

PLANNING GRAPHS

- A planning graph is a sequence of levels corresponding to “time steps,” alternating between “state levels” S_i and “action levels” A_i .
- It starts with state level S_0 , which contains the literals true of the initial state.
- An action is in A_i if its preconds. are in S_i .
- It has edges from its preconds. in S_i and to its effects in S_{i+1} .
- Also, each literal in S_i has a persistence edge to the same literal in S_{i+1} .

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- Mutual Exclusion (Mutex) Links Two actions in A_i have a mutex link if a precondition or effect of one action conflicts with a precondition or effect of the other action.
- Two literals in S_{i+1} have a mutex link if one negates the other or if every pair of actions in A_i achieving them are mutex. An action cannot be in A_i if any two preconds. in S_i are mutex

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- “Simple” Planning Graph
- Example
- Init(have(Cake))
- Goal(have(Cake) \wedge eaten(Cake))
- Action(eat(Cake),
- Precond: have(Cake)
- Effect: eaten(Cake) \wedge \neg have(Cake))
- Action(bake(Cake),
- Precond: \neg have(Cake)
- Effect: have(Cake))

Planning and Acting in the Real World

- *Planning and scheduling the operations*
 - Spacecraft
 - Factories
 - Military campaigns

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- **Time, Schedules, and Resources**
- Classical planning representation is about
 - *What to do*
 - *In what order*
 - *Cannot talk about time*
 - How long an action takes
 - When the action occurs

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- Planning to produce schedules
 - *Assign initial and final times*
 - *Schedule for an airline, assign planes to flights, departure and arrival times*
- Resource constraints
 - *Limited number of staff in an airline (i.e. pilots)*
 - *Staff cannot be in two places at the same time*
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- **A job-shop scheduling problem**
 - *Consists of a set of **jobs***
 - Each job consists of a set of **actions**
 - *Actions have ordering constraints among them*
 - *Actions (each of them) have a **duration** and a set of **resource constraints***

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Jobs($\{AddEngine1 \prec AddWheels1 \prec Inspect1\}$,
 $\{AddEngine2 \prec AddWheels2 \prec Inspect2\}$)

Resources(*EngineHoists*(1), *WheelStations*(1), *Inspectors*(2), *LugNuts*(500))

Action(*AddEngine1*, DURATION:30,
USE: *EngineHoists*(1))

Action(*AddEngine2*, DURATION:60,
USE: *EngineHoists*(1))

Action(*AddWheels1*, DURATION:30,
CONSUME: *LugNuts*(20), USE: *WheelStations*(1))

Action(*AddWheels2*, DURATION:15,
CONSUME: *LugNuts*(20), USE: *WheelStations*(1))

Action(*Inspect_i*, DURATION:10,
USE: *Inspectors*(1))

Figure 1 A job-shop scheduling problem for assembling two cars, with resource constraints. The notation $A \prec B$ means that action A must precede action B .