

# LP-based Heuristics

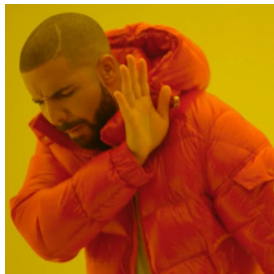
$h^{flow}$ ,  $h^{pot}$

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- Any questions regarding the lecture?





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## Linear program

Linear program (LP) consists of:

- a finite set of real-valued variables  $\mathbf{V}$
- a finite set of linear **constraints over  $\mathbf{V}$**
- an **objective function** (*linear combination of  $V$* )

Integer linear program (ILP) is the same thing with integer-valued variables.

- LP - solution in **polynomial time**
- ILP - finding solution is **NP-complete**
- We can approximate ILP solution with corresponding LP
- Sounds familiar? **Relaxation**
- Flow heuristic -  $h^{flow}$
- Potential heuristic -  $h^{pot}$

## FDR problem example

FDR planning task  $P = \langle \mathbf{V}, O, s_{init}, s_{goal}, c \rangle$

- $\mathbf{V} = \{A, B, C\}$
- $D_A = \{D, E\}; D_B = \{F, G\}; D_C = \{H, J, K\}$
- $s_{init} = \{A = D, B = F, C = H\}$
- $s_{goal} = \{A = D, C = K\}$
- $O = \{o_1, o_2, o_3, o_4, o_5\}$

	pre	eff	c
$o_1$	$\{A = D, C = H\}$	$\{A = E, C = J\}$	2
$o_2$	$\{A = D\}$	$\{B = G\}$	1
$o_3$	$\{B = G, C = J\}$	$\{C = K\}$	1
$o_4$	$\{A = E\}$	$\{A = D\}$	2
$o_5$	$\{C = H\}$	$\{C = J\}$	5

## Producing and consuming

For every variable  $V \in \mathbf{V}$  and every value  $v \in D_V$  we define

- a set of operators **producing**  $\langle V, v \rangle$ :  
 $prod(\langle V, v \rangle) = \{o \mid o \in O, V \in vars(eff(o)), eff(o)[V] = v\}$
- a set of operators **consuming**  $\langle consuming \rangle$ :  
 $cons(\langle V, v \rangle) = \{o \mid o \in O, V \in vars(pre(o)) \cap vars(eff(o)), pre(o)[V] = v, pre(o)[V] \neq eff(o)[V]\}$

- FDR planning task  $P = \langle \mathbf{V}, O, s_{init}, s_{goal}, c \rangle$
- state  $s$  reachable from  $s_{init}$
- real-valued variable  $x_o$  for each  $o \in O$

## LP formulation

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{o \in O} c(o)x_o$$

$$\text{subject to } LB_{V,v} \leq \sum_{o \in \text{prod}(\langle V,v \rangle)} x_o - \sum_{o \in \text{cons}(\langle V,v \rangle)} x_o, \forall V \in \mathbf{V}, \forall v \in D_V$$

$$\text{where } LB_{V,v} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } V \in \text{vars}(s_{goal}) \text{ and } s_{goal}[V] = v \text{ and } s[V] = v, \\ 1 & \text{if } V \in \text{vars}(s_{goal}) \text{ and } s_{goal}[V] = v \text{ and } s[V] \neq v, \\ -1 & \text{if } (V \notin \text{vars}(s_{goal}) \text{ or } s_{goal}[V] \neq v) \text{ and } s[V] = v, \\ 0 & \text{if } (V \notin \text{vars}(s_{goal}) \text{ or } s_{goal}[V] \neq v) \text{ and } s[V] \neq v, \end{cases}$$



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The **value of  $h^{flow}$  heuristic** for the state  $s$  is

$$h^{flow}(s) = \begin{cases} \lceil \sum_{o \in O} c(o)x_o \rceil & \text{if the solution is **feasible**} \\ \infty & \text{if the solution is **not feasible**} \end{cases}$$

## Long story short

- Define variable  $x_o$  for each operator (*operator "counters"*)
- Create *prod* and *cons* sets for each operator  $o \in O$
- Write constraints with  $LB_{V,v}$  constants on the side
- Compute constants  $LB_{V,v}$  based on the 4 rules
- Put it in a solver
- ???
- PROFIT!

- FDR planning task  $P = \langle \mathbf{V}, O, s_{init}, s_{goal}, C \rangle$
- state  $s$  reachable from  $s_{init}$
- real-valued variable  $P_{V,v}$  for each variable  $V \in \mathbf{V}$  and each value  $v \in D_V$ 
  - **potential** corresponding to  $\langle V, v \rangle$
- real-valued variable  $M_V$  for each variable  $V \in \mathbf{V}$ 
  - **upper bound** on the potentials of variable  $V$
  - used in situations where we don't know the value  $\rightarrow$  prepare for the worst case
  - just like variable  $B$  in the example goal
- unknowns values can be solved in two ways
  - adding separate constraint for each  $v \in D_V$  (*can be exponential in the worst case*)
  - adding  $M_B$  to the goal-awareness constraint and add auxiliary constraints (*linear number of constraints*)

Goal-awareness constraint:  $P_{A,D} + P_{C,K} \leq 0$  ...what about B?

- Add each case of B
  - $P_{A,D} + P_{B,F} + P_{C,K} \leq 0$
  - $P_{A,D} + P_{B,G} + P_{C,K} \leq 0$
- Use the  $M_B$  bound
  - $P_{A,D} + M_B + P_{C,K} \leq 0$
  - $P_{B,F} \leq M_B$
  - $P_{B,G} \leq M_B$

## LP formulation

$$\text{maximize } \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} P_{V, s_{init}[V]}$$

$$\text{subject to } P_{V, v} \leq M_V, \forall V \in \mathbf{V}, \forall v \in D_V$$

$$\sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \text{maxpot}(V, s_{goal}) \leq 0$$

$$\sum_{V \in \text{vars}(\text{eff}(o))} (\text{maxpot}(V, \text{pre}(o)) - P_{V, \text{eff}(o)[V]}) \leq c(o), \forall o \in O$$

$$\text{where } \text{maxpot}(V, p) = \begin{cases} P_{V, p[V]} & \text{if } V \in \text{vars}(p), \\ M_V & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The **value of  $h^{pot}$  heuristic** for the state  $s$  is

$$h^{pot}(s) = \begin{cases} \sum_{V \in \mathbf{V}} P_{V, s[V]} & \text{if the solution is **feasible**} \\ \infty & \text{if the solution is **not feasible**} \end{cases}$$

## Long story short

- Define potential  $P_{V,v}$  for each variable and its possible value
- Define potential upper bound for each variable  $V \in \mathbf{V}$
- When computing  $h^{pot}(s)$  we want to maximize sum of potentials of  $\langle V, v \rangle$  pairs in  $s$
- define goal-awareness constraints
- define consistency constraints with respect to operator costs
- Solve  $\rightarrow$  get the potentials

- Know definition of  $h^{flow}$  and  $h^{pot}$  heuristics
- Know how to define them and compute them



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