

Making tea at home

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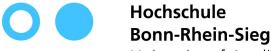
Problem

- Partially observable domain
- Incomplete information
- HTN Planner
- Domain: kitchen room with different locations
- Either clean or dirty teacups (with unknown state)
- Robot has to discover teacups



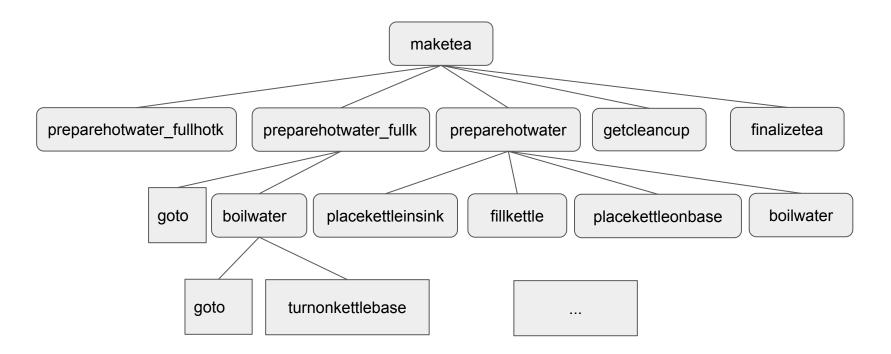
Planner

- Pyhop HTN Planner
- Easy to install
- Portable (only python 2.7 needed)
- JSHOP difficulties to setup



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Structure





Strategy

- Checking of all relevant preconditions in operators fail if not fullfilled
- Alternative methods for Tasks which could fail due to preconditions
- Some checking in Top-Methods to select correct submethod
- Enums containing domain states (e.g. cup clean/dirty)
- Cups: Randomize cup locations, state (dirty / clean)



Tests

- Test 1 / 3: "Standard recipe"
- Alternate methods for failing preconditions (kettle full, kettle hot, ...)
- domain state fully known
- Test 2: "Standard recipe" with "cup-finder":
- limited knowledge of teacups (dirty/ unknown)
- robot discovers teacups (clean/ dirty)



Planning / acting

- Incomplete domain knowledge issue
- Idea: Execute plan until plan fails. Update domain knowledge, then replan
- For dirty cups: Execute "cup finder" first restart after dirty cup until all cups tested or clean cup found
- Stop when domain knowledge unchanged / plan finished



Conclusion

- Pyhop easy to install and easy to use
- Bigger domain (e.g. |teacups| > 10,000) already takes minutes
- More refinement means bigger domain
- High amount of methods for different domain states



Online resources

- https://bitbucket.org/dananau/pyhop
- https://github.com/dpyka/TeaAtHomeHTN