

# Interval Integration of Triangular Systems

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## Introduction

An *interval dynamical system* is a pair of two dynamical systems:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}^-(t) &= \mathbf{f}^-(\mathbf{x}^-(t), \mathbf{x}^+(t), \mathbf{u}^-(t), \mathbf{u}^+(t)) \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}^+(t) &= \mathbf{f}^+(\mathbf{x}^-(t), \mathbf{x}^+(t), \mathbf{u}^-(t), \mathbf{u}^+(t))\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Equivalently, the interval dynamical system we will be written as

$$[\dot{\mathbf{x}}](t) = \llbracket \mathbf{f} \rrbracket([\mathbf{x}](t), [\mathbf{u}](t))\tag{2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}[\dot{\mathbf{x}}](t) &= [\dot{\mathbf{x}}^-(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^+(t)] \\ [\mathbf{x}](t) &= [\mathbf{x}^-(t), \mathbf{x}^+(t)] \\ [\mathbf{u}](t) &= [\mathbf{u}^-(t), \mathbf{u}^+(t)] \\ \llbracket \mathbf{f} \rrbracket &= [\mathbf{f}^-, \mathbf{f}^+]\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

The quantities  $[\mathbf{u}](t)$ ,  $[\mathbf{x}](t)$ ,  $[\dot{\mathbf{x}}](t)$  correspond to tubes [3]. From an initial state  $[\mathbf{x}](0)$ , a tube  $[\mathbf{x}](t)$  can easily be computed using a Runge-Kutta integration of Equation 6. An interval integration for ODE [2] can also be considered, if the guarantee is required [1]. The interval dynamical system (6) is *self consistent* if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x}^-(0) \leq \mathbf{x}^+(0) \\ \mathbf{u}^-(t) \leq \mathbf{u}^+(t), \forall t \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^-(t) \leq \mathbf{x}^+(t), \forall t$$

The interval dynamical system (2) is an *interval enclosure* of the system  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t))$  if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \in [\mathbf{x}_0] \\ \mathbf{u}(t) \in [\mathbf{u}](t) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \forall t, \mathbf{x}(t) \in [\mathbf{x}](t) \quad (4)$$

## Interval enclosure of a triangular dynamical system

Consider the triangular system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, \mathbf{u}) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(x_1, x_2, \mathbf{u}) \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{x}_n &= f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \mathbf{u}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

**Proposition 1.** *Define*

$$[[f_i]] = \left( \begin{array}{l} lb([f](x_i^-, [x_1] \times \dots \times [x_{i-1}] \times [x_{i+1}] \times \dots \times [x_n] \times [\mathbf{u}])) \\ ub([f](x_i^+, [x_1] \times \dots \times [x_{i-1}] \times [x_{i+1}] \times \dots \times [x_n] \times [\mathbf{u}])) \end{array} \right)$$

where  $[f]$  is an inclusion function for  $f$ . An interval enclosure of (5) is

$$\begin{aligned} [\dot{x}_1] &= [[f_1]]([x_1], [\mathbf{u}]) \\ [\dot{x}_2] &= [[f_2]]([x_2], [x_1] \times [\mathbf{u}]) \\ &\vdots \\ [\dot{x}_n] &= [[f_m]]([x_n], [x_1] \times [x_2] \times \dots \times [x_{n-1}] \times [\mathbf{u}]) \end{aligned}$$

## Ballast robot

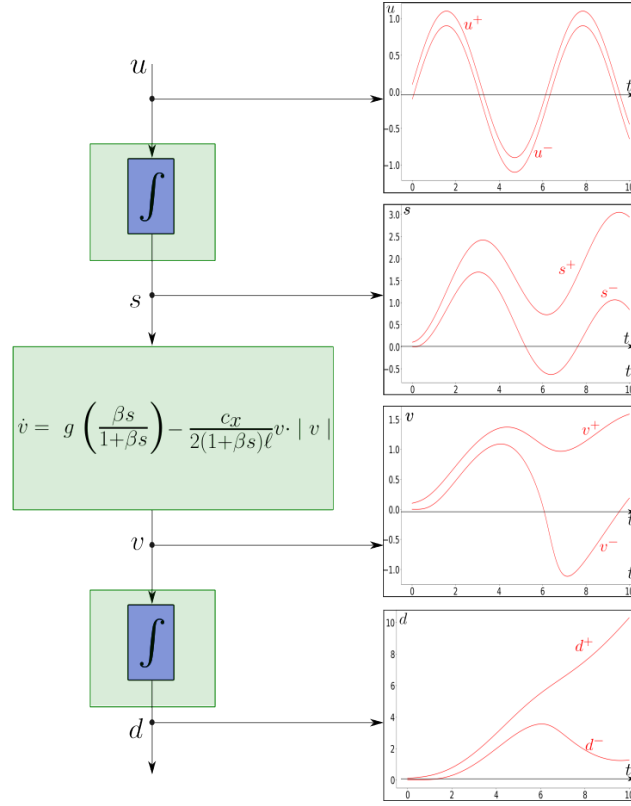
We consider an underwater float equipped with a ballast. It can only move upward to the surface and downward to the seafloor. The state equations are given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{s} &= u \\ \dot{v} &= \frac{s}{1+s} - \frac{1}{1+s} v \cdot |v| \\ \dot{d} &= v \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where  $d$  is the depth,  $v$  is the vertical speed and  $s$  is the buoyancy. Since the system is triangular, Proposition 1 provides an interval enclosure of (6):

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{s}^- &= u^- \\ \dot{s}^+ &= u^+ \\ \dot{v}^- &= \text{lb} \left( \frac{[s]}{1+[s]} - \frac{1}{1+[s]} \cdot v^- \cdot |v^-| \right) \\ \dot{v}^+ &= \text{ub} \left( \frac{[s]}{1+[s]} - \frac{1}{1+[s]} \cdot v^+ \cdot |v^+| \right) \\ \dot{d}^- &= d^- \\ \dot{d}^+ &= d^+ \end{aligned}$$

The behavior of the corresponding interval simulator is illustrated by the figure below. We took  $[s_0] = [v_0] = [d_0] = [0, 0.1]$  for the initial states. For the input, we have chosen  $[u](t) = \sin(t) + [-0.1, 0.1]$ .



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