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# <q>2D Path Planning Dataset</q> make a plan for path planning using GCS with CVXPY for
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Of course. Here is a detailed, step-by-step plan for implementing a Graph of Convex Sets (GCS) motion planner for the "2D Path Planning Dataset" using CVXPY.

This plan integrates the core principles from your project documents and adapts them to a real-world dataset.[1] [2]

Phase 1: Environment Setup and Data Preparation

This phase focuses on loading the dataset and transforming its grid-based maps into a format suitable for the GCS algorithm.

1. **Load the Dataset**: Start by loading one of the 2D grid maps from the dataset. These are typically represented as NumPy arrays where certain values denote obstacles (e.g., 1) and others represent free space (e.g., 0).
2. **Obstacle Representation**: Extract the obstacle locations from the grid map. For GCS, it's beneficial to represent obstacles not just as a collection of grid cells, but as geometric shapes. You can group adjacent obstacle cells into larger polygon obstacles.
3. **Decompose the Free Space into Convex Sets**: This is a critical step in the GCS approach. Since the dataset doesn't provide pre-defined convex sets, you will need to generate them yourself. A common and effective method is to use an algorithm that covers the free space with a collection of overlapping convex polygons (or other shapes like ellipsoids). This process, known as convex decomposition, can be complex to implement from scratch.[1]
    - **Simplified Approach**: For this project, you can start with a simpler, grid-based approach. Identify large, rectangular, obstacle-free regions in the grid map. These rectangles are convex and can serve as the initial sets for your graph.
4. **Build the Graph**: Once you have your collection of convex sets (the rectangular regions), construct the graph :[1]
    - **Vertices**: Each convex set becomes a vertex (node) in your graph.
    - **Edges**: Create an edge between any two vertices if their corresponding convex sets overlap. This signifies that the robot can move directly from one region to the other.

Phase 2: Core GCS Implementation with CVXPY

In this phase, you will formulate and solve the central optimization problem.

1. **Define the Trajectory**: Represent the robot's path as a sequence of points (a discretized trajectory). These points will be the continuous variables in your optimization problem.

2. **Formulate the Mixed-Integer Convex Program (MICP)**: Use CVXPY to build the optimization problem that will find the best path. This involves defining variables, a cost function, and constraints.[1]
    - **Integer Variables**: For each edge in your graph, create a binary variable (`cp.Variable(boolean=True)`). This variable will be 1 if the path uses that edge and 0 otherwise. These variables allow the solver to choose the optimal sequence of convex sets.[1]
    - **Continuous Variables**: These are the coordinates of the points that make up your trajectory.
    - **Cost Function**: Start with a simple objective: minimize the total path length. This can be formulated as a convex (quadratic) function of the trajectory points.[2]
    - **Constraints**:
        - **Path Continuity**: Ensure that the start and end points of the trajectory are at the specified locations.
        - **Region Constraints**: This is the core GCS constraint. For each segment of the path, it must remain entirely within the corresponding convex set (or sets, if it's on an edge).
        - **Edge Activation**: Link the continuous path to the binary edge variables. The path is only allowed to traverse between two regions if the corresponding binary edge variable is active (equal to 1).
        - **Dynamic Constraints (Optional but Recommended)**: Add simple linear constraints for realism, such as limits on velocity or acceleration between trajectory points.[2]
3. **Solve the MICP**: Use an appropriate mixed-integer solver available through CVXPY, like CBC or SCIP, to solve the problem.

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# Example snippet
# prob = cp.Problem(objective, constraints)
prob.solve(solver='CBC')
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Phase 3: Visualization, Testing, and Analysis

The final phase is about interpreting the results and demonstrating the planner's capabilities.

1. **Visualize the Results**: Create a comprehensive visualization for each scenario you test. This should include:
    - The original grid map with obstacles.
    - The convex sets you generated.
    - The final, optimized path found by the solver.
2. **Test on Multiple Scenarios**: Run your planner on several different maps from the dataset to test its robustness. Choose maps with varying complexity, such as those with narrow passages or dense obstacle fields.

3. **Analyze Performance**: Document the solver's performance. Note how the solution time changes as the number of convex sets increases or as you add more constraints. This analysis provides valuable insight into the scalability of your implementation.[2]

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1. Motion-Planning-using-Convex-Optimization.pdf
2. project.pdf