## **Table of Notation**

Notation	Meaning
a, A	Action
A	Set of actions
c	Constraint
C, C	Set of constraints
$\delta(u, m, \sigma)$	Task network produced from $u$ by decomposing it with the method $m$ under the substitution $\sigma$
$\delta(w, u, m, \sigma)$	Task network produced from $w$ by decomposing $u$ with the method $m$ under the substitution $\sigma$
effects(o)	Effects of an operator or action
$effects^+(o)$	Positive effects of an operator or action
$effects^-(o)$	Negative effects of an operator or action
$\mathcal F$	Set of <i>tqe</i> s (temporally qualified expressions) or temporal constraints
g	Goal formula
$g^{+}, g^{-}$	Sets of positive and negative literals in g
$\gamma(s,a)$	Progression, i.e., the state or set of states produced by applying <i>a</i> to <i>s</i>
$\gamma^{-1}(s,a)$	Regression
$\Gamma(s)$	Set of all immediate successors of s
$\hat{\Gamma}(s)$	Transitive closure of $\Gamma(s)$
$\Gamma^{-1}(g)$	Set of all states whose immediate successors satisfy g
$\hat{\Gamma}^{-1}(g)$	Transitive closure of $\Gamma^{-1}(g)$
h	Heuristic function, history
m, M	HTN method, set of methods
name(o)	Name of an operator or action
network( <i>m</i> )	Network of subtasks of a method <i>m</i>
o, O	Operator, set of operators
$P=(O,s_0,g)$	Statement of a classical planning problem
$P_a(s' s)$	Probability of s' if a is executed in s
${\cal P}$	Planning problem
$\mathcal{P} = (\Sigma, s_0, S_g)$	Set-theoretic or classical planning problem
$\Phi = (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{C})$	Chronicle or temporal database
$\pi,\Pi$	Plan, set of plans

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Notation	Meaning
precond(o)	Preconditions of an operator or action
$precond^+(o)$	Positive preconditions of an operator or action
precond <sup>-</sup> (o)	Negative preconditions of an operator or action
s, S	State, set of states
$s_0, S_0$	Initial state, set of initial states
$S_g$	Set of goal states
σ	Substitution
$\Sigma = (S, A, \gamma)$	State-transition system, set-theoretic planning domain, or classical planning domain
subtasks(m)	Subtasks of a method <i>m</i>
$t_u$	Task associated with a task node <i>u</i>
τ	Decomposition tree
$\theta(e/\mathcal{F})$	Set of enabling conditions
u	Task node
w	Task network
	Concatenation, e.g., $e$ . $E$ or $E$ . $e$ or $E$ . $E'$ , where $e$ is an expression and $E$ , $E'$ are sequences
•	Composition of two relations, e.g., $r_1 \cdot r_2$
$(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$	<i>k</i> -tuple (where <i>k</i> is fixed)
$\langle a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \rangle$	Sequence (where <i>n</i> may vary)