

Reachability Analysis of Control Systems: A Mixed Monotone Approach

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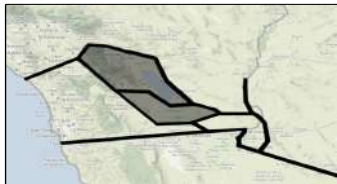
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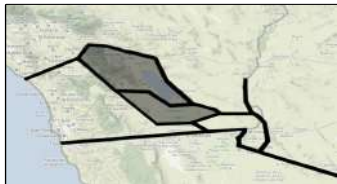
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My Research

Provide **guarantees** for safety and robustness of autonomous systems

Tools: Systems and Control (contraction theory, monotone system theory)

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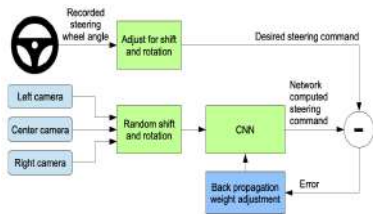
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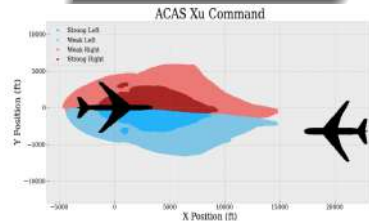
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Robotic motion planning:



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Collision avoidance:

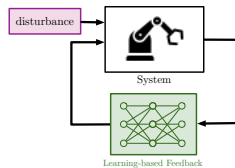


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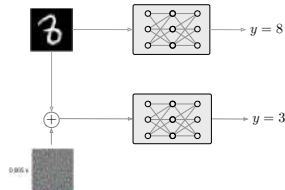
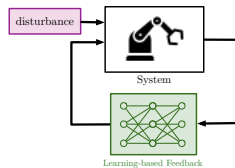
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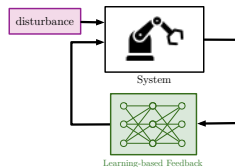


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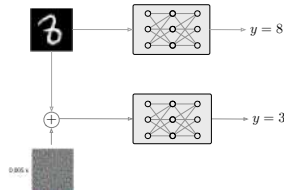
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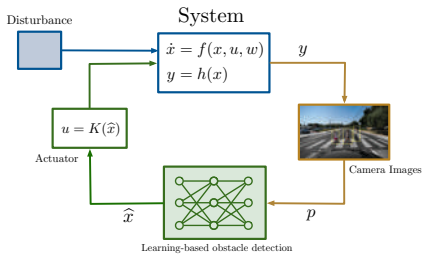
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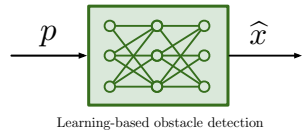
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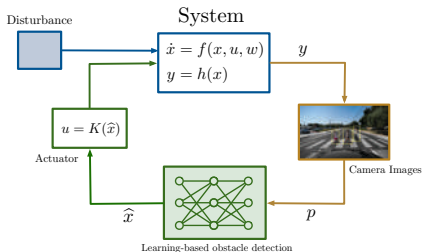
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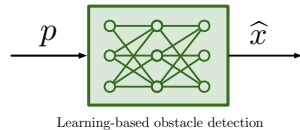
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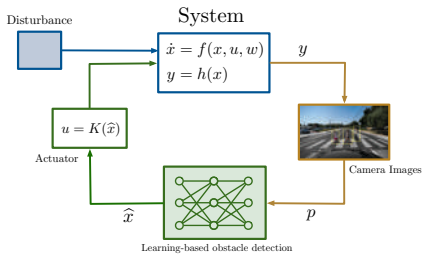
No guarantee to avoid the obstacle:

- out of distribution images
- changes in the environment

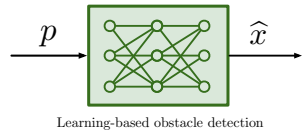
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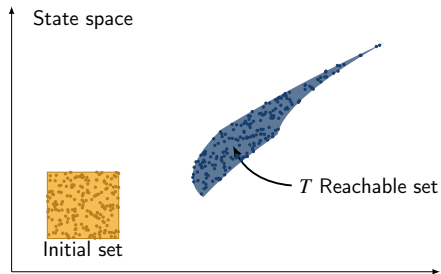
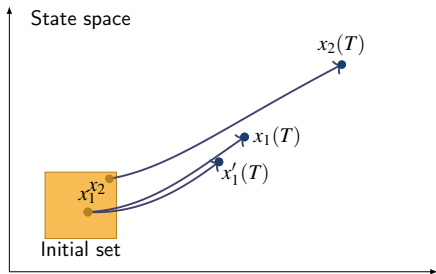
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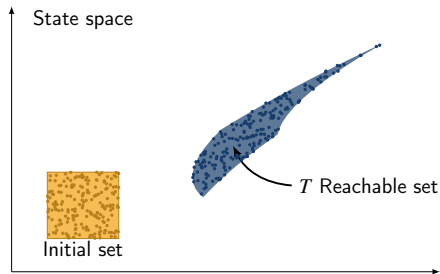
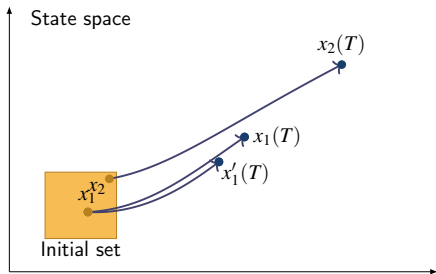
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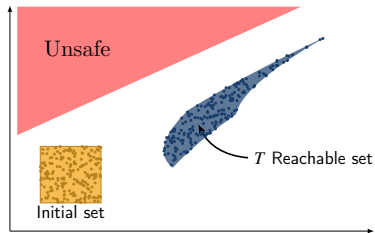
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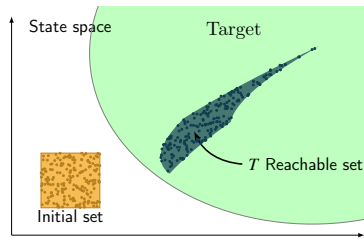
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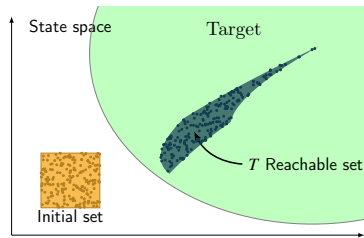
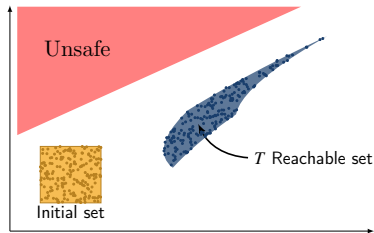
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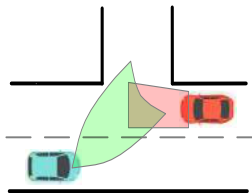
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Combining different instantiation of Reach-avoid problem \implies
diverse range of specifications
(complex planning using logics, invariance, stability)

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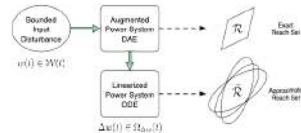
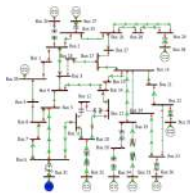
Applications

Autonomous Driving:



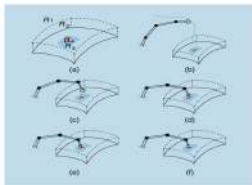
Althoff, 2014

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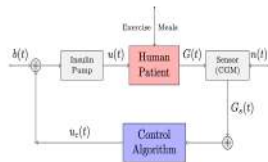
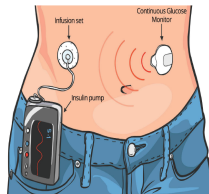


Chen and Dominguez-Garcia, 2016

Robot-assisted Surgery:



Drug Delivery:



Chen, Dutta, and Sankaranarayanan, 2017

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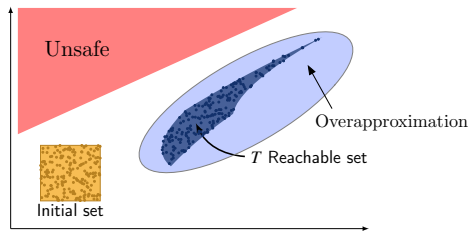
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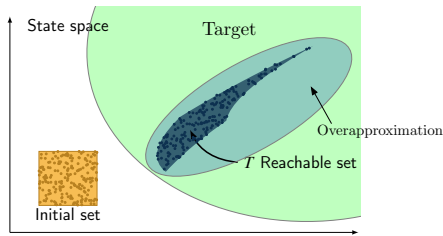
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Literature review

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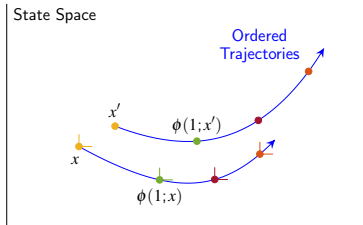
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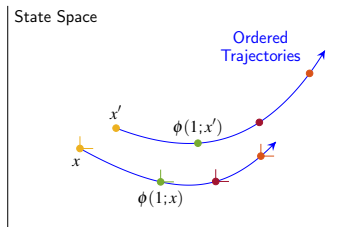
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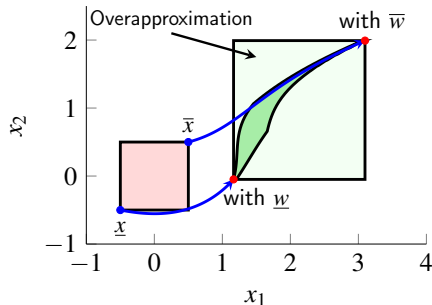
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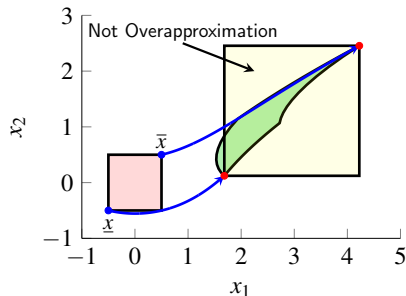
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Original system

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Embedding system

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The embedding system is a monotone dynamical system on \mathbb{R}^{2n} with respect to the **southeast** partial order \leq_{SE} :

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ \hat{x} \end{bmatrix} \leq_{SE} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix} \iff x \leq y \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{y} \leq \hat{x}$$

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A short (and incomplete) history:

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Embedding System for Linear Dynamical System

A structure preserving decomposition

- Metzler/non-Metzler decomposition: $A = \lceil A \rceil^{\text{Mzl}} + \lfloor A \rfloor^{\text{Mzl}}$

- Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lceil A \rceil^{\text{Mzl}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Linear systems

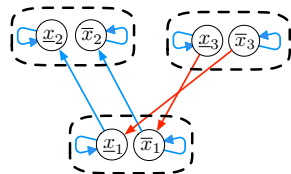
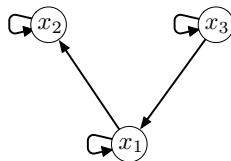
Original system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bw$$

Embedding system

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Reachability using Embedding Systems

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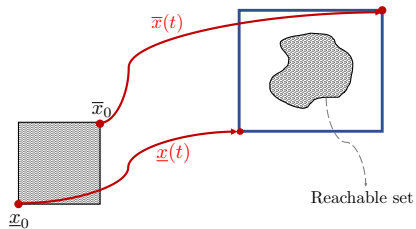
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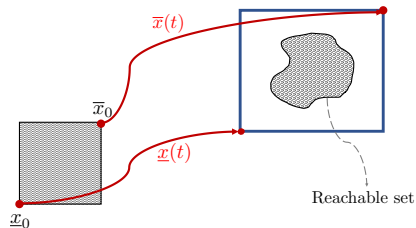
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(Scalable) a single trajectory of embedding system provides **lower bound** (\underline{x}) and **upper bound** (\bar{x}) for the trajectories of the original system.

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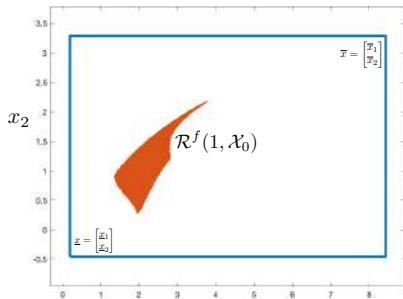
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- Reachability Analysis
- Mixed Monotone Theory
- Neural Network Controlled Systems

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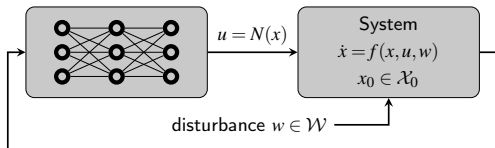
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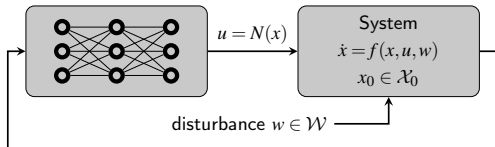
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Challenge: directly performing reachability on f^c is complicated

$N(x)$ is high dimensional and has a large # of parameters

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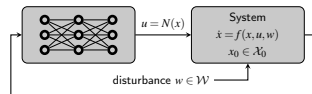
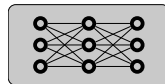
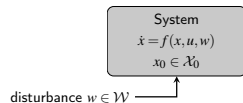
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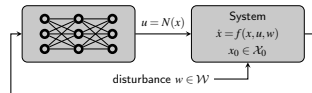
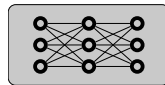
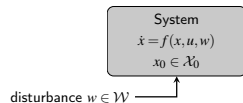
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If not carefully implemented, it can lead to overly-conservative results

In this talk: how to suitably define this composition

Mixed Monotone Reachability of Open-loop System

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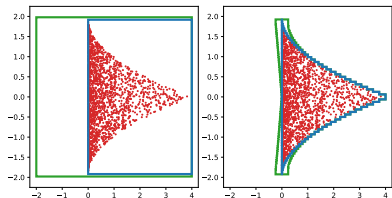
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Interval Bounds for Neural Networks

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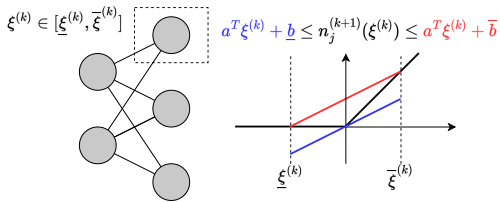
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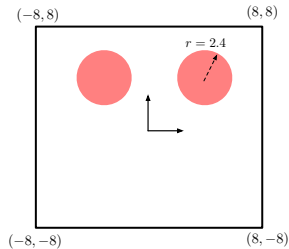
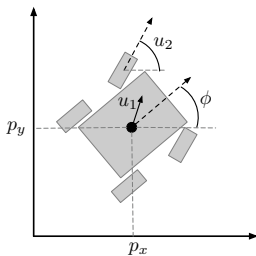
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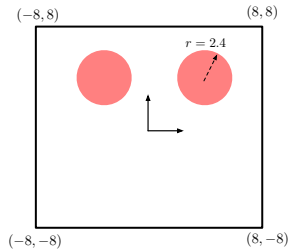
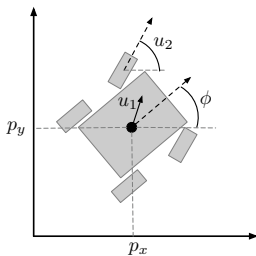
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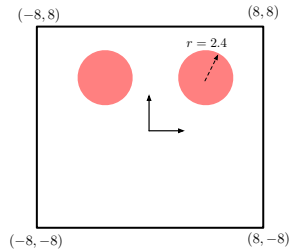
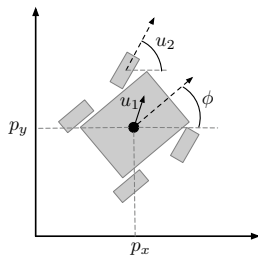
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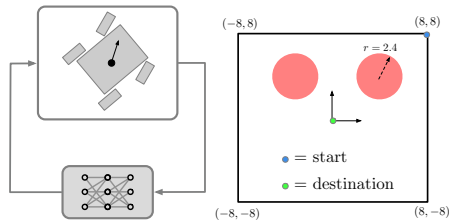
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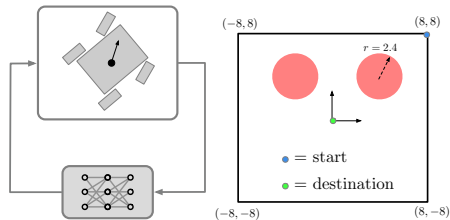
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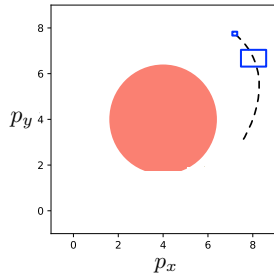
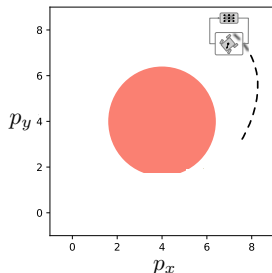


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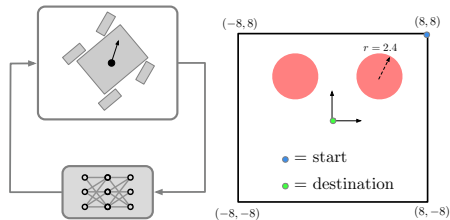
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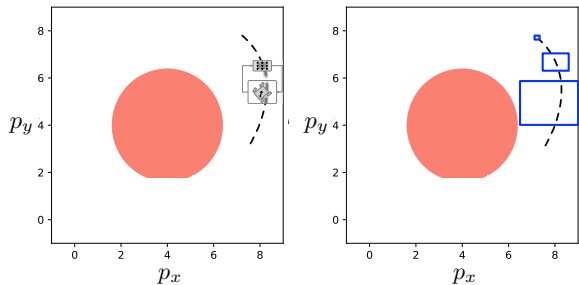


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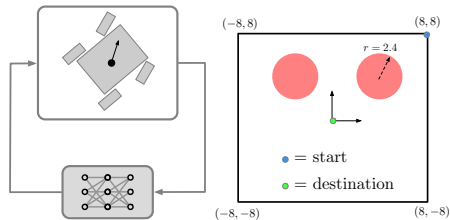
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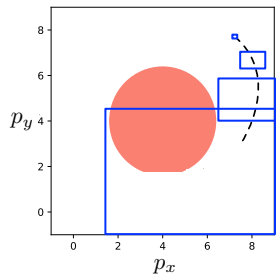
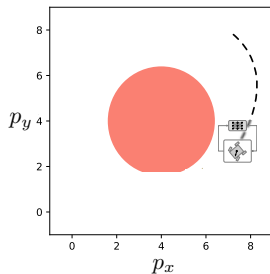


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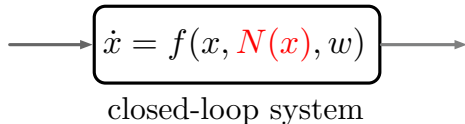
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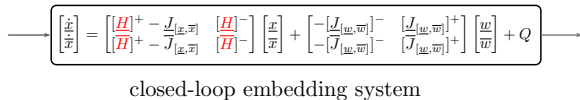
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A pictorial explanation

Original system:



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How does the **interaction approach** work?

- Closed-loop decomposition function = Jacobian based for $f(x, N(x), w)$.
- Neural Network affine functional bounds

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are used to compute the interactions.

Theorem⁸

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where

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is a **decomposition function for the closed-loop system**.

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Case Study: Bicycle Model

Numerical Experiments

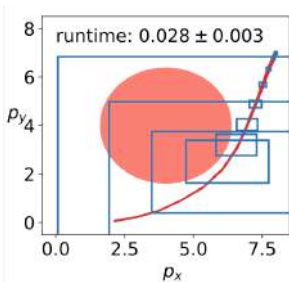
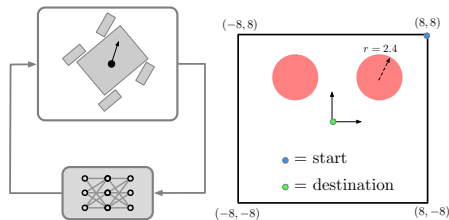
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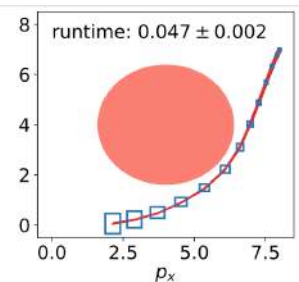
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- Reachability as a framework for safety certification
- Mixed monotone theory as a computationally efficient method for reachability
- Reachability of neural network controlled systems
- Capture the interaction between system and neural network controller

Follow-up work: Forward invariance (safety guarantees for infinite time)

Harapanahalli, Jafarpour, and Coogan. [Forward Invariance in Neural Network Controlled Systems](#). arXiv, Sep 2023