

2D system example (Deep Reach)

Problem Setup:

1. system dynamics: $\dot{x} = v_x, \dot{y} = v_y$
2. control bounds: $\|v_x, v_y\| \leq 0.5$
3. Compute the BRT where the target set is a circle of radius 0.75 around the origin. x in $[-2, 2]$, y in $[-2, 2]$
4. target set represents (a) goal states (b) unsafe states

(a) BRT in this case is defined as:

$$\mathcal{R}(T) = \{x_0 : \exists u, \text{ s.t. } x(\cdot) \text{ satisfies } \dot{x} = f(x, u), x_0 = x(0); \\ \exists t \in [0, T], \text{ s.t. } x(t) \in \mathcal{L}\}$$

$$\text{Target set is } \mathcal{L} = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 0.75^2\}$$

Define target function $\ell(x, y)$ s.t. $\mathcal{L} = \{(x, y) : \ell(x, y) \leq 0\}$
(usually, define $\ell(x, y)$ as a signed distance function to \mathcal{L})

$$\ell(x, y) = \|x, y\| - 0.75$$

The hamiltonian is $H = \min_u \{\nabla V(x(t), t) \cdot f(x, u, t)\}$

Compute H analytically, let $\mathbf{p} = \langle p_1, p_2 \rangle$ be the spacial gradient of the value function w.r.t. x and y . $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_x, v_y \rangle$. Then

$H = \min_u \{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{v}\}$ where \mathbf{v} needs to satisfy the control bounds.

Because $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{p}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos(\theta)$, the hamiltonian is minimized when

(1) \mathbf{v} is in the opposite direction of \mathbf{p}

(2) $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 0.5$ as upper bounded by the control bounds.

Now, $\theta = -\pi \Rightarrow \cos(\theta) = -1$

So, $H = -0.5\|\mathbf{p}\|$

(b) BRT in this case is defined as:

$$\mathcal{R}(T) = \{x_0 : \forall u, \text{ s.t. } x(\cdot) \text{ satisfies } \dot{x} = f(x, u), x_0 = x(0); \\ \exists t \in [0, T], \text{ s.t. } x(t) \in \mathcal{L}\}$$

The target set and target function remain the same as (a).

The hamiltonian is $H = \max_u \{\nabla V(x(t), t) \cdot f(x, u, t)\}$

For similar arguments in (a), H can be computed analytically.

Now, $\cos(\theta) = 1$, the corresponding $H = 0.5\|\mathbf{p}\|$

With the closed-form hamiltonians, we are able to compute BRTs for both cases using deep reach.