

# 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

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

Relaxing by **ignoring delete lists**

**Definition (Delete Relaxation).**

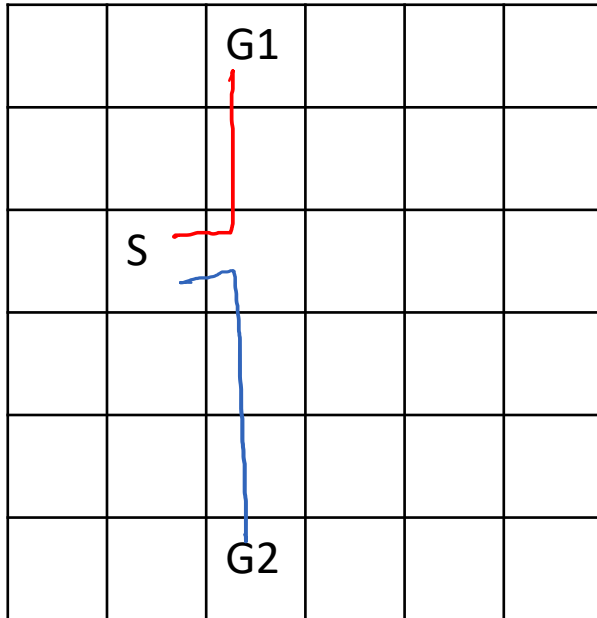
⑥ For a STRIPS action  $a$ , by  $a^+$  we denote the corresponding *delete relaxed action*, or short *relaxed action*, defined by  $pre_{a^+} := pre_a$ ,  $add_{a^+} := add_a$ , and  $del_{a^+} :=$

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

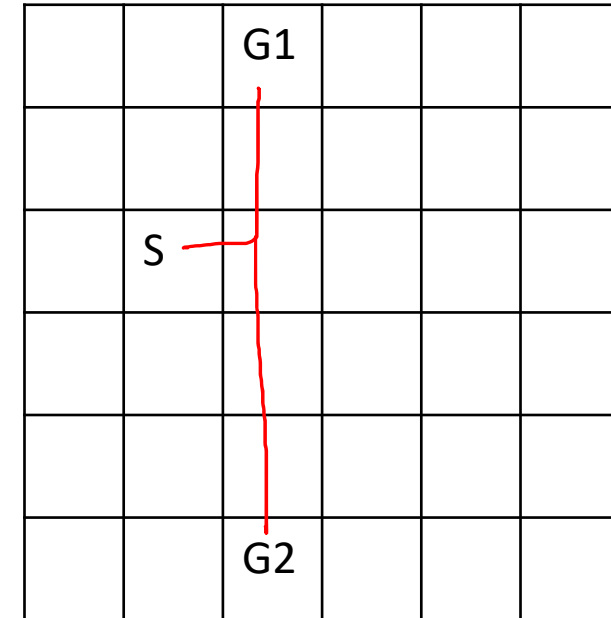
$$P = \langle F, O^+, I, G \rangle$$

# Problem 1

How would it be interpreted in pacman?



Minimum spanning tree:  
Admissible, Not consistent



Minimum Steiner tree:  
Admissible, consistent

# Problem 1

**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 $h^{add}$

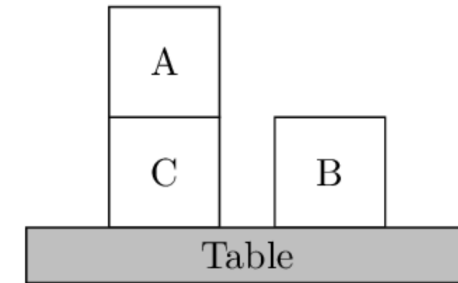
### Initial state

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

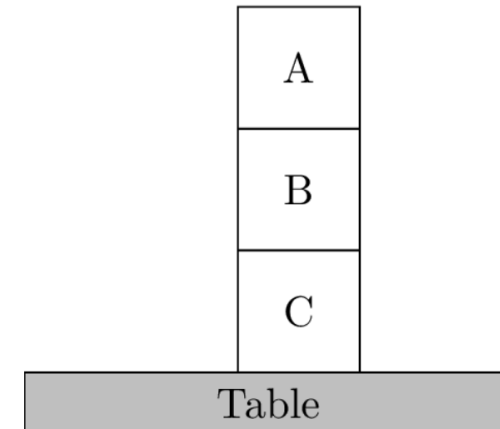
### Goal state

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

Initial State



Goal State



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

**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 $h^{add}$

*\*This table is not complete. Please refer to the solution notebook to see the complete table.*

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

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

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



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

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

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)

*\*Using the complete table, we need to add 2 more actions here: stack(C, C), unstack(C, C)*

## Define Operators

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### **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)

}

# Problem 2

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

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

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

putdown(C) =  $1 + hold(C) = 1 + \infty = \infty$

$1 + hold(C) = \infty$

stack(C, A) =  $1 + hold(C) + clear(A) = 1 + \infty + 0 = \infty$

$1 + \max(hold(C), clear(A)) = 1 + \infty = \infty$

stack(C, B) =  $1 + hold(C) + clear(B) = 1 + \infty + 0 = \infty$

$1 + \max(hold(C), clear(B)) = 1 + \infty = \infty$

unstack(A, C) =  $1 + on(A, C) + clear(A) + handFree = 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 1$

$1 + \max(on(A, C), clear(A), handFree) = 1$

unstack(B, C) =  $1 + on(B, C) + clear(B) + handFree = 1 + \infty + 0 + 0 = \infty$

$1 + \max(on(B, C), clear(B), handFree) = \infty$

**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)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,C)	hold(A)	hold(B)	hold(C)	handFree
0	0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0
1	0	0	?		0	0		0					0
2													

putdown(C) =  $\infty$

stack(C, A) =  $\infty$

stack(C, B) =  $\infty$

unstack(A, C) = 1

unstack(B, C) =  $\infty$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{stack}(B,C) = 1 + \text{hold}(B) + c(C) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

$$\text{stack}(B,C) = 1 + \max(\text{hold}(B) + c(C)) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

**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)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,C)	hold(A)	hold(B)	hold(C)	handFree
0	0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0
1	0	0	1	$\infty$	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	1	1	$\infty$	0
2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3 / 2	1	1	2	0

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

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

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,C)	hold(A)	hold(B)	hold(C)	handFree
0	0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0
1	0	0	1	$\infty$	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	1	1	$\infty$	0
2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3 / 2	1	1	2	0
3	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3 / 2	1	1	2	0

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

stop when converge (2 rows have the same values)



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

Iter	c(A)	c(B)	c(C)	onT(A)	onT(B)	onT(C)	on(A,B)	on(A,C)	on(B,C)	hold(A)	hold(B)	hold(C)	handFree
0	0	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0
1	0	0	1	$\infty$	0	0	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	1	1	$\infty$	0
2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3 / 2	1	1	2	0
3	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3 / 2	1	1	2	0

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

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

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

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