# Randomized Sampling-based Motion **Planning Methods**

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### Part I

Part 1 – Sampling-based Motion Planning

#### Overview of the Lecture

- Part 1 Randomized Sampling-based Motion Planning Methods
  - Sampling-Based Methods
  - Probabilistic Road Map (PRM)
  - Characteristics
  - Rapidly Exploring Random Tree (RRT)
- Part 2 Optimal Sampling-based Motion Planning Methods
  - Optimal Motion Planners
  - Rapidly-exploring Random Graph (RRG)

# Sampling-based Motion Planning

- Avoids explicit representation of the obstacles in *C-space* 
  - A "black-box" function is used to evaluate a configuration q is a collision free, e.g.,
  - Based on geometrical models and testing collisions of the models
  - In 2D or 3D shape of the robot and environment can be represented as sets of triangles, i.e., tesselated models
  - Collision test an intersection of triangles

E.g., using RAPID library http://gamma.cs.unc.edu/OBB/

- It creates a discrete representation of  $C_{free}$
- $lue{}$  Configurations in  $\mathcal{C}_{free}$  are sampled randomly and connected to a roadmap (probabilistic roadmap)
- Rather than full completeness they provides probabilistic com**pleteness** or resolution completeness

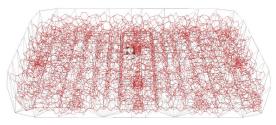
Probabilistic complete algorithms: with increasing number of samples an admissible solution would be found (if exists)

## Probabilistic Roadmaps

A discrete representation of the continuous C-space generated by randomly sampled configurations in  $C_{free}$  that are connected into a graph.

- **Nodes** of the graph represent admissible configuration of the robot.
- Edges represent a feasible path (trajectory) between the particular configurations.

Probabilistic complete algorithms: with increasing number of samples an admissible solution would be found (if exists)



Having the graph, the final path (trajectory) is found by a graph search technique.

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# Probabilistic Roadmap Strategies

Multi-Query - roadmap based

- Generate a single roadmap that is then used for planning queries several times.
- An representative technique is Probabilistic RoadMap (PRM)

  Kavraki, L., Svestka, P., Latombe, J.-C., Overmars, M. H.B (1996): Probabilistic

Roadmaps for Path Planning in High Dimensional Configuration Spaces. T-RO.

Single-Query – incremental

- For each planning problem constructs a new roadmap to characterize the subspace of *C*-space that is relevant to the problem.
  - Rapidly-exploring Random Tree RRT

LaValle, 1998

■ Expansive-Space Tree – EST

Hsu et al., 1997

■ Sampling-based Roadmap of Trees – SRT (combination of multiple-query and single-query approaches) Plaku et al., 2005 Sampling-Based Methods Probabilistic Road Map (PRM) Characteristics Rapidly Exploring Random Tree (RRT)

# Incremental Sampling and Searching

- Single query sampling-based algorithms incrementally created a search graph (roadmap)
  - 1. **Initialization** G(V, E) an undirected search graph, V may constain  $q_{start}$ ,  $q_{goal}$  and/or other points in  $C_{free}$
  - 2. Vertex selection method choose a vertex  $q_{cur} \in V$  for expansion
  - 3. Local planning method for some  $q_{new} \in \mathcal{C}_{free}$ , attempt to construct a path  $\tau:[0,1] \to \mathcal{C}_{free}$  such that  $\tau(0)=q_{cur}$  and  $\tau(1)=q_{new}$ ,  $\tau$  must be ched to ensure it is collision free
    - If  $\tau$  is not a collision-free, go to Step 2
  - 4. **Insert an edge in the graph** Insert  $\tau$  into E as an edge from  $q_{cur}$  to  $q_{new}$  and insert  $q_{new}$  to V if  $q_{new} \notin V$
  - 5. Check for a solution Determine if G encodes a solution, e.g., single search tree or graph search
  - Repeat to Step 2 iterate unless a solution has been found or a termination condition is satisfied

LaValle, S. M.: Planning Algorithms (2006), Chapter 5.4

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# Multi-Query Strategy

Build a roadmap (graph) representing the environment

- 1. Learning phase
  - 1.1 Sample *n* points in  $C_{free}$
  - 1.2 Connect the random configurations using a local planner
- 2. Query phase
  - 2.1 Connect start and goal configurations with the PRM

E.g., using a local planner

2.2 Use the graph search to find the path



Probabilistic Roadmaps for Path Planning in High Dimensional Configuration Spaces

Lydia E. Kavraki and Petr Svestka and Jean-Claude Latombe and Mark H. Overmars,

IEEE Transactions on Robotics and Automation, 12(4):566-580, 1996.

First planner that demonstrates ability to solve general planning problems in more than 4-5 dimensions.

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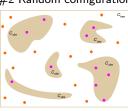
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#### PRM Construction

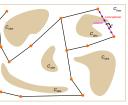
#### #1 Given problem domain



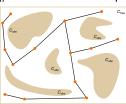
#2 Random configuration



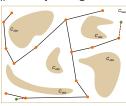
#3 Connecting samples



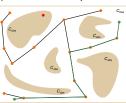
#4 Connected roadmap



#5 Query configurations

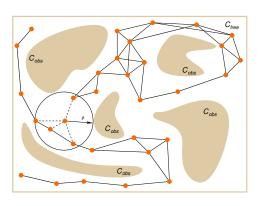


#6 Final found path



#### Practical PRM

- Incremental construction
- $\blacksquare$  Connect nodes in a radius  $\rho$
- Local planner tests collisions up to selected resolution  $\delta$
- Path can be found by Dijkstra's algorithm



### What are the properties of the PRM algorithm?

We need a couple of more formalism.

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# Path Planning Problem Formulation

Path planning problem is defined by a triplet

$$\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{C}_{free}, q_{init}, \mathcal{Q}_{goal}),$$

- $C_{free} = cl(C \setminus C_{obs}), C = (0,1)^d, \text{ for } d \in \mathbb{N}, d \geq 2$
- $q_{init} \in \mathcal{C}_{free}$  is the initial configuration (condition)
- ullet  $\mathcal{G}_{goal}$  is the goal region defined as an open subspace of  $\mathcal{C}_{free}$
- Function  $\pi:[0,1]\to\mathbb{R}^d$  of bounded variation is called :
  - path if it is continuous;
  - **collision-free path** if it is path and  $\pi(\tau) \in \mathcal{C}_{free}$  for  $\tau \in [0,1]$ ;
  - feasible if it is collision-free path, and  $\pi(0) = q_{init}$  and  $\pi(1) \in \mathsf{cl}(\mathcal{Q}_{\mathsf{goal}}).$
- A function  $\pi$  with the total variation  $\mathsf{TV}(\pi) < \infty$  is said to have bounded variation, where  $TV(\pi)$  is the total variation

$$\mathsf{TV}(\pi) = \sup_{\{n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{0} = au_{\mathbf{0}} < au_{\mathbf{1}} < \ldots < au_n = s\}} \sum_{i=1}^n |\pi( au_i) - \pi( au_{i-1})|$$

■ The total variation  $TV(\pi)$  is de facto a path length.

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## Path Planning Problem

■ Feasible path planning:

For a path planning problem ( $C_{free}$ ,  $q_{init}$ ,  $Q_{goal}$ )

- Find a feasible path  $\pi:[0,1]\to \mathcal{C}_{free}$  such that  $\pi(0)=q_{init}$  and  $\pi(1) \in cl(\mathcal{Q}_{goal})$ , if such path exists.
- Report failure if no such path exists.
- Optimal path planning:

The optimality problem ask for a feasible path with the minimum cost.

For  $(\mathcal{C}_{free}, q_{init}, \mathcal{Q}_{goal})$  and a cost function  $c: \Sigma \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ 

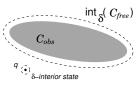
- Find a feasible path  $\pi^*$  such that  $c(\pi^*) = \min\{c(\pi) : \pi \text{ is feasible}\}$
- Report failure if no such path exists.

The cost function is assumed to be monotonic and bounded. i.e., there exists  $k_c$  such that  $c(\pi) \leq k_c \text{TV}(\pi)$ .

# Probabilistic Completeness 1/2

First, we need robustly feasible path planning problem  $(\mathcal{C}_{free}, q_{init}, \mathcal{Q}_{goal})$ 

lacksquare  $q \in \mathcal{C}_{free}$  is  $\delta$ -interior state of  $\mathcal{C}_{free}$  if the closed ball of radius  $\delta$  centered at alies entirely inside  $C_{free}$ .



- lacksquare  $\delta$ -interior of  $\mathcal{C}_{free}$  is  $\operatorname{int}_{\delta}(\mathcal{C}_{free}) = \{q \in \mathcal{C}_{free} | \mathcal{B}_{f,\delta} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{free} \}$ . A collection of all  $\delta$ -interior states.
- A collision free path  $\pi$  has strong  $\delta$ -clearance, if  $\pi$  lies entirely inside int $_{\delta}(\mathcal{C}_{free})$
- $(C_{free}, q_{init}, Q_{goal})$  is robustly feasible if a solution exists and it is a feasible path with strong  $\delta$ -clearance, for  $\delta$ >0.

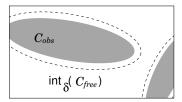
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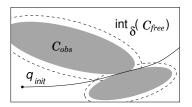
An algorithm ALG is probabilistically complete if, for any robustly feasible path planning problem  $\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{C}_{free}, q_{init}, \mathcal{Q}_{goal})$ 

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 $\lim_{n\to 0} \Pr(\mathcal{ALG} \text{ returns a solution to } \mathcal{P}) = 1.$ 

- It is a "relaxed" notion of completeness
- Applicable only to problems with a robust solution.





We need some space, where random configurations can be sampled

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# Asymptotic Optimality 1/4

Asymptotic optimality relies on a notion of weak  $\delta$ -clearance

Notice, we use strong  $\delta$ -clearance for probabilistic completeness

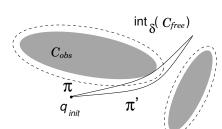
- Function  $\psi:[0,1]\to\mathcal{C}_{free}$  is called **homotopy**, if  $\psi(0)=\pi_1$  and  $\psi(1)=\pi_1$  $\pi_2$  and  $\psi(\tau)$  is collision-free path for all  $\tau \in [0,1]$ .
- A collision-free path  $\pi_1$  is **homotopic** to  $\pi_2$  if there exists homotopy function  $\psi$ .

A path homotopic to  $\pi$  can be continuously transformed to  $\pi$  through  $\mathcal{C}_{free}$ .

# Asymptotic Optimality 2/4

lacktriangle A collision-free path  $\pi:[0,s] 
ightarrow \mathcal{C}_{free}$  has weak  $\delta$ -clearance if there exists a path  $\pi'$  that has strong  $\delta$ -clearance and homotopy  $\psi$  with  $\psi(0)=\pi$ ,  $\psi(1)=\pi'$ , and for all  $\alpha\in(0,1]$  there exists  $\delta_{\alpha} > 0$  such that  $\psi(\alpha)$  has strong  $\delta$ -clearance.

> Weak  $\delta$ -clearance does not require points along a path to be at least a distance  $\delta$  away from obstacles.



- $\blacksquare$  A path  $\pi$  with a weak  $\delta$ -clearance
- $\blacksquare \pi'$  lies in  $\operatorname{int}_{\delta}(\mathcal{C}_{free})$  and it is the same homotopy class as  $\pi$

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- It is applicable with a **robust optimal solution** that can be obtained as a limit of robust (non-optimal) solutions.
- A collision-free path  $\pi^*$  is robustly optimal solution if it has weak  $\delta$ -clearance and for any sequence of collision free paths  $\{\pi_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\pi_n\in\mathcal{C}_{free}$  such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty}\pi_n=\pi^*$ ,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}c(\pi_n)=c(\pi^*).$$

There exists a path with strong  $\delta$ -clearance, and  $\pi^*$  is homotopic to such path and  $\pi^*$  is of the lower cost.

• Weak  $\delta$ -clearance implies robustly feasible solution problem

(thus, probabilistic completeness)

# Asymptotic Optimality 4/4

An algorithm  $\mathcal{ALG}$  is **asymptotically optimal** if, for any path planning problem  $\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{C}_{free}, q_{init}, \mathcal{Q}_{goal})$  and cost function c that admit a robust optimal solution with the finite cost  $c^*$ 

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$$Pr\left(\left\{\lim_{i o\infty}Y_i^{\mathcal{ALG}}=c^*
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ight)=1.$$

•  $Y_i^{\mathcal{ALG}}$  is the extended random variable corresponding to the minimum-cost solution included in the graph returned by  $\mathcal{ALG}$  at the end of iteration i.

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# Properties of the PRM Algorithm

- Completeness for the standard PRM has not been provided when it was introduced
- A simplified version of the PRM (called sPRM) has been mostly studied
- sPRM is probabilistically complete

What are the differences between PRM and sPRM?

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# PRM vs simplified PRM (sPRM)

#### Algorithm 1: PRM

```
Vstup: q_{init}, number of samples n, radius \rho

Výstup: PRM -G = (V, E)

V \leftarrow \emptyset; E \leftarrow \emptyset;

for i = 0, \ldots, n do

q_{rand} \leftarrow SampleFree;
U \leftarrow Near(G = (V, E), q_{rand}, \rho);
V \leftarrow V \cup \{q_{rand}\};

foreach u \in U, with increasing

||u - q_r|| do

if q_{rand} and u are not in the same connected component of G = (V, E) then

if CollisionFree(q_{rand}, u)

then

E \leftarrow E \cup \{(q_{rand}, u), (u, q_{rand})\};
```

### Algorithm 2: sPRM

return G = (V, E);

There are several ways for the set U of vertices to connect them

- lacktriangleq k-nearest neighbors to v
- variable connection radius  $\rho$  as a function of n

return G = (V, E);

## PRM – Properties

- sPRM (simplified PRM)
  - Probabilistically complete and asymptotically optimal
  - Processing complexity  $O(n^2)$
  - Query complexity  $O(n^2)$
  - Space complexity  $O(n^2)$
- Heuristics practically used are usually not probabilistic complete
  - *k*-nearest sPRM is not probabilistically complete
  - variable radius sPRM is not probabilistically complete

Based on analysis of Karaman and Frazzoli

### PRM algorithm:

- + Has very simple implementation
- + Completeness (for sPRM)
- Differential constraints (car-like vehicles) are not straightforward

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# Comments about Random Sampling 2/2

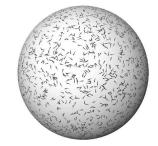
A solution can be found using only a few samples.

Do you know the Oraculum? (from Alice in Wonderland)

- Sampling strategies are important
  - Near obstacles
  - Narrow passages
  - Grid-based
  - Uniform sampling must be carefully considered.

James J. Kuffner (2004):, Effective Sampling and Distance Metrics for 3D Rigid Body Path Planning., ICRA.





Naïve sampling

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Uniform sampling of SO(3) using Euler angles

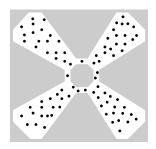
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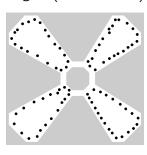
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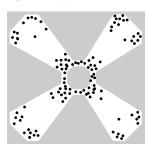
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Different sampling strategies (distributions) may be applied





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- Notice, one of the main issue of the randomized sampling-based approaches is the narrow passage
- Several modifications of sampling based strategies have been proposed in the last decades

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# Rapidly Exploring Random Tree (RRT)

Single-Query algorithm

■ It incrementally builds a graph (tree) towards the goal area.

It does not guarantee precise path to the goal configuration.

- 1. Start with the initial configuration  $q_0$ , which is a root of the constructed graph (tree)
- 2. Generate a new random configuration  $q_{new}$  in  $C_{free}$
- 3. Find the closest node  $q_{near}$  to  $q_{new}$  in the tree

E.g., using KD-tree implementation like ANN or FLANN libraries

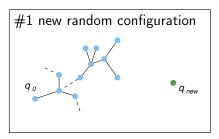
4. Extend  $q_{near}$  towards  $q_{new}$ 

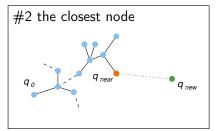
Extend the tree by a small step, but often a direct control  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  that will move robot the position closest to  $q_{new}$  is selected (applied for  $\delta t$ ).

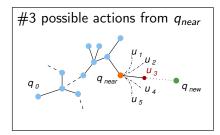
5. Go to Step 2, until the tree is within a sufficient distance from the goal configuration

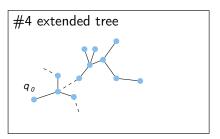
Or terminates after dedicated running time.

#### RRT Construction









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## Properties of RRT Algorithms

Rapidly explores the space

q<sub>new</sub> will more likely be generated in large not yet covered parts.

- Allows considering kinodynamic/dynamic constraints (during the expansion).
- Can provide trajectory or a sequence of direct control commands for robot controllers.
- A collision detection test is usually used as a "black-box".

E.g., RAPID, Bullet libraries.

- Similarly to PRM, RRT algorithms have poor performance in narrow passage problems.
- RRT algorithms provides feasible paths.

It can be relatively far from optimal solution, e.g., according to the length of the path.

Many variants of RRT have been proposed.

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# RRT Algorithm

- Motivation is a single query and *control-based* path finding
- It incrementally builds a graph (tree) towards the goal area.

#### Algorithm 3: Rapidly Exploring Random Tree (RRT)

```
Vstup: q_{init}, number of samples n

Výstup: Roadmap G = (V, E)

V \leftarrow \{q_{init}\}; E \leftarrow \emptyset;

for i = 1, ..., n do

q_{rand} \leftarrow \text{SampleFree};
q_{nearest} \leftarrow \text{Nearest}(G = (V, E), q_{rand});
q_{new} \leftarrow \text{Steer}(q_{nearest}, q_{rand});
if CollisionFree(q_{nearest}, q_{new}) then
V \leftarrow V \cup \{x_{new}\}; E \leftarrow E \cup \{(x_{nearest}, x_{new})\};
return G = (V, E);
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Extend the tree by a small step, but often a direct control  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  that will move robot to the position closest to  $q_{\text{new}}$  is selected (applied for dt).



Rapidly-exploring random trees: A new tool for path planning S. M. LaValle,

Technical Report 98-11, Computer Science Dept., Iowa State University, 1998

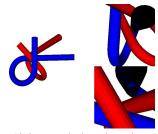
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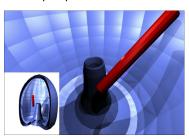
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# RRT – Examples 1/2



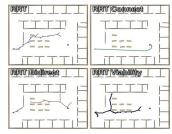
Alpha puzzle benchmark



Bugtrap benchmark



Apply rotations to reach the goal

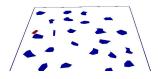


Variants of RRT algorithms

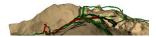
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# RRT – Examples 2/2

■ Planning for a car-like robot

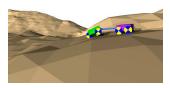


■ Planning on a 3D surface



■ Planning with dynamics

(friction forces)



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Optimal Motion Planners

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### Car-Like Robot

Configuration

$$\overrightarrow{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

position and orientation

Controls

$$\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{u}} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

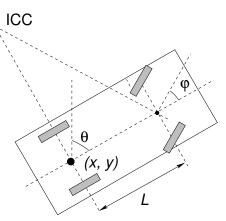
forward velocity, steering angle

System equation

$$\dot{x} = v \cos \phi$$

$$\dot{v} = v \sin \phi$$

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{v}{I} \tan \varphi$$



Kinematic constraints  $\dim(\overrightarrow{u}) < \dim(\overrightarrow{x})$ 

Differential constraints on possible q:

$$\dot{x}\sin(\phi) - \dot{y}\cos(\phi) = 0$$

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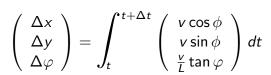
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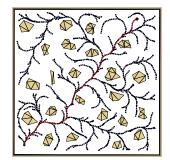
# Control-Based Sampling

■ Select a configuration *q* from the tree *T* of the current configurations

Probabilistic Road Map (PRM)

■ Pick a control input  $\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{u}} = (v, \varphi)$  and integrate system (motion) equation over a short period





■ If the motion is collision-free, add the endpoint to the tree

E.g., considering k configurations for  $k\delta t = dt$ .

Part II

Part 2 – Optimal Sampling-based Motion Planning Methods

### Sampling-Based Motion Planning

- PRM and RRT are theoretically probabilistic complete
- They provide a feasible solution without quality guarantee

Despite of that, they are successfully used in many practical

■ In 2011, a systematical study of the asymptotic behaviour of randomized sampling-based planners has been published

It shows, that in some cases, they converge to a non-optimal

Based on the study, new algorithms have been proposed: RRG and optimal RRT (RRT\*)

Karaman, S., Frazzoli, E. (2011):Sampling-based algorithms for optimal motion planning. IJRR.





http://sertac.scripts.mit.edu/rrtstar

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# RRT and Quality of Solution 2/2

- RRT does not satify a necessary condition for the asymptotic optimality
  - For  $0 < R < \inf_{q \in \mathcal{Q}_{goal}} ||q q_{init}||$ , the event  $\{\lim_{n \to \infty} Y_n^{RTT} = c^*\}$ occurs only if the k-th branch of the RRT contains vertices outside the R-ball centered at  $q_{init}$  for infinitely many k.

See Appendix B in Karaman&Frazzoli, 2011

■ It is required the root node will have infinitely many subtrees that extend at least a distance  $\epsilon$  away from  $q_{init}$ 

> The sub-optimality is caused by disallowing new better paths to be discovered.

# RRT and Quality of Solution 1/2

- Let  $Y_i^{RRT}$  be the cost of the best path in the RRT at the end of iteration i.
- $Y_i^{RRT}$  converges to a random variable

$$\lim_{i\to\infty}Y_i^{RRT}=Y_{\infty}^{RRT}.$$

■ The random variable  $Y_{\infty}^{RRT}$  is sampled from a distribution with zero mass at the optimum, and

$$Pr[Y_{\infty}^{RRT} > c^*] = 1.$$

Karaman and Frazzoli. 2011

■ The best path in the RRT converges to a sub-optimal solution almost surely.

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# Rapidly-exploring Random Graph (RRG)

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Algorithm 4: Rapidly-exploring Random Graph (RRG)
Vstup: q_{init}, number of samples n
Výstup: G = (V, E)
V \leftarrow \emptyset; E \leftarrow \emptyset;
for i = 0, \ldots, n do
     q_{rand} \leftarrow \mathsf{SampleFree};
     q_{nearest} \leftarrow \text{Nearest}(G = (V, E), q_{rand});
     q_{new} \leftarrow \text{Steer}(q_{nearest}, q_{rand});
     if CollisionFree(q_{nearest}, q_{new}) then
           Q_{near} \leftarrow \text{Near}(G =
          (V, E), q_{new}, \min\{\gamma_{RRG}(\log(\operatorname{card}(V))/\operatorname{card}(V))^{1/d}, \eta\});
           V \leftarrow V \cup \{q_{new}\};
          E \leftarrow E \cup \{(q_{nearest}, q_{new}), (q_{new}, q_{nearest})\};
          foreach q_{near} \in \mathcal{Q}_{near} do
               if CollisionFree(q_{near}, q_{new}) then
                     E \leftarrow E \cup \{(q_{rand}, u), (u, q_{rand})\};
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return G = (V, E):
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Proposed by Karaman and Frazzoli (2011). Theoretical results are related to properties of Random Geometric Graphs (RGG) introduced by Gilbert (1961) and further studied by Penrose (1999)

## RRG Expansions

- At each iteration, RRG tries to connect new sample to the all vertices in the  $r_n$  ball centered at it.
- The ball of radius

$$r(\operatorname{card}(V)) = \min \left\{ \gamma_{RRG} \left( \frac{\log (\operatorname{card}(V))}{\operatorname{card}(V)} \right)^{1/d}, \eta \right\}$$

where

- $\blacksquare$   $\eta$  is the constant of the local steering function
- $\gamma_{RRG} > \gamma_{RRG}^* = 2(1 + 1/d)^{1/d} (\mu(\mathcal{C}_{free})/\xi_d)^{1/d}$ 
  - d dimension of the space:
  - $\mu(\mathcal{C}_{free})$  Lebesgue measure of the obstacle-free space;
  - $\xi_d$  volume of the unit ball in d-dimensional Euclidean space.
- The connection radius decreases with n
- The rate of decay  $\approx$  the average number of connections attempted is proportional to log(n)

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# Other Variants of the Optimal Motion Planning

■ PRM\* – it follows standard PRM algorithm where connections are attempted between roadmap vertices that are within connection radius r as a function of n

$$r(n) = \gamma_{PRM} (\log(n)/n)^{1/d}$$

■ RRT\* – a modification of the RRG, where cycles are avoided

A tree version of the RRG

- A tree roadmap allows to consider non-holonomic dynamics and kinodynamic constraints.
- It is basically RRG with "rerouting" the tree when a better path is discovered.

# RRG Properties

- Probabilistically complete
- Asymptotically optimal
- Complexity is O(log n)

(per one sample)

- Computational efficiency and optimality
  - Attempt connection to  $\Theta(\log n)$  nodes at each iteration;

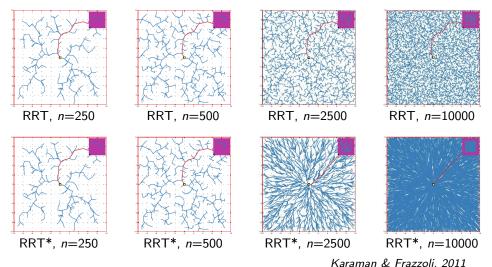
in average

- Reduce volume of the "connection" ball as  $\log(n)/n$ ;
- Increase the number of connections as log(n).

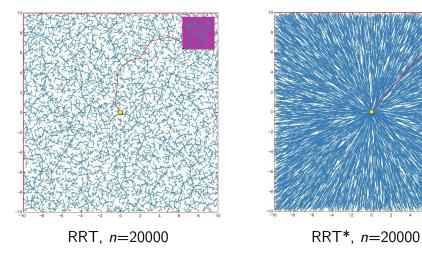
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# Example of Solution 1/2

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# Example of Solution 2/2



# Overview of Randomized Sampling-based Algorithms

Algorithm	Probabilistic Completeness	<b>J</b> .
sPRM	<b>✓</b>	×
k-nearest sPRM	×	×
RRT	<b>✓</b>	×
RRG	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
PRM*	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
RRT*	~	<b>✓</b>

Notice, k-nearest variants of RRG, PRM\*, and RRT\* are complete and optimal as well.

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Summary of the Lecture

- Randomized Sampling-based Methods
- Probabilistic Road Map (PRM)
- Characteristics of path planning problems
- Random sampling
- Rapidly Exploring Random Tree (RRT)
- Optimal sampling-based motion planning
- Rapidly-exploring Random Graph (RRG)
- Next: Multi-Goal Motion Planning and Multi-Goal Path Planning