

POPL2 class (2020-05-06)

Searching in state space

State-spaces and State-transitions

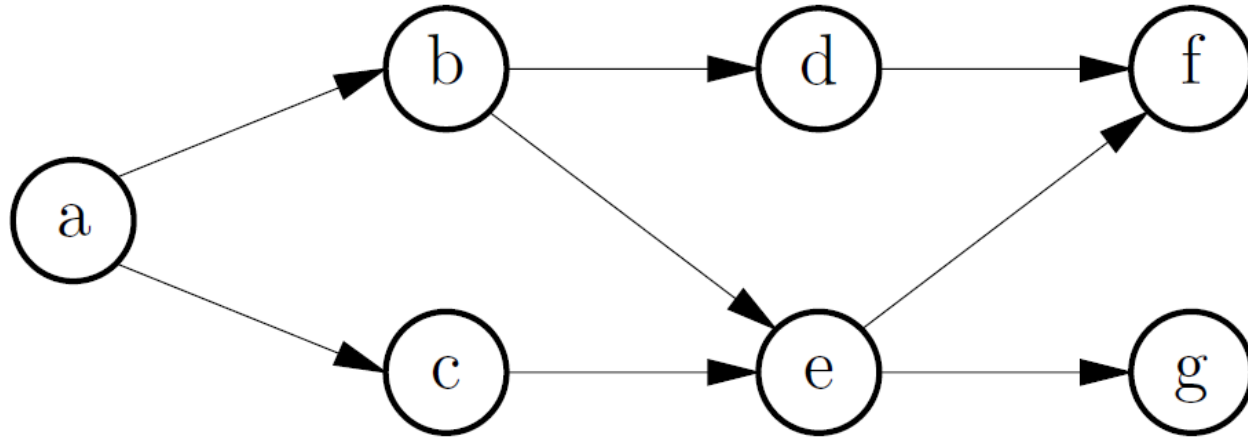
- Many problems in computer science can be formulated as a possibly infinite set S of *states* and a binary transition-relation
- Given some *start*-state s_0 in S and a set G *sub* S of *goal*-states

$$s_0 \rightsquigarrow s_1, s_1 \rightsquigarrow s_2, s_2 \rightsquigarrow s_3, \dots s_{n-1} \rightsquigarrow s_n \quad s_n \in G$$

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- *Planning* amounts to finding a sequence of worlds where the initial world is transformed into some desired final world.

State space



“To find a path from X to Z , first find an edge from X to Y and then find a path from Y to Z ”.

$edge(a, b).$

$edge(a, c).$

$edge(b, d).$

$edge(b, e).$

$edge(c, e).$

$edge(d, f).$

$edge(e, f).$

$edge(e, g).$

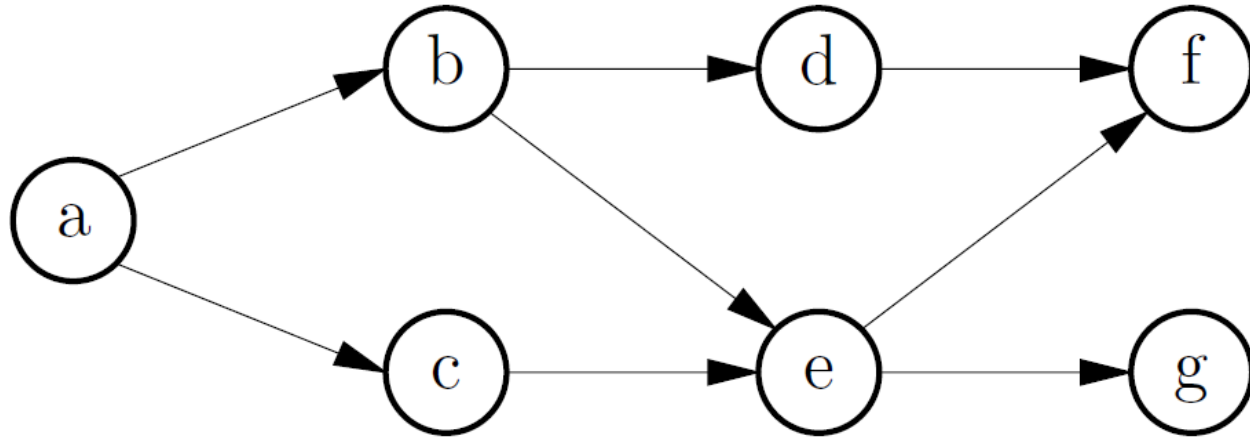
$path(X, X).$

$path(X, Z) \leftarrow edge(X, Y), path(Y, Z).$

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Search in the backward direction

State space



goal_state(f).
goal_state(g).

path(X, X).
path(X, Z) ← edge(X, Y), path(Y, Z).
← path(a, X), goal_state(X).

path($\ulcorner goal \urcorner$).
path(X) ← edge(X, Y), path(Y).

Loop detection

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$edge(a, b). \quad edge(b, a). \quad edge(a, c).$

$edge(b, d). \quad edge(b, e). \quad edge(c, e).$

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$path(X, Y) \leftarrow$
 $path(X, Y, [X]).$

$path(X, X, Visited).$
 $path(X, Z, Visited) \leftarrow$
 $edge(X, Y),$
 $not\ member(Y, Visited),$
 $path(Y, Z, [Y | Visited]).$

$member(X, [X | Y]).$
 $member(X, [Y | Z]) \leftarrow$
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 $path(X, Y, [X], Path).$

$path(X, X, Visited, Visited).$
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 $not\ member(Y, Visited),$
 $path(Y, Z, [Y | Visited], Path).$

Water-jug problem

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a state is described

by a pair (x,y) where x represents the amount of water in the 4-gallon jug and y represents the amount of water in the 3-gallon jug. The start-state then is $(0,0)$

and the goal-state is any pair where the first component equals 2

Water Jug problem

- empty the 4-gallon jug if it is not already empty;
- empty the 3-gallon jug if it is not already empty;
- fill up the 4-gallon jug if it is not already full;
- fill up the 3-gallon jug if it is not already full;
- if there is enough water in the 3-gallon jug, use it to fill up the 4-gallon jug until it is full;
- if there is enough water in the 4-gallon jug, use it to fill up the 3-gallon jug until it is full;
- if there is room in the 4-gallon jug, pour all water from the 3-gallon jug into it;
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$action(X : Y, 0 : Y) \leftarrow X > 0.$

$action(X : Y, X : 0) \leftarrow Y > 0.$

$action(X : Y, 4 : Y) \leftarrow X < 4.$

$action(X : Y, X : 3) \leftarrow Y < 3.$

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$action(X : Y, 4 : Z) \leftarrow X < 4, Z \text{ is } Y - (4 - X), Z \geq 0.$

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$action(X : Y, Z : 0) \leftarrow Y > 0, Z \text{ is } X + Y, Z \leq 4.$

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Water Jug problem

goal-state is known to be $\langle 2, X \rangle$ for any value of X

$path(X) \leftarrow$
 $path(0 : 0, [0 : 0], X).$

$goal \leftarrow path(X)$

$path(2 : X, Visited, Visited).$
 $path(State, Visited, Path) \leftarrow$
 $action(State, NewState),$
 $not\ member(NewState, Visited),$
 $path(NewState, [NewState|Visited], Path).$

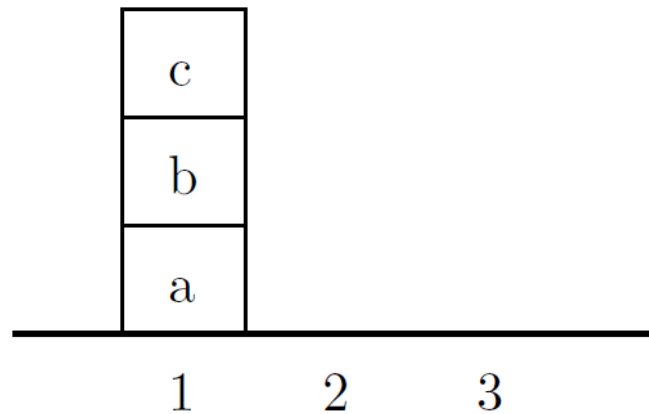
$X = [2 : 0, 0 : 2, 4 : 2, 3 : 3, 3 : 0, 0 : 3, 0 : 0].$

$member(X, [X|Y]).$
 $member(X, [Y|Z]) \leftarrow$
 $member(X, Z).$

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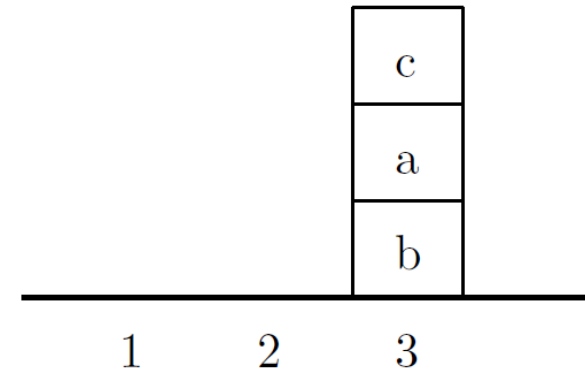
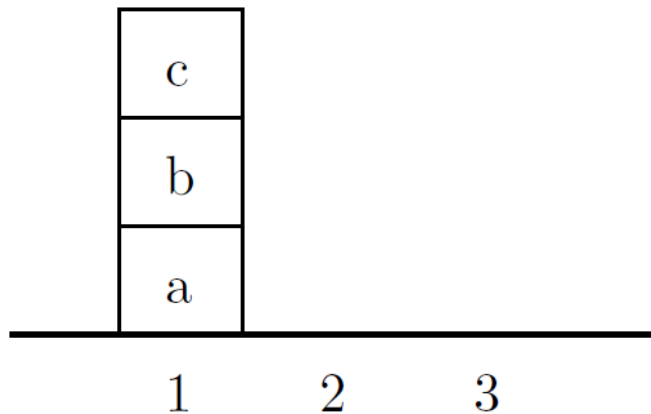
Block World

- table with three distinct positions
- blocks which may be stacked on top of each other
- move the blocks from a given start-state to a goal-state
- Only blocks which are free (that is, with no other block on top of them) can be moved.



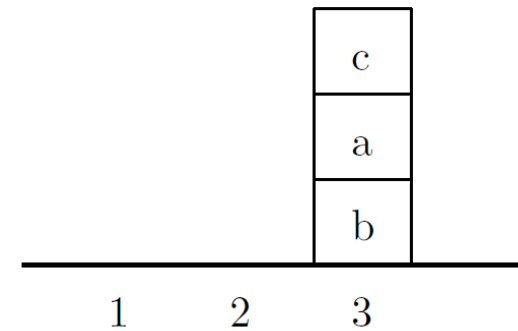
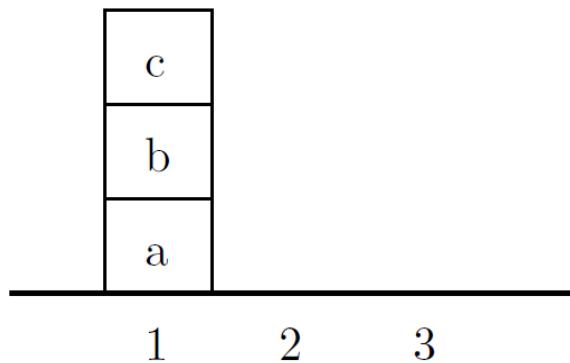
Block World

- *State/3* to represent the three positions of the table
- *table* to denote the table.
- *on(X; Y)* the fact that *X* is positioned on top of *Y*
- *state(on(c; on(b; on(a; table))), table; table)*



Block World

- if the first position is nonempty the topmost block can be moved to either the second or the third position;
- if the second position is nonempty the topmost block can be moved to either the first or the third position;
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move(state(on(X, NewX), OldY, Z), state(NewX, on(X, OldY), Z)).
move(state(on(X, NewX), Y, OldZ), state(NewX, Y, on(X, OldZ))).

Block World

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 $move(state(on(X, NewX), Y, OldZ), state(NewX, Y, on(X, OldZ))).$

$path(X, Y, Path) \leftarrow$
 $path(X, Y, [X], Path).$

$\leftarrow path(state(on(c, on(b, on(a, table)))), table, table),$
 $state(table, table, on(c, on(a, on(b, table)))), X).$

$path(X, X, Visited, Visited).$
 $path(X, Z, Visited, Path) \leftarrow$
 $edge(X, Y),$
 $not\ member(Y, Visited),$
 $path(Y, Z, [Y|Visited], Path).$

$X = [$ $state(table, table, on(c, on(a, on(b, table)))),$
 $state(table, on(c, table), on(a, on(b, table))),$
 $state(on(a, table), on(c, table), on(b, table)),$
 $state(on(b, on(a, table)), on(c, table), table),$
 $state(on(c, on(b, on(a, table))), table, table)$ $]$