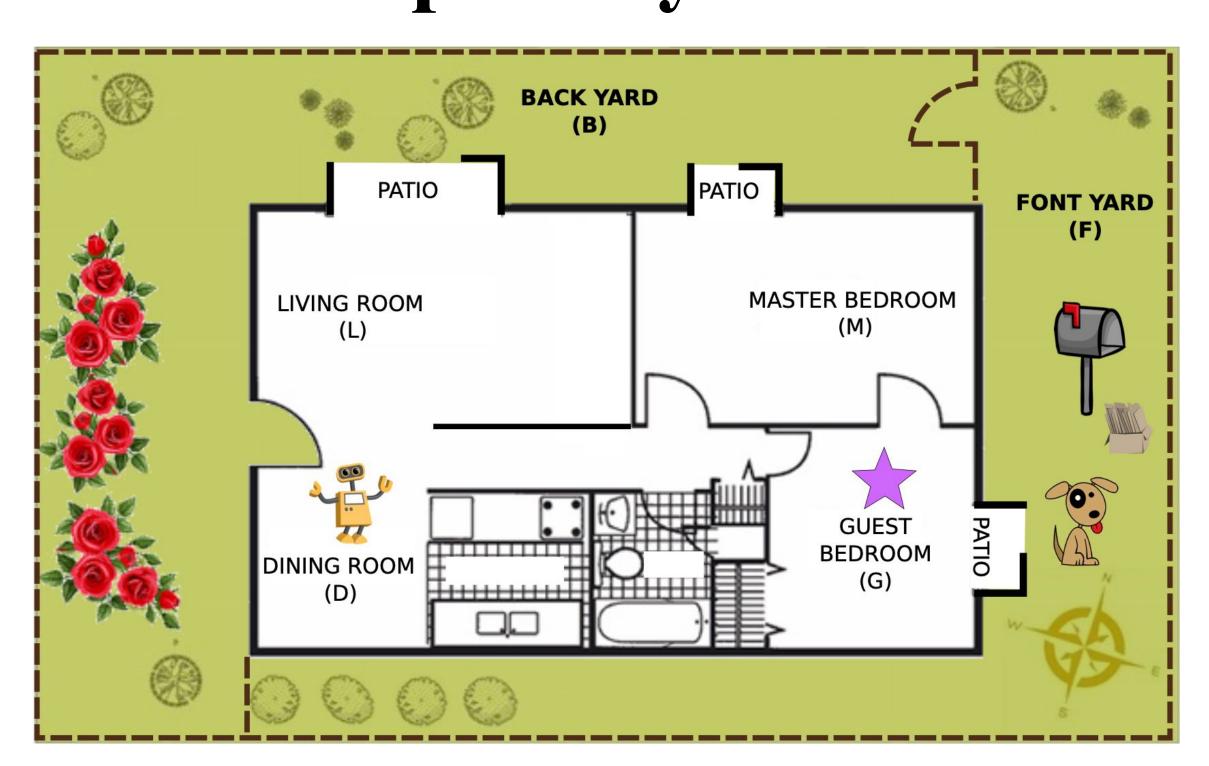
Plans that remain private, even in hindsight

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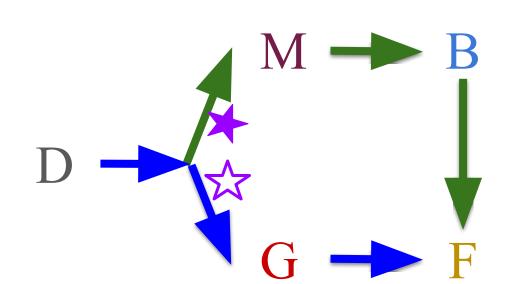
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Motivation: privacy-aware scenarios Formalism



Looking forward: (Filtering)

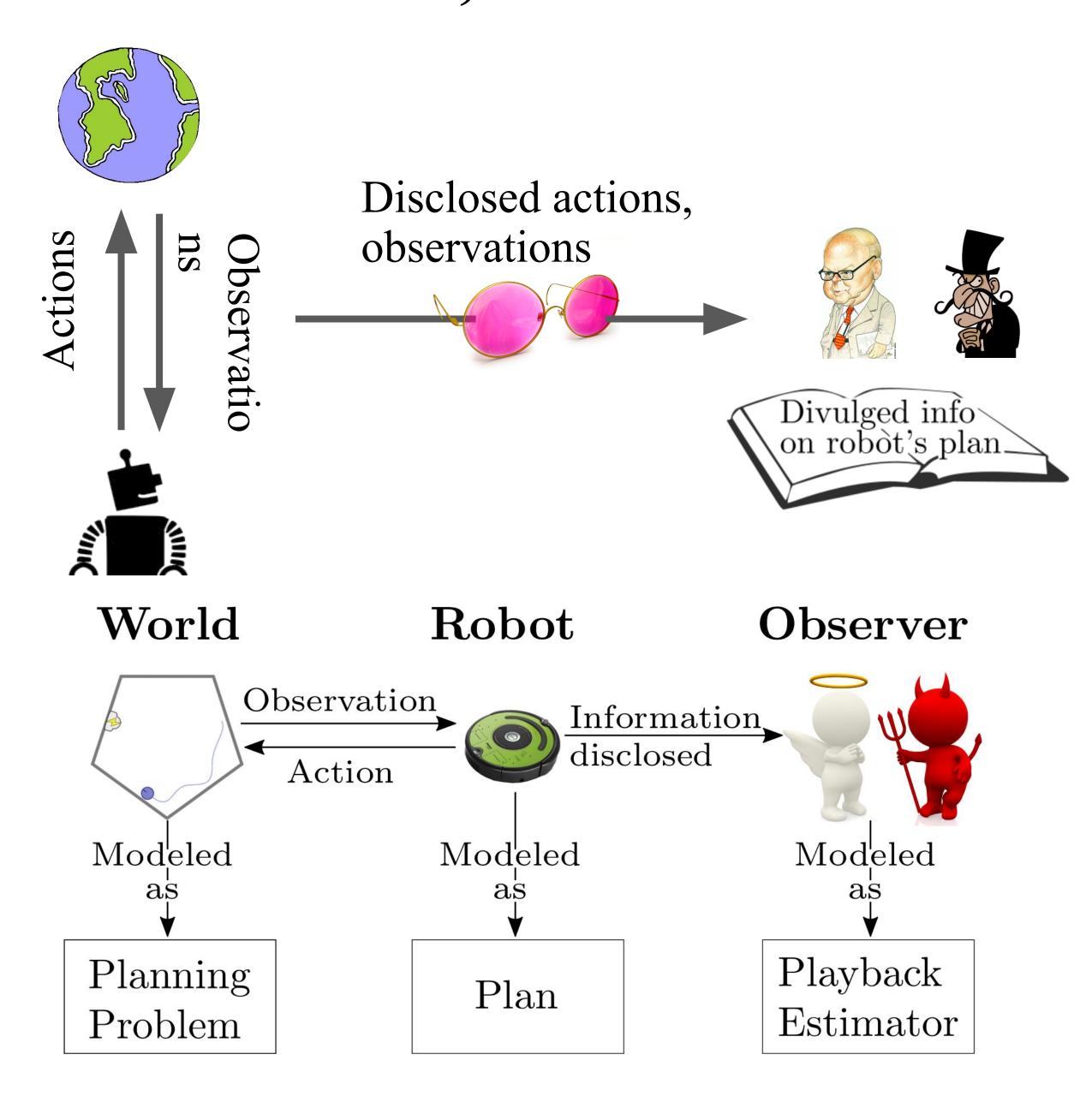
By looking forward, I know that the robot could get through both bedrooms. [1] Looking forward and backward: (Smoothing)

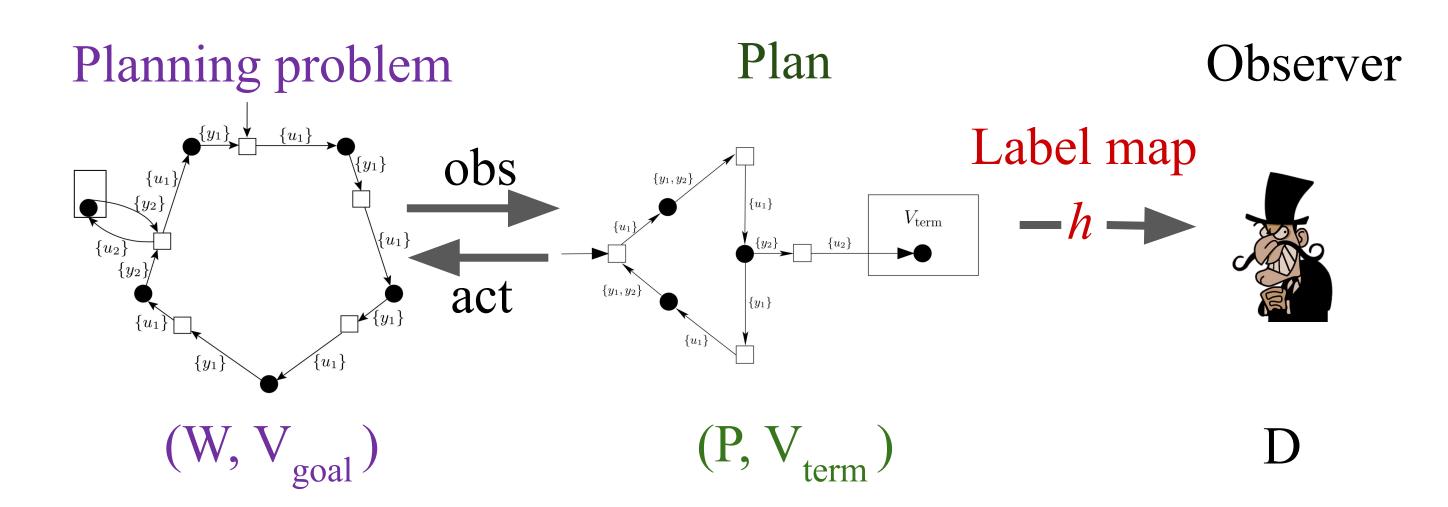


By looking backward, I know that there is a guest if it reaches the back yard after coming out from the bedroom.

We want to search for a plan such that its disclosed information to an observer with hindsight always satisfy the information stipulation.

Model: worlds, robots and observers





> When observer receives a string x, what does the observer know?

$$S=h^{-1}[x] \cap [Strings in D] \cap [Strings in W]$$

- Then trace S in W, and get the set of estimated world states W_B
- > Stipulation represented by the propositional formula:

 ϕ = master bedroom \Rightarrow guest bedroom

 $\rightarrow \phi$ will be evaluated on every W_B.

Divulged info about the robot's plan

The observer knows nothing about the robot's executions other than it is operating in the world.

The observer only knows that the robot is executing a plan that will eventually reaches the goal states in the world within a finite number of time steps.

The plan to be executed is hidden in a finite number of potential plans.

The observer knows the exact plan to be executed.

It turns out that we can use a procrustean graph to represent each of these four cases.

Conclusions and future work:

- > We can search for a plan that satisfies information stipulation on an observer with hindsight.
- ➤ How to search for a plan and information disclosure policy jointly so that information stipulation is satisfied?
- The filtering observer has a finite structure [1]. It seems that the smoothing observer does not. What is the right representation for a smoothing estimator?

[1] Yulin Zhang, Dylan A. Shell, Jason M. O'Kane, Finding plans subject to stipulations on what information they divulge, WAFR, 2018