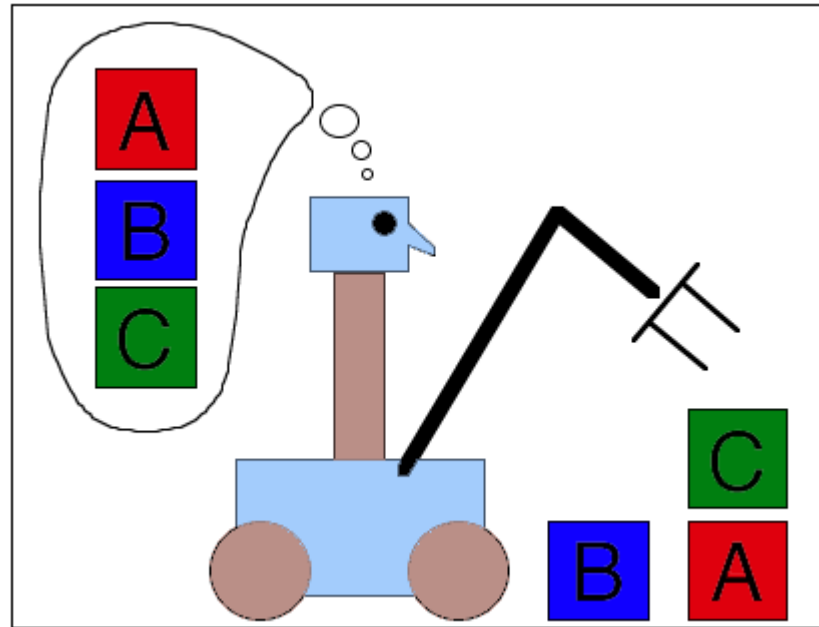




COMP 141: Probabilistic Robotics for Human-Robot Interaction

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This week: Planning



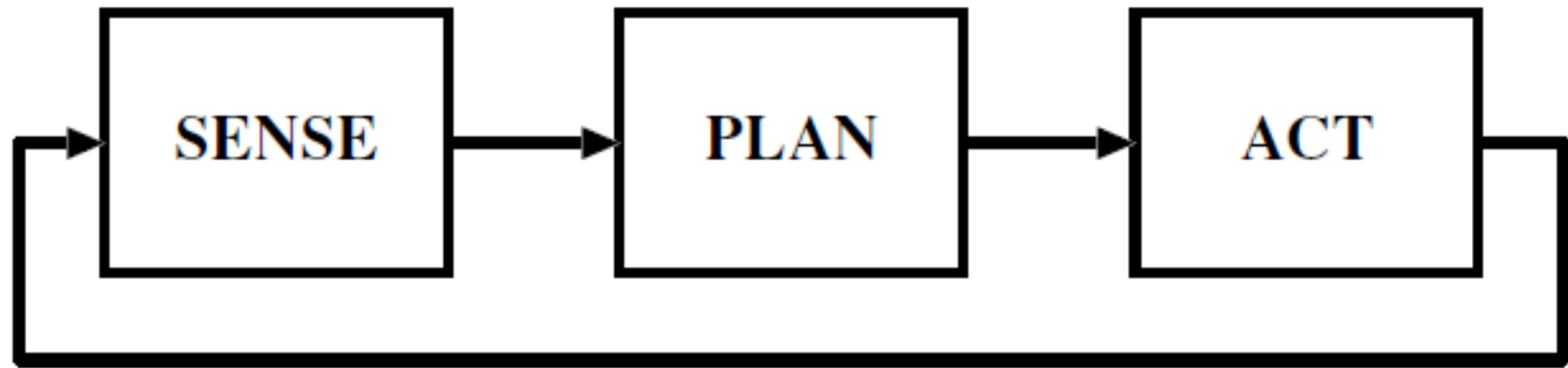
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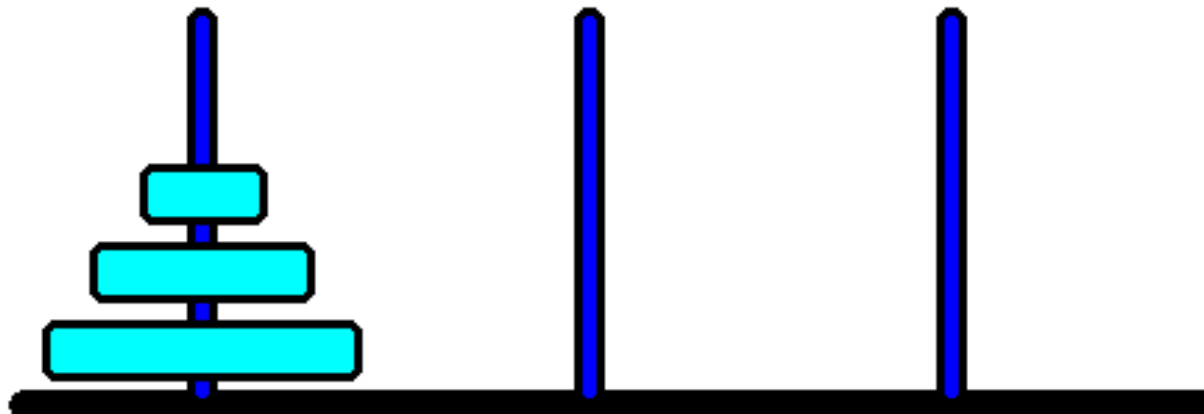
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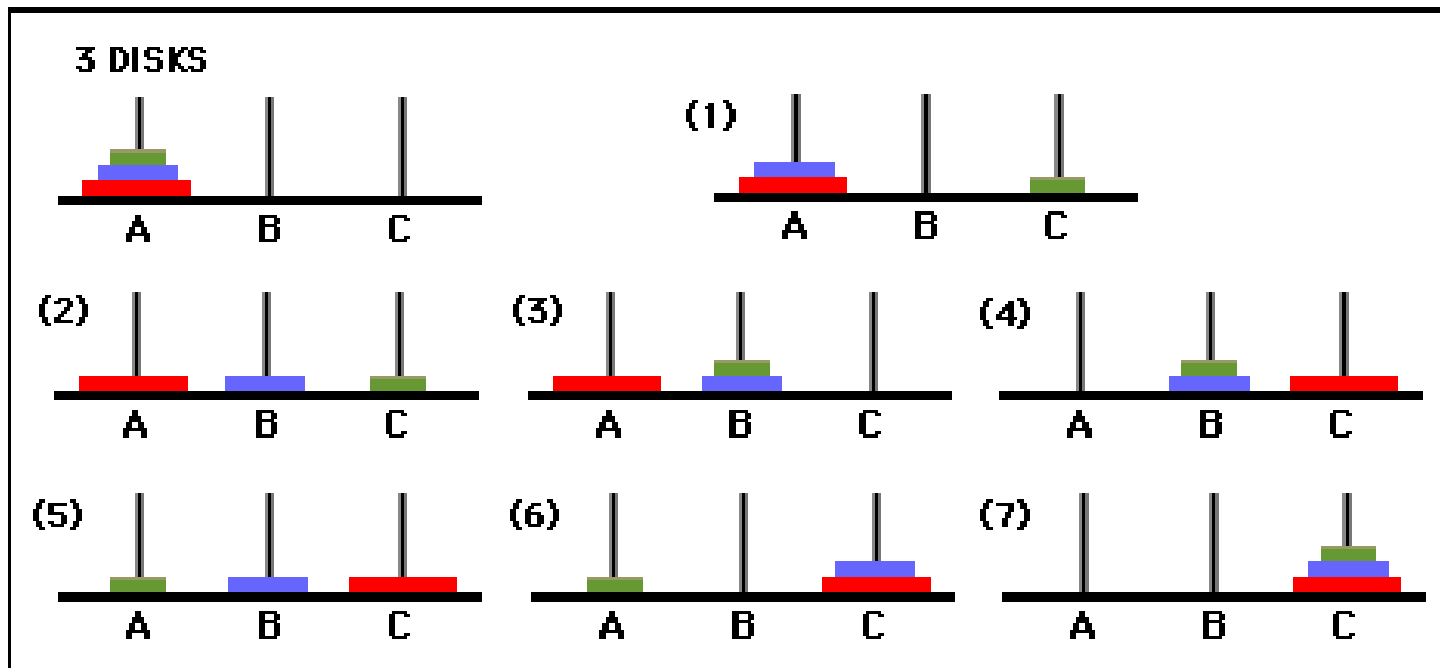
The Early Answer (1967): Sense-Plan-Act



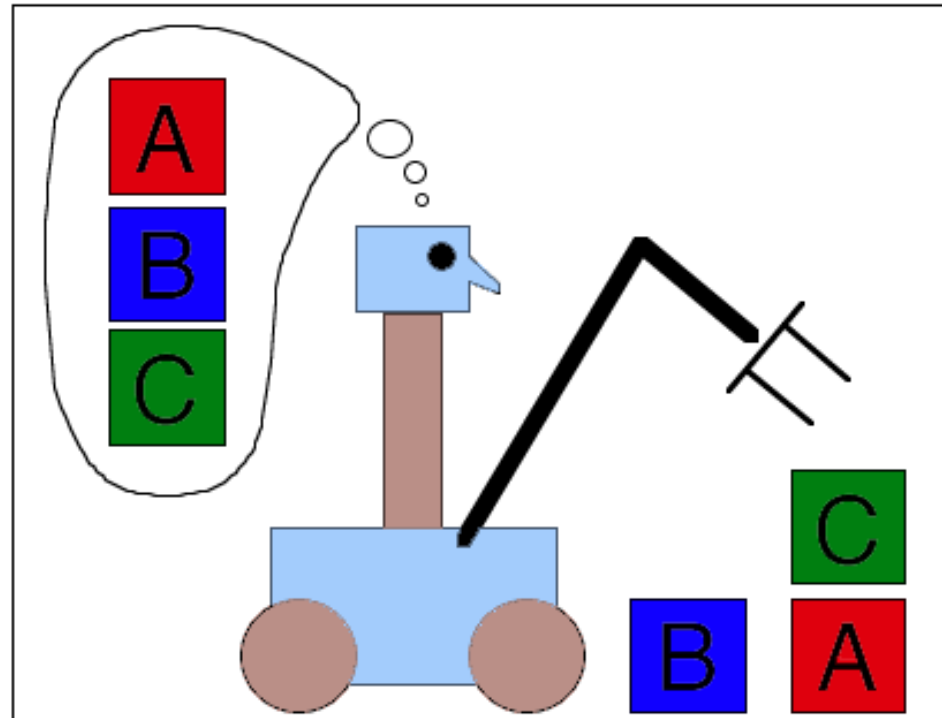
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Final Plan



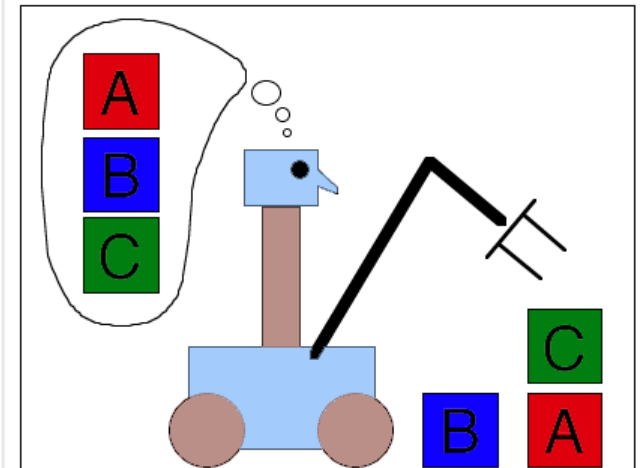
Block-stacking



Block-stacking domain and problem

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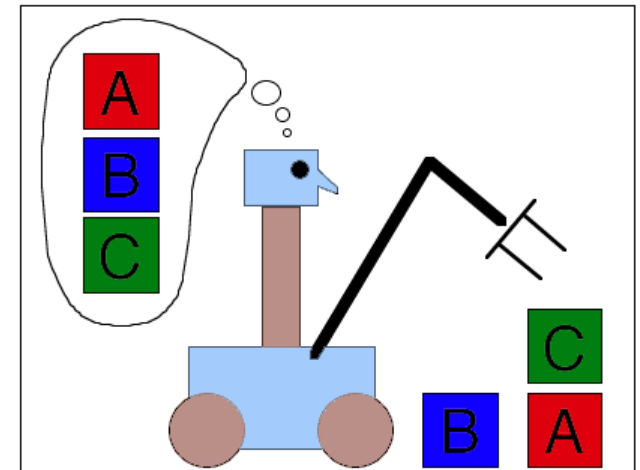
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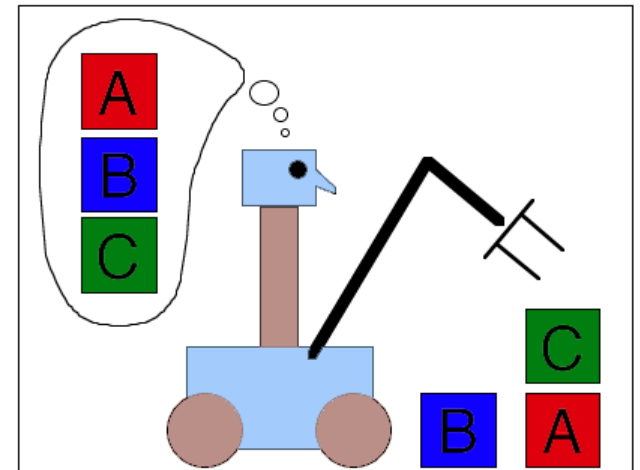
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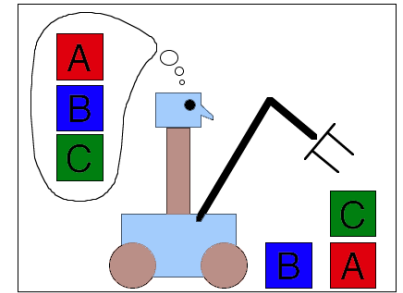
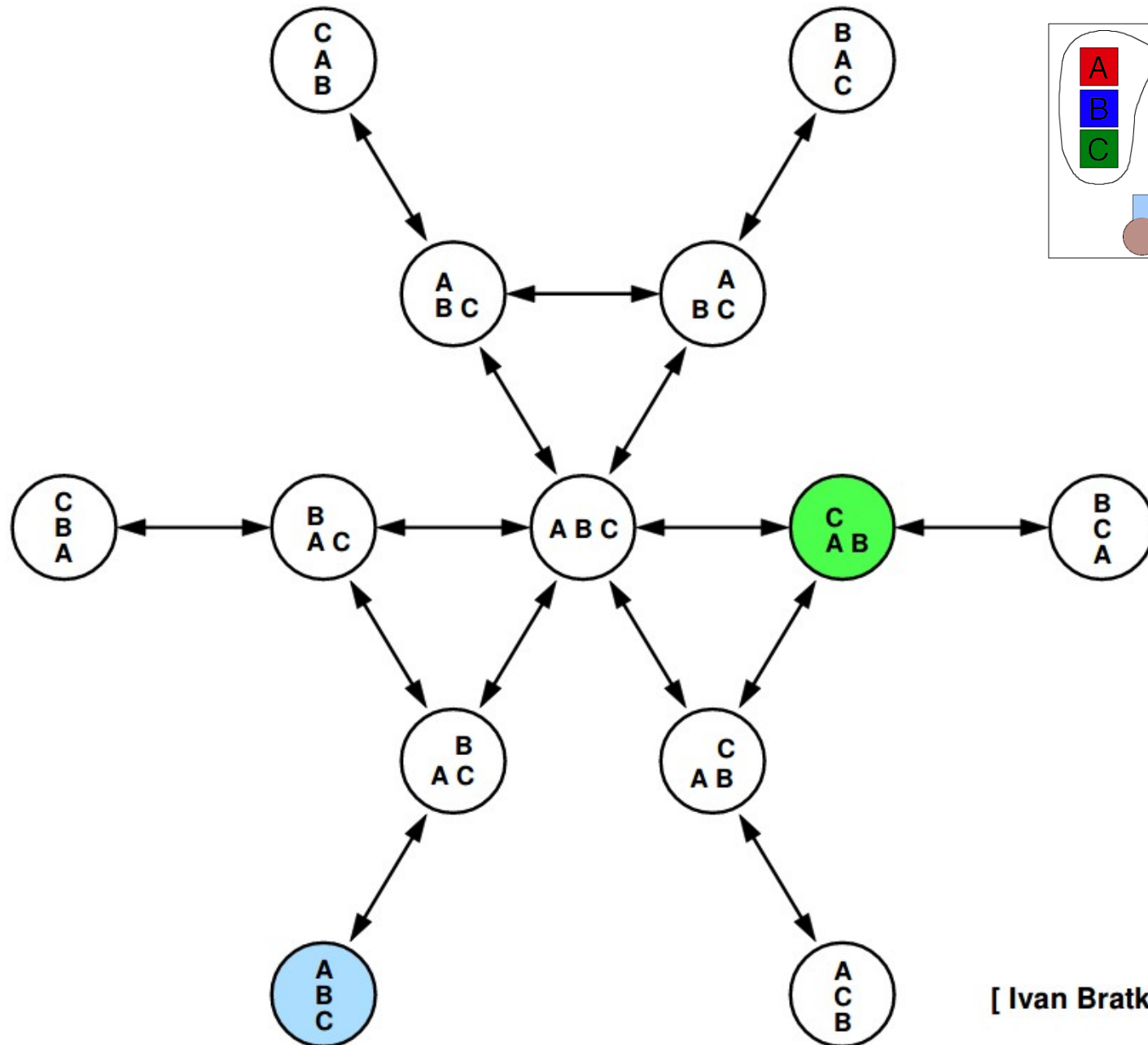
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Send me the simpler
PDDL domain and problem for
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Classical Planning Model

Planning with **deterministic** actions under **complete knowledge**

Characterized by:

- a finite **state space** S
- a finite set of **actions** A ; $A(s)$ are actions **executable** at s
- **deterministic** transition function $f : S \times A \rightarrow S$ such that $f(s, a)$ is state after applying action $a \in A(s)$ in state s
- **known** initial state s_{init}
- subset $G \subseteq S$ of **goal states**
- **positive costs** $c(s, a)$ of applying action a in state s
(often, $c(s, a)$ only depends on a)

Classical Planning Model

Since the initial state is **known** and the effects of the actions can be **predicted**, a controller is a **fixed** action sequence $\pi = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$

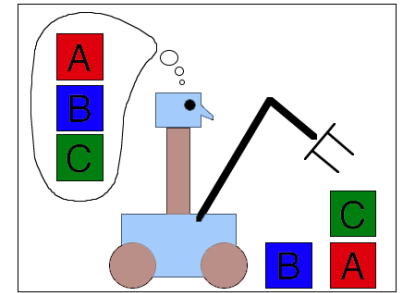
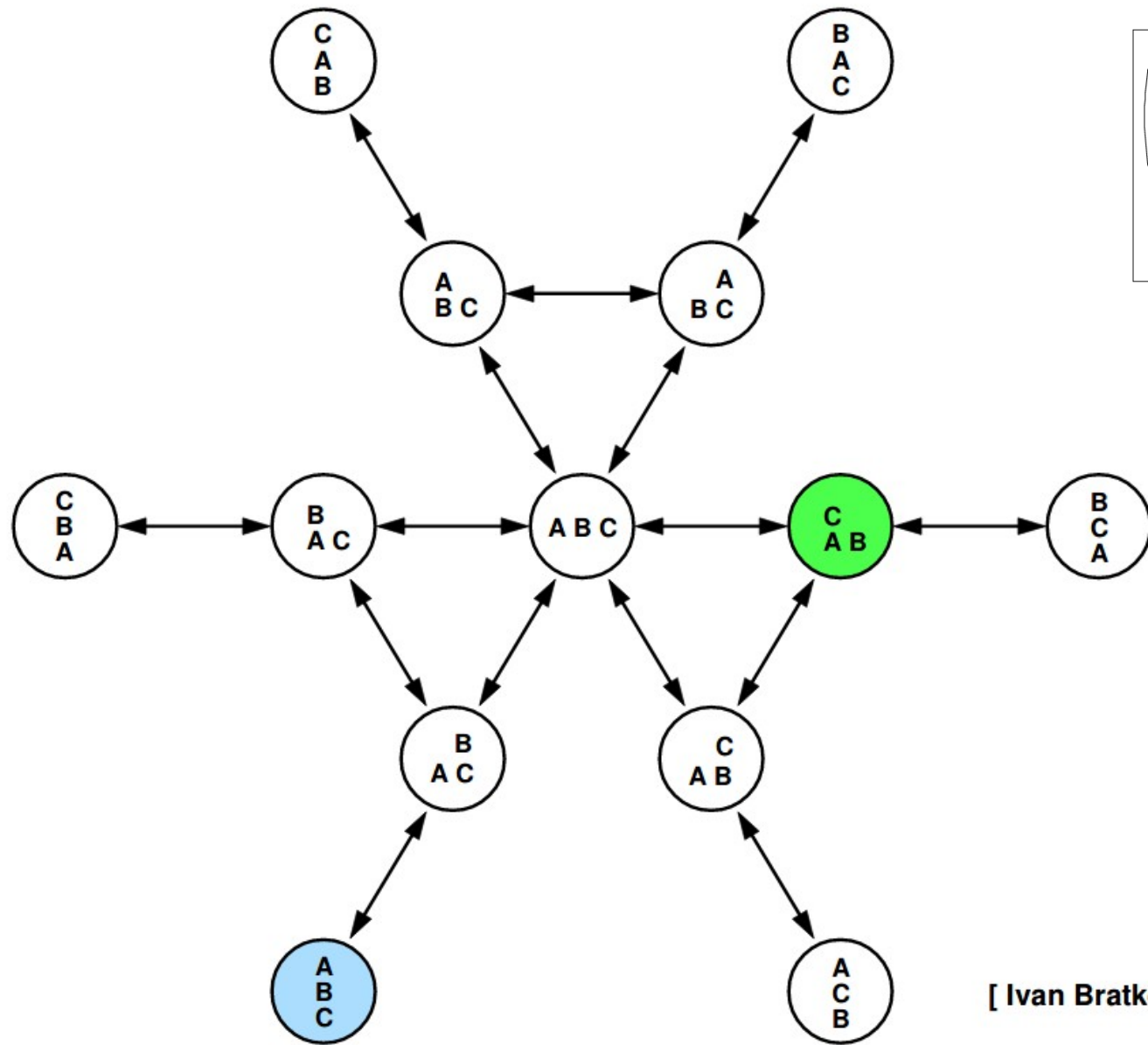
The sequence defines a **state trajectory** $\langle s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n+1} \rangle$ where:

- $s_0 = s_{init}$ is the initial state
- $a_i \in A(s_i)$ is an applicable action at state s_i , $i = 0, \dots, n$
- $s_{i+1} = f(s_i, a_i)$ is the result of applying action a_i at state s_i

The controller is **valid** (i.e., solution) iff s_{n+1} is a goal state

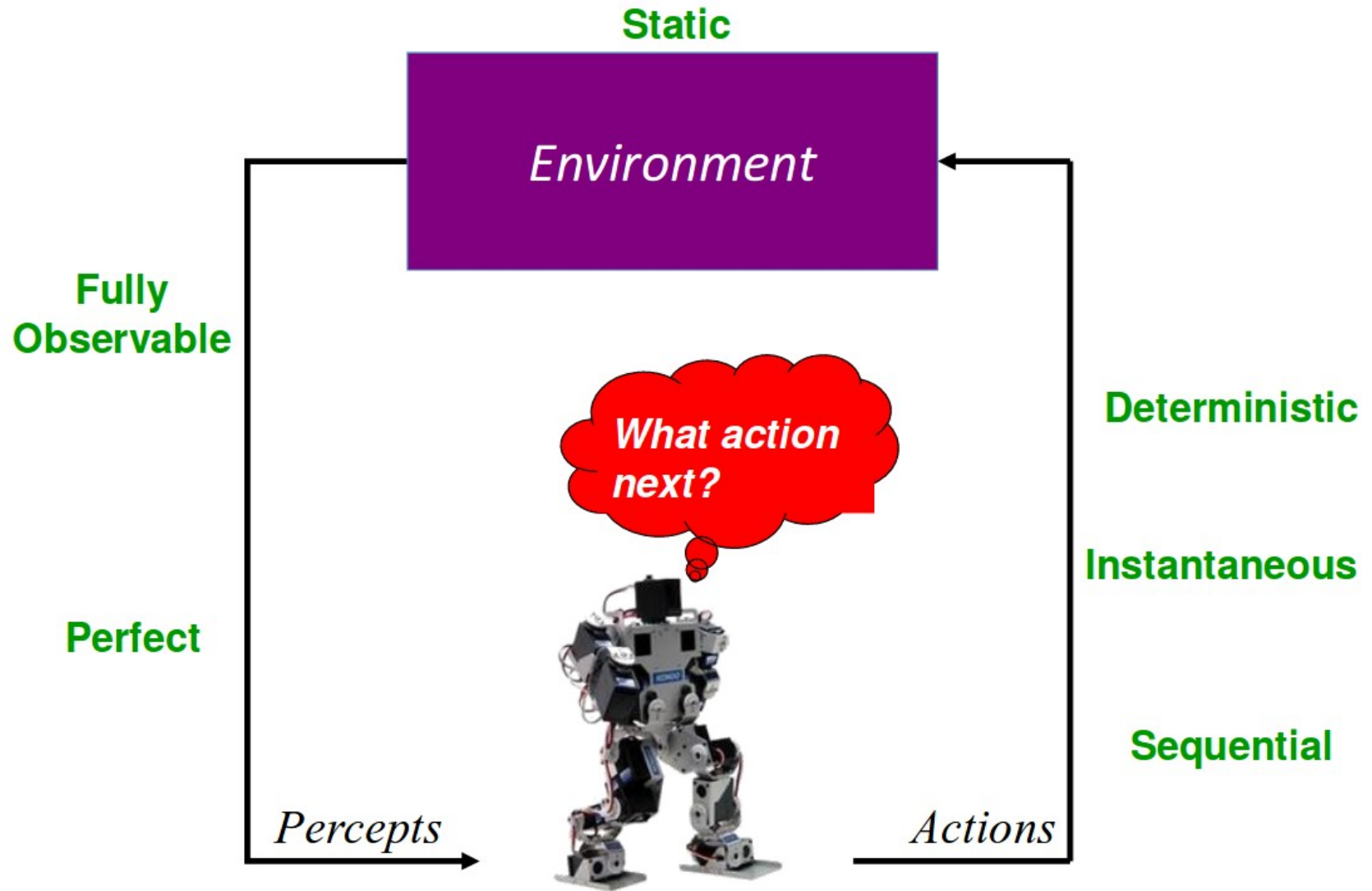
Its **cost** is $c(\pi) = c(s_0, a_0) + c(s_1, a_1) + \dots + c(s_n, a_n)$

It is **optimal** if its cost is minimum among all solutions

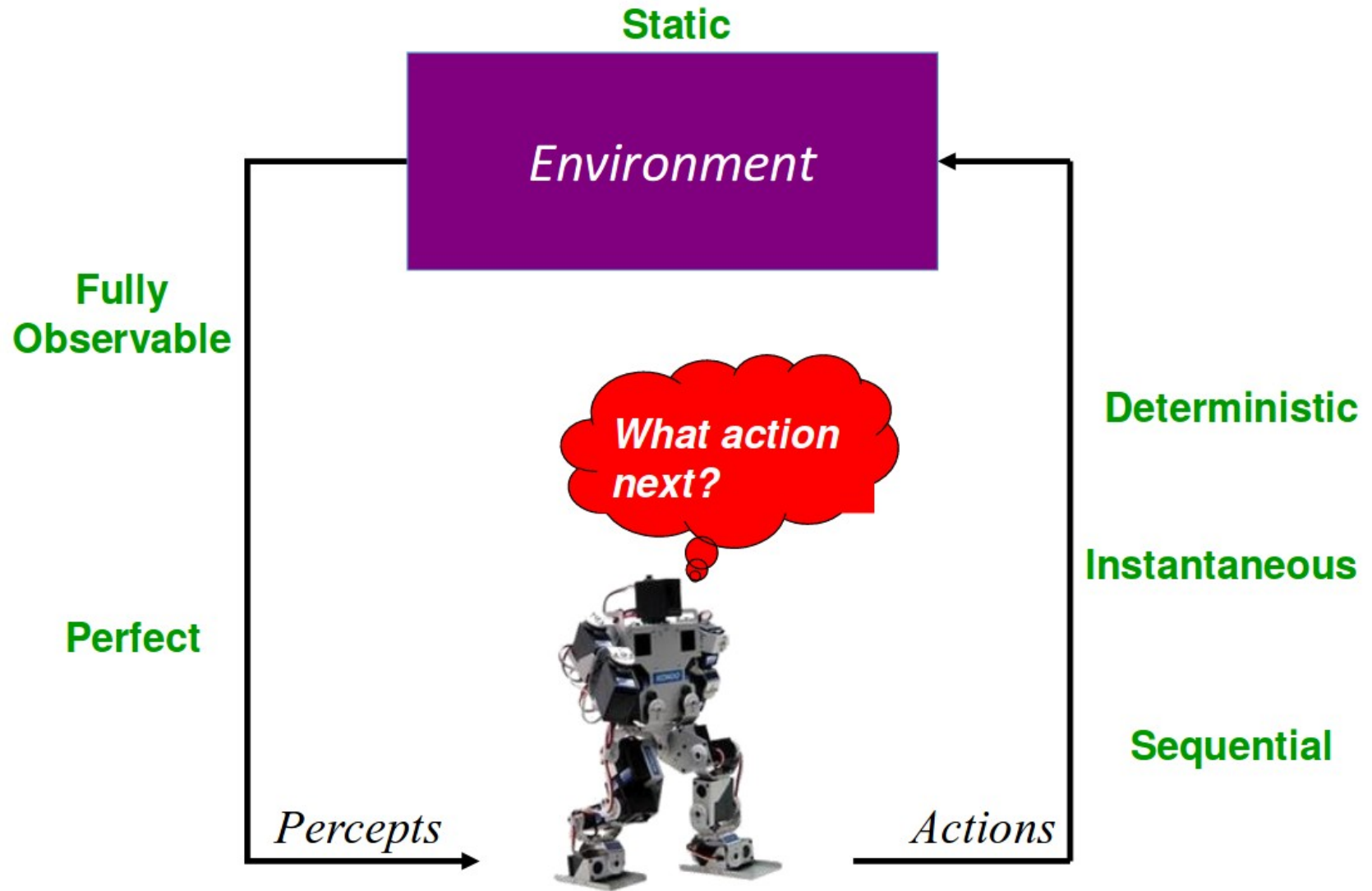


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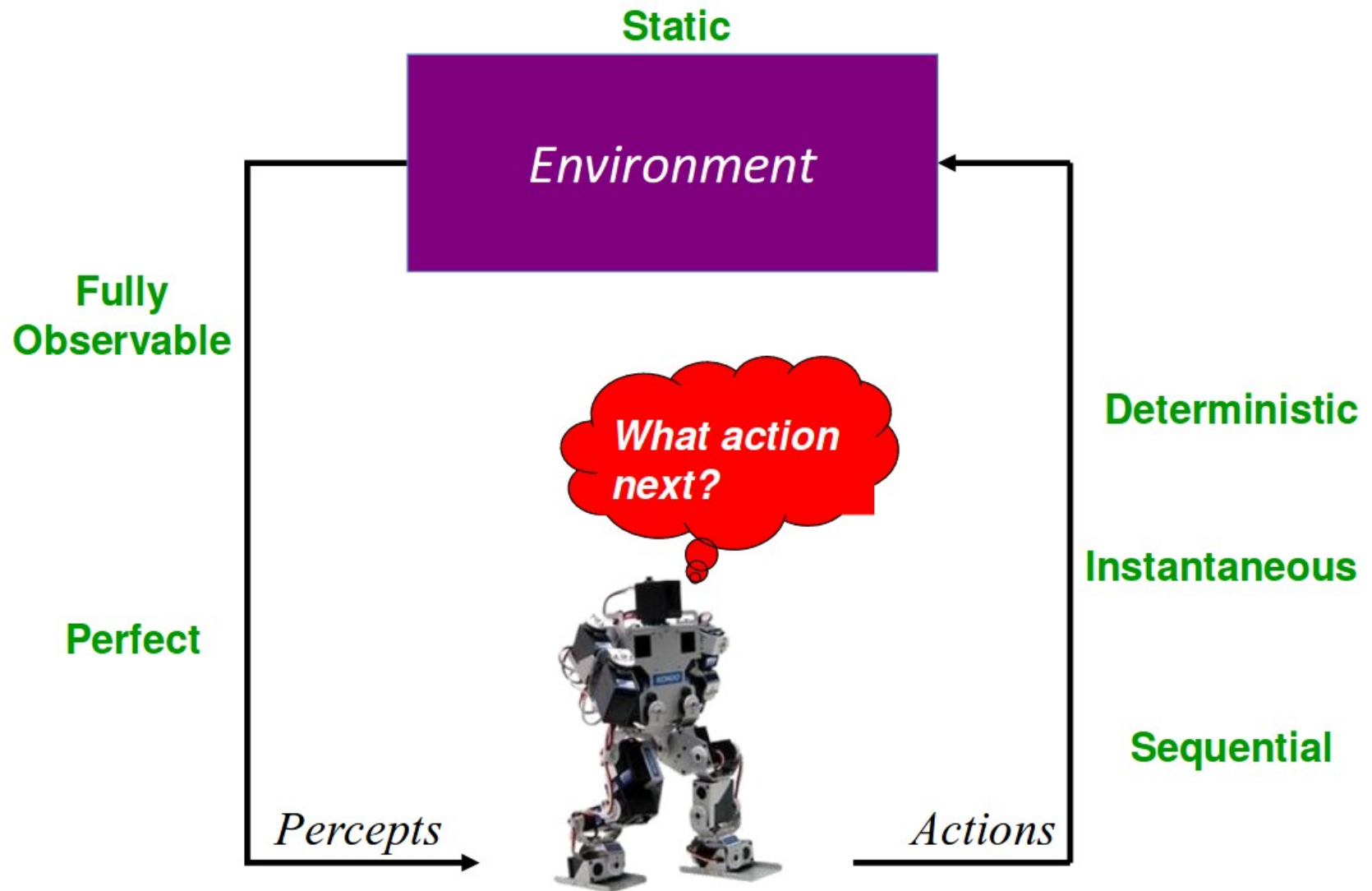


Classical Planning



What do we mean by each of these words?

Classical Planning



What are some alternatives to these assumptions?

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Actions with Uncertain Effects

- Certain problems have actions whose behaviour is **non-deterministic**

E.g., tossing a coin or rolling a dice are actions whose outcomes cannot be predicted with certainty

- In other cases, uncertainty is the result of a **coarse model** that doesn't include all the information required to predict the outcomes of actions

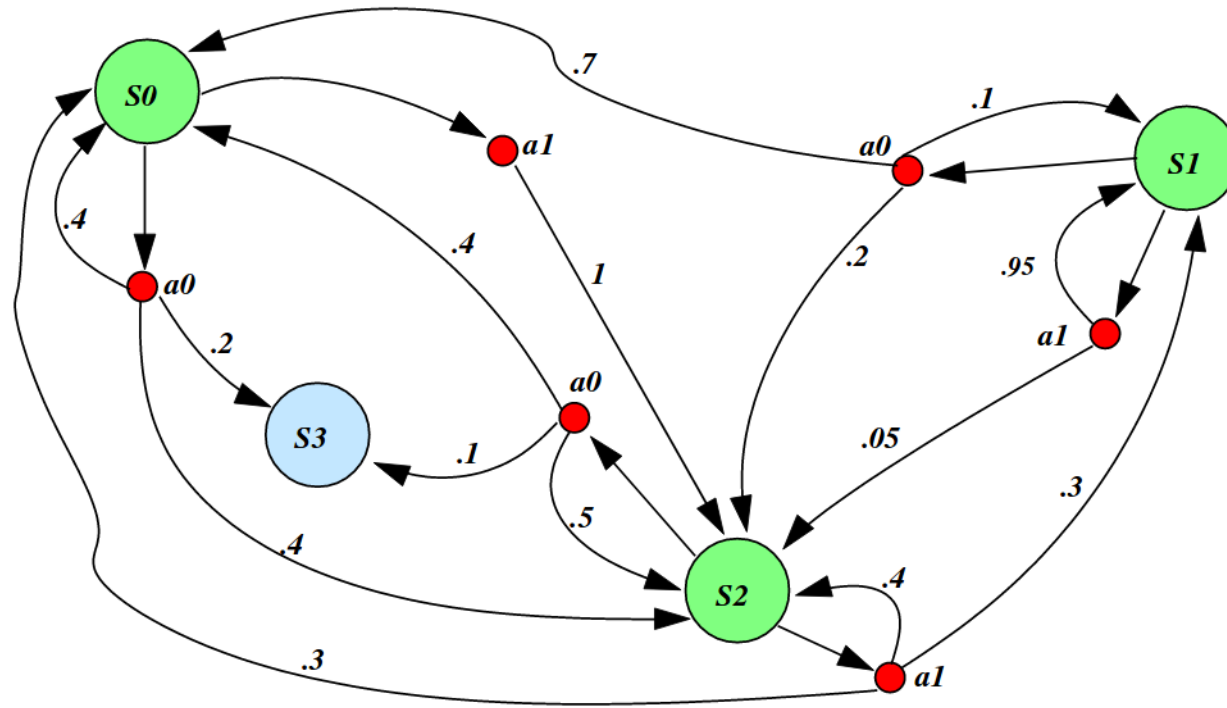
In both cases, it is necessary to consider problems with **non-deterministic actions**

Mathematical Models of Probabilistic Planning

- A finite state space S
- a finite set of actions A ; $A(s)$ are actions executable at $s \in S$
- **stochastic** transitions given by **distributions** $p(\cdot|s, a)$ where $p(s'|s, a)$ is the probability of reaching s' when a is executed at s
- initial state s_{init}
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- positive costs $c(s, a)$ of applying action a in state s

States are assumed to be **fully observable**

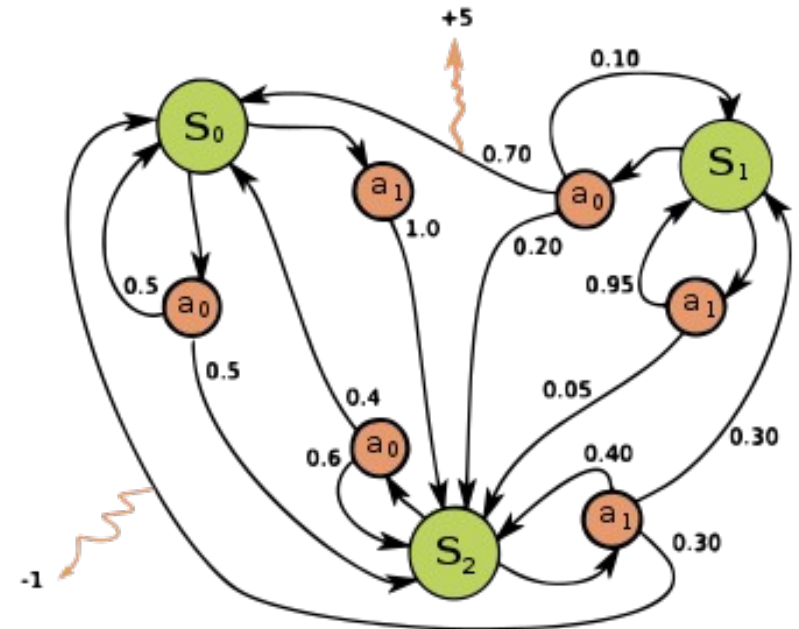
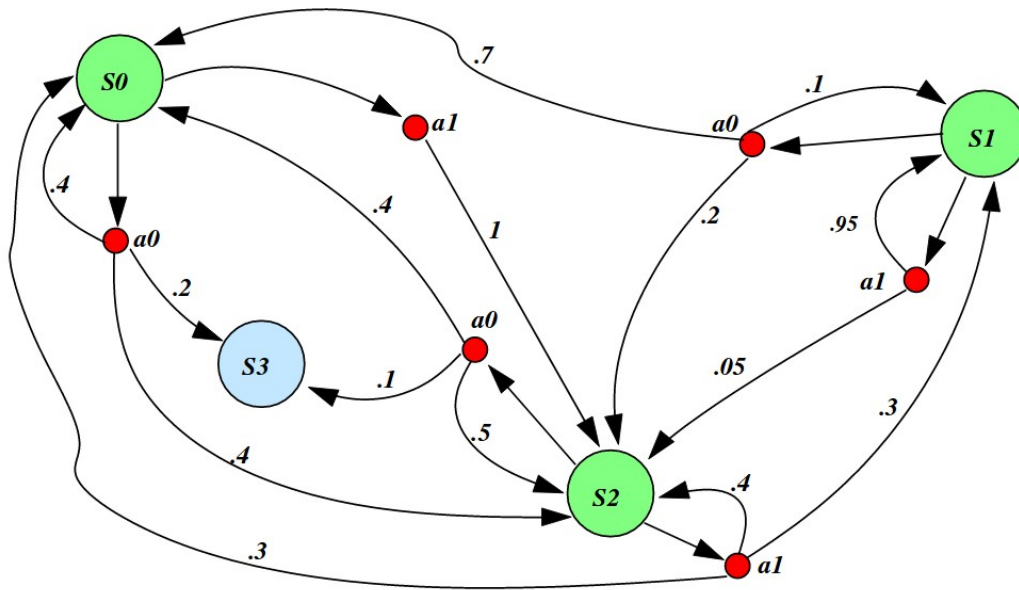
A simple problem



- 4 states; $S = \{s_0, \dots, s_3\}$
- 2 actions; $A = \{a_0, a_1\}$
- 1 goal; $G = \{s_3\}$

- $p(s_2|s_0, a_1) = 1.0$
- $p(s_0|s_1, a_0) = 0.7$
- $p(s_2|s_2, a_1) = 0.4$

Relation to Markov Decision Process (MDPs)



Continue on to ICAPS tutorial...

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