

# Assignment One

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## Introduction

This assignment is to demonstrate an understanding of finding the shortest path using A\* search algorithm. As outlined in the assignment, we have selected an area in Oshawa wherein which the algorithm has been applied to a set of nodes, determining the optimal route for walking between the two nodes.

A\* search algorithm utilizes the function  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$ , where

- $g(n)$  is the path cost from the start node
- $h(n)$  is the heuristic estimating the cost of the cheapest path from the start node
- $n$  is the previous node

When determining which path to take, the value of  $f$  should be the lowest amongst all of the nodes that are in consideration. This is repeatedly done through every traverse, with respect to all nodes in the range, when determining an optimal path.

## Cost and heuristic function

In terms of determining the path with the lowest cost, all possible nodes around the source node would be considered in which the node that has the lowest value in distance would be included in the path. Frontier of the tree needs to be expanded in the direction of the goal node.

Therefore, the heuristic function will be the path directly from the starting node to the goal node. In other words, heuristic function tells us how close we are to the goal node and can be implemented as follows. Instead of expanding the frontier of all the adjacent nodes, priority is given to the nodes with the closest distance to the goal node and this makes the search more efficient.

$$h(x,y) = \sqrt{(x_2-x_1)^2 + (y_2-y_1)^2}$$

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1. def hur(self, node, dest):
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2.     #closest distance between two node is the straight line distance between two
    node.
3. return node_dist(node,dest)

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1. def node_dist(n1, n2):
2.     # to find distance between two point
3.     dx = (n2.pos[0] - n1.pos[0]) * MPERLON
4.     dy = (n2.pos[1] - n1.pos[1]) * MPERLAT
5. return math.sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy)

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### Path Cost: $g(n \log n)$

The Path cost function ,  $g(n \log n)$  assigns cost to each of the adjacent nodes based on three variables. Suppose that  $n$  is set of values  $x,y,z$  representing *latitude*, *longitude* and *altitude* respectively. Then the path cost function takes in successor node based on the heuristic search and assigns weight to each node based on these variables. It starts by calculating distance between starting node and goal node based on latitude and longitude then it multiplies this by a factor of altitude. Every point on the map has an altitude value and the cost function simply subtracts these values. If the altitude is positive i.e increase in height then it multiplies the cost by a factor of 2. On the other hand, if altitude is decreasing it multiplies the cost value by a factor of 1.5. if altitude is the same then it multiplies cost by a factor of 1. The above equation can be summarized as follows.

$$g(x,y,z) = h(n') + (x' + y')z', \quad z' = 2 : z > 0, \quad z' = 1.5 : z < 0, \quad z' = 1 : z = 0$$

This implementation is also known as  $A^*$  where a shortest path is found if the heuristic used and the cost to reach the destination node is never overestimated. In other words, the total sum is the assigned costs to the successor node and the current node is then incremented to the next node based on this cost value.

Implementation of this can be seen as follows

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1. class Cost():
2.     def __init__(self,begin,end):
3.         self.begin = begin
4.         self.end = end

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5.     self.cost = node_dist(begin,end)
6.     #uphill to downhill
7.     if (begin.elev - end.elev) > 1:
8.         self.cost *= 1.5
9.     elif (begin.elev - end.elev) < 1:
10.        self.cost *= 2
11.    else:
12. self.cost
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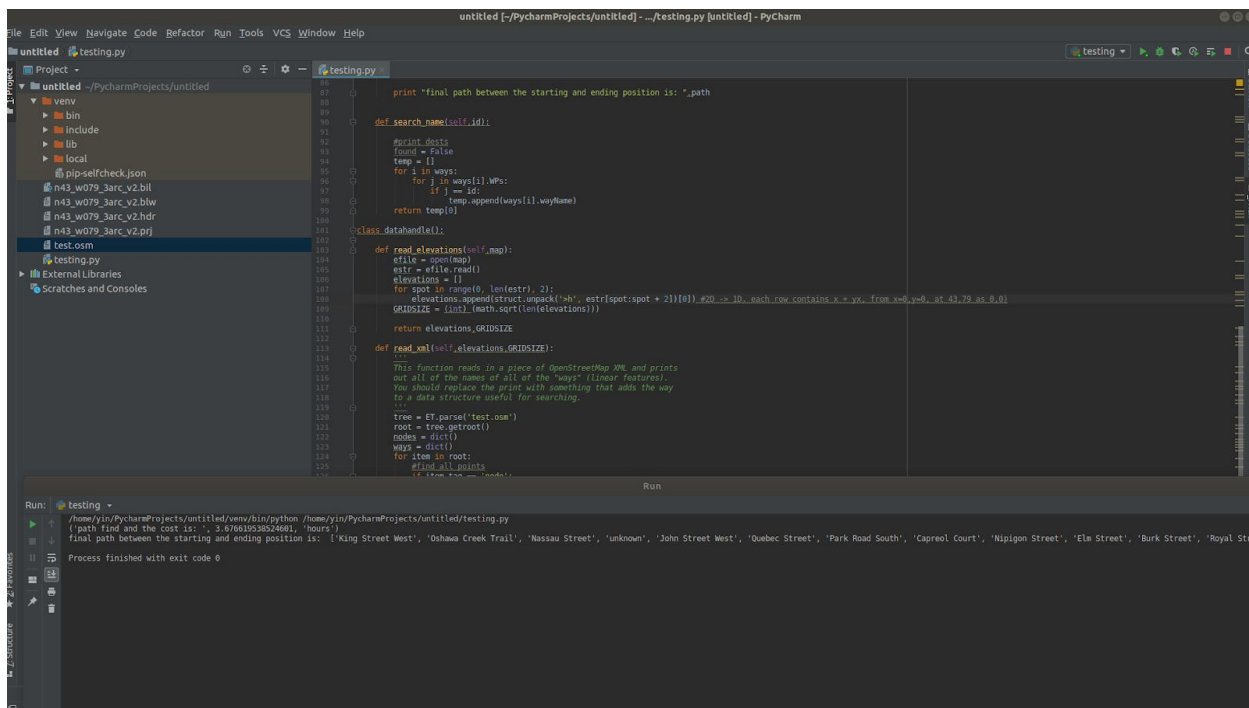
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1. class pathFinding():
2.
3.     def __init__(self,nodes,ways):
4.         self.nodes = nodes
5.         self.path = ways
6.
7.     def heur(self,start, fixend):
8.         #closet distacen between two node is the stright line dintance between two
        node.
9.         return node_dist(start,fixend)
10.
11.    def astar(self, starts, dests):
12.        open = {}
13.        cost = {}
14.        frontier = PriorityQueue()
15.        init_cost = self.heur(nodes[starts], nodes[dests])
16.        frontier.put(starts,init_cost)
17.        open[starts] = None
18.        cost[starts] = 0
19.
20.        while not frontier.empty():
21.            current = frontier.get()
22.
23.            if current == dests:
24.                print ("path find and the cost is: ", cost[dests]*60/100000, "hours")
25.                return self.display_path (open,dests)
26.
27.            for way in nodes[current].ways:
28.                cost_update = cost[current] + way.cost
29.
30.                #check if it is in the open list
31.                #check if new cost is better
32.                if way.end.id not in open or cost_update < cost[way.end.id]:
33.                    nway_id = way.end.id
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34.         cost[nway_id] = cost_update
35.         f = cost_update + self.heur(nodes[nway_id], nodes[dests])
36.         frontier.put(nway_id,f)
37.         open[way.end.id] = (current,way.wayz)
38.
39.         # for i in current.ways
40.
41.     def display_path(self,open,dests):
42.         path = []
43.         for i in open:
44.             name = self.search_name(i)
45.
46.             if name not in path:
47.                 path.append(name)
48.
49.         print "final path between the starting and ending position is: ",path
50.
51.
52.     def search_name(self,id):
53.
54.         #print dests
55.         found = False
56.         temp = []
57.         for i in ways:
58.             for j in ways[i].WPs:
59.                 if j == id:
60.                     temp.append(ways[i].wayName)
61.     return temp[0]

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## Outputs



## Github Link

<https://github.com/m00cha7/aiFinal/>

## Work Distribution

Name	Tasks
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