

# Week 6: Delete Relaxation

COMP90054 – AI Planning for Autonomy

# Key concepts

- Delete relaxation heuristic  $h^+$
- The relationship between  $h^{max}$ ,  $h^{add}$  and  $h^+$

# Problem 1

once true  $\rightarrow$  forever true.

What is the (optimal) delete relaxation heuristic  $h^+$ ?

O: { prec:  
add:  
~~del:~~

Relaxing by ignoring delete lists “What was once true remains true forever”

## Definition (Delete Relaxation).

⑥ For a STRIPS action  $a$ , by  $a^+$  we denote the corresponding *delete relaxed action*, or short *relaxed action*, defined by  $pre_{a^+} := pre_a$ ,  $add_{a^+} := add_a$ , and  $del_{a^+} :=$

$P = \langle F, O, I, G \rangle$

$P = \langle F, O^+, I, G \rangle$

Blocks

mm

A

mm

A

Table

state 1

→

A

Table

pickup(A).

state 2.

delete relaxation

→

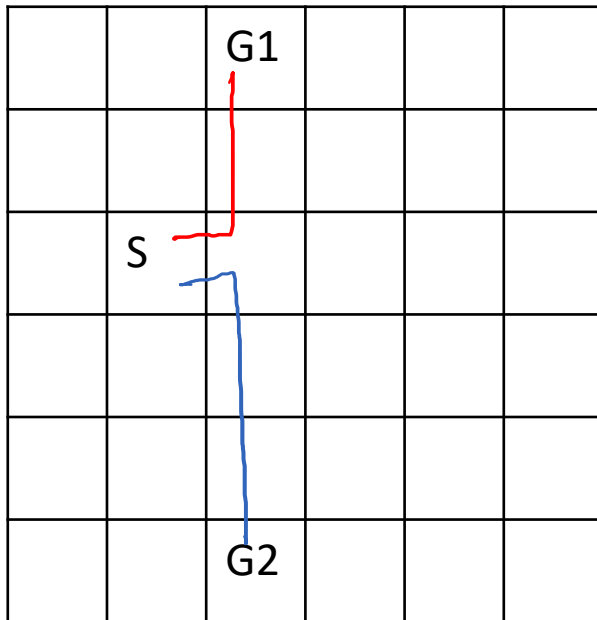
once true, forever true

# Problem 1

$$h(s) = d(s, G1) + d(s, G2)$$

How would it be interpreted in pacman?

(1)  $= 3 + 4 = 7$



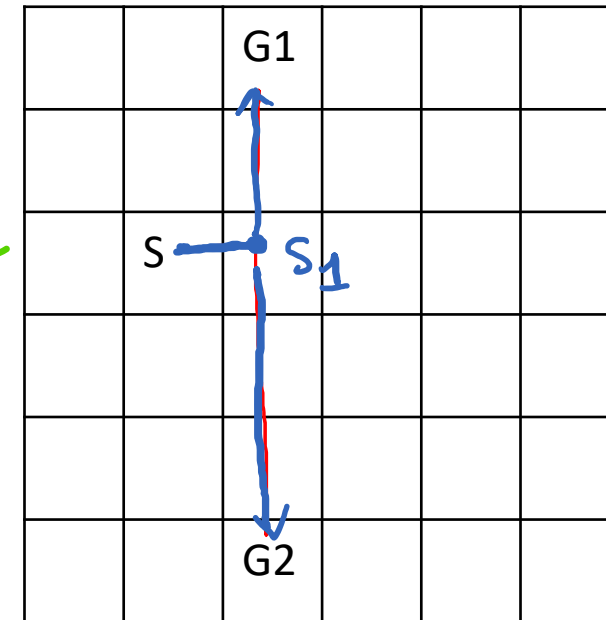
Minimum spanning tree:  
Admissible, Not consistent

$$h^+(s) = d(s, G1) + d(s_1, G2)$$

$$= 3 + 3 = 6$$

(2) delete relaxation.

not easy  
to compute



Minimum Steiner tree:  
Admissible, consistent

# Problem 1

→ approximation of  $h^+$

What is the relationship between  $h^{max}$ ,  $h^{add}$  and  $h^+$ ? What about  $h^*$ ?

$h^*$  is the perfect heuristic (the optimal cost from the current state to the goal state)

$h^+$  is the **optimal delete relaxation** heuristic (not easy to compute)

$h^+$  is admissible

$h^{max}$  is an approximation of  $h^+$

$h^{max}$  is admissible.  $h^{max}$  is very small.

$h^{max} \leq h^+ \leq h^*$

$h^{add}$  is an approximation of  $h^+$

$h^{add}$  is not admissible

$h^{add} \geq h^+$

## Problem 2: Computing $h^{max}$ and $h^{add}$

**Definition ( $h^{add}$ ).** Let  $\Pi = (F, A, c, I, G)$  be a STRIPS planning task. The *additive heuristic*  $h^{add}$  for  $\Pi$  is the function  $h^{add}(s) := h^{add}(s, G)$  where  $h^{add}(s, g)$  is the point-wise greatest function that satisfies  $h^{add}(s, g) =$

$$\begin{cases} 0 & g \subseteq s \\ \min_{a \in A, g \in add_a} c(a) + h^{add}(s, pre_a) & |g| = 1 \\ \sum_{g' \in g} h^{add}(s, \{g'\}) & |g| > 1 \end{cases}$$

**Definition ( $h^{max}$ ).** Let  $\Pi = (F, A, c, I, G)$  be a STRIPS planning task. The *max heuristic*  $h^{max}$  for  $\Pi$  is the function  $h^{max}(s) := h^{max}(s, G)$  where  $h^{max}(s, g)$  is the point-wise greatest function that satisfies  $h^{max}(s, g) =$

$$\begin{cases} 0 & g \subseteq s \\ \min_{a \in A, g \in add_a} c(a) + h^{max}(s, pre_a) & |g| = 1 \\ \max_{g' \in g} h^{max}(s, \{g'\}) & |g| > 1 \end{cases}$$

## Problem 2: Computing $h^{max}$ and $h^{add}$

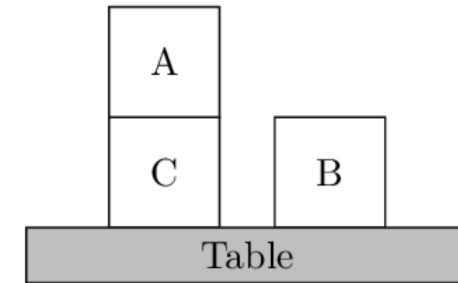
### Initial state

$I = \{\text{on}(A, C), \text{onTable}(C), \text{onTable}(B), \text{clear}(A), \text{clear}(B), \text{handFree}\}$

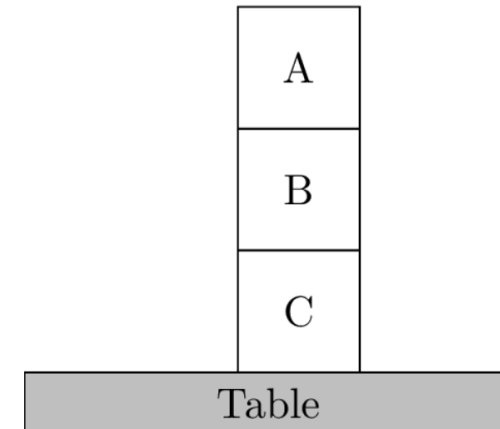
### Goal state

$G = \{\text{on}(A, B), \text{on}(B, C), \text{onTable}(C)\}$

Initial State



Goal State





# Problem 2: Computing $h^{max}$ and $h^{add}$

*clear(x), handFree, holding(x) ...*  
*A, B, C*

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	handFree	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A, B)	on(A, C)	on(B, A)	on(B, B)	on(B, C)	on(C, A)	on(C, B)	on(C, C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1																			
2																			

$I = \{on(A, C), onTable(C), onTable(B), clear(A), clear(B), handFree\}$

$c(A) = clear(A)$   
 $onTable(A) = onT(A)$   
 $hold(A) = holding(A)$

[A]  
 Table  
 (state 1)

→

[A]  
 Table  
 (state 2)

→

[A  
A]  
 Table  
 (state 3)

←  $on(A, A)$

Problem 2: Computing  $h^{max}$  and  $h^{add}$

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
→ 1	0	0	?	0						0								0	0

$h^{add}(\text{clear } C) = ?$

$h^{max}(\text{clear } C) = ?$

Which actions can we take to make **clear(C)** True?

# Problem 2

Which actions can we take to make **clear(C)** True?

putdown(C)  
stack(C, A)  
stack(C, B)  
unstack(A, C)  
unstack(B, C)  
stack(C, C)  
unstack(C, C)

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• *unstack(x, C)*

• *putdown(C)*

• *stack(C, y)*

*$x, y \in \{A, B, C\}$*

Define Operators

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O = {

**pickup(x)**

- Prec: onTable(x), clear(x), handFree
- Add: holding(x)
- Del: onTable(x), clear(x), handFree

**unstack(x, y)**

*y = C*

- Prec: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree
- Add: holding(x), clear(y)
- Del: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree

**putdown(x)**

- Prec: holding(x)
- Add: clear(x), onTable(x), handFree
- Del: holding(x)

**stack(x, y)**

*x = C*

- Prec: holding(x), clear(y)
- Add: clear(x), on(x, y), handFree
- Del: clear(y), holding(x)

}

# Problem 2

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	?	0						0								0	0

$h^{add}$  = action cost + sum(heuristic of preconditions) -

$h^{max}$  = action cost + max(heuristic of preconditions)

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^{add}(\text{stack}(C, A)) &= 1 + \text{holding}(C) + \text{clear}(A) \\
 &= 1 + \infty + 0 = \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^{max}(\text{stack}(C, A)) &= 1 + \max(\text{holding}(C), \text{clear}(A)) \\
 &= 1 + \infty = \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

- putdown(C)
- stack(C, A)
- stack(C, B)
- unstack(A, C)
- unstack(B, C)
- stack(C, C)
- unstack(C, C)

## unstack(x, y)

- Prec: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree
- Add: holding(x), clear(y)
- Del: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree

## putdown(x)

- Prec: holding(x)
- Add: clear(x), onTable(x), handFree
- Del: holding(x)

## stack(x, y)

- Prec: holding(x), clear(y) ←
- Add: clear(x), on(x,y), handFree
- Del: clear(y), holding(x)

# Problem 2

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	∞	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	0	0
1	0	0	?	0						0								0	0

$\bullet$   $\text{putdown}(C) = 1 + \text{hold}(C) = 1 + \infty = \infty$   $\swarrow$   $\text{h add}$   
 $\quad 1 + \text{hold}(C) = \infty$   $\swarrow$   $\text{h max}$

$\bullet$   $\text{stack}(C, A) = 1 + \text{hold}(C) + \text{clear}(A) = 1 + \infty + 0 = \infty$   $\swarrow$   
 $\quad 1 + \max(\text{hold}(C), \text{clear}(A)) = 1 + \infty = \infty$   $\swarrow$

$\bullet$   $\text{stack}(C, B) = 1 + \text{hold}(C) + \text{clear}(B) = 1 + \infty + 0 = \infty$   $\swarrow$   
 $\quad 1 + \max(\text{hold}(C), \text{clear}(B)) = 1 + \infty = \infty$   $\swarrow$

$\text{unstack}(A, C) = 1 + \text{on}(A, C) + \text{clear}(A) + \text{handFree} = 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 1$   $\swarrow$   
 $\quad 1 + \max(\text{on}(A, C), \text{clear}(A), \text{handFree}) = 1$

$\text{unstack}(B, C) = 1 + \text{on}(B, C) + \text{clear}(B) + \text{handFree} = 1 + \infty + 0 + 0 = \infty$   $\swarrow$   
 $\quad 1 + \max(\text{on}(B, C), \text{clear}(B), \text{handFree}) = \infty$   $\swarrow$

$\text{stack}(C, C) = 1 + \text{hold}(C) + \text{clear}(C) = 1 + \infty + \infty = \infty$   $\swarrow$   
 $\quad 1 + \max(\text{hold}(C), \text{clear}(C)) = 1 + \infty = \infty$   $\swarrow$

$\text{unstack}(C, C) = 1 + \text{on}(C, C) + \text{clear}(C) + \text{handFree} = 1 + \infty + \infty + 0 = \infty$   $\swarrow$   
 $\quad 1 + \max(\text{on}(C, C), \text{clear}(C), \text{handFree}) = 1 + \infty = \infty$   $\swarrow$

**unstack(x, y)**

- Prec: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree
- Add: holding(x), clear(y)
- Del: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree

**putdown(x)**

- Prec: holding(x)
- Add: clear(x), onTable(x), handFree
- Del: holding(x)

**stack(x, y)**

- Prec: holding(x), clear(y)
- Add: clear(x), on(x,y), handFree
- Del: clear(y), holding(x)

# Problem 2

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	$\infty$	0						0								0	0

$\text{putdown}(C) = \infty$

$\text{stack}(C, A) = \infty$

$\text{stack}(C, B) = \infty$

$\text{unstack}(A, C) = 1$

$\text{unstack}(B, C) = \infty$

$\text{stack}(C, C) = \infty$

$\text{unstack}(C, C) = \infty$

$\min(\text{putdown}(C), \text{stack}(C, A), \text{stack}(C, B), \text{stack}(C, C), \text{unstack}(A, C), \text{unstack}(B, C), \text{unstack}(C, C)) = 1$

# Problem 2

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	1	0						0								0	0

## Summary

1. Find all actions that make the predicate become True
2. Calculate  $h^{add}$  and  $h^{max}$  of all actions

$h^{add}$  = action cost + **sum**(heuristic of preconditions)  
 $h^{max}$  = action cost + **max**(heuristic of preconditions)

3. Get the minimum heuristic value

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**Definition ( $h^{max}$ ).** Let  $\Pi = (F, A, c, I, G)$  be a STRIPS planning task. The **max heuristic**  $h^{max}$  for  $\Pi$  is the function  $h^{max}(s) := h^{max}(s, G)$  where  $h^{max}(s, g)$  is the point-wise greatest function that satisfies  $h^{max}(s, g) =$

$$\begin{cases} 0 & g \subseteq s \\ \min_{a \in A, g \in add_a} c(a) + h^{max}(s, pre_a) & |g| = 1 \\ \max_{g' \in g} h^{max}(s, \{g'\}) & |g| > 1 \end{cases}$$

# Problem 2: Computing $h^{max}$ and $h^{add}$

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
2													?						

## pickup(x)

- Prec: onTable(x), clear(x), handFree
- Add: holding(x)
- Del: onTable(x), clear(x), handFree

## unstack(x, y)

- Prec: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree
- Add: holding(x), clear(y)
- Del: on(x, y), clear(x), handFree

## putdown(x)

- Prec: holding(x)
- Add: clear(x), onTable(x), handFree
- Del: holding(x)

## stack(x, y)

- Prec: holding(x), clear(y)
- Add: clear(x), on(x, y), handFree
- Del: clear(y), holding(x)

stack(B,C)



Problem 2: Computing  $h^{max}$  and  $h^{add}$

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
2																			

?  
3/2

$h^{add}$  = action cost + **sum**(heuristic of preconditions)

$h^{max}$  = action cost + **max**(heuristic of preconditions)

$stack(B,C) = 1 + hold(B) + c(C) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$

$stack(B,C) = 1 + max(hold(B), c(C)) = 1 + 1 = 2$

- stack(x, y)**
- Prec: holding(x), clear(y)
  - Add: clear(x), on(x,y), handFree
  - Del: clear(y), holding(x)

Problem 2: Computing  $h^{max}$  and  $h^{add}$

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3 / 2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	2	0	0

$h^{add} / h^{max}$

## Problem 2: Computing $h^{max}$ and $h^{add}$

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3/2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	2	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3/2	3	3	4/3	2	0	0
4	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3/2	3	3	4/3	2	0	0

$h^{add} / h^{max}$

stop when converge (2 rows have the same values)

STOP .

## Problem 2: Computing $h^{max}$ and $h^{add}$

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	hand Free	h(A)	h(B)	h(C)	on(A, A)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,A)	on(B,B)	on(B,C)	on(C,A)	on(C,B)	on(C,C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)
0	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3 / 2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	2	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3 / 2	3	3	4 / 3	2	0	0
4	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3 / 2	3	3	4 / 3	2	0	0

$h^{add} / h^{max}$

$G = \{\text{on}(A,B), \text{on}(B,C), \text{onTable}(C)\}$

$$h^{add}(s_0) = 2 + 3 + 0 = 5$$

$$h^{max}(s_0) = \max(2, 2, 0) = 2$$