

Project 1: Solving Mazes with A*

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This heuristic calculates the Manhattan distance between the current location of the `MazeExplorer` and the end location of the maze. Since n_1 and n_2 are the coordinates of the current location and e_1 and e_2 are the coordinates of the end location, the Manhattan distance is calculated as $|n_1 - e_1| + |n_2 - e_2|$. This

This is the start to my paper, and [here is the link to the repository](#).

```
1 public class Manhattan implements ToIntFunction<MazeExplorer> {
2     @Override
3     public int applyAsInt(MazeExplorer value) {
4         return value.getLocation().getManhattanDist(value.getM().getEnd());
5     }
6 }
```

Figure 1: Manhattan-Only Heuristic

```

1  public class CombinedDist implements ToIntFunction<MazeExplorer> {
2      @Override
3      public int applyAsInt(MazeExplorer value) {
4          Pos currentLocation = value.getLocation();
5          Pos endLocation = value.getM().getEnd();
6
7          Set<Pos> allTreasures = value.getAllTreasureFromMaze();
8          Set<Pos> foundTreasures = value.getAllTreasureFound();
9
10         Set<Pos> remainingTreasures = new HashSet<>(allTreasures);
11         remainingTreasures.removeAll(foundTreasures);
12
13         if (remainingTreasures.isEmpty()) {
14             return currentLocation.getManhattanDist(endLocation);
15         }
16
17         int minDistFromCurrent = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
18         int minDistToEnd = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
19
20         for (Pos treasure : remainingTreasures) {
21             minDistFromCurrent = Math.min(minDistFromCurrent,
22                 ↪ currentLocation.getManhattanDist(treasure));
23             minDistToEnd = Math.min(minDistToEnd,
24                 ↪ treasure.getManhattanDist(endLocation));
25         }
26         return minDistFromCurrent + minDistToEnd;
27     }
28 }

```

Figure 2: Combined Distance Heuristic

```

1 public class MaxDist implements ToIntFunction<MazeExplorer> {
2     @Override
3     public int applyAsInt(MazeExplorer value) {
4         Pos currentLocation = value.getLocation();
5
6         Set<Pos> allTreasures = value.getAllTreasureFromMaze();
7         Set<Pos> foundTreasures = value.getAllTreasureFound();
8
9         Set<Pos> remainingTreasures = new HashSet<>(allTreasures);
10        remainingTreasures.removeAll(foundTreasures);
11
12        int maxDist =
13            ↪ currentLocation.getManhattanDist(value.getM().getEnd());
14
15        for (Pos treasure : remainingTreasures) {
16            int distToTreasure = currentLocation.getManhattanDist(treasure);
17            if (distToTreasure > maxDist) {
18                maxDist = distToTreasure;
19            }
20        }
21        return maxDist;
22    }
}

```

Figure 3: Max Distance Heuristic

```

1 public class OverlyConfident implements ToIntFunction<MazeExplorer> {
2     @Override
3     public int applyAsInt(MazeExplorer value) {
4         int manhattanDistance =
5             ↪ value.getLocation().getManhattanDist(value.getM().getEnd());
6         return manhattanDistance * 3;
7     }
8 }

```

Figure 4: Overly Confident Heuristic