

continuous collision

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1 Introduction

$$\begin{aligned} d(t) &= \|x_1(t) - x_2(t)\| - r1 - r2 \\ x'_1(t) &= x_1(t_{i-1}) + (x_1(t_i) - x_1(t_{i-1}))t, t \in [0, 1] \\ d'(t) &= \|x'_1(t) - x'_2(t)\| - r1 - r2 \\ d'(t) &= \|x_1(t_{i-1}) + (x_1(t_i) - x_1(t_{i-1}))t - x_2(t_{i-1}) - (x_2(t_i) - x_2(t_{i-1}))t\| - r1 - r2 \\ &= \|g(t)\| - r1 - r2 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d'(t) = 0 &\iff \|g(t)\| + r1 + r2 = 0 \\ &\iff \|g(t)\|^2 = (r1 + r2)^2 \\ &\iff \|g(t)\|^2 - (r1 + r2)^2 = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= x_1(t_{i-1}) + (x_1(t_i) - x_1(t_{i-1}))t - x_2(t_{i-1}) - (x_2(t_i) - x_2(t_{i-1}))t \\ &= (g_x(t); g_y(t)) \\ g_x(t) &= x_{1_x}(t_{i-1}) + (x_{1_x}(t_i) - x_{1_x}(t_{i-1}))t - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1}) - (x_{2_x}(t_i) - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1}))t \\ &= x_{1_x}(t_{i-1}) - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1}) + t((x_{1_x}(t_i) - x_{1_x}(t_{i-1})) - (x_{2_x}(t_i) - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1}))) \\ &= c_{x_1} + c_{x_2}t, \quad c_{x_i} \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(t)\|^2 - (r1 + r2)^2 &= g_x(t)^2 + g_y(t)^2 - (r1 + r2)^2 \\ &= (c_{x_1} + c_{x_2}t)^2 + (c_{y_1} + c_{y_2}t)^2 - (r1 + r2)^2 \\ &= c_{x_1}^2 + 2c_{x_1}c_{x_2}t + c_{x_2}^2t^2 + c_{y_1}^2 + 2c_{y_1}c_{y_2}t + c_{y_2}^2t^2 - (r1 + r2)^2 \\ &= (c_{x_2}^2 + c_{y_2}^2)t^2 + 2(c_{x_1}c_{x_2} + c_{y_1}c_{y_2})t + c_{x_1}^2 + c_{y_1}^2 - (r1 + r2)^2 \\ &= at^2 + bt + c \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

We have :

$$a = (x_{1_x}(t_i) - x_{1_x}(t_{i-1}) - (x_{2_x}(t_i) - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1})))^2 + (x_{1_y}(t_i) - x_{1_y}(t_{i-1}) - (x_{2_y}(t_i) - x_{2_y}(t_{i-1}))))^2$$

$$b = 2(((x_{1_x}(t_{i-1}) - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1})) \cdot (x_{1_x}(t_i) - x_{1_x}(t_{i-1}) - (x_{2_x}(t_i) - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1})))) + (x_{1_y}(t_{i-1}) - x_{2_y}(t_{i-1})) \cdot (x_{1_y}(t_i) - x_{1_y}(t_{i-1}) - (x_{2_y}(t_i) - x_{2_y}(t_{i-1}))))$$

$$c = (x_{1_x}(t_{i-1}) - x_{2_x}(t_{i-1}))^2 + (x_{1_y}(t_{i-1}) - x_{2_y}(t_{i-1}))^2 - (r1 + r2)^2$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

If $\Delta < 0$ there is no collision

If $\Delta = 0$ there is a collision and it happens at $t = t_0$ (the root)

If $\Delta > 0$ there is a collision and we take the first root in $[0, 1]$: $t = t_1$