

## Autonomous Navigation

#### Goal

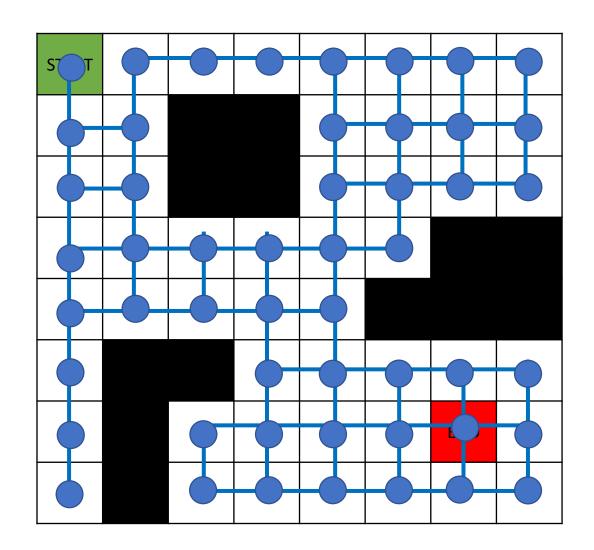
• Develop techniques that would allow a robot to automatically decide how to move from position one to another.

#### • Steps:

- Localization (GPS, INR, sensors)
- Mapping (obstacles, roads, POI)
- Path-planning
- Path-following

## Mapping

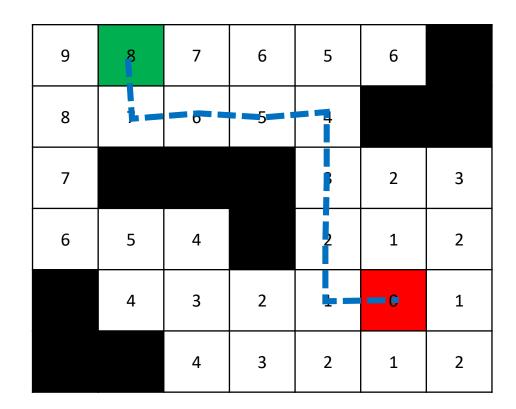
- Grid to Graph
- Graph: G(V, E)
  - V Vertexes (Nodes)
  - E Edges



## Grassfire Algorithm (BFS)

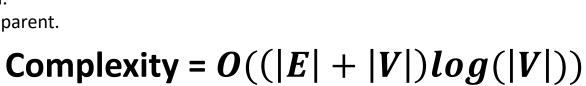
- For each node n in the graph:
  - $n.distance = \infty$
- Create empty list.
- *goal. distance* = 0, add goal to list.
- While list no empty:
  - Let current = first node in list.
  - Remove current from list.
  - For each node n, that is adjacent to current:
    - If n,  $distance = \infty$ :
      - n.distance = current.distance + 1.
      - Add n to the back of the list.
- Trace a path:
  - Start from Start.
  - Move to the neighbor with the smallest value.
  - Ties breaks arbitrarily.

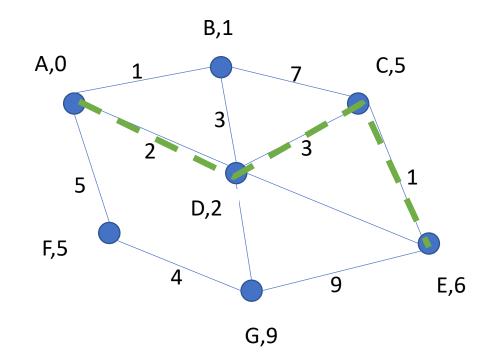
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$$O(|V|) = O(n * m)$$



## Dijkstra's Algorithm (BFS)

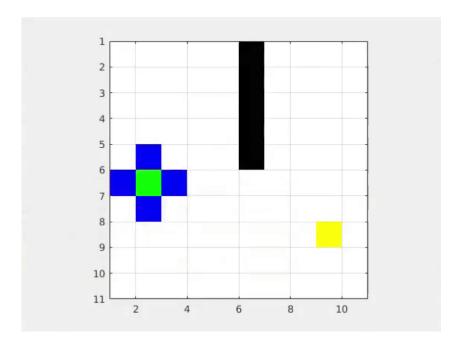
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- While list no empty:
  - Let current = node n in the list with the smallest distance.
  - Remove current from list.
  - For each node n, that is adjacent to current:
    - If n. distance > current. distance + length of edge from n to current
      - *n. distance* = *current. distance* + *length of edge from n to current*
      - n.parent = current
      - Add n to list if it isn't there already
- Trace a path:
  - · Start from destination.
  - Move from son to his parent.





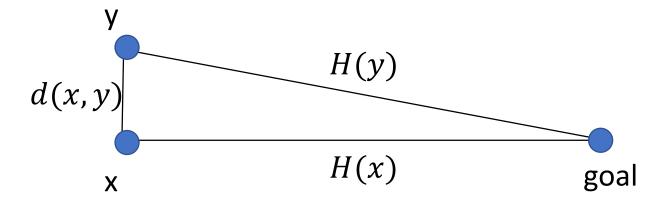
## Quick summary

- Dijkstra/Grassfire Algorithm explores evenly in all directions until it finds the gold node.
- Could we do better?
  - YES!
  - Using the information we already have.
  - The destination...



## Heuristic function H(n)

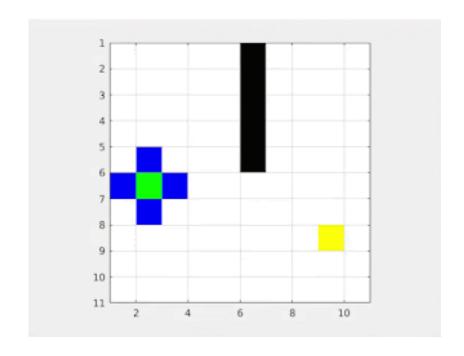
- H(n) = a non-negative value that is indicative of the distance from that node to the goal.
  - H(goal) = 0
  - $H(x) \le H(y) + d(x, y)$
  - $d(x,y) = length \ of \ the \ x y \ edge$
- Example of H function:



- Euclidean distance  $H(x_n, y_n) = \sqrt{\left(x_n x_g\right)^2 + \left(y_v y_g\right)^2}$
- Manhattan distance  $H(x_n, y_n) = |x_n x_g| + |y_v y_g|$

## A\* Algorithm (Best-FS)

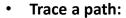
- For each node *n* in the graph:
  - $n. g = \infty$  (the distance from n to start)
  - $n.f = \infty$  (g value + **estimate** distance to goal)
- Create an empty list.
- start. g = 0, start. f = H(start). add start to list.
- While list no empty:
  - Let current = node n in the list with the smallest f value.
  - Remove current from list.
  - If (current == goal node) return success.
  - For each node n, that is adjacent to current:
    - If (n, g > current, g + cost of edge from n to current.
      - n.g = current.g + cost of edge from n to current.
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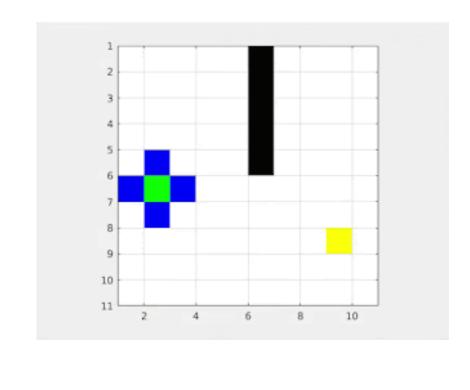
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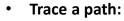


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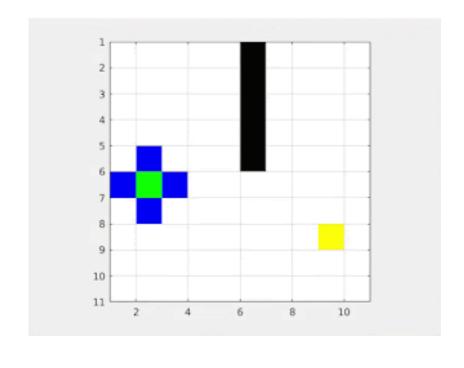
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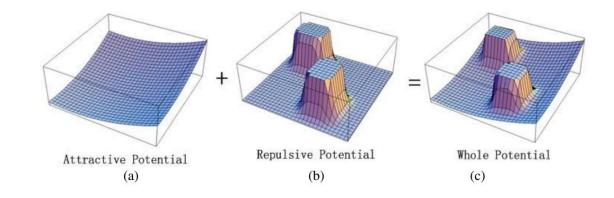


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## Potential Field Algorithm

- Create APT model
- Potential field calculation (gradient descent)
- Start movement at starting point
  - If (goal reached)
    - Stop navigation
  - Else:
    - If obstacle is detected:
      - APF model
      - Potential field calculation
      - Turning angel to find safe position
      - if: (goal eached):
        - Stop navigation
      - Else if (obstacle):
        - Repeat APF
    - Else:
      - Keep navigate till goal is reached

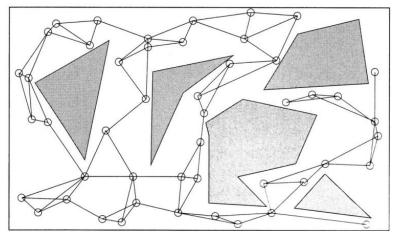


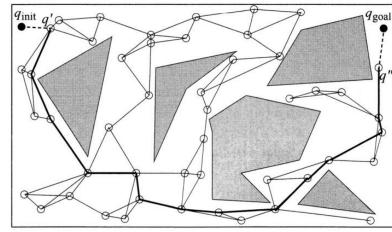
Complexity = O(|V| \* dimension)

# Random algorithms

## Probabilistic Road-Map (PRM) Algorithm

- **Step 1** learning the map:
  - Initially empty graph G (V,E).
  - Chose q randomly.
  - If q is free (collision detection) add to G.
  - Repeat until N nodes chosen.
  - For each q' select k closest neighbors:
    - For each neighbor connect q to neighbors q'.
    - If connect successful add edge (q,q') to G.
- Step 2 Finding a Path
  - Connect start and goal to exist G:
    - Find k nearest neighbors of <u>start</u> and <u>goal</u> in roadmap.
    - Connect start and goal to some exist nodes.
  - Use Dijkstra algorithm.





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