Introduction to Cognitive Robotics

Module 10: Using Turtlesim with CRAM

Lecture 8: Using location designators with TurtleSim

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Based on CRAM tutorials http://cram-system.org/tutorials

Based on Using location designators with the TurtleSim http://cram-system.org/tutorials/beginner/location_designators_2

Location Designators: An Overview

- Location designators provide a way to describe a location in symbolic terms ...
- ... and have the actual coordinates determined later, when needed at run time
- Location designators are resolved in a different manner compared to motion designators
 - Motion designators are resolved by inference (reasoning) with Prolog using a set of facts and rules
 - Location designators make use of a pair of different types of functions

Location Designators: An Overview

These functions are

1. location-generator

This creates a lazy list of candidate poses

2. location-validator

This checks that a candidate pose is actually valid i.e. that it is feasible for the robot, e.g. not in collision with objects in the environment

Location Designators: An Overview

- Both generator and validator functions need to be written by the programmer for their specific application
- They must be registered as generators or validators (as appropriate for given designator constraints
- It is also possible to define and register several generators and validators for the same designator
- Having more generators means you have to check more candidates
- Different validators can collaborate to check a candidate

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Several return values are possible for validators:

- :accept means the candidate is accepted by this validator
- :unknown means this validator cannot decide and leaves the decision to the others
- :maybe-reject means the candidate will be rejected unless some other validator explicitly accepts it
- reject immediately invalidates the candidate, no further processing needed

Location Designators: An Overview

Therefore, a candidate will be accepted if

```
No validator rejected it
AND

( at least one validator returned :accept)
OR
(all validators returned :unknown)
```

Writing a location designator generator function

We will the code in location-designators.lisp

Writing a location designator generator function

As before, when developing new code, we need to

- Update the dependencies in cram-my-beginner-tutorial.asd ← We need to do this because we are going to put the new code in a separate file

We don't need to do this as there

are no new packages being used

We will place the new code is a separate Lisp file

- (Update the dependencies in package.lisp) <
- Add the new code to location-designators.lisp
- Test the code
 - Run the ROS master
 - Run turtlesim
 - Run turtlesim teleop
 - Call the new functions

Run the Lisp REPL, loading the new program, creating a ROS node

Writing a location designator generator function

Update the ASDF dependencies

Make sure you are in the cram_my_beginner_tutorial sub-directory

~\$ cd ~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial

~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial\$

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Update the ASDF dependencies

Edit cram-my-beginner-tutorial.asd

~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial\$ emacs cram-my-beginner-tutorial.asd

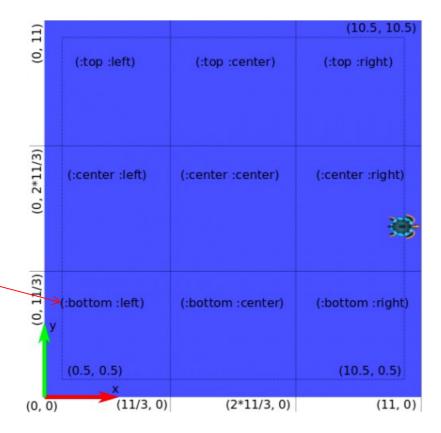
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```
(defsystem cram-my-beginner-tutorial
  :depends-on (roslisp cram-language
               turtlesim-msg turtlesim-srv
               cl-transforms geometry msgs-msg
               cram-designators cram-prolog
               cram-process-modules cram-language-designator-support
               cram-executive)
  :components
  ((:module "src"
            :components
            ((:file "package")
             (:file "control-turtlesim" :depends-on ("package"))
             (:file "simple-plans" :depends-on ("package" "control-turtlesim"))
             (:file "motion-designators" :depends-on ("package"))
             (:file "location-designators" :depends-on ("package"))
             (:file "process-modules" :depends-on ("package"
                                                                                      Add this line
                                                    "control-turtlesim"
                                                    "simple-plans"
                                                    "motion-designators"))
             (:file "selecting-process-modules" :depends-on ("package"
                                                              "motion-designators"
                                                              "process-modules"))))))
```

Writing a location designator generator function

We would like to specify locations for the turtle to go using spatial relations, e.g.:

Writing a location designator generator function



Symbolic positions, e.g. :bottom :left

We want the designator to resolve by producing coordinates in whichever of the nine sectors are specified by the nine combinations of

```
{:top,:center,:bottom} X
{:left,:center;:right}
```

Writing a location designator generator function

Create a new Lisp file for the location designators code:

Make sure you are in the cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src sub-directory

~\$ cd ~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src

~/workspace/ros/src/cram my beginner tutorial/src\$

Writing a location designator generator function

Create a new Lisp file for the location designators code:

Edit location-designators.lisp

~/workspace/ros/src/cram_my_beginner_tutorial/src\$ emacs location-designators.lisp

Writing a location designator generator function

Create a new Lisp file for the location designators code:

Edit location-designators.lisp

Copy and paste the code from the following slide

```
(in-package :tut)
(defun navigation-goal-generator (designator)
  (declare (type location-designator designator))
  (with-desig-props (vertical-position horizontal-position) designator
    (let ((x-offset (ecase horizontal-position
                      (:left 0)
                      (:center (/ 11.0 3.0))
                      (:right (* (/ 11.0 3.0) 2))))
          (y-offset (ecase vertical-position
                      (:bottom 0)
                      (:center (/ 11.0 3.0))
                      (:top (* (/ 11.0 3.0) 2)))))
      (loop repeat 5
           collect (cl-transforms:make-3d-vector
                     (+ x-offset (random (/ 11.0 3.0)))
                     (+ y-offset (random (/ 11.0 3.0)))
                     0)))))
```

```
(in-package :tut)
                                                           Declare the type of the designator to be a location-designator

Use the vertical-position and horizontal-position designator properties
(defun navigation-goal-generator (designator)
  (declare (type location-designator designator))
  (with-desig-props (vertical-position horizontal-position) designator
    (let ((x-offset (ecase horizontal-position
                         (:left 0)
                                                                       x origin for :left, :center, and :right sectors
                         (:center (/ 11.0 3.0))
                         (:right (* (/ 11.0 3.0) 2)))
            (y-offset (ecase vertical-position
                         (:bottom 0)
                         (:center (/ 11.0 3.0))
                         (:top (* (/ 11.0 3.0) 2)))))
      (loop repeat 5
             collect (cl-transforms:make-3d-vector
                                                                              Generate and return 5 random sets of coordinates
                        (+ x-offset (random (/ 11.0 3.0)))
(+ y-offset (random (/ 11.0 3.0)))
0)))))
                                                                                   in the specified sector offset from the x and y origins
                        the function generator returns a list of 5 3d-vectors
                                                                                   Register the function as a location designator generator
(register-location-generator 5 navigation-goal-generator)
                                            The priority of the generator
                                            Generators are called in priority order: lower values imply higher priority and the earlier they are called
```

the generator has one parameter: a designator ...

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Writing a location designator generator function

Now, let's experiment with this code

First, we need to make sure a ROS master is running

If you have not already done it, open a terminal and enter

~\$ roscore

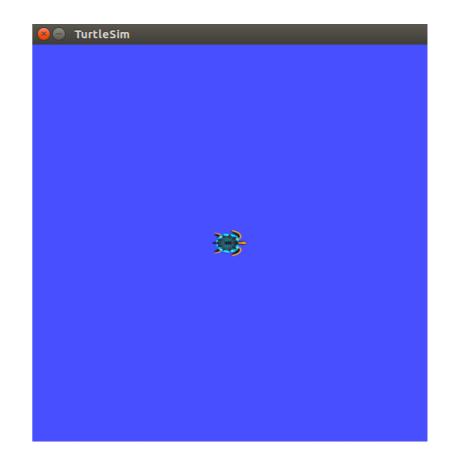
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Now, start turtlesim

Open a new terminal and enter

~\$ rosrun turtlesim turtlesim_node

This is what you should see



Launch the Lisp REPL

If you have not already done it, open a terminal and enter ~/workspace/ros\$ roslisp repl

Load the system

CL-USER> (ros-load:load-system "cram my beginner tutorial" :cram-my-beginner-tutorial)

Switch to the package

```
CL-USER> (in-package :tut)
TUT>
```

```
TUT> (start-ros-node "turtle1")

[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.674: Node name is turtle1

[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.687: Namespace is /

[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.688: Params are NIL

[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.689: Remappings are:

[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688669.691: master URI is 127.0.0.1:11311

[(ROSLISP TOP) INFO] 1292688670.875: Node startup complete
```

Call the function to perform the initialization

TUT> (init-ros-turtle "turtle1")

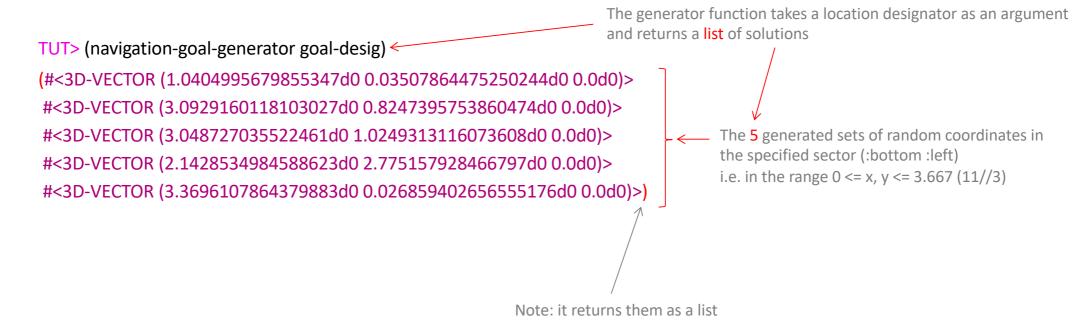
Use turtle1 ... remember, this forms the prefix on the topic names
This is the name of the first turtle that turtlesim spawns

Writing a location designator generator function

Define the example location designator

Writing a location designator generator function

Now, test the example designator resolving function



Writing a location designator generator function

And now, try resolving (referencing) the example location designator

TUT> (reference goal-desig)
#<3D-VECTOR (1.142098307609558d0 2.184809684753418d0 0.0d0)>

It resolves to a 3d-vector with appropriate values

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Writing a location designator generator function

And now, try resolving (referencing) the example location designator

TUT> (reference goal-desig)

#<3D-VECTOR (1.142098307609558d0 2.184809684753418d0 0.0d0)>

Why are these values not the same as the first element. of the list we got when we performed the evaluation previously?

TUT> (navigation-goal-generator goal-desig)
(#<3D-VECTOR (1.0404995679855347d0 0.03507864475250244d0 0.0d0)>
#<3D-VECTOR (3.0929160118103027d0 0.8247395753860474d0 0.0d0)>
#<3D-VECTOR (3.048727035522461d0 1.0249313116073608d0 0.0d0)>
#<3D-VECTOR (2.1428534984588623d0 2.775157928466797d0 0.0d0)>
#<3D-VECTOR (3.3696107864379883d0 0.026859402656555176d0 0.0d0)>)

Because when referencing goal-desig, the generator creates a new and different list of candidates

Writing a location designator generator function

And now, try resolving (referencing) the example location designator

TUT> (reference goal-desig)

#<3D-VECTOR (1.142098307609558d0 2.184809684753418d0 0.0d0)>

TUT> (reference goal-desig)

#<3D-VECTOR (1.142098307609558d0 2.184809684753418d0 0.0d0)> <

It resolves to a 3d-vector with appropriate values

On the second resolution, it also resolves to a 3d-vector with appropriate values

... but why does it have the same coordinates? Surely, the random number generator in navigation-goal-generator didn't create the exact same numbers twice?

It didn't; it generated 5 solution ... but to get the other elements in the list of solutions we need another function: next-solution

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To get the other elements in the list of solutions we need another function: next-solution

```
TUT> (next-solution goal-desig)

That's odd: it returns a location designator, not a 3d-vector with the coordinates

#<LOCATION-DESIGNATOR ((:VERTICAL-POSITION :BOTTOM)

(:HORIZONTAL-POSITION :LEFT)) {10086B5A23}>
```

- Confusingly, next-solution doesn't actually return the next solution, but rather a new designator
 - This designator has identical properties to the goal-designator
 - If no other solution exists, then next-solution returns nil
- If we actually want to see this solution, assuming it exists, we need to resolve it, i.e. reference it ...

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To see this solution, assuming it exists, we need to resolve it, i.e. reference it ...

```
TUT> (reference (next-solution goal-desig))
#<3D-VECTOR (0.261885404586792d0 2.649489164352417d0 0.0d0)>
```

- If we called (reference (next-solution goal-desig)) again, we would get this same solution again
- If goal-desig stays the same, then the next solution designator also stays the same, and so does the solution associated with it

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One way to iterate over the solutions would be:

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14.5 The Loop Facility

The loop macro was originally designed to help inexperienced Lisp users write iterative code. Instead of writing Lisp code, you express your program in a form meant to resemble English, and this is then translated into Lisp. Unfortunately, loop is more like English than its designers ever intended: you can use it in simple cases without quite understanding how it works, but to understand it in the abstract is almost impossible.

There are three phases in the evaluation of a loop expression, and a given clause can contribute code to more than one phase. The phases are as follows:

- 1. *Prologue*. Evaluated once as a prelude to iteration. Includes setting variables to their initial values.
- 2. *Body.* Evaluated on each iteration. Begins with the termination tests, followed by the body proper, then the updating of iteration variables.
- 3. *Epilogue*. Evaluated once iteration is completed. Concludes with the return of the value(s) of the loop expression.

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One way to iterate over the solutions would be:

The for construct is a feature of loop ... (loop for var = initial-value-form [then step-form] ...)

TUT> (loop for desig = goal-desig then (next-solution desig)

while desig

🔻 do (print (reference desig)))

The while and do constructs are also a feature of loop

while terminates the loop the first time its test form is false
This happens when there are no solutions remaining in desig
i.e., (next-solution desig) evaluates an empty list: NIL or false

do is not a loop; it simply introduces, as an argument, the form(s) that are to be executed in the loop

After each iteration, the next solution of desig, which is a new designator with the remaining solutions, is assigned to \mathtt{desig}

which resolves to the next value

This continues on each iteration until desig has no more solutions and the list is empty (i.e., NIL or false) at which point the while terminates the loop

Writing a location designator validation function

It is sometimes necessary to validate the generated solutions

- For example, the points we get from navigation-goal-generator range from 0 to 11
- But whenever the turtle has a coordinate above 10.5 or less than 0.5 a part of it disappears from the screen
- Let's improve our location designator resolution by rejecting the points that lie outside of the range
 0.5 -10.5

Writing a location designator validation function

Update the location designators code:

Edit location-designators.lisp

Copy and paste the code from the following slide

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The validation function has two parameters: a location designator and a solution (defun navigation-goal-validator (designator solution) (declare (type location-designator designator)) If the designator property values are what we expect (when (and (desig-prop-value designator :vertical-position) (refer back to the definition of the function generator) (desig-prop-value designator :horizontal-position)) (when (typep solution 'cl-transforms:3d-vector) (when If the type of solution is cl-transforms: 3d-vector (and (>= (cl-transforms:x solution) 0.5) (>= (cl-transforms:y solution) 0.5) - if the values of the x and y coordinates are in the required range (<= (cl-transforms:x solution) 10.5)</pre> the return :accept (i.e. T) and reject (NIL) everything else (<= (cl-transforms:y solution) 10.5))</pre> :accept)))) ← Register the function as a location designator validator (register-location-validation-function 5 navigation-goal-validator)) ← The priority of the validator Just like generators, validators are called in priority order: lower values imply higher priority and the earlier they are called

Writing a location designator validation function

Re-load the system (or recompile)

TUT> (ros-load:load-system "cram_my_beginner_tutorial" :cram-my-beginner-tutorial)

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Writing a location designator validation function

Check to see if the validation function works

Using a location designator

Append the following code to motion-designators.lisp

```
(def-fact-group goal-motions (motion-grounding)
  (<- (motion-grounding ?desig (go-to ?point))
      (desig-prop ?desig (:type :going-to))
      (desig-prop ?desig (:goal ?point))))</pre>
```

This will resolve any motion designator with properties

```
( (:type :going-to) (:goal some-location-designator) )
```

into

(go-to some-location-designator) instruction.

Using a location designator

Append the following code to process-modules.lisp

• Specifically, add the go-to part to the case in the turtlesim-navigation process module

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```
(in-package :tut)
(def-process-module turtlesim-navigation (motion-designator)
 (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                   "TurtleSim navigation invoked with motion designator `~a'."
                   motion-designator)
 (destructuring-bind (command motion) (reference motion-designator)
    (ecase command
     (drive
       (turtle-motion-speed motion)
       (turtle-motion-angle motion)))
      (move
        (move-to motion))
      (go-to
      (when (typep motion 'location-designator)
        (let ((target-point (reference motion)))
          (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                            "Going to point ~a." target-point)
          (move-to target-point))))))
. . .
```

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```
(in-package :tut)
(def-process-module turtlesim-navigation (motion-designator)
 (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                    "TurtleSim navigation invoked with motion designator `~a'."
                   motion-designator)
 (destructuring-bind (command motion) (reference motion-designator)
    (ecase command
      (drive
       (turtle-motion-speed motion)
       (turtle-motion-angle motion)))
      (move
        (move-to motion))
                                              — We now have a third type of motion designator, i.e. a new command go-to
      (go-to ←
      (when (typep motion 'location-designator)
        (let ((target-point (reference motion)))
          (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                             "Going to point ~a." target-point)
          (move-to target-point)))))))
. . .
```

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```
(in-package :tut)
(def-process-module turtlesim-navigation (motion-designator)
 (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                    "TurtleSim navigation invoked with motion designator `~a'."
                    motion-designator)
 (destructuring-bind (command motion) (reference motion-designator)
      (drive
        (turtle-motion-speed motion)
        (turtle-motion-angle motion)))
      (move
        (move-to motion))
                                                              If motion is a location designator ...
      (go-to
       (when (typep motion 'location-designator) ←
                                                                 resolve the designator and assign the value to target-point
         (let ((target-point (reference motion))) ←
           (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                             "Going to point ~a." target-point)

    and call move-to to make the turtle go to that location

           (move-to target-point))))))
```

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Using a location designator

And append the following code to process-modules.lisp

Specifically, add the goto-location function in the turtlesim-navigation process module

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Because we use perform, we need to make sure the correct process module for our going-to designator can be found

For that we add a rule to the fact-group available-turtle-process-modules from the selecting-process-modules.lisp file

Using a location designator

The complete process-modules.lisp module should now look like the following

```
(in-package :tut)
(def-process-module turtlesim-navigation (motion-designator)
 (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                   "TurtleSim navigation invoked with motion designator `~a'."
                   motion-designator)
  (destructuring-bind (command motion) (reference motion-designator)
    (ecase command
     (drive
         (send-vel-cmd
         (turtle-motion-speed motion)
         (turtle-motion-angle motion)))
      (move
       (move-to motion))
      (go-to
       (when (typep motion 'location-designator)
        (let ((target-point (reference motion)))
          (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                            "Going to point ~a." target-point)
           (move-to target-point)))))))
(def-process-module turtlesim-pen-control (motion-designator)
 (roslisp:ros-info (turtle-process-modules)
                   "TurtleSim pen control invoked with motion designator `~a'."
                   motion-designator)
  (destructuring-bind (command motion) (reference motion-designator)
    (ecase command
     (set-pen
      (call-set-pen
       (pen-motion-r motion)
       (pen-motion-g motion)
       (pen-motion-b motion)
        (pen-motion-width motion)
       (pen-motion-off motion))))))
(defun drive (?speed ?angle)
 (top-level
   (with-process-modules-running (turtlesim-navigation)
     (let ((trajectory (desig:a motion (type driving) (speed ?speed) (angle ?angle))))
       (pm-execute 'turtlesim-navigation trajectory)))))
(defun move (?x ?y)
 (top-level
   (with-process-modules-running (turtlesim-navigation)
     (let ((goal (desig:a motion (type moving) (goal (?x ?y 0)))))
       (pm-execute 'turtlesim-navigation goal)))))
(defun goto-location (?horizontal-position ?vertical-position)
  (top-level
    (with-process-modules-running (turtlesim-navigation)
     (let* ((?area (desig:a location
                            (horizontal-position ?horizontal-position)
                            (vertical-position ?vertical-position)))
             (goal (desig:a motion (type going-to) (goal ?area))))
       (cram-executive:perform goal)))))
```

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Because we use perform in the goto-location function, we need to make sure the correct process module for our going-to designator can be found

For that we add a rule to the fact-group available-turtle-process-modules from the selecting-process-modules.lisp file

Using a location designator

Add the following code to selecting-process-modules.lisp

```
(in-package :tut)
(def-fact-group available-turtle-process-modules (available-process-module
                                               matching-process-module)
 (<- (available-process-module turtlesim-navigation))</pre>
 (<- (available-process-module turtlesim-pen-control))</pre>
 (<- (matching-process-module ?desig turtlesim-navigation)</pre>
   (desig-prop ?desig (:type :driving)))
 (<- (matching-process-module ?desig turtlesim-navigation)</pre>
   (desig-prop ?desig (:type :moving)))
 (desig-prop ?desig (:type :going-to)))
 (<- (matching-process-module ?desig turtlesim-pen-control)</pre>
   (desig-prop ?desig (:type :setting-pen))))
(defun perform-some-motion (motion-desig)
 (top-level
   (with-process-modules-running (turtlesim-navigation turtlesim-pen-control)
     (cram-executive:perform motion-desig))))
```

Using a location designator

Re-load the system (or recompile)

TUT> (ros-load:load-system "cram_my_beginner_tutorial" :cram-my-beginner-tutorial)

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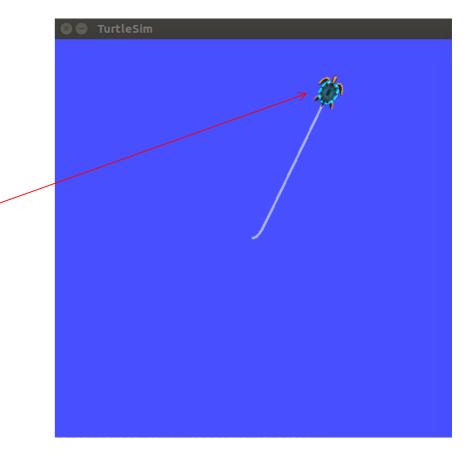
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Using a location designator

Let's try goto-location

TUT> (goto-location :right :top)

The turtle drives to the top-right sector



Using a location designator

Let's try goto-location

```
TUT> (goto-location :right :top)

[(TURTLE-PROCESS-MODULES) INFO] 1562698457.619: TurtleSim navigation invoked with motion designator `#<A MOTION

(TYPE GOING-TO)

(GOAL #<A LOCATION

(HORIZONTAL-POSITION RIGHT)

(VERTICAL-POSITION TOP)>)>'.

[(TURTLE-PROCESS-MODULES) INFO] 1501153970.691: Going to point #<3D-VECTOR (10.131428718566895d0 8.874866485595703d0 0.0d0)>.
```

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