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Review:

MPC

$$\min_{u_{t:T}} J(x_t, u_{t:T}, t)$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_{s+1} = f_D(x_s, u_s) \quad s \in \{t, \dots, T\}$$

$$\underline{u} \leq u_s \leq \bar{u}$$

optimization variables :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ \vdots \\ x_{t+1} \\ u_t \\ \vdots \\ u_T \end{bmatrix} \quad u_{t:T}^*$$

Feedback control

computing $u_{t:T}^*$ using MPC

↓

apply u_t^* to the real system and obtain x_{t+1}

↓

solve MPC again to compute $u_{t+1:T}^*$

↓

apply u_{t+1}^*

↓

⋮

Receding horizon

Planning horizon: $H \ll (T-t)$

Time step

@ time t

horizon = H

optimization problem

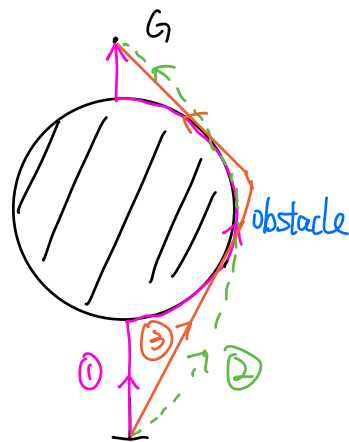
$$u_{t:t+H}^* = \underset{u_{t:t+H}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} J(x_t, u_{t:t+H}, t)$$

st. dynamics and control bounds

↓ apply u_t^* to obtain x_{t+1}

⋮

But solving a different OC problem, sometimes solution becomes greedy.



objective function:

$$J = \sum \text{dist to goal} + \lambda \sum \text{obstacle penetration}$$

$$\text{dist to goal}^2 = (P_x - g_x)^2 + (P_y - g_y)^2$$

$$\text{obstacle penetration} = \begin{cases} -\sqrt{(P_x - a_x)^2 + (P_y - a_y)^2} + R \\ 0 & \text{if outside obstacle} \end{cases}$$

Dynamics :

$$\dot{P}_x = V_x$$

$$\dot{P}_y = V_y$$

$$P_x(t+1) = P_x(t) + dt \cdot V_x(t)$$

$$P_y(t+1) = P_y(t) + dt \cdot V_y(t)$$

Control bounds:

$$|V_x|, |V_y| \leq 1 \text{ m/s}$$

MPC

Pros

- (1) It can account for feedback, dynamics, and state constraints
- (2) It can use modern compute to effectively solve OC problem
- (3) It can produce behavior that are optimal w.r.t. future
- (4) It can handle objective functions
- (5) Objective/constraints can be updated online

Cons

- (1) can only do discrete time
- (2) It requires online compute
- (3) A bunch of parameters which it's sensitive to H, λ
- (4) It's suboptimal