

# Towards Embedded Answer Set Solving

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# Rough Roadmap

- 1 09:00-10:30 Motivation, Introduction, Basic modeling
- 2 10:45-11:45 Multi-shot solving and its applications

# Resources

## ■ Course material

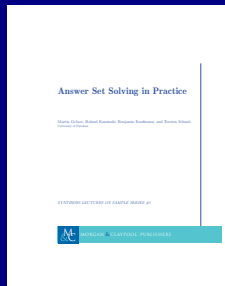
- <http://potassco.sourceforge.net>

## ■ Systems

- *clasp* <http://potassco.sourceforge.net>
- *clingo* <http://potassco.sourceforge.net>
- *dlv* <http://www.dlvsystem.com>
- *smodels* <http://www.tcs.hut.fi/Software/smodels>
- *wasp* <https://www.mat.unical.it/ricca/wasp>
- *gringo* <http://potassco.sourceforge.net>
- *lpase* <http://www.tcs.hut.fi/Software/smodels>
- *asparagus* <http://asparagus.cs.uni-potsdam.de>

# The Potassco Book

1. Motivation
2. Introduction
3. Basic modeling
4. Grounding
5. Characterizations
6. Solving
7. Systems
8. Advanced modeling
9. Conclusions



## Resources

- <http://potassco.sourceforge.net/book.html>
- <http://potassco.sourceforge.net/teaching.html>

# Literature

Books [4], [31], [55]

Surveys [52], [2], [41], [23], [11]

Articles [43], [44], [6], [63], [56], [51], [42], etc.

# Motivation: Overview

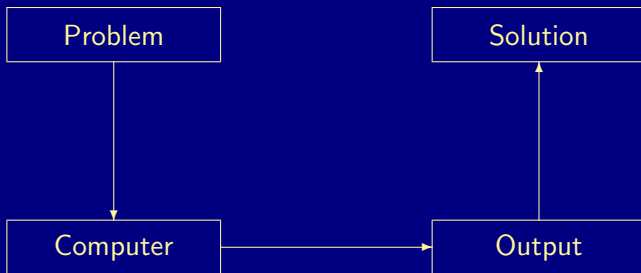
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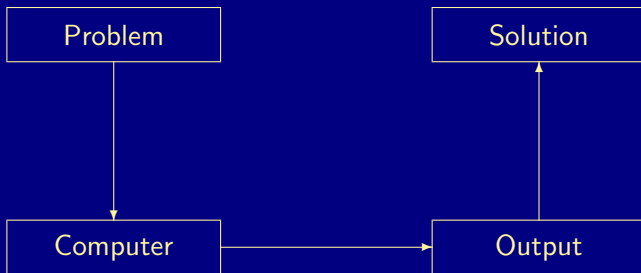
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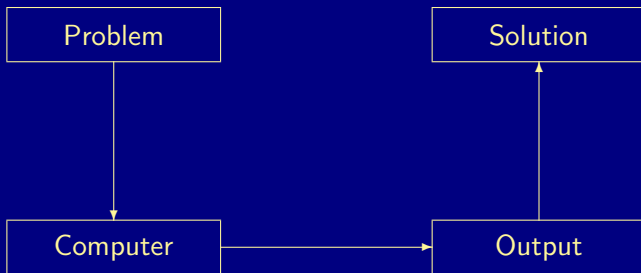
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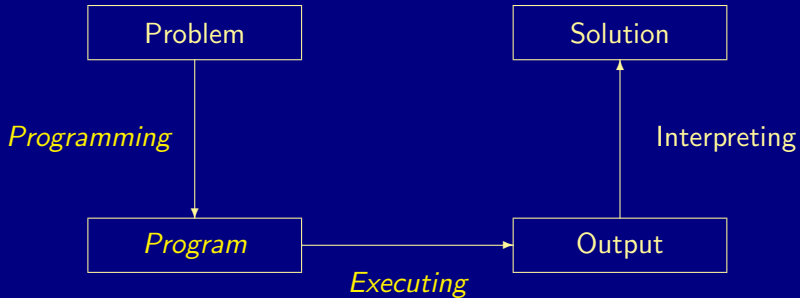
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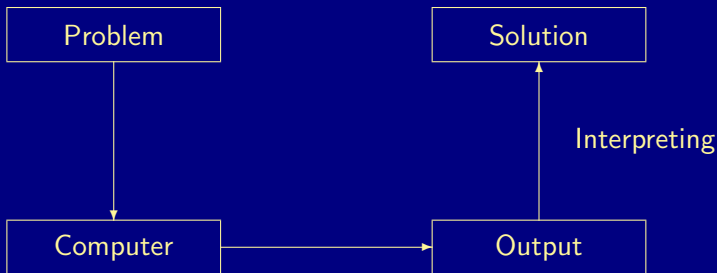
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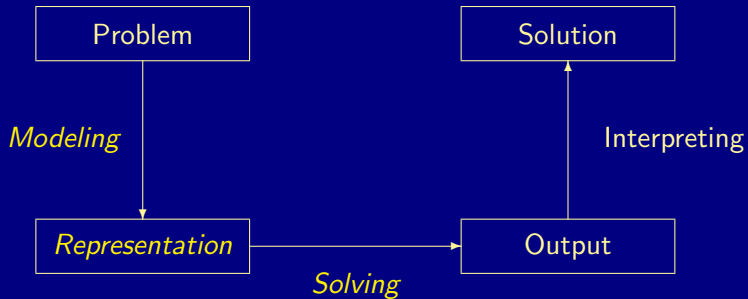
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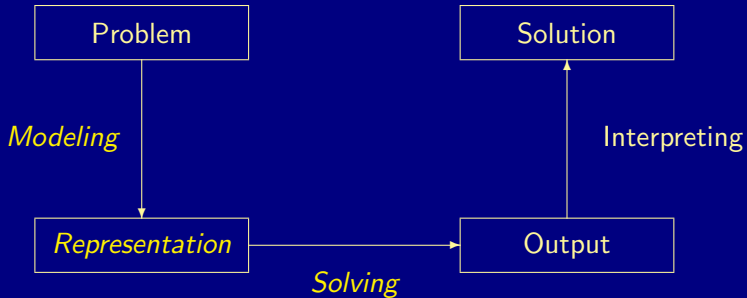
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ASP	Prolog
Model generation	Query orientation
Bottom-up	Top-down
Modeling language	Programming language
Rule-based format	
Instantiation	Unification
Flat terms	Nested terms
(Turing +) $NP^{(NP)}$	Turing

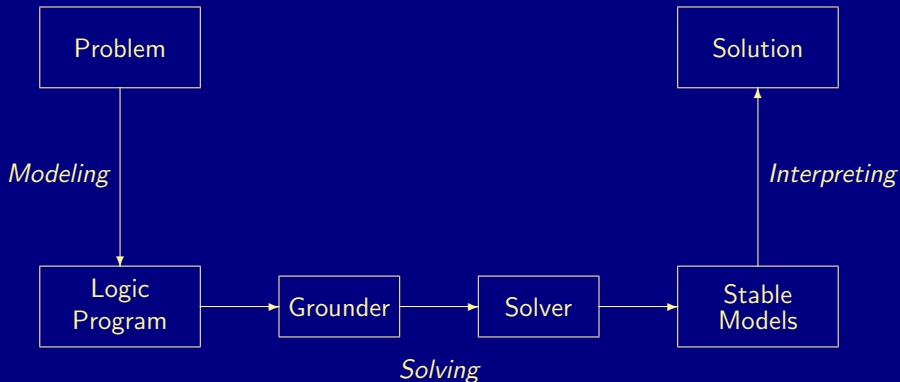
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Bottom-up	
Constructive Logic	Classical Logic
Closed (and open) world reasoning	Open world reasoning
Modeling language	—
Complex reasoning modes	Satisfiability testing
Satisfiability	Satisfiability
Enumeration/Projection	—
Intersection/Union	—
Optimization	—
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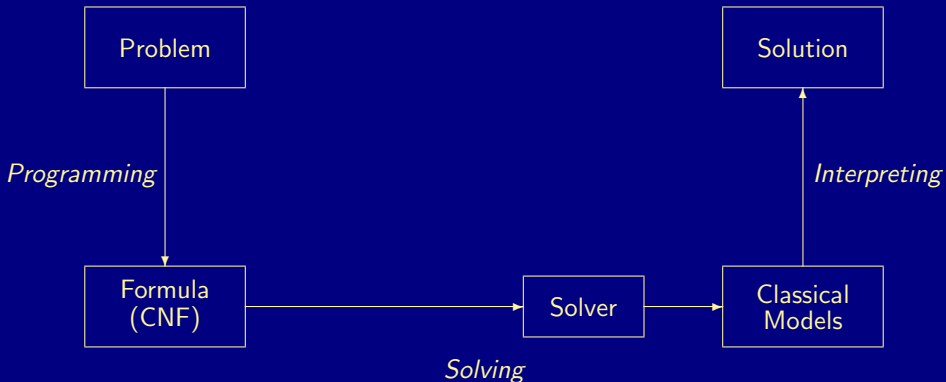
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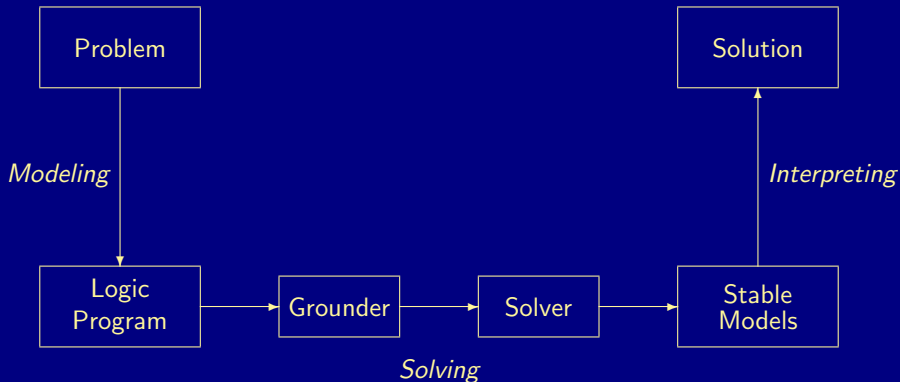


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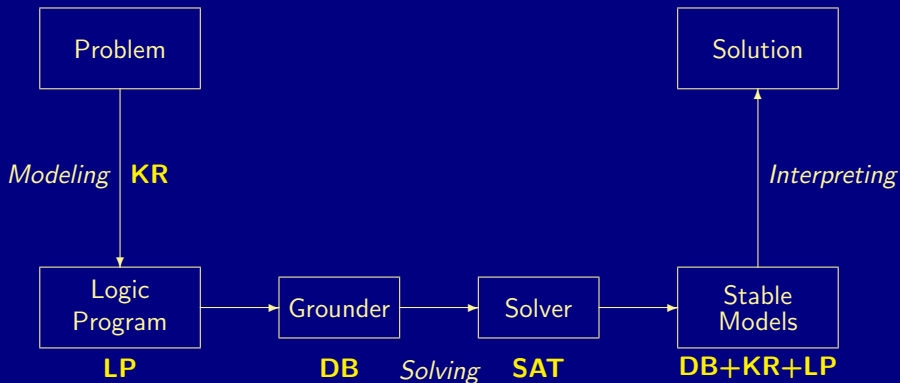




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# Two sides of a coin

- ASP as High-level Language
  - Express problem instance(s) as sets of facts
  - Encode problem (class) as a set of rules
  - Read off solutions from stable models of facts and rules
- ASP as Low-level Language
  - Compile a problem into a logic program
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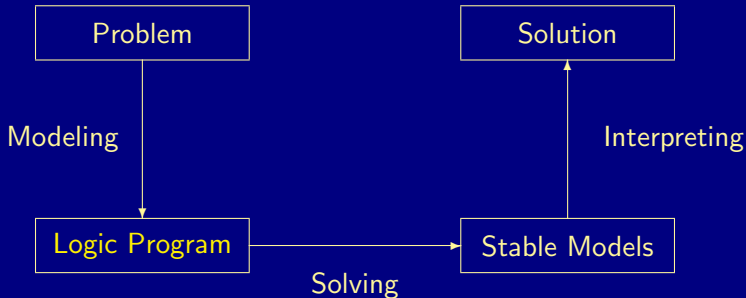
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# Rough notational convention

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logic program		$\leftarrow$	<code>,</code>	<code>;</code>		$\sim$	$\neg$
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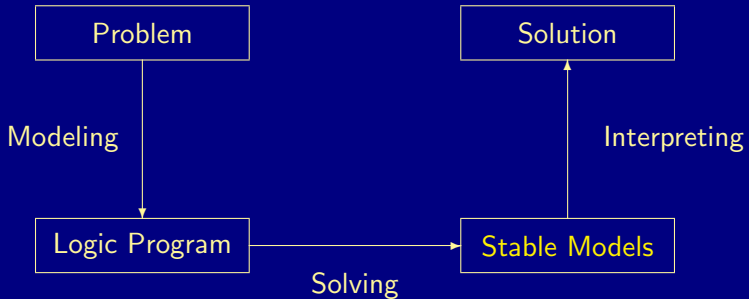
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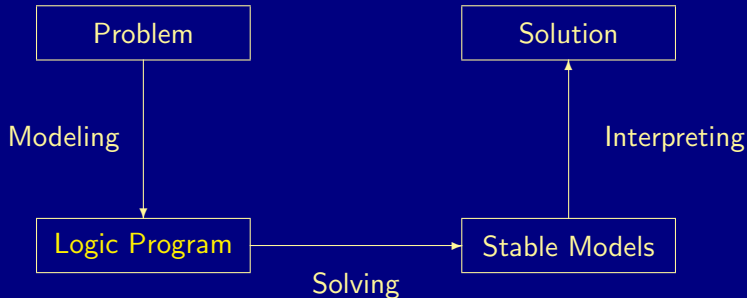
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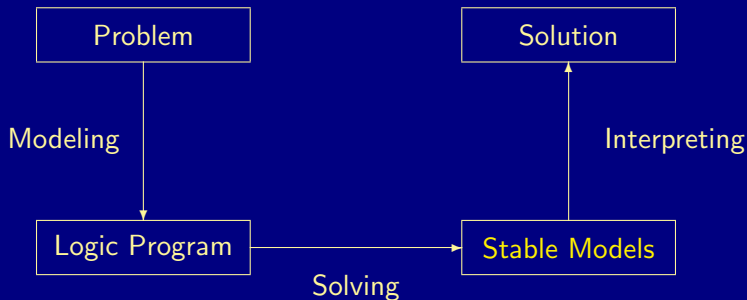
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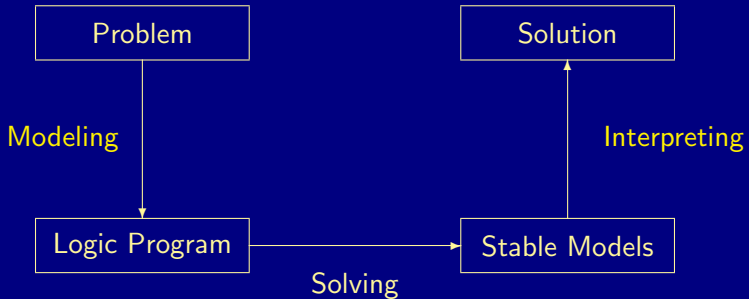
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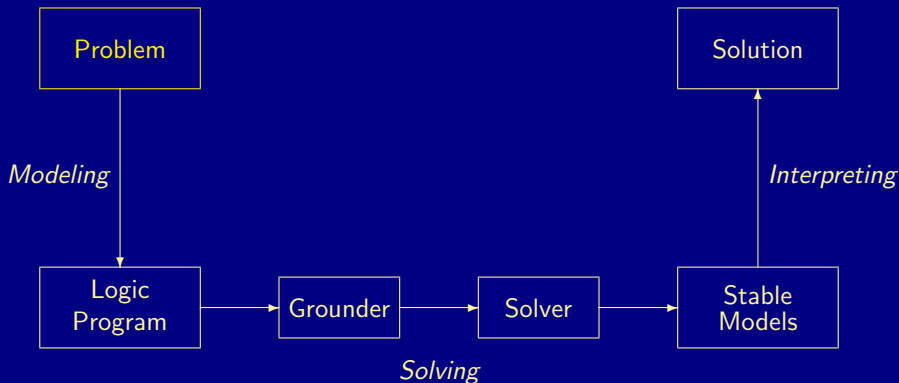
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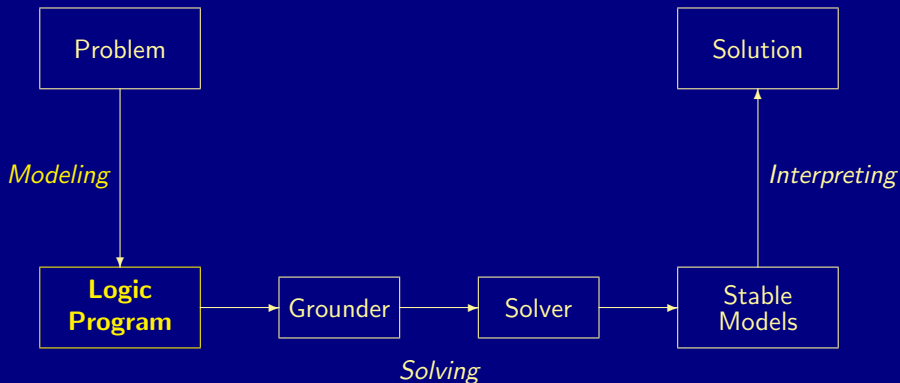
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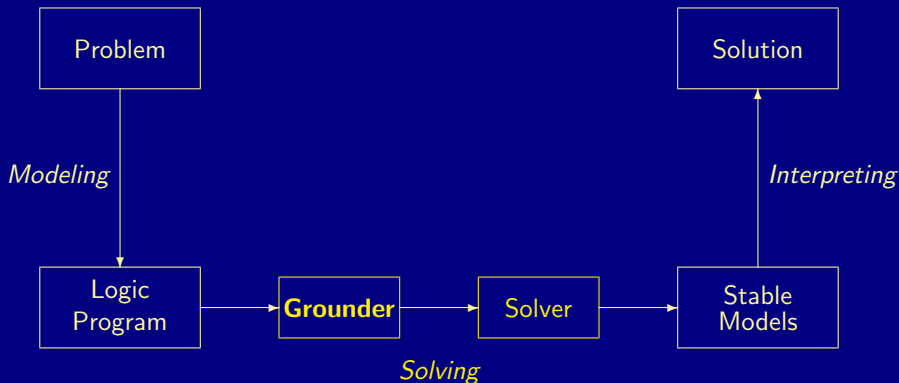
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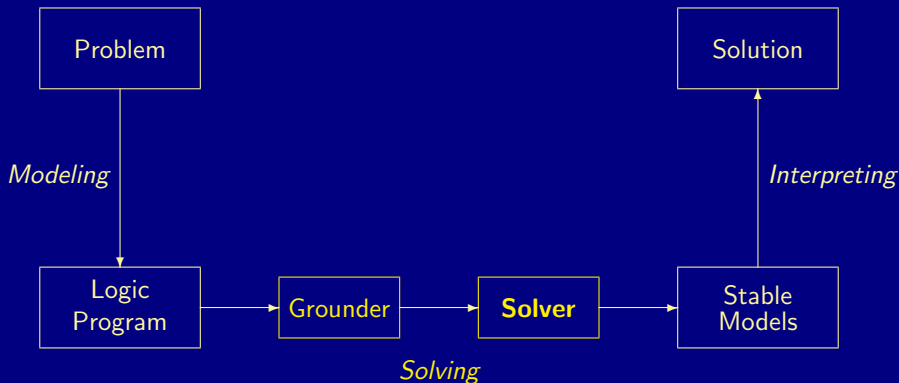
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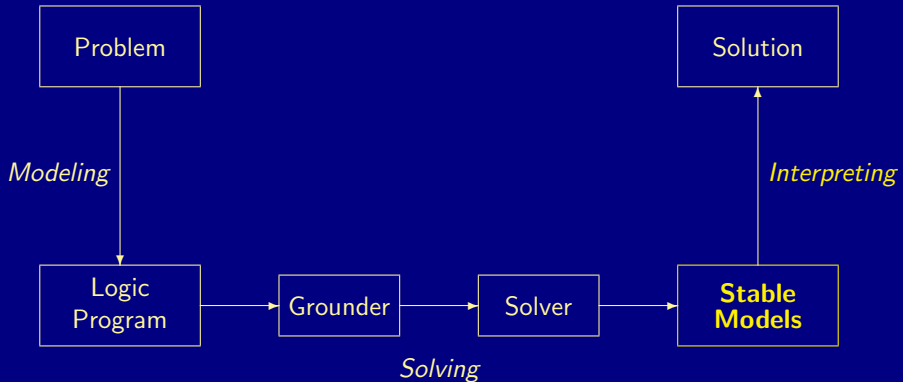
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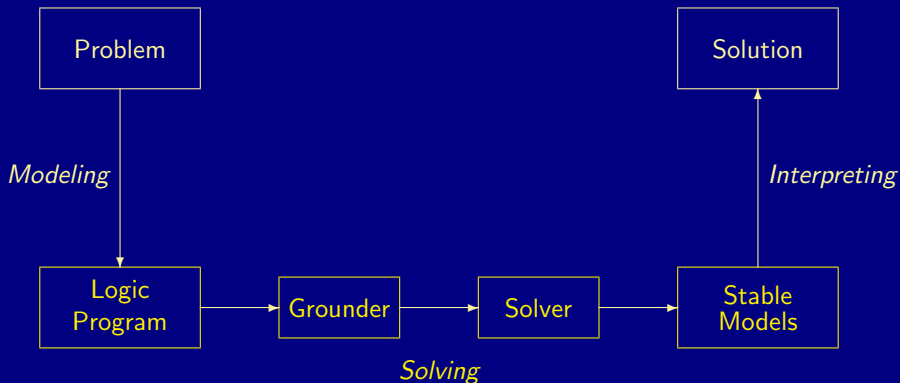


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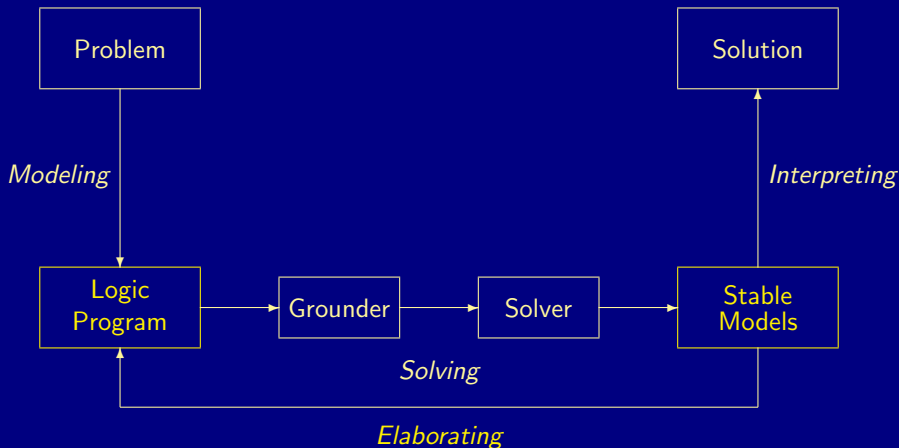




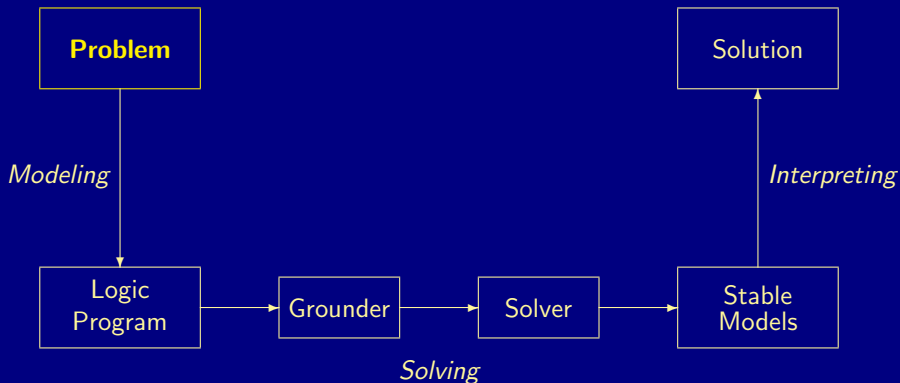
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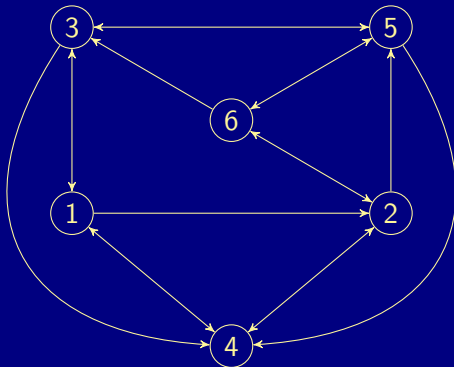
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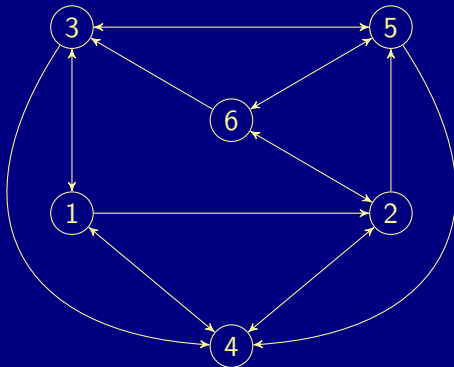
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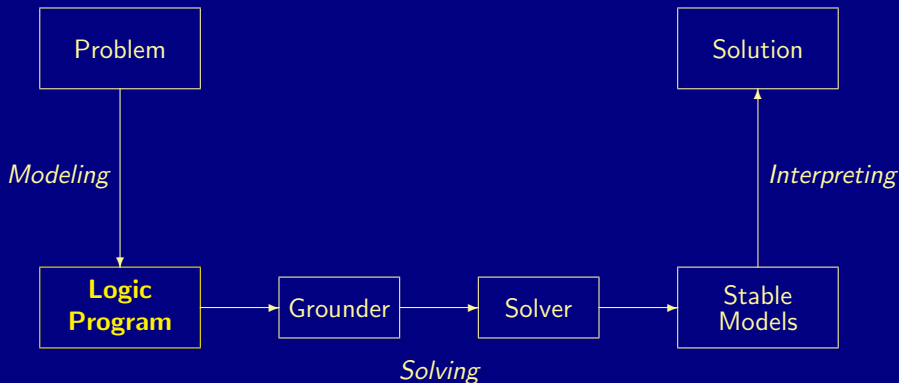
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In other words,

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Problem  
instance

Problem  
encoding

## Graph coloring

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## color.lp

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edge(4,1).  edge(4,2).  
edge(5,3).  edge(5,4).  edge(5,6).  
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```

```
col(r).    col(b).    col(g).
```

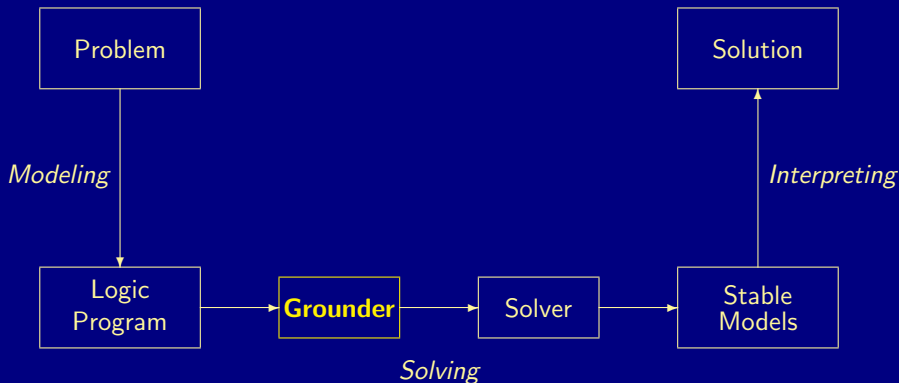
```
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```

```
:- edge(X,Y), color(X,C), color(Y,C).
```

Problem  
instance

Problem  
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## ASP solving process



# Graph coloring: Grounding

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

```
node(1). node(2). node(3). node(4). node(5). node(6).
```

```
edge(1,2). edge(1,3). edge(1,4). edge(2,4). edge(2,5). edge(2,6).
edge(3,1). edge(3,4). edge(3,5). edge(4,1). edge(4,2). edge(5,3).
edge(5,4). edge(5,6). edge(6,2). edge(6,3). edge(6,5).
```

```
col(r). col(b). col(g).
```

```
1 {color(1,r), color(1,b), color(1,g)} 1.
1 {color(2,r), color(2,b), color(2,g)} 1.
1 {color(3,r), color(3,b), color(3,g)} 1.
1 {color(4,r), color(4,b), color(4,g)} 1.
1 {color(5,r), color(5,b), color(5,g)} 1.
1 {color(6,r), color(6,b), color(6,g)} 1.
```

```
:- color(1,r), color(2,r). :- color(2,g), color(5,g). ... :- color(6,r), color(2,r).
:- color(1,b), color(2,b). :- color(2,r), color(6,r). :- color(6,b), color(2,b).
:- color(1,g), color(2,g). :- color(2,b), color(6,b). :- color(6,g), color(2,g).
:- color(1,r), color(3,r). :- color(2,g), color(6,g). :- color(6,r), color(3,r).
:- color(1,b), color(3,b). :- color(3,r), color(1,r). :- color(6,b), color(3,b).
:- color(1,g), color(3,g). :- color(3,b), color(1,b). :- color(6,g), color(3,g).
:- color(1,r), color(4,r). :- color(3,g), color(1,g). :- color(6,r), color(5,r).
:- color(1,b), color(4,b). :- color(3,r), color(4,r). :- color(6,b), color(5,b).
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:- color(2,r), color(4,r). :- color(3,g), color(4,g).
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edge(5,4). edge(5,6). edge(6,2). edge(6,3). edge(6,5).
```

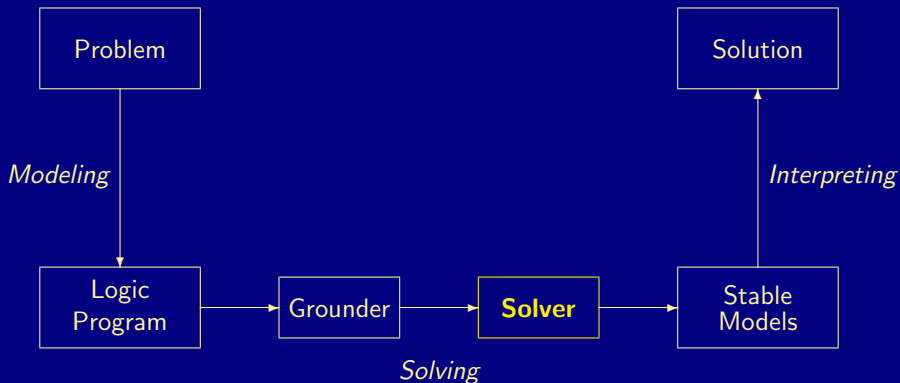
```
col(r). col(b). col(g).
```

```
1 {color(1,r), color(1,b), color(1,g)} 1.
1 {color(2,r), color(2,b), color(2,g)} 1.
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```

```
:- color(1,r), color(2,r). :- color(2,g), color(5,g). ... :- color(6,r), color(2,r).
:- color(1,b), color(2,b). :- color(2,r), color(6,r). :- color(6,b), color(2,b).
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```



## ASP solving process



# Graph coloring: Solving

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

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

Models      : 6
Time        : 0.002s (Solving: 0.00s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time    : 0.000s
```

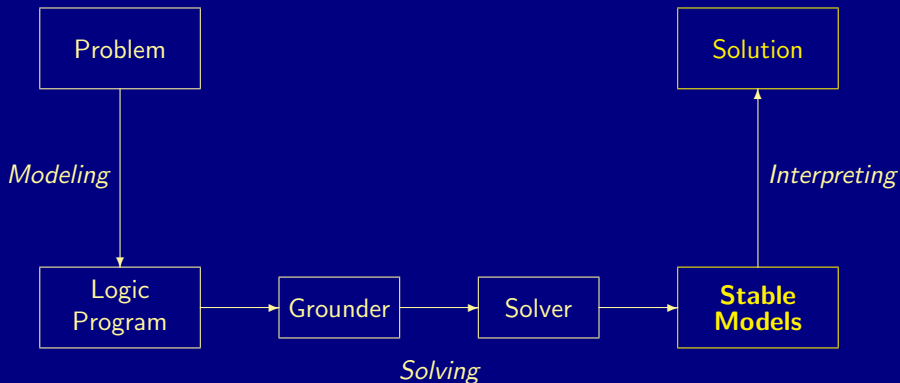
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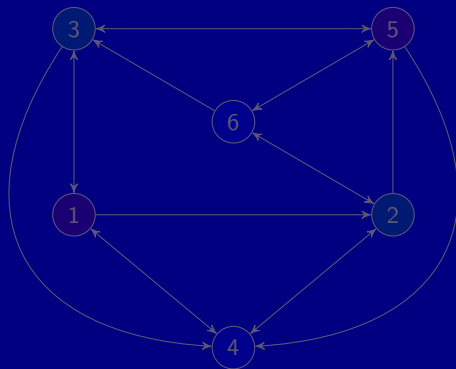


## A coloring

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```
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```

```
color(6,b) color(5,r) color(4,b) color(3,g) color(2,g) color(1,r)
```

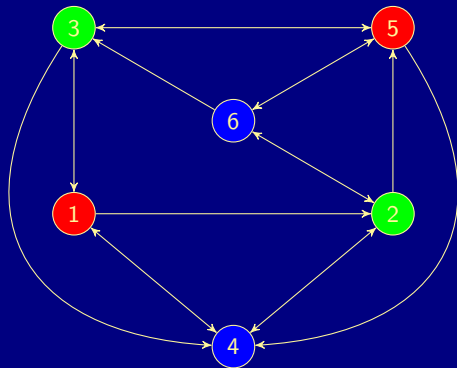


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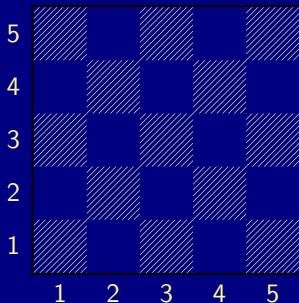
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# The n-Queens Problem



- 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)
```

```
SATISFIABLE
```

```
Models      : 1  
Time        : 0.000  
  Prepare   : 0.000  
  Prepro.   : 0.000  
  Solving   : 0.000
```

# Placing some Queens

```
queens.lp
```

```
row(1..n).  
col(1..n).  
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.
```

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

# Placing some Queens

Running ...

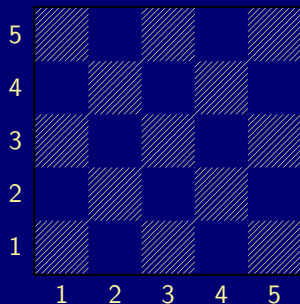
```
$ gringo queens.lp --const n=5 | clasp 3
Answer: 1
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5)
Answer: 2
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) queen(1,1)
Answer: 3
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \
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SATISFIABLE
```

Models : 3+

...

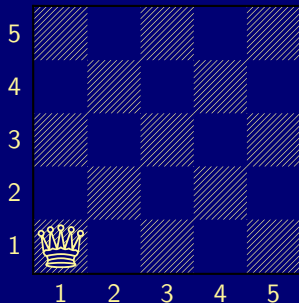
# Placing some Queens: Answer 1

Answer 1



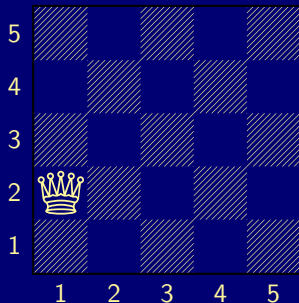
# Placing some Queens: Answer 2

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) }.  
:- not n { queen(I,J) } n.
```

- 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) \  
queen(5,1) queen(4,1) queen(3,1) \  
queen(2,1) queen(1,1)
```

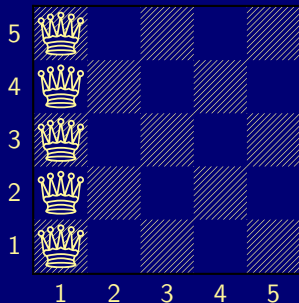
```
Answer: 2
```

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

```
...
```

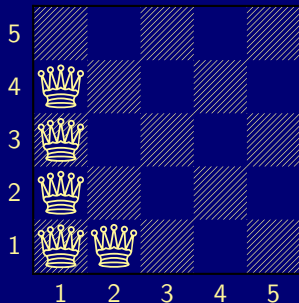
# Placing $n$ Queens: Answer 1

## 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) }.  
:- not n { queen(I,J) } n.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I,J'), J != J'.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J), I != I'.
```

- Forbid horizontal attacks
- Forbid vertical attacks

# Horizontal and Vertical Attack

```
queens.lp
```

```
row(1..n).  
col(1..n).  
{ queen(I,J) : row(I), col(J) }.  
:- not n { queen(I,J) } n.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I,J'), J != J'.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J), I != I'.
```

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# Horizontal and Vertical 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) \
```

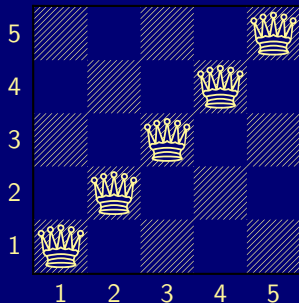
```
queen(5,5) queen(4,4) queen(3,3) \
```

```
queen(2,2) queen(1,1)
```

```
...
```

# 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) }.  
:- not n { queen(I,J) } n.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I,J'), J != J'.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J), I != I'.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J'), (I,J) != (I',J'), I-J == I'-J'.  
:- queen(I,J), queen(I',J'), (I,J) != (I',J'), I+J == I'+J'.
```

- Forbid diagonal attacks

# Diagonal Attack

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) \
```

```
queen(4,5) queen(1,4) queen(3,3) queen(5,2) queen(2,1)
```

```
SATISFIABLE
```

```
Models      : 1+
```

```
Time        : 0.000
```

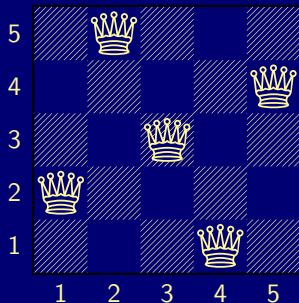
```
  Prepare    : 0.000
```

```
  Prepro.    : 0.000
```

```
  Solving    : 0.000
```

# Diagonal Attack: Answer 1

Answer 1



# Optimizing

```
queens-opt.lp
```

```
1 { queen(I,1..n) } 1 :- I = 1..n.  
1 { queen(1..n,J) } 1 :- J = 1..n.  
:- 2 { queen(D-J,J) }, D = 2..2*n.  
:- 2 { queen(D+J,J) }, 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)
Model-Level : 7594728.0
Problems    : 1 (Average Length: 0.00 Splits: 0)
Lemmas      : 3442 (Deleted: 0)
  Binary    : 0 (Ratio: 0.00%)
  Ternary   : 0 (Ratio: 0.00%)
  Conflict  : 3442 (Average Length: 229056.5 Ratio: 100.00%)
  Loop      : 0 (Average Length: 0.0 Ratio: 0.00%)
  Other     : 0 (Average Length: 0.0 Ratio: 0.00%)
```

```
Atoms       : 75084857 (Original: 75069989 Auxiliary: 14868)
Rules       : 100129956 (1: 50059992/100090100 2: 39990/29856 3: 10000/10000)
Bodies      : 25090103
Equivalences : 125029999 (Atom=Atom: 50009999 Body=Body: 0 Other: 75020000)
Tight       : Yes
Variables    : 25024868 (Eliminated: 11781 Frozen: 25000000)
Constraints  : 66664 (Binary: 35.6% Ternary: 0.0% Other: 64.4%)
```

```
Backjumps   : 3442 (Average: 681.19 Max: 169512 Sum: 2344658)
  Executed   : 3442 (Average: 681.19 Max: 169512 Sum: 2344658 Ratio: 100.00%)
  Bounded    : 0 (Average: 0.00 Max: 0 Sum: 0 Ratio: 0.00%)
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```

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```

```
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cost(4,1,1).   cost(4,2,2).  
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```
edge(X,Y) :- cost(X,Y,_).
```

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```
1 { cycle(X,Y) : edge(X,Y) } 1 :- node(X).  
1 { 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).  
  
#minimize { C,X,Y : cycle(X,Y), cost(X,Y,C) }.
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by Ilkka Niemelä

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reviewer(r2). paper(p2). classA(r1,p3). classB(r1,p4). coi(r1,p6).  
...
```

```
3 { assigned(P,R) : reviewer(R) } 3 :- paper(P).
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
:- not 6 { assigned(P,R) : paper(P) } 9, reviewer(R).
```

```
assignedB(P,R) :- classB(R,P), assigned(P,R).
```

```
:- 3 { assignedB(P,R) : paper(P) }, reviewer(R).
```

```
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```



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```

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fluent(r).	add(a,q).	add(b,r).	query(r).
	del(a,p).	del(b,q).	

```
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```

```
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```
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```
#program <name> [ (<parameters>) ]
    #program play(t).
#external <atom> [ : <body> ]
    #external mark(X,Y,P,t) : field(X,Y), player(P).
```

## ■ Control

```
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- Global *clingo* state  $(\mathbf{R}_3, \mathbb{P}_3, V_3)$ , including atom base  
 $I(\mathbb{P}_3) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_3) = \{p(0), p(1), p(2), p(3)\}$
- Input Extensible program  $R(\text{succ})[n/1] \cup R(\text{succ})[n/2]$
- Output Module

$$\mathbb{R}_4(I(\mathbb{P}_3) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_3)) = \left( P_4, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(0), p(4), \\ p(3), p(5) \end{array} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(1), \\ p(2) \end{array} \right\} \right) \quad \text{where}$$

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$$E_4 = \{p(4), p(5)\}$$

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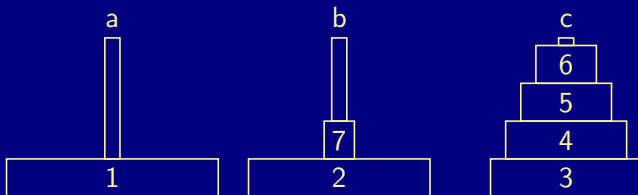
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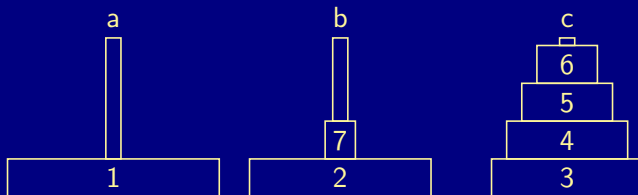
## Towers of Hanoi Instance



```
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 gringo 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)
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
#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) \
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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
```

```
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# Incremental Solving (Python)

```
from sys import stdout
from gringo 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 = prg.solve(on_model=f), [], step+1
```

# Incremental Solving (Python)

```
$ python tohCtrl.py
```

```
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# Incremental Solving (Python)

```
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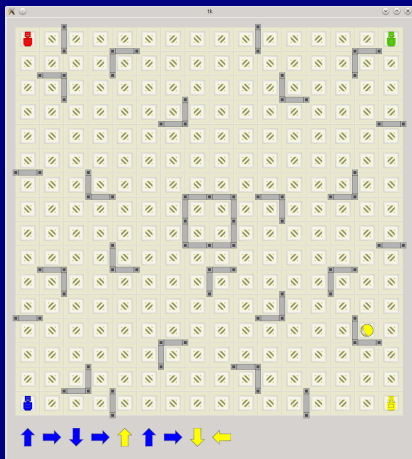
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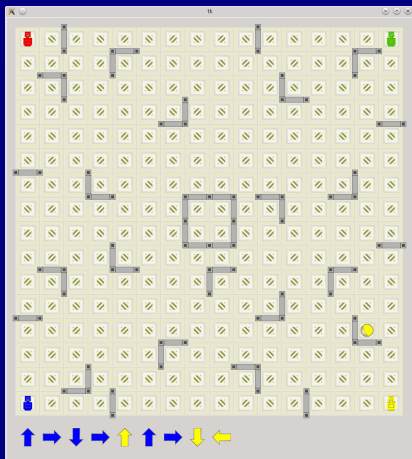
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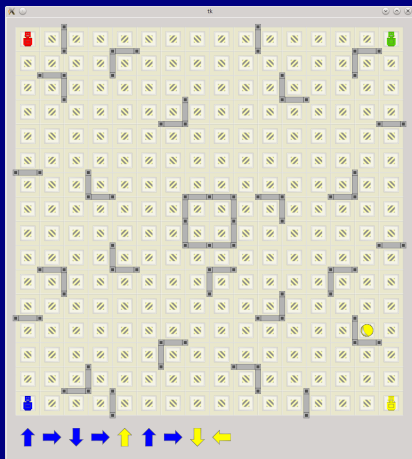
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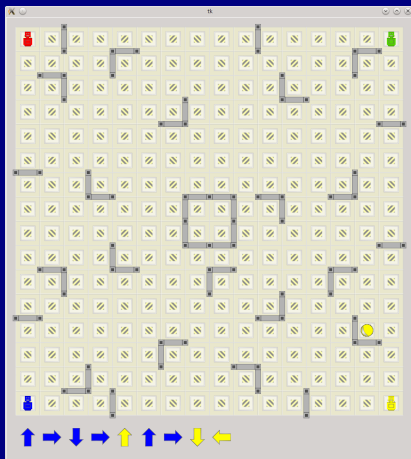
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Solving goal1(13) from cornered robots



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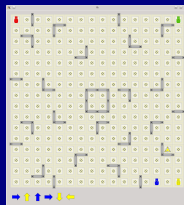
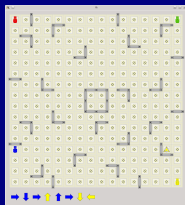


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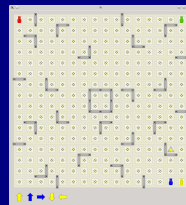
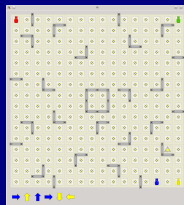
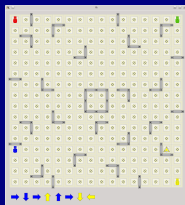




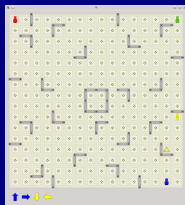
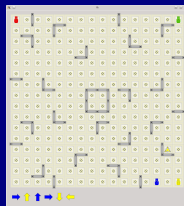
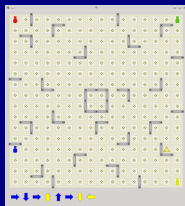
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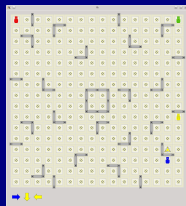
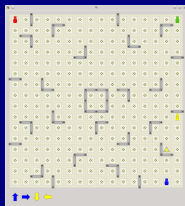
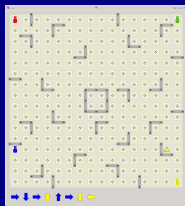
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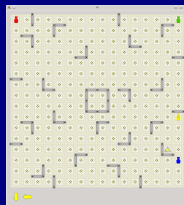
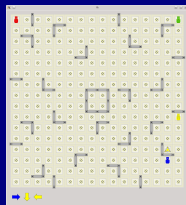
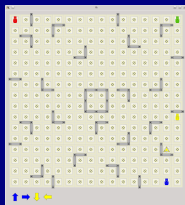
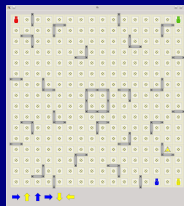
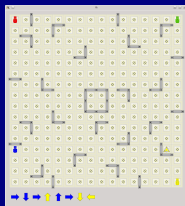
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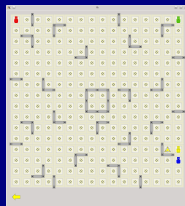
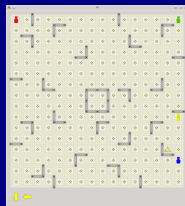
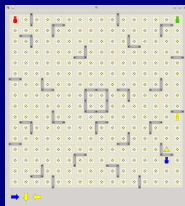
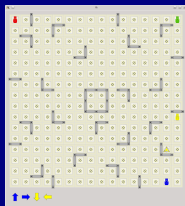
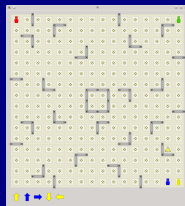
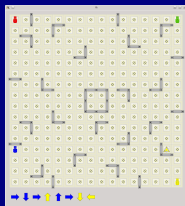
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## board.lp

```
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 ...
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SATISFIABLE
```

```
Models      : 1+
Calls       : 1
Time        : 1.895s (Solving: 1.45s 1st Model: 1.45s Unsat: 0.00s)
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    <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(yellow,16,16). goal(13).")
```

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Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
UNSATISFIABLE
```

```
Models      : 0
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Time        : 2.817s (Solving: 2.41s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 2.41s)
CPU Time    : 2.800s
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# Solving goal(13) from cornered robots

```
$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp -c horizon=9 \
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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
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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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## Solving goal(13) from cornered robots

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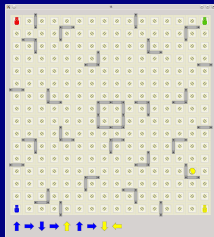
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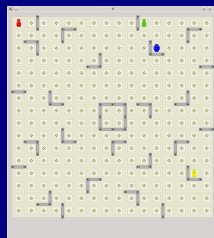
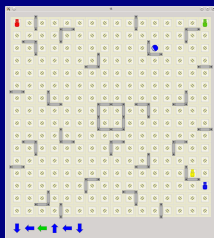


## Playing in rounds

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]:
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            self.undo_external.append(x)
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            if (atom.name() == "pos" and len(atom.args()) == 4 and atom.args()[3] == self.horizon):
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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:
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# Variables of interest

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# Ricochet Robot Player

## Setup and control loop

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## Ricochet Robot Player

\_\_init\_\_

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from gringo import Control, Model, Fun
```

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class Player:
```

```
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        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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# Ricochet Robot Player

## solve

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- $(X, Y) \in \text{more}(\text{weight})(E)$  if  $\sum_{(w:\ell) \in E, X \models \ell} w > \sum_{(w:\ell) \in E, Y \models \ell} w$
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**if**  $Y = \perp$  **then return**  $\perp$

**repeat**  
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