A Geometric Approach to the Coverage Measure of the Area Explored by a Robot

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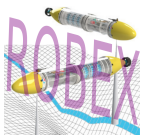

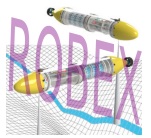

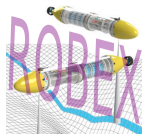

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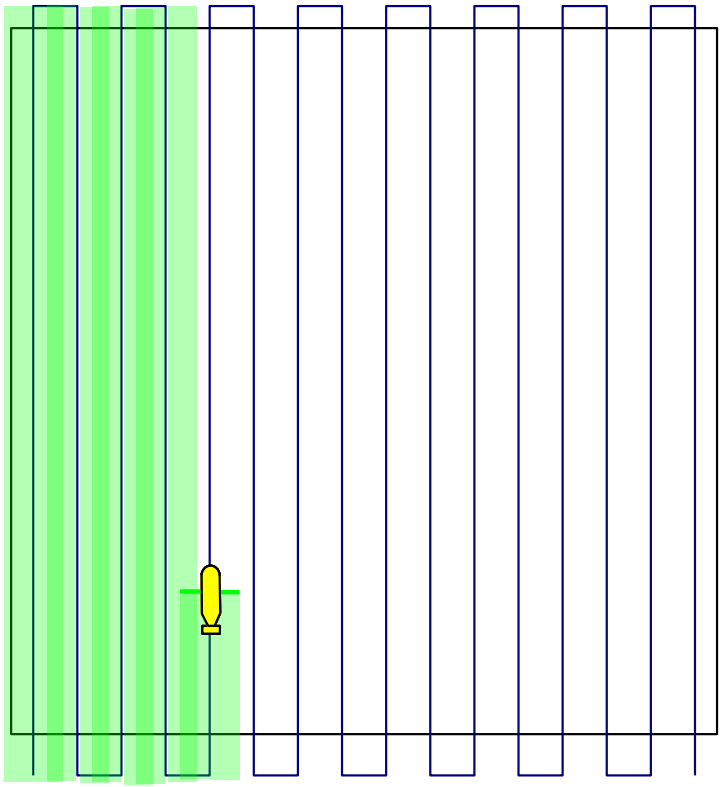

Context

- Unknown environment,
- area covering mission,
- revisiting,
- region avoidance,
- line-sweep exploration.

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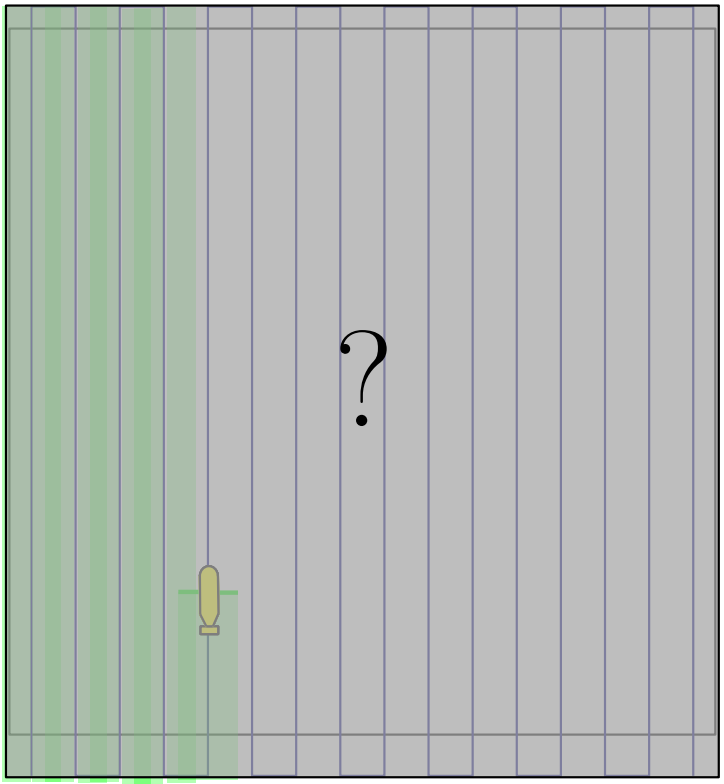

Objectives

Using only proprioceptive data, to estimate:

- Explored area
- Number of views (coverage measure)

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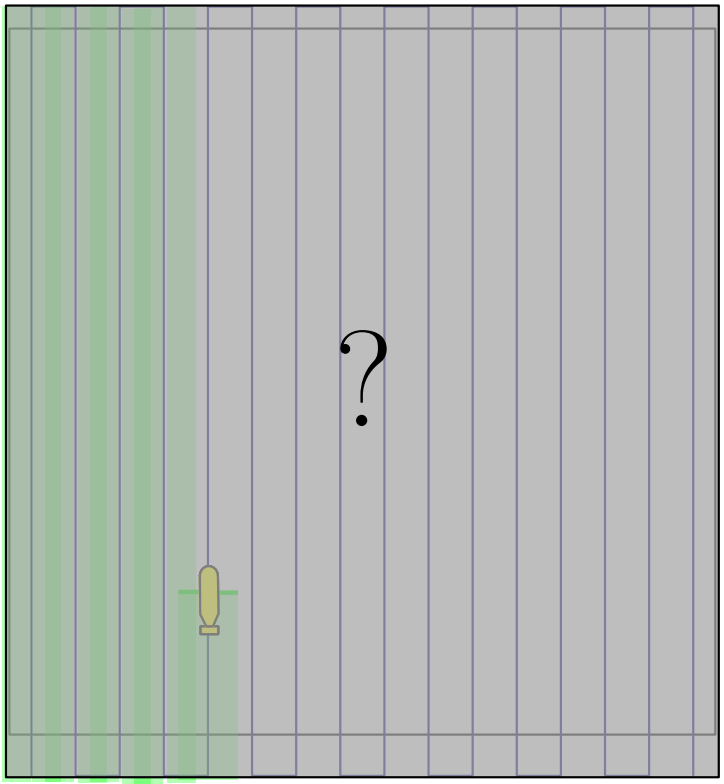
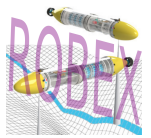


Applications:

- Assess area-covering missions,
- plan other missions to fill possible gaps,
- assess revisiting missions,
- optimal trajectory planning,
- localization in homogeneous environments.



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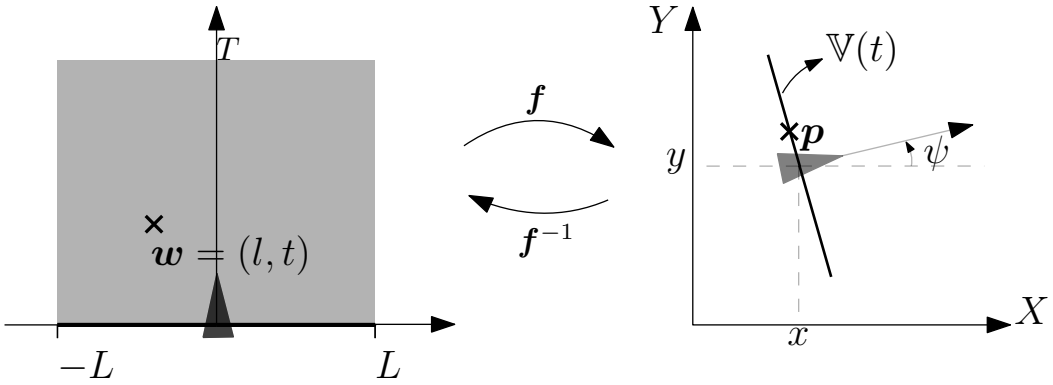

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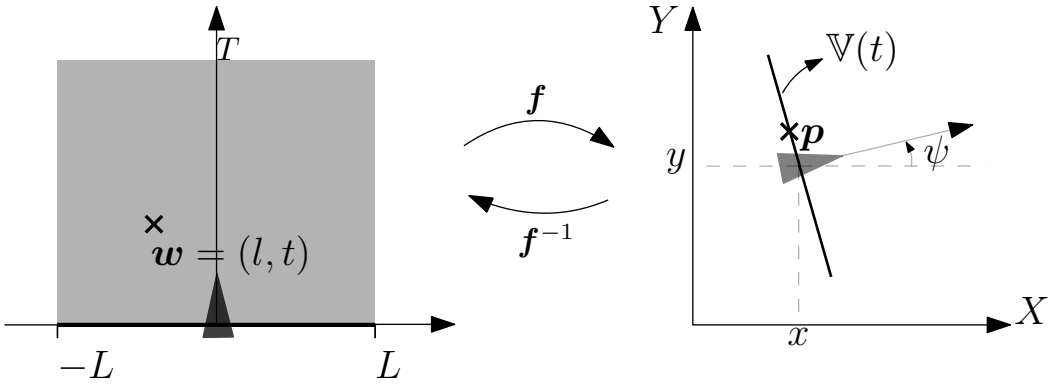


Waterfall Space and Sweep Function

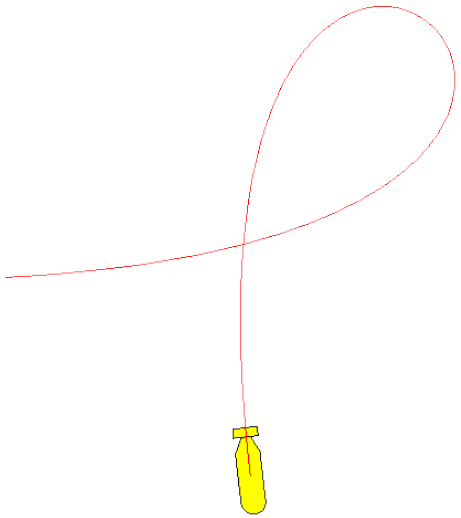
$$W = [-L, L] \times [0, T]$$

$$\boldsymbol{f} : W \to \mathbb{R}^2$$

Problem Statement

Robot's Trajectory

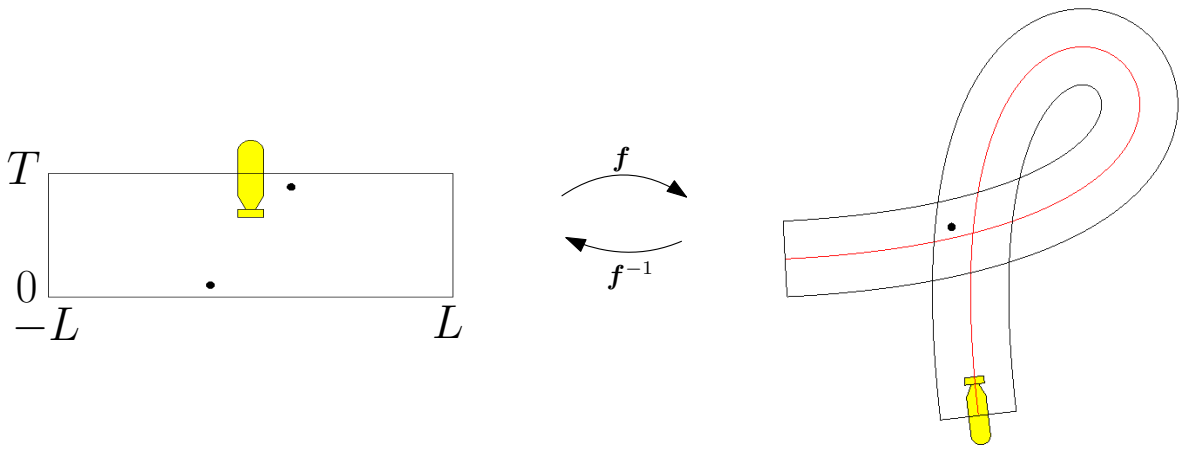
- $\boldsymbol{x} : [0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^2$,
- $\boldsymbol{x}$ is differentiable in $[0, T]$.



Problem Statement

Explored Area

- $W = [-L, L] \times [0, T]$,
- $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{E}} = \boldsymbol{f}(W)$,
- Sensor's Contour $\gamma = \boldsymbol{f}(\partial W)$.



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Coverage Measure

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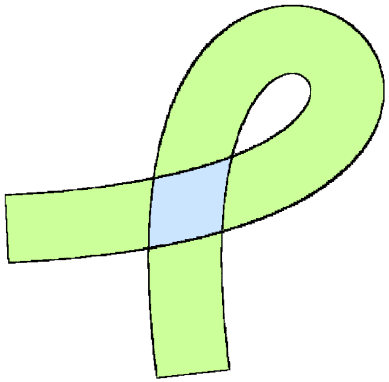

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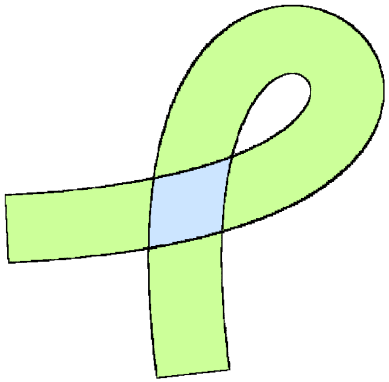
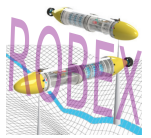


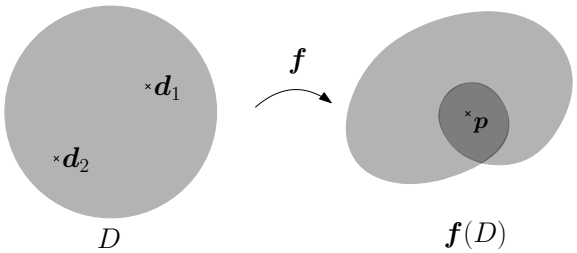
$$\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{E}} = \{\boldsymbol{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2 | c_m(\boldsymbol{p}) \geq 1\}$$



Problem Approach

Topological Degree

- D is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^n$,
- $\boldsymbol{f} : \overline{D} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous,
- $\boldsymbol{p} \in \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \boldsymbol{f}(\partial D)$
- $deg : (\boldsymbol{f}, D, \boldsymbol{p}) \to \mathbb{Z}$.



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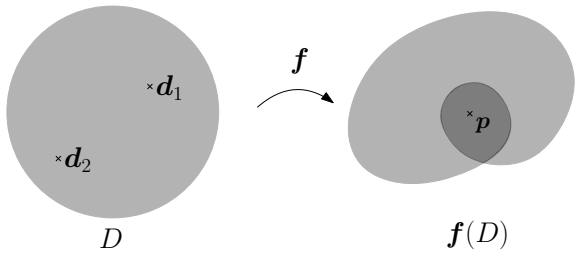
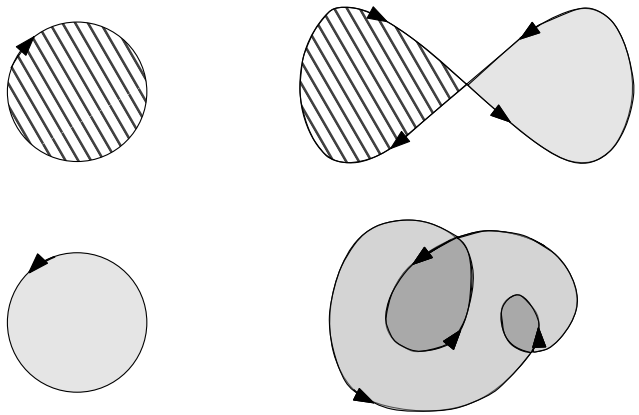


If $det(\boldsymbol{f}'(\boldsymbol{d}))$ is non-zero on each $\boldsymbol{d}$ such that $\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{d}) = \boldsymbol{p}$,

$$deg(\boldsymbol{f}, D, \boldsymbol{p}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{d} \in \boldsymbol{f}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{p})} sign(det(\boldsymbol{f}'(\boldsymbol{d})))$$

Problem Approach

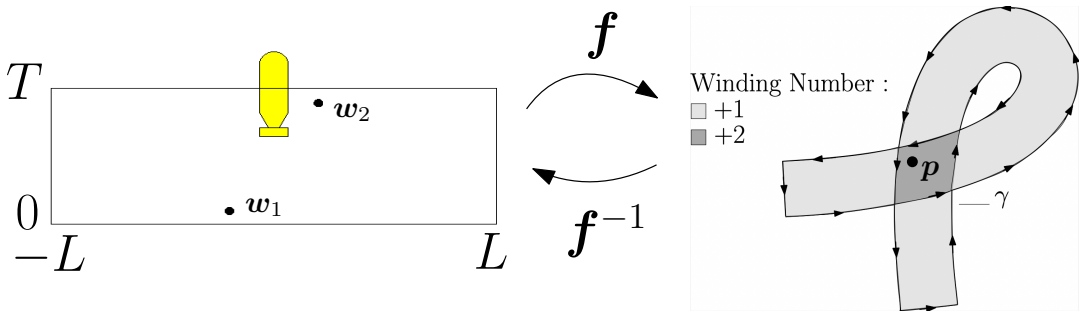
Winding Number



- D is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^2$,
- $\boldsymbol{f} : \overline{D} \to \mathbb{R}^2$ is continuous,
- $\boldsymbol{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \backslash \boldsymbol{f}(\partial D)$,
- $\eta(\boldsymbol{f}(\partial D), \boldsymbol{p}) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Problem Approach

For any $\boldsymbol{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $c_m(\boldsymbol{p}) = \eta(\gamma, \boldsymbol{p})$



If $det(\boldsymbol{f}'(\boldsymbol{w}))$ is positive on each $\boldsymbol{w} \in W$ such that $\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{w}) = \boldsymbol{p}$,

$$\eta(\gamma, \boldsymbol{p}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{w} \in \boldsymbol{f}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{p})} sign(det(\boldsymbol{f}'(\boldsymbol{w}))) = \#Ker(\boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{p})$$

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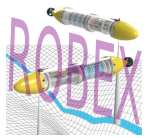

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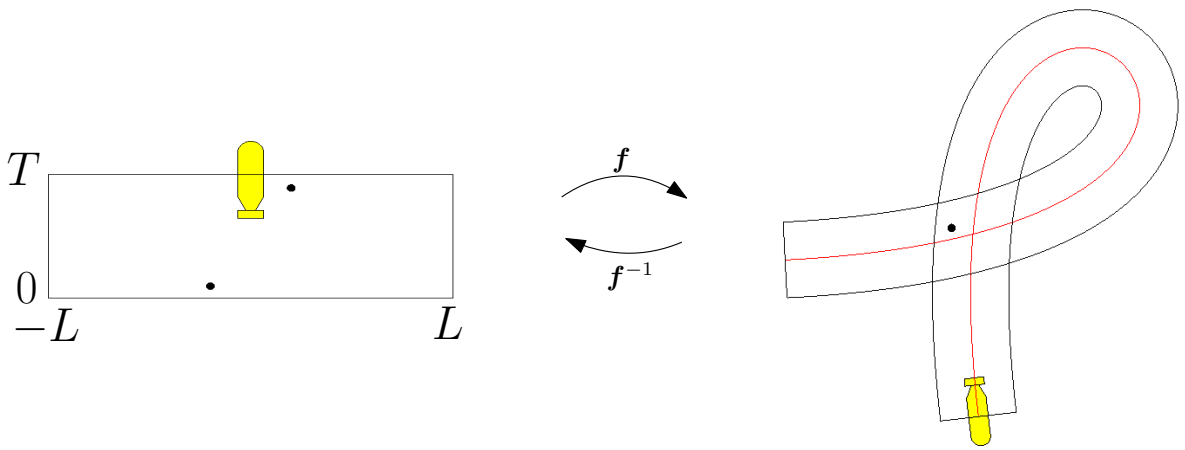

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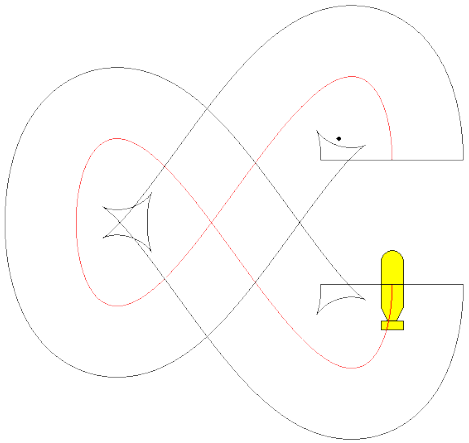

$$\eta(\gamma, \boldsymbol{p}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{w} \in \boldsymbol{f}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{p})} sign(det(\boldsymbol{f}'(\boldsymbol{w}))) = +1 - 1 + 1 = +1 \neq \#Ker(\boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{p})$$

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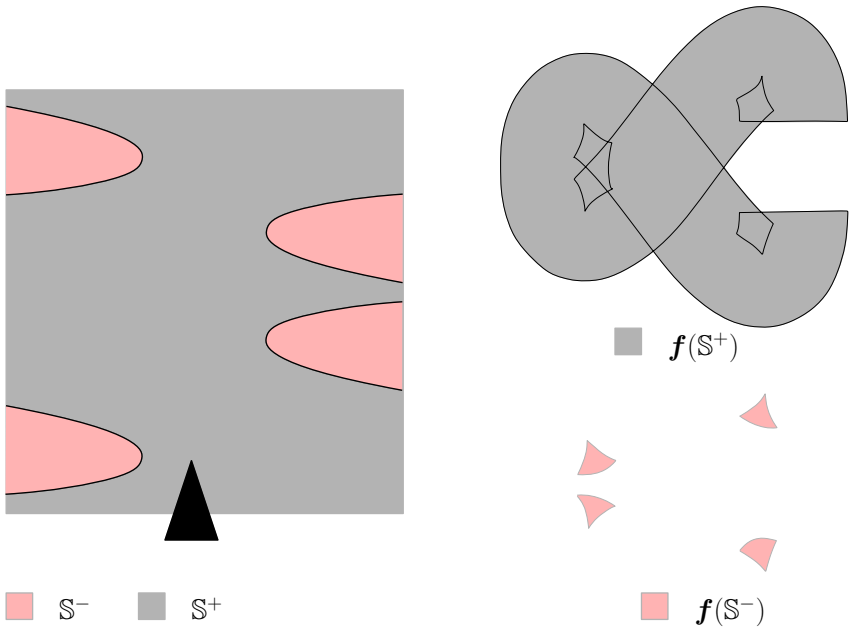


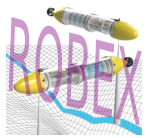
$$\mathbb{S}^+ = \{\boldsymbol{w} \in W | det(\boldsymbol{f}'(\boldsymbol{w})) > 0)\},\ \gamma^+ = \boldsymbol{f}(\partial\mathbb{S}^+)$$

$$\mathbb{S}^- = \{\boldsymbol{w} \in W | det(\boldsymbol{f}'(\boldsymbol{w})) < 0)\},\ \gamma^- = \boldsymbol{f}(\partial\mathbb{S}^-)$$

Sweeping backwards

$$c_m(\boldsymbol{p}) = \#Ker(\boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{p}) = \#Ker\ (\boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{p})_{|\mathbb{S}^+} + \#Ker\ (\boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{p})_{|\mathbb{S}^-}$$

$$c_m(\boldsymbol{p}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{w} \in \boldsymbol{f}^{-1}_{|\mathbb{S}^+}(\boldsymbol{p})} +1 \quad + \sum_{\boldsymbol{w} \in \boldsymbol{f}^{-1}_{|\mathbb{S}^-}(\boldsymbol{p})} +1 = \eta(\gamma^+, \boldsymbol{p}) + \eta(\gamma^-, \boldsymbol{p})$$



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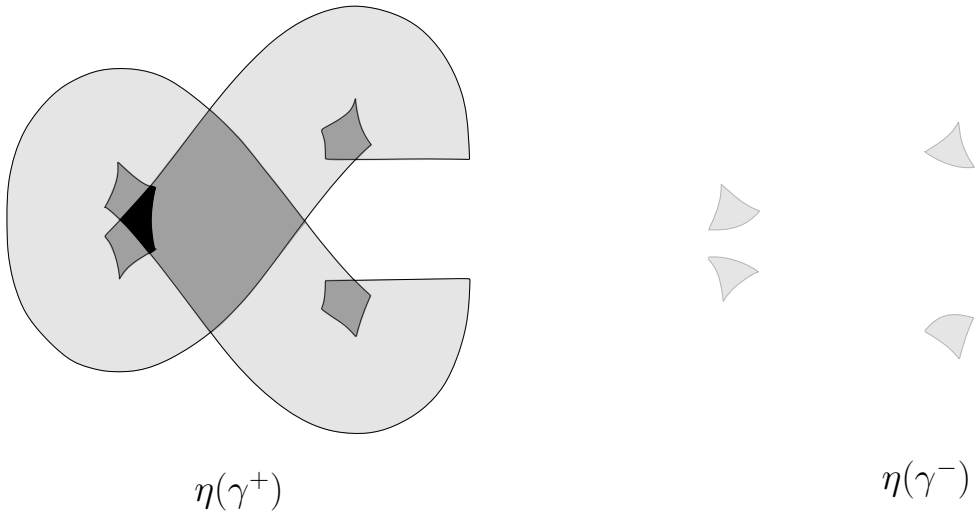

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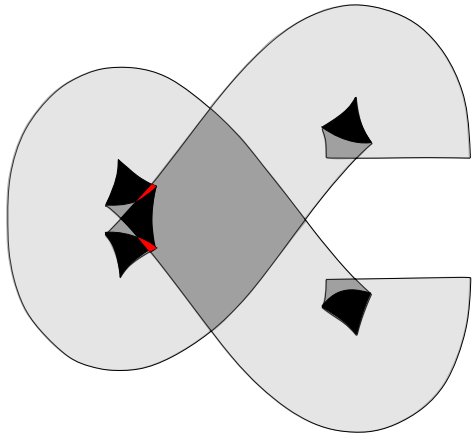

c_m

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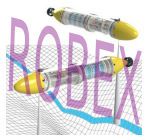

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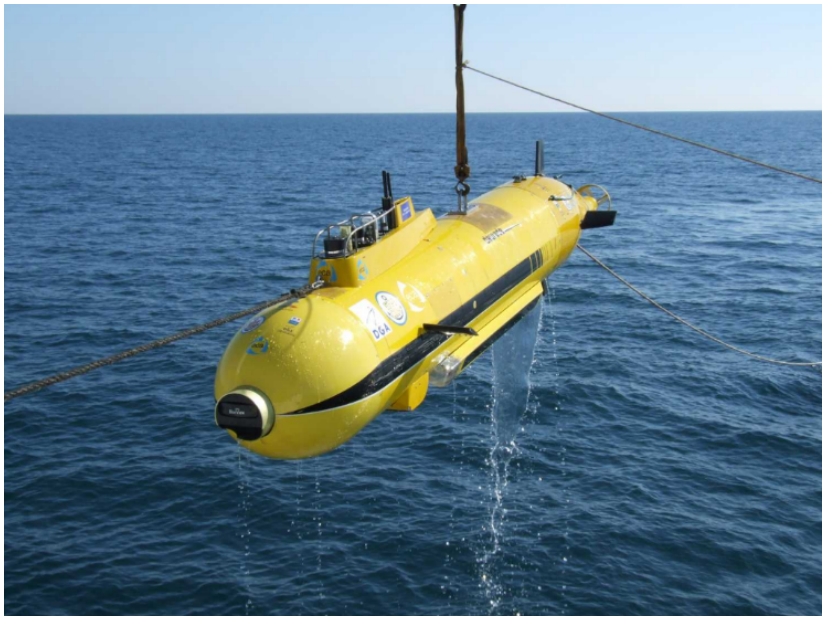

Data

- DVL,
- IMU,
- Pressure.

Mission

- Classical survey path (law-mowing pattern),
- Roadstead of Brest (France, Brittany),
- 47 minutes.

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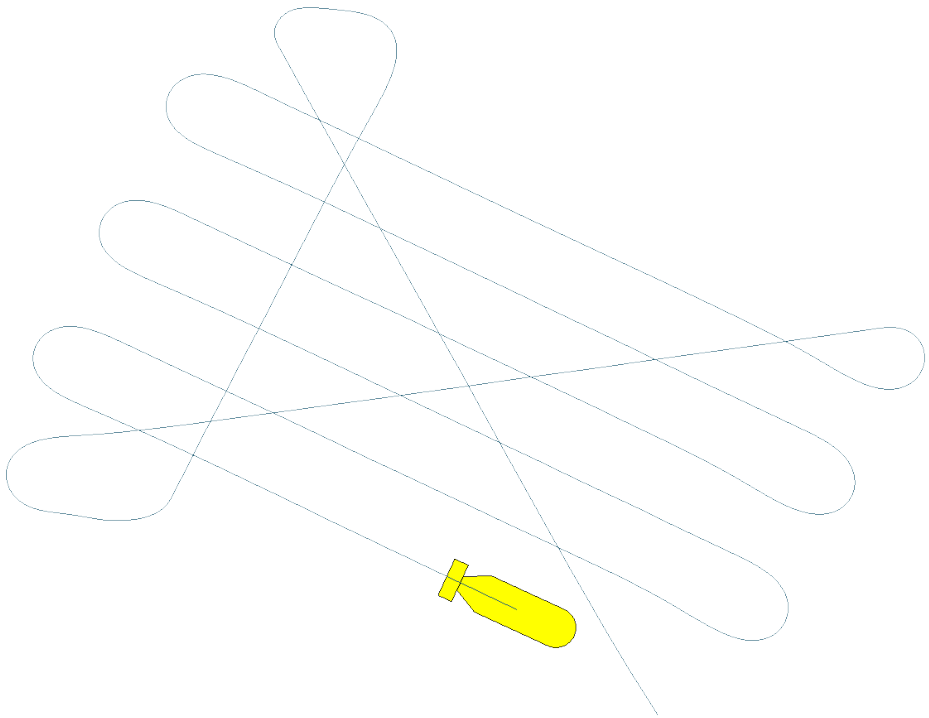

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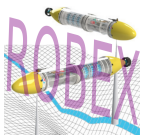

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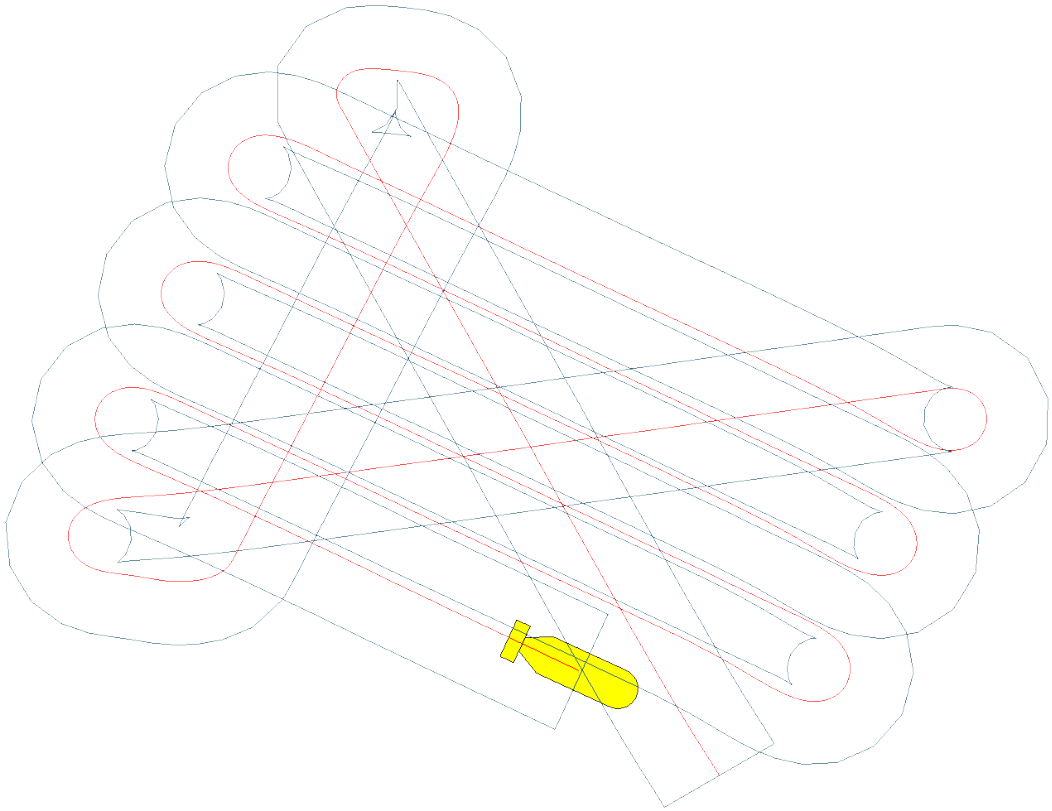

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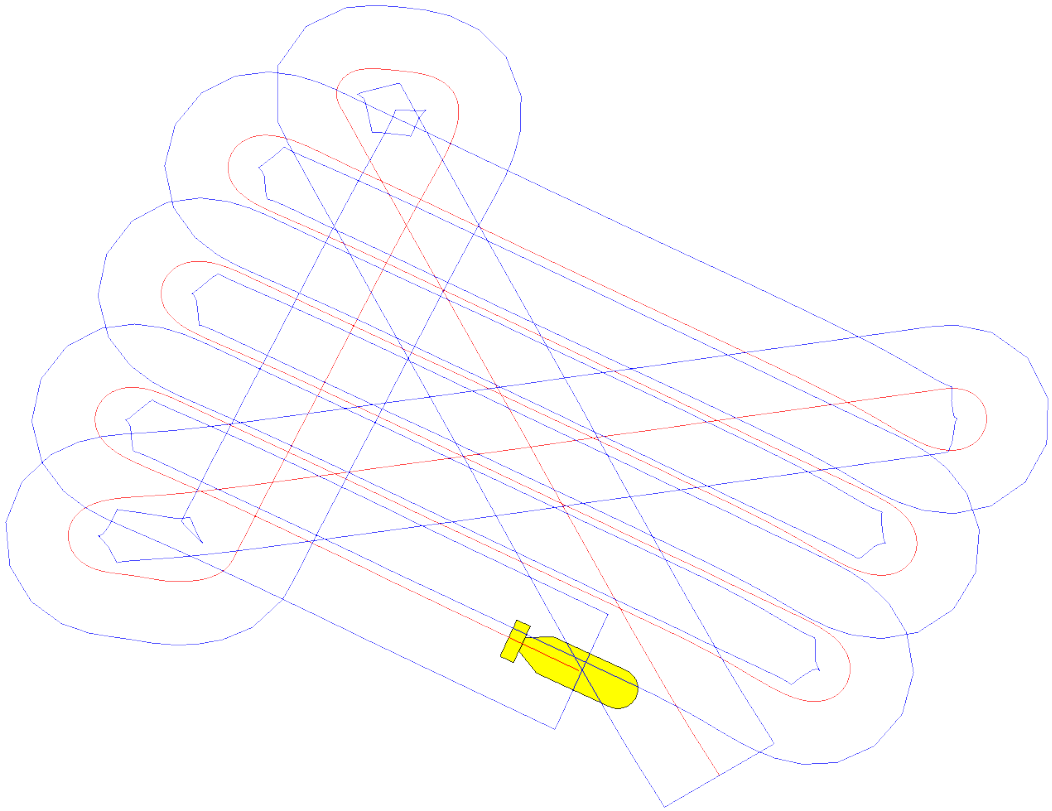

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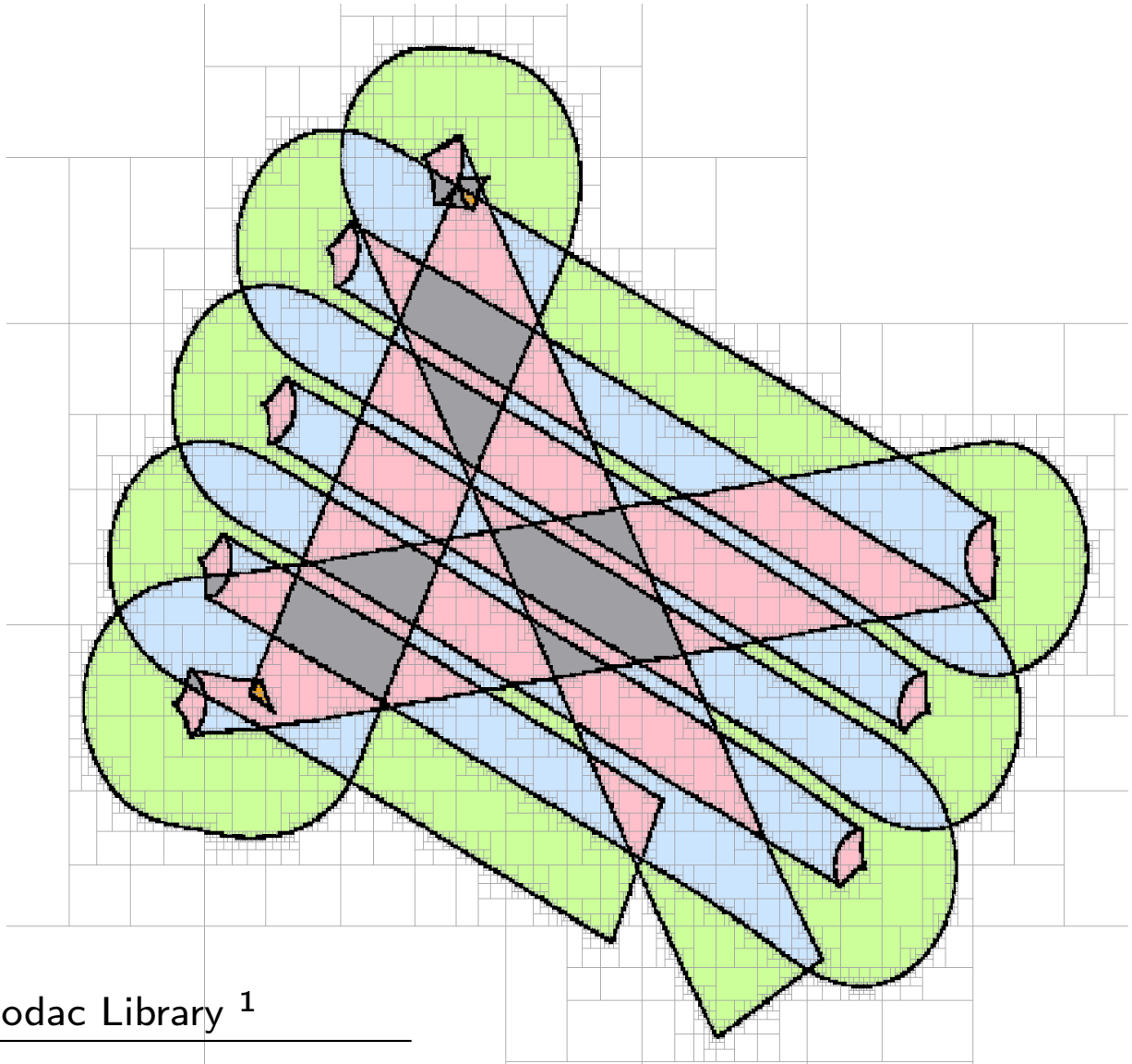

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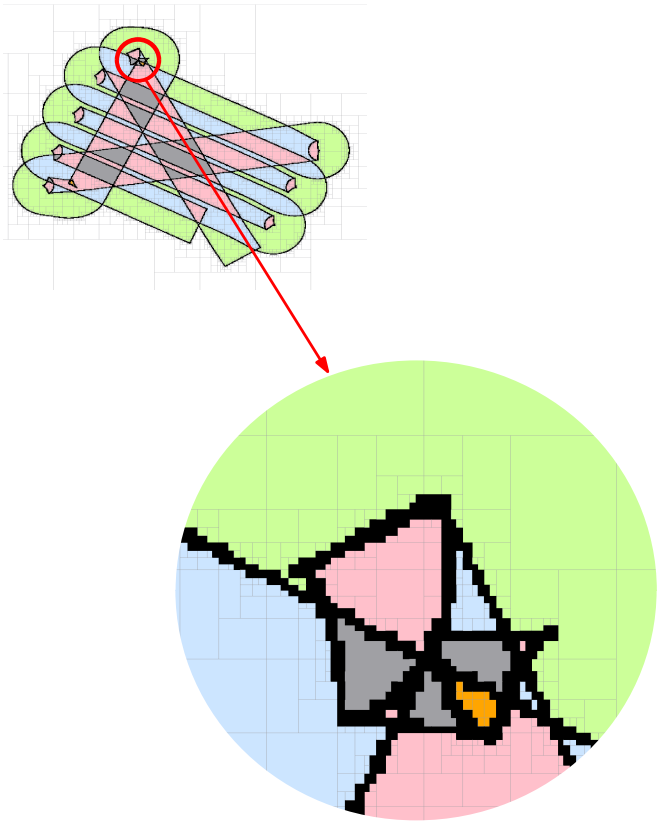

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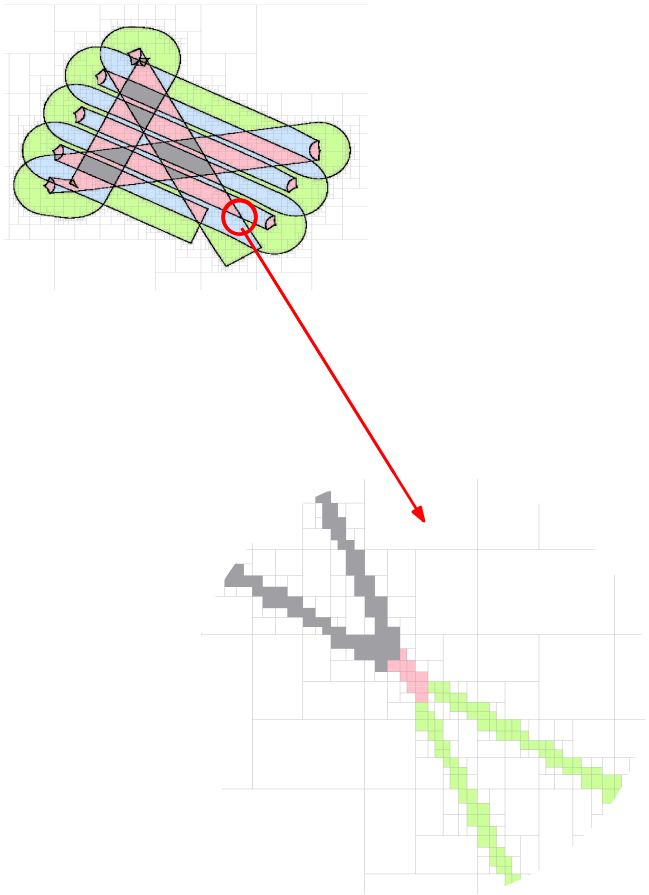

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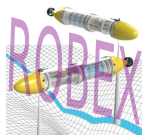
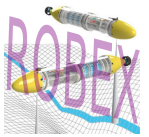


Conclusions

- Relation between topological degree and exploration problem,
- coverage measure,
- algorithm for area characterization in terms of winding number.



Future Work

Extensions of the current method:

- Patch Exploration,
- uncertainty in the robot's trajectory using thick sets.