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- Administrative details
- Questions on midterm?
- Overview of A3
- Review of mathematical notation
- Outline of specification topics
- Definition of specification
- Uses of specification
- Qualities of a good specification
- Classification of specification styles
- Examples
- How to verify a specification

Administrative Details

TBD

Midterm Examination

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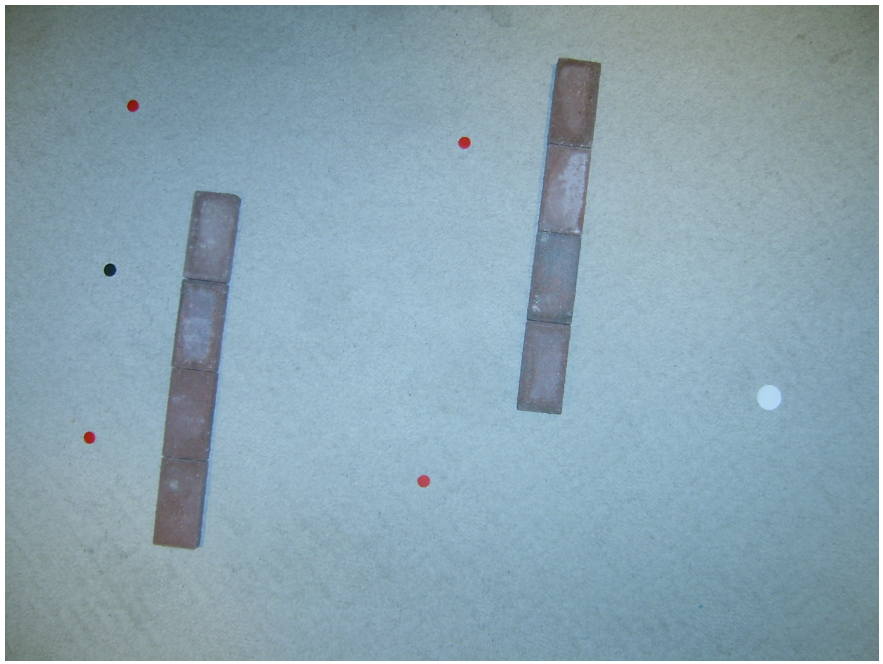
A3: Remote Image Guided Autonomous Rescue Robots (RIGARR)

- Motivated by existing technology
- In the event of a disaster, robots can be used to find and rescue the survivors
- In some cases the robots may be autonomous

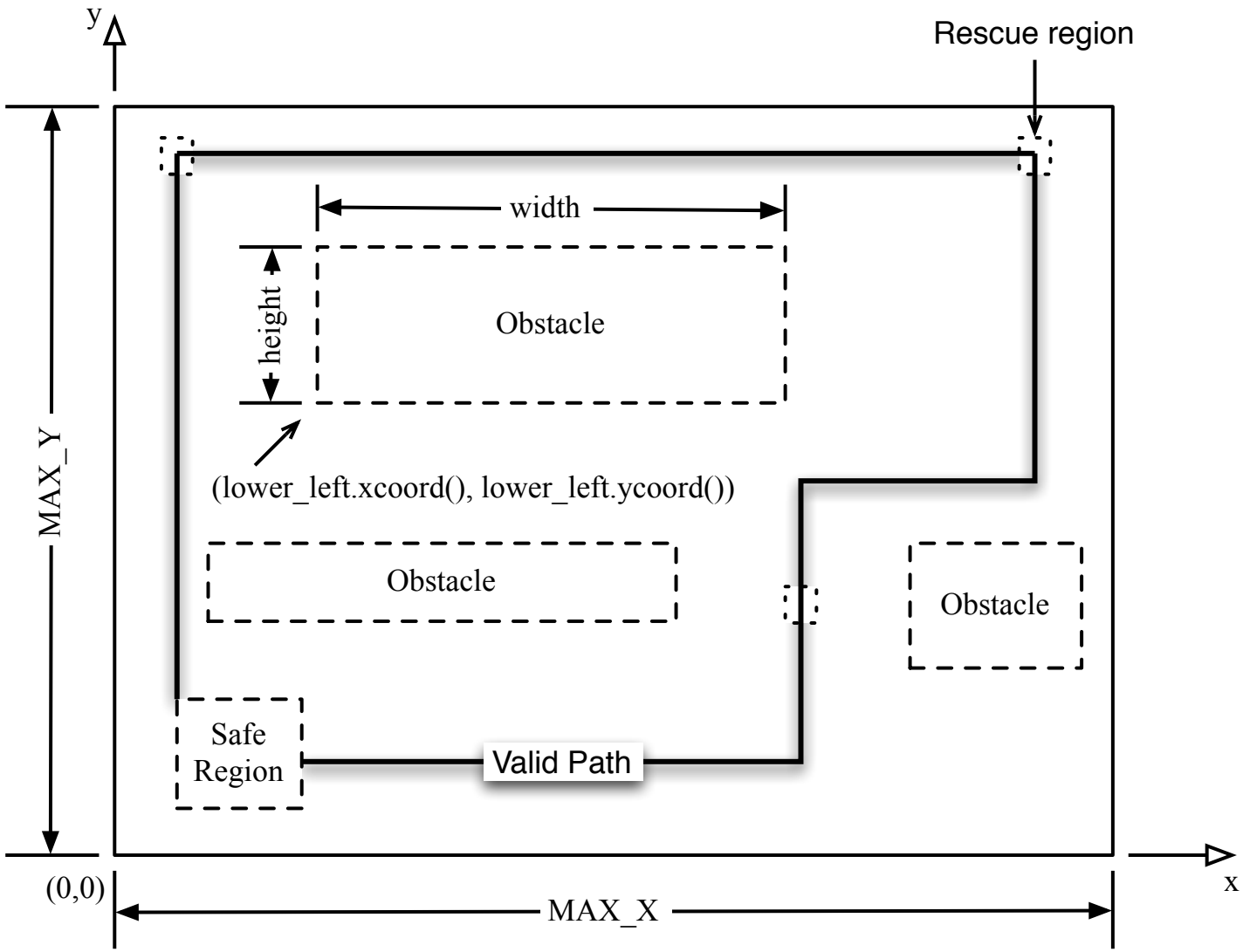
Images

A3: RIGARR Continued

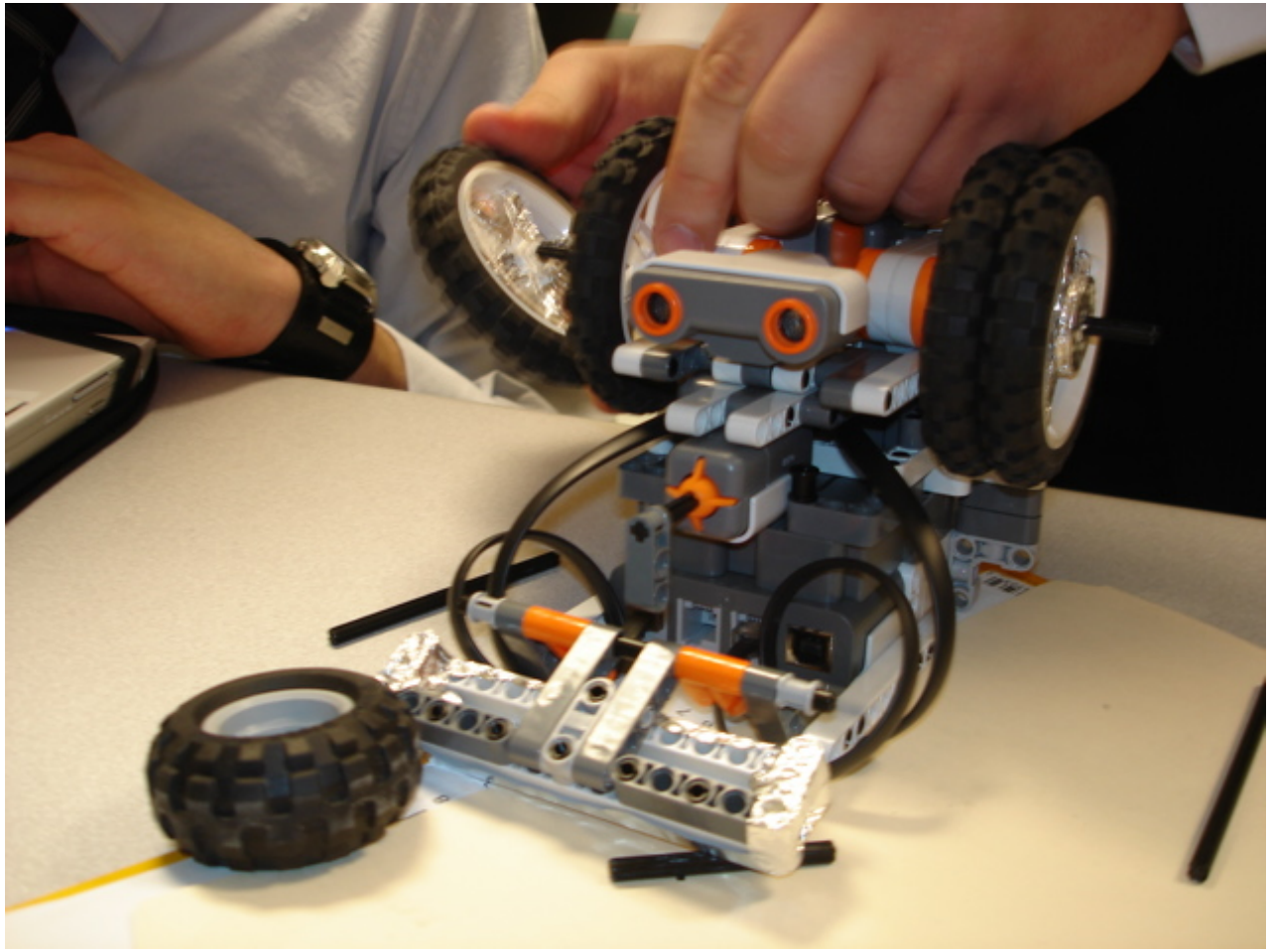
- Given an image
- Begin at the start (white circle)
- Reach destinations (black circles)
- Benchmarks (red circles)
- Teams competed for fastest time

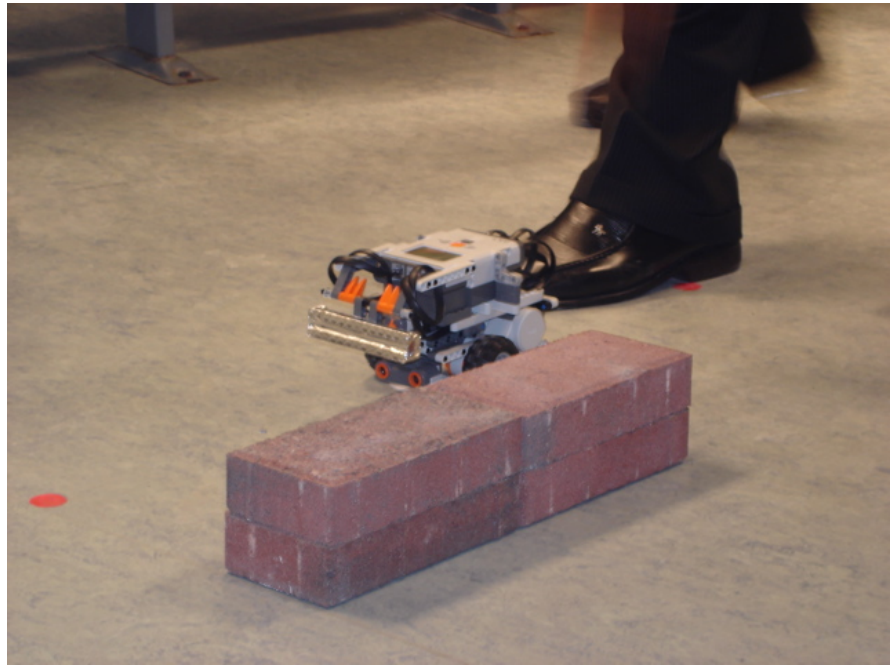


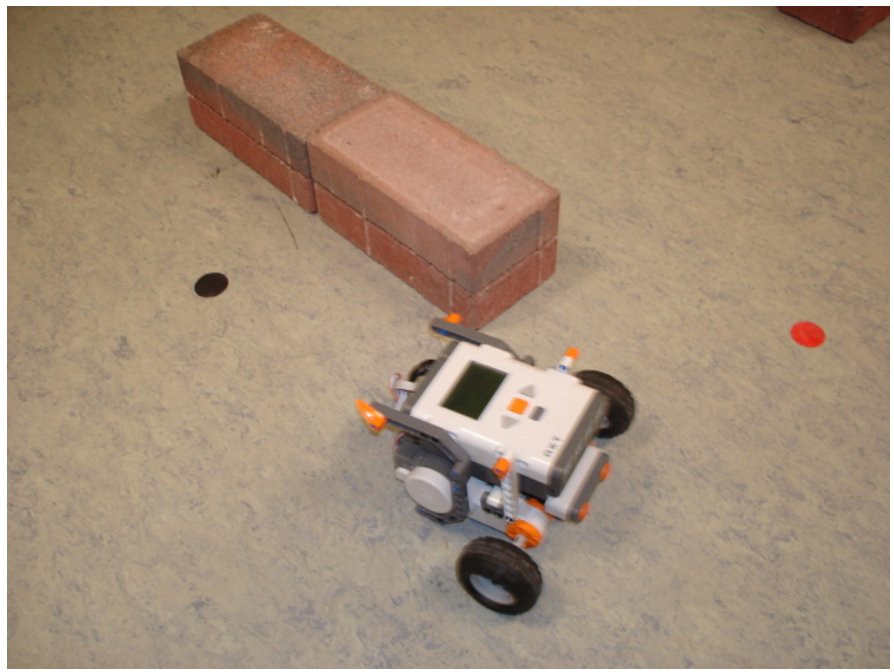
A3 Example Map and Path



A Robot







A3 Specify and Implement a Portion of RIGARR

- Focusing on the data model portion of the design
- Part 1
  - Complete incomplete specification
  - Critique design of interface
  - Use LaTeX
- Part 2
  - Given complete specification
  - Implement in Java
  - Test using JUnit
- Assignment Specification

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- What does this notation mean?
- Every point outside the circle
- Because p is of type pointT, we know that the domain of discourse is all possible points in 2D space

Mathematical Notation Example 4

- $\{p : \text{pointT} | x_{\text{left}} \leq p.\text{xcrd}() \leq x_{\text{left}} + \text{width} \wedge y_{\text{bot}} \leq p.\text{ycrd}() \leq y_{\text{bot}} + \text{height} : p\}$
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- What does this notation mean?
- Set of all points inside a box, including the boundaries

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- True if the line and the circle overlap at least one point

Outline of Specification Topics

- Discussion of the term specification
- Types of specification
  - Operational
    - Data flow diagrams
    - UML diagrams
    - Mill's black-box
    - Finite state machines
  - Descriptive
    - Entity relationship diagrams
    - Logic-based notation
    - Algebraic specification
- Languages for modular specification
  - Statecharts
  - Tabular expressions

When do we use Specification?

- When do engineers use specifications?
- What documents require specifications?
- What are some examples of specifiations?

Specification

- A broad term that means definition
- Used at different stages of software development for different purposes
- Generally, a statement or agreement (contract) between
  - Producer and consumer of a service
  - Implementer and user
- All desirable qualities must be specified

Uses of Specification

- Statement of user requirements
  - Major failures occur because of misunderstandings between the producer and the user
  - "The hardest single part of building a software system is deciding precisely what to build" (F. Brooks)
  - Precise description of the borderline bw the machine and the environment (end user and other systems)
- Statement of interface between the machine and the controlled environment
  - Serious undesirable effects can result due to misunderstandings between software engineers and domain experts about the phenomena affecting the control function to be implemented by software
  - Precise description of the borderline between the machine and the environment (devices controlled by machines)