Introduction to robotics for hydrographers

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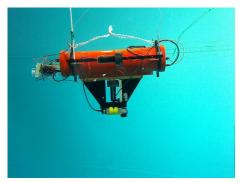




What is a robot ?

What is a robot ? Why do we need robots? Security

A robot is a mechanical system equipped with actuators, sensors and a brain.



Saucisse (ENSTA Bretagne)



Vaimos at the WRSC (ENSTA Bretagne-IFREMER) F. Le Bars, O. Ménage, P. Rousseau (Vaimos in Angers)

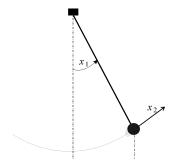
A robot is a dynamical system

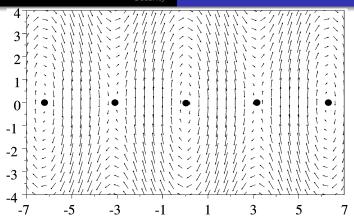
A dynamical system can be written as [Newton 1690]

$$\dot{x}=f\left(x\right) .$$

Example: The pendulum

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -\sin x_1. \end{cases}$$





A robot is a vehicle

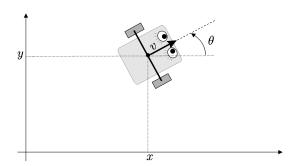
A vehicle is a controlled mechanical system

$$\dot{x}=f\left(x,u\right) .$$

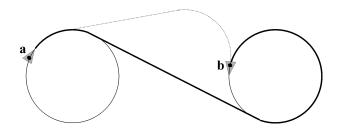
Example. Dubin's car (1957).

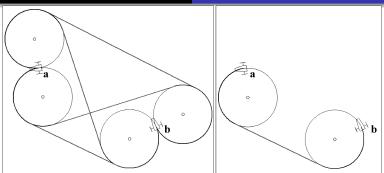
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \cos \theta \\ \dot{y} = \sin \theta \\ \dot{\theta} = u \end{cases}$$

with $u \in [-1, 1]$.



Dubin's paths





Simulation (Euler, 1770)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \sim \mathbf{x}(t + dt) = \mathbf{x}(t) + dt \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t))$$

A robot is an intelligent vehicle

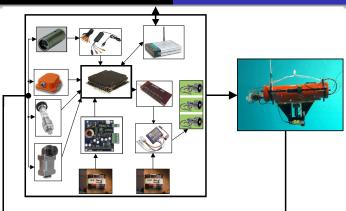
A robot is a vehicle with actuators, sensors, and a brain

$$\dot{x} = f(x,u)$$
 (évolution)
 $y = g(x)$ (observation)
 $u = h(y)$. (contrôle)

We have

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}))) = \psi(\mathbf{x})$$

and thus a robot is a dynamical system.



Why do we need robots?



Brest-Douarnenez. January 17, 2012







Ocean satellites?



Robots are needed for dirty, dangerous and dull jobs



Curiosity

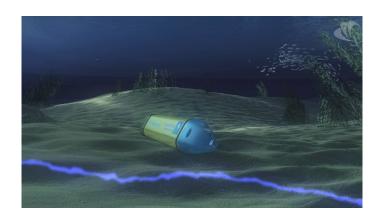


About 3,600 satellites in orbit (1,000 are operational). In the ocean, we have gliders, drifting buoys. In the ocean, a robot could be autonomous in energy, and could survive for years (persistent autonomy).

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Montrer Vaimos dans l'océan Atlantique.

An example (with CGG)

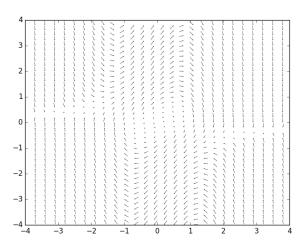


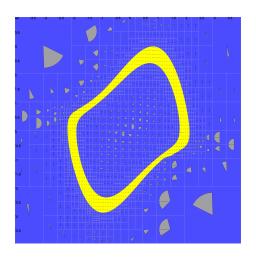
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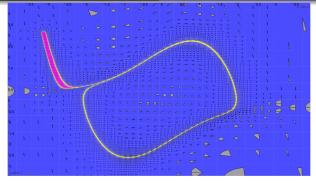
A robot $\dot{x} = f(x)$.

Example: The Van der Pol system

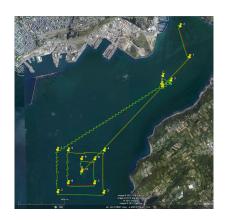
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} \dot{x}_1 & = & x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 & = & \left(1 - x_1^2\right) \cdot x_2 - x_1 \end{array} \right.$$

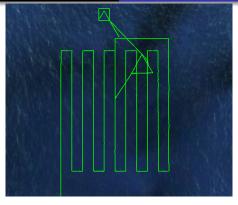






Reachable set





Middle of Atlantique ocean, 350 km made by Vaimos, sept. 6-9, 2012.