

*Characterization and Automated Computation of  
Invariant Algebraic Sets  
for Algebraic Differential Equations*

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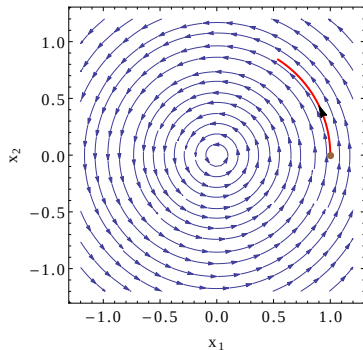
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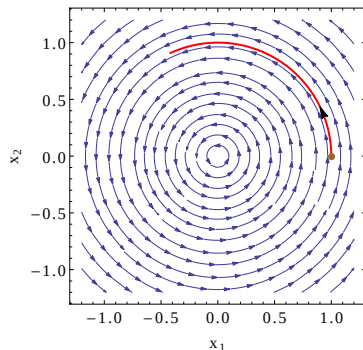
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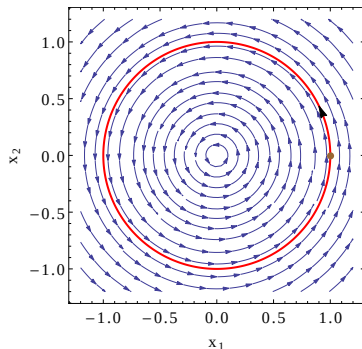
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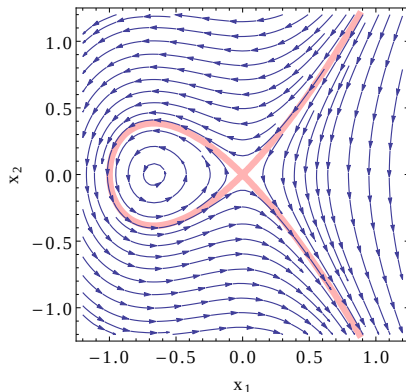


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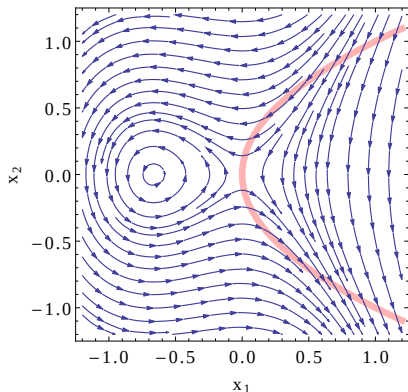
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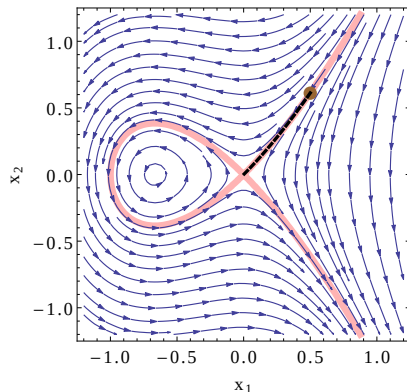
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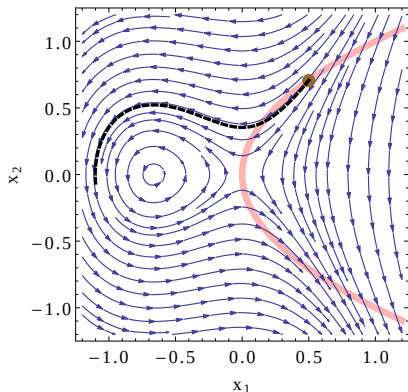
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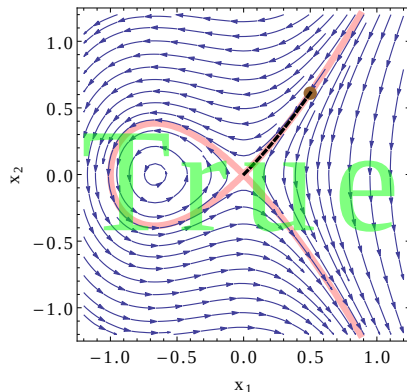
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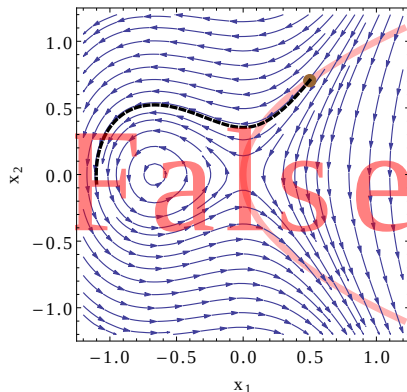
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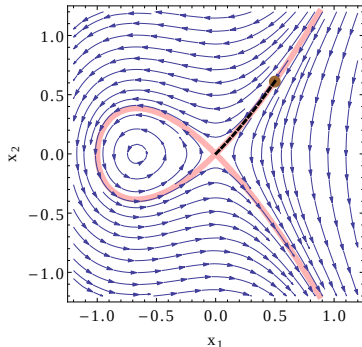
# Abstracting Orbits Using Algebraic Sets

## Concrete Domain

The trajectory of the solution of an Initial Value Problem ( $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_0$ ).

## Abstract Domain

Algebraic Sets.

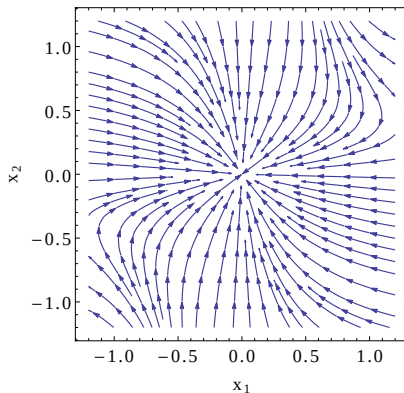


## Problem: Checking soundness

Checking the soundness of the abstraction: does a given algebraic set overapproximate the trajectory of the solution ?

## Problem II. *Generate Algebraic Invariant Equations*

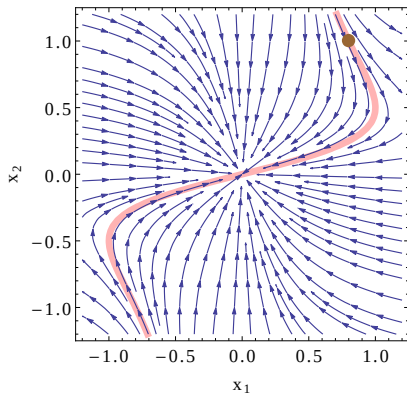
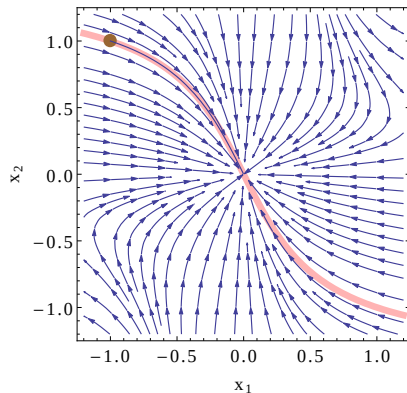
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# Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Checking**
- 3 Generation
- 4 Case Study
- 5 Conclusion

## Some definitions

Lie Derivative along a vector field  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}$

$$\mathfrak{D}(p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{f}_i = \frac{dp(\mathbf{x}(t))}{dt}$$

Higher-order Lie derivatives:

$$\mathfrak{D}^{(k+1)}(p) = \mathfrak{D}(\mathfrak{D}^{(k)}(p))$$

## Ideal Membership

$$\exists \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}] : p = \lambda_1 q_1 + \dots + \lambda_r q_r \quad \leftrightarrow \quad p \in \langle q_1, \dots, q_r \rangle$$

Ideal membership can be checked effectively using Gröbner bases algorithm.

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$$\equiv_{\mathbb{R}}$$

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Necessary and sufficient condition [Theorem 3, TACAS'14]

## II. Generate Algebraic Invariant Equations

Given  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{p}$ , how to generate  $h$  such that  $h(\mathbf{x}(t)) = 0$  ?

### Theorem

$S \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is an invariant algebraic set **if and only if**

$$S = \text{Set of roots of the system} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} h = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathfrak{D}^{(N-1)}(h) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

for some polynomial  $h$  with **order**  $N$ , that is

$$\mathfrak{D}^{(N)}(h) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \lambda_i \mathfrak{D}^{(i)}(h)$$

# Generation of Invariant Algebraic Sets

First integrals vs. Local invariant regions [Theorem 4, TACAS'14]

Suppose we found  $h$  and  $N$  such that

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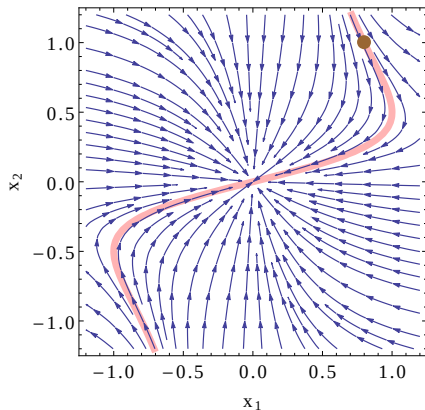
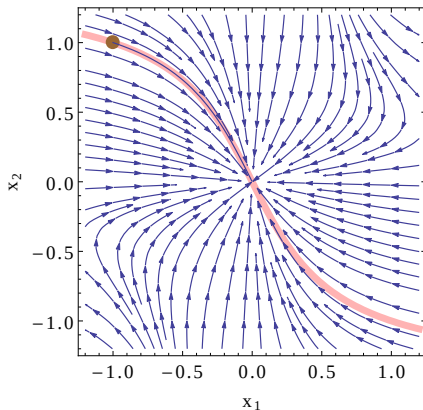
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For all  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $h(\mathbf{x}_0) = 0 \wedge \dots \wedge \mathfrak{D}^{(N-1)}(h)(\mathbf{x}_0) = 0$

## Case 2: Local Invariant Regions (e.g. limiting cycle, equilibria)

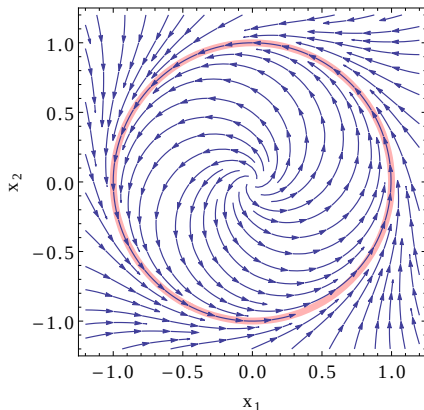
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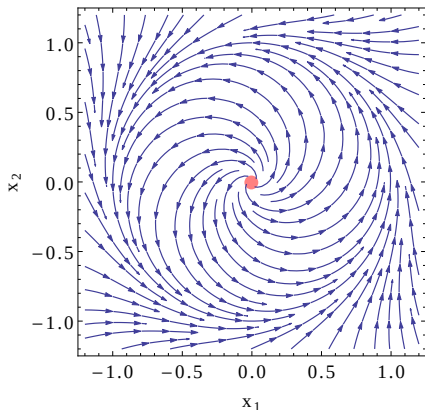


$$h_{(x_1(0), x_2(0))}(x_1, x_2) = (x_2(0) - x_1(0)x_2(0)^2)x_1 - x_1(0)(x_2 - x_1x_2^2)$$

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## If no invariants:

- Increase order  $N$  versus increase the polynomial degree of  $h$  ?
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# Case Study: Collision Avoidance System

[AIAA'14]

## Hybrid System

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pilot} &\equiv \omega_1 := *; \\ \text{cas} &\equiv (\text{pilot}; ?\text{monitor}; \text{evolve})^* \end{aligned}$$

## Safety Property

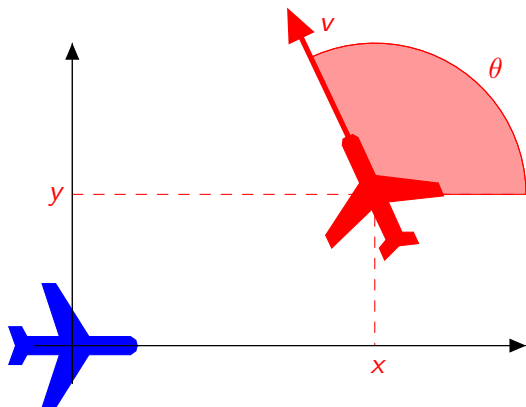
$$\text{safety} \equiv \forall t \geq 0, r(t) > p$$

## Challenge: Synthesize monitor s.t.

The following  $d\mathcal{L}$  formula, expressing that the safety property always holds for the whole system, is valid, i.e., true in all states:

$$\text{safety} \rightarrow [\text{cas}] \text{safety},$$

# Evolution equations



$$\dot{x} = v_2 \cos \theta - v_1 + \omega_1 y$$

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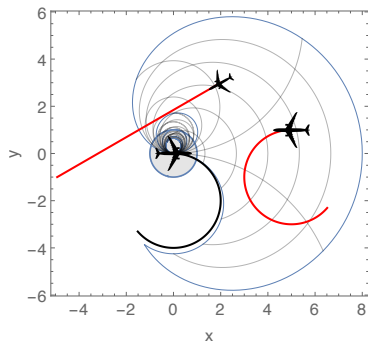
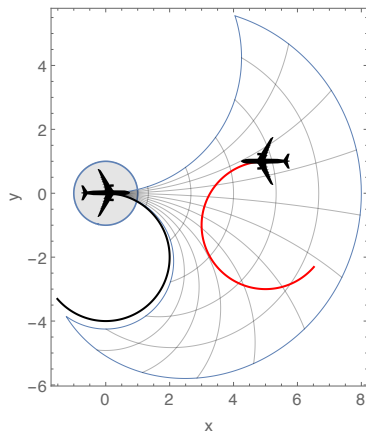
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## Automatically generated invariants

$$\begin{aligned} l_1(t) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (v_2 \sin \theta(0))x(t) - (v_2 \cos \theta(0) - v_1)y(t) = l_1(0) \\ l_2(t) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\omega_1\omega_2(x(t)^2 + y(t)^2) + 2v_2\omega_1 \sin \theta(t)x(t) \\ &\quad + 2(v_1\omega_2 - v_2\omega_1 \cos \theta(t))y(t) + 2v_1v_2 \cos \theta(t) = l_2(0) \end{aligned}$$



# Proven safe choices for the ownship



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**Vanishing Ideal:** all polynomials that vanish on  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_0)$

$$I(\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_0)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{h \in \mathbb{R}[\mathbf{x}] \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}_0), h(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}$$

**Closure:** common roots of all polynomials in  $I$

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# Case Study: Longitudinal Dynamics of an Airplane

## 6th Order Longitudinal Equations

$$\dot{u} = \frac{X}{m} - g \sin(\theta) - qw$$

$u$  : axial velocity

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$w$  : vertical velocity

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$$\dot{z} = -\sin(\theta)u + \cos(\theta)w$$

$z$  : altitude

$$\dot{q} = \frac{M}{I_{yy}}$$

$q$  : pitch rate

$$\dot{\theta} = q$$

$\theta$  : pitch angle

# Case Study: Generated Invariants

## Automatically Generated Invariant Functions

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{M_z}{I_{yy}} + g\theta + \left( \frac{X}{m} - qw \right) \cos(\theta) + \left( \frac{Z}{m} + qu \right) \sin(\theta) \\ & \frac{M_x}{I_{yy}} - \left( \frac{Z}{m} + qu \right) \cos(\theta) + \left( \frac{X}{m} - qw \right) \sin(\theta) \\ & - q^2 + \frac{2M\theta}{I_{yy}} \end{aligned}$$