

CS579 - Homework 2

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1 Review

1.1 Planning Problem and Plans

The planning problem P we are considering is a 3-tuple $\langle D, I, G \rangle$ described in the \mathcal{ADL} language whose syntax is given in the book, where I is the initial state, G is the goal and D is the domain description.

Plans. We define a plan π as a sequence of sets of actions, i.e., $\pi = A_0; A_1; \dots; A_{n-1}$ where A_i , $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, is a set of actions. That is, we allow actions to be executed parallelly.

Transition Function. Given a planning problem $P = \langle D, I, G \rangle$ with the set of actions \mathbf{A} and set of fluents \mathbf{F} , the transition function Φ of the planning domain that maps sets of actions and states into states is defined as follows.

$$\Phi(A, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } \sigma = \perp \text{ or } \exists a \in A \text{ s.t. } a \text{ is not executable in } \sigma \text{ or } Add_A \cap Del_A \neq \emptyset \\ (\sigma \cup Add_A) \setminus Del_A & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $A \subseteq \mathbf{A}$ is some set of actions, s is a state, $Add_A = \bigcup_{a \in A} (Add_a)$, and $Del_A = \bigcup_{a \in A} (Del_a)$.

It is worthwhile extending the definition of Φ for a plan π as well. More precisely, the transition function Φ for plans are defined recursively as follows:

$$\Phi([A], \sigma) = \Phi(A, \sigma)$$

$$\Phi([A; p], \sigma) = \Phi(p, \Phi(A, \sigma)) \text{ if } p \neq \emptyset$$

$\sigma_0 = I$ is called the initial state. We say that G can be *achieved* from σ_0 after executing plan π if $\Phi(\pi, \sigma_0) \neq \perp$ and $\Phi(\pi, \sigma_0)$ satisfies G .

1.2 SAT Encodings

Given a planning problem $P = \langle D, I, G \rangle$ in the \mathcal{ADL} language with the transition function given in (1), the general procedure for translating P into the corresponding propositional theory T with n time instants is sketched out as follows:

- Each fluent $f \in \mathbf{F}$ corresponds to the set of propositions $\{f^i\}$ in T , where $i = 0 \dots n$.
- Each action $a \in \mathbf{A}$ corresponds to the set of propositions $\{a^i\}$, where $i = 0 \dots n-1$.
- The encoding consists of the following sentences

$$\bigwedge_{f \in I} f^0 \quad (2)$$

$$\bigwedge_{g \in G} g^n \quad (3)$$

$$a^i \Rightarrow \bigwedge_{l \in Pre_a} l^i \quad \forall a \in \mathbf{A}, i = 0 \dots n-1 \quad (4)$$

$$f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow (f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i)) \vee (\bigvee_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Add_a} a^i) \quad \forall f \in \mathbf{F}, i = 0 \dots n-1 \quad (5)$$

$$\neg f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow (\neg f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Add_a} \neg a^i)) \vee (\bigvee_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Del_a} a^i) \quad \forall f \in \mathbf{F}, i = 0 \dots n-1 \quad (6)$$

1.3 Correctness

We will show that the encoding T from (2)-(6) is equivalent to the original planning problem $P = \langle D, I, G \rangle$.

2 Proof of the Correctness

To prove the correctness of the SAT-encoding, we need prove the following

1. [Soundness] If T has a model M then we can extract from M a plan π for P that achieves G from the initial state I .
2. [Completeness] If P has a plan π of length n that achieves G from the initial state then T has at least one model M from which π can be extracted.

2.1 Soundness

Assume that M is a model of T . Let $A_i = \{a \mid a \text{ is an action such that } a^i \in M\}$, $\pi = [A_0; A_1; \dots; A_{n-1}]$ and $s_i = \{f \mid f^i \in M\}$. Note that A_i 's might be empty. By (2) and (3), it is easy to see that s_0 is the initial state of P and G holds in s_n . Before proving the soundness of the encoding, let us prove the following lemmas.

Lemma 1 For every integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n$, a fluent literal l holds in a state s_i if and only if $M \models l^i$.

Proof. It is obvious from the definition of s_i .

Lemma 2 For every integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, and for every action a in A_i , a is executable in s_i .

Proof. Let l be a fluent literal in Pre_a . By the definition of A_i , we have $M \models a^i$. On the other hand, $a^i \Rightarrow l^i$ (by (4)). Hence, $M \models l^i$. As a result, l^i holds in s_i (by Lemma 1). That is, a is executable in s_i .

Lemma 3 For every integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, $Add_{A_i} \cap Del_{A_i} = \emptyset$.

Proof. Assume that $Add_{A_i} \cap Del_{A_i} \neq \emptyset$. Thus, there exists a fluent $f \in \mathbf{F}$ s.t. $f \in Add_{A_i} \cap Del_{A_i}$. This implies that there exist two actions $b, c \in A_i$ s.t. $f \in Add_b$ and $f \in Del_c$.

By (5), we have f^{i+1} is true in M . And by (6), we have $\neg f^{i+1}$ is true in M . This is a contradiction. Therefore, $Add_{A_i} \cap Del_{A_i} = \emptyset$.

Lemma 4 For every integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, we have $\Phi(A_i, s_i) = s_{i+1}$.

Proof. According to Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, every action a in A_i is executable in s_i and $Add_{A_i} \cap Del_{A_i} = \emptyset$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$. Therefore, according to (1), $\Phi(A_i, s_i) = (s_i \cup Add_{A_i}) \setminus Del_{A_i} = s$ for some s . We will prove $s_{i+1} = s$ by showing that, for every $f \in \mathbf{F}$,

- (1) if $f \in s_{i+1}$ then $f \in s$
- (2) if $f \notin s_{i+1}$ then $f \notin s$

Proof of (1). Assume that $f \in s_{i+1}$.

According to Lemma 1, we have $M \models f^{i+1}$. Hence,

$$M \models (f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i)) \vee (\bigvee_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Add_a} a^i)$$

There are two possibilities:

- a) $M \models (f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i))$
It is easy to see that $M \models f^i$. Thus, $f \in s_i$.
- b) $M \models \bigvee_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Add_a} a^i$. That is, there must exist an action b such that $M \models b^i$ and $f \in Add_b$. Since $M \models b^i$, we have $b \in A_i$. Hence, $f \in Add_b \subseteq Add_{A_i}$. In addition, $Add_{A_i} \cap Del_{A_i} = \emptyset$ (Lemma 4), we have $f \notin Del_{A_i}$. As a result $f \in (s_i \cup Add_{A_i}) \setminus Del_{A_i} = s$.

Therefore, in both cases, we have $f \in s$.

Proof of (2). Assume that $f \notin s_{i+1}$.

According to Lemma 1, f^{i+1} is not in M , i.e., $M \models \neg f^{i+1}$. By (6), we have two possibilities:

- a) $M \models (\neg f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in \text{Add}_a} \neg a^i))$. In this case, we have $M \models \neg f^i$. Therefore, $f \notin s_i$ (by Lemma 1). On the other hand, since $M \models (\neg f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in \text{Add}_a} \neg a^i))$, we have $M \models (\bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in \text{Add}_a} \neg a^i)$. Thus, $f \notin \text{Add}_{A_i}$. Consequently, $f \notin (s_i \cup \text{Add}_{A_i}) \setminus \text{Del}_{A_i} = s$.
- b) $M \models (\bigvee_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in \text{Del}_a} a^i)$. That is, there must be exist an action b such that $f \in \text{Del}_b$ and b^i is true in M . That is, $f \in \text{Del}_{A_i}$ and thus $f \notin (s_i \cup \text{Add}_{A_i}) \setminus \text{Del}_{A_i} = s$.

So, we can conclude that if $f \notin s_{i+1}$ then $f \notin s$.

The lemma is therefore proved.

Theorem 1 *The encoding is sound.*

Proof. Let $\sigma_i = \Phi(A_0 \dots A_{i-1}, \sigma_0)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. As we mentioned above, $\sigma_0 = s_0$. By Lemma 4, using induction, we can easily prove that $s_i = \sigma_i$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n$. Hence, $\Phi(\pi, \sigma_0) = \sigma_n = s_n$. On the other hand, G holds s_n . Thus, G holds in $\Phi(\pi, \sigma_0)$. That is, G can be achieved from σ_0 after executing π .

The encoding is therefore proved to be sound.

2.2 Completeness

Assume that P has a plan $\pi = A_0; A_1; \dots; A_{n-1}$, where A_i , $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, is a set of actions, that achieves goal G from σ_0 . We denote $\Phi(A_0; A_1; \dots; A_{j-1}, \sigma_0)$ by σ_i . Since π is a plan that achieves goal G , we have the following properties:

- (1) $\sigma_0 = I$.
- (2) for every integer, i , $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, and for every action $a \in A_i$, a is executable in σ_i .
- (3) $\sigma_i \neq \perp$ and $\text{Del}_{A_i} \cap \text{Add}_{A_i} = \emptyset$ for every i , $0 \leq i \leq n$
- (4) $\sigma_{i+1} = (\sigma_i \cup \text{Add}_{A_i}) \setminus \text{Del}_{A_i}$.
- (5) for every literal $l \in G$, l holds in σ_n .

Let T be the corresponding propositional theory for P with n time instants and for every i , $0 \leq i \leq n$, let δ_i denote the set of propositions $\{f^i \mid f \in \sigma_i\}$. We construct an interpretation M of T as follows:

$$M = \left(\bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq n} \delta_i \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \{a^i \mid a \in A_i\} \right)$$

First of all, we will prove the following lemmas and then use them to prove the completeness of the encoding.

Lemma 5 *For every integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n$, a fluent literal l holds in σ_i iff $M \models l^i$.*

Proof. It is easy to see that $M \models l^i$ iff l^i is contained in δ_i , that is, l holds in σ_i .

Lemma 6 *For every integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} M \models a^i & \quad \forall a \in A_i \\ M \models \neg a^i & \quad \forall a \notin A_i \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It is obvious from the construction of M .

Theorem 2 *The encoding is complete.*

Proof. To prove that the encoding is complete we need to prove

- (1) M is a model of T and,
- (2) from M we can construct the plan π .

Proving (2) is trivial. We will show (1) by checking all the propositional sentences in T .

By Lemma 5, the sentence (2) and (3) are apparently true in M .

For every integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, and an action $a \in A_i$, since a is executable in σ_i , every fluent literal $l \in Pre_a$ must hold in σ_i . By Lemma 5, we have $M \models l^i$. Thus, the sentence (4) is true in M .

From Lemma 6, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i &\leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i \\ \bigwedge_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Add_a} \neg a^i &\leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{a \in A_i, f \in Add_a} \neg a^i \\ \bigvee_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Add_a} a^i &\leftrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A_i, f \in Add_a} a^i \\ \bigvee_{a \in \mathbf{A}, f \in Del_a} a^i &\leftrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} a^i \end{aligned}$$

So, to prove the sentences (5) and (6) are true in M , we only need to prove the following sentences are true in M .

$$f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow (f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i)) \vee (\bigvee_{a \in A_i, f \in Add_a} a^i) \quad (7)$$

$$\neg f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow (\neg f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in A_i, f \in Add_a} \neg a^i)) \vee (\bigvee_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} a^i) \quad (8)$$

For each fluent $f \in \mathbf{F}$, and an integer i , $0 \leq i \leq n-1$, consider the following four cases:

Case 1. f holds in both σ_i and σ_{i+1} .

According to Lemma 5, we have $M \models f^i$ and $M \models f^{i+1}$.

Since $\sigma_{i+1} = (\sigma_i \cup Add_{A_i}) \setminus Del_{A_i}$, $f \notin Del_{A_i}$. Hence, we can reduce (7) and (8) to:

$$f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow f^i \vee (\bigvee_{a \in A_i, f \in Add_a} a^i) \quad (9)$$

$$\neg f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow (\neg f^i \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in A_i, f \in Add_a} \neg a^i)) \quad (10)$$

(9) is true in M as both f^i and f^{i+1} are true in M . (9) is also true in M as both the left hand side and the right hand side are false in M .

Case 2. f holds in σ_i but does not hold in σ_{i+1} .

By Lemma 5, we have $M \models f^i$ and $M \not\models f^{i+1}$.

Since $\sigma_{i+1} = (\sigma_i \cup Add_{A_i}) \setminus Del_{A_i}$, $f \in Del_{A_i}$. So, there exists $a \in A_i$ such that $f \in Del_a$. Thus, $(\bigvee_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i)$ is false in M and $(\bigwedge_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} a^i)$ are true in M . On the other hand, since $Del_{A_i} \cap Add_{A_i} = \emptyset$, we have $f \notin Add_{A_i}$. As a result, both sides of (7) are false, whereas both sides of (8) are true. That is, (7) and (8) are true in M .

Case 3. f does not hold in σ_i but holds in σ_{i+1} .

In this case, we have f^{i+1} is true in M but f^i is not. Since, $\sigma_{i+1} = (\sigma_i \cup Add_{A_i}) \setminus Del_{A_i}$, we have $f \in Add_{A_i}$. Thus $f \notin Del_{A_i}$. Similarly to Case 2, (7) is true in M as its both sides are true and (8) is also true because its both sides are false.

Case 4. f does not hold in both σ_i and σ_{i+1} .

In this case, we have $M \models \neg f^i$ and $M \models \neg f^{i+1}$. Since $\sigma_{i+1} = (\sigma_i \cup Add_{A_i}) \setminus Del_{A_i}$, we have either $f \in Del_{A_i}$ or $f \notin Add_{A_i}$. However, $f \in Del_{A_i}$ also implies that $f \notin Add_{A_i}$. Hence, in both cases, we have $f \notin Add_{A_i}$.

(7) and (8) are therefore equivalent to

$$f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow f^i \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} \neg a^i \right) \quad (11)$$

$$\neg f^{i+1} \leftrightarrow \neg f^i \vee \left(\bigvee_{a \in A_i, f \in Del_a} a^i \right) \quad (12)$$

It is easy to see that both of them are true in M .
 M is therefore a model of T . So, the encoding is complete.