

# Spatial Routines for a Simulated Speech-Controlled Vehicle

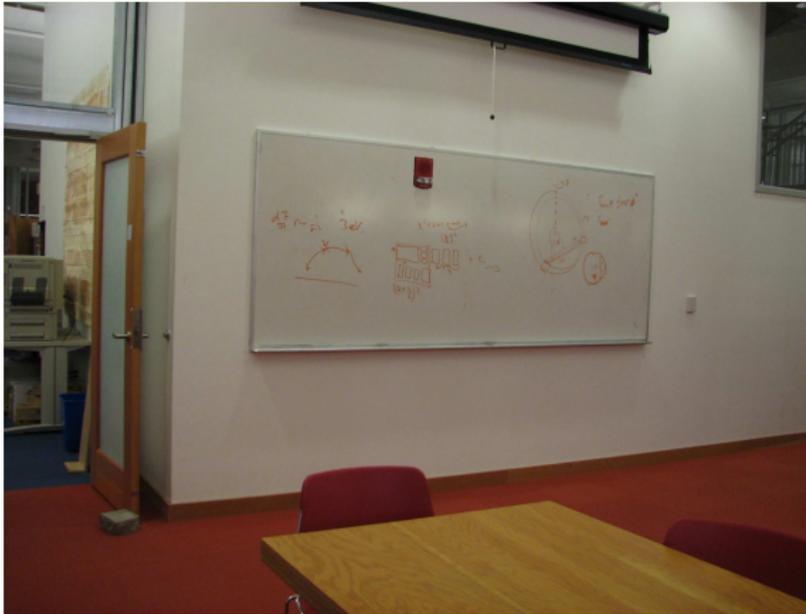
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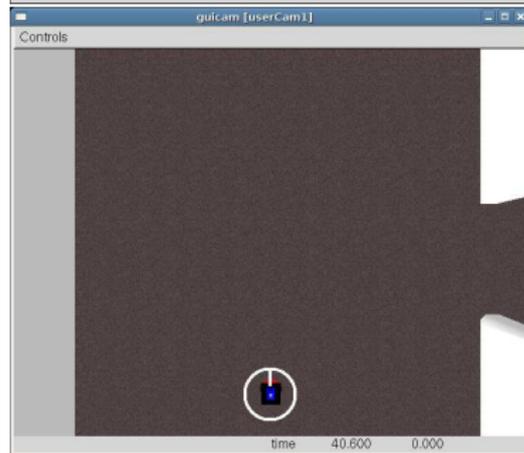
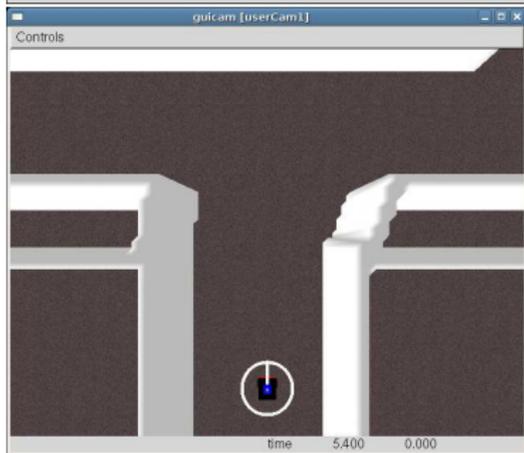
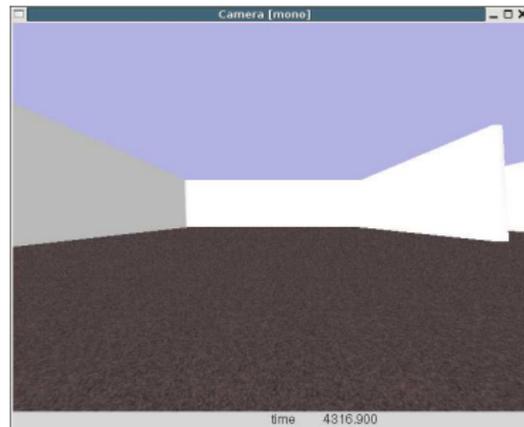
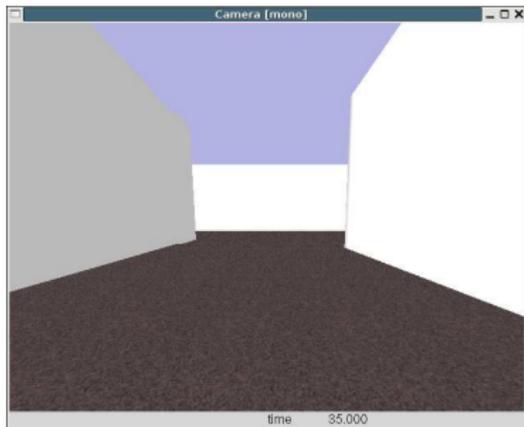
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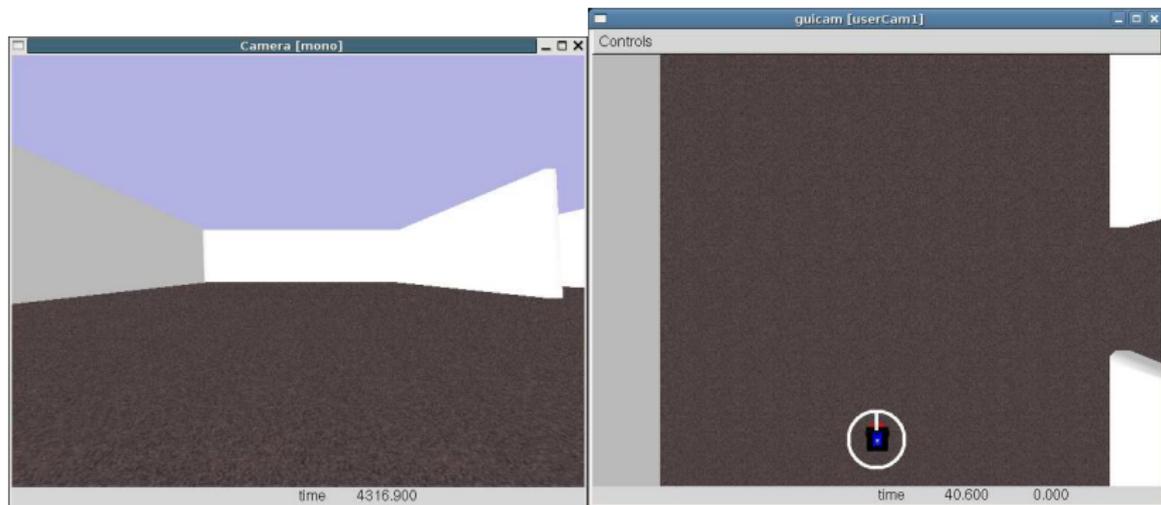


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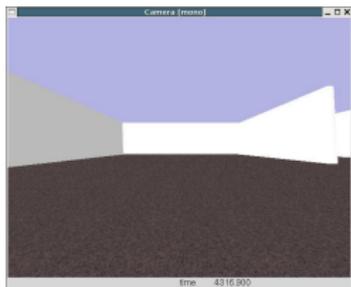
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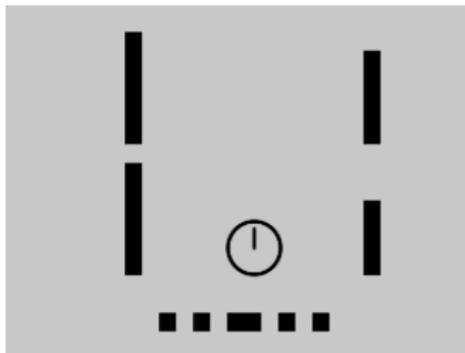
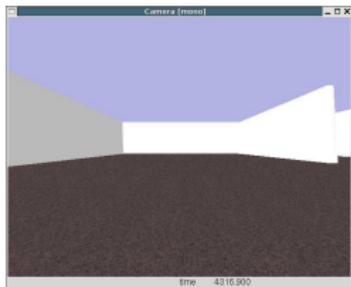
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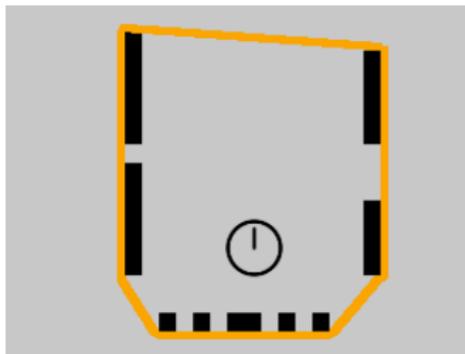
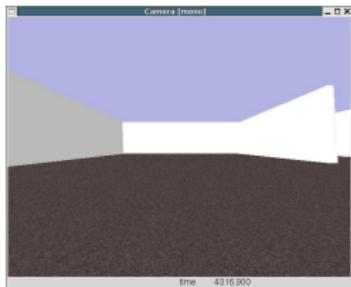


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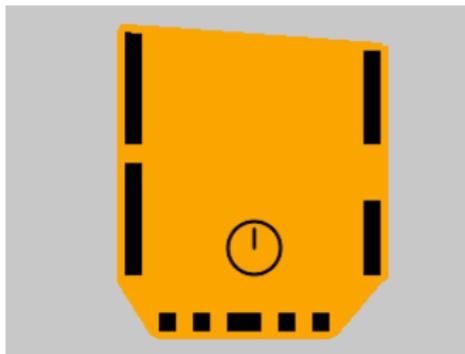
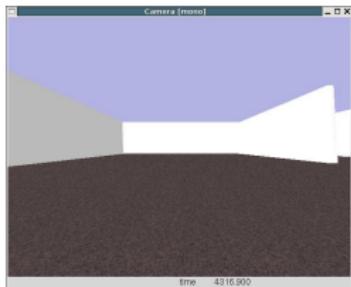
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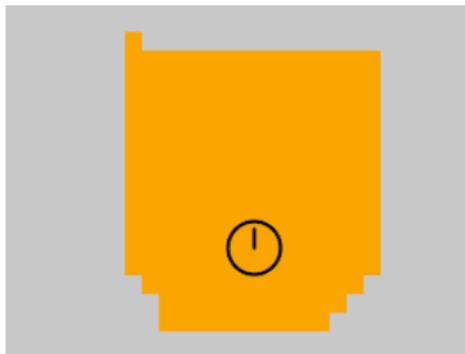
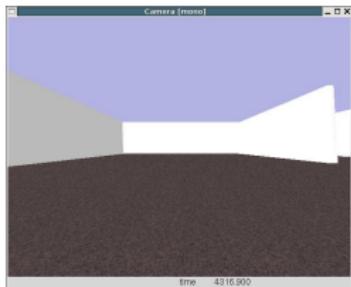
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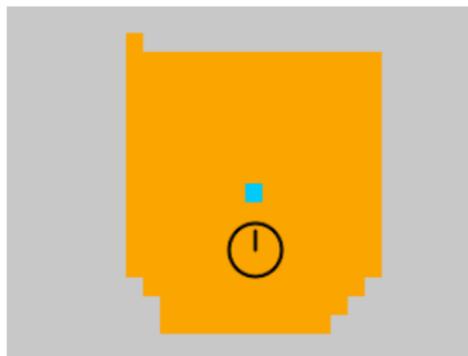
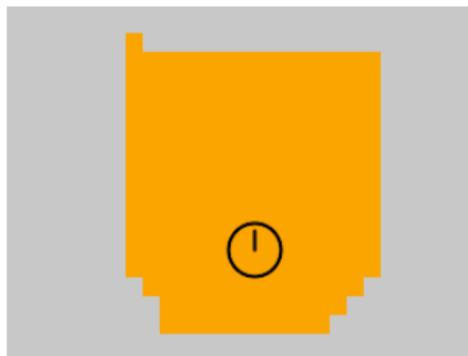
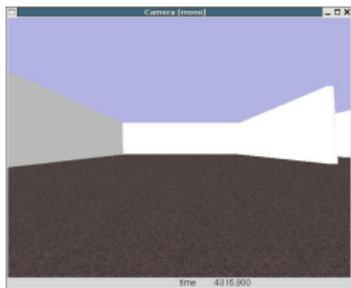
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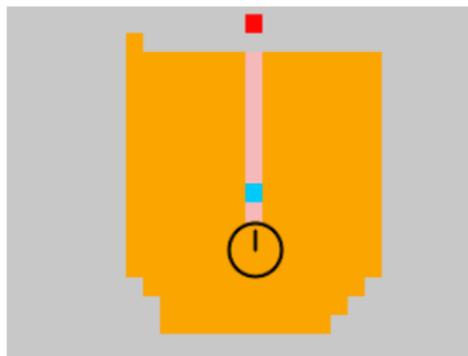
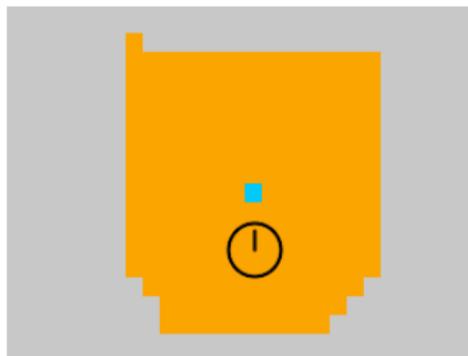
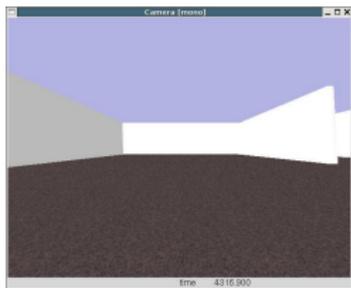
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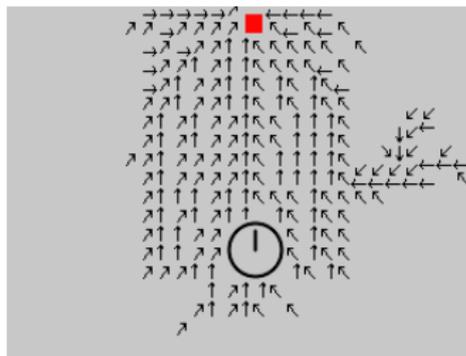
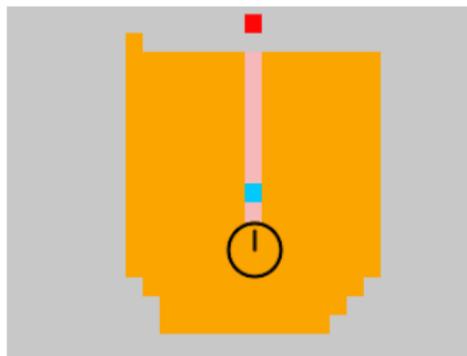
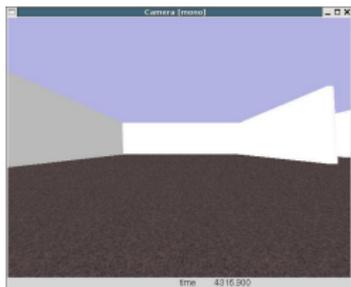
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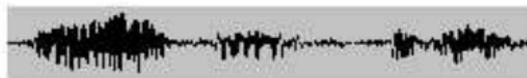


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"Go across the room."

go(across(room))

Lexicon

go: Gradient(arg)

room: ConvexHull of obstacles

across: TraceLine through CenterOfMass

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Primitives

Gradient

ConvexHull

TraceLine

Area

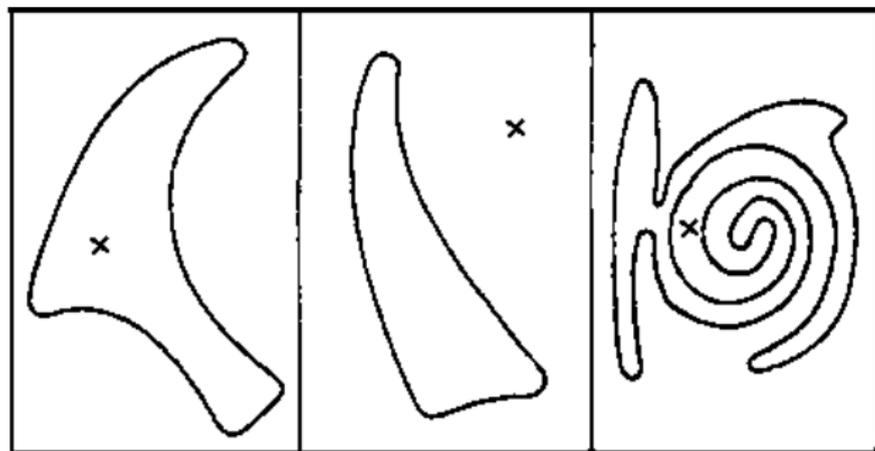
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**Player**



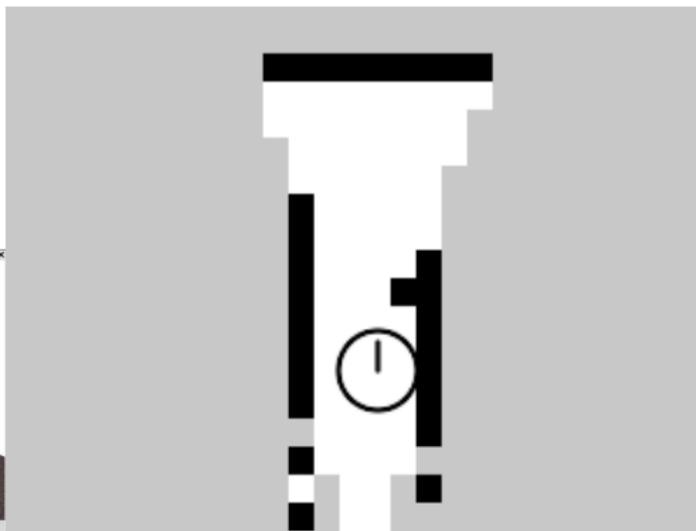
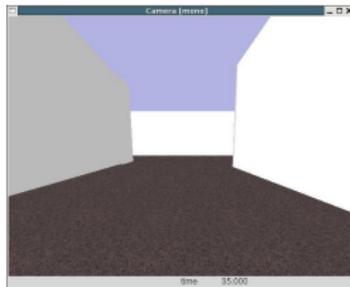
RobChair	NavChair
Stop	Stop
<b>Go forward</b>	<b>Forward</b>
Go backward	Left/right (turn 30°)
Rotate right/left	Turn left/right (turn continuously)
Hard right/left (turn 20°)	<b>Pass door</b>
Soft right/left (turn 10°)	<b>Approach desk</b>
	<b>Follow wall</b>
Wheelesley	Current System
Stop	Stop
<b>Forward</b>	<b>Go straight</b>
Back	Face left/right (turn 90°)
Left/right	<b>Go left/right</b>
	Turn around
	<b>Go across the room</b>
	<b>Go to the object</b>
	<b>Go to the left/right of the object</b>

## Visual Routines

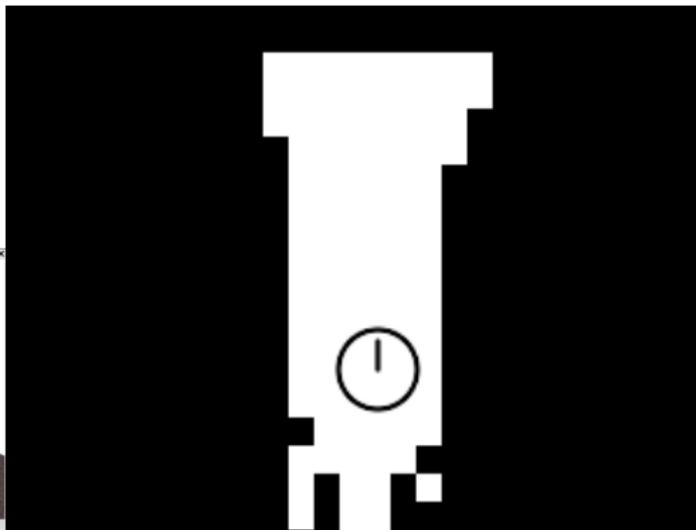
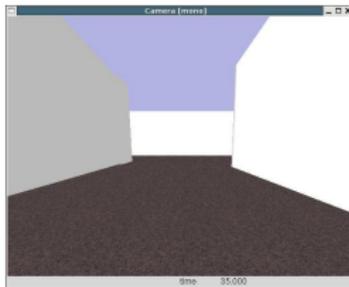


- ▶ Ullman's visual routines (Shimon Ullman, *Visual Routines*, 1983)
- ▶ Rao's thesis (Satyajit Rao, *Visual Routines and Attention*, 1998)

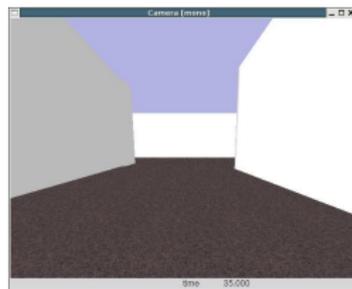
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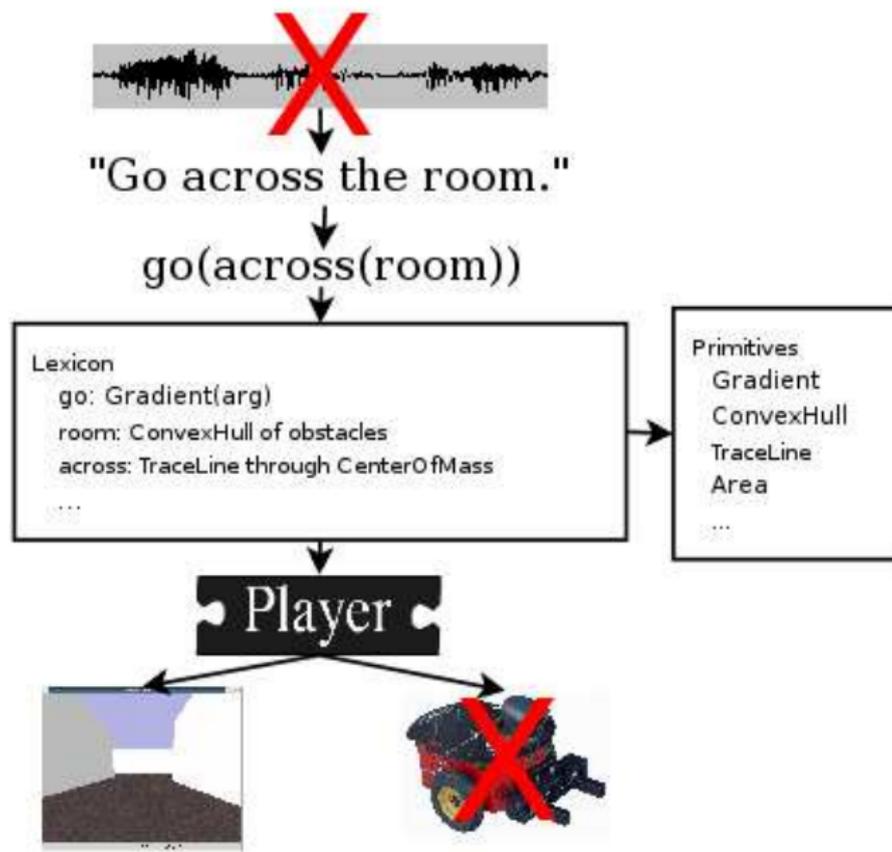
# Datatypes - Mask



# Datatypes - Paths



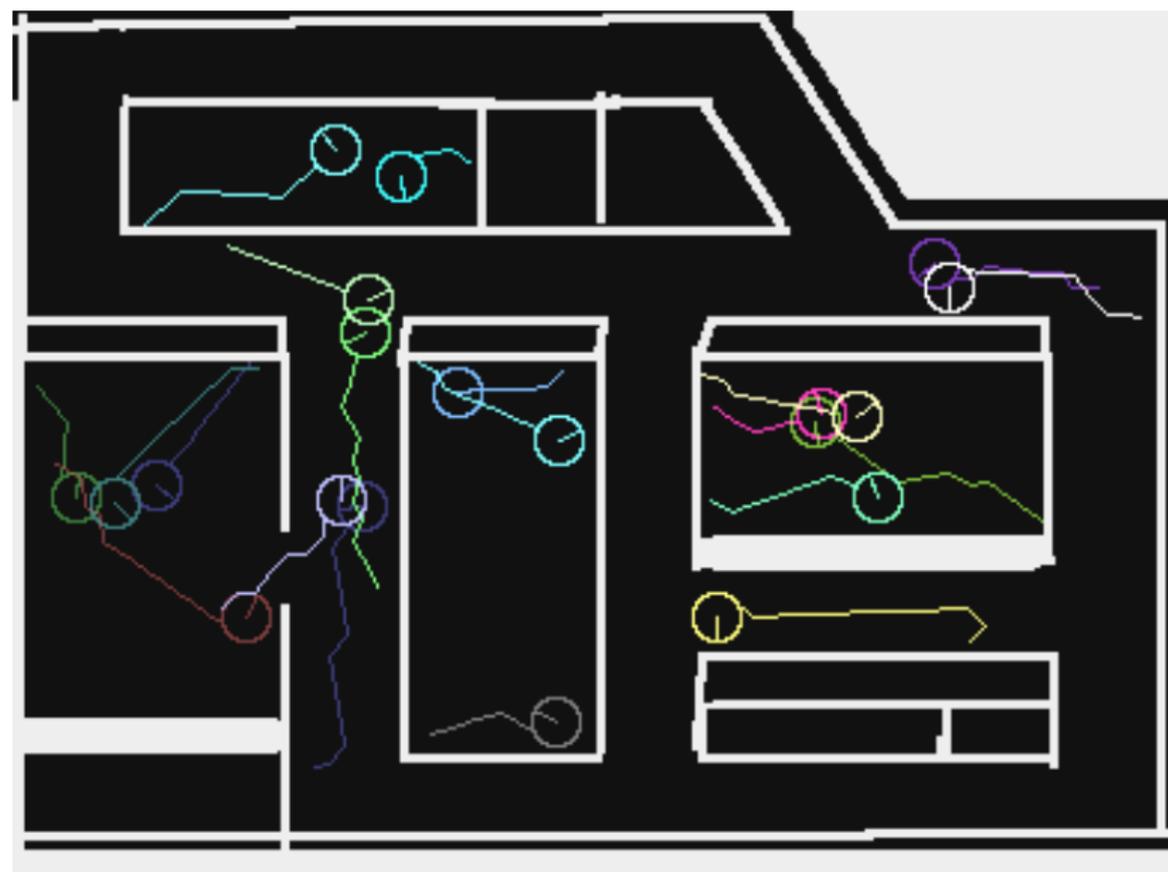
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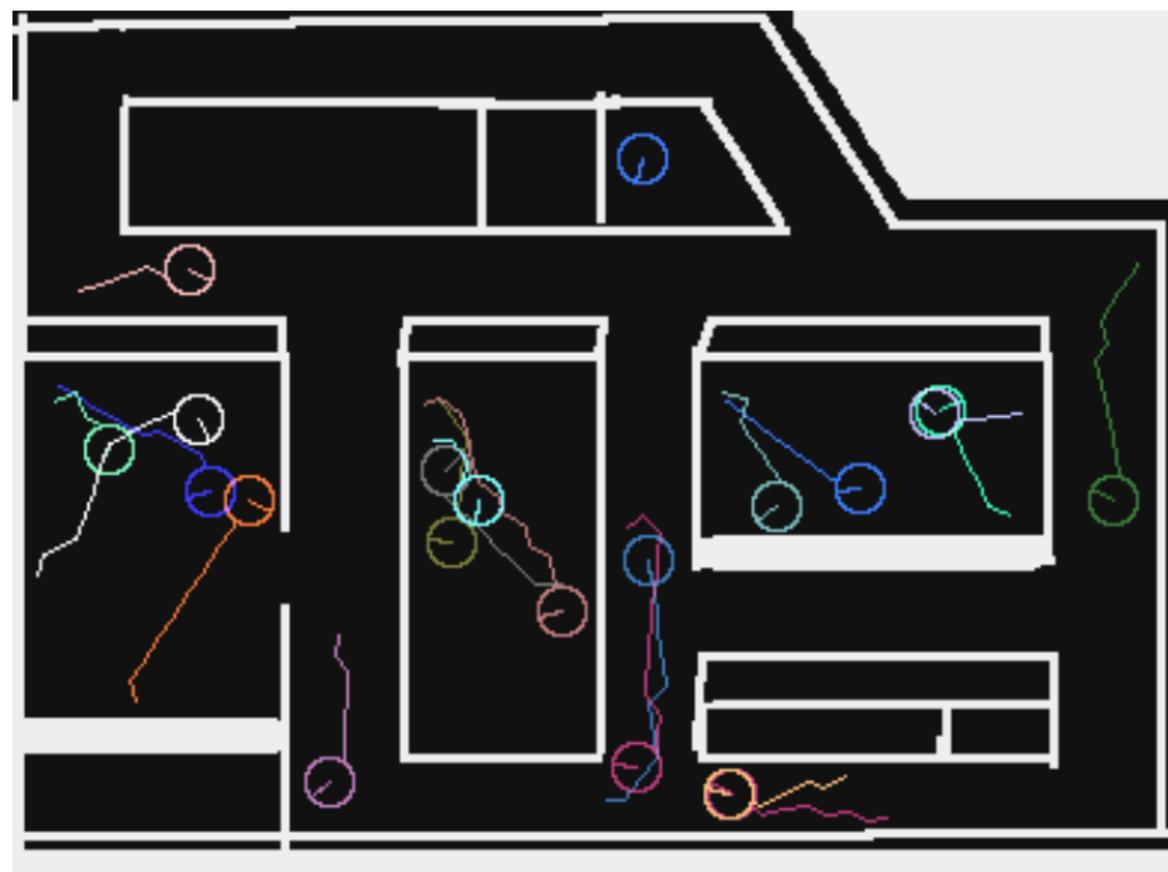
# Evaluation

- ▶ 5 subjects
- ▶ 20 examples of robot's planned path and actual path.
  - ▶ Focus of work is planned path.
  - ▶ Chosen from uniform distribution, two radii from walls.
  - ▶ Orientation chosen from uniform distribution.
- ▶ Each example marked as "correct", "incorrect", "n/a".
- ▶ Report:
  - ▶ Generous - Samples with at least one correct.
  - ▶ Stingy - Samples where most subjects marked it correct.
  - ▶ Light's Kappa

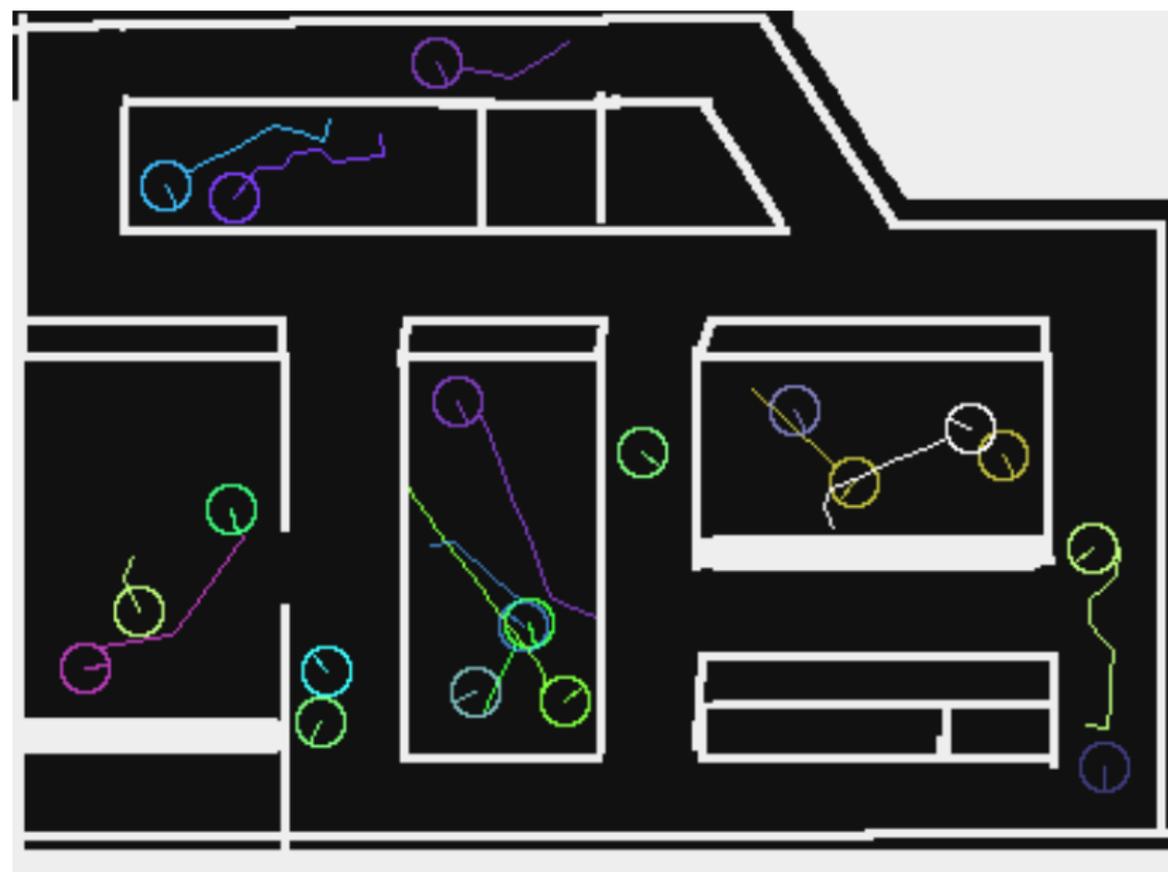
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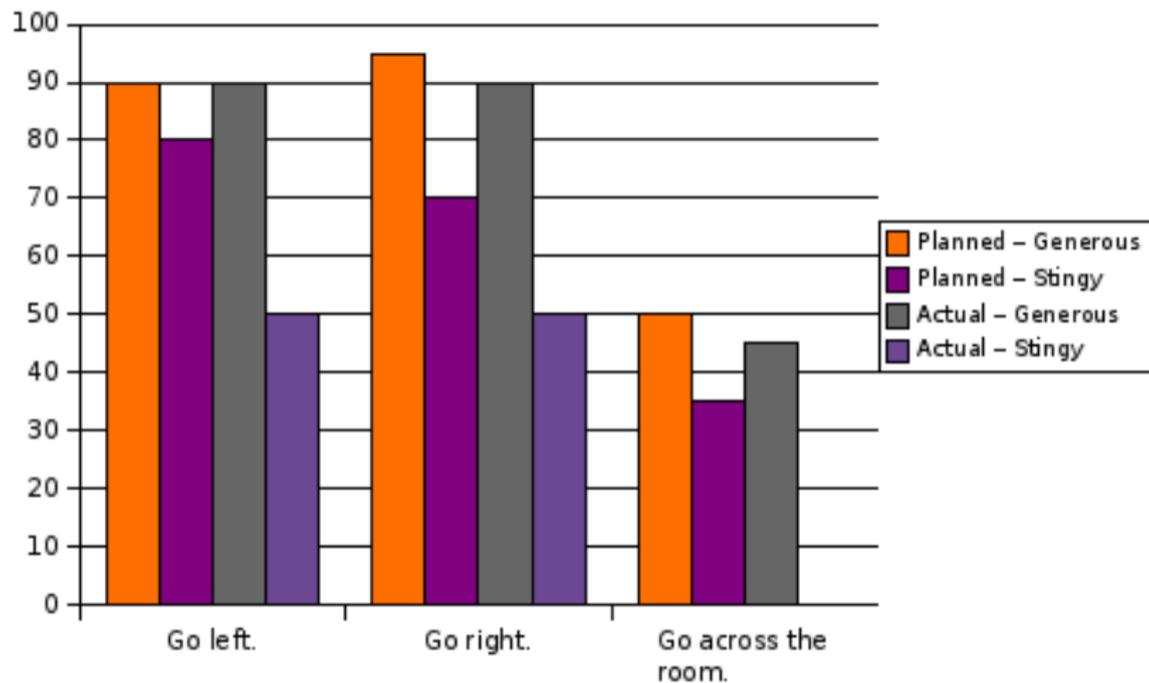
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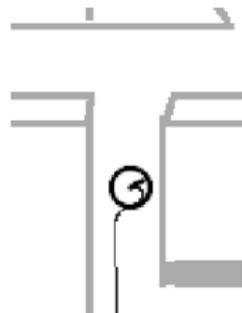
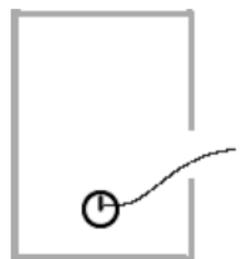
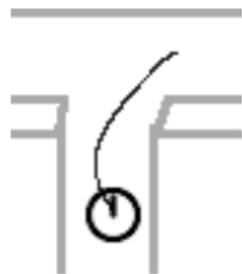
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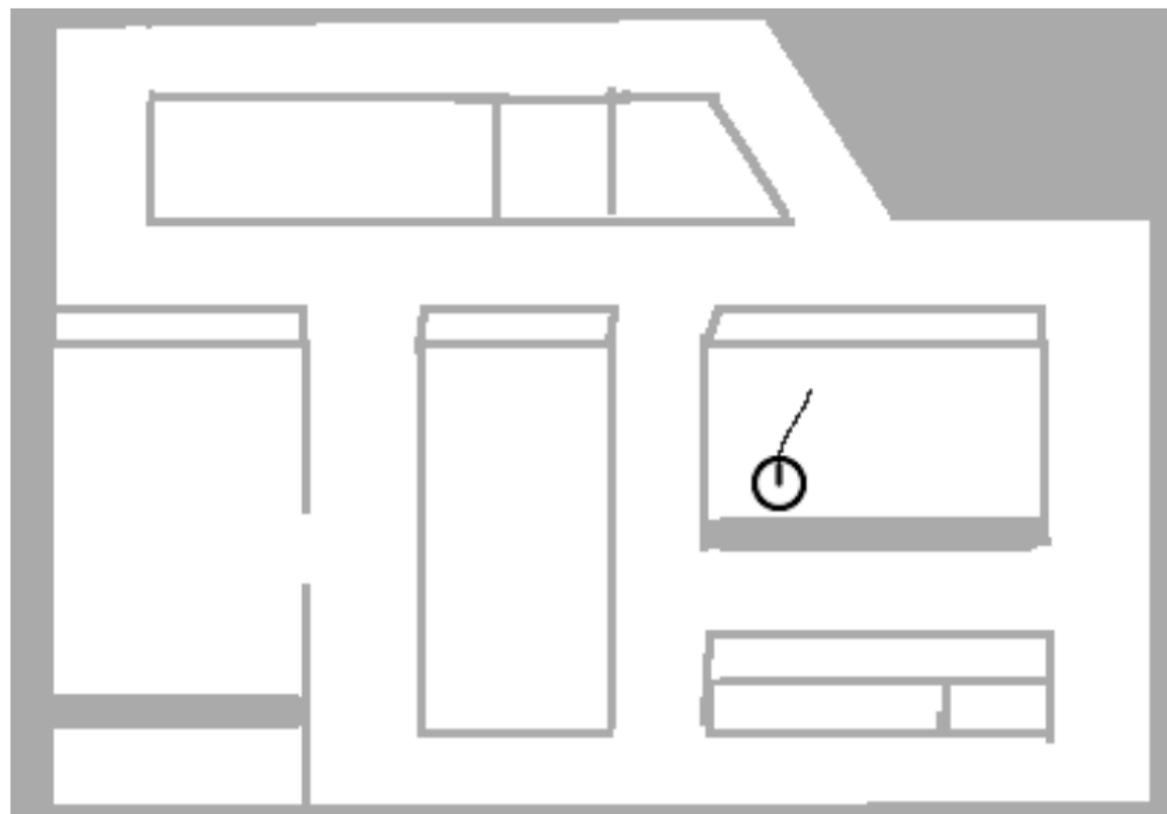
	Planned Path		
Command	% Correct		Light's Kappa
	Generous	Stingy	
Go left	90%	80%	0.12
Go right	95%	70%	0.12
Go across the room	50%	35%	0.53
	Actual Path		
Command	% Correct		Light's Kappa
	Generous	Stingy	
Go left	90%	50%	0.15
Go right	90%	50%	0.11
Go across the room	45%	0%	0.09

Command	Average Correct	Standard Deviation
Go left.	61%	30
Go right.	56%	27.25
Go across the room	36%	7.42

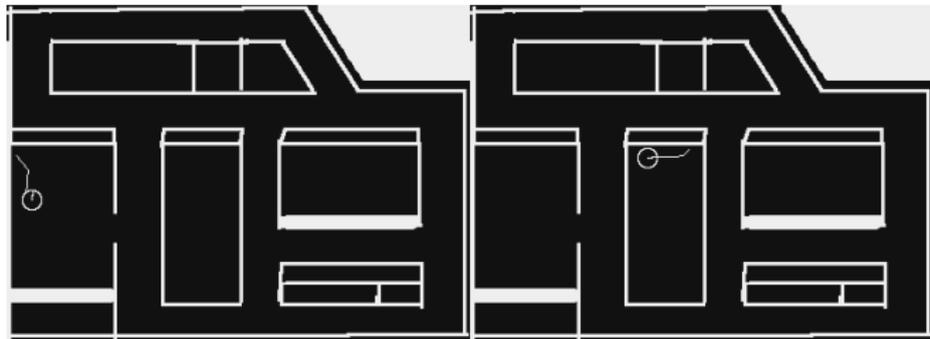
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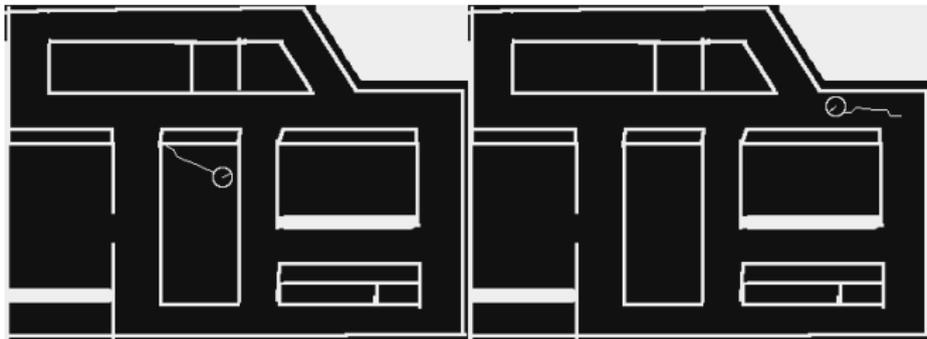


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- ▶ The two worst samples for “Go left.”
- ▶ (Each had 4 incorrect, 1 n/a)

“Go left.”



- ▶ The two second worst samples for “Go left.”
- ▶ (Only one subject marked each of these correct.)

## Lessons Learned

- ▶ Worked well for some people some of the time.
- ▶ Poor interannotator agreement.
- ▶ Not very realistic.
  - ▶ Empty environment.
  - ▶ Top down situation view.
- ▶ Better methods:
  - ▶ Movies of paths. (1st or 3rd person.)
  - ▶ Richer environment.
  - ▶ Paths generated by people (By drawing or driving.)

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