

Plan and Goal Recognition in the Real World

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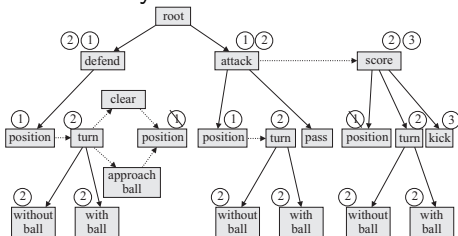
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- Recognizing plans and goals of others is a critical ability for intelligent interaction:
 - important for humans/agents working in the same environment
 - increasingly important as we build more intelligent systems
- Overall area of Plan, Activity and Intent Recognition
 - Activity recognition: recognizing meaningful activities from low-level sensor data
 - Plan/Intent/Goal recognition: recognizing intentional higher-level sequences of activities

- **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
- Approaches to goal and plan recognition divided into roughly two types:
 - Plan-library based (*classical* plan recognition)
 - Domain-theory based (plan recognition as planning, or PRAP)

Flavors of Recognition Formalism

Plan Library



Domain Theory (PRAP)

```
(define (domain grid)
  (:requirements :strips :typing)
  (:types place shape key)
  (:predicates (conn ?x ?y — place)
    (key—shape ?k — key ?s — shape)
    (lock—shape ?x — place ?s — shape)
    (at ?r — key ?x — place )
    (at—robot ?x — place)
    (locked ?x — place)
    (carrying ?k — key)
    (open ?x — place)
  )

  (:action unlock
    :parameters (?curpos ?lockpos — place ?key — key ?shape — shape)
    :precondition (and (conn ?curpos ?lockpos) (key—shape ?key ?shape)
      (lock—shape ?lockpos ?shape) (at—robot ?curpos)
      (locked ?lockpos) (carrying ?key))
    :effect (and (open ?lockpos) (not (locked ?lockpos))))
  )

  (:action move
    :parameters (?curpos ?nextpos — place)
    :precondition (and (at—robot ?curpos) (conn ?curpos ?nextpos) (open ?nextpos))
    :effect (and (at—robot ?nextpos) (not (at—robot ?curpos))))
  )

  (:action pickup
    :parameters (?curpos — place ?key — key)
    :precondition (and (at—robot ?curpos) (at ?key ?curpos))
    :effect (and (carrying ?key)
      (not (at ?key ?curpos)))
  )
)
```

An example of Activity Recognition



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




An example of Activity Recognition



breaking egg

An Example of Goal/Plan Recognition

from Miquel Ramirez's thesis

	A	B	C	D	E
0		 1			 5
1	 2				
2	 2		 4	 1	
3				 6	 7
4	 3		 3		

Wooden pieces p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n

Pieces have shapes and colors

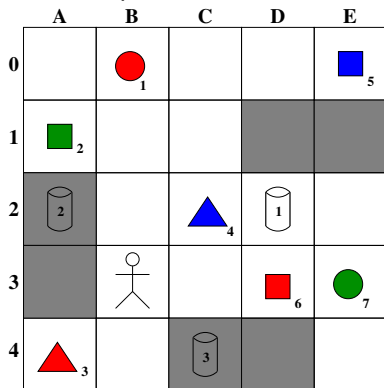
Bins b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n

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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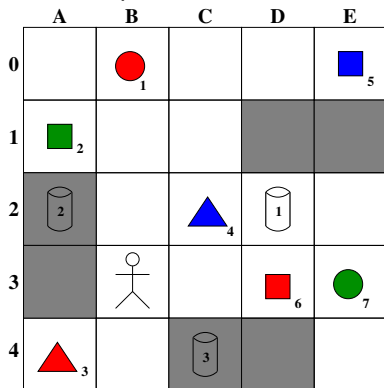
One possible *plan* for the trainer to achieve goal #1

(store all triangles in b_1):

- ① Walk from B3 into A4
- ② Pick p_3 up
- ③ Walk from A4 into B3
- ④ Walk from B3 into C2
- ⑤ Pick p_4 up
- ⑥ Throw p_3 into b_1
- ⑦ Throw p_4 into b_1

An Example of Goal/Plan Recognition

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If sensors miss 70% of *walk* actions and half *pick* and *drop* actions, we may only see:

- 1 Pick p_3 up
- 2 Walk from A4 into B3












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2	 ₂		 ₄	 ₁	
3				 ₆	 ₇
4	 ₃		 ₃		

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If sensors miss 70% of *walk* actions and half *pick* and *drop* actions, we may only see:

- ① Pick p_3 up
- ② Walk from A4 into B3

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

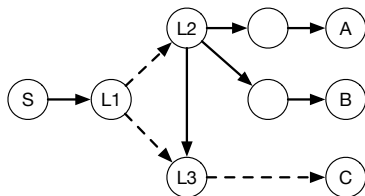
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Motivation

- In this work, we use a **planning domain definition** to represent agent behavior and environment properties;
- Previous approaches involve multiple calls to a modified planner.
- Our main contribution is twofold:
 - We **obviate the need to execute a planner multiple times** for recognizing goals; and
 - We develop novel goal recognition heuristics that **use planning landmarks**.
- We show that our approaches are **more accurate** and **orders of magnitude faster** than Ramírez and Geffner's approach.

Computing Achieved Landmarks



- Our heuristics require identifying which fact landmarks have been achieved during the observed plan execution for every candidate goal $G \in \mathcal{G}$;
- For every candidate goal $G \in \mathcal{G}$:
 - Extract *ordered* landmarks for G ;
 - Use achieved landmarks of G in preconditions and effects of every observed action $o \in O$;
 - Under partial observability, we deal with missing actions by inferring that predecessors of observed landmarks must have been achieved;

Landmark-Based Goal Completion Heuristic

- Goal Completion h_{gc} aggregates the percentage of completion of each sub-goal into an overall percentage of completion for all facts of a candidate goal;

$$h_{gc}(G, \mathcal{AL}_G, \mathcal{L}_G) = \left(\frac{\sum_{g \in G} \frac{|\mathcal{AL}_g \cap \mathcal{AL}_G|}{|\mathcal{L}_g \cap \mathcal{L}_G|}}{|G|} \right) \quad (1)$$

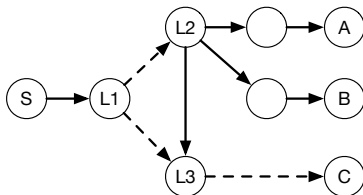
where:

- \mathcal{AL}_G achieved landmarks for goals in G
- \mathcal{L}_G all landmarks for goals in G

Landmark-Based Uniqueness Heuristic (1 of 2)

- Our second heuristic computes **landmark uniqueness**:
inverse frequency of a landmark within landmarks for candidate goals:

$$L_{Uniq}(L, \mathcal{L}_G) = \left(\frac{1}{\sum_{L' \in \mathcal{L}_G} |\{L | L' \in \mathcal{L}\}|} \right) \quad (2)$$



$$L_{Uniq}(L2) = 1/2$$

$$L_{Uniq}(L1) = 1/3$$

$$L_{Uniq}(L3) = 1$$

Landmark-Based Uniqueness Heuristic (2 of 2)

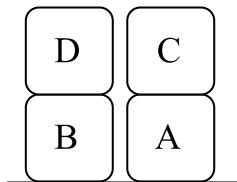
- Our second heuristic, called h_{uniq} , estimates the goal completion of a candidate goal G by calculating the ratio between the sum of the uniqueness value of the achieved landmarks of G and the sum of the uniqueness value of all landmarks of G ;

$$h_{uniq}(G, \mathcal{AL}_G, \mathcal{L}_G, \Upsilon_{uv}) = \left(\frac{\sum_{\mathcal{A}_L \in \mathcal{AL}_G} \Upsilon_{uv}(\mathcal{A}_L)}{\sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}_G} \Upsilon_{uv}(L)} \right) \quad (3)$$

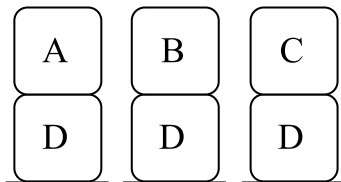
where:

- Υ_{uv} is a table of uniqueness values
- \mathcal{AL}_G achieved landmarks for goals in G
- \mathcal{L}_G all landmarks for goals in G

Example (1 of 4)



Initial State



Set of Candidate Goals

- Observations:
 - (unstack D B); and
 - (unstack C A).
- The real goal is: (and (ontable D) (on C D) (clear C))

Example (2 of 4)

Achieved Landmarks in Observations:

- (and (ontable D) (clear A) (on A D)), 5 out of 8:
 - [(clear A)], [(clear A) (ontable A) (handempty)], [(on C A) (clear C) (handempty)], [(holding D)], [(clear D) (on D B) (handempty)]
- (and (ontable D) (clear B) (on B D)), 4 out of 7:
 - [(clear B)], [(ontable B) (handempty)], [(on D B) (clear D) (handempty)], [(holding D)]
- (and (ontable D) (clear C) (on C D)), 5 out of 7:
 - [(clear C)], [(clear C) (on C A) (handempty)], [(clear D) (holding C)], [(clear D) (on D B) (handempty)], [(holding D)]

Landmark-Based Goal Completion Heuristic

- (and (ontable D) (clear A) (on A D)):
 - Goal Completion: 0.7222
- (and (ontable D) (clear B) (on B D)):
 - Goal Completion: 0.6666
- (and (ontable D) (clear C) (on C D)):
 - **Goal Completion: 0.7777 (highest estimated value)**

Example (4 of 4) - h_{uniq}

Landmark-Based Uniqueness Heuristic

- (and (ontable D) (clear A) (on A D)), $Total_{Uniq} = 5.5$:
 - [(clear A)] = 1, [(clear A) (ontable A) (handempty)] = 1,
[(on C A) (clear C) (handempty)] = 0.5, [(holding D)] = 0.3333,
[(clear D) (on D B) (handempty)] = 0.3333
 - $h_{uniq} = 3.1666 / 5.5 = 0.5757$
- (and (ontable D) (clear B) (on B D)), $Total_{Uniq} = 5$:
 - [(clear B)] = 1, [(ontable B) (handempty)] = 1,
[(on D B) (clear D) (handempty)] = 0.3333, [(holding D)] = 0.3333
 - $h_{uniq} = 2.6666 / 5 = 0.5333$
- (and (ontable D) (clear C) (on C D)), $Total_{Uniq} = 4.5$:
 - [(clear C)] = 1, [(clear C) (on C A) (handempty)] = 0.5,
[(clear D) (holding C)] = 1, [(holding D)] = 0.3333
[(clear D) (on D B) (handempty)] = 0.3333
 - $h_{uniq} = 3.1666 / 4.5 = 0.71$

Recognized (and (ontable D) (clear C) (on C D)) **with:**

$$h_{uniq} = 0.71$$

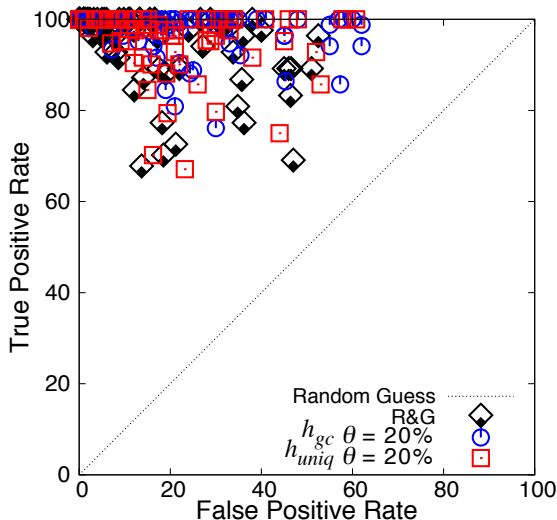
Experiments and Evaluation

- We evaluate our heuristics over datasets with 15 planning domains (6 of these domains from original Ramírez and Geffner paper):
 - BLOCKS-WORLD, CAMPUS, DEPOTS, DRIVER-LOG, DOCK-WORKER-ROBOTS, EASY-IPC-GRID, FERRY, INTRUSION-DETECTION, KITCHEN, LOGISTICS, MICONIC, ROVERS, SATELLITE, SOKOBAN, AND ZENO-TRAVEL;
- These datasets contain hundreds of goal recognition problems, varying the observability (10%, 30%, 50%, 70%, and 100%);
- We compared our heuristics against the original approach of Ramírez and Geffner (Plan Recognition as Planning. IJCAI, 2009), which is their fastest and most accurate approach;

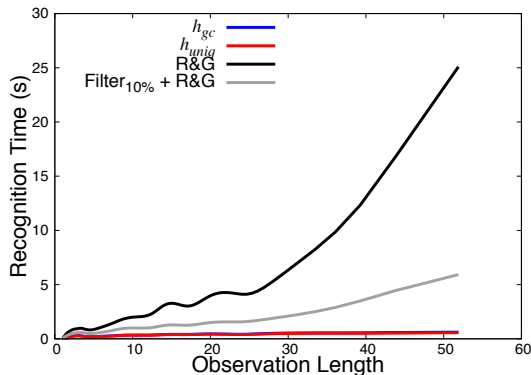
Experiments and Evaluation - ROC Space (1 of 2)

- Results of our heuristics use threshold $\theta = 20\%$;
- We compare Ramírez and Geffner's approach over ROC space, which shows the trade-off between TPR and FPR;
- We aggregate multiple domains and plot these goal recognition results in ROC space.

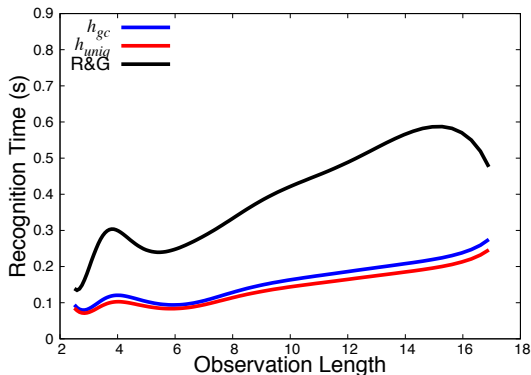
Experiments and Evaluation - ROC Space (2 of 2)



Experiments and Evaluation - Recognition Time



Experiments and Evaluation - Recognition Time with Noise



Contributions and Limitations

- **Contribution so far:**

- Use planning landmarks for goal recognition;
- Obviate the need to run a planner during goal recognition, resulting in much faster and highly accurate recognition; and
- Robust dataset to evaluate goal recognition algorithms

- **Limitations:**

- Sensitive to the presence of landmarks; and
- Low accuracy with very few observations, *i.e.*, 10% of observability;

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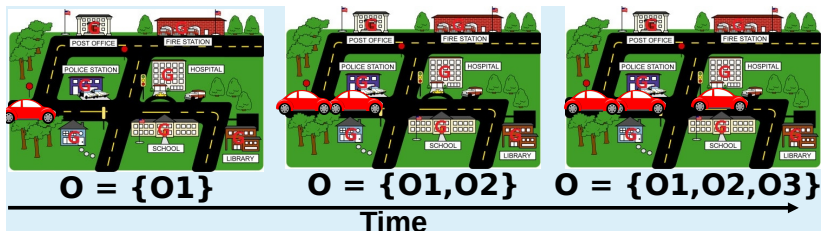
Motivation for Efficient Online Goal Recognition

Most goal recognition approaches using domain models have three key limitations:

- ① assumption of a discrete state-space in a PDDL-like formalism
 - not viable for use with path planning scenarios
- ② assume all access to all observations at once
 - approaches do not consider the time to recognition
- ③ need to call a planner multiple times per goal to rank hypotheses
 - PRAP is computationally expensive, impractical for long plans

Online vs. Offline Plan Recognition

- Offline plan recognition:
 - All observations received at once;
 - Observations may be incomplete or noisy;
 - One-shot recognition;
- Online plan recognition:
 - Observations received incrementally;
 - Observations may be incomplete or noisy;
 - Objective is to recognize goal as soon as possible, without the full observation sequence



Efficient Online Goal Recognition

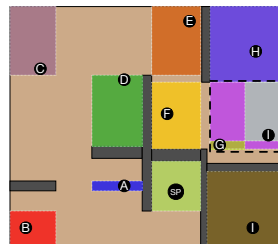
Our approach:

- is efficient for online goal recognition;
- works in both discrete and continuous domains;
- minimizes planner calls;
- reasons about landmarks to minimize the number of goal hypotheses;
- returns reliable goal ranking as soon as possible

Landmarks in Continuous Domains

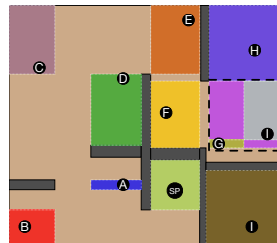
We need a notion of landmark in continuous domains

- Redefine landmarks as areas surrounding goals
 - Goals – Black dots
 - Surrounding Rectangles – continuous landmark areas
- To reach a goal the observed motion must intersect (go through) the corresponding landmark area.
- In this work, landmark areas roughly correspond to rooms partitioned as rectangular Voronoi diagrams
 - Other notions of numeric landmarks may apply (e.g. Scala et al. IJCAI 2017)



Online Recognition with Landmarks

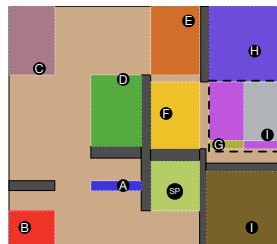
- Generate the ordered set of achieved landmarks
- Maintain the group of goals eliminated due to landmarks
- For every observation:
 - Check if it “achieved” a landmark
 - If observations backtrack, re-instate goals
- Rank goals using the landmark completion heuristic h_{gc}



Goal Mirroring with Landmarks

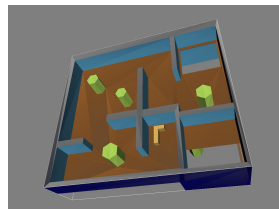
Combines landmark reasoning with goal mirroring

- Compute landmarks and optimal plans for all goals
- For every observation:
 - Compute plan prefix, and for every goal
 - Either prune goals that have **passed** the last landmark; or
 - Compute plan suffix (from last observation) using planner
 - Compute **cost ratio** between prefix+suffix and optimal plan
- Rank unpruned goals based on a **normalized cost ratio**
 - Ranks $P(g_k \mid O)$ using a normalizing factor $\eta 1 / \sum_{g_k \in G} \text{rank}(g_k)$
 - Approximates $P(g \mid O) = \eta \sum_{g_k \in G} P(O \mid g_k) P(g_k)$ for all goals, assuming $P(g_k) = 0$ for pruned goals



Continuous Evaluation

- Cubicles environment and robot (OMPL)
- 11 points spread evenly over the environment
- 220 problems

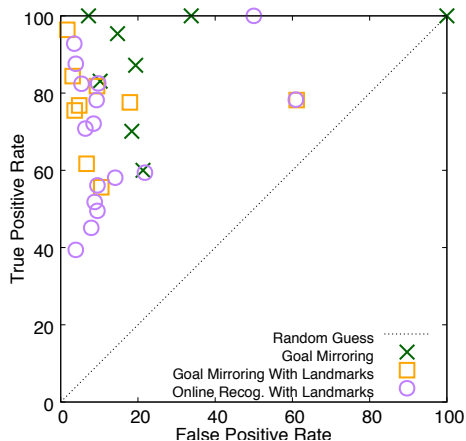


- Dataset expanded from Ramirez and Geffner's original work
- Domains extracted from the IPC competition
- Hundreds of goal recognition problems

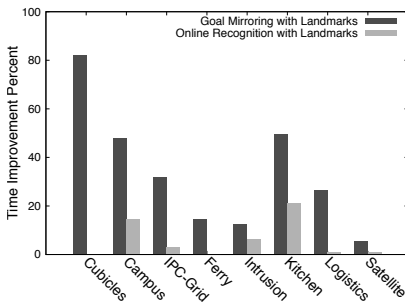
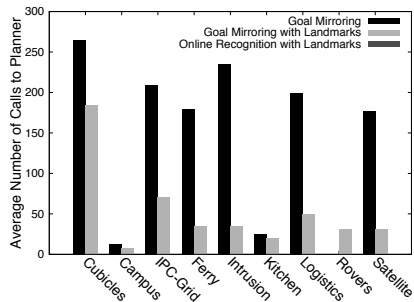
Domains

- BLOCKS-WORLD
- CAMPUS
- DEPOTS
- DRIVER-LOG
- DOCK-WORKER-ROBOTS
- EASY-IPC-GRID
- FERRY
- INTRUSION-DETECTION
- KITCHEN
- LOGISTICS
- MICONIC
- ROVERS
- SATELLITE
- SOKOBAN; and
- ZENO-TRAVEL

Performance Results



Efficiency Results



- **Contribution so far:**

- Extended the idea of landmarks for continuous domains; and
- Developed online algorithms able to recognize plans in discrete and continuous domains;
- **Very** efficient in both discrete and continuous domains.

- **Limitations:**

- Naive notion of spatial landmarks;
- Much better performance on discrete domains.

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Plan Recognition using Video Data

Plan Recognition using Video Data

- **Plan recognition**

- Task of recognizing the plan (i.e., the sequence of actions) the observed agent is following in order to achieve his intention (Sadri, 2012)

- **Activity recognition**

- The task of recognizing the independent set of actions that generates an interpretation to the movement that is being performed (Poppe, 2010)
- Such task is particularly challenging in the real physical world
- Much research effort focuses on activity and plan recognition as separate challenges;
- We develop a hybrid approach that comprises both activity and plan recognition;
- The approach infers, from a set of candidate plans, which plan a human subject is pursuing based exclusively on fixed-camera video.

Poppe, R. A survey on vision-based human action recognition. *Image and Vision Computing* 28(6), pp. 976–990, 2010.

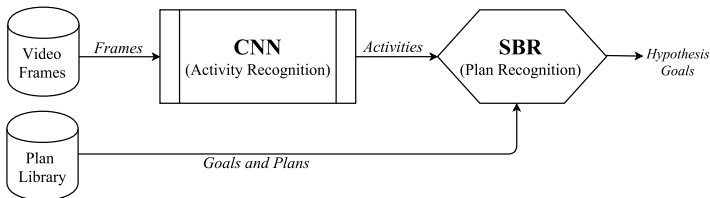
Sadri, Fariba. *Intention Recognition in Agents for Ambient Intelligence: Logic-Based Approaches*.

Ambient Intelligence and Smart Environments, pp. 197-236, 2012.

A Hybrid Architecture for Activity and Plan Recognition

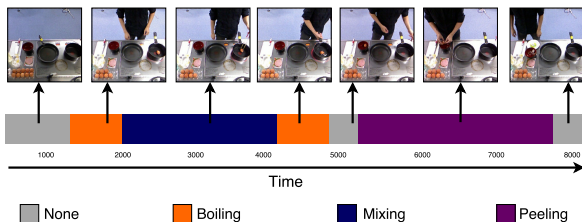
- **Conceptually divided in two main parts**

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



Experiments: Dataset

- ICPR 2012 Kitchen Scene Context based Gesture Recognition dataset (KSCGR)
- **5 recipes for cooking eggs in Japan**
 - Ham and Eggs, Omelet, Scrambled-Egg, Boiled-Egg and Kinshi-Tamago
 - Each recipe is performed by 7 subjects (5 in training set, 2 in testing set)
- **9 cooking activities composes the dataset**
 - Breaking, mixing, baking, turning, cutting, boiling, seasoning, peeling, and none



Summary of the Results

Conducted experiments on two levels:

- Activity Recognition
 - Accuracy lower than 50% (in 9-label classification) for infrequent activities
 - Very good accuracy to identify “no-action”
- Overall Plan Recognition
 - Low accuracy for overall plan recognition using plan-libraries

Contributions and Future Work

- We developed a hybrid architecture for activity and plan recognition
- Pipeline includes:
 - A CNN for activity recognition that feeds directly into:
 - a modified (SBR) approach that uses the CNN to index activities in the plan library
- Approach limited by the plan library in the plan recognizer
- Next steps:
 - Employ other deep learning architectures such as Long-Short Term Memory networks (LSTM) and 3D CNNs
 - Use a more flexible approach for plan recognition, such as PRAP
 - Explore object recognition to provide additional clues of the activity that is being performed

Demo video: <https://youtu.be/BoiLjU1vg3E>

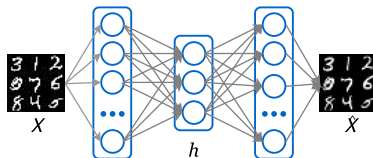
Plan Recognition in Latent Space

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

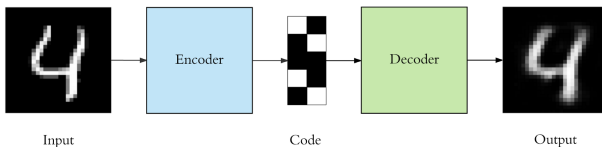
Variational Autoencoders

- 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)



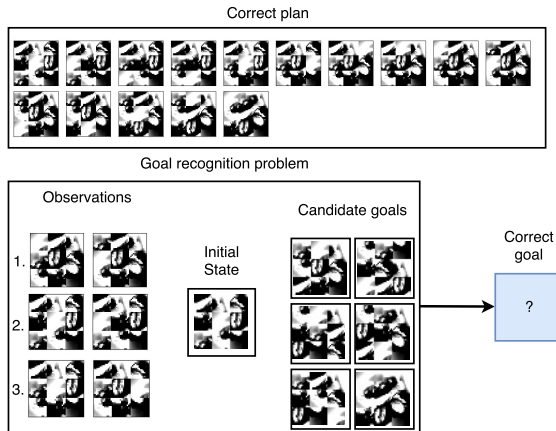
Gumbel-softmax autoencoders and planning

- 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 categorical 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



Goal Recognition using Raw Data

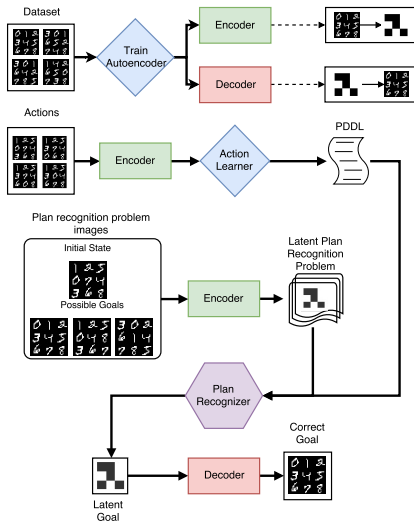
- Once we learn the internal representation, we can recognize plans as sequences of steps



Goal Recognition in Latent Space

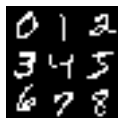
Key steps in the approach

- 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)



Domains

Experiments consisted of predicting final state of 3 distinct games



(a) MNIST



(b) Mandrill



(c) Spider



(d) LO
Digital



(e) LO Twist



(f) Hanoi

Figure: Sample state for each domain.

Experiments

				POM (h_{uniq})			RG		
Domain	$ \mathcal{G} $	(%) Obs	$ O $	Time (s) θ (0 / 10)	Accuracy % θ (0 / 10)	Spread in \mathcal{G} θ (0 / 10)	Time (s)	Accuracy %	Spread in \mathcal{G}
8-Puzzle	6.0	10	1.0	0.074 / 0.080	33.3% / 33.3%	2.6 / 2.6	0.179	100.0%	4.8
		30	3.0	0.079 / 0.085	83.3% / 83.3%	1.0 / 2.5	0.188	100.0%	1.3
		50	4.0	0.088 / 0.091	100.0% / 100.0%	1.1 / 1.6	0.191	100.0%	1.3
		70	5.3	0.092 / 0.100	100.0% / 100.0%	1.0 / 1.0	0.210	100.0%	1.0
		100	7.3	0.108 / 0.110	100.0% / 100.0%	1.0 / 1.0	0.246	83.3%	1.1
MNIST	6.0	10	1.2	0.555 / 0.562	40.0% / 60.0%	1.6 / 3.2	21.25	100.0%	6.0
		30	3.0	0.587 / 0.599	20.0% / 80.0%	1.4 / 3.0	22.26	100.0%	4.8
		50	4.0	0.609 / 0.628	60.0% / 80.0%	2.2 / 2.8	22.48	100.0%	4.8
		70	5.8	0.631 / 0.654	60.0% / 100.0%	2.4 / 3.6	23.53	100.0%	3.2
		100	7.8	0.676 / 0.681	80.0% / 100.0%	2.4 / 3.0	26.34	100.0%	3.4

- Learned domain-theory representations for all experimental domains
- Learned models useable to recognize goals almost as well as

Contributions and Future Work

- We developed an approach for goal recognition capable of obviating the need for human engineering to create a task for goal recognition
- Empirical results shows that our approach comes close to standard goal recognition techniques
- Future work:
 - Improve generalization of state autoencoder
 - Compress redundant (ground) actions
 - Extend the technique for video streams

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- We progressively relaxed many assumptions about plan recognition:
 - Domain knowledge
 - Quality of observations
 - Exclusively discrete domains
 - Precise domain knowledge
- We illustrated applications of these techniques:
 - Real world video-data
 - Plan Recognition in Latent Space

- Plan Recognition with Domain Theories
 - Use different landmark extraction algorithms;
 - Extend landmark-based heuristics to temporal and non-uniform-cost domains
 - Experiment with more advanced notions of numeric landmarks (e.g. Scala et al.)
- Applications of Plan Recognition
 - Use object recognition techniques (deep learning) to generate fact observations in video
 - Couple the above with plan recognition in domain theories
 - Do plan recognition in latent space

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