

# Fundamental of Mobile Robot AUT-710

## Exercise 5

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# General Plan for Exercises

- Exercise 4: Implementation of model + Basic Control
- Exercise 5: Collision Avoidance with SI model
  - Point obstacle – switching behavior with obstacle avoidance
  - non-point obstacle – switching behavior with wall-following
  - Point obstacles – QP-based controller

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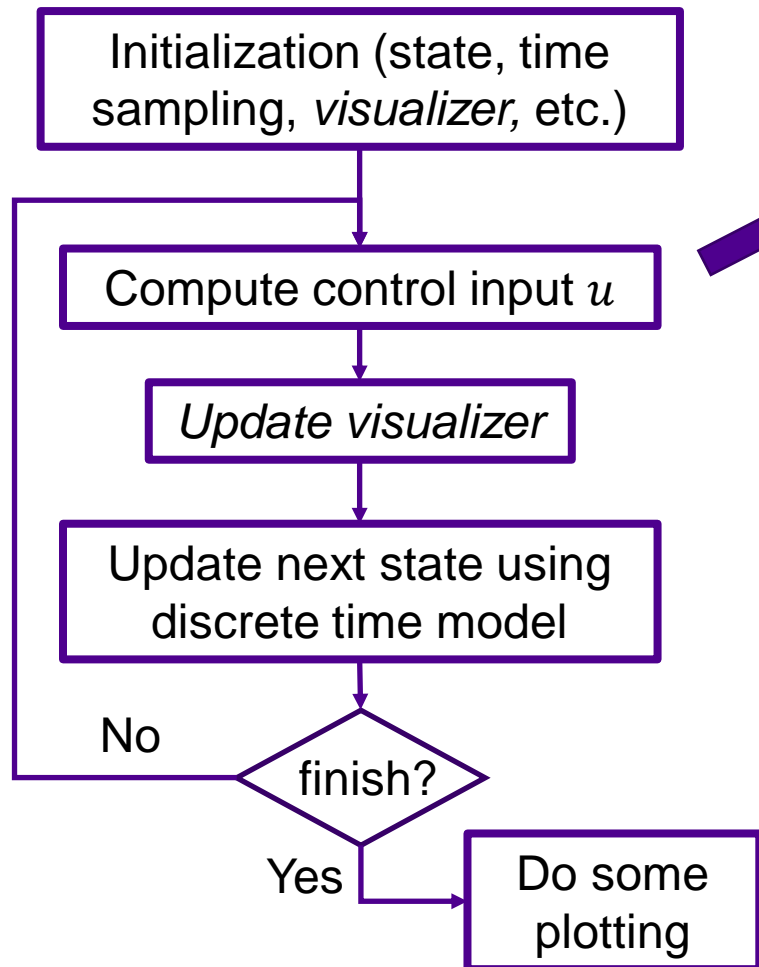
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**Deadline: Friday 1.4.2022 at 10:00**

- Exercise 6: Control of Unicycle

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# Flowchart of Simulator



*If you are interested in implementing this to ROS*

Subscribe to all required information (state, sensor, etc.)

Compute control input  $u$

Publish  $u$  to robot / low level controller

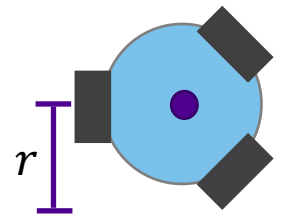
## Specifications (for Exercise 5)

Time sampling  $T = 10ms$

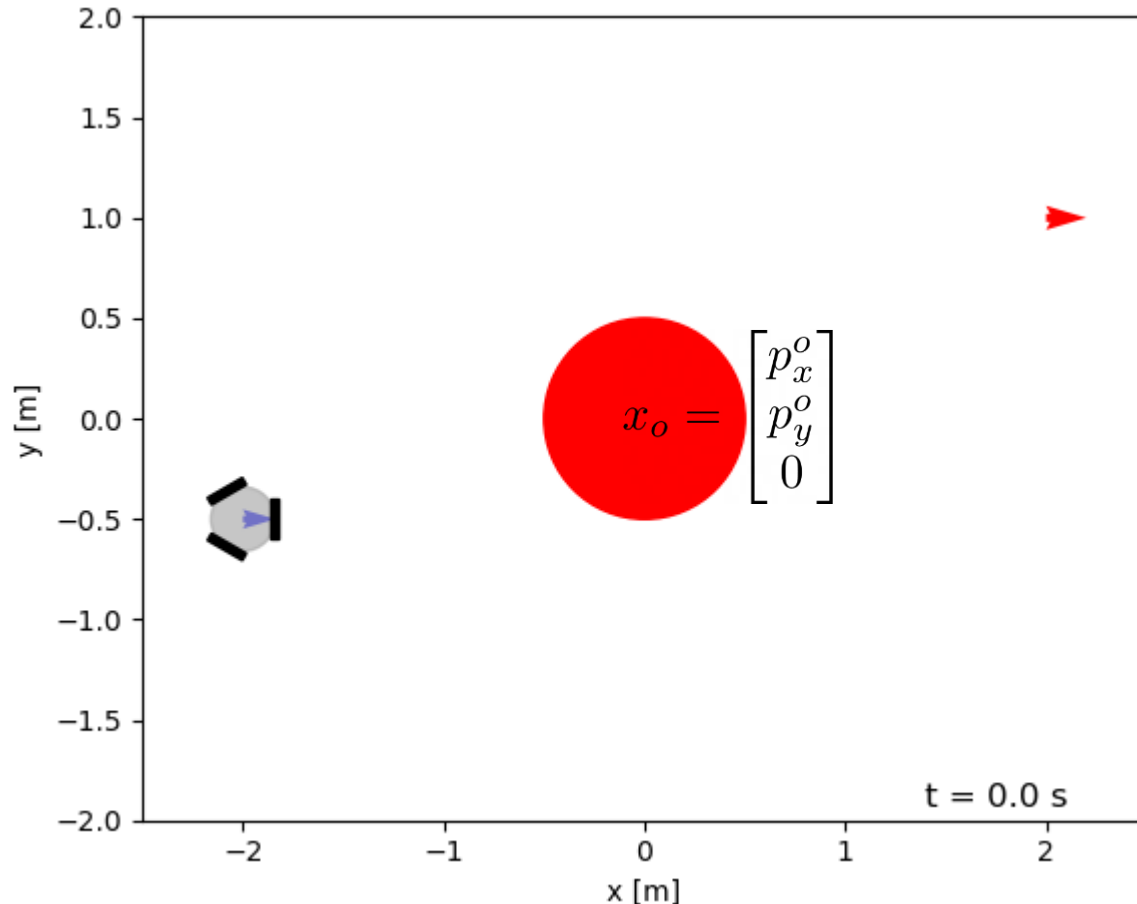
Robot's radius =  $0.21\text{ m}$

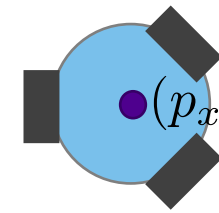
Max translational vel.  $(v_x^2 + v_y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.5\text{ m/s}$

Max rotational vel.  $(|\omega|) = 5\text{ rad/s}$



# Exercise 5.1 – Scenario





$$x = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

**Model:** omnidirectional mobile robot (**single-integrator model**)

**Initial Position:**  $x[0] = [-2 \quad -0.5 \quad 0]^T$

**Goal:** static at  $x^d = [2 \quad 1 \quad *]^T$ .

\* Can be any orientation at goal position

**Key Scenario:**

- We assume the robot/controller can identify a **circular obstacle** (centroid and radius) once it is near. Here, the obstacle is centered at  $p_x^o = 0$ ,  $p_y^o = 0$  with radius 1m.

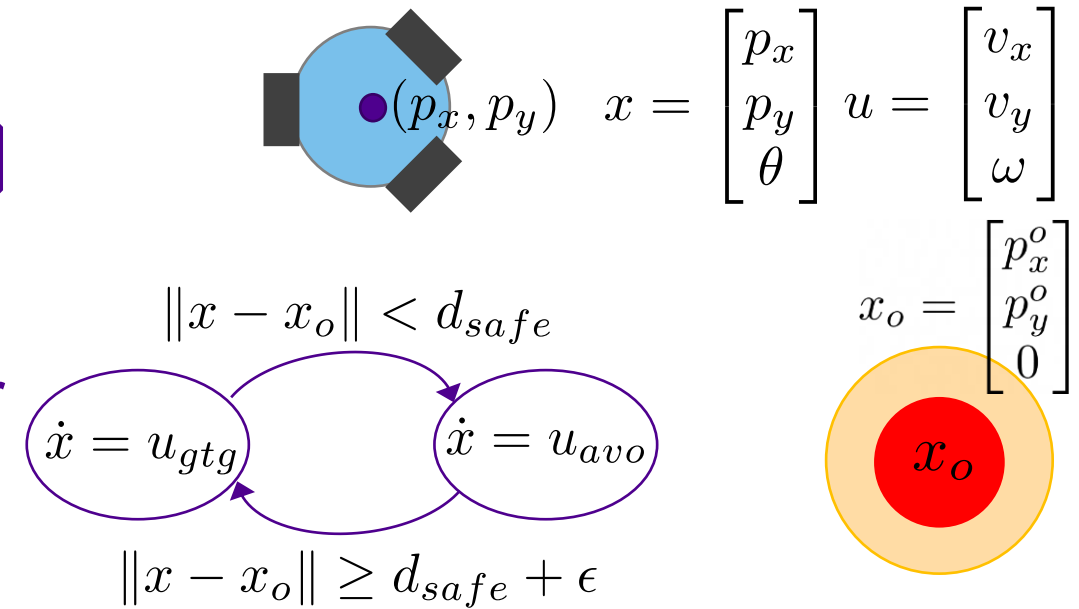
**Control Objective:**

- Reach the goal while avoiding contact/collision with obstacle

# Exercise 5.1 – Task

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By taking account of the robot's size and limitation, design and implement the following **switched controller**



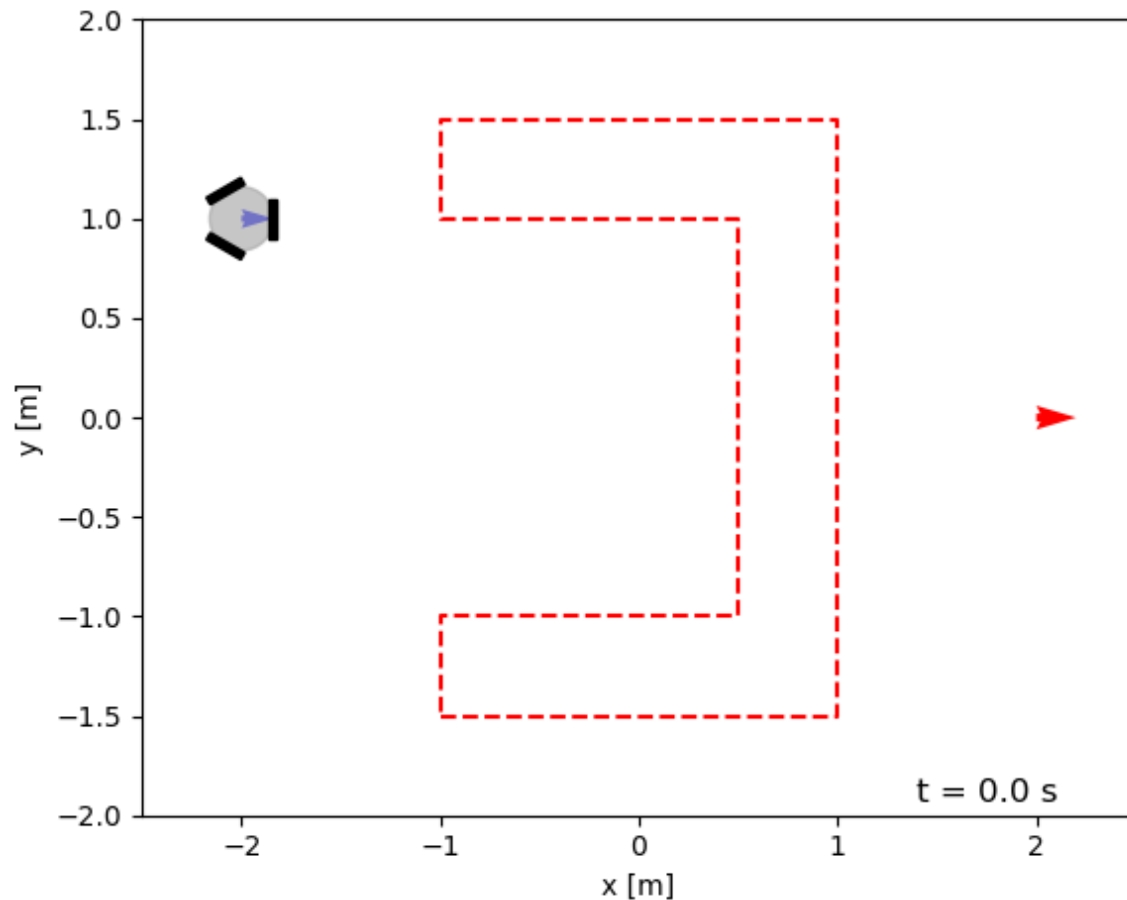
Describe your approach in designing  $u_{gtg}$ ,  $u_{avo}$ ,  $d_{safe}$ , and  $\epsilon$ , as well as your observation on the resulting controller.

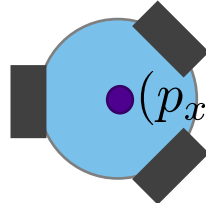
Show the result by plotting:

- *time series* of control input  $u$  and  $(v_x^2 + v_y^2)^{0.5}$
- *time series* of error  $(x^d - x)$ ,
- *time series* of distance to obstacle  $\|x - x_o\|$
- *time series* of state trajectory  $x$  vs  $x^d$ , and
- XY **trajectory** of the robot (or final snapshot of the simulator).

Deadlock issue: Try to set the initial position to  $x[0] = [-2 \quad -1 \quad 0]^T$  and see what happen.

# Exercise 5.2 – Scenario





$$(p_x, p_y) \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

**Model:** omnidirectional mobile robot  
(**single-integrator model**)

**Initial Position:**  $x[0] = [-2 \quad 1 \quad 0]^T$

**Goal:** static at  $x^d = [2 \quad 0 \quad *]^T$ .

\* Can be any orientation at goal position

## Key Scenario:

- An obstacle presents in the field, but **unknown** to the robot/controller.
- The obstacle is detected by the reading from range sensor (  $< 1 \text{ m}$  )

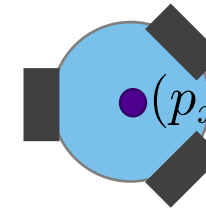
*Assume accurate readings from sensors, simulated by `detect_obstacle.py` (described in later slide).*

## Control Objective:

- Reach the goal while avoiding contact/collision with obstacle

# Exercise 5.2 – Task

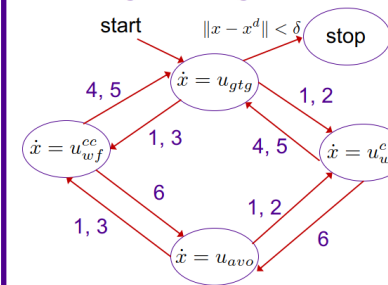
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$$(p_x, p_y) \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

By taking account of the robot's size and limitation, design and implement **wall-following behavior** to your switching controller in 5.1.

## Putting all together



Conditions for switching:

- (1)  $d_{safe} - \epsilon \leq \|x - x_o\| \leq d_{safe} + \epsilon$
- (2)  $u_{gtg}^T u_{wf}^c > 0$
- (3)  $u_{gtg}^T u_{wf}^{cc} > 0$
- (4)  $u_{avo}^T u_{gtg} > 0$
- (5)  $\|x(t) - x^d\| < \|x(t_s) - x^d\|$
- (6)  $\|x - x_o\| < d_{safe} - \epsilon$

Describe your approach in designing  $u_{wf}^c$ ,  $u_{wf}^{cc}$ , and computing  $x_o$  from sensor readings as well as your observations on the resulting controller.

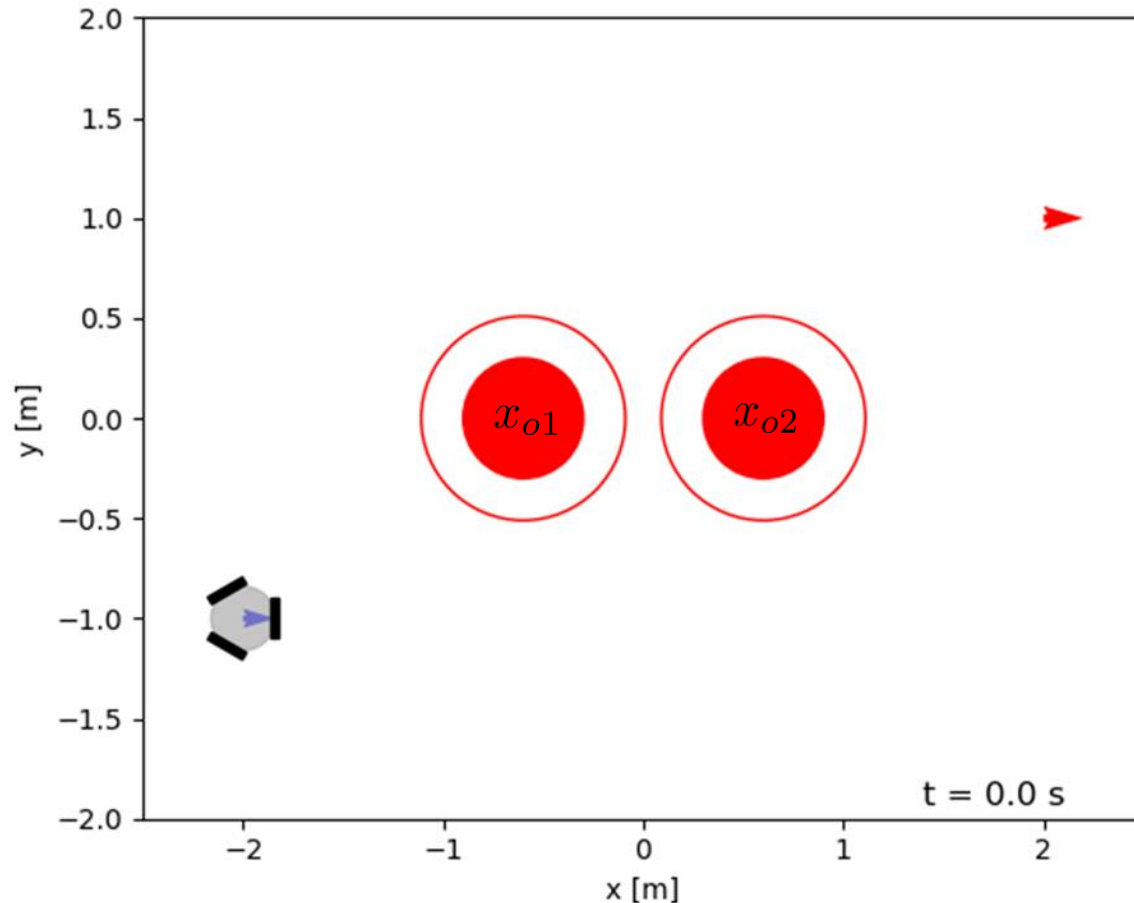
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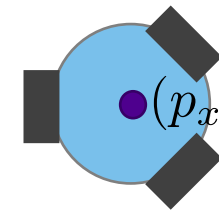
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- XY **trajectory** of the robot (or final snapshot of the simulator).

## IMPORTANT TIPS:

- Use visualization to help debug (e.g., the sensed obstacles,  $u_{avo}$ ,  $u_{wf}^c$ ,  $u_{wf}^{cc}$ , etc.)
- *Print* every time the state changes

# Exercise 5.3 – Scenario





$$x = \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad u = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

**Model:** omnidirectional mobile robot (**single-integrator model**)

**Initial Position:**  $x[0] = [-2 \quad -1 \quad 0]^T$

**Goal:** static at  $x^d = [2 \quad 1 \quad *]^T$ .

\* Can be any orientation at goal position

**Key Scenario:**

- We assume the robot/controller can identify a **circular obstacle** (centroid and radius) once it is near. Here, two obstacle presents:
  1. centered at  $p_x^{o1} = -0.6$ ,  $p_y^{o1} = 0$  with radius  $0.3m$ .
  2. centered at  $p_x^{o2} = 0.6$ ,  $p_y^{o2} = 0$  with radius  $0.3m$ .

**Control Objective:**

- Reach the goal while avoiding contact/collision with obstacle



# Exercise 5.3

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By taking account of the robot's limitation, implement the **QP-based controller** as follows

$$u = \arg \min_{u^*} \|u_{gtg} - u^*\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \frac{\partial h_{o1}}{\partial x} u^* \leq \gamma(h_{o1}(x)) \quad \text{with } h_{oi} = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} p_x^{oi} \\ p_y^{oi} \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 - R_{si}^2$$

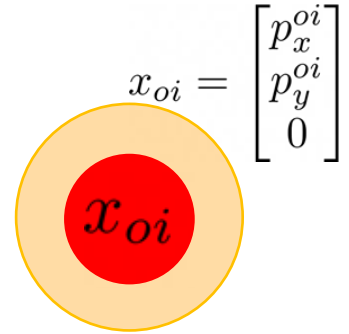
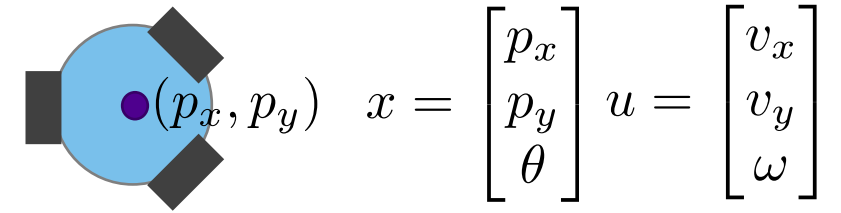
$$\frac{\partial h_{o2}}{\partial x} u^* \leq \gamma(h_{o2}(x))$$

Use  $R_{si} = 0.51$  for both obstacles.

Then, test the controller for  $\gamma(h) = 0.2h$ ,  $\gamma(h) = 10h$ , and  $\gamma(h) = 10h^3$  and describe your observation on what does the variation affects.

Show the result by comparing the plot for each  $\gamma$  function variation via:

- Time series comparison of control input  $u_{gtg}$  vs  $u$  (plot only  $v_x$  and  $v_y$ )
- Time series comparison of function  $h_{o1}$  and  $h_{o2}$
- Comparison of XY **trajectory** of the robot



**NOTE:**  $u_{gtg}$  still need to comply with the robot's max speed. You can use  $u_{gtg}$  from 5.1.

# How to show obstacle on Simulator?

Plot using the axis object in the `sim_mobile_robot` class → `sim_visualizer.ax`

**Option 1:** using patch in matplotlib (for simple shape: circle, rectangle, etc.)

```
if IS_SHOWING_2DVISUALIZATION: # Initialize Plot
    sim_visualizer = sim_mobile_robot( 'omnidirectional' ) # Omnidirectional Icon
    #sim_visualizer = sim_mobile_robot( 'unicycle' ) # Unicycle Icon
    sim_visualizer.set_field( field_x, field_y ) # set plot area
    sim_visualizer.show_goal(desired_state)
    sim_visualizer.ax.add_patch( plt.Circle( (0, 0), 0.5, color='r' ) )
    sim_visualizer.ax.add_patch( plt.Circle( (0, 0), d_safe, color='r', fill=False) )
    sim_visualizer.ax.add_patch( plt.Circle( (0, 0), d_safe + eps, color='g', fill=False) )
```

*Example for 5.1*

Draw (full) red circle for obstacle  
 Draw empty red circle for  $d_{safe}$   
 Draw empty green circle for  $d_{safe} + \epsilon$

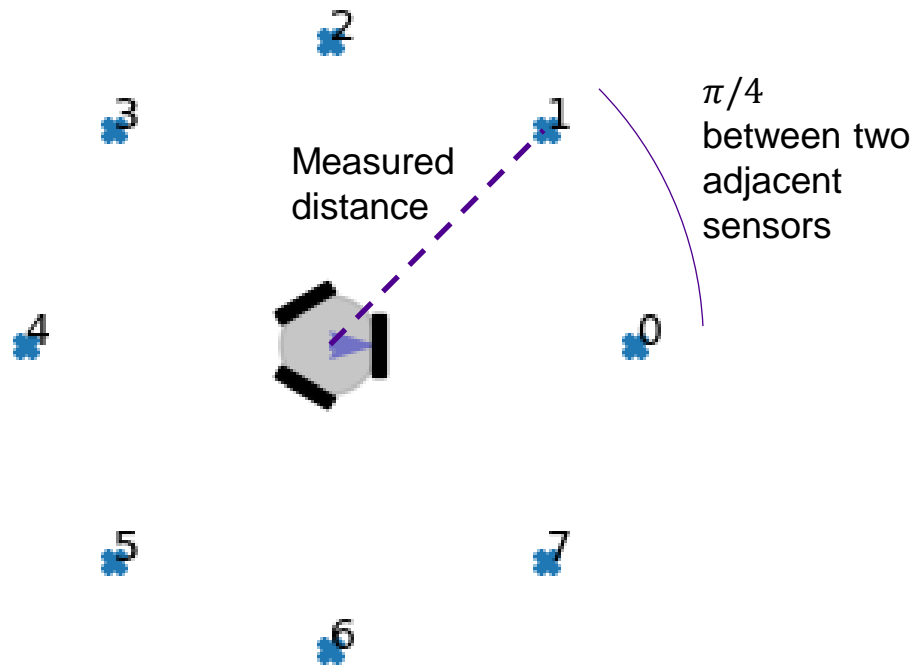
**Option 2:** by defining obstacle's vertices and use line plot

```
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    #sim_visualizer = sim_mobile_robot( 'unicycle' ) # Unicycle Icon
    sim_visualizer.set_field( field_x, field_y ) # set plot area
    sim_visualizer.show_goal(desired_state)

    # ordered position of vertices in [x, y]
    obst_vertices = np.array( [ [-1., -1.5], [1., -1.5], [1., 1.5], [-1., 1.5], \
                                [-1., 1.], [0.5, 1.], [0.5, -1.], [-1., -1.], [-1., -1.5] ] )
    sim_visualizer.ax.plot( obst_vertices[:,0], obst_vertices[:,1], '--r' )
```

*Example for 5.2*

# How to detect obstacle for 5.2?



*NOTE: You don't need to detect obstacle for 5.1 and 5.3. For 5.1 and 5.3, it is sufficient to use the same base code as in exercise 4.*

```
from detect_obstacle import detect_obstacle_e5t2
```

```
# Get information from sensors
sensors_dist = detect_obstacle_e5t2( robot_state[0], robot_state[1], robot_state[2])
```

**Requirement:** *Shapely* python package

**Input:**  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $\theta$  (in this specific order)

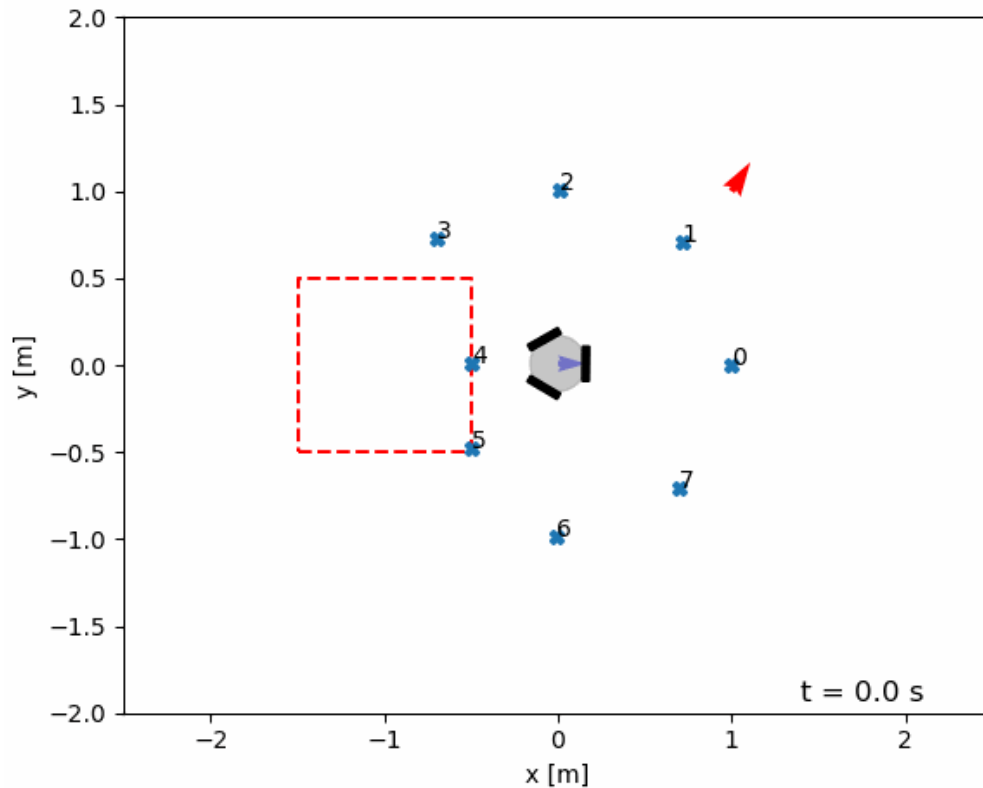
**Output:** array with 8 distance values of the sensor reading *measured from the robot's center*.

The returned value will be between collision range to max sensing range (no obstacle detected)

**Important points:**

- Max sensing range: 1m
- Minimal distance to object (collision range): 0.21m
- **The code will crash** if the robot is inside the obstacle or within collision range.

# How to detect obstacle for 5.2? (cont'd)



*NOTE: You don't need to detect obstacle for 5.1 and 5.3. For 5.1 and 5.3, it is sufficient to use the same base code as in exercise 4.*

## What to do with the sensor reading?

- If the **value** is the Max sensing range (i.e., 1) → no obstacle is detected
- If the **value** is less than Max sensing range (i.e.,  $< 0.99$ ) → obstacle is detected.

Reduced to avoid rounding issue

To compute the detected point in the obstacle

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_o^W \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{R}(x^T, \theta) \hat{R}((x_s^B)^T, \theta_s^B) \begin{bmatrix} x_o^S \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

robot's position in {W} frame      sensor's position in {B} frame      sensor's orientation in {B} frame

Remark:

$$\hat{R}(p^T, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} R(\theta) & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3x3 matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_o^S = \begin{bmatrix} value \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_s^B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **If the code is crashed** → Read the error, most probably the robot is too close to obstacle (simulate collision with obstacle)

# How to implement QP for 5.3?

$$u = \arg \min_{u^*} \|u_{gtg} - u^*\|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } \frac{\partial h_{o1}}{\partial x} u^* \leq \gamma(h_{o1}(x))$$

$$\frac{\partial h_{o2}}{\partial x} u^* \leq \gamma(h_{o2}(x))$$

Refer to lecture  
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$$\min_z \frac{1}{2} z^T Q z + c^T z$$

$$\text{s.t. } H z \preceq b$$

`import cvxopt` Require **cvxopt** python package

```
# QP-based controller
# -----
Q_mat = 2 * cvxopt.matrix( np.eye(2), tc='d')
c_mat = -2 * cvxopt.matrix( u_gtg[:2], tc='d')

# Fill H and b based on the specification afterwards
# --> row is number of constraints / specification
H = np.zeros([row, 2]) # TODO
b = np.zeros([row, 1]) # TODO

# Resize the H and b into appropriate matrix for optimization
H_mat = cvxopt.matrix( H, tc='d')
b_mat = cvxopt.matrix( b, tc='d')

# Solving Optimization
cvxopt.solvers.options['show_progress'] = False
sol = cvxopt.solvers.qp(Q_mat, c_mat, H_mat, b_mat, verbose=False)

current_input = np.array([sol['x'][0], sol['x'][1], 0])
```

Change these  
two lines to the  
appropriate  
values

*NOTE: These code only compute  
the linear velocity (x and y) which  
is sufficient for 5.3.*

# Any Question?

**Small note:** Try to think of what you want mobile robot to do.  
I am preparing a mini group project on Exercise 6 (or 7)  
where you are required to utilize/combine any tools from this course  
in a free-to-decide scenario (given a certain guidelines).

\*Or what you have learned but  
haven't tried in the exercise yet.