

Sample-based path finding

Lecture 3



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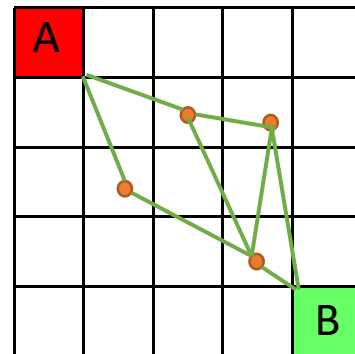
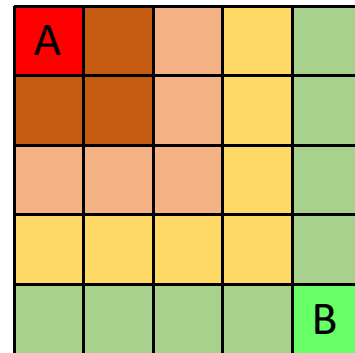




Preliminaries

Sampling Based-Planners

- Do not attempt to explicitly construct the C-Space and its boundaries
- Simply need to know if a single robot configuration is in collision
- Exploits simple tests for collision with full knowledge of the space
- Collision detection is a separate module- can be tailored to the application
- As collision detection improves, so do these algorithms
- Different approaches for single-query and multi-query requests





Preliminaries

Notion of Completeness in Planning

- Complete Planner: always answers a path planning query correctly in bounded time
- Probabilistic Complete Planner: if a solution exists, planner will eventually find it, using random sampling (e.g. Monte Carlo sampling)
- Resolution Complete Planner: same as above but based on a deterministic sampling (e.g. sampling on a fixed grid).



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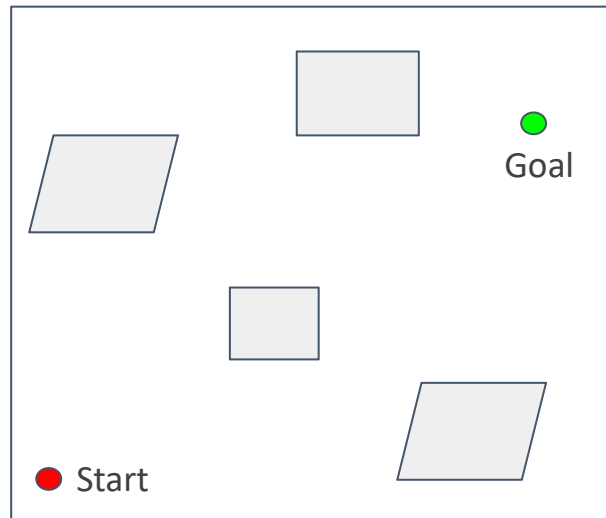
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What is PRM?

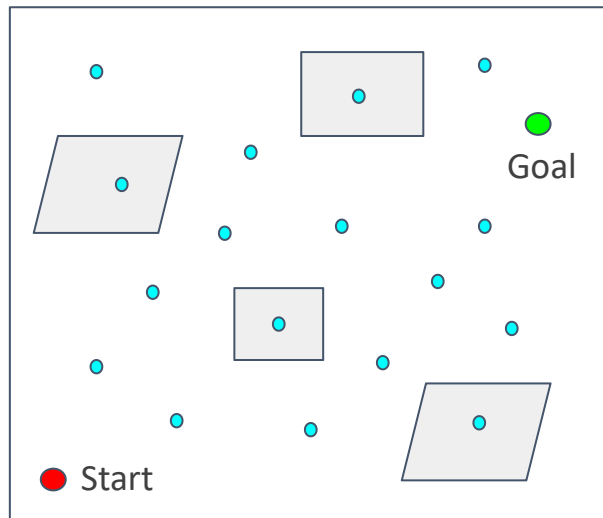
- A graph structure
- Divide planning into two phases:
 - Learning phase:
 - Query phase:
- Checking sampled configurations and connections between samples for collision can be done efficiently.
- A relatively small number of milestones and local paths are sufficient to capture the connectivity of the free space





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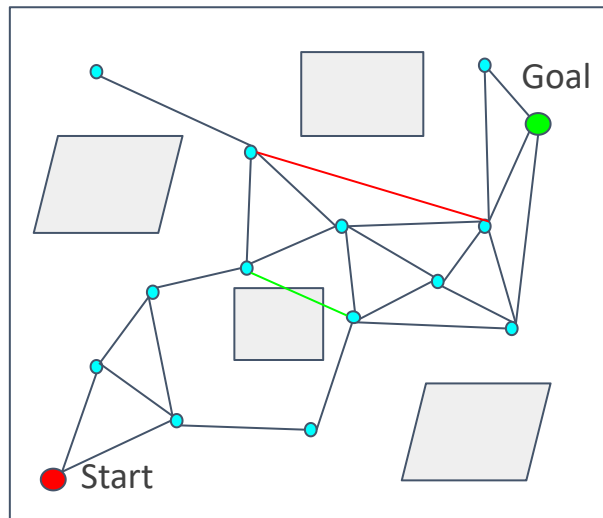
- Learning phase:
 - Sample N points in C-space
 - Delete points that are not collision-free
- Detect the c-space with random points





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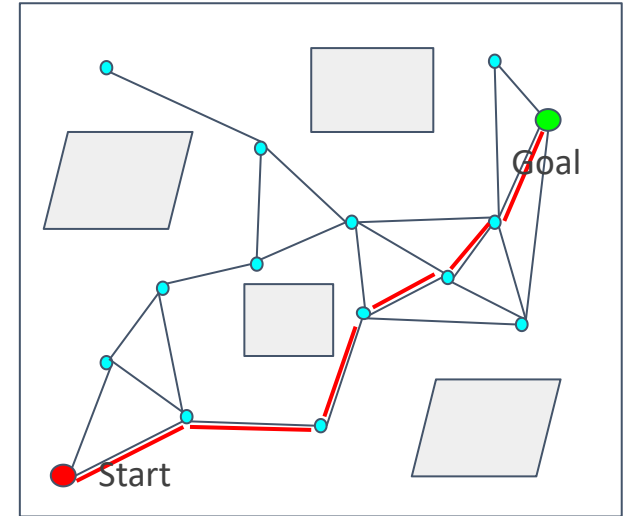
- Learning phase:
 - Connect to nearest points and get collision-free segments.
 - Delete segments that are not collision free.





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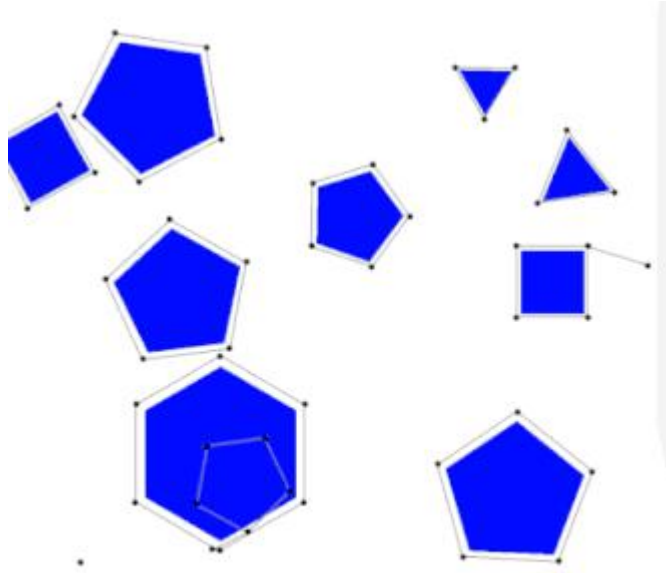
- Query phase:
 - Search on the road map to find a path from the start to the goal (using Dijkstra's algorithm or the A* algorithm).
 - Road map is now similar with the grid map (or a simplified grid map)



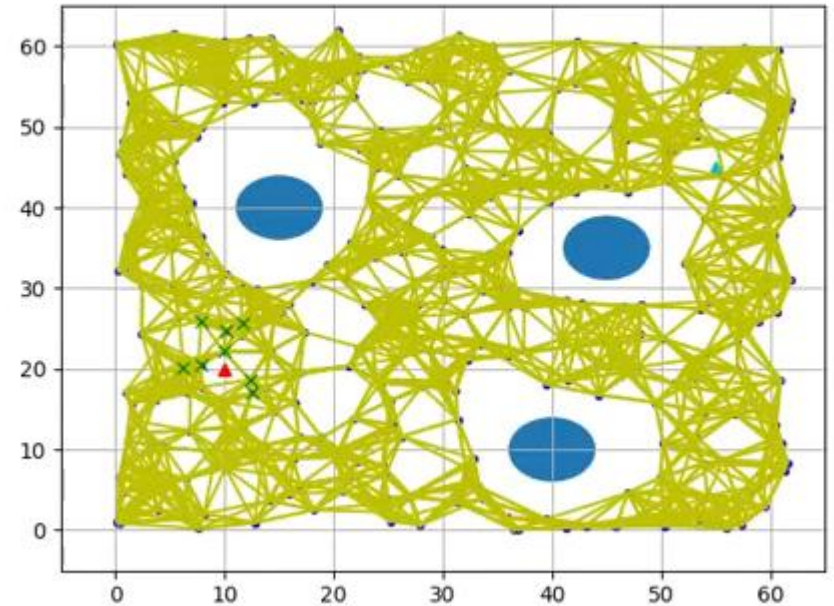


Probabilistic Road Map

Learning phase[1]



Query phase[2]



[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Probabilistic_roadmap

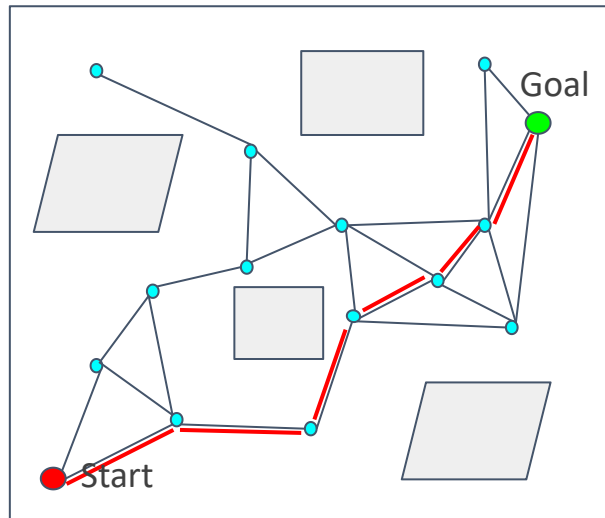
[2] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Dln3sS_p4Q



Probabilistic Road Map

Pros and Cons

- Pros
 - Probabilistically complete
- Cons
 - Required to solve 2 point boundary value problem
 - Build graph over state space but no particular focus on generating a path
 - Not efficient

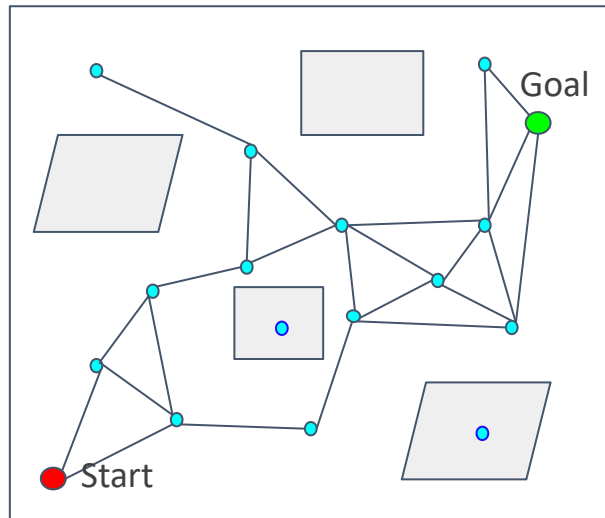




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Note: towards improving efficiency

- Lazy collision-checking
 - Collision-checking process is time-consuming, especially in complex or high-dimensional environments.
 - Sample points and generate segments without considering the collision (**Lazy**).

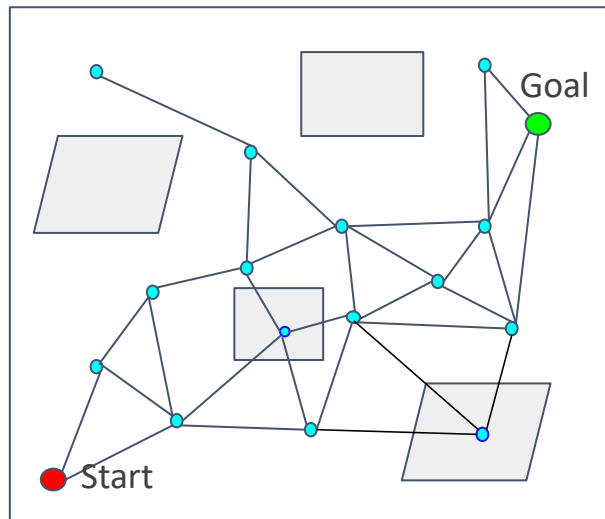




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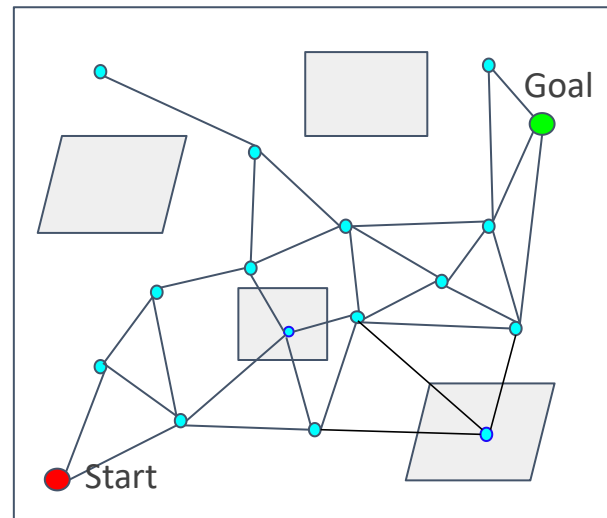


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Collision-checking if necessary:

Find a path on the road map generated without collision-checking



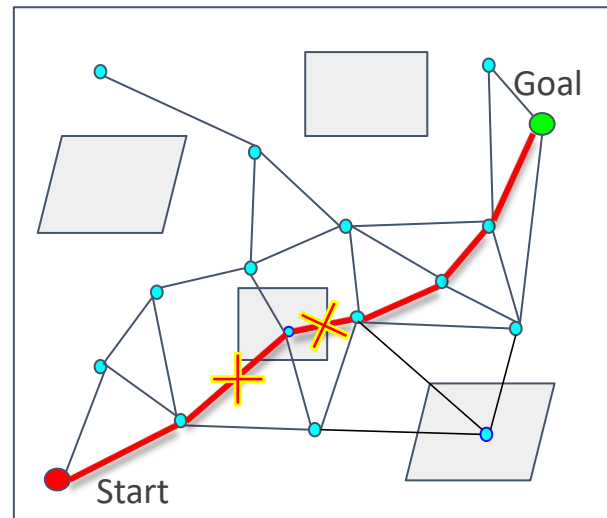


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Collision-checking if necessary:

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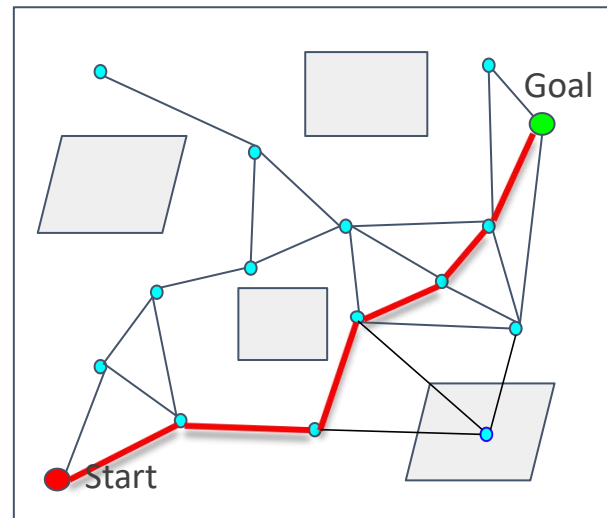


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Lazy collision-checking

Collision-checking if necessary:

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- Restart path finding.





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- Query phase
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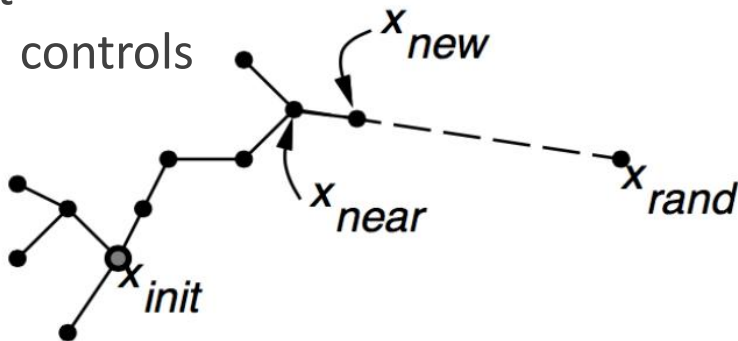


Rapidly-exploring Random Tree



Rapidly-exploring Random Trees

- Build up a tree through generating “next states” in the tree by executing random controls





Rapidly-exploring Random Trees

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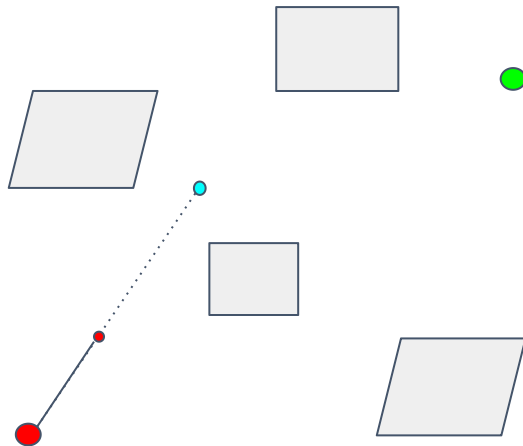
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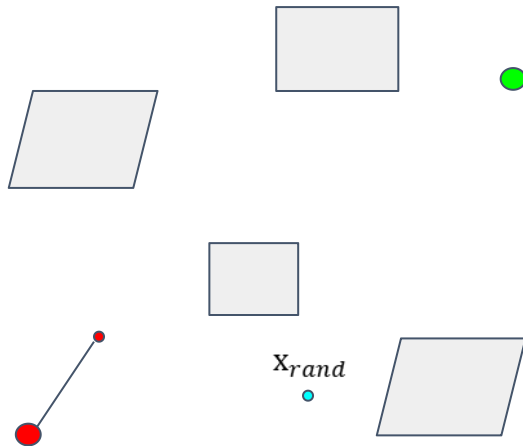
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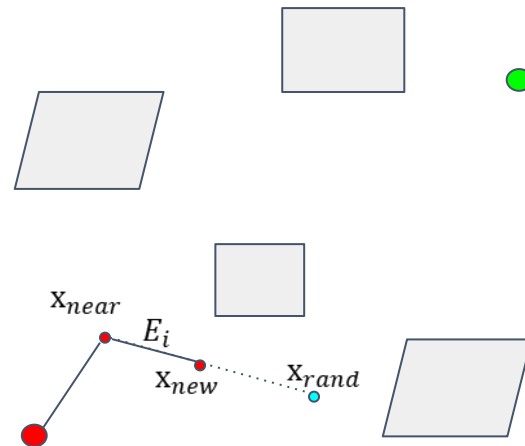
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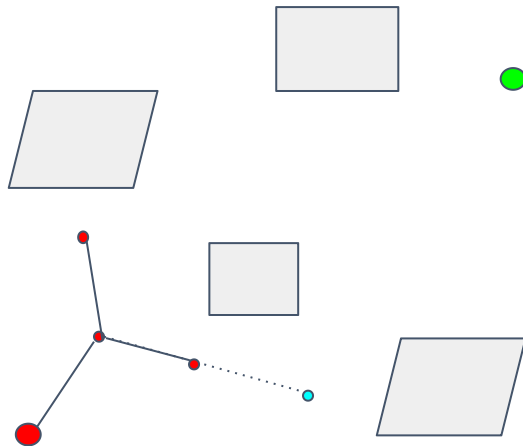
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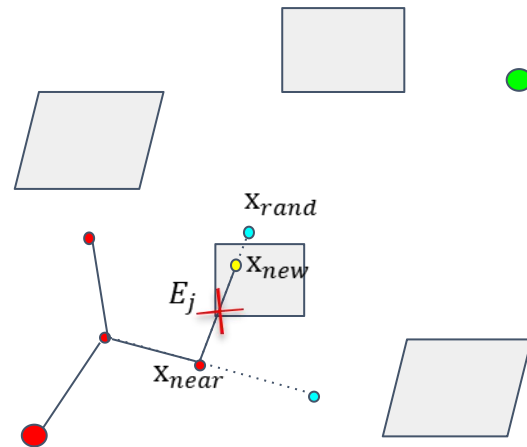
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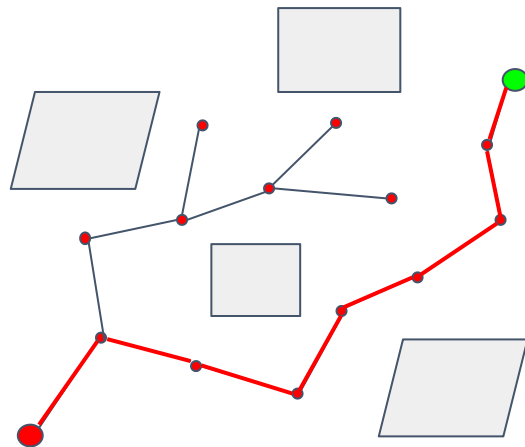
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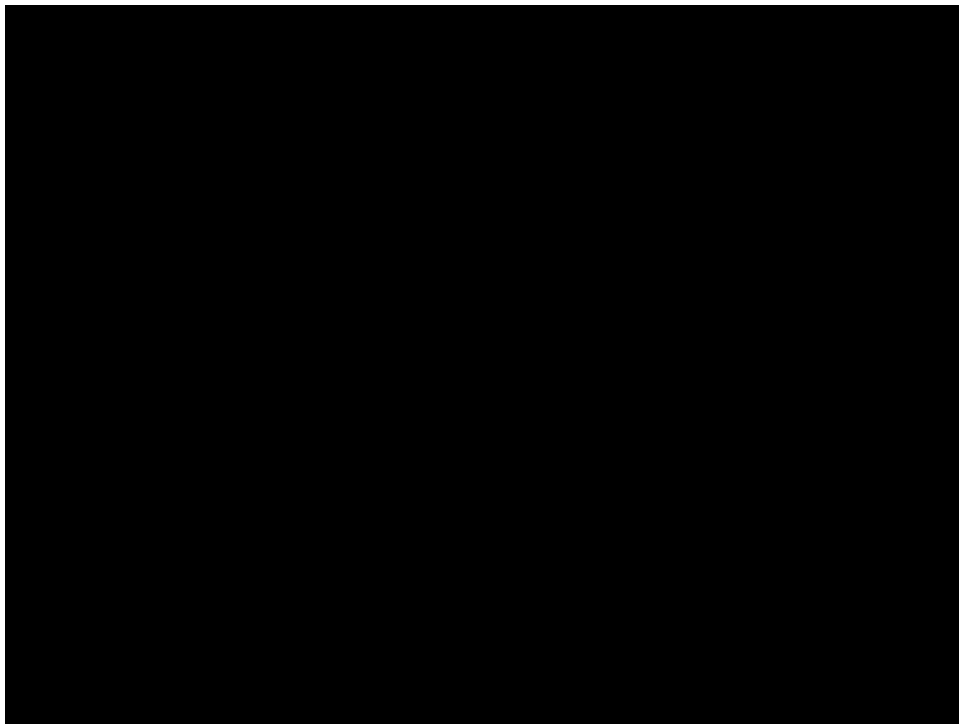
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Demonstration of RRT[1]

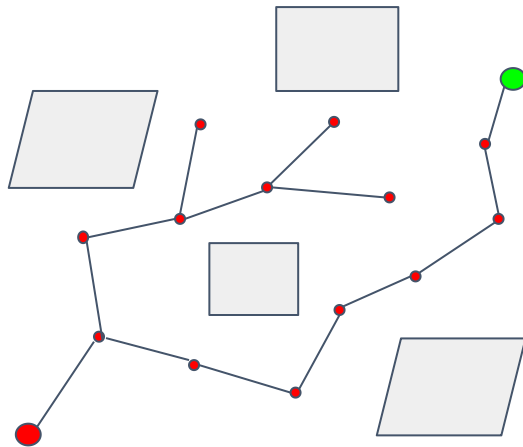


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Rapidly-exploring Random Trees

- **Pros:**
 - Aims to find a path from the start to the goal
 - More target-oriented than PRM
- **Cons:**
 - Not optimal solution
 - Not efficient(leave room for improvement)
 - Sample in the whole space

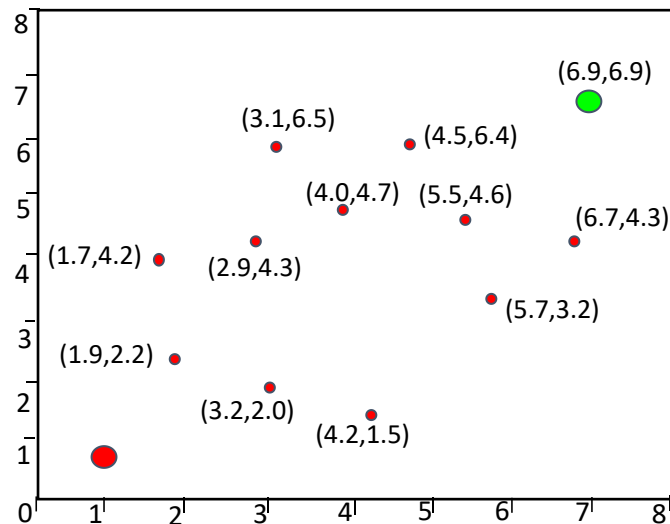
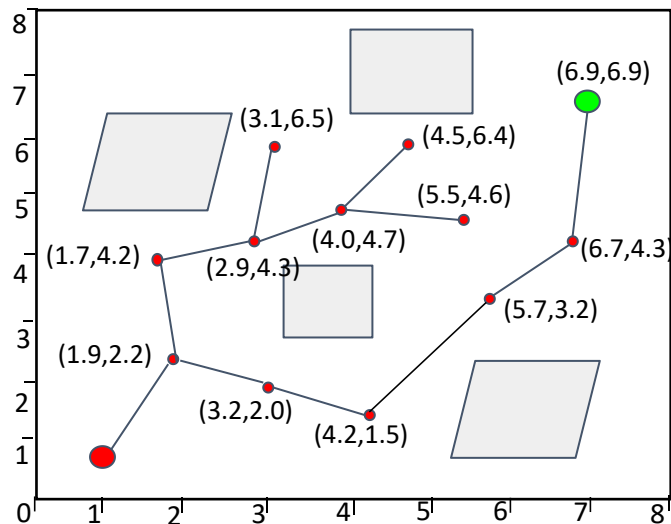




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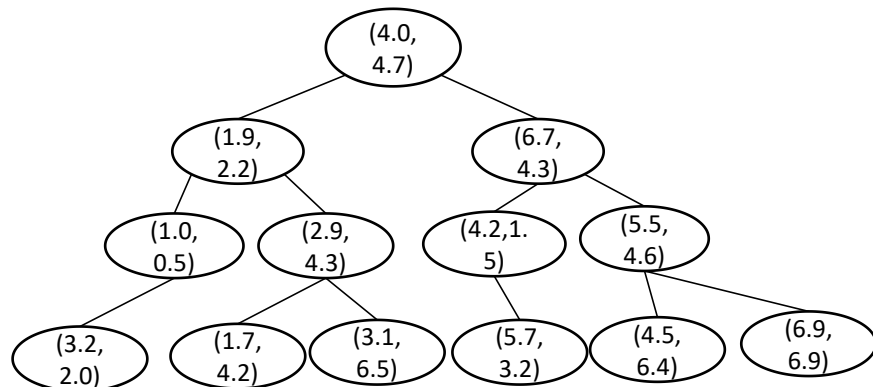
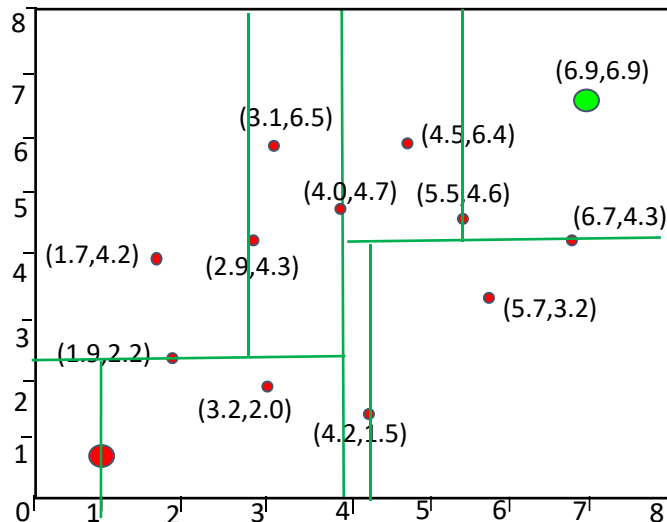




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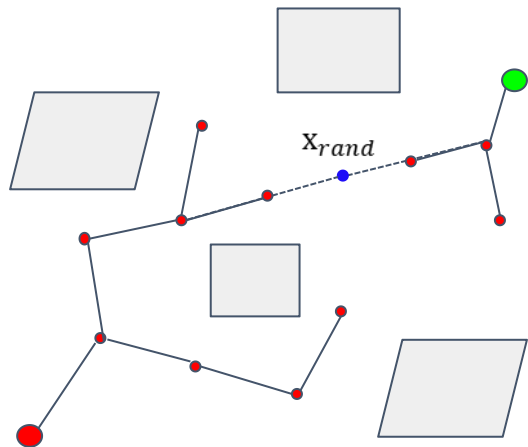
- Other variants: Spatial grid, hill climbing, etc
- 参考: <https://blog.csdn.net/junshen1314/article/details/51121582>



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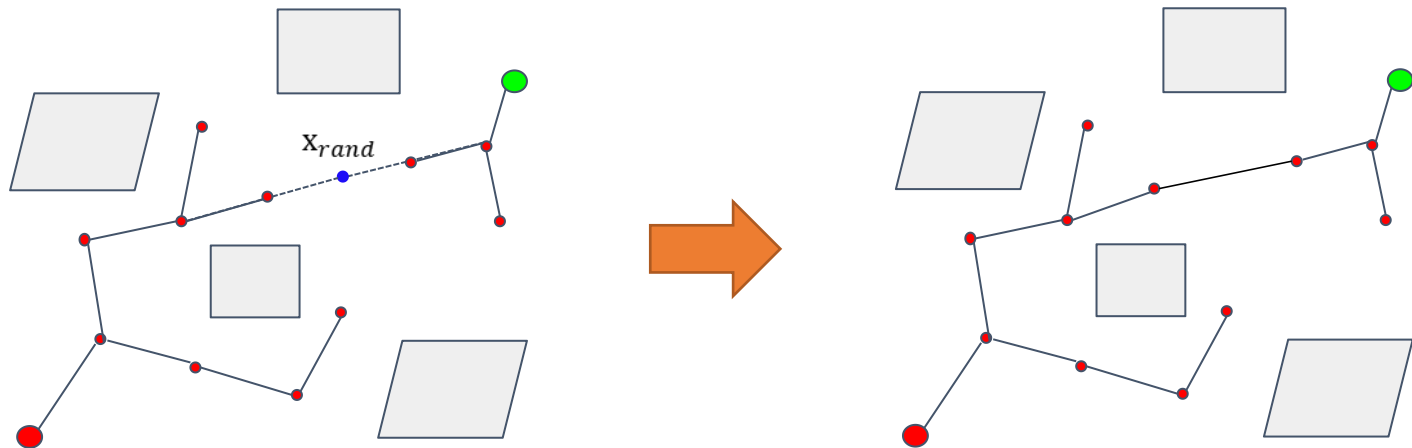
- Grow a tree from both the start point and the goal point
- Path finding when two trees are connected



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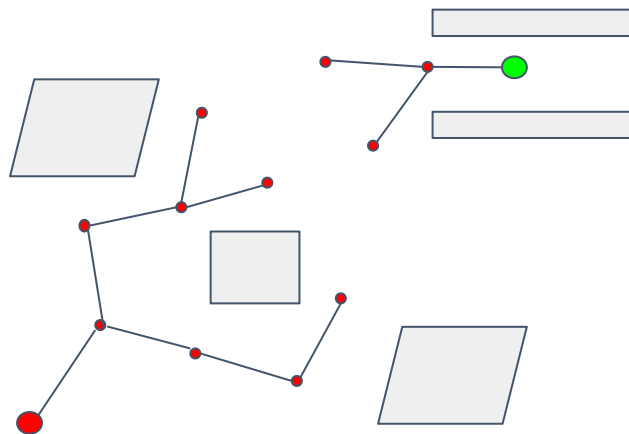
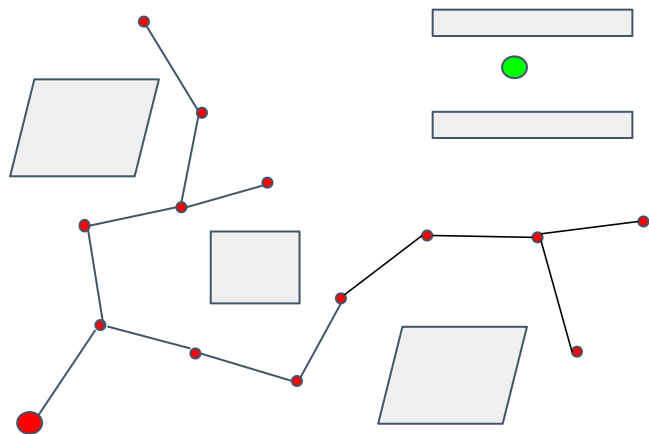




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- Incrementally build
- Rapidly searching
- Key functions: Sampling, Nearest, Collision-checking



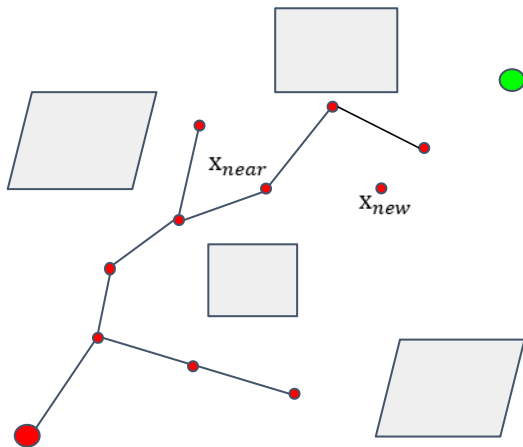


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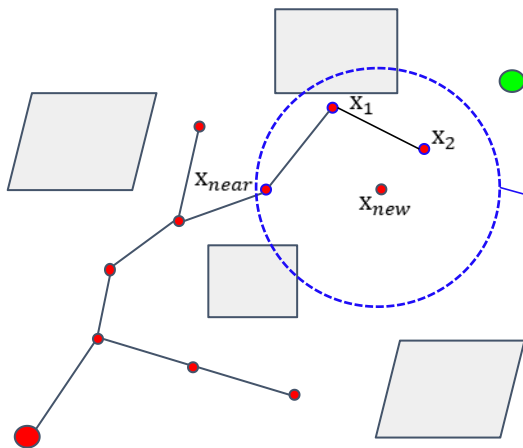
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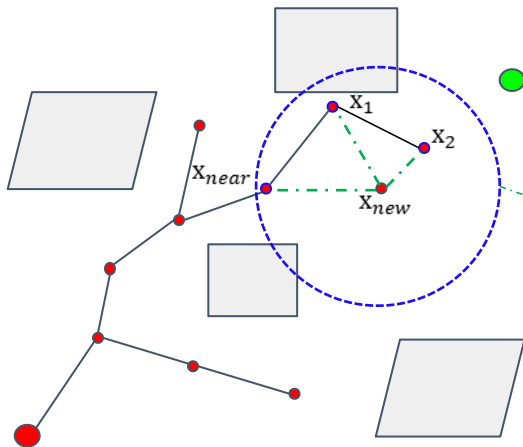
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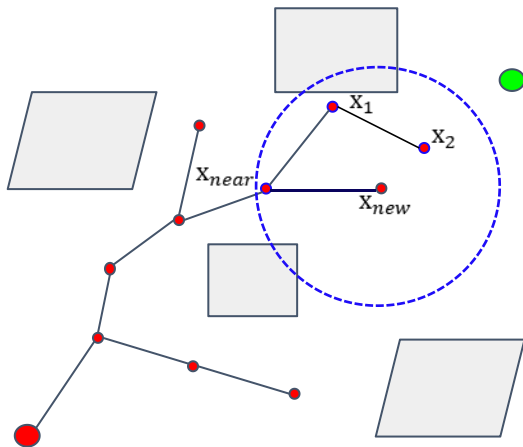
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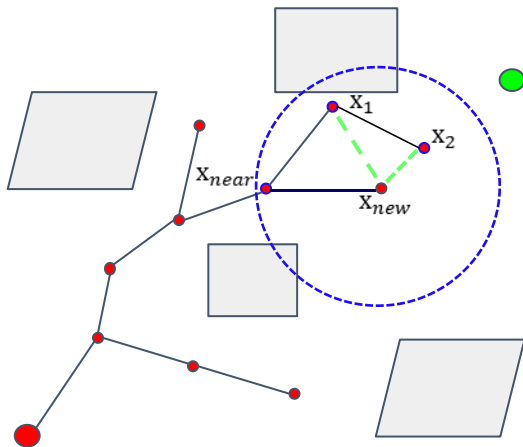
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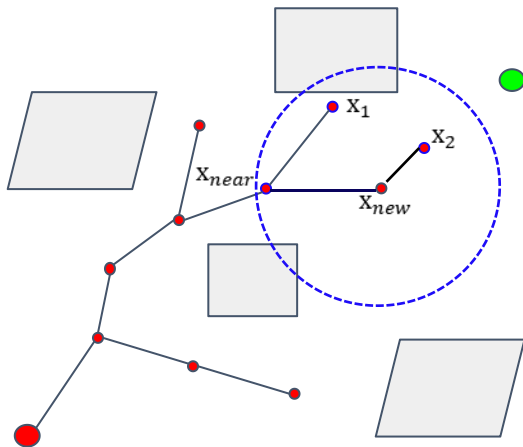
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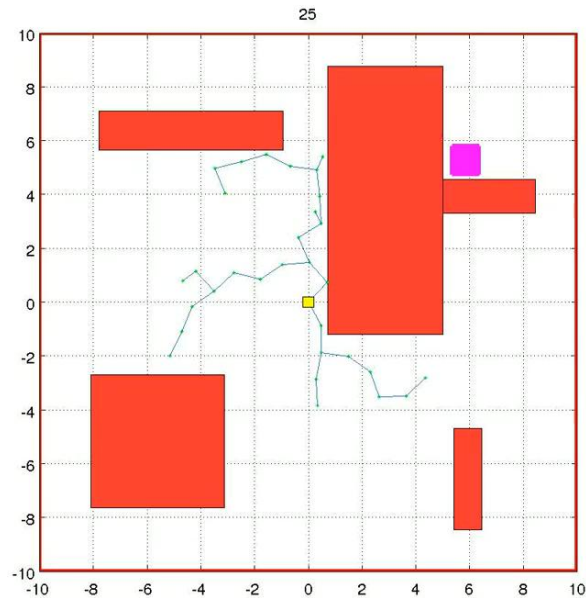
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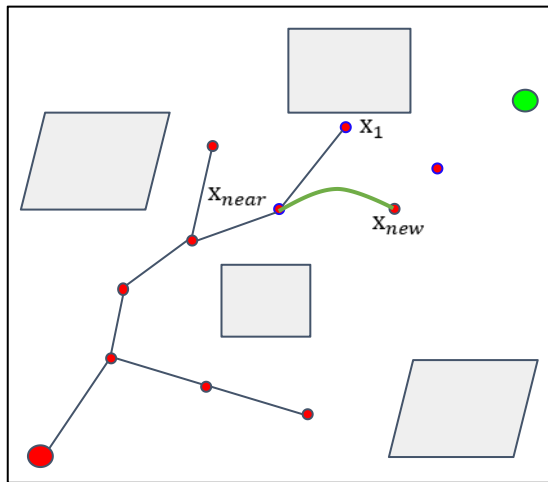
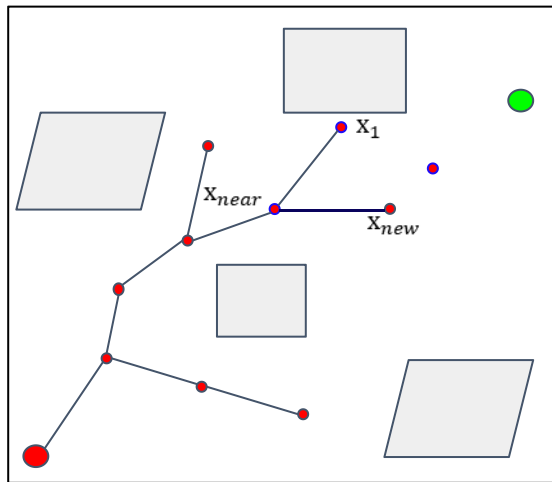


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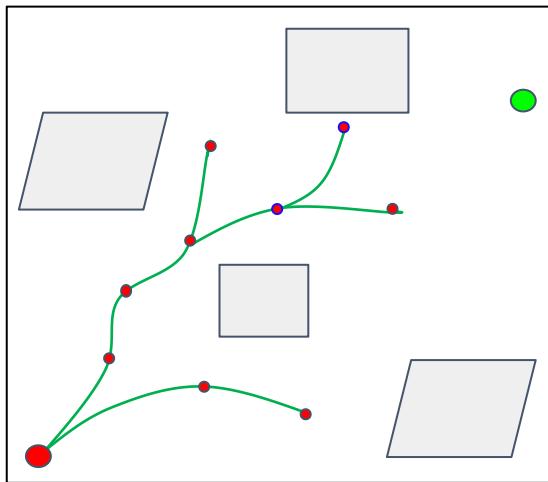
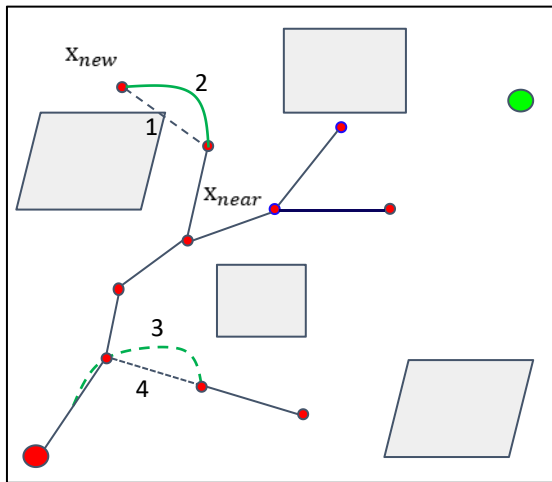


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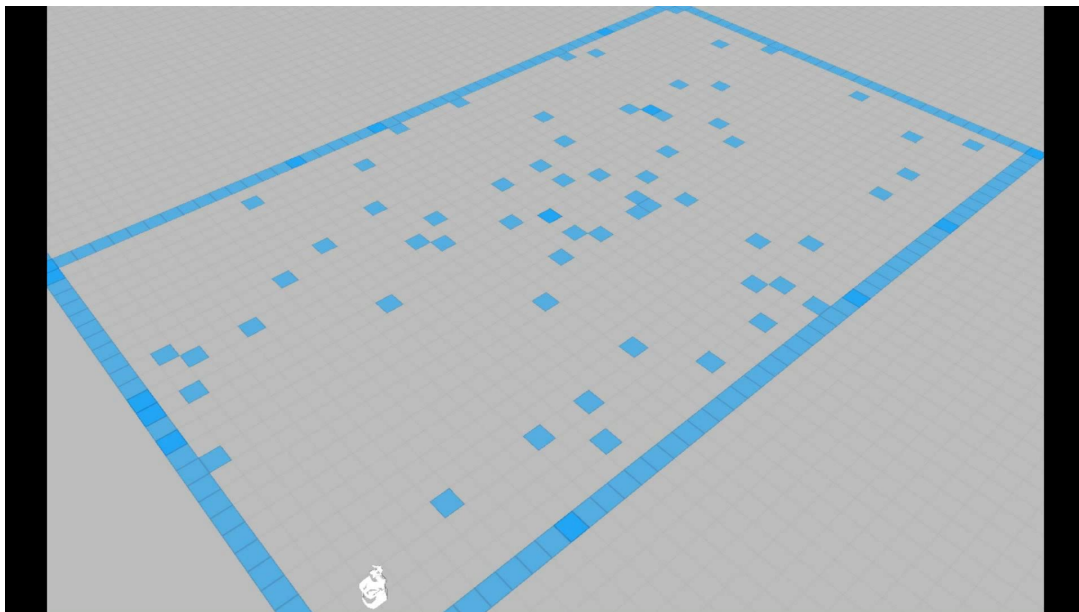


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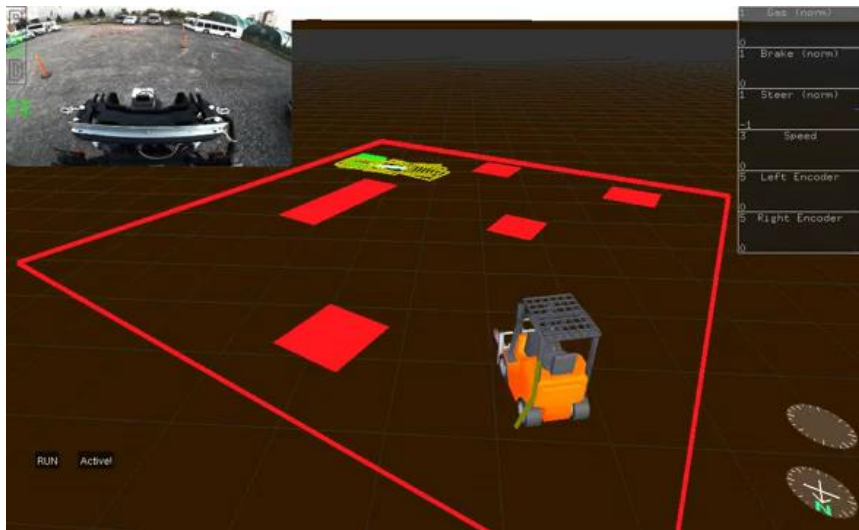


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Anytime-RRT*



Keep optimizing the leaf RRT tree when the robot executes the current trajectory Anytime Fashion

[Anytime Motion Planning using the RRT*](#)



Optimal sampling-based path planning methods

- Rewire function
- RRT*
- Kino-dynamic RRT*
- Anytime RRT*



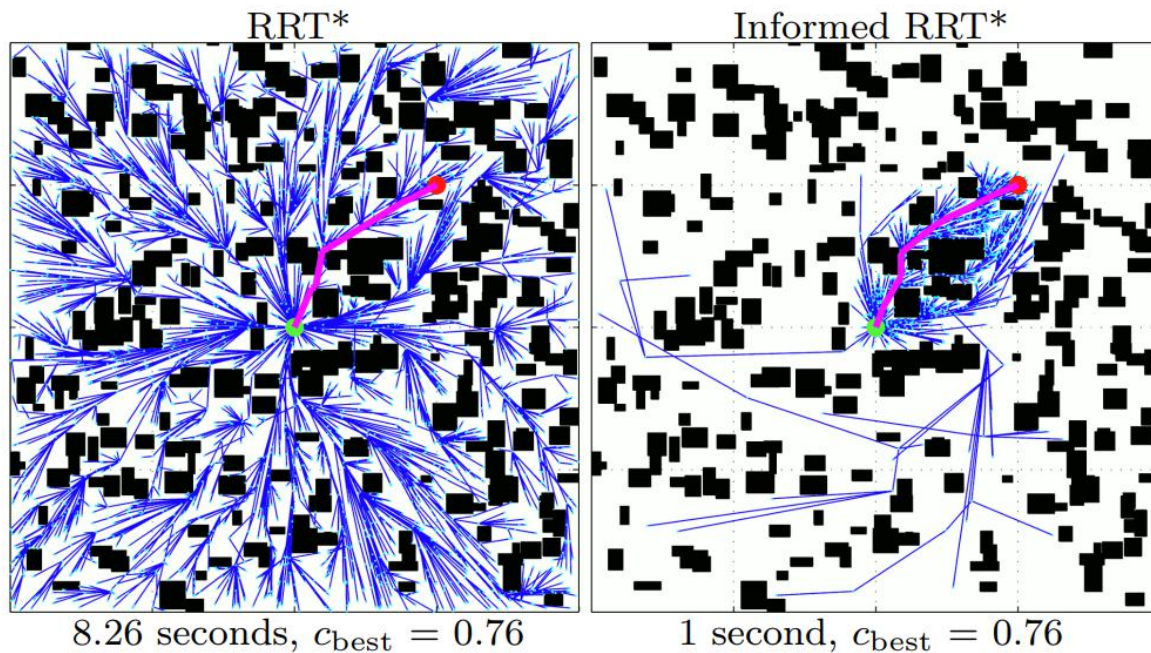


Advanced Sampling-based Methods



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Informed RRT*

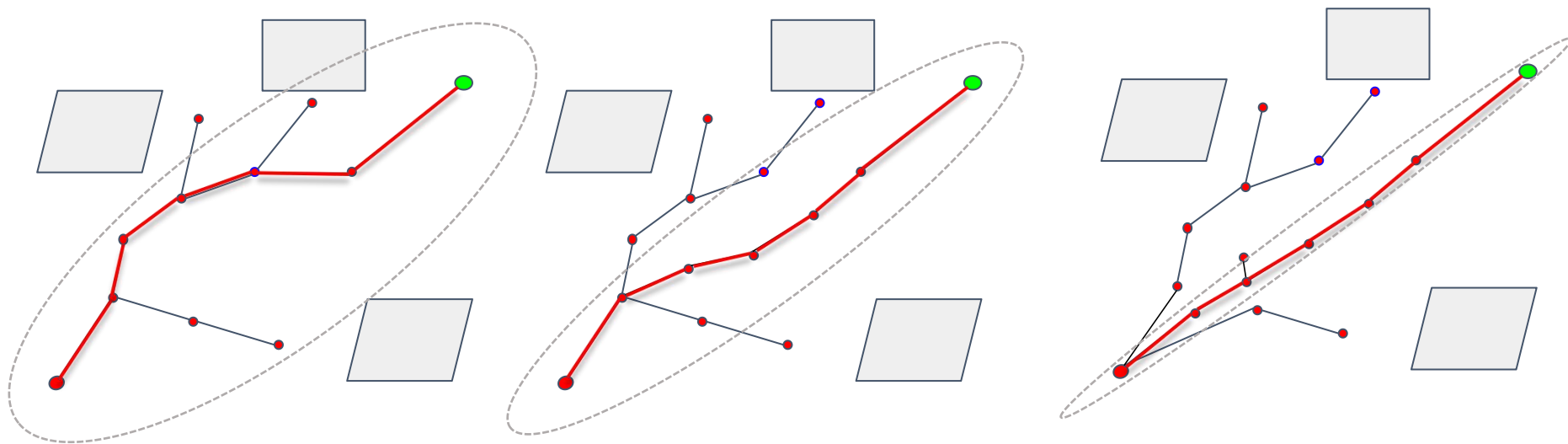


[Informed RRT*: Optimal sampling-based path planning focused via direct sampling of an admissible ellipsoidal heuristic](#)



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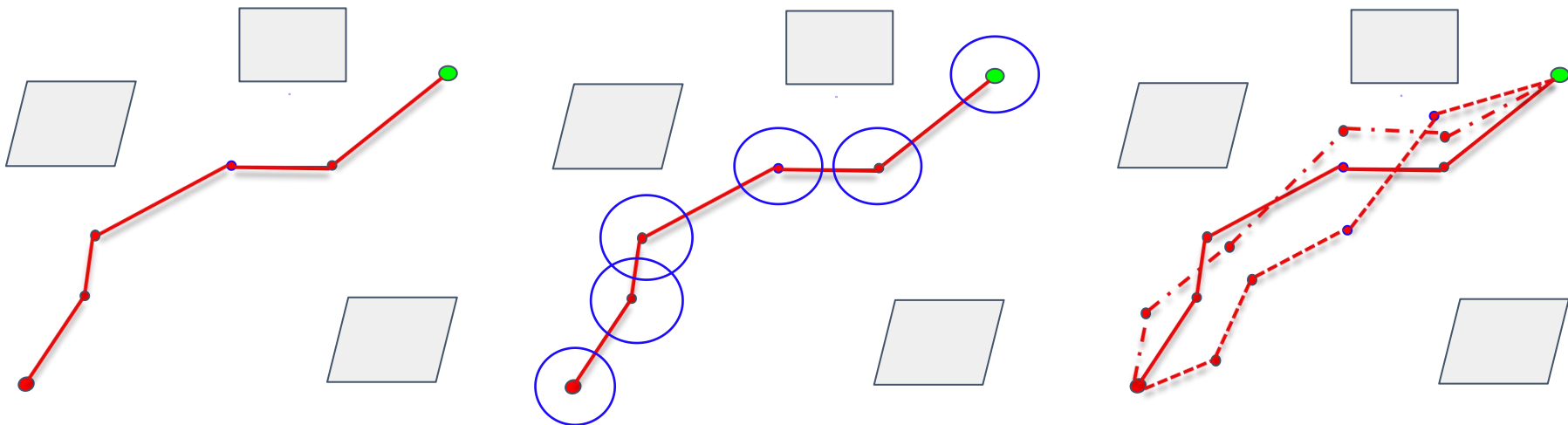
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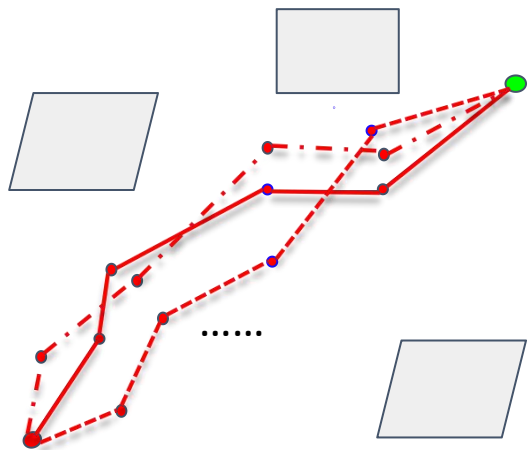
Cross-entropy motion planning



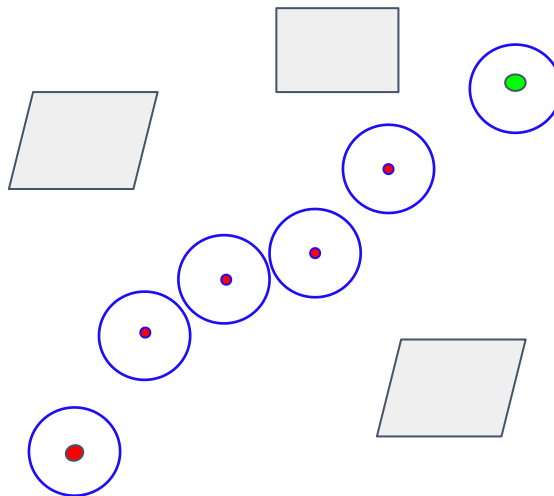


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Cross-entropy motion planning



Select elite paths



Update sample region

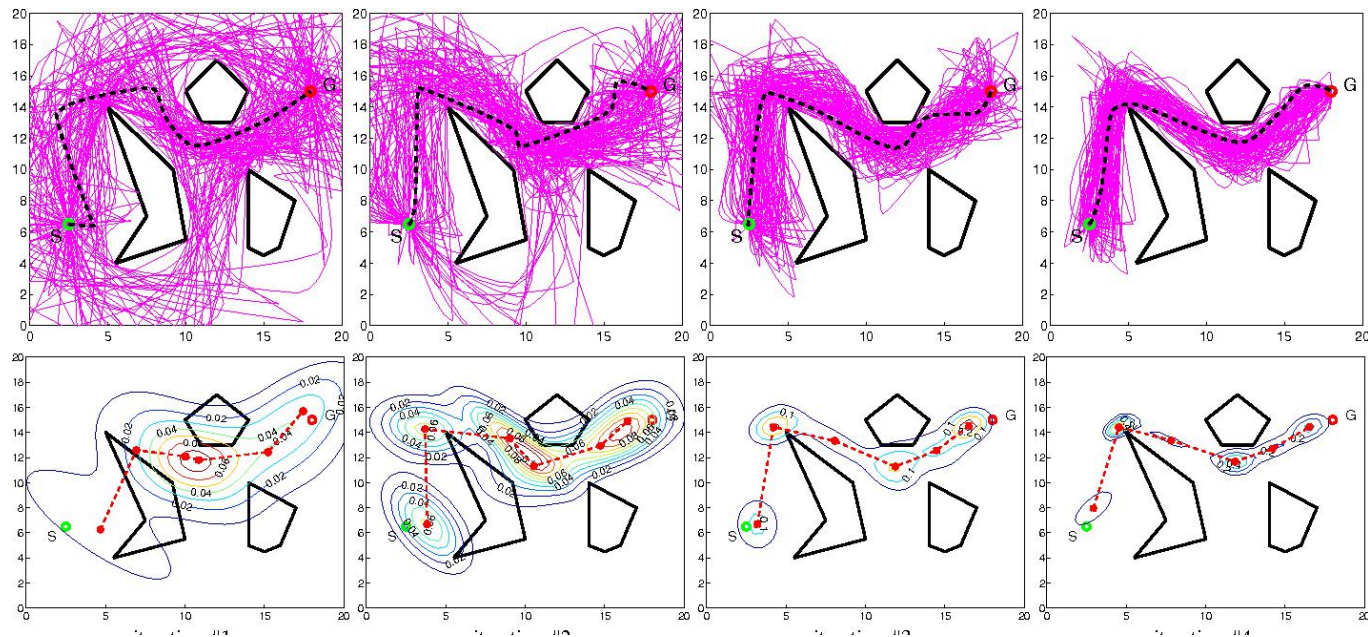


Next sample round



Advanced Sampling-based Methods

Cross-entropy motion planning



Link of implementation on github:



Advanced Sampling-based Methods

Other variants

- Lower Bound Tree RRT (LBTRRT)[a]
- Sparse Stable RRT[b]
- Transition-based RRT (T-RRT)[c]
- Vector Field RRT[d]
- Parallel RRT (pRRT)[e]
- Etc.[f]

[1] An Overview of the Class of Rapidly-Exploring Random Trees

[2] <http://msl.cs.uiuc.edu/rrt/>

[a] <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1308.0189.pdf>

[b] http://pracsyslab.org/sst_software

[c] http://homepages.laas.fr/jcortes/Papers/jaillet_aaaiWS08.pdf

[d] <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=6606360>

[e] https://robotics.cs.unc.edu/publications/lchnowski2012_IROS.pdf

[f] <https://github.com/zychaoqun>

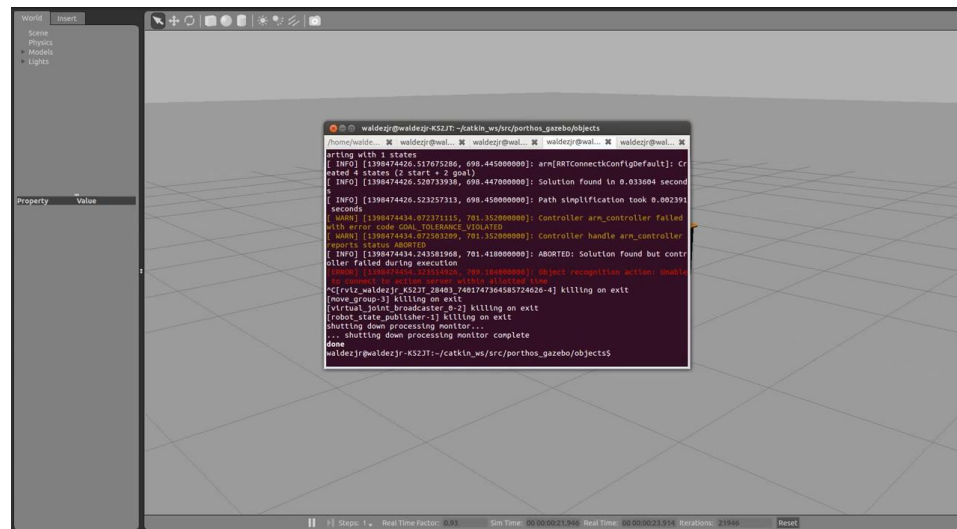


Implementation



Implementation

- Open Motion Planning Library [1]
- Moveit with ROS [2]
- Tutorials[3]



[1] <https://ompl.kavrakilab.org/>

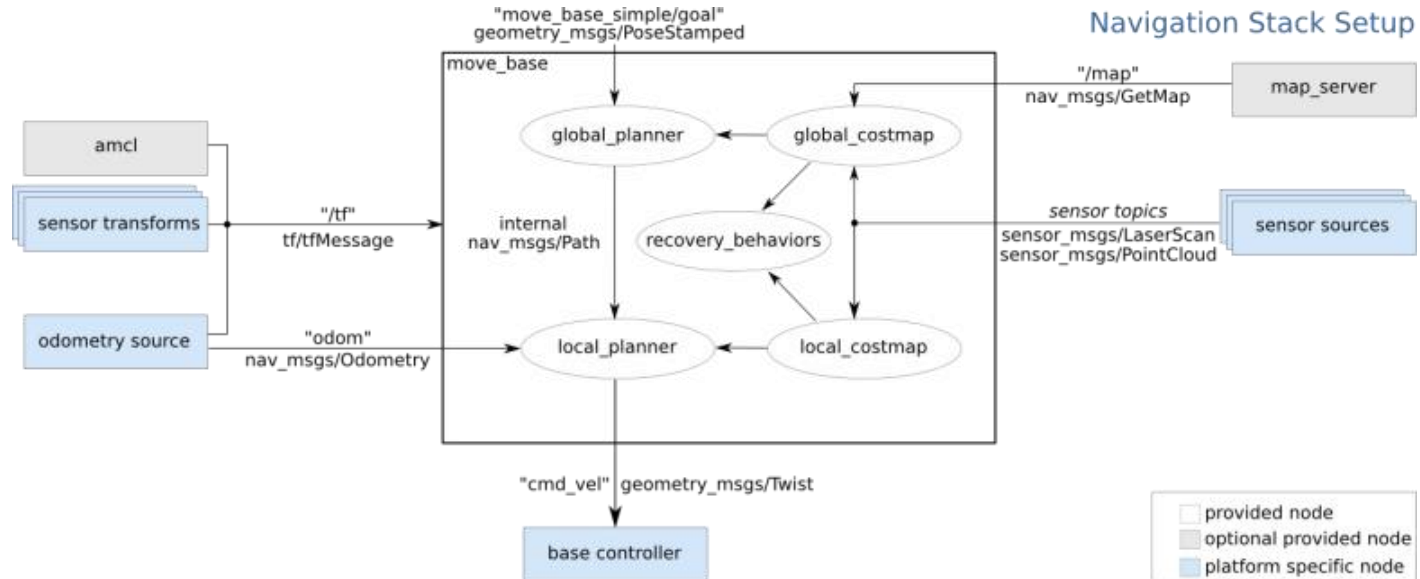
[2] <https://moveit.ros.org/>

[3] https://industrial-training-master.readthedocs.io/en/melodic/_source/session4/Motion-Planning-CPP.html



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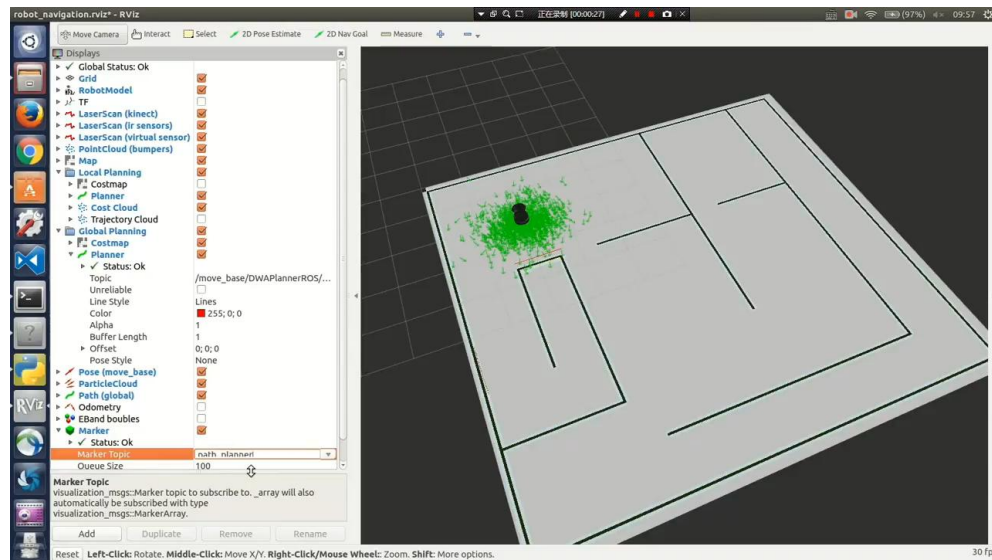
- Navigation stick - ROS





Implementation

- Navigation stack - ROS
 - Global planner
A*,D*, RRTs,etc
 - Local planner
Dwa,eband, Teb,etc



Video demonstration of RRT implemented on ROS [1]

[1] <https://youtu.be/FsZ9b6fsQUg>



Homework

- Implementation of RRT
 - You can either use MATLAB or C++
 - Hints: write RRT as a global planner in ROS
- Bonus: Implementation of Informed-RRT*



在线问答

Q&A



结语

感谢各位聆听!

Thanks for Listening ●

