

Set-membership method for proving stability of extended Kalman filters

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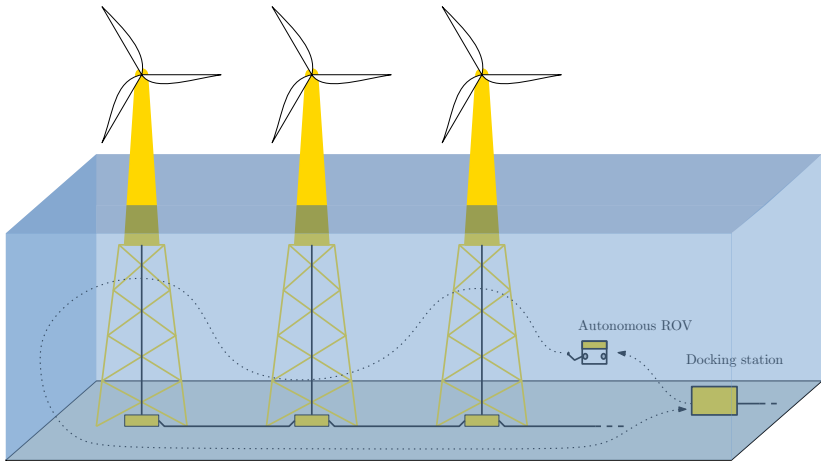
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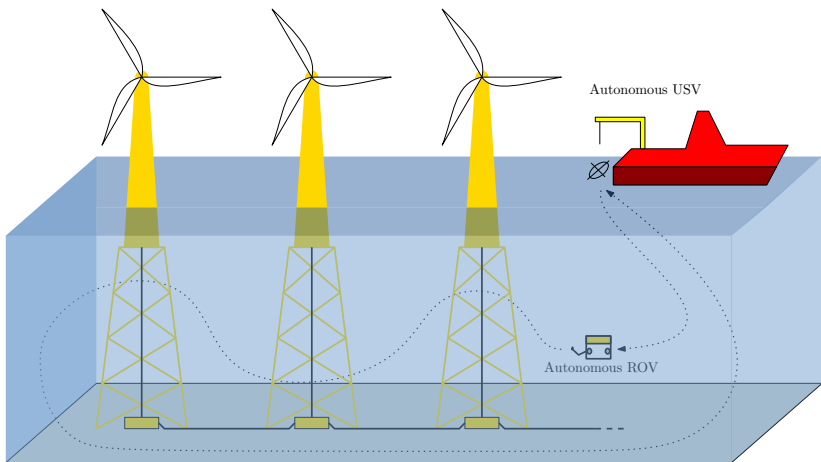
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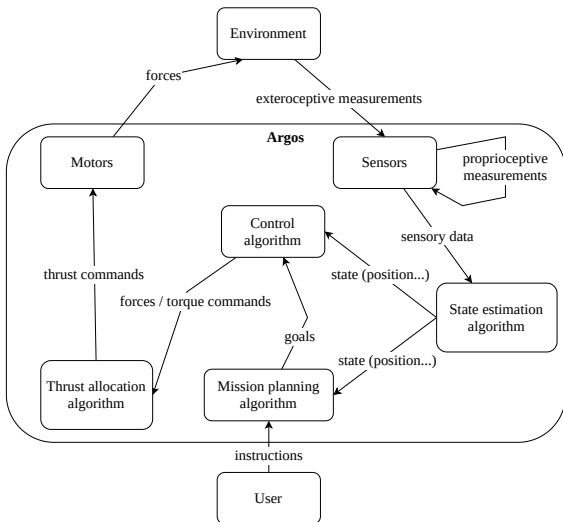
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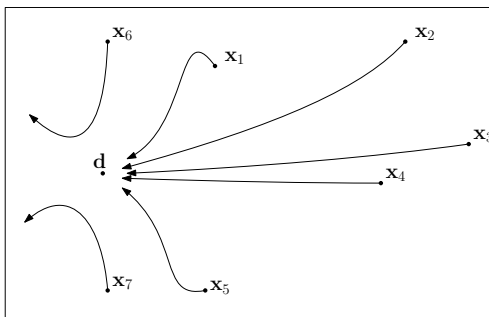


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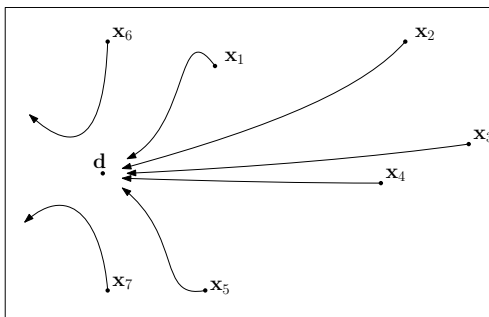
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Relationship with mathematical sequence

The successive states of the system form a mathematical sequence

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_0) \quad (1)$$

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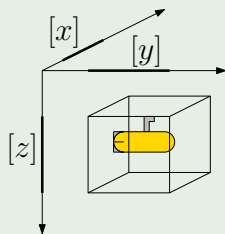
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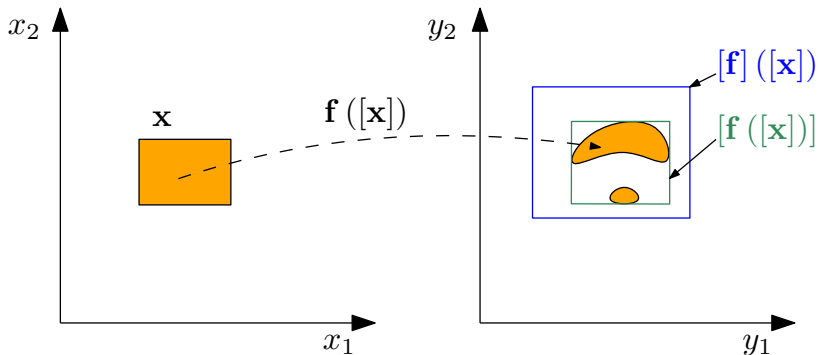
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Example

Consider a robot in the ocean. Its position \mathbf{x} can be represented with an interval vector $[\mathbf{x}]$.



Functions, inclusion functions



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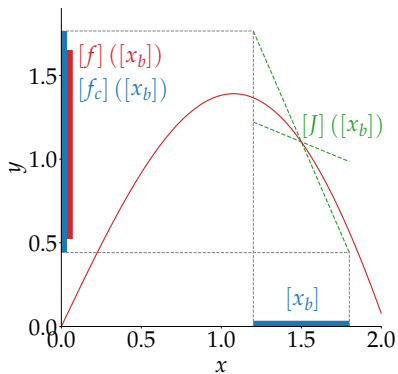
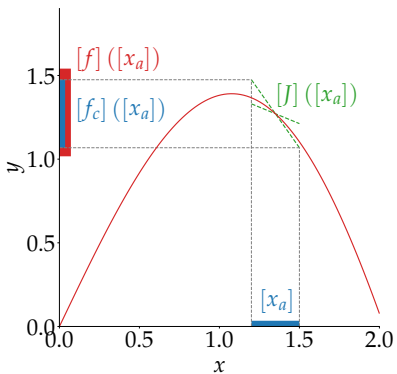
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Lyapunov's definitions of stability (discrete)

Consider the discrete system described by

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_k) \quad (4)$$

such that $\mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$

Definition (Stability)

The system is *stable* around $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\| < \delta \implies \forall k \geq 0, \|\mathbf{x}_k - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\| < \varepsilon \quad (5)$$

Definition (Asymptotic stability)

The system is *asymptotically stable* around $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ if it is *stable* and

$$\exists \delta > 0, \|\mathbf{x}_0 - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\| < \delta \implies \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_k = \bar{\mathbf{x}} \quad (6)$$

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How do we find the stability neighbourhoods ε and δ ?

Stability contractor

Consider the system

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such that $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ with Jacobian \mathbf{J}_f and initial condition $[\mathbf{x}_0]$.

Definition

Let $[\mathbf{a}] \subset [\mathbf{x}_0]$ and $[\mathbf{b}] \subset [\mathbf{x}_0]$ such that $\mathbf{0} \in [\mathbf{a}]$ and $\mathbf{0} \in [\mathbf{b}]$. A *stability contractor* of rate $\alpha < 1$ is an operator $\Psi : \mathbb{I}\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{I}\mathbb{R}^n$ which satisfies

$$[\mathbf{a}] \subset [\mathbf{b}] \implies \Psi([\mathbf{a}]) \subset \Psi([\mathbf{b}]) \quad (\text{monotonicity})$$

$$\Psi([\mathbf{a}]) \subset [\mathbf{a}] \quad (\text{contractance})$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{equilibrium})$$

$$\Psi([\mathbf{a}]) \subset \alpha \cdot [\mathbf{a}] \implies \forall k \geq 1, \Psi^k([\mathbf{a}]) \subset \alpha^k \cdot [\mathbf{a}] \quad (\text{convergence})$$

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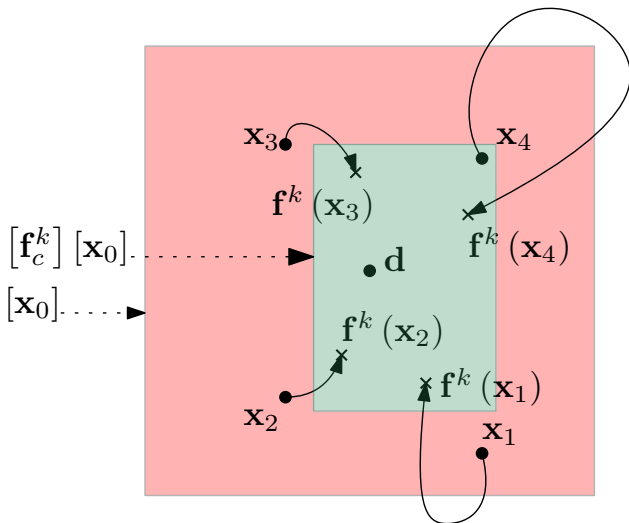
Theorem

The centred form $[\mathbf{f}_c^k]([\mathbf{x}_0])$ enclosing $\mathbf{f}^k([\mathbf{x}_0])$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathbf{z}_0] &= [\mathbf{x}_0] \\
 [\mathbf{A}_0] &= \mathbf{I}_n \\
 [\mathbf{z}_{k+1}] &= [\mathbf{f}]([\mathbf{z}_k]) \\
 [\mathbf{A}_{k+1}] &= [\mathbf{J}_f]([\mathbf{z}_k]) \cdot [\mathbf{A}_k] \\
 [\mathbf{f}_c^k]([\mathbf{x}_0]) &= [\mathbf{A}_k] \cdot [\mathbf{x}_0]
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Furthermore, if $\exists k > 0$ such that $[\mathbf{f}_c^k]([\mathbf{x}_0]) \subset [\mathbf{x}_0]$, then $[\mathbf{f}_c^k]$ is a stability contractor and the system is asymptotically stable inside $[\mathbf{x}_0]$.

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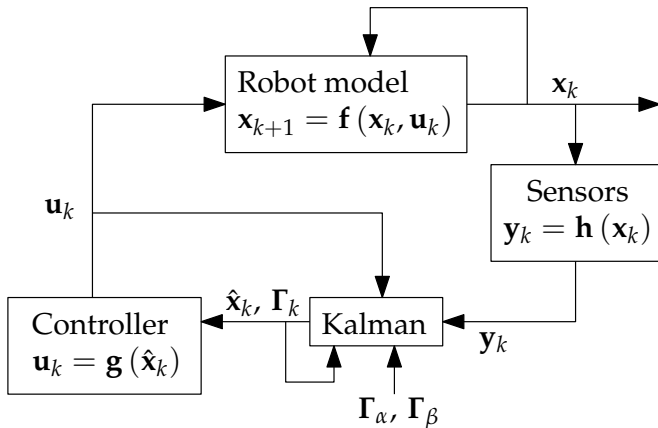


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Kalman filters in robotics



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- Correction

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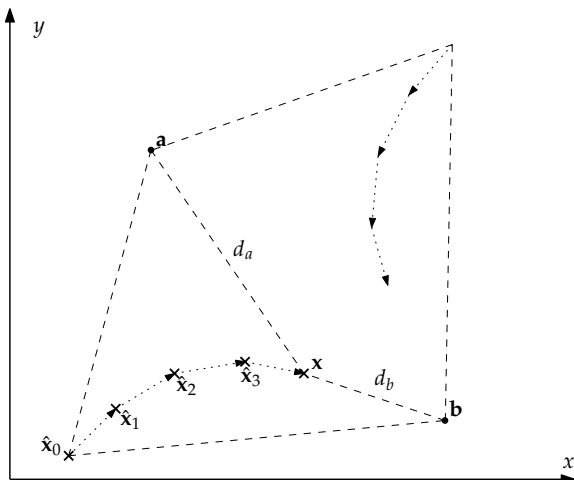
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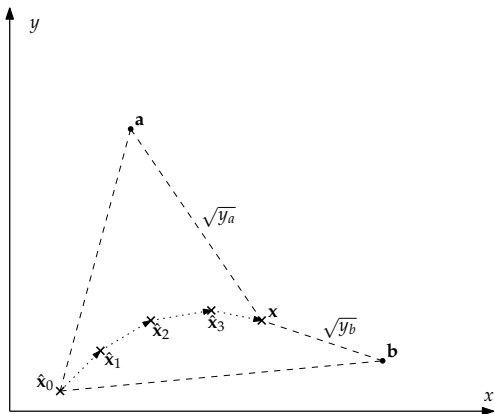
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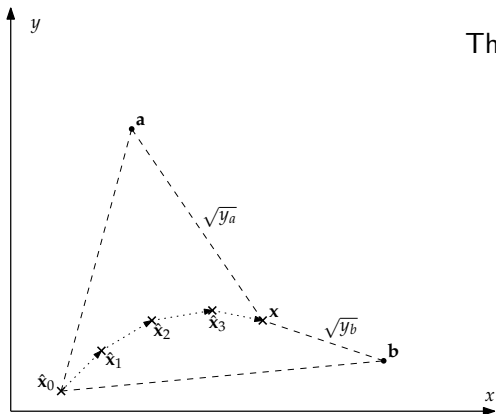
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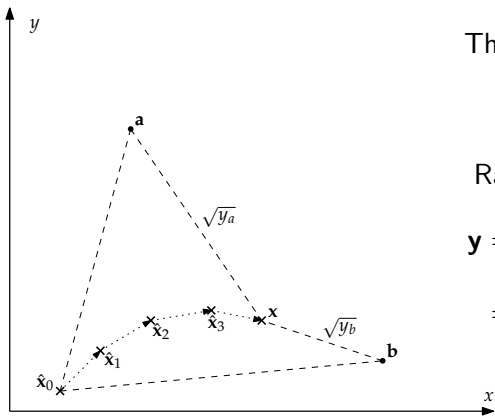
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$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} (x - a_x)^2 + (y - a_y)^2 \\ (x - b_x)^2 + (y - b_y)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Localisation system II

Note :

$$\mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{0}$$

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Denote :

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- Use the stability contractor to check stability.

Formalisation I

The Kalman filter can be seen as a discrete system with state

$$\mathbf{v}_k = (\hat{x}_k, \hat{y}_k, \sigma_{x_k}, \sigma_{y_k}, \sigma_{xy_k}) \quad (8)$$

where

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{x_k}^2 & \sigma_{xy_k} \\ \sigma_{xy_k} & \sigma_{y_k}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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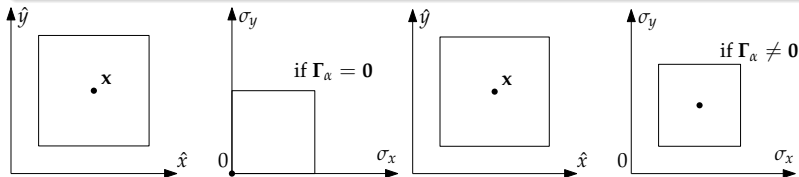
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$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = (0, 0, \sigma_0, \sigma_0, 0)$$

$$[\mathbf{v}_0] = \begin{pmatrix} [-\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_1] \\ [-\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_1] \\ [\sigma_0 - \varepsilon_2, \sigma_0 + \varepsilon_2] \\ [\sigma_0 - \varepsilon_2, \sigma_0 + \varepsilon_2] \\ [-\varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_2] \end{pmatrix} \ni \bar{\mathbf{v}}$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = 1 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = 5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\sigma_0 = 3.66 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (-5, 5)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (5, 5)$$

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⇒ the EKF is stable inside $[\mathbf{v}_0]$ and will converge towards $\bar{\mathbf{v}}$

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Questions ?