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## Important concepts, symbols, and equations

**Time-optimal time scaling:** Find the time scaling  $s(t)$  that moves the robot along a path from  $\theta(0)$  to  $\theta(1)$  in minimum time, given the robot's dynamics and actuator limits.

Dynamics:

$$M(\theta)\ddot{\theta} + \dot{\theta}^T \Gamma(\theta) \dot{\theta} + g(\theta) = \tau$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta} &= \frac{d\theta}{ds} \dot{s}, \\ \ddot{\theta} &= \frac{d\theta}{ds} \ddot{s} + \frac{d^2\theta}{ds^2} \dot{s}^2\end{aligned}$$

Dynamics along the path:

$$\underbrace{\left( M(\theta(s)) \frac{d\theta}{ds} \right)}_{m(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n} \ddot{s} + \underbrace{\left( M(\theta(s)) \frac{d^2\theta}{ds^2} + \left( \frac{d\theta}{ds} \right)^T \Gamma(\theta(s)) \frac{d\theta}{ds} \right)}_{c(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n} \dot{s}^2 + \underbrace{g(\theta(s))}_{g(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n} = \tau$$

*note: the vector  $M$  may have negative components*  $\rightarrow m(s)\ddot{s} + c(s)\dot{s}^2 + g(s) = \tau$

## Important concepts, symbols, and equations (cont.)

Force/torque limits, joint  $i$ :

$$\tau_i^{\min}(s, \dot{s}) \leq \tau_i \leq \tau_i^{\max}(s, \dot{s})$$

Limits on  $\ddot{s}$  as a function of  $(s, \dot{s})$ , joint  $i$ :

$$\tau_i^{\min}(s, \dot{s}) \leq m_i(s)\ddot{s} + c_i(s)\dot{s}^2 + g_i(s) \leq \tau_i^{\max}(s, \dot{s})$$

## Important concepts, symbols, and equations (cont.)

Upper and lower bounds on  $\ddot{s}$  due to joint  $i$ :

$$\text{if } m_i(s) > 0, \quad L_i(s, \dot{s}) = \frac{\tau_i^{\min}(s, \dot{s}) - c(s)\dot{s}^2 - g(s)}{m_i(s)},$$

$$U_i(s, \dot{s}) = \frac{\tau_i^{\max}(s, \dot{s}) - c(s)\dot{s}^2 - g(s)}{m_i(s)}$$

$$\text{if } m_i(s) < 0, \quad L_i(s, \dot{s}) = \frac{\tau_i^{\max}(s, \dot{s}) - c(s)\dot{s}^2 - g(s)}{m_i(s)},$$

$$U_i(s, \dot{s}) = \frac{\tau_i^{\min}(s, \dot{s}) - c(s)\dot{s}^2 - g(s)}{m_i(s)}$$

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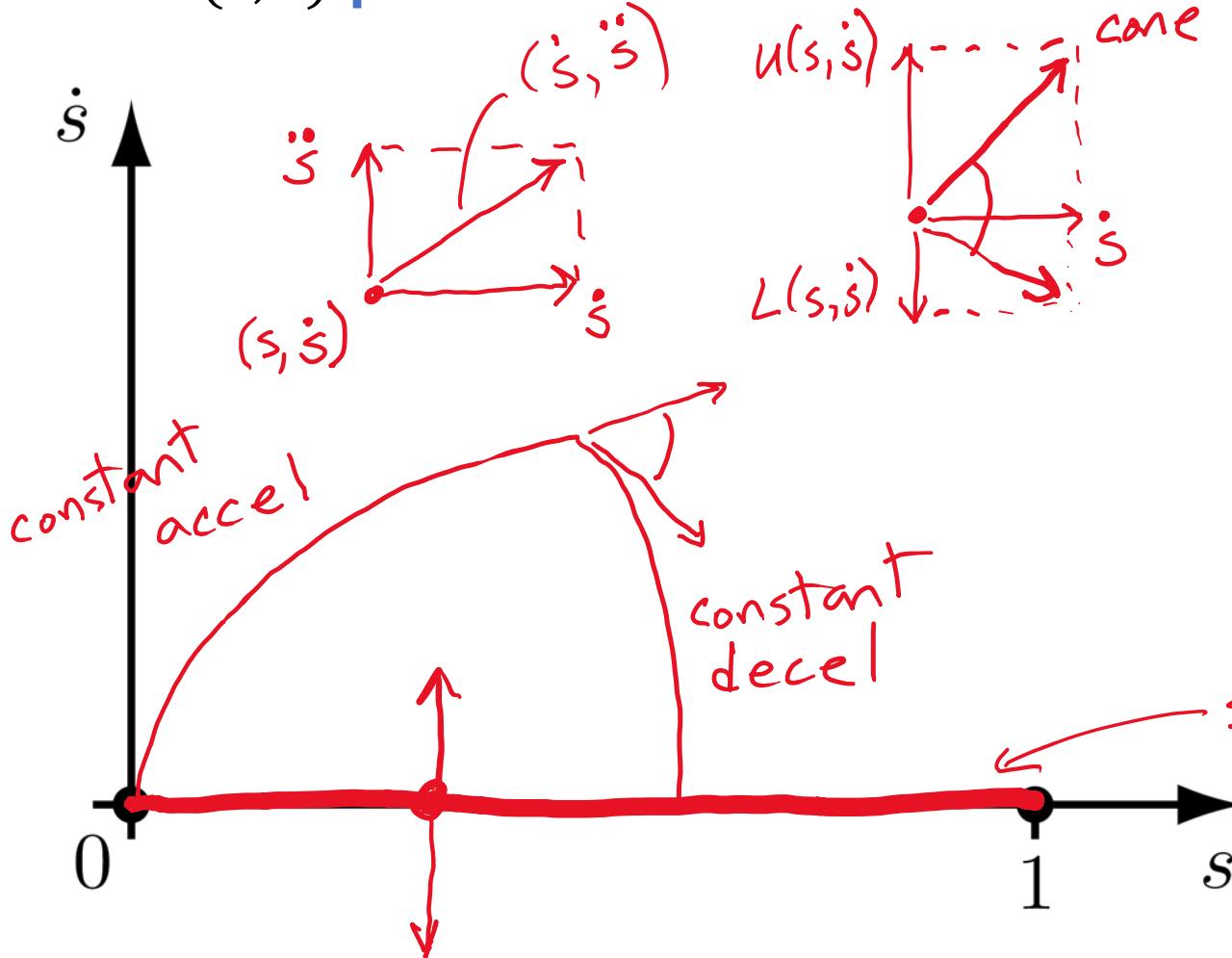
Upper and lower bounds on  $\ddot{s}$  at  $(s, \dot{s})$ :

$$L(s, \dot{s}) = \max_i L_i(s, \dot{s}) \quad \text{and} \quad U(s, \dot{s}) = \min_i U_i(s, \dot{s})$$

$$L(s, \dot{s}) \leq \ddot{s} \leq U(s, \dot{s})$$

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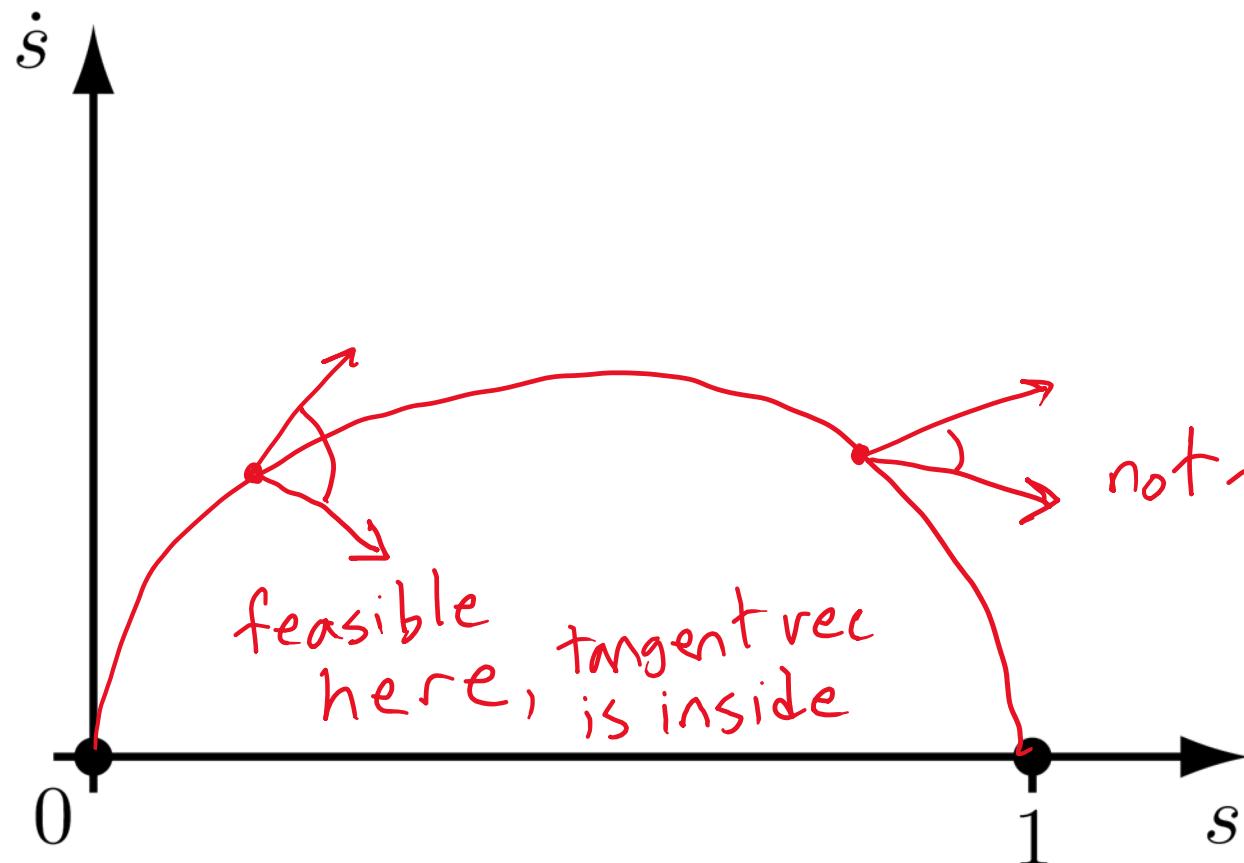
### The $(s, \dot{s})$ plane



- Why we only consider quadrant I.
- A slow motion along the path.
- An example rate of change  $(\dot{s}, \ddot{s})$  plotted at  $(s, \dot{s})$ .
- A **motion cone** defined by  $L(s, \dot{s})$  and  $U(s, \dot{s})$ .
- Cones on the  $\dot{s} = 0$  line.
- What does a constant accel curve look like?
- What does a constant decel curve look like?

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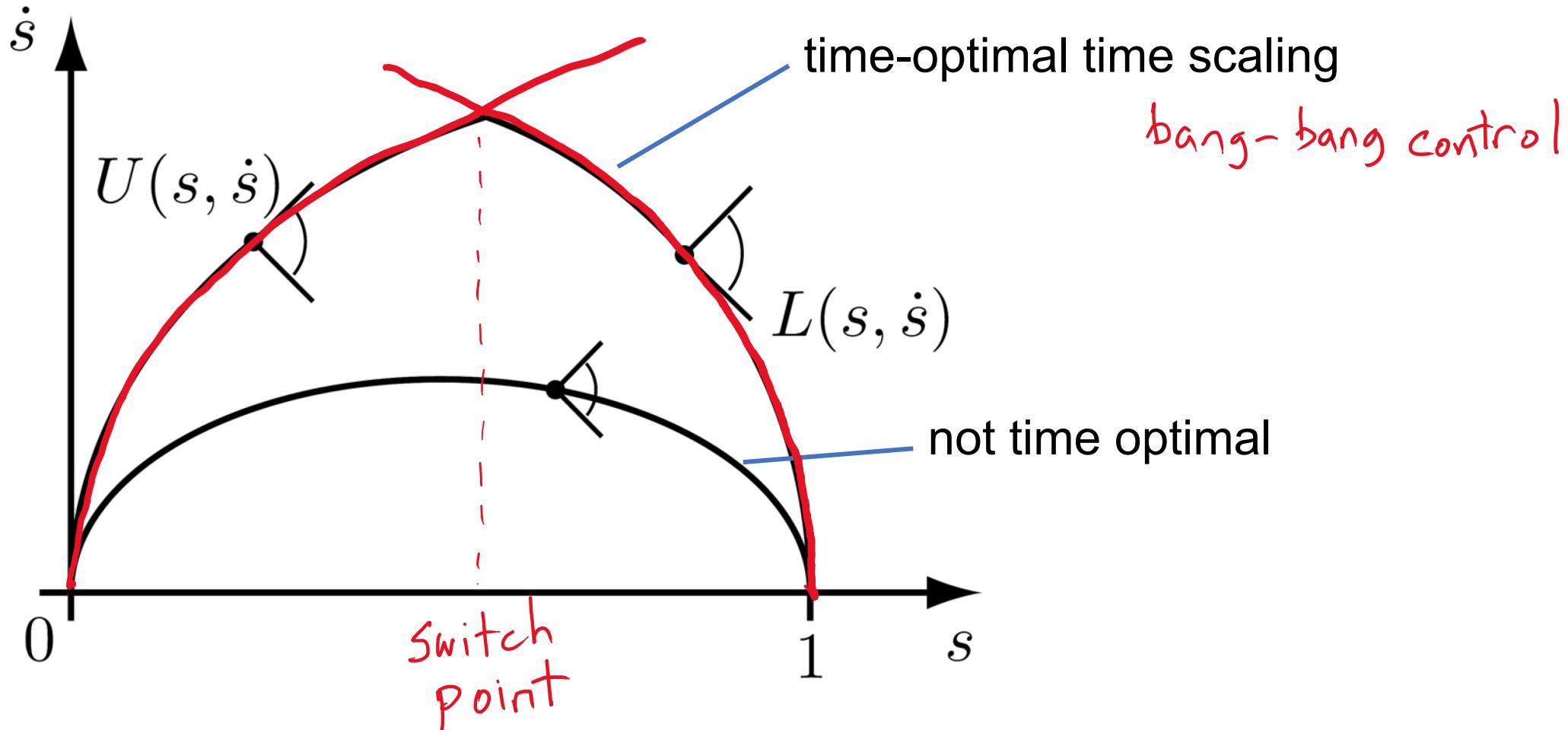
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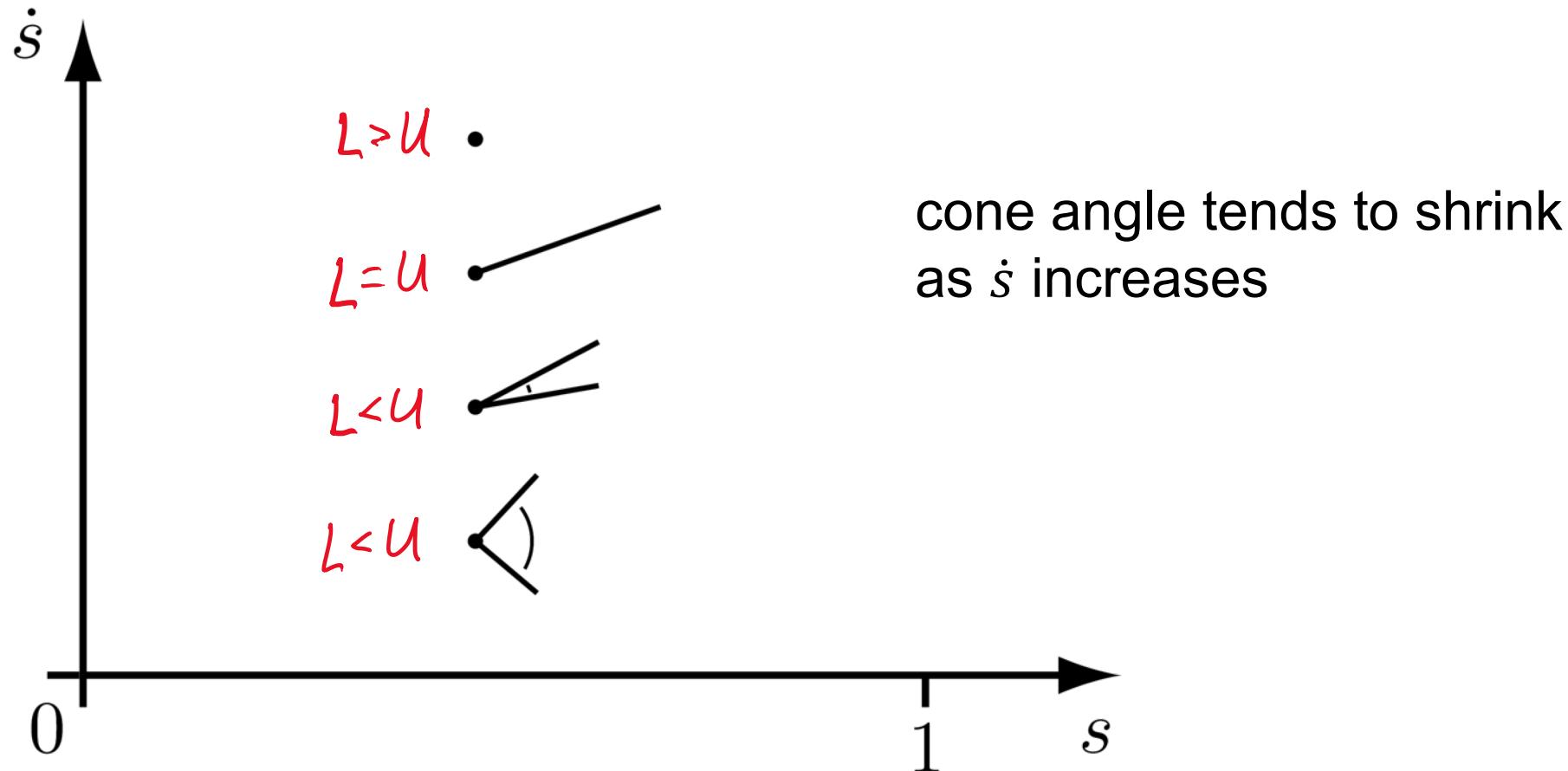
- Plot a complete time scaling.
- Check the feasibility of a time scaling.
- What happens at  $(s, \dot{s})$  where  $L(s, \dot{s}) > U(s, \dot{s})$ ?

if  $L = U$ , the motion cone collapses to a single tangent vector. If  $L > U$ , motion cone disappears. Robot cannot stay on the path.

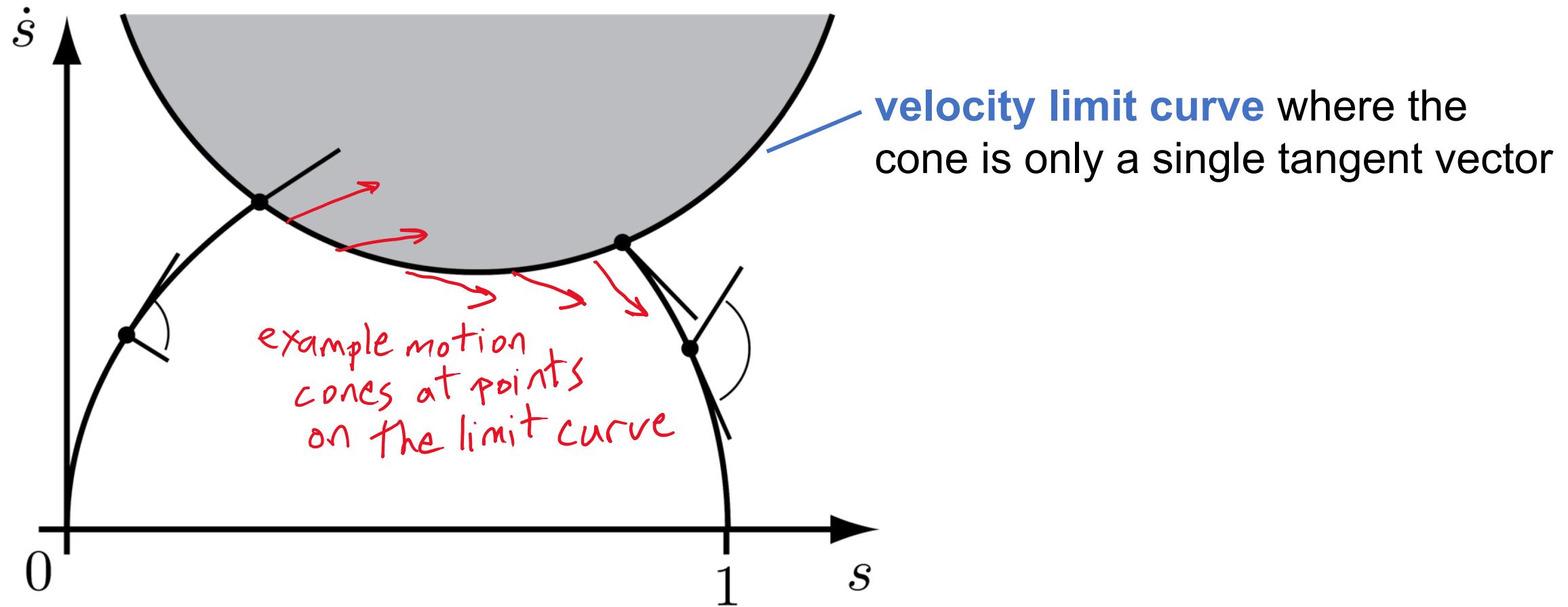
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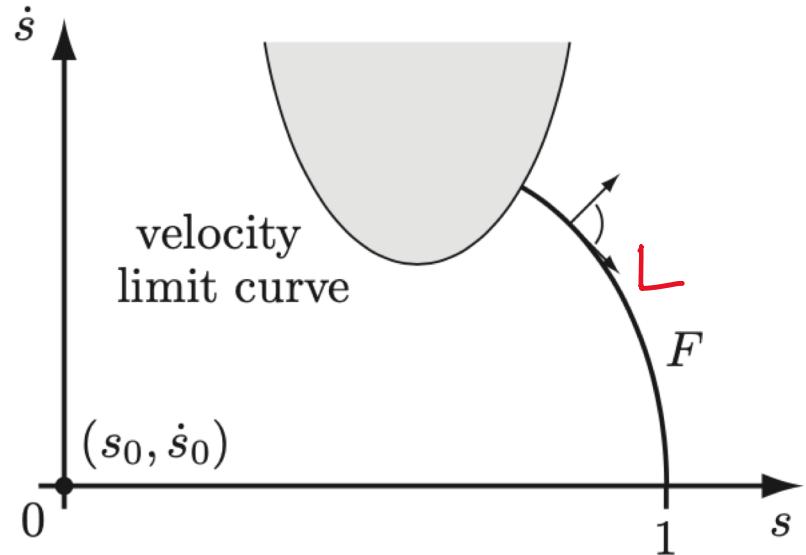


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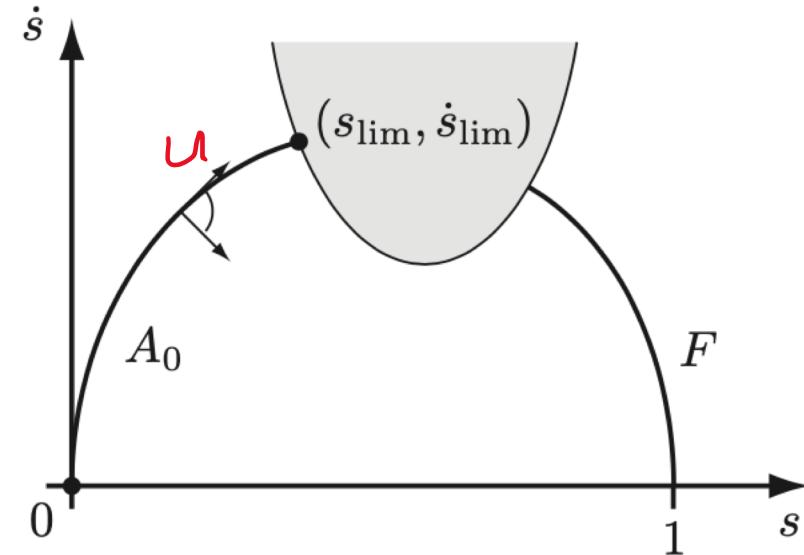
### Time-optimal time-scaling algorithm

1. Initialize with  $i = 0$  and  $(s_0, \dot{s}_0) = (0, 0)$ .
2. Integrate  $L$  backward from  $(1, 0)$  to get the curve  $F$ .
3. Integrate  $U$  forward from  $(s_i, \dot{s}_i)$  to get  $A_i$ . If it intersects  $F$ , finished.
4. Binary search to find how to start decelerating from  $A_i$ .
5. Increment  $i$  and integrate backwards to get  $A_i$ .
6. Update  $i$  and  $(s_i, \dot{s}_i)$  and go back to step 3.

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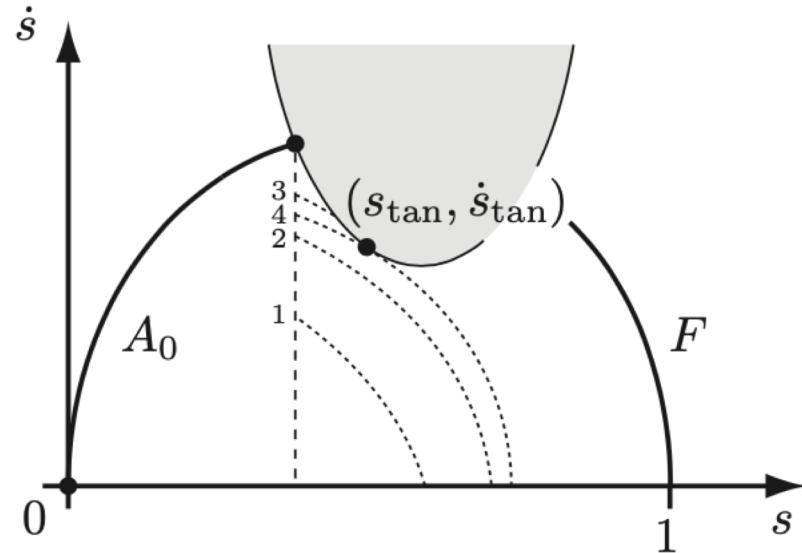


Step 2:  $i = 0, \mathcal{S} = \{\}$

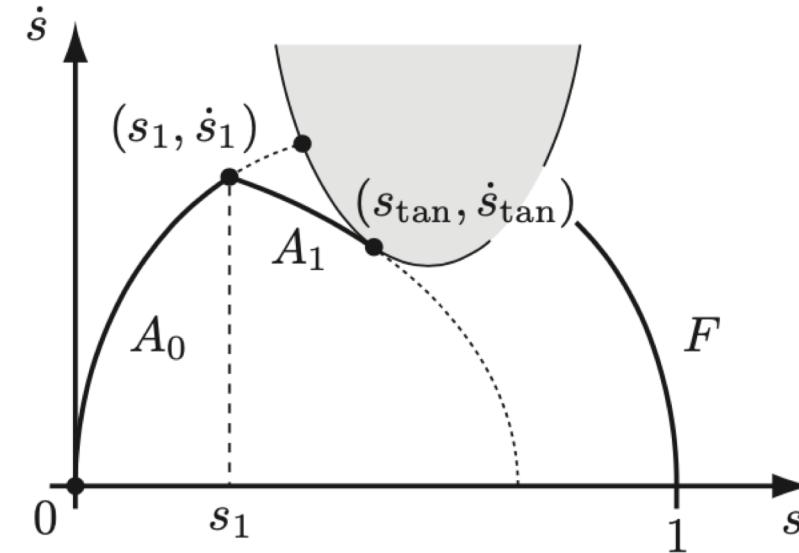


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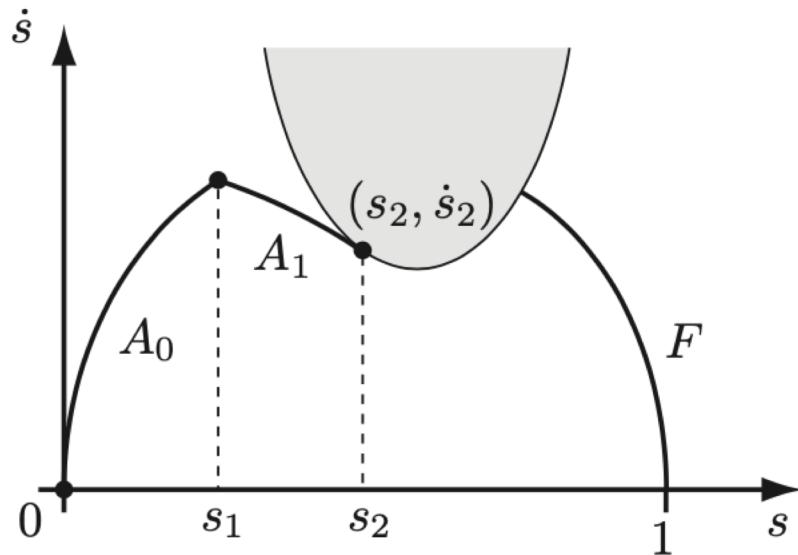


Step 4:  $i = 0, \mathcal{S} = \{\}$

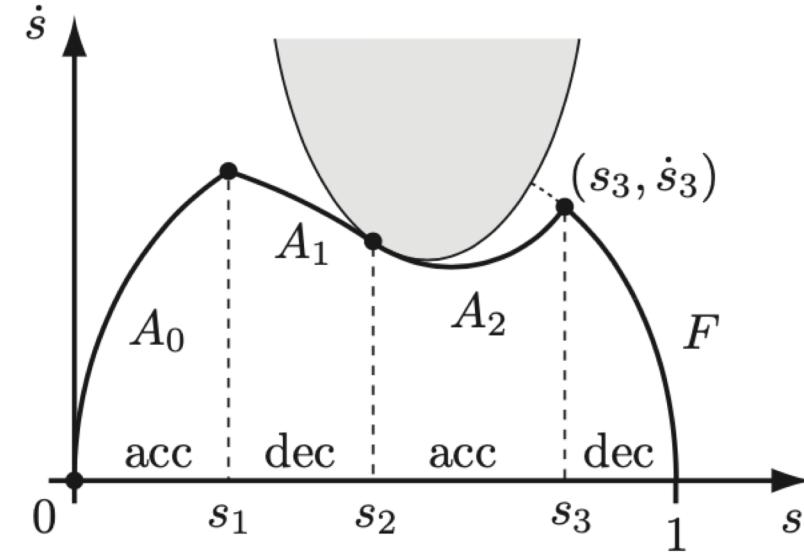


Step 5:  $i = 1, \mathcal{S} = \{s_1\}$

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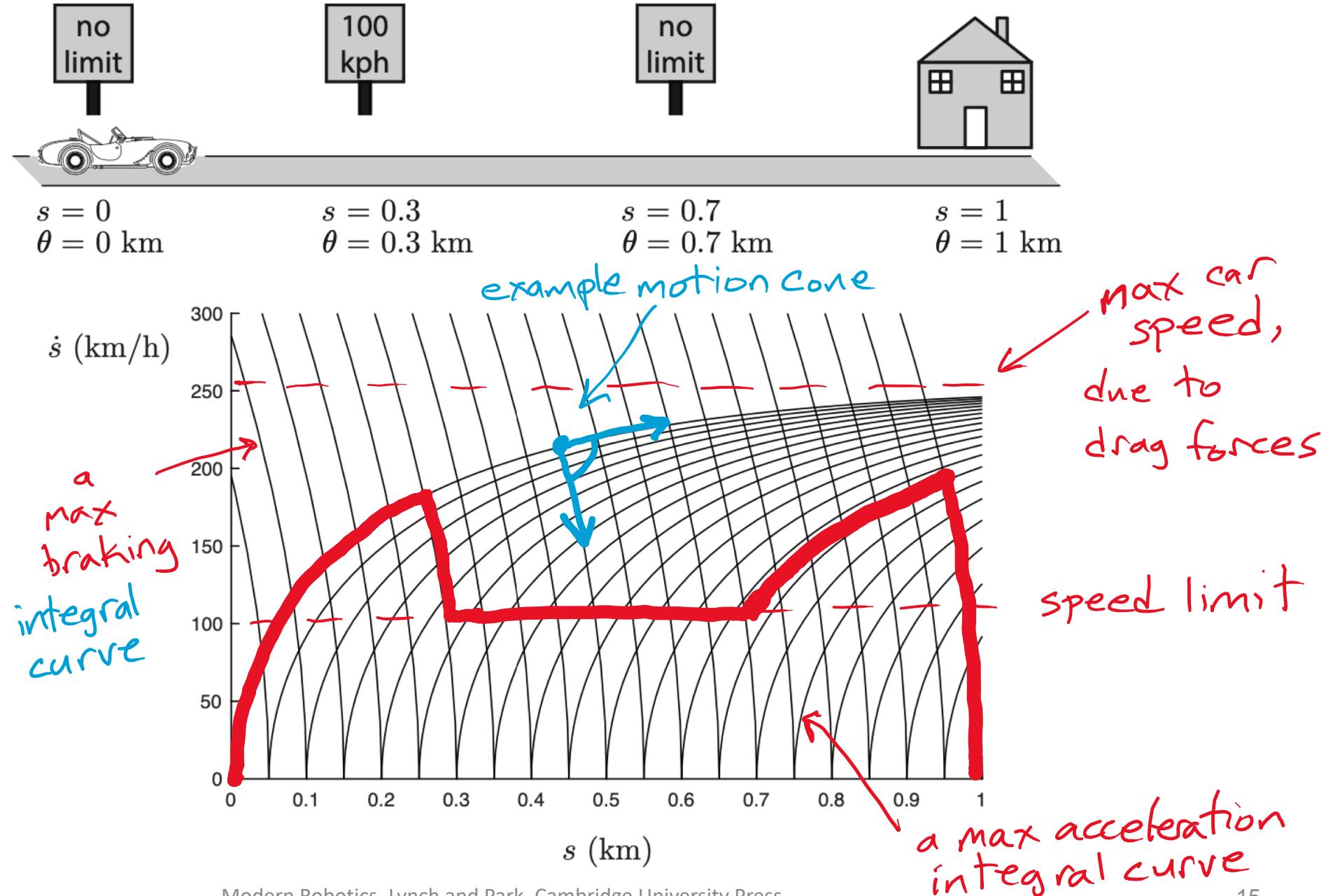


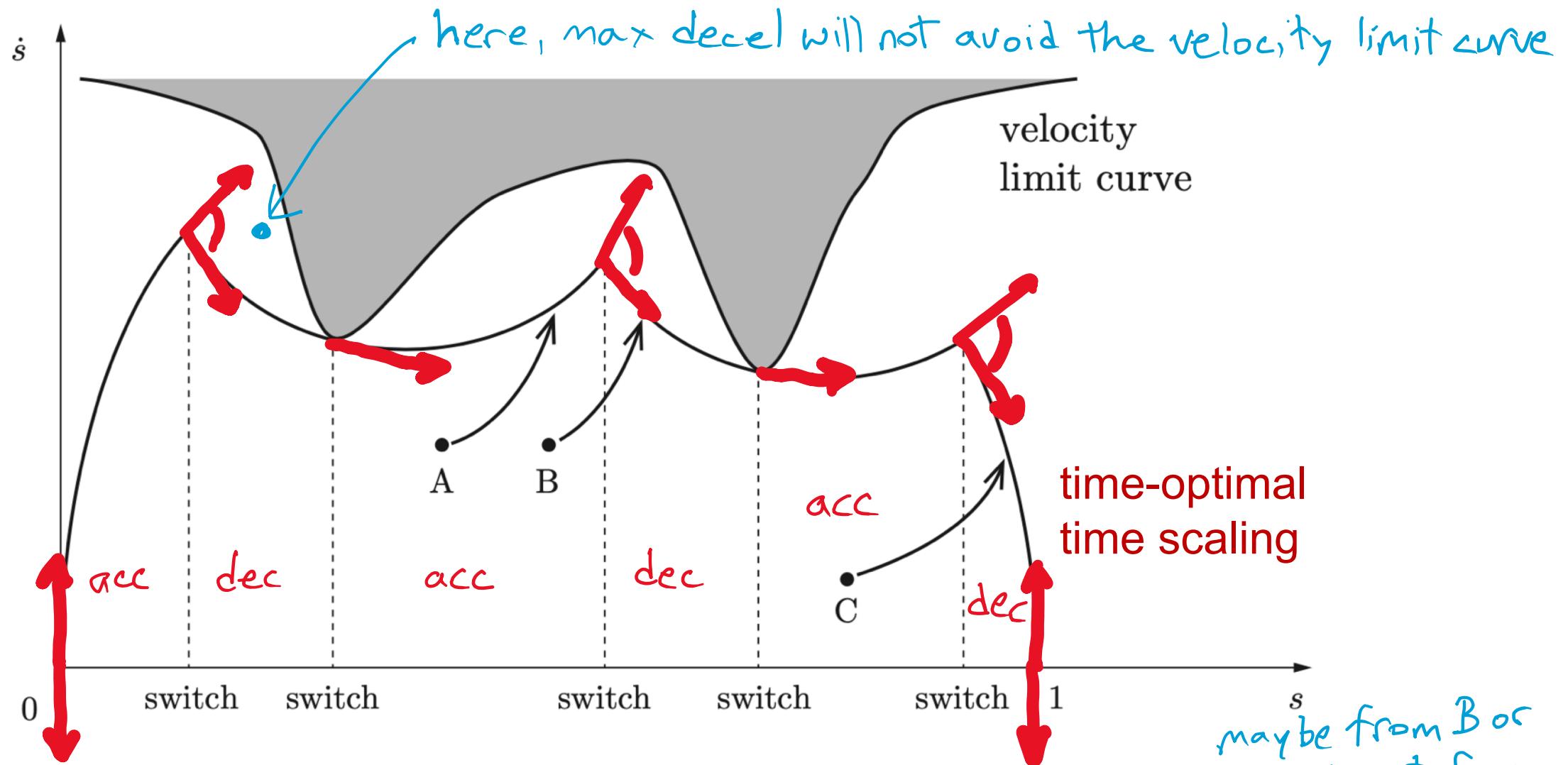
Step 6:  $i = 2, \mathcal{S} = \{s_1, s_2\}$



Step 3:  $i = 3, \mathcal{S} = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$

Draw the **legal** time-optimal time scaling for a driver rushing home with the max braking and max acceleration **integral curves** shown.





1. Where do we know how to draw the motion cones, just from this plot?
2. Where is the robot able to stay on the path, but is doomed to leave it?
3. Can we get back to the optimal time scaling by the trajectories shown from A, B, C?