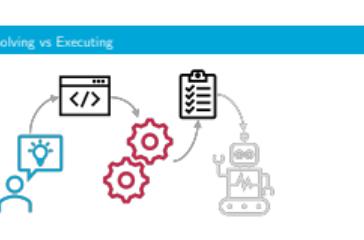
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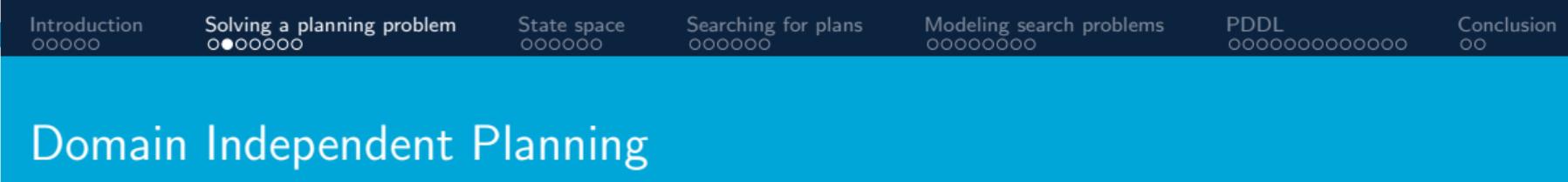
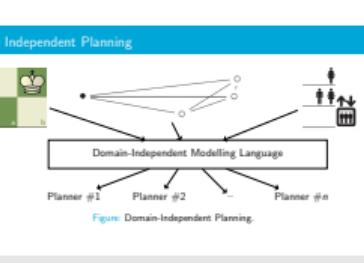
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└ Domain Independent Planning

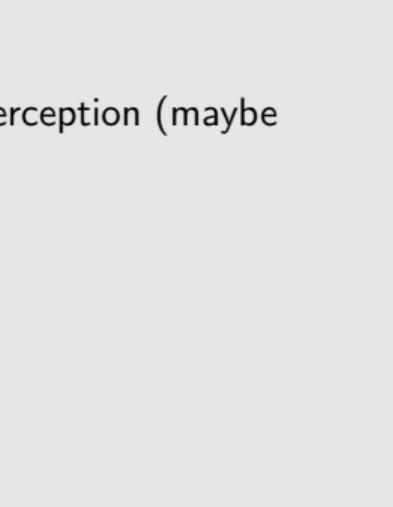
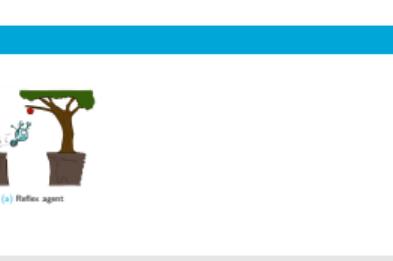


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(a) Reflex agent

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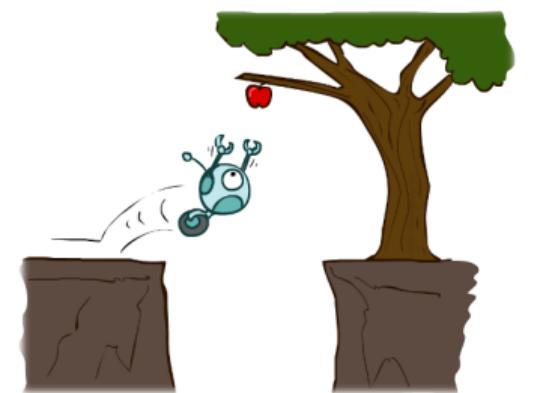
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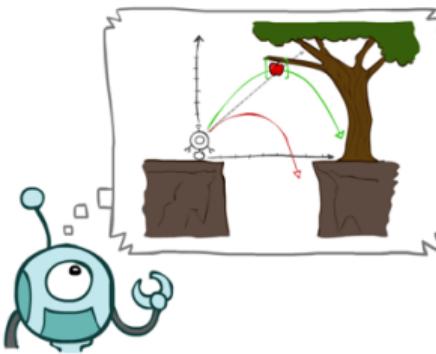


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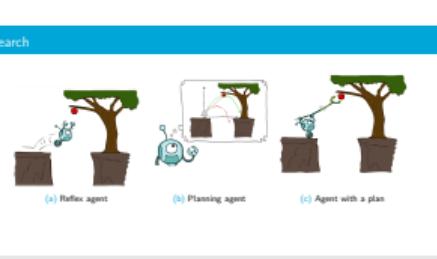
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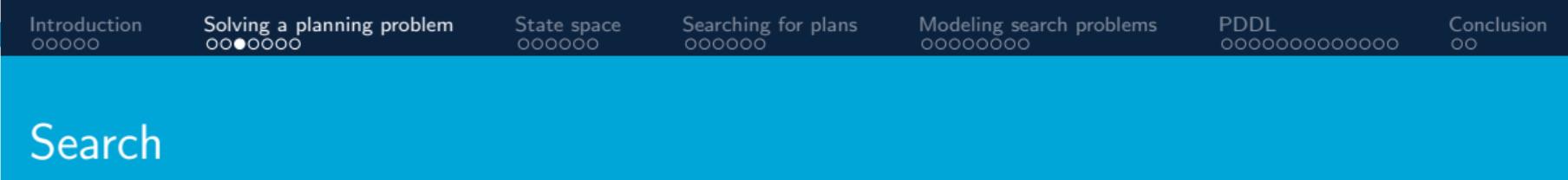
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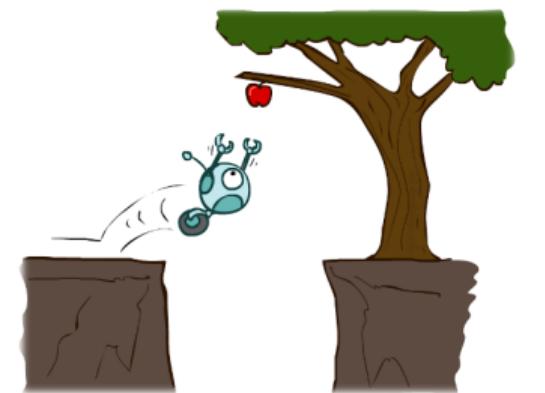
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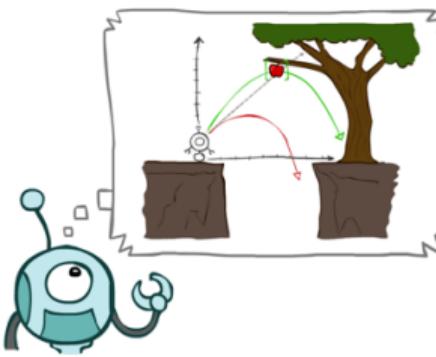
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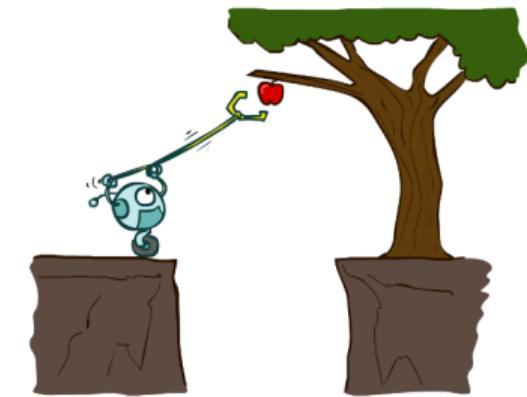
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(a) Reflex agent



(b) Planning agent



(c) Agent with a plan

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Search Problem

An abstraction of the state space. The goal test is used because there may be more than one state achieving the goal, as this is not a full state specification

Search Problem

Definition

A search problem consists of:

- A state space
- A successor function
- A start state and goal test

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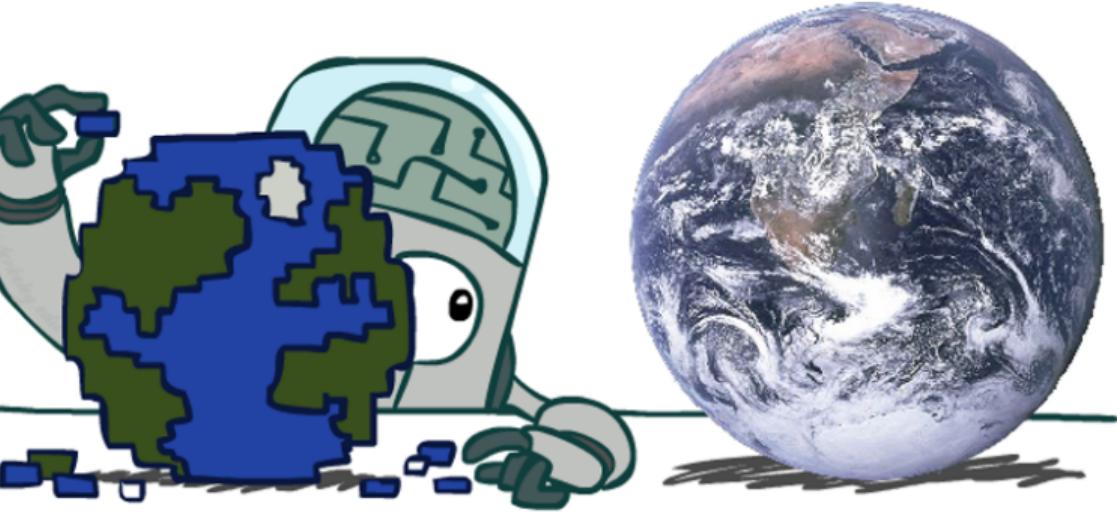
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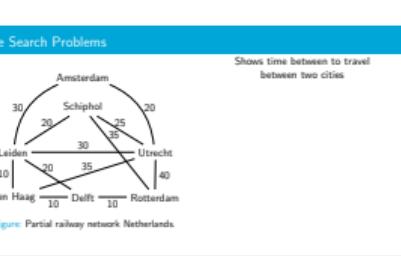


1. A search problem models aspects of the real world. Models aren't perfect
2. Too detailed: can't solve
3. Not detailed enough: doesn't solve the actual problem

Modeling Search Problems



1. Trying to find a route from Delft to Utrecht.
 2. Do we have all the information?



Example Search Problems

Shows time between to travel
between two cities

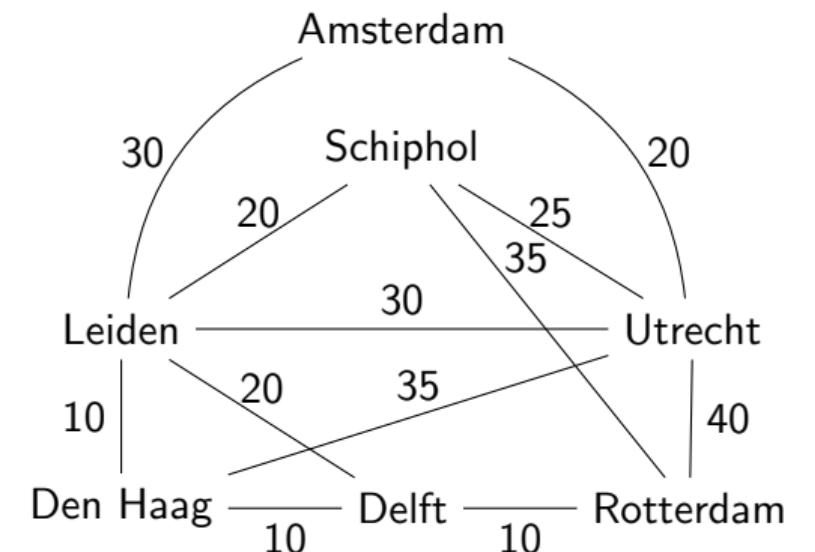
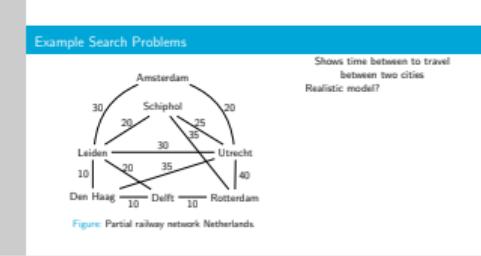


Figure: Partial railway network Netherlands.

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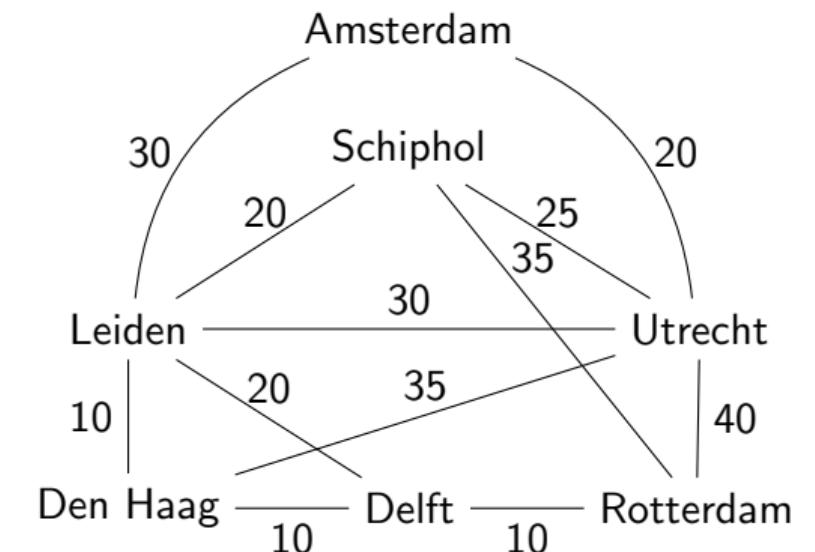
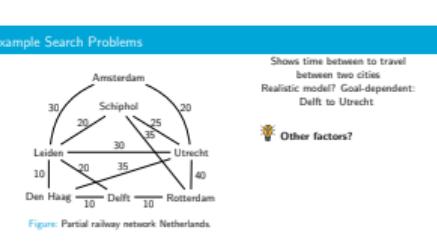


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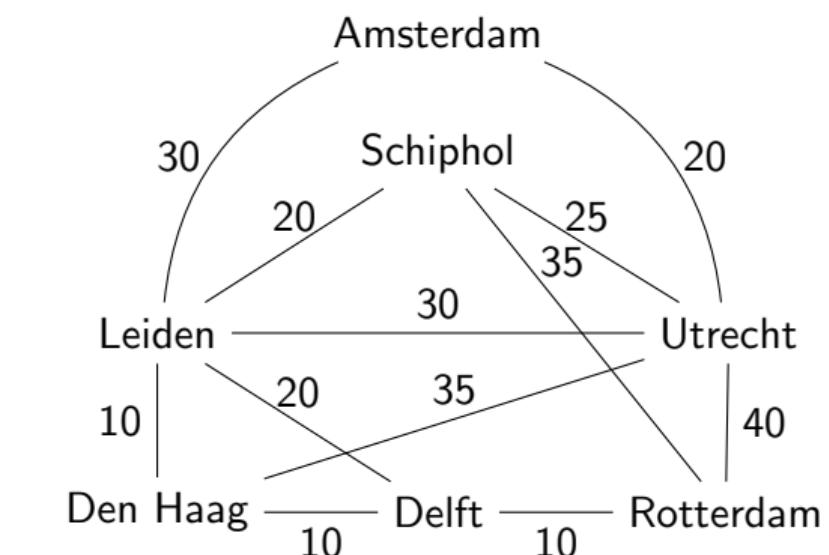


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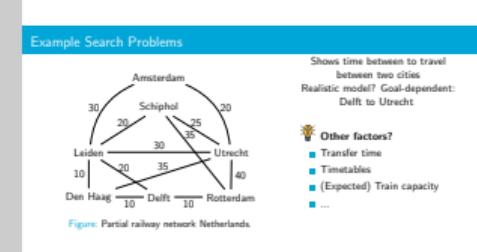
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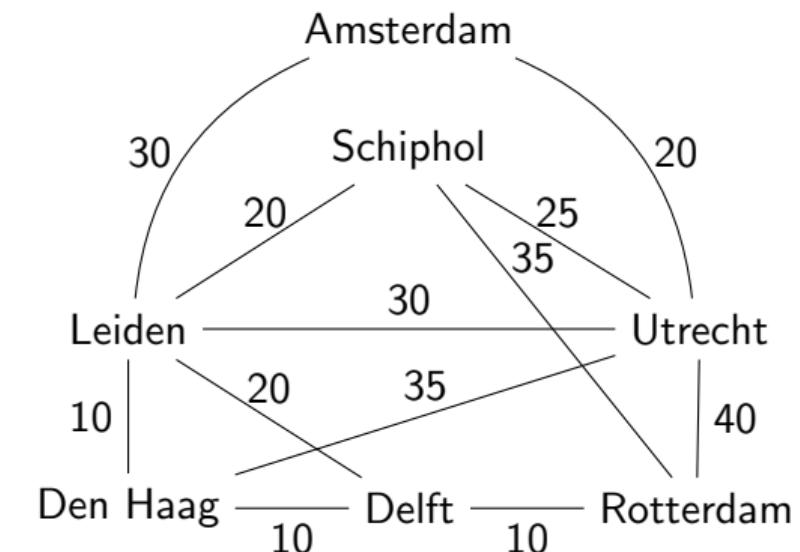


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Other factors?

- Transfer time
- Timetables
- (Expected) Train capacity
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Solving a Planning Problem

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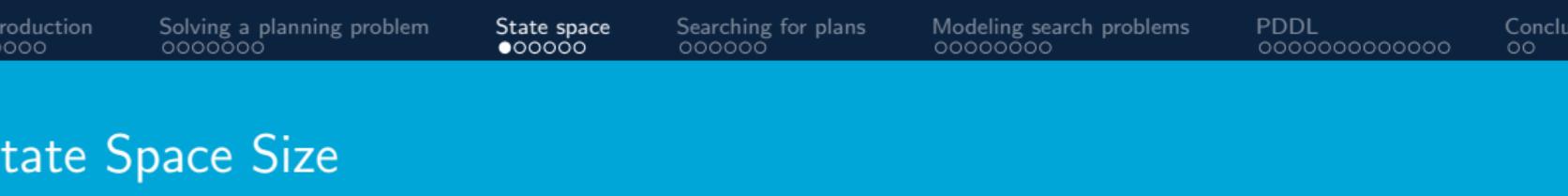
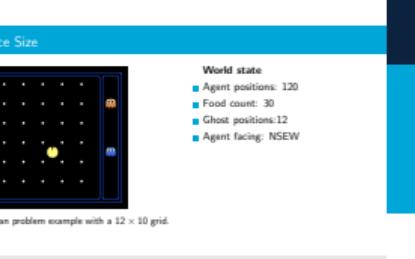


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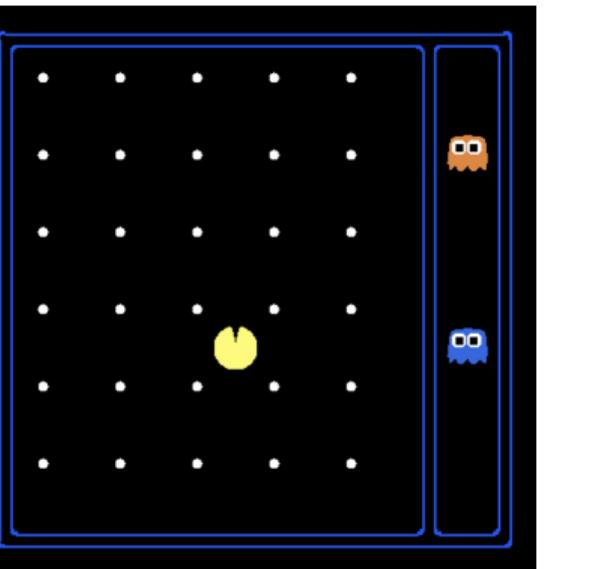


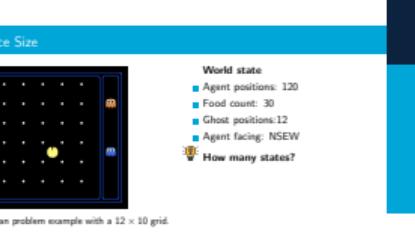
Figure: PacMan problem example with a 12×10 grid.

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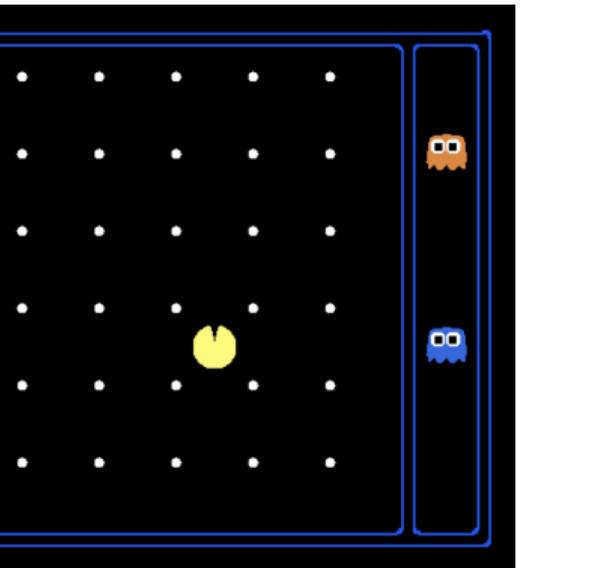


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- Agent facing: NSEW

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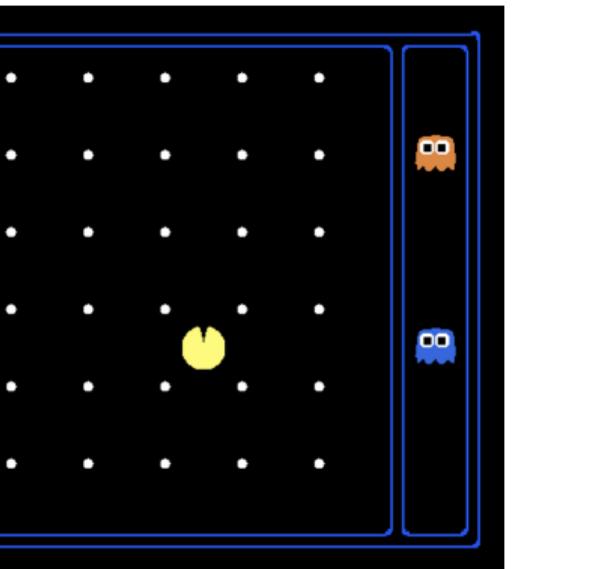
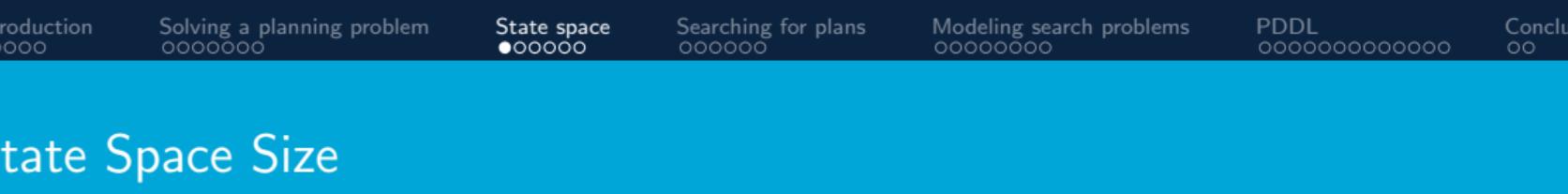
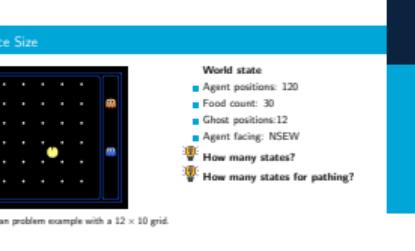


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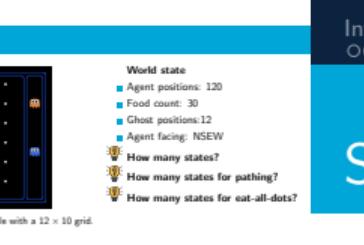
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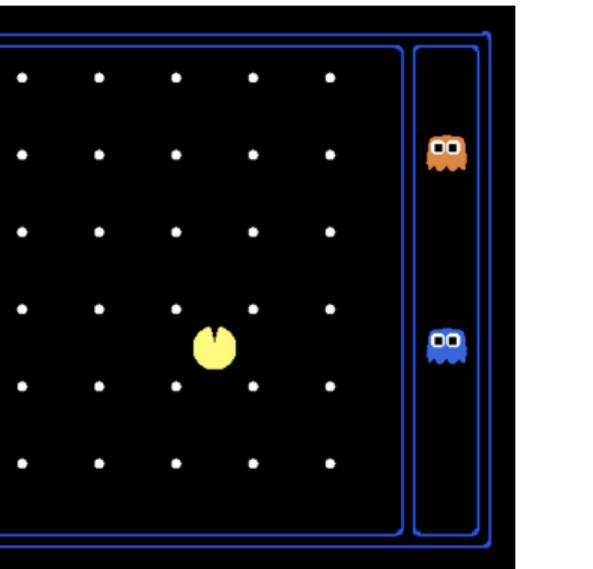
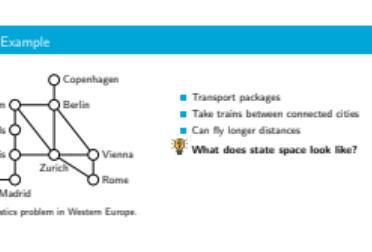


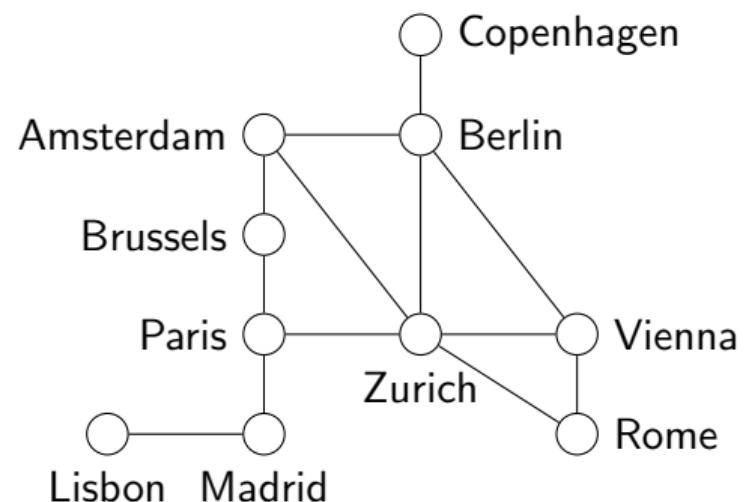
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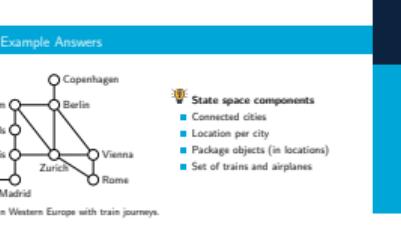
- Transport packages
 - Take trains between connected cities
 - Can fly longer distances
- 💡 **What does state space look like?**

Figure: Logistics problem in Western Europe.

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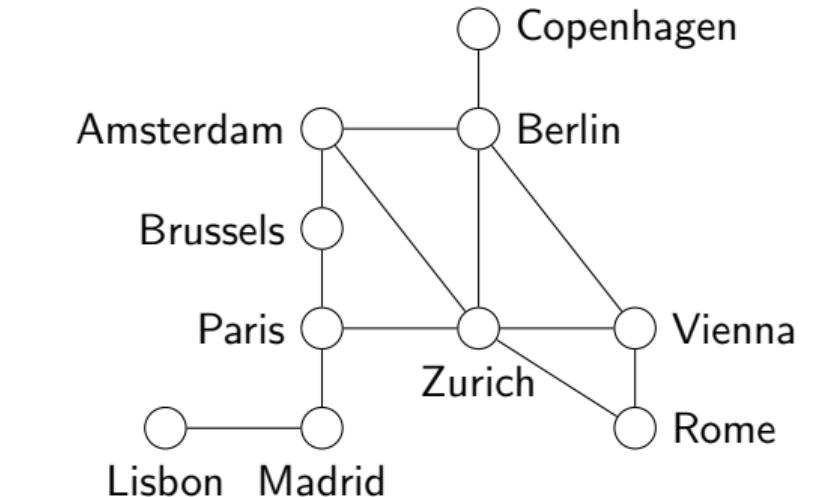
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Figure: Logistics in Western Europe with train journeys.



State space components

- Connected cities
- Location per city
- Package objects (in locations)
- Set of trains and airplanes

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- State Space Graph

1. Each state occurs only once.
2. Different paths to reach same state.
3. Nodes are abstracted world configurations.
4. Graph is rarely built completely.

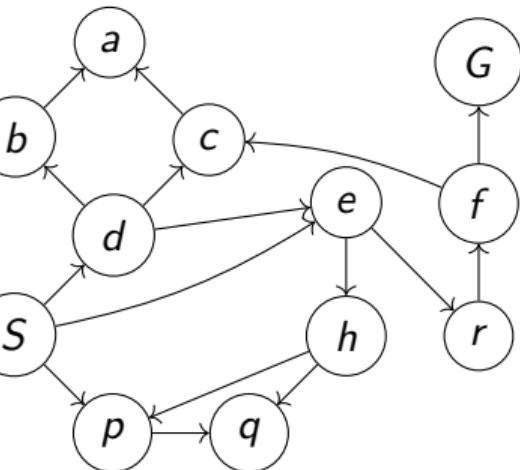
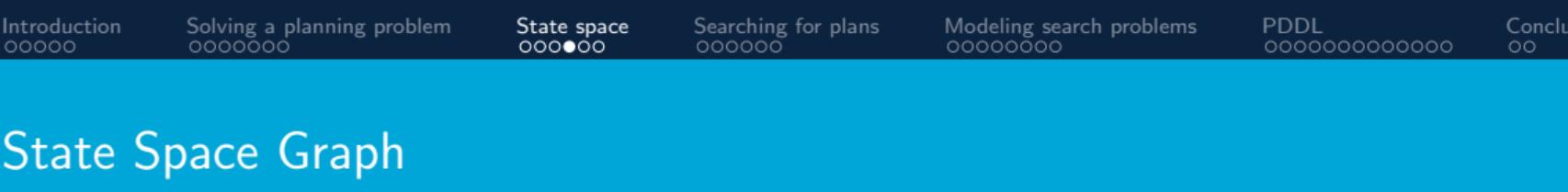
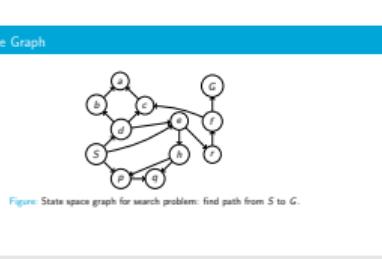
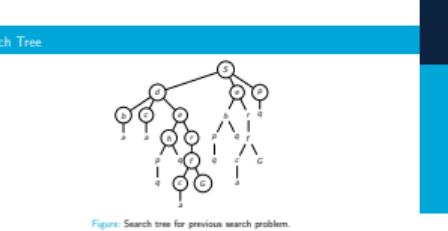


Figure: State space graph for search problem: find path from S to G .



1. Each node in the search tree is an entire path in the state space graph.
2. Different paths have different nodes, even for achieving the same state.
3. Every plan is included in the tree, most are ignored.
4. Tree is rarely built completely.

Search Tree

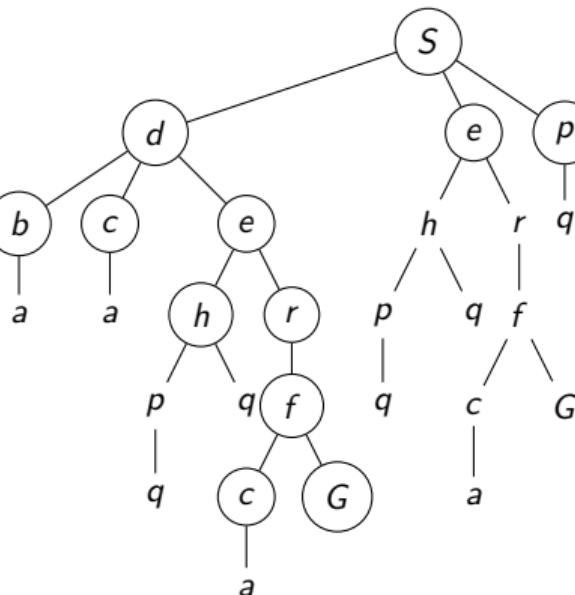
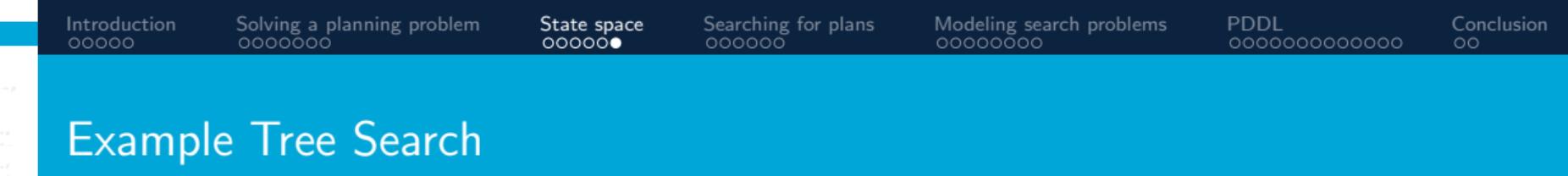
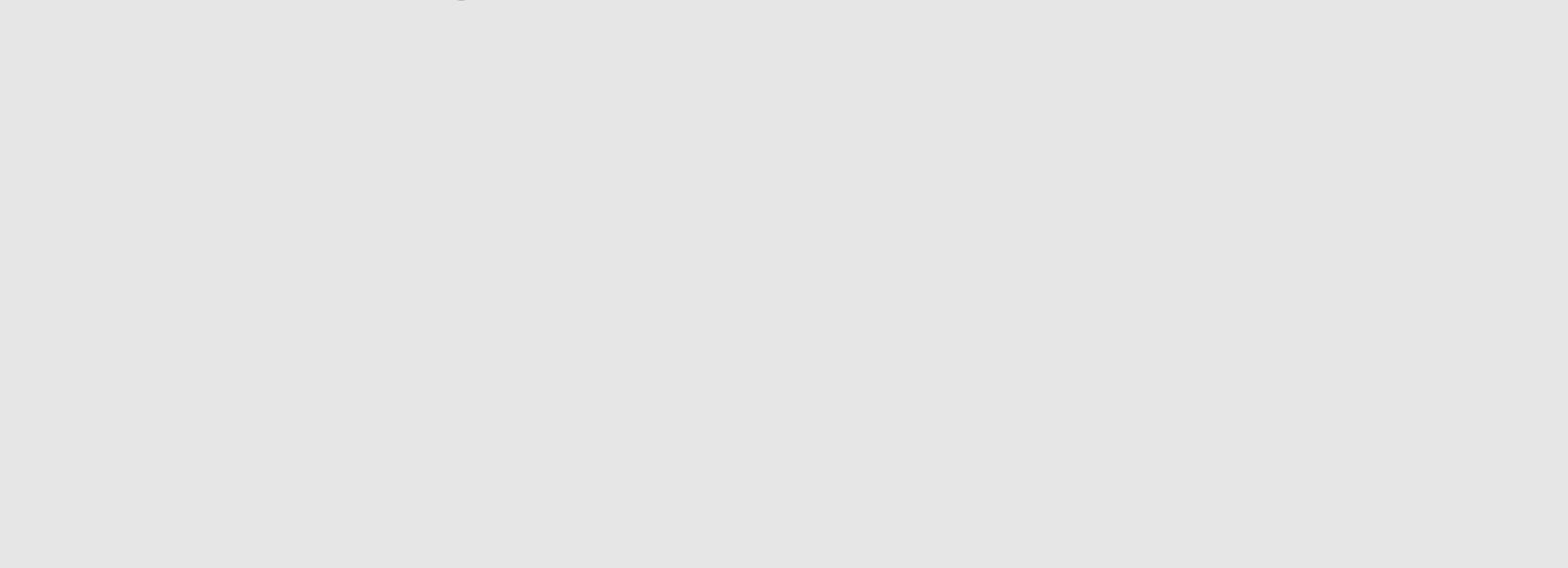


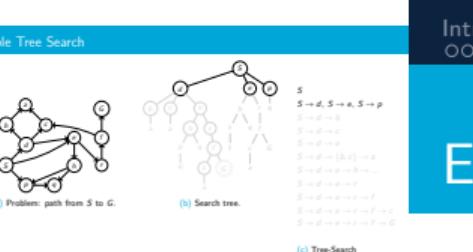
Figure: Search tree for previous search problem.

└ Example Tree Search

What search is this? Showing breadth-first search



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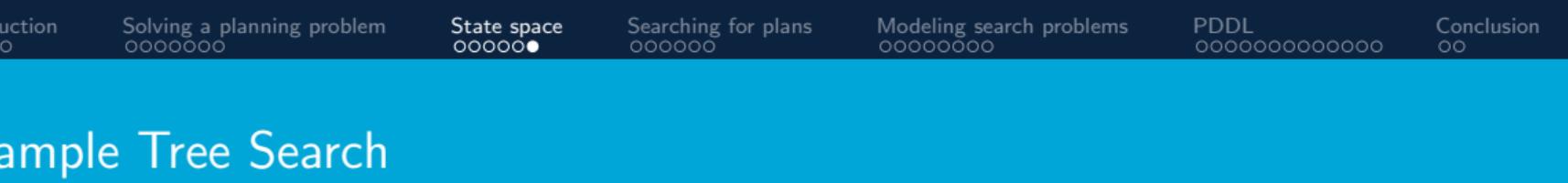
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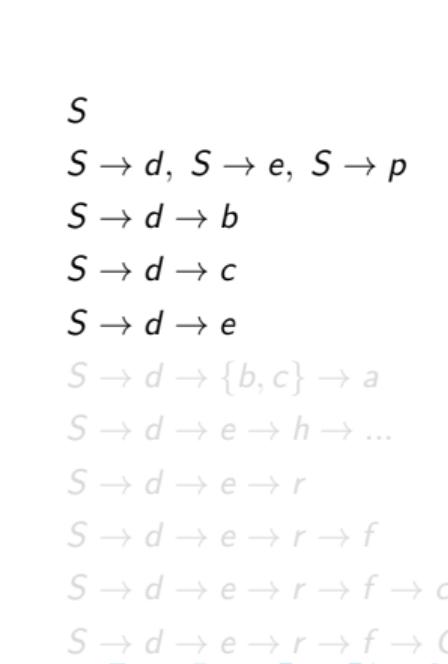
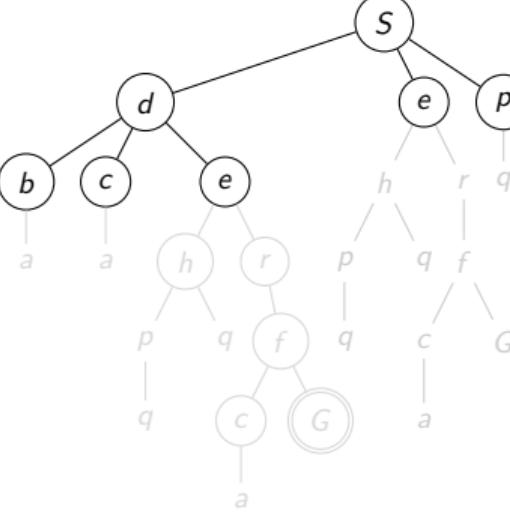
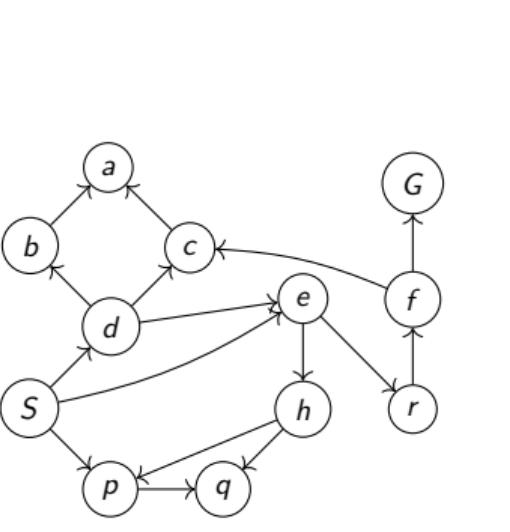
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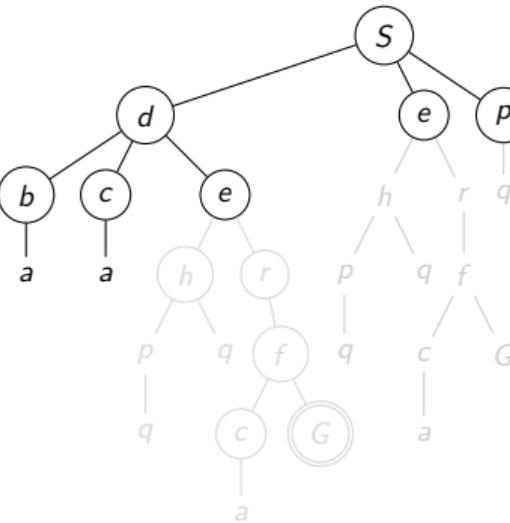
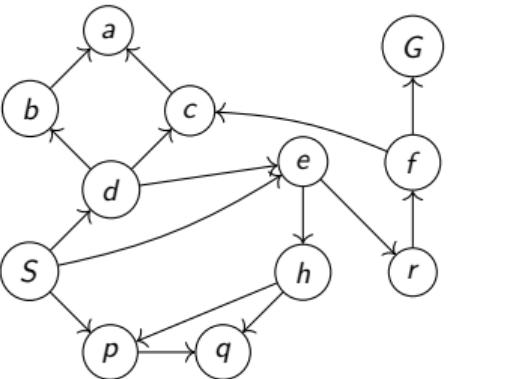
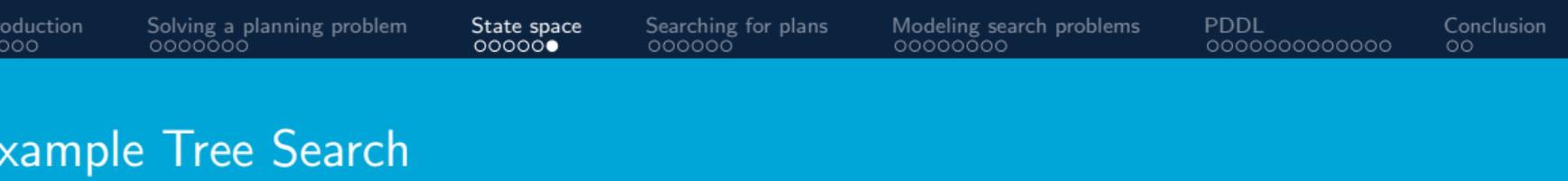
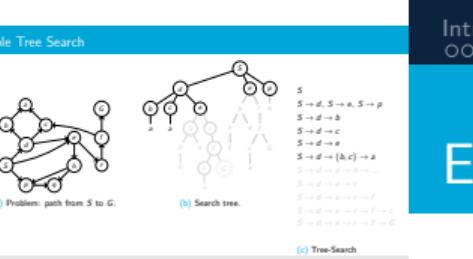
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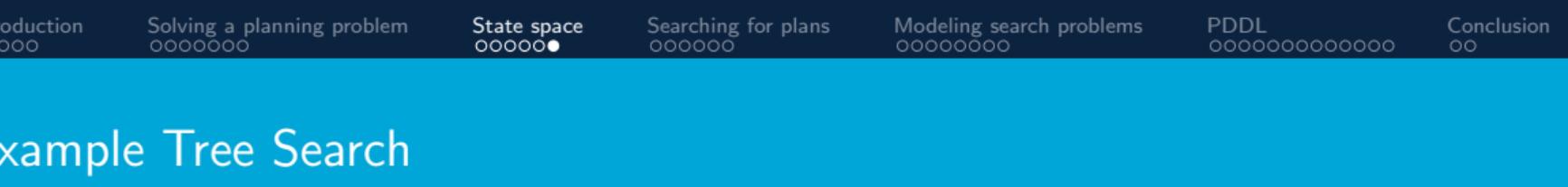
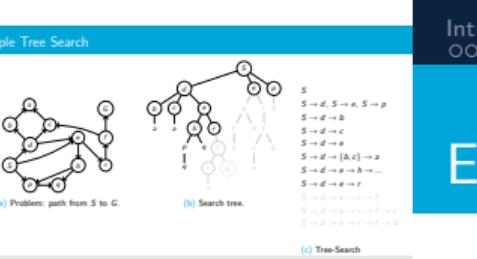


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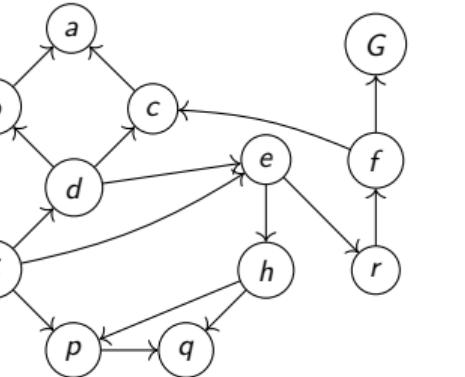
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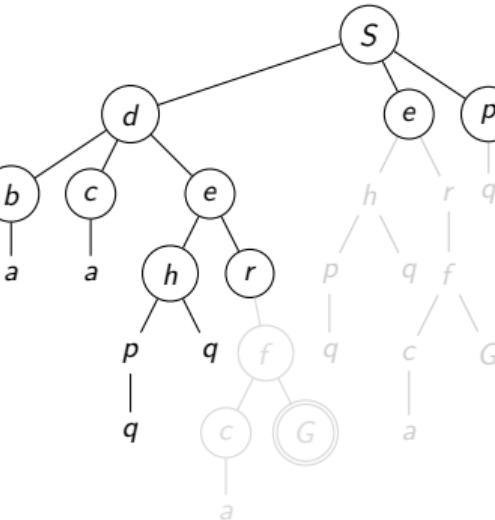
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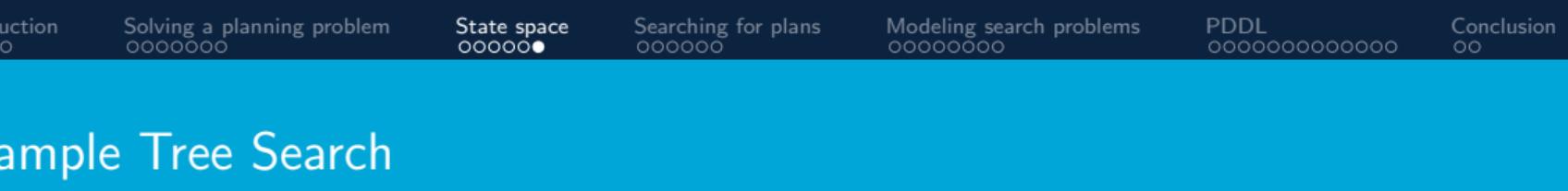
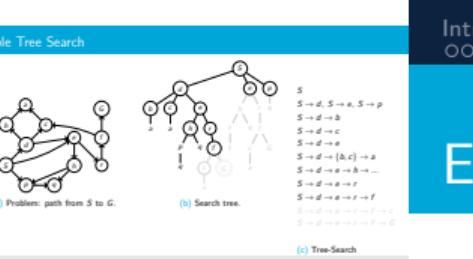
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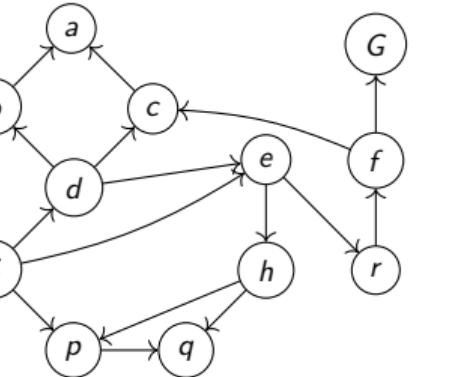
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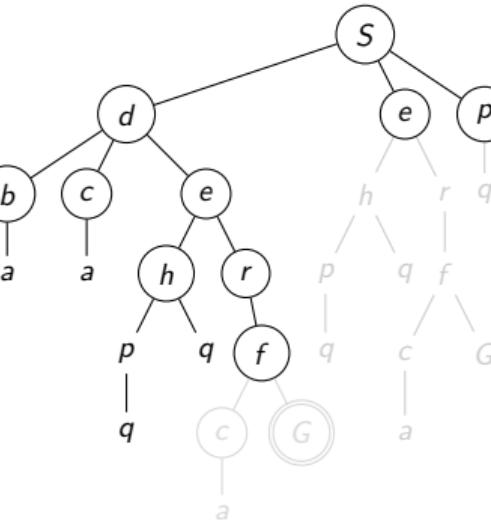
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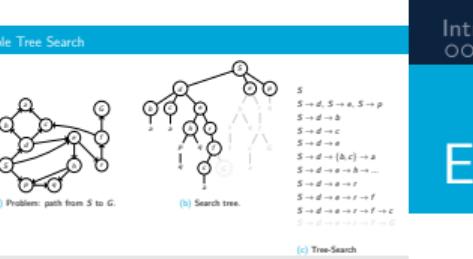
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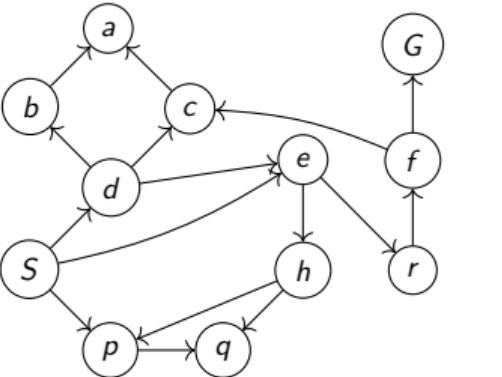
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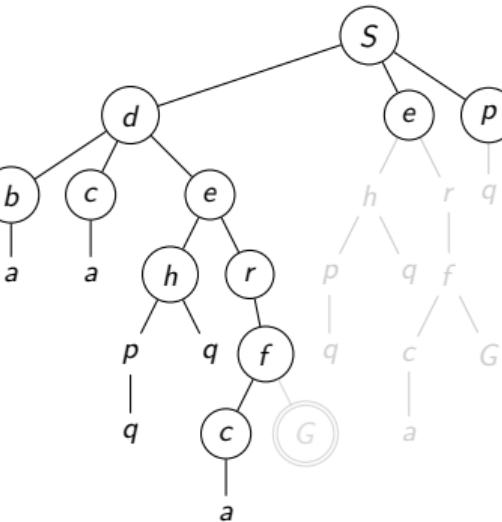
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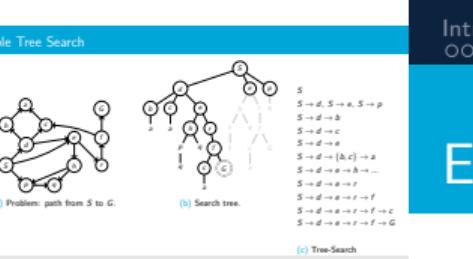
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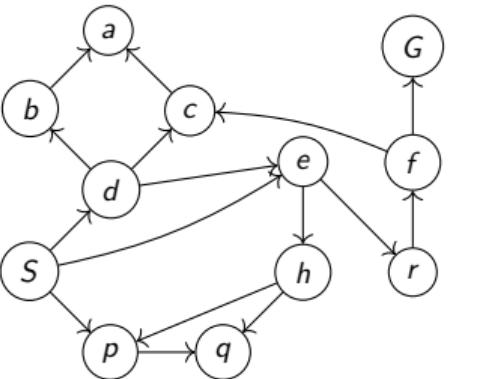
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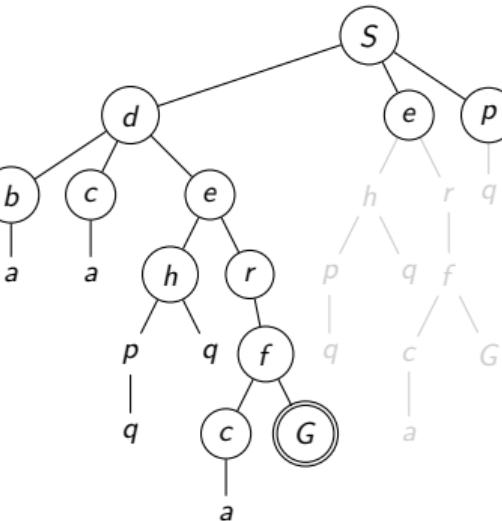
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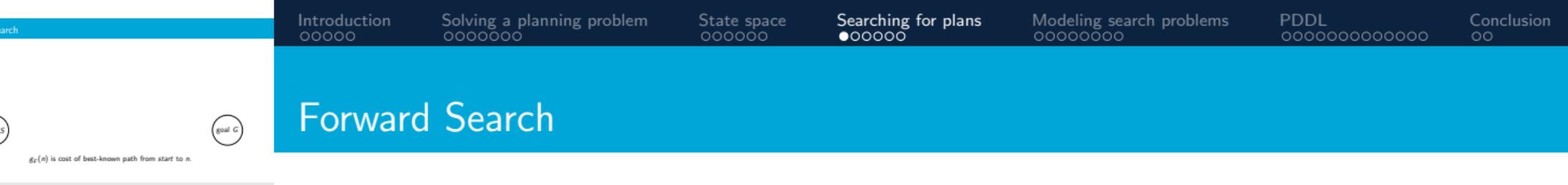
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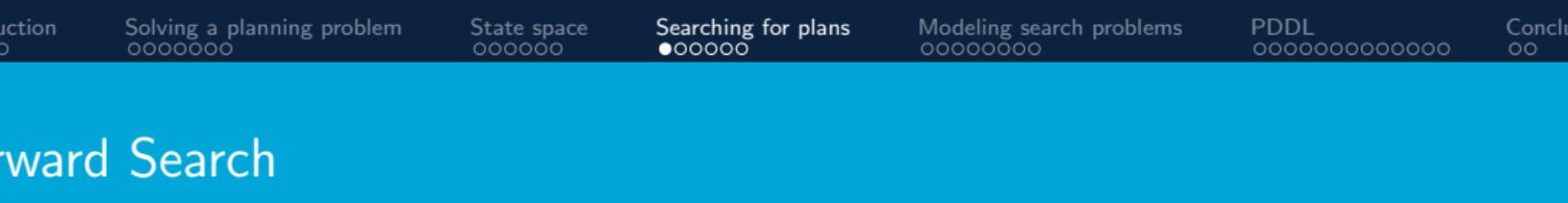
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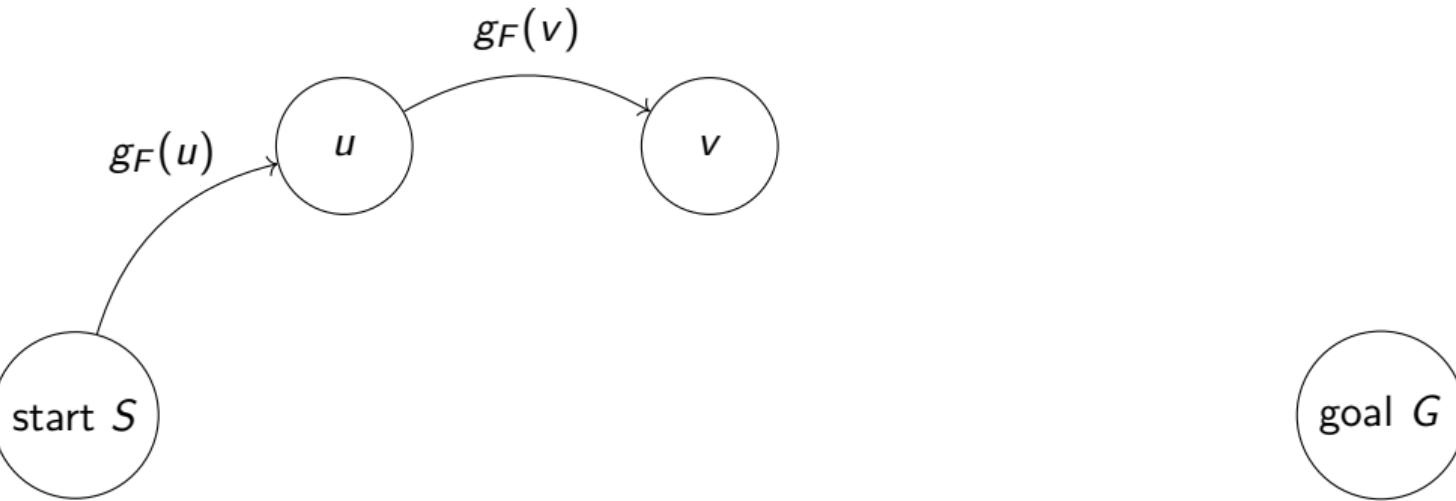
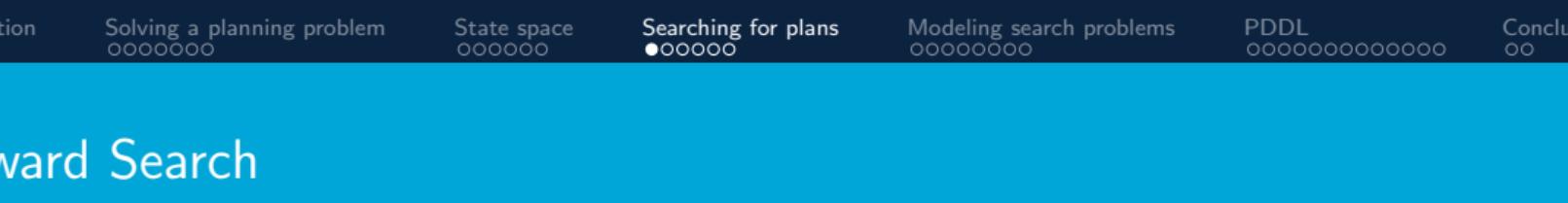
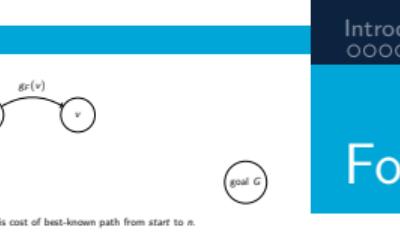


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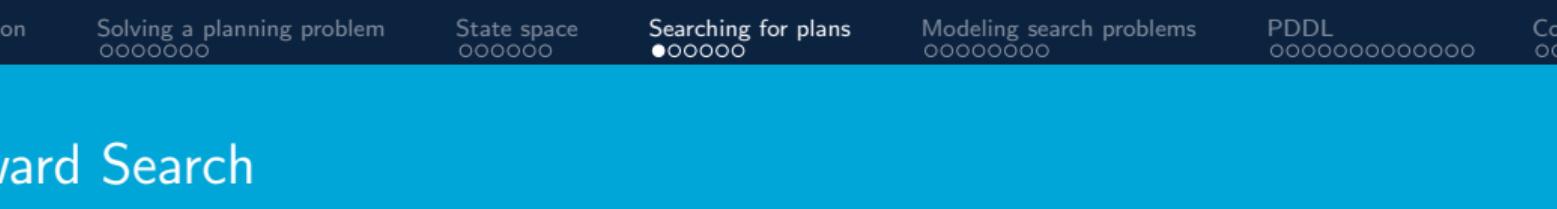
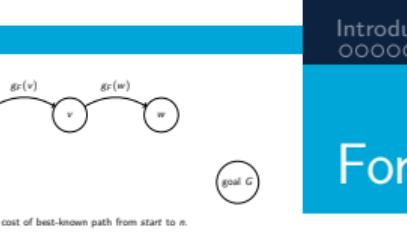


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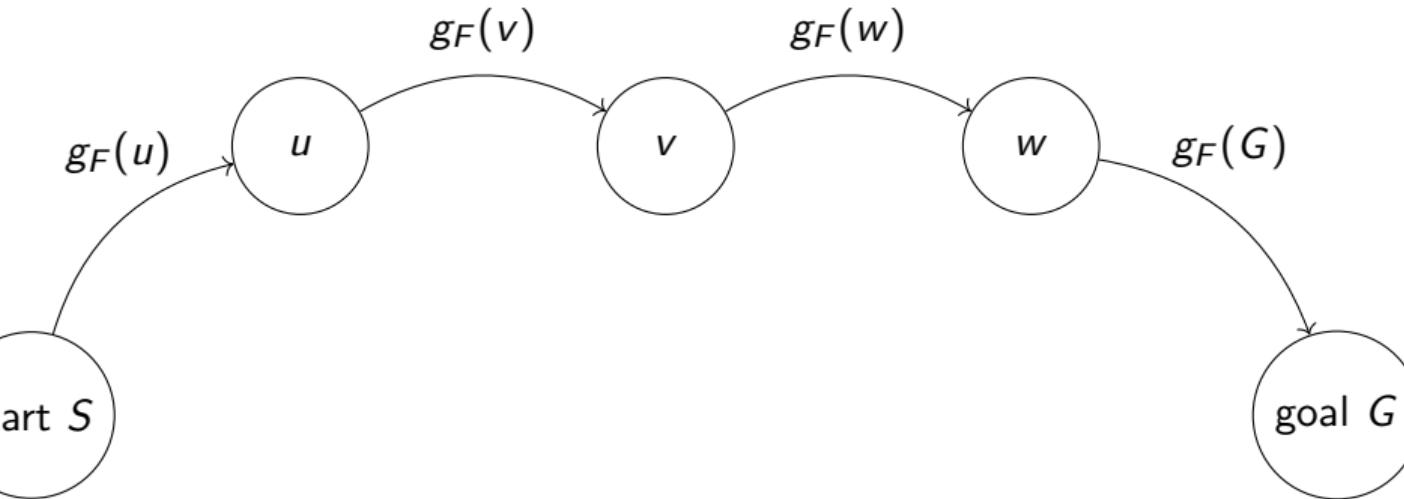
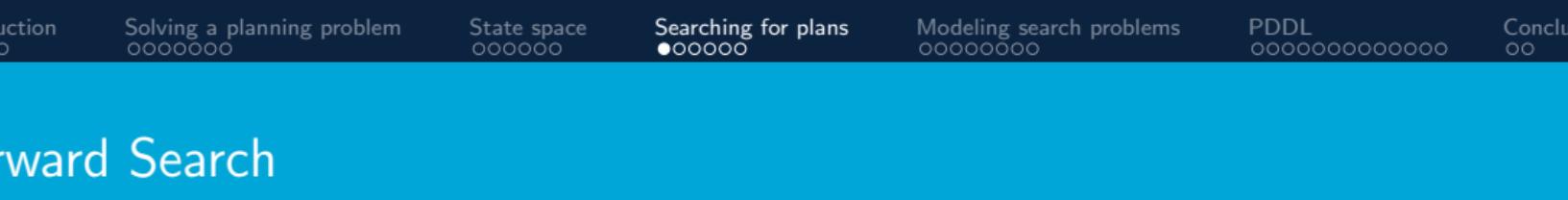
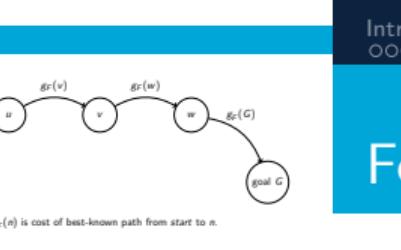
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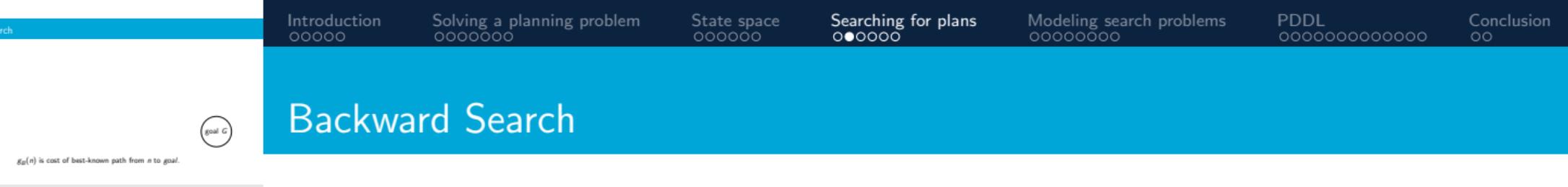


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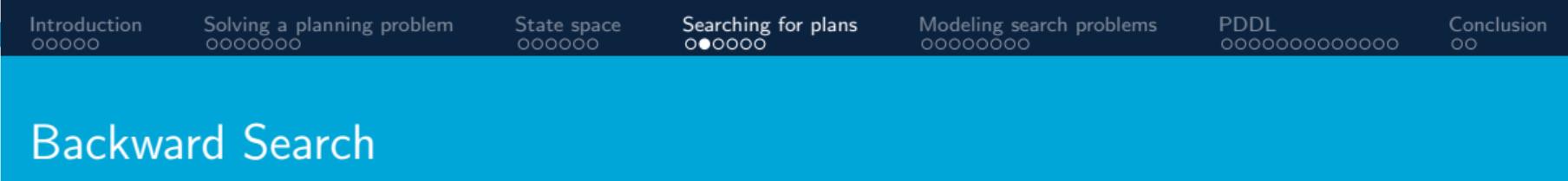
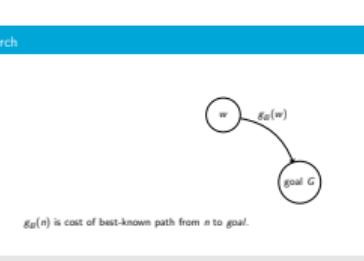


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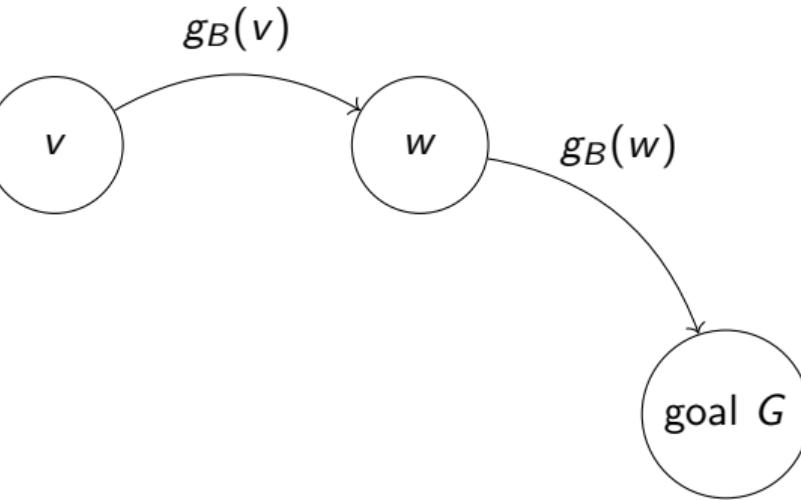
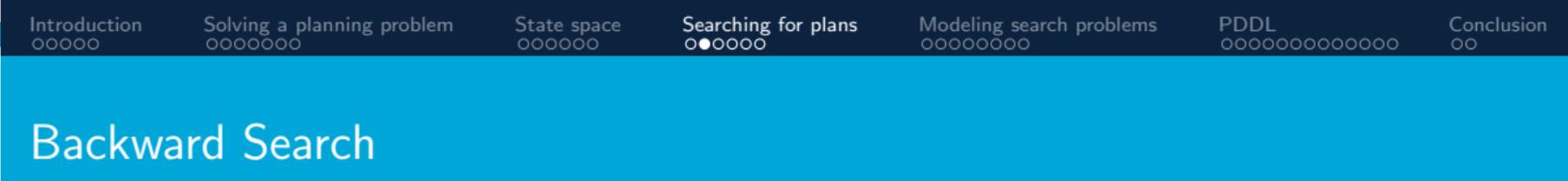
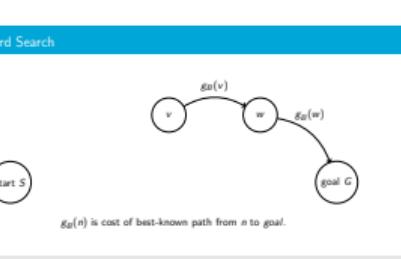
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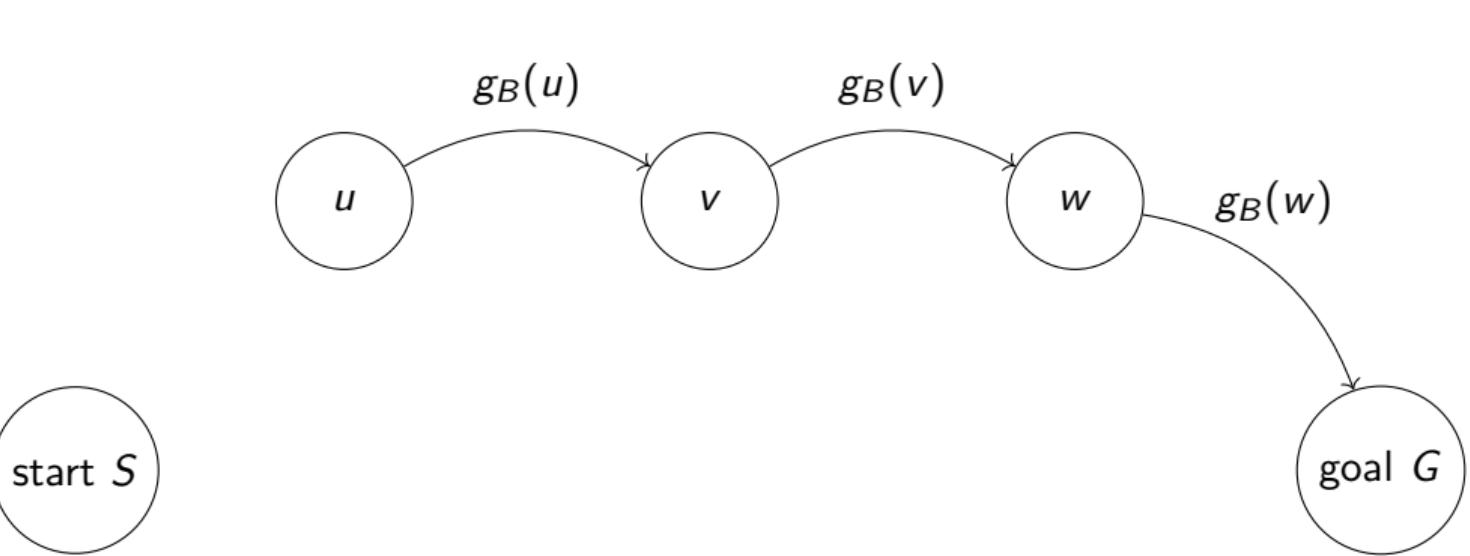
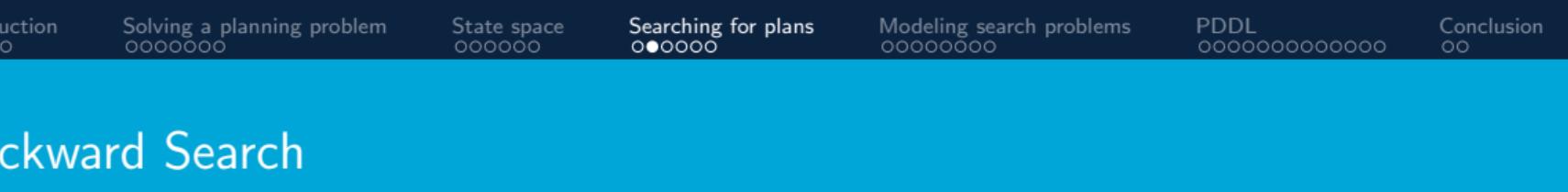
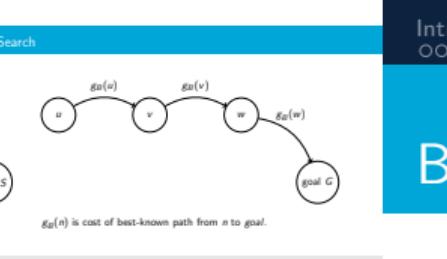


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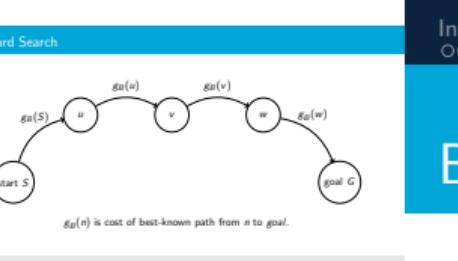


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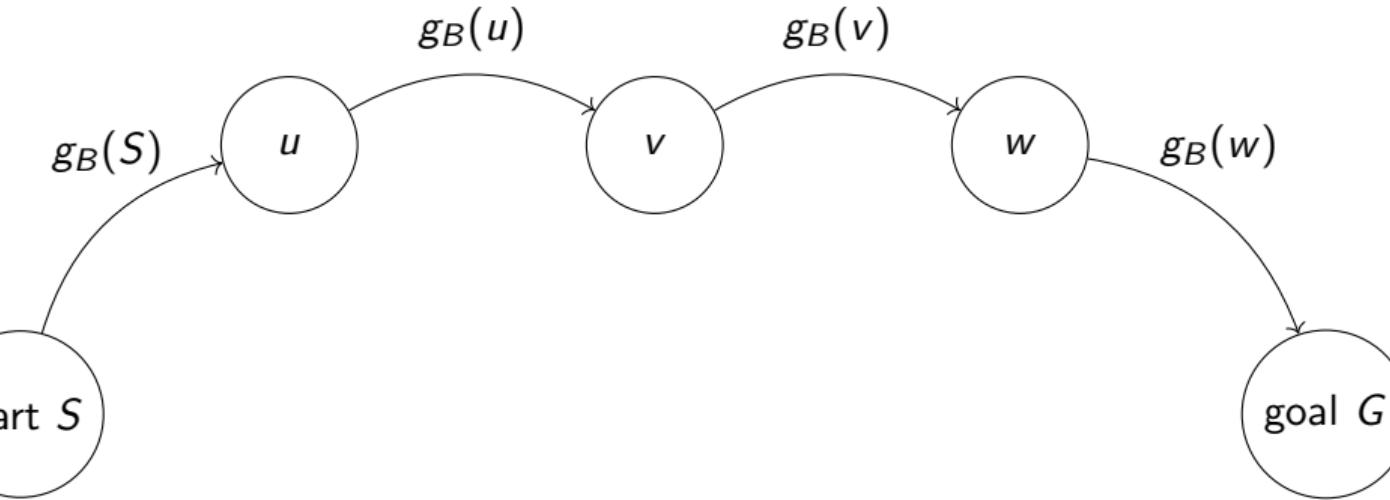
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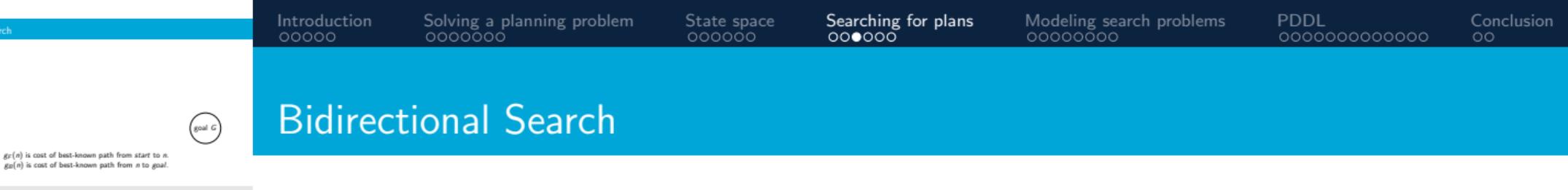


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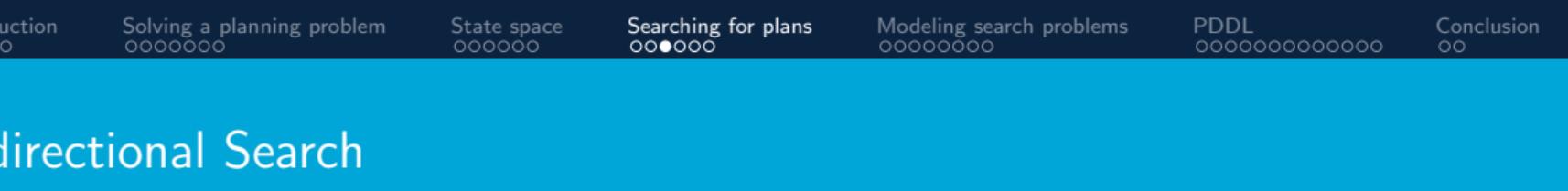
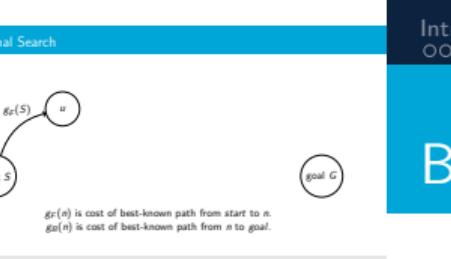


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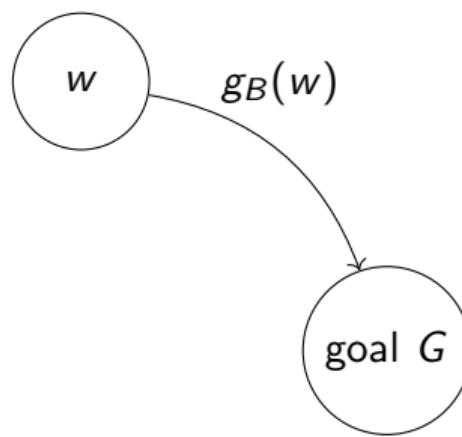
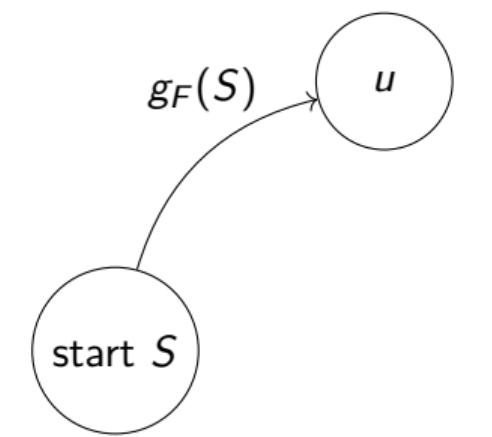
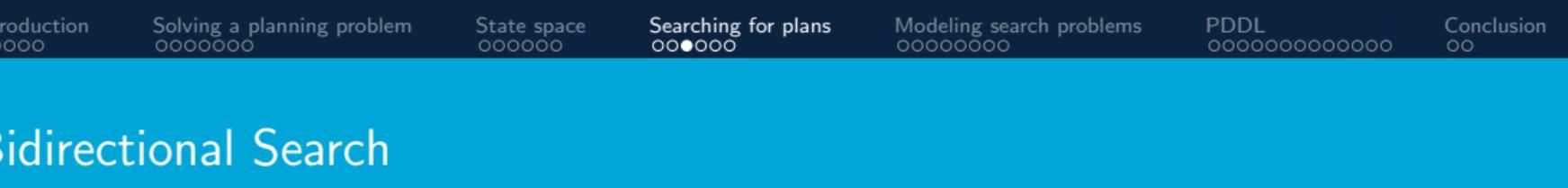
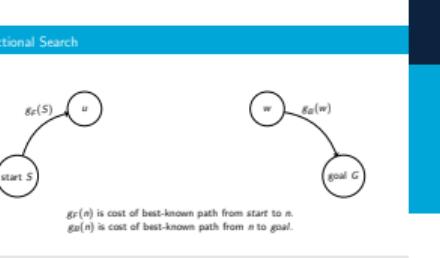
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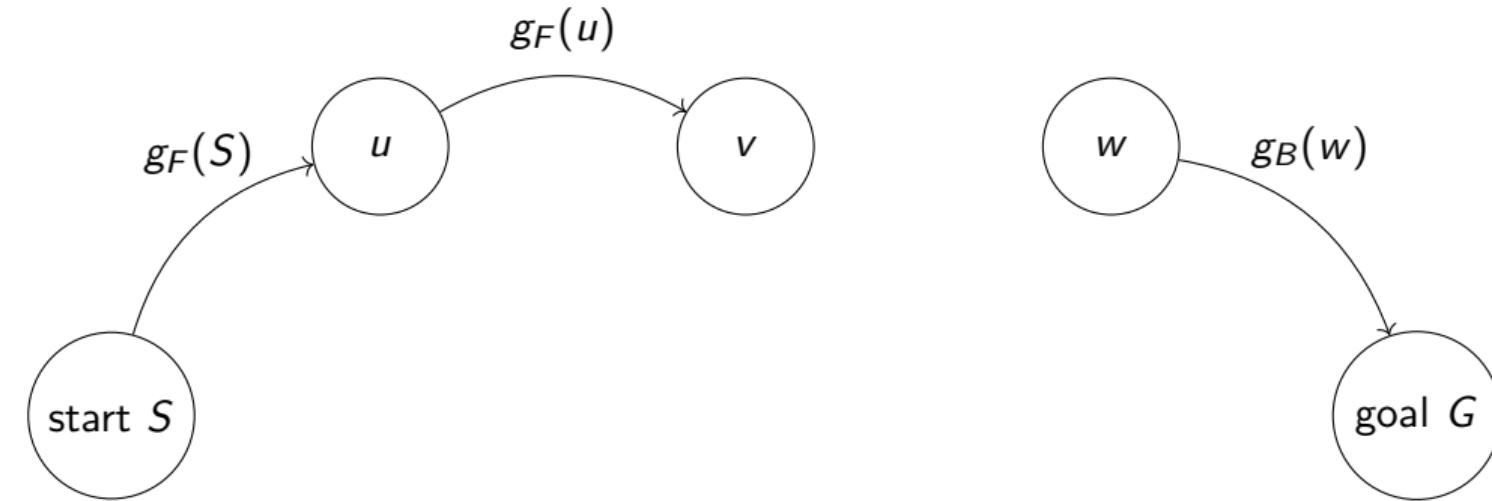
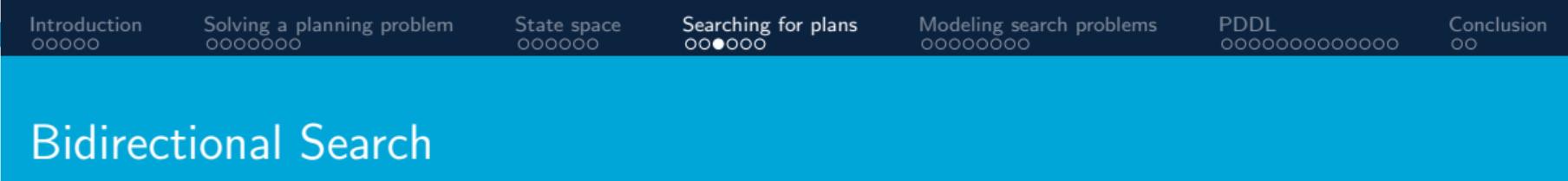
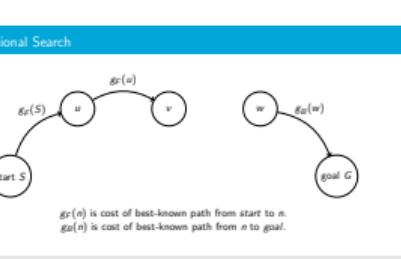


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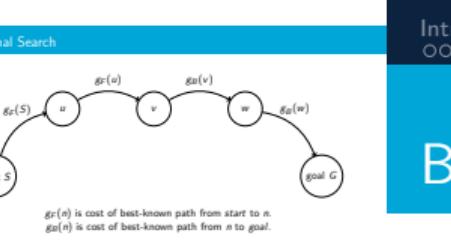
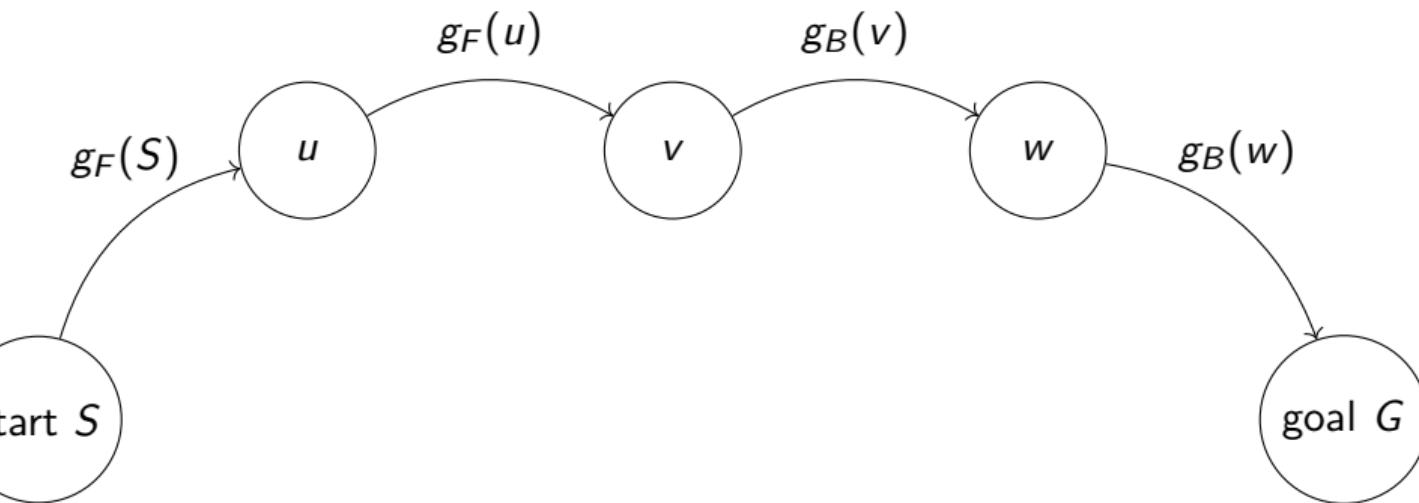
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What queue to expand? Solution: expand on $\max\{f_F(u), f_B(v), g_F(u) + g_B(v)\}$.
Eckerle, et al. (2017). Sufficient Conditions for Node Expansion in Bidirectional Heuristic Search.

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└ Planning as Constraint Satisfaction Problem



- State is a black box: arbitrary data structure
- Goal test is a function: set of constraints
- Use general-purpose algorithms
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Solving Planning Problems

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- STRIPS

Factored representation: a state is a collection of variables and their values.

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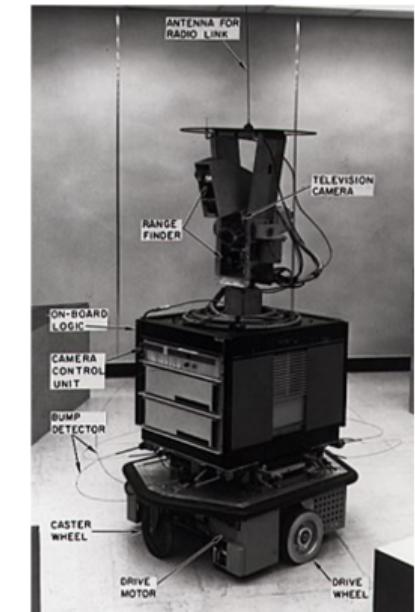
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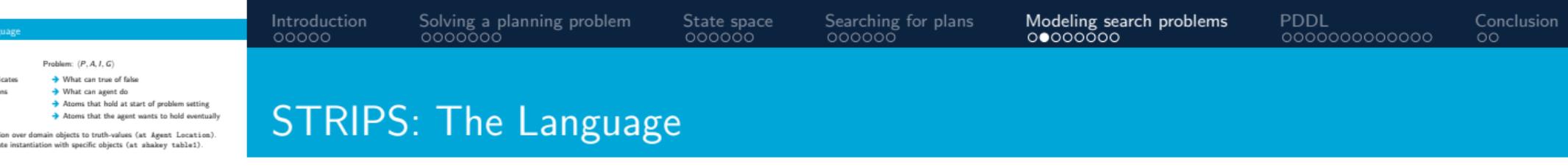


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- STRIPS: The Language

Atoms are sometimes called fluents (like in Russell & Norvig), but we use the term atom so as not to confuse it with numerical fluents in PDDL.



STRIPS: The Language

- Problem:** $\langle P, A, I, G \rangle$
- P : set of predicates → What can true or false
 - A : set of actions → What can agent do
 - I : initial state → Atoms that hold at start of problem setting
 - G : goal state → Atoms that the agent wants to hold eventually

Predicate: function over domain objects to truth-values (at Agent Location).
Atom: predicate instantiation with specific objects (at shakey table1).

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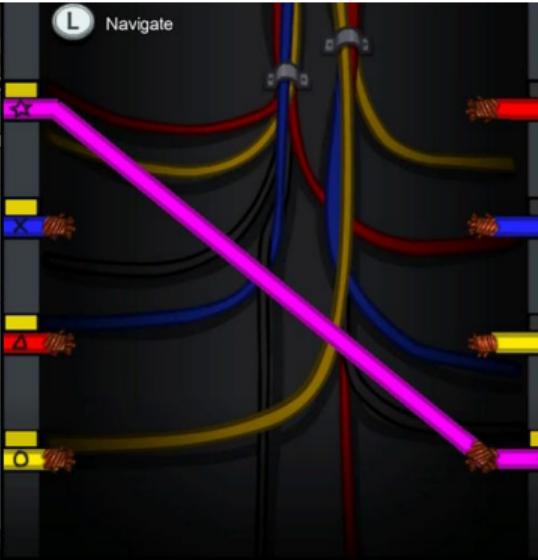
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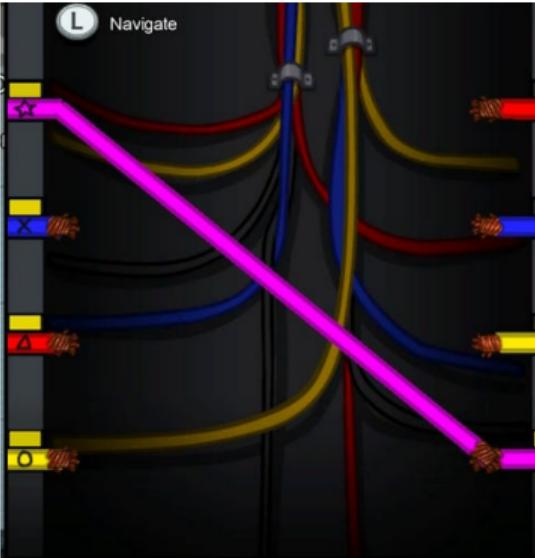
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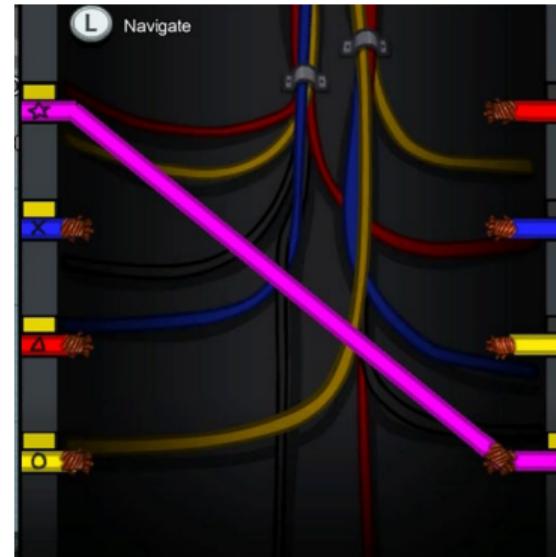
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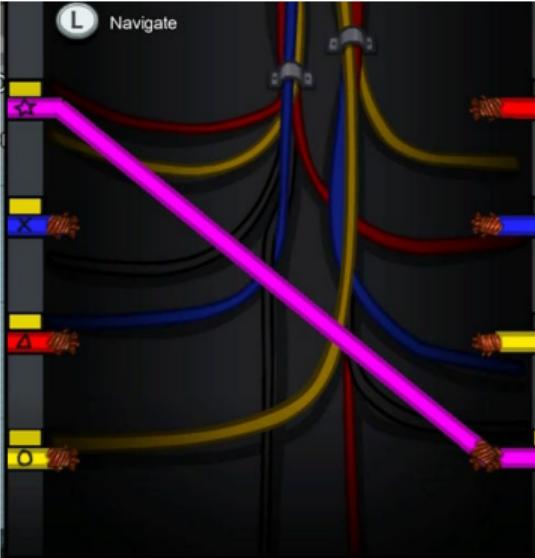
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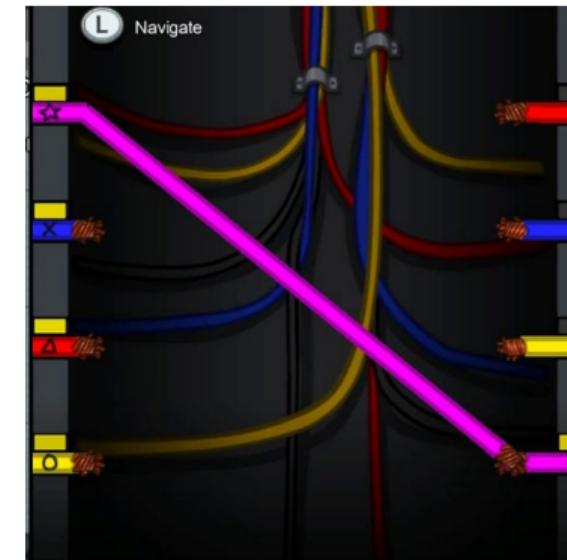
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■ $c(a)$: Cost of executing a

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- PRE(a): Set of predicates that must hold to execute a
- DEL(a): Set of atoms removed from state after executing a
- ADD(a): Set of atoms added to state after executing a
- $c(a)$: Cost of executing a



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Action Applicability

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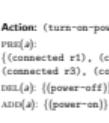


Figure: Current state.

Action: (turn-on-power)

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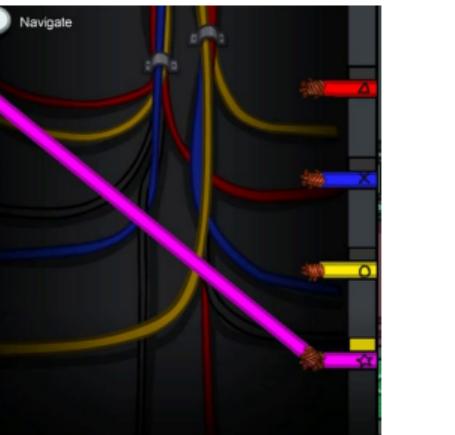
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Action Progression

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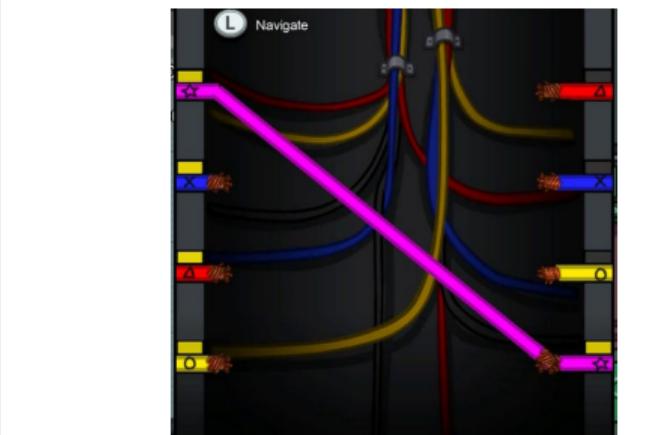
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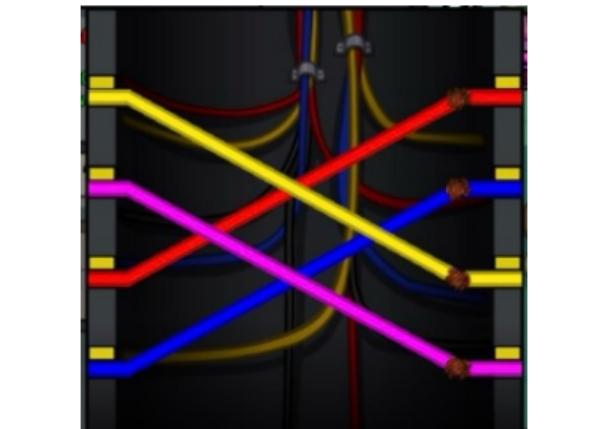
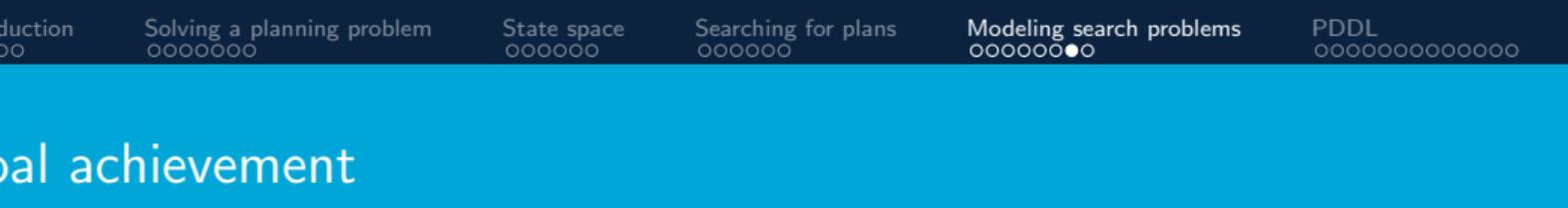
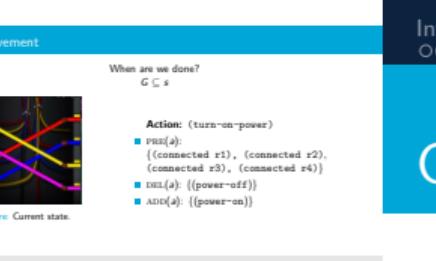


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Questions so far?



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Questions so far?



└ The Planning Domain Definition Language (PDDL)

Atoms are sometimes called fluents (like in Russell & Norvig), but we use the term atom, so not to confuse with numerical fluents in PDDL.

The Planning Domain Definition Language (PDDL)

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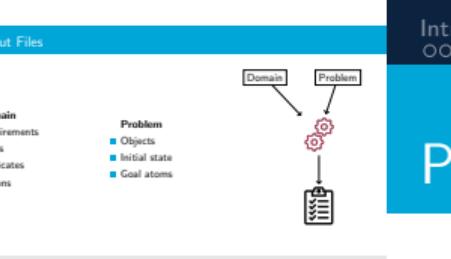
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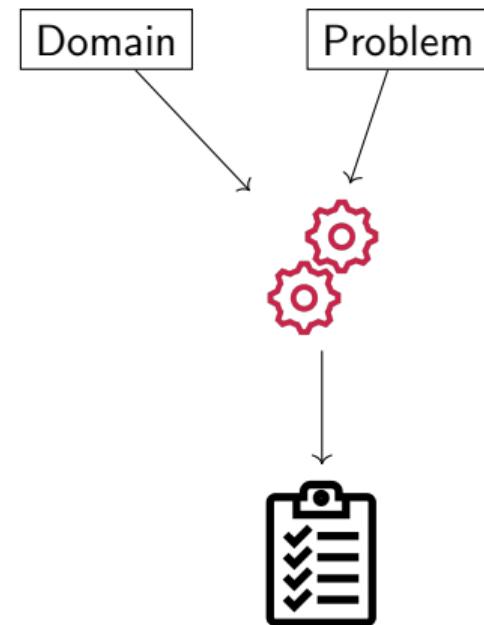
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PDDL Input Files

- Domain**
- Requirements
 - Types
 - Predicates
 - Actions

- Problem**
- Objects
 - Initial state
 - Goal atoms



└ Domain specification

Negative preconditions necessary for the not visited, can also be compiled away.

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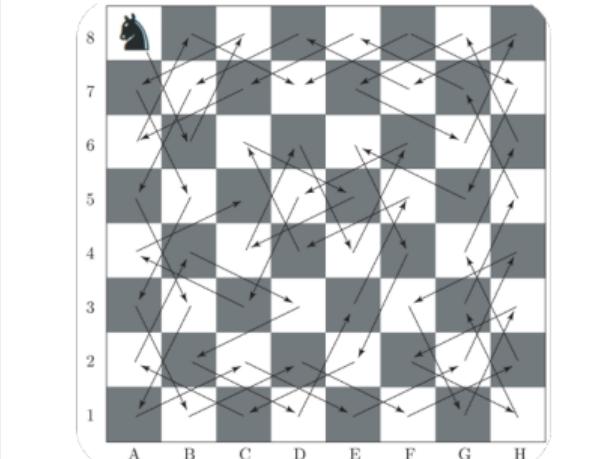


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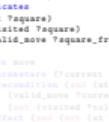
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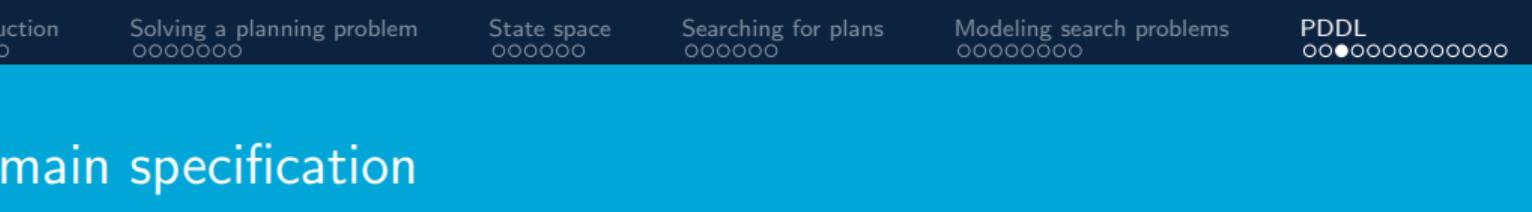
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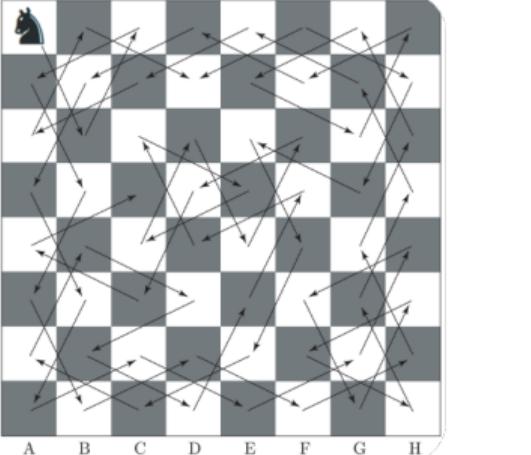
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└ Problem specification

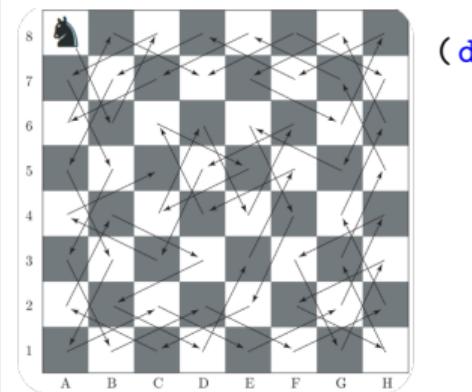
The knight's starting position is arbitrary but always visited

Problem specification

```
(define (problem knight-tour)
  (:domain knights-tour)
  (:objects
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    b1 b2 b3 b4 b5 b6 b7 b8
    ...
    h1 h2 h3 h4 h5 h6 h7 h8)
  (:init
    (at a1)
    (visited a1)
    (valid-move a1 b3)
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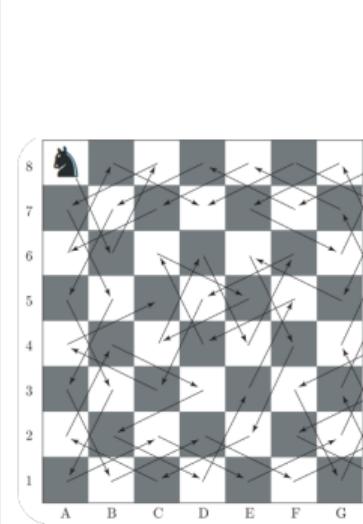
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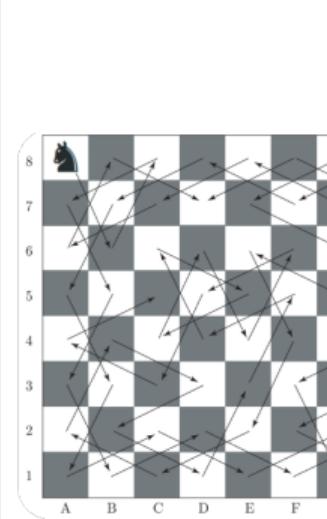
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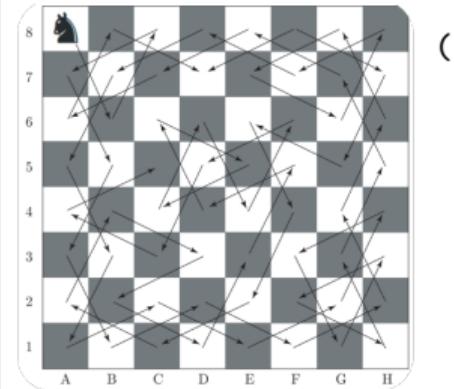
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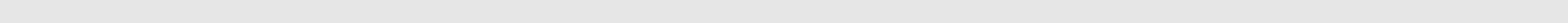
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Exercise: Missing precondition

Missing (at-ferry ?loc)

- Ferry boat domain
- Three actions: board, sail, debark
- Predicates: car, location, at-ferry, at, empty-ferry, on
- What precondition is missing for board?



Exercise: Missing precondition

```

(:action board
  :parameters (?car ?loc)
  :precondition (and
    (car ?car)
    (location ?loc)
    (at ?car ?loc)
    (empty-ferry))
  :effect (and (on ?car)
    (not (at ?car ?loc))
    (not (empty-ferry)))
)
  
```

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└ Exercise: Spot the mistake

No `(not (clear ?to))` effect.

Exercise: Spot the mistake

```
(define (domain hanoi)
  (:requirements :strips)
  (:predicates (clear ?x) (on ?x ?y)
   (smaller ?x ?y))

  (:action move
    :parameters (?disc ?orig ?to)
    :precondition (and
      (smaller ?to ?disc)
      (on ?disc ?orig) (clear ?disc)
      (clear ?to))
    :effect (and (clear ?orig)
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)
```

Figure: Towers of Hanoi.

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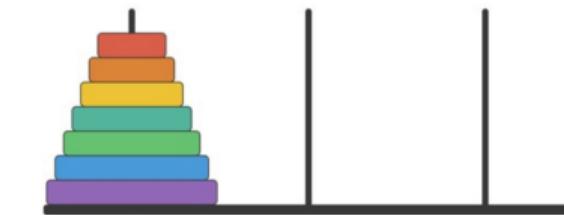


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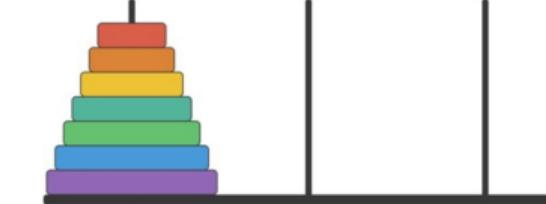


Figure: Towers of Hanoi.

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Exercise: Valid plan?

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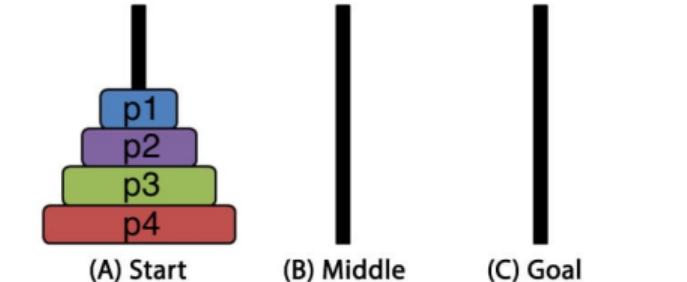
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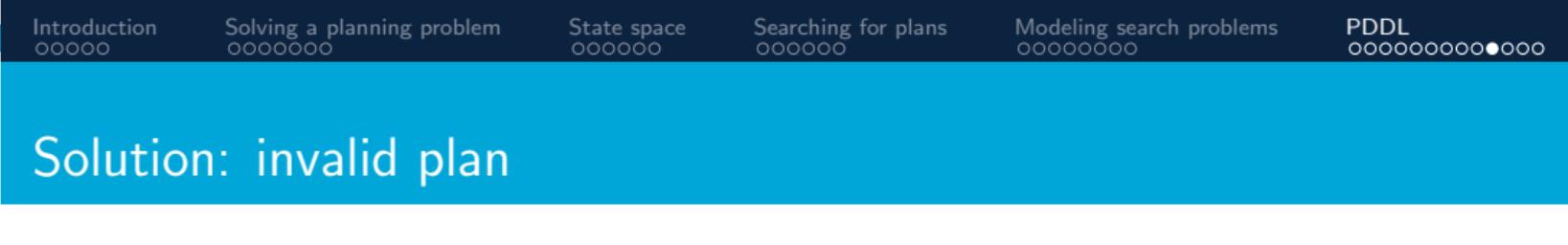
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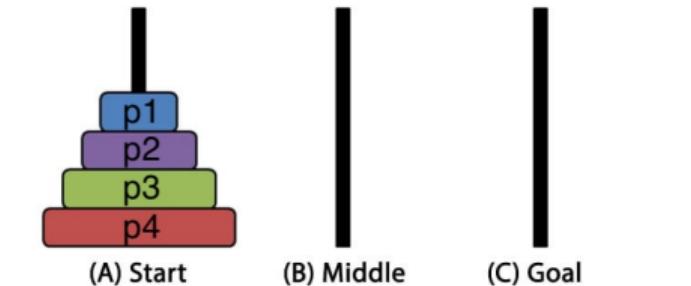
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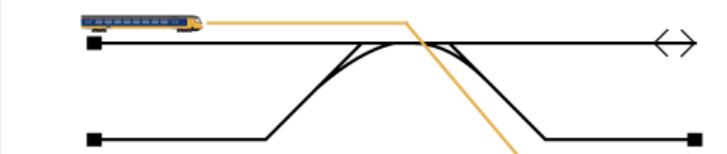


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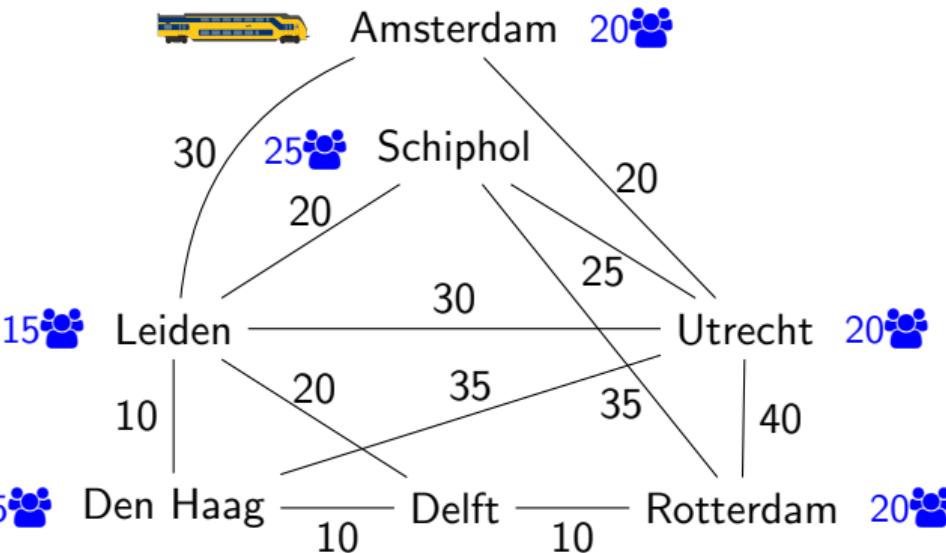
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Next Steps & Further Information

Homework

- Homework exercises week 4

Extra information

- Book: *Russel & Norvig: Artificial Intelligence, Ch.11*
- <http://planning.wiki/> General info on PDDL and planners
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