Project: Storing Groceries @home

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1 Introduction

This project creates plans for storing groceries tasks in the context of RoboCup @home. It uses the java version of the SHOP2 HTN Planner.

The robot picks up groceries from a table and stores them in a cupboard with 3 shelves. The door of the cupboard is closed at the beginning, and the robot has a tray to carry more than one item at a time.

2 Selection of the Planner

SHOP2 (Simple Hierarchical Ordered Planner) is an HTN Planner that uses partial-order forward decomposition. SHOP2 does not require methods to be totally ordered, i.e., the subtasks of a method can have partial orders. Because of this property, SHOP2 can generate plans by interleaving tasks of different methods. Its predecessor SHOP can only handle methods with totally ordered subtasks and thus, is more limited in the plans it can generate. SHOP can overcome this limitation by adding global methods that allow to perform more general actions [3], like adding a pick-two-object method instead of just having a pick-one-object method. However, SHOP2 can interleave the tasks of two pick-one-object methods in such a way that it gives the same results as the more global method pick-two-objects [1].

With SHOP2 the knowledge base is easier to build, because it requires less global information. Having more compact knowledge bases makes it faster to generate them and easier to debug them [3]. In addition, the methods of the SHOP2 planner allow to have a list of preconditions which are evaluated in order of appearance. This feature facilitates the definition of methods, since a method can achieve several decompositions based on the preconditions [2].

Moreover, the SHOP2 algorithm achieved one of the top four awards in the 2002 International Planning Competition [2].

3 Installation

The java version of the SHOP2 planner is available in https://github.com/mas-group/jshop2

During the installation we encountered some challenges like ...

4 Solution

4.1 Modeling the domain

We run the four problems using the same domain model. The domain includes the set of operators, methods and axioms used by the planner. We started with a smaller domain for problem 1 and added information as we worked through the rest of the problems. Each problem starts with a different compound task as shown in table 1.

Problem	Task to achieve
1	mode-known-object ?a ?t ?c ?s
2	move-known-objects ?t ?c ?s ?tray
3	move-uncategorized-objects ?t ?c ?s ?tray ?camera
4	move-unlabeled-object-unknown-cupboard?t?c?s?tray?camera

Table 1: Tasks to achieve from problems 1 to 4.

Assumptions:

The following assumptions were made when writing the domain:

- The initial position of the robot is at the table.
- All objects on the table should be stored by the robot.
- There is only one cupboard.
- There is only one table.
- The robot uses a tray for carrying objects and the capacity of the tray is infinite. Except for problem 1, where the robot carries only one object using its gripper.
- The robot has a camera (problem 3 and 4).

- All items should have information that can be used by the robot to classify them (problem 4).
- Each shelf initially holds one object (problem 4).
- There is one shelf per object category.

If the initial state does not follow the assumptions, the planner will fail because the domain does not include operators and/or methods to handle those situations. Section 5 discusses some of the limitations of our domain and recommendations on how to adapt it to handle more complex scenarios.

Domain

```
1
   (defdomain storegroceries
2
          -----store-groceries operators-----
3
4
      ;; To pickup an object ?a from a surface (for our domain, the surface is
5
         either a shelf of a tray)
      (:operator (!pickup ?a ?s)
6
7
        ((clear ?a) (on ?a ?s))
8
        ((holding ?a)))
9
10
11
      ;; To open the cupboard door
12
      (:operator (!open-door ?d)
13
        ((door-closed ?d))
14
        ((door-closed ?d))
15
        ((door-open ?d)))
16
17
      ;; To putdown an object on a surface (for our domain, the surface is
         either a shelf of a tray)
      (:operator (!putdown ?a ?s)
18
19
        ((holding ?a))
20
        ((on ?a ?s) (clear ?a)))
21
22
      ;; To move the robot ?r from location ?x to location ?y
23
      (:operator (!move ?r ?x ?y)
24
        ((robot-at ?r ?x))
25
        ((robot-at ?r ?x))
26
        ((robot-at ?r ?y)))
27
28
29
      ;; To locate an object
30
31
      (:operator (!locate ?a)
32
        ((unknown-location ?a))
        ((unknown-location ?a))
33
34
        ((known-location ?a)))
35
      ;; To perceive an object with camera ?camera
36
```

```
37
       (:operator (!perceive ?a ?camera)
38
         ((uncategorized ?a))
39
         ((categorized ?a)))
40
41
42
       ;;\  \  \, \textit{To}\  \  \, \textit{label}\  \  \, \textit{an}\  \  \, \textit{object}\  \  \, \textit{as}\  \  \, \textit{a}\  \  \, \textit{snack}
43
       (:operator (!label-object ?a)
44
         ((is-snack ?a))
45
         nil
46
         ((snack-label ?a)(labeled ?a)))
47
48
       ;; To label an object as a drink
       (:operator (!label-object ?a)
49
         ((is-drink ?a))
50
51
         nil
         ((drink-label ?a)(labeled ?a)))
52
53
       ;;\  \  \, \textit{To}\  \  \, \textit{label}\  \  \, \textit{an}\  \  \, \textit{object}\  \  \, \textit{as}\  \  \, \textit{a}\  \, \textit{fruit}
54
       (:operator (!label-object ?a)
55
         ((is-fruit ?a))
56
57
         nil
58
         ((fruit-label ?a)(labeled ?a)))
59
60
       ;; To label the contents of a shelf. A shelf holds objects of one
           category
61
       (:operator (!label-shelf ?s)
62
         ((holds-snack ?s))
63
         nil
64
         ((snack-label ?s)(labeled ?s)))
65
       (:operator (!label-shelf ?s)
66
67
         ((holds-drink ?s))
68
         nil
         ((drink-label ?s)(labeled ?s)))
69
70
71
       (:operator (!label-shelf ?s)
72
         ((holds-fruit ?s))
73
         nil
74
         ((fruit-label ?s)(labeled ?s)))
75
76
    ;; ----store-groceries methods---
77
78
       ;; To move object ?a from the table ?t to the cupboard ?c and place it on
             shelf ?s
       (:method (move-known-object ?a ?t ?c ?s)
79
80
         branch1
         ((robot-at ?r ?t)(on ?a ?t)(door-open ?d))
81
         ((!pickup ?a ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(!putdown ?a ?s))
82
83
84
         branch2
         ((robot-at ?r ?t)(on ?a ?t)(door-closed ?d))
85
         ((!move ?r ?t ?c)(!open-door ?d)(!move ?r ?c ?t)(!pickup ?a ?t)(!move ?
86
              r ?t ?c)(!putdown ?a ?s))
87
```

```
88
89
      ;; To locate the table and the cupboard
90
      (:method (locate-table-and-cupboard ?t ?c)
91
         ((!locate ?t)(!locate ?c))
92
93
94
95
      ;; To move objects from the table ?t to the cupboard ?c and place them on
           shelf\ ?s,\ using\ a\ ?tray
96
      (:method (move-known-objects ?t ?c ?s ?tray)
97
98
         ((known-location ?t)(known-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-open ?d))
99
        ((load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(unload-tray ?tray ?s))
100
101
        ((known-location\ ?t)(known-location\ ?c)(robot-at\ ?r\ ?t)(door-closed\ ?d)
102
103
         ((!move ?r ?t ?c)(!open-door ?d)(!move ?r ?c ?t)(load-tray ?tray ?t)(!
            move ?r ?t ?c)(unload-tray ?tray ?s))
104
105
106
         ((unknown-location ?t)(unknown-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-open ?
107
         ((locate-table-and-cupboard ?t ?c)(load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(
            unload-tray ?tray ?s))
108
109
        branch4
        ((unknown-location ?t)(unknown-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-closed
110
        ((locate-table-and-cupboard ?t ?c)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(!open-door ?d)(!move
111
             ?r ?c ?t)(load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(unload-tray ?tray ?s
            ))
112
113
      ;;\ \ \textit{To move uncategorized objects from the table ?t \ \textit{to the cupboard ?c and}\\
114
           place them on shelf ?s, using a ?tray. Objects are perceived using
          camera\ ?camera
115
      (:method (move-uncategorized-objects ?t ?c ?s ?tray ?camera)
116
117
         ((known-location ?t)(known-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-open ?d))
118
         ((categorize ?camera)(load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(unload-tray ?
            tray ?s))
119
120
        branch2
        ((known-location ?t)(known-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-closed ?d)
121
         ((categorize ?camera)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(!open-door ?d)(!move ?r ?c ?t)(
122
            load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(unload-tray ?tray ?s))
123
124
        branch3
125
        ((unknown-location ?t)(unknown-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-open ?
            d))
126
         ((categorize ?camera)(locate-table-and-cupboard ?t ?c)(load-tray ?tray
            ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(unload-tray ?tray ?s))
```

```
127
128
        branch4
        ((unknown-location ?t)(unknown-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-closed
129
        ((locate-table-and-cupboard ?t ?c)(categorize ?camera)(!move ?r ?t ?c)
130
            (!open-door ?d)(!move ?r ?c ?t)(load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)
            (unload-tray ?tray ?s))
131
      )
132
133
      ;; To move unlabeled objects to unknown cupboard
134
      (:method (move-unlabeled-object-unknown-cupboard ?t ?c ?s ?tray ?camera)
135
        branch1
        ((known-location ?t)(known-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-open ?d))
136
        ((!move ?r ?t ?c)(explore-cupboard ?c)(!move ?r ?c ?t)(label-objects)(
137
            load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(place-in-shelf ?tray))
138
139
        branch2
140
        ((known-location ?t)(known-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-closed ?d)
         ((!move ?r ?t ?c)(!open-door ?d)(explore-cupboard ?c)(!move ?r ?c ?t)(
141
            label-objects)(load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(place-in-shelf ?
            tray))
142
143
        branch3
144
        ((unknown-location ?t)(unknown-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-open ?
        ((locate-table-and-cupboard ?t ?c)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(explore-cupboard ?c)
145
            (!move ?r ?c ?t)(label-objects)(load-tray ?tray ?t)(!move ?r ?t ?c)
            (place-in-shelf ?tray))
146
147
        branch4
148
        ((unknown-location ?t)(unknown-location ?c)(robot-at ?r ?t)(door-closed
        ((locate-table-and-cupboard ?t ?c)(!move ?r ?t ?c)(!open-door ?d)(
149
            explore-cupboard ?c)(!move ?r ?c ?t)(label-objects)(load-tray ?tray
             ?t) (!move ?r ?t ?c) (place-in-shelf ?tray))
150
151
      ;; To place objects on the tray ?tray (so that the robot can carry more
152
          than one object at a time). The objects are picked up from the table
      (:method (load-tray ?tray ?t)
153
154
        branch1
155
        ((on ?a ?t))
        ((!pickup ?a ?t)(!putdown ?a ?tray)(load-tray ?tray ?t))
156
157
        branch2
158
        ((not (on ?a ?t)))
159
        nil ; do nothing (we are done loading objects)
160
161
        ;; To place all the object from the tray ?tray on the shelf ?s
162
        (:method (unload-tray ?tray ?s)
163
164
        branch1
165
        ((on ?a ?tray))
```

```
166
         ((!pickup ?a ?tray)(!putdown ?a ?s)(unload-tray ?tray ?s))
167
        branch2
168
         ((not (on ?a ?tray)))
169
         nil ; do nothing (we are done unloading objects)
170
      )
171
172
       ;; To place objects from the tray ?tray on the shelf that corresponds to
          the object category
173
       (:method (place-in-shelf ?tray)
174
         ; If the object is a snack, choose the shelf labeled as 'snack-label'
175
         ((on ?a ?tray)(snack-label ?a)((shelf ?z)(snack-label ?z)))
176
         ((!pickup ?a ?tray)(!putdown ?a ?z)(place-in-shelf ?tray))
177
178
179
         ; If the object is a drink, choose the shelf labeled as 'drink-label'
180
        branch2
         ((on ?a ?tray)(drink-label ?a)((shelf ?z)(drink-label ?z)))
181
182
         ((!pickup ?a ?tray)(!putdown ?a ?z)(place-in-shelf ?tray))
183
         ; If the object is a fruit, choose the shelf labeled as 'fruit-label'
184
185
186
         ((on ?a ?tray)(fruit-label ?a)((shelf ?z)(fruit-label ?z)))
187
         ((!pickup ?a ?tray)(!putdown ?a ?z)(place-in-shelf ?tray))
188
189
         ; If there are no more objects on the tray, do nothing
190
        branch4
191
         ((not (on ?a ?tray)))
192
        nil ; do nothing (we are done unloading objects)
193
194
       ;;\  \, To\  \, perceive\  \, and\  \, categorize\  \, objects
195
196
       (:method (categorize ?camera)
197
        branch1
         (forall (?z) ((object ?z))(categorized ?z))
198
199
         nil
200
201
        branch2
202
         ((object ?z)(uncategorized ?z))
203
         ((!perceive ?z ?camera)(categorize ?camera))
204
      )
205
206
       ;; To label the objects
207
       (:method (label-objects)
208
        branch1
209
         (forall (?z) ((object ?z))(labeled ?z))
210
         nil
211
212
        branch2
213
         ((object ?z)(not (labeled ?z)))
         ((!label-object ?z)(label-objects))
214
215
216
217
       ;; To explore the shelves of the cupboard ?c
218
       (:method (explore-cupboard ?c)
```

```
219
         branch1
         (forall (?z) ((shelf ?z))(labeled ?z))
220
221
         nil
222
         branch2
223
224
         ((shelf ?z)(not (labeled ?z)))
225
         ((!label-shelf ?z)(explore-cupboard ?c))
226
227
228
                    -----store-groceries axioms-
     ;; -
229
230
         Characteristics of a snack
231
       (:- (is-snack ?a)
232
         ((is-bag ?a)(is-crunchy ?a))
233
234
         Characteristics of a drink
235
236
       (:- (is-drink ?a)
         (or (is-bottle ?a)(is-can ?a))
237
238
239
240
        Characteristics of a fruit
241
       (:- (is-fruit ?a)
242
         ((is-round ?a))
243
244
245
246
```

4.2 Defining the problem

A problem file is created for each of the problems to solve. The problem files contain the initial state and the task that the planner has to achieve for solving each problem. The HTN planner uses this information to create a plan based on the domain information.

4.3 Problem 1

- The location of the table and the cupboard are known.
- There is one known and located object on the table.
- The door of the cupboard is closed.
- Place the object on any shelf.

Planning problem

```
(defproblem problem1 storegroceries
2
      ;; Problem 1
3
        (object a1)
4
5
        (cupboard c1)
6
        (door d1)
7
        (shelf s1)
8
        (table t1)
        (robot r1)
9
        (on al t1) (door-closed d1)(robot-at r1 t1)
10
11
12
      ((move-known-object a1 t1 c1 s1))
13
```

Generated Plan

To get the plan, run: make problem1

Figure 1 shows that the plan is generated in 16 steps. The task is achieved by performing a sequence of 6 primitive tasks:

```
1
             (!move r1 t1 c1)
2
     2
             (!open-door d1)
3
     3
             (!move r1 c1 t1)
4
             (!pickup a1 t1)
     4
5
     5
             (!move r1 t1 c1)
     6
             (!putdown a1 s1)
```

4.4 Problem 2

- The table and the cupboard have to be located.
- \bullet The are n (2 to 5) known and located objects on the table.
- The door of the cupboard is closed.
- Place the objects on any shelf.

Planning problem

The problem for 5 objects is represented as:

```
1 (defproblem problem2 storegroceries
2 ;; Problem2
3 (
4 (object a1)
5 (object a2)
```

```
6
        (object a3)
7
        (object a4)
8
        (object a5)
9
        (cupboard c1)
10
        (door d1)
        (shelf s1)
11
12
        (table t1)
13
        (robot r1)
14
        (tray tray1)
15
        (unknown-location t1)(unknown-location c1)(on a1 t1)(on a2 t1)(on a3 t1
            )(on a4 t1)(on a5 t1)(door-closed d1)(robot-at r1 t1)
16
      ((move-known-objects t1 c1 s1 tray1))
17
18
```

Generated Plan

To get the plan, run: make problem2

Figure 2 shows that the plan is generated in 82 steps. The task is achieved by performing a sequence of 26 primitive tasks:

```
1
        1
                (!locate t1)
2
        2
                 (!locate c1)
3
        3
                 (!move r1 t1 c1)
4
        4
                 (!open-door d1)
                (!move r1 c1 t1)
5
        5
6
                (!pickup a1 t1)
        6
7
        7
                (!putdown a1 tray1)
8
        8
                (!pickup a2 t1)
9
        9
                (!putdown a2 tray1)
10
        10 ]
                  (!pickup a3 t1)
11
        11
                  (!putdown a3 tray1)
12
        12
                  (!pickup a4 t1)
13
        13
                  (!putdown a4 tray1)
14
        14
                  (!pickup a5 t1)
15
        15
                  (!putdown a5 tray1)
        16
16
                  (!move r1 t1 c1)
        17
                  (!pickup a1 tray1)
17
        18
                  (!putdown a1 s1)
18
19
        19
                  (!pickup a2 tray1)
20
        20
                  (!putdown a2 s1)
21
        21
                  (!pickup a3 tray1)
22
        22
                  (!putdown a3 s1)
23
        23
                  (!pickup a4 tray1)
24
        24
                  (!putdown a4 s1)
25
        25
                  (!pickup a5 tray1)
26
        ^{26}
                  (!putdown a5 s1)
```

For testing with less objects, the planning problem has to define less objects in the initial state. For instance, for 3 objects, the planning problem is:

```
1
    (defproblem problem2 storegroceries
2
      ;; Problem 2
3
4
        (object a1)
5
        (object a2)
6
        (object a3)
7
        (cupboard c1)
8
        (door d1)
9
        (shelf s1)
10
        (table t1)
11
        (robot r1)
12
        (tray tray1)
13
        (unknown-location t1)(unknown-location c1)(on a1 t1)(on a2 t1)(on a3 t1
            )(door-closed d1)(robot-at r1 t1)
14
      ((move-known-objects t1 c1 s1 tray1))
15
16
```

The plan is generated in 58 steps and consists of 18 primitive tasks:

```
1
        1
                (!locate t1)
2
        2
                 (!locate c1)
3
        3
                 (!move r1 t1 c1)
4
        4
                 (!open-door d1)
5
        5
                 (!move r1 c1 t1)
6
        6
                 (!pickup a1 t1)
7
        7
                (!putdown a1 tray1)
8
                 (!pickup a2 t1)
        8
9
                (!putdown a2 tray1)
        9
10
                 (!pickup a3 t1)
        10
                 (!putdown a3 tray1)
11
        11
                 (!move r1 t1 c1)
12
        12
13
        13
                 (!pickup a1 tray1)
14
        14
                 (!putdown a1 s1)
15
        15
                 (!pickup a2 tray1)
16
        16
                 (!putdown a2 s1)
17
        17
                 (!pickup a3 tray1)
18
        18
                 (!putdown a3 s1)
```

4.5 Problem 3

- The table and the cupboard have to be located.
- There are n (2 to 5) unknown objects on the table (perception has to be used)
- The door of the cupboard is closed.
- Place the objects on any shelf.

Planning problem

The problem for 5 objects is represented as:

```
(defproblem problem3 storegroceries
1
2
      ;; Problem 3\\
3
4
        (object a1)
5
        (object a2)
        (object a3)
6
        (object a4)
7
8
        (object a5)
9
        (camera camera1)
10
        (cupboard c1)
11
        (door d1)
12
        (shelf s1)
13
        (table t1)
14
        (robot r1)
        (tray tray1)
15
16
        (unknown-location t1)(unknown-location c1)(on a1 t1)(on a2 t1)(on a3 t1
            ) (on a4 t1) (on a5 t1) (uncategorized a1) (uncategorized a2) (
            uncategorized a3)(uncategorized a4)(uncategorized a5)(door-closed
            d1) (robot-at r1 t1)
17
      ((move-uncategorized-objects t1 c1 s1 tray1 cameral))
18
19
```

Generated Plan

To get the plan, run: make problem3

Figure 3 shows that the plan for 5 objects is generated in 104 steps. The task is achieved by performing a sequence of 31 primitive tasks:

```
(!locate t1)
1
      1
2
      2
              (!locate c1)
3
      3
              (!perceive a1 camera1)
4
      4
              (!perceive a2 camera1)
5
      5
              (!perceive a3 camera1)
6
      6
              (!perceive a4 camera1)
7
      7
              (!perceive a5 camera1)
              (!move r1 t1 c1)
8
      8
9
      9
              (!open-door d1)
10
      10
               (!move r1 c1 t1)
11
               (!pickup a1 t1)
      11
12
      12
               (!putdown a1 tray1)
13
               (!pickup a2 t1)
      13
               (!putdown a2 tray1)
14
      14
15
      15
               (!pickup a3 t1)
16
      16
               (!putdown a3 tray1)
17
      17
               (!pickup a4 t1)
18
      18
               (!putdown a4 tray1)
      19
19
               (!pickup a5 t1)
20
      20 ]
               (!putdown a5 tray1)
```

```
(!move r1 t1 c1)
22
      22
               (!pickup a1 tray1)
23
      23
               (!putdown a1 s1)
24
               (!pickup a2 tray1)
      ^{24}
25
      25
               (!putdown a2 s1)
26
      26
               (!pickup a3 tray1)
27
               (!putdown a3 s1)
      27
28
      28
               (!pickup a4 tray1)
29
      29
               (!putdown a4 s1)
30
      30
               (!pickup a5 tray1)
31
      31
               (!putdown a5 s1)
```

For testing with less objects, the planning problem has to define less objects in the initial state. For instance, for 3 objects, the planning problem is:

4.6 Problem 4

- The table and the cupboard have to be located.
- The cupboard has to be explored. Each shelf holds object of a category.
- There are *n* unknown objects on the table (perception has to be used). Each object belongs to a certain category.
- The door of the cupboard is closed.
- Place each order on the correct shelf according to the category.

Planning problem

```
(defproblem problem4 storegroceries
1
      ;; Problem4
2
3
4
        (object a1)
        (object a2)
5
6
         (object a3)
7
         (object a4)
8
         (object a5)
9
         (camera camera1)
10
         (cupboard c1)
         (door d1)
11
12
         (shelf s1)
        (shelf s2)
13
14
        (shelf s3)
15
        (table t1)
        (robot r1)
16
17
        (tray tray1)
18
        (unknown-location t1)(unknown-location c1)(unlabeled c1)
19
20
        (holds-snack s1)
21
        (holds-drink s2)
22
        (holds-fruit s3)
```

```
23
        (on a1 t1)(is-bag a1)(is-crunchy a1)
24
        (on a2 t1)(is-bottle a2)
25
        (on a3 t1)(is-can a3)
26
        (on a4 t1)(is-round a4)
27
        (on a5 t1)(is-round a5)
28
        (door-closed d1)(robot-at r1 t1)
29
30
      ((move-unlabeled-object-unknown-cupboard t1 c1 s1 tray1 camera1))
31
```

Generated Plan

To get the plan, run: make problem4

Figure 4 shows that the plan is generated in 118 steps. The task is achieved by performing a sequence of 34 primitive tasks:

```
1
      1
              (!locate t1)
2
      2
              (!locate c1)
3
      3
              (!move r1 t1 c1)
4
      4
              (!open-door d1)
5
      5
              (!label-shelf s1)
6
      6
              (! label-shelf s2)
7
      7
              (!label-shelf s3)
8
      8
              (!move r1 c1 t1)
9
      9
              (!label-object a1)
10
               (!label-object a2)
      10
11
               (!label-object a3)
      11
12
      12
               (!label-object a4)
     13
13
               (!label-object a5)
14
      14
               (!pickup a1 t1)
15
      15
               (!putdown a1 tray1)
16
      16
               (!pickup a2 t1)
17
      17
               (!putdown a2 tray1)
18
      18
               (!pickup a3 t1)
19
      19
               (!putdown a3 tray1)
20
      20
               (!pickup a4 t1)
21
      21
               (!putdown a4 tray1)
22
      22
               (!pickup a5 t1)
23
      23
               (!putdown a5 tray1)
24
      24
               (!move r1 t1 c1)
25
      25
               (!pickup a1 tray1)
26
      26
               (!putdown a1 s1)
27
      27
               (!pickup a2 tray1)
28
      28
               (!putdown a2 s2)
29
      29
               (!pickup a3 tray1)
30
      30
               (!putdown a3 s2)
31
               (!pickup a4 tray1)
      31
32
      32
               (!putdown a4 s3)
33
      33
               (!pickup a5 tray1)
34
      34
               (!putdown a5 s3)
```

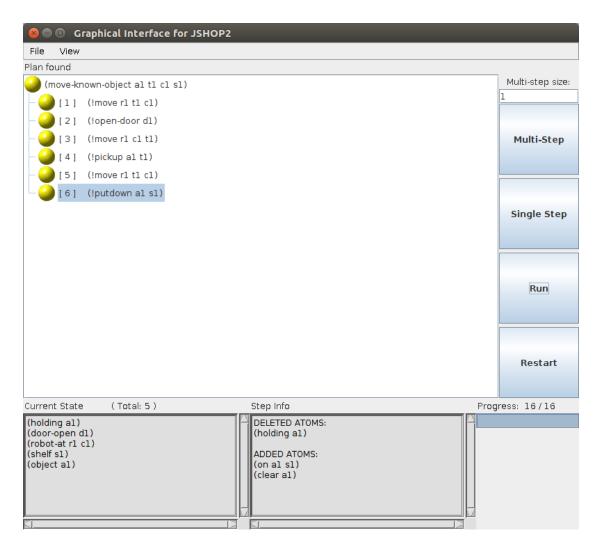


Figure 1: GUI Problem 1

Table compares the number of steps for generating plans for problems 2, 3 and 4 and the number of tasks in the plan, when the number of objects is 2, 3, 4 and 5.

5 Limitations and Planning Failures

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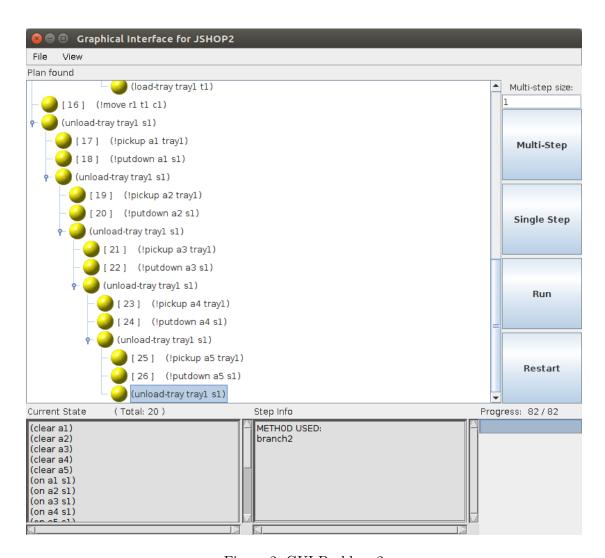


Figure 2: GUI Problem 2

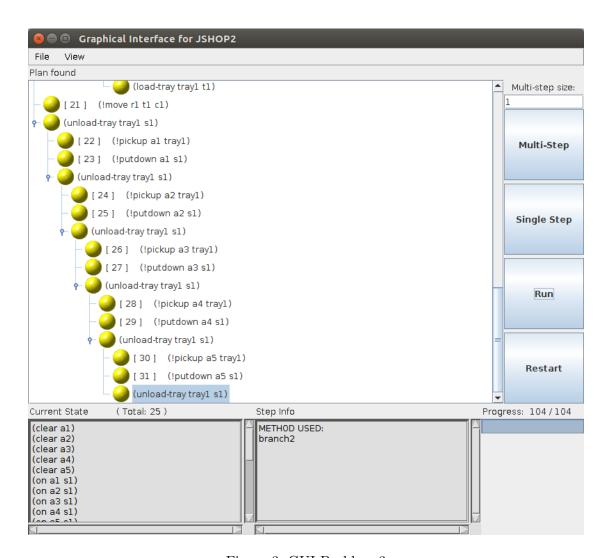


Figure 3: GUI Problem 3

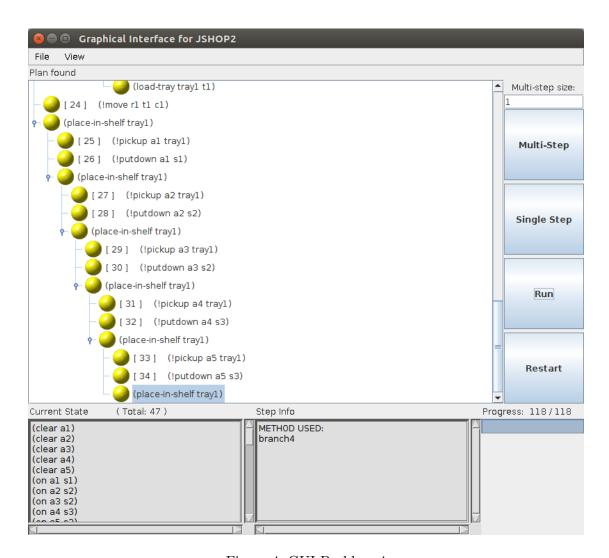


Figure 4: GUI Problem 4

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