Determination of Inner and Outer Bounds of Reachable Sets



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Avoid loss of separation:

- Ensuring aircraft separation is a fundamental aspect when implementing an Air Traffic Management architecture.
- Separation can be ensured by determining an outer bound of the backwards reachable set of the game of two vehicles.





Avoid Loss-of-Control:

- Loss-of-Control of an aircraft occurs when the pilot or auto-pilot are not able to return to a trimming condition from the current flight condition.
- Loss-of-Control was the main cause of all aviation accidents (43%) during the period between 1996 and 2006.



Safe Flight Envelope:



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Reachable Sets

• We consider a dynamical system (u and d are control and disturbances, respectively):

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

 $x(0) \in \mathcal{S}_0 \ (or \ x(t_f) \in \mathcal{T}_0), t \in [0, t_f]$

- f is assumed to be Lipschitz.
- Only piecewise continuous functions are admissible as u(t) and d(t).
- Only non-anticipative control strategies $u(t) = \gamma[d](t)$ are admissible.





Set of all states $x(\tau)$ such that there exists an admissible strategy $u(t) = \gamma[d](t)$ for all admissible disturbance inputs d(t) for which $x(\tau)$ is reachable from some $x(0) \in S_0$.





• Backwards Reachable Set $\mathcal{T}(\tau)$:

Set of all states $x(\tau)$ such that there exists an admissible strategy $u(t) = \gamma[d](t)$ for all admissible disturbance inputs d(t) for which some $x(t_f) \in \mathcal{T}_0$ is reachable from $x(\tau)$.



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•To compute bounds on the final reachable set we begin with the target set and compute bounds at intermediate time steps.



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•We can convert the reachability problem as a set inversion problem.



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If $\mathcal{T}^{-}(t)$ and $\mathcal{T}^{+}(t)$ are such that $\mathcal{T}^{-}(t) \subseteq \mathcal{T}(t) \subseteq \mathcal{T}^{+}(t)$, if $[x] \in \mathbb{IR}^{n}$ is a box of states, if $u \in \mathcal{U}$ and if $d \in \mathcal{D}$ then

- $[\varphi](\tau, [x], u, [\mathbb{D}]) \subseteq \mathcal{T}^{-}(t) \Longrightarrow [x] \subseteq \mathcal{T}(t \tau)$
- $[\varphi](\tau, [x], [\mathbb{U}], d) \cap \mathcal{T}^+(t) = \emptyset \Longrightarrow [x] \cap \mathcal{T}(t \tau) = \emptyset$

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• Another method of computing approximations (by overestimation) is to use contractors:

 $\forall [x], \mathcal{C}_{S}([x]) \subseteq [x]$ (contractance),

 $\forall [x], [x] \cap \mathbb{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{S}}([x])$ (correctness),





If $\mathcal{T}^{-}(t)$ and $\mathcal{T}^{+}(t)$ are such that $\mathcal{T}^{-}(t) \subseteq \mathcal{T}(t) \subseteq \mathcal{T}^{+}(t)$, if $[x] \in \mathbb{I}\mathbb{R}^{n}$ is a box of states, if $u \in \mathcal{U}$ and if $d \in \mathcal{D}$ then

The interval function

 $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}^{c}(t-\tau)}([x]) = [x] \cap [\varphi_{in\nu}](\tau, [[\varphi](\tau, [x], u, [\mathbb{D}]) \cap \mathcal{T}^{-c}(t)], u, [\mathbb{D}])$ Is a contractor for the constraint $x \in \mathcal{T}^{c}(t-\tau)$

The interval function

 $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{T}(t-\tau)}([x]) = [x] \cap [\varphi_{inv}](\tau, [[\varphi](\tau, [x], [\mathbb{U}], d) \cap \mathcal{T}^+(t)], [\mathbb{U}], d)$ Is a contractor for the constraint $x \in \mathcal{T}(t-\tau)$



Proposed Method Outer bound

Algorithm: SubReach (out: $\mathcal{T}^+(0)$, in: $[x]_0, \varepsilon, \mathcal{I}, \mathbb{U}, \mathbb{D}, \mathcal{T}_0^+, t_f, ns, Nstp$)

- 1 $\tau \coloneqq t_f/Nstp$
- 2 Compute the sampling set for the disturbance input
- 3 $\mathcal{T} \coloneqq \mathcal{T}_0^+$
- 4 *j* ≔ 1
- 5 Do
- 6 $\mathcal{T} = B\&P(test(\cdot), [x]_0, \varepsilon, \mathcal{I}) \text{ or } \mathcal{T} = B\&C(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{T}}(\cdot), [x]_0, \varepsilon, \mathcal{I})$
- 7 While $j \leq Nstp$
- 8 $\mathcal{T}^+(0) \coloneqq \mathcal{T}$



Proposed Method Inner bound

Algorithm: SubReach (out: $\mathcal{T}^{-}(0)$, in: $[x]_0, \varepsilon, \mathcal{I}, \mathbb{U}, \mathbb{D}, \mathcal{T}_0^{c^+}, t_f, ns, Nstp$)

- 1 $\tau \coloneqq t_f / Nstp$
- 2 Compute the sampling set for the disturbance input
- 3 $T := T_0^{c^+}$
- $4 \quad j \coloneqq 1$
- 5 Do

6 $\mathcal{T} = B\&P(test(\cdot), [x]_0, \varepsilon, \mathcal{I}) \text{ or } \mathcal{T} = B\&C(\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{T}}(\cdot), [x]_0, \varepsilon, \mathcal{I})$

- 7 Insert on the subpaving \mathcal{T} the boxes resulting from $exclude([x]_0, \mathbb{R}^n)$
- 8 While $j \leq Nstp$

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$$\mathcal{T}^{-}(0) \coloneqq \mathcal{T}^{c}$$



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Double Integrator



 $\mathcal{T}(0)$





Branch and Prune

Outer approximation of reachable set





Branch and Prune

Eliminated Boxes







Branch and Contract



1 Time Step





Branch and Contract



10 Time Steps





Branch and Contract



20 Time Steps



Method (10 Time steps)	Overestimation	Underestimation
Branch & Prune	17.3%	21.1%
Branch & Contract	3.6%	13.0%

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Time steps ^{B&C}	Overestimation	Underestimation
1	17.8%	-
10	3.6%	13.0%
20	7.3%	8.9%



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Conclusions

- Successful approach of application of subpavings to enclose reachable sets.
- Use of contractors drastically reduced overestimation and underestimation.
- More time steps reduced overestimation up to a point. After that point accumulated overestimation at each time step became important.



Thank you!

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