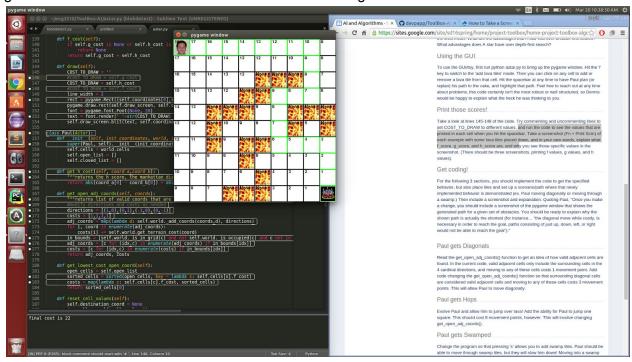
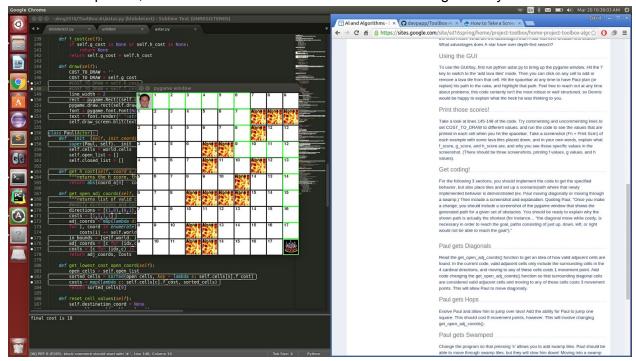
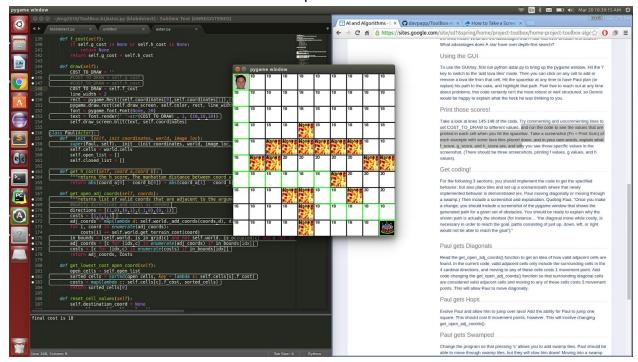
H: J is the distance between our chosen position and the target. It is square root of the sum of the squares of the horizontal and vertical differences in distance. In our picture, H has a linear gradient that decreases in the direction towards the target.



G: G is the cost of moving between two positions. It is based on the minimum cost of its parent nodes. In the picture, it's evident that the cost increases when taking the way around obstacles.

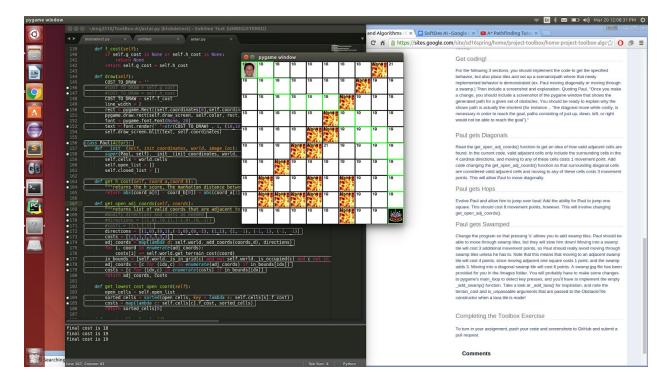


F: F is the sum of the H and G. The minimum path lies where the F values are the least.



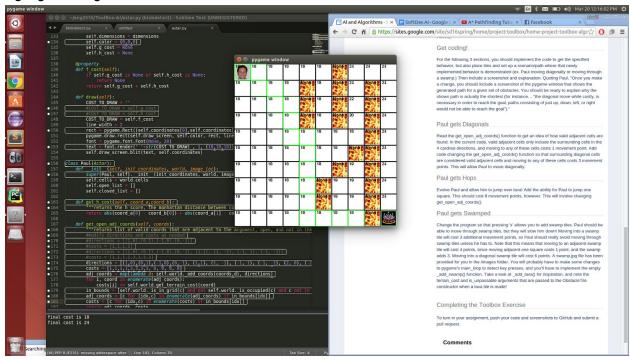
Diagonal:

In this case, avoiding diagonals forces Paul to take the long excursion in the bottom-left corner. It is quicker to jump over the diagonal.



Jump:

In this case, it is quicker to jump over the last lava than it is to take the long excursion in the top-right corner. You can tell Paul jumped successfully because the lava it jumped over is not highlighted in green.



Swamp:

In this case, it is quicker to move through the swamp than take the long excursion in the top-right corner. You can tell Paul crossed the swamp rather than jumping over it because the

swamp is highlighted in green.

