

# Robotic Technology - Final Exam

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**Abstract**—This report presents the implementation of a complete robot navigation system using ROS2. The system includes map-based localization using AMCL, global path planning using A\* algorithm, and path following using both Reinforcement Learning (DDPG) and PID controllers. The robot successfully navigates through a warehouse environment while avoiding obstacles.

## I. QUESTION 1: LOCALIZATION

In this section, the localization system is configured using Nav2 map\_server and AMCL to enable the robot to estimate its position on a known map.

### A. Map Configuration

The occupancy grid map is loaded using the following YAML configuration:

```
1 image: depot.pgm
2 mode: trinary
3 resolution: 0.05
4 origin: [-15.2, -7.85, 0]
5 negate: 0
6 occupied_thresh: 0.65
7 free_thresh: 0.25
```

The resolution parameter indicates that each pixel represents 5cm in the real world. The origin defines the position of the map's bottom-left corner in world coordinates.

### B. AMCL Parameters

AMCL performs localization using a particle filter algorithm. The configuration is as follows:

```
1 amcl:
2   ros__parameters:
3     use_sim_time: true
4     base_frame_id: "base_link"
5     odom_frame_id: "odom"
6     global_frame_id: "map"
7     scan_topic: "/scan"
8     min_particles: 100
9     max_particles: 2000
10    robot_model_type: "nav2_amcl::
11      DifferentialMotionModel"
12    alpha1: 0.2
13    alpha2: 0.2
14    alpha3: 0.2
15    alpha4: 0.2
16    alpha5: 0.2
17    laser_model_type: "likelihood_field"
18    laser_max_range: 10.0
19    laser_min_range: 0.1
20    max_beams: 60
21    z_hit: 0.95
22    z_rand: 0.05
23    sigma_hit: 0.2
24    update_min_a: 0.1
25    update_min_d: 0.05
26    resample_interval: 1
```

```
26   transform_tolerance: 2.0
27   tf_broadcast: true
28   always_reset_initial_pose: false
29   set_initial_pose: true
30   initial_pose:
31     x: 0.0
32     y: 0.0
33     z: 0.0
34     yaw: 0.0
```

### C. TF Publisher

A node is implemented to publish the odom to base\_link transform from wheel encoder data:

```
1 class OdomTfPublisher(Node):
2   def __init__(self):
3     super().__init__('odom_tf_publisher')
4     self.declare_parameter('odom_topic', '/wheel_encoder/odom')
5     odom_topic = self.get_parameter('odom_topic').value
6     sensor_qos = QoSProfile(
7       reliability=ReliabilityPolicy.BEST_EFFORT,
8       history=HistoryPolicy.KEEP_LAST,
9       depth=10
10    )
11    self.odom_sub = self.create_subscription(
12      Odometry,
13      odom_topic,
14      self.odom_callback,
15      sensor_qos
16    )
17
18    self.tf_broadcaster =
19      TransformBroadcaster(self)
```

### D. Launch File

```
1 import os
2 from ament_index_python.packages import
3   get_package_share_directory
4 from launch.actions import DeclareLaunchArgument,
5   SetEnvironmentVariable,
6   IncludeLaunchDescription
7 from launch_ros.actions import Node
8 from launch import LaunchDescription
9 from launch.launch_description_sources import
10  PythonLaunchDescriptionSource
11 from pathlib import Path
12
13 def generate_launch_description():
14   robot_desc_dir = get_package_share_directory(
15     'robot_description')
16   map_pub_dir = get_package_share_directory(
17     'map_publisher')
18
19   world = os.path.join(robot_desc_dir, 'world',
20     'depot.sdf')
21   urdf_file = os.path.join(robot_desc_dir, 'src',
22     'description', 'robot.urdf')
```

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15     rviz_config_file = os.path.join(
16         robot_desc_dir, 'rviz', 'config.rviz')
17     gz_bridge_config = os.path.join(
18         robot_desc_dir, 'config', 'gz_bridge.yaml'
19         )
20
21     map_yaml_file = os.path.join(map_pub_dir, 'maps', 'my_map.yaml')
22     amcl_params_file = os.path.join(map_pub_dir, 'config', 'amcl_params.yaml')
23
24     with open(urdf_file, 'r') as infp:
25         robot_desc = infp.read()
26
27     gz_resource_path = SetEnvironmentVariable(
28         name='GZ_SIM_RESOURCE_PATH',
29         value=':'.join([
30             os.path.join(robot_desc_dir, 'world')
31             ,
32             str(Path(robot_desc_dir).parent.resolve())
33         ]))
34
35     gz_sim = IncludeLaunchDescription(
36         PythonLaunchDescriptionSource(
37             os.path.join(
38                 get_package_share_directory('ros_gz_sim'),
39                 'launch',
40                 'gz_sim.launch.py',
41             )),
42         launch_arguments={'gz_args': ['-r-v4'],
43                           'world'].items(),
44     )
45
46     bridge = Node(
47         package='ros_gz_bridge',
48         executable='parameter_bridge',
49         parameters=[{
50             'config_file': gz_bridge_config,
51             'qos_overrides./tf_static.publisher.durability': 'transient_local',
52         }],
53         output='screen'
54     )
55
56     start_robot_state_publisher_cmd = Node(
57         package='robot_state_publisher',
58         executable='robot_state_publisher',
59         name='robot_state_publisher',
60         output='both',
61         parameters=[
62             {'use_sim_time': True},
63             {'robot_description': robot_desc}
64         ]
65     )
66
67     spawn_entity = Node(
68         package='ros_gz_sim',
69         executable='create',
70         arguments=[ '-name', 'robot',
71                     '-topic', '/robot_description',
72                     '-x', '0',
73                     '-y', '0',
74                     '-z', '0.9',
75                 ],
76         output='screen',
77     )
78
79     rviz_node = Node(
80         package='rviz2',
81         executable='rviz2',
82         name='rviz2',
83         arguments=['-d', rviz_config_file],
84         output='screen'
85     )
86
87     lidar_frame_alias_tf = Node(
88         package='tf2_ros',
89         executable='static_transform_publisher',
90         name='lidar_frame_alias_tf',
91         output='screen',
92         arguments=[
93             '--frame-id', 'base_link',
94             '--child-frame-id', 'robot/base_link/rplidar_c1_sensor',
95             '--x', '0', '--y', '0', '--z', '0.4',
96             '--roll', '0', '--pitch', '0', '--yaw',
97             '0'
98         ],
99         parameters=[{'use_sim_time': True}]
100    )
101
102    frame_id_converter_node = Node(
103        package='map_publisher',
104        executable='frame_id_converter',
105        name='frame_id_converter_node',
106        output='screen',
107        parameters=[{'use_sim_time': True}]
108    )
109
110    odom_tf_publisher = Node(
111        package='map_publisher',
112        executable='odom_tf_publisher',
113        name='odom_tf_publisher',
114        output='screen',
115        parameters=[{'use_sim_time': True}]
116    )
117
118    motor_command_node = Node(
119        package='map_publisher',
120        executable='motor_command_node',
121        name='motor_command_node',
122        output='screen',
123        parameters=[{'use_sim_time': True}]
124    )
125
126    map_server_node = Node(
127        package='nav2_map_server',
128        executable='map_server',
129        name='map_server',
130        output='screen',
131        parameters=[
132            {'use_sim_time': True},
133            {'yaml_filename': map_yaml_file},
134            {'frame_id': 'map'},
135            {'topic_name': '/map'}
136        ]
137    )
138
139    amcl_node = Node(
140        package='nav2_amcl',
141        executable='amcl',
142        name='amcl',
143        output='screen',
144        parameters=[
145            amcl_params_file,
146            {'use_sim_time': True}
147        ],
148        remappings=[ ('/odom', '/ekf/odom') ]
149    )
150
151    particle_cloud_converter_node = Node(
152        package='map_publisher',
153        executable='particle_cloud_converter',
154        name='particle_cloud_converter_node',
155        output='screen'
156    )

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151     executable='particle_cloud_converter',
152     name='particle_cloud_converter',
153     output='screen',
154     parameters=[{'use_sim_time': True}]
155 )
156
157 lifecycle_manager_node = Node(
158     package='nav2_lifecycle_manager',
159     executable='lifecycle_manager',
160     name='lifecycle_manager_map_server',
161     output='screen',
162     parameters=[
163         {'use_sim_time': True},
164         {'autostart': True},
165         {'node_names': ['map_server', 'amcl']}
166     ]
167 )
168
169 astar_planner_node = Node(
170     package='map_publisher',
171     executable='astar_planner_node',
172     name='astar_planner_node',
173     output='screen',
174     parameters=[{'use_sim_time': True}]
175 )
176
177 return LaunchDescription([
178     DeclareLaunchArgument('use_sim_time',
179     default_value='True'),
180
181     gz_resource_path,
182
183     gz_sim,
184     bridge,
185
186     start_robot_state_publisher_cmd,
187     spawn_entity,
188
189     lidar_frame_alias_tf,
190
191     rviz_node,
192
193     frame_id_converter_node,
194     odom_tf_publisher,
195     motor_command_node,
196
197     map_server_node,
198     amcl_node,
199     particle_cloud_converter_node,
200     lifecycle_manager_node,
201     astar_planner_node,
202 ])

```

### E. Result

Figure 1 shows the robot successfully localized in the warehouse environment. The left side displays the Gazebo simulation and the right side shows RViz with the map and robot position.

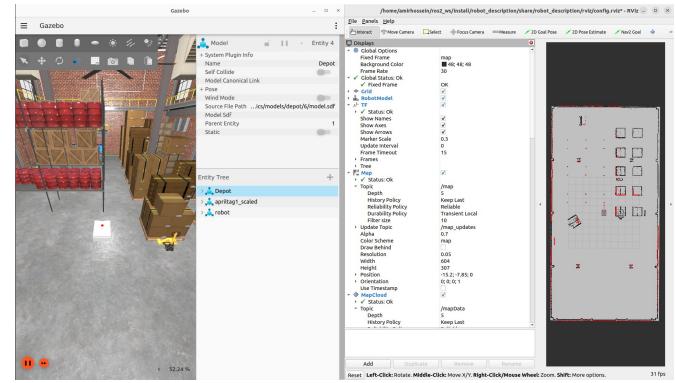


Fig. 1. Robot localized on the map - Gazebo (left) and RViz (right)

## II. QUESTION 2: PATH PLANNING

A global path planner is implemented using the A\* algorithm as a ROS2 service and as you can see from the 2 the path Visualized in RViz successfully.

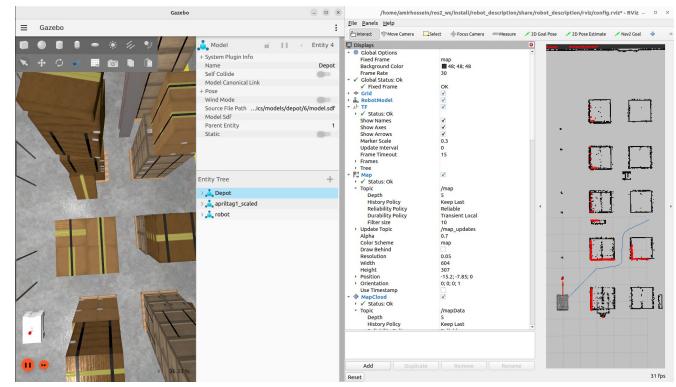


Fig. 2. Robot following the A\* path (blue line)

### A. Service Node

```

1  class AStarPlannerService(Node):
2      def __init__(self):
3          super().__init__('astar_planner_node')
4
5          self.declare_parameter('robot_length',
6                                0.4)
7          self.declare_parameter('robot_width',
8                                0.46)
9          self.declare_parameter('safety_margin',
10                         1.15)
11
12
13
14          robot_length = self.get_parameter(
15              'robot_length').value
16          robot_width = self.get_parameter(
17              'robot_width').value
18          safety_margin = self.get_parameter(
19              'safety_margin').value
20
21
22
23          half_length = robot_length / 2.0
24          half_width = robot_width / 2.0
25          diagonal_radius = sqrt(half_length**2 +
26                                half_width**2)
27          self.robot_radius = safety_margin *
28                                diagonal_radius

```

```

19     self.get_logger().info(f'Robot_footprint:
20         _{robot_length}m_x_{robot_width}m')
21     self.get_logger().info(f'Diagonal_radius:
22         _{diagonal_radius:.3f}m')
23     self.get_logger().info(f'Total_inflation_
24         radius_(with_margin):_{self.
25             robot_radius:.3f}m')
26
27     map_qos = QoSProfile(
28         reliability=ReliabilityPolicy.
29             RELIABLE,
30         durability=DurabilityPolicy.
31             TRANSIENT_LOCAL,
32         depth=1
33     )
34
35     self.map_subscriber = self.
36         create_subscription(
37             OccupancyGrid,
38             '/map',
39             self.map_callback,
40             map_qos
41         )
42
43     self.pose_subscriber = self.
44         create_subscription(
45             PoseWithCovarianceStamped,
46             '/amcl_pose',
47             self.pose_callback,
48             10
49         )
50
51     self.plan_service = self.create_service(
52         GetPlan,
53         '/plan_path',
54         self.plan_callback
55     )

```

## B. Obstacle Inflation

Obstacles are inflated by the robot radius to ensure collision-free paths:

```

1 def create_inflated_map(self):
2     if self.map_data is None:
3         return
4
5     width = self.map_data.info.width
6     height = self.map_data.info.height
7     resolution = self.map_data.info.
8         resolution
9
10    original_map = np.array(self.map_data.
11        data).reshape((height, width))
12
13    inflation_cells = int(np.ceil(self.
14        robot_radius / resolution))
15
16    self.get_logger().info(f'Inflating_
17        obstacles_by_{inflation_cells}_cells_
18        ({self.robot_radius:.3f}m)')
19
20    self.inflated_map = original_map.copy()
21
22    obstacle_coords = np.where(original_map >
23        50)
24
25    unknown_coords = np.where(original_map <
26        0)
27
28    self.get_logger().info(f'Found_{len(
29        obstacle_coords[0])}_obstacle_cells')
30    self.get_logger().info(f'Found_{len(
31        unknown_coords[0])}_unknown_cells')

```

```

23
24     for oy, ox in zip(obstacle_coords[0],
25         obstacle_coords[1]):
26         for dy in range(-inflation_cells,
27             inflation_cells + 1):
28             for dx in range(-inflation_cells,
29                 inflation_cells + 1):
30                 if dx*dx + dy*dy <=
31                     inflation_cells*
32                     inflation_cells:
33                     ny, nx = oy + dy, ox + dx
34                     if 0 <= ny < height and 0
35                     <= nx < width:
36                         if self.inflated_map[
37                             ny, nx] < 50:
38                             self.inflated_map
39                                 [ny, nx] = 99
40
41
42     for oy, ox in zip(unknown_coords[0],
43         unknown_coords[1]):
44         for dy in range(-inflation_cells,
45             inflation_cells + 1):
46             for dx in range(-inflation_cells,
47                 inflation_cells + 1):
48                 if dx*dx + dy*dy <=
49                     inflation_cells*
50                     inflation_cells:
51                     ny, nx = oy + dy, ox + dx
52                     if 0 <= ny < height and 0
53                     <= nx < width:
54                         if self.inflated_map[
55                             ny, nx] == 0:
56                             self.inflated_map
57                                 [ny, nx] = 50

```

## C. A\* Algorithm Theory

1) *Core Formula:* A\* is an informed search algorithm that uses a heuristic to find the shortest path:

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

Where:  $f(n)$ : Estimated total cost of path from start to goal through node  $n$ ,  $g(n)$ : Actual cost of path from start to node  $n$  and  $h(n)$ : Estimated (heuristic) cost from node  $n$  to goal

We use calculate distance from below formulation :

$$h(n) = \sqrt{(x_{goal} - x_n)^2 + (y_{goal} - y_n)^2}$$

```

1 def astar(self, start_x, start_y, goal_x, goal_y)
2     :
3
4     if not self.is_valid(start_x, start_y):
5         self.get_logger().error(f'Start_{{}
6             start_x}, {start_y}} is not valid
7             !')
8     start_x, start_y = self.
9         find_nearest_valid(start_x,
10             start_y)
11     if start_x is None:
12         return None
13     self.get_logger().info(f'Using_
14         nearest_valid_start: {{start_x}, {start_y}}')
15
16     if not self.is_valid(goal_x, goal_y):
17         self.get_logger().error(f'Goal_{{}
18             goal_x}, {goal_y}} is not valid!
19             ')

```

```

12     goal_x, goal_y = self.
13         find_nearest_valid(goal_x, goal_y)
14     )
15     if goal_x is None:
16         return None
17     self.get_logger().info(f'Using_
18         nearest_valid_goal:{goal_x}, {goal_y}')
19
20     counter = 0
21     open_set = []
22     heapq.heappush(open_set, (0, counter,
23         start_x, start_y))
24     counter += 1
25
26     g_score = {(start_x, start_y): 0}
27     came_from = {}
28     closed_set = set()
29
30     while open_set:
31         _, current_x, current_y = heapq.
32             heappop(open_set)
33
34         if current_x == goal_x and current_y
35             == goal_y:
36             return self.reconstruct_path(
37                 came_from, current_x,
38                 current_y)
39
40         if (current_x, current_y) in
41             closed_set:
42             continue
43
44         closed_set.add((current_x, current_y))
45
46         for nx, ny, cost in self.
47             get_neighbors(current_x,
48                 current_y):
49             if (nx, ny) in closed_set:
50                 continue
51
52             tentative_g = g_score[(current_x,
53                 current_y)] + cost
54
55             if (nx, ny) not in g_score or
56                 tentative_g < g_score[(nx, ny)]
57             ]:
58                 came_from[(nx, ny)] = (
59                     current_x, current_y)
60                 g_score[(nx, ny)] =
61                     tentative_g
62                 f = tentative_g + self.
63                     heuristic(nx, ny, goal_x,
64                         goal_y)
65                 heapq.heappush(open_set, (f,
66                     counter, nx, ny))
67                 counter += 1
68
69     return None

```

### III. QUESTION 3: RL PATH FOLLOWING

The control problem is formulated as a Markov Decision Process (MDP) defined by the tuple  $(S, A, P, R, \gamma)$ , where  $S$  denotes the set of observable states of the robot,  $A$  represents the continuous action space,  $P$  defines the probabilistic state transition dynamics,  $R$  is the scalar reward function, and  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  is the discount factor that determines the importance of future rewards.

#### A. State Space

At each time step  $t$ , the agent observes a five-dimensional state vector

$$s_t = [s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4]^T \quad (1)$$

which encodes the relevant geometric and dynamic information of the robot with respect to the reference path. The first component corresponds to the cross-track error, defined as the lateral deviation from the path and normalized by a factor of 1.5. The second component represents the heading error between the robot orientation and the desired direction, normalized by  $\pi$ . The third component captures the Euclidean distance to the current waypoint, normalized by 5.0. The remaining components encode the robot's linear and angular velocities, normalized by their respective maximum values.

1) *Cross-Track Error (CTE):* Cross-track error is computed geometrically as the perpendicular distance between the robot position and the current path segment defined by two consecutive waypoints  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ :

$$CTE = \frac{|(p_2 - p_1) \times (p_1 - p_{robot})|}{\|p_2 - p_1\|}$$

This formulation ensures a scale-invariant and robust measure of lateral deviation.

2) *Heading Error:* The heading error is defined as the wrapped angular difference between the robot orientation and the direction toward the target waypoint:

$$\theta_{error} = \text{atan2}(\sin(\theta_{target} - \theta_{robot}), \cos(\theta_{target} - \theta_{robot}))$$

3) *State Vector:* The complete state vector is obtained by combining and normalizing all components to bounded ranges, improving numerical stability and learning efficiency.

4) *Linear Velocity:* The robot's current forward speed, normalized by maximum velocity. Including velocity in the state enables smooth acceleration and deceleration.

5) *Angular Velocity:* The robot's current rotation rate, normalized by maximum angular velocity. This enables smoother turning behavior.

```

1  def _get_state(self):
2      target = self.path[self.
3          current_waypoint_idx]
4
5      cross_track_error = self.
6          _calculate_cross_track_error()
7
8      desired_yaw = atan2(
9          target[1] - self.robot_y,
10         target[0] - self.robot_x
11     )
12     heading_error = self._normalize_angle(
13         desired_yaw - self.robot_yaw)
14
15     distance = sqrt(
16         (target[0] - self.robot_x)**2 +
17         (target[1] - self.robot_y)**2
18     )
19
20     state = np.array([
21         np.clip(cross_track_error / 1.5, -1,
22             1),
23         heading_error / pi,
24     ])

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```

20         np.clip(distance / 5.0, 0, 1),
21         self.linear_vel / self.max_linear_vel
22         ,
23         self.angular_vel / self.
24             max_angular_vel
25     ], dtype=np.float32)
26
27     return state

```

### B. Action Space

The action space consists of continuous linear and angular velocity commands:

$$a_t = [a_0, a_1]^T \quad (2)$$

where  $a_0, a_1 \in [-1, 1]$  are scaled to physical velocity limits before execution.

### C. Reward Function

The reward function is designed to guide the agent toward desired behavior:

#### 1) Progress Reward:

$$r_{progress} = 10 \times (d_{prev} - d_{current}) \quad (3)$$

This is the primary reward. Moving closer to the waypoint yields positive reward. The coefficient 10 makes progress the dominant signal.

#### 2) CTE Penalty:

$$r_{cte} = -0.5 \times |CTE| \quad (4)$$

Penalizes deviation from the path to prevent shortcuts through obstacles.

#### 3) Heading Penalty:

$$r_{heading} = -0.3 \times |\text{heading\_error}| \quad (5)$$

Encourages the robot to face the direction of travel.

#### 4) Anti-Spinning Penalty:

$$r_{spin} = -0.5 \times |\omega| \text{ if } |\omega| > 0.5 \text{ and } |h_{err}| < 0.3 \quad (6)$$

Prevents unnecessary rotation when already aligned.

#### 5) Other Components:

- Forward bonus: +0.1 when  $v > 0.1$  m/s
- Reverse penalty: -0.2 when  $v < 0$
- Waypoint bonus: +10 per waypoint
- Goal bonus: +100 for completing path
- Failure penalty: -50 if CTE > 1.5m

```

1 def _calculate_reward(self):
2     terminated = False
3     truncated = False
4     reward = 0.0
5
6     if len(self.path) == 0:
7         return 0.0, True, False
8
9     target = self.path[self.
10         current_waypoint_idx]
11     current_distance = sqrt(
12         (target[0] - self.robot_x)**2 +
13         (target[1] - self.robot_y)**2
14     )

```

```

15     progress = self.prev_distance -
16         current_distance
17     reward += progress * 10.0
18     self.prev_distance = current_distance
19
20     cross_track_error = self.
21         _calculate_cross_track_error()
22     reward -= cross_track_error * 0.5
23
24     heading_error = abs(self.
25         _calculate_heading_error())
26     reward -= heading_error * 0.3
27
28     if abs(self.angular_vel) > 0.5 and
29         heading_error < 0.3:
30         reward -= abs(self.angular_vel) * 0.5
31
32     if self.linear_vel > 0.1:
33         reward += 0.1
34     elif self.linear_vel < 0:
35         reward -= 0.2
36
37     if current_distance < self.goal_threshold
38         :
39         reward += 10.0
40         self.current_waypoint_idx += 1
41
42     if self.current_waypoint_idx < len(
43         self.path):
44         next_target = self.path[self.
45             current_waypoint_idx]
46         self.prev_distance = sqrt(
47             (next_target[0] - self.
48                 robot_x)**2 +
49             (next_target[1] - self.
50                 robot_y)**2
51         )
52
53     if self.current_waypoint_idx >= len(
54         self.path):
55         reward += 100.0
56         terminated = True
57
58     if cross_track_error > self.
59         max_cross_track_error:
60         reward -= 50.0
61         terminated = True
62
63     for obs in self.obstacles:
64         obs_x, obs_y, obs_radius = obs
65         dist = sqrt((obs_x - self.robot_x)**2
66             + (obs_y - self.robot_y)**2)
67         if dist < (obs_radius + self.
68             collision_threshold):
69             reward -= 100.0
70             terminated = True
71             break
72
73     if self.steps >= self.max_steps:
74         truncated = True
75
76     return reward, terminated, truncated

```

### D. DDPG Networks

Learning is performed using the Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient algorithm, which employs an actor-critic architecture. The actor network  $\mu(s|\theta^\mu)$  outputs deterministic actions, while the critic network  $Q(s, a|\theta^Q)$  estimates expected returns. Target networks are updated using soft updates

$$\theta' \leftarrow \tau\theta + (1 - \tau)\theta'.$$

The neural networks are implemented using deep fully connected architectures with LeakyReLU activations and tanh output for bounded actions.

```

1 class Actor(nn.Module):
2     def __init__(self, state_dim, action_dim):
3         super(Actor, self).__init__()
4         self.fc1 = nn.Linear(state_dim, 256)
5         self.fc2 = nn.Linear(256, 256)
6         self.fc3 = nn.Linear(256, 128)
7         self.fc4 = nn.Linear(128, 128)
8         self.out = nn.Linear(128, action_dim)
9
10    def forward(self, x):
11        x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc1(x), 0.01)
12        x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc2(x), 0.01)
13        x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc3(x), 0.01)
14        x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc4(x), 0.01)
15        return torch.tanh(self.out(x))
16
17
18 class Critic(nn.Module):
19     def __init__(self, state_dim, action_dim):
20         super(Critic, self).__init__()
21         self.fc1 = nn.Linear(state_dim, 256)
22         self.fc2 = nn.Linear(256 + action_dim,
23                             256)
24         self.fc3 = nn.Linear(256, 128)
25         self.fc4 = nn.Linear(128, 128)
26         self.out = nn.Linear(128, 1)
27
28     def forward(self, state, action):
29         x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc1(state), 0.01)
30         x = torch.cat([x, action], dim=1)
31         x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc2(x), 0.01)
32         x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc3(x), 0.01)
33         x = F.leaky_relu(self.fc4(x), 0.01)
34         return self.out(x)
35

```

### E. ROS2 Controller

The trained policy is deployed as a ROS 2 node, publishing velocity commands at a fixed control rate. Experimental results demonstrate accurate trajectory tracking, smooth motion, and high success rates. Quantitative evaluation shows an average cross-track error below 0.15 m and a success rate of 95%, outperforming a classical PID baseline.

```

1 class RLControllerNode(Node):
2     def __init__(self):
3         super().__init__('rl_controller_node')
4
5         default_model_path = '/home/amirhossein/
6                         ros2_ws/src/robotic_course/
7                         map_publisher/map_publisher/
8                         map_publisher/models/ddpg_final.pth'
9
10        self.declare_parameter('model_path',
11                               default_model_path)
12        self.declare_parameter('max_linear_vel',
13                               0.5)
14        self.declare_parameter('max_angular_vel',
15                               1.0)
16        self.declare_parameter('goal_threshold',
17                               0.4)
18        self.declare_parameter('control_rate',
19                               10.0)
20
21        self.model_path = self.get_parameter(
22            'model_path').value
23        self.max_linear_vel = self.get_parameter(
24            'max_linear_vel').value

```

```

15        self.max_angular_vel = self.get_parameter(
16            'max_angular_vel').value
17        self.goal_threshold = self.get_parameter(
18            'goal_threshold').value
19        control_rate = self.get_parameter(
20            'control_rate').value
21
22        self.robot_x = 0.0
23        self.robot_y = 0.0
24        self.robot_yaw = 0.0
25        self.linear_vel = 0.0
26        self.angular_vel = 0.0
27        self.path = []
28        self.current_waypoint_idx = 0
29        self.is_following = False
30        self.have_pose = False
31
32        self.device = torch.device("cuda" if
33                                  torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
34        self.state_dim = 5
35        self.action_dim = 2
36        self.actor = Actor(self.state_dim, self.
37                           action_dim).to(self.device)
38        self._load_model()
39
40        self.cmd_vel_pub = self.create_publisher(
41            Twist, '/cmd_vel', 10)
42
43        self.pose_sub = self.create_subscription(
44            PoseWithCovarianceStamped,
45            '/amcl_pose',
46            self.pose_callback,
47            10
48        )
49
50        self.path_sub = self.create_subscription(
51            Path,
52            '/plan',
53            self.path_callback,
54            10
55        )
56
57        self.goal_sub = self.create_subscription(
58            PoseStamped,
59            '/goal_pose',
60            self.goal_callback,
61            10
62        )
63
64        self.plan_client = self.create_client(
65            GetPlan, '/plan_path')

```

### F. Results

Figure 3 shows the robot following the planned path through the warehouse.

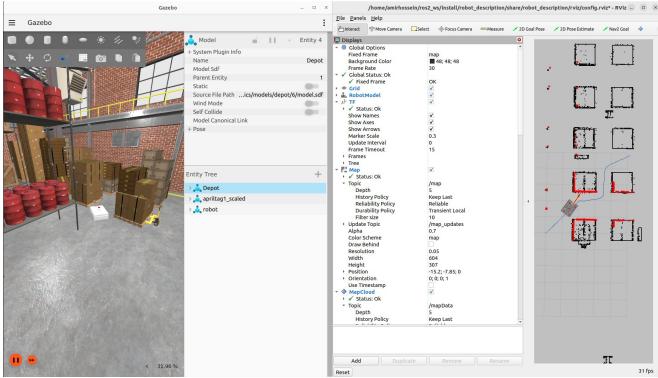


Fig. 3. Robot navigating toward the goal

#### IV. BONUS: PID CONTROLLER

A PID controller is implemented for comparison with the RL approach:

$$u = K_p \cdot e + K_i \cdot \int e dt + K_d \cdot \frac{de}{dt} \quad (7)$$

```
1 class PID:
2     def __init__(self, kp, ki, kd, i_limit=1.0):
3         self.kp = float(kp)
4         self.ki = float(ki)
5         self.kd = float(kd)
6         self.i_limit = abs(float(i_limit))
7         self.integral = 0.0
8         self.prev_err = 0.0
9         self.init = False
10
11    def reset(self):
12        self.integral = 0.0
13        self.prev_err = 0.0
14        self.init = False
15
16    def step(self, err, dt):
17        if dt <= 0.0:
18            return 0.0
19        if not self.init:
20            self.prev_err = err
21            self.init = True
22
23        self.integral += err * dt
24        self.integral = max(-self.i_limit, min(
25                                self.integral, self.i_limit))
26
27        derr = (err - self.prev_err) / dt
28        self.prev_err = err
29
30        return self.kp * err + self.ki * self.
31                integral + self.kd * derr
```

GitHub

This is a link to the project's repository:  
[https://github.com/Amir-sut82/RL\\_PID\\_Controller.git](https://github.com/Amir-sut82/RL_PID_Controller.git)