

Sheet 3 Topic: Locomotion, Differential Drive Kinematics



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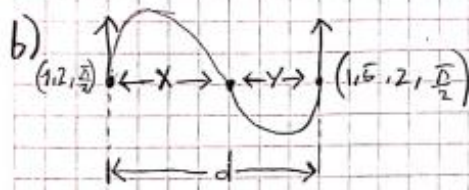
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Exercise 1: Locomotion

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Exercise 1.9

a) we need $\boxed{2}$ commands to arrive desired target location



(S₁) First circle arc length: $\frac{\pi \cdot x}{2}$

(S₂) Second circle arc length: $\frac{\pi \cdot y}{2}$

$$x + y = d \quad / \quad d = 0.5$$

The length of the trajectory $\Rightarrow S_1 + S_2 = \frac{\pi \cdot x}{2} + \frac{\pi \cdot y}{2} = \frac{\pi (x + y)}{2} = \frac{\pi \cdot d}{2} = \frac{\pi \cdot 0.5}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$

c) The easiest way is first rotation in place (RIP) then go straight line until arrived the goal point, then another RIP.
In summary, we need 3 commands.

① First command

* we need to rotate in place.

* we need to go right so left wheel: v
right wheel: $-v$
 $\Delta \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\theta' = \theta + \frac{v_L - v_R}{l} \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\frac{(\theta' - \theta) \cdot l}{v_L - v_R} = \Delta t \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\pi \cdot l}{4v}$$

$$\text{First command: } (v, -v, \frac{\pi \cdot l}{4v})$$

② Second command

* we need to go straight

* left wheel: v
right wheel: v
 $\Delta \theta = 0$

$$x' = x + v \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot \Delta t \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{x' - x}{v \cdot \cos(\theta)} = \frac{d}{v}$$

$$y' = y + v \cdot \sin(\theta) \cdot \Delta t$$

$$\text{Second command: } (v, v, \frac{d}{v})$$

③ Third command

* it is like first command. However, wheel speed are inverse.

$$\text{Third command: } (-v, v, \frac{\pi \cdot l}{4v})$$

D)

The length of the trajectory is distance between two poses, which is

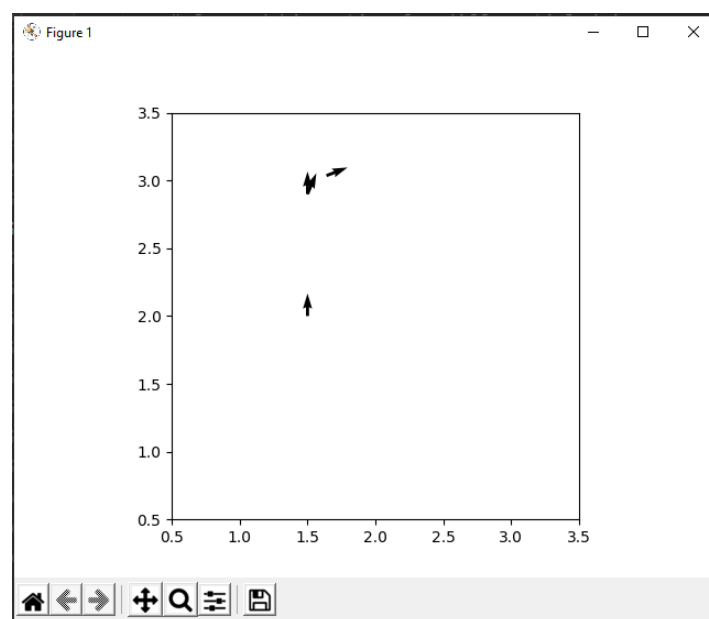
$$\boxed{0.5 \text{ m}}$$

Exercise 2: Differential Drive Implementation

a)

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def diffdrive(x, y, theta, v_l, v_r, t, l):  
    # straight line when left wheel speed = right wheel speed  
    if (v_l == v_r):  
        final_theta = theta  
        final_x = x + v_l * t * np.cos(theta)  
        final_y = y + v_l * t * np.sin(theta)  
  
    # circular motion left wheel speed != right wheel speed  
    else:  
        # Calculate the radius  
        R = l / 2.0 * ((v_l + v_r) / (v_r - v_l))  
  
        # center of curvatures  
        ICC_x = x - R * np.sin(theta)  
        ICC_y = y + R * np.cos(theta)  
  
        # computing theta prime  
        theta_prime = ((v_r - v_l) * t) / l  
  
        # forward kinematics for differential drive  
        final_x = np.cos(theta_prime) * (x - ICC_x) - np.sin(theta_prime) * (y - ICC_y) + ICC_x  
        final_y = np.sin(theta_prime) * (x - ICC_x) + np.cos(theta_prime) * (y - ICC_y) + ICC_y  
        final_theta = theta + theta_prime  
  
    return final_x, final_y, final_theta
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Final Graph:



b)

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

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    # straight line when left wheel speed = right wheel speed
    if (v_l == v_r):
        final_theta = theta
        final_x = x + v_l * t * np.cos(theta)
        final_y = y + v_l * t * np.sin(theta)

    # circular motion left wheel speed != right wheel speed
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        final_theta = theta + theta_prime

    return final_x, final_y, final_theta

plt.gca().set_aspect("equal")

# distance between the wheels and the initial robot position
x = 1.5
y = 2.0
l = 0.5
theta = (np.pi) / 2.0

# starting position
plt.quiver(x, y, np.cos(theta), np.sin(theta))
print(f"starting pose: x: {x}, y: {y}, theta:{theta}")

# first motion
v_l = 0.3
v_r = 0.3
t = 3
x, y, theta = diffdrive(x, y, theta, v_l, v_r, t, l)
plt.quiver(x, y, np.cos(theta), np.sin(theta))
print(f"after motion 1: x: {x}, y: {y}, theta:{theta}")

# second motion
v_l = 0.1
v_r = -0.1
t = 1
x, y, theta = diffdrive(x, y, theta, v_l, v_r, t, l)
plt.quiver(x, y, np.cos(theta), np.sin(theta))
print(f"after motion 2: x: {x}, y: {y}, theta:{theta}")

# third motion
v_l = 0.2
v_r = 0.0
t = 2
x, y, theta = diffdrive(x, y, theta, v_l, v_r, t, l)
plt.quiver(x, y, np.cos(theta), np.sin(theta))
print(f"after motion 3: x: {x}, y: {y}, theta:{theta}")

# plot the poses
plt.xlim([0.5, 3.5])
plt.ylim([0.5, 3.5])
plt.savefig("poses.png")
plt.show()
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