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1 Abstract

This paper puts forward a solution to a planning problem that allows for an empirical investigation using two different methodologies, namely, a heuristic search with Force Ordering Constraints (FOC) and an optimisation approach. More precisely, for this exercise we interpreted, formulated and implemented a modified version of the Floor Tile problem, which was initially proposed in PDDL language ("Planning Domain Definition Language") [1] at the International Planning Competition (IPC) in 2011. From our reported findings, we concluded that a standard forward search in this domain runs relatively slow; which in turn forced us to exploit more advanced techniques, amongst others, partial ordering constraints and the concept Goal Agenda Manager [2], in efforts to reduce the huge branching. We discuss our planning solution in comparison with the results obtained from the optimisation approach and finally conclude that in this domain, an PDDL implementation is far more efficient as such.

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2 Introduction

The interestingness of the problem arguably lies in the particular configuration that makes the domain hard, namely, the existence of implicitly embedded constraints (often called Forced Goal Constraints). This domain further implies on three main sources of difficulty; one being the huge branching factor, the other the advent of deadlocks, which both are amplified by the third, that is the complexity brought by the multiple agents in the environment. Thus, it comes at no surprise that the sequential task remained unsolved for three years. It was not until 2014, exactly three years later, researchers managed to solve in a reasonable amount of time.

For this report, we will extend the initial interpretation of the problem, that is PDDL, by formulating it as an optimisation problem as well. In the light of this, our focus will be to conduct an empirical study of both approaches, investigating the performance limits of the algorithm(s) presented. To achieve this, we prepared a set of case studies, considering complexities such as different painting patterns, grid sizes and the number of robots and reported CPU running time as basis for discussion.

The report is organised as follows. We first present related work of this domain, which in effect presents a systematic literature review of existing methodologies and tools. Next, we further invite the reader for a description of methods, including formulation, implementation and case studies. Thereafter, in the Findings and Analysis section, we describe, explain and expound on the obtained results, while studying the performance limits for the proposed cases. Here, we also discuss the differences between the two approaches. Finally, for the Summary, we reflect on real world applications and future work. Further elaborations, formal formulations and code snippets can be found in the Appendices.

3 Related work

This section mirrors our efforts to conduct a systematic literature review, to help ensure theoretical underpinning throughout the entire problem solving process. As seen, the section is divided into three parts; first we explain our examination of relevant methodologies, including literature on representation, planners and heuristics, and then discuss the tools used for implementation, that are libraries, languages and design specifications.

3.1 Review of Methodology

Planning as known today entails a vast body of research. Most notably, this is evidenced by the active stream of extensions to improve what is referred to as the current state-of-the-art; may it be for expressivity in representation or efficiency in planners. At explained, the representation of the Floor Tile problem was initially proposed in PDDL, first originated in 1998 [1]. While we note that many alternative representations exist (e.g. propositional-, state-variable- and STRIPS representation [3]), PDDL is arguably considered the most recent attempt to standardise planning domain and problem description languages. Provably, many modifications have been adapted since it was first introduced, for example, object fluents [4], action costs [5] and adaptation towards multi-agent systems [6], through the many revisions that have accompanied the IPC competitions since its beginning.

For the planner, it comes at no surprise that many different algorithmic solutions exists. For state-space search, there are various progression and regression planners, and for partial-order planning, many heuristics have also been proposed. Among the previous work for planners, the most relevant methods to our approach is forward search [7], which essentially search progressively from the initial state and determines which actions apply using preconditions and removes/ adds lists to compute a new state (see implementation for details). That said, it was clear from the start that this algorithm was fit for the huge branching factor it would face in the domain. While developing an understanding of the intricacies of the domain, a set of inherent sources of difficulty emerged, as follows:

1. a large branching factor b caused by the huge search space of forward search,
2. an arrival of deadlocks caused by non-determinism in painting actions, and,
3. a complexity of n agent system, caused by the multi-agent property.

Thus, we moved on to study more advanced topics of planning, as the next section expounds, addressing each of these issues in turn. First, in this review, we came across several interesting algorithmic implementations (even a few attempts in the same domain see references [8] and [9]), proposing depth-unbounded search and multi-step forward search respectively, to address the above-listed issues. To avoid that the algorithm rechecks every available action at repeated states, we learned from [10], that hash tables could enable efficient access for repeated states. According to Russel & Norvig [11], hash tables have the potential to provide fast look-up, it can be done in constant time. Also, perhaps more relevant, is the Goal Agenda Manger (GAM) heuristic, proposed by [2], aimed at detecting reasonable goal orderings,

implicitly implying on a prioritisation of actions, or cells painted, if you will. GAM is typically employed to check the ordering relationships for atomic goal pairs (which all exists in the initial state) , to then the goal set to many subsets and by this ensuring that a planner can achieve the overarching goals, in one sequence. For this case, this goal is naturally to paint *all* the tiles. Moreover, this implies, that if implemented properly, the robot would only paint tiles obeying the correct sequence, that is painting the up-most tiles first and thus help to avoid the deadlock problem. In addition, we also found from a Picat implementation on IPC'14 [9] that removing actions, more specifically the 'paint-down' actions, could be exploited to help reduce the non-determinism inherent in the painting rules.

Lastly, to adapt to multi-agent systems, that are by definition composed of multiple interacting intelligent agents within an environment, we learned from [11] that it could be solved by writing conditional action schemas, as if the agents acted fully independently (allowing for a decentralised planning). The implementation could be found in section 4.1.3.

3.2 Review of Tools

While it is tempting to shuffle between existing PDDL parsers and solvers, all easily accessible online (e.g. [12]), we preferred to complete an implementation from scratch to enable constraint modifications and implementations of search heuristics, as explained above. For this, as a starter, we reviewed relevant *github* libraries e.g. [13] that provided a parsing interface. However, after careful consideration we ended up creating our own parser, as this would allow us to more flexibly parse the set of structures we needed to work around the domain and problem files in Python.

After having reviewed off-the-shelf tools with purpose of graphical interface simulation e.g. *ROS* and *PyQt*, we soon concluded that existing graphical simulators lacked the aspect of adaptability we looked for. Thus, by using *Python turtle* library we could custom build our graphical interface, intentionally admittedly trading simplicity over library over more "aesthetically appealing" ones. *RStudio* was used for creation of plotting of results.

4 Methods and Implementation

In this section, we formulate the problem, both as a PDDL and optimisation, explain our implementation, including parsing, planning and heuristic search, and declare the case studies subject that was to testing.

4.1 PDDL

4.1.1 Formulation of Floor Tile Problem

As the PDDL formulation in section A in the Appendices explains, for each problem, we have a 2D grid of tiles T_1, \dots, T_n . We have r robots, t tiles and c colors. Each robot is located at some tile T_n and holds a color c . In the initial state, all the floor tiles are clear. According to the original description, the tiles needs to be painted black and white in an alternated fashion *always*. Once a tile is painted, a robot cannot stand on it. Robots can only paint up and down. The initial placements of robots are defined in the problem file. The state space is determined by the *initial state*, including the set of tiles given at outset.

The *goal* is to paint all floor tiles according to some target state. To reach the goal, there are seven different *actions* at the robots' disposal.

1. The robot can move (*up, down, left, right*),
2. A robot can paint (*up, down*),
3. A robot can change color (*black, white*),

This means that the up-most tiles need to be painted first. The reason is that the atom $\text{Robot-at}(r, t_x)$ is mutually exclusive with the atomic goal being $\text{Painted}(c, t_x)$ which cannot be removed once it has been added, causing the search to arrive at a deadlock.

4.1.2 Interpretation

For our planner to understand the internal structure of our states, that is presented by the above seen first order predicate logic, we specified a parser to enable syntax parsing. Thus, we created a file (*parse.py*) that takes the information from the PDDL file and generates the 2D matrices and 1D vectors, to analyse for the main file. Parse file uses the some structures

supported by the *pddlpy* library. Our parsing implementation allowed us to adapt our code to any problem file and ensure that all conditions are satisfied once a search is executed.

As seen below, by using these values we simplify our board, since now we can identify more easily the current state of our board as well as the necessities to update the board.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Figure 1: Board representation

| Value | Use |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 0 | The Cell is clear |
| 1 | Cell has been painted white |
| 2 | Cell has been painted black |
| 3 | Robot is in top of the cell |

Table 1: Meaning of the values in the matrix

The robots are being represented as a 1D vector, where each position is an integer value, similar to the representation of the board.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 100 | 100 |
|---|---|---|-----|-----|

Figure 2: Robot Representation

Each cell defines the current state for the robot, the first two cells define the current 'X' and 'Y' position of the robot and the third cell represents the current colour that the robot it's using. In Figure 2 the robot is currently using the colour 'black', having the last two values represent the amount of paint remaining for 'white' and 'black' paint.

The combination of these two representations (board and robots) gives us an unique overall state, which can help us differentiate every possible state during the planning. Since this combination its unique we can make use of 'memoisation' in order to avoid loops/duplication of states later on during the planning, that are hash tables.

4.1.3 Implementation

This is the algorithm that we are using in order to solve the problem of planning, which is always guaranteed to find the most optimal sequence of states that can solve the problem. In essence, we are generating a tree and traversing it by levels like a breath-first-search (BFS). By using the 'memoisation' of states we can keep the graph as a tree avoiding the loops. We keep track of what movements were done by each robot by appending the next possible moves to he ones that were before those, so at the end of the process we are able to reconstruct their paths.

The function `getSequence` generates the new edges for the tree, inside the function we find all the possible movements for robots given our current state.

Algorithm 1 Planning algorithm

```
1: procedure PLANNING(ROBOTS,INITIALSTATE,TARGETSTATE)
2:   state its defined as [robots,initialState,sequenceMoves]
3:   q  $\leftarrow$  queue of states
4:   memory  $\leftarrow$  dictionary of states
5:   q  $\leftarrow$  push [robots,initialState,[] ]
6:   while:
7:     if q is empty then
8:       break
9:     current  $\leftarrow$  top(q)
10:    pop(q)
11:    if memory[current] == true then
12:      continue
13:    if current[1] == targetState then
14:      return current
15:    memory[current] = true
16:    newPossibleStates  $\leftarrow$  getSequence(current[0], 0, current[1], targetState).
17:    For possible in newPossibleStates:
18:      q  $\leftarrow$  push [possible[0], possible[1], current[2].append(possible[2])
19:    goto For
20:    goto while.
21:  return null.
```

Algorithm 2 getSequence algorithm

```
1: procedure GETSEQUENCE(ROBOTS,INDEX,STATE,TARGETSTATE,MOVEMENTS)
2:   if index == len(robots) then
3:     resStates.append([robots,index,movements])
4:     return
5:   nextMovements  $\leftarrow$  getPossiblesFOC(robot[index],state,targetState)
6:   For next in nextMovements:
7:     getPossibles(robots,index+1,next[0],targetState,movements.append(next[1])
8:   goto For
9:   if index == 0 then
10:    return resStates
```

In this algorithm we are using recursion in order to go through all of our robots. Based on what the previous robot did we generate a new state and we try that state with the subsequent robot. Therefore obtaining all the possible combinations that could be achieved by the robots, given our initial state that was given from our previous algorithm. To put it in perspective this method generates a new tree of possibilities where the leafs are all the possible states after all the robots have completed an action.

We are making use of a global variable *resStates* in order to keep track of the leafs/ possible states.

Algorithm 3 getPossiblesFOC algorithm

```
1: procedure GETPOSSIBLES(ROBOT,STATE,TARGETSTATE)
2:   res = []
3:   movements = [up,down,left,right]
4:   For mov in movements:
5:     aux = tryMovement(mov,robot,state)
6:     if aux == NULL then
7:       res.append(aux)
8:   goto For
9:   if tryMovement(up,robot,state) and paintedColumn(robot,state) and state[robot[0:1]] == robot[2] then
10:    res.append(paintUp(robot,state))
11:   if tryMovement(downt,robot,state) and paintedColumn(robot,state) and state[robot[0:1]] == robot[2] then
12:    res.append(paintDown(robot,state))
13:   res.append(changeColor(robot,state))
14:   res.append(still(robot,state))
15:   return res
```

Since our algorithm is operating in an environment defined by deterministic properties (such as finite, static etc) and not stochastic, our algorithm always need to explore all possible states before determining the best solution.

getPossiblesFoc is our satisfiability function that determines which actions are valid for a given robot at a given state. First, we tried to move the robot up, left, right, down. However, with the realisation that actions could be ordered in a priority queue (as for the assumed independence property), or example, that Painted(t_{x1}, t_{y1}) and Painted(t_{x2}, t_{y1}) can be completed only after Painted(t_{x3}, t_{y1}) is painted, we decided to make use of (FOC) to make the robots paint the top-most rows first. This means that the robots are going to avoid deadlocks by painting tiles that should be painted after other tiles. By using this approach we are effectively pruning non-viable states.

Assuming its binding constraints are consistent, the ordering works as follows:

PaintedPaintedetc,

The possible movements of the robots are being recorded in the list called *rest* which for a given index looks like *res[i] -> [robot,state]*.

In order to view and simulate the result obtained by the main file, we created a graphical simulation that represents the grid, movements of the robot and the all the steps in the path taken to achieve the target state. This simulation is executed through the turtle Python library.

To achieve this, we had an Interface file receiving information for each case as follows: the exact path, the initial state, the initial positions of the robots as well as the dimensions of the grid. Yet, to be able to simulate the graphics, the path obtained must be transformed into an appropriate array. Finally, we had the file analysing the data, drawing a simulation, taking into account that each tile has dimension of 80x80 pixels. An example of the resulting output can be visualised in 3.

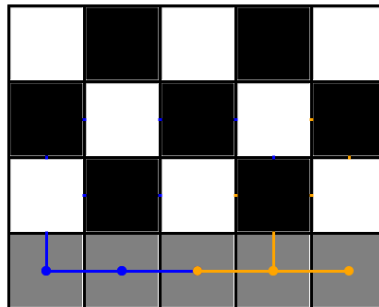


Figure 3: Graphics Representation

4.1.4 Case studies

As this section expounds, the development of case studies remains one of the most important tasks of a planning process, as it completely sets the scope for the analysis and the possible applications outside of domain.

As a starter, we wanted to study the effect that the heuristic search had on the computational costs, in which we reported the difference in CPU running time between standard forward search and heuristic search, as declared above. Naturally the latter implies a lot of pruning, i.e. removing irrelevant states from the state space, thus notable efficiency gains were expected in terms of CPU running time.

Case 1: Size of Grid

Experimenting with the size of the grid is a common test case in planning contexts. For this exercise, we created ten different scenarios, using ten different PDDL problem files, that reported different dimensions of the grid. In this case, we were not only interested to study the effects from incrementing the grid size, but we were also curious to better understand whether shape also had an isolating effect on the CPU running time. Thus, to see whether computational costs would differ if $N > M$ or vice versa, we designed a few test cases where the number of tiles remain the same, while varying the dimensions.

Case 2: Painted Pattern

Next, while the original Floor Tile problem declared that the painted tiles should be colored in an alternated fashion *always*, we were interested to see what happened if we change the pattern. Naturally, this meant that we had to re-write the goal condition as such; from having all the tiles painted to only paint a pre-determined set of tiles.

Case 3: Number of Robots

For the third case we wanted to study the effects of multi-agent systems, more precisely, how the number of robots effect the CPU running time. We created three test cases with 2, 3 and 4 robots.

We believe that this was a very interesting one, as it forced us to generalise our algorithm to conform to n set of robots, instead of two robots, that was initially proposed in the original description of the problem. Naturally, we fixed the grid size according to the max n robots as defined in our test cases, that to ensure that each robot have an unoccupied tile in the "exit zone".

4.2 Optimisation

In order to explore another way to solve this problem, we also formulated it as an optimisation problem and implemented it using AMPL, an optimisation modeling program. The current section describes this approach, and then we ran our implementation for different cases, which we will comment at the end of this section.

4.2.1 Formulation

Since it is quite a heavy formulation, we joined it in Appendices, please find it at section B.

4.2.2 Interpretation

We implemented this problem using AMPL, an optimisation program. You can find our implementations at section C. AMPL is usually used for linear or convex optimisation problems, but recently some new solvers arose with other possibilities.

Since our problem is not linear, and contains a lot of conditional constraints, we opted for `ilogcp` solver, a solver designed by IBM for combinatorial problems. IBM describes it this way: " IBM ILOG CPLEX CP Optimizer is a necessary and important complement to the optimization specialists' toolbox for solving real-world operational planning and scheduling problems". The approach of trying to solve this problem using `ilogcp` is thus relevant.

4.2.3 Case studies

We solved this problem for 3 cases:

1D, 1 robot The board is only composed of 3 cells. `ilogcp` found the optimal solution after 41086 choice points and 38256 fails, in 4.6489 seconds. For 4 cells, the solver was so slow that we didn't even let it run until the end.

2D, 1 robot The board is only composed of 2×2 cells. ilogcp found the optimal solution after 629759 choice points and 584051 fails, in 9.2822 seconds. For more cells, the solver was too slow.

2D, 2 robots The board is only composed of 2×2 cells. ilogcp found the optimal solution after 1812075 choice points and 1675749 fails, in 80.091 seconds. For more cells, the solver was too slow.

5 Findings and Analysis

This section is separated into four parts, presenting and analysing the experimental results obtained.

Before we get into the results of the case studies, we need to consider the criteria in which we choose to deem the quality of the performances of the algorithms. First, one may think that completeness are sensible criteria (could be identified by reporting the minimum number of cells visited/ cells re-visited/ movements- or even time-steps taken etc). However, noting that forward search is by definition sound and complete (the latter meaning that the planner is guaranteed to find a solution if such exists), we naturally resist such measures. Thus, as the following section reports, we use CPU time (reflecting time and space complexity) as our main criteria for reporting.

5.1 Results

At first, we discovered the huge differences in terms of efficiency, comparing the heuristic search versus standard forward search. As seen in figure 4, when combining elements of GAM, removal of actions (to reduce non-determinism) and hash tables (to avoid repeatable states) with the guarantee of completeness from the property of forward search, our solution adopted a much less computationally expensive approach in solving the Floor Tile Problem. More precisely we noted in the differences in grid sizes above 4×4 as seen in figure 4.

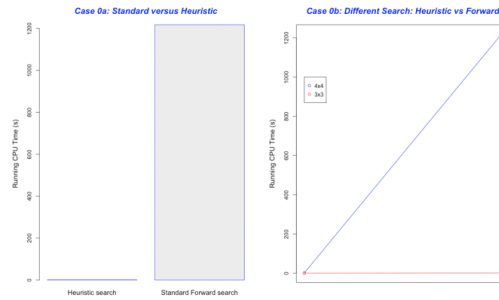


Figure 4: Case 0

As demonstrated in graphs, running time drastically decreased by implementing the heuristics, in which a decision was made to conduct the subsequent case studies using the heuristic search only. In Case 1, we tested the performance of our algorithm by varying the number of robots. As demonstrated in the graph (see figure 5), the CPU running was not linear, or proportional if you will, in respect to new robots added. We concluded that the domain suffers from the complexities that a multi-agent system implies.

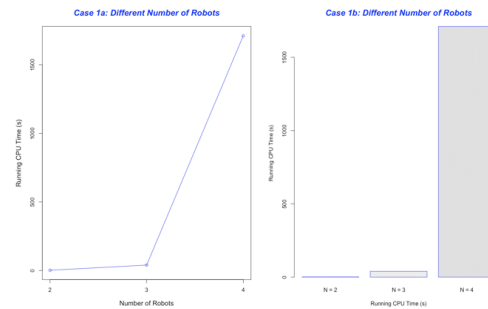


Figure 5: Case 1

For Case 2, we tested two cases with corresponding size, dimension and the number of robots, yet one which violated the initial rule of painting the tiles in an alternated fashion. As figure 6 shows, painting fewer time implied less CPU running time. That said, perhaps the takeaway from this case should not be that "a goal with fewer tiles painted is typically faster" (this is self-explanatory), rather one should view it in the context in which it was first developed; forcing additional constraints to be considered, therefore adding complexity to the task.

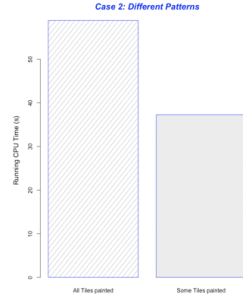


Figure 6: Case 2

Finally let us review the results for Case 3. At first glance, it might appear straight-forward that more tiles results in longer CPU running time and second, that this is not a linear relationship, as depicted in figure 7. However, as shown in figure 7, illustrating that the test cases where the number of columns were larger than the number of rows were more costly in respect to running time, although the number of tiles were exactly the same. Intuitively, this can be explained by the notion of our implemented FOC. In this heuristic, we could only restrict irrelevant vertical actions but not horizontal ones, leaving more options to move and hence also a larger state space to be evaluated.

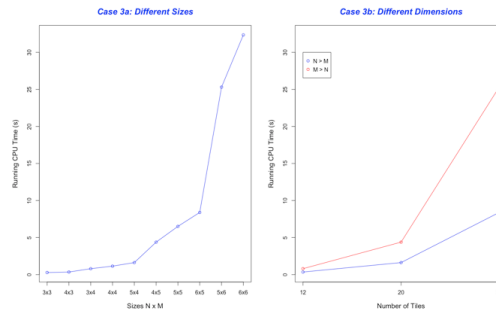


Figure 7: Case 3

5.2 Discussion

The main idea of our solution was to eliminate large portions of the search space. Most broadly, our heuristic search planner manages to do exactly this; we showed that as long as grid sizes remain larger than 4x4; dramatic efficiency gains emerge. Moreover, we admit to our surprise when we obtained the results from Case 3 - while it in hindsight appears clear that the running time would suffer more from having more columns than rows, it was a property that we did not think of as being as explicit. The FOC, that rests on that all actions are independent, would theoretically then also imply that we can execute actions in parallel, which promises larger efficiency gains if properly construed.

As Figure 8 depicts, the complexity for the worst case scenario. Each cell of the board can have 4 different states ("clear", "robot-on-top", "painted-white", "painted-black"), which turns into an exponential number of different combinations for the board. Then for each of these different combinations we are calculating the next possible combinations by trying the possible actions for the number of robots that we have.

$$O \left((4^{Rows*Columns}) * (8^{No.Robots}) \right)$$

Figure 8: Complexity Representation

By using the hashing of states and the force ordered constraint goals we were able to downsize this complexity immensely, since we are pruning unnecessary states that would be invalid.

5.2.1 Comparison of Approach

We wanted to test the optimisation approach in order to see which one would be the most efficient. In addition, IBM ILOG CPLEX CP Optimizer is a professional solver so we wanted to compare our implementation with it. And in view of the different CPU times, we can definitely conclude that the optimisation approach is less efficient than the PDDL one. It means that the PDDL theory we saw in the course is actually useful, since a generic optimisation solver is not sufficiently efficient. Our implementation could also be optimised, we realise that our formulation is perhaps not the most efficient one.

5.2.2 Extensions and Improvement

Naturally, there is much that could improve our solution, would more time be given. First and foremost, to really experience the performance limits of the algorithm proposed, it would have been interesting to test it against more extreme cases, for example, 100 robots instead of 4 or grid size of 1000 rows and columns instead of 10. However, as our findings expounds, this was not possible to implement given the limited processing power. Also, to increase confidence of our results the next step would naturally be to run each test case in a simulator, detecting variances and extracting averages that would be more reliable as a whole.

Also, as we ourselves experienced the power of adding dynamic move-ordering constraints (in addition to restricting actions to reduce non-determinism (by removing paint-down)), we would initially like to explore how learning of previous solutions, that is for example, trying the moves that were best in the past of same state spaces, could effect the computation time. Also, it would also be interesting to add cost to actions, by adding relative weights, and examine the effects on computation time as such.

Lastly, we believe it could be extremely fascinating to implement a FCO with conditions that are not predefined, but instead discovered in response to its environment. In the above domain, all the Force Ordering Constraints exist in the initial state, but naturally in a real-world setting, there is none. For this, we would use a large set of PDDL data, and report subsequent computation time as a measure of inefficiency and then use this information (e.g. we do not use paint down and we should always prioritise painting the top most tiles) to reduce the computation time further.

6 Summary

6.1 Conclusion

In this paper, we have presented, tested and evaluated two alternative solutions for the Floor Tile problem, the first being an modified version of the classical PDDL and the second an optimisation interpretation. With the realisation that we could partially plan our search, more explicitly construct a temporal ordering of actions in a pre-determined sequential order, we gained huge efficiencies as our findings section evidences. We personally were astonished by the efficiency gains that followed the added constraints exhibited on the CPU running time, especially while taking into account the simplicity of the algorithm itself (it is merely a forward BFS adopted for multi-agents). Although we would never claim uniqueness over our findings, we also note that to our knowledge, there has been no previous attempt to empirically study the limits of this domain, using an algorithmic implementation combining forward search, hash maps and force goal constraints in a multi-agents system, in planning literature thus far. At the same time, comparing the results obtained through the Optimisation, we also realise the importance and the efficiency of using the PDDL tool in these kind of problems.

6.2 Applications and Future Work

To reiterate, why should one care about this project? In our attempt to appropriate this question, we acknowledge the necessity to explain which parts of our solution (if any) could hold relevance for real world applications.

Perhaps needless to say, practical applications in the real world can be very different to that of toy problems i.e. our Floor Tile implementation as such. For example, in the real world one typically faces ambiguous data and inconsistent constraints. Thus, it is important to acknowledge that only parts of our implementation (those with domain-independent properties) theoretically could be utilised outside of the domain.

With this in mind, we consider our FOC implementation of most value for other practical applications. As [9] explained, in the context of air defence, (more precisely optimisation of missiles), efforts have been made to adapt it to real time, extending its theoretical applicability. We consider this example as very interesting, as this evidence that our implementation holds the promise of being general purpose. As long as the domains share the same characteristics, being that they have implicit goal constraints; that sub-goals need to be completed in a fixed order to achieve the overarching goal, applicably could be considered.

For future work, we believe that there are many areas of interest. First, we would believe it could be useful to automate the generation of PDDL files, noting the the current format of PDDL files made the development of edge cases (e.g. 100x100 grid sizes) extremely time-consuming. Second, we believe that a further investigation of more advanced algorithms to better handles larger grid sizes, action spaces and an increase of the number of robots, is useful. Also, we think that implementing the same case but taking into account that the robot behaviour may be stochastic is of great interest, at least for real world applications. This could be done by using probabilities defining the movements and then analysing and comparing the efficiencies with a deterministic case.

Future research

Appendices

A PDDL Formulation

Planning tasks specified in PDDL are separated into two files; a domain file (for predicates and action) and a problem file (for objects, initial state and goal specifications). The formulation of the Floor Tile Problem in PDDL is interpreted as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Init } (\text{Tile}(\mathbf{T}_1)(\mathbf{T}_2) \wedge \dots \text{Tile}(\mathbf{T}_n) \wedge \text{Tile}(\text{Rob}_1)\text{Robot}(\text{Rob}_2) \wedge \dots \text{Robot}(\text{Rob}_n) \wedge \text{Color}(\text{White}) \wedge \text{Color}(\text{Black}) \wedge \\ & \text{Color}(\text{Color}) \wedge (\text{RobotAt}(\text{Robt}_1, \mathbf{T}_3) \wedge (\text{RobotAt}(\text{Robt}_2, \mathbf{T}_2) \wedge (\text{AvailableColor}(\text{White}) \wedge (\text{AvailableColor}(\text{Black}) \wedge \\ & (\text{RobotHas}(\text{Rob}_1, \text{White}) \wedge (\text{RobotHas}(\text{Rob}_2, \text{Black}) \wedge (\text{Clear}(\mathbf{T}_1)(\text{Clear}(\mathbf{T}_2) \wedge (\text{Clear}(\mathbf{T}_3) \wedge (\text{Clear}(\mathbf{T}_n) \wedge (\text{Up}(\mathbf{T}_3, \mathbf{T}_1) \wedge \\ & (\text{Up}(\mathbf{T}_4, \mathbf{T}_2) \wedge (\text{Up}(\mathbf{T}_5, \mathbf{T}_n) \wedge (\text{Down}(\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_3) \wedge (\text{Down}(\mathbf{T}_2, \mathbf{T}_4) \wedge (\text{Down}(\mathbf{T}_5, \mathbf{T}_n) \wedge (\text{Right}(\mathbf{T}_2, \mathbf{T}_1) \wedge (\text{Right}(\mathbf{T}_2, \mathbf{T}_3) \wedge \\ & (\text{Right}(\mathbf{T}_5, \mathbf{T}_n) \wedge (\text{Left}(\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2) \wedge (\text{Left}(\mathbf{T}_3, \mathbf{T}_2) \wedge (\text{Left}(\mathbf{T}_5, \mathbf{T}_n))) \end{aligned}$$
$$\text{Goal } (\text{Painted}(T_1, \text{Black}) \wedge (\text{Painted}(T_2, \text{White}) \wedge \text{Painted}(T_1, \text{Black}) \wedge (\text{Painted}(T_2, \text{White}) \wedge (\text{Painted}(T_n, \text{Color}_n)))$$

Action(Change-Color)

PRECOND: $(\text{RobotHas}(r_1, c_1) \wedge \text{AvailableColor}(c_1))$

EFFECT: $(RobotHas(r_1, c_1) \neg RobotHas(r_1, c_2))$

Action(Paint-Up)

$$\text{PRECOND: } (\text{RobotHas}(r_1, c_1) \wedge \text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Up}(t_y, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_y))$$

EFFECT: $\text{Clear}(t_y) \neg \text{Painted}(t_y)$

Action(Paint-Down)

$$\text{PRECOND: } (\text{RobotHas}(r_1, c_1) \wedge \text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Down}(t_y, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_y)$$

EFFECT: $\text{Clear}(t_y) \neg \text{Painted}(t_y)$

Action(Up)

$$\text{PRECOND: RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge Up(ty, t_x) \wedge Clear(t_u)$$

EFFECT: $\text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_y) \neg \text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_x) \neg \text{Clear}(t_y) \neg \text{Painted}(t_y)$

Action(Down)

PRECOND: $\text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Down}(t_y, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_y)$

EFFECT: $\text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_y) \neg \text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_x) \neg \text{Clear}(t_y) \neg \text{Painted}(t_y)$

Action(Right)

PRECOND: $\text{RobotAt}(2_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Right}(t_y, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_y)$

EFFECT: $\text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_y) \neg \text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_x) \neg \text{Clear}(t_y) \text{notPainted}(t_y)$

Action(Left)

PRECOND: $\text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Left}(t_y, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_y)$

EFFECT: $\text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_y) \neg \text{RobotAt}(r_1, t_x) \wedge \text{Clear}(t_x) \neg \text{Clear}(t_y) \neg \text{Painted}(t_y)$

B Optimisation problem formulation

Parameters

- n the number of rows
- m the number of columns
- $\text{pattern}(i, j)$ the desired color at cell (i, j)

Variables

- t^* the time needed for complete board
- $\text{cell}(i, j, t)$ the state of cell (i, j) at time t . 0 = not painted, 1 = painted
- $\text{painting}(i, j, t, r) = 1$ if robot r is painting cell (i, j) at time t
- State of the robots
 - $y(t, r)$ the vertical position of robot r at time t
 - $x(t, r)$ the horizontal position of robot r at time t
 - $\text{color}(t, r)$ the current color of robot r at time t . 1 = white, 0 = black
 - $\text{stock0}(t, r)$ the current stock of black paint of robot r at time t
 - $\text{stock1}(t, r)$ the current stock of white paint of robot r at time t
- Actions of the robot
 - $\text{paint}(t, r) = 1$ if robot r is painting at time t
 - $\text{move}(t, r) = 1$ if robot r is moving at time t
 - $\text{switch}(t, r) = 1$ if robot r is switching color at time t

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| $\min t^*$ | |
| such that $\sum_{i,j} \text{cell}(i, j, t^*) = nm$ | Complete board |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) + \text{move}(t, r) + \text{switch}(t, r) \leq 1 \quad \forall t, r$ | One action at a time |
| $\text{cell}(x(t, r), y(t, r), t) = 0 \quad \forall t, r$ | Not stand on paint |
| $x(t, r) = x(t, r') \Rightarrow y(t, r) \neq y(t, r') \quad \forall r, r' \neq r$ | One robot per cell – 1 |
| $y(t, r) = y(t, r') \Rightarrow x(t, r) \neq x(t, r') \quad \forall r, r' \neq r$ | One robot per cell – 2 |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{painting}(x(t, r), y(t, r) + 1, t, r) + \text{painting}(x(t, r), y(t, r) - 1, t, r) = 1 \quad \forall t, r$ | Painting update |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{i,j} \text{painting}(i, j, t, r) = 1 \quad \forall t, r$ | Painting only one cell |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{painting}(i, j, t, r) = 0 \quad \forall i, j, t, r$ | Not painting |
| $\text{cell}(i, j, t) = 0 \text{ and } \sum_r \text{painting}(i, j, t, r) \geq 1 \Rightarrow \text{cell}(i, j, t + 1) = 1 \quad \forall i, j, t$ | Cells update |
| $\text{cell}(i, j, t) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{cell}(i, j, t + 1) = 1 \quad \forall i, j, t$ | Stay painted |
| $\text{cell}(i, j, t) = 0 \text{ and } \sum_r \text{painting}(i, j, t, r) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{cell}(i, j, t + 1) = 0 \quad \forall i, j, t$ | Not painted |
| $\text{move}(t, r) = 1 \Rightarrow y(t + 1, r) - y(t, r) + x(t + 1, r) - x(t, r) = 1 \quad \forall t, r$ | Moving |
| $\text{move}(t, r) = 0 \Rightarrow y(t + 1, r) - y(t, r) + x(t + 1, r) - x(t, r) = 0 \quad \forall t, r$ | Not moving |
| $\text{switch}(t, r) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{color}(t + 1, r) - \text{color}(t, r) = 1 \quad \forall t, r$ | Switching colors |
| $\text{switch}(t, r) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{color}(t + 1, r) = \text{color}(t, r) \quad \forall t, r$ | Not switching |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) = 1 \text{ and } \text{color}(t, r) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{stock0}(t + 1, r) = \text{stock0}(t, r) - 1$ and $\text{stock1}(t + 1, r) = \text{stock1}(t, r) \quad \forall t, r$ | Decrement black stock |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) = 1 \text{ and } \text{color}(t, r) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{stock1}(t + 1, r) = \text{stock1}(t, r) - 1$ and $\text{stock0}(t + 1, r) = \text{stock0}(t, r) \quad \forall t, r$ | Decrement white stock |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{stock0}(t + 1, r) = \text{stock0}(t, r)$ and $\text{stock0}(t + 1, r) = \text{stock0}(t, r) \quad \forall t, r$ | Constant stocks |
| $\text{paint}(t, r) = 1 \text{ and } \text{color}(t, r) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{pattern}(x(t, r) + 1, y(t, r)) = \text{color}(t, r) \quad \forall t, r$ | Respect pattern |
| $1 \leq y(t, r) \leq n, \quad 1 \leq x(t, r) \leq m \quad \forall t, r$ | Stay inside the board |
| $t^*, y(t, r), x(t, r), \text{stock0}(t, r), \text{stock1}(t, r) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \forall t, r$ | Integer variables |
| $\text{cell}(i, j, t), \text{painting}(i, j, t, r), \text{color}(t, r), \text{paint}(t, r), \text{move}(t, r), \text{switch}(t, r) \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, j, t, r$ | Binary variables |

Note that we also need to add the initial conditions for the robots, we did it for the implementation (see section C), but we omitted them here to avoid overloading the formulation.

C AMPL code

C.1 Floortile 1D, 1 robot

You will find below the data, model and running files that we used for the optimisation of 1 robot in a 1D board.

```

1 # Floortile problem
2 # 1 robot, 1D
3
4 param n := 3; # nb rows
5 param T := 12; # time max

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6 param initialStock0 = 1;
7 param initialStock1 = 2;
8 param pattern := 1 1
9             2 0
10            3 1;

```

```

1 # Floortile problem
2 # 1 robot, 1D
3
4 ### PARAMETERS ###
5
6 param n; # nb rows
7 param T; # time max
8 param pattern{i in 1..n};
9 param initialStock0;
10 param initialStock1;
11
12 ### VARIABLES ###
13
14 var tstar integer ≥ 1; # time needed for complete board
15 var cell{i in 1..n, t in 1..T} binary; # 0 = not painted, 1 = painted
16
17 # State of the robot
18 var y{t in 1..T} integer ≥ 0, ≤ n;
19 var color{t in 1..T} binary; # 0 = black, 1 = white
20 var stock0 {t in 1..T} integer ≥ 0; # stock of black color
21 var stock1 {t in 1..T} integer ≥ 0; # stock of white color
22
23 # Actions of the robot, 1 = doing this action
24 var paint{t in 1..T-1} binary;
25 var move{t in 1..T-1} binary;
26 var switch{t in 1..T-1} binary;
27
28 ### OBJECTIVE ###
29
30 minimize objective: tstar;
31
32 ### CONSTRAINTS ###
33
34 subject to BoardComplete:
35     exists{t in 1..T} (sum{i in 1..n} cell[i,t] = n and t = tstar);
36
37 subject to OneAction {t in 1..T-1}:
38     paint[t] + move[t] + switch[t] ≤ 1;
39
40 subject to NotStandOnPaint {t in 1..T}:
41     y[t] ≥ 1 ==> exists{i in 1..n} (cell[i,t] = 0 and y[t] = i);
42
43 # Initial conditions
44 subject to InitialY:
45     y[1] = 0;
46 subject to InitialColor:
47     color[1] = 0;
48 subject to InitialBoard {i in 1..n}:
49     cell[i,1] = 0;
50 subject to InitialStock0:
51     stock0[1] = initialStock0;
52 subject to InitialStock1:
53     stock1[1] = initialStock1;
54
55 # Cells update
56 subject to PaintingY0 {t in 1..T-1}:
57     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 0 ==> cell[1,t+1] = 1 + cell[1,t];
58 subject to PaintingY1 {t in 1..T-1}:
59     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 1 ==> cell[2,t+1] = 1 + cell[2,t];
60 subject to PaintingYn {t in 1..T-1}:
61     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = n ==> cell[n-1,t+1] = 1 + cell[n-1,t];
62 subject to PaintingYinside {t in 1..T-1}:
63     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] ≥ 2 and y[t] ≤ n-1 ==>
64     exists{i in 2..n-1} (cell[i-1,t+1] + cell[i+1,t+1] = 1 + cell[i-1,t] + cell[i+1,t] and i = y[t]);
65 subject to PaintingOthersRemainTheSame {i in 1..n, t in 1..T-1}:
66     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] <> i-1 and y[t] <> i+1 ==> cell[i,t+1] = cell[i,t];
67 subject to NotPainting {i in 1..n, t in 1..T-1}:
68     paint[t] = 0 ==> cell[i,t+1] = cell[i,t];

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69
70 # Position update
71 subject to Moving {t in 1..T-1}:
72     move[t] = 1 ==> abs(y[t+1] - y[t]) = 1;
73 subject to NotMovingY {t in 1..T-1}:
74     move[t] = 0 ==> y[t+1] = y[t];
75
76 # Color update
77 subject to Switching {t in 1..T-1}:
78     switch[t] = 1 ==> abs(color[t+1] - color[t]) = 1;
79 subject to NotSwitching {t in 1..T-1}:
80     switch[t] = 0 ==> color[t+1] = color[t];
81
82 # Stock update
83 subject to DecrementStock0 {t in 1..T-1}:
84     paint[t] = 1 and color[t] = 0 ==> stock0[t+1] = stock0[t] - 1 and stock1[t+1] = stock1[t];
85 subject to DecrementStock1 {t in 1..T-1}:
86     paint[t] = 1 and color[t] = 1 ==> stock1[t+1] = stock1[t] - 1 and stock0[t+1] = stock0[t];
87 subject to StockRemainsSame {t in 1..T-1}:
88     paint[t] = 0 ==> stock0[t+1] = stock0[t] and stock1[t+1] = stock1[t];
89
90 # Respect the pattern
91 subject to RespectPatternUp {t in 1..T-1}:
92     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] ≤ n-1 ==> exists{i in 0..n-1} (color[t] = pattern[i+1] and i = y[t]);
93 subject to RespectPatternDown {t in 1..T-1}:
94     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = n ==> color[t] = pattern[n-1];

```

```

1 # Floortile problem
2 # 1 robot, 1D
3
4 reset;
5 model floortile1D.mod;
6 data floortile1D.dat;
7
8 option solver ilogcp;
9 printf "\n** Before solve **\n\n";
10 solve;
11
12 printf "\n** Results**\n\n", n;
13 display y;
14 display stock0;
15 display stock1;
16 display color;
17 display move;
18 display paint;
19 display switch;
20 display cell;
21 display _ampl_elapsed_time;
22 printf "\n ** For 1D floortile, with %g cells and 1 robot : **\n", n;
23 printf "==> Board complete after %g time steps\n\n", tstar;

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C.2 Floortile 2D, 1 robot

You will find below the data, model and running files that we used for the optimisation of 1 robot in a 2D board.

```

1 # Floortile problem
2 # 1 robot, 2D
3
4 param n := 2; # nb rows
5 param m := 2; # nb cols
6 param T := 12; # time max
7 param initialStock0 = 2;
8 param initialStock1 = 2;
9 param pattern: 1 2 :=
10     1 1 0
11     2 0 1;

```

```

1 # Floortile problem

```



```

2 # 1 robot, 2D
3
4 ### PARAMETERS ###
5
6 param n; # nb rows
7 param m; # nb cols
8 param T; # time max
9 param pattern{i in 1..n, j in 1..m};
10 param initialStock0;
11 param initialStock1;
12
13 ### VARIABLES ###
14
15 var tstar integer ≥ 1; # time needed for complete board
16 var cell{i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T} binary; # 0 = not painted, 1 = painted
17
18 # State of the robot
19 var y{t in 1..T} integer ≥ 0, ≤ n;
20 var x{t in 1..T} integer ≥ 1, ≤ m;
21 var color{t in 1..T} binary; # 0 = black, 1 = white
22 var stock0 {t in 1..T} integer ≥ 0; # stock of black color
23 var stock1 {t in 1..T} integer ≥ 0; # stock of white color
24
25 # Actions of the robot, 1 = doing this action
26 var paint{t in 1..T-1} binary;
27 var move{t in 1..T-1} binary;
28 var switch{t in 1..T-1} binary;
29
30 ### OBJECTIVE ###
31
32 minimize cost: tstar;
33
34 ### CONSTRAINTS ###
35
36 subject to BoardComplete:
37     exists{t in 1..T} (sum{i in 1..n, j in 1..m} cell[i,j,t] = n*m and t = tstar);
38
39 subject to OneAction {t in 1..T-1}:
40     paint[t] + move[t] + switch[t] ≤ 1;
41
42 subject to NotStandOnPaint {t in 1..T}:
43     y[t] ≥ 1 ==> exists{i in 1..n, j in 1..m} (cell[i,j,t] = 0 and y[t] = i and x[t] = j);
44
45 # Initial conditions
46 subject to InitialY:
47     y[1] = 0;
48 subject to InitialX:
49     x[1] = 1;
50 subject to InitialColor:
51     color[1] = 0;
52 subject to InitialBoard {i in 1..n, j in 1..m}:
53     cell[i,j,1] = 0;
54 subject to InitialStock0:
55     stock0[1] = initialStock0;
56 subject to InitialStock1:
57     stock1[1] = initialStock1;
58
59 # Cells update
60 subject to Painting01 {t in 1..T-1}:
61     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 0 and x[t] = 1 ==> cell[1,1,t+1] = 1 + cell[1,1,t];
62 subject to Painting02 {t in 1..T-1}:
63     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 0 and x[t] = 2 ==> cell[1,2,t+1] = 1 + cell[1,2,t];
64 subject to Painting11 {t in 1..T-1}:
65     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 1 and x[t] = 1 ==> cell[2,1,t+1] = 1 + cell[2,1,t];
66 subject to Painting12 {t in 1..T-1}:
67     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 1 and x[t] = 2 ==> cell[2,2,t+1] = 1 + cell[2,2,t];
68 subject to Painting21 {t in 1..T-1}:
69     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 2 and x[t] = 1 ==> cell[1,1,t+1] = 1 + cell[1,1,t];
70 subject to Painting22 {t in 1..T-1}:
71     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = 2 and x[t] = 2 ==> cell[1,2,t+1] = 1 + cell[1,2,t];
72 subject to PaintingOthersRemainTheSame {i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T-1}:
73     paint[t] = 1 and ((y[t] <> i-1 and y[t] <> i+1) or x[t] <> j) ==> cell[i,j,t+1] = cell[i,j,t];
74 subject to NotPainting {i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T-1}:
75     paint[t] = 0 ==> cell[i,j,t+1] = cell[i,j,t];
76
77 # Position update

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78 subject to Moving {t in 1..T-1}:
79     move[t] = 1 ==> abs(y[t+1] - y[t]) + abs(x[t+1] - x[t]) = 1;
80 subject to NotMoving {t in 1..T-1}:
81     move[t] = 0 ==> y[t+1] = y[t] and x[t+1] = x[t];
82
83 # Color update
84 subject to Switching {t in 1..T-1}:
85     switch[t] = 1 ==> abs(color[t+1] - color[t]) = 1;
86 subject to NotSwitching {t in 1..T-1}:
87     switch[t] = 0 ==> color[t+1] = color[t];
88
89 # Stock update
90 subject to DecrementStock0 {t in 1..T-1}:
91     paint[t] = 1 and color[t] = 0 ==> stock0[t+1] = stock0[t] - 1 and stock1[t+1] = stock1[t];
92 subject to DecrementStock1 {t in 1..T-1}:
93     paint[t] = 1 and color[t] = 1 ==> stock1[t+1] = stock1[t] - 1 and stock0[t+1] = stock0[t];
94 subject to StockRemainsSame {t in 1..T-1}:
95     paint[t] = 0 ==> stock0[t+1] = stock0[t] and stock1[t+1] = stock1[t];
96
97 # Respect the pattern
98 subject to RespectPatternUp {t in 1..T-1}:
99     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] ≤ n-1 ==>
100         exists{i in 0..n-1, j in 1..m} (color[t] = pattern[i+1,j] and i = y[t] and j = x[t]);
101 subject to RespectPatternDown {t in 1..T-1}:
102     paint[t] = 1 and y[t] = n ==> exists{j in 1..m} (color[t] = pattern[n-1,j] and j = x[t]);

```

```

1 # Floortile problem
2 # 1 robot, 2D
3
4 reset;
5 model floortile2D.mod;
6 data floortile2D.dat;
7
8 option solver ilogcp;
9 printf "\n** Before solve **\n\n";
10 solve;
11
12 printf "\n** Results**\n\n", n;
13 display x;
14 display y;
15 display stock0;
16 display stock1;
17 display color;
18 display move;
19 display paint;
20 display switch;
21 display cell;
22 display _ampl_elapsed_time;
23 printf "\n ** For 2D floortile, with %g x %g cells and 1 robot : **\n", n, m;
24 printf "==> Board complete after %g time steps\n", tstar;

```

C.3 Floortile 2D, 2 robots

You will find below the data, model and running files that we used for the optimisation of 2 robots in a 2D board.

```

1 # Floortile problem
2 # 2 robots, 2D
3
4 param n := 2; # nb rows
5 param m := 2; # nb cols
6 param T := 7; # time max
7 param R := 2; # nb robots
8 param initialStock0 := 1 2
9                     2 2;
10 param initialStock1 := 1 2
11                     2 2;
12 param pattern: 1 2 :=
13               1 1 0
14               2 0 1;

```

```

1 # Floortile problem
2 # 2 robots, 2D
3
4 ### PARAMETERS ###
5
6 param n; # nb rows
7 param m; # nb cols
8 param T; # time max
9 param R; # nb robots
10 param pattern{i in 1..n, j in 1..m};
11 param initialStock0{r in 1..R};
12 param initialStock1{r in 1..R};
13
14 ### VARIABLES ###
15
16 var tstar integer ≥ 1; # time needed for complete board
17 var cell{i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T} binary; # 0 = not painted, 1 = painted
18 var painting{i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T, r in 1..R} binary; # 1 = r is painting (i,j) at ...
    time t
19
20 # State of the robot
21 var y{t in 1..T, r in 1..R} integer ≥ 0, ≤ n;
22 var x{t in 1..T, r in 1..R} integer ≥ 1, ≤ m;
23 var color{t in 1..T, r in 1..R} binary; # 0 = black, 1 = white
24 var stock0 {t in 1..T, r in 1..R} integer ≥ 0; # stock of black color
25 var stock1 {t in 1..T, r in 1..R} integer ≥ 0; # stock of white color
26
27 # Actions of the robot, 1 = doing this action
28 var paint{t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R} binary;
29 var move{t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R} binary;
30 var switch{t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R} binary;
31
32 ### OBJECTIVE ###
33
34 minimize objective: tstar - sum{i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R} painting[i,j,t,r];
35
36 ### CONSTRAINTS ###
37
38 subject to BoardComplete:
39     exists{t in 1..T} (sum{i in 1..n, j in 1..m} cell[i,j,t] = n*m and t = tstar);
40
41 subject to OneAction {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
42     paint[t,r] + move[t,r] + switch[t,r] ≤ 1;
43
44 subject to NotStandOnPaint {t in 1..T, r in 1..R}:
45     y[t,r] ≥ 1 ==> exists{i in 1..n, j in 1..m} (cell[i,j,t] = 0 and y[t,r] = i and x[t,r] = j);
46
47 subject to OneRobotPerCellX {t in 1..T}:
48     x[t,1] = x[t,2] ==> y[t,1] <> y[t,2];
49 subject to OneRobotPerCellY {t in 1..T}:
50     y[t,1] = y[t,2] ==> x[t,1] <> x[t,2];
51
52 # Initial conditions
53 subject to InitialY:
54     y[1,1] = 0 and y[1,2] = 0;
55 subject to InitialX:
56     x[1,1] = 1 and x[1,2] = 2;
57 subject to InitialColor{r in 1..R}:
58     color[1,r] = 0;
59 subject to InitialBoard {i in 1..n, j in 1..m}:
60     cell[i,j,1] = 0;
61 subject to InitialStock0{r in 1..R}:
62     stock0[1,r] = initialStock0[r];
63 subject to InitialStock1{r in 1..R}:
64     stock1[1,r] = initialStock1[r];
65
66 # Paintings
67 subject to Painting01 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
68     paint[t,r] = 1 and y[t,r] = 0 and x[t,r] = 1 ==> painting[1,1,t,r] = 1;
69 subject to Painting02 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
70     paint[t,r] = 1 and y[t,r] = 0 and x[t,r] = 2 ==> painting[1,2,t,r] = 1;
71 subject to Painting11 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
72     paint[t,r] = 1 and y[t,r] = 1 and x[t,r] = 1 ==> painting[2,1,t,r] = 1;
73 subject to Painting12 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
74     paint[t,r] = 1 and y[t,r] = 1 and x[t,r] = 2 ==> painting[2,2,t,r] = 1;

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75 subject to Painting21 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
76     paint[t,r] = 1 and y[t,r] = 2 and x[t,r] = 1 ==> painting[1,1,t,r] = 1;
77 subject to Painting22 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
78     paint[t,r] = 1 and y[t,r] = 2 and x[t,r] = 2 ==> painting[1,2,t,r] = 1;
79 subject to PaintOnlyOne {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
80     paint[t,r] = 1 ==> sum{i in 1..n, j in 1..m} painting[i,j,t,r] = 1;
81 subject to NotPainting {i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
82     paint[t,r] = 0 ==> painting[i,j,t,r] = 0;
83
84 # Cells update
85 subject to UpdateCells {i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T-1}:
86     cell[i,j,t] = 0 and sum{r in 1..R} painting[i,j,t,r] ≥ 1 ==> cell[i,j,t+1] = 1;
87 subject to NotUpdateCells {i in 1..n, j in 1..m, t in 1..T-1}:
88     cell[i,j,t] = 0 and sum{r in 1..R} painting[i,j,t,r] = 0 ==> cell[i,j,t+1] = 0;
89
90 # Position update
91 subject to Moving {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
92     move[t,r] = 1 ==> abs(y[t+1,r] - y[t,r]) + abs(x[t+1,r] - x[t,r]) = 1;
93 subject to NotMoving {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
94     move[t,r] = 0 ==> y[t+1,r] = y[t,r] and x[t+1,r] = x[t,r];
95
96 # Color update
97 subject to Switching {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
98     switch[t,r] = 1 ==> abs(color[t+1,r] - color[t,r]) = 1;
99 subject to NotSwitching {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
100     switch[t,r] = 0 ==> color[t+1,r] = color[t,r];
101
102 # Stock update
103 subject to DecrementStock0 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
104     paint[t,r] = 1 and color[t,r] = 0 ==> stock0[t+1,r] = stock0[t,r] - 1 and stock1[t+1,r] = ...
105     stock1[t,r];
106 subject to DecrementStock1 {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
107     paint[t,r] = 1 and color[t,r] = 1 ==> stock1[t+1,r] = stock1[t,r] - 1 and stock0[t+1,r] = ...
108     stock0[t,r];
109 subject to StockRemainsSame {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
110     paint[t,r] = 0 ==> stock0[t+1,r] = stock0[t,r] and stock1[t+1,r] = stock1[t,r];
111
112 # Respect the pattern
113 subject to RespectPattern {t in 1..T-1, r in 1..R}:
114     paint[t,r] = 1 and y[t,r] ≤ n-1 ==>
115     exists{i in 0..n-1, j in 1..m} (color[t,r] = pattern[i+1,j] and i = y[t,r] and j = x[t,r]);

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1 # Floortile problem
2 # 2 robots, 2D
3
4 reset;
5 model floortile2D2.mod;
6 data floortile2D2.dat;
7
8 option solver ilogcp;
9 printf "\n** Before solve **\n\n";
10 solve;
11
12 printf "\n** Results**\n\n", n;
13 display x;
14 display y;
15 display stock0;
16 display stock1;
17 display color;
18 display move;
19 display paint;
20 display switch;
21 display cell;
22 display _ampl_elapsed_time;
23 printf "\n ** For 2D floortile, with %g x %g cells and 2 robots : **\n", n, m;
24 printf "==> Board complete after %g time steps\n\n", tstar;

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D PDDL code

D.1 Main.py

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1 """
2 DD2380 ail7 HT17-2 : (Artificial Intelligence) Floortile planning project
3 File: main.py (Main file)
4 Authors: Antonie Legat, Anna Hedström, Sandra Pic , David Vega
5 12th October 2017
6 """
7 from copy import copy, deepcopy
8 import datetime as time
9 import numpy as np
10 import parse as p
11 import Interface as gui
12
13 robot1 = []
14 robot2 = []
15 robots = []
16 state = []
17 target = []
18 columns = 0
19 rows = 0
20
21
22 #Path as a global variable
23 path = []
24
25 # Sequence
26 sequenceStates = []
27
28 # Robots
29 sequenceRobots = []
30
31 # Keeping track during DP
32 sequenceMovements = []
33
34 ## trying all the possible combinations between N robots
35 def getSequence(robots, index, currState, seqMov, seqRobots, target):
36     if(index == len(robots)):
37         global sequenceStates, sequenceRobots, sequenceMovements
38         sequenceMovements.append(seqMov)
39         sequenceStates.append(currState)
40         sequenceRobots.append(seqRobots)
41         return
42     possibles, movement = getPossiblesFOC_ClearCells(robots[index], currState, target)
43     for i in range(len(possibles)):
44         auxMov = deepcopy(seqMov)
45         auxMov.append("Robot"+str(index+1) + ": " +str(movement[i]))
46         auxRobots= deepcopy(seqRobots)
47         auxRobots.append(possibles[i][0])
48         getSequence(robots, index+1, possibles[i][1], auxMov, auxRobots, target)
49     return
50
51 ## this functions checks all the possible actions that we can take for a given robot and an state
52 ## target it's our goal, we want to paint with the colors that we should
53 def moveRobot(robot, dx, dy):
54     return [[robot[0][0] + dx, robot[0][1] + dy], robot[1], robot[2], robot[3]]
55
56 def removePaint(robot, d1, d2):
57     return [robot[0], robot[1], robot[2] - d1, robot[3] - d2]
58
59 def changePaint(robot, change):
60     return [robot[0], change, robot[2], robot[3]]
61
62
63 """ Generate the next possibles states taking into account the preconditions and also the Forced ...
64 Ordering Constraints.
65 In this case, this function is used when the pattern has some clear cells in the target.
66 @robot - robot information defined as: [ [x,y], color, color1Remaining, color2Remaining]
67 @state - matrix that defines the current state configuration
68 @target - matrix that defines the target configuration
69 """
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69 def getPossiblesFOC_ClearCells(robot, state, target):
70
71     s = []
72     states = []
73
74     #If the robot wants to move in an existing position and the position of this particular state ...
75     #is clear..
76     if ((robot[0][1] + 1) < len(state) and state[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] == 0):
77         row = robot[0][1]
78         column = robot[0][0]
79         painted = True
80         #Priorizing
81         #Forced ordering constraints.
82         if (row != 0):
83             for i in range(0, row):
84                 for j in range(0, columns):
85                     #If there is non-painted cell
86                     if ((state[i][j] != 2) and (state[i][j] != 1)):
87                         #If is really need to be painted...
88                         if ((target[i][j] == 2) or (target[i][j] == 1)):
89                             painted = False
90         if (painted == True):
91             s.append("down")
92             aux = deepcopy(state)
93             aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
94             aux[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] = 3
95             states.append([moveRobot(robot, 0, 1), aux])
96
97     #If the robot wants to move in an existing position and the position of this particular state ...
98     #is clear..
99     if ((robot[0][1] - 1) ≥ 0 and state[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] == 0):
100         s.append("up")
101         aux = deepcopy(state)
102         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
103         aux[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] = 3
104         states.append([moveRobot(robot, 0, -1), aux])
105
106     #If the robot wants to move in an existing position and the position of this particular state ...
107     #is clear..
108     if ((robot[0][0] + 1) < len(state[0]) and state[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] + 1] == 0):
109         s.append("right")
110         aux = deepcopy(state)
111         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
112         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] + 1] = 3
113         states.append([moveRobot(robot, 1, 0), aux])
114
115     #If the robot wants to move in an existing position and the position of this particular ...
116     #state is clear..
117     if ((robot[0][0] - 1) ≥ 0 and state[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] - 1] == 0):
118         s.append("left")
119         aux = deepcopy(state)
120         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
121         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] - 1] = 3
122         states.append([moveRobot(robot, -1, 0), aux])
123
124     ## if its possible to move up / we have paint / we need to paint it like that / and the "up"- ...
125     #row is already painted..
126     if (("up") in s and robot[1] + robot[1]] > 0 and target[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] == ...
127         robot[1]):
128         #Where you want to paint
129         row_robot = robot[0][1]-1
130         column_robot = robot[0][0]
131         painted = True
132         if (row_robot != 0):
133             for i in range(0, row_robot):
134                 for j in range(0, columns):
135                     if ((state[i][j] != 2) and (state[i][j] != 1)):
136                         #And its really needed to paint there..
137                         if ((target[i][j] == 2) or (target[i][j] == 1)):
138                             painted = False
139         if (painted == True):
140             s.append("paint_up")
141             aux = deepcopy(state)
142             aux[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] = robot[1]
143             d1 = d2 = 0
144             if (robot[1] == 1):

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139         d1 = 1
140     else:
141         d2 = 1
142         states.append([removePaint(robot, d1, d2), aux])
143     ## todo append SAT for painting
144     if(robot[ robot[1] + 1 ] > 0):
145         if(robot[1] == 1):
146             auxR = changePaint(robot,2)
147             s.append("change_paint_black")
148         else:
149             auxR = changePaint(robot,1)
150             s.append("change_paint_white")
151         states.append([auxR, state])
152     s.append("still")
153     states.append( [robot, state])
154     return states, s
155
156
157 """ Generate the next possibles states taking into account the preconditions and also the Forced ...
158 Ordering Constraints.
159 In this case, the algorithm is much more effected because a lot of braches are pruned. The ...
160 action paint_down is not considered.
161 @robot - robot information defined as: [ [x,y], color, color1Remaining, color2Remaining]
162 @state - matrix that defines the current state configuration
163 @target - matrix that defines the target configuration
164 """
165 def getPossiblesFOC(robot, state, target):
166     s = []
167     states = []
168
169     #If its possible to go down...
170     if ((robot[0][1] + 1) < len(state) and state[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] == 0):
171         row = robot[0][1]
172         column = robot[0][0]
173         painted = True
174         #Check if you are not in the top row and if you have tiles to paint up you.
175         if (row != 0):
176             for i in range(0,row):
177                 for j in range(0, columns):
178                     if ((state[i][j] != 2) and (state[i][j] != 1)):
179                         painted = False
180
181         #You can only go down if you don't have any non-painted tile up to you. (Forced Ordering ...
182         Constraints)
183         if (painted == True):
184             s.append("down")
185             aux = deepcopy(state)
186             aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
187             aux[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] = 3
188             states.append([moveRobot(robot, 0, 1), aux])
189
190     if ((robot[0][1] - 1) >= 0 and state[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] == 0):
191         s.append("up")
192         aux = deepcopy(state)
193         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
194         aux[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] = 3
195         states.append([moveRobot(robot, 0, -1), aux])
196
197     if ((robot[0][0] + 1) < len(state[0]) and state[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] + 1] == 0):
198         s.append("right")
199         aux = deepcopy(state)
200         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
201         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] + 1] = 3
202         states.append([moveRobot(robot, 1, 0), aux])
203
204     if ((robot[0][0] - 1) >= 0 and state[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] - 1] == 0):
205         s.append("left")
206         aux = deepcopy(state)
207         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
208         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] - 1] = 3
209         states.append([moveRobot(robot, -1, 0), aux])
210
211     ## if up is clear / we have paint / we need to paint it like that / and the "up"- row is ...
212     already painted..
213     if (("up") in s and robot[1 + robot[1]] > 0 and target[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] == ...
214         robot[1]):

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210     #Where you want to paint
211     row_robot = robot[0][1]-1
212     column_robot = robot[0][0]
213     painted = True
214     #If you want to paint, check if there is any other tile non-painted up to you.
215     if (row_robot != 0):
216         for i in range(0,row_robot):
217             for j in range(0,columns):
218                 if ((state[i][j] != 2) and (state[i][j] != 1)):
219                     painted = False
220     if (painted == True):
221         s.append("paint_up")
222         aux = deepcopy(state)
223         aux[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] = robot[1]
224         d1 = d2 = 0
225         if (robot[1] == 1):
226             d1 = 1
227         else:
228             d2 = 1
229         states.append([removePaint(robot, d1, d2), aux])
230
231     #Change color if available.
232     if(robot[ robot[1] + 1 ] >0):
233         if(robot[1] == 1):
234             auxR = changePaint(robot,2)
235             s.append("change_paint_black")
236         else:
237             auxR = changePaint(robot,1)
238             s.append("change_paint_white")
239         states.append([auxR, state])
240     s.append("still")
241     states.append( [robot, state])
242     return states, s
243
244
245
246     """ Generate the next possibles states taking into account the preconditions.
247     Generate all the possibles nextStates without Forced Ordering Constraints
248     @robot - robot information defined as: [ [x,y], color, color1Remaining, color2Remaining]
249     @state - matrix that defines the current state configuration
250     @target - matrix that defines the target configuration
251     """
252 def getPossibles(robot, state, target):
253
254     s = []
255     states = []
256
257
258     """
259     ## For actions: down, up, right, left, can be considered as a possible action if:
260     ## The adjacent cell exists (where you want to move) and if it's clear ( no robot, no ...
261     ## painted )
262     ## exists -> it's in the bounds of the board
263     """
264     if ((robot[0][1] + 1) < len(state) and state[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] == 0):
265         s.append("down")
266         aux = deepcopy(state)
267         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
268         aux[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] = 3
269         states.append([moveRobot(robot, 0, 1), aux])
270
271     if ((robot[0][1] - 1) ≥ 0 and state[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] == 0):
272         s.append("up")
273         aux = deepcopy(state)
274         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
275         aux[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] = 3
276         states.append([moveRobot(robot, 0, -1), aux])
277
278     if ((robot[0][0] + 1) < len(state[0]) and state[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] + 1] == 0):
279         s.append("right")
280         aux = deepcopy(state)
281         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
282         aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] + 1] = 3
283         states.append([moveRobot(robot, 1, 0), aux])
284
285     if ((robot[0][0] - 1) ≥ 0 and state[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] - 1] == 0):

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285     s.append("left")
286     aux = deepcopy(state)
287     aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0]] = 0
288     aux[robot[0][1]][robot[0][0] - 1] = 3
289     states.append([moveRobot(robot, -1, 0), aux])
290
291
292     ## To execute paint_up, the preconditions that must happen are:
293     ## if up is clear( we can execute up action) / we have enough amount of paint / we need to ...
294     ## paint it like that (as target defines)
295     if (("up") in s and robot[1 + robot[1]] > 0 and target[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] == ...
296         robot[1]):
297         s.append("paint_up")
298         aux = deepcopy(state)
299         aux[robot[0][1] - 1][robot[0][0]] = robot[1]
300         d1 = d2 = 0
301         if (robot[1] == 1):
302             d1 = 1
303         else:
304             d2 = 1
305         states.append([removePaint(robot, d1, d2), aux])
306
307     if (("down") in s and robot[1 + robot[1]] > 0 and target[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] == ...
308         robot[1]):
309         s.append("paint_down")
310         aux = deepcopy(state)
311         aux[robot[0][1] + 1][robot[0][0]] = robot[1]
312         d1 = d2 = 0
313         if (robot[1] == 1):
314             d1 = 1
315         else:
316             d2 = 1
317         states.append([removePaint(robot, d1, d2), aux])
318
319     ## If the robot wants to paint , we need to check that is possible ( enough amount of paint )
320     if(robot[ robot[1] + 1 ] > 0):
321         if(robot[1] == 1):
322             auxR = changePaint(robot,2)
323             s.append("change_paint_black")
324         else:
325             auxR = changePaint(robot,1)
326             s.append("change_paint_white")
327         states.append([auxR, state])
328
329     s.append("still")
330     states.append( [robot, state])
331     return states, s
332
333
334 """ Forward Search algorithm to solve the problem
335 This is the first version that we did to solve the problem. It only works with 2 robots.
336 @how_many_robots - integer that define how many robots we have in the state.
337 @robots - list of robots defined as [ [x,y], color, color1Remaining, color2Remaining]
338 @iniState - matrix that defines the initial configuration
339 @target - matrix that defines the target configuration
340 """
341
342 def solve_2robots(how_many_robots,robots, iniState, target):
343     # using list as queue and dictionary as hashmap
344     q = []
345     visited = {}
346     # initializing the queue for the BFS
347     # the state it's represented as current state of robots
348     # current state of the board
349     # and the list of movements
350     q.append([robots, iniState, []])
351     # Using np arrays because of comparison function between matrices
352     targetCheck = np.array(target)
353     # flag to check if we were able to achieve the target
354     done = False;
355     current = None
356     robotPossibles = []
357     robotMovement = []
358     index = []
359     for i in range(0,how_many_robots):
360         element = []
361         num = 0
362         robotPossibles.append(element)

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358         index.append(num)
359         robotMovement.append(element)
360
361     while q:
362         current = q[0]
363         q.pop(0)
364         currentCheck = np.array(current[1])
365         # converting the state to string for hashing
366         keyState = str(current[1])
367         KeyRobots = str(current[0])
368         # checking if we have been in this state before
369         value1 = visited.get(keyState)
370         value2 = visited.get(KeyRobots)
371         if value1 != None:
372             continue
373         # marking and hashing state
374         visited[keyState] = True
375         visited[KeyRobots] = True
376
377         # Checking if our current board it's our target
378         currentCheck[currentCheck == 3] = 0
379         if (currentCheck == targetCheck).all():
380             print(currentCheck)
381             print(current[2])
382             global path
383             path = current[2]
384             done = True
385             break;
386
387         # Get possibles for robot1 then try those as current States for robot2 and so on
388         # Only working with 2 robots.
389         robot1Possibles, movement1 = getPossiblesFOC_2(current[0][0], current[1], target)
390         index1 = 0
391         for possible1 in robot1Possibles:
392             robot2Possibles, movement2 = getPossiblesFOC_2(current[0][1], possible1[1], target)
393             index2 = 0
394             for possible2 in robot2Possibles:
395                 sequence = deepcopy(current[2])
396                 sequence.append("Robot1: " + movement1[index1])
397                 sequence.append("Robot2: " + movement2[index2])
398                 index2 += 1
399                 q.append([possible1[0], possible2[0], possible2[1], sequence])
400             index1 += 1
401     return done
402
403
404 """ Forward Search algorithm to solve the problem
405 @how_many_robots - integer that define how many robots we have in the state.
406 @robots - list of robots defined as [ [x,y], color, color1Remaining, color2Remaining]
407 @iniState - matrix that defines the initial configuration
408 @target - matrix that defines the target configuration
409 """
410 def solve_NRobots(how_many_robots, robots, iniState, target):
411
412     # using list as queue and dictionary as hashmap
413     q = []
414     visited = {}
415     # initializing the queue for the BFS
416     # the state it's represented as current state of robots
417     # current state of the board
418     # and the list of movements
419     q.append([robots, iniState, []])
420     # Using np arrays because of comparison function between matrices
421     targetCheck = np.array(target)
422     # flag to check if we were able to achieve the target
423     done = False;
424     current = None
425     robotPossibles = []
426     robotMovement = []
427     index = []
428     for i in range(0, how_many_robots):
429         element = []
430         num = 0
431         robotPossibles.append(element)
432         index.append(num)
433         robotMovement.append(element)

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434 while q:
435     current = q[0]
436     q.pop(0)
437     currentCheck = np.array(current[1])
438     ### converting the state to string for hashing
439     keyState = str(current[1])
440     KeyRobots = str(current[0])
441     ### checking if we have been in this state before
442     value1 = visited.get(keyState)
443     value2 = visited.get(KeyRobots)
444     if value1!= None:
445         continue
446     # marking and hashing state
447     visited[keyState] = True
448     visited[KeyRobots] = True
449
450     # Checking if our current board it's our target
451     currentCheck[currentCheck == 3] = 0
452     if (currentCheck == targetCheck).all():
453         print(currentCheck)
454         print(current[2])
455         global path
456         path = current[2]
457         done = True
458         break;
459
460     global sequenceRobots, sequenceStates, sequenceMovements
461     # Sequence
462     sequenceStates = []
463     # Robots
464     sequenceRobots = []
465     # Keeping track during DP
466     sequenceMovements = []
467
468     # Get possibles for all the robots.
469     # This algorithm works with N robots.
470     getSequence(current[0],0,current[1],[[],[]],target)
471     for i in range(len(sequenceStates)):
472         aux = deepcopy(current[2])
473         aux.extend(sequenceMovements[i])
474         q.append( [sequenceRobots[i], sequenceStates[i], aux] )
475 return done
476
477
478 """ Main function of the program:
479 - Take the information of the pddl.
480 - Solve the planning problem.
481 - Send the path into the graphics.
482 - Print the cpu time needed to find the optimal path.
483 """
484 if __name__ == '__main__':
485
486     #Actual time
487     a = time.datetime.now()
488     #Information from the PDDL file using parse.py. Robots information, the initial state and the ...
489     target state.
490     robots,state,target = p.main()
491     how_many_robots = len(robots)
492     for i in range(0,how_many_robots):
493         robots[i][1] +=1
494         robots[i][0][0] -=1
495     rows = len(state)
496     columns = len(state[0])
497     solution = False
498     #Solve and find the proper path
499     solution = solve_NRobots(how_many_robots,robots, state, target)
500     #Time needed
501     print("Time: ")
502     print(time.datetime.now() - a)
503     if (solution == True):
504         #We found a path. Needed to draw it.
505         print("Solved")
506         #Draw and simulate the path.
507         gui.Draw(robots,state,path)
508     else:
509         #No path found.

```

D.2 Parse.py

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1  """
2  DD2380 ail7 HT17-2 : (Artificial Intelligence) Floortile planning project
3  File: parse.py (Parsing information between pddl file and main file)
4  Authors: Antonie Legat, Anna Hedström, Sandra Pic , David Vega
5  12th October 2017
6  """
7
8  import pddlpy
9
10 #All the pddl files that you can choose
11 Algorithms_Problems = ['algo_case_1.pddl', 'algo_case_2.pddl']
12 Size_Problems = ['size_case_1.pddl', 'size_case_2.pddl', 'size_case_3.pddl', 'size_case_4.pddl', ...
13                 'size_case_5.pddl', 'size_case_6.pddl', 'size_case_7.pddl', 'size_case_8.pddl', ...
14                 'size_case_9.pddl', 'size_case_10.pddl']
15 Pattern_Problems = ['pattern_case_1.pddl', 'pattern_case_2.pddl']
16 Robots_Problems = ['robots_case_1.pddl', 'robots_case_2.pddl', 'robots_case_3.pddl']
17
18 """ Parsing the information of the pddl file using the pddlpy library.
19     Return the information of the pddl file (robots information, initial state and target state)
20 """
21 def main():
22     #All the robots will have 1000 availability of black color and white color.
23     amount = 1000
24     #Reading from the Domain and problem file.
25     domprob = pddlpy.DomainProblem('Domain.pddl', Size_Problems[5])
26     initRob = []
27     initState = []
28     targetState = []
29     max_robot = -300
30     #Checking how many robots we have in the pddl file
31     for o in domprob.initialstate():
32         if ((str(o)).split(',')[0] == "('robot-at'"):
33             robot = ((str(o)).split(',')[1])[7]
34             Row = ((str(o)).split(',')[2]).split('-')[0].split('_')[1]
35             Column = ((str(o)).split(',')[2]).split('-')[1].split('"')[0]
36             element = [(int(Column)), (int(Row))]
37
38             #In order to know how many robots we have
39             if (int(robot) > max_robot):
40                 max_robot = int(robot)
41
42     #Create a list with all the information from the robots.
43     for i in range(0, max_robot):
44         element = []
45         initRob.append(None)
46
47     #Look at the initial positions of the robot.
48     #Update the robots list.
49     for o in domprob.initialstate():
50         if ((str(o)).split(',')[0] == "('robot-at'"):
51             robot = ((str(o)).split(',')[1])[7]
52             Row = ((str(o)).split(',')[2]).split('-')[0].split('_')[1]
53             Column = ((str(o)).split(',')[2]).split('-')[1].split('"')[0]
54             element = [(int(Column)), (int(Row))]
55             element2 = []
56             element2.append(element)
57             element2.append(0)
58             element2.append(amount)
59             element2.append(amount)
60             initRob[int(robot)-1] = element2
61
62     #Look at which color has the robot.
63     for o in domprob.initialstate():
64         if ((str(o)).split(',')[0] == "('robot-has'"):
65             robot = ((str(o)).split(',')[1])[7]

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66         color = ((str(o)).split(',')[2])
67         if(str(color) == " 'black'"):
68             initRob[int(robot)-1][1]= 0
69         else:
70             initRob[int(robot)-1][1]= 1
71
72     max_column= -3000
73     max_rows= -3000
74     #How many columns and how many rows we have in this pddl file.
75     for o in domprob.worldobjects():
76         if ('tile') in o:
77             x,column = (str(o)).split('-')
78             if (int(column)>= int(max_column)):
79                 max_column = column
80             z,row = (str(x)).split('_')
81             if(int(row)>= int(max_rows)+1):
82                 max_rows = row
83
84     # Create the initial and the target state.
85     for i in range((int(max_rows)) +1):
86         list = []
87         list2= []
88         for j in range(int(max_column)):
89             list.append(0)
90             list2.append(0)
91         initState.append(list)
92         targetState.append(list2)
93
94     #Update the initState with the init robot positions.
95     for i in range(0,max_robot):
96         row_robot, column_robot = initRob[i][0]
97         initState[column_robot][row_robot-1] = 3
98
99     #Update the target state using the goals defined in the pddl file.
100    for g in domprob.goals():
101        goal_row = ((str(g)).split(',')[1]).split('-')[0]).split('_')[1]
102        goal_column = ((str(g)).split(',')[1]).split('-')[1]).split("'")[0]
103        goal_color = ((str(g)).split(',')[2])
104        if (str(goal_color) == " 'black'"):
105            num_color = 2
106        else:
107            num_color = 1
108
109        targetState[int(goal_row)-1][int(goal_column)-1] = int(num_color)
110
111    #return the robot information, the init state information and also the target State information
112    return initRob, initState, targetState

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D.3 Interface.py

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1  """
2  DD2380 ail7 HT17-2 : (Artificial Intelligence) Floortile planning project
3  File: Interface.py (Create the graphics )
4  Authors: Antonie Legat, Anna Hedström, Sandra Pic , David Vega
5  12th October 2017
6  """
7  import turtle
8
9  #Definition of robot's path color
10 #The maximum case that we tried is with 5 robots.
11 robot_path = ["orange","blue","pink","red","yellow"]
12 #Which color has de robot
13 robot_has_color = ["black","white","black","white","black"]
14
15 #Coordinates offset.
16 #(-200,300)
17 offsetX = -200
18 offsetY = -300
19
20
21 """ Update the information in order to be able to print the main grid.

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22     @robots - robot information defined as: [ [x,y], color, color1Remaining, color2Remaining]
23     @initialState - matrix that defines the initial state configuration
24     @how_many_robots - matrix that defines the target configuration
25     """
26 def setInitialData(robots,initialState,how_many_robots):
27
28     #How many rows and columns we have
29     total_rows = len(initialState)
30     total_columns = len(initialState[0])
31
32     robot_column = []
33     robot_row = []
34
35     for i in range(0,how_many_robots):
36         robot_row.append(0)
37         robot_column.append(0)
38
39     #Update the information for the robots
40     for i in range(0,how_many_robots):
41         robot_row[i] = robots[i][0][1]
42         robot_column[i] = robots[i][0][0]
43         color = robots[i][1]
44         if (color == 1):
45             robot_has_color[i] = "white"
46         else:
47             robot_has_color[i] = "black"
48
49     return robot_row, robot_column,total_rows,total_columns
50
51
52 """ Adapt the path received from the main file to a list that the graphs can interpret.
53 @data - path received from the solver algorithm.
54 @robot_row , robot_column, robot_has_color: initial configurations of the robots.
55 @total rows, total columns : to know how many data we need.
56 """
57 def GenerateData(data,robot_row,robot_column,robot_has_color,total_rows,total_columns):
58
59     """ This function returns the information path defined as:
60     [Action, parameter1, parameter2, parameter3, parameter4, parameter5]
61     Action {0 = Change-color, 1 = Paint-up, 2 = Paint-down, 3 = Up, 4 = Down, 5 = Right, 6 = ...
62           Left, 7 = Stop}"
63     Parameter1: {Number of the robot: 1, 2, 3,...N}
64     The rest of the parameters depend on the action:
65
66     Change-Color: [0,robot,color,0,0,0] - Color{0 = black, 1 = white}
67     Paint-up = [1,robot,row,column, 0,0,0]
68     Paint-down = [2,robot,row,column,0,0,0]
69     Up = [3,robot,row_initial,column_initial,row_final,column_final]
70     Down = [4,robot,row_initial,column_initial,row_final,column_final]
71     Right = [5,robot,row_initial,column_initial,row_final,column_final]
72     Left = [6,robot,row_initial,column_initial,row_final,column_final]
73     Stop = [7,robot,row,column,0,0,0]
74
75     """
76
77     list = []
78     #Analyzing all the information.
79     for i in data:
80         aux = []
81         robot, action = str(i).split(':')
82         r = str(robot).split(' ')
83         a= str(action).split()
84         n_robot = 0
85         if (str(robot) == 'Robot1'):
86             n_robot = 1
87         elif (str(robot) == 'Robot2'):
88             n_robot = 2
89         elif (str(robot) == 'Robot3'):
90             n_robot = 3
91         elif (str(robot) == 'Robot4'):
92             n_robot = 4
93         elif (str(robot) == 'Robot5'):
94             n_robot = 5
95         if (str(action) == ' paint_up'):
96             aux.append(1)
97             aux.append(n_robot)
98             row = robot_row[n_robot-1] -1

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97         column = robot_column[n_robot-1]
98         aux.append(row)
99         aux.append(column)
100         aux.append(0)
101         aux.append(0)
102         aux.append(0)
103     elif (str(action) == ' paint_down'):
104         aux.append(2)
105         aux.append(n_robot)
106         row = robot_row[n_robot] + 1
107         column = robot_column[n_robot]
108         aux.append(row)
109         aux.append(column)
110         aux.append(0)
111         aux.append(0)
112         aux.append(0)
113     elif (str(action) == ' up'):
114         aux.append(3)
115         aux.append(n_robot)
116         row = robot_row[n_robot-1]
117         column = robot_column[n_robot-1]
118         aux.append(row)
119         aux.append(column)
120         robot_row[n_robot-1] = robot_row[n_robot-1] -1
121         row = robot_row[n_robot-1]
122         aux.append(row)
123         aux.append(column)
124     elif (str(action) == ' down'):
125         aux.append(4)
126         aux.append(n_robot)
127         aux.append(robot_row[n_robot-1])
128         aux.append(robot_column[n_robot-1])
129         robot_row[n_robot-1] = robot_row[n_robot-1] + 1
130         aux.append(robot_row[n_robot-1])
131         aux.append(robot_column[n_robot-1])
132     elif (str(action) == ' right'):
133         aux.append(5)
134         aux.append(n_robot)
135         aux.append(robot_row[n_robot-1])
136         aux.append(robot_column[n_robot-1])
137         robot_column[n_robot-1] = robot_column[n_robot-1] +1
138         aux.append(robot_row[n_robot-1])
139         aux.append(robot_column[n_robot-1])
140     elif (str(action) == ' left'):
141         aux.append(6)
142         aux.append(n_robot)
143         aux.append(robot_row[n_robot-1])
144         aux.append(robot_column[n_robot-1])
145         robot_column[n_robot-1] = robot_column[n_robot-1] -1
146         aux.append(robot_row[n_robot-1])
147         aux.append(robot_column[n_robot-1])
148     elif (str(action) == ' change_paint_black'):
149         aux.append(0)
150         aux.append(n_robot)
151         aux.append(2)
152     elif (str(action) == ' change_paint_white'):
153         aux.append(0)
154         aux.append(n_robot)
155         aux.append(1)
156     list.append(aux)
157
158     #return the information path.
159     return list
160
161
162 """ Draw the main board ( edge )
163     Each tile has 80 pixels.
164 """
165 def DrawBoard(rows, columns,newOffsetY,total_rows,total_columns):
166
167     #Square definition
168     turtle.speed(0)
169     turtle.pensize(3)
170     turtle.penup()
171     turtle.goto(offsetX,newOffsetY)
172     turtle.pendown()

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173     turtle.color("black")
174     turtle.forward(columns*80)
175     turtle.right(90)
176     turtle.forward(rows*80)
177     turtle.right(90)
178     turtle.forward(columns*80)
179     turtle.right(90)
180     turtle.forward(rows*80)
181     turtle.right(90)
182
183     #Lets fill the board using columns and rows
184     turtle.penup()
185     turtle.goto(offsetX, newOffsetY)
186     actualx = offsetX
187     actualy = newOffsetY
188     for i in range(0,rows):
189         turtle.goto(actualx,actualy)
190         turtle.pendown()
191         turtle.forward(columns*80)
192         turtle.penup()
193         actualy = actualy - 80
194     turtle.penup()
195     actualy = newOffsetY
196     actualx = offsetX
197     for j in range(0,columns):
198         turtle.goto(actualx,actualy)
199         turtle.pendown()
200         turtle.right(90)
201         turtle.forward(rows*80)
202         turtle.left(90)
203         turtle.penup()
204         actualx = actualx + 80
205
206
207
208
209     """ Paint the main board with grey color as initialization.
210     Each tile has 80x80
211     """
212     def setInitialBoard(rows,columns,robot_row, ...
213         robot_column,newOffsetY,total_rows,total_columns,how_many_robots):
214
215         global offsetX
216         global offsetY
217
218         newOffsetY = offsetY + (total_rows*80)
219         rob_x = []
220         rob_y = []
221         for i in range(0,how_many_robots):
222             rob_x.append(0)
223             rob_y.append(0)
224
225         for i in range(0,how_many_robots):
226             rob_x[i]=(robot_column[i]*80) + 40 + offsetX
227             rob_y[i] = newOffsetY - 40 - (robot_row[i]*80)
228
229         for i in range(0,rows):
230             for j in range(0,columns):
231                 paintPosition(i,j,"grey",newOffsetY)
232         turtle.penup()
233         for i in range(0,how_many_robots):
234             turtle.penup()
235             turtle.goto(rob_x[i],rob_y[i])
236             turtle.color(robot_has_color[i])
237             turtle.stamp()
238
239     """ Draw a line in order to represent the robot movement.
240     Each robot will have a different color
241     The information needed is the initial position and the target position, plus which robot is ...
242     moving.
243     """
244     def WriteLine(robot,initial_row, initial_column, target_row, target_column,action,newOffsetY):
245
246         global offsetX
247         global offsetY

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247
248     x_initial = (initial_column*80) + 40 + offsetX
249     y_initial = newOffsetY - 40 - ((initial_row)*80)
250     x_target = (target_column*80) + 40 + offsetX
251     y_target = newOffsetY - 40 - (target_row*80)
252     n_robot = robot
253     turtle.color(robot_path[n_robot-1])
254     turtle.penup()
255     turtle.goto(x_initial,y_initial)
256     turtle.pendown()
257     if (action == 0):
258         turtle.left(90)
259         turtle.forward(80)
260         turtle.right(90)
261     elif(action == 1):
262         turtle.right(90)
263         turtle.forward(80)
264         turtle.left(90)
265     elif(action == 2):
266         turtle.forward(80)
267     elif(action == 3):
268         turtle.backward(80)
269
270
271 """ Function called to paint a specific tile of the grid.
272     row, column: which tile do you want to paint.
273     color : which color (black,white)
274 """
275 def paintPosition(row,column,color,newOffsetY):
276
277     global offsetX
278     global offsetY
279
280     turtle.penup()
281     x_position = (column*80) + offsetX +2
282     y_position = newOffsetY - (row*80) +2 -80
283
284     turtle.goto(x_position,y_position)
285     turtle.color(color)
286     turtle.begin_fill()
287     for k in range(4):
288         turtle.forward(76)
289         turtle.left(90)
290     turtle.end_fill()
291
292
293 """ This function draws a point where the robot stands.
294 """
295 def DrawEndPoint(robot,row,column,newOffsetY):
296
297     global offsetY
298     global offsetX
299     turtle.penup()
300     if (robot == 1):
301         color = robot_path[0]
302     elif(robot ==2):
303         color = robot_path[1]
304     elif(robot == 3):
305         color = robot_path[2]
306     elif(robot == 4):
307         color = robot_path[3]
308     elif (robot == 5):
309         color = robot_path[4]
310     x = (column*80) + 40 + offsetX
311     y = newOffsetY - 40 - (row*80)
312     turtle.goto(x,y)
313     turtle.dot(10, color)
314
315
316
317
318 """ Analyzing and drawing the data.
319     The data is analyzed following the criteria previously used in the GenerateData function.
320     The main parameter needed is the list with the path information.
321 """
322 def AnalyzingData(list,newOffsetY):

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323
324     global robot_has_color
325
326     for e in list:
327         n_robot = 0
328         if (e[1] == 1):
329             n_robot = 1
330         elif (e[1] == 2):
331             n_robot = 2
332         elif (e[1] == 3):
333             n_robot = 3
334         elif (e[1] == 4):
335             n_robot = 4
336         elif (e[1] == 5):
337             n_robot = 5
338         if (e[0] == 0):
339             if (e[2] == 1):
340                 robot_has_color[n_robot-1] = "white"
341             elif (e[2] == 2):
342                 robot_has_color[n_robot-1] = "black"
343         elif (e[0] == 1):
344             color = robot_has_color[n_robot-1]
345             paintPosition(e[2],e[3],color,newOffsetY)
346         elif (e[0] == 2):
347             color = robot_has_color[n_robot-1]
348             paintPosition(e[2],e[3],color,newOffsetY)
349         elif (e[0] == 3):
350             WriteLine(e[1],e[2],e[3],e[4],e[5],0,newOffsetY)
351             DrawEndPoint(e[1],e[4],e[5],newOffsetY)
352         elif (e[0] == 4):
353             WriteLine(e[1],e[2],e[3],e[4],e[5],1,newOffsetY)
354             DrawEndPoint(e[1],e[4],e[5],newOffsetY)
355         elif (e[0] == 5):
356             WriteLine(e[1],e[2],e[3],e[4],e[5],2,newOffsetY)
357             DrawEndPoint(e[1],e[4],e[5],newOffsetY)
358         elif (e[0] == 6):
359             WriteLine(e[1],e[2],e[3],e[4],e[5],3,newOffsetY)
360             DrawEndPoint(e[1],e[4],e[5],newOffsetY)
361         elif (e[0] == 7):
362             DrawEndPoint(e[1],e[2],e[3],newOffsetY)
363
364     """ Main function of the Graphs.
365     It draws all the graphics. The information is received from main.py file.
366     """
367     def Draw(robots, state, path):
368
369         turtle.setup(800,800)
370         turtle.speed(0)
371         how_many_robots = len(robots)
372         robot_row,robot_column,total_rows, total_columns = setInitialData(robots,state,how_many_robots)
373         newOffsetY = offsetY + (total_rows*80)
374         DrawBoard(total_rows, total_columns,newOffsetY,total_rows,total_columns)
375         setInitialBoard(total_rows,total_columns,robot_row,robot_column,newOffsetY,total_rows,total_columns,how_many_robots)
376         data = GenerateData(path,robot_row, robot_column, robot_has_color,total_rows,total_columns)
377         turtle.speed(0)
378         AnalyzingData(data, newOffsetY)
379         turtle.hideturtle()
380         turtle.done()

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E Result PDDL

CASES:

0. Algorithm without pruning vs algorithm using pruning:

Super simple PDDL file:

1. BFS(without FOC) Time: 0:00:01.001279

2. BFS (with FOC) Time: 0:00:00.302438

Little bigger size:

1. BFS(without FOC) Time: 0:20:17.625262

2. BFS (with FOC) Time: 0:00:01.151655

1. Number of robots

-> We have 3 PDDL files using the same grid. In *robots_{case1}.pddl* -> *2robotsInrobots_{case2}.pddl* -> *3robotsInrobots_{case3}.pddl*
4robots

-> The cpu time achieved in all the three cases is:

Time: 0:00:01.969610 Time: 0:00:39.900257 Time: 0:28:30.818512

2. Pattern

-> We have 2 PDDL files using the same grid but changing the pattern. Basically, we have 1 pattern with all the tiles painted and another one with some tiles painted and some others not.

In *pattern_{case1}.pddl* -> *AllthetilesarepaintedInpattern_{case2}.pddl* -> *Onlysometilesarepainted.*

-> The cpu time achieved in the two cases is:

Time: 0:00:58.846066

Time:

0:00:37.260438

3. Size case

-> We have 10 PDDL files changing its size and using only 2 robots. -> The goal in this case is basically study how the complexity increase in terms of number of tiles but also in terms of the shape/structure of the grid.

In *size_{case1}.pddl* -> *3rows,3columns*

In *size_{case2}.pddl* -> *4rows,3columns*

In *size_{case3}.pddl* -> *3rows,4columns*

In *size_{case4}.pddl* -> *4rows,4columns*

In *size_{case5}.pddl* -> *5rows,4columns*

In *size_{case6}.pddl* -> *4rows,5columns*

In *size_{case7}.pddl* -> *5rows,5columns*

In *size_{case8}.pddl* -> *6rows,5columns*

In *size_{case9}.pddl* -> *5rows,6columns*

In *size_{case10}.pddl* -> *6rows,6columns*

-> The cpu results in this case are:

1. Time: 0:00:00.279385

2. Time: 0:00:00.345064

3. Time:

0:00:00.798212 4. Time:

0:00:01.140241

5. Time: 0:00:01.622258

6. Time: 0:00:04.383790

7. Time: 0:00:06.509273

8. Time: 0:00:08.390610

9. Time: 0:00:25.309673

10. Time: 0:00:32.354215

4. Available colors case (FUTURE RESEARCH)

-> In that case we only have one PDDL file. What we want to test here is basically the fact that the amount of color can be reduced or limited.

4.1 Two robots with a lot of amount-color. 1000, 1000

4.2 Two robots with the limited amount of color and only for one color. Robot 1 -> Can only paint black and has the "just enough" Robot 2 -> Can only paint white and has the "just enough"

4.3 Two robots with the limited amount of color but they can paint with the two colors (black and white)

-> Cpu time for the three cases: (6 cells in black, 6 cells in white)

4.1 Time: 0:00:00.650595

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