

# On rigorous integration of piece-wise linear systems

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# Rigorous integration of nonlinear dynamical systems

- Considerable interest in using computers for obtaining rigorous results in the field of continuous dynamical systems,
  - computing rigorous enclosures of trajectories,
  - finding accurate positions of periodic solutions,
  - finding all short periodic orbits,
  - proving the existence of topological chaos,
  - proving the existence of chaotic attractors.
- Interval arithmetic: all calculations are performed on intervals in such a way that the true result is always enclosed within the interval found by a computer, notations:
  - boldface is used to denote intervals,  $\mathbf{x} = [a, b]$
  - by  $\underline{x}$  and  $\bar{x}$  we denote left and right end points of  $\mathbf{x}$ ,
  - the diameter of the interval  $\mathbf{x}$ :  $\text{diam}(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{x} - \underline{x}$ .
- Rigorous integration — the basic tool needed to study continuous systems,
- Most of methods for rigorous integration work under the assumption that the vector field is smooth.

# Rigorous integration of piecewise linear systems

- The methods developed for smooth systems are not directly applicable to piece-wise linear (PWL) (or piece-wise smooth) systems, which are an important class of nonlinear dynamical systems,
- When intersections of trajectories with hyperplanes separating linear regions ( $C^0$  hyperplanes) are transversal it is possible to extend general methods to integration of PWL systems:
  - $C^0$  hyperplanes are used as transversal sections,
  - when a trajectory intersects a  $C^0$  hyperplane, its intersection with the transversal plane is computed and the resulting set is used as a starting set for further computations.
- What to do when trajectories are tangent to  $C^0$  hyperplanes?

# Piece-wise linear systems

- The continuous piecewise linear system is defined by

$$\dot{x} = f(x),$$

where  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$  is a piece-wise linear continuous map.

- By  $x(t) = \varphi(t, \hat{x})$  we denote the solution of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  satisfying the initial condition  $x(0) = \hat{x}$ .
- Let us assume that the state space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is composed of  $m$  linear regions  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m$ , separated by hyperplanes  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \dots, \Sigma_p$  (the  $C^0$  hyperplanes).
- In the region  $R_k$  the state equation has the form  $\dot{x} = A_k x + v_k$ , where  $A_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $A_k$  is invertible then in the linear region  $R_k$  solutions can be computed as

$$x(t) = \varphi_k(t, \hat{x}) = e^{A_k t}(\hat{x} - p_k) + p_k,$$

where  $p_k = -A_k^{-1}v_k$ .

# Rigorous integration of PWL systems

- The problem is how to rigorously calculate an enclosure of the set  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x})$  for a given interval  $\mathbf{t}$  and an interval vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\mathbf{x} \subset R_k$ .
- If all trajectories based at  $\mathbf{x}$  remain in  $R_k$  for  $s \in [0, \bar{\mathbf{t}}]$  the problem is simple. The enclosure can be found by evaluating the solution of a linear system in interval arithmetic:

$$\mathbf{y} = \varphi_k(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) = e^{A_k \mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{x} - p_k) + p_k.$$

- For the evaluation of the above formula one can use the mean value form to obtain a narrower enclosure of the set of solutions.

# Transversal intersection — rigorous integration procedure

- Another relatively easy case is when all trajectories based at  $\mathbf{x}$  enter another linear region  $R_l$  through the plane  $\Sigma$ , and intersections of trajectories with  $\Sigma$  are transversal.
- In this case the first step is to find  $s_1 > 0$  such that  $\varphi_k([0, s_1], \mathbf{x}) \in R_k$ ,  $s_1$  should be as large as possible.
- Then we find  $s_2 > s_1$  such that  $\varphi_k(s_2, \mathbf{x}) \in R_l$ ,  $s_2$  should be as small as possible.
- Next, one evaluates  $\mathbf{y} = \varphi_k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x})$ , where  $\mathbf{s} = [s_1, s_2]$ .
- Finally, the intersection of  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\Sigma$  is computed. The intersection serves as a set of initial conditions for further computations. The problem of finding  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x})$  has been reduced to the problem of finding  $\varphi(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y} \cap \Sigma)$ .

**Algorithm 1.** Computation of  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x})$ , transversal case:

- 1 find  $s_1$  such that  $\varphi_k(s_1, \mathbf{x}) \subset R_k$ ,
  - 2 if  $s_1 > \bar{\mathbf{t}}$  return  $\mathbf{y} = \varphi_k(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x})$ ,
  - 3 find  $s_2 > s_1$  such that  $\varphi_k(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) \subset R_l$ ,
  - 4 define  $\mathbf{s} = [s_1, s_2]$  and compute  $\mathbf{y} = \varphi_k(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x})$ ,
  - 5 go to step 1 with  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \cap \Sigma$ ,  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{s}$ .
- The algorithm works when trajectories transversally intersect the  $C^0$  hyperplanes.
  - It has been successfully applied to the analysis of the Chua's circuit for parameter values, for which the attractor does not contain trajectories tangent to the  $C^0$  hyperplanes.

# Integration of perturbed dynamical systems

- Consider an ordinary differential equation  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Assume that we know how to rigorously integrate  $\dot{x} = g(x)$ .

## Theorem

Let  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  be solutions of  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  and  $\dot{x} = g(x)$ , respectively. Let us assume that  $x(0) = y(0)$ , and  $x(t), y(t) \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $t \in [0, h]$ , where  $D$  is a bounded, closed, convex set, and the map  $g$  is  $C^1$ . Then for  $t \in [0, h]$

$$|y_i(t) - x_i(t)| \leq \Delta_i,$$

where  $\Delta = \int_0^t e^{B(t-s)} c ds$ ,  $b_{ij} \geq \sup_{x \in D} \left| \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_j}(x) \right|$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  
 $b_{ii} \geq \sup_{x \in D} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial x_i}(x)$ , and  $c_i \geq |g_i(x(t)) - f_i(x(t))|$ , for  $t \in [0, h]$ .



# Rigorous integration — tangent intersection case

- Let us assume that  $\mathbf{x} \subset R_k$ , and that some trajectories based at  $\mathbf{x}$  are tangent to the  $C^0$  hyperplane  $\Sigma$  separating the linear regions  $R_k$  and  $R_l$ .
- The goal is to compute an enclosure of the set  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) = \{\varphi(t, x) : x \in \mathbf{x}, t \in \mathbf{t}\}$ .
- The PWL system is considered as a perturbed linear system:

$$\dot{x} = g(x) = A_k x + v_k.$$

- We use the main theorem with  $b_{ij} = |a_{ij}|$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $b_{ii} = a_{ii}$ .
- $g(x) - f(x) = 0$  over the region  $R_k$ , and  $g(x) - f(x) = (A_k - A_l)x + v_k - v_l$  for  $x \in R_l$ . Close  $\Sigma$  this difference is small ( $f$  is continuous).
- When  $B$  is invertible

$$\Delta = \int_0^t e^{B(t-s)} c ds = B^{-1} (e^{Bt} - I) c.$$

# Tangent intersection — rigorous integration procedure

- Find  $s_1 > 0$  such that  $\varphi_k([0, s_1], \mathbf{x}) \subset R_k$ . The set  $\mathbf{u} = \varphi_k(s_1, \mathbf{x})$  serves as an initial condition for integration along the tangency. To reduce overestimation  $s_1$  should be as large as possible.
- Select  $s_2$ , compute enclosure  $\mathbf{v}$  of the solution  $\varphi_k([0, s_2], \mathbf{u})$  of the linear system.
- Choose  $\mathbf{w} \supset \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$  serves as a guess of the set containing the solution  $\varphi([0, s_2], \mathbf{u})$  of the PWL system.
- Compute  $c = \sup_{x \in \mathbf{w}} |g(x) - f(x)|$  and the vector  $\Delta$ .
- If  $\mathbf{v} + [-1, 1]\Delta \subset \mathbf{w}$  then the solution  $\varphi([0, s_2], \mathbf{u})$  of the PWL system is enclosed in  $\mathbf{v} + [-1, 1]\Delta$ . It follows that  $\varphi(s_2, \mathbf{u}) \subset \mathbf{z} = \varphi_k(s_2, \mathbf{u}) + [-1, 1]\Delta$ .
- If  $\mathbf{z} \subset R_k$  and the vector field  $f$  over the set  $\mathbf{z}$  points away from the plane  $\Sigma$ , then we continue integration using the Algorithm 1.

**Algorithm 2.** Computation of  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x})$ , tangent case:

- 1 Find maximum  $s_1$  such that  $\varphi_k(s_1, \mathbf{x}) \subset R_k$ ,
- 2 Compute  $\mathbf{u} = \varphi_k(s_1, \mathbf{x})$ ,
- 3 Select  $s_2 > 0$  and compute  $\mathbf{v} = \varphi_k([0, s_2], \mathbf{u})$ ,
- 4 Select  $\mathbf{w} \supset \mathbf{v}$ ,
- 5 Compute  $c = \sup_{x \in \mathbf{w}} |g(x) - f(x)|$ ,
- 6 Compute  $\Delta = B^{-1} (e^{Bt} - I) c$ ,
- 7 Compute  $\mathbf{z} = \varphi_k(s_2, \mathbf{u}) + [-1, 1]\Delta$ ,
- 8 If  $\mathbf{v} + [-1, 1]\Delta \subset \mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{z} \subset R_k$  and the vector field  $f$  over the set  $\mathbf{z}$  points away from the plane  $\Sigma$  call the Algorithm 1 with  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t} - s_1 - s_2$ ,
- 9 Go back to step 4 and select larger  $\mathbf{w}$  or go back to step 3 and select larger  $s_2$ .

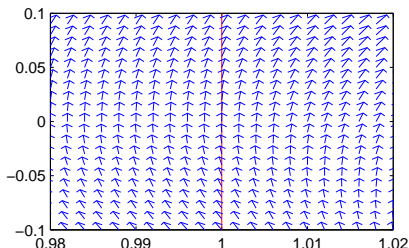
## Example 1: A planar PWL system

- A simple piecewise-linear planar system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = g \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + (|x_1 - 1| - 1)e \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Parameter values:  $a_{11} = 2$ ,  $a_{12} = 1$ ,  $a_{21} = 1$ ,  $a_{22} = 1$ ,  $e = 2$ .
- The line  $\Sigma_1 = \{x: x_1 = 1\}$  separates the two linear regions  $U_1 = \{x: x_1 < 1\}$  and  $U_2 = \{x: x_1 > 1\}$ ,

- Trajectories are tangent to  $\Sigma_1$  at  $(1, e - a_{11}/a_{12}) = (1, 0)$ .



# The PWL system as a perturbed linear system

- We treat the planar PWL system as a perturbed linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = f \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + (x_1 - 2)e \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

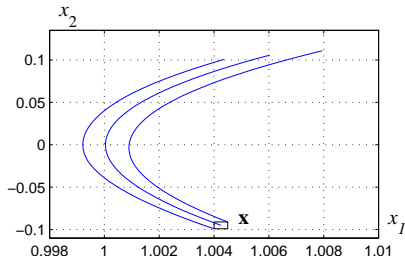
for which the vector field is equal to the vector field of the nonlinear system when  $x_1 > 1$ .

- Hence, we can get bounds for the solution  $y(t)$  of the PWL system from the solution  $x(t)$  of the linear system using bounds with the following constants:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} + e & |a_{12}| \\ |a_{21}| & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}, c = \begin{pmatrix} \sup_{x \in \mathbf{w}} (|x_1 - 1| - x_1 + 1)e \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

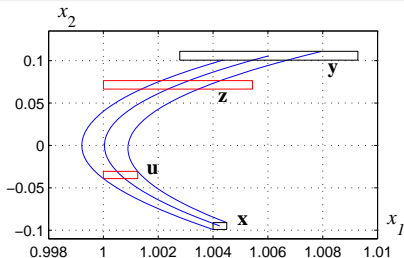
# Rigorous integration of the planar PWL system

- Example: find of enclosure of  $\varphi(t, \mathbf{x})$  for  $\mathbf{x} = ([1.004, 1.0045], [-0.099, -0.091]) \subset U_2$  and  $t = 0.2$ .
- three types of trajectories: tangent to  $\Sigma_1$ , with no intersections, and with two intersections.



# Rigorous integration of the planar PWL system

- $\mathbf{u} = \varphi_2(s_1, \mathbf{x})$ ,  $s_1 \approx 0.0642$ , all trajectories are just before intersection with  $\Sigma_1$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  is a very narrow enclosure of the set of true trajectories.



- $\mathbf{z} = \varphi_2(s_2, \mathbf{u}) + \Delta$ ,  $s_2 = 0.1044$ , all trajectories has already passed the tangency area,  $\mathbf{u}$  is relatively large and in consequence  $s_2$  is also large. This results in a considerable overestimation.
- The final result:  $\mathbf{y} = \varphi_2(0.2 - s_1 - s_2, \mathbf{z})$  is computed using formulas for solutions of linear systems.
- $\text{diam}(\mathbf{x}) = (0.0005, 0.008)$ ,  $\text{diam}(\mathbf{y}) = (0.0065, 0.0104)$ .
- when  $\text{diam}(\mathbf{x}) = (10^{-5}, 10^{-5})$  then  $s_2 \approx 0.0215$ ,  $\text{diam}(\mathbf{y}) = (6.63 \cdot 10^{-5}, 1.92 \cdot 10^{-5})$  (reduced overestimation).

## Example 2: The Chua's circuit

- The state equation:

$$C_1 \dot{x}_1 = (x_2 - x_1)/R - g(x_1),$$

$$C_2 \dot{x}_2 = (x_1 - x_2)/R + x_3,$$

$$L \dot{x}_3 = -x_2 - R_0 x_3,$$

where

$$g(z) = G_b z + 0.5(G_a - G_b)(|z+1| - |z-1|)$$

is a three segment piecewise linear characteristics.

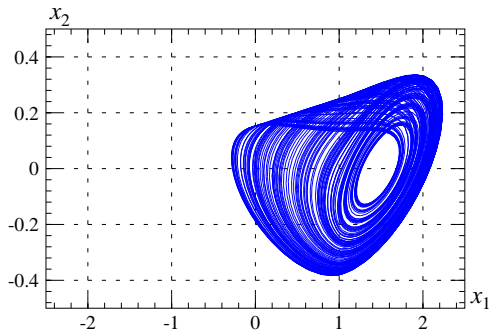
- Parameter values:  $C_1 = 1$ ,  $C_2 = 8.3$ ,  $G_a = -3.4429$ ,  
 $G_b = -2.1849$ ,  $L = 0.06913$ ,  $R = 0.33065$ ,  $R_0 = 0.00036$ .



# Roessler-type attractor

- Linear regions:  $R_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 < -1\}$ ,  $R_2 = \{x : |x_1| < 1\}$  and  $R_3 = \{x : x_1 > 1\}$ ,
- $C^0$  hyperplanes:  $\Sigma_1 = \{x : x_1 = -1\}$  and  $\Sigma_2 = \{x : x_1 = 1\}$ ,

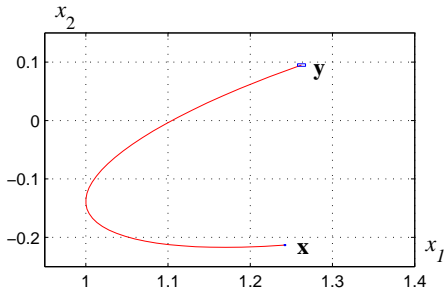
- Roessler-type attractor,
- intersections with  $\Sigma_1$  are not always transversal.



# Chua's circuit, rigorous integration along the tangency

- Example: find an enclosure of  $\varphi(t, \mathbf{x})$  for  $t = 2$  and  $\mathbf{x} = ([1.2412, 1.2432], [-0.2141, -0.2121], [-4.7623, -4.7603])$ ,  $\text{diam}(\mathbf{x}) = (0.002, 0.002, 0.002)$ ,
- $\mathbf{x}$  has non-empty intersection with the numerically observed attractor and some trajectories based in  $\mathbf{x}$  are tangent to  $\Sigma_1$ .





- $\text{diam}(\mathbf{y}) = (0.0098, 0.0042, 0.041)$ ,
- integration time as a perturbed linear system:  $s_2 = 0.1936$ .



- the size of initial set is relatively large and the integration time is relatively long thus showing usefulness of the proposed method.

# Conclusions

- We have studied rigorous integration methods for piece-wise linear systems.
- An algorithm handling the case of trajectories tangent to hyperplanes separating linear regions has been described.
- Several examples have been considered to show the effectiveness of this technique.
- The methods can be used without major modifications for rigorous integration of piece-wise smooth systems — one has to use standard techniques for rigorous integration of nonlinear systems in smooth regions.

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