

# Underwater exploration by an autonomous robot with the method of stable cycles

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# Ancestral method of navigation

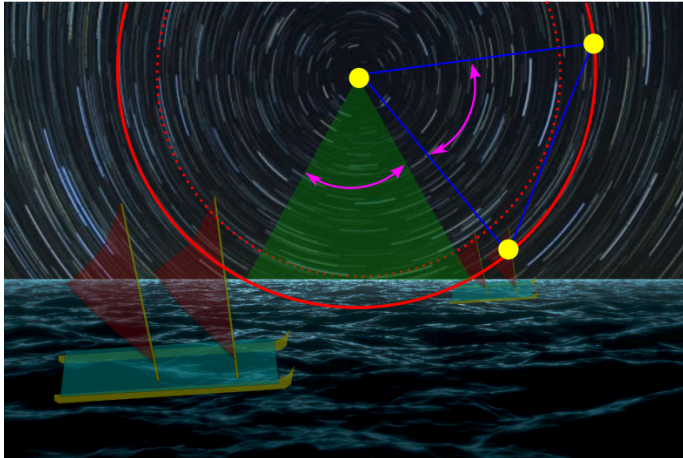


# Polynesian navigation



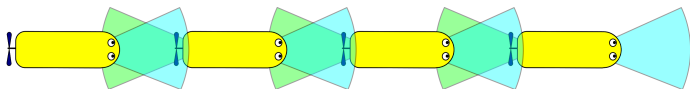


Find the route without GPS, compass and clocks with *wa'a*  
*kaulua*[4]

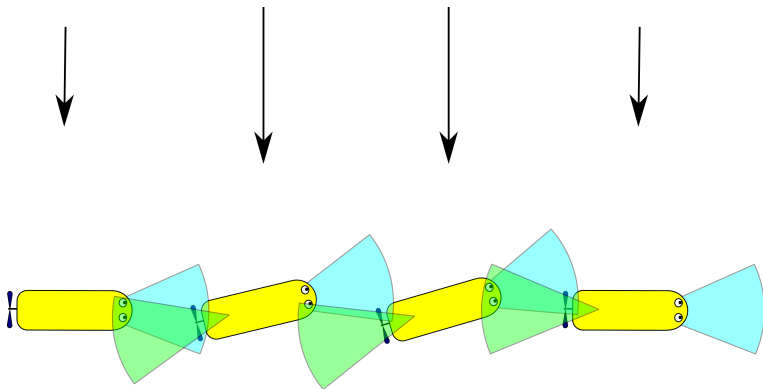




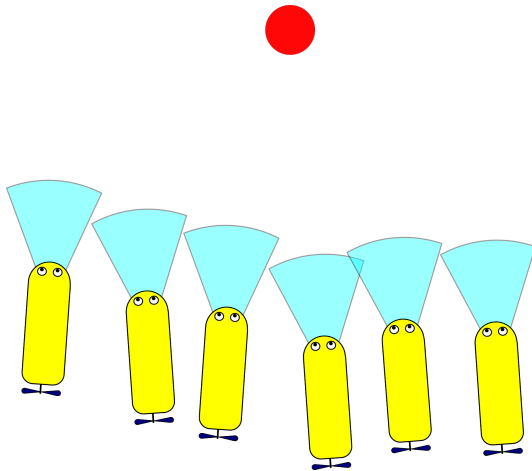
Alignment to keep the heading in case of clouds



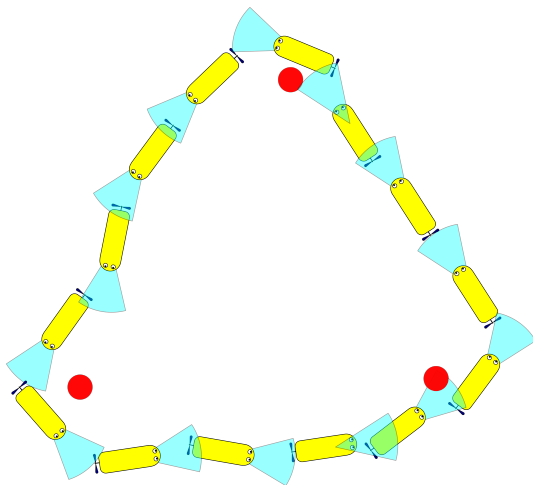
More inertia, more predictable



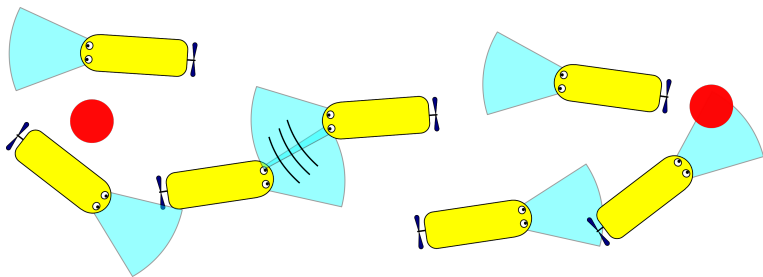
Internal deformations provide information



Explore further

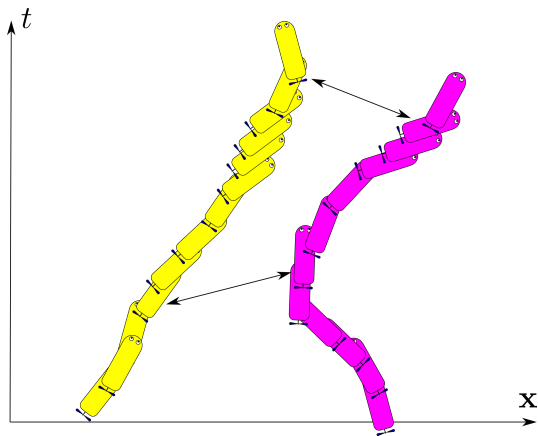


Virtual chain: localization  $\leftrightarrow$  proprioception



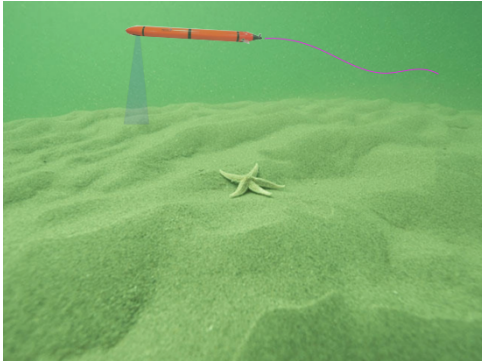
With communication we can do more



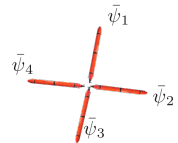
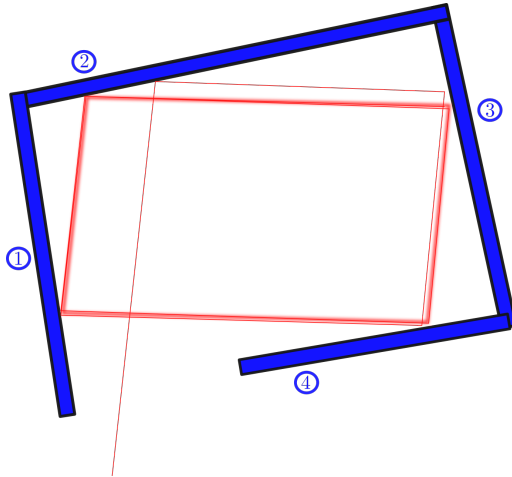


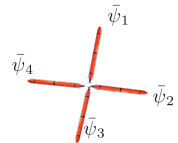
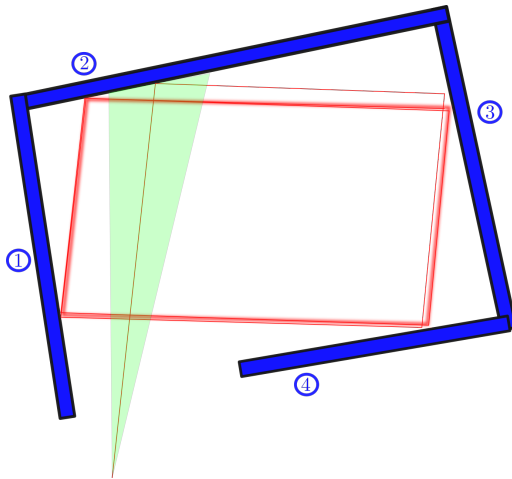
Perception of others rigidifies the evolution of the group

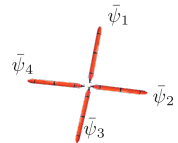
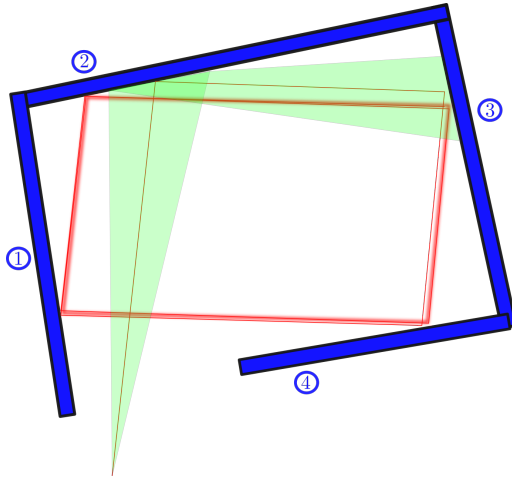
# Stable cycles

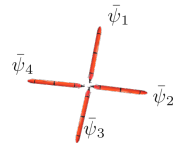
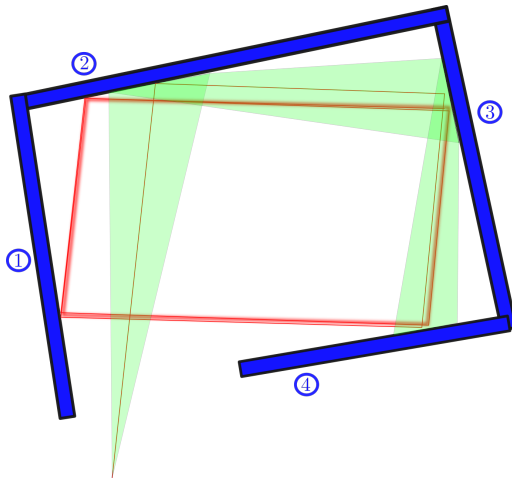


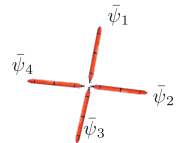
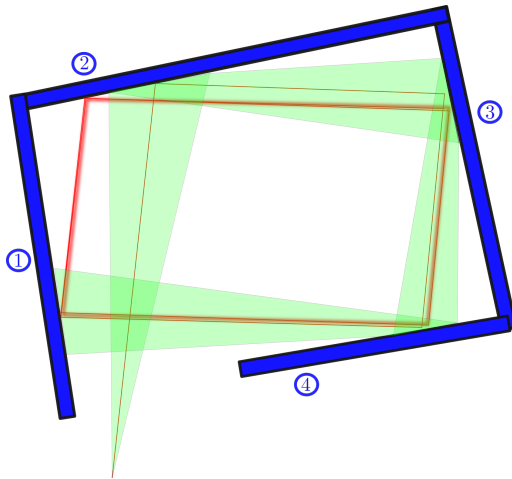
No route exist



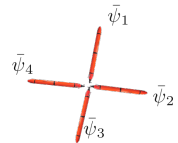
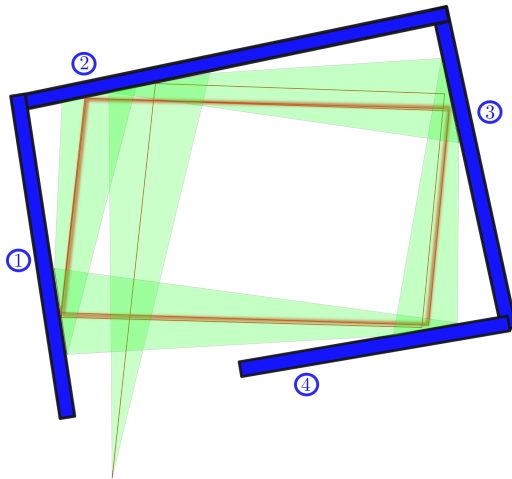


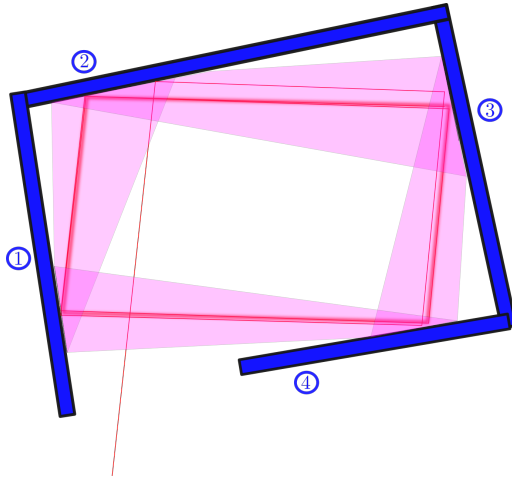




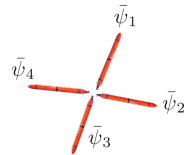
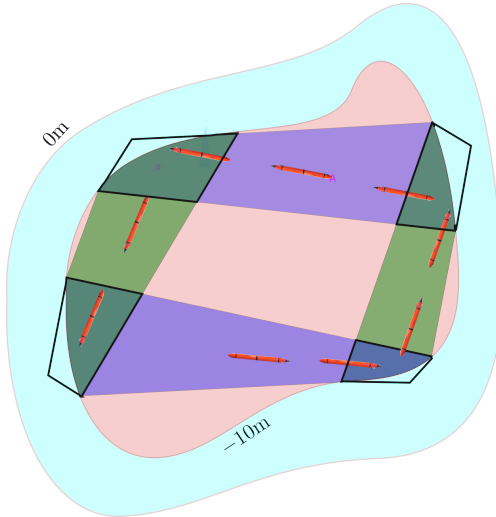


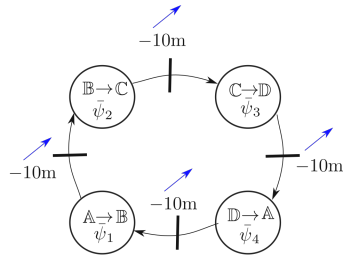
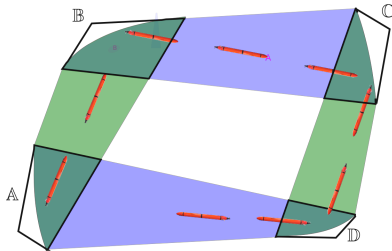


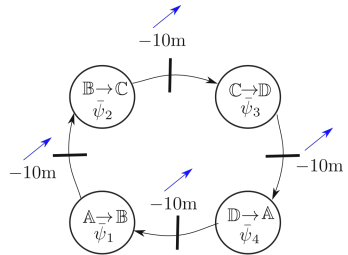
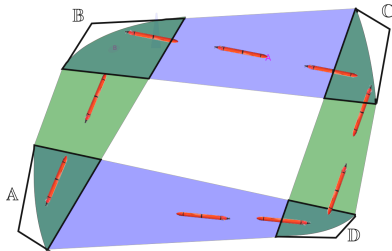


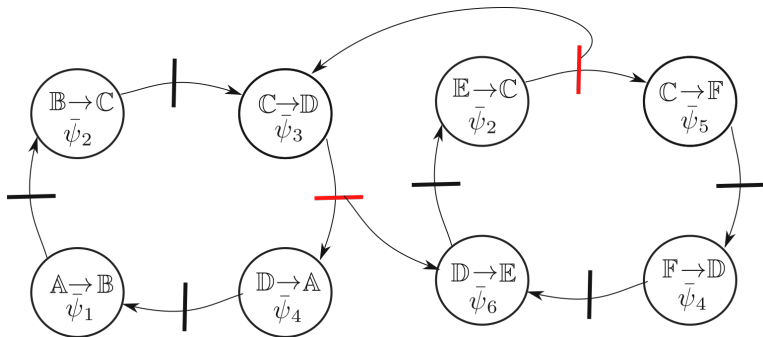


<https://youtu.be/TsvEUGa-XAs?t=73>



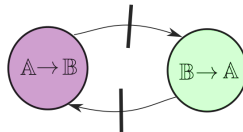
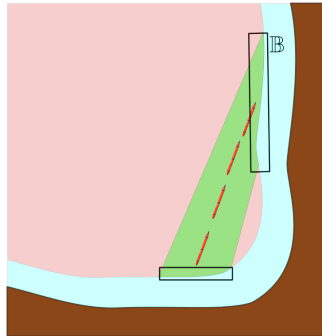
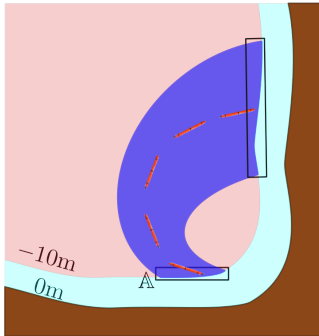






# A simple cycle



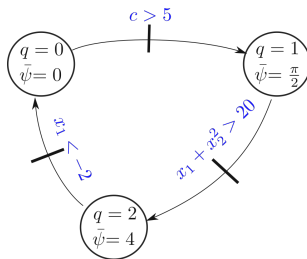


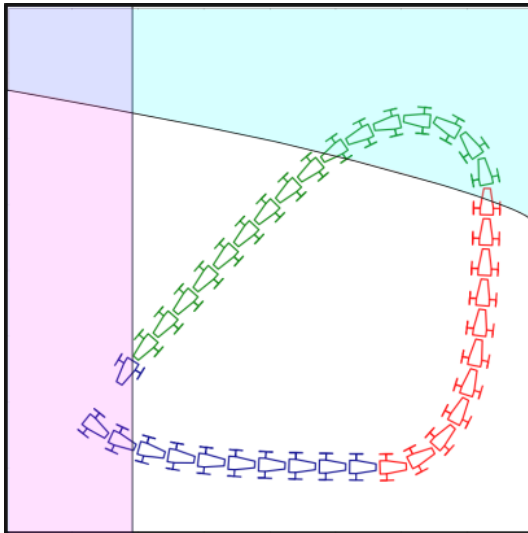
# Test-case

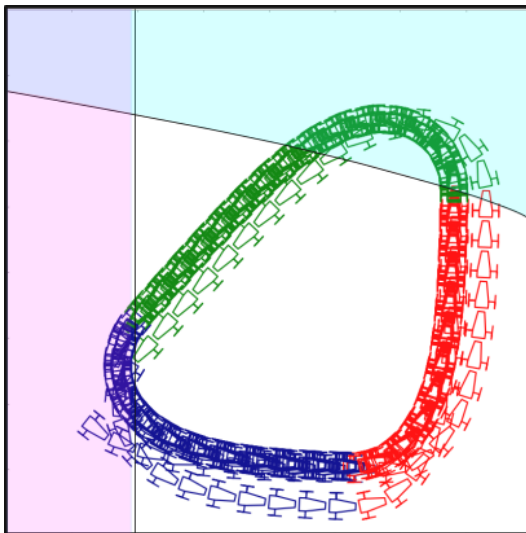
Consider the robot [3]

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = \cos x_3 \\ \dot{x}_2 = \sin x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 = u \end{cases}$$

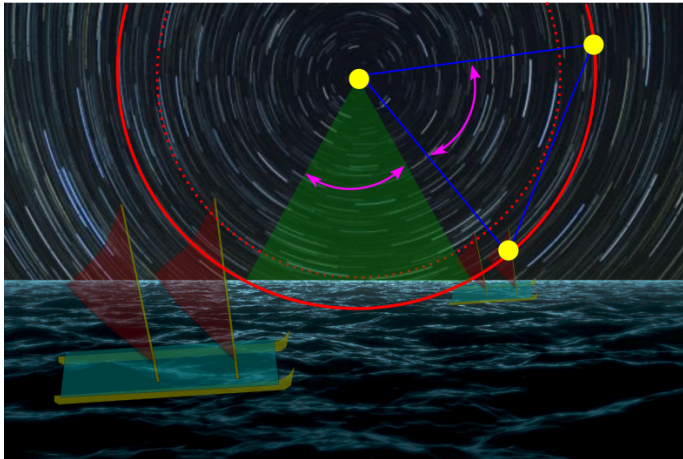
with the heading control  $u = \sin(\bar{\psi} - x_3)$ .

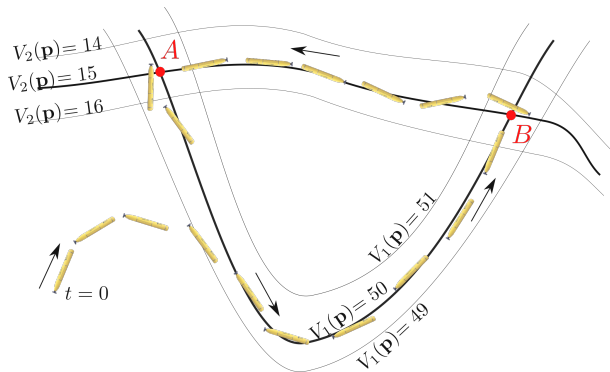




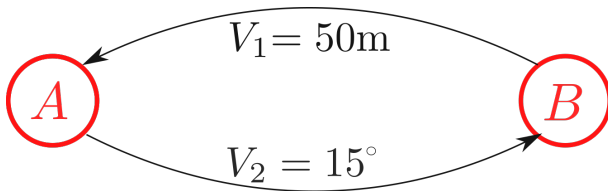


Metric maps ? Topological  
maps ? Other ?









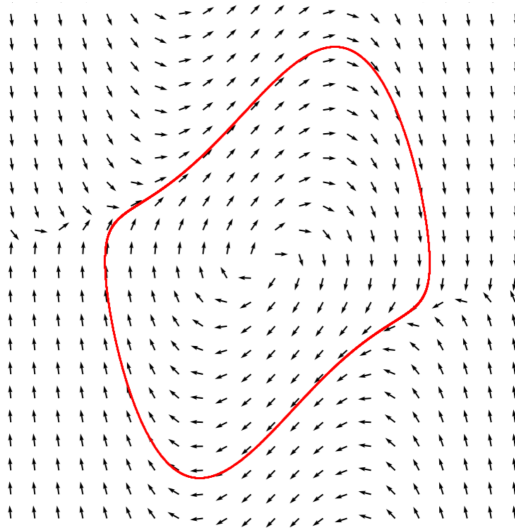


# Stability with Poincaré map

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

How to prove that the system has a cycle ?

How to prove that the system is stable ? [2][6]



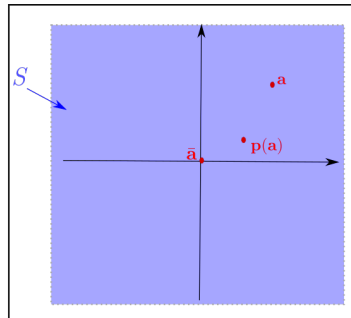
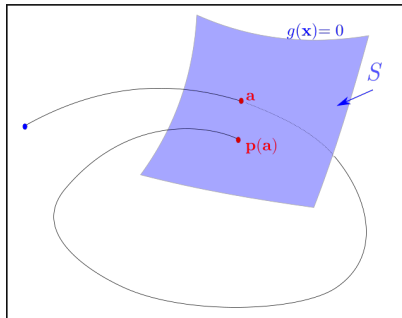
System:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$

Poincaré section  $\mathcal{G}$ :  $g(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

We define

$$\mathbf{p}: \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{G} \\ \mathbf{a} & \mapsto & \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{a}) \end{array}$$

where  $\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{a})$  is the point of  $\mathcal{G}$  such that the trajectory initialized at  $\mathbf{a}$  intersects  $\mathcal{G}$  for the first time.





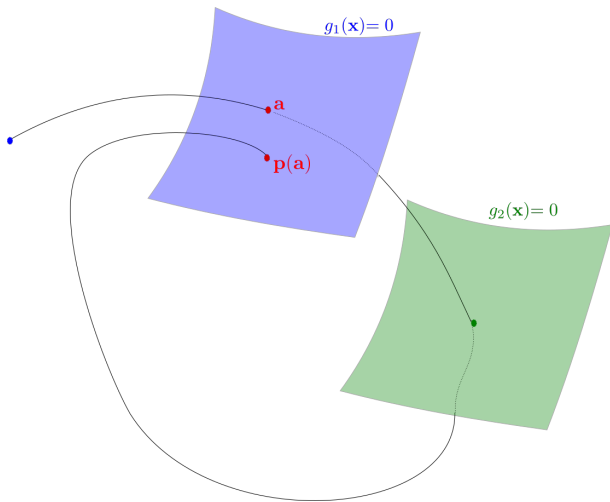
The Poincaré first recurrence map is defined by

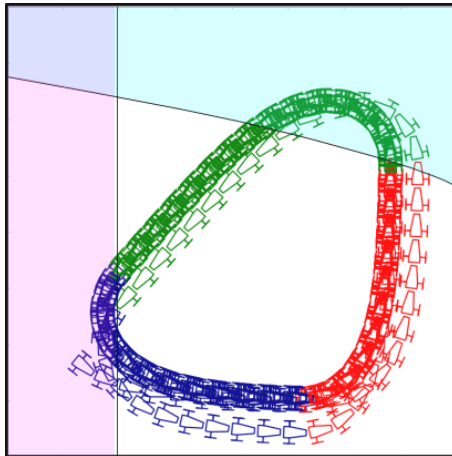
$$\mathbf{a}(k+1) = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{a}(k))$$

# With hybrid systems

Systems:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{x}), i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

Section  $i$ :  $g_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0$



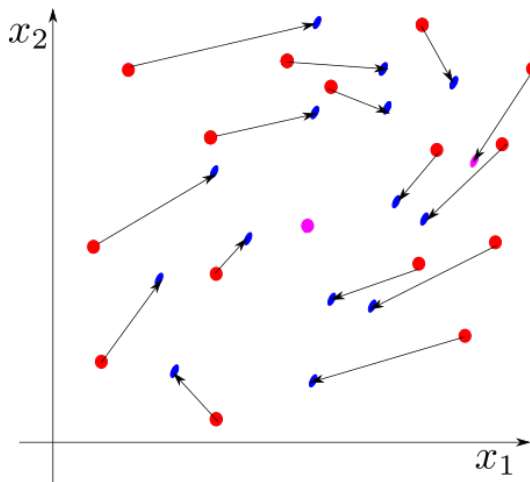


# Proving the stability

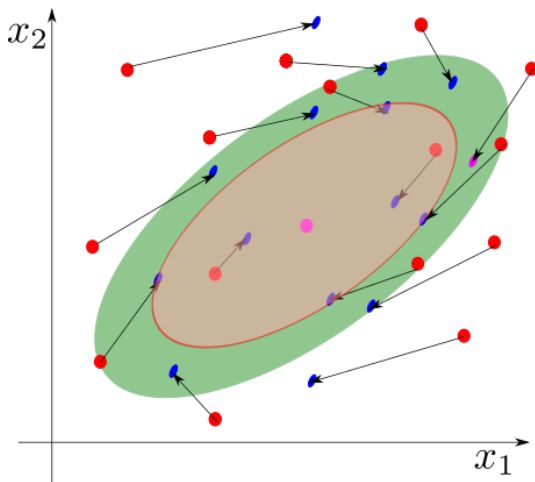
Consider the discrete time system

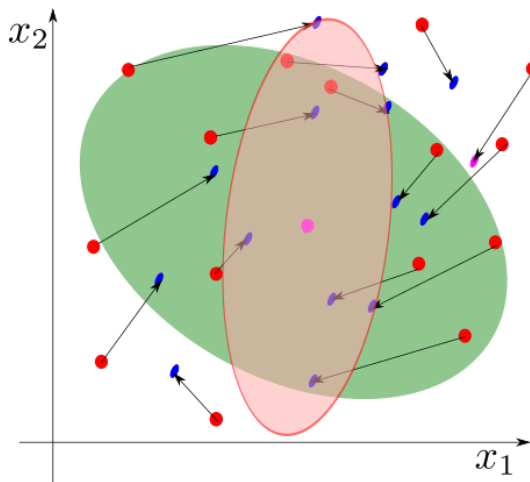
$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

with  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ .









We have to find

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{x}} : \mathbf{x}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{x} \leq \varepsilon$$

Such that

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{x}}) \subset \mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

If the system is stable and linear

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_k$$

we can find  $\mathbf{P} \succ 0$  such that  $V(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{x}$  is a Lyapunov function

$$\begin{aligned} V(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) &= V(\mathbf{x}_k) - \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{x}_k \\ \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= \mathbf{x}_k^T \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{x}_k \\ \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_k^T \cdot \mathbf{A}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}_k^T \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{x}_k &= -\mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{x}_k \end{aligned}$$

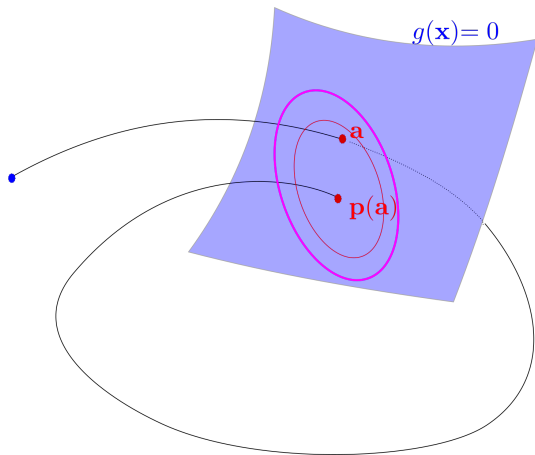
We have to solve the Lyapunov equation

$$\mathbf{A}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{P} = -\mathbf{I}$$

# Stability of cycles

The Poincaré first recurrence map is defined by

$$\mathbf{a}(k+1) = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{a}(k))$$



See [5]

# Rolling

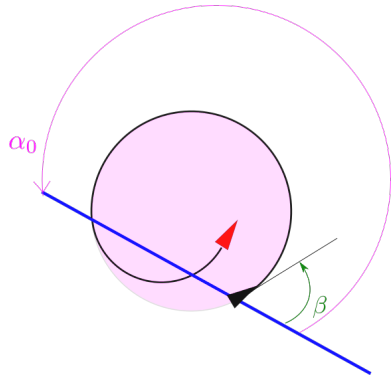
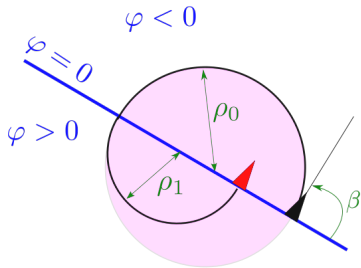


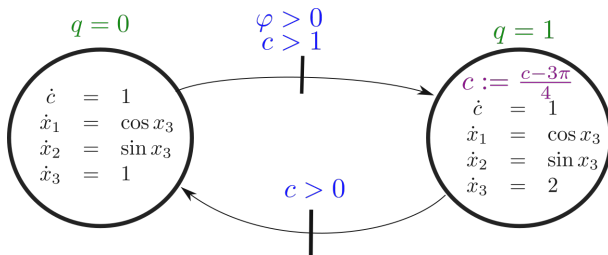
# Rolling stability problem

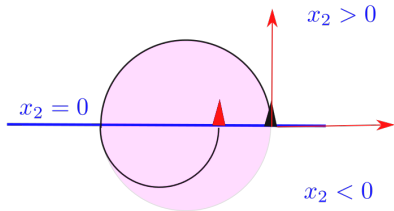
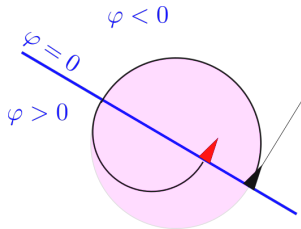
Robot moving on a plane described by

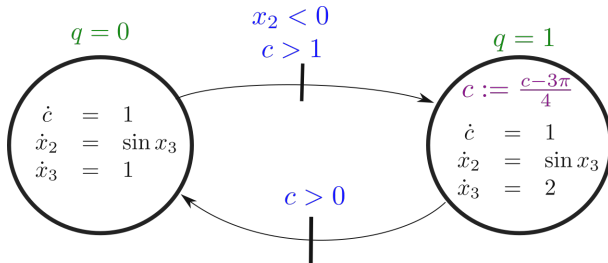
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 &= \cos x_3 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \sin x_3 \\ \dot{x}_3 &= u \end{cases}$$

The robot is able to measure a function  $\varphi(x_1, x_2)$  has to moves along  $\varphi(x_1, x_2) = 0$ . [1]



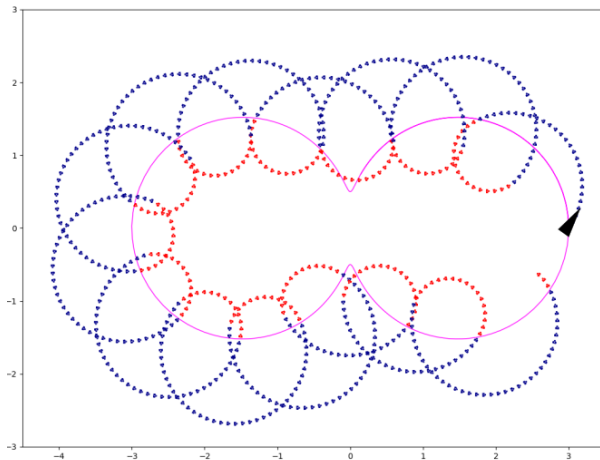











We consider the Hippopede of Proclus given by  $\varphi(x_1, x_2) = 0$  where

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2) = 9x_1^2 + x_2^2 - (x_1^2 + y_2^2)^2.$$



The online Python program can be found here:  
<https://replit.com/@aulin/rolling>



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