Answer Set Solving in Practice

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Rough Roadmap

- **1** 08:45-10:30 Motivation, Introduction, Basic modeling
- 2 11:00-12:45 Language, Characterizations, Solving, Systems
- 3 Lunchtime
- 4 13:45-15:30 Grounding, Multi-shot solving (Python integration and control)
- 16:00-17:45 Applications of Multi-shot-shot solving (Gaming in rounds, Interaction, Preference handling)



Resources

Course material

- http://potassco.sourceforge.net/teaching.html
- http://moodle.cs.uni-potsdam.de
- http://www.cs.uni-potsdam.de/wv/lehre

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
Iparse	http://www.tcs.hut.fi/Software/smodels
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asparagus	incept/asparagus.cs.uni porsuam.ue

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The Potassco Book

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



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Literature

Books [4], [31], [55] Surveys [52], [2], [41], [23], [11] Articles [43], [44], [6], [63], [56], [51], [42], etc.



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Motivation: Overview

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- 4 Rooting ASP
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ASP versus LP

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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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ASP versus SAT

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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	—
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ASP grounding and solving





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Introduction: Overview









- **11** Language constructs
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Problem solving in ASP: Syntax



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Normal logic programs

A logic program, P, over a set A of atoms is a finite set of rules
A (normal) rule, r, is of the form

$$a_0 \leftarrow a_1, \ldots, a_m, \sim a_{m+1}, \ldots, \sim a_n$$

where $0 \le m \le n$ and each $a_i \in A$ is an atom for $0 \le i \le n$

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Rough notational convention

We sometimes use the following notation interchangeably in order to stress the respective view:

						default	classical
	true, false	if	and	or	iff	negation	negation
source code		:-	,	;		not	-
logic program		\leftarrow				\sim	_
formula	\perp, \top	\rightarrow	\wedge	\vee	\leftrightarrow	\sim	_



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p(a) :- q(a), p(b) :- q(b), p(c) :- q(

Conditional Literals

p :- q(X) : r(X) given r(a), r(b), r(c) stands for p :- q(a), q(b), q(c)

Disjunction

■ p(X) ; q(X) :- r(X)

Integrity Constraints

= :- q(X), p(X)

Choice

$$\square$$
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Variables (over the Herbrand universe) \blacksquare p(X) :- q(X) over constants {a, b, c} stands for p(a) := q(a), p(b) := q(b), p(c) := q(c)Conditional Literals \blacksquare p :- q(X) : r(X) given r(a), r(b), r(c) stands for p := q(a), q(b), q(c)Integrity Constraints \blacksquare :- q(X), p(X) Choice **2** { p(X,Y) : q(X) } 7 :- r(Y)Aggregates ■ s(Y) :- r(Y), 2 #sum { X : p(X,Y), q(X) } 7

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Reasoning Modes

- Satisfiability
- Enumeration[†]
- Projection[†]
- Intersection[‡]
- Union[‡]
- Optimization
- and combinations of them

[†] without solution recording

[‡] without solution enumeration



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Modeling and Interpreting





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A case-study: Graph coloring



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Problem instance A graph consisting of nodes and edges



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- facts formed by predicate col/1
- Problem class Assign each node one color such that no two nodes connected by an edge have the same color
 - In other words,
 - 1 Each node has one color
 - 2 Two connected nodes must not have the same color







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node(1..6).

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

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

1 { color(X,C) : col(C) } 1 :- node(X).

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

Problem instance

Problem encoding Potassco

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color.lp



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\$ gringo --text color.lp

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```
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).
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                                                 edge(4,2).
                                                             edge(5,3).
edge(5,4).
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                                                 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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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).
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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) Answer: 3 edge(1,2) ... col(r) ... node(1) ... color(6,g) color(5,b) color(4,g) color(3,r) color(2,r) color(1,b) Answer: 4 edge(1,2) ... col(r) ... node(1) ... color(6,r) color(5,b) color(4,r) color(3,g) color(2,g) color(1,b) Answer: 5 edge(1,2) ... col(r) ... node(1) ... color(6,g) color(5,r) color(4,g) color(3,b) color(2,b) color(1,r) Answer: 6 edge(1,2) ... col(r) ... node(1) ... color(6,b) color(5,r) color(4,b) color(3,g) color(2,g) color(1,r) SATISFIABLE

Models : 6 Time : 0.002s (Solving: 0.00s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 0.00s GPU Time : 0.000s



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Basic methodology

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• Problem Instance: A propositional formula ϕ in CNF

Problem Class: Is there an assignment of propositional variables to true and false such that a given formula ϕ is true



Stable models

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Queens

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The n-Queens Problem



- Place n queens on an n × n chess board
- Queens must not attack one another









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Defining the Field

queens.lp

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

Create file queens.lpDefine the field

- n rows
- n columns



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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
```





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) \setminus
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5)
Answer: 2
row(1) row(2) row(3) row(4) row(5) \setminus
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) \setminus
col(1) col(2) col(3) col(4) col(5) queen(2,1)
SATISFIABLE
```

Models : 3+

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Placing some Queens: Answer 1

Answer 1





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Placing some Queens: Answer 2

Answer 2





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Placing some Queens: Answer 3

Answer 3





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



Placing *n* Queens: Answer 1

Answer 1





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Placing *n* Queens: Answer 2

Answer 2





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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



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Horizontal and Vertical Attack

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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





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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'.
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:- 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





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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) CPII Time · 3758 320s Choices : 288594554 Conflicts : 3442 (Analyzed: 3442) (Average: 202.47 Last: 3442) Restarts Model-Level · 7594728 0 Problems (Average Length: 0.00 Splits: 0) Lemmas : 3442 (Deleted: 0) Binary (Ratio: 0.00%) Ternary (Ratio: 0.00%) : 3442 Conflict (Average Length: 229056.5 Ratio: 100.00%) LOOD (Average Length: 0.0 Ratio: 0.00%) Other (Average Length: 0.0 Ratio: 0.00%) Atoms : 75084857 (Original: 75069989 Auxiliary: 14868) : 100129956 (1: 50059992/100090100 2: 39990/29856 3: 10000/10000) Rules : 25090103 Bodies 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%) : 3442 (Average: 681.19 Max: 169512 Sum: 2344658) Backjumps : 3442 Executed (Average: 681.19 Max: 169512 Sum: 2344658 Ratio: 100.00%) Bounded (Average: 0.00 Max: 0 Sum: O Ratio: 0.00%)



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node(1..6).

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

cost(1,2,2). cost(1,3,3).cost(2,4,2). cost(2,5,2).cost(3,1,3). cost(3,4,2).cost(4,1,1). cost(4,2,2).cost(5,3,2). cost(5,4,2).cost(6,2,4) cost(6,3,3)

cost(1,4,1).
cost(2,6,4).
cost(3,5,2).

cost(5,6,1).

cost(6,3,3). cost(6,5,1)



node(1..6).

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2). cost(2,6,4)
2). cost(3,5,2)
2).
2).

cost(6, 5, 1)



node(1..6).

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cost(4,1,1).	cost(4,2,2).	
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cost(6,2,4).	cost(6,3,3).	cost(6,5,1

cost(6,3,3).cost(6, 5, 1)

 $edge(X,Y) := cost(X,Y,_).$



```
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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... and vice versa

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smodels format is a machine-oriented standard for ground programs

 gringo 4 format is a user-oriented language for (non-ground) programs extending the ASP language standard ASP-Core-2

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Terms t are formed from constant symbols, eg c, d, ... ■ function symbols, eg f, g, ... ■ numeric symbols, eg 1, 2, ... ■ variable symbols, eg X, Y, ..., _ parentheses (,) \blacksquare tuple delimiters \langle , \rangle (omitted whenever possible)

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 - eg $-p(f(3,c,Z),g(42,_,))$ or q() written as q
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- Terms t
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- Atoms $a, \neg a, \bot, \top$
- Symbolic literals a, ~a, ~~a eg p(a,X), 'not p(a,X)', 'not not p(a,X)'
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eg 10 <= #sum {6,C:course(C); 3,S:seminar(S)} <= 20

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- For a detailed account please consult the user's guide!



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where

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The expression

$$s_1 \{\ell_1 : \boldsymbol{L}_1; \ldots; \ell_k : \boldsymbol{L}_k\} s_2$$

is a shortcut for

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 #count{1,0,a:a;1,0,b:b}.</pre>
- gringo generates two distinct term tuples 1,0,a and 1,0,b
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$$:\sim \ell_1, \ldots, \ell_n. [w@p, t_1, \ldots, t_m]$$

where

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- t_1, \ldots, t_m, w , and p are terms

w and p stand for a weight and priority level (p = 0 if '@p' is omitted)
 Example The weak constraints

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- :~ hd(2). [40@2,2]
- $:\sim hd(3). [6002,3]$

amount to the minimize statement

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Weak constraints

Syntax A weak constraint is of the form

 $:\sim \ell_1, \ldots, \ell_n. [w@p, t_1, \ldots, t_m]$

where

• ℓ_1, \ldots, ℓ_n are literals

• t_1, \ldots, t_m, w , and p are terms

w and p stand for a weight and priority level (p = 0 if '@p' is omitted)
 Example The weak constraints

:~ hd(1). [30@2,1]

- :~ hd(2). [40@2,2]
- :~ hd(3). [60@2,3]

amount to the minimize statement

```
#minimize{ 30@2,1:hd(1), 40@2,2:hd(2), 60@2,3:hd(3) }.
```



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Aspects of gringo 4

Term-based #show directives as in

```
#show.
#show p(X,Y) : q(X).
#show X : p(X).
```



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some grounders (in chronological order)

- Iparse (grounding using domain predicates)
- *dlv* (semi-naive evaluation based grounding)
- gringo (semi-naive evaluation based since version 3)

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Hamiltonian Cycle Instance

```
% vertices
node(a). node(b).
node(c). node(d).
```

```
% edges
edge(a,b). edge(a,c).
edge(b,c). edge(b,d).
edge(c,a). edge(c,d).
edge(d,a).
```



% starting point (for presentation purposes) start(a).



Hamiltonian Cycle Encoding

```
% generate path
path(X,Y) :- not omit(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
omit(X,Y) :- not path(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
```

```
% at most one incoming/outgoing edge
:- path(X,Y), path(X',Y), X < X'.
:- path(X,Y), path(X,Y'), Y < Y'.</pre>
```

```
% at least one incoming/outgoing edge
on_path(Y) :- path(X,Y), path(Y,Z).
:- node(X), not on_path(X).
```

```
% connectedness
reach(X) :- start(X).
reach(Y) :- reach(X), path(X,Y).
:- node(X), not reach(X).
```



Grounding

Safety

each variable has to occur in a positive body element

■ consider: p(X) :- not q(X).

Herbrand universe

all constants in program and

all functions over function symbols in program

Herbrand base

 all atoms over predicates in program with terms from Herbrand universe

Instance of a rule

all variables replaced with elements from Herbrand universe

Grounding of a program

• ground(P) is the union of all instances of rules in P



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Example: Size of Grounding

```
% Herbrand Universe: {a,b,c,d}
12 facts from instance
% path(X,Y) :- not omit(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
% omit(X,Y) :- not path(X,Y), edge(X,Y).
% reach(Y) :- reach(X), path(X,Y).
16 \text{ rules} + 16 \text{ rules} + 16 \text{ rules}
\% on_path(Y) :- path(X,Y), path(Y,Z).
\% :- path(X,Y), path(X',Y), X < X'.
\% :- path(X,Y), path(X,Y'), Y < Y'.
64 rules + 64 rules + 64 rules
% reach(X) :- start(X).
% :- node(X), not on_path(X).
% :- node(X), not reach(X).
4 \text{ rules} + 4 \text{ rules} + 4 \text{ rules}
```



Example: Unnecessary Rules I

% path(X,Y	() :- no	ot omit(X,Y)), edge(X,Y).
path(a,a)	:- not	<pre>omit(a,a),</pre>	edge(a,a).
<pre>path(a,b)</pre>	:- not	<pre>omit(a,b),</pre>	edge(a,b).
<pre>path(a,c)</pre>	:- not	<pre>omit(a,c),</pre>	edge(a,c).
<pre>path(a,d)</pre>	:- not	<pre>omit(a,d),</pre>	edge(a,d).
	:		
path(d,a)	:- not	<pre>omit(d,a),</pre>	edge(d,a).
path(d,b)	:- not	<pre>omit(d,b),</pre>	edge(d,b).
<pre>path(d,c)</pre>	:- not	<pre>omit(d,c),</pre>	edge(d,d).
path(d,d)	:- not	<pre>omit(d,d),</pre>	edge(d,d).





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Example: Unnecessary Rules II

% :- path(X,Y), path(X',Y), X < X'. :- path(a,a), path(a,a), a < a. :- path(a,b), path(a,b), a < a. :- path(a,c), path(a,c), a < a. :- path(a,d), path(a,d), a < a.</pre>







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Bottom Up Grounding

■ ground relevant rules by incrementally extending the Herbrand base ■ ground_D(P) = { $r \in ground(P) \mid body(r)^+ \subseteq D$,

> all comparison literals in *body*(*r*) are satisfied}

function GROUND_BOTTOM_UP(P, D) $G \leftarrow ground_D(P)$ if $head(G) \not\subseteq D$ then $_$ return GROUND_BOTTOM_UP($P, D \cup head(G)$) return G

■ given safe program *P* and set of ground facts *I* (typically corresponds to encoding and instance), $P \cup I$ is equivalent to GROUND_BOTTOM_UP(*P*, head(*I*)) $\cup I$

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Example: Bottom Up Grounding Step 1

```
% Step 1
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b), edge(a,b).
          % 7 rules total
path(d,a) := not omit(d,a), edge(d,a).
omit(a,b) :- not path(a,b), edge(a,b).
          % 7 rules total
omit(d,a) :- not path(d,a), edge(d,a).
:- node(a), not on_path(a). :- node(b), not on_path(b).
:- node(c), not on_path(c). :- node(d), not on_path(d).
:- node(a), not reach(a). :- node(b), not reach(b).
:- node(c), not reach(c). :- node(d), not reach(d).
```

```
reach(a) :- start(a).
```

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Example: Bottom Up Grounding Step 2

```
% Step 2 and rules of Step 1
:- path(a,c), path(b,c), a < b.
:- path(b,d), path(c,d), b < c.
:- path(c,a), path(d,a), c < d.</pre>
```

```
:- path(a,b), path(a,c), b < c.
:- path(c,a), path(c,d), a < d.
:- path(b,c), path(b,d), c < d.</pre>
```

```
reach(b) :- reach(a), path(a,b).
reach(c) :- reach(a), path(a,c).
```



Example: Bottom Up Grounding Step 3 and 4

```
% Step 3 and rules of Step 2
reach(c) :- reach(b), path(b,c).
reach(d) :- reach(b), path(b,d).
reach(a) :- reach(c), path(c,a).
reach(d) :- reach(c), path(c,d).
```

```
% Step 4 and rules of Step 3
reach(a) :- reach(d), path(d,a).
```



Properties of Bottom Up Grounding

grounds only relevant rules

- each positive body literal has a non-cyclic derivation (ignoring negative literals)
- regrounds rules from previous steps

```
function GROUND_BOTTOM_UP(P, D)

G \leftarrow ground_D(P)

if head(G) \not\subseteq D then

\  \  \  \mathbf{return} \  GROUND_BOTTOM_UP(P, D \cup head(G))

return G
```

does not perform simplifications

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Improving Bottom Up Grounding

use dependencies to focus grounding

- begin with partial Herbrand base given by facts
- use rule dependency graph of program to obtain components that can be grounded successively
- adapt semi-naive evaluation put forward in the database field
 - avoids redundancies when grounding
- perform simplifications during grounding
 - remove literals from rule bodies if possible
 - omit rules if body cannot be satisfied



Program Dependencies

dependency graph of program P \blacksquare rule r_2 depends on rule r_1 if $b \in body(r_2)^+ \cup body(r_2)^-$ unifies with $h \in head(r_1)$ • $G_P = (P, E)$ where $E = \{(r_1, r_2) | r_2 \text{ depends on } r_1\}$ positive dependency graph of program P \blacksquare rule r_2 positively depends on rule r_1 if $b \in body(r_2)^+$ unifies with $h \in head(r_1)$ • $G_P^+ = (P, E)$ where $E = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_2 \text{ positively depends on } r_1\}$ • let $L_P = (C_{1,1}, \dots, C_{1,m_1}, \dots, C_{n,1}, \dots, C_{n,m_n})$ where • (C_1, \ldots, C_n) is a topological ordering of G_P • $(C_{i,1}, \ldots, C_{i,m_i})$ is a topological ordering of each G_C^+

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Example: Dependencies



Grounding With Dependencies

given safe program P and set of facts I, P ∪ I is equivalent to GROUND_WITH_DEPENDENCIES(P, head(I)) ∪ I

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Example: Grounding with Dependencies

```
% Component<sub>1</sub>
omit(a,b) :- not path(a,b), edge(a,b).
           : % 7 rules total
omit(d,a) :- not path(d,a), edge(d,a).
% Component<sub>1.2</sub>
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b), edge(a,b).
           % 7 rules total
path(d,a) :- not omit(d,a), edge(d,a).
```

no regrounding if there is no positive recursion in a component

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Example: Grounding Component_{7,1}

```
% Step 1
reach(b) :- reach(a), path(a,b).
reach(c) :- reach(a), path(a,c).
```

```
% Step 2 and rules of Step 1
reach(c) :- reach(b), path(b,c).
reach(d) :- reach(b), path(b,d).
reach(a) :- reach(c), path(c,a).
reach(d) :- reach(c), path(c,d).
```

% Step 3 and rules of Step 2
reach(a) :- reach(d), path(d,a).

% less regrounding but still...



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Recursive Atoms

- given $L_P = (C_1, \ldots, C_n)$, an atom a_1 is recursive in component C_i if a_1 unifies a_2 such that
 - $r_1 \in C_i$ and $r_2 \in C_j$ with $i \leq j$,
 - \blacksquare $a_1 \in body(r_1)^+ \cup body(r_1)^-$, and
 - $\bullet a_2 \in head(r_2)$



Example: Recursive Atoms



Preparing Components

■ the set of prepared rules for
$$r \in C$$
 is

$$\begin{cases}
h := n(b_1), a(b_2), a(b_3), \dots, a(b_{i-2}), a(b_{i-1}), a(b_i), B \\
h := o(b_1), n(b_2), a(b_3), \dots, a(b_{i-2}), a(b_{i-1}), a(b_i), B \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
h := o(b_1), o(b_2), o(b_3), \dots, o(b_{i-2}), n(b_{i-1}), a(b_i), B \\
h := o(b_1), o(b_2), o(b_3), \dots, o(b_{i-2}), o(b_{i-1}), n(b_i), B
\end{cases}$$
or $\{h := n(b_{i+1}), \dots, n(b_j), b_{j+1}, \dots, b_n\}$ if $i = 0$
where $body(r) = \{b_1, \dots, b_i, b_{i+1} \dots, b_j, b_{j+1}, \dots, b_n\}$,
 $b_k \in body(r)^+$ for $1 \le k \le i$ is recursive,
 $b_k \in body(r)^+$ for $i < k \le j$ is not recursive, and
 $B = a(b_{i+1}), \dots, a(b_j), b_{j+1}, \dots, b_n$

a prepared component is the union of all its prepared rules



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Example: Preparing Components

```
% prepared Component<sub>1,1</sub>
omit(X,Y) :- n(edge(X,Y)), not path(X,Y).
% prepared Component<sub>1,2</sub>
path(X,Y) :- n(edge(X,Y)), not omit(X,Y).
% prepared Component<sub>2,1</sub>
:- n(path(X,Y)), n(path(X',Y)), X < X'.
...
% prepared Component<sub>7,1</sub>
reach(Y) :- n(reach(X)), a(path(X,Y)).
...
```



Semi-naive Evaluation-based Grounding

```
function GROUND_SEMI_NAIVE(P, A)
     G \leftarrow \emptyset
     foreach C in L_P do
          (O, N) \leftarrow (\emptyset, A)
          repeat
               let D_p = \{p(a) \mid a \in D\} for set D of atoms
               G' \leftarrow ground_{O_0 \cup N_0 \cup A_2} (prepared C)
               N \leftarrow head(G') \setminus A
               (G, O, A) \leftarrow (G \cup G', A, N \cup A)
          until N = \emptyset
     return G with o/1, n/1, a/1 stripped from positive bodies
```

■ given safe program P and set of facts I, P ∪ I is equivalent to GROUND_SEMI_NAIVE(P, head(I)) ∪ I

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Example: Grounding Component_{7,1}

```
% grounding of
% reach(Y) :- n(reach(X)), a(path(X,Y)).
```

```
% Step 1 with N = A from previous step (reach(a) \in A)
reach(b) :- n(reach(a)), a(path(a,b)).
reach(c) :- n(reach(a)), a(path(a,c)).
```

```
% Step 2 with N = { reach(b), reach(c) }
reach(c) :- n(reach(b)), a(path(b,c)).
reach(d) :- n(reach(b)), a(path(b,d)).
reach(a) :- n(reach(c)), a(path(c,a)).
reach(d) :- n(reach(c)), a(path(c,d)).
```

```
% Step 3 with N = { reach(d) }
reach(a) :- n(reach(d)), a(path(d,a)).
```



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```

```
% Step 3 with N = { reach(d) }
reach(a) :- reach(d), path(d,a).
```

```
% without n/1 and a/1 of course
```



Example: Nonlinear Programs

```
trans(U,V) :- edge(U,V).
trans(U,W) :- trans(U,V), trans(V,W).
```

```
% prepared Component 1:
trans(U,V) :- n(edge(U,V)).
```

% prepared Component 2: trans(U,W) :- n(trans(U,V)), a(trans(V,W)). trans(U,W) :- o(trans(U,V)), n(trans(V,W)).



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Example: Nonlinear Programs

```
trans(U,V) :- edge(U,V).
% trans(U,W) :- trans(U,V), trans(V,W).
% better written as:
trans(U,W) :- trans(U,V), edge(V,W).
```

```
% prepared Component 1:
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```

```
% prepared Component 2:
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```



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Propagation of Facts

- simplifications are performed on-the-fly (rules are printed immediately but not stored in gringo)
- maintain a set of fact atoms
- remove facts from positive body
- discard rules with negative literals over a fact
- discard rules whenever the head is a fact
- gather new facts whenever a rule body is empty



```
...
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b), edge(a,b).
...
reach(a) :- start(a).
```



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```
...
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b).
...
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```



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```
...
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...
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...
:- node(a), not reach(a).
...
```



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```
...
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...
reach(a). % reach(a) is added as fact
...
:- node(a), not reach(a). % rule is discarded
...
```



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Propagation of Negative Literals

- non-recursive negative literals not in the current base A can be removed from rule bodies
- stratified logic programs are completely evaluated during groundingconsider the instance where node d is not reachable





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Example: Propagation of Negative Literals

```
path(a,b) :- not omit(a,b).
path(a,c) :- not omit(a,c).
path(b,c) :- not omit(b,c).
                                            а
                                                        b
path(c,a) :- not omit(c,a).
path(d,a) :- not omit(d,a).
. . .
reach(a).
reach(b) :- path(a,b).
reach(c) :- path(a,c).
reach(c) :- path(b,c), reach(b).
. . .
% reach(X) is not recursive and reach(d) \notin A
:- not reach(b).
:- not reach(c).
:- not reach(d). % remove not reach(d) from body
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```

Example: Propagation of Negative Literals

```
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                                         а
                                                   b
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path(d,a) :- not omit(d,a).
. . .
reach(a).
reach(b) :- path(a,b).
reach(c) :- path(a,c).
reach(c) :- path(b,c), reach(b).
. . .
% reach(X) is not recursive and reach(d) \notin A
:- not reach(b).
:- not reach(c).
:- . % inconsistency detected during grounding
```

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Conclusion/Summary

- grounding algorithms for normal logic programs (with integrity constraints)
- language features not covered here
 - (recursive) aggregates
 - conditional literals
 - optimization statements
 - disjunctions
 - arithmetic functions
 - syntactic sugar to write more compact encodings
 - safety of = relation (for aggregates and terms)
 - python/lua integration
 - external functions
 - control over grounding and solving



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Program completion

Let P be a normal logic program

• The completion CF(P) of P is defined as follows

$$\mathsf{CF}(\mathsf{P}) = \Big\{\mathsf{a} \leftrightarrow igvee_{r \in \mathsf{P}, \mathsf{head}(r) = \mathsf{a}} \mathsf{BF}(\mathsf{body}(r)) \mid \mathsf{a} \in \mathsf{atom}(\mathsf{P})\Big\}$$

where

$$\mathsf{BF}(\mathsf{body}(r)) = igwedge_{a \in \mathsf{body}(r)^+} a \land igwedge_{a \in \mathsf{body}(r)^-} \neg a$$



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An example

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Lin-Zhao Theorem

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Motivation

 Goal Approach to computing stable models of logic programs, based on concepts from

Constraint Processing (CP) and

Satisfiability Testing (SAT)

Idea View inferences in ASP as unit propagation on nogoods

Benefits

- A uniform constraint-based framework for different kinds of inferences in ASP
- Advanced techniques from the areas of CP and SAT
- Highly competitive implementation



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The completion of a logic program P can be defined as follows:

$$\{ v_B \leftrightarrow a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_m \wedge \neg a_{m+1} \wedge \dots \wedge \neg a_n \mid \\ B \in body(P) \text{ and } B = \{a_1, \dots, a_m, \sim a_{m+1}, \dots, \sim a_n\} \}$$
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and induces the set of nogoods

 $\Delta(B) = \{ \{ TB, Fa_1 \}, \dots, \{ TB, Fa_m \}, \{ TB, Ta_{m+1} \}, \dots, \{ TB, Ta_n \} \}$

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■ Analogously, the (atom-oriented) equivalence

 $a \leftrightarrow v_{B_1} \lor \cdots \lor v_{B_k}$

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Towards conflict-driven search

Boolean constraint solving algorithms pioneered for SAT led to:

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 - (Chronological) backtracking
 - in ASP, eg *smodels*
- Modern CDCL-style approach (CDCL stands for 'Conflict-Driven Constraint Learning')
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 - Conflict analysis (via resolution)
 - Learning + Backjumping + Assertion
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DPLL-style solving

loop

 propagate
 // deterministically assign literals

 if no conflict then
 if all variables assigned then return solution

 else decide
 // non-deterministically assign some literal

 else
 if top-level conflict then return unsatisfiable

 else
 backtrack
 // unassign literals propagated after last decision

 flip
 // assign complement of last decision literal



CDCL-style solving

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Algorithm 1: CDNL-ASP

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- Global *clingo* state $(\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbb{P}_2, V_2)$ Input empty assignment



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- Global *clingo* state $(\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbb{P}_2, V_2)$
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- Result clingo state

 $(R_2, \mathbb{P}_2, V_2) = (R_0, \mathbb{P}_1, (\{p(3)\}, \emptyset))$

stable model $\{p(0), p(3)\}$ of \mathbb{P}_2 wrt V_2



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- Global *clingo* state $(\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbb{P}_2, V_2)$
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 $(\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbb{P}_2, V_2) = (\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbb{P}_1, (\{p(3)\}, \emptyset))$

Print stable model $\{p(0), p(3)\}$ of \mathbb{P}_2 wrt V_2



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- Global *clingo* state (**R**₂, P₂, V₂)
- Input empty assignment
- Result clingo state

 $(\mathbf{R}_2, \mathbb{P}_2, V_2) = (\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbb{P}_1, (\{p(3)\}, \emptyset))$

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 Input assignment p(3) → f
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- Global *clingo* state (R₃, P₃, V₃)
 Input empty assignment
- Result *clingo* state

 $(\mathbf{R}_3, \mathbb{P}_3, V_3) = (\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbb{P}_1, (\emptyset, \emptyset))$

Print no stable model of \mathbb{P}_3 wrt V_3



- Global *clingo* state $(\mathbf{R}_3, \mathbb{P}_3, V_3)$
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 $(\mathbf{R}_3, \mathbb{P}_3, V_3) = (\mathbf{R}_0, \mathbb{P}_1, (\emptyset, \emptyset))$

Print no stable model of \mathbb{P}_3 wrt V_3



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- Global *clingo* state $(\mathbf{R}_3, \mathbb{P}_3, V_3)$
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Example

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Global *clingo* state (*R*₃, ℙ₃, *V*₃), including atom base *I*(ℙ₃) ∪ *O*(ℙ₃) = {*p*(0), *p*(1), *p*(2), *p*(3)} Input Extensible program *R*(succ)[n/1] ∪ *R*(succ)[n/2] Output Module

$$\mathbb{R}_{4}(I(\mathbb{P}_{3}) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_{3})) = \left(P_{4}, \left\{\begin{matrix}p(0), p(4), \\ p(3), p(5)\end{matrix}\right\}, \left\{\begin{matrix}p(1), \\ p(2)\end{matrix}\right\}\right) \text{ where} \\ P_{4} = \left\{\begin{matrix}p(1) \leftarrow p(4); \ p(1) \leftarrow \sim p(2), \sim p(3); \\ p(2) \leftarrow p(5); \ p(2) \leftarrow \sim p(3), \sim p(4)\end{matrix}\right\} \\ E_{4} = \left\{p(4), p(5)\right\}$$

Result clingo state

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



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Result clingo state

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Result clingo state

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Result *clingo* state

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Result clingo state

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Result clingo state

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where

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$$\mathbb{P}_{3} = \left(\begin{cases} p(0) \leftarrow p(3);\\ p(0) \leftarrow \sim p(0) \end{cases} \right\}, \{p(1), p(2), p(3)\}, \{p(0)\} \right)$$
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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(succ)[n/3]

Output Module

$$\mathbb{R}_{5}(I(\mathbb{P}_{4}) \cup O(\mathbb{P}_{4})) = \left(P_{5}, \left\{\begin{array}{c}p(0), p(1), p(2), \\ p(4), p(5), p(6)\end{array}\right\}, \{p(3)\}\right)$$

where $P_{5} = \{p(3) \leftarrow p(6); \ p(3) \leftarrow \sim p(4), \sim p(5)\}$
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Result clingo state

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



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Input Extensible program R(succ)[n/3]

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Result *clingo* state

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simple.lp

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

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Clingo on the run

\$ clingo simple.lp

clingo versi	on 4.5.0							
Reading from	simple.l	р						
Solving								
Answer: 1								
p(3) p(0)								
Solving								
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Answer: 1								
p(3) p(0)								
SATISFIABLE								
Models	: 2+							
Calls								
Time	: 0.019s	(Solving:	0.00s	1st Mode	l: 0.00s	Unsat:	0.00s)	
CPU Time	: 0.010s							
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```
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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+
            : 4
Calls
Time
             : 0.019s (Solving: 0.00s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time
             : 0.010s
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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).



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#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.



```
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        ret, parts, step = prg.solve(), [], step+1
```

#end.



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\$ clingo toh.lp tohCtrl.lp

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```

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```
$ 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) \setminus
move(7,a,7) move(4,b,8) move(7,b,9)
                                         move(6,c,10) move(7,c,11) move(5,b,12) \setminus
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)
              : 0.300s
CPU Time
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```

Incremental Solving (Python)

```
from sys import stdout
from gringo import SolveResult, Fun, Control
prg = Control()
prg.load("toh.lp")
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while ret == SolveResult.UNSAT:
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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
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```

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                                                              otassco
```

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Incremental Solving (Python)

\$ python tohCtrl.py

move(7,c,40)		move(7,c,18)	move(6,a,31)	move(6,b,15)	move(7,b,36)	
move(7, c, 24)			move(6,a,19)			
	move(6,b,35)			move(6,b,2)		
	move(4,b,8)	move(7,a,38)		move(5,a,29)	move(7,b,22)	
move(6,c,39)	move(6,c,23)	move(5,b,12)			move(5,a,4)	
move(7,a,14)			move(7,a,32)	move(7,b,28)		
move(2,c,33)	move(5,c,21)	move(7, c, 34)	move(5,c,37)			



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Incremental Solving (Python)

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board.lp

dim(1..16).

<pre>barrier(2,</pre>	1,	1,	0).	barrier(13,11	, 1,	0).	barrier(9, 7, 0, 1).
<pre>barrier(10,</pre>	1,	1,	0).	barrier(11,12	2, 1,	0).	barrier(11, 7, 0, 1).
barrier(4,	2,	1,	0).	barrier(14,13	8, 1,	0).	barrier(14, 7, 0, 1).
barrier(14,	2,	1,	0).	barrier(6,14	, 1,	0).	barrier(16, 9, 0, 1).
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barrier(7,	4,	1,	0).	barrier(4,16	5, 1,	0).	barrier(8,10, 0,-1).
<pre>barrier(3,</pre>	7,	1,	0).	barrier(12,16	5, 1,	0).	barrier(9,10, 0,-1).
<pre>barrier(14,</pre>	7,	1,	0).	barrier(5, 1	, 0,	1).	barrier(9,10, 0, 1).
<pre>barrier(7,</pre>	8,	1,	0).	barrier(15, 1	, 0,	1).	barrier(14,10, 0, 1).
<pre>barrier(10,</pre>	8,-	-1,	0).	barrier(2, 2	2, 0,	1).	barrier(1,12, 0, 1).
<pre>barrier(11,</pre>	8,	1,	0).	barrier(12, 3	8, 0,	1).	barrier(11,12, 0, 1).
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targets.lp

#external goal(1..16).

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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(vellow, 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).
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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
                          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+
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$ clingo board.lp targets.lp ricochet.lp -c horizon=9 \
        <(echo "pos(red,1,1). pos(green,16,1). pos(blue,1,16). pos(vellow,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) \setminus
move(yellow,0,-1,6) move(red,1,0,7) move(yellow,0,1,8) move(yellow,-1,0,9)
SATISFIABLE
Models
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Calls
             : 1
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clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
UNSATISFIABLE
Models
             : 0
Calls
Time
             : 2.817s (Solving: 2.41s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 2.41s)
CPU Time
             : 2.800s
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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) }.



```
$ 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).
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clingo version 4.5.0
Reading from board.lp ...
Solving...
Optimization: 20
Optimization: 19
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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)
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                                                                                 move(yellow, 0, 1, 10) \setminus
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move(vellow.0.1.16) move(vellow.0.1.17) move(vellow.0.1.18) move(vellow.0.1.19) move(vellow.0.1.20)
OPTIMUM FOUND
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             : ves
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Calls
             : 1
Time
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CPU Time
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Round 1: goal(13)

Round 2: goal(4)



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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



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```
from gringo import Control, Model, Fun
class Plaver:
    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)
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        return self.last solution
    def on_model(self, model):
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        for atom in model.atoms(Model.ATOMS):
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                self.last_positions.append(Fun("pos", atom.args()[:-1]))
horizon = 15
encodings = ["board.lp", "targets.lp", "ricochet.lp", "optimization.lp"]
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                                                                               1. 16]).
positions = [Fun("pos", [Fun("red"),
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sequence = [Fun("goal", [13]), Fun("goal", [4]), Fun("goal", [7])]
player = Player(horizon, positions, encodings)
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ricochet.py

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Let's play!

\$ python ricochet.py

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- Accepts safe programs with aggregates
- Tolerates unrestricted use of function symbols (as long as it yields a finite ground instantiation :)
- Expressive power of a Turing machine
- Basic architecture of *gringo*:



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Sequential CDCL-style solving

loop		
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clasp in context

■ Compare *clasp* (2.0.5) to the multi-threaded SAT solvers

- cryptominisat (2.9.2)
- manysat (1.1)
- *miraxt* (2009)
- plingeling (587f)

all run with four and eight threads in their default settings

■ 160/300 benchmarks from crafted category at SAT'11

- all solvable by *ppfolio* in 1000 seconds
- crafted SAT benchmarks are closest to ASP benchmarks



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 <mode>: Run competition or splitting based search [compete]

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--print-portfolio,-g : Print default portfolio and exit



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- pareto is defined as
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- *lexico* is defined as

■ $(X, Y) \in lexico(E)$ if $\bigvee_{w:name(s) \in E} ((X \succ_s Y) \land \bigwedge_{v:name(s') \in E, v < w} (X =_{s'} Y))$ ■ $dom(lexico) = \mathcal{P}(\{w : n \mid w \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in N\}).$

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- **Input** : A program *P* over *A* and preference statement *s* **Output** : A \succ_s -preferred stable model of *P*, if *P* is satisfiable, and \perp otherwise
- $Y \leftarrow solve(P)$ if $Y = \bot$ then return \bot

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{repeat} \\ X \leftarrow Y \\ Y \leftarrow \text{solve}(P \cup E_{t_s} \cup F_s \cup R_A \cup H'_X) \cap A \\ \text{until } Y = \bot \\ \text{return } X \end{array}$$

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#preference(fun,superset){ sauna; dive; hike; not bunji }.
#preference(temps,aso){
 dive > sauna ||
                      hot:
 sauna > dive || not hot
}.
#preference(all, pareto) {name(costs); name(fun); name(temps)}.
#optimize(all).
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