

Solving Quantified Constraint Satisfaction Problems with Applications to Control — Repeatability Package

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We refer here to sections, figures and tables of the paper that uses this artifact. When we refer to a section of the present document, it is explicitly stated.

1 Content

We present a Julia package, including a simplified setup via Docker, to reproduce the results that we have presented in the paper, namely Figures 3 to 9 and Tables 3, 4 and 5. The `src/` sub-directory contains the code of our approach:

- `pave.jl` contains the main algorithm and the oracles,
- `quantifiedconstraintproblem.jl` constructs the problem to be solved,
- `genreach2.jl` contains local reachability analysis functions.

The `examples/` sub-directory contains the examples presented in Section 5 of the paper. In the root directory, the `.sh` scripts run the examples to construct the figures and tables of the paper.

2 Gist of the program

```
include("pave.jl")  
...  
inn, out, delta = paving_11(...)
```

For a quantified set Σ , the paving function `paving_11` returns

- the inside Σ^- in `inn`,
- the outside $(\Sigma^c)^-$ in `out`,
- and the potential boundary Σ^Δ in `delta`.

For the different paving functions, see Section 4.5 of this document.

3 Reproducing associated experimental results (figures and tables) with a Docker image

The scripts `Fig<n>.sh` where `<n>` is in $\{3, 4, \dots, 9\}$ produce `.png` files in order to construct the corresponding figures.

The scripts `Tab<n>.sh` where `<n>` is in $\{3, 4, 5\}$ produce `.log` reports in order to construct the corresponding tables.

3.1 Note on timings

3.1.1 Platform specificity

In the paper, timings were computed on a 12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-12700H processor with a clock rate of 3.50 GHz and a 16 Gio RAM. They ran on a Dell Inc. Precision 3571 using Ubuntu 24.04.3 LTS. There may be great disparities with other platforms. For example, in our experiments with the Docker distribution, the pavings of Figure 3 were respectively computed

- in 1 ms, 3 ms and 21 ms on the Ubuntu machine and
- in 430 ms, 1 s and 8 s on a macOS machine.

In Table 3, this corresponds to the first three lines of the first column.

3.1.2 Timing procedure

Timings of our algorithm are obtained with the macro `@btime` from `BenchmarkTools`. The timings mentioned in the paper reflect the call to the paving function (`pave_11` for example). Running an example includes the compilation in Julia, the construction of the problem, the paving which we time and the creation of an output.

For better accuracy in timing measures, each analysis is run several times and the execution time is taken as mean time over analyses. This number of executions is set in the example files by the field `samples`.

3.2 Requirement

Make sure that you have Docker installed and running.

3.3 Building the Docker image

Get in the root directory, where you can find the `Dockerfile` and `Makefile` files. Run the `make` command in order to build the image that will be named `globalqe` and to change the mode of the scripts to execute.

```
| make
```

3.4 Running the experiments

3.4.1 Note on the outputs

The output figures are generated with `Luxor` when using the Docker image, while they were generated with `Plots` in the paper. The results are the same, only the visualization

differs. This choice was made due to technical reasons: it is possible to generate the exact output figures with the Julia files directly.

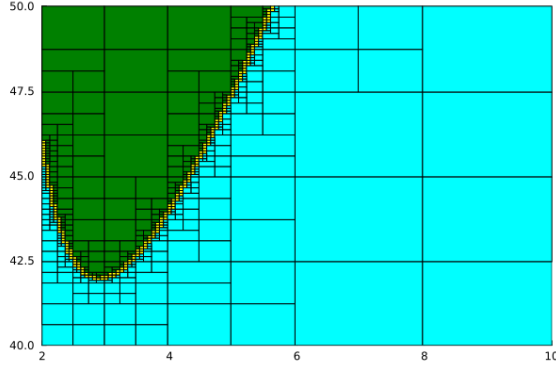


Figure 5 with Plots

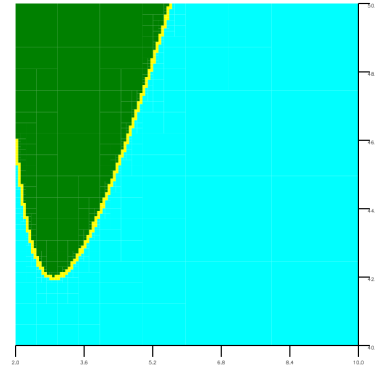


Figure 5 with Luxor

3.4.2 Figure 3

Paving of the running example (Section 5.1) by Algorithm 1 for $\epsilon_X = 0.1$, $\epsilon_X = 0.01$ and $\epsilon_X = 0.001$.

Run

```
| ./Fig3.sh
```

`ex_5-1_running_example_11_0.1.png` ($\epsilon_X = 0.1$), `ex_5-1_running_example_11_0.01.png` ($\epsilon_X = 0.01$) and `ex_5-1_running_example_11_0.001.png` ($\epsilon_X = 0.001$) appear in `examples/`.

3.4.3 Figure 4

Paving of the running example (Section 5.1) for $\epsilon_X = \epsilon_P = 0.001$ with the different oracles.

Run

```
| ./Fig4.sh
```

`ex_5-1_running_example_11_0.001.png` (Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2), `ex_5-1_running_example_11_0.001_subdivided.png` (Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3) and `ex_5-1_running_example_11_0.001_refined.png` (Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5) appear in `examples/`.

3.4.4 Figure 5

Paving of GarloffGraf1 (Section 5.2) for $\epsilon_X = 0.1$.

Run

```
| ./Fig5.sh
```

`ex_5-2_stability_controller_0.1.png` appears in `examples/`.

3.4.5 Figure 6

Paving of the Dubins example (Section 5.3) with $\epsilon_X = \epsilon_P = 0.01$.

Run

```
| ./Fig6.sh
```

`ex_5-3_dubins_0.01_nothing_x.png` (x), `ex_5-3_dubins_0.01_nothing_y.png` (y) and `ex_5-3_dubins_0.01_nothing_theta.png` (θ) appear in `examples/`.

3.4.6 Figure 7

Paving of the circle collision problem (Section 5.4) with $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}} = \epsilon_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.1$, using Lemma 4.4 and Lemma 4.5.

Run

```
| ./Fig7.sh
```

`ex_5-4_circle_collision_0.1_0.1_refined.png` appears in `examples/`.

3.4.7 Figure 8

Paving of the robot collision problem (Section 5.5) with $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}} = \epsilon_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.01$, using Lemma 4.4 and Lemma 4.5.

Run

```
| ./Fig8.sh
```

`ex_5-5_robot_collision_0.01_0.01_refined.png` appears in `examples/`.

3.4.8 Figure 9

Paving of the robot collision problem (Section 5.5) with $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}} = \epsilon_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.1$ using Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, 4.2 and 4.3, and 4.4 and 4.5.

Run

```
| ./Fig9.sh
```

`ex_5-5_robot_collision_11_0.1.png` (Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2), `ex_5-5_robot_collision_11_0.1_0.1_subdivided.png` (Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3) and `ex_5-5_robot_collision_11_0.1_0.1_refined.png` (Lemmas 4.4 and 4.5) appear in `examples/`.

3.4.9 Table 3

Proportion of undecided domain and timings for the running example (Section 5.1), with and without parameter subdivision.

Run

```
| ./Tab3.sh
```

Data (undecided region and timing) to produce Table 3 is saved in `Tab3.log` in the root directory.

3.4.10 Table 4

Proportion of the undecided domain for the running example (Section 5.1) using Lemma 4.2 and Lemma 4.3.

Run

```
| ./Tab4.sh
```

Data (undecided region) to produce Table 4 is saved in `Tab4.log` in the root directory.

3.4.11 Table 5

Proportion of the undecided domain for the running example (Section 5.1) using Lemma 4.4 and Lemma 4.5.

Run

```
| ./Tab5.sh
```

Data (undecided region) to produce Table 5 is saved in `Tab5.log` in the root directory.

3.5 Additional functionalities

One can play with the choices of oracle, precision and paving improvement method for each example. Try getting the help message for the running example for instance:

```
| docker run globalqe examples/ex_5-1_running_example.jl --help
```

In order to obtain the images, create a bind mount `-v /HOST-DIR:/CONTAINER-DIR`. We suggest `-v ./app` (see how it is done in `Fig3.sh` for example). Try

```
| docker run -v ./app globalqe examples/ex_5-1_running_example.jl 2 2  
↪ 0.5 --with_luxor
```

for \mathcal{O}^{IN} using $\neg\mathbb{P}$ and $\mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{C}}$, \mathcal{O}^{OUT} using $\neg\mathbb{P}$ and $\mathbb{G}^{\mathbb{C}}$ and $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}} = 0.5$. More details can be found in Section 4 of this document.

The different files are:

- `ex_5-1_running_examples.jl`
- `ex_5-1_running_examples_no_timing.jl` (does not call `BenchmarkTools`)
- `ex_5-2_stability_controller.jl`
- `ex_5-3_dubins.jl`
- `ex_5-4_circle_collision.jl`
- `ex_5-5_robot_collision.jl`

4 Reusing the artifact

4.1 Dependencies

`PaveReach` relies on `GenReach` from reference [10] in the paper.¹ In the present prototype, the file `genreach.jl` from `GenReach` has been copied, altered and renamed `genreach2.jl`.

4.1.1 List of the packages

For `GenReach`

- `IntervalArithmetic v0.21.2`
- `LazySets v2.14.2`

¹<https://github.com/goubault/GenReach>

- Symbolics v6.31.0

For PaveReach

- Match v2.4.1
- Plots v1.41.5
- ArgParse v1.2.0
- LaTeXStrings v1.4.0
- BenchmarkTools v1.6.3
- Luxor v4.3.0
- MathTeXEngine v0.6.7

4.1.2 Adding a package

Call `julia` to get in the interactive REPL. You will get to the `julia>` prompt.

```
| julia>
```

Type `]` to get to the Pkg REPL-mode (the built-in Julia package manager).

```
| pkg>
```

Add one package as follows.

```
| pkg> add <name_of_the_package> [@<version>]
```

Or add all the packages at once.

```
| pkg> add IntervalArithmetic @0.21.2 LazySets @2.14.2 Polyhedra @0.8.1
  ↳ StaticArrays @1.9.16 Symbolics @6.31.0 CDDLib @0.10.2 Match @2.4.1
  ↳ Plots @1.41.5 ArgParse @1.2.0 LaTeXStrings @1.4.0 BenchmarkTools
  ↳ @1.6.3 Luxor @4.3.0 MathTeXEngine @0.6.7
```

To return to the `julia>` prompt, either press backspace when the input line is empty or press `Ctrl+C`.

4.2 Quick start

4.2.1 Try a 2D toy example

Run (no command line argument, everything is hardcoded):

```
| julia ex_0-1_disk.jl
```

You will find the output in a file named `ex_0-1_disk-11.0.1-0.5_subdivided.png`.

4.2.2 Try the running example from the paper (Section 5.1)

Run

```
| julia ex_5-1_running_example.jl 1 1 0.1 --with_plots
```

You will find the output in a file named `ex_5-1_running_example-11.0.1.png`.

4.3 What the examples do

4.3.1 Explanation for a 2D example (`ex_0-1_disk.jl`)

Note: the example is degenerated, there is no parameter \mathbb{P} .

The example in `0-1_disk.jl` sets up the scalar problem:

$$\{x \in [-5, 5] \times [-5, 5] \mid \exists z \in [0, 16], f(x, z) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - z = 0\}.$$

- Domain for x : $\mathbb{X}_0 = [-5, 5] \times [-5, 5]$
- Parameters and quantifiers: none
- Target: $\mathbb{G} = [0, 16]$
- Paving precision: $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}} = 0.1$
- Parameter subdivision precision: $\epsilon_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.5$

4.3.2 Explanation for a 1D example (`ex_5-1_running_example.jl`)

The example in `ex_5-1_running_example.jl` sets up the scalar problem:

$$\{x \in [-5, 5] \mid \forall p_1 \in [0, 1/4], f(x, p_1) = p_1^2 - (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3) \in [-1/4, 1/4]\}.$$

- Domain for x : $X_0 = [-5, 5]$
- Parameters and quantifiers: $\forall p_1 \in [0, 1/4]$
- Target: $\mathbb{G} = [-1/4, 1/4]$

In order to pave with - \mathcal{O}^{IN} using \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G} , - \mathcal{O}^{OUT} using \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G} - and $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}} = 0.1$, run

```
| julia ex_5-1_running_example.jl 1 1 0.1
```

The first two arguments, 1 and 1, select the paving function `pave11`. See Oracles. The third argument, 0.1 corresponds to $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}}$.

In order to pave with subdivision as in Section 4.1,

- \mathcal{O}^{IN} using \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G} ,
- \mathcal{O}^{OUT} using \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G} ,
- $\epsilon_{\mathbb{X}} = 0.1$
- and $\epsilon_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.1$,

run

```
| julia ex_5-1_running_example.jl 1 1 0.1 0.1 --subdivide
```

The output can be saved with the option `--with-plots` or `--with-luxor`. To get more information, use

```
| julia ex_5-1_running_example.jl --help
```

4.4 Quantified constraint problem

4.4.1 General case

The `QuantifiedConstraintProblem` type aggregates the information needed to compute the reachability with `GenReach`.

```
n = 2
...
# problem := f, Df
problem = Problem(f_fun, Df_fun)
# Quantified variables
qvs = ...
# Relaxed quantified variables
qvs_relaxed_1 = ...
qvs_relaxed_2 = ...
# Quantifier elimination problem
qcp = QuantifiedConstraintProblem(problem, qvs, [qvs_relaxed_1,
↪ qvs_relaxed_2], p, n)
```

See the examples in `examples/` for further details.

4.4.2 For a scalar-valued function

For scalar-valued functions, one simply needs to do

```
n = 1
...
# Quantifier elimination problem
qcp = QuantifiedConstraintProblem(problem, qvs, [qvs], p, n)
```

In this case, `qvs` is just repeated between `[` and `]`.

4.4.3 Problem

A `Problem` is constructed from a function `f_fun` and the function which computes its Jacobian `Df_fun`.

```
# problem := f, Df
problem = Problem(f_fun, Df_fun)
```

There is a utility function `build_function_f_Df` which builds both functions, `f_fun` and `Df_fun`, from the expression of the function.

```
n = ...
p = ...
@variables x[1:p]
f_num = [...]
f_fun, Df_fun = build_function_f_Df(f_num, x, n, p)
```

4.4.4 Quantified variables

A quantified variable is the tuple made of a quantifier (**Forall** or **Exists**) and an integer. For example, $\forall x_1$ and $\exists x_5$ are represented by

```
qv_1 = (Forall, 1)
qv_2 = (Exists, 5)
```

In the definition of the problem, the first quantified variables are reserved for the free variables. The last **n** ones are reserved for the components of $\mathbb{G} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. One has to specify the quantifiers for \mathbb{P} . They can be numbered with the remaining values.

For example, in `ex_5-4_circle_collision.jl` the problem is

$$\{(x, y) \in [-5, 5]^2 \mid \forall t \in [-\pi, \pi], (2.5 * \sin(t) - x)^2 + (2.5 * \cos(t) - y)^2 \in [0.25, +\infty]\}$$

Even though the total number of variable is **p=4**, one only has to specify the quantifier for the third variable

```
# x[1] := x, x[2] := y, x[3] := t, x[4] := d
qvs = [(Forall, 3)]
```

The first two variables correspond to the free variables, x and y , of the 2D problem and the last one is $d \in \mathbb{G}$ (**n=1**). Their quantifiers are handled by the algorithm.

4.5 Oracles

Select one of the four paving functions according to this table

	\mathcal{O}^{OUT} using \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G}	\mathcal{O}^{OUT} using $\neg\mathbb{P}$ and \mathbb{G}^c
\mathcal{O}^{IN} using \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G}	<code>pave_11</code>	<code>pave_12</code>
\mathcal{O}^{IN} using $\neg\mathbb{P}$ and \mathbb{G}^c	<code>pave_21</code>	<code>pave_22</code>

Note: the user does not have to construct $\neg\mathbb{P}$ or \mathbb{G}^c . The four paving functions take \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{G} as input, so swapping between the functions amounts only to changing the name of the function.

5 Saving the output

5.1 With Plots

```
p = plot()
draw(p, X_0, inn, out, delta)
plot(p)
outfile = ...
savefig(outfile)
println("The result was saved in $(outfile).")
```

It is also possible to display the result.

```
p = plot()
draw(p, X_0, inn, out, delta)
plot(p)
gui()
```

Run the script in interactive mode in order to keep the REPL open to visualize the plot.

```
| julia -i ...
```

5.2 With Luxor

```
width = 600
height = 40
buffer = 50
outfile = ...
Drawing(width + 2*buffer, height + 2*buffer, outfile)
luxor_draw(X_0, inn, out, delta, width, height, buffer)
finish()
println("The result was saved in $(outfile).")
```
