Optimal Multi-Valued LTL Planning for Systems with Access Right Levels

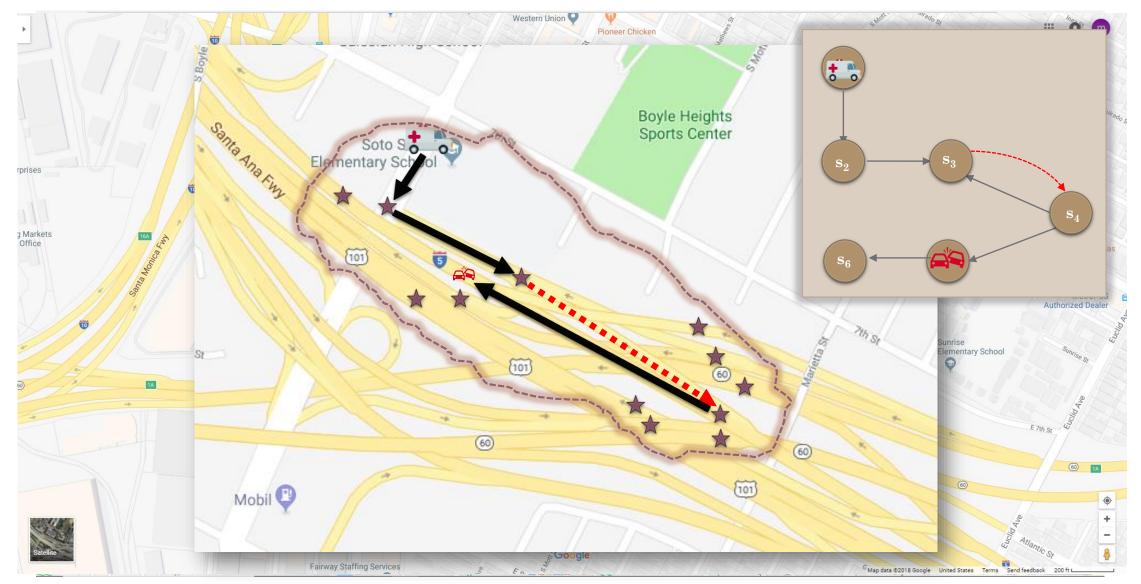
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*Motivation Example



*Motivation (cont')

- Plan for future based on current observation (partial or incomplete information)
- Accident blockage, traffic, road work, and even accessibility are temporarily
- What is the optimal path based on:

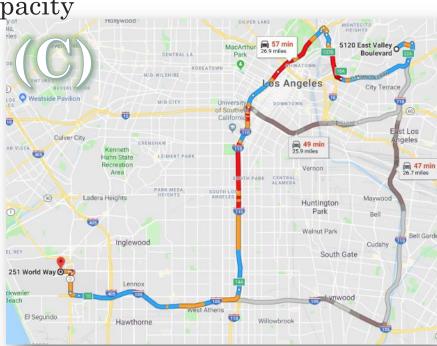
Highest road capacity

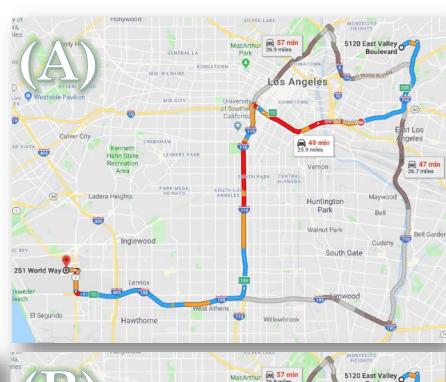
Highest safety

• Least traffic

• Least red lights

- Least turns
- Least deadlock









*What is insufficient?

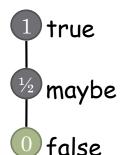
Modeling perspective

• More than one truth degree can be assigned to a symbol for expressing uncertainty of value assignments

What is the accessibility of the road?



$\mathcal{B}_3 = (\{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}, \leq)$



$$\neg 1=0$$
, $\neg 0=1$, $\neg \frac{1}{2}=\frac{1}{2}$

Specification perspective

• Query the model to its highest capabilities with considering the minimum/maximum requested truth degree for the model's symbols

Never pass a road which its accessibility level is less than maybe:

 \square accessibility $\geq 0.5 \land ...$

Theoretical perspective

• Using multi-value sets as the range of variables and incorporate them into LTL formulas by extending the syntax and semantics of the LTL formulas.

 $\phi ::= \pi \leqslant l \mid \pi \geqslant l \mid \phi \lor \phi \mid \phi \land \phi \mid \circ \phi \mid \Diamond \phi \mid \Box \phi \mid \phi U \phi \mid \phi R \phi$

*Problem Statement

Given

- Some motion planning mission specifications for *n* robots or autonomous driving cars
- Accessibility regulation of roads and access right levels of robots
- A least required truth degree for satisfying plans (maximum violation degree tolerance)

Global high-level path planner

• Plan for *n* robots/cars located at *n* different locations to reach their destinations with least total cost while satisfying the mission specification requirements with an optimal truth degree (least possible violation of regulations)



*Summary of Our Contribution

• We proposed a framework for computing optimal plans based on different access right levels.

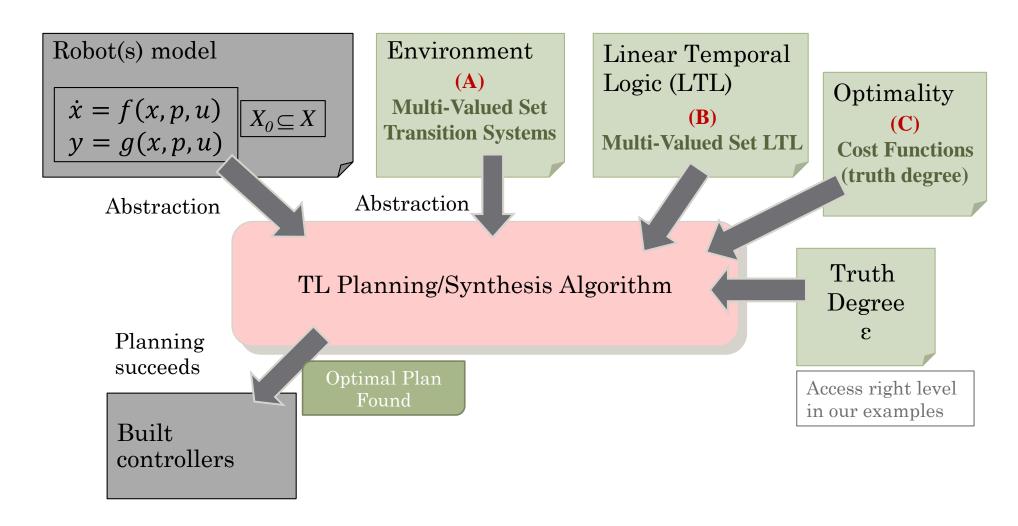
• We made new contribution to the automata theoretic multi-valued temporal logic planning problem.

• We provided modeling of uncertainty even in the truth degrees of the models themselves.

• We modeled and solved an optimal motion planning example for autonomous driving cars.



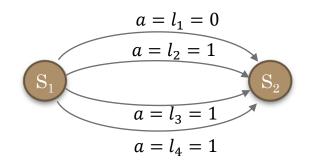
*Solution Architecture



*Motivating Example: Path Planning for Vehicles with Different Access Rights **Possible Move Directions Access Right Level Restricted Accessibility Directions Not Accessible** Roads are shared among: Citizen Vehicles Ambulances restricted • Firefighter Vehicles Police Vehicles Special Force Vehicles blocked Multi-Valued Logic $\Box q \geq 0.5 \wedge \dots$

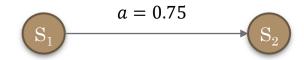
*Using Multi-Valued Logics (A)

• a := Level of accessibility for a road

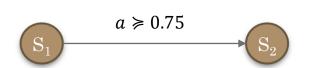




- This graph has too much information
- Abstract a 4-lane road as a single road

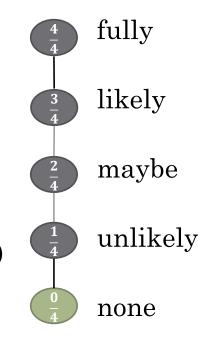


• Lane 1 is temporarily not accessible (uncertainty included)

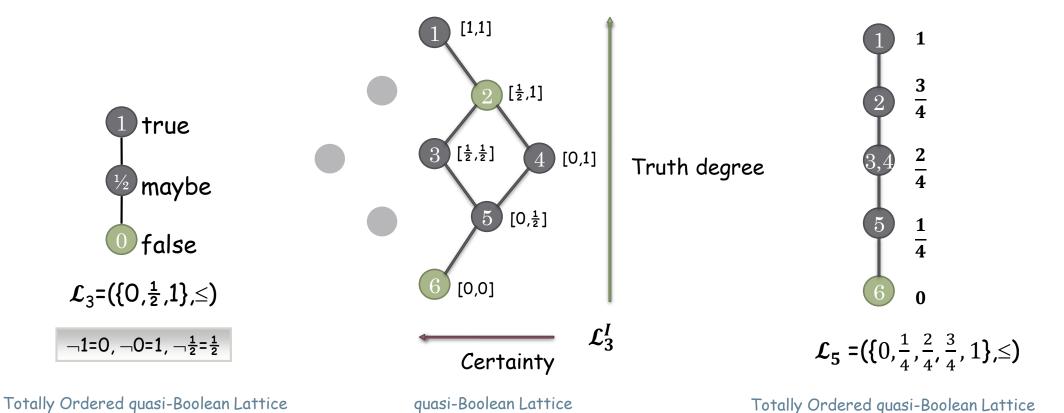


The road's accessibility is **at least 0.75** or equivalently

At least 3 out of four observations reported the road is completely accessible

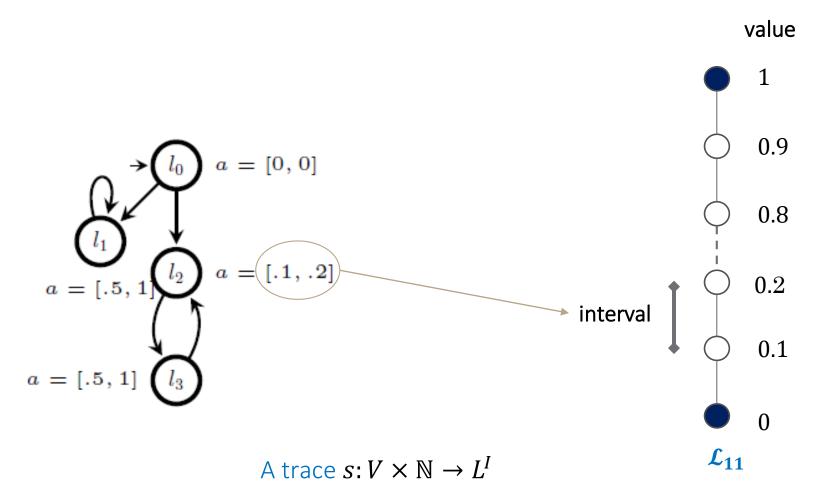


*Lattice of Interval Set (A)





MVS-Transition Systems (A)

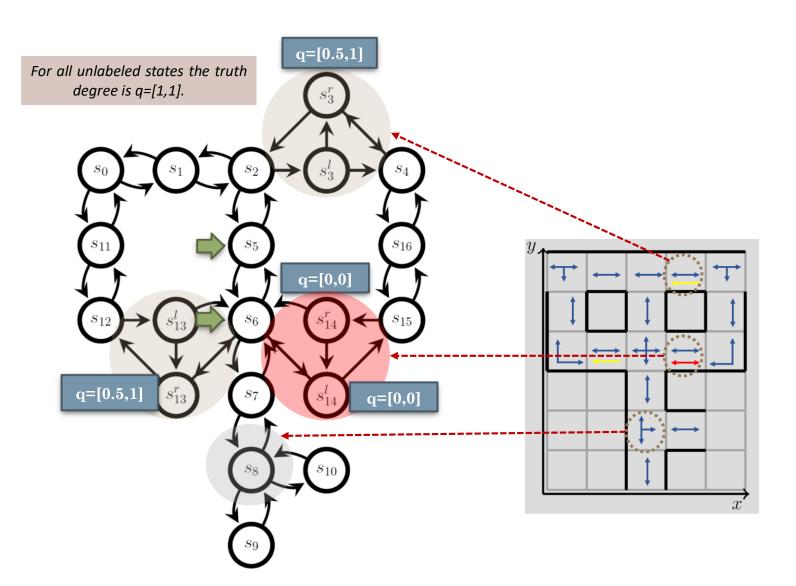


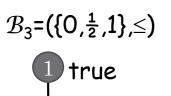
Path: $l_0, l_2, l_3, l_2, ...$

Trace:[0,0], [0.1,0.2], [0.5,1], [0.1,0.2], ...



*Example-Modeling (A)





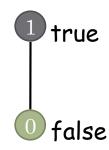


false

$$\neg 1=0, \neg 0=1, \neg \frac{1}{2}=\frac{1}{2}$$

Used for accessibility of road sections

$$\mathcal{B}_2$$
=({0,1}, \leq)



Used for locations of robots

mvs-LTL Syntax and Semantics (B)

LTL = Linear(-time) Temporal Logic Assume some interval variables Syntax of LTL formulas ϕ : Interval Expressions

$$\phi ::= \boxed{\pi \leqslant l \mid \pi \geqslant l} \mid \phi \lor \phi \mid \phi \land \phi \mid \circ \phi \mid \Diamond \phi \mid \Box \phi \mid \phi U \phi \mid \phi R \phi$$

where $\pi \in Variables$ (no negation is allowed)

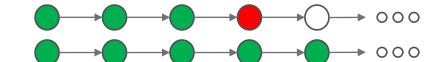
- \rightarrow ϕ holds if ϕ holds at the next position;
- \rightarrow ϕ holds if there exists a future position where ϕ holds;
- $\triangleright \Box \phi$ holds if, for all future positions, ϕ holds;
- ϕ U Ψ holds if there is a future position where Ψ holds, and ϕ holds for all positions prior to that;
- $ightharpoonup \phi R \Psi$ holds if there is a future position where ϕ holds, or Ψ holds for all positions prior to that.













*mvs-LTL Syntax and Semantics (B)

Syntax of LTL formulas ϕ :

Interval Expressions

$$\phi ::= \boxed{\pi \leqslant l \mid \pi \geqslant l \mid \phi \lor \phi \mid \phi \land \phi \mid \circ \phi \mid \Diamond \phi \mid \Box \phi \mid \phi U \phi \mid \phi R \phi}$$

where $\pi \in Variables$ (no negation is allowed)

 $\neg(\pi \le l) = \pi > l$ $\neg(\pi \ge l) = \pi < l$

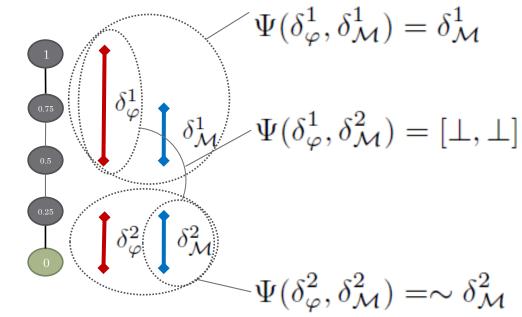
- Intuitively by $[\![\phi]\!](\mu,0) = [l,h], l,h \in L$, we mean
 - The formula ϕ is satisfiable under trace μ with truth degree at least l, and at most h.
- Based on the above semantics, we define
 - (eventually) ϕ as $(\top \mathcal{U} \phi)$, and $(globally) \Box \phi$ as $(\bot \mathcal{R} \phi)$

*Satisfaction Evaluator Function (B)

$$\Psi: L^I \times L^I \to L^I$$

$$\Psi([l_{base}, h_{base}], [l, h]) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} [l, h] & \text{if } l_{base} \preceq l \text{ and } h_{base} = \top \\ \sim [l, h] & \text{if } l_{base} = \bot \text{ and } h \preceq h_{base} \prec \top \\ [\bot, \bot] & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$
 Base/Reference Source interval interval

- Ψ checks if the source interval is within the reference interval
 - If it was, the result is either the source interval or its negation
- This function is not symmetric!



MVS-Automaton (B)

$$\phi_1 = \Box(q \succeq 0.5) \land \Diamond c_1^{l_1} \land \Diamond c_1^{l_9} \land (c_1^{l_1} \preceq 0) \mathcal{U} c_1^{l_9} \land \Box(c_1^{l_1} \preceq 0 \lor c_1^{l_9} \preceq 0)$$

Prepare* and Translate**

*Preprocessing

- 1. Negative Normal Form
- 2. $a \land \neg a \neq \bot and a \lor \neg a \neq \top$
- 3. Apply negation into interval expressions

$$c_{1}^{l_{1}} = 0, c_{1}^{l_{9}} = 0, q = [0.5, 1]$$

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$$c_{1}^{l_{1}}, c_{1}^{l_{9}} = 0, q = [0.5, 1]$$

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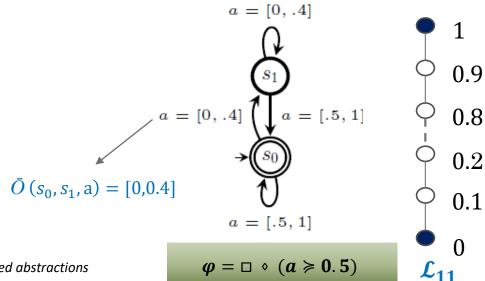
$$c_{1}^{l_{1}} = 0, q = [0.5, 1]$$

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Theorem:

The mvs-Automaton constructed for mvs-LTL formula ϕ , assigns the same truth degree interval [l,h] to a trace/word \mathbf{w} that mvs-LTL semantics assigns to \mathbf{w} for ϕ

$$\bigsqcup_{p \in AR(\mathcal{A})} \prod_{i \geq 0} w_i(\Delta(p_i, p_{i+1})) = [l, h] \iff \\ \llbracket \phi \rrbracket(w, 0) = [l, h].$$







*Example-Specification Formula (B)

 $\Phi_1 \coloneqq always$ avoid entering not allowed blocks, and eventually visit $\mathbf{9}$, and then eventually visit $\mathbf{1}$ after visiting $\mathbf{9}$.

 $\Phi_2 := \text{always avoid entering not allowed blocks, and eventually visit 4, and then eventually visit 12 after visiting 4.}$

$$\phi_1 = \Box(q \succeq 0.5) \land \Diamond c_1^{l_1} \land \Diamond c_1^{l_9} \land (c_1^{l_1} \preceq 0) \mathcal{U} c_1^{l_9} \land \Box(c_1^{l_1} \preceq 0 \lor c_1^{l_9} \preceq 0)$$

$$\Box(c_1^{l_1} \preceq 0 \lor c_1^{l_9} \preceq 0)$$

$$\phi_2 = \Box(q \succeq 0.5) \land \Diamond c_2^{l_4} \land \Diamond c_2^{l_{12}} \land (c_2^{l_{12}} \preceq 0) \mathcal{U} c_2^{l_4} \land \Box(c_2^{l_4} \preceq 0 \lor c_2^{l_{12}} \preceq 0)$$

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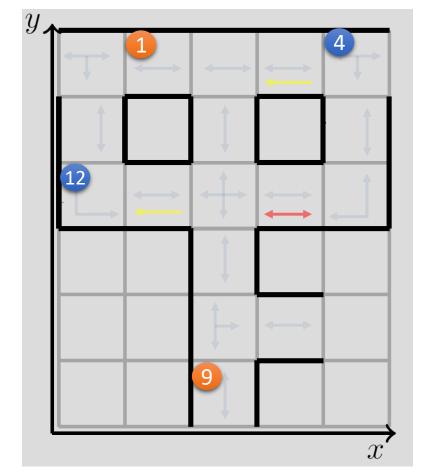
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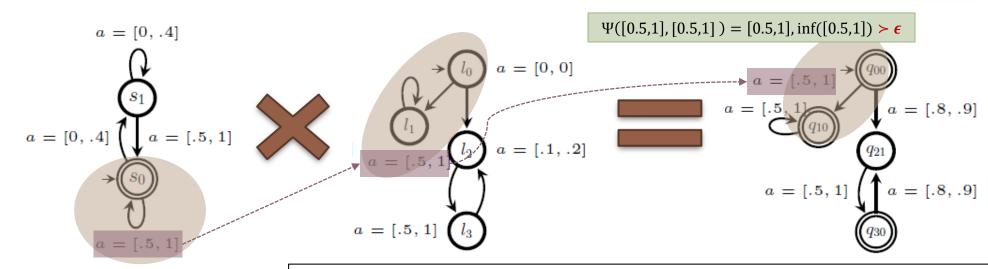


*mvs-LTL Planning Automaton (A,B) Example

mvs-Automaton

mvs-TS

mvs-LTL Planning Automaton



$$\varphi \ = \ \Box \Diamond (a \ \succeq \ 0.5)$$

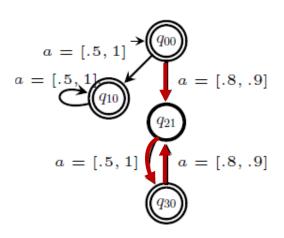
Specification

Mvs-LTL planning automaton

- · Can be computed **on-the-fly**
- Has all the possible satisfactory plans with a least truth degree ϵ
- The interval sets on the transitions can be converted to costs/weights for the purpose of finding optimal plans
- Modified version of *Dijkstra's Algorithm*, or *A** can be used for finding optimal plans

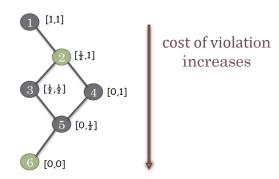


*Cost of Plans on mvs-LTL Planning Automaton (C)



$$p^2: q_{00}, q_{21}, q_{30}, (q_{21}, q_{30})^{\omega}$$

traces



$$cost_{inf}(q_{00}, q_{21}) = 1 + 1 - \lambda(inf([0.8, 0.9])) = 1.2$$

$$cost_{inf}(q_{21}, q_{30}) = 1 + 1 - \lambda(inf([0.5, 1])) = 1.5$$
Finite prefix
$$cost_{inf}(q_{30}, q_{21}) = 1 + 1 - \lambda(inf([0.8, 0.9])) = 1.2$$

$$cost_{inf}(q_{21}, q_{30}) = 1 + 1 - \lambda(inf([0.5, 1])) = 1.5$$
Infinite executing cycle
$$cost_{inf}(q_{21}, q_{30}) = 1 + 1 - \lambda(inf([0.5, 1])) = 1.5$$

$$\Gamma_1(p) = \sum_{0 \le i < n} \gamma_1(\mu_i, \mu_{i+1}), \quad \Gamma_2(p) = \sum_{0 \le i < n} \gamma_2(\mu_i, \mu_{i+1})$$

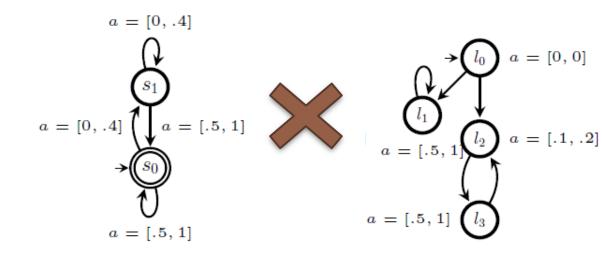
$$cost_{inf}(p^2) = 5.4$$

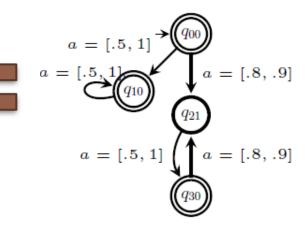
Example (planning automaton + transition cost) (C)

mvs-Automaton

mvs-TS

mvs-LTL Planning Automaton





$$\varphi \ = \ \Box \Diamond (a \ \succeq \ 0.5)$$

Specification

$$p^1: q_{00}, q_{10}, (q_{10})^{\omega}$$

$$p^2: q_{00}, q_{21}, q_{30}, (q_{21}, q_{30})^{\omega}$$

$$\Gamma_1(p^1) = 3.0, \Gamma_2(p^1) = 2$$

$$\Gamma_1(p^2) = 5.4$$
, $\Gamma_2(p^2) = 4.2$

traces

Primary and secondary costs

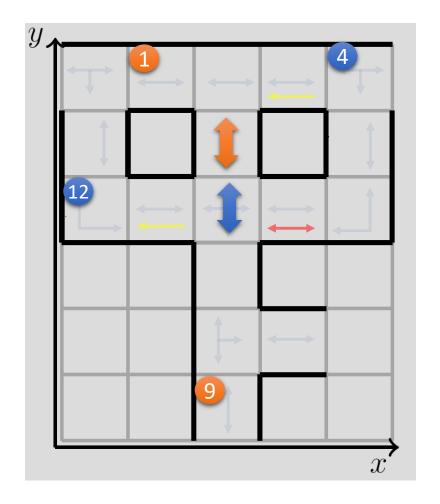


Running Example (A,B,C)

- Modified version of Dijkstra's Algorithm is used for finding the optimal plans.
- The mvs-LTL Planning Automaton is constructed on-the-fly

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Cost Per Step, Per Car = 1
Cost of Entering Restricted Blocks = 1 - \lambda (inf([0.5,1])) = 0.5
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Total Cost = 25+2
Steps = 12+1
Entering Restricted Blocks =
2 times (2*0.5 = 1 extra cost)
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Conclusion

- New contribution to the automata theoretic multi-valued temporal logic planning problem.
 - We defined threshold based multi-valued temporal logic formulas interpreted over interval based multi-valued traces
 - The newly introduced threshold allows one to specify lower bound and higher bound truth degrees in the spirit of Signal Temporal Logic (SNL) [1].
- Modeling of uncertainty even in the truth degrees of the models themselves.
 - The interval based semantics for the execution traces of multi-valued Transition Systems (mv-TS)
- Use multi-valued logics to capture the difference degrees of permissibility for robot motions or actions in more general term.
- Define and solve an optimal temporal logic planning problem in the spirit of [2].

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^[1] E. Bartocci, J. Deshmukh, A. Donz'e, G. Fainekos, O. Maler, D. Ni'ckovi'c, and S. Sankaranarayanan, "Specification-based monitoring of cyber-physical systems: a survey on theory, tools and applications," in Lectures on Runtime Verification. Springer, 2018, pp. 135–175.

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