

# Chapter 4, LaValle

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5. C-space of cylindrical rod is  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times S^2$

Imagine pinning rod end to center of sphere.  
with a ball-in-socket joint.

Rod can point in any direction, hence  $S^2$

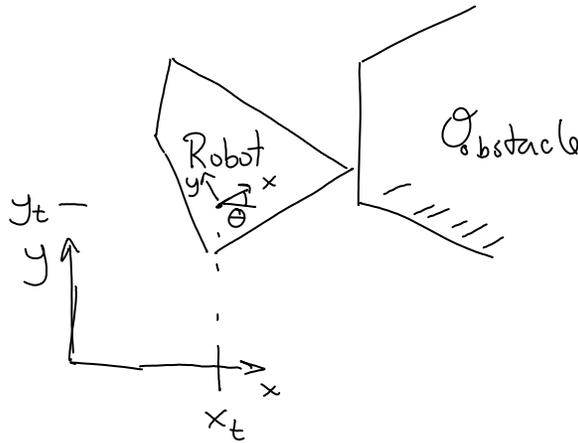
Base of rod can translate, hence  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Rotation of rod about its axis makes no difference

9. Derive  $H_A$  for type VE contact

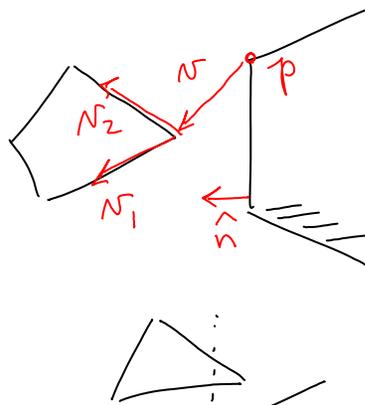
vertex of robot  
contacts edge of  
obstacle

Let  $q = (x_t, y_t, \theta)$



Sufficient conditions  
for  $q \in C_{free}$

$$\begin{cases} N(q) \cdot \hat{n} > 0 \\ N_1(\theta) \cdot \hat{n} \geq 0 \\ N_2(\theta) \cdot \hat{n} \geq 0 \end{cases}$$





Note: conditions are not necessary 

$$\text{Let } H_f = \{q \mid \nu(q) \cdot \hat{n} > 0, \nu_1(\theta) \cdot \hat{n} \geq 0, \nu_2(\theta) \cdot \hat{n} \geq 0\}$$

$$H_f \subset C_{\text{free}}$$

$$\text{Let } H_A = C \setminus H_f \Rightarrow H_A = H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3$$

where

$$H_1 = \{q \mid \hat{n} \cdot \nu(q) \leq 0\}$$

$$H_2 = \{q \mid \hat{n} \cdot \nu_1(\theta) \leq 0\}$$

$$H_3 = \{q \mid \hat{n} \cdot \nu_2(\theta) \leq 0\}$$

The main difference between EV & VE contacts are the details of the formulas in  $H_i$ ,  $i=1,2,3$ , when expanded as functions of  $x_t, y_t, \theta$ .

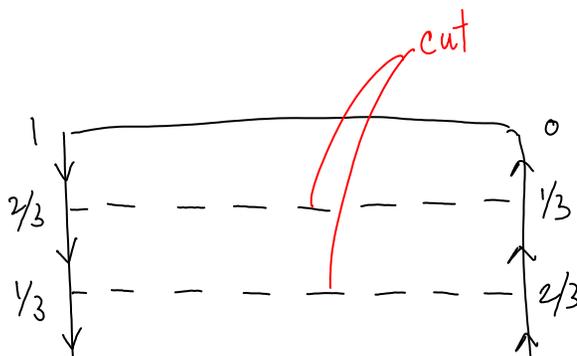
(1b) 5 bodies free to move in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  gives

$$C = SE(3) \times \dots \times SE(3) = (SE(3))^5$$

$C$  is 30-dimensional

(1c)

Form mobius band  
then cut along



dashed line.

What results?



One gets a mobius band of length  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the center of the strip.

The outer  $\frac{1}{3}$ -wide strips stay connected to each other & form a hoop like a mobius band with two twists.

Also the mobius band and double twist band are connected like links in a chain.

Question: Is the double twist band homeomorphic to a cylindrical surface, i.e.,  $S^1 \times I$ ?

Is the result a manifold?

Yes, it is a manifold w/ boundary.

Every point not on the edge has a nbhd. that is Euclidean ( $\mathbb{R}^2$ ). Every point on the edge has a nbhd that is a half-plane.

(21.) Tetrahedron & Cube. How many facets on the  $Cob_3$  if they are free to move in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$$VF = 8 \times 4 = 32$$

$$\begin{array}{l} FV = 6 \times 4 = 24 \\ EE = 12 \times 6 = 72 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} FV \\ EE \end{array}} \right\} \Rightarrow 128 \text{ 2D facets.}$$

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③ Is  $\rho(x, x') = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall x \neq x' \\ 0 & \text{if } x = x' \end{cases}$  a metric?

Requirements:

Nonneg:  $\rho(x, x') \geq 0$  ✓ Yes

$\rho(x, x) = 0$  ✓ Yes

Reflex:  $\rho(x, x') = \rho(x', x)$  ✓ Yes

Tri Ineq.:  $\rho(x, x') + \rho(x', x'') \geq \rho(x, x'')$  ✓ Yes

for Triangle Ineq, there are 3 cases:

- ①  $x, x', x''$  are distinct
  - ② all are equal
  - ③ two are distinct
- } Triangle Ineq. is satisfied in all cases.

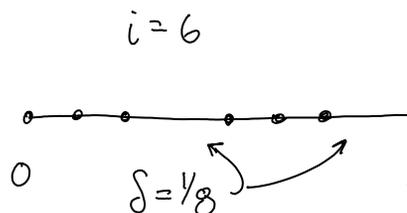
Yes,  $\rho$  is a metric

⑥ Determine dispersion as a fcn of samples of a vander Corput sequence on the circle

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$$\delta(P) = \sup_{x \in X} \left\{ \min_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \{ \rho(x, P) \} \right\}$$

Note: disp. is determined by the largest interval



One can derive  $\delta$  as:

$$\delta = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{N+1}$$

where  $N = \lfloor \log_2(i) \rfloor$  floor.

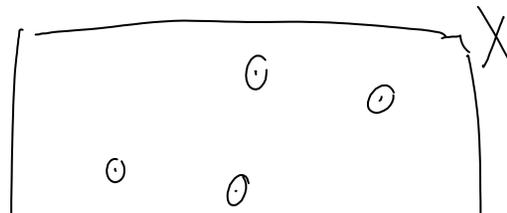
$i = \#$  of samples

(13) Show that for any set of points in  $[0, 1]^n$  a range space  $\mathcal{R}$  can be designed so that the discrepancy is as close to 1 as desired

$$D(P, \mathcal{R}) = \sup_{R \in \mathcal{R}} \left\{ \frac{|P \cap R|}{k} - \frac{\mu(R)}{\mu(X)} \right\}$$

Annotations:   
 -  $|P \cap R|$  is labeled "cardinality"   
 -  $k$  is labeled "# samples"   
 -  $\mu(R)$  is labeled "measure of R"   
 -  $\mu(X)$  is labeled "measure of X (area)"

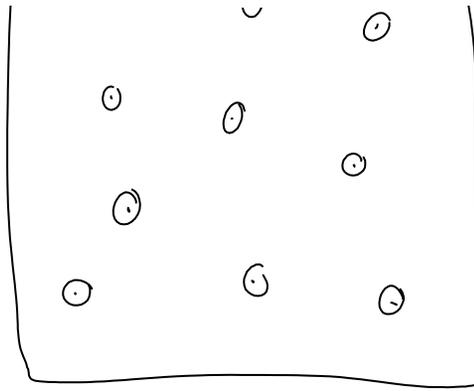
$\mathcal{R}$  is any collection of subsets



of subsets

$P$  is points  $\rightarrow$

$R$  is open circles  
containing  $p \in P$



Let radii of circles  $\rightarrow 0$

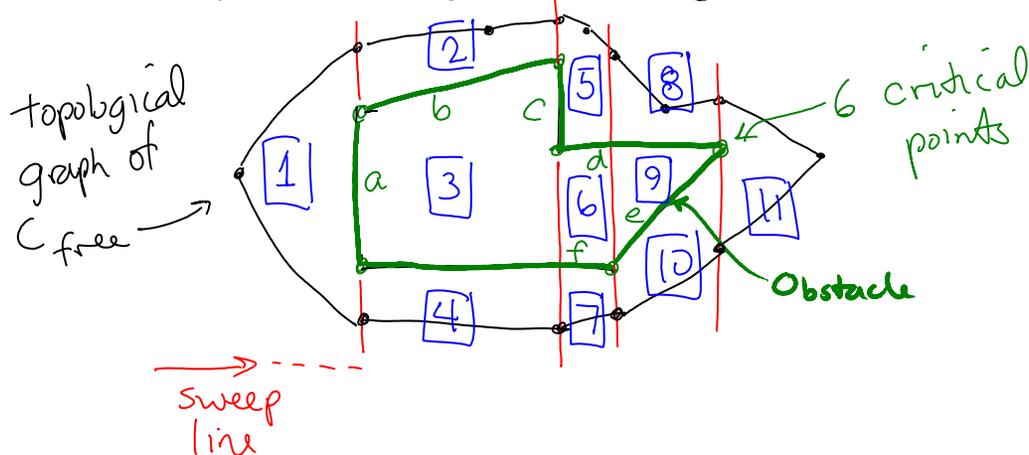
$\Rightarrow |P \cap R| = k$  and  $\mu(R) \rightarrow 0$

$\therefore \mathbb{D} \rightarrow 1$

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- ① When edges lie parallel to the vertical direction, one has to modify the way cell boundaries are entered into the list of boundaries

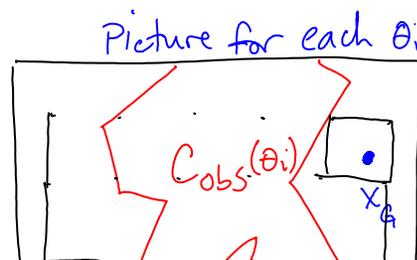


$$L = \{ \emptyset \}, \{ b, f \}, \{ d, f \}, \{ d, e \}, \{ \emptyset \}$$

Note  $a$  &  $c$  are never in the list of boundaries.

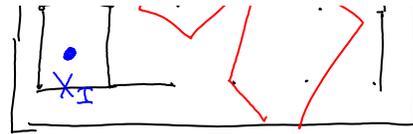
- ⑦ Resolution complete alg for planning motion of polygon robot in field of polygonal obstacles.

1. Create an  $n \times n$  grid in  $(x, y)$  space
2. Choose a v.d. Comput seq. of orientations,  $\Theta$ .
3. For next  $\theta_i \in \Theta$ :



a.) construct  $C_{obs}(\theta_i)$

b.) connect adjacent



grid points using straight-line local planner.

4. For each  $\theta_i \neq \theta_j$   
that are adjacent in  
the sequence:

a) Identify  $(x_k, y_k) \notin C_{obs}(\theta_i) \cup C_{obs}(\theta_j)$

b) Attempt to connect  $(x_k, y_k, \theta_i)$  to  
 $(x_k, y_k, \theta_j)$  by sweeping robot around  
reference point from  $\theta_i$  to  $\theta_j$ . Connect  
if no collisions.

5. For each new  $\theta_i$  check for solution using a  
usual method.

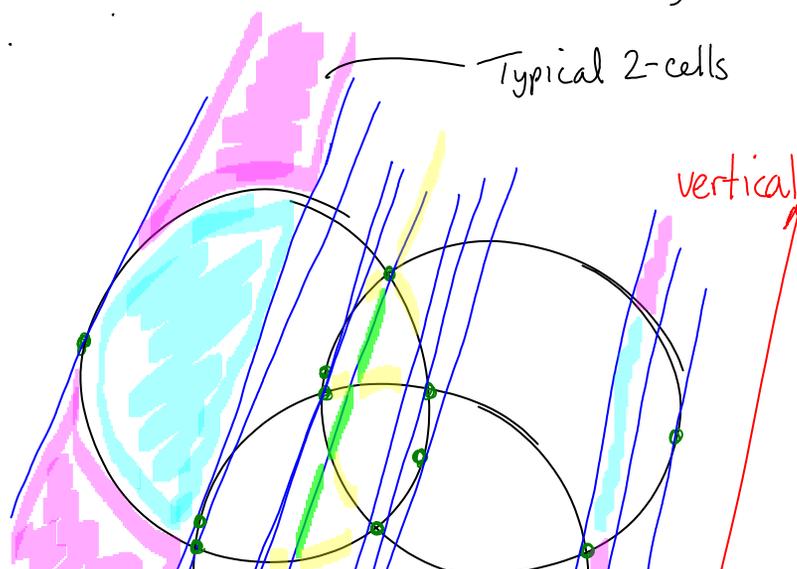
6. If no solution:

a. increase grid resolution and restart

b. select next  $\theta_i$  and continue (Go to step 3)

c. give up.

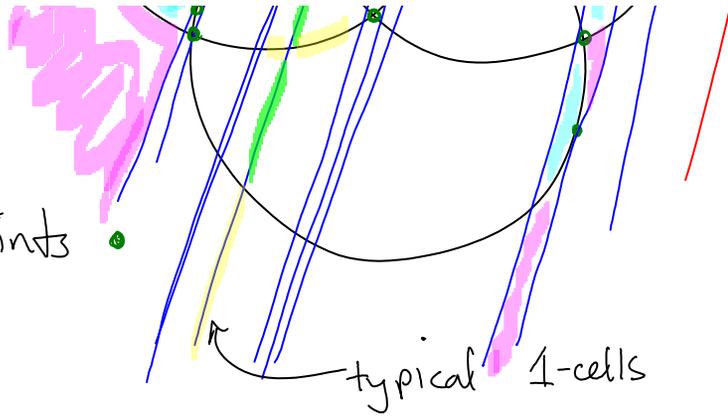
9. Cylindrical  
algebraic cell  
decomposition  
into  $\mathcal{M}$ -cells



into 0-cells,  
1-cells, 2-cells.

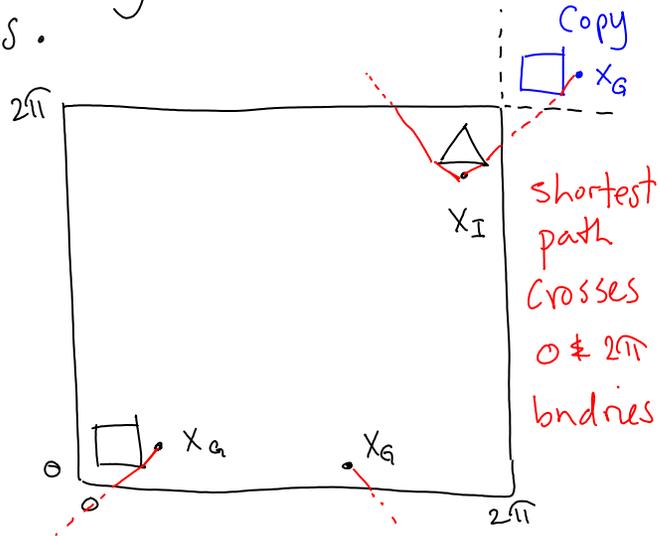
12 critical points

$\approx 100$  2-cells  
 $\approx 60$  1-cells  
 $\approx 30$  0-cells



(12) Develop shortest path alg  
on flattened torus.

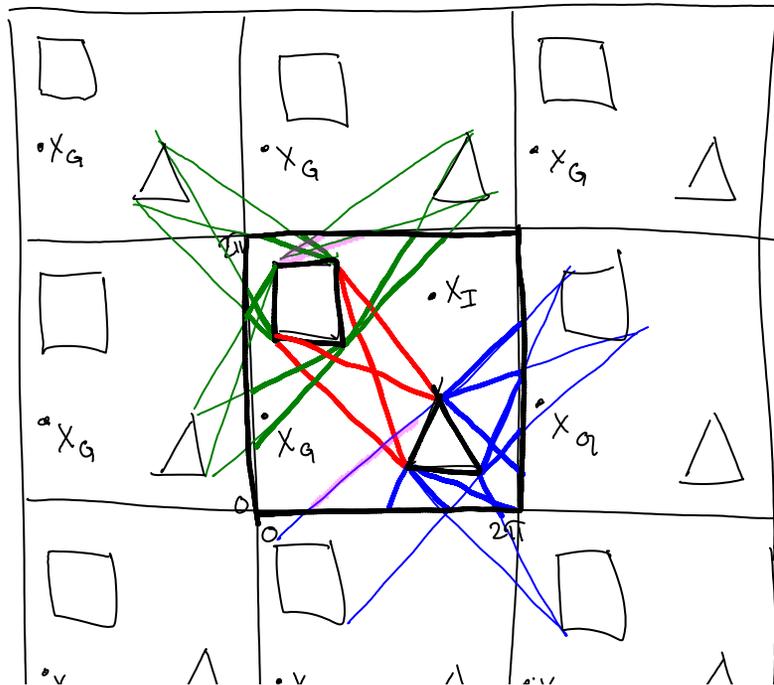
Be sure to handle  
identifications  
correctly.



1. Make  
8 adjacent  
copies

2. Create  
visibility  
graph between  
 $\Delta \neq \square$  on  
all tiles.

3. Make 8



copies of  $X_G$   $\left| \begin{array}{c} \cdot X_G \\ \triangle \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{c} \cdot X_G \\ \triangle \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{c} \cdot X_G \\ \triangle \end{array} \right|$

4. Find shortest path to each of the 9  $X_G$ 's
5. Measure lengths of 9 paths. Keep shortest.