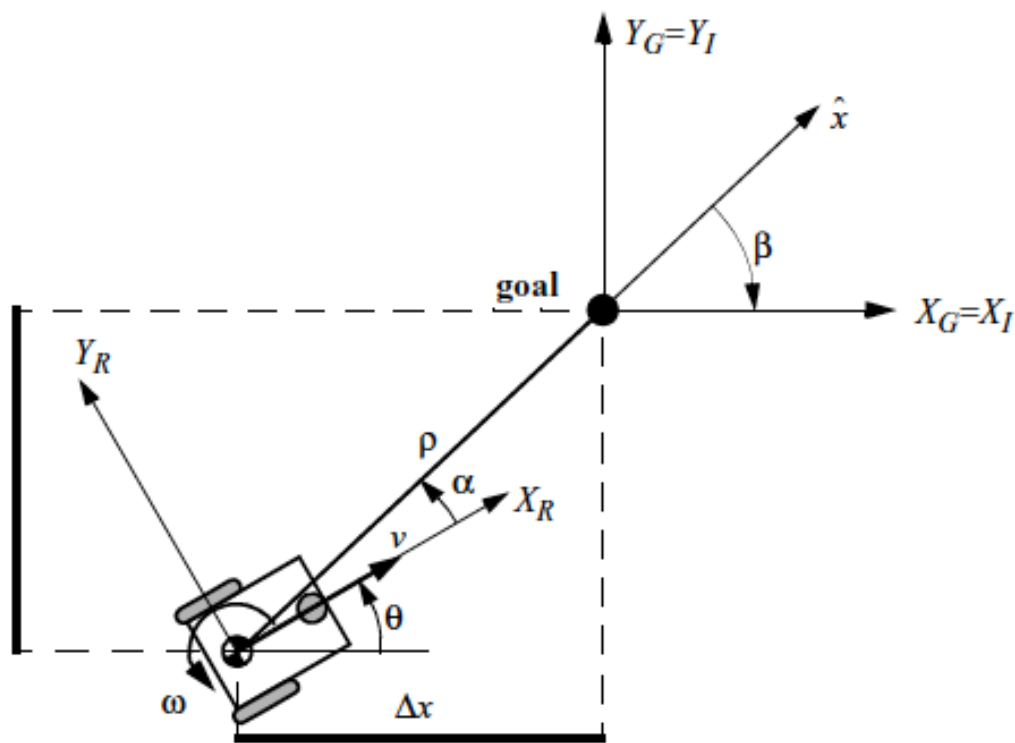


Model:



**Definitions:** We define all terms to be explicit

- $\mathbf{p}$  is the current error vector  $\mathbf{p} = (\Delta x, \Delta y)^T$ ;  $\rho$  and  $\beta$  are its polar coordinates.
- $\rho$  is the magnitude of the error vector  $\mathbf{p}$ ,  $\rho = \|\mathbf{p}\|$
- $\beta$  is the negative of the angle between error vector  $\mathbf{p}$  and the x-axis, which can be computed as  $-\text{atan2}(\Delta y, \Delta x)$
- $\mathbf{v}$  is the current velocity vector  $\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{p}} = (\Delta \dot{x}, \Delta \dot{y})^T$
- $\theta$  is the angle between the x-axis and velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}$
- $v$  is the magnitude of  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $v = \|\mathbf{v}\|$
- $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the robot about the z-axis (assumed there is none about the x- and y-axes),  $\omega = \dot{\theta}$ . The vector form of this is denoted  $\Omega$
- $\alpha$  is the angle between our velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and the error vector  $\mathbf{p}$

From the slides we have the following relationships:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2} \\ \Delta x &= \rho \cos(\alpha + \theta) \\ \Delta y &= \rho \sin(\alpha + \theta) \\ \beta &= -\alpha - \theta = -\text{atan}\left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}\right)\end{aligned}$$

**Want to show:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\rho} \\ \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & 0 \\ \frac{\sin \alpha}{\rho} & -1 \\ -\frac{\sin \alpha}{\rho} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (\cos \alpha)v \\ \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\rho}\right)v - \omega \\ -\left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{\rho}\right)v \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proof:**

- For  $\rho$ , see that the change of  $\rho$  is the component of the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  along the direction  $\mathbf{p}$ . This is just the projection of  $\mathbf{v}$  along the direction of  $p$ , which is  $\|\mathbf{v}\| \cos(\alpha) = v \cos(\alpha)$  (since  $\alpha$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{p}$ ). Now we show a calculus based proof. We can derive it directly from the definition:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2} \\ \Rightarrow \dot{\rho} &= \frac{(\Delta x)(\Delta \dot{x}) + (\Delta y)(\Delta \dot{y})}{\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{p}\|} \\ &= \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}}{\|\mathbf{p}\|}\right)^T \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}\right) v\end{aligned}$$

The inner product between two unit vectors is defined to be the cosine angle between them. We defined  $\alpha$  as the angle between  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ . Thus:

$$= (\cos(\alpha))v$$

This is what we wanted to prove, so we are done with  $\rho$ .

- We will prove the formula for  $\beta$  before  $\alpha$ . For  $\beta$ , we see that the angle is changing with the perpendicular component of the velocity, which has length  $v \sin(\alpha)$ . However the same speed gives different changes in  $\beta$  inversely proportional the distance  $\rho$ . The sign change comes from the fact that  $\beta$  is a clockwise angle. We formalize using the atan2 definition of  $\beta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\tan(-\beta) &= \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \\ \Rightarrow -\sec^2(-\beta)\dot{\beta} &= \frac{\Delta \dot{y}\Delta x - \Delta y\Delta \dot{x}}{(\Delta x)^2} && \text{(Using } (\tan(x))' = \sec^2(x)) \\ \Rightarrow -\left(1 + \tan^2(x)\right)\dot{\beta} &= \frac{\Delta \dot{y}\Delta x - \Delta y\Delta \dot{x}}{(\Delta x)^2} && \text{(Using } 1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)) \\ \Rightarrow -\left(1 + \frac{(\Delta y)^2}{(\Delta x)^2}\right)\dot{\beta} &= \frac{\Delta \dot{y}\Delta x - \Delta y\Delta \dot{x}}{(\Delta x)^2} && \text{(Using definition of } \beta) \\ \Rightarrow -((\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2)\dot{\beta} &= \Delta \dot{y}\Delta x - \Delta y\Delta \dot{x} && \text{(Rearranging terms)} \\ \Rightarrow -\rho^2\dot{\beta} &= \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \dot{x} \\ \Delta \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \Delta y \\ -\Delta x \end{pmatrix} && \text{(Using definition of } \rho \text{ and dot product)}\end{aligned}$$

The vector on the left of the product is just  $\mathbf{v}$ , the one on the right is just  $\mathbf{p}$  rotated  $\pi/2$  radians (90 degrees) counterclockwise. We denote this vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}$ . Due to this rotation, the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}$  is  $\pi/2 - \alpha$  (so it still has norm  $\rho$ ). This formalizes our notion of the perpendicular component of  $\mathbf{v}$  in the  $\mathbf{p}$  direction. Note that we could have just as easily picked the vector coordinates so that  $\mathbf{v}$  was rotated, so it doesn't matter which we chose to rotate in principle.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \quad & -\rho^2 \dot{\beta} = \mathbf{v}^T \tilde{\mathbf{p}} && \text{(Names from above)} \\
\Rightarrow \quad & -\rho \dot{\beta} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{v}\right)^T \left(\frac{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}}{\rho}\right) v && \text{(Rearranging terms)} \\
\Rightarrow \quad & \dot{\beta} = -\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)}{\rho} v && \text{(Definitions from above and rearranging terms)} \\
\Rightarrow \quad & \dot{\beta} = -\frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\rho} v && \text{(Trigonometric identities)}
\end{aligned}$$

Which is our desired formula

- For  $\alpha$ , the intuition is that it is the negative of  $\beta$  in the rotating reference frame of the robot, so the additive offset of  $-\omega$  must be added. The calculus proof for this is straightforward. We use the alternate definition of  $\beta$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \beta = -\alpha - \theta \\
\Rightarrow \quad & \alpha = -\beta - \theta \\
\Rightarrow \quad & \dot{\alpha} = -\dot{\beta} - \dot{\theta} \\
\Rightarrow \quad & \dot{\alpha} = -\left(-\frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\rho} v\right) - \omega && \text{(Definition of } \dot{\omega} \text{ and } \dot{\beta}) \\
\Rightarrow \quad & \dot{\alpha} = \frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\rho} v - \omega
\end{aligned}$$

Which is the definition we wanted.