

# CS5201: Advanced Artificial Intelligence

## Planning



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# Problem types

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- Search
  - Most fundamental approach
  - Need to define states, moves, state-transition rules, etc.
- CSP
  - Search through constraint propagation
- Propositional logic
  - Deduction in a single state, no state change
- Probabilistic reasoning
  - Logic augmented with probabilities
- Temporal logic
  - Logic involving time
- Planning
  - Search involving logic
  - Change of states

# Real world planning problems

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- Autonomous vehicle navigation
- Robotics movement
- Travel planning
- Process control
- Assembly line
- Military operations
- Information gathering
- many more ...

# A simple planning problem

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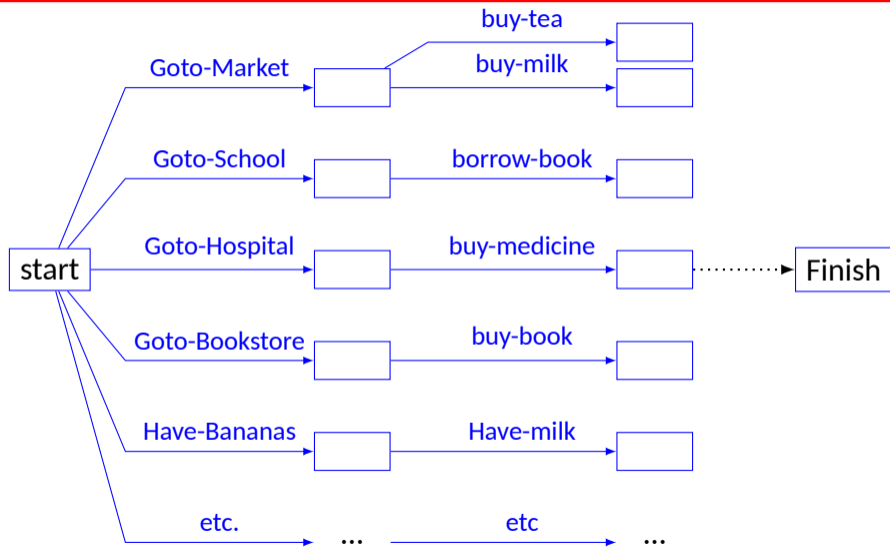
- Get me **milk**, **bananas** and **a book**
- Given
  - **Initial state** - agent is at *home* without milk, bananas and book
  - **Goal state** - agent is at *home* with milk, bananas and book
  - **Actions / Moves** - agent can perform on a given state
    - **Buy(X)** - buy item  $X$  where  $X \in \{milk, bananas, book\}$
    - **Steal(X)** - steal item  $X$  where  $X \in \{milk, bananas, book\}$
    - **Goto(X)** - move to  $X$  where  $X \in \{market, home\}$
    - ...

# The planning problem

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- Generate one possible way to achieve a certain **goal** given an **initial situation** and a set of **actions**
- Similar to **search** problems
  - Start state
  - List of moves
  - Result of moves
  - Goal state

# Search



# Planning vs Search

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- Actions have requirements and consequences that should constrain applicability in a given state
  - Stronger interaction between actions and states needed
- Most parts of the world are independent of most other parts
  - Solve subgoals independently
- Human beings plan goal-directed, they construct important intermediate solutions first
  - Flexible sequence for construction of solution
- Planning systems do the following
  - Unify action and goal representation to allow selection (use logical language for both)
  - Divide-and-conquer by subgoaling
  - Relax requirement for sequential construction of solutions

# STRIPS

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- **Stanford Research Institute Problem Solver**
- **Many planners today use specification languages that are variants of the one used in STRIPS**

# Representation

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- **States** - conjunction of propositions
  - Example:  $AT(\text{Home}) \wedge \neg \text{Have}(\text{tea}) \wedge \neg \text{Have}(\text{bananas}) \wedge \neg \text{Have}(\text{book})$
- Close world assumption - atoms that are not present are treated as false
- **Actions** - Serves as names
  - **Precondition** - conjunction of literals
  - **Effect** - conjunction of literals
  - Example:
    - Action:  $\text{Goto}(\text{Market})$
    - Precondition:  $AT(\text{home})$
    - Effect:  $AT(\text{Market})$
- **Plan** - Solution for the problem
  - A set of plan steps. Each step is one of the operators for the problem.
  - A set of step ordering constraints. Each ordering constraint is of the form  $S_i \prec S_j$ , indicating  $S_i$  must occur sometime before  $S_j$ .

# Example - Flight operation

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- Flying a plane from one location to another
- **Actions** - FLY(plane-id, from, to)
  - **Preconditions** -  $AT(\text{plane-id}, \text{from}) \wedge \text{Airport}(\text{from}) \wedge \text{Airport}(\text{to})$
  - **Effects** -  $\neg AT(\text{plane-id}, \text{from}) \wedge AT(\text{plane-id}, \text{to})$

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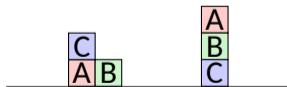
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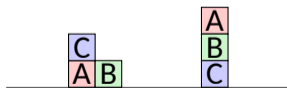
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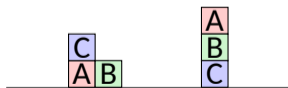
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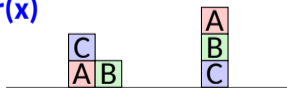
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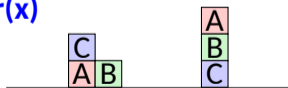
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


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  - $\text{move}(A, B)$



# Blocks world - I

  
 $\text{On}(C,A) \wedge \text{On}(A,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{On}(B,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{Clear}(C) \wedge \text{Clear}(B)$

Action: Move(X,Y)

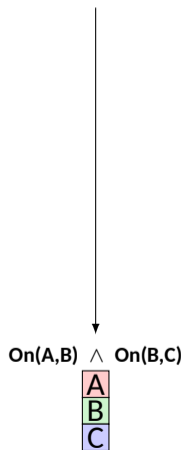
Precondition:  $\text{Clear}(X) \wedge \text{Clear}(Y)$

Effect:  $\text{On}(X,Y), \text{Clear}(X),$   
 $\neg\text{Clear}(Y)$

Action: MoveTT(X)


Precondition:  $\text{Clear}(X)$

Effect:  $\text{On}(X,\text{Table}),$   
 $\text{Clear}(X)$



- Move C to the table
  - It achieves none of the goal predicates
- Move C to top of B
  - It achieves none of the goal predicates
- Move B to top of C
  - It achieves  $\text{On}(B,C)$

# Blocks world - I

  
 $\text{On}(C,A) \wedge \text{On}(A,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{On}(B,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{Clear}(C) \wedge \text{Clear}(B)$

Action:  $\text{Move}(X,Y)$

Precondition:  $\text{Clear}(X) \wedge \text{Clear}(Y)$

Effect:  $\text{On}(X,Y), \text{Clear}(X), \neg\text{Clear}(Y)$

Action:  $\text{MoveTT}(X)$

Precondition:  $\text{Clear}(X)$

Effect:  $\text{On}(X,\text{Table}), \text{Clear}(X)$

$\text{Clear}(C) \wedge \text{Clear}(B)$

$\text{Move}(B,C)$

$\text{On}(A,B) \wedge \text{On}(B,C)$



We obtain the following



# Blocks world - II

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# Blocks world - II

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$\text{On}(C,A) \wedge \text{On}(A,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{On}(B,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{Clear}(C) \wedge \text{Clear}(B)$

$\text{On}(A,B) \wedge \text{On}(B,C)$



# Blocks world - II

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$\text{On}(C,A) \wedge \text{On}(A,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{On}(B,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{Clear}(C) \wedge \text{Clear}(B)$

**Action:** Move(X,Y)

**Precondition:**  $\text{Clear}(X) \wedge \text{Clear}(Y)$

**Effect:**  $\text{On}(X,Y), \text{Clear}(X),$   
 $\neg\text{Clear}(Y)$

**Action:** MoveTT(X)

**Precondition:**  $\text{Clear}(X)$

**Effect:**  $\text{On}(X,\text{Table}),$   
 $\text{Clear}(X)$

$\text{On}(A,B) \wedge \text{On}(B,C)$



# Blocks world - II



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**Action:** MoveTT(X)

**Precondition:**  $\text{Clear}(X)$

**Effect:**  $\text{On}(X,\text{Table}),$   
 $\text{Clear}(X)$

MoveTT(C)

Move(A,B)

$\text{On}(A,B) \wedge \text{On}(B,C)$



# Blocks world - II



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**Action:** MoveTT(X)

**Precondition:**  $\text{Clear}(X)$

**Effect:**  $\text{On}(X,\text{Table}),$   
 $\text{Clear}(X)$

Clear(C)

MoveTT(C)

$\text{Clear}(A) \wedge \text{On}(C,\text{Table})$

Move(A,B)

$\text{On}(A,B) \wedge \text{On}(B,C)$



# Blocks world - II



$\text{On}(C,A) \wedge \text{On}(A,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{On}(B,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{Clear}(C) \wedge \text{Clear}(B)$

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**Effect:**  $\text{On}(X,Y), \text{Clear}(X),$   
 $\neg\text{Clear}(Y)$

**Action:** MoveTT(X)

**Precondition:**  $\text{Clear}(X)$

**Effect:**  $\text{On}(X,\text{Table}),$   
 $\text{Clear}(X)$

Clear(C)

MoveTT(C)

$\text{Clear}(A) \wedge \text{On}(C,\text{Table})$

Clear(A)  $\wedge$  Clear(B)


Move(A,B)

$\neg\text{Clear}(B)$

$\text{On}(A,B) \wedge \text{On}(B,C)$



# Blocks world - II

  
 $\text{On}(C,A) \wedge \text{On}(A,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{On}(B,\text{Table}) \wedge \text{Clear}(C) \wedge \text{Clear}(B)$

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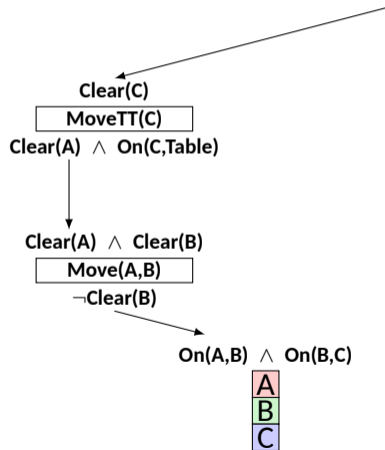
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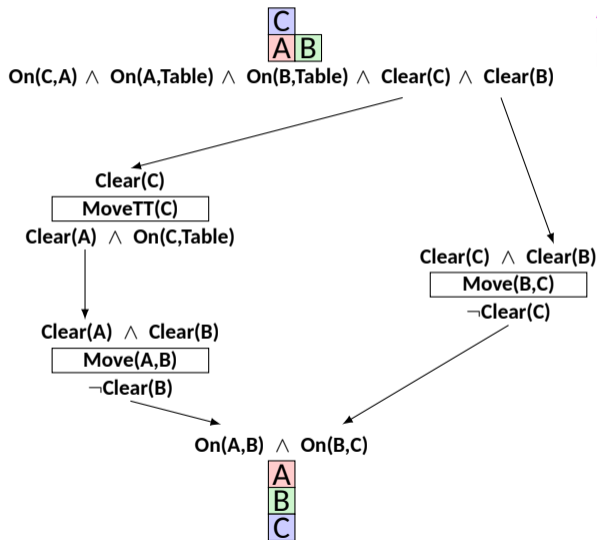
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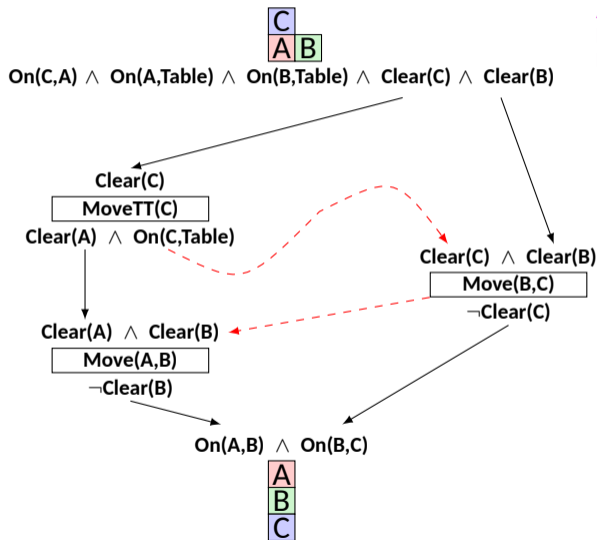
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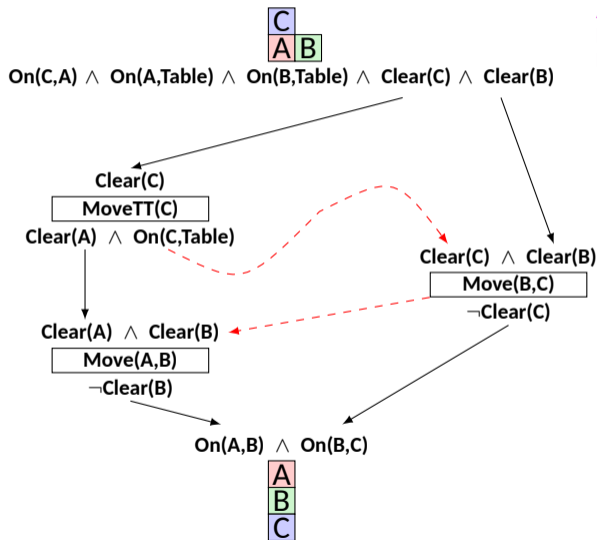
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Effect:  $\text{On}(X,Y), \text{Clear}(X), \neg\text{Clear}(Y)$

Action:  $\text{MoveTT}(X)$   
Precondition:  $\text{Clear}(X)$   
Effect:  $\text{On}(X,\text{Table}), \text{Clear}(X)$

# Blocks world - II



- Total ordering is
  - $\text{MoveTT}(C)$
  - $\text{Move}(B,C)$
  - $\text{Move}(A,B)$

# Shocks

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- Initial state :  $\emptyset$
- Goal state:  $\text{LeftShoeOn} \wedge \text{RightShoeOn}$
- Action - LeftSock
  - Precondition:  $\emptyset$
  - Effect: LeftSockOn
- Action - RightSock
  - Precondition:  $\emptyset$
  - Effect: RightSockOn
- Action - LeftShoe
  - Precondition: LeftSockOn
  - Effect: LeftShoeOn
- Action - RightShoe
  - Precondition: RightSockOn
  - Effect: RightShoeOn

# Shocks

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- Action - LeftShoe
  - Precondition: LeftSockOn
  - Effect: LeftShoeOn
- Action - RightShoe
  - Precondition: RightSockOn
  - Effect: RightShoeOn

Start

Finish

# Shocks

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  - Effect: RightSockOn
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  - Effect: RightShoeOn

Start

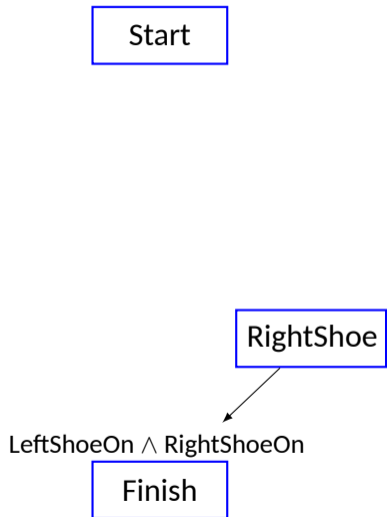
$\text{LeftShoeOn} \wedge \text{RightShoeOn}$

Finish

# Shocks

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# Shocks

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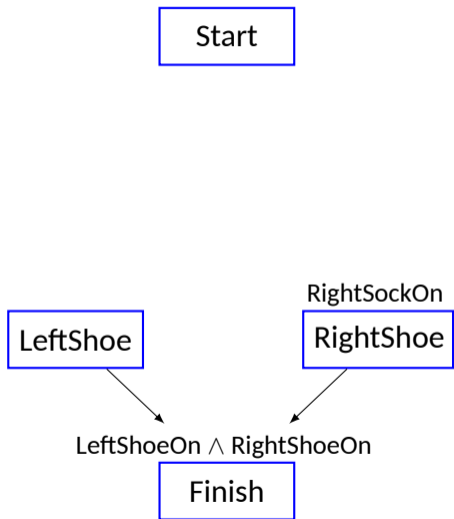
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  - Effect: RightShoeOn



# Shocks

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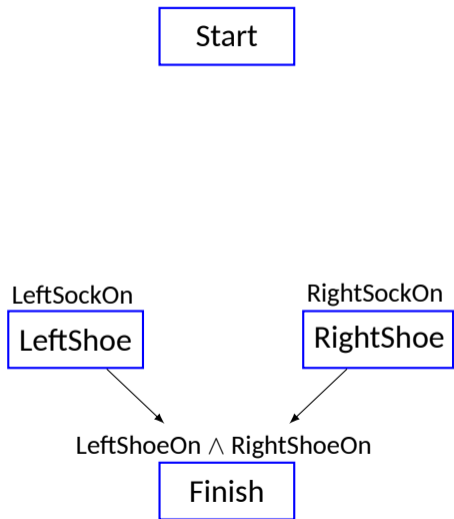
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  - Effect:  $\text{RightSockOn}$
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# Shocks

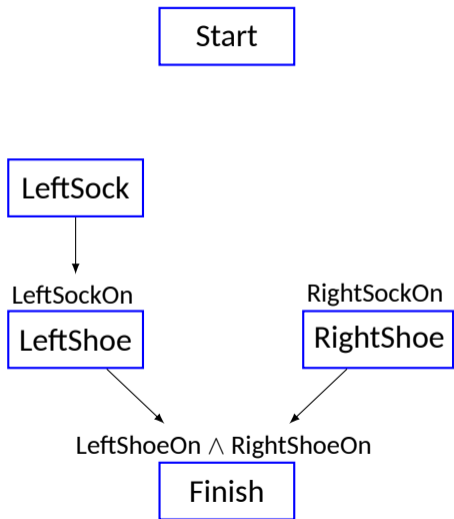
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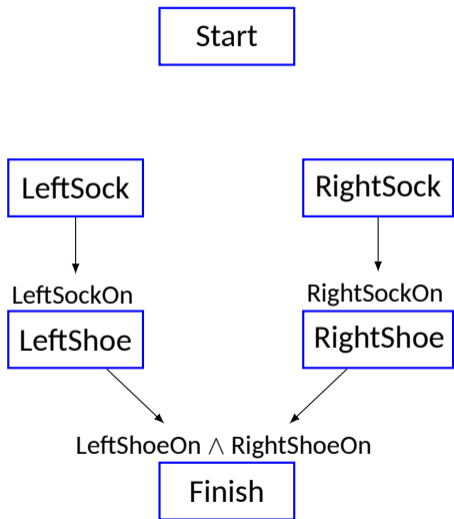
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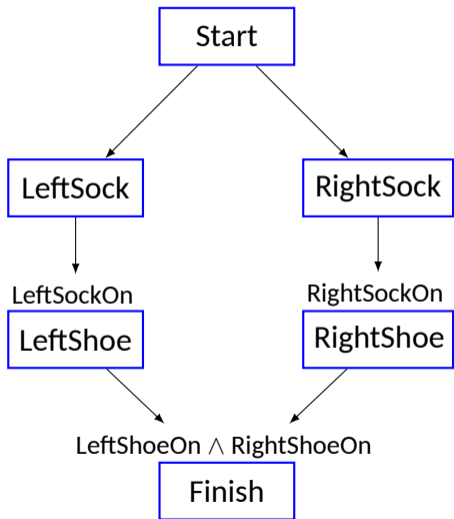
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# Partial order planning

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- Basic idea: Make choices only that are relevant for solving the current part of the problem
- Least commitment choices
  - Ordering - Leave actions unordered, unless they must be sequential
  - Binding - Leave variable unbound, unless needed to unify with conditions being achieved
  - Actions - Usually not subjected to least commitment

# Milk, Bananas, Book

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**Initial State:**

**Action: Start**

**Effect:  $\text{At}(\text{Home}) \wedge \text{Sells}(\text{BS}, \text{Book}) \wedge \text{Sells}(\text{M}, \text{Milk}) \wedge \text{Sells}(\text{M}, \text{Bananas})$**

**Goal State:**

**Action: Finish**

**Precondition:  $\text{Have}(\text{Book}) \wedge \text{Have}(\text{Milk}) \wedge \text{Have}(\text{Bananas}) \wedge \text{At}(\text{Home})$**

**Action:  $\text{Go}(y)$**

**Precondition:  $\text{At}(x)$**

**Effect:  $\text{At}(y) \wedge \neg \text{At}(x)$**

**Action:  $\text{Buy}(x)$**

**Precondition:  $\text{At}(y) \wedge \text{Sells}(y, x)$**

**Effect:  $\text{Have}(x)$**

# Milk, Bananas, Book

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Action: Go(y)  
Precondition: At(x)  
Effect: At(y)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ At(x)

Start

At(Home)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Action: Buy(x)  
Precondition: At(y)  $\wedge$  Sells(y,x)  
Effect: Have(x)

# Milk, Bananas, Book

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Action: Go(y)  
Precondition: At(x)  
Effect: At(y)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ At(x)

Start

At(Home)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Action: Buy(x)  
Precondition: At(y)  $\wedge$  Sells(y,x)  
Effect: Have(x)

Have(Book)  $\wedge$  Have(Milk)  $\wedge$  Have(Bananas)  $\wedge$  At(Home)

Finish

# Milk, Bananas, Book

Action: Go(y)  
Precondition: At(x)  
Effect: At(y)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ At(x)

Start

At(Home)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Action: Buy(x)  
Precondition: At(y)  $\wedge$  Sells(y,x)  
Effect: Have(x)

At(BS)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)

Buy(book)

Have(Book)  $\wedge$  Have(Milk)  $\wedge$  Have(Bananas)  $\wedge$  At(Home)

Finish

# Milk, Bananas, Book

Action: Go(y)  
Precondition: At(x)  
Effect: At(y)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ At(x)

Start

At(Home)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Action: Buy(x)  
Precondition: At(y)  $\wedge$  Sells(y,x)  
Effect: Have(x)

At(BS)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)

Buy(book)

At(M)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)

Buy(Milk)

Have(Book)  $\wedge$  Have(Milk)  $\wedge$  Have(Bananas)  $\wedge$  At(Home)

Finish

# Milk, Bananas, Book

Action: Go(y)  
Precondition: At(x)  
Effect: At(y)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ At(x)

Start

At(Home)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Action: Buy(x)  
Precondition: At(y)  $\wedge$  Sells(y,x)  
Effect: Have(x)

At(BS)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)

Buy(book)

At(M)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)

Buy(Milk)

At(M)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Buy(Bananas)

Have(Book)  $\wedge$  Have(Milk)  $\wedge$  Have(Bananas)  $\wedge$  At(Home)

Finish

# Milk, Bananas, Book

Action: Go(y)  
Precondition: At(x)  
Effect: At(y)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ At(x)

Start

At(Home)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Action: Buy(x)  
Precondition: At(y)  $\wedge$  Sells(y,x)  
Effect: Have(x)

At(Home)

Go(BS)

$\neg$ At(Home)

At(BS)  $\wedge$  Sells(BS,Book)

Buy(book)

At(M)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Milk)

Buy(Milk)

At(M)  $\wedge$  Sells(M,Bananas)

Buy(Bananas)

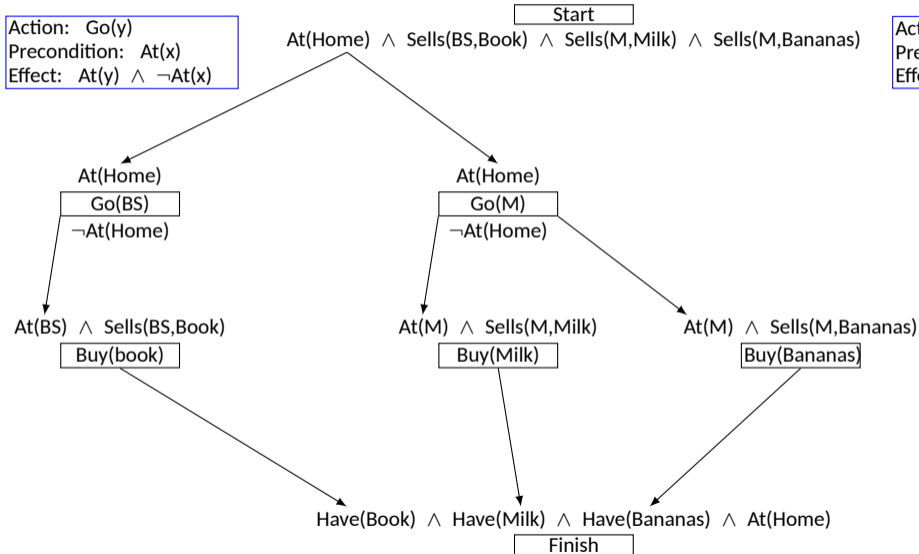
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Finish

# Milk, Bananas, Book

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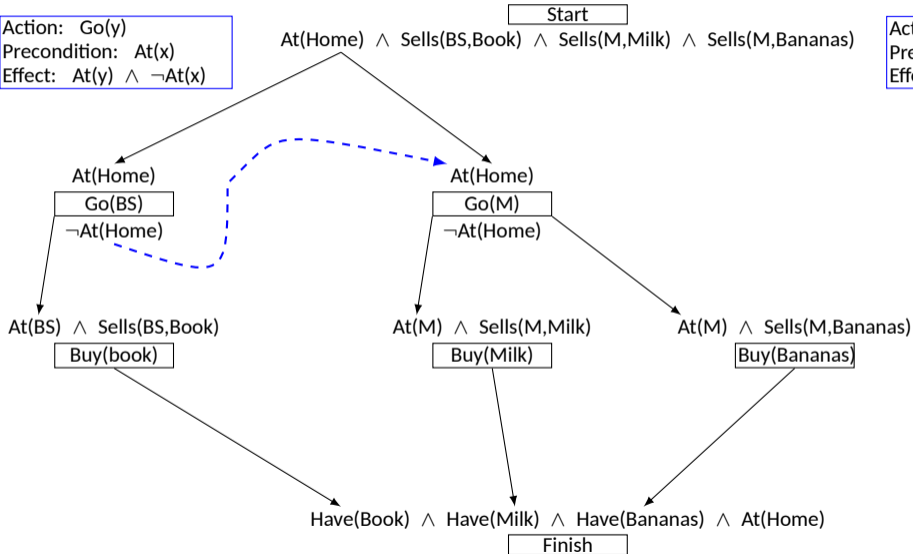
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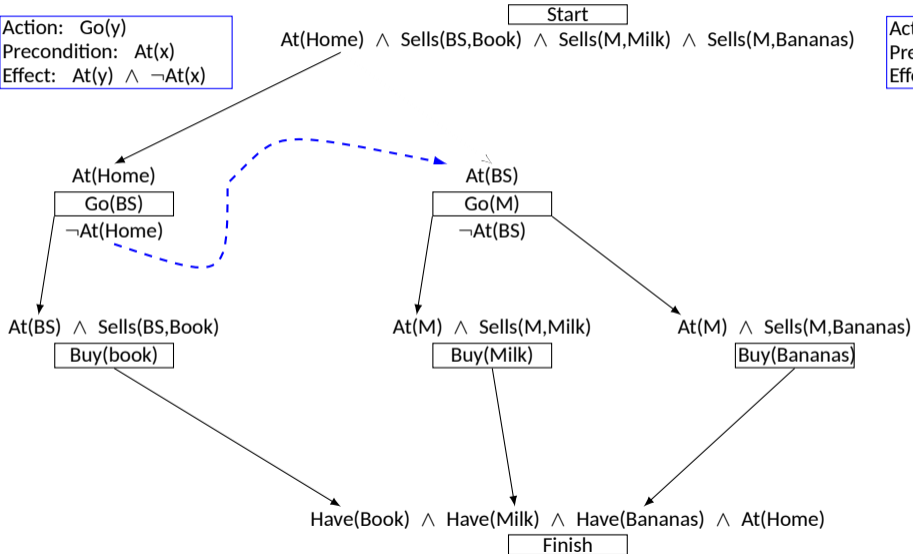
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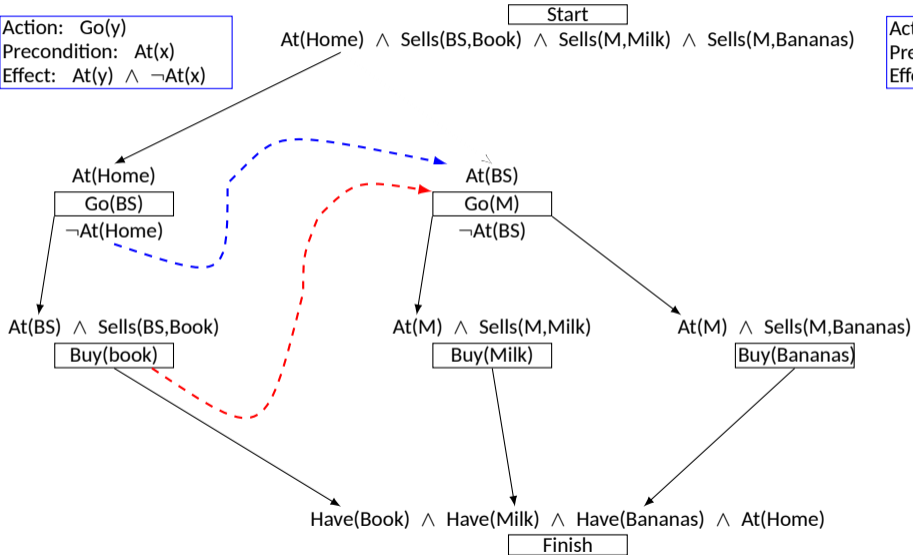
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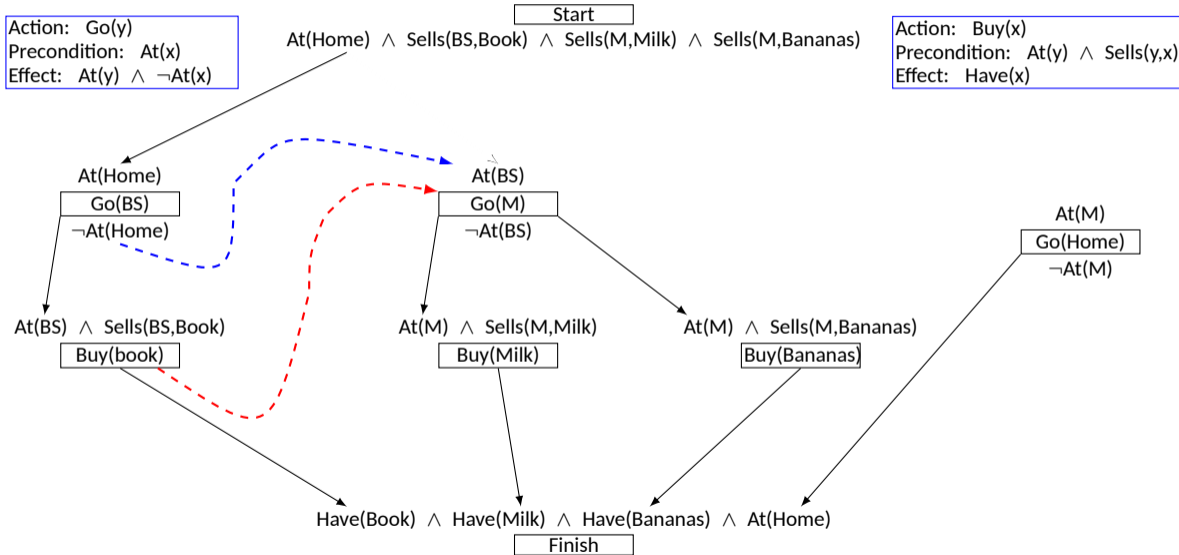
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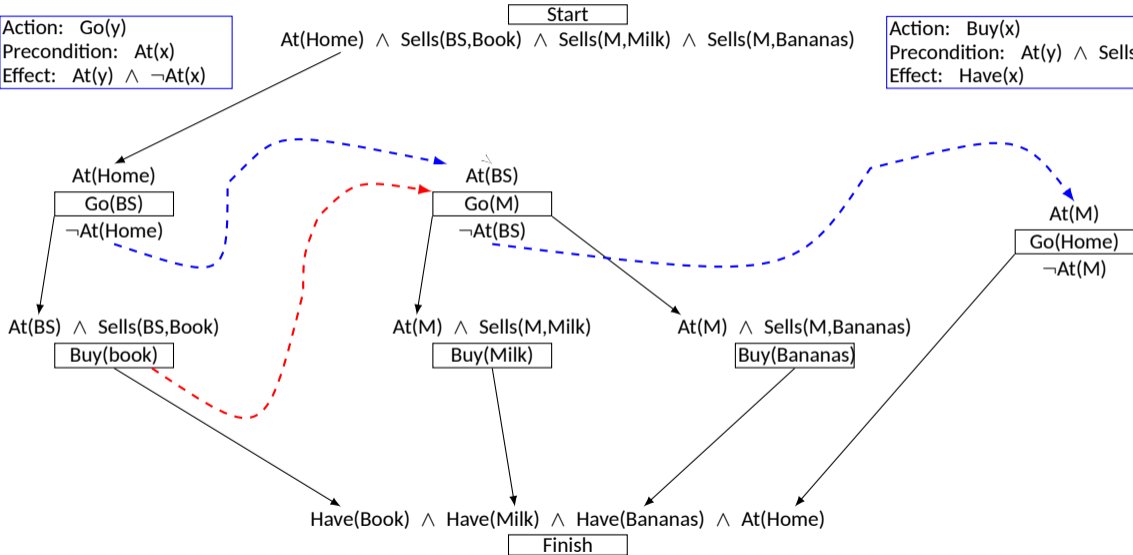
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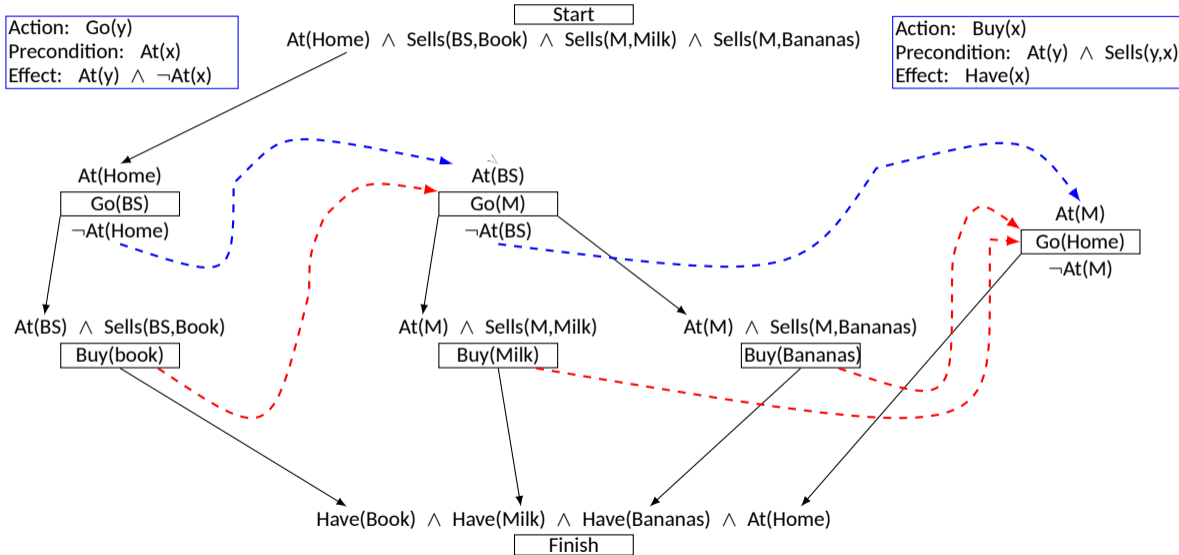
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Effect: Have(x)



# Milk, Bananas, Book

Action: Go(y)  
Precondition: At(x)  
Effect: At(y)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ At(x)

Action: Buy(x)  
Precondition: At(y)  $\wedge$  Sells(y,x)  
Effect: Have(x)



# Planning Graphs

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- Consists of a sequence of levels that correspond to time steps in the plan
- Each level contains a set of actions and a set of literals that could be true at that time step depending on the actions taken in previous time steps
- For every +ve and -ve literal  $C$ , we add a persistence action with precondition  $C$  and effect  $C$

# Planning Graph

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**Start:** Have(Cake)

**Finish:** Have(Cake)  $\wedge$  Eaten(Cake)

# Planning Graph

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**Start:** Have(Cake)

**Finish:** Have(Cake)  $\wedge$  Eaten(Cake)

**Action:** Eat(Cake)

**Precondition:** Have(Cake)

**Effect:** Eaten(Cake)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ Have(Cake)

**Action:** Bake(Cake)

**Precondition:**  $\neg$ Have(Cake)

**Effect:** Have(Cake)

# Planning Graph

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**Start:** Have(Cake)  
**Finish:** Have(Cake)  $\wedge$  Eaten(Cake)

**Action:** Eat(Cake)  
**Precondition:** Have(Cake)  
**Effect:** Eaten(Cake)  $\wedge$   $\neg$ Have(Cake)

**Action:** Bake(Cake)  
**Precondition:**  $\neg$ Have(Cake)  
**Effect:** Have(Cake)

$S_0$

Have(Cake)

$\neg$ Eaten(Cake)

# Planning Graph

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**Finish:** Have(Cake)  $\wedge$  Eaten(Cake)

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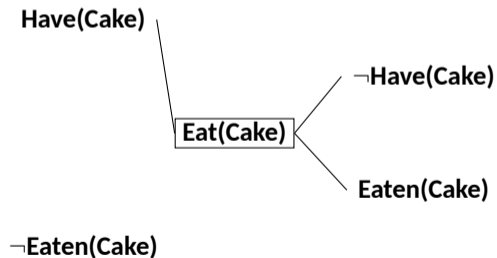
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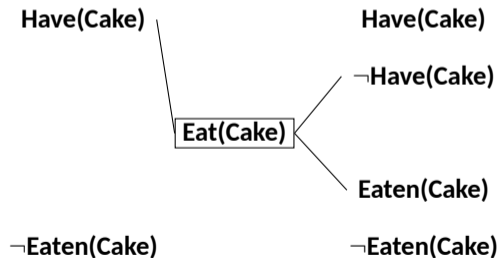
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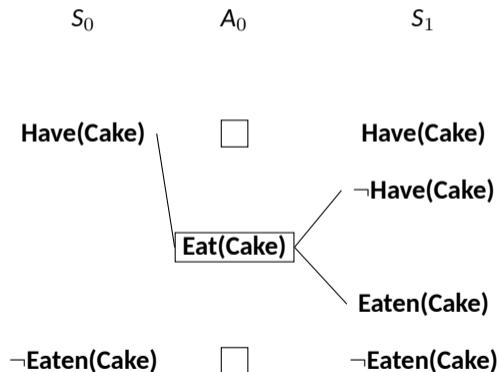


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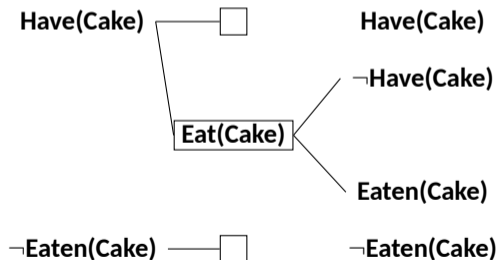
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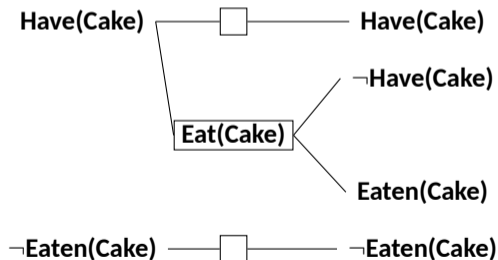
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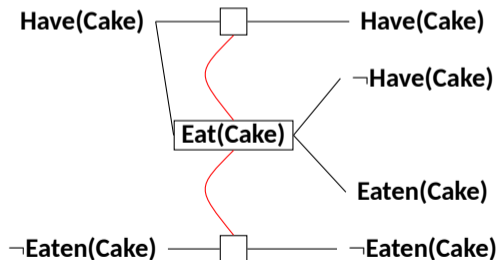
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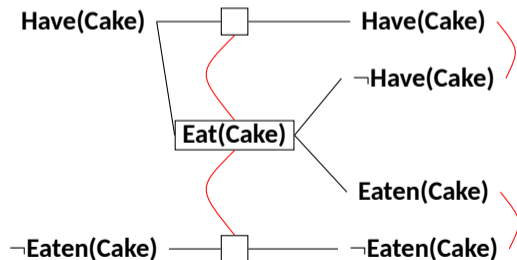
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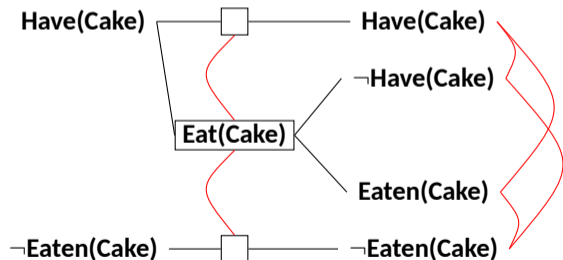
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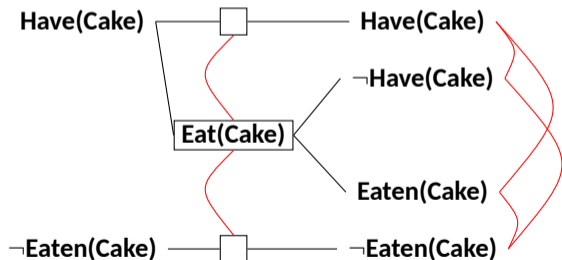
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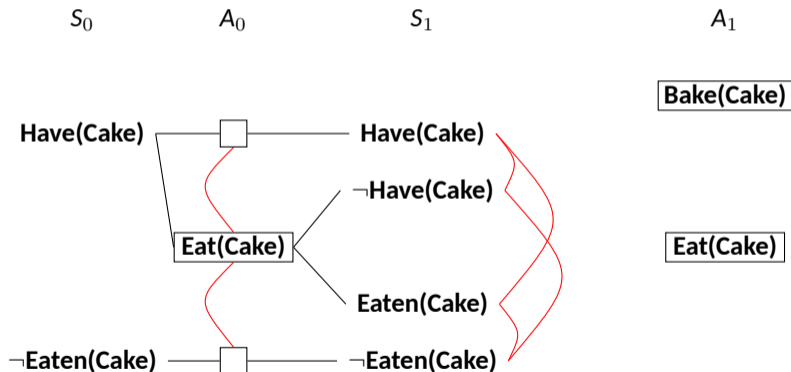


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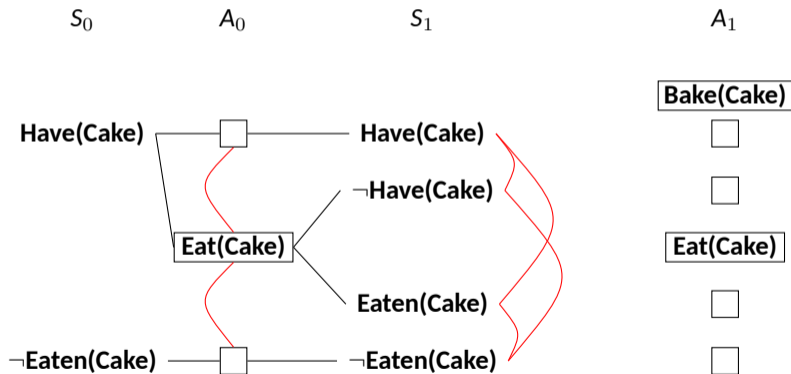


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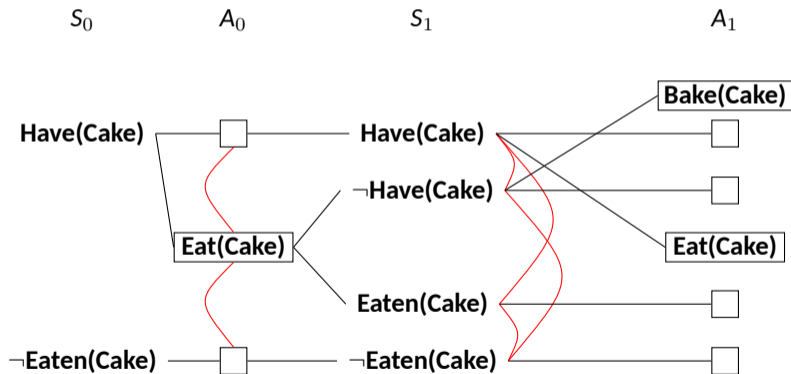


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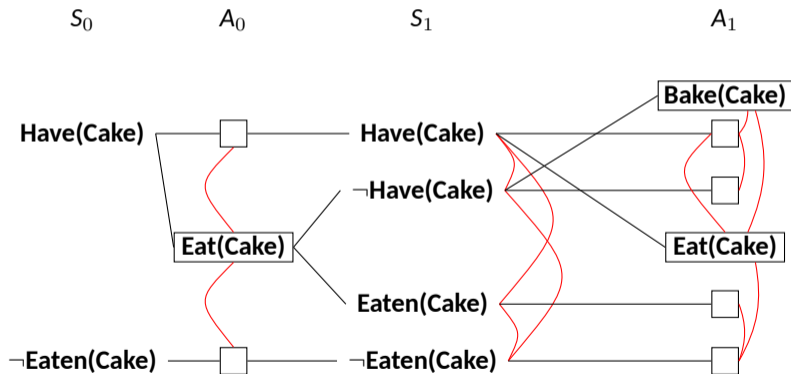


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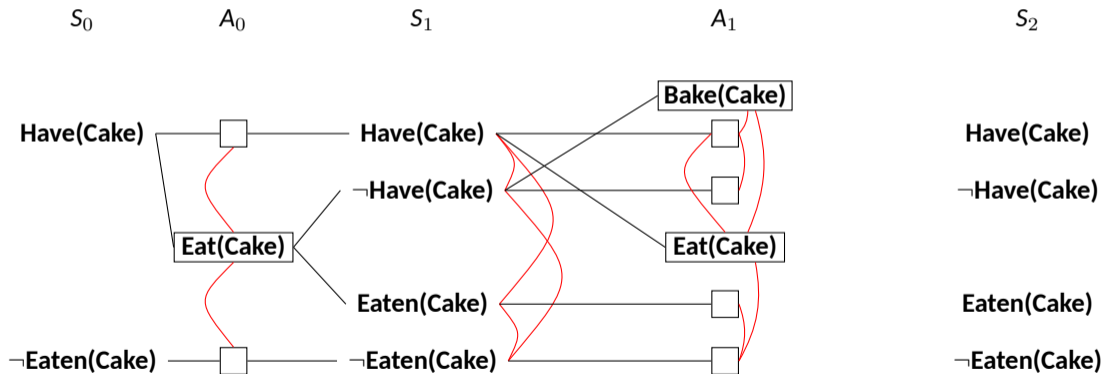


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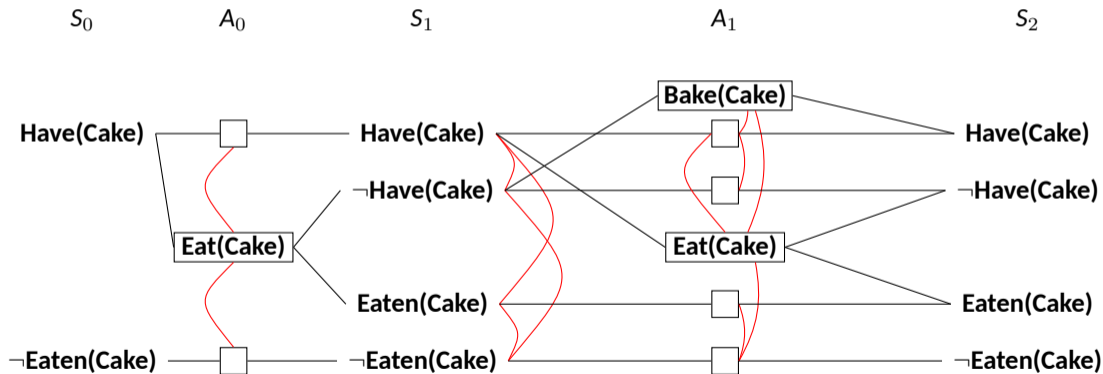


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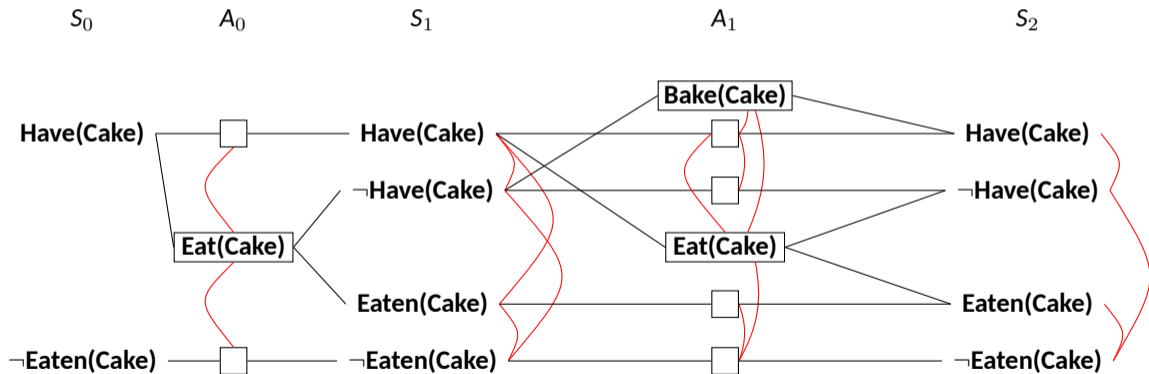


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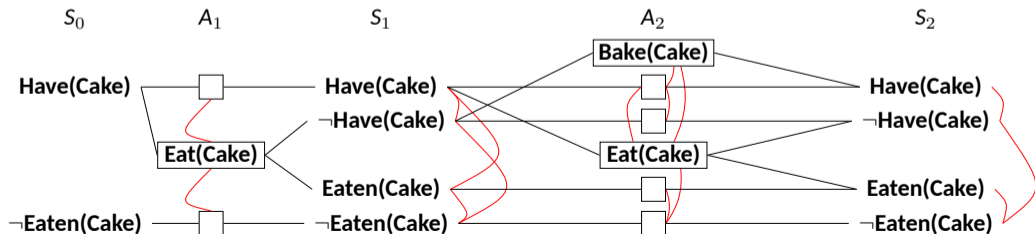
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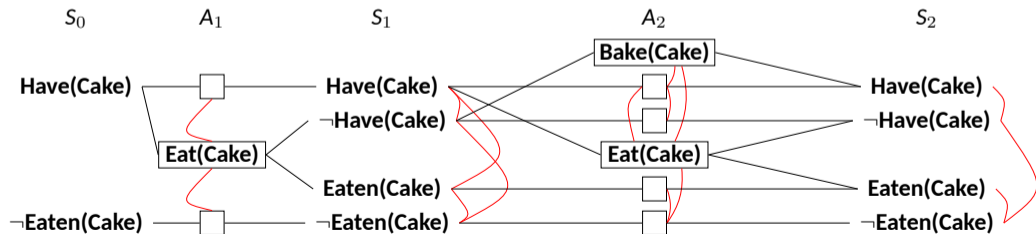
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# Mutex literals

- Mutual exclusion relation exists between two literals if
  - One is the negation of the other, OR
  - Each possible pair of actions that could achieve the two literals is mutually exclusive (inconsistent support)



# GraphPLAN algorithm

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Function GraphPlan

graph  $\leftarrow$  Initial-Planning-Graph( problem )

goals  $\leftarrow$  Goals[ problem ]

do

    if goals are all non-mutex in last level of graph then do

        solution  $\leftarrow$  Extract-Solution( graph )

        if solution  $\neq$  failure then return solution

        else if No-Solution-Possible ( graph )

            then return failure

    graph  $\leftarrow$  Expand-Graph( graph, problem )

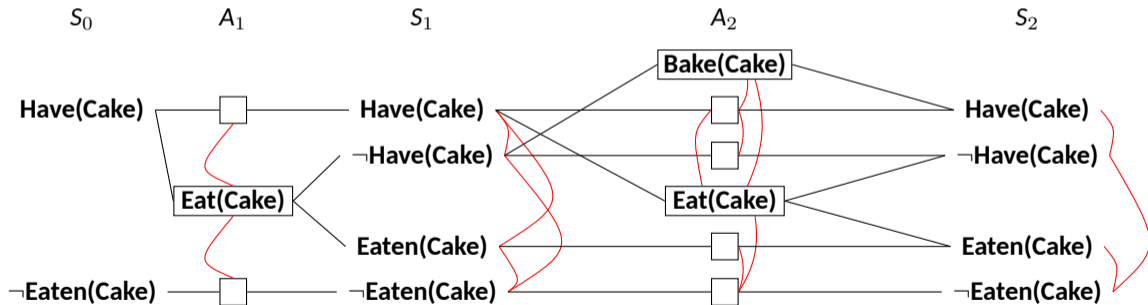
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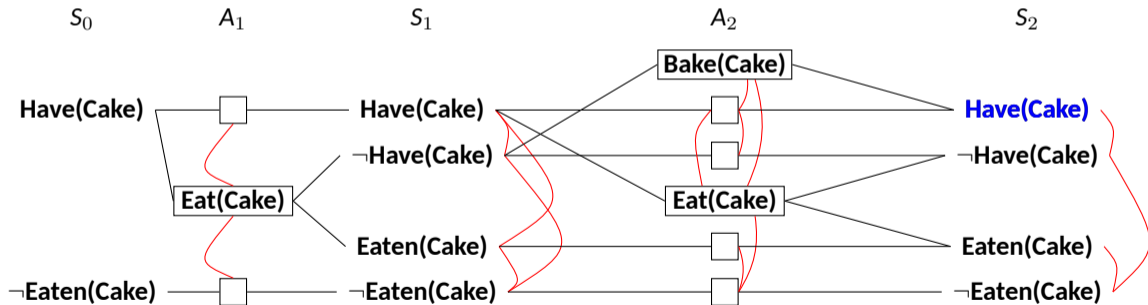
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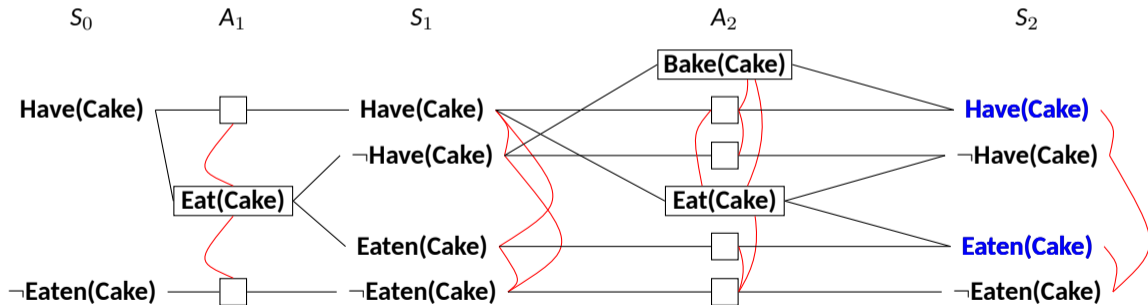
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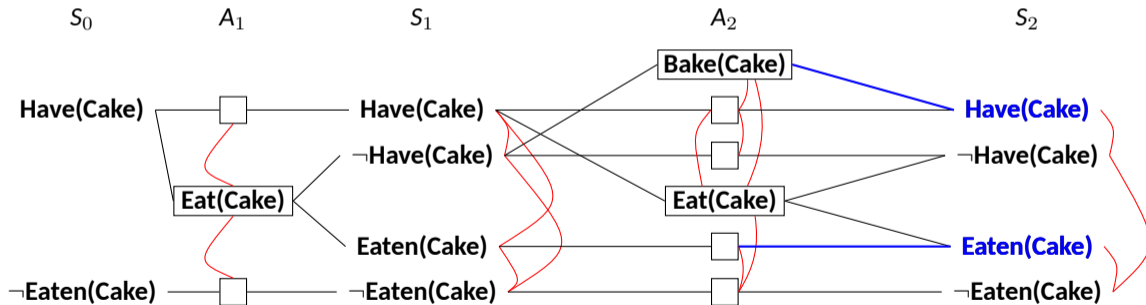
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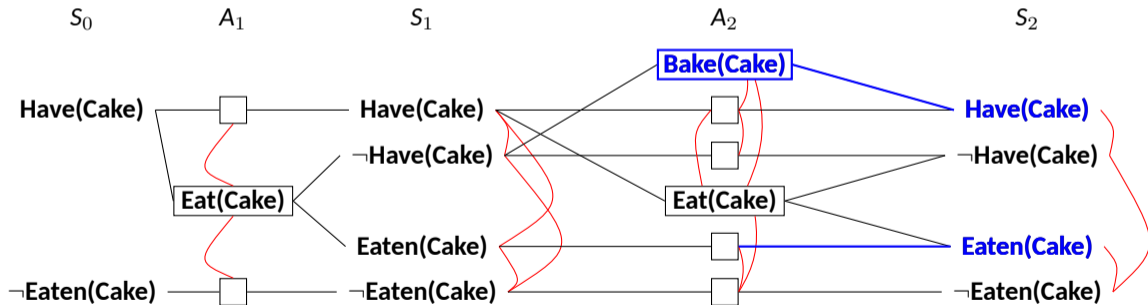
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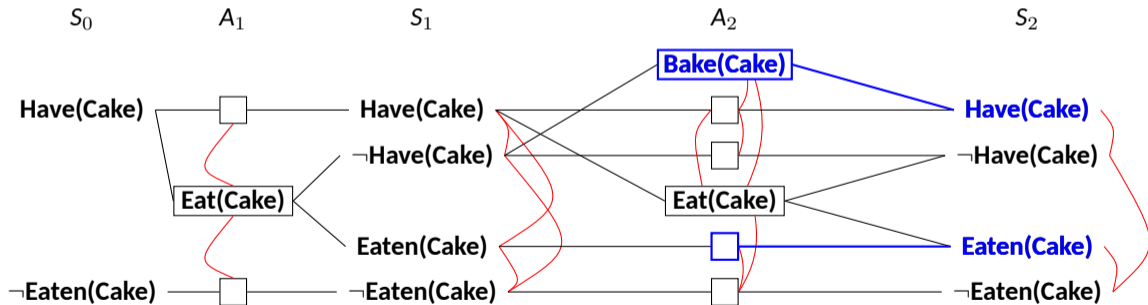
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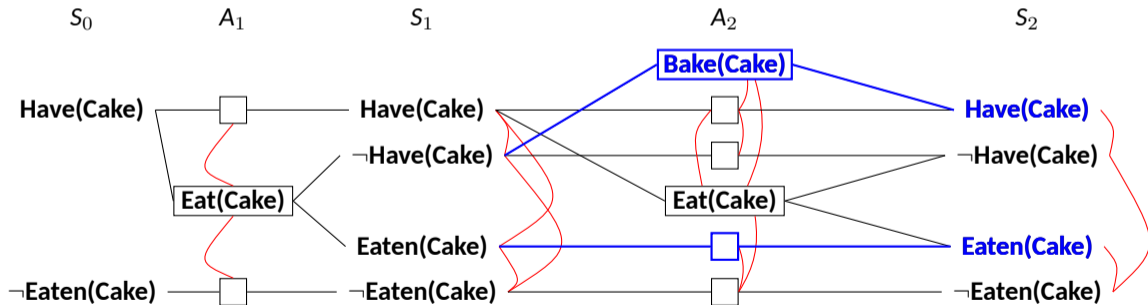
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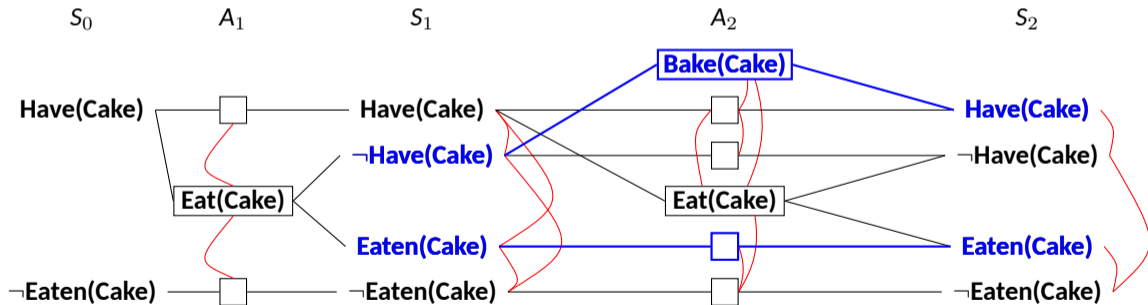
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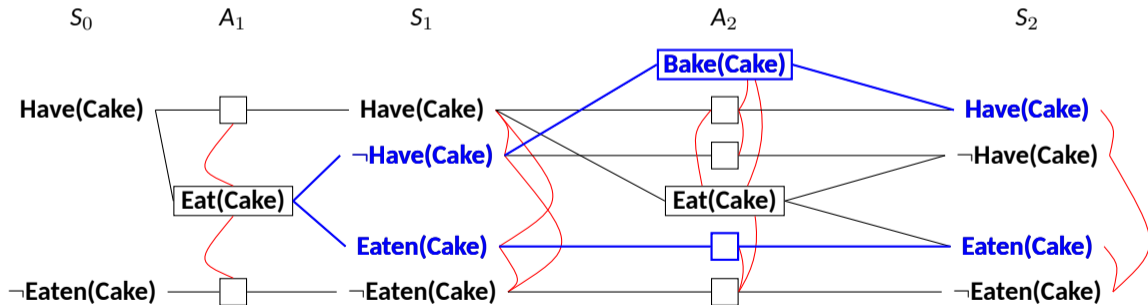
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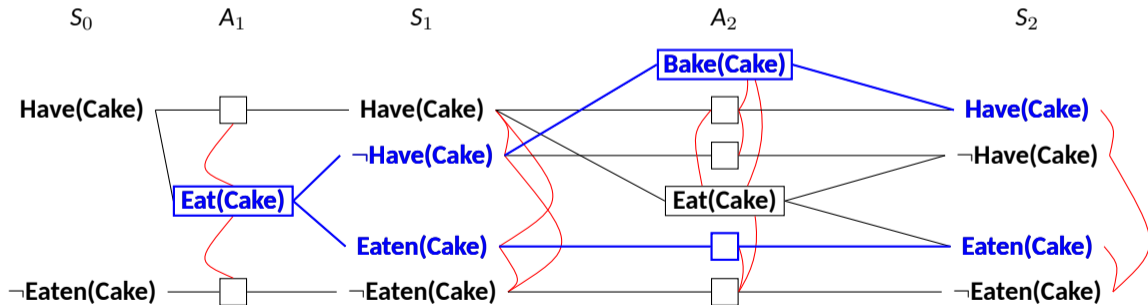
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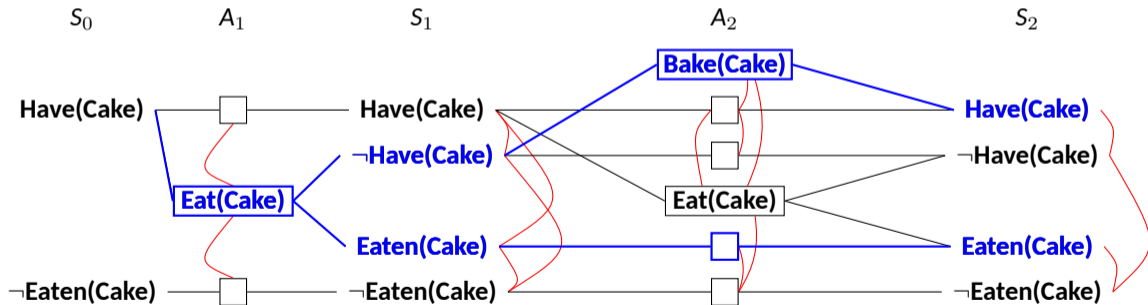
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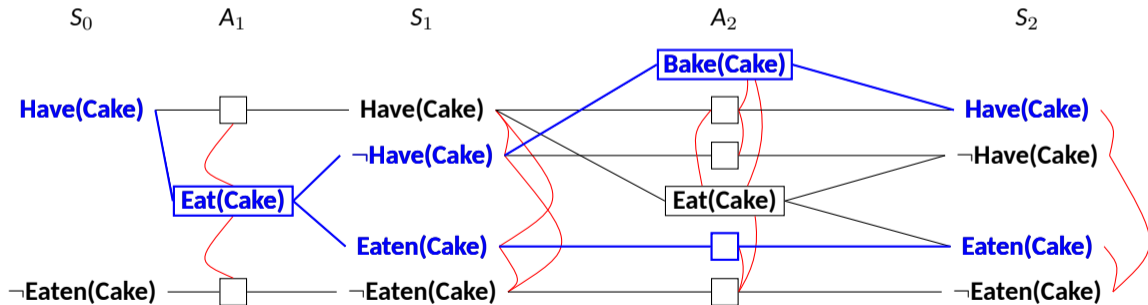
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- The planning problem is translated into a CNF satisfiability problem
- The goal is asserted to hold at a time step  $T$ , and clauses are included for each time step up to  $T$ .
- If the clauses are satisfiable, then a plan is extracted by examining the actions that are true.
- Otherwise, we increment  $T$  and repeat
- Constructing formulas to encode bounded planning problems into satisfiability problems
  - If  $f$  is a fluent  $At(M)$ , we write  $At(M, i)$  as  $f_i$ ,  $i$  denotes time stamp
  - If  $a$  is an action  $Move(A, B)$ , we write  $Move(A, B, i)$  as  $a_i$ .
  - Notations: PC - precondition, E - effects,  $E^+$  - effects in the +ve form,  $E^-$  - effect in the -ve form,  $s_0$  - start state,  $g$  - goal state,  $g^+$  - literals in +ve form in goal state,  $g^-$  - literals in -ve form in goal state, A - set of actions

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## Exercise

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*Thank you!*