Pushing the limits of abstraction heuristics: WHICH PROBLEMS CAN (OR CANNOT) **BE ABSTRACTED** EFFICIENTLY?

Abstraction Heuristics for Factored Tasks



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Factored Tasks

- generalization of SAS⁺
- independent variables but otherwise as general as possible
 - multiple initial states
 - disjunctive preconditions
 - conditional effects
 - angelic nondeterminism

Abstractions for Factored Tasks

conservative and induced abstractions

- projections / pattern databases^{T,I}
- domain abstractions^{T,I}
- Cartesian abstractions^{T,I}
- merge-and-shrink abstractions¹

our contribution: ^Ttheory ^Iimplementation

Why Possible Efficiently?

projection and domain abstraction:

• syntactic \equiv semantic abstraction

Cartesian CEGAR:

- initial states
- goal states
- preconditions
- postconditions

Cartesian sets

What's Not Possible Efficiently?

Consider projection on $\{V\}$ and operator *o* with general conditional effect:

$$\varphi \rhd (V := d')$$

Does abstract transition $d \xrightarrow{o} d'$ exist?

- only if $\varphi|_{\{V=d\}}$ satisfiable
- NP-complete already for φ in 3CNF