Artificial Intelligence

Topic 10

Planning and Acting

- The real world
- Conditional planning
- Monitoring and replanning
- Integrated planning and acting

Reading: Russell & Norvig, Chapter 13
1. The real world

~Flat(Spare) Intact(Spare) Off(Spare)
On(Tire1) Flat(Tire1)

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{START} & \quad \text{FINISH} \\
\text{On}(x) & \quad \sim\text{Flat}(x) \\
\sim\text{Flat}(\text{Spare}) & \quad \text{Intact}(\text{Spare}) & \quad \text{Off}(\text{Spare}) \\
\text{On}(\text{Tire1}) & \quad \text{Flat}(\text{Tire1})
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\text{On}(x) & \quad \text{Off}(x) \quad \text{ClearHub} & \quad \text{Intact}(x) \quad \text{Flat}(x) \\
\text{Remove}(x) & \quad \text{Puton}(x) & \quad \text{Inflate}(x) \\
\text{Off}(x) & \quad \sim\text{ClearHub} & \quad \text{On}(x) \quad \sim\text{ClearHub} & \quad \sim\text{Flat}(x)
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“Qualification problem”

$\Rightarrow$ can never finish listing all the required preconditions and possible conditional outcomes of actions
1.2 Solutions

Conditional planning

- Plan to obtain information ⇒ observation actions
- Subplan for each contingency, e.g.,

\[
[\text{Check}(\text{Tire1}), \text{If} (\text{Intact}(\text{Tire1}), [\text{Inflate}(\text{Tire1})], [\text{CallRAC}])]\]

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**Monitoring/Replanning**

\( \Rightarrow \) Unanticipated outcomes may lead to failure (e.g., no RAC card)

- Assume normal states, outcomes
- Check progress *during execution*, replan if necessary

In general, some monitoring is unavoidable
2. Conditional planning

\[ \ldots, \textbf{If}(p, \texttt{[then plan]}, \texttt{[else plan]}), \ldots \]\n
**Execution:**

check $p$ against current KB, execute “then” or “else”

*Conditional planning*: just like POP except

- if an open condition can be established by *observation* action
  - add the action to the plan
  - complete plan for each possible observation outcome
  - insert conditional step with these subplans

\hspace{0.5in} \textbf{CheckTire}(x)\\
\hspace{0.5in} \textbf{KnowsIf}(\texttt{Intact}(x))
2.1 Conditional planning example

Start
-On(Tire1)
-Flat(Tire1)
-Inflated(Spare)

On(   x   )
Inflated(   x   )

Finish
-On(   x   )
-Inflated(   x   )

(True)
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Start

On(Tire1)
Flat(Tire1)
Inflated(Spare)

Check(Tire1)

Intact(Tire1)

Intact(Tire1)

Inflate(Tire1)

Finish

On(Tire1)
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Intact(Tire1)

On(Tire1)
Inflated(Tire1)

Finish

On(Tire1)
Inflated(Tire1)

(Intact(Tire1))

2.1 Conditional planning example

On(Tire1) → Finish

Inflated(Spare) → On(Tire1)

Flat(Tire1) → Intact(Tire1)

Intact(Tire1) → Inflate(Tire1)

Inflate(Tire1) → Inflated(Tire1)

Spare → Finish

Start

Check(Tire1)

Finish

2.1 Conditional planning example
3. Monitoring

Execution monitoring

- “failure” = preconditions of *remaining plan* not met
- preconditions = *causal links at current time*

Action monitoring

- “failure” = preconditions of *next action* not met
  (or action itself fails, e.g., robot bump sensor)

In both cases, need to *replan*
3.1 Preconditions for remaining plan

Start

At(Home)

Go(HWS)

At(HWS) Sells(HWS,Drill)

Buy(Drill)

At(HWS)

Go(SM)

At(SM) Sells(SM,Milk) At(SM) Sells(SM,Ban.)

Buy(Milk) Buy(Ban.)

At(SM)

Go(Home)

Have(Milk) At(Home) Have(Ban.) Have(Drill)

Finish

At(HWS) Have(Drill) Sells(SM,Ban.) Sells(SM,Milk)
3.2 Replanning

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PRECONDITIONS                FAILURE RESPONSE

START

Color(Chair,Blue) ~Have(Red)

Get(Red)

Have(Red)

Paint(Red)

Color(Chair,Red)

FINISH

none

N/A

Have(Red)

Fetch more red

Color(Chair,Red)

Repaint

4. **Fully Integrated Planning and Acting**

Instead of planning and execution monitoring as separate processes...

![Diagram](image)

**situated planning agent**

- always “part of the way” through a plan
- activities include
  - execute a plan step
  - monitor the world
  - fix deficiencies in plan (open conditions, clobbering, etc)
  - refine plan in light of new information (execution errors, actions by other agents, etc)
4.1 Situated Planning Example

Agent wishes to achieve goal state $On(C,D), On(D,B)$

(a) start state

(b) another agent has put D on B

(c) our agent has executed $Move(C,D)$ but failed, dropping C on A

(d) goal state achieved
4.1 Situated Planning Example

Initial plan (a).

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External agent changes environment (b).

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Redundant action removed.

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Move executed...

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...but failed (c). Replan.
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Move executed and succeeded (d).
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