

#### **Robot Motion Model**

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#### **Motion Model**



- In practice, one often finds two types of motion models:
  - Odometry-based
  - Velocity-based (dead reckoning)
- Odometry-based models
  - When systems are equipped with wheel encoders.
  - Odometry information is only available after executing a motion.
  - More accurate than velocity-based models
- Velocity-based models
  - When no wheel encoders are given.
  - Velocity control can come before motion.
  - Common in non-land robots (for example, UAVs)

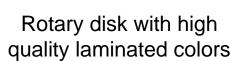


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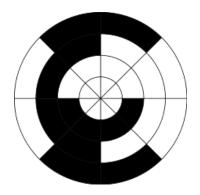
#### Wheel encoders

These modules require +5V and GND to power them. They provide +5V output when they "see" white, and 0V output when they "see" black.

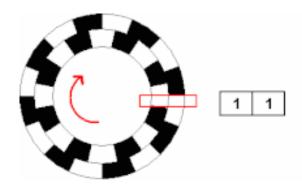








Rotary encoder with 3-bit gray coding



Conceptual drawing of a rotary encoder



Source: http://www.active-robots.com/, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rotary\_encoder

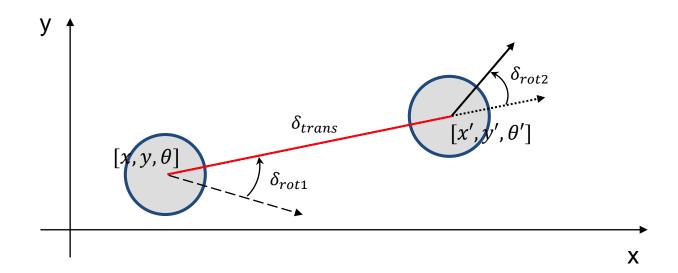


- Robot moves from  $[x, y, \theta]$  to  $[x', y', \theta']$
- Odometry information  $[\delta_{trans}, \delta_{rot1}, \delta_{rot2}]$

$$\delta_{trans} = \sqrt{(x'-x)^2 + (y'-y)^2}$$

$$\delta_{rot1} = \text{atan2}(y'-y, x'-x) - \theta$$

$$\delta_{rot2} = \theta' - \theta - \delta_{rot1}$$

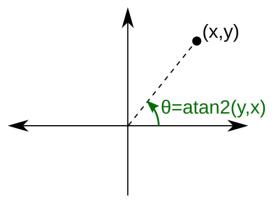




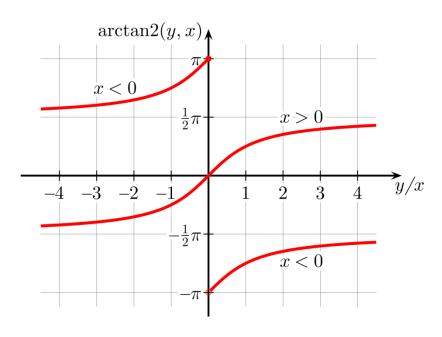


#### atan2 function

$$atan2(y,x) = \begin{cases} atan(y/x) & \text{if } x > 0\\ sign(y)(\pi - atan(\frac{|y|}{|x|})) & \text{if } x < 0\\ 0 & \text{if } x = y = 0\\ sign(y)\pi/2 & \text{if } x = 0, y \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



atan2(y, x) returns the angle  $\theta$  between the ray to the point (x, y) and the positive x-axis, confined to  $(-\pi, \pi]$ .



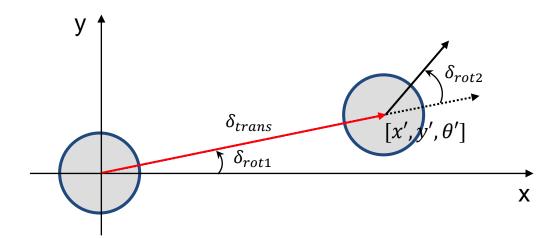


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atan2



Assuming the prior robot pose is [0,0,0]

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \hat{\delta}_{rot1} & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \hat{\delta}_{rot1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\delta}_{trans} \\ \hat{\delta}_{rot1} \\ \hat{\delta}_{rot2} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\hat{\delta}_{trans} = \delta_{trans} + \epsilon_{trans}$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{rot1} = \delta_{rot1} + \epsilon_{rot1}$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{rot2} = \delta_{rot2} + \epsilon_{rot2}$$

$$\epsilon_{trans} \sim \mathbb{N}(0, \sigma_{trans}^2)$$

$$\epsilon_{rot1} \sim \mathbb{N}(0, \sigma_{rot1}^2)$$

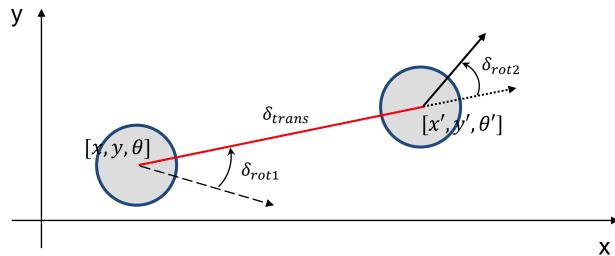
$$\epsilon_{rot2} \sim \mathbb{N}(0, \sigma_{rot2}^2)$$





• If the prior robot pose is  $[x, y, \theta]$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta + \hat{\delta}_{rot1}) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta + \hat{\delta}_{rot1}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\delta}_{trans} \\ \hat{\delta}_{rot1} \\ \hat{\delta}_{rot2} \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$\sigma_{rot1} = \alpha_1 |\delta_{rot1}| + \alpha_2 \delta_{trans}$$

$$\sigma_{rot2} = \alpha_1 |\delta_{rot2}| + \alpha_2 \delta_{trans}$$

$$\sigma_{trans} = \alpha_3 \delta_{trans} + \alpha_4 (|\delta_{rot1}| + |\delta_{rot2}|)$$

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 $u_t = (\bar{x}_t, \bar{x}_{t-1})$ 

 $\bar{x}_{t-1} = (\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{\theta})$ 

 $\bar{x}_t = (\bar{x}', \bar{y}', \bar{\theta}')$ 

#### Algorithm

Algorithm motion\_model\_odometry( $x_t$ ,  $u_t$ ,  $x_{t-1}$ )

$$\begin{split} \delta_{rot1} &= \text{atan2}(\bar{y}' - \bar{y}, \bar{x}' - \bar{x}) - \bar{\theta} \\ \delta_{trans} &= \sqrt{(\bar{x}' - \bar{x})^2 + (\bar{y}' - \bar{y})^2} \\ \delta_{rot2} &= \bar{\theta}' - \bar{\theta} - \delta_{rot1} \end{split} \right\} \text{ odometry values } (u_t)$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{rot1} = \operatorname{atan2}(y' - y, x' - x) - \theta$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{trans} = \sqrt{(x' - x)^2 + (y' - y)^2}$$

$$\hat{\delta}_{rot2} = \theta' - \theta - \hat{\delta}_{rot1}$$
values of interest  $(x_t, x_{t-1})$ 

$$p_{1} = \operatorname{prob}(\delta_{rot1} - \hat{\delta}_{rot1}, \alpha_{1} | \hat{\delta}_{rot1} | + \alpha_{2} \hat{\delta}_{trans})$$

$$p_{2} = \operatorname{prob}(\delta_{trans} - \hat{\delta}_{trans}, \alpha_{3} \delta_{trans} + \alpha_{4}(|\delta_{rot1}| + |\delta_{rot2}|))$$

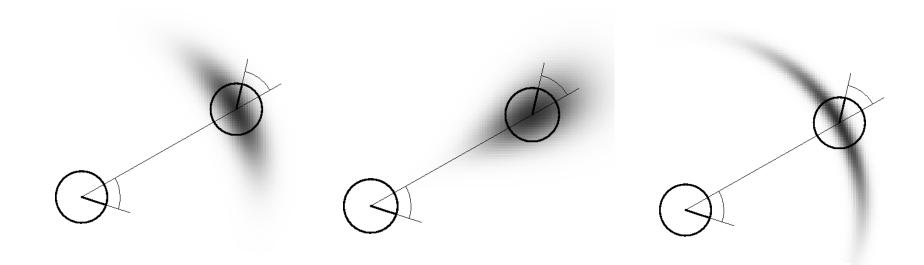
$$p_{3} = \operatorname{prob}(\delta_{rot2} - \hat{\delta}_{rot2}, \alpha_{1} | \hat{\delta}_{rot2} | + \alpha_{2} \hat{\delta}_{trans})$$

return 
$$p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3$$





Examples



Odometry motion model for different noise parameter settings.





- Control a robot through two velocities
  - Translational velocity v
  - Rotational velocity w



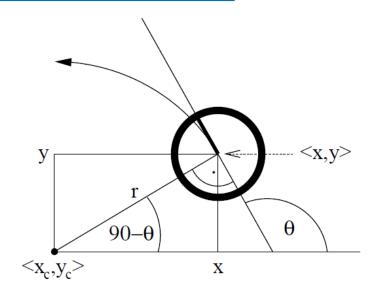


Ideal case

$$u_t = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \qquad r = \left| \frac{v}{w} \right|$$
$$v = w \cdot r$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_c + \frac{v}{w}\sin(\theta + w\Delta t) \\ y_c - \frac{v}{w}\cos(\theta + w\Delta t) \\ \theta + w\Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{v}{w}\sin\theta + \frac{v}{w}\sin(\theta + w\Delta t) \\ \frac{v}{w}\cos\theta - \frac{v}{w}\cos(\theta + w\Delta t) \\ w\Delta t \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x_c = x - \frac{v}{w} \sin \theta$$
$$y_c = x + \frac{v}{w} \cos \theta$$





- Realistic case
  - The robot performs a rotation  $\hat{\gamma}$  when it arrives at its final pose.

$$\theta' = \theta + \widehat{w}\Delta t + \widehat{\gamma}\Delta t$$

The actual velocity with noise

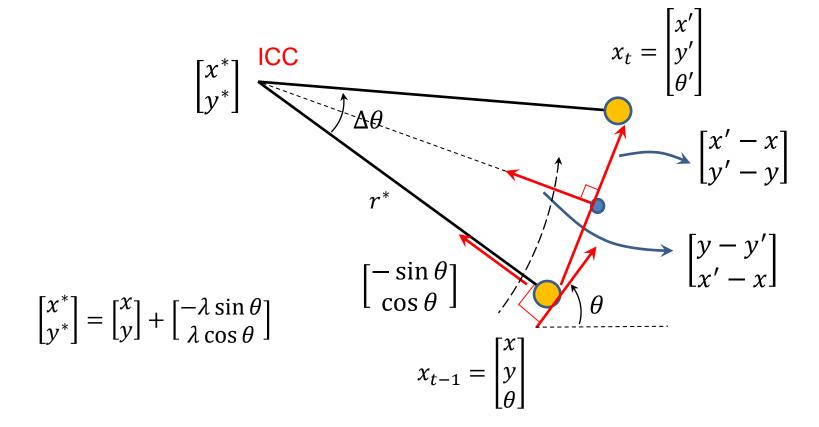
$$\begin{bmatrix} v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_{err} \\ w_{err} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{\alpha_1|v| + \alpha_2|w|} \\ \epsilon_{\alpha_3|v| + \alpha_4|w|} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\widehat{v}}{\widehat{w}} \sin \theta + \frac{\widehat{v}}{\widehat{w}} \sin(\theta + \widehat{w}\Delta t) \\ \frac{\widehat{v}}{\widehat{w}} \cos \theta - \frac{\widehat{v}}{\widehat{w}} \cos(\theta + \widehat{w}\Delta t) \\ \frac{\widehat{w}\Delta t + \widehat{\gamma}\Delta t} \end{bmatrix}$$





- Realistic case
  - Rotation of  $\Delta\theta$  about  $(x^*, y^*)$  from (x, y) to (x', y') in time  $\Delta t$







Center of a circle

of a circle

Average of 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda \sin \theta \\ \lambda \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + x' \\ 2 \\ y + y' \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \mu(x' - x)$$

Vector pointing

 $\mu = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - x')\cos\theta + (y - y')\sin\theta}{(v - v')\cos\theta - (x - x')\sin\theta}$ 

- Two sets of equations
- Two unknowns  $(\mu, \lambda)$



ICC (instantaneous center of curvature)

towards the ICC



$$\begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x + x'}{2} + \mu(y - y') \\ \frac{y + y'}{2} + \mu(x' - x) \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mu = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(x - x')\cos\theta + (y - y')\sin\theta}{(y - y')\cos\theta - (x - x')\sin\theta}$$

$$r^* = \sqrt{(x - x^*)^2 + (y - y^*)^2} = \sqrt{(x' - x^*)^2 + (y' - y^*)^2}$$
  

$$\Delta \theta = \text{atan2}(y' - y^*, x' - x^*) - \text{atan2}(y - y^*, x - x^*)$$

- Given  $\Delta\theta$  and  $\Delta$ dist we can compute the velocities needed to generate the motion

$$\Delta \text{dist} = r^* \cdot \Delta \theta$$

$$\hat{u}_t = \begin{bmatrix} v' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \Delta t^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \text{dist} \\ \Delta \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \Delta t^{-1} (\theta' - \theta) - \hat{w}$$





$$v_{err} = v - \hat{v} = v - \frac{\Delta \text{dist}}{\Delta t}$$
 $w_{err} = w - \hat{w} = w - \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}$ 
 $\gamma_{err} = \gamma - \hat{\gamma}$ 

$$v_{err} \sim \mathbb{N}(0, \sigma_{verr}^2)$$

$$\sigma_{verr} = \alpha_1 |v| + \alpha_2 |w|$$

$$w_{err} \sim \mathbb{N}(0, \sigma_{w}^2)$$

$$\sigma_{werr} = \alpha_3 |v| + \alpha_4 |w|$$

$$\sigma_{cerr} = \alpha_5 |v| + \alpha_6 |w|$$

Assume that the robot has independent control over its controlled linear and angular velocities

$$p(x_t|u_t, x_{t-1}) = p(v_{err}) \cdot p(w_{err}) \cdot p(\gamma_{err})$$

