

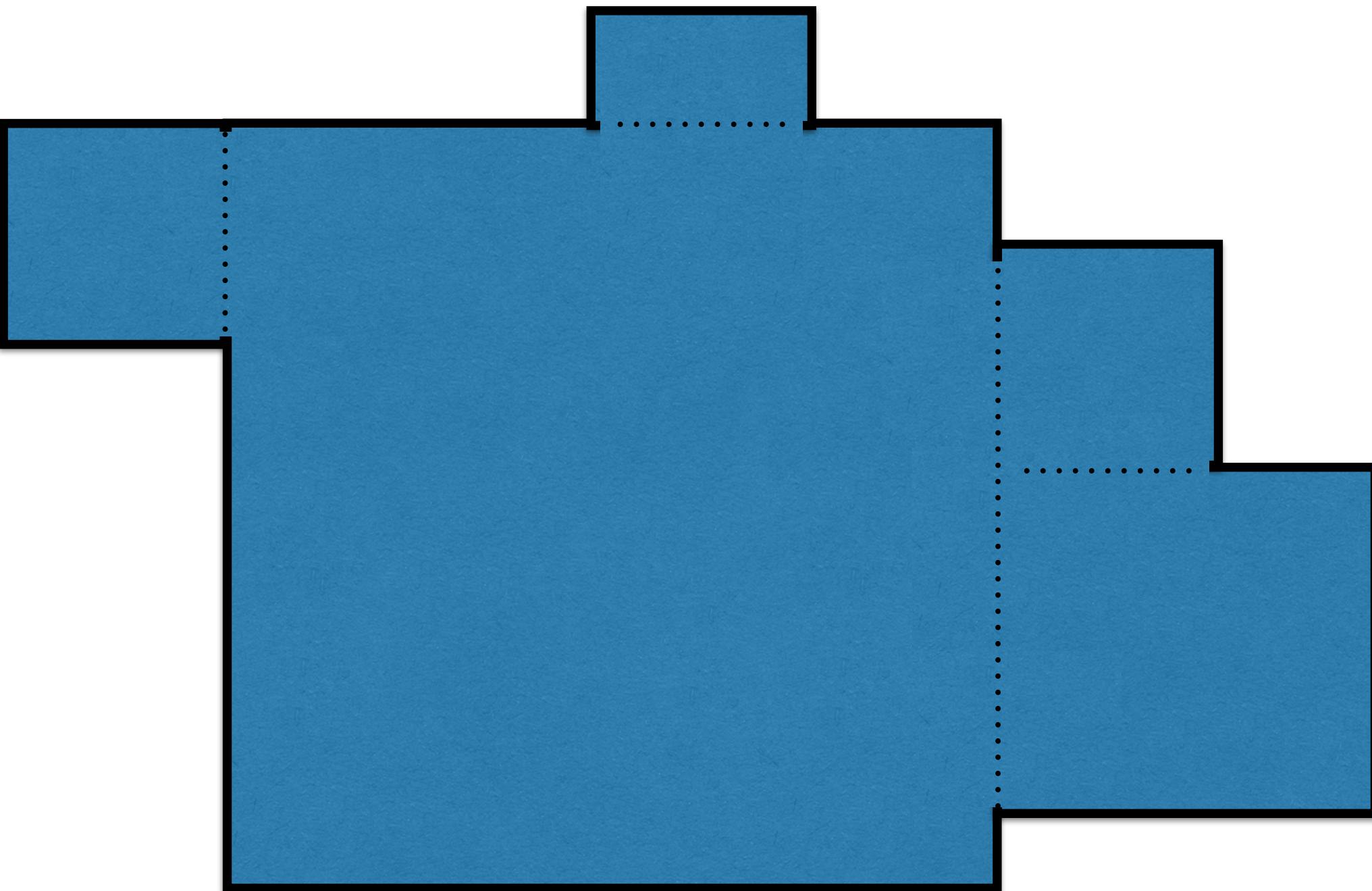
Rectilinear Packing with Rotation

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A Shape Usually Has 4 Orientations

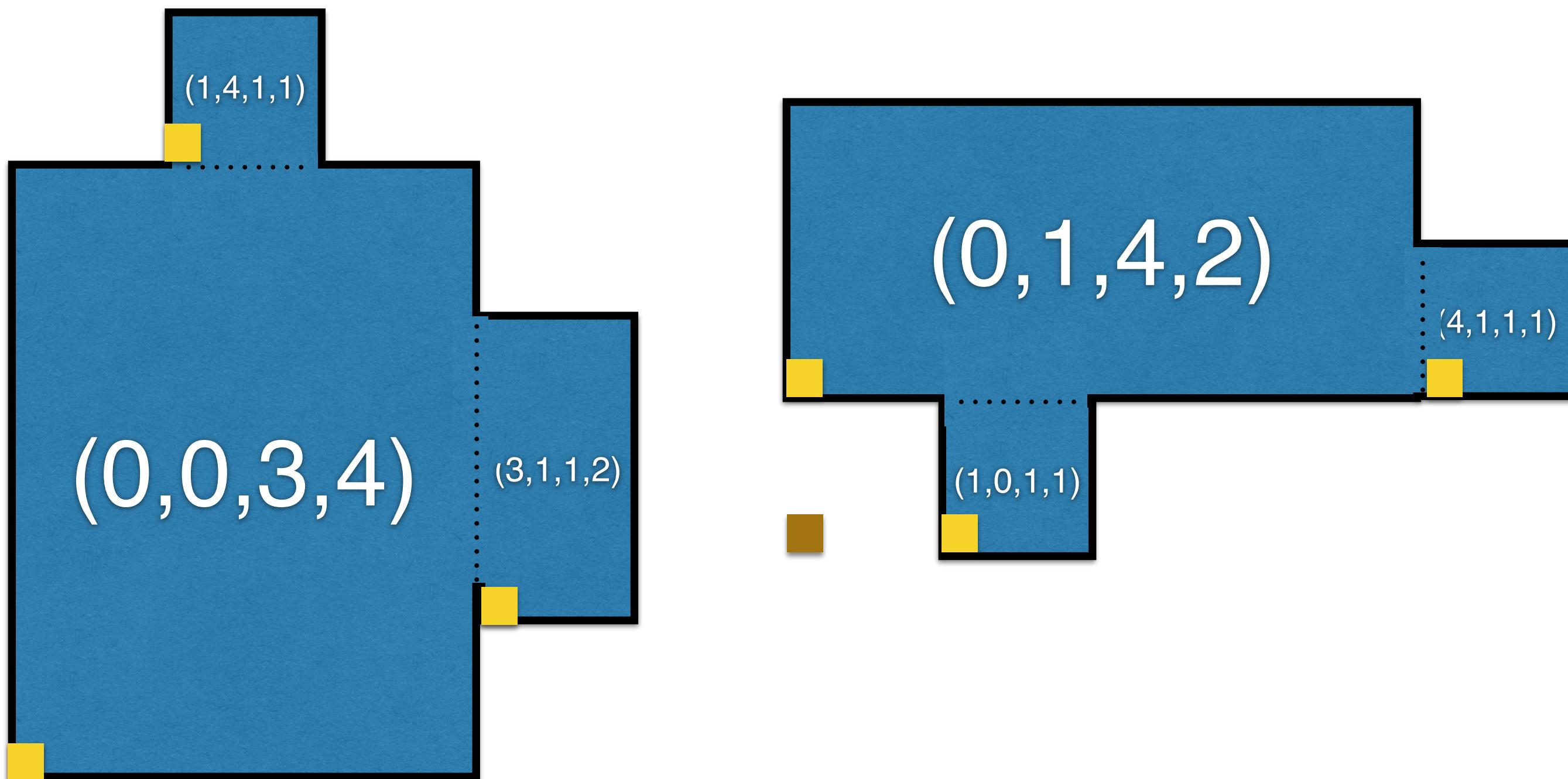


Orientation Exceptions

- A plain **rectangle** has only **two** orientations
- A **square** only has a **single** orientation
- There can be application-specific restrictions
 - e.g., objects must be able to stand stably on their own

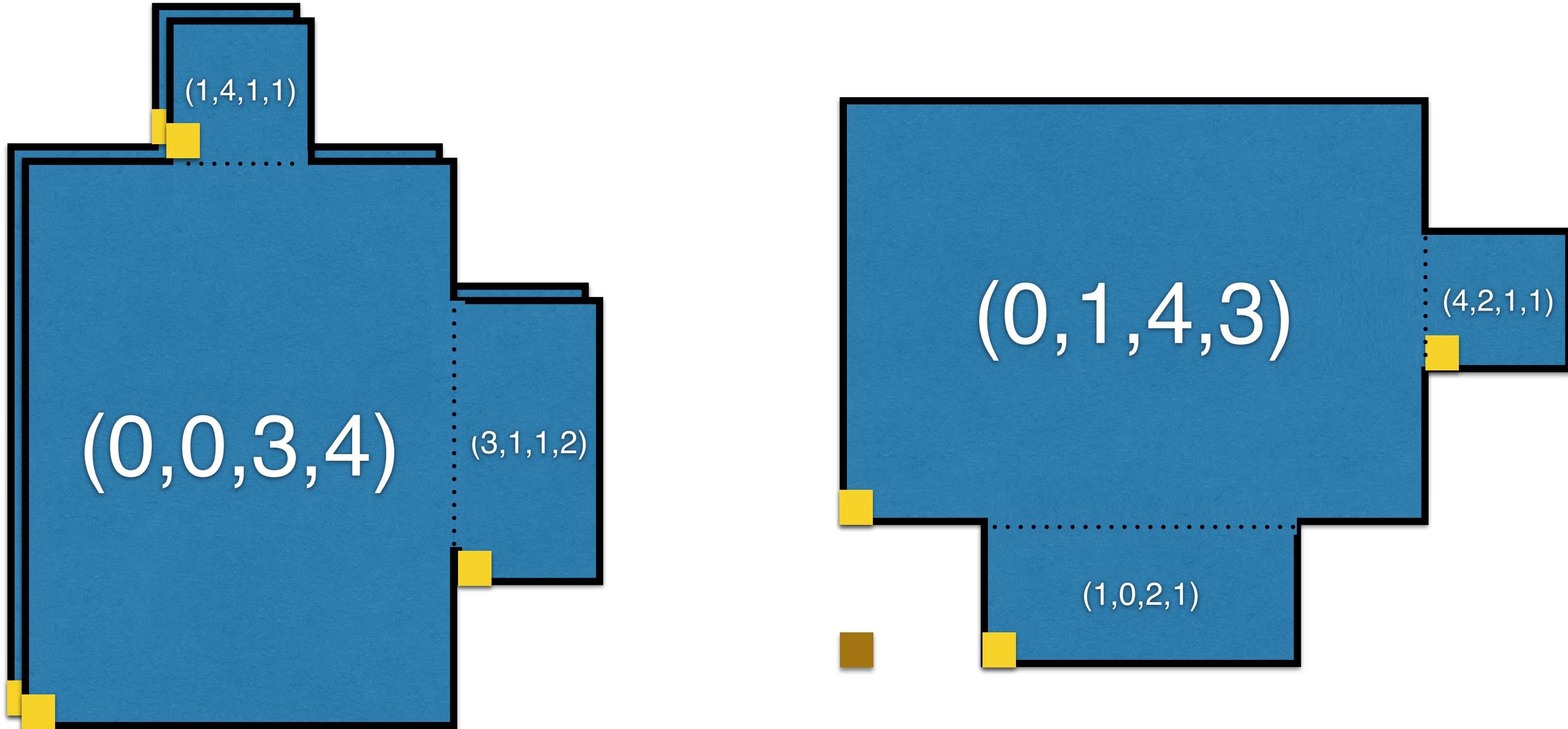
Representing Block Shapes

- Rectangles at offset to shape bottom left
 - $(x_{\text{offset}}, y_{\text{offset}}, x_{\text{size}}, y_{\text{size}})$
- The offsets are **different** even when the orientation is different (more later)



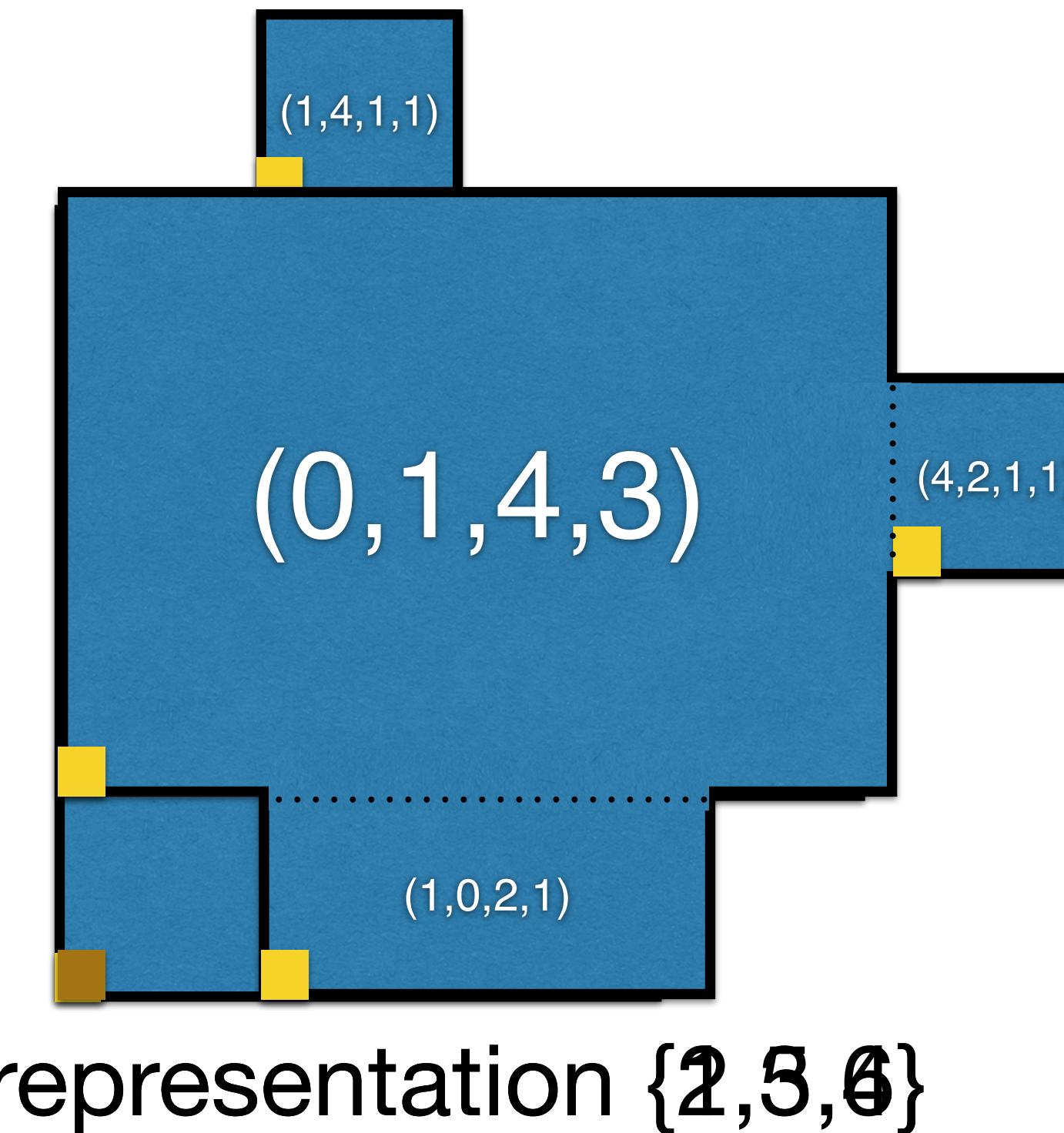
Representing Orientation

- A new orientation is **no different** from a new block shape
- New origin and new offsets



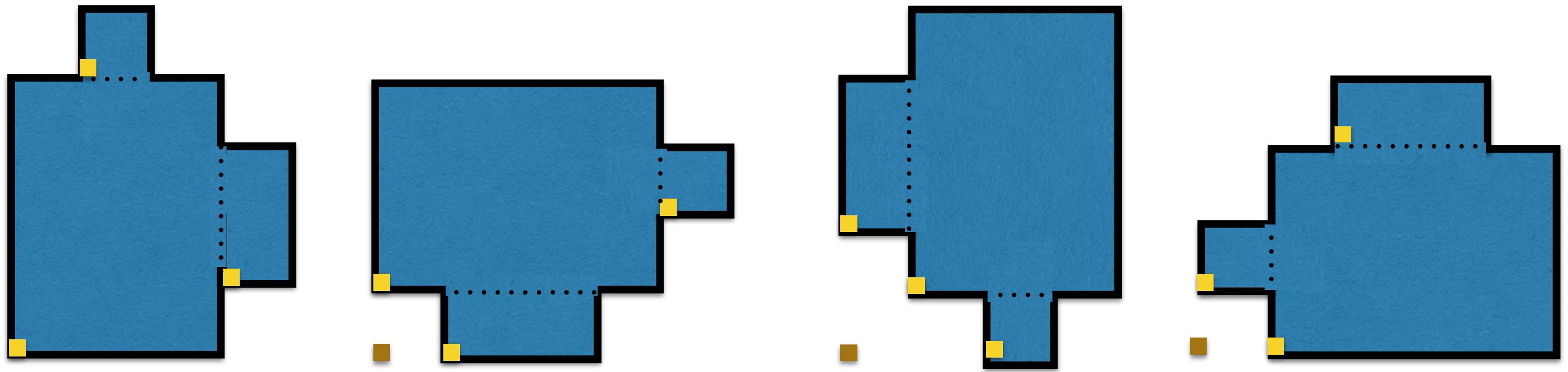
Representing Block Shapes

- Represent the component rectangles with offsets
- A block (of a specific orientation) is a set of rectangles with offsets
- Component rectangles can be shared if possible
- E.g. a list of components
 - 1: 0,0,3,4
 - 2: 0,1,4,3
 - 3: 1,4,1,1
 - 4: 3,1,1,2
 - 5: 4,2,1,1
 - 6: 1,0,2,1



Representing a Shape

- An orientation is a set of components
- A shape consists of 4 (or less) orientations



- A shape can thus be represented by a **list (array)** of sets (of offsets)
- Forbidden/duplicated orientations can be represented by the **empty set**

Block Packing Data

- Given n blocks defined by fixed shapes, **each with possible rotations**. Place the shapes in a rectangle of height h so they don't overlap with the width l used minimized

```
enum Block;
enum Comp;
enum Dims = {XOff, YOff, XSize, YSize};
array[Comp, Dims] of int: dims;
enum Rot = R(1..4); % 4 possible rotations
array[Block, Rot] of set of Comp: shape;

int: h;          % height of rectangle
int: maxw; % maximum width of rectangle

array[Block] of var 0..maxw: x;
array[Block] of var 0..h: y;
```

Block Packing Data

```
Block = B(1..5);  Comp = C(1..45); h = 9; maxw = 16;  
% (xoffset,yoffset,xsize,ysize)  
dims = [| 1,0,1,1 | 0,1,5,2 | 0,3,1,1 | 1,0,2,5  
        | 3,4,1,1 | 3,1,1,1 | 0,0,1,1 | 3,3,1,1  
        | 4,0,1,1 | 0,0,4,4 | 1,4,3,1 | 4,2,2,2  
        | 0,2,4,4 | 4,2,1,3 | 2,0,2,2 | 1,0,4,4  
        | 0,1,1,3 | 1,4,2,2 | 2,1,4,4 | 2,0,3,1  
        | 0,1,2,2 | 1,5,1,2 | 1,0,3,5 | 4,1,1,4  
        | 5,3,2,1 | 0,1,5,3 | 1,0,4,1 | 3,0,3,1  
        | 0,1,2,1 | 2,1,5,3 | 2,4,4,1 | 4,3,1,3  
        | 3,0,1,2 | 1,2,3,5 | 0,2,1,4 | 0,0,1,3  
        | 1,0,3,4 | 0,3,3,1 | 0,0,4,3 | 1,0,3,1  
        | 0,1,4,3 | 3,1,1,3 | 0,0,3,4 | 0,0,5,4  
        | 0,0,4,5 |];
```

Block Packing Data

```
shape =  
[ | {C(1),C(2),C(3)}, {C(3),C(4),C(5)},  
  {C(6),C(4),C(7)}, {C(8),C(2),C(9)}  
| {C(10),C(11),C(12)}, {C(13),C(14),C(15)},  
  {C(16),C(17),C(18)}, {C(19),C(20),C(21)}  
| {C(17),C(22),C(23),C(24)}, {C(11),C(25),C(26),C(27)},  
  {C(28),C(29),C(30),C(31)}, {C(32),C(33),C(34),C(35)}  
| {C(44)}, {C(45)}, {}, {}  
| {C(36),C(37)}, {C(38),C(39)},  
  {C(40),C(41)}, {C(42),C(43)}  
| ];
```

Block Packing Decisions + Objective

- For each block
 - x position of its base
 - y position of its base
 - **which orientation is used**

```
array[Block] of var 0..maxw: x;  
array[Block] of var 0..h: y;  
array[Block] of var Rot: rot;
```

```
var 0..maxw: w; % width of rectangle used
```

```
solve minimize w;
```

Block Packing Constraints

- **Disallow disabled rotations**

```
forall(i in Block) (shape[i,rot[i]] != {});
```

- Each rectangle component must fit within the full area

```
forall(i in Block) (
  forall(r in shape[i,rot[i]]) (
    x[i]+d[r,XOff]+d[r,XSize] <= l /\ 
    y[i]+d[r,YOff]+d[r,YSIZE] <= h
  )
);
```

Block Packing Constraints

- Rectangle/offsets don't overlap

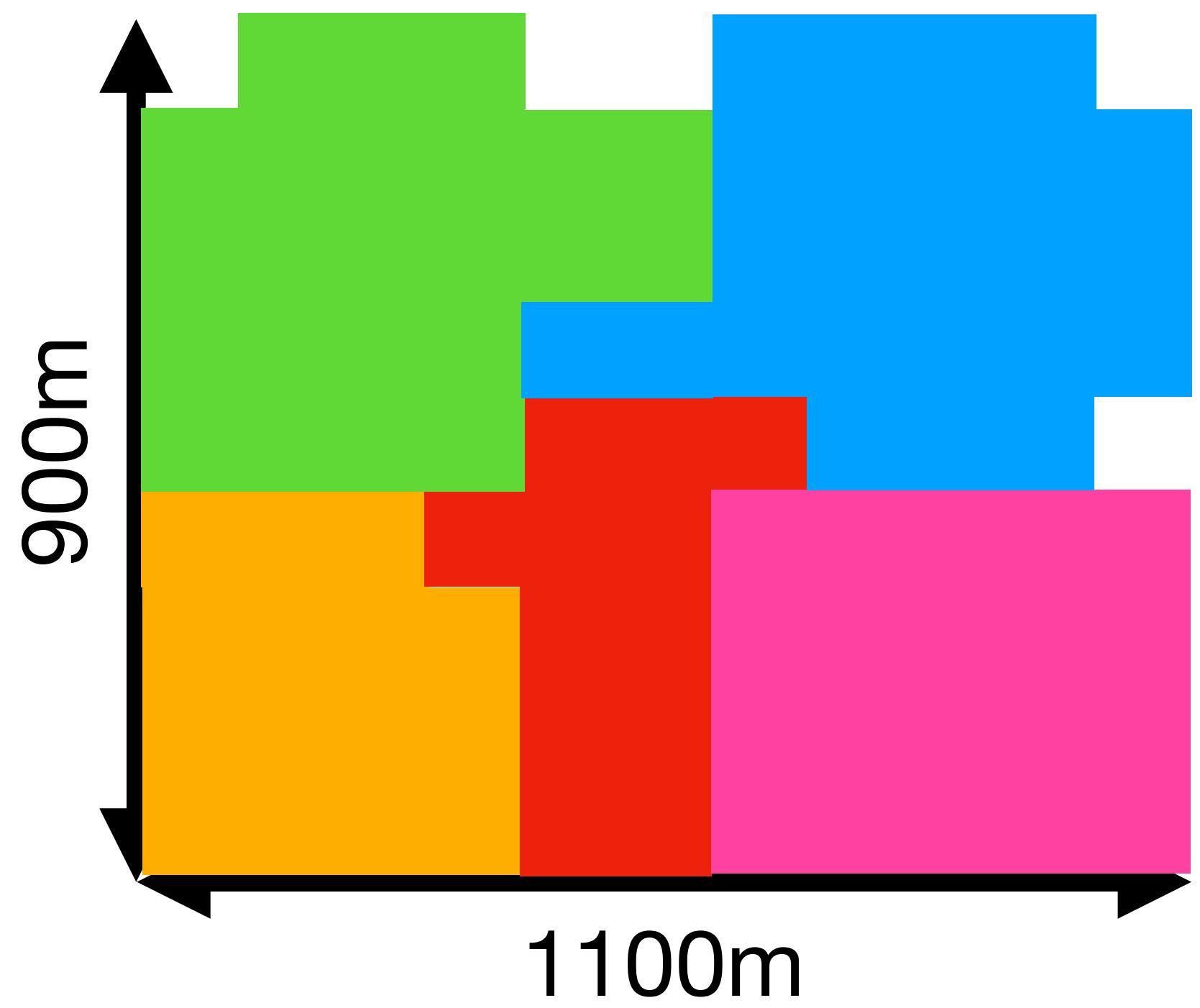
```
forall(i,j in Block where i < j) (
  forall(r1 in shape[i,rot[i]],
         r2 in shape[j,rot[j]]) (
    x[i]+dims[r1,XOff]+dims[r1,XSize]
      <= x[j]+dims[r2,XOff]
    \vee x[j]+dims[r2,XOff]+dims[r2,XSize]
      <= x[i]+dims[r1,XOff]
    \vee y[i]+dims[r1,YOff]+dims[r1,YSize]
      <= y[j]+dims[r2,YOff]
    \vee y[j]+dims[r2,YOff]+dims[r2,YSize]
      <= y[i]+dims[r1,YOff]
  )
);
```

Solving the Model

```
w = 11;  
x = [3, 0, 4, 6, 0];  
y = [0, 4, 4, 0, 0];  
rot = [R(2), R(1), R(3), R(1), R(2)];  
-----
```

```
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```

Finished in 1m 30s



The `geost` Global Constraint

- The `geost` global constraint enforces non-overlap of objects, like `diffn`, but can take rotations into account
 - objects may have multiple possible shapes
 - each shape is a set of offset rectangles

The geost Global Constraint

```
predicate geost_bb(  
    % number of dimensions  
    int: k,  
    % size & offsets: row = comp, col = dim  
    array[int,int] of int: rect_size,  
    array[int,int] of int: rect_offset,  
    % shape definitions (sets of components)  
    array[int] of set of int: shape,  
    % position of each object  
    array[int,int] of var int: x,  
    % kind (shape) of each object  
    array[int] of var int: kind,  
    % lower and upper bounds on each dimension  
    array[int] of var int: l,  
    array[int] of var int: u  
)
```

The geost Global Constraint

- All sizes and offsets are given as 2D arrays

```
array[Comp, 1..2] of int: rect_size =  
array2d(Comp, 1..2, dims[..,XSize..YSize]);
```

```
array[Comp, 1..2] of int: rect_offset =  
array2d(Comp, 1..2, dims[..,XOff..YOff]),
```

```
array[Block, 1..2] of var int: coord =  
[ (b,i): if i = 1 then x[b] else y[b] endif  
| b in Block, i in 1..2];
```

The geost Global Constraint

- All shapes are given together in a single array (without disallowed shapes)

```
array[int] of set of Comp: geost_shapes
= [ s | s in array1d(shape) where s != {} ]
```

- We can channel the choice of these shapes back to rotations

```
array[Block] of var int: kind = [
  (b-1)*4 + rot[b] % translated index
  % num. of prev. disallowed shapes
  - (count([shape[p,r] = {} | p in ..enum_prev(b),
            r in Rot]) default 0) | b in Block
];
```

The geost Global Constraint

- We can then use the geost constraint

```
include "geost.mzn"
constraint geost_bb(
  2,
  rect_size,
  rect_offset,
  geost_shapes,
  coord,
  kind,
  [0, 0],
  [w, h],
)
```

Summary

- Complex packing problems
 - make shapes from components
 - ensure components don't overlap
 - rotations/orientations add to the complexity of the problem
- Globals
 - `diffn_k` (for k dimensional packing)
 - `geost` (for flexible k dimensional packing)
- In practice most packing is 2D or 3D

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