

Given a start and end location for a point robot in a grid (workspace divided into cells) find a path that connects the start to the goal based on some optimization of a metric.

6.8 a1	5.8 a2	4.8 a3	3.8 a4	3.4 a5	3 a6	3.4 a7
6.4 b1	5.4 b2	4.4 b3	3.4 b4	2.4 b5	2 b6	2.4 b7
6.8 c1	5.8 c2	/	/	/	1 c6	1.4 c7
7.2 d1	6.8 d2	7.2 d3	d4	/	d6	d7
6.8 e1	5.8 e2	/	/	/	1 e6	1.4 e7
6.4 f1	5.4 f2	4.4 f3	3.4 f4	2.4 f5	2 f6	2.4 f7

→ Initialize all cells to very high cost

→ Obstacle cells to ∞ or something higher than the cell costs

→ Make cost of $S \leftarrow 0$ ($d6=0$).

→ Find cost (Nbhors(S)) → $c6=1$, $e6=d7=1$. $c7=e7=1.4$

→ Choose the Nbr with the least cost from d6. (S) $\leftarrow c6$

→ Expand from c6 or find cost of (Nbhors(c6)) from S

↳ $b6=2$, $b7=2.4$.

→ Choose the node amongst all expanded/opened nodes, the one with the minimum cost from S, which is e6

- Expand(e_6) → f_6, f_7, f_5
- Cost(Nbhrs(e_6)) → $f_6=2, f_7=2.4, f_5=2.4$
- Choose node with the least cost → d_7
- Expand(d_7) → No nodes to expand @ d_7
- Continue to expand till the goal node is reached or all nodes in the cell are expanded (Either of the two ways is fine)
- Find path from $G \rightarrow S$ by the method of steepest descent.

QUESTIONS:

- Does the algorithm halt (Find a path if one exists)?
- Is the path optimal in an eight connected sense from the S ?

LIMITATIONS:

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