

Model Predictive Control

Chapter 5: Invariance

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Constrained Control

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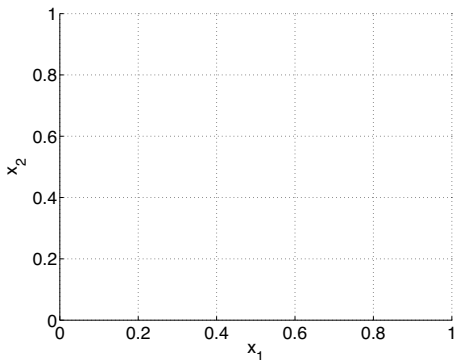
Design control law $u(k) = \kappa(x(k))$ such that the system:

1. Satisfies constraints : $\{x(k)\} \subset \mathcal{X}, \{u(k)\} \subset \mathcal{U}$
2. Is stable: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = 0$
3. Optimizes “performance”
4. Maximizes the set $\{x(0) \mid \text{Conditions 1-3 are met}\}$

This lecture is about how to ensure #1

(Remaining lectures cover 2-4)

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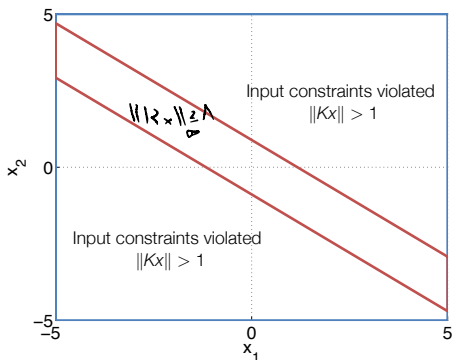
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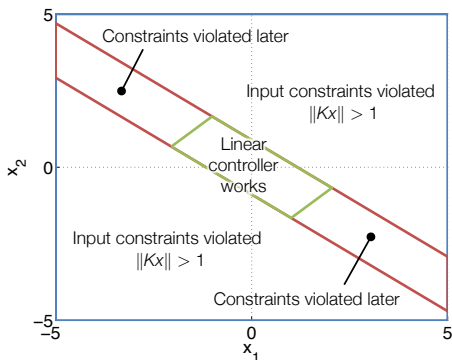
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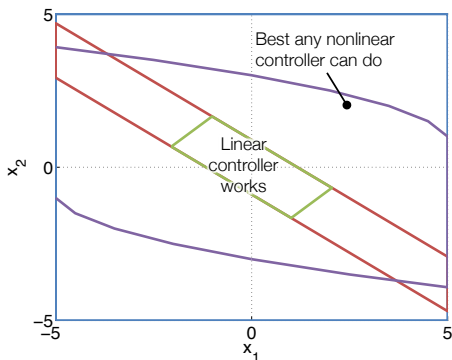
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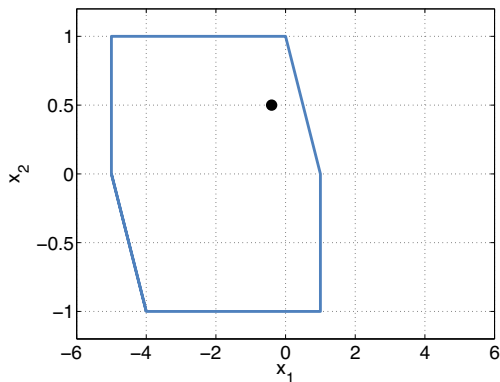
Use nonlinear control (MPC) to increase the region of attraction

Learning Objectives - Constrained Systems

- Learn definition and meaning of **invariance**
 - Region in which an **autonomous** system satisfies the constraints **for all time**
- Learn definition and meaning of **controlled invariance**
 - Region for which there **exists a controller** so that the system satisfies the constraints **for all time**
- Learn how to (conceptually) compute these sets
- Learn how to compute an ellipsoidal invariant set

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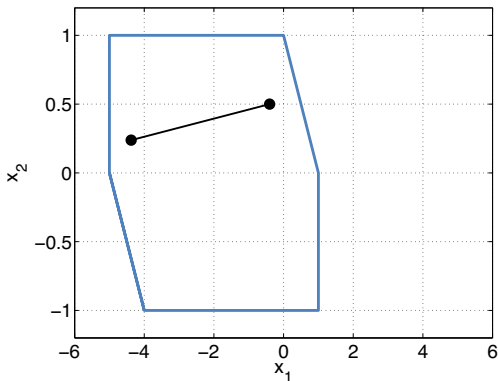
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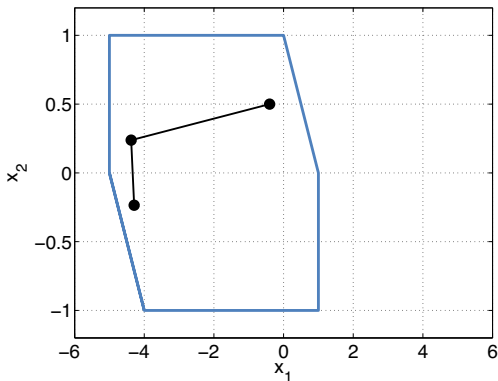
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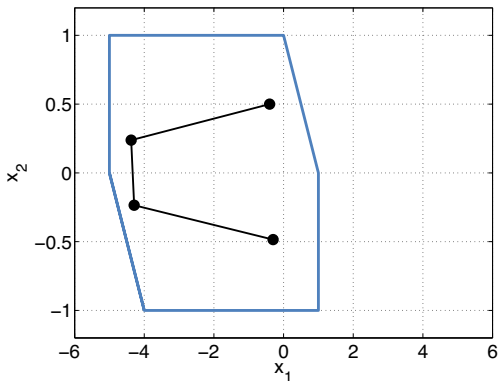
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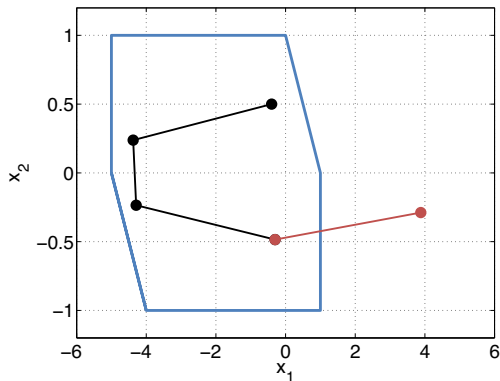
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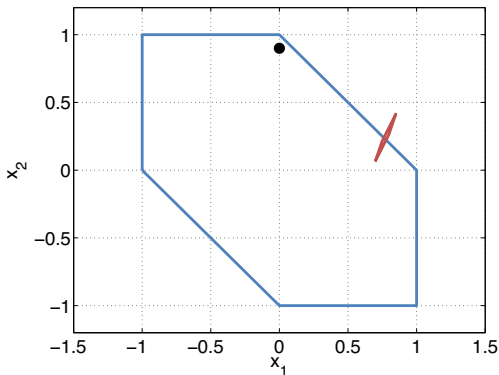
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Look an infinite distance into the future to determine if the trajectory beginning at the current state always remains in the constraints.

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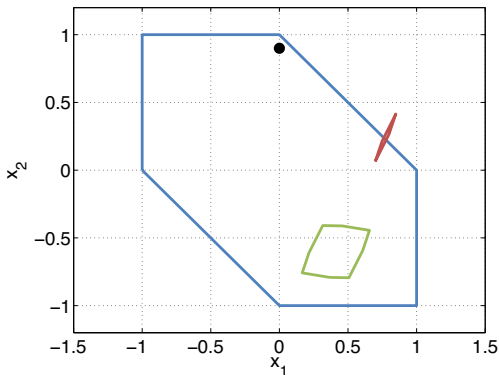
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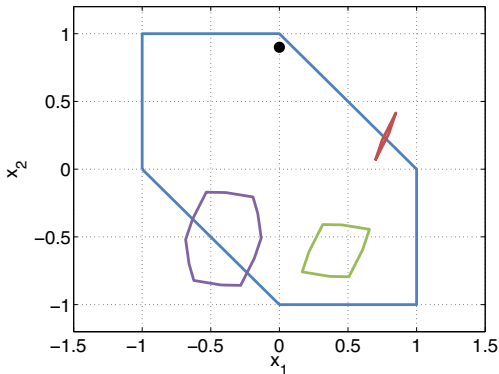
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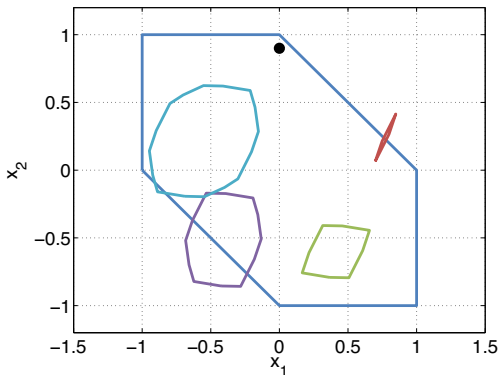
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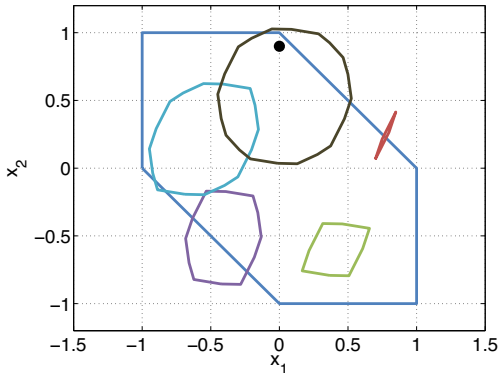
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Controlled invariance: Will there always exist a valid input that will maintain constraints?

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Invariance

Constraint satisfaction, for an **autonomous** system $x(k+1) = g(x(k))$, or **closed-loop** system $x(k+1) = g(x(k), \kappa(x(k)))$ for a **given** controller κ .

Positive Invariant set

A set \mathcal{O} is said to be a positive invariant set for the autonomous system $x(k+1) = g(x(k))$ if

$$x(k) \in \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow x(k+1) \in \mathcal{O}, \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$$



If the invariant set is within the constraints, it provides a set of initial states from which the trajectory will never violate the system constraints.

Maximal Positive Invariant Set \mathcal{O}_∞

The set $\mathcal{O}_\infty \subset \mathcal{X}$ is the maximal invariant set with respect to \mathcal{X} if $0 \in \mathcal{O}_\infty$, \mathcal{O}_∞ is invariant and \mathcal{O}_∞ contains all invariant sets ~~that contain the origin.~~

The maximal invariant set is the set of all states for which the system will remain feasible if it starts in \mathcal{O}_∞ .

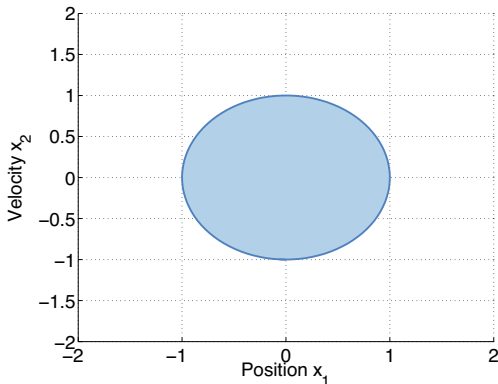
Pre-Sets

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Given a set S and the dynamic system $x(k+1) = g(x(k))$, the **pre-set** of S is the set of states that evolve into the target set S in one time step:

$$\text{pre}(S) := \{x \mid g(x) \in S\}$$

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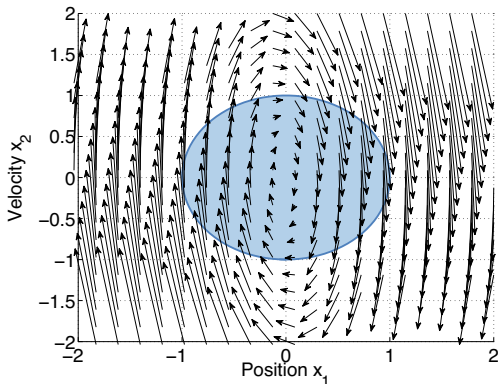
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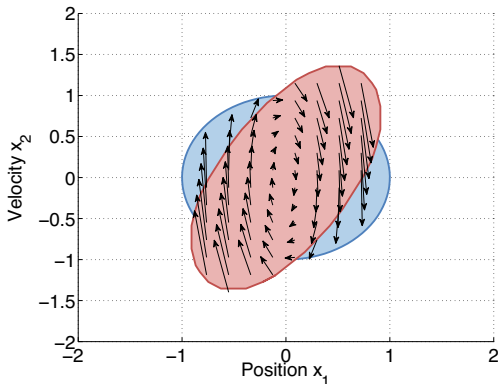
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Pre-set is those states that will be in T in one time-step

Extremely difficult to compute, except in special cases.

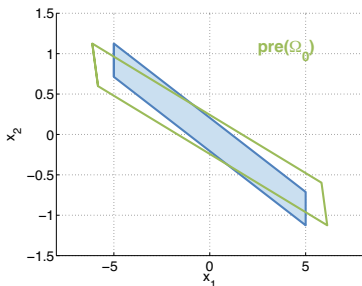
Pre-Set Computation: Linear Autonomous System

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If $S := \{x \mid Fx \leq f\}$, then $\text{pre}(S) = \{x \mid FAx \leq f\}$



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Where $u(k) = Kx(k)$, with K the optimal LQR controller for $Q = I$, $R = 90$.

Invariant Set Conditions

Contrapositive: If A then B
 \Leftrightarrow If not B, then not A

Theorem: Geometric condition for invariance

A set \mathcal{O} is a positive invariant set if and only if

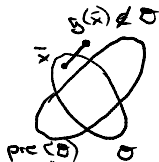
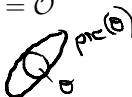
$$\mathcal{O} \subseteq \text{pre}(\mathcal{O}) := \{x \mid g(x) \in \mathcal{O}\}$$

We prove the contrapositive for both the necessary and sufficient conditions.

Necessary If $\mathcal{O} \not\subseteq \text{pre}(\mathcal{O})$, then $\exists \bar{x} \in \mathcal{O}$ such that $\bar{x} \notin \text{pre}(\mathcal{O})$. From the definition of $\text{pre}(\mathcal{O})$, $g(\bar{x}) \notin \mathcal{O}$ and thus \mathcal{O} is not a positive invariant set.

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Note that $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \text{pre}(\mathcal{O}) \Leftrightarrow \text{pre}(\mathcal{O}) \cap \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}$



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Computing Invariant Sets

Conceptual Algorithm to Compute Invariant Set

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Output: \mathcal{O}_∞

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loop

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end if

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The algorithm generates the set sequence $\{\Omega_i\}$ satisfying $\Omega_{i+1} \subseteq \Omega_i$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and it terminates when $\Omega_{i+1} = \Omega_i$ so that Ω_i is the maximal positive invariant set \mathcal{O}_∞ for $x(k+1) = g(x(k))$.

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Requirements:

- Represent set Ω_i (Often as polytopes)
- Pre-set computation
- Intersection
- Equality test (bi-directional subset)

Linear system $x(k+1) = A x(k)$

polytopic set

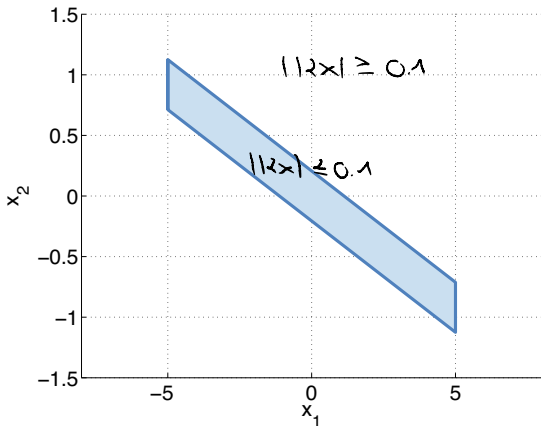
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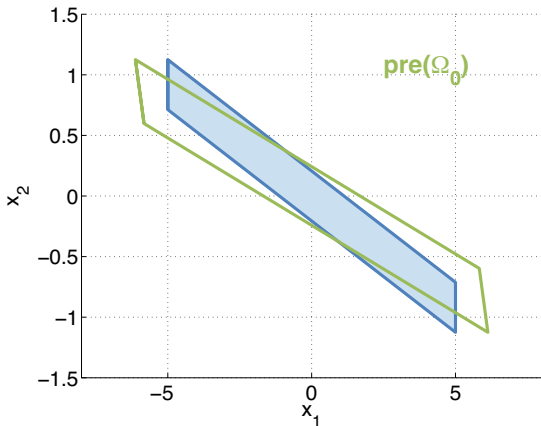
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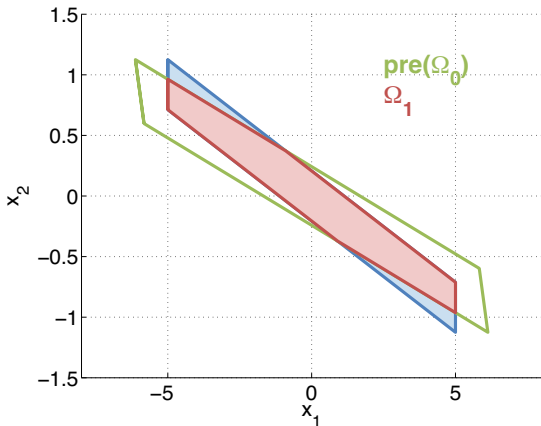
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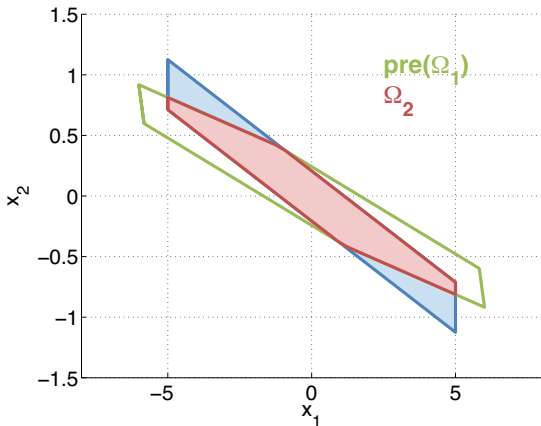
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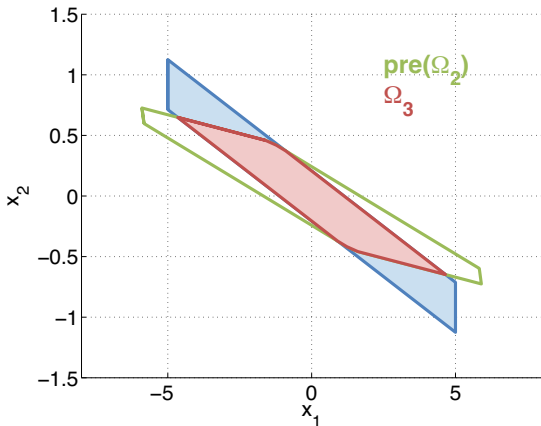
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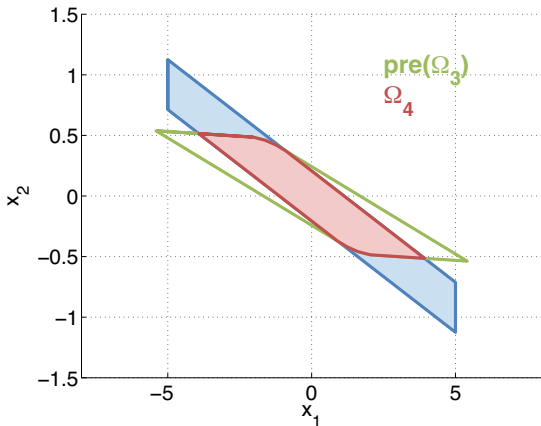
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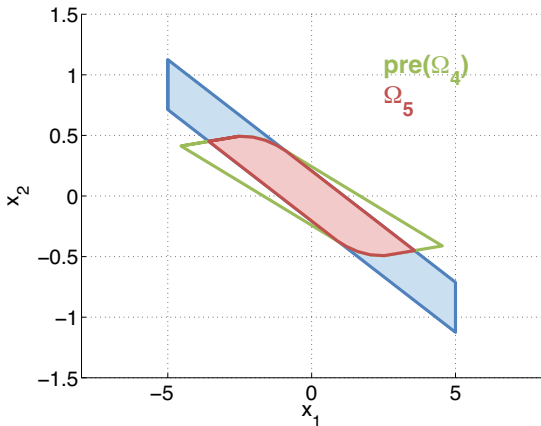
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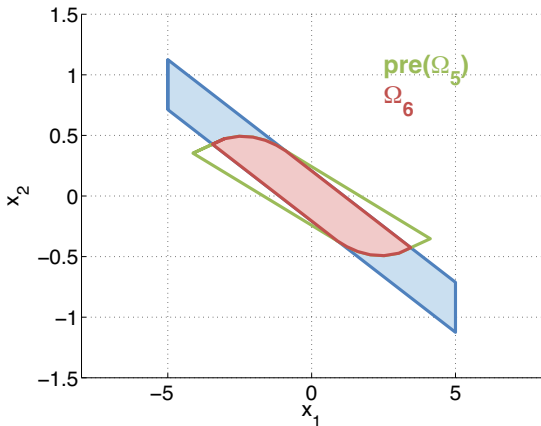
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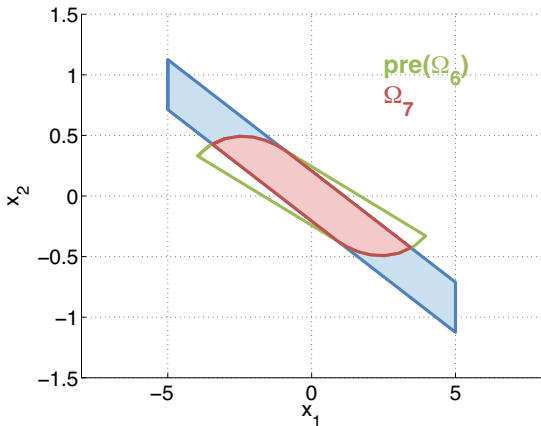
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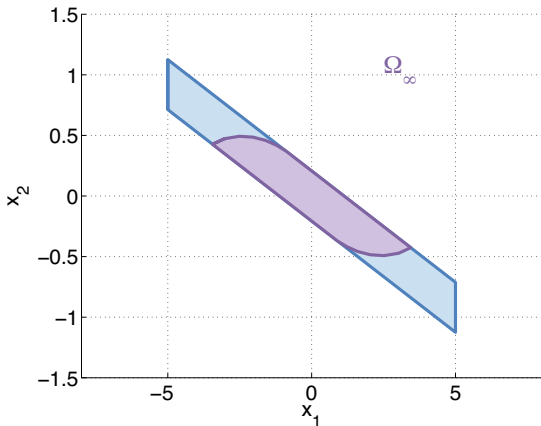
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Controlled Invariance

Control Invariant Set

A set $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ is said to be a control invariant set if

$$x(k) \in \mathcal{C} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists u(k) \in \mathcal{U} \text{ such that } g(x(k), u(k)) \in \mathcal{C} \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Defines the states for which there exists a **controller** that will satisfy constraints for **all time**.

Maximal Control Invariant Set \mathcal{C}_∞

The set \mathcal{C}_∞ is said to be the maximal control invariant set for the system $x(k+1) = g(x(k), u(k))$ subject to the constraints $(x, u) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{U}$ if it is control invariant and contains all control invariant sets contained in \mathcal{X} .

For all states contained in the maximal control invariant set \mathcal{C}_∞ there exists a control law, such that the system constraints are never violated.

Conceptual Calculation of Control Invariant Sets

Concept of a pre-set extends to systems with exogenous inputs

$$\text{pre}(S) := \{x \mid \exists u \in \mathcal{U} \text{ s.t. } g(x, u) \in S\}$$

The same geometric condition holds for control invariant sets

A set \mathcal{C} is a control invariant set if and only if $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \text{pre}(\mathcal{C})$

As a result, the same conceptual algorithm can be used:

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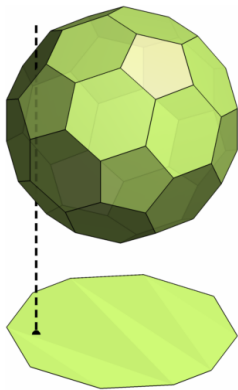
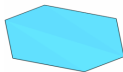
However, it is now much harder to compute the pre-set!

Pre-Set Computation: Controlled System

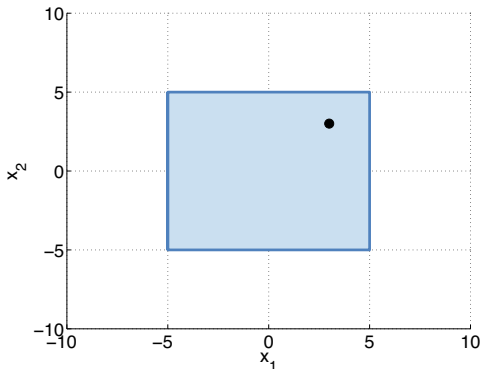
Consider the system $x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$ under the constraints $u(k) \in \mathcal{U} := \{u \mid Gu \leq g\}$ and the set $S := \{x \mid Fx \leq f\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{pre}(S) &= \{x \mid \exists u \in \mathcal{U}, Ax + Bu \in S\} \\ &= \{x \mid \exists u \in \mathcal{U}, FAx + FBu \leq f\} \\ &= \left\{ x \mid \exists u, \begin{bmatrix} FA & FB \\ 0 & G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

This is a **projection** operation.



Computing Control Invariant Sets



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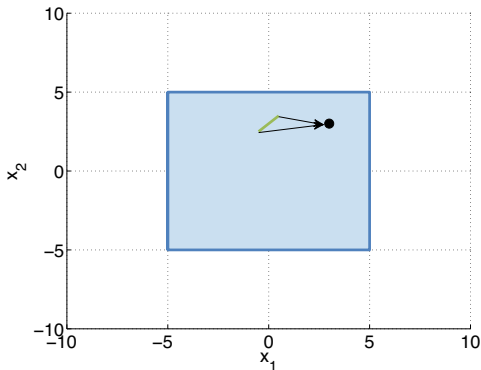
Constraints:

$$\|x(k)\|_{\infty} \leq 5$$

$$\|u(k)\|_{\infty} \leq 1$$

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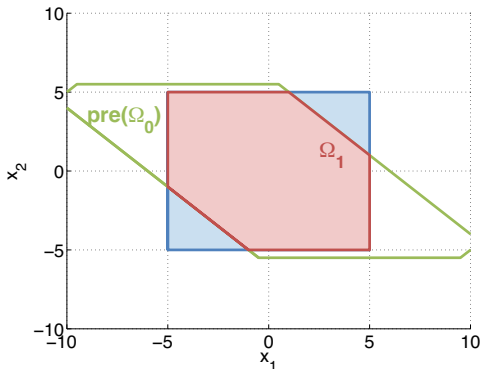


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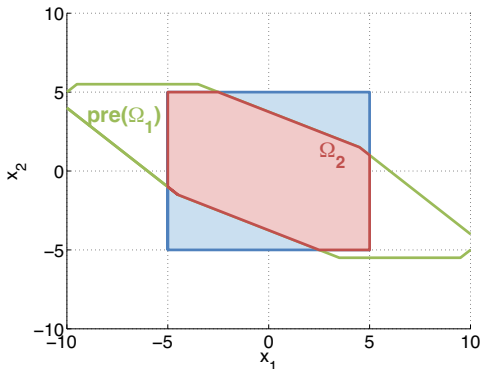
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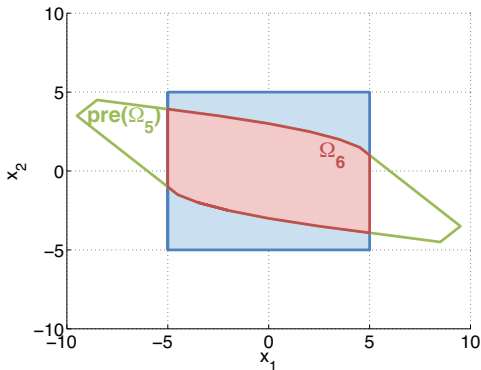
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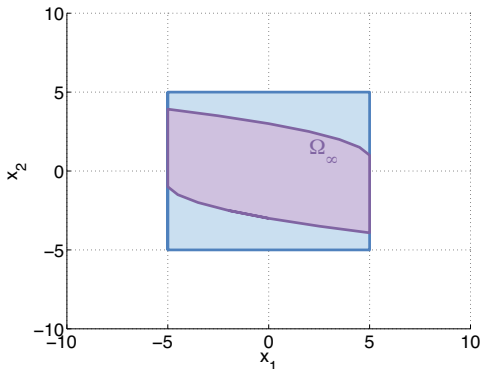
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Control Invariant Set \Rightarrow Control Law

Let C be a control invariant set for the system $x(k+1) = g(x(k), u(k))$.

A control law $\kappa(x(k))$ will guarantee that the system $x(k+1) = g(x(k), \kappa(x(k)))$ will satisfy the constraints **for all time** if:

$$g(x, \kappa(x)) \in C \quad \text{for all } x \in C$$

We can use this fact to **synthesize** a control law from a control invariant set by solving an optimization problem:

$$\kappa(x) := \operatorname{argmin} \{f(x, u) \mid g(x, u) \in C\}$$

where f is any function (including $f(x, u) = 0$).

This doesn't ensure that the system will converge, but it will satisfy constraints.

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- Constrained linear systems : Often too complex
- (Constrained) nonlinear system : (Almost) always too complex

⇒ MPC **implicitly** describes a control invariant set such that it's easy to represent and compute.

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- Core component of MPC problem
- Special case: Linear System / Polyhedral Constraints
 - Polyhedral invariant set
 - Can represent the maximum invariant set
 - Can be complex (many inequalities) for more than $\sim 5 - 10$ states
 - Resulting MPC optimization will be a quadratic program
 - Ellipsoidal invariant set
 - Smaller than polyhedral (not the maximal invariant set)
 - Easy to compute for large dimensions
 - Fixed complexity
 - Resulting MPC optimization will be a quadratically constrained quadratic program

Summary: Control Invariant Sets

Special case: Linear system, polyhedral constraints.

- Very difficult to compute
- Very complex
- Very useful

Next week:

Turn an invariant set into a control invariant set with tractable computation
(This is what MPC does)

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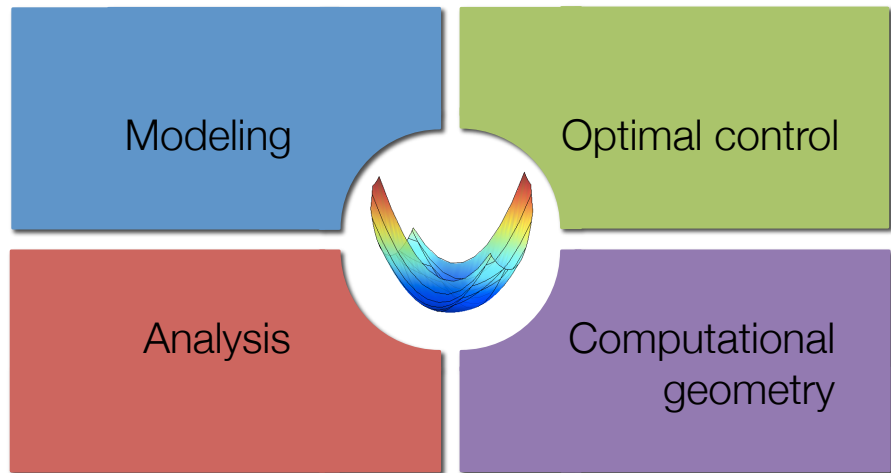
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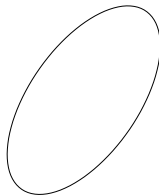
Ellipsoids

Ellipse

Let $P \succeq 0$ by a symmetric and positive-definite matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $x_c \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
The set

$$E := \{x \mid (x - x_c)^T P (x - x_c) \leq 1\}$$

is an **ellipse**.



Ellipsoids are useful because the complexity of evaluating containment is always quadratic in the dimension, whereas polyhedra can be arbitrarily complex.

Invariant Sets from Lyapunov Functions

Lemma: Invariant set from Lyapunov function

If $V : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a Lyapunov function for the system $x(k+1) = g(x(k))$, then

$$Y := \{x \mid V(x) \leq \alpha\}$$

is an invariant set for all $\alpha \geq 0$.

“Proof”: We have the basic properties:

- $V(x) \geq 0$ for all x
- $V(g(x)) - V(x) < 0$



The second property implies that once $V(x(k)) \leq \alpha$, $V(x(j))$ will be less than α for all $j \geq k \rightarrow$ Invariance □

We often want the largest invariant set contained in our constraints.

If V is a Lyapunov function for the system $x(k+1) = g(x(k))$, and our constraints are given by the set \mathcal{X} , then we maximize α such that

$$Y_\alpha := \{x \mid V(x) \leq \alpha\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$$

Invariant Sets from Lyapunov Functions

Consider the system $x(k+1) = Ax(k)$, and assume $P \succ 0$ satisfies the condition

$$A^T P A - P \prec 0$$

Then the function $V(x(k)) = x(k)^T P x(k)$ is a Lyapunov function.

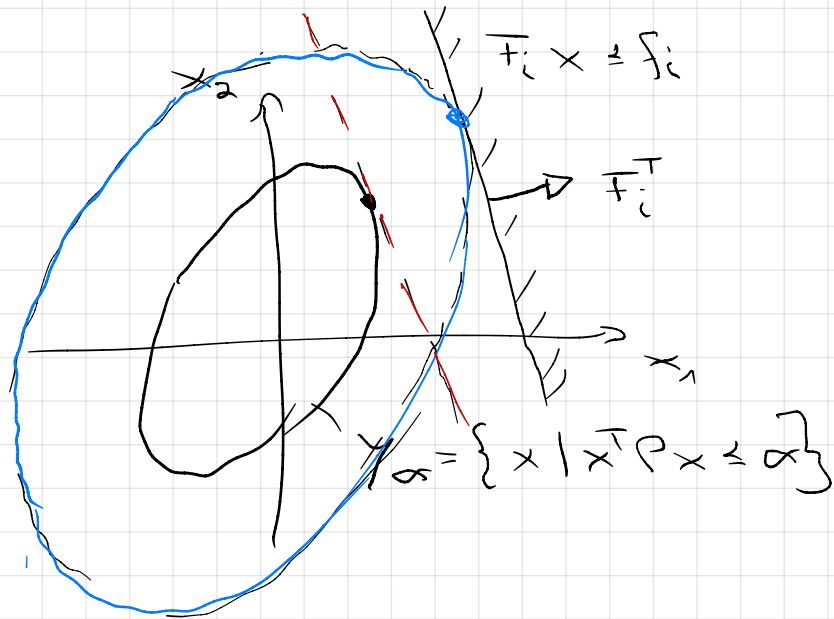
Our goal is to find the largest α such that the invariant set Y_α is contained in the system constraints \mathcal{X} :

$$Y_\alpha := \{x \mid x^T P x \leq \alpha\} \subset \mathcal{X} := \{x \mid Fx \leq f\}$$

Equivalently, we want to solve the problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\alpha} \alpha \\ & \text{subj. to } h_{Y_\alpha}(F_i) \leq f_i \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Largest ellipsoidal inv. set



Containment:

$$h_{X_\alpha}(F_i^T) = \max_{x \in X_\alpha} F_i^T x \leq f_i$$

s.t. $x^T P x \leq \alpha$

support function

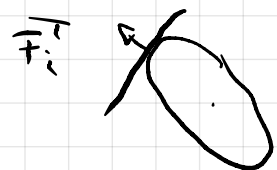
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$$\max \alpha$$

$$\text{s.t. } h_{X_\alpha}(F_i^T) \leq f_i$$

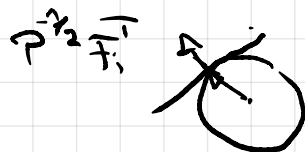
Analytical expression of support for $h_{\gamma_{\alpha}}(\bar{F}_i^T)$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \bar{F}_i^T x \\ \text{s.t. } x^T \rho x \leq \alpha \end{aligned}$$



$$\Rightarrow y = \rho^{-1/2} x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \bar{F}_i^T \rho^{-1/2} y \\ \text{s.t. } y^T y \leq \alpha \end{aligned}$$



Ball c/ radius $\sqrt{\alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{maximizer } y^* = \frac{\rho^{-1/2} \bar{F}_i^T}{\|\rho^{-1/2} \bar{F}_i^T\|} \sqrt{\alpha}$$

\uparrow normalize \uparrow scale

$$\Rightarrow h_{\gamma_{\alpha}}(\bar{F}_i^T) = \underbrace{\bar{F}_i^T \rho^{-1/2} \rho^{-1/2} \bar{F}_i^T}_{\|\rho^{-1/2} \bar{F}_i^T\|^2} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{\|\rho^{-1/2} \bar{F}_i^T\|} = \|\rho^{-1/2} \bar{F}_i^T\| \sqrt{\alpha}$$

Maximum Ellipsoidal Invariant Sets

Support of an ellipse:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{Y_\alpha}(\gamma) &= \max_x \gamma^T x \\ \text{subj. to } x^T P x &\leq \alpha \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Change of variables $y := P^{1/2}x$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{Y_\alpha}(\gamma) &= \max_y \gamma^T P^{-1/2} y \\ \text{subj. to } y^T y &\leq \sqrt{\alpha}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

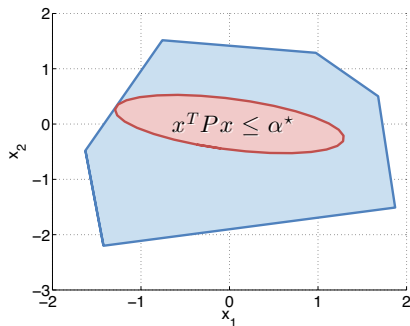
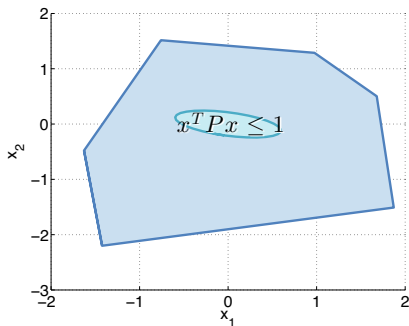
which can be solved by inspection:

$$h_{Y_\alpha}(\gamma) = \gamma^T P^{-1/2} \frac{P^{-1/2} \gamma}{\|P^{-1/2} \gamma\|} \sqrt{\alpha} = \|P^{-1/2} \gamma\| \sqrt{\alpha}$$

Maximum Ellipsoidal Invariant Sets

Largest ellipse in a polytope is now a one-dimensional optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^* &= \max_{\alpha} \alpha \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|P^{-1/2}F_i^T\|^2 \alpha \leq f_i^2 \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \\ &= \min_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \frac{f_i^2}{F_i P^{-1} F_i^T}\end{aligned}$$



It is possible to optimize over P , maximizing the volume of the ellipse, subject to stability and containment constraints (convex semi-definite program)

Largest Invariant Ellipsoid within Constraints (supplementary)

Convex optimization problem, which returns the largest invariant ellipsoid within a polytope $\mathbb{X} = \{x \mid Fx \leq f\}$ (where we define $\tilde{P} := P^{-1}$)

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\tilde{P}} -\log \det \tilde{P} \\ & \text{subj. to } \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P} & \tilde{P}A^T \\ A\tilde{P} & \tilde{P} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0 \\ & F_i \tilde{P} F_i^T \leq f_i^2, \quad \text{for all } i = 1 \dots n \end{aligned}$$

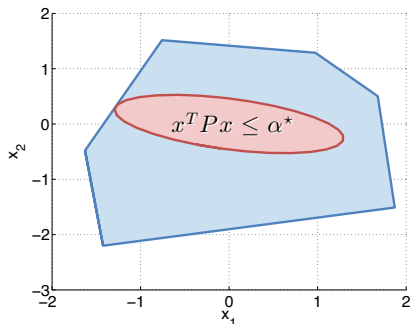
Notes:

- The volume of an ellipse is proportional to $\log \det P^{-1}$
- $\|P^{-1/2}F_i^T\|^2 = F_i P^{-1} F_i^T$
- $A^T P A - P \preceq 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{P} A^T P A \tilde{P} - \tilde{P} \preceq 0$ (pre- and postmultiply by \tilde{P})
 \Rightarrow Apply Schur complement

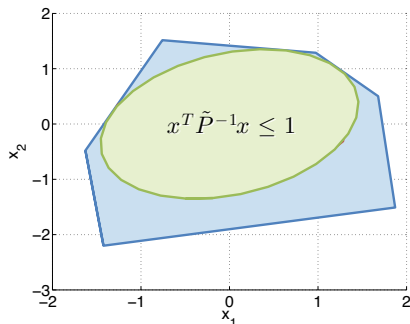
The largest volume ellipse centered at zero within the polytope \mathbb{X} is then

$$\mathcal{E} = \{x \mid x^T \tilde{P}^{-1} x \leq 1\} \subset \mathbb{X}$$

Example Revisited



Maximum volume ellipse using some matrix P .



Maximum volume ellipse resulting from any quadratic Lyapunov function.