Path Planning system

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Path Planning in Robotics: Navigating the Future

Robotics is a field where science fiction meets reality. From self-driving cars to autonomous drones, robots are playing increasingly significant roles in our lives. Central to the operation of many robots is the ability to plan their paths intelligently. This article enter the world of path planning in robotics, exploring its types, challenges, applications, and future trends.

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- Introduction to Path Planning
- Types of Path Planning Algorithm
- Local planner and Global planner
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1 Introduction to Path Planning

Path planning, often referred to as motion planning or navigation planning, is a fundamental problem in robotics. At its core, it involves finding a safe

and efficient route from a starting point to a goal point while avoiding obstacles along the way. This process is crucial for robots to navigate their environments autonomously.

2 Types of Path Planning Algorithm

the choosing right path planning algorithm is important to ensure safe and efficient navigation in various environments and to less the time.

1. **Dijkstra's Algorithm**:

   - Description:Dijkstra's algorithm is a well-known graph search algorithm used for finding the shortest path from a starting node to all other nodes in a weighted graph. In robotics, it can be used to plan a path while considering the distance to the goal.
   - Example Application: Autonomous robots planning routes in a known environment.

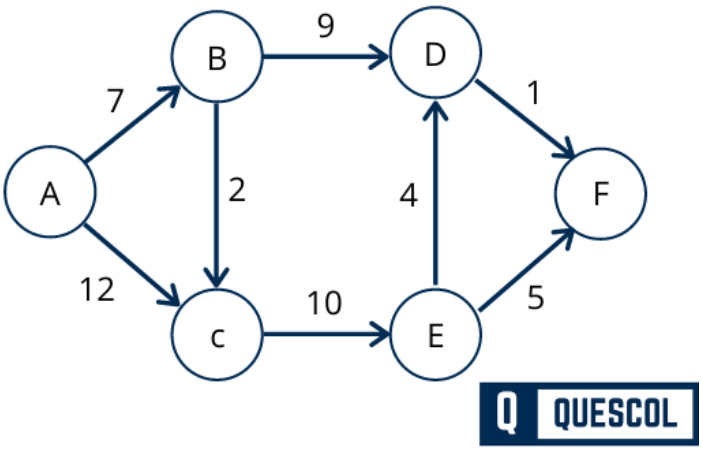

Figure 1: Dijkstra's Algorithm

2. **A* Algorithm**:

   - description: The A* algorithm is an extension of Dijkstra's algorithm that uses heuristics to prioritize paths that are likely to reach the goal faster. It is widely used for finding the shortest path in environments with obstacles.

- Example Application: Navigation of mobile robots through a maze or grid-based world.

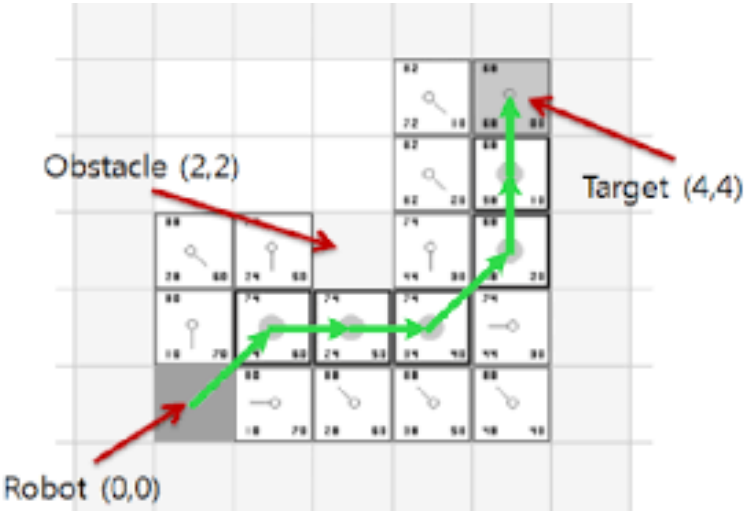

Figure 2: A* Algorithm

3. **Rapidly-Exploring Random Tree (RRT):**:

- description:RRT is a sampling-based algorithm that generates a tree of potential paths from a starting configuration to a goal configuration. It is particularly useful for planning in high-dimensional spaces.
- Example Application: Motion planning for robotic arms in cluttered environments.

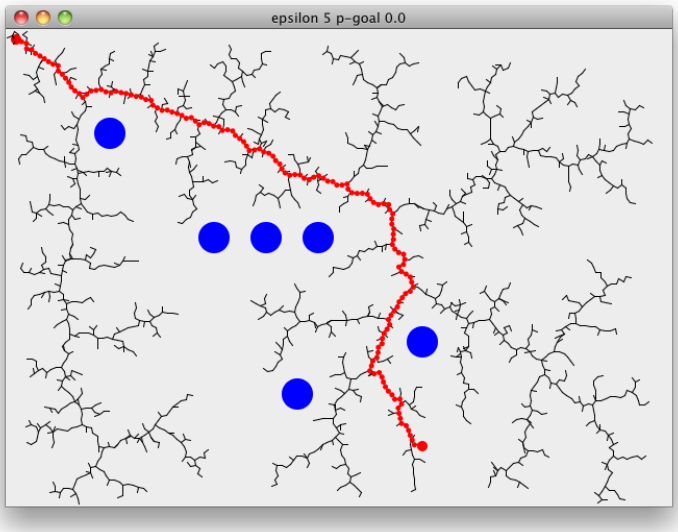

Figure 3: Rapidly-Exploring Random Tree

4. **Dynamic Window Approach (DWA)**:

   - Description: DWA is a local planning algorithm that considers the robot's current state and the dynamic obstacles in its immediate vicinity to generate safe and collision-free paths in real-time.
   - Example Application: Mobile robots avoiding obstacles in a crowded environment.

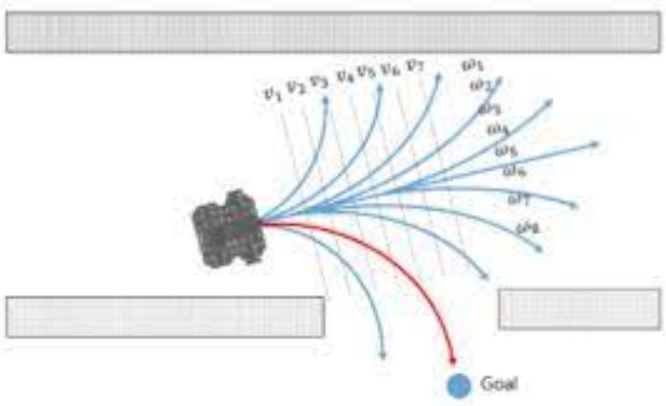

Figure 4: Dynamic Window Approach

5. **Probabilistic Roadmap (PRM)**:

- Description:PRM is a sampling-based algorithm that builds a roadmap of the environment by randomly sampling configurations and connecting them to form a network. It enables efficient path planning in high-dimensional spaces.
- Example Application: Path planning for multi-legged robots in complex terrains.

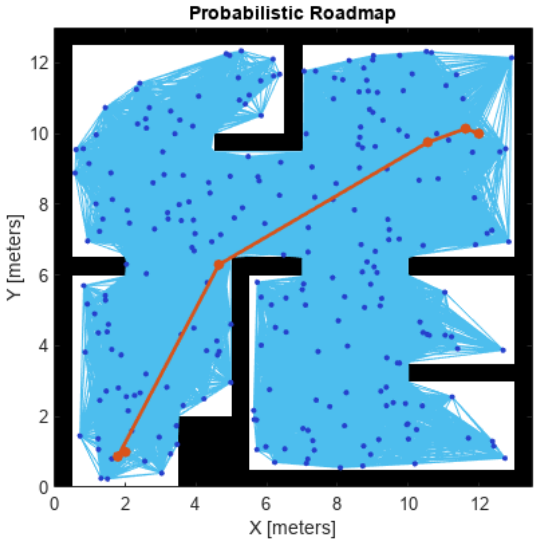

Figure 5: Probabilistic Roadmap

3 Local Planner and Global Planner

Path planning algorithms can be categorized into two main types:

- **Local Planner**: Handles short-term decisions and obstacle avoidance. It focuses on navigating immediately around the robot's current position.
- **Global Planner**: Deals with long-term decisions and goal-reaching strategies. It computes the overall path from the start to the goal while considering the robot's capabilities and constraints.

4 Challenges and Future Trends in Path Planning

4.1 challenges

1. **Uncertainty in Perception**: Sensor noise and uncertainty in perception can lead to inaccuracies in the robot's understanding of its surroundings.

2. **High-Dimensional State Spaces**: Real-world environments often result in high-dimensional state spaces, making path planning computationally intensive.

4.2 Future Trends

1. **Machine Learning Integration**:The integration of machine learning techniques, including reinforcement learning and neural networks, for learning adaptive path planning strategies.

2. **Multi-Agent Systems**: Extending path planning to multi-robot or multi-agent systems, where robots collaborate or compete to achieve collective goals.

5 Practical Applications of Path Planning

Path planning has extensive real-world applications, such as:

1. **Autonomous Vehicles**: Self-driving cars rely on advanced path planning algorithms to navigate road networks safely. They consider factors such as traffic, road conditions, and pedestrian movement to make real-time driving decisions.

2. **Search and Rescue Robots**: Robots are used in search and rescue operations to locate and assist disaster survivors. Path planning algorithms help them navigate complex and hazardous environments, such as collapsed buildings or disaster-stricken areas.

3. **Robotics in Healthcare**: Surgical robots use path planning to assist surgeons in performing minimally invasive surgeries with precision and safety.

4. **Drone Navigation**:Drones employ path planning to fly autonomously, capture aerial imagery, and perform tasks such as surveillance, mapping, and package delivery.

6 Conclusion and Resources

Path planning is an indispensable component of robotics, enabling robots to navigate complex and dynamic environments efficiently. With the advancement of algorithms and technology, the field of path planning continues to evolve, and promising to develop new algorithm to save alt of time and efficient resources from hardware.

6.1 The resources:

- A* algorithm
- path planning
- Rapidly-Exploring Random Tree (RRT)