Homework 3

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1. Collision Detection

For the potential new node, check whether it is reachable through the node that expand it.

2. Parameter Tuning

The RRT planner with initial parameter setting tends to stuck in the corner places. Increasing the number of sampled points, steering angle limit and path integration time enable the planner explore more the new space, thus enhancing the possibility of jumping out of corner cases.

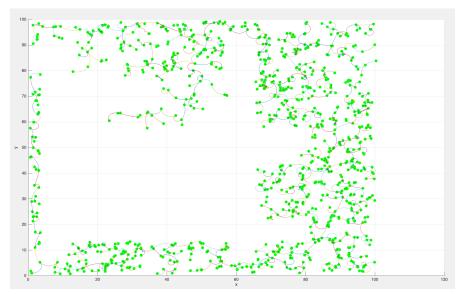


Figure 1: Results of RRT Planning npoints:500, tmax;5, steermax:2.4

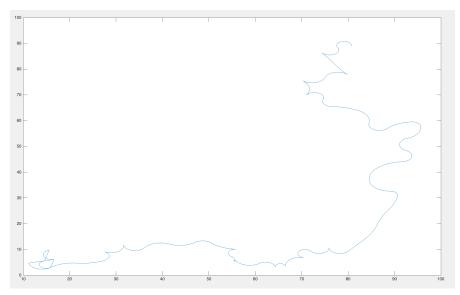


Figure 2: Plot of Path from RRT

3. Plot of Control Input Steering angles are sampled from uniform distribution.

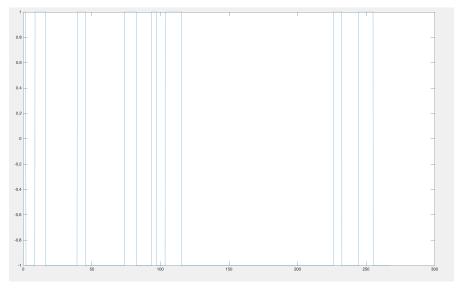


Figure 3: Plot of Velocity npoints:500, tmax;5, steermax:2.4

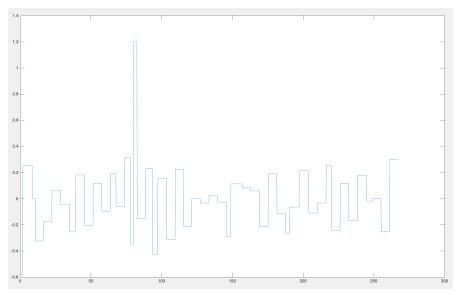


Figure 4: Plot of Steering Angle npoints:500, tmax;5, steermax:2.4

4. Motion Smoothing

Steering angles are sampled from Gaussian distribution. The smoothed path has fewer velocity switches and more "gentle" curve.



Figure 5: Plot of Velocity "Gaussian" npoints:500, tmax;5, steermax:2.4

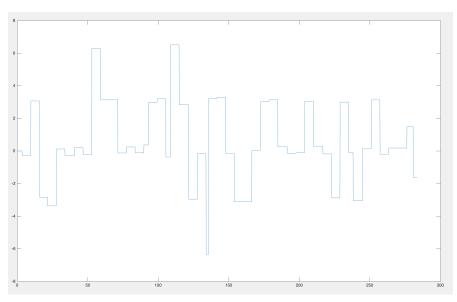


Figure 6: Plot of Steering Angle "Gaussian" npoints:500, tmax;5, steermax:2.4

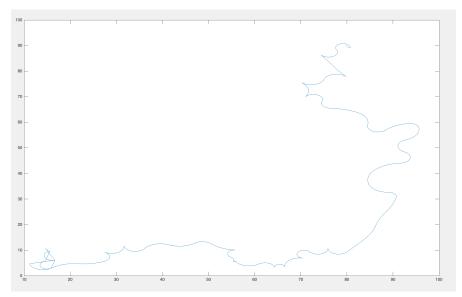


Figure 7: Uniform distribution npoints:500, tmax;5, steermax:2.4

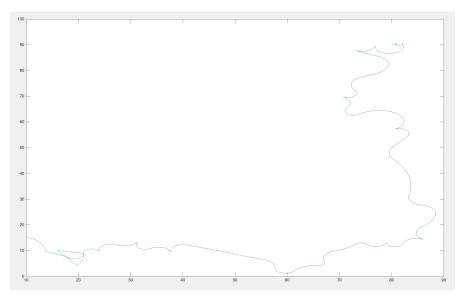


Figure 8: Gaussian distribution npoints:500, tmax;5, σ :3.6

5. Complete Path

Add feedback control based local planner before the RRT planner to drive the robot from initial state to the closest vertex, so the path is complete.

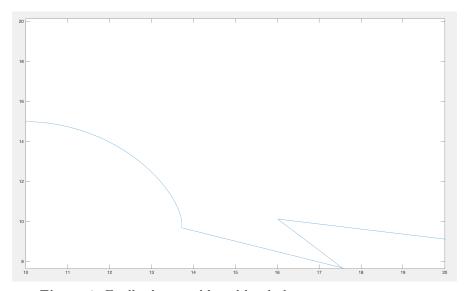


Figure 9: Feedback control based local planner