

Autonomous Vehicle Planning and Control

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Session 6

Vehicle Motion Planning/Local Planner





Outline

Motion planner

- Motion planner basic concept
- Functionality and Common method
- Fundamental Concepts and Key terminology

Stochastic Sampling Methods

- RRT
- RRT*
- Other improve methods

Lattice planner

- Frenet Coordinate
- Speed planning
- Trajectory planning



Motion Planner

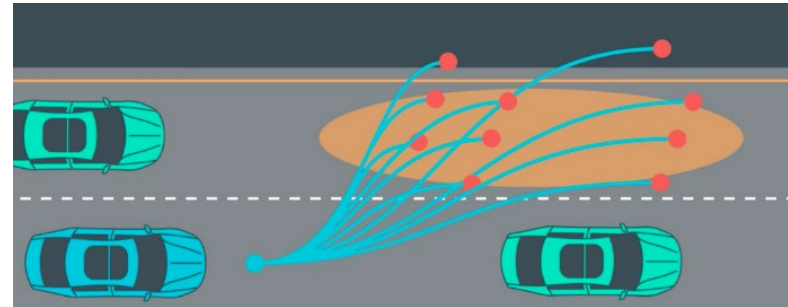
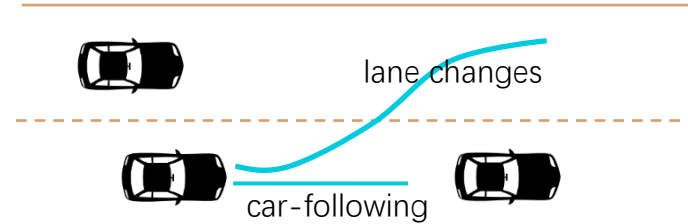
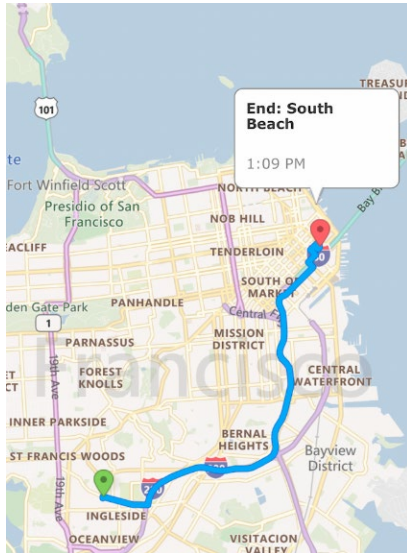
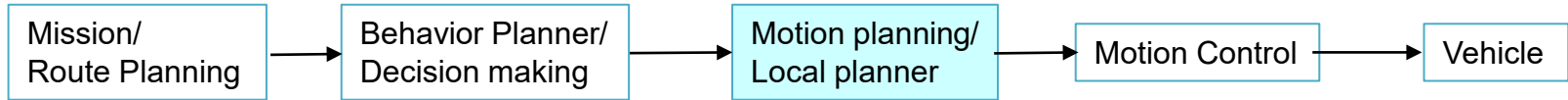
Part I: Main concept and key terminology





Motion Planning Problem

Determine a sequence of actions to reach a specified goal

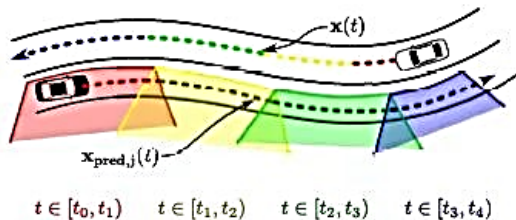




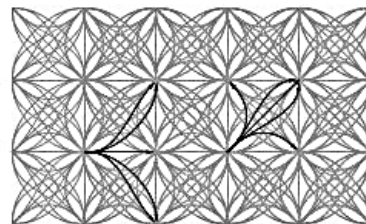
The Common Motion Planning Methods



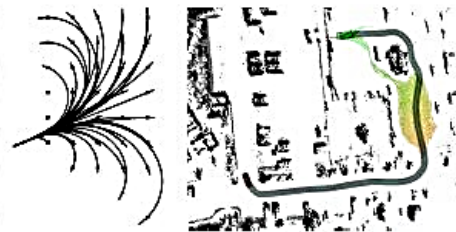
(a) Dijkstra [29]



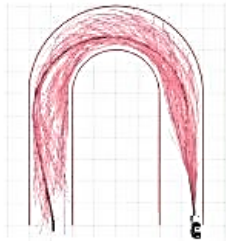
(b) FunctionOptimization [38]



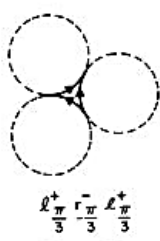
(c) Lattices [39]



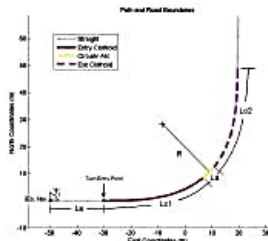
(d) A* [36]



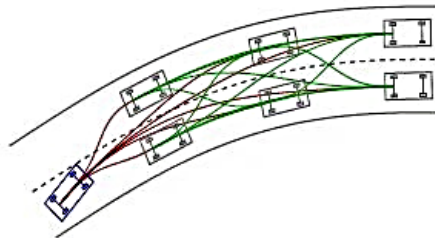
(e) RRT [40]



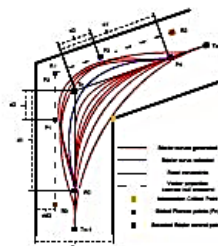
(f) Line&Circle [41]



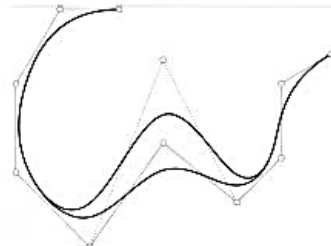
(g) Clothoid [42]



(h) Polynomial [43]



(i) Bezier [44]

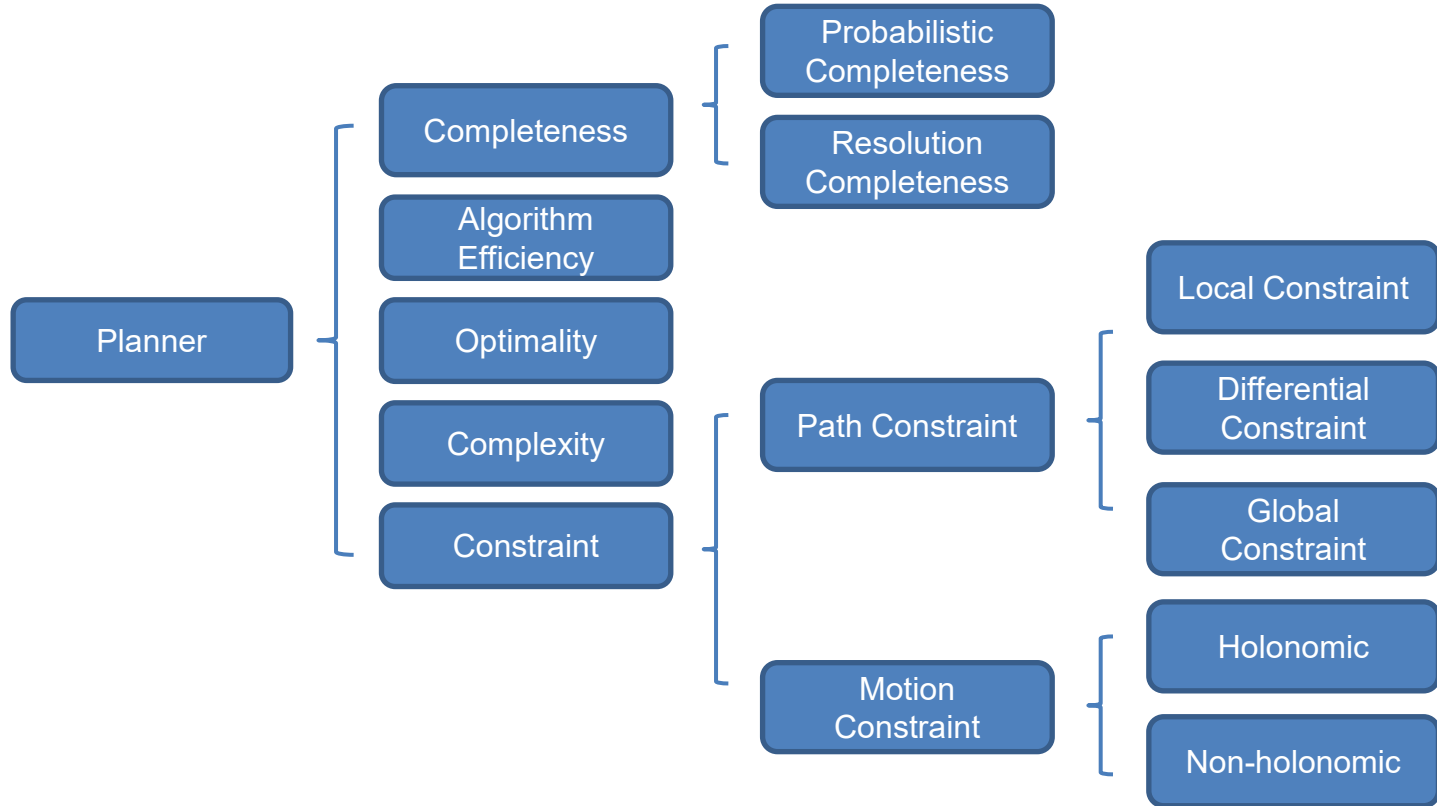


(j) Spline [45]

(a) Global path by Dijkstra. (b) Trajectory optimization considering a vehicle in the other lane. (c) Lattices and motion primitives. (d) Hybrid A* in DRAPA Junior. (e) RRT. (f) Optimal path to turn the vehicle around. (g) Planning a turn from Stanford. (h) Different motion states, planned with polynomial curves. (i) Evaluation of several Bezie curves. (j) Spline behaviour when a knot changes places



Planner Properties

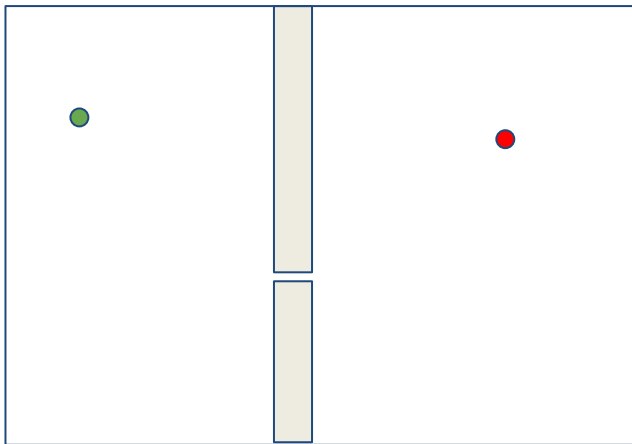




Fundamental Concepts

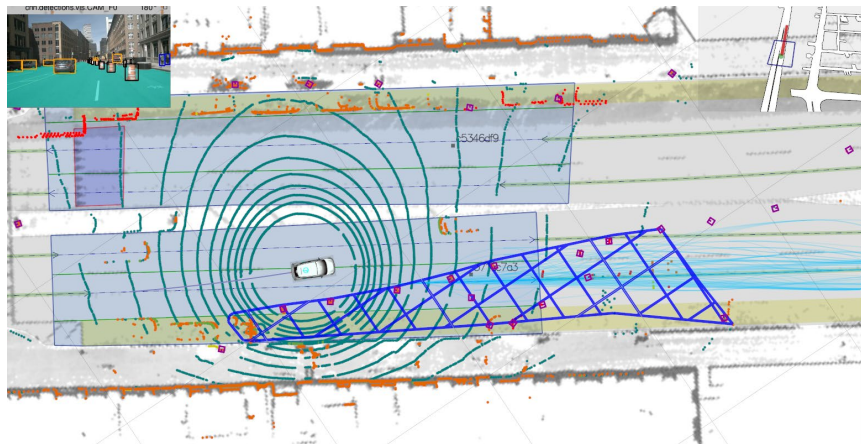
Completeness:

- Ability to find a solution if one exists,
- Narrow Gap Problem Examples.



2D space (\mathbb{R}^2), point robot

Self-driving car navigating around construction

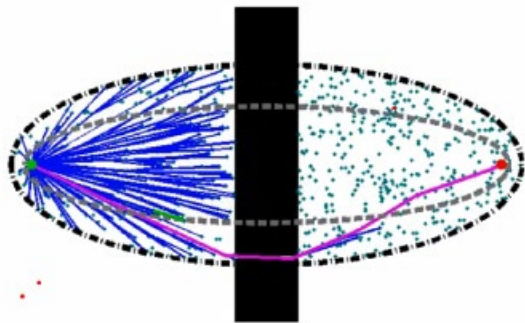




Fundamental Concepts

Probabilistic Completeness:

- Probability of finding a solution (when one exists) increases as computational time spent on the problem increases



Batch Informed Trees (BIT*)

Sampling-based Optimal Planning
via the Heuristically Guided Search
of Implicit Random Geometric Graphs

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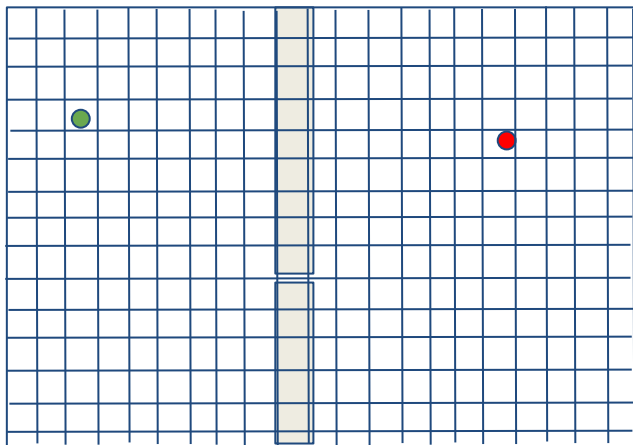
Fundamental Concepts

Resolution Completeness:

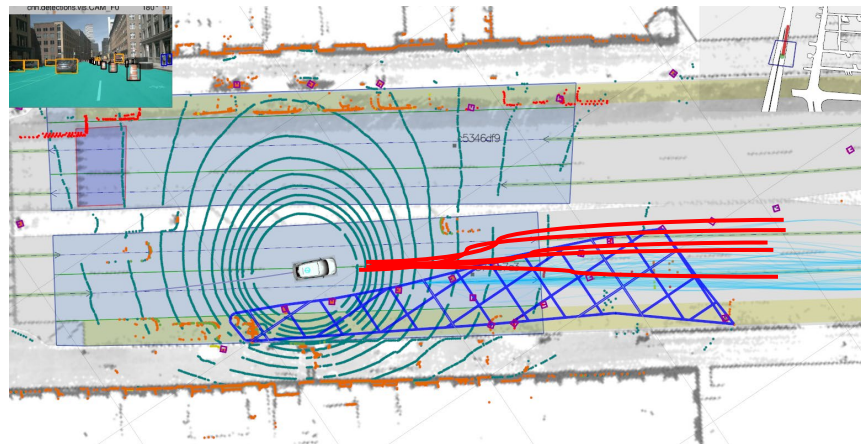
- Ability to find a solution if one exists AND using fine enough resolution in discretization of the state and/or control space

Narrow Gap Problem Examples:

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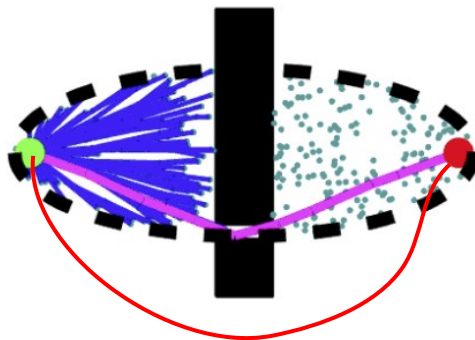
Fundamental Concepts

Algorithmic efficiency:

- How an algorithm solve time scales proportionally with respect to size of the input data,
- Big O Notation, $O(n)$ takes time proportional to number of elements.

Optimality:

- Optimal is able to find the lowest cost solution of all possible options,
- Suboptimal if a lower cost solution exists,
- Asymptotically optimal if guaranteed to converge to the optimal solution given increasing, computational time spent on the problem.





Fundamental Concepts

Complexity

- Space dimensionality
 - configuration space is a \mathbb{R}^3 for rigid body. But for the multi-bodies track, bicycle mode is not accurate enough to capture all the constraints.
- Geometric complexity
 - How bounding box and bounding box interact;
 - How to detect a path between polygons and interact with another obstacles;
 - ...



Fundamental Concepts

There are three types of **Path Constraints**:

❑ Local Constraints

- Avoid collision with static obstacles

❑ Differential constraints

- Bounded curvature, limited steering angle for vehicle

❑ Global constraints

- Find the shortest path by A^*

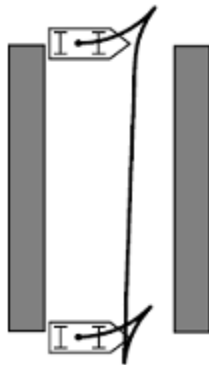


Fundamental Concepts

Holonomic vs non-holonomic motion constraints

- Holonomic if # of controllable DOF = # of total DOF

Cars are non-holonomic since control throttle and steering (2 DOF), but move in $SE(2)$ (x, y, θ)





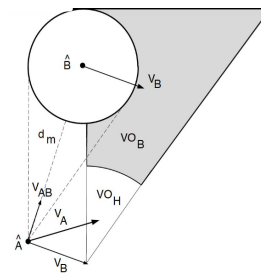
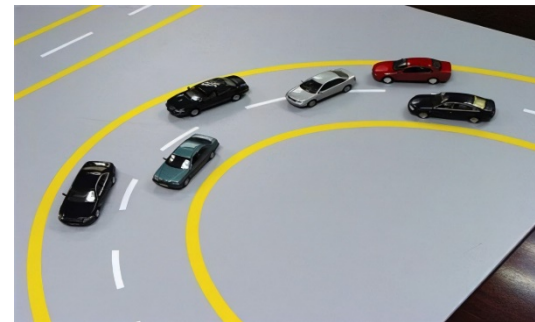
Local Planning

Find higher precision “good” (near optimal w.r.t. cost function) path to execute.

Where to search?

Configuration Space Parameterization Options

- Workspace (direct physical environment, traditional)
- Control Space (e.g. velocity space, see [link](#))
 - Only saves effort in simple problems
- Belief Space (POMDP, more later in Session 7)



Velocity Obstacle (control space)



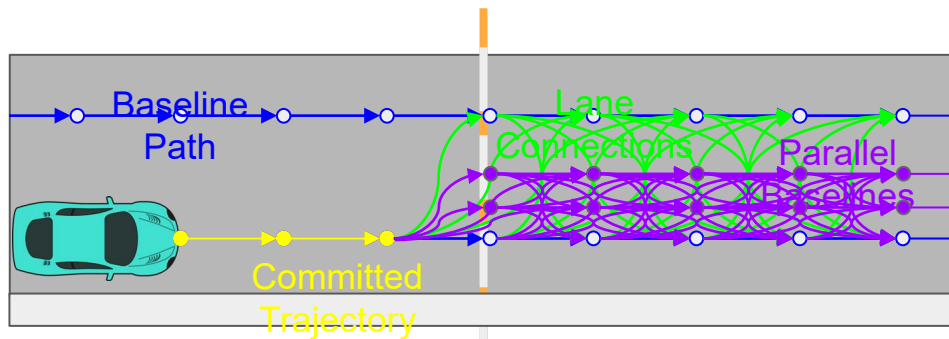
Local Planning

How to search?

- ❑ **Combinatorial methods (exact complete solution, e.g. visibility graph - link)**
 - Rarely exists to find optimal solution to complex problems
- ❑ **Sampling-based methods**
 - Deterministic (resolution complete), e.g. uniform grid or road structure graph, repeatable
 - Stochastic (probabilistic completeness), e.g. random sampling
- ❑ May need some **smoothing/post-process** to improve quality of solution



Visibility Graph (combinatorial)



road “structural graph” (deterministic sampling)

Motion Planner

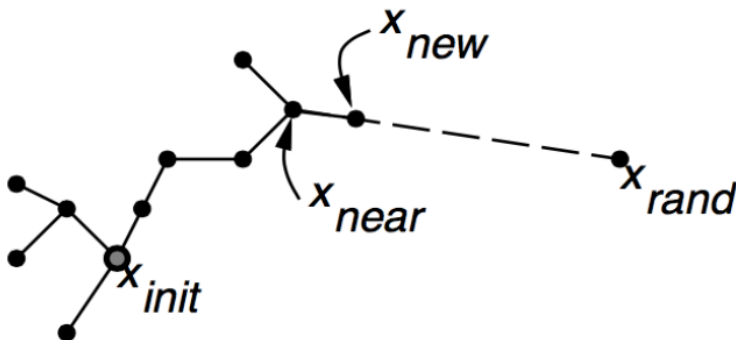
Part II Stochastic Sampling Methods





Stochastic Sampling Methods: Rapidly-exploring Random Trees

Build up a tree from start to goal through generating “next states” in the tree by executing random controls.





Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT

Algorithm 1: RRT Algorithm

Input: $\mathcal{M}, x_{init}, x_{goal}$

Result: A path Γ from x_{init} to x_{goal}

$\mathcal{T}.init()$;

for $i = 1$ **to** n **do**

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$x_{near} \leftarrow Near(x_{rand}, \mathcal{T})$;

$x_{new} \leftarrow Steer(x_{rand}, x_{near}, StepSize)$;

$E_i \leftarrow Edge(x_{new}, x_{near})$;

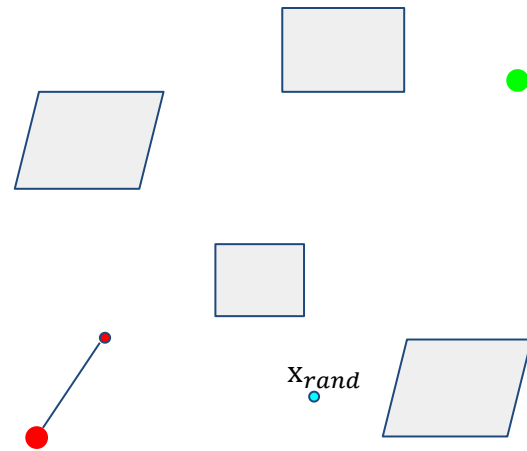
if $CollisionFree(\mathcal{M}, E_i)$ **then**

$\mathcal{T}.addNode(x_{new})$;

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if $x_{new} = x_{goal}$ **then**

 Success();



Sample a node x_{rand} in the free space



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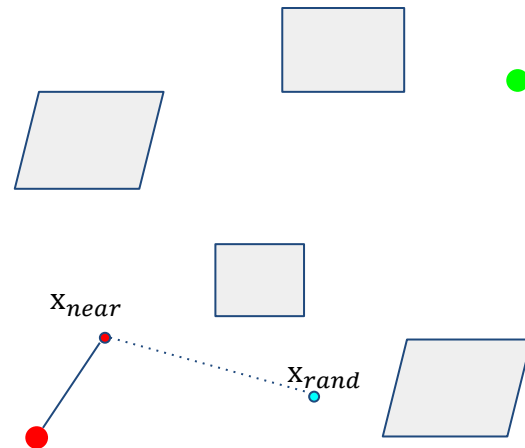
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Find the nearest node x_{near} in current tree



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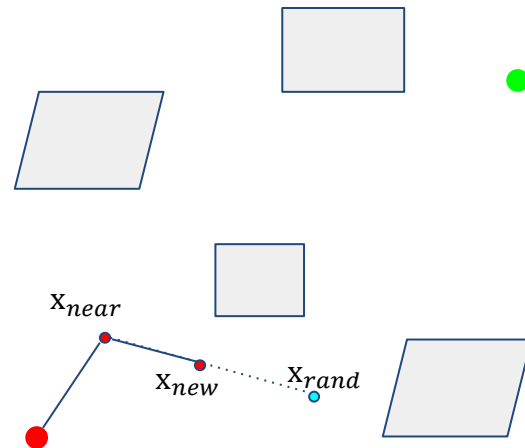
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Grow a new node x_{new} and path E_i from x_{near}



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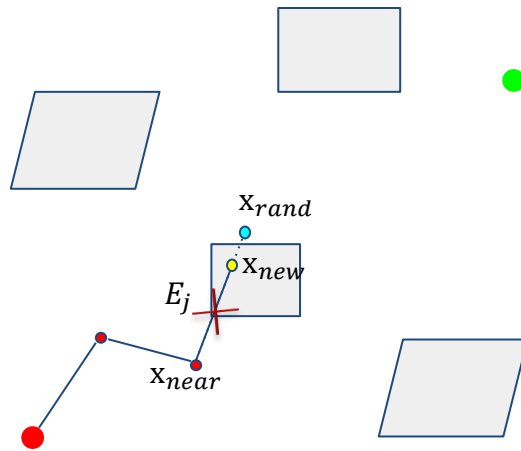
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Do not grow if collision



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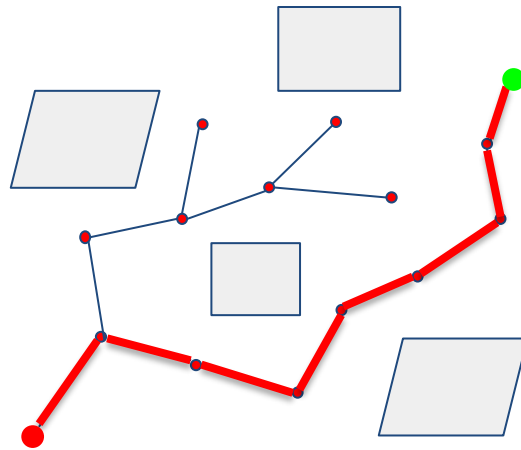
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Repeat sampling for n times until the tree reaches the goal or goal region



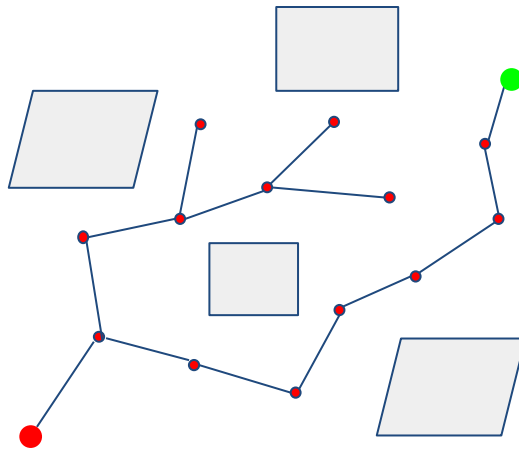
Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT

Pros

- Easy to implement
- Aims to find a path from the start to the goal
- More target-oriented than PRM

Cons

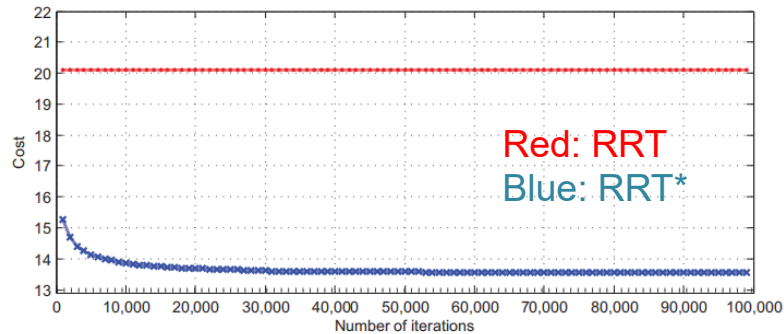
- Not optimal solution
- Not efficient (leave room for improvement)
- Sample in the whole space



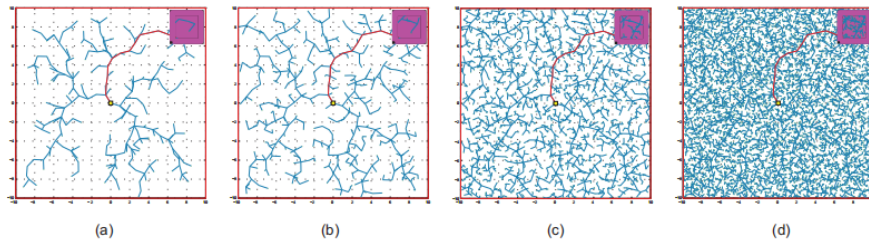


Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT*

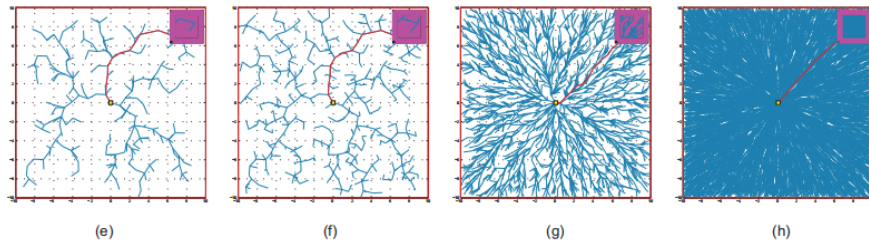
- An improvement of RRT
- Asymptotically optimal (under conditions)



RRT:



RRT*:





Input: $\mathcal{M}, x_{init}, x_{goal}$

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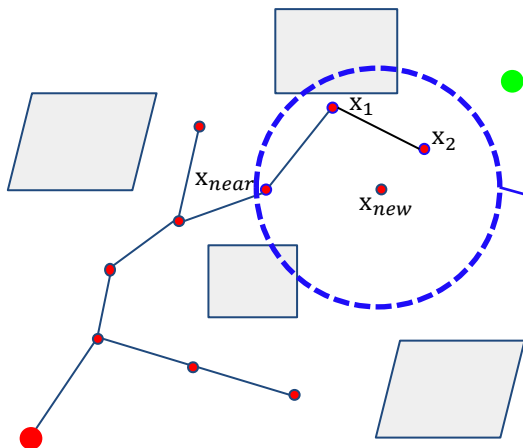
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$$\mathcal{T}.addNodeEdge(x_{min}, x_{new});$$
$$\mathcal{T}.rewire();$$



Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT*

Consider N nearing nodes



Algorithm 2: RRT*Algorithm

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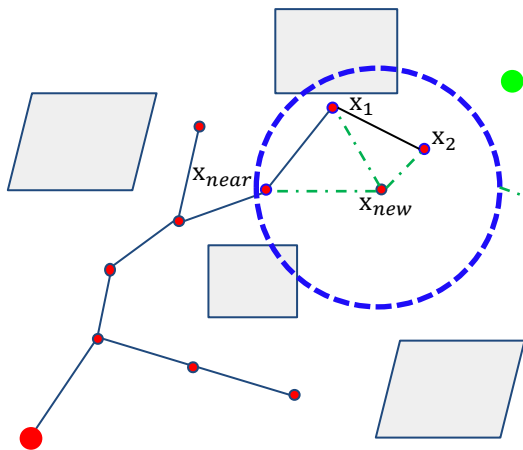
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Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT*

Consider history cost instead of only local information



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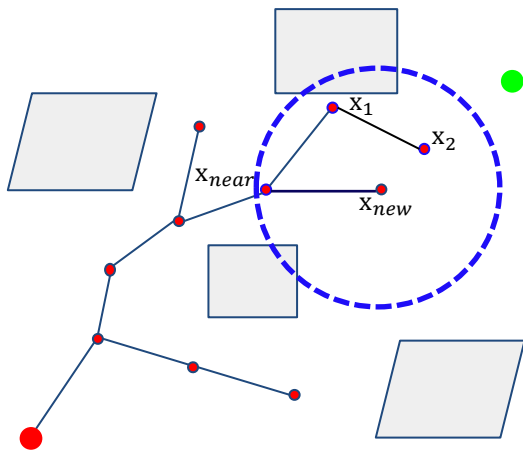
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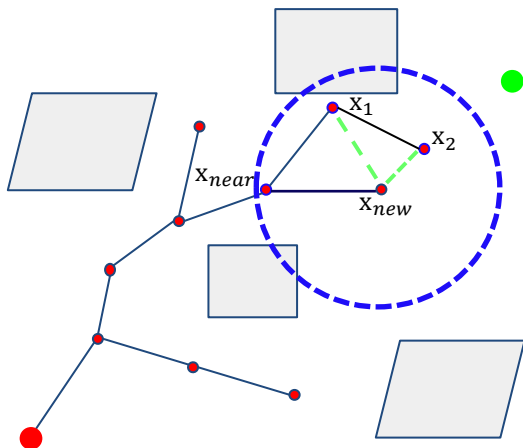
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Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT*

Rewire to improve local optimality



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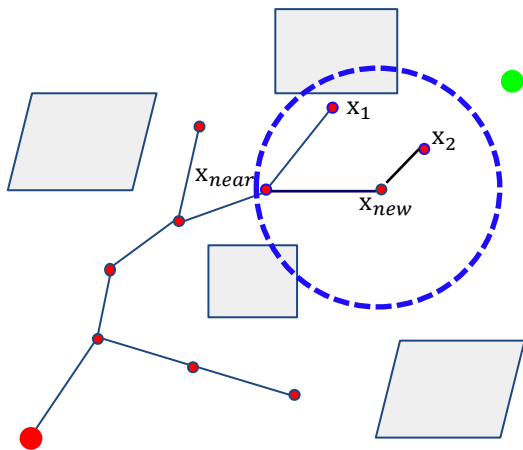
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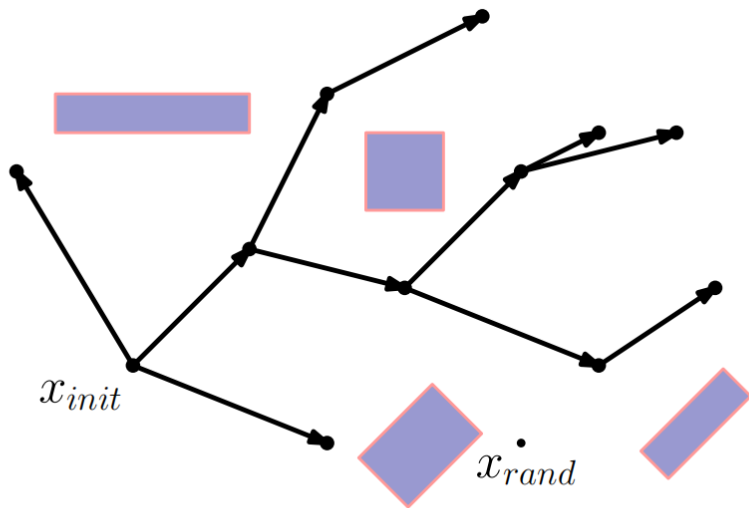
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Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT*

Generate a random point x_{rand}



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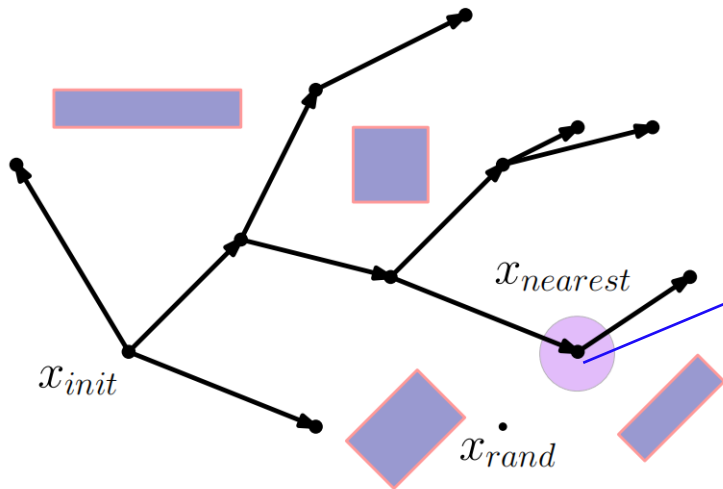
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Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT*

Find the nearest nodes $x_{nearest}$



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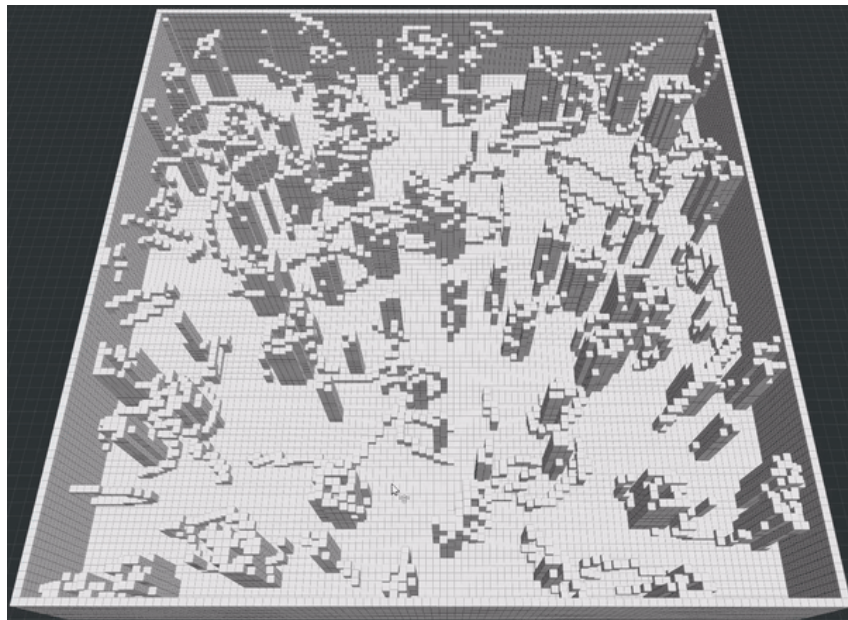
$\mathcal{T}.addNodeEdge(x_{min}, x_{new});$

$\mathcal{T}.rewire();$

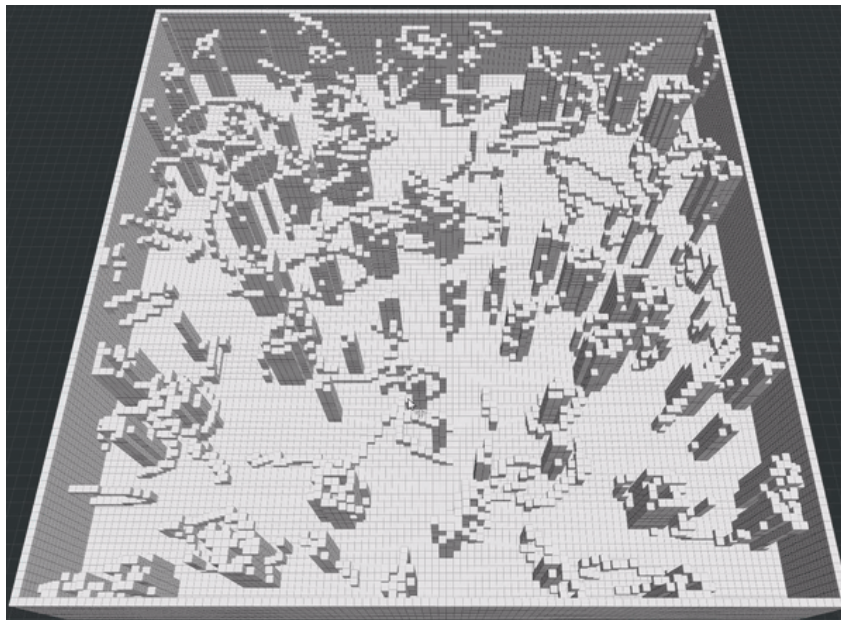


Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT*

RRT



RRT*



Stochastic Sampling Methods: Obstacle avoidance

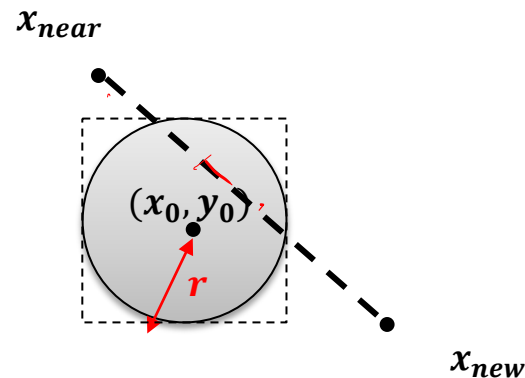
Obstacle avoidance check:

To simplify the check, we used circle or polygon (rectangle) to represent the objects

- For the circle object, we can check the obstacle easily by

$$x_0 - r - \varepsilon < x_{new,x} < x_0 + r + \varepsilon$$

$$y_0 - r - \varepsilon < x_{new,y} < y_0 + r + \varepsilon$$

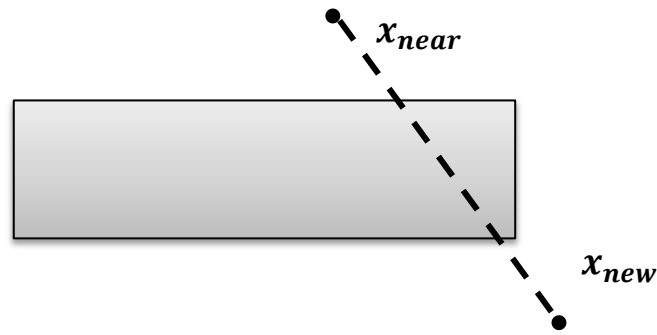




Stochastic Sampling Methods: Obstacle avoidance

Obstacle avoidance check: (polygon: rectangle)

- There are two steps for collision checking for polygon
 - If x_{near} and x_{new} are in the same side of obstacle;
 - If they are at the same side, there will be no interaction with the obstacle;
 - If x_{near} and x_{new} are not at the same side, there will be two situations:
 - x_{new} is inside the polygon, and there must be an intersection between the connection of x_{near} and x_{new}
 - If both x_{near} and x_{new} are at the outside of the polygon, we will need to use the connect line to check the collision.





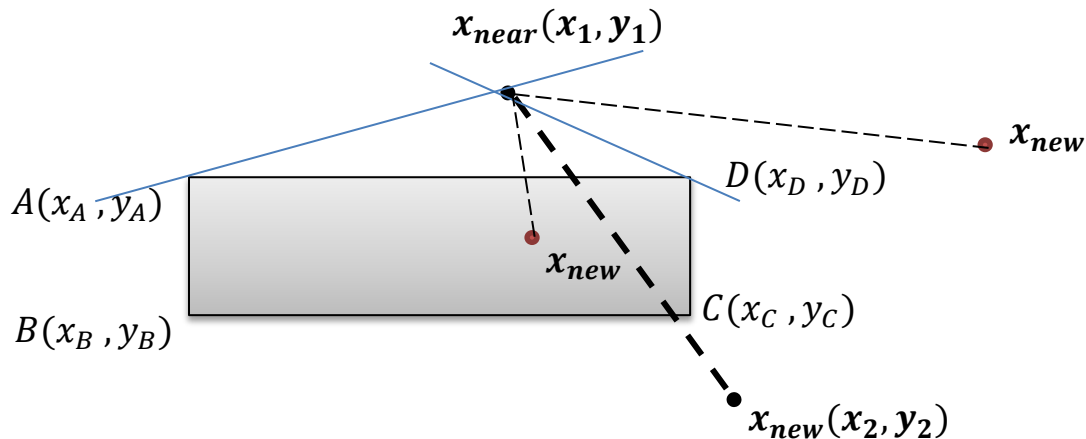
Stochastic Sampling Methods: Obstacle avoidance

Obstacle avoidance check:

- If both x_{near} and x_{new} are at the outside of the polygon, we will need to use the connect line to check the collision.

$$k_{x_{near}x_{new}} < k_{Dx_{near}} \&\& k_{x_{near}x_{new}} > k_{Ax_{near}}$$

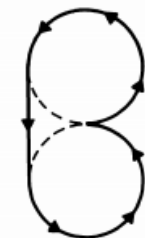
where k is the slope of line



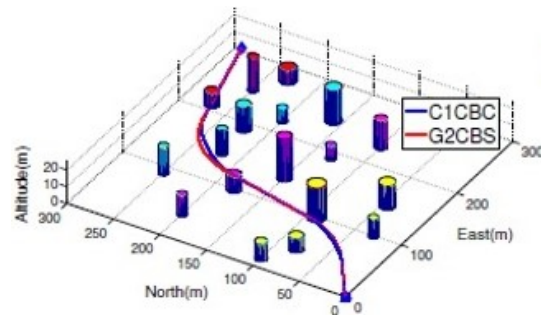
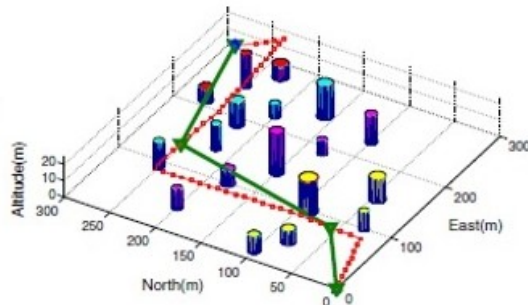
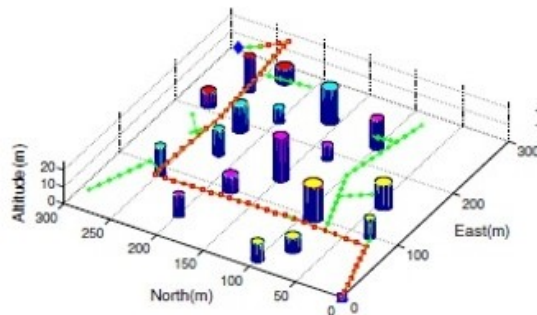
Stochastic Sampling Methods: Other improvement

Improvements may come through focus on any of those steps individually, e.g.:

- Connect with edges of desirable properties
 - ✓ [Dubins](#) for shortest length w/fixed turn radius
 - ✓ [Reeds-Shepp](#) for forward/backward w/fixed turn radius
 - ✓ [Spline](#), [clothoid](#), [Bezier](#) for continuous curvature



$$\ell \frac{3\pi}{2} S_2 \ell \frac{3\pi}{2}$$





Stochastic Sampling Methods: RRT* Improvement

Bias Sampling

- Sample biasing toward the goal

Sample Rejection

- Reject samples that don't meet some threshold until you reach the number of samples you need

Tree Pruning

- Prune the non-promising sub trees to reduce neighbor query cost.

Graph Sparsify

- Reject samples by resolution. Introduce near optimality.

Delay Collision Check

- Sort the neighbours by potential cost-to-come values. Check collisions in order and stop once a collision-free edge is found.

Anytime RRT

- Store the collision-checking results for ChooseParent and Rewire.

[Informed RRT*: Optimal Sampling-based Path Planning Focused via Direct Sampling of an Admissible Ellipsoidal Heuristic](#)



Motion Planner

Part III Lattice Planner

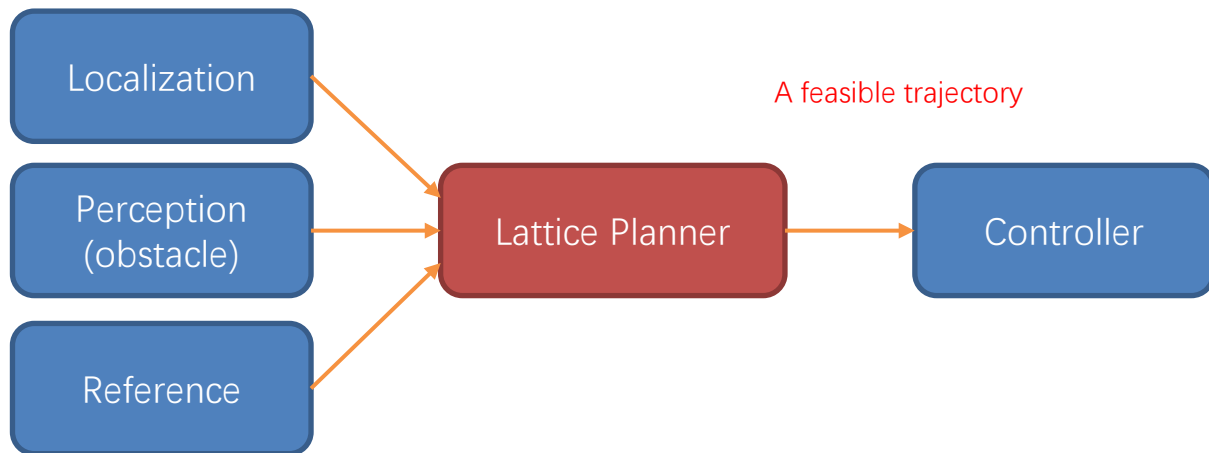




Lattice Planner

The Lattice Planner algorithm is a local motion planner,

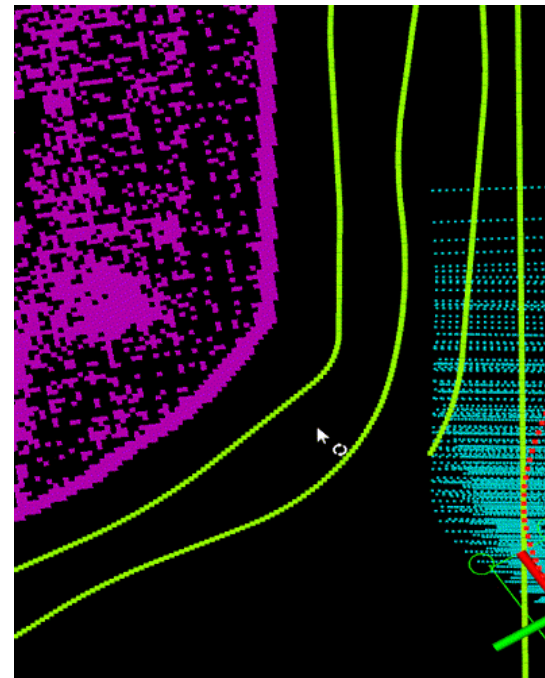
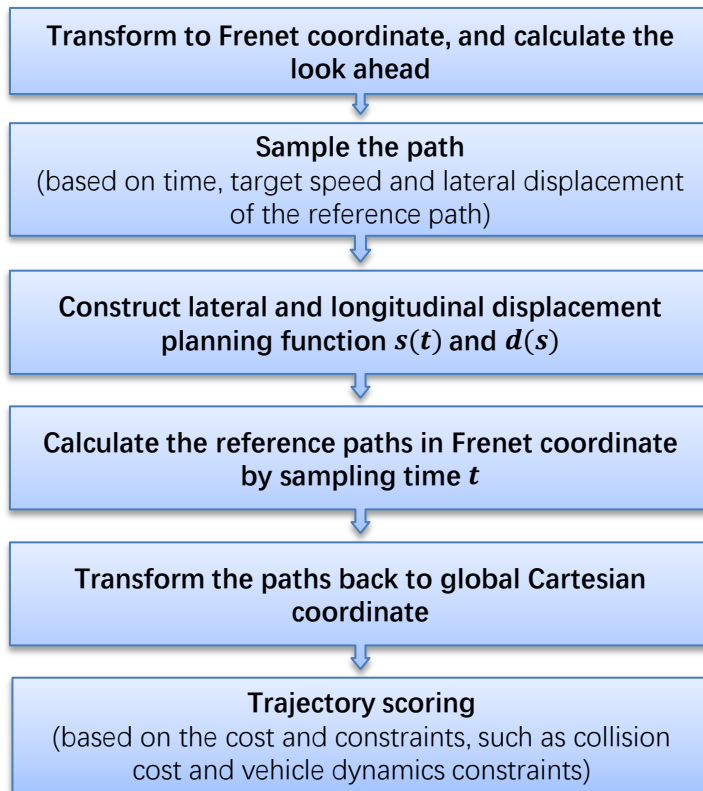
- Sample based motion planner;
- Plan in Frenet coordinate;
- The output is a smooth, safe and collision-free local trajectory that satisfies the vehicle's kinematics and speed constraints which is directly feed into controller.





Lattice Planner

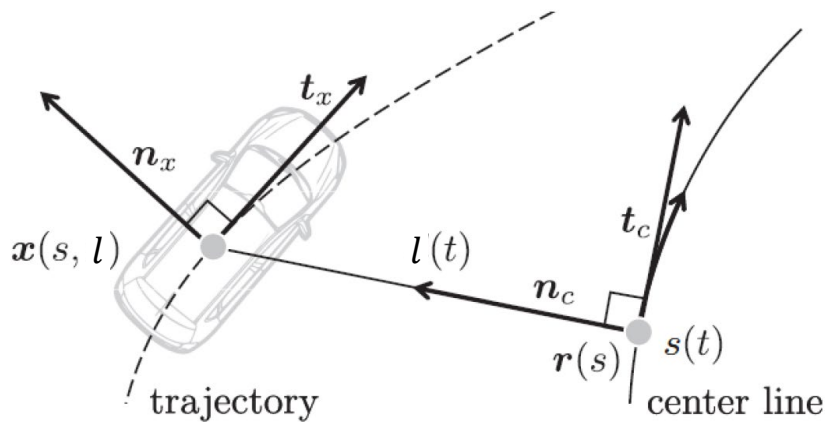
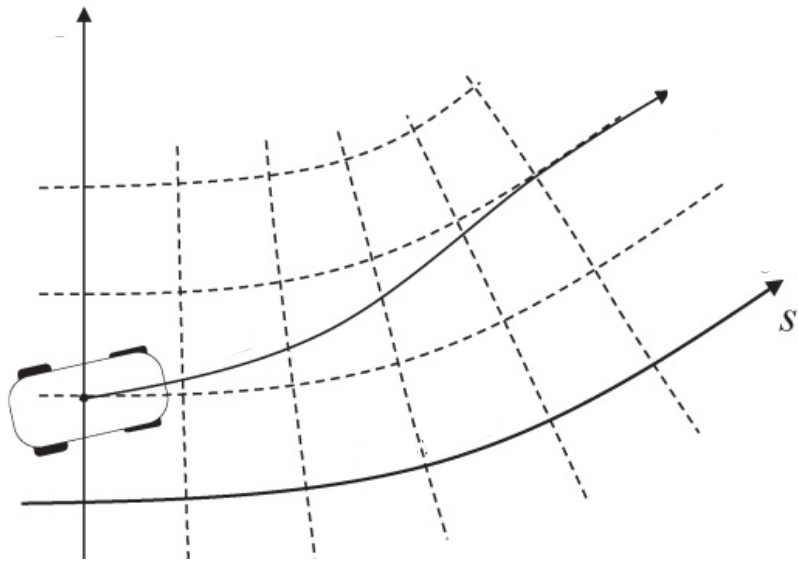
The basic process of Lattice planner:





Frenet coordinate and Cartesian coordinate transformation

Frenet coordinate is a frame on the reference line, is a moving frame. Its origin r is the nearest point from the vehicle to the path. The t -axis is along the tangential direction at r while n -axis is perpendicular to t -axis.





Frenet coordinate and Cartesian coordinate transformation

Frenet coordinate: $[s, \dot{s}, \ddot{s}, l, \dot{l}, \ddot{l}, l', l'']$

s : longitudinal axis (T- axis) of Frenet coordinate

$\dot{s} = \frac{ds}{dt}$: differentiation of longitudinal axis w.r.t. to time,

i.e. speed

$\ddot{s} = \frac{d\dot{s}}{dt}$: longitudinal acceleration

l : lateral axis of Frenet coordinate

$\dot{l} = \frac{dl}{dt}$: lateral speed

$\ddot{l} = \frac{d\dot{l}}{dt}$: lateral acceleration

l' : differentiation of lateral axis w.r.t. to longitudinal axis

l'' : 2nd derivative of lateral axis w.r.t. to longitudinal axis

Cartesian coordinate: $[\vec{x}, v_x, a_x, \theta_x, \kappa_x]$

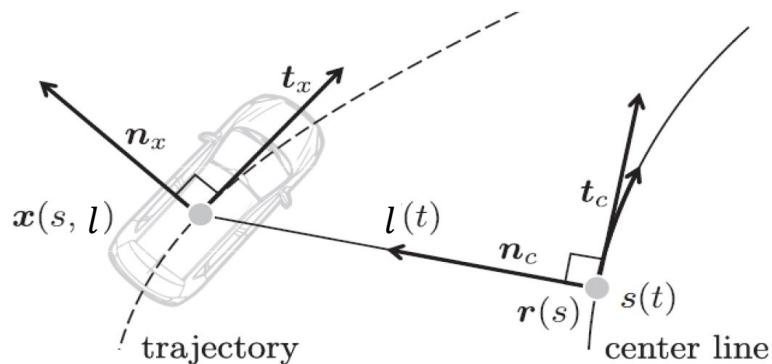
\vec{x} : a position vector in Cartesian coordinate

$v_x = \|\dot{\vec{x}}\|_2$: speed in Cartesian coordinate

$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt}$: acceleration in Cartesian coordinate

θ_x : heading in Cartesian coordinate

$\kappa_x = \frac{d\theta_x}{ds}$: curvature

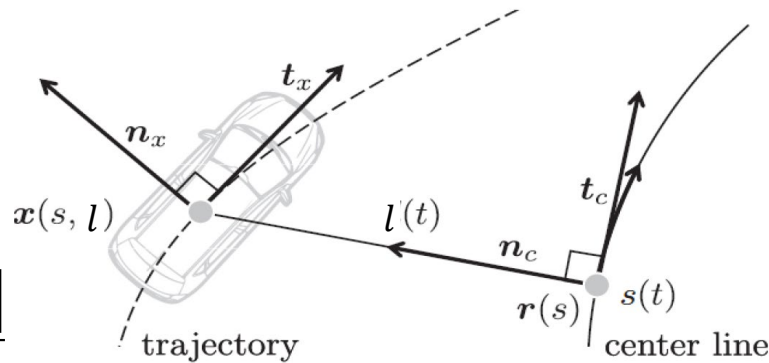




Frenet coordinate and Cartesian coordinate transformation

Cartesian to Frenet

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s = s_r \\ \dot{s} = \frac{v_x \cos(\theta_x - \theta_r)}{1 - k_r l} \\ \ddot{s} = \frac{a_x \cos(\theta_x - \theta_r) - \dot{s}^2 \left[l' \left(k_x \frac{1 - k_r l}{\cos(\theta_x - \theta_r)} - k_r \right) - (k_r' l + k_r l') \right]}{1 - k_r l} \\ l = \text{sign}((x_x - x_r) \cos(\theta_r) - (y_x - y_r) \sin(\theta_r)) \sqrt{(x_x - x_r)^2 + (y_x - y_r)^2} \\ l' = (1 - k_r l) \tan(\theta_x - \theta_r) \\ l'' = -(k_r' l + k_r l') \tan(\theta_x - \theta_r) + \frac{1 - k_r l}{\cos^2(\theta_x - \theta_r)} \left(\frac{1 - k_r l}{\cos(\theta_x - \theta_r)} k_x - k_r \right) \end{array} \right.$$





Frenet coordinate and Cartesian coordinate transformation

Frenet to Cartesian

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_x = x_r - l \sin(\theta_r) \\ y_x = y_r + l \cos(\theta_r) \\ \theta_x = \arctan\left(\frac{l'}{1 - k_r l}\right) + \theta_r \\ v_x = \sqrt{[\dot{s}(1 - k_r l)]^2 + (\dot{s}l')^2} \\ a_x = \ddot{s} \frac{1 - k_r l}{\cos(\theta_x - \theta_r)} + \frac{\dot{s}^2}{\cos(\theta_x - \theta_r)} \left[l' \left(k_x \frac{1 - k_r l}{\cos(\theta_x - \theta_r)} - k_r \right) - (k_r' l + k_r l') \right] \\ k_x = \left((l'' + (k_r' l + k_r l') \tan(\theta_x - \theta_r)) \frac{\cos^2(\theta_x - \theta_r)}{1 - k_r l} + k_r \right) \frac{\cos(\theta_x - \theta_r)}{1 - k_r l} \end{array} \right.$$

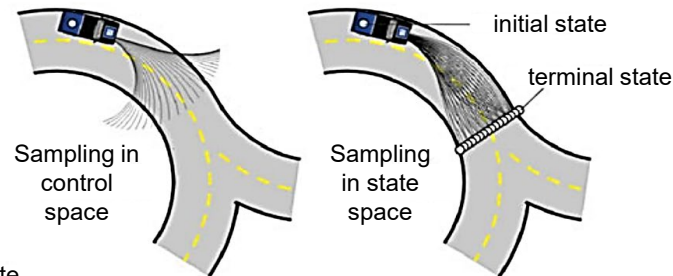
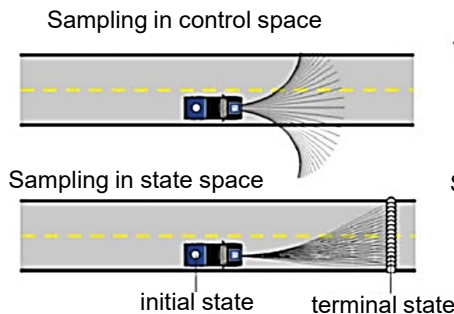
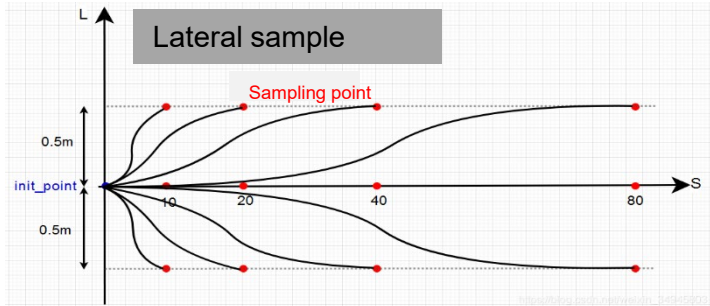
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Lattice planner sampling

Lattice planner sampling includes:

- Lateral sampling
- Longitudinal sampling
- Time sampling
- State space: Those arising from the environment
- Control space: Those arising from vehicle mobility



State Space Sampling of Feasible Motions for High-Performance Mobile Robot Navigation in Complex Environments,
Thomas M. Howard, Colin J. Green, and Alonzo Kelly



Lattice planner: speed planning

- Formulate lateral planning function $l(s)$ and longitudinal planning function $s(t)$ using polynomials based on the sampling.
- Typically, 4th or 5th order polynomials are used to ensure the smoothness of the path.

In stop and go, or spacing control (5th order)

$$s(t) = c_1 t^5 + c_2 t^4 + c_3 t^3 + c_4 t^2 + c_5 t + c_6$$

$$v(t) = 5c_1 t^4 + 4c_2 t^3 + 3c_3 t^2 + 2c_4 t + c_5$$

$$a(t) = 20c_1 t^3 + 12c_2 t^2 + 6c_3 t + 2c_4$$

In cruise control (4th order)

$$s(t) = b_1 t^4 + b_2 t^3 + b_3 t^2 + b_4 t + b_5$$

$$v(t) = 4b_1 t^3 + 3b_2 t^2 + 2b_3 t + b_4$$

$$a(t) = 12b_1 t^2 + 6b_2 t + 2b_3$$

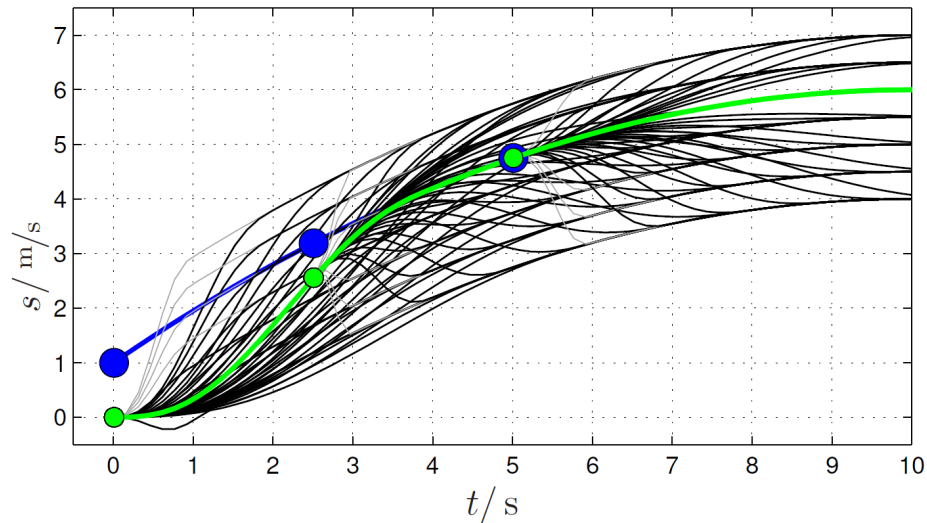


In stop and go, or spacing control (5th order example)

$$a(t) = 20c_1t^3 + 12c_2t^2 + 6c_3t + 2c_4$$

$$a(t_1) = 20c_1t_1^3 + 12c_2t_1^2 + 6c_3t_1 + 2c_4 = tts_1$$

Solving the equations to get coefficients





Lattice planner: speed planning

Longitudinal fitting polynomial solution:

In **cruise control** (4th order example)

$$s(t) = b_1 t^4 + b_2 t^3 + b_3 t^2 + b_4 t + b_5$$

$$v(t) = 4b_1 t^3 + 3b_2 t^2 + 2b_3 t + b_4$$

$$a(t) = 12b_1 t^2 + 6b_2 t + 2b_3$$

Constraint functions:

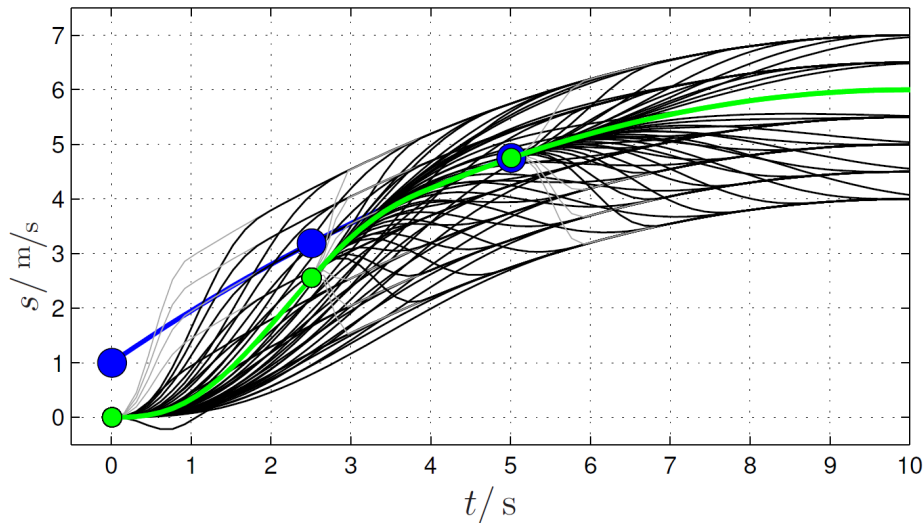
$$s(t_0) = b_5 = s_0$$

$$v(t_0) = b_4 = ts_0$$

$$a(t_0) = 2b_3 = tts_0$$

$$v(t_1) = 4b_1 t_1^3 + 3b_2 t_1^2 + 2b_3 t_1 + b_4 = ts_1$$

$$a(t_1) = 12b_1 t_1^2 + 6b_2 t_1 + 2b_3 = tts_1$$



Solving the equations to get coefficients



Lattice planner: lateral trajectory planning

Lateral fitting polynomial solution

$$d(s) = k_1 s^5 + k_2 s^4 + k_3 s^3 + k_4 s^2 + k_5 s + k_6$$

$$d_v(t) = 5k_1 s^4 + 4k_2 s^3 + 3k_3 s^2 + 2k_4 s + k_5$$

$$d_a(t) = 20k_1 s^3 + 12k_2 s^2 + 6k_3 s + 2k_4$$

Constraint function

$$d(s_0) = k_1 s_0^5 + k_2 s_0^4 + k_3 s_0^3 + k_4 s_0^2 + k_5 s_0 + k_6 = d_0$$

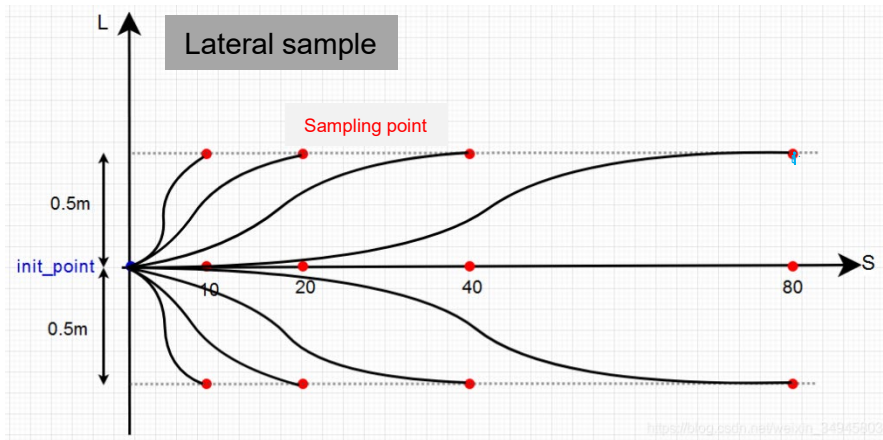
$$d_v(s_0) = 5k_1 s_0^4 + 4k_2 s_0^3 + 3k_3 s_0^2 + 2k_4 s_0 + k_5 = s d_0$$

$$d_a(s_0) = 20k_1 s_0^3 + 12k_2 s_0^2 + 6k_3 s_0 + 2k_4 = s s d_0$$

$$d(s_1) = k_1 s_1^5 + k_2 s_1^4 + k_3 s_1^3 + k_4 s_1^2 + k_5 s_1 + k_6 = d_1$$

$$d_v(s_1) = 5k_1 s_1^4 + 4k_2 s_1^3 + 3k_3 s_1^2 + 2k_4 s_1 + k_5 = s d_1$$

$$d_a(s_1) = 20k_1 s_1^3 + 12k_2 s_1^2 + 6k_3 s_1 + 2k_4 = s s d_1$$



Constraint variables:

d_0 : initial lateral displacement

$s d_0$: initial lateral speed

$s s d_0$: initial lateral acceleration

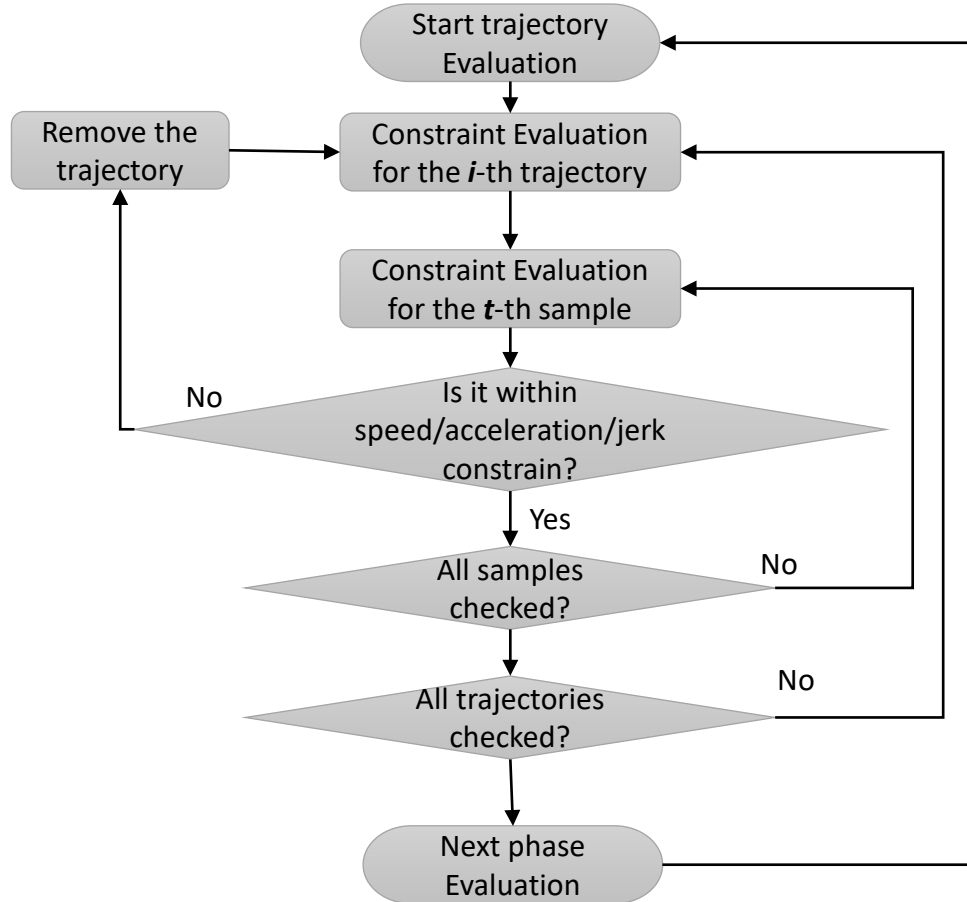
d_1 : sampled lateral displacement

$s d_1$: sampled lateral speed

$s s d_1$: sampled lateral acceleration



Lattice planner: Constraint evaluation



For every trajectory generated, it needs to be evaluated to check if it violates any constraint and remove it if it does.



Lattice planner: trajectory cost function

Objective: to choose a feasible path that is nearest to the static reference path, and at the same time, avoid large speed change to ensure comfortability and stay away from obstacles.

$$J = k_{longi} * J_{longi} + k_{comfort} * J_{comfort} + k_{collision} * J_{collision}$$

where

- k_{longi} : weight on longitudinal objective cost
- J_{longi} : tracking cost, considering speed error, distance to travel.
- $k_{comfort}$: weight on comfort cost
- $J_{comfort}$: comfort cost, considering longitudinal jerk
- $k_{collision}$: weight on collision cost.
- $J_{collision}$: cost of collision to the near objects.



Lattice planner: trajectory cost function

Longitudinal Objective achievement cost : to choose a feasible path that is nearest to the static reference path.

- Input: $Lon_trajectory, planning_target, reference_s_dot$

- $$J_{speed} = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^{length} t^2 \cdot |V_{ref_t} - V_{evaluation_t}|}{\sum_{t=0}^{length} t^2}$$

- $$J_{dist} = \frac{1}{1+dist}$$

- $$J_{longi} = \frac{W_{speed}Cost_{speed} + W_{dist}Cost_{dist}}{W_{speed} + W_{dist}}$$



Lattice planner: trajectory cost function

Comfort Objective: to choose a feasible path that is having less *jerk*

$$J_{comfort} = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^{length} (jerk_t)^2}{1 + \sum_{t=0}^{length} |jerk_t|}$$

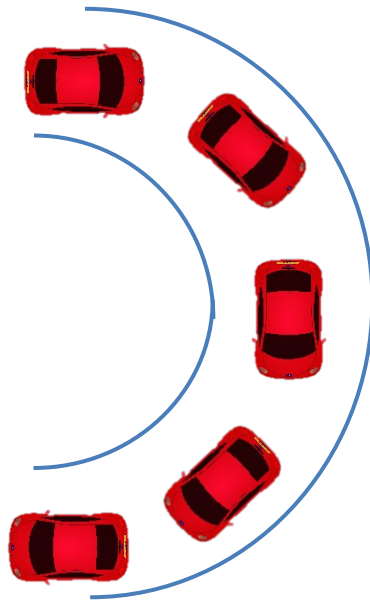
$$J_{comfort} = \max(jerk)$$



Lattice planner: trajectory cost function

Centripetal Objective: to choose a feasible path that is having less *less centripetal accel jerk*.

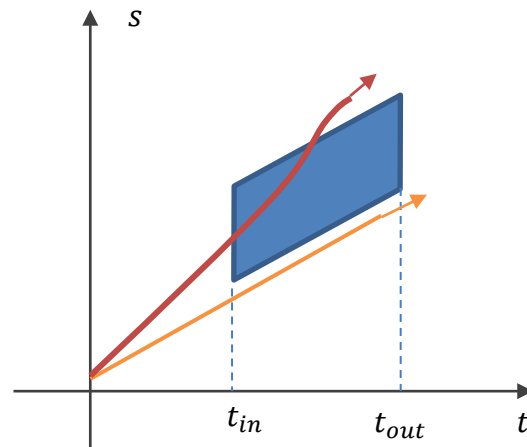
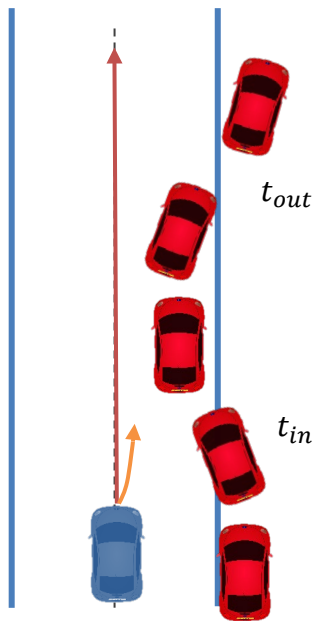
- $a_{centr_t} = \frac{v_t^2}{R_t} = v_t^2 k_t$
- $J_{CentriAcc} = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^{length} a_{centri_t}^2}{\sum_{t=0}^{length} |a_{centri_t}|}$





Lattice planner: trajectory cost function

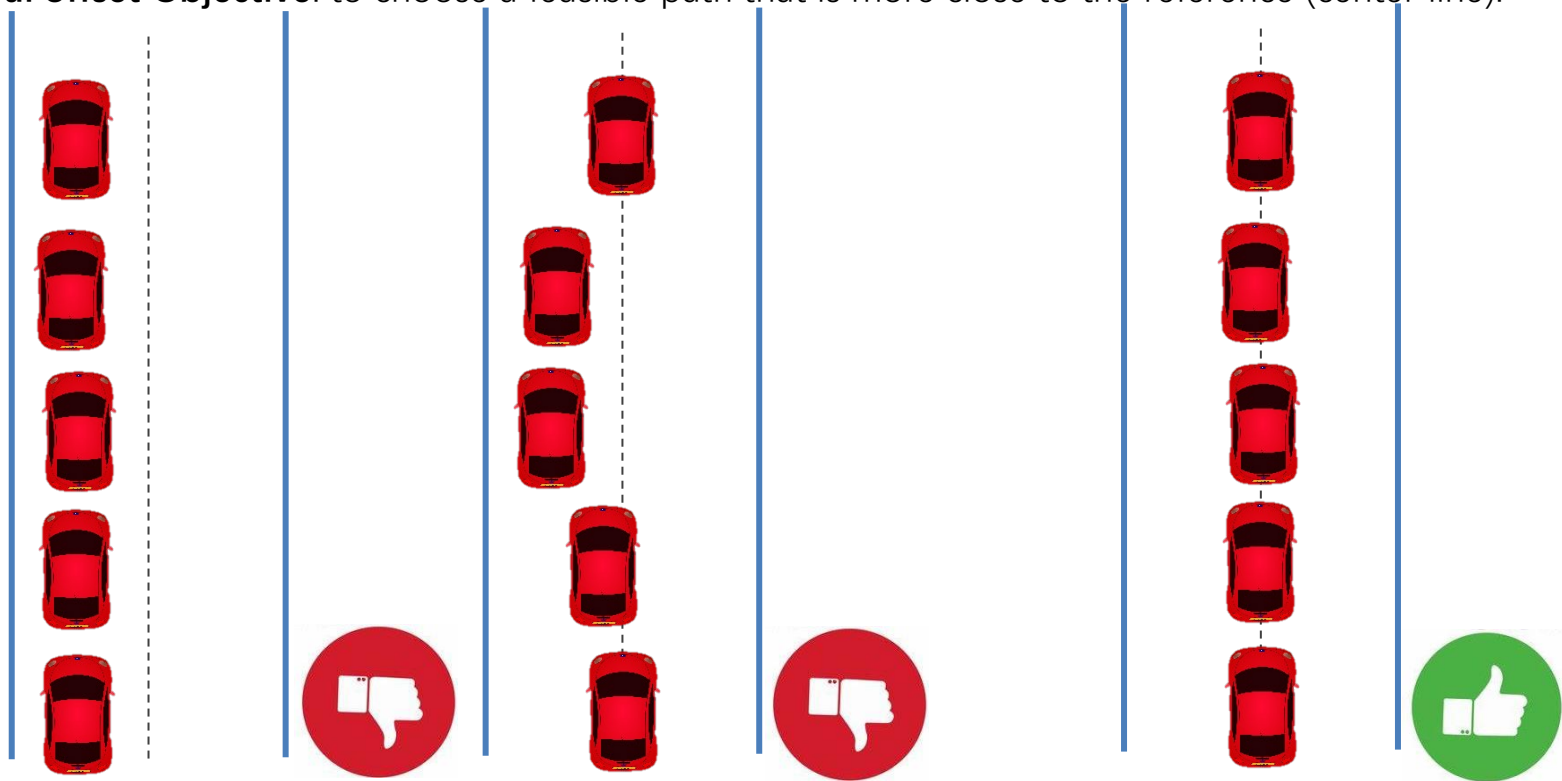
Collision Objective: to choose a path that is furthest from obstacles





Lattice planner: trajectory cost function

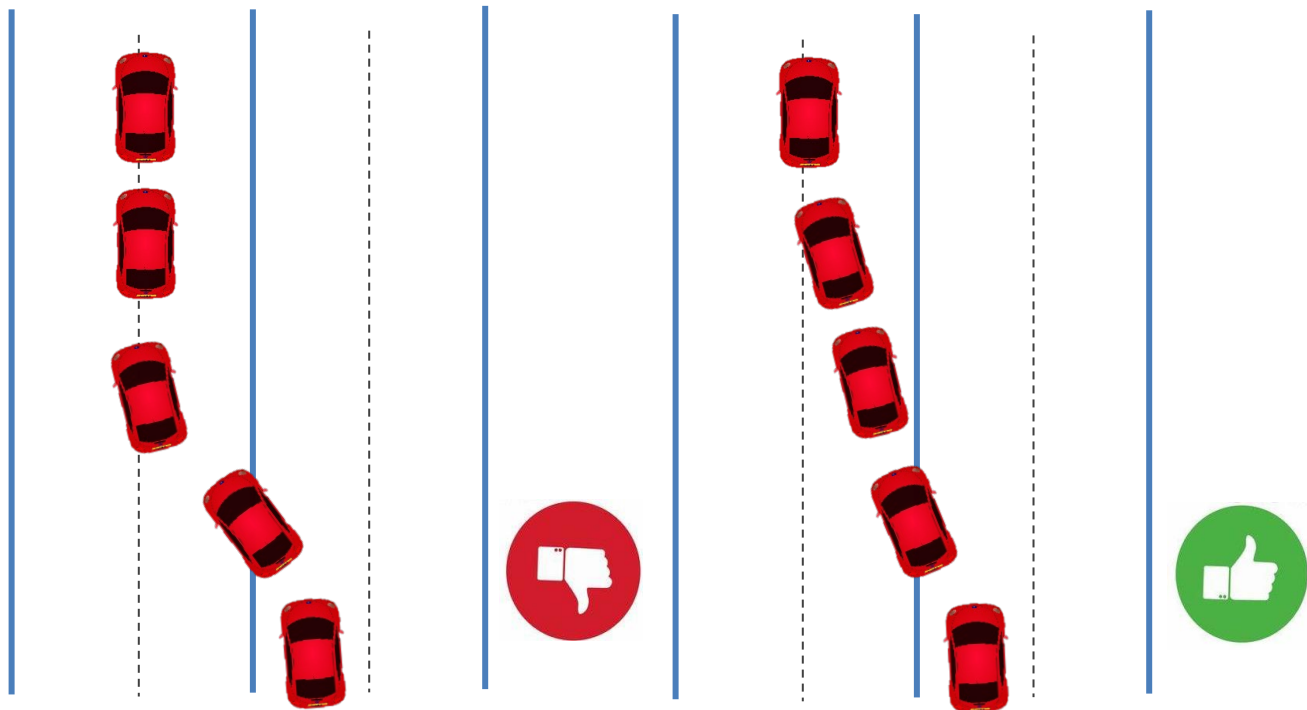
Lateral offset Objective: to choose a feasible path that is more close to the reference (center line).





Lattice planner: trajectory cost function

Lateral Acceleration Objective: to choose a feasible path that is having smoother lane change





Summary

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Thanks for Listening !