

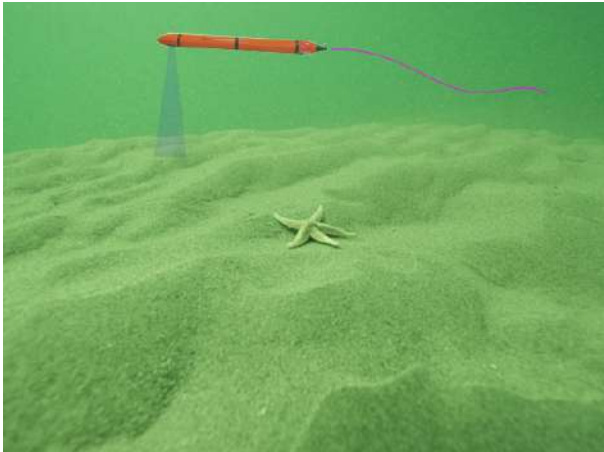
Explore and return for an underwater robot in a minimalist environment, with no localization system and with a few computation

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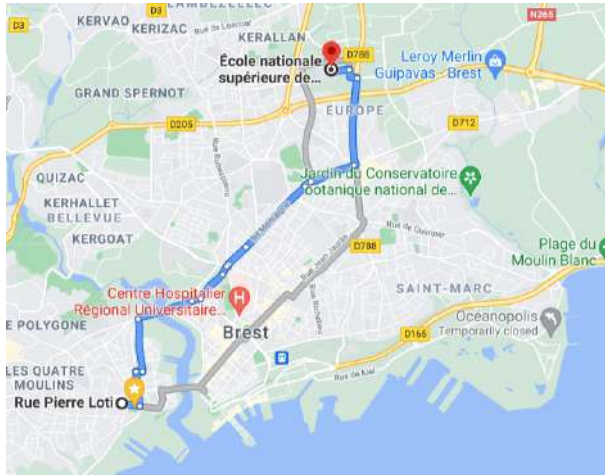
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# 1. Underwater navigation



Explore and return in a minimalist environment

# Map-based navigation



Modern navigation: high cost (computation, infrastructure)

# Route-based navigation

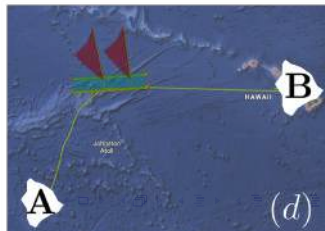
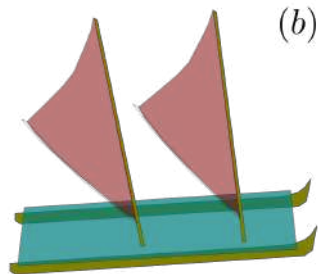


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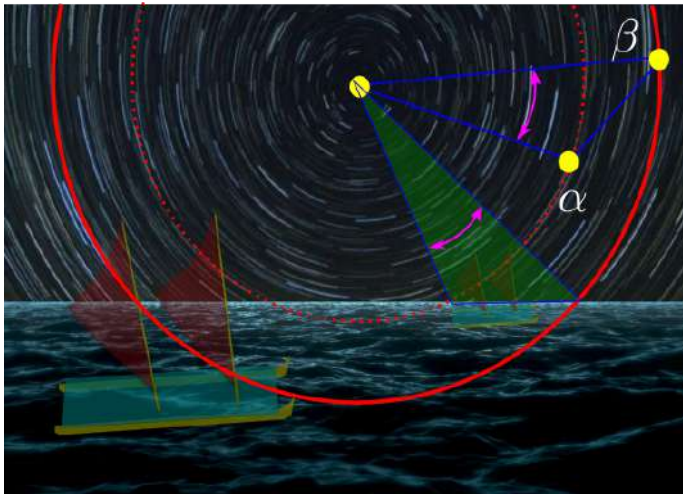
Find the route without GPS, compass, clocks, computer with *wa'a kaulua*



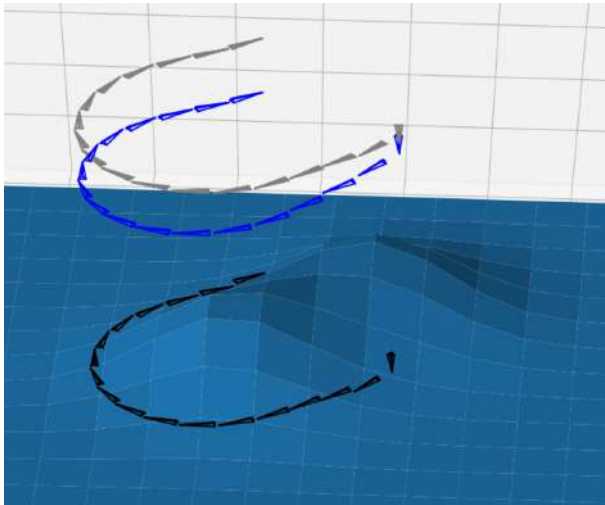


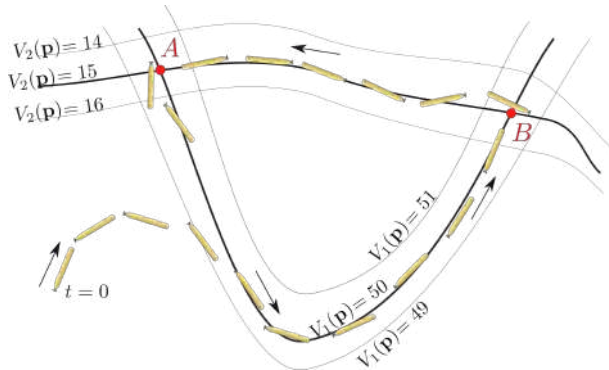
# Follow a route

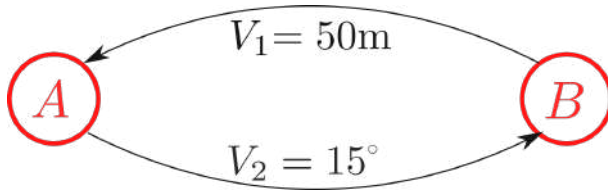
Given a function  $h: \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , a route is defined by  $h(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ .  
 $h$  could be the temperature, the radiation, the pressure, the altitude, the time shift between two periodic events.



The stars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  set simultaneously.  $h(\mathbf{p}) = t_\alpha - t_\beta$

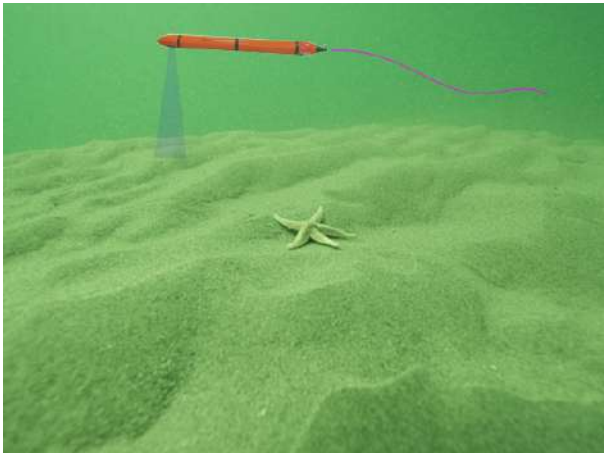




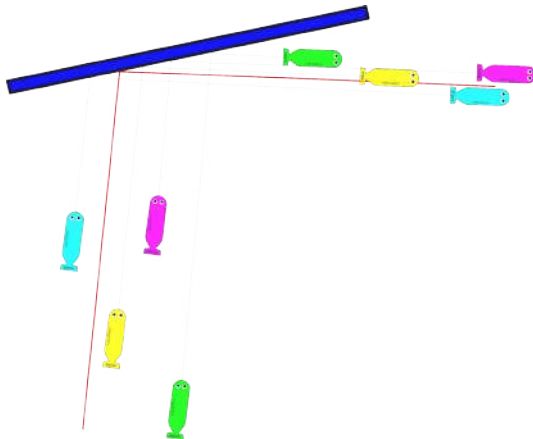


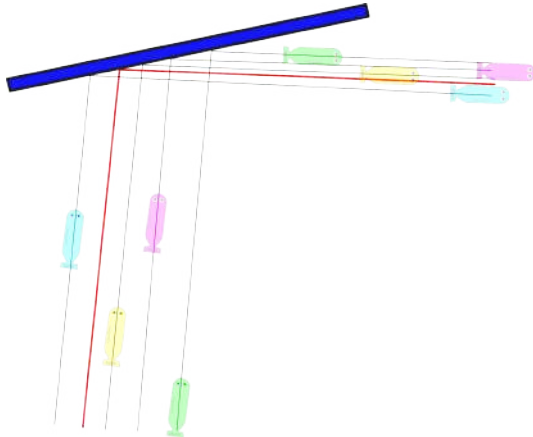
## 2. Stable bouncing (phd of Quentin Brateau)



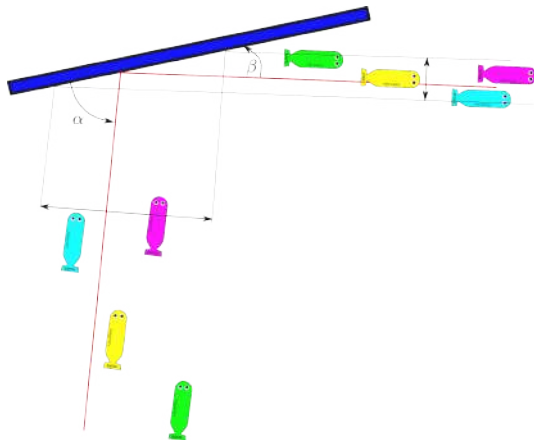


No route exists

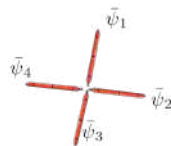
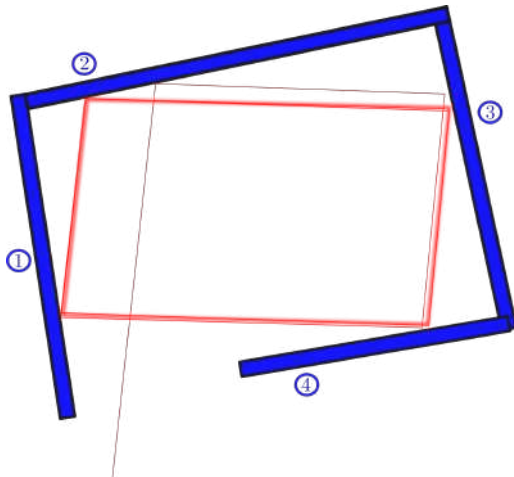


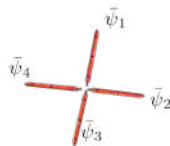
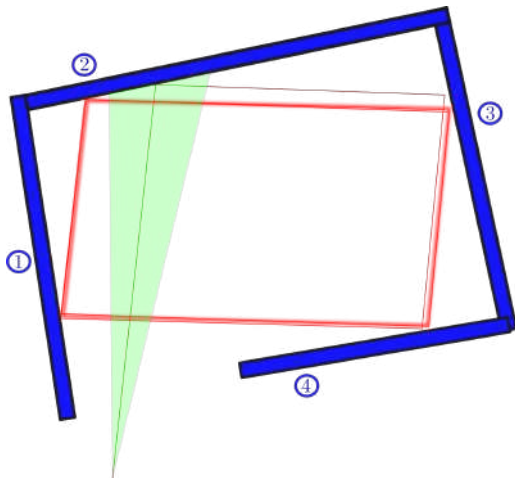


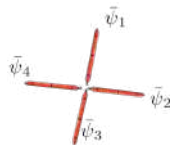
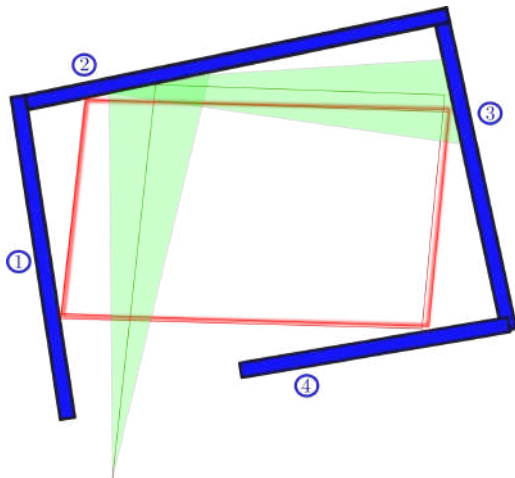
Contraction of the distance

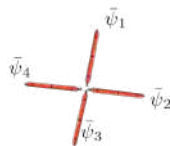
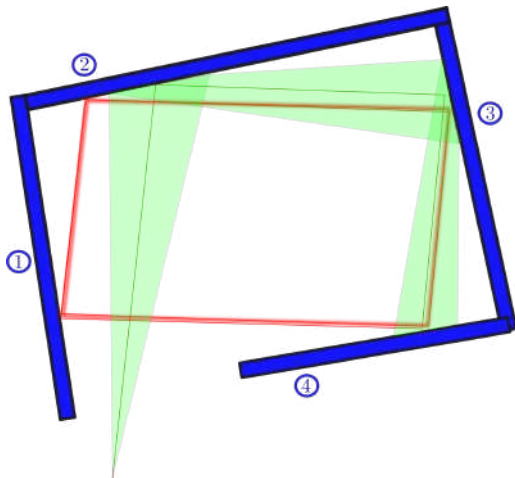


Contraction if  $\frac{\sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} < 1$

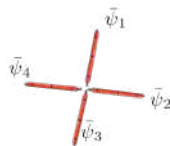
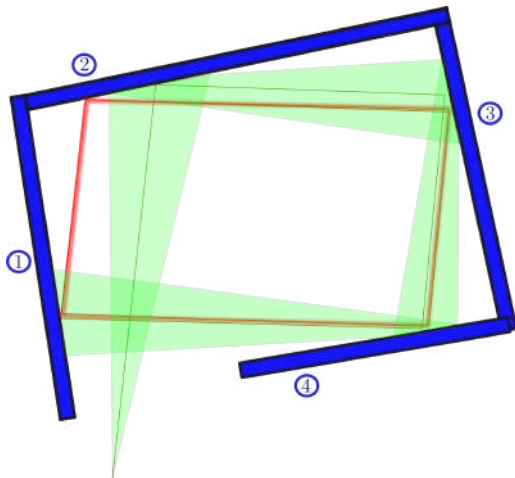


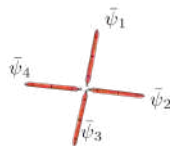
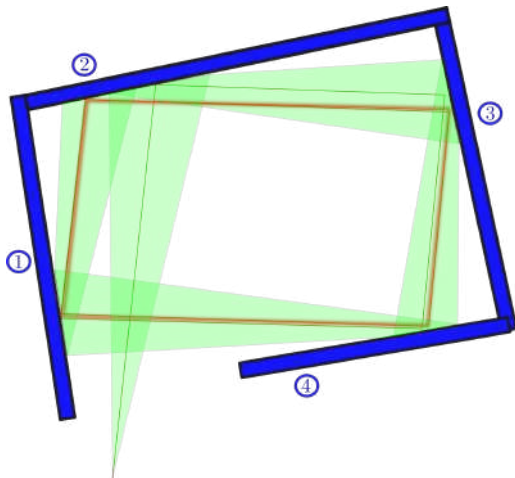


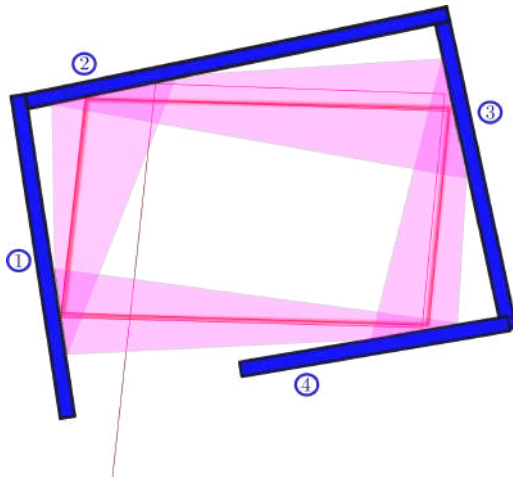


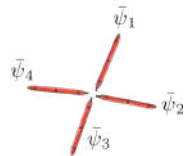
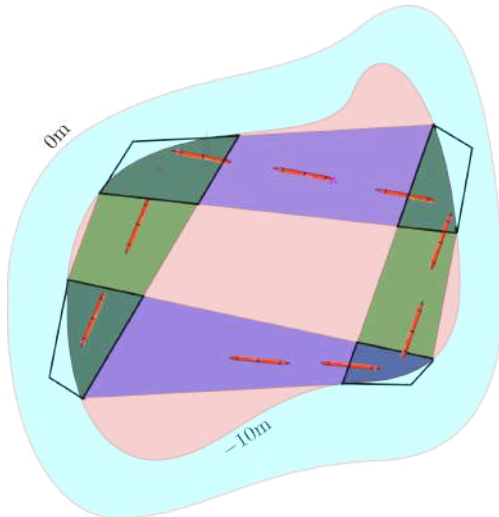


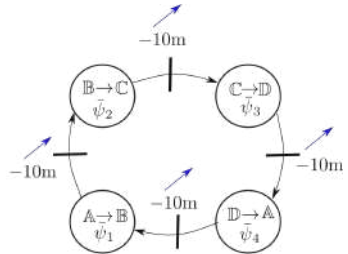
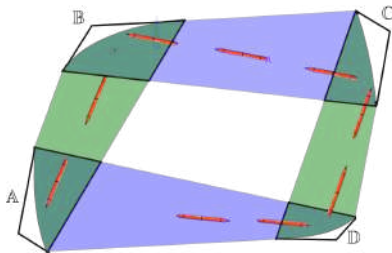


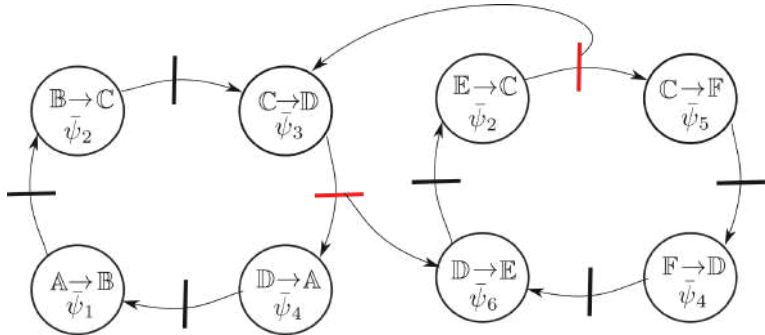




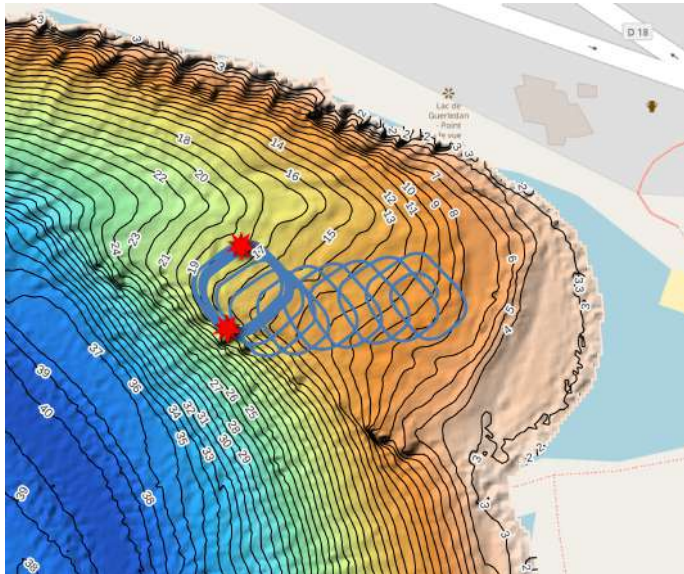








# Experiment (phd of Quentin Brateau)



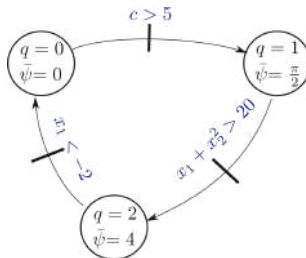


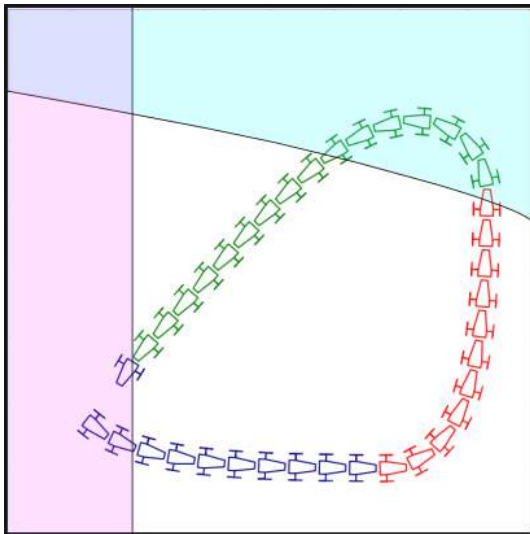
### 3. Proving the stability

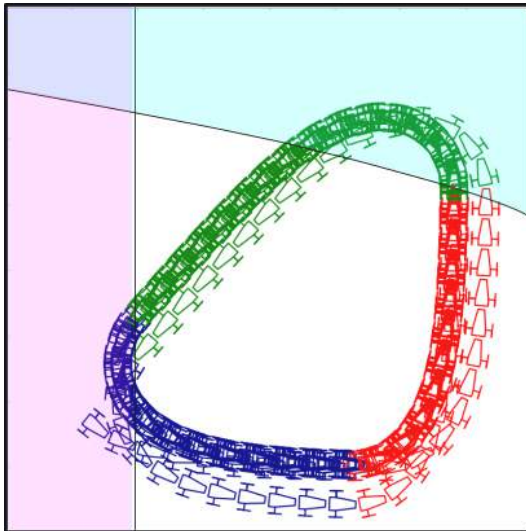
Consider the robot

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

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







# Interval arithmetic

$$[-1, 3] + [2, 5] = ?,$$

$$[-1, 3] \cdot [2, 5] = ?,$$

$$\text{abs}([-7, 1]) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned}[-1, 3] + [2, 5] &= [1, 8], \\[-1, 3] \cdot [2, 5] &= [-5, 15], \\ \text{abs}([-7, 1]) &= [0, 7]\end{aligned}$$

The interval extension of

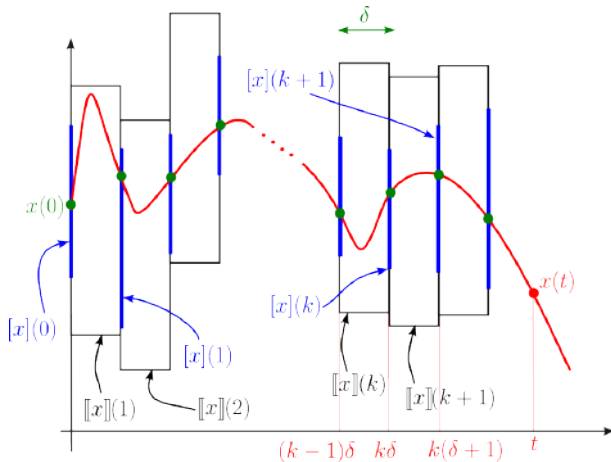
$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2 - (x_1 + x_2) \cdot \cos x_2 + \sin x_1 \cdot \sin x_2 + 2$$

is

$$\begin{aligned} [f]([x_1], [x_2]) &= [x_1] \cdot [x_2] - ([x_1] + [x_2]) \cdot \cos[x_2] \\ &\quad + \sin[x_1] \cdot \sin[x_2] + 2. \end{aligned}$$



# Tubes



$$x(t) \in [x](t)$$

# Stability with Poincaré map

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

How to prove that the system has a cycle ?

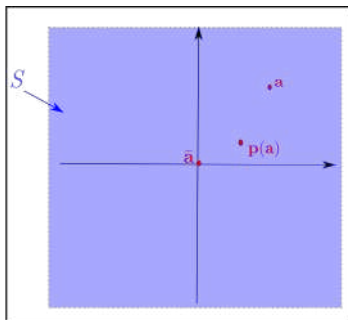
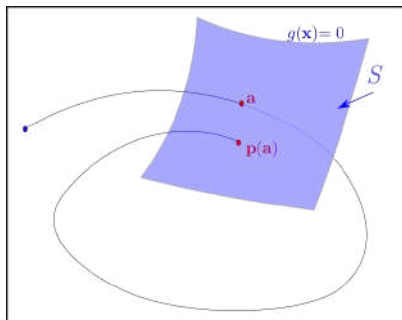
System:  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$

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

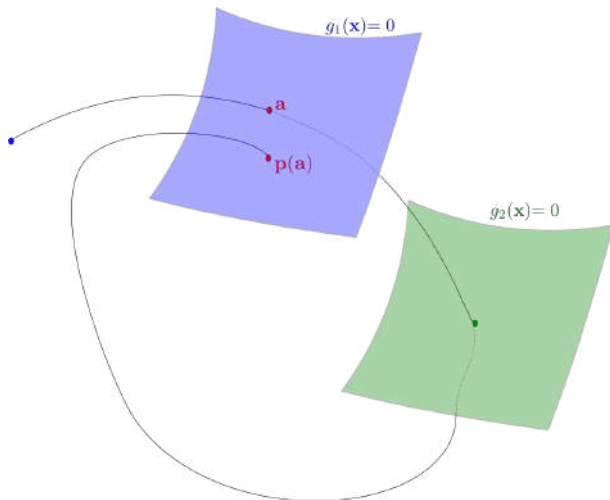
$$\mathbf{a}(k+1) = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{a}(k))$$

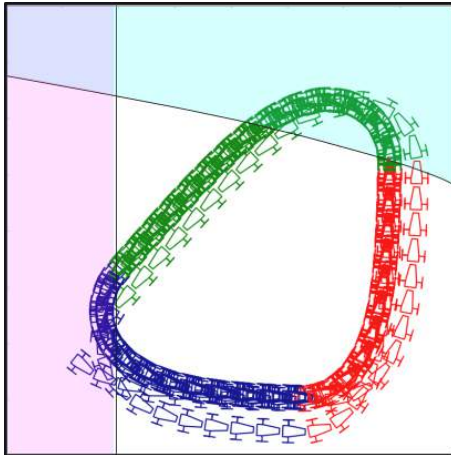


# With hybrid systems

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

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



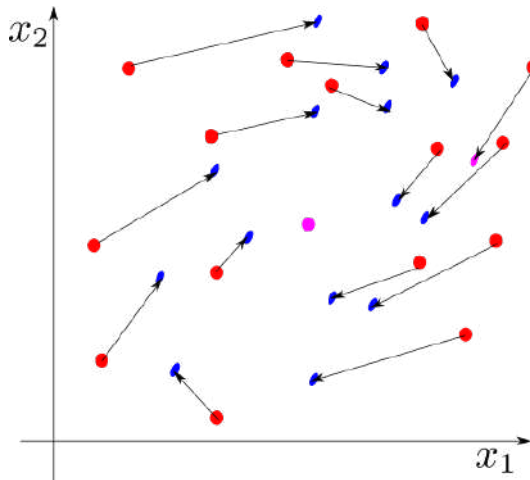


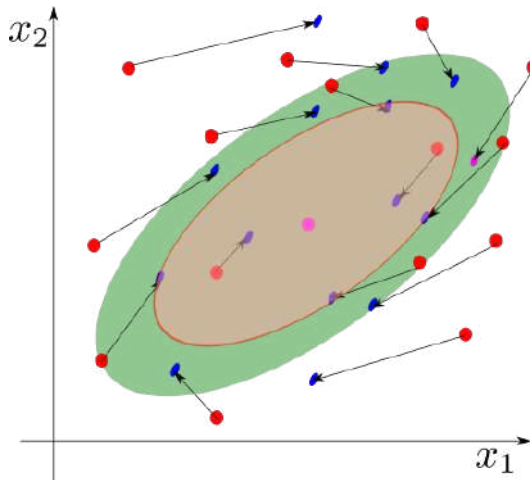
# Proving the stability

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

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

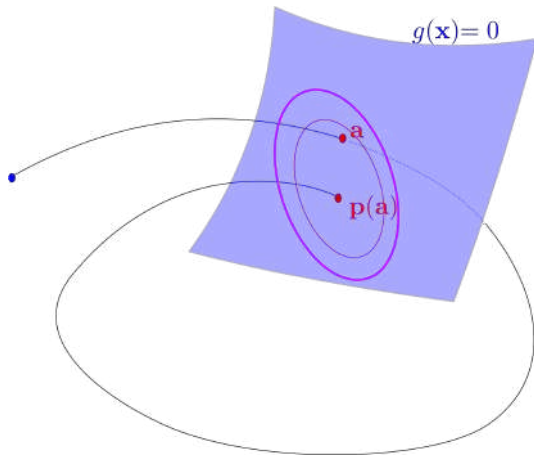
Such that

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

# Stability of cycles

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