

# From FOND to Probabilistic Planning: Guiding search for quality policies

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# Take away message

We leverage. . .

- core similarities between FOND and Probabilistic Planning.
- significant advances in state-of-the-art FOND Planning.

. . . to design Prob-PRP, a Probabilistic Planner that:

- is sound, and optimal in domains without unavoidable dead ends.
- is robust to small deviations in the probability distribution.
- is robust to action orderings.
- finds good quality solutions.

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**Option 2:** 50% success.

**Option 1:** 65% success.

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# Probabilistic Planning

We use a variant of the SAS<sup>+</sup> notation from [Mattmüller et al., 2010].

## Probabilistic Planning Problem

A SAS<sup>+</sup> **probabilistic planning problem** is a tuple  $\mathcal{P} = \langle \mathcal{V}, s_0, s_*, \mathcal{A} \rangle$

- $\mathcal{V}$  finite set of variables  $v$ , each with domain  $\mathcal{D}_v$ .
  - **complete state:** assignment  $s : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_v$
  - $\mathcal{D}_v^+ = \mathcal{D}_v \cup \{\perp\}$ .
    - **partial state:** (or simply, a state) assignment  $s : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_v^+$
- $s_0$  is the **initial state**
- $s_*$  is the **goal state**
- $\mathcal{A}$  set of actions  $a = \langle Pre_a, Eff_a \rangle$ 
  - **Non determinism:**  $Eff_a = \langle (p_1; Eff_a^1), \dots, (p_n; Eff_a^n) \rangle, \sum_i p_i = 1$ .
  - **Conditional effects:**  $Eff_a^i = \{ \langle cond_1, v_1, d_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle cond_k, v_k, d_k \rangle \}$

Solutions to probabilistic planning problems are **policies**, or mappings  $\pi(s)$  from states into actions.

## MAXPROB Probabilistic Planning

**MAXPROB** is the class of probabilistic planning problems where the **objective is to maximize** the **probability of success** (i.e., the probability of reaching eventually a state that satisfies the goal condition).

## Optimal MAXPROB solution

A policy  $\pi$  is an **optimal solution** for the MAXPROB problem  $\mathcal{P}$  if the probability of success by  $\pi$  is maximal.



**Fully-Observable Non-Deterministic** (FOND) planning as a special case of MAXPROB Probabilistic planning:

- Exist solutions with probability of success 1.
- Transition probabilities are ignored.

Solutions are either **strong** o **strong cyclic** policies:

**Strong Solutions** guarantee of reaching the goal in a bounded number of actions.

**Strong Cyclic Solutions** guarantee of reaching the goal eventually.

Traditionally, FOND planning has preference for small-sized solutions.

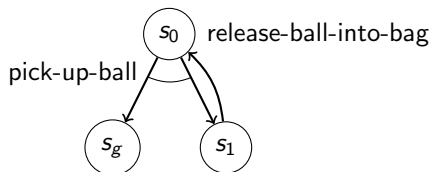
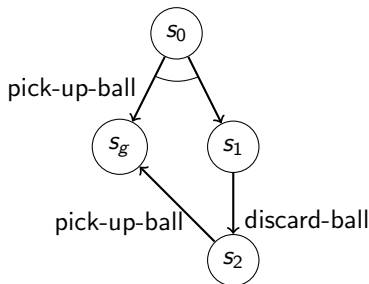
# Desired Properties of the Solutions

Optimal solutions maximize the probability of success. Other desired properties include:

- Small policy size
- Small expected plan length

## Example

A bag with two balls: a red one, and a blue one. A robot can pick up one ball at a time, at random, from the bag. Afterwards, it can discard it or get it back into the bag. The goal for the robot is to hold the red ball.



# Online vs. Offline Solutions

	Online	Offline
Reasoning	Incomplete Lookahead	Probabilistic Reasoning
Optimality Guarantees	Weak	Strong
Run Time	Fast	Slow

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# International Probabilistic Planning Competition (IPPC)

IPPC Edition	Problems	Winner
2004 & 2006	MAXPROB probabilistic problems	<b>FF-Replan</b> [Yoon et al., 2007]
2008	MAXREWARD probabilistic problems	<b>Robust-FF</b> [Teichteil-Königsbuch et al., 2010]
2011 & 2014	MAXREWARD MDPs	<b>PROST</b> [Keller and Eyerich, 2012]

All winners of the previous editions of the IPPC are online planners.

RFF is The state of the art in MAXPROB probabilistic planning.

- Construct an **envelope** incrementally until Prob. failure  $< \rho$ .
- Replan when a state unhandled by the policy envelope is reached.

RFF offers different configurations:

## 1 **all-outcomes** determinization

- probability of failure of the envelope guaranteed to be  $< \rho$  in domains without deadends.
- eventual goal reachability via replanning in domains without deadends.
- Bad scalability.

## 2 **most-probable** determinization

- probability of failure of the envelope not guaranteed.
- goal reachability not guaranteed.

PRP is the state of the art in FOND planning.

- 1 Compute a **deterministic plan**  $P$  to the goal.
- 2 **Regress**  $P$  to compute the **relevant** part of the states.
- 3 **forbidden state-action pairs** computed via regression from **dead ends**.

## Theorem [Muise et al., 2012]

PRP is **sound**, and **complete** in problems without unavoidable deadends.

- **Compact** representation of the states via regression.
- Dead end detection and **forbidden state-action** mechanism to avoid deadends
- Fast, small solutions thanks to compact states representation.

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# From FOND to Probabilistic Planning

Given a MAXPROB planning problem,  $\mathcal{P}$ :

- $\text{FOND}(\mathcal{P})$  is the FOND problem like  $\mathcal{P}$  w/o probabilities.

Properties:

- $\pi$  well-defined in  $\text{FOND}(\mathcal{P}) \Rightarrow \pi$  well-defined in  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- $\pi$  strong cyclic for  $\text{FOND}(\mathcal{P}) \Rightarrow \pi$  optimal for  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- $\mathcal{P}$  has optimal solution that reaches the goal with probability 1  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\text{FOND}(\mathcal{P})$  has a strong cyclic solution.

## Well-Defined Policy

$\pi$  is **well defined** when  $\pi(s)$  is applicable in  $s$ .

# From PRP to Prob-PRP

## Plain Prob-PRP

Plain **Prob-PRP** is a call to PRP on the mapped problem  $\text{FOND}(\mathcal{P})$ .

## Theorem (Soundness and Completeness)

Plain Prob-PRP is **sound**, and **optimal** in problems with avoidable or no dead ends.

We enhance the plain version of Prob-PRP with two extensions.

# 1 Full Exploration in Last Iteration

Rationale:

- Forbidden state-action pairs  $\langle s, a \rangle$  cut the search.
- There may still be a chance to reach the goal.

When plain Prob-PRP converges, the best incumbent policy found so far is explored in an extra iteration of the algorithm, with the forbidden state-action mechanism disabled.

The resulting policy potentially increases the probability of success.

## 2 Max. Likelihood Plan Exploration

In many domains:

- the non-determinism comes from faulty, low probable action effects.
- the preferred plans are short and have high likelihood.

Formally, the **likelihood** of a state-action plan

$P = s_0, a_0, s_1, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, s_n$  is defined as the product:

$$L_P = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} T(s_i, a_i, s_{i+1})$$

Prob-PRP skews the search of deterministic plans towards the ones that have maximum likelihood.

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boxworld-p13	0	$\infty$	344	35,6	1,94	<b>100</b>	178	906	130
boxworld-p14	0	$\infty$	325	34,9	1,83	<b>100</b>	177	906	157
boxworld-p15	0	$\infty$	347	35,2	1,96	<b>100</b>	177	906	160
triangle-tireworld-p02	<b>100</b>	13,2	80,7	0,17	1,32	<b>100</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0,00</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	<b>100</b>	29,6	248	1,76	1,20	<b>100</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,06</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	<b>100</b>	45,6	490	7,98	1,14	<b>100</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0,22</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	<b>100</b>	61,5	958	36,5	1,19	<b>100</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0,72</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	<b>100</b>	77,6	1595	111	1,21	<b>100</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,38</b>

# Quality of the policies (I/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	23,2	18,0	0,02	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0,00</b>
blocksworld-p06	<b>100</b>	64,3	59,9	0,69	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>50,6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0,16</b>
blocksworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>41,7</b>	<b>38,4</b>	0,68	1,01	<b>100</b>	68,4	61	<b>0,46</b>
blocksworld-p13	0	$\infty$	117	16,5	1,00	<b>100</b>	125	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
blocksworld-p14	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,40</b>
blocksworld-p15	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
boxworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>49,3</b>	0,43	1,27	<b>100</b>	31,3	57	<b>0,06</b>
boxworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>64,9</b>	<b>166</b>	13,0	1,35	<b>100</b>	68,1	266	<b>2,34</b>
boxworld-p09	<b>100</b>	64,7	<b>132</b>	7,56	1,38	<b>100</b>	<b>62,5</b>	207	<b>1,84</b>
boxworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>74,1</b>	<b>199</b>	23,3	1,36	<b>100</b>	102	415	<b>18,0</b>
boxworld-p13	0	$\infty$	344	35,6	1,94	<b>100</b>	178	906	130
boxworld-p14	0	$\infty$	325	34,9	1,83	<b>100</b>	177	906	157
boxworld-p15	0	$\infty$	347	35,2	1,96	<b>100</b>	177	906	160
triangle-tireworld-p02	<b>100</b>	13,2	80,7	0,17	1,32	<b>100</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0,00</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	<b>100</b>	29,6	248	1,76	1,20	<b>100</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,06</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	<b>100</b>	45,6	490	7,98	1,14	<b>100</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0,22</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	<b>100</b>	61,5	958	36,5	1,19	<b>100</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0,72</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	<b>100</b>	77,6	1595	<b>111</b>	1,21	<b>100</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,38</b>

# Quality of the policies (I/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>23,2</b>	18,0	0,02	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0,00</b>
blocksworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>64,3</b>	59,9	0,69	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>50,6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0,16</b>
blocksworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>41,7</b>	<b>38,4</b>	0,68	1,01	<b>100</b>	68,4	61	<b>0,46</b>
blocksworld-p13	0	$\infty$	117	16,5	1,00	<b>100</b>	125	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
blocksworld-p14	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,40</b>
blocksworld-p15	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
boxworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>49,3</b>	0,43	1,27	<b>100</b>	31,3	57	<b>0,06</b>
boxworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>64,9</b>	<b>166</b>	13,0	1,35	<b>100</b>	68,1	266	<b>2,34</b>
boxworld-p09	<b>100</b>	64,7	<b>132</b>	7,56	1,38	<b>100</b>	<b>62,5</b>	207	<b>1,84</b>
boxworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>74,1</b>	<b>199</b>	23,3	1,36	<b>100</b>	102	415	<b>18,0</b>
boxworld-p13	0	$\infty$	344	35,6	1,94	<b>100</b>	178	906	130
boxworld-p14	0	$\infty$	325	34,9	1,83	<b>100</b>	177	906	157
boxworld-p15	0	$\infty$	347	35,2	1,96	<b>100</b>	177	906	160
triangle-tireworld-p02	<b>100</b>	13,2	80,7	0,17	1,32	<b>100</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0,00</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	<b>100</b>	29,6	248	1,76	1,20	<b>100</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,06</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	<b>100</b>	45,6	490	7,98	1,14	<b>100</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0,22</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	<b>100</b>	61,5	958	36,5	1,19	<b>100</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0,72</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	<b>100</b>	<b>77,6</b>	1595	111	1,21	<b>100</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,38</b>

# Quality of the policies (I/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	23,2	18,0	0,02	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0,00</b>
blocksworld-p06	<b>100</b>	64,3	59,9	0,69	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>50,6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0,16</b>
blocksworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>41,7</b>	<b>38,4</b>	0,68	1,01	<b>100</b>	68,4	61	<b>0,46</b>
blocksworld-p13	0	$\infty$	117	16,5	1,00	<b>100</b>	125	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
blocksworld-p14	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,40</b>
blocksworld-p15	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
boxworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>49,3</b>	0,43	1,27	<b>100</b>	31,3	57	<b>0,06</b>
boxworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>64,9</b>	<b>166</b>	13,0	1,35	<b>100</b>	68,1	266	<b>2,34</b>
boxworld-p09	<b>100</b>	64,7	<b>132</b>	7,56	1,38	<b>100</b>	<b>62,5</b>	207	<b>1,84</b>
boxworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>74,1</b>	<b>199</b>	23,3	1,36	<b>100</b>	102	415	<b>18,0</b>
boxworld-p13	0	$\infty$	344	35,6	1,94	<b>100</b>	178	906	130
boxworld-p14	0	$\infty$	325	34,9	1,83	<b>100</b>	177	906	157
boxworld-p15	0	$\infty$	347	35,2	1,96	<b>100</b>	177	906	160
triangle-tireworld-p02	<b>100</b>	13,2	80,7	0,17	1,32	<b>100</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0,00</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	<b>100</b>	29,6	248	1,76	1,20	<b>100</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,06</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	<b>100</b>	45,6	490	7,98	1,14	<b>100</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0,22</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	<b>100</b>	61,5	958	36,5	1,19	<b>100</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0,72</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	<b>100</b>	77,6	1595	111	1,21	<b>100</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,38</b>

# Quality of the policies (I/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	23,2	<b>18,0</b>	0,02	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0,00</b>
blocksworld-p06	<b>100</b>	64,3	<b>59,9</b>	0,69	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>50,6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0,16</b>
blocksworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>41,7</b>	<b>38,4</b>	0,68	1,01	<b>100</b>	68,4	61	<b>0,46</b>
blocksworld-p13	0	$\infty$	117	16,5	1,00	<b>100</b>	125	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
blocksworld-p14	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,40</b>
blocksworld-p15	0	$\infty$	<b>117</b>	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
boxworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>49,3</b>	0,43	1,27	<b>100</b>	31,3	57	<b>0,06</b>
boxworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>64,9</b>	<b>166</b>	13,0	1,35	<b>100</b>	68,1	266	<b>2,34</b>
boxworld-p09	<b>100</b>	64,7	<b>132</b>	7,56	1,38	<b>100</b>	<b>62,5</b>	207	<b>1,84</b>
boxworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>74,1</b>	<b>199</b>	23,3	1,36	<b>100</b>	102	415	<b>18,0</b>
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boxworld-p15	0	$\infty$	347	35,2	1,96	<b>100</b>	177	906	160
triangle-tireworld-p02	<b>100</b>	13,2	80,7	0,17	1,32	<b>100</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0,00</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	<b>100</b>	29,6	248	1,76	1,20	<b>100</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,06</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	<b>100</b>	45,6	490	7,98	1,14	<b>100</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0,22</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	<b>100</b>	61,5	958	36,5	1,19	<b>100</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0,72</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	<b>100</b>	77,6	1595	111	1,21	<b>100</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,38</b>

# Quality of the policies (I/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	23,2	18,0	0,02	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0,00</b>
blocksworld-p06	<b>100</b>	64,3	59,9	0,69	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>50,6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0,16</b>
blocksworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>41,7</b>	<b>38,4</b>	0,68	1,01	<b>100</b>	68,4	61	<b>0,46</b>
blocksworld-p13	0	$\infty$	117	16,5	1,00	<b>100</b>	125	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
blocksworld-p14	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,40</b>
blocksworld-p15	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
boxworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>49,3</b>	0,43	<b>1,27</b>	<b>100</b>	31,3	<b>57</b>	<b>0,06</b>
boxworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>64,9</b>	<b>166</b>	13,0	<b>1,35</b>	<b>100</b>	68,1	266	<b>2,34</b>
boxworld-p09	<b>100</b>	64,7	<b>132</b>	7,56	<b>1,38</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>62,5</b>	207	<b>1,84</b>
boxworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>74,1</b>	<b>199</b>	23,3	<b>1,36</b>	<b>100</b>	102	<b>415</b>	<b>18,0</b>
boxworld-p13	0	$\infty$	344	35,6	1,94	<b>100</b>	178	906	130
boxworld-p14	0	$\infty$	325	34,9	1,83	<b>100</b>	177	906	157
boxworld-p15	0	$\infty$	347	35,2	1,96	<b>100</b>	177	906	160
triangle-tireworld-p02	<b>100</b>	13,2	80,7	0,17	1,32	<b>100</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0,00</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	<b>100</b>	29,6	248	1,76	1,20	<b>100</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,06</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	<b>100</b>	45,6	490	7,98	1,14	<b>100</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0,22</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	<b>100</b>	61,5	958	36,5	1,19	<b>100</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0,72</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	<b>100</b>	77,6	1595	111	1,21	<b>100</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,38</b>

# Quality of the policies (I/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	23,2	18,0	0,02	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>20,9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0,00</b>
blocksworld-p06	<b>100</b>	64,3	59,9	0,69	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>50,6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0,16</b>
blocksworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>41,7</b>	<b>38,4</b>	0,68	1,01	<b>100</b>	68,4	61	<b>0,46</b>
blocksworld-p13	0	$\infty$	117	16,5	1,00	<b>100</b>	125	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
blocksworld-p14	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,40</b>
blocksworld-p15	0	$\infty$	117	16,6	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1,38</b>
boxworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>29,4</b>	<b>49,3</b>	0,43	1,27	<b>100</b>	31,3	57	<b>0,06</b>
boxworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>64,9</b>	<b>166</b>	13,0	1,35	<b>100</b>	68,1	266	<b>2,34</b>
boxworld-p09	<b>100</b>	64,7	<b>132</b>	7,56	1,38	<b>100</b>	<b>62,5</b>	207	<b>1,84</b>
boxworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>74,1</b>	<b>199</b>	23,3	1,36	<b>100</b>	102	415	<b>18,0</b>
boxworld-p13	0	$\infty$	344	35,6	1,94	<b>100</b>	178	906	130
boxworld-p14	0	$\infty$	325	34,9	1,83	<b>100</b>	177	906	157
boxworld-p15	0	$\infty$	347	35,2	1,96	<b>100</b>	177	906	160
triangle-tireworld-p02	<b>100</b>	13,2	<b>80,7</b>	0,17	1,32	<b>100</b>	<b>12,0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0,00</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	<b>100</b>	29,6	248	1,76	1,20	<b>100</b>	<b>25,1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0,06</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	<b>100</b>	45,6	490	7,98	1,14	<b>100</b>	<b>37,9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0,22</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	<b>100</b>	61,5	958	36,5	1,19	<b>100</b>	<b>50,9</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0,72</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	<b>100</b>	77,6	<b>1595</b>	111	1,21	<b>100</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2,38</b>



# Quality of the policies (II/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
schedule-p02	<b>100</b>	59,2	<b>5,00</b>	<b>0,01</b>	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>51,0</b>	7	0,04
schedule-p03	<b>100</b>	100	<b>5,00</b>	<b>0,01</b>	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>95,0</b>	7	0,12
schedule-p04	96	57,8	14,3	0,02	1,12	<b>100</b>	<b>46,9</b>	21	0,14
schedule-p05	89	116	14,5	0,03	1,15	<b>100</b>	<b>92,0</b>	16	0,18
schedule-p06	<b>45</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1,42</b>	3,01	–	–	m	–
schedule-p07	<b>36</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>1,34</b>	3,11	–	–	m	–
schedule-p08	<b>34</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3,94</b>	3,17	–	–	m	–
schedule-p09	<b>4</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>3,17</b>	4,31	–	–	m	–
ex-blocksworld-p01	60	8,0	20,8	0,05	1,06	<b>100</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0,00</b>
ex-blocksworld-p05	<b>100</b>	<b>6,0</b>	11,6	<b>0,01</b>	1,09	<b>100</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>11</b>	0,02
ex-blocksworld-p06	90	12,6	62,2	0,10	1,35	<b>96</b>	20,7	<b>28</b>	0,34
ex-blocksworld-p09	13	25,2	95,7	1,07	1,23	–	–	–	t
ex-blocksworld-p10	2	36,0	76,8	0,97	1,24	<b>3</b>	116	105	14,3
ex-blocksworld-p11	<b>13</b>	<b>32,0</b>	92,7	<b>1,59</b>	1,31	<b>13</b>	93,4	<b>82</b>	7,42
ex-blocksworld-p12	1	38,0	96,6	2,15	1,21	<b>2</b>	91,5	<b>78</b>	6,28
ex-blocksworld-p13	<b>10</b>	<b>59,2</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>5,76</b>	1,45	–	–	–	t
ex-blocksworld-p14	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>116</b>	1,24	–	–	–	t
ex-blocksworld-p15	<b>9</b>	<b>43,6</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>8,91</b>	1,28	–	–	–	t

# Quality of the policies (II/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
schedule-p02	<b>100</b>	59,2	<b>5,00</b>	<b>0,01</b>	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>51,0</b>	7	0,04
schedule-p03	<b>100</b>	100	<b>5,00</b>	<b>0,01</b>	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>95,0</b>	7	0,12
schedule-p04	96	57,8	14,3	0,02	1,12	<b>100</b>	<b>46,9</b>	21	0,14
schedule-p05	89	116	14,5	0,03	1,15	<b>100</b>	<b>92,0</b>	16	0,18
schedule-p06	<b>45</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1,42</b>	3,01	-	-	<b>m</b>	-
schedule-p07	<b>36</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>1,34</b>	3,11	-	-	<b>m</b>	-
schedule-p08	<b>34</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3,94</b>	3,17	-	-	<b>m</b>	-
schedule-p09	<b>4</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>3,17</b>	4,31	-	-	<b>m</b>	-
ex-blocksworld-p01	60	8,0	20,8	0,05	1,06	<b>100</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0,00</b>
ex-blocksworld-p05	<b>100</b>	<b>6,0</b>	11,6	<b>0,01</b>	1,09	<b>100</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>11</b>	0,02
ex-blocksworld-p06	90	12,6	62,2	0,10	1,35	<b>96</b>	20,7	<b>28</b>	0,34
ex-blocksworld-p09	13	25,2	95,7	1,07	1,23	-	-	-	t
ex-blocksworld-p10	2	36,0	76,8	0,97	1,24	<b>3</b>	116	105	14,3
ex-blocksworld-p11	<b>13</b>	<b>32,0</b>	92,7	<b>1,59</b>	1,31	<b>13</b>	93,4	<b>82</b>	7,42
ex-blocksworld-p12	1	38,0	96,6	2,15	1,21	<b>2</b>	91,5	<b>78</b>	6,28
ex-blocksworld-p13	<b>10</b>	<b>59,2</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>5,76</b>	1,45	-	-	-	t
ex-blocksworld-p14	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>116</b>	1,24	-	-	-	t
ex-blocksworld-p15	<b>9</b>	<b>43,6</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>8,91</b>	1,28	-	-	-	t

# Quality of the policies (II/II)

Problem	RFF					Prob-PRP			
	%	L	S	T	R	%	L	S	T
schedule-p02	<b>100</b>	59,2	<b>5,00</b>	<b>0,01</b>	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>51,0</b>	7	0,04
schedule-p03	<b>100</b>	100	<b>5,00</b>	<b>0,01</b>	1,00	<b>100</b>	<b>95,0</b>	7	0,12
schedule-p04	96	57,8	14,3	0,02	1,12	<b>100</b>	<b>46,9</b>	21	0,14
schedule-p05	89	116	14,5	0,03	1,15	<b>100</b>	<b>92,0</b>	16	0,18
schedule-p06	<b>45</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1,42</b>	3,01	–	–	m	–
schedule-p07	<b>36</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>1,34</b>	3,11	–	–	m	–
schedule-p08	<b>34</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3,94</b>	3,17	–	–	m	–
schedule-p09	<b>4</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>3,17</b>	4,31	–	–	m	–
ex-blocksworld-p01	<b>60</b>	8,0	20,8	0,05	1,06	<b>100</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0,00</b>
ex-blocksworld-p05	<b>100</b>	<b>6,0</b>	11,6	<b>0,01</b>	1,09	<b>100</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>11</b>	0,02
ex-blocksworld-p06	90	12,6	62,2	0,10	1,35	<b>96</b>	20,7	<b>28</b>	0,34
ex-blocksworld-p09	13	25,2	95,7	1,07	1,23	–	–	–	t
ex-blocksworld-p10	2	36,0	76,8	0,97	1,24	<b>3</b>	116	105	14,3
ex-blocksworld-p11	<b>13</b>	<b>32,0</b>	92,7	<b>1,59</b>	1,31	<b>13</b>	93,4	<b>82</b>	7,42
ex-blocksworld-p12	<b>1</b>	38,0	96,6	2,15	1,21	<b>2</b>	91,5	<b>78</b>	6,28
ex-blocksworld-p13	<b>10</b>	<b>59,2</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>5,76</b>	1,45	–	–	–	t
ex-blocksworld-p14	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>116</b>	1,24	–	–	–	t
ex-blocksworld-p15	<b>9</b>	<b>43,6</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>8,91</b>	1,28	–	–	–	t

# Shortening Plan Length

problem	Prob-PRP <sub>UC</sub>				Prob-PRP			
	%	T	S	L	%	T	S	L
blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	0,02	21	<b>24</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
blocksworld-p06	<b>100</b>	<b>0,14</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100</b>	0,16	43	47
blocksworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>0,46</b>	71	75	<b>100</b>	0,46	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>
blocksworld-p15	<b>100</b>	<b>1,38</b>	110	119	<b>100</b>	1,40	<b>107</b>	<b>115</b>
boxworld-p01	<b>100</b>	0,14	<b>57</b>	156	<b>100</b>	<b>0,06</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>32</b>
boxworld-p06	<b>100</b>	6,56	269	363	<b>100</b>	<b>2,44</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>69</b>
boxworld-p12	<b>100</b>	<b>9,86</b>	<b>301</b>	328	<b>100</b>	18,0	415	<b>102</b>
boxworld-p15	<b>100</b>	586	949	1000+	<b>100</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>178</b>
ex-blocksworld-p01	<b>100</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
ex-blocksworld-p06	96,3	0,68	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>96,8</b>	<b>0,32</b>	28	<b>22</b>
ex-blocksworld-p10	<b>10,2</b>	<b>4,08</b>	<b>52</b>	28	4,6	14,0	105	<b>26</b>
ex-blocksworld-p11	9,6	33,8	89	29	<b>19,2</b>	<b>7,20</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>27</b>
ex-blocksworld-p12	–	–	m	–	<b>2,4</b>	<b>5,90</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>17</b>
schedule-p02	<b>100</b>	<b>0,04</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0,04</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>
schedule-p03	<b>100</b>	<b>0,12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0,12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>
schedule-p04	<b>100</b>	<b>0,08</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0,14</b>	21	46
schedule-p05	<b>100</b>	<b>0,18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>	0,20	16	<b>95</b>

# Robustness to Probability Perturbations

problem	RFF		Prob-PRP	
	% sol	% sim	% sol	% sim
triangle-tireworld-p01	56.7	53.4	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p02	16.8	12.9	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p03	4.9	3.2	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p04	1.8	0.9	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p05	0.5	0.2	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p06	0.0	0.0	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p07	0.0	0.0	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p08	0.1	0.0	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p09	0.0	0.1	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
triangle-tireworld-p10	0.0	0.0	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

# Outline

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# Conclusions and Future Work

## Conclusions:

- The **core similarities** between the FOND and Probabilistic planning models makes it possible to apply search techniques of FOND to solve MAXPROB probabilistic problems.
- Prob-PRP finds MAXPROB solutions with **improved guarantees** wrt the previous state of the art.
- Prob-PRP finds MAXPROB **offline solutions** that have comparable or better **quality** than the online solutions computed by the previous state of the art.

## Future Work:

- Anytime behaviour
- Improved Probabilistic reasoning
- Exploration of new heuristics and search algorithms.

# Take away message

We leverage. . .

- core similarities between FOND and Probabilistic Planning.
- significant advances in state-of-the-art FOND Planning.

. . . to design Prob-PRP, a Probabilistic Planner that:

- is sound, and optimal in domains without unavoidable dead ends.
- is robust to small deviations in the probability distribution.
- is robust to action orderings.
- finds good quality solutions.



# Any Questions?

Benchmarks, code, and slides available soon at:  
<http://www.haz.ca/research/probprp/>

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