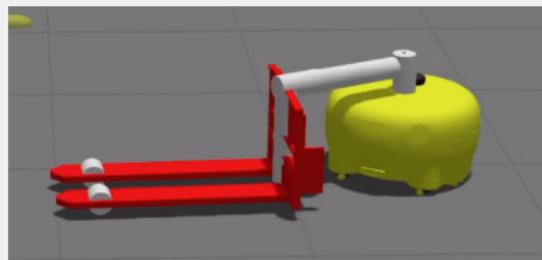


# **AUTONOMOUS MOBILE ROBOTICS**

## MOTION PLANNING AND CONTROL

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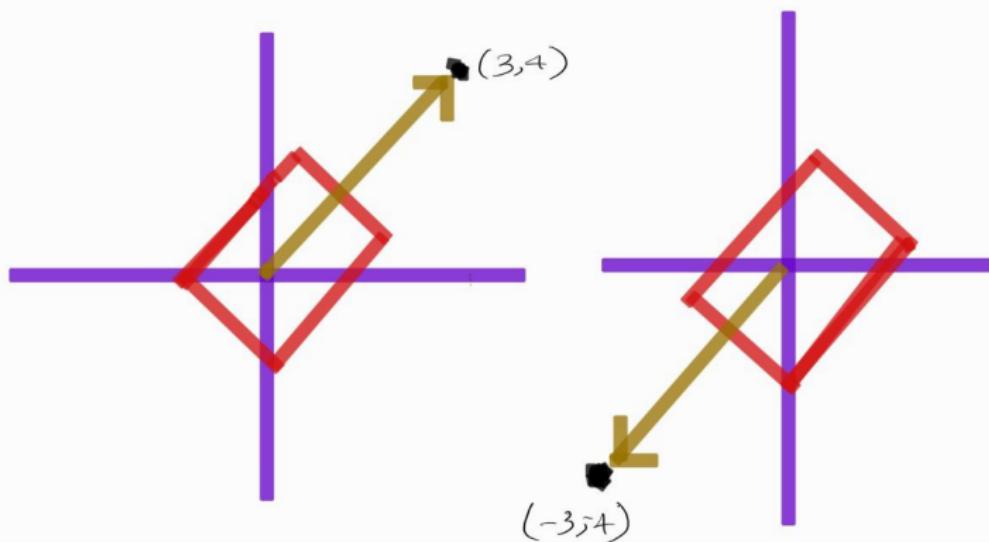
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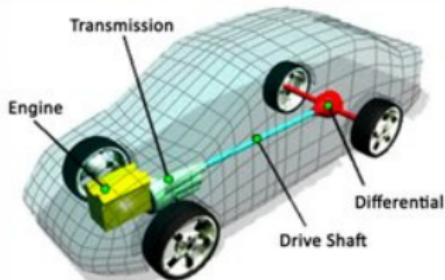
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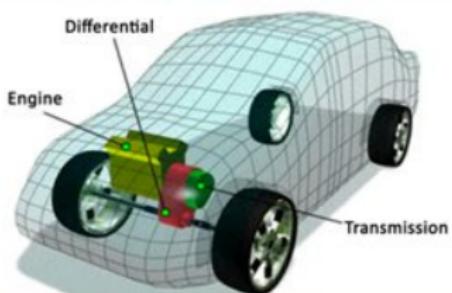
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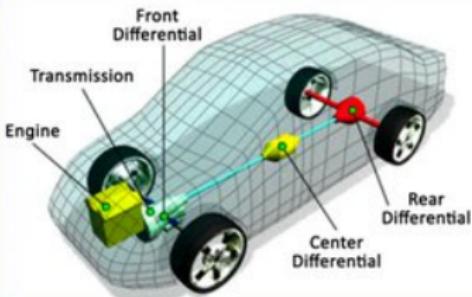
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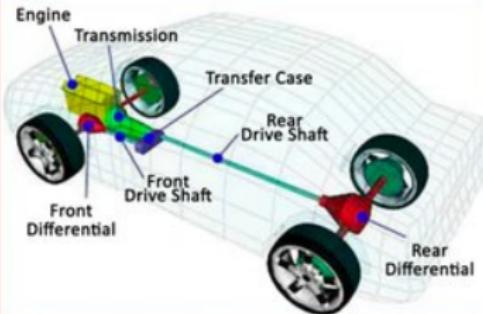
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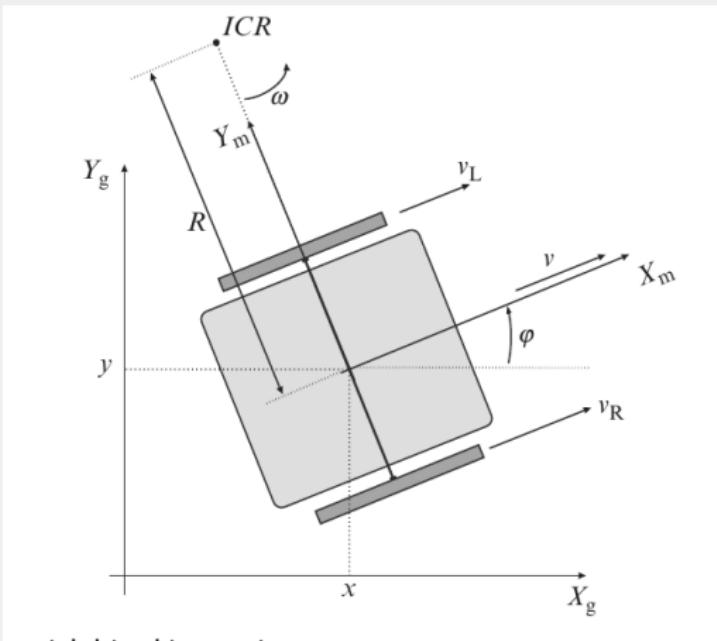
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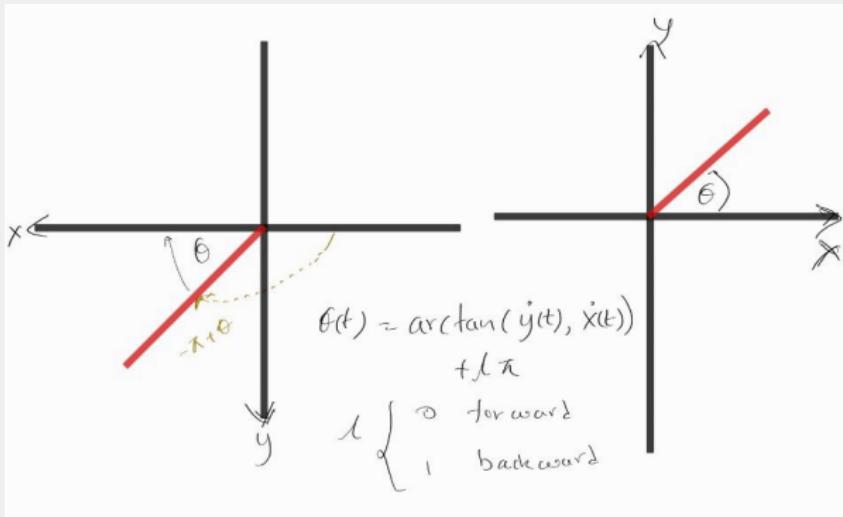
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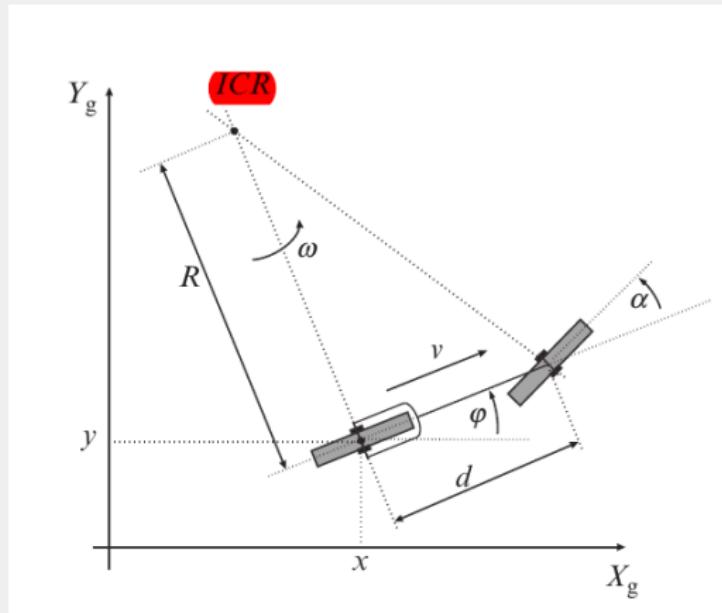
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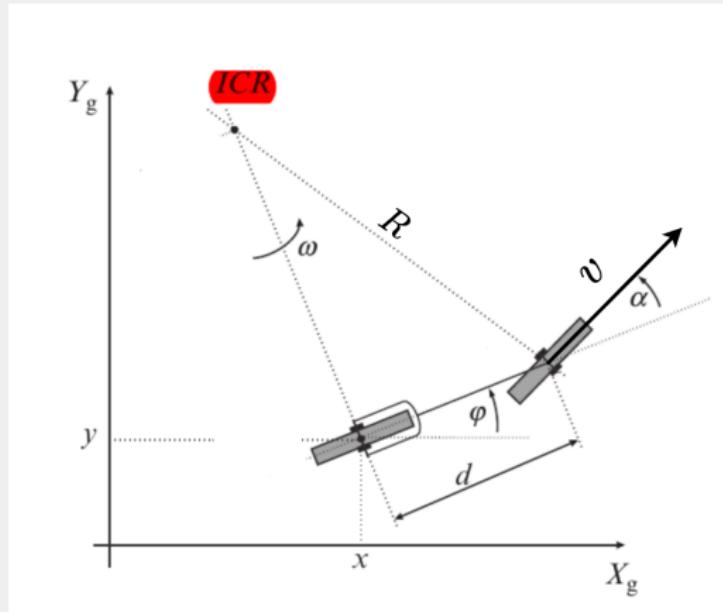
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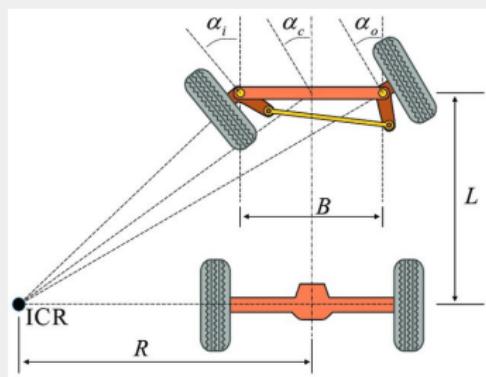


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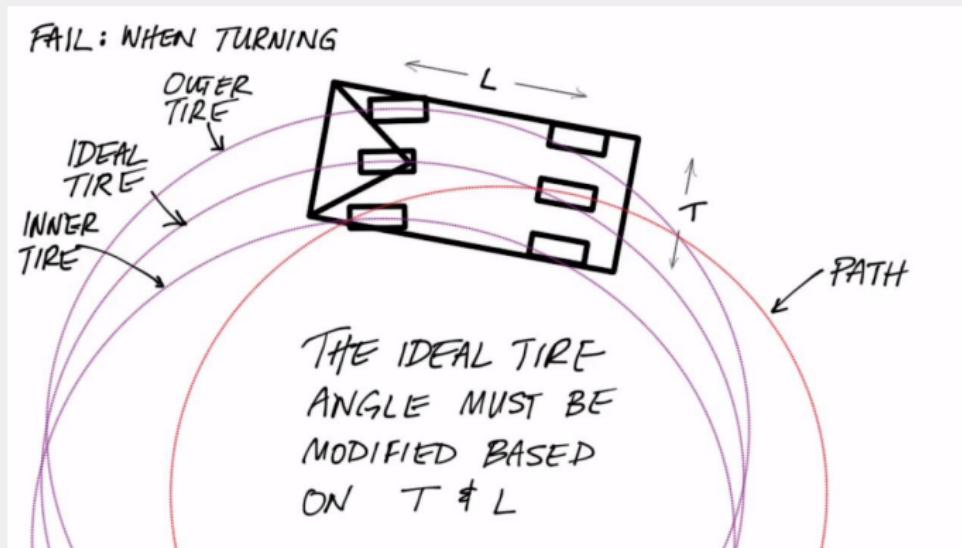
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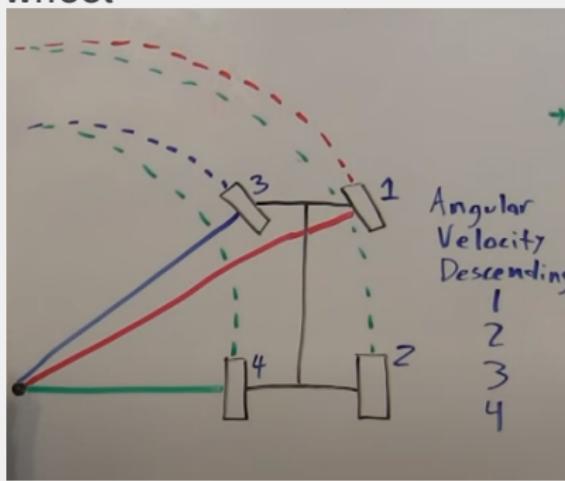
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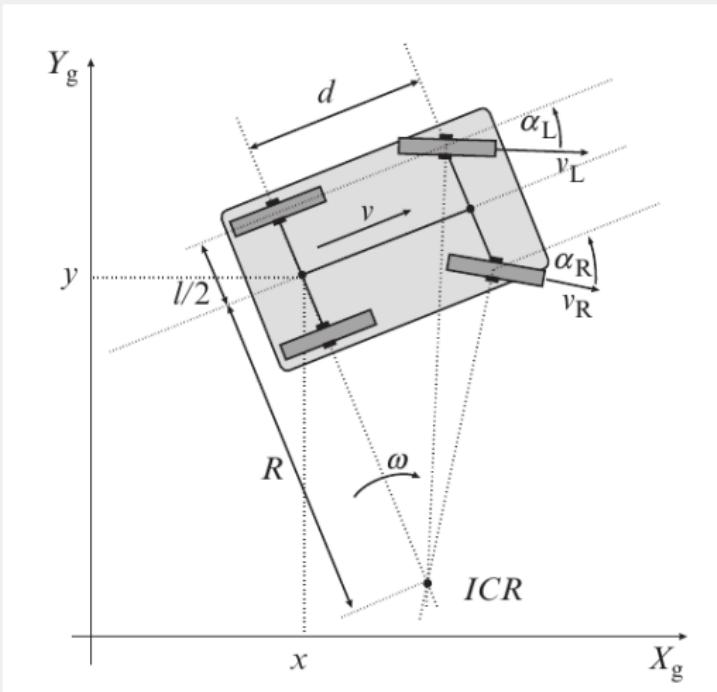
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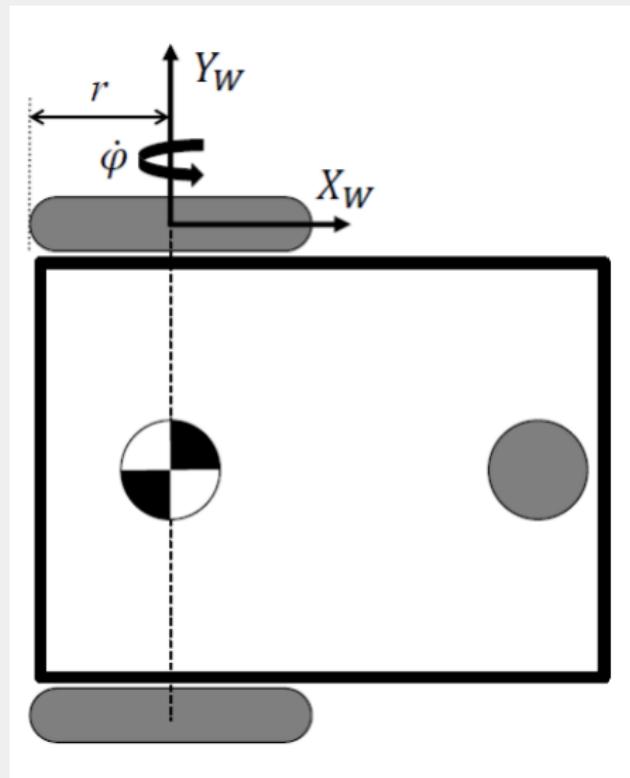
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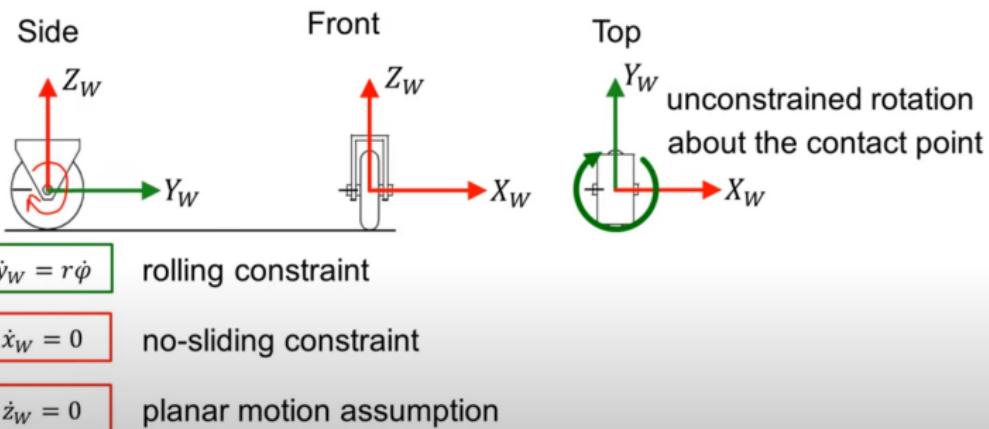
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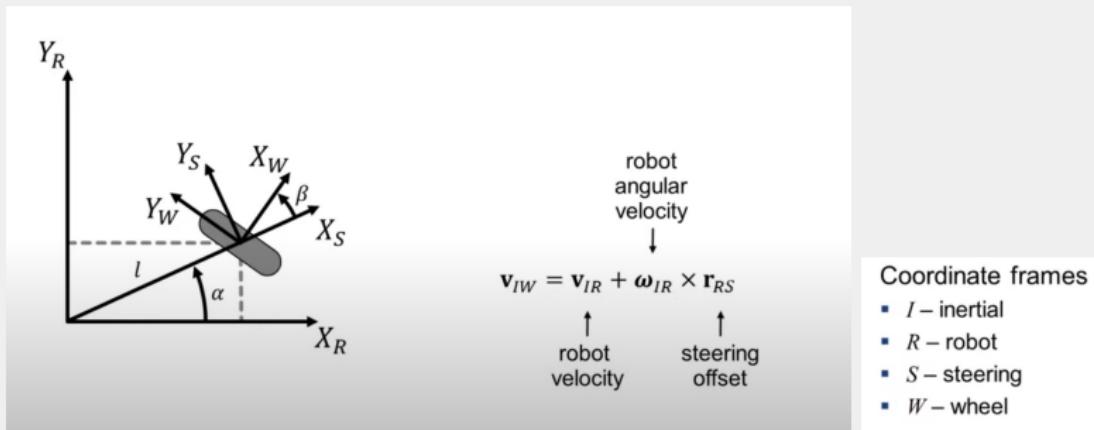


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- No sliding at this single point of contact

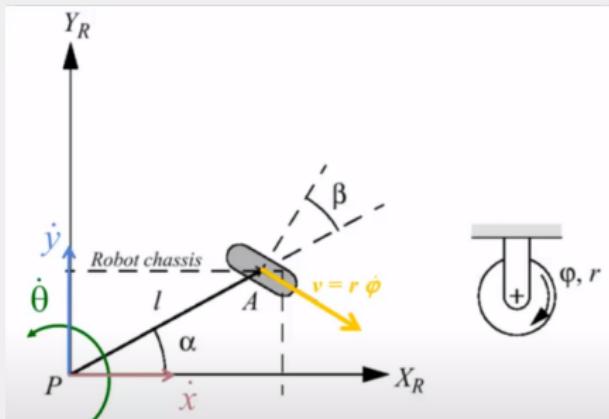
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Rolling constraint

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- $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $l$  locate the relative to the robot internal (local) frame
- $\theta$  is the angle between inertial x-axis and  $X_R$  (global frame)
- What differential constraints on velocity does the wheel impose on the chassis?



[https://asl.ethz.ch/education/lectures/autonomous\\_mobile\\_rob](https://asl.ethz.ch/education/lectures/autonomous_mobile_rob)

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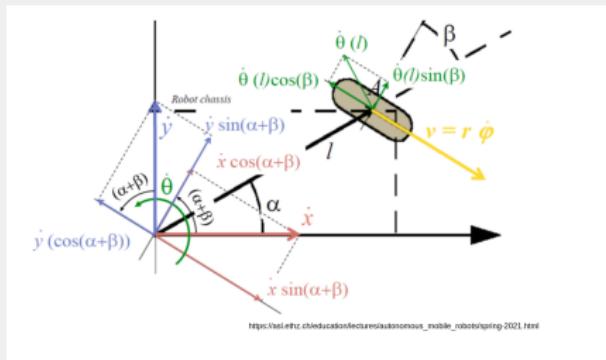
The position A is expressed in polar coordinates by distance l and angle  $\alpha$

- rolling contact

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sin(\alpha + \beta) & -\cos(\alpha + \beta) \\ (-l)\cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} [\dot{x} \ \dot{y} \ \dot{\theta}]^\top - r\dot{\phi} = 0 \quad (22)$$

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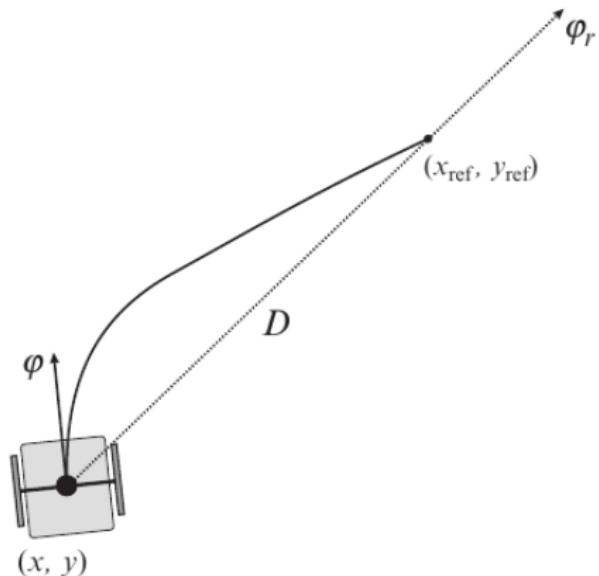
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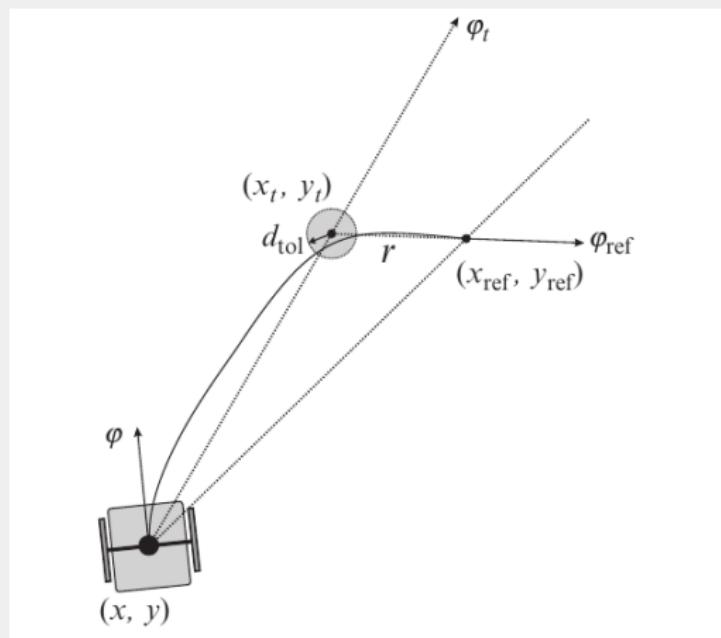
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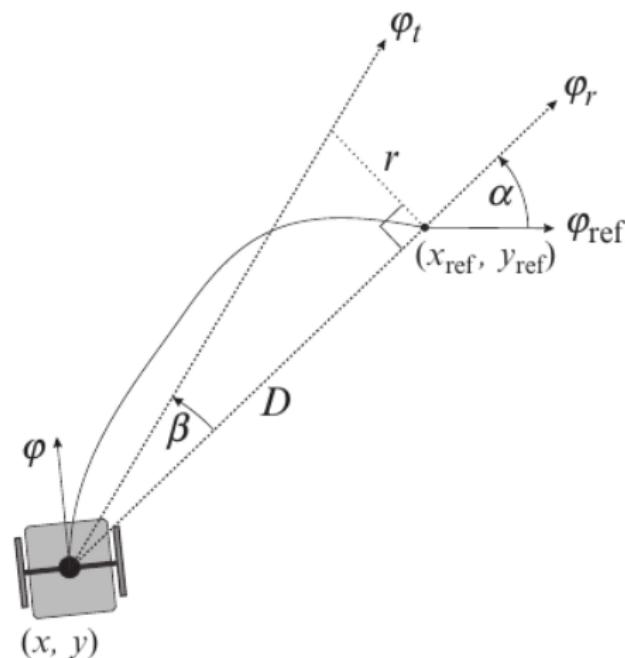
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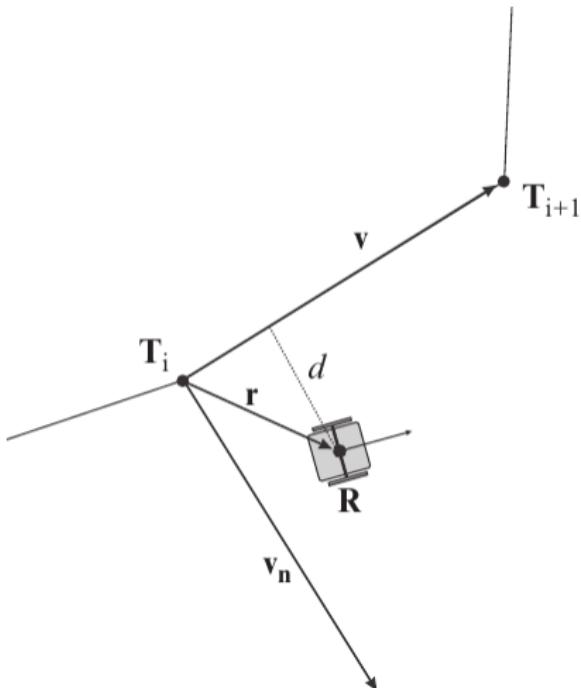
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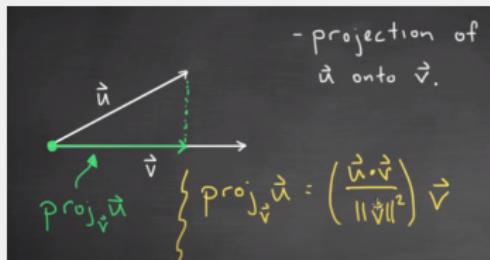
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqPiDICPkJ8>

The projection of  $\mathbf{u}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$  is a vector of length  $\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$  in the direction of  $\frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$ , i.e.

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$$\Phi_{rot} = \text{atan}(k_r \cdot d)$$

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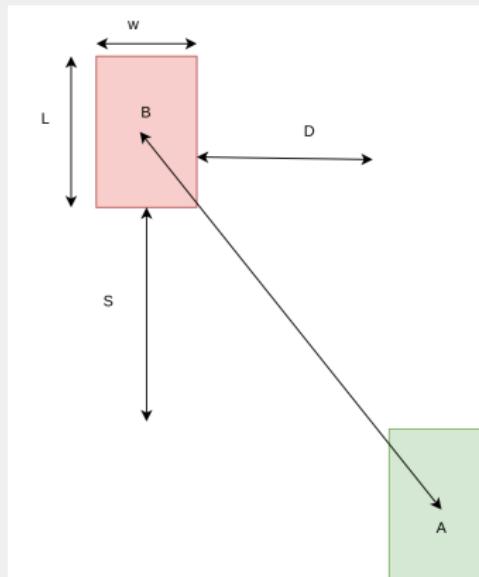
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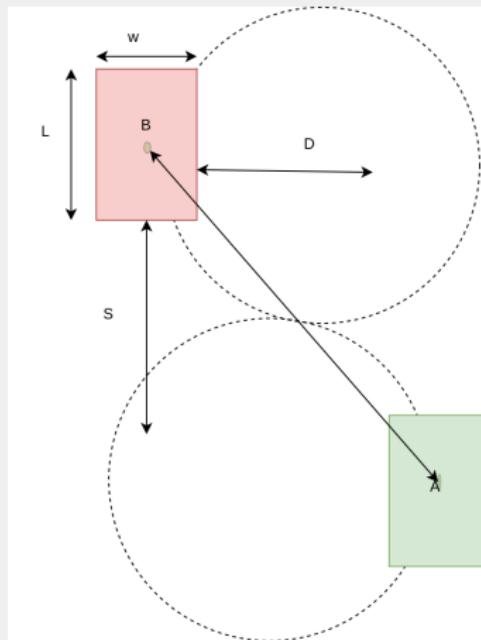
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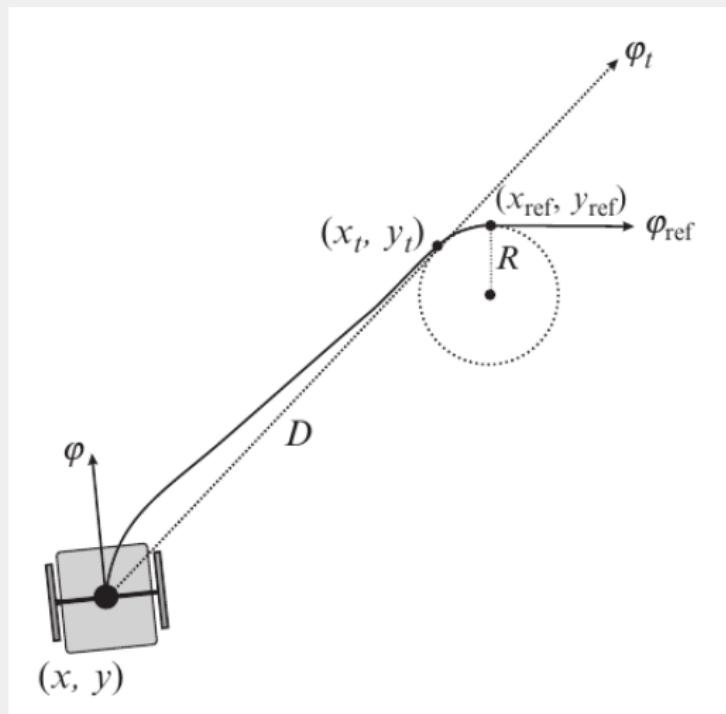
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Consider each circle's radius is given by  $r$ , if the location of A and B are given by  $\langle x_a, y_a \rangle$  and  $\langle x_b, y_b \rangle$ , respectively

- Top circle:  $(x - (x_b + r))^2 + (y - y_b)^2 = r^2$
- Bottom circle:  $(x - (x_a + r))^2 + (y - y_a)^2 = r^2$

Can you try to define the control law for this scenario?

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## Multiplication of 2D Vectors

Quick calculation:

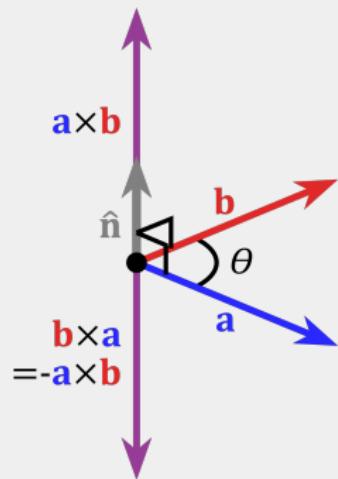
- Dot Product:

$$A \cdot B = x_a x_b + y_a y_b$$

- Cross Product:

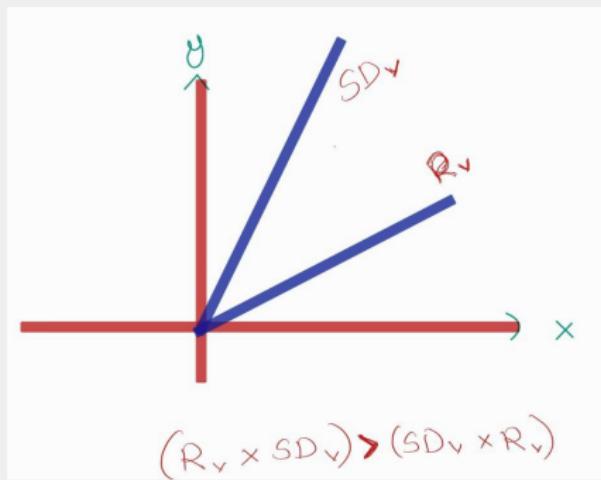
$$A \times B = (x_a y_b - y_a x_b) \hat{N}$$

*N is the Normal Vector to A and B*



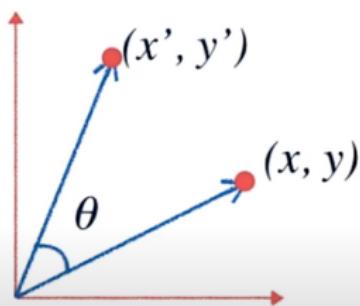
How do you define right hand side and left hand side cross product?

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## 2D Rotation



$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x \cos(\theta) - y \sin(\theta) \\y' &= x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

rotation by a counterclockwise angle

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$$P_s = \begin{cases} D + rX \cdot \mathbf{Rv}, & \mathbf{Rv} \times \mathbf{SDv} > \mathbf{SDv} \times \mathbf{Rv} \\ D + rX^\top \cdot \mathbf{Rv}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

where term  $\mathbf{SDv}$  is depicted the direction vector between the start S and the reference D points, matrix  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and direction vector of reference point is given by  $\mathbf{Rv} = [\cos(\Phi_{ref}) \sin(\Phi_{ref})]$

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where the distance between current pose  $S$  and intermediate point is given by  $d = \sqrt{|S - Ps|^2 - r^2}$ ,  $\alpha = \text{atan}(r/d)$  and  $\Phi = \text{atan2}(Ps - S)$ , respectively.

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- When moving towards intermediate point, the intermediate point  $D$  changes from the reference point (initially,  $D$  depicts the distance between  $S$  and  $R$ ), hence,  $D$  is calculated as follows:

$$D = \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_1, & ((\mathbf{u}_1 - S) \times (Ps - \mathbf{u}_1)) \cdot (\mathbf{Rv} \times (Ps - D)) \geq 0 \\ \mathbf{u}_2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}\tag{41}$$

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- Depends on the distance to intermediate point, i.e.,  $\|Ps - S\|_{l_2} < r$ , robot direction vector  $\mathbf{Dv}$  is determined as follows:

$$\mathbf{Dv} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{Rv}, & \|Ps - S\|_{l_2} < r \\ \mathbf{SDv}/|\mathbf{SDv}| + \text{eps}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

, where  $\mathbf{SDv} = D - S$

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- If  $|\mathbf{DTv} \times \mathbf{Ev}| < 0.0001$ , where  $\mathbf{Ev} = (D - S)$ ,  $\mathbf{DTv} = X \cdot \mathbf{Dv}$ , drives on a straight line. Thus, robot direction vector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Sv} &= \mathbf{SDv}/(|\mathbf{SDv}| + \text{eps}) \\ \gamma &= 0 \\ l &= |Ps - S|\end{aligned}\tag{43}$$

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- If  $|\mathbf{DTv} \times \mathbf{Ev}| > 0.0001$ , where  $\mathbf{Ev} = (D - S)$ ,  $\mathbf{DTv} = \mathbf{Dv}$ , drives on a circle. Thus, robot direction vector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Sv} &= a \cdot X \cdot (C - S), \quad \mathbf{Sv} = \mathbf{Sv}/(|\mathbf{Sv}| + eps) \\ \gamma &= a \cdot \text{acos}(\mathbf{Dv} \cdot \mathbf{Sv}) \\ \gamma &= \begin{cases} a \cdot 2\pi - \gamma, & a \cdot \mathbf{Sv} \times Dv < 0 \\ \gamma, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}\end{aligned}\tag{44}$$

, where

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \begin{cases} 1, & \mathbf{SDv} \times \mathbf{Dv} > 0 \\ -1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ C &= \frac{\mathbf{DTv} \cdot \mathbf{Ev} \times (D - M)}{(\mathbf{DTv} \times \mathbf{Ev}) + D} \\ l &= |\gamma \cdot |S - C|_{l_2}|, \quad M = (D + S)/2\end{aligned}\tag{45}$$

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- If  $v > \text{eps}$

$$vDir = \begin{cases} -1, & \mathbf{Ov} \cdot \mathbf{Sv} < 0 \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$e_\Phi = a \cos(vDir \cdot \mathbf{Sv} \cdot \mathbf{Ov})$$

$$e_\Phi = \begin{cases} -e_\Phi, & vDir \cdot \mathbf{Ov} \cdot \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Sv} < 0 \\ e_\Phi, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (46)$$

$$v = v + v_{Max} \cdot Ts$$

$$dt = l/v$$

$$\omega = \gamma/dt + e_\Phi / \left( dt \cdot 10 \cdot (1 - \exp(-l2/0.1)) \right)$$

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