

(1.8) Robot navigation



$\Omega \times [0, 2\pi]$ state space $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$T(x, \theta) = \min_{\gamma} \int_{(x_0, \theta_0)}^{(x, \theta)} v^{-1} ds$$

$$v(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Robot @ } (x, \theta) \text{ does not intersect obstacles} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

how to evaluate?

Hamilton equation

$$v \cdot |\nabla T| = 1$$

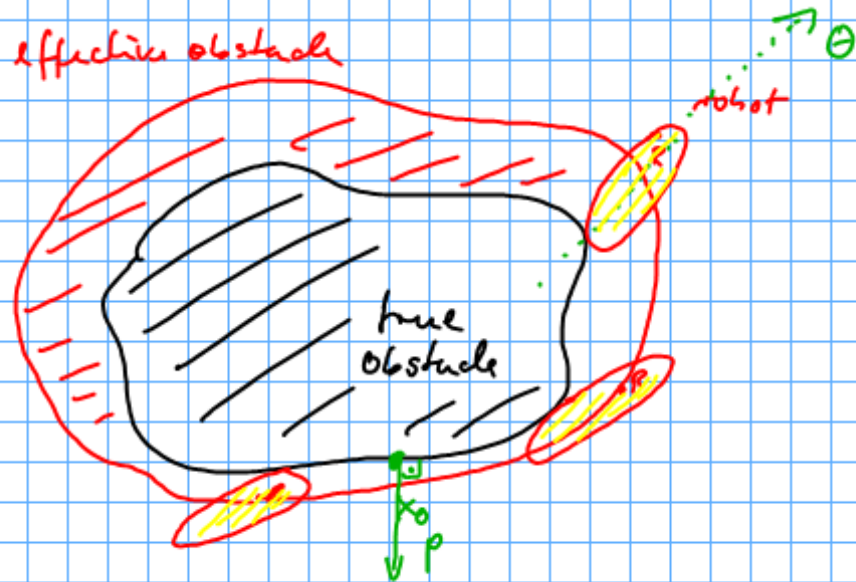
$$T(x_0, \theta_0) = 0$$

$$v(x, \theta) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta}\right)^2} = 1$$

(1.9) Effective obstacles

fixed \oplus

$$\text{robot} \cap \text{obstacles} = \emptyset \iff \mathbb{R} \notin \text{effective obstacles}$$



given boundary of "true" obstacle
 $\{H(x) = 0\}$
 effective boundary
 $\{H(x) = 1\}$

convex shaped robot



$$g(tp) = g(p) \quad \forall t > 0$$

ray $x_t = x_0 + tg(p)$

p normal of
 free boundary
 @ x_0

defining relation $H(x_0 + tg(p)) = t$

differentiate

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla H(x_0 + tg(p)) \cdot g(p) &= 1 \\ &= \nabla H(x_0 + tg(\nabla H(x_0))) \cdot g(\nabla H(x_0)) \\ &= \nabla H(x) \cdot g(\nabla H(x)) \end{aligned}$$

$p = \nabla H(x_0)$
 moving along ray
 is translation, does not
 change g

$$1 = \underbrace{\nabla H(x) \cdot g(\nabla H(x))}_{\text{PDE}}$$

$$\underbrace{H|_{\text{boundary of obstacle}} = 0}_{\text{boundary condition}}$$

$$= |\nabla H(x)| \underbrace{\frac{\nabla H(x) \cdot g(\nabla H(x))}{|\nabla H(x)|}}_{v(\nabla H(x))}$$

$v(\nabla H(x))$

direction-dependent velocity

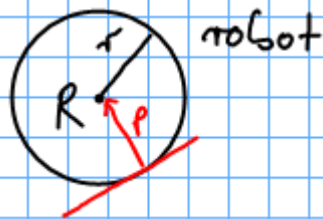
$$1 = |\nabla H(x)| \cdot v$$

kinematic equation

$$H(x) \leq 1 \quad x \in \text{effective obstacle}$$

$$H(x) > 1 \quad x \notin \text{--- a ---}$$

Example:



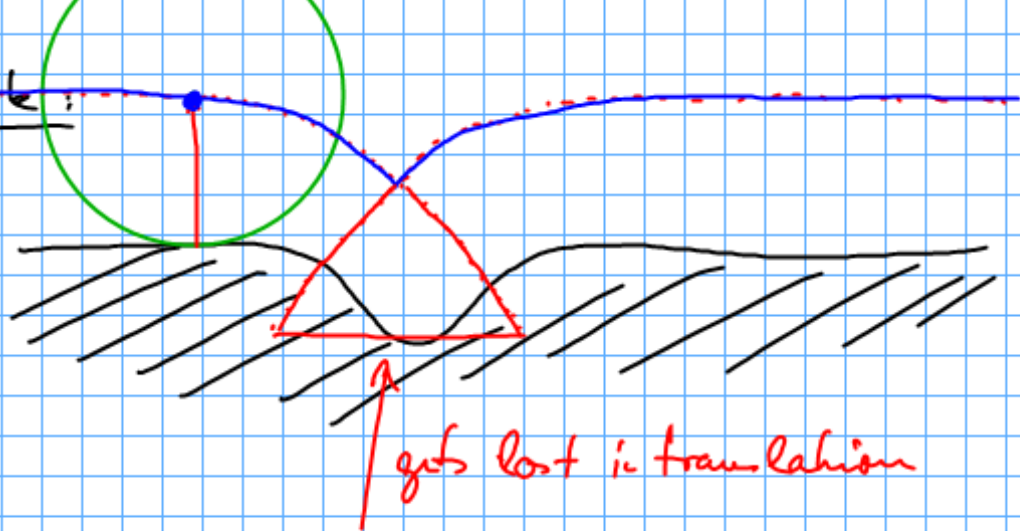
$$g(p) = r \frac{p}{|p|}$$

kinematic equation for effective boundary:

$$1 = |\nabla H(x)| \underbrace{\frac{\nabla H(x) \cdot r \cdot \frac{\nabla H(x)}{|\nabla H(x)|}}{|\nabla H(x)|}}_{=r}$$

$$1 = |\nabla H(x)| \cdot r$$

Remark:



swallow tail

(1.10) Moving phase boundaries

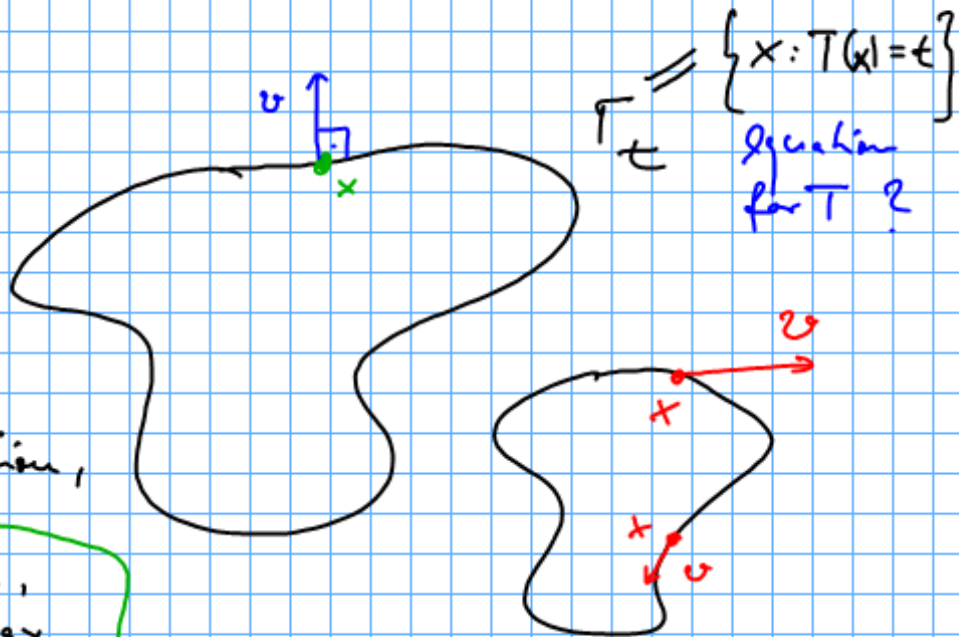
Part: normal velocity $v \geq 0$

$v = v$ (local information, global information,

x , direction of normal, curvature of Γ_t

length of Γ_t , shape, topology

parameters, t)



tangential components would just map Γ_t to itself, does not change geometry.

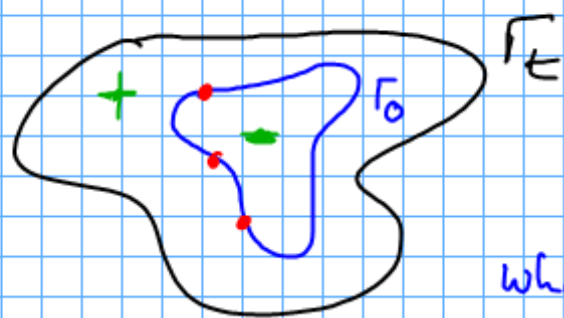
$$1 = |\nabla T| \cdot v \quad \text{Eikonal equation}$$

$$T|_{\Gamma_0} = 0$$

Question: What to do for general v (both signs possible)?

§2 Level-Set-Equation

$$\varphi(x,t) = T(x) - t$$



$$\Gamma_t = \{x : \varphi(x,t) = 0\}$$

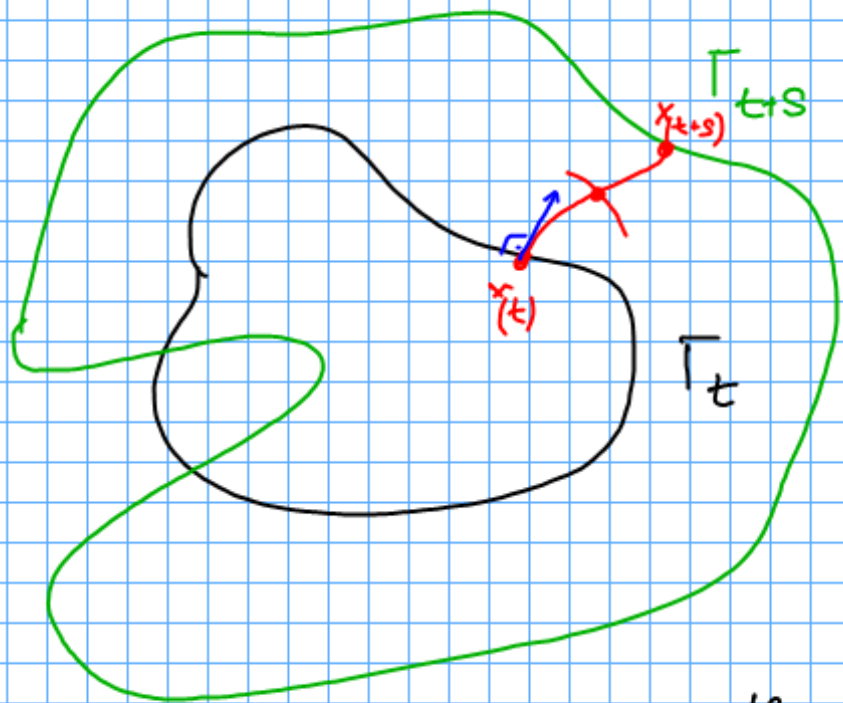
↑ equation for φ ?

what is $\varphi(x,0)$?

$$f(x) = \varphi(x,0) = \text{signed distance}(x, \Gamma_0)$$

$$|\nabla f| = 1 \quad f|_{\Gamma_0} = 0$$

Eikonal



$$\varphi(x(t), t) = 0$$

$$\varphi_t + \nabla \varphi \cdot \dot{x} = 0$$

$$|\nabla \varphi| (\dot{x}(t) \cdot n) = (\sigma) \cdot |\nabla \varphi|$$

↑ outward normal (unit normal)

$$n \parallel \nabla \varphi$$

therefore $\nabla \varphi \cdot \dot{x} = |\nabla \varphi| \cdot \sigma$

$$\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_d} \right)$$

$$\varphi_t + \sigma \cdot |\nabla \varphi| = 0$$

$$\varphi|_{t=0} = \varphi_0$$

level set equation (Osher, Sethian 1988)

Connection to eikonal equation for $v \geq 0$

$$v |\nabla T| = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_t &= \{x : T(x) = t\} \\ &= \{x : \varphi(x, t) = 0\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi(x, t) = T(x) - t$$

$$\varphi_t = -1$$

$$\nabla \varphi = \nabla T$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_t + v \cdot |\nabla \varphi| &= 0 \\ \underline{-1} + v |\nabla T| &= 0\end{aligned}$$