

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Winter Term 2021  
**Project 2:  $\exists a, s[\text{Escaped}(\text{Neo}, \text{Result}(a, s))]$**

*Due: December 13<sup>th</sup> at 23:59*

## 1. Project Description

In this project, you will design and implement a logic-based version of the agent you implemented in Project 1 in a simplified world where *there are maximum two hostages to save, no pads, no pills, no agents, and the grid's size is either  $3 \times 3$  or  $4 \times 4$* . In this version, hostages are not poisoned (no damage increase with time steps). A logic-based agent operates by storing sentences about the world in its knowledge base, using an inference mechanism to infer new sentences, and using these sentences to decide which actions to take. You must use **Prolog** to implement this project.

To implement this agent correctly, you need to follow the following steps:

- You will find [here](#) a file `KB.txt` containing a sample KB. Copy the content of this file to a file you will create called `KB.pl`. Do not add anything to `KB.pl` that is not in `KB.txt`. After doing this, create a new Prolog file named `Matrix.pl` in which you will write your implementation. `Matrix.pl` must be in the same directory in which `KB.pl` lies. You must import `KB.pl` at the beginning of `Matrix.pl`.
- For each fluent, write a successor-state axiom in `Matrix.pl`. You are allowed to use *maximum only two successor-state axioms*. Whenever possible, it is preferable to use built-in predicates rather than defining your own.
- Write a predicate `goal(S)` and use it to query the agent's KB to generate a plan that Neo can follow to collect all the hostages and head to the cell where the telephone booth lies. You are not required to return an optimal plan. The result of the query should be a situation described as the result of doing some sequence of actions from the initial situation  $s_0$ .

**Important Note:** You might write your successor state axioms correctly, yet when you query your KB, your program might run forever. This is because Prolog uses DFS to implement backward chaining, and we know that DFS is incomplete. To solve this issue, consider using the built-in predicate `call_with_depth_limit` ([http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?predicate=call\\_with\\_depth\\_limit/3](http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?predicate=call_with_depth_limit/3)). This predicate does depth limited search to backchain on the query provided as the first argument of the predicate. You can use this built-in predicate to implement another predicate to do iterative deepening search inside `goal(S)`. In this way, you will guarantee that you will reach a solution since IDS is complete.

## 2. Sample Input/Output:

**Example Input Grid:** You will find a sample input KB in KB.pl. The first line is a predicate representing the size of the grid. The second line is a predicate representing Neo's initial location, the third line is a predicate representing the initial locations of the hostages represented as a list of lists of their  $i, j$  positions, the fourth line is a predicate representing the location of the telephone booth, and the last line is a predicate representing the maximum capacity Neo can carry.

The following is a visualization of the grid in KB.pl to make things easier for you.

	0	1	2	3
0	Neo		TB	
1		H	H	
2				
3				

**Example Query 1:** `goal(S).`

**Example Output:**

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S = result(drop, result(up, result(carry, result(down,
result(drop, result(up, result(right, result(carry,
result(down, result(right, s0)))))))).
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**Example Query 2:** `goal(result(drop, result(up, result(carry, result(down,
result(drop, result(up, result(right, result(carry,
result(down, result(right, s0)))))))).`

**Example Output:**

true.

**Example Query 3:** `goal(result(up, result(carry, result(down,
result(drop, result(up, result(right, result(carry,
result(down, result(right, s0)))))))).`

**Example Output:**

false.

You have to make sure that your query and output have the exact same format as the above sample runs.

### 3. Deliverables

a) Source Code:

- Rename `Matrix.pl` to `Matrix_XXX.pl` where `XXX` is your team ID. You should only submit this Prolog file.
- Part of the grade will be on how readable your code is. Use explanatory comments whenever possible.

b) Project Report, including the following:

- A discussion of the syntax and semantics of the action terms and predicate symbols you employ.
- A discussion of your implementation of the successor-state axioms.
- A description of the predicate `goal(S)` used to query the KB to generate the plan.
- At least two running examples from your implementation.
- If your program does not run, your report should include a discussion of what you think the problem is and any suggestions you might have for solving it.

- Proper citation of any sources you might have consulted in the course of completing the project. *Under no condition*, you may use on-line code as part of your implementation.

#### 4. Submission

**Source code and Report.** You can follow this link <https://forms.gle/Fv1MB4FmSiVattTTA>.