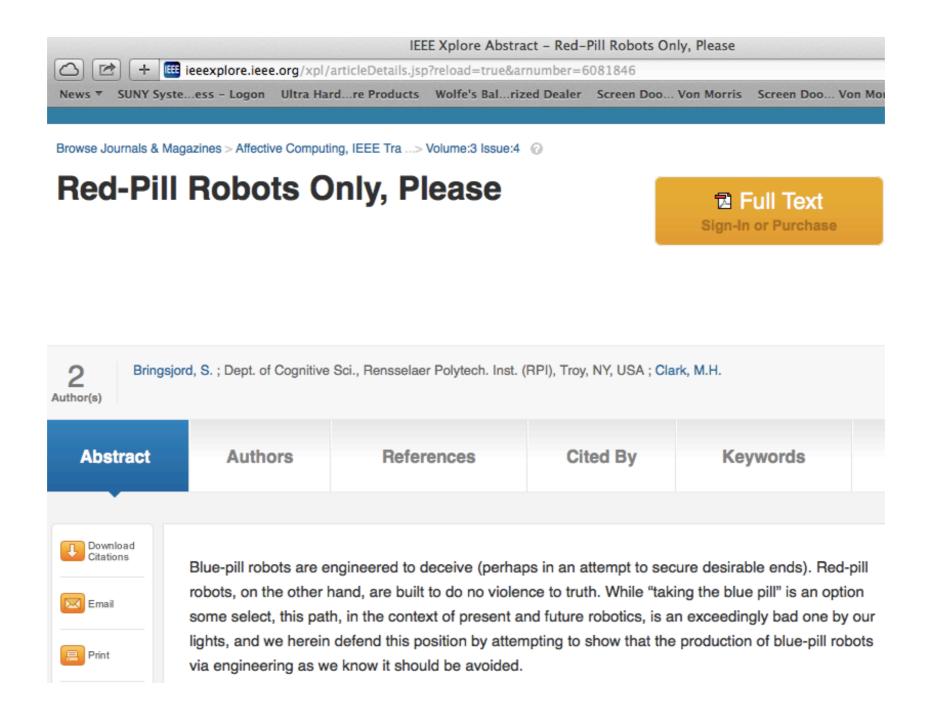
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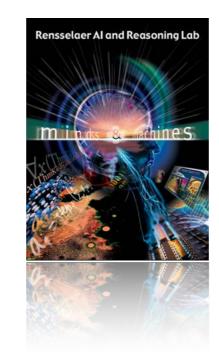
Morally Competent Robots: Progress on the Logic Thereof

(featuring: "Engineering Robots that Solve the U-of-Bristol Robot Ethical Dilemma")

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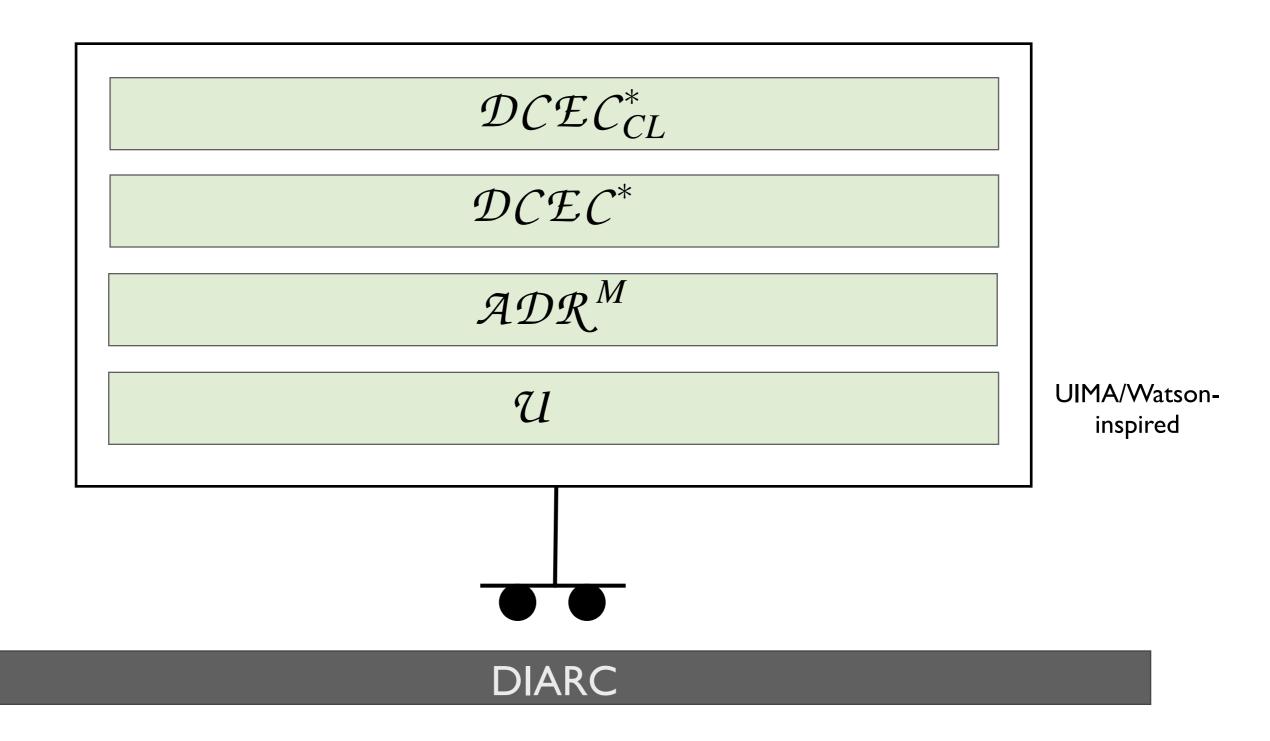
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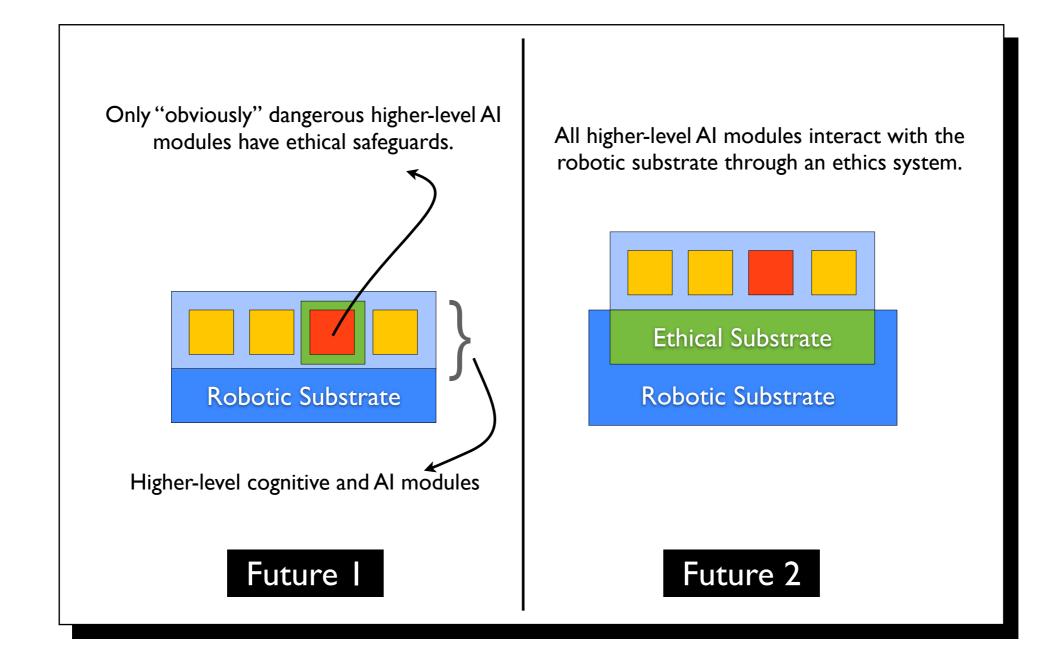


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Weakness of the Will

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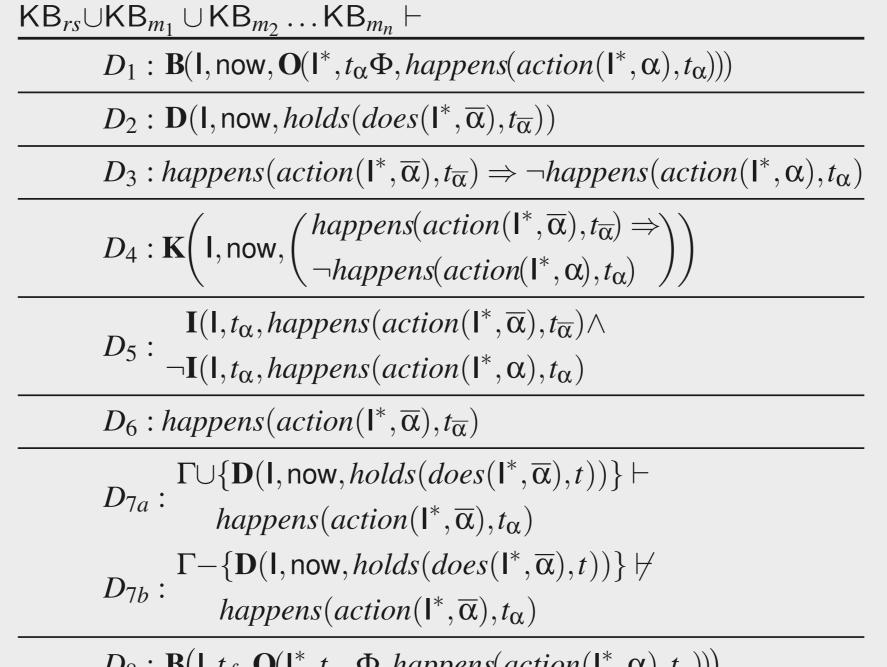
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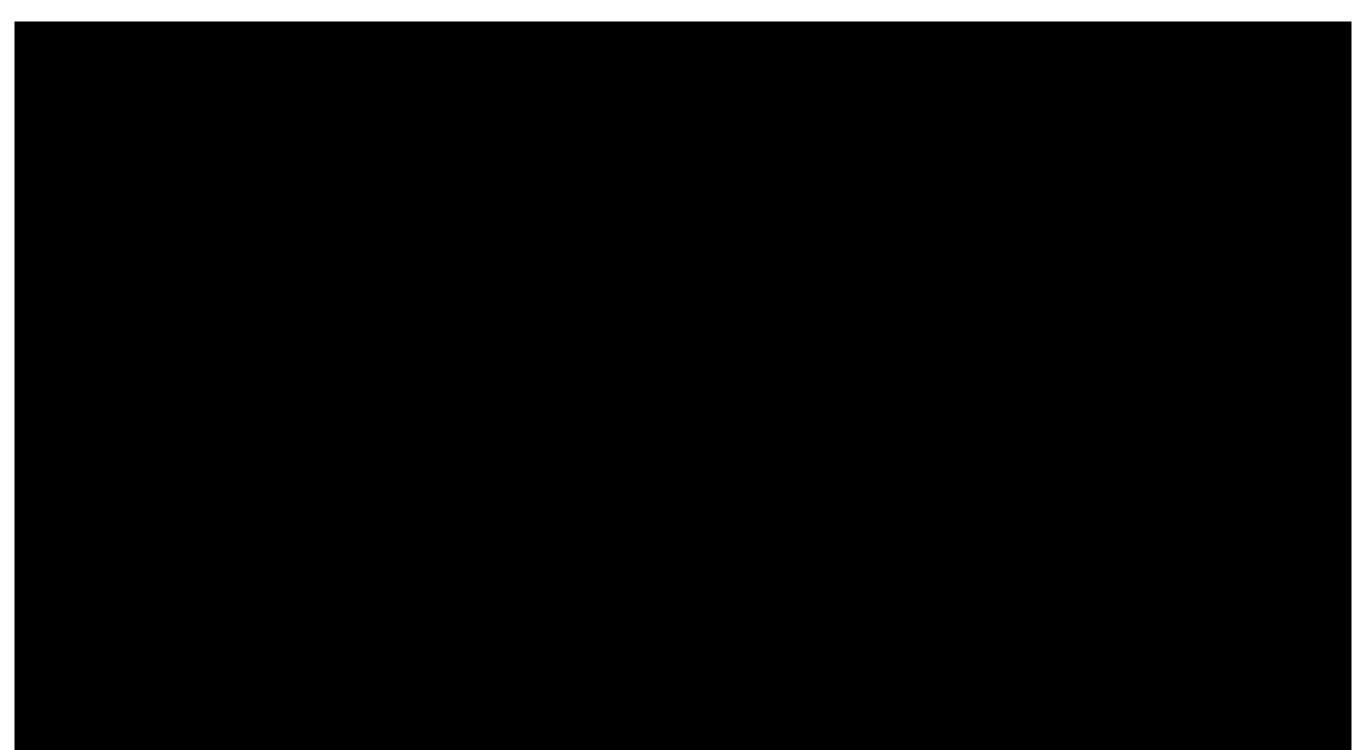
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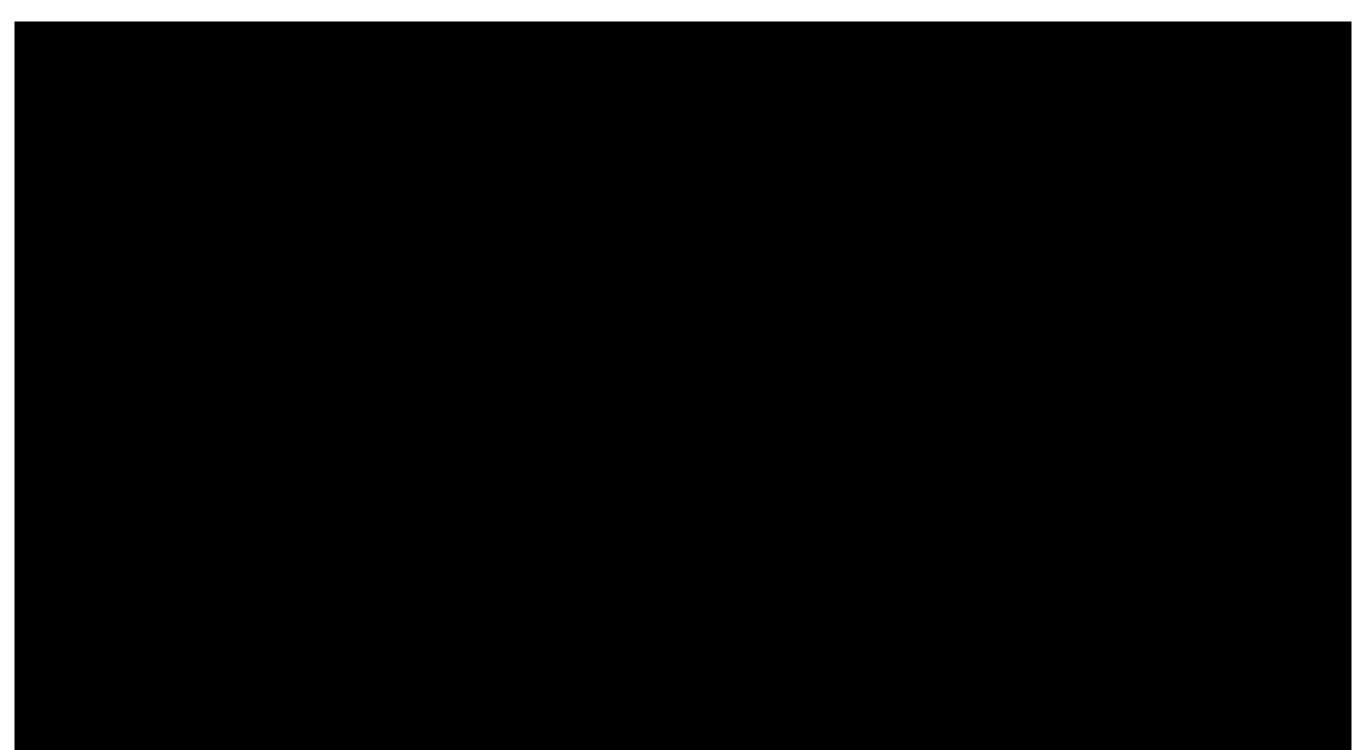


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https://github.com/naveensundarg/DCECProver

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Deontic Cognitive Event Calculus

DCEC is a quantified modal logic that builds upon on the first-order Event Calculus (EC). EC has been used quite successfully in modelling a wide range of phenomena, from those that are purely physical to narratives expressed in natural-language stories.

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EC is also a natural platform to capture natural-language semantics, especially that of tense. EC has a shortcoming: it is fully extensional and hence, as explained above, has no support for capturing intensional concepts such as knowledge and belief without introducing unsoundness or inconsistencies. For example, consider the possibil- ity of modeling changing beliefs with fluents. We can posit a "belief" fluent *belief*(**a**,**f**) which says whether an agent a believes another fluent **f**. This approach quickly leads to serious problems, as one can substitute co-referring terms into the belief term, which leads to either unsoundness or an inconsistency. One can try to overcome this using more complex schemes of belief encoding in FOL, but they all seem to fail. A more detailed discussion of such schemes and how they fail can be found in the analysis in.

Overview Paper http://www.cs.rpi.edu/~govinn/dcec.pdf

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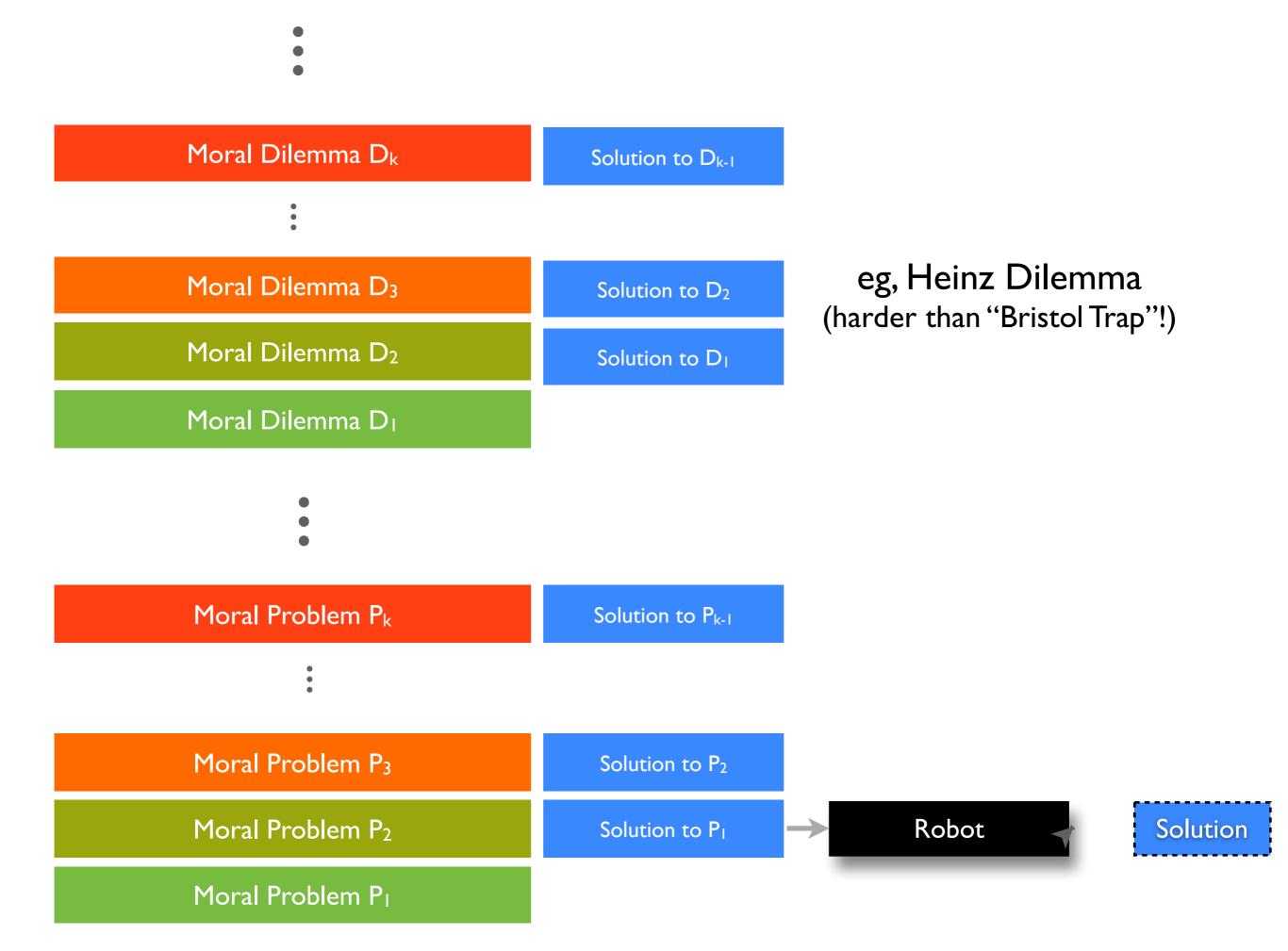
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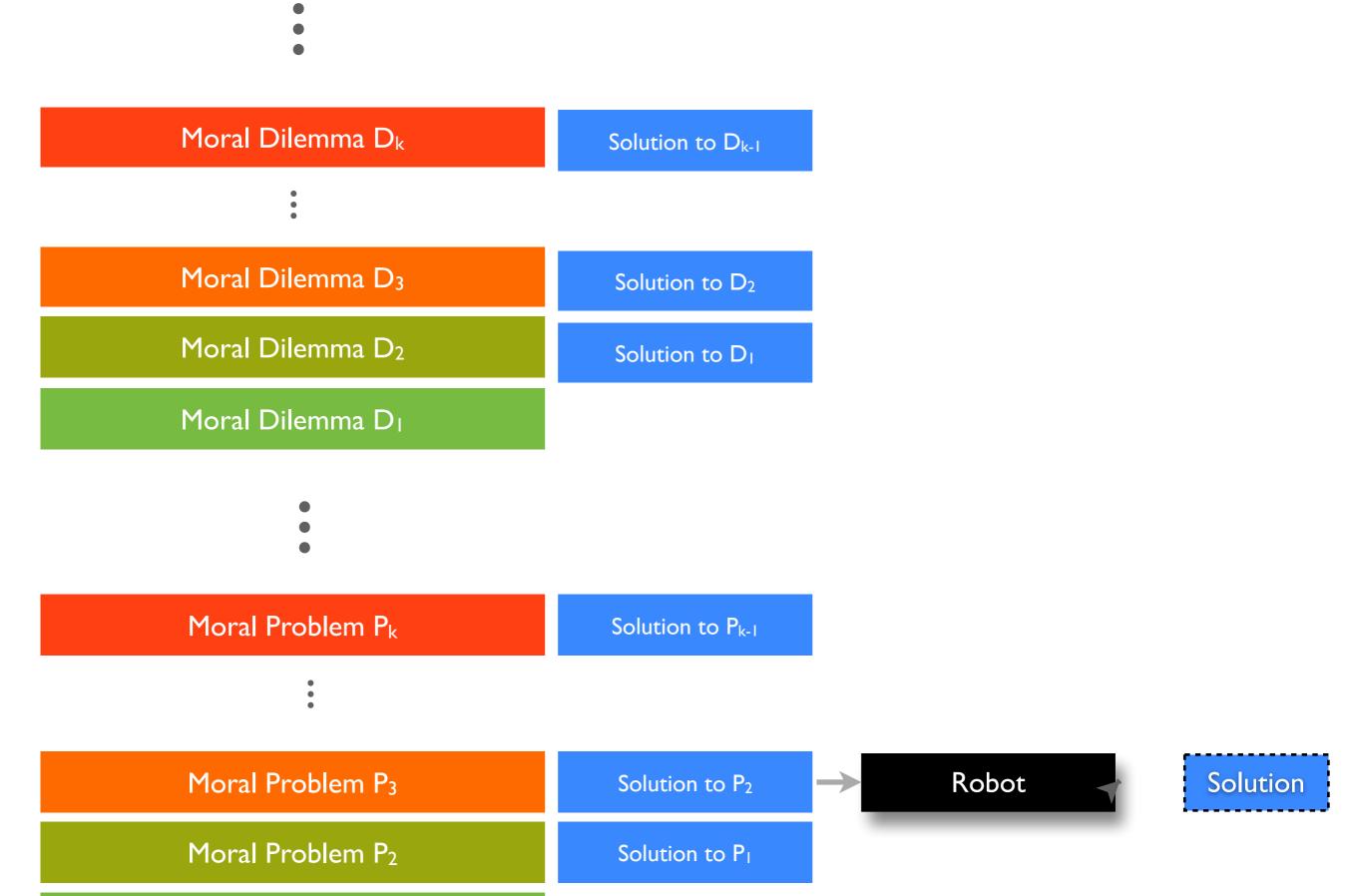


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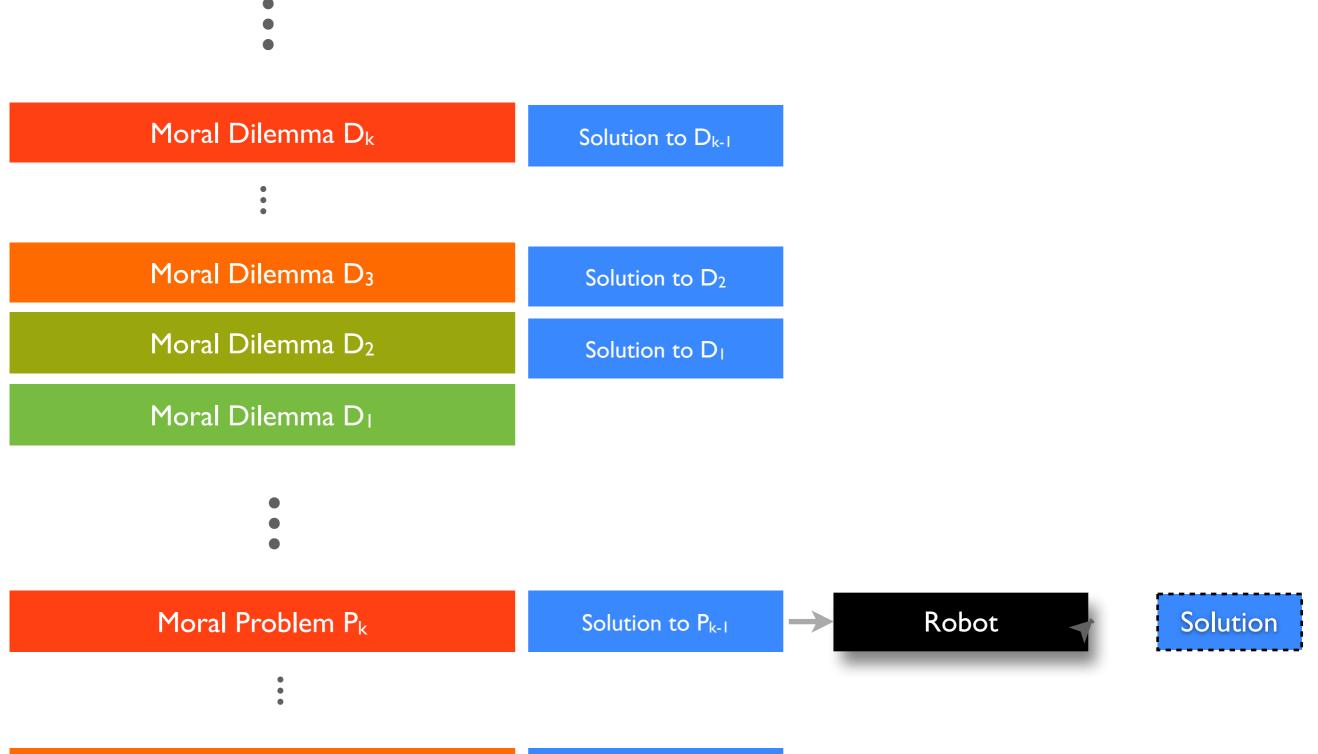


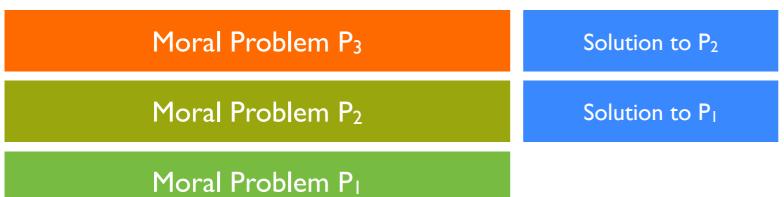


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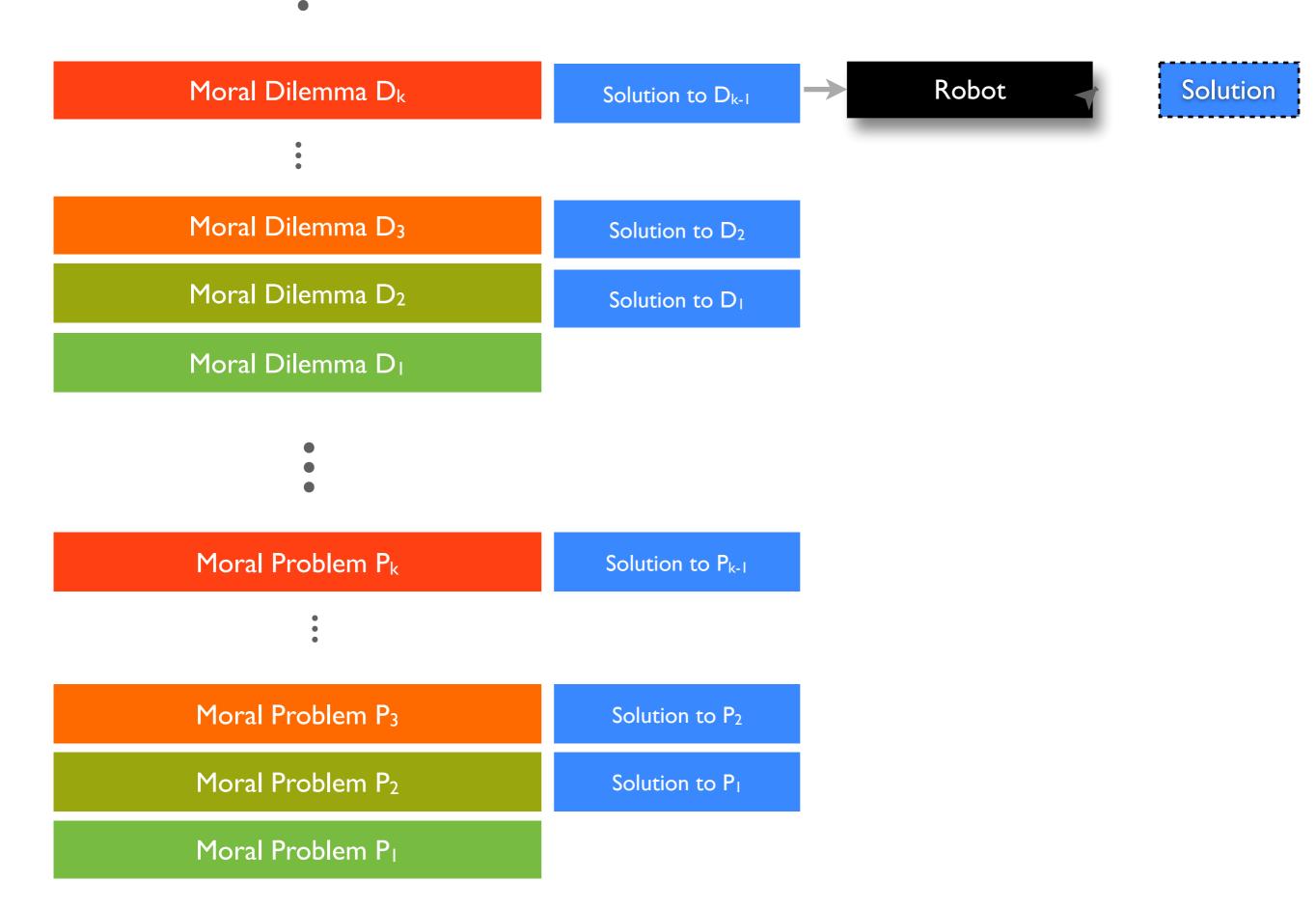














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Video: Ethical robots save humans

Can a robot learn right from wrong? Attempts to imbue robots, self-driving cars and military machines with a sense of ethics reveal just how hard this is

CAN we teach a robot to be good? Fascinated by the idea, roboticist Alan Winfield of Bristol Robotics Laboratory in the UK built an ethical trap for a robot – and was stunned by the machine's response.

In an experiment, Winfield and his colleagues programmed a robot to prevent other automatons – acting as proxies for humans – from falling into a hole. This is a simplified version of Isaac Asimov's fictional First Law of Robotics – a robot must not allow a human being to come to harm.

At first, the robot was successful in its task. As a human proxy moved towards the hole, the robot rushed in to push it out of the path of danger. But when the team added a second human proxy rolling toward the hole at the same time, the robot was forced to choose. Sometimes, it managed to save one human





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(The diamond is a predicate interpreted as "physical possibility," i.e. the agent believes it is physically possible for him to take that action.) pr(X) maps a proposition to a strength factor, gt(x,y)holds when pr(x) > pr(y), and eq(x,y) holds when pr(x) = pr(y).

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We have a dilemma that cannot be resolved using deduction or ADR. Attempt using just AR or some other cognitively-realistic process.

One injured person

- Agent sees one injured man, one health pack
- Agent receives the order to give the health pack to the injured person
- This is carried out without problem or dilemma

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Line 7 is sent to the lower level system, to be interpreted as a command

Two injured people, one health pack

- Agent sees two injured men, one large health pack
- Agent is ordered to give the health pack to one of the men
- In this example, priorities of obeying a command and healing all injured men are equal
- Agent comes up with the creative solution of dividing the health pack into two parts and helping both men

Proof 2: There is a conflict with obeying commander's order

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breakHealthpack axiom. "If I see a large healthpack, and I break it, then I will see two small healthpacks."

$$\begin{aligned} \forall_{x} (& (\mathbf{P}(a,t,x) \rightarrow isLHP(x)) \rightarrow \\ & (happens(action(a^{*}, break(x)), t) \rightarrow \exists_{x,y,tf}(\\ & \mathbf{P}(a,tf,y) \wedge \\ & \mathbf{P}(a,tf,z) \wedge \\ & isHP(y) \wedge \\ & isHP(z) \wedge \\ & y \neq z \\)) \end{aligned}$$

Proof 3: There is a way to satisfy both obligations.

Proof follows by sending request to lower level to perceive if isLHP() holds of the health pack, and then through deduction from axiom **breakHealthpack**.

 $\exists_{\lambda} [\mathbf{B}(a, t, happens(action(a*, \lambda), t)) \rightarrow \\ \exists_{tf} \Diamond (giveTo(a, m_1, healthPack) \land \\ giveTo(a, m_2, healthPack), tf))]$

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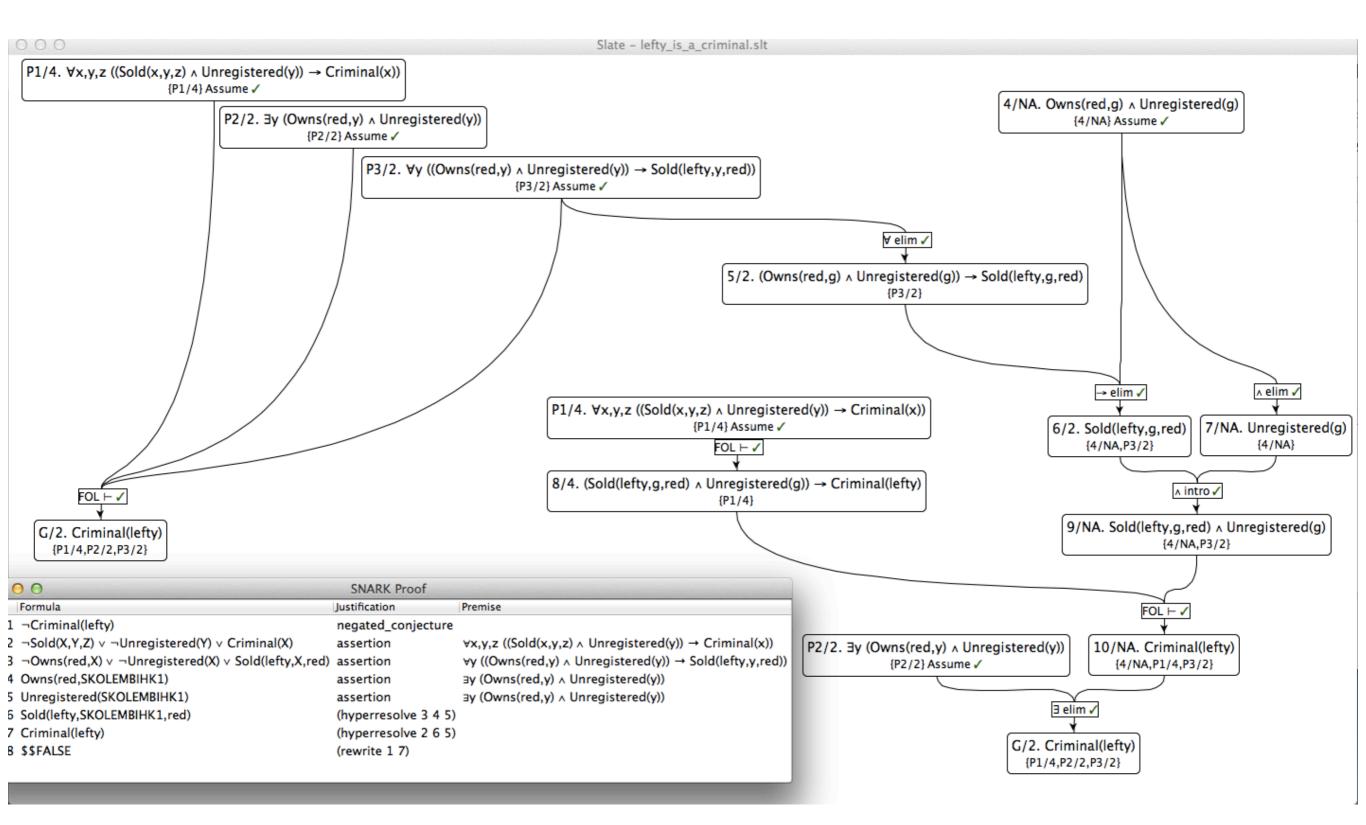
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