

MULTI-GOAL MOTION PLANNING

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Towards an Algorithmic Foundation for Artificial Intelligence

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HEURISTIC SEARCH THEORY AND APPLICATIONS Stefan Edelkamp - Stefan Schrödl

• Demonstrates the algorithmic foundations of computer intelligence

• Integrates programming, theoretical computer science, optimization, machine learning, data mining, data analytics

• Covers searching, sorting and deep learning with applications to big data, games, biology, robotics, IT security



Stefan Edelkamp Algorithmic Intelligence Towards an Algorithmic Foundation for Artificial Intelligence

In this book the author argues that the basis of what we consider computer intelligence has algorithmic roots, and he presents this with a holistic view, showing examples and explaining approaches that encompass theoretical computer science and machine learning via engineered algorithmic solutions.

Part I of the book introduces the basics. The author starts with a hands-on programming primer for solving combinatorial problems, with an emphasis on recursive solutions. The other chapters in the first part of the book explain shortest paths, sorting, deep learning, and Monte Carlo search. A key function of computational tools is processing Big Data efficiently, and the chapters in Part II of the book examine traditional graph problems such as finding cliques, colorings, independent sets, vertex covers, and hitting sets, and the subsequent chapters cover multimedia, network, image, and navigation data. The highly topical research areas detailed in Part III are machine learning, problem solving, action planning, general game playing, multiagent systems, and recommendation and configuration. Finally, in Part IV the author uses application areas such as model checking, computational biology, logistics, additive manufacturing, robot motion planning, and industrial production to explain how the techniques described may be exploited in modern settings.

The book is supported with a comprehensive index and references, and it will be of value to researchers, practitioners, and students in the areas of artificial intelligence and computational intelligence.

Part I Basics Programming Primer

- > 🔲 Shortest Paths
- > 🔲 Sorting
- > 🔲 Deep Learning
- > 🔲 Monte-Carlo Search
- ∽ 🔲 Part II Big Data
 - 🔉 🔲 Graph Data
 - 🔉 🔲 Multimedia Data
 - > 🔲 Network Data
 - 🔉 🔲 Image Data
 - > 🔲 Navigation Data

🗸 🔲 Part III Research Areas

- > 🔲 Machine Learning
- > 🔲 Problem Solving
- 🗸 🔲 Card Game Playing
- > 🔲 Action Planning

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- 🔉 🔲 General Game Playing
- > 🔲 Multiagent Systems
- > 🔲 Recommendation and Configuration
- ✓ ☐ Part IV Applications
 - > 🔲 Adversarial Planning
 - > 🔲 Model Checking
 - Computational Biology
 - > 🔲 Logistics
 - > 🗍 Additive Manufacturing
 - > 🔲 Robot Motion Planning
 - 🔉 🔲 Industrial Production
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Two Meanings of Planning





Long-Standing Challenge: Bridge the Gap

given a high-level task description compute the motions to enable the robot accomplish the task

AI Planning

- Discrete world
- Discrete actions
- Complex task specifications

Motion Planning

- Continuous world
- Continuous controls/dynamics
- Simple task specifications



Synergistic Combination of Discrete and Continuous Layers of Planning



Driving Research Questions



Steer Robots of the 21st Century

- How can we improve motion planning for complex systems?
- How can we develop motion planners that are generally applicable?
- How can we achieve planning efficiency even with nonlinear dynamics?
- How far back can we push the "curse of dimensionality"?
- How to integrate domain-independent planners for more flexible task planning?
- How to solve the inspection problem?
- How to combine efficient discrete solving with searching the continuous space of feasible motions?
- Is there Pareto optimality between efficiency and solution quality?
- What formal guarantees can we provide?
- How can we take resource and energy constraints into account?

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Ongoing Work



SubT Challenge, Complex Resources, DeepRRT*, Emergency Planning, Location Routing, ...





Prelude: Planning Tours









Traveling Salesman Problem

Task

Given a map, compute a minimum-cost round trip visiting certain cities Shortest paths graph reduction

with Dijkstra's SSSP algorithm







TSP Variants

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e pickup stop
 delivery stop

Time Windows, Capacities, Premium Services, Pickup and Deliveries

TSP+TW: Restricted time intervals / service times C+TSP: Limited vehicle load TSP+PD: Pickup and deliveries (PDP) TSP*: Premium service – same-day delivery preferred VRP: Vehicle routing – several vehicles







Shortest Paths

Cache-efficient Implementation of Dijkstra's algorithm





Time in milliseconds for shortest paths search in the game maps of Baldur's Gate II, Starcraft, Warcraft III, and Dragon Age using scatter plots wrt the performance of shortest paths search with heaps.



Solving TSPs



Given a distance matrix, compute a minimum-cost trip

Traditional

Model problem as an IP and call solver (CPLEX, IPSolve, . . .)

Neighborhood search (xOPT: SA; GA; AA; PSO; LNS,...)

Depth-First Branch and Bound with

DFBnB0 No Heuristic – incremental O(1) time

DFBnB1 Column/Row Minima – incremental O(1) time **DFBnB**2 Assignment Problem – incremental O(n²) time

NRPA (Reinforcement Learning)

Nested-Monte-Carlo Tree Search (with Policy Adaptation)
Input: Iteration width (exploitation), nestedness (exploration)
Policy: (city-to-city) Mapping IN x IN -> IR to be learnt





Planning & Optimization

with NRPA







Tour search(level) best = new Tour(); best.score = MAXVALUE; if (level == 0) best.score = rollout(); best.tour = tour; **for** (**int i** = 0; **i** < **ITERATIONS**; **i**++) Tour r = search(level - 1); if (r.score < best.score)</pre> best.score = r.score; best.tour = r.tour; adapt(best.tour,level); return best;



Integration in Multiagent System









In Motion







Physical Traveling Salesman Problem

The main purpose of the PTSP is to provide a benchmark for combined task and motion planning in



interactive computer games.



To reach waypoint locations, the robot often has to avoid numerous obstacles. Planning such motions requires taking into account the robot geometry as well as constraints imposed by its dynamics.



Introducing Colors

Clustered TSPs and Generalized TSPs



Either only one of each color or all of one color needs to be visited in sequence, minimizing traveling time









Inspection

INSPECTION & SURVELLIANCE



As defects to objects such as pipeline leakage can result in tremendous economical loss, the inspection problem is one of the most important problems in robotics.

Inspection poses significant challenges since the robot needs to determine and reach a set of locations whose combined visibility covers the inspection area.





Results





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Integration into the "Framework"







Approach

Sampling-based motion planning

- * continuous state/control spaces: probabilistic sampling to make it feasible
- * high-dimensionality: search to find solution

coupled with discrete abstractions

- * provide simplified planning layer
- * guide search in the continuous state/control spaces

and motion controllers

- * open up the black-box MOTION function
- * facilitate search expansion

Formal guarantees

* probabilistic completeness







Probabilistic Roadmap





PRM: (Uniform) Sampling





PRM: Valid Nodes





PRM: Filtering Edges





PRM: Connect Nearest Neighbors





PRM: Filtering Edges





PRM: Entire Graph





PRM: Integrate Start and Goal





PRM: Path Search









Dynamics

Express relation between input controls and resulting motions

Modeled via physics-based engines

$$\dot{s} = f(s, u)$$

$$s = (x, y, \theta_0, v, \psi, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) \qquad \qquad u = (a, \omega)$$

$$\dot{x} = v \cos(\theta_0) \quad \dot{y} = v \sin(\theta_0) \quad \dot{\theta_0} = v \tan(\psi) \quad \dot{v} = a \quad \dot{\psi} = \omega$$

$$\dot{\theta_i} = \frac{v}{d} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \cos(\theta_{j-1} - \theta_j) \right) (\sin(\theta_{i-1}) - \sin(\theta))$$

AI CENTER FEE CTU Dynamics

Necessary to plan motions that can be executed Impose significant challenges





- Constrain the feasible motions
 Often are nonlinear and high-
- dimensional
- Give rise to nonholonomic systems
- State and control spaces are continuous
- Solution trajectories are often long

Computational complexity of motion planning with dynamics Point with Newtonian dynamics NP-Hard [DXCR 1993] Polygon Dubin's car Decidable [CPK 2008] General nonlinear dynamics Undecidable [Branicky 1995]

Introduce Discrete Layer to Guide the Search

Workspace decomposition provides discrete layer as adjacency graph G = (R,E) R denotes the regions of the decomposition E = {(ri,rj) | ri, rj in R are physically adjacent}

hcost(r) estimates the difficulty of reaching the goal region from r defined as length of shortest path in G = (R,E) from r to goal

[hcost(r1), hcost(r2),..., hcost(rn)]
computed via BFS/A* on G backwards from goal



Sampling Based Motion Planning



Expand a tree T of collision-free and dynamically-feasible motions
➢ select a state s from which to expand the tree
➢ sample control input u
➢ generate new trajectory by
➢ applying u to s

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Guided Expansion of Motion Tree

selecting an equivalence class from which to expand motion tree T



sampling-based motion planning to expand T

Architecture







Used to induce partition of motion tree into equivalence classes



vi = vj iff TRAJ(T,vi) provides same abstract information as TRAJ (T,vj) iff region(vi) = region(vj)

→ equivalence class corresponding to abstract state <r>
 Γ<r> = {v | v in T and region(v) = r}
 → partition of motion tree T into equivalence classes
 Γ = {Γ <r> : Γ <r> > 0}

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Inspection



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In 2D









Skeletonization via Grassfiring (Medial Axis) and Filtering





Grassfiring











Generating Inspection Waypoints (1)





Input: \mathcal{I} : bitmap image; α : desired inspection quality, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ Output: a set of inspection points

1: $h \leftarrow \operatorname{height}(\mathcal{I})$; $w \leftarrow \operatorname{width}(\mathcal{I})$; $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \operatorname{zeros}(h, w)$ \diamond grassfire transformation 2: for $(i,j) \in \{0, \dots, h-1\} \times \{0, \dots, w-1\}$ do 3: if $\operatorname{color}(\mathcal{I}(i,j)) \notin \{\operatorname{black}, \operatorname{gray}\}$ then 4: $\mathcal{B}(i,j) \leftarrow 1 + \min\{\mathcal{B}(i-1,j), \mathcal{B}(i,j-1)\}$ 5: for $(i,j) \in \{h-1,\dots, 0\} \times \{w-1,\dots, 0\}$ do 6: if $\operatorname{color}(\mathcal{I}(i,j)) \notin \{\operatorname{black}, \operatorname{gray}\}$ then 7: $\mathcal{B}(i,j) \leftarrow 1 + \min\{\mathcal{B}(i+1,j), \mathcal{B}(i,j+1)\}$ 8: skeleton \leftarrow extract pixels making up the most intense lines in the brightness map \mathcal{B}

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Generating Inspection Waypoints (2)

Star Filter





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Input: \mathcal{I} : bitmap image; α : desired inspection quality, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ Output: a set of inspection points

 \diamondsuit select inspection points

- 1: skeleton \leftarrow FILTER(skeleton)
- **2**: inspectionPts \leftarrow skeleton
- 3: currScore $\leftarrow VISSCORE(\mathcal{I}, inspectionPts)$
- 4: for $p \in \text{skeleton } \mathbf{do}$
- 5: newScore $\leftarrow VISSCORE(\mathcal{I}, inspectionPts \setminus \{p\})$
- 6: **if** newScore $\geq \alpha \lor \text{currScore} = \text{newScore}$ **then**
- 7: inspectionPts \leftarrow inspectionPts $\setminus \{p\}$
- 8: $currScore \leftarrow newScore$
- 9: return inspectionPts





b) Outside











Some more...







ALCENTER FEE CTU Skeleton, Filtering Algorithm



$\varSigma(\varOmega) = \{ x \in \varOmega \mid \exists a, b \in \varDelta \land \ a \neq b \land \ ||x - a||_2 = ||x - b||_2 \}.$

Algorithm 1. GENERATEINSPECTIONPTS($\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{R}, \alpha$)

Input: $\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{R}$ CAD objects

 α : desired inspection quality, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ Output: a set of inspection waypoints

1: skeleton \leftarrow skeletonize(W)

- 2: $V_1 \leftarrow \text{SAMPLE}(\text{skeleton})$
- 3: $V_2 \leftarrow \text{SAMPLE}(\mathcal{R})$
- 4: adjacent \leftarrow FILTERINSPECTION(V_1, V_2, α);
- 5: return HITTINGSET(adjacent, α)

Algorithm 2. FILTERINSPECTION $PTS(V_1, V_2, \alpha)$

Input: V_1, V_2, α : desired inspection quality, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ Output: a set of inspection points

- 1: for $(i, j) \in \{0, ..., |V_1| 1\} \times \{0, ..., |V_2| 1\}$ do 2: $adjacent(i, j) \leftarrow VISIBLE(v_i, v_j)$
- 3: return adjacent





Hitting Set (Exact Cover) Filtering



Using NRPA again





Temporal Task-Motion Planning





Time is money Real-world has and needs time constraints Combining task with motion planning "holy grail"



Examples









Integration of Automated Planning



Interface with PDDL

(at auv v0)
(connected v0 v1)
(connected v0 v2)
(connected v1 v2)
(= (traveltime v0 v1) 0.8)
(= (traveltime v0 v2) 1.5)
(= (traveltime v1 v2) 0.7)
(located task1 v1)
(located task2 v2)
(at 1.1 (tw_open task1))
<pre>(at 2.1 (not (tw_open task1)))</pre>
(at 2.3 (tw_open task2))
<pre>(at 3.3 (not (tw_open task2)))</pre>

TIL = Timed Initial Literal

(at timepoint (fact)) (at timepoint (not fact))

Specified in initial state

➔ actions time windows

v1 v3 v5 v4 v2 0.0 1.26 3.22 12.55 21.11

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	(requirements
	:typing)
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	furniture door - (at ?l - location)
	kettle ?coffee cup water - movable
10	location agent movable - object)
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12	(:predicates (at ?l - location ??o - object)
13	(have ?m - movable ?a - agent)
14	<pre>(hot ?m - movable) = true</pre>
15	<pre>(on ?f - furniture ?m - movable))</pre>
16	
17	<pre>(:action boil</pre>
18	:parameters (?m - movable \$k - kettle ?a - agent
19	:preconditions (have ?m ?a)
20	:effect (hot ?m))
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Monte-Carlo Search for Prize-Collecting Robot Motion Planning with Time Windows, Capacities, Pickups, and Deliveries

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(:durative-action execute_task_pickup
:parameters (?v - vehicle ?wp - waypoint ?t - task)
:duration ( = ?duration (taskduration ?t))
:condition (and
   (at start (at ?v ?wp)) (at start (located ?t ?wp)
  (at start (todo ?t))
   (at start (<= (+ (customer ?wp) (cap ?v)) (max_cap ?v)))</pre>
   (at start (is-pickup ?wp)) (at start(tw_open ?t)))
:effect (and
   (at start (not (todo ?t))) (at end (visited ?wp))
  (at end (increase (cap ?v) (customer ?wp)))
  (at end (decrease (profit ?v) (customer ?wp)))
   (at end (completed ?t)))
(:durative-action execute task delivery
:parameters (?v - vehicle ?wp1 ?wp2 - waypoint ?t - task)
:duration ( = ?duration (taskduration ?t))ov
:condition (and
  (at start (at ?v ?wp1)) (at start (located ?t ?wp1))
  (at start (todo ?t)) (at start (is-delivery ?wp1))
  (at start (and (visited ?wp2) (link ?wp2 ?wp1)))
   (at start (tw_open ?t)))
:effect (and
   (at start (not (todo ?t))) (at end (visited ?wp1))
   (at end (increase (cap ?v) (customer ?wp1)))
   (at end (decrease (profit ?v) (customer ?wp1)))
   (at end (completed ?t))))
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NRPA BnB Optic OPTIMAL Random



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Combined Task and Motion











→ MAPF as discrete problem

Multigoal Multirobot Planning?











Goods



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(a) MC (B) OPTIC (C) Random



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Adjusting Time Windows



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Adjusting Vehicle Capacity







Energy









Recharging

Multi-goal motion planning with multiple recharging stations. Goal regions, recharging stations, and obstacles are shown in red, blue, and magenta, respectively. The robot is required to visit each goal while reducing the distance traveled and the number of recharges





Recharging with Temporal Constraints











Conclusion

Full-Fledged Solution:

high-dimensional robotic systems with nonlinear dynamics and

- nonholonomic constraints
- > visit all goal regions fast in suitable cost-minimizing order
- > unstructured, complex environments

and efficiently computes

> collision-free, dynamically-feasible, low-cost trajectories that

> enable the robot to satisfy the task specification



Physical VRP





Deep RRT*



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GNNTEST


Geometric Reasoning in Al Planning







PDDL can represent a lot

(:functions (x_location ?loc - location) (y_location ?loc - location)
(x_robot) (y_robot) (maxV) (classify_min_distance)
(observe_min_distance) (classify_min_distance_times_sqrt2)
(observe_min_distance_times_sqrt2) (observe_max_distance)
(classify_max_distance_times_sqrt2) (classify_max_distance)
(observe_max_distance_times_sqrt2))

(:durative-action move robot :parameters() :control (?dx ?dy - number) :duration (and (>= ?duration (/ ?dx (maxV))) (>= ?duration (/ (- ?dx) (maxV))) (>= ?duration (/ ?dv (maxV))) (>= ?duration (/ (- ?dy) (maxV))) (>= ?duration (+ (/ ?dy (maxV)) (/ ?dx (maxV)))) (>= ?duration (+ (/ (- ?dy) (maxV)) (/ (- ?dx) (maxV)))) (>= ?duration (+ (/ (- ?dv) (maxV)) (/ ?dx (maxV)))) (>= ?duration (+ (/ ?dy (maxV)) (/ (- ?dx) (maxV)))) (<= ?duration 200))</pre> :condition (and (at start (ready)) ;; the displacement of robot is inside [-100,100], [-100,100] square (at start (>= ?dx -100)) (at start (<= ?dx 100)) (at start (>= ?dy -100)) (at start (<= ?dy 100)) (at end (>= ?dx -100)) (at end (>= ?dy -100)) (at end (<= ?dx 100)) (at end (<= ?dy 100)) ; the robot must stay within [0, 100] [0, 100] square (over all (>= (x robot) 0)) (over all (<= (x robot) 100)) (over all (>= (y robot) 0)) (over all (<= (y robot) 100))) :effect (and (at start (not (ready))) (at end (ready)) (at start (increase (x robot) ?dx)) (at start (increase (y robot) ?dy))))



Risk-Aware MGMP + Energy + Item Load + TW

+ PD



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Multi-Robot Multi-Goal Motion Planning with Time and Resources

Related Work: Physical Vehicle Routing Problem





TAROS (1) 2019: 288-299



Related Work: Robot Simulation in Unity

Watchman Routes for Robot Inspection

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TAROS (2) 2019: 179-190



Related Work: Planning Flow Production

A case study of planning for smart factories

Int. J. Softw. Tools Technol. Transf. 20(5): 515-528 (2018)

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Related Work: Dubins Car Touring Problem



Jan Faigl, Petr Vana, Martin Saska, Tomás Báca, Vojtech Spurný: On solution of the Dubins touring problem. ECMR 2017: 1-6



Related Work: Bezier Curve Touring Problem

Flexible and easy to use Start/end direction is given by the first/last two control points \mathbf{B}_2 B1 B₄ B₃ Example of a cubic Bézier curve $\mathbf{X}(\tau) = \mathbf{B}_0(1-\tau)^3 + 3\mathbf{B}_1\tau(1-\tau)^2 + 3\mathbf{B}_2\tau^2(1-\tau) + \mathbf{B}_3\tau^3$

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Jan Faigl, Petr Vána, Robert Penicka :

Multi-Vehicle Close Enough Orienteering Problem with Bézier Curves for Multi-Rotor Aerial Vehicles. ICRA 2019: 3039-3044

Benefits of Bézier curves





Related Work: ROS Plan



Michael Cashmore, Maria Fox, Derek Long, Daniele Magazzeni, Bram Ridder, Arnau Carrera, Narcís Palomeras, Natàlia Hurtós, Marc Carreras: ROSPlan: Planning in the Robot Operating System. ICAPS 2015: 333-341



Related Work: Transformational Planning

(define-plan (achieve (table-set ?persons)) (achieve-for-all (lambda (person) (with-designators ((table '(the entity (type table) (used-for meals))) (seating-location '(the location (at , table) (preferred-by ,?person))) (plate '(an entity (type plate) (status unused))) (cup '(an entity (type cup) (status unused))))) (achieve (placed-on plate table '(the location (on, table) (matches (entity-location , plate)) (matches .seating-location)))) (achieve (placed-on cup table (the location (on table) (matches (entity-location , cup)) (matches ,seating-location)))))) (persons))





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Transformational Planning for Everyday Activity. ICAPS 2007: 248-255





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