Principles for computing viability kernels and resilience values

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Introduction



• Control a dynamical system such that

- Viability perspective: it survives inside a given set of admissible states
- Resilience perspective: it maintains or restores its property of interest lost after disturbances
- State x(t), controls u(t)

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = \varphi(x(t), u(t)), \text{ for all } t \ge 0\\ u(t) \in U(x(t)) \subset \mathbb{R}^q \end{cases}$$
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Specific framework

- Viability theory (Aubin)
- Tool: viability algorithm (Saint-Pierre)
- First step: viability kernel approximation
 - But the algorithm suffers the dimensionality curse, in the state and control space
- Second step: compute the resilience values
- Third step: control the system

Idea: sum up the set of points by a function

Introduction SVMs

Support vector machines (SVMs)

- Classification method
 - Inputs: training set, *n* points with labels +1/-1
 - Outputs: linear combination $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y_i k(x, x_i) + b$

Particular solution

- α_i : influence of a point on the solution \rightarrow parsimonious
- $k(x, x_i)$ (virtually) maps the points on a feature space
- non-linear solution in the input space

$$k(x, x_i) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-x_i\|^2}{\sigma}\right)$$



Objectives

- Viability kernel and resilience values approximation algorithms
 - in a high (?) state space
 - in a high control space
- Compact and fast controllers

View points

- Theoretical
- Practical

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- 1. SVMs viability kernel approximation
- 2. Viability kernels active learning
- 3. Approximating capture basins with SVMs
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- Simple example of a population growth in a limited space
- Dynamical system

$$\begin{cases} p(t+dt) = p(t) + p(t)y(t)dt\\ y(t+dt) = y(t) + u(t)dt \end{cases}$$
(2)



- $u \in [-u_{max}, u_{max}]$



How controlling a dynamical system such that it always remains in K ?

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Viability kernel approximation with a classification method

- Iterative algorithm, based on the Saint-Pierre algorithm
- Discretization de K
- Learning set, contains the grid points with labels
 - +1 if the point is viable at the next iteration
 - -1 otherwise

Theorem

Under some conditions on the learning quality and on the dynamics, the algorithm gives an approximation that converges towards the actual kernel when the grid resolution tends to 0



SVMs as a classification procedure: pros

- Allows one to use a optimization method (gradient descent) to find a viable control
- Allows one to work with several time steps at the same time
- The SVMs function can be defined as a controller
- The solution is parcimonious: less points in memory?



• Labels update

Saint-Pierre

Exhaustive test of the discretized controls



with SVMs



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Optimization to find a viable control



Extension to j time steps

Progressive approximation of the viability kernel



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SVMs viability kernel approximation Application example

Progressive approximation of the viability kernel

• State space in 2 dimensions, 2601 points, 6 time steps



• 12 iterations, 19 SV

SVMs viability kernel approximation SVMs viability heavy controller

SVMs viability heavy controller

- Same control u_0 until the next state reaches $f(x) < \Delta$
- Find a viable control, using a gradient descent on f
- More or less cautious controller, anticipating on several time steps

SVMs viability kernel approximation SVMs viability heavy controller

Controller example (5 steps anticipation)



SVMs viability kernel approximation Conclusion (1)

Conclusion [Viability kernel approximation]

- Use of SVMs to approximate a viability kernel
 - defines compact controllers
 - allows one to deal with problems on high control space (thanks to the control optimization)
 - doesn't allow to deal with problems on high state space (discretization of the state space)

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Viability kernels active learning Definitions

- active learning: limits the number of points to label / the training set size
 - label points is costly
 - the grid size is exponential with the dimension
 - learning a SVM function is quadratic with the training set size
- We use the parsimonious property of the SVMs

- Aim: use a number of points close to the number of SVs
- We progressively add the points the more likely to be SVs (in couple)
- Question: which points to chose? \rightarrow we focus on the boundary
- We use a virtual multi-resolution grid

In action

• Multi-resolution grid of depth 3



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Viability kernels active learning Conclusion (2)

Conclusion [Active learning]

- Allows one to limit the size of the training set size
 - but the approximation time is still exponential
 - produces a fast and compact controller

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Approximating capture basins with SVMs A simple example: the car on the hill

- The car has to reach as fast as possible the top of the hill, while staying in a given state space
- Dynamical system

$$\begin{cases} p(t+dt) = p(t) + v(t)dt\\ v(t+dt) = v(t) + f(u(t))dt \end{cases}$$
(3)

- Under constraints
 − p ∈ [p_{min}, p_{max}]
 - $v \in [v_{min}, v_{max}]$
 - $u \in [-u_{max}, u_{max}]$



Approximating capture basins with SVMs Définition

- Capture basin at time t_{Max}: set of initial states that can reach the target before time τ ≤ t_{Max}, while staying in K
- Algorithm: addition of one dimension, the time au'=-1
- Approximation of the viability kernel of the extended system, with $K \times [0, t_{Max}]$

$$-if x \notin C \quad F_C(x,\tau) = \begin{cases} x'(t) = F(x(t), u(t)) \\ \tau'(t) = -1 \end{cases}$$
(4)
$$-if x \in C \quad F_C(x,\tau) = 0$$

Approximating capture basins with SVMs Algorithm

Approximation algorithm in the initial state space

- Iterative algorithm, based on the viability kernel algorithm
- Initialization: +1 if $x \in C$, -1 otherwise
- Learning set: points of the grid with label
 - +1 if there exists a control that will lead the point to the current target at the next time step
 - -1 otherwise

Approximating capture basins with SVMs Algorithm

Theorem [outer approximation]

Under some conditions on the learning quality and on the dynamics, the algorithm provides a capture basin approximation that converge towards the actual capture basin when the resolution of the grid tends to 0

Theorem [inner approximation]

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• 2 dimension state space, grid of 5041 points, 8 time steps



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• Capture basin active learning

• Optimal control from the inner approximation



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Approximating capture basins with SVMs Conclusion (3)

Conclusion [Capture basin approximation]

- Two versions of the algorithm
 - allows one to define a controller that guarantee to reach the target
 - allows one to work in high dimensional control space
 - doesn't allows one to deal with high dimensional state space



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Resilience computation Extension of the capture basin algorithm

Extension to resilience values computation

- Definition [Martin] : inverse of the restoration cost of the properties of interest lost after disturbances
- Property of interest: viability constraint set
- Under some conditions, we can use the capture basin approximation algorithm
 - target: viability kernel
 - set of states that can go back to the target with a cost $c \leq c_{\max}$

Progressive inner approximation of the resilience values



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Conclusion - In practice

How to obtain a good approximation?

- Know your system and dynamics! especially the speed of the dynamics, in order to define good time step, grid size, dt etc.
- Especially with the resilience computation

How to know if I can rely on my approximation?

• Use the controller! Starting from several starting points, you can produce a trajectory that remains inside the kernel + leaves ${\cal K}$



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