Assignment 1

04/18/2013

#### Deliverables include the following:

- A 4-5 page PDF summary that describes your work, results and answers to the questions posed below. Thoroughness in analysis and answers in the reports are the primary component of your grade!
- A page in your summary describing what each group member did to participate in the project.
- A zip le that includes your code and results in an organized form.
- A README file that describes how to run the code.
- Print the summary and bring it to the following class.

#### Problem 1 - Pre-Project: Towers of Hanoi

- 1. Explain the method by which each of the two planners nds a solution.
- 2. Which planner was fastest?
- 3. Explain why the winning planner might be more effective on this problem.

## Problem 2 - Project Part I: Sokoban PDDL

- 1. Show successful plans from at least one planner on the three Sokoban problems in Figure 2 (1-3). The challenge problem is optional.
- 2. Compare the performance of two planners on this domain. Which one works better? Does this make sense, why?
- 3. Clearly PDDL was not intended for this sort of application. Discuss the challenges in expressing geometric constraints in semantic planning.
- 4. In many cases, geometric and dynamic planning are insufficient to describe a domain. Give an example of a problem that is best suited for semantic (classical) planning. Explain why a semantic representation would be desirable.

# Problem 3 - Project Part II: Sokoban Planner

- 1. Give successful plans from your planner on the Sokoban problems in Figure 2 and any others.
- 2. Compare the performance of your planner to the PDDL planners you used in the previous problem. Which was faster? Why?
- 3. Prove that your planner was complete. Your instructor has a math background: a proof is a convincing argument. Make sure you address each aspect of completeness and why your planner satisfies it. Pictures are always welcome.
- 4. What methods did you use to speed up the planning? Give a short description of each method and explain why it did or didn't help on each relevant problem.

### Problem 4 - Post-Project: Towers of Hanoi Revisited

- 1. Give successful plans from at least one planner with 6 and 10 disks.
- 2. Do you notice anything about the structure of the plans? Can you use this to increase the efficiency of planning for Towers of Hanoi? Explain.
- 3. In a paragraph or two, explain a general planning strategy that would take advantage of problem structure. Make sure your strategy applies to problems other than Towers of Hanoi. Would such a planner still be complete?