

The Convex Geometry of Integrator Reach Sets

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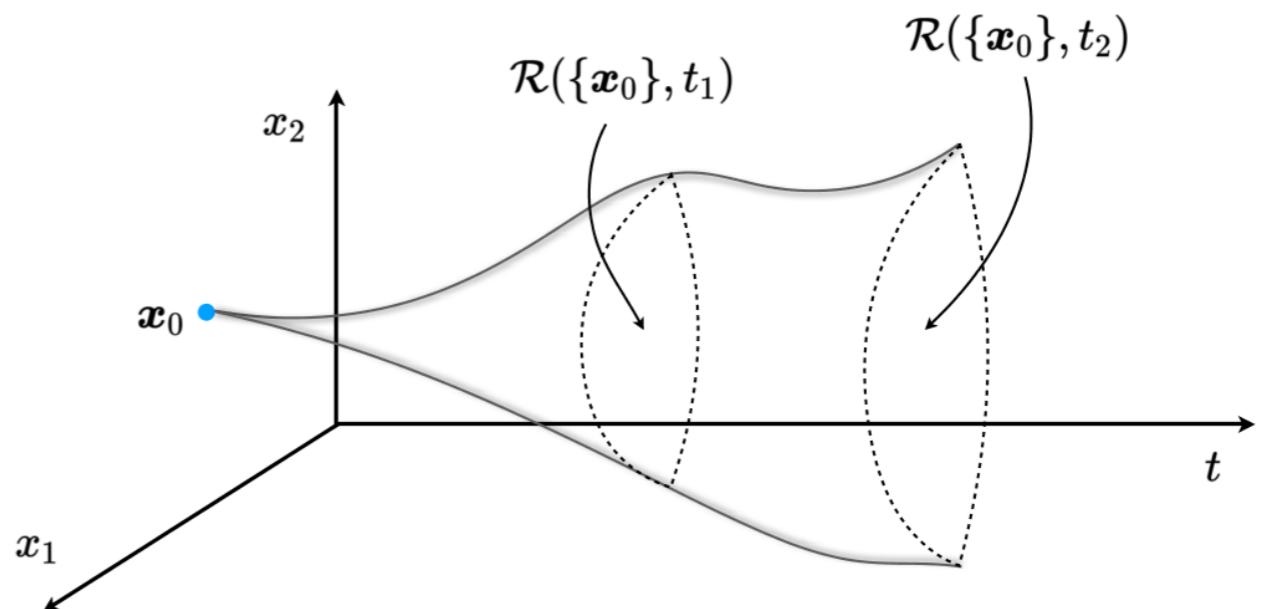
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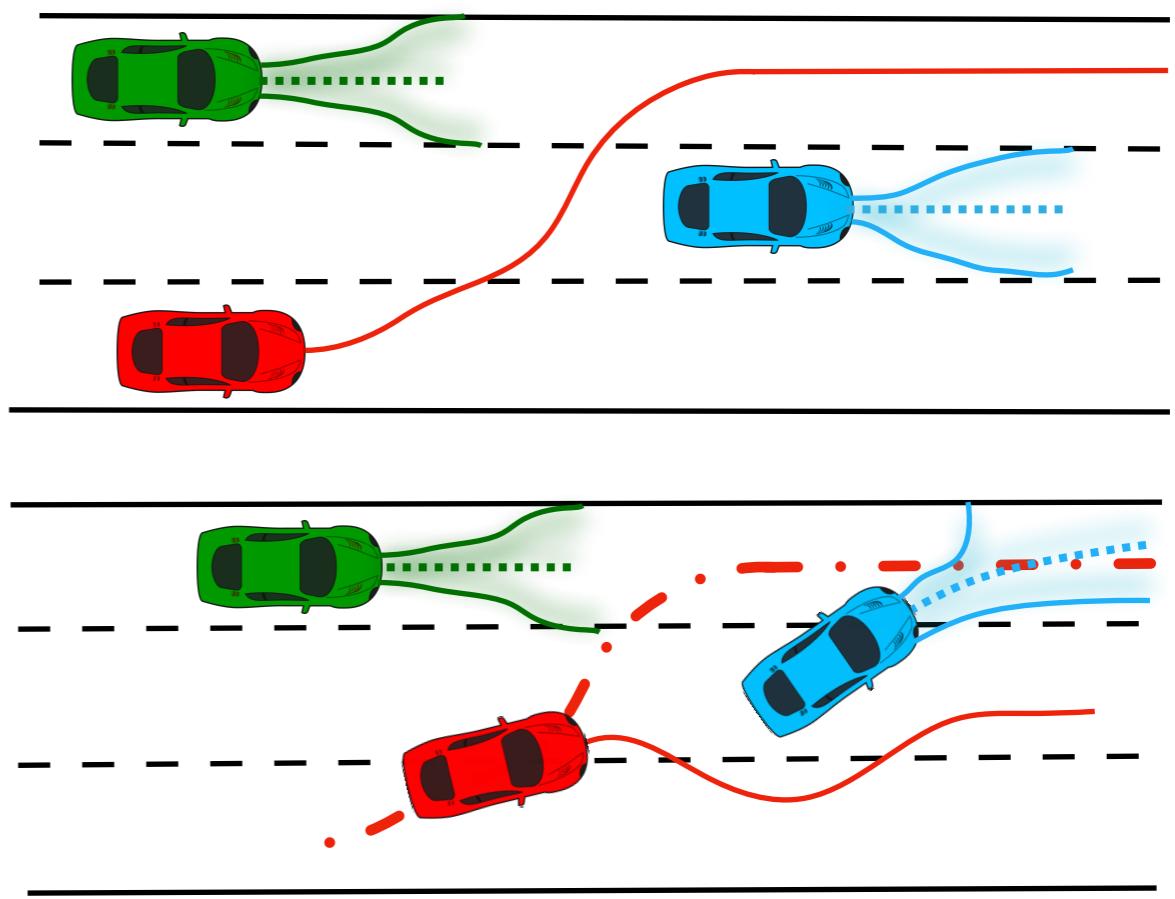
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Reach Sets

Predicting the states of an uncertain system



Safety critical applications such as motion planning & collision warning systems



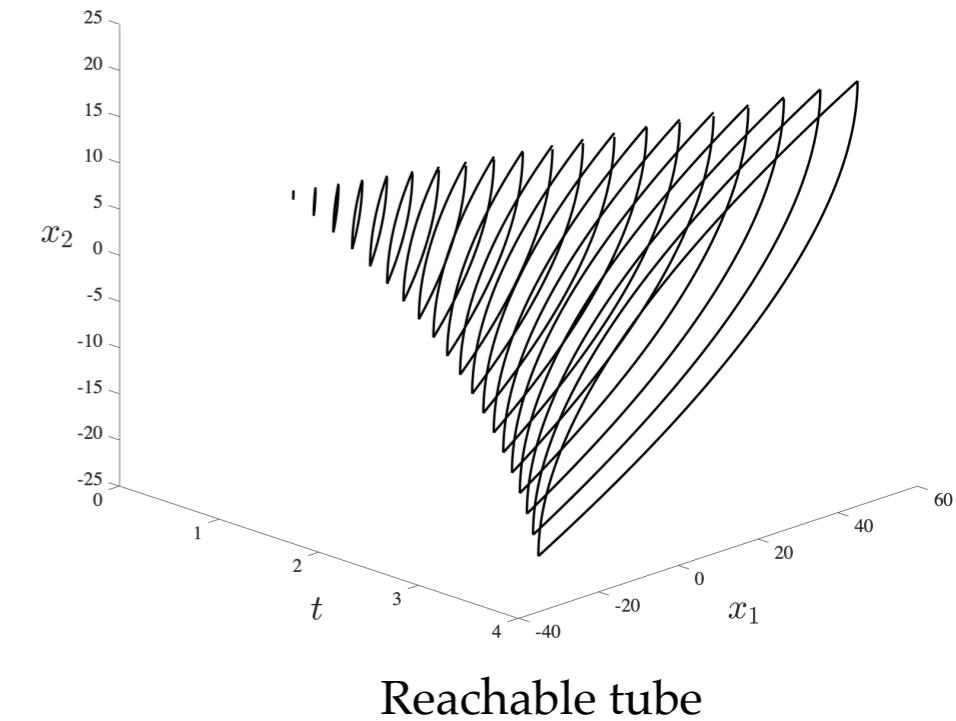
Reach Set For Integrator Dynamics

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}u, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad u \in [-\mu, \mu]$$

$$\mathbf{A} = [0 \quad \mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \quad \mathbf{e}_3 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{e}_{d-1}], \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{e}_d$$

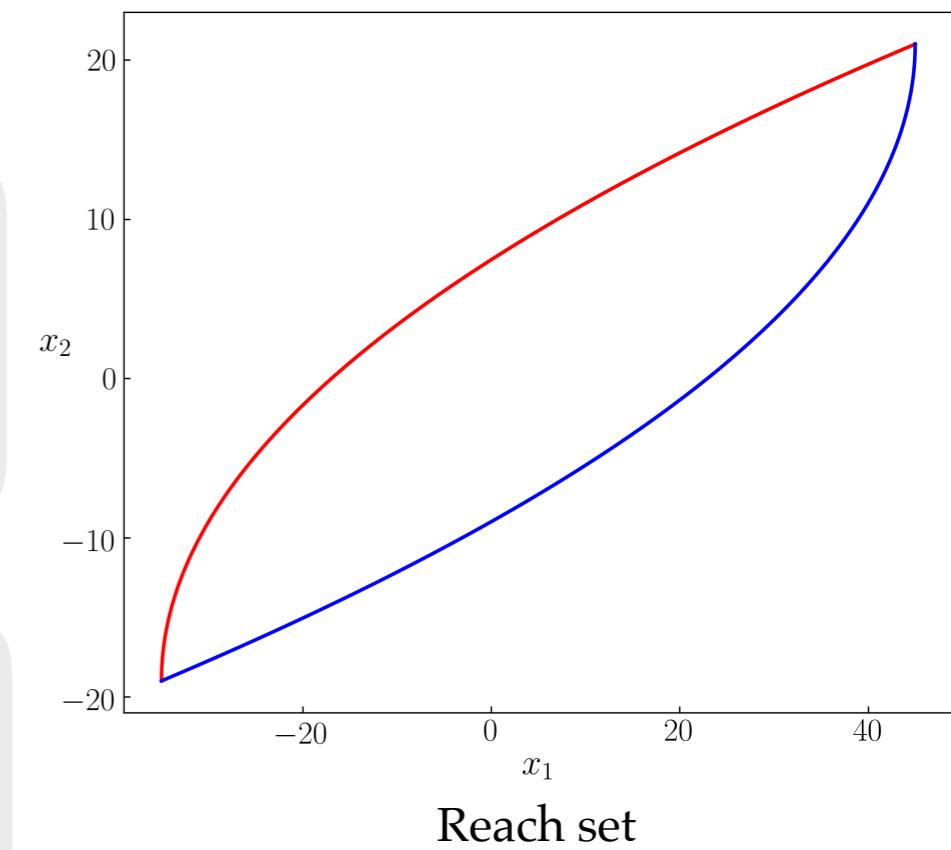
$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t) = \exp(t\mathbf{A})\mathcal{X}_0 + \int_0^t \exp(s\mathbf{A})\mathbf{b}[-\mu, \mu]ds$$

Minkowski sum



Nonlinear control systems of practical interest such as aerial and ground vehicles with bounded control: in normal form

Prototypical example in the systems-control literature on reach set computation



Integrator Reach Sets

Previous Studies	This Study
Approximation algorithms: ellipsoidal, zonotopic, inner and outer approximation	Exact closed form formula for volume and diameter of the integrator reach sets
No quantitative assessment for comparison, content with statistical and graphical assessments	A foundation for benchmarking of algorithms

Support Function of the Integrator Reach Set

$$h_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(\mathbf{y}) := \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}} \{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \mid \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$$

$$= h_{\mathcal{X}_0}(\exp(t\mathbf{A}^\top) \mathbf{y}) + h_{\int_0^t \exp(s\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{b}[-\mu, \mu] ds}(\mathbf{y})$$

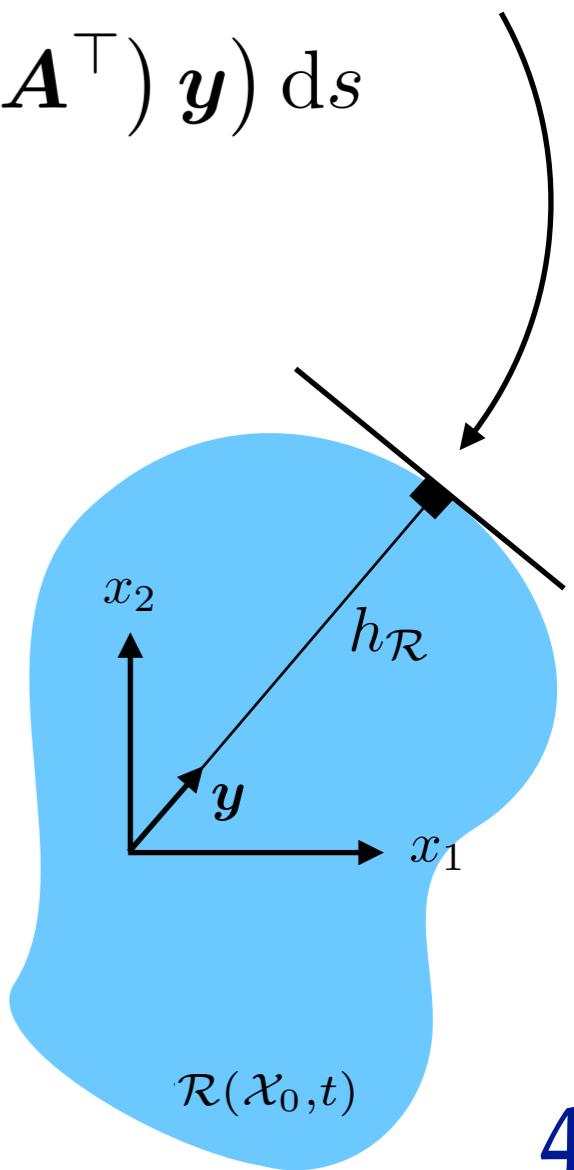
Supporting
hyperplane

$$= h_{\mathcal{X}_0}(\exp(t\mathbf{A}^\top) \mathbf{y}) + \int_0^t h_{\mathbf{b}[-\mu, \mu]}(\exp(s\mathbf{A}^\top) \mathbf{y}) ds$$

$$h_{\mathbf{b}[-\mu, \mu]}(\mathbf{y}) = \sup_{u \in [-\mu, \mu]} \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}u \rangle = \mu |\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b} \rangle|$$

$$h_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(\mathbf{y}) = \sup_{\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathcal{X}_0} \langle \mathbf{y}, \exp(t\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{x}_0 \rangle + \mu \int_0^t |\langle \mathbf{y}, \xi(s) \rangle| ds$$

$$\xi(s) := \left(\frac{s^{d-1}}{(d-1)!} \quad \frac{s^{d-2}}{(d-2)!} \quad \dots \quad s \quad 1 \right)^\top$$



Functional of the Integrator Reach Set

Volume:

$$\text{vol}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)) = \frac{1}{d} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} h_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \, dS_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}), \quad \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$$

Euclidean
unit sphere

Lack analytical handle on the surface measure...

Alternative approach:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}(\mathcal{R}(\{x_0\}, t)) &= \text{vol}\left(\int_0^t \exp(sA) \mathbf{b}[-\mu, \mu] \, ds\right) \\ &= \text{vol}\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{t}{n} \exp(t_i A) \mathbf{b}[-\mu, \mu]\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\mu t}{n}\right)^d \text{vol}\left(\sum_{i=0}^n \exp(t_i A) \mathbf{b}[-1, 1]\right) \end{aligned}$$

Minkowski sum
of $n + 1$ intervals

Functional of the Integrator Reach Set

Zonotope:

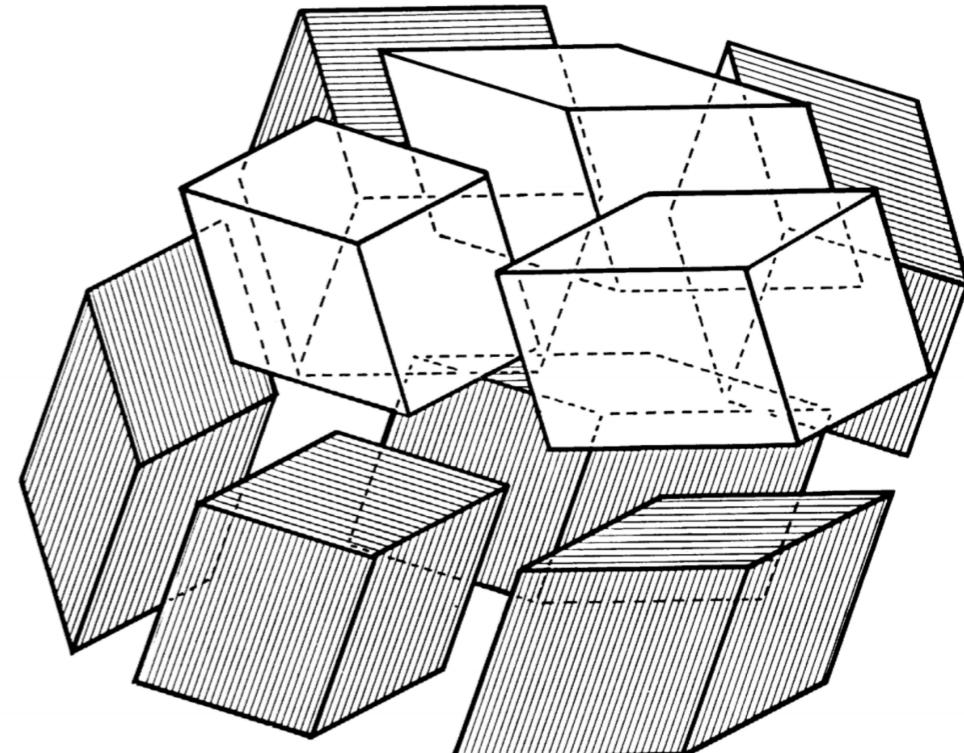
Generators

$$\mathcal{Z}_n := \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \mathbf{v}_j \mid \gamma_j \in [-1, 1], \mathbf{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d, j = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

$$h_{\mathcal{Z}_n}(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle|, \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

Volume of zonotope:

$$\text{vol}(\mathcal{Z}_n) = 2^d \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_d \leq n} |\det(\mathbf{v}_{j_1} | \mathbf{v}_{j_2} | \dots | \mathbf{v}_{j_d})|$$



P. McMullen, "On zonotopes", *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*, Vol. 159, 1971

Volume Formula

Theorem: Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathcal{X}_0 \equiv \{x_0\}$. Then:

$$\text{vol}(\mathcal{R}(\{x_0\}, t)) = \frac{(2\mu)^d t^{d(d+1)/2}}{\prod_{k=1}^{d-1} k!} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{d(d+1)/2}}$$
$$\times \sum_{0 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_d \leq n} \prod_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq d} (i_\beta - i_\alpha)$$

Further Simplification of the Volume Formula

$$\text{vol}(\mathcal{R}(\{x_0\}, t)) = (2\mu)^d t^{\frac{d(d+1)}{2}} \prod_{k=1}^{d-1} \frac{k!}{(2k+1)!}$$

Proof sketch:

Step 1: The following sum returns a polynomial in n of degree $d(d + 1)/2$.

$$\sum_{0 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_d \leq n} \prod_{1 \leq p < q \leq d} (i_q - i_p)$$

Step 2: By Euler-Maclaurin formula, the leading coefficient $c(d)$ of this polynomial:

$$c(d) = \int_{x_1=0}^{x_1=1} \int_{x_2=0}^{x_2=x_1} \dots \int_{x_d=0}^{x_d=x_{d-1}} (x_1 - x_2) \dots (x_{d-1} - x_d) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_d$$

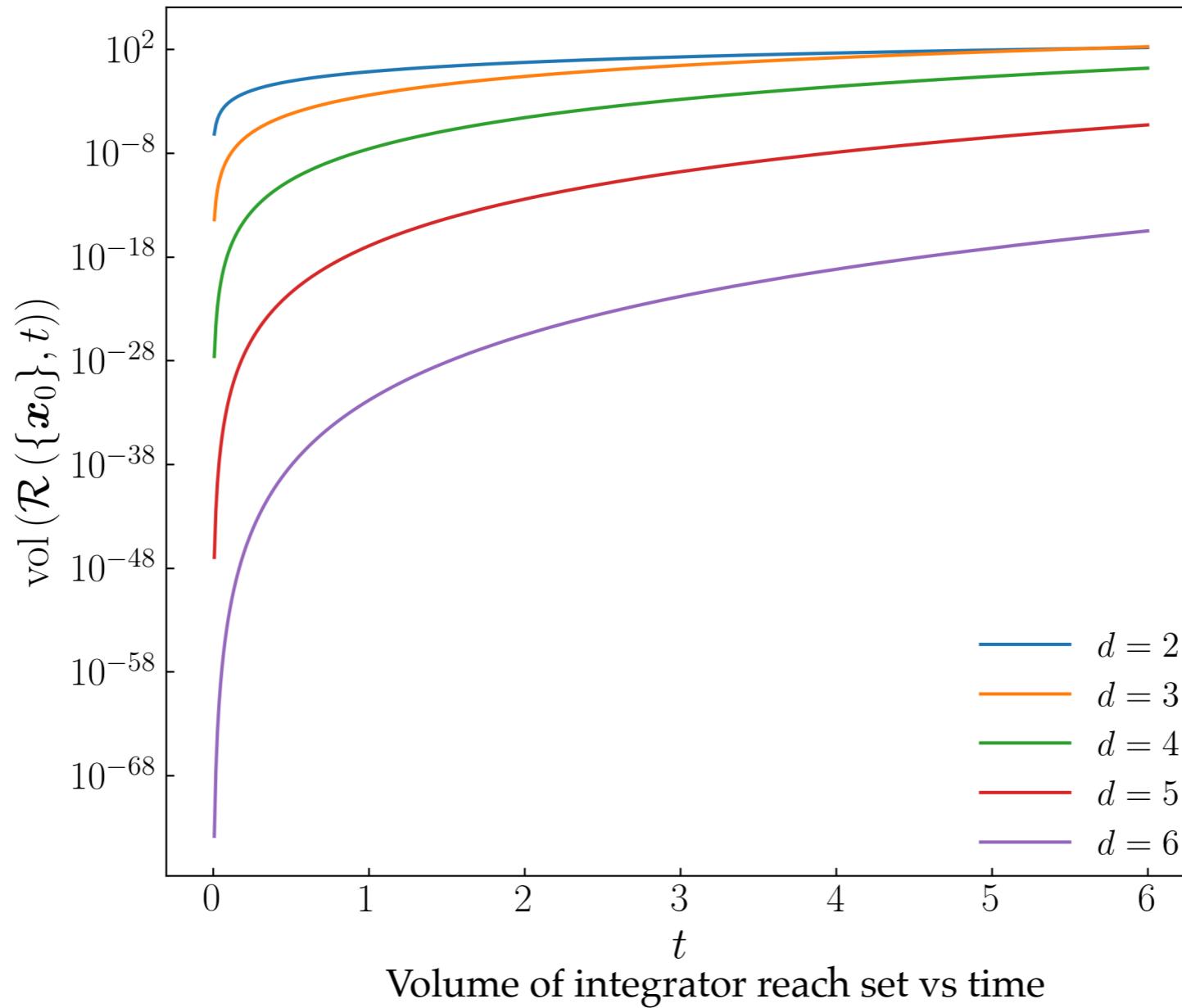
$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_d} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^d (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \dots + \sigma_i)}, \quad \begin{aligned} \text{where } \text{sgn}(\sigma) &:= (-1)^m \\ m &:= \{\#(i, j) \mid i < j, \sigma(i) > \sigma(j)\} \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Using Pfaffians: $c(d) = \prod_{k=1}^{d-1} \frac{(k!)^2}{(2k+1)!}$

Scaling Law for Volume

Volume of integrator reach set vs time

$$\boldsymbol{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{X}_0 \equiv \{\boldsymbol{x}_0\}$$



Functional of the Integrator Reach Set

Width:

$$w_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) := h_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) + h_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(-\boldsymbol{\eta})$$

Direction of width

$$= 2\mu \int_0^t |\langle \boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\xi}(s) \rangle| \, ds$$

R. Schneider, "Convex Bodies", 2014

Diameter:

$$\text{diam}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)) := \max_{\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} w_{\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)}(\boldsymbol{\eta})$$

for $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathcal{X}_0 \equiv \{\mathbf{x}_0\}$

Diameter Formula

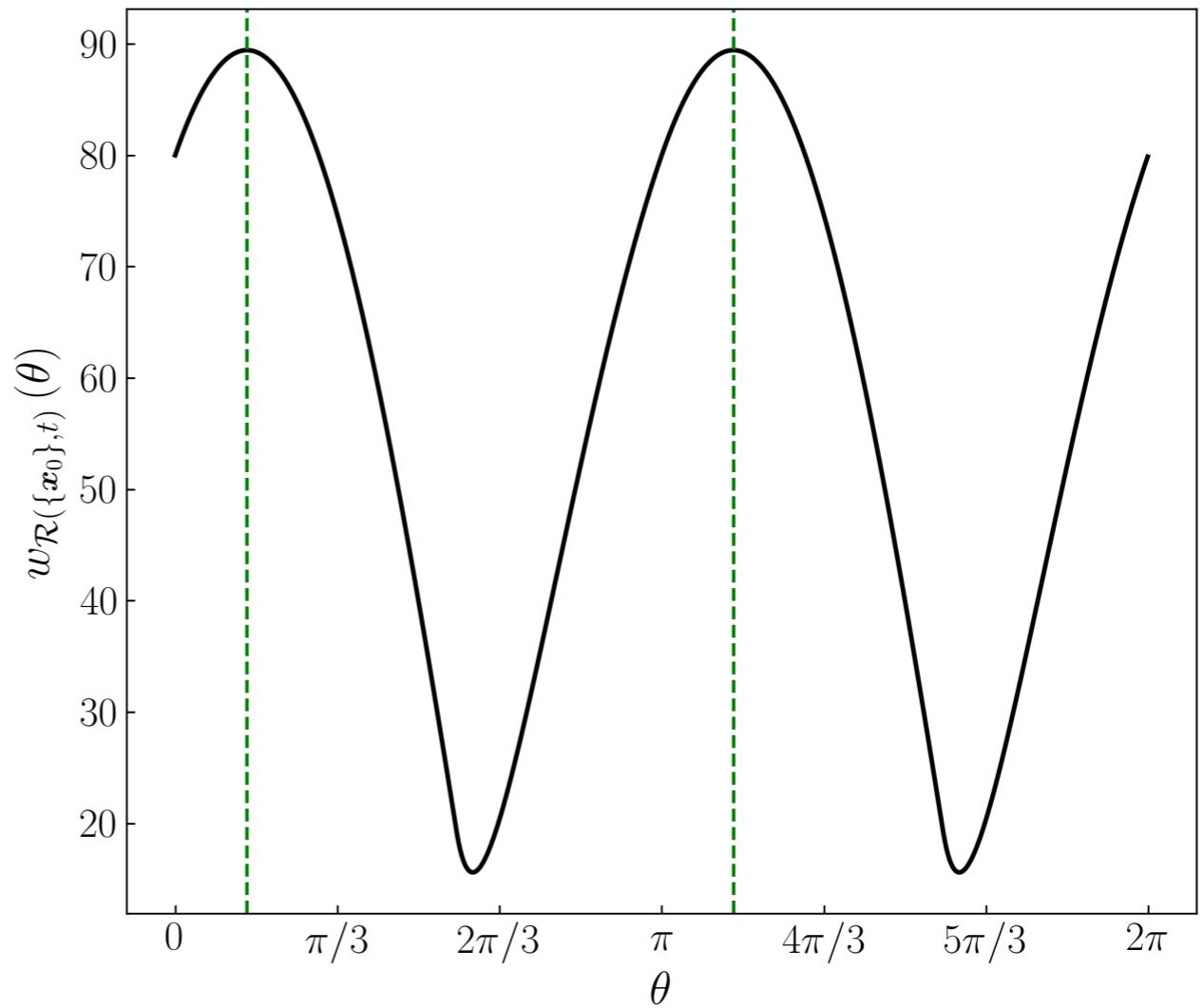
Theorem: Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathcal{X}_0 \equiv \{x_0\}$. Then:

$$\text{diam}(\mathcal{R}(\{x_0\}, t)) = 2\mu \|\zeta(t)\|_2 = 2\mu \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d \left(\frac{t^j}{j!} \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

2 dimensional case:

$$\eta \equiv (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)^\top, \theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$$

$$\text{diam}(\mathcal{R}(\{x_0\}, t)) = \mu t \sqrt{t^2 + 4}$$

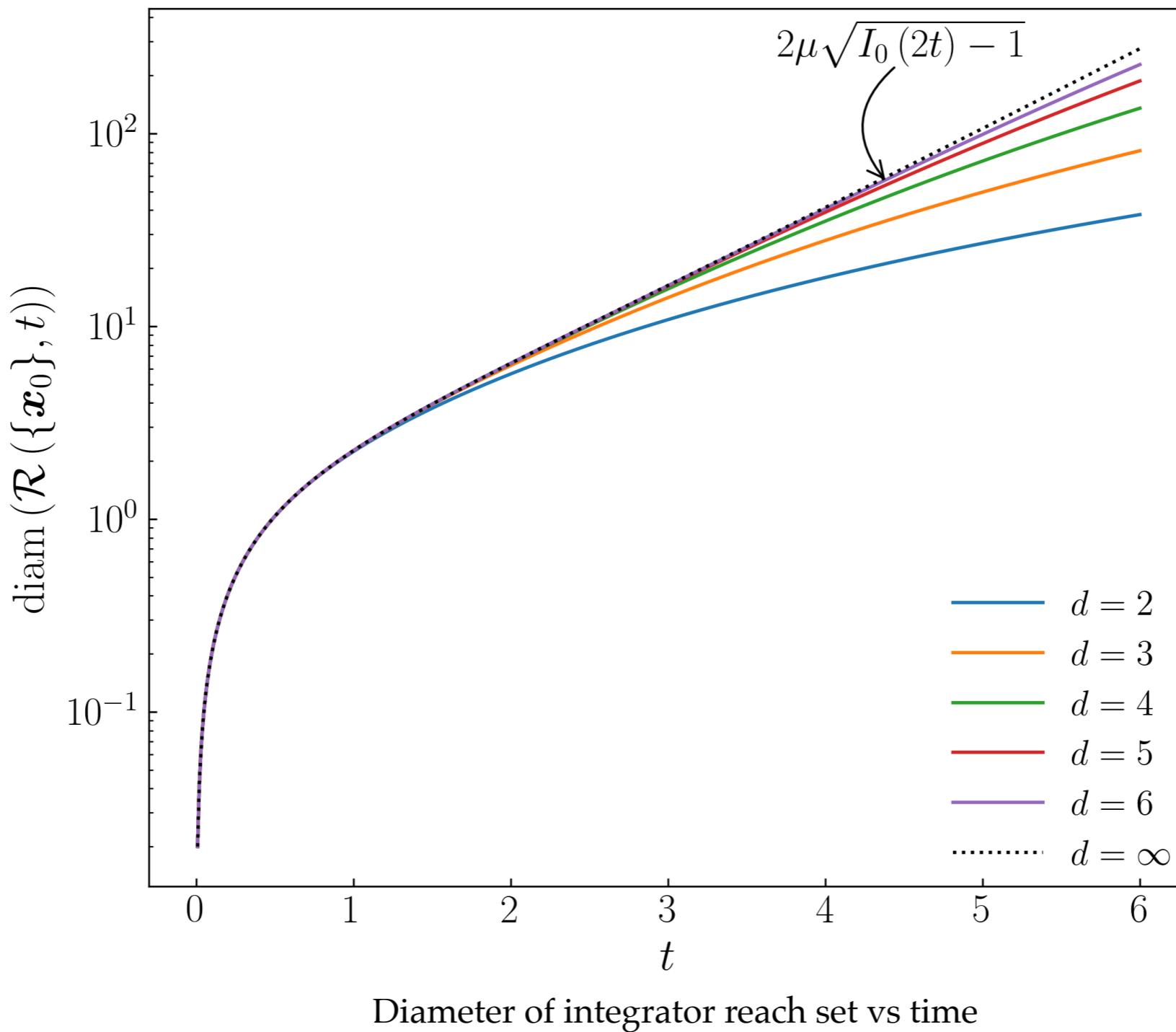


Width the of 2D integrator reach set vs θ

Scaling Law for Diameter

Diameter the of integrator reach set vs time

$$\boldsymbol{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{X}_0 \equiv \{\boldsymbol{x}_0\}$$



Summary

Volume formula:

$$\text{vol}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{X}_0, t)) = (2\mu)^d t^{\frac{d(d+1)}{2}} \prod_{k=1}^{d-1} \frac{k!}{(2k+1)!}$$

Diameter formula:

$$\text{diam}(\mathcal{R}(\{x_0\}, t)) = 2\mu \|\zeta(t)\|_2 = 2\mu \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d \left(\frac{t^j}{j!} \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Future work

Multi-input case

Algorithms for computing reach sets of state feedback linearizable systems

Thank You