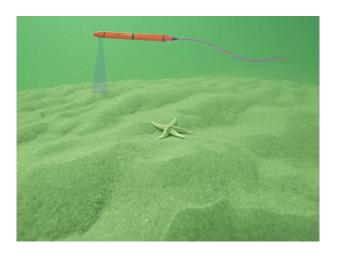
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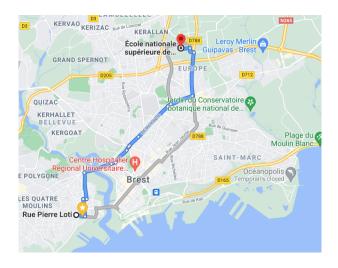
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1. Underwater navigation



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Map-based navigation



Modern navigation: high cost (computation, infrastructure)

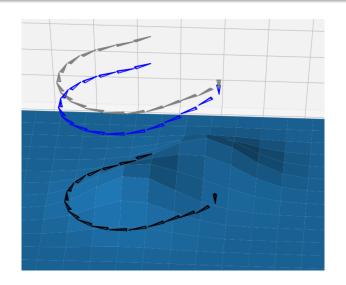
Route-based navigation



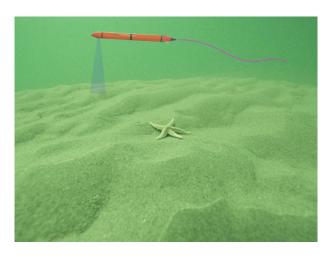
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Follow a route

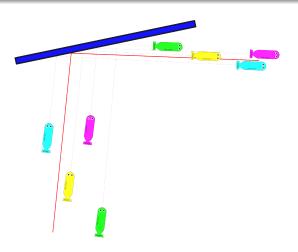
Given a function $h: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, a route in defined by $h(\mathbf{p}) = 0$. h could be the temperature, the radiation, the pressure, the altitude, the time shift between two periodic events.

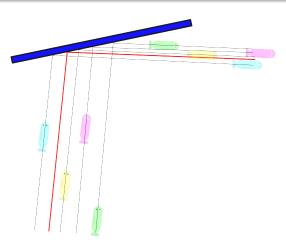


2. Stable bouncing (phd of Quentin Brateau)

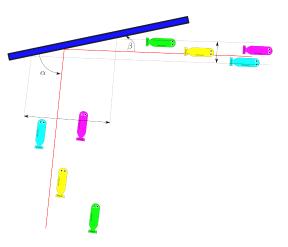


No route exists

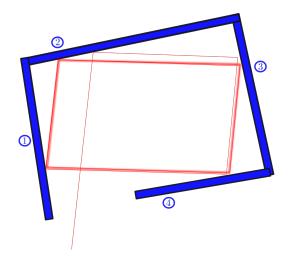




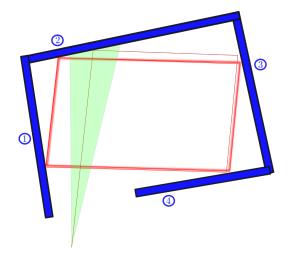
Contraction of the distance



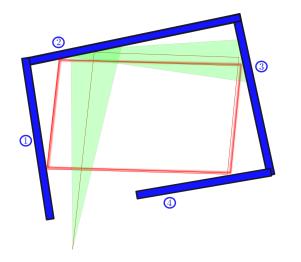
Contraction if $\frac{\sin\beta}{\sin\alpha} < 1$



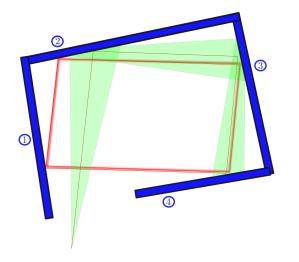




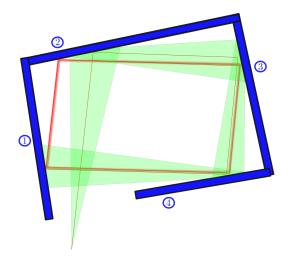




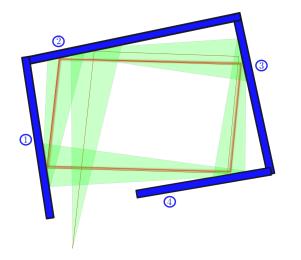




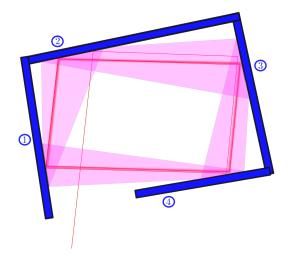


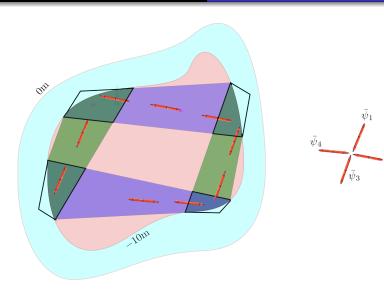


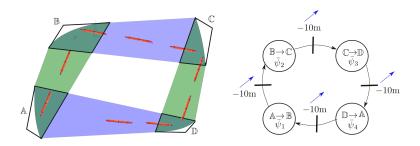


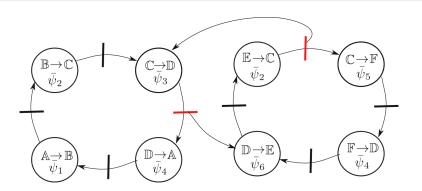




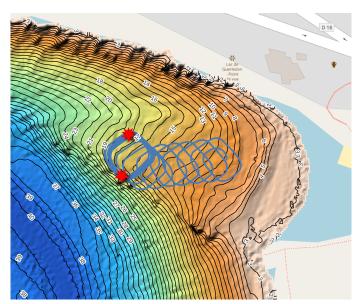








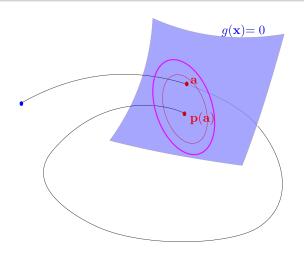
Experiment (phd of Quentin Brateau)



Stability of cycles

The Poincaré first recurrence map is defined by

$$\mathbf{a}(k+1) = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{a}(k))$$



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