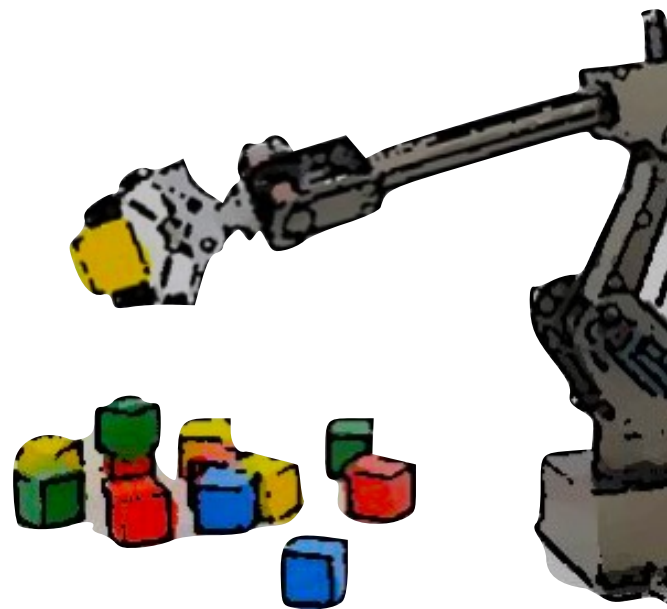


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## Classical Planning

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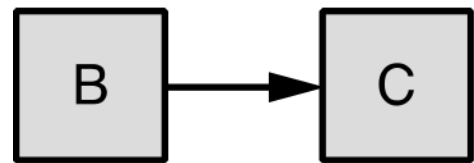


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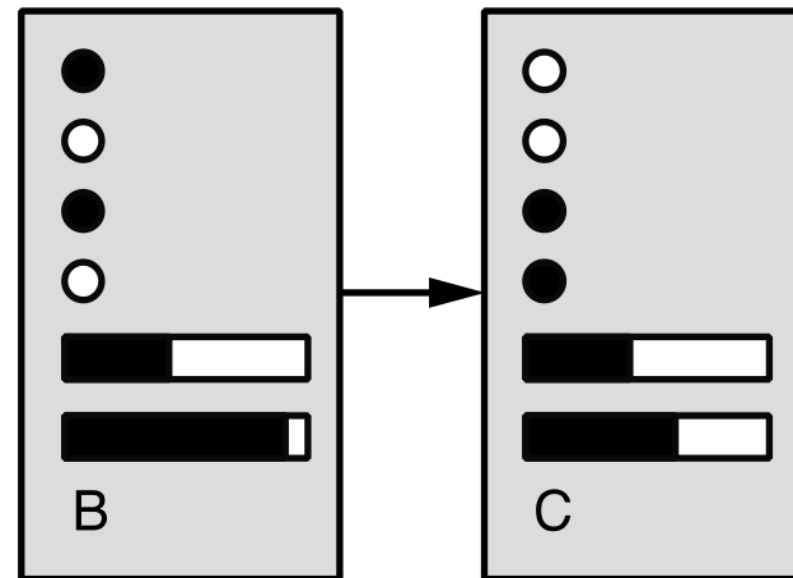
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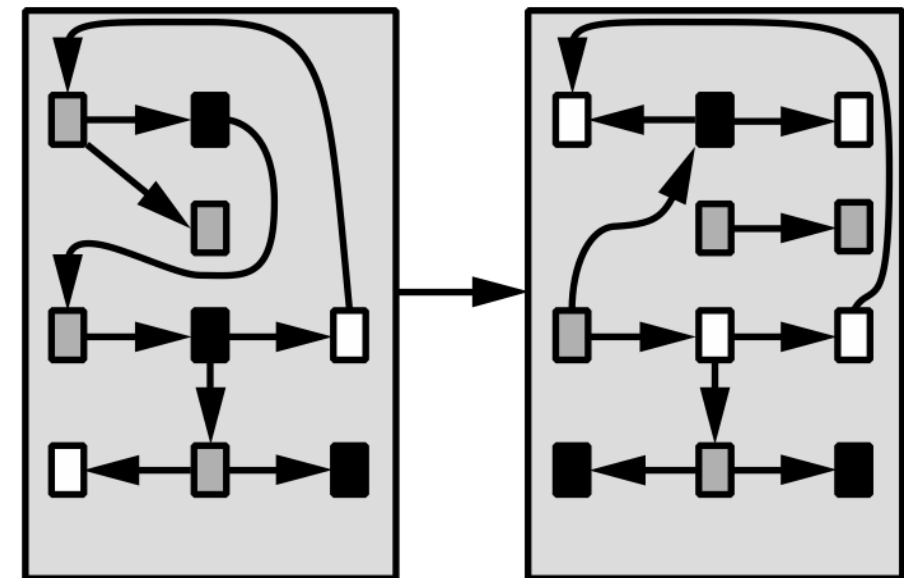
# Spectrum of representations



(a) Atomic



(b) Factored



(b) Structured

**Search,  
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MDP, RL**

**CSPs, planning,  
propositional logic,  
Bayes nets, neural  
nets, RL with  
function approx.**

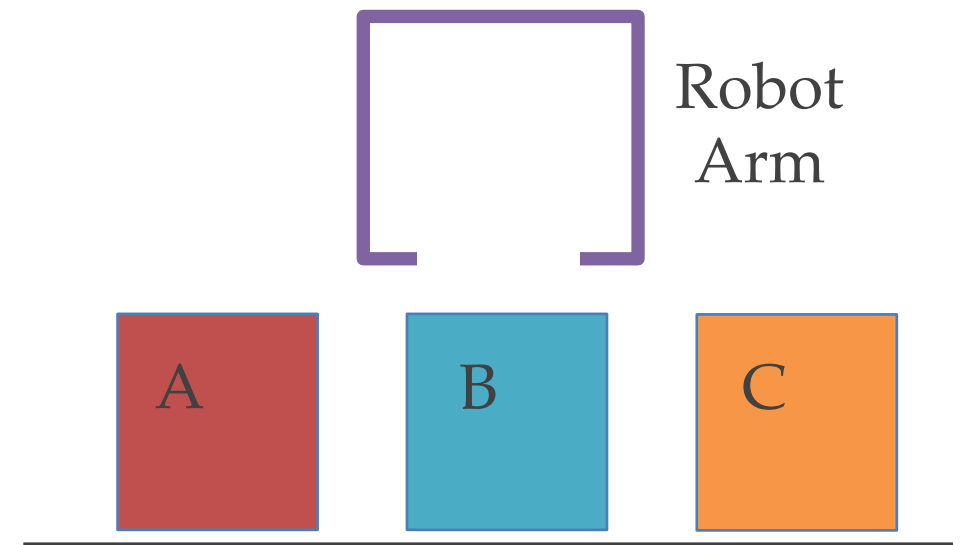
**First-order logic,  
databases,  
probabilistic programs**

# Robot Block Stacking



Start state: A, B, C on table  
Goal: Block B on C and C on A  
Plan: ?

# Modeling Block Stacking States



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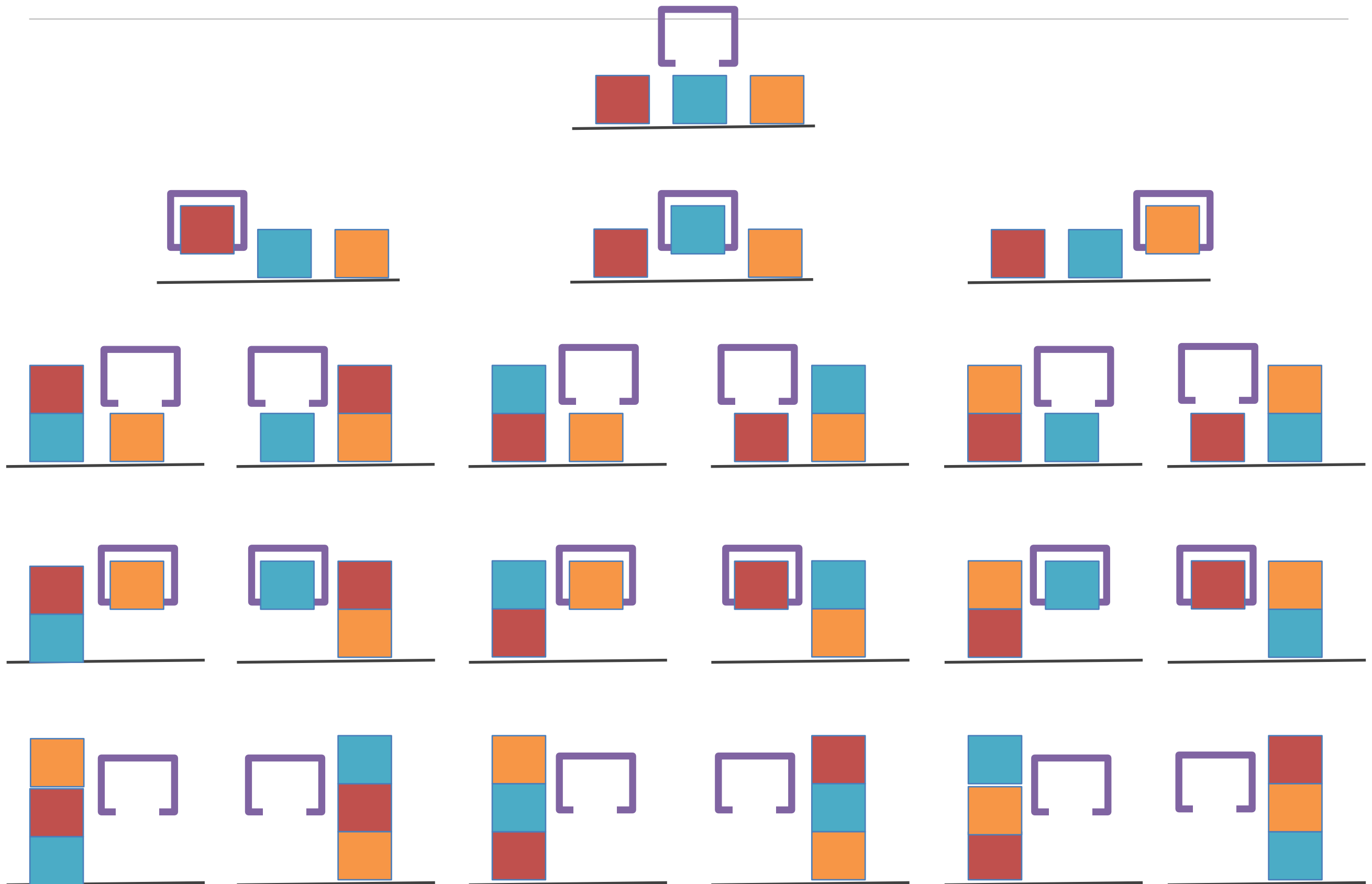
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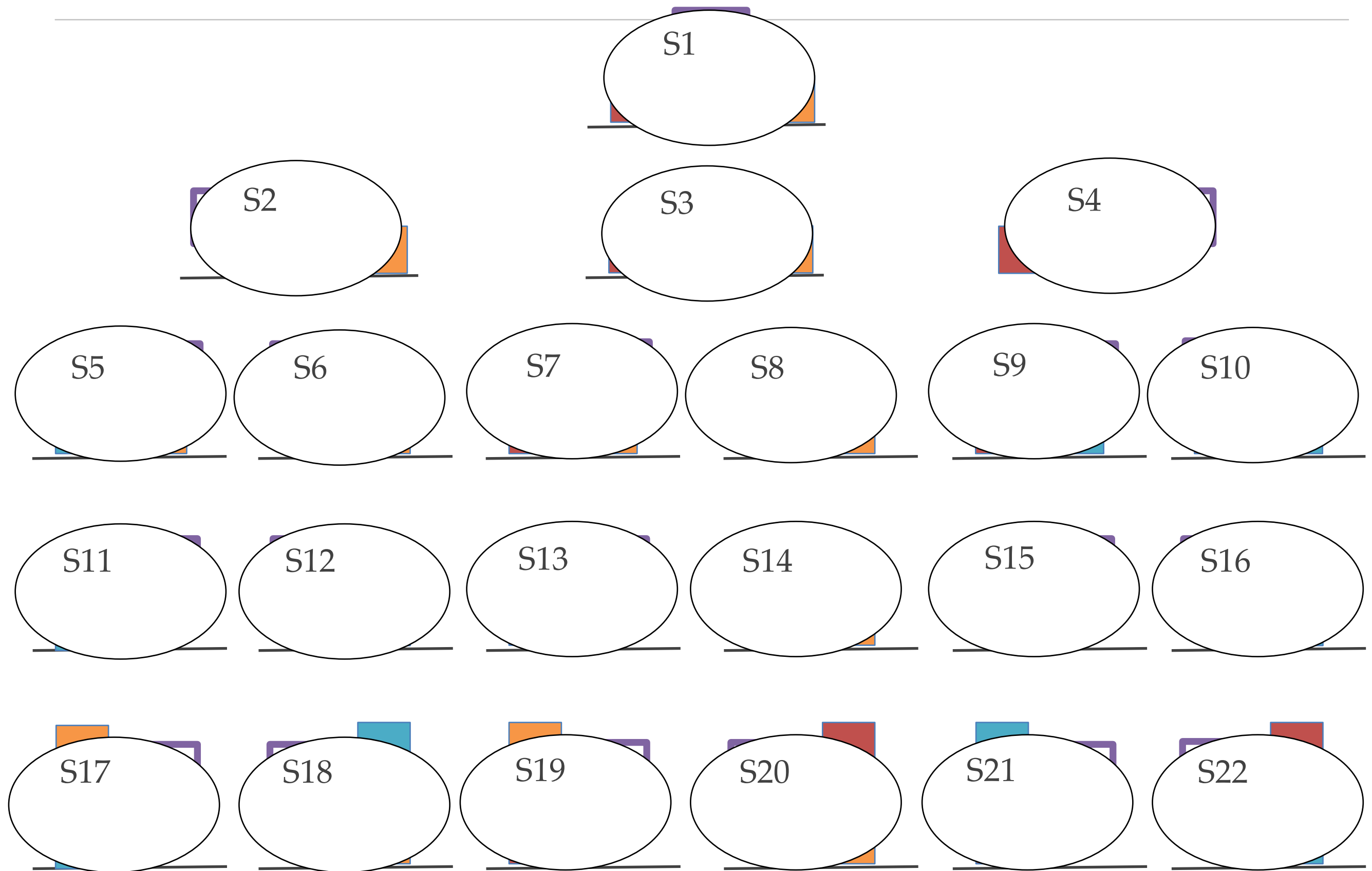
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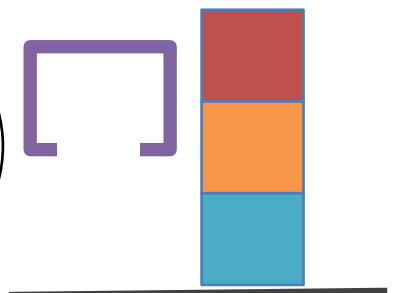
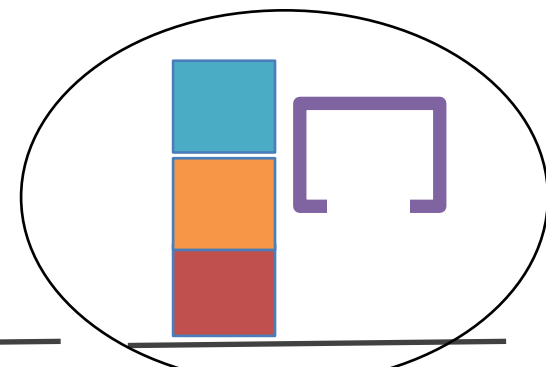
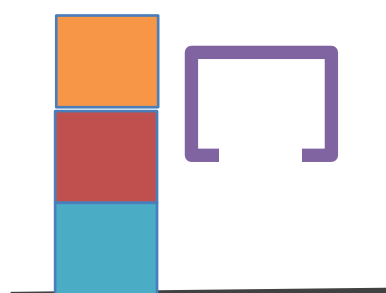
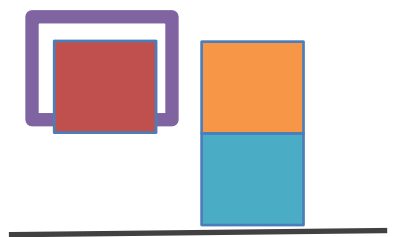
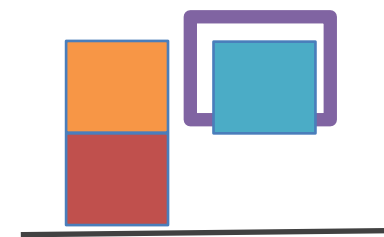
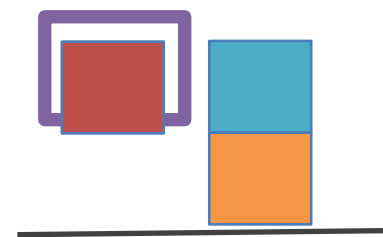
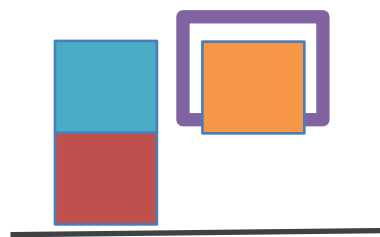
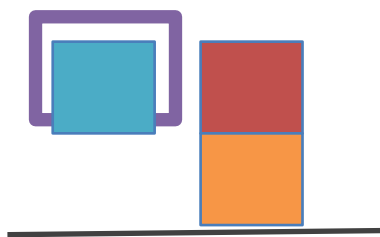
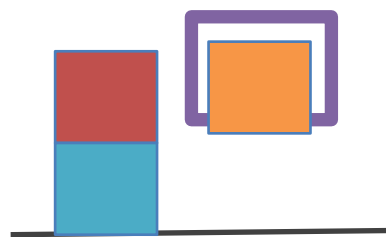
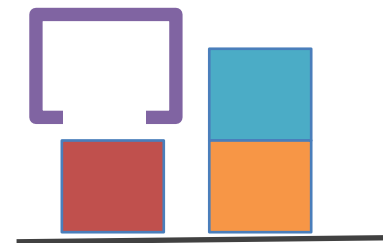
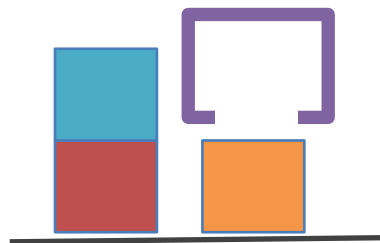
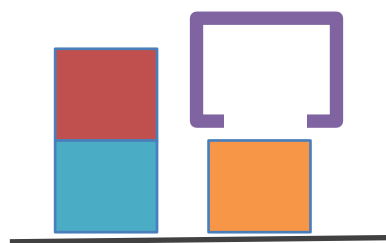
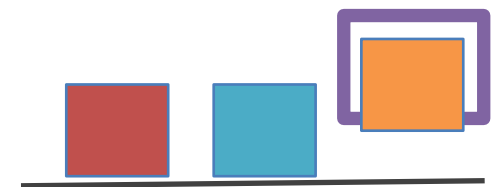
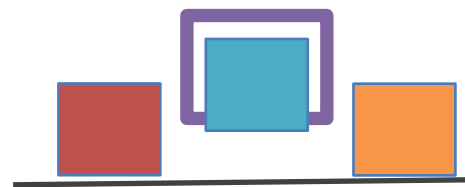
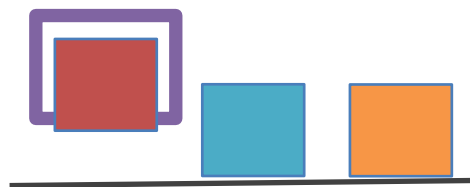
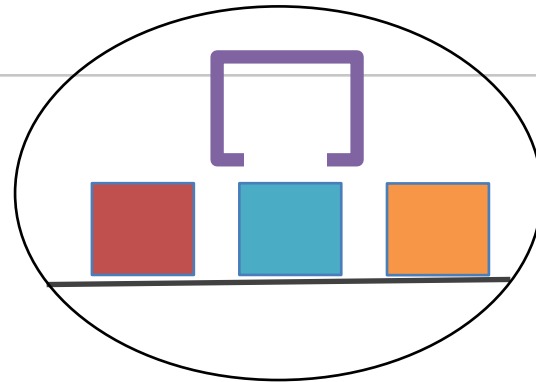
# Block Stacking States



# States are Atomic

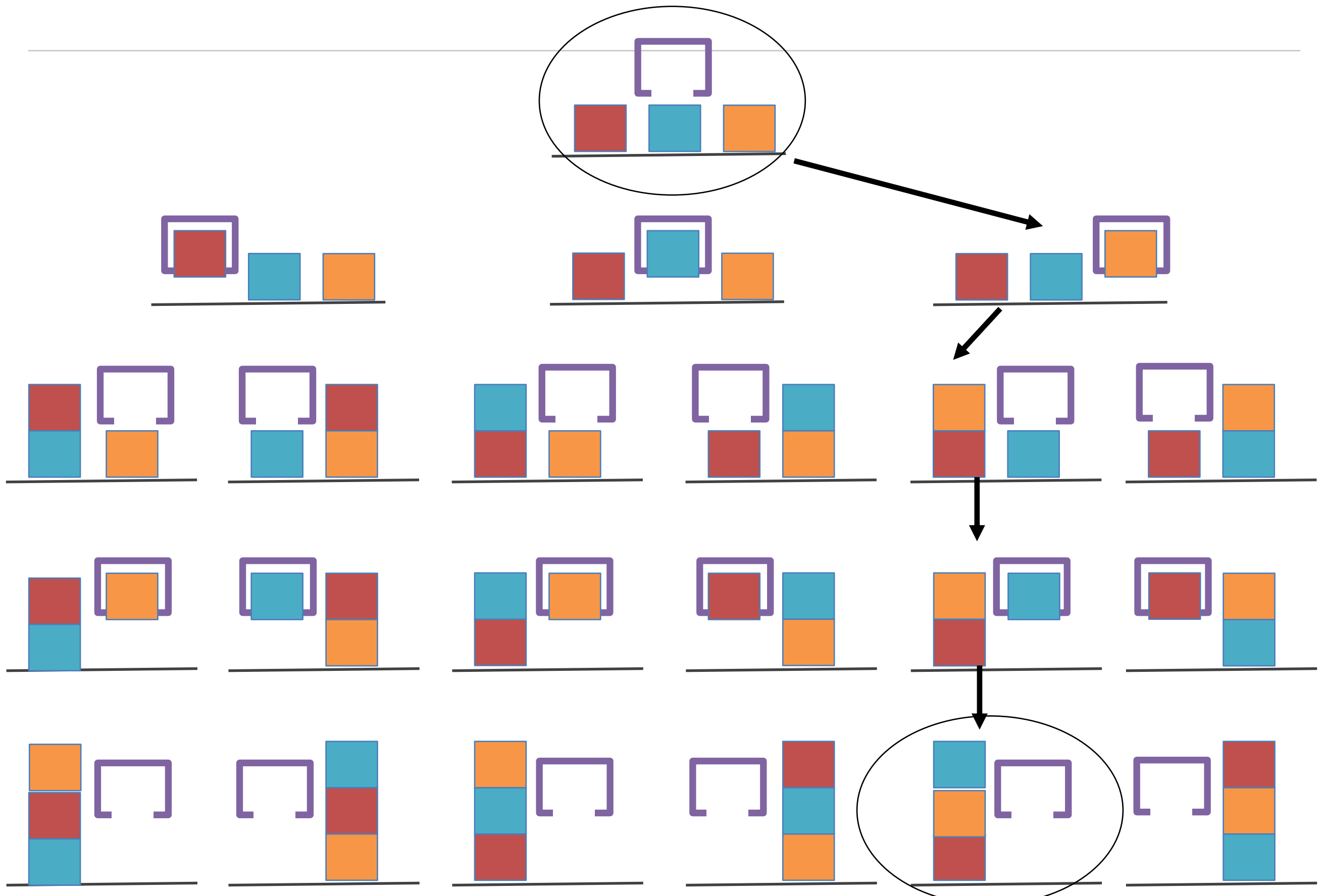


# Initial and Goal States





# Plan from Initial to Goal State



# Goals in the World

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completely specified

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Preference models  
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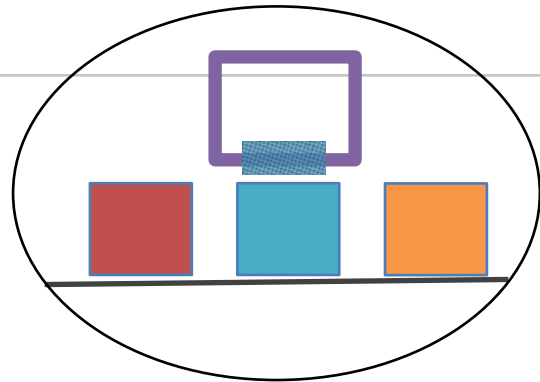
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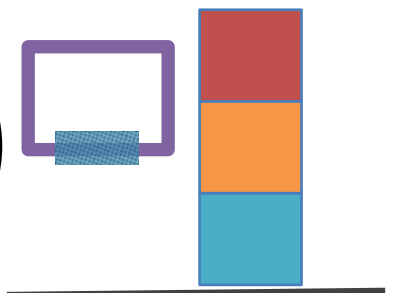
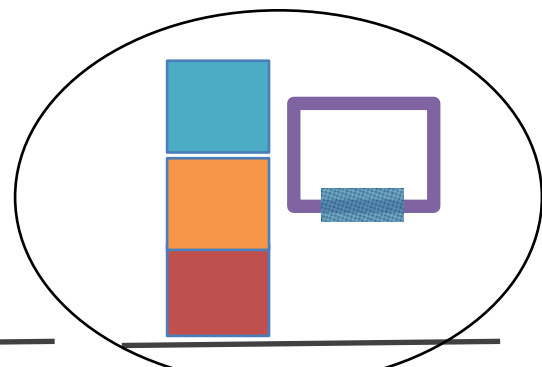
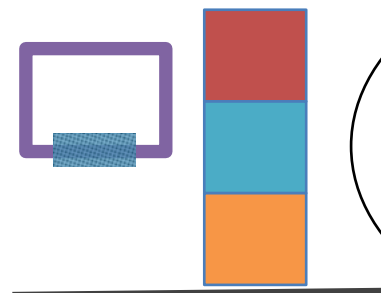
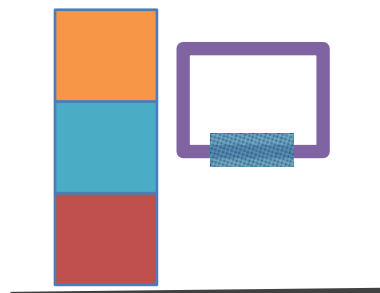
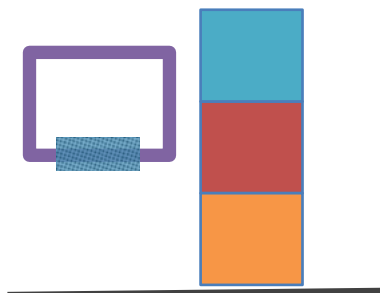
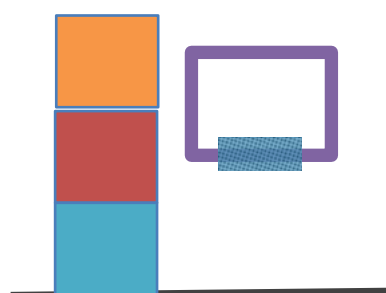
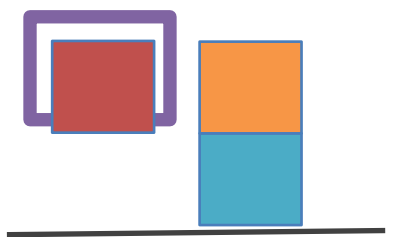
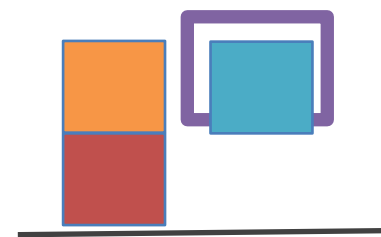
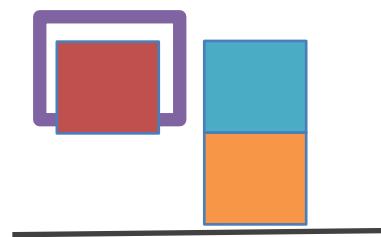
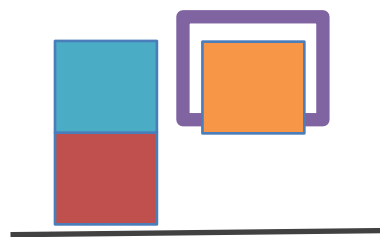
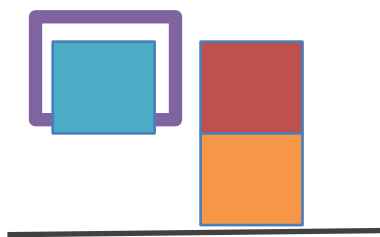
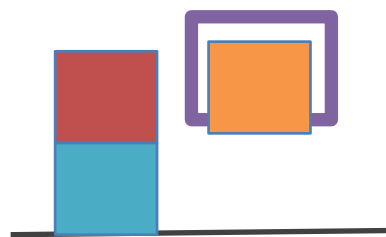
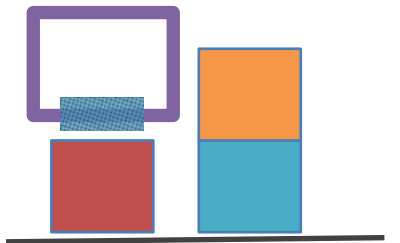
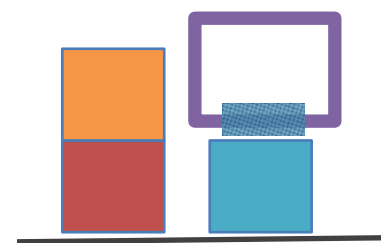
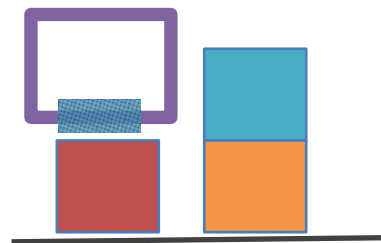
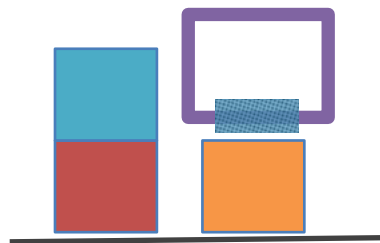
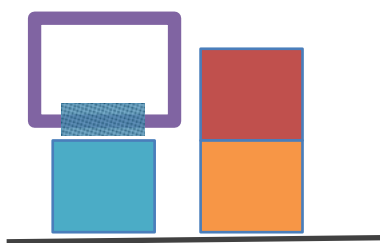
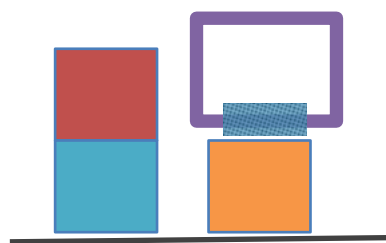
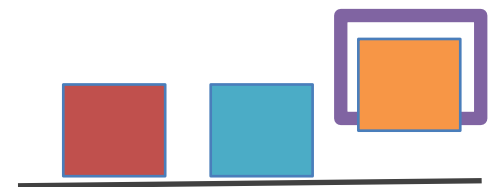
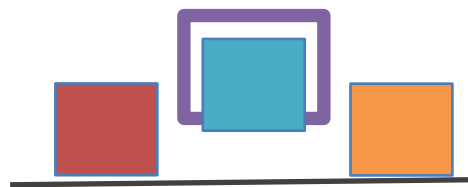
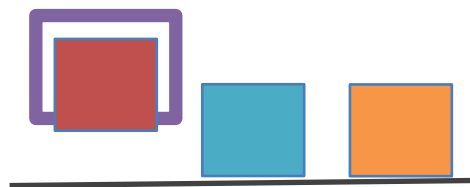


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# Reward Function



Living cost = -1  
Large positive reward in goal state



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# Logical Agents

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Create a Knowledge Base (KB)

Symbols – each is true or false

TELL KB

Initial state and a priori knowledge

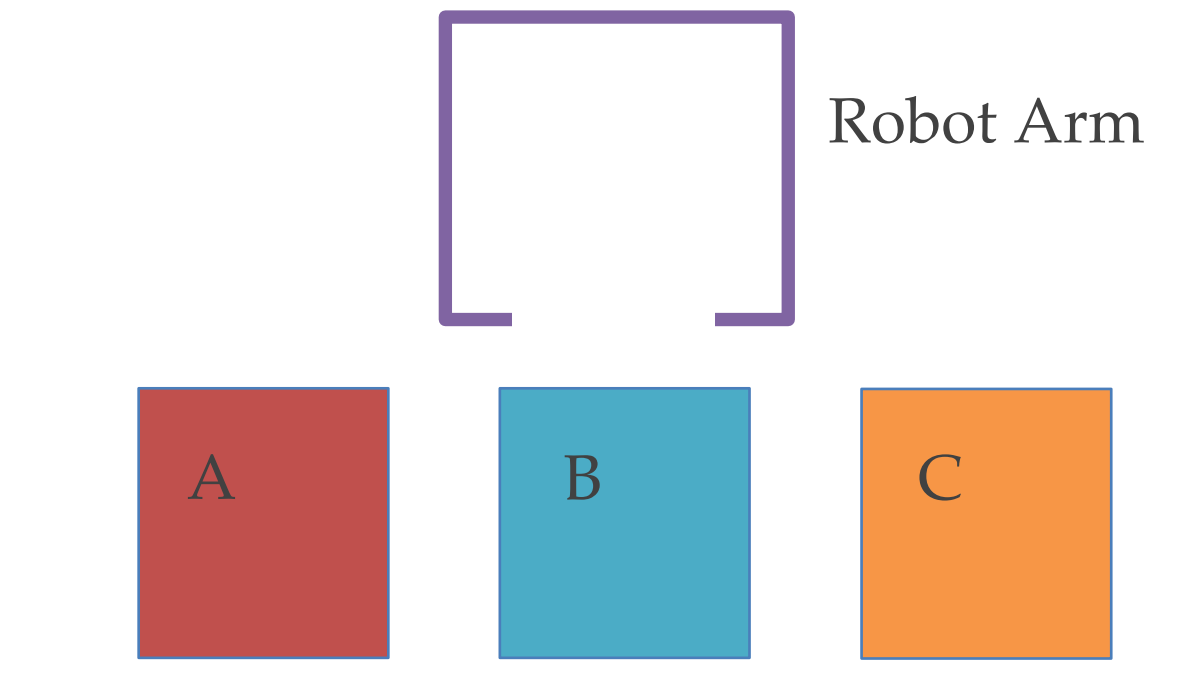
Domain knowledge and “Physics” of the domain



# Logical Agents with PL

## Create a Knowledge Base Symbols

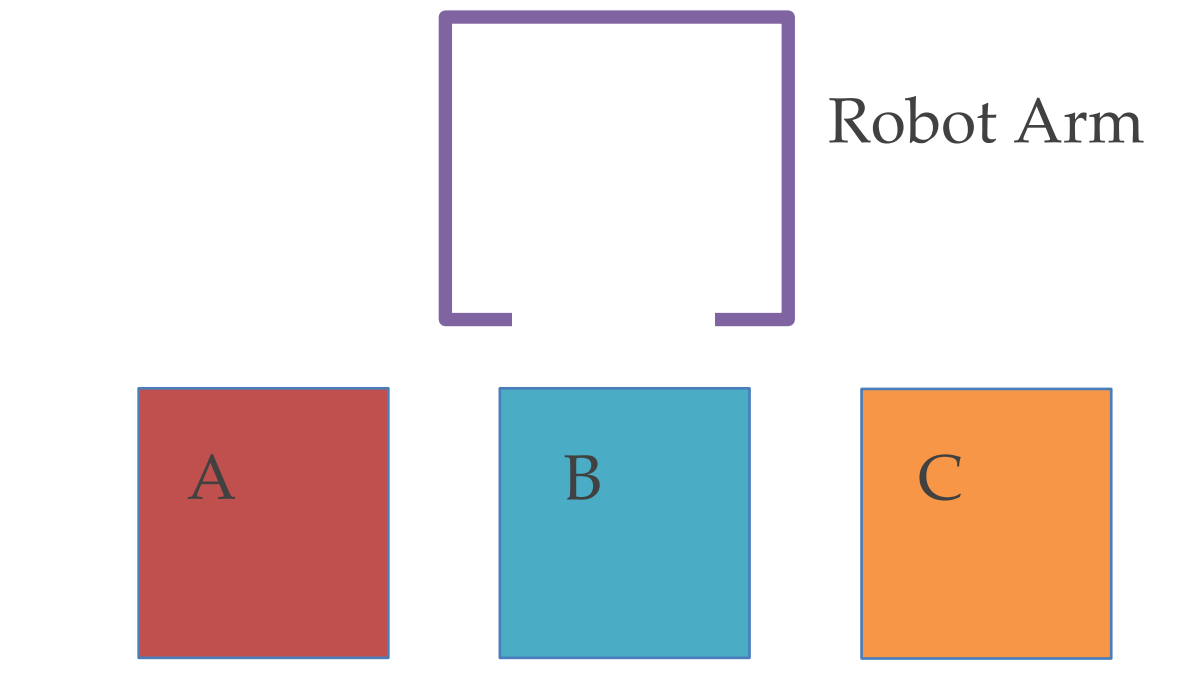
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B-on-Table	B-In-Hand
C-on-Table	C-In-Hand
Hand-Empty	
A-on-B	B-on-A
A-on-C	C-on-A
B-on-C	C-on-B
Pick_A, Pick_B, Pick_C	
Put_on_Table_A, Put_on_Table_B, Put_on_Table_C	
Anything missing?	



# Logical Agents with PL

## Create a Knowledge Base Symbols

A-on-Table[t]      A-In-Hand[t]  
B-on-Table[t]      B-In-Hand[t]  
C-on-Table[t]      C-In-Hand[t]  
Hand-Empty[t]  
A-on-B[t]          B-on-A[t]  
A-on-C[t]          C-on-A[t]  
B-on-C[t]          C-on-B[t]  
Pick\_A[t], Pick\_B[t], Pick\_C[t]  
Put\_on\_Table\_A[t], Put\_on\_Table\_B[t], Put\_on\_Table\_C[t]  
...



# Logical Agents with PL

## Create a Knowledge Base Symbols

A-on-Table[0]

B-on-Table[0]

C-on-Table[0]

Hand-Empty[0]

A-on-B[t]

A-on-C[t]

B-on-C[t]

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A-In-Hand[t]

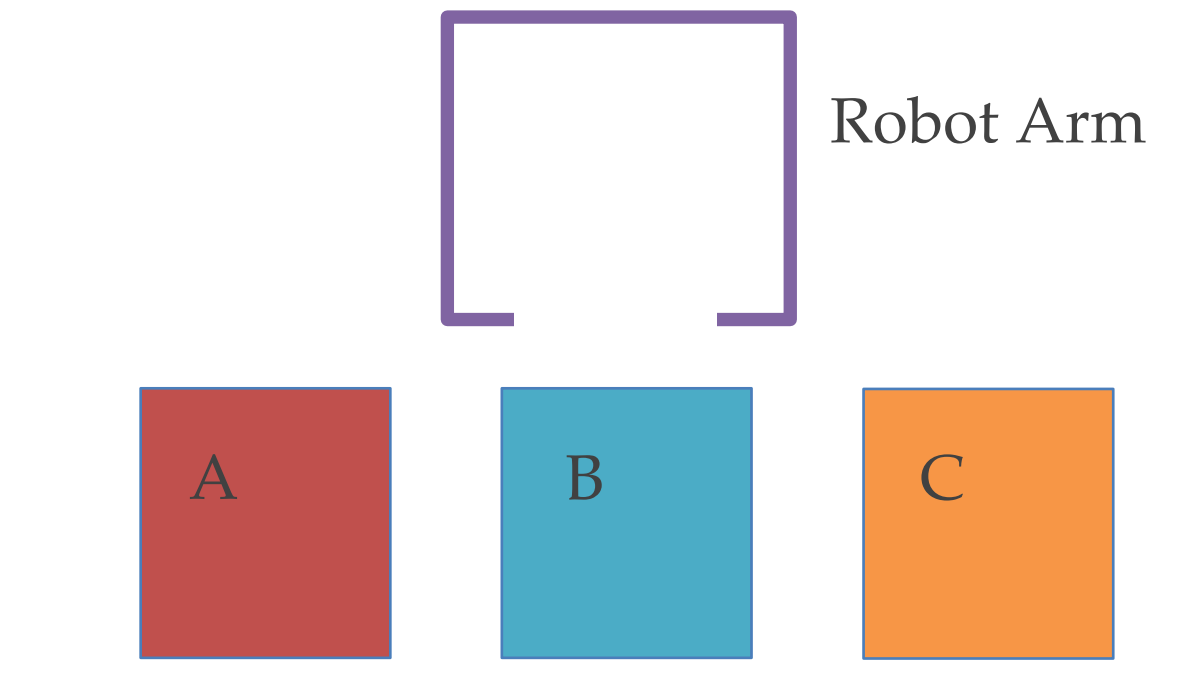
B-In-Hand[t]

C-In-Hand[t]

B-on-A[t]

C-on-A[t]

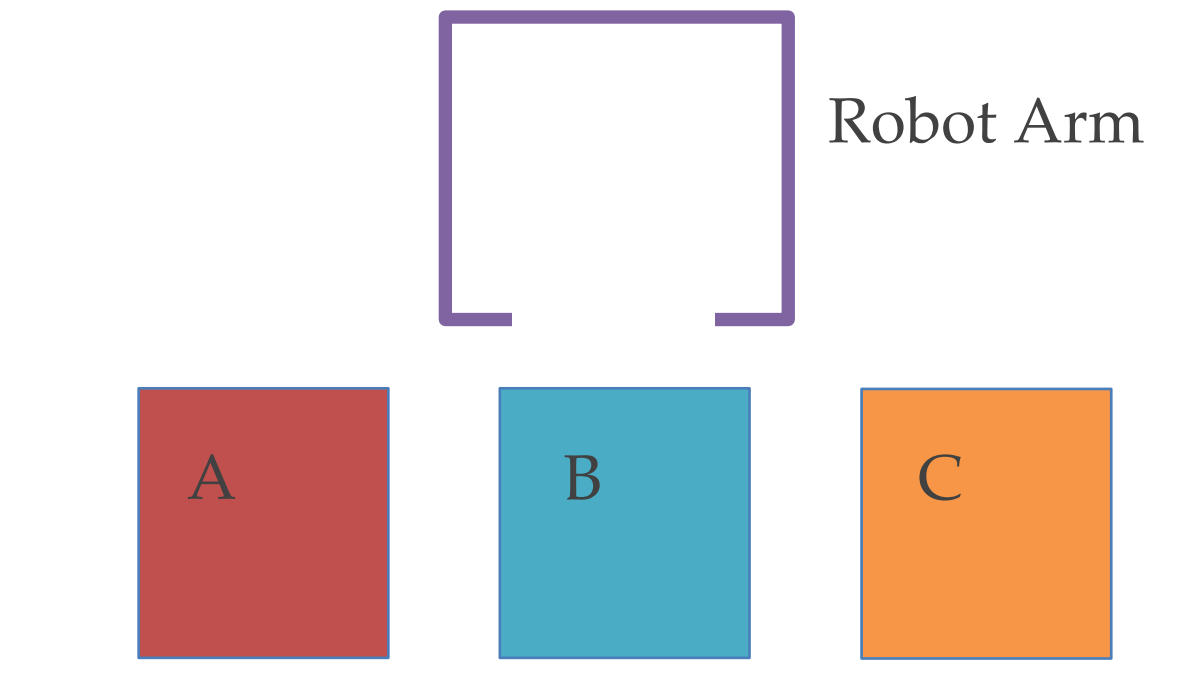
C-on-B[t]



# Logical Agents with PL

Create a Knowledge Base  
Implications

When is A-on-Table[t] true or false?  
Use successor-state axioms!



# Logical Agents

Create a Knowledge Base  
Implications

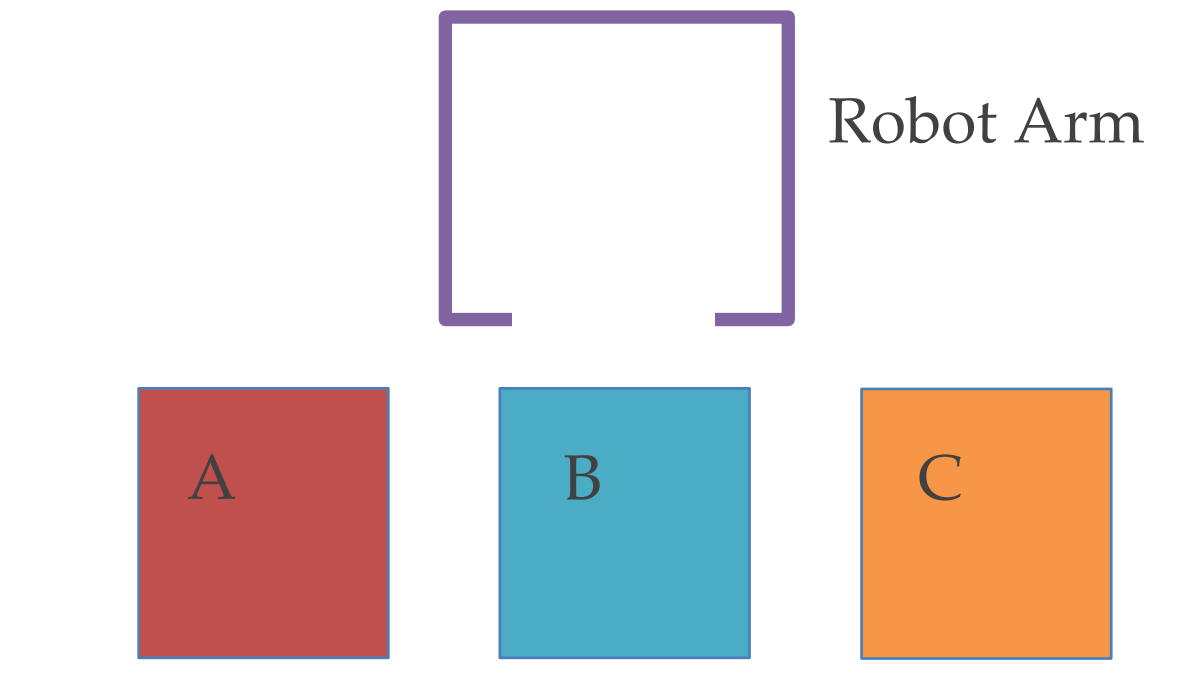
$A\text{-on-Table}[t]$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$(A\text{-on-Table}[t-1] \wedge \neg \text{Pick\_A}[t-1])$

$\vee$

$(A\text{-in-Hand}[t-1] \wedge \text{Put-on-Table}[t-1])$



# Logical Agents

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Create a Knowledge Base (KB)

Symbols – each is true or false

TELL KB

Initial state and a priori knowledge

Domain knowledge and “Physics” of the domain

ASK whether KB entails a query

e.g.,  $B\text{-on-}C[t] \wedge C\text{-on-}A[t]$ ?

# Partially-Specified Goal

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We didn't specify what all goal symbols needed to be, only some

There are potentially many possible world (i.e., goal states) that could satisfy this goal

We only need to search for one satisfying assignment of variables

# Challenges of Logic Planning

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We need symbols for each time step (even with FOL)

A state (i.e., model or possible world) is fully-specified by the list of all literals that are true in this model

Actions (e.g., picking a block) are represented with successor-state axioms

Easy to incorrectly specify an axiom (e.g., Hand-Empty[t])

So many symbols means it is hard to debug



# Classical Planning (with STRIPS)

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Also partially-specified goals

Create a Knowledge Base

- Using STRIPS language

  - Predicates for describing states

  - Operators for describing actions

Using KB, find plan to reach any goal state

- Goal = conjunction of predicates

# Predicates

## Propositional Logic

A-on-Table, A-In-Hand,  
B-on-Table, B-In-Hand,  
C-on-Table, C-In-Hand,  
Hand-Empty,  
A-on-B, B-on-A,  
A-on-C, C-on-A,  
B-on-C, C-on-B  
Clear-A, Clear-B,  
Clear-C  
...

## STRIPS

Constants: A, B, C

Predicates:

In-Hand(A)  
On-Table(B)  
On-Block(B,C)  
HandEmpty()  
Clear(A)  
...

# STRIPS

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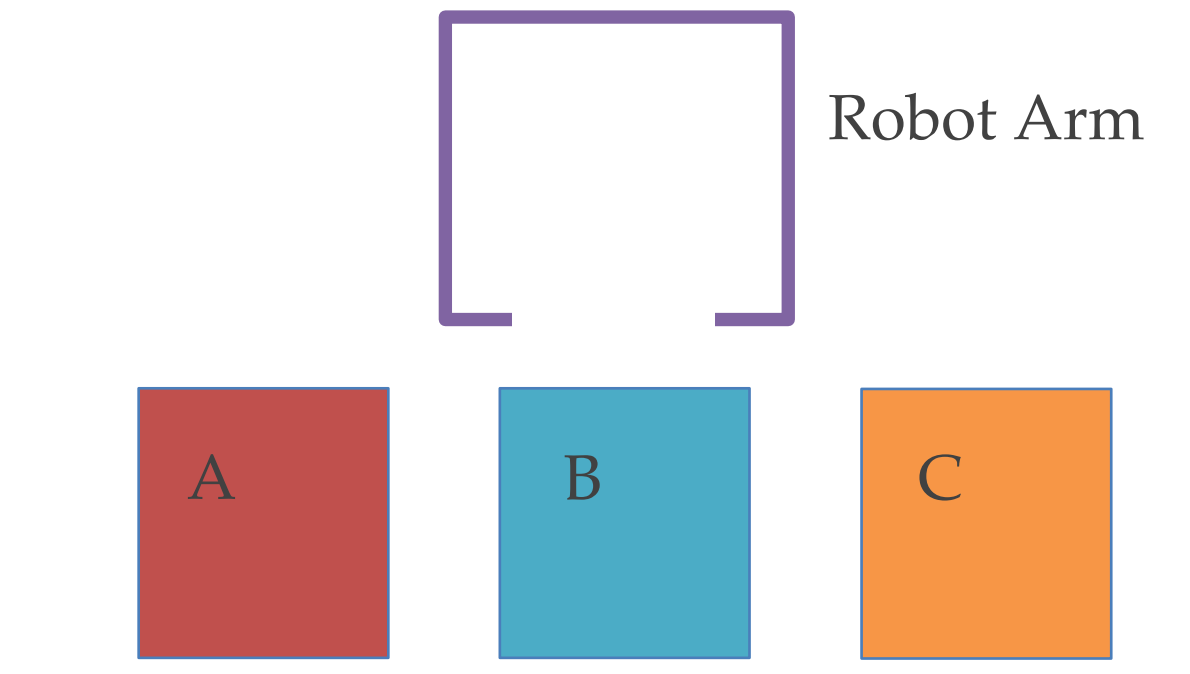
- ❖ STRIPS inspired by FOL
- ❖ In STRIPS
  - ❖ No functions!
  - ❖ States are represented by conjunctions of positive predicates
    - ❖ If a predicate doesn't appear in this conjunction, it is false
  - ❖ Predicates don't depend on time
  - ❖ Actions don't need any predicates, they are represented as operators
- ❖ Trade-off between expressivity of language and efficiency of solving algorithms

# How to Describe this State?

Instances: A, B, C

Propositions:

- ~~1) In-Hand(A)~~
- ~~2) In-Hand(B)~~
- ~~3) In-Hand(C)~~
- 4) On-Table(A)
- 5) On-Table(B)
- 6) On-Table(C)
- ~~7) On-Block(B,C)~~
- ~~8) On-Block(A,B)~~
- 9) HandEmpty()

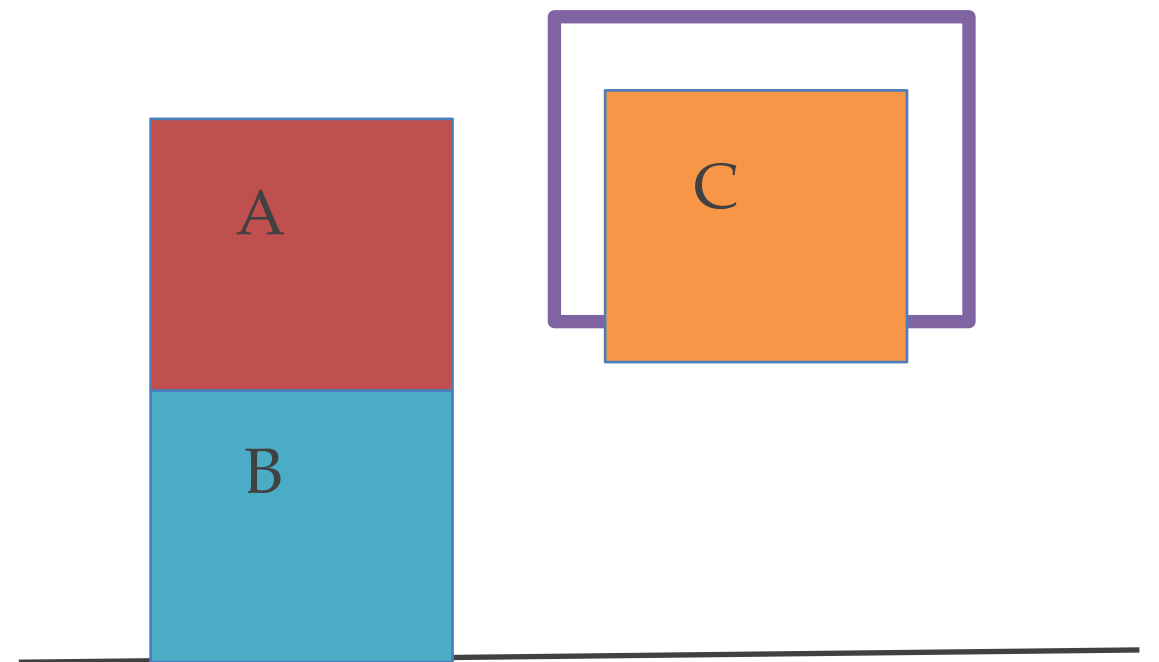


# Quiz: Check all that apply

Instances: A, B, C

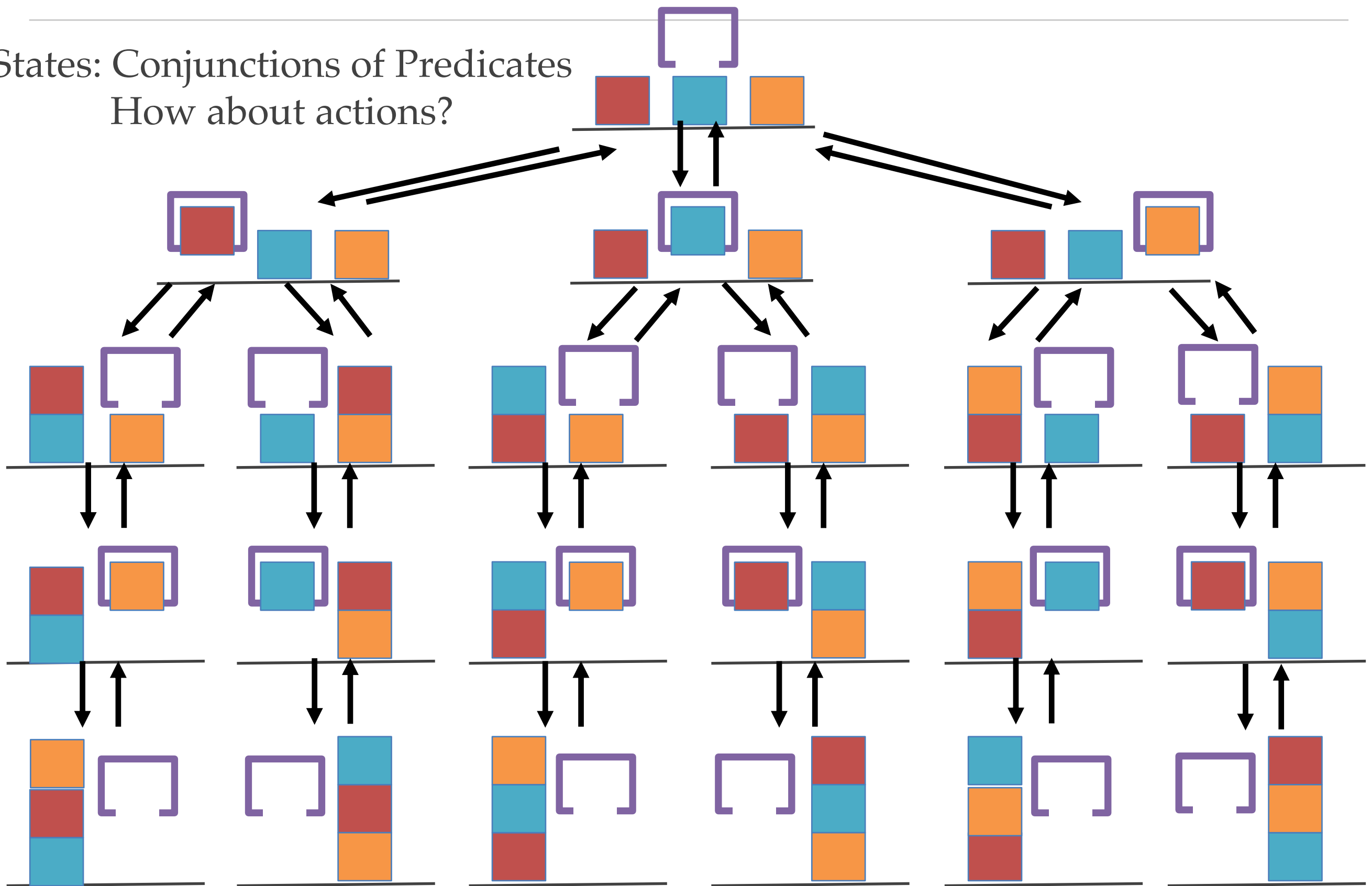
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# Block Stacking

States: Conjunctions of Predicates  
How about actions?



# Operators

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Actions can be applied only if some conditions are met

Represented as conjunctions of positive predicates

Actions change the state of the world

Represented as effects that add / delete predicates

Operator = precondition, delete list, add list

Operators can have parameters and are given names

e.g., pick-up(o), put-down(o)

# Actions for Block Stacking

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Blocks are picked up and put down by the hand

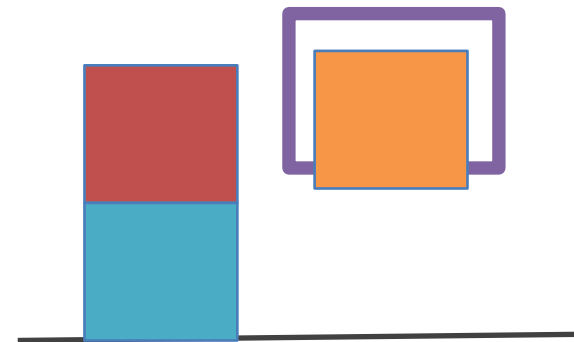
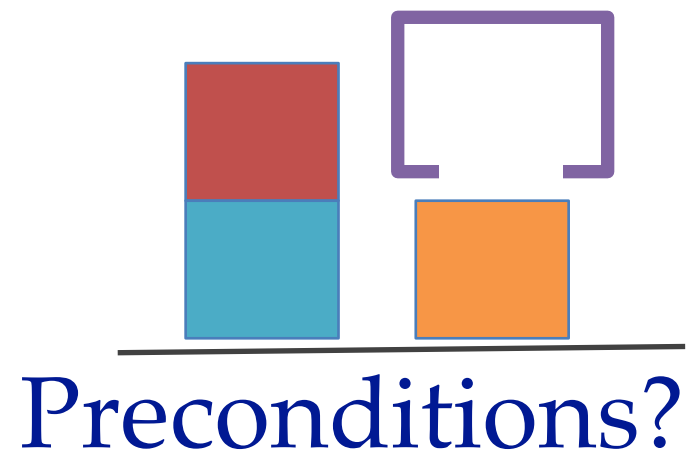
Blocks can be picked up only if they are clear

Hand can pick up a block only if the hand is empty

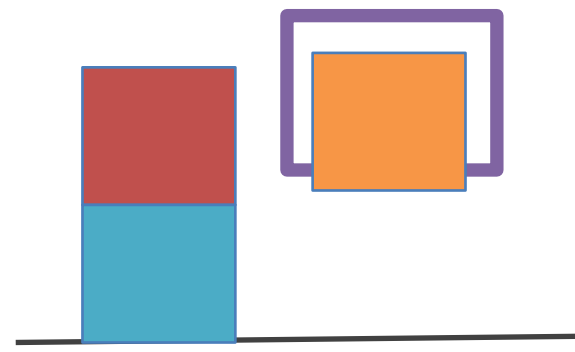
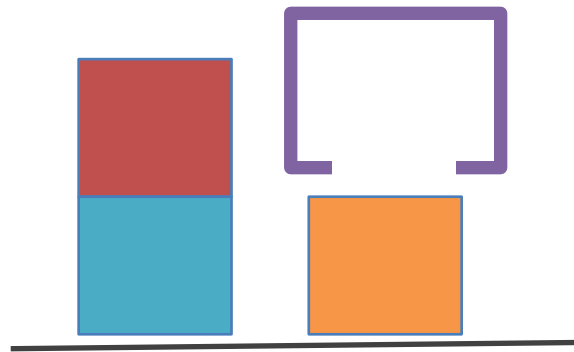
Hand can put down blocks on blocks or on the table



# Pick Up Block from Table Example



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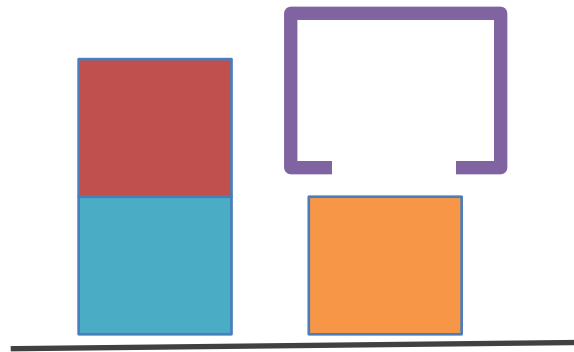
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HandEmpty

On-Table(b)

Clear(b)

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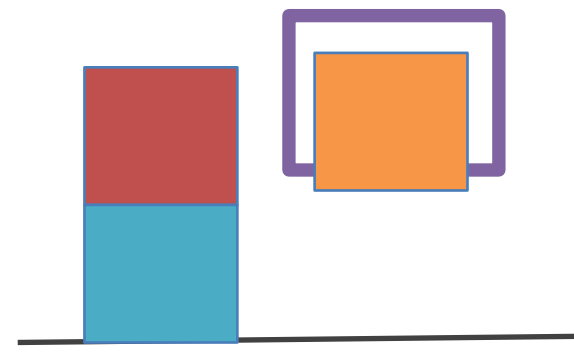


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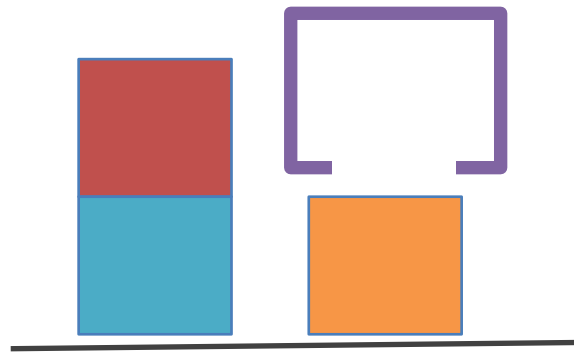
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Effects?

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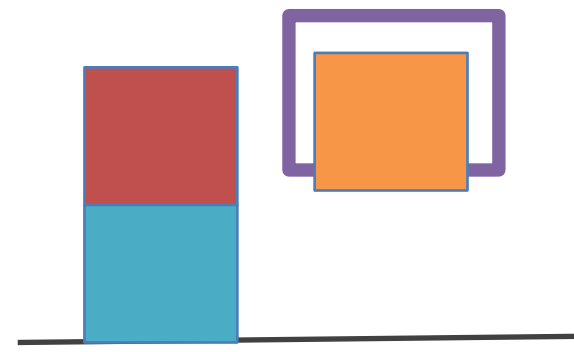


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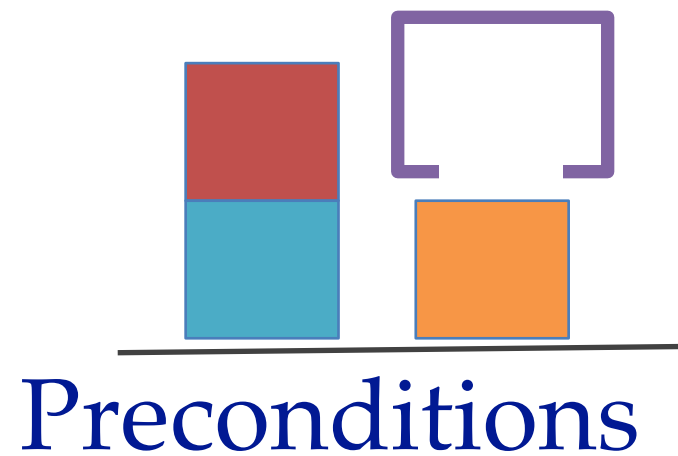
Effects

Add: Holding(b)

Delete: On-Table(b)

HandEmpty

# Pick Block from Block Example



# Operators for Block Stacking

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Pickup\_from\_Table(b):

Pre: HandEmpty, Clear(b),  
On-Table(b)

Add: Holding(b)

Delete: HandEmpty, On-Table(b)

Pickup\_from\_Block(b,c):

Pre: HandEmpty, On(b,c)

Add: Holding(b), Clear(c)

Delete: HandEmpty, On(b,c)

# Operators for Block Stacking

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Pre: HandEmpty, On(b,c)

Add: Holding(b), Clear(c)

Delete: HandEmpty, On(b,c)

Putdown\_on\_Table(b):

Pre: Holding(b)

Add: HandEmpty, On-Table(b)

Delete: Holding(b)

Putdown\_on\_Block(b,c):

Pre: Holding(b), Clear(c)

Add: HandEmpty, On(b,c)

Delete: Clear(c), Holding(b)

# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table(R)} \wedge \text{On(T,R)} \wedge \text{Clear(T)} \wedge \text{On-Table(O)} \wedge \text{Clear(O)}$





# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

Pickup\_from\_Block(b,c):  
Pre:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{On}(b,c), b \neq c$   
Add:  $\text{Holding}(b), \text{Clear}(c)$   
Delete:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{On}(b,c)$

Pickup\_from\_Table(b):  
Pre:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{Clear}(b), \text{On-Table}(b)$   
Add:  $\text{Holding}(b)$   
Delete:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{On-Table}(b)$



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$   
*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

Pickup\_from\_Block(b,c):  
Pre:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{On}(b,c), \text{Clear}(c), b \neq c$   
Add:  $\text{Holding}(b), \text{Clear}(c)$   
Delete:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{On}(b,c)$



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

Pickup\_from\_Block(b,c):

Pre: HandEmpty, On(b,c), Clear(c),  $b \neq c$

Add: Holding(b), Clear(c)

Delete: HandEmpty, On(b,c)



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

Pickup\_from\_Block(b,c):  
Pre:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{On}(b,c), \text{Clear}(c), b \neq c$   
Add:  $\text{Holding}(b), \text{Clear}(c)$   
Delete:  $\text{HandEmpty}, \text{On}(b,c)$



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

*Putdown\_on\_Table(T)*

Putdown\_on\_Table(b):

Pre: Holding(b)

Add: HandEmpty, On-Table(b)

Delete: Holding(b)



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

*Putdown\_on\_Table(T)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

Putdown\_on\_Table(b):

Pre: Holding(b)

Add: HandEmpty, On-Table(b)

Delete: Holding(b)



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

*Putdown\_on\_Table(T)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R) \wedge \text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(T)$

Putdown\_on\_Table(b):

Pre: Holding(b)

Add: HandEmpty, On-Table(b)

Delete: Holding(b)





# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

*Putdown\_on\_Table(T)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R) \wedge \text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(T)$



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

*Putdown\_on\_Table(T)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R) \wedge \text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(T)$

*Pickup\_from\_Table(O)*

Pickup\_from\_Table(b):  
Pre: HandEmpty, Clear(b), On-Table(b)  
Add: Holding(b)  
Delete: HandEmpty, On-Table(b)



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

*Putdown\_on\_Table(T)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R) \wedge \text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(T)$

*Pickup\_from\_Table(O)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R) \wedge \text{On-Table}(T) \wedge \text{Holding}(O)$

Pickup\_from\_Table(b):

Pre: HandEmpty, Clear(b), On-Table(b)

Add: Holding(b)

Delete: HandEmpty, On-Table(b)



# Example Plan of Actions

$\text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{On}(T,R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O)$

*Pickup\_from\_Block(T,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Holding}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(R)$

*Putdown\_on\_Table(T)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{On-Table}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R) \wedge \text{HandEmpty} \wedge \text{On-Table}(T)$

*Pickup\_from\_Table(O)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{Clear}(R) \wedge \text{On-Table}(T) \wedge \text{Holding}(O)$

*Putdown\_on\_Block(O,R)*

$\text{On-Table}(R) \wedge \text{Clear}(T) \wedge \text{Clear}(O) \wedge \text{On-Table}(T) \wedge \text{On}(O,R) \wedge \text{HandEmpty}$



# Planning is a Search Problem

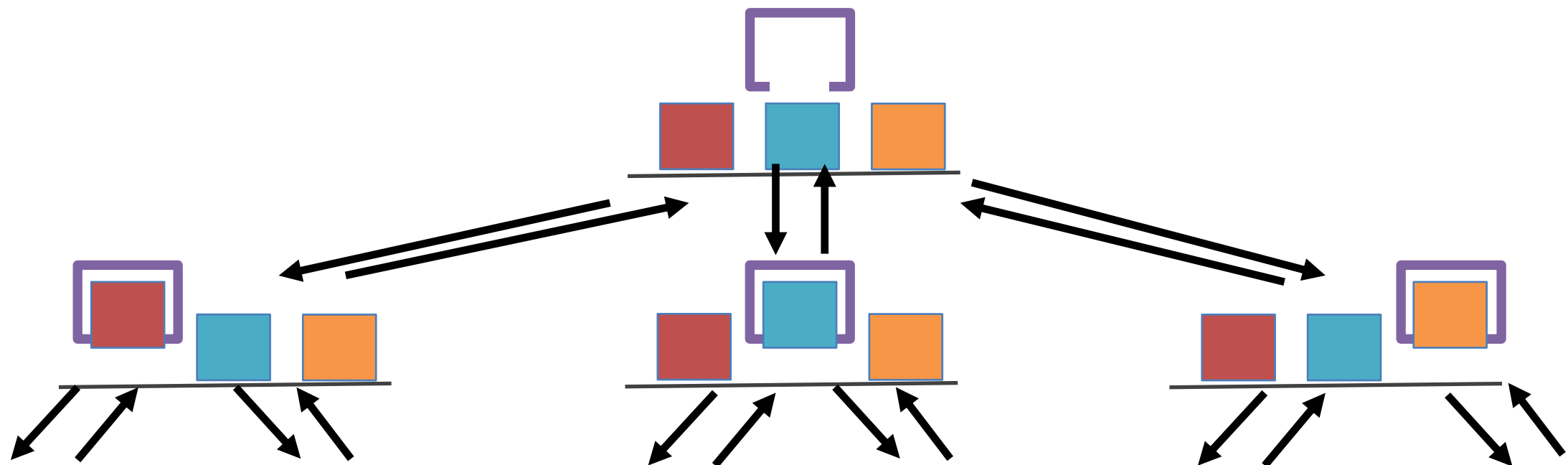
Planning problem can be represented as a graph:

States: Conjunctions of Predicates

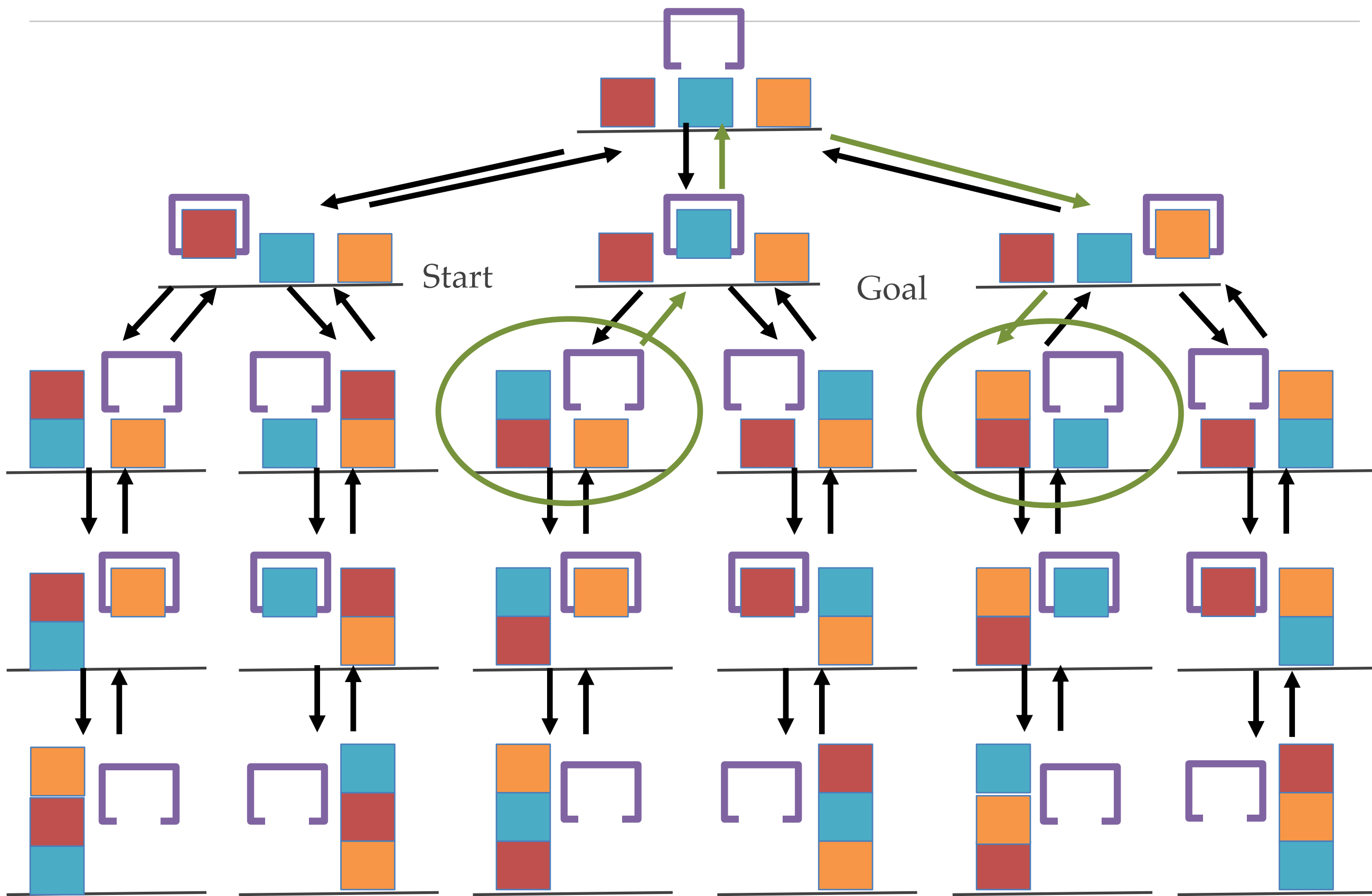
Arrows = Actions

Space complexity in terms of # predicates  $p$

Search algorithm can be applied!



# Example



# Planners

- ❖ Any search algorithm (BFS, DFS, IDS...) could be used
- ❖ Here, search can also be performed backward!
  - ❖ From a given state  $X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge X_k$ , consider relevant and consistent actions
  - ❖ An action is relevant if it achieves one of the  $X_i$ 's
  - ❖ An action is consistent if it doesn't undo one of the  $X_i$ 's
  - ❖ An operator can easily be reversed by modifying the current state:
    - ❖ Remove its positive effects
    - ❖ Add its preconditions (unless it already appears in the state)
  - ❖ Stop backward search when reaching state that is satisfied by initial state
- ❖ However, as STRIPS allow to describe compactly very large problems,  $A^*$  is needed with very good heuristics

# Efficient Algorithms

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- ❖ STRIPS planning is PSPACE-complete
- ❖ Forward or backward A\*
  - ❖ Domain-independent heuristics
    - ❖ # of unsatisfied literals in goal
  - ❖ Relaxed problem
    - ❖ sum of costs for achieving each literal in goal
    - ❖ may be inadmissible
- ❖ Specialized algorithms
  - ❖ e.g., Graphplan (See 10.3 in AIMA)



# Properties of Planners

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## Soundness

- ❖ A planning algorithm is *sound* if all solutions found are legal plans

## Completeness

- ❖ A planning algorithm is *complete* if a solution can be found whenever one actually exists

## Optimality

- ❖ A planning algorithm is *optimal* if the solution optimizes some measure of plan quality