Darboux-type Barrier Certificates for Safety Verification of Nonlinear Hybrid Systems

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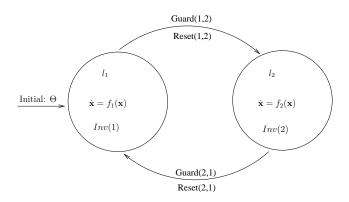
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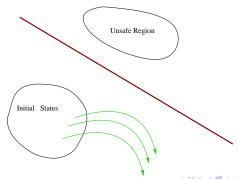


Safety Verification of Hybrid Systems

Given a hybrid system **H** with:

- an initial region $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,
- an unsafe region $X_u \subseteq R^n$.

Problem: Verify whether all trajectories of **H** that start at arbitrary $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \Theta$, can not enter the unsafe region X_u .



Verification approaches

Reachability Analysis:

- Exact reachable set: Quantifier elimination.
 [G. Lafferriere et al. '00, '01; A. Tiwari et al. '03]
- Approximate reachable set: ellipsoidal, polyhedra, support function, level set...

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[A. Kurzhanski and P. Varaiya '00; T. Dang et al. '11,'12',13; C. Guernic and A. Girard '09; C.J. Tomlin '03; D. Henrion and M. Korda '14]
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Deductive Verification:

Invariant-based method

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[A. Tiwari '08,'11; A. Platzer '09; S. Sankaranarayanan '08, '10; N. Zhan et al. '11; Z. Yang et al. '15]
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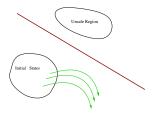
Barrier certificate method

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[S. Prajna et al. '04,'06,'07; H. Kong et al. '13; L. Dai et al. 16']
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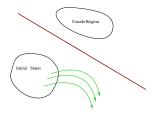


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- This work: Generate the new barrier certificate based on Darboux polynomial.



Darboux Polynomial

Definition (Lie Derivative)

For a vector field $F: \langle f_1, \cdots, f_n \rangle$, the Lie derivative of a smooth function $p(\mathbf{x})$ is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_F(p) = (\nabla p) \cdot F = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \cdot f_i \right).$$

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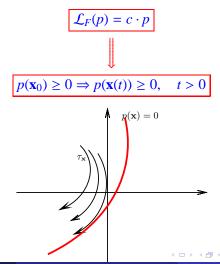
A polynomial $p \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}]$ is called a Darboux polynomial w.r.t F if and only if

$$\mathcal{L}_F(p) = c \cdot p, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}].$$

 $p(\mathbf{x})$ is known as a first integral if $c \equiv 0$.

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Key Property

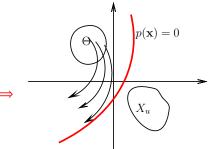


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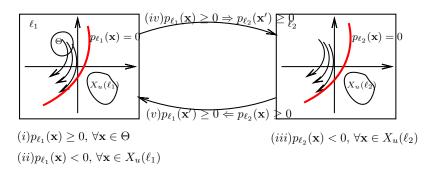
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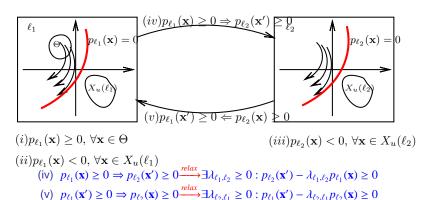
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Safety Verification of Continuous Systems

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- Our aim: reduce computational complexity!

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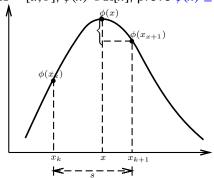
$$\vdots$$

$$-p_2 - c_5p_3 - c_6p_2$$

The optimization problem for computing Darboux-type barrier certificate:

Our idea: Sampling based universal quantifier elimination

Example: Given $\Omega = [a, b], \ \phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x], \ \text{prove } \phi(x) \ge 0 \ \forall x \in \Omega.$



- For all $x \in \Omega$, $|\phi(x) \phi(x_k)| \le \frac{1}{2} ns\eta \triangleq \delta$, $\eta = \sup_{x \in \Omega} \|\nabla \phi(x)\|_{\infty}$.
- $\phi(x) \ge 0$, $\forall x \in \Omega \xrightarrow{relax} \phi(x_i) \ge \delta$, $\forall x_i \in \chi$, $\chi = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$.
- $s \to 0 \Rightarrow \delta \to 0$.
- $\phi(x) \ge 0$, $\forall x \in \Omega \xrightarrow{approx} \phi(x_i) \ge 0$, $\forall x_i \in \chi$ (with small s).

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[c.f. interior point method, trust-region method...]

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Challenge: The solutions highly depend on the initial values!

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where $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)^T$, $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_6)^T$, and $A \in \mathbb{R}^{18 \times 3}$.

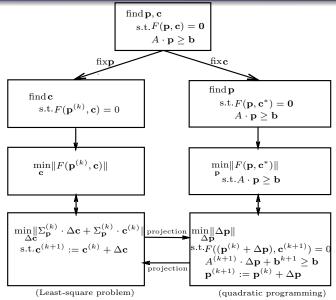
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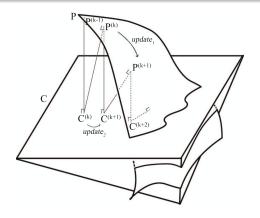
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- Select the initial solution \mathbf{p}^0 from the set $[-5, 5]^3$. Call the Matlab Command fmincon based on interior-point algorithm.
- After 5000 trials by choosing \mathbf{p}^0 randomly, fmincon can not yield any feasible solution.

LS-QP Alternating Projection



LS-QP alternating projection method



P: the manifold defined by $F(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{c}) = 0$.

C: the polyhedron defined by $A \cdot \mathbf{p} \ge \mathbf{b}$.

Example 2

Consider the polynomial system

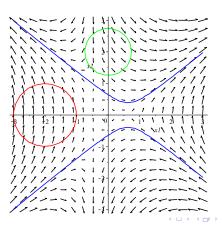
$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 + 2x_1x_2 \\ -x_1 + 2x_1^2 - x_2^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

- Initial set: $\Theta = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1^2 + (x_2 2)^2 \le \frac{9}{16} \}.$
- Unsafe region: $X_u = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x_1 + 2)^2 + x_2^2 1 \}.$

Example 2 (cont.)

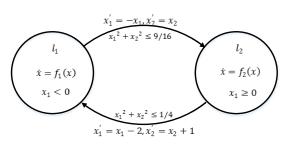
By applying our suggested method, we can obtain the following Darboux-type barrier certificate:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - 2x_1 + \frac{8}{5}x_1^2 - \frac{12}{5}x_2^2.$$



Example 3

Consider the the following hybrid system:



where

$$f_1(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 + x_1 x_2 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_2(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 + 2x_1^2 x_2 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Initial state: $\Theta = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x_1 + 2)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 \le 0.25\}.$

Unsafe area: $X_u(\ell_2) = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (x_1 - 2)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 \le 0.25\}.$

Example 3 (cont.)

By applying our method, we can obtain Darboux-type barrier certificates at locations ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 :

$$\begin{split} p_{\ell_1}(\mathbf{x}) &= 0.7332 \, x_2, \\ p_{\ell_2}(\mathbf{x}) &= -0.2711 \, x_1 x_2 + 0.2711, \end{split}$$

which can verify the safety of the system.

Experiments: Algorithm Performance on Benchmarks

ID	n	deg	LMI		BMI		LS-QP	
			deg(B)	T(s)	deg(B)	T(s)	deg(p)	T(s)
1	2	2	Fail	_	2	0.8744	2	0.650
2	3	2	Fail		Fail	_	1	0.485
3	3	2	1	0.3751	1	1.1039	1	0.515
4	2	2	Fail	_	Fail	_	1	0.364
5	3	2	Fail	-	2	5.0523	2	1.633
6	2	2	Fail		Fail	_	1	0.315
7	2	2	2	0.2816	2	1.1407	1	0.371
8	2	2	Fail	_	2	1.9511	2	0.923
9	2	3	4	0.4623	2	1.0011	Fail	_
10	4	2	Fail	_	2	10.8846	1	7.050
11	6	2	2	27.2306	2	65.3519	1	14.06

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Future Work:

• Deal with non-polynomial hybrid systems (sin, cos, exp, ln, ···).



Thank you!

