

Reachability of quantified problems: from control to neural network global robustness

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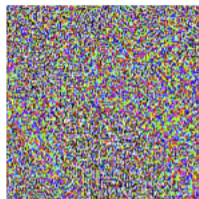
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Sensitivity of a neural network



x
“panda”
57.7% confidence

+ .007 ×



$\text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$
“nematode”
8.2% confidence

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$x + \epsilon \text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$
“gibbon”
99.3 % confidence

[Goodfellow et al., 2014]

The classification by neural networks can be sensitive to small perturbations
Can we formally verify that neural networks are robust?

Local robustness of a neural network

Let $N : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$ be a neural network

Definition

We say that N **classifies** $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ as belonging to class $i \in [1, l]$ if for all $j \neq i$,

$$N_i(\mathbf{p}) > N_j(\mathbf{p})$$

We introduce the classical notion of local robustness of classification, which is checked at a given neighborhood of an input \mathbf{p} , for a bounded perturbation ϵ :

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We say that N is **ϵ -locally robust** around $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^k$, which is classified by class i if

$$\forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{p} \oplus [-\epsilon, \epsilon]^k, N \text{ classifies } \mathbf{q} \text{ as belonging to class } i$$

Quantified problems

Quantified reachability problems are central in control and hybrid systems

A classical robust reachability problem consists in computing the states \mathbf{z} reachable for some control \mathbf{u} and initial state \mathbf{x}_0 , independently of disturbances \mathbf{w} , within time $[0, T]$, for a given function ϕ

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \exists \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{U}, \exists \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{X}_0, \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}, \exists s \in [0, T], \mathbf{z} = \phi(s; \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})\}$$

We study the **inverse problem**. We want now to characterize, for \mathbb{G} a given target or goal region, the subset of the initial states \mathbb{X}_0 for which region \mathbb{G} is robustly reachable:

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{X}_0 \mid \exists \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{U}, \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}, \exists s \in [0, T], \phi(s; \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) \in \mathbb{G}\}$$

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More generally

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{D} \mid \dots, \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigwedge_{j \in J} f_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{G}_{i,j}\}$$

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A PREREQUISITE

Interval arithmetic

When dealing with a value v not known or not represented exactly, its range is bounded above and below:

$$v_l \leq v \leq v_u.$$

In interval arithmetic, we represent the inequalities with an interval:

$$v \in [v_l, v_u].$$

Interval arithmetic is used to compute the enclosure of sets of solutions to computational problems. Algorithms can rely on interval arithmetic to handle

- accumulated rounding errors,
- approximation errors,
- propagated uncertainties. . .

The **lower** and **upper bounds** of an interval I are denoted \underline{I} and \bar{I} . So,

$$I = [\underline{I}, \bar{I}].$$

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Interval arithmetic is **memoryless** and ignores the dependence of **repeated occurrences** of a variable

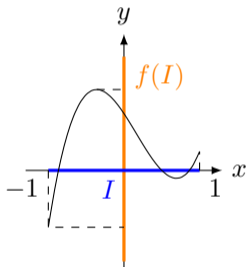
$$[0, 2] - [0, 2] = [-2, 2]$$

So $I - I$ is treated as $I - J$

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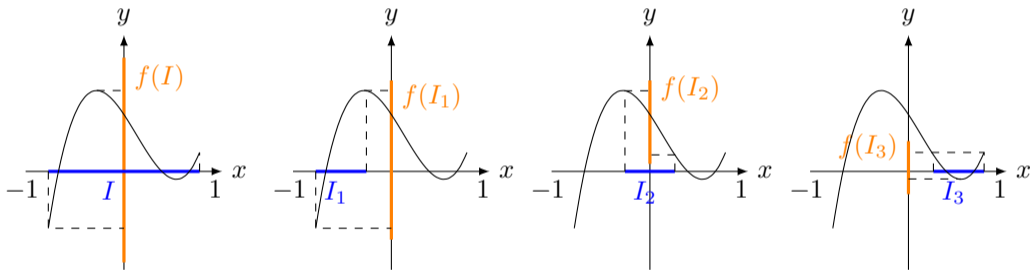
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Convergence property \rightarrow subdivisions $I = I_1 \cup I_2 \cup I_3$

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SET PAVING

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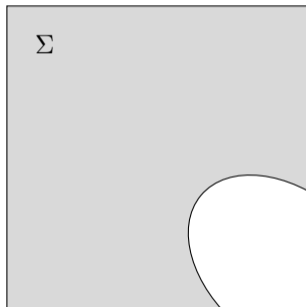
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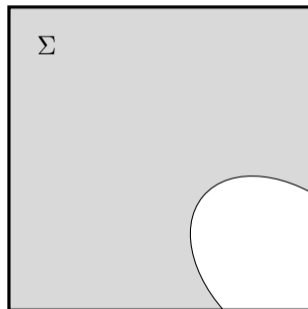
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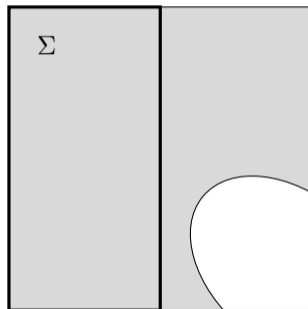
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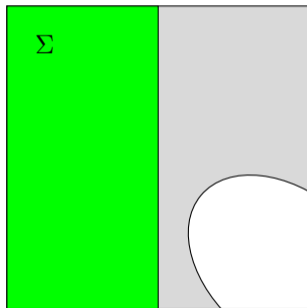
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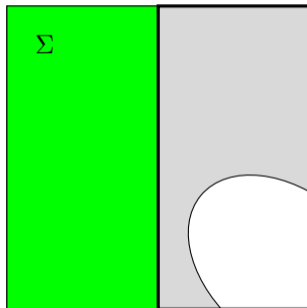
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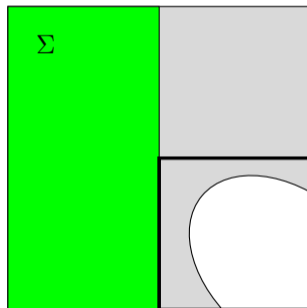
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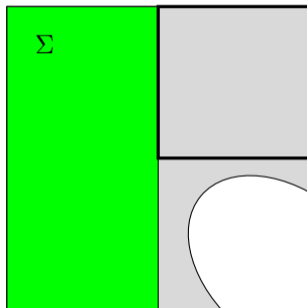
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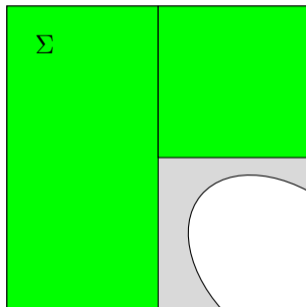
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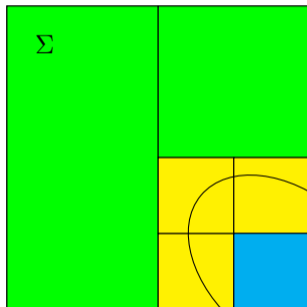
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Quantified SIVIA oracles

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Can we compute $\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{X}^{\mathbb{Q}}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G})$?

QUANTIFIER ELIMINATION

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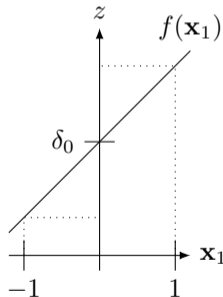
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with $\Delta_i \in \mathbb{R}^{j_i}$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the scalar product

When all variables are **existentially** quantified

$$\mathcal{R}_\exists = \{z \mid \exists \mathbf{x}_1 \in [-1, 1]^{j_1}, z = \delta_0 + \langle \Delta_1, \mathbf{x}_1 \rangle\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_\exists = [\delta_0 - \|\Delta_1\|, \delta_0 + \|\Delta_1\|], \text{ where } \|\Delta_1\| = \sum_{k=1}^{j_1} |(\Delta_1)_k|$$



Reachability of scalar-valued functions

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^{j_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{j_{2l}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a scalar-valued affine function

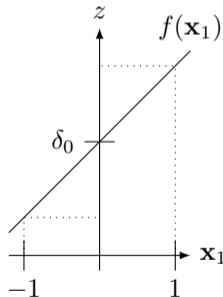
$$f(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{2l}) = \delta_0 + \langle \Delta_1, \mathbf{x}_1 \rangle + \dots + \langle \Delta_{2l}, \mathbf{x}_{2l} \rangle$$

with $\Delta_i \in \mathbb{R}^{j_i}$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the scalar product

When all variables are **universally** quantified

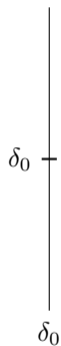
$$\mathcal{R}_\forall = \{z \mid \forall \mathbf{x}_1 \in [-1, 1]^{j_1}, z = \delta_0 + \langle \Delta_1, \mathbf{x}_1 \rangle\}$$

If $\Delta_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$, $R_\forall = \emptyset$; otherwise $R_\forall(f) = [\delta_0, \delta_0]$



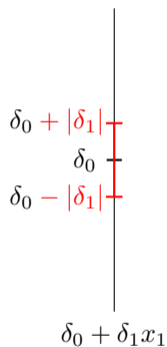
When there is a quantifier alternation

$$\mathcal{R}_{\forall\exists} = \{z \mid \forall x_1 \in [-1, 1], \exists x_2 \in [-1, 1], z = \delta_0 + \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_2 x_2\}$$



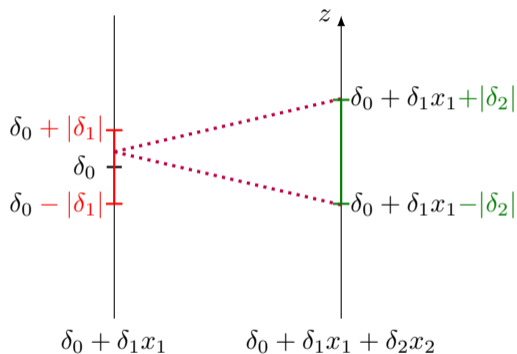
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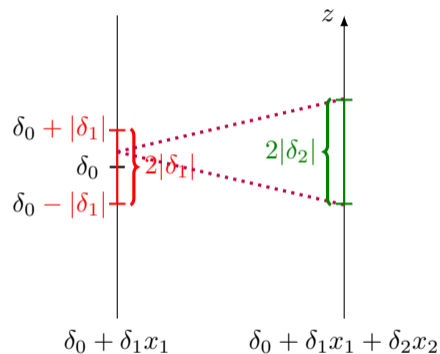
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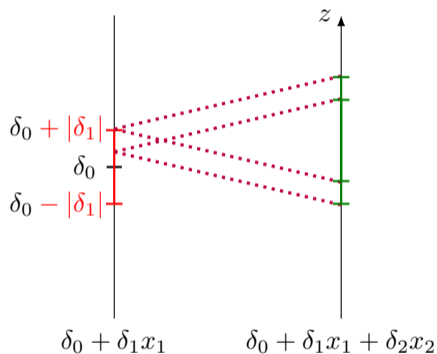
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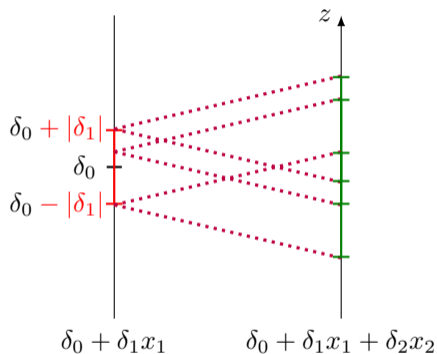
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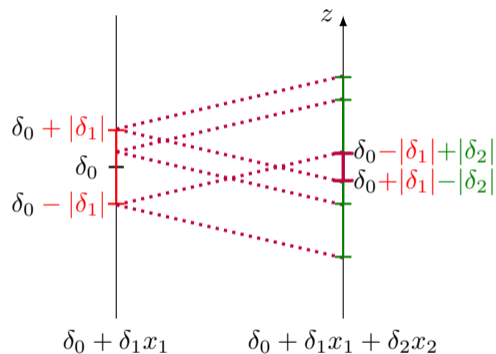
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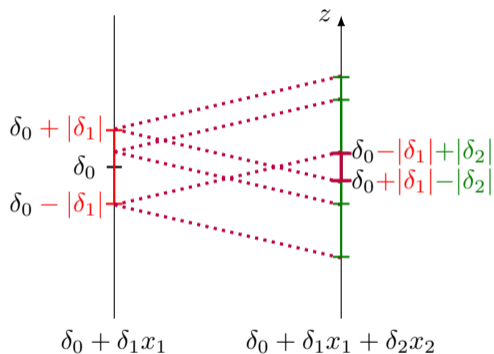
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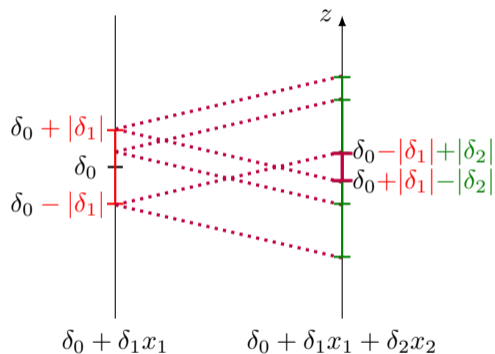


If $|\delta_1| \leq |\delta_2|$, then

$$R_{\forall\exists} = [\delta_0 + |\delta_1| - |\delta_2|, \delta_0 - |\delta_1| + |\delta_2|]$$

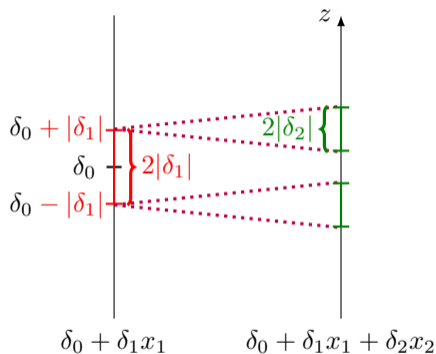
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If $|\delta_1| \leq |\delta_2|$, then

$$R_{\forall\exists} = [\delta_0 + |\delta_1| - |\delta_2|, \delta_0 - |\delta_1| + |\delta_2|]$$



If $|\delta_1| > |\delta_2|$, then

$$R_{\forall\exists} = \emptyset$$

When there are l quantifier alternations

$$\mathcal{R} = \{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \forall \mathbf{x}_1 \in [-1, 1]^{j_1}, \dots, \exists \mathbf{x}_{2l} \in [-1, 1]^{j_{2l}}, \mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{2l})\}$$

When f is **scalar-valued affine** function, if for $j = 1, \dots, l$

$$\|\Delta_{2j-1}\| \leq \|\Delta_{2l}\| + \sum_{k=1}^l (\|\Delta_{2k}\| - \|\Delta_{2k-1}\|)$$

then

$$\mathcal{R} = \delta_0 + \left[\sum_{k=1}^l (\|\Delta_{2k-1}\| - \|\Delta_{2k}\|), \sum_{k=1}^l (\|\Delta_{2k}\| - \|\Delta_{2k-1}\|) \right]$$

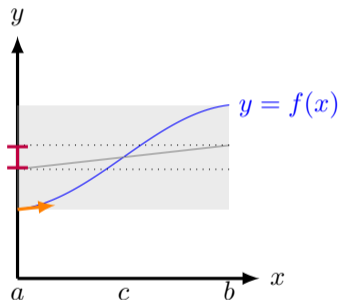
else

$$\mathcal{R} = \emptyset$$

Function enclosure

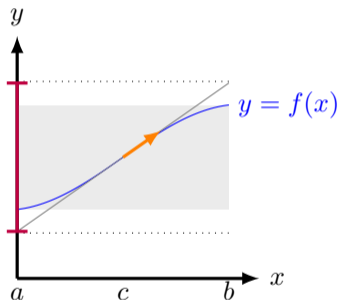
Careful linearization of f to get an inner and an outer approximation of \mathcal{R} using the mean value approximation

Let $I = [a, b]$ and $c = \frac{b-a}{2}$



Order 0 inner-approximation

$$y = f(c) + \underline{\nabla} \cdot (x - c)$$



Order 0 outer-approximation

$$y = f(c) + \overline{\nabla} \cdot (x - c)$$

$$\nabla = \left| \frac{df}{dx}(I) \right|$$

Inner and outer approximations of arbitrarily quantified reachability problems

[Goubault & Putot, 2025]

An interval-based method which allows for **tractable** but tight approximations thanks to **careful linearization**

$$\mathcal{R}^- \subseteq \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{R}^+$$

Alternative oracle implementations

	Using \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G}	Using $\neg\mathbb{P}$ and $\mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{C}}$
\mathcal{O}^{IN}	$\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{R}^-(\mathbb{X}^{\forall}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G})$	$\mathbf{0} \notin \mathcal{R}^+(\mathbb{X}^{\exists}, \neg\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{C}})$
\mathcal{O}^{OUT}	$\mathbf{0} \notin \mathcal{R}^+(\mathbb{X}^{\exists}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G})$	$\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{R}^-(\mathbb{X}^{\forall}, \neg\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{C}})$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{X}^{\mathbb{Q}}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G}) = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \mathbb{Q}\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X}, \forall \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \dots, \exists \mathbf{p}_{2l} \in \mathbb{P}_{2l}, \exists \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{G}, f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{z} = \zeta\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{X}^{\mathbb{Q}}, \neg\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{C}}) = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \mathbb{Q}\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X}, \exists \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \dots, \forall \mathbf{p}_{2l} \in \mathbb{P}_{2l}, \exists \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{C}}, f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{z} = \zeta\}$$

SIVIA algorithm for quantified problems

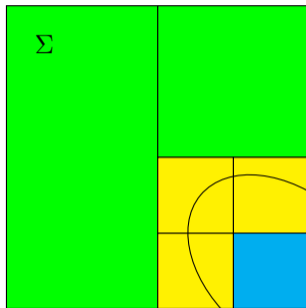
$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{D} \mid \forall \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \exists \mathbf{p}_2 \in \mathbb{P}_2, \dots, f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0\}$$

$\mathcal{O}^{\text{IN}}(\mathbb{X})$:

$$\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{R}^-(\mathbb{X}^\forall, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G}) \implies \mathbb{X} \subseteq \Sigma$$

$\mathcal{O}^{\text{OUT}}(\mathbb{X})$:

$$\mathbf{0} \notin \mathcal{R}^+(\mathbb{X}^\exists, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G}) \implies \mathbb{X} \subseteq \Sigma^c$$



Improvement by also subdividing \mathbb{P}

APPLICATIONS
TO CONTROL AND NEURAL NETWORKS

Dubins vehicle

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x} \mid \exists \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{X}_0, \exists \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{U}, \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}, \exists s \in [0, T], \mathbf{x} = \phi(s; \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})\}$$

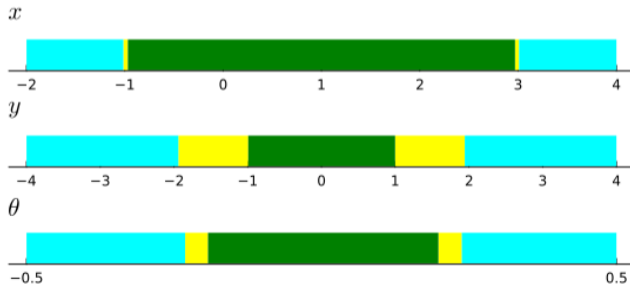
such that $\phi(s; \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = (x, y, \theta)$ where

$$\dot{x} = v \cos(\theta) + \mathbf{w}$$

$$\dot{y} = v \sin(\theta)$$

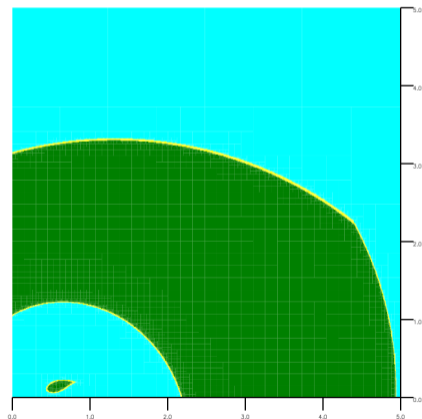
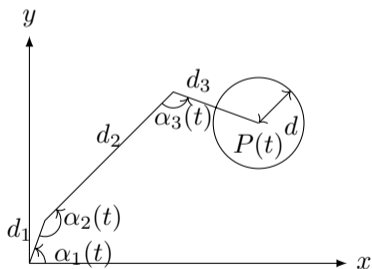
$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{u}$$

$$v = 1$$

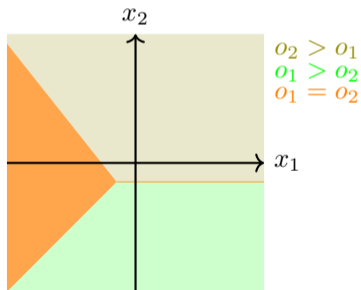
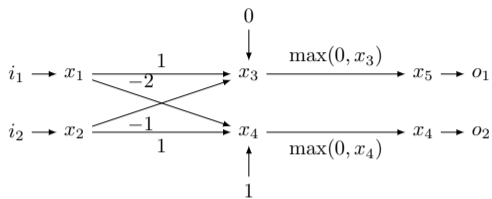


Robot collision problem

$$\Sigma = \left\{ (x, y) \mid \forall t \in [0, 2], \sqrt{(x - P_x(t))^2 + (y - P_y(t))^2} \geq d \right\}$$



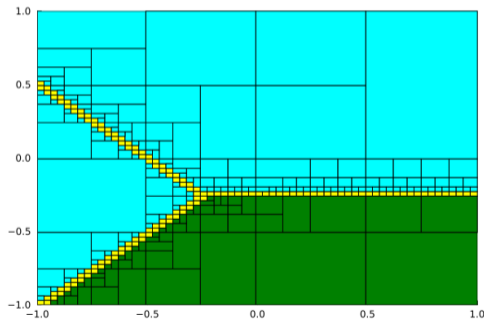
Application on a toy neural network



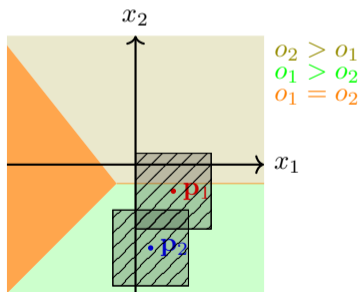
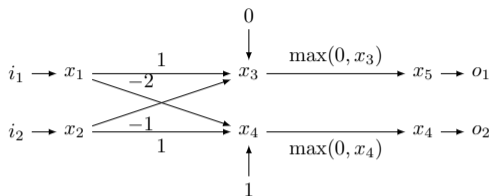
For the neural network $N : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, we define the confidence in class 1 as

$$C_1(\mathbf{x}) = N(\mathbf{x})_1 - N(\mathbf{x})_2$$

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{D} \mid C_1(\mathbf{x}) > 0\}$$



Local robustness of a neural network



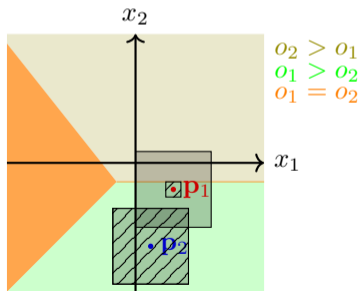
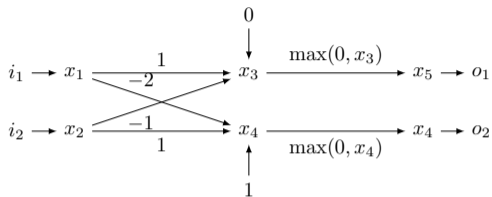
Not satisfied

$$\forall \epsilon \in [-\epsilon_{max}, \epsilon_{max}]^2, C_1(\mathbf{p}_1 + \epsilon) > 0$$

Satisfied

$$\forall \epsilon \in [-\epsilon_{max}, \epsilon_{max}]^2, C_1(\mathbf{p}_2 + \epsilon) > 0$$

Local robustness of a neural network

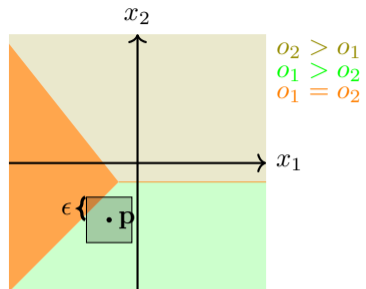


$$\Sigma = \{\lambda \in [0, 1] \mid$$

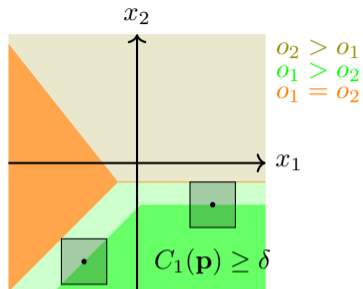
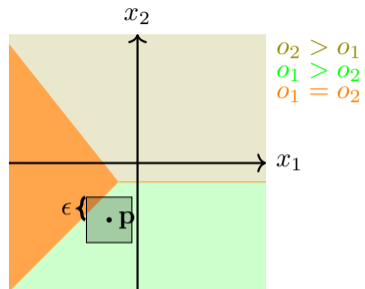
$$\forall \epsilon \in [-\epsilon_{max}, \epsilon_{max}]^2, C_1(\mathbf{p} + \lambda \epsilon) > 0\}$$



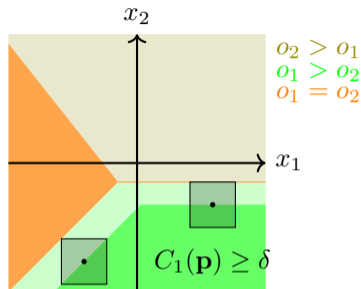
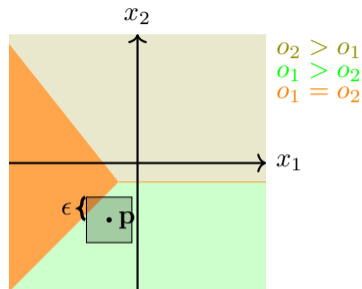
Global robustness for a class



Global robustness for a class



Global robustness for a class



Definition

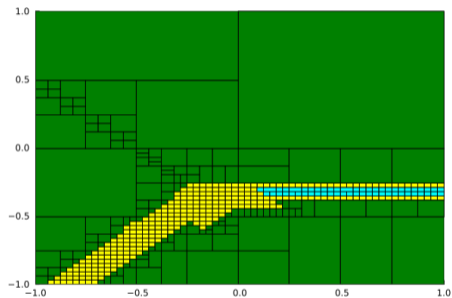
Consider a confidence function C_i for a class i for a neural network $N : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$, a **confidence** level $\delta > 0$, a **disturbance** level $\epsilon > 0$. We say that N is **(ϵ, δ) -globally robust** for class i if

$$\forall \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^k, (C_i(\mathbf{p}) \geq \delta \Rightarrow (\forall \boldsymbol{\eta} \in [-\epsilon, \epsilon]^k, \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} + \boldsymbol{\eta} \text{ is classified in class } i))$$

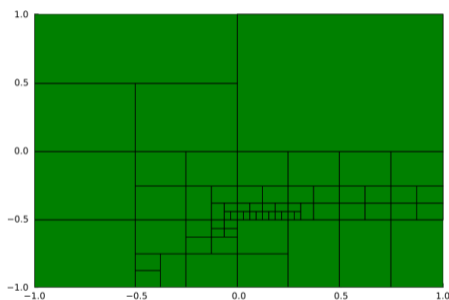
We take as **confidence function** $C_i : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$: $C_i(\mathbf{p}) = \min_j (N_i(\mathbf{p}) - N_j(\mathbf{p}))_{1 \leq j \neq i \leq l}$

Global robustness of a neural network

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x} \in [-1, 1]^2 \mid \forall \epsilon \in [-1/8, 1/8]^2, (C_1(\mathbf{x}) \geq \delta \implies C_1(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon) > 0)\}$$



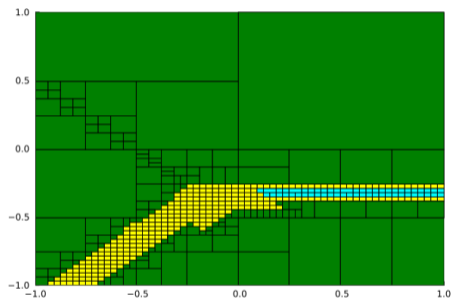
$\delta = 1/8$



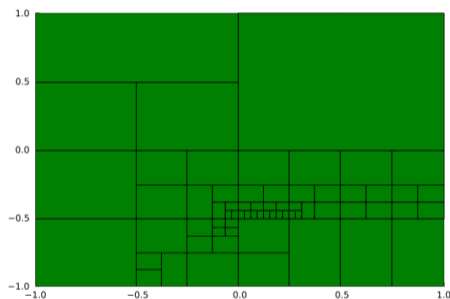
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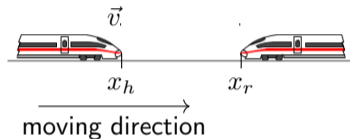
$\delta = 1$

$$\Sigma = \{\delta \in \mathbb{R}_+ \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in [-1, 1]^2, \forall \epsilon \in [-1/8, 1/8]^2, C_1(\mathbf{x}) \geq \delta \implies C_1(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon) > 0\}$$



European Train Control System

Two trains are running behind each other on one track into the same direction
The train behind shall be advised to initiate an **emergency braking manoeuvre** if it cannot stop without violating a **safety distance** to the train ahead



- v relative speed
- x_r rear position of the train ahead
- x_h head position of the train behind

[Grundt et al., 2022]

Neural network: 2 layers of 250 nodes with sigmoid activation functions

Is **braking** always advised when the trains are close?

$$\Sigma = \{v \in [25, 149] \mid \forall x_r \in [0, 800], \forall x_h \in [0, 800], C_{brake}(v, x_h, x_r) > 0\}$$

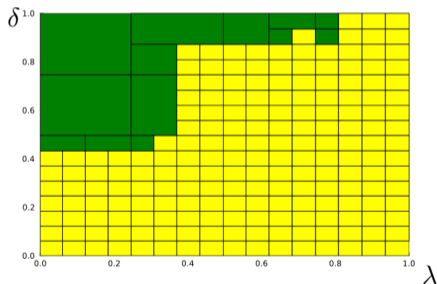


$\Delta_{\mathbb{X}} = 0.01$ (computed in 7 min)

Optimizing global robustness

If the trains are 15 km apart, which **confidence level** δ and which **perturbation level** $\lambda\epsilon$, with $\epsilon = 1/8$, yield global robustness?

$$\Sigma = \{(\lambda, \delta) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \mid \forall v \in [100, 149], \forall \epsilon \in [-1/8, 1/8], \\ C_{brake}(v, 20000, 35000) \geq \delta \implies C_{brake}(v + \lambda\epsilon, 20000, 35000) > 0\}$$



$\Delta_X = 0.1, \Delta_P = 0.01$ (computed in 30 min)

Ongoing and future work

- Explore other neural network properties (fairness, ...)
- Improve the algorithm
 - ▶ Better handling of more complex formulas like

$$\Sigma = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{D} \mid \forall \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \dots, \exists \mathbf{p}_{2l} \in \mathbb{P}_{2l}, M\}$$

where

$$M = (f_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{G}_1 \wedge f_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{G}_2) \vee (\neg f_3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{G}_3)$$

- ▶ Adapt the refinement on \mathbb{P}
 - ▶ Use higher order approximation of f
- Investigate higher order formulas

Quantifiers and subdivisions

Let $\mathbb{P}_1 = \mathbb{A}_1 \cup \mathbb{B}$ and $\mathbb{P}_2 = \mathbb{A}_2 \cup \mathbb{B}$

$$[\forall \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \exists \mathbf{p}_2 \in \mathbb{A}_2, \Phi(\mathbf{p})] \vee [\forall \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \exists \mathbf{p}_2 \in \mathbb{B}_2, \Phi(\mathbf{p})] \implies \forall \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \exists \mathbf{p}_2 \in \mathbb{P}_2, \Phi(\mathbf{p})$$

$$[\exists \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{A}_1, \forall \mathbf{p}_2 \in \mathbb{P}_2, \Phi(\mathbf{p})] \vee [\exists \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{B}_1, \forall \mathbf{p}_2 \in \mathbb{P}_2, \Phi(\mathbf{p})] \implies \exists \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \forall \mathbf{p}_2 \in \mathbb{P}_2, \Phi(\mathbf{p})$$

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Refinement of \mathbb{P}

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbb{X}^\forall, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{G}) = \{\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X}, \forall \mathbf{p}_1 \in \mathbb{P}_1, \dots, \exists \mathbf{p}_{2l} \in \mathbb{P}_{2l}, \exists \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{G}, f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{z} = \zeta\}$$

If $\mathbb{P}_2 \supseteq \mathbb{Q}_2$,

$$\mathcal{R}^-(\mathbb{X}^\forall, \mathbb{P}_1^\forall, \mathbb{P}_2^\exists, \dots, \mathbb{G}) \supseteq \mathcal{R}^-(\mathbb{X}^\forall, \mathbb{P}_1^\forall, \mathbb{Q}_2^\exists, \dots, \mathbb{G})$$

So, if $\mathbb{P}_j = \bigcup_j \mathbb{P}_j^j$ and $\mathbb{P}_{2k}^{i_{2k}} \ni \check{\mathbb{P}}_{2k}^{i_{2k}}$

$$\mathcal{R}^-(\mathbb{X}^\forall, \mathbb{P}_1^\forall, \mathbb{P}_2^\exists, \dots, \mathbb{G}) \supseteq \bigcup_{i_2} \mathcal{R}^-(\mathbb{X}^\forall, \mathbb{P}_1^\forall, (\mathbb{P}_2^{i_2})^\exists, \dots, \mathbb{G})$$

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