

# Plan, Activity, and Intent Recognition (PAIR) Tutorial

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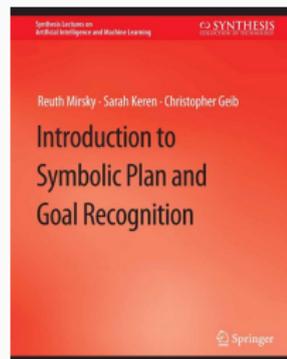
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# Historical Overview

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## We were there (almost) at the very beginning.

- ▶ 1956 - Dartmouth conference occurs (coins the Term AI)
- ▶ 1959 - Newell, Shaw, Simon build the General problem-solver
- ▶ 1960 - Plans and the Structure of Behavior. Miller, Galanter, and Pribram "In this survey we were especially fortunate in having at our disposal a large mass of material, much of it still unpublished, that Miller had obtained from Allen Newell, J. C. Shaw, and Herbert A. Simon..."
- ▶ 1971 - STRIPS, Fikes and Nilsson.
- ▶ 1978 - The plan recognition problem: An intersection of psychology and artificial intelligence. Schmidt, Sridharan, Goodson
- ▶ ... and don't get me started on pattern recognition and HMMs ('30s and '40s)

- ▶ "The problem of plan recognition is to take as input a sequence of actions performed by an actor and to infer the goal pursued by the actor and also to organize the action sequence in terms of a plan structure. This plan structure explicitly describes the goal-subgoal relations among its component actions."

## But it was harder than we thought.

- ▶ Like many of the other (now) sub-fields of AI, we realized there was more than one problem.
- ▶ At least three different problems that were at one time or another called plan recognition.
  - ▶  Activity Recognition
  - ▶  Goal Recognition
  - ▶  Plan Recognition



### **Definition:**

- ▶ **INPUT:** A sequence of noisy sensor inputs over time.
- ▶ **OUTPUT:** A unique label for each temporal subsequence.

### **Central problem:**

Dealing with noise in the input observation stream.

### **Alternative characterization:**

Classification/Labeling of noisy temporal observations.

Sometimes called "Behavior recognition"

### **Example:**

- ▶ Video segmentation of football plays. (e.g. passing, clearing, throw-in, etc...)

**Definition:**

- ▶ INPUT: An ordered sequence of discrete symbolic input tokens.
- ▶ OUTPUT: A unique label (perhaps with a probability) for each temporal subsequence.

**Central problem:**

Dealing with evidence for multiple conflicting hypothesis.

**Alternative characterization:**

Classification/Labeling temporal observations where each observation can contribute to many possible labels.

**Example:**

- ▶ Identifying computer user goals from observing their actions. (e.g. searching web, starting a new document, confused, etc...)

**Definition:**

- ▶ INPUT: An ordered sequence of discrete symbolic input tokens.
- ▶ OUTPUT: Complex structure capturing plan being executed.  
Potentially including abstract tasks that have been done and which are yet to do and traditionally the goal of the plan.

**Central problem:**

Combining sequences of lower level observations into larger structured patterns. (probabilistic or not)

**Alternative characterization:**

Temporal pattern matching, sequence matching.

**Example:**

- ▶ Identify the plan and goal of cyber intruders and their progress though a network.

## Chris' Digression: "Intent Recognition"

**Don't use this term. Nothing good comes from it.**

**If you read it, ask yourself what they are actually doing.**

**By this people DON'T mean a plan, action, goal, or state.**

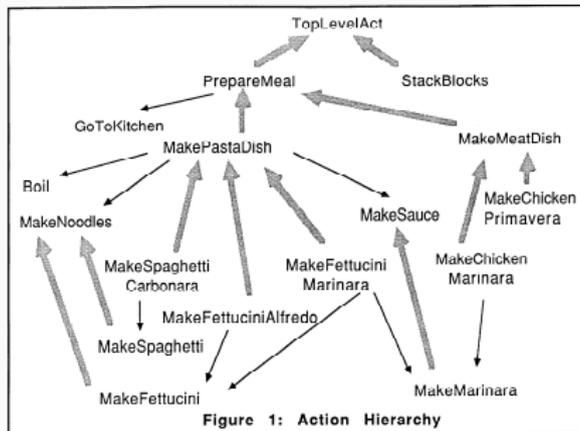
**They might mean:**

- ▶ Civilians (non-AI researchers): Ineffable magic that differentiates human's and synthetic agent's actions.
- ▶ Some philosophers: A separate pro-attitude towards a plan denoting a commitment to its execution.
- ▶ Other philosophers: A mental state in which an agent believes a sequence of actions will bring about a state they desire and believes that they will execute those actions to that end.
- ▶ Military: What the Sr. Officer wanted to have happen.

**This is NOT everything you should know about these papers and past work!**



- ▶ Domain: Cooking.
- ▶ Approach: Minimal graph covering based on a preexisting plan library.
- ▶ Core contribution: Plan libraries and formalization.
- ▶ Limitation: Bias for minimal number of goal and not probabilistic



<sup>1</sup>Henry Kautz and James F. Allen. Generalized plan recognition. In *Proceedings of the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, pp. 32-38, 1986.



- ▶ Domain: Dialog, Discourse, Natural Language Understanding.
- ▶ Approach: Logical inference using the situation calculus.
- ▶ Core contribution: Realization of how much inference we actually do in language.
- ▶ Limitation: Cost of encoding and inference

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INTRODUCE-PLAN(Person1, Clerk1, I1, ?plan)
      |
      v
REQUEST(Person1, Clerk1, I1)
      |
      v
SURFACE-REQUEST(Person1, Clerk 1,
I1:INFORMREF(Clerk1, Person1, ?term, EQUAL(?term,?fn(dtrain))))
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Figure 8. Chaining produces an intermediate plan recognition structure.

<sup>2</sup>S. Carberry. *Plan Recognition in Natural Language Dialogue*. ACL-MIT Press Series in Natural Language Processing. MIT Press, 1990.

<sup>3</sup>D. Littman and J. Allen, A plan recognition model for subdialogues in conversation, *Cognitive Science*, vol. 11(2), pp. 163-200, 1987.



- ▶ Domain: None really
- ▶ Approach: Parsing formal plan grammars.
- ▶ Core contribution: Plan recognition as parsing.
- ▶ Limitation: No actual system provided.
- ▶ Limitation: An acyclic hierarchy does not contain any recursive plan definitions, and has a finite yield.

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<sup>4</sup>M. Vilain. Getting serious about parsing plans: A grammatical analysis of plan recognition. In *Proceedings of National Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, pp190-197, 1990.



- ▶ Domain: Story understanding.
- ▶ Approach: Dynamically assembly of Bayes nets.
- ▶ Core contribution: The problem of universal quantification and unbound vars in stories.
- ▶ Limitation: Limited by Bayesian methods of the time, and building Bayes nets dynamically.

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<sup>5</sup>R. Goldman and E. Charniak. Probabilistic text understanding. In *Statistics and Computing*, Vol 2, pp. 105-114, 1992.

- ▶ Domain: Driving/Lane Selection.
- ▶ Approach: Probabilistic State Dependant Grammar to specialized probabilistic inference
- ▶ Core contribution: Formalizing the problem in a grammar looked at a dynamic Bayes net.
- ▶ Limitation: Then built their own probabilistic algorithm.

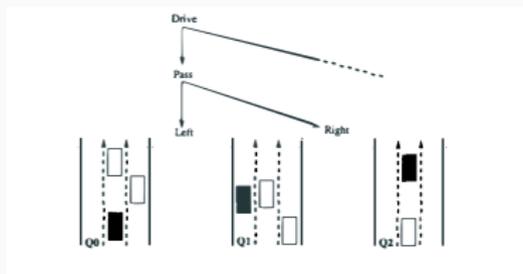
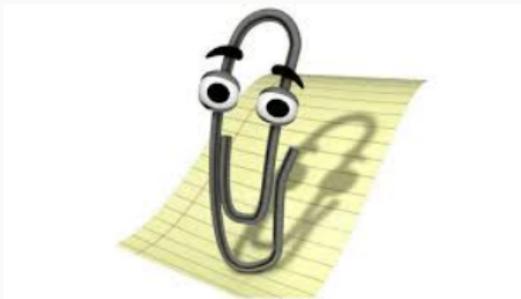


Figure 2: Simple PSDG parse tree from traffic domain.

<sup>6</sup>D. Pynadath and M. Wellman, Accounting for context in plan recognition with application to traffic monitoring, *Proceedings of UAI-95*, pp. 472-481, 1995.



- ▶ Domain: Software assistive systems
- ▶ Approach: Bayes nets.
- ▶ Core contribution: Goal recognition in a real system.
- ▶ Limitation: Limited by Bayesian methods of the time. And Bayes nets of our time. :-)



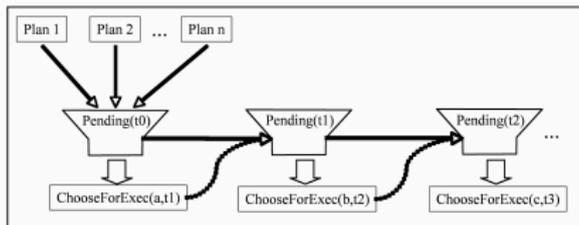
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<sup>7</sup>E. Horvitz, J. Breese, D. Heckerman, D. Hovel, and K. Rommelse, The Lumiere project: Bayesian user modeling for inferring the goals and needs of software users, *Proceedings of UAI-98*, pp. 256-265, 1998.





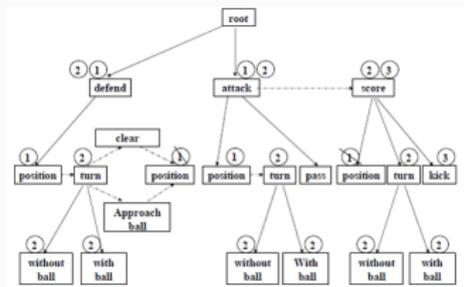
- ▶ Domain: Synthetic domains.
- ▶ Approach: Parsing of probabilistic plan recognition as parsing.
- ▶ Core contribution: Efficient grammars for parsing, multiple concurrent goals, pending sets.
- ▶ Limitation: Required building the complete set of parses.



<sup>9</sup>C. Geib and R. Goldman. A probabilistic plan recognition algorithm based on plan tree grammars, *Artificial Intelligence*, vol 173(11), pp. 1101-1132, 2009.



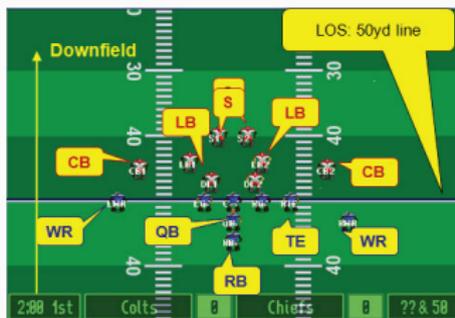
- ▶ Domain: RoboCup
- ▶ Approach: Marker passing over packed parse trees.
- ▶ Core contribution: More efficient plan recognition as parsing.
- ▶ Limitation: Multiple instances of the same plan.



<sup>10</sup>D. Avrahami-Zilberbrand and G. Kaminka, Fast and complete symbolic plan recognition, *Proceedings of IJCAI-05*, pp. 653-658, 2005.



- ▶ Domain: Video games (RUSH 2008 football).
- ▶ Approach: Support vector machines for classification
- ▶ Core contribution: Real-world deployment fast enough to make a difference.
- ▶ Limitation: New plays?



<sup>11</sup>K. Laviers, G. Sukthakar, D. Aha, M. Molineaux, and C. Darken, Improving Offensive Performance Through Opponent Modeling, *Proceedings of AIIDE*, pp.58-63, 2009.



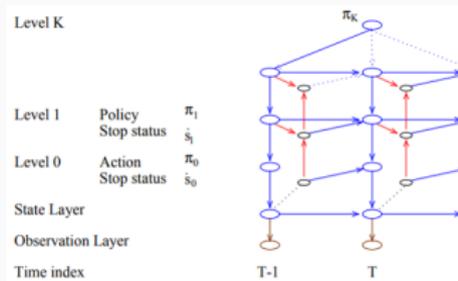
- ▶ Domain: IPC domains.
- ▶ Approach: Plan recognition as planning.
- ▶ Core contribution: Use of planning algorithms.
- ▶ Limitation: Initial work was actually doing goal recognition.

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<sup>12</sup>M. Ramírez, and H. Geffner, Plan recognition as planning. in *Proceedings of IJCAI*, pp. 1778-1783, 2009



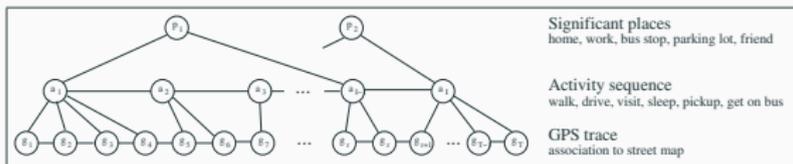
- ▶ Domain: 2D navigation.
- ▶ Approach: Hierarchical Hidden Markov Models.
- ▶ Core contribution: Using HMMs at multiple levels to actually do plan recognition
- ▶ Limitation: Fully ground models.



<sup>13</sup>H. Bui, S. Venkatesh, and G. West. Policy recognition in the Abstract Hidden Markov Model, *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, vol 17, pp. 451-499, 2002.



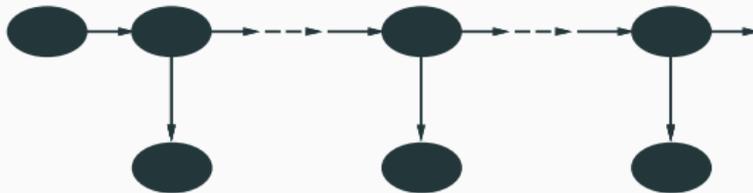
- ▶ Domain: Daily activity tracking. (2D tracking)
- ▶ Approach: Hierarchical conditional random fields.
- ▶ Core contribution: Using HCRF, and real GPS data
- ▶ Limitation: location based...



<sup>14</sup>L. Liao, D. Fox, and H. Kautz. Hierarchical conditional random fields for GPS-based activity recognition, *Proceedings of the 12th International Symposium of Robotics Research (ISRR)*, 2005.

## A Small Nod to the Markov Decision Process People

- ▶ In a sense they were here first (like the '50s).
- ▶ If you have a Hidden Markov Model:
  - ▶ *Filtering*:  $P(X_t | e_{1:t})$  predicting the current hidden state.
  - ▶ *Prediction*:  $P(X_{t+k} | e_{1:t}, k > 0)$  predicting the next hidden state.
- ▶ What if the hidden state captured the possible plan states?



# Formulating a Recognition Problem

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In this part of the tutorial we will focus on the following question:

What are the elements that need to be specified to define a recognition problem ?

As a running example we will use the human-robot collaboration setting by Levine and Williams (ICAPS'14 and JAIR'18)

## Use case - Breakfast (adapted from Levine and Williams [2014])

Alice is making breakfast for herself with the help of her trusty robot. The team is either making coffee (for which Alice uses a mug, and for which the coffee beans need to be grounded) or getting some juice (for which Alice uses a glass, and oranges need to be pressed). To eat, the team is either making a bagel with cream cheese or getting some cereal and milk.



## Elements of a Recognition Problem

- ▶ Environment
- ▶ Acting agent (actor)
- ▶ Recognition system (recognizer)
- ▶ Actor-recognizer relationship

Our focus is on recognition of a single agent. Recognition in a multi-agent setting is very interesting but beyond the scope for today.

## Environment $E$

A description of the dynamics of the setting in which the actor operates, including all aspects that dictate the possible agent behaviours.

Also referred to as the **domain theory**.

Can be described as a tuple  $\langle S, I, A, T, \mathcal{G} \rangle$

- ▶ The state space  $S$ 
  - ▶ Often, a set of features  $F$  is used to describe a state
  - ▶ In continuous domains these features are numeric-valued
- ▶ The set of possible initial states  $I$
- ▶ The set of actions  $A(s)$  that can be performed at each state  $s \in S$ 
  - ▶ Deterministic/ stochastic actions
  - ▶ Temporal actions
- ▶ The transition function  $T$ 
  - ▶ Deterministic:  $T : S \times A \times S \rightarrow S$
  - ▶ Stochastic:  $T : S \times A \times S \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- ▶ The set of possible goals  $\mathcal{G}$

We may also have constraints (e.g. temporal constraints) that need to be respected

# Environment

In continuous domains, actions transition from one state to another via **paths** through the state space, rather than through discrete states.

In non-deterministic domains, instead of a plan, the actor follows a **policy** - which is a mapping from states to actions.

An environment induces a set of  $\Pi$  of paths / policies that represent the set of possible behaviors in the environment.

In our running example:

- ▶ A state specifies the position of the objects (e.g. whether the cup is on the table), the execution status of the different sub-tasks, etc.
- ▶ The actions represent the activities that can be performed by the human or the robot (e.g., pour coffee).
- ▶ In our description, actions are deterministic. In a probabilistic version of this problem, an action may fail with some probability.

Formalizing the actor requires enumerating the assumptions made by an observer regarding how an agent with a specific objective will choose to act in an environment.

The actor's actions may be influenced by many factors:

- ▶ its familiarity with the environment (possibly reflected by its sensor model),
- ▶ its capabilities and preferences (e.g., can the actor compute an optimal plan?),
- ▶ its relationship to the observer,
- ▶ and more.

Generally, there are three types of relationships between the actor and the observer discussed in the literature.

1. **Keyhole recognition:** [Kautz and Allen, 1986] - the actor is unaware or indifferent to the recognition of their plans and goals.
2. **Adversarial recognition:** the actor is hostile to the inference of its plans and goals.
3. **Intended recognition:** the actor explicitly acts with the intent that its plans and goals are easy to infer

When defining the actor, we need to specify the **assumptions** made about how an agent with a specific goal chooses to behave in a given environment

- ▶ Note that the actor's behavior may be influenced by its relationship to the recognizer, which we will discuss later on. For now, we are only characterizing the actor's capabilities.

## Recognizer (Recognition System)

The formulation of the actor specifies how the recognizer expects the actor to behave w.r.t each goal/ action / activity.

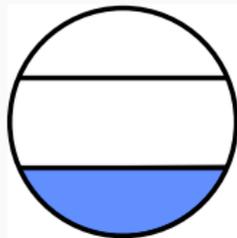
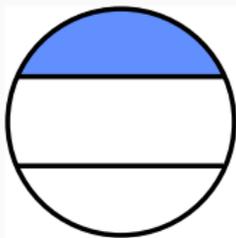
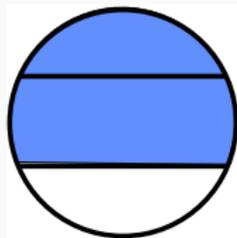
Also important to specify:

- ▶ Observability- How does the recognizer perceive the actor's behavior? What is the recognizer's sensor model
- ▶ Objective- What is the recognizer's objective ?
- ▶ Possible Intervention- Can the recognizer interact with the actor or affect its behavior?

- ▶ Most of the work we will cover today maps raw sequences of data from the recognizer's sensors to a sequence of symbols:  $O_{rec} : E \rightarrow \vec{o}$
- ▶ Typically defined as a mapping from actions / states to observation tokens.  $O_{rec} : A \rightarrow O$  or  $O_{rec} : S \rightarrow O$
- ▶ The observation sequence is the entity that is analyzed.

### Three types of Recognition

- ▶ Plan recognition
- ▶ Goal recognition
- ▶ Activity recognition



# Recognizer's Objective

## The recognition task

- ▶ Typically, the recognizer wants to recognize the actor's goal / plan / activity as soon as possible.
- ▶ The recognition task can be generally characterized via:
  - ▶  $P(G|\vec{o})$  for goal recognition, where  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  is the goal and  $\vec{o}$  is the perceived observation sequence.
  - ▶  $P(\pi|\vec{o})$  for plan recognition, where  $\pi$  is a complete plan.
  - ▶  $P(a|\vec{o})$  for activity recognition, where  $a$  is an activity.
- ▶ As a special case, the mappings above can be deterministic.
- ▶ In some of the works, the objective is to find the most probable goal / plan / activity. Others assume multiple goals could be pursued at the same time.

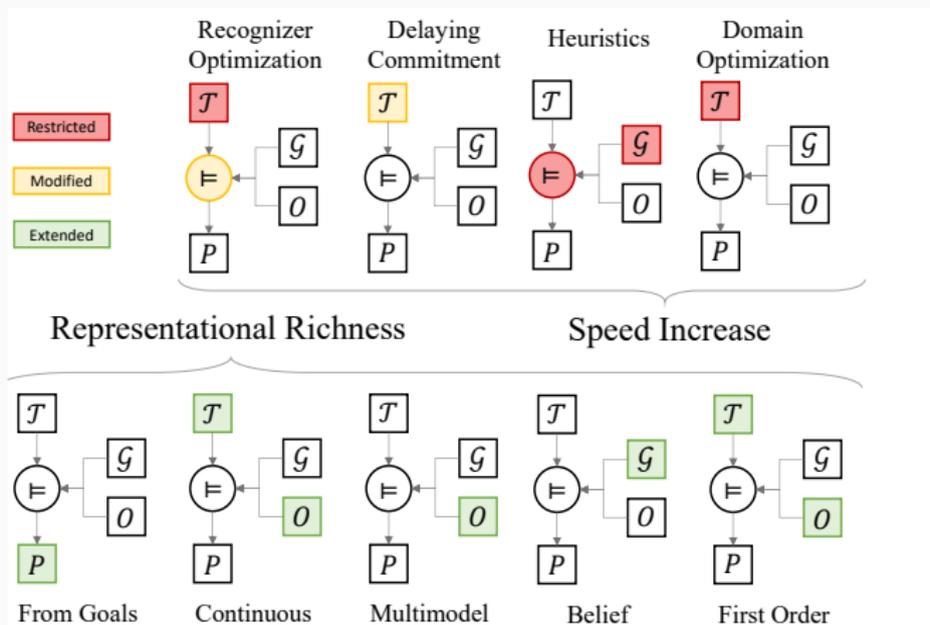
## Checklist

- ✓ What are the dynamics of the environment ?
- ✓ What are the assumptions made on agent behavior ?
- ✓ What is the language used to represent agent behavior ?
- ✓ What is the relationship to the recognizer ?
- ✓ How is the agent behavior perceived ?
- ✓ What are the possible interventions ?
- ✓ What is the recognition objective ?

## How to Make a New Contribution

Very few papers present a whole new representation for recognition tasks.

Many contributions are founded on an existing representation and improve it, either by *enhancing representational richness* or *improving processing speed*.



# **Solution Approaches**

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## Solution Types

**Plans** ( $\langle s_0, a_0, s_1, a_1 \dots s_{n-1}, a_{n-1}, s_n \rangle$ ) transition from state to state can be mapped using a linear sequence of actions.

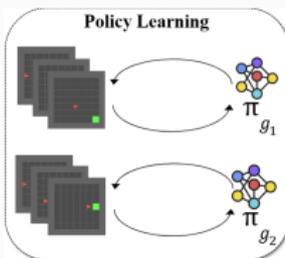
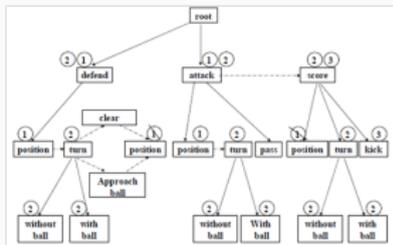
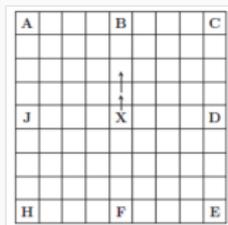
*Prominent approaches:* deterministic planning, CSP.

**Hierarchies** ( $T_i \rightarrow T_{i,0}, \dots, T_{i,k}$ ) focuses on environments where plans are constructed hierarchically.

*Prominent approaches:* Hierarchical planning, parsing.

**Policies** ( $\Pi : A \rightarrow N$ ) focuses on stochastic environments where execution might not be deterministic.

*Prominent approaches:* Stochastic planning, RL, supervised learning.

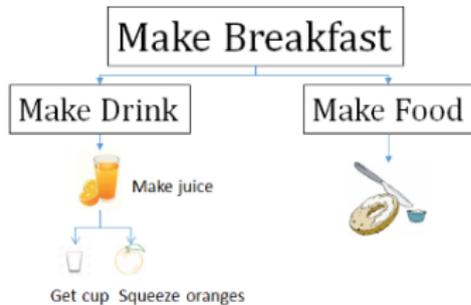
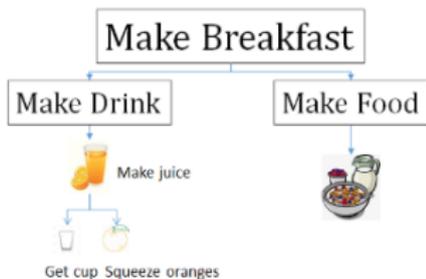
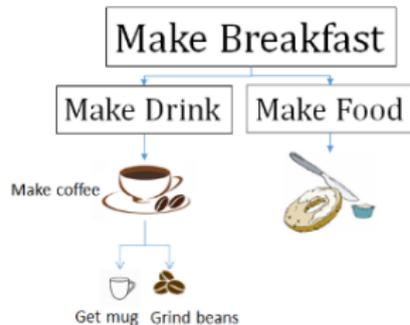


Ramírez and Geffner 2010

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Amado et al. 2022

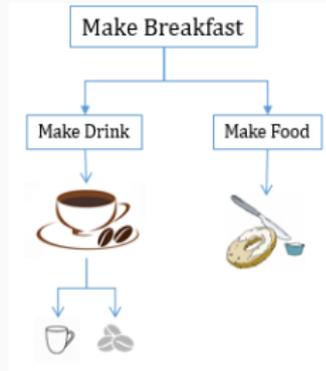
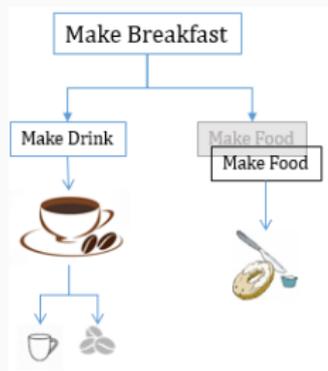
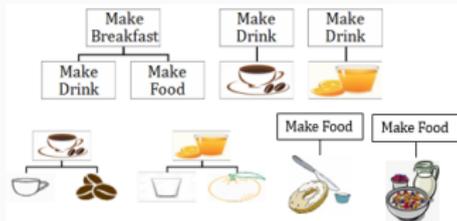
# Explicit Symbolic Approaches (Representative Example: Parsers)





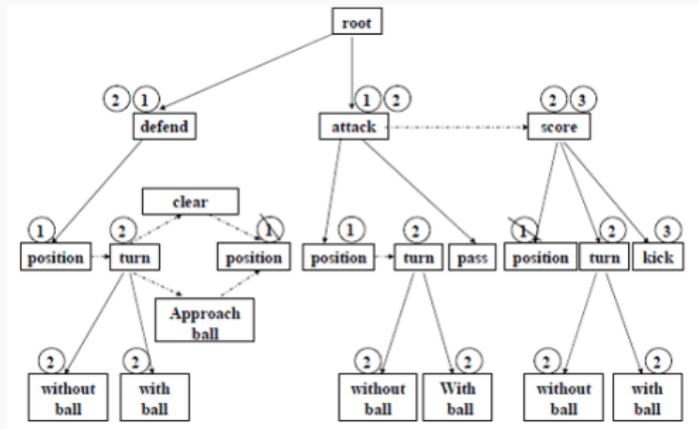
# PHATT : Probabilistic Hostile Agent Task Tracker [Geib and Goldman, 2009]

- ▶ Input 1: plan libraries as a set of recipes with partial ordering (Make Breakfast  $\rightarrow$  Make Drink, Make Food |  $\phi$ )
- ▶ Input 2: observation sequence ( $\langle$  ,   $\rangle$ )
- ▶ Output: probabilistically weighted set of explanations
- ▶ In Figures: Set of recipes; Combining leftmost trees; Explanation



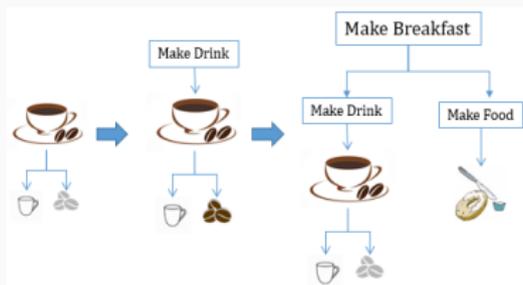


- ▶ Uses a single structure to represent the plan library
- ▶ Each observation adds marks on nodes it can be mapped to
- ▶ Upon request, can answer “where are you now?” (current state query) or “what is the path you took?” (history state query)

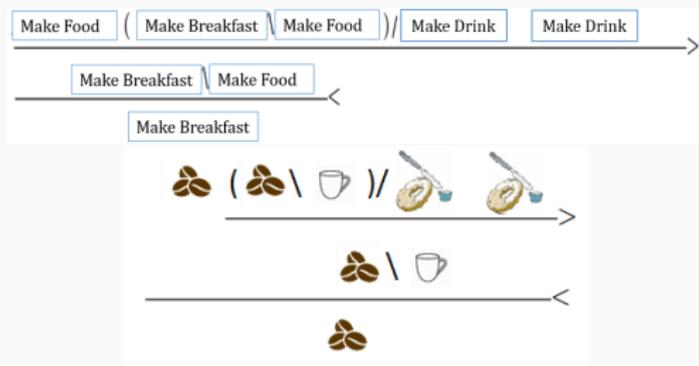




- ▶ SLIM combines top-down and bottom-up parsing
- ▶ Bottom up: At each step, grow the tree up to the first stage that still has missing observations.
- ▶ Top Down: To reach a root node, treat each *fragment* of a tree as a node and combine them in the PHATT-style



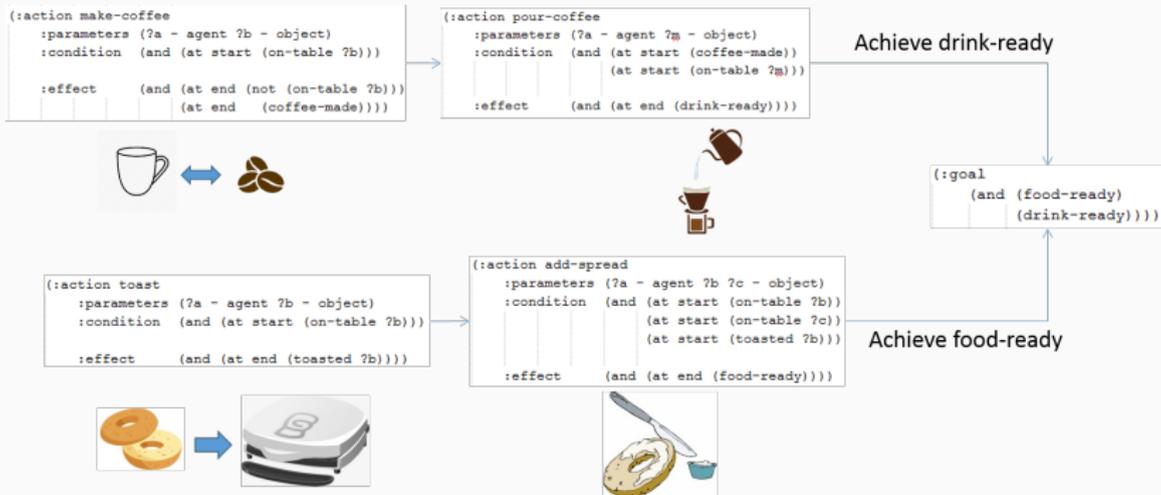
- ▶ Combines compactness and expressibility
- ▶ Using Combinatory Categorial Grammars (CCGs) and probability
- ▶ Instead of Make Breakfast  $\rightarrow$  Make Drink, Make Food  $\mid \phi$ , represent:  
 Goal-Breakfast := (Make Breakfast  $\setminus$  Make Food)/Make Drink

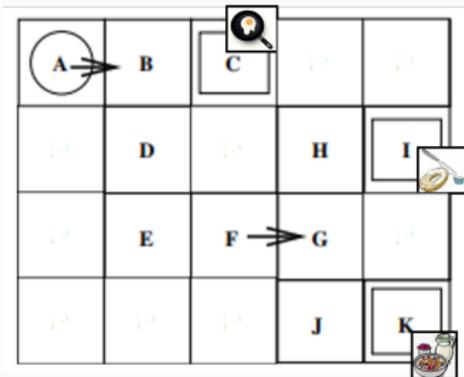




**Figure 1:** This is also where you will be able to find these slides.

# Implicit Symbolic Approaches (Representative Example: Deterministic planners)

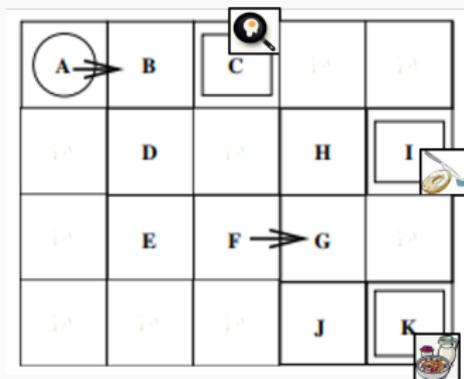




- ▶ Possible Goals ( $G$ ):  
 $\{at(C)\}, \{at(I)\}, \{at(K)\}$
- ▶ Observations ( $O$ ): arrows
- ▶  $\forall g_i \in G: L(g_i | O) = C_i(O) - C_i(\neg O)$ 
  - ▶  $C_i(O)$  - the cost of reaching  $g_i$  while going through  $O$
  - ▶  $C_i(\neg O)$  - the cost of reaching  $g_i$  without going through  $O$
- ▶  $p(g_i | O) \cong \frac{1}{e^{\beta \cdot L(g_i | O)} + 1}$

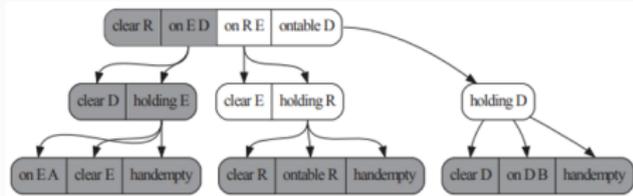
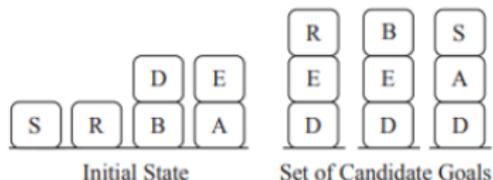


- ▶ Comparing to the k-best plans (or diverse plans) for each goal  $g_i \in G$
- ▶ Reasons about noisy and missing observations
- ▶ Given  $O$  and  $g_i$ , the cost of plan  $\pi$  that meets  $g_i$  and satisfies  $O$  is:  
 $cost_{g_i, O}(\pi) = cost(\pi) + b_1 M_{g_i, O}(\pi) + b_2 N_{g_i, O}(\pi)$  where  $M_{g_i, O}(\pi)$  is number of missing obs and  $N_{g_i, O}$  noisy obs





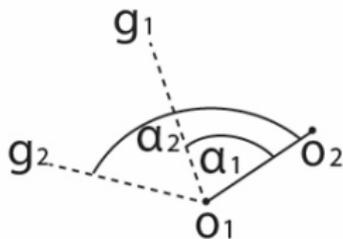
- ▶ Uses landmarks to improve runtime
- ▶ Heuristic 1: Estimate proximity to each goal (what is the ratio between achieved and not-achieved landmarks)
- ▶ Heuristic 2: Add weights to landmarks according to their uniqueness





# Heuristic Online Goal Recognition in Continuous Domains [Vered and Kaminka, 2017]

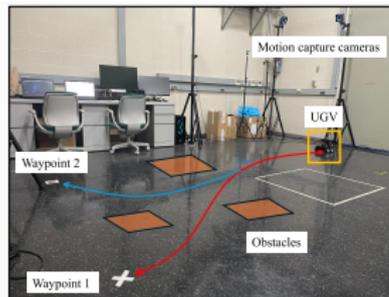
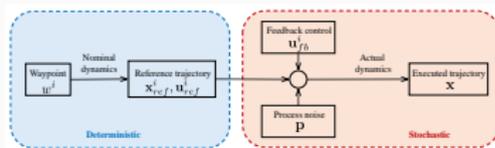
- ▶ Enhancing PRaP to continuous domains
- ▶ Proposes two heuristics inspired by mirroring neurons:
  - ▶ RECOMPUTE - recomputes new plans only if the new observations seem to change the plan significantly
  - ▶ PRUNE - prunes unlikely goals (reduces  $|G|$ )



# Online Waypoint Recognition of Controlled Agents in Uncertain Environments [Guo et al., 2025]

An alternative underlying continuous representation: instead of relying on a high-level abstraction of the environment and of its dynamics, **online waypoint recognition (OWR)** incorporates knowledge about the dynamic models into the analysis of the observed agent behavior.

- ▶ **Input:** The dynamics model of the robot and a set of possible waypoints
- ▶ **Output:** A Kalman filter is used to perform waypoint recognition at high frequency.





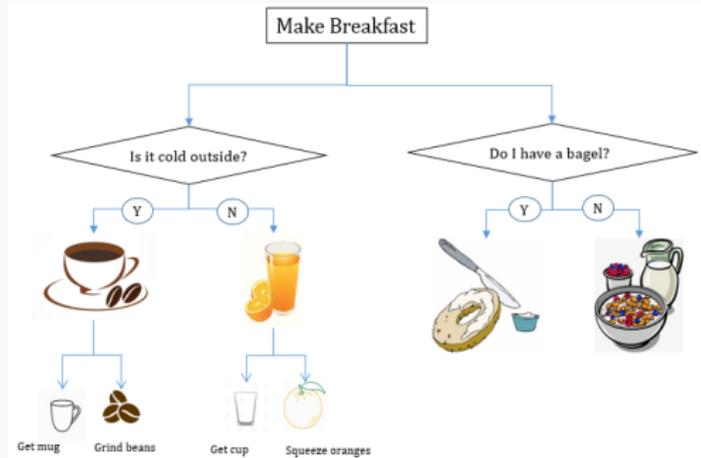
**Figure 2:** Thanks to Felipe Meneguzzi for sharing this resource with us

# Learning-based Approaches

Why not just use an LLM to solve this?

Existing approaches:

- ▶ Build explicit plan libraries
- ▶ Build implicit plan libraries
- ▶ Build policies directly





# Goal Recognition using Off-the-Shelf Process Mining Techniques [Polyvyany et al., 2020]

- ▶ Builds an explicit plan library: all likely trajectories per goal
- ▶ Construct graph using off-the-shelf data mining techniques — generate *process nets*
- ▶ Goal recognition over alignments: how similar is the observed trajectory to each of the process model?

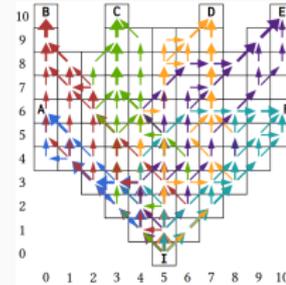


Figure 3: Example walks

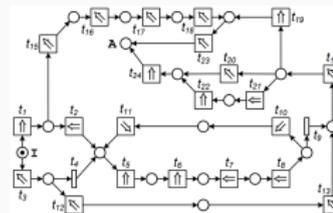


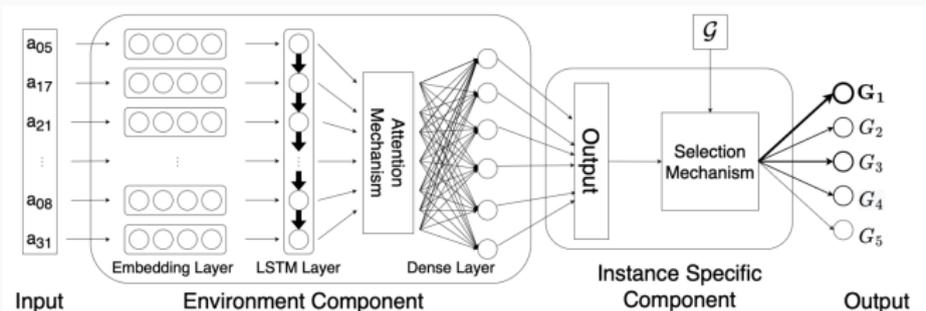
Figure 4: Process graph



# Goal recognition as a deep learning task: The GRNet approach [Chiari et al., 2023]

Learning an implicit plan library, GRNet has two main components:

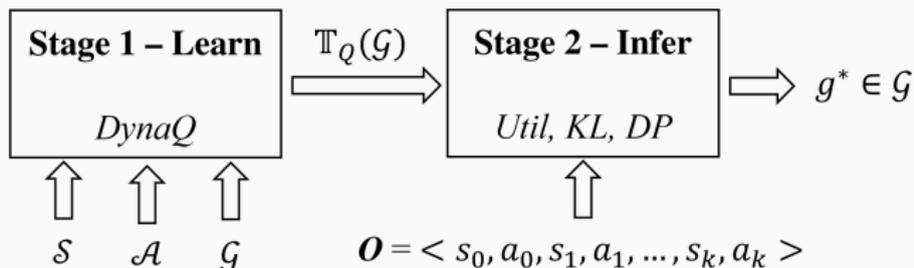
- ▶ **Environment:** answers for each action sequence in the training set “*does the fluent  $f$  true at the end?*”. The output vector is the list of all fluents
- ▶ **Instance-specific:** given a new observation sequence, pass through the environment component and count the number of fluents that are true for each goal



Model-free, in the sense that the policies per-goal are learned directly instead of the environment or transition model:

- ▶ Learning: train a policy for each of the goals out of a goal set
- ▶ Inference: use distance measures to quantify the likelihood of each goal. E.g. MaxUtil using Q-learning:

$$\text{MaxUtil}(Q_g, O) = \sum_{i \in |O|} Q_g(s_i, a_i)$$





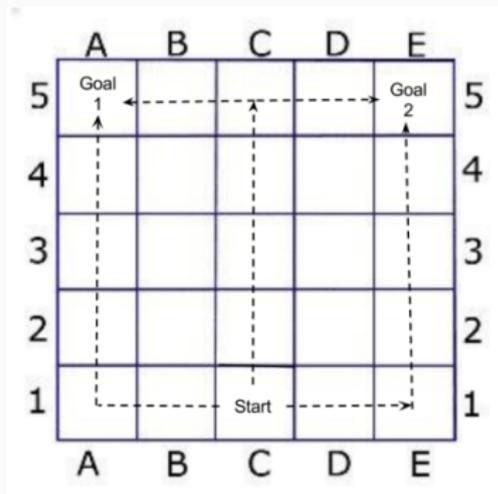
**Figure 5:** Goal Recognition as RL variants, based on the Gymnasium API.



When designing an environment, can we adjust it so recognition will be easier?

*Not a recognition task:* An offline rather than an online task: compute *Worst Case Distinctiveness (WCD)* and minimize it

- ▶ **Input:** A PDDL of an environment and a set of goals
- ▶ **Output:** A modified PDDL with minimal WCD

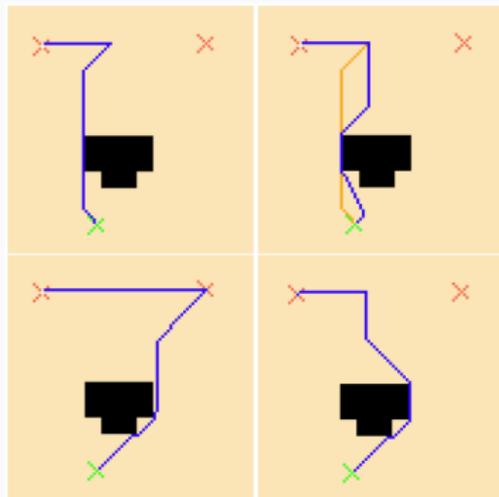




How to choose a path to hide your goal for as much as possible?

*Not a recognition task*: Playing the role of the actor rather than the observer: compute *Last Deceptive Point (LDP)* and maximize it

- ▶ **Input**: A PDDL of an environment and a set of goals, including the true goal
- ▶ **Output**: A path that deceives the observer





## Towards Explainable Goal Recognition Using Weight of Evidence (WoE): A Human-Centered Approach [Alshehri et al., 2025]

Can we provide a counterfactual explanation for the observer's choice of some goal over another?

*Not a recognition task:* Instead of inferring the goal of the actor, providing an explanation for this choice

- ▶ **Input:** A GR task
- ▶ **Output:** Explanation for the chosen goal

				$g1$			$g2$	9
	11	12	13	14			17	18
$I$	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	$o_1$	$o_2$	$o_3$	$o_4$	$o_5$	$o_6$	$o_7$	-
							34	35
							43	44
								$g3$

Also:

- ▶ Generating Impact and Critique Explanations of Predictions made by a Goal Recognizer [Junior et al., 2025]

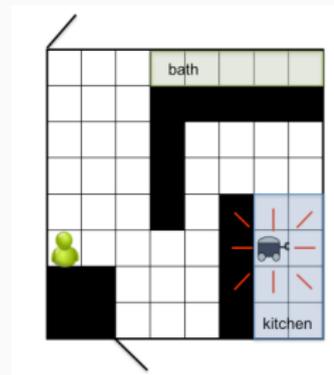


## Active Goal Recognition [Shvo and McIlraith, 2020, Amato and Baisero, 2019]

If the observer can act to change its sensing, how can it optimize its actions to improve recognition?

*Not a recognition task:* Instead of inferring the goal of the actor, planning to minimize ambiguity.

- ▶ **Input:** A GR task with a current state and a set of potential actions
- ▶ **Output:** Action to take by the observer to improve recognition



Also:

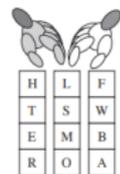
- ▶ A Penny for Your Thoughts: The Value of Communication in Ad Hoc Teamwork [Mirsky et al., 2020]

# Concurrent plan recognition and execution for human-robot teams [Levine and Williams, 2014]

How to leverage successful recognition into teamwork?

*Not a recognition task:* Instead of inferring the goal of the actor, planning to improve task completion.

- ▶ **Input:** A GR task with a current state and a set of potential actions
- ▶ **Output:** Observer action to take to improve teamwork



HER (6, 2)	FATHER (18, 8)
OTHER (16, 6)	LATHER (18, 8)
BOTHER (22, 10)	<b>MASTER (16, 8)</b>
MOTHER (18, 6)	FASTER (16, 8)

Also:

- ▶ Integration of planning with recognition for responsive interaction using classical planners [Freedman and Zilberstein, 2017]
- ▶ Too many cooks: Bayesian inference for coordinating multi-agent collaboration [Wu et al., 2021]

# Open Challenges

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- ▶ Recognition of agents pursuing more than one goal.
- ▶ Recognition from observations that mapped to more than one plan.
- ▶ Recognition of plan executed by a team.
- ▶ Recognition using LLMs
- ▶ Learning-related: sim2real, meta-learning of goal sets [Elhadad et al., 2026].

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