

# Optimization of Robotic Mobile Agent Navigation

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**Abstract:** The traveling salesman problem (TSP) has many applications in economy, transport logic [1] etc. It also has a wide range of applicability in the mobile robot path planning optimization [2]. The paper presents research result of solving the path planning subproblem of the navigation of an intelligent autonomous mobile robotic agent. Collecting objects by a mobile robotic agent is the final problem that is intended to be solved. For the robotic mobile agent's path planning is used an unsupervised neural network that can find a closely optimal path between two points in the agent's working area. We have considered a modification of the criteria function of the winner neuron selection. Simulation results are discussed at the end of the paper. The next future development is the hardware implementation of the self-organizing map with real time functioning.

**Keywords:** robotic mobile agent; neural network; unsupervised learning; computational intelligence

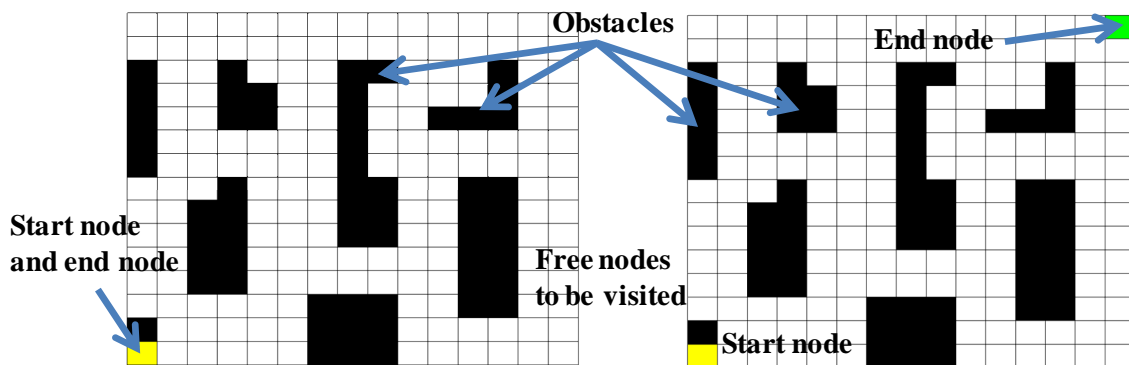
## 1. Introduction

Robotic mobile agents have a wide range of applications in different areas [3], such as: access dangerous areas to humans, underwater explorations, monitoring the environment, painting and de-painting applications [26]. In our research, as mobile agent a robotic mobile agent is considered. The main properties of the mobile agent are: the intelligence in operation, autonomy, reactivity and mobility. Many scientists are working on finding new solutions for different subsections of robotic mobile agent and multi-agent [4] applications such as [3] navigation, localization, optimal path planning, path following [5] object detection, movement and modelling [6] of the mobile robots with multiple implementation solutions [7]. In this paper we will focus on path planning optimization of the mobile agent using neural networks.

We will give solutions for:

- a TSP and a modified TSP problem solving when the agent does not have to get back to the starting point.
- Finding a closely optimal path from the resolved TSP. For solving the TSP a Kohonen map was used with a proposed cost function in the winner neuron's selection. In the following sections, the TSP problem, the network structure and training, and results with the resolved TSP with Kohonen map and optimization of path planning between a starting node and a target node on the map will be presented.

The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 discuss the problem that we intend to solve and presents some existent solutions for TSP solving; in Section 3 our proposal for path finding is presented with preliminaries of self-organizing map architecture, a modified



**Figure 1.** (a) represents the map, the agent finishes the work at the starting node; (b) the agent finishes the work at the end node.

solution for TSP solving, and the optimal path finding; Section 4 presents the conclusions of the research and the future research direction.

## 2. TSP Problem Formulation

In our research the following two tasks for a mobile agent were taken into consideration: In the first case the mobile agent has to cover (supervise) an area and to move back to the starting node (Figure 1. (a)). In the second case the mobile agent has to cover an area starting from one node and finishing the work in the end node (Figure 1.(b)). The second application can be used if we have a large area discomposed in subareas, and for each subarea the entering and finishing nodes are defined. The agent has to visit each node (marked in the figure with a white square) avoiding the obstacles and move back to the starting node respectively to finish the task in the ending node. Each node must be visited only one time.

### Solutions for TSP solving

Many algorithms for solving TSP were developed, like: combinatorial algorithms [2],[8],[9], branches and bounds [10], an efficient algorithm proposed by Clark and Wright [11], ant colony optimization algorithms [12], [13], particle swarm optimization algorithms [10], genetic algorithms [14].

There are also several artificial intelligence based solutions for solving the TSP in mobile robots path planning such as genetic algorithms [14], [15], solutions based on artificial recurrent networks [16], [17], fuzzy clustering algorithms [18] etc.

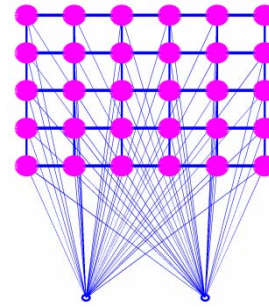
## 3. Our Proposal for Path Finding Optimization

### Preliminaries

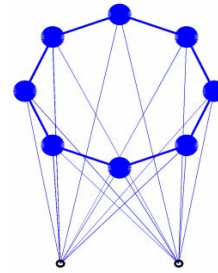
A Kohonen map (self-organizing map - *SOM*) is an artificial neural network that uses an unsupervised training algorithm [19]. The output of a Kohonen map is processed as a linear combination of the network weights and the network inputs (equation (1)). The general structure of the network is presented in the Figure 2 (a), (b), and (c).

The network output is composed in general accordingly to the equation (1), but according to

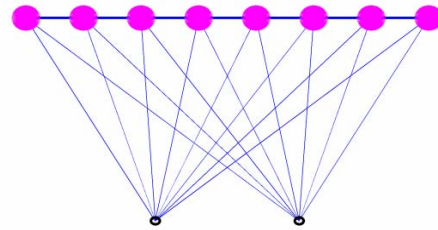
specific optimization applications, the network output can be processed using a cost function.



(a) Grid topology



(b) Ring topology



(c) Neurons placed along a line

**Figure 2.** The general structure of the network

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^M w_{ij} \cdot x_j \quad i = 1..N, \quad j = 1..M, \quad (1)$$

$$y_i = \|\bar{w}_i - x\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^M (w_{i,j} - x_j)^2}, \quad (2)$$

$$y_i = \alpha \|\bar{w}_i - \bar{x}\| + (1 - \alpha) (\|\bar{s} - \bar{x}\| + \|\bar{w} - \bar{x}\|) = \alpha \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^M (w_{i,j} - x_j)^2} + \quad (3)$$

$$(1 - \alpha) \left( \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^M (s_j - x_j)^2} + \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^M (t_j - x_j)^2} \right) w_{i,j}[k+1] = w_{i,j}[k] + \mu \Phi(r, r^*) (x_j - w_{i,j}[k]), \quad (4)$$

where  $y_i$  represents the network's  $i$ -th output,  $w_{i,j}$ -the network weight between the  $i$ -th processing element and the  $j$ -th input,  $N$  the

number of the network's processing elements respectively  $M$  the number of inputs of the network. The self-organizing map uses a neighbourhood function to preserve the topological properties of the input space. The neurons of the self-organizing map are placed based on a topology. The topology can be linear, hexagonal, a two or three-dimensional grid type or also a random type topology (Figure 2). The selection of the most suitable topology corresponding to the input space is very important. To teach the organizing map, generally, an unsupervised learning algorithm is used. After processing the network's output, based on a criteria function, the winner processing element will be defined. The weights of the winner processing element and the ones of the processing elements in the neighbourhood of the winner are trained based on the Hebb (or anti Hebb) rule.

During the training process of the network, the neurons are organized according to the topology so that neurons with similar weights will be arranged closely to each other according to the topology. The Mexican hat is frequently used as a neighbourhood function, but several times the Gaussian function is considered.

In this paper multiple cost functions have been tested according to equations (2) and (3). In equation (2) the Euclidian distance is processed between the network input and the weights of the network. The network with the minimal value will be selected as the winner neuron. In the eq. (3) the cost function was extended with a penalization member. Parameter  $\alpha$  determines the extent to which prevails one or the other part of the cost function. Two other types of cost functions have been tested. The equations are not presented here, but can be deduced very simply by changing the Euclidian norm with the Manhattan norm.

For resolving the TSP problem with the self-organizing network, the structure of the network is presented in Figure 2(b). The network neurons represent the nodes that the agent visits. A topology has to be defined so that it corresponds to the expectations of the TSP task. Each neuron can have two and only two neighbouring nodes. One is from which the agent arrives and the other is where the agent will be in the next step. If the agent needs to get back to the starting point, this means that the first and the last neuron are the same. It can

easily be concluded that this is equivalent to a ring-type topology.

As mentioned, the neuron represents a node where the agent arrives, and the weights of the network represent the position of the node on to the navigation map of the agent. The network structure for the TSP in Figure 2(b) is presented. The TSP is resolved based on the classification of the inputs of the network. According to the normalized Hebb rule used for network training equation (4), weights are shifted towards the network current inputs. The neurons will be rearranged corresponding to the ring topology.

The neighbourhood function defines/influences weights for which neurons will be updated. The neighbourhood function value for the neuron close to the winner has a significant value close to 1 and the value of the neighbourhood function for neurons far from the winner will have an insignificant value close to zero, and will block the update of weights for these neurons. As neighbourhood function the Gaussian function was used, with the centre point of the function at the winner neuron index on the topology map.  $r$  and  $r^*$  represent the neuron positions on the topology map for the neuron for which the weight update is processed, respectively for the winner neuron (equation 4).

### Modified TSP solving

A modified task of the TSP considered in this paper is when the agent does not have to move back to the starting point, the target point is previously defined on the map, where the agent has to finish the task (Figure 1(b)). The question is to solve this problem using the self-organizing map.

If the agent does not have to move back to the starting point, the ring type topology is not suitable. For solving the problem, a one dimensional topology is proposed to be used. The neurons are placed along a line (Figure 2 (c)).

Unlike as it was expected, the starting and destination node of the solution do not coincide with the initially specified starting and target nodes. From the path resulted with the self-organizing map the starting and destination points should be searched for. The result of the self-organizing map, the order of going through all off the nodes, is a vector with network weights. By finding the starting node and the target node index from the vector, the path

from the starting node to the target node is solved, and from the starting node all of the nodes can be reached. In case of the ring type topology two paths exist to the target node. In case of the linear topology only a single path exists. These paths are not optimal, but with a simple searching algorithm a closely optimal solution can be found. In our research we have considered the cost function as the length of the path (the number of nodes).

The problem to be resolved is that the first neuron weights to converge to the starting node coordinates respectively the last neuron weights to converge to the destination node coordinates. The solution lies in the training algorithm. The proposed solution in this paper is to not update the first and last neuron weights and overwriting the first and last neuron weights with the starting and destination node coordinates. This simple amendment will result in that, that the starting and destination nodes of the solution will coincide with the initially specified start and target nodes.

### Optimal path finding

All three forms of the network resolve the task to reach all the nodes on the map. The route from the starting node to the target node is resolved, but the solution is not optimal or close to the optimal. The proposed algorithm for finding a closely optimal route between the starting and the ending node is presented in the following:

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Algorithm Route Finding
Input: W {weight vector resulted after network training}
Output: path {Closely Optimal Path}
N ← length(W)
W_new(1) ← W(1)
p ← 0
Step 1: deleting duplicate nodes
for k in 2 to N
if dist(W(k)-W(k-1)) > ε, then
    W_new(k) ← W(k)
    p := p+1
end if
end for
Step 2: finding start and end node indexes
Min_value=0;
For i in 1 to P
If min_value < dist(start_node_index-W_new(i)) Then
    Min_value ← dist(start_node_index-W_new(i))
    Start_nodex_index ← i
End if
End for
For i in 1 to p
If min_value < dist(end_node_index-W_new(i))
    Min_value ← dist(start_end_index-W_new(i))
    end_node_index ← i
End if

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End for
Step 3: finding neighborhood nodes with lower cost to
taget
Create table intermediar_table with records
current_node_index, neighborhood_node_index,
cost_from_start_to_current_node,
cost_from_neighborhoud_node_to_end_node
k:=1
for i in start_node_index to end_node_index
for j in range neighborhood_node(i)
    if cost(j,end) < cost(i,end) then
        intermediar_table(k,1) ← i
        intermediar_table(k,2) ← j
        intermediar_table(k,3) ←
cost(start_node_index,i)
        intermediar_table(k,4) ←
cost(j,end_node_index)
        k=k+1
    end if
end for
end for
Step 4: ordering the intermediate_table
order intermediar_table by column(3) ascending;
Step 5: deleting overlapped sections
for i in 1 to length(intermediar_table)
for j in i+1 to length(intermediar_table)
if
    overlap(range(intermediar_table(i,1),intermediar_table(i,
    2)) range(intermediar_table(j,1),intermediar_table(j,2)))
then
    delete intermediate_table_row(j)
end if
end for
end for
Step 6: extracting the route
j:=1;
for i in 1 to length(intermediate_table)
for k in intermediate_table(i,1) to intermediate_table(i,2)
    path(j) ← W_new(k)
    j:=j+1
end for;
end for;
return path
EndRouteFinding

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In the first step the duplicate nodes were deleted. If the number of neurons is equal to the number of nodes on the map, the network does not find the solution, because a set of neurons will not be active during the network training process.

Finding the indices from the resulted weight vector with the starting and ending nodes is realized in step two. The vector values which correspond to node coordinates on the map are compared with start and end node positions.

In step three are found the nodes for which a neighbourhood node with a lower cost to the target node exists.

Calculating the cost from the start to the end node and from the neighbourhood nodes to the end node for each node found in the previous step and storing the results in a table with the following

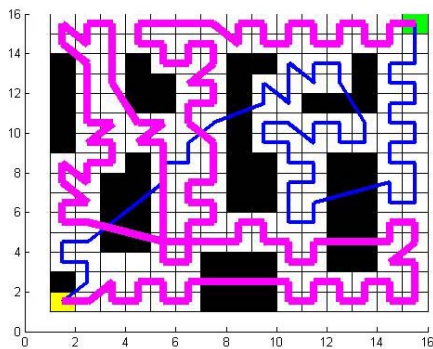
fields: current node index, neighbourhood node index, and the calculated costs.

Ordering the table in ascending order according to the cost column (column number three) is realized in the next step of the algorithm.

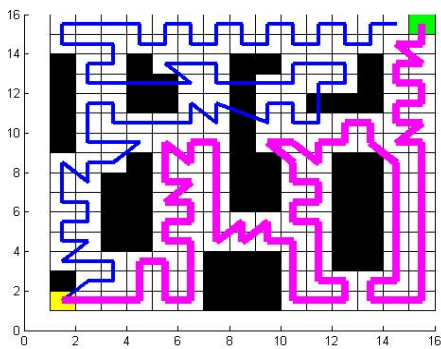
The rows from the table for which the detected section with a higher cost overlaps the section with a lower cost are deleted.

In the final step the closely optimal path from the start to the end point is extracted.

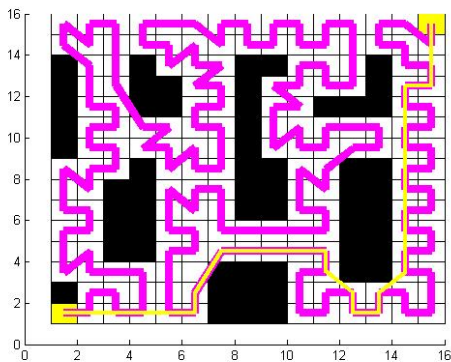
Figures 3, 4 and 5 are present results of the self-organizing map training for solving the TSP and modified TSP .



**Figure 3.** Network training results using a ring type topology

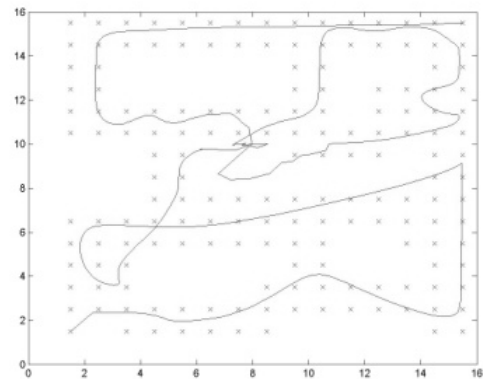


**Figure 4.** Results using linear type placement

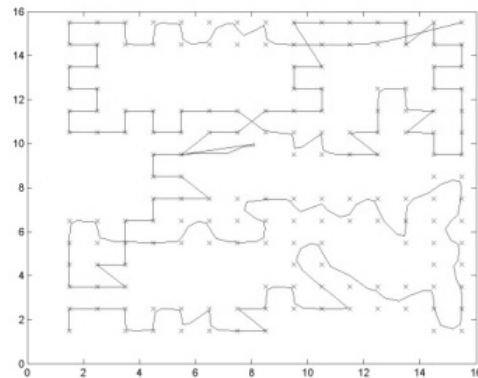


**Figure 5.** Results using linear type placement with overwriting of the first and last neuron weights with the start and end node coordinates

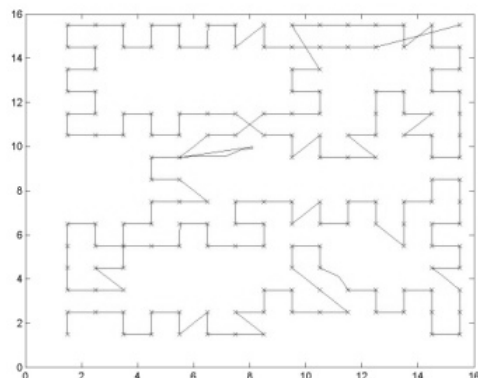
In Figure 3 as network topology a ring-type topology was used. The neurons were positioned on a circle. In Figure 4 and Figure 5 a linear placement was used and in Figure 5 the first and last neuron's weights were forced (overwritten) with the start and end node coordinates, as the result is how it was expected. In Figures 6, 7 and 8 the evolution of the training process is presented in different training cycles. A neighbourhood degree was gradually decreased during the training cycles. In the first phase a large scale rearrangement of the neuron was allowed, finally reducing to the immediate vicinity of the winner.



**Figure 6.** Network training results using a ring type topology



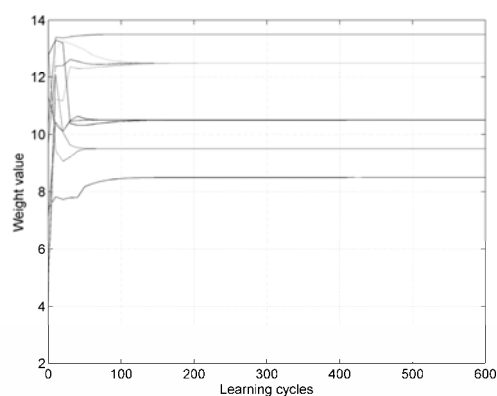
**Figure 7.** Example of one-column width figure



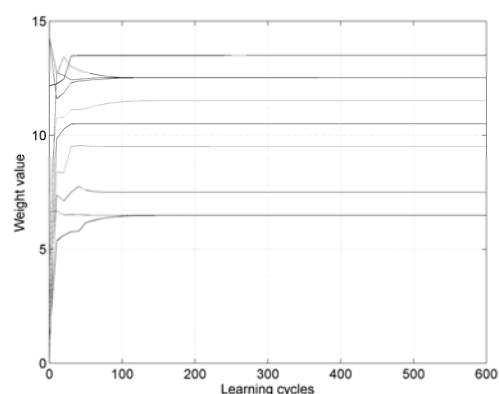
**Figure 8.** Example of one-column width figure

For 167 input nodes, for all of three variants of network topology (Figure. 2) a number of 1000 neurons were used. The weight update was processed based on the normalized Hebb rule. For the presented experiment a value of 0.7 of the training factor and as neighbouring function the Gaussian were used. The standard deviation of the Gaussian function was gradually decreased narrowing the weight update to the closely neighbour of the winner neuron.

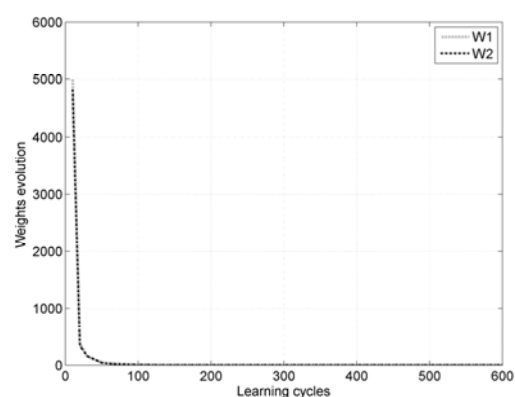
In the following figures the evolution of certain weights corresponding to the first input (Figure. 9) and the second input (Figure 10) during network training results for ring type topology respectively in Figure 12 and Figure 13 for line type topology with fixed start and end node are presented. From the evolution of the weight the advancement of the training process can be concluded. On the figures, for 10 of the 1000 neurons the weight values are plotted. In case of supervised learning, the training process can be stopped based on the advancement of the training error. In case of unsupervised training the error cannot be calculated. A criteria function for detecting the end of the network training process, which characterizes the evolution of the training, is presented in equations 5 and 6. In equation 5 the criteria for the weight corresponding to the first and second input of the network are processed separately. According to the criteria values, when the criteria value is close to zero the training of the network can be stopped.



**Figure 9.** Evolution of certain weights corresponding to the first input during network training using a ring type topology



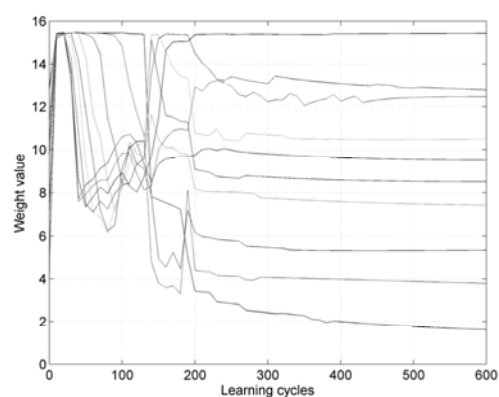
**Figure 10.** The evolution of certain weights corresponding to the second input during network training a ring type topology



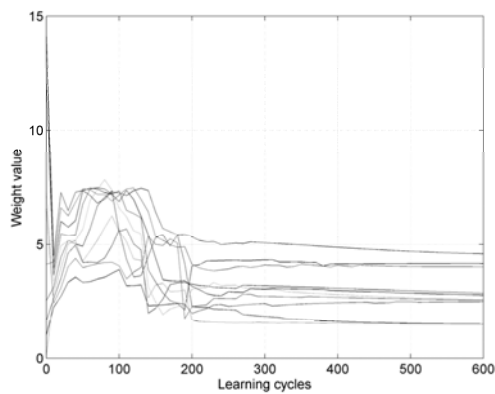
**Figure 11.** Criteria function evolution (eq. 5) of the weights corresponding to the first and second input during network training using a ring type topology

$$q_j[k] = \sum_{i=1}^N |w_{i,j}[k] - w_{i,j}[k-1]| \quad j=1..M, \quad (5)$$

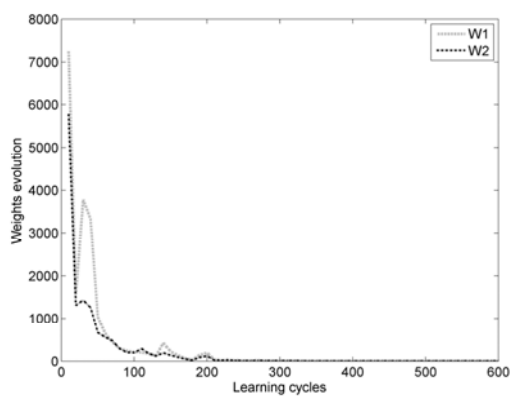
$$q[k] = \sum_j^M \sum_{i=1}^N |w_{i,j}[k] - w_{i,j}[k-1]|, \quad (6)$$



**Figure 12.** Evolution of certain weights corresponding to the first input during network training using a linear type topology with fixed start and end nodes



**Figure 13.** Evolution of certain weights corresponding to the second input during network training using a linear type topology with fixed start and end node



**Figure 14.** Criteria function evolution (equation 5) of the weights corresponding to the first and second input during network training using a linear type topology with fixed start and end node

In the tables from the annex the advancement of the weights values corresponding to the three variants: ring type, linear type and linear type with fixed start and end node topology are presented.

In tables 1 and 2 the weight values for the ring type topology, in tables 3 and 4 for the linear type topology respectively in tables 5 and 6 for the linear type topology with fixed start and end node are presented. In the first column of each table appears the number of training cycles, in the other columns every one hundredth weight value. In the case of the linear type topology with fixed start and end node there is a need for more training cycles than in the other cases, in the same circumstances. Evolution of the weights presented in the tables also illustrates the cycle when the network training was completed.

## 4. Conclusions

In this paper the TSP problem solving was discussed, using the self-organizing map with applicability in robotic agents' application which represents a subtask of the mobile robot navigation.

A multiple criteria function was proposed for the winner neuron selection. All four used criteria functions work well during the training. If the penalty part of the cost function prevails, the number of learning cycles increases. At the tuning phase it must be taken into account that the teaching is started with neighbouring values high enough. If the neighbouring degree is low, most of the nodes will not be part of the solution. The calculation of distance with the Euclidean and Manhattan norms should be completed with the infinite norm and tested in the future. Using a simplified cost function, the complexity of the output processing is reduced, reducing the network output processing time.

The achieved results are promising in terms of solving the path planning subtask of the robotic mobile agent navigation.

The research results based on the multiple type of artificial neural networks (Radial Basis Function ANN [20], [21] Cerebellar Model Articulation Controller [22], [23], [24]) implementation in FPGA circuits [25] can be used in the Kohonen network hardware implementation. The future research objective is the implementation of parallel pipeline architecture in hardware with real time functionality of the Kohonen network.

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**Annex**

**Table 1.** Weight evolution corresponding to first input (ring type topology)

| Training cycle | Weights corresponding to first input (ring top) |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                | W <sub>1</sub>                                  | W <sub>100</sub> | W <sub>200</sub> | W <sub>300</sub> | W <sub>400</sub> | W <sub>500</sub> | W <sub>600</sub> | W <sub>700</sub> | W <sub>800</sub> | W <sub>900</sub> |
| 1              | 5.6941  | 3.7343           | 10.762           | 13.7838          | 9.4586           | 6.4059           | 1.8799           | 11.1667          | 4.4094           | 6.7183           |
| 40             | 4.5134  | 10.471           | 6.6255           | 15.3871          | 13.6954          | 6.5042           | 10.5527          | 8.1619           | 3.6613           | 2.1804           |
| 70             | 4.5   | 10.4993          | 6.5058           | 14.9292          | 13.506           | 6.5              | 10.5001          | 8.099            | 3.5047           | 2.0993           |
| 100            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.7293          | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0431           | 3.5              | 2.0431           |
| 130            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.5943          | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0175           | 3.5              | 2.0175           |
| 160            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.5297          | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0088           | 3.5              | 2.0088           |
| 190            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.5073          | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0066           | 3.5              | 2.0066           |
| 220            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.5014          | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0062           | 3.5              | 2.0062           |
| 250            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.5002          | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0061           | 3.5              | 2.0061           |
| 280            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.5             | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0061           | 3.5              | 2.0061           |
| 310            | 4.5   | 10.5             | 6.5              | 14.5             | 13.5             | 6.5              | 10.5             | 8.0061           | 3.5              | 2.0061           |

**Table 2.** Weight evolution corresponding to second input (ring type topology)

| Training cycle | Weights corresponding to second input (ring top) |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                | W <sub>1</sub>                                   | W <sub>100</sub> | W <sub>200</sub> | W <sub>300</sub> | W <sub>400</sub> | W <sub>500</sub> | W <sub>600</sub> | W <sub>700</sub> | W <sub>800</sub> | W <sub>900</sub> |
| 1              | 4.786  | 5.7963           | 2.0015           | 9.0381           | 14.7819          | 14.3306          | 5.4672           | 12.5902          | 0.4029           | 9.7687           |
| 40             | 2.3793   | 12.3375          | 15.2857          | 14.8926          | 6.0106           | 7.142            | 5.1014           | 1.5368           | 10.6436          | 6.4892           |
| 70             | 2.466  | 12.4199          | 15.3459          | 14.4936          | 5.8092           | 7.0536           | 4.8108           | 1.5004           | 10.5046          | 6.4999           |
| 100            | 2.4969   | 12.4812          | 15.4211          | 14.4992          | 5.6229           | 7.0175           | 4.6229           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |
| 130            | 2.4999   | 12.4977          | 15.4733          | 14.5             | 5.5348           | 7.0091           | 4.5348           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |
| 160            | 2.5  | 12.4998          | 15.4933          | 14.5             | 5.5079           | 7.008            | 4.5079           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |
| 190            | 2.5  | 12.5             | 15.4983          | 14.5             | 5.5019           | 7.0079           | 4.5019           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |
| 220            | 2.5  | 12.5             | 15.4994          | 14.5             | 5.5007           | 7.0079           | 4.5007           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |
| 250            | 2.5  | 12.5             | 15.4996          | 14.5             | 5.5004           | 7.0079           | 4.5004           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |
| 280            | 2.5  | 12.5             | 15.4997          | 14.5             | 5.5004           | 7.0079           | 4.5004           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |
| 310            | 2.5  | 12.5             | 15.4997          | 14.5             | 5.5004           | 7.0079           | 4.5004           | 1.5              | 10.5             | 6.5              |

**Table 3.** Weight evolution corresponding to first input (linear type topology)

| Training cycle | Weights corresponding to first input linear top |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                | W <sub>1</sub>                                  | W <sub>100</sub> | W <sub>200</sub> | W <sub>300</sub> | W <sub>400</sub> | W <sub>500</sub> | W <sub>600</sub> | W <sub>700</sub> | W <sub>800</sub> | W <sub>900</sub> |
| 1              | 5.6941  | 3.7343           | 10.762           | 13.7838          | 9.4586           | 6.4059           | 1.8799           | 11.1667          | 4.4094           | 6.7183           |
| 40             | 15.0972   | 7.6873           | 2.1464           | 7.9492           | 6.8128           | 2.4596           | 8.9911           | 15.0579          | 7.514            | 15.2665          |
| 70             | 15.1727   | 5.5883           | 1.9869           | 8.3534           | 3.8266           | 6.5182           | 3.3603           | 9.7427           | 15.3634          | 14.0279          |
| 100            | 15.3682   | 5.8242           | 2.4851           | 6.6486           | 3.715            | 8.3901           | 2.4234           | 5.882            | 12.4805          | 14.8329          |
| 130            | 15.2291   | 6.3704           | 2.6008           | 7.2907           | 3.5754           | 9.3834           | 3.3657           | 6.8084           | 11.4624          | 15.47            |
| 160            | 15.2409   | 6.4944           | 2.6345           | 7.5471           | 3.4998           | 9.3965           | 3.4077           | 7.4375           | 11.2079          | 15.4614          |
| 190            | 15.2946   | 6.5304           | 2.562            | 7.5005           | 3.4726           | 9.408            | 3.4083           | 7.3658           | 11.0088          | 15.4996          |
| 220            | 15.3443   | 6.6745           | 2.5247           | 7.477            | 3.4952           | 9.4252           | 3.4228           | 7.2732           | 10.8516          | 15.4999          |
| 250            | 15.3742   | 7.1753           | 2.6118           | 7.4724           | 3.496            | 9.4438           | 3.4362           | 7.206            | 11.3159          | 15.5             |
| 280            | 15.3954   | 7.4884           | 2.5661           | 7.4761           | 3.4979           | 9.4606           | 3.4489           | 7.1381           | 11.4903          | 15.5             |
| 310            | 15.4147   | 7.4992           | 2.5365           | 7.4822           | 3.4992           | 9.4741           | 3.4608           | 7.1141           | 11.4951          | 15.5             |

**Table 4.** Weight evolution corresponding to second input (linear type topology)

| Training cycle | Weights corresponding to first input |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                | W <sub>1</sub>                       | W <sub>100</sub> | W <sub>200</sub> | W <sub>300</sub> | W <sub>400</sub> | W <sub>500</sub> | W <sub>600</sub> | W <sub>700</sub> | W <sub>800</sub> | W <sub>900</sub> |
| 1              | 4.786                                | 5.7963           | 2.0015           | 9.0381           | 14.7819          | 14.3306          | 5.4672           | 12.5902          | 0.4029           | 9.7687           |
| 40             | 15.3826                              | 15.3463          | 14.7741          | 13.8128          | 11.5091          | 11.4412          | 11.0032          | 11.6343          | 5.7967           | 2.2433           |
| 70             | 15.4303                              | 15.5             | 13.6102          | 11.2637          | 10.1007          | 5.7031           | 4.6192           | 4.5223           | 11.5664          | 2.6679           |
| 100            | 15.1576                              | 15.5             | 13.8502          | 10.9903          | 10.4719          | 6.8125           | 6.3098           | 2.2501           | 11.7502          | 2.0151           |
| 130            | 15.458                               | 15.5             | 14.3828          | 11.3444          | 10.4957          | 6.7721           | 5.3131           | 2.0572           | 10.0533          | 2.7934           |
| 160            | 15.4669                              | 15.5             | 14.4762          | 11.2228          | 10.4996          | 6.7364           | 5.1719           | 1.5747           | 9.9481           | 3.8436           |
| 190            | 15.4815                              | 15.5             | 14.49            | 11.29            | 10.5             | 6.6506           | 5.1505           | 1.5381           | 8.8686           | 3.0986           |
| 220            | 15.4915                              | 15.5             | 14.4967          | 11.3313          | 10.5             | 6.5873           | 4.832            | 1.5214           | 8.8967           | 3.0144           |
| 250            | 15.4963                              | 15.5             | 14.4995          | 11.3586          | 10.5             | 6.5459           | 4.7619           | 1.5108           | 9.7054           | 2.9496           |
| 280            | 15.4985                              | 15.5             | 14.4999          | 11.3793          | 10.5             | 6.522            | 4.6995           | 1.505            | 9.5827           | 2.894            |
| 310            | 15.4994                              | 15.5             | 14.5             | 11.3972          | 10.5             | 6.5096           | 4.6464           | 1.502            | 9.5559           | 2.8424           |

**Table 5.** Weight evolution corresponding to first input (linear type topology with fixed start and end node)

| Training cycle | Weights corresponding to first input |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                | W <sub>1</sub>                       | W <sub>100</sub> | W <sub>200</sub> | W <sub>300</sub> | W <sub>400</sub> | W <sub>500</sub> | W <sub>600</sub> | W <sub>700</sub> | W <sub>800</sub> | W <sub>900</sub> |
| 1              | 5.6941                               | 3.7343           | 10.762           | 13.7838          | 9.4586           | 6.4059           | 1.8799           | 11.1667          | 4.4094           | 6.7183           |
| 70             | 1.5                                  | 8.6642           | 14.9179          | 15.3683          | 10.4293          | 6.357            | 2.2908           | 3.1545           | 7.4041           | 12.092           |
| 130            | 1.5                                  | 10.4087          | 15.3288          | 12.9871          | 10.4378          | 6.1834           | 3.272            | 1.632            | 7.0823           | 11.7415          |
| 190            | 1.5                                  | 9.5657           | 15.3074          | 12.7897          | 10.4972          | 7.4531           | 3.4529           | 1.5153           | 6.9384           | 11.5615          |
| 250            | 1.5                                  | 9.8068           | 14.9712          | 12.6385          | 10.4998          | 7.4733           | 3.5003           | 1.5006           | 6.8079           | 11.5084          |
| 310            | 1.5                                  | 9.6289           | 14.8487          | 12.5526          | 10.5             | 7.4913           | 3.4998           | 1.5              | 6.6992           | 11.5007          |
| 370            | 1.5                                  | 9.5515           | 14.748           | 12.5159          | 10.5             | 7.498            | 3.5              | 1.5              | 6.6177           | 11.5             |
| 430            | 1.5                                  | 9.5204           | 14.6663          | 12.5039          | 10.5             | 7.4997           | 3.5              | 1.5              | 6.5641           | 11.5             |
| 490            | 1.5                                  | 9.5071           | 14.6042          | 12.5008          | 10.5             | 7.5              | 3.5              | 1.5              | 6.5338           | 11.5             |
| 560            | 1.5                                  | 9.5022           | 14.5609          | 12.5001          | 10.5             | 7.5              | 3.5              | 1.5              | 6.5189           | 11.5             |
| 610            | 1.5                                  | 9.5006           | 14.5331          | 12.5             | 10.5             | 7.5              | 3.5              | 1.5              | 6.5124           | 11.5             |

**Table 6.** Weight evolution corresponding to second input (linear type topology with fixed start and end node)

| Training cycle | Weights corresponding to first input |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                | W <sub>1</sub>                       | W <sub>100</sub> | W <sub>200</sub> | W <sub>300</sub> | W <sub>400</sub> | W <sub>500</sub> | W <sub>600</sub> | W <sub>700</sub> | W <sub>800</sub> | W <sub>900</sub> |
| 1              | 4.786                                | 5.7963           | 2.0015           | 9.0381           | 14.7819          | 14.3306          | 5.4672           | 12.5902          | 0.4029           | 9.7687           |
| 70             | 1.5                                  | 7.1013           | 5.7711           | 12.164           | 10.6822          | 11.2775          | 11.887           | 15.4116          | 15.3259          | 14.9019          |
| 130            | 1.5                                  | 7.3279           | 8.5055           | 10.4981          | 11.9371          | 7.538            | 10.6921          | 15.3122          | 15.4758          | 14.6988          |
| 190            | 1.5                                  | 5.5375           | 7.6104           | 10.4991          | 12.3482          | 7.2816           | 10.6023          | 15.1996          | 15.4987          | 14.5587          |
| 250            | 1.5                                  | 5.1049           | 7.4946           | 10.4999          | 12.3099          | 7.1437           | 10.8195          | 15.1951          | 15.5             | 14.5084          |
| 310            | 1.5                                  | 5.1715           | 7.4984           | 10.5             | 12.3358          | 7.1096           | 10.6949          | 15.211           | 15.5             | 14.5007          |
| 370            | 1.5                                  | 5.1063           | 7.4998           | 10.5             | 12.3787          | 7.0792           | 10.6057          | 15.2441          | 15.5             | 14.5             |
| 430            | 1.5                                  | 5.0362           | 7.5              | 10.5             | 12.4206          | 7.0549           | 10.5506          | 15.2867          | 15.5             | 14.5             |
| 490            | 1.5                                  | 4.9714           | 7.5              | 10.5             | 12.4535          | 7.0366           | 10.5214          | 15.3298          | 15.5             | 14.5             |
| 560            | 1.5                                  | 4.9114           | 7.5              | 10.5             | 12.4752          | 7.0237           | 10.508           | 15.3654          | 15.5             | 14.5             |
| 610            | 1.5                                  | 4.8554           | 7.5              | 10.5             | 12.4876          | 7.0149           | 10.5027          | 15.3898          | 15.5             | 14.5             |