



Vehicle Tutorial Chapter 1: Getting Started

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Recap: ACAS Xu



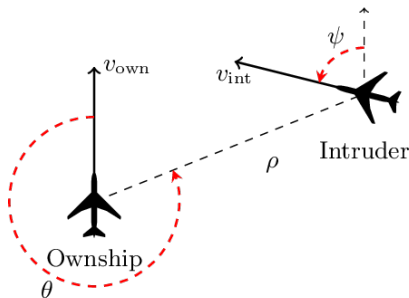
A collision avoidance system for unmanned autonomous aircraft.

Inputs:

- ▶ Distance to intruder, ρ
- ▶ Angle to intruder, θ
- ▶ Intruder heading, φ
- ▶ Speed, v_{own}
- ▶ Intruder speed, v_{int}

Outputs:

- ▶ Clear of conflict
- ▶ Strong left
- ▶ Weak left
- ▶ Weak right
- ▶ Strong right





Definition (ACAS Xu: Property 3)

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Vehicle' Syntax



Let us build the ACAS Xu specification.

We start with types of input and output vectors, as well as types of ACAS Xu networks

```
type InputVector = Vector Rat 5  
type OutputVector = Vector Rat 5
```

```
@network  
acasXu : InputVector -> OutputVector
```

The Vector type represents a mathematical vector, or in programming terms can be thought of as a fixed-length array.



Types for values are automatically inferred by **Vehicle**. For example, we can declare the number π and its type will be inferred as rational:

```
pi = 3.141592
```

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- ▶ This is an instance of “problem space / input space mismatch”
- ▶ ... that is very common in neural net verification
- ▶ Being able to reason about problem space (alongside the input space) is a feature that distinguishes **Vehicle** from majority of the mainstream neural network verifiers

Vector normalisation



For clarity, we define a new type synonym for unnormalised input vectors which are in the problem space.

```
type UnnormalisedInputVector = Vector Rat 5
```

Next we define the range of the inputs that the network is designed to work over.

```
minimumInputValues : UnnormalisedInputVector  
minimumInputValues = [0,0,0,0,0]
```

```
maximumInputValues : UnnormalisedInputVector  
maximumInputValues = [60261.0, 2*pi, 2*pi, 1100.0, 1200.0]
```

```
meanScalingValues : UnnormalisedInputVector  
meanScalingValues = [19791.091, 0.0, 0.0, 650.0, 600.0]
```

Vector manipulation



An alternative method to vector definition is to use the ‘foreach’ constructor, which is used to provide a value for each ‘index i’.

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Let us see how ‘foreach’ works with vector indexing.
We can now define the normalisation function that takes an input vector and returns the unnormalised version.

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Our first acquaintance with predicates and quantifiers!

One of the main advantages of **Vehicle** is that it can be used to state and prove specifications that describe the network's behaviour over an infinite set of values.



Function Composition: Exercise

What are the types of functions ‘acasXu’ and ‘normalise’:

```
normAcasXu : UnnormalisedInputVector -> OutputVector  
normAcasXu x = acasXu (normalise x)
```

Pre-defined functions and predicates



We have already used:

*
/
!
<=

Exercise

What do they stand for?

Lets verify ACAS Xu!



```
distanceToIntruder = 0    -- measured in metres
angleToIntruder    = 1    -- measured in radians
intruderHeading    = 2    -- measured in radians
speed              = 3    -- measured in metres/second
intruderSpeed      = 4    -- measured in meters/second
```

```
clearOfConflict = 0
weakLeft        = 1
weakRight       = 2
strongLeft      = 3
strongRight     = 4
```

The fact that all vector types come annotated with their size means that it is impossible to mess up indexing into vectors, e.g. if you changed ‘distanceToIntruder = 0’ to ‘distanceToIntruder = 5’ the specification would fail to type-check.

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@property
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    not (advises clearOfConflict x)
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1. Can you guess the purpose of the syntax

```
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```

?

2. What kind of domain 'forall' ranges over? Is it finite or infinite?

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vehicle verify \  
  --specification acasXu.vcl \  
  --verifier Marabou \  
  --network acasXu:acasXu_1_7.onnx \  
  --property property3
```

Verifying properties:

```
property3 [=====] 1/1 queries  
result: counterexample found  
x: [1799.9886669999978, 1.9509286320000003e-2,  
    3.09999732192, 980.0, 1017.6036]
```

Exercise: ϵ -ball Robustness



```
type Image = Tensor Rat [28, 28]
type Label = Index 10
validImage : Image -> Bool
validImage x = forall i j . 0 <= x ! i ! j <= 1

@network
classifier : Image -> Vector Rat 10

advises : Image -> Label -> Bool
advises x i = forall j . j != i => classifier x ! i > classifier x ! j

@parameter
epsilon : Rat

boundedByEpsilon : Image -> Bool
boundedByEpsilon x = forall i j . -epsilon <= x ! i ! j <= epsilon

robustAround : Image -> Label -> Bool
robustAround image label = forall perturbation .
  let perturbedImage = image - perturbation in
    boundedByEpsilon perturbation and validImage perturbedImage =>
      advises perturbedImage label

@dataset
trainingImages : Vector Image n

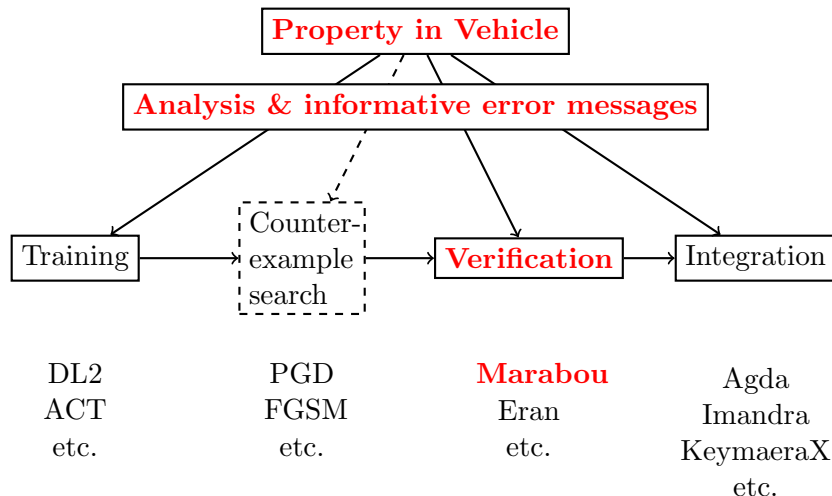
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trainingLabels : Vector Label n

@property
robust : Vector Bool n
robust = foreach i . robustAround (trainingImages ! i) (trainingLabels ! i)
```

Vehicle ...



the part that we have seen



Concluding Exercise



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Note:

The ACAS Xu neural network outputs are scaled as follows: given an element x of the output vector, we scale it as: $\frac{x-7.518884}{373.94992}$.

Plan for the rest of this tutorial



- ▶ Before coffee break:
 - ▶ **Exercise session:** write and verify your own specs (with possibility to extend over the break)
 - ▶ for writing a spec, install vehicle: just run
`pip install vehicle-lang`
 - ▶ for verifying a spec, you also need Marabou installed
`pip install maraboupy`

Exercises



Robustness (for those familiar with the problem)

- ▶ Fill in missing code in the Robustness spec available at <https://github.com/vehicle-lang/tutorial:exercises/Chapter2.GettingStarted/mnist-robustness>
- ▶ Using the given networks and data, verify robustness via Vehicle.

Robustness (for those NOT familiar with the problem)

Study the chapter “Proving Neural Network Robustness” here:
<https://vehicle-lang.github.io/tutorial/>

More ACAS Xu properties in the same spec

- ▶ Extend the given ACAS Xu specification with Property 1. The spec and network can be found at:
<https://github.com/vehicle-lang/tutorial, at examples/Chapter2.GettingStarted/acasXu>
- ▶ Using the given networks and data, verify the properties via Vehicle.