

3.1 Trajectories

Curves in space from one pose to another.

Position & orientation vary smoothly over time.

3.1.1 One-dimensional trajectories

Pose, velocity, and acceleration should be continuous.

Quintic polynomial:

$$S(t) = At^5 + Bt^4 + Ct^3 + Dt^2 + Et + F \quad \leftarrow \text{position}$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \dot{S}(t) = 5At^4 + 4Bt^3 + 3Ct^2 + 2Dt + E \quad \leftarrow \text{velocity}$$

$$\ddot{S}(t) = 20At^3 + 12Bt^2 + 6Ct + 2D \quad \leftarrow \text{acceleration}$$

A robot motion planning algorithm can produce a sequence of positions for the robot to follow and possibly the desired velocity and acceleration at these points.

Consider one pair of consecutive points, $s(0)$ & $s(T)$.

Let $t \in [0, T]$.

Choose $s_0, s_T, \dot{s}_0, \dot{s}_T, \ddot{s}_0, \ddot{s}_T$

Solve for coefficients

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_0 \\ s_T \\ \dot{s}_0 \\ \dot{s}_T \\ \ddot{s}_0 \\ \ddot{s}_T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ T^5 & T^4 & T^3 & T^2 & T & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5T^4 & 4T^3 & 3T^2 & 2T & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 20T^3 & 12T^2 & 6T & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \\ F \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{pg. 44})$$

non-singular

Toolbox function

$$s = \text{tpoly}(s_0, s_T, n)$$

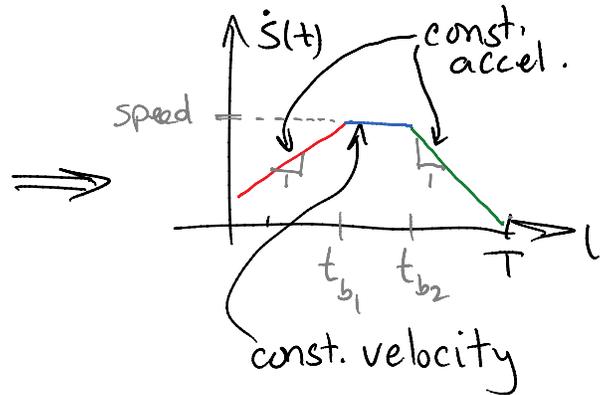
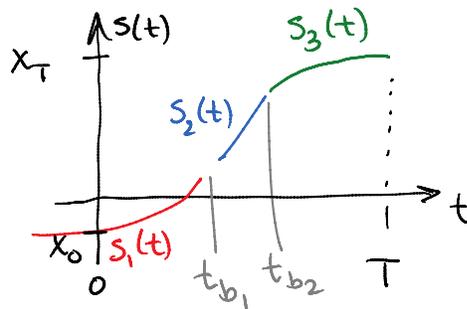
↑ number of points returned

see figure 3.1, pg 44.

Problems:

- ① speed is not high for long, so motions of robot will be slow.
- ② position can overshoot (top plot of fig 3.1b)

One solution:
Linear segments w/ parabolic blends



Define $s(t)$:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} s_1(t) = a_1 t^2 + b_1 t + c_1 & 0 \leq t \leq t_{b1} \\ s_2(t) = b_2 t + c_2 & t_{b1} \leq t \leq t_{b2} \\ s_3(t) = a_3 t^2 + b_3 t + c_3 & t_{b2} \leq t \leq T \end{array} \right\} \text{ 11 parameters}$$

Note: To shift the initial time to t_0 , simply replace t with $t-t_0$ on the right side of the equal signs.

Trajectory design

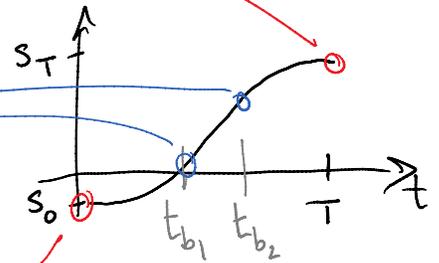
Position continuity constraints:

$$s_1(0) = s_0 \leftarrow \text{given value}$$

$$s_1(t_{b1}) = s_2(t_{b1})$$

$$s_2(t_{b2}) = s_3(t_{b2})$$

$$s_3(T) = s_T \leftarrow \text{given value}$$



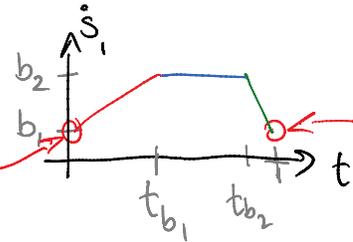
Velocity continuity constraints:

$$\dot{s}_1(0) = v_0 \leftarrow \text{given}$$

$$\dot{s}_1(t_{b1}) = \dot{s}_2(t_{b1})$$

$$\dot{s}_2(t_{b2}) = \dot{s}_3(t_{b2})$$

$$\dot{s}_3(T) = v_T \leftarrow \text{given}$$



Eight constraint equations:

$$c_1 = s_0$$

$$a_1 t_{b_1}^2 + b_1 t_{b_1} + c_1 - b_2 t_{b_1} - c_2 = 0$$

$$a_3 t_{b_2}^2 + b_3 t_{b_2} + c_3 - b_2 t_{b_2} - c_2 = 0$$

$$a_3 T^2 + b_3 T + c_3 = s_T$$

$$b_1 = v_0$$

$$2a_1 t_{b_1} + b_1 - b_2 = 0$$

$$2a_3 t_{b_2} + b_3 - b_2 = 0$$

$$2a_3 T + b_3 = v_T$$

Position

Nonlinear in
the unknowns

velocity

Other constraints:

$$|\ddot{s}_1| \leq a_{max} \geq 0$$

$$|\ddot{s}_3| \leq a_{max} \geq 0$$

$$|\dot{s}_2| \leq v_{max} \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq t_{b_1} \leq t_{b_2} \leq T$$

robot limitations. a_{max}, v_{max} given

One possible solution: solve for t_{b_1}, t_{b_2}, T first. Then remaining equations are linear!

Find minimum execution time.



Assume: $-a_{max} \leq \text{acceleration} \leq a_{max}$; $a_{max} > 0$
 $-v_{max} \leq \text{speed} \leq v_{max}$; $v_{max} > 0$

Minimum time implies:

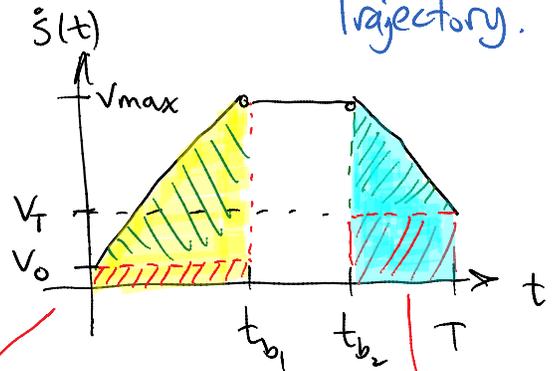
$$\ddot{s} = a_{max} \quad , \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_{b_1}$$

$$\dot{s} = v_{max} \quad , \quad t_{b_1} \leq t \leq t_{b_2}$$

$$\ddot{s} = -a_{max} \quad , \quad t_{b_2} \leq t \leq T$$

Also assume $|v_0|, |v_T| \leq v_{max}$

Minimum-Time Velocity Trajectory.



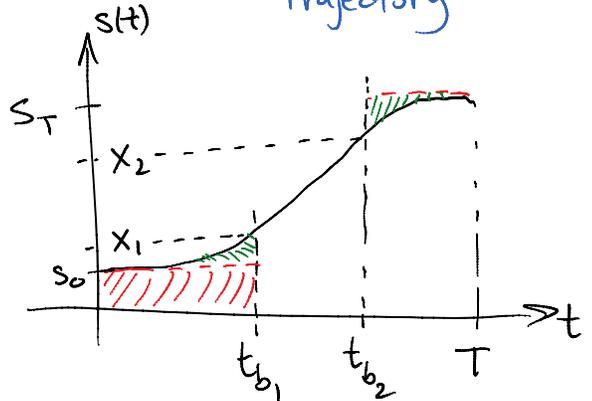
①

$$t_{b1} = \frac{v_{max} - v_0}{a_{max}}$$

②

$$T - t_{b2} = \frac{v_{max} - v_T}{a_{max}}$$

Minimum-Time Position Trajectory



③

$$x_1 - s_0 = v_0 t_{b1} + \frac{1}{2} a_{max} t_{b1}^2$$

④

$$s_T - x_2 = v_T (T - t_{b2}) + \frac{1}{2} a_{max} (T - t_{b2})^2$$

Similarly, the total displacement change equation is :

⑤

$$s_T - s_0 = v_0 t_{b1} + \frac{1}{2} a_{max} t_{b1}^2 + v_{max} (t_{b2} - t_{b1}) + v_T (T - t_{b2}) + \frac{1}{2} a_{max} (T - t_{b2})^2$$

The minimum distance will achieving v_{max} occurs when $t_{b2} = t_{b1}$

Using eqs. ① & ② above, T and t_{b1} are known :

$$T = \frac{v_{max} - v_T - v_0}{a_{max}} \quad t_{b1} = t_{b2} = \frac{v_{max} - v_0}{a_{max}}$$

Substitute into the right-hand side of eq. ⑤
RHS

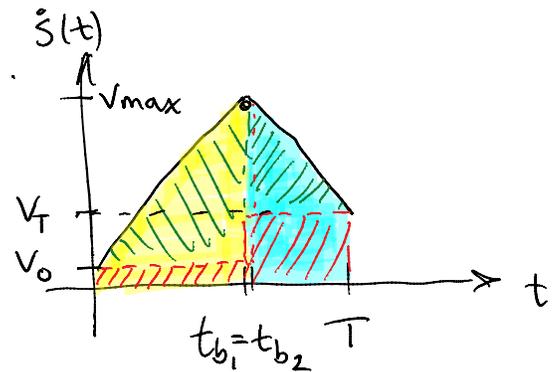
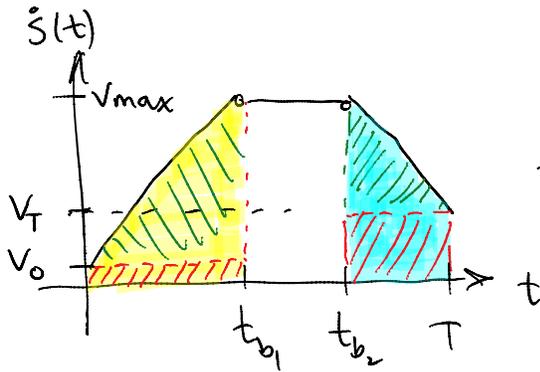
Two cases:

Case A: If $s_T - s_0 \geq RHS$, then more distance must be covered.

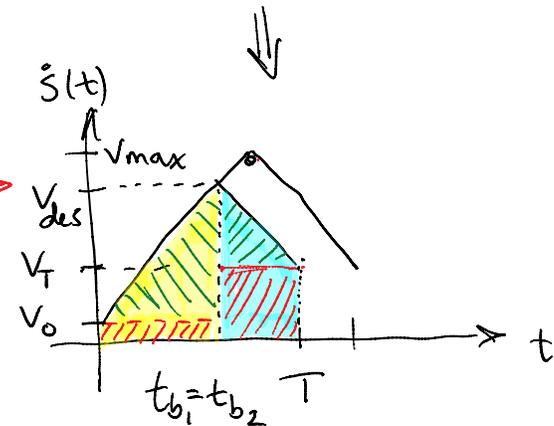
$$\therefore t_{b_2} = t_{b_1} + \frac{s_T - s_0 - RHS}{v_{max}}$$

Continue to (A) below

Case B: If $s_T - s_0 < RHS$, then must reduce distance



Reduce maximum speed }
to reduce distance



⑥ $t_{b_1} = \frac{v_{des} - v_0}{a_{max}}$

⑦ $T - t_{b_1} = \frac{v_{des} - v_T}{a_{max}}$

Substitute equations (6) and (7) into equation (5)

$$s_T - s_0 = v_0 \left(\frac{v_{des} - v_0}{a_{max}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} a_{max} \left(\frac{v_{des} - v_0}{a_{max}} \right)^2 \\ + v_T \left(\frac{v_{des} - v_T}{a_{max}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} a_{max} \left(\frac{v_{des} - v_T}{a_{max}} \right)^2$$

This is quadratic in the only unknown, v_{des} .

Solve for v_{des} . Keep physically meaningful solution.

Substitute v_{des} into (6) to find t_{b_1}

" " and t_{b_1} into (7) to find T .

Continue to (A) below

End of cases

(A) The final steps are to solve for the unknown coeffs.: $a_1, b_1, c_1, b_2, c_2, a_3, b_3,$ and c_3

Now use the 8 position and velocity constraints :

$$b_1 = v_0$$

$$c_1 = s_0$$

Finally solve the following equation :

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_{b_1}^2 & -t_{b_1} & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -t_{b_2} & -1 & t_{b_2}^2 & t_{b_2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & T^2 & T & 1 \\ 2t_{b_1} & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2t_b^2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2T & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \\ a_3 \\ b_3 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 - b_1 t_{b_1} \\ 0 \\ s_T \\ -b_1 \\ 0 \\ v_T \end{bmatrix}$$

Toolbox functions :

$tpoly(s_0, s_T, n)$ where n is the # of points

$lsplb(s_0, s_T, n)$