# Monkey-Banana Problem - Step by Step Explanation in Prolog

## Step 1: Understanding the Problem

- A monkey is in a room.
- Bananas are hanging from the ceiling.
- A box is present in the room.
- The monkey wants to get the bananas, but they are too high to reach.
- The monkey can do four actions:
  - 1. Move to another location.
  - 2. **Push** the box to another location.
  - 3. Climb onto the box.
  - 4. Grab the bananas when on the box.

### Step 2: Understanding the State Representation

#### How do we describe the current situation?

state(Monkey\_Position, Box\_Position, Monkey\_Has\_Bananas)

This means:

- Monkey\_Position → Where the monkey is in the room.
- Box\_Position  $\rightarrow$  Where the box is in the room.
- Monkey\_Has\_Bananas → Does the monkey have bananas? (noBananas or hasBananas)

#### **Example of a Starting State:**

state(a, b, noBananas).

This means:

- The monkey is in position A.
- The box is in position B.
- The monkey **does not** have the bananas (noBananas).

★ Step 3: Defining the Actions (What the Monkey Can Do)
☐Moving to another position
move(state(Monkey, Box, MonkeyHasBananas), NewMonkey, state(NewMonkey, Box, MonkeyHasBananas)
This means the <b>monkey can walk</b> from one place to another.  Example:
move(state(a, b, noBananas), c, state(c, b, noBananas)).
The monkey moves from A to C.
2 Pushing the box
push(state(Monkey, Monkey, MonkeyHasBananas), NewMonkey, NewBox, state(NewMonkey, NewBox, MonkeyHasBananas)).
The monkey can push the box only if it is next to the box.  Example:
push(state(c, c, noBananas), c, c, state(c, c, noBananas)).
The monkey pushes the box to C.
<b>I</b> Climbing onto the box
climb(state(Pos, Pos, MonkeyHasBananas), state(onBox, Pos, MonkeyHasBananas)).
The monkey can climb on the box if it is at the same position as the box.  Example:
climb(state(c, c, noBananas), state(onBox, c, noBananas)).
The monkey climbs on the box at position C.

#### **Grabbing the bananas**

grab(state(onBox, BananaPos, noBananas), state(onBox, BananaPos, hasBananas)).

- The monkey can grab the bananas if:
  - It is on the box
  - The box is **under the bananas** Example:

grab(state(onBox, c, noBananas), state(onBox, c, hasBananas)).

The monkey grabs the bananas at C.

## Step 4: Defining the Goal

The **goal** is for the monkey to have the bananas:

goal\_state(state(\_, \_, hasBananas)).

- This means:
  - We don't care where the monkey and box are (\_ means "any position").
  - We only care that the monkey has the bananas (hasBananas).

## **\*\*** Step 5: Solving the Problem

We use **Prolog** to find a solution.

The program will try different actions step by step until the monkey gets the bananas.

#### **Example Solution:**

?- solve(state(a, b, noBananas), Actions).

## The output will be:

Actions = [move(c), push(c, c), climb, grab].

- Step-by-step actions taken by the monkey:
  - 1.  $move(c) \rightarrow Monkey moves to C$ .
  - 2.  $push(c, c) \rightarrow Monkey pushes the box to C$ .
  - 3. climb  $\rightarrow$  Monkey **climbs** onto the box.
  - 4. grab  $\rightarrow$  Monkey grabs the bananas!

