

Answer Set Solving in Practice

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Heuristic programming: Overview

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Problem	<i>base configuration</i>		#heuristic		<i>base config.</i> (SAT)		#heu. (SAT)	
<i>Blocks'00</i>	134.4s	(180/61)	9.2s	(239/3)	163.2s	(59)	2.6s	(0)
<i>Elevator'00</i>	3.1s	(279/0)	0.0s	(279/0)	3.4s	(0)	0.0s	(0)
<i>Freecell'00</i>	288.7s	(147/115)	184.2s	(194/74)	226.4s	(47)	52.0s	(0)
<i>Logistics'00</i>	145.8s	(148/61)	115.3s	(168/52)	113.9s	(23)	15.5s	(3)
<i>Depots'02</i>	400.3s	(51/184)	297.4s	(115/135)	389.0s	(64)	61.6s	(0)
<i>Driverlog'02</i>	308.3s	(108/143)	189.6s	(169/92)	245.8s	(61)	6.1s	(0)
<i>Rovers'02</i>	245.8s	(138/112)	165.7s	(179/79)	162.9s	(41)	5.7s	(0)
<i>Satellite'02</i>	398.4s	(73/186)	229.9s	(155/106)	364.6s	(82)	30.8s	(0)
<i>Zenotravel'02</i>	350.7s	(101/169)	239.0s	(154/116)	224.5s	(53)	6.3s	(0)
<i>Total</i>	252.8s	(1225/1031)	158.9s	(1652/657)	187.2s	(430)	17.1s	(3)

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