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Why do we care about robot motion planning?

Regardless of the form of the robots or the task it must perform, robots must maneuver through the world.

Motion planning is the problem of finding a robot motion from a start state to a goal state in a cluttered environment to achieve various goals while avoiding collisions.

In its simplest form, the motion planning problem is:

how to move a robot from a "start" location to a "goal" location avoiding obstacles.





R.O.B.O.T. Comics



"HIS PATH-PLANNING MAY BE SUB-OPTIMAL, BUT IT'S GOT FLAIR.

Motion Planning: Workspace



- ▶ A workspace $W \subset R^2$ or R^3 , often just a rectangle;
- Some obstacles O_1, O_2, \cdots, O_n ;
- \succ A start point p_{start} and a goal point p_{goal} ;

free workspace: $W_{free} = W \setminus (O_1 \cup O_2 \cup \cdots \cup O_n)$: the set of points in W that are outside all obstacles.

Motion Planning Using Visibility Graph

Visibility roadmaps: the visibility graph G = (V, E, w), is defined as

- i. the nodes V of the visibility graph are all the vertices of the polygons O_1, \dots, O_n ,
- ii. the edges *E* of the visibility graph are all pairs of vertices that are visibly connected. That is, given $u, v \in V$, we add the edge $\{u, v\}$ to the edge set *E* if the straight-line segment between *u* and *v* is not in collision with any obstacle, and
- iii. the weight of an edge $\{u, v\}$ is given by the length of the segment connecting u and v.



environments with polygonal obstacles.



Kinematics: motion of a robot moving on a straight line

Kinematics: the branch of mechanics concerned with the motion of objects without reference to the forces that cause the motion. In Kinematics, we characterize the relationship between displacement, velocity and acceleration of the objects.

To keep track of displacement of a robot on a 2D plane in a Cartesian coordinate system we need a reference point and 2 reference directions.



Displacement: $\Delta p = p(t_2) - p(t_1)$ Velocity is rate of change of position

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Displacement: $\Delta p = x(t_2) - x(t_1) = v(t_2 - t_1)$

Starting from an initial position x(0) at time t=0, the position of our robot at the consecutive times is given by x(t)=v t+x(0)

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- Position at each time x(t)=v t+x(0)
- We are only interested in knowing the position at particular time $t_{i+1} = t_i + \Delta t$, i=0,1,2,... where $t_0 = 0$, and Δt is the sampling time (think of a radar which only samples the motion at particular times). Then, the position of our robot at each is given by $x(i+1)=x(t_{i+1})=v \Delta t+x_i$



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Robot moving on a 2 dimensional space on a straight line with constant velocity:



Starts at (x₀ ,y₀) Ends at (x_f ,y_f)

Constant velocity along the straight line is v

- Velocity in x direction $V_x = v \cos(\theta)$
- Velocity in x direction $V_v = v \sin(\theta)$





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