

## AI Planning for Autonomy

### 5. Delete Relaxation Heuristics

# It's a Long Way to the Goal, But How Long Exactly? Part I: *Acting As If the World Can Only Get Better*

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**You:** I already tried goal counting, and it performed badly. *What now?!?*

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- Delete relaxation is a method to relax planning tasks, and thus automatically compute heuristic functions  $h$ .
- Every  $h$  yields good performance **only in some domains!** (Search reduction vs. computational overhead)
- We must come up with as many alternative methods as possible!

**We cover the 4 different methods currently known:**

- Critical path heuristics:
- Delete relaxation. Soon to be Done.
- Abstractions.
- Landmarks.

→ Delete relaxation is very wide-spread, and highly successful for satisficing planning!

We introduce the method in STRIPS.

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- (ii) If  $\vec{a}^+$  is applicable in  $s^+$ , then  $\vec{a}^+$  is applicable in  $s'^+$  as well, and  $appl(s'^+, \vec{a}^+)$  dominates  $appl(s^+, \vec{a}^+)$ .

**Proof.** (i) is trivial. (ii) by induction over the length  $n$  of  $\vec{a}^+$ . Base case  $n = 0$  is trivial. Inductive case  $n \rightarrow n + 1$  follows directly from induction hypothesis and the definition of  $appl(., .)$ .

→ It is always better to have more facts true.

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**Proposition.** Greedy relaxed planning is sound, complete, and terminates in time polynomial in the size of  $\Pi$ .

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Termination: Every  $a \in A$  can be selected at most once because afterwards  $appl(s^+, a^+) = s^+$ .

⇒ It is easy to decide whether a relaxed plan exists!

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→ To be informed (accurately estimate  $h^*$ ), a heuristic needs to approximate the *minimum effort* needed to reach the goal. Greedy relaxed planning doesn't do this because it may select arbitrary actions that aren't relevant at all.

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[→ You might rightfully ask “But won’t optimal relaxed plans usually under-estimate  $h^*$ ?” Yes, but that’s just the effect of considering a relaxed problem, and arbitrarily adding actions useless within the relaxation does not help to address it.]

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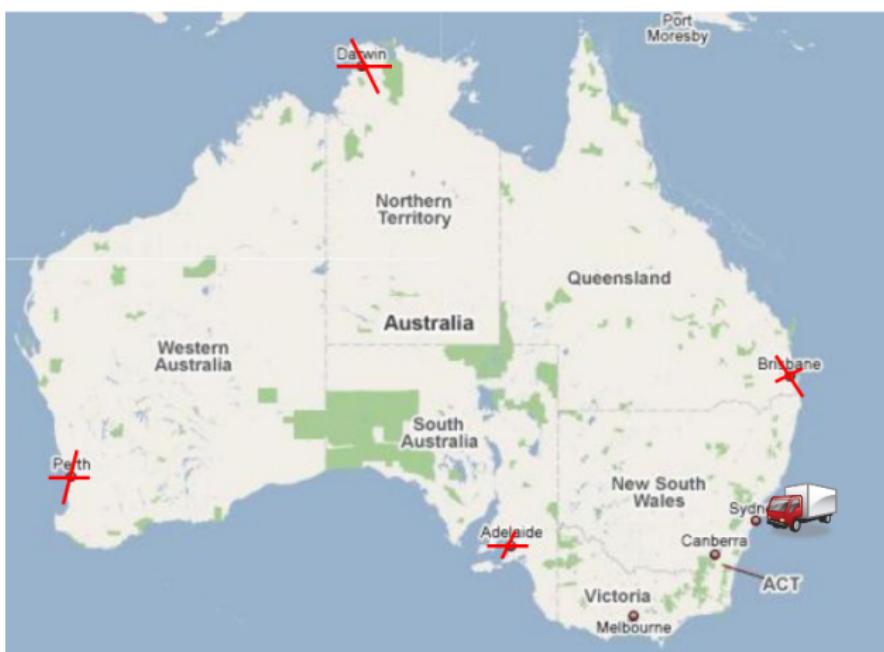
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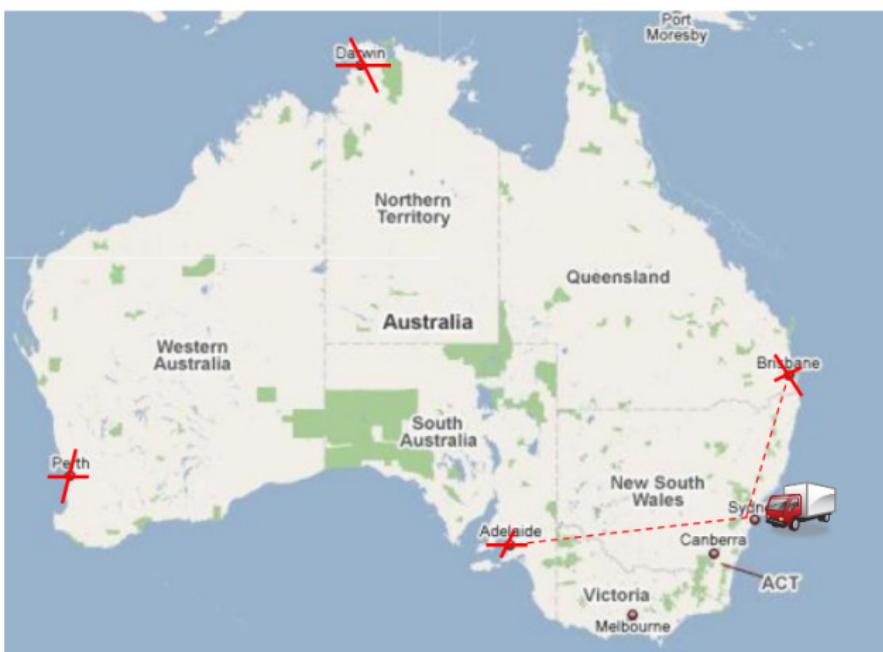


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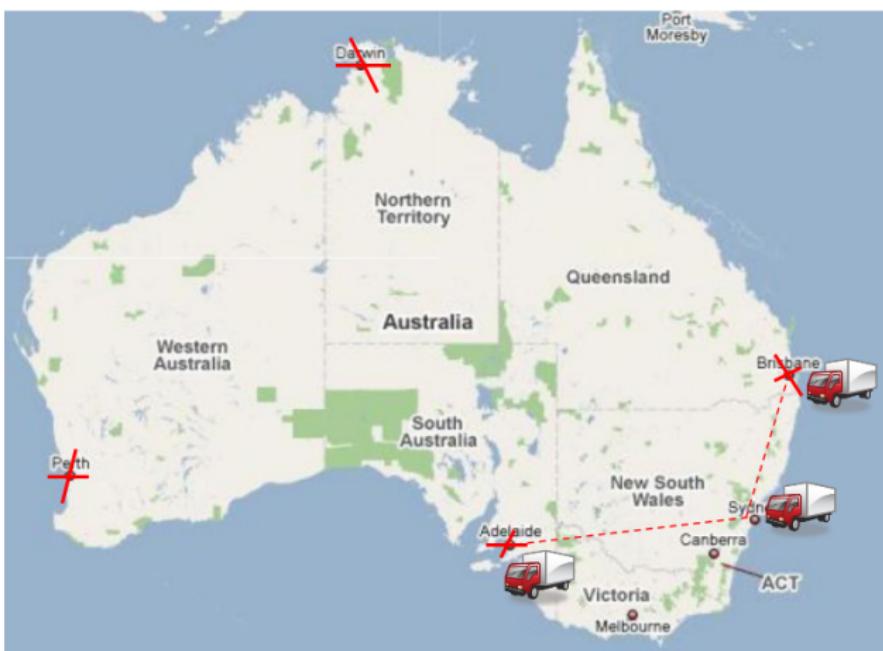
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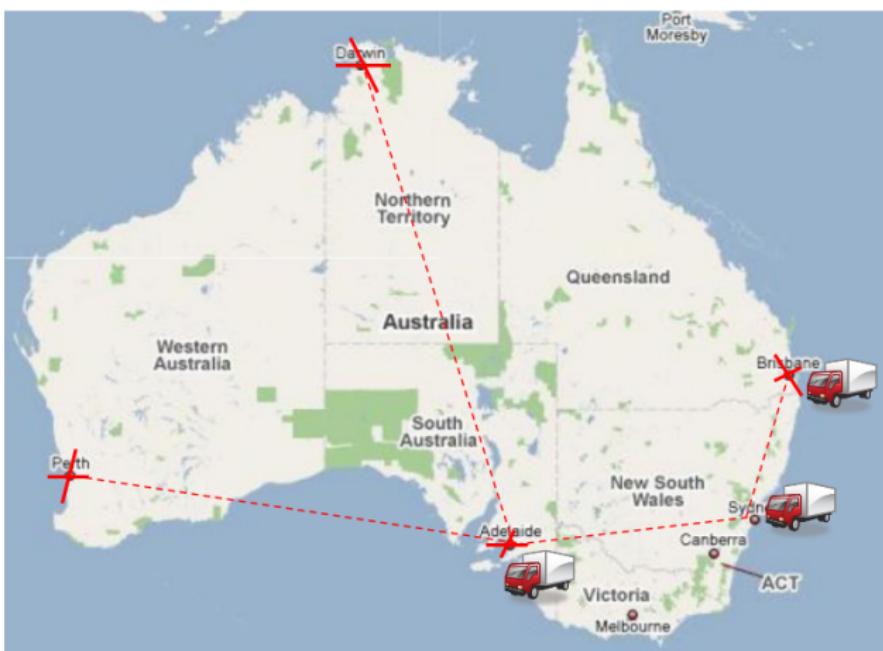


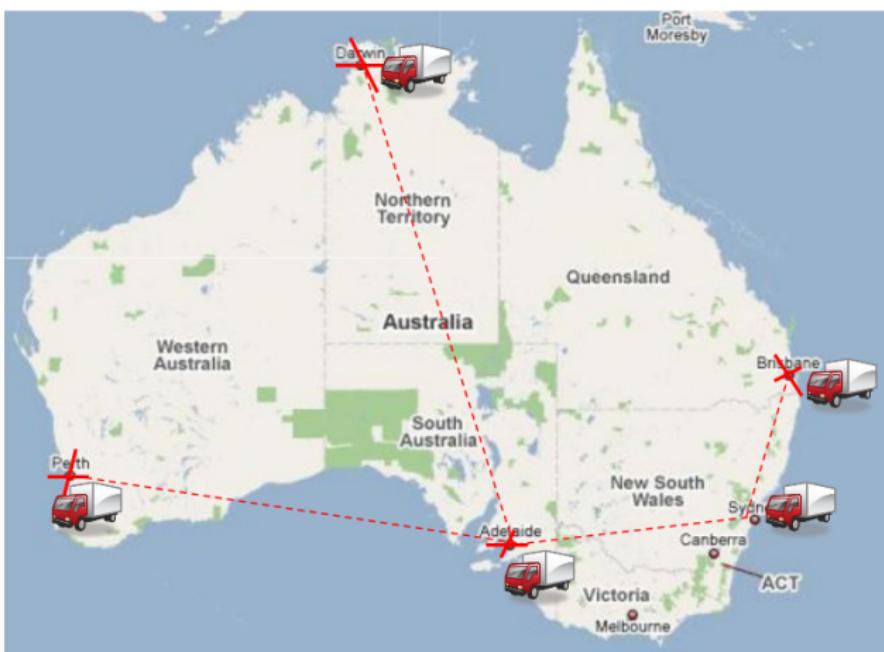
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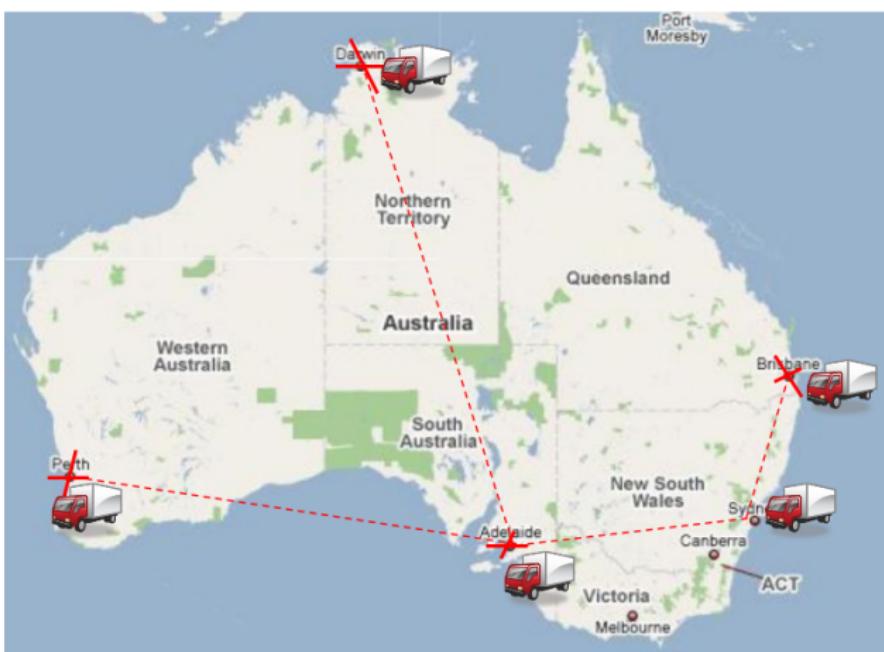
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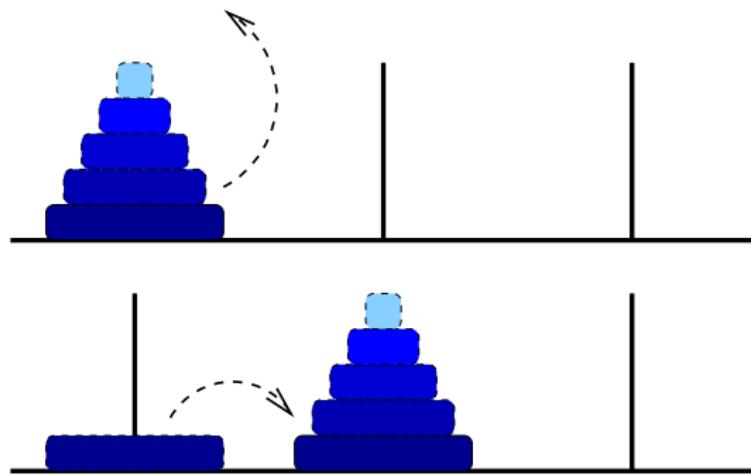
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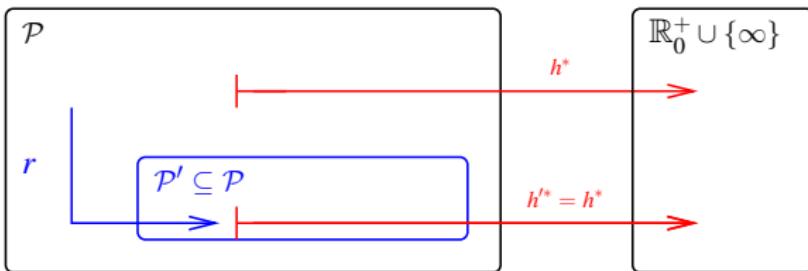
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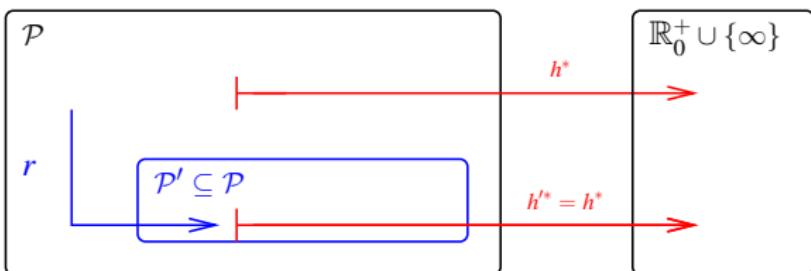
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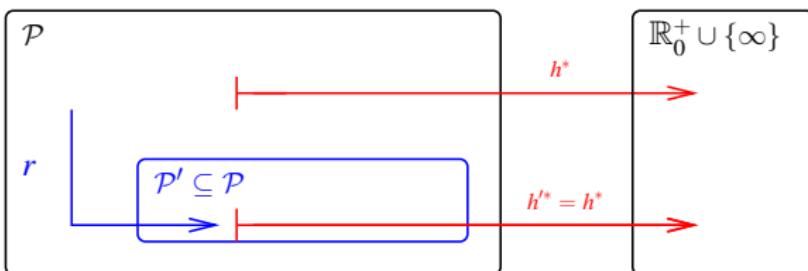
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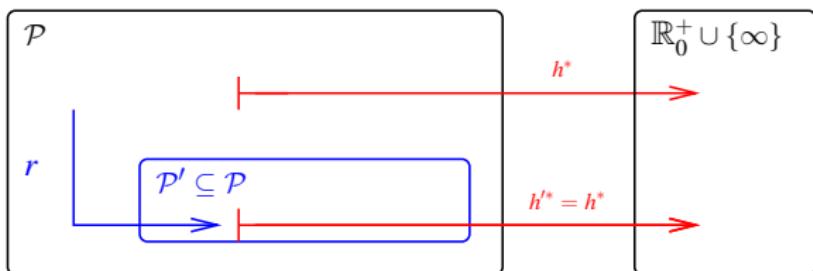
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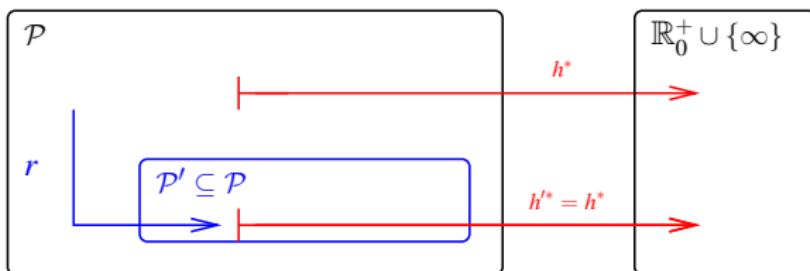
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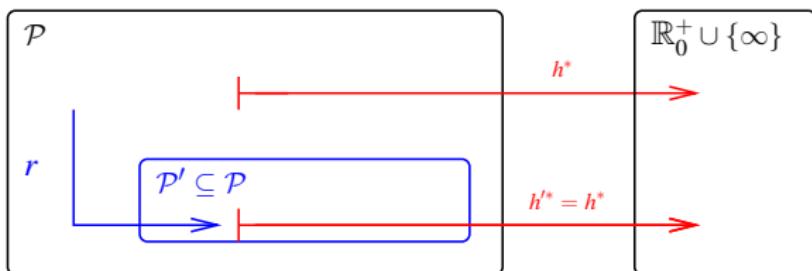
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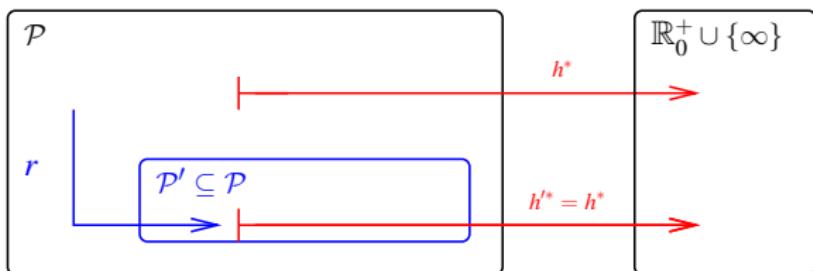
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→ States for which no relaxed plan exists are easy to recognize, and that is done by both  $h^{\max}$  and  $h^{\text{add}}$ . Approximation is needed only for the cost of an optimal relaxed plan, if it exists.

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\max}$ and $h^{\text{add}}$

Bellman-Ford variant computing  $h^{\text{add}}$  for state  $s$

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→ Basically the same algorithm works for  $h^{\max}$ , just change  $\sum$  for max

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2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\max}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F$ :  $at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
  - $A$ :  $drive(x, y)$  where  $x, y$  have a road.
$$c(drive(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$
  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy); G$ :  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$$c(\text{drive}(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$

## Content of Tables $T_i^1$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5
3	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

$$\rightarrow h^{\max}(I) =$$

# Bellman-Ford for $h^{\max}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F: at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
  - $A: drive(x, y)$  where  $x, y$  have a road.
- $$c(drive(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$
- $I: at(Sy), v(Sy); G: at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

## Content of Tables $T_i^1$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5
3	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

$\rightarrow h^{\max}(I) = 5.5 << 20 = h^*(I)$ .

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F$ :  $at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
  - $A$ :  $drive(x, y)$  where  $x, y$  have a road.
$$c(drive(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$
  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy); G$ :  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$$c(\text{drive}(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$

- $I: at(Sy), v(Sy); G: at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

## Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

# Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F: at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
- $A: drive(x, y)$  where  $x, y$  have a road.

$$c(\text{drive}(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$

- $I: at(Sy), v(Sy); G: at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

## Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F$ :  $at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
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  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy); G$ :  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$$c(\text{drive}(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$

## Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F$ :  $at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
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  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy); G$ :  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

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### Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F$ :  $at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
  - $A$ :  $drive(x, y)$  where  $x, y$  have a road.
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  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy); G$ :  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

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- $I: at(Sy), v(Sy); G: at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

## Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5
3	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

$\rightarrow h^{\text{add}}(I) =$

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “TSP” in Australia



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  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy); G$ :  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$$c(\text{drive}(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$

### Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5
3	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

$\rightarrow h^{\text{add}}(I) = 1.5 + 1 + 5 + 5.5 = 13 > 10 = h^+(I)$ . But  $< 20 = h^*(I)$ .

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “TSP” in Australia



- $F$ :  $at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
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  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy)$ ;  $G$ :  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$$c(\text{drive}(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$

### Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5
3	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

$\rightarrow h^{\text{add}}(I) = 1.5 + 1 + 5 + 5.5 = 13 > 10 = h^+(I)$ . But  $< 20 = h^*(I)$ .

$\rightarrow h^{\text{add}}(I) > h^+(I)$  because it counts the cost of  $\text{drive}(\text{Sy}, \text{Ad})$  3 times:

Bellman-Ford for  $h^{\text{add}}$  in “TSP” in Australia



- $F$ :  $at(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ ;  $v(x)$  for  $x \in \{Sy, Ad, Br, Pe, Ad\}$ .
  - $A$ :  $drive(x, y)$  where  $x, y$  have a road.
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  - $I$ :  $at(Sy), v(Sy); G$ ;  $at(Sy), v(x)$  for all  $x$ .

$$c(\text{drive}(x, y)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Br\} \\ 1.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Sy, Ad\} \\ 3.5 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Pe\} \\ 4 & \{x, y\} = \{Ad, Da\} \end{cases}$$

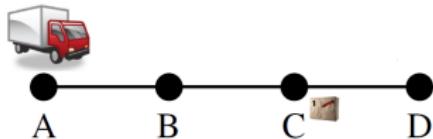
## Content of Tables $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :

$i$	$at(Sy)$	$at(Ad)$	$at(Br)$	$at(Pe)$	$at(Da)$	$v(Sy)$	$v(Ad)$	$v(Br)$	$v(Pe)$	$v(Da)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	1.5	1	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5
3	0	1.5	1	5	5.5	0	1.5	1	5	5.5

$\rightarrow h^{\text{add}}(I) = 1.5 + 1 + 5 + 5.5 = 13 > 10 = h^+(I)$ . But  $< 20 = h^*(I)$ .

$\rightarrow h^{\text{add}}(I) > h^+(I)$  because it counts the cost of  $\text{drive}(Sy, Ad)$  3 times:  
 As part of  $h^{\text{add}}(I, \{v(Ad)\})$ ,  $h^{\text{add}}(I, \{v(Pe)\})$ , and  $h^{\text{add}}(I, \{v(Da)\})$ !

# Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “Logistics”

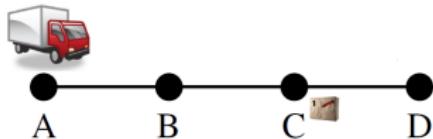


- Initial state  $I: t(A), p(C)$ .
- Goal  $G: t(A), p(D)$ .
- Actions  $A: dr(X, Y), lo(X), ul(X)$ .

**Content of Tables  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :** (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “Logistics”

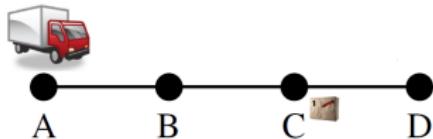


- Initial state  $I$ :  $t(A), p(C)$ .
  - Goal  $G$ :  $t(A), p(D)$ .
  - Actions  $A$ :  $dr(X, Y), lo(X), ul(X)$ .

**Content of Tables**  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ : (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$

# Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “Logistics”

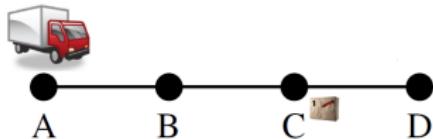


- Initial state  $I: t(A), p(C)$ .
- Goal  $G: t(A), p(D)$ .
- Actions  $A: dr(X, Y), lo(X), ul(X)$ .

**Content of Tables  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :** (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
1	0	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “Logistics”

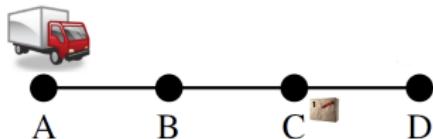


- Initial state  $I$ :  $t(A), p(C)$ .
  - Goal  $G$ :  $t(A), p(D)$ .
  - Actions  $A$ :  $dr(X, Y), lo(X), ul(X)$ .

**Content of Tables**  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ : (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
1	0	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
2	0	1	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$

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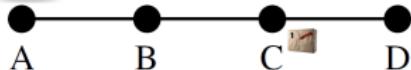


- Initial state  $I$ :  $t(A), p(C)$ .
  - Goal  $G$ :  $t(A), p(D)$ .
  - Actions  $A$ :  $dr(X, Y), lo(X), ul(X)$ .

**Content of Tables**  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ : (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
1	0	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
2	0	1	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
3	0	1	2	3	3	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$

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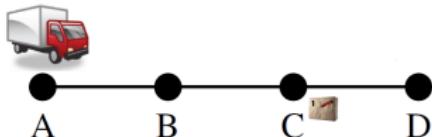


- Initial state  $I: t(A), p(C)$ .
- Goal  $G: t(A), p(D)$ .
- Actions  $A: dr(X, Y), lo(X), ul(X)$ .

**Content of Tables  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ :** (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
1	0	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
2	0	1	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
3	0	1	2	3	3	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
4	0	1	2	3	3	4	5 (4)	0	7 (4)

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “Logistics”



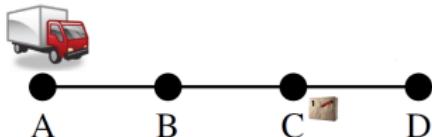
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**Content of Tables**  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ : (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
1	0	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
2	0	1	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
3	0	1	2	3	3	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
4	0	1	2	3	3	4	5 (4)	0	7 (4)
5	0	1	2	3	3	4	5 (4)	0	7 (4)

$\rightarrow h^{\text{add}}(I) =$

## Bellman-Ford for $h^{\text{add}}$ in “Logistics”



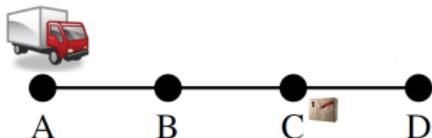
- Initial state  $I$ :  $t(A), p(C)$ .
  - Goal  $G$ :  $t(A), p(D)$ .
  - Actions  $A$ :  $dr(X, Y), lo(X), ul(X)$ .

**Content of Tables**  $T_i^{\text{add}}$ : (Table content  $T_i^1$ , where different, given in red)

$i$	$t(A)$	$t(B)$	$t(C)$	$t(D)$	$p(T)$	$p(A)$	$p(B)$	$p(C)$	$p(D)$
0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
1	0	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
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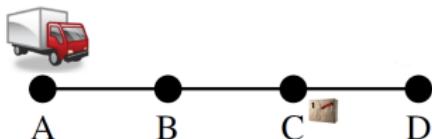
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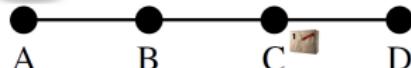
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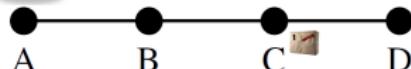
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