



# Un tour d'horizon sur l'invariance positive et ses applications (non seulement) à la commande prédictive

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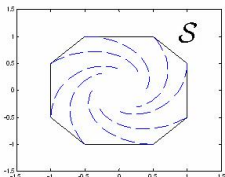
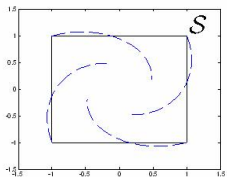
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## Positive invariance

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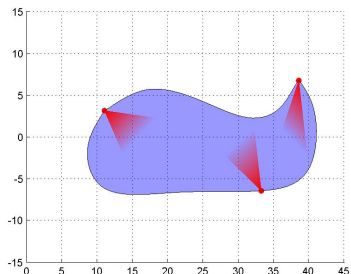
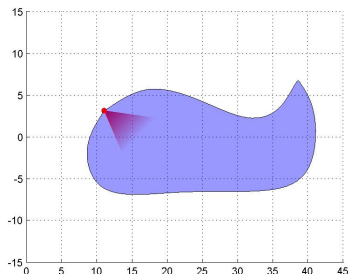
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This basic definition is applies for both continous and discrete-time dynamics.



## Invariance Conditions for Continuous time

Basically, in continuous time the invariance conditions are related to the cone of the feasible directions on the points on the frontier.



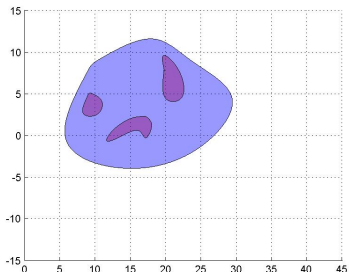


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In discrete-time the invariance cannot be verified by analysing the frontier of the set. In order to obtain geometrical necessary and sufficient conditions the image of the complete set has to be used.

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A set  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is **positively invariant** with respect to the system  $x(k+1) = f(x(k))$  iff  $f(\mathcal{X}) \subset \mathcal{X}$ .

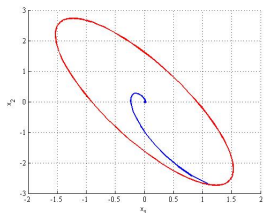


# Special Families of Positive Invariant Sets

- Ellipsoidal invariant sets.
- Related to the existence of quadratic Lyapunov functions.

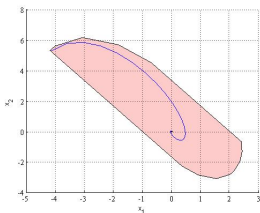
$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x^T P x < 1\}$$

$$P = P^T > 0$$



- Polyhedral invariant sets.
- Related to the existence of polytopic Lyapunov functions.

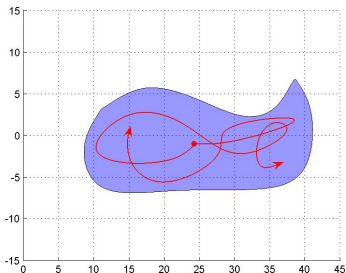
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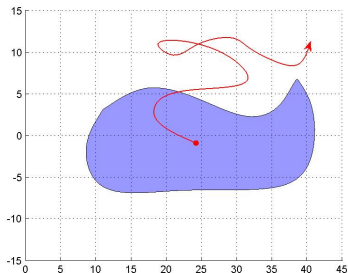
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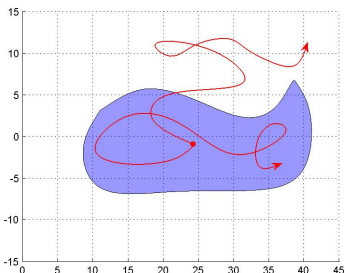


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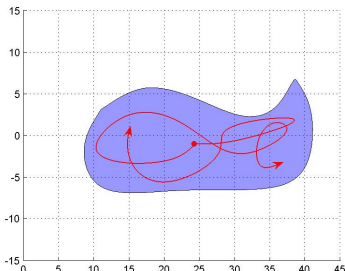
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# The Maximal Output Admissible Set $O_\infty$

Given a discrete-time linear time-invariant system

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k), \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad x(k) \in \mathbf{R}^n \\y(k) &= Cx(k), \quad y(k) \in Y = \left\{x : Hx \leq K\right\}\end{aligned}$$

the maximal admissible (and positive invariant) set is defined as

$$O_\infty(A, C, Y) = \left\{x \in \mathbf{R}^n : CA^t x \in Y, \forall t \in \mathcal{I}^+\right\}$$

The question is: can  $O_\infty$  practically be constructed?

# Finite Determinated $O_\infty$ Set

$$O_t(A, C, Y) = \left\{ x \in \mathbf{R}^n : CA^k x \in Y, \forall k = 0 \cdots t \right\}$$

$O_\infty = O_N$  for a finite  $N$ ?

## Theorem (Gilbert and Tan, '91)

*If the following assumptions hold:*

- ①  $A$  is asymptotically stable
- ② the pair  $(C, A)$  is observable
- ③  $Y$  is bounded
- ④  $0 \in \text{Int}(Y)$

*then  $O_\infty$  is finitely determined.*

Similar result hold for the polytopic uncertainties on the linear dynamics (convex difference inclusion).



# A major result for invariance verification

## Theorem (Bitsoris 1988)

*The convex polyhedral set:*

$$\mathcal{P} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Fx \leq w\},$$

*with  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{R}^r$ , is an invariant set with respect to*

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k),$$

*with  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if and only if there exists a matrix  $H \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  with nonnegative elements such that:*

$$FA = HF$$

*and*

$$Hw \leq w.$$

# Classical Results Concerning Polyhedral Set Invariance

## Definition (Minkowski functions)

Consider a convex and compact polyhedral set containing the origin:

$$\mathcal{P} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Fx \leq 1\},$$

with  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ ,  $w \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . The polyhedral function associated to  $\mathcal{P}$  is called a Minkowski function:

$$V(x) = \max_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,r]}} \{\max \{ \{(Fx)_j \}, 0 \} \}.$$

where  $\{(Fx)_j\}$  denotes the  $j^{th}$  element of  $Fx$ . This function can be seen as a vector infinity-norm (Kiendl et al. 1992):

$$V(x) = \|\max \{ Fx, 0 \} \|_{\infty}.$$

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## Theorem

*The Minkowski function of an invariant set  $\mathcal{P}$  for a LTI system can be used as polyhedral Lyapunov candidate (Blanchini, 1995).*

Consider  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{[0,1]}$ . One of the statements of the Lyapunov stability theorem is:

$$V(x(k+1)) - \varepsilon V(x(k)) \leq 0$$

If  $\varepsilon = 1$  the function  $V(x)$  is called a **weak Lyapunov function**. The existence of a weak Lyapunov function does not imply global asymptotic stability but it induces invariant sets (by the ).

# Other existing results

- A link between the eigenstructure and the complexity of the invariant set (Molchanov, Bobyleva and Pyatnitskii).
- Conditions for the invariance of the complement of a convex set (related to instability).
- Invariant sets for linear dynamics with polytopic uncertainty.
- Parameterization of the invariant sets for the reference tracking case.

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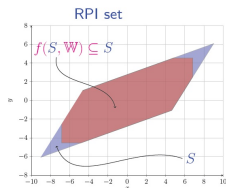
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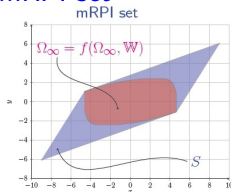
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**Proof** (Kofman et al, 2007):

We can write

$$\begin{aligned} x^+ &= Ax + Bw = V\Lambda V^{-1}x + Bw \\ V^{-1}x^+ &= \Lambda V^{-1}x + V^{-1}Bw \\ |z^+| &\leq |\Lambda z + V^{-1}Bw| \leq |\Lambda|z + |V^{-1}B|\bar{w} \end{aligned}$$

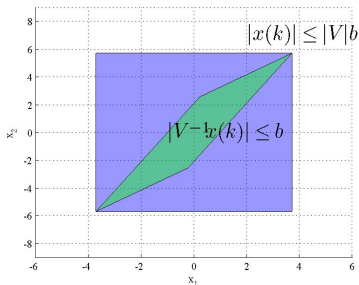
and, then:

$$|V^{-1}x| \leq (I - |\Lambda|)^{-1} |V^{-1}B| \bar{w} + \epsilon$$

Exemplification for a  $\mathbb{R}^2$  case

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bw(k)$$

where  $|w(k)| \leq 1$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0241 & 0.4184 \\ -0.7869 & 1.2759 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8462 \\ 0.5252 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.90 \\ 1.75 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|V|b = \begin{bmatrix} 3.70 \\ 5.68 \end{bmatrix}$$

# mRPI $\epsilon$ inner invariant approximations

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The iterative computation of an  
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## Theorem (Rakovic et al)

*For any  $\epsilon \geq 0$  it exists  $s \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that*

$$\Phi_s \subset \Omega \subset (1 - \alpha(s))^{-1} \Phi_s(\epsilon)$$

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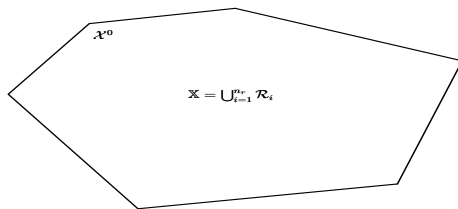
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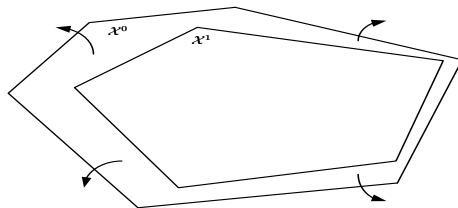
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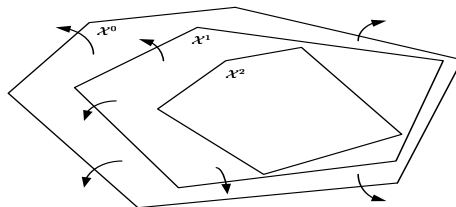
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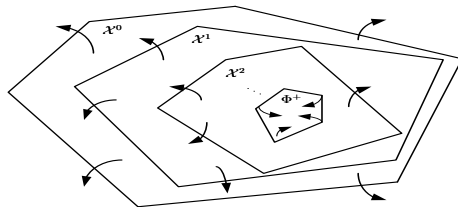
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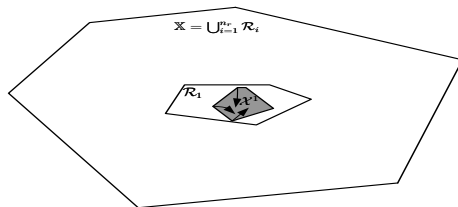


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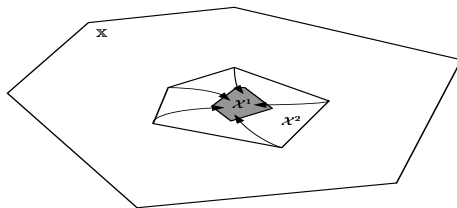
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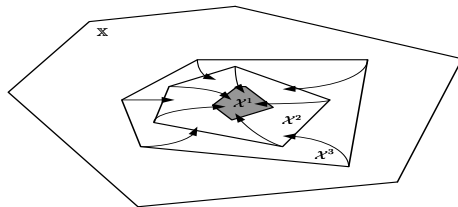
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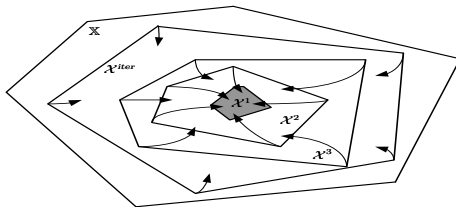
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# Controlled invariance - remarks and construction

- Different formulations with respect to the information available for control (analogy with the game theoretic approaches)
- The controlled invariance will be a useful concept in view of the control design (see MPC, vertex control, etc.)
- Closely related to the reachability analysis and the dynamic programming

# Controlled invariance - remarks and construction

For the construction of the *controlled invariant sets* the main idea will be to use the reachability analysis with the backward set dynamics as a main tool.

- For LTI dynamics  $x^+ = Ax + Bu$  in presence of state ( $x_t \in X$ ) and input ( $u_t \in U$ ) constraints if functioning well via set iterates. For example in the discrete-time this leads to:

$$\mathcal{S}_k = (A^{-1}\mathcal{S}_{k-1} \oplus A^{-1}B(-U)) \cap X \quad (1)$$

- The finite determination of the **maximal controlled invariant set** is not guaranteed as long as this might not be a closed set. However a  $\epsilon$ - approximation can be obtained.
- For the construction of *robust controlled invariant sets* the set iteration needs to use the *Pontryagyn difference*. A special attention should be given to this operation as long as this is not representing the inverse of the Minkowski sum.

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# Alternative invariance notions

## Definition (Periodic invariance - Lee and Kouvaritakis)

The set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  containing the origin is called *periodic invariant* with respect to the system  $x^+ = f(x)$  if there exists a positive number  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that for any  $x_k \in \Omega$  it holds that  $x_{k+p} \in \Omega$ .

## Definition (Cyclic invariance - Lombardi et al)

The ordered family of sets containing the origin  $\mathcal{O} = \{\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_p\} \subseteq \{\mathbb{R}^n\}^p$  is called *cyclic invariant* with respect to  $x^+ = f(x)$  if for any  $x_k \in \Omega_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,p]}$  it holds that  $x_{k+p} \in \Omega_i$  and  $x_{k+j} \in \Omega_{i+j - \lfloor \frac{i+j}{p} \rfloor p}$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,p-1]}$ .

## Definition (Invariant family of sets - Rakovic et al)

The family of sets containing the origin  $\mathcal{O} = \{\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_r\} \subseteq \{\mathbb{R}^n\}^r$  with  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  is called *invariant* with respect to  $x^+ = f(x)$  if for any  $x_k \in \Omega_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,p]}$  it holds that  $x_{k+p} \in \Omega_i$  and  $x_{k+l} \in \bigcup_{j=1}^r \Omega_j$  for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{[1,p-1]}$ .

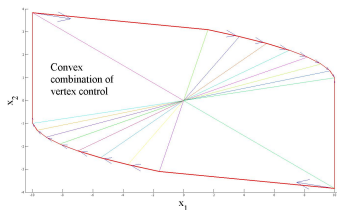
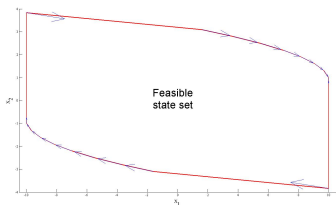
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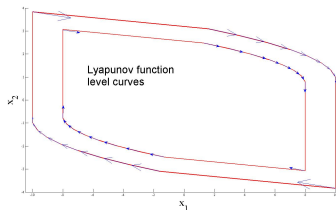
# Vertex control based on a controlled invariant set

- Gutman and Cwikel (1986)
- The necessary and sufficient condition for stabilizing a linear discrete time system with polyhedral state and control constraints is that at each vertex of the feasible set  $P_N$  there exists a feasible control signal  $u \in U$  that brings the state to  $\text{int}(P_N)$ .



# Vertex control based on a controlled invariant set

A stabilizing controller is given by the convex combination of vertex controls. There exists a polyhedral Lyapunov function given by shrunken images of  $P_N$ .



- Blanchini (1992) extended to the uncertain plant case.
- The extension to the nonlinear homogenous dynamics is possible as long as a convex (polyhedral) controlled invariant set exists.

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# The MPC design

Consider the discrete-time system:

$$x_{k+1} = g(x_k, u_k) \quad (2)$$

where  $g(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $u_k \in U$  and  $x_k \in X$  with  $U$  and  $X$  a convex, compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  respectively containing the origin in their interiors. Consider also the optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u_k, \dots, u_{k+N-1}} \quad & \sum_{i=k}^{k+N-1} l(x_i, u_i) + T(x_{k+N}) \\ & x_{i+1} = g(x_i, u_i), \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}_{[k, k+N-1]} \\ & x_i \in X, u_i \in U, \textcolor{red}{x_{k+N}} \in \textcolor{red}{\Omega} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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The set  $\textcolor{red}{\Omega} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  contains the origin in the interior and represents the terminal constraint.

A predictive control applies the first component of the optimal sequence  $u_{mpc} = u_k^*$  and restarts the optimization.

# The classical MPC stability proof relies on invariance

The next results underlines the importance of the positive invariance for the stability of the resulting closed-loop system.

## Theorem

*If there exists a function  $\mathcal{K} : \Omega \rightarrow U$  such that:*

- ①  $g(x, \mathcal{K}(x)) \in \Omega, \forall x \in \Omega$  (*controlled positive invariance of  $\Omega$* )
- ②  $T(g(x, \mathcal{K}(x))) + l(x, \mathcal{K}(x)) - T(x) \leq 0$  (*local Lyapunov function*)

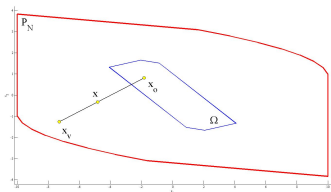
*then the control law  $u_{mpc}$  obtained by solving the receding horizon optimization (3) guarantees the asymptotic stability of the resulting closed-loop system  $x_{k+1} = g(x_k, u_{mpc}(x_k))$ .*

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# Interpolation based control - Nguyen et al

Let  $x^+ = Ax + Bu$  in presence of input and state constraints.  
 Given  $P_N$  a **controlled invariant set** and  $\Omega$  the **MOAS** for  
 $x^+ = (A + BK)x$  then  $\forall x \in P_N$  can be rewritten as a convex  
 combination  $x = cx_v + (1 - c)x_o$  with  $x_v \in P_N$ ,  $x_o \in \Omega$



## Theorem

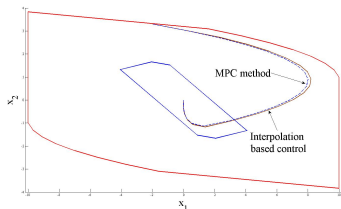
$u = cu_v + (1 - c)u_o$  is recursively feasible for all  $x \in P_N$ .

## Theorem

$c^*(x) = \min(c)$  is a positive and non-increasing Lyapunov function for the system in closed loop with  $u_{interp} = c^*u_v + (1 - c^*)u_o$ .

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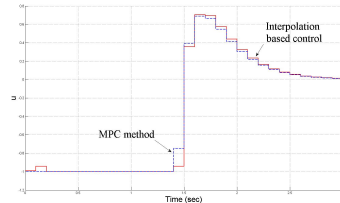
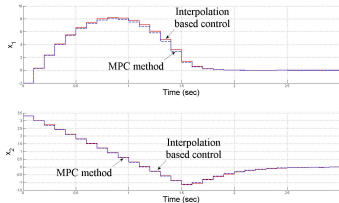
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- Similar performances with MPC





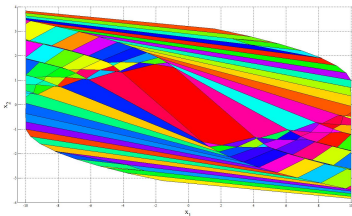
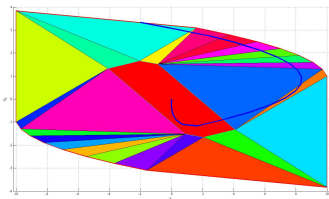
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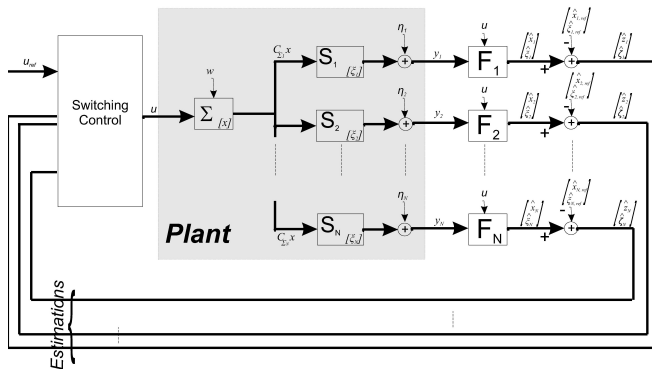
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# Multisensor fault detection using invariant sets



see the results of Seron, De Dona, Stoican and Olaru

# Multisensor control of the inter-vehicle distance

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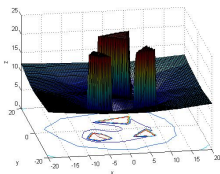
# Invariant sets for collision avoidance (Prodan et al)

Consider an agent described by

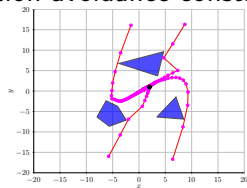
$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\mu_i}{m_i} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\mu_i}{m_i} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m_i} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{m_i} \end{bmatrix},$$

modeling the pedestrian flow, with  $x_i(k) = [p_i^T(k) \ v_i^T(k)]^T$ .

Potential field constructed based on the approximation of **mRPIs**



Agent governed by **MPC** with collision avoidance constraints



# Other control application

- Reference tracking (reference governor design)
- Hybrid system modeling/design
- Probabilistic analysis: probabilistic invariant sets (DeDona et al 2013)
- Decentralized control: via invariant families of sets
- Delay independent stability results
- ...



# Conclusions

The invariant sets are useful in the analysis and the design of  
control!

Much is to be done from the construction point of view.

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