

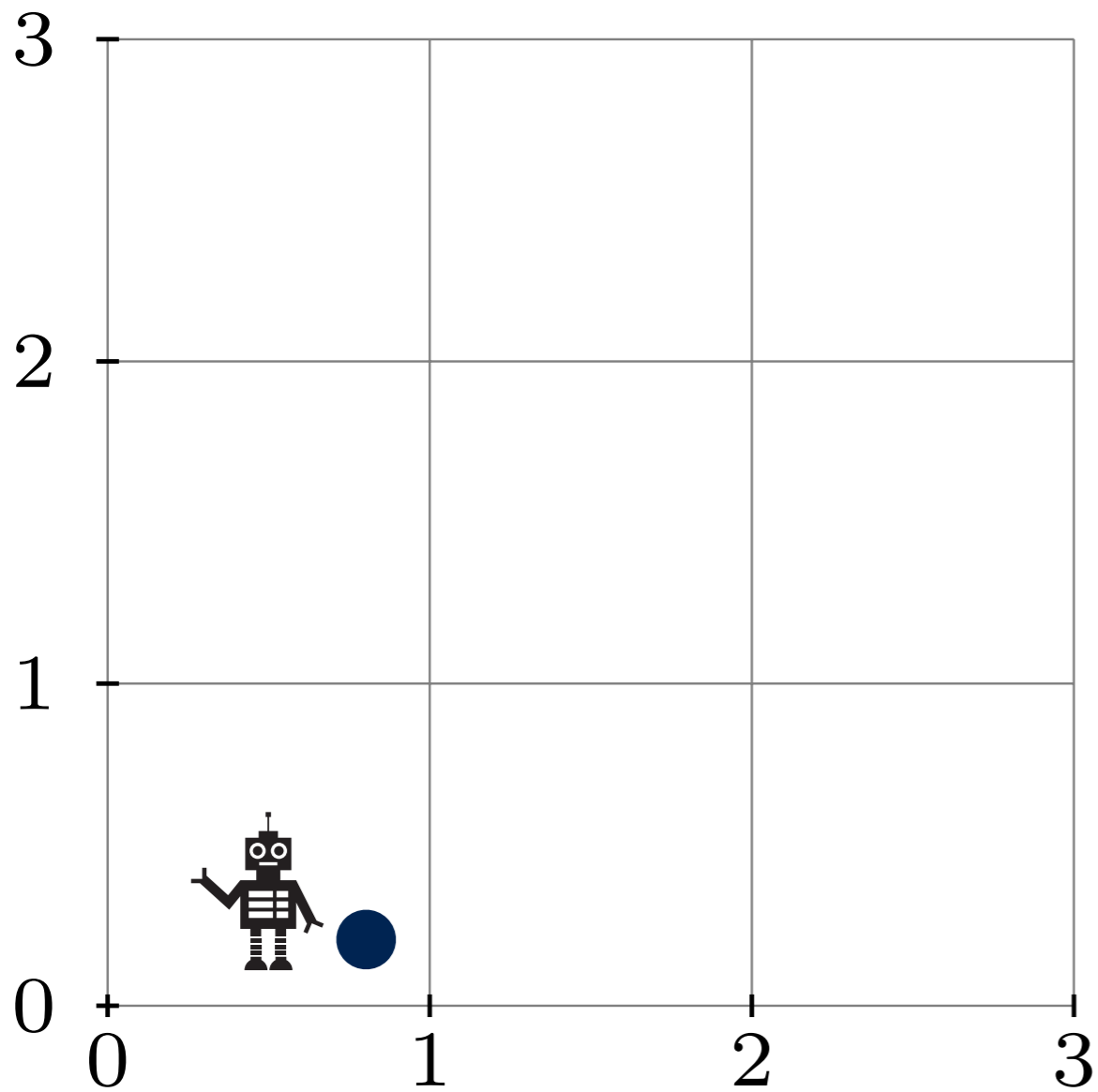
Learning efficient programs

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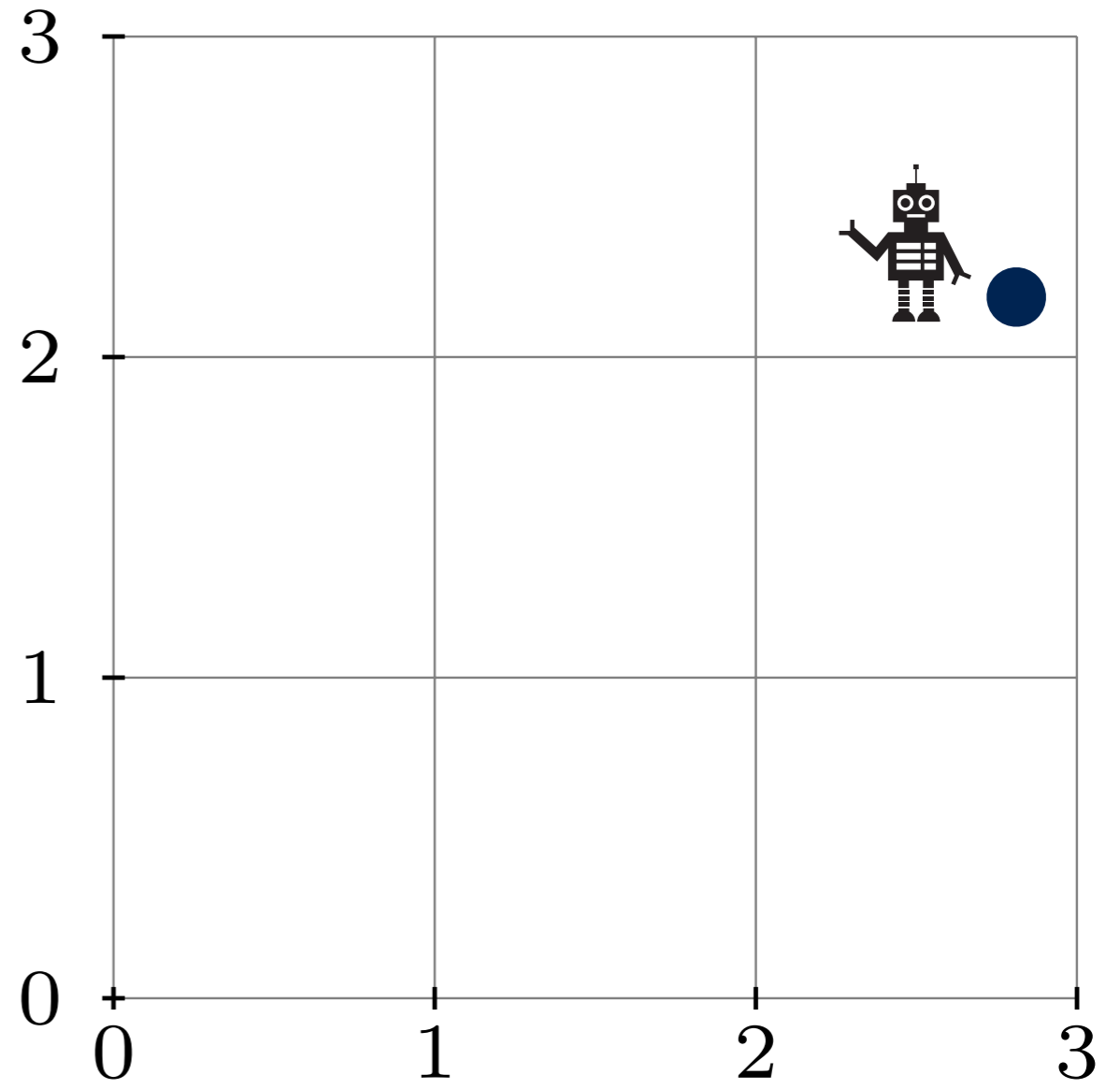
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Learning efficient robot strategies [IJCAI15]

Initial



Final



% actions

north/2, south/2, east/2, west/2, pickup/2, drop/2

% learning task

A=[pos(robot,0/0),pos(ball,0/0),holding_ball(false)],

B=[pos(robot,2/2),pos(ball,2/2),holding_ball(false)],

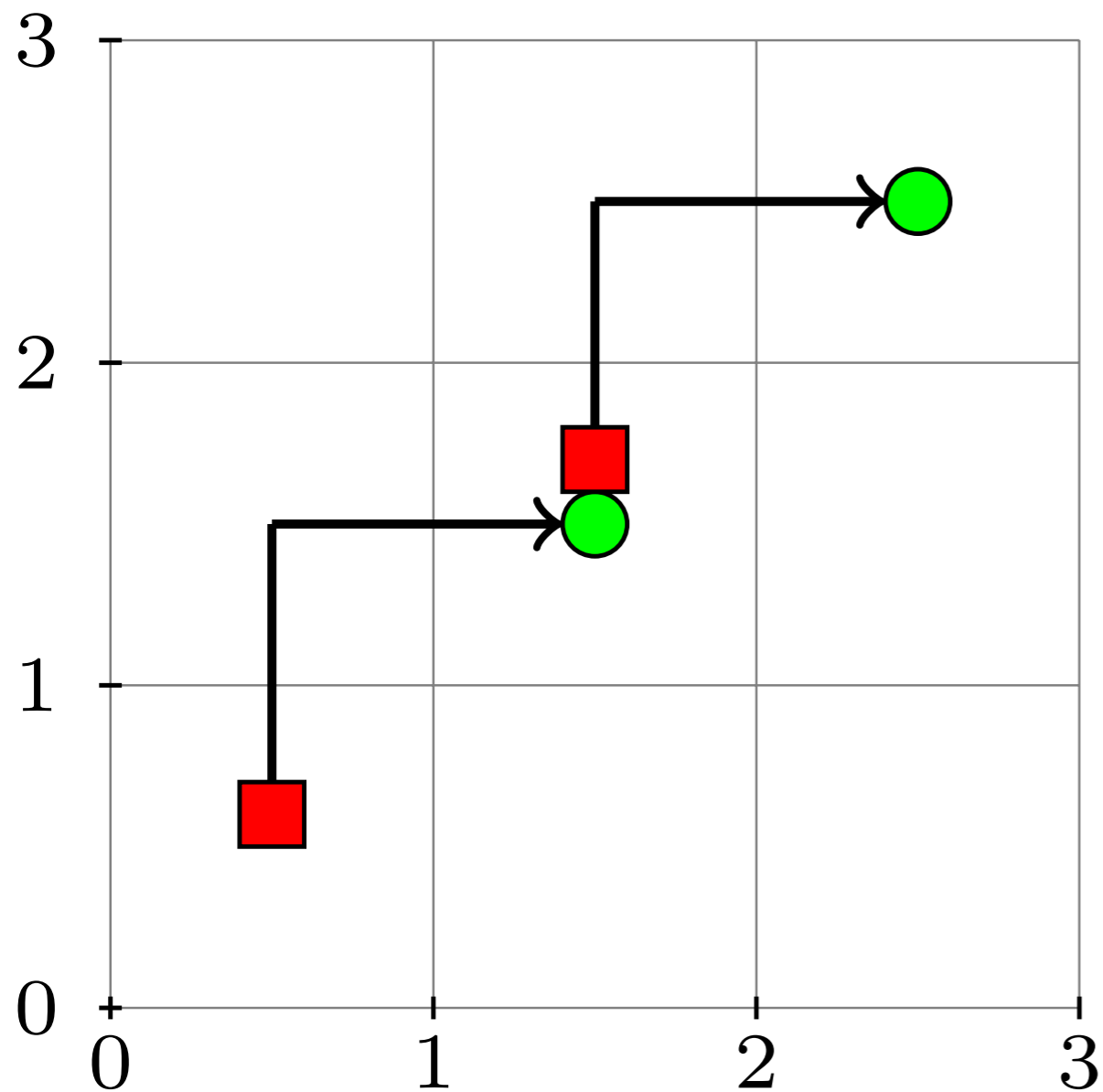
learn([f(A,B)],Prog)

f(A,B):-f3(A,C),f3(C,B).
f3(A,B):-f2(A,C),drop(C,B).
f2(A,B):-grab(A,C),p1(C,B).
f1(A,B):-north(A,C),east(C,B).

f(A,B):-f3(A,C),drop(C,B).
f3(A,B):-grab(A,C),f2(C,B).
f2(A,B):-f1(A,C),f1(C,B).
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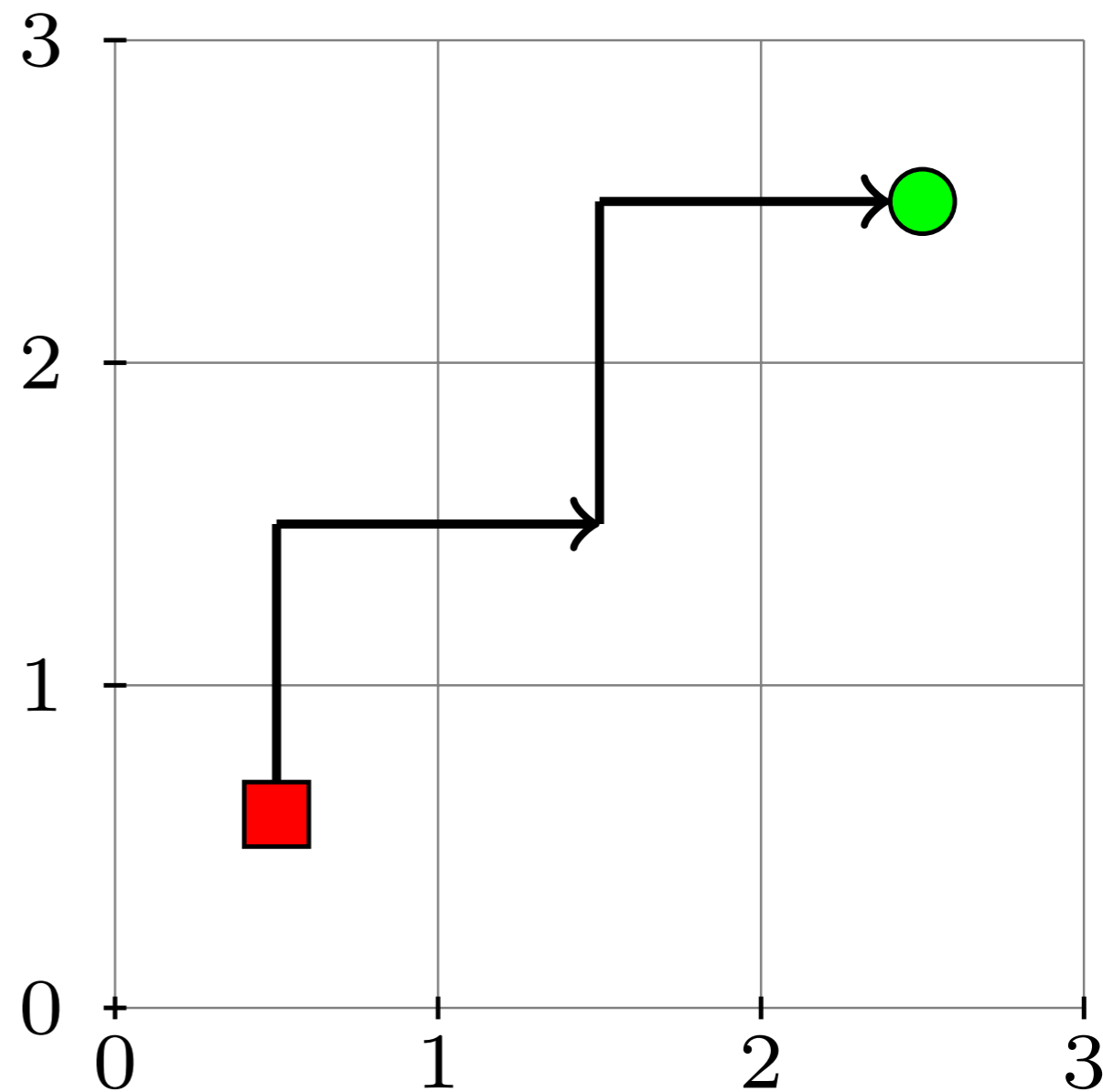
■ grab ● drop

Inefficient program (cost 8)



$f(A,B):-f3(A,C),f3(C,B).$
 $f3(A,B):-f2(A,C),drop(C,B).$
 $f2(A,B):-grab(A,C),p1(C,B).$
 $f1(A,B):-north(A,C),east(C,B).$

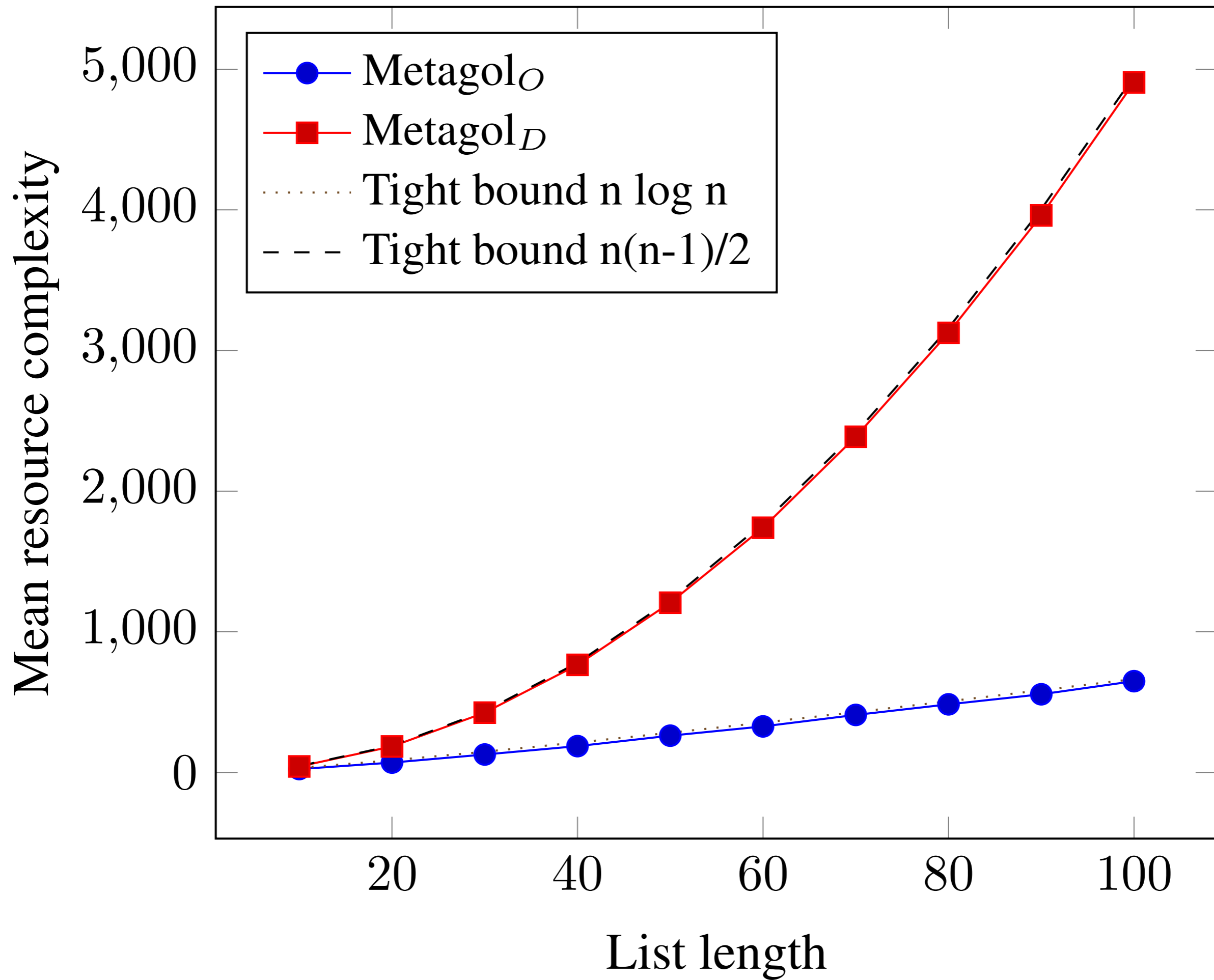
Inefficient program (cost 6)



$f(A,B):-f3(A,C),drop(C,B).$
 $f3(A,B):-grab(A,C),f2(C,B).$
 $f2(A,B):-f1(A,C),f1(C,B).$
 $f1(A,B):-north(A,C),east(C,B).$

Sorting experiment [IJCAI15]

| Input | Output |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| [9,13,1,8,4] | [1,4,8,9,13] |
| [1,18,20,6,15,5] | [1,5,6,15,18,20] |
| [12,16,18,6,15,3,5] | ??? |
| [16,1,4,12,3,18,2,14] | ??? |
| [12,17,5,13,6,4,14,2,15] | ??? |



String transformations

| Input | Output |
|---------------------|---------------|
| My name is John. | John |
| My name is Bill. | Bill |
| My name is Josh. | Josh |
| My name is Albert. | Albert |
| My name is Richard. | Richard |

% Inefficient program

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f(A,B):-tail(A,C),f1(C,B).
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f1(A,B):-dropLast(A,C),f2(C,B).
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f2(A,B):-dropWhile(A,B,not_uppercase).
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% Efficient program

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f(A,B):-tail(A,C),f1(C,B).
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f1(A,B):-f2(A,C),dropLast(C,B).
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f2(A,B):-f3(A,C),f3(C,B).
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f3(A,B):-tail(A,C),f4(C,B).
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f4(A,B):-f5(A,C),f5(C,B).
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f5(A,B):-tail(A,C),tail(C,B).
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