Motion planning: motivation

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Informal definition: Motion planning is about automatic finding of ways how to move an object (robot) while avoiding obstacles (and considering other constraints).

- Classical problem of robotics
- Also Piano mover's problem
- Relation to other fields
 - Mathematics: graph theory & topology
 - Computational geometry: collision detection
 - Computer graphics: visualizations
 - Control theory: feedback controllers required to navigate along paths
- Motion planning finds application in many practical tasks







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CAD systems & computer games

- (dis)assembly planning, maintainability studies
- evacuation & accessibility simulation
- motions of characters in computer games















Bioinformatics: protein folding, protein docking









- Docking: can two molecules interact?
 - Existence of a path indicates "promising" candidate
 - Faster than in vitro or Molecular dynamics simulations



















Surgery

- Paths for needles & other tools
- Robotic manipulators



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