

Symmetries for Interval Analysis

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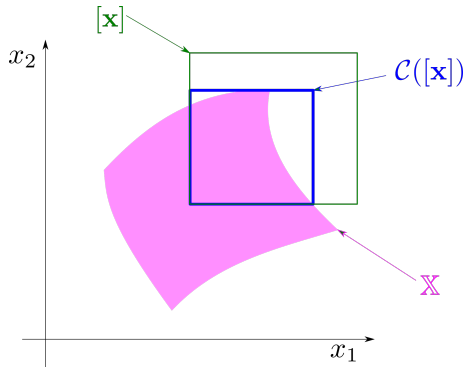
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Symmetries for contractors

Building contractors relies on three concepts:

- Monotonicity
- Symmetries
- Compositions
- Interval computation



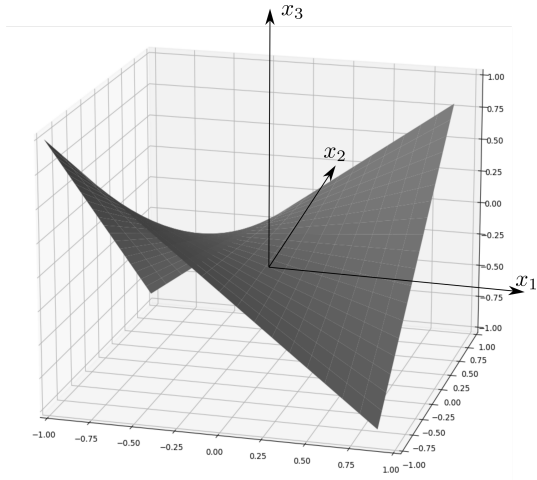
Multiplication

We consider the product

$$x_3 = x_1 \cdot x_2$$

Equivalently

$$\mathbb{X} = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_3\}$$



We have

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_3 \Leftrightarrow (-x_1) \cdot x_2 = -x_3$$

We say that $x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_3$ is invariant by the symmetry

$$\sigma_1 : \begin{cases} x_1 \mapsto -x_1 \\ x_2 \mapsto x_2 \\ x_3 \mapsto -x_3 \end{cases}$$

Equivalently, $x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_3$ is said to be invariant by

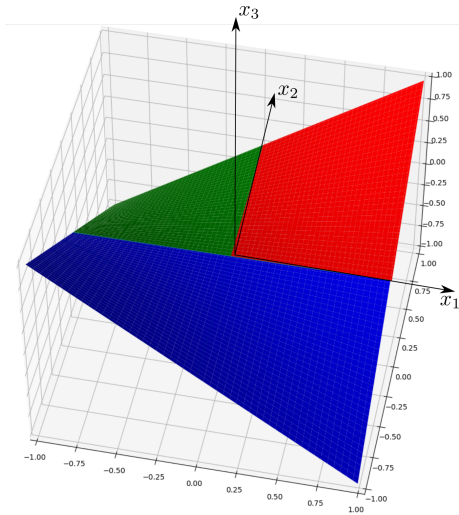
$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We also have

$$x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_3 \Leftrightarrow x_1 \cdot (-x_2) = -x_3$$

invariant with respect to

$$\sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Due to the monotonicity, the minimal contractor for the box

$$[\mathbf{x}] \subset [\mathbf{a}] = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ .$$

associated to $x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_3$ is

$$\mathcal{C}_0 \left(\begin{bmatrix} [x_1] \\ [x_2] \\ [x_3] \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} [x_1] \cap \left[\frac{x_3^-}{x_2^+}, \frac{x_3^+}{x_2^-} \right] \\ [x_2] \cap \left[\frac{x_3^-}{x_1^+}, \frac{x_3^+}{x_1^-} \right] \\ [x_3] \cap [x_1^- \cdot x_2^-, x_1^+ \cdot x_2^+] \end{pmatrix} .$$

We will see later that

$$\mathbb{X} = \sigma_2 \bullet \sigma_1 \bullet \mathbb{X}_0$$

where

$$\mathbb{X}_0 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \mid x_1 \cdot x_2 = x_3\}$$

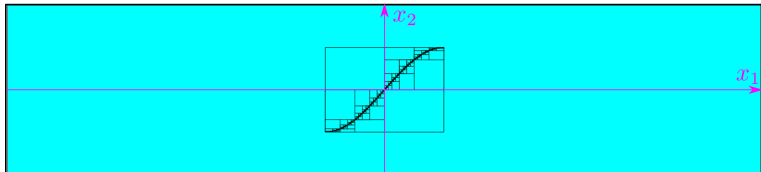
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$$\mathcal{C} = \sigma_2 \bullet \sigma_1 \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$$

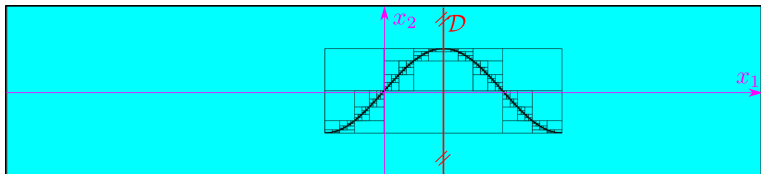
is an optimal contractor for $\mathbb{X}$ as soon as $\mathcal{C}_0$ is a minimal contractor for $\mathbb{X}_0$.

Sine

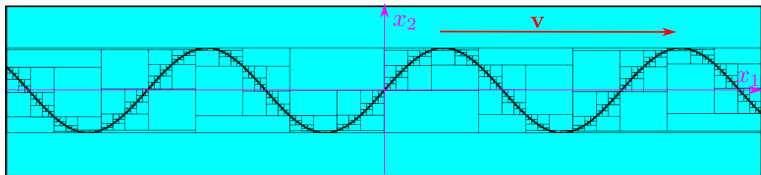
$$x_2 = \sin x_1$$



$\mathcal{C}_0$



$$\sigma_D \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$$



$$\mathcal{C}_{\sin} = \sigma_v \bullet \sigma_D \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$$

Sinc

$$x_2 = \frac{\sin x_1}{x_1}$$

We have no symmetries available

$$x_2 = \frac{\sin x_1}{x_1} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 x_2 & = & a \\ \sin x_1 & = & a \end{cases}$$

We use the contractor composition.

We loose the minimality

Rotate constraint

We want a procedure to generate automatically a minimal contractor for the *rotate* constraint

$$\mathbb{X} : \begin{cases} x_3 x_1 - x_4 x_2 - x_5 & = & 0 \\ x_4 x_1 + x_3 x_2 - x_6 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + x_4^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{cases}$$

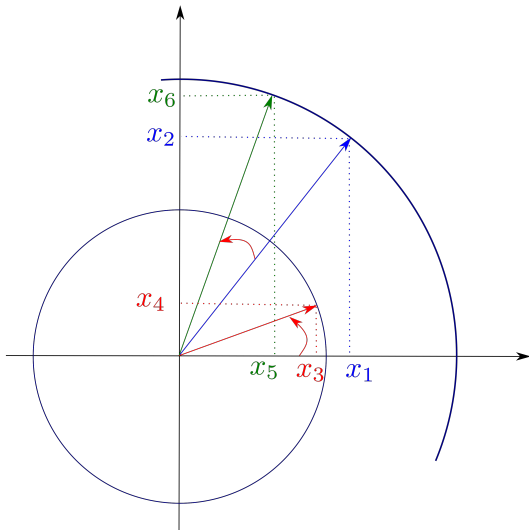
The automatic generation allows us to avoid coding errors
The code is shorter and more clear
The code is more generic

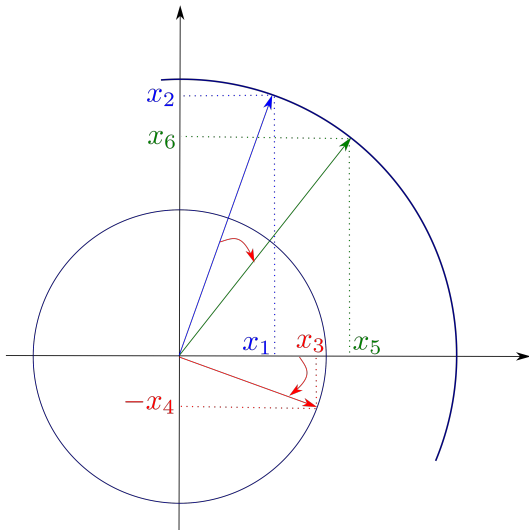
A symmetry for *rotate* is

$$\sigma : \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} x_1 & \mapsto & x_5 \\ x_2 & \mapsto & x_6 \\ x_3 & \mapsto & x_3 \\ x_4 & \mapsto & -x_4 \\ x_5 & \mapsto & x_1 \\ x_6 & \mapsto & x_2 \end{array} \right.$$

Indeed

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} x_3 x_1 - x_4 x_2 - x_5 & = & 0 \\ x_4 x_1 + x_3 x_2 - x_6 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + x_4^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} x_3 x_5 + x_4 x_6 - x_1 & = & 0 \\ -x_4 x_5 + x_3 x_6 - x_2 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + (-x_4)^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{array} \right.$$





Hypercuboidal symmetries

The hyperoctahedral group B_n is the group of symmetries of the unit hypercube [4] of $\mathbb{R}^n$.
It contains $2^n \cdot n!$ elements.

For $n = 2$, we have $2^2 \cdot 2! = 8$ elements:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma_6 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma_7 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We write equivalently

$$\sigma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \sigma : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^2 & \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x_1, x_2) & \mapsto (x_2, -x_1) \end{cases}$$

	σ_0	σ_1	σ_2	σ_3	σ_4	σ_5	σ_6	σ_7
σ_0	σ_0	σ_1	σ_2	σ_3	σ_4	σ_5	σ_6	σ_7
σ_1	σ_1	σ_0	σ_6	σ_4	σ_3	σ_7	σ_2	σ_5
σ_2	σ_2	σ_5	σ_0	σ_7	σ_6	σ_1	σ_4	σ_3
σ_3	σ_3	σ_4	σ_7	σ_0	σ_1	σ_6	σ_5	σ_2
σ_4	σ_4	σ_3	σ_5	σ_1	σ_0	σ_2	σ_7	σ_6
σ_5	σ_5	σ_2	σ_4	σ_6	σ_7	σ_3	σ_0	σ_1
σ_6	σ_6	σ_7	σ_1	σ_5	σ_2	σ_0	σ_3	σ_4
σ_7	σ_7	σ_6	σ_3	σ_2	σ_5	σ_4	σ_1	σ_0

Multiplication table

The two elements σ_1, σ_2 are generators of the group B_2 or equivalently, we write $B_2 = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rangle$.

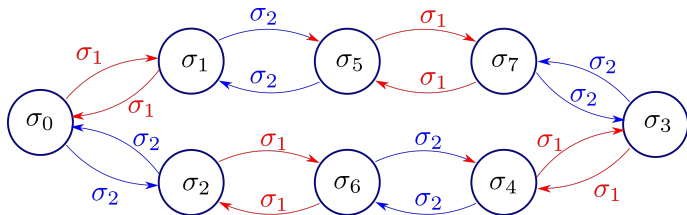
Compute for instance $\sigma_6 \circ \sigma_7$, we get

$$\sigma_6 \circ \sigma_7 = \underbrace{\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2}_{\sigma_6} \circ \underbrace{\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1}_{\sigma_5} = \sigma_4$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\sigma_7}$

	σ_0	σ_1	σ_2	σ_3	σ_4	σ_5	σ_6	σ_7
σ_0	σ_0	σ_1	σ_2	σ_3	σ_4	σ_5	σ_6	σ_7
σ_1	σ_1	σ_0	σ_6	σ_4	σ_3	σ_7	σ_2	σ_5
σ_2	σ_2	σ_5	σ_0	σ_7	σ_6	σ_1	σ_4	σ_3
σ_3	σ_3	σ_4	σ_7	σ_0	σ_1	σ_6	σ_5	σ_2
σ_4	σ_4	σ_3	σ_5	σ_1	σ_0	σ_2	σ_7	σ_6
σ_5	σ_5	σ_2	σ_4	σ_6	σ_7	σ_3	σ_0	σ_1
σ_6	σ_6	σ_7	σ_1	σ_5	σ_2	σ_0	σ_3	σ_4
σ_7	σ_7	σ_6	σ_3	σ_2	σ_5	σ_4	σ_1	σ_0

To prove that $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$ is a generator pair of B_2 , we build the Cayley graph.



Cayley graph associated to B_2

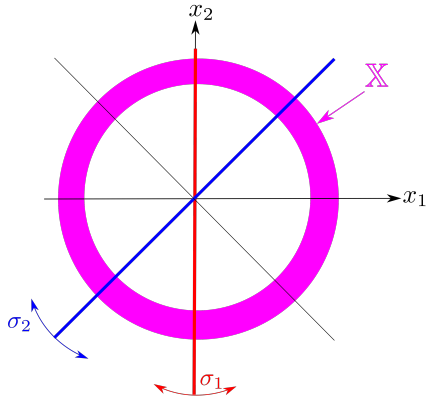
We see that $\sigma_6 \circ \sigma_7 = \underbrace{\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2}_{\sigma_6} \circ \underbrace{\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1}_{\sigma_7} = \sigma_4$

Hyperoctohedral symmetries of a set

We define the *stabiliser* of B_n with respect to $\mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ as

$$B_n(\mathbb{X}) = \{\sigma \in B_n \mid \sigma(\mathbb{X}) = \mathbb{X}\}.$$

$B_n(\mathbb{X})$ is a subgroup of B_n .



Checking that a symmetry is a stabilizer

Checking that $\sigma \in B_n(\mathbb{X})$ i.e., $\sigma(\mathbb{X}) = \mathbb{X}$ amounts to check that two polynomial equalities are equivalent.

For

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

the equality $\sigma(\mathbb{X}) = \mathbb{X}$ rewrites into

$$\begin{cases} x_3 x_1 - x_4 x_2 - x_5 & = & 0 \\ x_4 x_1 + x_3 x_2 - x_6 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + x_4^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_3 x_5 + x_4 x_6 - x_1 & = & 0 \\ -x_4 x_5 + x_3 x_6 - x_2 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + (-x_4)^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{cases}$$

```
from sympy import *  
x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6=symbols('x1 x2 x3 x4 x5 x6')  
S1=[x3*x1-x4*x2-x5,x4*x1+x3*x2-x6,x3**2+x4**2-1]  
S2=[x3*x5+x4*x6-x1,-x4*x5+x3*x6-x2,x3**2+(-x4)**2-1]  
G1=groebner(S1,x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,order='lex')  
G2=groebner(S2,x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,order='lex')  
print(G1==G2)
```

We have indeed the form

$$\begin{cases} P_1(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ P_2(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ P_3(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} Q_1(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ Q_2(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ Q_3(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_6)$.

To prove the equivalence, we check that for all j ,

$$Q_j(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i A_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot P_i(\mathbf{x})$$

and that for all i ,

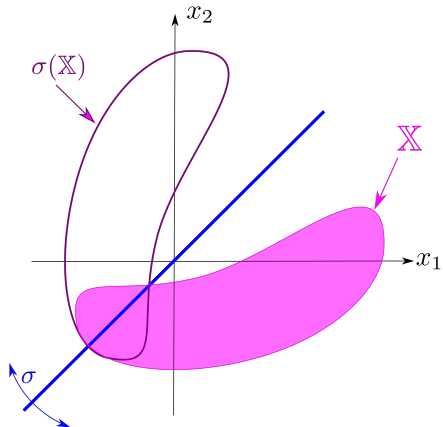
$$P_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j B_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot Q_j(\mathbf{x}).$$

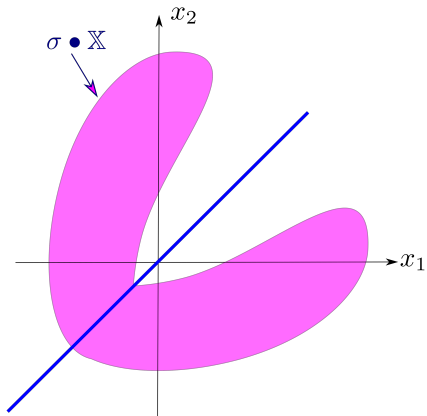
Equivalently, we check that the Grobner basis, computed by the Buchberger's algorithm, for $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$ and for $\{Q_1, Q_2, Q_3\}$ are the same.

Acts

For $\sigma \in B_n$, we define the *act* operator:

$$\sigma \bullet \mathbb{X} = \mathbb{X} \cup \sigma(\mathbb{X}).$$



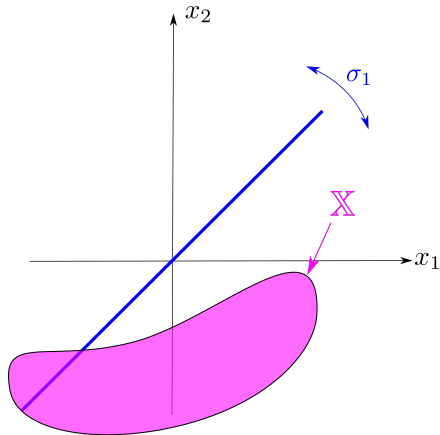


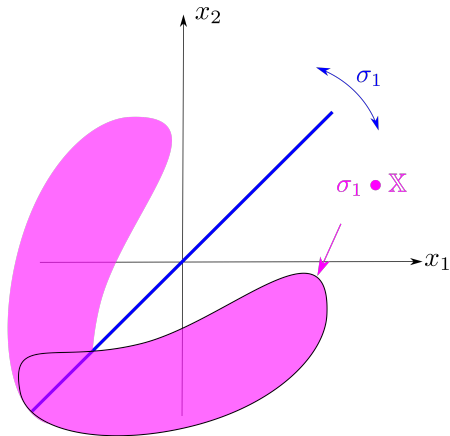
Semi-group action

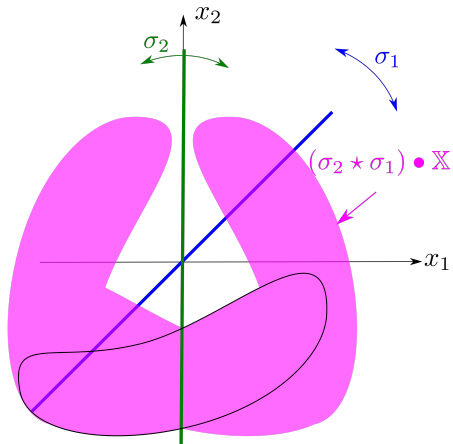
Given $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots\}$ in B_n , we define the operator $\star$ as follows

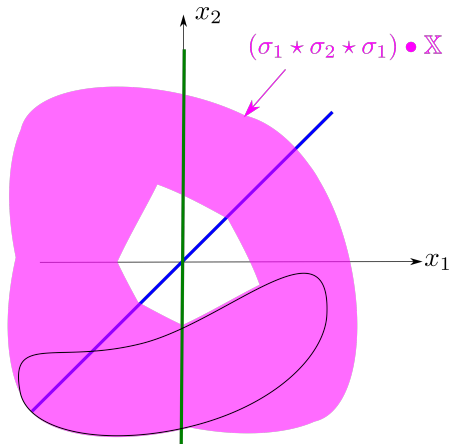
$$\begin{aligned}(\sigma_2 \star \sigma_1) \bullet \mathbb{X} &= \sigma_2 \bullet (\sigma_1 \bullet \mathbb{X}) \\(\sigma_3 \star \sigma_2 \star \sigma_1) \bullet \mathbb{X} &= \sigma_3 \bullet (\sigma_2 \bullet (\sigma_1 \bullet \mathbb{X})) \\&\vdots\end{aligned}$$

The algebraic structure $(\Sigma, \star)$ corresponds to a semi-group action [3].









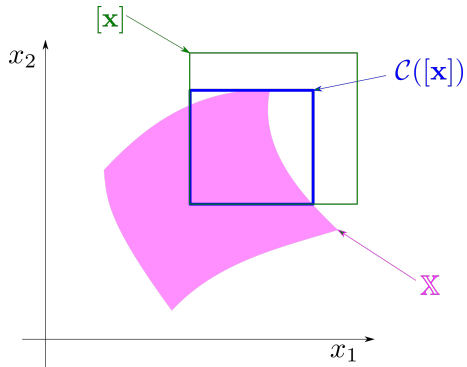
Contractor Acts

A *contractor* $\mathcal{C}$ for a set $\mathbb{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is an operator $\mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{C}([x]) \subset [x] & \text{(contractance)} \\ [x] \subset [y] \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}([x]) \subset \mathcal{C}([y]). & \text{(monotonicity)} \\ \mathcal{C}([x]) \cap \mathbb{X} = [x] \cap \mathbb{X} & \text{(consistency)} \end{array}$$

There exists a minimal contractor for $\mathbb{X}$, given by

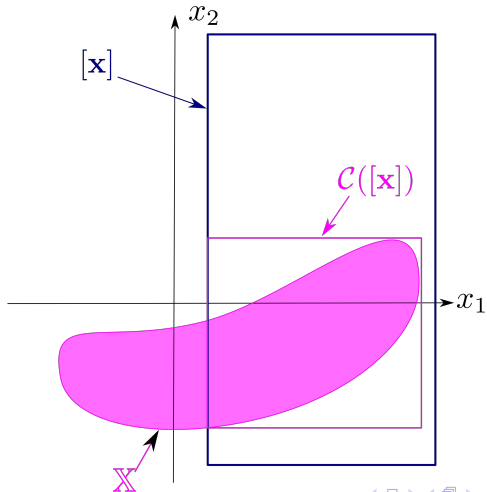
$$\mathcal{C}([x]) = [[x] \cap \mathbb{X}]$$

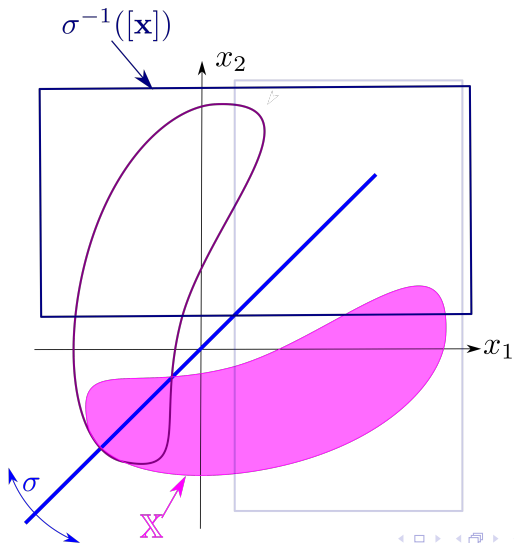


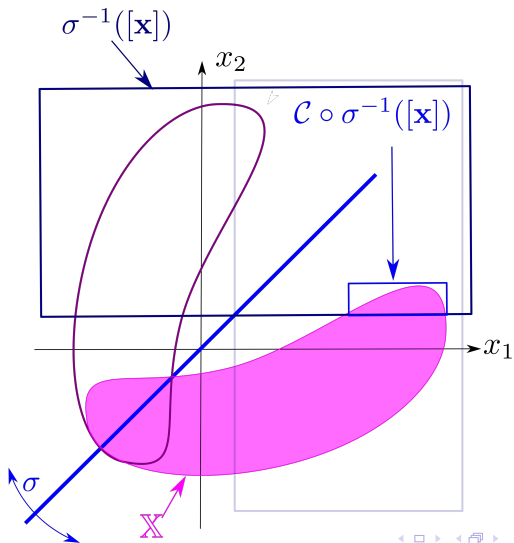
Minimal contractor $\mathcal{C}$ for the set $\mathbb{X}$

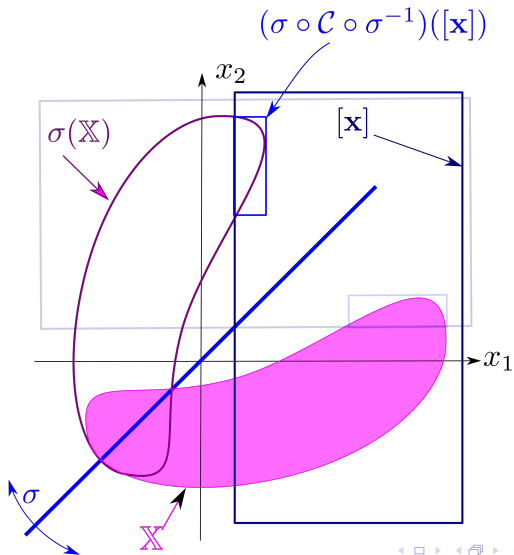
If $\mathcal{C}$ is a contractor in $\mathbb{R}^n$, and $\sigma \in B_n$, we define the *contractor act* of σ on $\mathcal{C}$ as

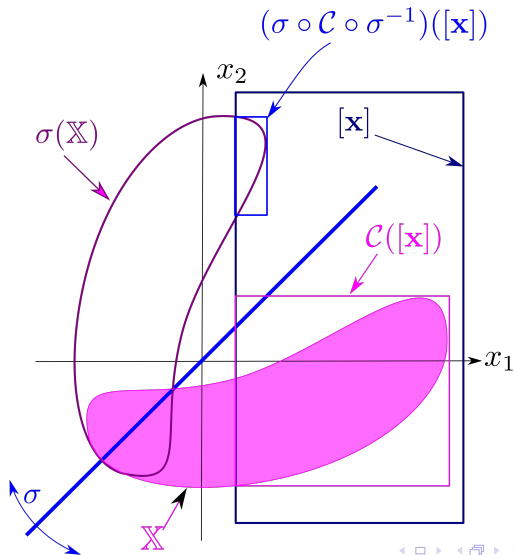
$$\sigma \bullet \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C} \sqcup \sigma \circ \mathcal{C} \circ \sigma^{-1}.$$

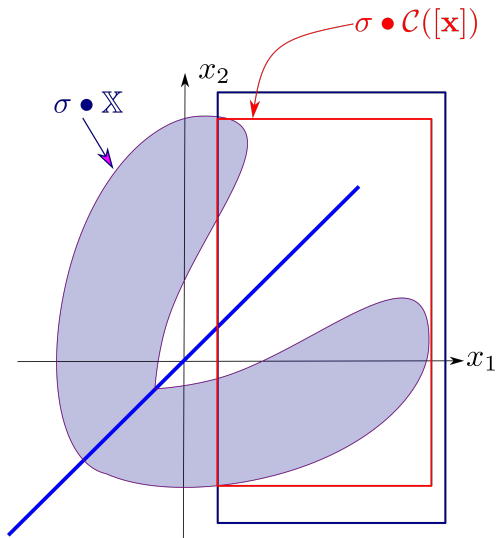












Proposition. If $\mathcal{C}$ is a minimal contractor for $\mathbb{X}$ and if $\sigma \in B_n$ then $\sigma \bullet \mathcal{C}$ is a minimal contractor for $\sigma \bullet \mathbb{X}$, i.e.,

$$\sigma \bullet \mathcal{C}([x]) = \llbracket [x] \cap \sigma \bullet \mathbb{X} \rrbracket.$$

Corollary. If $\mathcal{C}$ is a minimal contractor for $\mathbb{X}$ and if $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k$ are in B_n then $(\sigma_k \star \dots \star \sigma_1) \bullet \mathcal{C}$ is a minimal contractor for $(\sigma_k \star \dots \star \sigma_1) \bullet \mathbb{X}$, i.e.,

Square constraint

We consider the set

$$\mathbb{X} : x_1^2 - x_2 = 0.$$

Over $[a] = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$, the minimal contractor is

$$\mathcal{C}_0 \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} [x_1] \cap [\sqrt{x_2^-}, \sqrt{x_2^+}] \\ [x_2] \cap [x_1^{-2}, x_1^{+2}] \end{pmatrix}.$$

The stabilizers for $\mathbb{X}$ are

$$B_2(\mathbb{X}) = \left\{ \sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Indeed

$$x_1^2 - x_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (-x_1)^2 - x_2 = 0$$

`ValidSequence( $\{\sigma_1\}, [\mathbf{a}]$ )` returns `True`. Thus $\sigma_1 \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$ is the minimal contractor for $\mathbb{X}$.

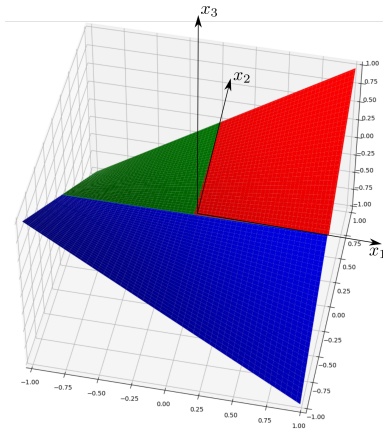
Product constraint

We consider the constraint

$$\mathbb{X}: x_1 x_2 = x_3.$$

i.e.

$$\mathbb{X} = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1 x_2 = x_3\}$$



Product constraint: $x_1 x_2 = x_3$

A minimal contractor over

$$[\mathbf{a}] = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+.$$

for the constraint $x_1 x_2 = x_3$ is:

$$\mathcal{C}_0 \begin{pmatrix} [x_1] \\ [x_2] \\ [x_3] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [x_1] \cap \left[\frac{x_3^-}{x_2^+}, \frac{x_3^+}{x_2^-} \right] \\ [x_2] \cap \left[\frac{x_3^-}{x_1^+}, \frac{x_3^+}{x_1^-} \right] \\ [x_3] \cap [x_1^- \cdot x_2^-, x_1^+ \cdot x_2^+] \end{pmatrix}.$$

B_3 has $2^3 * 3! = 48$ elements. One of them is

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since

$$x_1 x_2 - x_3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (-x_1) \cdot (-x_2) - x_3 = 0$$

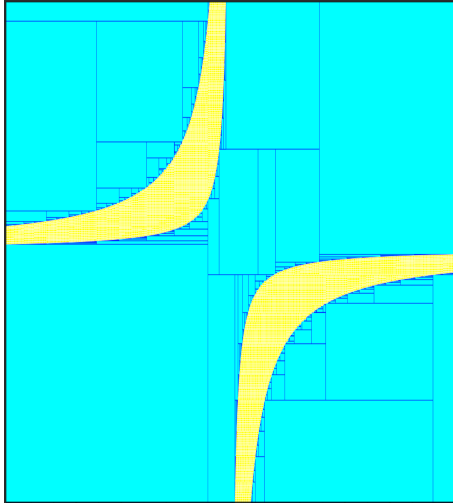
σ_0 is a stabilizer.

Other stabilizers are

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The algorithm `FindMinimalSequence`($\{\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2\}, [\mathbf{a}]$) finds two expressions of minimal length for the minimal contractor for $\mathbb{X}$: $(\sigma_2 \star \sigma_0) \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$ and $(\sigma_0 \star \sigma_2) \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$.

Consider the set of all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, such that $x_1 \cdot x_2 \in [-9, -2]$. We take the contractor $(\sigma_2 \star \sigma_0) \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$ inside a paver.



Rotate constraint

We consider the constraint

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{y}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}_\theta} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}}$$

If $x_2 = 0$ then, we get the classical Polar constraint [5] :

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \cos \theta \\ x_1 \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

We rewrite the constraint as

$$\mathbb{X} : \begin{cases} x_3 x_1 - x_4 x_2 - x_5 & = & 0 \\ x_4 x_1 + x_3 x_2 - x_6 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + x_4^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{cases}$$

Generator

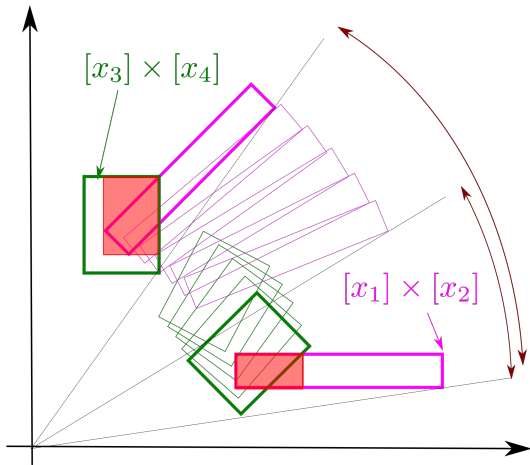
We take

$$[\mathbf{a}] = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ .$$

To get a minimal contractor on $[\mathbf{a}]$, we need to build

$$\mathcal{C}_0 : [\mathbf{x}] \rightarrow [[\mathbf{x}] \cap [\mathbf{a}] \cap \mathbb{X}].$$

A possibility is to use the contractor based on the monotonicity given in [2] [1].



Computing the stabilizers of *Rotate*

We have

$$\text{card}(B_6) = 2^6 \cdot 6! = 46080$$

Take one of them, say

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We check that σ_0 is a stabilizer i.e.,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} x_3 x_1 - x_4 x_2 - x_5 & = & 0 \\ x_4 x_1 + x_3 x_2 - x_6 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + x_4^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} x_3 x_5 + x_4 x_6 - x_1 & = & 0 \\ -x_4 x_5 + x_3 x_6 - x_2 & = & 0 \\ x_3^2 + (-x_4)^2 - 1 & = & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Other elements of $B_6(\mathbb{X})$ could be found, at least four of them should be added to be able to generate B_6 . For instance

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 : (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) &\mapsto (x_5, x_6, x_3, -x_4, x_1, x_2) \\ \sigma_2 : (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) &\mapsto (x_2, -x_1, -x_4, x_3, x_5, x_6) \\ \sigma_3 : (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) &\mapsto (x_1, -x_2, x_3, -x_4, x_5, -x_6) \\ \sigma_4 : (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) &\mapsto (-x_1, -x_2, -x_3, -x_4, x_5, x_6) \\ \sigma_5 : (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) &\mapsto (-x_1, x_2, x_3, -x_4, -x_5, x_6)\end{aligned}$$

There exists 0 sequence of length 4 among the $4!=144$ which generates $B_6(\mathbb{X})$.

There exist 54 sequences of length 5 among the $5!=720$ existing ones which generates $B_6(\mathbb{X})$.

One of them is $\sigma_5 \star \sigma_4 \star \sigma_3 \star \sigma_2 \star \sigma_1$.

A minimal contractor is given by $(\sigma_5 \star \sigma_4 \star \sigma_3 \star \sigma_2 \star \sigma_1) \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$.

```
def s1(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6):return X5,X6,X3,-X4,X1,X2
def s2(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6):return X2,-X1,-X4,X3,X5,X6
def _s2(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6):return -X2,X1,X4,-X3,X5,X6
def s3(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6):return X1,-X2,X3,-X4,X5,-X6
def s4(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6):return -X1,-X2,-X3,-X4,X5,X6
def s5(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6):return -X1,X2,X3,-X4,-X5,X6
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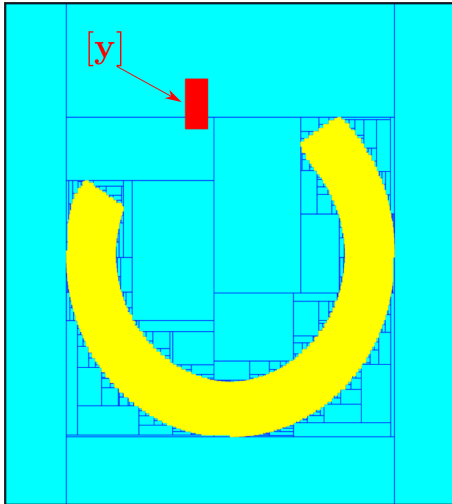
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def Crot(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6):  
    def C0(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6): ...  
    def A(C,s,_s):  
        return lambda X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6 :  
            union_tuple(C(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6),  
                        s(*C(*_s(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6))))  
    return A(A(A(A(A(C0,s1,s1),s2,_s2),s3,s3),  
                s4,s4),s5,s5)(X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6)
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Illustration

Consider the set of all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, such that

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$

with $\theta \in [1, 5]$, $\mathbf{y} \in [\mathbf{y}] = [-4, -2] \times [10, 14]$. We use the contractor $(\sigma_4 \star \dots \star \sigma_0) \bullet \mathcal{C}_0$ inside a paver.



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