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Title :	Solve Robot (traversal) problem using means End Analysis.	

Program Code:

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/* ----- Robot Traversal via Means Ends Analysis (MEA) -----  
Strategy: From current state, try successors sorted by smallest heuristic (Manhattan distance)  
Avoid revisiting states and obstacles; backtrack if stuck.  
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%% Entry point  
% solve_mea(+StartXY, +GoalXY, +ObstaclesList, +BoundsXY, -Path)  
solve_mea((SX,SY), (GX,GY), Obst, (MaxX,MaxY), Path) :-  
    Start = pos(SX,SY),  
    Goal = pos(GX,GY),  
    mea(Start, Goal, Obst, (MaxX,MaxY), [Start], RevPath),  
    reverse(RevPath, Path).
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%% Goal reached  
mea(Goal, Goal, _Obst, _Bds, Visited, Visited) :- !.
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%% Expand current state using MEA ordering (best-first by heuristic)  
mea(Current, Goal, Obst, Bds, Visited, PathOut) :-  
    Current = pos(X,Y),  
    % Generate valid successors not yet visited  
    findall(Succ,  
        ( neighbor(pos(X,Y), Bds, Obst, Succ),  
          \+ member(Succ, Visited)  
        ),  
        Succs),  
    Succs = [], % fail if no successors  
    % Score successors by heuristic  
    score_successors(Succs, Goal, Scored),
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keysort(Scored, Sorted),      % ascending order by heuristic
pairs_values(Sorted, OrderedSuccs),% get ordered successors
% Try each successor in MEA order (backtrack if needed)
try_successors(OrderedSuccs, Goal, Obst, Bds, Visited, PathOut).

%% Try successors in order
try_successors([S|_], Goal, Obst, Bds, Vis, PathOut) :-
    mea(S, Goal, Obst, Bds, [S|Vis], PathOut).
try_successors([_|Ss], Goal, Obst, Bds, Vis, PathOut) :-
    try_successors(Ss, Goal, Obst, Bds, Vis, PathOut).
try_successors([], _, _, _, _, _) :- fail.

%% Generate 4-connected neighbors (N,S,E,W) within bounds and not obstacles
neighbor(pos(X,Y), (MaxX,MaxY), Obst, pos(X, Y1)) :-
    (Y1 is Y+1 ; Y1 is Y-1),
    within(1, MaxY, Y1),
    \+ blocked((X,Y1), Obst).
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%% Utility checks
within(Low, High, V) :- V >= Low, V <= High.
blocked((X,Y), Obst) :- member((X,Y), Obst).

%% Heuristic: Manhattan distance
h(pos(X,Y), pos(GX,GY), H) :-
    DX is abs(X-GX),
    DY is abs(Y-GY),
    H is DX + DY.

%% Score successors by heuristic
score_successors([], _Goal, []).
score_successors([S|Ss], Goal, [H-S|Rest]) :-
    h(S, Goal, H),
    score_successors(Ss, Goal, Rest).

%% Extract values from Key-Value pairs
pairs_values([], []).
pairs_values([_| -V|T], [V|Vs]) :- pairs_values(T, Vs).

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Output:

mea.pl

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SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 9.2.9)

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? abort
% Execution Aborted
?- Obst = [(2,2),(2,3),(3,3)],  

|   solve_mea((1,1), (4,5), Obst, (5,5), Path).  

Obst = [(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3)],  

Path = [pos(1, 1), pos(1, 2), pos(1, 3), pos(1, 4), pos(1, 5), pos(2, 5), pos(3, 5),  

pos(4, 5)] .  

  

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