Exact Motion Planning with Rotations: the Case of a Rotating Polyhedron

Przemysław Dobrowolski

Abstract—Let \mathcal{R} be a rotating, not translating, generic polyhedron in a polyhedral scene. In this paper, we consider a problem of finding an exact continuous path between two rotations of \mathcal{R} . In a scene of complexity n with a rotating polyhedron of complexity m, a near-optimal $O(n^3m^3log(nm))$ algorithm is proposed. The algorithm is capable of constructing a complete graph describing the geometry of a configuration space. All generated features are mathematically exact. These include an exact parametrization of edges and an exact vertex locations. This is a first implementation of an algorithm solving an exact motion planning problem involving rotations. This result can be viewed as a generalization of a some existing algorithms of this kind. Among others, there is a related work concerning a simpler rigid objects: a line segment and cigar-like object in \mathbb{R}^3 and a general rigid body movement on a plane.

Index Terms—motion planning, exact algorithm, space of rotations, rotating polyhedron

I. INTRODUCTION

MOTION planning and its combinatorial version, is one of the standard problems in robotics. The first few algorithms for solving this problem appeared in the 80s. Since then, more and more general algorithms have been implemented. The completeness of the result is their irrefutable feature. In contrast to all approximate motion planning algorithms, the combinatorial algorithms always give a correct answer - even if, a correct answer is that no motion path exist. For a survey on motion planning algorithms, including combinatorial ones, the reader can refer [1] or [2]. In this paper author presents a research on a insufficiently investigated cases of determining a free space of motion planning problem, where 3-dimensional rotations are involved. The simplest case is a motion planning in a purely rotational space SO(3). We consider that scenario. A near-optimal algorithm was developed. Given an arbitrary rotating polyhedron in a polyhedral scene, it determines the exact configuration space of the rotating polyhedron. Having whole configuration space preprocessed, it is possible to execute motion planning queries for arbitrary begin and end rotations. The new algorithm is expected to be useful in some areas. Firstly, it increases the number of different topologies in which we can do exact motion planning. Secondly, it can be used to create a hybrid motion planning algorithms of new class. Hybrid algorithms, mix different motion planning algorithms in order to achieve better practical performance and output quality. There exist hybrid algorithms like [3], [4], [5], [6] or [7], but none of them use exact description of rotational part. All referred hybrid algorithms use some kind of rotational space approximation, like *slicing* in [7] or ACD tree in [4], which is only resolution-complete. In

P. Dobrowolski is with the Faculty of Mathematics and Information Science, Warsaw University of Technology, Warsaw, Poland, e-mail: dobrowolskip@mini.pw.edu.pl [5] different PRM methods are mixed, while in [6] authors combine a PRM planner and a ACD tree together. The algorithm, proposed in [3] differers from all above. It is based on a Voronoi roadmap and utilizes a concept of a *bridge*. Author's research on complete motion planning algorithms showed that it is possible to create a rigid body planner in \mathbb{R}^3 , assuming that there exist an method of creating an exact description of SO(3) configuration space. There exist a few exact motion planners with rotations. In case of a planar movements, these include: needle movement [8], convex polygon movement [9] and arbitrary polygon movement [10]. In 3-space an algorithm for planning movement of a needle and a cigar-like object was proposed by Koltun [11].

II. THREE DIMENSIONAL SPACE OF ROTATIONS

The space of rotations SO(3) of a three dimensional Cartesian space is three dimensional, but it is not homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^3 . In fact, it is homeomorphic to a 3-sphere where each pair of antipodal points are identified. Due to non-Cartesian nature of the space of rotations, algorithms are usually more involved that those operating in a Cartesian space.

A. SO(3) configuration space

During the research, a new result was obtained - a complete description of the configuration space of rotations of a polyhedron in a polyhedral scene. We now introduce, definitions that are used in the new algorithm.

In case of the SO(3), a *configuration* (placement, orientation) is simply a rotation. *Configuration space* is defined as the set of all configurations. By convention, we mark it with C. A subset of C that cause the rotating polyhedron to collide with any of the obstacles, is called a *forbidden* subset of rotations. A complementary subset of rotations is called an *allowed* (or *free*)subset of rotations.

A configuration in a configuration space is represented by a *spinor* $s \in \text{Spin}(3)$. A spinor (or a rotor) rotation representation is quite new in computational geometry, but in mechanics it has already been used for few decades. A spinor is an element of a geometric algebra. It has already been proven practically that the geometric algebra can be quite useful [12]. This is because of its generality and great insight in all operations. For an introduction into the geometric algebra one can refer to [13] or [12]. A spinor is a number of the form: $s = s_0 + s_{12}\mathbf{e}_{12} + s_{23}\mathbf{e}_{23} + s_{31}\mathbf{e}_{31}$. The numbers $s_0, s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{31} \in \mathbb{R}$ are called *coefficients* and satisfy the identity:

$$s_0^2 + s_{12}^2 + s_{23}^2 + s_{31}^2 = 1$$

The three base elements: $\mathbf{e}_{12}, \mathbf{e}_{23}, \mathbf{e}_{31}$ satisfy a number of identities, similar to quaternion algebra:

$$\mathbf{e}_{12}\mathbf{e}_{12} = \mathbf{e}_{23}\mathbf{e}_{23} = \mathbf{e}_{31}\mathbf{e}_{31} = -1$$

Manuscript received March 4, 2012; revised March 30, 2012.

Proceedings of the World Congress on Engineering 2012 Vol II WCE 2012, July 4 - 6, 2012, London, U.K.

$$\mathbf{e}_{12}\mathbf{e}_{23} = -\mathbf{e}_{31}, \ \mathbf{e}_{23}\mathbf{e}_{31} = -\mathbf{e}_{12}, \ \mathbf{e}_{31}\mathbf{e}_{12} = -\mathbf{e}_{23}$$

 $\mathbf{e}_{12} = -\mathbf{e}_{21}, \ \mathbf{e}_{23} = -\mathbf{e}_{32}, \ \mathbf{e}_{31} = -\mathbf{e}_{13}$
 $\mathbf{e}_{12}\mathbf{e}_{23}\mathbf{e}_{31} = 1$

Basically, it can be assumed that spinors are closely related to unit quaternions via a simple isomorphism:

$$i = -e_{23}, j = -e_{31}, k = -e_{12}$$

In geometric algebra, it is a Clifford multiplication that rotates a vector. Let s be a spinor, and $v = v_x \mathbf{e}_1 + v_y \mathbf{e}_2 + v_z \mathbf{e}_3$ vector being rotated. The explicit rotation formula is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{R}_{s}(v) &= \\ &= s^{-1}vs \\ &= (s_{0} - s_{12}\mathbf{e}_{12} - s_{23}\mathbf{e}_{23} - s_{31}\mathbf{e}_{31}) \\ & (v_{x}\mathbf{e}_{1} + v_{y}\mathbf{e}_{2} + v_{z}\mathbf{e}_{3}) \\ & (s_{0} + s_{12}\mathbf{e}_{12} + s_{23}\mathbf{e}_{23} + s_{31}\mathbf{e}_{31}) \\ &= ((s_{0}s_{0} - s_{12}s_{12} + s_{23}s_{23} - s_{31}s_{31})v_{x} + \\ & 2(v_{y}(s_{0}s_{12} + s_{23}s_{31}) + v_{z}(s_{12}s_{23} - s_{0}s_{31})))\mathbf{e}_{1} + \\ & ((s_{0}s_{0} - s_{12}s_{12} - s_{23}s_{23} + s_{31}s_{31})v_{y} + \\ & 2(v_{x}(s_{23}s_{31} - s_{0}s_{12}) + v_{z}(s_{12}s_{31} + s_{0}s_{23})))\mathbf{e}_{2} + \\ & ((s_{0}s_{0} + s_{12}s_{12} - s_{23}s_{23} - s_{31}s_{31})v_{z} + \\ & 2(v_{x}(s_{12}s_{23} + s_{0}s_{31}) + v_{y}(s_{12}s_{31} - s_{0}s_{23})))\mathbf{e}_{3} \end{aligned}$$

With a spinor representation one gets a common toolbox for handling rotations on a plane and in the space. This is because spinors are defined for an arbitrary dimension and obey the same transformation rules.

Our new algorithm is an exact algorithm. In particular, it means that all results are mathematically correct. To achieve this, we use arbitrary precision rational numbers from GMP [14] library. The required interface is provided by CGAL's [15] arithmetic module.

III. The New SO(3) configuration space building algorithm

The algorithm is presented in pseudo-code 1.

Algorithm 1 Compute graph of SO(3) configuration space Require: \mathcal{R} - rotating polyhedron, \mathcal{O} - polyhedral obstacles

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Require: } \mathcal{R} \leftarrow \text{Intamig polyhedron}, \mathcal{O} \leftarrow \text{polyhedral obstacles} \\ P \leftarrow TriTriPredicateListFromScene(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{O}) \\ Q \leftarrow SpinQuadricListFromPredicateList(P) \\ Q \leftarrow RemoveDuplicateSpinQuadrics(Q) \\ QSIC \leftarrow \emptyset \\ \textbf{for } pair(q_1, q_2) \in Q \text{ do} \\ QSIC \leftarrow IntersectSpinQuadrics(q_1, q_2) \\ \textbf{end for} \\ QSIP \leftarrow \emptyset \\ \textbf{for } pair(q, qsic) \in (Q, QSIC) \text{ do} \\ QSIP \leftarrow IntersectSpinQuadricSpinQSIC(q, qsic) \\ \textbf{end for} \\ G \leftarrow ComposeGraph(QSIC, QSIP) \end{array}$

Each step will be discussed separately in the following sections.



Fig. 1. A predicate of type \mathcal{H}

A. Collision predicates and spin-quadrics

A collision predicate or shortly a predicate can be interpreted as a formula which yields different values for collision and no-collision arguments. A predicate induce an *oriented surface* in a configuration space. Configurations that cause a collision, are on one side of the surface. On the other side, there are configurations that do not cause a collision. The surface is a set of configurations that "touch" an obstacle, but not penetrate it. Combinatorial method involves consideration of a set of predicates, which are created from a scene. One of the first to use a term collision predicate was Canny [16]. A concept of a predicate is also known under different names, such as a "contact" in [10] or a "basic contact", as in [17].

The following two basic predicates definitions are introduced:

Definition 1 (A half-space predicate \mathcal{H}): Assume that U is a normal vector and d is a plane distance of a half-space H. Let V be a non-zero vector. The formula:

$$\mathcal{H}_s(H,V) = \mathcal{H}_s((U,d),V) = U \cdot \mathscr{R}_s(V) + d$$

is called a half-space predicate.

The above formula evaluates a positive or negative value depending on whether the rotated vector v has it end on positive or negative side of half-plane. We assume that v's begin lies at 0. A schematic view of \mathcal{H} predicate is shown in figure 1.

Definition 2 (A screw predicate S): Assume that K and L are ends of a stationary segment and A and B are ends of a rotating segment. The formula:

$$S_s(K, L, A, B) = K \times L) \cdot \mathscr{R}_s(A - B) + (K - L) \cdot \mathscr{R}_s(A \times B)$$

is called a screw predicate.

(

The above formula evaluates a positive or negative value depending on whether rotating vector is oriented clockwise or counter-clockwise in respect to the stationary vector. A schematic view of S predicate is shown in figure 2.

It can be shown that \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{S} are both special cases of a new predicate \mathcal{G} . In result, only a \mathcal{G} predicate needs to be considered.

Definition 3 (A general predicate G): Assume that K and L are ends of a stationary segment and A and B are ends of a rotating segment and c is a scalar. The formula:

$$\mathcal{G}_s(K, L, A, B, c) = (K \times L) \cdot \mathscr{R}_s(A - B) + (K - L) \cdot \mathscr{R}_s(A \times B) + c$$

4 10

0 (TZ T

ISBN: 978-988-19252-1-3 ISSN: 2078-0958 (Print); ISSN: 2078-0966 (Online)



Fig. 2. A predicate of type S

is called a general predicate.

The equivalence of \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{S} to \mathcal{G} predicates is due to the following two remarks:

Remark 1 (\mathcal{H} to \mathcal{G} predicate correspondence): A predicate $\mathcal{H}(U, d, V)$ is a special case of a predicate $\mathcal{G}(K, L, A, B, c)$ with the following parameters:

$$K = V \times R$$

$$L = V \times (V \times R)$$

$$A = U$$

$$B = -U$$

$$c = 2d||V \times R||^{2}$$

where R is an arbitrary non-zero vector that is not parallel to V.

During our research we tried different methods for choosing a R vector. We selected few practical ones.

Remark 2 (S to G predicate correspondence): Predicate S(K, L, A, B) is a special case of a predicate

 $\mathcal{G}(K, L, A, B, c)$ with the following setting:

c = 0

A generic G predicate sets an oriented quadric (a quadratic surface) in configuration space. Moreover, the quadric is a quadratic form in spin-space, thus it will be henceforth called *spin-quadric*. In case of Spin(3) configuration space we have:

Theorem 1: A spin-quadric for a given general predicate G is a quadratic form in Spin(3) and can be expressed by:

$$\mathcal{G}_s = \mathbf{s}^T M_{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{s}$$

where $\mathbf{s} = [s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{31}, s_0]^T$ and $M_{\mathcal{G}}$'s elements are linear expressions of \mathcal{G} 's parameters K, L, A, B and c.

We assume that collision algorithm should detect a collision of polyhedra borders. Without any loss, it can be assumed that all faces are triangles. Two polyhedra collide if and only if their borders intersect. This is realized by checking a collision between all pairs of triangles: one from the rotating polyhedron and other one from scene obstacles. By using some ideas from [18], we defined a predicate detecting a triangle-triangle collision.

Theorem 2 (A triangle-triangle predicate TT): A generic collision test between a stationary triangle KLM and a rotating triangle ABC can be expressed with 9 predicates of type S only. The characteristic matrix M_{TT} is:

$$M_{\mathcal{TT}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{S}(K, L, A, B) & \mathcal{S}(K, L, B, C) & \mathcal{S}(K, L, C, A) \\ \mathcal{S}(L, M, A, B) & \mathcal{S}(L, M, B, C) & \mathcal{S}(L, M, C, A) \\ \mathcal{S}(M, K, A, B) & \mathcal{S}(M, K, B, C) & \mathcal{S}(M, K, C, A) \end{bmatrix}$$

The predicate evaluates collision if and only if there exist a row or a column in $M_{\mathcal{TT}}$ that all it's elements are of the same sign. Triangle-triangle predicate is denoted by $\mathcal{TT}(K, L, M, A, B, C)$.

Assume that TT_s^i , i = 1...nm are TT predicates of all triangle pairs for a given scene. The following formula is a *predicate sentence* for a scene:

$$Sentence_s := \bigcup_i \mathcal{TT}_s^i$$

As a result of the this step, a list of quadrics is given. These quadrics introduce an arrangement in Spin(3). A predicate sentence, created from the scene, is also stored in order to be used later.

B. Spin-quadric intersection as graph edges

Computing an intersection of two spin-quadrics is not an easy task. It is not easy, even in a case of intersection of two quadratic surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3 . There exist algorithms that partially solve this problem. In particular, [19], [20] and [21] are known methods. Only recently, first complete implementations of quadric intersection in \mathbb{R}^3 were developed: [22] and [23]. The case of an intersection, where the resulting curve is not singular, was solved first. A standard procedure is to follow a method proposed by Levin [24]. The problematic cases are those, involving singular intersections. Much work is needed to handle all specific cases, one by one. Currently, two implementations are available: QI library [23] (available online [25]) and Berberich's implementation [22]. The first of these, return parametrization of resulting intersections. The latter does not. Both implementations present a similar performance. Although the dimensionality of Spin(3) and \mathbb{R}^3 is the same, both spaces posses a very different topology. One of the main results of this paper is to show that, a quadric intersection library for \mathbb{R}^3 can also be used to perform intersections in Spin(3).

Theorem 3: Let \mathcal{A} be an algorithm for quadric intersection in \mathbb{P}^3 (projective space). By using \mathcal{A} it is possible to easily construct an algorithm \mathcal{B} which intersects a pair of spinquadrics in Spin(3). The asymptotic complexity of \mathcal{B} is the same as the asymptotic complexity of \mathcal{A} .

The above theorem strictly depends on a fact, that library internally uses homogeneous coordinates, and that the resulting intersection curve is near-optimally parametrized.

In spin configuration space, quadric intersection generates a curve which will be called as a spin-QSIC (spin quadric surface intersection curve) in contrast to QSIC (quadric surface intersection curve), as used in literature [26] and [27].

In the figure 3 we show an example projection of spin-QSIC curves onto \mathbb{R}^3 . The projection is realized by dropping one of four spinor coefficients.

C. Spin-quadric and spin-QSIC intersection as a graph vertex

An important part of new algorithm is vertex construction. The number of possible vertices is $O(n^3)$, thus an efficient method for vertex construction is valuable. According to an idea from [28] - we do not intersect pairs of 1-dimensional edges, but instead 1-dimensional edges with 2-dimensional quadrics. We prove, that after some transformations, this



Fig. 3. An example set of spin-QSICs in Spin(3)

 TABLE I

 MOTION PLANNING AND HEMMER ALGORITHM COMPARISION

Property	Motion planning in SO(3)	Hemmer
Topology	Spin(3)	\mathbb{R}^3
Dimension	4	3
Constraints	1	0
Objects	quadrics in Spin(3)	quadrics in \mathbb{R}^3
Running time	$O(n^3 log(n))$	$O(n^3 log(n))$

method can be also applied to the case of spin-QSIC and spin-quadric intersections. As a result of intersection we get at most 8 vertices, given by parameter values on a parametrized spin-QSIC. Equations of degree at most 8, have to be solved. The result cannot be obtained in generic case, so the solutions are represented by non-overlapping intervals with a single polynomial root within. Hemmer used a classical real root isolation algorithm that subdivides consecutive intervals in search of zeroes (Vincent's method). In our implementation a new recently implemented algorithm is used. It is an Akritas' algorithm, which implementation comes from MATHEMAGIX [29] library (the "realroot" module). Tests show that the latter implementation is about over a dozen times faster.

D. Graph optimization and final setup

As a result of construction of graph edges and vertices, some of these features can be doubled. These redundant features must be removed. This is achieved in the similar manner as described in [28]. Hemmer's method utilized a floating interval arithmetic to avoid costly computations on exact numbers (provided by MPFI library [30]). We follow that method in our new algorithm. One of the improvements is our new method of fast determination of polynomial sign for a given point.

E. New algorithm in contrast to Hemmer's algorithm

Hemmer [28] proposed a complete algorithm for computing an intersection graph of quadrics in \mathbb{R}^3 . The algorithm also uses QI library for quadric intersection. There are few similarities and differences between these two algorithms, presented in table I. Note: n is a number of quadrics in an arrangement.

Some procedures, described in Hemmer algorithm exist in the new algorithm. Some of these were reimplemented with new algorithm to improve overall performance. These include: an improved algorithm for polynomial root isolation and a method of determining a polynomial sign at given point.

F. Construction of a motion path

Given a preprocessed configuration space, it is possible to construct any number of motion paths. There are many ways to choose a motion path. A common solution is to choose any path, which is later "optimized". In out algorithm we choose a path along the edges of configuration space graph. This approach has an advantage that there is a parametrization given for each edge in the graph, which can also be a parametrization of the motion. Typically, a motion path can be optimized by shortening the path in the domain of free configuration space.

G. Adaptive computations in a space of rotations

One of the disadvantages of complete algorithms is a fact that many constructions could be avoided. The problem is even more serious because the complexity of generated configuration space is high. The proposed new algorithm relies on a adaptive computation method. The method is based on a generation of a random and approximate description of configuration space geometry. In most of cases such a description allows one to not compute the exact geometry of the whole configuration space.

An arrangement of quadrics in SO(3) induces a set of cells in that space. Each cell contains only points that are on the same side of all oriented quadrics. A sequence of signs is called a *cell coordinate*. The length of a coordinate is usually denoted by l and it is equal to the number of quadrics. Both start and end configuration are contained in some cells (possibly different). If cells are considered as a vertices of a graph, their neighbourhood can be viewed as edges of the graph. Such graph will be called a cell graph. An edge path in a cell graph is an approximate solution to a motion planning problem. A complete algorithm does utilize this information and constructs only the geometry that is related to all cells along the solution path in a cell graph. The difference between the approximate cell graph and complete cell graph is that in the first case the graph is only used as a localization method, not a target structure of the algorithm. The geometric part is a separate part of the whole algorithm, which in fact can work separately. It is also exact, while a cell graph is constructed in floating point arthimetic. Because of that, we would like that a cell graph is constructed quickly and to be a good quality. A cell graph of a good quality is a graph which is has the same topological properties as the whole configuration space. The number of graph components should be as close as the number of topological components in the complete configuration space.

Different methods were tested to choose the best quality cell graph generator. A naive solution is to choose samples randomly. One way to do it, is Shoemake's method described in [31]. Unfortunately, a cell arrangement in SO(3) does not behave well. Usually, there are many thin cells which are difficult to hit with a sample point. Such a situation can result in many cells with undetected neighbourhood.

Proceedings of the World Congress on Engineering 2012 Vol II WCE 2012, July 4 - 6, 2012, London, U.K.



Fig. 4. An example intersection of a circle of rotations with spin-quadrics

TABLE II RUNNING TIMES OF CELL GRAPH CONSTRUCTION

no. samples	no. different cells	time
5000	2554	0.08 s
10000	5022	0.14 s
50000	24882	0.7 s
100000	48849	1.8 s
200000	93676	3.9 s
500000	218127	10.2 s

We introduced a new method. The idea is to pick a random 1-dimensional set of rotations (which forms a circle of rotations) and intersect it with all the quadrics. As a result we get a list of intersections given by an angle parameter on the intersecting circle. We sort the list and choose samples to be the middle points between consecutive parameter values. By using this method, no cells can be missed along the intersecting circle. An example is presented on 4. Intersecting circle is distinguished with a dotted line. The two black boxes are samples which would be chosen by our method. The method has many advantages. Firstly, it is very efficient - most of generated samples hit unique cells. Secondly, it guarantees that the generated set of cells is always connected. In fact, the method generates a complete loop in cell graph.

It is not a trivial task to find out which cell pairs are neighbours. The number of cells in a typical situation is about few millions, while the coordinate length is few hundred bits. With some minor assumptions, it can be shown that two cells are neighbours if and only if their coordinates differ in only one bit at the same position. A naive $\Theta(n^2l)$ algorithm to compute cell neighbours is unacceptable. It is only usable for very small scenes.

A new algorithm for computing cell pairs was developed. It is optimal in asymptotic complexity, which is $\Theta(nl)$. The new algorithm allows one to achieve good quality cell graphs in acceptable times. A typical arrangement contains few hundreds of quadrics. Example running times for 175 quadrics are presented in table II. It can be observed that the running times are linear to the number of samples. For a given n samples, the algorithm is able to locate about 35 - 50% of n different cells.

The implementation was tested on a Linux 3.2.0-1-amd64 SMP on a 2.40 GHz processor with 4 GB RAM.

H. Implementation

All presented results were implemented in author's library *libcs*. The library is designed in a generic fashion, so the most of underlying algorithms are universal. The bottom layer of the library is CGAL [15] on top of which a spin kernel is introduced. Visualization application is also available, which can display configuration spaces with their contents.



Fig. 5. An example projection of Spin(3) configuration space contents

I. Polyhedra with interior included

The presented algorithm detects only collisions based on border collisions. If required, it is possible to extend the algorithm to handle interior collisions as well. This can be achieved by adding a number of predicates of type \mathcal{H} to the predicate sentence. The idea of detecting a collision of two filled polyhedra comes from [17].

J. Localization

It is an open problem how to localize geometric computations in non-Cartesian spaces. Especially interesting is how to avoid computation of the whole configuration space at once, and only compute its features on demand or incrementally. This subject and further generalizations are subject for author's future research.

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

We have shown that, by using some latest algorithms related to 3D arrangement of quadrics, we are able to implement an exact motion algorithm involving 3D rotations. Such an algorithm allows one to construct hybrid algorithms of a new class. It can also be a part of more complex algorithm for a motion planning with more than three degrees of freedom. It must be noted, that it is possible to extend the structure of the configuration space by introducing cells in the arrangement. There has already been some work done for arrangements of quadrics in \mathbb{R}^3 . Examples include [32] and [33]. An interesting and important problem, still under active research, is localization in the space of 3D rotations. These tasks are subject of author's future work.

REFERENCES

- [1] S. LaValle, Planning algorithms. Cambridge Univ Pr, 2006.
- [2] J.-C. Latombe, Robot motion planning. Springer Verlag, 1990.
- [3] M. Foskey, M. Garber, M. Lin, and D. Manocha, "A voronoi-based hybrid motion planner," in *Intelligent Robots and Systems*, 2001. Proceedings. 2001 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on, vol. 1. IEEE, 2001, pp. 55–60.
- [4] S. Hirsch and D. Halperin, "Hybrid motion planning: Coordinating two discs moving among polygonal obstacles in the plane," *Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics V*, pp. 239–256, 2004.
- [5] D. Hsu, G. Sánchez-Ante, and Z. Sun, "Hybrid prm sampling with a cost-sensitive adaptive strategy," in *Robotics and Automation*, 2005. *ICRA 2005. Proceedings of the 2005 IEEE International Conference* on. IEEE, 2005, pp. 3874–3880.
- [6] L. Zhang, Y. Kim, and D. Manocha, "A hybrid approach for complete motion planning," in *Intelligent Robots and Systems*, 2007. IROS 2007. IEEE/RSJ International Conference on. IEEE, 2007, pp. 7–14.
- [7] J. Lien, "Hybrid motion planning using minkowski sums," Proceedings of Robotics: Science and Systems IV, 2008.

- [8] G. Vegter, "The visibility diagram: a data structure for visibility
- [6] O. vegeti, The visibility diagram. a data structure for visibility problems and motion planning," *SWAT 90*, pp. 97–110, 1990.
 [9] P. Agarwal, B. Aronov, and M. Sharir, "Motion planning for a convex polygon in a polygonal environment," *Discrete & Computational* Geometry, vol. 22, no. 2, pp. 201-221, 1999.
- [10] F. Avnaim, J. Boissonnat, and B. Faverjon, "A practical exact motion planning algorithm for polygonal objects amidst polygonal obstacles," in Robotics and Automation, 1988. Proceedings., 1988 IEEE International Conference on. IEEE, 1988, pp. 1656-1661.
- [11] V. Koltun, "Pianos are not flat: Rigid motion planning in three dimensions," in Proceedings of the sixteenth annual ACM-SIAM symposium on Discrete algorithms. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2005, pp. 505-514.
- [12] L. Dorst and D. Fontijne, Geometric algebra for computer science: an object-oriented approach to geometry. Morgan Kaufmann, 2007.
- [13] P. Lounesto, Clifford algebras and spinors. Cambridge Univ Pr, 2001, vol. 286
- [14] GMP The GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library. [Online]. Available: http://gmplib.org
- [15] CGAL Computational Geometry Algorithms Library. [Online]. Available: http://www.cgal.org
- [16] J. Canny, The complexity of robot motion planning. The MIT Press, 1988.
- [17] F. Thomas and C. Torras, "Interference detection between non-convex polyhedra revisited with a practical aim," in Robotics and Automation, 1994. Proceedings., 1994 IEEE International Conference on. IEEE, 1994, pp. 587-594.
- [18] O. Devillers, P. Guigue et al., "Faster triangle-triangle intersection tests," 2002.
- [19] L. Dupont, D. Lazard, S. Lazard, and S. Petitjean, "A new algorithm for the robust intersection of two general quadrics," in Proc. 19th Annu. ACM Sympos. Comput. Geom, 2003, pp. 246-255.
- [20] Z. Xu, X. Wang, X. Chen, and J. Sun, "A robust algorithm for finding the real intersections of three quadric surfaces,' aided geometric design, vol. 22, no. 6, pp. 515-530, 2005.
- [21] B. Mourrain, J. Técourt, and M. Teillaud, "On the computation of an arrangement of quadrics in 3d," Computational Geometry, vol. 30, no. 2, pp. 145-164, 2005.
- [22] E. Berberich, M. Hemmer, L. Kettner, E. Schömer, and N. Wolpert, "An exact, complete and efficient implementation for computing planar maps of quadric intersection curves," in Proceedings of the twenty-first annual symposium on Computational geometry. ACM, 2005, pp. 99-106.
- [23] S. Lazard, L. Peñaranda, and S. Petitjean, "Intersecting quadrics: An efficient and exact implementation," Computational Geometry, vol. 35, no. 1-2, pp. 74–99, 2006. [24] J. Levin, "A parametric algorithm for drawing pictures of
- solid objects composed of quadric surfaces." Commun. ACM, vol. 19, no. 10, pp. 555-563, 1976. [Online]. Available: http: //dblp.uni-trier.de/db/journals/cacm/cacm19.html#Levin76
- [25] QI Quadric intersection. [Online]. Available: http://vegas.loria.fr/qi
- [26] C. Tu, W. Wang, and J. Wang, "Classifying the nonsingular intersection curve of two quadric surfaces," in Geometric Modeling and Processing, 2002. Proceedings. IEEE, 2002, pp. 23-32.
- [27] W. Wang, B. Joe, and R. Goldman, "Computing quadric surface intersections based on an analysis of plane cubic curves," Graphical Models, vol. 64, no. 6, pp. 335-367, 2002.
- [28] M. Hemmer, L. Dupont, S. Petitjean, and E. Schömer, "A complete, exact and efficient implementation for computing the edge-adjacency graph of an arrangement of quadrics." J. Symb. Comput., vol. 46, no. 4, pp. 467-494, 2011. [Online]. Available: http://dblp.uni-trier.de/db/journals/jsc/jsc46.html#HemmerDPS11
- [29] Mathemagix A free computer algebra system. [Online]. Available: http://mathemagix.org
- [30] MPFI Multiple Precision Floating-point Interval library. [Online]. Available: http://mpfi.gforge.inria.fr
- [31] K. Shoemake, "Uniform random rotations," in Graphics Gems III. Academic Press Professional, Inc., 1992, pp. 124-132.
- [32] N. Geismann, M. Hemmer, and E. Schömer, "Computing a 3dimensional cell in an arrangement of quadrics: Exactly and actually!" in Proceedings of the seventeenth annual symposium on Computational geometry. ACM, 2001, pp. 264-273.
- [33] E. Schömer and N. Wolpert, "An exact and efficient approach for computing a cell in an arrangement of quadrics." Comput. Geom., vol. 33, no. 1-2, pp. 65-97, 2006. [Online]. Available: http: //dblp.uni-trier.de/db/journals/comgeo/comgeo33.html#SchomerW06