

Consider a state variable, $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow$ define state of a robot system.

\Rightarrow The temporal evolution of this state variable may be governed by either an autonomous (time-invariant) or non-autonomous (time-varying) DS according to:

or non-autonomous (time-varying) DS according to:

Autonomous \rightarrow the system behaviour does not explicitly depend on time $\rightarrow \dot{\xi} = f(\xi) \quad \text{--- (1)}$

non-autonomous \rightarrow the system behaviour may explicitly depend on time $\rightarrow \dot{\xi} = f(t, \xi) \quad \text{--- (2)}$

To explain this idea, let's say, we have a pendulum system and I run it with ~~same~~ initial condition on ~~for~~ every day and the pendulum will follow the same trajectory and exhibit same behaviour regardless of which day we run the experiment.

which means the system state evolve with time but does not depend ~~on~~ explicitly ~~on~~ on time (getting same trajectory every day)

OR

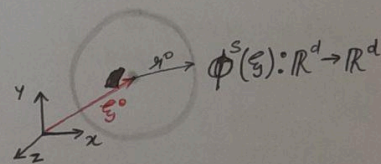
We can say that the governing ξ^n does not change based on when you start the experiment. But the state's will evolve with time and there evolution can be computed using:

$$\xi_t = \xi_{t-1} + \dot{\xi} \cdot \Delta t \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now, we introduce an obstacle any try to induce a modulation on the trajectory of the system (state evolution).

★ Hyper-sphere obstacle (d-dimensional sphere)

This obstacle will create modulation throughout the state-space through a non-linear func, $\phi^s(\xi) = \left[1 + \frac{\eta^2}{(\xi - \xi^0)^T (\xi - \xi^0)} \right] (\xi - \xi^0)$ based on



Q) How $\phi^s(\xi)$ modulates the velocity of the robot?

Ans) Compute Jacobian, $M(\xi) = \frac{d}{d\xi} \phi^s(\xi)$, but first shift the coord-frame to object centre (ξ^0) and

Introduce a new coordinate, $\bar{\xi} = \xi - \xi^0$

$$\text{So, } M(\bar{\xi}) = \frac{d}{d\bar{\xi}} \phi^s(\bar{\xi}) = \frac{d}{d\bar{\xi}} \left[1 + \frac{\eta^2}{\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi}} \right] \cdot \bar{\xi} = \left[0 - \frac{2(\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi}) \eta^2}{(\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi})^2} \right] \bar{\xi} + \left[1 + \frac{\eta^2}{\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi}} \right]$$

$$= \mathbf{I} + \frac{\eta^2}{(\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi})} \times \frac{\bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\xi}}{\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi}} - \frac{2 \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\xi}^T \eta^2}{(\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi})^2} = \mathbf{I} + \left(\frac{\eta}{\bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi}} \right)^2 \left[\underbrace{\bar{\xi}^T \cdot \bar{\xi} \cdot \mathbf{I}}_{\text{Scalar}} - 2 \bar{\xi} \cdot \bar{\xi}^T \right]$$

final model for real-time avoidance of ~~sp~~ spherical object is obtained by applying the $M(\bar{\xi}) \rightarrow$ Dynamic modulation matrix to the original DS given by:

$$\dot{\xi} = \underbrace{M(\bar{\xi}; \eta^0)}_{\text{locally deform the original dynamics } f(.)} \cdot f(.) \quad (4)$$

locally deform the original dynamics $f(.)$ such that robot does not hit the obstacle

Theorem: Consider a d -dimensional ~~sphere~~ static hyper-sphere obstacle in \mathbb{R}^d with center ξ^0 and radius η^0 . The obstacle boundary consists of a hyper-surface

$$\mathcal{X}^b \subset \mathbb{R}^d = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|\xi - \xi^0\| = \eta^0\}$$

Subset of sphere in \mathbb{R}^d

Any motion, $\xi_x; t = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$ that start outside the obstacle, i.e. $\|\xi_0 - \xi^0\| > \eta^0$ and evolve according to (4) never penetrate into obstacle, i.e. $\|\xi_x - \xi^0\| \geq \eta^0$

So, to prove hyper-surface $\mathcal{X}^b \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is impenetrable, the normal ~~vector~~ ^{velocity} at the boundary point $\xi^b \in \mathcal{X}^b$ should vanish: (Basically the velocity at the boundary and the normal vector to the boundary has to be \perp) $\rightarrow \underbrace{n(\xi^b)^T}_{\text{unit normal vector at boundary point } \xi^b} \cdot \underbrace{\dot{\xi}^b}_{\text{velocity (state derivative at boundary)}} = 0 \quad \forall \xi^b \in \mathcal{X}^b \rightarrow \text{hyper-sphere surface}$

$$n(\xi^b) = \frac{\xi^b - \xi^0}{\|\xi^b - \xi^0\|} \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{\xi}^b}{\|\bar{\xi}^b\|} = \frac{\bar{\xi}^b}{\eta^0} \quad \forall \xi^b \in \mathcal{X}^b \quad (\bar{\xi}^b = \xi^b - \xi^0)$$

Eigen-value decomposition of Square matrix $M(\bar{\xi}; \eta^0)$:

$$M(\bar{\xi}; \eta^0) = V(\bar{\xi}, \eta^0) D(\bar{\xi}, \eta^0) V(\bar{\xi}, \eta^0)^{-1}$$

$$D \rightarrow \text{Diag}(\lambda^1, \lambda^2, \lambda^3, \dots, \lambda^d) \quad \text{where } \lambda^1 = 1 - \eta^2 / \bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi}$$

$$\lambda^i = 1 + \eta^2 / \bar{\xi}^T \bar{\xi}, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z} - d$$

$V \rightarrow [v^1 \dots v^d]$, matrix of eigenvectors

$$\text{Now, } n(\xi^b) \cdot \dot{\xi}^b = n(\xi^b) \cdot M(\bar{\xi}; \eta^0) f(.)$$

$$= \frac{(\bar{\xi}^b)^T}{\eta^0} \cdot V(\bar{\xi}^b; \eta^0) \cdot D(\bar{\xi}^b; \eta^0) \cdot V(\bar{\xi}^b; \eta^0)^{-1} \cdot f(.)$$

Since $\det(M(\xi) - \lambda I) = 0 \rightarrow$ to find its eigen value

$$\det[M(\xi) - \lambda I] = \det\left[I + \left(\frac{\eta}{\bar{\xi}^T \cdot \xi}\right)^2 \left[\bar{\xi}^T \cdot \xi I - 2 \xi \bar{\xi}^T\right] - \lambda I\right] = 0$$

$$\text{let, } \alpha = \left(\frac{\eta}{\bar{\xi}^T \cdot \xi}\right)^2, \beta = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} = \bar{\xi}^T \cdot \xi$$

$$\Rightarrow \det\left[I + \alpha \left[\beta I - 2 \xi \bar{\xi}^T\right] - \lambda I\right] = 0$$

$$\det\left[(1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda)I - 2\alpha \xi \bar{\xi}^T\right] = 0$$

★ Sherman-morrison determinant formula:

$$\det(A + uv^T) = (1 + v^T A^{-1} u) \det(A)$$

$$\text{let, } A = (1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda)I, u = -2\alpha \xi, v = \bar{\xi}$$

$$\det(A + uv^T) = \left(1 + \bar{\xi}^T \left[(1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda)I\right]^{-1} (-2\alpha \xi)\right) \det[(1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda)I] = 0$$

$$\left(1 - \bar{\xi}^T \left(\frac{I}{(1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda)}\right) (2\alpha) \xi\right) \underbrace{\det[(1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda)I]}_X = 0$$

$$\left(1 - \left(\frac{2\alpha}{1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda}\right) \overbrace{\bar{\xi}^T I \xi}^\beta\right) \det(X) = 0$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{2\alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda}\right) \cdot \det(X) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \left(1 - \frac{2\alpha\beta}{1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow 2\alpha\beta = 1 + \alpha\beta - \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 - \alpha\beta = 1 - \alpha \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

$$\lambda = 1 - (\sqrt{\alpha})\eta = 1 - (\eta) \left(\frac{\eta}{\bar{\xi}^T \cdot \xi}\right) = 1 - \left(\frac{\eta^2}{\bar{\xi}^T \cdot \xi}\right)$$

Eigen vector matrix, $V(\bar{g}, \eta^0) = [v^1, v^2 \dots v^d]$

$\Rightarrow v^1 = \bar{g}$ (vector from obstacle centre to current position), first vector points in the radial direction from the obstacle centre \bar{g}^0 .

\Rightarrow other Eigen vector $v^2 \dots v^d$ form an ~~orthogonal~~ orthonormal (orthogonal & $\|v^i\| = 1$) basis vector for the hyperplane tangent to the obstacle ~~center~~ surface (\mathcal{C}^b).

So, $V(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0) = [\bar{g}^b, v^2, v^3 \dots v^d]$ ★ $\bar{g}^b \perp v^2 \perp v^3 \perp \dots \perp v^d \rightarrow$ basis vector

now, $n(\bar{g}^b) \cdot \dot{\bar{g}}^b = n(\bar{g}^b) \cdot M(\bar{g}^b; \eta^0) f(\cdot)$

$$= \underbrace{(\bar{g}^b)^T}_{1 \times d} \cdot \underbrace{V(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0)}_{d \times d} \cdot \underbrace{D(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0)}_{d \times d} \cdot \underbrace{V(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0)^{-1}}_{d \times d} \cdot f(\cdot)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(\bar{g}^b)^T}_{1 \times d} \cdot [\bar{g}^b, v^2, v^3 \dots v^d] \cdot D(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0) \cdot V(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0)^{-1} \cdot f(\cdot)$$

★ $(\bar{g}^b)^T \cdot [\bar{g}^b, v^2, v^3 \dots v^d] = [1, 0, 0 \dots 0]_{1 \times d}$

★ $[1, 0, 0, \dots 0] \cdot D(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0) = [1, 0, 0 \dots 0] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_d \end{bmatrix} = 0$

at the boundary \mathcal{C}^b , $\lambda_1 = 1 - \frac{\eta^2}{\bar{g}^b \cdot \bar{g}^b} = 1 - \frac{\eta^2}{\eta^2} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{0^T}_{1 \times d} \cdot \underbrace{V(\bar{g}^b, \eta^0)^{-1}}_{d \times d} \cdot f(\cdot) = 0$

So, $n(\bar{g}^b) \cdot \dot{\bar{g}}^b = 0$

★ Convex obstacles \Rightarrow This is a general approach can be used for various shapes
 $\Rightarrow \sigma(\bar{\xi})$ is a continuous func that project \mathbb{R}^d to \mathbb{R} and the modulation matrix $M(\bar{\xi}) =$

$$E(\bar{\xi}) \cdot D(\bar{\xi}) \cdot E(\bar{\xi})^{-1}.$$

\Rightarrow This func $\sigma(\bar{\xi})$ is used to define different region ~~into~~ of the obstacle.

So, at the boundary $\sigma(\bar{\xi}) = 1$ and inside the boundary, $\sigma(\bar{\xi}) < 1$

for ex: for d-dimensional ellipsoid with axis length a_i .

$$\sigma(\bar{\xi}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \left(\frac{\bar{\xi}_i}{a_i} \right)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{implicitly define a hypersurface}$$

at point on boundary, $\bar{\xi}^b \in \mathcal{X}^b$, we can compute a tangent hyper-plane^{define} by a normal vector:

$$n(\bar{\xi}^b) = \left[\frac{d\sigma(\bar{\xi}^b)}{d\bar{\xi}_1}, \frac{d\sigma(\bar{\xi}^b)}{d\bar{\xi}_2}, \dots, \frac{d\sigma(\bar{\xi}^b)}{d\bar{\xi}_d} \right]^T$$

★ The normal vector to a hyperplane is defined as the gradient of the func that describes the hyperplane.

$$\text{So, } E(\bar{\xi}) = [n(\bar{\xi}), e^1(\bar{\xi}), \dots, e^{d-1}(\bar{\xi})]$$

$$D(\bar{\xi}) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^1(\bar{\xi}) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^2(\bar{\xi}) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda^d(\bar{\xi}) \end{bmatrix}, \lambda^i(\bar{\xi}) = 1 - \frac{1}{|\sigma(\bar{\xi})|}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{M(\bar{\xi}) = E(\bar{\xi}) D(\bar{\xi}) E(\bar{\xi})^{-1}}$$

★ Since, $\sigma(\bar{\xi})$ is monotonically increasing with $\|\bar{\xi}\|$. The matrix $D(\bar{\xi})$ of eigen values, converges to identity matrix as the distance to the obstacle increases.

So, the effect of Dynamic modulation matrix is maximum at the boundary of the obstacles and vanishes for points far from it.

Reactivity

The magnitude of the modulation created by the obstacle can be tuned by modifying the eigen values of dynamic modulation matrix:

$$\lambda'(\xi) = 1 - \frac{1}{|\sigma(\xi)|^{1/p}}$$

$$\lambda^i(\xi) = 1 - \frac{1}{|\sigma(\xi)|^{1/p}}, \quad 2 \leq i \leq d$$

★ larger the reactivity (p), \rightarrow larger the amplitude of deflection

Stability of Dynamical System

\rightarrow let the target point be ξ^* (outside the obstacle boundary)

\rightarrow for Suppose a d -dimensional DS ~~DS~~ which is globally asymptotically stable is defined by

$$\dot{\xi} = f(\xi) \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{\xi} = f(t, \xi)$$

for the DS to be globally stable, the velocity should vanish solely at the target point ξ^*

$$\text{i.e., } f(\xi^*) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t, \xi^*) = 0$$

\rightarrow After $f(\cdot)$ being modulated by dynamic modulation matrix $M(\xi)$, ξ^* will remain an equilibrium point, if the velocity still vanishes at the target ξ^* .

$$\text{i.e., } M(\xi^* - \xi^0) f(\xi^*) = 0 \quad / \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} M(\xi^* - \xi^0) f(t, \xi^*) = 0$$

But, in the presence of obstacle, the target ξ^* may not remain the unique equilibrium point of the system and other Equilib points may be created due to $M(\xi)$

★ on the boundary \mathcal{X}^b of the obstacle, i.e. $\xi^b \in \mathcal{X}^b$, $M(\xi)$ loses one rank, yielding a no of Equilib points. And we can see these Equilib points $\xi^s \in \mathcal{X}^b$, where there is a collinearity b/w velocity and normal vector at the boundary point.

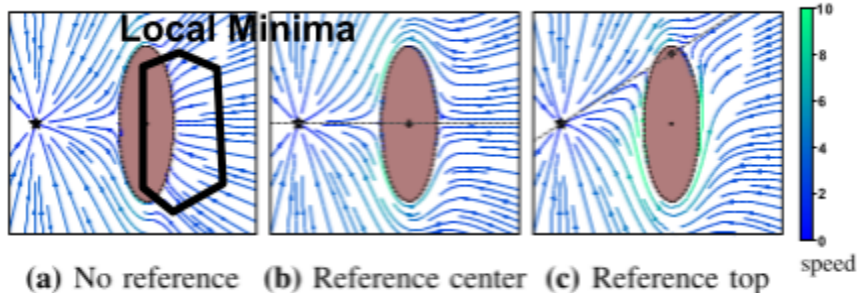


Fig. 2. (a) Using an orthonormal basis matrix $E(\xi)$ as in [17], a local minimum might occur on the surface of the obstacle. The placement of the reference point $\xi^r \in \mathcal{X}^b$ marked as '+' in (b,c) guides the modulated DS around the obstacle.