## **Technical Appendix**

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### 1 Implementation details

**Hash Functions** We used the *std::hash* method from the standard C++ library to compute the hash values. The hash value were combined using the method *hash\_combine* described in the proposal for C++ standard *N3876* (Josuttis 2014).

**Seeds used for multiple runs of planners using** random-ization We used the sequence 101, 204, 307 and 410, formed by concatenating two AP sequences of the form  $x_1 = 1 + (n-1)$  and  $x_2 = 01 + 3(n-1)$ , for  $n \in [1, 4]$ .

### 2 Additional results

# 2.1 $P_2$ (BFWS( $f_5$ )) vs. pI- $P_{\bar{\omega}}$ AC : Coverage with the Agile track constraints on time and memory

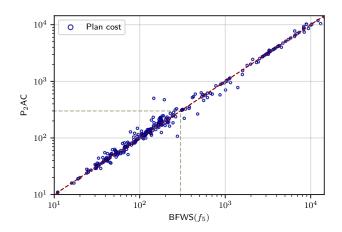
From Table. 1, we observe that the coverage of pI-P $_{\bar{\omega}}$ AC is 59 higher than P $_2$  (BFWS( $f_5$ )), one of the best performing to-date in the Agile track (IPC 2018). The experiments were performed with the *time* and *memory limit* of 300 sec and 8 GB respectively.

	$BFWS(f_5)$	$pI$ -P $_{\bar{\omega}}$ AC
$\overline{\mathrm{BFWS}(f_5)}$	0	78
$pI$ - $P_{\bar{\omega}}$ AC	19	0

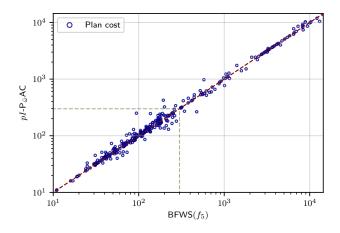
**Table 1:** Comparing BFWS( $f_5$ ) and pI-P $_{\bar{\omega}}$ AC. The value in a cell represents the number of instances which were solved by the *col* planner but not the *row* planner, with the *time limit* of 300 sec and memory limit of 8 GB.

# 2.2 Pairwise comparison of plan cost between planners using Approximate Novelty Search and P<sub>2</sub> (BFWS(f<sub>5</sub>))

From Fig. 1 and 2, we note that the plan length remain similar for different configuration of BFWS( $\hat{f}_5$ ) planners using approximate novelty search.



**Figure 1:** Pairwise comparison of cost between BFWS( $f_5$ ) and  $P_2AC$  on instances from every IPC satisficing benchmark.



**Figure 2:** Pairwise comparison of cost between BFWS( $f_5$ ) and pI- $P_{\overline{\omega}}AC$  on instances from every IPC satisficing benchmark.

#### 2.3 Complete table of results

In Table. 2, we show the *coverage* on all the domains which were part of our experiments. We included all the domains

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domain	B1	B2	$P_2$	P <sub>2</sub> A	$P_2AC$	P <sub>3</sub> AC	P <sub>3</sub> AC	$  p-P_2  $	В3	p-P <sub>2</sub> A	p-P <sub>3</sub> A	$pI$ -P $_{\bar{\omega}}$ AC	$pI$ - $\mathcal{L}_{\bar{\omega}}$ AC
agricola-sat18	12	8	11	11±1.0	$12 \pm 1.7$	$15 \pm 0.8$	$16 \pm 1.3$	10	15	10±0.6	$15 \pm 0.8$	$16 \pm 1.3$	$12 \pm 0.5$
airport	34	47	46	46±0.6	$46 \pm 0.6$	$44 \pm 0.0$	$44 \pm 0.6$	46	47	46±0.6	$45\pm1.0$	$46 \pm 0.6$	$46 \pm 0.5$
assembly	30	30	30	$30\pm0.6$	$29 \pm 1.0$	$30 \pm 0.6$	$30 \pm 0.6$	30	30	$30\pm0.5$	$30 \pm 0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	$30 \pm 0.0$
barman-sat14-strips	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	$20\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
blocks	35	35	35	35±0.0	$35 \pm 0.5$	$35 \pm 0.0$	$35 \pm 0.0$	35	35	35±0.0	$35\pm0.0$	$35\pm0.0$	$35 \pm 0.5$
caldera-sat18	16	20	15	16±1.0	$20 \pm 0.5$	$16 \pm 1.0$	$18 \pm 0.5$	19	20	$20\pm0.5$	$18 \pm 0.5$	$20 \pm 0.5$	$20 \pm 0.0$
cavediving	7	7	7	7±0.0	$8 \pm 0.6$	$8 \pm 0.0$	$8 \pm 0.5$	1	8	2±2.9	$8 \pm 0.5$	$9 \pm 1.0$	$8 \pm 0.5$
childsnack-sat14-strips	6	10	0	4±1.3	$5\pm1.7$	$3\pm 1.9$	$6 \pm 0.6$		2	5±0.5	$6 \pm 0.6$	$8 \pm 1.3$	$8 \pm 1.3$
citycar-sat14-adl	5	20	5	5±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$5 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.6$	20	20	$20\pm0.5$	$5\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
data-network-sat18	13	11	9	12±1.7	$19 \pm 1.0$	$11\pm 2.5$	$18 \pm 0.5$	16	14	$17\pm1.0$	$16\pm0.6$	$18 \pm 0.6$	$18 \pm 0.6$
depot	20	22	22	22±0.0	$22 \pm 0.0$	$22\pm0.0$	$22\pm0.0$	22	22	$22\pm0.0$	$22\pm0.0$	$22\pm0.0$	$22\pm0.0$
driverlog	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	$20\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
elevators-sat11-strips	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$
flashfill-sat18	14	16	12	14±2.4	$14\pm0.6$	$14\pm 2.2$	$14\pm1.0$	15	9	14±2.4	14±1.9	$14\pm1.0$	$14\pm1.0$
floortile-sat14-strips	2	2	1	2±0.5	$2\pm0.0$	$2\pm0.0$	$2\pm0.0$	0	1	1±0.0	$2\pm0.5$	$2\pm0.0$	$2\pm0.0$
freecell	80	80	80	80±0.0	80±0.0	80±0.0	80±0.0	80	80	80±0.0	80±0.0	$80\pm0.0$	$80\pm0.0$
ged-sat14-strips	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$
grid	5	5	5	5±0.0	5±0.0	5±0.0	5±0.0	5	5	5±0.0	5±0.0	5±0.0	$5\pm0.0$
gripper	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$
hiking-sat14-strips	20	12 28	12 28	14±2.1	$8\pm0.8$	$18\pm1.0$	$20\pm0.5$	9 28	13	12±1.8	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$19\pm0.5$
logistics00	28	28 17		28±0.0	28±0.0	28±0.0	$28\pm0.0$		28	28±0.0	28±0.0	$28\pm0.0$	$28\pm0.0$
maintenance-sat14-adl	11 150	150	17 150	16±0.5 150±0.0	$16\pm0.6$ $150\pm0.0$	$16\pm0.5$ $150\pm0.0$	$17\pm0.5$ $150\pm0.0$	17	17 150	16±0.5 150±0.0	$16\pm0.5$ $150\pm0.0$	$17\pm0.5$ $150\pm0.0$	$17\pm0.5$ $150\pm0.0$
miconic movie	30	30	30	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	30	30	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$
mprime	35	35	32	30±0.0	$35\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$ $31\pm0.5$	$30\pm0.0$ $34\pm0.8$	35	35	$35\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$ $32\pm0.8$	$35\pm0.0$	$35\pm0.0$
mystery	19	19	19	19±0.0	$19\pm0.0$	$19\pm0.5$	$19\pm0.5$	19	18	19±0.0	$19\pm0.5$	$19\pm0.5$	$19\pm0.5$
nomystery-sat11-strips	11	19	13	14±1.0	$12\pm 1.0$	$13\pm0.5$	$14\pm1.0$	13	13	12±1.7	$14\pm0.6$	$15\pm0.5$ $15\pm1.0$	$18\pm 1.4$
nurikabe-sat18	9	14	16	14±0.6	$15\pm1.3$	$14\pm0.6$	$15\pm 2.1$	16	16	14±0.5	$14\pm0.6$	$15\pm1.0$	$14\pm0.6$
openstacks-sat14-strips	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.5$	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$12\pm1.0$
organic-synthesis-split-sat18	12	11	5	6±0.5	$3\pm0.8$	$7\pm1.0$	$5\pm1.4$	4	3	$4\pm 0.5$	$6\pm 1.0$	$7\pm0.0$	$6\pm 0.5$
parcprinter-sat11-strips	20	16	9	5±1.0	$5\pm1.9$	$5 \pm 0.8$	$6 \pm 1.0$	9	16	6±1.0	$5\pm1.0$	$8 \pm 0.0$	$6 \pm 0.5$
parking-sat14-strips	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	$20\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
pathways-noneg	24	30	23	30±0.6	$29 \pm 1.5$	$30 \pm 0.6$	$29 \pm 0.5$	24	27	30±0.5	$30 \pm 0.6$	$30\pm0.0$	$30 \pm 0.0$
pegsol-sat11-strips	20	20	20	$20\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.5$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	5	20	12±1.5	$18 \pm 0.5$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
pipesworld-notankage	43	50	50	50±0.0	$50 \pm 0.0$	$50 \pm 0.0$	$50 \pm 0.0$	50	50	50±0.0	$50\pm0.0$	$50 \pm 0.0$	$50\pm0.0$
pipesworld-tankage	43	38	43	42±0.5	$42\pm0.6$	$42\pm0.5$	$43 \pm 0.8$	41	39	41±1.5	$42\pm0.5$	$42\pm1.2$	$43\pm1.5$
psr-small	50	50	48	49±0.5	$49 \pm 0.5$	$50 \pm 0.0$	$50 \pm 0.0$	31	46	$34\pm1.3$	$43 \pm 0.8$	$49 \pm 0.5$	$48 \pm 0.6$
rovers	40	37	39	40±0.0	$40\pm0.0$	$40\pm0.0$	$40\pm0.0$	39	38	40±0.0	$40\pm0.0$	$40\pm0.0$	$40\pm0.0$
satellite	36	31	27	30±0.8	$32\pm0.6$	$30\pm0.5$	$30\pm0.0$	27	31	32±0.5	$30 \pm 0.5$	$34 \pm 0.6$	$34\pm0.6$
scanalyzer-sat11-strips	20	20	20 149	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.5$
schedule	150 18	149 8	149	149±1.0 6±1.0	$149\pm0.8$ $12\pm0.6$	$149\pm1.0$ $6\pm1.3$	$150\pm0.6$	149	149 11	$149\pm1.0$ $9\pm1.0$	$149\pm1.0$ $6\pm1.0$	$149\pm1.0$ $12\pm0.6$	$149\pm1.0$ $17\pm1.3$
settlers-sat18	18 5	12	19	$16\pm0.5$	$12\pm0.6$ $15\pm0.8$	$0\pm1.3$ $17\pm0.5$	$10\pm0.0$	18	3	$16\pm0.5$	$6\pm1.0$ 17 $\pm0.5$	$12\pm0.6$ $20\pm0.5$	$17\pm1.3$ $20\pm0.5$
snake-sat18 sokoban-sat11-strips	19	17	14	15±0.5	$10\pm0.8$ $10\pm1.0$	$17\pm0.5$ $16\pm0.5$	$17\pm0.5$ $14\pm0.8$	6	13	$4\pm0.6$	$17\pm0.5$ $11\pm0.5$	$16\pm0.6$	$16\pm0.6$
spider-sat18	16	14	13	15±0.5	$10\pm 1.0$ $14\pm 1.0$	$15\pm 1.0$	$14\pm0.3$ $14\pm1.3$	13	11	15±1.0	$15\pm 1.0$	$10\pm0.0$ $14\pm1.0$	$15\pm0.5$
storage	20	28	29	30±0.6	$30\pm0.6$	$30\pm0.6$	$30\pm0.5$	30	29	$30\pm0.6$	$30\pm0.6$	$30\pm0.5$	$30\pm0.5$
termes-sat18	16	9	9	10±0.0	8±0.6	9±1.0	8±1.3	1 1	6	2±0.5	6±1.9	$7\pm1.4$	$10\pm1.3$
tetris-sat14-strips	16	16	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	20	18	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$
thoughtful-sat14-strips	15	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$
tidybot-sat11-strips	17	18	19	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.5$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	20±0.0	$20\pm0.0$	$20\pm0.0$	$19 \pm 0.5$
tpp	30	29	29	$30\pm0.6$	$30\pm0.0$	$29\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	30	30	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$	$30\pm0.0$
transport-sat14-strips	16	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	$20\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
trucks-strips	18	16	9	9±0.8	$9 \pm 1.3$	$9 \pm 0.8$	$10 \pm 1.4$	11	8	12±1.8	$11\pm1.3$	$12\pm1.3$	$12 \pm 0.8$
visitall-sat14-strips	20	20	20	20±0.5	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.5$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	$20\pm0.5$	$20 \pm 0.5$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
woodworking-sat11-strips	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	$20\pm0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
zenotravel	20	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	20	20	20±0.0	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$	$20 \pm 0.0$
Total	1456	1496	1436	1455±8.7	1476±4.2	1463±8.9	1502±4.9	1414	1456	1438±5.9	1462±8.0	1524±2.5	1516±5.0

**Table 2:** Coverage over all satisficing benchmarks from IPCs: *complete* - B1: LAMA-*first*, B2: DUAL-BFWS, 'P...', and *polynomial incomplete* - B3:  $\langle 1, 2\text{-C-M} \rangle$  and 'p-P...'.  $P_{\bar{\omega}}$  refers to BFWS( $f_5$ ) planner with  $\mathcal{W} = [1, \bar{\omega} + 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{\bar{\omega}}$  is BFWS( $f_{\mathcal{L}}$ ), which uses *Landmarks*, 'I-' stands for *Iterative*, 'A' for *approximate*, and 'C' for *control* over *open list*. The *mean coverage* is shown along with the *standard deviation* for the planners using random sampling over 4 different seeds.

from IPC satisficing benchmarks, chosing the one from latest IPC in case a domain occurred in multiple IPCs.

### 3 About Benchmarks

We used the collection of PDDL files from the IPC's *github* repository (IPC 1998-2018), and generated the list of satisficing domains using *Downward Benchmarks*' script (Dow 2018). The PDDL files were updated to enforce compatibility with *Tarski's* (Frances and Ramirez 2019) parser in the following manner

- 1. Lowercased the letters in the PDDL files.
- 2. :action-costs added to :requirements in floortile and settlers domains.

- 3. Keyword 'max' changed to 'max1' in pathways-noneg.
- 4. The 'type' pieces defined as object type in tetris.
- 5. In *tidybot* domain, renamed the object *cart* as *cart1* to avoid conflict with the 'type' *cart*. Also, removed the 'effect' (*not* (*base-obstacle* ?*cx* ?*cy2*)) from the actions *base-cart-up* and *base-cart-down* as it caused conflict with the 'effect' (*base-obstacle* ?*cx* ?*cy2*) in *LAPKT* (Ramirez, Lipovetzky, and Muise 2015). This change does not affect the search tree.

The *PDDL files* and *scripts*, used to run experiments with *Downward Lab's* (Seipp et al. 2017) experiment module, are included in the source code zip.

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