

University of Teheran  
January 2019

## Control sets, the control flow and relations to random systems

Fritz Colonius  
Universität Augsburg

# Introduction

We will associate to control-affine systems a continuous dynamical system which allows us to use methods from the theory of dynamical systems on metric spaces in order to obtain results on controllability properties.

Furthermore, it is shown how control sets are related to properties of certain random dynamical systems: The supports of the invariant measures for Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes (PDMP) are characterized by the invariant control sets.

# Contents

- The control flow in discrete and continuous time
- Control sets as topologically mixing sets
- Chain control sets, chain transitivity and Morse sets
- Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes
- Supports of invariant measures and control sets
- Some examples

# Discrete-time systems

Consider

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k), \quad u_k \in \Omega, \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, \dots\},$$

where  $f : M \times \Omega \rightarrow M$  is continuous on metric spaces  $M$  and  $\Omega$ .

A control function  $u$  is an element of  $\Omega^{\mathbb{N}}$  (or  $\Omega^{\mathbb{Z}}$ ), the solutions are  $\varphi(k, x, u)$ .

The **shift**  $\theta : \Omega^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \Omega^{\mathbb{N}}$  is  $\theta((u_k)_{k \geq 0}) = (u_{k+1})_{k \geq 0}$ .

Define the control flow by

$$\Phi : \Omega^{\mathbb{N}} \times M \rightarrow M, \quad \Phi(u, x) = (\theta u, f(x, u_0)),$$

with

$$\Phi^k(u, x) = (\theta^k u, \varphi(k, x, u)).$$

Then  $\varphi$  is a **cocycle**, i.e.,

$$\varphi(k + \ell, x, u) = \varphi(k, \varphi(\ell, x, u), \theta^\ell u) \quad \text{for } k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Proposition.** The shift  $\theta$  and the map  $\Phi$  define continuous dynamical systems. If  $\Omega$  is compact, also  $\Omega^{\mathbb{N}}$  is compact.

**Proof.** Compactness of  $\Omega^{\mathbb{N}}$  holds by Tychonov. Continuity of  $\theta$  follows since the sets

$$W = W_0 \times W_1 \times \cdots \times W_N \times \Omega \times \cdots \subset \Omega^{\mathbb{N}}$$

with  $W_i \subset U$  open form a subbasis of the product topology and the preimages

$$\theta^{-1}W = \Omega \times W_0 \times W_1 \times \cdots \times W_N \times \Omega \times \cdots$$

are open.  $\Phi$  is continuous by continuity of  $\theta$  and  $f$ .

# Continuous-time systems

Consider **control-affine systems**

$$\dot{x}(t) = f_0(x(t)) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i(t) f_i(x(t)),$$

$$u \in \mathcal{U} = \{u \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m) \mid u(t) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m\}$$

with trajectories  $\varphi(t, x, u)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . A special case are bilinear systems

$$\dot{x}(t) = A_0 x(t) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i(t) A_i x(t) \text{ with } A_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}.$$

Define the **shift** on  $\mathcal{U}$  by  $(\theta_t u)(s) = u(t+s)$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\Phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{R}^d, (t, u, x) \rightarrow \Phi_t(u, x) = (\theta_t u, \varphi(t, x, u))$$

is a skew product flow,

$$\varphi(t+s, x, u) = \varphi(t, \varphi(s, x, u), \theta_s u) \text{ for } t, s \in \mathbb{R},$$

hence

$$\Phi(t+s, x, u) = (\theta_{t+s} u, \varphi(t+s, x, u)) = \Phi_t \circ \Phi_s(u, x).$$

# The shift

**Proposition.** Assume that  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  is convex and compact.

(i) Then  $\mathcal{U} = \{u \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m) \mid u(t) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m\}$  is weak\* compact and metrizable in  $L^\infty = (L^1)^*$ .

(ii) The shift  $\theta$  is continuous, the periodic points are dense.

**Proof.** (i)  $\mathcal{U}$  is a convex, bounded closed subset of  $L^\infty$ , hence by Alaoglu's Theorem compact and metrizable. The periodic functions are dense: Let  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

$$\forall x \in L^1 \exists T > 0 : \int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus [-T, T]} \|x(t)\| dt < \varepsilon / \text{diam}\Omega.$$

Define  $u_p(t) = u(t)$  on  $[-T, T]$  and extend periodically. Then

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} [u(t) - u_p(t)]^\top x(t) dt \right| \leq \text{diam}\Omega \int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus [-T, T]} \|x(t)\| dt.$$

(ii) Continuity of the shift in the  $L^1$ -topology on  $\mathcal{U}$  can be shown, since the shift on  $L^1$  is continuous.

**Remark.** Da Silva and Kawan DCDS (2016) have shown that the shift on  $\mathcal{U}$  satisfies the following shadowing property:

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that for every sequence  $(u^k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $d(\theta_1 u^k, u^{k+1}) \leq \delta$  there is  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  with

$$d(\theta_k u, u^{k+1}) \leq \varepsilon.$$

If the chain  $(u^k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is periodic,  $u$  can be chosen as a periodic function.



# The Control Flow

**Theorem.** For a control affine system with compact and convex control range  $\Omega$ , the control flow

$$\Phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \times \mathbb{R}^d, (t, u, x) \rightarrow \Phi_t(u, x) = (\theta_t u, \varphi(t, x, u))$$

is continuous.

**Proof** for bilinear control systems  $\dot{x} = A_0 x + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i(t) A_i x$ :

Let  $t^n \rightarrow t^0$ ,  $u^n \rightarrow u^0$  and  $x^n \rightarrow x^0$  and abbreviate  $\varphi^n(t) = \varphi(t^n, x^n, u^n)$ .

Using Arzela-Ascoli, let  $\varphi^n(\cdot) \rightarrow \psi(\cdot)$ . Then on  $[0, t^0 + 1]$

$$\varphi^n(t) = x^n + \int_0^t A_0 \varphi^n(s) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i^n(s) A_i [\varphi^n(s) - \psi(s)] + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i^n(s) A_i \psi(s) ds$$

and by weak\* convergence  $\int_0^t \sum_i u_i^n(s) A_i \psi(s) ds \rightarrow \int_0^t \sum_i u_i^0(s) A_i \psi(s) ds$ .

Hence by Gronwall  $\psi = \varphi^0$ .

# Relations to controllability

**Definition.** A flow  $\Phi$  on a compact metric space  $X$  is **topologically mixing** if for all open  $V, W \subset X$  there is  $T > 0$  with

$$\Phi(T, V) \cap W \neq \emptyset.$$

It is topologically transitive if there is  $x \in X$  with

$$X = \omega(x) := \{y = \lim_{t_k \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t_k, x) \text{ for some } t_k \rightarrow \infty\}.$$

**Recall:** A control set  $D$  is a maximal set such that for all  $x \in D$  there is  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $\varphi(t, x, u) \in D, t \geq 0$ , and

$$D \subset \overline{\mathcal{R}(x)} \text{ for all } x \in D.$$

A point  $x$  is locally accessible if for all  $T > 0$

$$\text{int}\mathcal{R}_{\leq T}(x) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } \text{int}\mathcal{C}_{\leq T}(x) \neq \emptyset.$$

The **lift** of a control set  $D$  with nonvoid interior is

$$\text{cl} \{ (u, x) \in \mathcal{U} \times M \mid \varphi(t, x, u) \in \text{int}D \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

**Theorem.** Assume local accessibility.

- (i) The lift of a control set  $D$  with nonvoid interior is a maximal topologically mixing set for the control flow.
- (ii) Conversely, every maximal topologically mixing set whose projection to  $M$  has nonvoid interior is the lift of a control set.

**Proof.** (i) Needs a subbasis of the topology on  $\mathcal{U}$ .

(ii). Use local accessibility!

# Chain transitivity

Let  $\Phi$  be a continuous flow on a compact metric space  $X$ .

For  $\varepsilon, T > 0$  an  $(\varepsilon, T)$ -chain  $\zeta$  from  $x \in X$  to  $y \in X$  is given by

$$n \in \mathbb{N}, x_0 = x, x_1, \dots, x_n = y, T_0, T_1, \dots, T_{n-1} > T$$

such that

$$d(\Phi(T_i, x_i), x_{i+1}) < \varepsilon \text{ for all } i.$$

A set  $K \subset X$  is **chain transitive** if for all  $x, y \in K$  and all  $\varepsilon, T > 0$  there is an  $(\varepsilon, T)$ -chain from  $x$  to  $y$ .

A maximal chain transitive set is called **chain recurrent component**.

**Example.** A homoclinic orbit together with the equilibrium.

**Remark. Conley's Fundamental Theorem** implies that the control flow  $\Phi$  is gradient-like outside the maximal chain transitive sets  $\mathcal{E}_i$ .

We return to control systems.

**Definition.** A **chain control set**  $E \subset M$  is a maximal set with  
(i) for all  $x \in E$  there is  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $\varphi(t, x, u) \in E$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  
(ii) for all  $x, y \in E$  and all  $\varepsilon, T > 0$  there is a controlled  $(\varepsilon, T)$ -chain from  $x$  to  $y$  given by

$$n \in \mathbb{N}, x_0 = x, x_1, \dots, x_n = y, u_0, \dots, u_{n-1} \in \mathcal{U}, T_0, \dots, T_{n-1} > T$$

with

$$d(\varphi(T_i, x_i, u_i), x_{i+1}) < \varepsilon \text{ for all } i.$$

# Chain control sets

We return to control-affine systems

$$\dot{x}(t) = f_0(x(t)) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i(t) f_i(x(t)), \quad u \in \mathcal{U} = \{u \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m) \mid u(t) \in \Omega\}$$

with control flow

$$\Phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{U} \times M \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \times M, \quad (t, u, x) \rightarrow (\theta_t u, \varphi(t, x, u)).$$

**Theorem.** For every compact chain control set  $E$  the lift

$$\mathcal{E} := \{(u, x) \in \mathcal{U} \times M \mid \varphi(t, x, u) \in E, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is a chain recurrent component for the control flow  $\Phi$  and conversely.

For the **proof** observe that the projection of a chain transitive set for  $\Phi$  to  $M$  yields controlled  $(\varepsilon, T)$ -chains. For the converse one has to construct  $(\varepsilon, T)$ -chains in  $\mathcal{U} \times M$  from controlled  $(\varepsilon, T)$ -chains.

# Alternative characterization

A **Morse decomposition** of a flow is given by  $\{\mathcal{M}_i \mid i = 1, \dots, \ell\}$  with nonvoid, pairwise disjoint and compact isolated invariant sets s.t.

- (i)  $\forall x \in X : \omega(x), \alpha(x) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathcal{M}_i$ ;
- (ii) there are no cycles.

## Example

$$\dot{x} = x(x-1)(x-2)^2(x-3).$$

Morse decompositions are e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_1 &= \{0\} \preceq \mathcal{M}_2 = [1, 3] \\ \mathcal{M}_1 &= \{0\} \preceq \mathcal{M}_3 = \{1\} \succeq \mathcal{M}_2 = [2, 3] \\ \mathcal{M}_1 &= \{0\} \cup [2, 3] \preceq \mathcal{M}_2 = \{1\}.\end{aligned}$$

with finest Morse decomposition

$$\{0\} \preceq \{1\} \succeq \{2\} \succeq \{3\}.$$

**Theorem.** If for a flow on a compact metric space the number of chain recurrent components is finite, this corresponds to the finest Morse decomposition.

For control systems, this implies:

If the number of chain control sets in a compact invariant set is finite, this corresponds to the finest Morse decomposition of the control flow.



# Parameter dependence

Under appropriate compactness assumptions, chain control sets depend upper semicontinuously on parameters, and control sets depend lower semicontinuously on parameters (in the Hausdorff metric).

**Theorem.** Fix  $\alpha_0$  and suppose that  $D^{\alpha_0}$  is a control set such that  $\text{cl}D^{\alpha_0} = E^{\alpha_0}$  is a chain control set. Then there are control sets  $D^\alpha$  and chain control sets  $E^\alpha$  with

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_0} \text{cl}D^\alpha = \text{cl}D^{\alpha_0} = E^{\alpha_0} = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_0} E^\alpha.$$

Thus we see that abrupt changes in the behavior can be expected only if control sets and chain control sets are different.

# Chain control sets versus control sets I

Next we turn to conditions which ensure that a chain control set is the closure of a control set.

**Theorem.** Consider different control ranges  $U^\rho = \rho \cdot U$  with  $\rho \geq 0$ , and assume the following  **$\rho$ -inner-pair condition**:

For all  $x$ , all  $\rho' > \rho \geq 0$  and all  $u \in \mathcal{U}^\rho$  there is  $T > 0$  with

$$\varphi(T, x, u) \in \text{int}\mathcal{R}^{\rho'}(x).$$

Then for all but at most countably many  $\rho$ -values and all control sets

$$\text{cl}D^\rho = E^\rho.$$

Gayer (2003): The  $\rho$ -inner pair condition holds for all systems

$$\ddot{x} + g(t, x, \dot{x}) = h(t, x, \dot{x})u(t)$$

with  $g$  and  $h$   $T$ -periodic in  $t$  and  $h(t, x, \dot{x}) > 0$ .

For the proof one plans a trajectory and solves for the control  $u$ .

# Chain control sets versus control sets II

An alternative are hyperbolicity conditions for the control flow which imply the shadowing property.

FC/Du (2003), da Silva and Kawan (2016).

# Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes

Let  $E = \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  and for any  $i \in E$  let  $F^i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be a smooth ( $C^\infty$ ) vector field with corresponding flow  $\Phi_t^i(x)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

A **Piecewise Deterministic Markov Process (PDMP)** has the form  $Z_t = (X_t, Y_t)$  living on  $\mathbb{R}^d \times E$  where the continuous component  $X_t$  evolves according to a flow  $\Phi_t^i$ ; the component on  $E$  determines which of the flows  $\Phi_t^i$  is active with random switching times.

Davis (1993)

# Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes

**Choice of the flow**  $\Phi^i, i \in E = \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  on  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ : Let

$$x \mapsto Q(x) = (Q(x))_{i,j} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(m+1) \times (m+1)}$$

be continuous with  $Q(x)$  irreducible and aperiodic for all  $x$ .

# Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes

**Choice of the flow**  $\Phi^i, i \in E = \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  on  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ : Let

$$x \mapsto Q(x) = (Q(x))_{i,j} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(m+1) \times (m+1)}$$

be continuous with  $Q(x)$  irreducible and aperiodic for all  $x$ .

**Random switching times**  $T_n$ : Determined by a homogeneous Poisson process  $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with intensity  $\lambda$ , and  $U_n = T_n - T_{n-1}$ .

# Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes

**Choice of the flow**  $\Phi^i, i \in E = \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  on  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ : Let

$$x \mapsto Q(x) = (Q(x))_{i,j} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(m+1) \times (m+1)}$$

be continuous with  $Q(x)$  irreducible and aperiodic for all  $x$ .

**Random switching times**  $T_n$ : Determined by a homogeneous Poisson process  $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$  with intensity  $\lambda$ , and  $U_n = T_n - T_{n-1}$ .

**The discrete-time process**: Let  $\tilde{Z}_n = (\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{Y}_n)$  on  $M \times E$  be recursively defined by

$$\tilde{X}_{n+1} = \Phi^{\tilde{Y}_n}(U_{n+1}, \tilde{X}_n)$$

$$\mathbb{P}[\tilde{Y}_{n+1} = j \mid \tilde{X}_{n+1}, \tilde{Y}_n = i] = Q(\tilde{X}_{n+1})_{i,j}.$$

**The continuous-time process** (by interpolation):

$$Z_t = \left( \Phi^{\tilde{Y}_n}(t - T_n, \tilde{X}_n), \tilde{Y}_n \right) \text{ for } t \in [T_n, T_{n+1}].$$

# The associated deterministic control system

Recall that the flows  $\Phi^j$  are given by the vector fields  $F^i$ .

$$\dot{x} = \sum_{i=0}^m v_i(t) F^i(x), \quad t \geq 0.$$

with

$$v(t) = (v_i(t)) \in \left\{ v \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1} \mid \sum_{i=0}^m v_i = 1, v_i \in \{0, 1\} \right\}.$$

Up to closure, the trajectories of this system coincide with those of the control-affine system

$$\dot{x} = F^0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i(t) [F^i(x) - F^0(x)]$$

with controls taking values in

$$\Omega = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \leq 1, u_i \in [0, 1] \right\}.$$



# A Decisive Lemma for PDMP

## Lemma

For all  $T > 0, x \in M, i \in E, \delta > 0$  and every trajectory  $\varphi(\cdot, x, u)$  of the control system one finds for start in  $x$  and  $i \in E$  that there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}_{x,i} \left[ \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|X_t - \varphi(t, x, u)\| \leq \delta \right] \geq \varepsilon.$$

Benaïm, Le Borgne, Malrieu and Zitt (2015)

In the terminology of Arnold and Kliemann (1983) this is a **tube lemma** connecting the stochastic system and the control system.

# A consequence of the tube lemma

## Corollary

Let  $C$  be an invariant control set with nonvoid interior and let  $x \in M$  with  $\overline{\mathcal{R}(x)} \cap C \neq \emptyset$ .

Then there are  $T > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  with

$$\mathbb{P}_{x,i} [X_T \in \text{int}C] \geq \varepsilon \text{ for all } i \in E.$$

This follows since then  $x$  can be steered into the interior of  $C$  in finite time.

# Characterization of the supports of invariant measures for Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes (PDMP)

## Theorem

Assume that the control system is locally accessible on a compact positively invariant set  $M$ .

- (i) Then for every ergodic measure  $\mu$  of the process  $(Z_t)$  there is a compact invariant control set  $C$  with  $\text{supp}\mu = C \times E$ .
- (ii) Conversely, let  $C$  be a compact invariant control set. Then there exists an ergodic measure  $\mu$  with support equal to  $C \times E$  and every invariant measure with support contained in  $C \times E$  has support equal to  $C \times E$ .

This is also true for the discrete-time process  $(\tilde{Z}_n)$ .

# Convergence Rate for PDMP

## Theorem

Assume that for some  $x$  in a compact invariant control set  $C$  the Lie algebra  $\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}(F^0, \dots, F^m)$  has full rank at  $x$ .

Then there is a unique invariant measure  $\mu$  with  $\text{supp}\mu = C \times E$  (hence  $\mu$  is ergodic) and there are  $c > 0$  and  $0 < \rho < 1$  such that for all  $(x, i) \in C \times E$  and  $A \subset C$

$$|\mathbb{P}_{x,i}[\tilde{Z}_n \in A] - \mu(A)| \leq c\rho^n, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

# An Example: Lotka-Volterra model with hunting and resting

The model:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \alpha x \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right) x - \beta xy \\ \dot{y} &= -\beta xy + \gamma(L - y)\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{1}{\beta}$  corresponds to the hunting time of the predator  $y$ ,

$\frac{1}{\gamma}$  corresponds to the resting time of the predator  $y$ ,

normalized via  $\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = 1$ .

Coexistence and extinction as hunting (and resting) time undergoes random fluctuations.

Horsthemke, Lefever (84), FC, de la Rubia, Kliemann (96)

# The Lotka-Volterra model as a PDMP

The model:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \alpha x \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right) x - \beta xy \\ \dot{y} &= -\beta xy + \gamma(\beta)(L - y)\end{aligned}$$

with the normalization  $\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma(\beta)} = 1$ . For

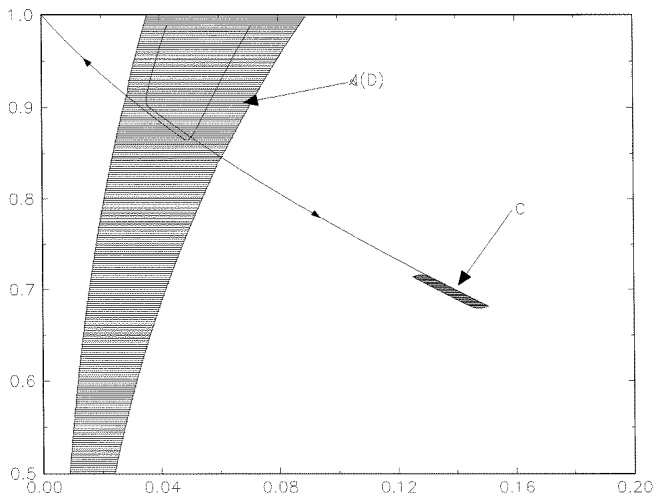
$$K = 0.5, L = 1.0, \alpha = 4.0, \beta > 4.0$$

the rectangle  $[0, K] \times [0, L]$  is invariant and the fixed points are  $(0, L)$  (stable), an unstable and a stable fixed point.

Let  $\beta$  switch randomly between  $\beta = 4.1$  and  $\beta = 4.2$ . Thus  $E = \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}F^0 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right) x - 4.1xy \\ -4.1xy + \gamma(4.1)(L - y) \end{bmatrix}, \\ F^1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha x \left(1 - \frac{1}{K}\right) x - 4.2xy \\ -4.2xy + \gamma(4.2)(L - y) \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Two invariant measures with supports given by  $\{(0, L)\}$  and  $C$ .



Other (more realistic) Lotka-Volterra systems with random switching have been analyzed in detail by

Benaïm and Lobry, Lotka-Volterra with randomly fluctuating environments or “How switching between beneficial environments can make survival harder”,

Annals of Applied Probability (2016).

A survey is:

Probabilistic and Piecewise Deterministic models in Biology,  
Cloeze, Dessalles, Genadot, Malrieu, Marguet, Yvinec

ESAIM (2017)



# PDMP for a particle in a double well potential

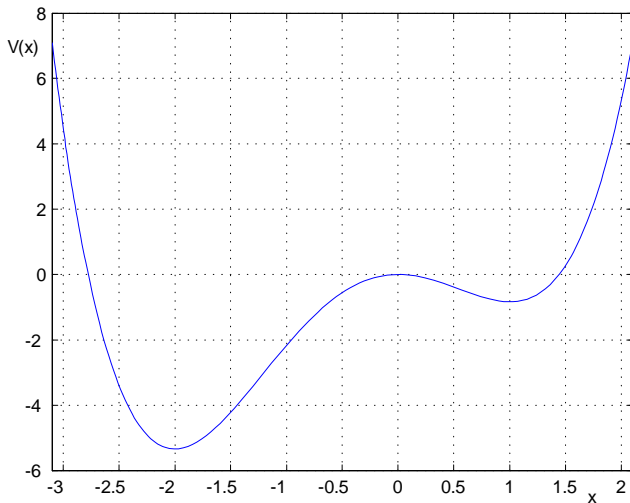
Consider

$$\ddot{x} + \gamma \dot{x} + \frac{dV}{dx}(x) = 0$$

with

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 - 2x^2 \pm \rho x$$

# PDMP for a particle in a double well potential



$V(x)$  with  $\rho = 0$

# PDMP with a double well potential

$$\dot{x} = y$$

$$\dot{y} = -\gamma y - x(2x^2 + 2x - 4) \pm \rho$$

with  $\gamma = 0.1$  and random switching between  $\pm\rho$ . Here  $E = \{0, 1\}$  and

$$F^0 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -\gamma y - x(2x^2 + 2x - 4) + \rho \end{bmatrix},$$

$$F^1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -\gamma y - x(2x^2 + 2x - 4) - \rho \end{bmatrix}.$$

The associated control system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ -\gamma y - x(2x^2 + 2x - 4) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ u(t) \end{bmatrix}, u(t) \in [-\rho, \rho].$$

# PDMP with a double well potential

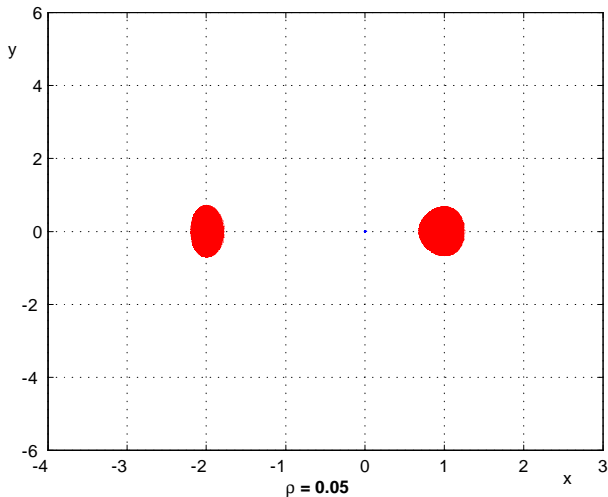
For  $\rho = 0.05$  there are two invariant control sets  $C_1^{0.05}$  and  $C_2^{0.05}$  that contain the stable fixed points  $(1, 0)$  and  $(-2, 0)$ , respectively, of the uncontrolled equation and one non-invariant control set  $D^{0.05}$  containing the hyperbolic fixed point  $(0, 0)$  of the uncontrolled equation.

Increasing the control range, one finds that the control sets  $C_1^{\rho_0}$  and  $D^{\rho_0}$  merge for some  $\rho_0$  close to 0.085 and form one variant control set.

This determines the number of invariant measures for the PDMP and their supports.

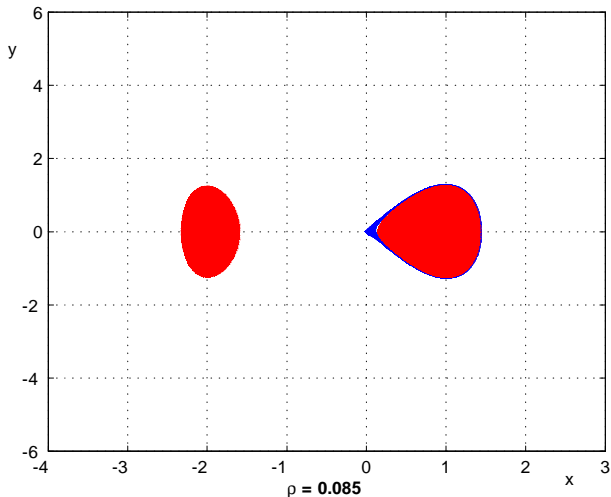
Computations: Tobias Gayer with GAIO

# Bifurcations: PDMP with a double well potential



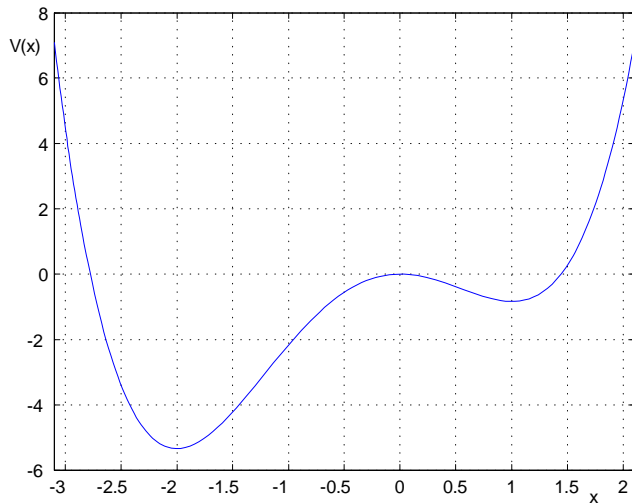
Supports of two invariant measures

# PDMP with a double well potential

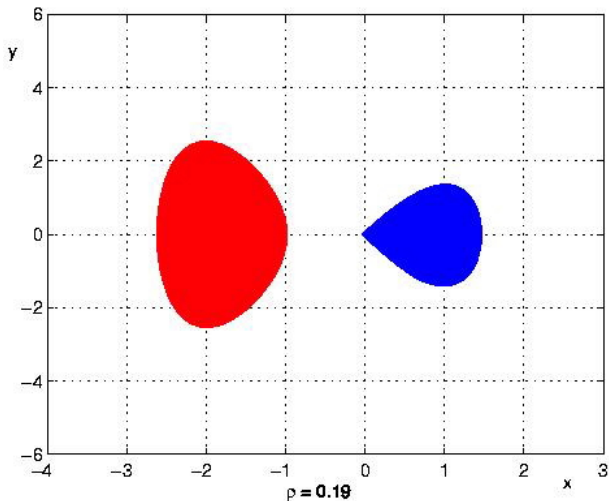


Supports of two invariant measures

# PDMP with a double well potential



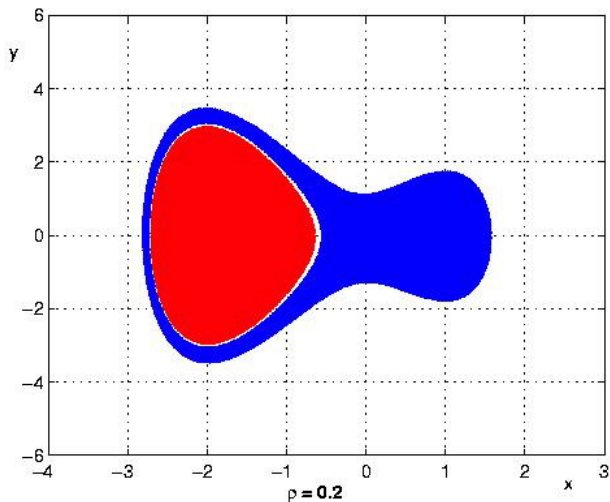
# Bifurcations: PDMP with a double well potential



Support of a single invariant measure (in red)

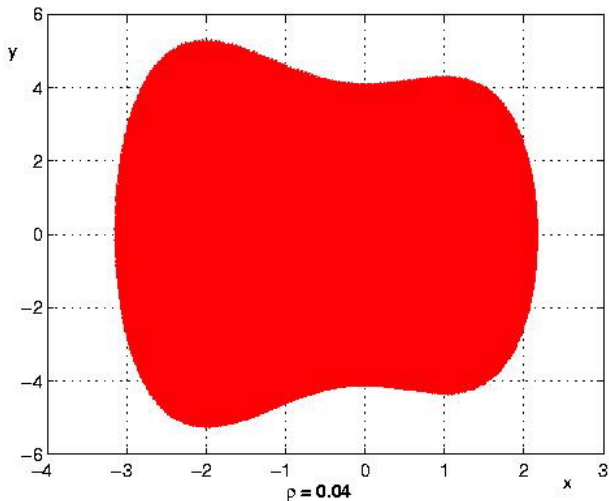


# Bifurcations: PDMP with a double well potential



Support of a single invariant measure (in red)

# Bifurcations: PDMP with a double well potential



Support of a single invariant measure (in red)

# Final Remarks

The concept of control flow allows us to consider the theory of (open loop) control systems as a chapter in the theory of dynamical systems. The control term can also be interpreted as a deterministic perturbation. As a random perturbation, one obtains that for Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes (with continuous trajectories) the supports of the invariant measures can be characterized by controllability properties. Similar (older) results hold for degenerate Markov diffusions.

In general, PDMP may also allow random jumps. Although control systems allowing discontinuous trajectories have been analyzed in the literature, their controllability properties are apparently unknown.

## Some references

M. Benaïm, F. Colomius, R. Lettau, Supports of invariant measures for piecewise deterministic Markov processes, *Nonlinearity* 30 (2017), 3400-3418.

M. Benaïm and C. Lobry, Lotka-Volterra with randomly fluctuating environments or “How switching between beneficial environments can make survival harder”, *Annals of Applied Probability* (2016).

F. Colomius, W. Kliemann, *The Dynamics of Control*, Birkhäuser 2000.

Cloez, Dessalles, Genadot, Malrieu, Marguet, Yvinec, Probabilistic and piecewise deterministic models in biology, *ESAIM* (2017)