

Autonomous Valet Parking (AVP)

Theory and Practice

自主代客泊车理论与实践

Lecture 8: Vehicle Control



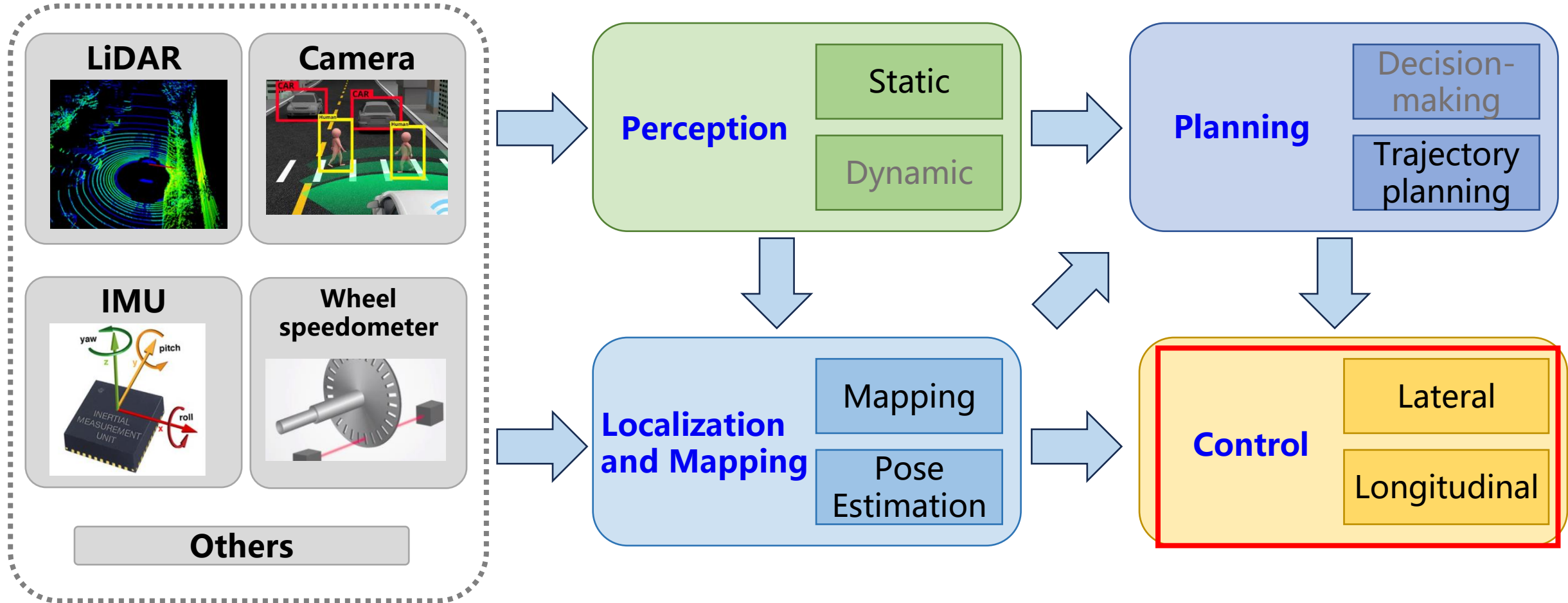
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AVP Architecture



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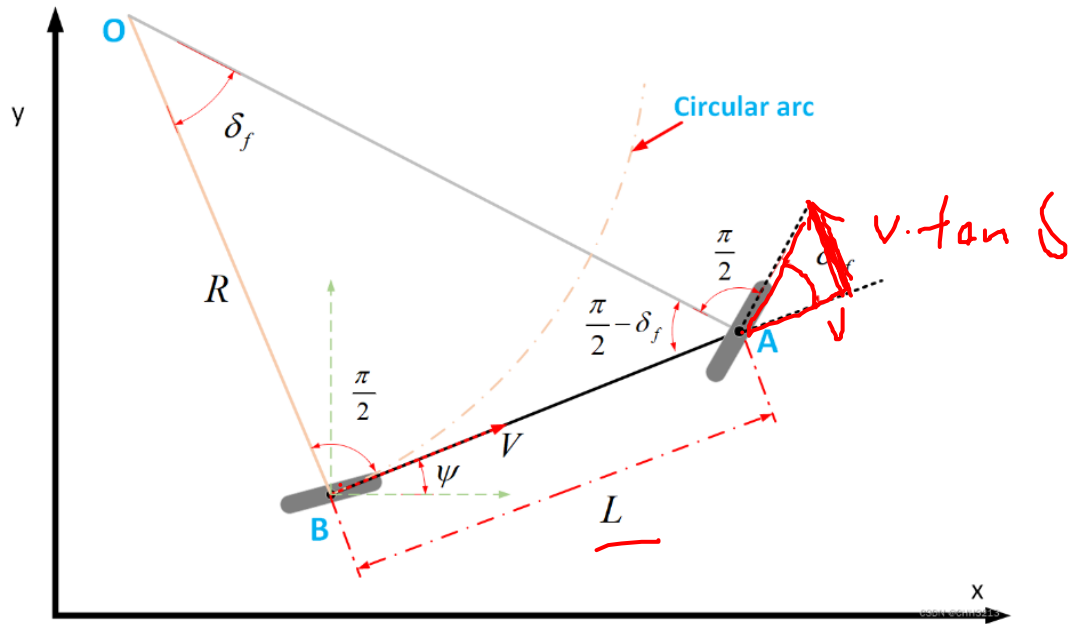
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Vehicle Kinematic Model

The bicycle model

- the rear axle center is the vehicle center.



State: $\chi = [x, y, \psi]^T$

Control input : $\mathbf{u} = [v, \delta]^T$

Longitudinal control

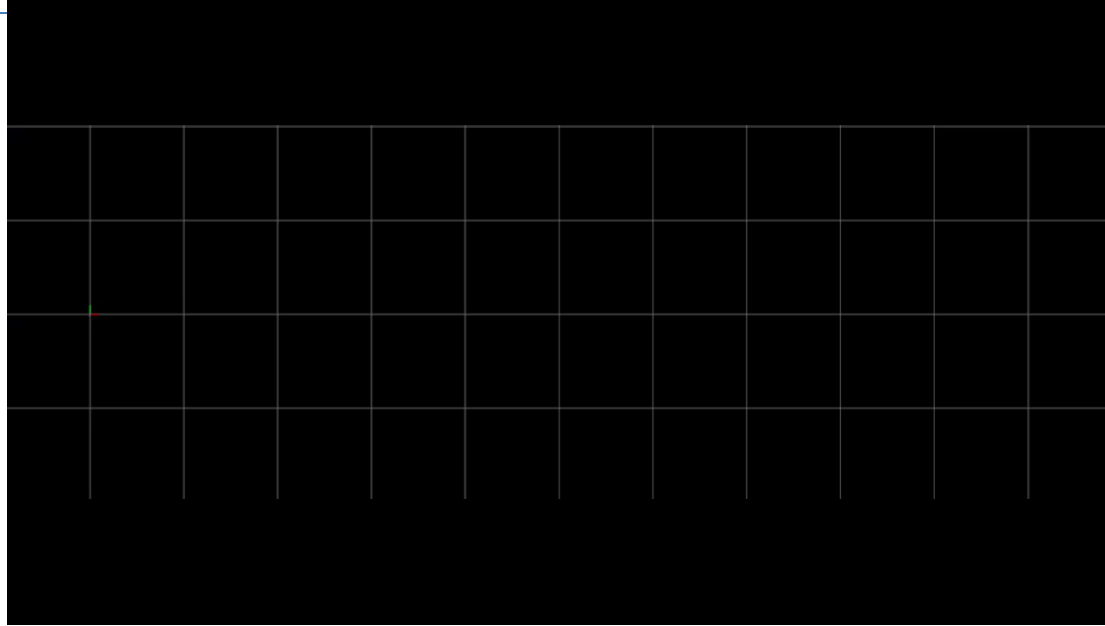
Lateral control

$$\dot{\chi} = f(\chi, u) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{x} = v \cos(\psi) \\ \dot{y} = v \sin(\psi) \\ \dot{\psi} = \frac{v}{L} \tan \delta_f \end{cases}$$

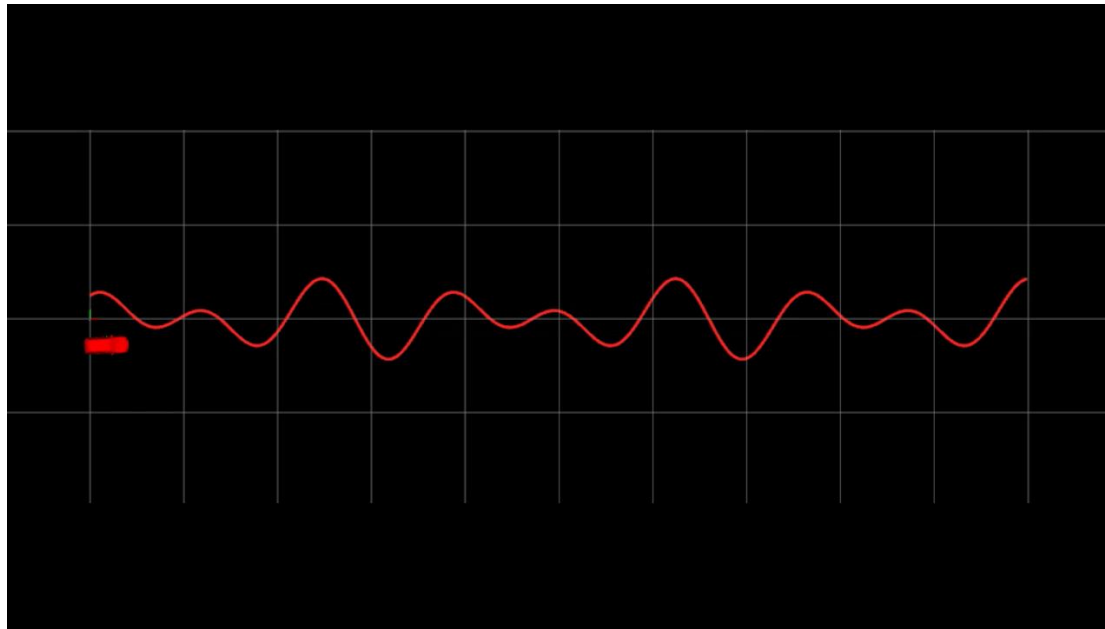


Trajectory tracking

PID
Controller



LQR
Controller





PID Controller



PID Controller

PID (Proportional-Integral-Derivative) controller is the most widely used controller in industrial applications:

- proportional unit
- integral unit
- derivative unit

$$u(t) = K_P e(t) + K_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_D \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

K_P : Proportional gain

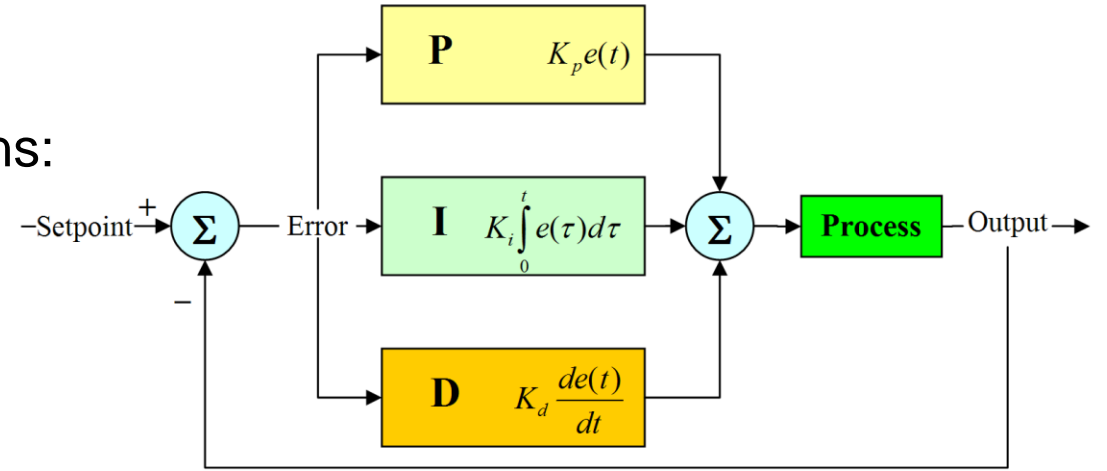
K_I : Integral gain

K_D : Derivative gain

e : Error = Setpoint – Current value

t : Current time

τ : Integral variable, ranging from 0 to the current time t





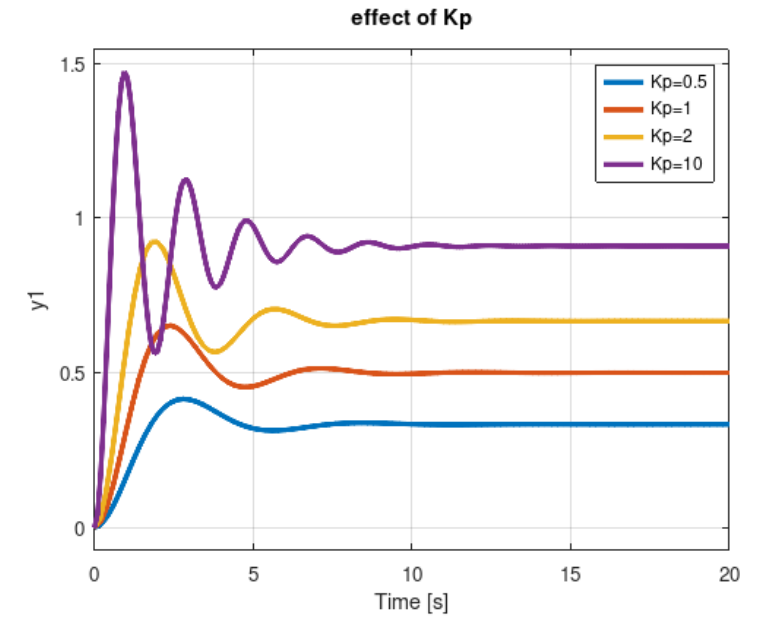
PID Controller

The proportional (P), integral (I), and derivative (D) units of a PID controller correspond to the **current error**, the **accumulated past error**, and the **future error**, respectively.

$$u(t) = \boxed{K_P e(t)} + K_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_D \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

Proportional (P)

- Increasing the proportional term will accelerate the system's response.
- It acts on the output value quickly, but it cannot stabilize the system at an ideal value, it may lead to a steady-state error.
- A very large proportional gain can cause significant overshoot and oscillations, which can degrade system stability.





PID Controller

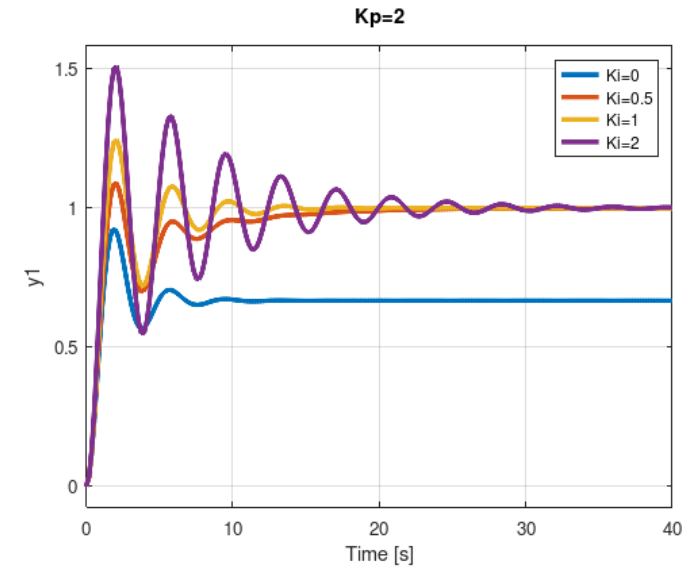
$$u(t) = K_P e(t) + K_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_D \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

Discrete system: $\int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau \approx T \sum_{j=0}^k e_j$

T : sampling time interval

Integral (I)

- The integral term eliminates steady-state error on top of the proportional action.
- Note: when the control output $u(k)$ reaches its maximum or minimum value, the integral action should be stopped, and there should be integral clamping and output clamping





PID Controller

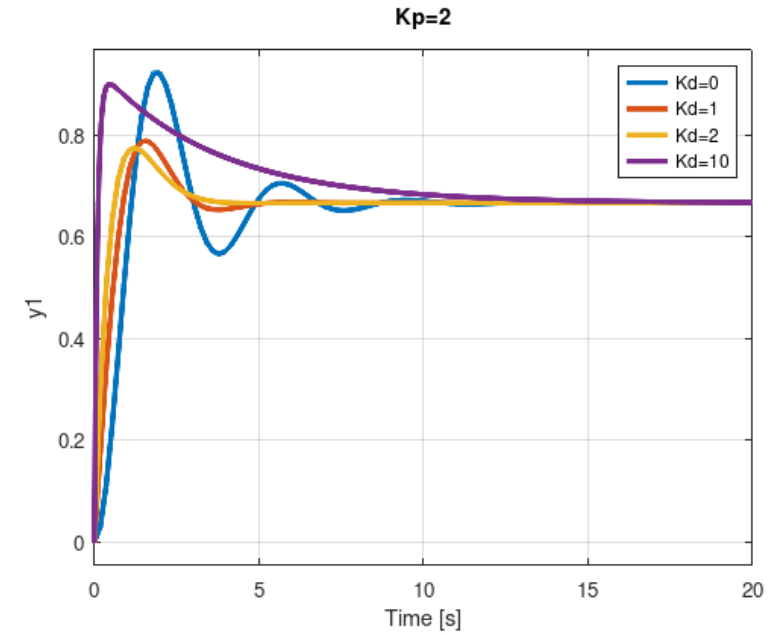
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Discrete system: $\frac{de(t)}{dt} \approx \frac{e_k - e_{k-1}}{T}$

T : sampling time interval

Derivative (D)

- The derivative term has a predictive effect. For control channels with time delays, it can significantly improve the system's dynamic performance.
- It can reduce overshoot, minimize oscillations, improve stability, and decrease dynamic errors.

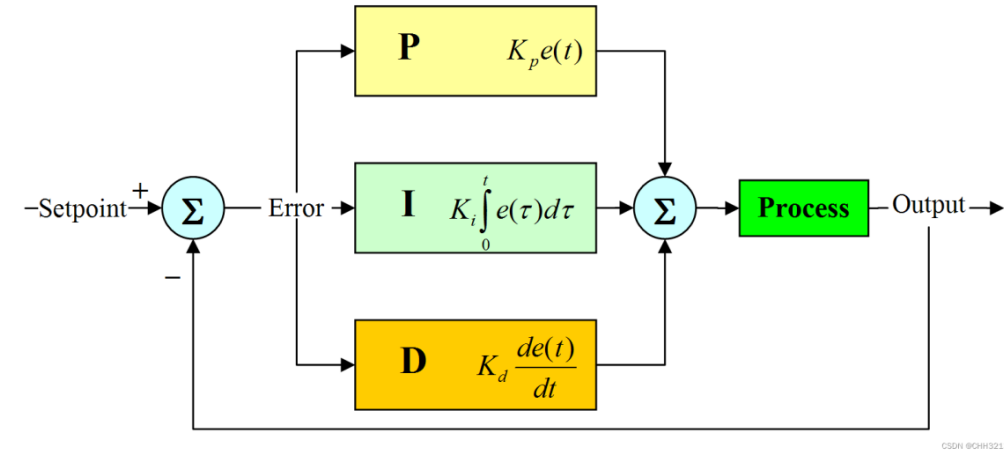




PID Controller

PID control technology is the most convenient to use:

- when the **mathematical model and parameters** of the controlled object **cannot be obtained**



Continuous system:

$$u(t) = K_P e(t) + K_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + K_D \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$

Discrete system:

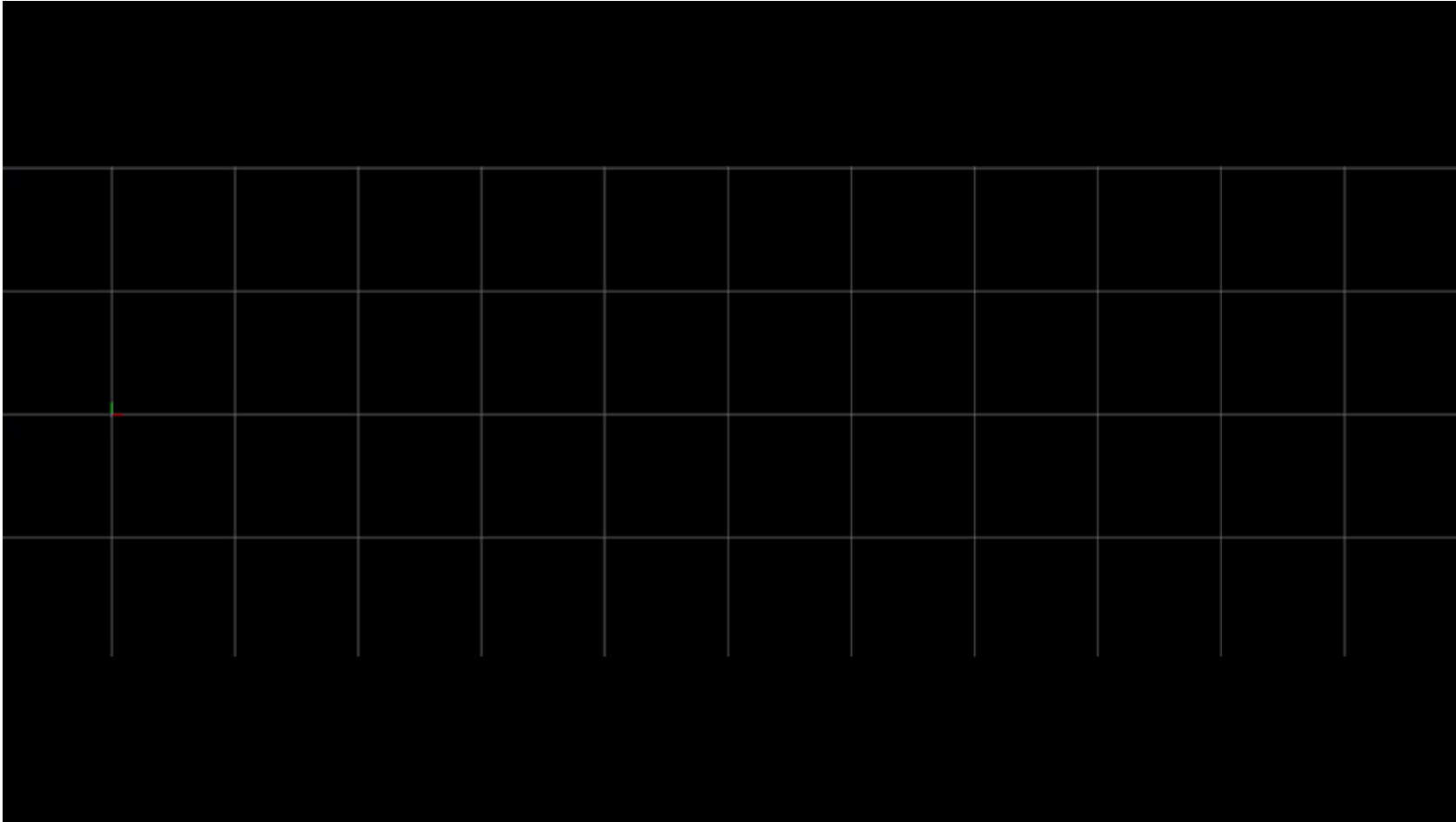
$$u_k = K_P e_k + K_I T \sum_{j=0}^k e_j + K_D \frac{e_k - e_{k-1}}{T}$$

$$u_k = K_P e_k + K_I \sum_{j=0}^k e_j + K_D (e_k - e_{k-1})$$

The characteristics of the controller can be adjusted by tuning the gains K_P , K_I , and K_D for the proportional, integral, and derivative terms, respectively.



PID Controller





Stanley Controller

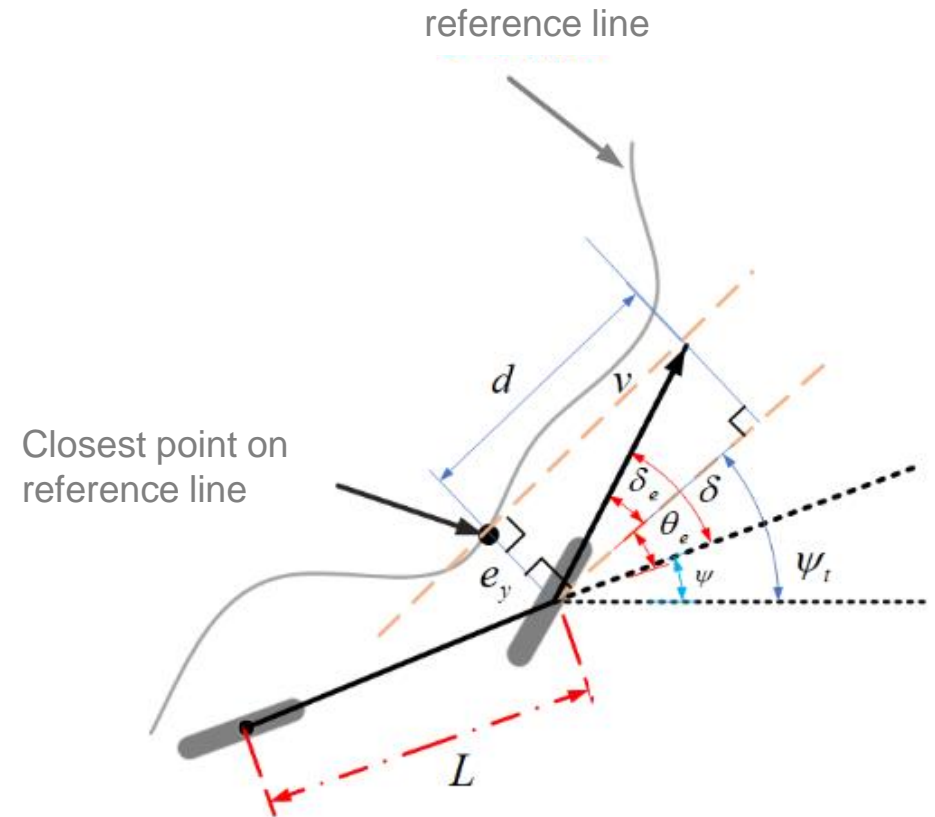


Stanley Method

Stanley controller (Front wheel feedback control), is based on calculating the lateral path tracking error at **the front wheel center**.

The front wheel steering control input consists of two parts:

- **lateral error**
 - the lateral distance from the front axle center to the nearest point on the reference path.
- **heading error**
 - current vehicle orientation ψ
 - reference path heading ψ_t





Stanley Method

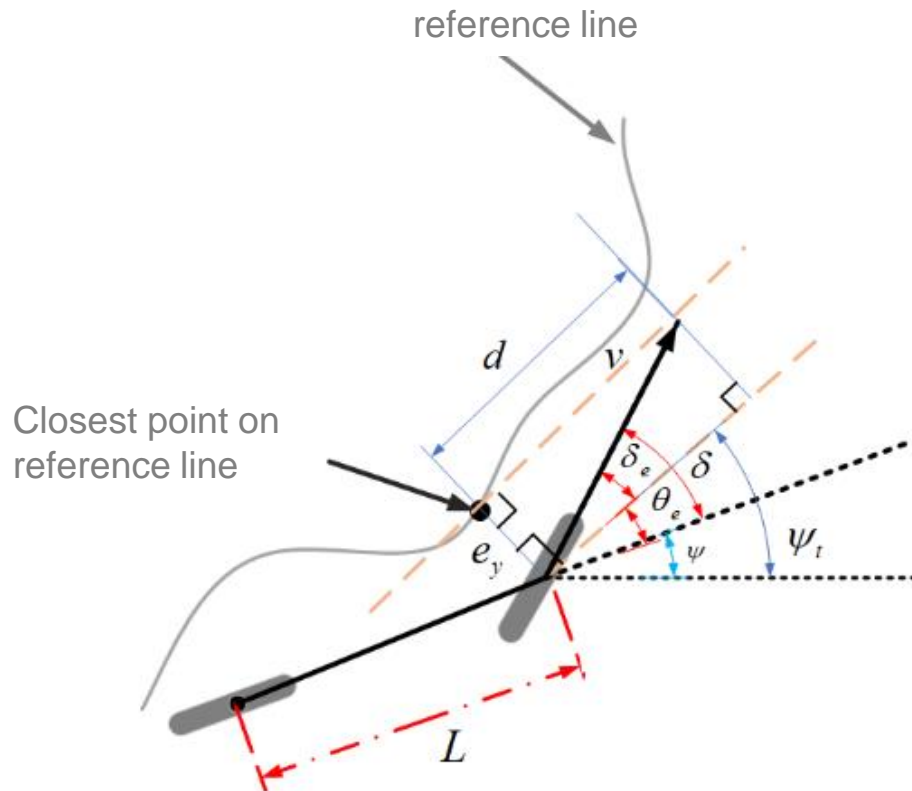
d is proportional to the vehicle speed v

$$d = \frac{v}{k}$$

Lateral error $\delta_e = \arctan \frac{e_y}{d} = \arctan \frac{ke_y}{v}$

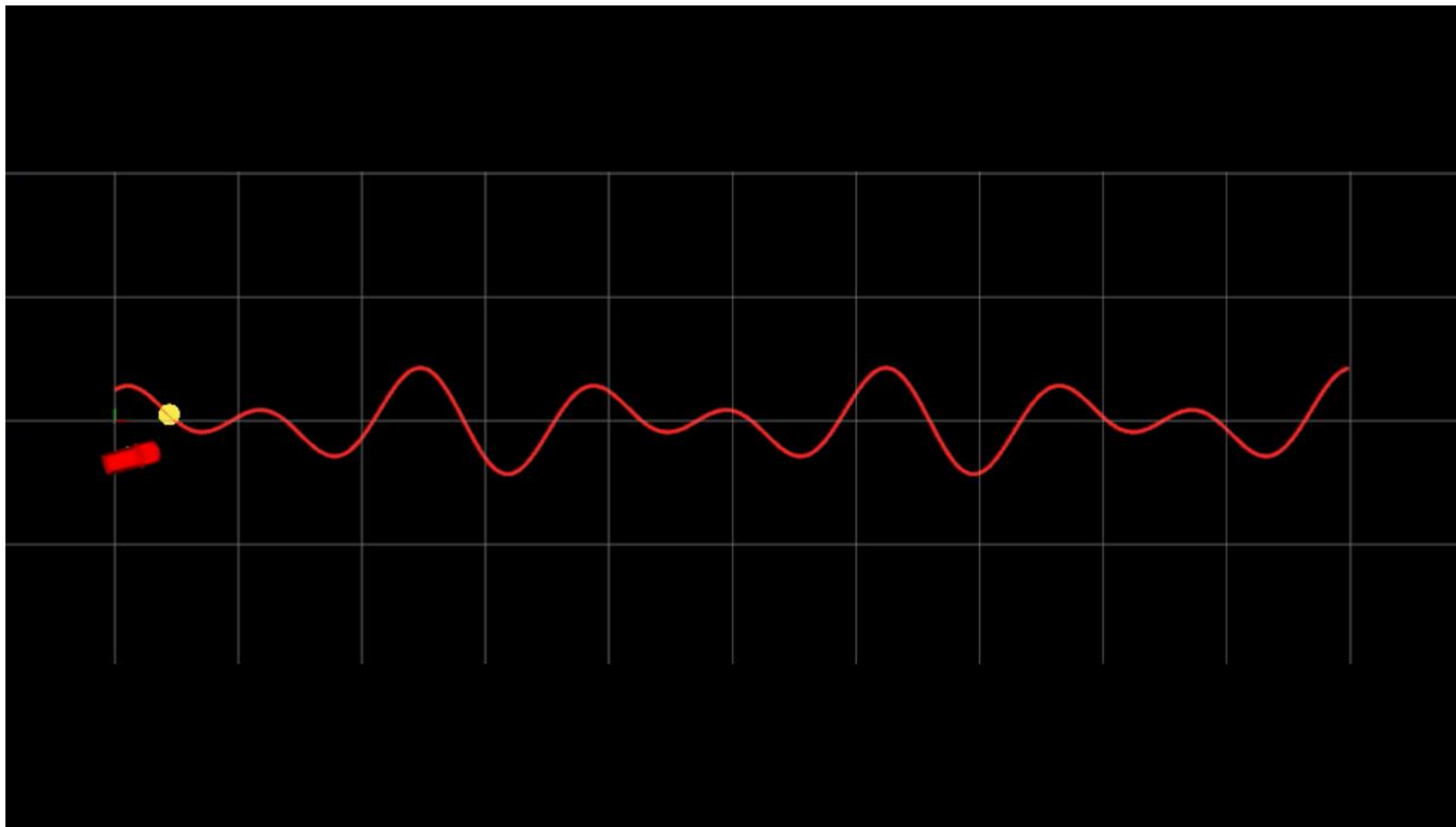
Heading error $\theta_e = \psi_t - \psi$

$$\delta = \theta_e + \delta_e$$





Stanley Method





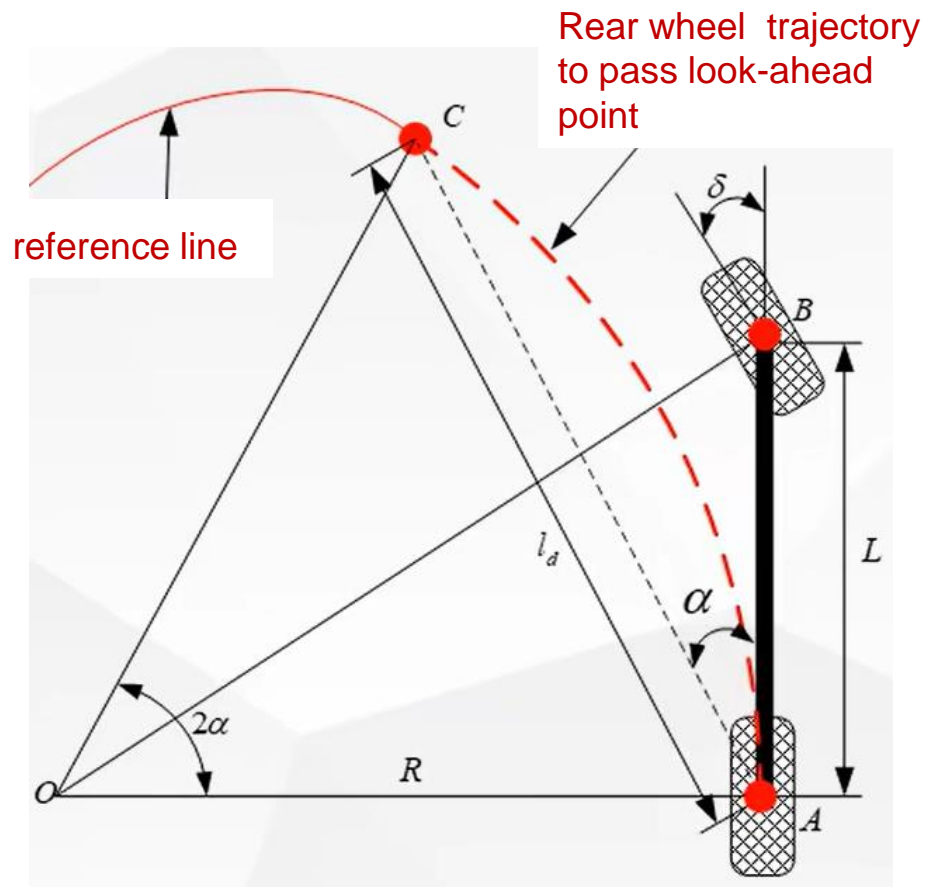
Pure Pursuit



Pure Pursuit

Pure Pursuit

- Adjusts the front wheel steering angle δ to pass **look-ahead point**



look-ahead distance l_d

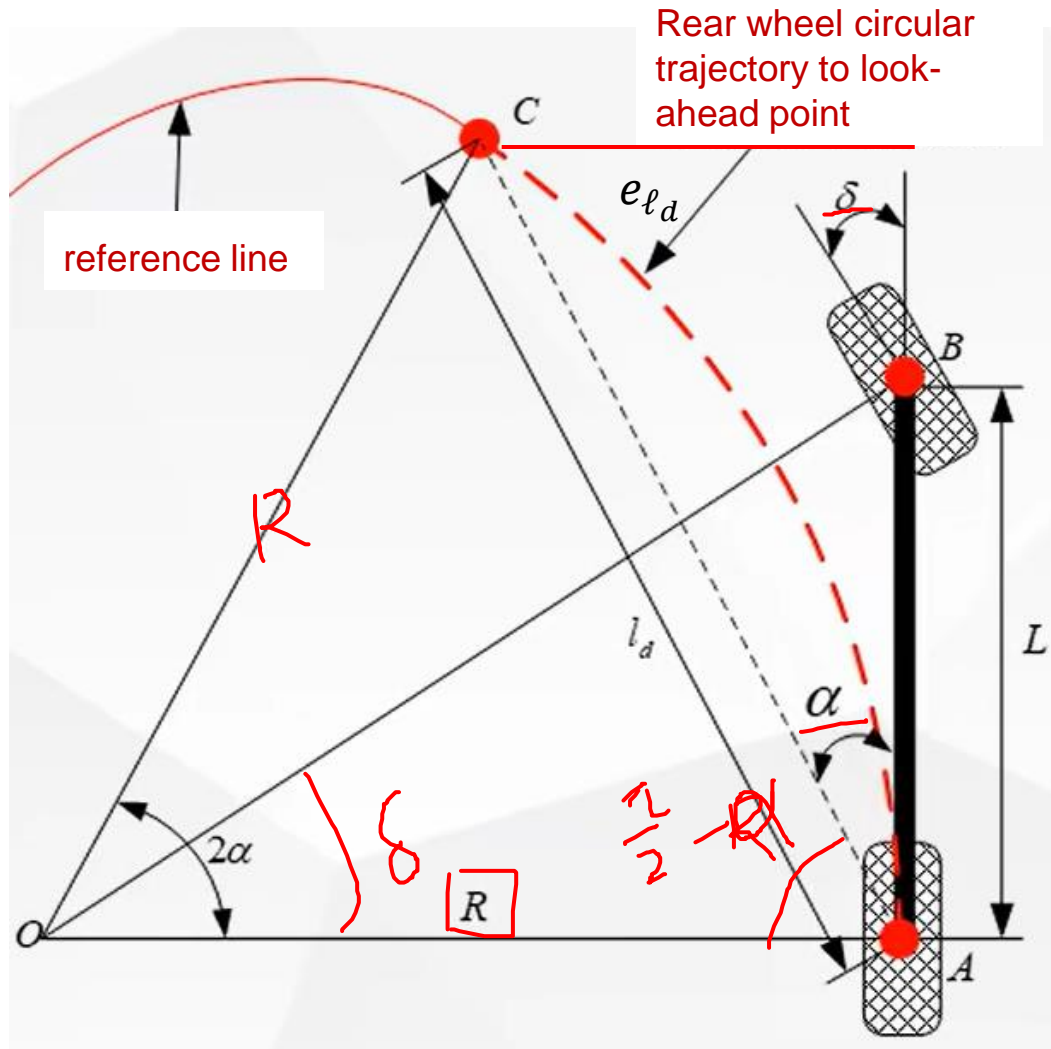


Pure Pursuit

law of sines

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma}$$

$$\sin(2A) = 2 \sin(A) \cos(A)$$



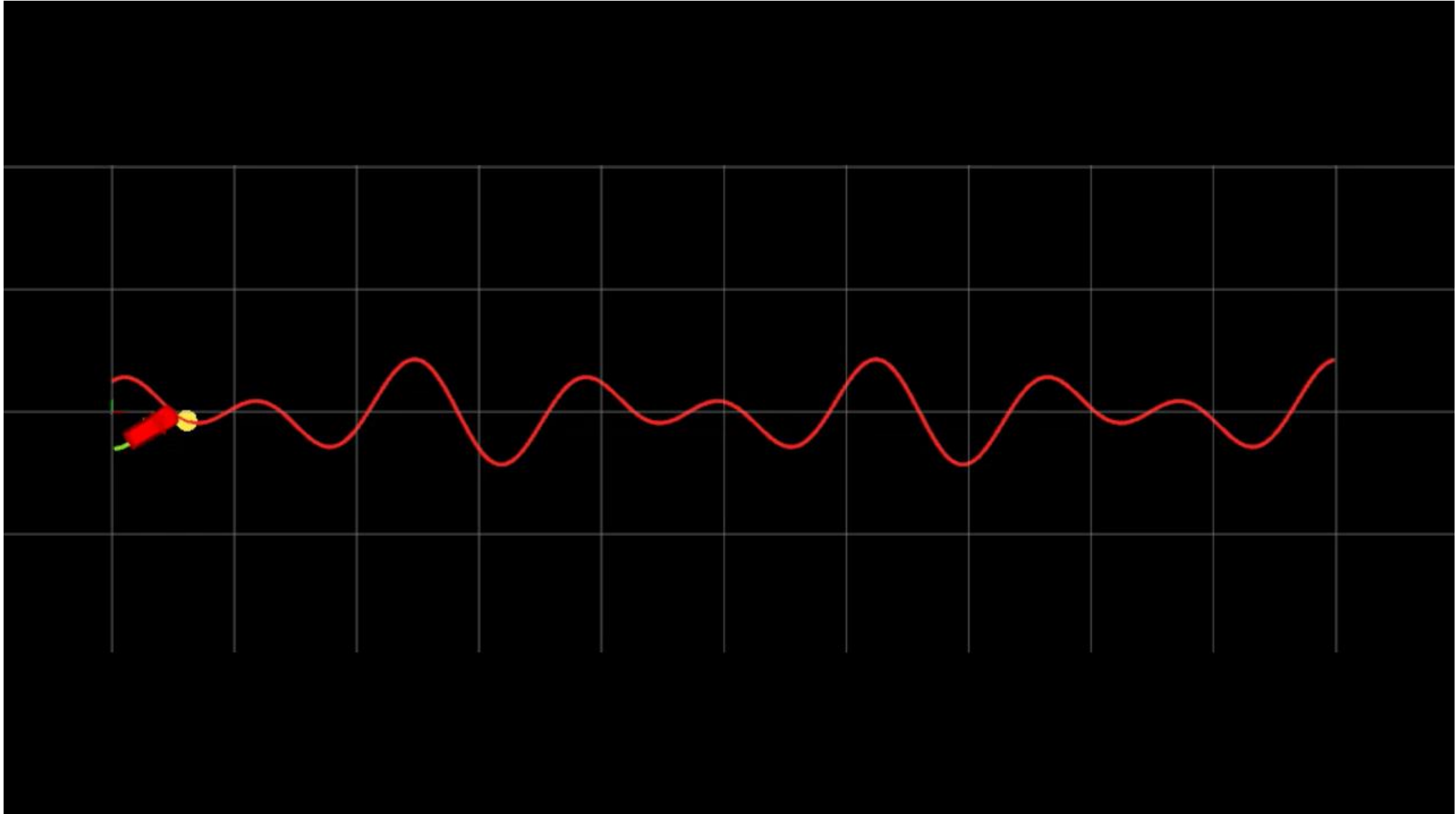
$$\text{In } \triangle OCA, \quad \frac{\ell_d}{\sin(2\alpha)} = \frac{R}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)} \Rightarrow \frac{\ell_d}{2\sin(\alpha)\cos(\alpha)} = \frac{R}{\cos(\alpha)} \Rightarrow R = \frac{\ell_d}{2\sin(\alpha)}$$

$$\text{In } \triangle OAB, \quad \tan \delta = \frac{L}{R} \Rightarrow \delta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{L}{R}\right)$$

$$\underline{\delta(t)} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2L\sin(\alpha(t))}{\ell_d}\right)$$



Pure Pursuit





LQR Controller (Linear Quadratic Regulator)



LQR controller

- Linear model:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_k$$

- Cost function:

$$J = \sum_{k=1}^N \underbrace{(\mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_k)}_{\text{(error) state cost}} + \underbrace{(\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_k)}_{\text{control cost}}$$

Positive semi-definite

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}^T \succ 0$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}^T \succ 0$$

- Goal: find the best control sequence $\mathbf{u}_{1:N}^*$ that minimizes J
 - Solve the *Riccati* equation:
 - Set the initial values $\mathbf{P}_N = \mathbf{Q}$, and perform the iterative loop from the back to the front: $k = N, \dots, 1$.
 - $\mathbf{P}_{k-1} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{A}$
 - $\mathbf{K}_k = (\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{A}$
 - $\mathbf{u}_k^* = -\mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{x}_k$



LQR controller

Ideal LQR problem

- Linear discrete model:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_k$$

- Cost function:

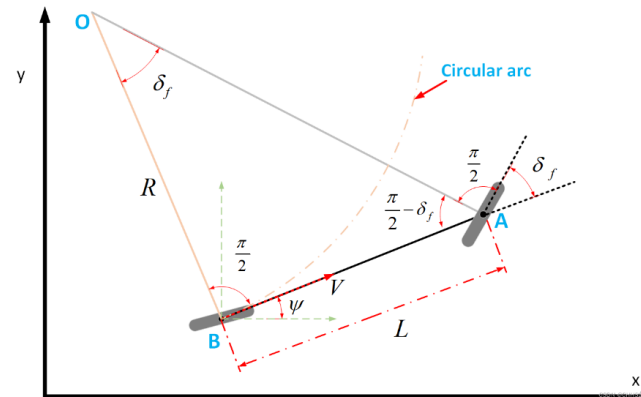
- State is error

$$J = \sum_{k=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_k)$$

Vehicle Kinematic Model

$$\begin{aligned} \chi &= [x, y, \psi]^T \\ \mathbf{u} &= [v, \delta]^T \end{aligned} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = v \cos(\psi) \\ \dot{y} = v \sin(\psi) \\ \dot{\psi} = \frac{v}{L} \tan \delta_f \end{cases}$$

- Nonlinear
- Continuous system
- State is not error





LQR controller

Linearization

State: $\boldsymbol{\chi} = [x, y, \psi]^T$

Control input : $\mathbf{u} = [v, \delta]^T$

Model:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v \cos(\psi) = f_1 \\ \dot{y} = v \sin(\psi) = f_2 \\ \dot{\psi} = \frac{v}{L} \tan \delta_f = f_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\chi}, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\chi}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \psi} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \psi} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -v_r \sin \varphi_r \\ 0 & 0 & v_r \cos \varphi_r \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\chi}, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \delta} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \delta} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial \delta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi_r & 0 \\ \sin \psi_r & 0 \\ \frac{\tan \delta_r}{L} & \frac{v_r}{L \cos^2 \delta_r} \end{bmatrix}$$

Linearize at the points on the reference trajectory:

- Reference point: $\boldsymbol{\chi}_r = [x_r, y_r, \psi_r]^T$ $\mathbf{u}_r = [v_r, \delta_r]^T$ e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} v_r = 2\text{m/s} \\ \delta_r = 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- Use the first-order Taylor series expansion

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}} = f(\boldsymbol{\chi}_r, \mathbf{u}_r) + \frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\chi}, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\chi}} (\boldsymbol{\chi} - \boldsymbol{\chi}_r) + \frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\chi}, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_r)$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}} - f(\boldsymbol{\chi}_r, \mathbf{u}_r) = \frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\chi}, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\chi}} (\boldsymbol{\chi} - \boldsymbol{\chi}_r) + \frac{\partial f(\boldsymbol{\chi}, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_r)$$



LQR controller

State -> Error State

$$\dot{\chi} = f(\chi_r, \mathbf{u}_r) = \frac{\partial f(\chi, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \chi} (\chi - \chi_r) + \frac{\partial f(\chi, \mathbf{u})}{\partial \mathbf{u}} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_r)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} - \dot{x}_r \\ \dot{y} - \dot{y}_r \\ \dot{\psi} - \dot{\psi}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -v_r \sin \psi_r \\ 0 & 0 & v_r \cos \psi_r \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - x_r \\ y - y_r \\ \psi - \psi_r \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi_r & 0 \\ \sin \psi_r & 0 \\ \frac{\tan \delta_r}{L} & \frac{v_r}{L \cos^2 \delta_r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v - v_r \\ \delta - \delta_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Trajectory error $\tilde{\chi}$

Control error $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$

$$\dot{\tilde{\chi}} = A\tilde{\chi} + B\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v \cos(\psi) \\ \dot{y} = v \sin(\psi) \\ \dot{\psi} = \frac{v}{L} \tan \delta_f \end{cases} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \dot{\tilde{\chi}} = A\tilde{\chi} + B\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$$



LQR controller

Discretization

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\tilde{\chi}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} - \dot{x}_r \\ \dot{y} - \dot{y}_r \\ \dot{\psi} - \dot{\psi}_r \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -v_r \sin \psi_r \\ 0 & 0 & v_r \cos \psi_r \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x - x_r \\ y - y_r \\ \psi - \psi_r \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos \psi_r & 0 \\ \sin \psi_r & 0 \\ \frac{\tan \delta_r}{L} & \frac{v_r}{L \cos^2 \delta_r} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v - v_r \\ \delta - \delta_r \end{bmatrix} \\ &= A\tilde{\chi} + B\tilde{\mathbf{u}}\end{aligned}$$

- One step Euler method

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\chi}(k+1) &= (TA + I)\tilde{\chi}(k) + TB\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(k) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -Tv_r \sin \psi_r \\ 0 & 1 & Tv_r \cos \psi_r \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\chi}(k) + \begin{bmatrix} T \cos \psi_r & 0 \\ T \sin \psi_r & 0 \\ \frac{T \tan \delta_r}{L} & \frac{v_r T}{L \cos^2 \delta_r} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(k) \\ &= \tilde{A}\tilde{\chi}(k) + \tilde{B}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(k)\end{aligned}$$



LQR controller

System model:

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Quadratic cost function:

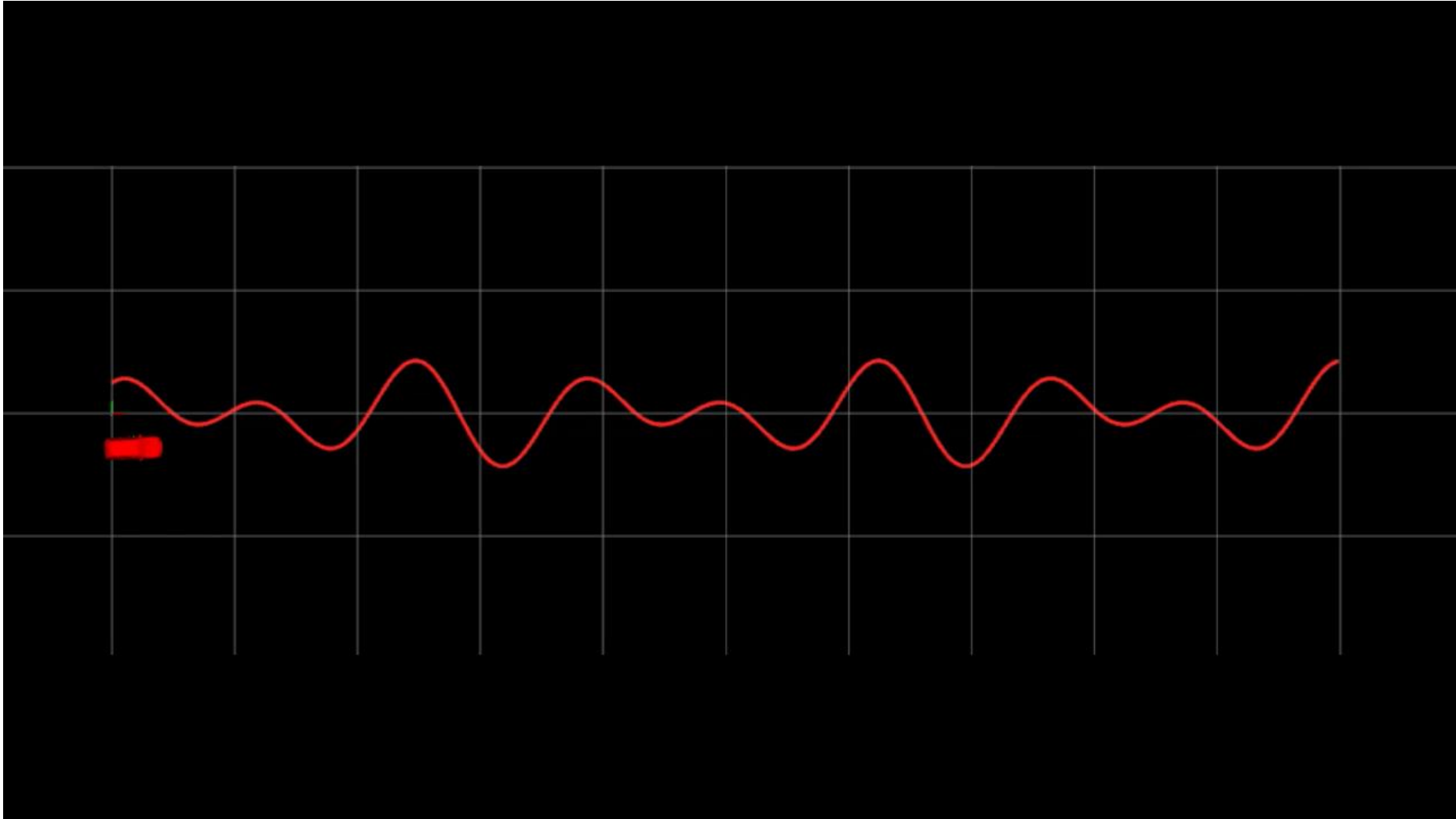
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 - $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k^* = -\mathbf{K}_k \tilde{\chi}_k$
 - $\mathbf{u}^* = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k^* + \mathbf{u}_r$



LQR controller

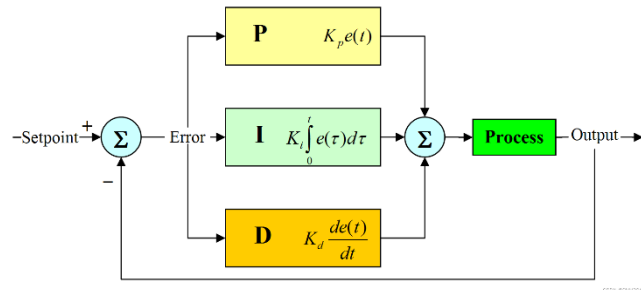




Control Method Comparison (Lateral Tracking)

PID

- Lateral error



$$u_k = K_P e_k + K_I \sum_{j=0}^k e_j + K_D (e_k - e_{k-1})$$

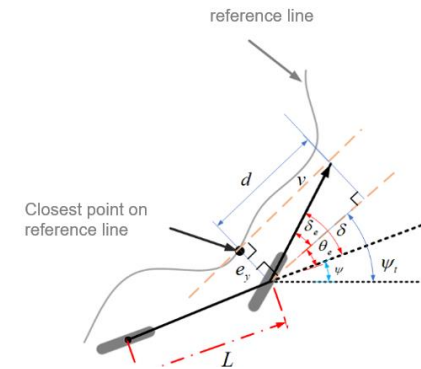
Stanley

- Lateral error
- Heading error

$$\delta_e = \arctan \frac{e_y}{\lambda} = \arcsin \frac{ke_y}{v}$$

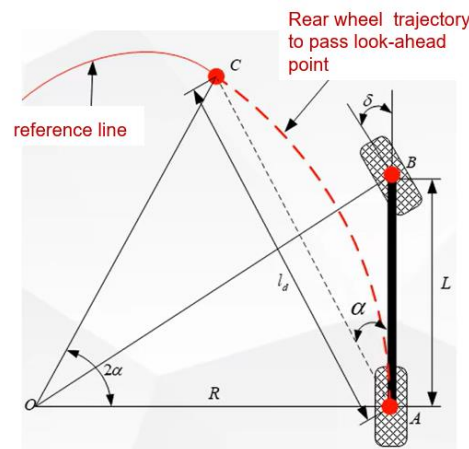
$$\theta_e = \psi_t - \psi$$

$$\delta = \theta_e + \delta_e$$



Pure Pursuit

- Look-ahead point



$$\delta(t) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2L \sin(\alpha(t))}{\ell_d} \right)$$

LQR







- Model-based Optimal control

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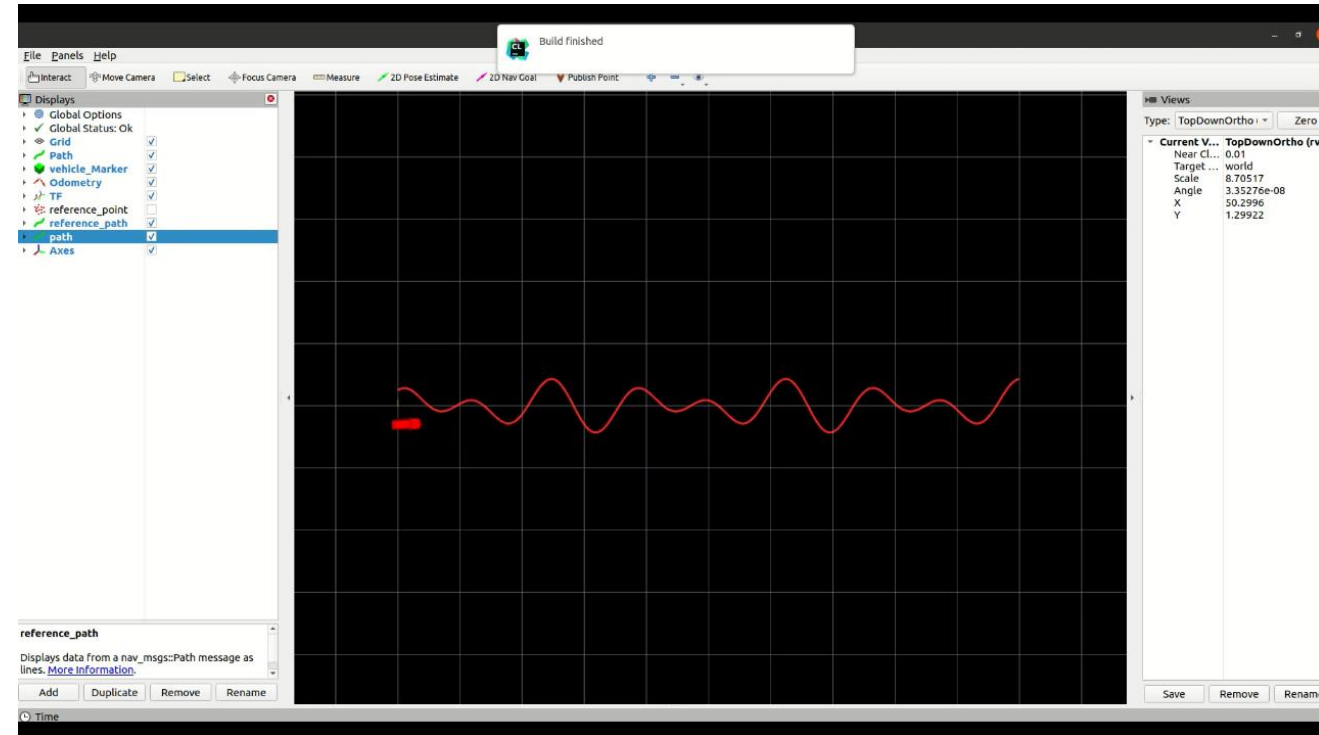


Assignment

Visualization in RVIZ

Lateral Control in ROS

- Complete different **functions in controller.cpp**
 - PIDController() (example)
 - Tune the gain to make it better
 - StanleyController()
 - PurePursuitController()
 - LQRController()
- catkin_make your workspace
 - rosrun avp_control avp_control



Compare tracking performance from different method.

avp_control_node.cpp - main()

```
double lateral_control;  
// lateral_control = controller.PIDController(robot_state, refer_path, vehicle_model);  
// lateral_control = controller.StanlyController(robot_state, refer_path, vehicle_model);  
// lateral_control = controller.PurePursuitController(robot_state, refer_path, vehicle_model);  
lateral_control = controller.LQRController(robot_state, refer_path, ugv: vehicle_model);
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感谢聆听 /
Thanks for Listening

