

Modeling and Analysis of Hybrid Systems

Linear hybrid automata II: Approximation of reachable state sets

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We had a look at state set approximations by

- convex polyhedra,

and at the basic operations

- testing for membership,
- intersection, and
- union

on these.

Thus we can

- approximate state sets and
- compute with them.

How is all this used in the reachability analysis procedure?

General reachability procedure

Input: Set **Init** of initial states.

Output: Set ***R*** of reachable states.

Algorithm:

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$$\begin{aligned} R^{\text{new}} &:= \text{Init}; \\ R &:= \emptyset; \\ \text{while } (R^{\text{new}} \neq \emptyset) \{ \\ &\quad R := R \cup R^{\text{new}}; \\ &\quad R^{\text{new}} := \boxed{\text{Reach}}(R^{\text{new}} \setminus R); \\ \} \end{aligned}$$

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For **hybrid systems**, independently of the exact definition of “Reach”, it will involve the following computations:

Given a state set R , compute

- the set of states reachable from R by a **flow** (i.e., time transisiton),
and
- the set of states reachable from R by a **jump** (i.e., discrete transition).

Computing the jump successors of a set can be done with the operations we already introduced.

The harder part is computing the flow successors. So let's have a look at that...

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Lipschitz continuity implies the existence and uniqueness of the solution to an **initial value problem**, i.e., for every initial state x_0 there is a unique solution $x(t, x_0)$ to the state equation.

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We describe a solution which approximates the flow pipe by a sequence of **convex polytopes**.

Problem statement for polyhedral approximation of flow pipes

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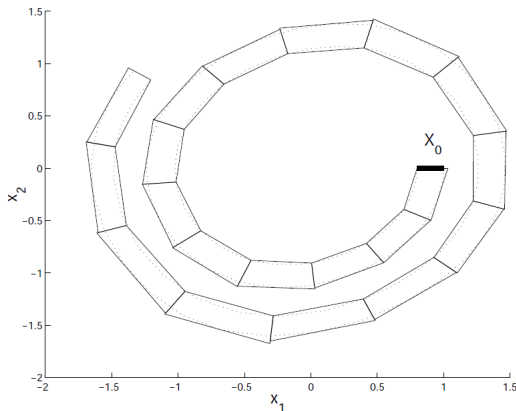
- a set X_0 of initial states which is a polytope, and
- a final time t_f ,

compute a polyhedral approximation $\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{[0,t_f]}(X_0)$ to the flow pipe $\mathcal{R}_{[0,t_f]}(X_0)$ such that

$$\mathcal{R}_{[0,t_f]}(X_0) \subseteq \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{[0,t_f]}(X_0).$$

Flow pipe segmentation

Since a single convex polyhedron would strongly overapproximate the flow pipe, we compute a **sequence of convex polyhedra**, each approximating a **flow pipe segment**.



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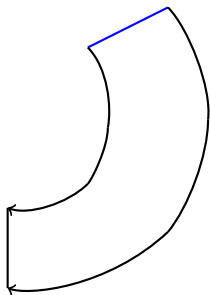
Next we discuss two possible approaches for flow pipe approximation, but there are different other techniques, too.

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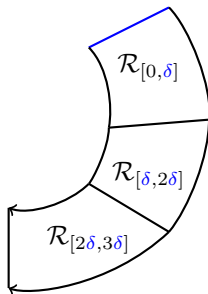
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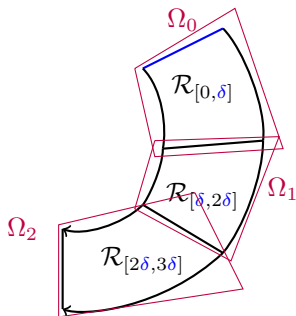
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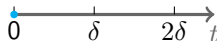
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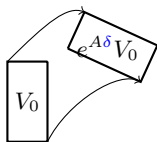
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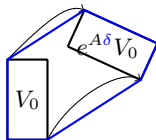
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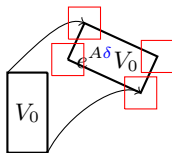
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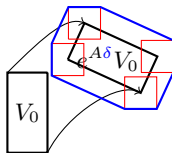
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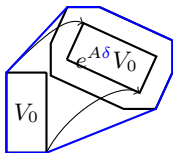
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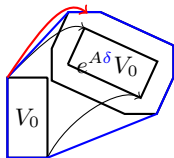
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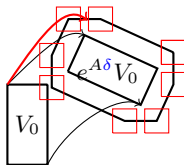
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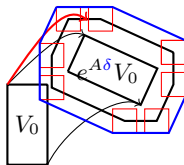
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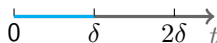
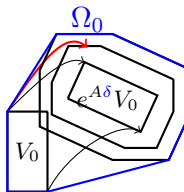
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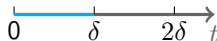
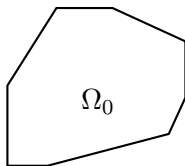
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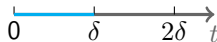
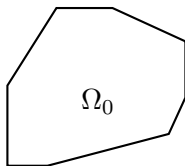
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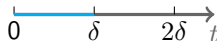
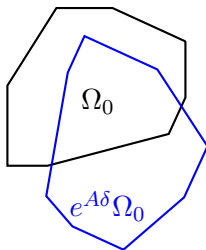
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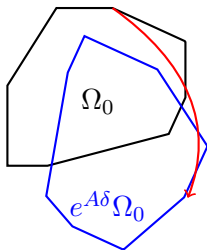
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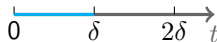
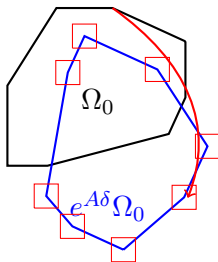
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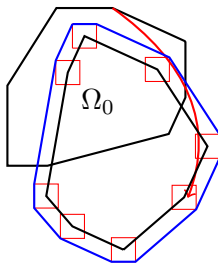
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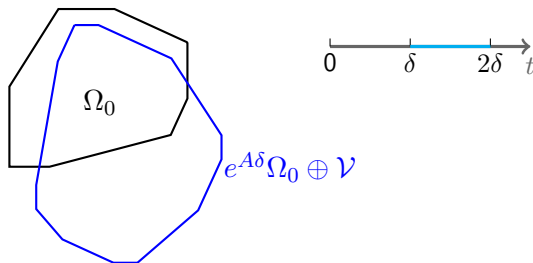
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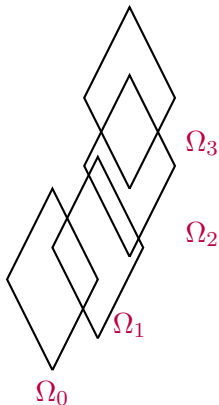


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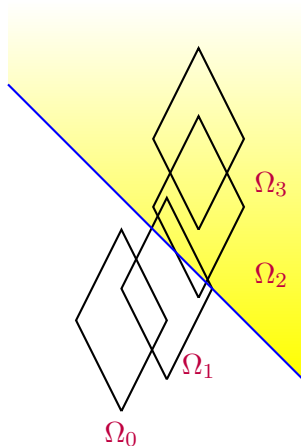
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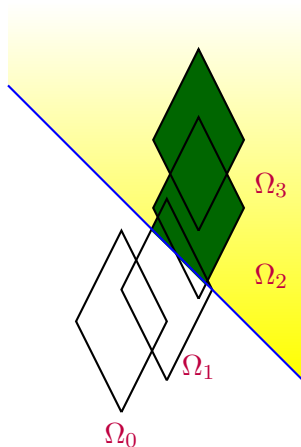
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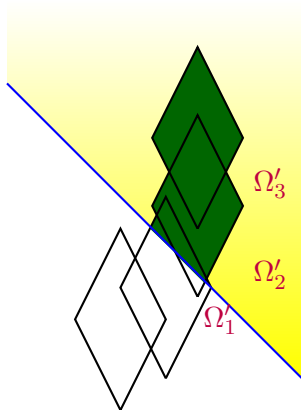
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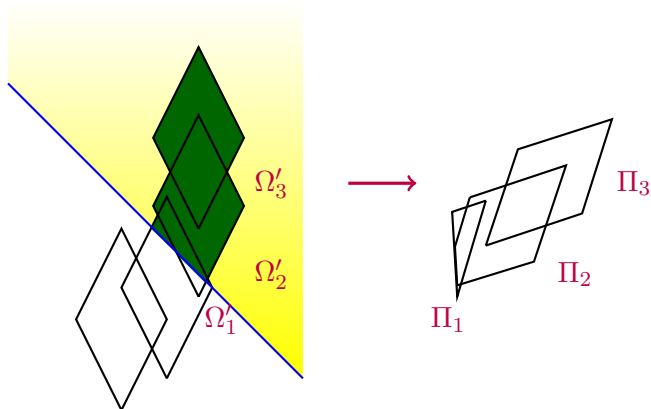
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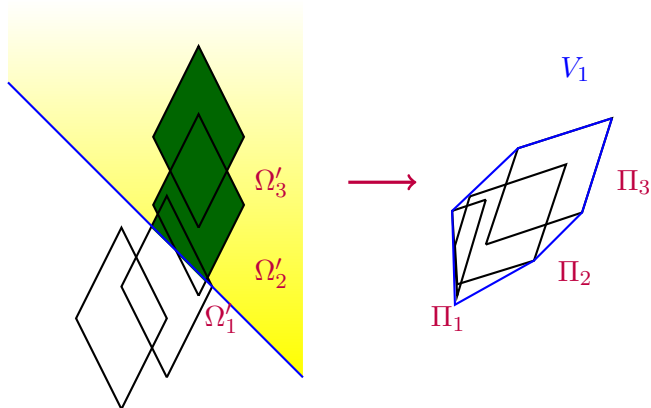
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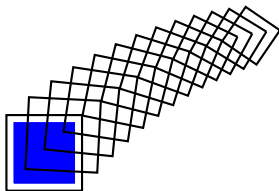


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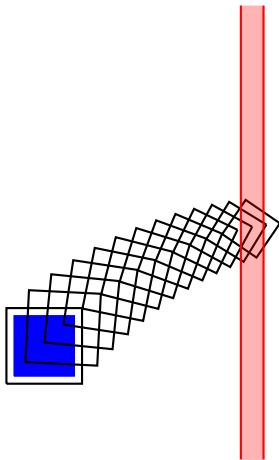
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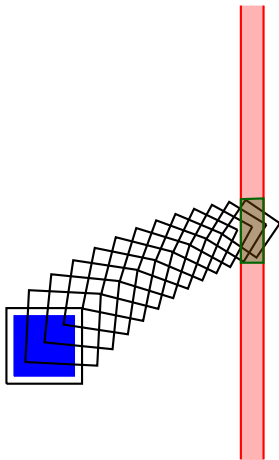
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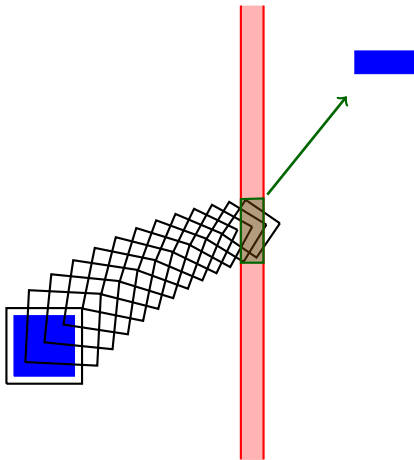
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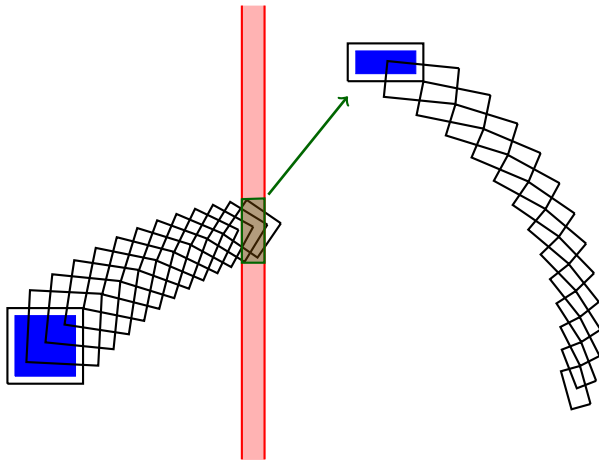
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Efficient Representation and Computation of Reachable Sets for Hybrid Systems

Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control, LNCS 2623, pp. 482-497, 2003

We will use the following notations:

- Let $POLY(C, d)$ denote the convex polytope defined by the pair $(C, d) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^m$ according to

$$POLY(C, d) = \{x \mid Cx \leq d\}.$$

- For a polytope P by $V(P)$ we denote the finite set of its **vertices**, which are points in P that cannot be written as a strict convex combination of any other two points in P .
- Given a finite set of points Γ , the **convex hull** $conv(\Gamma)$ of Γ is the smallest convex set that contains Γ .

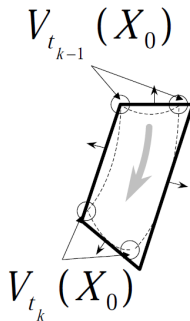
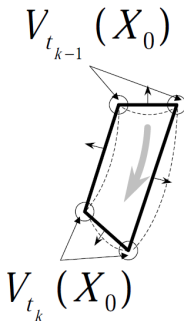
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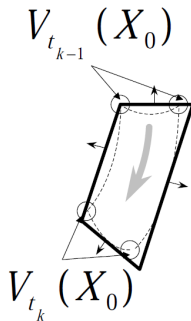
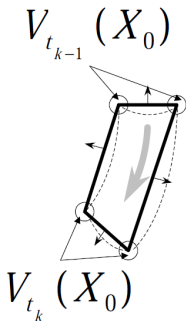
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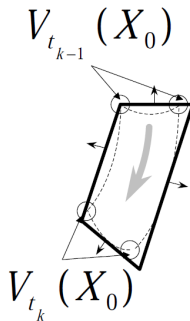
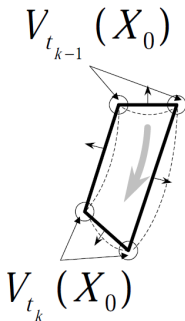
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Each point in the above sets can be obtained

- by analytic solution of the state equation and computing the value, or
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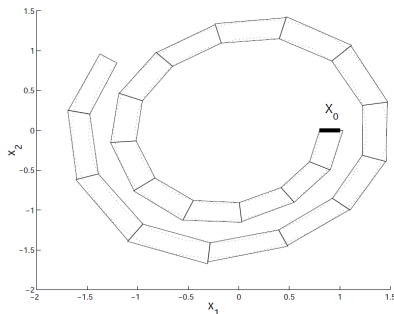


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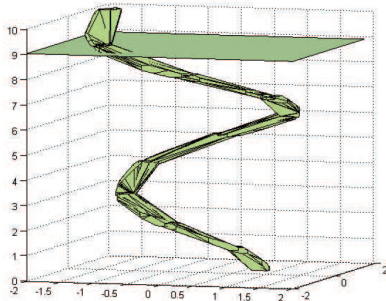




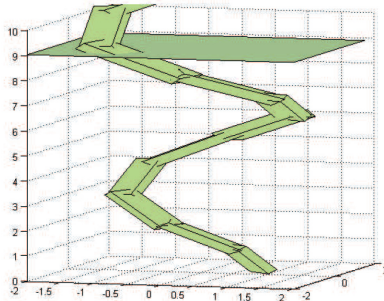
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Van der Pol system with initial set $X_0 = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid 5 \leq x_1 \leq 45 \wedge x_2 = 0\}$.

