

# Parametric global optimization; application to sailboat robotics

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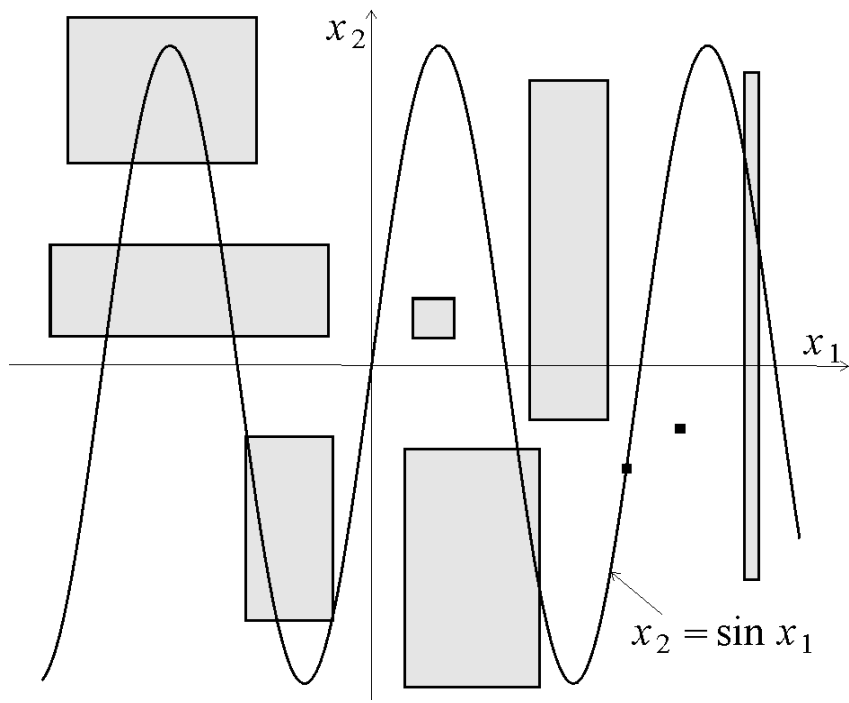
# 1 Contractors

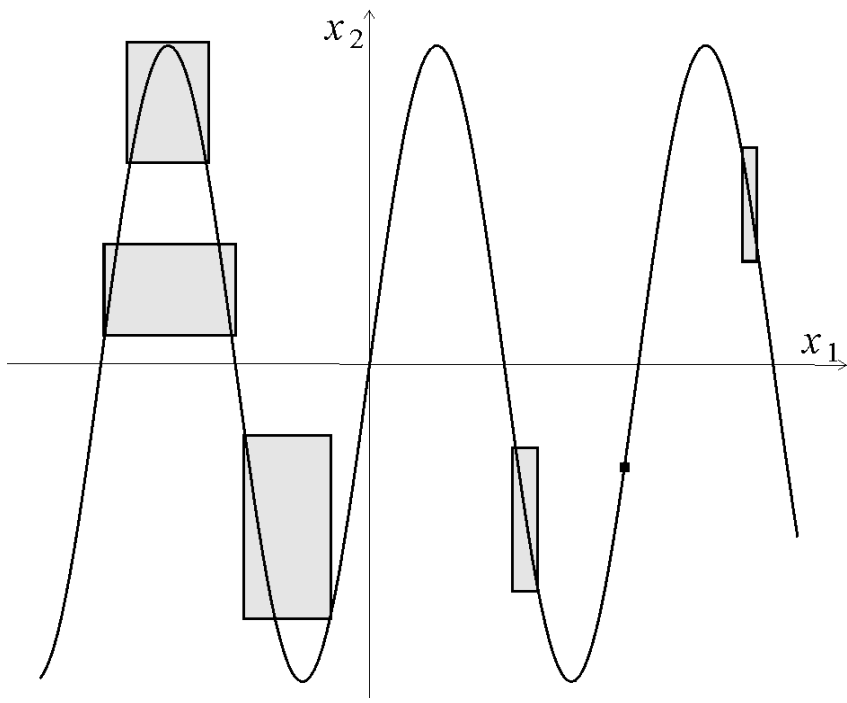
The operator  $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a *contractor* for the equation  $f(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ , if

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}]) \subset [\mathbf{x}] & \text{(contractance)} \\ \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{x}] \text{ and } f(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}]) & \text{(consistence)} \end{cases}$$

**Example.** Consider the primitive equation:

$$\dot{x}_2 = \sin x_1.$$



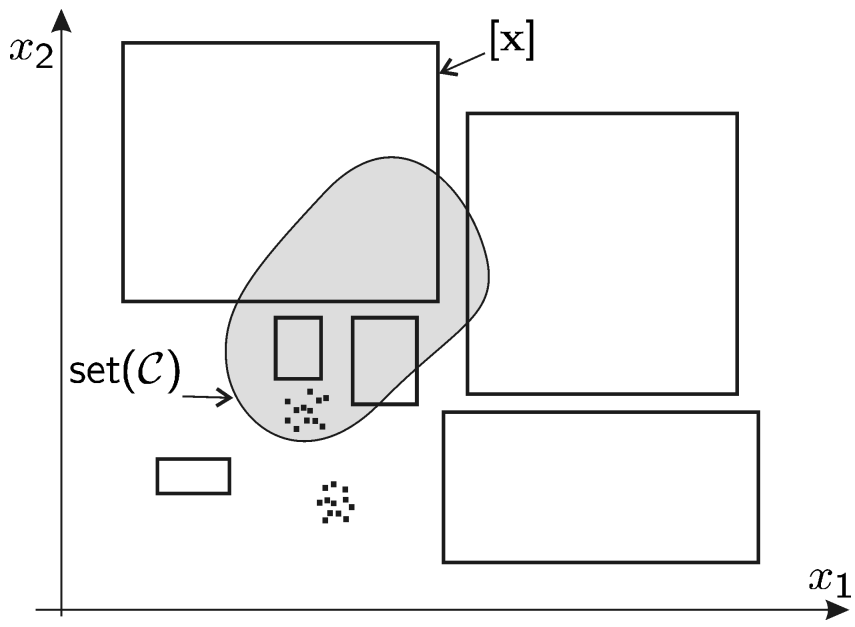


More generally,  $\mathcal{C} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a *contractor* if

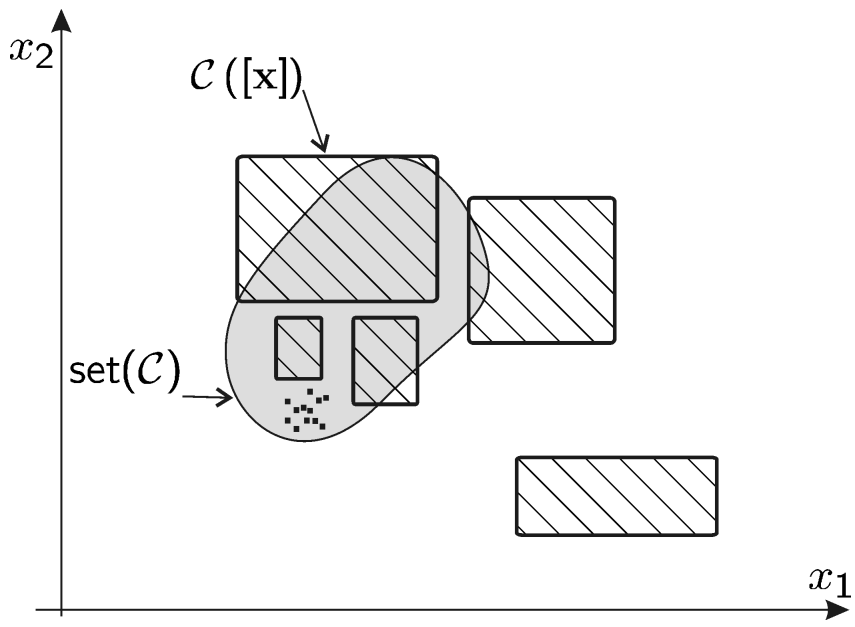
- (i)  $\mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}]) \subset [\mathbf{x}]$  (contractance)
- (ii)  $(\mathbf{a} \in [\mathbf{x}], \mathcal{C}(\{\mathbf{a}\}) = \{\mathbf{a}\}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{C}([\mathbf{x}])$  (consistence)

The set associated to  $\mathcal{C}$  is

$$\text{set}(\mathcal{C}) = \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{C}(\{\mathbf{a}\}) = \{\mathbf{a}\}\}.$$







$\mathcal{C}$ is <i>monotonic</i> if	$[x] \subset [y] \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}([x]) \subset \mathcal{C}([y])$
$\mathcal{C}$ is <i>minimal</i> if	$\mathcal{C}([x]) = [[x] \cap \text{set}(\mathcal{C})]$
$\mathcal{C}$ is <i>idempotent</i> if	$\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{C}([x])) = \mathcal{C}([x])$
$\mathcal{C}$ is <i>continuous</i> if	$\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{C}^\infty([x])) = \mathcal{C}^\infty([x])$ .

## Contractor algebra

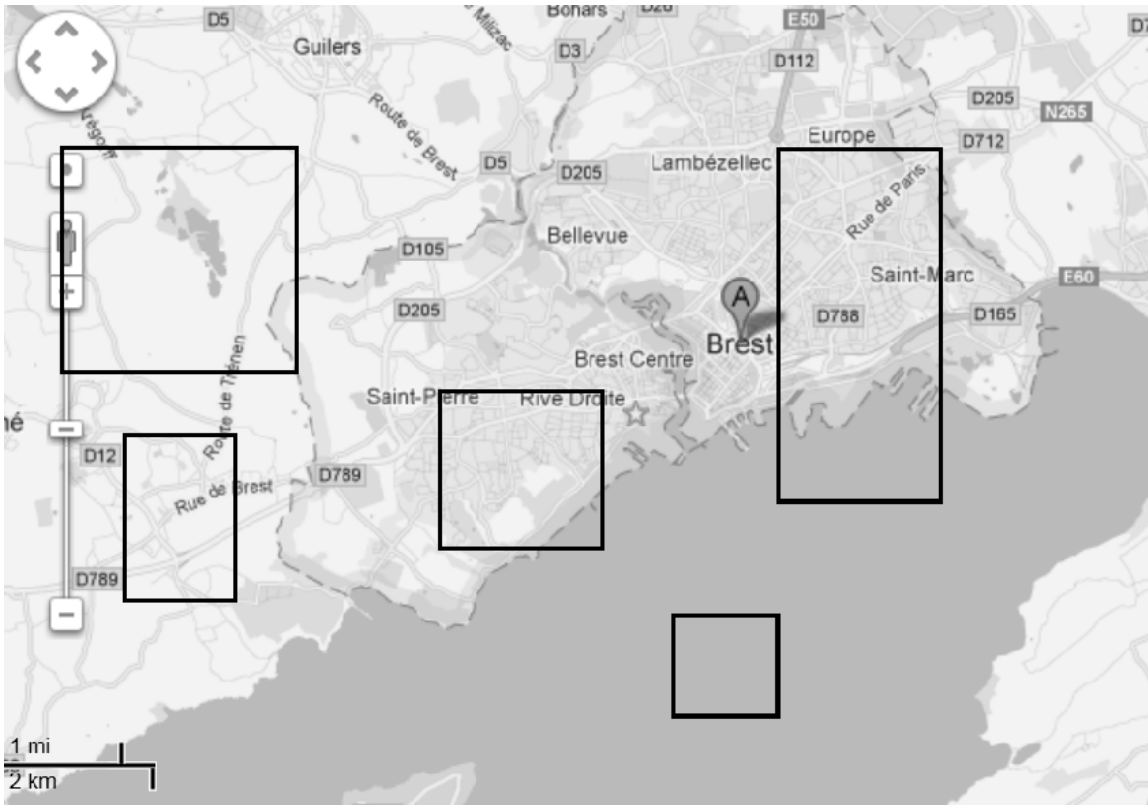
intersection	$(\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2) ([\mathbf{x}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{C}_1 ([\mathbf{x}]) \cap \mathcal{C}_2 ([\mathbf{x}])$
union	$(\mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2) ([\mathbf{x}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\mathcal{C}_1 ([\mathbf{x}]) \cup \mathcal{C}_2 ([\mathbf{x}])]$
composition	$(\mathcal{C}_1 \circ \mathcal{C}_2) ([\mathbf{x}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{C}_1 (\mathcal{C}_2 ([\mathbf{x}]))$
reiteration	$\mathcal{C}^\infty \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{C} \circ \dots$

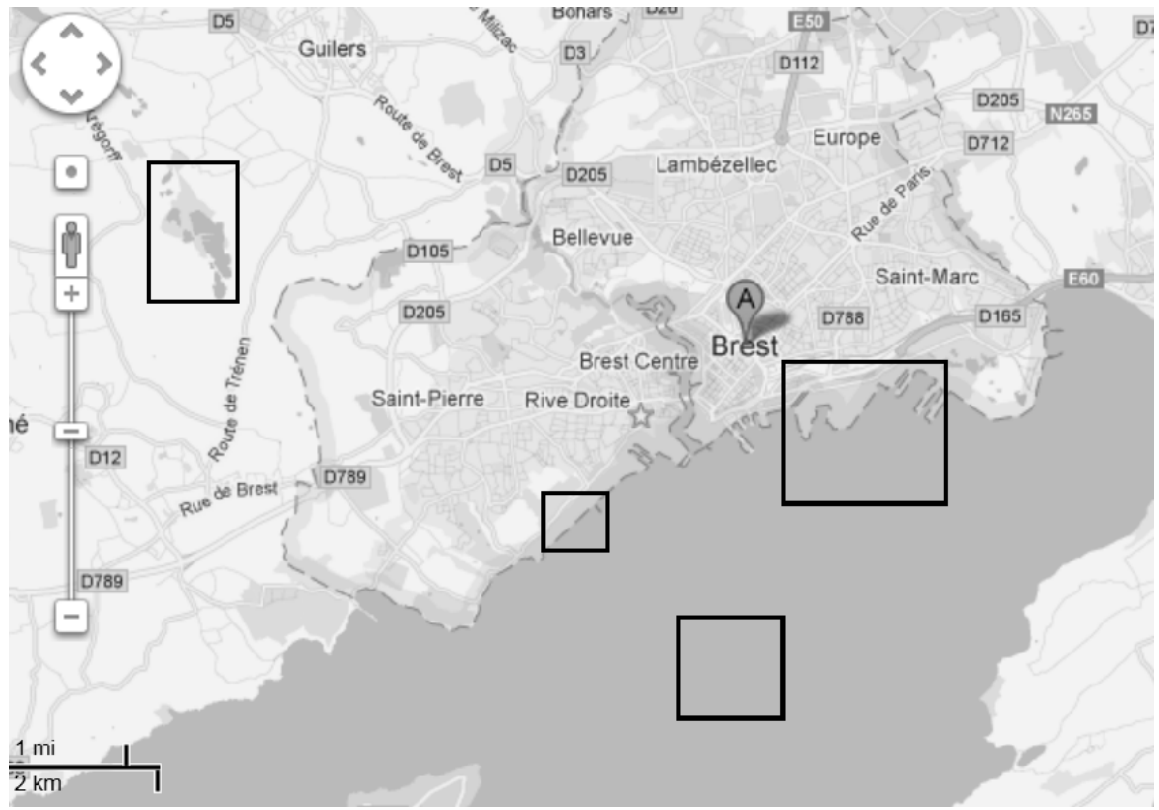
Dealing with outliers

$$\mathcal{C} = (\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2) \cup (\mathcal{C}_2 \cap \mathcal{C}_3) \cup (\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_3)$$

## Contractor on images

The robot with coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$  is in the water.





## Building contractors for equations

Consider the primitive equation

$$x_1 + x_2 = x_3$$

with  $x_1 \in [x_1]$ ,  $x_2 \in [x_2]$ ,  $x_3 \in [x_3]$ .



We have

$$x_3 = x_1 + x_2 \Rightarrow x_3 \in [x_3] \cap ([x_1] + [x_2]) \quad // \text{ forward}$$

$$x_1 = x_3 - x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \in [x_1] \cap ([x_3] - [x_2]) \quad // \text{ backward}$$

$$x_2 = x_3 - x_1 \Rightarrow x_2 \in [x_2] \cap ([x_3] - [x_1]) \quad // \text{ backward}$$

The contractor associated with  $x_1 + x_2 = x_3$  is thus

$$\mathcal{C} \begin{pmatrix} [x_1] \\ [x_2] \\ [x_3] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [x_1] \cap ([x_3] - [x_2]) \\ [x_2] \cap ([x_3] - [x_1]) \\ [x_3] \cap ([x_1] + [x_2]) \end{pmatrix}$$

## Forward-backward contractor (HC4 revise)

For the equation

$$(x_1 + x_2) \cdot x_3 \in [1, 2],$$

we have the following contractor:

algorithm $\mathcal{C}$ (inout $[x_1], [x_2], [x_3]$ )	
$[a] = [x_1] + [x_2]$	// $a = x_1 + x_2$
$[b] = [a] \cdot [x_3]$	// $b = a \cdot x_3$
$[b] = [b] \cap [1, 2]$	// $b \in [1, 2]$
$[x_3] = [x_3] \cap \frac{[b]}{[a]}$	// $x_3 = \frac{b}{a}$
$[a] = [a] \cap \frac{[b]}{[x_3]}$	// $a = \frac{b}{x_3}$
$[x_1] = [x_1] \cap [a] - [x_2]$	// $x_1 = a - x_2$
$[x_2] = [x_2] \cap [a] - [x_1]$	// $x_2 = a - x_1$

## 2 Solver

**Example 1.** Solve the system

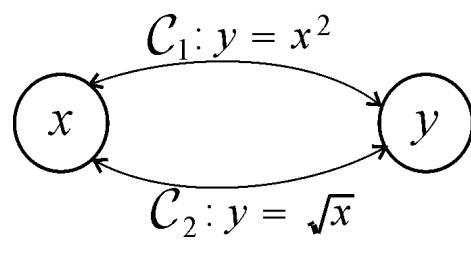
$$y = x^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{x}.$$

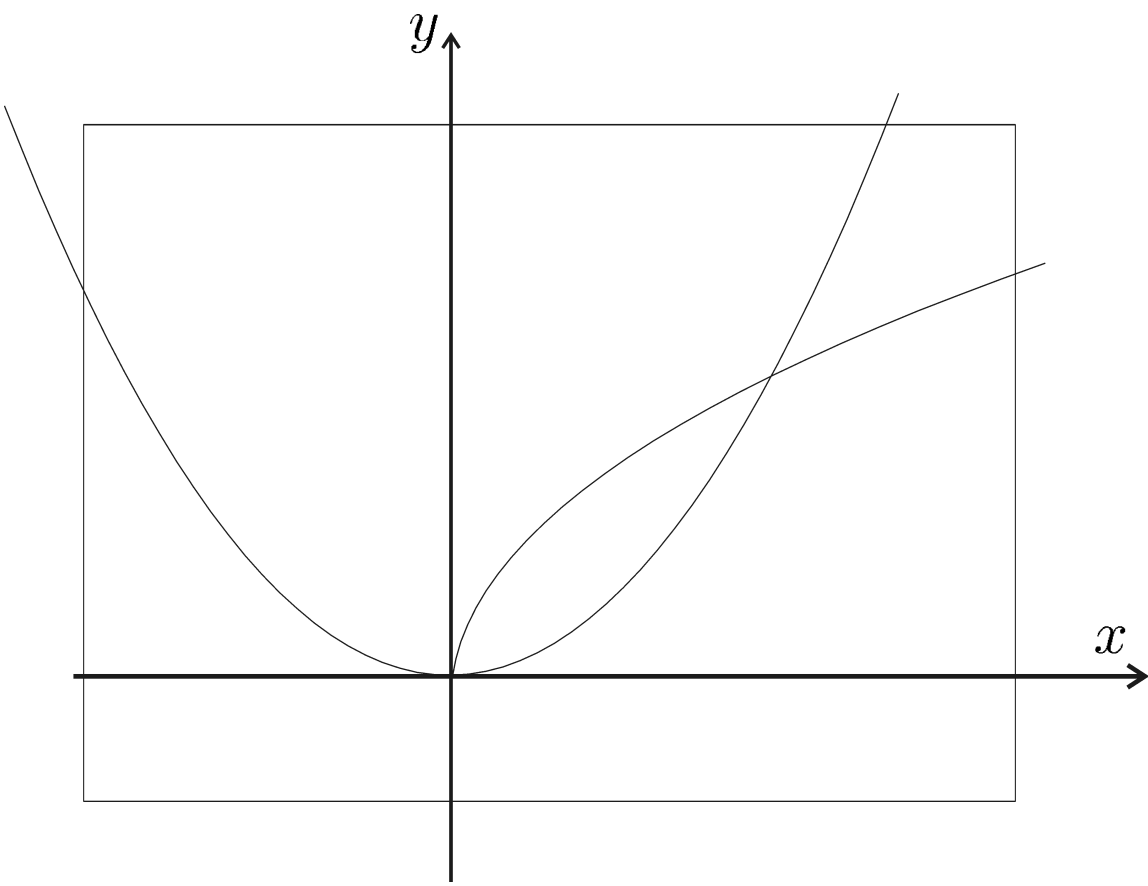
We build two contractors

$$\mathcal{C}_1 : \begin{cases} [y] = [y] \cap [x]^2 \\ [x] = [x] \cap \sqrt{[y]} \end{cases} \text{ associated to } y = x^2$$

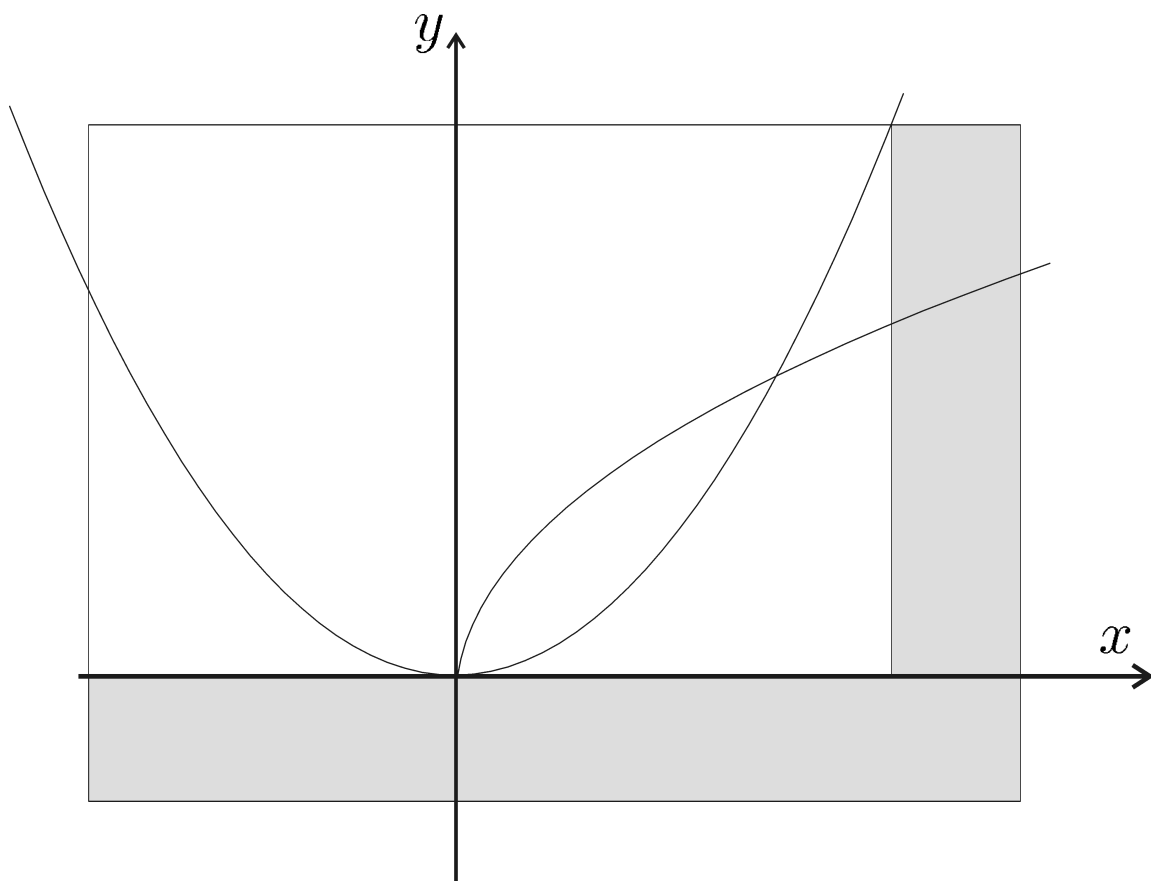
$$\mathcal{C}_2 : \begin{cases} [y] = [y] \cap \sqrt{[x]} \\ [x] = [x] \cap [y]^2 \end{cases} \text{ associated to } y = \sqrt{x}$$

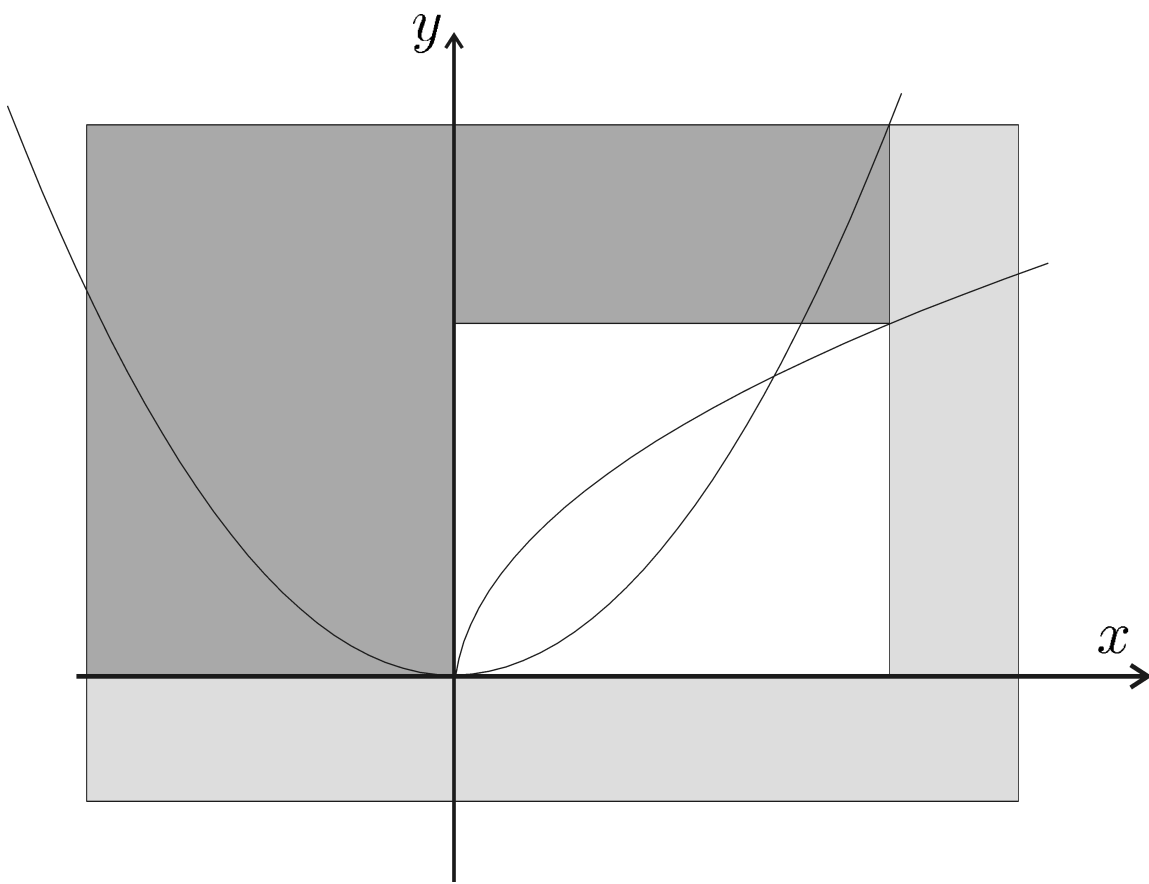


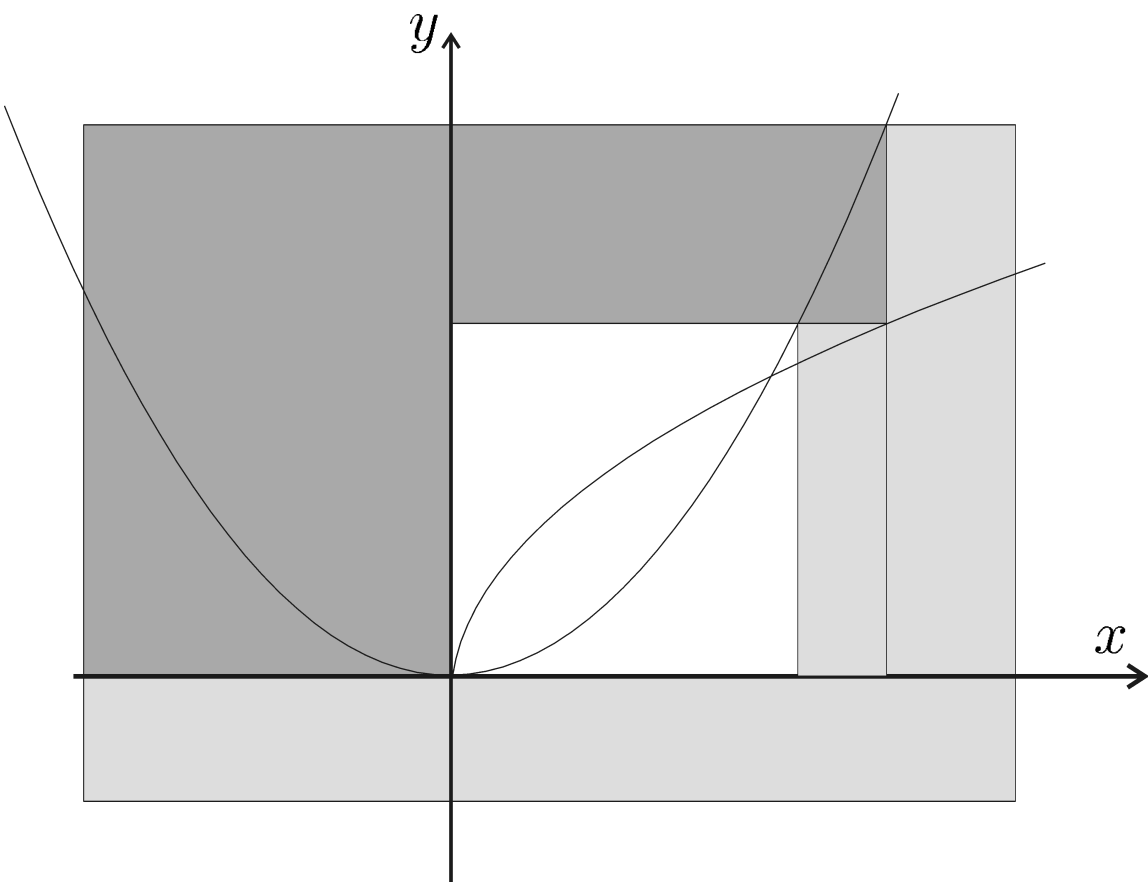
Contractor graph

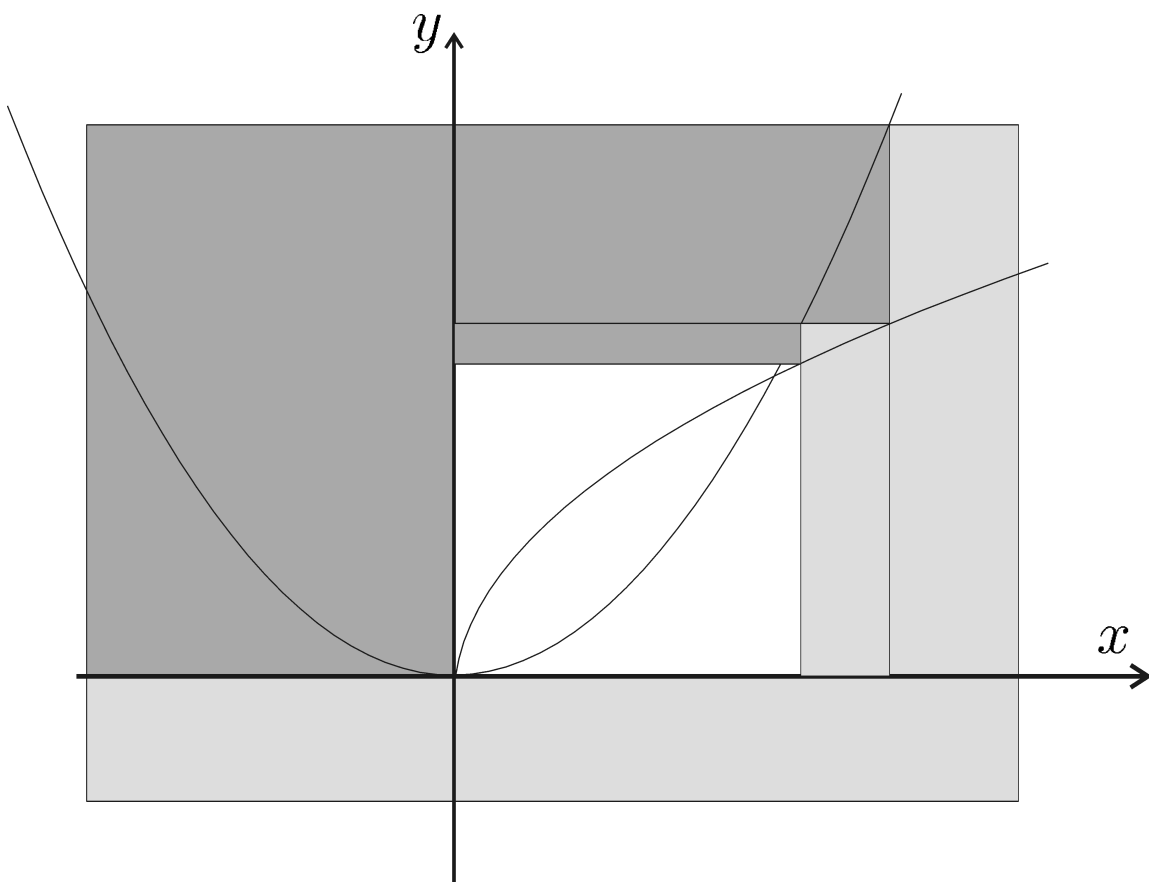


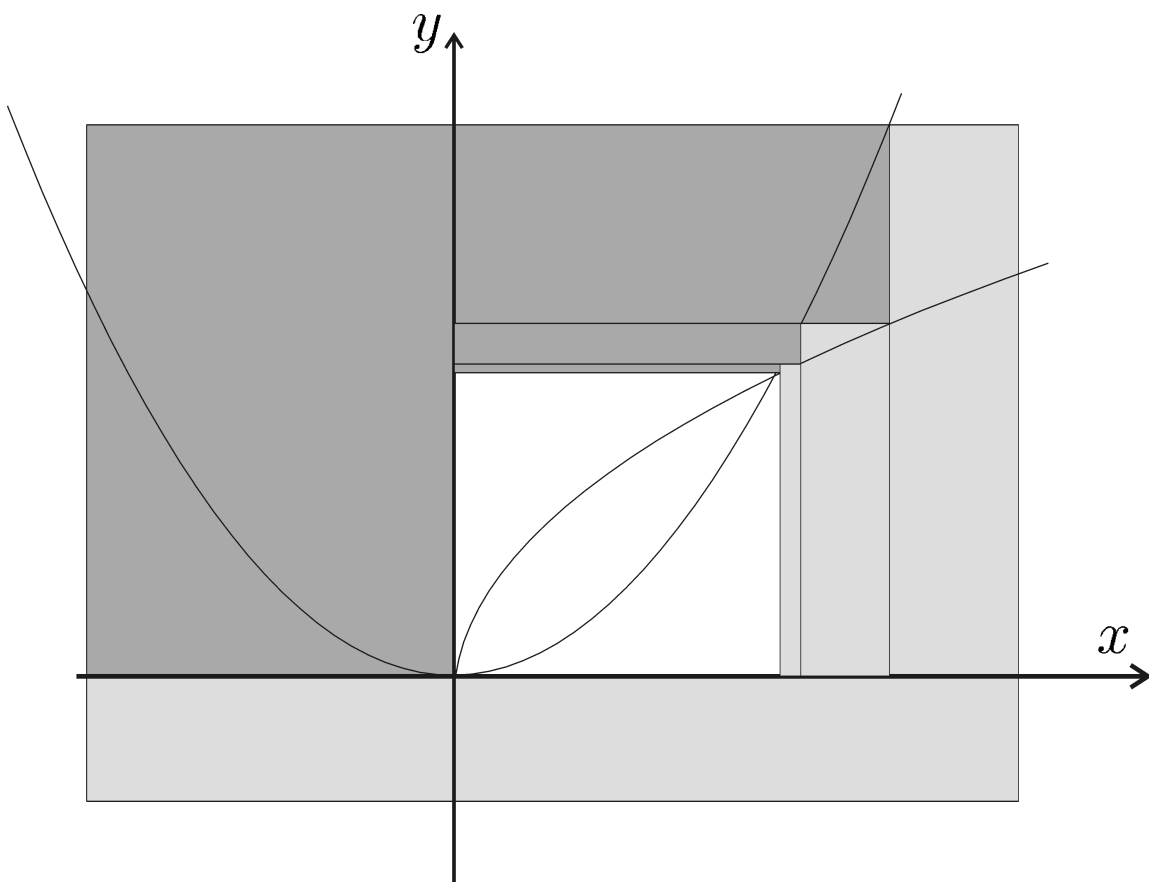


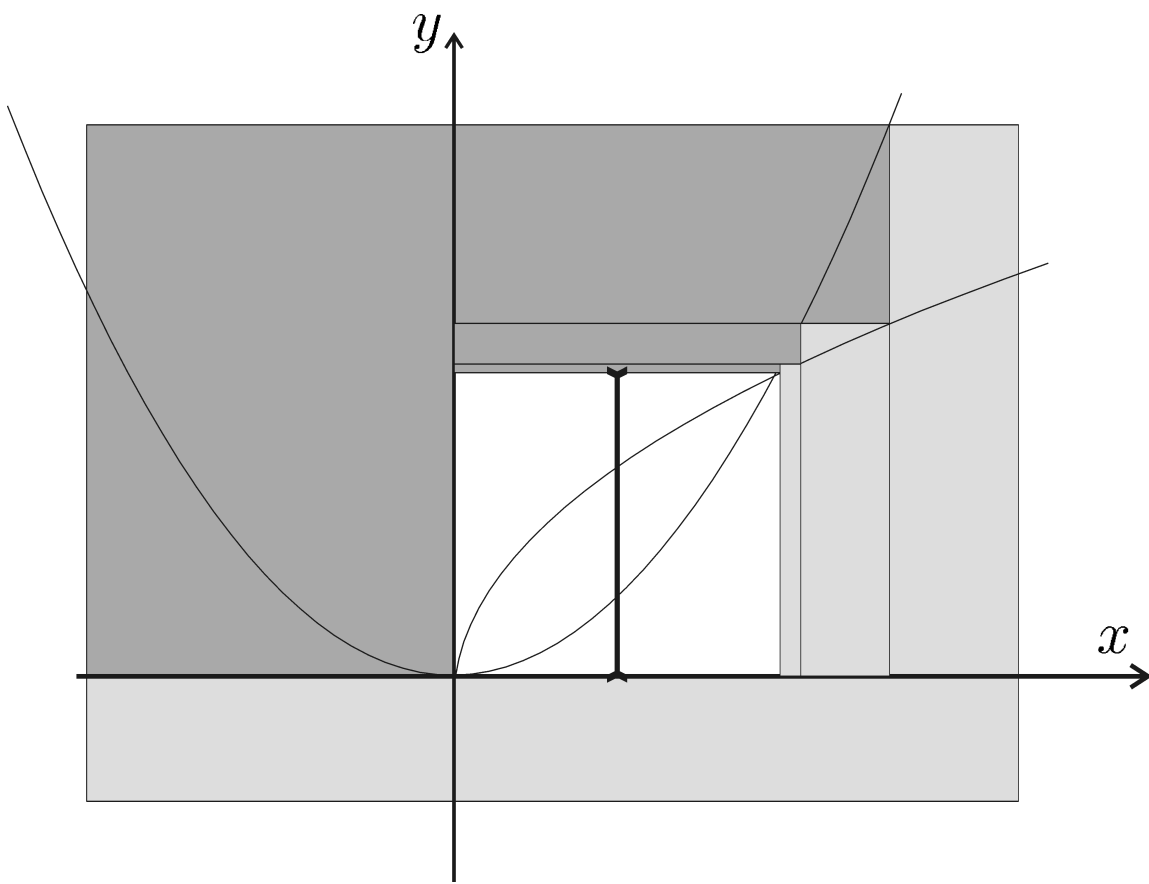


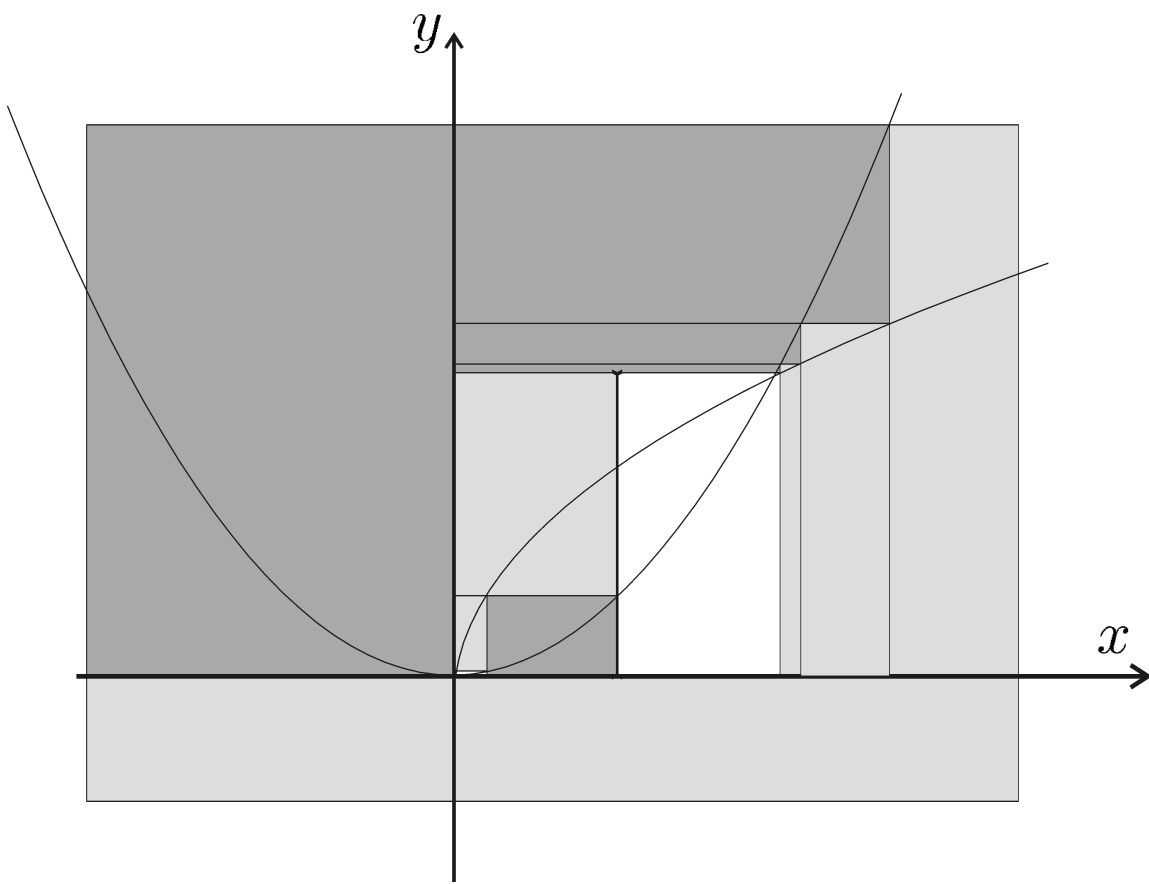


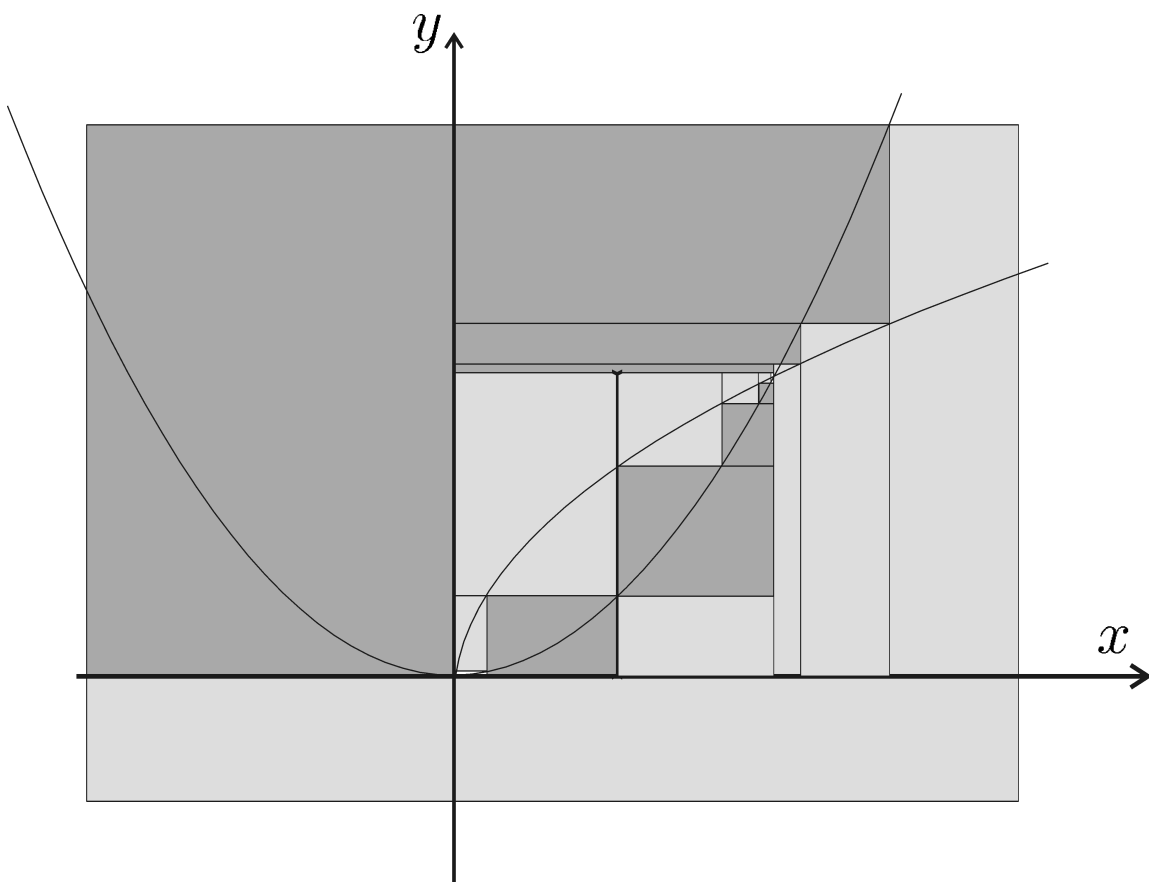














Note that

$\mathcal{C}_1$  is optimal

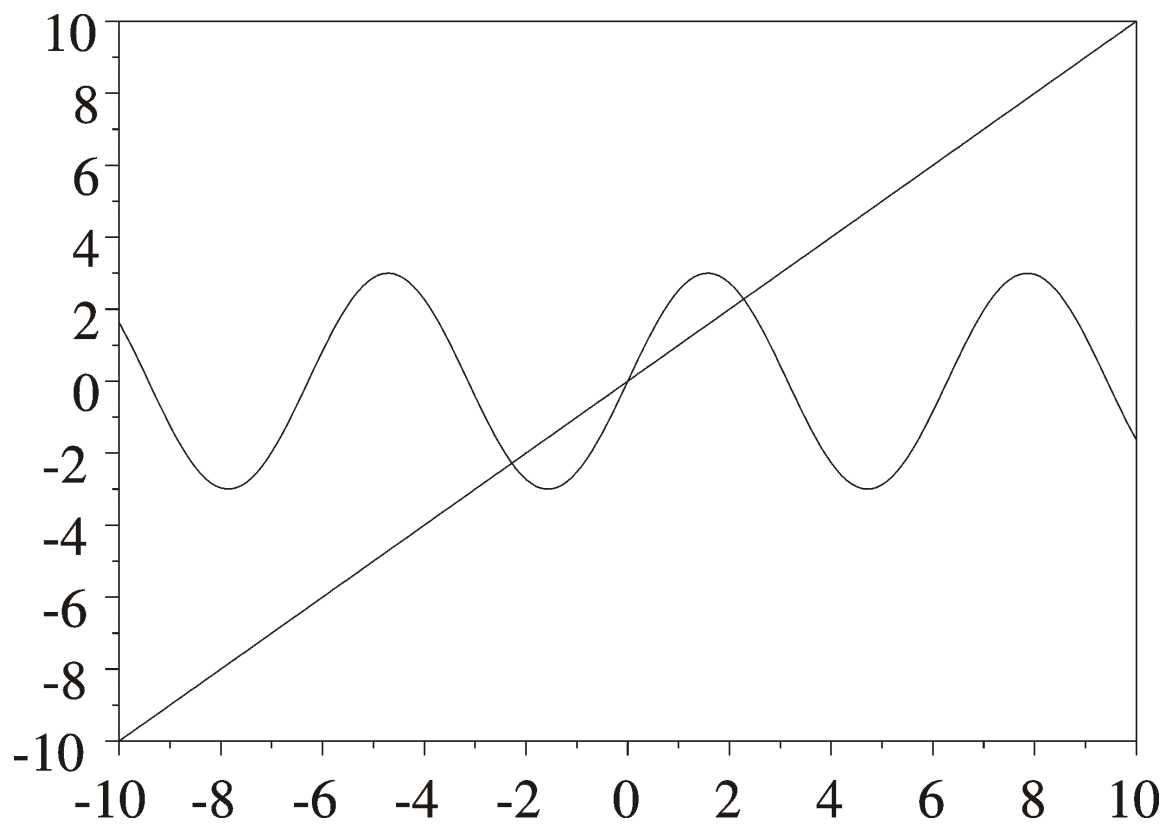
$\mathcal{C}_2$  is optimal

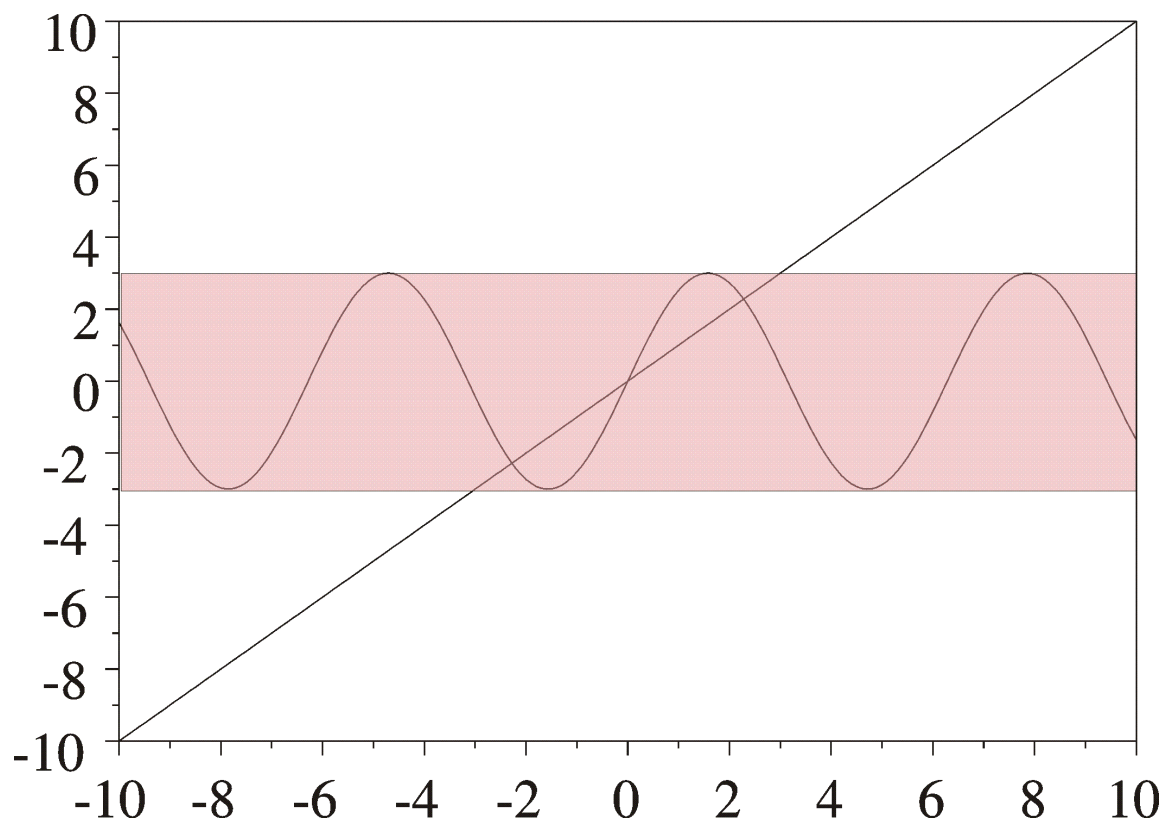
$\mathcal{C}_1 \circ \mathcal{C}_2$  is not optimal

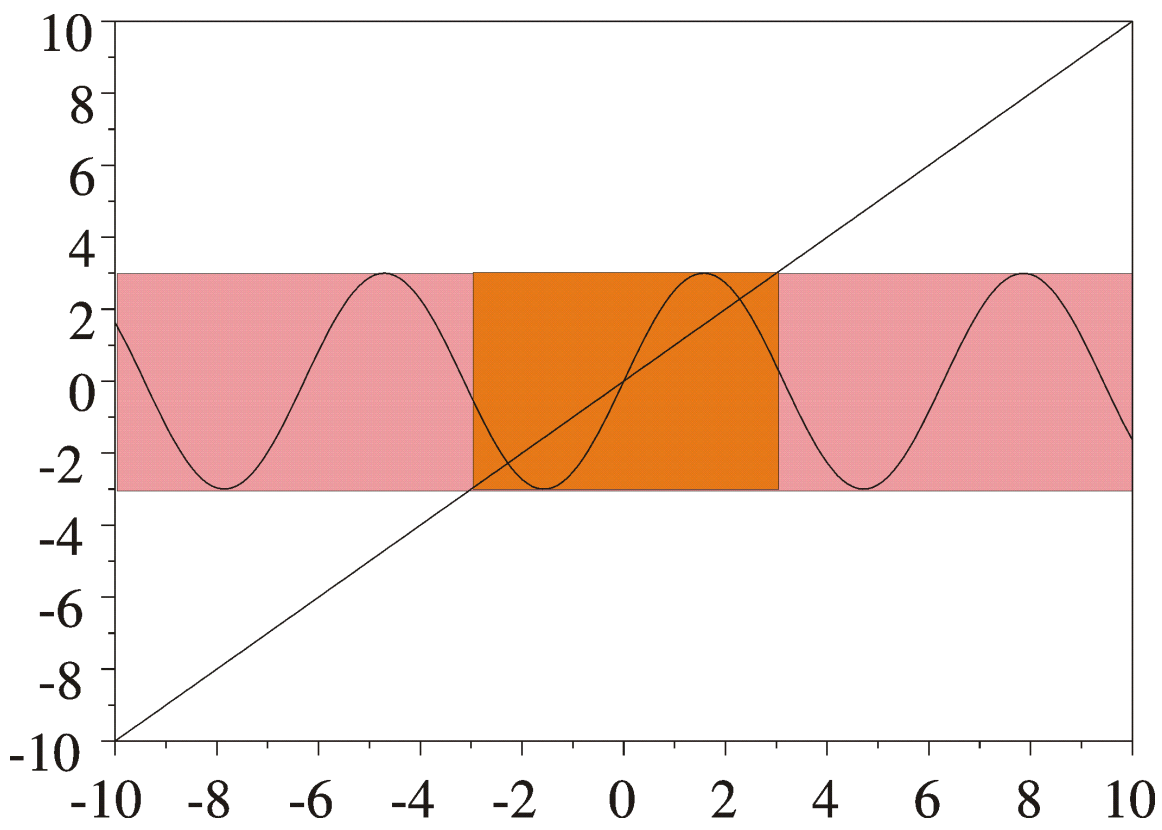
$(\mathcal{C}_1 \circ \mathcal{C}_2)^\infty$  is optimal.

**Example 2.** Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} y = 3 \sin(x) \\ y = x \end{cases} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$



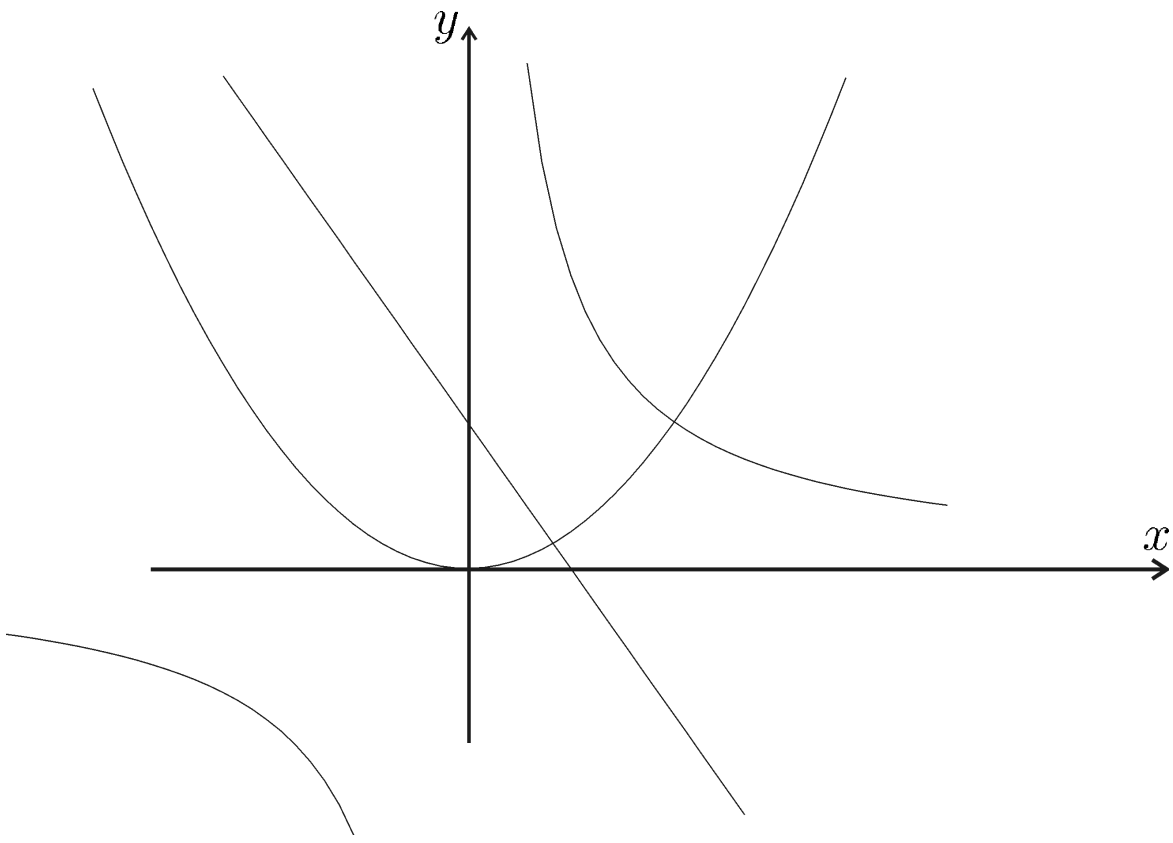


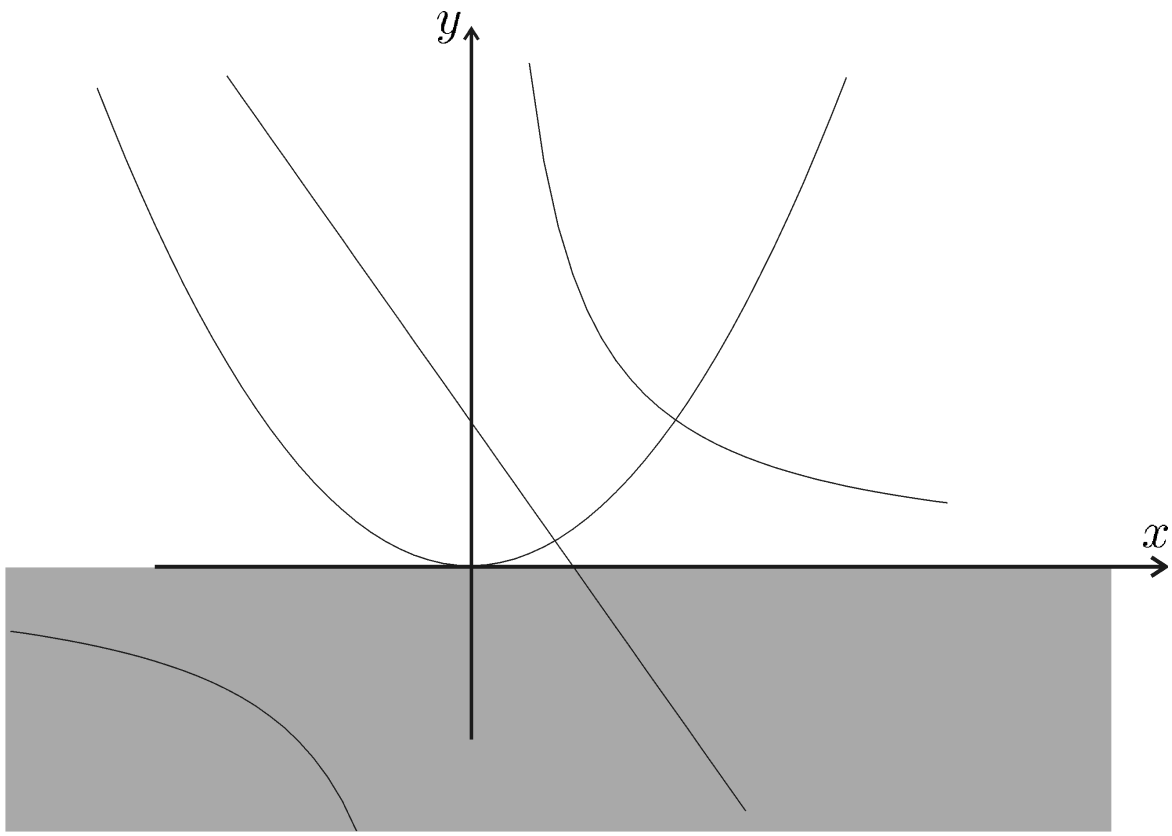


We converge the largest box  $[x]$  such that  
 $C_1([x]) = C_2([x]) = [x]$ .

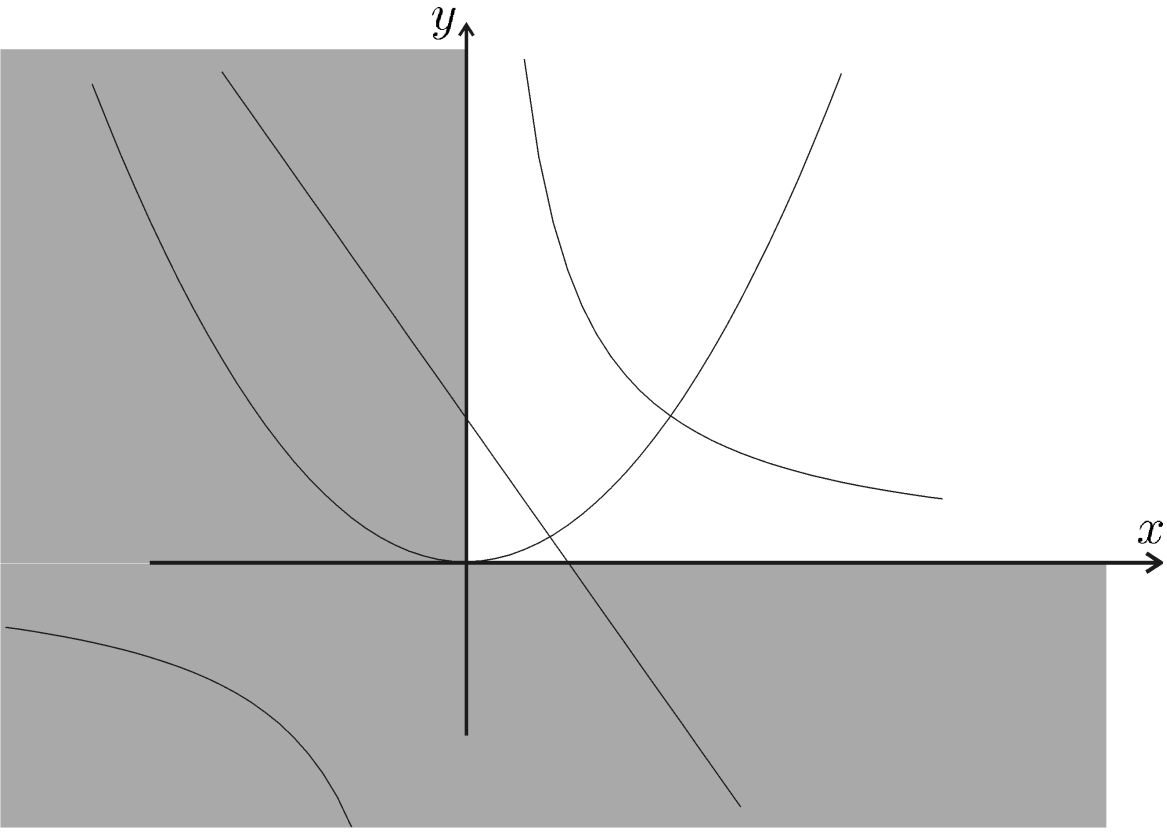
**Example 3.** Consider the following problem

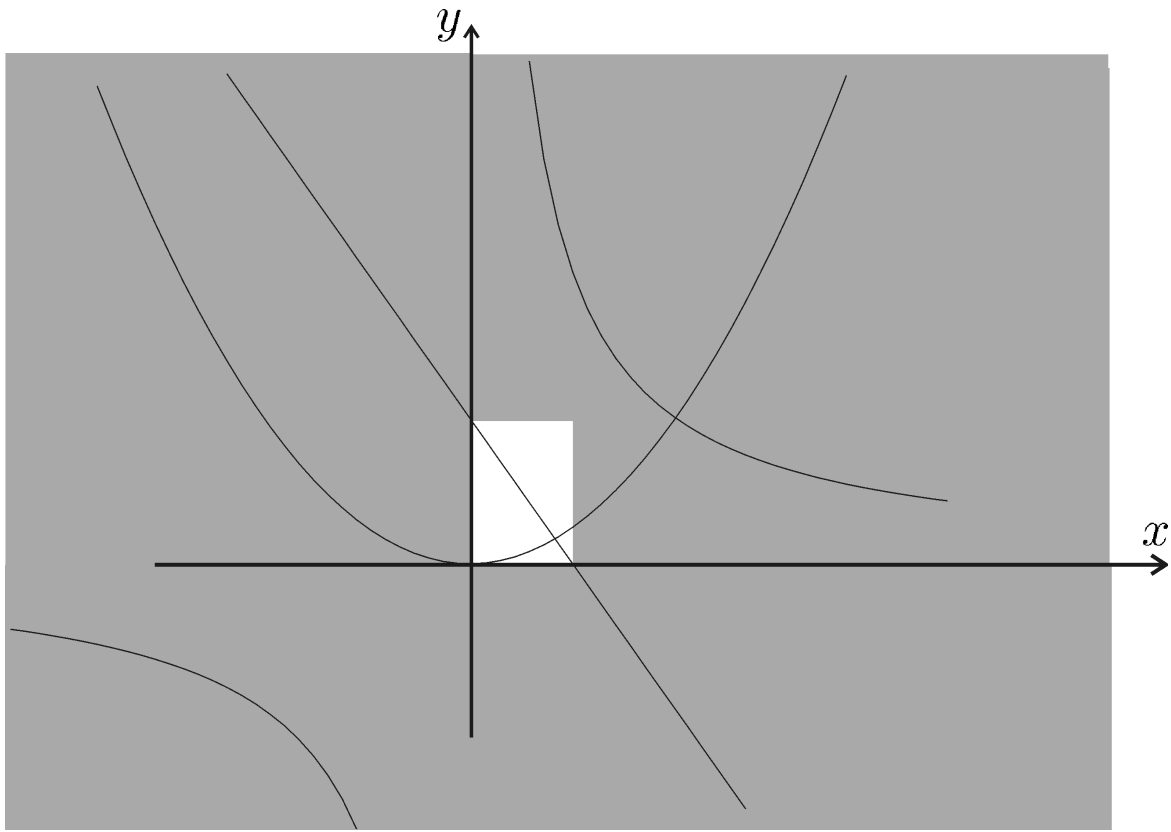
$$\begin{cases} (C_1) : & y = x^2 \\ (C_2) : & xy = 1 \\ (C_3) : & y = -2x + 1 \end{cases}$$

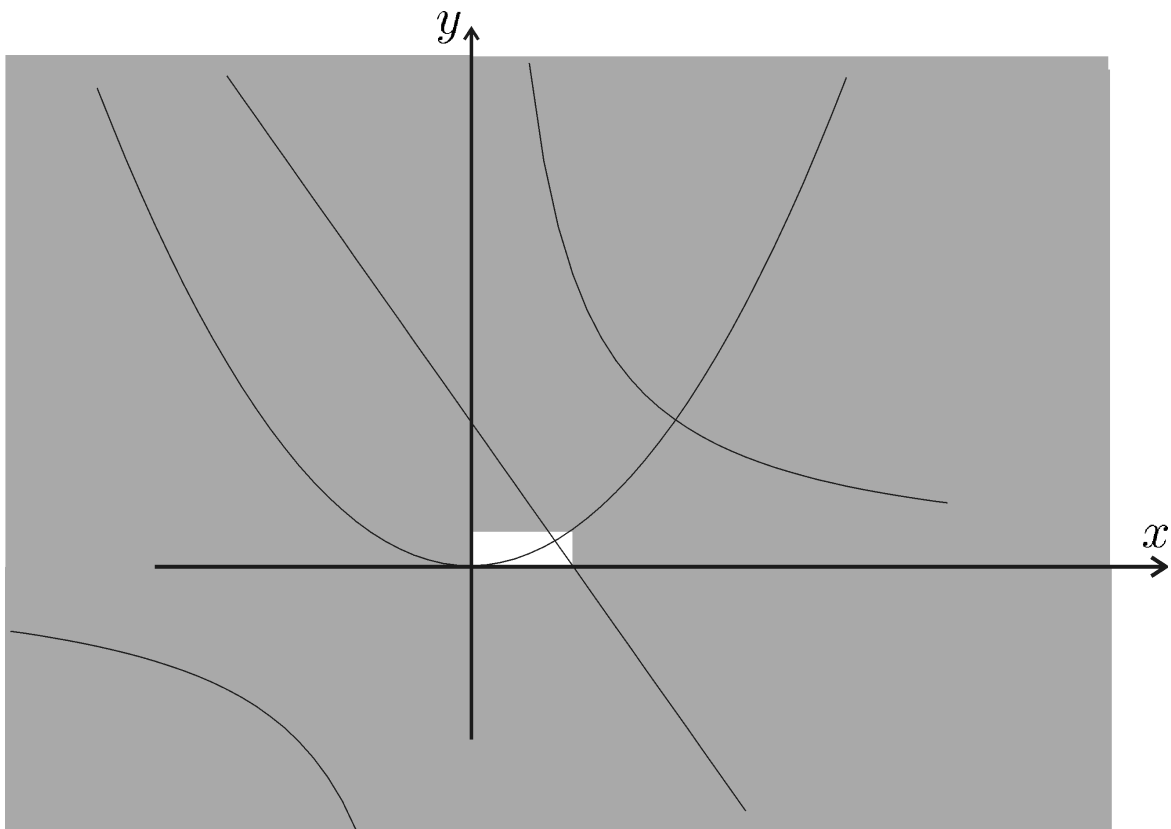


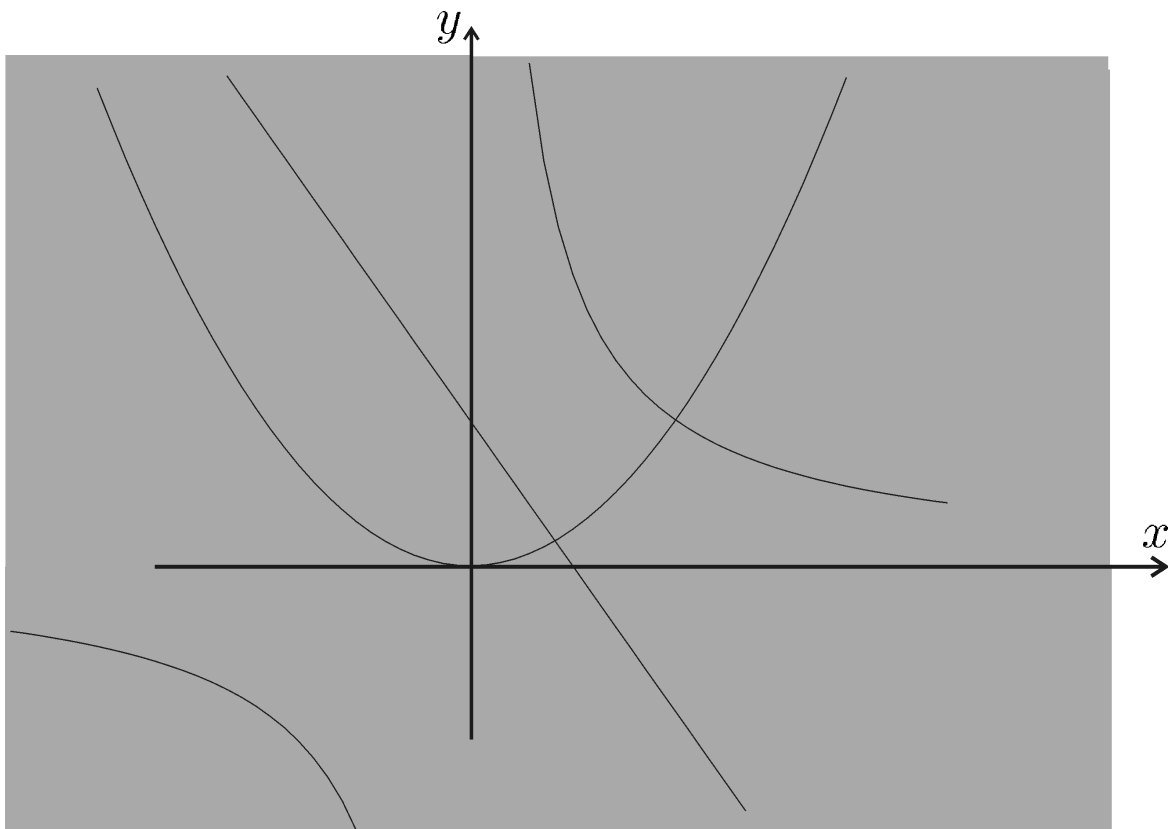












$$(C_1) \Rightarrow y \in [-\infty, \infty]^2 = [0, \infty]$$

$$(C_2) \Rightarrow x \in 1/[0, \infty] = [0, \infty]$$

$$(C_3) \Rightarrow y \in [0, \infty] \cap ((-2) \cdot [0, \infty] + 1) \\ = [0, \infty] \cap ([-\infty, 1]) = [0, 1]$$

$$x \in [0, \infty] \cap (-[0, 1]/2 + 1/2) = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$$

$$(C_1) \Rightarrow y \in [0, 1] \cap [0, 1/2]^2 = [0, 1/4]$$

$$(C_2) \Rightarrow x \in [0, 1/2] \cap 1/[0, 1/4] = \emptyset$$

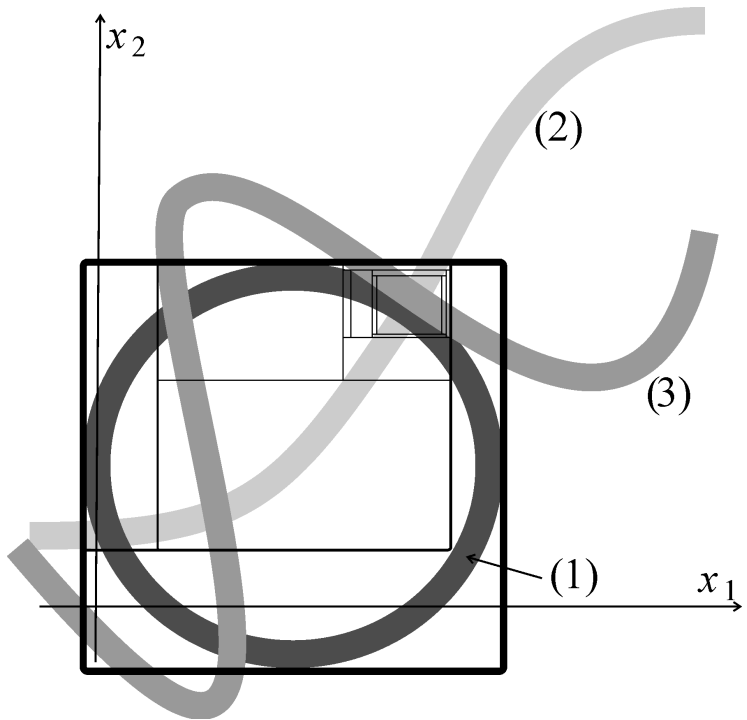
$$y \in [0, 1/4] \cap 1/\emptyset = \emptyset$$

### **3 Redundant system of equations**

## Problem

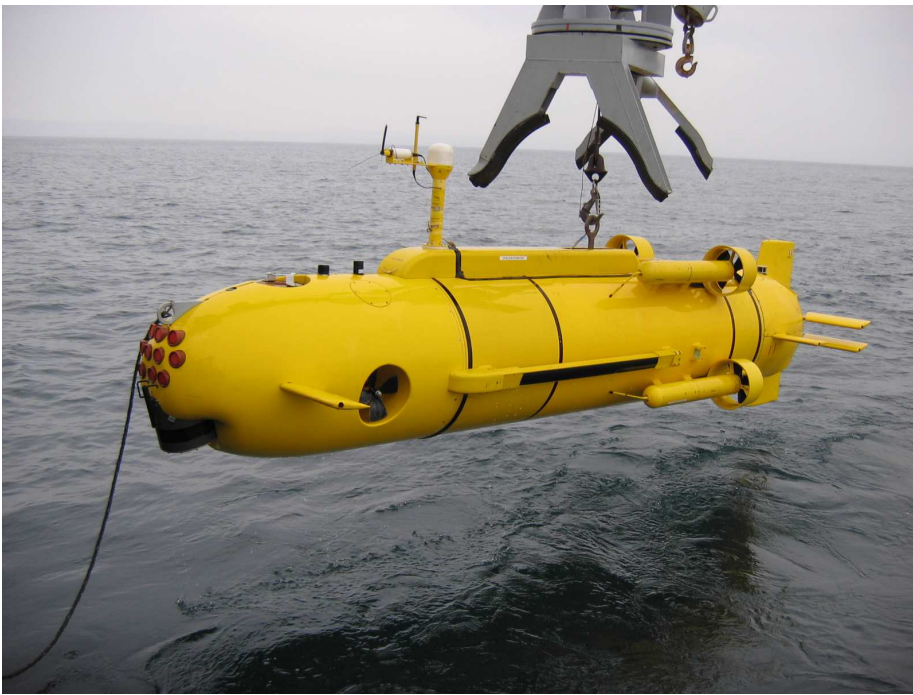
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_i) = 0, \\ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \mathbf{y}_i \in [\mathbf{y}_i] \subset \mathbb{R}^{p_i} . \\ i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \end{array} \right.$$

with  $m \gg n \gg 1$ .

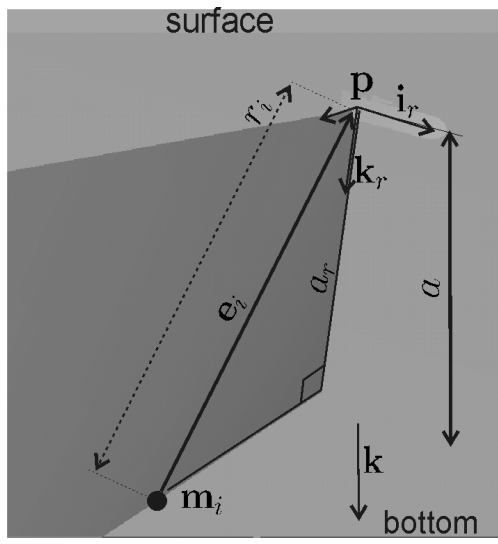
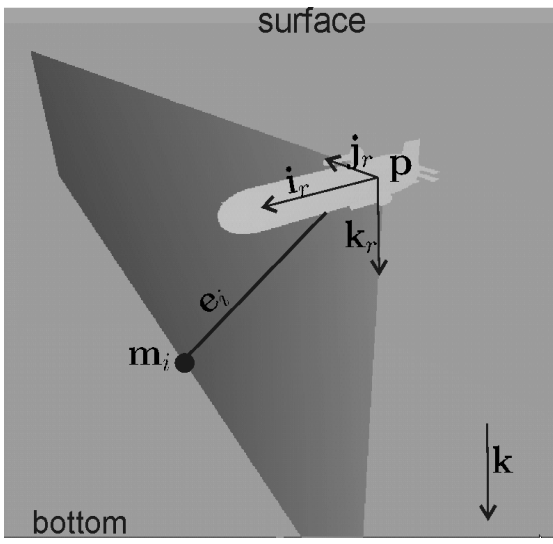


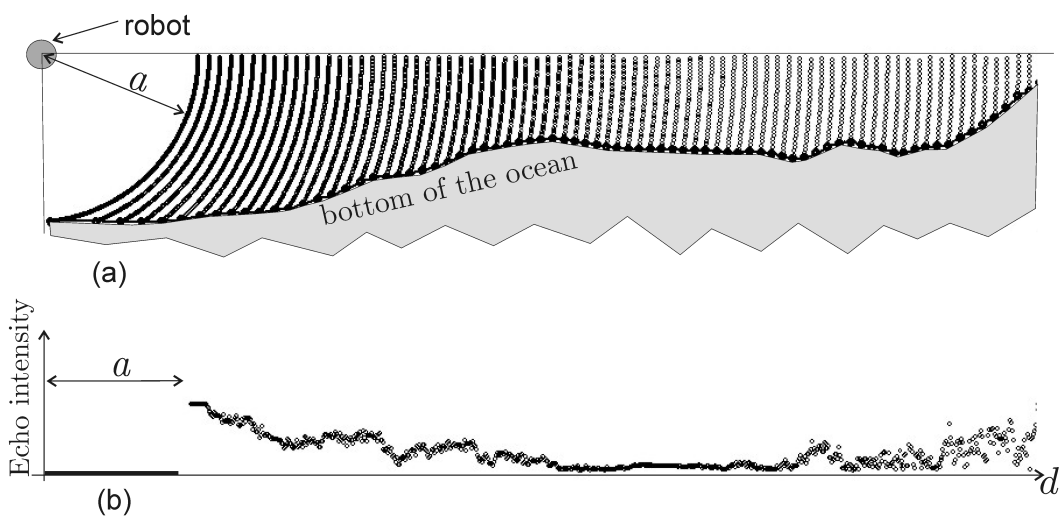


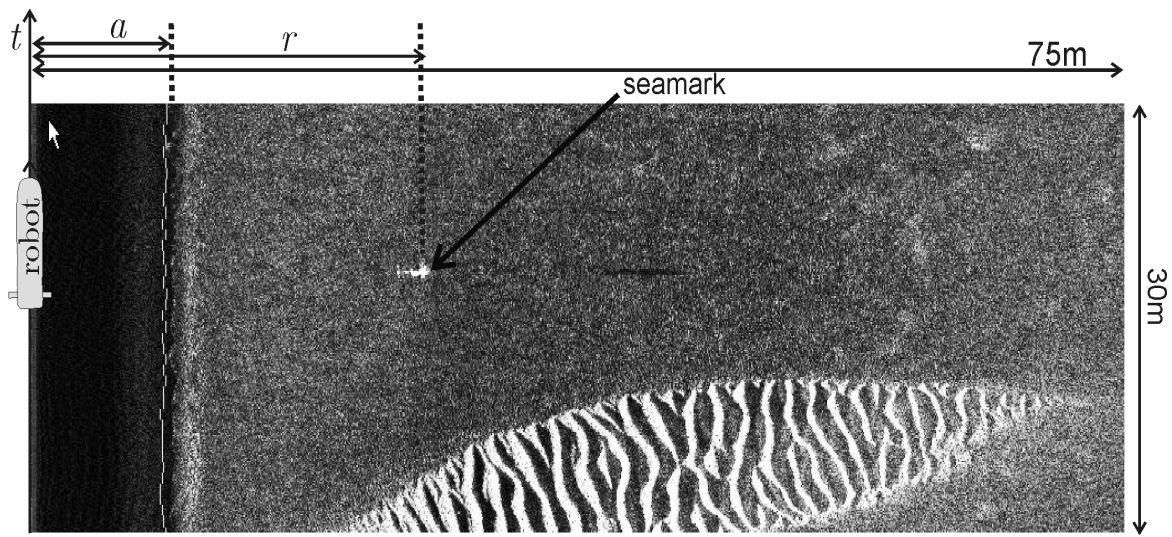
# 4 SLAM



Show the video







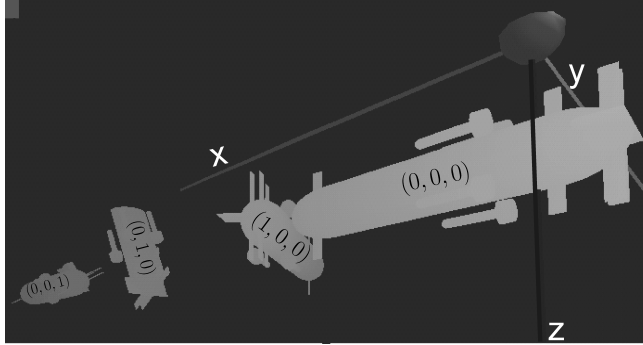
Mine detection with SonarPro

**Loch-Doppler** returns the speed robot  $\mathbf{v}_r$ .

$$\mathbf{v}_r \in \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_r + 0.004 * [-1, 1] . \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_r + 0.004 * [-1, 1]$$

**Inertial central** (Octans III from IXSEA).

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\phi} \\ \tilde{\theta} \\ \tilde{\psi} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1.75 \times 10^{-4} \cdot [-1, 1] \\ 1.75 \times 10^{-4} \cdot [-1, 1] \\ 5.27 \times 10^{-3} \cdot [-1, 1] \end{pmatrix}.$$



Six mines have been detected.

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$\tau(i)$	7054	7092	7374	7748	9038	9688
$\sigma(i)$	1	2	1	0	1	5
$\tilde{r}(i)$	52.42	12.47	54.40	52.68	27.73	26.98

6	7	8	9	10	11
10024	10817	11172	11232	11279	11688
4	3	3	4	5	1
37.90	36.71	37.37	31.03	33.51	15.05



## 4.1 Constraints

$$t \in \{6000.0, 6000.1, 6000.2, \dots, 11999.4\},$$

$$i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 11\},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_x(t) \\ p_y(t) \end{pmatrix} = 111120 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \cos\left(\ell_y(t) \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}\right) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \ell_x(t) - \ell_x^0 \\ \ell_y(t) - \ell_y^0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (p_x(t), p_y(t), p_z(t)),$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi(t) & -\sin \psi(t) & 0 \\ \sin \psi(t) & \cos \psi(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta(t) & 0 & \sin \theta(t) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta(t) & 0 & \cos \theta(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{R}_\varphi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \varphi(t) & -\sin \varphi(t) \\ 0 & \sin \varphi(t) & \cos \varphi(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

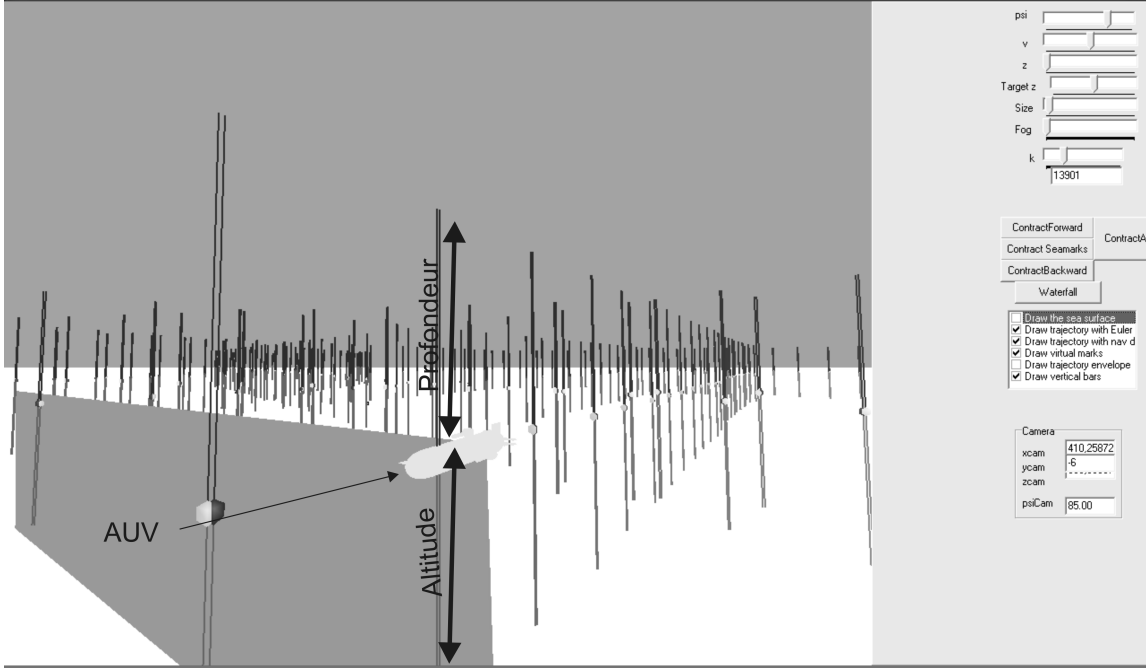
$$\mathbf{R}(t) = \mathbf{R}_\psi(t) \cdot \mathbf{R}_\theta(t) \cdot \mathbf{R}_\varphi(t),$$

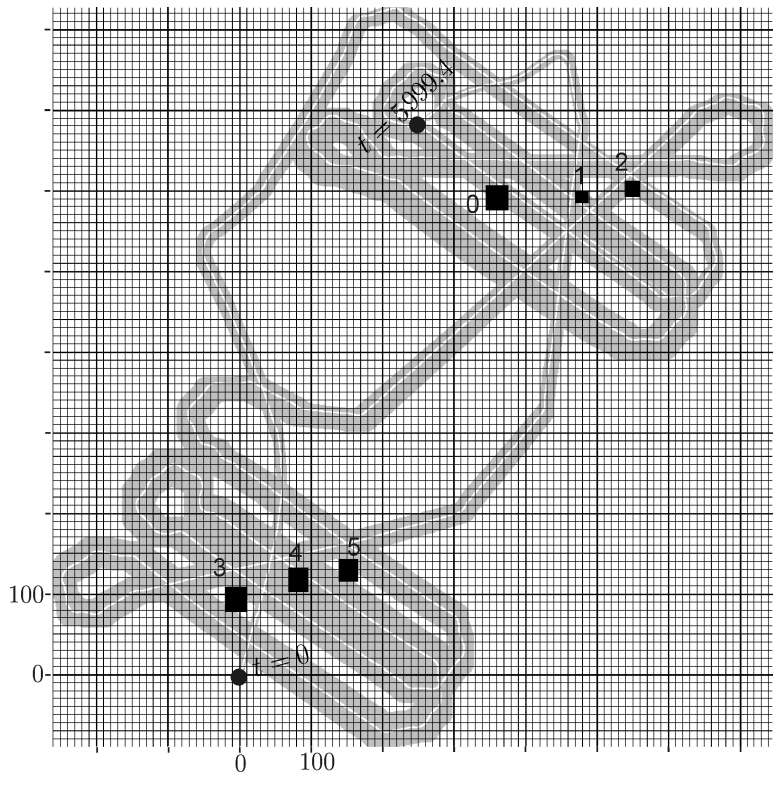
$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \mathbf{R}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}_r(t),$$

$$\|\mathbf{m}(\sigma(i)) - \mathbf{p}(\tau(i))\| = r(i),$$

$$\mathbf{R}^\top(\tau(i)) \cdot (\mathbf{m}(\sigma(i)) - \mathbf{p}(\tau(i))) \in [0] \times [0, \infty]^{\times 2}.$$

# 4.2 GESMI





# 5 Sailboat robotics

# 5.1 Vaimos





Vaimos (IFREMER and ENSTA)

The robot satisfies a state equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}).$$

With the controller  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$ , the robot satisfies an equation of the form

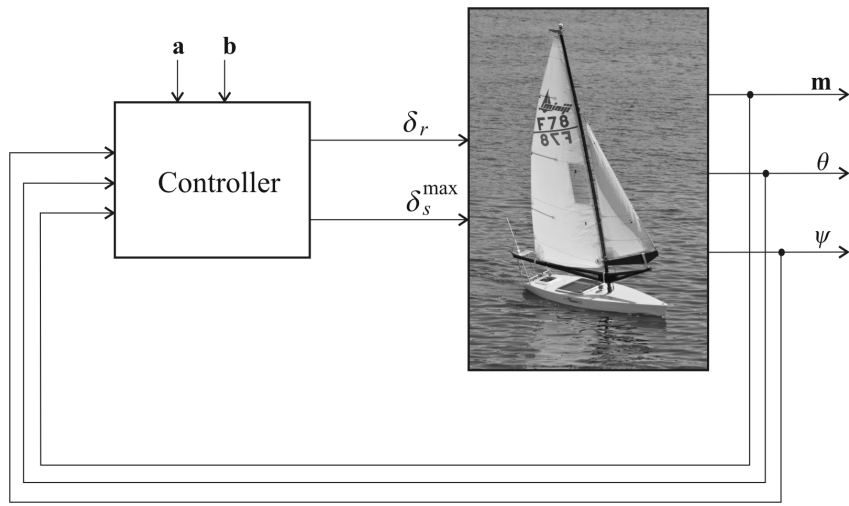
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}).$$

With all uncertainties, the robot satisfies.

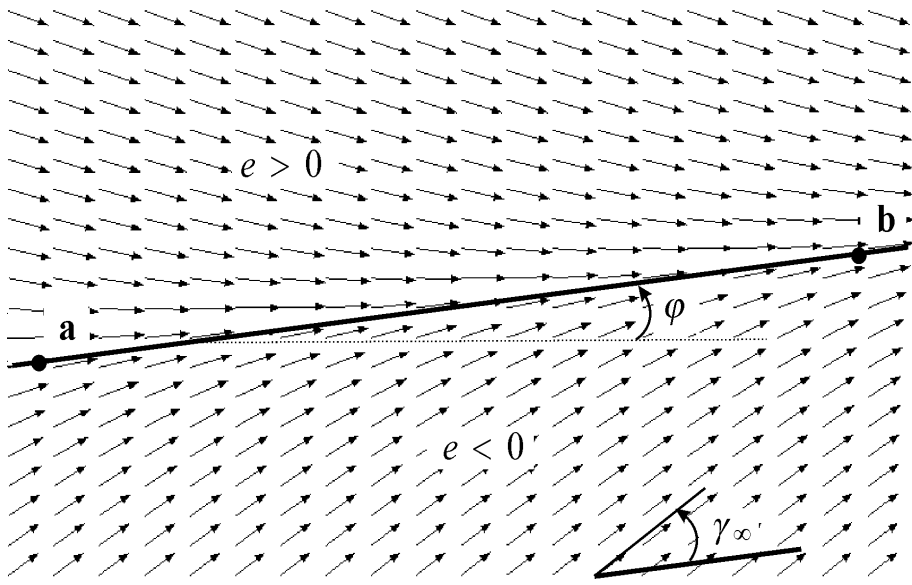
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$$

which is a *differential inclusion*.

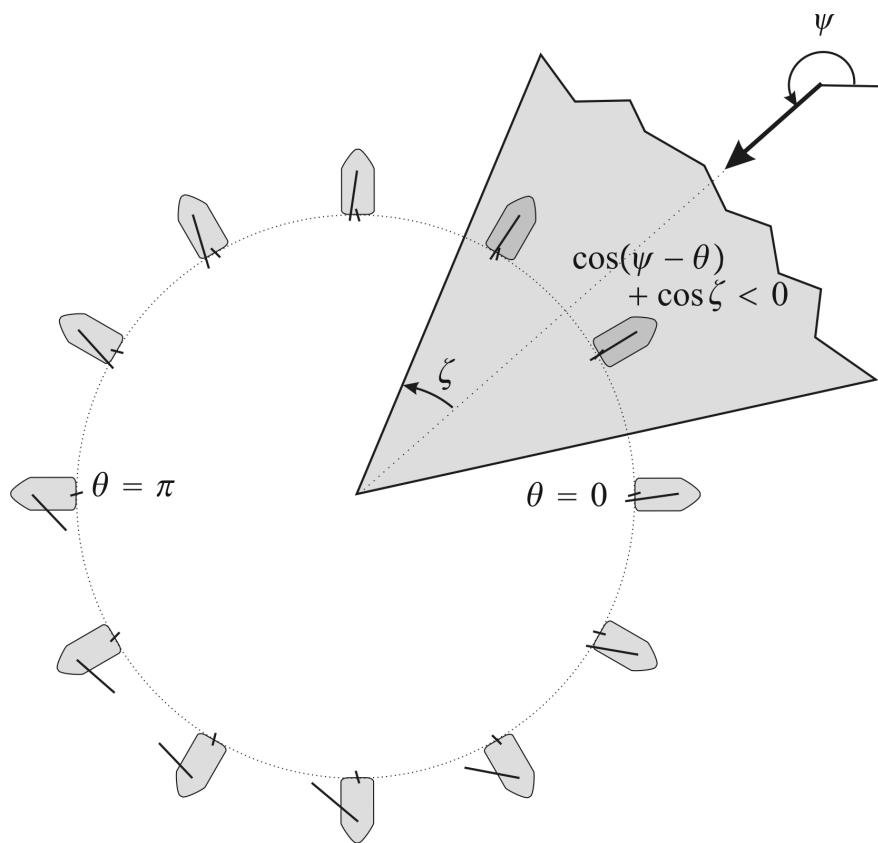
## 5.2 Line following

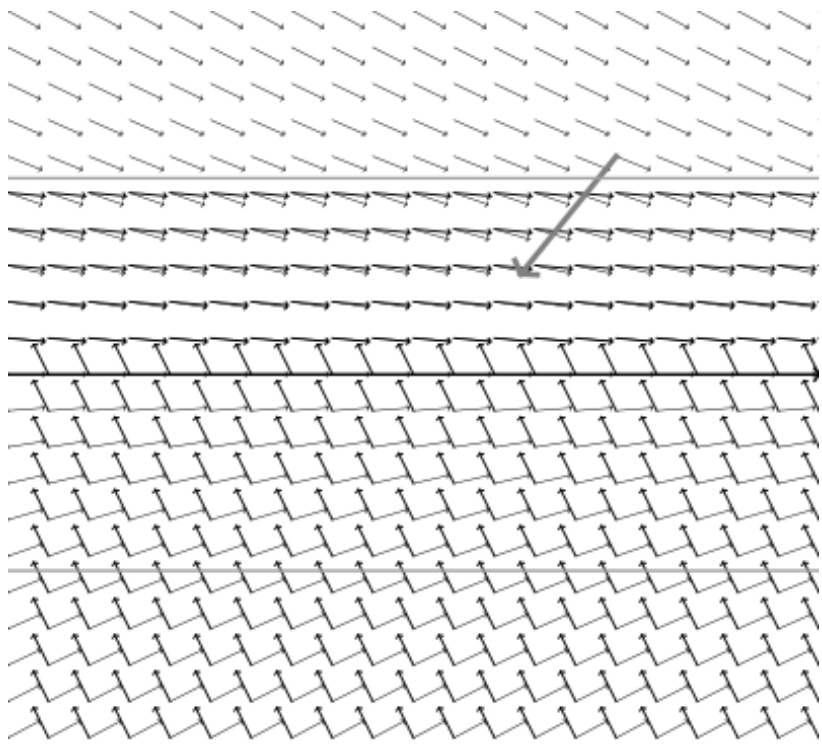


Controller of a sailboat robot



Nominal vector field  $\theta^*$





Keep close hauled strategy



## 5.3 $V$ -stability

The system

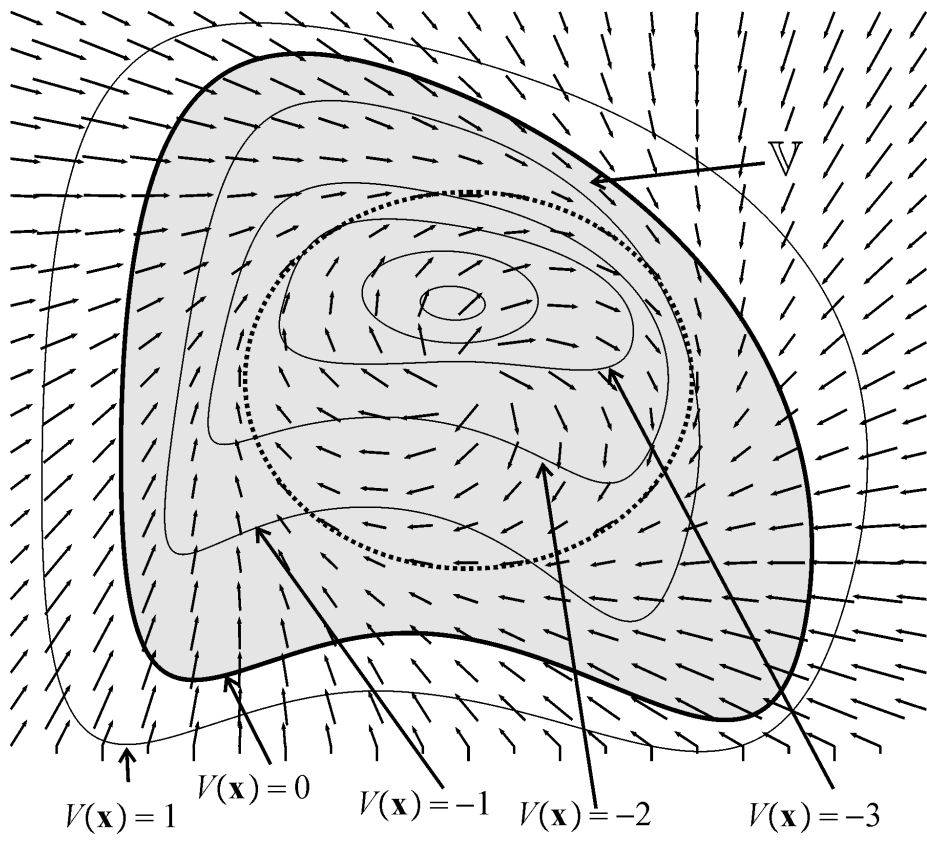
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

is Lyapunov-stable (1892) if there exists  $V(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(\mathbf{x}) &< 0 \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0} \\ V(\mathbf{x}) &= 0 \text{ iff } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.\end{aligned}$$

**Definition.** Consider a differentiable function  $V(\mathbf{x})$ . The system is  $V$ -stable if we have

$$\dot{V}(\mathbf{x}) < 0 \text{ if } V(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0.$$



**Theorem.** If the system  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  is  $V$ -stable then

- (i)  $\forall \mathbf{x}(0), \exists t \geq 0$  such that  $V(\mathbf{x}(t)) < 0$
- (ii) if  $V(\mathbf{x}(t)) < 0$  then  $\forall \tau > 0, V(\mathbf{x}(t + \tau)) < 0$ .

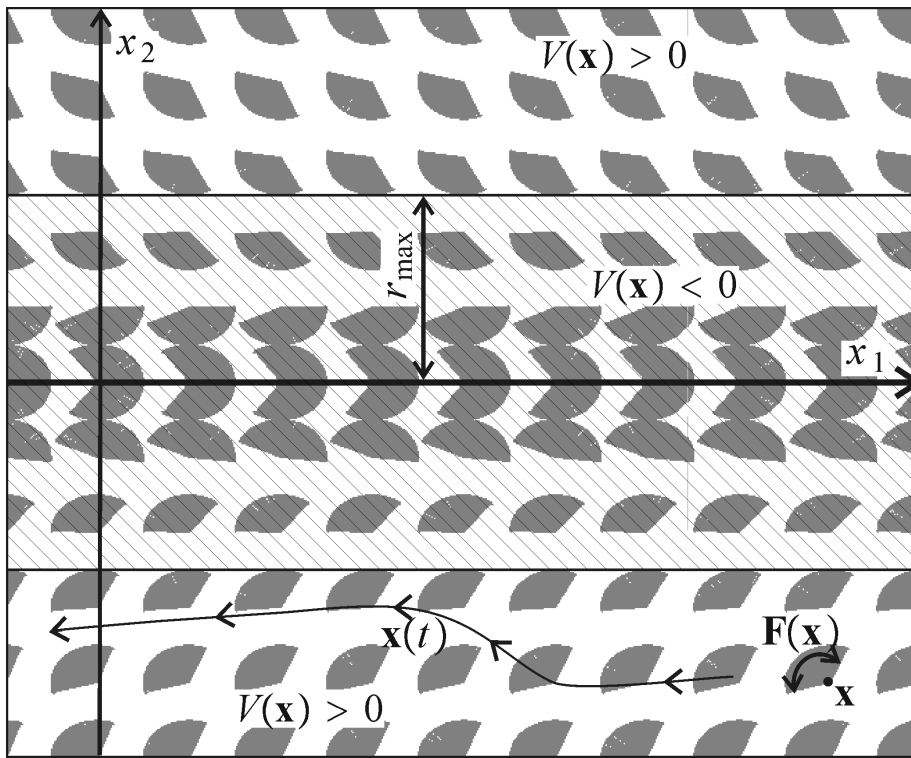
**Theorem.** We have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \\ V(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \end{cases} \text{ inconsistent} \Leftrightarrow \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is } V\text{-stable.}$$

Interval method could easily prove the  $V$ -stability.

**Theorem.** We have

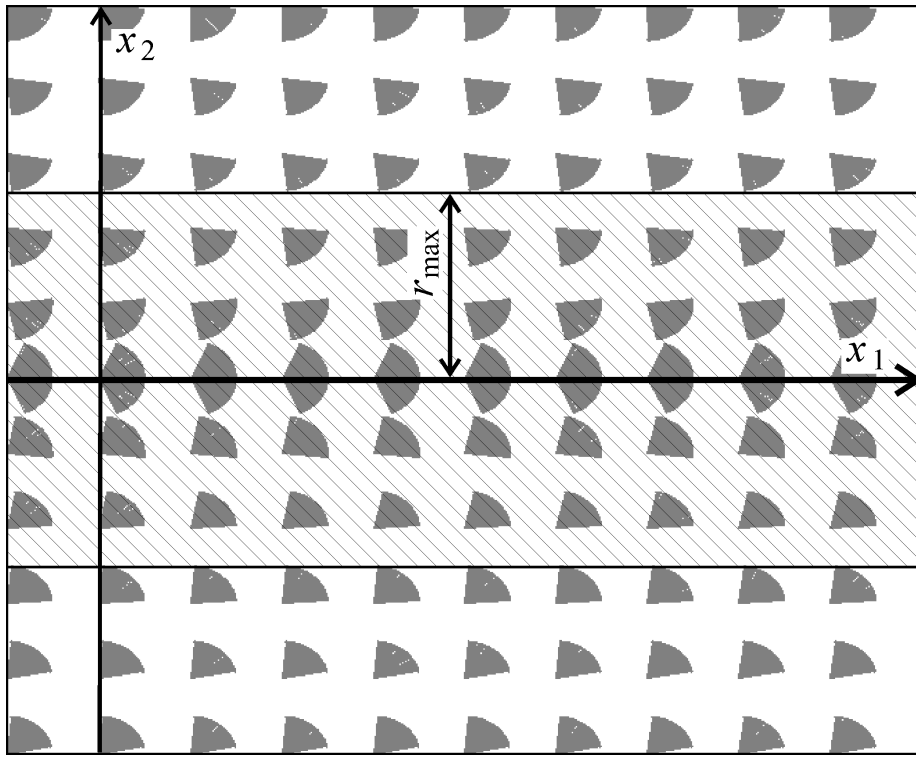
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{a} \geq 0 \\ \mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \\ V(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \end{array} \right. \text{ inconsistent} \Leftrightarrow \dot{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is } V\text{-stable}$$



Differential inclusion  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  for the sailboat.

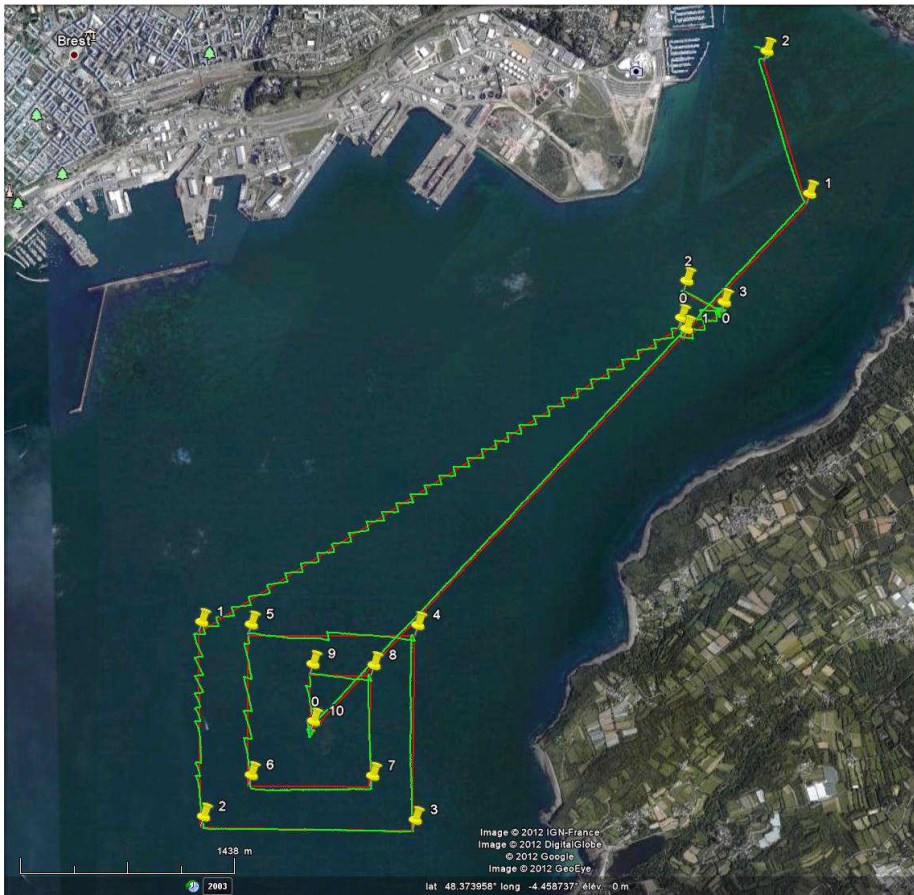
$$V(x) = x_2^2 - r_{\max}^2.$$





# 5.4 Experimental validation

# Brest



**Brest-Douarnenez.** January 17, 2012, 8am









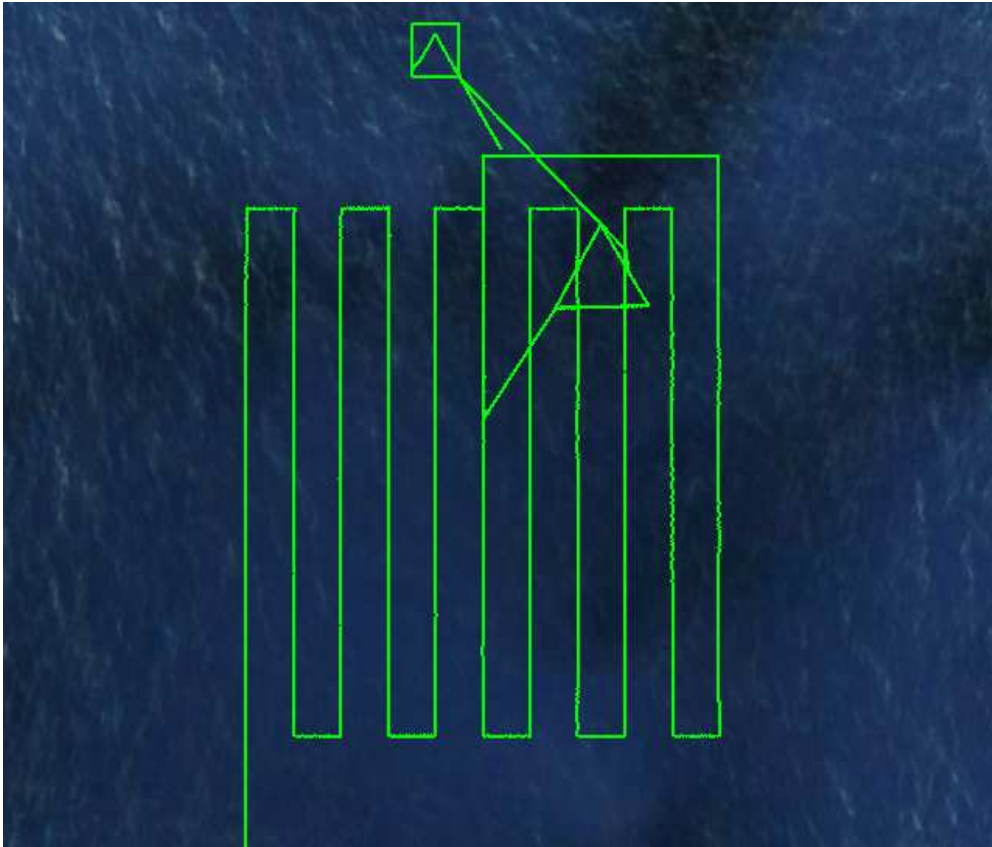








## Middle of Atlantic ocean



350 km made by Vaimos in 53h, September 6-9, 2012.

## **Consequence.**

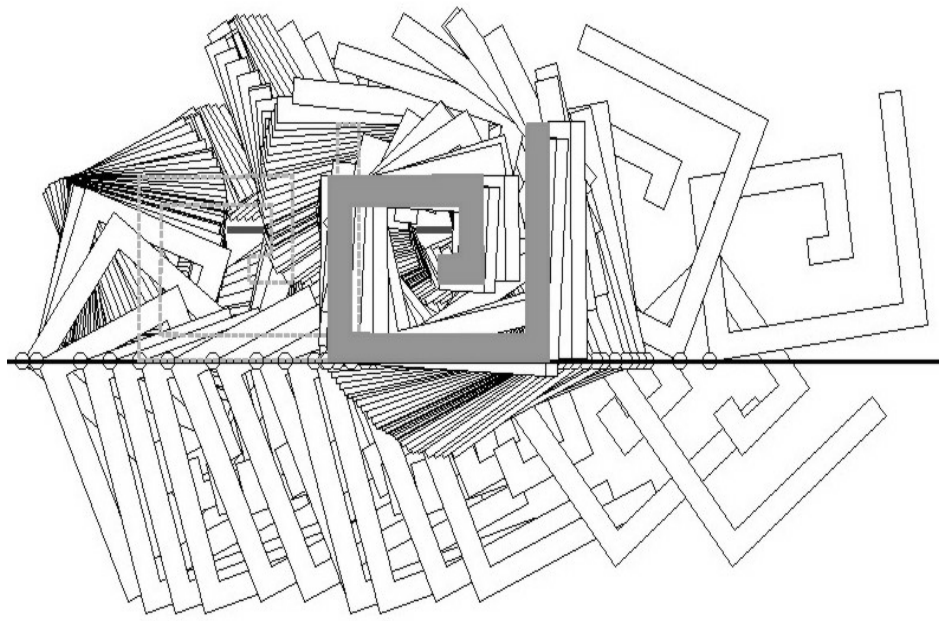
It is possible for a sailboat robot to navigate inside a corridor.

Essential, to create circulation rules when robot swarms are considered.

Essential to determine who has to pay in case of accident.

# 6 Optimization in robotics

## 6.1 Path planning



# 6.2 Control





A mobile robot is described by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \\ \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{\dim \mathbf{u}}$  are the inputs,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{\dim \mathbf{x}}$  the state,  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{\dim \mathbf{y}}$  are the variables to be controlled.

In operating conditions we have  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\dot{x} = v \cos \theta + p_1 a \cos \psi \\
\dot{y} = v \sin \theta + p_1 a \sin \psi \\
\dot{\theta} = \omega \\
\dot{v} = \frac{f_s \sin \delta_s - f_r \sin u_1 - p_2 v}{p_9} \\
\dot{\omega} = \frac{f_s (p_6 - p_7 \cos \delta_s) - p_8 f_r \cos u_1 - p_3 \omega}{p_{10}} \\
f_s = p_4 a \sin (\theta - \psi + \delta_s) \\
f_r = p_5 v \sin u_1 \\
\gamma = \cos (\theta - \psi) + \cos (u_2) \\
\delta_s = \begin{cases} \pi - \theta + \psi & \text{if } \gamma \leq 0 \\ \text{sign} (\sin (\theta - \psi)) \cdot u_2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
\end{array} \right.$$

If  $\dim \mathbf{u} > \dim \mathbf{y}$  the robot is overactuated.

We then want to maximize some performance criteria  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})$ .

In operating conditions ( $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0}$ ), the optimization problem is

$$\hat{\mathbf{h}}(\bar{\mathbf{y}}) = \max_{\bar{\mathbf{u}}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{h}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}). \end{cases}$$

Or equivalently

$$\hat{\mathbf{h}}(\bar{\mathbf{y}}) = \max_{\bar{\mathbf{u}}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{v} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & = & \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}} & = & \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \mathbf{v} & = & \mathbf{h}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \end{cases}$$

with  $\dim \mathbf{v} = \dim \mathbf{u} - \dim \mathbf{y}$ .

Often  $\mathbf{x}$  can be eliminated symbolically:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{g}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{h}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \end{cases}$$

$\dim \mathbf{x} + \dim \mathbf{u}$  equations  
 $\dim \mathbf{x} + 2 \dim \mathbf{u}$  variables

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\underbrace{\psi(\bar{\mathbf{v}}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}) = \mathbf{0}}$$

$\dim \mathbf{u}$  equations  
 $2 \dim \mathbf{u}$  variables

We get

$$\hat{h}(\bar{y}) = \max_{\bar{u}, \bar{v}} \bar{v} \quad \text{s.t. } \psi(\bar{v}, \bar{u}, \bar{y}) = 0.$$

## 6.3 Resolution

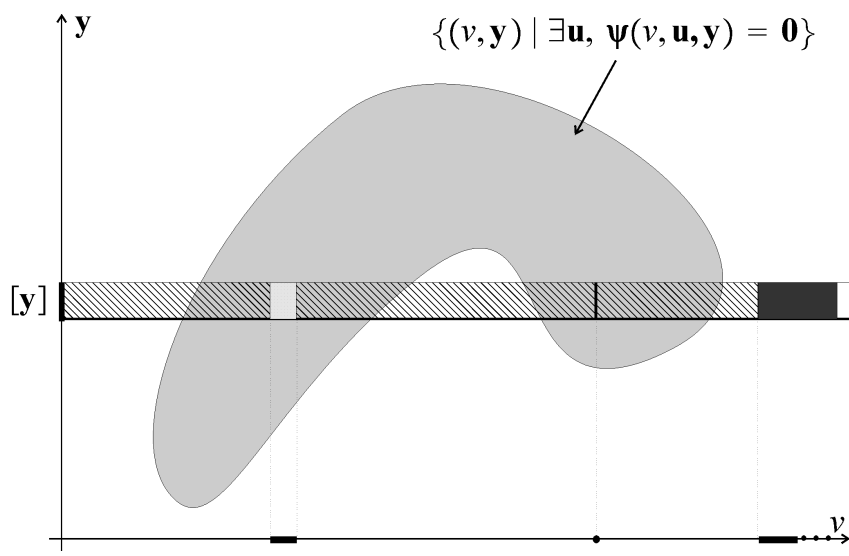
We assume that  $\dim v = 1$  (mono-objective case).



$$\hat{h}(\mathbf{y}) = \max_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{\dim \mathbf{u}}, v \in \mathbb{R}} v$$

s.t.  $\psi(v, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}$

with  $\dim \psi = \dim \mathbf{u}$ .



We need an inner test to prove that

$$[v] \times [y] \subset \underbrace{\{(v, \mathbf{y}), \exists \mathbf{u}, \psi(v, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}\}}_{S_{vy}}.$$

## 6.4 Newton inner test

Given a box  $[p]$ , we need to be able to prove that

$$\forall p \in [p], \exists u \in [u], \psi(u, p) = 0.$$

with  $\dim \psi = \dim u$ .

## Parametric interval Newton method

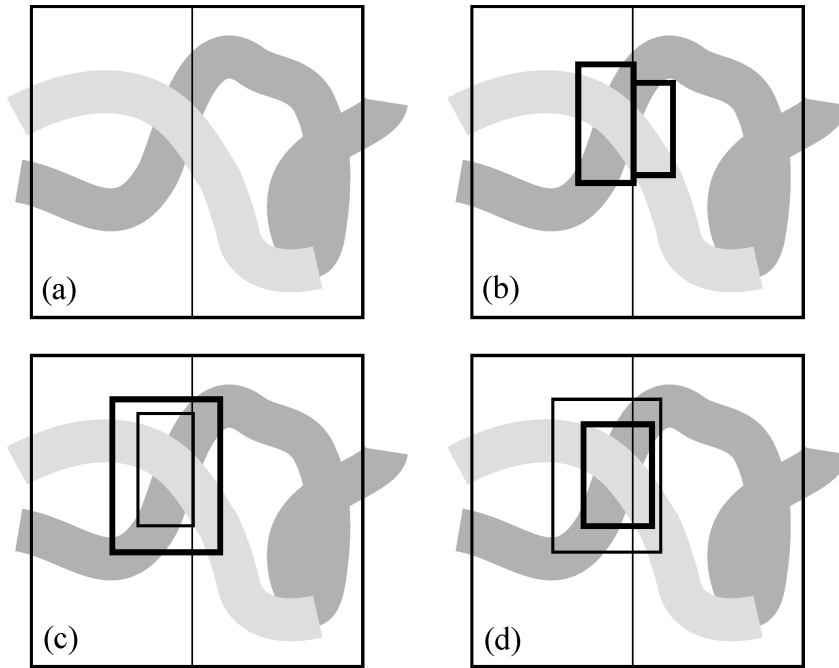
Define

$$\mathcal{N}_\psi ([\mathbf{u}], [\mathbf{p}]) = \hat{\mathbf{u}} - \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{u}} ([\mathbf{u}], [\mathbf{p}]) \right]^{-1} \cdot [\psi] (\hat{\mathbf{u}}, [\mathbf{p}]).$$

We have

$$\mathcal{N}_\psi ([\mathbf{u}], [\mathbf{p}]) \subset [\mathbf{u}] \Rightarrow \forall \mathbf{p} \in [\mathbf{p}], \exists! \mathbf{u} \in [\mathbf{u}], \psi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

# Epsilon inflation



# 6.5 Sailboat

Two inputs: the sail angle  $u_1$  and the rudder angle  $u_2$ .

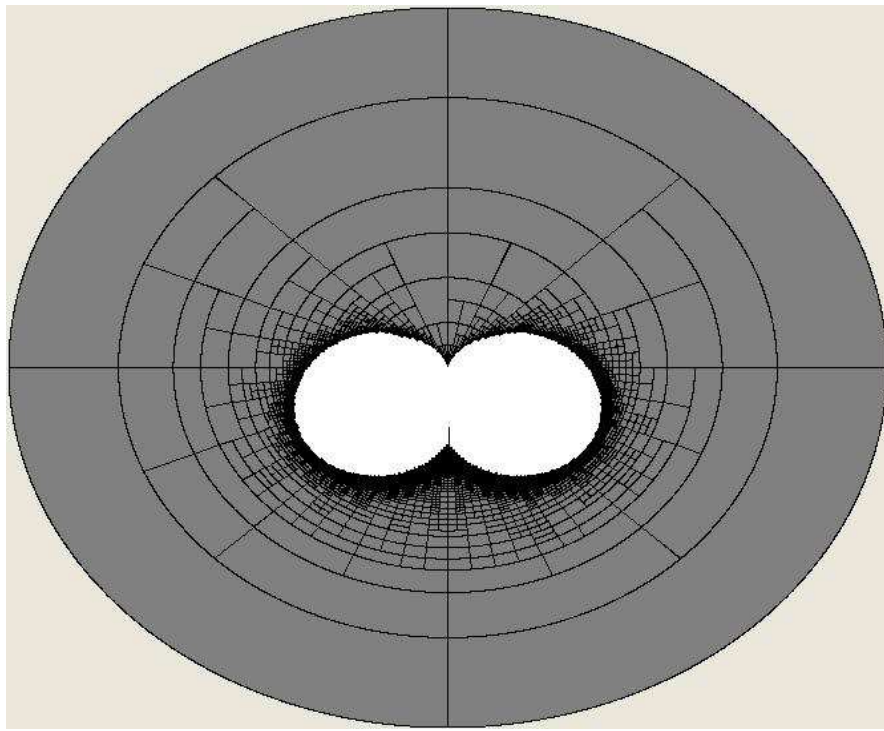
The output is the heading  $\theta$ .

The variable to be maximized is  $v$ .



The optimization problem is

$$\hat{v}(\theta) = \max_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2, v \in \mathbb{R}} v$$
$$\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} 0 = \sin u_1 (\cos(\theta + u_1) - v \sin u_1) - v \sin^2 u_2 - v \\ 0 = (1 - \cos u_1) (\cos(\theta + u_1) - v \sin u_1) - v \frac{\sin 2u_2}{2}. \end{cases}$$



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