Goal Recognition with Real World Data

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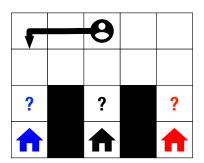
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What is it?

- Goal Recognition is the task of recognizing agents' goal that explains a sequence of observations of its actions;
 - Related to plan recognition, i.e. recognizing a top-level action
 - A specific form of the problem of abduction
- Roughly two types of approach:
 - Plan-library based (classical plan recognition)
 - Domain-theory based (plan recognition as planning, or PRAP)



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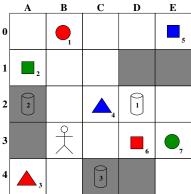






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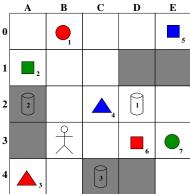
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Wooden pieces $p_1, p_2, \dots p_n$ Pieces have shapes and colors Bins b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n The possible **goals** the trainer expected to pursue:

- ① Store all triangles in b_1
- ② Store all spheres in b_2
- 3 Store all cubes in b_3
- 4 Store red objects in b_2
- **5** Store green objects in b_3
- **6** Store blue objects in b_1

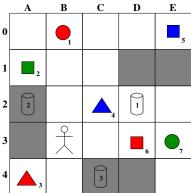
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- Walk from B3 into A4
- Pick p₃ up
- Walk from A4 into B3
- Walk from B3 into C2
- ⑤ Pick p₄ up
- **6** Throw p_3 into b_1
- Throw p_4 into b_1

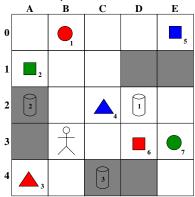
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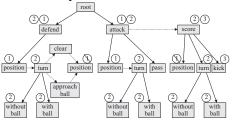
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Here, we could deduce either goal #1 or #4 (store all red objects in b_2), as other tasks are less *likely*.

Flavors of Recognition Formalism

Plan Library



Domain Theory (PRAP)

```
define (domain grid)
(:requirements :strips :tvping)
(:types place shape key)
(: predicates (conn ?x ?v - place)
             (kev-shape ?k - kev ?s - shape)
             (lock-shape ?x - place ?s - shape)
             (at ?r - kev ?x - place )
             (at-robot ?x - place)
             (locked ?x - place)
             (carrying ?k - key)
             (open ?x - place)
(:action unlock
:parameters (?curpos ?lockpos - place ?kev - kev ?shape - shape)
: precondition (and (conn ?curpos ?lockpos) (key-shape ?key ?shape)
                   (lock-shape ?lockpos ?shape) (at-robot ?curpos)
                   (locked ?lockpos) (carrying ?kev))
:effect (and (open ?lockpos) (not (locked ?lockpos)))
(:action move
: parameters (?curpos ?nextpos - place)
:precondition (and (at-robot ?curpos) (conn ?curpos ?nextpos) (open ?r
:effect (and (at-robot ?nextpos) (not (at-robot ?curpos)))
(:action pickup
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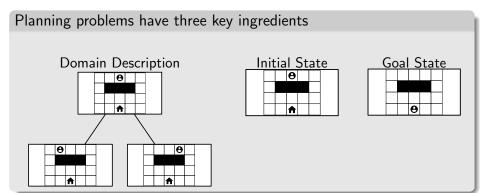
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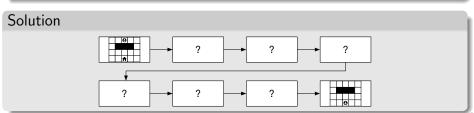
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A planning instance is represented by a triple $\Pi = \langle \Xi, \mathcal{I}, G \rangle$, in which:

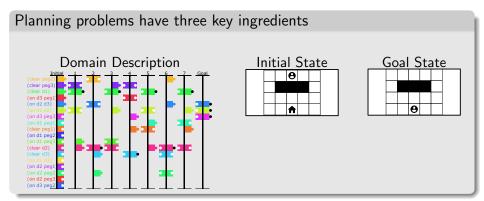
- $\Xi = \langle \Sigma, \mathcal{A} \rangle$ is the **domain definition**, and consists of a finite set of **facts** Σ and a finite set of **actions** \mathcal{A} (action costs typically 1);
- $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \Sigma$ and $G \subseteq \Sigma$ represent the **planning problem**, in which $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \Sigma$ is the **initial state**, and $G \subseteq \Sigma$ is the **goal state**.
- Actions $a \in \mathcal{A}$ are tuples $a = \langle pre(a), eff(a), cost(a) \rangle$
- Facts Σ can be modeled in a variety of ways:
 - As a logic language (restricted FOL): states are truth assignments
 - As a set of variables $\mathcal V$ with finite domains: states are variable assignments

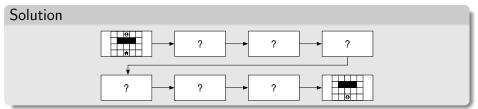
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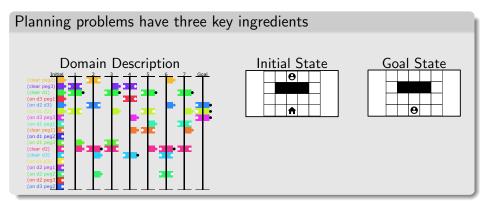


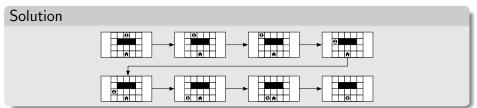
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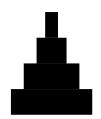


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Planning Heuristics

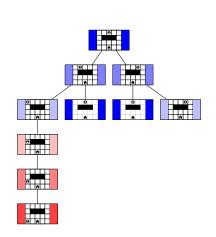


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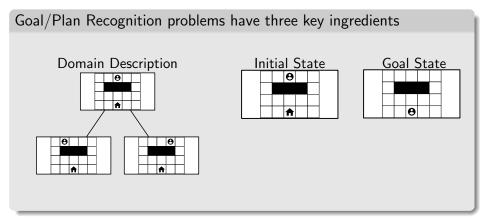
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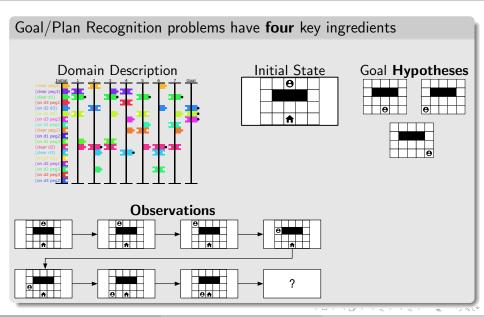
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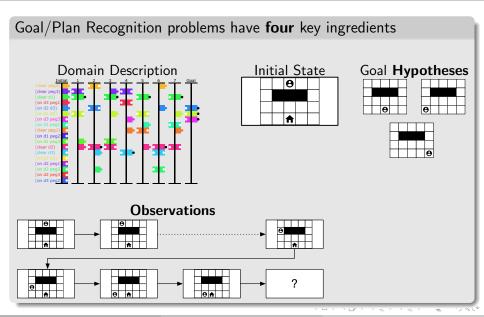
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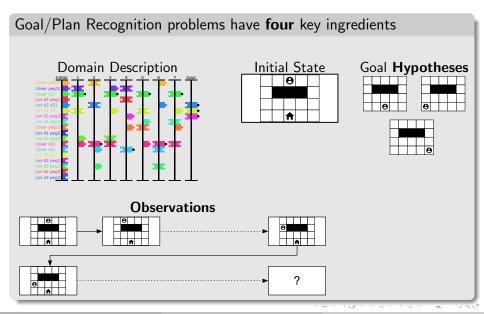
- \bullet $\Xi = \langle \Sigma, \mathcal{A} \rangle$ is the domain definition (facts and actions) ;
- $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \Sigma$ is the initial state;
- \mathcal{G} s.t. $\forall G \in \mathcal{G}, G \subseteq \Sigma$ is a set of candidate goals (with an assumed hidden goal G); and
- ullet O is a sequence $\langle o_1, \dots o_n \rangle$ of observations, where $o_i \in \mathcal{A}$
- The solution for a goal recognition problem is the hidden goal $G \in \mathcal{G}$ that is most consistent with observation sequence O.
- Caveat: we may have other representations for the observations
- This is what I will refer to as PRAP

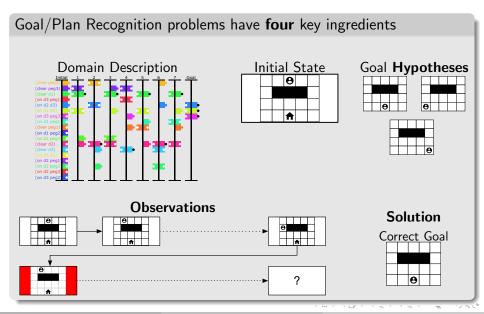












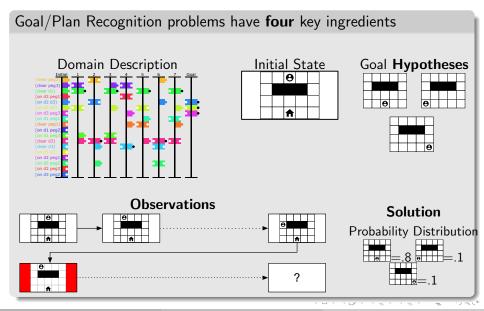


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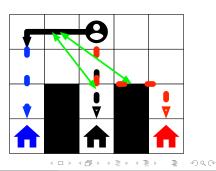
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Goal Recognition using Planning Domains I

Ramirez and Geffner (2009 and 2010)

- First approaches to goal recognition: Plan Recognition as Planning (PRAP)
- Probabilistic model aims to compute $P(G \mid O)$
- Following Bayes Rule $P(G \mid O) = \alpha P(O \mid G)P(G)$
- Given P(G) as a prior, key bottleneck is computing $P(O \mid G)$

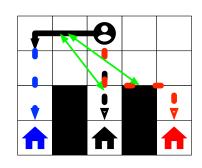
- Compute $P(O \mid G)$ in terms of a cost difference $c(G, O) c(G, \bar{O})$
- Costs two planner calls per goal hypothesis



Goal Recognition using Planning Domains II

Sohrabi et al. (2016)

- Conceptually similar to Ramirez and Geffner: aims to compute $P(G \mid O)$ via $\alpha P(O \mid G)P(G)$
- Compilation of plan recognition problem into multiple planning problems (one for each G)
- Compute Top-k or diverse plans π to approximate $P(O \mid G) = \sum_{\pi} P(O \mid \pi) \cdot P(\pi \mid G)$
- Compensate noisy observations by imposing a cost on dropped Observations



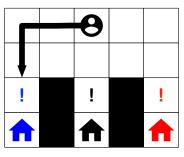
Goal Recognition using Planning Heuristics

Pereira, Oren and Meneguzzi (2017):

- Obviate the need to execute a planner multiple times for recognizing goals; and
- Novel goal recognition heuristics that use planning landmarks.
- More accurate and orders of magnitude faster than all previous approaches.

Planning Landmarks:

- Are necessary conditions for any valid plan
- Theoretical cost of computation is the same as planning



Goal Recognition using Operator-Counting Constraints

Meneguzzi, Pereira and Pereira (2020):

- Use operator counting heuristic information for recognizing goals;
 and
- Operator counts and LP constraints cope explicitly with noisy observations.

Key advantages:

- More accurate than all previous approaches; and
- Provides an extensible framework for further goal recognition work.

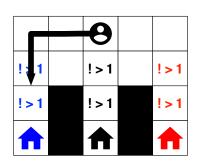
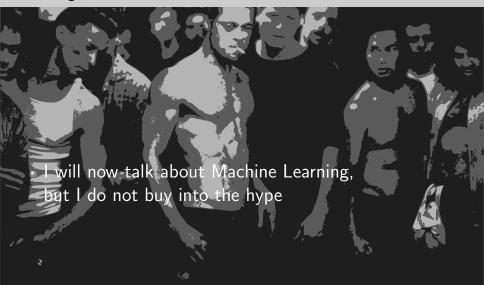


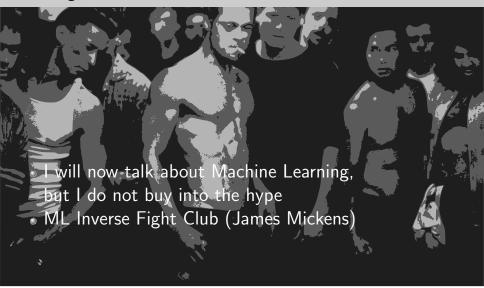
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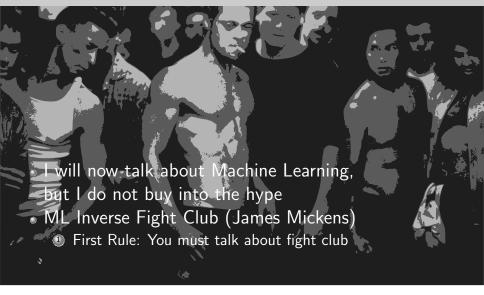
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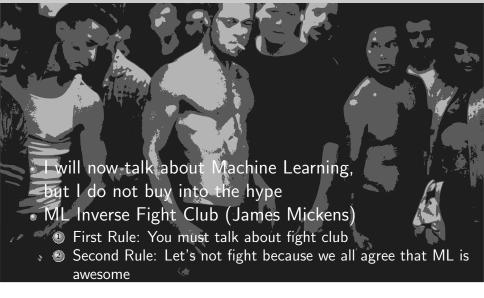
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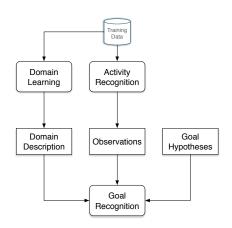


Warning



Where can we use real-world data?

- Domain description: What we want to recognize?
 - Environment domain
 - Subject preferences
- Goal Recognition: How do we deal with the observations?
 - Generate observations from raw data
 - Cope with noise from observations



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Limitations of previous approaches

- Domain Knowledge:
 - Must be engineered by humans
 - Must be perfect
- Observations:
 - Must be "well-behaved" in some sense
 - Do not use raw, real-world data









How do we try to solve this?

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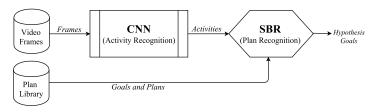
- Most research focuses on activity and plan recognition separately;
- We develop a hybrid approach that comprises both;
- The approach infers, from a set of candidate plans, which plan a human subject is pursuing based exclusively on fixed-camera video.



A Hybrid Architecture for Activity and Plan Recognition

Conceptually divided in two main parts

- CNN-based activity recognition (CNN)¹
- CNN-backed symbolic plan recognition (SBR)²



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¹That's us!

²Not our work: Avrahami-Zilberbrand and Kaminka. Fast and Complete Symbolic 200

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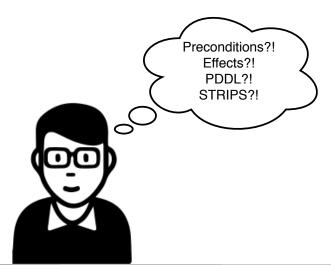
What is an Incomplete Domain?

In a nutshell:

It is a STRIPS/PDDL domain that allows me to state that some preconditions/effects **may or may not** be there!

Why use Incomplete Domains?

- A step forward to more realistic settings; and
- The lack of domain knowledge, human-error, and etc.



Background: Incomplete STRIPS Domain Models

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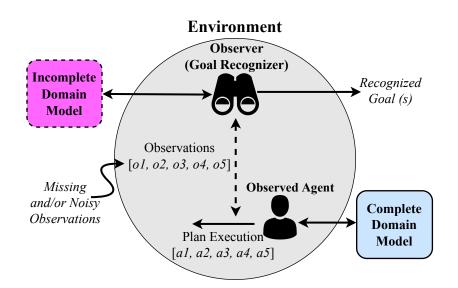
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Problem Overview



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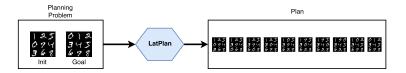
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Plan Recognition in Latent Space

Motivation

- Goal and Plan Recognition depend on high-quality domain engineering
 - PDDL domain theory for PRAP
 - Plan Library for traditional PR
- We would like to obviate the need for most domain engineering
 - Learn domain models directly from raw data
 - Recognize goals using raw data as observations

Inspiration: LatPlanner³



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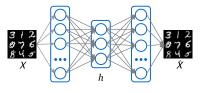
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 $^{^3}$ Not our Work: Asai and Fukunaga. Classical Planning in Deep Latent Space: Bridging the Subsymbolic-Symbolic Boundary, AAAI, 2018

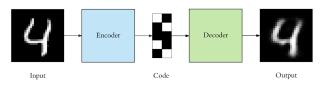
Variational Autoencoders

- Autoencoders are a specific type of Neural Network intended to learn representations
- Consists of three key parts
 - Encoder network
 - Latent layer (the middle layer)
 - Decoder network
- Trained in an unsupervised manner
- Variational Autoencoders force the the encoder network to generate latent vectors following some distribution (typically a unit-gaussian one)



Gumbel-softmax autoencoders and planning

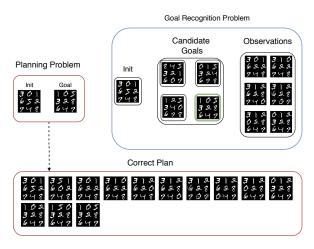
- Planners view states as sets of logical propositions (i.e. binary vectors)
- We would like to be able to learn state representations from raw data
- We force an autoencoder to have a categorial distribution in the latent layer:
 - Gumbel-softmax activation can be annealed into a categorical distribution
 - Latent layer now correspond to logic bits
 - Can learn a PDDL transition function from pairs of states



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Goal Recognition using Raw Data

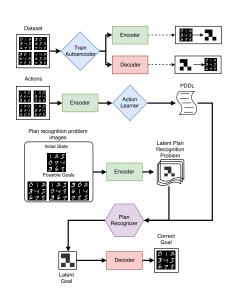
 Once we learn the internal representation, we can recognize plans as sequences of images, but using symbolic goal recognition algorithms



Goal Recognition in Latent Space

Key steps in the approach

- Train autoencoder using an image dataset (binary representation)
- Infer transition function from pairs of encoded images (states)
- Convert Goal Recognition problem to latent space using autoencoder
- Recognize goals using PRAP algorithms (ours)



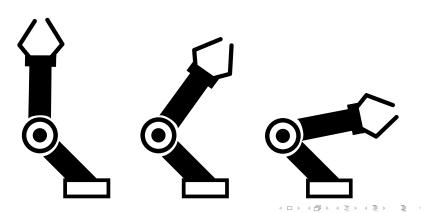
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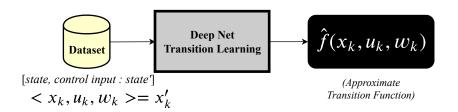
Goal Recognition Using Nominal Models

Motivation

- Existing goal recognition approaches rely on complete models with known system dynamics;
- We drop the assumption that the transition function is given and well defined, using Nominal (approximate) models

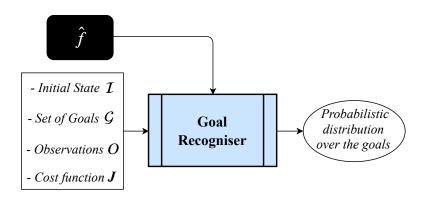


Deep Neural Networks as Nominal Models



- We acquire nominal models by training a DNN
- Trained DNN becomes the transition function
- Nominal models support continuous action and state spaces;

Goal Recognition over Nominal Models



• We define the observations O as **trajectory of states** induced by a policy π that minimises J, and **achieve a hidden goal** $G^* \in \mathcal{G}$.

Probabilistic Goal Recognition over Nominal Models

We adopt the probabilistic interpretation of Ramírez and Geffner $(2010)^4$:

- $P(G|O) = \alpha P(O|G)P(G)$
 - P(G) is a *prior* probability to a goal G;
 - P(O|G) is the probability of observing O when the goal is G;
 - ullet α is a normalisation factor.

Here, since P(G) is equal for every candidate goal, the question is:

• How do we compute P(O|G)?

⁴ Ramírez and Geffner, Probabilistic Plan Recognition using off-the-shelf Classical Planners AAAI, 2011₁ 📱 ト 📑 💉 🤈 🤉 🤄

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Goal Recognition as Nominal Mirroring: η MIRRORING

We develop our first approach using the concept of $Mirroring^5$ to compare two plans for each of the candidate goals in \mathcal{G} :

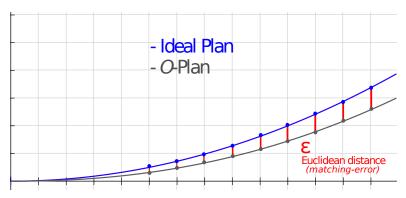
- **Ideal-plan** (π_G) : a plan computed from \mathcal{I} to every goal G in \mathcal{G} ;
- O-plan $(\pi_{O,G})$: a plan computed for every pair \mathcal{I} , G, which must visit every state in O.

⁵ Vered et al., Online Goal Recognition through Mirroring: Humans and Agents. ACS, 2016. ▶ ⟨ ⅓ ▶ ⟨ ⅓ ▶ ⟨ ⅓ ♥ ९ ९ №

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η MIRRORING: matching-error ϵ

We compare the **Ideal-plan** and the *O*-plan using the *matching-error*⁶ ϵ , i.e., the **Euclidean distance** between the trajectories.



⁶ Kaminka et al., Plan Recognition in Continuous Domains. AAAI, 2018.

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 - ML algorithms to generate symbolic observations
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 - Learn Nominal Models from raw data √
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Engineering GR Domains using ML

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- Most computer vision datasets already contain annotated semantic information (and algorithms assume their existence):
 - Labels for objects and relations
- Why not use this semantic information to co-design GR domains around them?



Relations:

Goal Recognition with Real World Data

<person,holding,boiled-egg> <boiled-egg,holding,bowl>

Deriving PDDL from ML Algorithms



peel-boiled-egg



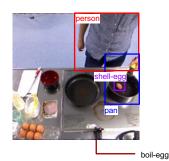
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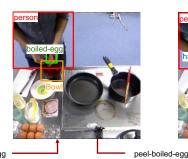
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(:action peel-boiled-egg
    :parameters (?e - egg ?d - cooking-dish)
    :precondition (and (boiled-egg ?e)
                    (holding ?e) (on ?e ?d))
    : effect (and (hard-boiled-egg ?e)
                (not (shell-egg?e)))
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Generating Semantically-meaningful Observations with ML







<person,holding,shell-egg>
<shell-egg,in,pan>
<person,holding,hashi>

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Future Directions

- Plan Recognition with Domain Theories
 - Extend heuristics to temporal and non-uniform-cost; domains
 - Experiment with more advanced notions of numeric landmarks (e.g. Scala et al.); and
 - Automatically infer first-order logic literals.
- More effective GR techniques combining learning and symbolic reasoning.

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Do not be naughty

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- Machine Learning (within reason)
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Thank you! Questions?

