

Reachability analysis of an underwater robot with ballast

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1. Reachability



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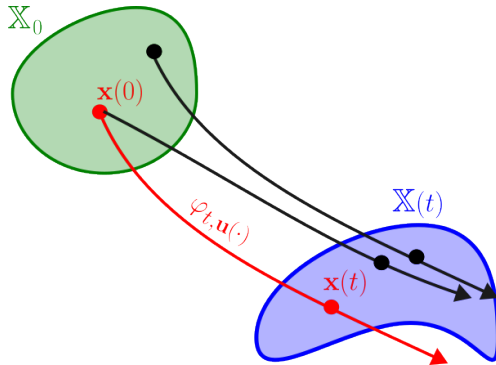
We have

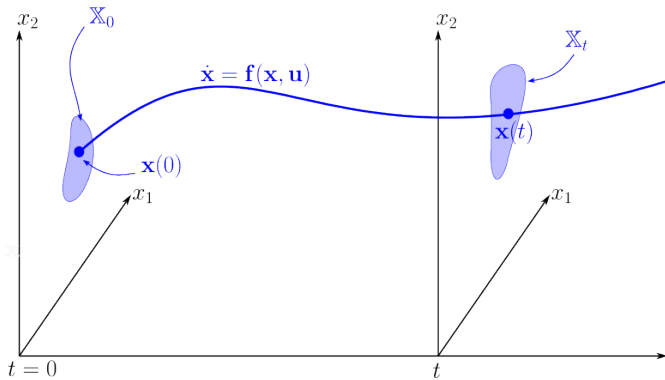
- a dynamical system $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$
- an uncertain input $\mathbf{u}(t) \in [\mathbf{u}]$
- an initial state vector $\mathbf{x}(0) \in \mathbb{X}_0$

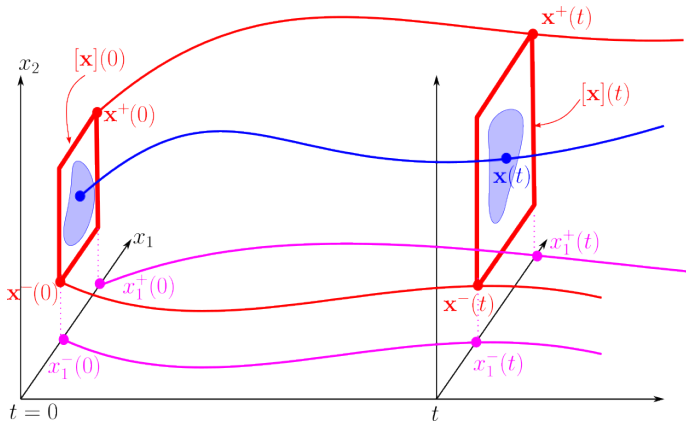
The *reach set* is

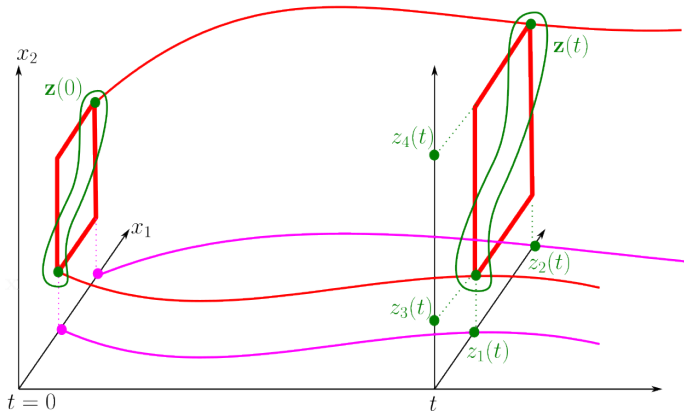
$$\mathbb{X}(t) = \{\mathbf{a} \mid \exists \mathbf{x}(0) \in \mathbb{X}_0, \exists \mathbf{u}(\cdot) \in [\mathbf{u}], \mathbf{a} = \varphi_{t, \mathbf{u}(\cdot)}(\mathbf{x}(0))\}$$

where $\varphi_{t, \mathbf{u}(\cdot)}$ is the flow.









Define

$$\mathbf{z} = (x_1^-, x_1^+, \dots, x_n^-, x_n^+).$$

Our contribution is to define an ODE

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z})$$

such that

$$\mathbb{X}_t \subset [\mathbf{x}](t) = \underbrace{[x_1^-(t), x_1^+(t)] \times \dots \times [x_n^-(t), x_n^+(t)]}_{\simeq \mathbf{z}(t)}.$$

2. Interval analysis

Surface of a sphere s of radius $r \in [2, 3]$:

$$s = 4\pi r^2$$

Thus

$$s \in 4 * [3.1, 3.2] * [2, 3]^2$$

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from codac import *  
PI=Interval([3.1,3.2])  
R=Interval([2,3])  
S=4*PI*sqr(R)
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--> S=[49.6, 115.2]
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Proposition. Consider the system

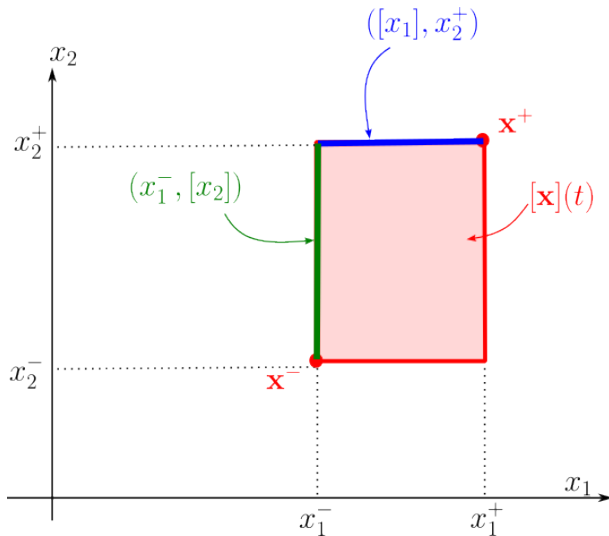
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$$

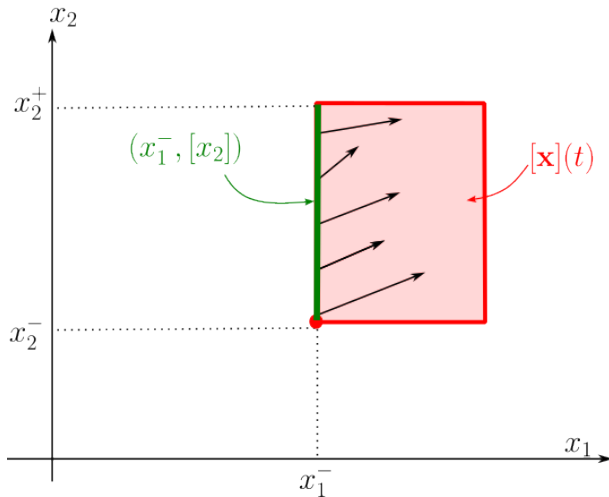
or equivalently

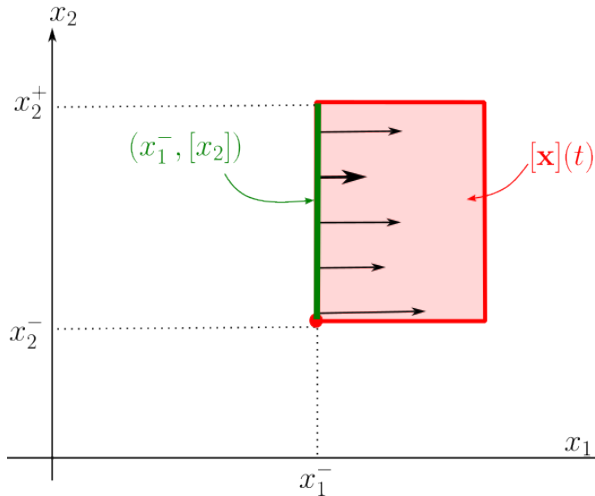
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \mathbf{u}) \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{x}_n &= f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \mathbf{u}) \end{aligned}$$

An interval enclosure is

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1^- \\ \dot{x}_1^+ \\ \dot{x}_2^- \\ \dot{x}_2^+ \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n^- \\ \dot{x}_n^+ \end{pmatrix}}_{=\dot{\mathbf{z}}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \text{lb}([f_1](x_1^-, [x_2], [x_3], \dots, [x_n], [\mathbf{u}])) \\ \text{ub}([f_1](x_1^+, [x_2], [x_3], \dots, [x_n], [\mathbf{u}])) \\ \text{lb}([f_2]([x_1], x_2^-, [x_3], \dots, [x_n], [\mathbf{u}])) \\ \text{ub}([f_2]([x_1], x_2^+, [x_3], \dots, [x_n], [\mathbf{u}])) \\ \vdots \\ \text{lb}([f_n]([x_1], [x_2], [x_3], \dots, x_n^-, [\mathbf{u}])) \\ \text{ub}([f_n]([x_1], [x_2], [x_3], \dots, x_n^+, [\mathbf{u}])) \end{pmatrix}}_{=\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z}, [\mathbf{u}])}$$

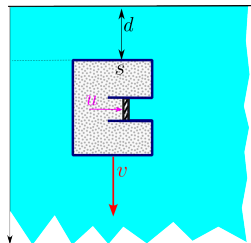






The left face should not go faster than the bold arrow

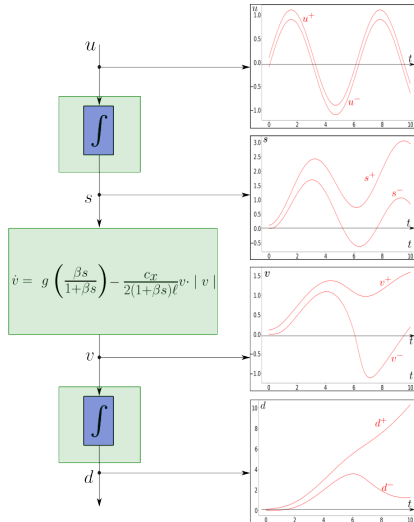
3. Robot with ballast



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

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

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{s}^- \\ \dot{s}^+ \\ \dot{v}^- \\ \dot{v}^+ \\ \dot{d}^- \\ \dot{d}^+ \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{z}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} u^- \\ u^+ \\ \frac{s^-}{1+s^-} - \max \left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{v^- \cdot |v^-|}{1+s^-} \\ \frac{v^- \cdot |v^-|}{1+s^+} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ \frac{s^+}{1+s^+} - \min \left(\begin{pmatrix} \frac{v^+ \cdot |v^+|}{1+s^-} \\ \frac{v^+ \cdot |v^+|}{1+s^+} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ v^- \\ v^+ \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z})}$$



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- 1 Monotone systems [8]
- 2 Interval analysis [4][3]
- 3 Tubes: interval tube arithmetic [2][7][1][6]
- 4 Ballast robot [5]



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