Heuristic Search Planning With Multi-Objective Probabilistic LTL Constraints

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- well-known: "fuel < 5"</pre>

- here: PLTL

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Rest of this talk: approach, complexity, heuristics, experiments

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→ We need to apply Tseitin CNF to every derived formula: Tseitin-style *progression*

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$$\left\{ \ ... \ \left\{ \ L^{i_{1}}, L^{i_{2}}, L^{i_{3}} \right\} \ ... \right\}$$

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All ITI formulas are now in	$\{\{\neg \top\} \uplus \Psi\} \uplus \Gamma \Rightarrow_{s} \{\Psi\} \cup \Gamma$
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$(\neg X)$

 $(\neg \mathbf{U})$

(Triv)

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How to compute H() with NBAs

- 1. $\Psi' := \Psi \land$ "finite extension semantics"
- 2. Compute NBA **B** for Ψ '
- 3. Trace **B** to find **-** states (overapproximation)
- 4. Trace **B** from **-** states as initial states to Goal
 - using relaxed actions from **S** consistent with trace

- as a SSP T

5. Solve **T** putting 1 unit of flow into ● - states
6. Get H(●) from flow into Goal

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NDAL (100)

NBA heur (100): use trivial heuristics if > 100 states in NBA

Good also for progression: violated LTL constraints detected early by simplification

Wall-E never visits room1 twice

G (wall-E_room1 \Rightarrow (wall-E_room1 **U G** \neg wall-E_room1) (ψ_3)

Experiments - Factory



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Conclusion

Summary

- Policy synthesis algorithm for multi-objective PLTL constraints Ψ = P₁ ψ₁ ∧ … ∧ P_k ψ_k
 Resulting history-independent (Markovian) policy over cross-product state space converts to finite-memory policy in the standard way
- Tseitin-style progression

Better worst-case complexity: single-exponential (vs double-exponential) in $|\Psi|$

- NBA-based A*-like heuristics
- "Promising experiments"

Future Work

- Implement progression in full
- Heuristics based on progression (vs NBA)
- Multi-objective PLTL verification (on infinite runs) based on progression
- Quantification over finite domains. Non-prob: [Baier&McIlraith 2006]
- Beyond PLTL, e.g. $P_{>0.8}$ G (A $\rightarrow P_{>0.4}$ F B)