

## Leveraging and Learning Propositional Function for Large State Spaces

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## Leveraging

**Goal**: Enable autonomous agents to learn how to plan efficiently in massive stochastic state spaces using PFs

Want to Infer:

$$\Pr(a_i \in \mathcal{A}_{s,G}^* \mid s, G)$$

(Probability that action i is optimal for state s given goal G — i.e. a Bernoulli)

### **Estimating Action Optimality:**

Tabularly solve a policy for easy worlds in domain, estimate action optimality

Use a set of binary features, (\$\phi\$s), to featurize states where p is a propositional function and g is a goal

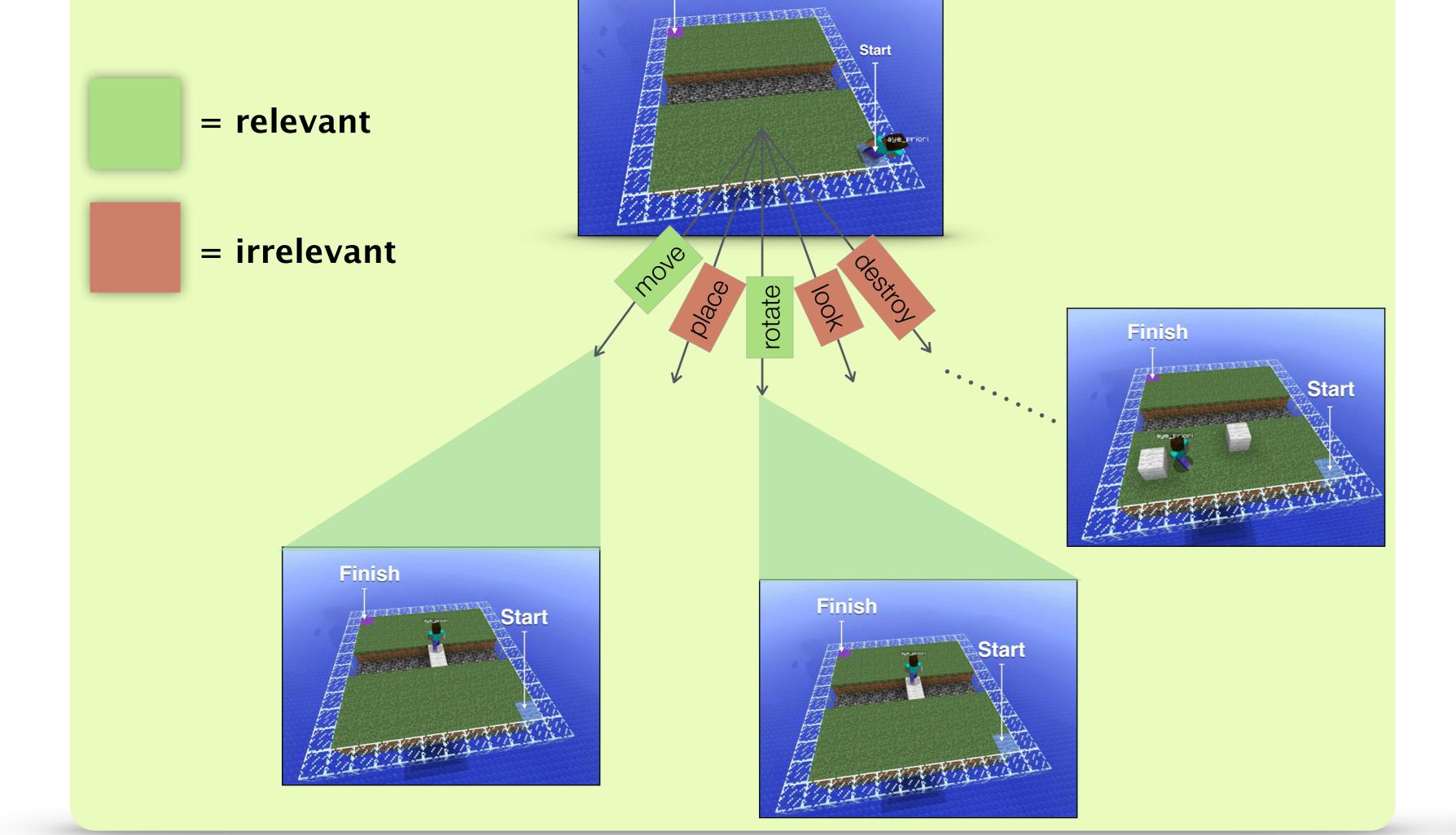
$$\phi_i = \begin{cases} 1 & p_i(s) \land g_i(G) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Train Naive Bayes classifiers on easy world policies

$$\Pr(a_i \in \mathcal{A}^* \mid s, G) \approx \alpha C(\phi_j, a_i) \frac{C(a_i)}{C(a_i) + C(\bar{a}_i)}$$

### **Action Pruning:**

Prune actions unlikely to be involved in optimal plan, thereby pruning states, plan in resulting state space



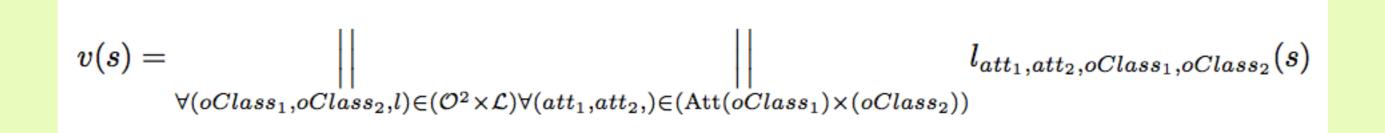
## Learning

Goal: Produce useful propositional functions given only an OO-MDP problem representation.

### Relationally Featurize States:

values of object attributes.

First gather RL agent observations in domain Featurize observed states based on the relative



### **Create Data Sets for Each DOORMAX Prediction:**

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Algorithm 7 DOORMAXLearn Modified to Generate D_v
INPUT: a set of observations O, a state featurizer v, a k in the DOORMAX sense
Output: a set of labeled datasets D_v
D_v \leftarrow \emptyset
  //Loop over observations
 for all (s, a, s') \in O do
    for all (oClass, att) \in (\mathcal{O} \times Att(oClass)) do
      updatedDataSets \leftarrow \emptyset
       //Loop over hypothesized effects
      for all hypEffect \in eff_{oClass,att}(s, s') do
         //Check for dataset with prediction for this effect
        if \exists d \in D_v s.t. d.pred.effect = hypEffect then
           d.add((v(s), true))
          if (hypEffect.type, oClass, att, a) \notin \omega then
             newPrediction \leftarrow (a, null, \text{hypEffect})
             newDataSet \leftarrow \{(v(s), true)\}
              newDataSet.prediction = newPrediction
              D_v.add(newPrediction)
              //Rule out effect type if more than K predictions
              relatedDataSets \leftarrow \cup d \in D_v s.t. d.prediction is related to newPrediction
              if |relatedDataSets| > k then
                \omega.add((pred.effect, oClass, att, a))
                D_{v}.removeAll(relatedDataSets)
       //Update all datasets that did not receive a true with a false
      for all d \in D_v and \not\in updatedDataSets do
        d.add((v(s), false))
end for
return D_v
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#### Turn Each Data Set into a PF:

Each dataset becomes a propositional function that results from the classify() routine of a J48 decision tree.

# Experimental Results

