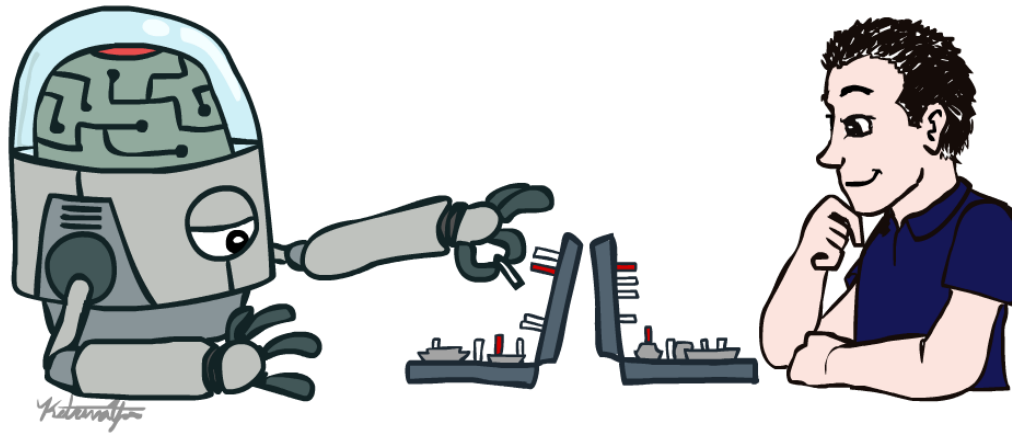


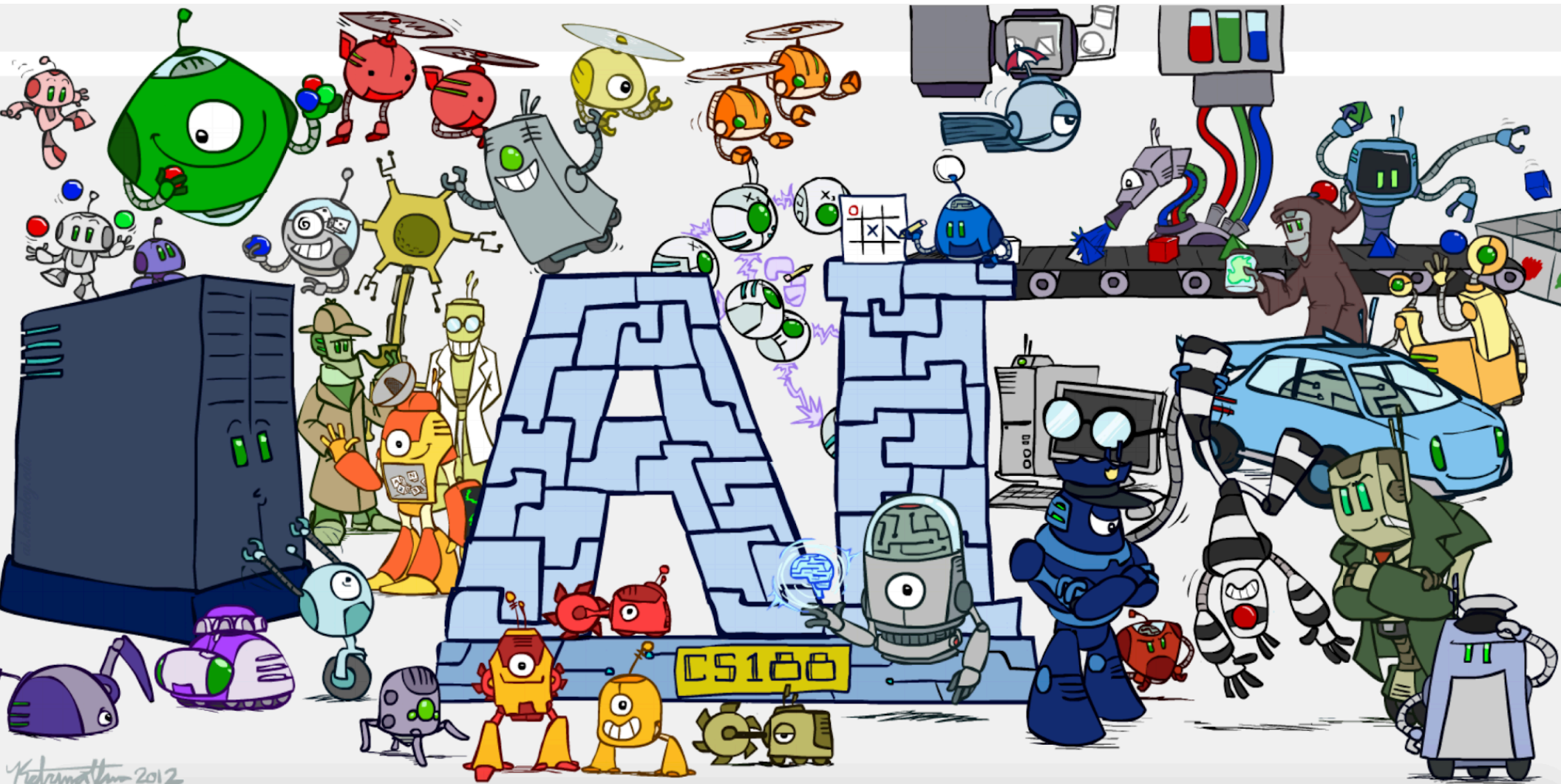
# CS 188: Artificial Intelligence

## Midterm Review



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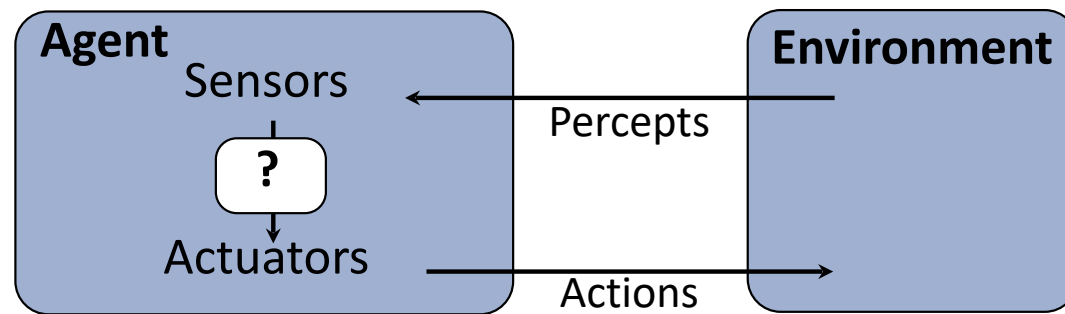
# Midterm: Topics in Scope

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- Utilities and Rationality, MEU Principle
- Search and Planning
- Constraint Satisfaction Programming
- Game Trees, Minimax, Pruning, Expectimax
- Probabilistic Inference, Bayesian Networks, Variable Elimination, D-Separation, Sampling
- Markov Models, HMMs, Viterbi Algorithm, Particle Filtering, Dynamic Bayes Nets

# Agents and environments

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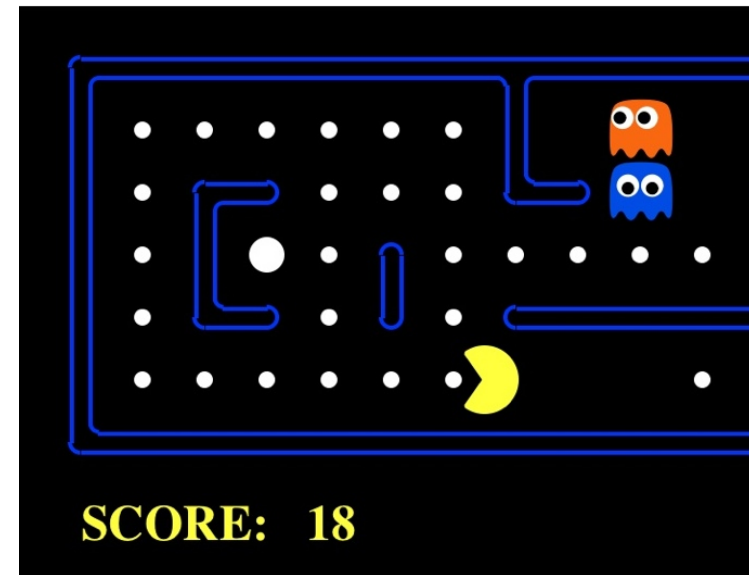
- An agent *perceives* its environment through *sensors* and *acts* upon it through *actuators* (or *effectors*, depending on whom you ask)
- The *agent function* maps percept sequences to actions
- It is generated by an *agent program* running on a *machine*



# The task environment - PEAS

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- Performance measure
  - -1 per step; + 10 food; +500 win; -500 die; +200 hit scared ghost
- Environment
  - Pacman dynamics (incl ghost behavior)
- Actuators
  - Left Right Up Down or NSEW
- Sensors
  - Entire state is visible (except power pellet duration)



# Agent design

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- **The environment type largely determines the agent design**
  - *Partially observable* => agent requires *memory* (internal state)
  - *Stochastic* => agent may have to prepare for *contingencies*
  - *Multi-agent* => agent may need to behave *randomly*
  - *Static* => agent has time to compute a rational decision
  - *Continuous time* => continuously operating *controller*
  - *Unknown physics* => need for *exploration*
  - *Unknown perf. measure* => observe/interact with *human principal*

# Utilities and Rationality

- Utility: map state of world to real value
- Rational Preferences

Orderability:  $(A > B) \vee (B > A) \vee (A \sim B)$

Transitivity:  $(A > B) \wedge (B > C) \Rightarrow (A > C)$

Continuity:  $(A > B > C) \Rightarrow \exists p [p, A; 1-p, C] \sim B$

Substitutability:  $(A \sim B) \Rightarrow [p, A; 1-p, C] \sim [p, B; 1-p, C]$

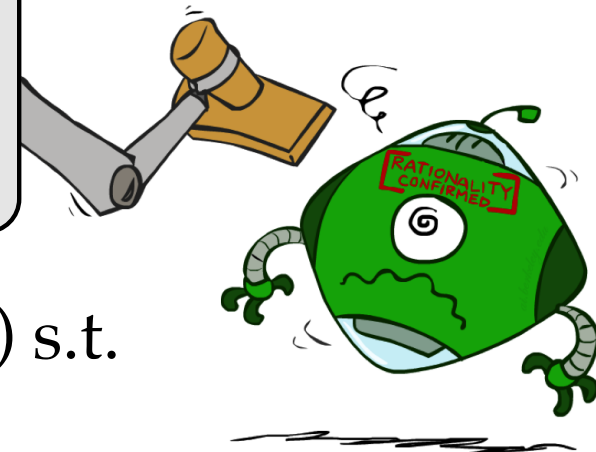
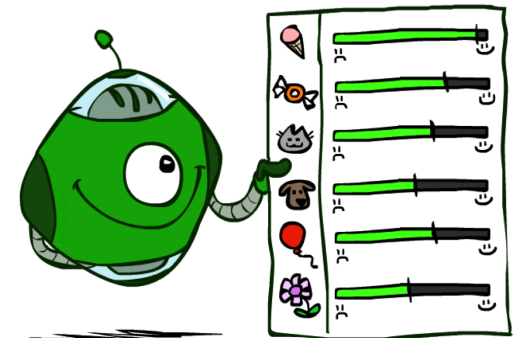
Monotonicity:  $(A > B) \Rightarrow$

$$(p \geq q) \Leftrightarrow [p, A; 1-p, B] \geq [q, A; 1-q, B]$$

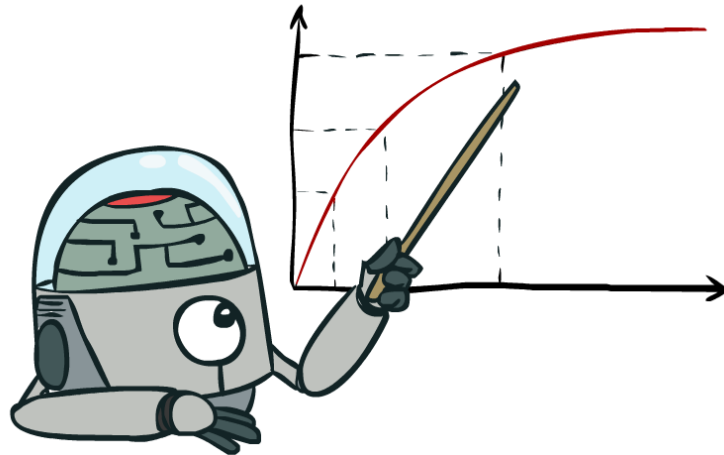
Given Rational Preferences, Exists  $U(X)$  s.t.

$$U(A) \geq U(B) \Leftrightarrow A \geq B$$

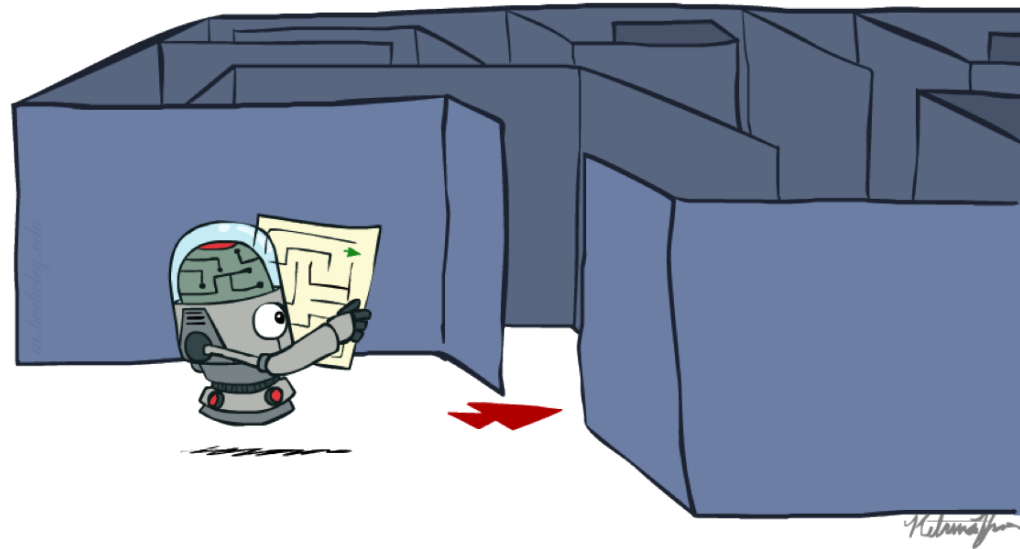
$$U([p_1, S_1; \dots; p_n, S_n]) = p_1 U(S_1) + \dots + p_n U(S_n)$$



# Maximize Your Expected Utility



# Search Problems

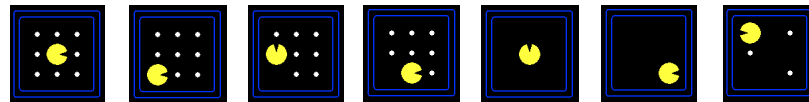


# Search Problems

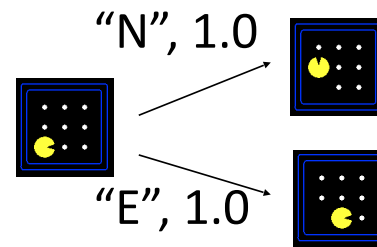
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- A **search problem** consists of:

- A state space



- A successor function  
(with actions, costs)

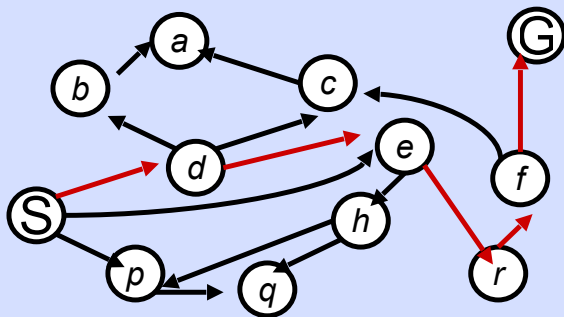


- A start state and a goal test
- A **solution** is a sequence of actions (a plan) which transforms the start state to a goal state



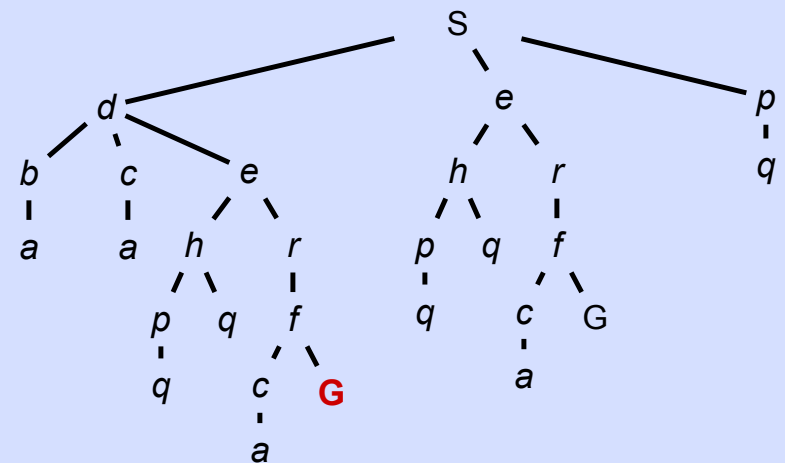
# State Space Graphs vs. Search Trees

State Space Graph



*Each NODE in  
in the search  
tree is an  
entire PATH in  
the state  
space graph.  
We construct  
only what we  
need on demand*

Search Tree



# General Tree Search

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```
function TREE-SEARCH(problem, strategy) returns a solution, or failure
  initialize the search tree using the initial state of problem
  loop do
    if there are no candidates for expansion then return failure
    choose a leaf node for expansion according to strategy
    if the node contains a goal state then return the corresponding solution
    else expand the node and add the resulting nodes to the search tree
  end
```

- Important ideas:
  - Fringe
  - Expansion
  - Exploration strategy
- Main question: which fringe nodes to explore?

# Depth-First Search

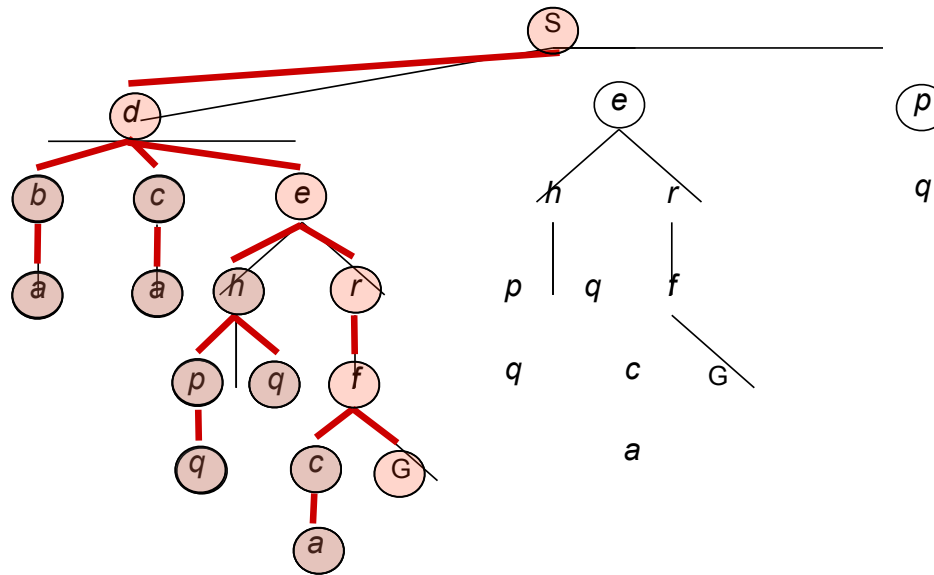
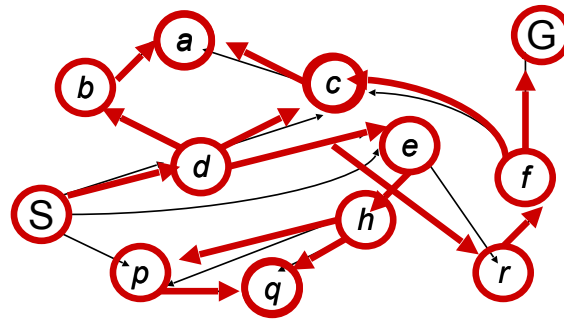
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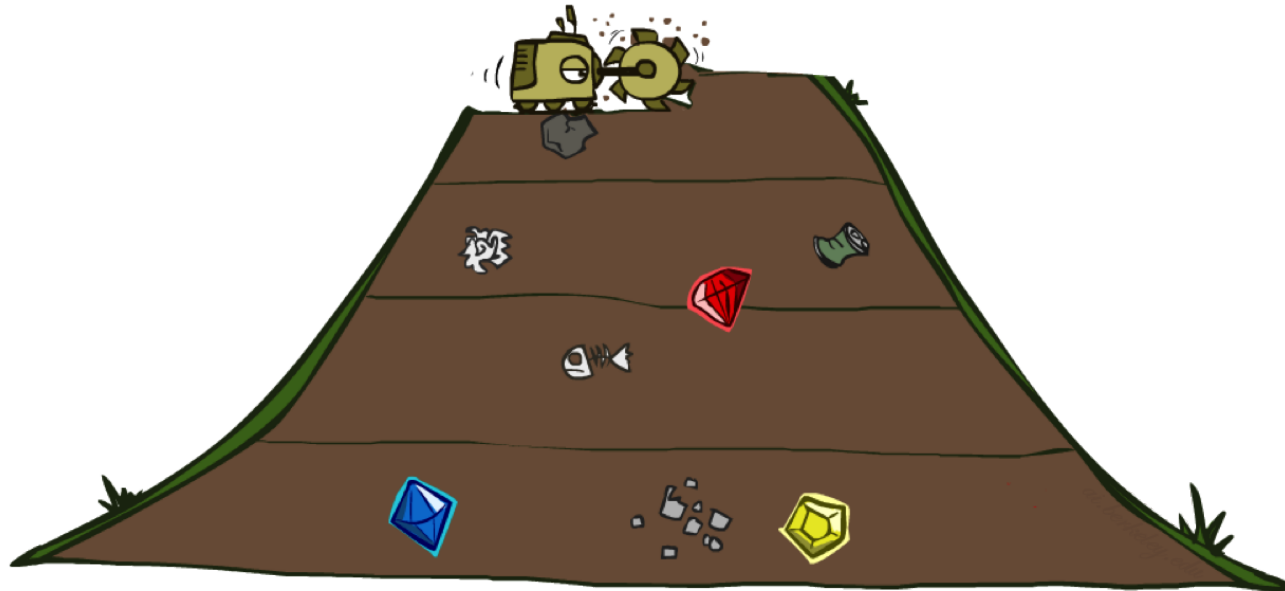
*Strategy: expand a deepest node first*

*Implementation:  
Fringe is a LIFO stack*



# Breadth-First Search

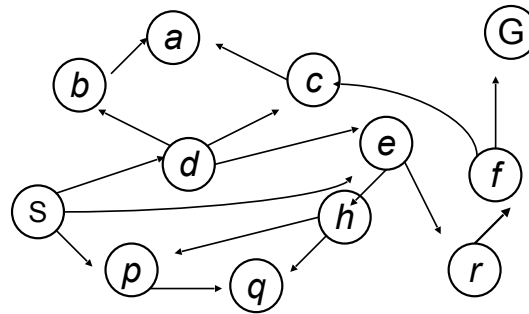
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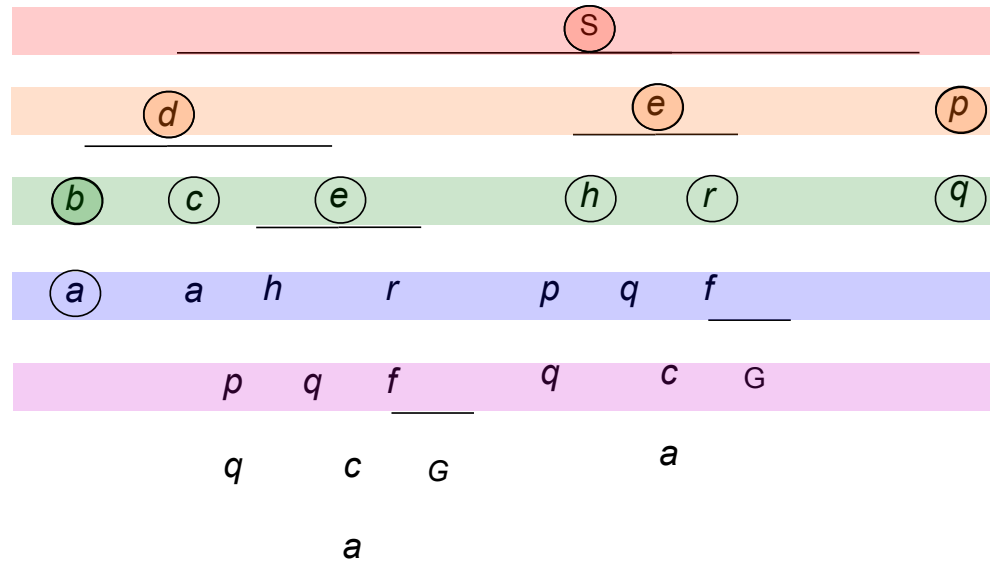
# Breadth-First Search

*Strategy: expand a shallowest node first*

*Implementation:  
Fringe is a FIFO queue*



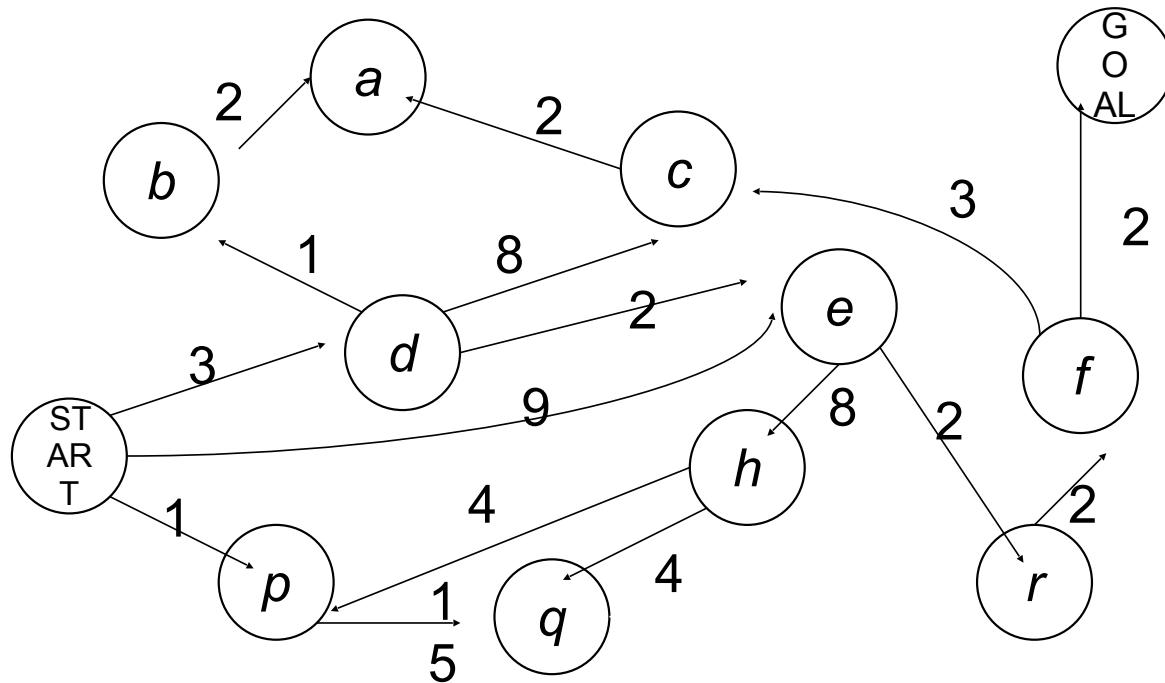
Search  
Tiers





# Cost-Sensitive Search

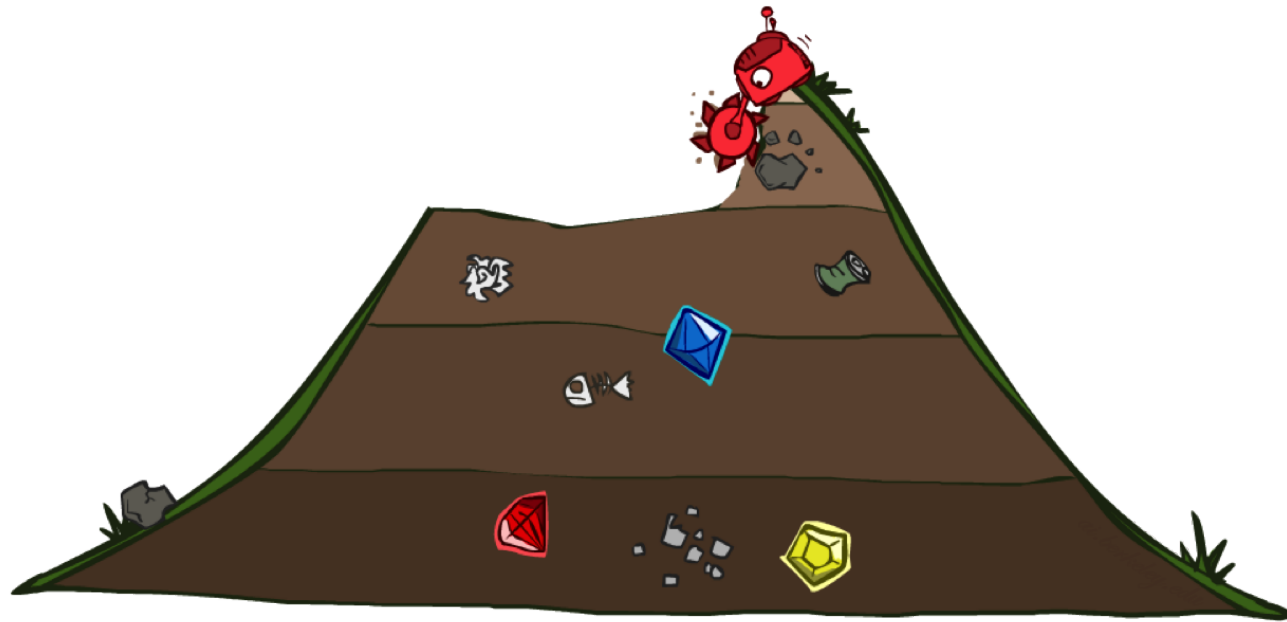
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BFS finds the shortest path in terms of number of actions. It does not find the least-cost path. We will now cover a similar algorithm which does find the least-cost path.

# Uniform Cost Search

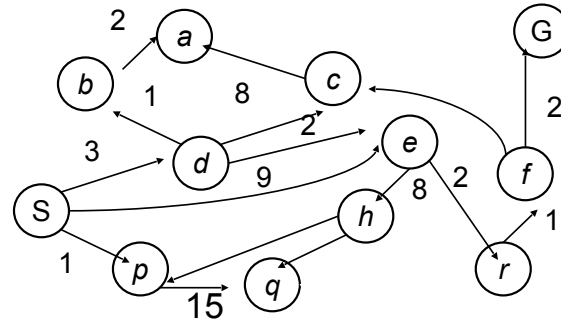
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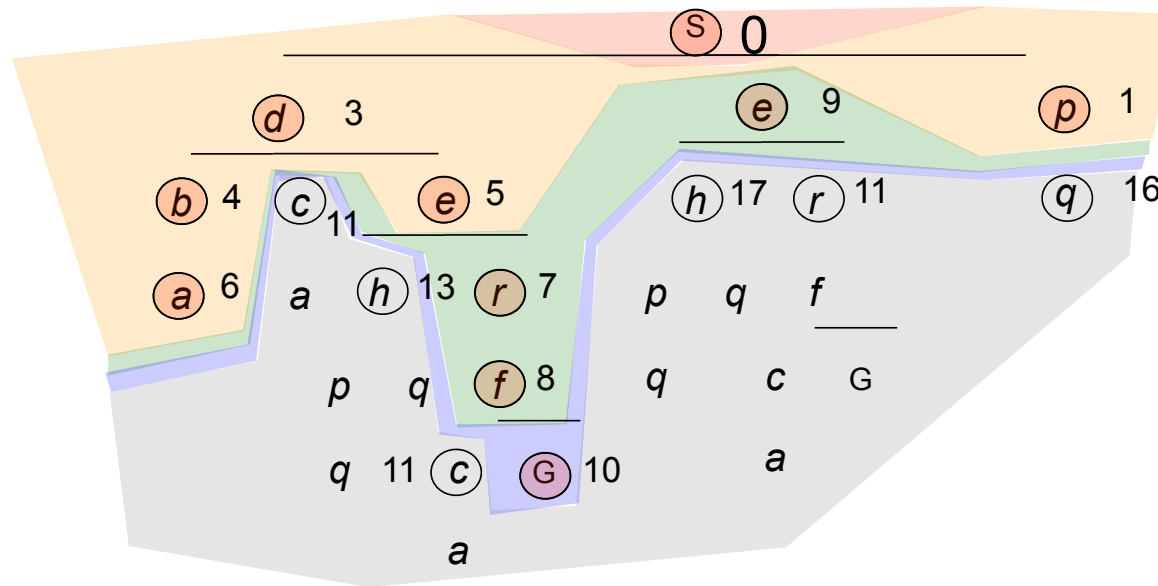
# Uniform Cost Search

Strategy: expand a  
cheapest node first:

Fringe is a priority queue  
(priority: cumulative cost)

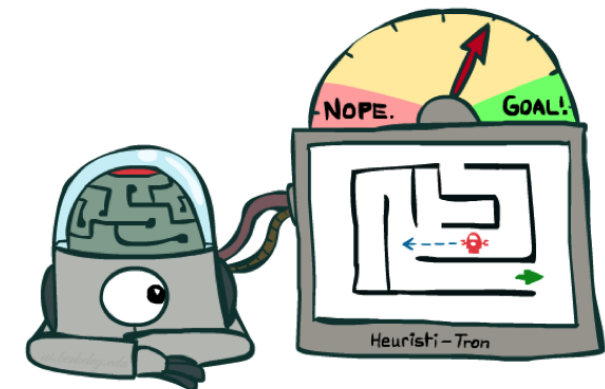
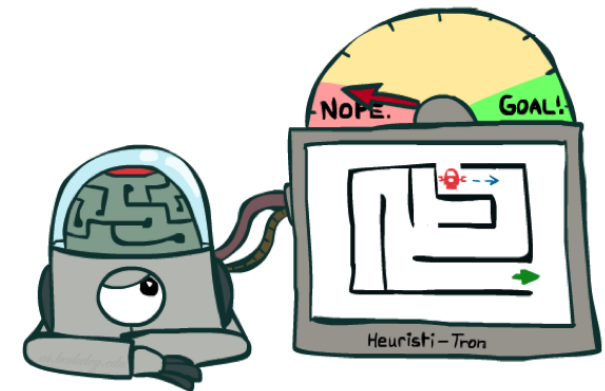
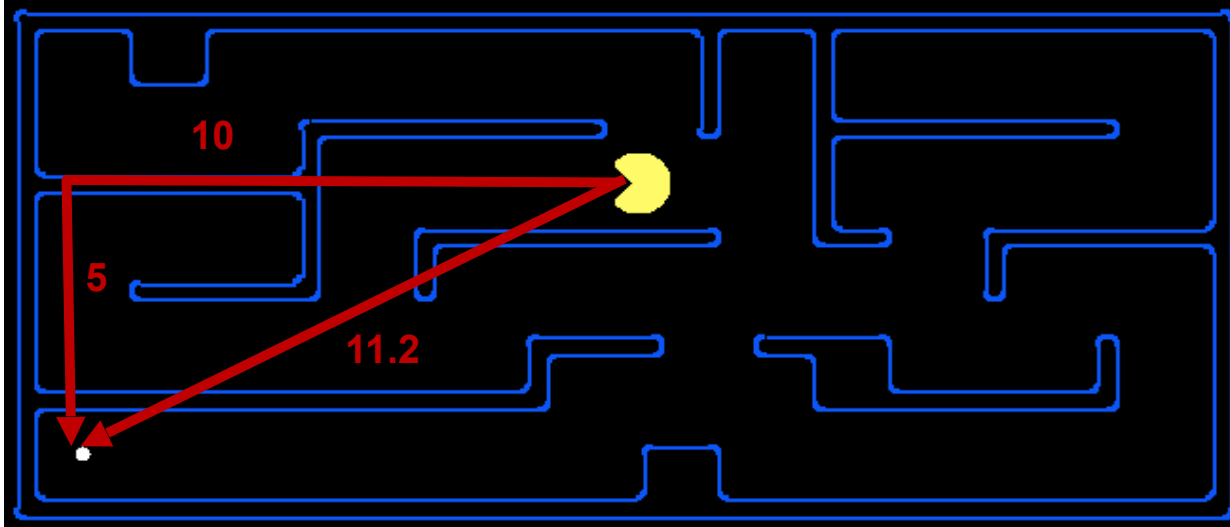


Cost  
contours



# Search Heuristics

- A heuristic is:
  - A function that *estimates* how close a state is to a goal
  - Designed for a particular search problem
  - **Pathing?**
  - Examples: Manhattan distance, Euclidean distance



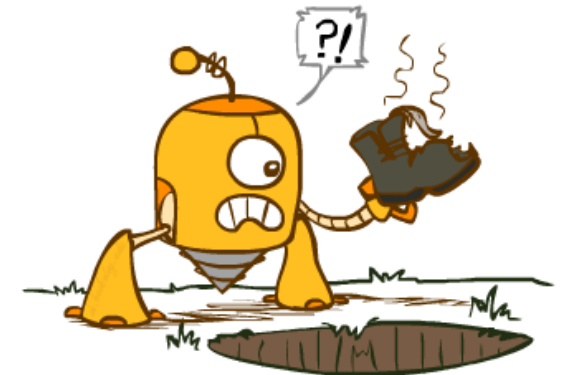
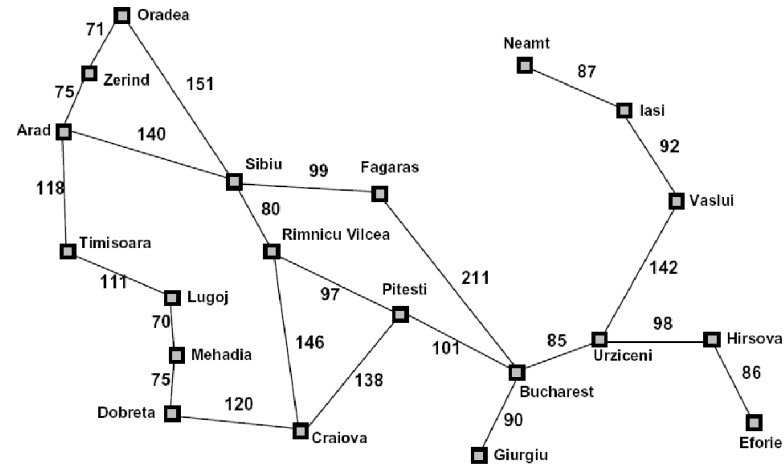
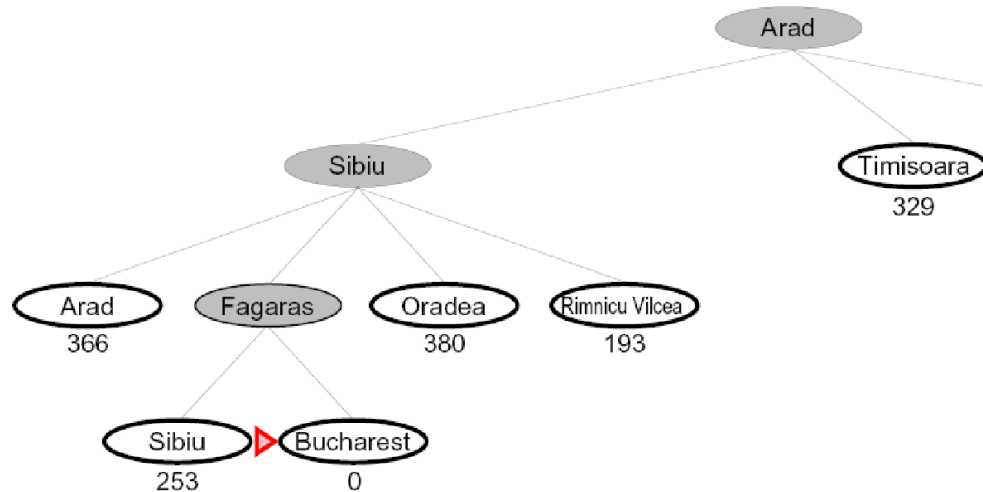
# Greedy Search

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# Greedy Search

- Expand the node that seems closest...
  - Move to smallest heuristic value



- Is it optimal?
  - No. Resulting path to Bucharest is not the shortest!



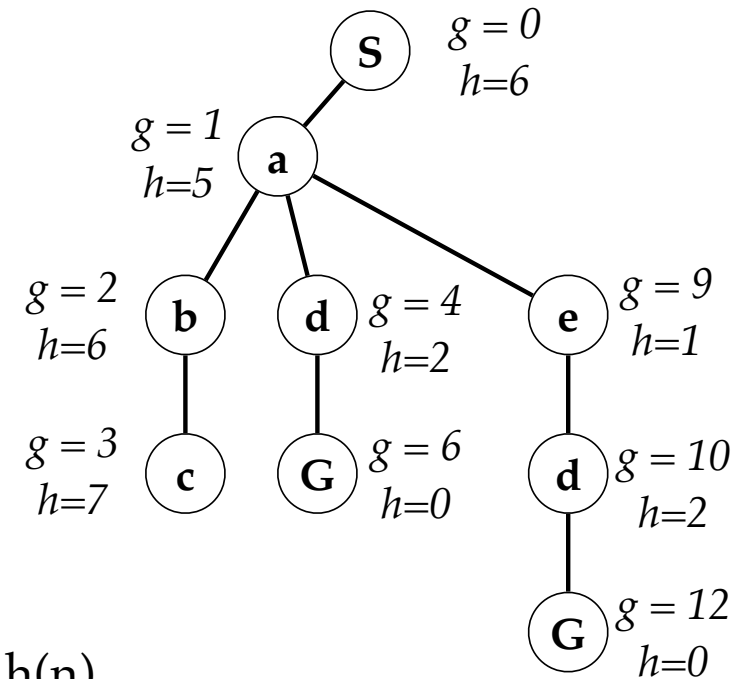
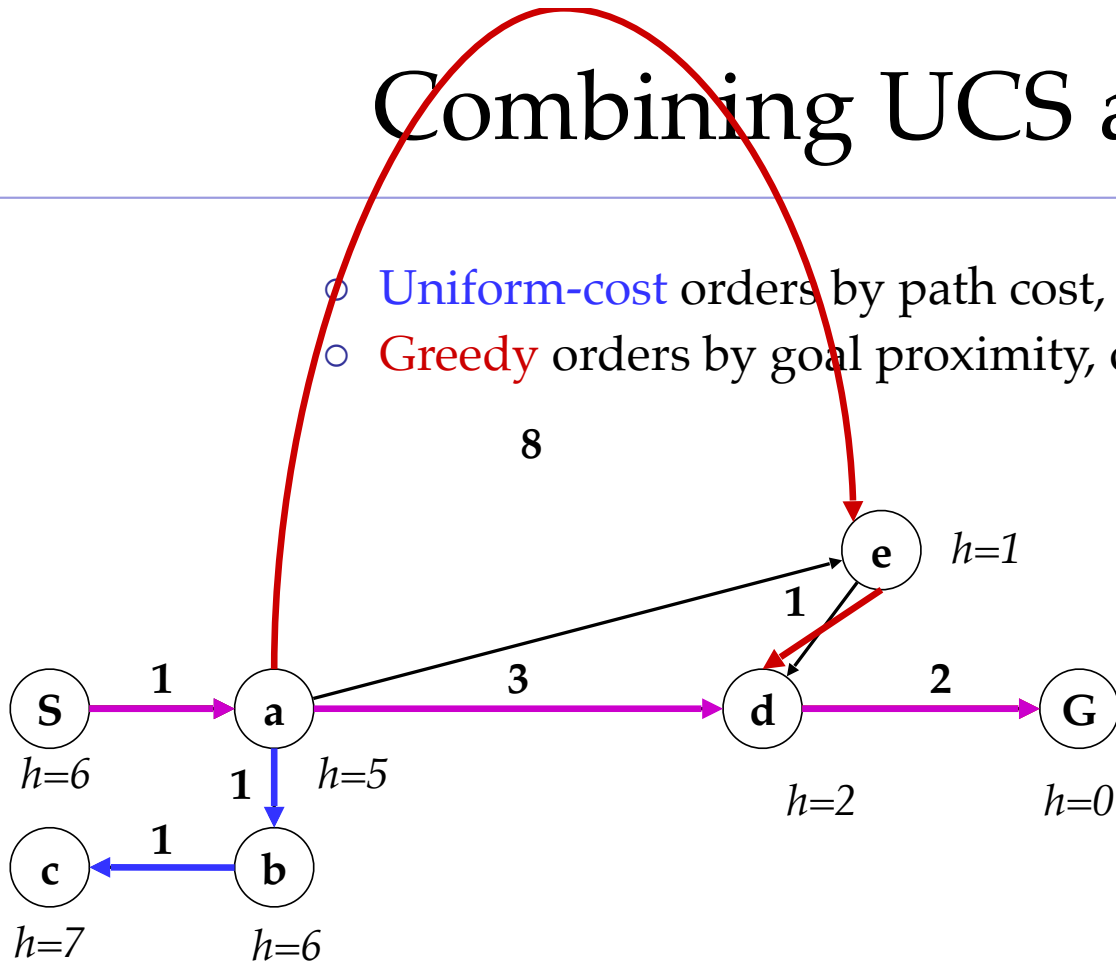
# A\* Search

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# Combining UCS and Greedy

- Uniform-cost orders by path cost, or *backward cost*  $g(n)$
- Greedy orders by goal proximity, or *forward cost*  $h(n)$

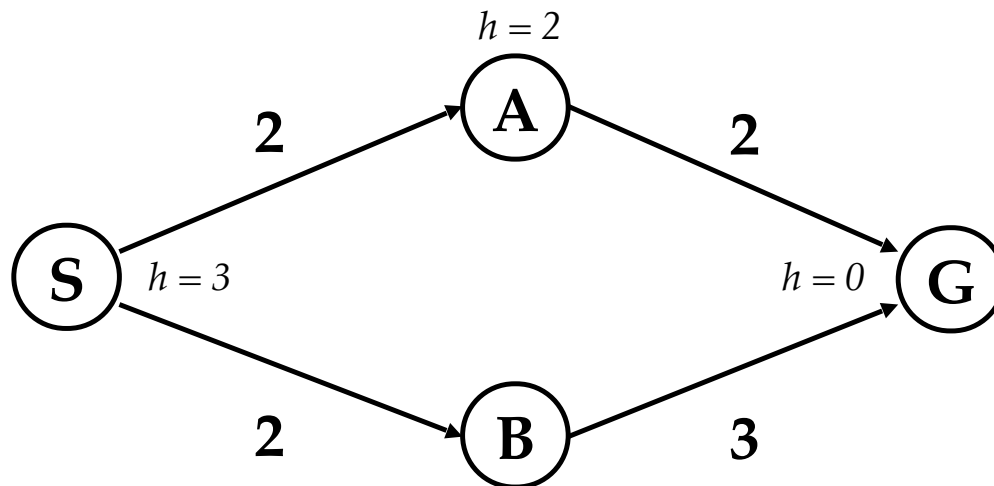


- A\* Search orders by the sum:  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$

Example: Teg Grenager

# When should A\* terminate?

- Should we stop when we enqueue a goal?



- No: only stop when we dequeue a goal

	g	h	+
<del>S</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>3</del>
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S->B->G	5	0	5
S->A->G	4	0	4

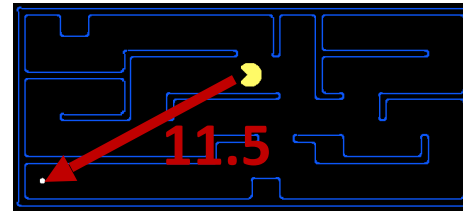
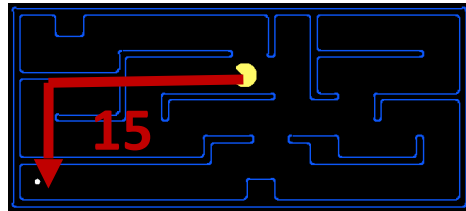
# Admissible Heuristics

- A heuristic  $h$  is *admissible* (optimistic) iff:

$$0 \leq h(n) \leq h^*(n)$$

where  $h^*(n)$  the true cost to a nearest goal

- Examples:

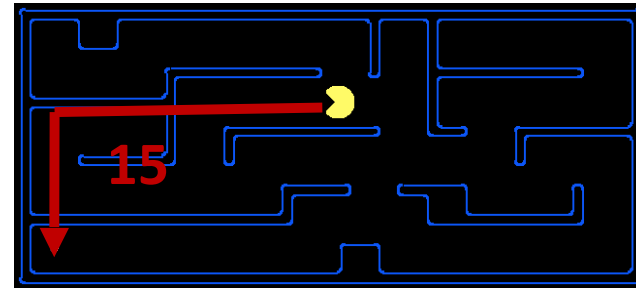
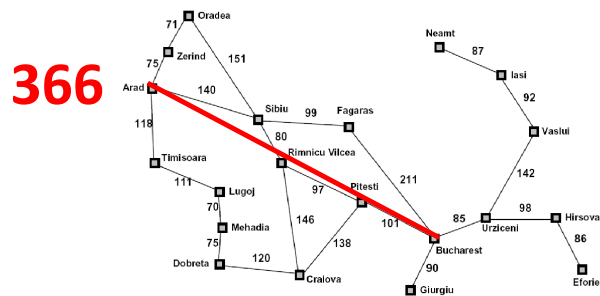


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- Coming up with admissible heuristics is most of what's involved in using  $A^*$  in practice.

# Creating Admissible Heuristics

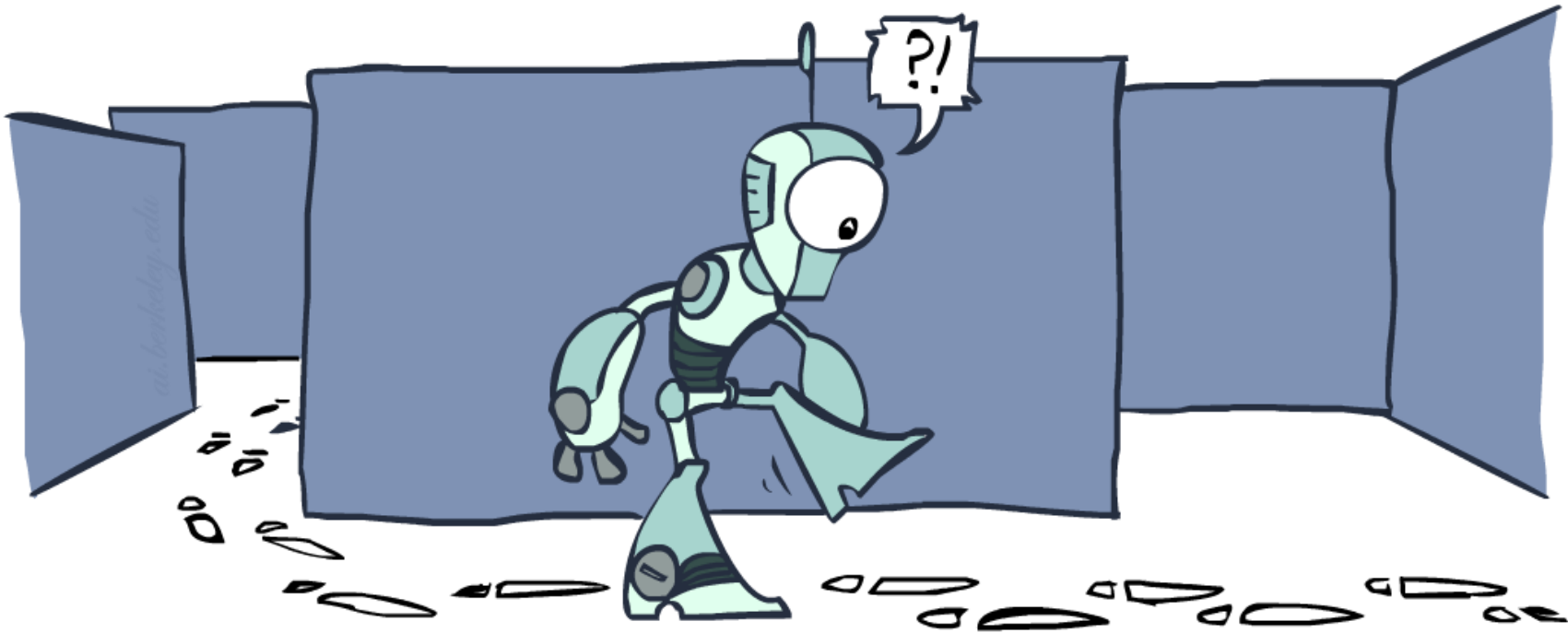
- Most of the work in solving hard search problems optimally is in coming up with admissible heuristics
- Often, admissible heuristics are solutions to *relaxed problems*, where new actions are available



- Inadmissible heuristics are often useful too

# Graph Search

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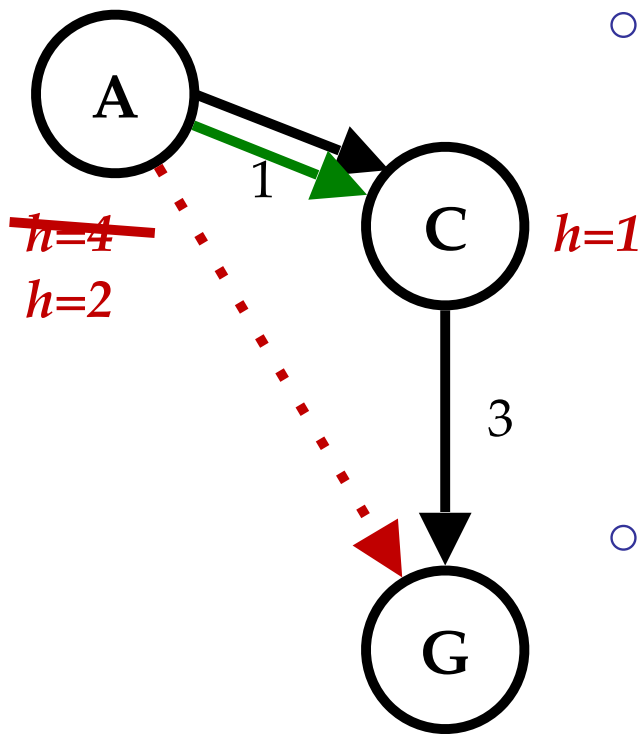


# Graph Search Pseudo-Code

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```
function GRAPH-SEARCH(problem, fringe) return a solution, or failure
  closed ← an empty set
  fringe ← INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe)
  loop do
    if fringe is empty then return failure
    node ← REMOVE-FRONT(fringe)
    if GOAL-TEST(problem, STATE[node]) then return node
    if STATE[node] is not in closed then
      add STATE[node] to closed
      for child-node in EXPAND(STATE[node], problem) do
        fringe ← INSERT(child-node, fringe)
      end
    end
  end
```

# Consistency of Heuristics



- Main idea: estimated heuristic costs  $\leq$  actual costs
  - Admissibility: heuristic cost  $\leq$  actual cost to goal
$$h(v) \leq h^*(v) \text{ for all } v \in V$$

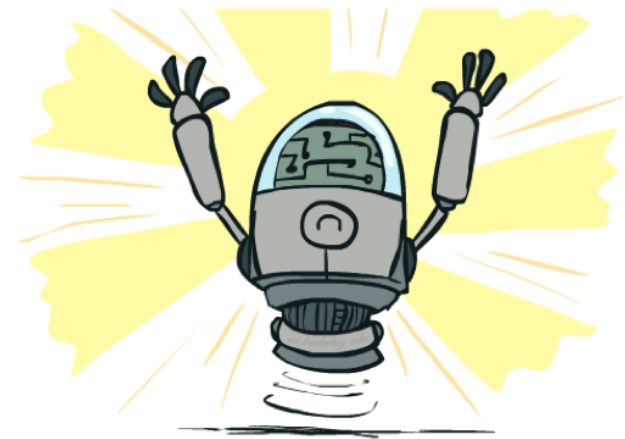
Underestimate the true cost to the goal!
  - Consistency: heuristic “arc” cost  $\leq$  actual cost for each arc
$$h(u) - h(v) \leq d(u, v) \text{ for all } (u, v) \in E$$

Underestimate the weight of every edge!
- Consequences of consistency:
  - The f value along a path never decreases
$$h(A) \leq \text{cost}(A \text{ to } C) + h(C)$$
  - A\* graph search is optimal

# Optimality of $A^*$ Search

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- With a admissible heuristic, Tree  $A^*$  is optimal.
- With a consistent heuristic, Graph  $A^*$  is optimal.
  - With  $h=0$ , the same proof shows that UCS is optimal.



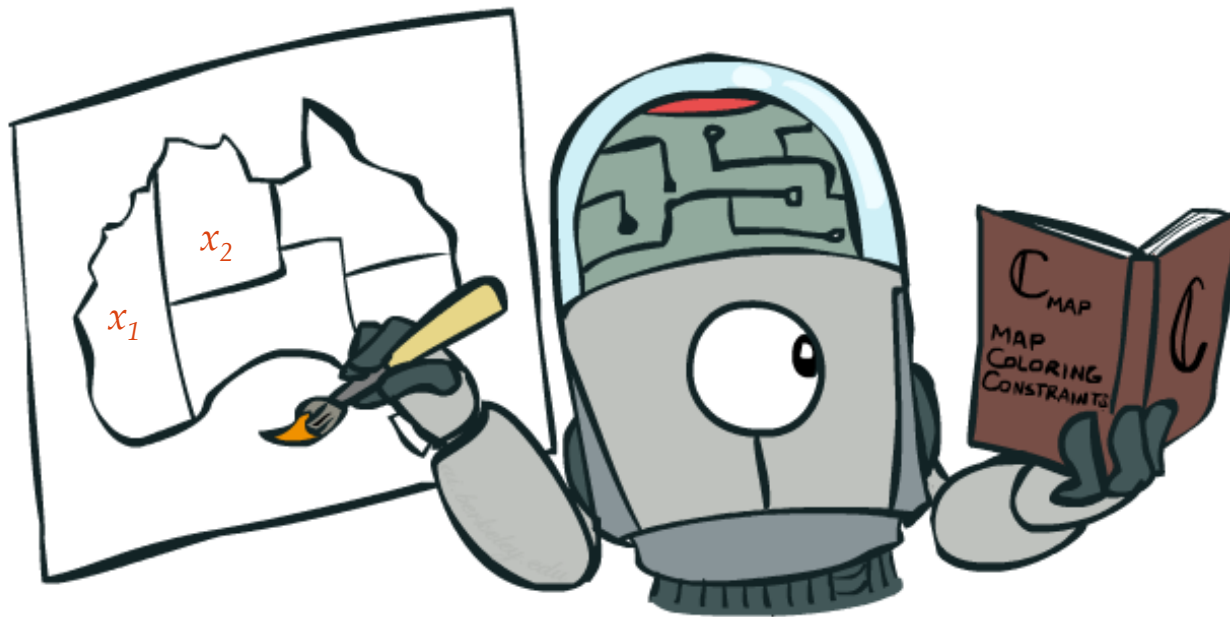
# Constraint Satisfaction Problems



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*N variables*  
*domain D*  
*constraints*



*states*  
*partial assignment*

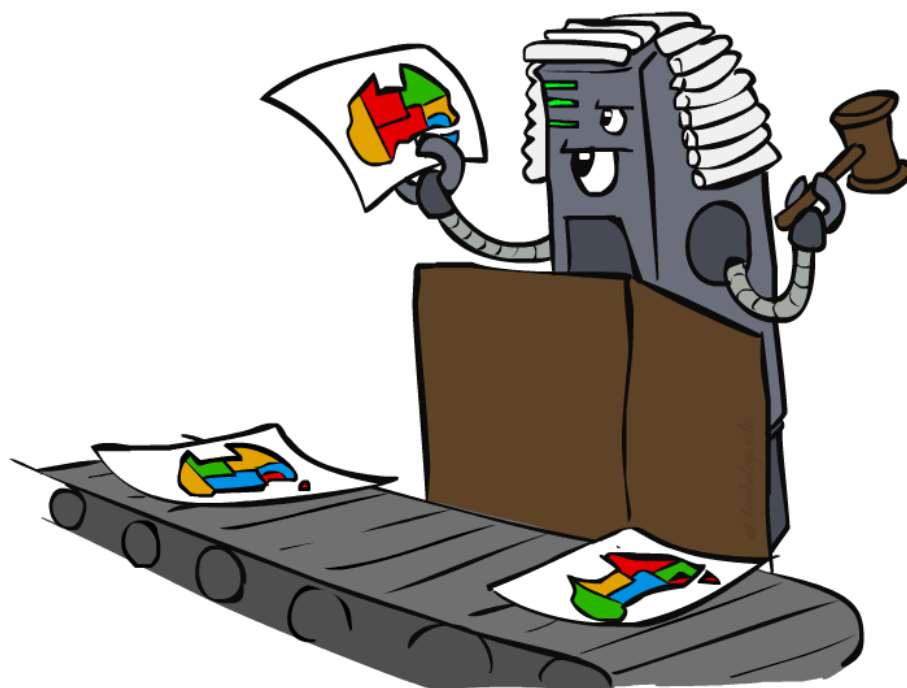
*goal test*  
*complete; satisfies constraints*

*successor function*  
*assign an unassigned variable*

# Standard Search Formulation

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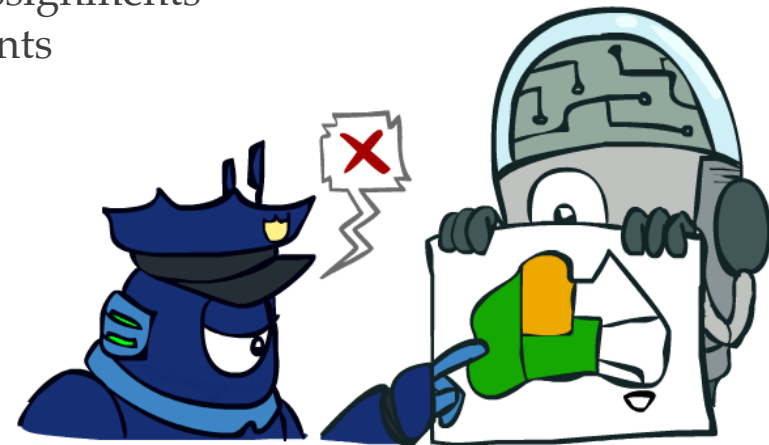
- Standard search formulation of CSPs
- States defined by the values assigned so far (partial assignments)
  - Initial state: the empty assignment,  $\{\}$
  - Successor function: assign a value to an unassigned variable
  - Goal test: the current assignment is complete and satisfies all constraints
- We'll start with the straightforward, naïve approach, then improve it



# Backtracking Search

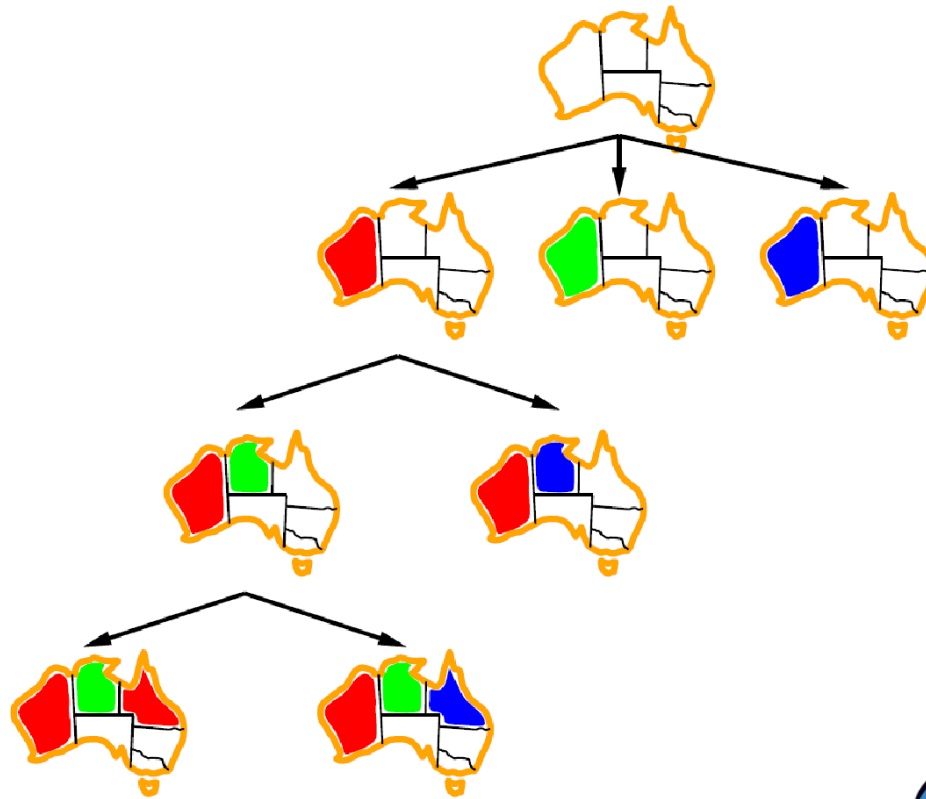
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- Backtracking search is the basic uninformed algorithm for solving CSPs
- Idea 1: One variable at a time
  - Variable assignments are commutative, so fix ordering -> better branching factor!
  - I.e., [WA = red then NT = green] same as [NT = green then WA = red]
  - Only need to consider assignments to a single variable at each step
- Idea 2: Check constraints as you go
  - I.e. consider only values which do not conflict previous assignments
  - Might have to do some computation to check the constraints
  - “Incremental goal test”
- Depth-first search with these two improvements is called *backtracking search* (not the best name)
- Can solve n-queens for  $n \approx 25$



# Backtracking Example

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[Demo: coloring — backtracking]



# Backtracking Search

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```
function BACKTRACKING-SEARCH(csp) returns solution/failure
  return RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING({ }, csp)

function RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING(assignment, csp) returns soln/failure
  if assignment is complete then return assignment
  var ← SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VARIABLE(VARIABLES[csp], assignment, csp)
  for each value in ORDER-DOMAIN-VALUES(var, assignment, csp) do
    if value is consistent with assignment given CONSTRAINTS[csp] then
      add {var = value} to assignment
      result ← RECURSIVE-BACKTRACKING(assignment, csp)
      if result ≠ failure then return result
      remove {var = value} from assignment
  return failure
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- Backtracking = DFS + variable-ordering + fail-on-violation
- What are the choice points?

# Filtering: Forward Checking

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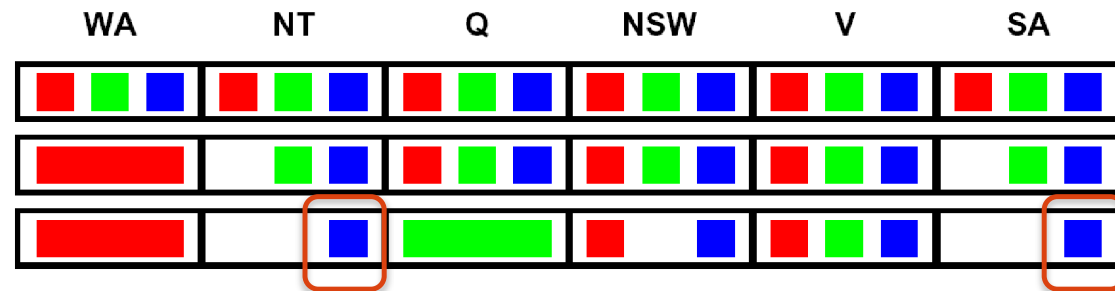
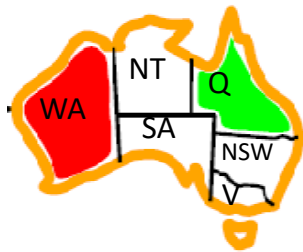
- Filtering: Keep track of domains for unassigned variables and cross off bad options
- Forward checking: Cross off values that violate a constraint when added to the existing assignment



[Demo: coloring -- forward checking]

# Filtering: Constraint Propagation

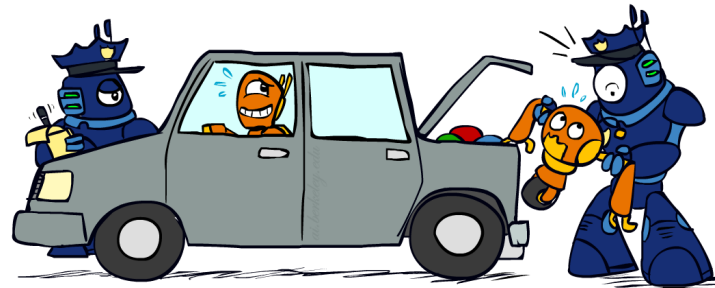
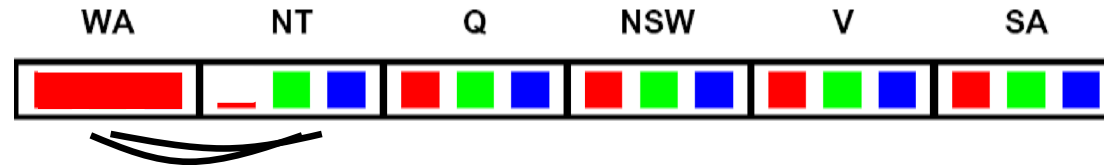
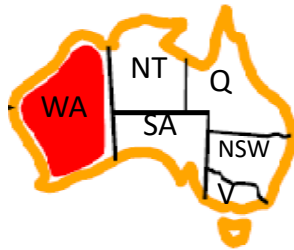
- Forward checking propagates information from assigned to unassigned variables, but doesn't provide early detection for all failures:



- NT and SA cannot both be blue!
- Why didn't we detect this yet?
- *Constraint propagation*: reason from constraint to constraint

# Consistency of A Single Arc

- An arc  $X \rightarrow Y$  is **consistent** iff for *every*  $x$  in the tail there is *some*  $y$  in the head which could be assigned without violating a constraint



Forward checking?

Enforcing consistency of arcs pointing to each new assignment *Delete from the tail!*

# Enforcing Arc Consistency in a CSP

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```
function AC-3(csp) returns the CSP, possibly with reduced domains
inputs: csp, a binary CSP with variables  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ 
local variables: queue, a queue of arcs, initially all the arcs in csp

while queue is not empty do
  ( $X_i, X_j$ )  $\leftarrow$  REMOVE-FIRST(queue)
  if REMOVE-INCONSISTENT-VALUES( $X_i, X_j$ ) then
    for each  $X_k$  in NEIGHBORS[ $X_i$ ] do
      add ( $X_k, X_i$ ) to queue



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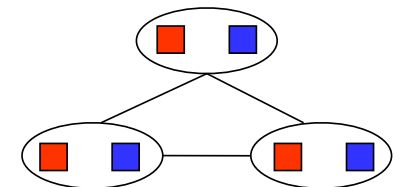
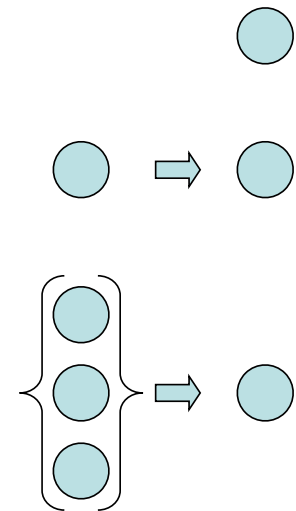


function REMOVE-INCONSISTENT-VALUES( $X_i, X_j$ ) returns true iff succeeds
  removed  $\leftarrow$  false
  for each  $x$  in DOMAIN[ $X_i$ ] do
    if no value  $y$  in DOMAIN[ $X_j$ ] allows  $(x, y)$  to satisfy the constraint  $X_i \leftrightarrow X_j$ 
      then delete  $x$  from DOMAIN[ $X_i$ ]; removed  $\leftarrow$  true
  return removed
```

- Runtime:  $O(n^2d^3)$ , can be reduced to  $O(n^2d^2)$
- ... but detecting all possible future problems is NP-hard – why?

# K-Consistency

- Increasing degrees of consistency
  - 1-Consistency (Node Consistency): Each single node's domain has a value which meets that node's unary constraints
  - 2-Consistency (Arc Consistency): For each pair of nodes, any consistent assignment to one can be extended to the other
  - K-Consistency: For each k nodes, any consistent assignment to k-1 can be extended to the k<sup>th</sup> node.
- Higher k more expensive to compute
- (You need to know the k=2 case: arc consistency)



# Strong K-Consistency

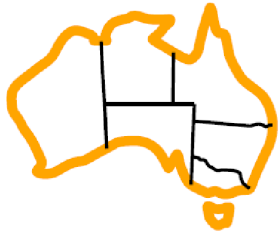
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- Strong  $k$ -consistency: also  $k-1$ ,  $k-2$ , ... 1 consistent
- Claim: strong  $n$ -consistency means we can solve without backtracking!
- Why?
  - Choose any assignment to any variable
  - Choose a new variable
  - By 2-consistency, there is a choice consistent with the first
  - Choose a new variable
  - By 3-consistency, there is a choice consistent with the first 2
  - ...
- Lots of middle ground between arc consistency and  $n$ -consistency! (e.g.  $k=3$ , called path consistency)

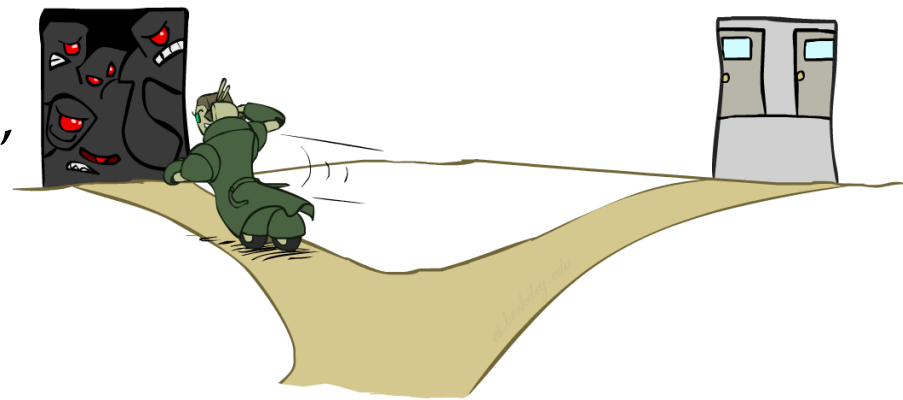
# Ordering: Minimum Remaining Values

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- Variable Ordering: Minimum remaining values (MRV):
  - Choose the variable with the fewest legal left values in its domain



- Why min rather than max?
- Also called “most constrained variable”
- “Fail-fast” ordering

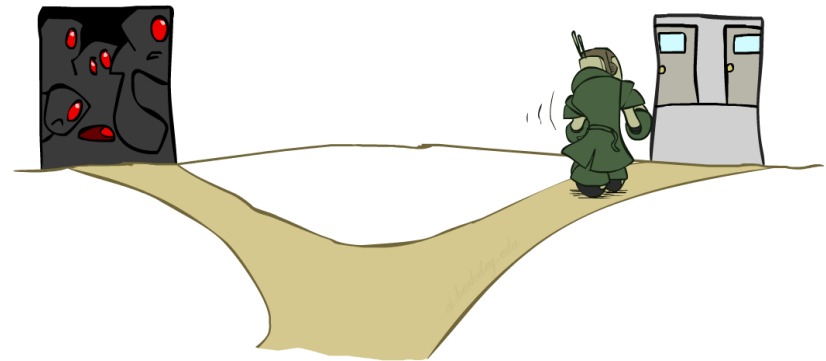
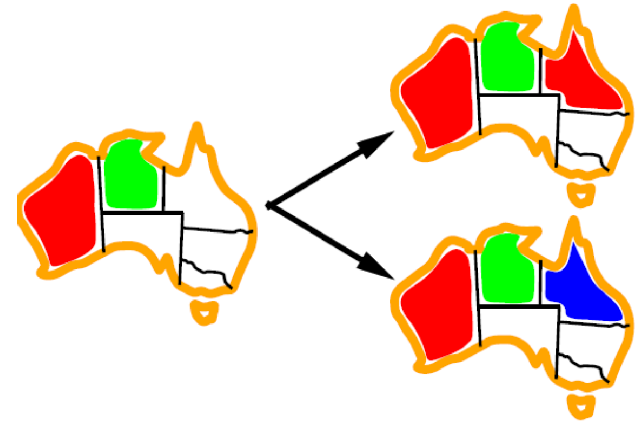




# Ordering: Least Constraining Value

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- Value Ordering: Least Constraining Value
  - Given a choice of variable, choose the *least constraining value*
  - I.e., the one that rules out the fewest values in the remaining variables
  - Note that it may take some computation to determine this! (E.g., rerunning filtering)
- Why least rather than most?
- Combining these ordering ideas makes 1000 queens feasible



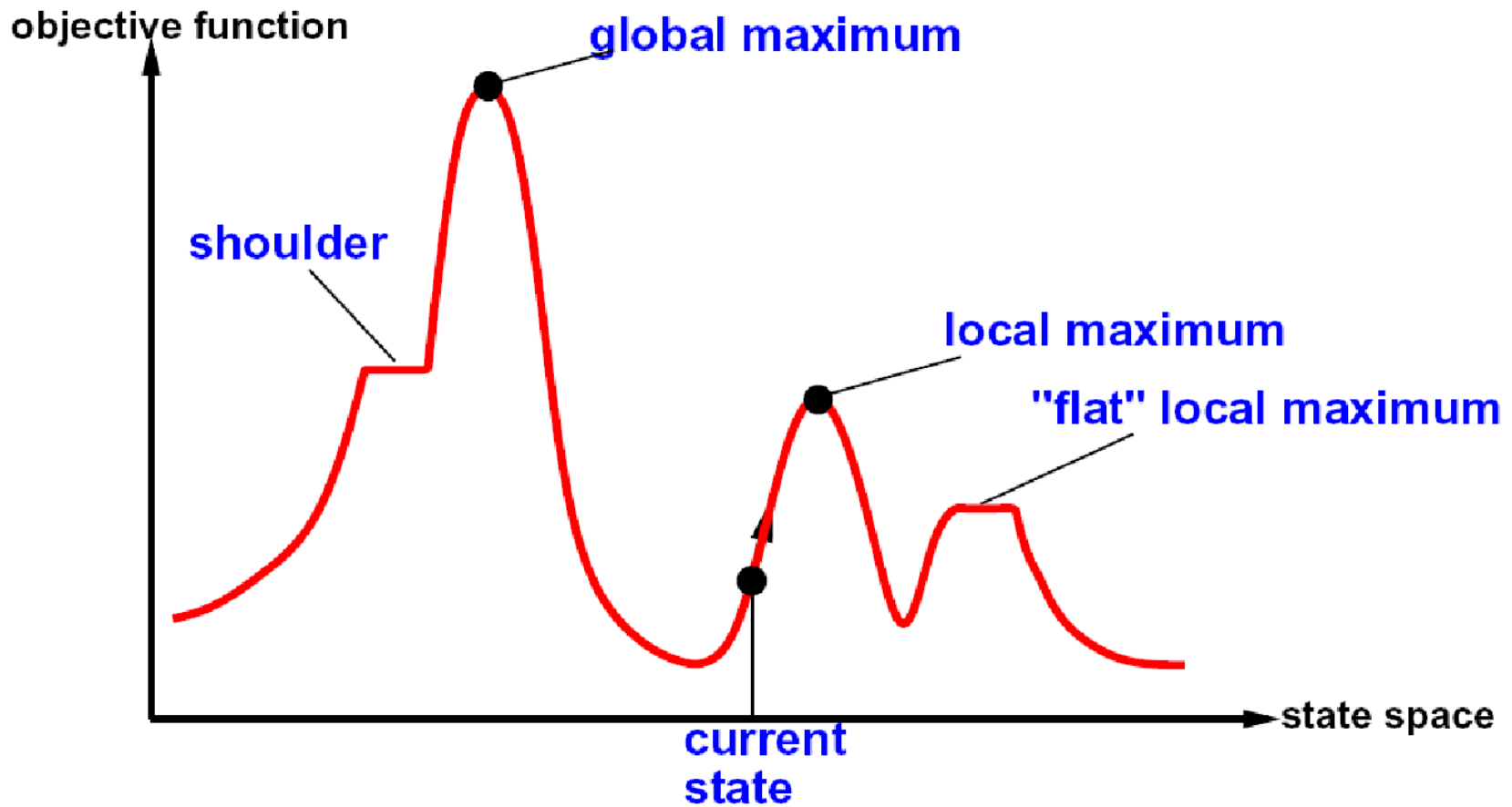
# Iterative Algorithms for CSPs

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- Local search methods typically work with “complete” states, i.e., all variables assigned
- To apply to CSPs:
  - Take an assignment with unsatisfied constraints
  - Operators *reassign* variable values
  - No fringe! Live on the edge.
- Algorithm: While not solved,
  - Variable selection: randomly select any conflicted variable
  - Value selection: min-conflicts heuristic:
    - Choose a value that violates the fewest constraints
    - I.e., hill climb with  $h(x) = \text{total number of violated constraints}$



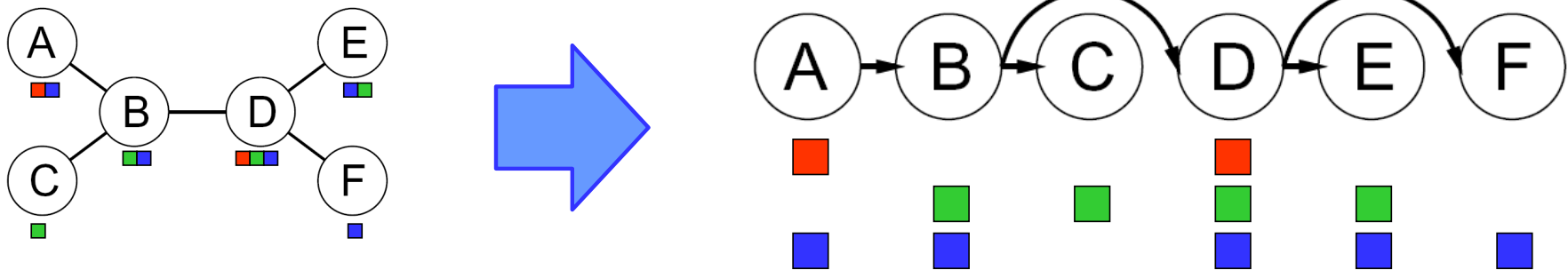
# Hill Climbing



# Tree-Structured CSPs

- Algorithm for tree-structured CSPs:

- Order: Choose a root variable, order variables so that parents precede children

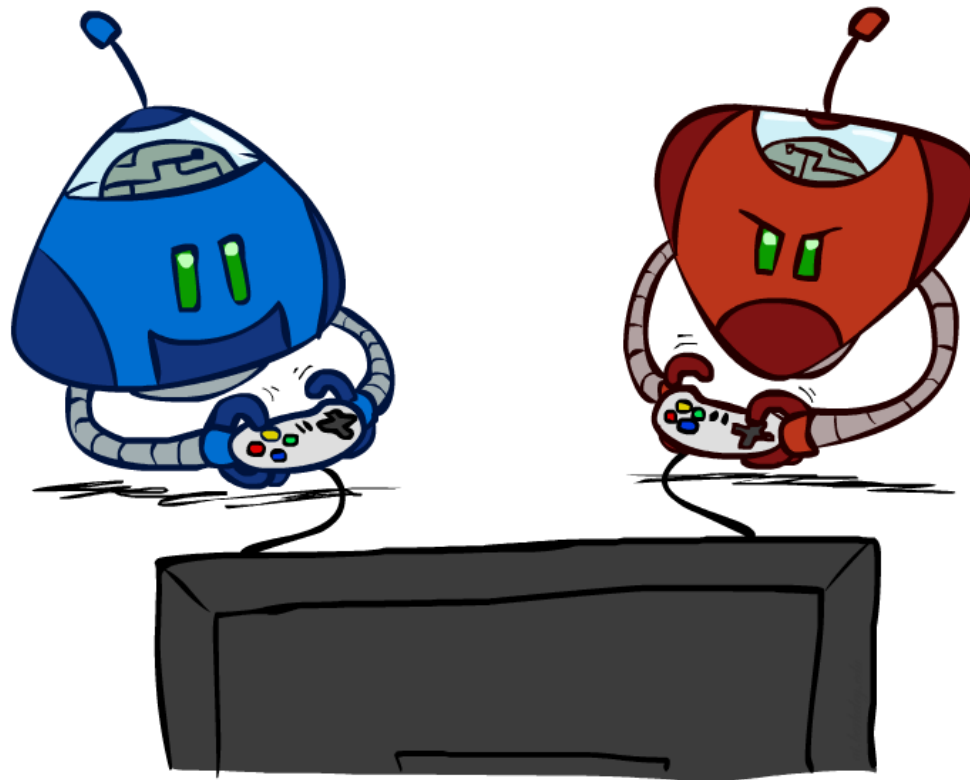


- Remove backward: For  $i = n : 2$ , apply  $\text{RemoveInconsistent}(\text{Parent}(X_i), X_i)$
- Assign forward: For  $i = 1 : n$ , assign  $X_i$  consistently with  $\text{Parent}(X_i)$

- Runtime:  $O(n d^2)$  (why?)

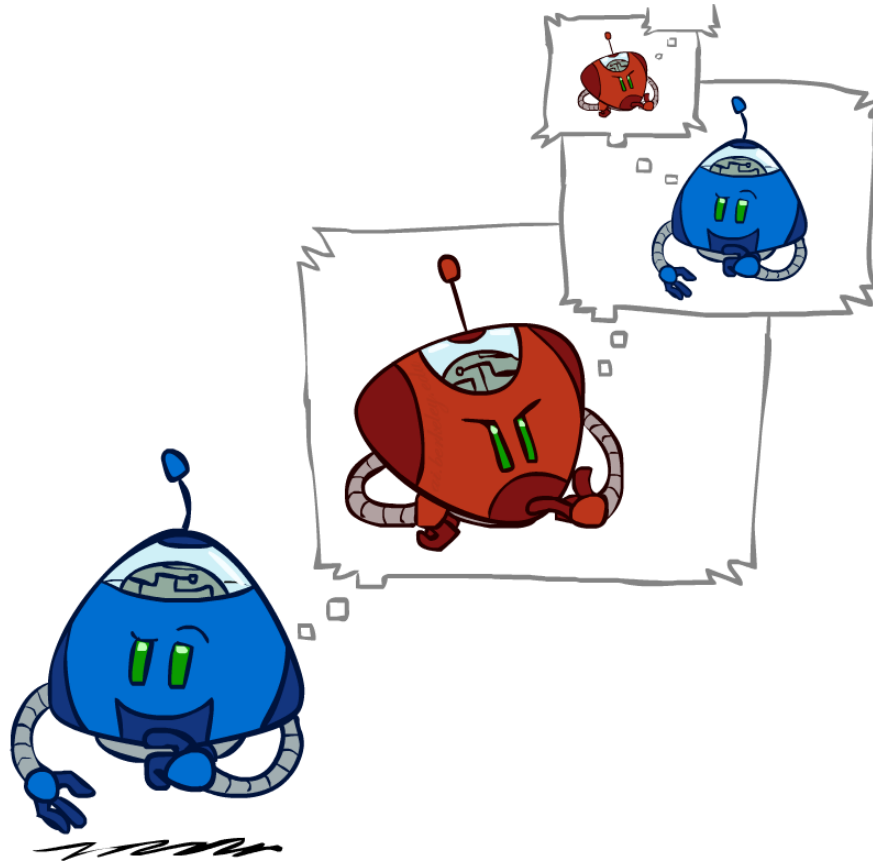


# Game Playing: Search with other agents

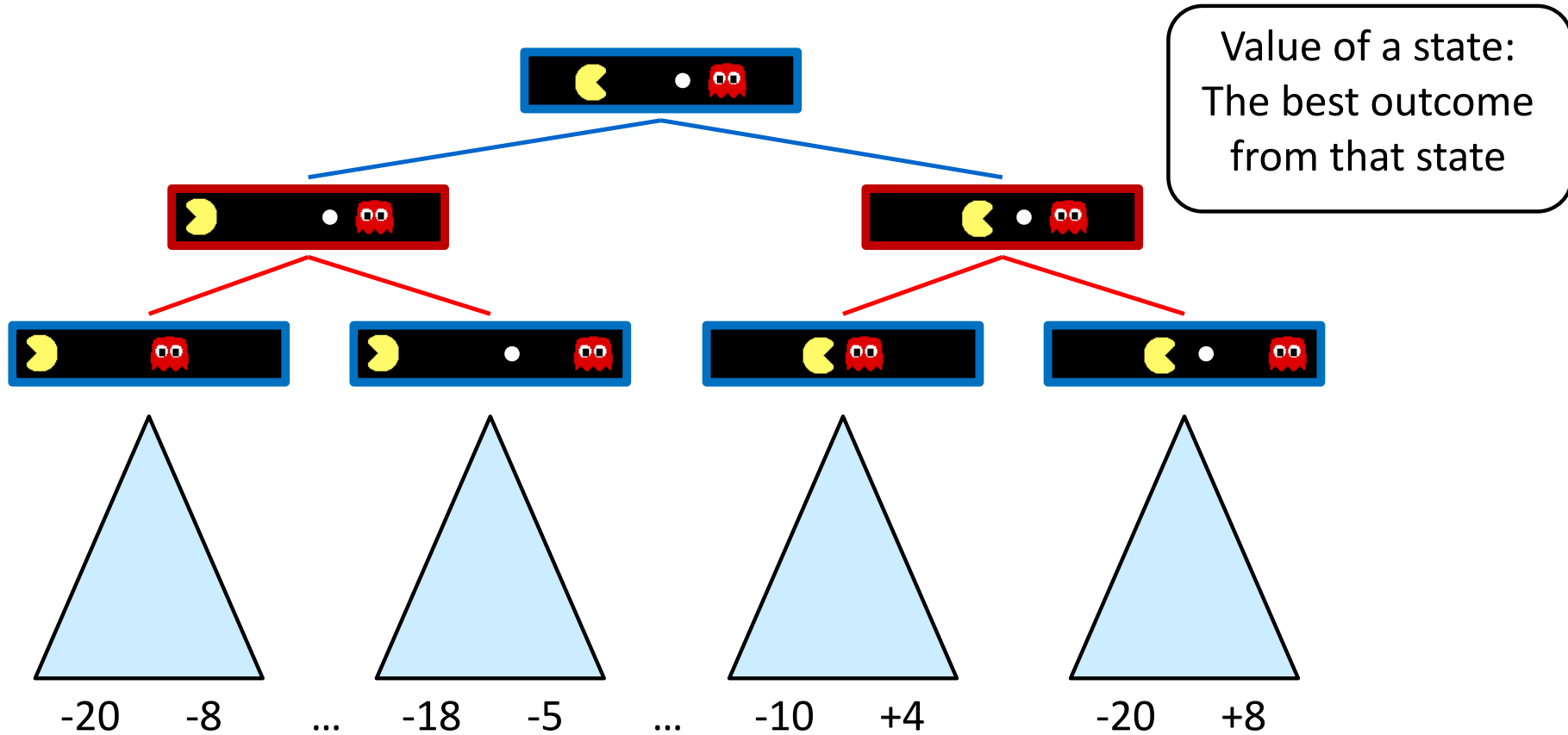


# Adversarial Search

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# Adversarial Game Trees



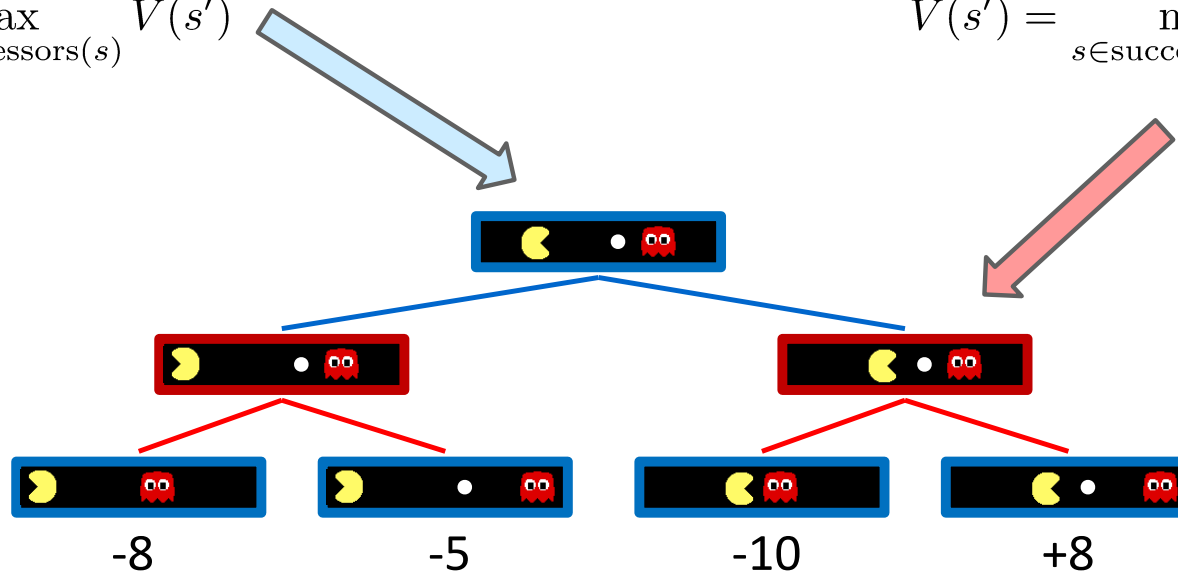
# Minimax Values

States Under Agent's Control:

$$V(s) = \max_{s' \in \text{successors}(s)} V(s')$$

States Under Opponent's Control:

$$V(s') = \min_{s \in \text{successors}(s')} V(s)$$



Terminal States:

$$V(s) = \text{known}$$



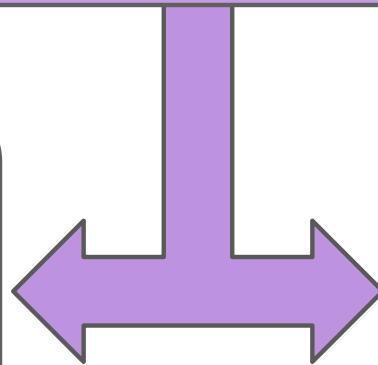
# Minimax Implementation (Dispatch)

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```
def value(state):  
    if the state is terminal: return the state's utility  
    if the next agent is MAX: return max-value(state)  
    if the next agent is MIN: return min-value(state)
```

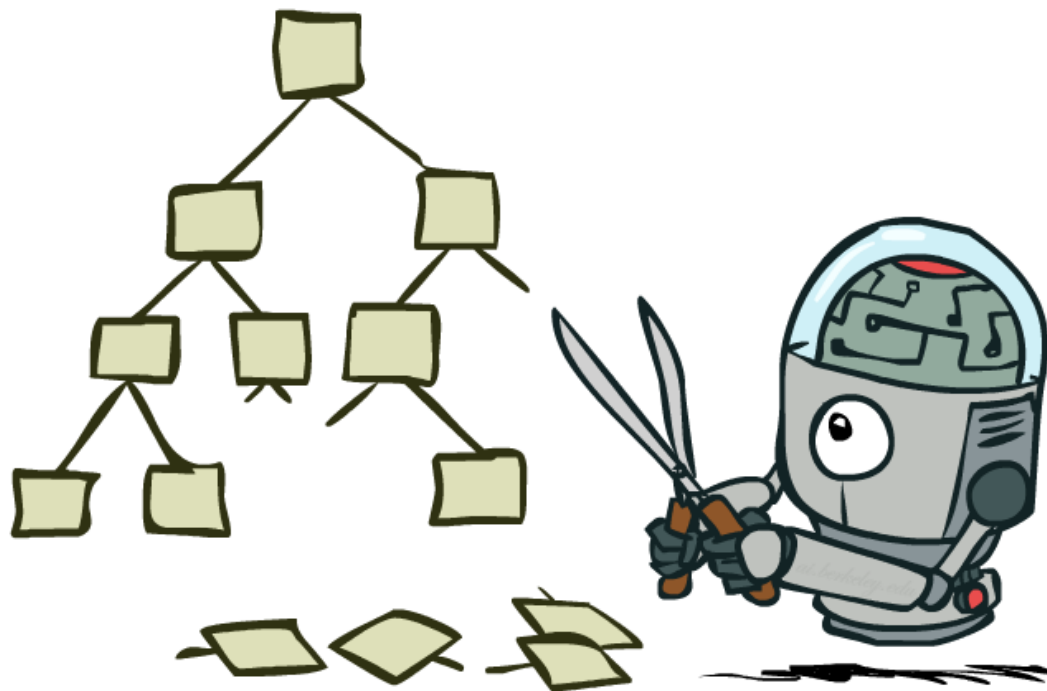
```
def max-value(state):  
    initialize v =  $-\infty$   
    for each successor of state:  
        v = max(v, value(successor))  
    return v
```

```
def min-value(state):  
    initialize v =  $+\infty$   
    for each successor of state:  
        v = min(v, value(successor))  
    return v
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# Game Tree Pruning

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# Alpha-Beta Implementation

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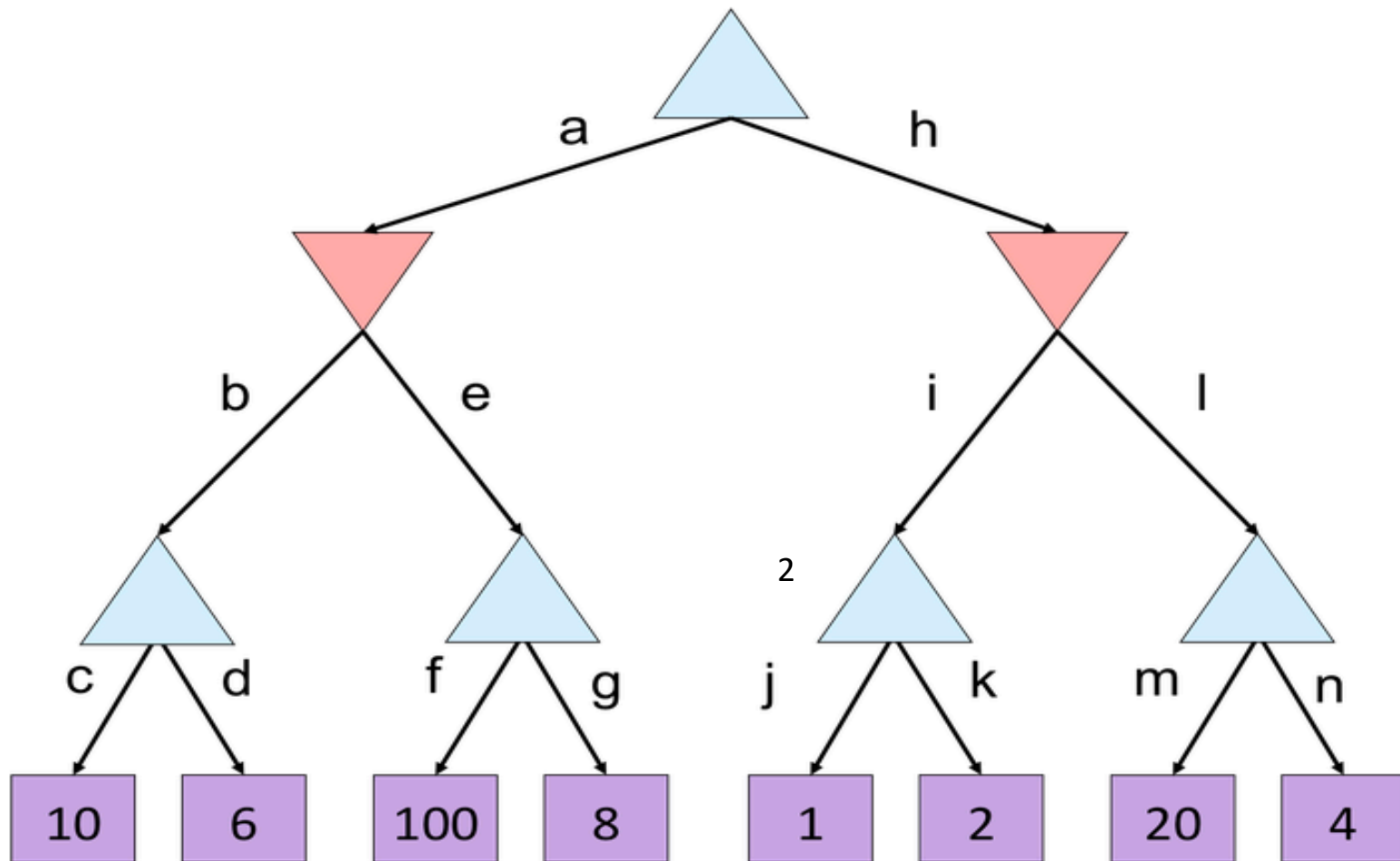
$\alpha$ : MAX's best option on path to root  
 $\beta$ : MIN's best option on path to root

```
def max-value(state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ):  
    initialize  $v = -\infty$   
    for each successor of state:  
         $v = \max(v, \text{value}(\text{successor}, \alpha, \beta))$   
        if  $v \geq \beta$  return  $v$   
         $\alpha = \max(\alpha, v)$   
    return  $v$ 
```

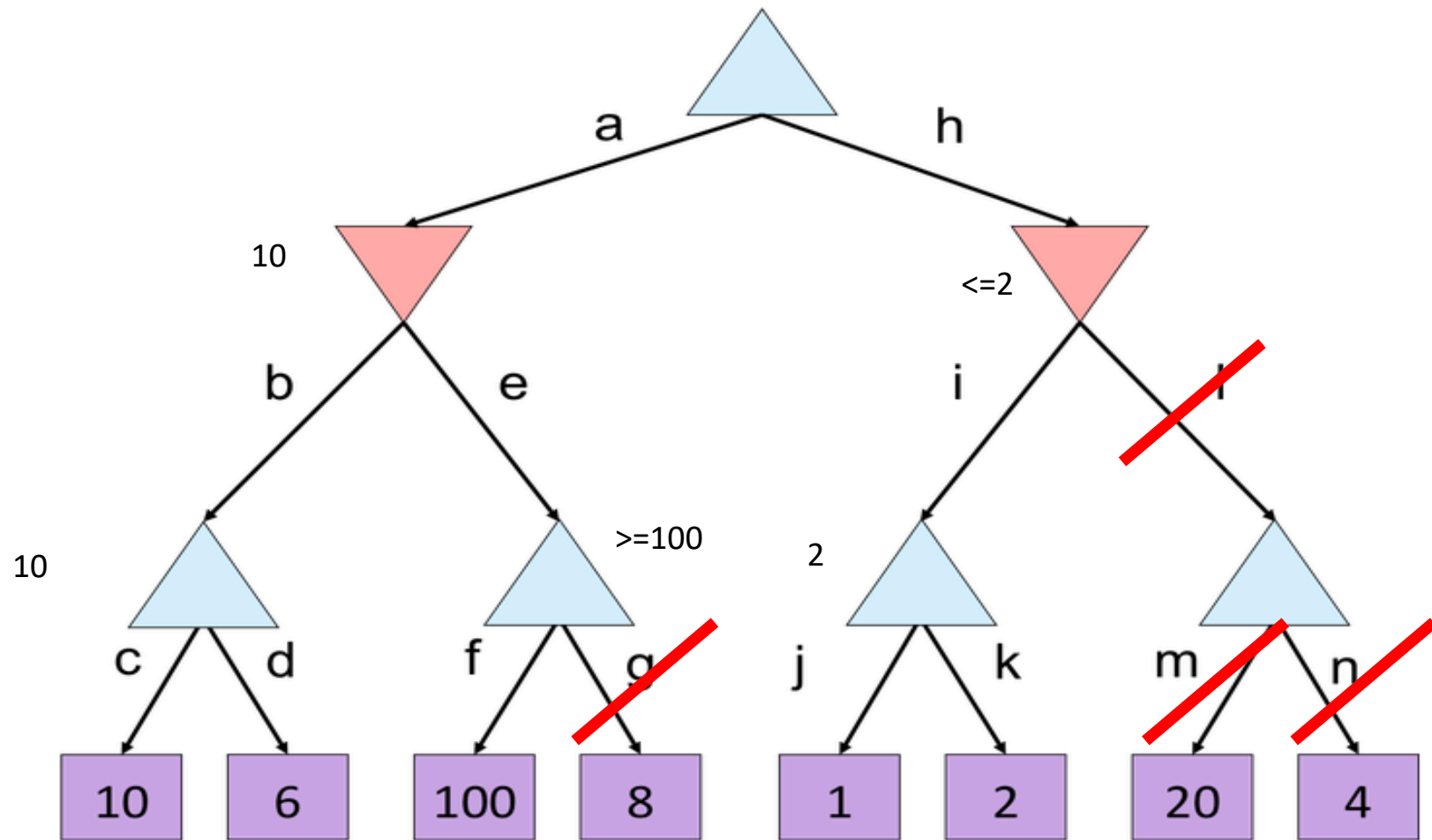
```
def min-value(state,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ):  
    initialize  $v = +\infty$   
    for each successor of state:  
         $v = \min(v, \text{value}(\text{successor}, \alpha, \beta))$   
        if  $v \leq \alpha$  return  $v$   
         $\beta = \min(\beta, v)$   
    return  $v$ 
```

# Alpha-Beta Example

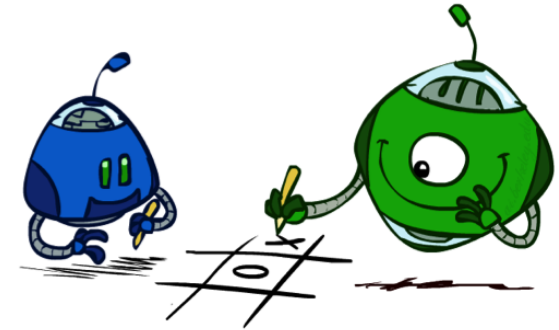
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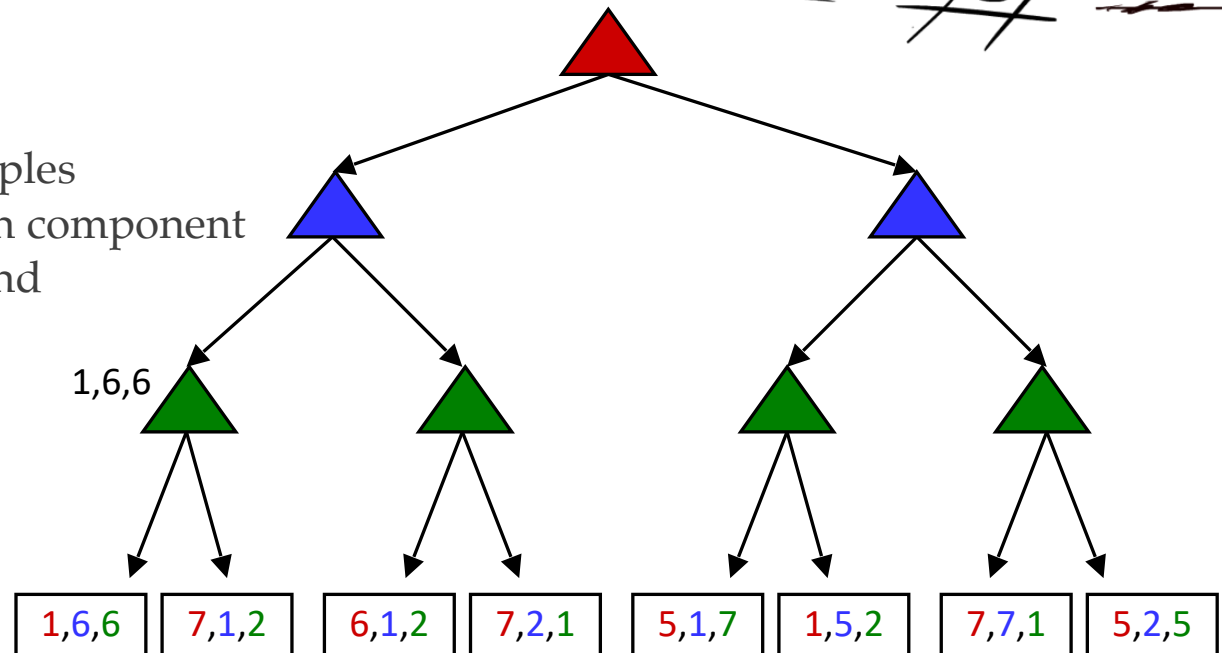
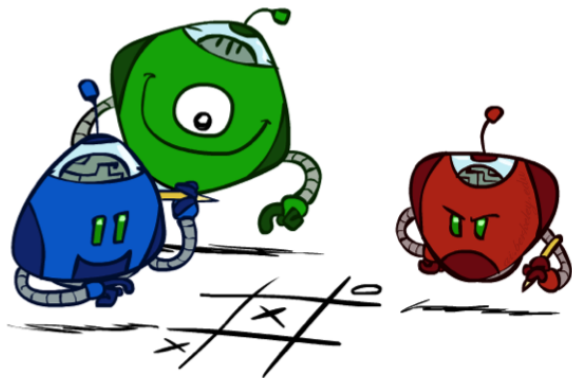
# Alpha-Beta Quiz 2



# Multi-Agent Utilities

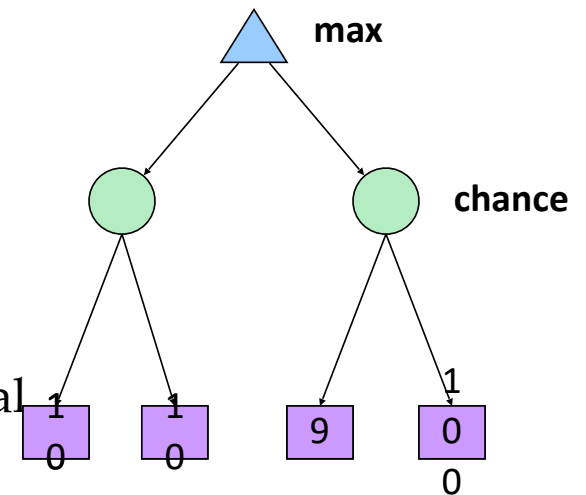


- What if the game is not zero-sum, or has multiple players?
- Generalization of minimax:
  - Terminals have utility tuples
  - Node values are also utility tuples
  - Each player maximizes its own component
  - Can give rise to cooperation and competition dynamically...



# Chance Nodes

- We don't know what the result of an action will be:
  - Explicit randomness: rolling dice
  - Unpredictable opponents
  - Actions can fail
- Values should now reflect average-case (expectimax) outcomes, not worst-case (minimax) outcomes
- **Expectimax search:** compute the average score under optimal play
  - Max nodes as in minimax search
  - Chance nodes: calculate **expected utilities**



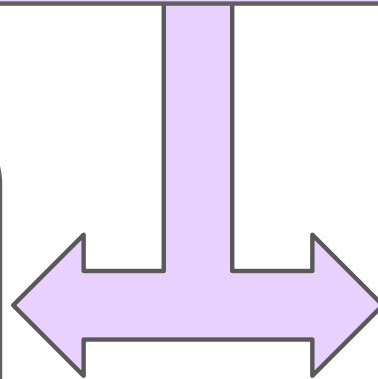
# Expectimax Pseudocode

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```
def value(state):  
    if the state is a terminal state: return the state's utility  
    if the next agent is MAX: return max-value(state)  
    if the next agent is EXP: return exp-value(state)
```

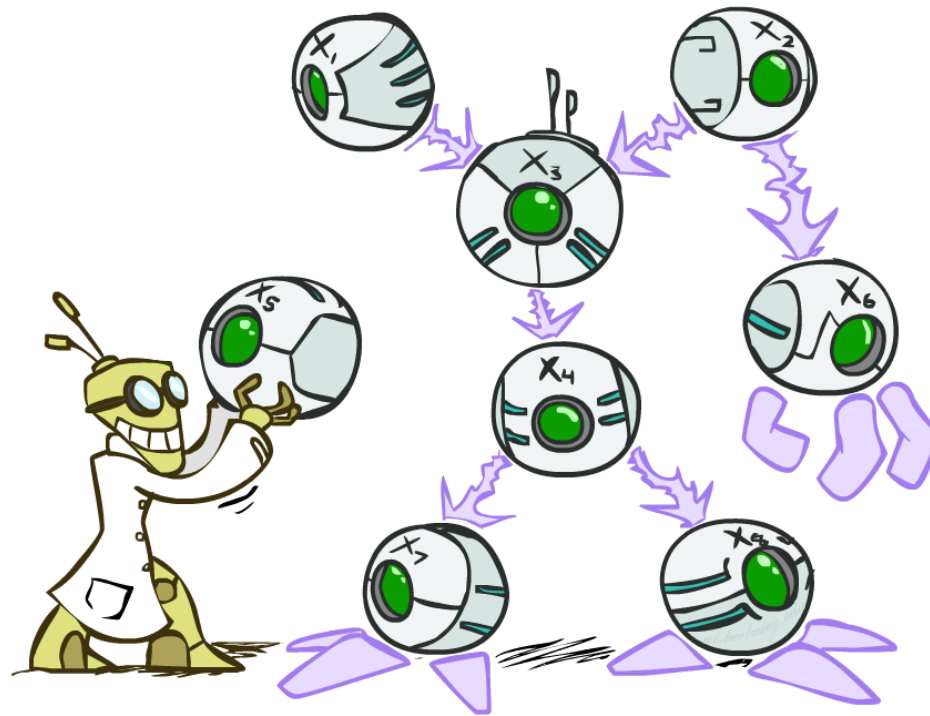
```
def max-value(state):  
    initialize v =  $-\infty$   
    for each successor of state:  
        v = max(v, value(successor))  
    return v
```

```
def exp-value(state):  
    initialize v = 0  
    for each successor of state:  
        p =  
            probability(successor)  
        v += p * value(successor)  
    return v
```





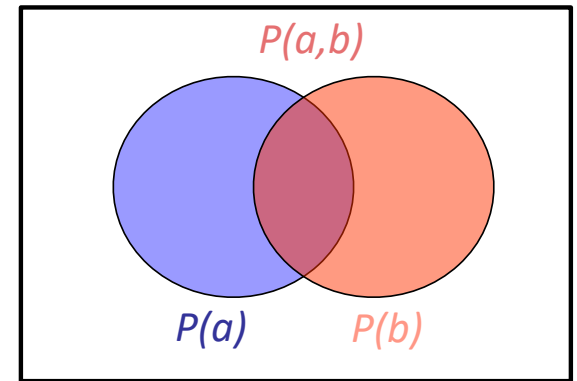
# Bayesian Networks



# Conditional Probabilities

- Bayes Rule

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a,b)}{P(b)}$$



$P(T, W)$

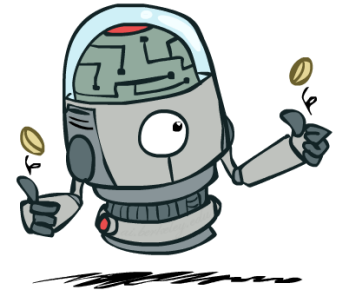
T	W	P
hot	sun	0.4
hot	rain	0.1
cold	sun	0.2
cold	rain	0.3

$$P(W = s|T = c) = \frac{P(W = s, T = c)}{P(T = c)} = \frac{0.2}{0.5} = 0.4$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(W = s, T = c) + P(W = r, T = c) \\ &= 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

# Conditional Independence

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- $X$  and  $Y$  are **independent** iff

$$\forall x, y \quad P(x, y) = P(x)P(y)$$

$$X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$$

- Given  $Z$ , we say  $X$  and  $Y$  are **conditionally independent** iff

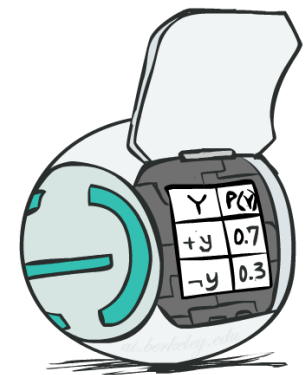
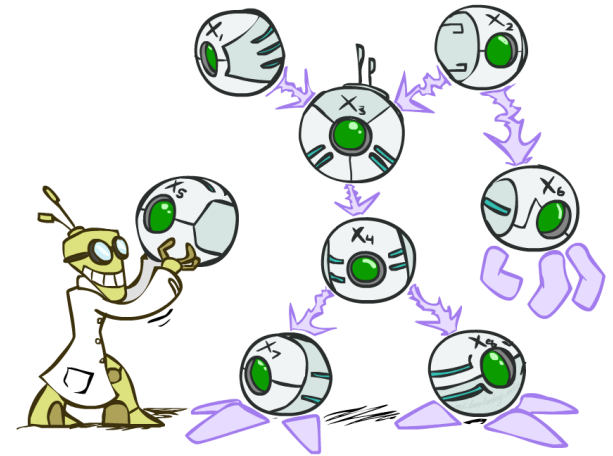
$$\forall x, y, z \quad P(x, y|z) = P(x|z)P(y|z) \quad \text{---} \rightarrow \quad X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y|Z$$

- (Conditional) independence is a property of a distribution

# Bayesian Networks

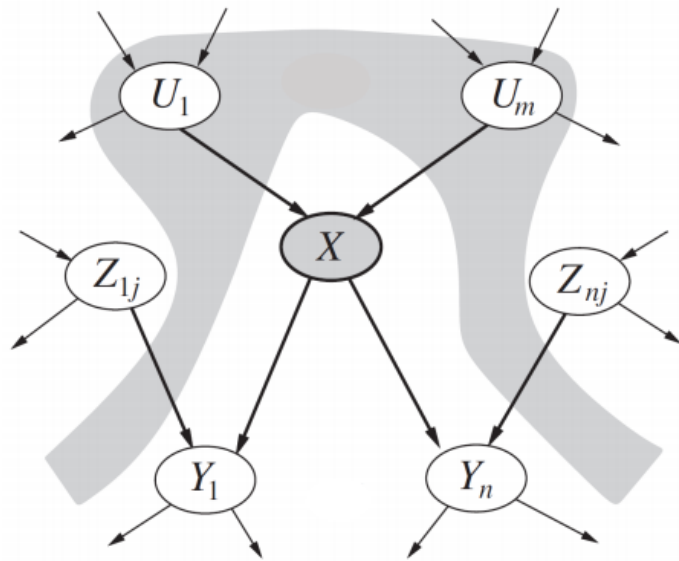
- A directed acyclic graph (DAG), one node per random variable
- A conditional probability table (CPT) for each node
  - Probability of  $X_i$ , given a combination of values for parents.  
 $P(X_i | a_1 \dots a_n)$
- Bayes nets implicitly encode joint distributions as a product of local conditional distributions
  - To see what probability a BN gives to a full assignment, multiply all the relevant conditionals together:

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i | \text{parents}(X_i))$$

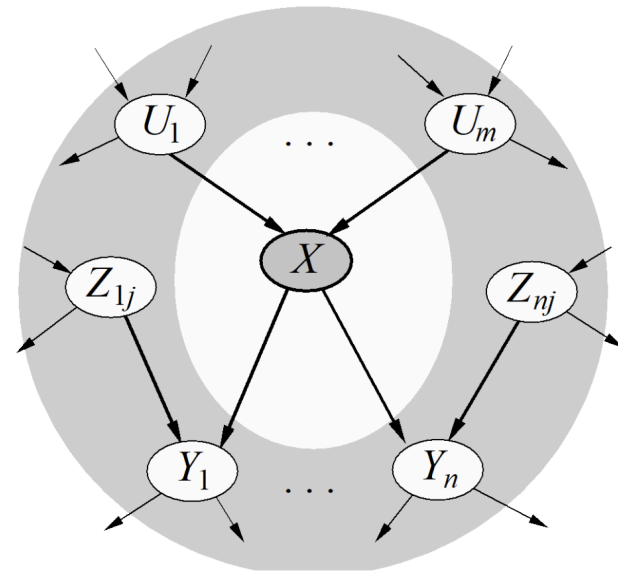


# Independence Assumptions

- Definition: Each node, given its parents, is conditionally independent of all its non-descendants in the graph



Each node, given its MarkovBlanket, is conditionally independent of all other nodes in the graph



MarkovBlanket refers to the parents, children, and children's other parents.

# Inference by Enumeration

○ General case:

- Evidence variables:  $E_1 \dots E_k = e_1 \dots e_k$
- Query\* variable:  $Q$
- Hidden variables:  $H_1 \dots H_r$

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$   
All variables

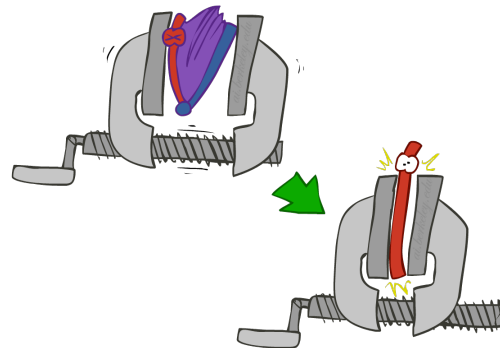
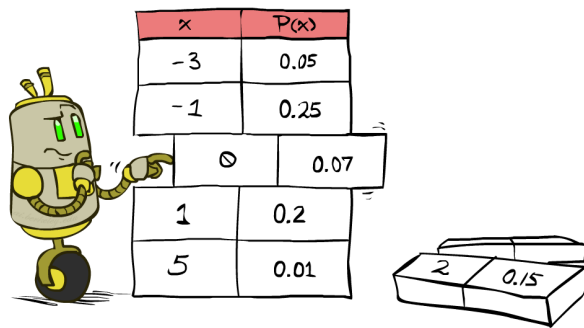
■ We want:

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k)$$

■ Step 1: Select the entries consistent with the evidence

■ Step 2: Sum out H to get joint of Query and evidence

■ Step 3: Normalize



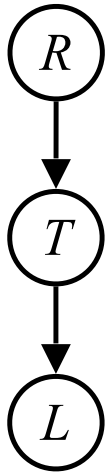
$$\times \frac{1}{Z}$$

$$P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k) = \sum_{h_1 \dots h_r} P(Q, \underbrace{h_1 \dots h_r}_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

$$Z = \sum_q P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

$$P(Q|e_1 \dots e_k) = \frac{1}{Z} P(Q, e_1 \dots e_k)$$

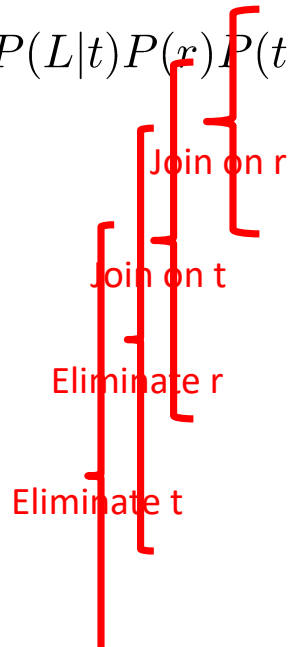
# Inference on Bayes Nets



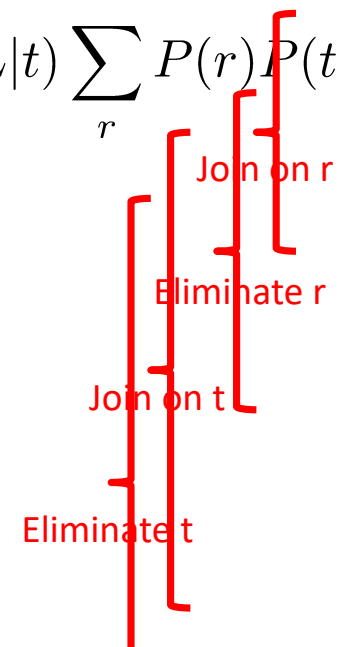
$$P(L) = ?$$

- Inference by Enumeration
- Variable Elimination

$$= \sum_t \sum_r P(L|t)P(r)P(t|r)$$

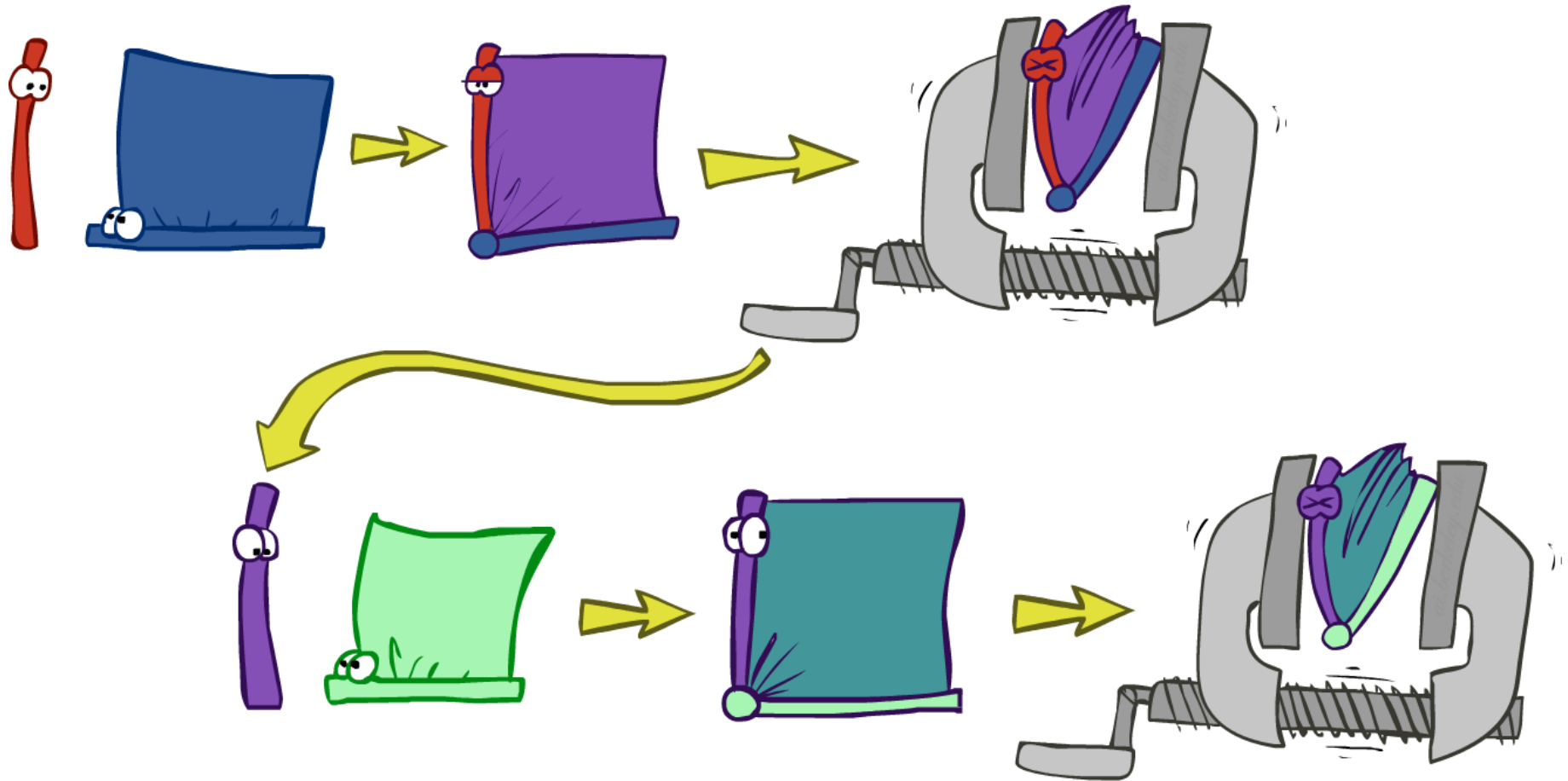


$$= \sum_t P(L|t) \sum_r P(r)P(t|r)$$



# Marginalizing Early (Variable Elimination)

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# Variable Elimination



$P(R)$

T	L
+r	0.1
-r	0.9

$P(T|R)$

+r	+t	0.8
+r	-t	0.2
-r	+t	0.1
-r	-t	0.9

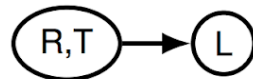
$P(L|T)$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
-t	+l	0.1
-t	-l	0.9

Join R

$P(R, T)$

+r	+t	0.08
+r	-t	0.02
-r	+t	0.09
-r	-t	0.81

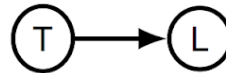


$P(L|T)$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
-t	+l	0.1
-t	-l	0.9

Sum out R

+t	0.17
-t	0.83



$P(L|T)$

+t	+l	0.3
+t	-l	0.7
-t	+l	0.1
-t	-l	0.9

Join T



$P(T, L)$

+t	+l	0.051
+t	-l	0.119
-t	+l	0.083
-t	-l	0.747

Sum out T



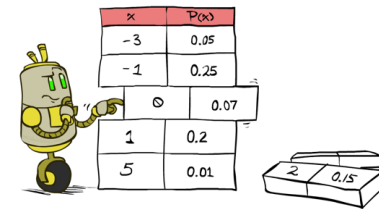
+l	0.134
-l	0.866

# General Variable Elimination

○ Query:  $P(Q|E_1 = e_1, \dots, E_k = e_k)$

○ Start with initial factors:

○ Local CPTs (but instantiated by evidence)



x	P(x)
-3	0.05
-1	0.25
0	0.07
1	0.2
5	0.01

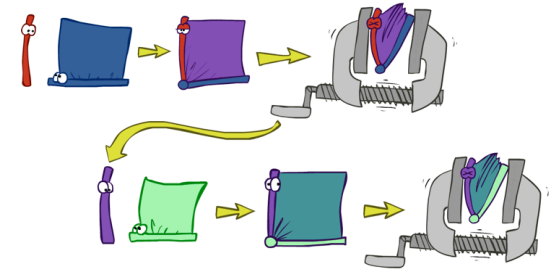
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○ While there are still hidden variables (not Q or evidence):

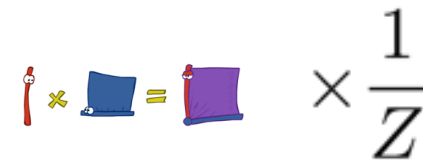
○ Pick a hidden variable H

○ Join all factors mentioning H

○ Eliminate (sum out) H



○ Join all remaining factors and normalize



$$\times \text{blue square} = \text{purple square} \times \frac{1}{Z}$$

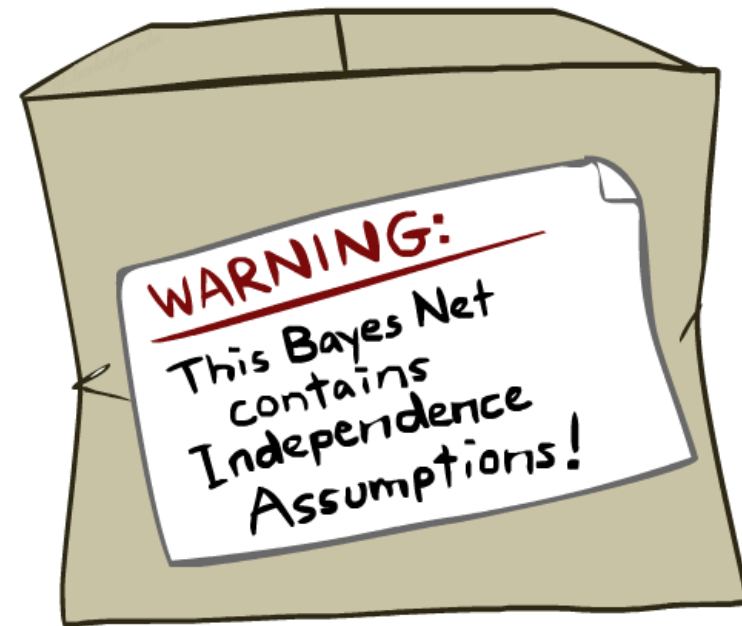
# Independence Assumptions in a Bayes Net

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- Assumptions we are required to make to define the Bayes net when given the graph:

$$P(x_i|x_1 \cdots x_{i-1}) = P(x_i|\text{parents}(X_i))$$

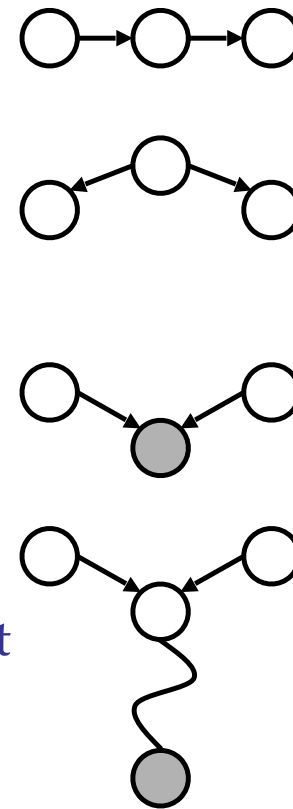
- Important for modeling: understand assumptions made when choosing a Bayes net graph



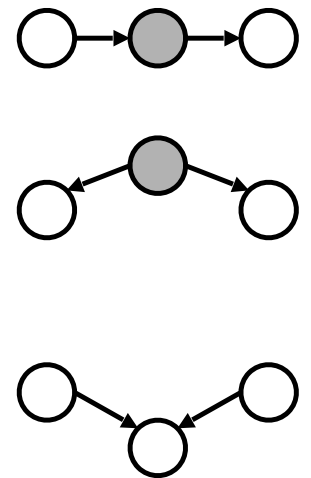
# Active / Inactive Paths

- Question: Are X and Y conditionally independent given evidence variables {Z}?
  - Yes, if X and Y “d-separated” by Z
  - Consider all (undirected) paths from X to Y
  - No active paths = independence!
- A path is active if each triple is active:
  - Causal chain  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  where B is unobserved (either direction)
  - Common cause  $A \leftarrow B \rightarrow C$  where B is unobserved
  - Common effect (aka v-structure)
    - $A \rightarrow B \leftarrow C$  where B or one of its descendants is observed
- All it takes to block a path is a single inactive segment

Active Triples



Inactive Triples



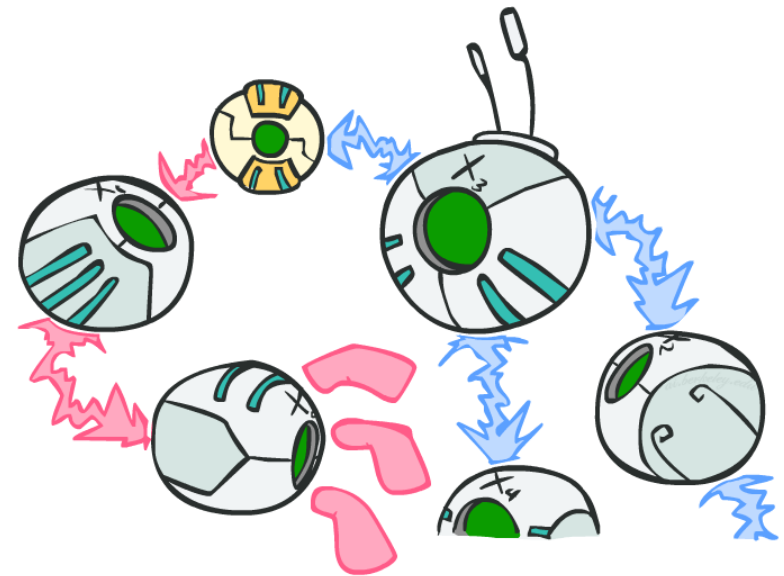
# D-Separation

- Query:  $X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\} ?$
- Check all (undirected!) paths between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$ 
  - If one or more active paths, then independence not guaranteed

$$X_i \not\perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$$

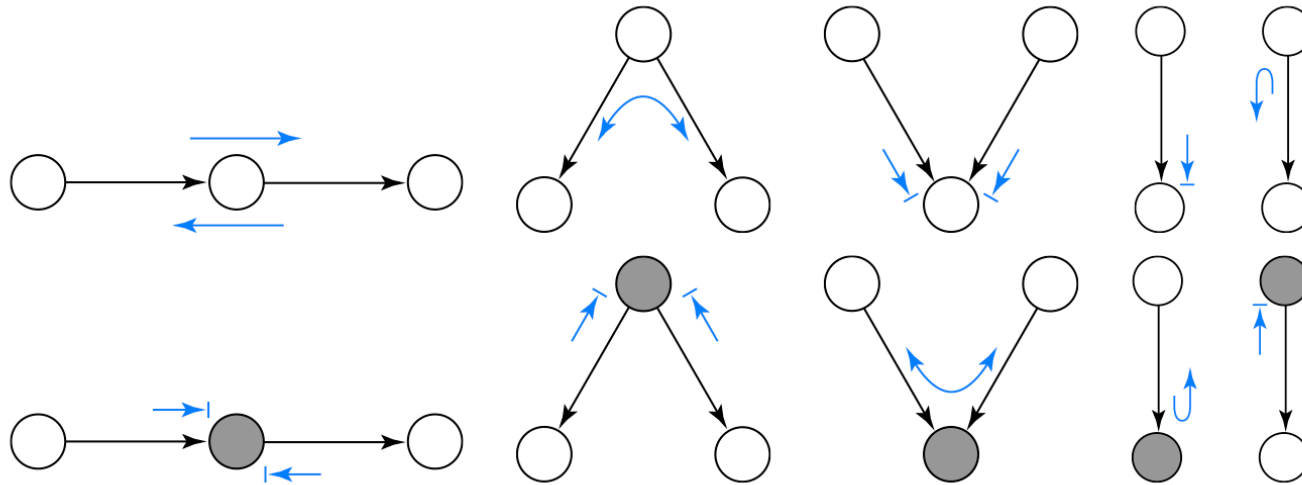
- Otherwise (i.e. if all paths are inactive), then independence is guaranteed

$$X_i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_j \mid \{X_{k_1}, \dots, X_{k_n}\}$$



# Another Perspective: Bayes Ball

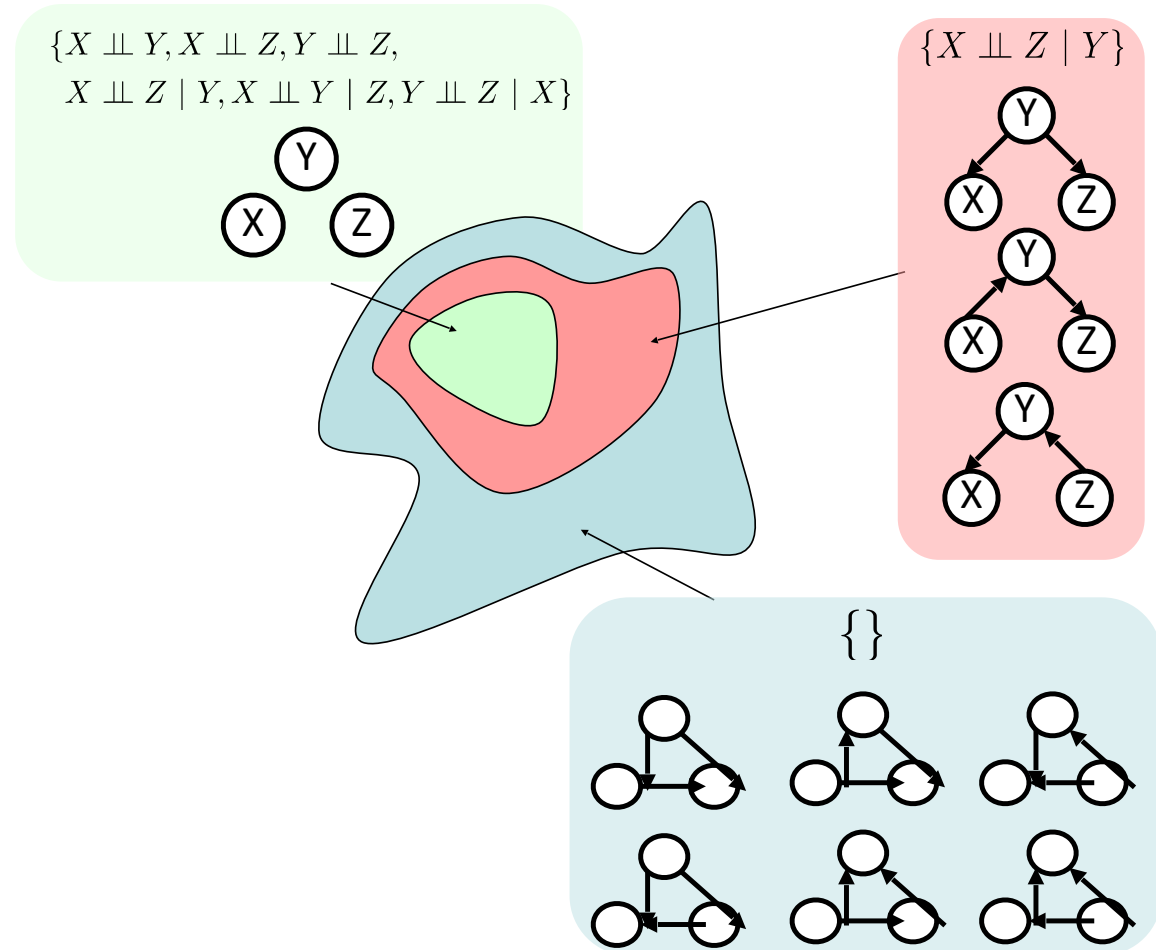
An undirected path is active if a Bayes ball travelling along it never encounters the “stop” symbol:  $\rightarrow \perp$



If there are no active paths from  $X$  to  $Y$  when  $\{Z_1, \dots, Z_k\}$  are shaded, then  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \mid \{Z_1, \dots, Z_k\}$ .

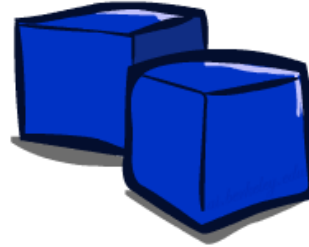
# Topology Limits Distributions

- Given some graph topology  $G$ , only certain joint distributions can be encoded
- The graph structure guarantees certain (conditional) independences
- (There might be more independence)
- Adding arcs increases the set of distributions, but has several costs
- Full conditioning can encode any distribution



# Approximate Inference: Sampling

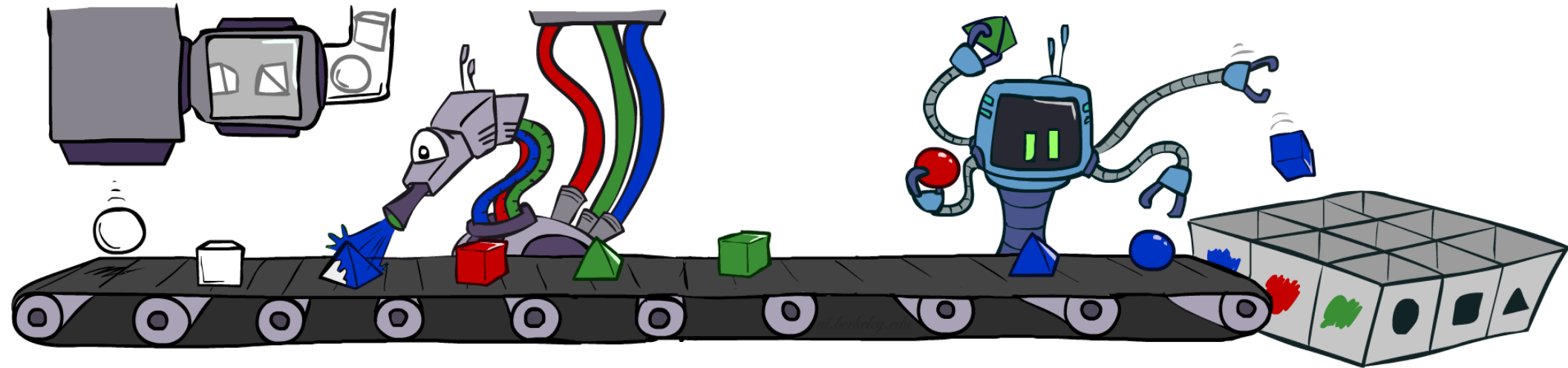
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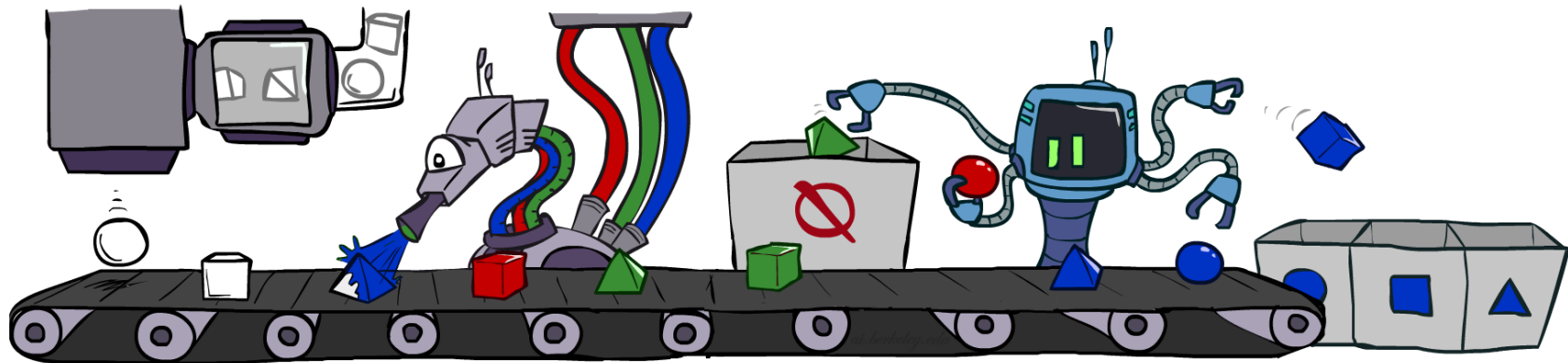
# Prior Sampling

- For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in topological order
  - Sample  $x_i$  from  $P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$
- Return  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$



# Rejection Sampling

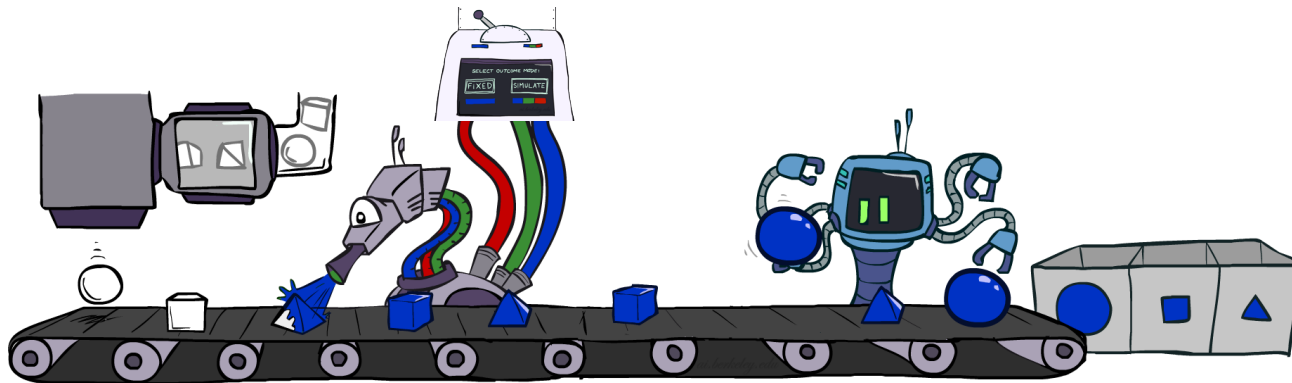
- Input: evidence instantiation
- For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in topological order
  - Sample  $x_i$  from  $P(X_i \mid \text{Parents}(X_i))$
  - If  $x_i$  not consistent with evidence
    - Reject: return – no sample is generated in this cycle
- Return  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$



# Likelihood Weighting

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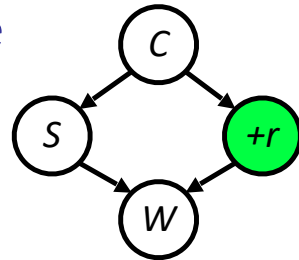
- Input: evidence instantiation
- $w = 1.0$
- for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in topological order
  - if  $X_i$  is an evidence variable
    - $X_i = \text{observation } x_i \text{ for } X_i$
    - Set  $w = w * P(x_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$
  - else
    - Sample  $x_i$  from  $P(X_i | \text{Parents}(X_i))$
- return  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), w$



# Gibbs Sampling

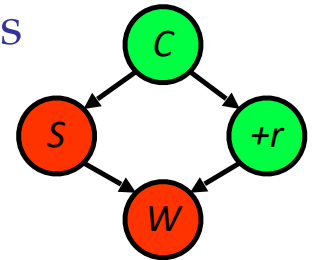
- Step 1: Fix evidence

- $R = +r$



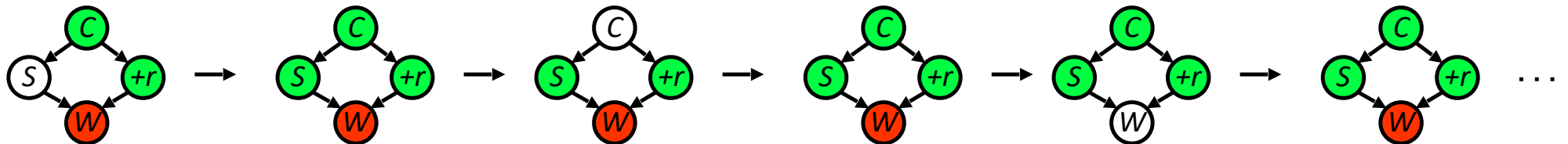
- Step 2: Initialize other variables

- Randomly



- Steps 3: Repeat:

- Choose a non-evidence variable  $X$
- Resample  $X$  from  $P(X \mid \text{MarkovBlanket}(X))$



Sample from  $P(S \mid +c, -w, +r)$

Sample from  $P(C \mid +s, -w, +r)$

Sample from  $P(W \mid +s, +c, +r)$

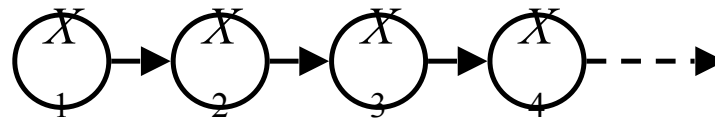
# Hidden Markov Models



# Markov Chains (Review from EE 16A, CS 70)

- Value of  $X$  at a given time is called the **state**

$P(X_0)$	
sun	rain
1	0.0



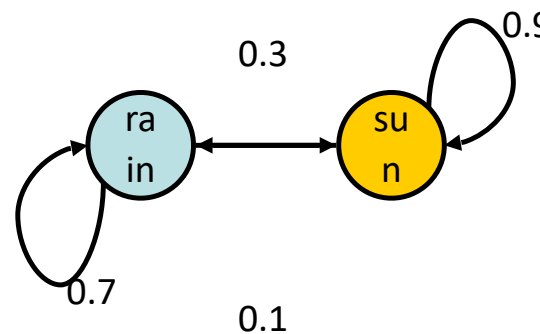
$$P(X_1)$$

$$P(X_t|X_{t-1})$$

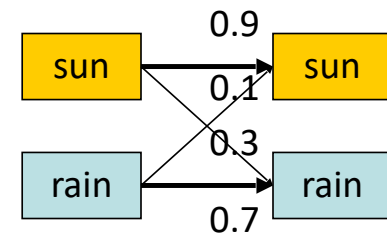
$$P(X_t) = ?$$

$X_{t-1}$	$X_t$	$P(X_t X_{t-1})$
sun	sun	0.9
sun	rain	0.1
rain	sun	0.3
rain	rain	0.7

State Transition Diagram  
(Flow Graph)

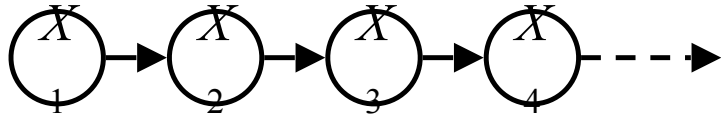


State Trellis



# Mini-Forward Algorithm

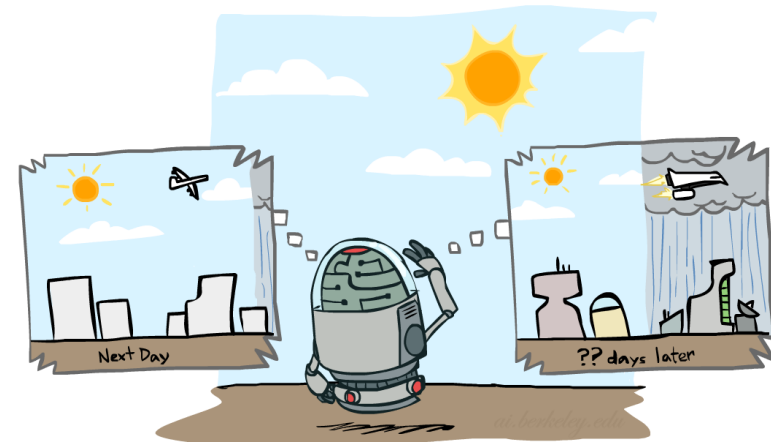
- Question: What's  $P(X)$  on some day  $t$ ?



$$P(x_1) = \text{known}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_t) &= \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1}, x_t) \\ &= \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t \mid x_{t-1}) P(x_{t-1}) \end{aligned}$$

*Forward simulation*



# Stationary Distribution

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- For most chains:

- Influence of the initial distribution gets less and less over time.
- The distribution we end up in is independent of the initial distribution

- Stationary distribution:

- The distribution we end up with is called the **stationary distribution**  $P_\infty$  of the chain

- It satisfies

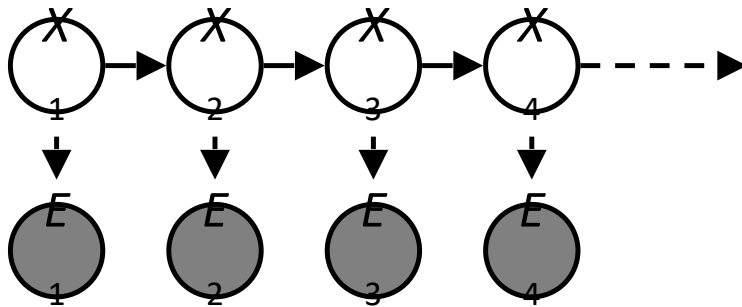
$$P_\infty(X) = P_{\infty+1}(X) = \sum_x P(X|x)P_\infty(x)$$





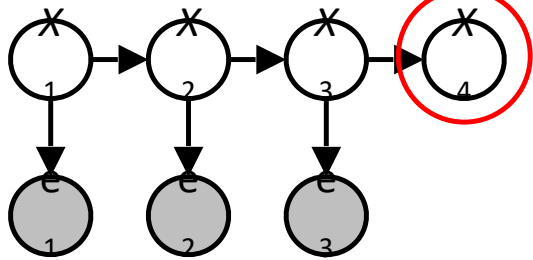
# Hidden Markov Models

- Markov chains not so useful for most agents
  - Need observations to update your beliefs
- Hidden Markov models (HMMs)
  - Underlying Markov chain over states  $X_i$
  - You observe outputs (effects) at each time step

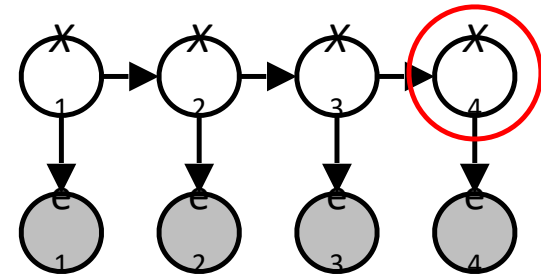


# Inference tasks

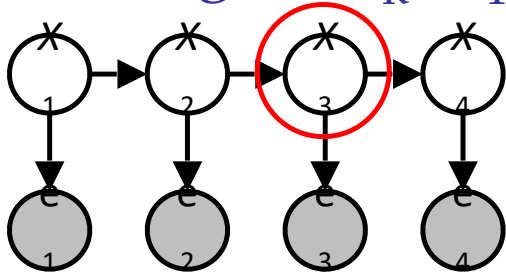
Prediction:  $P(X_{t+k} | e_{1:t})$



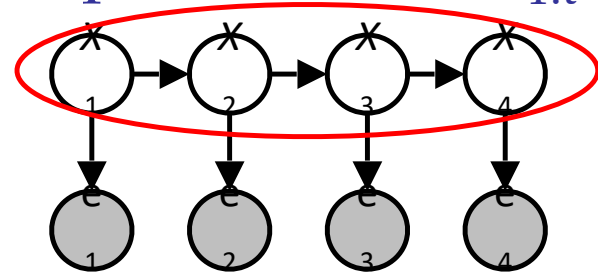
Filtering:  $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$



Smoothing:  $P(X_k | e_{1:t}), k < t$



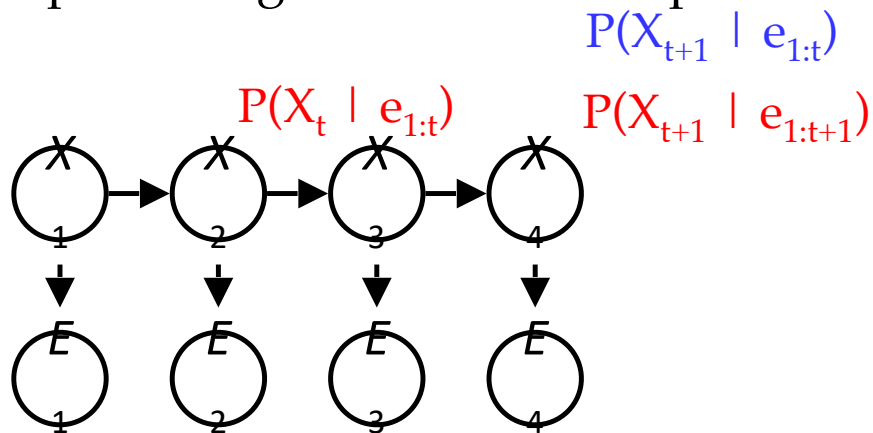
Explanation:  $P(X_{1:t} | e_{1:t})$



# Inference: Find State Given Evidence

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- We are given evidence at each time and want to know  $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$
- Idea: start with  $P(X_1)$  and derive  $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$  in terms of  $P(X_{t-1} | e_{1:t-1})$
- Two steps: Passage of time + Incorporate Evidence



# Forward Algorithm

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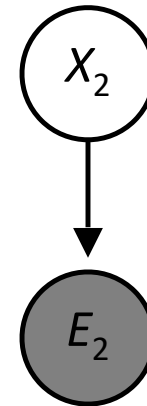
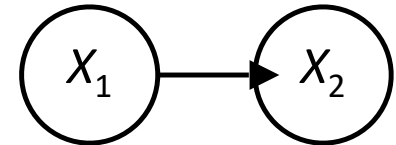
- Every time step, we start with current  $P(X \mid \text{evidence})$
- We update for time:

$$P(x_t | e_{1:t-1}) = \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_{t-1} | e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(x_t | x_{t-1})$$

- We update for evidence:

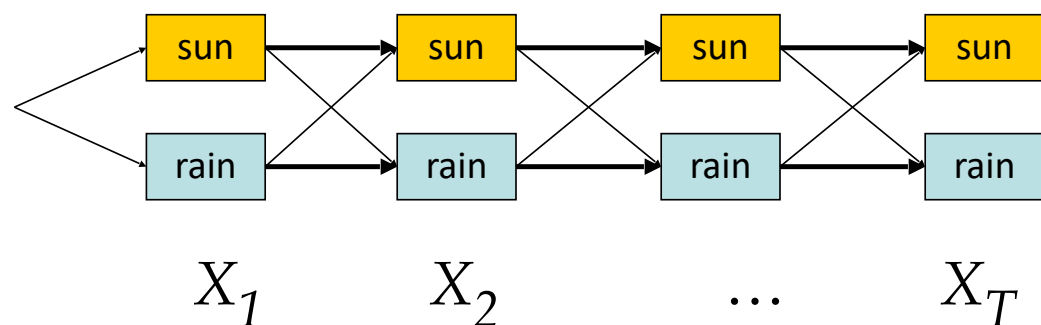
$$P(x_t | e_{1:t}) \propto_X P(x_t | e_{1:t-1}) \cdot P(e_t | x_t)$$

- The forward algorithm does both at once



# Most likely explanation = most probable path

- **State trellis:** graph of states and transitions over time

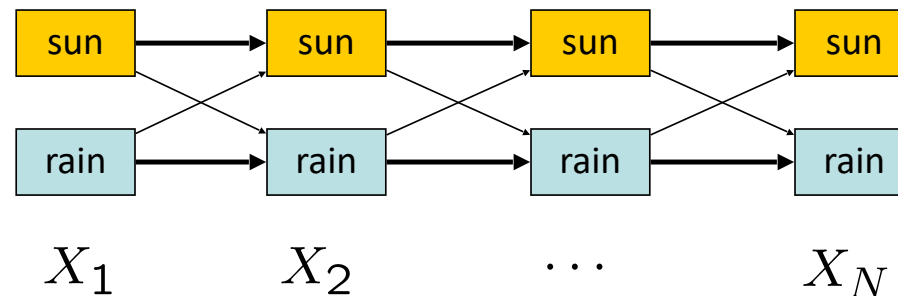


$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmax}_{x_{1:t}} P(x_{1:t} \mid e_{1:t}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{x_{1:t}} P(x_{1:t}, e_{1:t}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{x_{1:t}} P(x_{1:t}, e_{1:t}) \\ &= \operatorname{argmax}_{x_{1:t}} P(x_0) \prod_t P(x_t \mid x_{t-1}) P(e_t \mid x_t) \end{aligned}$$

- Each arc represents some transition  $X_{t-1} \rightarrow X_t$
- Each arc has weight  $P(x_t \mid x_{t-1}) P(e_t \mid x_t)$  (arcs to initial states have weight  $P(x_0)$ )
- The **product** of weights on a path is proportional to that state seq's probability
- Forward algorithm: sums of paths
- **Viterbi algorithm:** best paths
  - Dynamic Programming: solve subproblems, combine them as you go along

# Forward / Viterbi Algorithms

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## Forward Algorithm (Sum)

For each state at time  $t$ , keep track of the *total probability of all paths* to it

$$\begin{aligned} f_t[x_t] &= P(x_t, e_{1:t}) \\ &= P(e_t|x_t) \sum_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1}) f_{t-1}[x_{t-1}] \end{aligned}$$

## Viterbi Algorithm (Max)

For each state at time  $t$ , keep track of the *maximum probability of any path* to it

$$\begin{aligned} m_t[x_t] &= \max_{x_{1:t-1}} P(x_{1:t-1}, x_t, e_{1:t}) \\ &= P(e_t|x_t) \max_{x_{t-1}} P(x_t|x_{t-1}) m_{t-1}[x_{t-1}] \end{aligned}$$

# Viterbi Algorithm Pseudocode

```
function VITERBI( $O, S, \Pi, Y, A, B$ ) :  $X$ 
  for each state  $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$  do
     $T_1[i, 1] \leftarrow \pi_i \cdot B_{iy_1}$ 
     $T_2[i, 1] \leftarrow 0$ 
  end for
  for each observation  $j = 2, 3, \dots, T$  do
    for each state  $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$  do
       $T_1[i, j] \leftarrow \max_k (T_1[k, j-1] \cdot A_{ki} \cdot B_{iy_j})$ 
       $T_2[i, j] \leftarrow \arg \max_k (T_1[k, j-1] \cdot A_{ki} \cdot B_{iy_j})$ 
    end for
  end for
   $z_T \leftarrow \arg \max_k (T_1[k, T])$ 
   $x_T \leftarrow s_{z_T}$ 
  for  $j = T, T-1, \dots, 2$  do
     $z_{j-1} \leftarrow T_2[z_j, j]$ 
     $x_{j-1} \leftarrow s_{z_{j-1}}$ 
  end for
  return  $X$ 
end function
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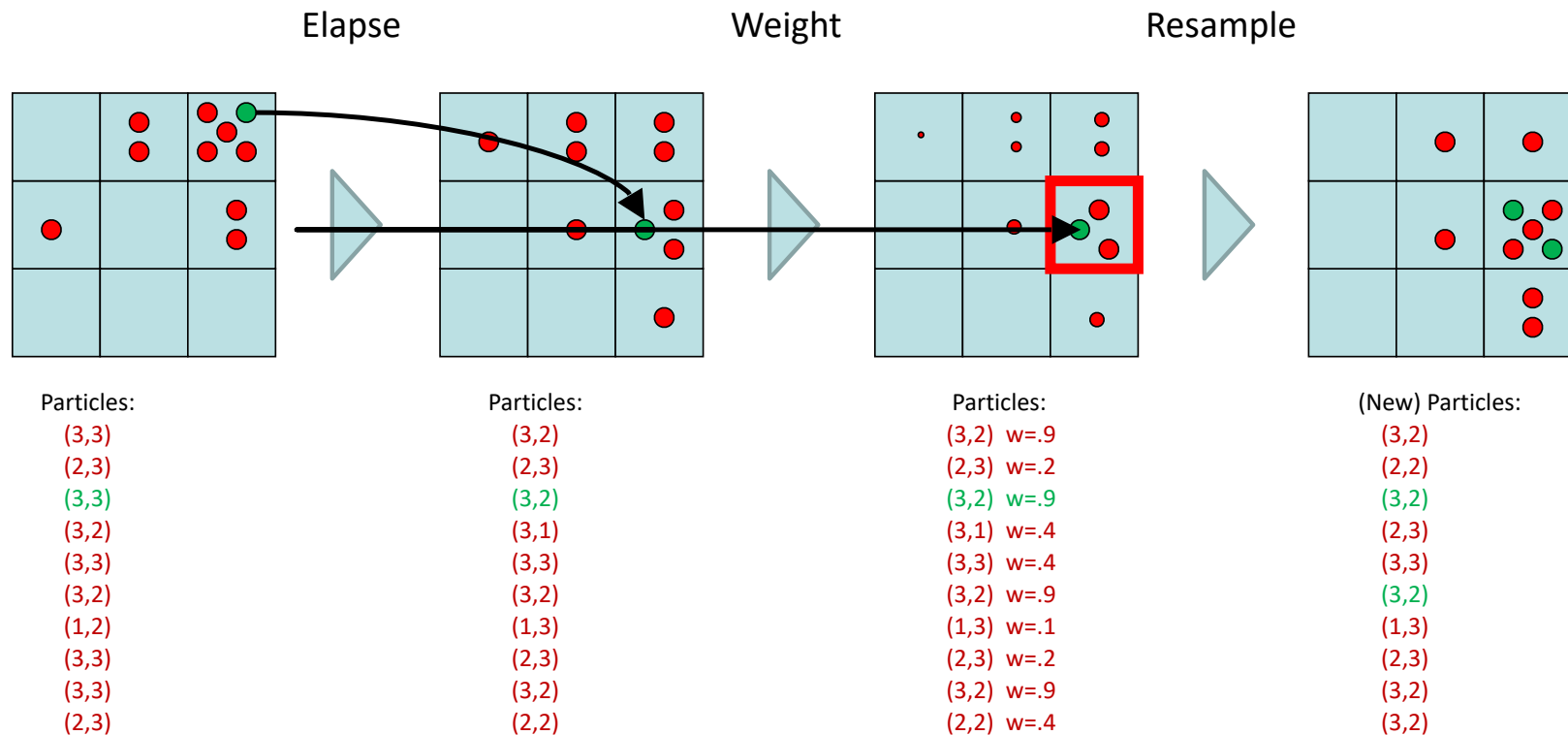
Observation Space  $O = \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_N\}$   
State Space  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_K\}$   
Initial probabilities  $\Pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_K)$   
Observations  $Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T)$   
Transition Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K}$   
Emission Matrix  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$

Matrix  $T_1[i, j]$  stores probabilities of most likely path so far with  $x_j = s_i$

Matrix  $T_2[i, j]$  stores  $x_{j-1}$  of most likely path so far with  $x_j = s_i$

# Particle Filtering: Approximate Inference on HMMs

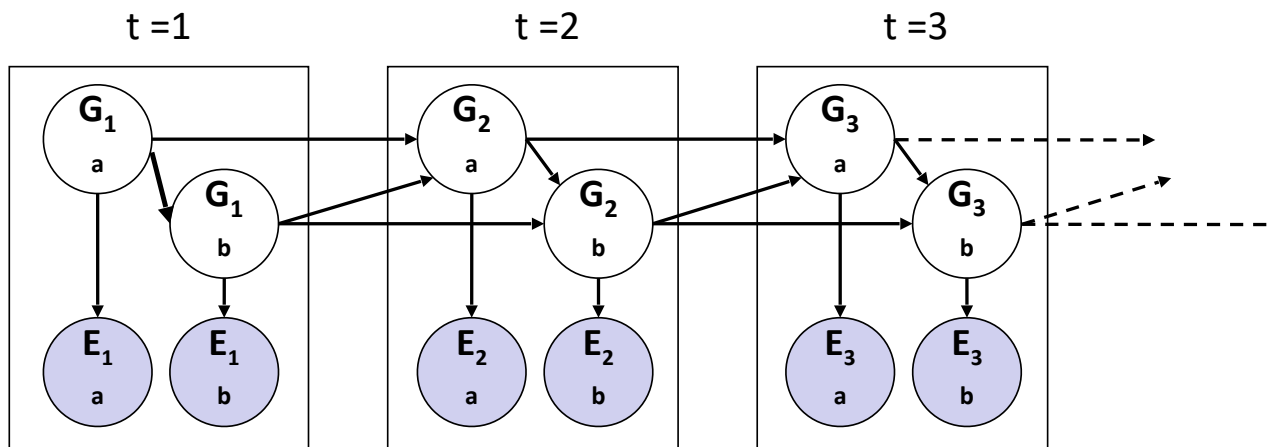
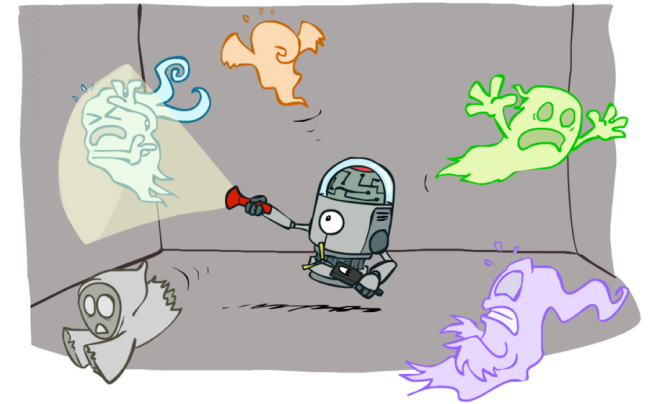
- Particles: track samples of states rather than an explicit distribution



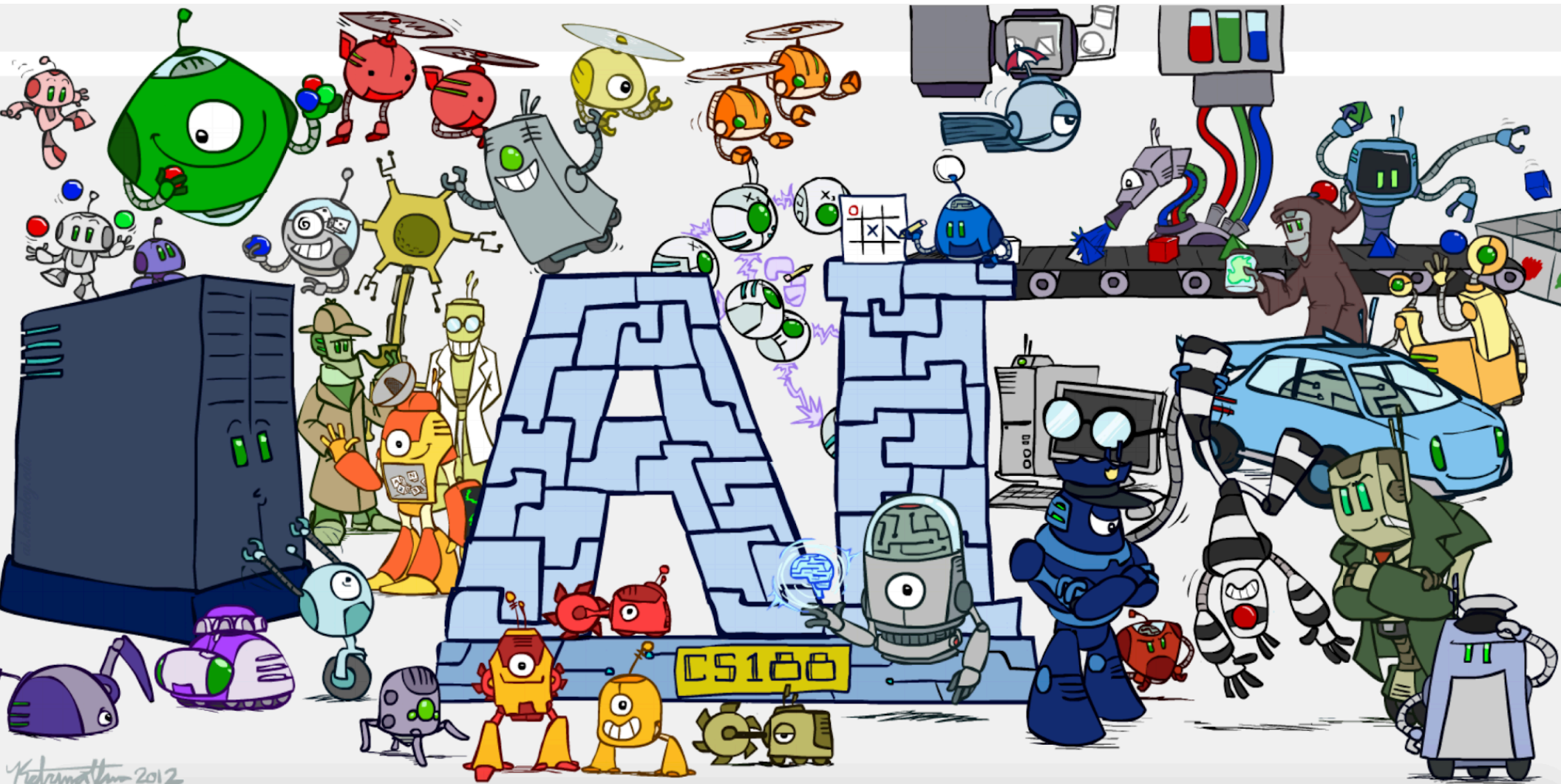


# Dynamic Bayes Nets (DBNs)

- We want to track multiple variables over time, using multiple sources of evidence
- Idea: Repeat a fixed Bayes net structure at each time
- Variables from time  $t$  can condition on those from  $t-1$



- Dynamic Bayes nets are a generalization of HMMs



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