

Learning Portfolios of Automatically Tuned Planners: Detailed Results

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Introduction

This technical report provides additional experimental data for the ICAPS 2012 paper “Learning portfolios of automatically tuned planners” [9].

Specifically, it contains the following information:

- Which configurations of Fast Downward are found in each training domain by the tuning process (Table 1)?
- How many problems in the training set does each of these configurations solve in each domain (Table 2)?
- Which portfolios are learned for different overall timeouts between 1–30 minutes (Tables 3–7)?
- How well do the learned portfolios for these different timeouts perform on the evaluation set, compared to each other and to LAMA 2011 with the same timeout (Tables 8–12)? For the IPC time limit of 30 minutes, we also report results for some other IPC planners related to our approach (Table 12).
- What is the coverage of our 30-minute portfolio on the evaluation set, compared to each other and some related IPC 2011 participants (Table 13)?

In the following sections, we describe this data in some more detail.

In the appendix, we give the parameter settings for the tuned configurations according to the command-line syntax used by Fast Downward (March 2012 version).

Tuning Results

The configurations we obtained from automatic tuning can be seen in detail in Table 1. The most eye-catching characteristic is that lazy best-first search is vastly preferred over eager best-first search (20:1). Nineteen of the 21 configurations use preferred operators.

Furthermore Keyder et al. landmarks [6] (11x) are preferred over those from Richter et al. [8] (4x). Also the configurations are mostly using either one (10x) or two (9x) heuristics. The heuristics used are h^{FF} (12x), landmarks (11x), h^{cg} (6x), h^{cea} (4x) and h^{add} (1x).

All landmark heuristics used were of the admissible kind (i.e., used cost partitioning) due to a bug in the configuration file used for ParamILS. Parameters that are not shown ended up at their default value in each experiment or referred to settings that are irrelevant given the other parameter choices. (For example, the “use conjunctive landmarks” option never applies because no h^m landmarks with $m > 1$ were used in any of the domains.)

Quality	LAMA 2011	Stone Soup g=10	Uniform g=20	Selector	Cluster k=12	Inc. k=7	Time Limit t=5s	Time Limit t=1s	DW	RIS
barman	17.49	0.00	0.00	18.16	18.12	18.20	3.60	10.41	18.29	18.29
elevators	6.85	8.47	7.99	7.00	7.33	7.48	7.17	6.60	8.26	7.16
floortile	2.50	1.98	2.13	3.14	2.41	3.03	2.67	3.37	3.28	3.14
nomystery	9.66	16.66	15.62	16.62	14.70	16.67	16.64	14.47	14.53	15.67
openstacks	10.35	5.76	6.30	4.38	3.34	6.04	6.97	7.31	5.31	4.52
parcprinter	19.95	18.57	18.58	19.74	18.86	19.26	19.45	18.74	18.71	19.49
parking	2.72	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.78	2.75	2.85	0.00	0.77	1.42
pegsol	18.49	18.34	17.93	18.56	18.14	18.09	18.63	17.55	17.71	18.32
scanalyzer	15.16	15.36	15.15	16.35	15.30	16.41	15.74	14.70	14.94	16.05
sokoban	10.44	10.45	13.89	7.51	11.17	10.78	9.27	11.18	9.18	9.90
tidybot	9.87	10.98	10.71	0.00	8.30	3.77	5.73	7.93	6.51	6.21
transport	7.36	8.57	8.21	3.18	8.69	7.48	4.44	5.92	9.01	7.89
visitall	10.86	19.90	19.90	11.90	17.90	13.90	15.90	17.90	17.90	16.90
woodworking	13.90	11.21	11.30	13.37	15.14	14.84	12.26	15.15	14.52	11.26
Sum	155.60	146.24	147.73	140.67	160.20	158.70	141.34	151.25	158.94	156.22
										146.33

Table 8: The qualities of our portfolios (right) compared to LAMA (left) on the IPC 2011 sequential satisficing track domains with a time limit of 1 minute. Best planners in each domain are highlighted in bold.

Portfolio Learning Results

We learned portfolios for different time limits (1 min., 3 min. 5 min., 15 min. and 30 min.). The times that were assigned to each planner can be seen in tables 3 to 12. We noticed that most generators assign some planners (the ones for *pipes*, *mprime*) quite a large proportion of time in the 30 minutes setting, while they get much less time in the settings with low time limits. With 1 minute time limit, some planners (*storage*, *freecell*, *optical-telegraphs*) get virtually no time at all. This indicates that these planners are not useful in such settings. Generally, it can be seen that the portfolios get more sparse with less time available.

Results for Different Timeouts

The results on the IPC 2011 benchmarks for different time limits are shown in Tables 8–12. While the uniform portfolio still outperforms LAMA with a time limit of 3 minutes, it doesn’t seem to be the best choice when even less time is available. Though no portfolio generator clearly dominates the others, the *Cluster* and *Increasing Time Limit* generators seem to perform quite well. *Randomized Iterative Search* (RIS) achieves the best training score in all settings but seems to be somewhat prone to over-fitting.

Detailed Results for Main Experiment

In Table 12 we compare the solution qualities of our portfolios with the ones obtained by IPC 2011 competitors. In some domains the quality highly differs between different (portfolio) planners due to the used heuristics. For instance, in the *visitall* domain performance greatly depends on landmark usage: All configurations using Keyder et al. landmarks solve 17 or more instances, those using Richter et al. landmarks solve 8–14, and those without landmarks only solve 1–5 problems.

As can be seen in the table all of our portfolios perform better than LAMA 2011, the winner of the IPC 2011 challenge. Interestingly the best performer is the uniform portfolio that runs all tuned configurations for the same amount of time.

The competition winner achieves 206 points, our uniform portfolio 237, perfection would be 280. That’s 42% of the delta to perfection, and LAMA 2011 is a strong planner. Moreover, LAMA 2011 was informed by experience with the IPC 2008, with many of the IPC 2008 domains reused in the IPC 2011. Our portfolio however, does not use any IPC 2008 results.

Table 13 shows the coverage for the same set of planners on the IPC 2011 domains. All of our portfolios solve more instances than LAMA 2011 with the uniform portfolio solving the most instances.

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Quality	LAMA 2011	Stone Soup g=10	Uniform	Selector	Cluster k=10	Inc. Time Limit t=5s	DW	RIS
barman	17.49	13.01	18.41	18.46	18.27	18.43	18.33	13.24
elevators	8.77	10.64	8.59	8.44	9.58	8.60	11.14	9.73
floortile	3.55	3.28	3.28	3.86	4.01	3.28	3.28	2.89
nomystry	9.70	17.63	16.67	16.63	17.65	15.60	16.54	17.63
openstacks	14.11	9.55	8.60	10.71	10.15	10.57	9.48	9.93
parcprinter	19.95	19.25	19.78	19.60	19.43	19.61	19.49	19.78
parking	6.12	2.75	2.95	5.55	5.08	7.06	4.69	3.78
pegsol	19.30	18.87	19.19	18.75	19.07	18.07	18.90	18.84
scanalyzer	15.70	16.78	16.56	15.81	15.97	15.98	17.00	17.27
sokoban	11.22	13.20	12.87	12.29	13.23	12.62	13.36	13.57
tidybot	12.92	12.58	8.40	10.94	11.09	10.98	10.69	13.56
transport	8.98	10.86	10.32	10.97	10.32	10.65	7.67	9.66
visitall	14.02	19.90	16.90	19.90	19.90	18.90	19.90	16.90
woodworking	14.60	15.47	15.81	15.82	15.26	15.67	13.90	15.76
Sum	176.45	183.79	178.35	187.73	189.02	186.03	184.38	182.54

Table 9: The qualities of our portfolios (right) compared to LAMA (left) on the IPC 2011 sequential satisficing track domains with a time limit of 3 minutes. Best planners in each domain are highlighted in bold.

Quality	LAMA 2011	Stone Soup g=10	Uniform	Selector	Cluster k=13	Inc. Time Limit t=1s	DW	RIS
barman	17.49	13.20	18.48	13.71	13.13	18.61	18.60	13.31
elevators	10.67	11.30	9.71	10.12	9.52	10.99	11.16	11.05
floortile	4.13	3.28	4.26	3.89	4.07	3.82	3.88	3.28
nomystry	9.70	17.67	17.63	16.69	16.66	15.60	16.62	17.67
openstacks	16.20	10.26	10.09	8.32	11.57	13.69	13.15	10.07
parcprinter	19.95	19.58	19.78	19.25	19.78	19.73	19.75	19.78
parking	8.09	3.55	6.28	7.38	8.71	11.52	13.61	7.23
peg sol	19.41	18.97	19.25	18.65	18.80	18.22	19.19	19.07
scanalyzer	17.53	17.49	16.58	17.05	16.54	17.70	17.81	17.38
sokoban	11.58	14.88	12.96	14.51	14.89	13.31	14.11	13.85
tidybot	13.02	14.29	13.33	12.52	14.27	14.67	13.41	13.98
transport	9.10	11.30	10.81	11.78	10.81	11.14	10.92	9.60
visitall	15.57	19.90	17.90	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90
woodworking	14.61	15.68	15.91	15.90	15.59	15.70	15.70	15.90
Sum	187.06	191.38	192.98	189.67	194.23	204.61	207.84	192.06

Table 10: The qualities of our portfolios (right) compared to LAMA (left) on the IPC 2011 sequential satisficing track domains with a time limit of 5 minutes. Best planners in each domain are highlighted in bold.

Quality	LAMA 2011	Stone Soup g=40	Uniform	Selector	Cluster k=13	Inc. Time Limit t=1s	DW	RIS
barman	17.49	13.61	18.94	18.66	18.69	18.91	18.63	18.75
elevators	10.67	14.71	12.91	13.85	13.32	14.91	12.84	12.34
floortile	4.81	5.03	5.16	4.76	5.18	4.91	4.88	5.93
nomystry	9.98	17.73	17.73	16.67	16.76	15.73	16.69	17.75
openstacks	18.56	10.58	14.31	12.41	13.52	14.35	13.48	14.53
parcprinter	19.95	19.36	19.79	19.74	19.54	19.87	19.79	19.80
parking	12.04	10.54	12.20	15.94	15.07	15.21	15.27	16.69
peg sol	19.95	19.22	19.46	19.13	19.13	19.15	19.47	19.40
scanalyzer	17.73	18.39	18.84	18.85	18.92	18.48	18.80	19.47
sokoban	14.99	16.28	16.31	15.72	16.60	16.41	15.73	14.82
tidybot	13.53	14.59	16.02	14.81	15.59	15.26	14.97	14.84
transport	9.84	14.26	13.35	16.49	16.84	16.80	16.73	15.53
visitall	15.63	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90	19.90
woodworking	14.61	15.91	15.92	15.85	15.70	15.70	15.74	15.91
Sum	199.79	210.10	220.84	222.80	224.78	225.60	222.92	225.66

Table 11: The qualities of our portfolios (right) compared to LAMA (left) on the IPC 2011 sequential satisficing track domains with a time limit of 15 minutes. Best planners in each domain are highlighted in bold.

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Appendix

We report the configurations found in the different training domains in the form in which they are generated by our automated tool. In many cases, these could be expressed more simply by exploiting default values or omitting redundant options.

- airport:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_rhw(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                      disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      conjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      no_orders=false, lm_cost_type=2, cost_type=2)
--heuristic hCea=cea(cost_type=2)
--heuristic hLM,hFF=lm_ff_syn(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(hLM),single(hLM,pref_only=true),
                  single(hFF),single(hFF,pref_only=true),
                  single(hCea),single(hCea,pref_only=true)],
                  boost=0),
              preferred=[hLM,hCea],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=2)
```

- depot:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_hm(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                      disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      conjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      no_orders=false,m=1)
--heuristic hCea=cea(cost_type=2)
--heuristic hLM=lmcount(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(hLM),single(hLM,pref_only=true),
                  single(hCea),single(hCea,pref_only=true)],
                  boost=100),
              preferred=[hCea],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=2)
```

- driverlog:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_rhw(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                      disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      conjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      no_orders=true, lm_cost_type=2, cost_type=1)
--heuristic hLM,hFF=lm_ff_syn(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(hLM),single(hFF,pref_only=true),
                  single(hFF),single(hFF,pref_only=true)],
                  boost=0),
              preferred=[hLM],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=2)
```

- freecell:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_hm(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                      disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      conjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      no_orders=true,m=1)
--heuristic hLM=lmcount(lmg,admissible=true)
--search eager(single(sum([g()],weight(hLM,5))),,
              preferred=[],reopen_closed=true,pathmax=false,
              cost_type=1)
```

- grid:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_rhw(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                      disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      conjunctive_landmarks=true,
                      no_orders=true, lm_cost_type=1, cost_type=2)
--heuristic hCg=cg(cost_type=2)
--heuristic hLM,hFF=lm_ff_syn(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g()],weight(hLM,10))),,
                  single(sum([g()],weight(hLM,10))),pref_only=true),
                  single(sum([g()],weight(hFF,10))),,
                  single(sum([g()],weight(hFF,10))),pref_only=true),
                  single(sum([g()],weight(hCg,10))),,
                  single(sum([g()],weight(hCg,10))),pref_only=true]),
              boost=1000),
              preferred=[hLM,hCg],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=2)
```

- logistics-2000:

```
--heuristic hCea=cea(cost_type=1)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g()],weight(hCea,10))),,
                  single(sum([g()],weight(hCea,10))),pref_only=true]),
              boost=2000),
              preferred=[hCea],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=1)
```

- miconic-fulladl:

```
--heuristic hFF=ff(cost_type=1)
--search lazy(alt([single(hFF),single(hFF,pref_only=true)],
                  boost=5000),
              preferred=[hFF],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=1)
```

- mprime:

```
--heuristic hCea=cea(cost_type=2)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g()],weight(hCea,5))),,
                  single(sum([g()],weight(hCea,5))),pref_only=true]),
              boost=1000),
              preferred=[hCea],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=2)
```

- optical-telegraphs:

```
--heuristic hCg=cg(cost_type=1)
--heuristic hFF=ff(cost_type=1)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g(),weight(hFF,10)])),
    single(sum([g(),weight(hFF,10)]),pref_only=true),
    single(sum([g(),weight(hCg,10)]),pref_only=true)],
    boost=100),
    preferred=[hCg],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=1)
```

- pathways:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_hm(only_causal_landmarks=false,
    disjunctive_landmarks=true,
    conjunctive_landmarks=false,
    no_orders=true,m=1,lm_cost_type=0,cost_type=2)
--heuristic hLM,hFF=lm_ff_syn(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(hLM),single(hLM,pref_only=true),
    single(hFF),single(hFF,pref_only=true)],
    boost=5000),
    preferred=[hLM],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=0)
```

- philosophers:

```
--heuristic hCg=cg(cost_type=2)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g(),weight(hCg,10)])),
    single(sum([g(),weight(hCg,10)]),pref_only=true)],
    boost=0),
    preferred=[hCg],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=2)
```

- pipesworld-no-tankage:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_merged([lm_rhw(),lm_hm(m=1)],
    only_causal_landmarks=false,
    disjunctive_landmarks=false,
    conjunctive_landmarks=true,
    no_orders=false)
--heuristic hFF=ff(cost_type=0)
--heuristic hLM=lmcount(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g(),weight(hFF,10)])),
    single(sum([g(),weight(hFF,10)]),pref_only=true),
    single(sum([g(),weight(hLM,10)])),
    single(sum([g(),weight(hLM,10)]),pref_only=true)],
    boost=500),
    preferred=[hFF],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=2)
```

- pipesworld-tankage:

```
--heuristic hFF=ff(cost_type=1)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g(),weight(hFF,7)])),
    single(sum([g(),weight(hFF,7)]),pref_only=true)],
    boost=5000),
    preferred=[hFF],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=1)
```

- psr-large:

```
--heuristic hAdd=add(cost_type=0)
--search lazy(alt([single(hAdd),single(hAdd,pref_only=true)],
    boost=0),
    preferred=[hAdd],reopen_closed=true,cost_type=0)
```

- rovers:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_lm(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                     disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                     conjunctive_landmarks=true,
                     no_orders=false,m=1,lm_cost_type=2,cost_type=0)
--heuristic hLM,hFF=lm_ff_syn(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([tiebreaking([sum([g()),weight(hLM,10)]),hLM]),
                tiebreaking([sum([g()),weight(hLM,10)]),hLM],
                pref_only=true),
                tiebreaking([sum([g()),weight(hFF,10)]),hFF),
                tiebreaking([sum([g()),weight(hFF,10)]),hFF],
                pref_only=true)],
                boost=200),
                preferred=[hLM],reopen_closed=true,cost_type=2)
```

- satellite:

```
--heuristic hCg=cg(cost_type=2)
--search lazy(alt([single(hCg),single(hCg,pref_only=true)],
               boost=0),
               preferred=[hCg],reopen_closed=true,cost_type=2)
```

- schedule:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_lm(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                     disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                     conjunctive_landmarks=false,
                     no_orders=true,m=1,lm_cost_type=1,cost_type=0)
--heuristic hLM,hFF=lm_ff_syn(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(hLM),single(hLM,pref_only=true),
                single(hFF),single(hFF,pref_only=true)],
                boost=1000),
                preferred=[hLM,hFF],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=1)
```

- storage:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_lm(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                     disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                     conjunctive_landmarks=false,
                     no_orders=true,m=1)
--heuristic hCg=cg(cost_type=1)
--heuristic hLM=lmcount(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(hLM),single(hLM,pref_only=true),
                single(hCg),single(hCg,pref_only=true)],
                boost=0),
                preferred=[hCg],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=1)
```

- tpp:

```
--landmarks lmg=lm_lm(only_causal_landmarks=false,
                     disjunctive_landmarks=true,
                     conjunctive_landmarks=false,
                     no_orders=true,m=1,lm_cost_type=0,cost_type=2)
--heuristic hLM,hFF=lm_ff_syn(lmg,admissible=true)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([g()),weight(hLM,10)])),
                single(sum([g()),weight(hLM,10)]),pref_only=true),
                single(sum([g()),weight(hFF,10)])),
                single(sum([g()),weight(hFF,10)]),pref_only=true)],
                boost=500),
                preferred=[hLM],reopen_closed=false,cost_type=0)
```

- trucks:

```
--heuristic hFF=ff(cost_type=1)
--search lazy(alt([single(sum([weight(g(),2),weight(hFF,3)])),
    single(sum([weight(g(),2),weight(hFF,3)]),
        pref_only=true)],
    boost=5000),
    preferred=[hFF],reopen_closed=true,cost_type=1)
```

- zenotravel:

```
--heuristic hCg=cg(cost_type=1)
--search lazy(tiebreaking([sum([g(),weight(hCg,2)]),hCg]),
    preferred=[],reopen_closed=true,cost_type=1)
```