

# TURTLE\_TRAJECTORIES

Automated Turtle Movement and Shape Drawing in ROS





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### Introduction

This project provides a Python script using the Robot Operating System (ROS) to control the TurtleSim robot. The turtle can be commanded to follow various motion trajectories such as drawing geometric shapes (square, triangle, circle, hexagon), a spiral, a sine wave, or moving from one point to another.

#### Features

- Draw geometric shapes: square, triangle, circle, hexagon
- Create advanced patterns: spiral motion, sine wave path
- Point-to-point navigation
- Reset simulation environment
- Boundary checks to prevent turtle from exiting the window

### **Project Structure**

- turtle\_controller.py: Main Python script that implements all movement logic
- Uses:
- /turtle1/cmd\_vel topic to publish velocity commands
- /turtle1/pose topic to subscribe to current turtle pose
- /reset service to reset simulation

GitHub Link; https://github.com/BilalEdoor/ROS-Project.git

# **Project's files**

#### 1. Launch File:

This ROS launch file is designed to initiate both the simulation environment and a custom control node in one step. Specifically, it starts the standard turtlesim\_node, which opens a graphical window representing the turtle's world, and simultaneously launches the turtle\_trajectories.py script from the turtle\_trajectories package. This script contains the logic for controlling the turtle's movement, such as drawing geometric shapes or following complex paths. By including both nodes in a single launch file, users can streamline the testing and demonstration process. This setup is especially useful for educational purposes or development workflows where automated, reproducible turtle behaviors are needed within the turtlesim environment.

# Turtle trajectorieas.py file

This Python script for ROS (Robot Operating System) is designed to control a turtle within the turtlesim simulator by executing a variety of movement patterns. The script starts by initializing ROS nodes and subscribing to the turtle's position updates while publishing movement commands through the geometry\_msgs/Twist topic. It includes multiple user-defined functions to move the turtle in different geometric trajectories such as squares, triangles, circles, hexagons, and advanced patterns like spirals, sine waves, and direct point-to-point navigation.

Each shape or pattern is generated by combining linear and angular velocity commands, calculated using geometric relationships and time-based estimations. The script ensures that the turtle remains within the simulation window by predicting future positions and applying boundary checks. If a movement would take the turtle outside the visible area, the motion is stopped to avoid errors. Additionally, the script interacts with ROS services to reset the simulation environment when needed, allowing for clean reruns of each motion pattern.

The user is guided through a menu in the terminal, where they can input desired parameters such as side lengths, rotation angles, and direction of motion. This interactive design makes the script a useful learning tool for understanding robot motion control, ROS message communication, and safe navigation in a simulated environment.

## **Turtlesim Linear Motion Controller with Boundary Check**

This ROS Python script is responsible for controlling the turtle's motion within the turtlesim simulation environment. It achieves this by subscribing to the turtle's real-time position updates through the Pose message and issuing movement commands using the Twist message. One of the core components of the script is the move\_linear function, which directs the turtle to move either forward or backward for a user-defined speed and distance. During this motion, the function continuously checks whether the turtle remains within the visible bounds of the simulator window. If the turtle approaches the boundary, it automatically stops to prevent exiting the simulation area. Instead of using position deltas alone, the script relies on a time-based approach—calculating the traveled distance using the speed and elapsed time—to manage motion duration accurately. This design ensures consistent performance and makes the turtle's path more predictable, even with slight variations in sensor update timing.

#### **Rotate method**

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| vel_msg = lwist()

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```

This code rotates the turtle in the ROS turtlesim environment by a user-specified angle at a chosen angular speed. It first converts the speed from degrees to radians, as ROS requires angular velocities in radians per second. The direction of rotation—clockwise or counterclockwise—is determined by the clockwise parameter, which sets the sign of the angular velocity. A loop is used to continuously publish the rotation command until the turtle completes the desired angle of rotation based on time calculations. After reaching the target angle, the turtle is stopped by sending a zero angular velocity command.

### Draw square

```
def draw_square(velocity_publisher):
    length = float(input("Enter the edge length of the square (<= 4.0): "))
    if length > 4.0:
        rospy.logwarn("Too large! Reducing to 4.0")
        return
    if length <= 0:
        rospy.logwarn("Length must be positive! Setting to 1.0")
        return
    # We repeat 4 times (because the square has 4 sides).
    for _ in range(4):

# Calls the move_linear function.
move_linear(velocity_publisher, 1.0, length, True)

# Call the rotate function to rotate the turtle 90 degrees
rotate(velocity_publisher, 30, 90, False)</pre>
```

This function makes the turtle draw a square by prompting the user to enter the edge length. It ensures the length is valid by limiting it to a range between 0 and 4.0 units. The turtle then performs a loop four times, each time moving forward by the given length and rotating 90 degrees. It uses the move\_linear and rotate functions to handle straight movement and turning, respectively. This setup allows for flexible, safe square drawing based on user input.

#### Draw tringle

```
def draw_triangle(velocity_publisher):
    side = float(input("Enter triangle side length (<= 4.0): "))
    if side > 4.0:
        rospy.logwarn("Too large! Reducing to 4.0")
        return

fi side <= 0:
        rospy.logwarn("Length must be positive! Setting to 1.0")
        return

#We repeat the two steps (move + rotate) 3 times because the triangle has 3 sides.
for _ in range(3):
    #Straight line motion is required.
    move_linear(velocity_publisher, 1.0, side, True)
    rotate(velocity_publisher, 30, 120, False)</pre>
```

This function instructs the turtle to draw an equilateral triangle. It starts by taking the side length from the user and ensures the value is within the safe range ( $0 < \text{side} \le 4.0$ ). Then, it loops three times once for each side of the triangle. In each loop, the turtle moves forward the given distance and then rotates 120 degrees to form the triangle's internal angles. It combines straight motion with angular rotation to trace the triangle accurately.

#### Draw circle

```
def draw_circle(velocity_publisher):
    radius = float(input("Enter circle radius (<= 4.0): "))</pre>
       rospy.logwarn("Too large! Reducing to 4.0")
   if radius <= 0:
       rospy.logwarn("Radius must be positive! Setting to 1.0")
   direction = input("Choose direction: 1 for clockwise, 2 for counter-clockwise: ")
   # If the user enters anything other than 1 or 2.
   # Resets the orientation to the default (counterclockwise).
   vel_msg.angular.z = -1.0 / radius if direction == "1" else 1.0 / radius
   time = 2 * math.pi * radius / vel_msg.linear.x
   rate = rospy.Rate(50)
      rospy.loginfo(f'x={pose.x:.2f}, y={pose.y:.2f}, radius={radius:.2f}')
       # If it does go outside, it prints a message and stops.
           rospy.logwarn("Robot stopped! reached boundary of the turtlesim window.")
```

This function makes the turtle draw a full circle based on a user-specified radius and direction. It first validates the radius input, restricting it to a safe range ( $0 < r \le 4.0$ ), and asks whether the circle should be drawn clockwise or counterclockwise. Using the circular motion formula (angular velocity = linear velocity / radius), it sets the correct velocities. The total time to complete the circle is calculated using the circumference ( $2\pi r$ ), assuming a constant speed of 1 m/s. A loop keeps publishing velocity commands until the turtle completes the circle or hits the boundary.

### Draw spiral

```
def draw_spiral(velocity_publisher):
       start_radius = float(input("Enter starting radius: "))
          rospy.logwarn("Too small! Using 0.1")
          rospy.logwarn("Too large! Reducing to 1.0")
       rate = rospy.Rate(10)
      while is_within_bounds(pose.x, pose.y) and r < 5.5:
          vel msg.linear.x = r
          # Set the angular velocity to 1.0 (constant).
          vel_msg.angular.z = 1.0
          rospy.loginfo(f'x={pose.x:.2f}, y={pose.y:.2f},increase in r={r:.2f}')
          # This gradual increase creates a spiral shape.
           rate.sleep()
          rospy.logwarn("Robot stopped: reached boundary of the turtlesim window")
```

This function makes the turtle draw a spiral by gradually increasing its linear speed while maintaining a constant angular velocity. It begins with a user-defined radius, adjusting it if the input is too small or large. Inside a loop, the turtle's radius increases slightly on each iteration, causing it to spiral outward. The motion continues as long as the turtle stays within the visible simulation window and the radius remains within limits. Once done, it stops the turtle and notifies the user if it exited the windo

### Point to point motion

```
#The entered string is converted to a decimal for subsequent calculations. x_{goal} = float(input("Target x (1-10): "))
y_goal = float(input("Target y (1-10): "))
#linear.x \rightarrow forward speed #angular.z \rightarrow yaw rate
K_linear = 0.5
K_angular = 4.0
while True:
   # pose.x, pose.y are updated via the update pose subscriber.
     distance = math.sqrt((x_goal - pose.x) ** 2 + (y_goal - pose.y) ** 2)
    if distance < 0.1:
    #Heading error = desired - current yaw (pose.theta).
#Angular speed proportional to that error.
    linear_speed = distance * K_linear
desired_angle = math.atan2(y_goal - pose.y, x_goal - pose.x)
    angular_speed = (desired_angle - pose.theta) * K_angular #Sends the Twist message to /turtle1/cmd_vel.
rospy.loginfo throttle(
     f"pos=({pose.x:.2f},{pose.y:.2f})"
rospy.sleep(0.1)
velocity_message.angular.z = 0
#Inside → success message with check-mark
     rospy.logwarn("Stopped: boundary reached.")
     rospy.loginfo("Target reached √")
```

This function moves the turtle from its current position to a user-specified point within the simulation window. It first checks that the destination coordinates are valid and within bounds. Using trigonometry, it calculates the angle needed to face the target and rotates the turtle accordingly. It then computes the distance to the target point and moves the turtle forward in a straight line. This allows accurate navigation to any point selected by the user.

### Draw hexagon

```
def draw_hexagon(velocity_publisher):
    length = float(input("enter the edge length of hexagon (<=2:)"))
    if length > 2:
        rospy.logwarn("Too large! reducing to 2")
        return

for _ in range(6):
        # Move the turtle forward a distance equal to the length of the side
        move_linear(velocity_publisher, 1.0, length, True)
        #After each side, the turtle rotates 60 degrees.
        rotate(velocity_publisher, 30, 60, False)
```

This function commands the turtle to draw a regular hexagon by moving forward and turning 60 degrees after each side. It starts by asking the user for the edge length, with a maximum limit of 2 units to keep the drawing visible. It then loops six times to complete the hexagon, calling move\_linear to go straight and rotate to make the angle turns. This creates a six-sided polygon with equal edges and angles.

#### Draw sinusoidal wave

```
def draw_sine_wave(pub):
        Let the user choose amplitude A, frequency f (cycles / m), and forward
        speed v. The turtle is then driven along y = A \cdot \sin(2\pi f \cdot s), where s is
        the arc-length already travelled.
        A = float(input("Amplitude A (0 < A \leq 2.0 m): "))
f = float(input("Frequency f (0 < f \leq 2.0 cycles/m): "))
        v = float(input("Forward speed v (0 < v ≤ 2.0 m/s): "))</pre>
        if not (0 < A <= 2.0 \text{ and } 0 < f <= 2.0 \text{ and } 0 < v <= 2.0):
            rospy.logwarn("Values out of range - using defaults A=1, f=0.5, v=1")
            return
       \omega = 2.0 * math.pi * f
                                          # angular frequency (rad / m)
        rate = rospy.Rate(60)
        twist = Twist()
        s = 0.0
        while not rospy.is_shutdown():
            # slope dy/dx, then heading angle = atan(slope)
                              = A * \omega * math.cos(\omega * s)
            twist.linear.x = v
            twist.angular.z = math.atan(slope)
            if not is_within_bounds(pose.x, pose.y):
                rospy.logwarn("Boundary reached - stopping sine wave.")
                break
            pub.publish(twist)
            s += v * (1.0 / 60.0)
            rate.sleep()
        pub.publish(Twist()) # stop the turtle when finished
```

This function makes the turtle trace a sine wave pattern by combining forward motion with oscillating angular changes. The user inputs the amplitude, frequency, and forward speed, which shape the wave. Using the derivative of the sine function, the turtle's heading is adjusted with atan(amplitude  $\times$  frequency  $\times$  cos(frequency  $\times$  t)) to follow the wave's slope. The turtle moves forward at a constant speed while continuously adjusting its direction based on the sine curve. The motion stops if the turtle exits the simulation window, ensuring it stays within bounds.

### Reset method

```
def reset_turtle(_unused=None):
    rospy.wait_for_service("/reset")
    try:
        reset = rospy.ServiceProxy('/reset', Empty)
        reset()
        rospy.loginfo("The turtle's location has been reset.")
    except rospy.ServiceException as e:
        rospy.logerr(f"Service call failed: {e}")
```

### Main

# Choose from the menu to execute a motion pattern.

### **Menu Options**

- 0. Exit turtle
- 1. Draw Square
- 2. Draw Triangle
- 3. Draw Circle
- 4. Draw Spiral
- 5. Move Point to Point
- 6. Draw Hexagon
- 7. Draw Sine Wave
- 8. Reset Turtle

```
/home/bilaedoor/catkin_ws/src/turtle_trajectories/launch/turtle_trajectories.launch h... — 

// home/bilaedoor/catkin ws/src/turtle_trajectories/launch/turtle_trajectories.launch http://localhost:113
auto-starting new master
process[master]: started with pid [3192]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://localhost:11311

setting /run_id to 186fe158-35b7-11f0-954c-edac714c1119
process[rosout-1]: started with pid [3206]
started core service [/rosout]
process[publisher_node-2]: started with pid [3209]
process[sim-3]: started with pid [3210]
[INFO] [1747772098.566026767]: Starting turtlesim with node name /sim
[INFO] [1747772098.665318290]: Spawning turtle [turtle1] at x=[5.544445], y=[5.544445], theta=[0.000000]

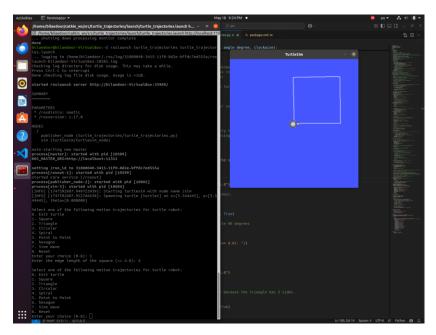
Select one of the following motion trajectories for turtle robot:
0. Exit turtle
1. Square
2. Triangle
3. Circular
4. Spiral
5. Potnt to Point
6. hexagon
7. Sine Wave
8. Reset
Enter your choice (0-8):
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# **Safety & Constraints**

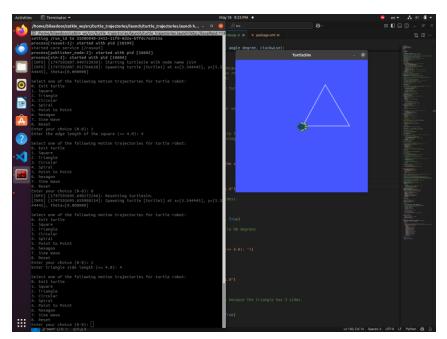
- Input validation is done to ensure the turtle remains within bounds.
- Movement stops automatically if the turtle is about to leave the window.
- Shapes are restricted to size limits suitable for the 11x11 Turtlesim window.

# **OUTPUT**

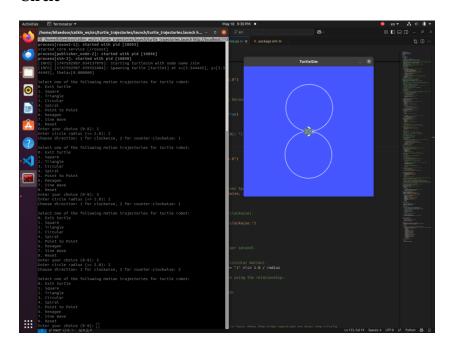
# Square



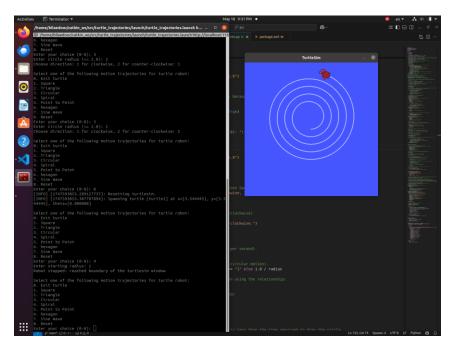
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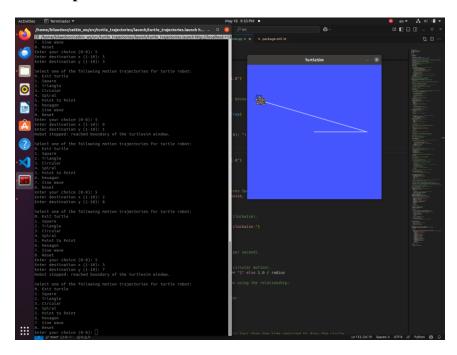
# Circle



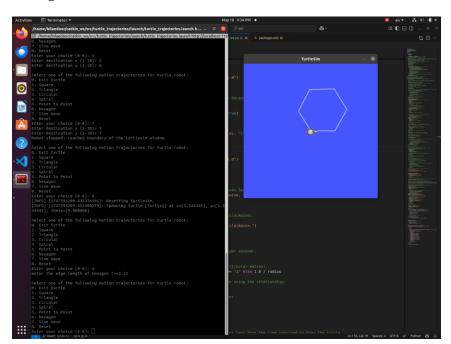
# Spiral



# Point to point



# Hexagon



# Sinusoidal wave

