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The AStarPathfinding class provides functionality for generating paths using A* algorithm for two types of maps: walkable maps and cost maps.

The class provides two public methods, GeneratePath and GeneratePathSync, for generating paths asynchronously and synchronously, respectively.

Methods

GeneratePath

With walkableMap

public static async Task<(int, int)[]> GeneratePath(int startX,
int startY, int goalX, int goalY, bool[,] walkableMap,
bool manhattanHeuristic = true)

This method asynchronously generates a path from the start coordinates (startX, startY) to the goal coordinates (goalX, goalY) on the boolean walkableMap 2D array.

- `startX` (int) the x coordinate of the starting point
- `startY` (int) the y coordinate of the starting point
- `goalX` (int) the x coordinate of the goal point
- `goalY` (int) the y coordinate of the goal point
- `walkableMap` (bool[,]) a 2D array indicating whether a tile is traversable or not. The array is ordered as `[rows, columns]` i.e `[y, x]`
- `manhattanHeuristic` (bool) if `true`, the Manhattan distance heuristic is used, otherwise the Euclidean distance heuristic is used. Default value is `true`.

Asynchronously returns a tuple of `(int, int)[]` representing path coordinates traveling from start to goal. The coordinates are ordered as (x, y)`. If no path is found, an empty array is returned.

With costMap

public static async Task<(int, int)[]> GeneratePath(int startX,
int startY, int goalX, int goalY, float[,] costMap, bool
manhattanHeuristic = true)

This method asynchronously generates a path from the start coordinates (startX, startY) to the goal coordinates (goalX, goalY) on the boolean walkableMap 2D array.

- `startX` (int) the x coordinate of the starting point
- `startY` (int) the y coordinate of the starting point
- `goalX` (int) the x coordinate of the goal point
- `goalY` (int) the y coordinate of the goal point
- `costMap` (float[,]) a 2D array indicating the cost of traveling through tiles (-1f if the tile is not walkable). The array is ordered as `[rows, columns]` i.e `[y, x]`
- `manhattanHeuristic` (bool) if `true`, the Manhattan distance heuristic is used, otherwise the Euclidean distance heuristic is used. Default value is `true`.

Synchronously returns a tuple of `(int, int)[]` representing path coordinates traveling from start to goal. The coordinates are ordered as (x, y)`. If no path is found, an empty array is returned.

GeneratePathSync

With walkableMap

public static (int, int)[] GeneratePathSync(int startX, int startY,
int goalX, int goalY, bool[,] walkableMap, bool manhattanHeuristic = true)

This method asynchronously generates a path from the start coordinates (startX, startY) to the goal coordinates (goalX, goalY) on the boolean walkableMap 2D array.

- `startX` (int) the x coordinate of the starting point
- `startY` (int) the y coordinate of the starting point
- `goalX` (int) the x coordinate of the goal point
- `goalY` (int) the y coordinate of the goal point
- `walkableMap` (bool[,]) a 2D array indicating whether a tile is traversable or not. The array is ordered as `[rows, columns]` i.e `[y, x]`
- `manhattanHeuristic` (bool) if `true`, the Manhattan distance heuristic is used, otherwise the Euclidean distance heuristic is used. Default value is `true`.

Synchronously returns a tuple of `(int, int)[]` representing path coordinates traveling from start to goal. The coordinates are ordered as (x, y)`. If no path is found, an empty array is returned.

Warning: This method runs synchronously on Unity's thread and may cause momentary freezing if a hard path is calculated. If this occurs, use the asynchronous variant `GeneratePath`.

With costMap

public static (int, int)[] GeneratePathSync(int startX, int startY,
int goalX, int goalY, float[,] costMap, bool manhattanHeuristic = true)

This method asynchronously generates a path from the start coordinates (startX, startY) to the goal coordinates (goalX, goalY) on the boolean walkableMap 2D array.

- `startX` (int) the x coordinate of the starting point
- `startY` (int) the y coordinate of the starting point
- `goalX` (int) the x coordinate of the goal point
- `goalY` (int) the y coordinate of the goal point
- `costMap` (float[,]) a 2D array indicating the cost of traveling through tiles (-1f if the tile is not walkable). The array is ordered as `[rows, columns]` i.e `[y, x]`
- `manhattanHeuristic` (bool) if `true`, the Manhattan distance heuristic is used, otherwise the Euclidean distance heuristic is used. Default value is `true`.

Synchronously returns a tuple of `(int, int)[]` representing path coordinates traveling from start to goal. The coordinates are ordered as (x, y)`. If no path is found, an empty array is returned.

Warning: This method runs synchronously on Unity's thread and may cause momentary freezing if a hard path is calculated. If this occurs, use the asynchronous variant `GeneratePath`.