

Exact bounded-error continuous-time linear state estimator

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Section 1

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Goal – obtain a state estimator:

- consistent with:
 - the state equation
 - the observations at discrete times (possibly uncertain)
 - the related errors
- guaranteed to *continuously* enclose the state vectors
- and **exact**, since it does not introduce pessimism and does not lose any consistent state

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In the **continuous case..**

■ **Techniques for verified reachability analysis of quasi-linear continuous-time systems**

A. Rauh, J. Kersten, H. Aschemann, *Intern. Conf. on MMAR*, 2019

→ conservatism/overestimations mainly due to the fact that necessary conditions are used, such as positivity, or wrapping effects.

Section 2

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Flow expression

Consider the linear time-invariant dynamical system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}. \quad (1)$$

The system is linear

→ an analytical expression for the flow is given by

$$\Phi_{t_1, t_2}^{\mathbf{u}(\cdot)}(\mathbf{x}) = e^{\mathbf{A}(t_2 - t_1)}\mathbf{x} + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} e^{\mathbf{A}(t_2 - \tau)}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(\tau)d\tau. \quad (2)$$

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Goal: compute recursively the smallest tube $\mathbb{X}(\cdot)$ for $\mathbf{x}(\cdot)$ consistent with both the prior tube $\check{\mathbb{X}}(\cdot)$ and the state equation.

→ Extension to continuous time systems of the state estimator proposed in:

■ **Recursive state estimation for a set-membership description..**

D. P. Bertsekas, I. B. Rhodes. *IEEE TAC*, 1971

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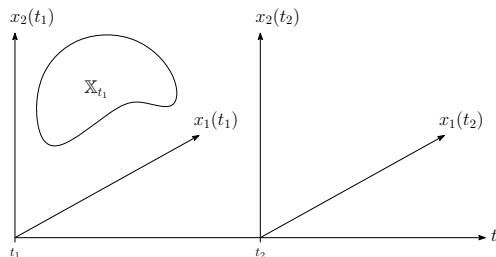
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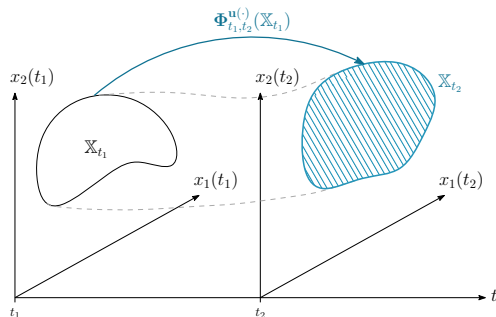
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Automorphism property: given two sets $\mathbb{X}_1^a, \mathbb{X}_1^b$,

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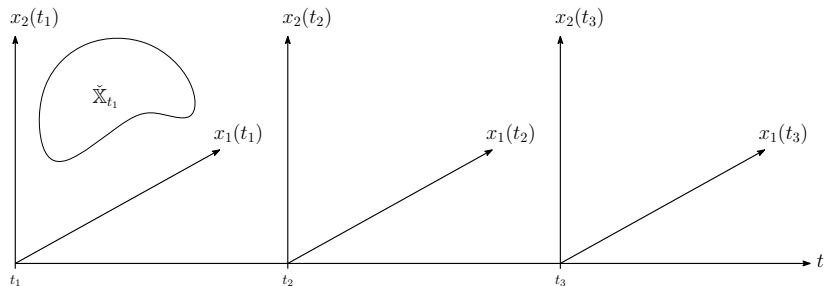
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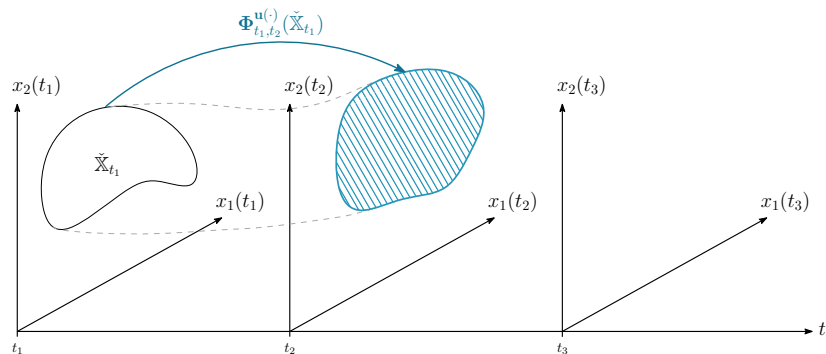


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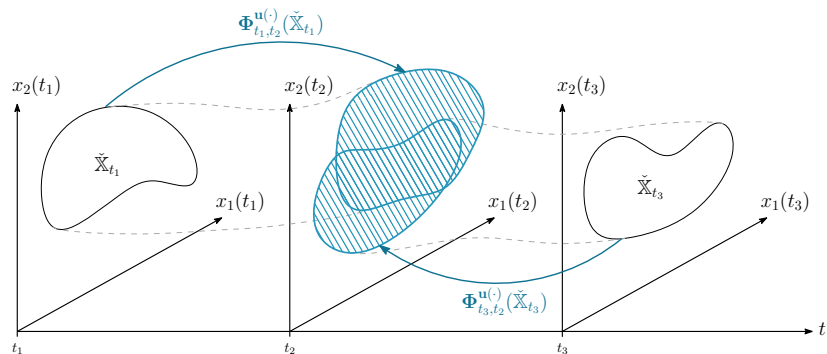


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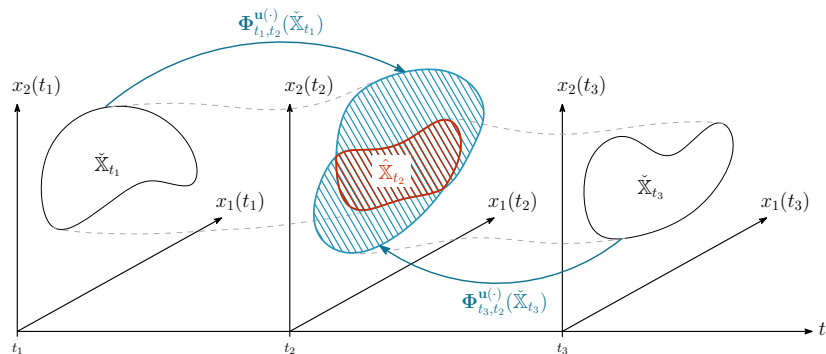


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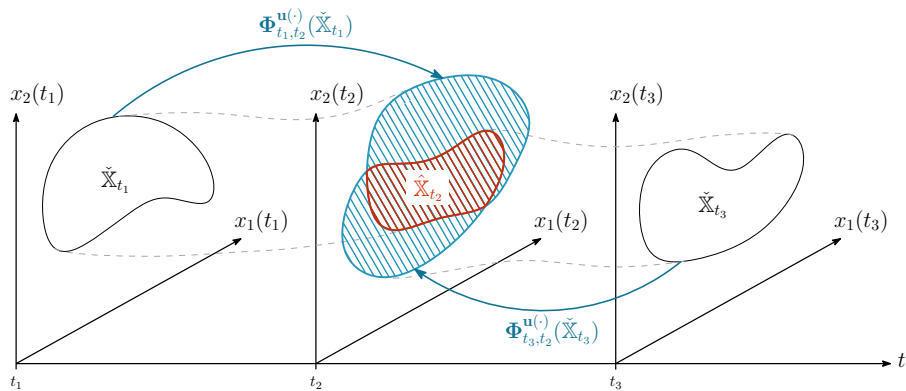
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Extension to the case where $\mathbf{u}(\cdot)$ is uncertain but known to be inside a tube $\mathbb{U}(\cdot)$. The set flow becomes:

$$\Phi_{t_1, t_2}^{\mathbb{U}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{X}_1) = \bigcup_{\mathbf{u}(\cdot) \in \mathbb{U}(\cdot)} \Phi_{t_1, t_2}^{\mathbf{u}(\cdot)}(\mathbb{X}_1). \quad (12)$$

This allows to consider bounded errors on the system input.

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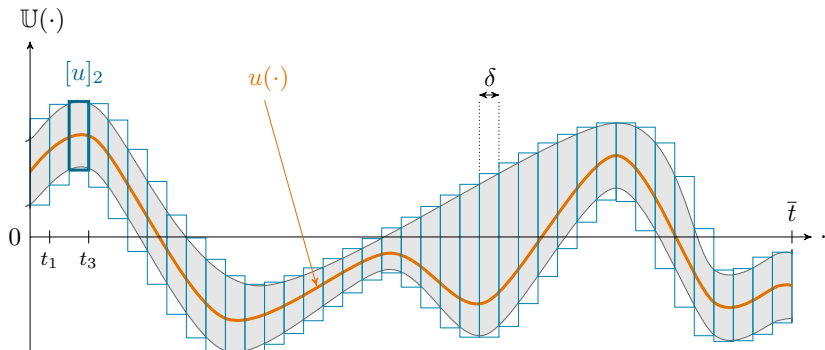
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Computer implementation of $\mathbb{U}(\cdot)$

We now consider a piecewise constant tube containing $\mathbf{u}(\cdot)$:

$$\mathbb{U}(\cdot) = \{\mathbf{u}(\cdot) \mid \forall k, \forall t \in [k\delta, (k+1)\delta], \mathbf{u}(t) \in [\mathbf{u}]_k\}$$

where $[\mathbf{u}]_k, k \in \{0, \dots, \bar{k} - 1\}$ is a slice of the tube $\mathbb{U}(\cdot)$.



State estimator

Exact formulation for the linear case

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a prior tube $\check{\mathbb{X}}(\cdot)$ containing the state trajectory $\mathbf{x}(\cdot)$, and a piecewise constant tube $\mathbb{U}(\cdot)$ containing $\mathbf{u}(\cdot)$. We have

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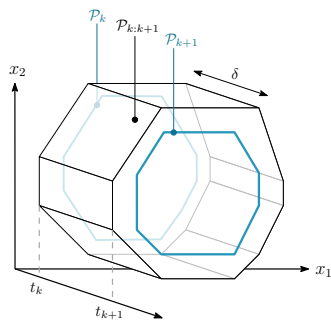
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Section 4

Test case

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Application: moving 1d car

Consider the linear system:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 - x_2 + u \end{cases}, \quad (18)$$

and the input bounded as:

$$u \in \cos(t) + \sin(t/3) + t/10 + [-0.1, 0.1]. \quad (19)$$

The initial condition is considered unknown. Its actual value is:

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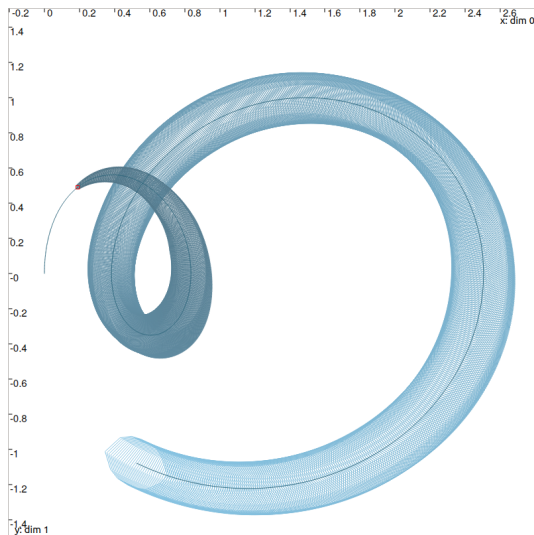
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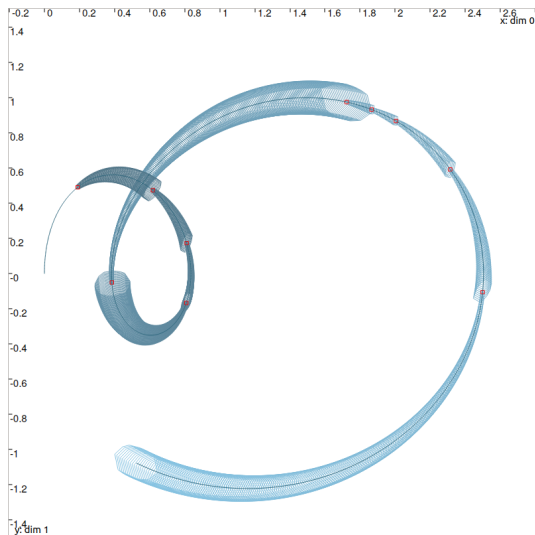
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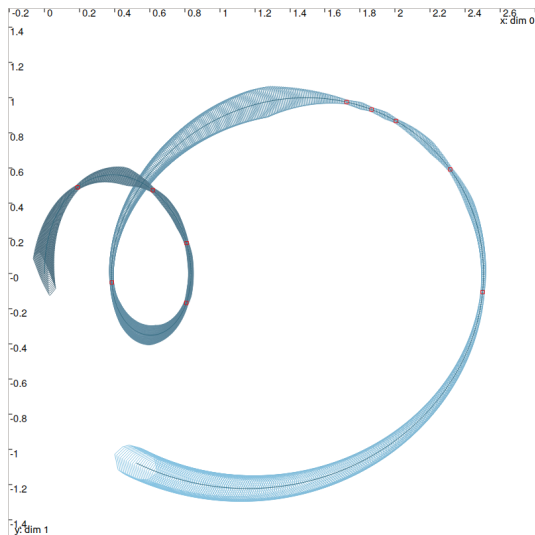
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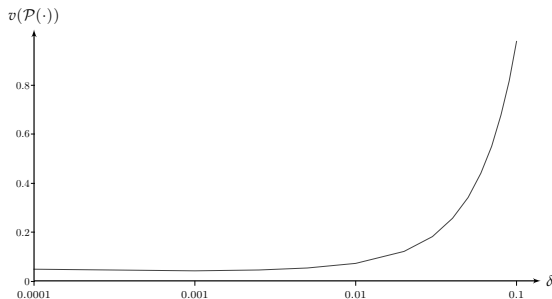
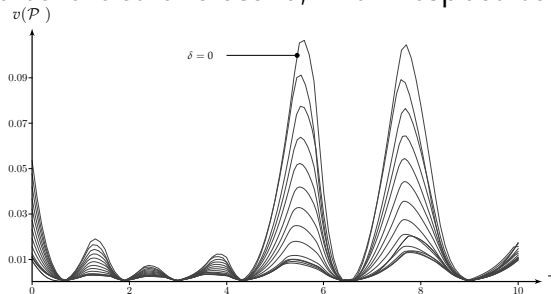
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Enclosure of $\mathbf{x}(0)$

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Convergence to exact enclosure, with respect to δ



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- **exact** if δ infinitely small,
since it does not introduce any pessimism.

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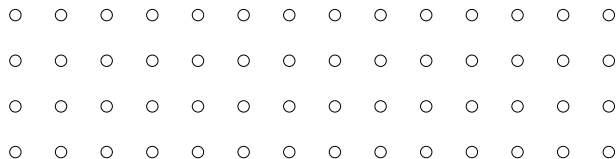
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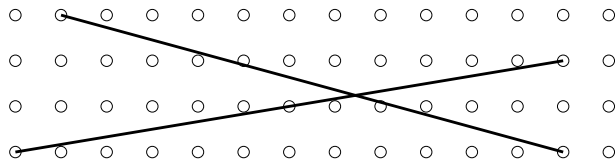


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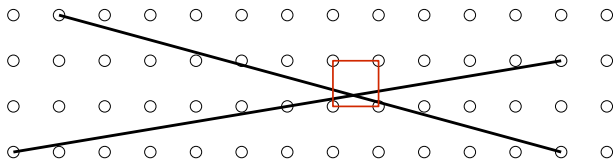


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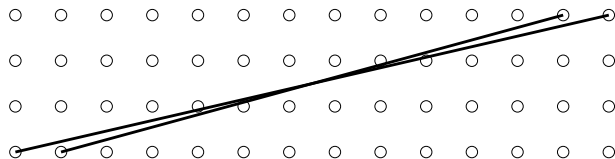


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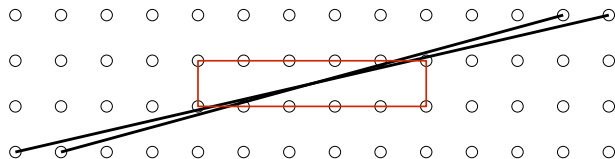


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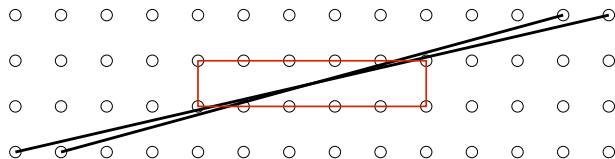


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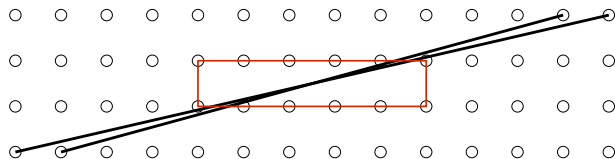
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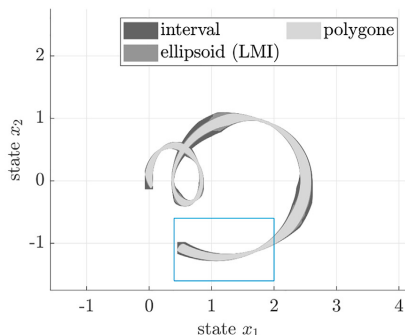
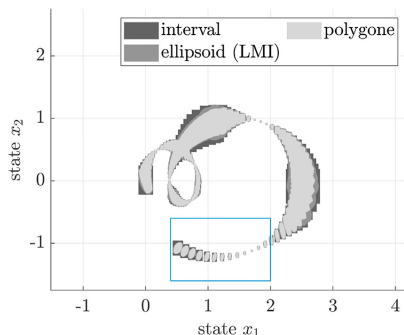
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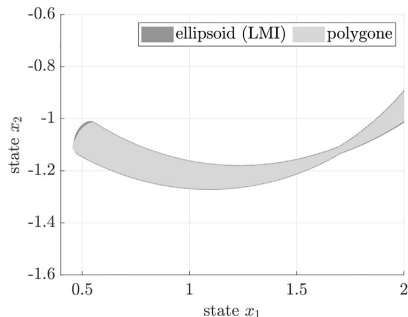
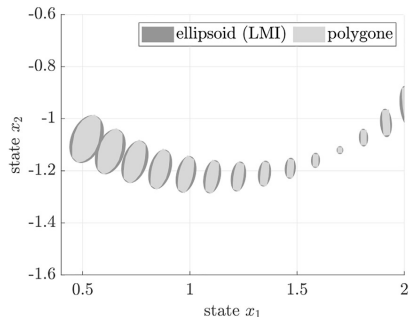
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CtcLinobs ctc_linobs(A, b);
ctc_linobs.contract(x, u, TimePropag::FORWARD | TimePropag::BACKWARD);
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Questions?