# **Experiment No. 8: Partial Order Planning for block world problem**

**Aim:** Implementation of Partial Order Planning for block world problem

## **Theory:**

(a) Write about Partial Order Planning, its application

Ans: Any algorithm that can place two actions into a plan without specifying which comes first is called Partial Order Planning. Partial Order Planning works on several subgoals independently & solves them with several sub-plans & thereafter combines them. With Partial Order Planning, problems can be decomposed so it can work well with non-cooperative environments. Thus, it is a plan which specifies all actions that need to be taken, but only specifies the order between actions when necessary. It uses a least commitment strategy. It consists of two states: "start" & "finish" where,

- 1. Start: No preconditions & Effects are initial states.
- 2. Finish: No effects & Preconditions are goals.

### **Applications:**

1. Scheduling problems with action choices as well as resource handling

requirements Problems in supply chain management

HSTS (Hubble Space Telescope scheduler)

Workflow management

2. Autonomous agents

RAX/PS (The NASA Deep Space planning agent)

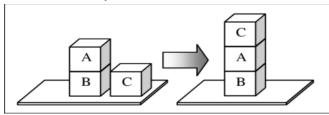
3. Software module integrators

Test case generation (Pittsburgh)

4. decision support

Monitoring sub goal interactions

- 5. Plan-based interfaces
- (b)Problem formulation for block world problem
- (c) Create a partial order plan for a given block world problem scenario. (solve the numerical manually)



#### **Algorithm:**

1. Make the initial plan, i.e. the one that contains only the Start and Finish steps.

- 2. Do until you have a solution plan
  - a. Take an unachieved precondition from the plan; achieve it.
  - b. Resolve any threats using promotion or demotion

## **Implementation:**

#### Code:

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
#define print(n) cout<<n<<endl
#define pb push_back
#define f first
#define s second
using namespace std;
void explore(vector<vector<int>> &vi,vector<vector<int>> &vf){
  int vi_sz=vi.size();
  int vf_sz=vf.size();
  vector<int> moveable(vi sz,-1);
  int c=0;
  for (auto it: vi){
     int j=0;
     while(j<it.size() && it[j]==vf[0][j]){
     c++;
     //if(j==it.size()) continue;
     moveable[c-1]=j;
  set<int> unst;
  for(int i=0;i<vi_sz;i++){
     int j=vi[i].size()-1;
     while(j \ge 0 \&\& j \ge moveable[i]){
       if(vi[i][j]!=0){
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unst.insert(vi[i][j]);
          if(j>0) print("Unstack: "<<vi[i][j]);</pre>
     }
  int n=vf[0].size();
  for(int i=0;i< n;i++){}
     if(unst.find(vf[0][i])!=unst.end()){
        print("Pick: "<<vf[0][i]);</pre>
        print("Stack: "<<vf[0][i]);</pre>
}
int main()
  int n,ir,ic,k;
  print("Enter Number of Blocks: ");
  cin>>n;
  print("For Initial State");
  print("Enter Number of Columns: ");
  cin>>ic;
  vector<vector<int>> vi;
  for(int i=0;i< ic;i++){
     print("Enter Stack "<<i+1<<" Size: ");</pre>
     int sz;
     cin>>sz;
     print("Enter "<<sz<<" Space Seperated arrangements from Ground");</pre>
     vector<int> st;
     for (int j=0; j< sz; j++){
        cin>>k;
        st.pb(k);
     vi.pb(st);
  for (auto it: vi){
     for (auto x: it){
        cout<<x<<" ";
     cout<<endl;
  int fr,fc=1;
  print("For Final State");
  vector<vector<int>> vf;
  for(int i=0;i< fc;i++)
     print("Enter Stack Size for a Single Column: ");
     int sz;
```

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cin>>sz;
print("Enter "<<sz<<" Space Seperated arrangements from Ground");
vector<int> st;
for (int j=0;j<sz;j++){
    cin>>k;
    st.pb(k);
}
vf.pb(st);
}
explore(vi,vf);
return 0;
}
```

## **Output:**

```
Enter Number of Blocks:
                                                  Enter Number of Blocks:
For Initial State
                                                  For Initial State
Enter Number of Columns:
                                                  Enter Number of Columns:
Enter Stack 1 Size:
                                                  Enter Stack 1 Size:
Enter 2 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
                                                  Enter 3 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
                                                  2 1 3
Enter Stack 2 Size:
                                                  Enter Stack 2 Size:
Enter 1 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
                                                  Enter 2 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
2 1
                                                  Enter Stack 3 Size:
For Final State
Enter Stack Size for a Single Column:
                                                  Enter 1 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
Enter 3 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
                                                  2 1 3
4 5
2 1 3
Pick: 3
Stack: 3
                                                  For Final State
                                                  Enter Stack Size for a Single Column:
..Program finished with exit code 0
                                                  Enter 6 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
Press ENTER to exit console.
                                                  1 2 3 4 5 6
```

```
2 1 3
4 5
6
For Final State
Enter Stack Size for a Single Column:
Enter 6 Space Seperated arrangements from Ground
1 2 3 4 5 6
Unstack: 3
Unstack: 1
Unstack: 5
Pick: 1
Stack: 1
Pick: 2
Stack: 2
Pick: 3
Stack: 3
Pick: 4
Stack: 4
Pick: 5
Stack: 5
Pick: 6
Stack: 6
```

Conclusion: Write your basic understanding about partial order planning.