
Abstractions of Dynamical Systems

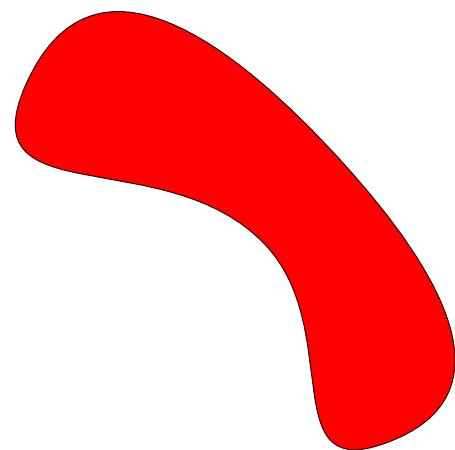
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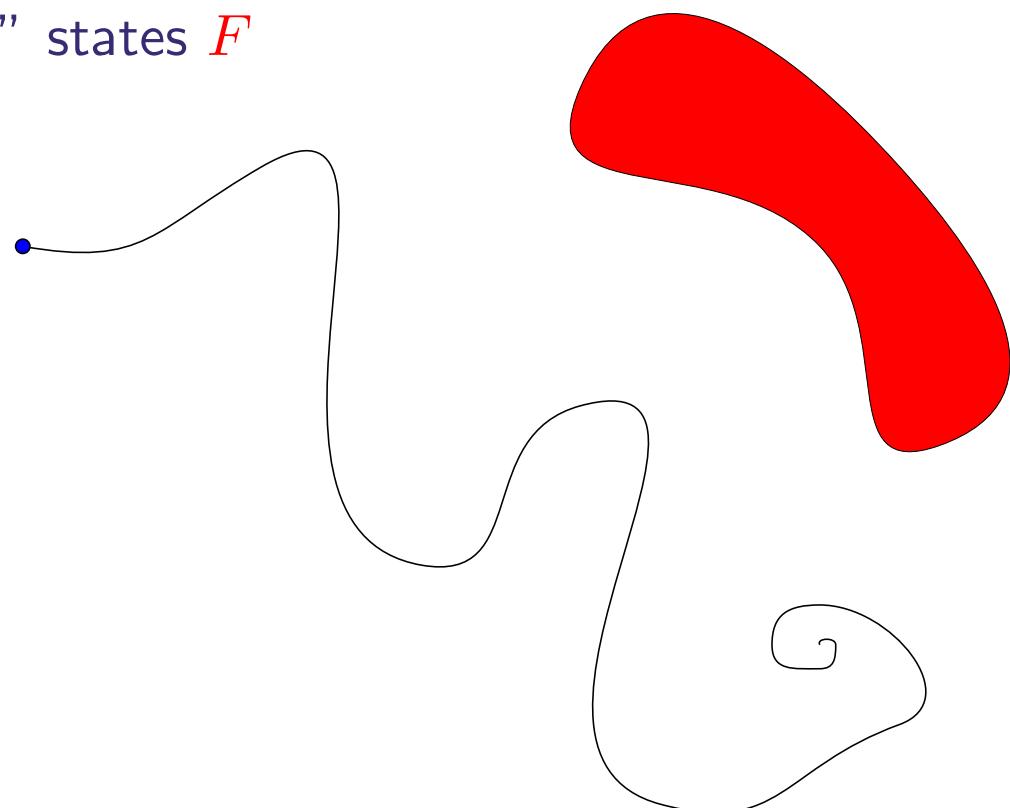
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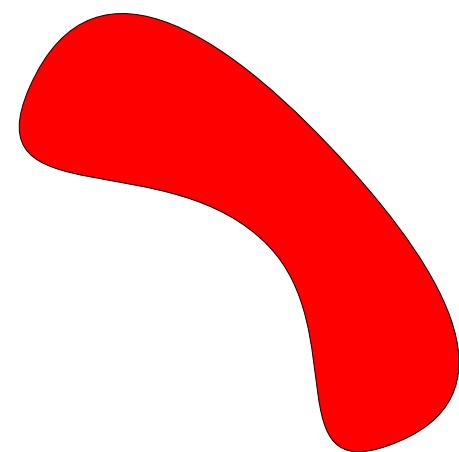
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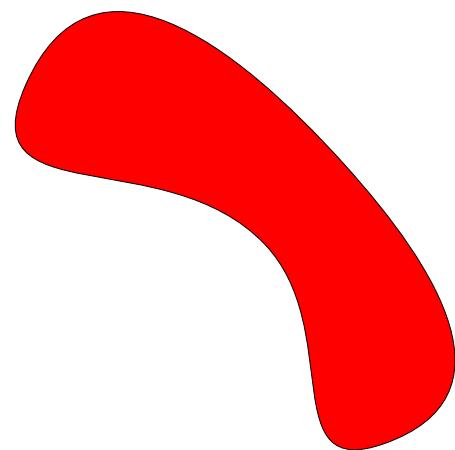
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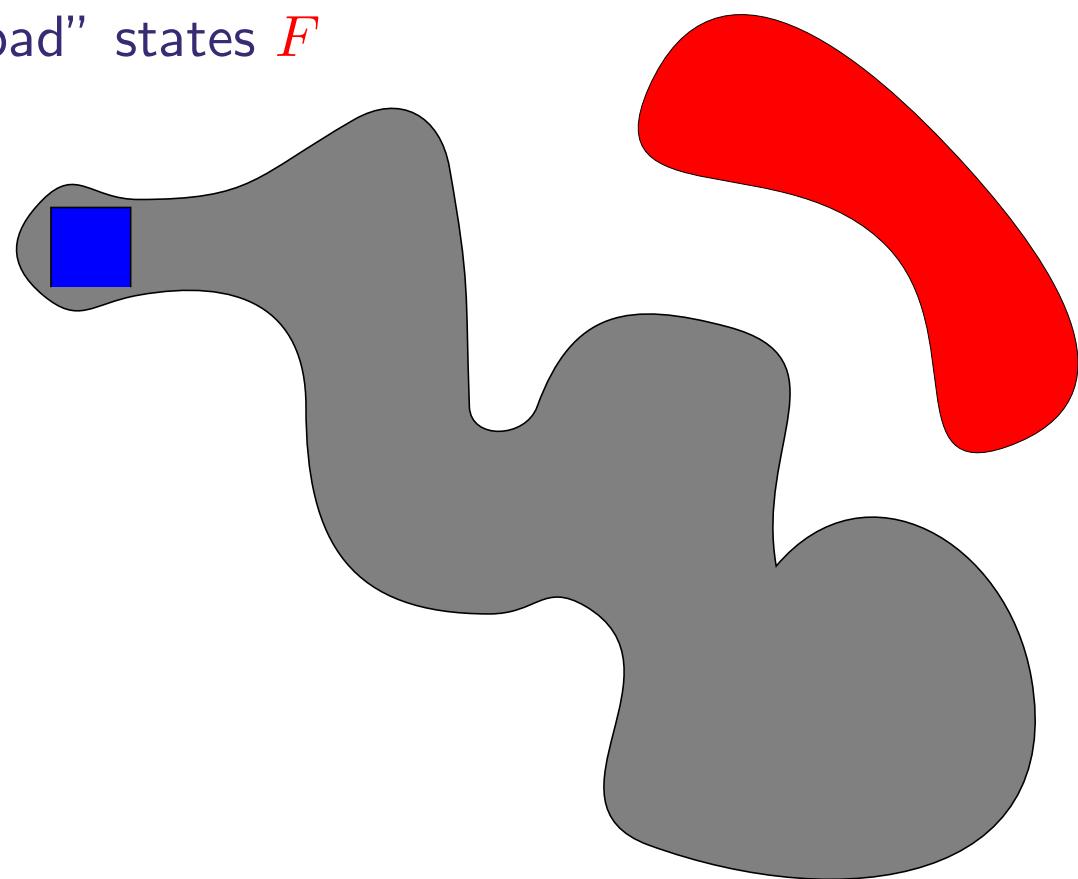
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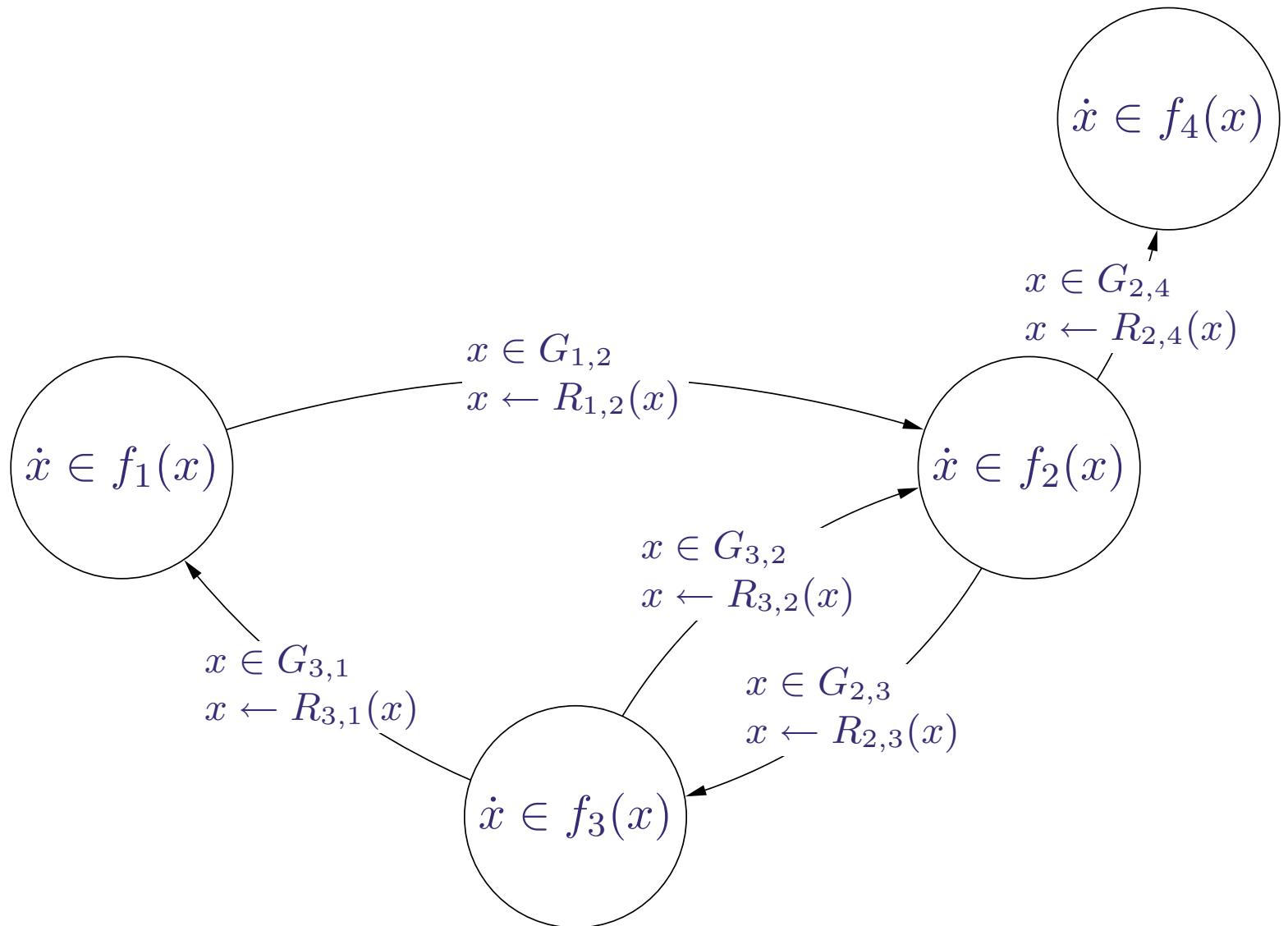


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A few reflexions on:

- Reachability for some specific classes of functions f .
- Abstractions of arbitrary systems using these specific functions.

Including some ongoing work:

- On Linear Parameter Varying systems with Matthias Althoff and Bruce Krogh.
- On multi-affine systems with Radu Grosu, Flavio Fenton, James Glimm, Scott Smolka and Ezio Bartocci.



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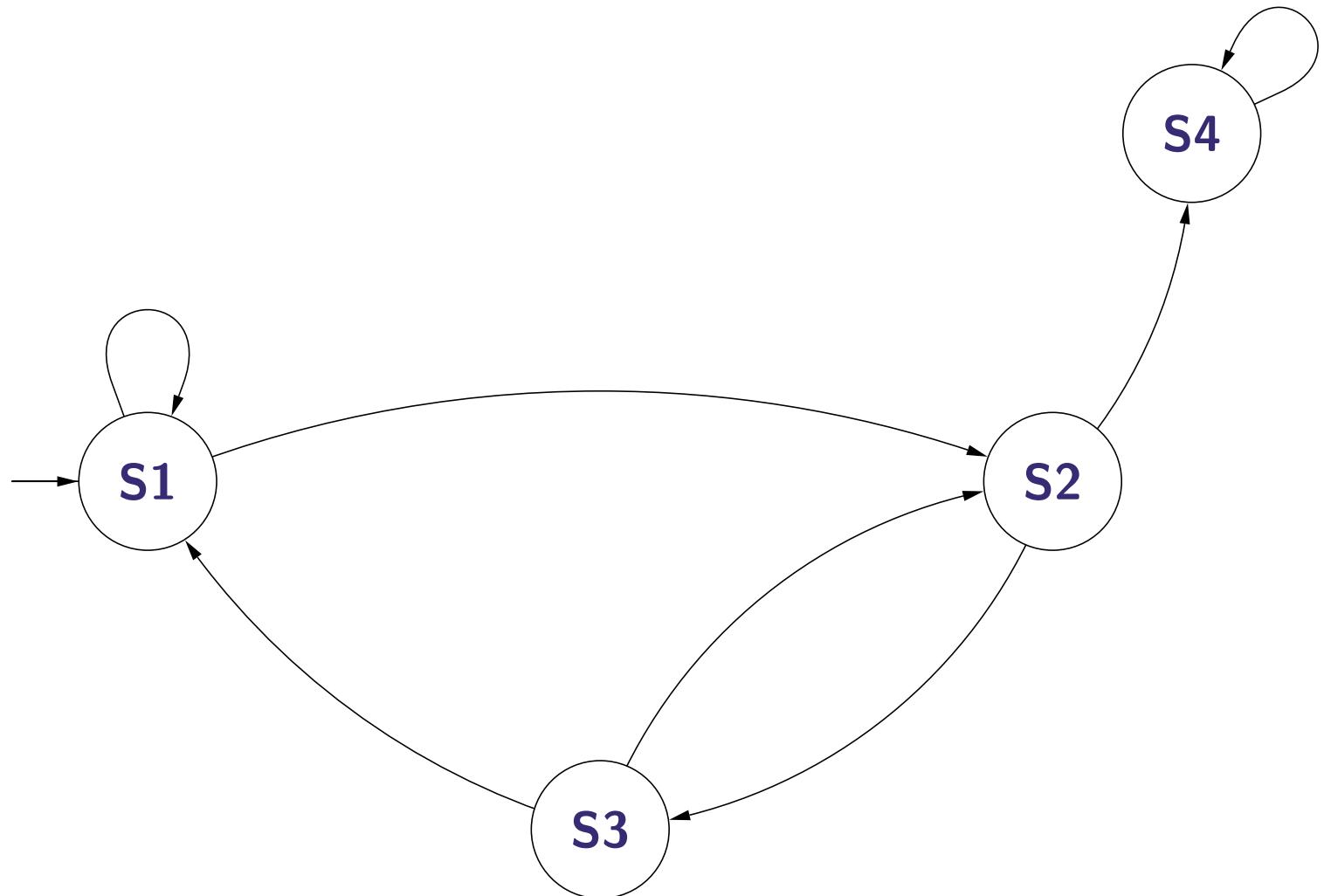
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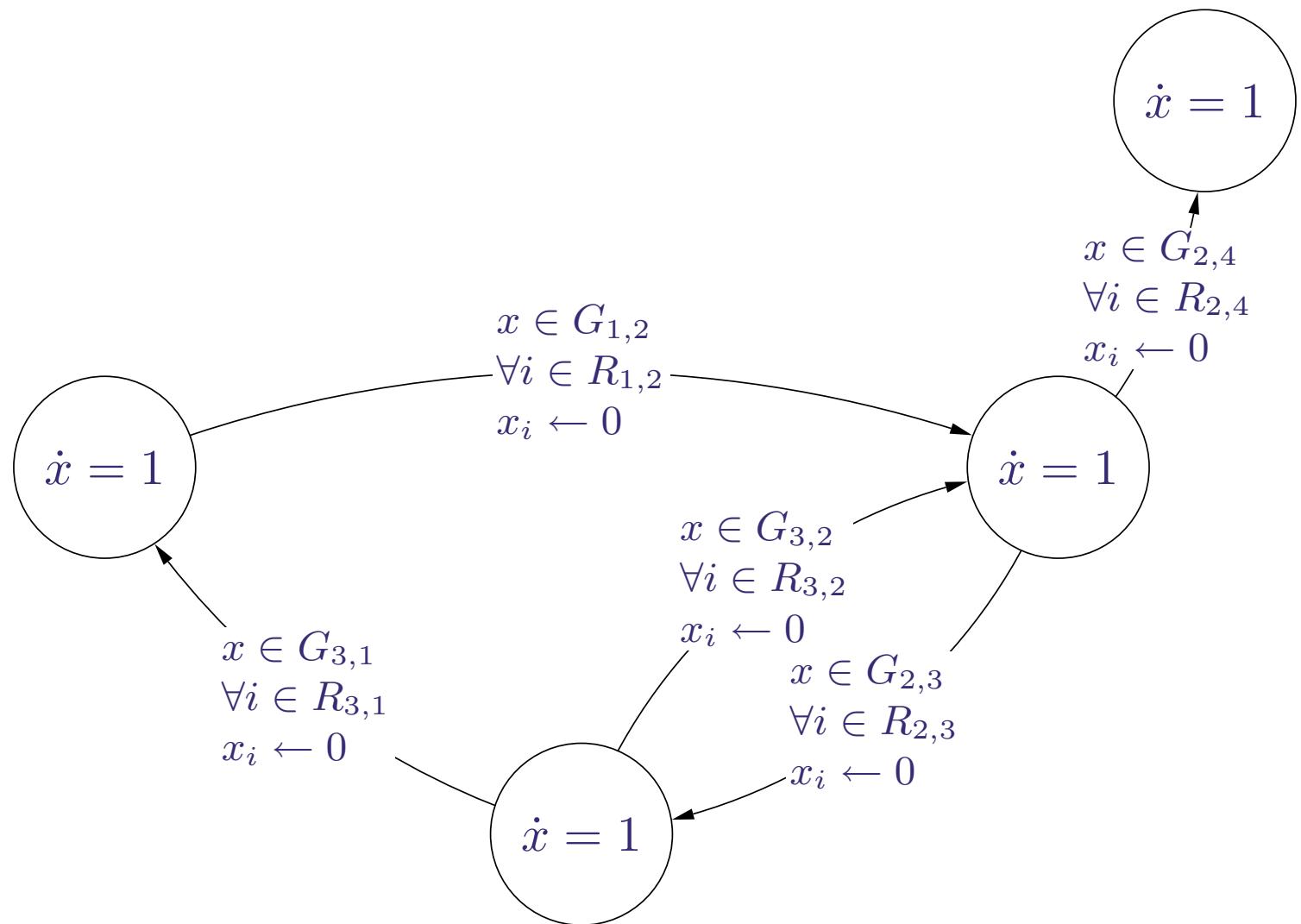
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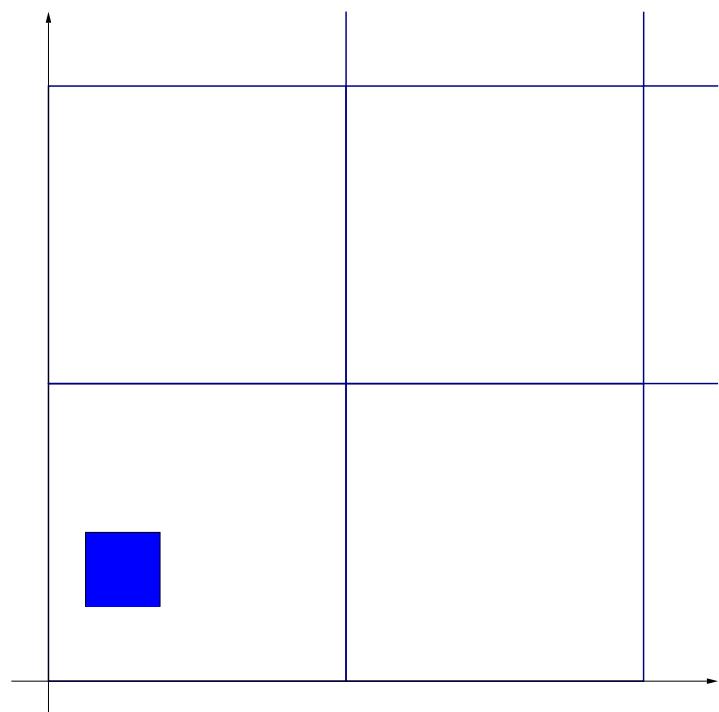
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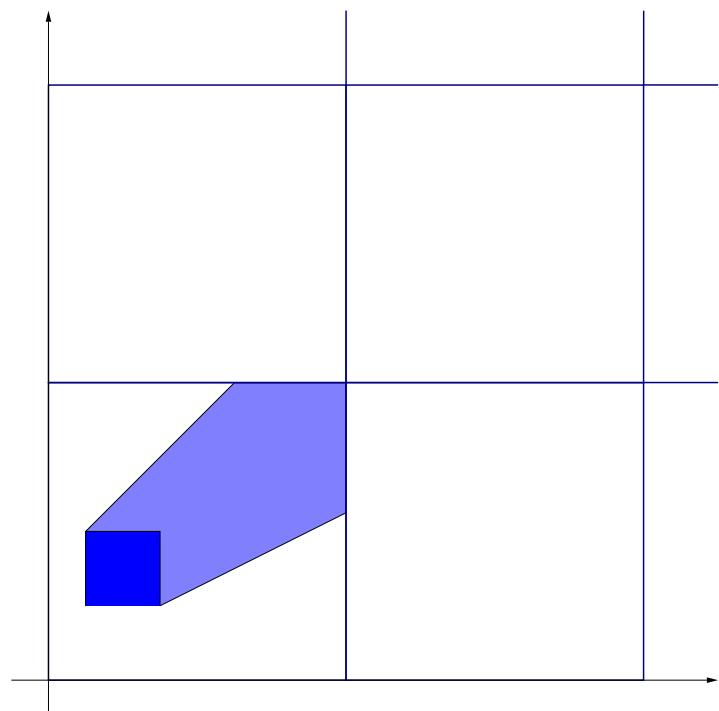
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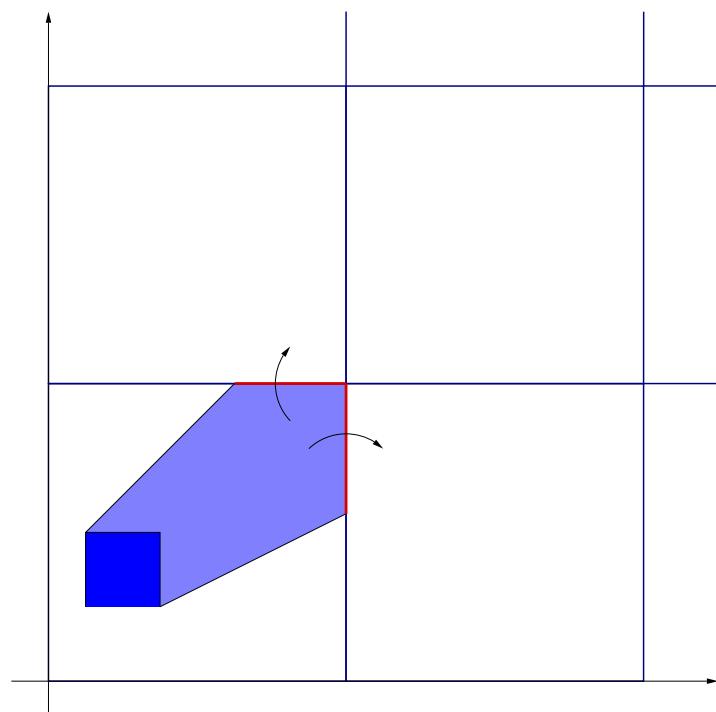
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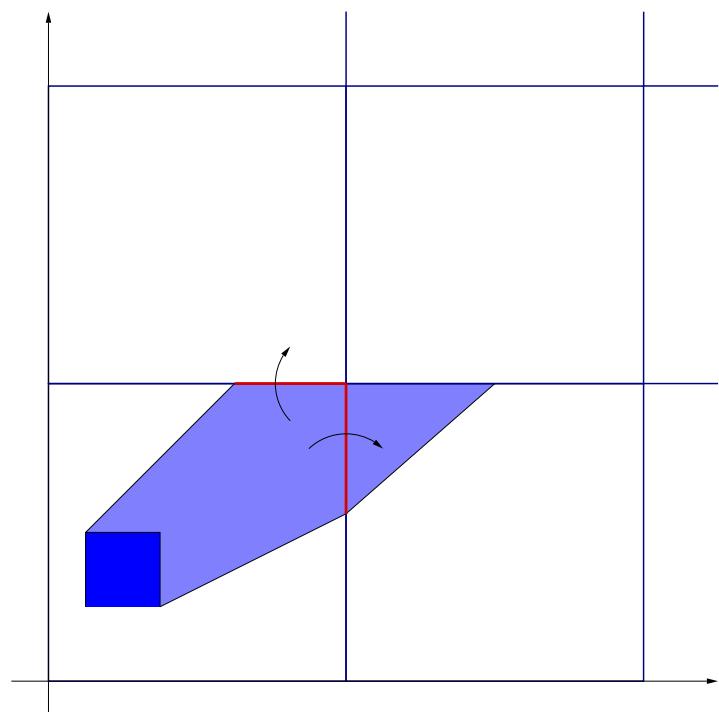
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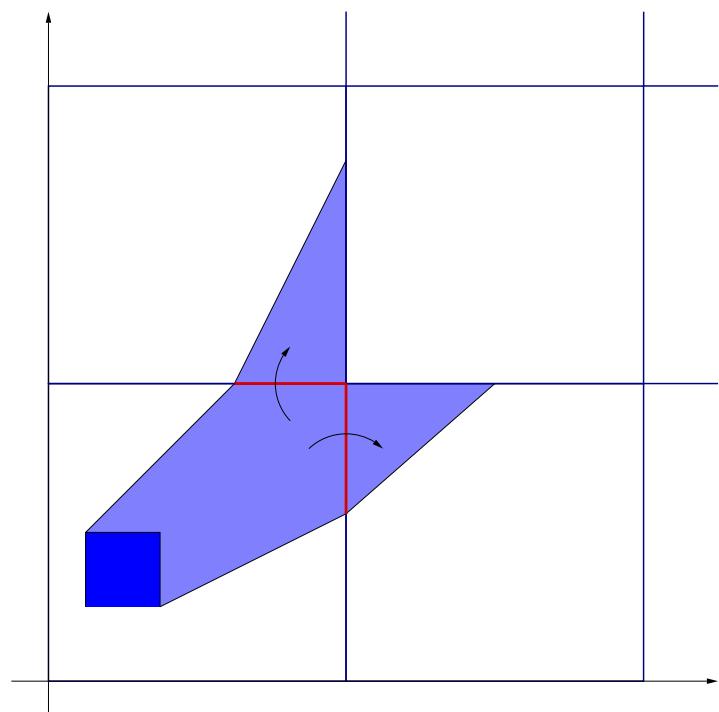
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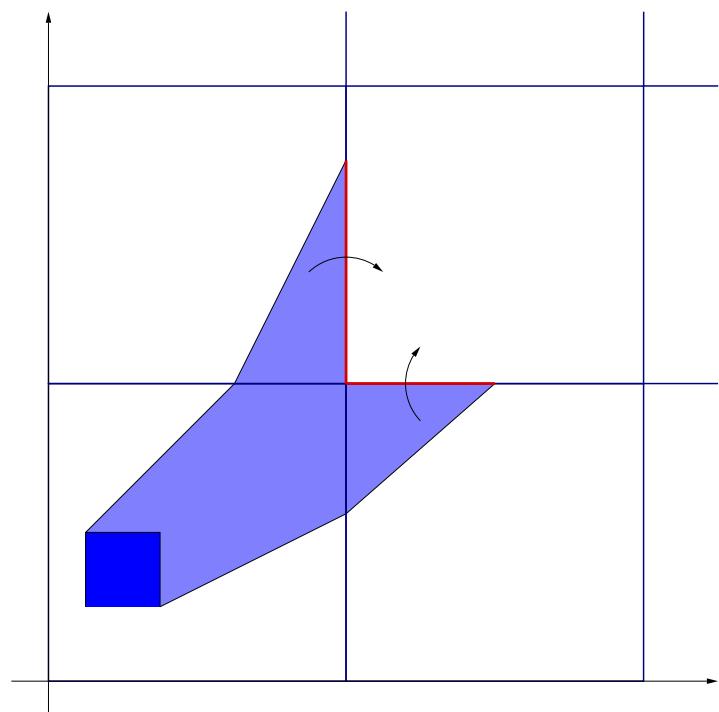
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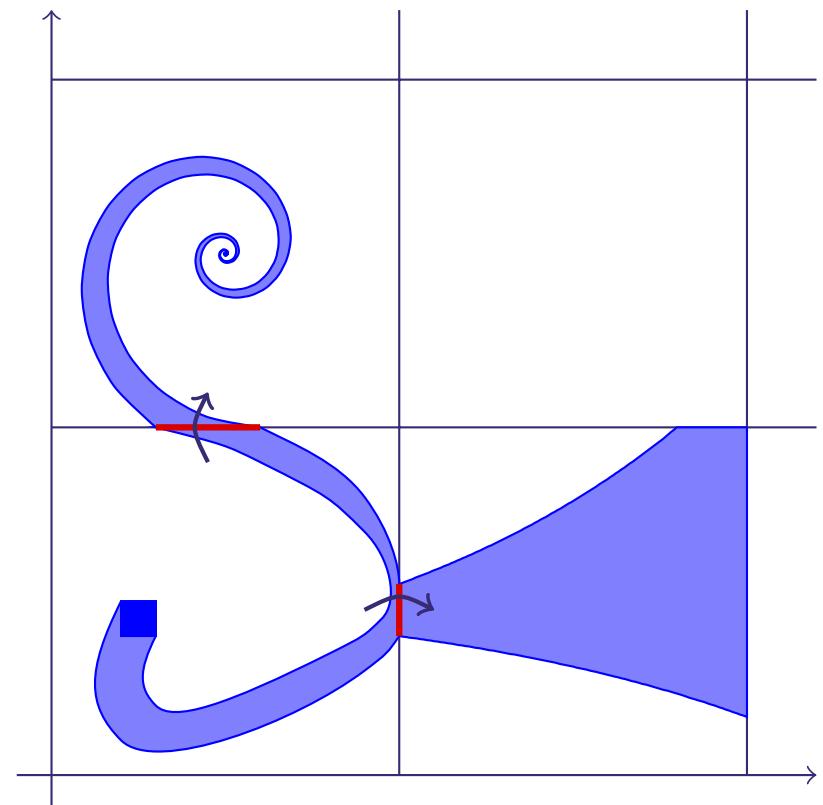
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More expressive than LHA: $f(x) = 0\{x\} \oplus \mathcal{P}$

- Continuous dynamics: $\dot{x} \in A_q\{x\} \oplus \mathcal{U}_q$
- Switching hyperplanes or Polyhedral guards.





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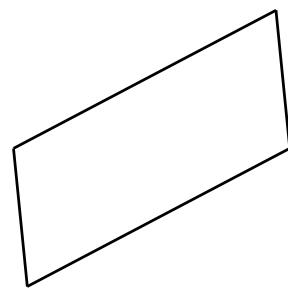
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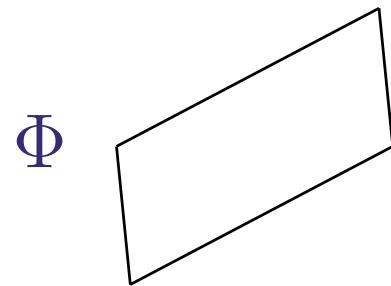
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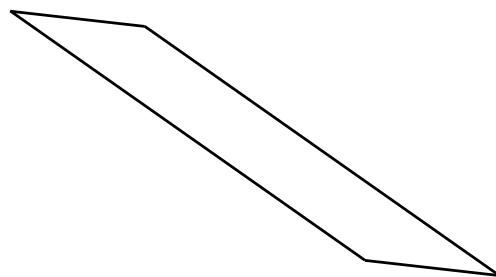
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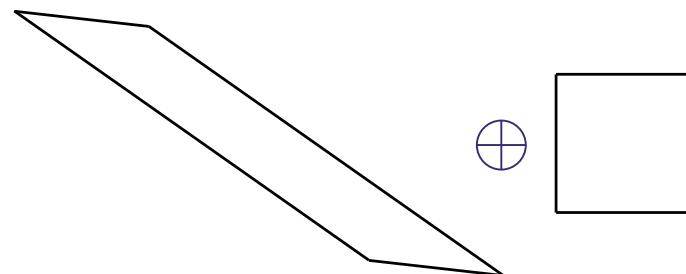
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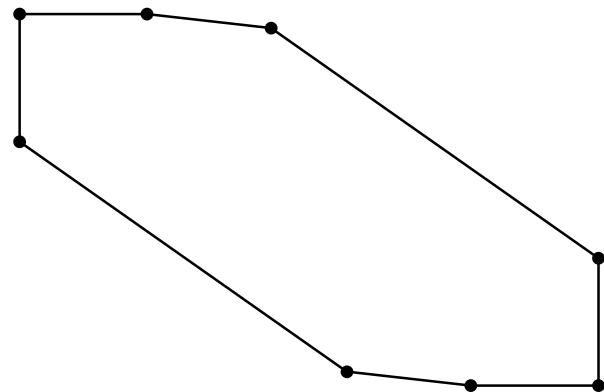
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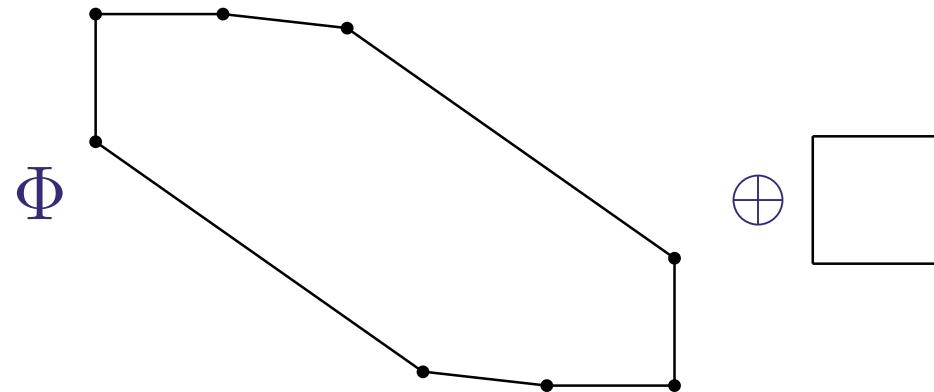
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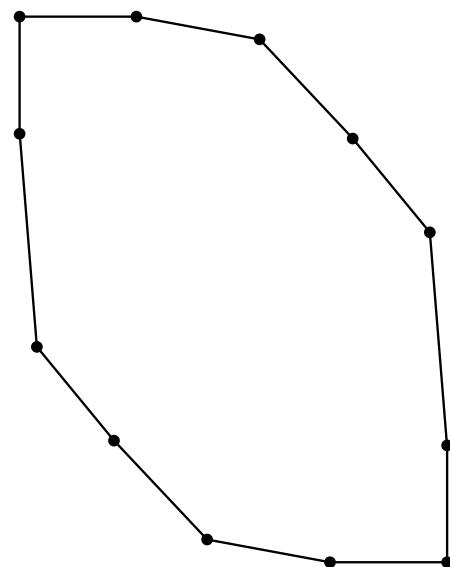
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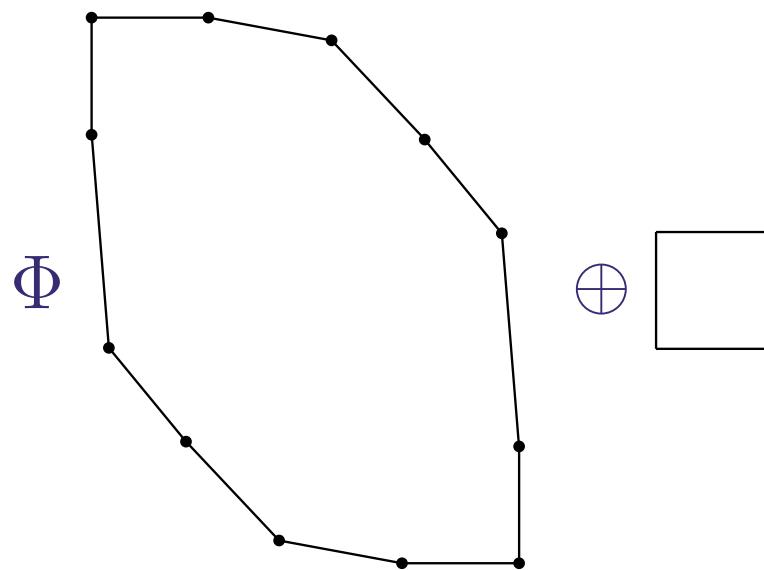
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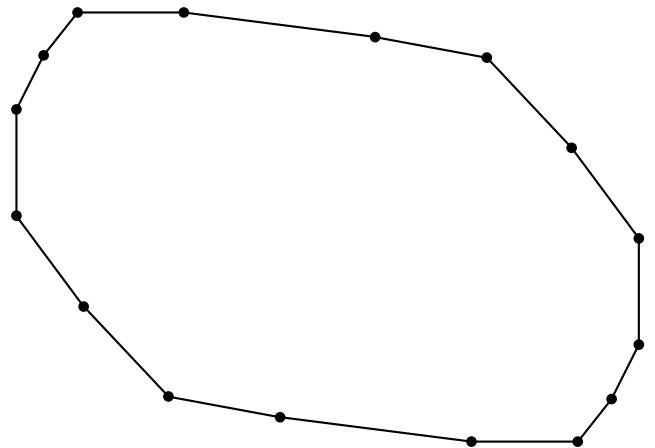
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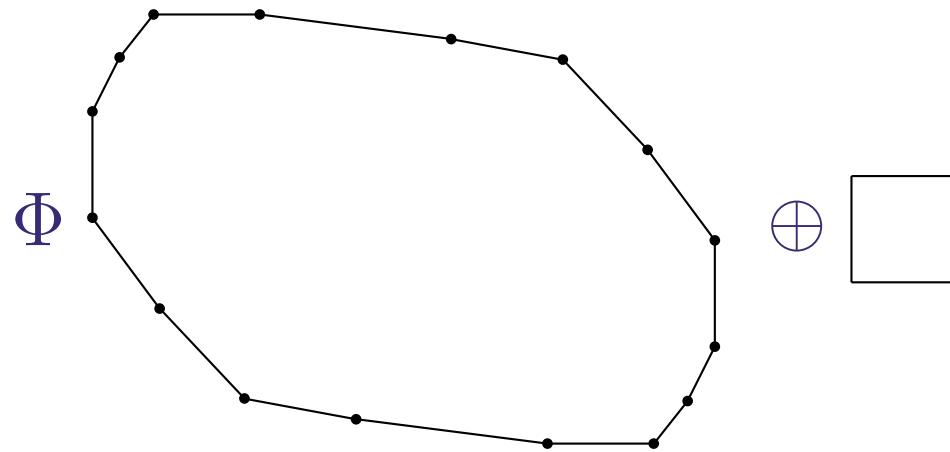
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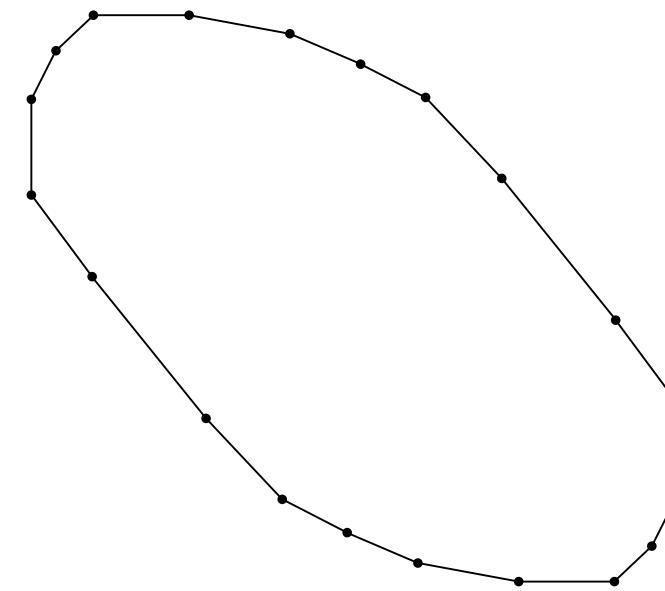
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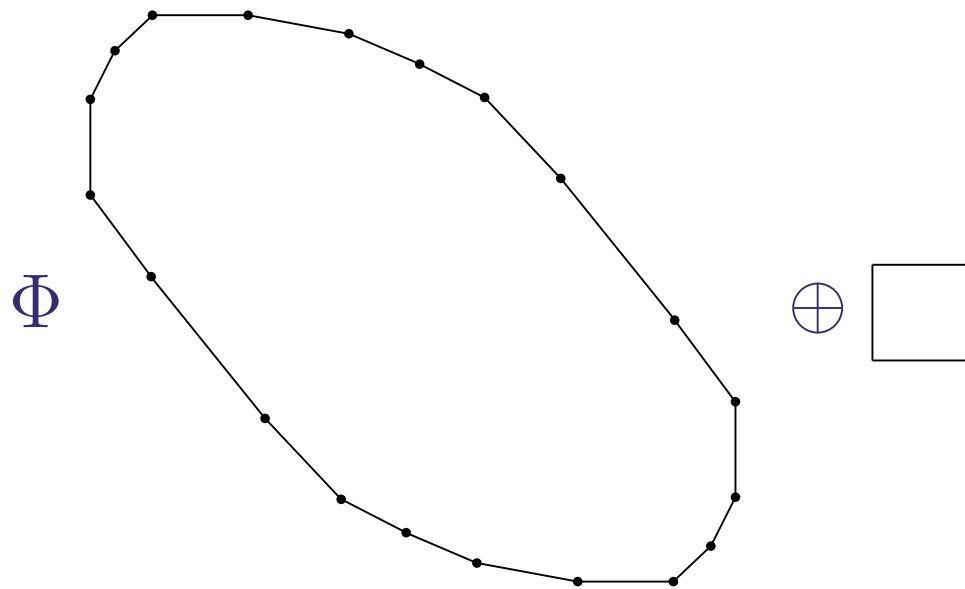
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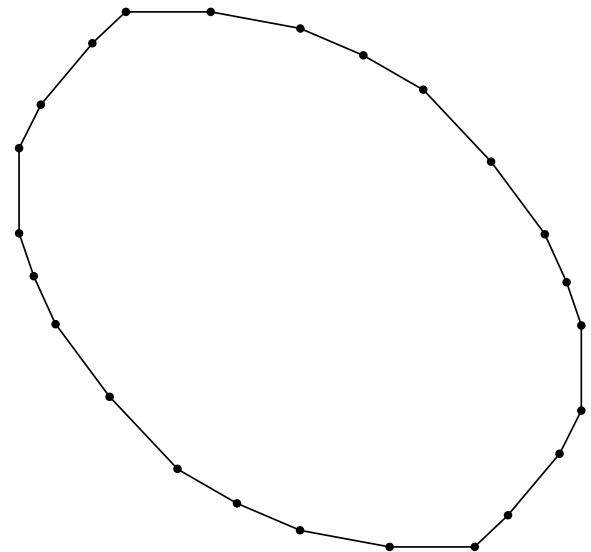
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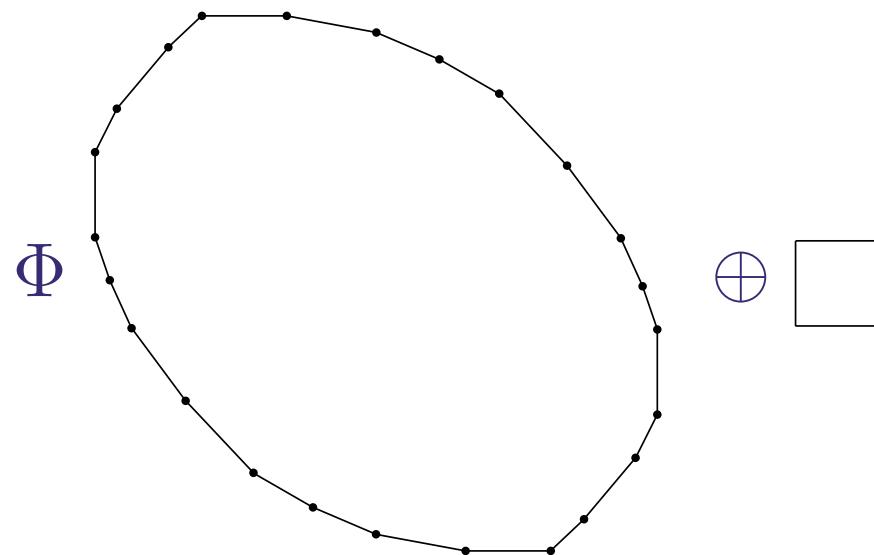
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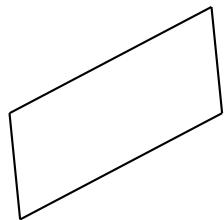
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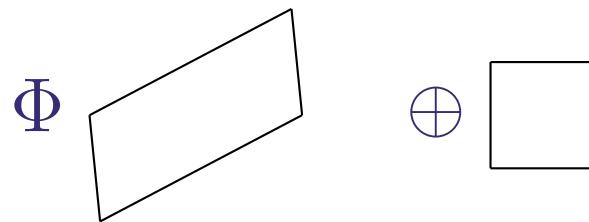
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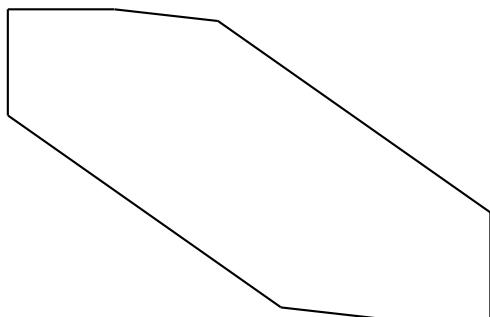
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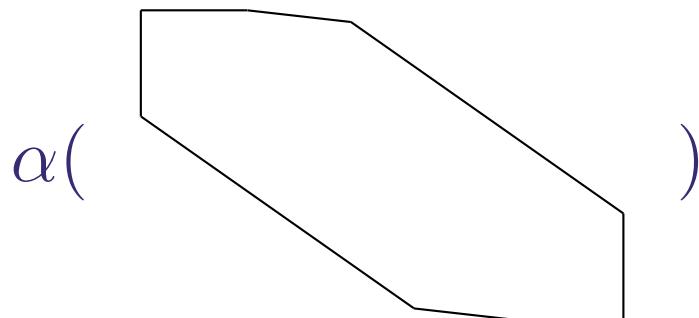
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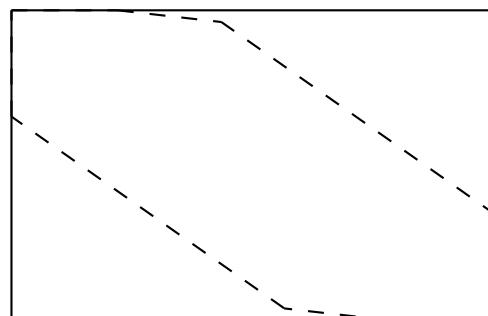
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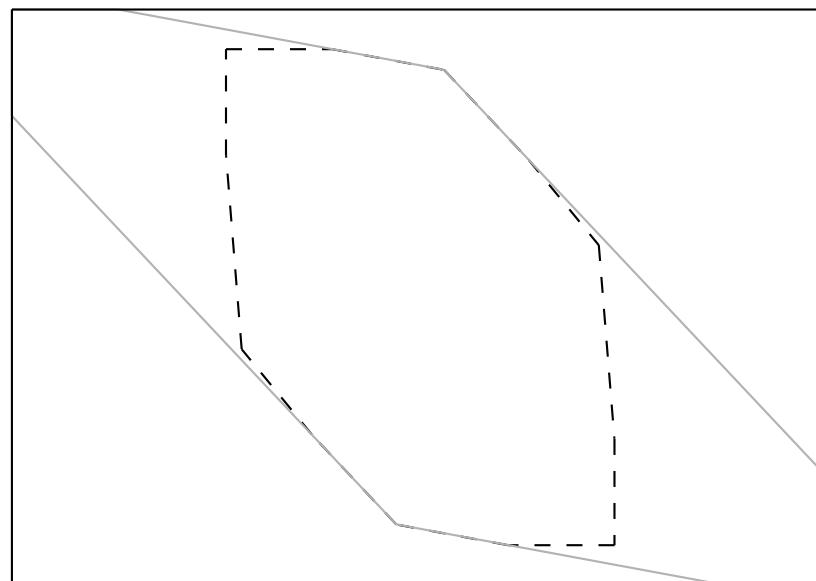
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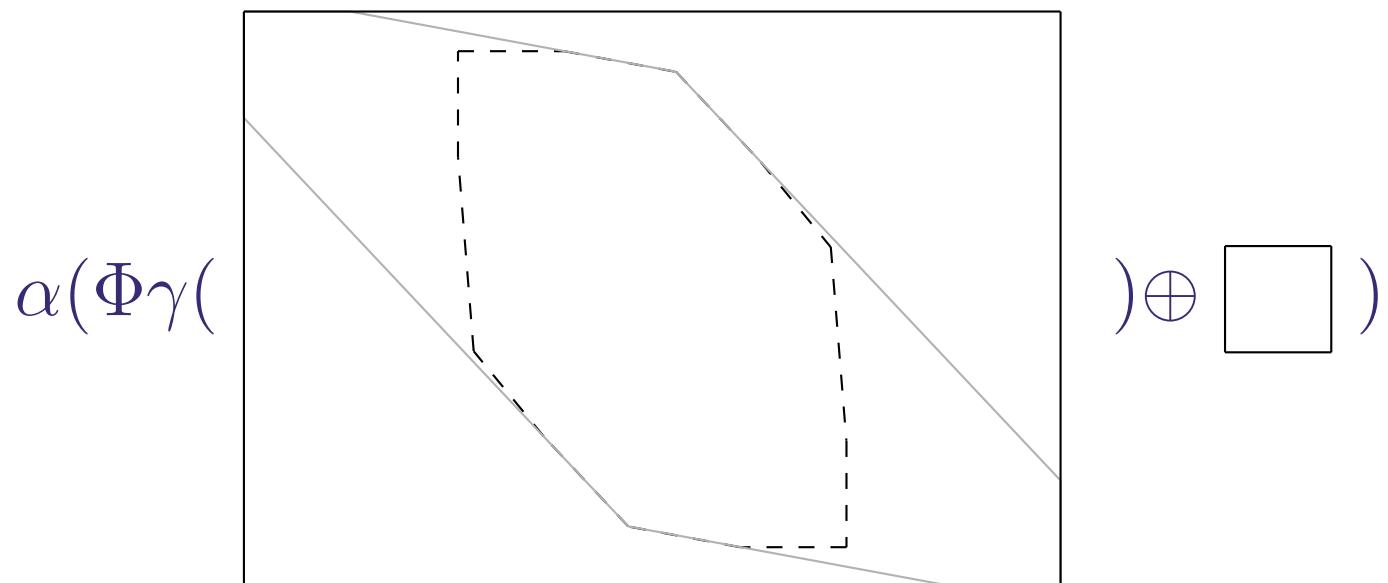
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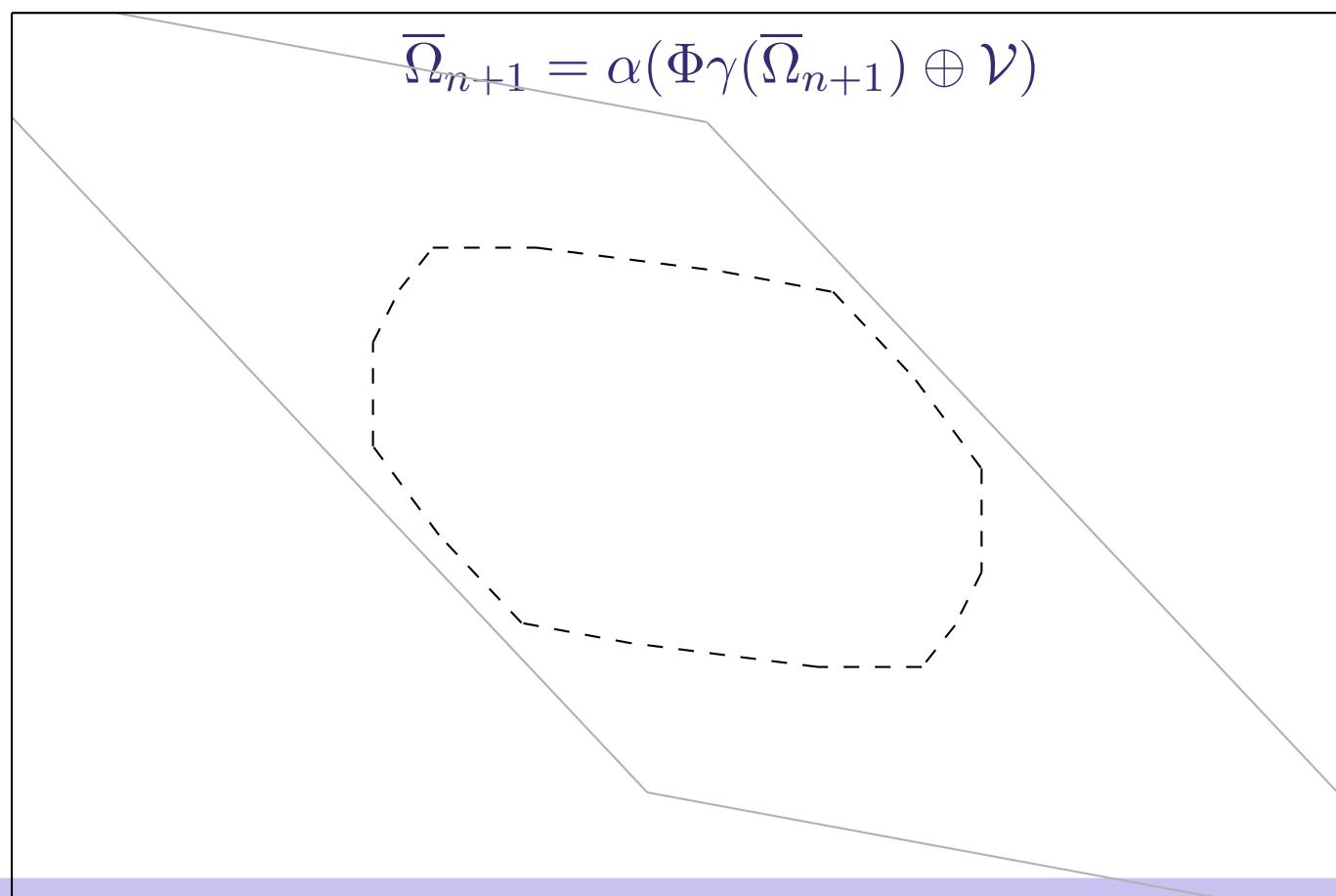
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Then: $\Omega_n = \mathcal{A}_n \oplus \mathcal{S}_n$

- \mathcal{A}_i and \mathcal{V}_i have a constant representation size.
- We can exploit redundancies of \mathcal{S}_i (zonotopes, support functions).

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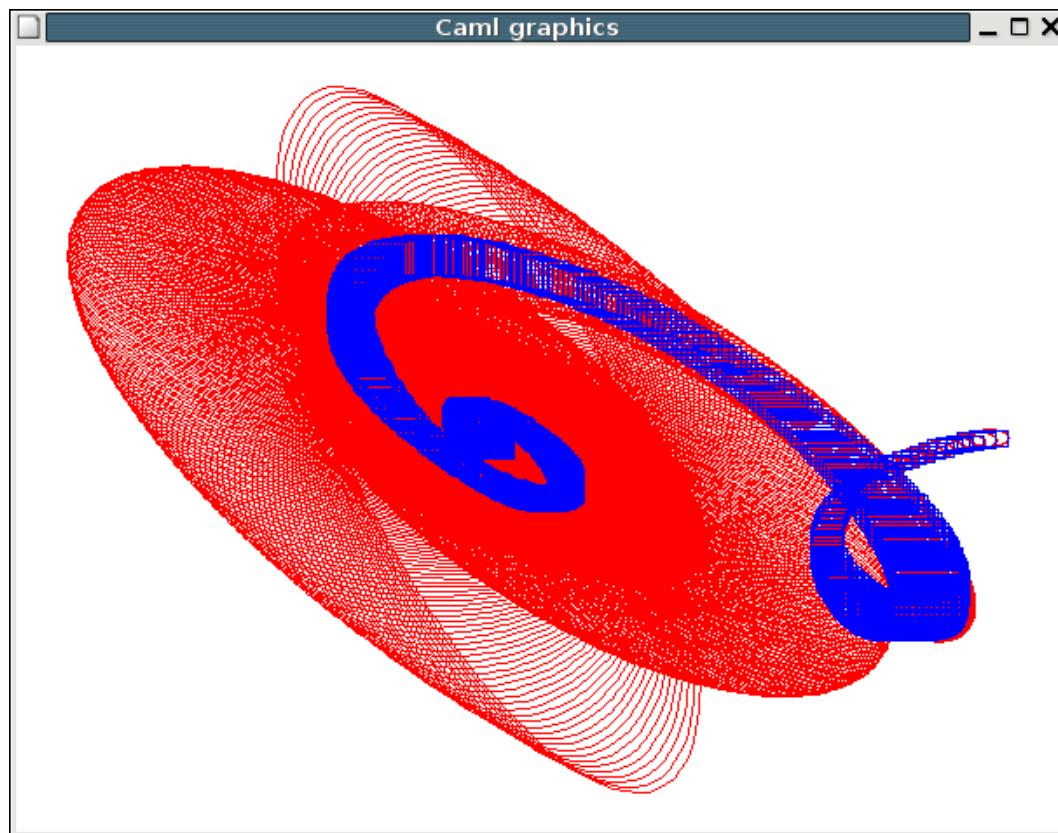
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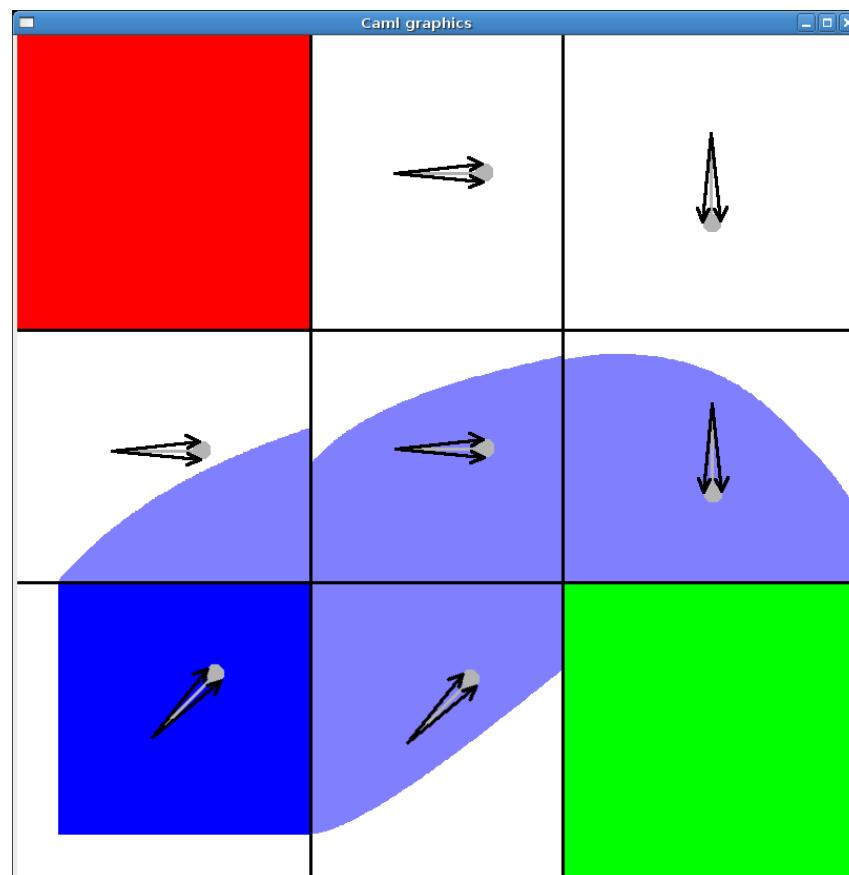
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$$f(x) = \{Ax \mid A \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

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More expressive than $f(x) = A\{x\} \oplus \mathcal{U}$ (in smaller dimension):

$$f(x) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & u \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid u \in \mathcal{U} \right\}$$

- Time discretization: $\dot{x} \in Ax \longrightarrow x_{n+1} \in \mathcal{M}x_n$
- Use of set representations in the space of Matrices.

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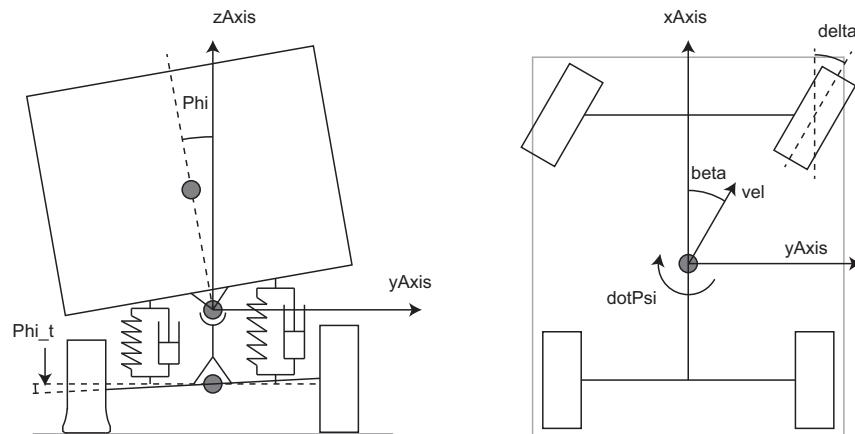
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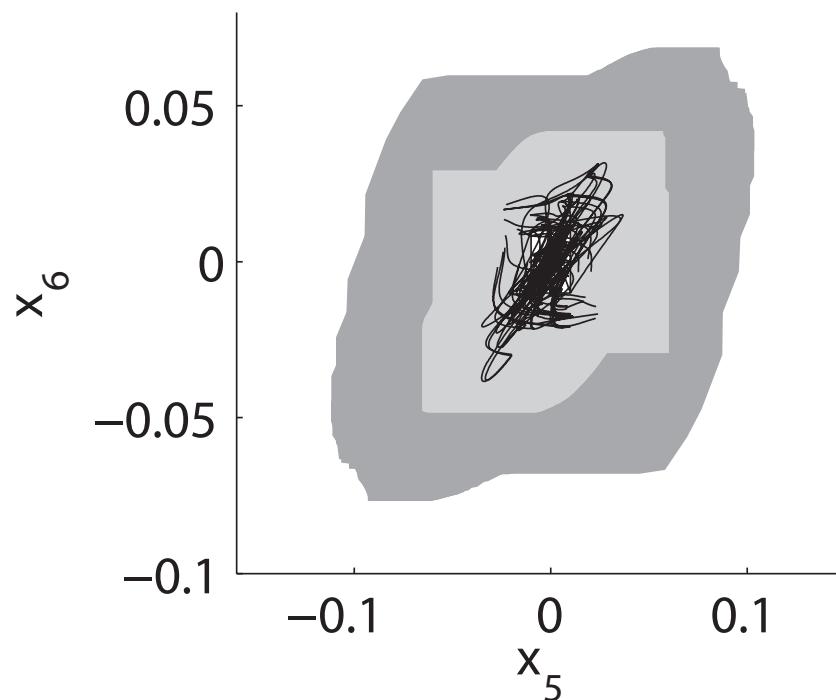
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If we want to use similar techniques:

- Adapt integration schemes:

$$\mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathcal{X} \oplus \delta f(\mathcal{X}) \oplus \mathcal{E}$$

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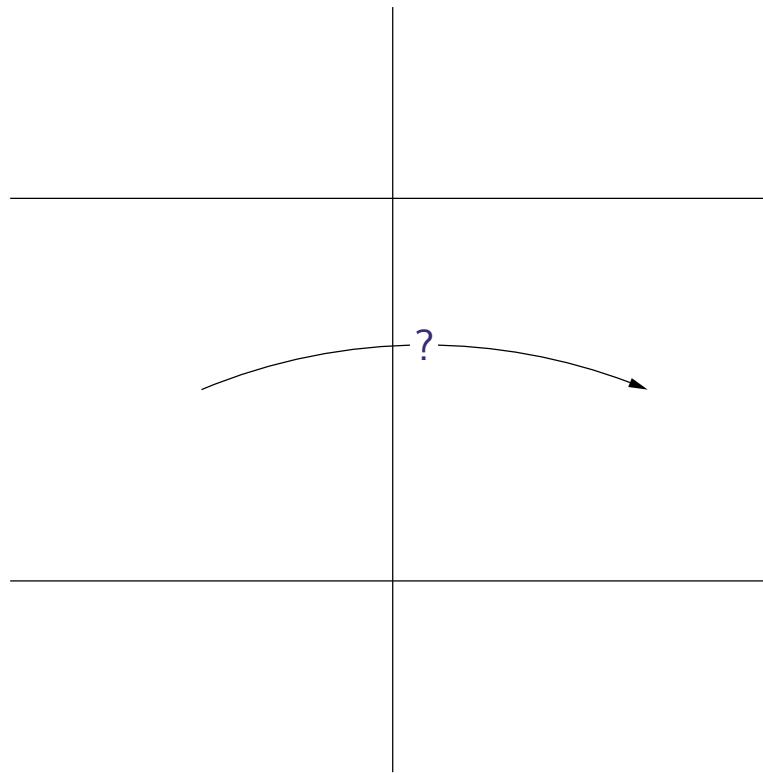
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Rectangular partition.



We need to know if $f_i(\mathcal{G}) \cap \mathbb{R}^+$ is empty.

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Smooth partition.

- Sign conditions on a set of functions and their derivatives.
- No transition from $(x > 0, \dot{x} > 0)$ to $(x < 0, \dot{x} > 0)$

We need to check emptiness of the cells.



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Timed automata.

- Partition of the state space in slices
- Clocks measure time to get from one slice to the other
- We need to know upper and lower bounds for $f_i(\mathcal{S})$.
- Easier when Lyapunov functions are available



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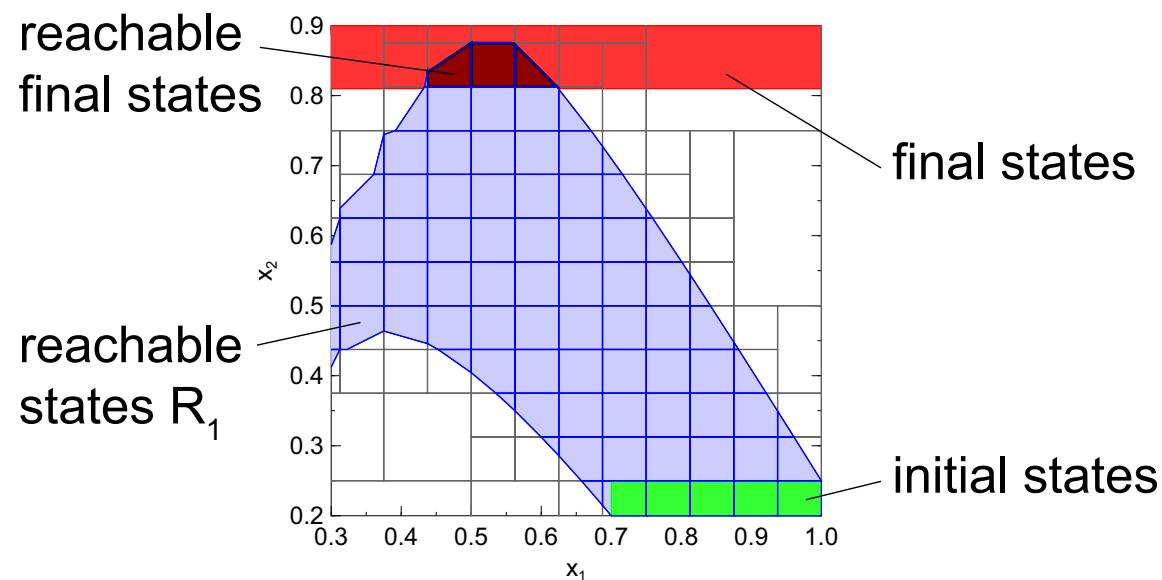
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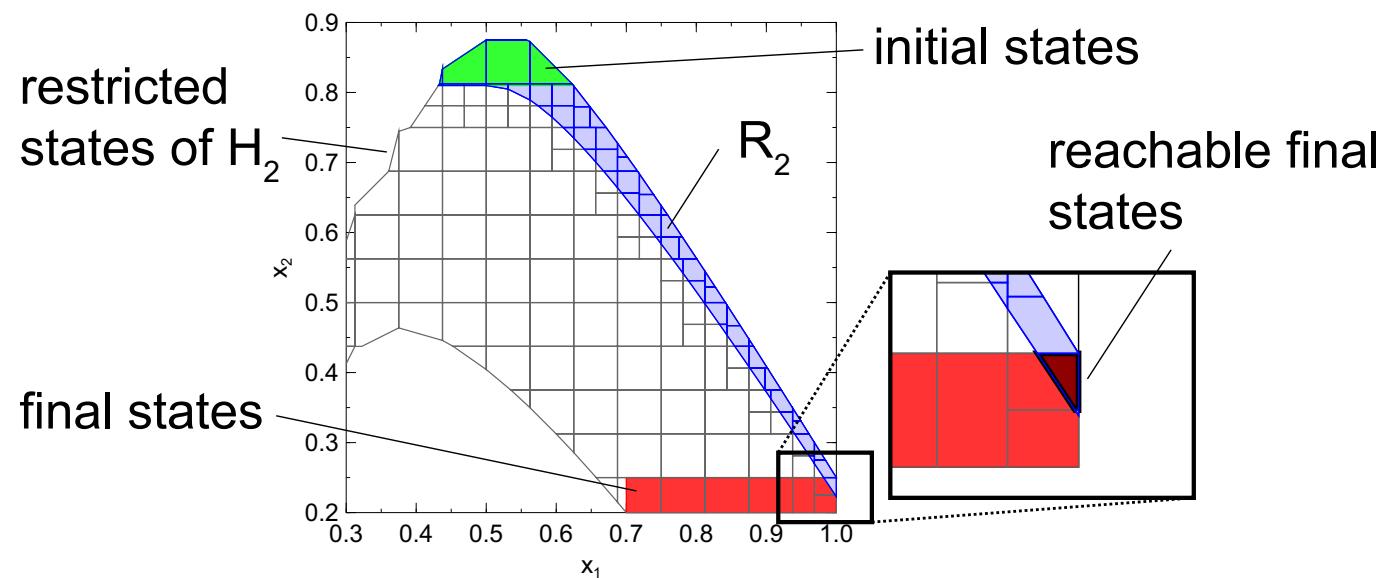
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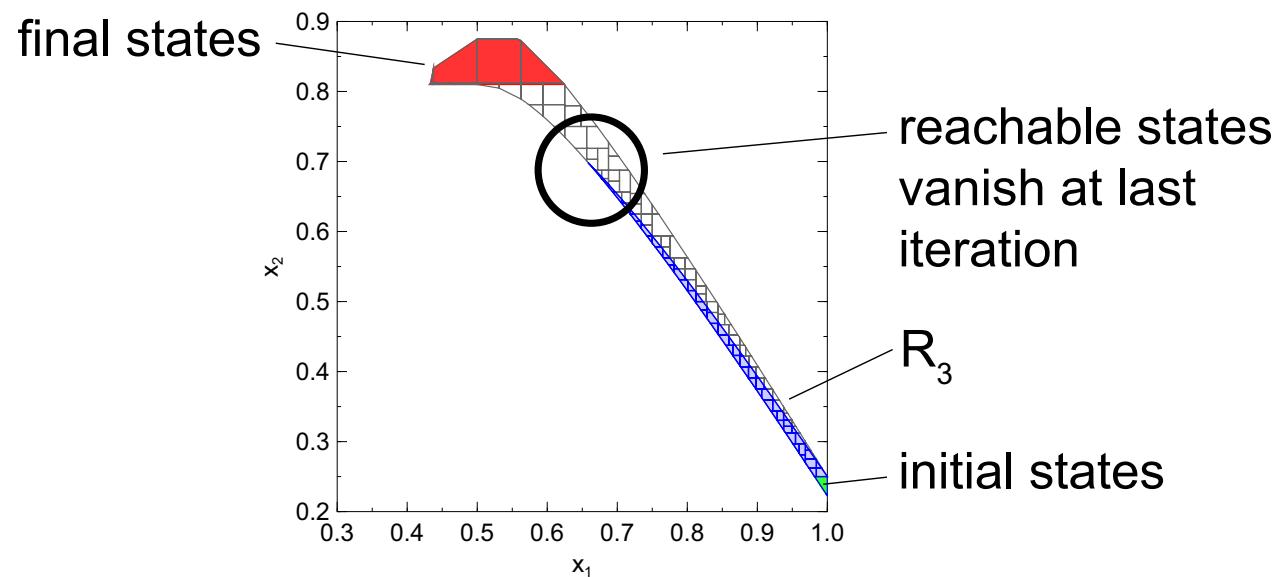
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If we find a subset of variables such that:

- f is linear in these variables
- no product of two of these variables appear in f

We do not need to partition along these variables.

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- modifying the number of continuous variables
- combining different classes of abstractions



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Thank you