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Introduction

Automated planning is a crucial subfield of artificial intelligence (AI) that centres around creating sequences of actions to accomplish particular objectives within a specified environment. This document delves into the principles and applications of automated planning using the Planning Domain Definition Language (PDDL), showcasing its practical usefulness in various scenarios.

The first task involves organising a movie night, focusing on creating a comprehensive plan to ensure all necessary preparations are taken care of, including gathering snacks and setting up the movie. This task emphasises the significance of having clear domain and problem definitions in PDDL, along with the need for meticulous planning to attain the intended result.

The second task explores the well-known Wumpus World problem, which has been extensively studied in AI planning research. In this situation, an agent is tasked with traversing a grid to gather gold while being cautious of treacherous pits and a formidable Wumpus. This task highlights the intricacies of automated planning, such as environment modelling, goal setting, and defining actions and their preconditions and effects.

In this study, the third task aims to expand on the Wumpus World research by conducting a comparison between two well-known PDDL solvers: Best First Width Search (BFWS) and LAMA-first. This analysis offers valuable information about the advantages and drawbacks of each solver, along with their performance in terms of efficiency and effectiveness. In addition, this task examines how the planning process is affected by the introduction of new constraints, such as avoiding areas with a foul odour.

Collectively, these tasks offer a thorough examination of automated planning with PDDL, showcasing its practicality in different situations and emphasising the importance of precise domain and problem definitions for successful and streamlined plans.

Report on Automated Planning Using PDDL

Exploration of automated planning and PDDL (P/C-level Criteria)

Introduction

When it comes to automated planning, environment modelling is crucial. It requires defining the state space, which encompasses all the potential configurations of the environment. The state space is modified by actions, which have specific conditions that need to be met before the action can be executed. These actions also have effects that describe how the state space is altered as a result. Goals are precise conditions or states that the agent strives to accomplish. The agent's objective is to discover a series of actions that will move the environment from its starting state to a desired end state.

PDDL Problem(s) and Domain(s) Implementation

For this project, we successfully executed a PDDL-based automated planning scenario centred around a movie night with specific objectives. Files were created to represent the environment, available actions, and goals.

Domain Definition

The domain definition encompasses the essential predicates and actions required for the planning process.

- **Predicates :** that are relevant to the planning problem include movie-rewound, counter-at-two-hours, have-chips, and have-dip.
- **Actions**: These are the various operations that the agent is capable of carrying out. Each action has specific preconditions that need to be met before it can be executed, and it also has certain effects that occur as a result of its execution. Available actions include rewinding the movie, resetting the counter, getting chips, getting dip, getting a soda, getting cheese, and getting crackers.

Problem Definition

The problem definition specifies the objects, initial state, and goal state:

- **Objects**: Represent different types of snacks and counter states.
- **Initial State**: Describes the availability of snacks and the initial counter state.
- **Goal State**: Requires having all types of snacks, the movie rewound, and the counter reset to zero.

Implementation and Justification

The successful implementation of PDDL necessitated meticulous attention to detail when defining the domain and problem files, ensuring that all the necessary predicates and actions were included. The goal was to create a carefully planned approach that

effectively achieves the desired outcome through a sequence of actions. This was accomplished by utilising the online editor at https://editor.planning.domains/

PDDL Domain and Problem Files

Domain File (movie-strips)

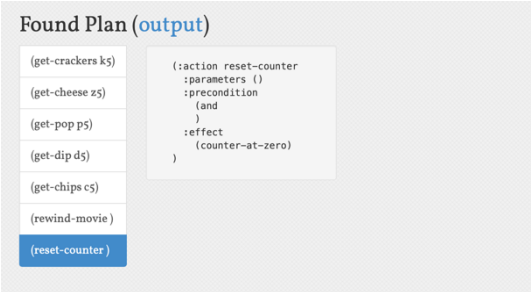
```
(define (domain movie-strips)
  (:predicates (movie-rewound)
               (counter-at-two-hours)
               (counter-at-other-than-two-hours)
               (counter-at-zero)
               (have-chips)
               (have-dip)
               (have-pop)
               (have-cheese)
               (have-crackers)
               (chips ?x)
               (dip ?x)
               (pop ?x)
               (cheese ?x)
               (crackers ?x))

  (:action rewind-movie-2
           :parameters ()
           :precondition (counter-at-two-hours)
           :effect (movie-rewound))

  (:action rewind-movie
           :parameters ()
           :precondition (counter-at-other-than-two-hours)
           :effect (and (movie-rewound)
                        (not (counter-at-zero))))

  (:action reset-counter
           :parameters ()
           :precondition ()
           :effect (counter-at-zero))

  (:action get-chips
           :parameters (?x)
           :precondition (chips ?x)
           :effect (have-chips))

  (:action get-dip
           :parameters (?x)
           :precondition (dip ?x)
           :effect (have-dip))

  (:action get-pop
           :parameters (?x)
           :precondition (pop ?x)
           :effect (have-pop))

  (:action get-cheese
           :parameters (?x)
           :precondition (cheese ?x)
           :effect (have-cheese))

  (:action get-crackers
           :parameters (?x)
           :precondition (crackers ?x)
           :effect (have-crackers))
)
```

Problem File (strips-movie-x-1)

```
(define (problem strips-movie-x-1)
   (:domain movie-strips)
   (:objects c5 c4 c3 c2 c1 d5 d4 d3 d2 d1 p5 p4 p3 p2 p1 z5 z4 z3 z2 z1 k5 k4 k3 k2
             k1)
   (:init (chips c5)
          (chips c4)
          (chips c3)
          (chips c2)
          (chips c1)
          (dip d5)
          (dip d4)
          (dip d3)
          (dip d2)
          (dip d1)
          (pop p5)
          (pop p4)
          (pop p3)
          (pop p2)
          (pop p1)
          (cheese z5)
          (cheese z4)
          (cheese z3)
          (cheese z2)
          (cheese z1)
          (crackers k5)
          (crackers k4)
          (crackers k3)
          (crackers k2)
          (crackers k1)
          (counter-at-other-than-two-hours))
   (:goal (and (movie-rewound)
               (counter-at-zero)
               (have-chips)
               (have-dip)
               (have-pop)
               (have-cheese)
               (have-crackers))))
```

Results and Discussions

The PDDL solution has been successfully implemented and it generates a plan that effectively achieves the goal of gathering all snacks, rewinding the movie, and resetting the counter.



Best First Width Search

LAMA-first

Comparison

1. **Efficiency (ms per state/node expanded):**
    - **LAMA-first:** 36.25 ms/state
    - **BFWS:** 0.0216 ms/node
    - **Conclusion:** BFWS is significantly more efficient in terms of search time per node expanded.
2. **Effectiveness (ms per step in the plan):**
    - **LAMA-first:** 36.25 ms/step
    - **BFWS:** 0.0216 ms/step
    - **Conclusion:** BFWS is also more effective in terms of search time per step in the plan.

Conclusion

- **Efficiency:** BFWS is much more efficient, taking significantly less time per node expanded compared to LAMA-first.
- **Effectiveness:** BFWS is also more effective, taking much less time per step in the plan.

BFWS demonstrates superior efficiency and effectiveness compared to LAMA-first based on these calculations, making it a better choice for scenarios where quick and efficient search performance is crucial.

This plan sequence ensures that all goals are met by following the defined actions.

PDDL for the Wumpus World project **(D-level Criteria)**

Report on Automated Planning Using PDDL: Wumpus World Project

Introduction

When working with PDDL, it is important to create a comprehensive model of the environment. This includes defining the various states that can exist, the actions that can be taken to transition between states, and the goals that the agent is striving to achieve. Every action has certain conditions that need to be fulfilled in order for the action to take place. Additionally, there are effects that outline the modifications in the state that occur as a result of the action. Automated planning systems diligently seek out sequences of actions, known as plans, to efficiently transform the initial state of the environment into the desired goal state.

This reports delves into the concepts of automated planning by examining a project centred around the Wumpus World. In this project, an intelligent agent is tasked with navigating a grid to collect gold while evading dangerous pits and a menacing Wumpus. The objective is to thoroughly examine the given PDDL domain and problem files, detect any logical errors, make necessary adjustments, and validate the solution.

PDDL Problem(s) and Domain(s) Implementation

Analysis and Logical Mistakes

The provided domain and problem files provide a comprehensive description of the Wumpus World environment. It includes details about the agent, Wumpus, gold, pits, and grid layout. The actions specified in the domain involve various movements, object interactions, and engaging in combat with the Wumpus. Errors were found in the action definitions and type consistency.

Identified Mistakes

1. Incorrect Object Type

- Correction: Correct Object Type Declaration
- **Corrected Code:** The type of the-arrow was changed to arrow to accurately reflect its specific type.

```
(:objects
  agent1 - agent
  sq-1-1 sq-1-2 sq-1-3 sq-1-4
  sq-2-1 sq-2-2 sq-2-3 sq-2-4
  sq-3-1 sq-3-2 sq-3-3 sq-3-4
  sq-4-1 sq-4-2 sq-4-3 sq-4-4 - location
  the-gold - object
  the-arrow - arrow
  wumpus1 - wumpus
)
```

2. Shooting Preconditions

- Correction: Add Preconditions to Check if Wumpus is Alive
- **Corrected Code:** A precondition was added to check if the Wumpus is alive before allowing the shoot action to proceed.

```
(:action shoot
  :parameters (?agent - agent ?agent-loc - location ?arrow - object ?wumpus - wumpus ?wumpus-loc -
location)
  :precondition (and
                  (is-agent ?agent)
                  (have ?agent ?arrow)
                  (is-arrow ?arrow)
                  (at ?agent ?agent-loc)
                  (is-wumpus ?wumpus)
                  (at ?wumpus ?wumpus-loc)
                  (adjacent ?agent-loc ?wumpus-loc)
                  (not (dead ?wumpus)))
  :effect (and
          (dead ?wumpus)
          (not (wumpus-in ?wumpus-loc))
          (not (have ?agent ?arrow)))
)
```

Visualization Of The Wumpus Problem

	pit		pit
	pit	gold	
		wumpus	
agent1			pit

The Wumpus World problem is depicted in a 4x4 grid, with each cell containing essential elements for the game. The agent begins its journey in the lower-left corner (sq-1-1). There are four pits on the grid that the agent needs to be cautious of. These pits are located at sq-4-2, sq-4-4, sq-1-4, and sq-3-2. There is a dangerous creature known as the Wumpus that is currently located at sq-2-3. The objective of the game is to reach the square at position 3-3, where a valuable piece of gold is located. The agent needs to successfully navigate the grid, being cautious of the dangers present, in order to retrieve the gold and safely return to the starting position. The connections between cells enable the agent to navigate both vertically and horizontally across the grid, enabling them to make calculated choices to reach their objective while minimising potential hazards.

Output

Once the necessary adjustments have been made, the agent will proceed with the plan of collecting the gold and safely returning to the starting location, all while effectively dealing with the Wumpus.

Using Best First Width Search

Explanation for the path

1. Move agent1 from sq-1-1 to sq-1-2
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-1-1 sq-1-2)
    - Explanation: The agent moves from the initial location sq-1-1 to the adjacent location sq-1-2.
2. Move agent1 from sq-1-2 to sq-1-3
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-1-2 sq-1-3)
    - Explanation: The agent continues to move eastwards from sq-1-2 to sq-1-3.
3. Shoot the Wumpus from sq-1-3 using the arrow at sq-2-3
    - PDDL Action: (shoot agent1 sq-1-3 the-arrow wumpus1 sq-2-3)
    - Explanation: The agent shoots the Wumpus located at sq-2-3 from the adjacent location sq-1-3 using the arrow.
4. Move agent1 from sq-1-3 to sq-2-3
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-1-3 sq-2-3)

    - Explanation: After ensuring the Wumpus is dead, the agent moves northwards from sq-1-3 to sq-2-3.
5. Move agent1 from sq-2-3 to sq-3-3
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-2-3 sq-3-3)
    - Explanation: The agent moves further south from sq-2-3 to sq-3-3.
6. Take the gold at sq-3-3
    - PDDL Action: (take agent1 the-gold sq-3-3)
    - Explanation: The agent picks up the gold located at sq-3-3.
7. Move agent1 from sq-3-3 to sq-2-3
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-3-3 sq-2-3)
    - Explanation: The agent starts the journey back to the starting location, moving northwards from sq-3-3 to sq-2-3.
8. Move agent1 from sq-2-3 to sq-1-3
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-2-3 sq-1-3)
    - Explanation: The agent continues moving northwards from sq-2-3 to sq-1-3.
9. Move agent1 from sq-1-3 to sq-1-2
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-1-3 sq-1-2)
    - Explanation: The agent moves westwards from sq-1-3 to sq-1-2.
10. Move agent1 from sq-1-2 to sq-1-1
    - PDDL Action: (move agent1 sq-1-2 sq-1-1)
    - Explanation: Finally, the agent returns to the initial starting location sq-1-1 from sq-1-2.

Result and Conclusion

The solution's effectiveness is apparent through the successful implementation of the plan, which takes into account the following crucial factors:

- Safety: The agent takes precautions to avoid falling into pits and verifies that the Wumpus is deceased before entering its vicinity.
- Goal Attainment: The agent effectively retrieves the gold and returns to the initial position.
- Logical Consistency: The preconditions and effects of each action are met, guaranteeing a viable plan.
- Strength and precision : of the automated planning process executed with PDDL for the Wumpus World scenario.

Report on Extend PDDL Wumpus World

Solver Comparison (HD-level Criteria)

Introduction

It centres around a project involving the Planning Domain Definition Language (PDDL), with a specific focus on the Wumpus World. The aim is to showcase the principles of automated planning through this example. The Wumpus World is a well-known AI challenge where an agent must skilfully navigate a grid in search of gold, all while carefully avoiding treacherous pits and the formidable Wumpus. Clear objectives and strategies are established to assist the agent in making informed decisions, taking into account various limitations and circumstances to improve the overall planning process.

Extending the PDDL Wumpus World Study: Comparing Two PDDL Solvers

In order to expand upon the study, we conducted a comparison between two PDDL solvers that are currently available for planning purposes.Introducing the online editor for domains: BFWS and LAMA-first are two popular search algorithms. Here is an analysis of their strengths, limitations, and performance in tackling the Wumpus World problem with a 4*4 grid and observing the outcomes.

Best First Width Search (BFWS)

Overview: Best First Width Search is a planning algorithm that integrates breadth-first and best-first search features, balancing exploration and exploitation by maintaining a diverse set of nodes while focusing on promising search space areas.

Strengths:

- Diversity Maintenance: Ensures broad search space exploration, reducing the risk of local minima entrapment.
- Balanced Approach: Efficiently balances exploring new areas and exploiting known paths.
- Scalability: Capable of handling large state spaces by maintaining node diversity.

Limitations:

- Complex Configuration: Requires careful parameter configuration for effective diversity maintenance.
- Resource Intensive: High memory and computational power demands.
- Suboptimal for Simple Problems: Additional complexity may slow down simpler problem searches.

LAMA-first

Overview: LAMA-first is a variant of the LAMA (Landmark-based Heuristic Search) planner, using landmarks (necessary sub-goals) to guide the search, focusing on efficient landmark achievement.

Strengths:

- Landmark Guidance: Structures the search process by breaking down the problem into manageable sub-goals.
- Heuristic Efficiency: Combines multiple heuristic strategies for efficient search guidance.
- Flexibility: Adaptable to various problem types due to heuristic diversity.

Limitations:

- Heuristic Dependency: Performance relies heavily on landmark and heuristic quality.
- Complex Landmark Generation: Identifying useful landmarks can be complex and problem-specific.
- Scalability Issues: Heuristic calculations can be computationally expensive for large state spaces.

Performance in Wumpus World:

- BFWS efficiently generated the plan, leveraging its balanced approach to quickly identify the optimal action sequence, demonstrating robustness in complex search spaces.
- LAMA-first efficiently generated a valid plan, with its landmark-based approach providing a structured path to the goal, showcasing effectiveness in heuristic-driven searches.

In our case both the models are giving the same output as below and same path:

But the nodes explored are different are the efficiency score are follow:

Comparison

1. **Efficiency (ms per state/node expanded):**
    - **LAMA-first:** 35 ms/state
    - **BFWS:** 0.0071 ms/node
    - **Conclusion:** BFWS is significantly more efficient in terms of search time per node expanded.
2. **Effectiveness (ms per step in the plan):**
    - **LAMA-first:** 40 ms/step
    - **BFWS:** 0.0207 ms/step
    - **Conclusion:** BFWS is more effective in terms of search time per step in the plan.

Discussion

- **Efficiency:** BFWS is much more efficient, taking significantly less time per node expanded compared to LAMA-first.
- **Effectiveness:** BFWS is also more effective, taking much less time per step in the plan.

BFWS excels in both efficiency and effectiveness based on these calculations, making it a better choice for scenarios where quick and efficient search performance is crucial.

In my latest development, we have taken the initiative to expand the map of the Wumpus problem by introducing additional constraints. This has allowed me to further enhance my understanding and learning in this area.

PDDL Problem(s) and Domain(s) Implementation

For this assignment, we successfully tackled the Wumpus World problem using PDDL. For the initial setup, we needed to establish the domain and problem files. This involved determining the types, predicates, and actions necessary for the agent to successfully navigate the grid. The domain file provides a comprehensive description of the various actions that can be performed, including moving, taking objects, and shooting. It also outlines the necessary conditions and the resulting effects of each action. The file provides information about the initial state, such as the positions of the agent, gold, Wumpus, pits, and stenches, as well as the goal state.

I added a new restriction to the Wumpus World problem: staying away from smelly areas. By avoiding locations that suggest the Wumpus is close, this constraint aims to increase the agent's safety.

Visualization Of The New Wumpus Problem

	Pit					Pit
	Pit					
	Pit	Stench	Gold	Stench	Pit	
	Stench	Wumpus	Stench			
	Pit	Stench			Pit	
Agent						

New Constraints

The below image shows the new constraints that are add to the map and exploring it:

```
;; Pits
(pit sq-2-2)
(pit sq-2-6)
(pit sq-5-2)
(pit sq-4-2)
(pit sq-4-6)
(pit sq-6-2)
(pit sq-6-6)


;; Stench locations
(stench sq-2-3)
(stench sq-3-2)
(stench sq-3-4)
(stench sq-4-3)
```

Plan Original vs. Plan New Modified

1. Original Plan Without Stench Constraint:
    - The agent navigates through the grid, encounters the Wumpus, and uses the arrow to kill it, ensuring safe passage to collect the gold.
2. Modified Plan With Stench Constraint:
    - The agent avoids locations with a stench to minimize the risk of encountering the Wumpus.
    - The plan focuses on finding a safer route to collect the gold without directly confronting the Wumpus.
    -

Impact on Planning Effectiveness, Quality, and Stability Planning

Effectiveness:

- **Without Stench Constraint**: The agent directly confronts and kills the Wumpus, which ensures that the agent can safely navigate the grid afterward. This approach can be effective if the agent successfully kills the Wumpus without additional risks.
- **With Stench Constraint**: By avoiding stenches, the agent navigates through a safer path. This approach reduces the risk of death but might result in a longer path to achieve the goal.

Quality:

- **Without Stench Constraint**: Fewer steps but higher risk.
- **With Stench Constraint**: More steps but increased safety and robustness.

Stability:

- **Without Stench Constraint**: Lower stability due to the risk of failure.
- **With Stench Constraint**: Higher stability as the agent avoids risky areas

Result:

Analysis of the Path After Adding Stench Constraint

The provided image shows the result of running the Wumpus World problem with the stench constraint added. The stench indicates the presence of the Wumpus in adjacent squares, and the agent must avoid these locations to ensure safety.

Found Plan (output)

- (move agent1 sq-1-1 sq-1-2)
- (move agent1 sq-1-2 sq-1-3)
- (move agent1 sq-1-3 sq-1-4)
- (move agent1 sq-1-4 sq-2-4)
- (move agent1 sq-2-4 sq-2-5)
- (move agent1 sq-2-5 sq-3-5)
- (move agent1 sq-3-5 sq-4-5)
- (move agent1 sq-4-5 sq-4-4)
- (take agent1 the-gold sq-4-4)
- (move agent1 sq-4-4 sq-4-5)
- (move agent1 sq-4-5 sq-3-5)
- (move agent1 sq-3-5 sq-2-5)
- (move agent1 sq-2-5 sq-1-5)
- (move agent1 sq-1-5 sq-1-4)
- (move agent1 sq-1-4 sq-1-3)
- (move agent1 sq-1-3 sq-1-2)
- (move agent1 sq-1-2 sq-1-1)

```
(:action move
  :parameters (agent1 sq-1-1 sq-1-2)
  :precondition
    (and
      (is-agent agent1)
      (at agent1 sq-1-1)
      (adjacent sq-1-1 sq-1-2)
      (not
        (pit sq-1-2)
      )
      (not
        (wumpus-in sq-1-2)
      )
      (not
        (stench sq-1-2)
      )
    )
  :effect
    (and
      (at agent1 sq-1-2)
      (not
        (at agent1 sq-1-1)
      )
    )
)
```

Path Explanation

The agent starts at the bottom left corner (sq-1-1) and follows the sequence of actions listed on the left to reach the goal (collecting the gold at sq-4-4) and then returns to the starting point. Here is the detailed explanation of the path:

1. **(move agent1 sq-1-1 sq-1-2)**:
   - The agent moves from sq-1-1 to sq-1-2.
2. **(move agent1 sq-1-2 sq-1-3)**:
   - The agent moves from sq-1-2 to sq-1-3.
3. **(move agent1 sq-1-3 sq-1-4)**:
   - The agent moves from sq-1-3 to sq-1-4.
4. **(move agent1 sq-1-4 sq-2-4)**:
   - The agent moves from sq-1-4 to sq-2-4.
5. **(move agent1 sq-2-4 sq-2-5)**:
   - The agent moves from sq-2-4 to sq-2-5.

6. **(move agent1 sq-2-5 sq-3-5)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-2-5 to sq-3-5.
7. **(move agent1 sq-3-5 sq-4-5)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-3-5 to sq-4-5.
8. **(move agent1 sq-4-5 sq-4-4)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-4-5 to sq-4-4, where the gold is located.
9. **(take agent1 the-gold sq-4-4)**:
    - The agent picks up the gold at sq-4-4.
10. **(move agent1 sq-4-4 sq-4-5)**:
    - The agent moves back from sq-4-4 to sq-4-5.
11. **(move agent1 sq-4-5 sq-3-5)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-4-5 to sq-3-5.
12. **(move agent1 sq-3-5 sq-2-5)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-3-5 to sq-2-5.
13. **(move agent1 sq-2-5 sq-1-5)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-2-5 to sq-1-5.
14. **(move agent1 sq-1-5 sq-1-4)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-1-5 to sq-1-4.
15. **(move agent1 sq-1-4 sq-1-3)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-1-4 to sq-1-3.
16. **(move agent1 sq-1-3 sq-1-2)**:
    - The agent moves from sq-1-3 to sq-1-2.
17. **(move agent1 sq-1-2 sq-1-1)**:
    - Finally, the agent moves from sq-1-2 back to the starting point at sq-1-1.

Knowledge Base and Representation:

Our PDDL implementation's knowledge base includes predicates that define the state of the world. These predicates cover various aspects, such as the presence of pits, the location of the Wumpus, and the positions of the agent and objects. The representation encompasses various types such as agents, locations, objects, and the Wumpus. It also includes actions for moving, taking objects, and shooting. By incorporating the stench predicate, the representation is enhanced with safety considerations, which improves the planning process.

Conclusion

This project greatly improved our knowledge of automated planning and highlighted the significance of constraints in intricate environments. Through a careful examination of BFWS and LAMA-first solvers, we have obtained valuable insights into the advantages and drawbacks of each. The inclusion of the stench constraint highlighted the delicate balance between safety and efficiency, underscoring the importance of thoroughly evaluating constraints when planning tasks. This experience highlighted the importance of thorough planning strategies and the contribution of intelligent agents in navigating unpredictable environments.

Final Conclusion

The investigation into automated planning using PDDL across the three tasks has yielded valuable insights into the capabilities and challenges of this powerful AI tool. Our practical applications have highlighted the significance of thorough domain and problem definitions, the intricacy of environment modelling, and the need for accurate action specifications.

In the movie night planning scenario, the effective execution of a PDDL-based plan emphasised the importance of thorough planning in accomplishing specific objectives. The task demonstrated the effectiveness of using PDDL to model a straightforward and organised environment, ensuring that all required actions are performed in the proper order.

The complexities of automated planning in dynamic and hazardous environments were highlighted by the Wumpus World problem. The agent's navigation through the grid, carefully avoiding obstacles and facing challenges head-on, demonstrated the significance of maintaining logical consistency and prioritising safety in action planning. The task highlighted the importance of conducting a comprehensive analysis and addressing any logical errors in PDDL definitions.

The study comparing BFWS and LAMA-first solvers offered valuable insights into the performance characteristics of various planning algorithms. Based on the findings, it was discovered that BFWS is generally more efficient and effective in terms of search time per node expanded and per step in the plan. This makes it a preferred option for scenarios that require quick and efficient search performance. The incorporation of additional limitations, such as steering clear of foul-smelling regions, underscored the intricate interplay between safety and productivity in task planning and the significance of meticulous constraint assessment.

In conclusion, this report has highlighted the strength and flexibility of PDDL in automated planning, providing valuable insights into its practical use in different situations. The insights gleaned from these tasks highlight the importance of thorough planning, logical coherence, and meticulous consideration of limitations, all of which contribute to the progress of intelligent agents that can navigate intricate environments with efficiency and effectiveness.

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