ENG1003 Freshman Seminar for Engineering AAE
Design of Path Planning Algorithm for Aircraft Operation

Path Planning Coding Guide

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The Path Planning Code

- You can find the path planning code inside the course GitHub repository

- There are 2 set of codes:
  - A default one
  - A noted one

- The default one is a basic A* path planning code without any extra information and features

- The noted one provides an example of what your code should look like after modifications (Remember each group should complete a different set of obstacles and requirements)

- Repository link: https://github.com/IPNL-POLYU/PolyU_AAE2004_Github_Project

Where you can find the code

Noted Version Guide

- Line 50,51: Declaration of cost intensive area cost modifier

- Line 53: Declare cost per grid

```
34
35        self.resolution = resolution # get resolution of the grid
36        self.rr = rr # robot radis
37        self.min_x, self.min_y = 0, 0
38        self.max_x, self.max_y = 0, 0
39        self.obstacle_map = None
40        self.x_width, self.y_width = 0, 0
41        self.motion = self.get_motion_model() # motion model for grid search expansion
42        self.calc_obstacle_map(ox, oy)
43
44        self.fc_x = fc_x
45        self.fc_y = fc_y
46        self.tc_x = tc_x
47        self.tc_y = tc_y
48
49
50        self.Delta_C1 = 0.2 # cost intensive area 1 modifier
51        self.Delta_C2 = 0.4 # cost intensive area 2 modifier
52
53        self.costPerGrid = 1
54
```

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- Line 115: Showing the final calculation of total trip time

- Line 135-144: Adding additional cost during cost intensive area

```python
103        if show_animation:  # pragma: no cover
104            plt.plot(self.calc_grid_position(current.x, self.min_x),
105                     self.calc_grid_position(current.y, self.min_y), "xc")
106            # for stopping simulation with the esc key.
107            plt.gcf().canvas.mpl_connect('key_release_event',
108                                         lambda event: [exit(
109                                             0) if event.key == 'escape' else None])
110            if len(closed_set.keys()) % 10 == 0:
111                plt.pause(0.001)
112
113        # reaching goal
114        if current.x == goal_node.x and current.y == goal_node.y:
115            print("Total Trip time required -> ",current.cost )
116            goal_node.parent_index = current.parent_index
117            goal_node.cost = current.cost
118            break
119
120        # Remove the item from the open set
121        del open_set[c_id]
122
123        # Add it to the closed set
124        closed_set[c_id] = current
125
126        # print(len(closed_set))
127
128        # expand_grid search grid based on motion model
129        for i, _ in enumerate(self.motion): # tranverse the motion matrix
130            node = self.Node(current.x + self.motion[i][0],
131                             current.y + self.motion[i][1],
132                             current.cost + self.motion[i][2] * self.costPerGrid, c_id)
133
134            ## add more cost in cost intensive area 1
135            if self.calc_grid_position(node.x, self.min_x) in self.tc_x:
136                if self.calc_grid_position(node.y, self.min_y) in self.tc_y:
137                    # print("cost intensive area!!")
138                    node.cost = node.cost + self.Delta_C1 * self.motion[i][2]
139
140            # add more cost in cost intensive area 2
141            if self.calc_grid_position(node.x, self.min_x) in self.fc_x:
142                if self.calc_grid_position(node.y, self.min_y) in self.fc_y:
143                    # print("cost intensive area!!")
144                    node.cost = node.cost + self.Delta_C2 * self.motion[i][2]
145                # print()
146
```

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- Line 263-270: Declaring motions for the aircraft

- Line 279-284: Declaring starting point and end point

```python
260        @staticmethod
261        def get_motion_model(): # the cost of the surrounding 8 points
262            # dx, dy, cost
263            motion = [[1, 0, 1],
264                      [0, 1, 1],
265                      [-1, 0, 1],
266                      [0, -1, 1],
267                      [-1, -1, math.sqrt(2)],
268                      [-1, 1, math.sqrt(2)],
269                      [1, -1, math.sqrt(2)],
270                      [1, 1, math.sqrt(2)]]
271
272            return motion
273
274
275    def main():
276        print(__file__ + " start the A star algorithm demo !!") # print simple notes
277
278        # start and goal position
279        sx = 0.0  # [m]
280        sy = 0.0  # [m]
281        gx = 50.0  # [m]
282        gy = 0.0  # [m]
283        grid_size = 1  # [m]
284        robot_radius = 1.0  # [m]
```

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- Line 309-329: Adding obstacles

- Line 337-348, Adding cost intensive areas (Hint: Refer to this part for your task 2!)

```
308     # set obstacle positions for group 9
309     ox, oy = [], []
310     for i in range(-10, 60): # draw the button border
311         ox.append(i)
312         oy.append(-10.0)
313     for i in range(-10, 60): # draw the right border
314         ox.append(60.0)
315         oy.append(i)
316     for i in range(-10, 60): # draw the top border
317         ox.append(i)
318         oy.append(60.0)
319     for i in range(-10, 60): # draw the left border
320         ox.append(-10.0)
321         oy.append(i)
322
323     for i in range(-10, 30): # draw the free border
324         ox.append(20.0)
325         oy.append(i)
326
327     for i in range(0, 20):
328         ox.append(i)
329         oy.append(-1 * i + 10)
330
331     # for i in range(40, 45): # draw the button border
332     #     ox.append(i)
333     #     oy.append(30.0)
334
335
336     # set cost intesive area 1
337     fc_x, fc_y = [], []
338     for i in range(30, 40):
339         for j in range(0, 40):
340             fc_x.append(i)
341             fc_y.append(j)
342
343     # set cost intesive area 1
344     tc_x, tc_y = [], []
345     for i in range(10, 20):
346         for j in range(20, 50):
347             tc_x.append(i)
348             tc_y.append(j)
```

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- If you wish to do the calculation using the program, you should add the calculation function under line 117, inside the reaching goal condition

- It would be even better if the program could distinguish viable and non-viable aircraft types!

- Use the noted version as your sample to modify your own code!

Program Calculation for Task 1

- When you add in a cost calculation function, the output should look something like this, it should be able to:

1. Calculate each aircraft types' operating costs

2. Mention which type might not be viable for certain scenarios

```
min_x: -10
min_y: -10
max_x: 60
max_y: 60
x_width: 70
y_width: 70
Total travelling time ->  93.35575746753788
A321 not viable!
Total cost of operating A330 in this scenario:  27360.167918740684
Total cost of operating A350 in this scenario:  30752.648960130347
```