

# Iterative methods: Limits of performance via reachable set analysis

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**Many successful approaches:**

Gustafsson et al. (1992), Batterson and Smillie (1990), Bhaya and Kaszkurewicz (2006), Grüne and Junge (2006)

## Iterative methods with shifts

$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t)$$

**Key Observation:**

Iterative method with shift = Control system

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$$S_{\Sigma} := \{f_{u_1} \circ \cdots \circ f_{u_T} \mid T \in \mathbb{N}, u_t \in U\}; f_u := f(\cdot, u) : M \rightarrow M$$

### Facts:

- $S_{\Sigma} \times M \rightarrow M, (s, x) \mapsto s(x)$  is a semigroup action
- **Reachable set = Semigroup orbit,**  
i.e.,  $\mathcal{R}(x) = S_{\Sigma} \cdot x := \{s(x) \mid s \in S_{\Sigma}\}$

# System group

**Assumption:**  $f_u : M \rightarrow M, x \mapsto f(x, u)$  is invertible

## Definition (System group)

$$G_\Sigma := \langle S_\Sigma \rangle := \{g_1 \circ \cdots \circ g_T \mid T \in N, g_t \in S_\Sigma \text{ or } g_t^{-1} \in S_\Sigma\}$$

## Facts:

- Often:  $S_\Sigma \neq G_\Sigma$
- $\mathcal{R}(x) \subset G_\Sigma \cdot x$
- Orbits of  $G_\Sigma$  form partition of  $M$
- Often:  $G_\Sigma \cdot x$  has geometric structure

## Lemma

Let  $G_\Sigma$  be an abelian Lie group. **Then:**

$$\text{Interior}_{G_\Sigma \cdot x} \mathcal{R}(x) \neq \emptyset$$

## Lemma (J 2007)

Assume: (i)  $G_\Sigma$  abelian Lie group  
(ii)  $N := G_\Sigma \cdot x$  open and dense  
(iii)  $\mathcal{E} \subset \partial N$ .

**Then:** (1)  $S_\Sigma = G_\Sigma$  implies  $\overline{\mathcal{R}(x)} \cap \mathcal{E} \neq \emptyset$

(2)  $S_\Sigma \neq G_\Sigma$  implies

$$\overline{\mathcal{R}(x)} \cap \mathcal{E} = \emptyset \iff \overline{\mathcal{R}(y)} \cap \mathcal{E} = \emptyset \text{ for all } y \in N$$

## Apply reachable set analysis on numerical iteration schemes

(Following Fuhrmann and Helmke (2000), Helmke and Wirth (2001),  
Chu and Chu (2006), J (2007))

# Richardson Iteration

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$$A = T \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A} \end{pmatrix} T^{-1}, \quad T \in \mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$$

with

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha \\ -\alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |\alpha| > 1;$$

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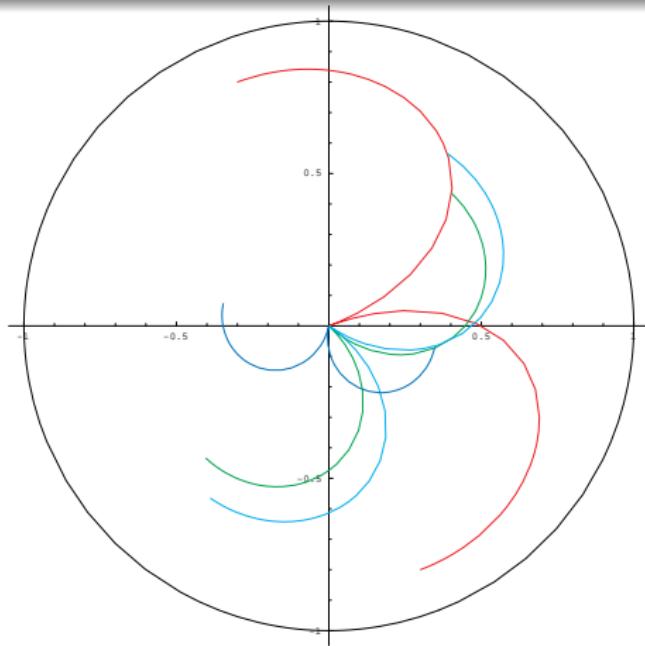
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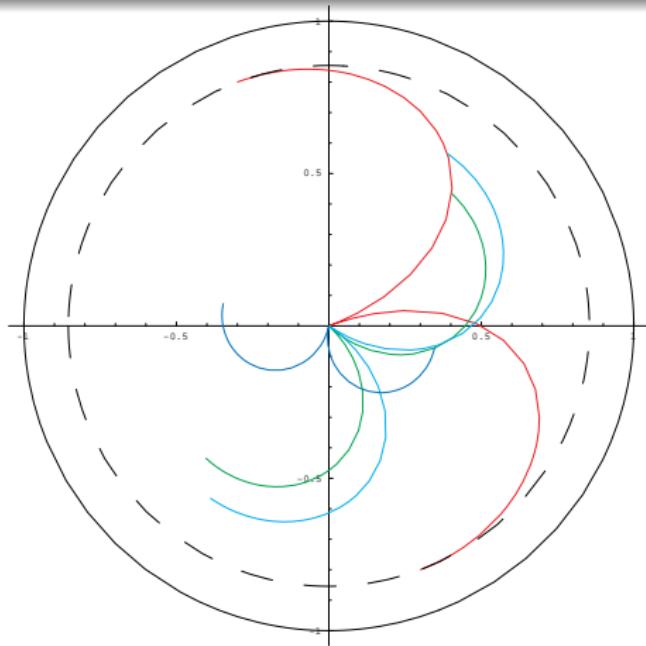
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or with:  $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha - \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & -\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix}, |\beta| > |\gamma|;$

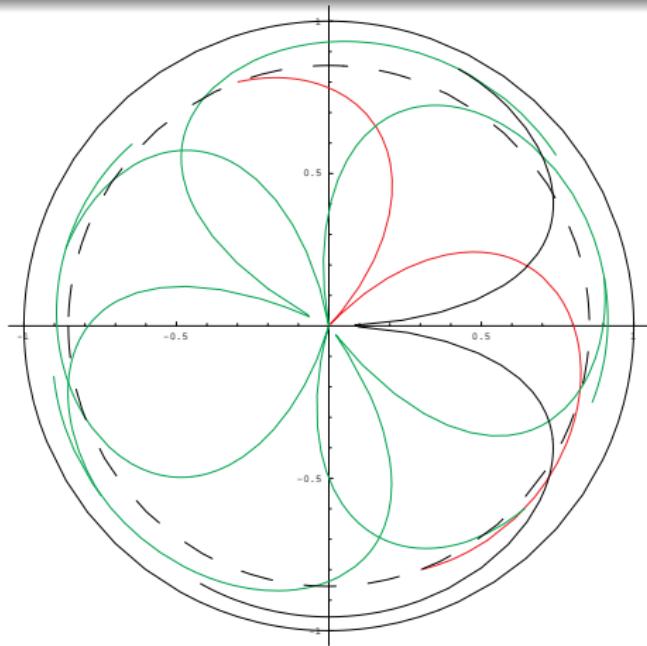
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