Discrete Event ("Network") Modeling, Patient Flow & Irregular Geometries in AnyLogic

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Recall: "Network Modeling" Irregular Spatial Embedding





Hands on Model Use Ahead



Load model (available on STELLAR Site): Ophthalmology Department.alp

Discrete Event ("Network Oriented") Modeling

- Resource-based modeling
 - Queues
 - Processes
 - Flow charts
 - Capacitated resource pools
 - Send to
 - Attachment/detachment



Central Concepts in Discrete Event Modeling

- Entities flowing through processes & being processed at successive stages
- Flow charts specify process ("workflow" on entities)
- Resources required for processing
 - Queues for entities awaiting resources
 - Limited-capacity resource pools from which resources are drawn
- Entity interaction with resources
 - Attachment/detachment
 - Seizure
- Physical "homes" for resources
- Movement paths (via polylines)

Specifying a "Network"

- A network groups together
 - Entities
 - Resources
 - Portions of the workflow

Flow chart associated with Network (Entities flow through Types of resources associated this) with the network, each in a Network and Its Components resource pool



Entities

Entities are the central parties on which the processes take place

- eg Patients in a hospital or clinic, cars in an assembly line

- Primarily passive things "happen to them"
- "Flow through" (are routed around) the flow charts associated with the system
 - "Injected" into the system at a source; disappear at sink
 Only exist for the duration of time that are in the system
- Multiple entities typically in the system at one time
- If wish to maintain extra information on an entity, can "subclass" the Entity class
- Entities are often associated with a physical representation, which travels around spatial envir.

Resources

- Frequently resources are required to initiate a particular phase of processing
 - A doctor (resource) to administer surgery to a patient (entity)
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- Distinctions amongst these resources
 - Portable vs. fixed
 - Mobile (with agency)
- To capture these dependencies, a network is often associated with multiple types of resources

Defining Resource Pools

Resource pool type

Capacity of Pool (number of units of resource present)

(Static [Fixed], Moving [Mobile], Portable [Can be carried])



Flow Charts

• Entities flow in a single direction on flow charts



Flow Charts

- Flow charts can be hierarchical
- Frequently not linear e.g.
 - Branches
 - Joins



Palette Elements to Specify Flow Charts



Major Operators of Interest

- Source
- Sink
- Network enter/exit (enter into a particular network)
- Select output (based on predicate)
- Split
- Delay

- Resource-related
 - Network seize/release:
 Association between Entity
 & Resource
 - Network attach/detach:
 Physically link entity & attached resources, so travel with entity
 - Network move to: Move entity (& movable attached resources) to particular place
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Source: Entity Origination



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Sink: Entity Cessation

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Network Enter: Informing Newly Created Entities of the Available Resources



Network Exit



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Determining factor can either be deterministic (e.g. based on condition) or stochastic (based on probability) Select Output: Which Path Does Entity Take?



Selection

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Network Delay

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Resources 2

- When an agent cannot obtain ("seize") a resource, they "enqueue" and wait for that resource to be released by another entity
 - These resources live in "pools" of interchangeable "resource units"
 - A "seized" resource comes from the pool
 - A "released" resource returns to the pool
 - If wish to be able to choose particular resources from a pool, create in *different pools*, and select desired pool



Main Flow Operators Associated with Resources

- All resources
 - Network Seize
 - Network Release
- All non-static (portable&mobile resources)
 - Network Attach (NetworkAttach)/Detach (NetworkAttach)
- Moving entity along with attached portable & mobile resources – to a location
 - NetworkMoveTo
- Moving mobile resources to a location
 - Network SendTo (NetworkSendTo)

A Key Distinction

- Seizing/Releasing a resource: Is this resource reserved by (uniquely associated with) the entity?
- Attaching/Detaching a resource: Will this resource spatially follow the agent?

Another Flow Chart



Securing Association with 1 or More Resources: Network Seize



Network Release: Dissociating Entity & Resource

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Network Send To: Moving a (Seized) Resource to a Resource, Entity, or Place



Example of Simultaneously Moving Multiple Resources Together via SendTo



Network Attach: Associating Entity with Specified Seized Resources, or those Nearby (So move together henceforth)



Network Move To: Moving an *Entity* to a Resource (or Node)



Network Detach So entity can be physically Separated from <u>resources</u> (while remaining associated w/them)



Releasing Associated Resources



Visual Depiction Accompanying Logical Flow

- Entities are associated with icons
- Resources are associated with
 - Locations
 - Icons
- Movement networks are associated with routing paths
 - Often want to move resources or icons among different visual locations
 - Specific points (e.g. a storage closet for mobile resources)
 - Points associated with fixed resources (e.g. a MRI scanner)

Association of Network with Paths



Associated Presentation "Group" The network will "know" about these (e.g. location & interconnectivity for routing)



Presentation of Entity



Presentation Properties of a Resource



Entering the Network: Where & with What (Logical & Presentation) Network



Movement Network: Defined by Polygons & Rectangles



Recall: The Location of Room Resource Pool is given as being "Path across nodes" defined by the Polyline



Polyline Describes the Location of the Procedure Rooms



Moving Entity to an Explicit Visual Point

Selection

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Subclassing: A Valuable Tool

- So as to customized the desired system behavior, it can be useful to customize entities & resources (resource units)
 - To e.g. carry around additional information (e.g. associated external agent in agent-based model, history information, etc.)
 - Particular specialized network types
- Because the original entities & resource units are classes, this can be accomplished via subclassing (subclass Entity & ResourceUnit)
- If do this, parameterize generics by subclass type S (e.g. NetworkResourcePool<S>)
- We will be discussing subclassing in an upcoming Java tutorial

Understanding the Model: MainPhase1

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Entering the Network

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Moving to Exit

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Entering the Network: Same

Reserving (Seizing) a Procedure Room

Moving to the Reserved Room

Releasing the Room

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