

Logical Foundations of Agents (4)

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KARO logic

- Knowledge & Belief:

- epistemic logic

- Abilities, Results & Opportunities:

- dynamic logic

- Modalities for **Wishes & Goals**



Epistemic states

■ in **epistemic** logic:

- R **equivalence relation**
- $\{w' \mid R(w, w')\}$ **equivalence class** of w
- determines *epistemic state*

Epistemic logic

■ $K\phi \rightarrow \phi$

■ $K\phi \rightarrow KK\phi$ *knowledge*

■ $\neg K\phi \rightarrow K\neg K\phi$

■ $\neg B\perp$

■ $B\phi \rightarrow BB\phi$ *belief*

■ $\neg B\phi \rightarrow B\neg B\phi$

The logical omniscience problem

(LO1) $\emptyset\phi \wedge \emptyset(\phi' \rightarrow \psi)' \rightarrow \emptyset\psi$

(Closure under implication).

(LO2) $\bullet \phi' \rightarrow \bullet \emptyset\phi$

(Belief of valid formulas).

(LO3) $\bullet \phi' \rightarrow \psi' \rightarrow \bullet \emptyset\phi' \rightarrow \emptyset\psi$

(Closure under valid implication).

Logical omniscience (2)

- (LO4) • $\varphi - \psi$ ' • $\emptyset\varphi - \emptyset\psi$
(Belief of equivalent formulas).
- (LO5) $(\emptyset\varphi \wedge \emptyset\psi)$ ' $\emptyset(\varphi \wedge \psi)$
(Closure under conjunction).
- (LO6) $\emptyset\varphi$ ' $\emptyset(\varphi \dot{\cup} \psi)$
(Weakening of belief).
- (LO7) $\emptyset\varphi$ ' $\neg\emptyset\neg\varphi$
(Consistency of beliefs).

Dynamic Logic

■ Syntax

- Operator $[\alpha]$ with reading:
- $[\alpha]\varphi$: after execution of α it holds that φ
- $\langle\alpha\rangle\varphi = \neg[\alpha]\neg\varphi$

■ Semantics

- Accessibility relation R_α for every action α
 - $R_{\alpha;\beta} = R_\alpha \tilde{\text{a}} R_\beta$
 - $R_{\alpha+\beta} = R_\alpha \cup R_\beta$
 - $R_{\alpha^*} = R_\alpha^*$

Dynamic Logic

■ Interpretation formulas

- $M, s \cdot [\alpha]\varphi \Leftrightarrow$ for all s' with $R_\alpha(s, s')$: $M, s' \cdot \varphi$
- $M, s \cdot \langle \alpha \rangle \varphi \Leftrightarrow$ for some s' with $R_\alpha(s, s')$: $M, s' \cdot \varphi$

Dynamic Logic

■ Basic property (K)

$$- [\alpha](\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ([\alpha]\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha]\psi)$$

Structure of actions

$$- [\alpha_1 ; \alpha_2]\varphi \leftrightarrow [\alpha_1]([\alpha_2]\varphi)$$

$$- [\alpha_1 + \alpha_2]\varphi \leftrightarrow [\alpha_1]\varphi \wedge [\alpha_2]\varphi$$

$$- [\alpha^*]\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$$

$$- [\alpha^*]\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha][\alpha^*]\varphi$$

$$- [\alpha^*](\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha]\varphi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha^*]\varphi)$$

KARO

■ K: Knowledge (& Belief)

- epistemic logic:
 - Knowledge K_i : the logic S5
 - Belief B_i : the logic weak S5

■ A: Abilities

- ability operator A_i

KARO

■ R: Results

- dynamic logic ("multi-modal K"):
 - $[do_i(\alpha)]\varphi$

■ O: Opportunities

- dynamic logic:
 - $\langle do_i(\alpha) \rangle true$

KARO

Interaction:

$$K_i[do_i(\alpha)]\varphi \rightarrow [do_i(\alpha)] K_i \varphi$$

perfect recall

$$[do_i(\alpha)] K_i \varphi \rightarrow K_i[do_i(\alpha)]\varphi$$

no learning

in principle expressible.

Assuming them makes system intractable

KARO: correctness, feasibility

- $\text{Correct}_i(\alpha, \varphi) = \langle \text{do}_i(\alpha) \rangle \varphi$
- $\text{Feasible}_i(\alpha) = A_i \alpha$
- $\text{PracPoss}_i(\alpha, \varphi) = \text{Correct}_i(\alpha, \varphi) \dots \text{Feasible}_i(\alpha)$
- $\text{Can}_i(\alpha, \varphi) = K_i \text{PracPoss}_i(\alpha, \varphi) = K_i(\langle \text{do}_i(\alpha) \rangle \varphi \dots A_i \alpha)$
- $\text{Cannot}_i(\alpha, \varphi) = K_i \neg \text{PracPoss}_i(\alpha, \varphi)$

KARO : Can, implementability

■ some properties:

– $\text{Can}_i(\alpha_1; \alpha_2, \varphi) \leftrightarrow \text{Can}_i(\alpha_1, \text{PracPoss}_i(\alpha_2, \varphi))$

– $\text{Can}_i(\alpha_1; \alpha_2, \varphi) \rightarrow \langle \text{do}_i(\alpha) \rangle \text{Can}_i(\alpha_2, \varphi)$,

if α_1 *accordant*, i.e. $K_i [\text{do}_i(\alpha)]\varphi \rightarrow [\text{do}_i(\alpha)]K_i\varphi$

■ $\text{Impl}_i\varphi = \text{"PracPoss}_i(a_1; \dots; a_k, \varphi)$ for some atomic actions a_1, \dots, a_k "

KARO : informational attitudes

■ Belief types & belief revision in an agent-oriented setting:

- $K = B_i^k$ (certain) knowledge
- B_i^o belief by **observation**
- B_i^c belief by **communication**
- B_i^d belief by **default**

KARO: informational attitudes

- $\text{Agn}_i^x = \neg B_i^x \varphi \dots \neg B_i^x \neg \varphi$ ($x \in \{k, o, c, d\}$)
- $\text{Saw}_i \varphi = \text{Agn}_i^k \varphi \dots B_i^o \varphi$
- $\text{Heard}_i \varphi = \text{Agn}_i^o \varphi \dots B_i^c \varphi$
- $\text{Jumped}_i \varphi = \text{Agn}_i^c \varphi \dots B_i^d \varphi$

KARO : informational attitudes

■ validities:

- $\langle \text{do}_i(\text{observe } \varphi) \rangle \neg \text{Agn}_i^0 \varphi$
- $\varphi \rightarrow \langle \text{do}_i(\text{observe } \varphi) \rangle \text{B}_i^0 \varphi$
- $\neg \varphi \rightarrow \langle \text{do}_i(\text{observe } \varphi) \rangle \text{B}_i^0 \neg \varphi$
- $\varphi \dots \text{Agn}_i^k \varphi \rightarrow \langle \text{do}_i(\text{observe } \varphi) \rangle \text{Saw}_i \varphi$
- $\neg \varphi \dots \text{Agn}_i^k \varphi \rightarrow \langle \text{do}_i(\text{observe } \varphi) \rangle \text{Saw}_i \neg \varphi$
- $\varphi \dots (\text{Heard}_i \neg \varphi \cup \text{Jumped}_i \neg \varphi) \rightarrow$
 $\langle \text{do}_i(\text{observe } \varphi) \rangle \text{Saw}_i \varphi$

KARO : Agents that change their mind

■ α : contract_ φ , expand_ φ , revise_ φ

– $\langle \text{do}_i(\alpha) \rangle \top$

– $\langle \text{do}_i(\alpha) \rangle \varphi \rightarrow [\text{do}_i(\alpha)] \varphi$

– $[\text{do}_i(\alpha; \alpha)] \varphi \leftrightarrow [\text{do}_i(\alpha)] \varphi$

KARO : Agents that change their mind

■ α : contract_ ϕ ,

- $[\text{do}_i(\alpha)]B_i\psi \rightarrow B_i\psi$
- $\neg B_i\phi \rightarrow ([\text{do}_i(\alpha)] B_i\psi \leftrightarrow B_i\psi)$
- $\neg K_i\phi \rightarrow [\text{do}_i(\alpha)] \neg B_i\psi$
- $B_i\phi \rightarrow ([\text{do}_i(\text{contract_}\phi; \text{expand_}\phi)] \psi \leftrightarrow \psi)$



KARO : Agents that change their mind

- Levi: $\text{revise}_\varphi = \text{contract}_\varphi; \text{expand}_\varphi$
- Baltag, Gerbrandy, Lomuscio: our approach is
 - ONE AGENT!
- Problems when φ is not propositional
 - $p \dots \neg Bp$ is consistent, but how to revise your belief with it?

KARO : informational attitudes

- $B_j^d\varphi \dots \neg D_{i,j}\varphi \rightarrow (\langle \text{do}_j(\text{inform}(\varphi, i)) \rangle \chi \leftrightarrow \chi)$
- $D_{i,j}\varphi \dots B_j^o\varphi \rightarrow \langle \text{do}_j(\text{inform}(\varphi, i)) \rangle B_i^c\varphi$
- $D_{i,j}\varphi \dots B_j^o\varphi \dots \text{Agn}_i^o\varphi \rightarrow$
 $\langle \text{do}_j(\text{inform}(\varphi, i)) \rangle \text{Heard}_i\varphi$
- $D_{i,j}\varphi \dots \text{Heard}_j\varphi \dots \text{Agn}_i^d\varphi \rightarrow$
 $\langle \text{do}_j(\text{inform}(\varphi, i)) \rangle \text{Heard}_i\varphi$
- $D_{i,j}\varphi \dots \text{Heard}_j\varphi \dots \neg \text{Agn}_i^d\varphi \rightarrow$
 $(\langle \text{do}_j(\text{inform}(\varphi, i)) \rangle \chi \leftrightarrow \chi)$

$[D_{i,j}\varphi$: dependency of agent i on agent j w.r.t. φ]

KARO : informational attitudes

■ Further validities:

- Default(φ) ... $\text{Agn}_i^d \varphi \rightarrow$
 $\langle \text{do}_i(\text{try_jump } \varphi) \rangle \text{Jumped}_i \varphi$
- Default(φ) ... $\neg \text{Agn}_i^d \varphi \rightarrow$
 $(\langle \text{do}_i(\text{try_jump } \varphi) \rangle \chi \leftrightarrow \chi)$

Extended KARO : motiv. att's

- Des_i : desirability operator
- $Goal_i(\varphi) = Des_i\varphi \dots \neg\varphi \dots Impl_i\varphi$
- **NOT**: $\varphi \rightarrow \psi \Rightarrow Goal_i(\varphi) \rightarrow Goal_i(\psi)$
- $CanG_i(\alpha, \varphi) = Can_i(\alpha, \varphi) \dots Goal_i(\varphi)$

Extended KARO : motiv. att's

■ $\text{commit_to_}\alpha$

■ $\text{Committed}_i(\alpha)$

■ some properties:

– $\text{CanG}_i(\alpha, \varphi) \rightarrow \langle \text{do}_i(\text{commit_to_}\alpha) \rangle \text{Committed}_i(\alpha)$

– $\text{Committed}_i(\alpha_1 ; \alpha_2) \rightarrow \text{Committed}_i(\alpha_1) \dots$

$\text{K}_i[\text{do}_i(\alpha)] \text{Committed}_i(\alpha_2)$

Extended KARO : motiv. att's

■ some properties:

- $\text{Committed}_i(\alpha) \rightarrow K_i \text{Committed}_i(\alpha)$
- $(\text{Committed}_i(\text{ifb then } \alpha_1 \text{ else } \alpha_2) \dots K_i b) \rightarrow \text{Committed}_i(\alpha_1)$
- $\text{Committed}_i(\alpha) \leftrightarrow (\langle \text{do}_i(\text{commit_to_}\alpha) \rangle \neg \text{Committed}_i(\alpha))$

Extended KARO

- $\mathbf{PracPoss}_i(\alpha, \varphi) \triangleq \langle \mathbf{do}_i(\alpha) \rangle \varphi \wedge \mathbf{A}_i \alpha$
- $\mathbf{Can}_i(\alpha, \varphi) \triangleq \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{PracPoss}_i(\alpha, \varphi)$
- $\mathbf{Cannot}_i(\alpha, \varphi) \triangleq \mathbf{K}_i \neg \mathbf{PracPoss}_i(\alpha, \varphi)$

$$\diamond_i \varphi \triangleq \exists k \in \mathbb{N} \exists a_1, \dots, a_k \in \text{At}(\mathbf{PracPoss}_i(a_1; \dots; a_k, \varphi))$$

$$\mathbf{Goal}_i \varphi \triangleq \mathbf{W}_i \varphi \wedge \neg \varphi \wedge \diamond_i \varphi \wedge \mathbf{C}_i \varphi$$



Reasoning about action & change

- Frame problem and related problems
- Situation calculus, event calculus, fluent calculus
- Planning
- Relation with non-monotonic reasoning



Frame problem(s)

- Persistence problem

- Assumption of **inertia**, minimal change

- Qualification problem

- What are the **preconditions** of a successful performance of an action?

- Ramification problem

- What *does* change as an **(indirect) result** of an action?



Situation calculus (McCarthy)

- *First-order* framework to reason about actions and change
- **Situation**: actual or hypothetical state of the world at a particular time
- **Result(A, s)**: the new situation after action A has been performed in situation s
- **Holds(p, s)**: the property p is true in situation s

Situation calculus, axiomatisation

Lin & Reiter (Herbrand situations)

■ $S_0 \neq \text{Result}(A, s)$

■ $\text{Result}(A, s) = \text{Result}(A', s') \rightarrow A = A' \wedge s = s'$

∇ *Induction rule:*

$$\Phi(S_0)$$

$$\Phi(s) \rightarrow \forall A[\Phi(\text{Result}(A, s))]$$

$$\forall s[\Phi(s)]$$



Situation calculus

- Some authors don't like the concept of a **Herbrand situation**, which amounts to a *situation as a sequence of actions performed in an initial situation*
- They prefer to view situations as **states**, thus **reifying** the abstract notion of state, including them in our conceptualisation of the world \Rightarrow put states into *object language*

Situation calculus, state semantics

- *States* are mappings from properties to truth-values (or 'fluents' to their values)
- *States* are characterized by:

- *Uniqueness* property

$$\forall r \forall r' [\forall p [\text{Holds}(p,r) \equiv \text{Holds}(p,r')] \rightarrow r=r']$$

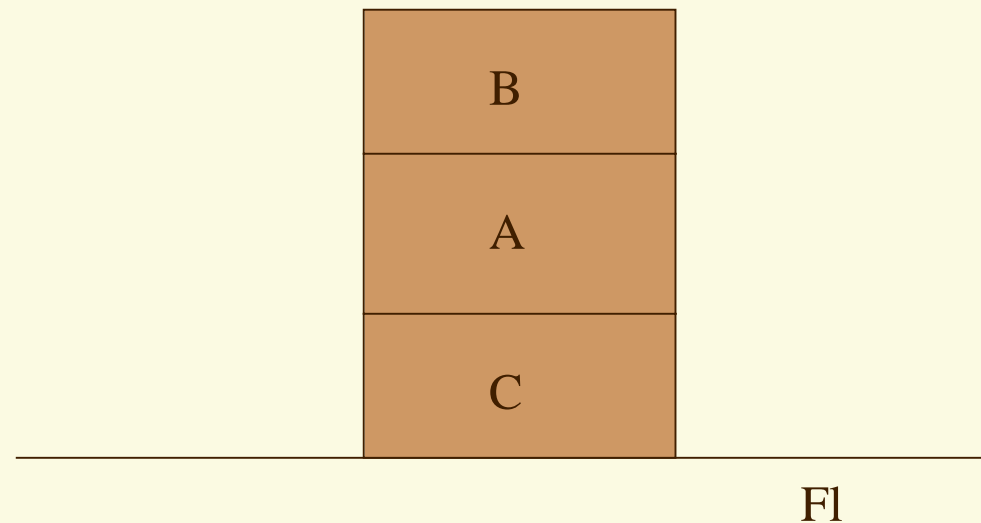
- *Existence* property

$$\forall r \forall p \exists r' [(\text{Holds}(p,r) \equiv \neg \text{Holds}(p,r')) \wedge \forall p' [p \neq p' \rightarrow (\text{Holds}(p',r) \equiv \text{Holds}(p',r'))]]$$

Situation calculus, example

- On(B, A, S0)
- On(A, C, S0)
- On(C, Fl, S0)
- Clear(B, S0)
- Clear(Fl, S0)

S0:



Sit. Calc., example (ctd)

■ Some propositions true of all states:

- $(\forall x,y,s)[\text{On}(x,y,s) \wedge \neg(y = \text{Fl}) \rightarrow \neg\text{Clear}(y,s)]$
- $(\forall s) \text{Clear}(\text{Fl},s)$

■ Derived assertions:

- $\neg\text{Clear}(A,S_0)$
- $\text{Clear}(\text{Fl},S_0)$



Actions in the situation calculus

- Recipe for representing actions and their effects:
 - Reify the actions
 - Use function constant 'do' denoting a function mapping actions and states to states
 - Express the (positive and negative) effects of actions by wffs

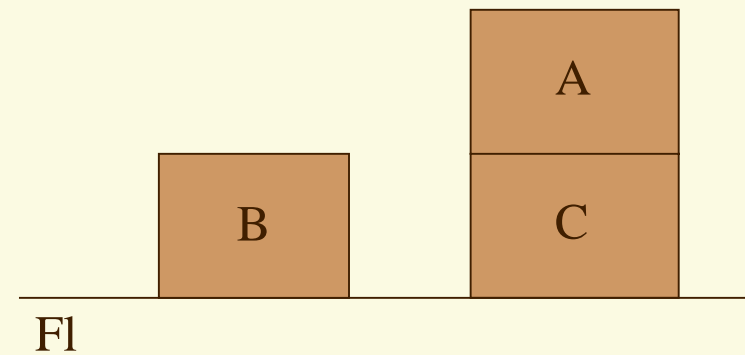
Actions in situation calculus

■ For example:

- $[On(x,y,s) \wedge Clear(x,s) \wedge Clear(z,s) \wedge (x \neq z) \rightarrow On(x,z,do(move(x,y,z),s))]$
- $[On(x,y,s) \wedge Clear(x,s) \wedge Clear(z,s) \wedge (x \neq z) \rightarrow \neg On(x,y,do(move(x,y,z),s))]$
- $[On(x,y,s) \wedge Clear(x,s) \wedge Clear(z,s) \wedge (x \neq z) \wedge (y \neq z) \rightarrow Clear(y,do(move(x,y,z),s))]$
- $[On(x,y,s) \wedge Clear(x,s) \wedge Clear(z,s) \wedge (x \neq z) \wedge (z \neq FI) \rightarrow \neg Clear(z,do(move(x,y,z),s))]$

Actions in situation calculus

- Derived results: after applying $\text{move}(B,A,FI)$ it holds that:
 - $\text{On}(B,FI,\text{do}(\text{move}(B,A,FI),S_0))$
 - $\neg\text{On}(B,A,\text{do}(\text{move}(B,A,FI),S_0))$
 - $\text{Clear}(A,\text{do}(\text{move}(B,A,FI),S_0))$



Frame axioms in situation calculus

■ Frame axioms pertain to **non-effects**

- $[\text{On}(x,y,s) \wedge (x \neq u)] \rightarrow \text{On}(x,y,\text{do}(\text{move}(u,v,z),s))$
- $[\neg \text{On}(x,y,s) \wedge [(x \neq u) \vee (y \neq z)]] \rightarrow \neg \text{On}(x,y,\text{do}(\text{move}(u,v,z),s))$
- $\text{Clear}(u,s) \wedge (u \neq z) \rightarrow \text{Clear}(u,\text{do}(\text{move}(x,y,z),s))$
- $\neg \text{Clear}(u,s) \wedge (u \neq y) \rightarrow \neg \text{Clear}(u,\text{do}(\text{move}(x,y,z),s))$

The Frame Problem

- Frame axioms are used to prove that a property of a state **remains true** if the state is changed by an action that **doesn't affect** that property
- In principle a pair of frame axioms is needed for every combination of fluent and action
- ***This is unmanageable in practice!!***

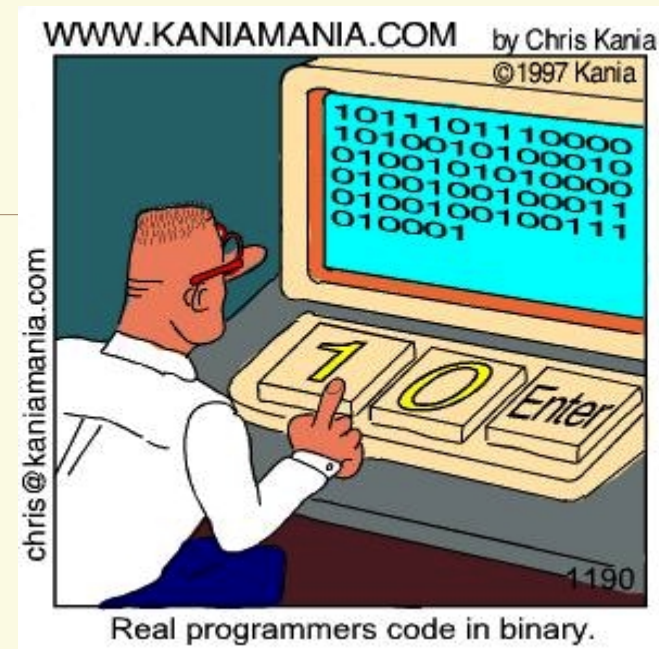
Relation with non-monotonic reasoning

- Historically, the study of the frame problem gave rise to the field of **non-monotonic reasoning (NMR)**
- E.g., persistence in terms of *default rule*

$$\text{Holds}(p(x),s) : \neg \text{Ends}(p(x), \text{Result}(A,s))$$

$$\text{Holds}(p(x), \text{Result}(A,s))$$

Agent-programming



AGENT0, PLACA, CONGOLOG, 3APL...

West; robot(x,y) <-

robot(x0,y0) AND rock(x0 - 1, y0) |

[IF y0 < y THEN noth ELSE south]; robot (x,y)



3APL

- A 3APL agent consists of :
 - a **complex mental state** incorporating
 - **beliefs** about the agent's environment
 - **goals**, representing the plans and states of affairs to be achieved
 - **set of mechanisms** working on mental state
 - **to execute goals** (controlling the environment)
 - **for decision-making or practical reasoning** (means-end reasoning and goal revision)
 - a **set of capabilities**, i.e. **basic actions**

3APL

- A 3APL agent program consists of :
 - a set of capabilities: basic actions:
 - e.g. `gripper_up`, `pickup`, `move_left`,
`move_right`, `sense`
 - an initial belief base: simple propositions:
 - e.g. `block_on_table`
 - a set of initial goals: imperative-like programs
 - e.g. `gripper_up ; pickup`

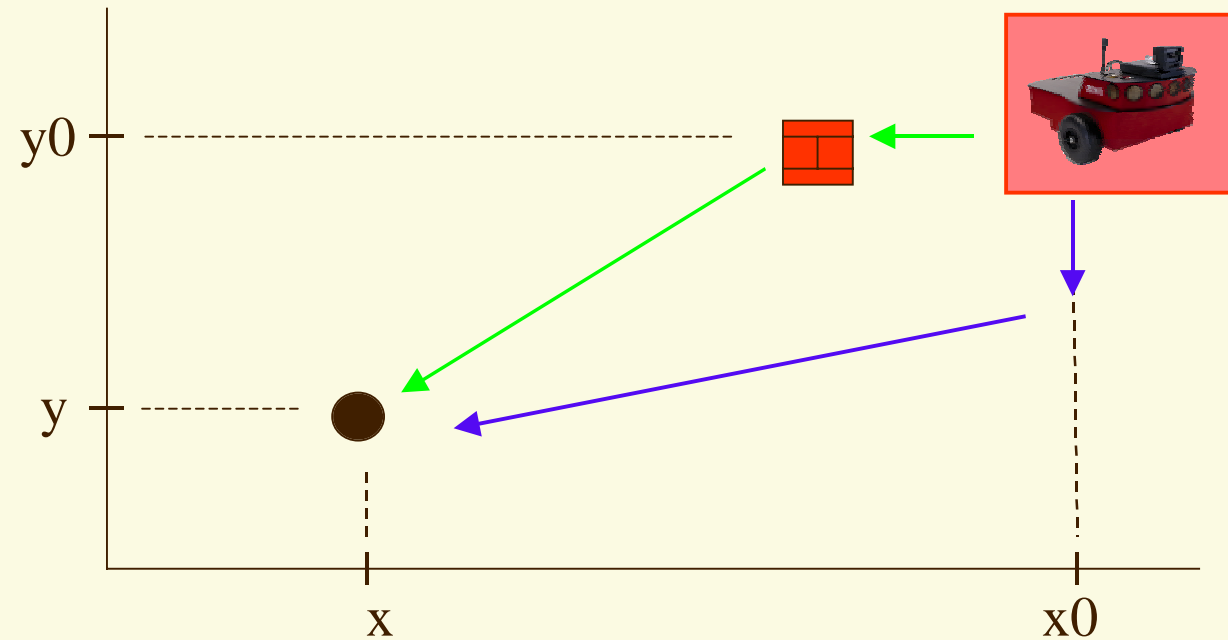
3APL

- a set of practical reasoning rules: **guarded clauses** of the form $\pi \leftarrow \varphi \mid \pi'$, where
 - π is a **goal**,
 - φ is a **guard** and
 - π' is a **plan** for goal π :
- e.g. `gripper_up;pickup ← no_block | revise_goal`
- If the guard is implied by the agent's belief base the rule becomes applicable and *may* be applied.

3APL

■ Example of *Practical reasoning rule*

```
west; robot(x,y) <-  
robot(x0,y0) AND stone(x0-1, y0) |  
[IF y0 < y THEN north ELSE south]; robot (x,y)
```



west; robot(x,y) ←
 robot(x₀,y₀) AND steen(x₀ - 1, y₀) |
 [IF y₀ < y THEN noord ELSE zuid]; robot (x,y)