

Lecture 3: Solution Concept and Well-posedness of Hybrid Systems

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What we will see together

Lecture 3: Solution Concept and Well-posedness of Hybrid Systems

Lecture 4: Stability and Robustness of Hybrid Systems

Lecture 5: Hybrid Systems and Control

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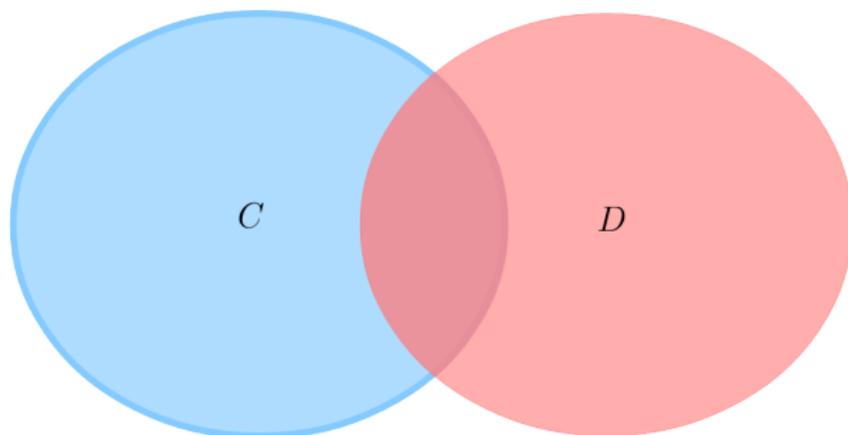
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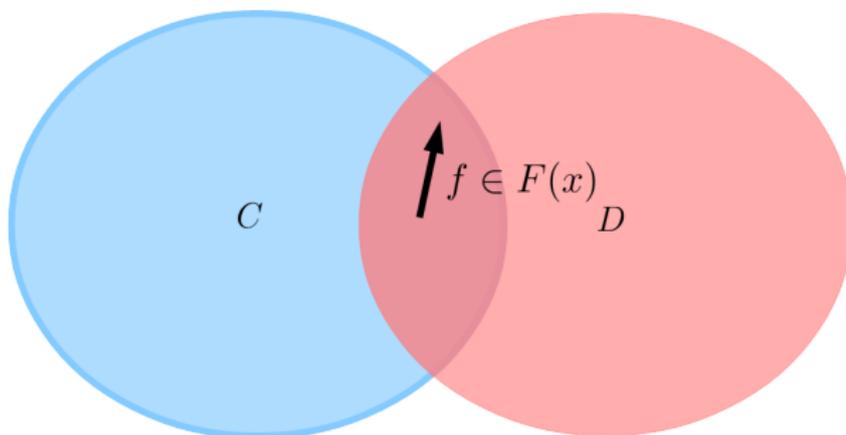
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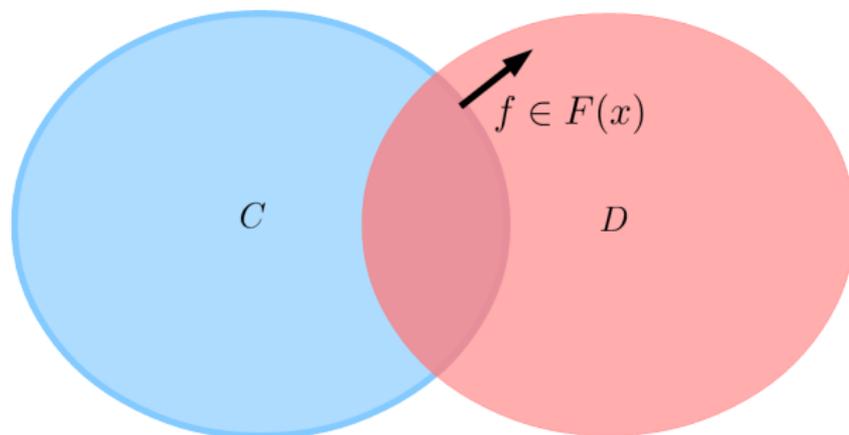


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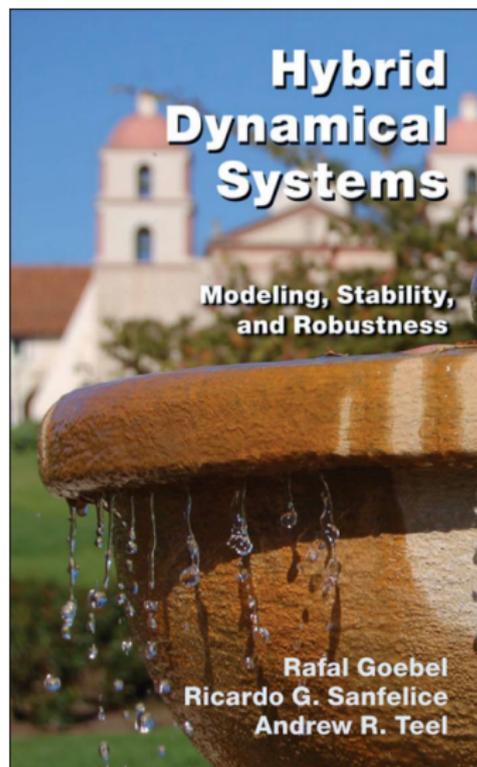
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Modeling framework: the book

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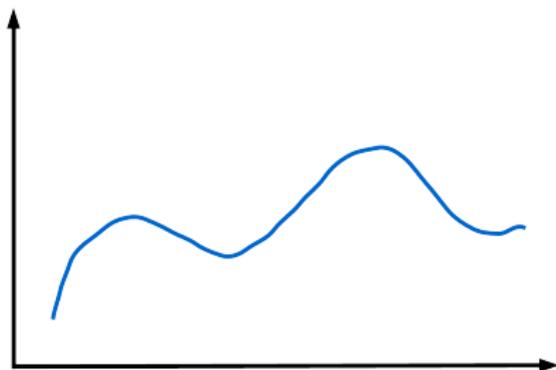
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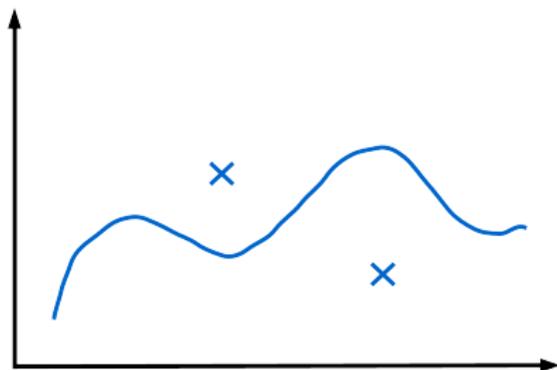
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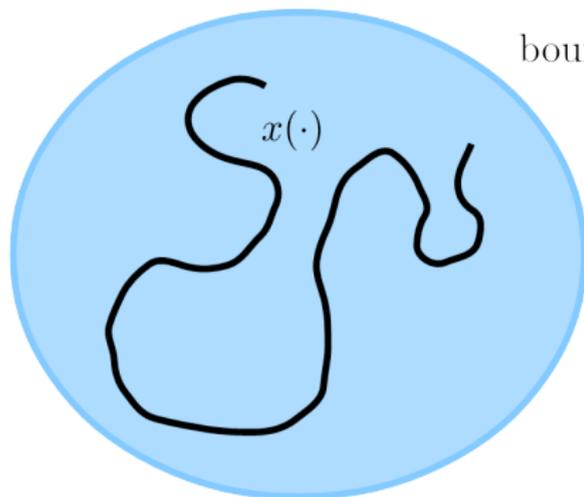
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We are going to face these phenomena when dealing with hybrid systems

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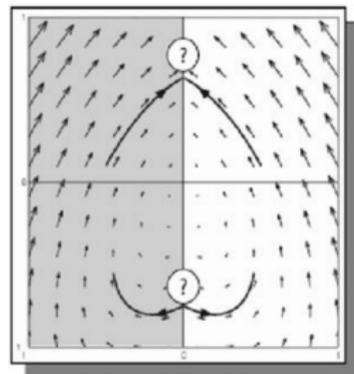
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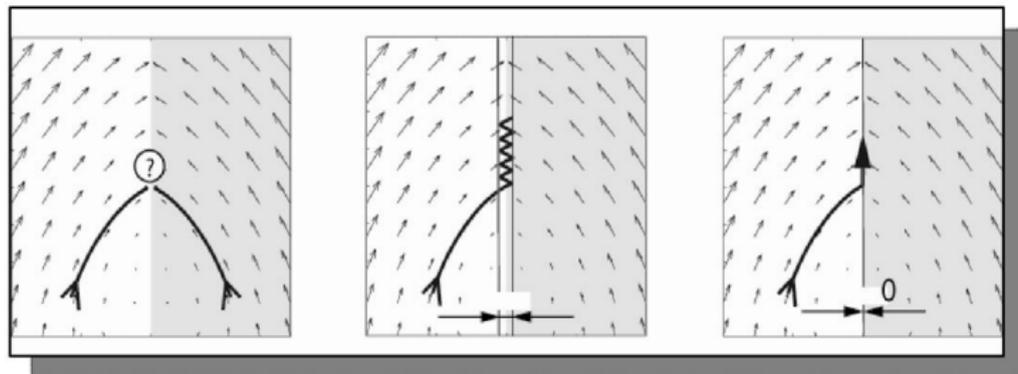
where $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and

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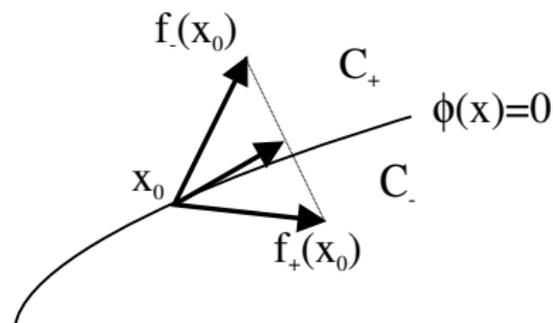
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Differential inclusions: sliding mode

More generally



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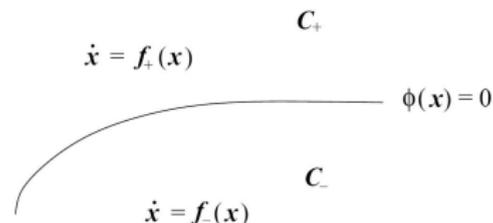
How should we define the solution?

Filippov convexication: when $\phi(x) = 0$,

$$\dot{x} = \lambda f_+(x) + (1 - \lambda) f_-(x) \text{ with } \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

→ “third mode arises”

Differential inclusions: sliding mode



$$\dot{x} = \begin{cases} f_+(x), & \text{when } \phi(x) > 0 \\ f_-(x), & \text{when } \phi(x) < 0. \end{cases}$$

- x in the interior of C_- or C_+ : just flow!
- $f_-(x)$ and $f_+(x)$ point in the same direction: just flow!
- $f_+(x)$ points towards C_+ and $f_-(x)$ points towards C_- : at least two solutions.
- $f_+(x)$ points towards C_- and $f_-(x)$ points towards C_+ : sliding mode \rightarrow convexification.

Differential inclusions: sliding mode

As a result

$$\dot{x} = \begin{cases} f_+(x), & \text{when } \phi(x) > 0 \\ f_-(x), & \text{when } \phi(x) < 0 \\ \lambda f_+(x) + (1 - \lambda)f_-(x), & \text{when } \phi(x) = 0, \text{ for some } \lambda \in [0, 1] \end{cases} \quad (\text{DISC})$$

We do have a set when $\phi(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x} \in F(x)$.

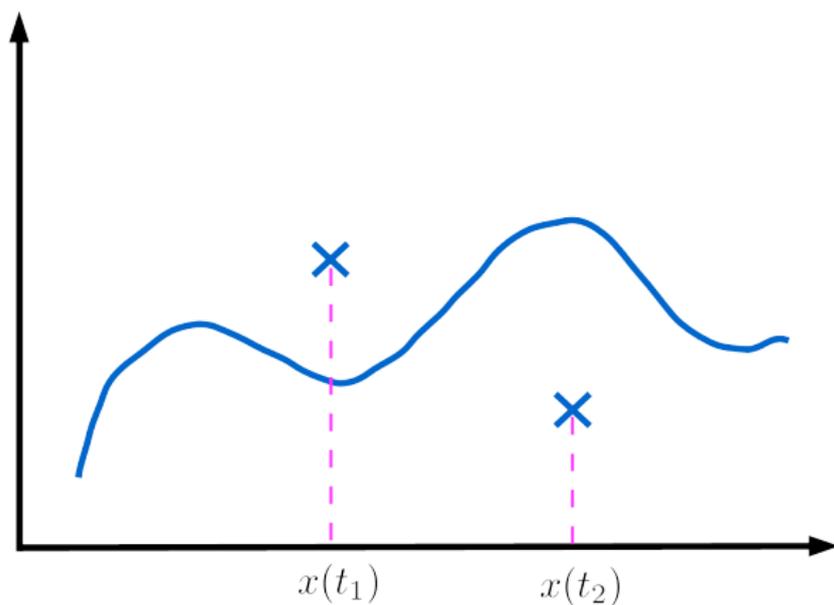
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- $x(0) = x_0$
- $\dot{x}(t) \in F(x(t))$ for **almost all** $t \in [0, T]$

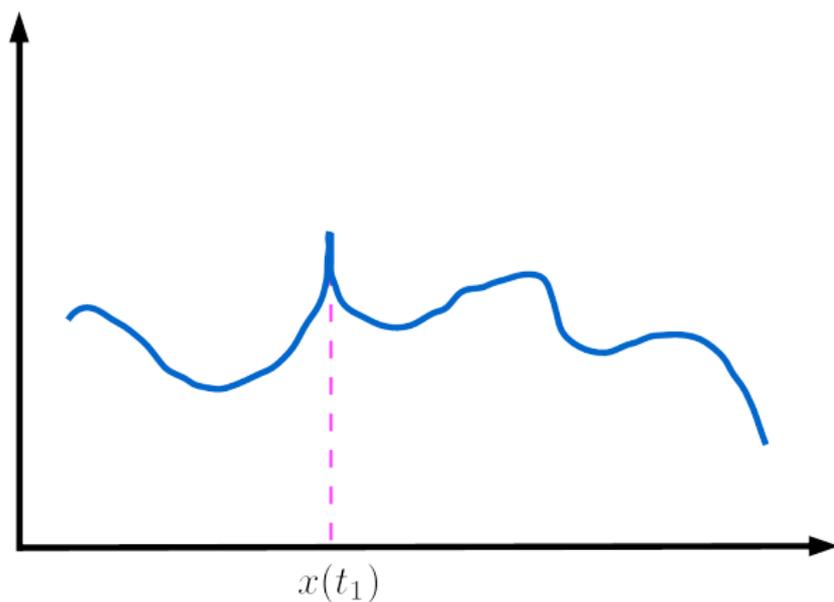
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Differential inclusions: absolute continuity

We say that $f : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is **absolutely continuous** if:

- f has a derivative f' almost everywhere on $[0, T]$
- $f(t) = f(0) + \int_0^T f'(\tau) d\tau$ for all $t \in [0, T]$.
“An absolutely continuous function coincides with the integral of its derivative.”

Absolute continuity \Rightarrow continuity

Difference equations: easy!

Consider

$$x^+ \in G(x) \quad (\text{DT-incl})$$

where $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$.

Definition

Given an initial value x_0 , we say that $x : \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a solution to (DT-incl) initialized at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ at time 0 if

- $x(0) = x_0$,
- $x(j+1) \in G(x(j))$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Good properties:

- Solution are defined for all positive time $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ (it cannot explode in finite-time).
- Solutions are unique if $G(x)$ is single-valued for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Difference equations: examples

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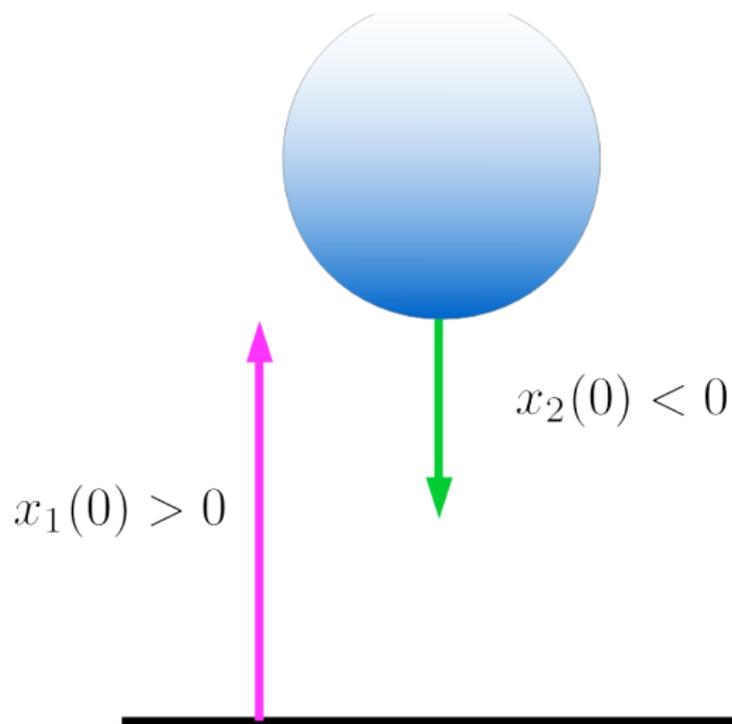
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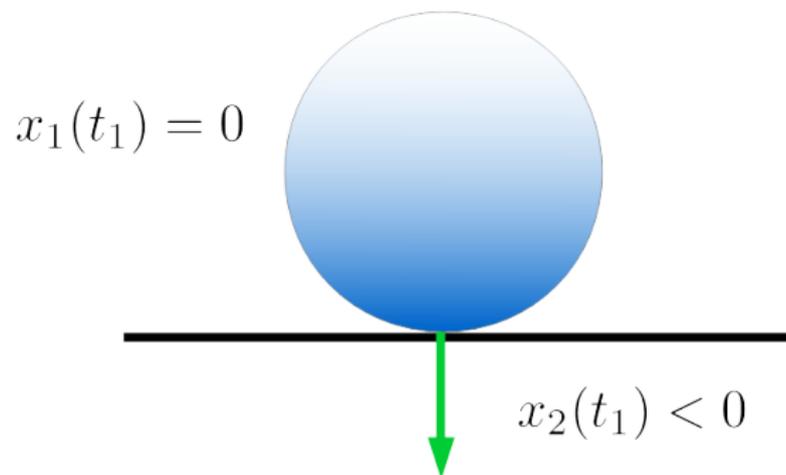
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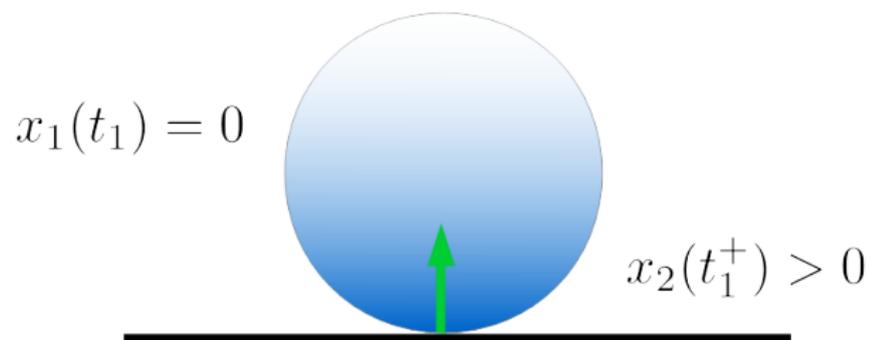
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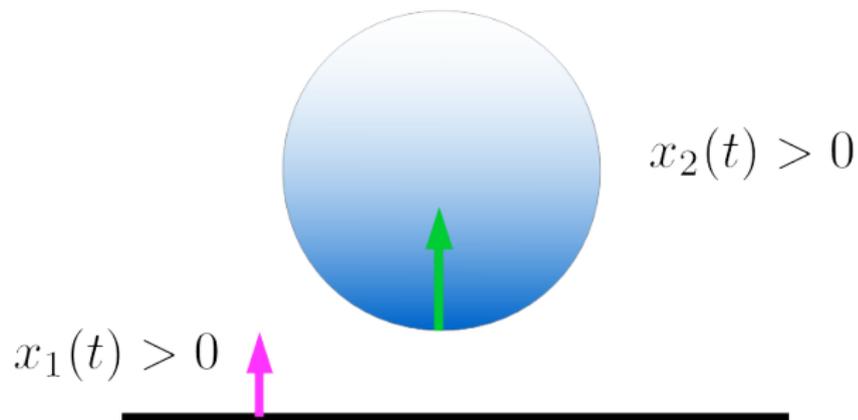
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Bouncing ball where a jump corresponds to an impact of the ball

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -\gamma \end{pmatrix} & x_1 > 0 \text{ or } (x_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 > 0) \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & x_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 = 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_1^+ \\ x_2^+ \end{pmatrix} & x_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 < 0 \end{cases}$$

where

- $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the height
- $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the vertical velocity
- $\gamma > 0$ is the acceleration due to gravity
- $\lambda \in (0, 1)$

New phenomena: Zeno phenomenon

If $x_1(0) = 0$ and $x_2(0) > 0$, the jumps times t_i , $i \in \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, are related through

$$t_{i+1} = t_i + \frac{2\lambda^i}{\gamma} x_2(0)$$

Hence, assuming $t_0 = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} t_i &= \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{2\lambda^j}{\gamma} x_2(0) \\ &= \frac{2}{\gamma} x_2(0) \frac{1 - \lambda^{i+1}}{1 - \lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$t_i \rightarrow \frac{2}{\gamma} x_2(0) \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \text{ as } i \rightarrow \infty$$

The solution jumps infinitely many times in finite time: Zeno phenomenon

We will see that this is not an issue with the hybrid formalism in terms of existence of solutions.

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System

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} & \in & F(x) & x \in C \\ x^+ & \in & G(x) & x \in D \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{continuous time } t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \\ \text{discrete time } j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \end{array} \quad (\mathcal{H})$$

Key idea

To parameterize solutions both by t and j .

We therefore write

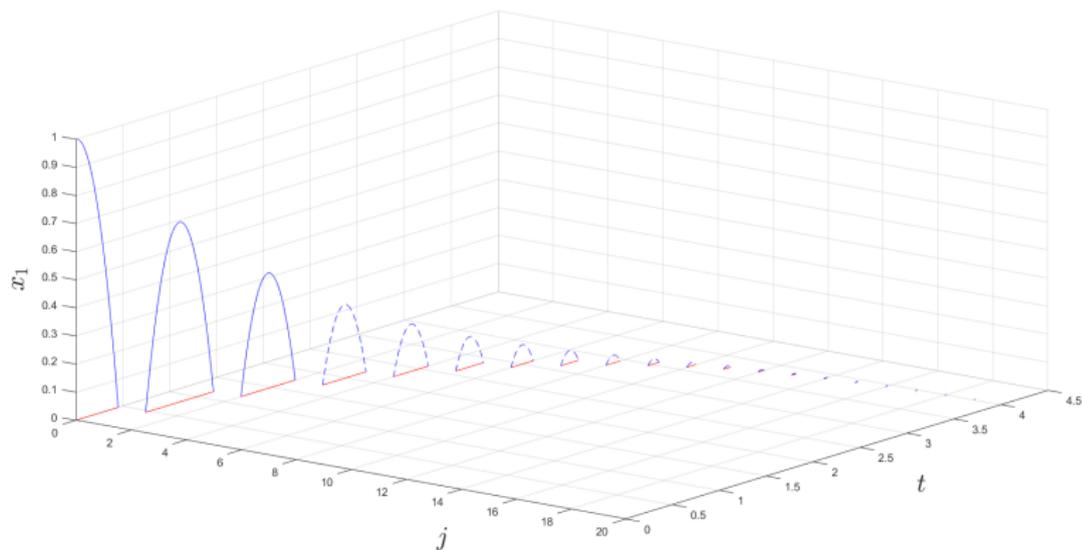
$$x(t, j)$$

→ we keep track of

- the elapsed continuous time
- and the number of jumps the solution has experienced.

The solution concept: key idea

Bouncing ball (x_1 component)



The solution concept: key idea

We will no longer write $x(t)$ for $t \in [0, T]$ where $T \in (0, \infty]$

We write instead $x(t, j)$ for

$$(t, j) \in \bigcup_{i=0}^J [t_i, t_{i+1}] \times \{i\},$$

or equivalently

$$(t, j) \in \bigcup_{i=0}^J ([t_i, t_{i+1}), i)$$

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A subset $E \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ is a **compact hybrid time domain** if

$$E = \bigcup_{j=0}^{J-1} ([t_j, t_{j+1}], j)$$

for some finite sequence of times $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_J$. It is a **hybrid time domain** if for all $(T, J) \in E$, $E \cap ([0, T] \times \{0, 1, \dots, J\})$ is a compact hybrid time domain.

A solution ϕ to a hybrid system is defined on/associated to a hybrid time domain denoted $\text{dom } \phi$

The solution concept: hybrid arc

Definition

A function $\phi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a **hybrid arc** if:

- E is a hybrid time domain,
 - for each $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, the function $t \mapsto \phi(t, j)$ is locally absolutely continuous on $I^j = \{t : (t, j) \in E\}$.
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- I^j ? If we denote the continuous time instants at which a jump occurs as t_j , $I^j = [t_j, t_{j+1}]$.
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Consider the hybrid differential **equation**

$$\dot{x} = f(x) \quad x \in C, \quad x^+ = g(x) \quad x \in D.$$

Basic assumptions

Flow and jump sets:

- C and D are closed subsets of \mathbb{R}^n .

Flow map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$:

- f is continuous,
- $C \subset \text{dom } f$.

Jump map $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$:

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Basic assumptions

Flow and jump sets:

- C and D are closed subsets of \mathbb{R}^n .

Flow map $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$:

- F is outer semi-continuous,
- F is locally bounded relative to C ,
- $C \subset \text{dom } F$,
- $F(x)$ is convex for every $x \in C$.

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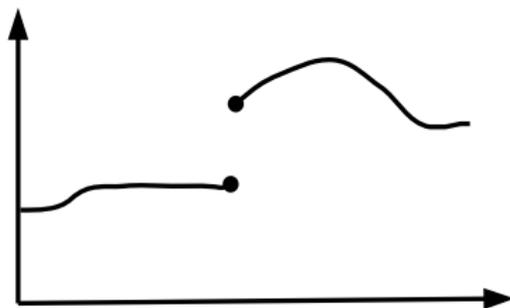
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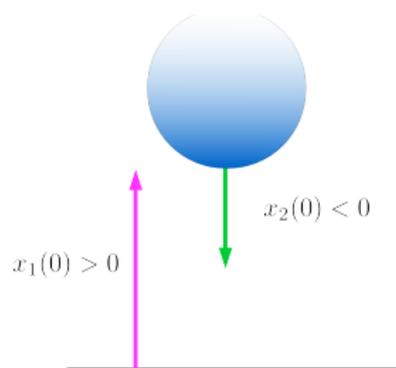
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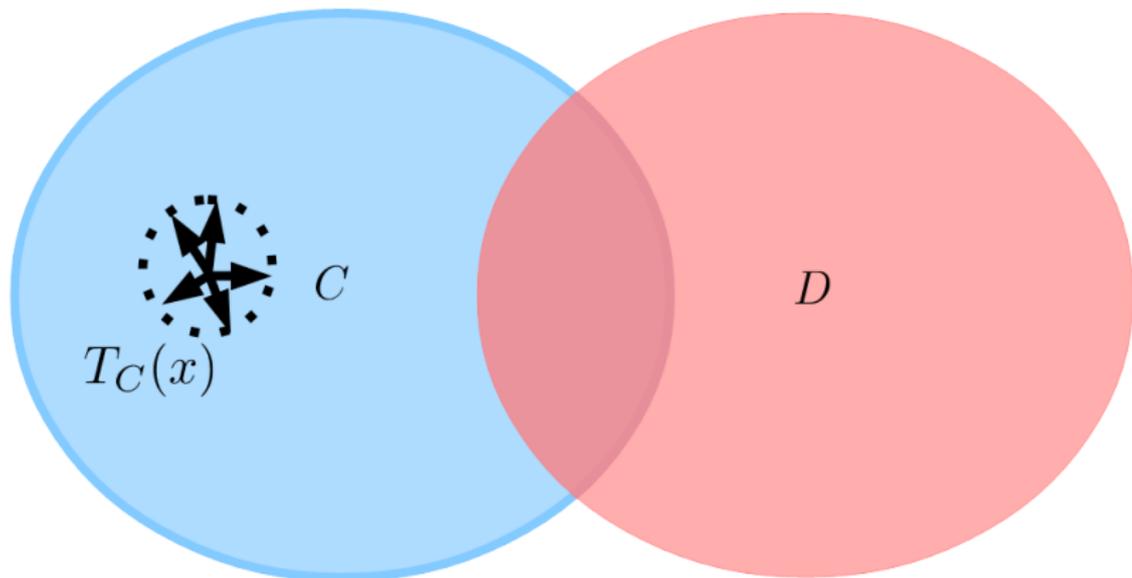
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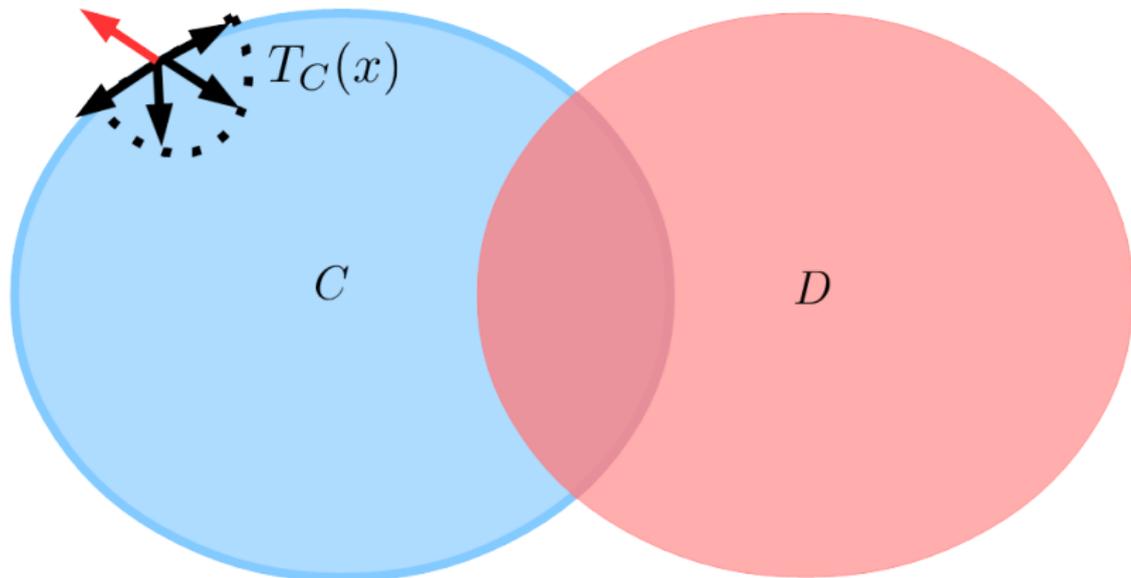


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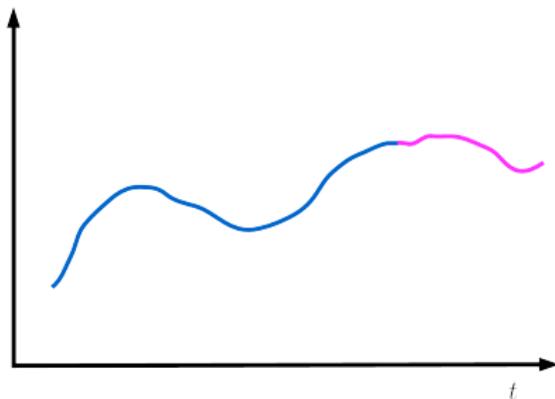


The solution concept: maximal solutions

Can we say more about non-trivial solutions?

Definition

A solution ϕ to hybrid system is **maximal** if there exist no other solutions ψ such that $\text{dom } \phi$ is a (proper) subset of $\text{dom } \psi$ and $\phi(t, j) = \psi(t, j)$ for all $(t, j) \in \text{dom } \phi$.



The solution concept: about non-trivial solutions

Proposition

If (VC) holds for any $\xi \in C \setminus D$, then there exists a nontrivial solution from every point in $C \cup D$, and every maximal solution satisfies one of the next conditions:

- (complete) ϕ is complete;
- (explosion in finite-time) ϕ explodes in finite continuous-time, in particular $\text{dom } \phi$ is bounded and I^J where $J = \sup_j \text{dom } \phi$ has nonempty interior and $t \mapsto |\phi(t, J)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \sup_t \text{dom } \phi$;
- (jumps outside $C \cup D$) $\phi(T, J) \notin C \cup D$ where $(T, J) = \text{sup dom } \phi$.

The solution concept: examples

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We have already seen that $G(D) \not\subseteq C \cup D$: one of the conditions of the proposition holds.

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VC does not hold!

The system has a trivial solution at $x = 1$.

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Regularized bouncing ball

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$$G(D) = \{0\} \times \dots \subset C \cup D.$$

Solutions cannot explode in finite (continuous) time because the flow dynamics are affine.

We conclude that maximal solutions are complete, in particular they are Zeno as we know, which is not an issue here.

The solution concept: uniqueness of solutions

Can we say something about uniqueness of solutions?

Such conditions exist.

Not always a good idea when dealing with hybrid inclusions.

Often difficult to ensure the basic conditions (and thus robustness, see Lecture 4) without sacrificing uniqueness of solutions.

Overview

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Well-posed hybrid systems: a very short introduction

Traditionally, we say that a dynamical system is **well-posed** when

- it generates a solution for any initial condition ✓,
- this solution is unique,
- solution continuously depend on parameters (and thus on initial conditions).

Too much to ask for hybrid systems and not necessary to build up a solid stability theory.

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ρ -perturbation of the hybrid system

$\rho : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ (continuous typically)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} & \in F_\rho(x) & x \in C_\rho \\ x^+ & \in G_\rho(x) & x \in D_\rho \end{cases} \quad (\mathcal{H}_\rho)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_\rho &= \{x : (x + \rho(x)\mathbb{B}) \cap C \neq \emptyset\} \text{ " = } C \text{ inflated by something of the order of } \rho(x) \text{"} \\ D_\rho &= \{x : (x + \rho(x)\mathbb{B}) \cap D \neq \emptyset\} \text{ " = } D \text{ inflated by something of the order of } \rho(x) \text{"} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} G_\rho(x) &= \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : v \in g + \rho(g)\mathbb{B}, g \in G((x + \rho(x)\mathbb{B}) \cap D)\} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ &= \text{"}g(x + \rho(x)) + \rho(x)\text{"}. \end{aligned}$$

and

- \mathbb{B} is the unit ball of \mathbb{R}^n
- later, when talking of stability $\rho(x) > 0$ when x not in the attractor

Overview

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Summary

- Recall on solutions for differential/difference equations/inclusions
- Special care is needed when studying hybrid inclusions
- Notion of solutions for hybrid inclusions
- Conditions for existence of solutions
- Few words on the notion of well-posedness

We are ready to talk of stability

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