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# Reading for this set of slides

- [Planning Algorithms](#) (Steve LaValle)
  - 4 The Configuration Space (4.1 – 4.3)
  - 5 Sampling-based Motion Planning (5.1, 5.5, 5.6, also skim the remaining sections)

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# Robotics

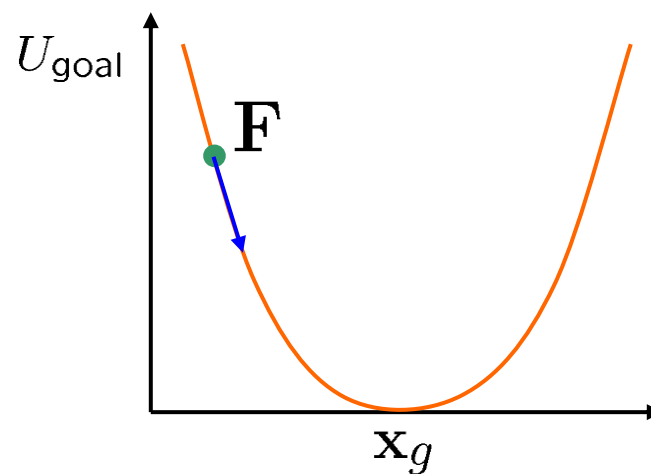
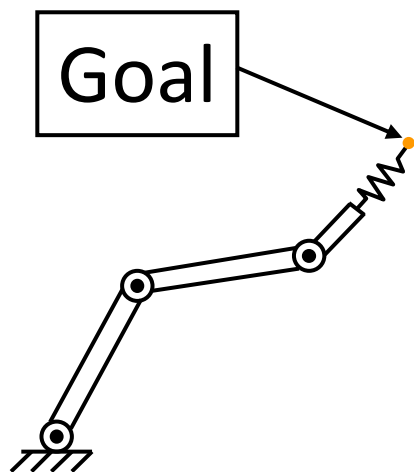
Motion Planning: Using a Known Tool – Potentials

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# Reminder: Potential Function $U_{goal}$

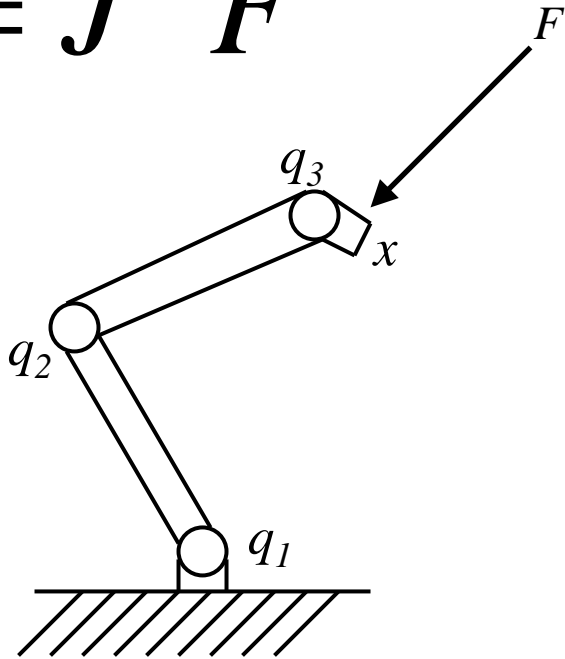
$$U_{goal}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} k_p (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_g)^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_g)$$

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla U_{goal} = -k_p (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_g)$$



# Mapping Forces Into C-Space

$$\tau = J^T F$$

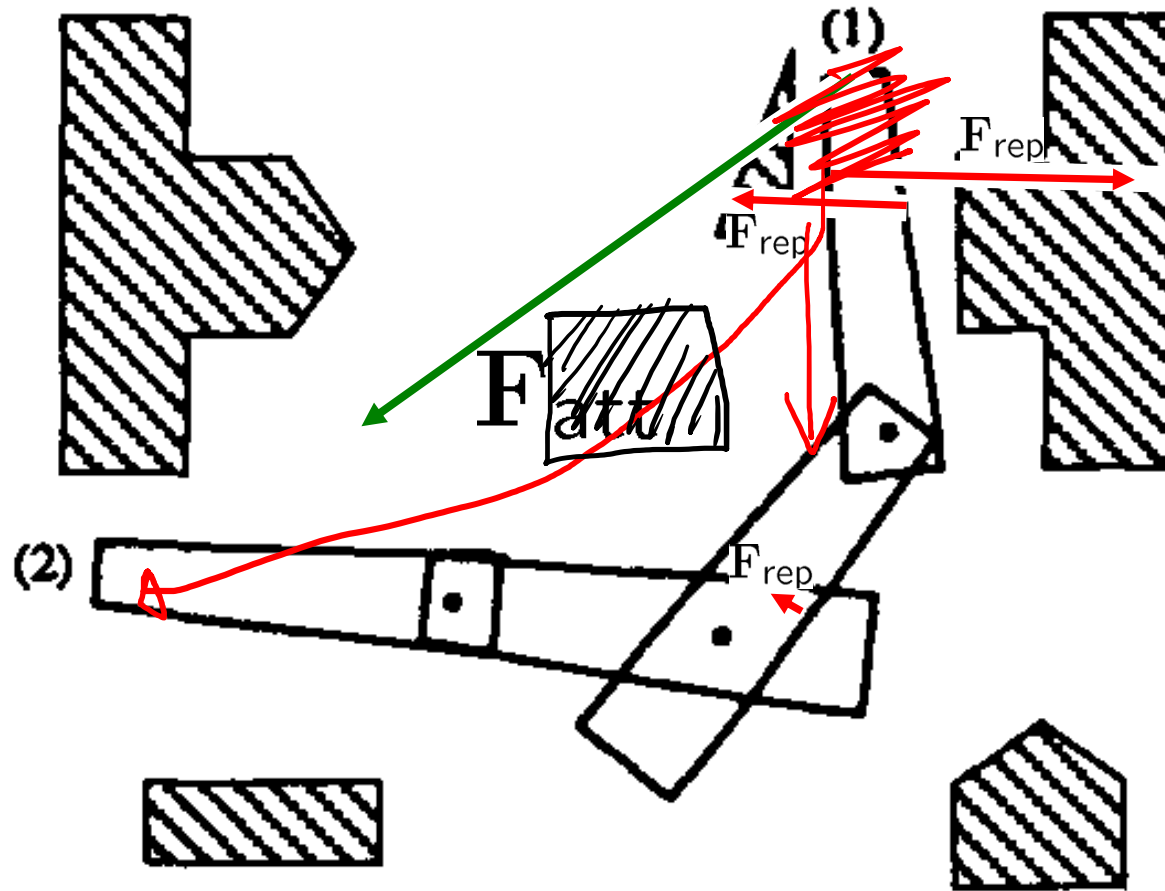


$$\delta x = J \delta q$$

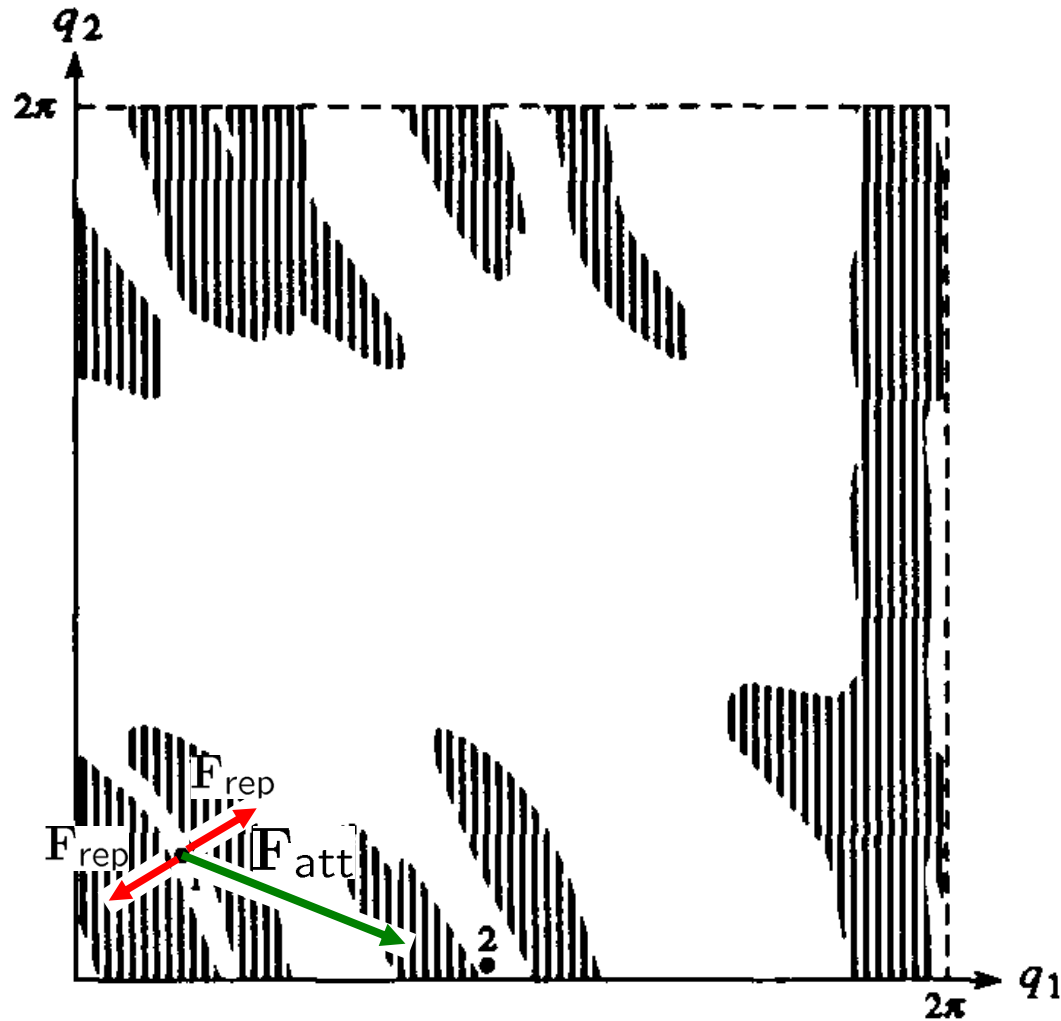
$$\dot{x} = J \dot{q}$$

$$\dot{q} = J^{-1} \dot{x}$$

# Potential Field in the Workspace



# Potential Field in the C-Space



# Summary: Potential Field Approach

- Repulsive Forces
  - C-space
    - Requires C-obstacle computation
    - Mapping forces is 1:1
  - Workspace
    - No computation of C-obstacles
    - Repulsive forces are mapped into C-space
- Attractive Forces
  - Might be undesirable in C-space
  - Might only describe partial behavior in workspace
- Local approach and therefore susceptible to local minima
- Very fast in **any** number of dimensions



