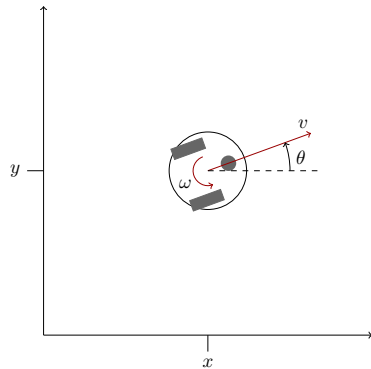# Controllability and observability
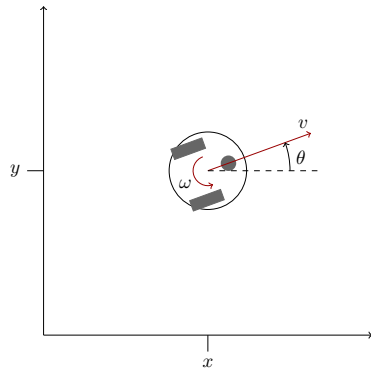
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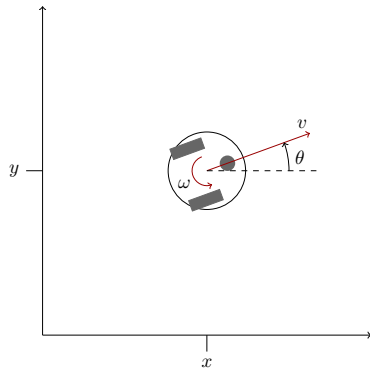
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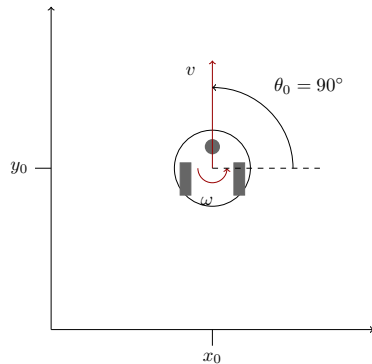
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Activity Can we reach any point in state space $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & \theta \end{bmatrix}^T$ by a suitably designed input signal sequence $u(t)$?

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Linearized model using deviation variables

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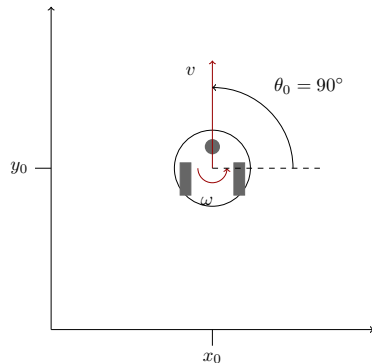
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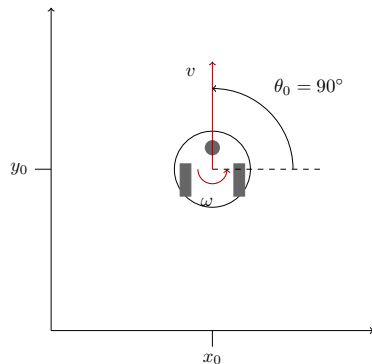
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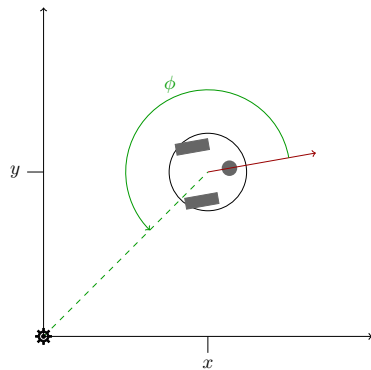$$\xi(t) = \xi_0 + z(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt}\xi = \frac{d}{dt}z$$

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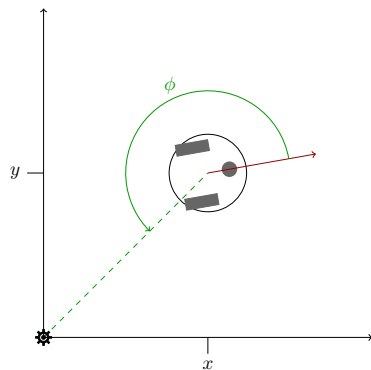
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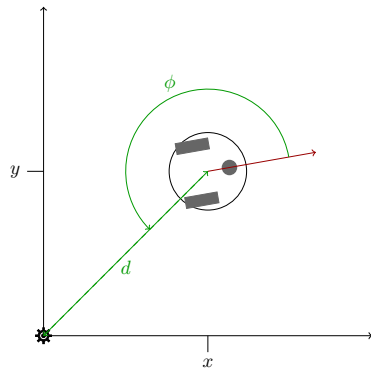Single bearing measurement.

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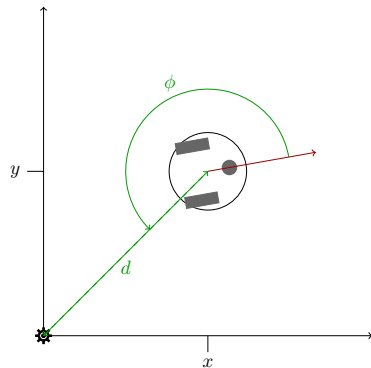
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