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## *Manipulation of Articulated Objects using Dual-arm Robots via Answer Set Programming*

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### **Appendix A**

Figures 1 and 2 report the MAES encoding. Rules  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  and  $m_3$  are related to the selection of possible macro actions in this model:  $m_1$  is the macro that locates the joint that has to be moved to the centre of the manipulation space and then grasp two links,  $m_2$  selects at which orientation pre-grasped links have to be moved and then release them. Rule  $m_3$  selects two links to grasp, the orientation at which one of the link must be moved and, finally, it states that those two link must be released.

Moreover,  $r_{m1}$  to  $r_{m5}$  are used to state, respectively, which joint will be in the centre of the workspace at  $T+1$  time step, which links are in the robots hand and which gripper grasped which link. Rules  $r_{m6}$  to  $r_{m10}$  are used to ensure that the selected angle is one of the possible angle and that the angle is always between 0 and 360 degrees. Instead, rules  $r_{m10}$  and  $r_{m11}$  are used to compute which links are affected by the movement of the link selected by  $m_2$ , whereas, rules  $r_{m13}$  update the orientation of the selected link, and rules  $r_{m14}$  and  $r_{m15}$  state that the grasped links are free in the next time step if  $m_2$  is selected. Rules from  $r_{m16}$  to  $r_{m25}$  have the same purpose as rules from  $r_{m6}$  to  $r_{m15}$  but with respect to  $m_3$ . Then, rules  $r_{m26}$  to  $r_{m29}$  are used to ensure that only one macro is selected at each time step. Rules  $r_{m30}$  to  $r_{m33}$  are used to control the propagation overtime of the atoms `free`, `grasped`, `in.hand` and `hasAngle` with respect to the selected action. Finally, rule  $r_{m35}$  states the the goal must be reached.

Consider Example ??, in which we wrote down  $pre(r_{16,18})$ ,  $del(r_{16,18})$  and  $add(r_{16,18})$ , where

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m1    {linkToCentral_take(L1,L2,J1,G1,G2,T)} :-link(L1),link(L2),joint(J1),
      gripper(G1),gripper(G2),time(T),free(G1,T),free(G2,T),
      not in_centre(J1,T),not in_hand(L1,T),not in_hand(L2,T),
      L1<>L2,G1<>G2,connected(J1,L1),connected(J1,L2)
r_m1  in_centre(J1,T+1):-linkToCentral_Grasp(-,-,J1,-,T),T<timemax+1.
r_m2  in_hand(L,T+1):-linkToCentral_Grasp(L,-,-,-,T),T<timemax+1.
r_m3  in_hand(L,T+1):-linkToCentral_Grasp(-,L,-,-,T),T<timemax+1.
r_m4  grasped(G,L,T+1):-linkToCentral_Grasp(L,-,-,G,-,T),T<timemax+1.
r_m5  grasped(G,L,T+1):-linkToCentral_Grasp(-,L,-,-,G,T),T<timemax+1.

m2    {changeAngle_release(L1,L2,J1,G1,G2,A1,A2,T)1}:-link(L1),link(L2),
      joint(J1),gripper(G1),gripper(G2),angles(A1),angles(A2),
      in_centre(J1,T),not free(G1,T),not free(G2,T),L1<>L2,G1<>G2,
      connected(J1,L1),connected(J1,L2),grasped(G1,L1,T),
      in_hand(L1,T),in_hand(L2,T),hasAngle(L1,A2,T),
      grasped(G2,L2,T).
r_m6  ok(L1,L2,A,Ai,T):-changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A,Ai,T),
      F1=(A+granularity)\360,F2=(Ai\360),F1 = F2,A < Ai.
r_m7  ok(L1,L2,A,Ai,T):-changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A,Ai,T),
      F1=(Ai+granularity)\360,F2=(A\360),F1 = F2,A > Ai.
r_m8  ok(L1,L2,A,0,T) :-changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A,Ai,T),
      A = 360-granularity.
r_m9  ok(L1,L2,0,A,T) :-changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A,Ai,T),
      A = 360-granularity.
r_m10 :- changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A,Ai,T),not ok(L1,L2,A,Ai,T).
r_m11 affected(L,An,Ac,T):-changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A,Ap,T),
      angles(An),hasAngle(L,Ac,T),An = |(Ac + (A-Ap)) + 360|\360,
      L>L1,L1>L2.
r_m12 affected(L,An,Ac,T):-changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A,Ap,T),
      angles(An),hasAngle(L,Ac,T),An = |(Ac + (A-Ap)) + 360|\360,
      L<L1,L1<L2.
r_m13 hasAngle(L1,A1,T+1):-changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,-,-,A1,-,T),
      T<timemax+1.
r_m14 free(G,T+1):-changeAngle_release(-,-,-,G,-,-,T),T<timemax+1.
r_m15 free(G,T+1):-changeAngle_release(-,-,-,G,-,-,T),T<timemax+1.

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Figure 1: Macro Action Extended Scenario (MAES) encoding (Part 1).

$r_{16,18}$  corresponds to  $m_1$ . Here it is possible to outline more precisely the meaning of  $del(r_{16,18})$  and  $add(r_{16,18})$ .

Therefore, since

$$\begin{aligned}
 del(r_{16,18}) &= \{free(G, T)\} \\
 add(r_{16,18}) &= \{in\_centre(J1, T), in\_hand(L1, T), in\_hand(L2, T), \\
 &\quad grasped(G1, L1, T), grasped(G2, L2, T)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

it is possible to notice that  $del(r_{16,18})$  brings to the definition of  $r_{m30}$  in which we state that the atom  $free(G, T+1)$  must not be propagated if the macro  $m_1$  is selected. Moreover,  $add(r_{16,18})$  brings to the definition of the rules from  $r_{m1}$  to  $r_{m5}$  in which we state that at the next step the atoms  $in\_centre(J1, T+1)$ ,  $in\_hand(L, T+1)$ ,  $grasped(G, L, T+1)$  must be true if the macro  $m_1$  is selected.

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m3      {grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,J1,A1,A2,G1,G2,T)}:- link(L1),
        link(L2), joint(J1), angles(A1), angles(A2), gripper(G1),
        gripper(G2), time(T), in_centre(J1,T), free(G1,T), free(G2,T),
        connected(J1,L1), connected(J1,L2), in_centre(J1,T),
        hasAngle(L1,A2,T), time(T), L1<>L2, G1<>G2.
r_m16  ok(L1,L2,A,Ai,T):-grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A,Ai,-,-,T),
        F1=(A+granularity)\360,F2=(Ai\360),F1 = F2,A < Ai.
r_m17  ok(L1,L2,A,Ai,T):-grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A,Ai,-,-,T),
        F1=(Ai+granularity)\360,F2=(A\360),F1 = F2,A > Ai.
r_m18  ok(L1,L2,A,0,T):-grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A,Ai,-,-,T),
        A = 360-granularity.
r_m19  ok(L1,L2,0,A,T):-grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A,Ai,-,-,T),
        A = 360-granularity.
r_m20  :- grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A,Ai,-,-,T),
        not ok(L1,L2,A,Ai,T).
r_m21  affected(L,An,Ac,T):-grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A,Ap,-,-,T),
        angles(An),hasAngle(L,Ac,T),An = |(Ac + (A-Ap)) + 360|\360,
        L>L1,L1>L2.
r_m22  affected(L,An,Ac,T):-grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A,Ap,-,-,T),
        angles(An),hasAngle(L,Ac,T),An = |(Ac + (A-Ap)) + 360|\360,
        L<L1,L1<L2.
r_m23  hasAngle(L1,A1,T+1):-grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,-,A1,-,-,T),
        T<timemax+1.
r_m24  free(G,T+1):-grasp_changeAngle_release(-,-,-,-,G,-,T),T<timemax+1.
r_m25  free(G,T+1):-grasp_changeAngle_release(-,-,-,-,G,T),T<timemax+1.

r_m26  action(T, linkToCentral_Grasp(L1,L2,J1,G1,G2,T)) :-
        linkToCentral_Grasp(L1,L2,J1,G1,G2,T).
r_m27  action(T, changeAngle_release(L1,L2,J1,G1,G2,A1,A2,T)) :-
        changeAngle_release(L1,L2,J1,G1,G2,A1,A2,T).
r_m28  action(T, grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,J1,A1,A2,G1,G2,T))
        :- grasp_changeAngle_release(L1,L2,J1,A1,A2,G1,G2,T).
r_m29  :- time(T), #count{Z : action(T,Z)} != 1.
r_m30  free(G,T+1) :- free(G,T), not linkToCentral_Grasp(-,-,-,G,-,T),
        not linkToCentral_Grasp(-,-,-,G,T), T < timemax+1.
r_m31  in_hand(L,T+1) :- in_hand(L,T),
        not changeAngle_release(L,-,-,-,-,T),
        not changeAngle_release(-,L,-,-,-,-,T),
        not grasp_changeAngle_release(L,-,-,-,-,T),
        not grasp_changeAngle_release(-,L,-,-,-,-,T),
        T < timemax+1.
r_m32  grasped(G,L,T+1) :- grasped(G,L,T), link(L),
        not changeAngle_release(L,-,-,G,-,-,T),
        not changeAngle_release(-,L,-,-,G,-,-,T),
        not grasp_changeAngle_release(L,-,-,-,-,G,-,T),
        not grasp_changeAngle_release(-,L,-,-,-,-,G,T),
        T < timemax+1.
r_m33  hasAngle(L,A,T+1) :- affected(L,A,-,T), T < timemax+1.
r_m34  hasAngle(L,A,T+1) :- hasAngle(L,A,T),
        not changeAngle_release(L,-,-,-,-,T),
        not grasp_changeAngle_release(L,-,-,-,-,T),
        not affected(L,-,-,T), T < timemax+1.

r_m35  :- goal(J,A), not hasAngle(J,A,timemax).

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Figure 2: Macro Action Extended Scenario (MAES) encoding (Part 2).