

Comments on MacLellan, Harpstead, Alevan, and Koedinger

- Multiple attribute and relation types (nominal, numeric, component, relational)
 - Can components include components as well as base attributes?
- The incremental (iterative) algorithm (again)
- Predicting missing attributes (again)
- The matching problem (next slides)
- Flattening

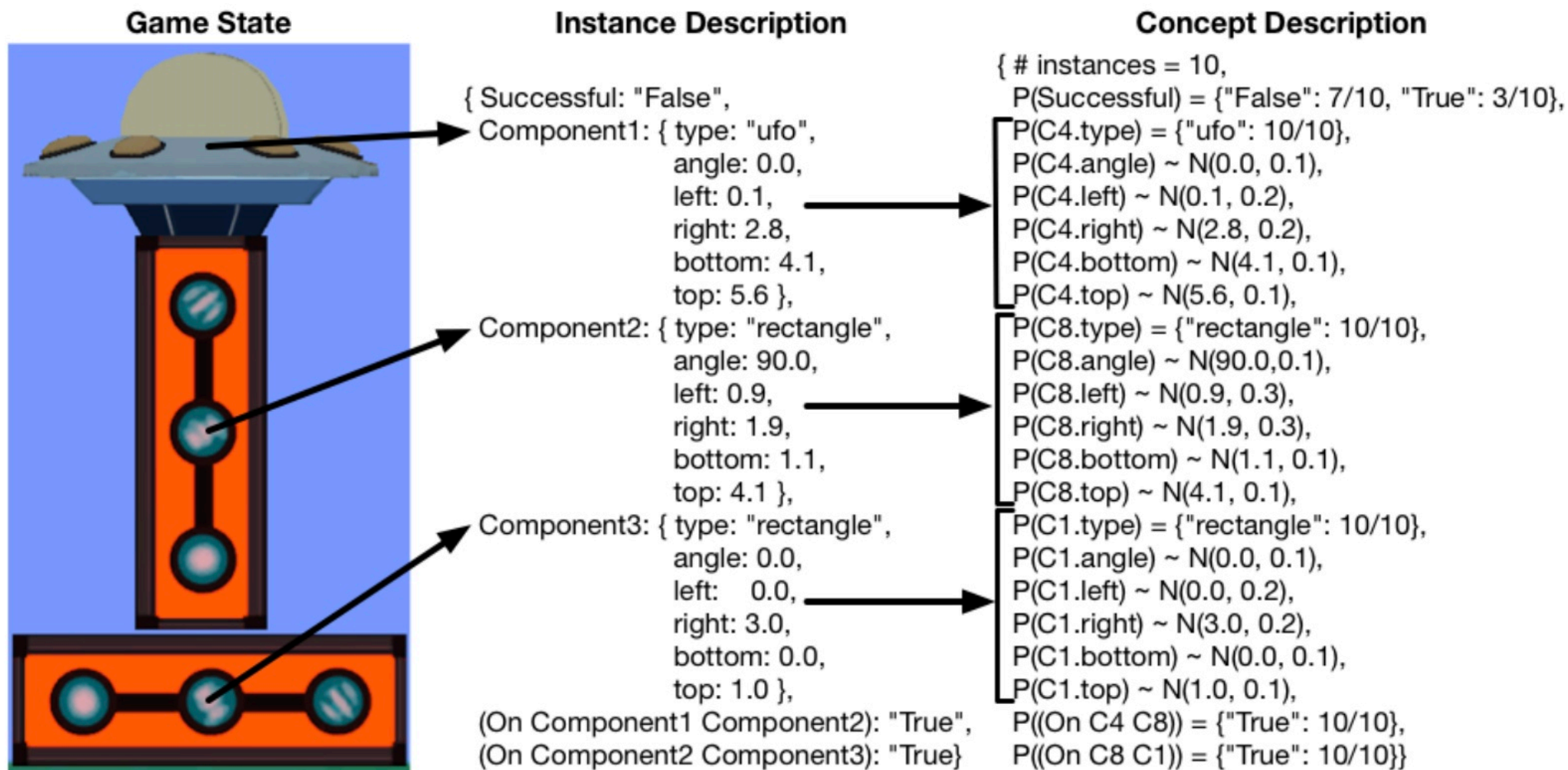
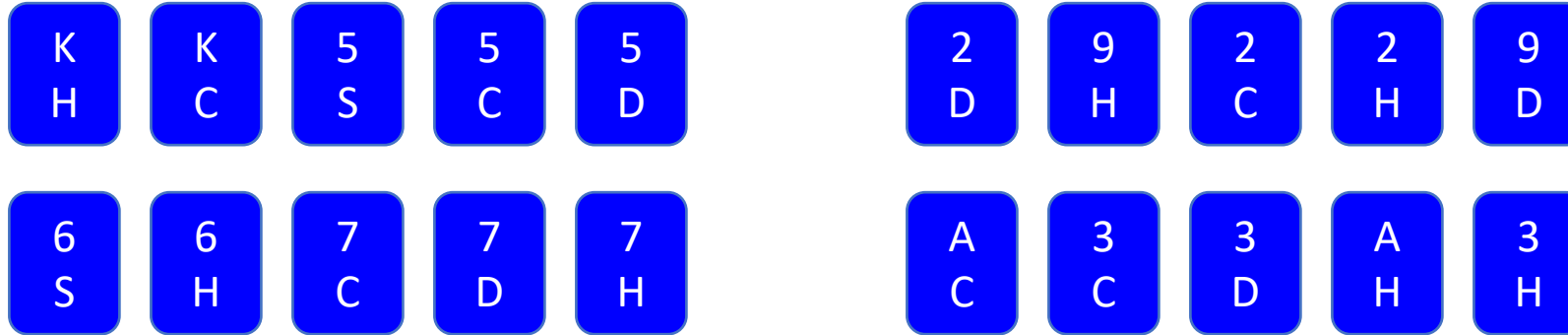


Figure 2. A tower in *RumbleBlocks*, its representation as an instance in TRESTLE using the four attribute-

Relational (e.g., first-order) representations, such as:

IF $R(?c1, ?r1) \wedge R(?c2, ?r1) \wedge R(?c3, ?r2) \wedge R(?c4, ?r2) \wedge R(?c5, ?r2)$
 $\wedge \neq(?c1, ?c2) \wedge \neq(?c3, ?c4) \wedge \neq(?c3, ?c5) \wedge \neq(?c4, ?c5)$

THEN FullHouse(?c1, ?c2, ?c3, ?c4, ?c5)



The matching problem (on sets of feature vectors)

Back to Trestle

- Is Trestle limited to a one-to-one matching of components?
- How would Trestle handle towers of different heights (i.e., a different number of composite blocks)?
 - Are one or more components (e.g., blocks, cards) left unmatched?
 - Are one or more components double (multiply) matched (i.e., a many to one matching)
- How does Trestle's matching strategy compare to human matching strategies?

Fit to human behavior

- Compared Trestle end-results to human end-results
 - No comparisons on HOW these end-results results were obtained
 - e.g., no comparison of Trestle matching with human matching
 - Supervised: Just end-result accuracies
 - Supervised: No response time predictions
 - Unsupervised: only (two →) one human clustering for comparison
 - A lab colleague at that
- In addition to comparing human and Trestle behavior without functional knowledge,
 - Could functional knowledge be encoded into Trestle too?
 - Trestle would have to be extended to use background knowledge

Interesting observations

- Categorization during problem solving (p. 131)
- Can ordering effects be exploited – “how best to order practice problems” (p. 132)
- Supervised and unsupervised together (p. 132 ...)
- Aside: CFE converts parse trees to feature vectors (p. 134). Why not cluster parse trees directly?
 - Fisher and Yoo: “[Categorization, Concept Learning, and Problem Solving: A Unifying View](#)”

Difficulties in understanding

- I (Doug) doesn't understand how CART was used (pp. 140-141)
 - and why it went unmentioned in discussion of the supervised learning results
 - Why was CART needed at all since CFE can do prediction (p. 134)?
- CFE insufficiently described