

Goal Recognition as Planning with Unknown Domain Models

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Abstract

The paper shows how to relax one key assumption of the *plan recognition as planning* approach for *goal recognition* that is knowing the action model of the observed agents. The paper introduces a novel formulation for classical planning in a setting where no action model is given (instead, only the state variables and the action headers are given) and it shows how this formulation neatly fits with the *plan recognition as planning* approach. The empirical evaluation evidences that this novel formulation allows to solve standard goal recognition benchmarks without *a priori* knowing the action model of the observed agents and using an off-the-shelf classical planner.

1 Introduction

Goal recognition is a particular classification task in which each class represents a different goal and the classification examples are observations of agents acting to achieve one of that goals. Despite there exists a wide range of different approaches for *goal recognition*, *plan recognition as planning* [Ramírez and Geffner, 2009; Ramírez, 2012] is one of the most appealing since it is at the core of various activity recognition tasks such as, *goal recognition design* [Keren et al., 2014], *deceptive planning* [Masters and Sardina, 2017], *planning for transparency* [MacNally et al., 2018] or *counter-planning* [Pozanco et al., 2018].

Plan recognition as planning leverages the action model of the observed agents and an off-the-shelf classical planner to compute the most likely goal of that agents. In this paper we show that we can relax the key assumption of the *plan recognition as planning* approach for *goal recognition* that is *a priori* having an action model of the observed agents. In particular, the paper introduces a novel formulation for classical planning in a setting where no action model is given (instead, only the state variables and the action headers are given) and it shows how this formulation neatly fits with the *plan recognition as planning* approach. The empirical evaluation evidences that this novel formulation allows to solve standard goal recognition benchmarks without *a priori* knowing the action model of the observed agents and using an off-the-shelf classical planner.

2 Background

This section formalizes the *planning model* we follow, the kind of *observations* that are given as input to the *goal recognition* task, and the *plan recognition as planning* approach for *goal recognition*.

2.1 Classical planning with conditional effects

Let F be the set of propositional state variables (*fluents*) describing a state. A *literal* l is a valuation of a fluent $f \in F$; i.e. either $l = f$ or $l = \neg f$. A set of literals L represents a partial assignment of values to fluents (without loss of generality, we will assume that L does not contain conflicting values). Given L , let $\neg L = \{\neg l : l \in L\}$ be its complement. We use $\mathcal{L}(F)$ to denote the set of all literal sets on F ; i.e. all partial assignments of values to fluents. A *state* s is a full assignment of values to fluents; $|s| = |F|$.

A *classical planning frame* is a tuple $\Phi = \langle F, A \rangle$, where F is a set of fluents and A is a set of *actions*. Each classical planning action $a \in A$ has a precondition $\text{pre}(a) \in \mathcal{L}(F)$, a set of effects $\text{eff}(a) \in \mathcal{L}(F)$, and a positive action cost $\text{cost}(a)$. The semantics of actions $a \in A$ is specified with two functions: $\rho(s, a)$ denotes whether action a is *applicable* in a state s and $\theta(s, a)$ denotes the *successor state* that results of applying action a in a state s . Then, $\rho(s, a)$ holds iff $\text{pre}(a) \subseteq s$, i.e. if its precondition holds in s . The result of executing an applicable action $a \in A$ in a state s is a new state $\theta(s, a) = (s \setminus \neg \text{eff}(a)) \cup \text{eff}(a)$. Subtracting the complement of $\text{eff}(a)$ from s ensures that $\theta(s, a)$ remains a well-defined state. The subset of action effects that assign a positive value to a state fluent is called *positive effects* and denoted by $\text{eff}^+(a) \in \text{eff}(a)$ while $\text{eff}^-(a) \in \text{eff}(a)$ denotes the *negative effects* of an action $a \in A$.

A *classical planning problem* is a tuple $P = \langle F, A, I, G \rangle$, where I is the initial state and $G \in \mathcal{L}(F)$ is the set of goal conditions over the state variables. A *plan* π is an action sequence $\pi = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$, with $|\pi| = n$ denoting its *plan length* and $\text{cost}(\pi) = \sum_{a \in \pi} \text{cost}(a)$ its *plan cost*. The execution of π on the initial state I of P induces a *trajectory* $\tau(\pi, s_0) = \langle s_0, a_1, s_1, \dots, a_n, s_n \rangle$ such that $s_0 = I$ and, for each $1 \leq i \leq n$, it holds $\rho(s_{i-1}, a_i)$ and $s_i = \theta(s_{i-1}, a_i)$. A plan π solves P iff the induced *trajectory* $\tau(\pi, s_0)$ reaches a final state $G \subseteq s_n$, where all goal conditions are met. A solution plan is *optimal* iff its cost is minimal.

An *action with conditional effects* $a_c \in A$ is defined as a set of preconditions $\text{pre}(a_c) \in \mathcal{L}(F)$ and a set of *conditional effects* $\text{cond}(a_c)$. Each conditional effect $C \triangleright E \in \text{cond}(a_c)$ is composed of two sets of literals: $C \in \mathcal{L}(F)$, the *condition*, and $E \in \mathcal{L}(F)$, the *effect*. An action a_c is applicable in a state s if $\rho(s, a_c)$ is true, and the result of applying action a_c in state s is $\theta(s, a_c) = \{s \setminus \neg \text{eff}_c(s, a) \cup \text{eff}_c(s, a)\}$ where $\text{eff}_c(s, a)$ are the *triggered effects* resulting from the action application (conditional effects whose conditions hold in s):

$$\text{eff}_c(s, a) = \bigcup_{C \triangleright E \in \text{cond}(a_c), C \subseteq s} E,$$

2.2 The observation model

Given a planning problem $P = \langle F, A, I, G \rangle$, a plan π and a trajectory $\tau(\pi, P)$, we define the *observation of the trajectory* as an interleaved combination of actions and states that represents the observation from the execution of π in P . Formally, $\mathcal{O}(\tau) = \langle s_0^o, a_1^o, s_1^o, \dots, a_l^o, s_m^o \rangle$, $s_0^o = I$, and:

- The **observed actions** are consistent with π , which means that $\langle a_1^o, \dots, a_l^o \rangle$ is a sub-sequence of π . Specifically, the number of observed actions, l , can range from 0 (fully unobservable action sequence) to $|\pi|$ (fully observable action sequence).
- The **observed states** $\langle s_0^o, s_1^o, \dots, s_m^o \rangle$ is a sequence of possibly *partially observable states*, except for the initial state s_0^o , which is fully observable. A partially observable state s_i^o is one in which $|s_i^o| < |F|$; i.e., a state in which at least a fluent of F is not observable. Note that this definition also comprises the case $|s_i^o| = 0$, when the state is fully unobservable. Whatever the sequence of observed states of $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ is, it must be consistent with the sequence of states of $\tau(\pi, P)$, meaning that $\forall i, s_i^o \subseteq s_i$. In practice, the number of observed states, m , range from 1 (the initial state, at least), to $|\pi| + 1$, and the observed intermediate states will comprise a number of fluents between $[1, |F|]$.

We assume a bijective monotone mapping between actions/states of trajectories and observations [Ramírez and Geffner, 2009], thus also granting the inverse consistency relationship (the trajectory is a superset of the observation). Therefore, transiting between two consecutive observed states in $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ may require the execution of more than a single action ($\theta(s_i^o, \langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle) = s_{i+1}^o$, where $k \geq 1$ is unknown but finite. In other words, having $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ does not imply knowing the actual length of π .

2.3 Goal recognition with classical planning

Goal recognition is a particular classification task in which each class represents a different goal $g \in G[\cdot]$ and there is a single classification example $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ that represents the observation of an agent acting to achieve one of the input goals in $g \in G[\cdot]$. Following the *naive Bayes classifier*, the *solution* to the *goal recognition* task is the subset of goals in $G[\cdot]$ that maximizes this expression.

$$\text{argmax}_{g \in G[\cdot]} P(\mathcal{O}|g)P(g). \quad (1)$$

The *plan recognition as planning* approach shows how to compute estimates of the $P(\mathcal{O}|g)$ likelihood leveraging the action model of the observed agent and an off-the-shelf classical planner. More precisely, given a *classical planning problem* $P = \langle F, A, I, G[\cdot] \rangle$, where $G[\cdot]$ represents the set of possible goals, then the *plan recognition as planning* approach estimates the $P(\mathcal{O}|g)$. This estimate is computed by calculating, for each goal $g \in G[\cdot]$, the cost difference of the solutions to these two different classical planning problems:

- P_g^\top , that is a classical planning problem built constraining $P = \langle F, A, I, g \rangle$ to achieve the particular goal $g \in G[\cdot]$ through a plan π^\top *consistent* with the input observation $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$.
- P_g^\perp , that constrains $P = \langle F, A, I, g \rangle$ to achieve $g \in G[\cdot]$ through a plan π^\perp *inconsistent* with $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$.

The higher the value of this cost difference $\text{cost}(\pi^\top) - \text{cost}(\pi^\perp)$, the higher probability of aiming to achieve the $g \in G[\cdot]$ goal. With this regard, *plan recognition as planning* uses the *sigmoid function* to map the previous cost difference into a likelihood:

$$P(\mathcal{O}|g) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta(\text{cost}(\pi^\top) - \text{cost}(\pi^\perp))}} \quad (2)$$

This expression is derived from the assumption that while the observed agent is not perfectly rational, he is more likely to follow cheaper plans, according to a *Boltzmann* distribution. The larger the value of β , the more rational the agent, and the less likely that he will follow suboptimal plans. Recent works show that estimates of the $P(\mathcal{O}|g)$ likelihood can be faster computed using relaxations of the classical planning tasks [Pereira et al., 2017].

The original work on *plan recognition as planning* assumes less expressive observation model where observations are refer only about logs of executed actions [Ramírez and Geffner, 2009]. However the same approach applies to more expressive observation models that consider also state observations, like the one defined above, with a trivial three-fold extension:

- One fluent $\{\text{validated}_j\}_{0 \leq j \leq m}$ to point at every $s_j \in \mathcal{O}(\tau)$ state observation.
- Adding validated_m to every possible goal $g \in G[\cdot]$ to constraint the solution plans π^\top to be consistent with all the state observations.
- One validate_j action to constraint π^\top to be consistent with the $s_j \in \mathcal{O}(\tau)$ input state observation, ($1 \leq j \leq m$).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pre}(\text{validate}_j) &= s_j \cup \{\text{validated}_{j-1}\}, \\ \text{cond}(\text{validate}_j) &= \{\emptyset\} \triangleright \{\neg \text{validated}_{j-1}, \text{validated}_j\}. \end{aligned}$$

3 Classical planning with unknown domain models

This section shows how to solve a classical planning problem $P = \langle F, A[\cdot], I, G \rangle$, where $A[\cdot]$ is a set of actions s.t., the semantics of each action $a \in A[\cdot]$ is unknown (i.e. the

functions ρ and/or θ of a are undefined but the corresponding action headers are known). First, we show how to encode the possible models for the actions in $A[\cdot]$ with a set of propositional variables and a set of constraints over that variables and finally, we show how to exploit this encoding to compute a solution to the $P = \langle F, A[\cdot], I, G \rangle$ problem with an off-the-shelf classical planner.

3.1 A propositional encoding for the space of STRIPS action models

A STRIPS *action schema* ξ is defined by four lists: A list of *parameters* $pars(\xi)$, and three list of predicates (namely $pre(\xi)$, $del(\xi)$ and $add(\xi)$) that shape the kind of fluents that can appear in the *preconditions*, *negative effects* and *positive effects* of the actions induced from that schema. Let be Ψ the set of *predicates* that shape the propositional state variables F , and a list of *parameters* $pars(\xi)$. The set of elements that can appear in $pre(\xi)$, $del(\xi)$ and $add(\xi)$ of the STRIPS action schema ξ is given by FOL interpretations of Ψ over the parameters $pars(\xi)$ and is denoted as $\mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}$.

For instance, in the *blocksworld* the $\mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}$ set contains only five elements for a `pickup(v_1)` schemata, $\mathcal{I}_{\Psi, pickup} = \{\text{handempty}, \text{holding}(v_1), \text{clear}(v_1), \text{ontable}(v_1), \text{on}(v_1, v_1)\}$ while it contains eleven elements for a `stack(v_1, v_2)` schemata, $\mathcal{I}_{\Psi, stack} = \{\text{handempty}, \text{holding}(v_1), \text{holding}(v_2), \text{clear}(v_1), \text{clear}(v_2), \text{ontable}(v_1), \text{ontable}(v_2), \text{on}(v_1, v_1), \text{on}(v_1, v_2), \text{on}(v_2, v_1), \text{on}(v_2, v_2)\}$.

Despite any element of $\mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}$ can *a priori* appear in the $pre(\xi)$, $del(\xi)$ and $add(\xi)$ of schema ξ , the space of possible STRIPS schemata is bounded by constraints of three kinds:

1. *Syntactic constraints.* STRIPS constraints require $del(\xi) \subseteq pre(\xi)$, $del(\xi) \cap add(\xi) = \emptyset$ and $pre(\xi) \cap add(\xi) = \emptyset$. Considering exclusively these syntactic constraints, the size of the space of possible STRIPS schemata is given by $2^{2 \times |\mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}|}$. *Typing constraints* are also of this kind [McDermott *et al.*, 1998].
2. *Domain-specific constraints.* One can introduce domain-specific knowledge to constrain further the space of possible schemata. For instance, in the *blocksworld* one can argue that $\text{on}(v_1, v_1)$ and $\text{on}(v_2, v_2)$ will not appear in the $pre(\xi)$, $del(\xi)$ and $add(\xi)$ lists of an action schema ξ because, in this specific domain, a block cannot be on top of itself. *State invariants* are also constraints of this kind [Fox and Long, 1998].
3. *Observation constraints.* An observations $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ depicts *semantic knowledge* that constraints further the space of possible action schemata.

In this work we introduce a propositional encoding of the *preconditions*, *negative*, and *positive effects* of a STRIPS action schema ξ using only fluents of two kinds $pre_e_ \xi$ and $eff_e_ \xi$ (where $e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}$). This encoding exploits the syntactic constraints of STRIPS so is more compact than the one previously proposed by Aineto *et al.* 2018. In more detail, if $pre_e_ \xi$ and $eff_e_ \xi$ holds it means that $e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}$ is a negative effect in ξ while if $pre_e_ \xi$ does not hold but $eff_e_ \xi$

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(:action stack
:parameters (?v1 ?v2)
:precondition (and (holding ?v1) (clear ?v2))
:effect (and (not (holding ?v1)) (not (clear ?v2))
             (clear ?v1) (handempty) (on ?v1 ?v2)))

(pre_holding_v1_stack) (pre_clear_v2_stack)
(eff_holding_v1_stack) (eff_clear_v2_stack)
(eff_clear_v1_stack) (eff_handempty_stack) (eff_on_v1_v2_stack)
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Figure 1: PDDL encoding of the `stack(?v1, ?v2)` schema and our propositional representation for this same schema.

holds, it means that $e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}$ is a positive effect in ξ . Figure 1 shows the PDDL encoding of the `stack(?v1, ?v2)` schema and our propositional representation for this same schema with `pre_e_stack` and `eff_e_stack` fluents ($e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, stack}$).

3.2 A classical planning compilation for planning with unknown domain models

To solve a classical planning problem $P = \langle F, A[\cdot], I, G \rangle$ we create another classical planning problem $P' = \langle F', A', I, G \rangle$ such that:

- F' extends F with the necessary fluents for the propositional encoding of the corresponding space of STRIPS action models. This is a set of fluents of the type $\{pre_e_ \xi, eff_e_ \xi\}_{\forall e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}}$ such that $e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}$ is a single element from the set of FOL interpretations of predicates Ψ over the corresponding parameters $pars(\xi)$.
- A' replaces the actions in A with two new types of actions.

1. Actions for *inserting* a component (precondition, positive effect or negative effect) in $\xi \in \mathcal{M}$ following the syntactic constraints of STRIPS models.
 - Actions which support the addition of a *precondition* $p \in \Psi_\xi$ to the action model $\xi \in \mathcal{M}$. A precondition p is inserted in ξ when neither pre_p , eff_p exist in ξ .

$$\begin{aligned} pre(\text{insertPre}_{p, \xi}) &= \{\neg pre_p(\xi), \neg eff_p(\xi)\}, \\ cond(\text{insertPre}_{p, \xi}) &= \{\emptyset\} \triangleright \{pre_p(\xi)\}. \end{aligned}$$

- Actions which support the addition of a *negative* or *positive* effect $p \in \Psi_\xi$ to the action model $\xi \in \mathcal{M}$.

$$\begin{aligned} pre(\text{insertEff}_{p, \xi}) &= \{\neg eff_p(\xi)\}, \\ cond(\text{insertEff}_{p, \xi}) &= \{\emptyset\} \triangleright \{eff_p(\xi)\}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Actions for *applying* the action models $\xi \in \mathcal{M}$ built by the insert actions and bounded to objects $\omega \subseteq \Omega^{ar(\xi)}$. Since action headers are known, the variables $pars(\xi)$ are bounded to the objects in ω that appear in the same position.

$$\begin{aligned} pre(\text{apply}_{\xi, \omega}) &= \{pre_p(\xi) \implies p(\omega)\}_{\forall p \in \Psi_\xi}, \\ cond(\text{apply}_{\xi, \omega}) &= \{pre_p(\xi) \wedge eff_p(\xi)\} \triangleright \{\neg p(\omega)\}_{\forall p \in \Psi_\xi}, \\ &\quad \{\neg pre_p(\xi) \wedge eff_p(\xi)\} \triangleright \{p(\omega)\}_{\forall p \in \Psi_\xi}. \end{aligned}$$

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(:action apply_stack
:parameters (?o1 - object ?o2 - object)
:precondition
  (and (or (not (pre_stack_on_v1_v1)) (on ?o1 ?o1))
        (or (not (pre_stack_on_v1_v2)) (on ?o1 ?o2))
        (or (not (pre_stack_on_v2_v1)) (on ?o2 ?o1))
        (or (not (pre_stack_on_v2_v2)) (on ?o2 ?o2))
        (or (not (pre_stack_ontable_v1)) (ontable ?o1))
        (or (not (pre_stack_ontable_v2)) (ontable ?o2))
        (or (not (pre_stack_clear_v1)) (clear ?o1))
        (or (not (pre_stack_clear_v2)) (clear ?o2))
        (or (not (pre_stack_holding_v1)) (holding ?o1))
        (or (not (pre_stack_holding_v2)) (holding ?o2))
        (or (not (pre_stack_handempty)) (handempty)))
:effect
  (and (when (del_stack_on_v1_v1) (not (on ?o1 ?o1)))
        (when (del_stack_on_v1_v2) (not (on ?o1 ?o2)))
        (when (del_stack_on_v2_v1) (not (on ?o2 ?o1)))
        (when (del_stack_on_v2_v2) (not (on ?o2 ?o2)))
        (when (del_stack_ontable_v1) (not (ontable ?o1)))
        (when (del_stack_ontable_v2) (not (ontable ?o2)))
        (when (del_stack_clear_v1) (not (clear ?o1)))
        (when (del_stack_clear_v2) (not (clear ?o2)))
        (when (del_stack_holding_v1) (not (holding ?o1)))
        (when (del_stack_holding_v2) (not (holding ?o2)))
        (when (del_stack_handempty) (not (handempty)))
        (when (add_stack_on_v1_v1) (on ?o1 ?o1))
        (when (add_stack_on_v1_v2) (on ?o1 ?o2))
        (when (add_stack_on_v2_v1) (on ?o2 ?o1))
        (when (add_stack_on_v2_v2) (on ?o2 ?o2))
        (when (add_stack_ontable_v1) (ontable ?o1))
        (when (add_stack_ontable_v2) (ontable ?o2))
        (when (add_stack_clear_v1) (clear ?o1))
        (when (add_stack_clear_v2) (clear ?o2))
        (when (add_stack_holding_v1) (holding ?o1))
        (when (add_stack_holding_v2) (holding ?o2))
        (when (add_stack_handempty) (handempty))
        (when (modeProg) (not (modeProg))))

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Figure 2: PDDL action for applying an already programmed model for *stack* (implications are coded as disjunctions).

The dynamics of the actions for *applying* an action model $\xi \in \mathcal{M}$ is determined by the values of the model the $\{pre_e_xi, eff_e_xi\}_{\forall e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}}$ fluents in the current state. Figure 2 shows the PDDL encoding of (apply_stack) for applying the action model of the *stack* operator.

For instance, executing the action (apply_stack blockB blockA) in a state s implies activating the preconditions and effects of (apply_stack) according to the values of the model fluents in s . This means that if the current state s holds $\{(pre_stack_holding_v1), (pre_stack_clear_v2)\} \subset s$, then it must be checked that positive literals (holding blockB) and (clear blockA) hold in s . Otherwise, a different set of precondition literals will be checked. The same applies to the conditional effects, generating the corresponding literals according to the values of the model fluents of s . Note that executing (apply_stack blockB blockA), will add the literals (on blockB blockA), (clear blockB), (not (clear blockA)), (handempty) and (not (clear blockB)) to the successor state if *stack* has been correctly programmed by the insert actions.

3.3 Compilation properties

Now we present some theoretical properties of the compilation scheme.

Soundness and completeness

Lemma 1 Soundness. Any classical plan π_Λ that solves P_Λ induces a set of action models \mathcal{M}' that solves $\Lambda = \langle \mathcal{M}, \tau \rangle$.

[Proof sketch] Once action models \mathcal{M}' are programmed, they can only be applied and validated because of the *mode_{prog}* fluent. In addition, P_Λ is only solvable if fluents at_n and $test_m$ hold at the last state reached by π_Λ . By the definition of the $apply_{\xi, \omega}$ and the $validate_j$ actions, these goals can only be achieved executing an applicable sequence of programmed action models that reaches every state $s_j \in \tau$, starting in the corresponding initial state and following the sequence of n observed actions of τ . This means that the programmed action model \mathcal{M}' is consistent with the provided input knowledge and hence, that \mathcal{M}' is a solution to Λ .

Lemma 2 Completeness. Any set of action models \mathcal{M}' that solves $\Lambda = \langle \mathcal{M}, \tau \rangle$ is computable solving the corresponding classical planning task P_Λ .

[Proof sketch] By definition, $\Psi_\xi \subseteq \Psi_v$ fully captures the set of elements that can appear in an action model $\xi \in \mathcal{M}$. The compilation does not discard any possible set of action models \mathcal{M}' definable within Ψ_v that satisfies the observed state trajectory and action sequence of τ . This means that for every \mathcal{M}' that solves Λ , there exists a plan π_Λ that can be built selecting the appropriate programming, apply and validate actions from the P_Λ compilation.

Size

The size of the planning task P_Λ output by the compilation approach depends on:

- The arity of the actions and the fluents in τ given as input in Λ . The larger the arity, the larger the size of the Ψ_ξ sets. This is the term that dominates the compilation size because it defines the $pre_p(\xi)/del_p(\xi)/add_p(\xi)$ fluents and the corresponding set of *programming* actions.
- The length of the observed action sequence and state trajectory of τ . The larger the number of observed actions, $a_i \in \tau$ s.t. $1 \leq i \leq n$, the more $\{at_i\}$ fluents. The larger the number of observed states, $s_j \in \tau$ s.t. $1 \leq j \leq m$, the more $\{test_j\}$ fluents and $\{validate_j\}$ actions in P_Λ .

The bias of the initially empty action model

Since in the initial state of the classical planning compilation all the $\{pre_e_xi, eff_e_xi\}_{\forall e \in \mathcal{I}_{\Psi, \xi}}$ are false, our compilation introduces a bias to solve the $P = \langle F, A[\cdot], I, G \rangle$ classical planning task. This bias can be eliminated definin a cost landscape where any actions for determinign a precondition or an action effect has zero cost. Since classical planners are nor proficiency when optimizing the cost of solutions with this kind of cost landscapes we use a different approach to disregard the cost of the actions that add a precondition/effect to an action model. Our approach is to use a SAT-based planner that applies the actions for programming preconditions in a single planning step (in parallel) because these actions do not interact. Actions for programming action effects can also be applied in a single planning step so the plan horizon for programming any action model is always 2 which in addition, significantly reduces the planning horizon.

4 Goal recognition as planning with unknown domain models

We define the task of *goal recognition with unknown domain models* as a $\langle P, \mathcal{O}(\tau) \rangle$ pair, where:

- $P = \langle F, A[\cdot], I, G[\cdot] \rangle$ is a planning problem where $G[\cdot]$ is the set of possible goals and $A[\cdot]$ is a set of actions s.t., for each $a \in A[\cdot]$, the semantics of a is unknown (i.e. the functions ρ and/or θ of a are undefined).
- $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ is an observation of a trajectory $\tau(\pi, I)$ produced by the execution of an unknown plan π that reaches a goal $g \in G[\cdot]$ starting from the given initial state.

The *solution* to the *goal recognition with unknown domain models* task is again the subset of goals in $G[\cdot]$ that maximizes expression (1).

4.1 Computing the $P(\mathcal{O}|g)$ with unknown domain models

Now we are ready to compute the target distribution $P(g|\mathcal{O})$ over the possible goals $g \in G[\cdot]$ given the observation $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$:

1. For each goal, we define the P^\top , that constrains the classical planning problem $P = \langle F, A[\cdot], s_0, g \rangle$ to achieve $g \in G[\cdot]$ through a plan π^\top consistent with the input observation $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$. Note that s_0 is the initial state in the given observation $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$. We use our adapted compilation to compute the classical planning tasks P_λ^\top and solve them using an off-the-shelf-classical planner.
2. For each goal, we define P^\perp , that constrains $P = \langle F, A, s_0, g \rangle$ to achieve $g \in G[\cdot]$ through a plan π^\perp inconsistent with $\mathcal{O}(\tau)$ and that uses the action model A used by the corresponding solution π^\top .
3. We compute the cost difference $\Delta(\text{cost}(\pi_\top), \text{cost}(\pi_\perp))$ where these costs are defined as the length of the postfix of the π_λ^\top and π_λ^\perp plans and plug this cost difference into equation (2) to get the $P(g|\mathcal{O})$ likelihoods.
4. Finally the previous likelihoods are plugged into the Bayes rule from which the goal posterior probabilities are obtained. In this case the $PO(\tau)$ probabilities are obtained by normalization (goal probabilities must add up to 1 when summed over all possible goals).

5 Evaluation

6 Conclusions

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