

- **Mathematical:**

$\alpha$	$0^\circ$	$45^\circ$	$90^\circ$	$135^\circ$	$180^\circ$	$360^\circ$
$\sin\alpha$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0	0
$\cos\alpha$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	0	$-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	-1	1

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1; \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = \sin\theta_1\cos\theta_2 + \cos\theta_1\sin\theta_2; \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = \cos\theta_1\cos\theta_2 - \sin\theta_1\sin\theta_2$$

Vectors:

Dot product:  $a \cdot b = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n$ ; Cross product:  $a \times b = (y_1z_2 - y_2z_1)i - (x_1z_2 - x_2z_1)j + (x_1y_2 - x_2y_1)k$

- **Bug Algorithm:**

Assume only local knowledge of environment and a global goal with essentially tactile sensing

Behaviors: Boundary follow / motion to goal

Bug 1:

- Towards to goal, remember closest point if encounter with obstacle, return the closest point and continue
- Boundary:  $D + 1.5 \sum P$ . Worst case to travel half of boundary of obstacle to find closest point

Bug 2:

- Along m-line intersect with obstacle, follow obstacle until encounter the m-line again closer to the goal
- Boundary:  $D + 0.5 \sum n_i P_i$ .  $n_i$  is the number of intersection with  $i$ th obstacle. Worst case to have  $\frac{n}{2}$  inner loop

Bug 1 vs Bug 2:

- Bug 1 is an exhausting algorithm, while Bug 2 is a greedy algorithm. Bug 1 is safe and reliable, Bug 2 better in some case
- As the intersection number between m-line and obstacle increasing, the Bug 1 is likely to outperform than Bug 2

Tangent Bug:

- Improvement to the Bug 2 algorithm determines a shorter path to the goal using a range sensor with finite distance sensing
- Motion-to-goal: Move in straight line to goal until sense obstacle, move to an intermediate point  $O_i$  according to some distance until reach the goal or a minimum  $M_i$  in which case switch to boundary following
- Boundary-following: define  $d_{reach}$  (shortest distance between obstacle and goal) and  $d_{following}$  (shortest distance between sensed boundary and the goal) and continue move around the obstacle till  $d_{reach} < d_{following}$ . Then switch to motion to goal
- Issue: the robot does not know the obstacles boundary a priori

- **Representation:**

Boundary point: represent the object by specifying details about points on the boundary

Primitive: Use primitives(mathematical functions) for defining objects. e.g. Circle -  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$

Polygons and polyhedral use linear primitives (e.g., half spaces)

A generalization of polygons and polyhedral that uses **nonlinear primitives**

Boundary representation are composed of two parts: topology and geometry(surface, curves and points). The main topological items are: faces(bounded portion of a surface), edge(a bounded piece of a curve) and vertices(lies at a point)

A boundary representation of a nonconvex polygon may be directly encoded by listing the vertices a specific order.

- **Rigid Body Transformation:**

Only change **position** and **rotation**, NOT change shape

Rigid body translation:  $h(x, y) = (x + x_t, y + y_t)$

2D rotation:  $R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$  Rotate followed by translate:  $T = R(\theta) + t = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & x_t \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & y_t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

2D rotation about an arbitrary point:  $T = T(x, y) * R(\theta) * T(-x, -y) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & x_r(1 - \cos\theta) + y_r\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & y_r(1 - \cos\theta) - x_r\sin\theta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Translate by  $T(-x, -y)$ , Rotate by  $\theta$ , then translate by  $T(x, y)$

Rigid body translation in 3D:  $h(x, y, z) = (x + x_t, y + y_t, z + z_t)$

3D rotation: There are 3 axis of rotations:  $x, y, z$ . Each rotation is **counter clockwise**

- Commonly used is yaw-pitch-roll referring to rotation about  $z, y, x$  axis

Yaw:  $R_z(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha & 0 \\ \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  Pitch:  $R_y(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta & 0 & \sin\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\beta & 0 & \cos\beta \end{pmatrix}$  Roll:  $R_x(\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\gamma & -\sin\gamma \\ 0 & \sin\gamma & \cos\gamma \end{pmatrix}$

Order is important: Rotate  $\gamma$  about  $x$  axis, rotate  $\beta$  about  $y$  axis, rotate  $\alpha$  about  $z$  axis:

$$R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_z(\alpha)R_y(\beta)R_x(\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha\cos\beta & \cos\alpha\sin\beta\sin\gamma - \sin\alpha\cos\gamma & \cos\alpha\sin\beta\cos\gamma + \sin\alpha\sin\gamma \\ \sin\alpha\cos\beta & \sin\alpha\sin\beta\sin\gamma + \cos\alpha\cos\gamma & \sin\alpha\sin\beta\cos\gamma - \cos\alpha\sin\gamma \\ -\sin\beta & \cos\beta\sin\gamma & \cos\beta\cos\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

Euler angles: any rotation can be represented by no more than three rotations about coordinate axes, - no two successive rotations are about the same axis

Property of rotation matrix: rotation matrix R is an orthogonal matrix  $\rightarrow R^T R = R R^T = I \rightarrow \det(R) = \pm 1$ , In right hand coordinate:  $\det(R) = 1$

Special Orthogonal matrices:  $SO(n) = \{R \in R^{n \times n} | R R^T = I \wedge \det(R) = 1\}$

Gimbal lock: Problem of loss of a degree of freedom in 3D space. How to avoid: not to use gimbals entirely  $\rightarrow$  Use quaternion methods to derive orientation and velocity

- **Quaternion:**

- Something extend from complex number
- $a + bi + cj + dk$ , and  $i^2 = -1, j^2 = -1, k^2 = -1$ . So that:  $ij = k, jk = i, ki = j, ji = -k, kj = -i, ik = -j$
- Sum:  $q_1 + q_2 = (a_1 + a_2, v_1 + v_2)$ . Production:  $q_1 q_2 = (a_1 a_2 - v_1 \cdot v_2, a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + v_1 \times v_2)$ . If vectors are 0, back to real number, otherwise complex  
 $v_1 \cdot v_2 = b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 + d_1 d_2$ ;  $v_1 \times v_2 = (c_1 d_2 - c_2 d_1)i + (d_1 b_2 - d_2 b_1)j + (b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1)k$
- $q_1 q_2 \neq q_2 q_1 \rightarrow v_1 \times v_2 \neq v_2 \times v_1$ . It is opposite
- Conjugate:  $q = a + bi + cj + dk, q^* = a - bi - cj - dk \rightarrow qq^* = q^* q = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$
- Quaternion rotation:  $S_{q(N, \frac{\theta}{2})}(v) = q(N, \frac{\theta}{2}) \cdot v \cdot q^*(N, \frac{\theta}{2})$   
Unit Quaternion:  $q(N, \theta) = (\cos\theta, \sin\theta N)$ . Unit quaternion rotation:  $q = (\cos\frac{\theta}{2}, \sin\frac{\theta}{2} N)$
- Pros of quaternion: Does not suffer gimbal lock; Concatenating rotation is computationally faster and numerically more stable; Angle and axis is simply to extract  
Cons of quaternion: Not intuitive; Cannot visualize, need to convert to rotation matrix to visualize

- **Kinematic Chains of Bodies:**

- Kinematic: study if possible movements and configurations of a system
- Link: Each rigid body in a chain of rigid bodies; Joint: Connect two rigid bodies and enforces constraints
- Forward kinematics: Position of the end effector in terms of joint angles  $\rightarrow$  Given the joint angles, find the position of the end-effector
- Inverse kinematics: Joint angles in terms of the position of the end effector  $\rightarrow$  Given the position of the end-effector, determine the joint angles
- Application of  $T_i$  moves  $A_i$  from its body frame to body frame of  $A_{i-1}$   

$$T_i = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_i & -\sin\theta_i & a_{i-1} \\ \sin\theta_i & \cos\theta_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
- For  $I = 3$ , we can have  
 $x = a_1 \cos\theta_1 + a_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + a_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)$   
 $y = a_1 \sin\theta_1 + a_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + a_3 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3)$
- Inverse kinematic with 2 solutions:  
 $\cos\theta_2 = \frac{1}{2a_1 a_2} ((x^2 + y^2) - (a_1^2 + a_2^2))$   
 $\sin\theta_2 = \pm \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta_2}$   
 $\cos\theta_1 = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} (x(a_1 + a_2 \cos\theta_2) \pm y a_2 \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta_2})$   
 $\sin\theta_1 = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} (y(a_1 + a_2 \cos\theta_2) \mp x a_2 \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta_2})$

- **Configuration Space:**

- Definition: The **configuration** of a moving object is a specification of the position of every point on the object  
The configuration space C is the set of all possible configurations  $\rightarrow$  Configuration space is the space that robot can reach
- The **dimension** of a configuration space: the minimum number of parameters needed to specify the configuration of object  
Degrees of freedom (Dof) of a moving object
- Dof for a space:  $d = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$   
2-dimensional space: degree is 3, with 2 position parameters and 1 rotation parameters  
3-dimensional space: degree is 6, with 3 position parameters and 3 rotation parameters  
4-dimensional space: degree is 10, with 4 position parameters and 6 rotation parameters  
 $\text{Dof} = \sum(\text{freedom of bodies}) - \# \text{ of independent constraints} = m(N - 1 - J) + \sum_{i=1}^J f_i$   
m is space degree, N is number of bodies(include ground), J is number of joints, f is total number of joints degrees
- Degree of freedom of different joints:  
Revolute joint: 1; Prismatic joint: 1; Universal: 4; Spherical: 3
- One joint can only connect 2 rigid bodies

- **Topology:**

- Two spaces are topologically equivalent if one can be smoothly deformed to the other without cutting and gluing
- Topologically distinct 1-dimensional space: “circle”, “line”, “closed interval”
- Topologically distinct 2-dimensional space: “plane”, “sphere”, “surface of torus”, “surface of a cylinder”
- Examples:

Mobile robot translating in plane	$\mathbb{R}^2$	Rigid body translating in 3D	$\mathbb{R}^3$
Mobile body trans and rotate 2d	$SE(2)$	Rigid body trans and rotation	$SE(3)$
n-joint revolute arm	$\mathbb{T}^n$	Planar mobile robot with n-joint arm	$SE(2) \times \mathbb{T}^n$
Prismatic joint	$\mathbb{R}$	Boundary of circle in 2D	$S^1$
Torus	$\mathbb{T} = S^1 \times S^1$	Boundary of sphere in 3D	$S^2$
		2D rotation	$SO(2)$
		3D rotation	$SO(3)$
		$S^1 \times S^1 \dots \times S^1 = \mathbb{T}^n \neq S^n$	$SE(3) = \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3)$

#### PRM:

1. Add  $q_{init}, q_{goal}$  to roadmap vertex set  $V$
  2. Repeat: for  $q \leftarrow Sample()$ , add to roadmap vertex set  $V$  if  $isSampleCollisionFree(q) = \text{true}$
  3. For each pair neighboring  $Sample(q_a, q_b) \in V \times V$   
Generate path from **LocalPath**( $q_a, q_b$ )  
If **isPathCollisionFree**(**path**) = true: add ( $q_a, q_b$ ) to road map edge set  $E$
  4. Search  $Graph(V, E)$  for path  $q_{init}$  to  $q_{goal}$
- Pros:** Computationally efficient, Solves high-dimensional problems, Easy to implement, Applications in many different areas
- Cons:** Not guarantee completeness (Not always find solution or report no solution exist)

#### Probabilistic completeness:

1. When has solution, probability to find a solution when time goes infinite
2. When no solution may not able to determine solution does not exist

#### Path smoothing:

Repeatedly replace long paths by short paths

Roadmap with no circle: Edge is added to roadmap only if connects two different roadmap components

#### Lazy PRM:

1. Generate samples and construct edges
2. Find minimum path to check if is edge collision free
3. Remove collision edge and redo procedure

#### Narrow-Passage Problem

1. Probability of generating samples via uniform sampling in a narrow passage is low due to the small volume of the narrow passage.

#### Gaussian Sampling

1.  $q_a \leftarrow$  generate configuration uniformly at random
2.  $r \leftarrow$  generate distance from Gaussian distribution
3.  $q_b \leftarrow$  generate configuration uniformly at random at distance  $r$  from  $q_a$
4. If  $q_a$  is collision free and  $q_b$  is not, return  $q_a$
5. If  $q_b$  is collision free and  $q_a$  is not, return  $q_b$
6. Otherwise, return *null*

#### Bridge-based Sampling

If  $q_b$  and  $q_c$  are both NOT collision free, then create Path between  $q_b$  and  $q_c$

And find  $q$  at the midpoint of the Path then check if  $q$  is collision free

#### Visibility-based Sampling

Generate samples that create new components or join existing components

1. Generate a  $q$  uniformly at random and if  $isCollisionFree()$  is true
2. If  $q$  belongs to a new roadmap component then return
3. If  $q$  connects two roadmap components then return

4. Otherwise return *null*

#### Importance Sampling

Construct roadmap using given sampling strategy

Identify roadmap nodes that lie in regions that are hard to connect

Sample more in these regions

#### ● Tree-based Motion Planning

Useful for problems that involves kinematic and dynamic constraints

General idea: Grow a tree in the free configuration space from  $q_{init}$  to  $q_{goal}$

#### Rapidly-exploring Random Tree (RRT)

- Generate  $q_{rand}$  at random sample and find  $q_{near}$  which is the nearest configuration in Tree from  $q_{rand}$
- Generate Path from  $q_{rand}$  to  $q_{near}$  and if  $dist \leq step$ , add  $q_{rand}$  to Tree and add Path as edge to Tree
- Else find a configuration  $q_{new}$  in the Path has  $dist \leq step$ , add  $q_{new}$  to Tree and add  $(q_{new}, q_{near})$  as edge
- If find solution  $dist(q_{new}, q_{goal}) \approx 0$ , return. Otherwise repeat

#### Aspect of improvement:

Only take small step between  $q_{rand}$  and  $q_{near} \rightarrow$  Take several steps until  $q_{rand}$  is reached or a collision is found

#### Expansive-Space Tree (EST)

- Push the tree frontier in the free configuration space
- EST associate a weight  $w(q)$  with each tree configuration
- $w(q)$  is a running estimate on importance of selecting  $q$  as the tree configuration from which to add a new tree branch
- $w(q) = \frac{1}{1+\deg(q)} = \frac{1}{(1+\text{number of neighbors near } q)}$
- Select  $q$  in  $T$  with probability  $w(q) / \sum_{q' \in T} w(q')$
- Sample a collision-free configuration near  $q_{near}$
- Generate path from  $q$  to  $q_{near}$
- If path is collision-free, then add to the Tree

#### Bi-directional Trees

- Rooted at  $q_{start}$  and  $q_{goal}$
- Fewer configuration in each tree, imposes less of a computational burden
- Each tree explores a different part of the configuration space
- PRM provides global sampling of the configuration space. But if sampling is sparse, roadmap is disconnected, and dense sampling is impractical in high-dimensional spaces
- Tree planner provides fast local exploration of area around root. But tree growth slow down significantly in high-dimensional spaces even bi-directional trees offers some improvements
- Sampling-based Roadmap of Trees (SRT)
  - Hierarchical planner
  - Top level performs global sampling (PRM-based)
  - Bottom level performs local sampling (Tree-based)
  - Combines advantages of global and local sampling
    - ◆ Idea: Sample some configurations in space, and expand configurations into Trees, then connect nearest trees
  - Combine Sampling with Some Estimation of Coverage
    - ◆ EST: Use density of nodes to guide expansion (density bias)
    - ◆ SBL: Uses some coverage estimates and density of nodes
  - KPIECE (Sampling and some estimation of coverage):
    - ◆ Keeps tract of coverage by using discretization and by distinguishing the boundary from the covered space
    - ◆ Keeping of coverage can be done in a hierarchical fashion
    - ◆ Projections may be used
  - Path-Directed Subdivision Trees (PDST):
    - ◆ Incrementally grows a tree
    - ◆ Samples are paths instead of configurations
    - ◆ Density used to limit redundant growth
    - ◆ Measures coverage spatially and uses deterministic priority scheme to guide expansion. No distance measure is needed
    - ◆ Excellent planner for robots with dynamics