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#### **Abstract**

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### 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 A\* search algorithm

The following is an excerpt from Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A\*\_search\_algorithm.

A\* is an informed search algorithm, or a best-first search, meaning that it solves problems by searching among all possible paths to the solution (goal) for the one that incurs the smallest cost (least distance travelled, shortest time, etc.). It is an extension of Edsger Dijkstra's 1959 algorithm. A\* selects the path that minimses:

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n) \tag{1}$$

where n is the last node on the path, g(n) is the cost of the path from the start node to n, and h(n) is a heuristic that estimates the cost of the cheapest path from n to the goal. The heuristic is problem-specific. For the algorithm to find the actual shortest path, the heuristic function must be admissible, meaning that it never overestimates the actual cost to get to the nearest goal node. Typical implementation of  $A^*$  use a priority queue to perform the repeated selection of minimum (estimated) cost nodes to expand.

Notation	meaning
xid, yid	

Table 1: Results of 3D performance evaluation on mean coverage (higher is better) and center error (lower is better).

Configuration	train (prev 12-05)		test (prev 12-05)
	mins	crash	min
Straight Line	51318	31	69376
A* 2D	51318	31	65656
A* 3D(risky)	43010	21	65720
A* 3D(conservative)	48874	29	<b>62766</b> <sup>1</sup>

Table 2: Results of 3D performance evaluation on mean coverage (higher is better) and center error (lower is better).

- 2 dataset
- 2.1 real weather update
- 3 Experiments
- 3.1 Notations
- 3.2 Baselines

Straight lines

A\* 2D

A\* 3D: risky scheme

A\* 3D: conservative scheme

References

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Algorithm 1: 3D A\* Double(I haven't implemented double yet) Expected Sarsa (Q-learning(which is better Q or ES?)), Dyna model planning with prioritized sweeping

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L^s = \{x^s, y^s\}: 2D location of the starting city
    L^g = \{x^g, y^g\}: 2D location of the goal city
    W_m = \{w_{x,y,t}\}: Wind predictions of model m \in \{1, 2, ..., M\} (M is the number of models) with size as X \times Y \times T
               where X, Y are the grid world size and T is the maximum allowed time
 1 Generate M trajectories: J_m from 3D A* algorithm (conservative(?)) and their corresponding policies: \pi_m
 2 Initialise action-value function Q: X \times Y \times T \leftarrow 0, Model(s, a) and PQueue to empty
 3 Initialise starting states S_S from L^s as (x^s, y^s, 0); goals states S_G from L_q as (x^s, y^s, t), t \in (1, 2, ..., T) and terminal
    states S_T as (x, y, T), x \in (1, 2, ..., X), y \in (1, 2, ..., Y)
 4 L is the total A* looping number (How to choose the number?), N is the number of planning steps, \theta is the priority
    threshold, \gamma is the discount rate, \alpha is the learning rate
 5 for l \leftarrow 1 to L do
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          s_1 \leftarrow S_S
         With probability \frac{1}{m} , uniformly select a random wind model number m_w from \{1,2,\ldots,M\}
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         With probability \frac{1}{m}, uniformly select a random policy number m_{A*} from \{1,2,\ldots,M\} (Should m_w,m_{A*} be the
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         for t \leftarrow 1 to T do
              a_t \leftarrow \pi_{m_{A_*}} (with probability \epsilon randomly select an action, if s_t is not in \pi_{m_{A_*}}, then action is selected greedily
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               according to Q) (How to handle expected sarsa action selectoin?)
              Execute action a_t; observe reward r_t from wind model W_{m_w}, and state s_{t+1}
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               Model(s_t, a_t) \leftarrow r_t, s_{t+1}
              \begin{aligned} P &\leftarrow |r_{t} + \gamma \max_{a} Q(s_{t+1}, a) - Q(s_{t}, a_{t})| \\ P &\leftarrow |r_{t} + \gamma \sum_{a} \pi_{\epsilon}(a|s_{t+1}) Q(s_{t+1}, a) - Q(s_{t}, a_{t})| \end{aligned}
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              if P > \theta, then insert s_t, a_t into PQueue with priority P
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              for n \leftarrow 1 to N while PQueue is not empty do
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                    s_n, a_n \leftarrow first(PQueue)
17
                    r_n, s_{n+1} \leftarrow Model(s_n, a_n)
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                    Q(s_n, a_n) \leftarrow Q(s_n, a_n) + \alpha [r_n + \gamma \max_a Q(s_{n+1}, a) - Q(s_n, a_n)]
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                    Q(s_n, a_n) \leftarrow Q(s_n, a_n) + \alpha [r_n + \gamma \sum_a \pi_{\epsilon}(a|s_{n+1})Q(s_{n+1}, a) - Q(s_n, a_n)] (here, \pi_{\epsilon} is \epsilon soft policy)
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                    for all \bar{s}, \bar{a} predicted lead to s_n do
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                         \bar{r} \leftarrow \text{predicted reward for } \bar{s}, \bar{a}, s_n
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                         P \leftarrow |\bar{r} + \gamma \max_a Q(s_n, a) - Q(\bar{s}, \bar{a})|
                        P \leftarrow |\bar{r} + \gamma \sum_{a} \pi_{\epsilon}(a|s_n)Q(s_n, a) - Q(\bar{s}, \bar{a})| if P > \theta, then insert \bar{s}, \bar{a} into PQueue with priority P
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              if s_{t+1} is in terminal states S_T or goal states S_G, break
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Trajectory J from the updated Q using greedy action selection