Assignment 1 and PDDL

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PUI Tutorial Week 2

Lecture check

• Any questions regarding the lecture?



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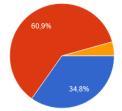
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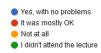
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Yes, I want the lectures to be streamed.

No, I don't find it helpful.

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Assignment 1 - General information

- All details HFRF
- Main task: implement an optimal planner using A* algorithm and one admissible heuristic
- Implementation report: short report to prove that you understand the implementation (PDF)
- **Heuristics**: h^{max} , LM-Cut
- Languages: C, C++, Java
- Automatic evaluation in BRUTE
- Deadline: 4.4.2022
- Questions: email, ask in the class

Assignment 1 - Data

- All data will be provided to you
- Test set
 - limit 10 minutes
- Bonus data sets
 - 5 bonus data sets in total
 - limit 10 minutes (for each one)
 - 2 points (for each one)

Heuristic	Max points	Lecture
h ^{max}	10 + 2*5 (bonus)	3
LM-Cut	20 + 2*5 (bonus)	4

BRUTE will give you **1 point** if the test set is evaluated correctly and full amount of points will be assigned after we check the code and report manually. In case of any problems we will contact you for explanation.

Assignment 1 - Implementation

- Each domain has
 - PDDL domain description
 - Different problem instances

- Each problem instance has
 - STRIPS definition
 - FDR definition
 - PDDL problem description
 - Plan
- 🗾 domain.pddl
- file1.fdr
- file1.pddl
- pfile1.plan
- pfile1.strips
- pfile2.fdr
- file2.pddl
- file2.plan
- pfile2.strips

Assignment 1 - Implementation

Your planner will be called as

- \$./planner problem.strips problem.fdr
 - Input in both STRIPS and FDR (you select one to work with)
 - Output in .plan format on standard output
 - Cost of the plan
 - Heuristic value in initial state
 - Sequence of operators

```
;; Cost: 10
;; Init: 4

(lift hoist0 crate1 pallet0 depot0)
(load hoist0 crate1 truck1 depot0)
(lift hoist1 crate0 pallet1 distributor0)
(drive truck1 depot0 distributor0)
(unload hoist1 crate0 truck1 distributor0)
(unload hoist1 crate1 truck1 distributor0)
(drop hoist1 crate1 pallet1 distributor0)
(drive truck1 distributor0 distributor1)
(drop hoist2 crate0 truck1 distributor1)
(drop hoist2 crate0 pallet2 distributor1)
```

Assignment 1 - Implementation

- Plan validation is important to see if the planner generated valid plans
- Precompiled validate program at assignment's page
- GitHub repo provided so you can compile it yourself

Validate program is called as

\$./validate -v domain.pddl problem.pddl problem.plan

Assignment 1 - Report

- Keep it short
- Implementation description / documentation
- Interesting implementation details? Solved issues along the way?
- No need to run into every detail
- 1-3 pages (keep it short, like for real)

PDDL Language

- Planning Domain Definition Language
- General language to describe planning problems
- Syntax similar to LISP
- Based on first-order logic
- Domain definition
 - defines types, predicates, actions (= operators)
- Problem definition
 - defines objects, initial state, goal
- Online editor: http://editor.planning.domains

PDDL Language

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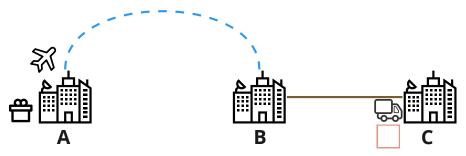
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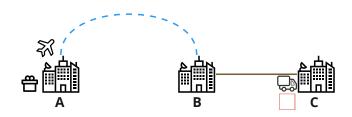
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But what does that mean?

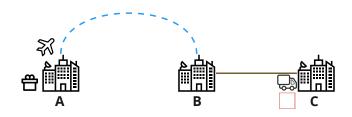
Remember our toy example from the last time?





- Domain definition
 - Types location, vehicle, object, ...
 - **Predicates** Is truck at A? Is package on the plane? Is plane in C? ...
 - Actions load the package, drive the truck, fly the plane, ...

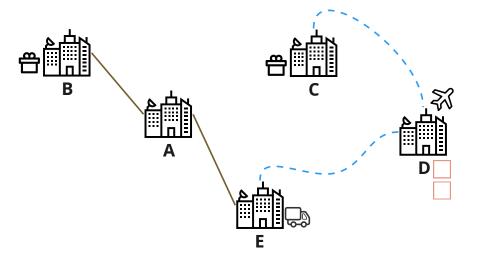
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- Problem definition
 - Objects cities, different vehicles, package ...
 - Initial state where do the objects start?
 - Goal what do we want to achieve?

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Use the existing domain file to define this problem

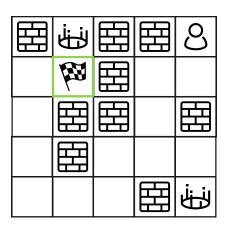


Let's try maze with teleports next!

- What's the problem here?
- What are the rules of the world?

You can start small

- Create empty maze definition
- Add walls
- Add teleports



- Many other things possible in PDDL
 - negative preconditions (not (at ?p ?loc))
 - conditional effects (when CONDITION EFFECT)
 - universally quantified formula (forall (?a1 - type1 ?a2 - type2 ...) EFFECT)
 - existentially quantified formula (exists (?a1 - type1 ?a2 - type2 ...) EFFECT)
 - action costs
 (:functions (total-cost) number); (increase (total-cost) 5) in effects

Recap

- Assignment 1 explained
- PDDL language
- domain and problem definition
- know how to write it and read it

The End



Feedback form

