

Reachability Analysis of Nonlinear and Hybrid Systems using Zonotopes

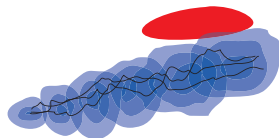
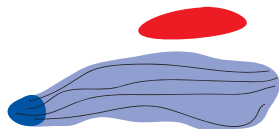
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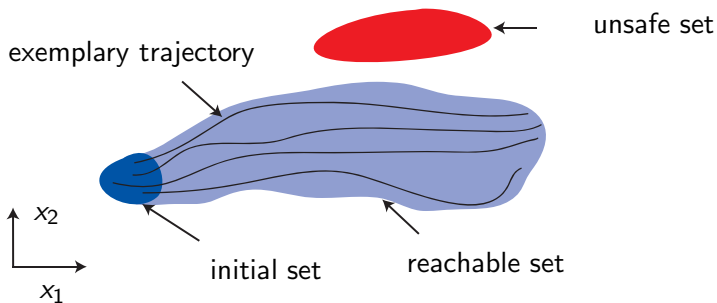
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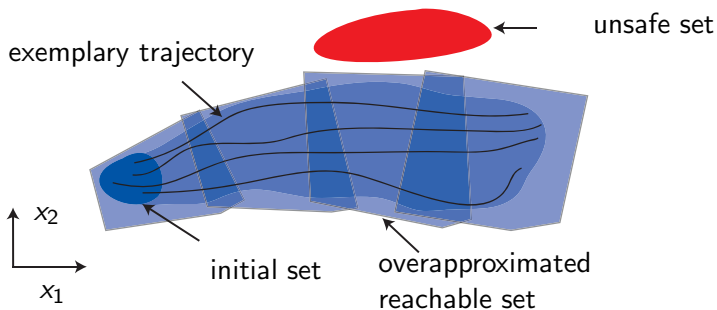


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- Overapproximated system is safe \rightarrow real system is safe.

Linear Systems with Uncertain Parameters

Reachability analysis is performed for the following system class:

System Model

$$\dot{x} = Ax + u(t),$$

$$x(0) \in X_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u(t) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad A \in \mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

where \mathcal{A} is a matrix of intervals and U is a zonotope (specified later).

Example:

$$A \in \mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} [-1.05, -0.95] & [-4.05, -3.95] \\ [3.95, 4.05] & [-1.05, -0.95] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u(t) \in U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [-0.1, 0.1]$$

Initial State Solution (Homogeneous Solution)

Exact Solution (no uncertainties)

$$x(r) = e^{Ar}x(0).$$

Exact Solution (uncertain system matrix)

$$x(r) \in \left\{ e^{Ar}x(0) \mid A \in \mathcal{A} \right\}$$

- The set of exponential matrices is written in short as $e^{\mathcal{A}r}$.
- How to compute a tight over-approximation?

Preliminaries: Interval Arithmetic

The interval matrix exponential e^{Ar} is computed based on the addition and multiplication rule:

Given are the intervals $a = [\underline{a}, \bar{a}]$ and $b = [\underline{b}, \bar{b}]$:

$$a + b = [\underline{a} + \underline{b}, \bar{a} + \bar{b}]$$

$$ab = [\min(\underline{a}\underline{b}, \underline{a}\bar{b}, \bar{a}\underline{b}, \bar{a}\bar{b}), \max(\underline{a}\underline{b}, \underline{a}\bar{b}, \bar{a}\underline{b}, \bar{a}\bar{b})]$$

Interval arithmetic is only exact for *single-use-expressions* (SUE).

Example ($a = [-2, -1]$, $b = [-1, 1]$):

$$c = ab + a = [-4, 1], \quad \text{not SUE} \rightarrow \text{overapproximated}$$

$$c = a(b + 1) = [-4, 0], \quad \text{SUE} \rightarrow \text{exact}$$

Interval Matrix Exponential

Taylor series of e^{At}

$$e^{At} = I + \underbrace{At + \frac{1}{2!}(At)^2}_{W(t)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3!}(At)^3 + \dots}_{\sum_{i=3}^m \frac{1}{i!}(At)^i + E(t)}$$

- W is computed exactly: Interval arithmetic (SUE) & Analytical minimum and maximum for non-SUE elements.
- $\sum_{i=3}^m \frac{1}{i!}(At)^i$ is overapproximated with interval arithmetic (not SUE).
- $E(t)$ is a standard approximation for the matrix exponential remainder extended to interval matrices.

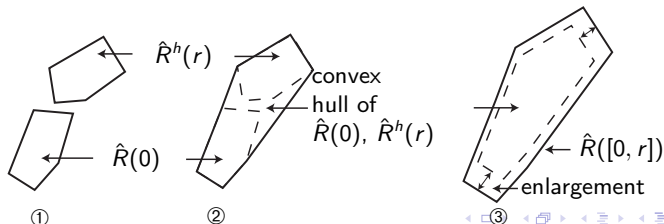
Overview of Reachable Set Computation

- ① Compute reachable set $\hat{R}^h(r)$ at time r (without input).
- ② Obtain convex hull of $\hat{R}(0)$ and $\hat{R}^h(r)$.
- ③ Enlarge reachable set to guarantee enclosure of all trajectories.

$$\hat{R}([0, r]) = \underbrace{\text{CH}(\hat{R}(0), \overbrace{e^{-Ar} \hat{R}(0)}^{\textcircled{1}}})}_{\textcircled{2}} + \underbrace{F\hat{R}(0) + \hat{R}^i([0, r])}_{\textcircled{3}}$$

F : Error interval due to the curvature of trajectories within $t \in [0, r]$.

$\hat{R}^i([0, r])$: Reachable set of the input (inhomogeneous solution).

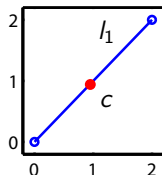
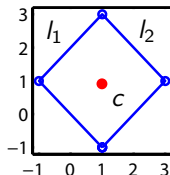
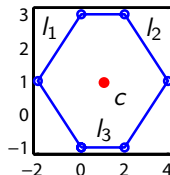


Representation of Reachable Sets

Definition of a zonotope Z

$$Z = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x = c + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i g^{(i)}, \quad -1 \leq \beta_i \leq 1 \right\}, \quad c, g^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Interpretation: Minkowski sum of line segments $l_i = [-1, 1]g^{(i)}$.
- Zonotopes are centrally symmetric to c .
- Short notation: $Z = (c, g^{(1 \dots p)})$.

(a) $c + l_1$ (b) $c + l_1 + l_2$ (c) $c + l_1 + l_2 + l_3$

Operations on Zonotopes

Given are $Z_1 = (c_1, g^{(1\dots p)})$ and $Z_2 = (c_2, d^{(1\dots p)})$.

Addition

$$Z_1 + Z_2 := \{x + y \mid x \in Z_1, y \in Z_2\} = (c_1 + c_2, g^{(1\dots p)}, d^{(1\dots u)})$$

Matrix Multiplication

$$LZ_1 := \{Lx \mid x \in Z_1\} = (Lc, Lg^{(1\dots p)}), \quad L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

Interval Matrix Multiplication

After defining $\hat{A} = [-S, S]$ and $\tilde{A}, S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} AZ_1 &= (\tilde{A} + \hat{A})Z_1 \\ &\subseteq \tilde{A}Z_1 + \hat{A}Z_1 \\ &\subseteq \tilde{A}Z_1 + \hat{A}\text{box}(Z_1), \quad \text{box}(): \text{ generates over-appr. axis-aligned box.} \end{aligned}$$

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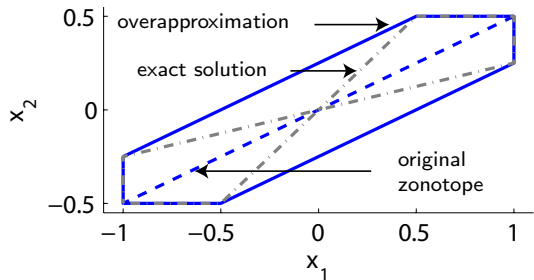
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Example:

Zonotope with a single generator:



Input Solution (Inhomogeneous Solution)

Exact Solution

The set of all input solution is:

$$x_p(r) \in \left\{ e^{Ar} \int_0^r e^{-At} u(t) dt \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, u(t) \in \mathcal{U} \right\}$$

Over-approximative Solution

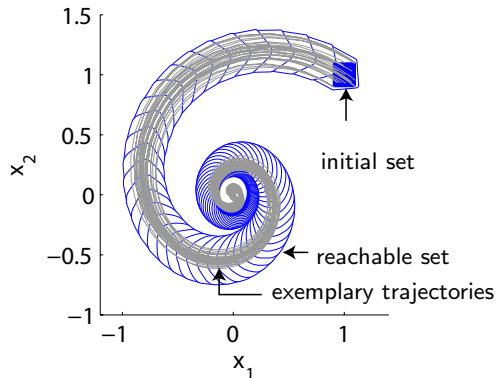
The integral can be over-approximated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}^i([0, r]) &= \int_0^r e^{A\tau} U d\tau \\ &\subseteq \sum_{i=0}^m \left(\frac{A^i r^{i+1}}{(i+1)!} U \right) + E(r) r U. \end{aligned}$$

(proof omitted)

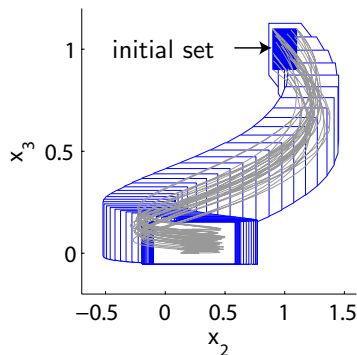
Numerical Example (1)

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} [-1.05, -0.95] & [-4.05, -3.95] \\ [3.95, 4.05] & [-1.05, -0.95] \end{bmatrix}}_A x + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [-0.1, 0.1]}_U$$

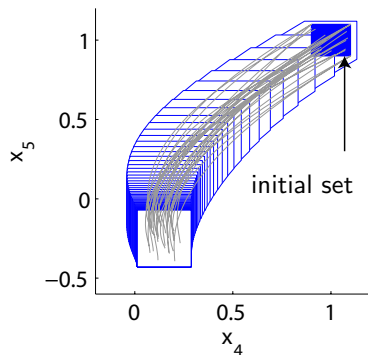


Numerical Example (2)

Five dimensional example:



(a) Projection on x_2 and x_3



(b) Projection on x_4 and x_5

Computation with systems of higher dimensions for 125 time intervals:

Dimension n	5	10	20	50	100
CPU-time [sec]	0.14	0.20	0.35	1.72	7.96

Further Work

Compute with Matrix zonotopes instead of interval matrices:

Matrix Zonotope

$$A(p) = \hat{A}^{(0)} + \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} p^{(i)} \hat{A}^{(i)}, \quad \hat{p}^{(i)} \in [-1, 1].$$

Example:

$$\dot{x} = \left(k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1.1 & -4.1 \\ 3.9 & -1.1 \end{bmatrix} + (1 - k) \begin{bmatrix} -0.9 & -3.9 \\ 4.1 & -0.9 \end{bmatrix} \right) x + u(t),$$

$$k \in [0, 1].$$

Corresponding Interval Matrix:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} [-1.1, -0.9] & [-4.1, -3.9] \\ [3.9, 4.1] & [-1.1, -0.9] \end{bmatrix} x + u(t).$$

Nonlinear Systems with Uncertain Parameters

Reachability analysis is performed for the following system class:

System Model

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f(x(t), u(t), p), \\ x(0) &\in X_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u(t) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^m, \quad p \in P \subset \mathcal{I}^o \end{aligned}$$

and $u(t)$ is Lipschitz continuous.

Representations of the initial set X_0 , the parameter set P and the input set U :

- **Initial state set X_0 , input set U :** represented by a zonotope.
- **Parameter set P :** represented by an o -dimensional interval (\mathcal{I} is the set of real valued intervals).

Basic Ideas, Properties

① Efficient Computation

Embed efficient computation of reachable sets for linear systems using zonotopes.

→ Linearize the system dynamics.

② Over-approximation

Compute linearization error bounds and add them to the set of uncertain inputs U .

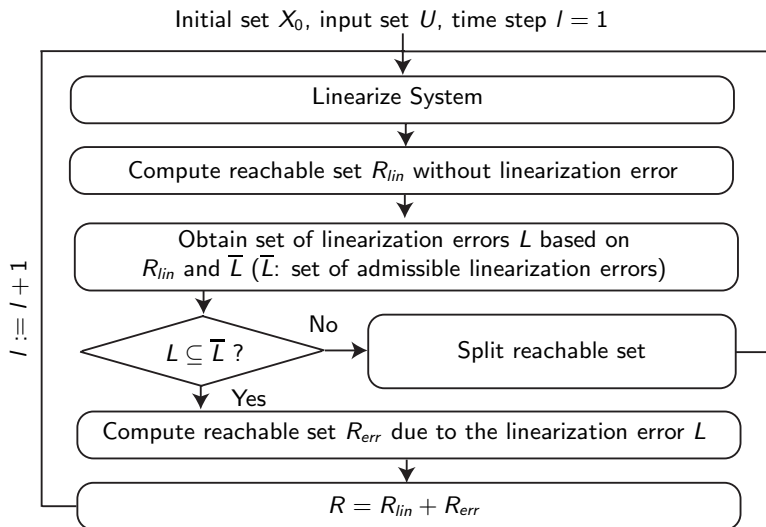
→ Reachable set of the nonlinear system is over-approximative.

③ Constrain Linearization Error

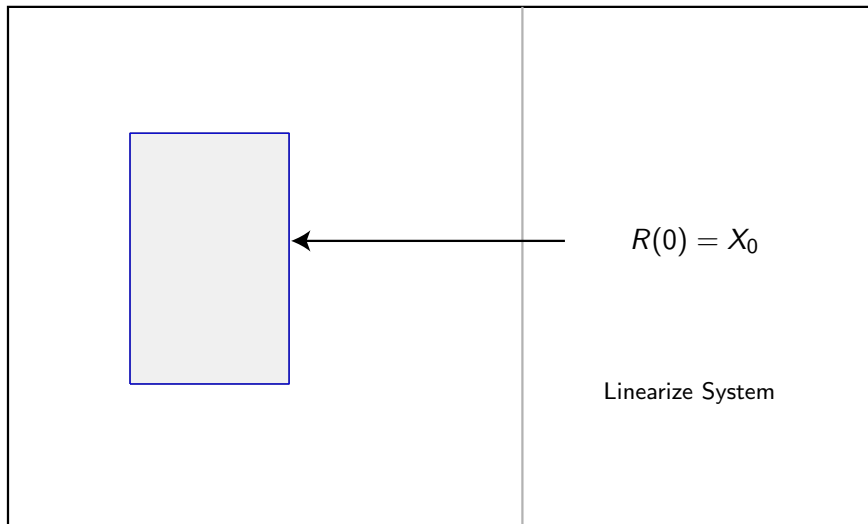
Control linearization error bounds by splitting reachable sets.

→ Allows a tradeoff between accuracy and efficiency.

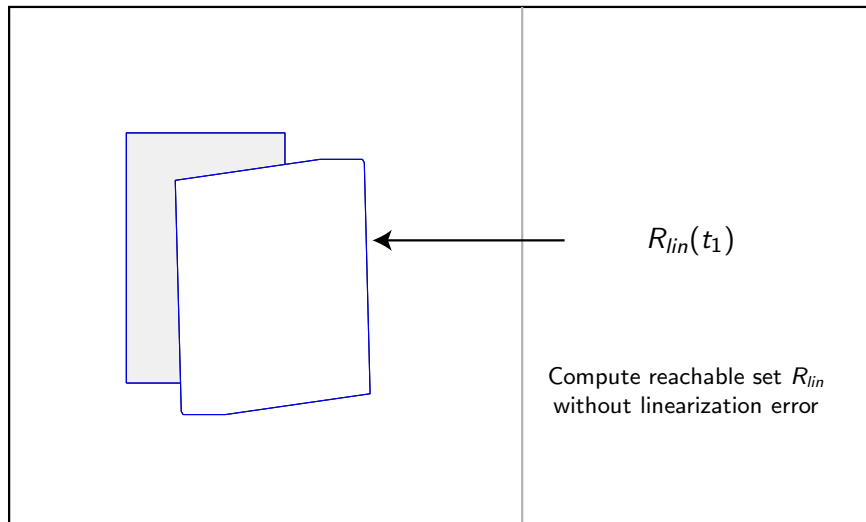
Overall Algorithm



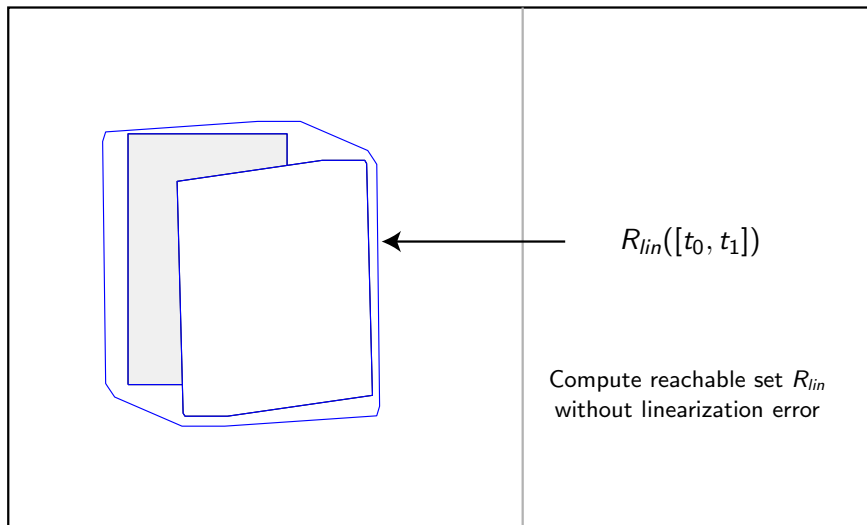
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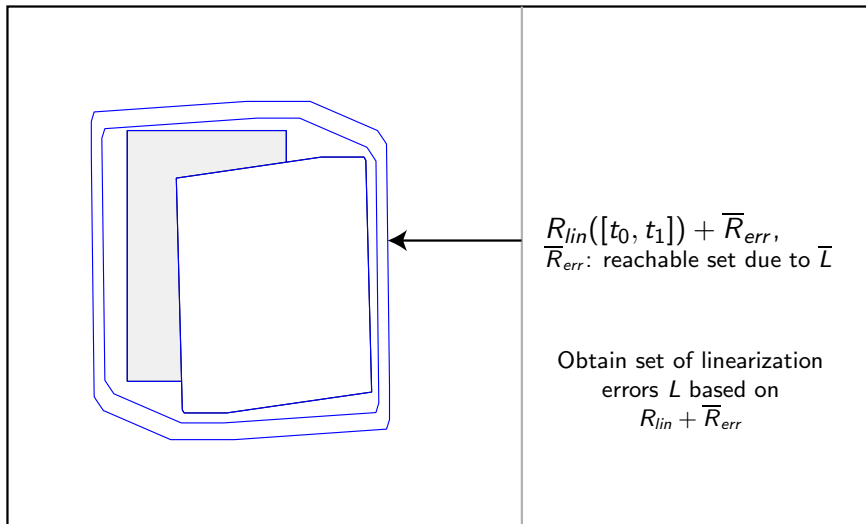
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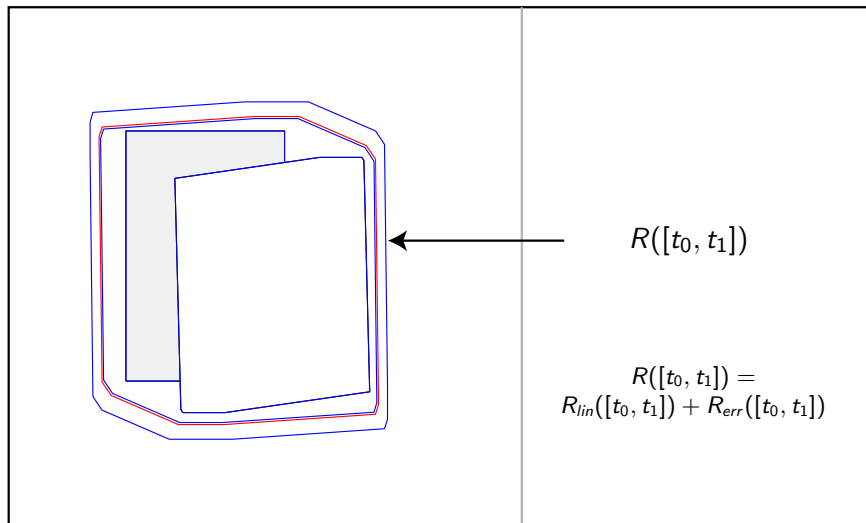
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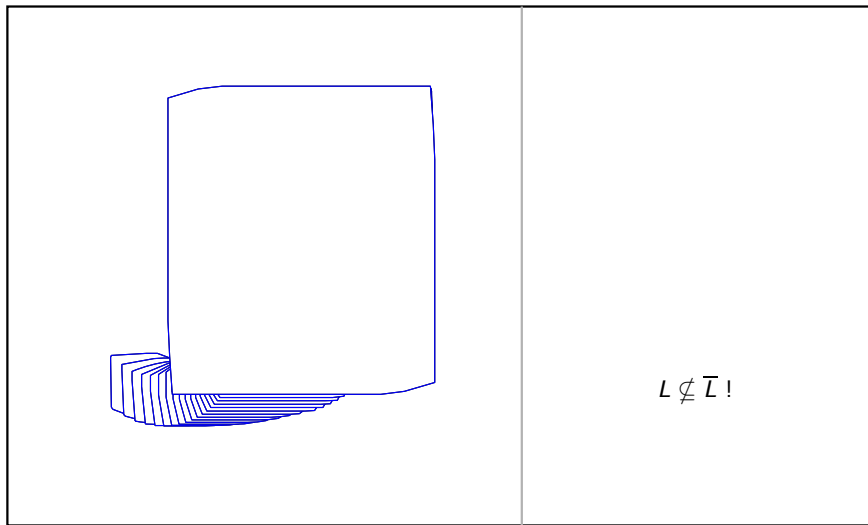
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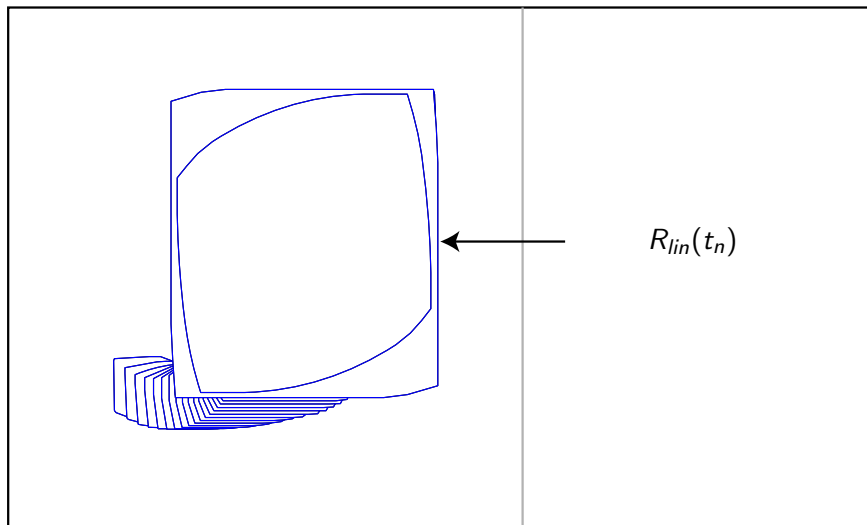
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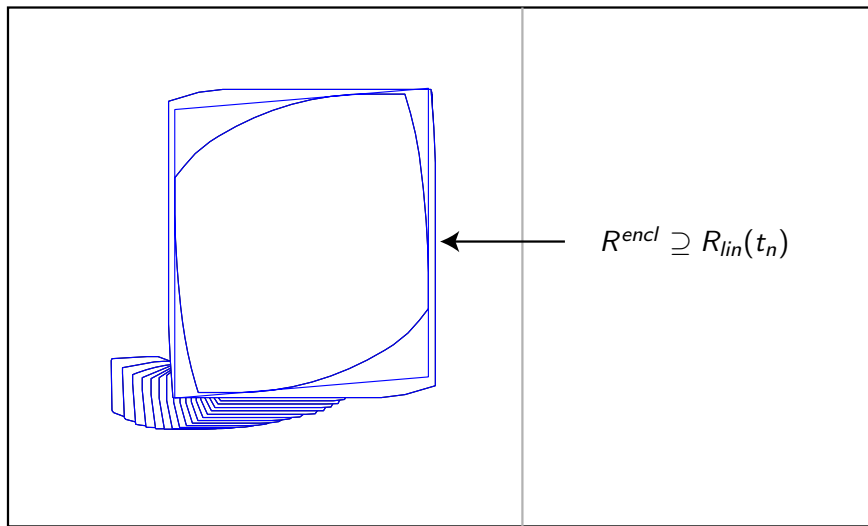
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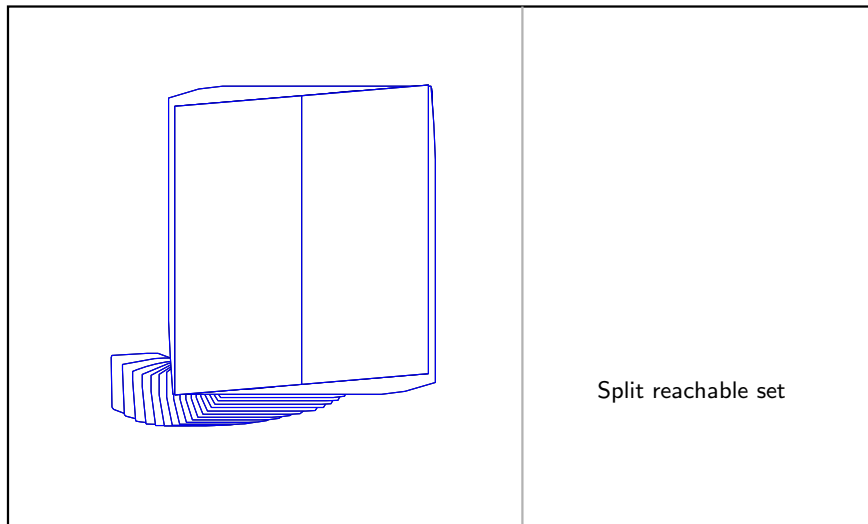
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Linearization and Lagrange Remainder

Original system: $\dot{x} = f(z(t), p(t))$, with $z^T := [x^T, u^T]$:

Taylor series

$$\dot{x}_i \in \underbrace{f_i(z^*, p) + \frac{\partial f_i(z, p)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=z^*} (z - z^*)}_{1^{\text{st}} \text{ order Taylor series} \hat{=} A(p)x + B(p)u + f_i(z^*, p)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (z - z^*)^T \frac{\partial^2 f_i(\xi, p)}{\partial z^2} \Big|_{z=z^*} (z - z^*)}_{\text{Lagrange remainder } L_i}, \quad \xi = z^* + [0, 1](z - z^*)$$

- In case of parameter uncertainties: $A(p) \in \mathcal{A}$, $B(p) \in \mathcal{B}$ are bounded by interval matrices \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} .
- Linearization error is obtained from the Lagrange remainder using interval arithmetic \rightarrow enclose reachable set by multidimensional interval.

Control of the Linearization Error

Linearization error not enclosed by set of admissible linearization errors ($L \not\subseteq \bar{L}$) \rightarrow Split reachable set (reduces search space for L).

1. Problem: How to split a zonotope, such that the resulting sets are zonotopes?

Split of a zonotope

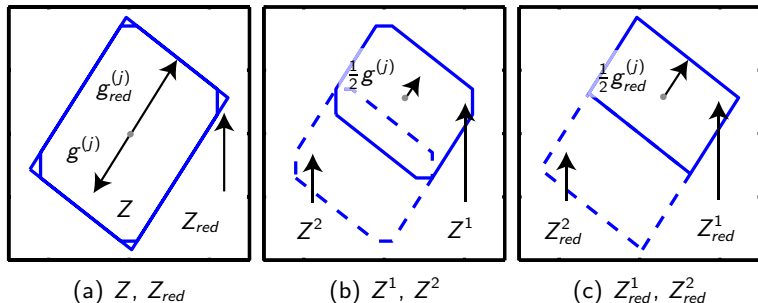
A zonotope $Z = (c, g^{(1\dots p)})$ is split into Z_1 and Z_2 such that $Z_1 \cup Z_2 = Z$, $Z_1 \cap Z_2 = Z^*$ by splitting a single generator:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 &= (c - \frac{1}{2}g^{(j)}, & g^{(1\dots j-1)}, & \frac{1}{2}g^{(j)}, & g^{(j+1\dots p)}) \\ Z_2 &= (c + \frac{1}{2}g^{(j)}, & g^{(1\dots j-1)}, & \frac{1}{2}g^{(j)}, & g^{(j+1\dots p)}) \\ Z^* &= (c, & g^{(1\dots j-1)}, & & g^{(j+1\dots p)}) \end{aligned}$$

Splitting of Zonotopes: Overlapping vs. Overapproximation

2. Problem: Proposed split is not effective if zonotope is composed by many generators.

- Zonotope is over-approximated by less generators.
- Tradeoff between over-approximation and effectiveness.

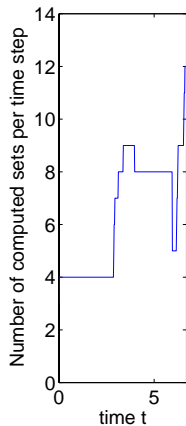
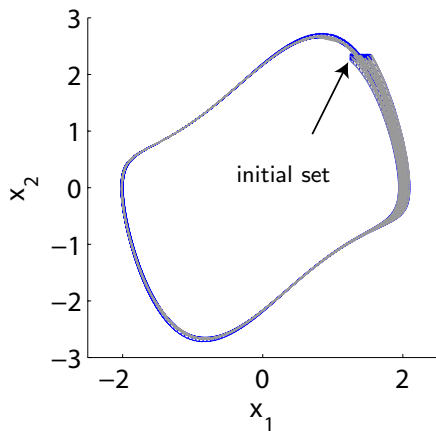


3. Problem: Which generator should be split?

- Brute force approach is applied.

Van-der-Pol Oscillator

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = (1 - x_1^2)x_2 - x_1$$



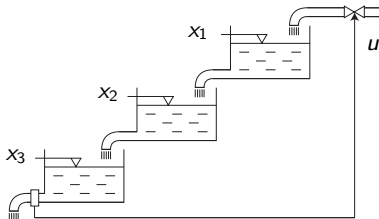
Computational time: 19 sec (Matlab, AMD Athlon64 3700+ processor).

Water Tank System: Set Up

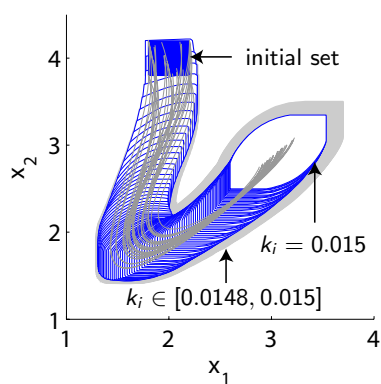
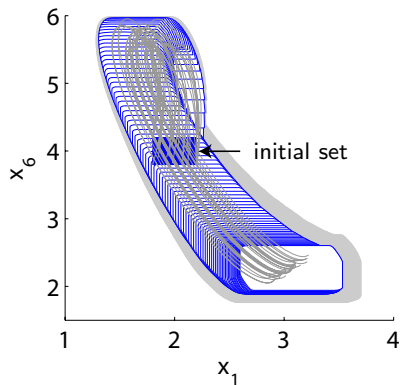
- The states x_i are the water levels of each tank and u is the water flow into the first tank.
- The differential equation for the i^{th} tank is

$$\dot{x}_i = \frac{1}{A_i} (k_{i-1} \sqrt{2gx_{i-1}} - k_i \sqrt{2gx_i}).$$

- The uncertain parameters are $k_i \in [0.0148, 0.015]$ and the inflow disturbance is $v \in [-0.005, 0.005]$.

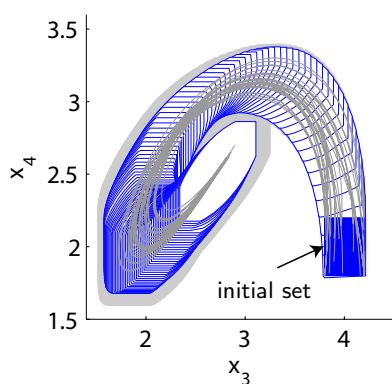
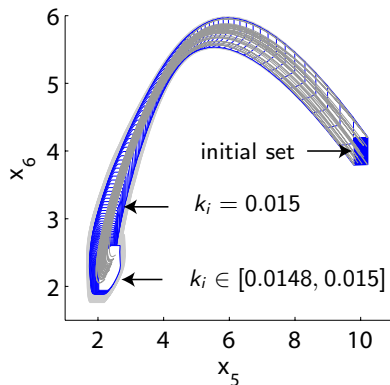


Water Tank System: Reachable Sets

(a) Projection onto x_1, x_2 .(b) Projection onto x_1, x_6 .

Dimension n	5	10	20	50	100
CPU-time [sec]	1.19	1.73	3.11	11.59	35.78
CPU-time [sec] (uncertain param.)	6.83	12.92	28.94	119.58	523.56

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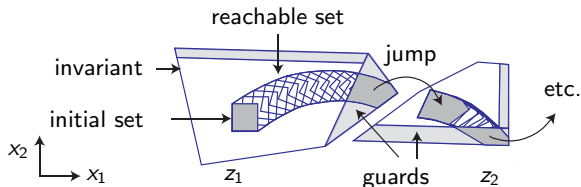
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Hybrid Systems

Hybrid Automaton $HA = (Z, z_0, X, X_0, inv, T, g, j, flow)$

- the set of locations Z with initial location z_0 ,
- the continuous state space $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with initial state set X_0 ,
- the **invariant** inv and **guard sets** g of each location z which are modeled as **polytopes**,
- the set of discrete transitions $T \subseteq Z \times Z$,
- the **linear jump function** j such that $x' = C_g x + d_g$ (x' : state after jump)
- the **linear flow function** $\dot{x} = A_z x + u(t)$

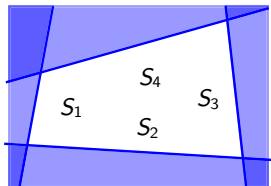


Combined use of Zonotopes and Polytopes

- Representation of continuous evolution by zonotopes:
- Representation of the intersection with guards, invariants by polytopes:

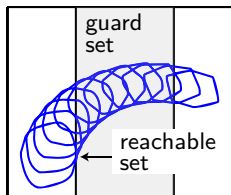
$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Cx \leq d\}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}, d \in \mathbb{R}^q$$

Alternative definition: Intersection of halfspaces S_j .

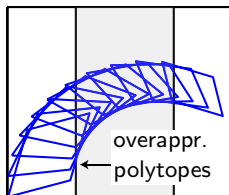


Reachable Set Computation for Guard Set Intersection

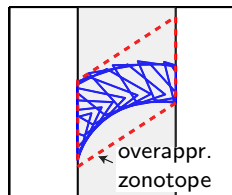
- ① Compute reachable set using zonotopes.
- ② Transform zonotopes to overapproximated polytopes.
- ③ Intersect polytopes with the guard set.
- ④ Overapproximate intersected polytopes by a single zonotope → Continue computation within the invariant of the next discrete state.



(a) Step ①



(b) Step ②



(c) Step ③ and ④

Alternative for guards modeled by hyperplanes: A. Girard, C. Le Guernic (HSCC'08)

Representation of Zonotopes by Halfspaces

Overview:

- Zonotopes are a special case of polytopes:

Exact Conversion

- Conversion of parallelotopes
- Conversion of zonotopes

- The change of representation is computationally expensive:

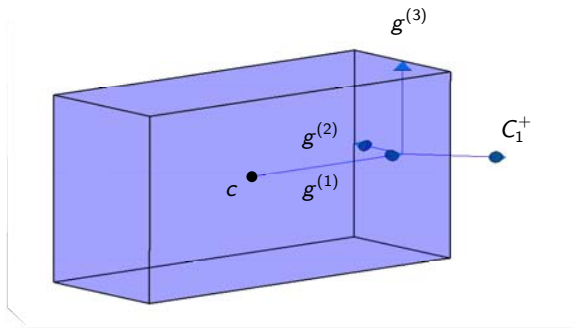
Overapproximative Conversion

- Overapproximate zonotopes by parallelotopes
- Order reduction of zonotopes
- Overapproximate zonotopes by several parallelotopes \rightarrow intersection

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- ② Facets are spanned by $n - 1$ generators. Matrix of generators with the i^{th} generator missing:

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$$G^{\langle i \rangle} = [g^{(1)}, \dots, g^{(i-1)}, g^{(i+1)}, \dots, g^{(n)}].$$

- ③ Normal vector C_i^+ of the i^{th} facet is perpendicular to all generators in $H := G^{\langle i \rangle}$:

$$C_i^+ = nX(H) := [\dots, (-1)^{k+1} \det(H^{[k]}), \dots]^T,$$

where $H^{[k]}$ is the matrix H whose k^{th} row is removed.

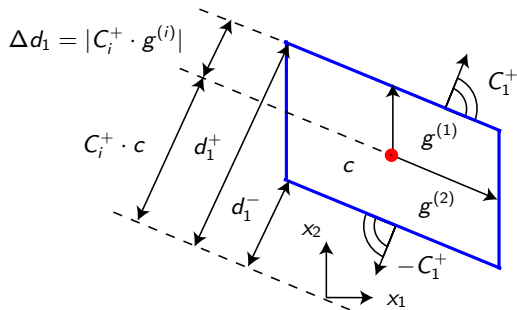
Conversion from Generator to Halfspace Representation of Parallelotopes

Halfspace representation $Cx \leq d$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C^+ & -C^+ \end{bmatrix}^T \quad C_i^+ = \frac{nX(G^{(i)})^T}{\|nX(G^{(i)})\|_2}$$

$$d = \begin{bmatrix} d^+ & d^- \end{bmatrix}^T \quad d_i^+ = C_i^+ \cdot c + \Delta d_i, \quad d_i^- = -C_i^+ \cdot c + \Delta d_i$$

$$\Delta d_i = |C_i^+ \cdot g^{(i)}|$$



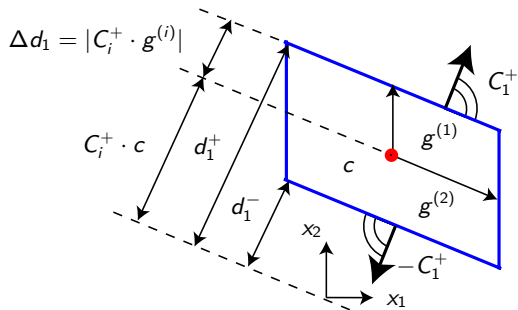
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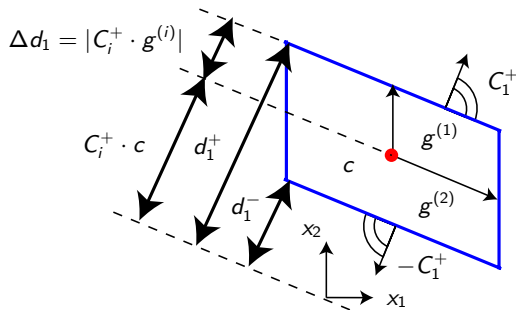
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Conversion from Generator to Halfspace Representation of Zonotopes

- Extension is straightforward: $n - 1$ generators selected from p generators for each non-parallel facet $\rightarrow 2\binom{p}{n-1}$ facets.
- Facet obtained by cancelling $p - n + 1$ generators from the G -matrix which is denoted by $G^{\langle\gamma, \dots, \eta\rangle}$.

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 C &= \begin{bmatrix} C^+ & -C^+ \end{bmatrix}^T & C_i^+ &= nX(G^{\langle\gamma, \dots, \eta\rangle})^T / \|nX(G^{\langle\gamma, \dots, \eta\rangle})\|_2 \\
 d &= \begin{bmatrix} d^+ & d^- \end{bmatrix}^T & d_i^+ &= C_i^+ \cdot c + \Delta d_i, \quad d_i^- = -C_i^+ \cdot c + \Delta d_i \\
 & & \Delta d_i &= \sum_{v=1}^p |C_i^+ \cdot g^{(v)}|
 \end{aligned}$$

Complexity with respect to the number p of generators is $\mathcal{O}\left(\binom{p}{n-1} \cdot p\right) \rightarrow$ linear in the number of facets.

Overapproximation of a Zonotope by a Parallelotope

Basic Procedure

- ① Choose n generators that should represent the parallelotope.
- ② Stretch chosen generators such that the zonotope is enclosed.

The overapproximated parallelotope Ψ is generated as follows:

$$\Psi = \Gamma \cdot \text{box}(\Gamma^{-1}Z)$$

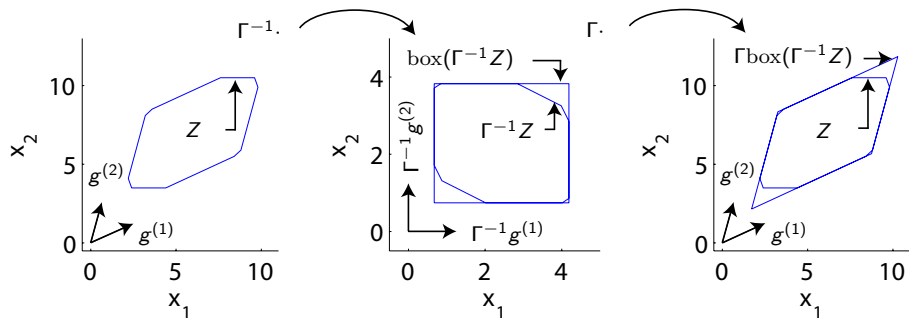
where

- $\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the matrix of n generators $g^{(i)}$ taken out of all p generators,
- $\text{box}(Z)$ returns the axis-oriented bounding box of a zonotope Z .

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Remaining question: How to choose Γ ?

Overapproximation of a Zonotope by a Parallelotope

Choose Γ such that a metric is minimized:

Proposed Metric

$$\Theta = (\text{vol}(W \cdot Z^{\text{red}}) / \text{vol}(W \cdot Z))^{1/n}, \quad W = \text{diag}(w).$$

- Z : original zonotope, Z^{red} : reduced zonotope, W : normalizes coordinate axes.
- $W = 1$: Determines the ratio of the edge length of two cubes, in which the volume of the reduced zonotope and the original zonotope fit.

Candidates for Γ have to pass two tests:

- ① **Length test**: longest generators (2-norm) pass.
- ② **Pseudo volume test**: generator combination spanning the largest volume $\tilde{\Theta} = |\det[g^{(i_1)}, \dots, g^{(i_n)}]|^{-1}$ pass (no stretching considered).

For the remaining generator combinations, the best performance index Θ wins (sufficient to compute $\text{vol}(W \cdot Z^{\text{red}})$).

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dimension	order	mean of t [sec]:	mean of Θ :	[min,max] of Θ :	variance of Θ :
2	2	0.0046	1.0582	[1.0030, 1.1349]	0.0011
2	6	0.0056	1.0908	[1.0369, 1.1522]	0.0005
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Overapproximation of a Zonotope by a Reduced Zonotope

Basic Procedure

- ① Split zonotope into a part \check{Z} which is unchanged and a part \tilde{Z} reduced to a parallelotope ($Z = \check{Z} + \tilde{Z}$).
- ② Selected generators of unchanged part \check{Z} are the longest generators (2-norm).

The reduced zonotope Z^{red} is generated as follows:

$$Z^{\text{red}} = \check{Z} + \Psi, \quad \Psi = \Gamma \text{box}(\Gamma^{-1} \tilde{Z}).$$

Result: Improvements are marginal; computation time for halfspace conversion is drastically increased.

Overapproximation of a Zonotope by Intersected Parallelotopes

Basic Procedure

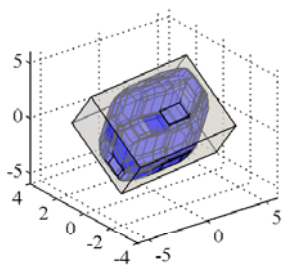
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- ② Intersect obtained parallelotopes.

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4	2	4	0.0382	1.0288	[1.0019, 1.0836]	0.0003
4	6	1	0.0060	1.2967	[1.2143, 1.3995]	0.0015
4	6	4	0.0421	1.1383	[1.0808, 1.2892]	0.0010
6	2	1	0.0221	1.2574	[1.0779, 1.4088]	0.0039
6	2	4	0.0739	1.0964	[1.0251, 1.1759]	0.0010

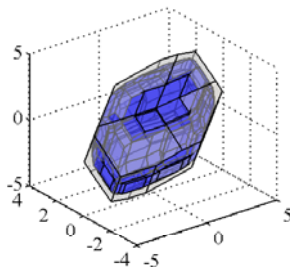
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(a) No intersection.



(b) 4 intersections.

Overapproximation of a Set of Polytopes

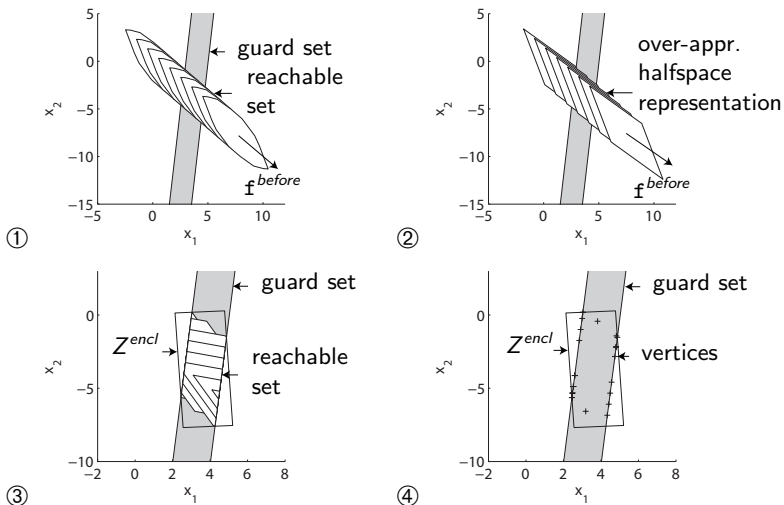
Polytopes have only a few facets \rightarrow computation of vertices is feasible.

Task: Enclose points in \mathbb{R}^n

Possible methods are, e.g.:

- ① Oriented rectangular hulls based on singular value decomposition (O. Stursberg, B. Krogh: HSCC 2003).
- ② Compute axis-oriented box where one of these generators is replaced by the flow direction.
- ③ Compute in parallel with several enclosures.

Over-Approximation of a Set of Polytopes

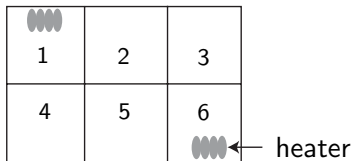


Room Heating Example

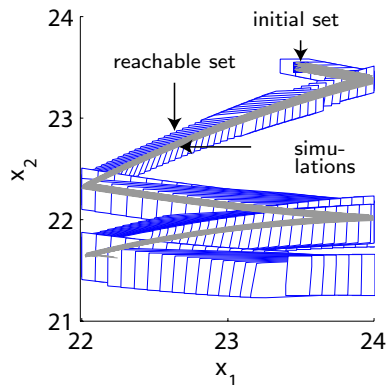
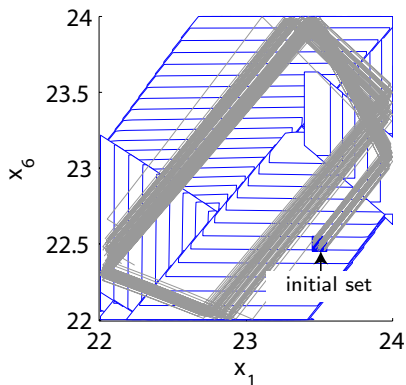
- 6 rooms with heaters in room 1 and 6 are considered.
- The heaters are switched on if the temperature is below 20 degree celsius and switched off when the temperature exceeds 24 degree.
- The temperature dynamics of room i is:

$$\dot{x}_i = c_i h_i + b_i(u - x_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} a_{ij}(x_j - x_i)$$

with room specific constant parameters a_{ij} , b_i and c_i .

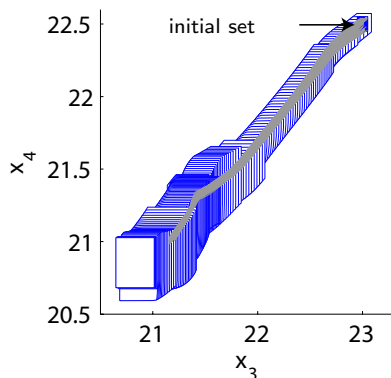
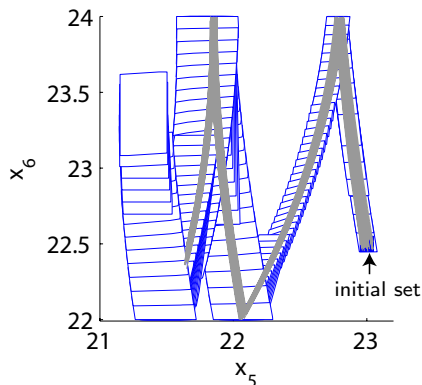


Reachable Sets

(a) Projection of x_1, x_2 (b) Projection of x_1, x_6

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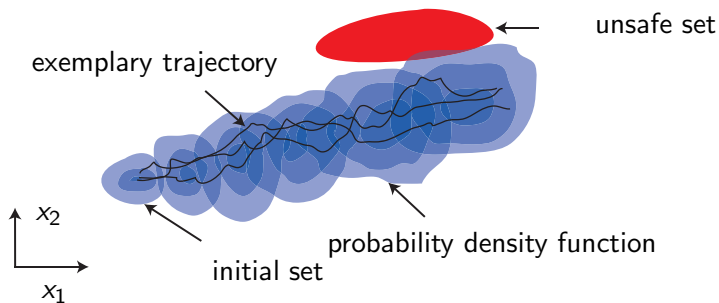
(c) Projection of x_3, x_4 (d) Projection of x_5, x_6

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Conclusions

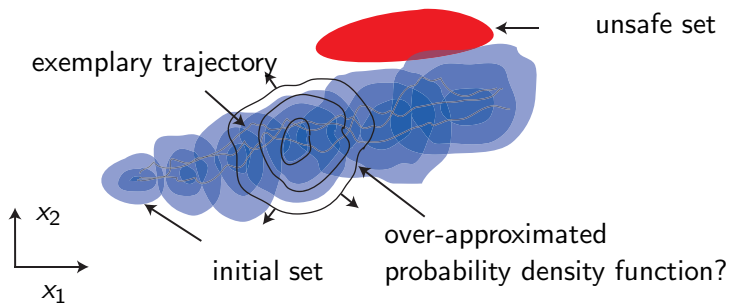
- Linear Systems:
 - Uncertain parameters within specified intervals.
 - No wrapping-free implementation as for LTI systems.
- Nonlinear Systems:
 - Efficient computation for high dimensional nonlinear systems with uncertain parameters.
 - Algorithm is best suited for systems with lower nonlinearity measure.
 - In case of highly nonlinear systems, the current implementation may get stuck due to numerical problems.
- Hybrid Systems:
 - Zonotopes allow efficient computations for the cont. evolution.
 - Efficient conversion from zonotopes to polytopes and vice versa possible; drawback: introduced overapproximation.
 - However: Reachable sets computed by polytopes also generate an overapproximation when intersected by guards.

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- Is the exact probability density function computable? Is an over-approximation computable and how is it defined?

Two Different Definitions

- Probability of **entering** an unsafe set $\mathcal{X}^{\text{unsafe}}$:

$$P(\text{reach}_{t_f}) = P(\exists t \in [0, t_f], x(t) \in \mathcal{X}^{\text{unsafe}})$$

$$P(\text{reach}_{\infty}) = P(\exists t \geq 0, x(t) \in \mathcal{X}^{\text{unsafe}})$$

Applied methods: Monte Carlo simulation, Markov chain abstraction, reformulation as stochastic optimal control problem, ...

Except for Monte Carlo simulation, methods suffer under the curse of dimensionality (usually exponential complexity in number of continuous state variables).

- Probability of **being** in an unsafe set $\mathcal{X}^{\text{unsafe}}$:

$$P(x \in \mathcal{X}^{\text{unsafe}}, t) = \int_{\mathcal{X}^{\text{unsafe}}} f_X(x, t) dx.$$

Equivalent to above definition when unsafe set is absorbing.

Definition of the Considered System Class

Considered System Class

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{X} &= AX(t) + u(t) + C\xi(t), \\ X(0) &\sim f_X(x, t=0), u(t) \in U, \xi \hat{=} \text{white noise}\end{aligned}$$

where A and C are matrices of proper dimension and A has full rank. $X(t)$ is a stochastic process, $f_X(x, t)$ its probability density function.

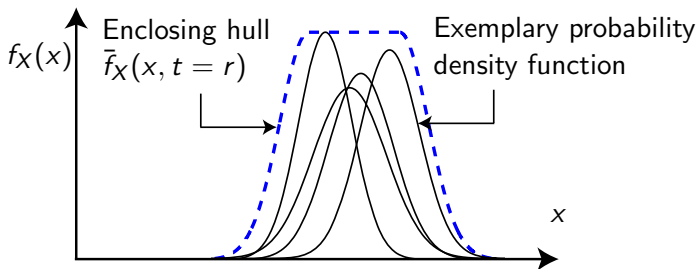
There are two kinds of inputs:

- $u(t)$: can take values from a set U ; no stochastic information given.
- $C\xi(t)$: white noise input with multivariate Gaussian distribution.

Enclosing Hull of Probability Distributions

- Input trajectory $u(t)$ is known:
exact solution has Gaussian distribution: $X(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(t), \Sigma(t))$ with mean value $\mu(t)$ and covariance matrix $\Sigma(t)$.
- Input trajectory $u(t)$ is unknown: \rightarrow Enclosing hulls required:

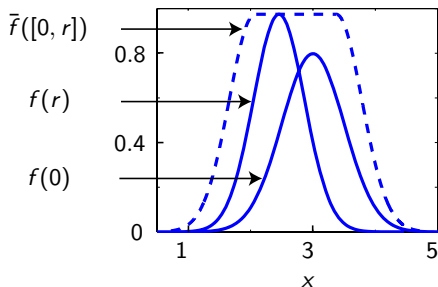
$$\bar{f}_X(x, t = r) = \sup\{f_X(x, t = r) \mid X(t) \text{ is a stochastic process, } u(t) \in U, f_X(x, 0) = f_0\}$$



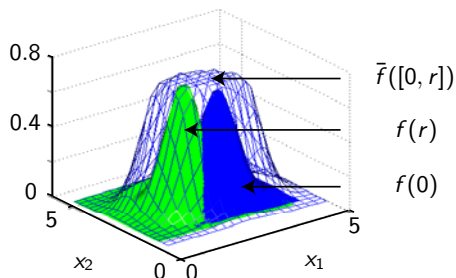
Enclosing Hull for Time Intervals

Numerical examples:

- $f(0), f(r)$: probability distribution at time $t = 0$ and $t = r$,
- $\bar{f}([0, r])$: enclosing probabilistic hull for $t \in [0, r]$.



(e) One dimensional example.

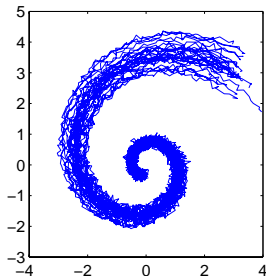


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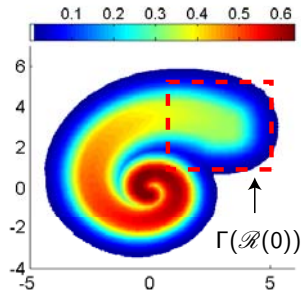
Uncertain mean is modeled by a zonotope \rightarrow computational methods from previous slides can be applied.

Two-dimensional example

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} [-0.01, 0.01] \\ [-0.01, 0.01] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \xi.$$



(a) Simulation examples.

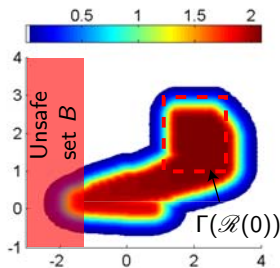
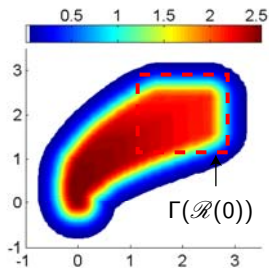


(b) Enclosing probabilistic hulls.

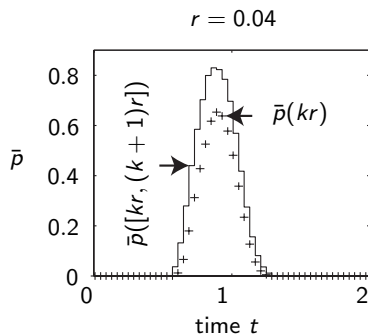
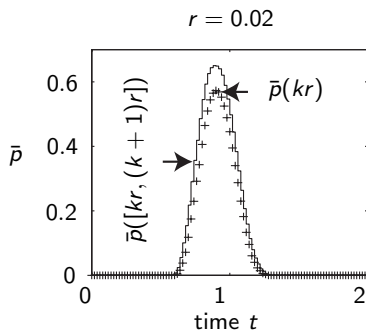
Five-dimensional example

$$\dot{x} = Ax + u + 0.5 \cdot I \cdot \xi,$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad u \in U = \begin{bmatrix} [-0.1, 0.1] \\ \vdots \\ [-0.1, 0.1] \end{bmatrix}^T.$$

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Results and Computational Times



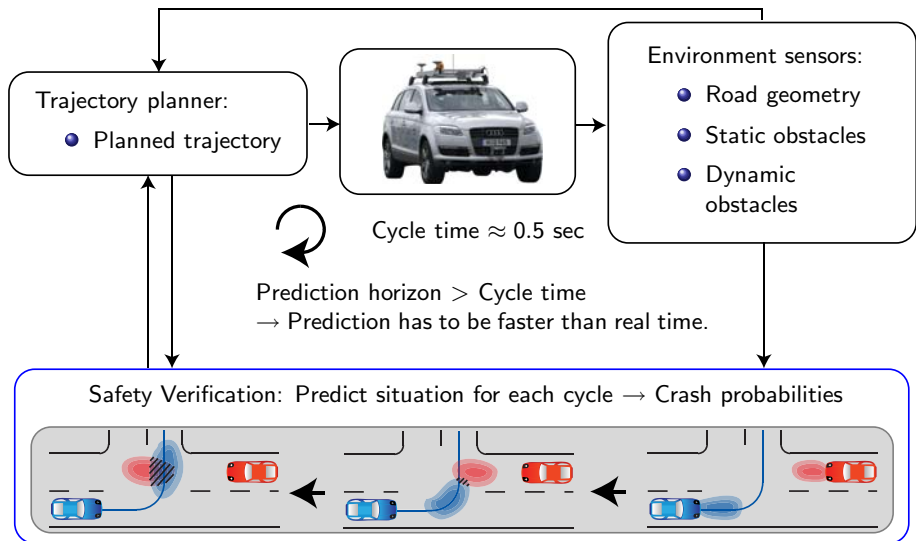
Computational times: Higher order systems with randomly generated matrices A , C computed (Matlab + single core desktop computer (AMD Athlon64 3700)).

Dimension n	5	10	20	50	100
CPU-time [sec]	0.72	1.29	2.61	8.97	29.1

Conclusions

- Efficient computation of enclosing probabilistic hulls for high dimensional linear systems.
- Algorithm allows combining Gaussian white noise with disturbances of unknown stochastic properties.
- Over-approximative approach allows one to consider non-Gaussian noise.
- Possible integration in algorithms for the reachability analysis of nonlinear systems.

Safety Assessment of Autonomous Cars



Modeling of Other Traffic Participants

Structured Environments:

- Vehicles follow preferred paths such as traffic lanes.
- Used for: Normal behavior of traffic participants on a road network.

Longitudinal dynamics:

$$\dot{s} = v, \quad \dot{v} = f(v, u), \quad s : \text{position}, \quad v : \text{velocity}, \quad u : \text{input}.$$

→ Longitudinal probability distribution based on this model.

Lateral dynamics:

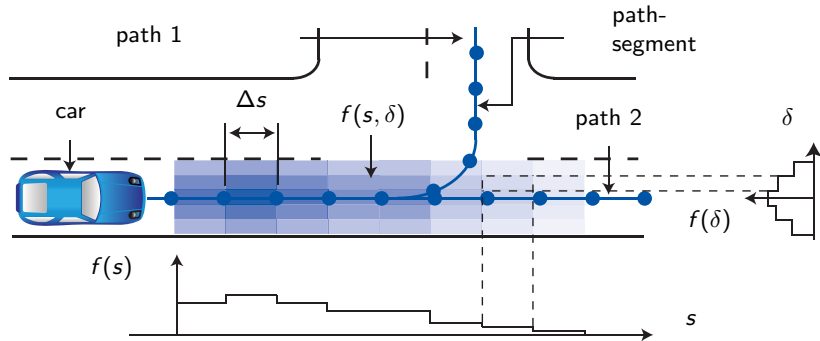
Difficult to model (e.g. driver model for lane keeping)

→ Static probability distribution.

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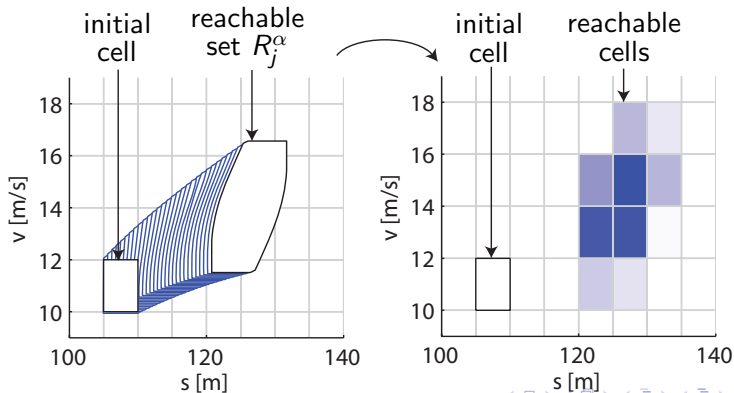


Abstraction to Markov Chains via Reachable Sets

Geometric determination of the transition probabilities Φ_{ij}^α :

$$\Phi_{ij}^\alpha = \frac{V(R_j^\alpha \cap X_i)}{V(R_j^\alpha)}, \quad V(): \text{Volume}$$

j : Initial cell, i : Cell after transition, α : Input cell

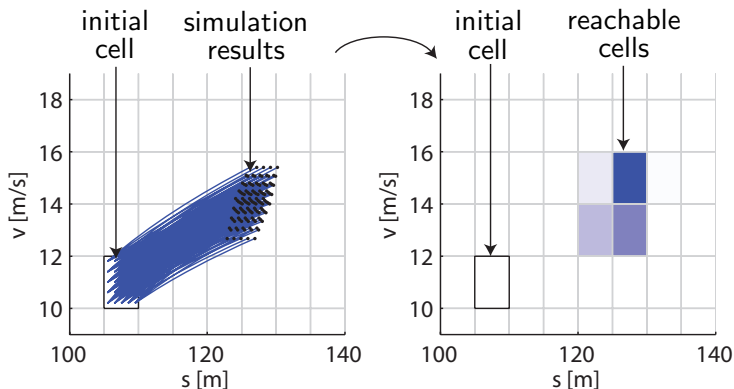


Abstraction to Markov Chains via Simulations

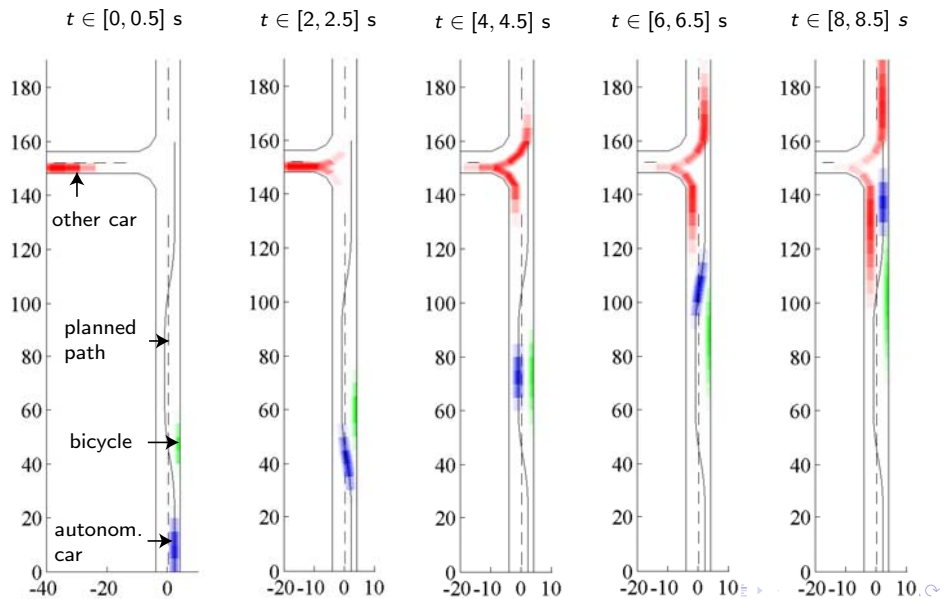
Counting the number N of final states in cells:

$$\Phi_{ij}^{\alpha} = \frac{N_{ij}^{\alpha}}{\sum_i N_{ij}^{\alpha}}.$$

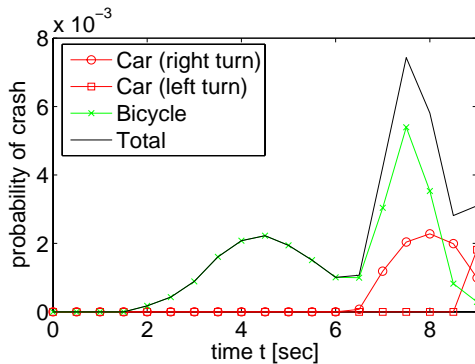
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Overtaking Scenario



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Test Drive

The screenshot displays two windows from a software application:

- Left Window: C3 Video with Annotations**
 - Title: (c) 2007 Matthias Goebel (m...)
 - Timestamp: 2009-08-03 16:33:17.138720471 left_image
 - Content: A grayscale video frame of a road with two cars in the distance and an autonomous car in the foreground.
 - Text overlays: "Blende von left_cam OK!", "Blende von right_cam OK!", "Blende von top_cam OK!"
 - Bottom panel: "Annot. Width" (0), "Upd./Sec." (30), "Update", "Quit", and checkboxes for "Only Childs", "Sync", "Strict TS", "Show Data", and "Write PNGs".
- Right Window: B7 Safety Verification (Lehrstuhl für Steuerungs- und Regelungst...)**
 - Buttons: "Hold", "Continue", "Next Step", "Quit".
 - Frames [in]: 20
 - Comp. time [s]: 0.19
 - Time interval [s]: 3.5 - 4
 - Crash Prob.: 0.003
 - Logo: TUM (Technische Universität München)
 - Text: "Lehrstuhl für Steuerungs- und Regelungstechnik"

Between the windows is a diagram showing a top-down view of the road with colored regions (green, red, purple) and arrows indicating the "left car", "right car", "autonomous car", and "initial position of the prediction".

Conclusions

- Traffic is inherently unsafe → Stochastic verification.
- Non-stochastic safety verification is only useful when all vehicles broadcast their plans.
- Separation into longitudinal & lateral dynamics saves computational time.

Things that have not been presented:

- Adaption of the longitudinal dynamics according to lane curvature, speed limit, interaction with traffic participants, lane changing.
- Comparison with Monte Carlo simulation:
 - Probability distribution: Markov chain abstraction is better.
 - Crash probability: Monte Carlo simulation is better.