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Local Path Planning Using Virtual Potential Field

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Abstract

In this report we discuss our implementation of a local path planning algorithm based on virtual potential field described in [1]. The algorithm uses virtual forces to avoid being trapped in a local minimum. Simulation and experiments are performed, and compared to the results presented in the paper. They show good performance and ability to avoid the local minimum problem in most of the cases.

Keywords

mobile robots, navigation, path planning, local path planning, virtual force field, virtual potential field.

1. Introduction

Autonomous navigation of a robot relies on the ability of the robot to achieve its goal, avoiding the obstacles in the environment. In some cases the robot has a complete knowledge of its environment, and plans its movement based on it. But, in general, the robot only has an idea about the goal, and should reach it using its sensors to gather information about the environment.

Hierarchical systems decompose the control process by function. Low-level processes provide simple functions that are grouped together by higher-level processes in order to provide overall vehicle control [2]. We can think of high level processing as planning level where high level plans are generated, and low level processing as reactive control where the robot needs to avoid the obstacle sensed by the sensors. This is called local path planning.

Local path planning, should be performed in real time, and it takes priority over the high level plans. Therefore, it is some time called real time obstacle avoidance.

One of the local path planning methods, is the potential field method [3]. It is an attractive method because of its elegance and simplicity [1]. However, using this method the robot can be easily fall in a local minimum. Therefore, additional efforts are needed to avoid this situation.

This report is organized as the following:

In section 2, we will introduce the potential field method, showing how it can be trapped to a local minimum. Then in section 3, we will describe the modification introduced in the paper [1], to avoid the local minimum. In section 4 will present our implementation of the algorithm. Section 5 will describe the test setup and the obtained results, comparing them to the results described in the original paper. Finally, section 6 will conclude this report.

2. The Potential Field Method

The idea of a potential field is taken from nature. For instance a charged particle navigating a magnetic field, or a small ball rolling in a hill. The idea is that depending on the strength of the field, or the slope of the hill, the particle, or the ball can arrive to the source of the field, the magnet, or the valley in this example.

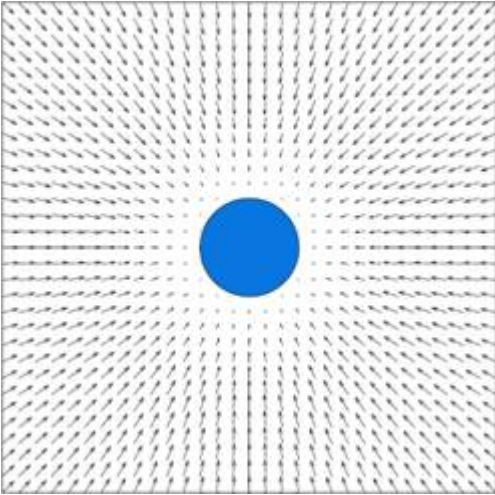
In robotics, we can simulate the same effect, by creating an artificial potential field that will attract the robot to the goal.

By designing adequate potential field, we can make the robot exhibit simple behaviors.

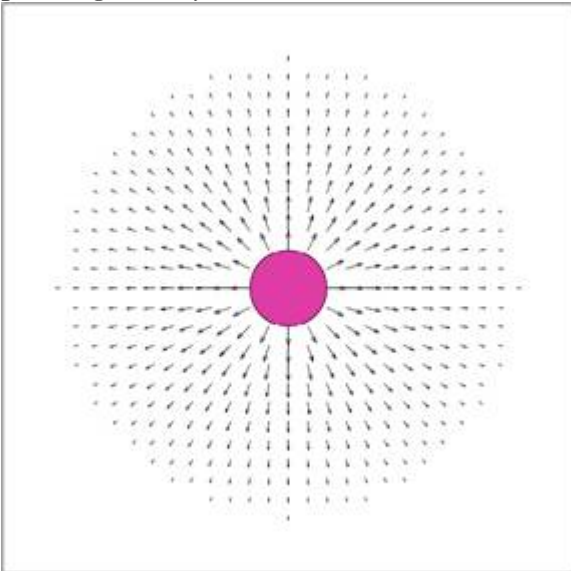
For instance, lets assume that there is no obstacle in the environment, and that the robot should seek this goal. To do that in conventional planning, one should calculate the relative position of the robot to the goal, and then apply the suitable forces that will drive the robot to the goal.

In potential field approach, we simply create an attractive field going inside the goal. The potential field is defined across the entire free space, and in each time step, we calculate the potential field at the robot position, and then calculate the induced force by this field. The robot then should move according to this force.

This figure illustrates this concept [4]:

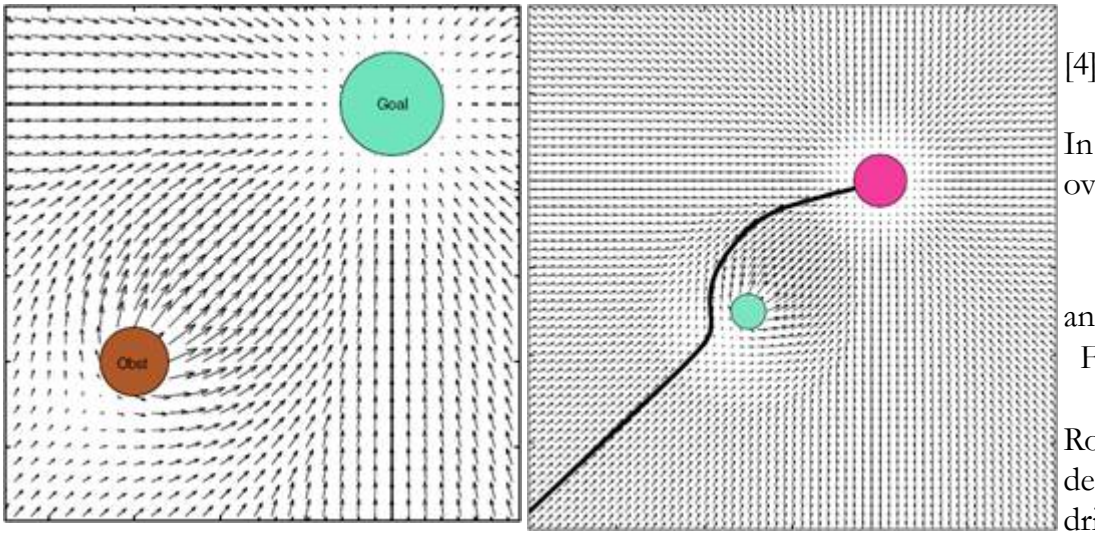


We can also define another behavior, that allows the robot to avoid obstacles. We simply make each obstacle generate a repulsive field around it. If the robot approaches the obstacle, a repulsive force will act on it, pushing it away from the obstacle.



[4]

The two behaviors, seeking and avoiding, can be combined by combining the two potential fields, the robot then can follow the force induced by the new field to reach the goal while avoiding the obstacle:



[4]

In mathematical terms, the overall potential field is:

$$U(\mathbf{q}) = U_{\text{goal}}(\mathbf{q}) + \sum U_{\text{obstacles}}(\mathbf{q})$$

and the induced force is:

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla U(\mathbf{q}) = (-\partial U / \partial x, -\partial U / \partial y)$$

Robot motion can be derived by taking small steps driven by the local force [2].

Many potential field functions are studied in the literature. Typically U_{goal} is defined as a parabolic attractor [2]:

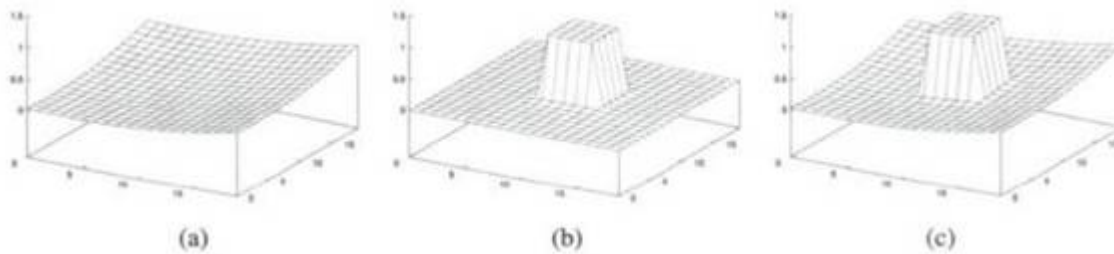
$$U_{\text{goal}} = \alpha \text{dist}(\mathbf{q}, \text{goal})^2$$

where dist is the Euclidean distance between the state \mathbf{q} and the goal.

$U_{\text{obstacles}}$ is modeled as a potential barrier that rises to infinity when the robot approaches the obstacle [2]:

$$U_{\text{obstacles}} = \alpha \text{dist}(\mathbf{q}, \text{obstacle})^{-1}$$

where dist is the Euclidean distance between the robot in state \mathbf{q} and the closest point on the obstacle. The repulsive force is computed with respect to either the nearest obstacle or summed over all the obstacles in the environment.



(a) attractive field,
(b) repulsive field,
(c) the sum

sophisticate repulsive force will be used:

$$U_{\text{obstacles}} = \begin{cases} \alpha (1/\text{dist}(\mathbf{q}, \text{obstacle}) - 1/p)^2 \text{dist}(\mathbf{q}, \text{goal})^2 & \text{if } \text{dist}(\mathbf{q}, \text{obstacle}) \leq p \\ 0 & \text{if } \text{dist}(\mathbf{q}, \text{obstacle}) > p \end{cases}$$

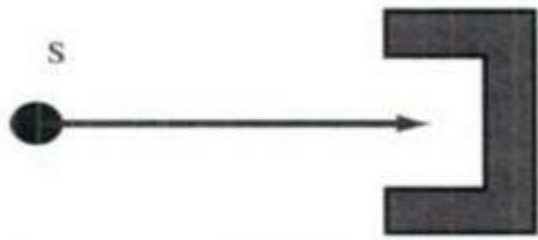
where p is a positive constant denoting the distance of influence of the obstacle.

Potential field method was developed as an online collision avoidance approach, applicable when the robot does not have a prior model of the obstacle, but senses then during motion execution [1]. And it is obvious that its reliance on local information can trap it in a local minimum.

An example of that is a U shape trap, where the robot will be attracted toward the trap, but will never be able to reach the goal [2]:

Another example is when the robot faces a long wall. The repulsive forces will not allow the robot to reach the sides of the wall, and hence, it will not reach the goal.

3. Avoiding the Local Minimum



Several methods have been suggested to deal with the local minimum phenomenon in potential field m. One idea is to avoid the local minimum by incorporating the potential field with the high-level planner, so that the robot can use the information derived from its sensor, but still plan globally [2].

Another set of approaches are to allow the robot to go into local minimum state, but then try to fix this situation by:

- Backtracking from the local Minimum and then using another strategy to avoid the local minimum.
- Doing some random movements, with the hope that these movements will help escaping the local minimum.
- Using a procedural planner, such as wall following, or using one of the bug algorithms to avoid the obstacle where the local Minimum is.
- Using more complex potential fields that are guaranteed to be local minimum free, like harmonic potential fields [2].
- Changing the potential field properties of the position of the local minimum. So that if the robot gets repelled from it gradually.

All these approaches rely on the fact that the robot can discover that it is trapped, which is also an ill-defined problem.

The method used in this work, is similar to the last point, where the properties of the potential fields are changed.

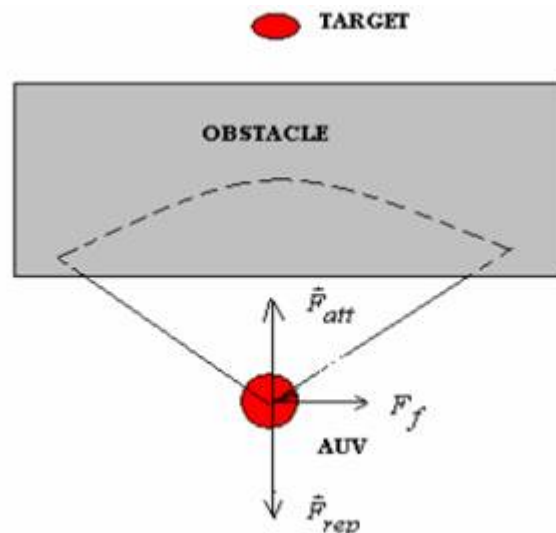
When the robot senses that it is trapped, a new force called virtual free space force, (or virtual force simply), will be applied to it.

The virtual force is proportional to the amount of free space around the robot, and it helps pulling the robot outside of the local minimum area. After the virtual force is applied, the robot will be dragged outside of the local minimum and it will begin moving again using the potential field planner. However, it is now unlikely that it will be trapped again to the same local minimum.

More formally, the virtual force F_f is proportional to the free space around the robot. It is calculated by:

$$F_f = F_{cf} (\cos(\theta) e_x + \sin(\theta) e_y) \quad [1]$$

force constant F_{cf} is free space orientation and where θ is robot to



Unfortunately, the paper does not discuss in detail what robot to free space . orientation means, nor does it include any figure explaining e_x , and e_y . However, it can be inferred that will be toward the free space around the robot, in an opposite direction of the obstacle. Its two components on x and y can be described by $\cos(\theta) e_x$ and $\sin(\theta) e_y$

The total force will be the sum of the attractive force (derived from the goal potential field), the repulsive force (derived from the obstacle fields), and the virtual force:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{att}} + \mathbf{F}_{\text{rep}} + \mathbf{F}_f$$

Finally, to detect that the robot is trapped, we use a position estimator to estimate the current position of the robot (open-loop). If the current position does not change for a considerable amount of time (a predefined threshold), the virtual force is generated to pull out the robot from the local minimum.

Note that, the robot speed is decreased once it approaches an obstacle, (due to the repulsive force). Therefore, the robot cannot stay in a non-local minimum place for a long time, unless if this is planned by the high-level planner.

4. Implementation

An implementation of the potential field algorithm, and the potential field with virtual force algorithm is developed using the Java programming language, we will outline it here. The full code is in the appendix with this report.

One advantage of the potential field method is that it is easy to implement.

We need a representation for the robot, the obstacles, and the world.

Then at each time step, the potential field is evaluated at the position of the robot, and the robot is moved using the force induced by the potential field.

The obstacle is simply a particle that has a position, a size, and a charge, in the implementation it also provides simple methods to report the distance from the robot.

```

09     double diam;
10     double mass;
11     Point p;
12     double charge;
13     public Obstacle(Point p, double charge, double diam) {
...
18     public Obstacle(Point p) {
...
24     public double distanceSq(Robot r) {
...
28     public double distance(Robot r) {
...

```

The robot has a position, size, and the ability to sense the environment using methods that simulate approximately the sonar sensor.

```

007     double x, y;
008     double vx, vy;
009     double dt;
010     double m;
011     double fMax;
012     ArrayList obstacles;
013     public double diam;
014     Obstacle target;
015     boolean virtualforce = false;
016     public Robot(Point p, ArrayList obstacles, double dt, double m, double fMax, double
...
028     public void updatePosition() {
...
098     boolean range(Obstacle ob, double range) {
...
106     double addNoise(double x, double mean, double stddev) {
...

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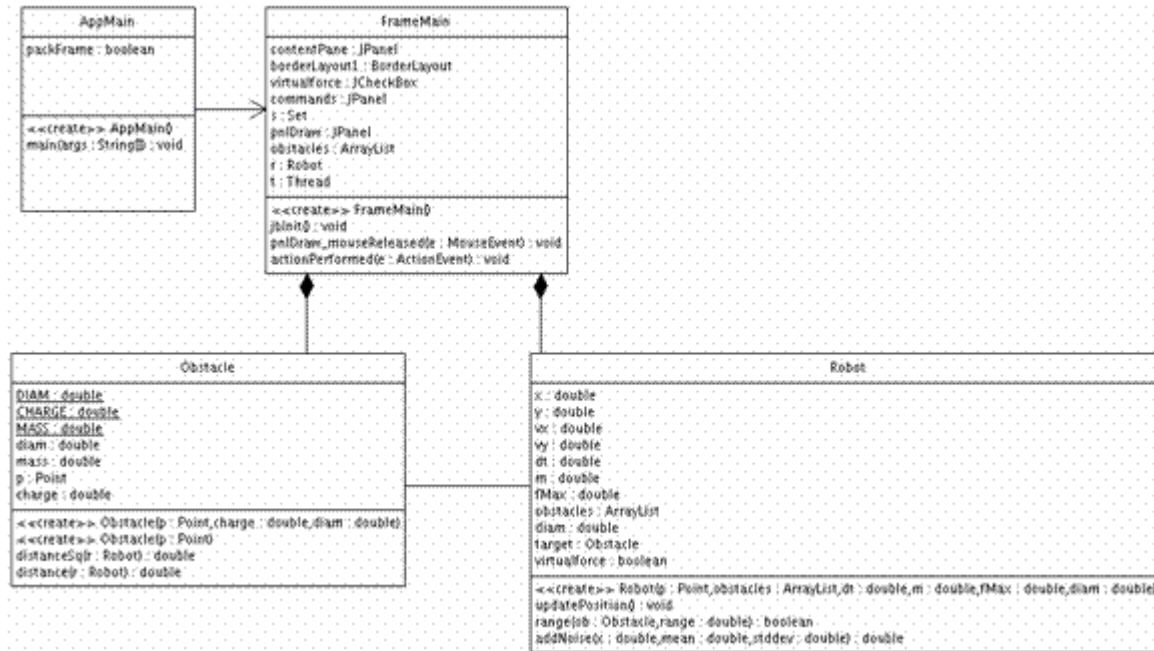
The world is a set of obstacles, and the robot. It also has the clock of the simulation where at each time step, the robot senses the obstacle around, plan its movement using the potential field (with or without) virtual force. And finally, perform the action by moving its self using the potential force generated by the potential field.

```

038     ArrayList obstacles = new ArrayList();
039
041     obstacles.add(new Obstacle(new Point(0, 0), +100, 3));
044     Robot r = new Robot(new Point(800, 600), obstacles, 0.1, 40, 4000, 15);
045     Thread t = new Thread();

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Here is the class diagram of the project:

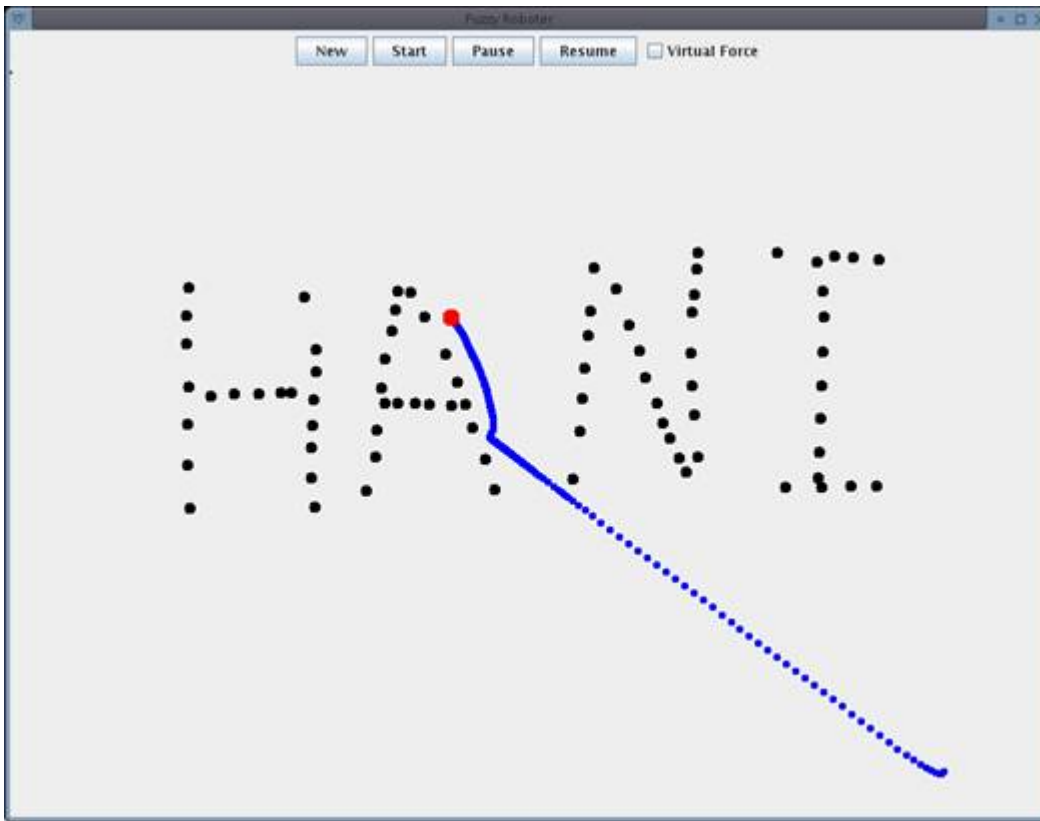


The interface of the program, allows the user to create the environment adding obstacle. The running the simulation, can controlling the addition of the virtual force.

The user can add obstacles, turn on and off the virtual force, even when the simulation is running. He can also pause and resume

the simulation.

The graphical user interface will show the robot and its path during the simulation:



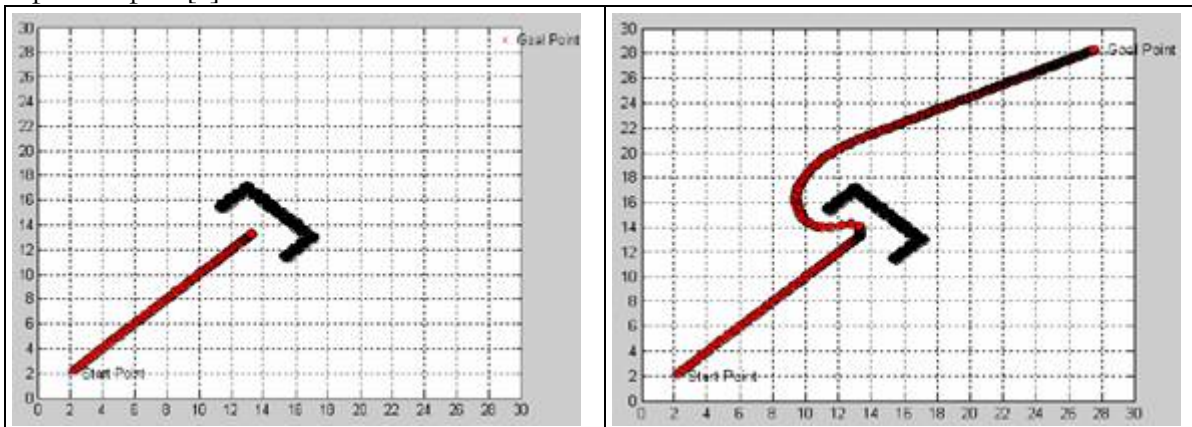
5. Experiments & Results

The potential field method with virtual force correction, is simulated and compared to the original potential field method. The paper [1] presents two comparisons between the two methods, proving the feasibility of the virtual force modification.

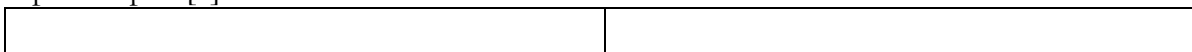
We also performed other experiments with our implementation, two of them were replicating the examples shown in paper, and the others are new setups to verify the feasibility of the modification in other situations.

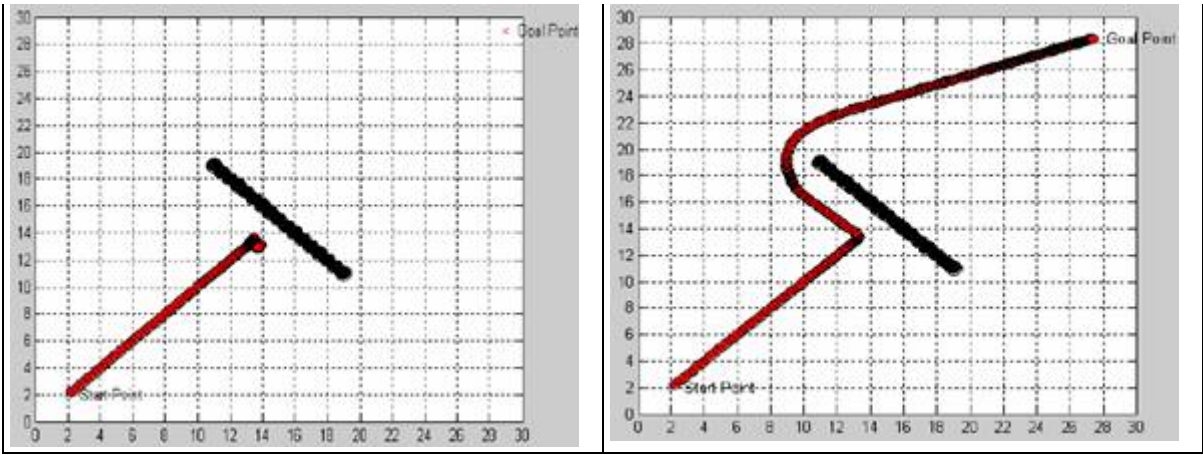
The world is a 30x30 cm. The robot is treated as a particle with radius 0.7 cm, the obstacles has radii of 1 cm. The robot uses sonar as a sensor. The simulated sonar has a range of 5cm, and a beam width of 120 degrees [1].

The following experiment compares the original potential field (left) to the modified one (right), in the U-trap example: [1]

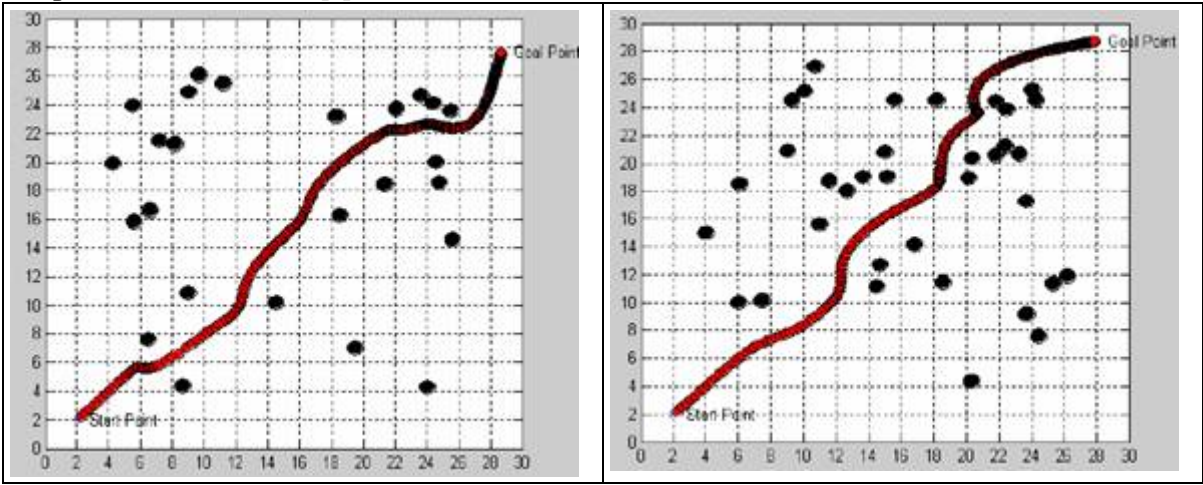


The following experiment compares the original potential field (left) to the modified one (right), in the wall-trap example: [1]

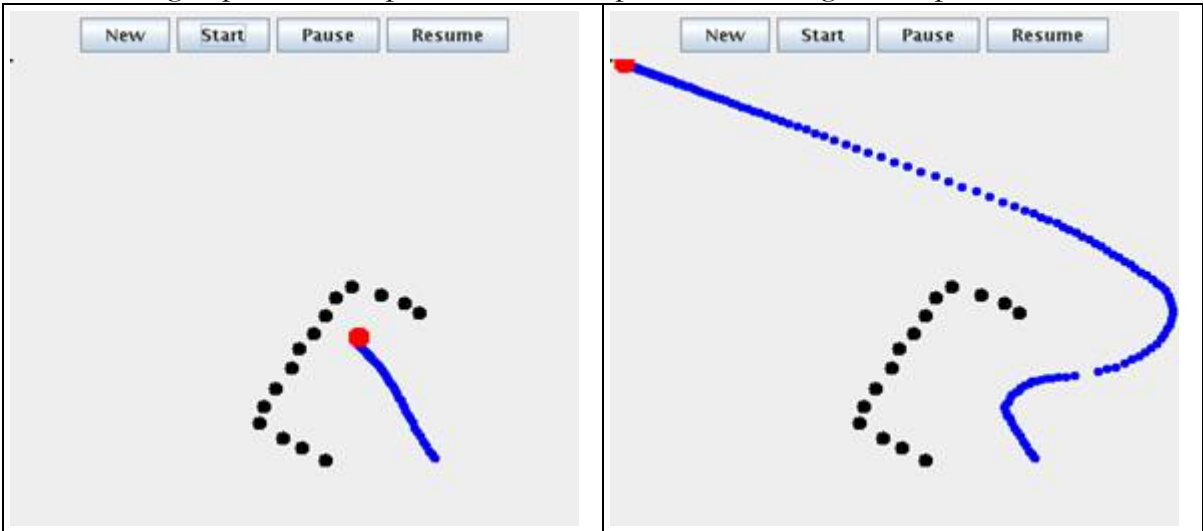




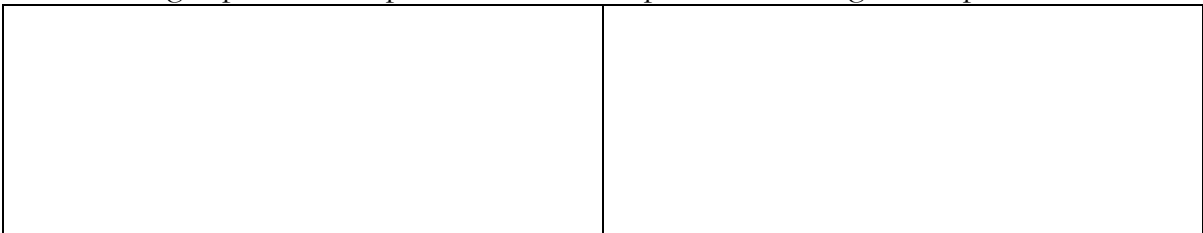
The following experiment shows that the virtual force modification, manages to handle navigating in complex environments: [1]

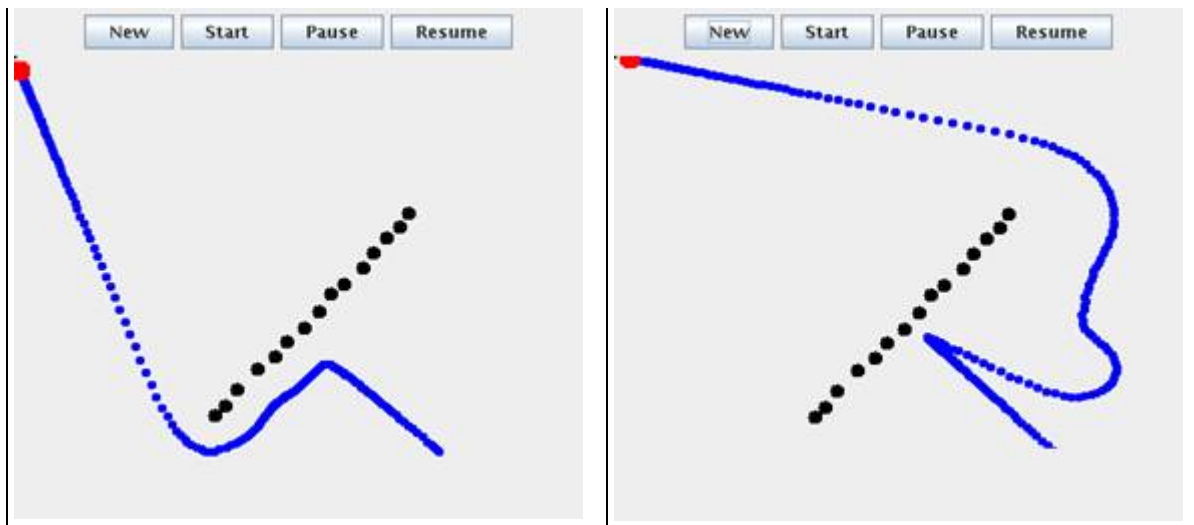


The following experiment duplicates the U-trap situation using our implementation:



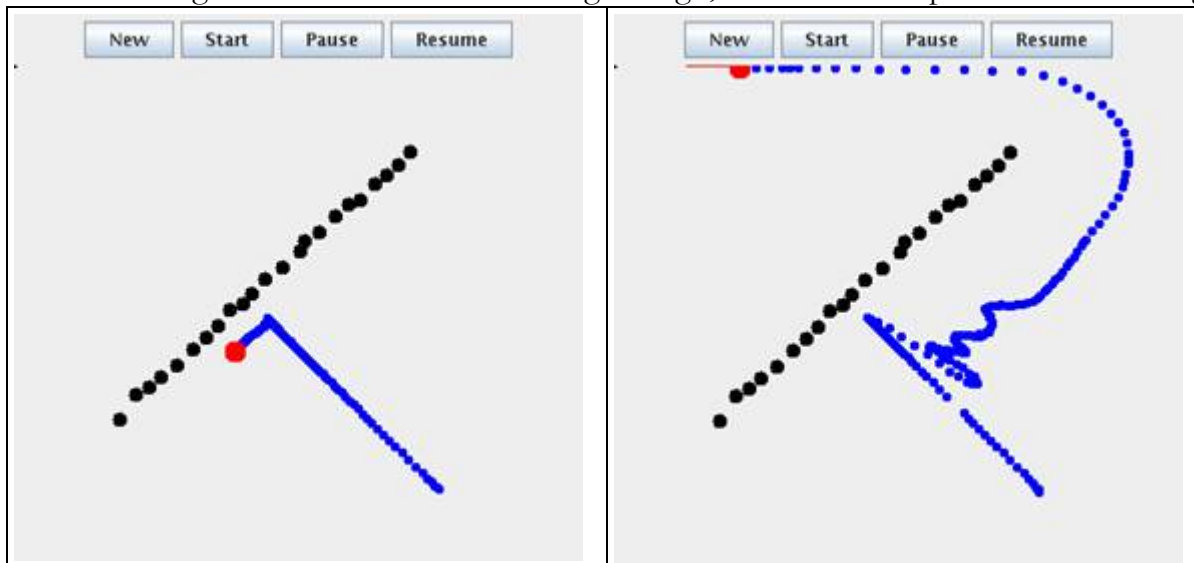
The following experiment duplicates the wall-trap situation using our implementation:





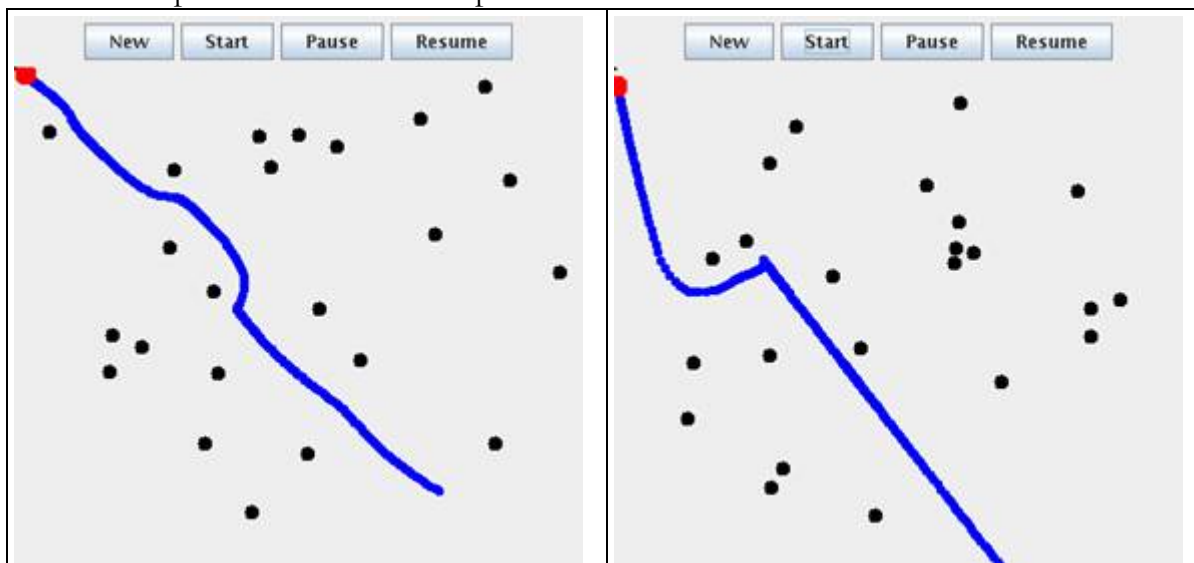
we notice that both the two methods managed to avoid the wall, although the virtual force method exhibits a more interesting behavior.

The reason might be that the wall is not long enough, we redid the experiment with a longer wall:



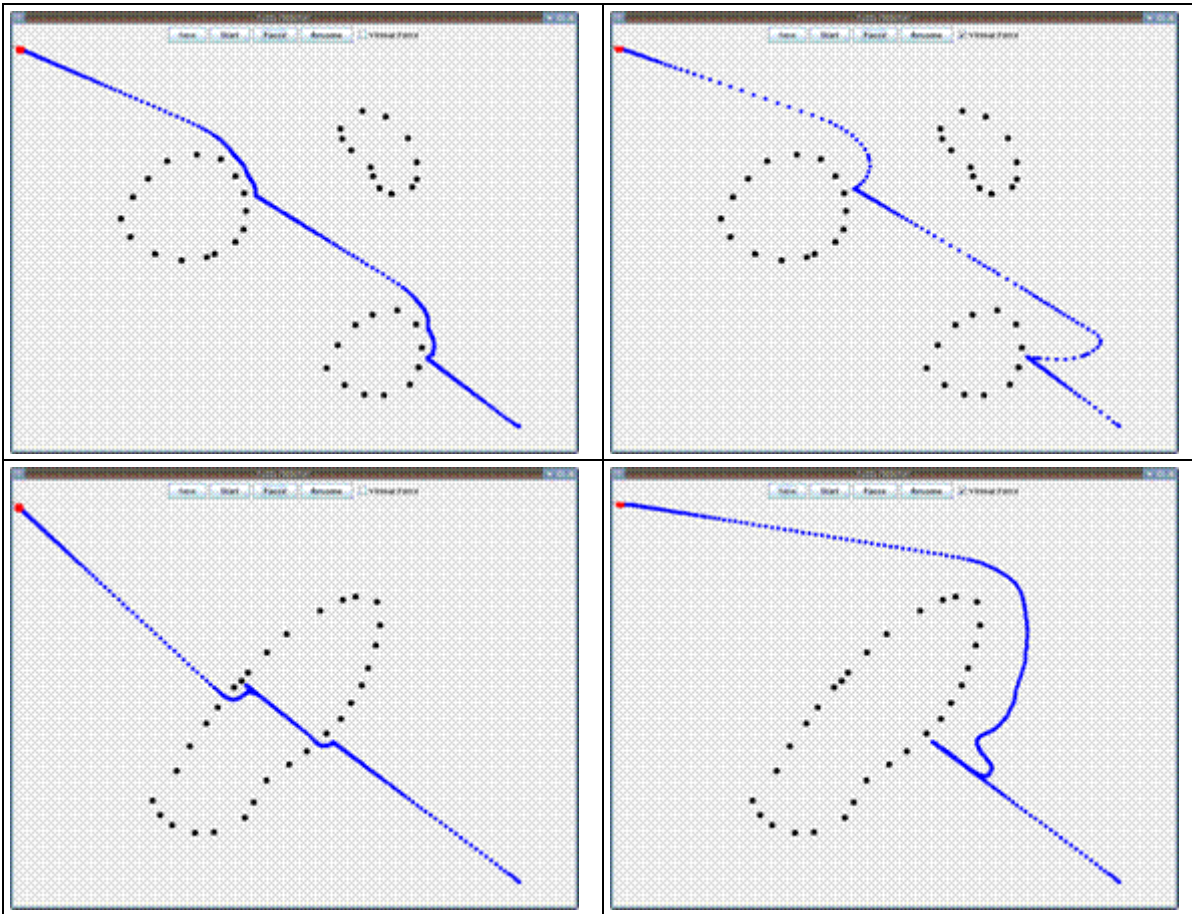
Now the robot is trapped, but with the addition of the virtual force it can get out of the local minimum.

Here is an experiment in more complex environments:



We notice that virtual force pulls the robots away from a set of obstacle.

Now, we will perform more exotic experiments, to compare the behavior both approaches (left without virtual force, right with it):



From these examples, we notice that the virtual force robot has the tendency to stay away from obstacles, even if there is a path near or through them. This is due to the fact that there is no deterministic way to detect the local minimum the heuristic used may not be accurate in several cases. This shows that although using the virtual force will help escape from the local minimum in most of the cases, the generated solution is not optimal, in term of path length. When no local minimum exists the original potential field will give a better performance than the virtual force method.

6. Final Remarks and Conclusions

The paper [1] proposed a virtual force method for avoiding local minimum in potential field methods. Potential field is used as basic platform for the motion planning since it has the advantages of simplicity, real-time computation. To get rid of the local minimum in the presence of obstacles, the paper introduced the virtual force concept. The virtual force has been created respectively from different condition of local minimum [1].

While this approach manages to solve the problem in many cases, it also has several short comings:

1. Adding the force component seems to be a rough heuristic, if not a very ad-hoc practice. Defining the force strength and orientation is also more as art than a science.

2. Adding the force can also make the robot exhibit strange behavior, like begin obstacle-phobic. A robot that always flees from obstacles, even if they do not block its way completely is kind of strange.
3. The path generated by the virtual force method is not optimal, in fact it can be far from optimal in certain case, due to oscillation between obstacles and free space. (see the wall example)
4. Adding the virtual force, relies on the ability of the robot to detect that it is in a local minimum. This is in practice very difficult, since the robot will not land exactly on the local minimum [2]. And because determining the minimum also relies on heuristics that also degrades the robustness of the method.
5. The local minimum is not guaranteed to be avoided, this might happen if the force strength and orientation is not suitable with the environment dimensions.
6. Adding this force may also make situation that are solvable by the original potential field, unfeasible. For instance, when the path to the goal is from a small space within obstacle.

In my opinion, using heuristic can be beneficial sometimes, but it is not guaranteed to be optimal. A systematic approach is more suitable to solve this on line planning problems, because it can be analyzed formally without throwing all this kind of constants and heuristics. For instance, if the robot uses the bug algorithm when it hits an obstacle, then it can avoid the local minimum, and the performance will not suffer from the problems 1,2,5,6.

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8. Appendix I, Source Code:

```
virtualforcerobot;package 01
02
import java.awt.*;03
04
public class Obstacle {05
    static double DIAM = 10;06
    static double CHARGE = -1;07
    static double MASS = 10;08
    double diam;09
    double mass;10
    Point p;11
    double charge;12
    public Obstacle(Point p, double charge, double diam) {13
        this.diam = diam;14
        this.p = p;15
        this.charge = charge;16
```

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}17
public Obstacle(Point p) {18
    this.diam = DIAM;19
    this.charge = CHARGE;20
    this.mass = MASS;21
    this.p = p;22
}23
public double distanceSq(Robot r) {24
    double d = distance(r);25
    return d * d;26
}27
public double distance(Robot r) {28
    double d = p.distance(r.x, r.y) - (diam + r.diam) / 2;29
    return d > 0? d: 0.0000001;30
}31
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virtualforcerobot;package 001[4]. [5]. [6]. [7]. [8]. [9]. [10].
002
import java.awt.*;003
import java.util.*;004
005
public class Robot {006
    double x, y;007
    double vx, vy;008
    double dt;009
    double m;010
    double fMax;011
    ArrayList obstacles;012
    public double diam;013
    Obstacle target;014
    boolean virtualforce = false;015
    public Robot(Point p, ArrayList obstacles, double dt, double m, double fMax, double diam) {016
        this.diam = diam;017
        this.fMax = fMax;018
        this.m = m;019
        this.dt = dt;020
        vx = vy = 0;021
        this.x = p.x;022
        this.y = p.y;023
        this.obstacles = obstacles;024
        this.target = (Obstacle) obstacles.get(0);025
    }026
027
    public void updatePosition() {028
        double dirX = 0, dirY = 0;029
        double minS = 200;030
        Iterator iter = obstacles.iterator();031
032
        while (iter.hasNext()) {033
            Obstacle ob = (Obstacle) iter.next();034
            double distSq = ob.distanceSq(this);035
            if (distSq < 1)036
                Math.sin(1);037
            double dx = ob.charge * (ob.p.x - x) / distSq;038
            double dy = ob.charge * (ob.p.y - y) / distSq;039
            dirX += dx;040
            dirY += dy;041
        }042
043
        double norm = Math.sqrt(dirX*dirX+dirY*dirY);044
        dirX = dirX / norm;045
        dirY = dirY / norm;046
047
        iter = obstacles.iterator();048
        while (iter.hasNext()) {049
            Obstacle ob = (Obstacle) iter.next();050
            if(!range(ob, 1200)) continue;051
            double distSq = ob.distanceSq(this);052
            double dx = (ob.p.x - x);053
            double dy = (ob.p.y - y);054
            //add normal noise to simulate the sonar effect055
            dx = addNoise(dx, 0, 1);056
            dy = addNoise(dy, 0, 1);057
            double safety = distSq / ((dx * dirX+dy*dirY));058
            if ((safety > 0) &&(safety < minS))059
                minS = safety;060
        }061
        if (minS < 5) {062
            double oc = target.charge;063

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        target.charge*=minS/5;064
        System.out.println(oc +" DOWN TO "+ target.charge);065
    }066
067
    if (minS > 100) {068
        double oc = target.charge;069
        target.charge*=minS/100;070
        System.out.println(oc +" UP TO "+ target.charge);071
    }072
073
074
    double vtNorm = minS/2;075
    double vtx = vtNorm * dirX;076
    double vty = vtNorm * dirY;077
    double fx = m * (vtx - vx) / dt;078
    double fy = m * (vty - vy) / dt;079
    double fNorm = Math.sqrt(fx * fx + fy * fy);080
    if (fNorm > fMax ) {081
        fx *= fMax / fNorm;082
        fy *= fMax / fNorm;083
    }084
    vx += (fx * dt) / m;085
    vy += (fy * dt) / m;086
    //virtual force component 087
    if(virtualforce && (target.charge < 1000) && (x > 25) && (y > 25)) {088
        System.out.println("Virtual Force");089
        target.charge*=minS/100;090
        091
        vx = vx + 5;092
    }093
    x += vx * dt;094
    y += vy * dt;095
}096
097
boolean range(Obstacle ob, double range) {098
    double dist =ob.distanceSq(this);099
    if(dist < range)100
        return true;101
    else 102
        return false;103
}104
105
double addNoise(double x, double mean, double stddev) {106
    Random r = new Random();107
    double noise = stddev*r.nextGaussian() + mean;108
    return x + noise;109
}110
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virtualforceroobot;package 002
003
import javax.swing.*;004
import java.awt.*;005
import java.awt.event.*;006
import java.util.*;007
008
009
public class FrameMain extends JFrame implements ActionListener {010
    JPanel contentPane;011
    BorderLayout borderLayout1 = new BorderLayout();012
    JCheckBox virtualforce;013
    JPanel commands = new JPanel();014
    Set<Point> s = new HashSet<Point> ();015
    JPanel pnlDraw = new JPanel() {016
        017
        public void paint(Graphics g) { 018
            super.paint(g);019
            g.setColor(Color.BLACK);020
            s.add(new Point((int) r.x, (int) r.y));021
            Iterator iter = obstacles.iterator();022
            while (iter.hasNext()) {023
                Obstacle ob = (Obstacle) iter.next();024
                g.fillArc((int) (ob.p.x - ob.diam/2), (int) 025
                    (ob.p.y - ob.diam/2), (int) ob.diam, (int) ob.diam, 0, 360);
                }026
                g.setColor(Color.BLUE);027
                for(Point p : s) {028
                    g.fillArc((int) (p.x - r.diam/4), (int) (p.y - r.diam/4), (int)r.diam/2, (int)r.diam/2, 0, 360);029
                }030
            }
        }
    }
}

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031
    g.setColor(Color.RED);032
    g.fillArc((int)(r.x - r.diam/2), (int)(r.y - r.diam/2), (int)r.diam, (int)r.diam, 0, 360);033
    g.drawLine((int)r.x, (int)r.y, (int)(r.x+r.vx), (int)(r.y+r.vy));034
}035
};036
037
ArrayList obstacles = new ArrayList();038
039
{040
    obstacles.add(new Obstacle(new Point(0, 0), +100, 3));041
}042
043
Robot r = new Robot(new Point(800, 600), obstacles, 0.1, 40, 4000, 15);044
Thread t = new Thread();045
public FrameMain() {046
    try {047
        setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);048
        jbInit();049
    } catch (Exception exception) {050
        exception.printStackTrace();051
    }052
}053
}054
055
/**056
 * Component initialization.057
 *058
 * @throws java.lang.Exception059
 */060
private void jbInit() throws Exception {061
    contentPane = (JPanel) getContentPane();062
    contentPane.setLayout(borderLayout1);063
    setSize(new Dimension(900, 700));064
    setTitle("Fuzzy Roboter");065
    pnlDraw.addMouseListener(new FrameMain_pnlDraw_mouseAdapter(this));066
    JButton bnew = new JButton("New");067
    bnew.setActionCommand("new");068
    bnew.addActionListener(this);069
    commands.add(bnew);070
    JButton bstart = new JButton("Start");071
    bstart.setActionCommand("start");072
    bstart.addActionListener(this);073
    commands.add(bstart);074
    JButton bpause = new JButton("Pause");075
    bpause.setActionCommand("pause");076
    bpause.addActionListener(this);077
    commands.add(bpause);078
    JButton bresume = new JButton("Resume");079
    bresume.setActionCommand("resume");080
    bresume.addActionListener(this);081
    commands.add(bresume);082
    virtualforce = new JCheckBox("Virtual Force");083
    virtualforce.setActionCommand("vf");084
    virtualforce.addActionListener(this);085
    commands.add(virtualforce);086
    contentPane.add(pnlDraw, java.awt.BorderLayout.CENTER);087
    contentPane.add(commands, java.awt.BorderLayout.NORTH);088
}089
090
public void pnlDraw_mouseReleased(MouseEvent e) {091
    obstacles.add(new Obstacle(e.getPoint()));092
    pnlDraw.repaint();093
}094
095
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {096
    if (e.getActionCommand().equals("start")) {097
        t = new Thread(new Runnable() {098
            public void run() {099
                while ((r.x > 1) && (r.y > 1)) {100
                    r.updatePosition();101
                    pnlDraw.repaint();102
                    try {103
                        Thread.sleep(100);104
                    } catch (InterruptedException ex) {105
                        System.out.println(ex);106
                    }107
                }108
            }109
        });110
        t.start();111
    }
}

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112
else if (e.getActionCommand().equals("new")){113
    r.x = 0; r.y = 0;114
    r = new Robot(new Point(800, 600), obstacles, 0.1, 40, 4000, 15);115
    s = new HashSet<Point> ();116
    t = new Thread(); 117
    r.virtualforce = virtualforce.isSelected();118
    pnlDraw.repaint(); 119
} else if (e.getActionCommand().equals("pause")){120
    t.suspend();121
} else if (e.getActionCommand().equals("resume")){122
    t.resume();123
}124
else if (e.getActionCommand().equals("vf")) {125
    System.out.println("VIRTUAL FORCE!!");126
    r.virtualforce = !r.virtualforce;127
}128
}129
130
}131
132
133
class FrameMain_pnlDraw_mouseAdapter extends MouseAdapter {134
    private FrameMain adaptee;135
    FrameMain_pnlDraw_mouseAdapter(FrameMain adaptee) {136
        this.adaptee = adaptee;137
    }138
139
    public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e) {140
        adaptee.pnlDraw_mouseReleased(e);141
    }142
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02
import java.awt.Toolkit;03
import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;04
import javax.swing.UIManager;05
import java.awt.Dimension;06
07
public class AppMain {08
    boolean packFrame = false;09
10
    /**11
     * Construct and show the application.12
     */13
    public AppMain() {14
        FrameMain frame = new FrameMain();15
        // Validate frames that have preset sizes16
        // Pack frames that have useful preferred size info, e.g. from their layout17
        if (packFrame) {18
            frame.pack();19
        } else {20
            frame.validate();21
        }22
23
        // Center the window24
        Dimension screenSize = Toolkit.getDefaultToolkit().getScreenSize();25
        Dimension frameSize = frame.getSize();26
        if (frameSize.height > screenSize.height) {27
            frameSize.height = screenSize.height;28
        }29
        if (frameSize.width > screenSize.width) {30
            frameSize.width = screenSize.width;31
        }32
        frame.setLocation((screenSize.width - frameSize.width) / 2,33
            (screenSize.height - frameSize.height) / 2);34
        frame.setVisible(true);35
    }36
37
    /**38
     * Application entry point.39
     */40
     * @param args String[]41
     */42
    public static void main(String[] args) {43
        SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable() {44
            public void run() {45
                try {46
                    UIManager.setLookAndFeel(UIManager.47

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                                getSystemLookAndFeelClassName());48
        } catch (Exception exception) {49
            exception.printStackTrace();50
        }51
52
        new AppMain();53
    }54
    });55
}56
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