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Propositional Representation

Representation: propositional variables combined with connectives.

Inference: truth tables, Davis-Putnam, SAT, etc.

Advantages: inference decidable.

Disadvantages: finite domains; need many formulae; inference NP-complete.

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Planning: Situation Calculus

Time: extra argument; sequence of actions; called *situations*.

Actions: functions; combined with *Results* function.

Plans: = final situations.

Action Effects: described by conditional rules.

Action Non-Effects: need for frame rules.

Planning: by inference; prove existential theorem; existential witness is plan.

First-Order Logic Representation

Representation: predicates/functions combined with connectives and quantifiers.

Inference: resolution, generalized modus ponens, etc.Advantages: infinite domains, succinct representation.Disadvantages: inference undecidable.

Planning: STRIPS

Time: separate knowledge bases.

Actions: operator tables.

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| 00 **Plans:** sequence of actions.

Action Effects: add/delete lists of operators.

Frame Problem: solved implicitly by KB inheritance.

Planning: search in KB or plan space.

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Partial-Order Planning

Motivation: Sussman anomaly; inefficiencies.
Solution: search in plan space; partial-order on actions.
Representation: STRIPS operators, partial plan.
Plan Refinement: operator proposal; resolving threats by promotion/demotion; backtracking.

Planning Issues

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Execution in Uncertain World: triangle tables.
Frame Problem: STRIPS solution.
Qualification Problem: filters vs preconditions.
Ramification Problem: inference with truth maintenance.

Event Calculus

Motivation: need more sophisticated representation of time.

Representation: time as intervals and points; fluents with time argument.

Temporal Relations: Meet, Before, During and Overlap.

Advantages: greater expressiveness, shared time for multiple agents.

Disadvantages: lost link to plan actions.

Modal Logic

Motivation: reason about knowledge, belief, time, deontics, *etc*.

Modalities: necessary and possible.

Semantics: possible worlds; accessibility relation.

Accessibility Properties: reflexive, symmetric, transitive.

Knowledge Properties: K, T, 4, 5.

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Communication and Common Knowledge

Common Knowledge: needed for collaborative acts; achieved by communication.

Examples: Muddy children; coordinated attack.

Problem: cannot be achieved by k-round handshake; requires synchronized clocks.

Formalizing Communicative Actions

Motivation: integrate communicative acts with other actions.

Communicative Actions: inform, query, request.

Representation: STRIPS operators.

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Planning: multi-agent plans including communication.

Conclusion

Coping with a Changing World: agents; time; planning.

Dealing with Other Agents: knowledge and common knowledge; collaboration and communication.

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