

# Reasoning Agents

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## Assignment 1.1

Download the implementation of the Blocks World from Exercises 1.2 and 2.1 (`2_blocks.pl`) together with the GOLOG interpreter (`2_gologinterpreter.pl`) from the course web page. Solve the following tasks:

- Use the predicate `Exec/1` to run the procedure `FlattenTowers` (both defined in `2_blocks.pl`) that unstacks arbitrary blocks until all blocks are on the table. Encode the initial state shown in Figure 1 and run the procedure again.
- Implement the procedure `flattenTower(b)` (cf. Exercise 1.2 a)) which places all the blocks in the tower with top block  $b$  onto the table.
- Implement the procedure `reverseTower(b)` (cf. Exercise 1.2 c)) which reverses the tower with top block  $b$ .
- optional* Implement the procedure `stackTower(b1, b2)` (cf. Exercise 1.2 d) and e)) which puts the tower with top block  $b_1$  on top of the tower with top block  $b_2$  such that the resulting tower has top block  $b_1$ .

*Hint:* In this version of the GOLOG interpreter, the expression  $B1 = B2$  cannot be used in conditions. However one can define an additional clause for `Holds/2` to get the intended functionality.

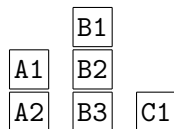


Figure 1: A Blocks World instance

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## Assignment 1.2

The *n*-Queens-Problem is concerned with the question of how to place *n* queens on an  $n \times n$  chess board such that no two queens can attack each other. The goal of this exercise is to write a nondeterministic GOLOG program to solve this problem. We use the following fluents and actions:

$Size(n) \hat{=} \text{the chess board has size } n \times n$   
 $Occupied(row, col) \hat{=} \text{position } (row, col) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \text{ is occupied by a queen}$   
 $Placed(i) \hat{=} i \text{ queens are already placed}$

$Init(n) \hat{=} \text{initialize the problem with size } n$   
 $Place(row, col) \hat{=} \text{place a queen at position } (row, col)$

- Create a new file which loads the GOLOG interpreter.
- Define precondition axioms for the two actions  $Init/1$  and  $Place/2$ .
- Define initial state axioms and successor state axioms for the three fluents  $Size/1$ ,  $Occupied/2$  and  $Placed/1$ .
- Write a nondeterministic GOLOG program that places queens at positions that are not attacked as long as *n* queens are placed.

*Hints for the precondition axiom of Place/2:*

- You may use the predicate  $between(M, N, X)$  from the library `util` (to be loaded with `:- lib(util).`) to get values for *X* that range between *M* and *N*.
- Define an additional predicate  $attacks(Row, Col, Row1, Col1)$  that is true iff a queen at position  $(Row, Col)$  attacks position  $(Row1, Col1)$ .