

CSCI 3302

Introduction to Robotics

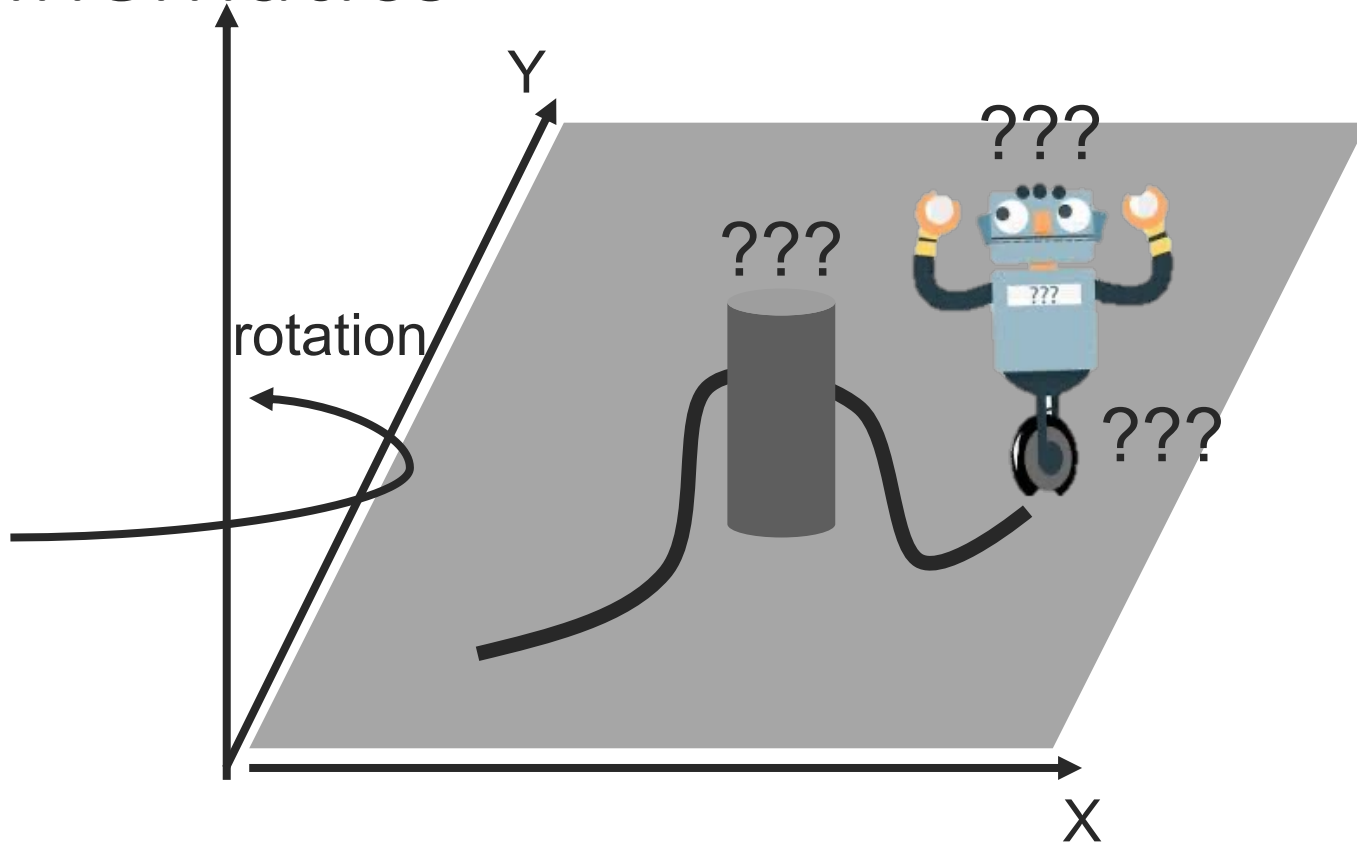
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Recap

- Lab 2 – Forward Kinematics [wheel velocities \rightarrow robot x, y, θ]
- Lab 3 – Inverse Kinematics + Feedback Control
- Lab 4 – Mapping
- Lab 5 – Put it all together

Today: Odometry, Mapping and Inverse Kinematics



How can I put it all together?

Lab Setup



240° range

TIAGo



First 83 + last 83 rays thrown away due to hardware design

What problems did you run into when using the laser sensor map?

Noise!

Noise. Obstacles everywhere!

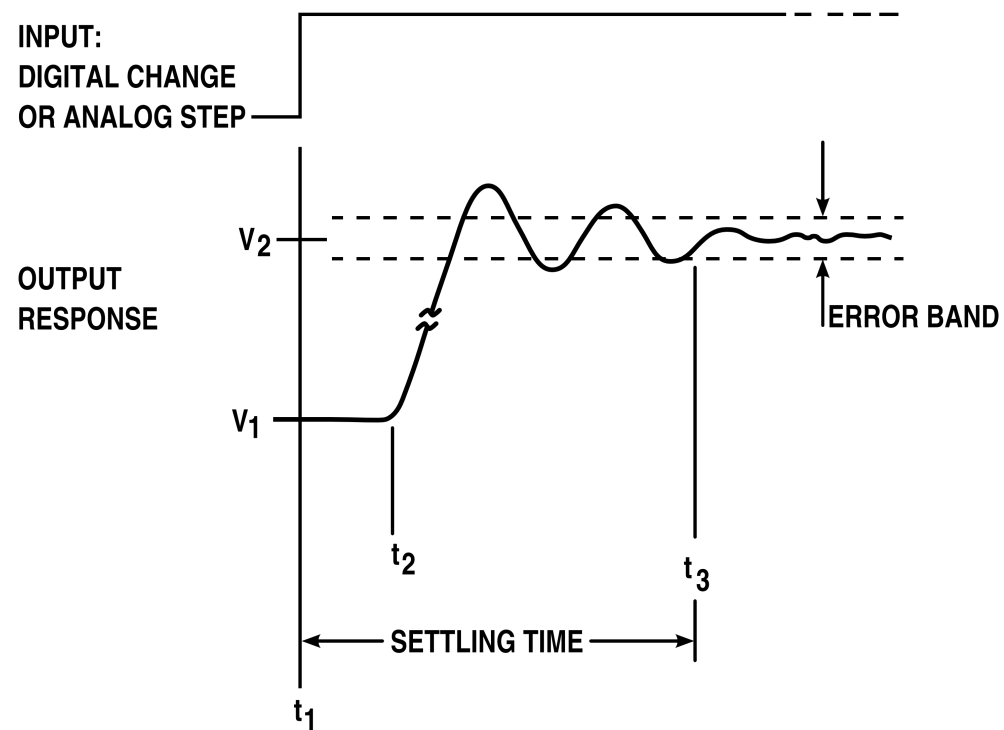


- Sources: reflections, artifacts from robot braking, etc.
- Turn measurements (true/false) into a *probability*
- Grid map stores the probability of a cell being an obstacle or not
- Every positive measurement *increases* the probability
- Use a *threshold* to decide

What problems did you run into when programming a path-following system?

The robot might not exactly follow the points and get hung up on obstacles!

Control issues

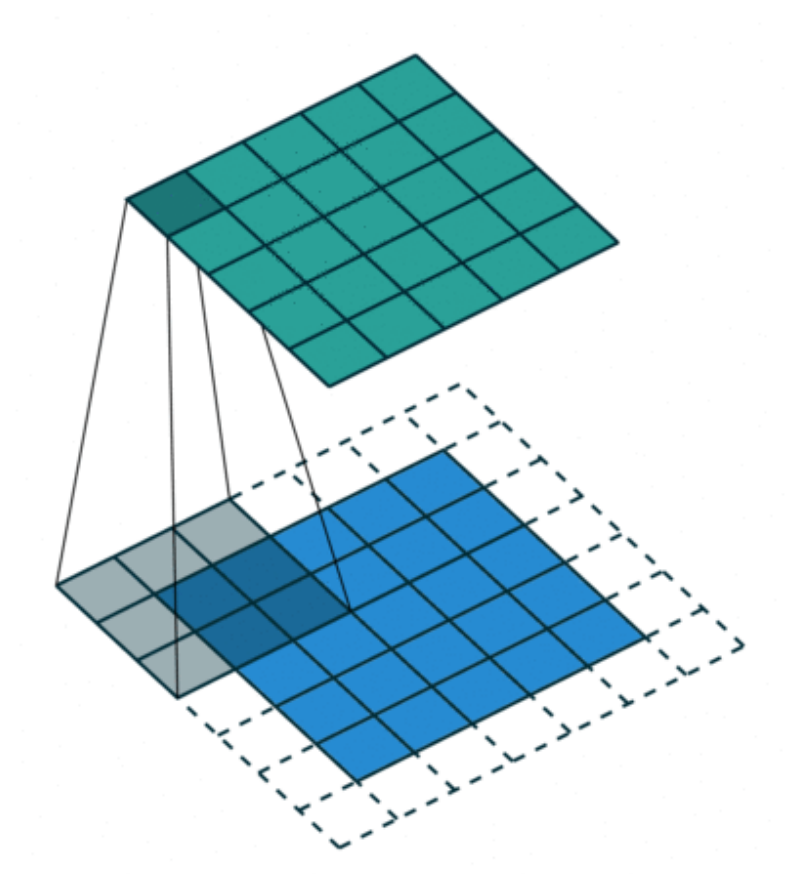
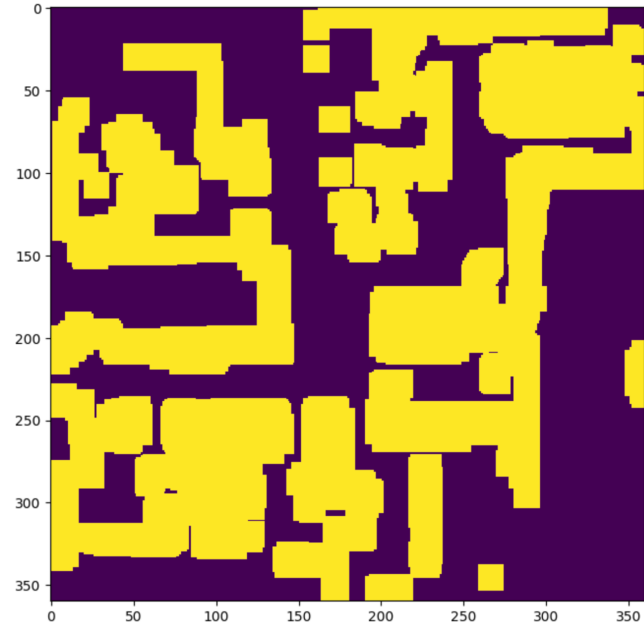
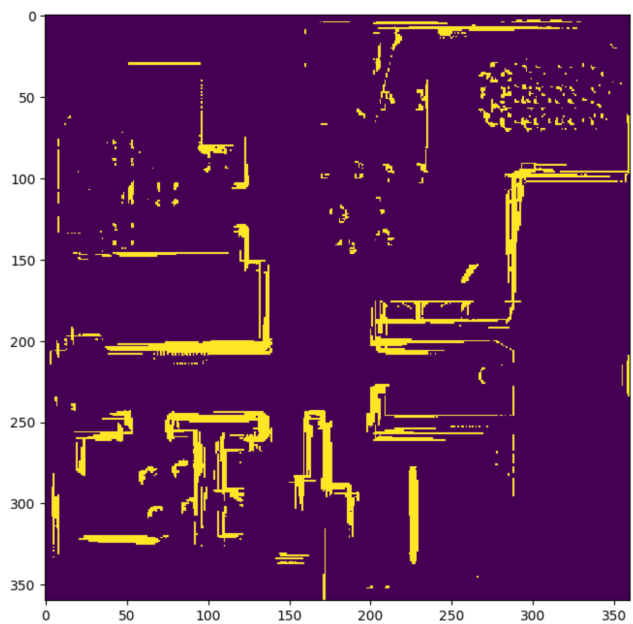


- Find the right trade-offs in your gains
- Minimize settling time
- Minimize tracking error
- *Learn to live with your controller not being perfect and stay away from obstacles*

What parameter do you think will affect planning time the most?

Map resolution!

C-SPACE



`scipy.signal.convolve2d`

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scipy.signal.convolve2d(in1, in2, mode='full', boundary='fill',  
fillvalue=0)
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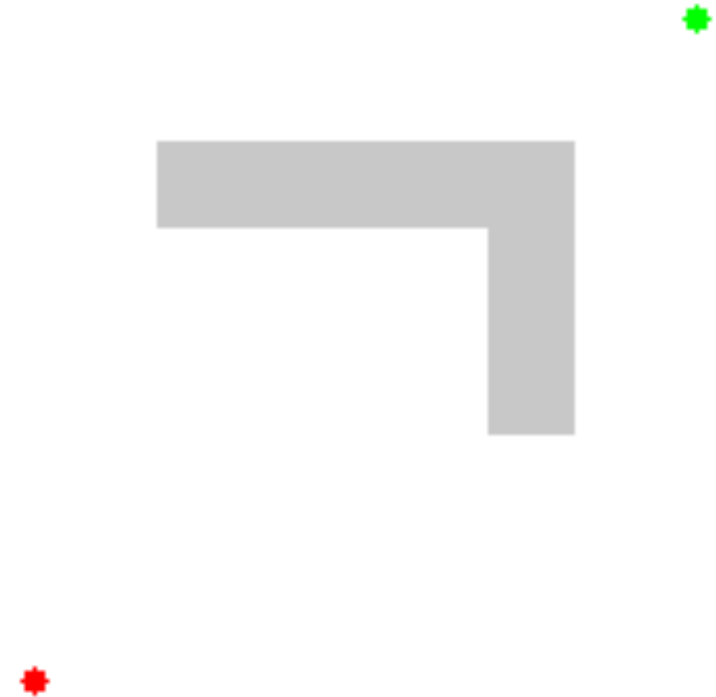
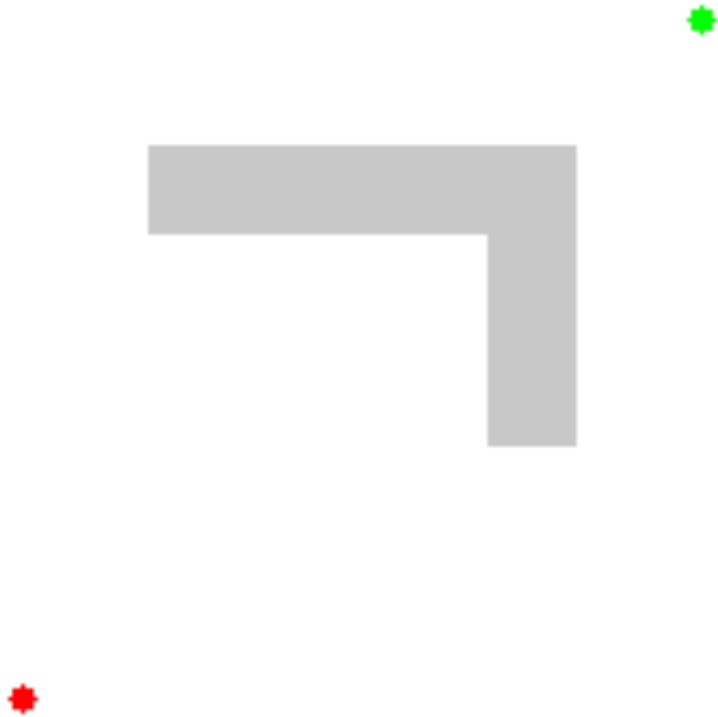
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Convolve two 2-dimensional arrays.

Path Planning

Dijkstra's

A*



3 modes in provided code skeleton

- Manual mode for mapping
 - Use keyboard control to drive around
 - Save generated map to map.npy
- Planner mode for path generation
 - Implement + test planning algorithm on toy map (to parallelize teamwork)
 - Create configuration space. Visualize.
 - Plan path (using A*[highly recommended] or Dijkstra's) in config space. Save planned path to .npy file.
- Autonomous mode for path following
 - Load path from .npy file. Visualize.
 - Execute using feedback control

This lab is worth 150 points!

FAQs:

- What's due at the end of today?
 - Nothing, this is a 3-week lab.
 - What do I turn in?
 - ONE person needs to turn in the lab report and code per group.
- We're done! Can we leave?
 - Yep. Lab is meant to provide an interactive problem-solving time. If you complete the work early, you are free to go!

