

HERB Task Planning

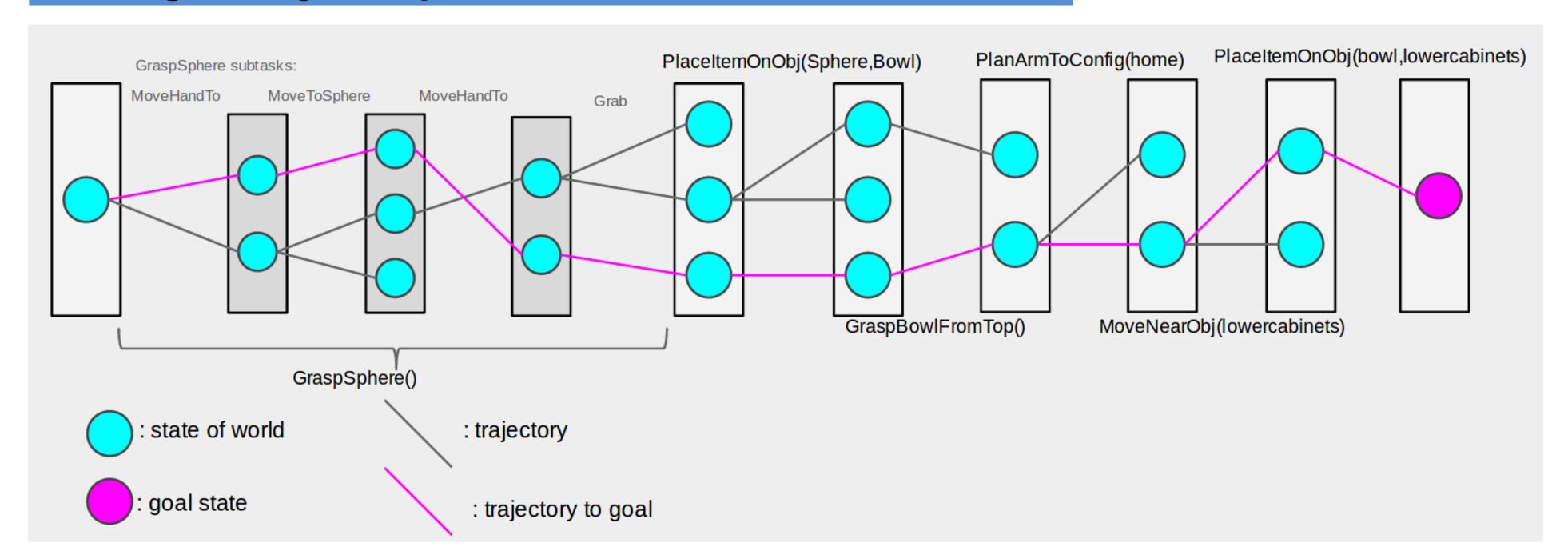
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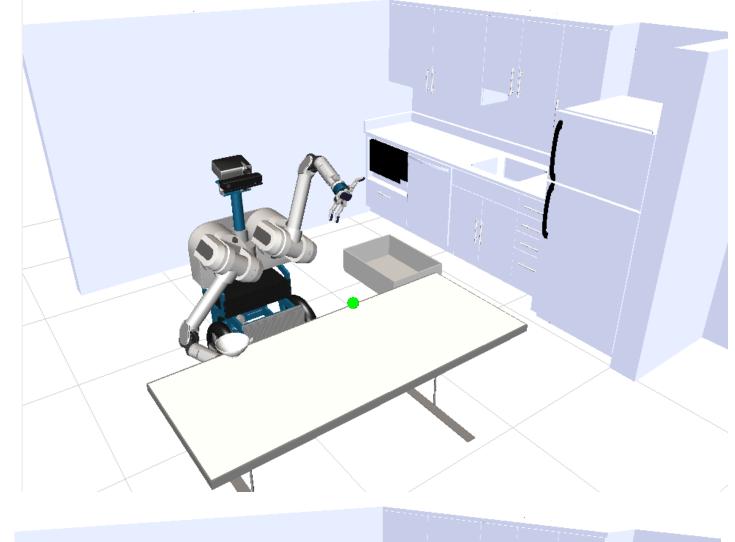
Abstract

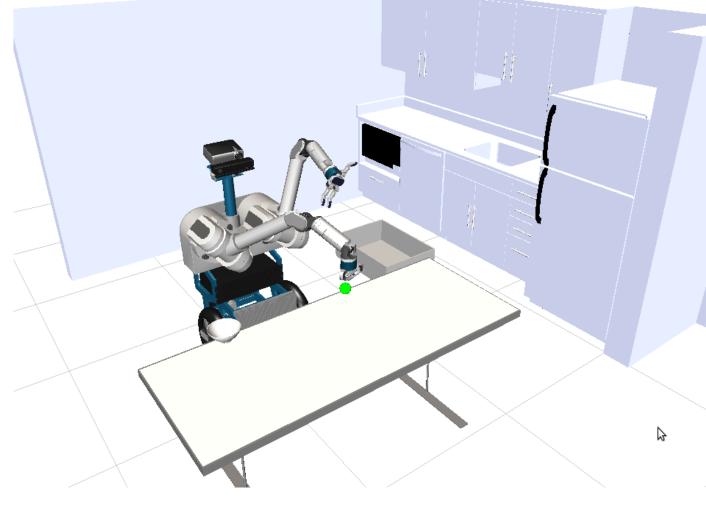
. I created high level tasks for the robot HERB to accomplish. Simple tasks such as moving an arm and grabbing a specified about were composed to create more complex tasks. In particular, the complex kitchen task was composed of moving a ball into a bowl over a table and then transporting the bowl over to the kitchen cabinets. This resulted in a task planner that could plan between pairs of states.

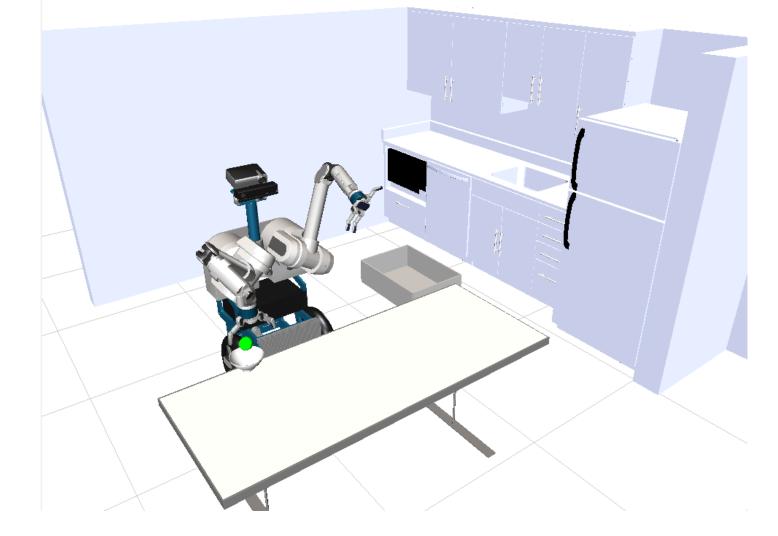
Finding a Trajectory



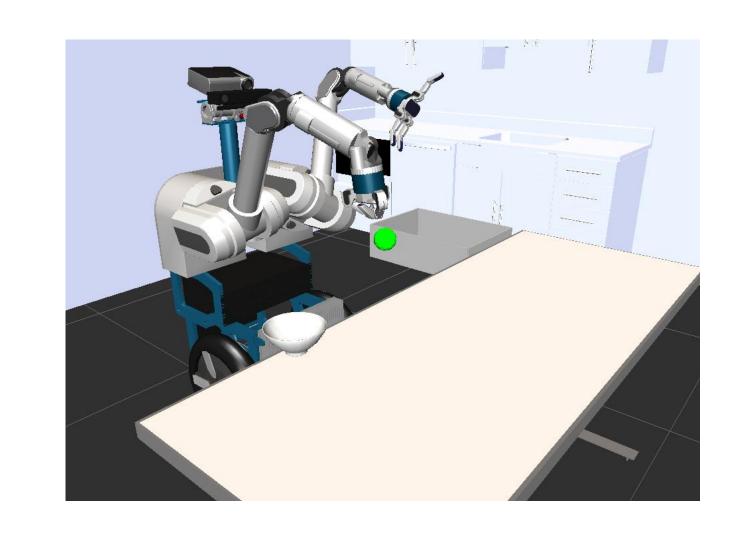
Simulation

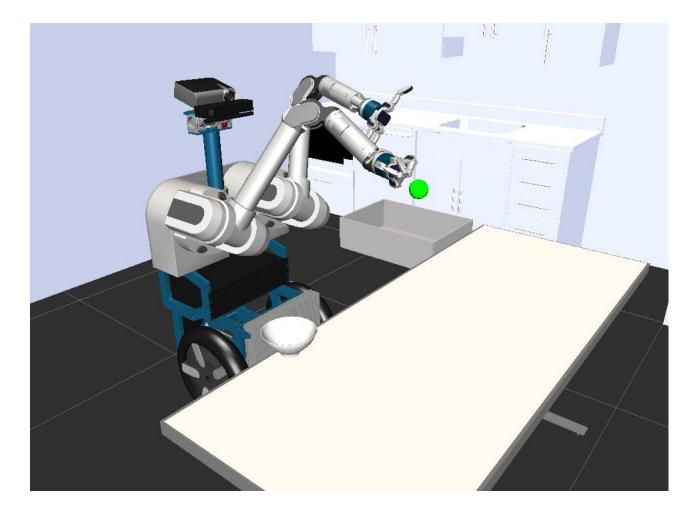






Searching for Trajectory





Algorithm 1 An Algorithm for Task Planning

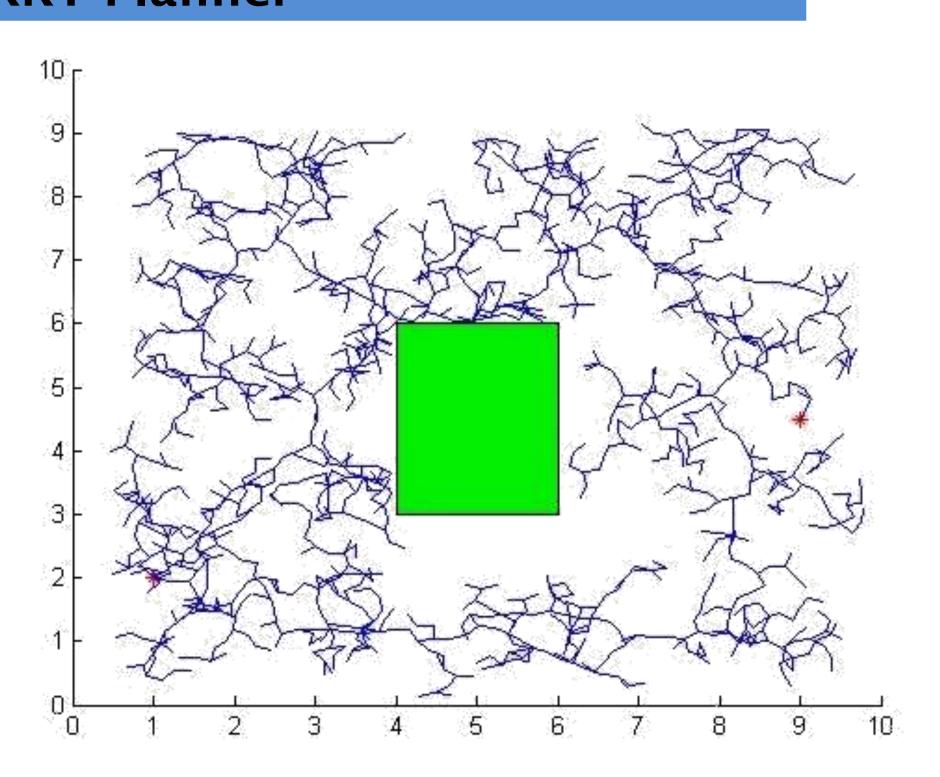
1: while(trajectory == None):
2: trajectory = chooseAction(randomAction())
3: fun chooseAction(action):
4: if primitive(action):
5: (start, goal) = sample(action) # via task planner
6: trajectory = planTrajectory(start, goal) # via motion planner
7: else:
8: subaction = randomSubaction(action)
9: trajectory = chooseAction(subaction)
10: return trajectory

orientation $(B, \theta) = BR_z(\theta)R_y(\pi)R_z(\frac{\pi}{2})$

Equation 1: Determines next orientation of hand. position $(\vec{b}, \theta, r) = \vec{b} + R_z(\theta) \cdot (0, r, 0.01)^T + \text{orientation}(\theta) \cdot (0, 0, \delta - r/2)^T$

Equation 2: Determines next position of hand.

RRT Planner



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