

# Geometric Representations for Multi-Robot Systems ①

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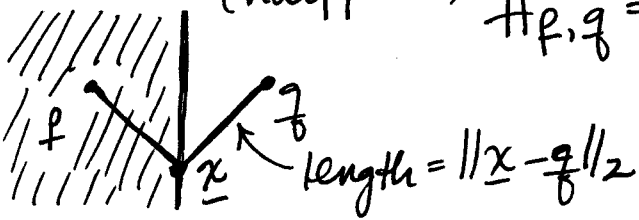
- Deployment over a region
- Pattern formation
- Rendezvous at a common point
- Move in a synchronized manner
- Agents have no global knowledge of state of the network, can observe only their closest neighbors
- Focus on motion coordination algorithms with provably correct <sup>Strategies</sup>
- Strong connection to certain geometric objects and geometric optimization problems
  - proximity graphs, Voronoi cells, optimization problems induced by geometric objects

## I. Basic Geometric Concepts

$p, q \in \mathbb{R}^d$  • Closed segment:

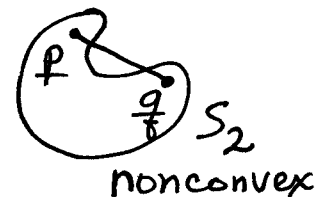
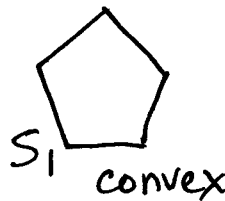
$$[p, q] = \{\lambda p + (1-\lambda)q \mid \lambda \in [0, 1]\}$$

- Closed halfspace of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  of points closer to  $p$  than  $q$ :  
(halfplane)  $H_{p,q} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|x-p\|_2 \leq \|x-q\|_2\}$



• Set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

- $S$  is convex if for any  $p, q \in S$ ,  $[p, q]$  is contained in  $S$ .



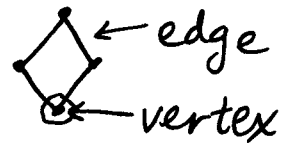
- Convex hull of a set<sup>1</sup>,  $Co(S)$ , is the smallest convex set that contains  $S$ .

$S = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$

$co(S) = \{\lambda_1 p_1 + \lambda_2 p_2 + \lambda_3 p_3 \mid \lambda_i \geq 0, \sum \lambda_i = 1\}$

• Polygon: set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  whose boundary is the union of a finite # of closed segments.

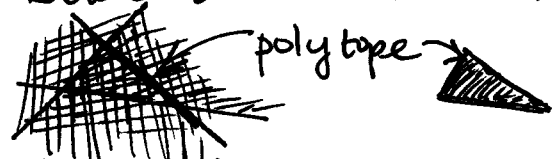
- Simple polytope: boundary is not self-intersecting



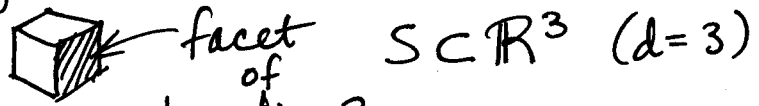
• Polytope: generalization of polygon to  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \geq 3$



- Convex polytope in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ : convex hull of a finite set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  / bounded intersection of a finite set of halfspaces



• A  $d-1$  facet (or face) is the intersection between the polytope and the boundary of a closed halfspace that defines the polytope.



- Edges are facets of dimension 1
- Vertices are facets of dimension 0

• Partition of  $S$  is a collection of closed connected sets

$\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_m\}$

for which:

$S = \bigcup_{i=1}^m W_i$  and

$\text{int}(W_j) \cap \text{int}(W_k) = \emptyset$  for  $j, k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .



$W_i$  contains its boundary,  $\partial W_i$

$W_i$  can't be represented as the union of disjoint nonempty open sets

• A Voronoi partition of a set  $S$  generated by a set of points  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  in  $S$  is defined as:

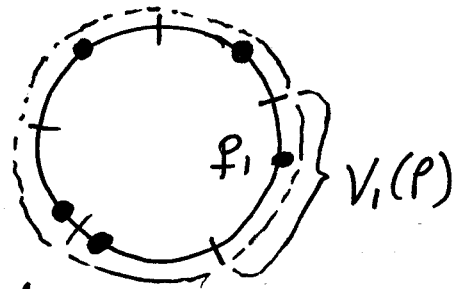
$V(P) = \{V_1(P), \dots, V_n(P)\}$ , where

$$\underline{V_i(P)} = \{q \in S \mid \text{dist}(p_i, q) \leq \text{dist}(p_j, q) \forall p_j \in P \setminus \{p_i\}\}$$

Voronoi cell of  $p_i$

- Set of points of  $S$  that are closer to  $p_i$  than to any of the other points in  $P$ .

Voronoi partition of the circle generated by 5 points:



• An  $r$ -limited Voronoi partition inside

$S$  is defined as:  $V_r(P) = \{V_{1,r}(P), \dots, V_{n,r}(P)\}$ , where

$$V_{i,r}(P) = V_i(P) \cap \underline{B(p_i, r)}$$

closed ball in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  centered at  $p_i$  with radius  $r$

## II. Proximity Graphs

• A proximity graph  $G$  at  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $G(P)$ , is an undirected graph with vertex set  $P$  and with edge set  $E_G(P) \subseteq \{\{p, q\} \in P \times P \mid p \neq q\}$

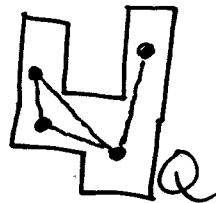
- Edge set is a function of the relative locations of the points

• Different types of proximity graphs:

①  $r$ -disk graph:  $\{p_i, p_j\} \in E_G(P)$  if  $\|p_i - p_j\| \leq r$ .

② Delaunay graph: " " if  $V_i(P) \cap V_j(P) \neq \emptyset$ .

- (3)  $r$ -limited Delaunay graph:  $\{p_i, p_j\} \in E_G(P)$  if  $V_{i,r}(P) \cap V_{j,r}(P) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (4) visibility graph: " " if the closed segment  $[p_i, p_j] \subset Q$ .



- (5) Complete graph: all pairs of points are edges. (fully connected graph)

- Given a set  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and a proximity graph  $G$ , the set of neighbors of  $p_i$  according to  $G$  is:
 
$$N_{G, p_i}(P) = \{q \in P \mid \{p_i, q\} \in E_G(P)\}.$$

### III. Spatially Distributed Maps

- Given a set  $Y$  and a proximity graph  $G$ , a map  $T: (\mathbb{R}^d)^n \rightarrow Y^n$  is spatially distributed over  $G$  if the  $j$ th component of  $T$ ,  $T_j$ , evaluated at any  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n$  is a function only of  $p_j$  and of the vertices in  $G(P)$  that are neighbors of  $p_j$ .
  - Each agent  $j$  has sufficient information to compute  $T_j(P)$ .
- Given proximity graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ,  $G_1$  is spatially distributed over  $G_2$  if each agent, when informed about the location of its neighbors according to  $G_2$ , has sufficient info to determine its set of neighbors according to  $G_1$ .

# IV. Encoding Coordination Tasks

- Aggregate behavior of agents is evaluated using objective functions: achieving a coordination task = moving agents and changing their states to maximize or minimize an objective function.
- Formulate coordination objectives using functions from geometric optimization.

## Deployment

- Place a network of mobile agents in a given environment to achieve maximum coverage (can be defined in different ways).
- Consider a convex polytope (environment)  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .

Density function  $\phi: Q \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

•  $\phi$  quantifies the relative importance of different points in the environment

(ex. probability that an event of interest takes place)

Performance function  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  describes the utility of placing an agent at a certain distance from a given location in  $Q$

- smaller distance  $\rightarrow$  larger value of  $f$



$f$  decreases as  $p_i$  moves away from  $q$  (harder to detect the sound)

Goal is to maximize the expected value of the coverage performance by agents in  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , given  $\phi$  and  $f$ .

Define the objective function as  $H: Q^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ⑥

$$H(P) = \int_Q \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} f(\|q - p_i\|) \phi(q) dq$$

$P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$   $H$  depends on all locations  $p_i$ .

Want to find local maximizers of  $H$  (set of  $p_i$  that maximize its value)

-  $f$  should be nonincreasing, piecewise continuously differentiable function, possibly with finite jump discontinuities.

- Interpretation of  $H$ :

• For each location  $q \in Q$ , consider the best coverage of  $q$  among those provided by each of the agents  $i, \dots, n$ . This is the value  $\max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} f(\|q - p_i\|)$ .

• Evaluate the importance  $\phi(q)$  of the location  $q$ .

• Sum this quantity over all locations in  $Q$  - this is  $H(P)$ , a measure of the overall coverage.

Can also define  $H(P)$  in terms of the Voronoi partition of  $Q$  generated by  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  (no repeated points  $p_i$ )

$$H(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{V_i(P)} f(\|q - p_i\|) \phi(q) dq$$

← could use  $W_i$  from any partition

• It can be proved that the Voronoi partition  $V(P)$  yields the maximum (optimal) value of  $H(P)$  among all partitions of  $Q$ .

- The gradient of  $H(p)$  is spatially distributed over the Delaunay graph. (7)

Application: Visibility-Based Deployment

Nonconvex polytope  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $p \in Q$

$S(p) = \{q \in Q \mid [q, p] \subset Q\}$  is the visible region in  $Q$  from the location  $p$ .

$I_S(q) = \begin{cases} 1, & q \in S \\ 0, & q \notin S \end{cases}$  ← indicator function

$$H_{\text{vis}}(p) = \int_Q \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} I_{S(p_i)}(q) dq$$

- In 2D,  $H_{\text{vis}}$  measures the area of the subset of  $Q$  composed of points that are visible from at least one of the agents located at  $p_i$ .
- A density fn.  $\phi: Q \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  could be included in  $H_{\text{vis}}$  to assign varying levels of importance throughout the environment.

Application: Rendezvous (a spatial version of consensus)

Agreement over location of agents

$$V_{\text{diam}}(p) = \max \{ \|p_i - p_j\| \mid i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \} = \text{objective function}$$

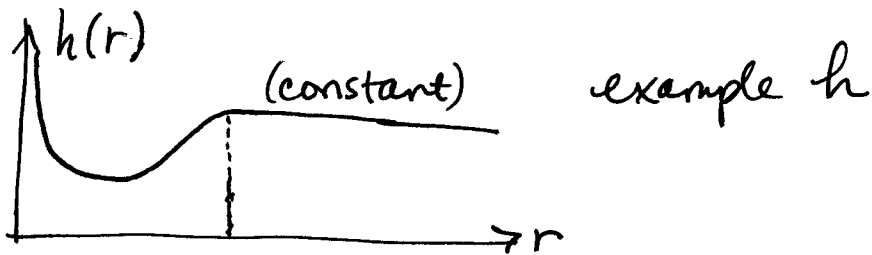
$$= 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad p_i = p_j \quad \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

# Application: Cohesion and Collision Avoidance

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$$H_{\text{coh}, G}(P) = \sum_{\{p_i, p_j\} \in E_G(P)} h(\|p_i - p_j\|) \quad G \text{ is a proximity graph}$$

$h: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a repulsion/attraction function





## Designing Motion Coordination Algorithms

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- Identical agents that can communicate
- Can design coordination algorithm from the objective function:
  - ① Identify an objective fn.  $H(P)$  that is relevant to the desired coordination task.
  - ② Analyze smoothness properties of  $H$  and compute its gradient or generalized gradient.
  - ③ Characterize the critical pts of  $H$ , which encode the desired network configurations.
  - ④ Identify proximity graphs  $G(P)$  to facilitate computation of the gradient of  $H$  in a spatially distrib. manner: if at least one of these graphs is spatially dist. over the agents' communication graph, then a control law for each agent consists of following the gradient of  $H$ .
- Closed-loop network trajectories will converge to set of critical pts of  $H$  (according to an invariance principle)

Execution of control laws: • In each communication round, each agent: ① transmits its position + receives its neighbors' positions; ② computes a notion of the geometric center of its own cell, determined according to some partition of the environment.

- Between commun. rounds, each robot moves toward this center.

Step ① for different coordination tasks.

$$H(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{V_i(P)} f(\|q - p_i\|_2) \phi(q) dq \quad P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$$

$\leftarrow$  Voronoi cell of  $p_i$

(a) Distortion problem:  $f(x) = -x^2$

$$H(P) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{V_i(P)} \|q - p_i\|_2^2 \phi(q) dq$$

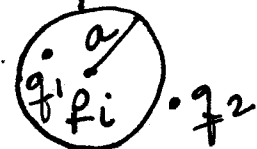
- In signal compression,  $-H$  is called the distortion function; "distortion" refers to the average deformation (weighted by  $\phi(q)$ ) caused by reproducing  $q$  with the location  $p_i$ , where  $q \in V_i(P)$ .

(b) Area problem:  $f(x) = 1_{[0, a]}(x)$ ,  $a > 0$

$$I_S(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in S \\ 0, & x \notin S \end{cases} \leftarrow \text{indicator function}$$

Closed Ball  $\bar{B}(p_i, a)$ :

$$H(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{V_i(P)} 1_{[0, a]}(\|q - p_i\|_2) \phi(q) dq$$



$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{V_i(P) \cap \bar{B}(p_i, a)} \phi(q) dq$$

$\leftarrow$   $r$ -limited Voronoi partition

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n A_\phi(V_i(P) \cap \bar{B}(p_i, a)),$$

where  $A_\phi(S) = \int_S \phi(q) dq$  is the area of  $S$  weighted according to  $\phi(q)$

$$\begin{cases} \|q_1 - p_i\|_2 \in [0, a] \\ \|q_2 - p_i\|_2 \notin [0, a] \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1_{[0, a]}(\|q_1 - p_i\|_2) = 1 \\ 1_{[0, a]}(\|q_2 - p_i\|_2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow H(p) = A \phi \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n \bar{B}(p_i, a) \right) =$  area of the union of  $n$  balls, weighted according to  $\phi(q)$

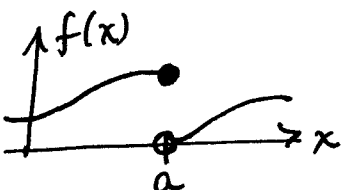
Step ② for different coordination tasks

- Characterize the smoothness of  $H(p)$

For a performance function  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $D_{\text{scn}}(f)$  denote the (finite) set of points where  $f$  is discontinuous.

For each  $a \in D_{\text{scn}}(f)$ , we define:

$$f_-(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x), \quad f_+(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$$

( $x$  approaches from the left)  ( $x$  approaches from the right)

Given a set  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  that is bounded and measurable, a density  $\phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , and a performance function  $f: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the objective fn.  $H: Q^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is:

① Globally Lipschitz on  $Q^n$

- Given  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^h$ , a function  $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  is globally Lipschitz if there exists  $K > 0$  such that  $\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq K \|x - y\|_2$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

② Continuously differentiable on  $Q^n \setminus P_{\text{coinc}}$ ,

$P_{\text{coinc}} = \{ (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n \mid p_i = p_j \text{ for some } i \neq j \}$ ,  
where for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ :

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}(P) = \int_{V_i(P)} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} f(\|q - p_i\|_2) \phi(q) dq$$

$$+ \sum_{a \in \text{Dscn}(f)} (f_-(a) - f_+(a)) \int_{V_i(P) \cap \partial \bar{B}(p_i, a)} \underline{n}_{\text{out}}(q) \phi(q) dq$$

•  $\underline{n}_{\text{out}}$  is the outward normal vector to  $\bar{B}(p_i, a)$   
boundary of ball  $\bar{B}(p_i, a)$

- The gradient of  $H$  is spatially distributed over the Delaunay graph (for which  $\{p_i, p_j\} \in E_G(P)$  if  $V_i(P) \cap V_j(P) \neq \emptyset$ ).

- The motion of  $p_i$  affects  $V_i(P)$  and  $V_j(P)$ ,  $\{p_i, p_j\} \in E_G(P)$ .

(a) Distortion problem,  $f(x) = -x^2$

-  $f(x)$  has no discontinuities  $\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> term in  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$  is zero

- Centroid of  $V_i(P)$  with respect to  $\phi$ :

$$CM_{\phi}(V_i(P)) = \frac{1}{A_{\phi}(V_i(P))} \int_{V_i(P)} q \phi(q) dq$$

- Area of  $V_i(P)$  weighted according to  $\phi$ :

$$A_{\phi}(V_i(P)) = \int_{V_i(P)} \phi(q) dq$$

- Polar moment of inertia of  $V_i(P)$  about  $p_i \in V_i(P)$ :

$$J_{\phi}(V_i(P), p_i) = \int_{V_i(P)} \|q - p_i\|_2^2 \phi(q) dq$$

Parallel axis theorem:

$$J_\phi(V_i(p), p_i) = J_\phi(V_i(p), CM_\phi(V_i(p))) + A_\phi(V_i(p)) \|p_i - CM_\phi(V_i(p))\|_2^2$$

Note that for this problem,

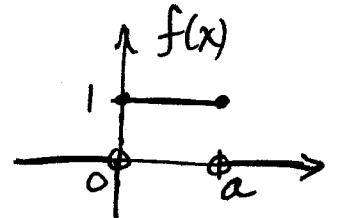
$$H(p) = - \sum_{i=1}^n J_\phi(V_i(p), p_i)$$

- It can be shown that:

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}(p) = 2 A_\phi(V_i(p)) (CM_\phi(V_i(p)) - p_i)$$

⇒ The  $i$ th component of the gradient points in the direction of the vector from  $p_i$  to the centroid of its Voronoi cell.

(b) Area problem,  $f(x) = 1_{[0,a]}(x)$ ,  $a > 0$



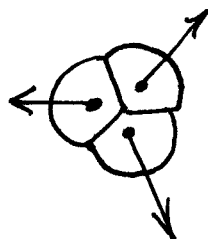
-  $f(x)$  is differentiable everywhere except at the discontinuity  $x=a$ , and its derivative is 0.

⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> term in  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$  is zero

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}(p) = \underbrace{(f_-(a))}_{=1} - \underbrace{(f_+(a))}_{=0} \int_{V_i(p) \cap \partial \bar{B}(p_i, a)} \Omega_{out}(q) \phi(q) dq$$

This gradient is the average of the normal at each point of  $V_i(p) \cap \partial \bar{B}(p_i, a)$ .

Ex)  $\phi(q)$  is constant:



By moving along the gradient directions (arrows), the agents decrease overlap + cover new regions of space.

### Step ③ for different coordination tasks

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(a) Distortion problem:

- critical points of  $H(p)$  are the set of centroidal Voronoi configurations in  $Q$ : each point is the centroid of its own Voronoi cell ( $p_i = CM_\phi(V_i(p))$ )

(b) Area problem:

- critical points of  $H(p)$  are the set of  $a$ -limited area-centered Voronoi configurations in  $Q$ : each  $p_i$  is a local maximum for the area of  $V_i(p) \cap \bar{B}(p_i, a)$  at fixed  $V_i(p)$ .

### Step ④

(a) Distortion problem: The gradient of  $H$  is spatially distributed over the Delaunay graph.

(b) Area problem: The gradient of  $H$  is spatially dist. over the  $2a$ -limited Delaunay graph ( $\{p_i, p_j\} \in \mathcal{E}_Q(p)$  if

$$V_{i,a}(p) \cap V_{j,a}(p) \neq \emptyset$$

- Robots with range-limited interactions can compute the gradients of  $H$

### Coordination algorithms:

(a) Move toward the centroid of own Voronoi cell [Distortion]

(b) Move in the direction of the weighted normal to the boundary of own cell (Area)

# Algorithms for Coverage Control

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• Definition of a robotic network  $S = (I, R, E_{\text{comm}})$ :

①  $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ : set of unique identifiers

②  $R = \{R^i\}_{i \in I} = \{(X^i, U^i, X_0^i, f^i)\}_{i \in I}$  is a set of mobile robots, where:

•  $X^i = d$ -dimensional state space

•  $U^i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $0 \in U^i$ ;  $U^i =$  input space

•  $X_0^i =$  set of allowable initial states;  $X_0^i \subset X^i$

•  $f^i: X^i \times U^i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is a continuously differentiable control vector field on  $X^i$  that determines the robot motion according to:  $\dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \underline{f}(\underline{x}(t), \underline{u}(t))$

$\underline{x}(t) =$  physical state of robot (ex.  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{position} \\ \text{velocity} \end{bmatrix}$ )

$\underline{u}(t) =$  control input

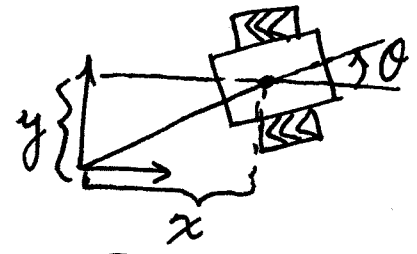
③  $E_{\text{comm}} =$  communication edge map: map from  $X^1 \times X^2 \times \dots \times X^n$  to the subsets of  $I \times I$ .

- If all robots are identical, then the robot network is uniform.

-  $G = (I, E_{\text{comm}}) = (V, E)$ , the communication graph of the network. This is defined by a proximity graph (defined earlier).

• Planar models for robots,  $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \end{bmatrix}$$



2-wheeled robotic vehicle

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \cos \theta \\ v \sin \theta \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

$v$  = forward linear velocity  
 $\omega$  = angular velocity

$$\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

• Different types of models:

① Unicycle:  $v, \omega \in [-1, 1]$

② Differential drive robot:

$$v = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_{\text{right}} + \omega_{\text{left}}), \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_{\text{right}} - \omega_{\text{left}})$$

↑ angular velocity of right/wheel left

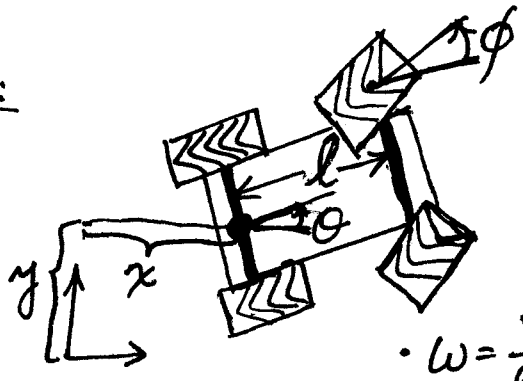
$$\omega_{\text{right}}, \omega_{\text{left}} \in [-1, 1]$$

③ Reeds-Shepp car:  $v \in \{-1, 0, 1\}, \omega \in [-1, 1]$

④ Dubins vehicle:  $v=1, \omega \in [-1, 1]$

For the 4-wheeled robot:

- $(x, y)$  is <sup>position of</sup> midpoint of rear axle
- $\theta$  is orientation of rear axle
- $v$  = forward linear velocity of rear axle



4-wheeled robotic vehicle

$$\omega = \frac{v}{l} \tan \phi, \quad \phi \text{ is vehicle steering angle}$$



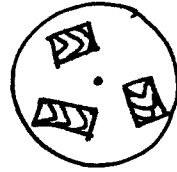
## Examples of robotic networks

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①  $S_D$ : uniform network of robots moving according to the 1st-order model:  $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{u}$ ,  $\underline{u} \in [-u_{max}, u_{max}]^d$ ,  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

(omnidirectional robot)

- can move in any direction



robot can control  $\omega$  of wheels and direction in which they point.

- Each robot can sense its own position and communicate with its neighbors, as defined by the Delaunay graph.

②  $S_{LD}$ : same as  $S_D$ , except the communication graph is the  $r$ -limited Delaunay graph

③  $S_{vehicles}$ : uniform network of robots moving according

to  $\dot{\underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \cos \theta \\ v \sin \theta \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}$  - Each robot can sense its own position.

- Communication graph is the Delaunay graph.

### Execution of control laws:

In each communication round, each agent:

① Transmits its position & receives its neighbors' positions

② Computes a notion of the geometric center of its own cell, determined according to some partition of the environment  $Q$  ( $S_D, S_{LD}$ :  $Q$  is a polytope;  $S_{vehicles}$ :

$Q$  is a convex polygon)

Between comm. rounds, each robot moves toward this center.

- Control law for distortion problem on network  $S_D$

$$\begin{cases} V = Q \cap \left( \bigcap \{ H_{p, p_{\text{prev}}} \mid \text{for all non-null } p_{\text{prev}} \} \right) \\ \dot{p} = CM_{\phi}(V) - p \end{cases}$$

Use:  $p(t+1) = p(t) + u(t)$  (discrete-time motion model)

$H_{p,x}$  is the half-space of points  $q \in \mathbb{R}^d$  with the property that  $\|q - p\|_2 \leq \|q - x\|_2$ .

- Control law for distortion problem on Svehicles

$$\begin{cases} V = Q \cap \left( \bigcap \{ H_{p, p_{\text{prev}}} \mid \text{for all non-null } p_{\text{prev}} \} \right) \\ v = k \left| [\cos \theta \quad \sin \theta] \cdot (p - CM_{\phi}(V)) \right| \\ \omega = 2k \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{[-\sin \theta \quad \cos \theta] \cdot (p - CM_{\phi}(V))}{[\cos \theta \quad \sin \theta] \cdot (p - CM_{\phi}(V))} \right) \end{cases}$$

$k \in \left( 0, \frac{1}{\max\{\pi, \text{diam}(Q)\}} \right)$  so that  $v, \omega \in [-1, 1]$

(can be implemented in unicycle and differential drive, models)  
robot

$\text{diam}(Q) = \text{maximum distance between any 2 points in } Q$