

# Foundations of Agent Programming

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## Exercise 10.1 Repetition

(Chapter 3: “Planning”)

Reconsider the *Logistics domain* (cf. Slides 3b/12ff). In this exercise, we consider an instance with the single vehicle *Plane*, the single object *Mail* and three locations: *Dresden*, *Leipzig*, *Berlin* and *Depot*.

a) Specify LTL formulas for the following statements:

$\varphi_1$ : There should never be mail in the plane.

$\varphi_2$ : The plane should never fly to Leipzig.

$\varphi_3$ : If the first action of the plane is to fly to Leipzig, then it should load mail immediately afterwards.

b) Consider the following *preference formula* (cf. Slide 3b/23), where  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$  are the formulas obtained in a):

$$\Phi = (\varphi_1 \mid (\varphi_2 \prec \varphi_3)) \ \& \ (\diamond At(Plane, Depot) \Rightarrow \neg \varphi_2) \ \& \ \text{final}(At(Plane, Depot))$$

Assume that initially the plane is empty and in Berlin and that all actions used below have the expected effects. Which of the following two plans  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  would be preferred according to the weight of  $\Phi$ ? (For basic desire formulas you don't have to show every step of the weight calculation if you can determine the weight “intuitively”.)

$P_1$ :  $S_0, S_1, S_2, S_3, S_3, \dots$ , where

$$S_1 = Do(Fly(Plane, Dresden), S_0)$$

$$S_2 = Do(Load(Mail, Plane), S_1)$$

$$S_3 = Do(Fly(Plane, Leipzig), S_2)$$

$P_2$ :  $S_0, S_1, S_2, S_3, S_3, \dots$ , where

$$S_1 = Do(Fly(Plane, Leipzig), S_0)$$

$$S_2 = Do(Load(Mail, Plane), S_1)$$

$$S_3 = Do(Fly(Plane, Depot), S_2)$$

c) Given Plan  $P_2$  and  $\Phi$  from b), calculate  $\Phi''' = \text{Progress}^3(\Phi)$  and verify that the weight of  $\Phi'''$  equals the weight of  $\Phi$ .

## Exercise 10.2 Repetition

(Chapter 3: "Planning")

In this exercise we first define a simplified variant of the *Logistics domain* which does not consider trucks. The task then is to provide an *Answer Set Program* for the simplified domain that is able to solve arbitrary problem instances, where the ASP encoding should be based on a description in the *Game Description Language*. We use the following fluents (cf. Slide 3b/12):

$At(o, l) \hat{=} \text{object } o \text{ is at location } l$   
 $In(o, v) \hat{=} \text{object } o \text{ is in vehicle } v$   
 $Loc(v, l) \hat{=} \text{vehicle } v \text{ is at location } l$   
 $Req(o, l_1, l_2) \hat{=} \text{there is a request to move object } o \text{ from location } l_1 \text{ to location } l_2$

Vehicles will be considered to be players of the game. Thus in actions we omit the argument of the vehicle, as it will be passed via the *Does* statement in the GDL:

$Load(o) \hat{=} \text{object } o \text{ is loaded}$   
 $Unload(o) \hat{=} \text{object } o \text{ is unloaded}$   
 $Fly(l) \hat{=} \text{fly to location } l$   
 $Noop \hat{=} \text{do nothing}$

Download the file 10.2.p1 from the course web page. It contains some domain definitions as well as an example initial state encoding for the ASP. Solve the following tasks:

- Provide ASP clauses such that exactly one instance of `does(V,A,T)` is true at every time step  $T$  and thus every vehicle  $V$  does exactly one action  $A$  at  $T$ .
- Define a predicate `terminal(T)` such that the predicate is true if no request is left at time step  $T$ . Assure that the predicate is true eventually and that no action is performed thereafter.
- Define precondition axioms via the predicate `legal(V,A,T)` such that the predicate is true if for vehicle  $V$  it is legal to do action  $A$  at time step  $T$ .
- Define effect axioms via the predicate `holds(F,T)` such that the predicate is true if fluent  $F$  holds at time step  $T$ .
- Provide integrity constraints for the statements 1., 2. and 4. from Slide 3b/13.
- Test your encoding with the domain instance specified in 10.2.p1.