

# Motion Planning with Model Predictive Control

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Nonlinear Model Predictive Control



## 1. Introduction



## 2. Linear Model Predictive Control (MPC)



## 3. Non-linear MPC

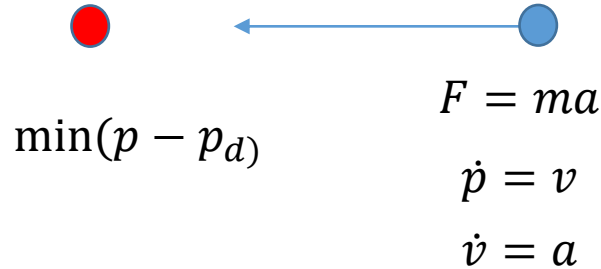


## 4. Homework



# Introduction: Model Predictive Control

- Model
  - System model
  - Problem model
- Prediction
  - State space
  - Input space
  - Parameter space
- Control
  - The process of choosing the best policy



# Introduction: Model

$$\min C_F \left( x(t_f) \right) + \int_{t=t_0}^{t_f} C_R(x, u) dt$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

$$g(x, u) < 0$$

$$h(x, u) = 0$$

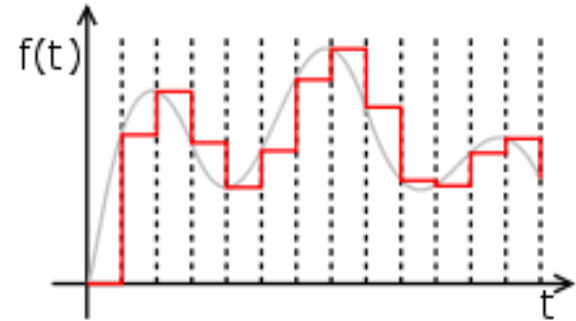
$$x \notin \textit{Obstacle}$$



# Introduction: Parameter space

$$\min_u C_F(x(t_f)) + \int_{t=t_0}^{t_f} C_R(x, u) dt$$

- Zero order hold (direct discretization)
- Polynomial
- B-spline
- Numerical mapping
  - Jerk limited trajectory
  - Neural network based method



$$u(t) = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$$



# Introduction: Optimization

Searching:

- Graph search

- Random sampling based search

Convex optimization:

- Quadratic programming

Nonconvex optimization:

- Sequential quadratic programming

- Particle swarm optimization

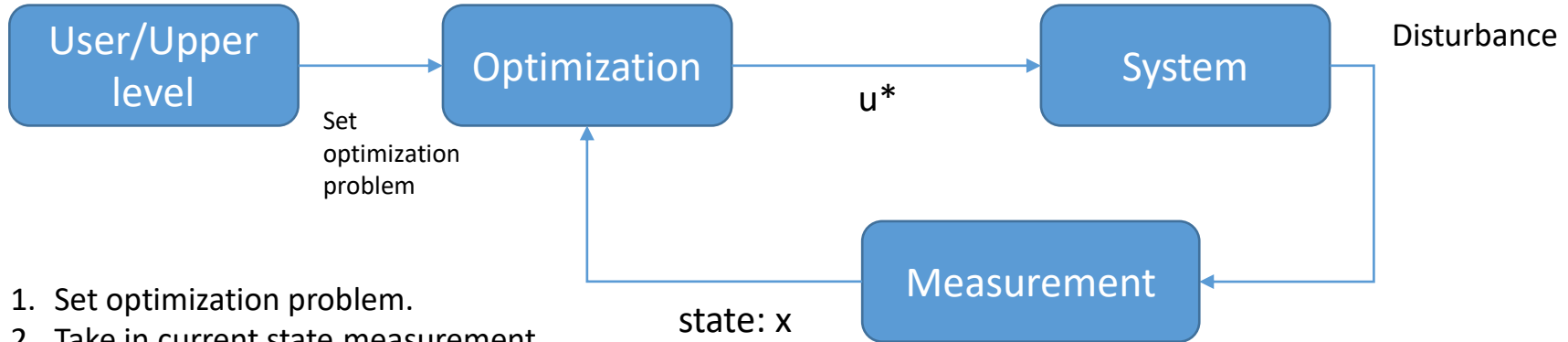
*Nonconvex, nonlinear, discontinuous*



# Introduction: Control

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Model uncertainty

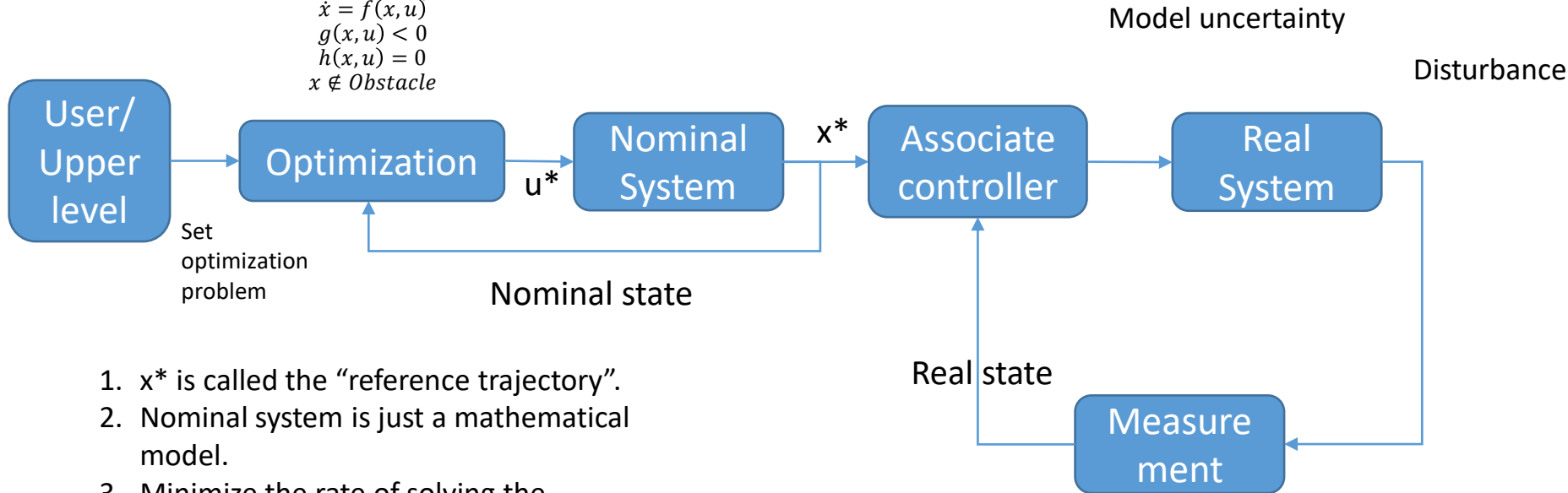


1. Set optimization problem.
2. Take in current state measurement and finalize the optimization problem.
3. Solve the optimization and get  $u^*$ .
4. Apply  $u^*$  for a short period of time.



# Introduction: Tube based MPC

$$\begin{aligned} \min_u C_F(x(t_f)) + \int_{t=t_0}^{t_f} C_R(x, u) dt \\ \dot{x} = f(x, u) \\ g(x, u) < 0 \\ h(x, u) = 0 \\ x \notin \text{Obstacle} \end{aligned}$$



1.  $x^*$  is called the “reference trajectory”.
2. Nominal system is just a mathematical model.
3. Minimize the rate of solving the optimization problem.
4. Leave the robust tracking problem to the associate controller.

“Tube-Based MPC: a Contraction Theory Approach”





# Introduction: Convenient sources

- Matlab MPC toolbox: <https://www.mathworks.com/products/mpc.html>
- $\mu$ AO-MPC: <http://ifatwww.et.uni-magdeburg.de/syst/muAO-MPC/>
- Acado toolkit: <https://acado.github.io/>
- YANE: <http://www.nonlinearmpc.com/>
- Multi-Parametric Toolbox 3: <https://www.mpt3.org/>



# Linear MPC: basics

Continuous model

$$\dot{p} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = a$$

$$\dot{a} = j$$

$$p_i = p(i \cdot dt)$$

$$v_i = v(i \cdot dt)$$

$$a_i = a(i \cdot dt)$$

Time discretization

Discrete model

$$p_{i+1} = p_i + v_i dt + \frac{1}{2} a_i dt^2 + \frac{1}{6} j_i dt^3$$

$$v_{i+1} = v_i + a_i dt + \frac{1}{2} j_i dt^2$$

$$a_{i+1} = a_i + j_i dt$$

$$i = [0, 2, \dots, 19]$$

$$dt = 0.2$$



# Linear MPC: basics

Discrete model

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$$i = [0, 2, \dots, 19]$$

$$dt = 0.2$$

Linear Matrix form

Prediction model

$$P = T_p J + B_p$$

$$V = T_v J + B_v$$

$$A = T_a J + B_a$$

$$P = [p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_{20}]^T$$

$$V = [v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{20}]^T$$

$$A = [a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{20}]^T$$

$$J = [j_0, j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{19}]^T$$



# Linear MPC: basics

Prediction model

$$P = T_p J + B_p$$

$$V = T_v J + B_v$$

$$A = T_a J + B_a$$

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1 function [Tp, Tv, Ta, Bp, Bv, Ba] = getPredictionMatrix(K,dt,p_0,v_0,a_0)
2 Ta=zeros(K);
3 Tv=zeros(K);
4 Tp=zeros(K);
5
6 for i = 1:K
7     Ta(i,1:i) = ones(1,i)*dt;
8 end
9
10 for i = 1:K
11     for j = 1:i
12         Tv(i,j) = (i-j+0.5)*dt^2;
13     end
14 end
15
16 for i = 1:K
17     for j = 1:i
18         Tp(i,j) = ((i-j+1)*(i-j)/2+1/6)*dt^3;
19     end
20 end
21
22 Ba = ones(K,1)*a_0;
23 Bv = ones(K,1)*v_0;
24 Bp = ones(K,1)*p_0;
25
26 for i=1:K
27     Bv(i) = Bv(i) + i*dt*a_0;
28     Bp(i) = Bp(i) + i*dt*v_0 + i^2/2*a_0*dt^2;
29 end
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# Linear MPC: basics

Problem model:

Target 1: Zero position, zero velocity and zero acceleration.

Target 2: Smooth trajectory.

Optimization target 1: 
$$\min_J w_1 P^T P + w_2 V^T V + w_3 A^T A$$

Optimization target 2: 
$$\min_J w_4 J^T J$$



# Linear MPC: basics

Optimization:

The overall optimization target:

$$\min_J w_1 P^\top P + w_2 V^\top V + w_3 A^\top A + w_4 J^\top J$$

Combine with

$$P = T_p J + B_p \quad V = T_v J + B_v \quad A = T_a J + B_a$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \min_J J^\top & (w_1 T_p^\top T_p + w_2 T_v^\top T_v + w_3 T_a^\top T_a + w_4 I) J + \\ & 2(w_1 B_p^\top T_p + w_2 B_v^\top T_v + w_3 B_a^\top T_a) J + \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

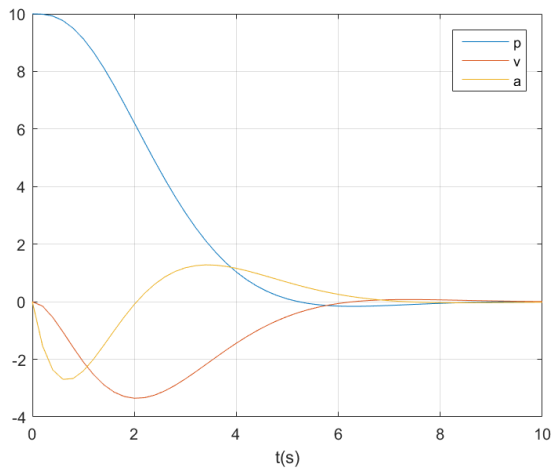


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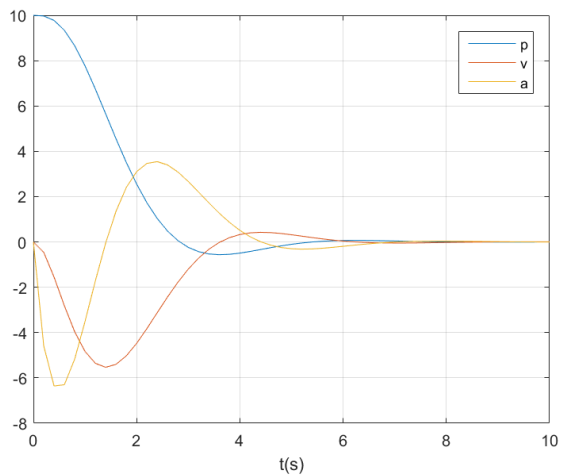
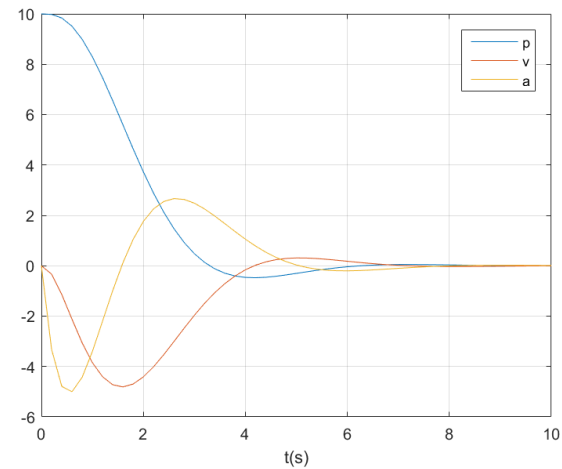
1  p_0 = 10;
2  v_0 = 0;
3  a_0 = 0;
4  K=20;
5  dt=0.2;
6  log=[0 p_0 v_0 a_0];
7  w1 = 1;
8  w2 = 1;
9  w3 = 1;
10 w4 = 1;
11 for t=0.2:0.2:10
12     %% Construct the prediction matrix
13     [Tp, Tv, Ta, Bp, Bv, Ba] = getPredictionMatrix(K,dt,p_0,v_0,a_0);
14
15     %% Construct the optimization problem
16     H = w4*eye(K)+w1*(Tp'*Tp)+w2*(Tv'*Tv)+w3*(Ta'*Ta);
17     F = w1*Bp'*Tp+w2*Bv'*Tv+w3*Ba'*Ta;
18
19     %% Solve the optimization problem
20     J = quadprog(H,F,[],[]);
21
22     %% Apply the control
23     j = J(1);
24     p_0 = p_0 + v_0*dt + 0.5*a_0*dt^2 + 1/6*j*dt^3;
25     v_0 = v_0 + a_0*dt + 0.5*j*dt^2;
26     a_0 = a_0 + j*dt;
27
28     %% Log the states
29     log = [log; t p_0 v_0 a_0];
30 end
31

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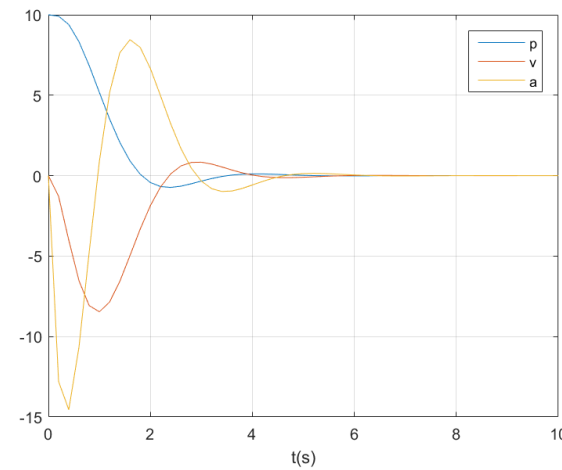


$w_1=5$   
 $w_2=1$   
 $w_3=1$   
 $w_4=1$



$w_1=10$   
 $w_2=1$   
 $w_3=1$   
 $w_4=1$

$w_1=100$   
 $w_2=1$   
 $w_3=1$   
 $w_4=1$





# Linear MPC: basics

Optimization problem

$$\min_J J^\top (w_1 T_p^\top T_p + w_2 T_v^\top T_v + w_3 T_a^\top T_a + w_4 I) J + 2(w_1 B_p^\top T_p + w_2 B_v^\top T_v + w_3 B_a^\top T_a) J + \text{constant}$$

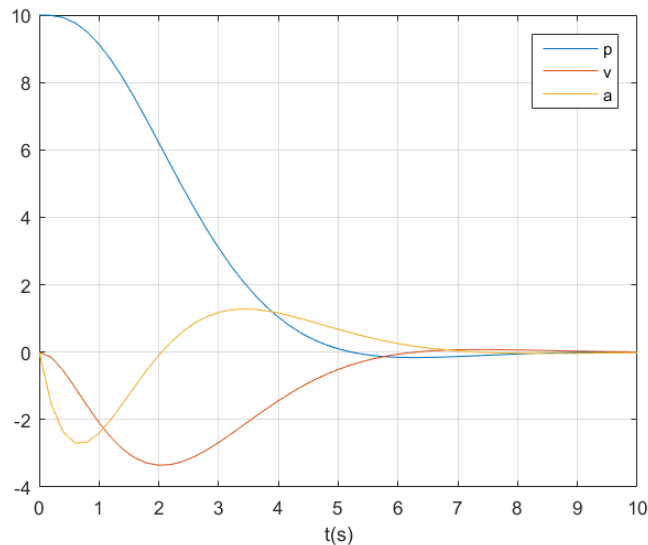
$$\text{Let } H = (w_1 T_p^\top T_p + w_2 T_v^\top T_v + w_3 T_a^\top T_a + w_4 I)$$

$$F = (w_1 B_p^\top T_p + w_2 B_v^\top T_v + w_3 B_a^\top T_a)$$

$$\min_J J^\top H J + 2FJ$$



$$J = -H^{-1}F$$



```
%% Solve the optimization problem  
J = -H\F';
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# Linear MPC: hard constraints

## Constraints

$$-1 \leq v_i \leq 1, \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 20\}$$

$$-1 \leq a_i \leq 1, \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 20\}$$

## Matrix form:

$$-1_{20 \times 1} \leq V \leq 1_{20 \times 1}$$

$$-1_{20 \times 1} \leq A \leq 1_{20 \times 1}$$

$$V = T_v J + B_v$$

$$A = T_a J + B_a$$

## Final form:

$$-1_{20 \times 1} \leq T_v J + B_v \leq 1_{20 \times 1}$$

$$-1_{20 \times 1} - B_v \leq T_v J \leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_v$$

$$-1_{20 \times 1} - B_a \leq T_a J \leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_a$$

## Less equal form:

$$T_v J \leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_v$$

$$-T_v J \leq 1_{20 \times 1} + B_v$$

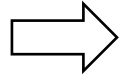
$$T_a J \leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_a$$

$$-T_a J \leq 1_{20 \times 1} + B_a$$



# Linear MPC: hard constraints

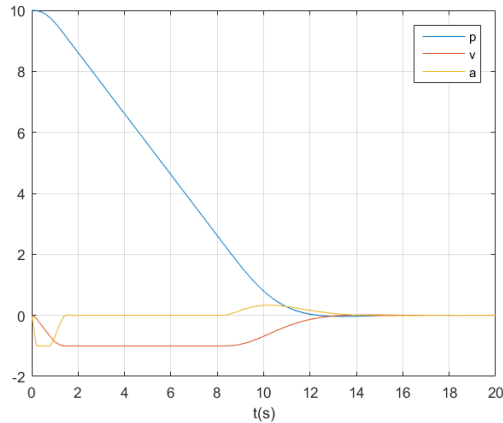
$$\begin{aligned}T_v J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_v \\ -T_v J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} + B_v \\ T_a J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_a \\ -T_a J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} + B_a\end{aligned}$$



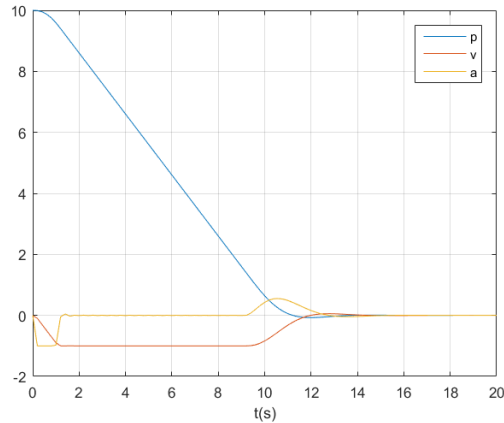
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A = [Tv;-Tv;Ta;-Ta];  
b = [ones(20,1)-Bv;ones(20,1)+Bv;ones(20,1)-Ba;ones(20,1)+Ba];
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J = quadprog(H,F,A,b);
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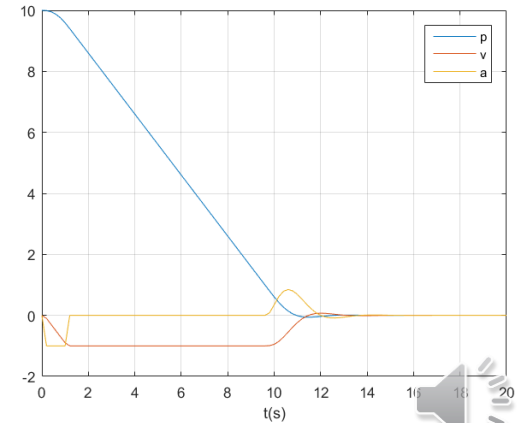
w1=1, w2=1, w3=1, w4=1



w1=10, w2=1, w3=1, w4=1



w1=100, w2=1, w3=1, w4=1



# Linear MPC: soft constraints

- What if the velocity and acceleration constraints are inevitably violated?

$$v_0 = 3m/s$$

$$-1 \leq v_i \leq 1, \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 20\}$$

$$-1 \leq a_i \leq 1, \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 20\}$$

The solver will report no solution!!

The controller won't know what to do.



# Linear MPC: soft constraints

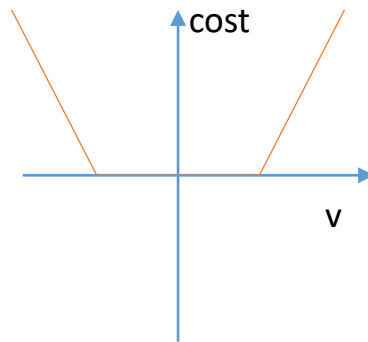
Add a penalty function to the optimization target

$$\min_J w_1 P^\top P + w_2 V^\top V + w_3 A^\top A + w_4 J^\top J + S(V)$$

$$S(V) = \sum_{i=1}^{20} s(v_i)$$

$$s(v_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \|v_i\| \leq 1 \\ M \cdot (\|v_i\| - 1) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

*M is just a large positive number*



# Linear MPC: soft constraints

Original constraints

$$\begin{aligned}T_v J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_v \\ -T_v J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} + B_v \\ T_a J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} - B_a \\ -T_a J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} + B_a\end{aligned}$$

Add the slack variable L

$$\begin{aligned}-T_v J &\leq 1_{20 \times 1} + B_v + L \\ -L &\leq 0 \\ L &= [l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_{20}]^\top\end{aligned}$$

New optimization target

$$\min_{J, L} w_1 P^\top P + w_2 V^\top V + w_3 A^\top A + w_4 J^\top J + w_5 L^\top L$$

Set new programming variable as  $\bar{J} = \begin{bmatrix} J \\ L \end{bmatrix}$

Then all the H, F, A, b matrix shall be adjusted accordingly

```
%% Construct the prediction matrix
[Tp, Tv, Ta, Bp, Bv, Ba] = getPredictionMatrix(K,dt,p_0,v_0,a_0);

%% Construct the optimization problem
H = blkdiag(w4*eye(K)+w1*(Tp'*Tp)+w2*(Tv'*Tv)+w3*(Ta'*Ta),w5*eye(K));
F = [w1*Bp'*Tp+w2*Bv'*Tv+w3*Ba'*Ta zeros(1,K)];

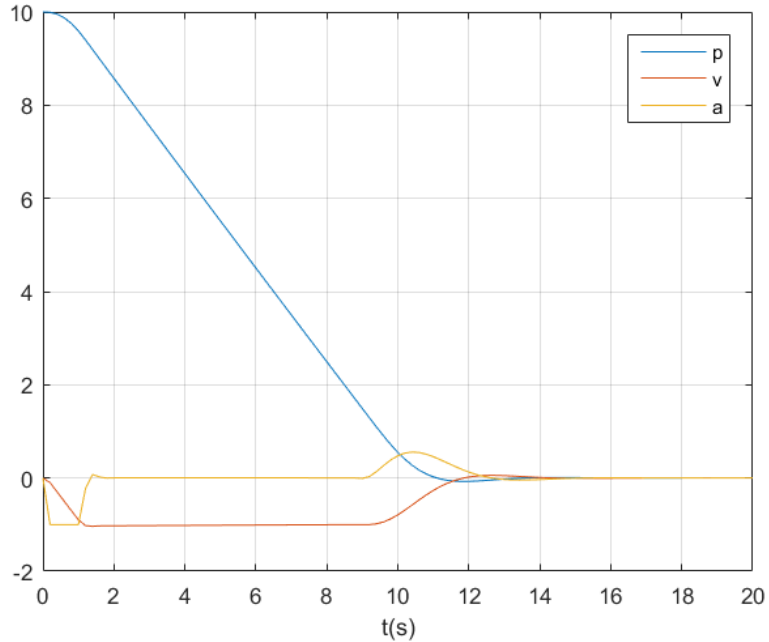
A = [Tv zeros(K); -Tv -eye(K); Ta zeros(K); -Ta zeros(K); zeros(size(Ta)) -eye(K)];
b = [ones(20,1)-Bv; ones(20,1)+Bv; ones(20,1)-Ba; ones(20,1)+Ba; zeros(K,1)];

%% Solve the optimization problem
J = quadprog(H,F,A,b);
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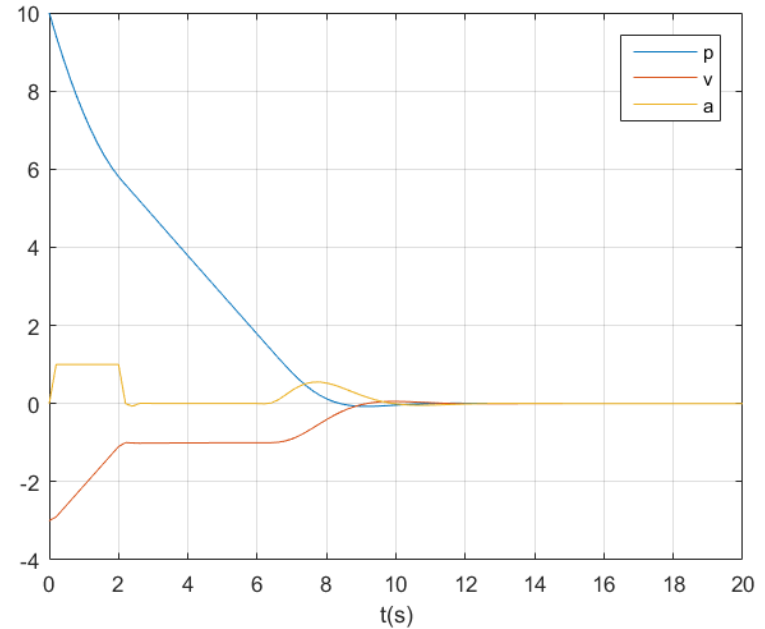


# Linear MPC: soft constraints

$w_1=10, w_2=1, w_3=1, w_4=1, w_5 = 1e4$



$w_1=10, w_2=1, w_3=1, w_4=1, w_5 = 1e4$



# Linear MPC: soft constraints

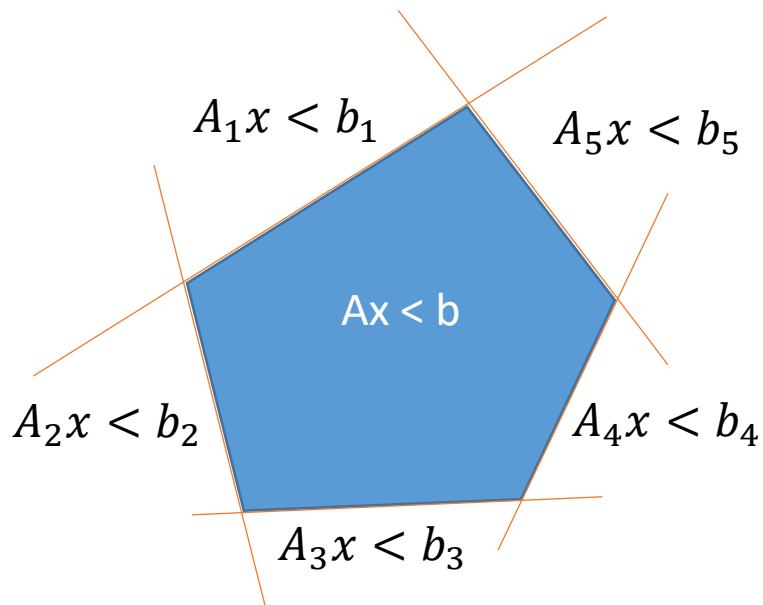
- State constraints -> use soft constraints
  - They are effected by measurement noise and disturbances
- Input constraints -> use hard constraints
  - They can be varied arbitrarily, and their violation might harm the physical system.





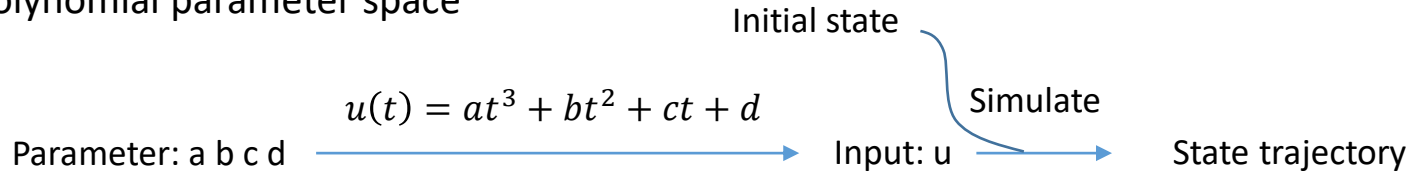
# Linear MPC: limitation

- It usually requires a linear model, or the model can be reasonably linearized (adaptive MPC).
- Obstacle constraints are usually non-convex by nature.

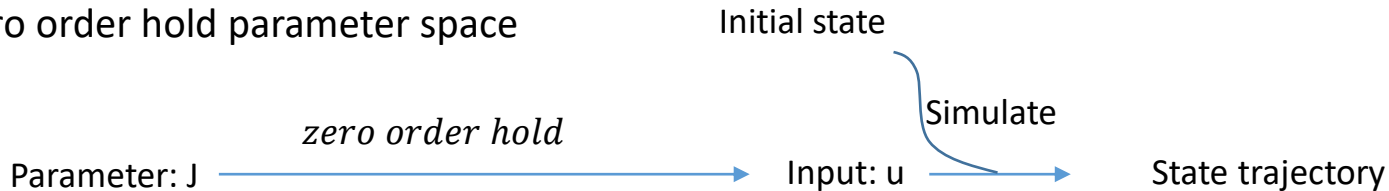


# Parameter space: Boundary constrained motion primitives (BSCP)

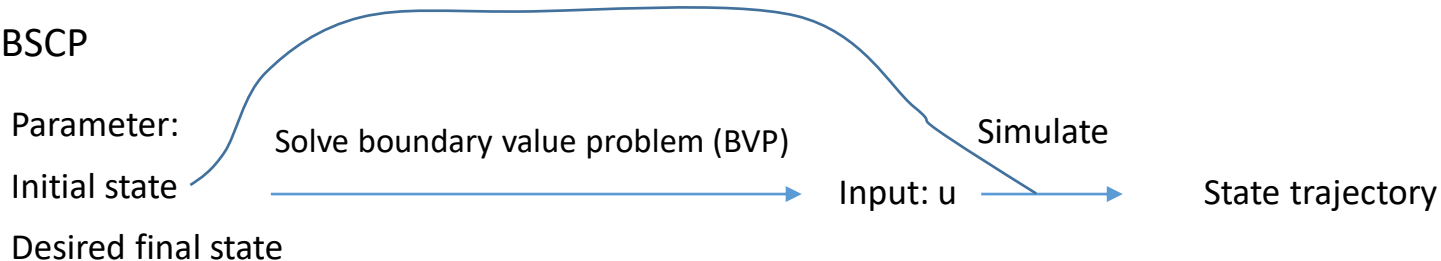
- Polynomial parameter space



- Zero order hold parameter space

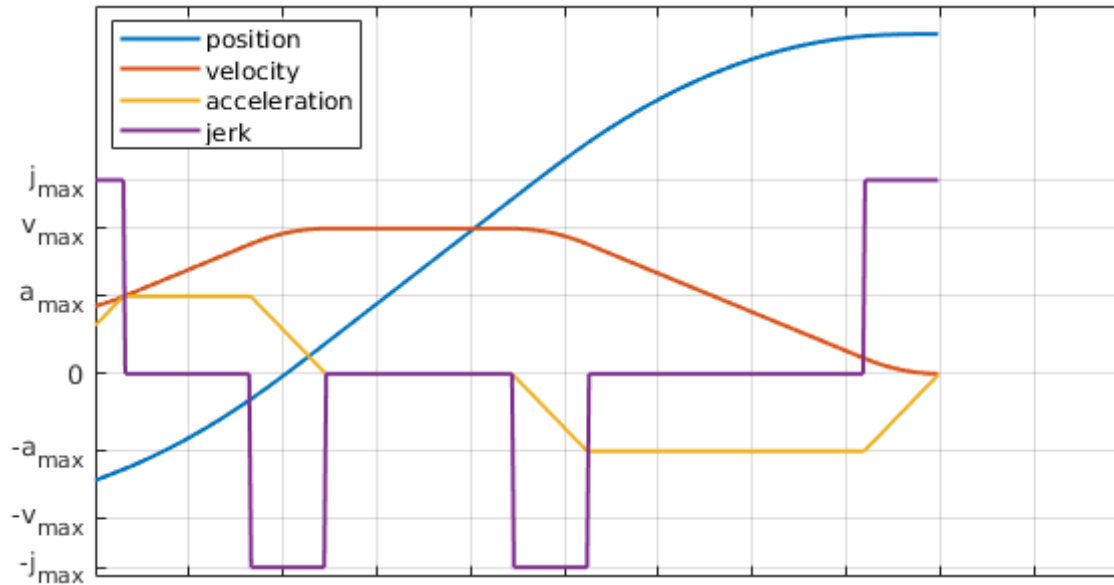


- BSCP



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

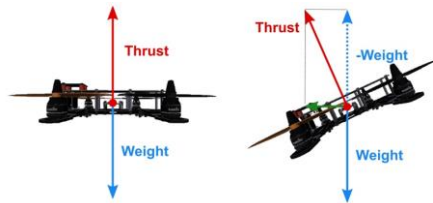
- Not only limited jerk, but also limited acceleration and velocity.
- We will refer it as JLT later.



The jerk limited trajectory for a single axis



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory



## Inner loop constraints:

The limited body rate  $\omega_{\max}$  and  
total thrust  $f_{\max}$

Sufficient condition

## Outer loop constraints:

The limited acceleration and jerk

$$\sqrt{\ddot{x}^2 + \ddot{y}^2 + \ddot{z}^2} \leq (\ddot{z}_{\min} + g)\omega_{\max}$$

$$\sqrt{\ddot{x}^2 + \ddot{y}^2 + (\ddot{z} + g)^2} \leq \frac{f_{\max}}{m_v}$$

$$\ddot{z} \geq \ddot{z}_{\min} \geq \frac{f_{\min}}{m_v} - g$$

Decoupling

Sufficient  
condition

## Final constraints:

The limited acceleration and jerk

$$-v_{\max} \leq v(t) \leq v_{\max},$$

$$-a_{\max} \leq a(t) \leq a_{\max},$$

$$-u_{j_{\max}} \leq u_j(t) \leq u_{j_{\max}},$$

Limit the velocity for safety

## Single axis constraints:

The limited acceleration and jerk

$$-a_{\max} \leq a(t) \leq a_{\max},$$

$$-u_{j_{\max}} \leq u_j(t) \leq u_{j_{\max}},$$



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

The jerk limited trajectory problem considers a system characterized by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{a} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ v \\ a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u_j$$

with  $-v_{\max} \leq v(t) \leq v_{\max}$ ,  $-a_{\max} \leq a(t) \leq a_{\max}$ ,  $-u_{j\max} \leq u_j(t) \leq u_{j\max}$

The traditional Time Optimal Control (TOC) or bang-bang control problem considers

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.6)$$

Note that  $v = \dot{y}$  is the velocity of the system. Let the control input be constrained as follows:

$$|u(t)| \leq u_{\max}$$



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

## Problem:

From arbitrary state to a desired velocity.  
Subject to:

$$v(0) = v_0, \quad v(T) = v_{\text{ref}}$$

$$a(0) = a_0, \quad a(T) = 0$$

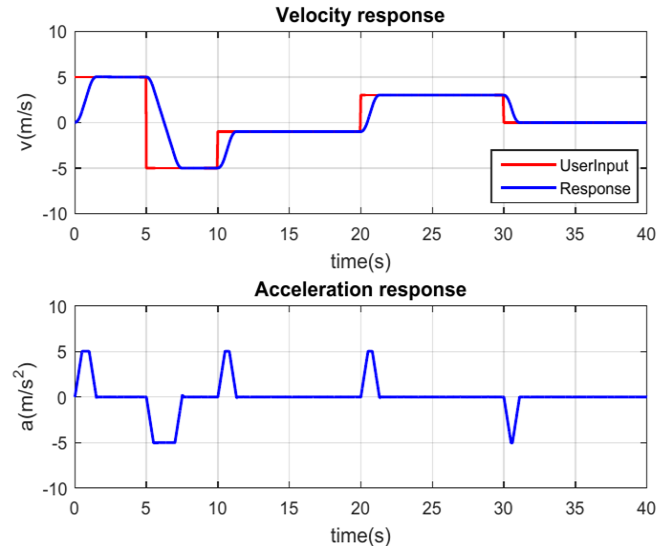
$$\dot{v}(t) = a(t)$$

$$\dot{a}(t) = u_j(t)$$

$$-a_{\text{max}} \leq a(t) \leq a_{\text{max}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

$$-u_{j_{\text{max}}} \leq u_j(t) \leq u_{j_{\text{max}}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

## An Example:



It is shown the trajectory consists of at most three segments with  $u = \pm u_{j_{\text{max}}}$  and 0.



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

Intuition on the solution: Covered area (acc) =  $\Delta$  Velocity

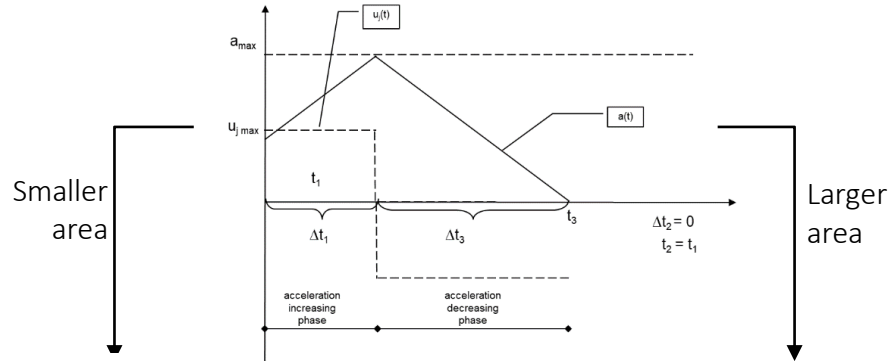
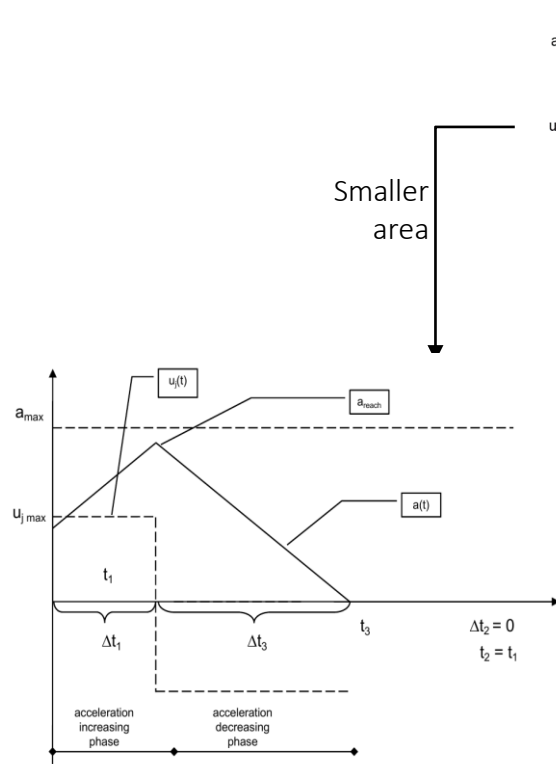


Figure 4.13: Wedge acceleration profile

Figure 4.12: Trapezoidal acceleration profile



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

## The Problem:

From arbitrary state to a desired point  
subject to:

$$p(0) = p_0, \quad p(T) = p_{\text{ref}}$$

$$v(0) = v_0, \quad v(T) = 0$$

$$a(0) = a_0, \quad a(T) = 0$$

$$\dot{p}(t) = v(t)$$

$$\dot{v}(t) = a(t)$$

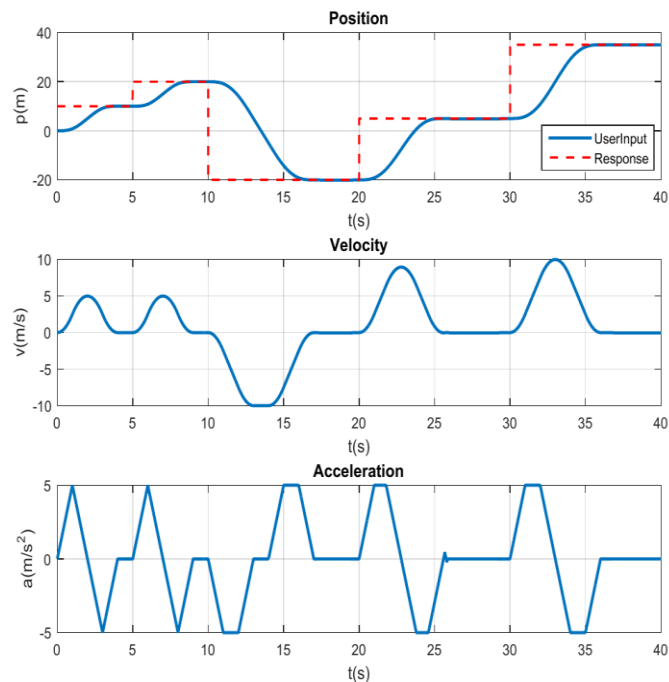
$$\dot{a}(t) = u_j(t)$$

$$-v_{\text{max}} \leq v(t) \leq v_{\text{max}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

$$-a_{\text{max}} \leq a(t) \leq a_{\text{max}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

$$-u_{j_{\text{max}}} \leq u_j(t) \leq u_{j_{\text{max}}}, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

## An Example:

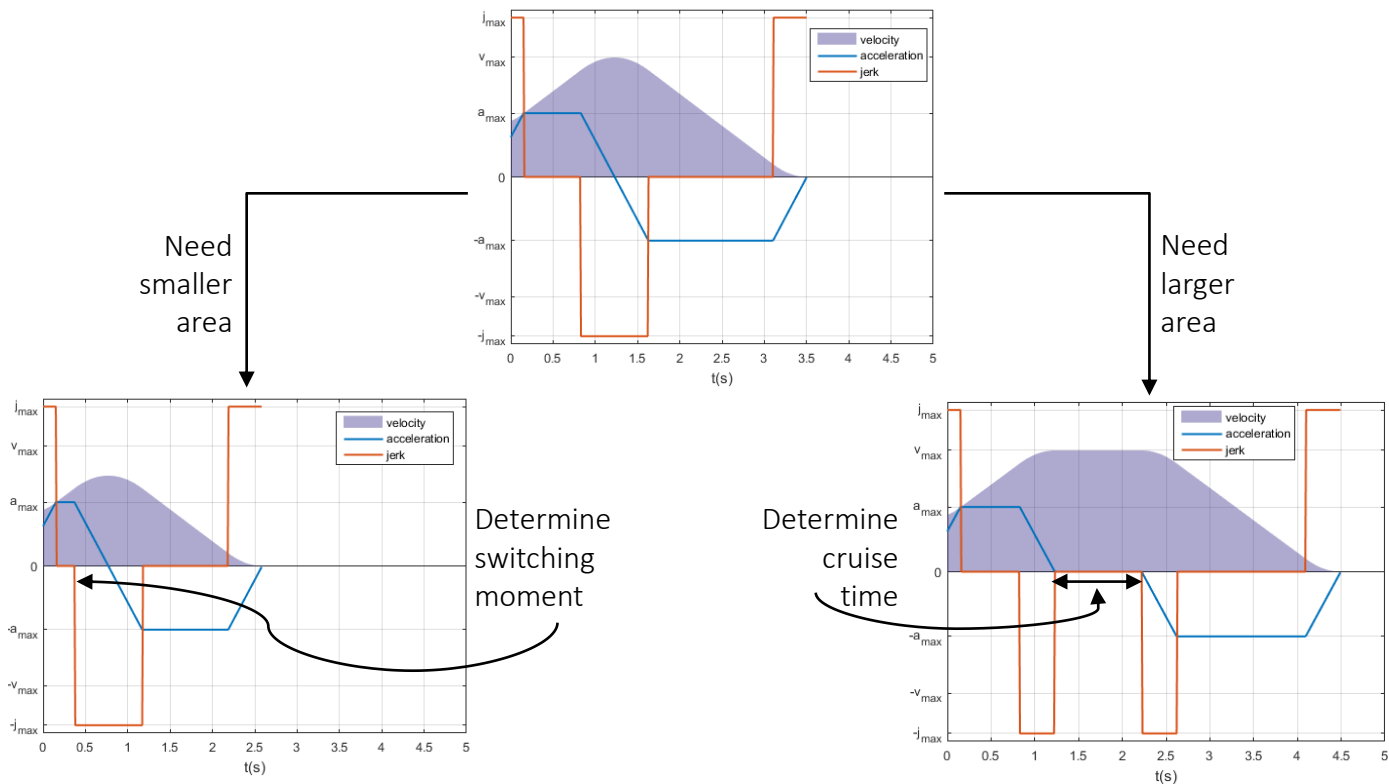




# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

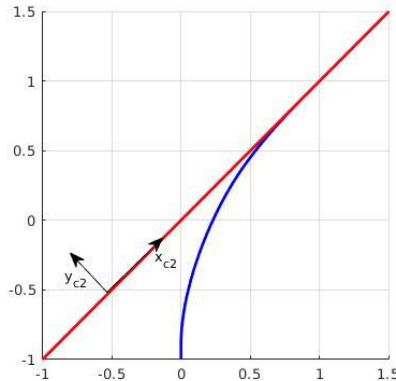
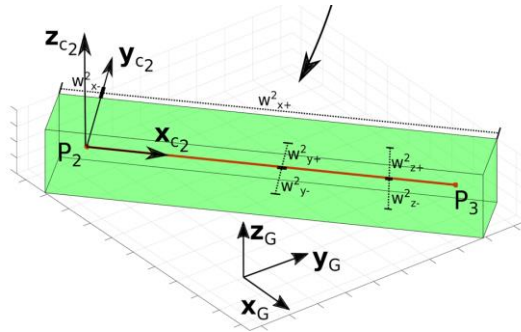
Intuition on the solution:

Covered area (vel) =  $\Delta$  Position



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For the trajectory to "converge" to a given line segment.



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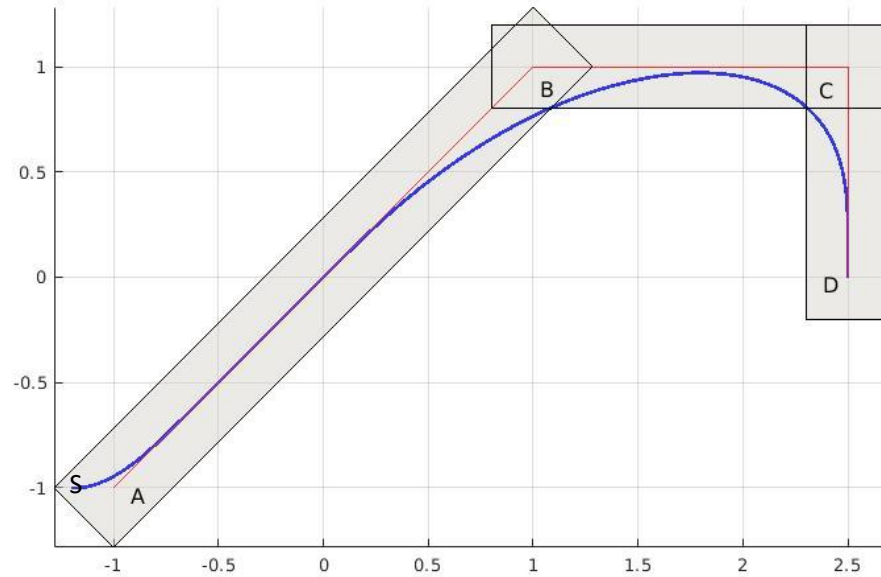
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Result:

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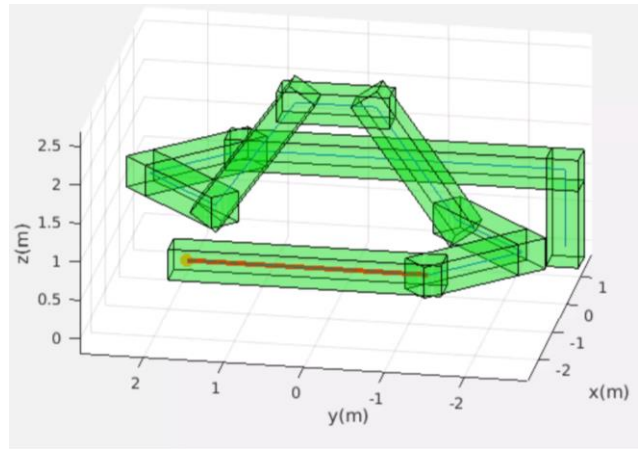
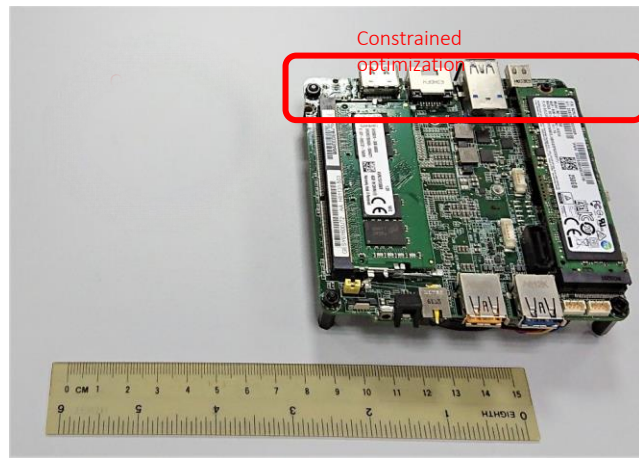
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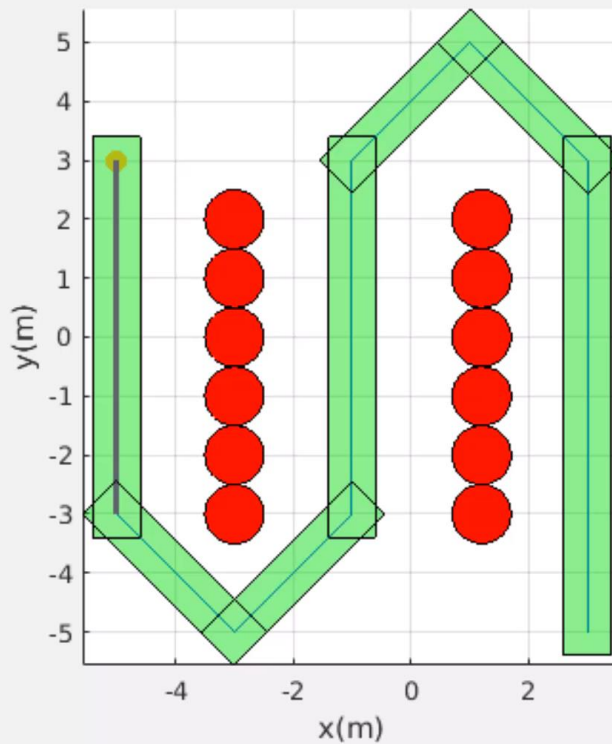


# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

- An efficient algorithm to generate 3D velocity, acceleration and jerk-limited trajectory.
- Instant reaction to changes (environment/mission)



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory



**Sudden  
obstacle**



# Parameter space: Jerk limited trajectory

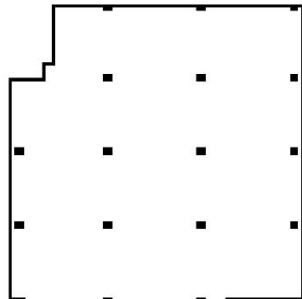


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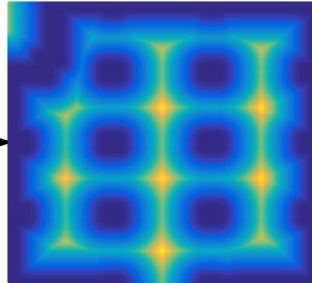
## Environment perception

Pixelized environment

- **Occupancy map**
  - Whether a pixel is occupied or not
- **Cost map**
  - The cost of stepping into certain pixel
  - The information on distance to nearest obstacle



Occupancy Map: Black means occupied, white means unoccupied



EDT: The darker the color, the closer to an obstacle.



Cost Map: The lighter the color, the higher the cost.



# JLT: Nonlinear-MPC

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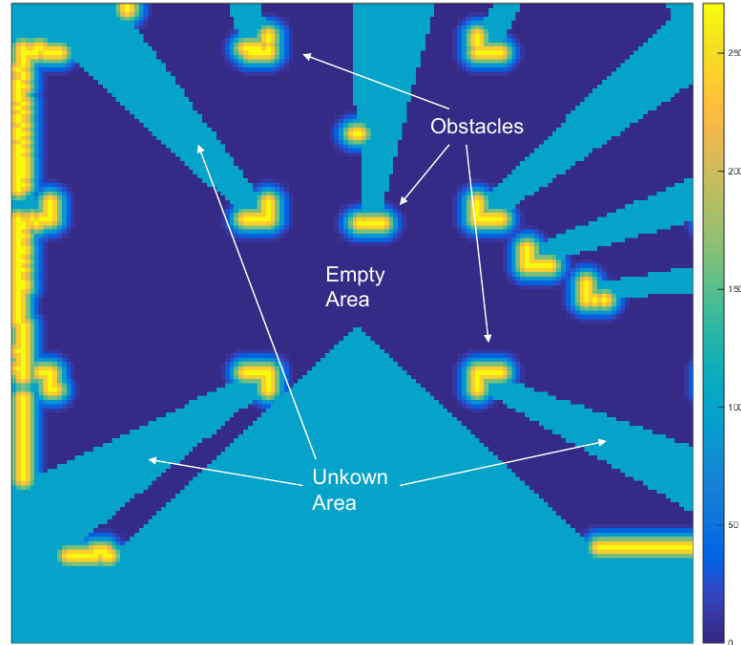
Sensor

- **Laser scanner**



Mapping procedure

1. **Read sensor data**
2. **Update the occupancy map**
  - a. Add in new obstacle
  - b. Clean LOS area
3. **Perform EDT**
4. **Perform Cost assigning**





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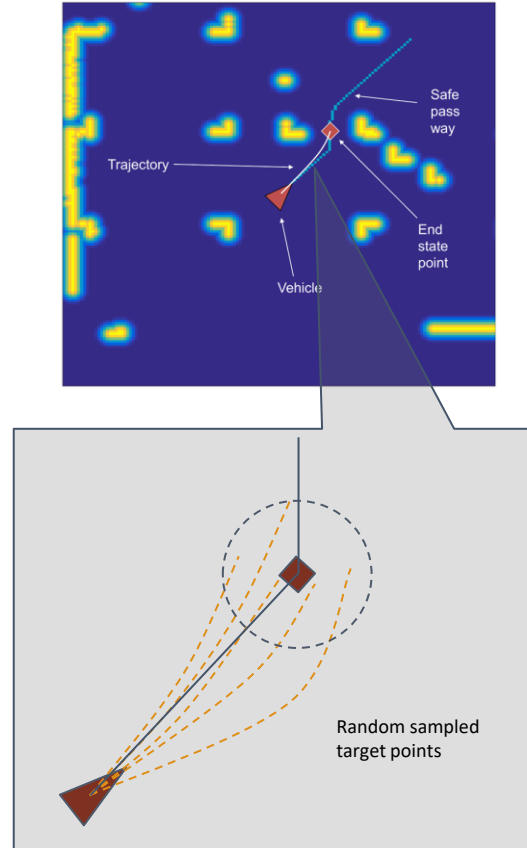
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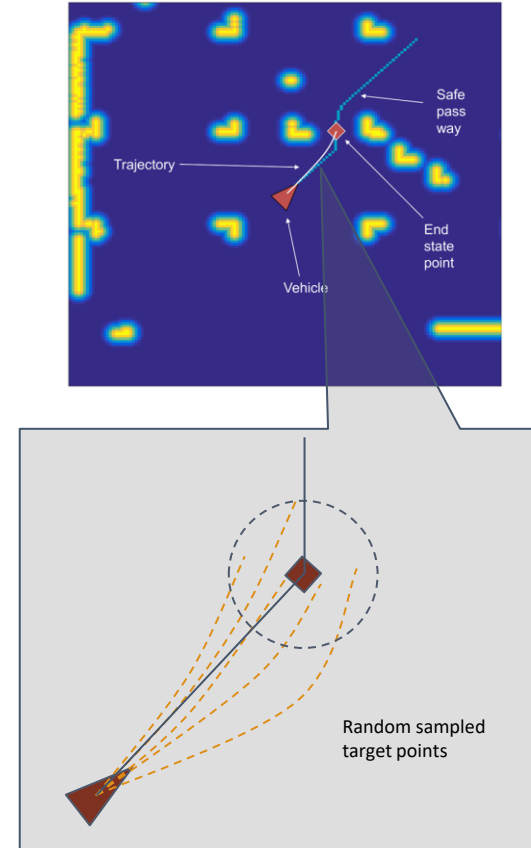
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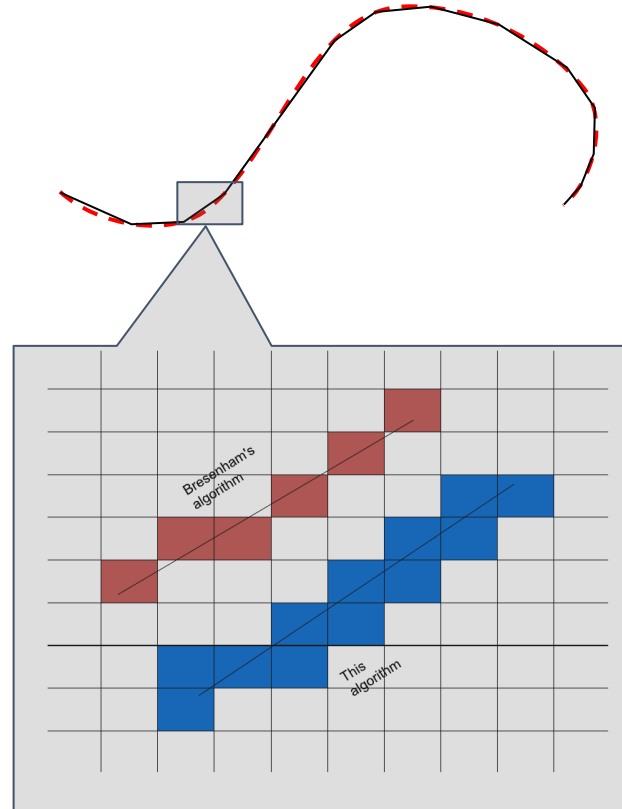


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## Evaluator

Check the quality of each trajectory

- Represent original trajectory using connected line segments.
- Perform DDA marching to exam each pixel covered by trajectory.
- Find the pixel with highest cost value.
- Evaluate the trajectory based on its time duration and clearness.

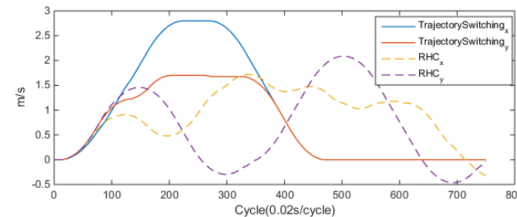
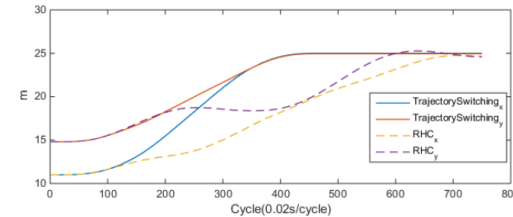
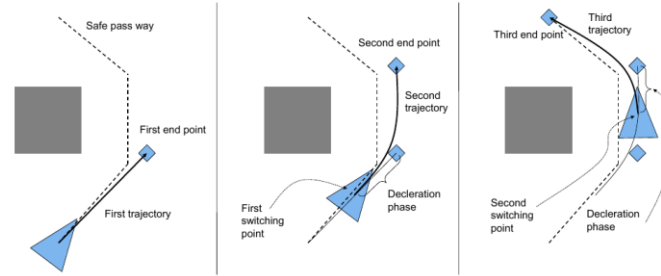


# JLT: Nonlinear-MPC

## Event Manager

Determine when to use new trajectory

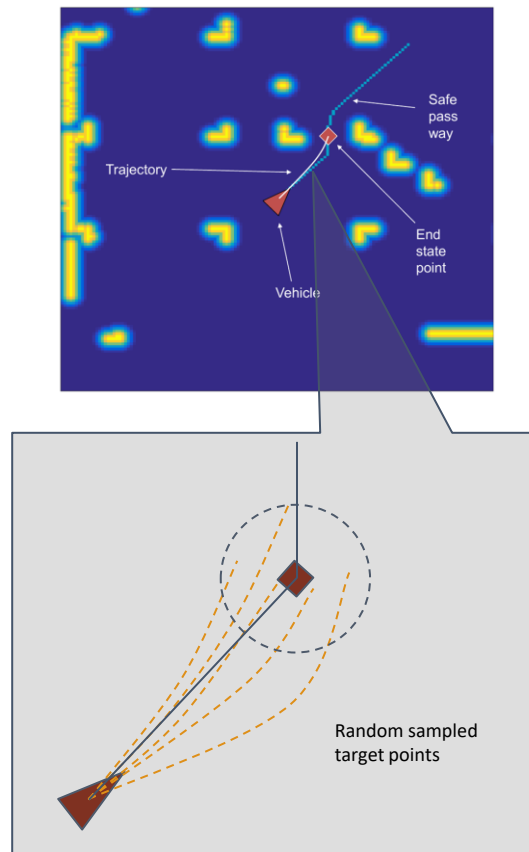
- **Trajectory governor**
  - Constantly monitoring whether the current trajectory is safe.
- **Event handler**
  - Fire a replanning event if the current trajectory is about to end
  - Fire emergency replanning event if the current trajectory is unsafe
- **Saving computational power and smoother flight**



# JLT: Nonlinear-MPC

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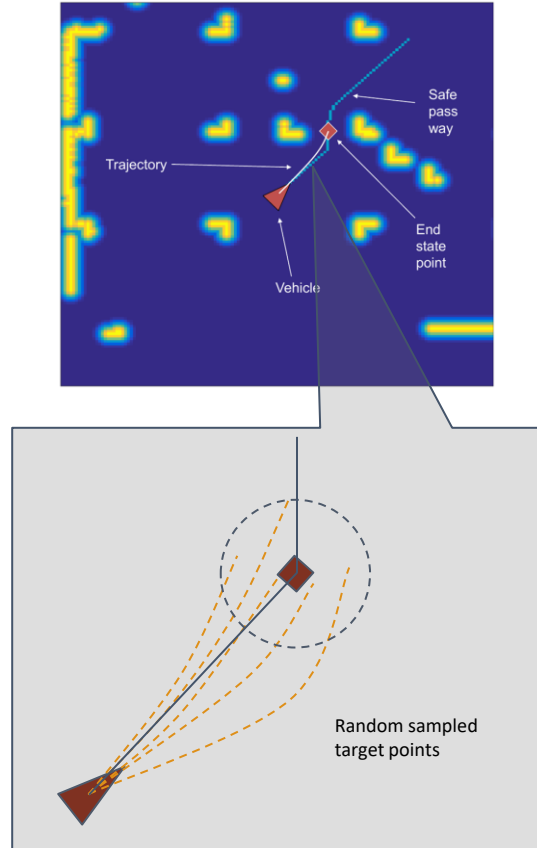


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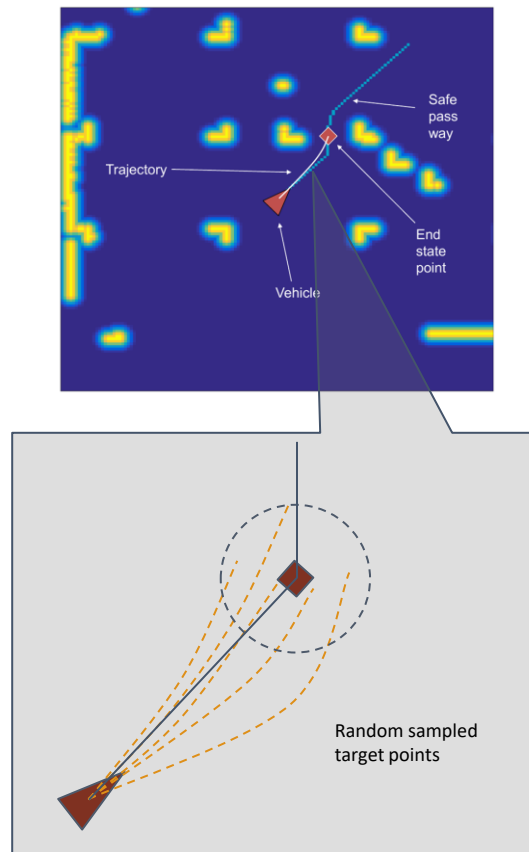
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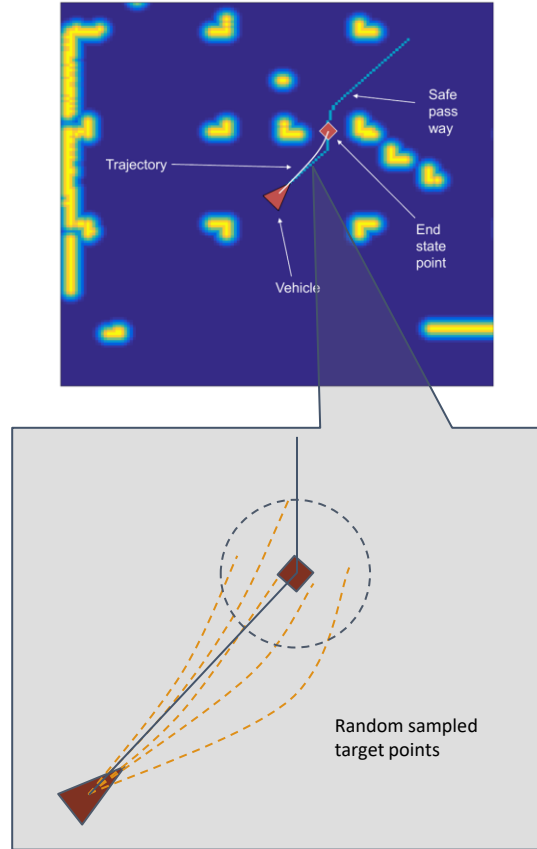
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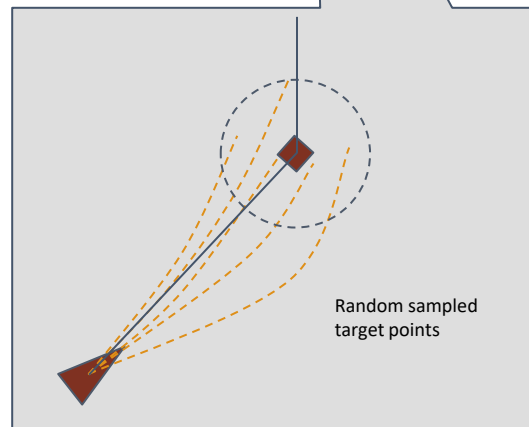
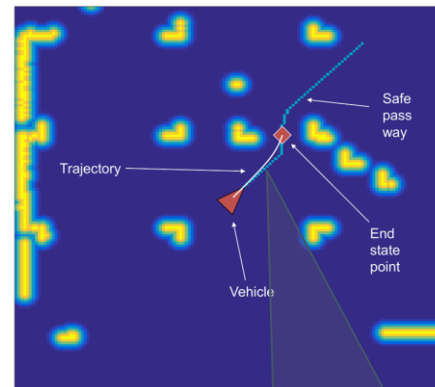
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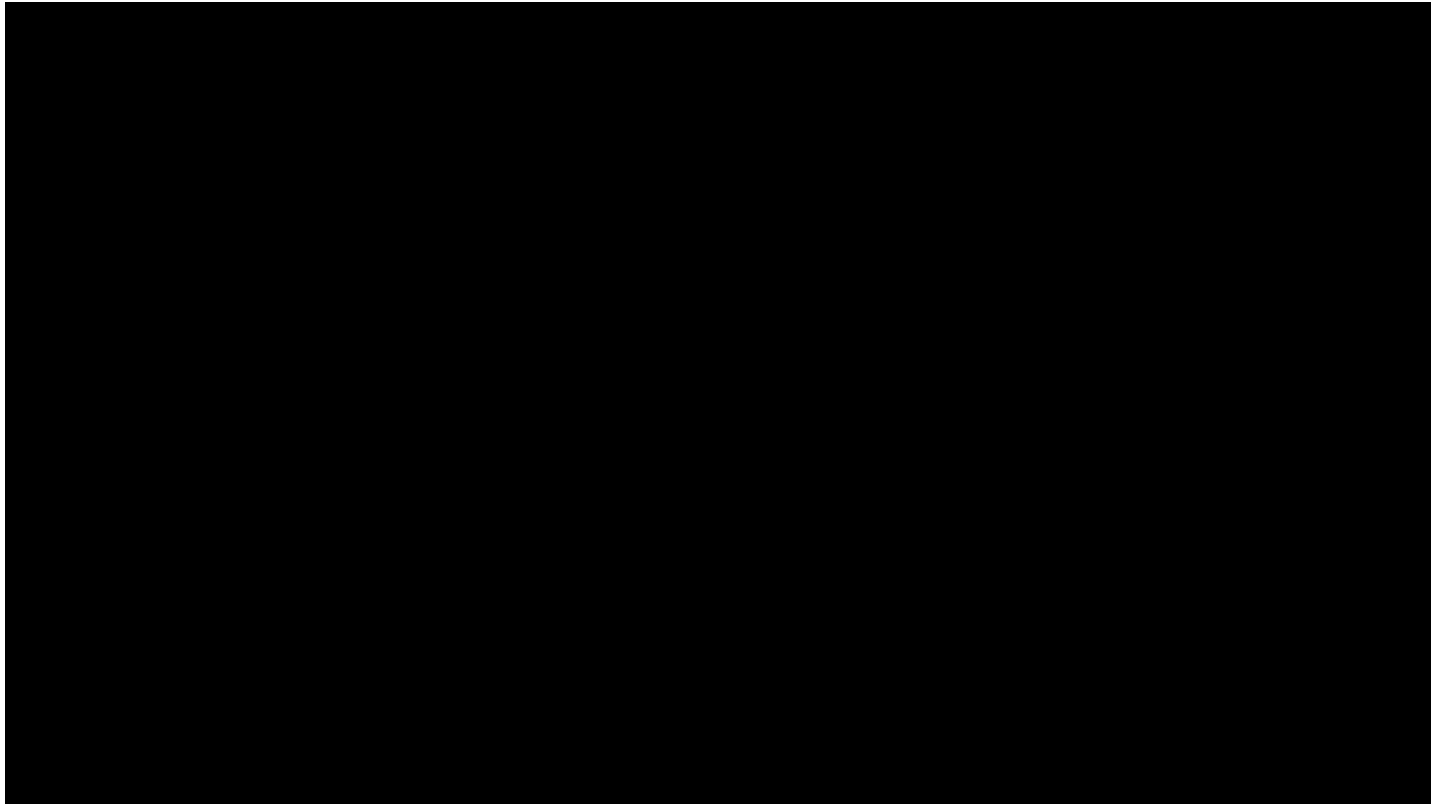
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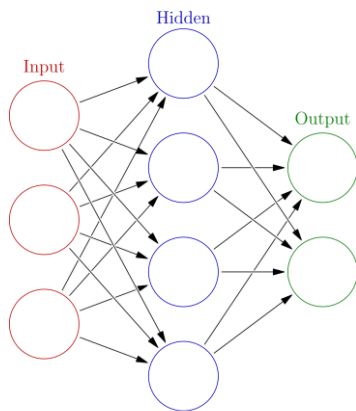
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Update  $x_0$ .

Optimize  $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L_F(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \int_{t=t_0}^{t_f} L_R(\boldsymbol{\theta}) dt$  and get  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ .

- 1) Use the NN approximate input  $\mathbf{u}$ .
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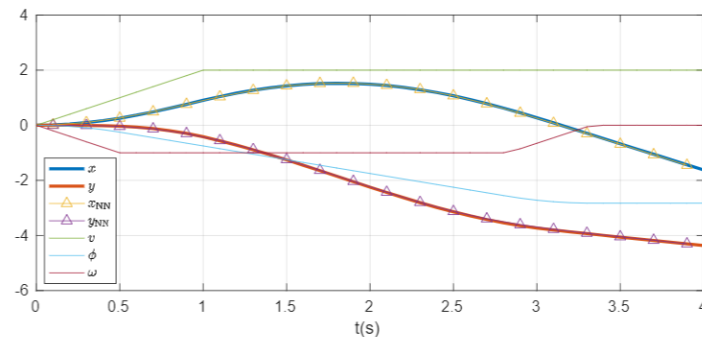
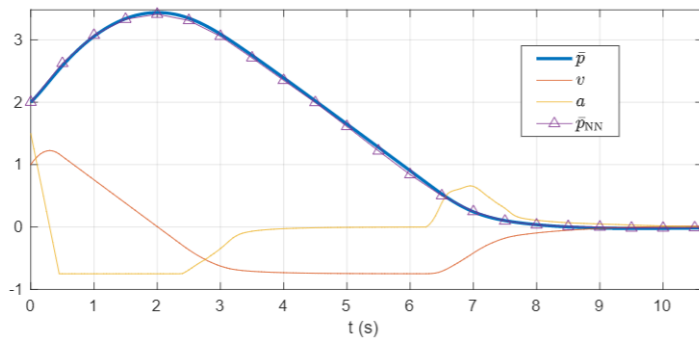


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Network size and training details.

	NN structure	Training set size	Testing set size	Batch size	Epoch	Average MSE	Maximum MSE
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Quadrotor vertical	64-128-128-41 MLP	800,000	200,000	10	15	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	0.088
2nd order unicycle	80-256-128-81 MLP	860,000	130,000	10	20	$3.4 \times 10^{-3}$	0.094

\* MSE: Mean Squared Error. MLP: Multi-Layer Perceptron.



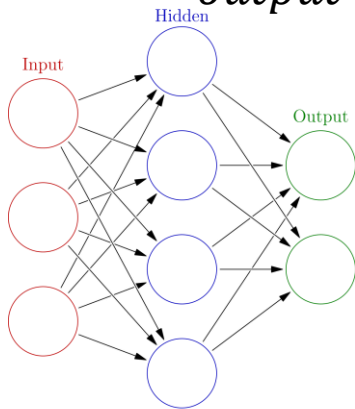
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Approximated gradient

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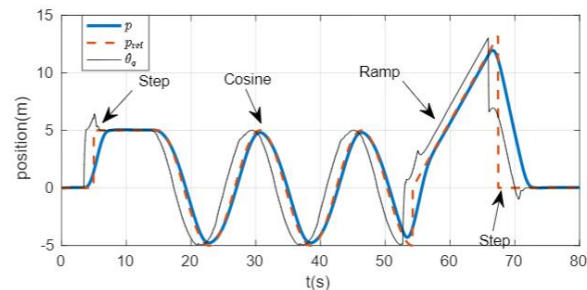
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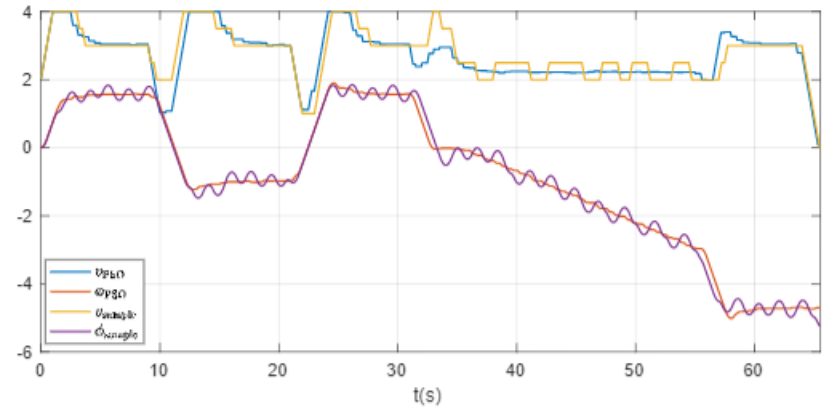
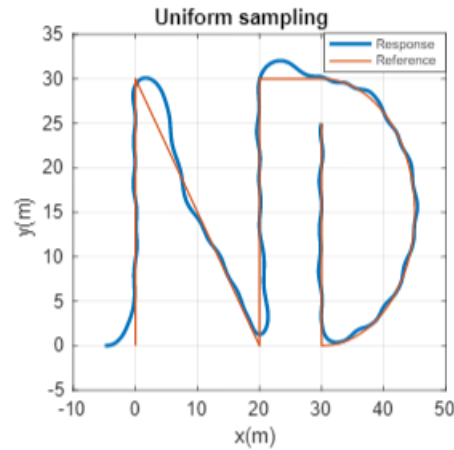
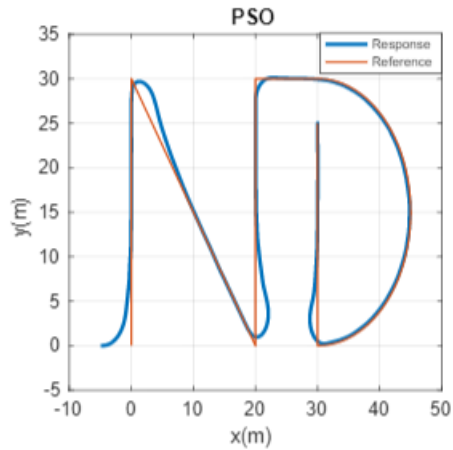
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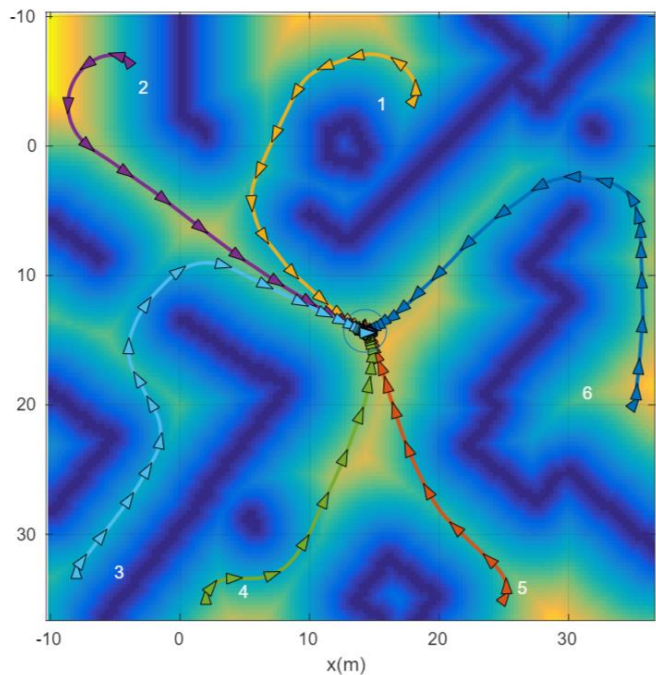


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PSO: 10 particle, 10 iterations. VS Uniform sampling: 100 particles 1 iteration.



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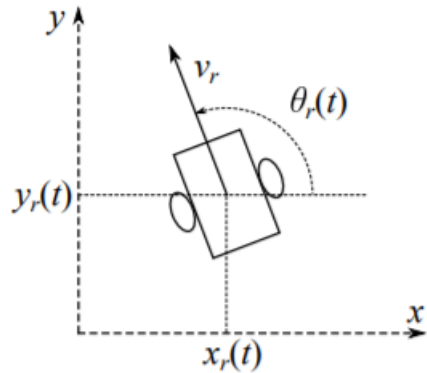
cost\_to\_goal(x), through method like Dijkstra.

# Parameter space: General BSCP

Model Predictive Motion Planning With  
Boundary State Constrained Primitives  
Experiment videos



# Unicycle model



$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_r(t) = v_r \cos \theta_r(t) & x_r(0) = x_0 \\ \dot{y}_r(t) = v_r \sin \theta_r(t) & y_r(0) = y_0 \\ \dot{\theta}_r(t) = u(t) \in [-u_M, u_M] & \theta_r(0) = \theta_0 \end{cases}$$

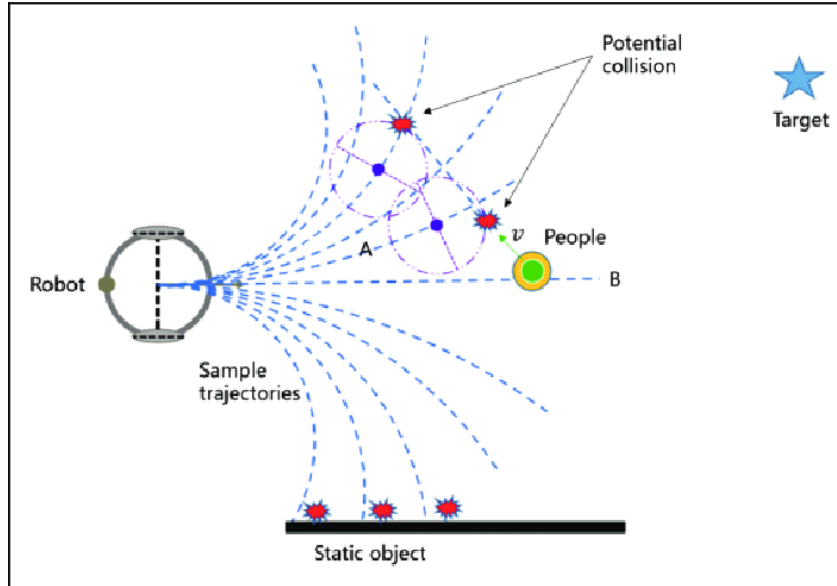
Input to this model is the linear speed ( $v_r$ ) and the angular speed ( $u$ ).

This model is suitable for low speed and small unicycle robot.

For larger vehicle, linear and angular acceleration is usually limited.



# Dynamic window approach



Given a pair of expected linear and angular speed.

The predicted trajectory is an arch.

Evaluate the trajectory based on its distance to obstacle, its collision free, its relative distance to the target, etc.

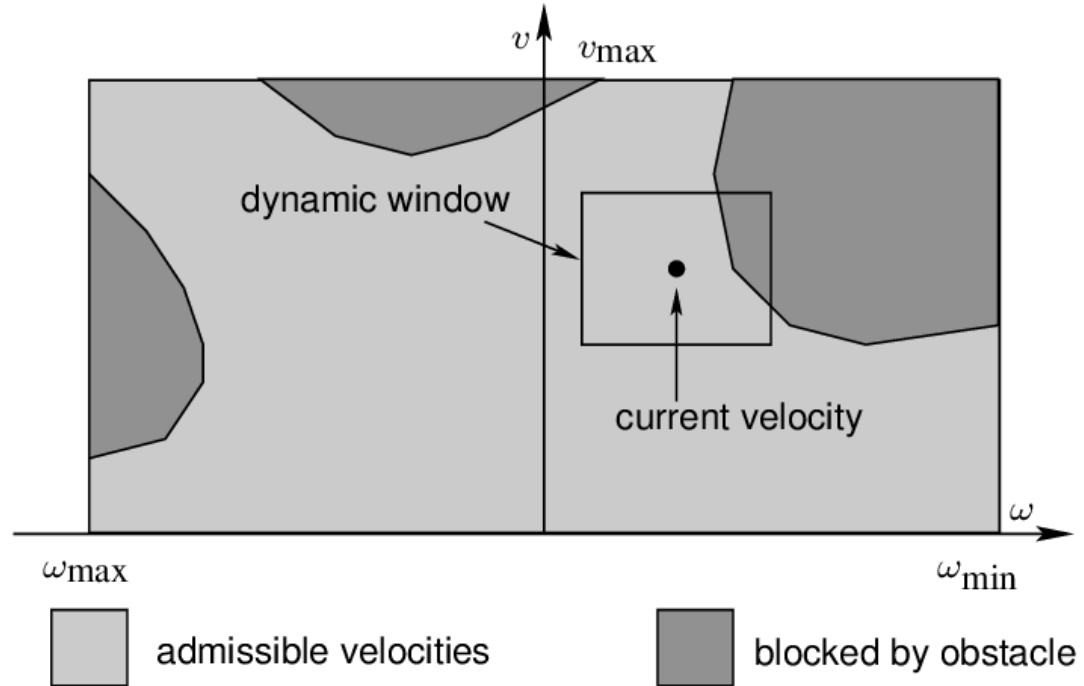
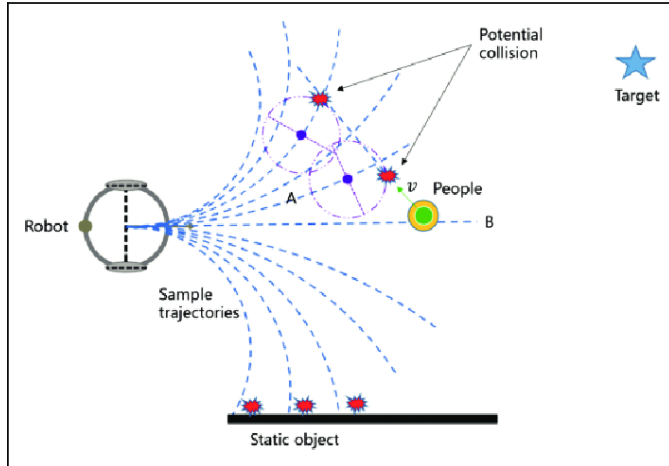
Give each trajectory a score.

Select the trajectory with the highest score.



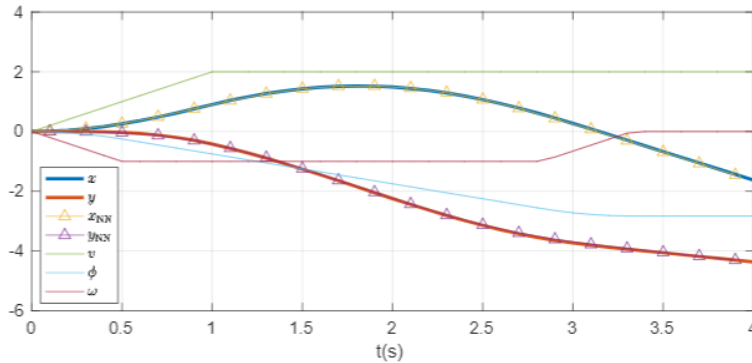


# Dynamic window approach



# Second order unicycle

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= v \cos(\phi), & \dot{\phi} &= \omega \\ \dot{y} &= v \sin(\phi), & \dot{\omega} &= \beta \\ \dot{v} &= a\end{aligned}$$



For larger vehicles, we could consider the second order unicycle model.

Now there will be additional constraints on linear and angular accelerations.

Given a pair of expected linear and angular speed, the future trajectory is non-longer an arch.

An underlying controller is used to regulate the linear/angular velocity to the desired value.



# Compare DWA with our approach

- DWA

Optimization params: desired linear and angular velocity

Trajectory prediction: an arch

Evaluate the trajectory: with a user designed cost function

Optimization methods: sample multiple pairs of linear and angular velocity, exam each one of them, select the best trajectory.

- Our approach

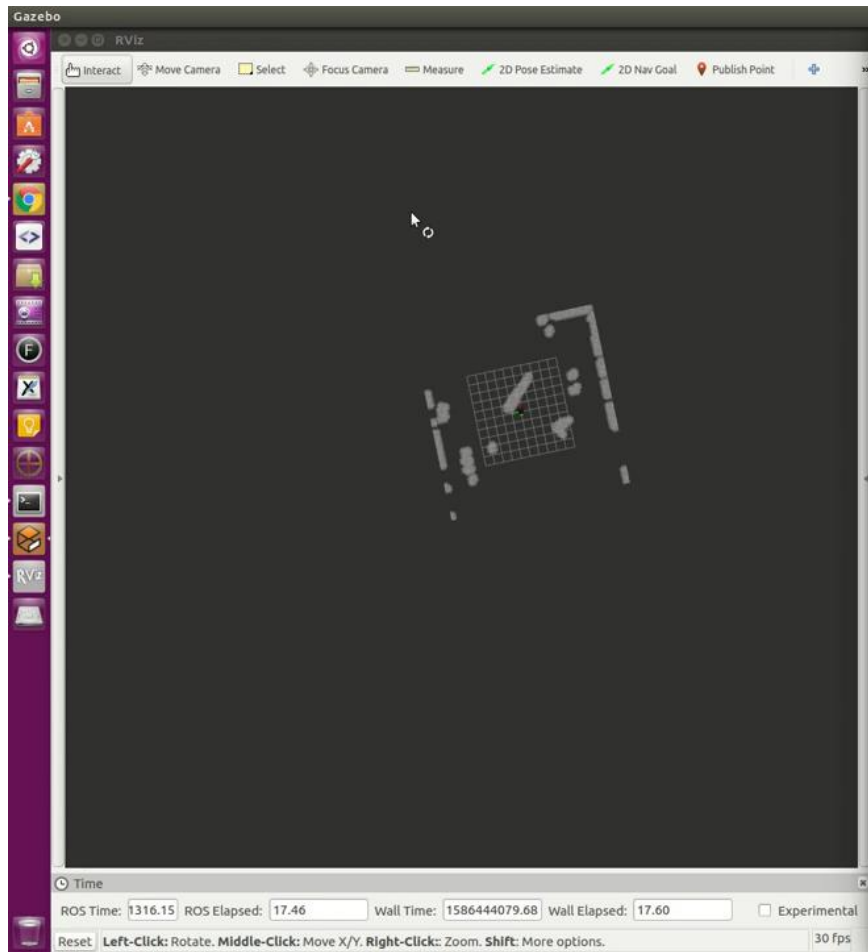
Optimization params: desired linear and angular velocity

Trajectory prediction: forward simulation or using neural networks

Evaluate the trajectory: with a user designed cost function

Optimization methods: PSO

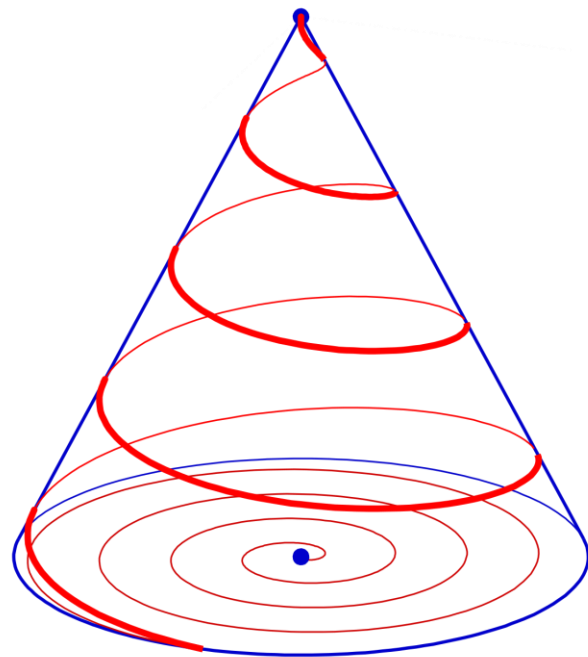




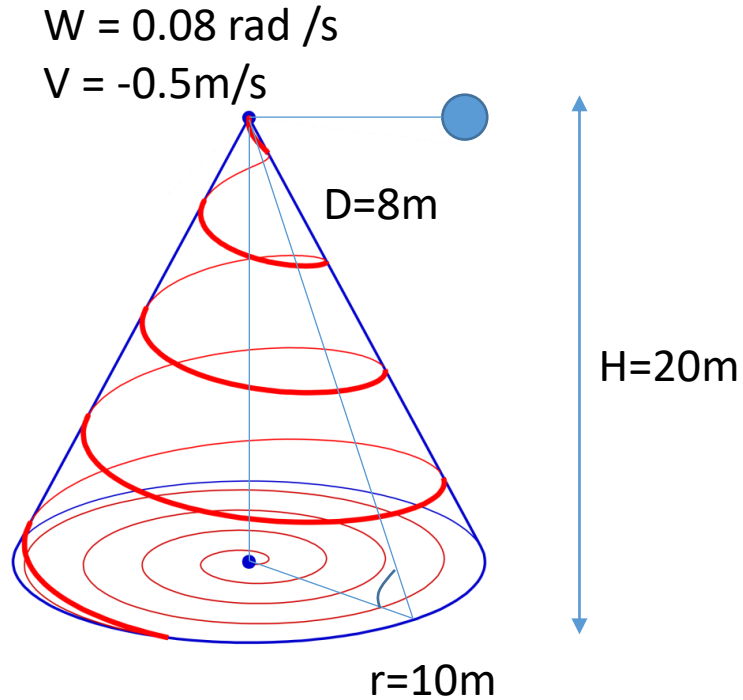
# Homework

Previously, we have discussed how to design a quadratic programming based MPC to allow a single-axis triple integrator to travel from an arbitrary state to the centre of the state space, a.k.a with zero position, velocity and acceleration.

Now please design a quadratic programming based MPC to track conical spiral for a 3-axis triple integrator (basically a quadrotor model).



# Homework



$$-6 \leq v_{x,y} \leq 6$$

$$-1 \leq v_z \leq 6$$

$$-3 \leq a_{x,y} \leq 3$$

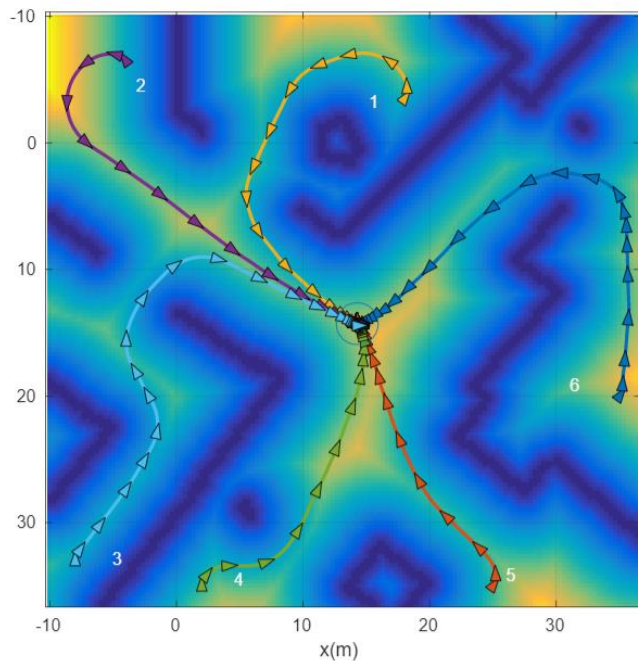
$$-1 \leq a_z \leq 3$$

$$-3 \leq j_{x,y} \leq 3$$

$$-2 \leq j_z \leq 2$$



# Homework



- Second order unicycle
- The model and trajectory evaluation function is already given
- The task is to go to the map centre from an arbitrary initial state.
- There are constraints on the vehicle linear/angular velocity and acceleration.



结语

感谢各位聆听!

Thanks for Listening