Moving-Target TSP in two-orthogonal-axes

Pseudocode

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Algorithm 1 Exact Algorithm for two-orthogonal-axes Moving-Target TSP

Input: The initial positions and velocities of n targets, and the maximum pursuer speed
Output: A time-optimal tour intercepting all targets, and returning back to the origin

Preprocessing
Partition the list of targets into the targets on the left side, the right side, the top side and the bottom side of the origin
Sort the targets on the left into list *Left* in order of nonincreasing speeds
Sort the targets on the right into list *Right* in order of nonincreasing speeds
Sort the targets on the top into list *Top* in order of nonincreasing speeds
Sort the targets on the bottom into list *Bottom* in order of nonincreasing speeds
Delete targets in *Left, Right, Top and Bottom* which are closer to the origin than faster targets in this list. Don't remove targets which move towards the other direction so they are crossing the origin.

if 3 of the 4 lists are empty **then**
    Calculate the time required to intercept all remaining targets; and
    Go to the postprocessing step
end if

Main Algorithm

Let A_0 be the start state
Let A_{final} be the final state
STATE is the sorted list of states in order of nondecreasing sum of the indices of each state's targets in lists *Left, Right, Top and Bottom*
Place A_0 first in the list STATE
Place A_{final} last in the list STATE
$t(A) \leftarrow \infty$ for any state $A \neq A_0$
$t(A_0) \leftarrow 0$
$current \leftarrow 0$

while current $\leq$ the number of states in $STATE$ **do**
    $A = STATE[current]$
    if there are no transitions into A **then**
        Increment *current* and jump back to the beginning of the while loop
    end if
    if for state A, all remaining targets are on one side of the origin **then**
        $t(\tau_{final}) \leftarrow$ time required to intercept the remaining targets (and return to the origin)
    else
        Calculate the two transitions τ_{left} and τ_{right} from state A using lists Left and Right
        if $t(A) + t(\tau_{left}) < t(A_{left})$ **then**
            $t(A_{left}) \leftarrow t(A) + t(\tau_{left})$
        end if
        if $t(A) + t(\tau_{right}) < t(A_{right})$ **then**
            $t(A_{right}) \leftarrow t(A) + t(\tau_{right})$
        end if
    end if
    Increment *current*
end while
$OUTPUT \leftarrow$ the reverse list of states from A_{final} back to A_0

Postprocessing

for pair of consecutive states in $OUTPUT$ **do**
    Calculate which targets are intercepted between the state pair
    Sort the intercepted targets by the interception order
end for
Output the concatenated sorted lists of targets

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