

Lecture 20

CS 6260 Automated Planning and Learning

Learning Object-Centred Models (LOCM)

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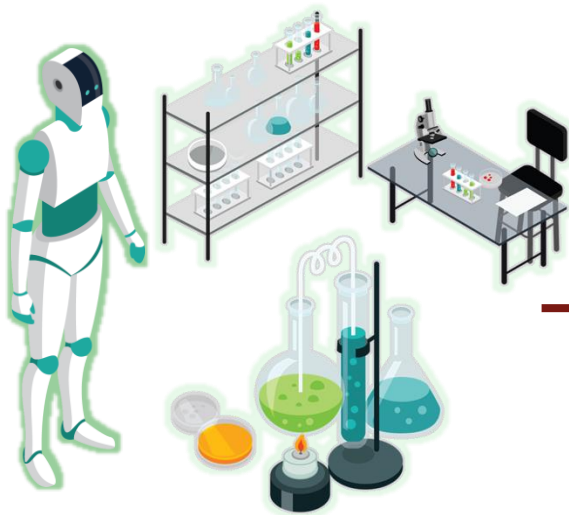
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Recap: Learning PDDL Models

Reference: <https://domain-learning.github.io/>

Learning Action Models from Passive Observations



$\langle s_0, a_1, s_1 \rangle$
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 $\vdots$
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[Input]

Learner

What kind of
approaches these
learners use?

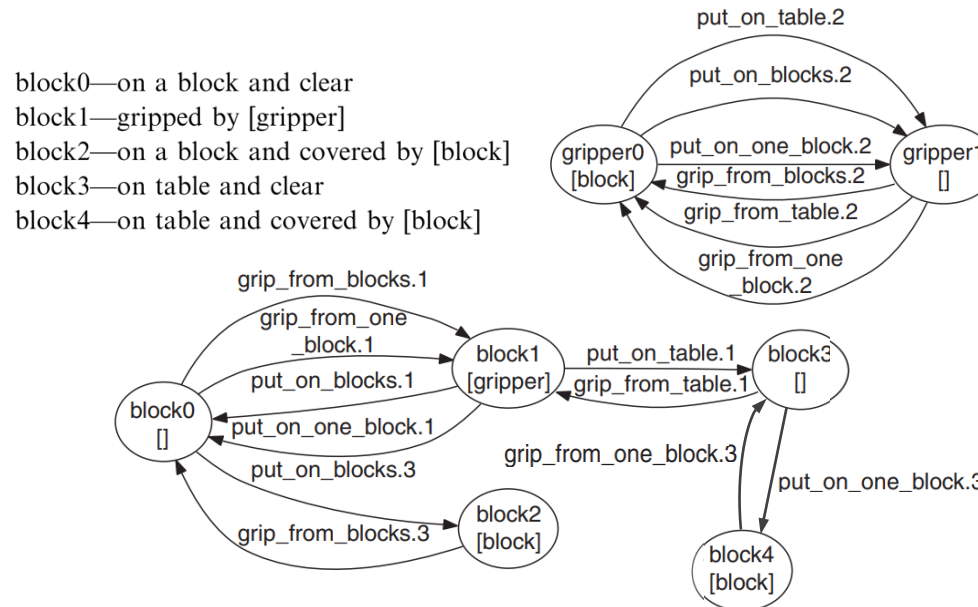
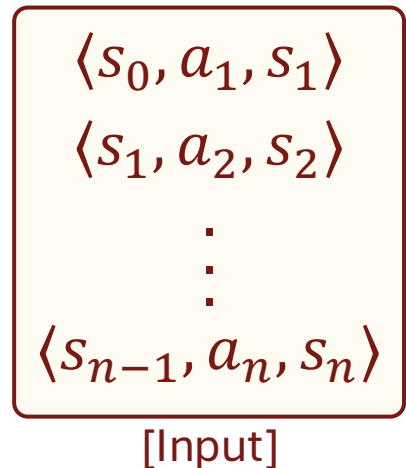
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[PDDL Example]

Finite State Machine based Learners

- For each object type create a finite state machine.
- Create PDDL by combining them.



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[PDDL Example]

Learning Object-Centred Models (LOCM)

- Input: Action Sequence
 - List of action names with object arguments
- What is not part of the input?
 - Any description of states before, during, or after actions
 - Any predicates or fluents
 - The initial state or goal state
 - Any type/sort information about objects
 - Any information about what the actions mean or how they work
 - Any knowledge of agent rationality or plan optimality

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LOCM: High Level Approach

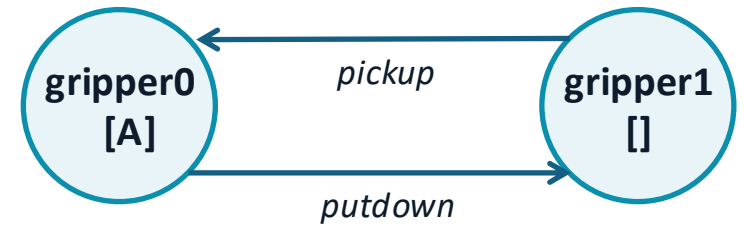
- Takes a single action sequence as the only input
- Identifies unique object **sorts** (types) in the domain
- Builds Finite State Machines (FSMs) for each sort
- Augments FSMs with inter-object parameter relationships
- Outputs lifted PDDL action models

7 Steps + Sort Formation

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Finite State Machines (FSMs) for LOCM

- Each object sort gets its own FSM
- States represent the condition of an object
- Actions cause transitions between states
- Consecutive actions must share a state
- Same action always produces the same start → end transition



*Objects transition between states as actions are applied.
LOCM reconstructs these FSMs purely from the action sequence.*

Parameterization: Learning Object Relationships

Step 3

Form Hypotheses

If two consecutive transitions share an argument of the same sort, hypothesize that their shared state has a parametric association to that sort.

Step 4

Merge Parameters

Check all pairs of hypotheses. When the same incoming or outgoing action references the same position, unify the parameter variables using set merging.

Step 5

Remove Flawed Params

Remove parameters not set by all incoming transitions — these are indeterminate and would produce incorrect action models.

Result: Fully parameterized FSMs capturing both object states and cross-sort relationships

LOCM on Blockworld

- Actions:

- pickup(?x)
- putdown(?x)
- stack(?x, ?y)
- unstack(?x, ?y)

- Objects:

- A, B, C

- Input Trace:

1. unstack(A, B)
2. putdown(A)
3. pickup(B)
4. stack(B, C)
5. unstack(B, C)
6. putdown(B)
7. pickup(A)
8. stack(A, B)

Sort Formation

- **Goal:** Group objects into sorts (types) by observing which objects share argument positions.
- **Rule:** Any two objects that ever appear in the same argument position of the same action must belong to the same sort.

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1.	unstack	A	B	A at arg1 $\rightarrow$ start $\text{Sort}_1 = \{A\}$. B at arg2 $\rightarrow$ start $\text{Sort}_2 = \{B\}$
2.	putdown	A	-	A at arg1 of putdown $\rightarrow$ A already in Sort_1 . No change.
3.	pickup	B	-	B at arg1 of pickup. B is currently in Sort_2 .
4.	stack	B	C	B at arg1 of stack, and is already in Sort_1 , C at arg2 $\rightarrow$ start $\text{Sort}_3 = \{C\}$
5.	unstack	B	C	B and A should fall in same sort as they are arg1 of unstack. Similarly, B and C should fall in the same sort as they are arg2 of unstack. So, B and C must join Sort_1 . $\text{Sort}_1 = \{A, B, C\}$.
6.	putdown	B	-	B already in Sort_1 .
7.	pickup	A	-	A already in Sort_1 .
8.	stack	A	B	A and B already in Sort_1 .

Inducing FSMs

- **Goal:** For each sort, build an FSM by tracking each object's transition sequence and applying the continuity rule.
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Object A appears at:

- Step 1: `unstack.1` (arg1 of `unstack`)
- Step 2: `putdown.1` (arg1 of `putdown`)
- Step 7: `pickup.1` (arg1 of `pickup`)
- Step 8: `stack.1` (arg1 of `stack`)

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stack.1	S ₃	S ₄	Continuity: start = S ₃ . Assign fresh end S ₄	4.	stack	B	C
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6	Static Preconditions
7	Output PDDL Schema

#	Action	arg1	arg2
1.	unstack	A	B
2.	putdown	A	-
3.	pickup	B	-
4.	stack	B	C
5.	unstack	B	C
6.	putdown	B	-
7.	pickup	A	-
8.	stack	A	B

Inducing FSMs

	Transition	Start	End	Reason
A	unstack.1	S ₀	S ₁	first time seen, assign S ₀ →S ₁
	putdown.1	S ₁	S ₂	Continuity: start must = end of prev (S ₁). Assign fresh end S ₂
	pickup.1	S ₂	S ₃	Continuity: start = S ₂ . Assign fresh end S ₃
	stack.1	S ₃	S ₄ =S ₀	Continuity: start = S ₃ . Assign fresh end S ₄
B	unstack.2	S ₅	S ₆ =S ₂	first time seen, assign S ₅ →S ₆
	pickup.1	S ₆ S ₂	S ₇ S ₃	Using 1-1 rule
	stack.1	S ₃	S ₄ =S ₀	
	unstack.1	S ₀	S ₁	
C	putdown.1	S ₁	S ₂	
	stack.2	S ₂	S ₇ =S ₅	
	stack.2	S ₂	S ₇ =S ₅	
	unstack.2	S ₅	S ₂	

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1.	unstack	A	B
2.	putdown	A	-
3.	pickup	B	-
4.	stack	B	C
5.	unstack	B	C
6.	putdown	B	-
7.	pickup	A	-
8.	stack	A	B