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Project Available at: https://github.com/idaks/**PW-explorer**

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An Extensible Possible Worlds Explorer for Answer Set Programming

Project Objectives

- To analyze the solutions (Possible Worlds) produced by Answer Set Programming (ASP) reasoners such as Clingo and DLV.
- To develop ways to query, visualize, and interpret this data using relational databases such as SQLite Databases and Panda DataFrames.
- To cluster similar and equivalent PWs to aid in finding fundamental solutions
- To identify and analyze the 'simplest' solutions to an underspecified problem, based on a user-defined distance function between PWs. (Occam's Razor: among competing explanations, the simplest one should be selected)
- To conduct a case study, demonstrating the feasibility of the approach.

Technical Approach

- Parse the output of Cllingo ASP using the Antlr parsing tool.
- Populate a relational database using the parsed data, with one table for each identified relation.
- Implement functionality to execute powerful SQL and Python/Panda queries on these databases/dataframes.
- Use these queries to discover interesting features about these Possible Worlds.
- Clustering of PWs with user-defined distance metric (e.g., size of symmetric distance).
- Analyze 'complexity' of the various solutions.
- Develop a stand-alone general tool that can be used by other tools like EulerX to then analyze more specific problems, using custom definitions of distance, complexity and visualization techniques.

Status

- Implemented Clingo Parser using Antlr which directly populates the parsed data into Panda DataFrames and SQLite Database.
- Implemented queries such as intersection, union, frequency of specific tuples, instances of a relation in a solution, difference, symmetric difference, identify redundant attributes in relations, identify unique tuples, etc.
- Implemented a general way of calculating dissimilarity/distance between two Possible Worlds using size of symmetric set difference as the distance metric.
- Developed an interactive command-line UI to query these Possible Worlds.
- Implemented a basic complexity analysis tool based on size of the solution.
- Implemented clustering of the Possible Worlds based on a distance-matrix generated using the aforementioned distance metric.
- Developed visualizations of these Possible Worlds such as Dendrograms and 2-D projection of these possible worlds.

