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

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Program Code:

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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).

%% Goal reached
mea(Goal, Goal, _Obst, _Bds, Visited, Visited) :- !.

%% 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
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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([], _Goal, _Obst, _Bds, _Vis, _PathOut) :- 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:

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mea.pl
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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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