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# Documentation for AStarPathfinding:

## Introduction

The **AStarPathfinding** class provides functionality for generating paths using A\* algorithm for two types of maps: walkable maps and cost maps.

The class provides two public methods, **GeneratePath** and **GeneratePathSync**, for generating paths asynchronously and synchronously, respectively.

If you find this AStarPathfinding asset useful in your Unity projects, I would greatly appreciate it if you could take a moment to leave a review.

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Your feedback is invaluable to me and allows me to make more informed decisions about how to improve this asset.

## Methods

### GeneratePath

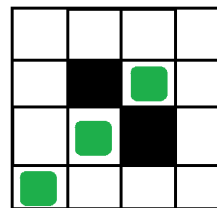
#### With walkableMap

```
public static async Task<(int, int)[> GeneratePath(int startX,  
int startY, int goalX, int goalY, bool[,] walkableMap,  
bool manhattanHeuristic = true, bool walkableDiagonals = false)
```

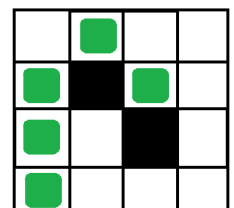
This method asynchronously generates a path from the start coordinates (startX, startY) to the goal coordinates (goalX, goalY) on the boolean walkableMap 2D array.

- ``startX`` (int) - the x coordinate of the starting point
- ``startY`` (int) - the y coordinate of the starting point
- ``goalX`` (int) - the x coordinate of the goal point
- ``goalY`` (int) - the y coordinate of the goal point
- ``walkableMap`` (bool[,]) - a 2D array indicating whether a tile is traversable or not. The array is ordered as ``[rows, columns]`` i.e ``[y, x]``
- ``manhattanHeuristic`` (bool) - if ``true``, the Manhattan distance heuristic is used, otherwise the Euclidean distance heuristic is used. Default value is ``true``
- ``walkableDiagonals`` (bool) - if true diagonal movement is allowed even if it is not reachable via a horizontal and a vertical move

With  
walkableDiagonals=**True**



With  
walkableDiagonals=**False**



**Asynchronously returns** a tuple of ``(int, int)[>`` representing path coordinates traveling from start to goal. The coordinates are ordered as ``(x, y)``. If no path is found, an empty array is returned.

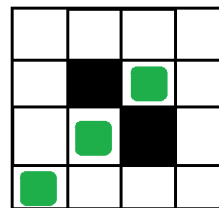
## With costMap

```
public static async Task<(int, int)> GeneratePath(int startX,
int startY, int goalX, int goalY, float[,] costMap, bool
manhattanHeuristic = true, bool walkableDiagonals = false)
```

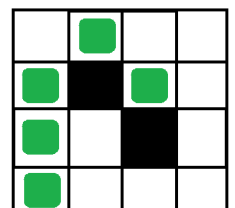
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- ``costMap`` (float[,]) - a 2D array indicating the cost of traveling through tiles (-1f if the tile is not walkable). The array is ordered as ``[rows, columns]`` i.e ``[y, x]``
- ``manhattanHeuristic`` (bool) - if ``true``, the Manhattan distance heuristic is used, otherwise the Euclidean distance heuristic is used. Default value is ``true``
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**Synchronously returns** a tuple of ``(int, int)[]`` representing path coordinates traveling from start to goal. The coordinates are ordered as ``(x, y)``. If no path is found, an empty array is returned.

## GeneratePathSync

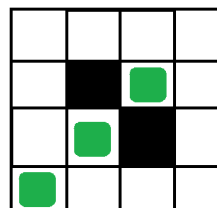
### With walkableMap

```
public static (int, int)[] GeneratePathSync(int startX, int startY,
int goalX, int goalY, bool[,] walkableMap, bool manhattanHeuristic = true,
bool walkableDiagonals = false)
```

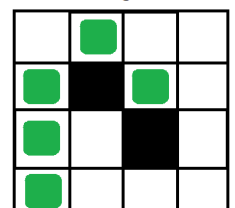
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**Warning:** This method runs synchronously on Unity's thread and may cause momentary freezing if a hard path is calculated. If this occurs, use the asynchronous variant ``GeneratePath``.

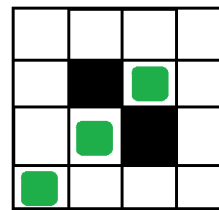
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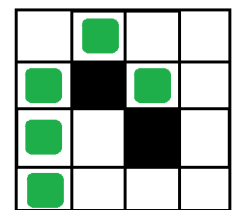
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