

# ASP foundations and applications

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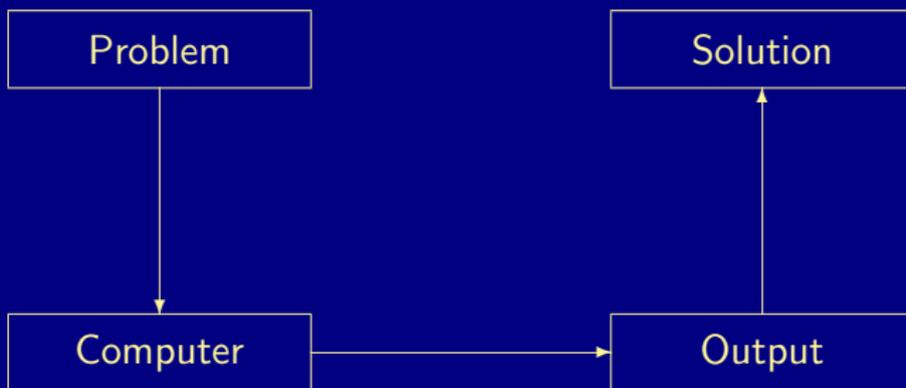
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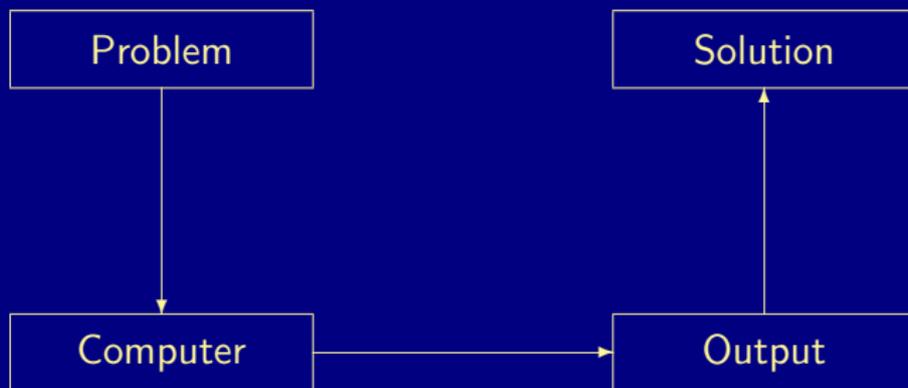
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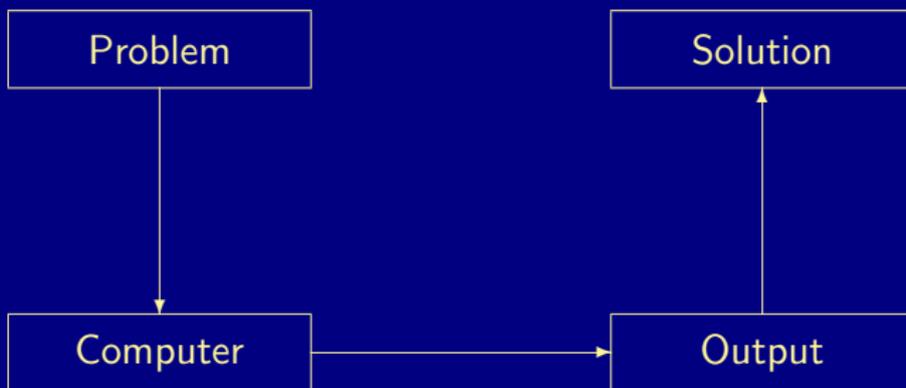
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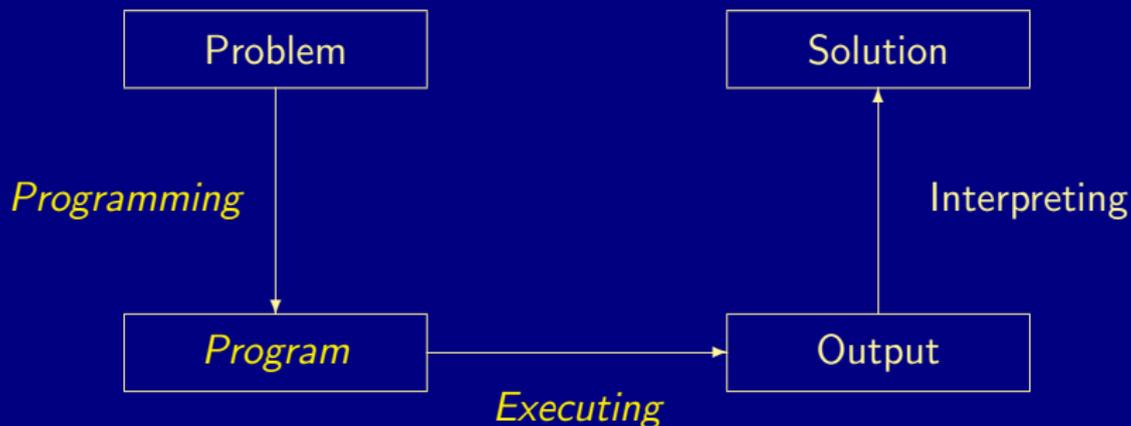
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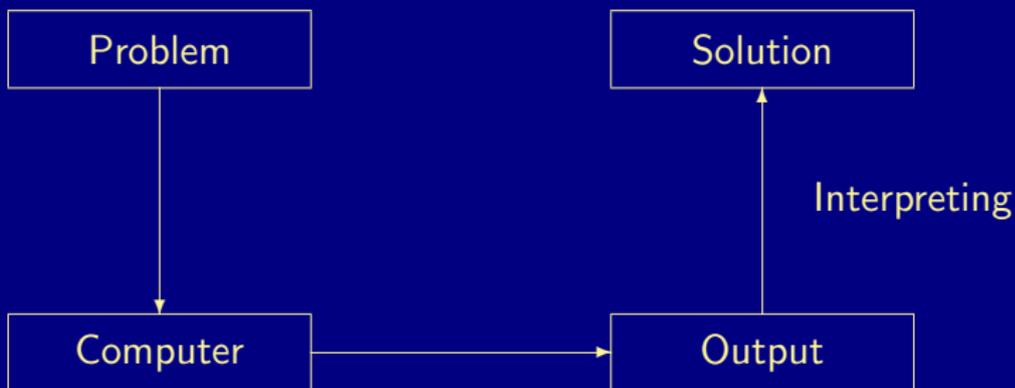
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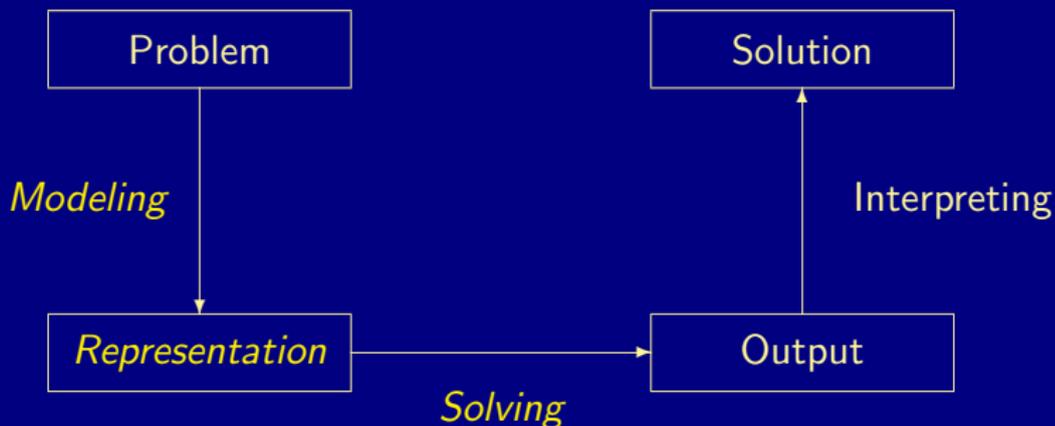
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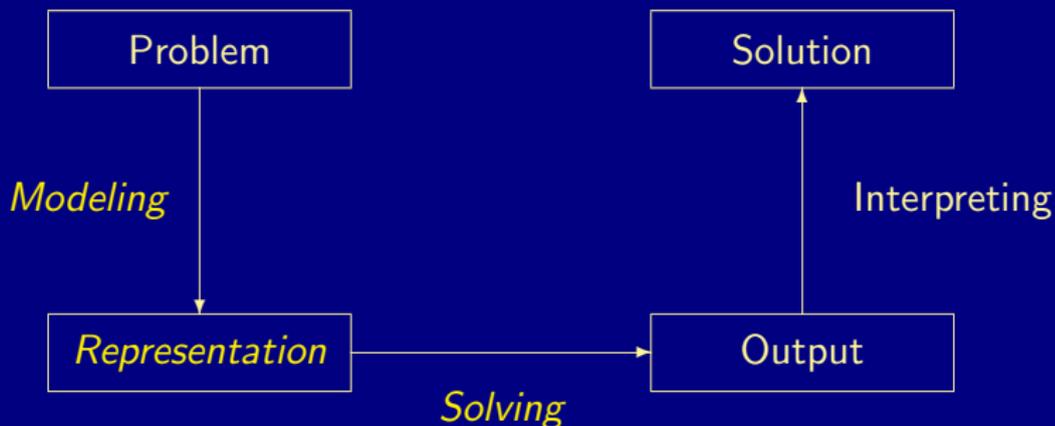
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## ASP versus LP

ASP	Prolog
Model generation	Query orientation
Bottom-up	Top-down
Modeling language	Programming language
Rule-based format	
Instantiation	Unification
Flat terms	Nested terms
(Turing +) $NP(NP)$	Turing

## ASP versus SAT

ASP	SAT
Model generation	
Bottom-up	
Constructive Logic	Classical Logic
Closed (and open) world reasoning	Open world reasoning
Modeling language	—
Complex reasoning modes	Satisfiability testing
Satisfiability	Satisfiability
Enumeration/Projection	—
Intersection/Union	—
Optimization	—
(Turing +) $NP(NP)$	$NP$

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# Propositional Normal Logic Programs

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- Disclaimer The following formalities apply to normal logic programs

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- We get four models:  $\{b, c\}$ ,  $\{a\}$ ,  $\{a, c\}$ , and  $\{a, b, c\}$

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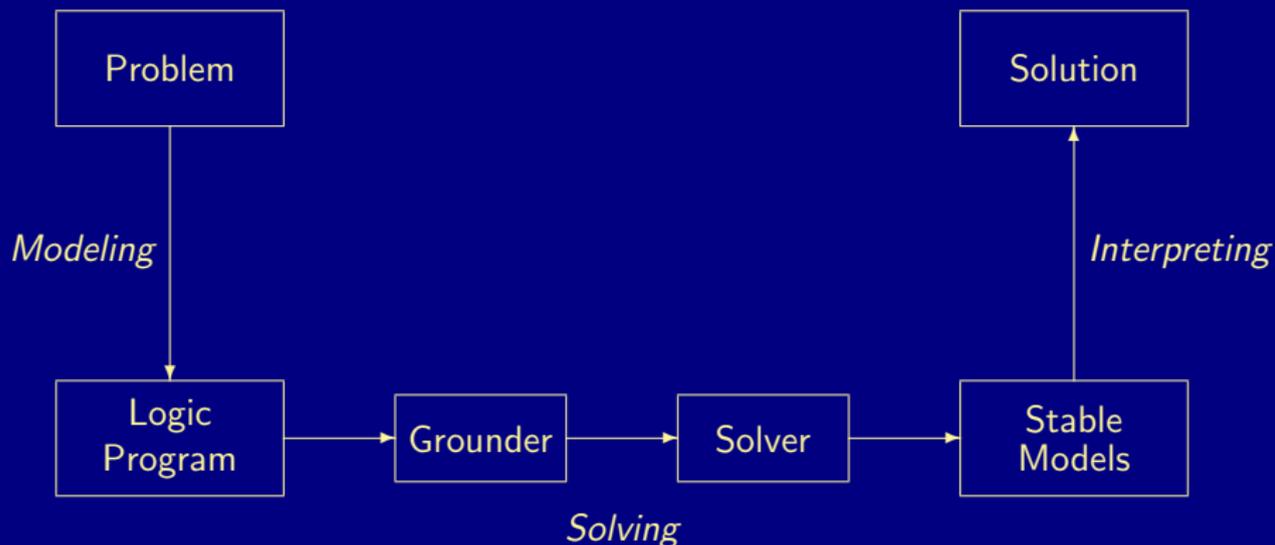
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- We get one stable model:  $\{a\}$
- Stable models = Smallest models of (respective) reducts

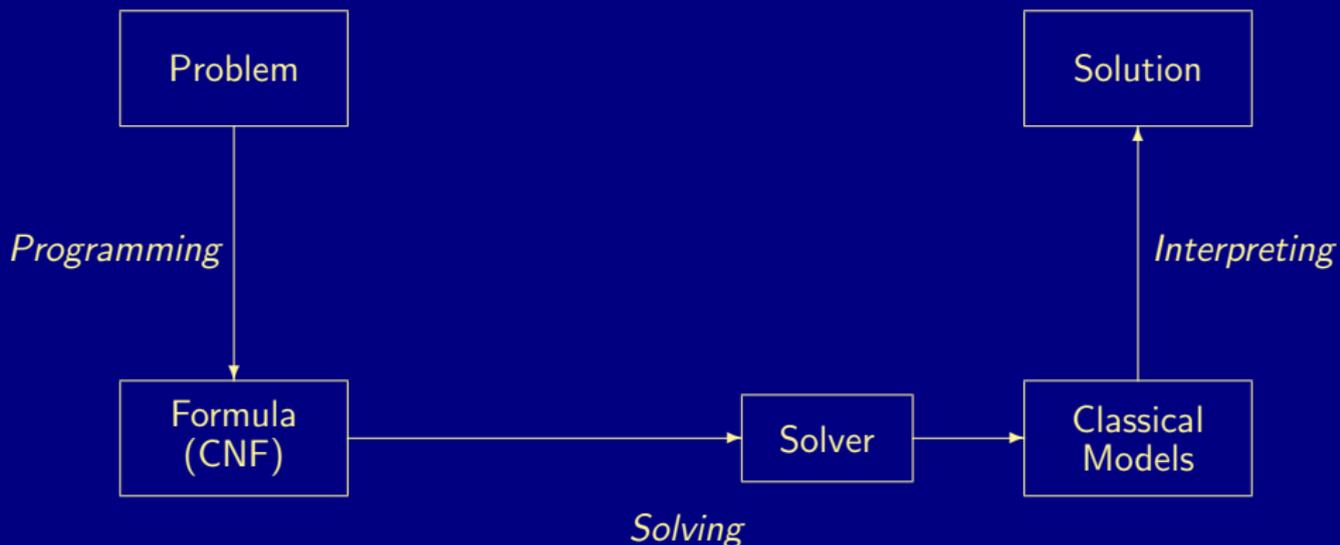
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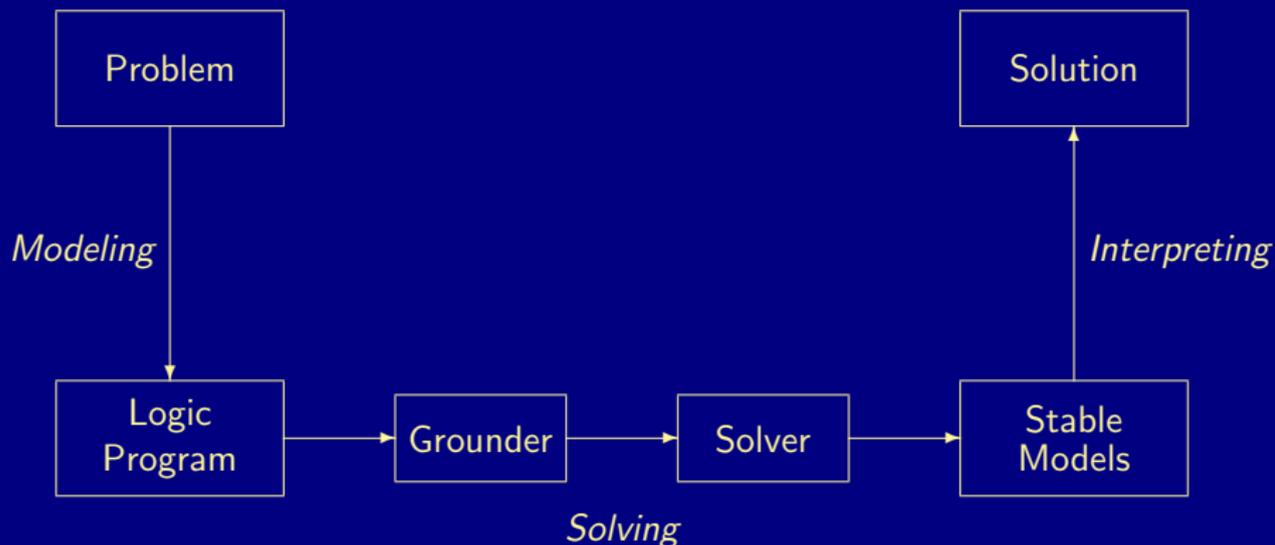
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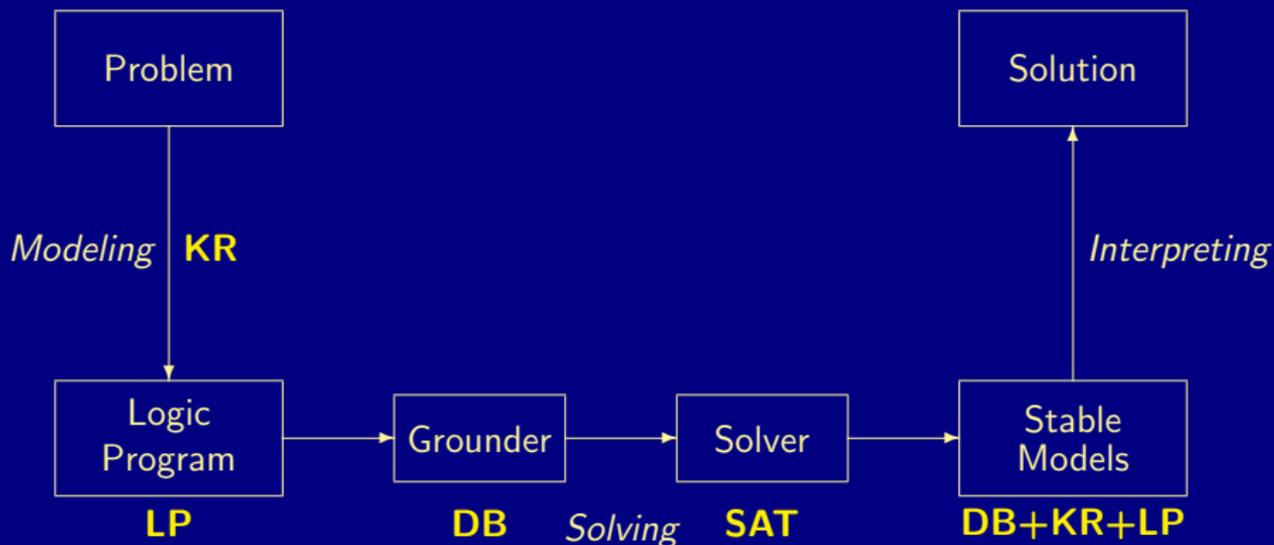
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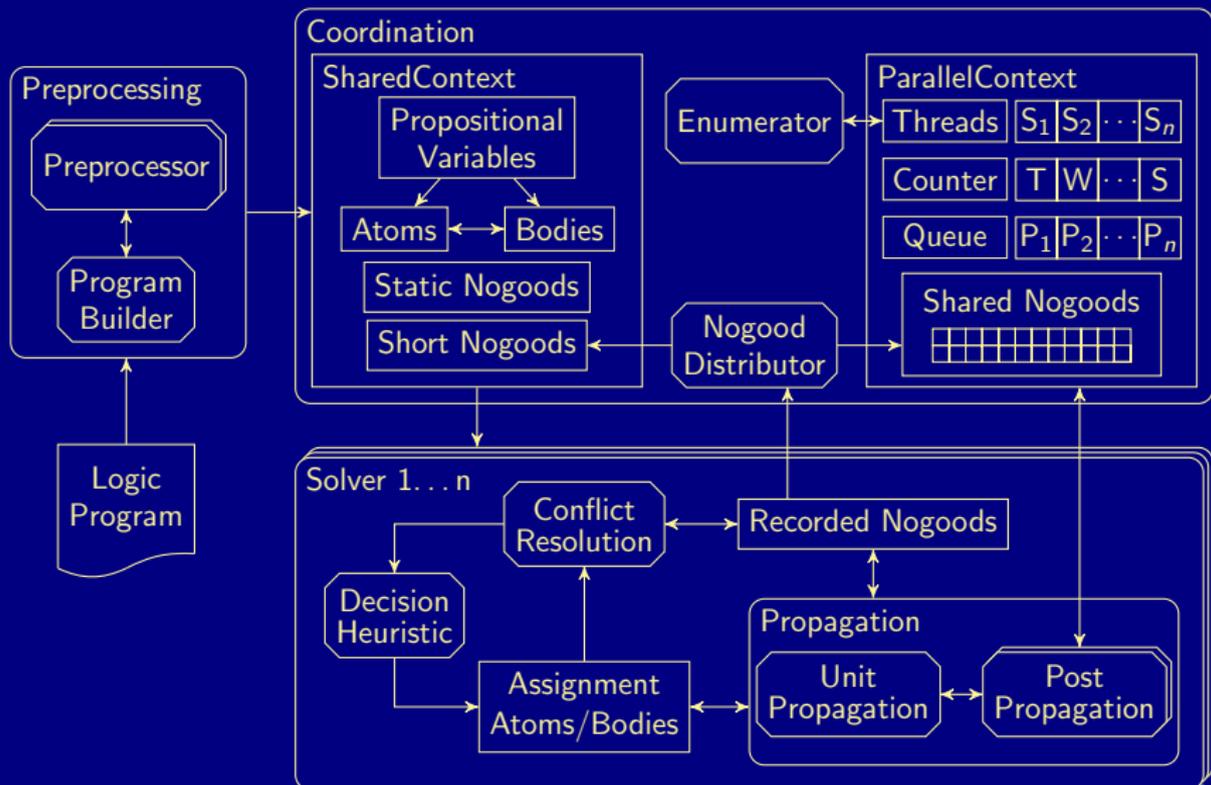


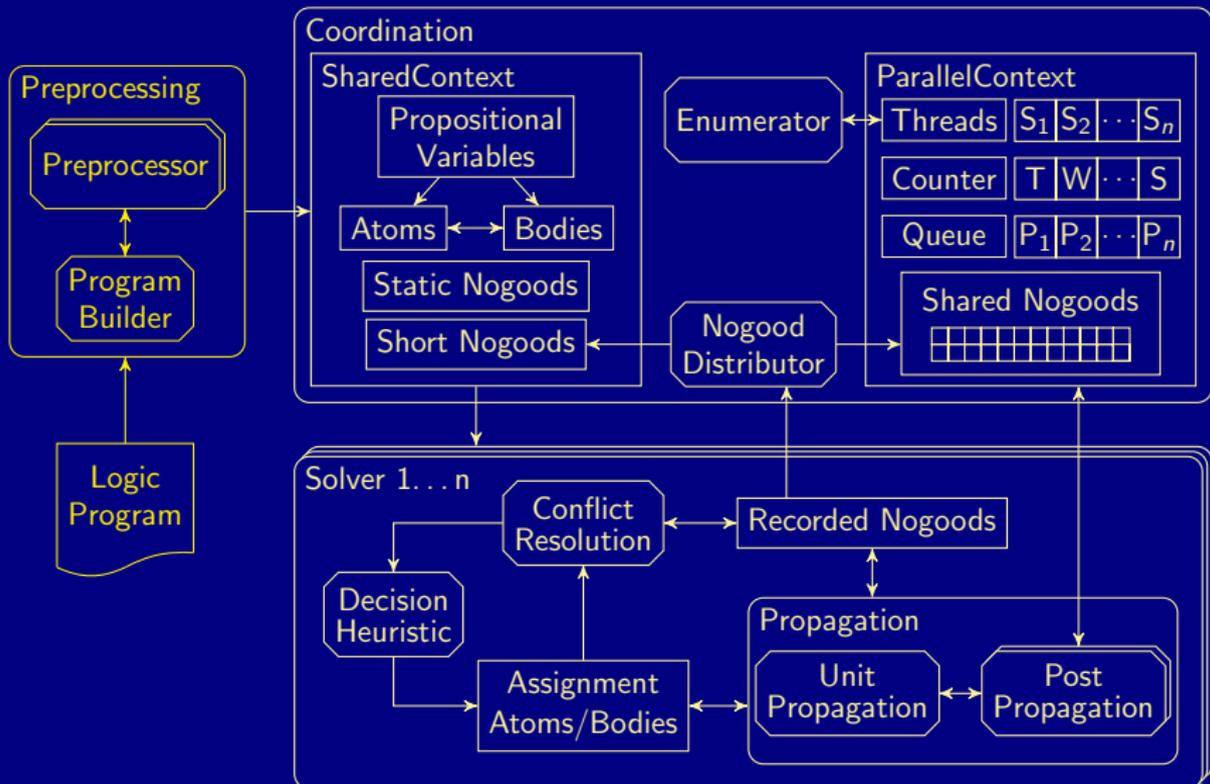
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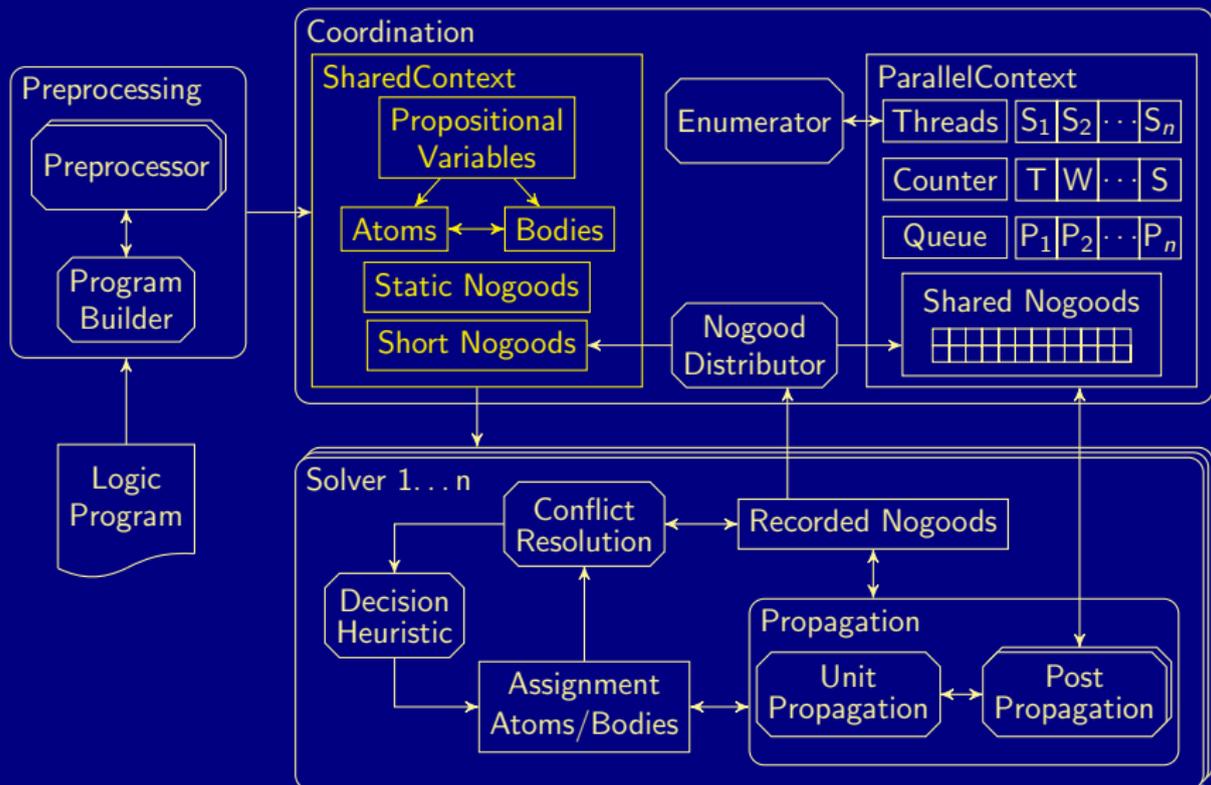


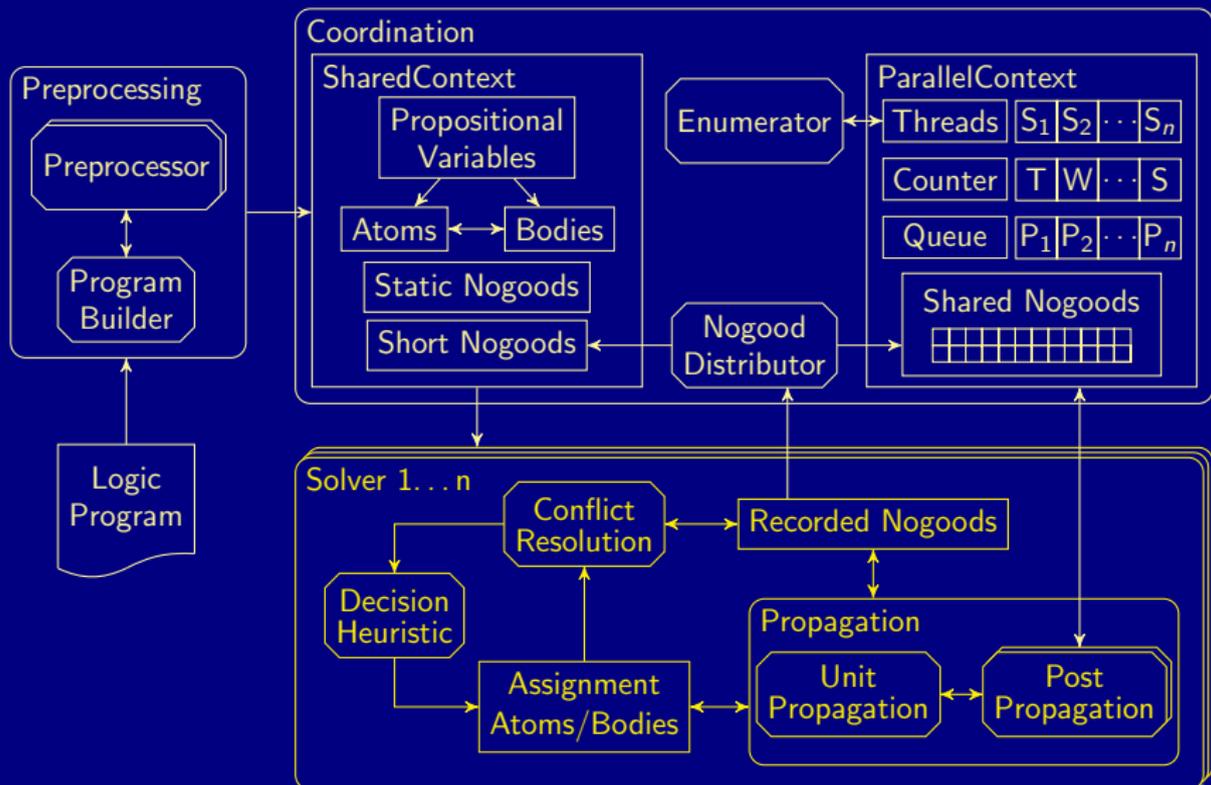
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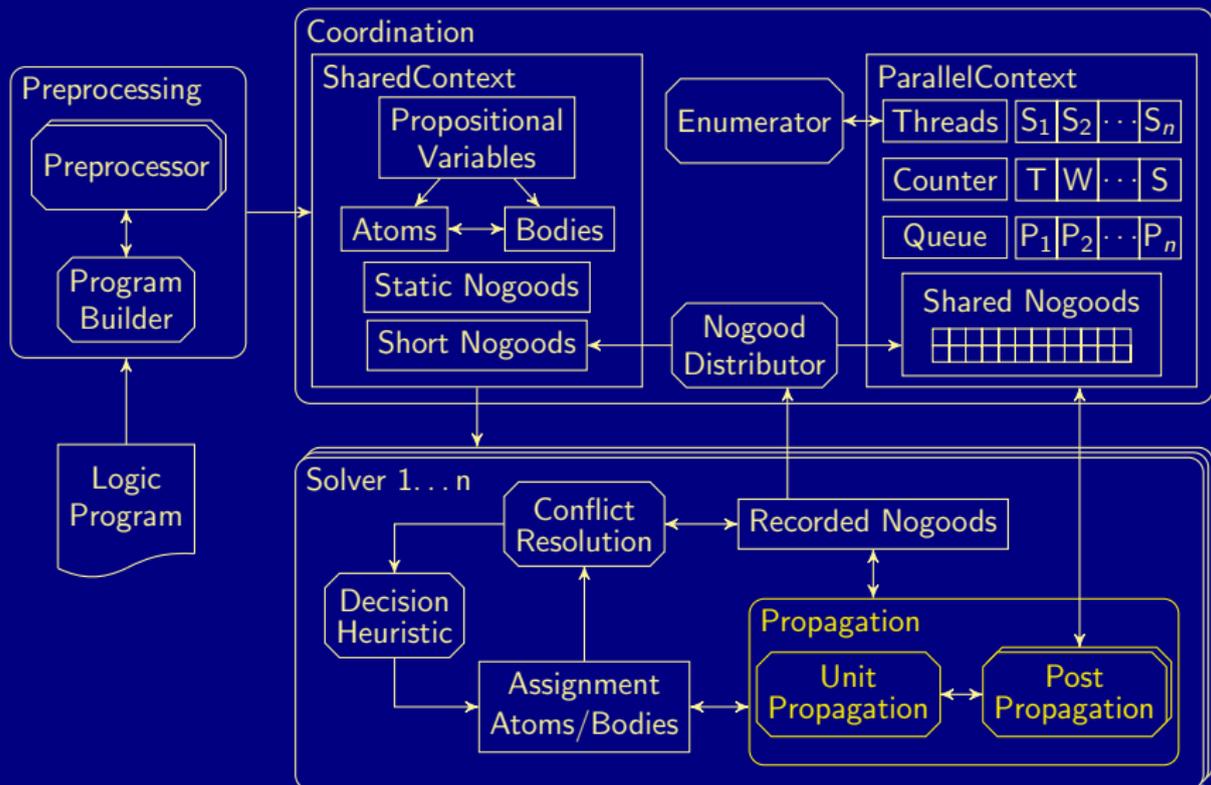
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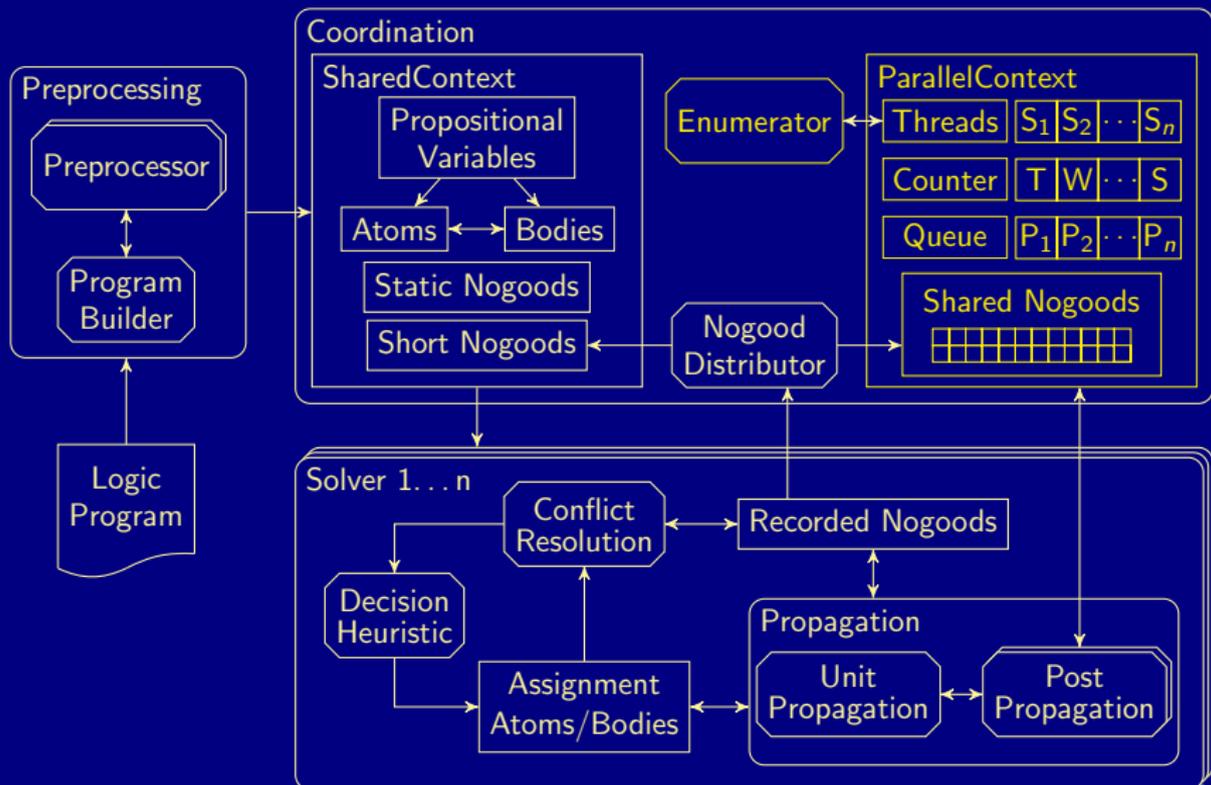
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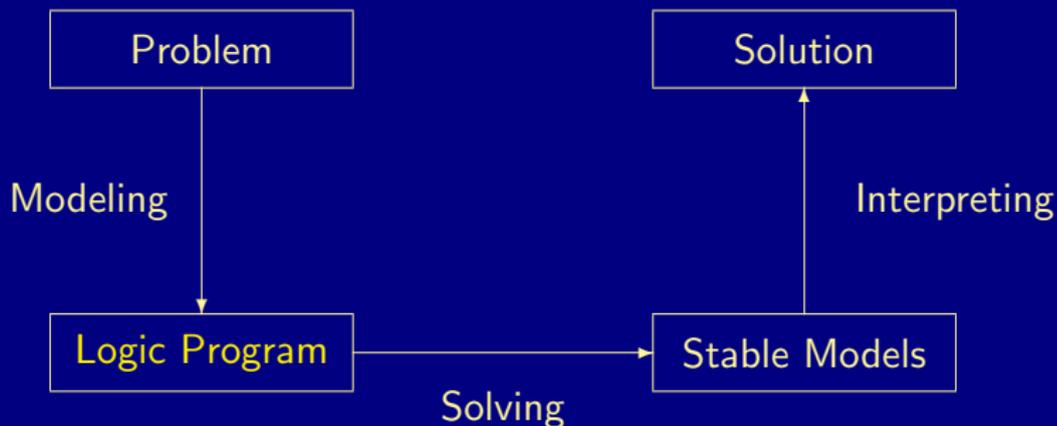
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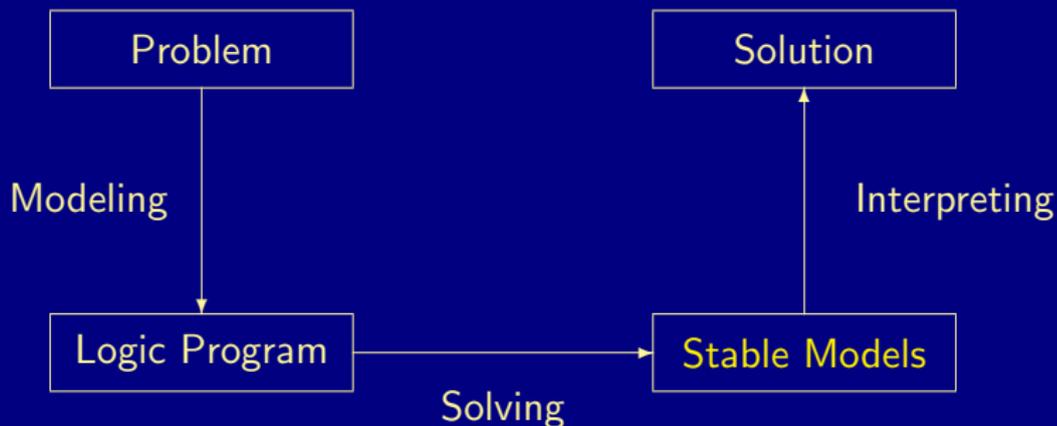
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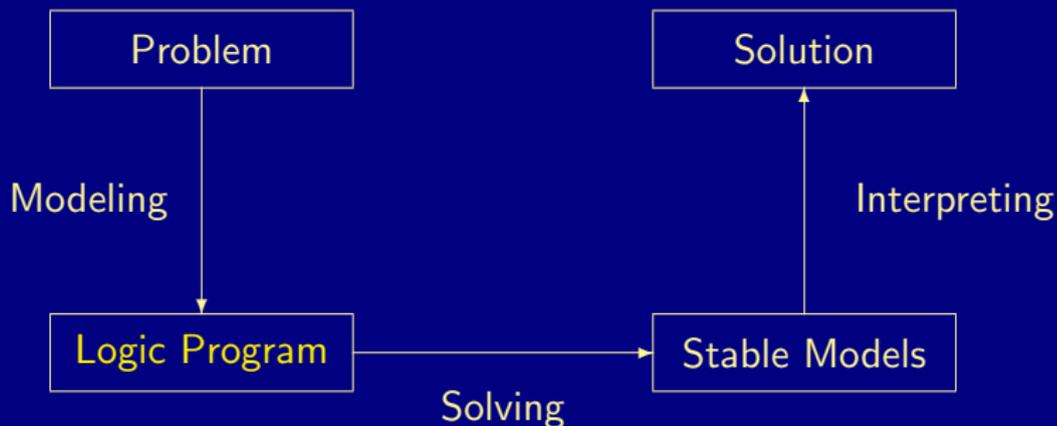
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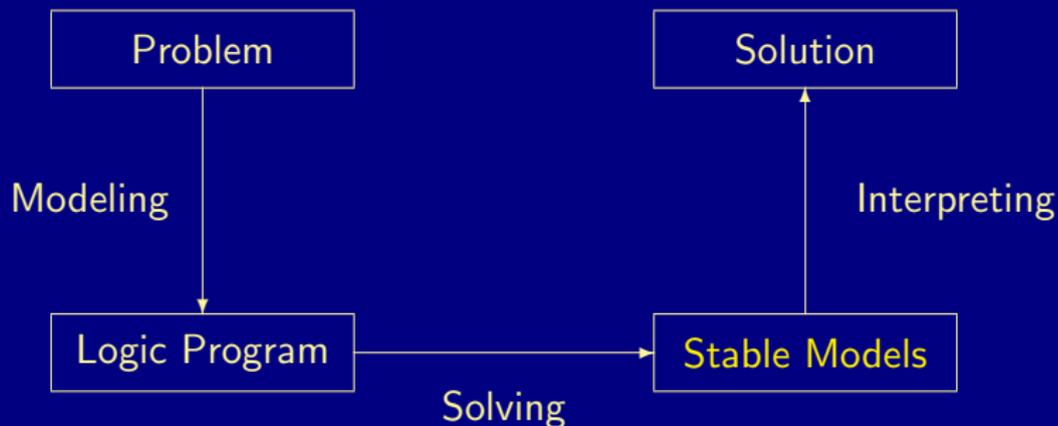
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# Problem solving in ASP: Reasoning Modes



# Reasoning Modes

- Satisfiability
- Enumeration<sup>†</sup>
- Projection<sup>†</sup>
- Intersection<sup>‡</sup>
- Union<sup>‡</sup>
- Optimization
  
- and combinations of them

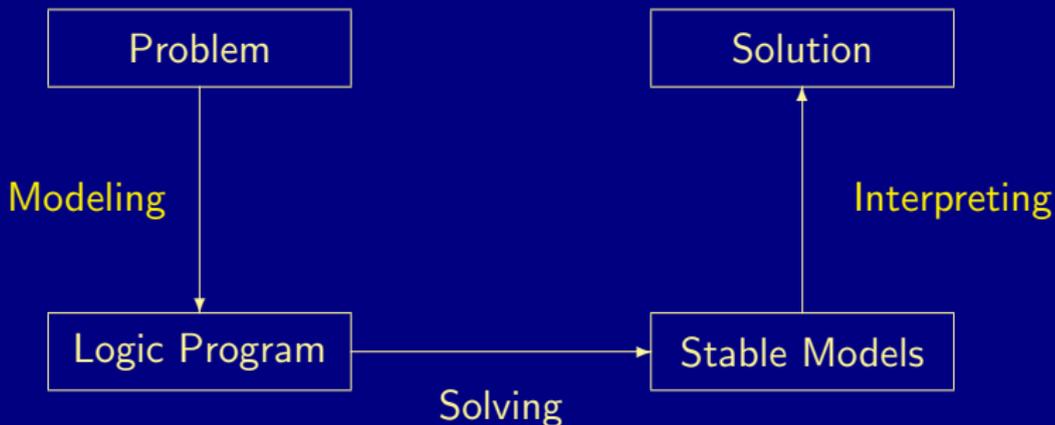
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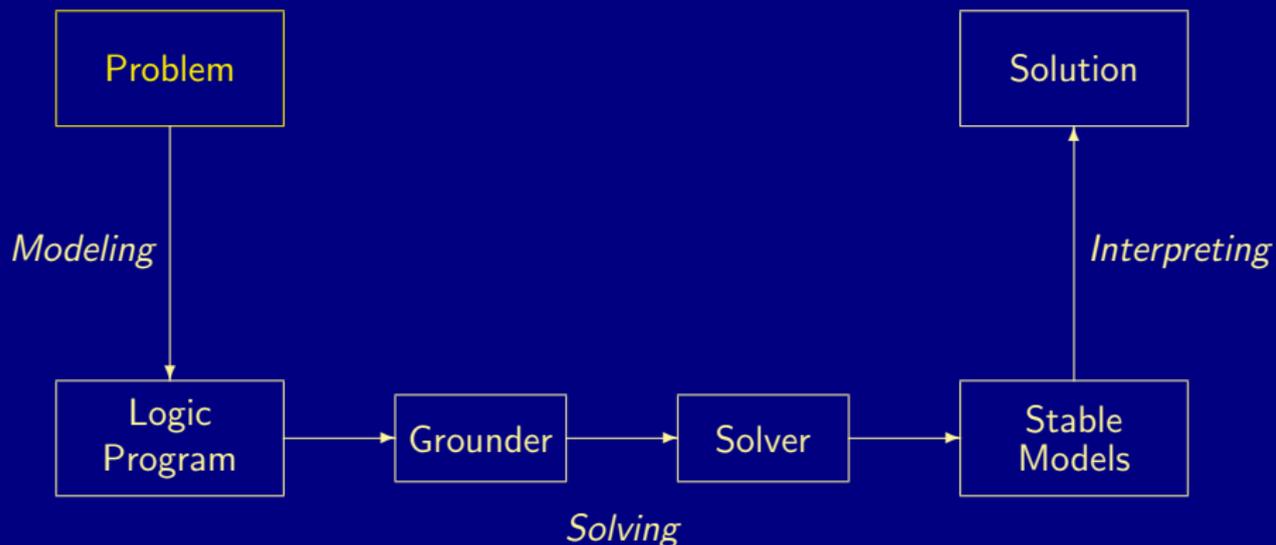
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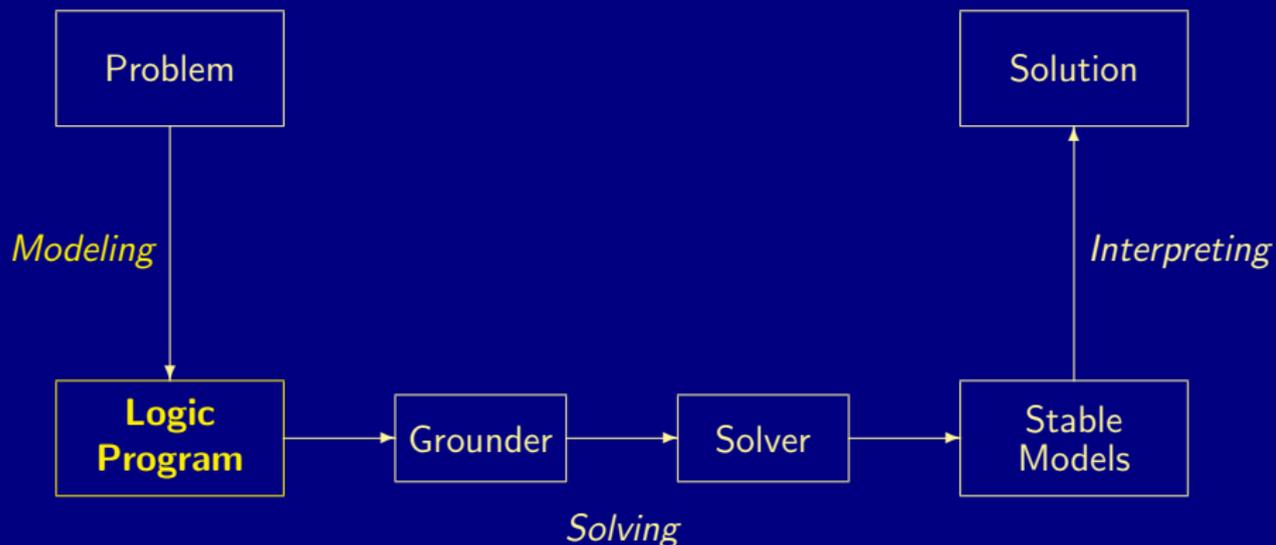
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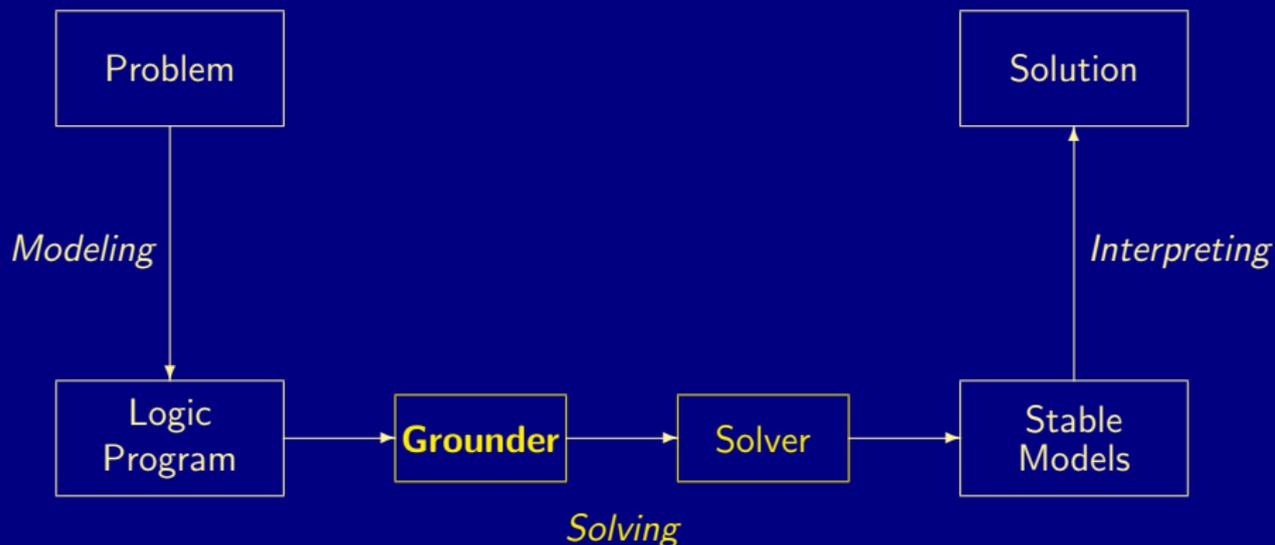
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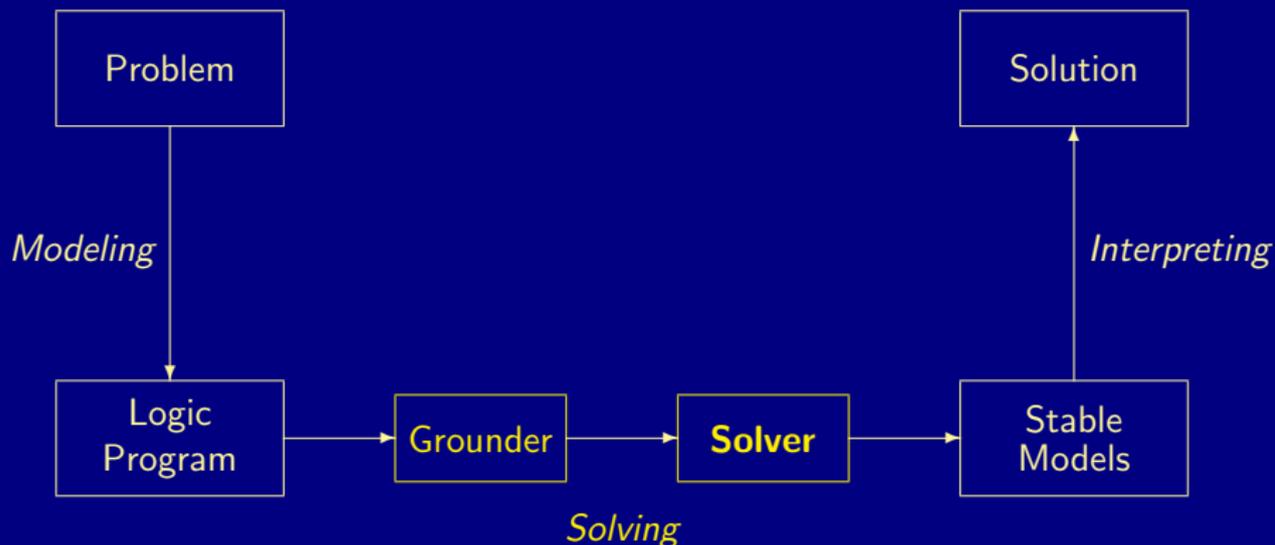
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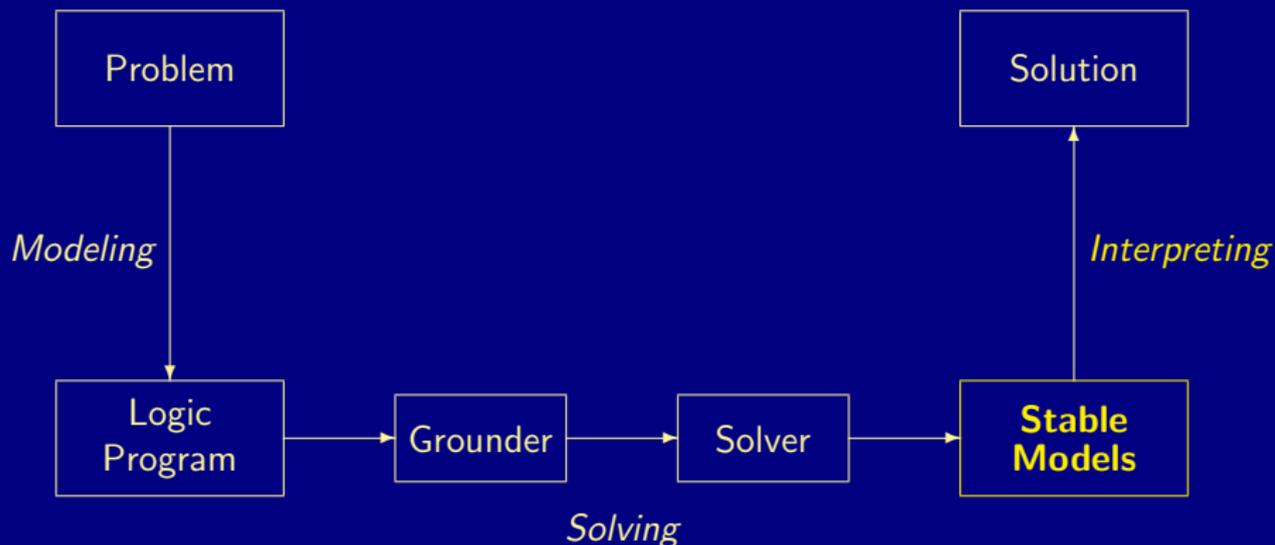
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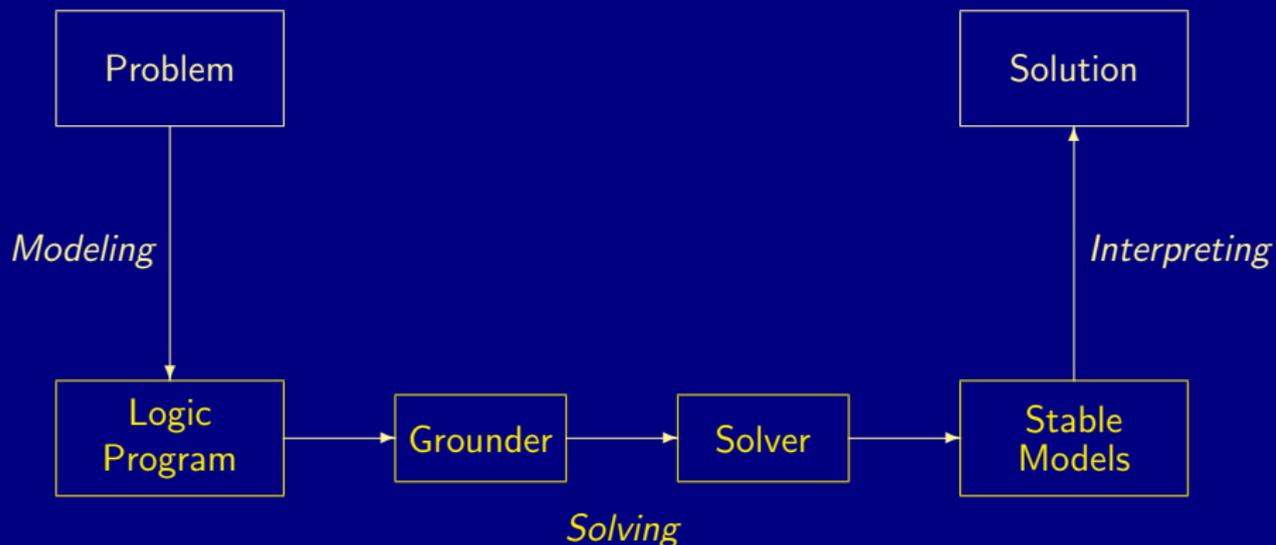
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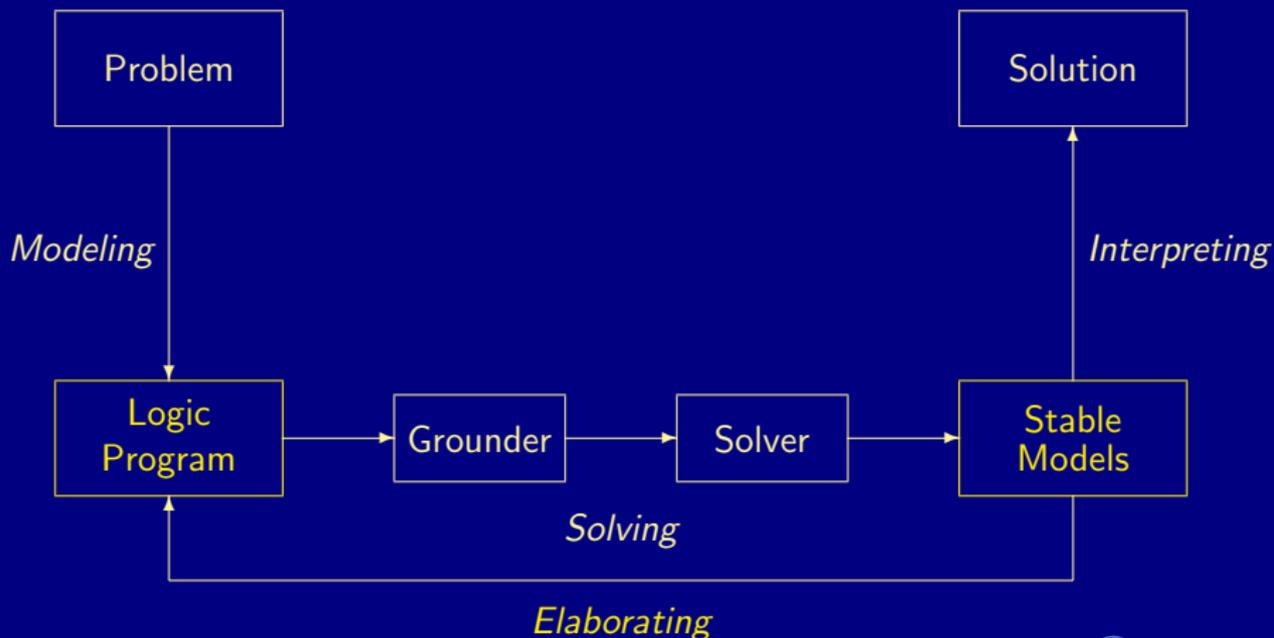
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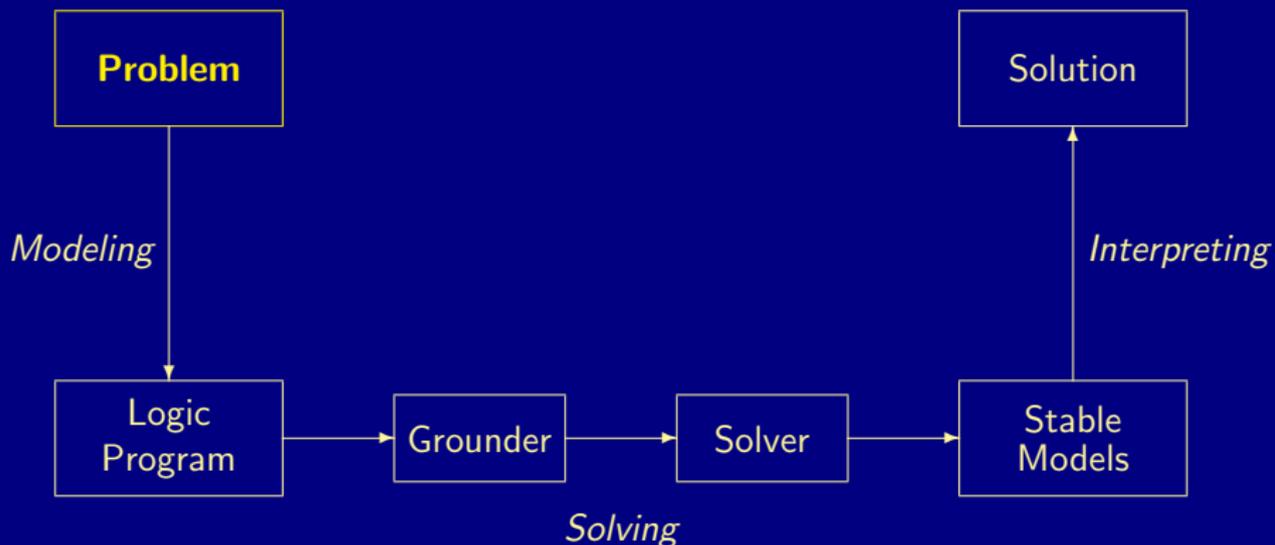
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# A case-study: Graph coloring



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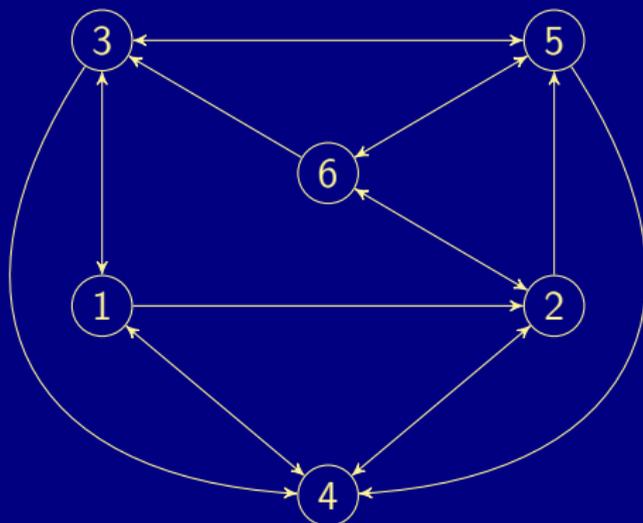
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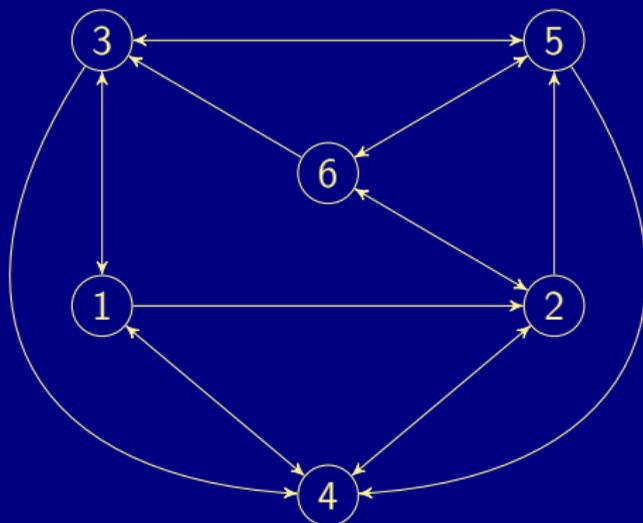
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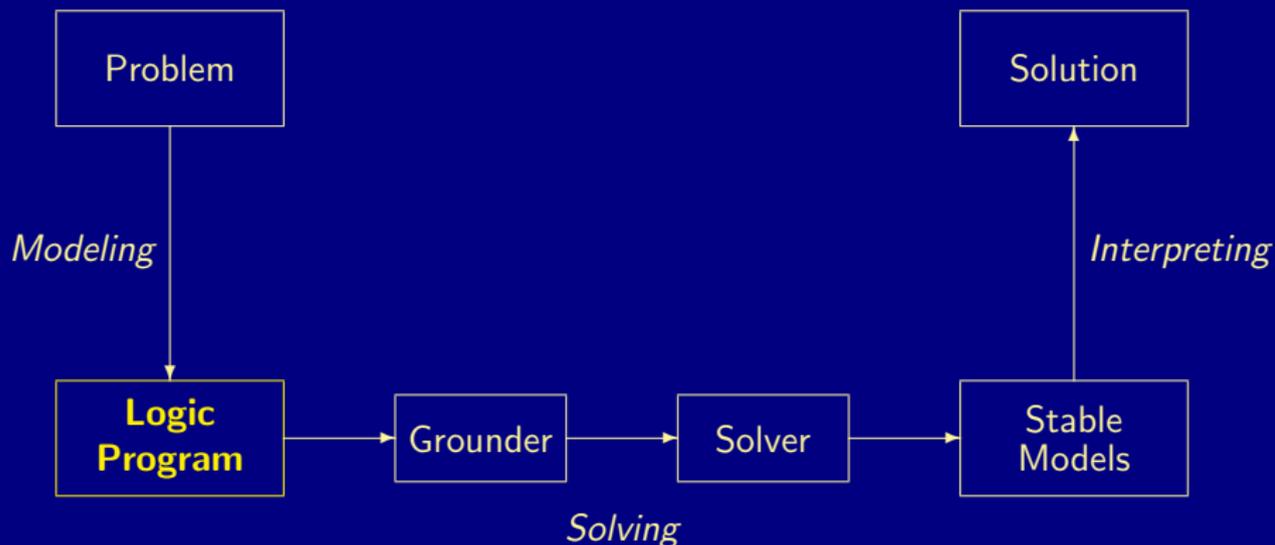
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In other words,

- 1 Each node has one color
- 2 Two connected nodes must not have the same color

## ASP solving process



## Graph coloring

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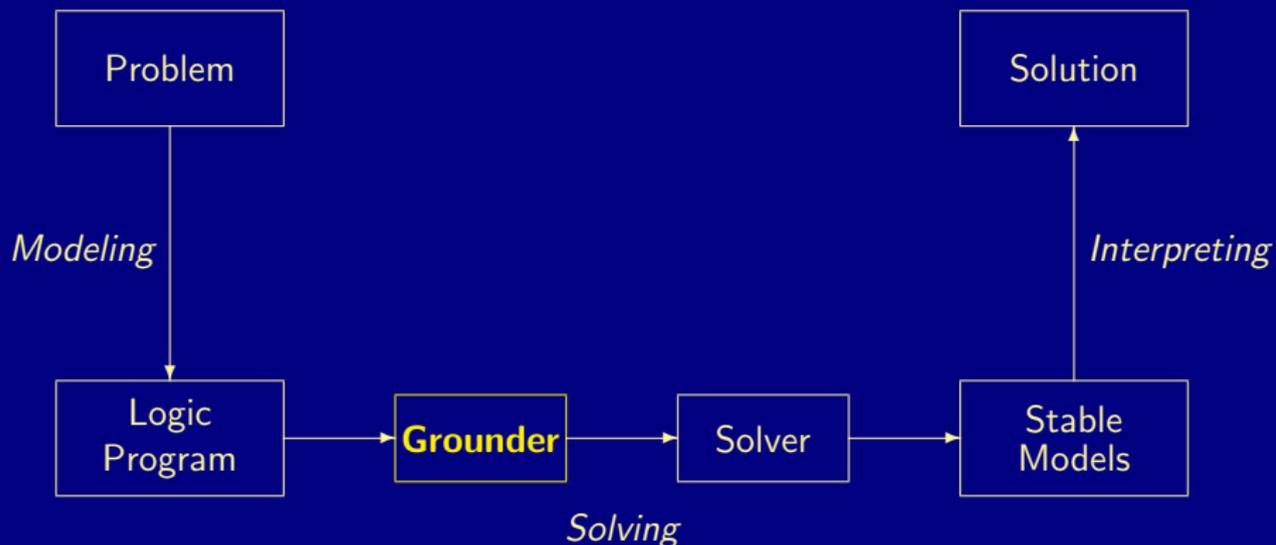
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## ASP solving process



## Graph coloring: Grounding

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$ gringo --text graph.lp color.lp
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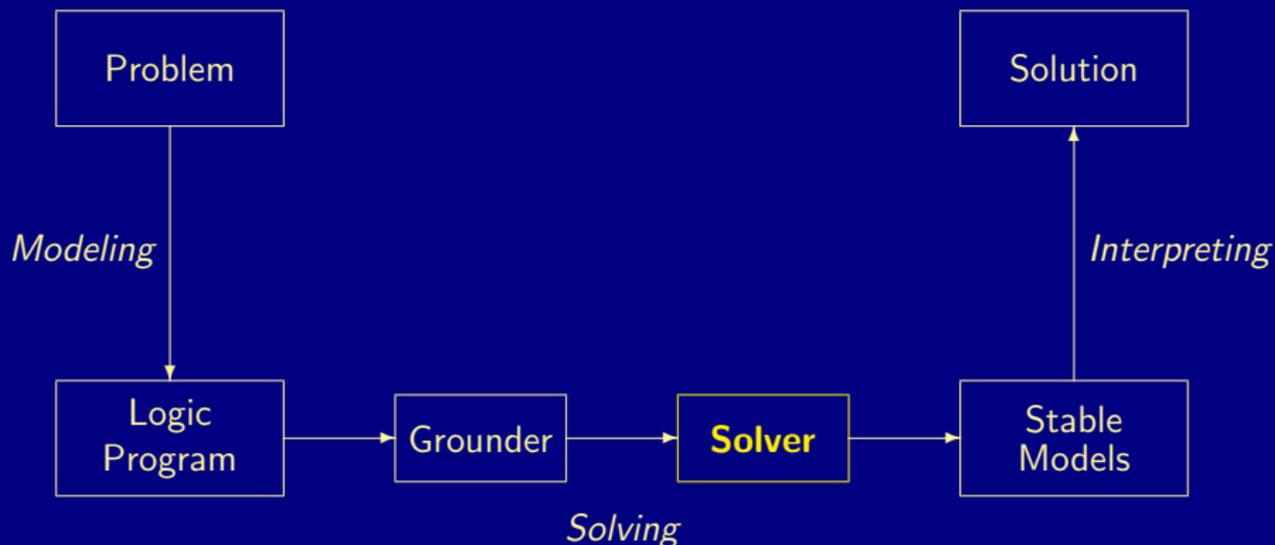
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```

## ASP solving process



## Graph coloring: Solving

```
$ gringo graph.lp color.lp | clasp 0
```

```
clasp version 2.1.0
Reading from stdin
Solving...
Answer: 1
node(1) [...] assign(6,b) assign(5,g) assign(4,b) assign(3,r) assign(2,r) assign(1,g)
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SATISFIABLE

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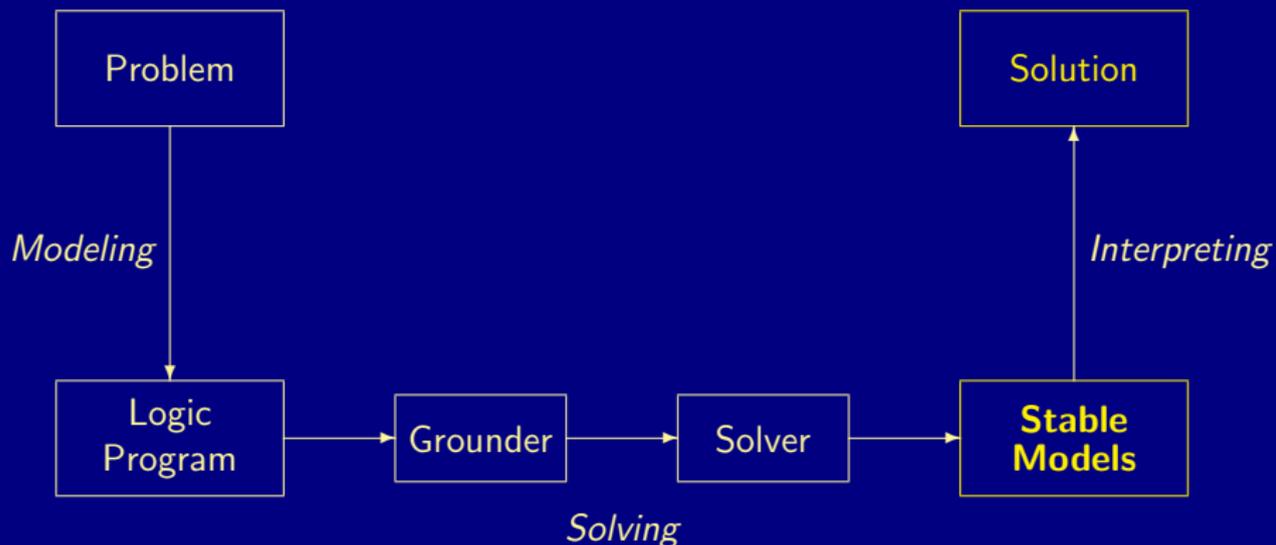
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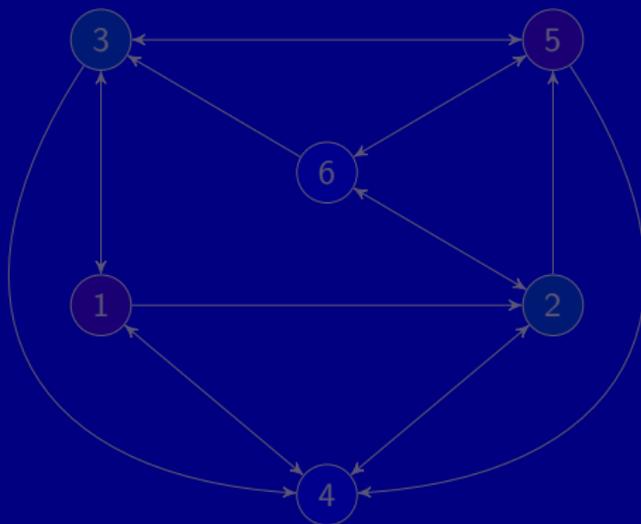
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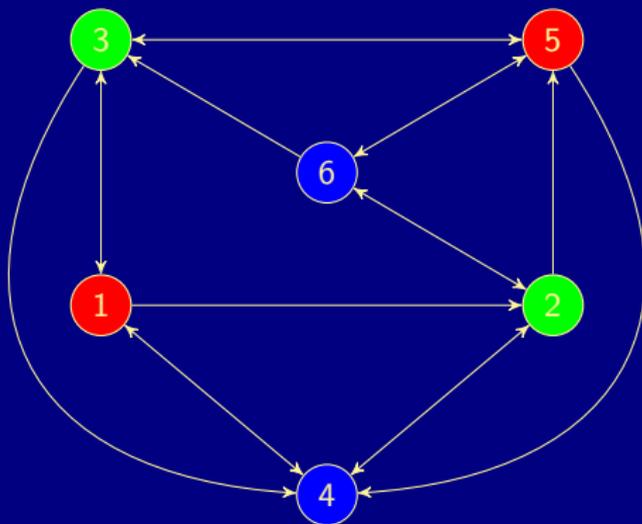


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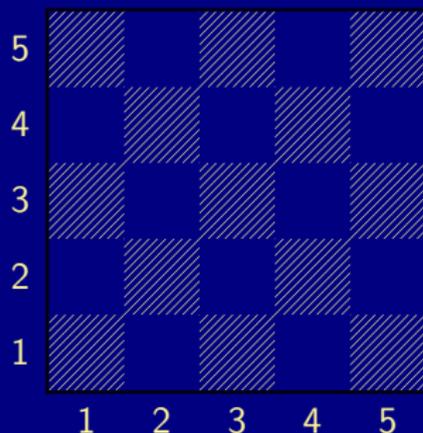
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# The $n$ -Queens Problem



- Place  $n$  queens on an  $n \times n$  chess board
- Queens must not attack one another



## Defining the Field

```
queens.lp
```

```
row(1..n).  
col(1..n).
```

- Create file `queens.lp`
- Define the field
  - $n$  rows
  - $n$  columns

## Defining the Field

Running ...

```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp
```

```
Answer: 1
```

```
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \  
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5)
```

```
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```

```
Models      : 1
```

```
Time        : 0.000
```

## Placing some Queens

```
queens.lp
```

```
row(1..n).
```

```
col(1..n).
```

```
%\alert{\{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) \}.}
```

- Guess a solution candidate  
by placing some queens on the board

# Placing some Queens

Running ...

```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp 3
```

```
Answer: 1
```

```
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
```

```
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5)
```

```
Answer: 2
```

```
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
```

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col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) %\alert{queen(1,
```

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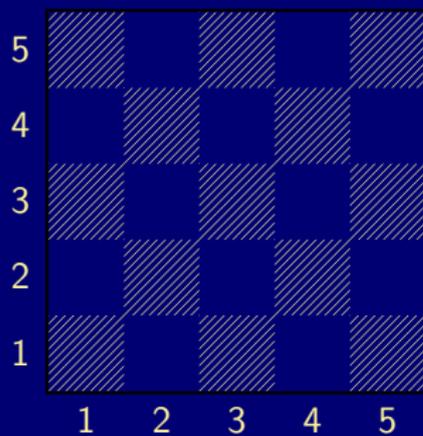
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col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) %\alert{queen(2,
```

```
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```

```
Models      : 3+
```

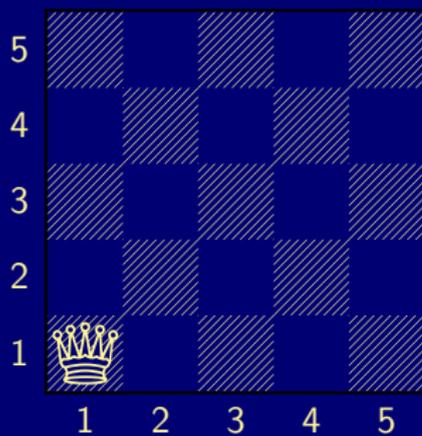
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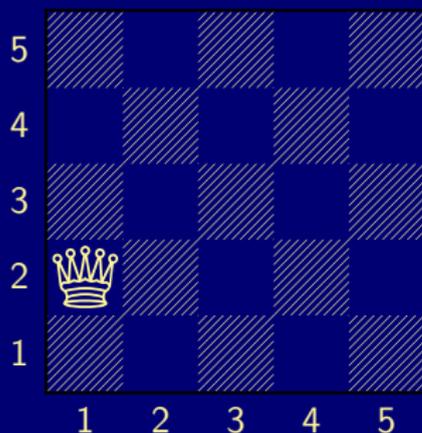
# Placing some Queens: Answer 2

Answer 2



# Placing some Queens: Answer 3

Answer 3



# Placing $n$ Queens

```
queens.lp
```

```
row(1..n).  
col(1..n).  
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.  
%\alert{:-\only<2->{ not } \{ queen(I,J) \} \only<1>
```

- Place exactly  $n$  queens on the board

# Placing $n$ Queens

Running ...

```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp 2
```

```
Answer: 1
```

```
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
```

```
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
```

```
%\alert{queen(5,1) queen(4,1) queen(3,1) queen(2,1)}
```

```
Answer: 2
```

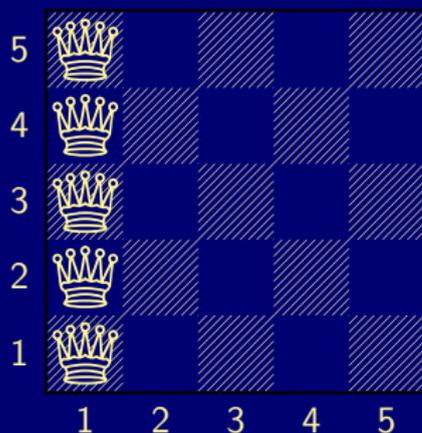
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```
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
```

```
%\alert{queen(1,2) queen(4,1) queen(3,1) queen(2,1)}
```

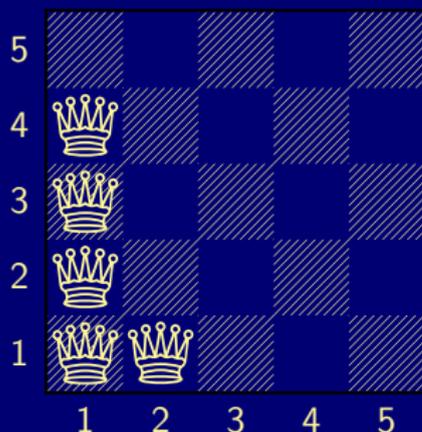
# Placing $n$ Queens: Answer 1

Answer 1



# Placing $n$ Queens: Answer 2

Answer 2



# Horizontal and Vertical Attack

```
queens.lp
```

```
row(1..n).
col(1..n).
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
:- { queen(I,J) } != n.
%\alert<1>{: - queen(I,J), queen(I,J'), J != J'.}%
%\uncover<2>{\alert<2>{: - queen(I,J), queen(I',J),
```

- Forbid horizontal attacks
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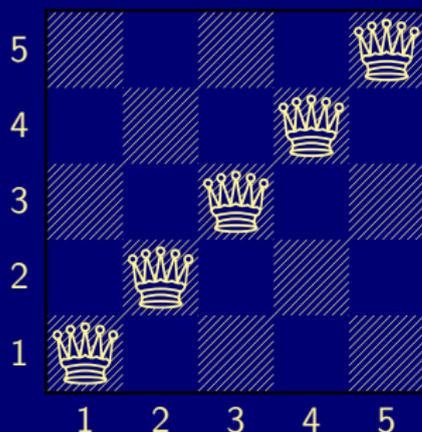
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Running ...

```
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Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
%\alert{queen(5,5) queen(4,4) queen(3,3) queen(2,2)}
```

# Horizontal and Vertical Attack: Answer 1

Answer 1



# Diagonal Attack

```
queens.lp
```

```
row(1..n).  
col(1..n).  
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.  
:- { queen(I,J) } != n.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I,J'), J != J'.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J), I != I'.  
%\alert{- queen(I,J), queen(I',J'), (I,J) != (I',J)}.  
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```

- Forbid diagonal attacks

# Diagonal Attack

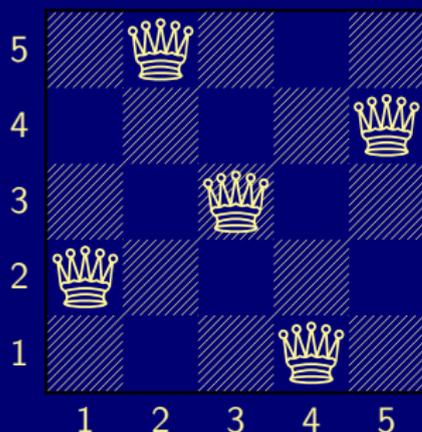
Running ...

```
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Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) \
%\alert{queen(4,5) queen(1,4) queen(3,3) queen(5,2)}
SATISFIABLE
```

```
Models      : 1+
Time        : 0.000
```

# Diagonal Attack: Answer 1

Answer 1



# Optimizing

```
queens-opt.lp
```

```
{ queen(I,1..n) } = 1 :- I = 1..n.  
{ queen(1..n,J) } = 1 :- J = 1..n.  
:- { queen(D-J,J) } > 1, D = 2..2*n.  
:- { queen(D+J,J) } > 1, D = 1-n..n-1.
```

- Encoding can be optimized
- Much faster to solve

# And sometimes it rocks

```
$ clingo -c n=5000 queens-opt-diag.lp --config=jumpy -q --stats=2
```

```
clingo version 4.1.0
Solving...
SATISFIABLE

Models      : 1+
Time        : 3758.143s (Solving: 1905.22s 1st Model: 1896.20s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time    : 3758.320s

Choices     : 288594554
Conflicts   : 3442 (Analyzed: 3442)
Restarts    : 17 (Average: 202.47 Last: 3442)
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Problems    : 1 (Average Length: 0.00 Splits: 0)
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node(1..6).
```

```
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```

```
cost(1,2,2).   cost(1,3,3).   cost(1,4,1).  
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```

```
edge(X,Y) :- cost(X,Y,_).
```

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```
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{ cycle(X,Y) : edge(X,Y) } = 1 :- node(Y).  
  
reached(Y) :- cycle(1,Y).  
reached(Y) :- cycle(X,Y), reached(X).  
  
:- node(Y), not reached(Y).  
  
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$$\mathbb{P}_3 = \left( \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(0) \leftarrow p(3); \\ p(0) \leftarrow \sim p(0) \end{array} \right\}, \{p(1), p(2), p(3)\}, \{p(0)\} \right)$$

$$\mathbb{R}_4(I(\mathbb{P}_3) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_3)) = \left( \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(1) \leftarrow p(4); \quad p(1) \leftarrow \sim p(2), \sim p(3); \\ p(2) \leftarrow p(5); \quad p(2) \leftarrow \sim p(3), \sim p(4) \end{array} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(0), p(4), \\ p(3), p(5) \end{array} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(1), \\ p(2) \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

`prg.ground([("succ", [1]), ("succ", [2])])`

■ Result *clingo* state

$$(\mathbf{R}_4, \mathbb{P}_4, V_4) = (\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbb{P}_3 \sqcup \mathbb{R}_4(I(\mathbb{P}_3) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_3)), V_3)$$

where

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# Example

```

#external p(1;2;3).
p(0) :- p(3).
p(0) :- not p(0).

#program succ(n).
#external p(n+3).
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def main(prg):
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    prg.solve()
>> prg.ground([("succ", [1]), ("succ", [2])])
    prg.solve()
    prg.ground([("succ", [3])])
    prg.solve()

#end.

```

## Example

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    prg.ground([("succ", [1]), ("succ", [2])])
>> prg.solve()
    prg.ground([("succ", [3])])
    prg.solve()
#end.
```

```
prg.solve()
```

- Global *clingo* state  $(\mathbf{R}_4, \mathbb{P}_4, V_4)$
- Input empty assignment
- Result *clingo* state

$$(\mathbf{R}_4, \mathbb{P}_4, V_4) = (\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbb{P}_4, V_3)$$

- Print no stable model of  $\mathbb{P}_4$  wrt  $V_4$

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```

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    prg.solve()
>> prg.ground([("succ", [3])])
    prg.solve()
#end.
```

$$\text{prg.ground}([\text{"succ"}, [3]])$$

- Global *clingo* state  $(\mathbf{R}_4, \mathbb{P}_4, V_4)$ , including atom base  
 $I(\mathbb{P}_4) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_4) = \{p(0), p(1), p(2), p(3), p(4), p(5)\}$
- Input Extensible program  $R(\text{succ})[n/3]$
- Output Module

$$\mathbb{R}_5(I(\mathbb{P}_4) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_4)) = \left( P_5, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(0), p(1), p(2), \\ p(4), p(5), p(6) \end{array} \right\}, \{p(3)\} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } P_5 &= \{p(3) \leftarrow p(6); p(3) \leftarrow \sim p(4), \sim p(5)\} \\ E_5 &= \{p(6)\} \end{aligned}$$

- Result *clingo* state

$$(\mathbf{R}_5, \mathbb{P}_5, V_5) = (\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbb{P}_4 \sqcup \mathbb{R}_5(I(\mathbb{P}_4) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_4)), V_3)$$

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where

$$\mathbf{R}_5 = (R(\text{base}), R(\text{succ}))$$

$$P(\mathbb{P}_5) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(0) \leftarrow p(3); \quad p(1) \leftarrow p(4); \quad p(1) \leftarrow \sim p(2), \sim p(3); \\ p(0) \leftarrow \sim p(0); \quad p(2) \leftarrow p(5); \quad p(2) \leftarrow \sim p(3), \sim p(4); \\ \quad \quad \quad p(3) \leftarrow p(6); \quad p(3) \leftarrow \sim p(4), \sim p(5) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$I(\mathbb{P}_5) = \{p(4), p(5), p(6)\}$$

$$O(\mathbb{P}_5) = \{p(0), p(1), p(2), p(3)\}$$

$$V_5 = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$$

# Example

```
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```

```
#program succ(n).
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```

```
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```

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```

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## simple.lp

```
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    prg.solve()
    prg.ground([("succ", [1]), ("succ", [2])])
    prg.solve()
    prg.ground([("succ", [3])])
    prg.solve()
#end.
```

# Clingo on the run

```
$ clingo simple.lp
clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from simple.lp
Solving...
Answer: 1
p(3) p(0)
Solving...
Solving...
Solving...
Answer: 1
p(3) p(0)
SATISFIABLE

Models      : 2+
Calls       : 4
Time        : 0.019s (Solving: 0.00s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time    : 0.010s
```

## Clingo on the run

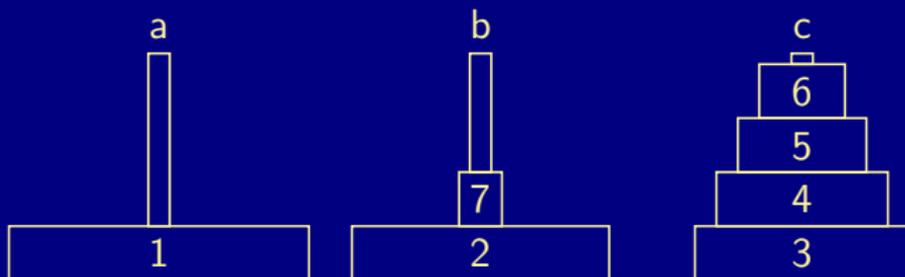
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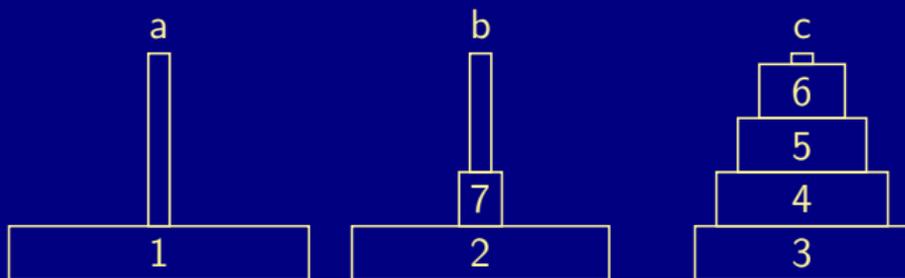
## Towers of Hanoi Instance



```
peg(a;b;c).    disk(1..7).
```

```
    init_on(1,a).    init_on((2;7),b).    init_on((3;4;5;6),c).
goal_on((3;4),a).    goal_on((1;2;5;6;7),c).
```

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```

# Towers of Hanoi Encoding

```
#program base.
```

```
on(D,P,0) :- init_on(D,P).
```

## Towers of Hanoi Encoding

```
#program step(t).
```

```
1 { move(D,P,t) : disk(D), peg(P) } 1.
```

```
moved(D,t) :- move(D,_,t).
```

```
blocked(D,P,t) :- on(D+1,P,t-1), disk(D+1).
```

```
blocked(D,P,t) :- blocked(D+1,P,t), disk(D+1).
```

```
:- move(D,P,t), blocked(D-1,P,t).
```

```
:- moved(D,t), on(D,P,t-1), blocked(D,P,t).
```

```
on(D,P,t) :- on(D,P,t-1), not moved(D,t).
```

```
on(D,P,t) :- move(D,P,t).
```

```
:- not 1 { on(D,P,t) : peg(P) } 1, disk(D).
```

# Towers of Hanoi Encoding

```
#program check(t).
```

```
#external query(t).
```

```
:- goal_on(D,P), not on(D,P,t), query(t).
```

# Incremental Solving (ASP)

```
#script (python)

from clingo import SolveResult, Fun

def main(prg):
    ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
    parts.append(("base", []))
    while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
        parts.append(("step", [step]))
        parts.append(("check", [step]))
        prg.ground(parts)
        prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
        prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
        ret, parts, step = prg.solve(), [], step+1

#end.
```

## Incremental Solving (tohCtrl.lp)

```
#script (python)

from clingo import SolveResult, Fun

def main(prg):
    ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
    parts.append(("base", []))
    while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
        parts.append(("step", [step]))
        parts.append(("check", [step]))
        prg.ground(parts)
        prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
        prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
        ret, parts, step = prg.solve(), [], step+1

#end.
```

## Incremental Solving

```

$ clingo toh.lp tohCtrl.lp
clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from toh.lp ...
Solving...
Solving...
[...]
Solving...
Answer: 1
move(7,a,1)  move(6,b,2)  move(7,b,3)  move(5,a,4)  move(7,c,5)  move(6,a,6)  \
move(7,a,7)  move(4,b,8)  move(7,b,9)  move(6,c,10) move(7,c,11) move(5,b,12) \
move(1,c,13) move(7,a,14) move(6,b,15) move(7,b,16) move(3,a,17) move(7,c,18) \
move(6,a,19) move(7,a,20) move(5,c,21) move(7,b,22) move(6,c,23) move(7,c,24) \
move(4,a,25) move(7,a,26) move(6,b,27) move(7,b,28) move(5,a,29) move(7,c,30) \
move(6,a,31) move(7,a,32) move(2,c,33) move(7,c,34) move(6,b,35) move(7,b,36) \
move(5,c,37) move(7,a,38) move(6,c,39) move(7,c,40)
SATISFIABLE

Models      : 1+
Calls       : 40
Time        : 0.312s (Solving: 0.22s 1st Model: 0.01s Unsat: 0.21s)
CPU Time    : 0.300s

```

## Incremental Solving

```

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clingo version 4.5.0
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Solving...
Solving...
[...]
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move(1,c,13) move(7,a,14) move(6,b,15) move(7,b,16) move(3,a,17) move(7,c,18) \
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move(5,c,37) move(7,a,38) move(6,c,39) move(7,c,40)
SATISFIABLE

```

```

Models      : 1+
Calls       : 40
Time        : 0.312s (Solving: 0.22s 1st Model: 0.01s Unsat: 0.21s)
CPU Time    : 0.300s

```

# Incremental Solving (Python)

```
from sys import stdout
from clingo import SolveResult, Fun, Control

prg = Control()
prg.load("toh.lp")

ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
parts.append(("base", []))
while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
    parts.append(("step", [step]))
    parts.append(("check", [step]))
    prg.ground(parts)
    prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
    prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
    f = lambda m: stdout.write(str(m))
    ret, parts, step = prg.solve(on_model=f), [], step+1
```

## Incremental Solving (tohCtrl.py)

```
from sys import stdout
from clingo import SolveResult, Fun, Control

prg = Control()
prg.load("toh.lp")

ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
parts.append(("base", []))
while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
    parts.append(("step", [step]))
    parts.append(("check", [step]))
    prg.ground(parts)
    prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
    prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
    f = lambda m: stdout.write(str(m))
    ret, parts, step = prg.solve(on_model=f), [], step+1
```

## Incremental Solving (tohCtrl.py)

```
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ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
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```

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    parts.append(("check", [step]))
    prg.ground(parts)
    prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
    prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
    f = lambda m: stdout.write(str(m))
    ret, parts, step = prg.solve(on_model=f), [], step+1
```

## Incremental Solving (tohCtrl.py)

```
from sys import stdout
from clingo import SolveResult, Fun, Control

prg = Control()
prg.load("toh.lp")

ret, parts, step = SolveResult.UNSAT, [], 1
parts.append(("base", []))
while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
    parts.append(("step", [step]))
    parts.append(("check", [step]))
    prg.ground(parts)
    prg.release_external(Fun("query", [step-1]))
    prg.assign_external(Fun("query", [step]), True)
    f = lambda m: stdout.write(str(m))
    ret, parts, step = prg.solve(on_model=f), [], step+1
```

# Incremental Solving (Python)

```
$ python tohCtrl.py
```

```
move(7,c,40) move(7,a,20) move(7,c,18) move(6,a,31) move(6,b,15) move(7,b,36) \  
move(7,c,24) move(7,c,11) move(3,a,17) move(6,a,19) move(7,b,3) move(7,c,5) \  
move(7,a,1) move(6,b,35) move(6,c,10) move(6,a,6) move(6,b,2) move(7,b,9) \  
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move(6,c,39) move(6,c,23) move(5,b,12) move(4,a,25) move(1,c,13) move(5,a,4) \  
move(7,a,14) move(7,a,26) move(6,b,27) move(7,a,32) move(7,b,28) move(7,c,30) \  
move(2,c,33) move(5,c,21) move(7,c,34) move(5,c,37)
```

# Incremental Solving (Python)

```
$ python tohCtrl.py
```

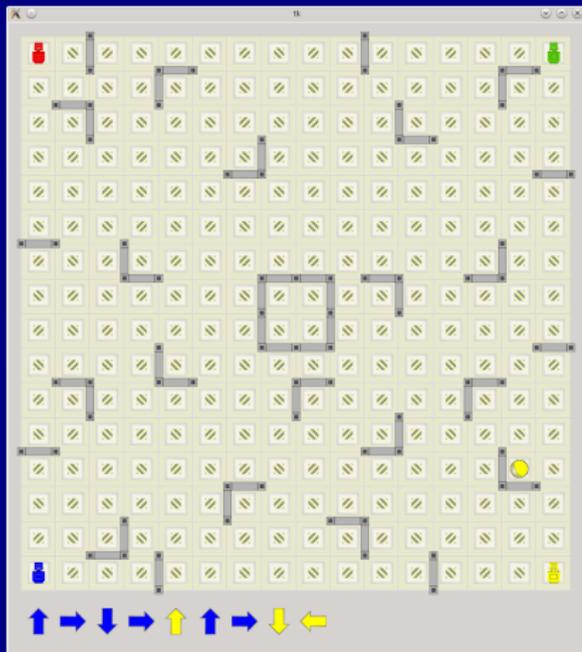
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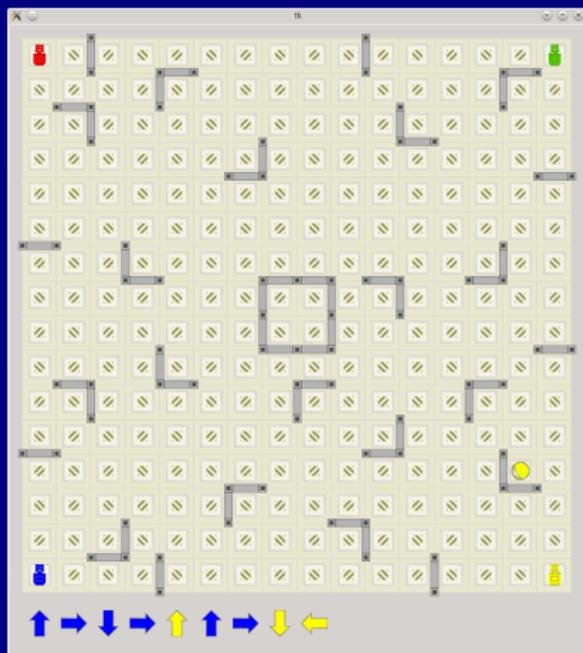
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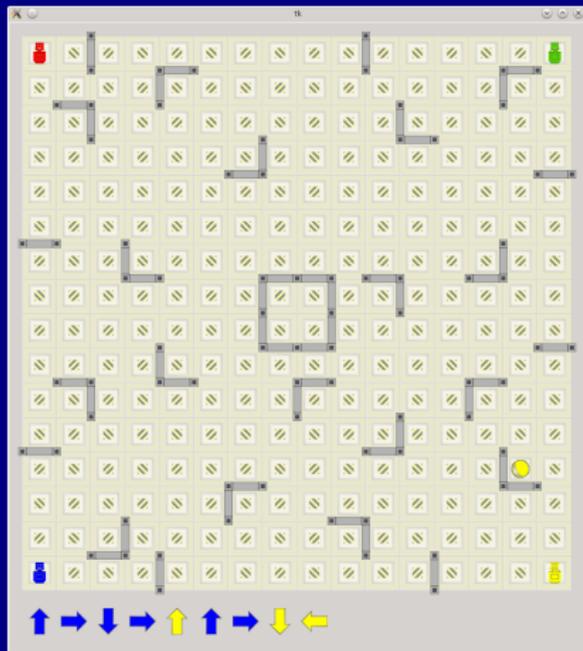
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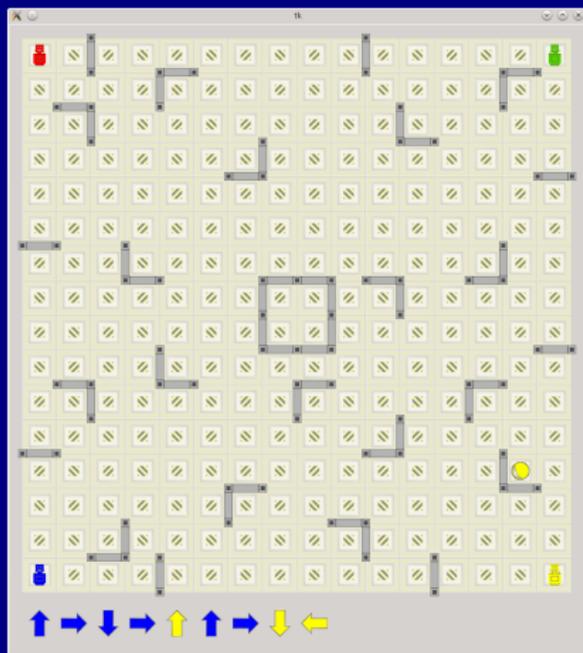
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## board.lp

```
dim(1..16).
```

```

barrier( 2, 1, 1, 0).  barrier(13,11, 1, 0).  barrier( 9, 7, 0, 1).
barrier(10, 1, 1, 0).  barrier(11,12, 1, 0).  barrier(11, 7, 0, 1).
barrier( 4, 2, 1, 0).  barrier(14,13, 1, 0).  barrier(14, 7, 0, 1).
barrier(14, 2, 1, 0).  barrier( 6,14, 1, 0).  barrier(16, 9, 0, 1).
barrier( 2, 3, 1, 0).  barrier( 3,15, 1, 0).  barrier( 2,10, 0, 1).
barrier(11, 3, 1, 0).  barrier(10,15, 1, 0).  barrier( 5,10, 0, 1).
barrier( 7, 4, 1, 0).  barrier( 4,16, 1, 0).  barrier( 8,10, 0,-1).
barrier( 3, 7, 1, 0).  barrier(12,16, 1, 0).  barrier( 9,10, 0,-1).
barrier(14, 7, 1, 0).  barrier( 5, 1, 0, 1).  barrier( 9,10, 0, 1).
barrier( 7, 8, 1, 0).  barrier(15, 1, 0, 1).  barrier(14,10, 0, 1).
barrier(10, 8,-1, 0).  barrier( 2, 2, 0, 1).  barrier( 1,12, 0, 1).
barrier(11, 8, 1, 0).  barrier(12, 3, 0, 1).  barrier(11,12, 0, 1).
barrier( 7, 9, 1, 0).  barrier( 7, 4, 0, 1).  barrier( 7,13, 0, 1).
barrier(10, 9,-1, 0).  barrier(16, 4, 0, 1).  barrier(15,13, 0, 1).
barrier( 4,10, 1, 0).  barrier( 1, 6, 0, 1).  barrier(10,14, 0, 1).
barrier( 2,11, 1, 0).  barrier( 4, 7, 0, 1).  barrier( 3,15, 0, 1).
barrier( 8,11, 1, 0).  barrier( 8, 7, 0, 1).

```

## targets.lp

```
#external goal(1..16).

target(red,    5, 2) :- goal(1).
target(red,   15, 2) :- goal(2).
target(green,  2, 3) :- goal(3).
target(blue,  12, 3) :- goal(4).
target(yellow, 7, 4) :- goal(5).
target(blue,   4, 7) :- goal(6).
target(green, 14, 7) :- goal(7).
target(yellow,11, 8) :- goal(8).
target(yellow, 5,10) :- goal(9).
target(green,  2,11) :- goal(10).
target(red,   14,11) :- goal(11).
target(green, 11,12) :- goal(12).
target(yellow,15,13) :- goal(13).
target(blue,   7,14) :- goal(14).
target(red,    3,15) :- goal(15).
target(blue,  10,15) :- goal(16).

robot(red;green;blue;yellow).
#external pos((red;green;blue;yellow),1..16,1..16).
```

## ricochet.lp

```

time(1..horizon).
dir(-1,0;1,0;0,-1;0,1).

stop( DX, DY,X,  Y  ) :- barrier(X,Y,DX,DY).
stop(-DX,-DY,X+DX,Y+DY) :- stop(DX,DY,X,Y).

pos(R,X,Y,0) :- pos(R,X,Y).

1 { move(R,DX,DY,T) : robot(R), dir(DX,DY) } 1 :- time(T).
move(R,T) :- move(R,_,_,T).

halt(DX,DY,X-DX,Y-DY,T) :- pos(_,X,Y,T), dir(DX,DY), dim(X-DX), dim(Y-DY),
                             not stop(-DX,-DY,X,Y), T < horizon.

goto(R,DX,DY,X,Y,T) :- pos(R,X,Y,T), dir(DX,DY), T < horizon.
goto(R,DX,DY,X+DX,Y+DY,T) :- goto(R,DX,DY,X,Y,T), dim(X+DX), dim(Y+DY),
                             not stop(DX,DY,X,Y), not halt(DX,DY,X,Y,T).

pos(R,X,Y,T) :- move(R,DX,DY,T), goto(R,DX,DY,X,Y,T-1),
                not goto(R,DX,DY,X+DX,Y+DY,T-1).
pos(R,X,Y,T) :- pos(R,X,Y,T-1), time(T), not move(R,T).

:- target(R,X,Y), not pos(R,X,Y,horizon).

#show move/4.

```

# Solving goal(13) from cornered robots

```
$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp -c horizon=9 \
  <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(yellow,16,16). goal(13).")
```

```
clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
Answer: 1
move(red,0,1,1)   move(red,1,0,2) move(red,0,1,3)   move(red,-1,0,4) move(red,0,1,5) \
move(yellow,0,-1,6) move(red,1,0,7) move(yellow,0,1,8) move(yellow,-1,0,9)
SATISFIABLE
```

```
Models      : 1+
Calls       : 1
Time        : 1.895s (Solving: 1.45s 1st Model: 1.45s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time    : 1.880s
```

```
$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp -c horizon=8 \
  <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(yellow,16,16). goal(13).")
```

```
clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
UNSATISFIABLE
```

```
Models      : 0
Calls       : 1
Time        : 2.817s (Solving: 2.41s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 2.41s)
CPU Time    : 2.800s
```

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$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp -c horizon=9 \  
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```

```
clingo version 4.5.0
```

```
Reading from board.lp ...
```

```
Solving...
```

```
Answer: 1
```

```
move(red,0,1,1)    move(red,1,0,2) move(red,0,1,3)    move(red,-1,0,4) move(red,0,1,5) \  
move(yellow,0,-1,6) move(red,1,0,7) move(yellow,0,1,8) move(yellow,-1,0,9)
```

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```

```
Reading from board.lp ...
```

```
Solving...
```

```
Answer: 1
```

```
move(red,0,1,1)    move(red,1,0,2) move(red,0,1,3)    move(red,-1,0,4) move(red,0,1,5) \
move(yellow,0,-1,6) move(red,1,0,7) move(yellow,0,1,8) move(yellow,-1,0,9)
```

```
SATISFIABLE
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```

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```
Reading from board.lp ...
```

```
Solving...
```

```
UNSATISFIABLE
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```
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```

```
Reading from board.lp ...
```

```
Solving...
```

```
Answer: 1
```

```
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```

```
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```

## optimization.lp

```
goon(T) :- target(R,X,Y), T = 0..horizon, not pos(R,X,Y,T).  
:- move(R,DX,DY,T-1), time(T), not goon(T-1), not move(R,DX,DY,T).  
#minimize{ 1,T : goon(T) }.
```

## Solving goal(13) from cornered robots

```

$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp optimization.lp -c horizon=20 --quiet=1,0 \
  <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(yellow,16,16). goal(13).")
clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
Optimization: 20
Optimization: 19
Optimization: 18
Optimization: 17
Optimization: 16
Optimization: 15
Optimization: 14
Optimization: 13
Optimization: 12
Optimization: 11
Optimization: 10
Optimization: 9
Answer: 12
move(blue,0,-1,1)  move(blue,1,0,2)  move(yellow,0,-1,3)  move(blue,0,1,4)  move(yellow,-1,0,5) \
move(blue,1,0,6)  move(blue,0,-1,7)  move(yellow,1,0,8)  move(yellow,0,1,9)  move(yellow,0,1,10) \
move(yellow,0,1,11)  move(yellow,0,1,12)  move(yellow,0,1,13)  move(yellow,0,1,14)  move(yellow,0,1,15) \
move(yellow,0,1,16)  move(yellow,0,1,17)  move(yellow,0,1,18)  move(yellow,0,1,19)  move(yellow,0,1,20)
OPTIMUM FOUND

Models      : 12
  Optimum   : yes
Optimization : 9
Calls       : 1
Time        : 16.145s (Solving: 15.01s 1st Model: 3.35s Unsat: 2.02s)
CPU Time    : 16.080s

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Answer: 12
move(blue,0,-1,1)  move(blue,1,0,2)  move(yellow,0,-1,3)  move(blue,0,1,4)  move(yellow,-1,0,5) \
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## Playing in rounds

Round 1: goal(13)



Round 2: goal(4)



# Control loop

- 1 Create an operational *clingo* object
- 2 Load and ground the logic programs encoding Ricochet Robot (relative to some fixed horizon) within the control object
- 3 While there is a goal, do the following
  - 1 Enforce the initial robot positions
  - 2 Enforce the current goal
  - 3 Solve the logic program contained in the control object

# Ricochet Robot Player

## ricochet.py

```

from gringo import Control, Model, Fun

class Player:
    def __init__(self, horizon, positions, files):
        self.last_positions = positions
        self.last_solution = None
        self.undo_external = []
        self.horizon = horizon
        self.ctl = Control(['-c', 'horizon={0}'.format(self.horizon)])
        for x in files:
            self.ctl.load(x)
            self.ctl.ground(["base", []])

    def solve(self, goal):
        for x in self.undo_external:
            self.ctl.assign_external(x, False)
        self.undo_external = []
        for x in self.last_positions + [goal]:
            self.ctl.assign_external(x, True)
            self.undo_external.append(x)
        self.last_solution = None
        self.ctl.solve(on_model=self.on_model)
        return self.last_solution

    def on_model(self, model):
        self.last_solution = model.atoms()
        self.last_positions = []
        for atom in model.atoms(Model.ATOMS):
            if (atom.name() == "pos" and len(atom.args()) == 4 and atom.args()[3] == self.horizon):
                self.last_positions.append(Fun("pos", atom.args()[::-1]))

horizon = 15
encodings = ["board.lp", "targets.lp", "ricochet.lp", "optimization.lp"]
positions = [Fun("pos", [Fun("red"), 1, 1]), Fun("pos", [Fun("blue"), 1, 16]),
             Fun("pos", [Fun("green"), 16, 1]), Fun("pos", [Fun("yellow"), 16, 16])]
sequence = [Fun("goal", [13]), Fun("goal", [4]), Fun("goal", [7])]

player = Player(horizon, positions, encodings)
for goal in sequence:
    print player.solve(goal)

```

## Variables of interest

- `last_positions` holds the starting positions of the robots for each turn
- `last_solution` holds the last solution of a search call  
(Note that callbacks cannot return values directly)
- `undo_external` holds a list containing the current goal and starting positions to be cleared upon the next step
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# Ricochet Robot Player

## Setup and control loop

```

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        self.ctl = Control(['-c', 'horizon={0}'.format(self.horizon)])
        for x in files:
            self.ctl.load(x)
            self.ctl.ground(["base", []])

    def solve(self, goal):
        for x in self.undo_external:
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        self.undo_external = []
        for x in self.last_positions + [goal]:
            self.ctl.assign_external(x, True)
            self.undo_external.append(x)
        self.last_solution = None
        self.ctl.solve(on_model=self.on_model)
        return self.last_solution

    def on_model(self, model):
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## Ricochet Robot Player

\_\_init\_\_

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## ricochet.py

```

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player = Player(horizon, positions, encodings)
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## Let's play!

```
$ python ricochet.py
```

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 move(yellow,-1,0,13), move(yellow,-1,0,15), move(red,-1,0,4), move(yellow,0,-1,6),  
 move(red,0,1,3), move(red,0,1,5), move(yellow,0,1,8)]  
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 move(green,1,0,6), move(green,1,0,14), move(green,0,1,1)]
```

```
$ python robotviz
```

## Let's play!

```
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```

```
[move(red,0,1,1), move(yellow,-1,0,14), move(yellow,-1,0,12), move(yellow,-1,0,11),  
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```
$ python robotviz
```

## Let's play!

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```
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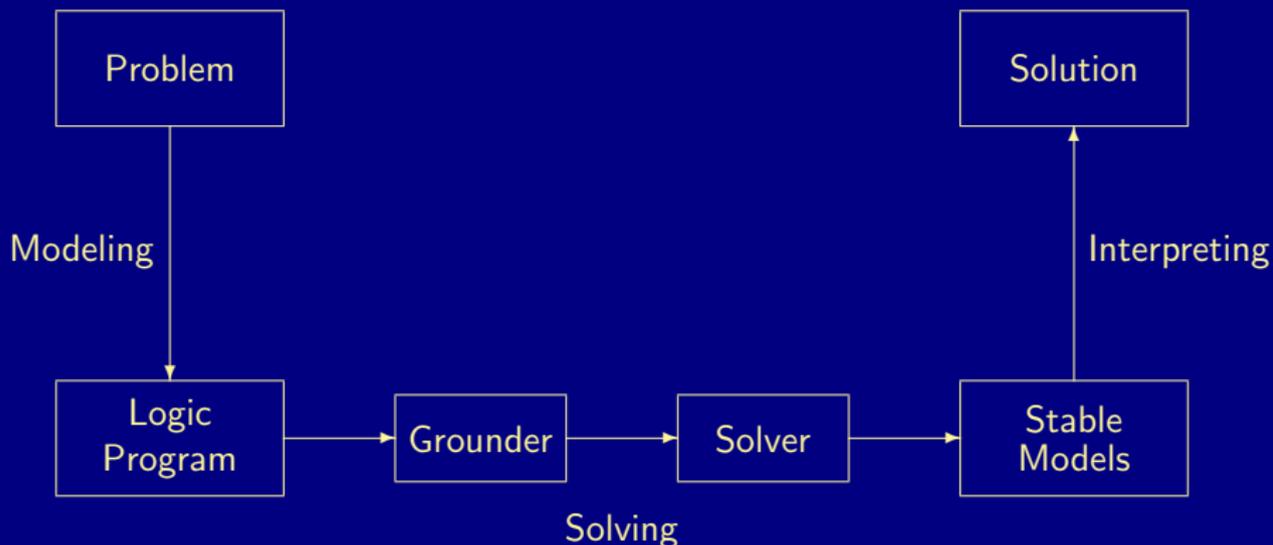
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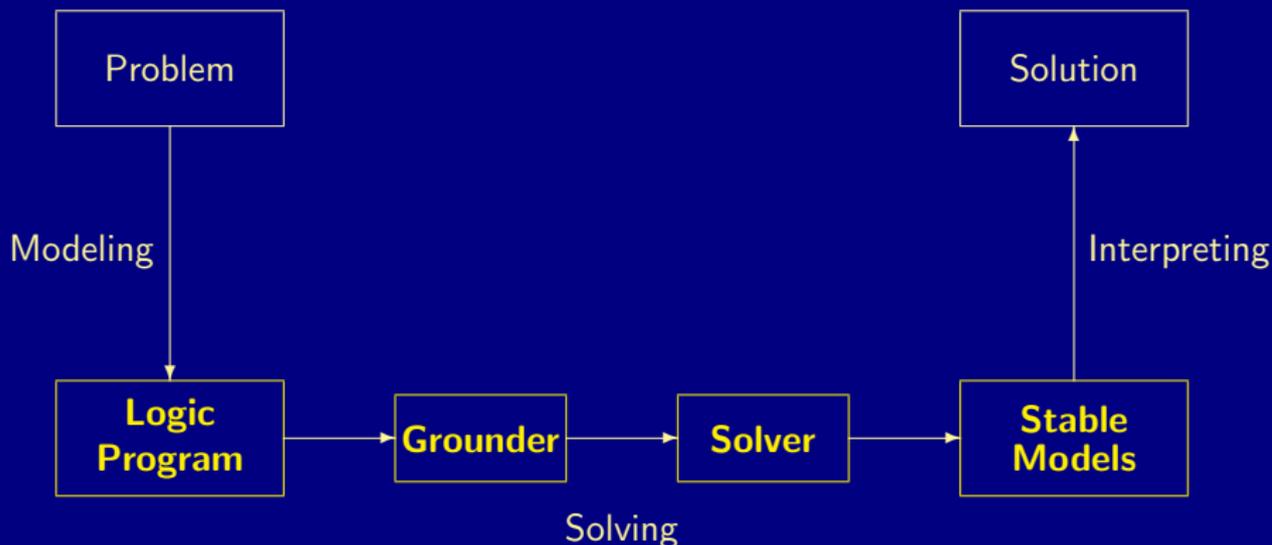
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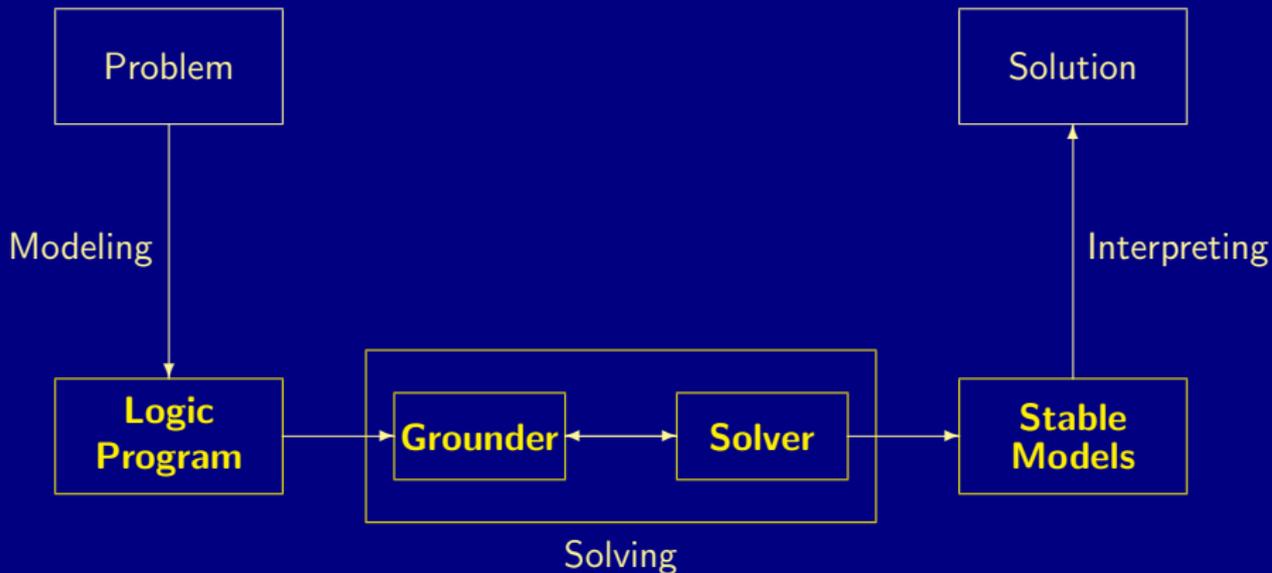
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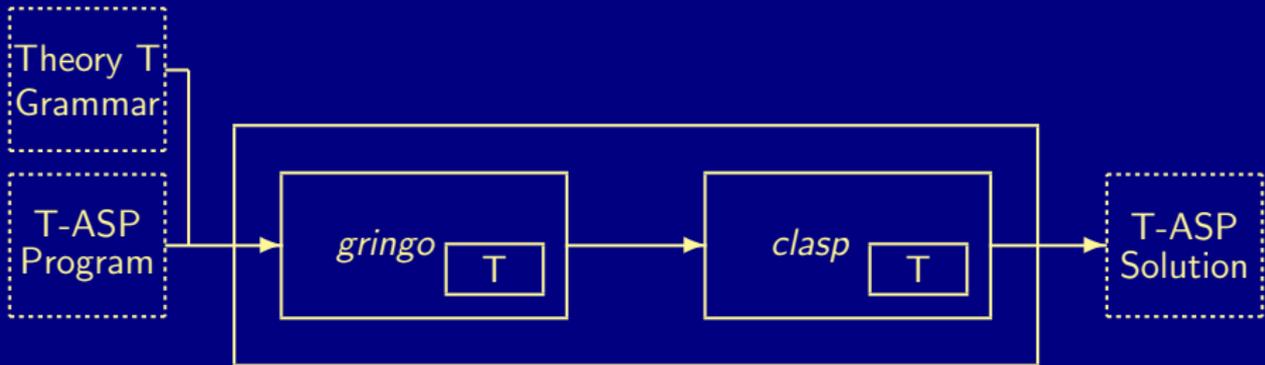
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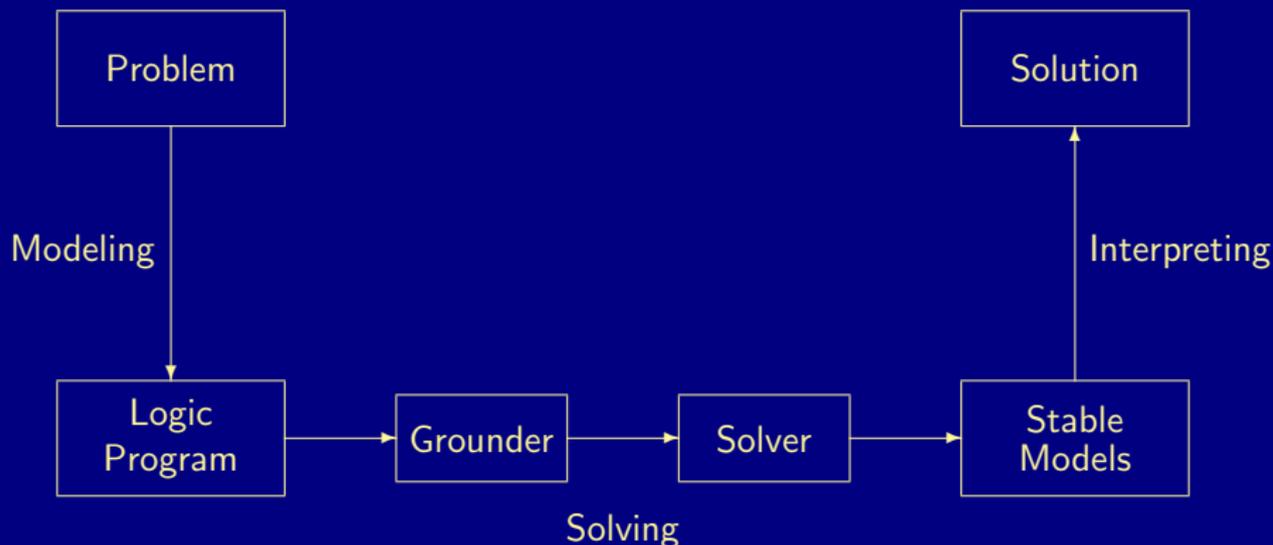


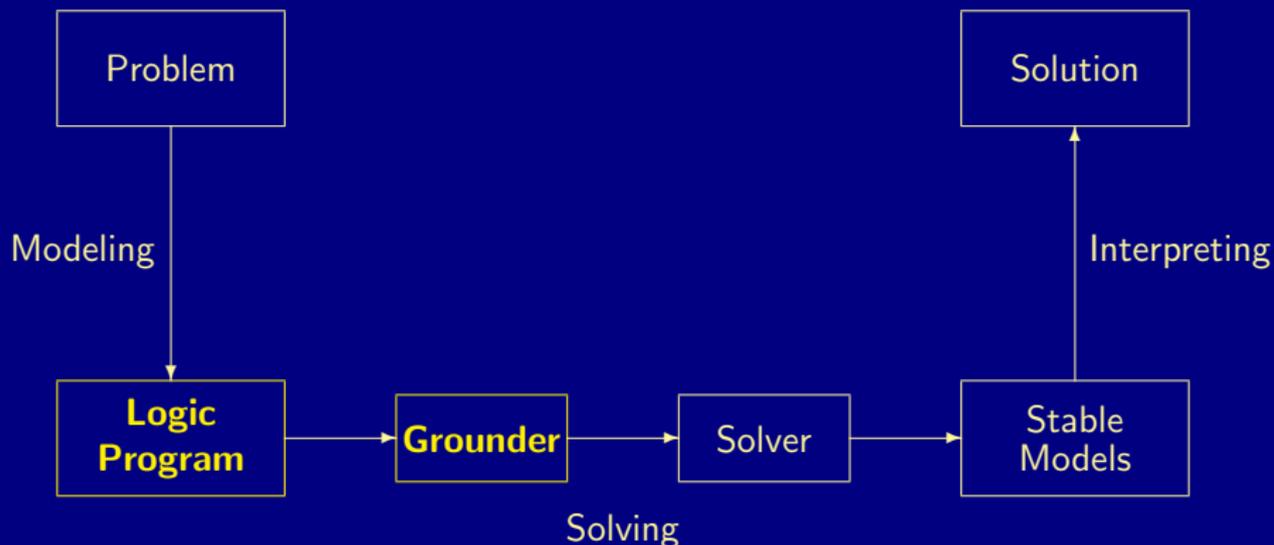
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## Linear constraints

```

#theory csp {
  linear_term {
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    - : 5, unary;
    * : 4, binary, left;
    + : 3, binary, left;
    - : 3, binary, left
  };

  dom_term {
    + : 5, unary;
    - : 5, unary;
    .. : 1, binary, left
  };

  show_term {
    / : 1, binary, left
  };

  minimize_term {
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    * : 4, binary, left;
    + : 3, binary, left;
    - : 3, binary, left;
    @ : 0, binary, left
  };

  &dom/0 : dom_term, {=}, linear_term, any;
  &sum/0 : linear_term, {<=,=,>=,<,>,!}, linear_term, any;
  &show/0 : show_term, directive;
  &distinct/0 : linear_term, any;
  &minimize/0 : minimize_term, directive
}.

```

# send + more = money

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 + & m & o & r & e \\
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      -M*D : digit(sum,E,D),  power(M,E)          } = 0.

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```

```
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```
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```

```
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```

```

&sum{ 1000*s;   100*e;   10*n;   1*d;
      1000*m;   100*o;   10*r;   1*e;
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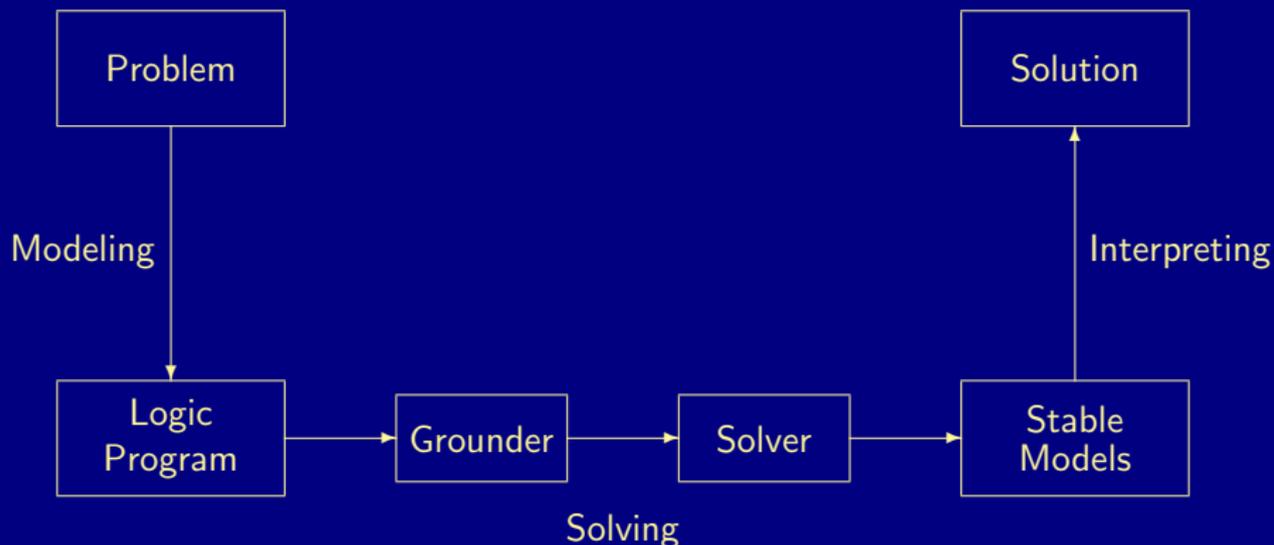
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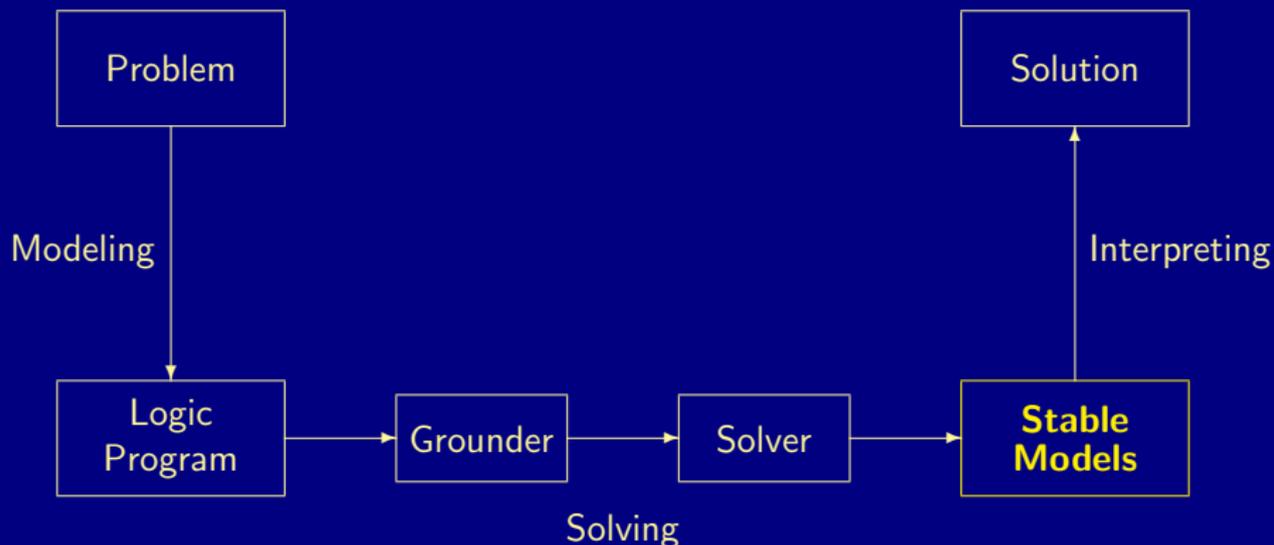
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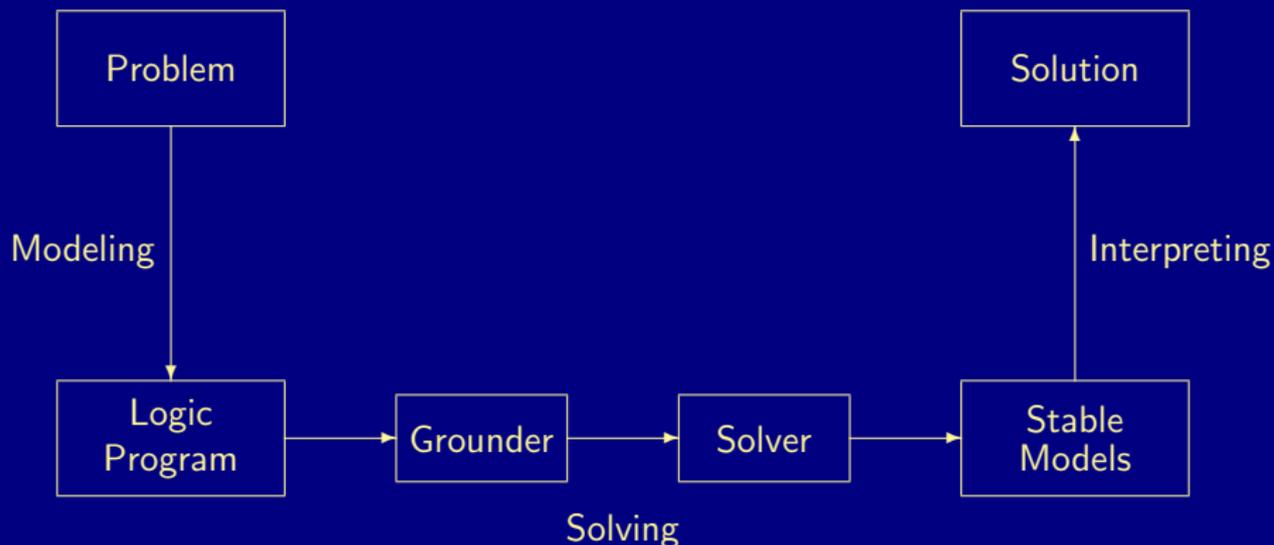
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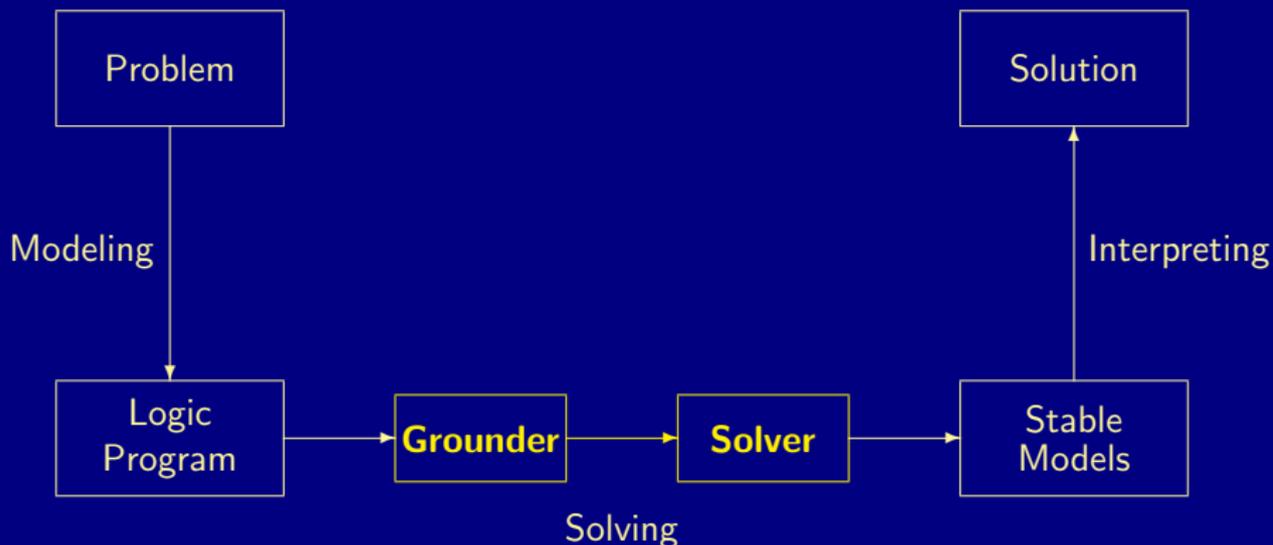
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- Projection statements
- Output statements
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- Assumption statements
- Heuristic statements
- **Edge statements**
- **Theory terms and atoms**
- Comments

*aspif* theory example

```

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task(2).

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duration(2,400).

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&diff{end(1)-beg(1)}<=200.
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&show{ beg/1; end/1 }.

```

```

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1 0 1 2 0 0
1 0 1 3 0 0
1 0 1 4 0 0
1 0 1 5 0 0
1 0 1 6 0 0
4 7 task(1) 0
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4 15 duration(1,200) 0
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9 0 1 200
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Only 6 (theory) atoms!

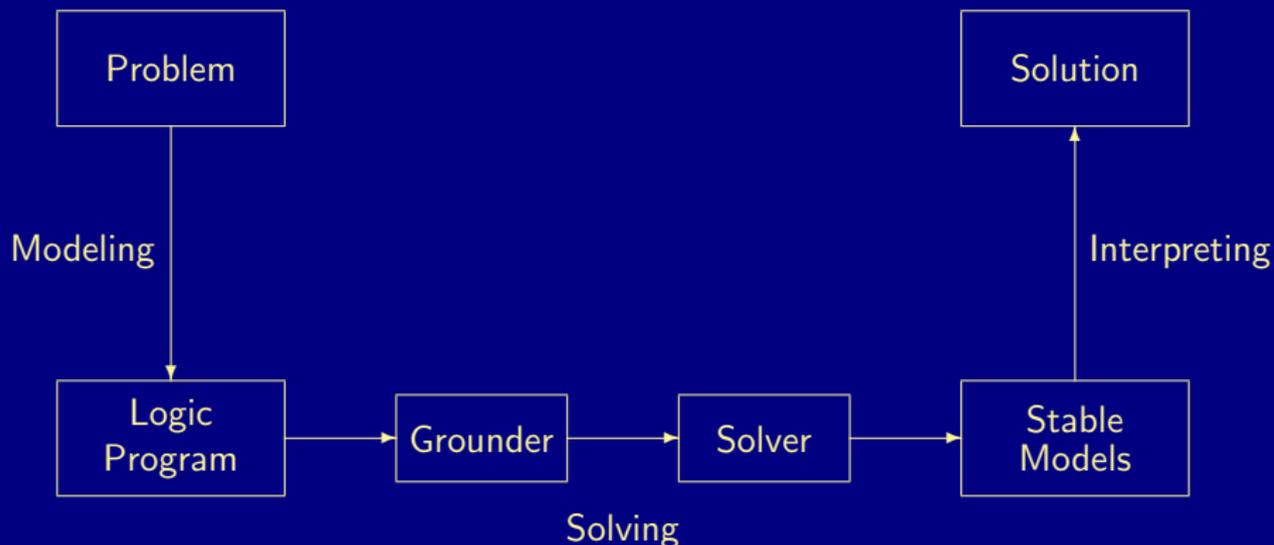
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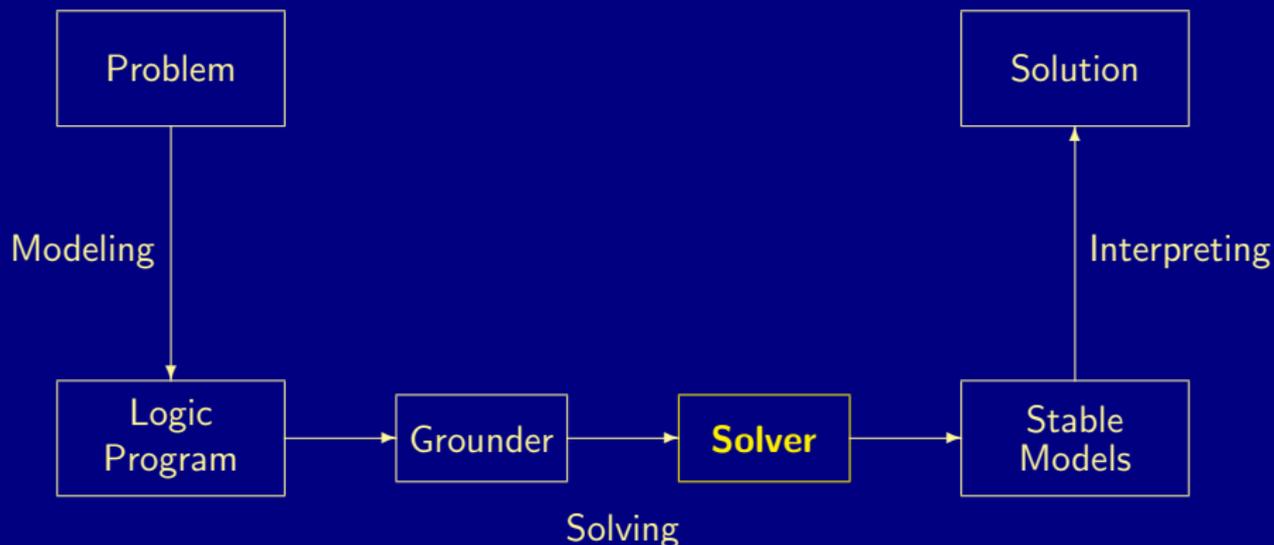
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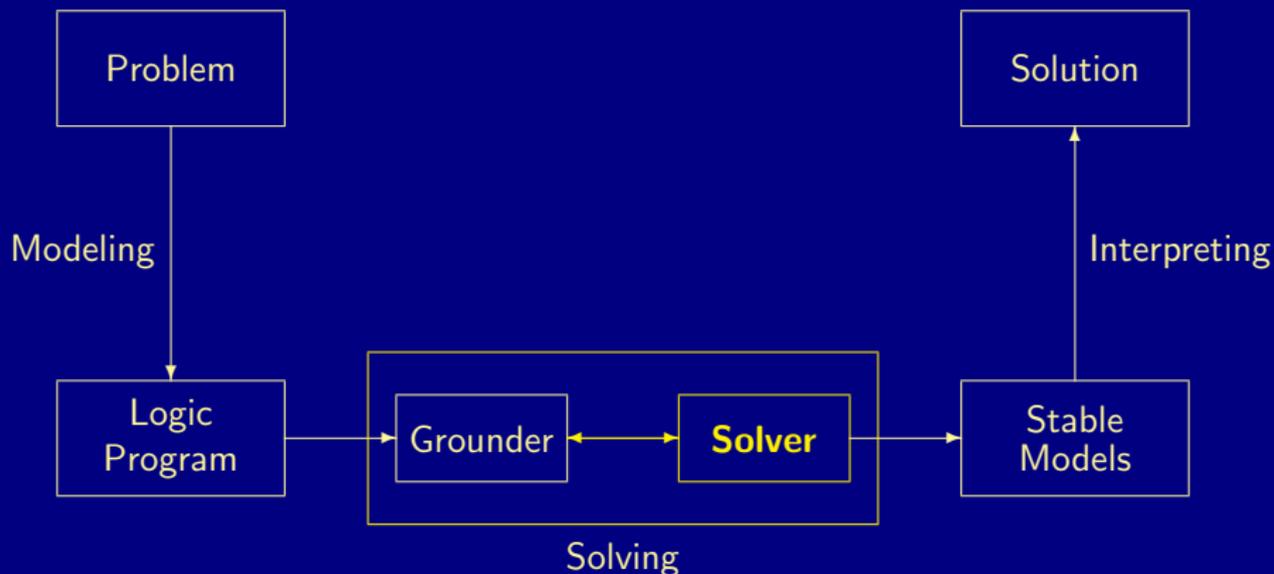
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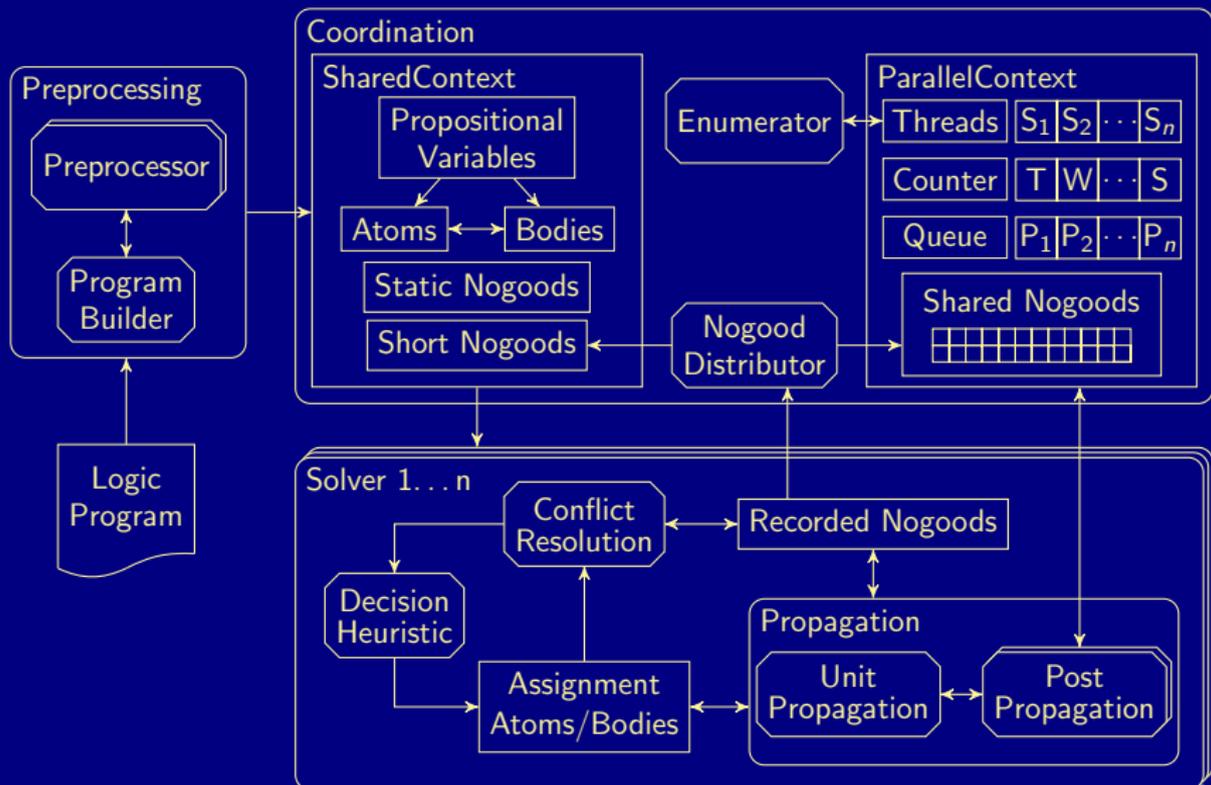
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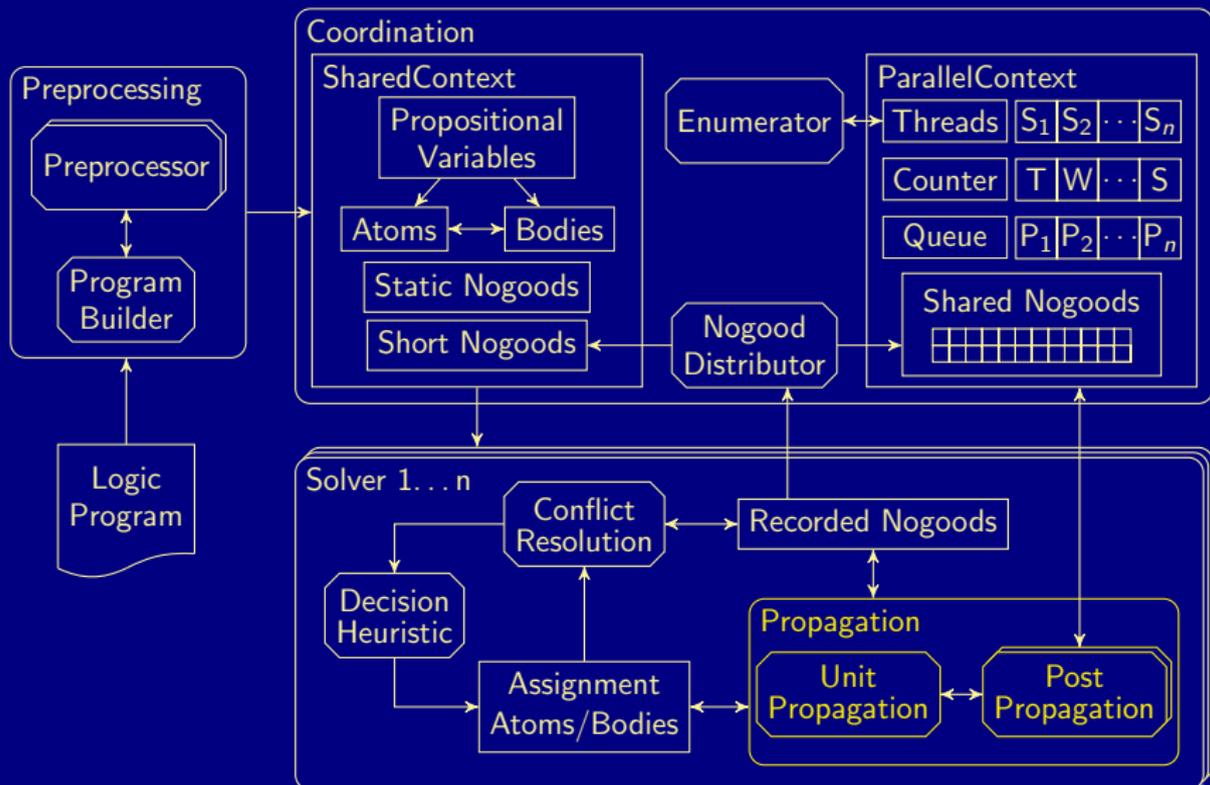
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# Conflict-driven constraint learning modulo theories

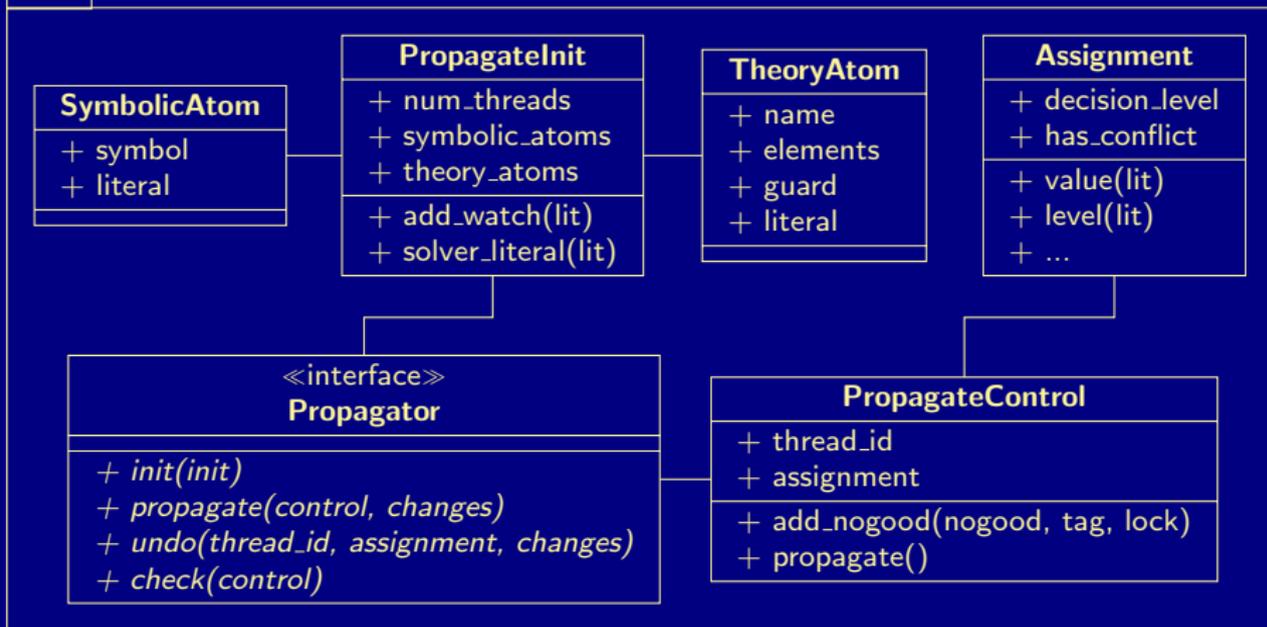
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(I) initialize // register theory propagators and initialize watches
    loop
        propagate completion, loop, and recorded nogoods // deterministically assign literals
        if no conflict then
            if all variables assigned then
                (C) if some  $\delta \in \Delta_T$  is violated for  $T \in \mathbb{T}$  then record  $\delta$  // theory propagator's check
                    else return variable assignment //  $\mathbb{T}$ -stable model found
                else
                    (P) propagate theories  $T \in \mathbb{T}$  // theory propagators may record theory nogoods
                        if no nogood recorded then decide // non-deterministically assign some literal
                    else
                        if top-level conflict then return unsatisfiable
                        else
                            (U) analyze // resolve conflict and record a conflict constraint
                                backjump // undo assignments until conflict constraint is unit

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## Propagator interface

clingo



# The *dot* propagator

```
#script (python)

import sys
import time

class Propagator:
    def init(self, init):
        self.sleep = .1
        for atom in init.symbolic_atoms:
            init.add_watch(init.solver_literal(atom.literal))

    def propagate(self, ctl, changes):
        for l in changes:
            sys.stdout.write(".")
            sys.stdout.flush()
            time.sleep(self.sleep)
        return True

    def undo(self, solver_id, assign, undo):
        for l in undo:
            sys.stdout.write("\b \b")
            sys.stdout.flush()
            time.sleep(self.sleep)

def main(prg):
    prg.register_propagator(Propagator())
    prg.ground(["base", []])
    prg.solve()
    sys.stdout.write("\n")

#end.
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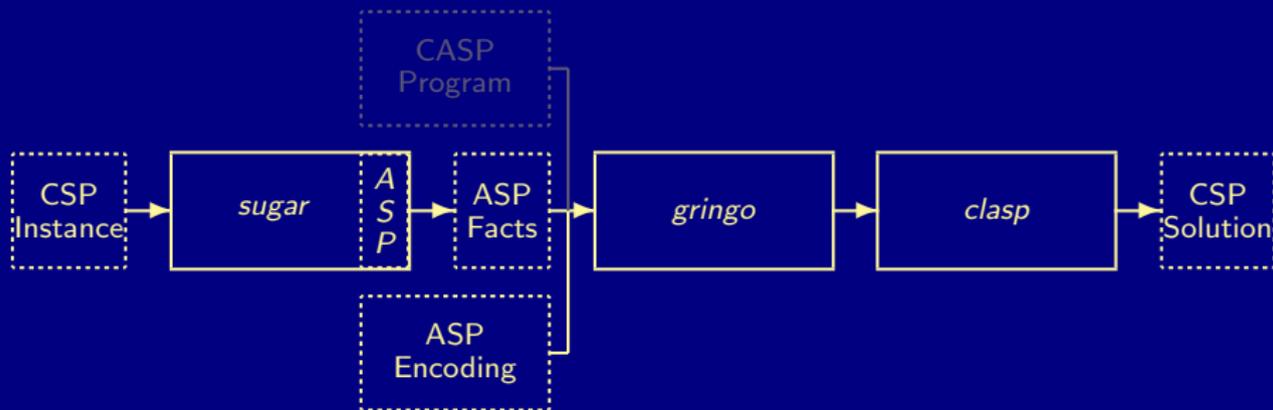
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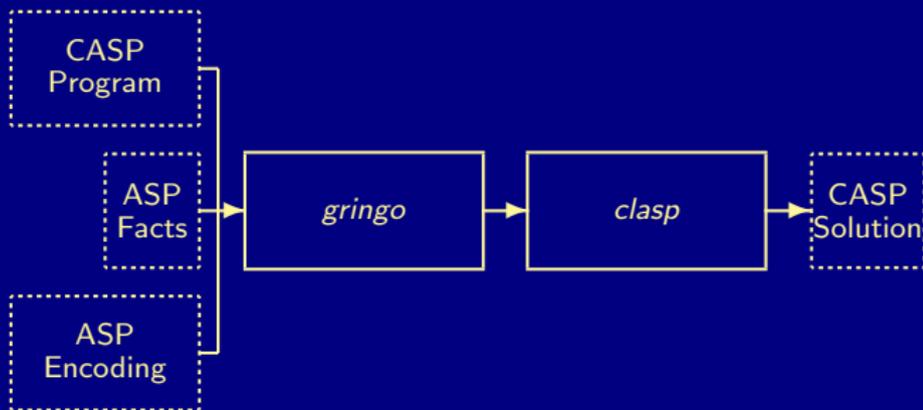
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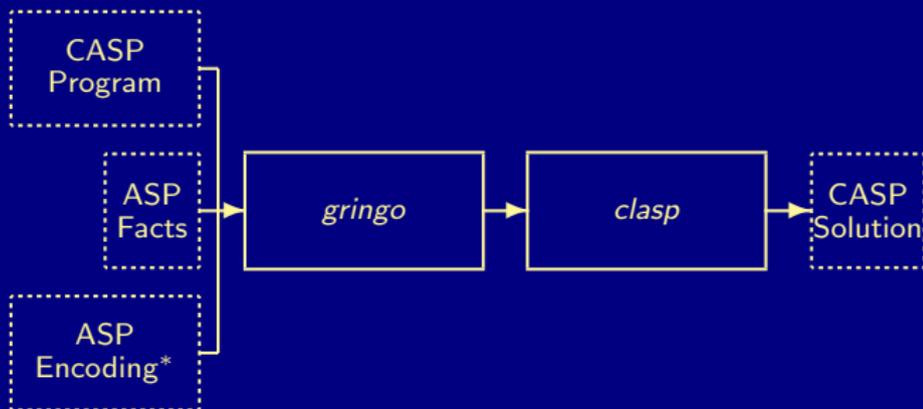
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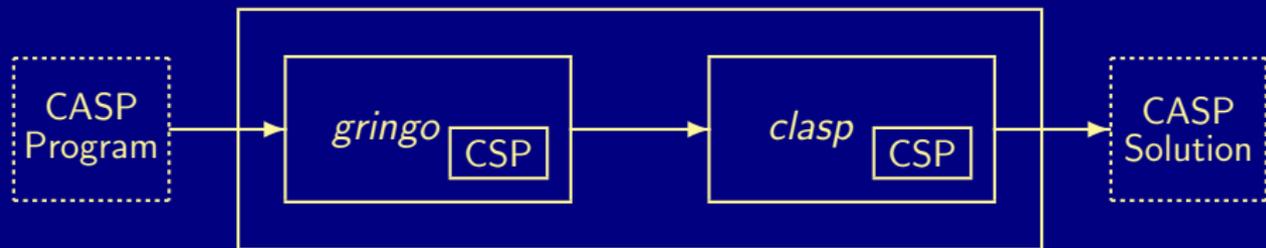


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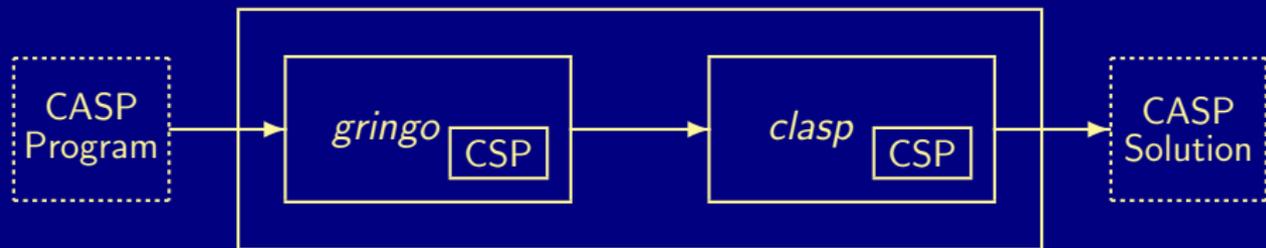
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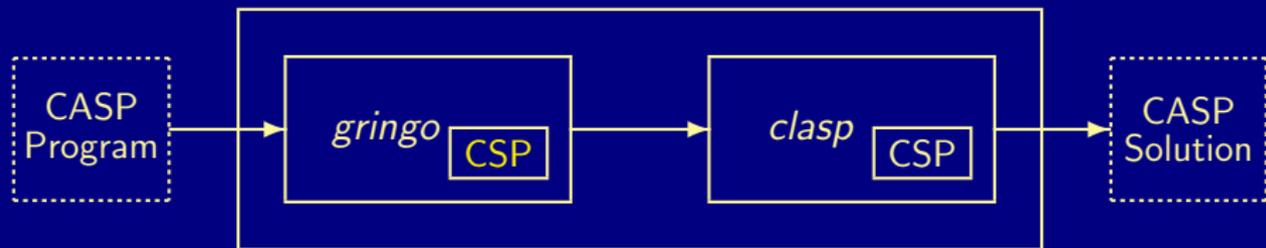
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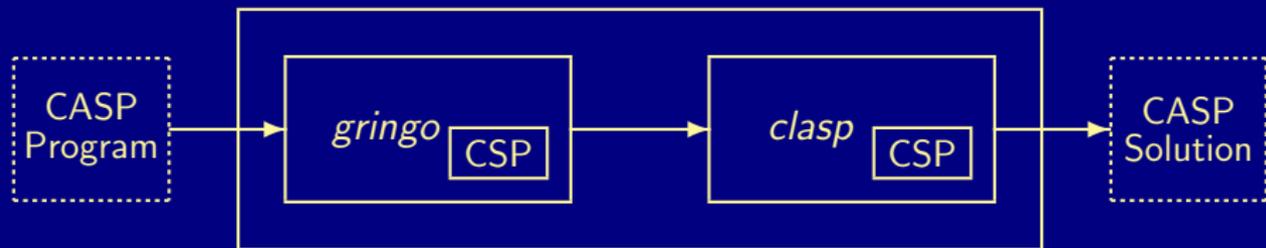
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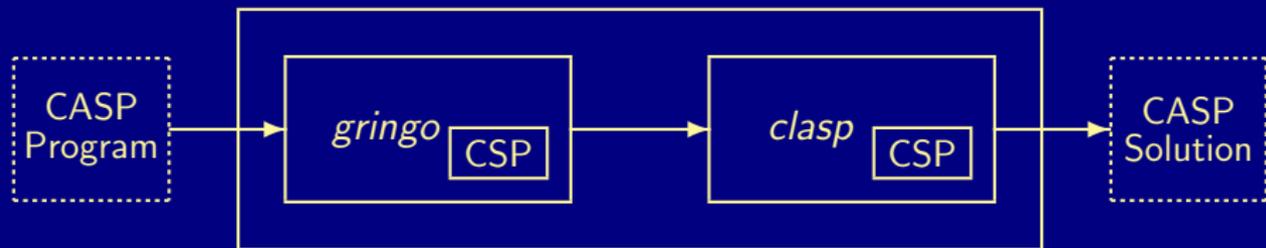
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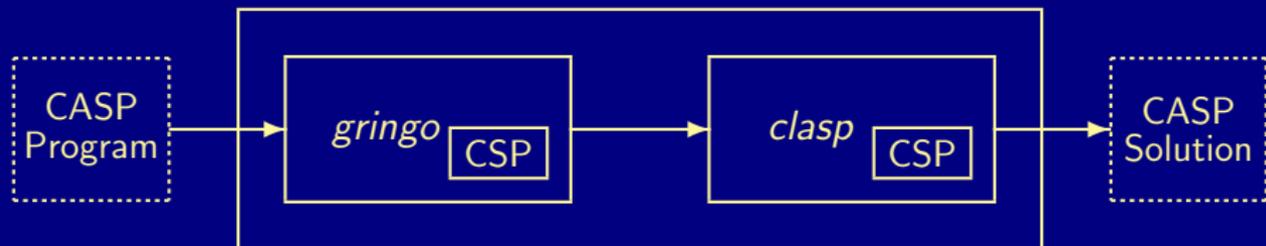
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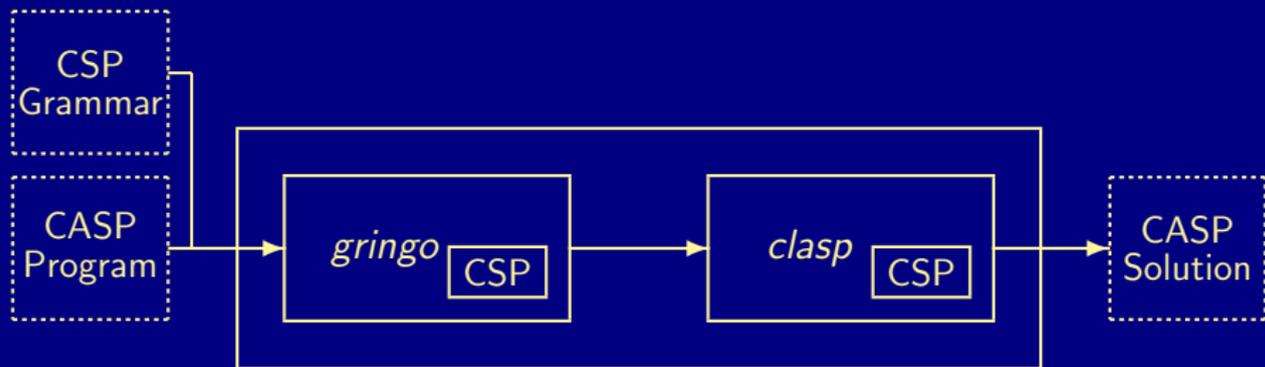
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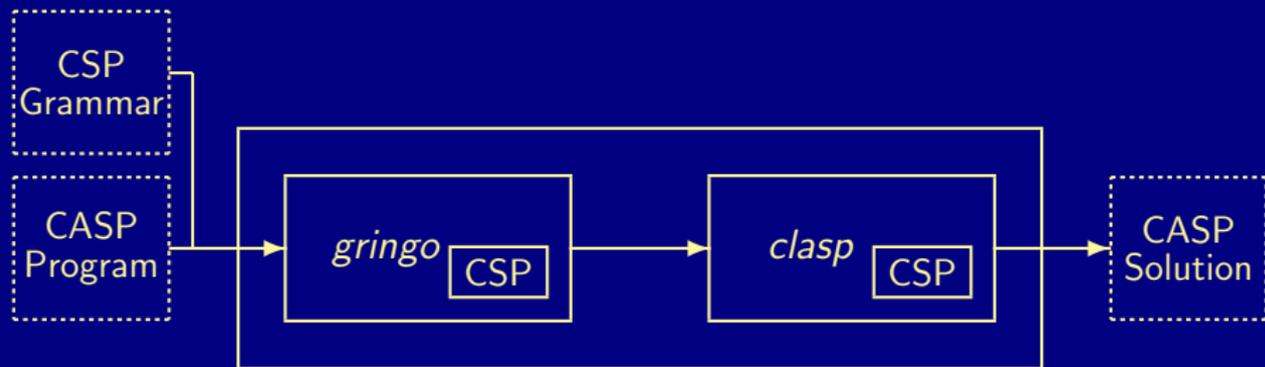
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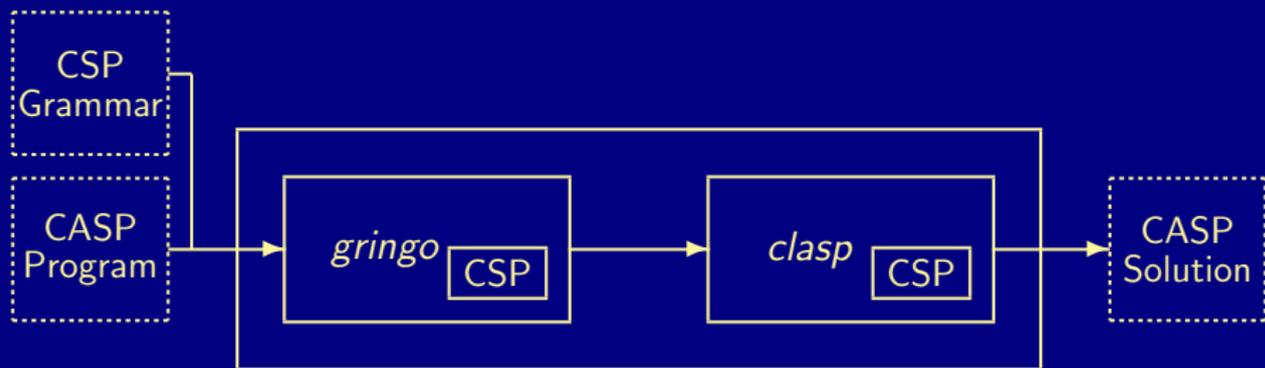
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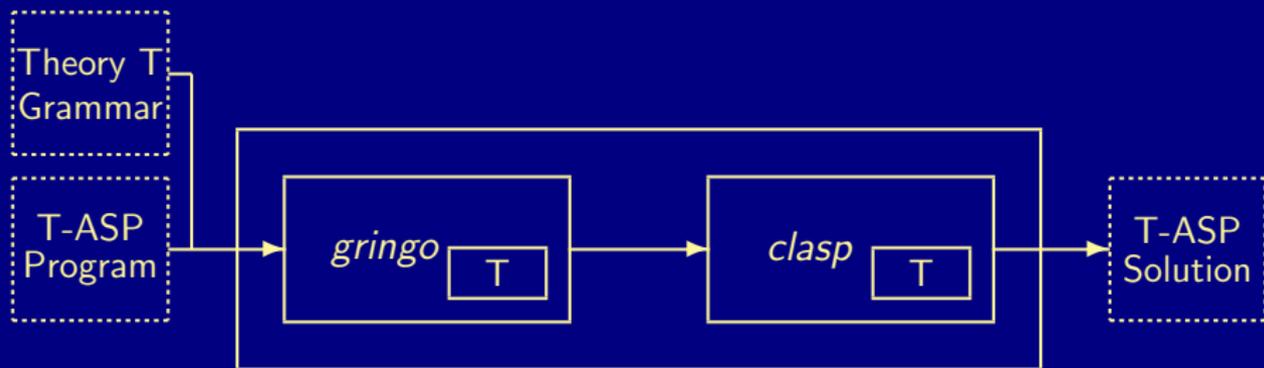
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#preference(temps, aso){dive > sauna || hot, sauna > dive || ¬hot}
#preference(all, pareto){name(costs), name(fun), name(temps)}
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# Basic algorithm $solveOpt(P, s)$

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**repeat**

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# Example

in *asprin*'s input language

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}.
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