Making Agents Less Godlike

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Removing The Omni-* Properties

(Omniscience) Multi-agent Epistemic Planning

We formally characterize a notion of multi-agent epistemic planning, and demonstrate how to solve a rich subclass of these problems using classical planning techniques.

(Omnipotence) Multi-agent Planning as FOND

We extend a non-deterministic planner to plan in a multi-agent setting, given the goals and possible actions of other agents to plan for what is *plausible*.

Multi-agent Epistemic Planning

Example Goal: Deception

Make Bob believe Sue believes the switch is off, when in fact Bob believes that it is on: $\{B_{Bob}B_{Sue}\neg switch_on, B_{Bob}switch_on\}$

Example Action: Gossiping

Precondition for share(Bob, secret, room A) includes that Bob believes the secret: $B_{Bob}secret$. **Effects** indicate who perceives the gossip (and who is aware of this): $in(Sue, room A) \rightarrow B_{Sue}secret$, $B_{Joe}in(Sue, room A) \land in(Joe, room A) \rightarrow B_{Joe}B_{Sue}secret$,...

Trade-offs for Choice of Knowledge Base

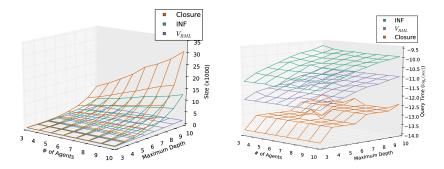
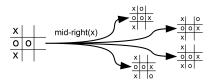


Figure: Size of knowledge base (largest on top) and average query time (slowest on top) for the three types of knowledge bases.

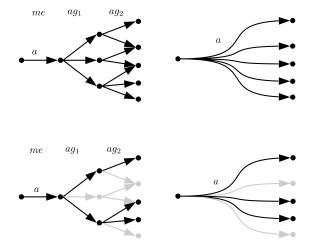
Multi-agent Planning as FOND



- Perspectival view on multi-agent planning
- Leverage the power of modern FOND planning
- Seamlessly handle a mix of agnostic, collaborative, and combative agents

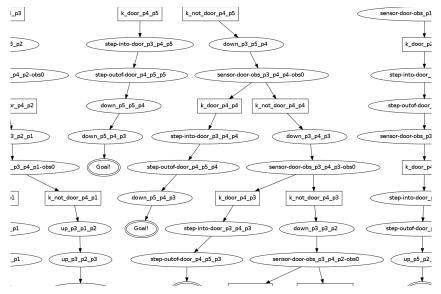
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Reinterpreting Multi-agent Actions



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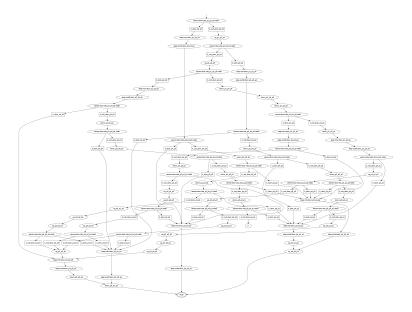


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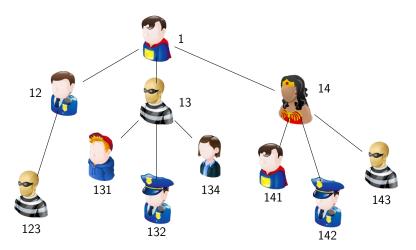
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- 1. Modelling: agent models
- 2. Reasoning: empathetic and stereotypical
- 3. Social: acceptable behaviours

Nested modelling

A scenario with four physical agents : $\{\underline{1}, 2, 3, 4\}$.



Example: agent "13" represents the modelling that agent 1 uses for representing agent 3.

Stereotypical and empathetic reasoning.

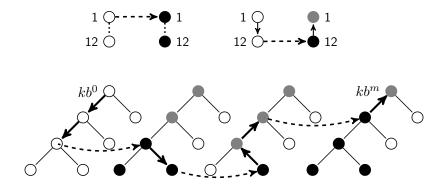
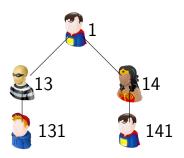


Figure: Expansion: a path in the tree of agent models

Agent models can be used not only for defining the reasoning of a perspectival agent, but also to define the set of *acceptable* behaviours in the social context. Acceptable \equiv "that makes sense".

- \Rightarrow Simulate and check possible executions:
- $\rightarrow \, \text{deception}$
- \rightarrow etiquette





 \Rightarrow Perform model-checking to synthesize acceptable strategies.

Project Page

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