# Lagrangian Approaches to Forward Reachability in Continuous State Spaces 

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## Verification: Safety Analysis

- Does there exist a trajectory of system H leading from a state in initial set $I$ to a state in terminal set $T$ ?

Trajectory $\xi_{\mathrm{H}}(s ; z, t): \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

- $\mathbb{T}=[-\mathcal{T},+\mathcal{T}]$ is time interval
- $\mathbb{Z}$ is state space of H
- $s \in \mathbb{T}$ is current time
- $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ is initial state
- $t \in \mathbb{T}$ is initial time

Assumption:
Given $z$ and $t$
trajectory is unique

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terminal set T
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## Calculating Reach Sets

- Two primary challenges
- How to represent set of reachable states
- How to evolve set according to dynamics
- Discrete systems $x_{k+1}=\boldsymbol{\delta}\left(x_{k}\right)$
- Enumerate trajectories and states
- Efficient representations: Binary Decision Diagrams
- Continuous systems $d x / d t=f(x)$ ?




## Typical Systems: ODEs

- Common model for continuous state spaces
- Lipschitz continuity of $f$ ensures existence of a unique trajectory
- Trajectories cannot cross, so boundary of reachable set derives from boundary of initial or target set

ODE $\dot{z}(t)=f(z(t))$
with initial conditions $z\left(t_{0}\right)=z_{0}$ gives rise to trajectory $\xi_{H_{C}}\left(t ; z_{0}, t_{0}\right)$ where

- $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \mathbb{Z}$ are (Lipschitz) dynamics
- Often $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_{z}}$

System specified by $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{C}}=(\mathbb{Z}, f)$

## Working with Sets

- Optimal control works with a single optimal trajectory
- Verification works with sets of trajectories
- Takes a nondeterministic (but not probabilistic) viewpoint
- Basic construct is reachability
- Many versions: forward and backward, sets or tubes
- When available, what should the input(s) do?
- Many related concepts in control theory
- Invariant sets, controlled invariant sets, stability
- Safety is not the only verification goal
- Liveness is a common goal, but often harder to verify


## Forward Reachability

- Start at initial conditions and compute forward



## Backward Reachability

- Start at terminal set and compute backwards



## Exchanging Algorithms

- Algorithms are (mathematically) interchangeable if system dynamics can be reversed in time

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Backward dynamic system } \overleftarrow{H} \\
\text { such that } \forall s, t \in \mathbb{T} \\
\xi_{\mathrm{H}}(s ; z, t)=\bar{z} \Longleftrightarrow \xi_{\overleftarrow{H}}(s ; \bar{z}, t)=z
\end{gathered}
$$

- For example: $\overleftarrow{\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{C}}}=(\mathbb{Z},-f)$
- Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
F(\mathrm{H}, S,[0, t]) & =B(\overleftarrow{\mathrm{H}}, S,[0, t]) \\
F(\mathrm{H}, S, t) & =B(\overleftarrow{\mathrm{H}}, S, t)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Lagrangian Approaches

- "Lagrangian" computation is performed along trajectories of the system
- Compare with "Eulerian" computation, which occurs on a grid which does not move with the trajectories
- Typically defined in terms of forward reach sets \& tubes
- Advantages: Compact representation of sets, overapproximation guarantees, demonstrated high dimensions
- Disadvantages: restricted dynamics, reliance on trajectory optimization, restrictive set representation


## Examples of Lagrangian Schemes

- Timed automata
- Derivatives are zero or one; continuous variables are "stopwatches"
- Uppaal [Larsen, Pettersson...], Kronos [Yovine,...], ...
- Rectangular differential inclusions ("linear" hybrid automata)
- Derivatives lie in some constant interval
- Hytech, Hypertech [Henzinger, Ho, Horowitz, Wong-Toi, ...]
- Polyhedra and (mostly) linear dynamics
- Derivatives are linear (or affine) functions
- Checkmate [Chutinan \& Krogh], d/dt [Bournez, Dang, Maler, Pnueli, .], PHAVer [Frehse], Coho [Greenstreet, Mitchell, Yan], others [Bemporad, Morari, Torrisi, ...], ...
- Ellipsoids and linear dynamics
- [Botchkarev, Kurzhanski, Kurzhanskiy, Tripakis, Varaiya, ...]
- Zonotopes and linear dynamics
- [Girard, le Guernic \& Maler]


## Four Examples of Lagrangian Schemes

- CheckMate \& convex polygons
- Zonotopes
- Ellipsoids
- Coho \& projectagons
- Note:
- Choices are heavily influenced by my expertise
- I may choose different (and potentially conflicting) variable names in these slides when compared with the assigned papers


## CheckMate

- Designed to verify properties of Polyhedral Invariant Hybrid Automata (PIHA)
- Hybrid automata with invariants/guards defined by conjunctions of linear inequalities (convex polyhedra)
- Works by computing an Approximate Quotient Transition System (AQTS)
- Discrete transition system which conservatively simulates the hybrid automata's evolution
- Released as an add-on to Mathworks' Simulink / Stateflow
- Model can be constructed graphically
- Same model can be simulated and verified


## Continuous Algorithm

- Start with an initial set $X_{0}$
- Reach set $V_{t_{k}}\left(X_{0}\right)$ at a later time $t_{k}$ can be determined by simulating trajectories from each vertex of $X_{0}$
- Given reach set at $t_{k}$ and $t_{k+1}$, initial approximation of reach tube for $\left[t_{k}, t_{k+1}\right]$ is convex hull of $V_{t_{k}}\left(X_{0}\right)$ and $V_{t_{k+1}}\left(X_{0}\right)$
- Trajectories may curve, so use optimization to push edges of convex hull outward until reach tube contains all reachable states
- For linear dynamics $\dot{x}=\mathbf{A} x$, analytic solution is $\xi\left(t ; x_{0}, t_{0}\right)=e^{\mathbf{A}\left(t-t_{0}\right)} x_{0}$, so optimization is a linear program for any fixed $t$ (easy to solve)

from Chutinan \& Krogh, IEEE Trans. AC, fig. 4, p. 68 (2003)


## Continuous Algorithm's Issues

- Global nonlinear optimization provides no guarantees
- Dilated convex hull may not contain all possible trajectories
- Trajectories are approximated numerically
- Accomodating inputs requires additional trust in optimization procedure

CheckMate reach tube examples for
2D Van der Pol model and a 3D linear model


from Chutinan \& Krogh, Proc IEEE CDC, fig. 2, p. 2091 \& fig. 3, p 2092 (1998)

## Constructing the AQTS

- Reach tube construction is used to determine what set of states on an incoming polyhedral invariant face maps to which set of states on an outgoing polyhedral invariant face
- Sets of states on face are mapped to discrete states in the AQTS (with possible subdivisions)



## Primary CheckMate Papers

- Alongkrit Chutinan \& Bruce H. Krogh, "Computing Polyhedral Approximations to Flow Pipes for Dynamic Systems," Proc. IEEE Conference on Decision \& Control, pp. 2089-2094 (1998)
- Details of the scheme for approximating continuous "flow pipes" (forward reach tubes)
- Alongkrit Chutinan \& Bruce H. Krogh, "Verification of InfiniteState Dynamic Systems using Approximate Quotient Transition Systems," IEEE Trans. on Automatic Control, vol. 46, num. 9, pp. 1401-1410 (2001)
- Procedure for constructing the AQTS and hence verifying a model for a continuous system, assuming a scheme for computing continuous reachable sets
- Alongkrit Chutinan \& Bruce H. Krogh, "Computational Techniques for Hybrid System Verification," IEEE Trans. on Automatic Control, vol. 48, num. 1, pp. 64-75 (2003)
- Journal version of CDC paper, including proof of flow pipe approximation convergence \& detailed batch evaporator example
- Numerous other papers (see CheckMate web site)


## CheckMate Outcomes

- Most complete tool for hybrid systems with non-constant dynamics
- (Partially) integrated with commercial design package
- Handles hybrid system verification, not just continuous reachability
- Generates counter-examples on failure
- Later work integrated Counter-Example Guided Abstraction Refinement (CEGAR) [Clarke, Fehnker, Han, Krogh, Stursberg, Theobald, TACAS 2003]
- Unable to move beyond low dimensions
- Polyhedral representation grows too complex
- One proposal: Oriented Rectangular Hull representation [Krogh \& Stursberg, HSCC 2003]


## A Brief Description of $\mathrm{d} / \mathrm{dt}$

- Similar basic idea to CheckMate
- Encorporates "griddy polyhedron" construction to control complexity of full reach set representation
- Various continuous reachability extensions: competing inputs, projections, ...
- Many publications
- Eugene Asarin, Olivier Bournez, Thao Dang \& Oded Maler, "Approximate Reachability Analysis of Piecewise-Linear Dynamical Systems" in Hybrid Systems Computation \& Control (Nancy Lynch \& Bruce H. Krogh eds.), LNCS 1790, pp. 20-31 (2000)
- Fig. 2, p. 25 shown at right



## Zonotopes

- Representation of general convex polyhedra is too complex in higher dimensional spaces
- Instead, choose a category of sets that can be efficiently represented
- Zonotopes:
- Image of a hypercube under an affine projection
- Minkowski sum of a finite set of line segments
$Z=\left(c,<g_{1}, \ldots, g_{p}>\right)$ denotes

$$
Z=\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \mid x=c+\sum_{i=1}^{i=p} \lambda_{i} g_{i}, \lambda_{i} \in[-1,+1]\right\}
$$


where $c, g_{1}, g_{2}, \ldots, g_{p}$ are vectors in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$

$$
Z=\left(c,<g_{1}, g_{2}, g_{3}>\right)
$$

## Zonotope Features

- Compact representation: storage cost $n(p+1)$
- Closed under linear transformation: if $\mathcal{L} x=\mathbf{A} x+b$ then

$$
\mathcal{L} Z=\left(\mathcal{L} c,<\mathcal{L} g_{1}, \ldots, \mathcal{L} g_{p}>\right)
$$

- Closed under Minkowski sum:

$$
Z^{(1)}+Z^{(2)}=\left(c^{(1)}+c^{(2)},<g_{1}^{(1)}, \ldots, g_{p^{(1)}}^{(1)}, g_{1}^{(2)}, \ldots, g_{p^{(2)}}^{(2)}>\right)
$$

- Conversion to other representations can be expensive; for example, a zonotope may have $2 p$ choose $n-1$ facets
- Computation of intersection and union may be difficult; for example, see [Girard \& Le Guernic, HSCC 2006]



## Linear Dynamics with Bounded Inputs

Restrict class of ODEs to the form

$$
\dot{x}=\mathbf{A} x+u, \quad u \in U
$$

where $U$ in this case is a hypercube

$$
U=\left\{u \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \mid\|u\|_{\infty} \leq \mu\right\}
$$

- $f(x, u)=\mathbf{A} x+u$ is Lipschitz in $x$, so standard existence and uniqueness results apply
- Trajectories now denoted by $\xi\left(t ; x_{0}, t_{0}, u(\cdot)\right)$ where function $u(\cdot): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow U$ is an input signal
- Reach set with fixed (but not necessarily constant) input signal is the same as the input-free case
- Reach set with general input signal is the union over all possible fixed input signals


## Continuous Algorithm

- Decompose full reach tube into segments

$$
F(I,[0, T])=\bigcup_{i} F(I,[i r,(i+1) r])
$$

for some small timestep $r$

- Time-independent ODEs have the semigroup property

$$
\xi\left(t_{1}+t_{2} ; x_{0}, 0\right)=\xi\left(t_{2} ; \xi\left(t_{1} ; x_{0}, 0\right), t_{1}\right)
$$

We can use the semigroup property to deduce

$$
F(I,[i r,(i+1) r])=F(F(I,[(i-1) r, i r]), r)
$$

- Therefore, if we can conservatively approximate $F(I,[0, r])$ and $F(Z, r)$ for any $Z$, we can conservatively approximate $F(I,[0, T])$


## Conservative Approximations

- Let $\|\cdot\|=\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$, "+" for sets be interpreted as the Minkowski sum and $\square(\rho)=\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n} \mid\|x\|_{\infty} \leq \rho\right\}$ (which is a zonotope)
- $F(Z, r) \subseteq e^{r \mathrm{~A}} Z+\square\left(\beta_{r}\right)$ where

$$
\beta_{r}=\frac{e^{r\|\mathbf{A}\|}-1}{\|\mathbf{A}\|} \mu,
$$

- $F(Z,[0, r]) \subseteq P+\square\left(\alpha_{r}+\beta_{r}\right)$ where

$$
\left.\left.\begin{array}{rl}
\alpha_{r} & =\left(e^{r\|\mathbf{A}\|}-1-r\|\mathbf{A}\|\right) \sup _{x \in Z}\|x\| \\
P & =\frac{1}{2}\left(c+e^{r \mathbf{A}} c,\left\langle\begin{array}{c}
g_{1}+e^{r \mathbf{A}} g_{1}, \ldots, g_{p}+e^{r \mathbf{A}} g_{p}, \\
c-e^{r \mathbf{A}} c, \\
g_{1}-e^{r \mathbf{A}} g_{1}, \ldots, g_{p}-e^{r \mathbf{A}} g_{p}
\end{array}\right\rangle\right.
\end{array}\right\rangle\right)
$$



HSCC 2005,
fig. 2, p. 295

- These approximations can be shown to converge (in the Hausdorff metric) as $r \rightarrow 0$


## Further Work

- Complexity of zonotopes in basic algorithm grows with time
- Can conservatively constrain the order of the zonotope
- [Girard, Le Guernic \& Maler, HSCC 2006]
- Refactorizes the Minkowski sum to avoid growth of order
- Constructs underapproximations and interval hull approximations
- Discusses extension to hybrid automata (requires set intersection)
- [Girard \& Le Guernic, HSCC 2008]
- "Efficient" Algorithm for zonotope intersection with hyperplane

Reach tube for an oscillatory sink


## Zonotope Outcomes

- Still primarily a research project
- MATISSE tool implements the continuous reachable set computation (including HSCC 2006?)
- Demonstrated on continuous toy examples in dimension 100 (HSCC 2005) and 200 (HSCC 2006)
- Demonstrated on low dimensional hybrid examples
- Zonotope representation has interesting trade-offs
- Difficulty of computing set intersection and (presumably) union may make abstraction refinement challenging
- Complexity (zonotope order) can be controlled over a wide range
- Infinity norm bounds require well scaled system dynamics and inputs


## Ellipsoids

- An alternative class of sets which can be efficiently represented in high dimensions
- Represent as the zero level set of a quadratic function
- So computational costs in a given dimension are similar to LQR or Kalman filtering

Ellipsoid $\mathcal{E}(z, \mathbf{Z}) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is specified by

$$
\mathcal{E}(z, \mathbf{Z})=\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{d} \mid(x-z)^{T} \mathbf{Z}^{-1}(x-z) \leq 1\right\}
$$

where $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the symmetric positive definite shape matrix and $z \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is the center


## Ellipsoid Features

- Compact representation: $1 / 2 n^{2}+\mathcal{O}(n)$
- Operations (union, intersection, Minkowski sum, etc.) on ellipsoids rarely give rise to ellipsoids
- However, inner and/or outer bounding ellipsoids of the results can often be constructed analytically or by convex optimization
- See various works by Kurzhanski, Kurzhanskiy, Vályi, Varaiya and
many others


Two ellipsoids (rèd \& blue) and an ellipsoid bounding their intersection (green)


Two ellipsoids (red \& green), théir áctual Minkowski sum (black), and two ellipsoids bounding their Minkowski sum (cyan \& blue)

## Ellipsoidal Reachability

- Restrict dynamics to be linear

$$
\dot{x}=\mathbf{A} x+\mathbf{B} u
$$

where A, B are matrices, and input $u \in U=\mathcal{E}(p, \mathbf{P})$

- Even if $I=\mathcal{E}\left(x_{0}, \mathbf{X}_{0}\right)$, reach set $F(I, t)$ is not an ellipse
- It is possible to construct tight external and internal bounding ellipses which touch the reach set at known points $\ell^{*}(t)$
- Choose $\ell^{*}(t)$ as a solution to the adjoint of the homogenous dynamics

$$
\dot{\ell}^{*}=-\mathbf{A}^{T} \ell^{*} \quad \text { for some } \ell^{*}(0)=\ell_{0}
$$

so $\ell^{*}(t)=e^{-\mathbf{A}^{T} t} \ell_{0}$

- We can write a recurrance for the tight ellipsoids' parameters


## External Bounding Ellipses

- Construct outer bounding ellipsoid

$$
X_{\ell}^{+}(t)=\mathcal{E}\left(x_{c}(t), \mathbf{X}_{\ell}^{+}(t)\right) \text { such that } F(I, t) \subseteq X_{\ell}^{+}(t)
$$

- Center is just a trajectory (remember $u \in \mathcal{E}(p, \mathbf{P})$ )

$$
\dot{x}_{c}(t)=\mathbf{A} x_{c}(t)+\mathbf{B} p \quad x_{c}(0)=x_{0}
$$

- Shape satisfies a matrix ODE

$$
\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{\ell}^{+}(t) & =\mathbf{A X}_{\ell}^{+}(t)+\mathbf{X}_{\ell}^{+}(t) \mathbf{A}^{T}+\pi_{\ell}(t) \mathbf{X}_{\ell}^{+}(t)+\frac{\mathbf{B P B}^{T}}{\pi_{\ell}(t)} \\
\mathbf{X}_{\ell}^{+}(0) & =\mathbf{X}_{0} \\
\pi_{\ell}(t) & =\left(\frac{\ell^{T} \mathbf{Y}(t) \mathbf{B P B}^{T} \mathbf{Y}^{T}(t) \ell}{\ell^{T} \mathbf{Y}(t) \mathbf{X}_{\ell}^{+}(t) \mathbf{Y}^{T}(t) \ell}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
\mathbf{Y}(t) & =e^{\mathbf{A} t}
\end{aligned}
$$

- A similar recurrance can be defined for an inner ellipsoid $X_{\ell}^{-}(t)$ such that $X_{\ell}^{-}(t) \subseteq F(I, t)$


## Further Work

- Actual derivation allows dynamics and input set to be time-dependent
- Also derived for systems with two inputs: "control" and "disturbance"
- State $x$ is reachable if there exists an initial condition in $I$ and a feedback control signal $u(\cdot)$ that drives a trajectory to $x$ for every possible disturbance signal $v(\cdot)$
- In practice, compute bounding ellipsoids for several different $\ell$
- For verification, test if all (outer) or any (inner) ellipsoid intersects with the target
- For visualization and other operations, can compute bounding ellipsoids for intersections and unions
- Shown at right: two outer and three inner bounding ellipsoids; actual reach set is contained in the intersection of the outer and the union of the inner


from Kurzhanski \& Varaiya, HSCC 2000, fig. 2 \& 3, p. 212-213


## Ellipsoid Outcomes

- Described in a whole series of papers by Kurzhanski \& Varaiya
- Implemented in Ellipsoidal Toolbox (ET) by Kurzhanskii
- Documentation for ET provides concise summary of previous work
- Demonstrated in dozens of dimensions
- Demonstrated on low dimensional hybrid problems [Botchkarev \& Tripakis, HSCC 2000] and ET
- Ellipsoid representation has different trade-offs
- Extensive historical work on geometric operations makes extension to hybrid system reachability seem more feasible
- Complexity of representation cannot be tuned: always $1 / 2 n^{2}+\mathcal{O}(n)$
- General linear input with ellipsoidal bounds adds flexibility



## Coho \& Projectagons

- Two dimensions is easy: Lots of fast, powerful algorithms
- Can we design an algorithm that primarily works in two dimensional subsets of the full state space?
- "Projectagons"
- Subset of high dimensional polyhedrons which can be represented as the intersection of a collection of prisms
- Each prism is the infinite extension (into the other dimensions) of a bounded (potentially nonconvex) two dimensional polygon
- We actually track only the two dimensional projections


Projections
from Greenstreet \& Mitchell HSCC 1999, fig. 1, p. 104

Maximal
Reachable
Space

## Evolving a Projection (1)

- Let projectagon be $P$ and the prism represented by projection $j$ be $P_{j}$, so $P=\cap_{j} P_{j}$
- Then $\mathrm{CH}(P) \subseteq \cap_{j} \mathrm{CH}\left(P_{j}\right)$, where $\mathrm{CH}(P)$ is the convex hull of $P$
- $\mathrm{CH}\left(P_{j}\right)$ is easily computed and can be represented by the conjuction of a set of linear inequalities
- Loosen ("bloat") all inequalities by $\epsilon$
- Now consider an individual edge $e_{i}$ in the two dimensional projection of $P_{j}$, which corresponds to a face of $P$
- Construct a box bounding all states within $\epsilon$ of $e_{i}$ (also a conjuction of linear inequalities)
- The conjunction of all of the inequalities represents all states within $\epsilon$ of the face of $P$ corresponding to $e_{i}$


## Evolving a Projection (2)

- Construct an affine plus error model $\dot{x}=\mathbf{A} x+b+u$ for $u \in U$ and $U$ a hyperrectangle that is valid within the conjunction of all these linear inequalities
- The forward time mapping of states under this dynamic is linear (if $b=0$ and $U=\emptyset$ then it is $e^{\mathbf{A} t}$ )
- Use linear programming to compute the polygonal projection of the forward time mapping of $e_{i}$
- Repeat for all edges in the projection
- Compute the union of all forward time polygons (and all states inside that union)
- Simplify if necessary
- Repeat for all projections
- Repeat for next timestep


## Practical Aspects

- Geometry and mathematics are well separated
- Geometry operations in Java, linear programs (LPs) and model computation in Matlab
- LPs are nasty
- Lots of (nearly) redundant and (nearly) degenerate inequalities
- Lots of sparsity (only two nonzeros per row)
- Need to walk the projection (start from nearly optimal point)
- Need guaranteed optimum for guaranteed overapproximation
- Led to specialized LP implementation by Laza \& Yan: takes advantage of special structure, uses regular floating point calculations to start but guarantees solution accuracy through interval arithmetic and if necessary arbitrary precision arithmetic
- Careful simplification of projections is important
- Need to keep number of edges under control, but accuracy degrades significantly if nonconvexity is removed
- Choice of projections is not always obvious


## Coho Outcomes

- Implemented at UBC in Coho toolset
- Demonstrated on seven dimensional realistic circuit model of a toggle element [Yan \& Greenstreet, FMCAD 2007]
- Included verification of composability to construct a ripple counter
- Projectagons are not as scalable as zonotopes \& ellipsoids, but can represent nonconvex reach sets
- Ample opportunity for parallelization
- Algorithm has considered automatic construction of linear plus error models from nonlinear circuit models

from Greenstreet \& Mitchell, HSCC 1999, fig. 6, p. 113 Ian Mitchell (UBC Computer Science)


## Three Other General Approaches

- Eulerian methods (fixed grid reachability)
- State space decomposition (discrete reachability)
- Lyapunov-like methods


## Eulerian Approaches

- Time dependent Hamilton-Jacobi
- Lygeros, Mitchell, Tomlin, Sastry
- Finite horizon terminal value
- Continuous implicit representation
- Static Hamilton-Jacobi
- Falcone, Ferretti, Soravia, Sethian, Vladimirsky
- Minimum time to reach
- (Dis)continuous implicit representation
- Viability kernels
- Saint-Pierre, Aubin, Quincampoix, Lygeros
- Based on set valued analysis for very general dynamics
- Discrete implicit representation
- Overapproximation guarantee
- Backward reachability approach typical of Eulerian algorithms
- Representation not moving (although it may adapt)
- Generally handle nonlinear and multiple inputs
- No examples beyond four dimensions?


## State Space Decomposition

- Partition state space and compute reachability over partition
- Examples
- Uniform grids: Kurshan \& MacMillan, Belta and many others
- Timed Automata "Region Graph": Alur \& Dill
- Cylindrical Algebraic Decomposition: Tiwari \& Khanna
- Advantages: No need to integrate dynamics, direct control over size of representation
- Disadvantages: Restricted classes of dynamics, "wrapping" problem (discrete system has transitions that do not exist in continuous system)


## Lyapunov-like Methods

- Invariant sets are isosurfaces of Lyapunov-like functions
- Examples:
- Convex optimization: Boyd, Hindi, Hassibi
- Sum of Squares: Prajna, Papachristodoulou, Parrilo
- Advantages: Short certificate proves analytic invariance, no need to integrate dynamics
- Disadvantages: Restricted class of dynamics, no refinement parameter to reduce false negatives, difficult to extract counterexamples


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