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1 Introduction

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2 Background

3 System Description

3.1 Notation

A set S of points $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined by it's boundary, δS , and it's interior, int(S). The number of elements in a set S is denoted as |S|.

The $Comb(\cdot)$ operator takes as arguments a set \mathcal{S} and an integer n and returns all subset of \mathcal{S} of length n:

$$Comb(\mathcal{S}, n) = \{ \mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{S}, |\mathcal{A}| = n \}$$
 (1)

3.2 Feasible space

As in [2], a mission space, Ω , is defined as a simple polygon [3]. Within the mission space there exists $N_o \geq 0$ obstacles, each one of which is defined as a simple polygon. The set of all obstacles, \mathcal{O} , is defined according to (2).

$$\mathcal{O} = \begin{cases} \{o_0 \dots o_{N_o-1}\} &, N_o > 0\\ \emptyset &, N_o = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (2)

The obstacles in \mathcal{O} constrains the movement of entities within the mission space, as it is not possible to penetrate the boundary of an obstacle. Due to this, once an entity is inside Ω , it is constrained to be positioned within Ω and outside $\operatorname{int}(o) \, \forall \, o \in \mathcal{O}$. From this we define the feasible space, \mathcal{F} , as all points where it is possible to place an entity:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \ \mathbf{x} \notin \text{int}(o) \ \forall \ o \in \mathcal{O} \} = \Omega \setminus \bigcup_{o \in \mathcal{O}} \text{int}(o)$$
 (3)

3.3 Agent

An *agent*, denoted by an integer i, is described by its position $\mathbf{s}_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and it's maximum radius of communication, r_i . The probability of an agent i being able to communicate with another entity positioned at a point \mathbf{x} is defined according to:

$$\hat{p}: (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^+) \to [0, 1] \quad \hat{p}(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{x}, r_i) = \begin{cases} p(\|\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{x}\|) &, \mathbf{x} \in V(\mathbf{s}_i, r_i) \\ 0 &, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus V(\mathbf{s}_i, r_i) \end{cases}$$
(4)

Where $V(\mathbf{s}_i, r_i)$ denotes the *visible set* of agent *i*. Assuming line-of-sight (LoS) communication, meaning an agent cannot communicate with an entity if there is an obstacle or a mission space wall between them, the visible set of agent *i* is defined in (5).

$$V(\mathbf{s}_i, r_i) = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : ||\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{x}|| \le r_i, \lambda \mathbf{x} + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{s}_i \in \mathcal{F} \ \forall \ 0 \le \lambda \le 1 \}$$
 (5)

An example of the visible set for an agent is show in Figure 1.

Find notation for \mathbb{R}^5 with non-negative values in last dimension

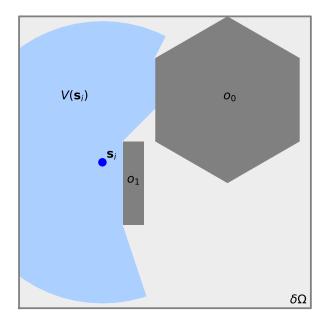


Figure 1: Visible set (light blue) for the agent placed at \mathbf{s}_i in a rectangular mission space Ω with two obstacles $(\mathcal{O} = \{o_0, o_1\})$

3.4 Swarm

A swarm consists if N discinct agents, each one denoted by an integer $i \in \mathcal{N} = \{0 \dots N-1\}$. The state of the swarm is described by the state of its participants, and is expressed as vector $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$ as shown in (6).

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{s}_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \tag{6}$$

The maximum radii of communication of the swarm are represented as the vector $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ as shown in (7).

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} r_0 & \dots & r_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{7}$$

Assuming that the distributions for all agents are independent lets us use (7) in [1] to express the probability of n members in the swarm being able to communicate with an entity at a point \mathbf{x} :

$$P(n, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{A \in Comb(\mathcal{N}, n)} \left(\prod_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \hat{p}(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{x}, r_i) \right) \left(\prod_{i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{A}} 1 - \hat{p}(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{x}, r_i) \right)$$
(8)

4 Problem formulation

4.1 Trilateration

Given three agents with know positions $\mathbf{s}_i \in \mathbb{R}^2$, i = 0, 1, 2, the location of a beacon, denoted by \mathbf{x} , can be determined as follows:

- 1. The beacon pings agents at \mathbf{s}_i , i = 0, 1, 2 and starts three timers t_i , i = 0, 1, 2.
- 2. When the agents receive the ping, they instantly respond with a packet containing s_i .
- 3. When receiving the packet from agent i, the beacon stops timer t_i and calculates the distance from itself to agent i: $d_i = \frac{1}{2}ct_i$, where c is the speed of light. The factor $\frac{1}{2}$ is due to the signal traveling two times the distance between the beacon and agent i (the ping travels from the beacon to the agent, and the packet sent by the agent travels back again).
- 4. Based on the distances d_i , i=0,1,2 and the positions of the agents \mathbf{s}_i , i=0,1,2 the beacon can determine its position by calculating the point where circles centered at \mathbf{s}_i , i=0,1,2 with radii d_i , i=0,1,2 intersect.

4.2 Coverage

5 Implementation

6 Simulation Results

7 Discussion

8 Future Work

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