





## PNRD and iPNRD Integration Assisting Adaptive Control in Block World Domain

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## Introduction



### **Automated Planning Conceptual Model**

- Models are too abstract
- Researchers focus on improving performance of search algorithms more than on improving models' predictive capabilities
- Planning is formalized, whereas acting is not
- There is a clear gap between planning and performing, while the borderline between acting and performing is more blurred
- Total or partial observed
- Deterministic or non-deterministic
- Online process redesign and replanning are open issues





## Introduction



### Proposition



- iPNRD can describe discret event systems, as the example of 3 Blocks in Blocks World domain\*
- PNRD is able to identify initial and final state
- This presentation shows an example of how is possible to generate an adative control based on PNRD/iPNRD integration
- Some issues request integration with physical positioning, thus a Petri Space observation is required
- Observations are able to detect non-deterministics events
- Systems can deal with RFID reader partial observation



## PNRD and iPNRD







## **PNRD** Example





## **PNRD Example**







PNRD next state calculus  $m_1 = m_0 + A^t \cdot u_0$   $m_1 = p_0 + A^t \cdot t_0$  $m_1 = p_1$ 





## **PNRD Example**







## iPNRD Example



### Petrópolis Teresópolis Trail





## iPNRD Example





### Search and Rescue Environment



## iPNRD Example







$$\mathbf{A}^{t} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



### **Blocks Worlds of 3 Components Prerequisites**



Each block is tagged in the top

- The goal is to move blocks from the initial state to the desired one
- Only one block may be moved at a time
- Only free blocks can be moved
- A physical model is needed to place the blocks and enable motion control => Petri Space
- The logical representation (PNRD) must be coherent whith the physical positioning (Petri Space)
- Notation:
  *i.* XY (X is over Y)
  - *ii.* X\_Y (X and Y is over the table in distinct columns)
- Optimal plan is NP-hard



#### **Blocks Worlds of 3 Components: Physical Ambiguity**



- Example: *CA\_B* i. There are 6 distincts physical configuration for 3 predefined columns
- A\_B\_C has 3! distincts column positioning while ACB has 3!/2!.
- There are 60 possible positions
- To deal with physical ambiguity, each block must be placed on the table in a predetermined column position
  - This reduces the total number of physical position to 13, so PNRD/iPNRD is able to have full representation of this case

# PNRD & iPNRD Integration M X F

### Blocks Worlds of 3 Components: Petri Space represents robot physical movement

These places was included in order to avoid colision with another block during robot movement



Each place is related to a predefined position in the 3 predefined columns Each transition is related to a specific movement (point-to-point)



### Blocks Worlds of 3 Components: PNRD Model for Block A



- This representation is simplified and coherent with robotic arm movement in the Petri Space
- The PNRD model identifies if A is over the Table (AT), or on top of another block (AB or AC)
- There are no reference regarding robotic arm claw in this model
- PNRD additional data stores the final state
- Another block PNRD model is similar



### Blocks Worlds of 3 Components: iPNRD Model



miX2Y means movement number i of block X to position Y (on table T or another block)

# Robotic Adaptive Control M

#### **Main Process**





# Robotic Adaptive Control





Petri Space: {C1\_1,C1\_2,C3\_1} PNRD initial marking set {*AT*,*BA*,*CT*} PNRD final marking set {*AC*,*BA*,*CT*} (Tag additional data) Expected Petri Space: {C3\_2,C3\_3,C3\_1}





#### Petri Space, PNRD, and iPNRD Place Relationship

						End		
	Petri Space	Petri Space	Petri Space	PNRD	PNRD	PNRD	iPNRD	
Initial Marking	Block A	Block B	Block C	Α	В	C	State	
	C1_1	$C2_1$	$C3\_1$	AT	BT	CT	A  B  C	iPNRD
	$C1\_1$	$C1_2$	$C3\_1$	AT	BA	CT	$BA\_C$	Initial
	$C1\_1$	$C2\_1$	$C1_2$	AT	BT	CA	$CA\_B$	Marking
	C1_1	$C1_2$	$C1_3$	AT	BA	CB	CBA	
	C1_1	$C1_3$	$C1_2$	AT	BC	CA	BCA	
	$C2_2$	C2_1	$C3\_1$	AB	BT	CT	$AB_C$	
	C1_1	C2_1	$C2_2$	AT	BT	CB	$CB\_A$	
	$C2_2$	$C2_1$	$C2_3$	AB	BT	CA	CAB	
Final	C2_3	$C2_1$	$C2_2$	AC	BT	CB	ACB	
	$C3_2$	$C2_1$	$C3\_1$	AC	BT	CT	$AC\_B$	
	C1_1	$C3_2$	$C3\_1$	AT	BC	CT	BC A	iPNRD
	$C3_2$	$C3_3$	$C3\_1$	AC	BA	CT	BAC	Final
Marking	$C3_3$	$C3_2$	$C3\_1$	AB	BC	CT	ABC	Marking

The set of PNRD marking (initial and final) and the corresponding set of Petri Space identify the marking of the iPNRD (initial and final)



Can be optimized!

Each column index is related to a specific transition/movement.

## **Robotic Adaptive Control**

iPNRD Transition sequence: [m0B2T, m0A2C, m2B2A]



# Robotic Adaptive Control

#### iPNRD and Petri Space Transition Relationship

For eah iPNRD transition there are a correspondent

Petri Space transition set. This relationship can be optimized!

iPNRD Transition		Petri space Transition set	iPNRD Transition	Petri space Transition set	iPNRD Transition	Petri space Transition set
2	m0A2C	T5+T22+T14	<b>m</b> 0C2B	<i>T17+T21+T8</i>	m2C2A	<i>T</i> 17+ <i>T</i> 21+ <i>T</i> 6
	m0A2T	T15+T23+T4	m1C2T	T9+T20+T16	m2C2T	T7+T20+T16
	m0A2B	T5+T18+T8	m1A2C	T9+T20+T14	m2C2B	T17+T23+T0
	m1A2T	T9+T19+T4	m1A2B	T15+T21+T8	m3C2T	T1+T22+T16
	m0B2A	T11+T19+T2	m1B2A	T15+T23+T2	m2A2B	T5+T22+T12
1	m0B2T	T3+T18+T10	m1B2C	T3+T22+T14	m2A2T	T13+T23+T4
	m0B2C	T11+T20+T14	m1C2B	T3+T18+T8	m2A2C	T5+T18+T6
	m1B2T	T15+T21+T10	m1C2A	T9+T19+T2	m3A2T	T7+T19+T4
	m0C2A	T17+T22+T2	3 <i>m</i> 2B2A	T11+T20+T12	<b>m2B2C</b>	T11+T19+T0
	m0C2T	T3+T22+T16	m2B2T	T13+T21+T10	m3B2T	T1+T18+T10

Only represent movements when the robot moves a Block with closed claw!



Robot Movement is based on the following Petri Space Macro Places:  $[C1_4 \rightarrow C1_2 \rightarrow C2_1 \rightarrow C1_1 \rightarrow C3_2 \rightarrow C2_1 \rightarrow C3_3 \rightarrow C1_4]$  $\rightarrow$  Movement with opened claw/  $\rightarrow$  Movement with closed claw



 $\begin{bmatrix} C1\_4 \rightarrow T2 \rightarrow C1\_2 \rightarrow T3+T18+T10 \rightarrow C2\_1 \rightarrow T11+T19+T4 \rightarrow C1\_1 \rightarrow T5+T22+T14 \rightarrow C3\_2 \\ \rightarrow T15+T21+T10 \rightarrow C2\_1 \rightarrow T11+T20+T12 \rightarrow C3\_3 \rightarrow T13+T23 \rightarrow C1\_4 \end{bmatrix} \\ \rightarrow \text{Movement with opened claw} / \rightarrow \text{Movement with closed claw}$ 





# Robotic Adaptive Control

#### **PNRD/ iPNRD Exceptions**

- If, and only if, the Petri state set is distinct from PNRD state set during the identification sweep; this means a(some) block(s) was(were) moved from its(their) initial position
  - Petri Space set has priority over PNRD state set, consequently the PNRD states must be updated following the physical layout
- Constraints in this exception arise from the restrictions of the physical world and the proposed Blocks World restrictions
  - There are 13 different logical dispositions in the iPNRD and PNRD although there are 27 distinct PNRD states set, feasible or not

- As the mapping is a bijective function with 3 PNRD inputs, having 3 possible values each, most permutations are invalid having no real transfer to an iPNRD state
- The same occurs on the physical layer to iPNRD or even PNRD
  - Mathematically there are many configurations, but physical model is restricted only to possible configurations
- PNRD final state set can be unfeasible. For example: PNRD final state set = {AB, BA, CA} is impossible to be reached
- Any free block can be deliberately moved during robot movement <sup>28</sup>



## Conclusions



### This proposition is valid for this example



This PNRD/iPNRD integration changes original IPNRD next state calculus!

- This paper presented how PNRD and iPNRD integration can be applied in an adaptive control
- For more complex system (as example 10 blocks) iPNRD model is not able to represent system, and it must be simplified based on automated planning result
- Dealing with automatic model generators and bigger system this problem gets harder, and it must be further investigated
- The adequate fit for positions and trajectory are essential, with uncertainty and precision levels inside a certain tolerance



## Conclusions



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- Partial observability is another issue, because it makes exception detection much harder and limits the sweeps average speed
- By including more sensors, partial observability issues could be greatly reduced
- Building auxiliary systems that make exceptions harder to happen or faster to detect could increase system performance
- Adding other sensors the data could be compared to whatever additional information lies inside the PNRD
- Vision systems could make the methods more flexible



## Conclusions



### **Further works**



- The RFID system generates a complementary data structure locally, and, in case of network issues, it could assist robot movement independently, acting as Edge Computing application.
  - This aspect must be studied straight forward
- Other means for improvement are making the machines and objectives more flexible and having multiple agents
- A more powerful sensory system coupled with tools for inference and statistical analysis could provide useful data for concluding about the exceptions causes



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