UM-Translog-2:APlanningDomainDesignedforAIPS -2002

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Abstract

This document describes UM -Translog-2, which is an extended version of the UM Translog planning domain. The extensions include some numerical -computation features to make the domain a more realistic model of transportation -logistics problems. We are proposing UM-Translog-2asacandidatedomainforAIPS -2002planningcompetition.

1BackgroundandMotivation

As planning systems grow in sophistication and capabilities, planning domains with matching complexity need to be devised to assist in the analysis and evaluation of planning systems and techniques. UM Translog [1] is a planning domain designed specially for this purpose. UM Translog provides arich set of entities, attributes, operators and conditions, which can be used to specifyrather complex planning in gproblems with avariety of planinter actions.

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We have written descriptions of UM -Translog-2 both as an HTN planning problem, using the SHOP2 [5] domain -definition syntax, and as a PDDL2.1 planning problem. PDDL2.1 [3] is the languaged eveloped for the AIPS -2002 planning competition: it is a significant extension of PDDL that is intended to support representation of real time problem domains involving numeric -valued resources.

Section2describesdomaintesting,andSection3describessomecurrentissuesaboutth edomain. Section4describesthedomain,inPDDLformat.

2.DomainTesting

 $\label{eq:was} Writing the HTN definition of UM - Translog-2 was relatively straightforward, since UM Translog was also an HTN planning domain. However, writing a PDDL2.1 version of the same d efinition was more difficult.$

In general, rewriting an HTN planning problem as a PDDL planning problem is not always possible. Some HTN planning problems that have no equivalent in PDDL, because HTN planning is strictly more expressive than classical plan ning. UM -Translog-2 is not one of those problems: such problems have an unbounded amount of recursion in their HTN methods, whereas the HTN methods for UM -Translog-2 have no recursion at all. However, even when an HTN planning problem is translatable int o a PDDL planning problem, the translation task can still be quite complicated (see [4] for a description of some of the difficulties that can occur). As a result, ittook usseveral monthstocomplete the translation and test it for correctness.

Herewa showwetestedthetranslationforcorrectness:

- a. WewrotearandomproblemgeneratorforUM -Translog-2.
- b. We implemented the domain for an action -based planner, namely TLPlan [2] . It would have been better to use a fully automated planner that could take th ePDDL2.1 description as its only input —but such a planner was not available that could also solve the problems efficiently. We also added some control formulas into the TLPlan version of the domain, being careful only to specify control formulas that woul d not affect the correctness of the translation.
- c. WeimplementedUM -Translog-2domainforourHTNplanner,SHOP2.
- d. Werantenproblem -sets(10problemsineachset)generatedbyrandomproblemgenerator onbothTLPlanandSHOP2. Forallproblems, we chec ked whether both planners reached thesame conclusion, i.e. that there existed a solution or that there did not exist a solution.

For those problems in which both planners found plans, we translated the problem and the plans into PDDL format, and used the PDDL plan validator (which was provided to us by the chairs of the AIPS -2002 planning competition) to check if the seplans we revalid.

3.CurrentIssues

Here are some issues that still need to be addressed, especially with regard stotes ting the validity the domain:

- a. Because the domain is very complicated, it is hard for the random problem generator to generate problems that are solvable with a good probability.
- b. Itwouldbebetterifwetherewereanaction -basedplannerthatcouldtakePDDL2.1 directlyasinputandwasefficientenoughtohandlethedomain.
- c. AlthoughweaddedsomecontrolformulastoTLPlan,wedidnotsucceedinmakingit efficientenoughtohandlebigproblemsinthedomain —sowewereunabletotestthose problemsusingTLPlan.Wecou ldonlyusesmallproblems,andtrytomanipulatethe parametersintherandomproblemgeneratorsothatwecouldgetcasesthatareas comprehensiveaspossible.

4DomainDescription

4.10verview

As in UM Translog, in UM - Translog-2, the planner is given one or more goals, where a goal is typically the delivery of a particular package from a norigin to a destination.

In UM -Translog-2, we added some numerical computation features to make it more realistic and suitable for AIPS 2002 competition.

In order to do this, we modeled additional aspects of transport logistics not present in the UM Translog. These include the following restrictions:

- Avehiclecanbemovedonlywithenoughgas,giventhenewly -introducednumerical distancesbetweenlocationsandgp m,gasolineconsumedbyavehiclepermile.
- Thereisnorefuelingforvehicles
- Avehiclecannotloadpackagesbeyonditsweightandvolumecapacity
- Avehiclehasweight,height,lengthandwidth
- Apackagehasweightandvolume.
- Anequipmentlikecraneca nnotpickupapackagebeyonditsweightandvolumecapacity
- Aroutecannotaccommodateavehiclebeyonditsheightandweightcapacity
- Alocationcannotaccommodatepackagesbeyonditsvolumecapacity
- Alocationcannotaccommodatevehiclebeyonditsleng th,heightandwidthcapacity

The domain is described in more detail in the following sections. Section 4.2 introduces entities. Predicates and functions are described in section 4.3 and operators are described in section 4.4.

4.2Entities

Entities in cluderegions, cities within each region, locations within each city and individual objects (routes, vehicles, equipment, and packages). Each entity is described by a constant symbol (e.g., "Truck-1", "Package -2") and one or more functions and predicates that are asserted by a user (in the initial state given to the planner) or by the effects of instantiated planoperators. Predicates and functions are summarized in section 4.3. Each entity has a type. Primary entity types include region, city, location, route, vehicle, equipment and package, described in the following subsections.

4.2.1Region

Eachregioncontainsoneormorecities(specifiedviapredicate	in-region).
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4.2.2City

Eachcitycanhaveoneormorelocations(specifiedviapredicate in-city).

4.2.3Location

Eachlocationislocatedinaspecificcity(specifiedviapredicate in-city).

Location subtypes include transportation centers (specified via predicate **tcenter**) and non transportation centers. Transportation center subtypes (specified via predicate **typel**) include **airport** and **train-station**. Non -transportation centers denote customer locations, such as businesses,homes,etc.

A transport center can be used for air/rail direct and indirect transportation (see section 4.4). Transportation centers can be available (specified via predicate **available**) or unavailable. For example, aparticular airport may be temporarily unavailable due to badweather.

Atransportation center can optionally be specified as a transportation hub (via hub pr edicate). Hub transportation centers can be used for indirect transportation (see section 4.4). A transportation center serves its own city. Thus, air or rail travel from a specific city must use a transportation center in that city. Hub transport cent ers serve specific regions (specified via predicate serves), rather than cities. A hub serves a region if it has rail/air route connection to a transport center in that region.

Locationscanserveastheoriginordestinationofapackage.Locationshav etheirvolumecapacity (specified via function **volume-cap-l**). The total volume of all packages (see section 4.2.7) in a location (specified via function **volume-load-l**) at any given time cannot exceed its volume capacity.

Also,alocationcannotaccommo dateavehicle(seeSection4.2.5)whoselengthexceedslocation's length capacity (specified via function **length-cap-l**) or whose width exceeds location's width capacity (specified via function **width-cap-l**) or whose height exceeds location's height capacit y (specified via function **height-cap-l**). The distance between any two locations is specified via function **distance**.

4.2.4Routes

Routeincludestypes road-route, rail -route, and air-route.

Road routes connect two cities (specified via predicate **connect-city**). All locations within a city are assumed to be connected by roads, and thus road routes between individual city locations are not specified. Rail and air routes connect airports and train stations, respectively (specified via predicate **connect loc**).

Routes have an origin, a destination, and a route type (specified via predicate **connect-city** or **connect loc**).Notethatroutesaredirectional:trafficflowsfromtheorigintothedestination.Route has an availability status (specified via predicate **availabler**).For example, a particular road route may be temporarily unavailable due to construction. Routes types are compatible with particular typesofvehicles(seeSection4.2.5), as follows:

RouteType	VehicleType
road-route	truck
rail-route	train
air-route	airplane

Route-vehicletypecompatibilitiesarespecifiedviapredicate **rv-compatible**.

A route cannot be used by a vehicle whose height exceeds route's height capacity (specified via function **height-cap-r**) or whose total weight (including v ehicle weight and load) exceeds route's weight capacity (specified via function **weight-cap-r**). The height and weight capacity of local roads within a city are specified via functions **local-height** and **local-weight**.

4.2.5VehicleTypes

Primaryvehicletype sinclude **truck**,**airplane** and **train** (specifiedviapredicate **typevp**).Each vehiclealsohasaphysicalsubtype(specifiedviapredicate **typev**).Thephysicalsubtypefor airplaneis **air**,andthephysicalsubtypefortrucksandtrainsareasfollowing:

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Physical	Examples
Subtype	
regularv	tractor-trailertruck, delivery van, boxcar, etc.
flatbed	flatbedtruck,flatcar,etc.
tanker	tankertruck,tankercar,etc.
hopper	dumptruck,hoppercar,etc.
auto	carcarriertruck/train

Avehicle'sprimarytypedeter minesitscompatibilitywithaparticularroute(seeSection4.2.4), whileitsphysicalsubtypedeterminesitscompatibilitywithapackage(seeSection4.2.7).

Avehicleisatalocationandhasavailabilitystatus(specifiedviapredicates **at-vehicle** and **availablev**,respectively). Avehicle may have other properties, depending on its subtype, as shown in the following table:

PhysicalSubtype	Predicates
air	door-open,ramp connected

auto	ramp-down
hopper	chute-connected
regularv	door-open
tanker	hose-connected,valve -open

Avehiclehasweight(specifiedviafunction weight-v),length(specifiedviafunction length-v), width(specifiedviafunction width-v)andheight(specifiedviafunction height-v).

Avehicleconsumesgaswhenmoving. The gas - consumption rate of avehicle is specified via function **gpm**(gallon permile). Avehicle can be moved between two locations only if we have:

Gasleftinthevehicle(specifiedviafunction **gas-left**)>=vehicle's **gpm***distancebetweentwo locations.

Thet otalvolumeofallpackagesinavehicle(specifiedviafunction volume-load-v)cannotexceed itsvolumecapacity(specifiedviafunction volume-cap-v)andthetotalweightofallpackagesina vehicle(specifiedviafunction weight-load-v)cannotexceedi tsweightcapacity(specifiedvia function weight-cap-v).

4.2.6EquipmentTypes

Equipment types are **plane-ramp** and **crane**. Equipments of these types are used to load airplanes and flat bed trucks/trains, respectively.

An equipment is at a location (specific ied via predicate **at-equipment**). And there is no action that changes the location of an equipment.

Thestatusofaplanerampisdescribedusingpredicate ramp-connected.

The status of a crane is described using predicate beyond its weight capacity (specified via function function **volume-cap-c**).

empty. Also a crane cannot pi ckup a package **weight-cap-c**) or volume capacity (specified via

4.2.7PackageTypes

Eachpackageshasaphysicalsubtypefromthefollowinglist(specifiedviapredicate typep)

Physical	Examples
Subtype	
regularp	parcels, furniture, etc.
bulky	steel,lumber,etc.
liquid	water,petroleum,chemicals,etc.
granular	sand,ore,etc.
cars	automobiles
mail	mail

The physical subtype of a package must be compatible with the vehicle's physical subtype (see Section 4.2.5). The following table lists compatible package and vehicle physical subtypes (specifiedviapredicate **pv-compatible**):

PackageSubtype	VehicleSubtype
regularp	regularv
bulky	flatbed
liquid	tanker
granular	hopper
cars	auto
regularp	air
mail	air,regularv

Each package has a location (specified via predicate **at-package**), weight (specified via function **weight-p**) and volume (specified via function **volume -p**). Fees need to be collected before a packagecanbetransported (specified via predicate **fees-collected**)

Whenpackageisatitsdestination, it will be delivered (specified via predicate delivered).

4.3PredicatesandFunctions

This section presents a summary of domain predicates and functions present in the PDDL ver

sion.

Thefollowingarethedomain	predicates:
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Predicates	Descriptions
(at-equipment?e -equipment?l -location)	equipment?eisatlocation?l
(at-packagec?p -package?c -crane)	package?pisatcrane?c
(at-packagel?p -package?l -location)	package?pisatlocation?l
(at-packagev?p -package?v -vehicle)	package?pisatvehicle?v
(at-vehicle?v -ve hicle?l -location)	vehicle?visatlocation?l
(availablel?l -location)	location?l(atransportcenter)isavailable
(availabler?r -route)	route?risavailable
(availablev?v -vehicle)	vehicle ?visavailable
(chute connected?v -vehicle)	chuteofvehicle?v(hopper)isconnected
	to(un)loadcargo
(clear)	bookkeepingpredicateinthedomain(see
	section4.4)
(connect-city?r -route?rtype -rtype?c1?c2 -city)	route?roftype?rtypeconnectscity?c1to
	city?c2
(connect-loc?r -route?rtype -rtype?l1?l2 -	route?roftype?rtypeconnectslocation
location)	?l1tolocation?l2
(delivered?p -package?d -location)	package ?pisdeliveredatlocation?d
(door-open?v -vehicle)	doorofvehicle?visopen
(empty?c -crane)	crane?cisempty
(fees-collected?p -package)	feeshavebeencollectedforpackage?p
(hose-connected?v -vehicle)	hoseconnectedfor?v(tanker)to(un)load
	cargo
(h-start?p -package)	bookkeepingpredicateinthedomain(see
	section4.4)
(hub?l -location)	location?lisahub
(in-city?l -location?c -city)	location?lis locatedincity?c
(in-region?c -city?r -regio n)	city?cisinsideregion?r
(move?p -package)/(move -emp?v -vehicle)/(over	bookkeepingpredicateinthedomain(see
?p -package)	section4.4)
(pv-compatible?ptype -ptype?vtype -vtype)	packagephysicalsubtype?ptypeis
	compatiblewithvehiclephysicalsubtype
	?vtype
(ramp-connected?v -vehicle?r -plane -ramp)	planeramp?risconnectedtovehicle?v
	(airplane)
(ramp-down?v -vehicle)	rampofvehicl e?v(auto)isdownto
	(un)loadcargo
(rv-compatible?rtype -rtype?vptype -vptype)	routetype?rtypeiscompatiblewith
	primaryvehicletype?vptype
(serves?h location?r -region)	location?l(hub)servesregion?r

(tcenter?l -location)	location?listcenter	
(t-end?p -package)/(t -start?p -package)	bookkeepingpredicateinthedomain(see	
	section4.4)	
(typel?l -location?type -ltype)	location?l(tcenter)isoftype?type (train	
	stationorairport)	
(typep?p -package?type -ptype)	package?phasphysicalsubtype?type	
(typev?v -vehicle?type -vtype)	vehicle?vhasphysicalsubtype?type	
(typevp?v -vehicle?type -vptype)	vehicle?vhasprimarytype?type(truck,	
	train,airplane)	
(unload?v -vehi cle)	bookkeepingpredicateinthedomain(see	
	section4.4)	
(valve-open?v -vehicle)	valveopenforvehicle?v(tanker)to	
	(un)loadcargo	

The following are the domain functions:

Functions	Descriptions	
(distance?l1?l2 -location)	distancebetweentwolocations?l1and?l2	
(gas-left?v -vehicle)	gallonsofgas leftinvehicle?v	
(gpm?v -vehicle)	gallonsofgas?vconsumespermile	
(height-v?v -vehicle)	heightofvehicle?vinfeet	
(height-cap-l?l -location)	heightcapacityoflocation?linfeet	
(height-cap-r?r -route)	heightcapacityofroute?rinfeet	
(length-v?v -vehicle)	lengthofvehicle?vinfeet	
(length-cap-l?l -location)	lengthcapacityoflocation?linfeet	
(local-height?c -city)	heightcapacityoflocalroa drouteincity?cin	
	feet	
(local-weight?c -city)	weightcapacityoflocalroadrouteincity?cin	
	pounds	
(volume-cap-c?c -crane)	volumecapacityofcrane?cinliters	
(volume-cap-l?l -location)	volumecapacityoflocation?linliters	
(volume-cap-v?v -vehicle)	volumecapacityofvehicle?vinliters	
(volume-load-l?l -location)	totalvolumeofpackagesatlocation?linliters	
(volume-load-v?v -vehicle)	totalvolumeofpackagesinvehicle?vinliters	
(volume-p?p -pakcage)	volumeofpackage?pinliters	
(weight-cap-c?c -crane)	weightcapacityofcrane?cinpounds	
(weight-cap-r?r -route)	weightcapacityofroute?rinpounds	
(weight-cap-v?v -vehicle)	weightcapacityofvehicle?vinpounds	
(weight-p?p -package)	weightofpackage?pinpounds	
(weight-load-v?v -vehicle)	totalweightofpackagesinvehi cle?vinpounds	
(weight-v?v -vehicle)	weightofvehicle?vinpounds	
(width-v?v -vehicle)	widthofvehicle?vinfeet	
(width-cap-l?l -location)	widthcapacityoflocation?linfeet	

4.40perators

This section describes the symbols that denote operators in UM - Translog-2. Although UM - Translog-2 is based on UM Translog, the eoperators in these two domains are quite different. UM translog is developed for HTN planning systems while UM - Translog-2 is written in action - based format for competition purpose. Some bookkeeping predicates are needed during the translation processa sdescribed below.

4.4.1Administrative Operators

Prior to carrying a package to its destination, fees should be collected. Each package must be delivered to its destination. These activities are denoted by the operator symbols **collect-fees(?p)** and **deliver(?p,?l)**, where ?pisavariable symbol denoting a package and ?lis avariable symbol denoting a location. Fees for a package need to be collected only once, and a package can be delivered only once.

4.4.2OperatorsforLoading/Unloading

There are a number of operators for loading and unloading packages into/from vehicles, depending on the type of the vehicle and the package. In some cases, special equipments uch as craneneed sto be used for that purpose.

Before loading a regular vehicle, the door of the vehicle must be open and after loading all packages, the door of the vehicle must be closed. These steps are denoted by actions **open-door-regular(?v)**, **load-regular(?p ?v ?l)**, **close-door-regular(?v)**. Unloading a regular vehicle involves the same st eps, just replacing **load-regular(?p,?v,?l)** with **unload-regular(?p?v?l)**. ?p is a variable of type package, v? is a variable of type vehicle, and ?l is a variable of type location.?lisused to make sure the vehicle and the package are at the same loc ation.

Beforeloadingatruckortrainoftypehopper,thechuteofthevehiclemustbeconnectedandafter loadingallpackages,thechutemustbedisconnected.Thesestepsaredenotedbyacti ons connectchute(?v) fill-hopper(?p?v?l) ,and disconnect-chute(?v).Unloadissimilar,exceptthat emptyhopper(?p?v?l) shouldbereplacedwith fill-hopper(?p?v?l) .

Beforeloadingavehicleoftypetanker,thehoseofthevehiclemustbeconnecte dfirstandthenthe valveofthevehicleneedstobeopen.Afterloadingallpackages,thevalvemustbeclosedfirstand then the host must be disconnected. These steps are denoted by actions **connect hose(?v), open-valve(?v), fill -tank(?v?p?l)**, **close valve(?v), disconnect-hose(?v?p)**. Unloadissimilar, except tha fill -tank(?v?p?l) should be replaced with **empty-tank(?v?p?l)**.

Beforeloading avehicle of type auto, therampof the vehicle must be lowered and after loading all packages, the ramp must be raised. These steps are denoted by actions **lower -ramp(?v)**, **load**-

cars(?p?v?l) and raise ramp(?v). Unloading is similar, except that load-cars(?p?v?l) should bereplaced with unload-cars(?p?v?l) .

Beforeloadingavehicleoftypeair,aconv eyorrampmustbeattachedtothevehiclefirstandthen thedoorofthevehiclemustbeopen.Afterloadingvehicles,thedoormustbeclosedfirstandthen therampneedstobedetached.Thesestepsaredenotedbyactions **attach-conveyor ramp(?v,?r, ?l)**, **open-door-airplane(?v)**, **load-airplane(?p,?v,?l)**, **detach-conveyor-ramp(?v,?r,?l)** and **close door-airplane(?v)**. Unloading is similar, except that **load-airplane(?p,?v,?l)** should be replaced with **unload-airplane(?p,?v,?l)**.

In the effect list of operators for unloading a vehicle, there are some special predicates used for bookkeepingpurposeasexplained below:

a. (not(move?p))

AsaruleinUMTranslogdomain(seesection4.4.3formoreexplanation),eachmovement of a package ?pfrom a location ?l1 to a location ?l2 by using a vehicle ?vinvolves three steps:loading ?pinto ?vat ?l1, moving ?vfrom ?l1 to ?l2 and unloading ?pfrom ?vat ?l2. This means that ?pmust be unloaded at ?l2 before it can be moved further more. So after eachmovement of ?vfrom ?l1 to ?l2, predicate (move?p) will be added to the current state, and after ?p is unloaded at ?l2, this predicate will be removed from current state which means?pcanbemovedagain.

b. (unload?v) and (not(clear))

Afterourtaskisfinished, we needtomakesurethatallthingsarecleanedupafterus. For example, we should close the door of all regular vehicles we have used, raise the ramps of all auto vehicles we have used, etc. (clear) is a predicate used to indicate that all things have be encleanedupafterus. (unload?v) means that we have used vehicle?vand need to dosome clean upstuff for?v. So in the effect of unload ingoperators, (unload?v) is added to the current state and (clear) is deleted from the current state. (clear) c an be added to the current state by clean-domain operator (see section 4.4.4) when there is nothing which needs to be clean edup. (clear) is the goal of each problem of the domain.

4.4.3OperatorsforMoving

In UM Translog domain, there are some rules abou thow to move a package from its origin to its destination. This involves choosing a suitable path (a sequence of routes from the origin to the destination), and moving the package along that path via a series of carry -direct tasks.

A (carry -direct?pack age?location1?location2) task involves picking a route directly connecting ?location1 and?location2, and choosing avehicle that is compatible both with the package and the route. Only those vehicles that are at ?location1 or one step away from ?location n1 (which means that this vehicle can be moved from its location to location1 directly without passing by any other locations) can be used. The task is accomplished by moving that vehicle to ?location1, loading the package into the vehicle, moving the veh icle to ?location2, and finally unloading the package. When avehicle moves, so do the package sit contains.

The diagram in Figure 1 shows the legal paths to transport a package. The origin of the package can be either clocation 1 (a customer location, n) of a transportation center) or tcenter 1 (a transportation center), and similarly the destination of a package can be either clocation 2 (a)

customer location, not transportation center) or tcenter2 (a transportation center). There are some additional rules about this path:

- 1. clocation1 can only use a transportation center (tcenter1) in the same city, so does clocation2
- 2. tcenter1andtcenter2cannotbehubsifhub1isused.
- 3. Theroutethatconnectstcenter1andhub1isarail/airroute.
- 4. Theroutethatconnectsh ub1andtcenter2isarail/airroute.
- 5. If a package is transported from clocation1 or transported to clocation2 using a route betweentcenter1andtcenter2,thenthisroutemustbearail/airroute.



Allpossiblelegalpathesfortr ansportingapackagearedefinedmorepreciselyasfollows.

A package p must be transported from origin ?ori to destination ?des through one of followingpathes:

- a. If?oriand?desareinthesamecityc,uselocalroadrouteincityc.
- b. If?oriand?desar eintwodifferentcitiesc1,c2,usearoadrouterthatconnectsc1 andc2.
- c. If?oriand?desarebothtrainstations,usearailrouterthatconnects?oriand?des.
- d. If?oriand?desarebothairports,useanairrouterthatconnects?oriand?des.
- e. If?oriand?desarebothtcenters(trainstationorairport),butarebothnothuband

hubhub1isofsametypeas?oriand?des(trainstationorairport),then transportpfrom?oritohub1usemethodcord

transportpfromhub1to? desusemethodcord

- f. If?oriisnottcenter,?desistcenter,and
 - ?oriisincityc1and

tcenter 1 is a transportation center inc 1 and tcenter 1 is of same type as? des, then transport pfrom? or it ot center 1 use method a

transportpf romtcenter1to?desusemethodc,dore

g. If?oriistcenter,?desisnottcenter,and

?desiscityc2,and tcenter2isatransportationcenterinc2andtcenter1isofsametypeas?ori,then transportpfrom?oritotcenter2usemethodc,d ore

transportpfromtcenter2to?desusemethoda

- h. If?oriisnottcenter,?desisnottcenter,and
 - ?oriisincityc1andand?desisincityc2(c1andc2canbethesamecity),and tcenter1isatransportationcenterinc1,tcenter2isatrans portationcenterinc2and tcenter1,tcenter2areofsametype,then transportpfrom?oritotcenter1usemethoda

transportpfromtcenter1totcenter2usemethodc,dore transportpfromtcenter2to?desusemethoda

InUM -Translog-2domain, westill follow the rules as described above. In order to make sure that a package is transported along a legal path, we have to keep track of the movement of a package in an action -based planner. Following predicates are used for this book keeping purpose. Variable? pisoftype package.

Predicates	Meaning
(over?p)	?pcannotbemovedanymoreaccordingtoFigure1
(t-start?p)	?pisattcenter1accordingtoFigure1
(t-end?p)	?pisattcenter2accordingtoFigure1
(h-start?p)	?phas visitedonehubandisathub1ortcenter2(whentcenter2is hubandhub1isnotusedinthepath)asshowninFigure1.

Inordertokeeptrackofthemovementofapackage, wealsodivided themovementofavehicle intodifferent cases and havefollowi ngvehicle moving operators (variable?vdenotes vehicle, variable?oridenotes theorigin, variable?des denotes the destination):

1. When moving ?v using local -road-route within a city ?ocity, we have following operators:

a. **move-vehicle-local-road-route1** (**?v,?ori,?des,?ocity**) for the case that either ?ori and ?des are both transportation centers or are both non -transportation centers

Before using this operator, none of the packages inside the vehicle have been moved ever and after using this operator, n one of the packages inside the vehicle have been can be moved anymore (i.e. predicate (over ?p) is added in the current state for all packages inside the vehicle).

- b. move-vehicle-local-road-route2(?v,?ori,?des,?ocity) forthecasethat?oriis notatransportatio ncenterand?desisone
 Before using this operator, none of the packages inside the vehicle have been moved ever, and after using this operator, all packages inside the vehicle are at point tcenter1 in Figure1 (i.e. predicate(t -start?p) is added in the current state for all packages inside the vehicle).
- c. **move-vehicle-local-road-route3**(**?v,?ori,?des,?ocity**) forthecasethat?oriis atransportationcenterand?desisnotone According to Figure1, before using this operator, either none of the packages inside the vehicle have been moved ever, or all of the must be attcenter2(with predicate (h -start ?p) or (t -end ?p)) and after using this operator, none of packages inside the vehicle can be moved anymore.

2. When moving ?v using road -route ?r which con nects two different cities ?ocity and ?dcity,wehaveoperator

move-vehicle-road-route-crossCity(?v,?ori,?des,?ocity,?dcity,?r)

Beforeusingthisoperator,noneofthepackagesinsidethevehicle havebeenmoved everandafterusingthisoperator,n oneofthepackagesinsidethevehiclecanbe movedanymore.

3. When moving?vusing a railorairroute?r, we have following operators

- a. **move-vehicle-nonroad-route1(?v,?ori,?des,?r)** forthecasethateither?ori and?desarebothhubsorarebothnothu bs Beforeusingthisoperator,eithernoneofthepackagesinsidethevehiclehave beenmovedever orallofthemmustbeattcenter1inFigure1 andafterusing thisoperator,allpackagesinsidethevehicleareattcenter2inFigure1.
- b. move-vehicle-nonroad-route2(?v,?ori,?des,?r) forthecasethat?oriisnota huband?desisahub
 AccordingtoFigure1,beforeusingthisoperator,eithernoneofthepackages insidethevehicle have beenmovedeverorallofthemmustbeattcenter1(with predicate(t -start?p))andafterusingthisoperator,allpackagesinsidethe vehicleareateitherhub1ortcenter2(withpredicate(h -start?p)).
- c. **move-vehicle-nonroad-route3**(**?v,?ori,?des,?ocity**) forthecasethat?oriisa huband?desisnotahub AccordingtoF igure1,beforeusingthisoperator,eithernoneofthepackages insidethevehicle have beenmovedeverorallofthemmustbeattcenter1or hub1(withpredicate(t -start?p)or(h -start?p))andafterusingthisoperator,all packagesinsidethevehicle areattcenter2(withpredicate(t -end?p)).

In both preconditions and effects of all moving operators, we have a predicate (move -emp?v) where ?vis a variable symbol denoting a vehicle. The reason for using this predicate is that in UM Translog, there is a rule saying that if a package needs to be moved from a location and there is no vehicle at this location, then only those vehicles that are one step away from the current location can be used to move this package. What this rule means is that if a ne mpty vehicle is moved to a location, it cannot be moved anymore before it picks up something from this location. This is guaranteed through:

- a. If we use moving operators to move an empty vehicle?v, (move -emp?v) predicate will be added to the current state .
- b. Inmovingoperators,(not(move -emp?v))isusedasapreconditionforemptyvehicle.
- c. (move-emp ?v) will be deleted from the current state after ?v is moved as a non -empty vehicle.

4.4.4CleanDomain

Wealsohaveanoperator **clean-domain**()Thisoper atorisusedtocheckifwehavecleanedup afterus,thatis,ifwehavecloseddoorsofallregularvehicleswehaveused,disconnectedchutes of alltankerswehaveused,etc.Thisoperatorisapplicableifeverythingiscleanedup and predicate(clear)willbeaddedtothecurrentstate.(clear)isalsothegoalofeveryprobleminthe domain.

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