

Modeling & Control of Hybrid Systems

Chapter 2 — Modeling frameworks

- Many modeling frameworks for hybrid systems
⇒ trade-off: modeling power ↔ decision power, tractability
- Hybrid automata:
 - very general, high modeling power, but low decision power
 - analysis and control → computationally hard
(NP-hard, undecidable problems)

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Overview

1. Piecewise affine systems (PWA)
2. Mixed Logical Dynamical systems (MLD)
3. Linear Complementarity systems (LC)
4. Extended Linear Complementarity systems (ELC)
5. Max-Min-Plus-Scaling systems (MMPS)
6. Equivalence of MLD, LC, ELC, PWA and MMPS systems
7. Timed automata
8. Timed Petri nets

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- Computer simulation and verification tools: Modelica, HyTech, KRONOS, Chi, 20-sim, UPPAAL, . . .
 - + simulation models can represent plant with high degree of detail (high modeling power)
 - computationally very demanding for large systems
 - difficult to understand from simulation how behavior depends on model parameters
- In this chapter: special classes of hybrid systems for which *tractable* analysis and control design techniques are available (cf. next chapters)

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1. Piecewise affine (PWA) systems

- PWA systems are described by

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= A_i x(k) + B_i u(k) + f_i \\ y(k) &= C_i x(k) + D_i u(k) + g_i\end{aligned} \quad \text{for } \begin{bmatrix} x(k) \\ u(k) \end{bmatrix} \in \Omega_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

- $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_N$: convex polyhedra (i.e., given by finite number of linear inequalities) in input/state space, non-overlapping interiors
- PWA can be used as approximation of nonlinear model

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= \mathcal{N}_x(x(k), u(k)) \\ y(k) &= \mathcal{N}_y(x(k), u(k))\end{aligned}$$

- “simplest” extension of linear systems that can still model non-linear & non-smooth processes with arbitrary accuracy
+ are capable of handling hybrid phenomena

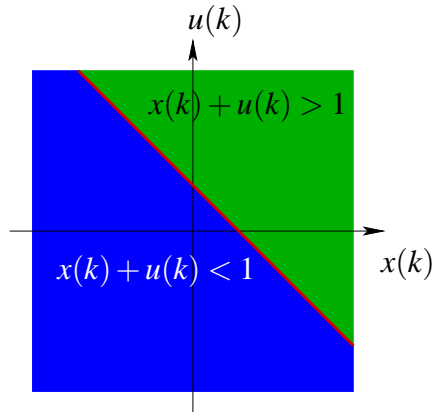
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Example of PWA model

Integrator with upper saturation:

$$x(k+1) = \begin{cases} x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) + u(k) \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x(k) + u(k) \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$y(k) = x(k)$$



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2. Mixed Logical Dynamical (MLD) systems

2.1 Preliminaries

• Boolean operators:

\wedge (and), \vee (or), \sim (not), \Rightarrow (implies), \Leftrightarrow (iff), \oplus (xor)

X_1	X_2	$X_1 \wedge X_2$	$X_1 \vee X_2$	$\sim X_1$	$X_1 \Rightarrow X_2$	$X_1 \Leftrightarrow X_2$	$X_1 \oplus X_2$
T	T	T	T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	F	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T	F

• Properties:

- $X_1 \Rightarrow X_2$ is same as $\sim X_1 \vee X_2$
- $X_1 \Rightarrow X_2$ is same as $\sim X_2 \Rightarrow \sim X_1$
- $X_1 \Leftrightarrow X_2$ is same as $(X_1 \Rightarrow X_2) \wedge (X_2 \Rightarrow X_1)$

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• Associate with literal X_i logical variable $\delta_i \in \{0, 1\}$:

$\delta_i = 1$ iff $X_i = \text{T}$, $\delta_i = 0$ iff $X_i = \text{F}$

→ compound statement can be transformed into
linear integer program

• Examples:

* $X_1 \wedge X_2$ equivalent to $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = 1$

* $X_1 \vee X_2$ equivalent to $\delta_1 + \delta_2 \geq 1$

* $\sim X_1$ equivalent to $\delta_1 = 0$

* $X_1 \Rightarrow X_2$ equivalent to $\delta_1 - \delta_2 \leq 0$

* $X_1 \Leftrightarrow X_2$ equivalent to $\delta_1 - \delta_2 = 0$

* $X_1 \oplus X_2$ equivalent to $\delta_1 + \delta_2 = 1$

• For $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $x \in \mathcal{X}$ with \mathcal{X} bounded, define

$$M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) \quad m \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x)$$

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• Equivalences:

* $[f(x) \leq 0] \wedge [\delta = 1]$ true iff $f(x) - \delta \leq -1 + m(1 - \delta)$

* $[f(x) \leq 0] \vee [\delta = 1]$ true iff $f(x) \leq M\delta$

* $\sim [f(x) \leq 0]$ true iff $f(x) \geq \varepsilon$ (with ε machine precision)

* $[f(x) \leq 0] \Rightarrow [\delta = 1]$ true iff $f(x) \geq \varepsilon + (m - \varepsilon)\delta$

* $[f(x) \leq 0] \Leftrightarrow [\delta = 1]$ true iff $\begin{cases} f(x) \leq M(1 - \delta) \\ f(x) \geq \varepsilon + (m - \varepsilon)\delta \end{cases}$

• Product $\delta_1 \delta_2$ can be replaced by auxiliary variable $\delta_3 = \delta_1 \delta_2$

Since $[\delta_3 = 1] \Leftrightarrow [\delta_1 = 1] \wedge [\delta_2 = 1]$,

$$\delta_3 = \delta_1 \delta_2 \quad \text{is equivalent to} \quad \begin{cases} -\delta_1 + \delta_3 \leq 0 \\ -\delta_2 + \delta_3 \leq 0 \\ \delta_1 + \delta_2 - \delta_3 \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

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- $\delta f(x)$ can be replaced by auxiliary real variable $y = \delta f(x)$ with $[\delta = 0] \Rightarrow [y = 0]$, $[\delta = 1] \Rightarrow [y = f(x)]$, or equivalently

$$\begin{cases} y \leq M\delta \\ y \geq m\delta \\ y \leq f(x) - m(1 - \delta) \\ y \geq f(x) - M(1 - \delta) \end{cases}$$

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2.3 Example

- Consider PWA system:

$$x(k+1) = \begin{cases} 0.8x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) \geq 0 \\ -0.8x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) < 0 \end{cases}$$

where $x(k) \in [-10, 10]$ and $u(k) \in [-1, 1]$

- Associate binary variable $\delta(k)$ to condition $x(k) \geq 0$ such that $[\delta(k) = 1] \Leftrightarrow [x(k) \geq 0]$ or

$$\begin{aligned} -m\delta(k) &\leq x(k) - m \\ -(M + \varepsilon)\delta(k) &\leq -x(k) - \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

where $M = -m = 10$, and ε is **machine precision**

- PWA system can be rewritten as

$$x(k+1) = 1.6\delta(k)x(k) - 0.8x(k) + u(k)$$

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2.2 Mixed logical dynamical (MLD) systems

- $x(k+1) = Ax(k) + B_1u(k) + B_2\delta(k) + B_3z(k)$
 $y(k) = Cx(k) + D_1u(k) + D_2\delta(k) + D_3z(k)$
 $E_1x(k) + E_2u(k) + E_3\delta(k) + E_4z(k) \leq g_5,$
- $x(k) = [x_r^\top(k) \ x_b^\top(k)]^\top$ with $x_r(k)$ real-valued, $x_b(k)$ boolean
 $z(k)$: real-valued auxiliary variables
 $\delta(k)$: boolean auxiliary variables
- Applications: PWA systems, systems with discrete inputs, qualitative inputs, bilinear systems, finite state machines
- Reference: A. Bemporad and M. Morari, "Control of systems integrating logic, dynamics, and constraints," *Automatica*, vol. 35, no. 3, pp. 407–427, March 1999.

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- $x(k+1) = 1.6\delta(k)x(k) - 0.8x(k) + u(k)$

- Define new variable $z(k) = \delta(k)x(k)$ or

$$\begin{aligned} z(k) &\leq M\delta(k) \\ z(k) &\geq m\delta(k) \\ z(k) &\leq x(k) - m(1 - \delta(k)) \\ z(k) &\geq x(k) - M(1 - \delta(k)) \end{aligned}$$

- PWA system now becomes

$$x(k+1) = 1.6z(k) - 0.8x(k) + u(k)$$

subject to linear constraints above \rightarrow MLD

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3. Linear Complementarity (LC) systems

- LC systems:

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + B_1u(k) + B_2w(k)$$

$$y(k) = Cx(k) + D_1u(k) + D_2w(k)$$

$$v(k) = E_1x(k) + E_2u(k) + E_3w(k) + e_4$$

$$0 \leq v(k) \perp w(k) \geq 0$$

- $v(k), w(k)$: “complementarity variables” (real-valued)
- Applications: constrained mechanical systems, electrical networks with ideal diodes, dynamical systems with PWA relations, variable-structure systems, projected dynamical systems
- Examples: two-cars system, boost converter (*continuous-time* LC systems)

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4. Extended Linear Complementarity (ELC) systems

- ELC systems:

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + B_1u(k) + B_2d(k) \quad (1)$$

$$y(k) = Cx(k) + D_1u(k) + D_2d(k) \quad (2)$$

$$E_1x(k) + E_2u(k) + E_3d(k) \leq e_4 \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \prod_{j \in \phi_i} (e_4 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) - E_3d(k))_j = 0 \quad (4)$$

- $d(k)$: real-valued auxiliary variable
- Condition (4) is equivalent to

$$\prod_{j \in \phi_i} (e_4 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) - E_3d(k))_j = 0 \quad \text{for each } i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$$

→ system of linear inequalities with p groups, in each group at least one inequality should hold with equality

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5. Max-Min-Plus-Scaling (MMPS) systems

- Max-min-plus-scaling expression:

$$f := x_i |\alpha| \max(f_k, f_l) | \min(f_k, f_l) | f_k + f_l | \beta f_k$$

with $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and f_k, f_l again MMPS expressions.

- Example: $5x_1 - 3x_2 + 7 + \max(\min(2x_1, -8x_2), x_2 - 3x_3)$
- MMPS systems:

$$x(k+1) = \mathcal{M}_x(x(k), u(k), d(k))$$

$$y(k) = \mathcal{M}_y(x(k), u(k), d(k))$$

$$\mathcal{M}_c(x(k), u(k), d(k)) \leq c$$

with $\mathcal{M}_x, \mathcal{M}_y, \mathcal{M}_c$ MMPS expressions

- $d(k)$: real-valued auxiliary variables

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5. Max-Min-Plus-Scaling (MMPS) systems (continued)

- Applications:
 - discrete-event systems (also max-plus)
 - traffic-signal controlled intersection
 - railway networks
 - manufacturing systems
 - systems with soft & hard synchronization constraints
 - logistic systems

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Example of MMPS system

- Integrator with upper saturation:

$$x(k+1) = \begin{cases} x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) + u(k) \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x(k) + u(k) \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$y(k) = x(k)$$

can be recast as

$$x(k+1) = \min(x(k) + u(k), 1)$$

$$y(k) = x(k)$$

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Equivalence of MLD, LC, ELC, PWA and MMPS systems

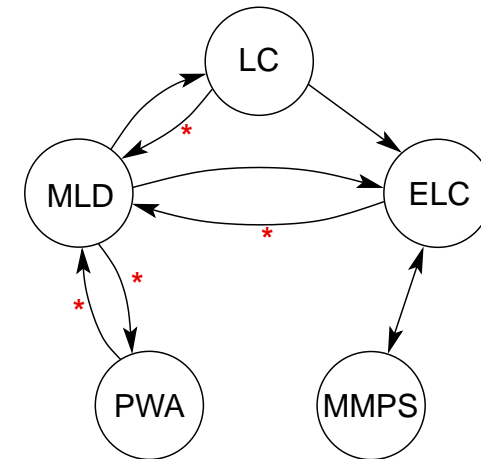
- Each subclass has own advantages:
 - stability criteria for PWA
 - control and verification techniques for MLD
 - control techniques for MMPS
 - conditions of existence and uniqueness of solutions for LC
- transfer techniques from one class to other
- It depends on the application which class is best suited

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6. Equivalence of MLD, LC, ELC, PWA and MMPS systems

Equivalence between model classes \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} :

for each model $\in \mathcal{A}$ there exists model $\in \mathcal{B}$ with same input/output behavior (+ vice versa)



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6.1 MLD and LC systems

Proposition Every MLD system can be written as LC system.

- $\delta_i(k) \in \{0, 1\}$ is equivalent to $0 \leq \delta_i(k) \perp 1 - \delta_i(k) \geq 0$
 → introduce auxiliary variable $p(k) = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]^T - \delta(k)$ with
 $0 \leq \delta(k) \perp p(k) \geq 0$
- For constraint $E_1x(k) + E_2u(k) + E_3\delta(k) + E_4z(k) \leq g_5$, introduce auxiliary variables $q(k) = g_5 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) - E_3\delta(k) - E_4z(k) \geq 0$ and $r(k) = 0$ with
 $0 \leq q(k) \perp r(k) \geq 0$

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- For LC: all variables ≥ 0

→ split real-valued variable $z(k)$ in “positive” and “negative part”:

$z(k) = z^+(k) - z^-(k)$ with $z^+(k) = \max(0, z(k))$, $z^-(k) = \max(0, -z(k))$

or $0 \leq z^+(k) \perp z^-(k) \geq 0$

- Results in LC system:

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + B_1u(k) + [B_2 \ 0 \ B_3 \ -B_3]w(k)$$

$$y(k) = Cx(k) + D_1u(k) + [D_2 \ 0 \ D_3 \ -D_3]w(k)$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} p(k) \\ q(k) \\ s(k) \\ t(k) \end{pmatrix}}_{=:v(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} e \\ g_5 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -E_3 & 0 & -E_4 & E_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I \\ 0 & 0 & I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \delta(k) \\ r(k) \\ z^+(k) \\ z^-(k) \end{pmatrix}}_{=:w(k)}$$

$$0 \leq v(k) \perp w(k) \geq 0$$

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Proposition Every LC system can be written as MLD provided that $w(k)$ and $v(k)$ are bounded.

- LC complementarity condition $0 \leq v(k) \perp w(k) \geq 0$ implies that for each i we have $v_i(k) = 0, w_i(k) \geq 0$ or $v_i(k) \geq 0, w_i(k) = 0$

- Introduce boolean vector $\delta(k)$ such that

$$v_i(k) = 0, w_i(k) \geq 0 \leftrightarrow \delta_i(k) = 1$$

$$v_i(k) \geq 0, w_i(k) = 0 \leftrightarrow \delta_i(k) = 0$$

- Can be achieved by introducing constraints

$$w(k) \leq M_w \delta(k)$$

$$v(k) \leq M_v ([1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]^T - \delta(k))$$

$$w(k), v(k) \geq 0$$

with M_w, M_v diagonal matrices containing upper bounds on $w(k), v(k)$

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- Note: Upper bounds usually known in practice due to physical reasons/insight.

- Finally results in MLD model

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + B_1u(k) + B_2z(k)$$

$$y(k) = Cx(k) + D_1u(k) + D_2z(k)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ E_1 \\ 0 \\ -E_1 \end{bmatrix} x(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ E_2 \\ 0 \\ -E_2 \end{bmatrix} u(k) + \begin{bmatrix} -M_w \\ M_v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta(k) + \begin{bmatrix} I \\ E_3 \\ -I \\ -E_3 \end{bmatrix} z(k) \leq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ M_v e - e_4 \\ 0 \\ e_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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6.2 LC and ELC systems

Proposition Every LC system can be written as ELC system.

- $v(k) \perp w(k)$ is equivalent to $\sum_i v_i(k)w_i(k) = 0$

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6.3 PWA and MLD systems

Proposition Well-posed PWA system can be rewritten as MLD system assuming that set of feasible states and inputs is bounded.

- Cf. examples.

Proposition Completely well-posed MLD can be rewritten as PWA.

- If $\delta(k) \in \{0, 1\}^s \rightarrow 2^s$ possible combinations
- For each combination MLD constraint

$$E_1x(k) + E_2u(k) + E_3\delta(k) + E_4z(k) \leq g_5$$

defines polyhedral region in $x/u/z$ space

- For each combination, $z(k)$ is linear function of $u(k)$ and $x(k)$ due to well-posedness + linearity of all constraints
- Results in linear state space model for each polyhedral region

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6.4 MMPS and ELC systems (continued)

ELC \subseteq MMPS

- Linear equations are MMPS expressions (albeit without max or min)
- Complementarity condition can be rewritten as

$$\forall i, \exists j \in \phi_i \text{ such that } \underbrace{(e_4 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) - E_3d(k))_j}_{\geq 0} = 0$$

So

$$\min_{j \in \phi_i} (e_4 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) - E_3d(k))_j = 0 \quad \text{for each } i$$

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6.4 MMPS and ELC systems

Proposition The classes of MMPS and ELC systems coincide.

MMPS \subseteq ELC

- Basic constructors for MMPS expressions fit ELC framework:
 - Expressions of form $f = x_i, f = \alpha, f = f_k + f_l, f = \beta f_k$ result in linear equations
 - $f = \max(f_k, f_l) = -\min(-f_k, -f_l)$ can be rewritten as

$$f - f_k \geq 0, \quad f - f_l \geq 0, \quad (f - f_k)(f - f_l) = 0$$
 → is ELC expression
- Two or more ELC systems can be combined into one large ELC

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6.5 MLD and ELC systems

Proposition Every MLD system can be rewritten as ELC system.

- Condition $\delta_i(k) \in \{0, 1\}$ is equivalent to ELC conditions

$$\begin{aligned} -\delta_i(k) &\leq 0 \\ \delta_i(k) &\leq 1 \\ \delta_i(k)(1 - \delta_i(k)) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Note: condition $\delta_i(k) \in \{0, 1\}$ also equivalent to MMPS constraints

$$\max(-\delta_i(k), \delta_i(k) - 1) = 0$$

or

$$\min(\delta_i(k), 1 - \delta_i(k)) = 0$$

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Proposition Every ELC system can be written as MLD system, provided that $e_4 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) - E_3d(k)$ is bounded.

- Introduce conditions

$$(e_4)_j - (E_1x(k) + E_2u(k) + E_3d(k))_j \leq M_j \delta_j(k) \quad \text{for each } j \in \phi_i$$

$$\sum_{j \in \phi_i} \delta_j(k) \leq \#\phi_i - 1$$

with $\delta_j(k) \in \{0, 1\}$ auxiliary variables,

and M_j upper bound for $(e_4 - E_1x(k) - E_2u(k) - E_3d(k))_j$

- By last condition at least one $\delta_h(k)$ is zero for some $h \in \phi_i$
 \rightarrow 1st inequality and ELC inequality $(e_4)_j - (E_1x(k) + E_2u(k) + E_3d(k))_j \geq 0$ degenerate to equality condition for $j = h$
- Hence, (nonlinear) ELC complementarity condition can be replaced by above (linear) equations \rightarrow MLD system

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6.6 Example (continued)

- Consider

$$x(k+1) = \begin{cases} 0.8x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) \geq 0 \\ -0.8x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) < 0 \end{cases}$$

- LC:

$$x(k+1) = -0.8x(k) + u(k) + 1.6z(k) \\ 0 \leq w(k) = -x(k) + z(k) \perp z(k) \geq 0$$

- ELC:

$$x(k+1) = -0.8x(k) + u(k) + 1.6d(k) \\ -d(k) \leq 0, \quad x(k) - d(k) \leq 0, \quad (x(k) - d(k))(-d(k)) = 0$$

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6.6 Example

- Consider

$$x(k+1) = \begin{cases} 0.8x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) \geq 0 \\ -0.8x(k) + u(k) & \text{if } x(k) < 0 \end{cases}$$

with $m \leq x(k) \leq M$

- MLD:

$$x(k+1) = -0.8x(k) + u(k) + 1.6z(k)$$

$$-m\delta(k) \leq x(k) - m$$

$$z(k) \leq M\delta(k)$$

$$z(k) \leq x(k) - m(1 - \delta(k))$$

$$x(k) \leq (M + \varepsilon)\delta(k) - \varepsilon$$

$$z(k) \geq m\delta(k)$$

$$z(k) \geq x(k) - M(1 - \delta(k))$$

with $\delta(k) \in \{0, 1\}$

- MMPS:

$$x(k+1) = -0.8x(k) + 1.6\max(0, x(k)) + u(k)$$

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7. Timed automata

- Timed automata involve simple continuous dynamics:
 - all differential equations of form $\dot{x} = 1$
 - all invariants, guards, etc. involve comparison of real-valued states with constants (e.g., $x = 1$, $x < 2$, $x \geq 0$, etc.)
- Timed automata are limited for modeling physical systems
- However, very well suited for encoding timing constraints such as “event A must take place at least 2 seconds after event B and not more than 5 seconds before event C”
- Applications: multimedia, Internet, audio protocol verification

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7.1 Rectangular sets

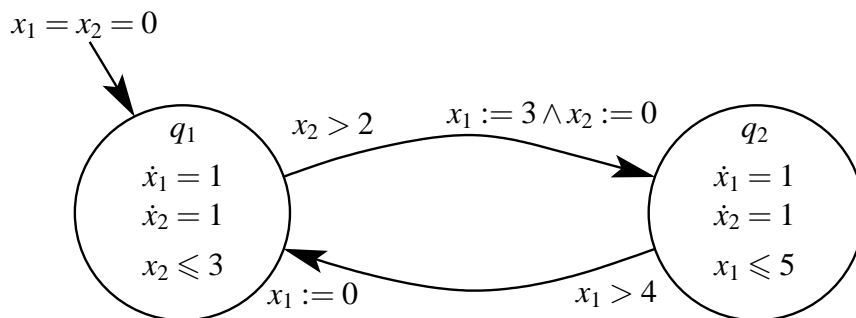
- Subset of \mathbb{R}^n set is called rectangular if it can be written as finite boolean combination of constraints of form

$$x_i \leq a, \quad x_i < b, \quad x_i = c, \quad x_i \geq d, \quad x_i > e$$

- Rectangular sets are “rectangles” or “boxes” in \mathbb{R}^n whose sides are aligned with the axes, or unions of such rectangles/boxes
- Examples:
 - $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid (x_1 \geq 0) \wedge (x_1 \leq 2) \wedge (x_2 \geq 1) \wedge (x_2 \leq 2)\}$
 - $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid ((x_1 \geq 0) \wedge (x_2 = 0)) \vee ((x_1 = 0) \wedge (x_2 \geq 0))\}$
 - empty set (e.g., $\emptyset = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid (x_1 > 1) \wedge (x_1 \leq 0)\}$)
- However, set $\{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1 = 2x_2\}$ is not rectangular

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7.3 Example of timed automaton



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7.2 Timed automaton

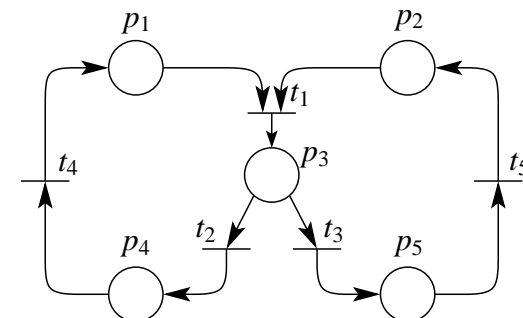
- Timed automaton is hybrid automaton with following characteristics:
 - automaton involves differential equations of form $\dot{x}_i = 1$
 - continuous variables governed by this differential equation are called “clocks” or “timers”
 - sets involved in definition of initial states, guards, and invariants are rectangular sets
 - reset maps involve either rectangular set, or may leave certain states unchanged

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8. Timed Petri nets

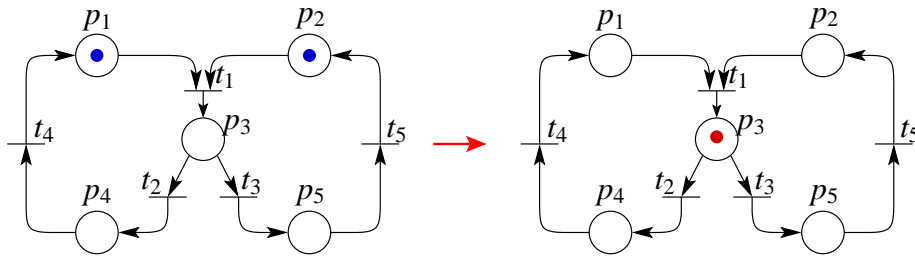
8.1 Petri nets

- Graphical representation: bipartite directed graph
 - places (circles) \rightarrow activities
 - transitions (bars) \rightarrow events, actions



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- marking → tokens are assigned to places
- execution of Petri net:
 - transition enabled if all input places ($\bullet t$) contain at least 1 token
 - enabled transition can fire:
 - * one token is removed from each input place ($\bullet t$)
 - * one token is deposited in each output place ($t \bullet$)



- synchronization & choice

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8.2 Timed Petri nets

- Untimed Petri net describes order in which events can occur, but no timing
- Timed Petri → timing, transition should be executed within certain time interval after it becomes enabled
 - discrete state variables (markings, $m_\theta(p)$)
 - continuous state variables (arrival times, $M_\theta(p)$)
- $M_\theta(p) := \{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{m_\theta(p)}\}$ with arrival times $\theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_{m_\theta(p)}$ of $m_\theta(p)$ tokens in place p
- For each transition t we define interval $[L(t), U(t)]$

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8.2 Timed Petri nets (continued)

- Transition t becomes enabled at

$$\max_{p \in \bullet t} \min M_\theta(p)$$

- Then transition t may fire at some time

$$\theta \in [\max_{p \in \bullet t} \min M_\theta(p) + L(t), \max_{p \in \bullet t} \min M_\theta(p) + U(t)]$$

provided t is enabled during whole interval

- If enabling condition is still valid at final time of firing interval, then transition is forced to fire
- Many techniques for untimed Petri nets can be extended to timed Petri nets
- However, many problems are undecidable or NP-hard

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