

Block Compression and Invariant Pruning for SAT-based Totally-Ordered HTN Planning: Extended Data

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Further Evaluation

This supplement pertains to the ICAPS paper “Block Compression and Invariant Pruning for SAT-based Totally-Ordered HTN Planning” (Behnke 2021). We report further details of the evaluation we have conducted. In Table 1 we report the absolute coverage of all planners on the domains of the IPC 2020 totally-ordered track. In Table 2 we report normalised coverage, i.e. for solving a problem in a domain with p problems the planner gets a score of $\frac{1}{p}$. Normalising the score removes the uneven size of the domains (between 12 for Entertainment and 147 for Elevators-Learned). Lastly, in Table 3 we report the results when computing the IPC score. Here, only the best configuration of our SAT-based planner – pandaPIsatt-1iB – has a higher score than the IPC winner HyperTensioN. This is due to the fact that the IPC score favours planners that find a solution very quickly (the full score is only awarded for solving a problem within one second) and punishes them for taking time to solve a problem. The reason for the stark disparity in coverage (and normalised coverage) and IPC score for HyperTensioN can be seen if we consider the inverted cactus plot shown in Figure 1. HyperTensioN (orange line) is very quick in solving a lot of problems. Within one second it has already solved 482 problems, while SAT-1iB has solved only 272. SAT-1iB however overtakes HyperTensioN after 52 seconds when both planners have solved 562 instances. HyperTensioN solves only 10 more instances after this point, while SAT-1iB solves 78 more.

Coverage, normalised coverage and IPC score for the comparison with Tree-REX can be found in Tables 4, 5, and 6.

Lastly, we present a per-domain analysis of the strength of unary and binary invariant pruning in Table 7. In the first block, we consider all PDTs constructed by the planner SAT-1iB – 20088 in total. We then provide how many of these were fully pruned using unary invariant pruning, i.e. for which we could show unsolvability. The results vary widely per domain. E.g. in Robot and Towers only a few PDTs are fully pruned, while domains like Blocksworld-GTOHP, Depots, Minecraft-Regular, and Factories-simple seem to be amenable to this techniques. We also report the amount of leaf pruning, i.e. the percentage of actions that

were removed from the leafs of the PDTs. Again this varies widely, with no pruning at all in Childsnack (it seems to be an all-or-nothing, either the whole PDT is pruning or nothing at all) and 85.69 % in Towers (almost no fully pruned PDTs, but a lot of pruning overall) and 89.54% in Monroe-Fully-Observable. The 96.24% in Minecraft-Player is an outlier caused by the small amount of PDTs constructed (26) – for most instances grounding already fails on this domain.

The second block of Table 7 reports the same values for SAT-2iB. In some instances, the amount of leaf pruning *decreases*. This is due to the fact that we compute leaf pruning only with reference to those PDTs that were not fully pruned. Consider, e.g., Transport, where the amount of fully pruned PDTs increases.

Lastly, the third block shows a comparison only on those 14676 PDTs that were constructed by both planners. We first report the amount of fully pruned PDTs by SAT-1iB. Then we report how many *additional* PDTs SAT-2iB pruned. This is given in absolute terms, i.e. for Transport SAT-2iB pruned 81.82% (= 64.94% + 16.88%) of all PDTs. Here we can see a very high dependency on the actual domain. In 14 domains, SAT-2iB could not prune any additional PDTs, while in four domains it could prune more than 13% additionally. In the last column we report for all PDTs that could not be fully pruned by SAT-2iB how many additional actions were pruned from the leafs of the PDT. This is again relative to the overall number of actions assigned to the leafs. In many domains, there is no additional pruning, while some benefit.

In Figures 2 and 3 we present per-domain scatter plots of the effect of block compression and leaf pruning.

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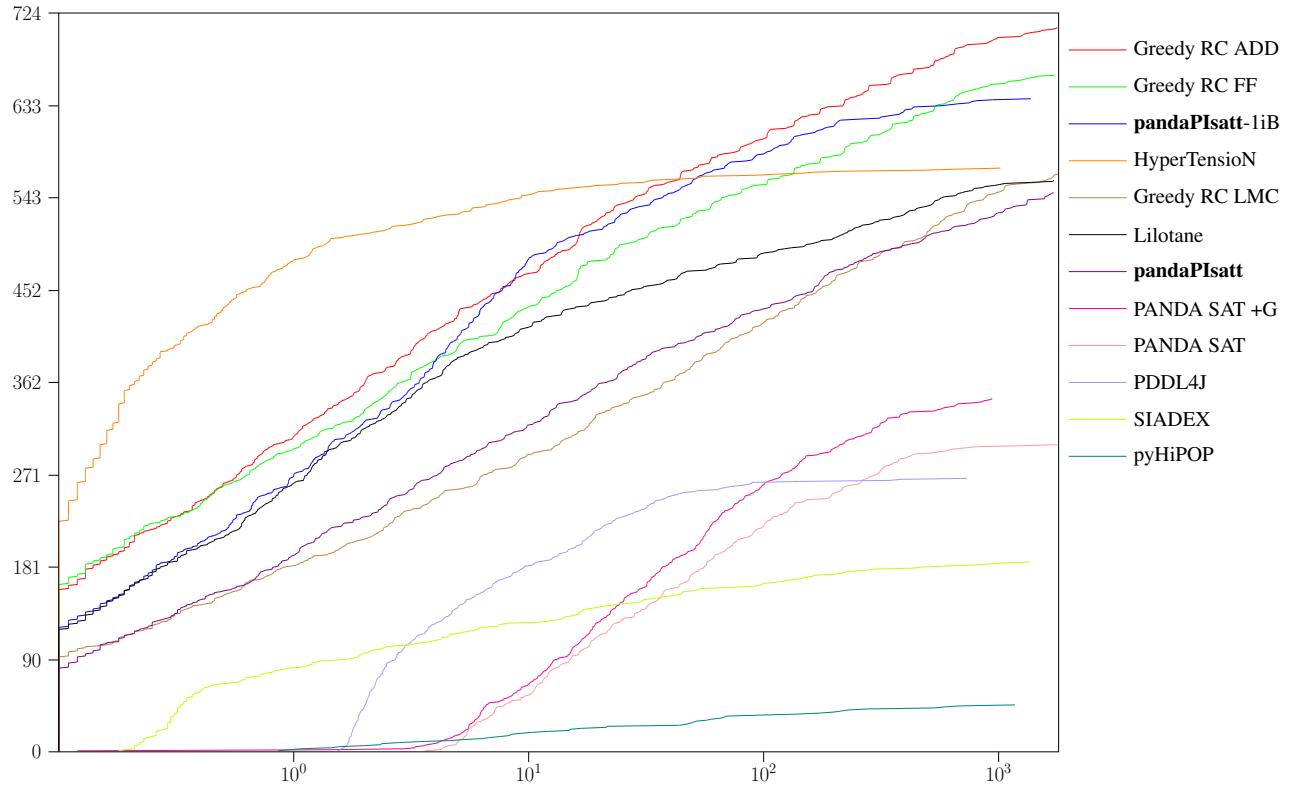


Figure 1: Inverted Cactus Plot showing the runtime necessary to solve a given amount of instances. Runtime in seconds is on the x-axis (log scale). Number of solved instances is on the y-axis. Planners are coded by colour.

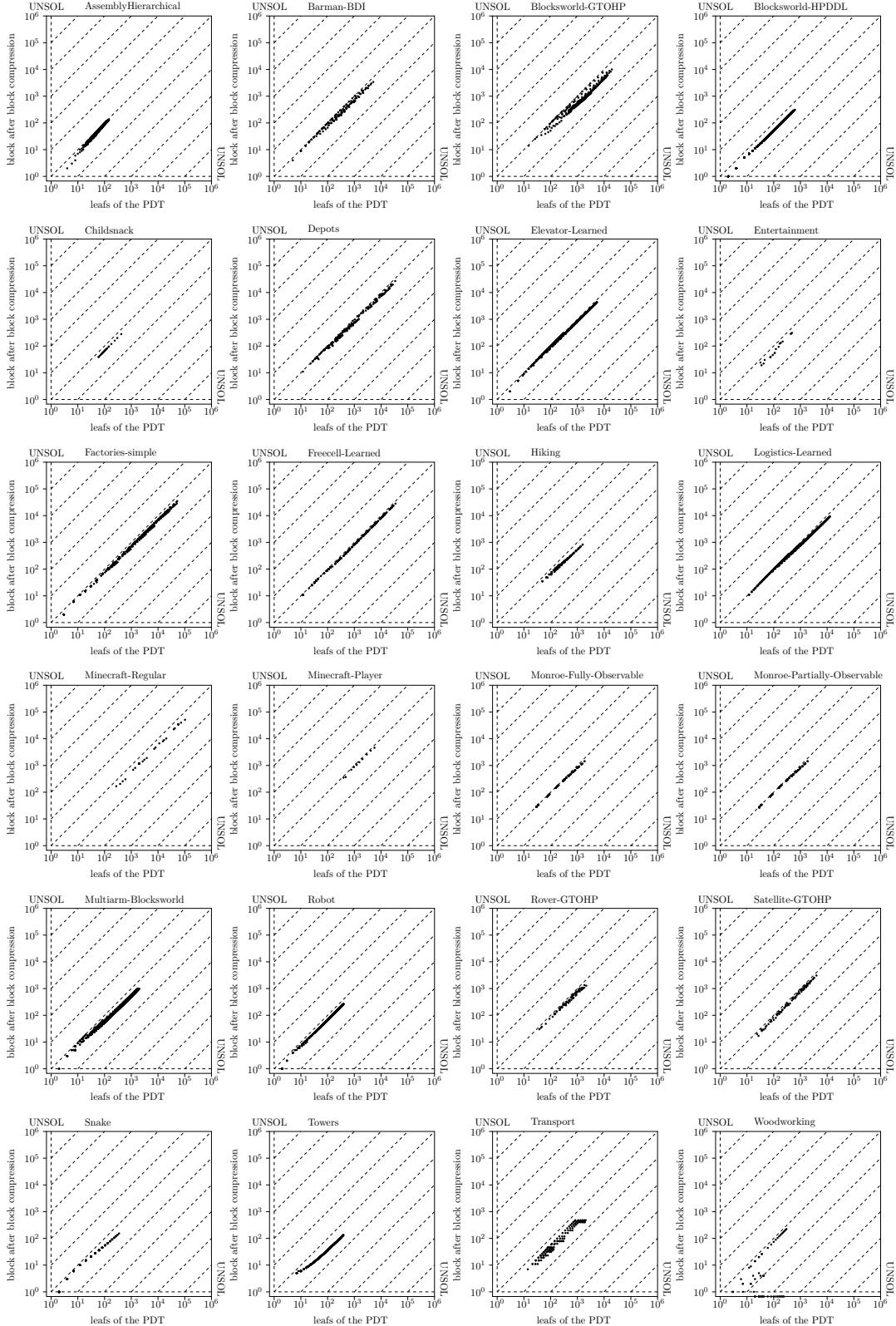


Figure 2: For every PDT created by SAT-MB: The number of leafs of the PDT and of blocks after block compression.

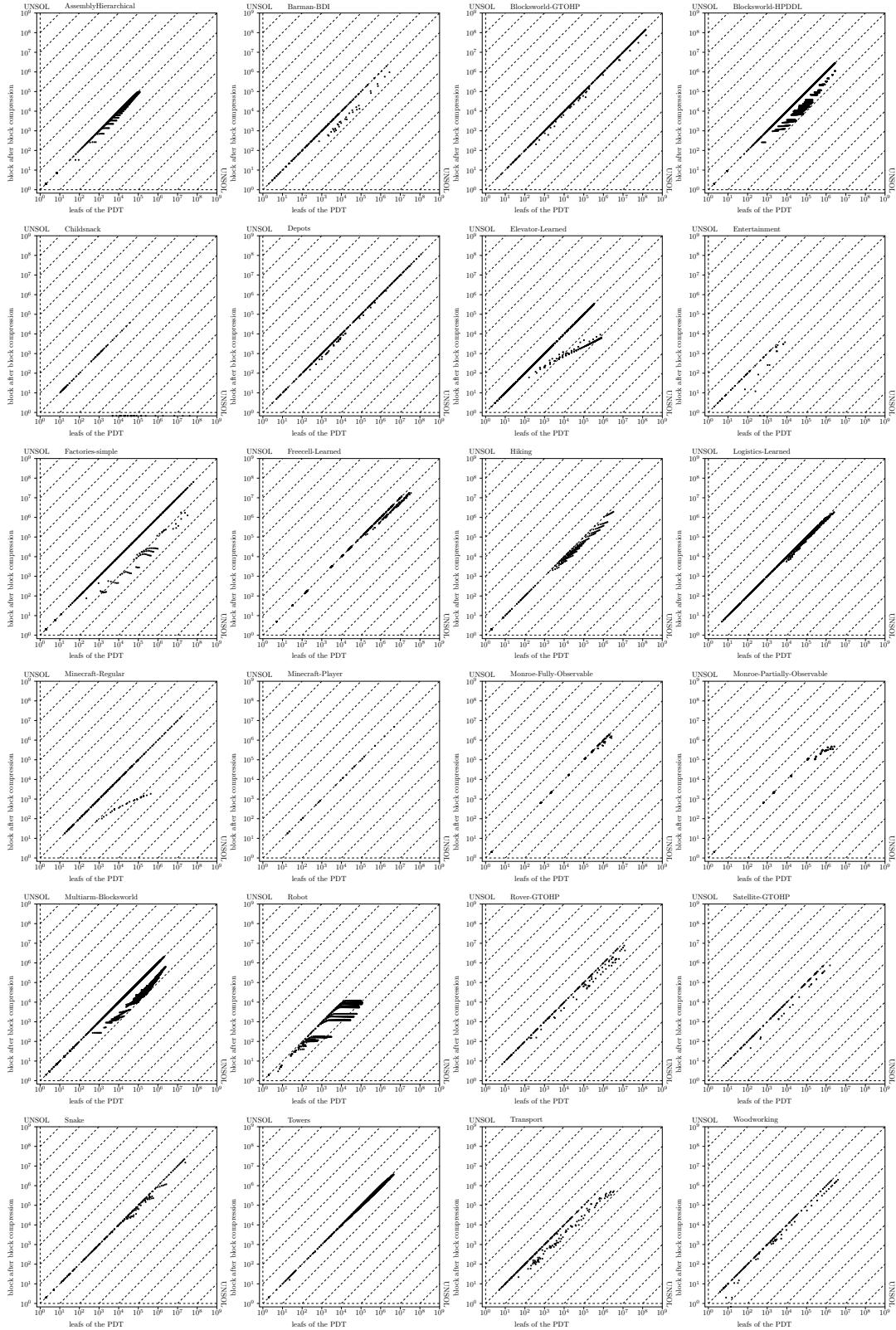


Figure 3: For every PDT created by SAT-1iB: The number of actions in the label sets of leafs before and after pruning.

Table 1: Coverage Table for the IPC 2020 benchmarks.

Table 2: Normalised Coverage Table for the IPC 2020 benchmarks.

		HyperTension	Greedy RC ADD	Greedy RC FF	pandaPIsatt-1B	pandaPIsatt-1i	pandaPIsatt-1iB	Litane	pandaPIsatt-1	pandaPIsatt-2	pandaPIsatt-2B	pandaPIsatt-2i	pandaPIsatt-2B	Greedy RC LMC	PDDL4J	PANDA SAT+G	SIADEX	PANDA SAT	pyHPOP	
AssemblyHierarchical	30	0.08	0.93	0.91	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.19	0.06	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.02
Barman-BDI	20	1.00	0.73	0.86	0.79	0.74	0.77	0.70	0.75	0.73	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.72	0.68	0.54	0.49	0.43	0.34	0.32
Blocksworld-GTOHP	30	0.43	0.88	0.88	0.76	0.73	0.63	0.79	0.71	0.60	0.78	0.78	0.67	0.67	0.69	0.73	0.74	0.43	0.24	0.34
Blocksworld-HPDDL	30	0.89	0.72	0.65	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.02	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.26	0.00	0.05	0.00
Childsnack	30	1.00	0.68	0.65	0.70	0.71	0.70	0.72	0.87	0.71	0.71	0.70	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.41	0.47	0.35	0.50
Depots	30	0.76	0.73	0.85	0.85	0.80	0.78	0.86	0.74	0.74	0.81	0.81	0.79	0.77	0.76	0.75	0.77	0.60	0.40	0.70
Elevator-Learned	147	1.00	0.63	0.63	0.91	0.85	0.88	0.49	0.76	0.80	0.47	0.47	0.49	0.81	0.47	0.78	0.49	0.56	0.01	0.24
Entertainment	12	0.54	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.16	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.91	0.95	0.88	0.94	0.95	0.27	0.65	0.00
Factories-simple	20	0.14	0.32	0.27	0.29	0.28	0.29	0.22	0.18	0.27	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.29	0.21	0.27	0.22	0.21	0.00	0.14
Freecell-Learned	60	0.00	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hiking	30	0.83	0.72	0.72	0.65	0.65	0.63	0.63	0.69	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.63	0.60	0.63	0.61	0.32	0.39	0.13
Logistics-Learned	80	0.26	0.45	0.48	0.69	0.50	0.62	0.52	0.34	0.43	0.41	0.41	0.48	0.30	0.37	0.26	0.31	0.51	0.00	0.13
Minecraft-Player	20	0.25	0.07	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.12	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.00
Minecraft-Regular	59	0.88	0.58	0.58	0.49	0.43	0.45	0.50	0.43	0.40	0.43	0.43	0.47	0.38	0.40	0.37	0.38	0.45	0.32	0.20
Monroe-Fully-Observable	20	0.97	0.49	0.50	0.72	0.62	0.62	0.74	0.89	0.60	0.72	0.72	0.65	0.44	0.64	0.32	0.45	0.24	0.57	0.00
Monroe-Partially-Observable	20	0.00	0.22	0.25	0.58	0.54	0.57	0.57	0.84	0.51	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.31	0.54	0.23	0.33	0.16	0.03	0.00
Multitarn-Blocksworld	74	0.11	0.83	0.33	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.04	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.19	0.00	0.05	0.01
Robot	20	0.96	0.93	0.94	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.51	0.52	0.54	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.51	0.54	0.50	0.54	0.51	0.78	0.27
Rover-GTOHP	30	0.92	0.60	0.52	0.61	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.57	0.59	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.51	0.52	0.50	0.50	0.38	0.62	0.20
Satellite-GTOHP	20	1.00	0.71	0.59	0.75	0.66	0.69	0.69	0.62	0.60	0.67	0.64	0.72	0.63	0.62	0.58	0.62	0.45	0.73	0.28
Snake	20	1.00	0.90	0.89	0.84	0.84	0.76	0.83	0.96	0.77	0.84	0.83	0.73	0.85	0.77	0.84	0.85	0.71	0.71	0.36
Towers	20	0.77	0.50	0.50	0.33	0.33	0.30	0.30	0.39	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.28	0.34	0.28	0.33	0.31	0.46	0.58	0.17
Transport	40	1.00	0.70	0.61	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.79	0.77	0.88	0.79	0.78	0.78	0.85	0.77	0.85	0.81	0.49	0.70	0.50
Woodworking	30	0.22	0.66	0.66	0.76	0.77	0.72	0.76	0.99	0.73	0.75	0.76	0.72	0.76	0.72	0.76	0.74	0.55	0.17	0.39

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Table 3: IPC Score Table for the IPC 2020 benchmarks.

		pandaPIsatt-1B	pandaPIsatt-1i	pandaPIsatt-1iB	pandaPIsatt-1	pandaPIsatt-1i	pandaPIsatt-1iB	pandaPIsatt-2iB	pandaPIsatt-2	pandaPIsatt-2i	pandaPIsatt-2B	pandaPIsatt-2i	pandaPIsatt-1B	pandaPIsatt-1i	pandaPIsatt-1iB	Tree-REX	PANDA SAT +G	PANDA SAT	PANDA SAT
Barman	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Blocksworld	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	18	19
Childsnack	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	13
Depots	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Entertainment	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Gripper	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Hiking	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	16
Rover	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	9
Satellite	20	20	20	20	20	19	19	19	18	18	18	18	17	16	16	15	10	10	10
Transport	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
	202	202	202	202	202	201	201	201	200	200	200	199	198	198	196	171	169		

Table 4: Coverage Table for the benchmarks by Schreiber et al. (2019).

		pandaPIsatt-1B	pandaPIsatt-1i	pandaPIsatt-1iB	pandaPIsatt-1	pandaPIsatt-1i	pandaPIsatt-1iB	pandaPIsatt-2iB	pandaPIsatt-2	pandaPIsatt-2i	pandaPIsatt-2B	pandaPIsatt-2i	pandaPIsatt-1B	pandaPIsatt-1i	pandaPIsatt-1iB	Tree-REX	PANDA SAT +G	PANDA SAT	
Barman	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Blocksworld	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.90	0.95	
Childsnack	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.65	
Depots	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Entertainment	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Gripper	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Hiking	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.95	0.60	0.80
Rover	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.45	0.45	
Satellite	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.80</td				

		pandaPIsatt-1iB	pandaPIsatt-1B	pandaPIsatt-i	pandaPIsatt-1	pandaPIsatt-2	pandaPIsatt-B	pandaPIsatt-1B	pandaPIsatt-2B	pandaPIsatt-2i	pandaPIsatt-i	pandaPIsatt	Tree-REX	PANDA SAT	PANDA SAT +G	
Barman	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.99	0.97	0.97	0.98	0.75	0.53	0.46	
Blocksworld	20	0.99	1.00	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.90	0.87	0.95	0.97	0.93	0.83	0.87	0.75	0.45	0.36
Childsnack	20	0.97	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.99	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.63	0.27	0.50
Depots	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.97	0.99	0.76	0.61	0.56	
Entertainment	12	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.73	0.70	0.74	
Gripper	20	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.74	0.71		
Hiking	20	0.92	0.89	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.88	0.88	0.87	0.62	0.30	0.19
Rover	20	0.84	0.81	0.83	0.79	0.78	0.79	0.82	0.74	0.73	0.73	0.81	0.76	0.72	0.29	0.29
Satellite	20	0.74	0.69	0.69	0.66	0.64	0.71	0.69	0.63	0.61	0.60	0.61	0.61	0.56	0.30	0.28
Transport	30	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.97	0.93	0.66	0.66
	202	9.41349	9.31507	9.30195	9.23508	9.20049	9.2001	9.17773	9.09849	9.0789	9.01056	8.97833	8.97407	7.45078	4.84255	4.74597

Table 6: IPC Score Table for the benchmarks by Schreiber et al. (2019).

		PDTs			% leaf-primitive pruning on remaining (1iB)			PDTs			% leaf-primitive pruning on remaining (2iB)			both PDTs			% further fully pruned (1iB)			% leaf-primitive pruning on remaining (1iB vs 2iB)				
Assembly	Hierarchical	1309	73.34	78.33	1309	73.34	78.33	1309	73.34	78.33	1309	73.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Barman-BDI		191	83.77	28.07	172	84.30	27.42	172	84.30	0.00	0.03													
Blocksworld-GTOHP		425	93.41	65.41	289	92.04	67.63	289	92.04	0.00	0.00													
Blocksworld-HPDDL		3536	53.45	23.96	1392	77.01	33.11	1392	60.70	16.31	12.07													
Childsnack		78	66.67	0.00	75	69.33	0.00	75	69.33	0.00	0.00													
Depots		270	88.52	66.69	192	87.50	64.61	192	86.46	1.04	1.40													
Elevator-Learned		1174	85.78	5.93	1174	85.78	5.93	1174	85.78	0.00	0.00													
Entertainment		51	70.59	36.73	51	70.59	36.73	51	70.59	0.00	0.00													
Factories-simple		566	87.10	8.39	435	88.05	7.67	434	85.71	2.53	0.60													
Freecell-Learned		649	81.97	59.04	563	95.56	64.40	563	92.54	3.02	4.04													
Hiking		253	41.11	60.82	251	41.43	60.83	251	41.43	0.00	0.00													
Logistics-Learned		1036	77.12	74.20	956	88.60	75.64	956	82.11	6.49	4.89													
Minecraft-Player		26	84.62	96.24	26	84.62	96.24	26	84.62	0.00	0.00													
Minecraft-Regular		326	88.04	3.77	280	88.21	4.33	280	88.21	0.00	0.00													
Monroe-Fully-Observable		158	70.89	89.54	158	70.89	90.35	158	70.89	0.00	0.82													
Monroe-Partially-Observable		165	24.24	62.62	156	25.64	68.05	156	25.64	0.00	2.01													
Multiarm-Blocksworld		5987	43.64	17.86	3661	84.21	20.64	3661	69.41	14.80	4.01													
Robot		1252	1.60	26.42	1199	1.67	34.07	1199	1.67	0.00	6.77													
Rover-GTOHP		165	67.88	52.30	153	85.62	54.61	153	71.90	13.73	10.49													
Satellite-GTOHP		119	83.19	41.23	110	85.45	39.74	110	85.45	0.00	0.00													
Snake		231	73.59	77.53	230	83.04	87.11	230	73.91	9.13	18.19													
Towers		1740	15.29	85.69	1511	17.60	89.43	1472	18.07	0.00	3.07													
Transport		239	62.76	33.34	231	81.82	30.38	231	64.94	16.88	0.00													
Woodworking		142	61.97	67.23	142	61.97	68.56	142	61.97	0.00	1.33													
		20088	53.01	37.47	14716	68.37	53.44	14676	62.14	6.42	4.30													

Table 7: Per-domain analysis of the strength of unary and binary invariant pruning on the IPC 2020 benchmark domains.