

Inner and Over Approximated Reachability Analysis for the Verification of Control Systems

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Reachability-based verification

Safety verification, temporal properties

- Compute envelopes of all possible trajectories
- If these envelopes do not intersect with unsafe sets of states, then the system is safe
- We may then want to prove some additional temporal properties

This talk: focus on reachability analysis for uncertain non-linear ODEs

- Depending on whether parameters and inputs are controllable (or seen as non controllable disturbances), we discuss maximal and minimal reachability
- We generalize when mixing control and disturbances: robust reachability and approximations : what can we prove beyond safety?
- Not possible to compute exact envelopes : how to compute inner and outer approximations?
- Applications: using these envelopes for the verification of control systems

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Reachable sets of continuous uncertain non-linear dynamics

Consider

$$(S) \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t)) \\ x(0) \in \mathbf{Z}_0, u(t) \in U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p \end{cases} \quad \text{Under classical hypotheses, solutions (flows) } \phi^f(s; x_0, u)$$

Maximal reachability

[I. M. Mitchell, HSCC 2007] Comparing Forward and Backward Reachability as Tools for Safety Analysis

- State x_f is reachable at time s if

$$\exists x_0 \in \mathbf{Z}_0, \exists u : [0, s] \rightarrow U, \text{ s.t. } \phi^f(s; x_0, u) = x_f$$

- The reachable set of system (S) is

$$R_{\mathcal{E}}^f(\mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}) = \{x_f | x_f \text{ is reachable}\}$$

(but not often computed over infinite time)

- The reachable tube or flowpipe over $[0, T]$ is

$$R_{\mathcal{E}}^f(t; \mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}) = \{x_f | x_f \text{ is reachable at time } s \leq t\}$$

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Minimal reachability

Minimal reachable set : states that trajectories will reach whatever the input signal is

$$R_A^f(t; \mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}) = \{z \in \mathcal{D} \mid \forall u \in \mathbb{U}, \exists z_0 \in \mathbf{Z}_0, z = \varphi^f(t; z_0, u)\}$$

Our generalization, in this talk

Robust reachability : states that trajectories will reach whatever some components u_A of the input signal is, and for some other components u_E of the input signal

$$R_{A\mathcal{E}}^f(t; \mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}) = \{z \in \mathcal{D} \mid \forall u_A \in \mathbb{U}_A, \exists u_E \in \mathbb{U}_E, \exists z_0 \in \mathbf{Z}_0, z = \varphi^f(t; z_0, u_A, u_E)\}$$

Think of non controllable perturbations for u_A , and controls for u_E
(maybe time-dependent inputs - control - and perturbations ; note that some other notion of robustness is $\forall u_E, \exists u_A$ but is more difficult to [inner-]approximate!)

First classical application : reachability and safety analysis

Given L a set of unsafe states

Safety verification (definition) : safe if empty intersection of the outer-approximation and the unsafe region :

- The flow φ^f is safe over time horizon $[0, t]$ for all possible inputs if for all $z_0 \in \mathbf{Z}_0$, for all $u \in \mathbb{U}$, trajectories $\varphi^f([0, t]; z_0, u)$ do not intersect L .
- Similarly, φ^f is safe over time horizon $[0, t]$ for some inputs $u_{\mathcal{E}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}$ depending on other arbitrary inputs $u_{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Reachability for safety analysis

At least (theorem) :

- If $R_{\mathcal{E}}^f(t; \mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}) \cap L = \emptyset$ then φ^f is safe over horizon $[0, t]$ for all possible inputs $u \in \mathbb{U}$

Unfortunately, reachable sets are in general not computable

Approximations of robust reachability

Inner and outer approximations

Let two sets $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}}$ such that

$$\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}} \subseteq R_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}}^f(t; \mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}, I_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{E}}) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}}.$$

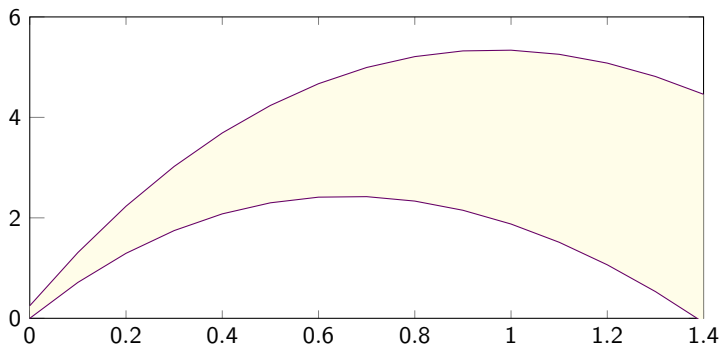
- $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}}$ a *robust inner-approximation*, and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}}$ a *robust outer-approximation*. (with respect to disturbance $u_{\mathcal{A}}$).
- When $I_{\mathcal{E}} = \emptyset$, $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{A}}$ a *minimal inner-approximation* and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}} = \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{A}}$ a *minimal outer-approximation*.
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The problem at hand

- Relate inner and outer approximations to safety verification, and other properties of interest (careful with quantified uncertainties!)
- Find computable such inner and outer approximations

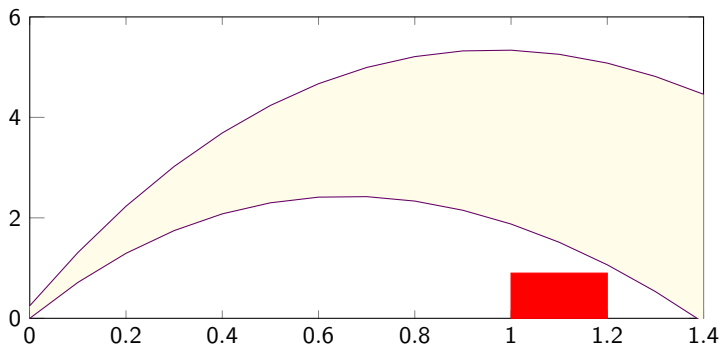
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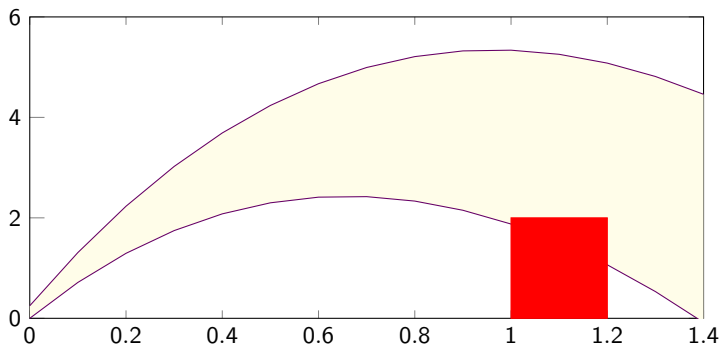
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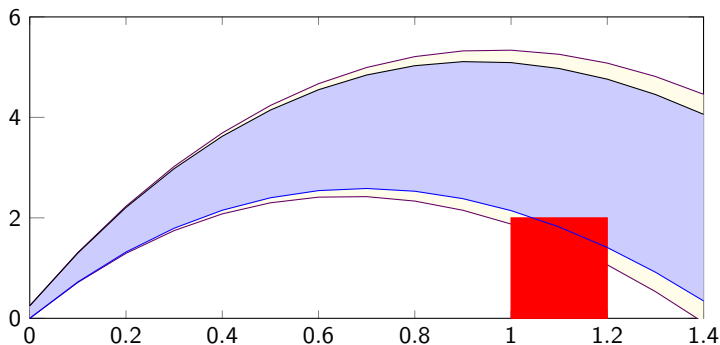
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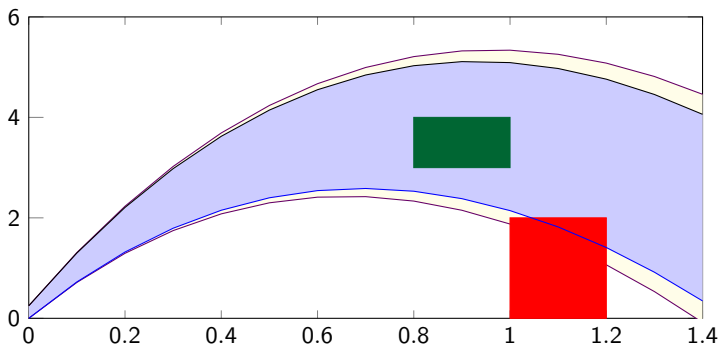
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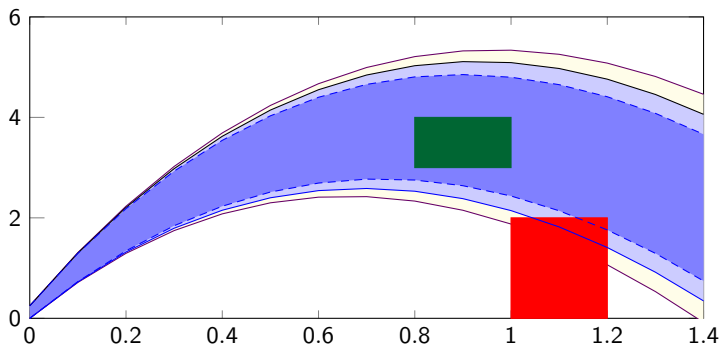
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 - falsification in presence of disturbances or uncertain parameters (robust outer- and inner-approximation)



This can be made precise : safety and falsification analysis

Forward inner and outer-approximations provide semi-decision procedures for safety over a finite time horizon.

Inner and outer approximations for safety

Any inner-approximation \mathcal{I}_s (resp. outer-approximation \mathcal{O}_s) for $s \in [0, t]$ or any flowpipe inner-approximation \mathcal{I} (resp. outer-approximation \mathcal{O}) of the robust reachable set allows to prove the following:

- If $\mathcal{O}_s \cap L = \emptyset$ for all $s \in [0, t]$ (resp. $\mathcal{O} \cap L = \emptyset$) then φ^f is safe over horizon $[0, t]$ for all possible inputs $u \in \mathbb{U}$
- If $\mathcal{I}_s \cap L \neq \emptyset$ for some $s \in [0, t]$ (resp. $\mathcal{I} \cap L \neq \emptyset$) then φ^f is unsafe over horizon $[0, t]$, for some possible inputs $u_{\mathcal{E}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}$ (possibly depending on disturbances $u_{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}$)

We can also interpret other properties of interest

Given a target set K and a set L to be avoided, what is the set of initial states such that there exists a control going from these initial states to K , while avoiding L ?

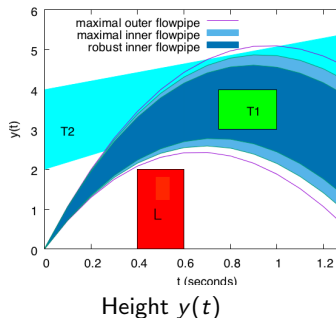
Reach-avoid/Sweep-avoid properties

- If an outer-approximation \mathcal{O} at some time instant is fully included in K , and if the intersection of the outer-approximation tube with the unsafe set L is empty then \mathbf{Z}_0 is the set of initial states that ensures the reach-avoid property
- If moreover, $K \subseteq \mathcal{I}$, then we proved that the whole target set K is covered, we solved the (robust) sweep-avoid problem.

In brief : "classical" properties for the verification of control systems

Example of a shooting cannon

- **Safety verification:** if empty intersection of the outer-approximation and the unsafe region - here L
- **Safety falsification:** if non-empty intersection of the inner-approximation and the unsafe region
- **Robust falsification:** if non-empty intersection of the robust inner-approximation and the unsafe states (cannot be proved by testing)
- **Reach-avoid:** some point of region T2 (a moving target) is reachable (while avoiding L), whatever the mass of the bullet: T2 intersects with the robust inner-approximation
- **Sweep-avoid:** the whole region T1 is covered (while avoiding L) whatever the mass of the bullet, for some initialization: T1 is included in the robust inner-approximation



Also inner and outer-approximations of the viability kernel (but indirectly - not in this paper)

Backward reachable sets

- (Robust) Backward reachable set :

$$B_{\mathcal{AE}}^f(K, [0, t]; \mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}, I_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{E}}) = \{z_0 \in \mathbf{Z}_0 \mid \forall u_{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \\ \exists u_{\mathcal{E}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}, \exists s \in [0, t], \exists z \in K, z = \varphi^f(s; z_0, u)\}$$

- This is just in our case

$$B_{\mathcal{AE}}^f(K, [0, t]; \mathbf{Z}_0, \mathbb{U}, I_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{E}}) = R_{\mathcal{AE}}^{-f}([0, t]; K, \mathbb{U}, I_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{E}}) \cap \mathbf{Z}_0 \quad (1)$$

- Hence inner and outer-approximations of the backward reachable sets, similarly.

Semi-decision for backward reachability

Let L be a set of unsafe states, $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{AE}}$ an inner-approximation of the robust reachable set $R_{\mathcal{AE}}^{-f}([0, t]; L, \mathbb{U}, I_{\mathcal{A}}, I_{\mathcal{E}})$, and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{E}}$ a maximal outer-approximation, we have:

- If $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{E}} \cap \mathbf{Z}_0 = \emptyset$ then $\forall u \in \mathbb{U}$, φ^f is safe over time $[0, t]$
- If $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{AE}} \cap \mathbf{Z}_0 \neq \emptyset$ then $\exists u_{\mathcal{E}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}$ which makes φ^f unsafe

(also, backward reach-avoid properties, see the article)

Taylor models outer-approximated flowpipes (Berz & Makino, Nedialkov, Chen & Abraham & Sankaranarayanan.)

For $\dot{z}(t) = f(z)$, $z(t_0) \in [z_0]$ with $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, given a time grid $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N$, we use Taylor models at order k to outer-approximate the solution $(t, z_0) \mapsto z(t, z_0)$ on each time interval $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$:

$$[z](t, t_j, [z_j]) = [z_j] + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{(t - t_j)^i}{i!} f^{[i]}([z_j]) + \frac{(t - t_j)^k}{k!} f^{[k]}([r_{j+1}]),$$

- the Taylor coefficients $f^{[i]}$ are defined inductively and can be computed by automatic differentiation:

$$\begin{aligned} f_k^{[1]} &= f_k \\ f_k^{[i+1]} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f_k^{[i]}}{\partial z_j} f_j \end{aligned}$$

- bounding the remainder supposes to first compute a (rough) enclosure $[r_{j+1}]$ of solution $z(t, z_0)$ on $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$, classical by Picard iteration: find h_{j+1} , $[r_{j+1}]$ such that

$$[z_j] + [0, h_{j+1}]f([r_{j+1}]) \subseteq [r_{j+1}]$$

- initialization of next iterate $[z_{j+1}] = [z](t_{j+1}, t_j, [z_j])$

Taylor models are efficiently and precisely estimated in affine arithmetic / zonotopes

Computing inner-approximations? An outline

Inner approximation of the range of $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ on a set $[x]$

- modal intervals and Kaucher arithmetic ($f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)
- generalized mean value theorem: relies on outer-approximation of f and its *Jacobian* on $[x]$

Inner approximation of the solution of an uncertain dynamical system

$\dot{z}(t) = f(z), z(t_0) \in [z_0]$

- solution $z_0 \mapsto z(t, z_0)$ of this system is a function $z : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- we want to compute inner-approximated flowpipe on this function
- we need an outer-approximated flowpipe for z and its Jacobian with respect to z_0 (and parameters) : “classical” Taylor model based outer-approximated flowpipes
- then we can apply generalized mean value theorem on z

Intervals, outer and inner approximations

Intervals: closed connected subsets of \mathbb{R} , noted $[x] \in I$; by extension $[x] \in I^n$ n-dim boxes

For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$, we would like to compute $\text{range}(f, [x]) = \{f(x), x \in [x]\}$.

Outer approximation

- An outer approximating extension of $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ over intervals is $[f] : I^n \rightarrow I$ such that

$$\forall [x] \in I^n, \text{range}(f, [x]) \subseteq [z] = [f]([x])$$

- Natural interval extension: replacing real by interval operations in function f .

Example: the extension of $f(x) = x^2 - x$ on $[2, 3]$ is $[f]([2, 3]) = [2, 3]^2 - [2, 3] = [1, 7]$, and can be interpreted as

$$(\forall x \in [2, 3]) (\exists z \in [1, 7]) (f(x) = z).$$

Inner approximation

An interval inner approximation $[z] \in I$ satisfies $[z] \subseteq \text{range}(f, [x])$ of the range of f over $[x]$, and can be interpreted as

$$(\forall z \in [z]) (\exists x \in [x]) (f(x) = z).$$

Generalized intervals for outer and inner approximations

Generalized intervals

- Intervals whose bounds are not ordered $K = \{[a, b], a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- Called proper if $a \leq b$, else improper

Definition (Following Goldsztejn et al. 2005)

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function and $[x] \in K^n$, decomposed in $[x]_{\mathcal{A}} \in I^p$ and $[x]_{\mathcal{E}} \in (\text{dual } I)^q$ with $p + q = n$. A generalized interval $[z] \in K$ is $(f, [x])$ -interpretable if

$$(\forall x_{\mathcal{A}} \in [x]_{\mathcal{A}}) (Q_z z \in \text{pro } [z]) (\exists x_{\mathcal{E}} \in \text{pro } [x]_{\mathcal{E}}), (f(x) = z)$$

where $Q_z = \exists$ if $[z]$ is proper, and $Q_z = \forall$ if $[z]$ is improper.

- When all intervals are proper, we get an outer approximation of $\text{range}(f, [x])$

$$(\forall x \in [x]) (\exists z \in [z]) (f(x) = z).$$

- When all intervals are improper, we get an inner approximation of $\text{range}(f, [x])$

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Kaucher arithmetic [Kaucher 1980] on generalized intervals

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Kaucher multiplication

Let $\mathcal{P} = \{[x] = [\underline{x}, \bar{x}], \underline{x} \geq 0 \wedge \bar{x} \geq 0\}$, $-\mathcal{P} = \{[x] = [\underline{x}, \bar{x}], \underline{x} \leq 0 \wedge \bar{x} \leq 0\}$,
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Interpretation of Kaucher arithmetic, Goldsztejn et al. 2005

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Let us suppose $[z]$ improper:

- computing $[z] = [x] \times [y]$ consists in finding $[z]$ such that $\forall x \in [x], \forall z \in \text{pro } [z], \exists y \in \text{pro } [y], z = x \times y$;
- instanciating the property for $0 \in [x]$, we get $\forall z \in \text{pro } [z], (\exists y \in \text{pro } [y]) z = 0$. Thus $[z]$ is necessarily 0.

Limitations of Kaucher and interval arithmetic

Kaucher arithmetic defines a generalized interval natural extension :

- Interpretable as outer approximation when all intervals are proper (interval arithmetic), but may be insufficiently accurate because of dependency problem
- Interpretable as inner approximation when all intervals are improper and f is given by an arithmetic expression with single occurrences of variables

Example

Let $f(x) = x^2 - x$ that we want to evaluate on $[2, 3]$. Exact range is $\text{range}(f, [2, 3]) = [2, 6]$.

- dependency problem in outer-approximation: accuracy loss
 $[f]([2, 3]) = [2, 3] * [2, 3] - [2, 3] = [1, 7]$
- single-occurrence limitation in inner-approximation: not interpretable
 $[f]([3, 2])$ computed with Kaucher arithmetic is $[7, 1]$, not an inner-approximation.

A solution: mean-value theorem (and inductive construction of a zonotopic outer-approximation)

Solving the single-occurrence limitation

Generalized mean-value theorem (Goldsztejn 2005)

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Inner-approximated flowpipes for uncertain ODEs

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we need a guaranteed enclosure of $z(t, \check{z}_0)$ for some $\check{z}_0 \in \text{pro } [z_0]$ and

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial z}{\partial z_{0,i}}(t, z_0), z_0 \in \text{pro } [z_0] \right\} \subseteq [J_i] : \text{Taylor models}$$

Algorithm (Init: $j = 0, t_j = t_0, [z_j] = [z_0], [\check{z}_j] = \check{z}_0 \in [z_0], [J_j] = Id$)

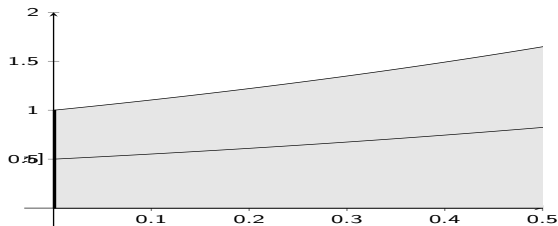
- For each time interval $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$, build Taylor models for:
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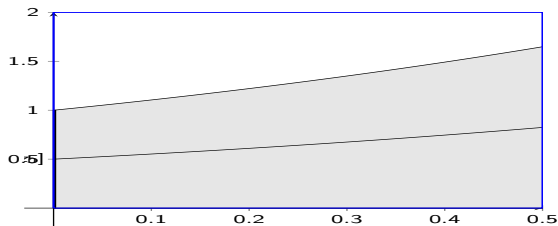
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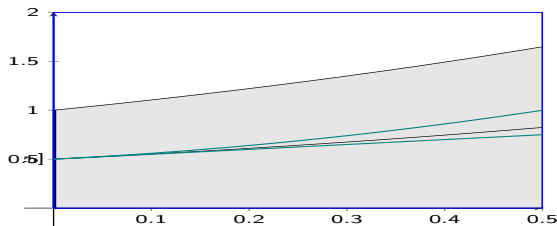
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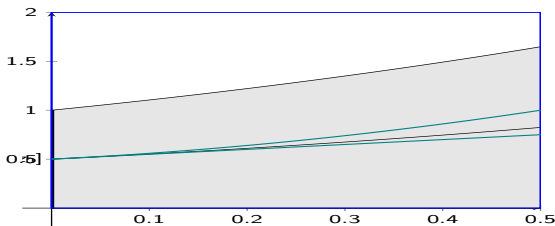


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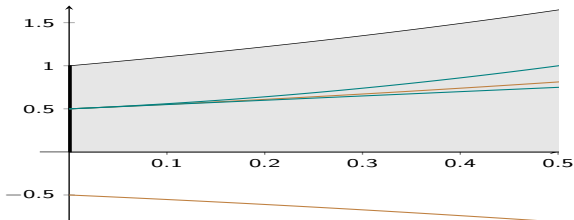
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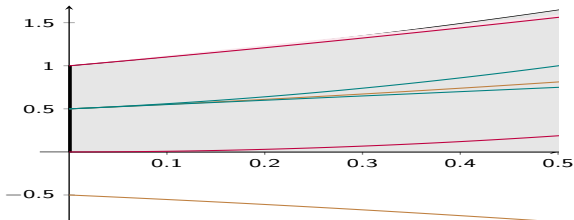
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Suppose u is a function of time, sufficiently smooth on each time interval $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$, and with bounded time derivatives $u^{(i)}$, then $f^{[i+1]}$ has to be computed as:

$$f^{[i+1]} = \frac{1}{i+1} \left(\frac{\partial f^{[i]}}{\partial z} \cdot f + \sum_{l=0}^{i-1} \frac{\partial f^{[i]}}{\partial u^{(l)}} \cdot u^{(l+1)} \right)$$

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- Restrict \mathbb{U} to the space of m piecewise polynomials of degree l on each interval $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$ (still an inner-approximation) :

$$p_{(u_j^i)}(t) = \sum_{q=0}^l u_j^q \frac{(t - t_j)^q}{q!} \quad (2)$$

for $t \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$.

- Extend the original ODE by adding variable z_{n+1} , identified with time, solution of $\dot{z}_{n+1} = 1$, $z_{n+1}(0) = 0$. Replacing each control component by expressions (2), and t with z_{n+1} , gives a new ODE system.
- The rest of the inner- Taylor method applies when we have bounds on values and derivatives of controls up to some degree l (that imply interval values for (u_j^q)).

Application: analysis of the (nonlinear) dynamics of a small quadrotor (the crazyflie 2.0) and of its attitude controller

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{z} &= -\sin(\theta)u + \cos(\theta)\sin(\phi)v + \cos(\theta)\cos(\phi)w \\
 \dot{u} &= rv - qw + \sin(\theta)g \\
 \dot{v} &= -ru + pw - \cos(\theta)\sin(\phi)g \\
 \dot{w} &= qu - pv - \cos(\theta)\cos(\phi)g + \frac{F}{m} \\
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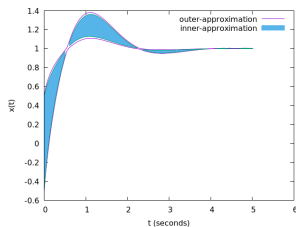
Prove the good behavior of the PID controller which is actually embedded on the crazyflie, with a realistic model, for uncertain parameters.

$$\begin{cases}
 thrust &= 1000 * (25(2(z_{sp} - z) - w) + 15 \int (2(z_{sp} - z) - w)dt) + 36000 \\
 cmd_\phi &= 250(p_{sp} - p) + 500 \int (p_{sp} - p)dt \\
 cmd_\theta &= 250(q_{sp} - q) + 500 \int (q_{sp} - q)dt \\
 cmd_\psi &= 120(r_{sp} - r) + 16.7 \int (r_{sp} - r)dt
 \end{cases}$$

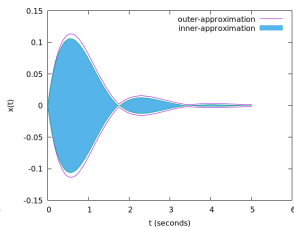


Reachability results on the crazyflie (with F. Djeumou)

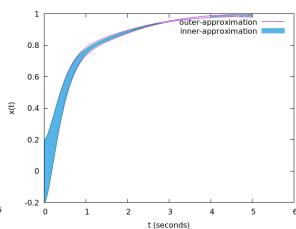
Takes 6.3 seconds with Taylor models of order 5



Roll rate p



Roll ϕ



Altitude z

Robust inner-approximating flowpipes

Let initial set Z_0 and uncertain (constant) parameters $u = (u_{\mathcal{A}}, u_{\mathcal{E}}) \in \mathbb{U}$:

(Maximal) Inner-approximation

An inner-approximation at time t of the reachable set, is $]z[(t; Z_0, \mathbb{U})$ such that $(\forall z \in]z[(t; Z_0, \mathbb{U})) (\exists u \in \mathbb{U}) (\exists z_0 \in Z_0) (\varphi(t; z_0, u) = z)$.

Robust (minimal) Inner-approximation

An inner-approximation of the reachable set $z(t; Z_0, \mathbb{U})$ at time t , robust with respect to $u_{\mathcal{A}}$, is a set $]z[_{\mathcal{A}}(t; Z_0, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}})$ such that $(\forall z \in]z[_{\mathcal{A}}(t; Z_0, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}})) (\forall u_{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}) (\exists u_{\mathcal{E}} \in \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}) (\exists z_0 \in Z_0) (\varphi(t; z_0, u_{\mathcal{A}}, u_{\mathcal{E}}) = z)$.

Theorem (Generalized Mean-Value Theorem again)

If for t in $[t_{ij}, t_{i(j+1)}]$, the following, evaluated with Kaucher arithmetic, is improper

$$\begin{aligned}]z[_{\mathcal{A}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}) &= [z](t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [\check{z}_{ij}]) + [J]_{\mathcal{A}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [J_{ij}])(\mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}} - \check{u}_{\mathcal{A}}) \\ &\quad + [J]_{\mathcal{E}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [J_{ij}])(\text{dual } \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}} - \check{u}_{\mathcal{E}}) + [J]_{Z_0}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [J_{ij}])(\text{dual } Z_0 - \check{z}_0) \end{aligned}$$

then (pro $]z[_{\mathcal{A}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}})$) is an inner-approximation of the reachable set $z(t; Z_0, \mathbb{U})$ on $[t_{ij}, t_{i(j+1)}]$, robust to the parameters $u_{\mathcal{A}}$

Robust outer-approximating flowpipes

Remember: the Generalized Mean-value theorem is also suited for outer-approximation!

Theorem (Generalized Mean-Value Theorem again)

If for t in $[t_{ij}, t_{i(j+1)}]$, the following, evaluated with Kaucher arithmetic, is proper

$$[\mathbf{z}]_{\mathcal{A}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}) = [\mathbf{z}](t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [\check{\mathbf{z}}_{ij}]) + [\mathbf{J}]_{\mathcal{A}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [\mathbf{J}_{ij}])(\mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}} - \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{E}}) \\ + [\mathbf{J}]_{Z_0}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [\mathbf{J}_{ij}])(Z_0 - \check{z}_0) + [\mathbf{J}]_{\mathcal{E}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, [\mathbf{J}_{ij}])(\text{dual } \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}} - \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{A}})$$

then $([\mathbf{z}]_{\mathcal{A}}(t, t_{ij}, Z_0, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathbb{U}_{\mathcal{E}}))$ is a robust outer-approximation of the reachable set $\mathbf{z}(t; Z_0, \mathbb{U})$ on $[t_{ij}, t_{i(j+1)}]$, robust to the parameters $u_{\mathcal{A}}$

Intuitively, the term on $u_{\mathcal{A}}$ is improper, and thus decreases the width of the outer-approximations which may even become empty (more subtle than it looks, see paper!)

An example, a simple self-driving car

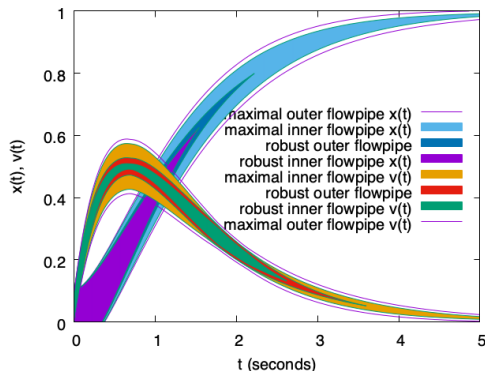
Basic PD-controller for a self-driving car

- controlling the car's position x and velocity v by adjusting its acceleration depending on the current distance to a reference position p_r .
- possibly uncertain (but constant here) coefficients K_p and K_d :
 $(K_p, K_d) \in [1.95, 2.05] \times [2.95, 3.05]$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = v(t) \\ \dot{v}(t) = -K_p(x(t) - p_r) - K_d v(t) \end{cases}$$

- uncertain initial state $(x_0, v_0) \in [-0.1, 0.1] \times [0, 0.1]$

Graphically

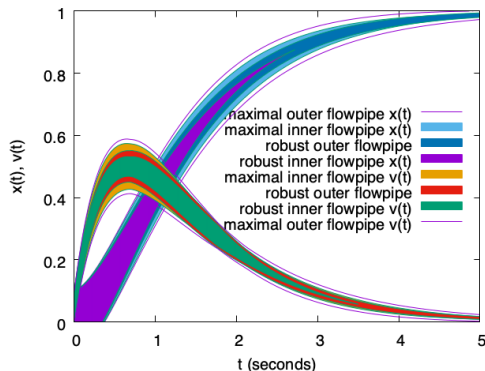


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- Robust outer flowpipes = states that may be reached for some input, whatever K_p/K_d (for any state in the complement, there thus exist some K_p/K_d for which it cannot be reached)
- Robust inner flowpipes = states that are guaranteed to be reached for some input whatever the value of K_p/K_d

Robustness to both K_p and K_d

- The outer-approximations prove safety (the velocity never becomes negative)
- The inner-approximations provide falsification when relevant, and the combination of outer and inner approximates an accuracy measure γ
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Future work

Approximate reachability and verification of temporal properties

- STL-like properties are requirements along traces (or trajectories) but for an uncertain system, we have tubes of trajectories
- Inner and outer approximating tubes of trajectories considered "geometrically" provide some sufficient/necessary conditions
- But these conditions are often too weak/strong
 - reasoning on the envelope will often not be sufficient to prove a property that holds for each trace individually
 - the inner-approximation is fine for proving state reachability, but limited when speaking about trace existence: consider 2 states, inner-approximation proves that both are reached, not that there exist a same trace going through both
- Use the parametrization of the Taylor coefficients by the noise symbols to refine the verification conditions ? (on-going work)

More challenges/applications

- Embedding lightweight verification techniques in autonomous vehicles (limited computation/transmission)
- Distributed hybrid systems (variable transmission delays, coordination problems, etc)

Any questions?

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