

Problem 2: Simulation of a car-trailer system¹

Let us consider the car-trailer system represented in Figure 1 which has the following state equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\theta}_r \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{\delta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \cos \delta \cos \theta \\ v \cos \delta \sin \theta \\ \frac{v \sin \delta}{L} \\ \frac{v \cos \delta \sin(\theta - \theta_r)}{L_r} \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The state vector is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \\ \theta_r \\ v \\ \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where x, y, θ corresponds to the pose of the car (in other words, its position and orientation), θ_r is the orientation of the trailer, v is the speed and δ is the angle of the front wheels of the car. The parameter $L = 3$ [m] is the distance between the two axles of the car. The parameter $L_r = 5$ [m] represents the distance between the attachment point and the middle of the axle of the trailer.

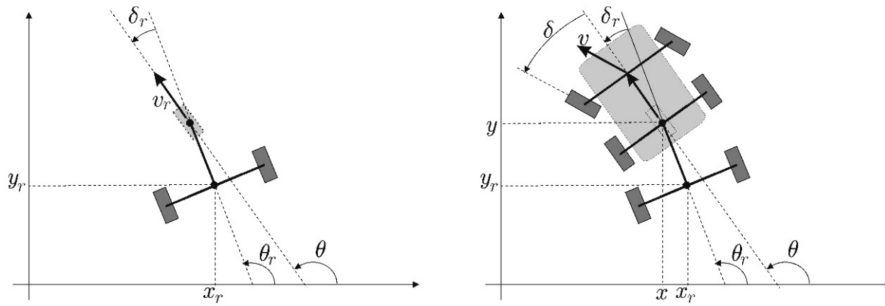


Figure 1: The car-trailer system.

- 1) Using homogeneous coordinates, design a function which draws a car-trailer system in a state $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, \theta, \theta_r, v, \delta)^T$ using the sketch of the car-trailer system represented in Figure 2 whose vertices in homogeneous coordinates are represented by the columns of the following matrix:

¹Adapted from <https://www.ensta-bretagne.fr/jaulin/automooc.pdf>

$$M_{\text{trailer}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 2 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The corresponding Matlab code is:

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ones(1,19)];
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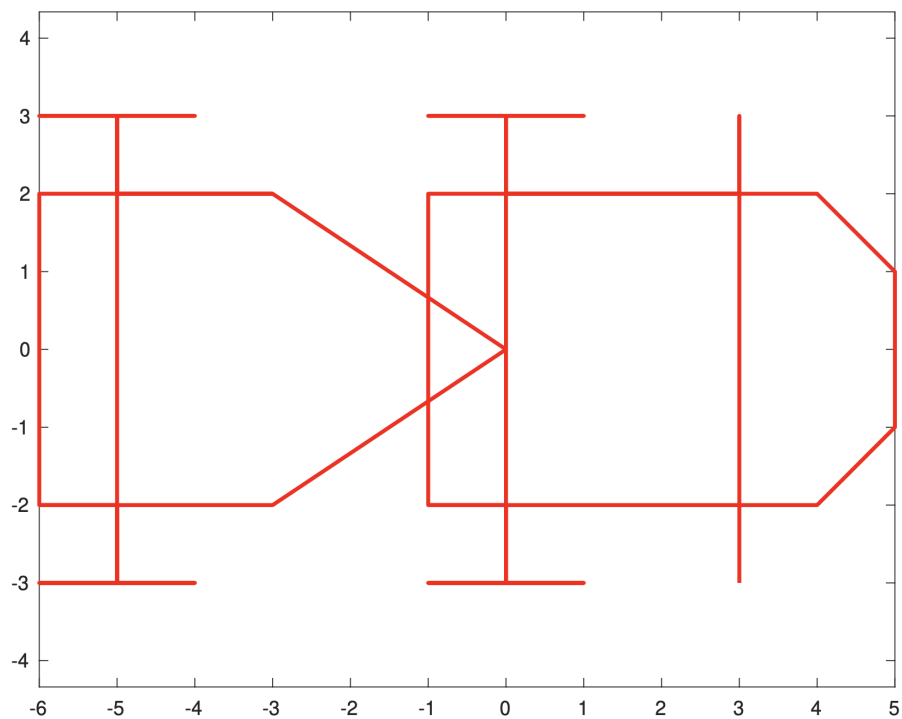


Figure 2: Sketch of the car-trailer system.

- 2) Propose a program which simulates the dynamic evolution of this car-trailer system during 5 seconds with Euler's method and a sampling step of 0.01 [s]. Take the initial state for the car-trailer system as $\mathbf{x}(0) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 50, 0)^T$, which means that, at time $t = 0$,
 - the car is centered around the origin, with a zero orientation angle, a speed of 50 [m s⁻¹] and the front wheels parallel to the axis of the car.
 - the trailer has zero orientation angle.

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Solution of Problem 2

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