

Applications [edit]

See also: *Delaunay triangulation § Applications*

Humanities [edit]

- In classical archaeology, specifically art history, the symmetry of statue heads is analyzed to determine the type of statue a severed h

Natural sciences [edit]

- In biology, Voronoi diagrams are used to model a number of different biological structures, including cells^[20] and bone microarchitect
- In hydrology, Voronoi diagrams are used to calculate the rainfall of an area, based on a series of point measurements. In this usage,
- In ecology, Voronoi diagrams are used to study the growth patterns of forests and forest canopies, and may also be helpful in develop
- In computational chemistry, ligand-binding sites are transformed into Voronoi diagrams for machine learning applications (e.g., to clas
- deformation density method.
- In astrophysics, Voronoi diagrams are used to generate adaptative smoothing zones on images, adding signal fluxes on each one. Th
- In computational fluid dynamics, the Voronoi tessellation of a set of points can be used to define the computational domains used in f
- In computational physics, Voronoi diagrams are used to calculate profiles of an object with Shadowgraph and proton radiography in H

Health [edit]

- In medical diagnosis, models of muscle tissue, based on Voronoi diagrams, can be used to detect neuromuscular diseases.^[22]
- In epidemiology, Voronoi diagrams can be used to correlate sources of infections in epidemics. One of the early applications of Voronoi
- whose residents had been using a specific water pump, and the areas with most deaths due to the outbreak.^[26]

Engineering [edit]

- In polymer physics, Voronoi diagrams can be used to represent free volumes of polymers.
- In materials science, polycrystalline microstructures in metallic alloys are commonly represented using Voronoi tessellations. In island
- reciprocal (wavenumber) space of crystals which have the symmetry of a space group.
- In aviation, Voronoi diagrams are superimposed on oceanic plotting charts to identify the nearest airfield for in-flight diversion (see ET
- In architecture, Voronoi patterns were the basis for the winning entry for the redevelopment of The Arts Centre Gold Coast.^[31]
- In urban planning, Voronoi diagrams can be used to evaluate the Freight Loading Zone system.^[32]
- In mining, Voronoi polygons are used to estimate the reserves of valuable materials, minerals, or other resources. Exploratory drillhol
- In surface metrology, Voronoi tessellation can be used for surface roughness modeling.^[33]
- In robotics, some of the control strategies of multi-robot systems are based on the Voronoi partitioning of the environment.^{[34][35]}

Geometry [edit]

- A point location data structure can be built o
- vector quantization, commonly used in data
- In geometry, Voronoi diagrams can be used
- Voronoi diagrams together with farthest-poi

Informatics [edit]

- In networking, Voronoi diagrams can be use
- In computer graphics, Voronoi diagrams are
- In autonomous robot navigation, Voronoi di
- In machine learning, Voronoi diagrams are
- In user interface development, Voronoi patt

Civics and planning [edit]

- In Melbourne, government school students are always eligible to attend the nearest primary school or high school to where they live.

Bakery [edit]

- Ukrainian Pastry chef Dinara Kasko uses the mathematical principles of the Voronoi diagram to create silicone molds made with a 3D

Voronoi diagram

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In mathematics, a **Voronoi diagram** is a partitioning of a plane into regions based on their proximity to each of a given set of objects. In the simple case of a finite set of points in the plane (called seeds, sites, or generators), each region consists of all points closer to that seed than to any other. The diagram is named after the Russian mathematician L. J. Voronoi, and is also known as its Delaunay triangulation.

The Voronoi diagram is named after Gerhart Voronoi, who introduced the concept of Voronoi tessellation, a Voronoi decomposition of a plane. It is also known as Thiessen polygons.^{[1][2][3]} Voronoi diagrams have many applications in many fields, mainly in science and engineering.^{[4][5]}

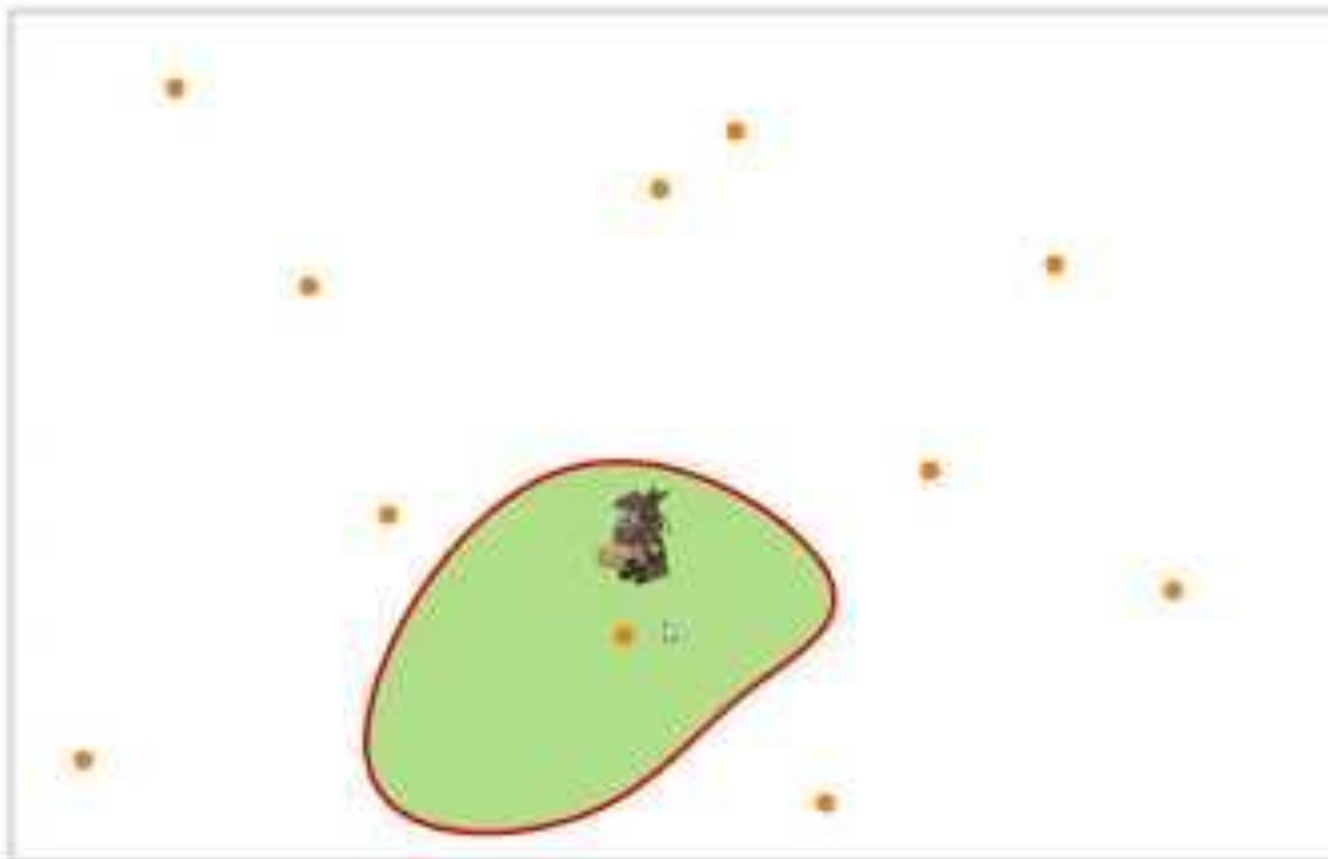
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Introducing the Voronoi partition

The Post-Office Problem



Coordinated Motion (Flocking)

The “voronoids” approach

- [J. Cortes *et al.* \(2004\), "Coverage control for mobile sensing networks," in IEEE Trans. Robotics and Automation 20 \(2\): 243-255](#)
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- [Y. Song, B. Wang, Z. Shi, K. R. Pattipati and S. Gupta \(2013\), "Distributed Algorithms for Energy-Efficient Even Self-Deployment in Mobile Sensor Networks," in IEEE Trans. Mobile Computing 13 \(5\): 1035-1047](#)
- [E. Teruel, R. Aragues, G. López-Nicolás \(2018\), "A distributed robot swarm control for dynamic region coverage" in Robotics and Autonomous Systems 119: 51-63](#)
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The nice features of CVT's

- A robust even distribution over an area
 - For whichever number of robots
 - Possibility to make it “proportional to interest”
- Inherently prevents collisions
- Distributed algorithm with little requirements
 - “Better” algorithms exist for centralized, or with not so little requirements (e.g., Hessian approx)
 - Closed geometrical computations (with uniform “interest density”)
- “Fast” (short “rise time”, but long “settling time”)

Computing “my” Voronoi cell

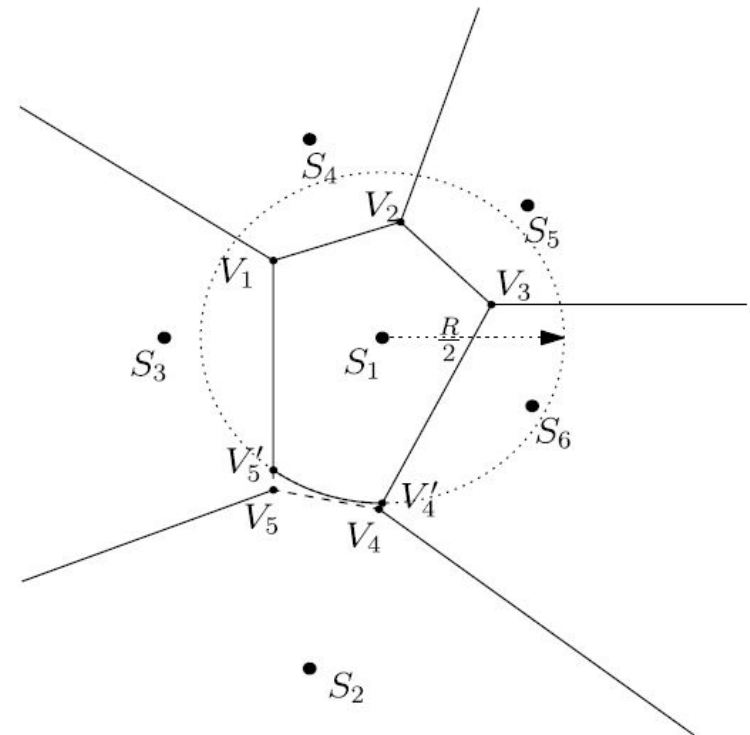
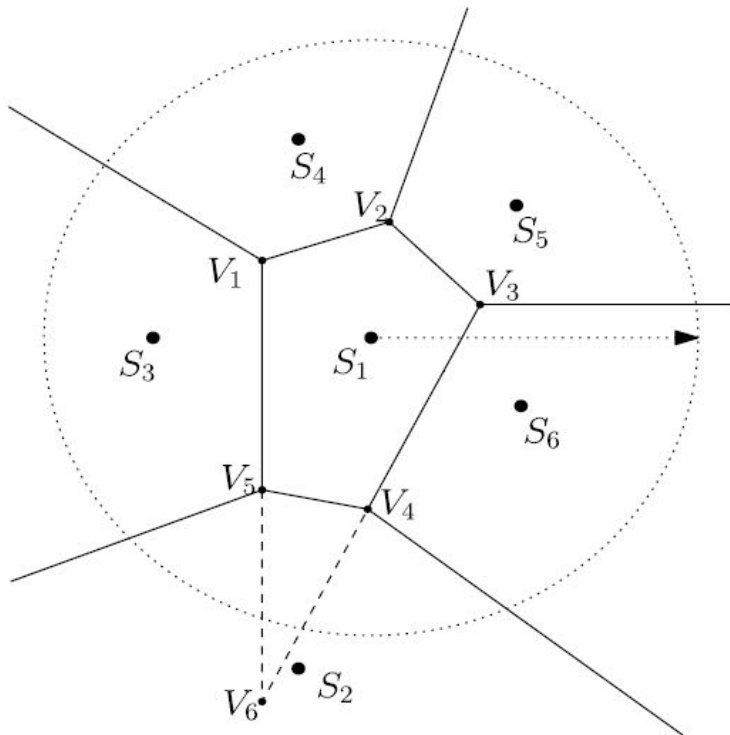
Voronoi Diagrams: Algorithms

Algorithm

The concept is applied using half plane intersection.

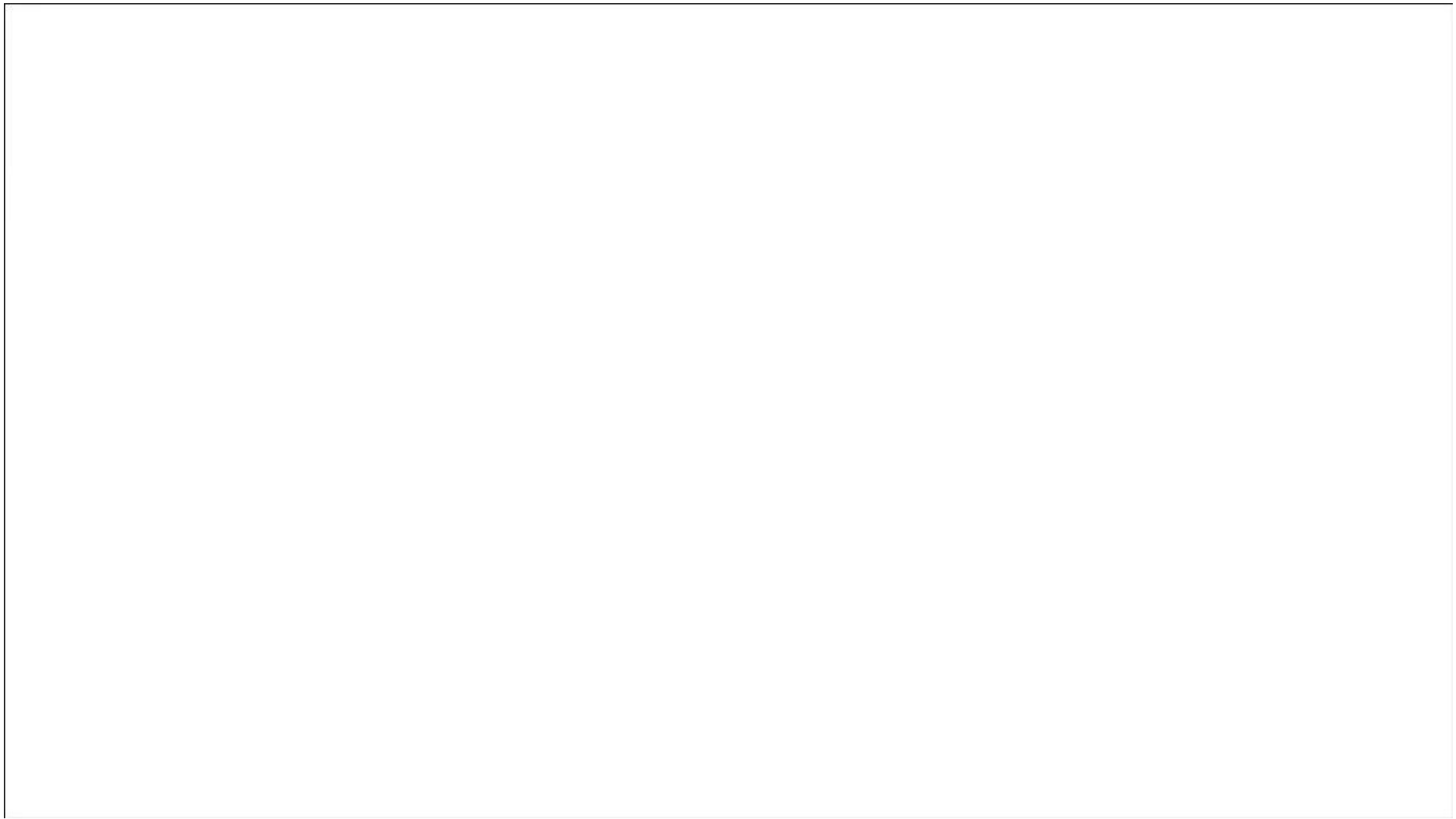


Range limited Voronoi cells

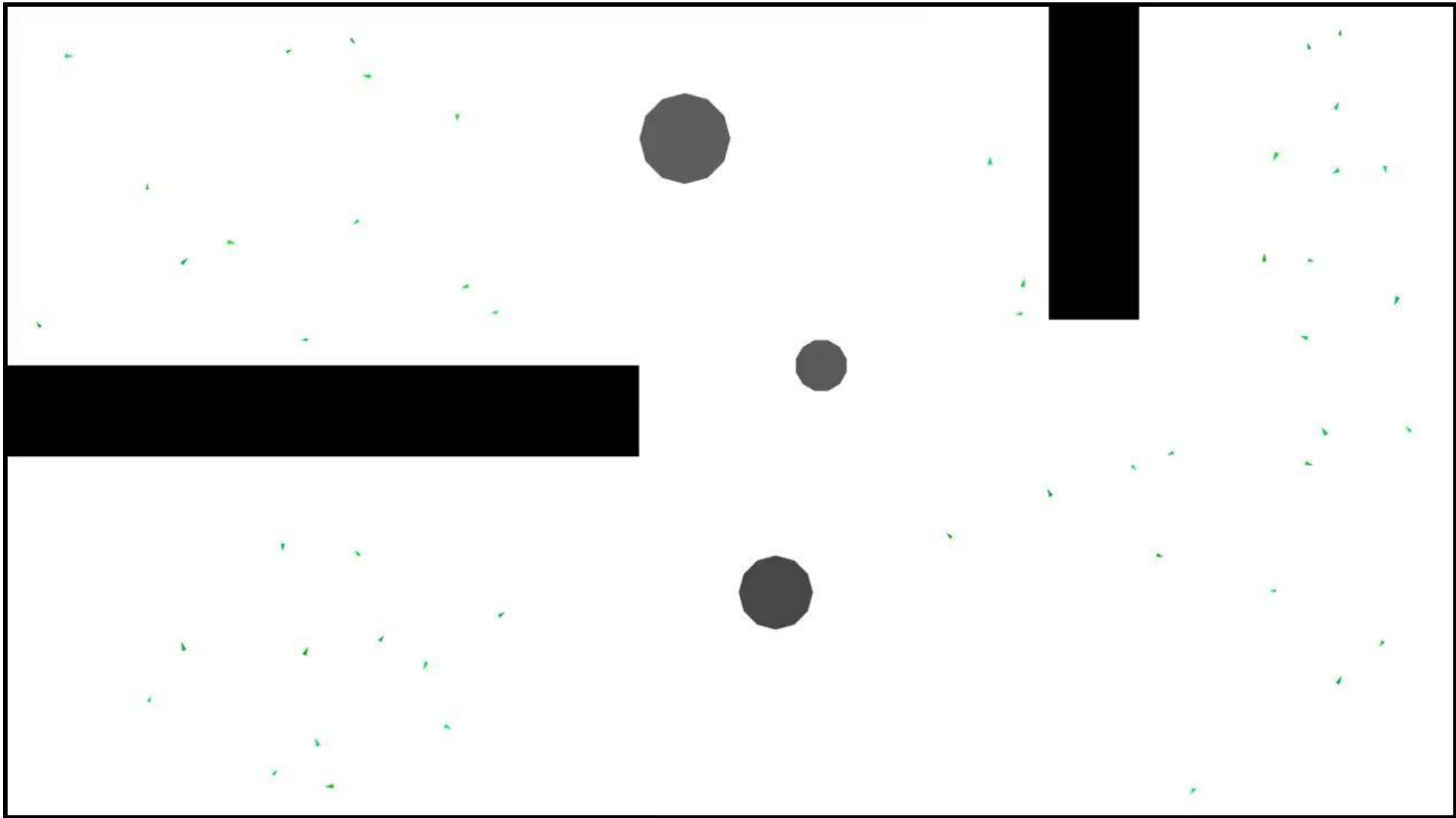


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Covering a small convex area



Covering a small area with obstacles



Large and complex dynamic areas

The original question:

Is it possible to cover with a (near-)CVT “formation” a dynamic region that is fastly changing and moving to sweep the full dynamic area? How to overcome the slow convergence?

Our answer, to date:

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Area coverage with a MRS



Coming “soon”

