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Robot Learning



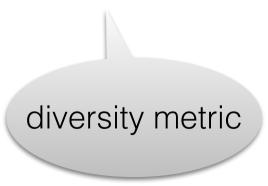
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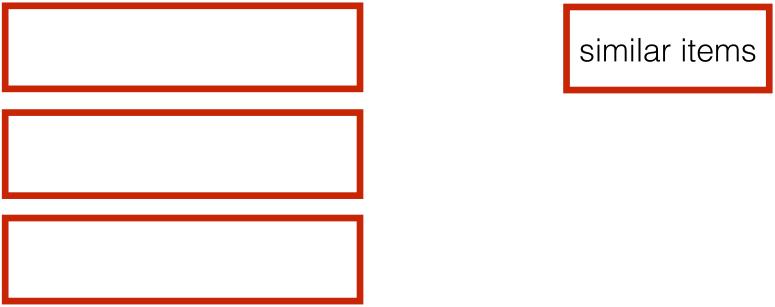
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Problem 3

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similar items

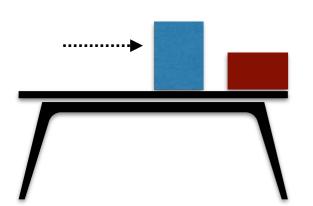
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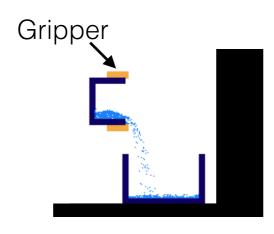
Comparing different sampling methods

Task I

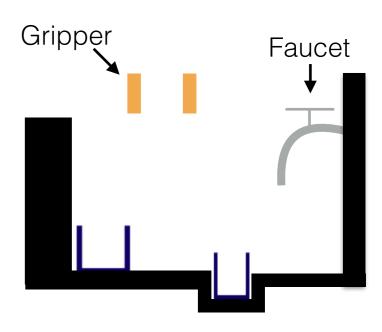


push object off table

Task II



put water in a cup next to an obstacle Task III



put water in a cup next to an obstacle while the other cup is in a cup holder