# Formally Verifying an Algorithm Based on Interval Arithmetic for Checking Transversality

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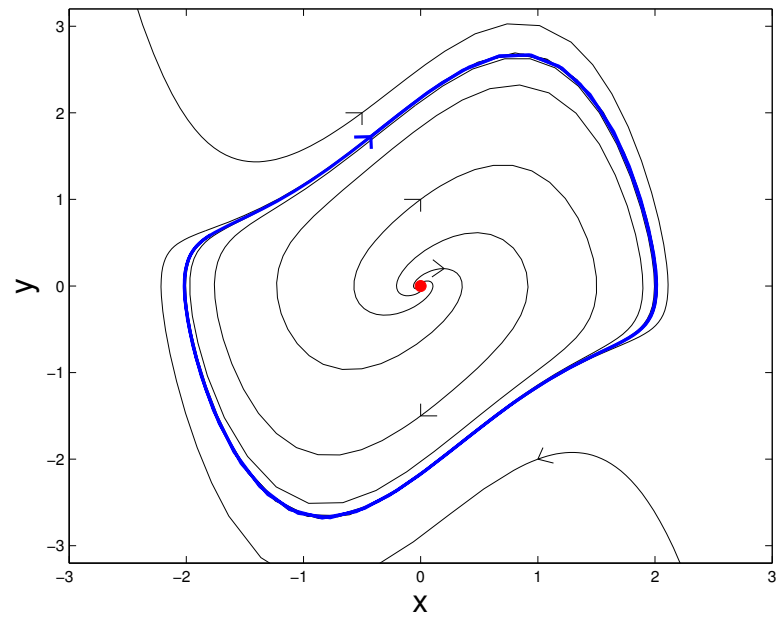
# Motivation

- Differential equations widely used in sciences.
- No general analytical techniques are available.
  - Resort to numerics (imprecisions may arise).
- Want "rigorous" numerics (proofs).
  - Algorithms need to be correct.
  - Implementation needs to be correct.
- ACL2 well-suited for program verification.
- This work started as a Formal Methods class project.

# Differential Equations

Example:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -x + \mu(1 - x^2)y \end{cases}$$

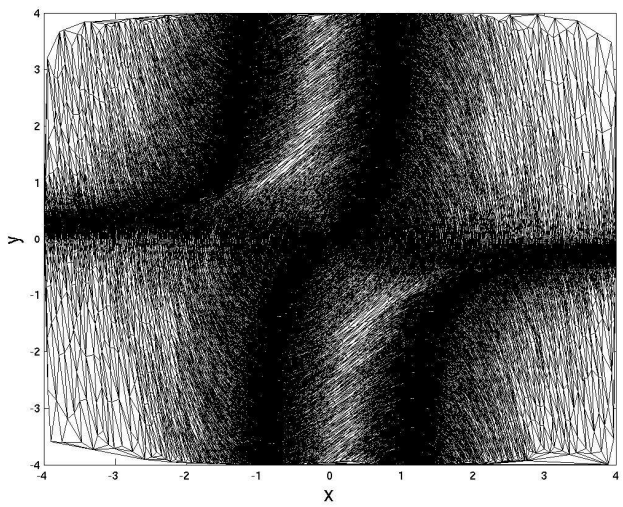



- Analysis: Is there a periodic orbit?, . . . .
- Standard approach: numerics on grids.
  - Numerical errors make this unsound.
  - Want soundness: every claim is true.

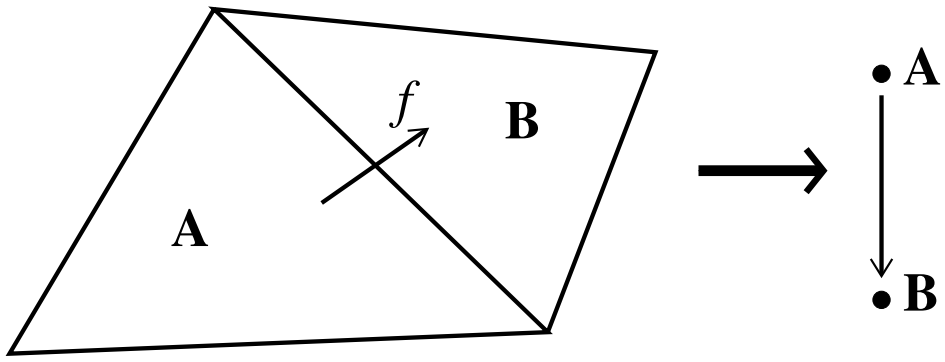
# Polygon Based Algorithm

- An approach that uses numerics but is sound.

**Triangulation**



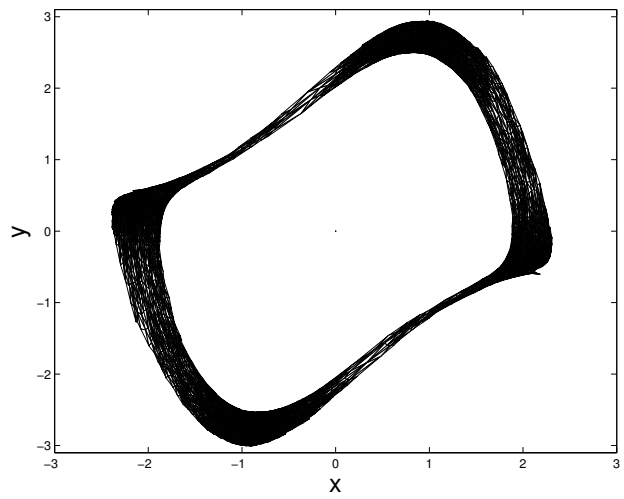

**Directed graph**




- Need transversality.

# Polygon Based Algorithm 2

**Strongly connected components**

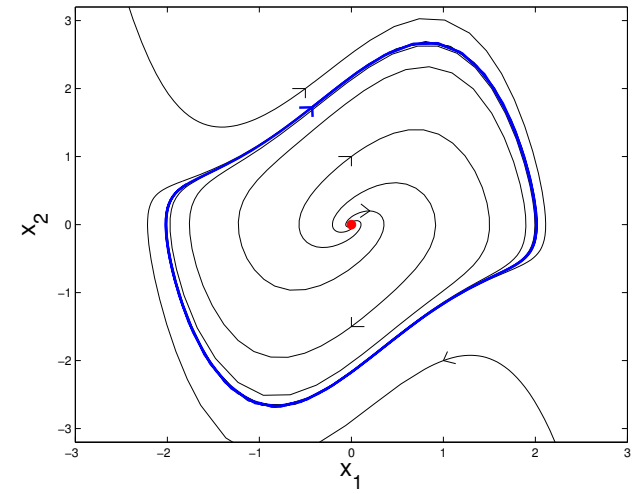



- Transversality ⇒ proofs (via *Conley Index*).

# Polygon Based Algorithm 3

- Conley Index provides dynamics.
- Strengths:
  - Results are guaranteed to be correct.
  - Use numerics, get proofs.
  - Get qualitative dynamics info, not single orbits.
- Limitations:
  - Not guaranteed to capture all interesting dynamics.
  - Only captures dynamics in a given region.

# Mathematical Definitions




- $\dot{x} = f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
  *(Differential equation)*
- $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ *(Flow)*
- $S$ is *Invariant* iff $S = \varphi(\mathbb{R}, S)$
- $Inv(N, \varphi) := \{x \in N \mid \varphi(\mathbb{R}, x) \subseteq N\}$
  *(Maximal invariant set)*
- $N$ is an *Isolating neighborhood* iff
  $Inv(N, \varphi) \subseteq Int(N)$ and $N$ compact
- $N$ is *Isolating block* iff
  $\langle \forall x \in \partial N, t > 0 :: \varphi((-t, t), x) \not\subseteq N \rangle$

# Mathematical Definitions 2

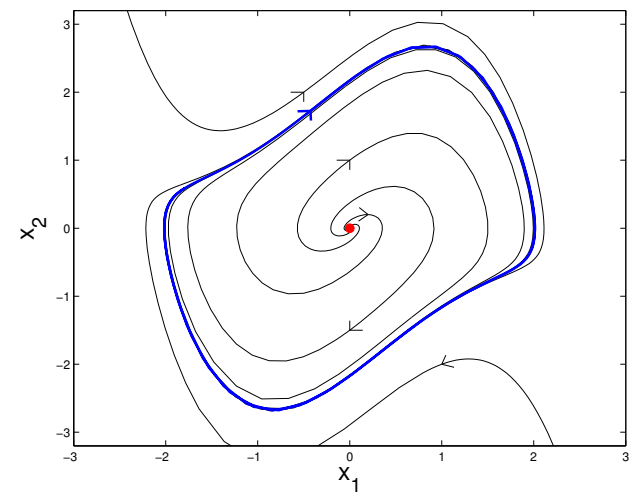
- For $x \in \partial N$, $\varphi((-t,t),x) \not\subseteq N$ is equivalent to:

  $f(x) \cdot n(x) \neq 0$ *(transversality condition)*, where $n(x)$ is the *normal vector* to $\partial N$ at $x$.

- $N^- := \{x \in N \mid \forall t > 0, \varphi((0,t),x) \not\subseteq N\}$ *(Immediate Exit Set)*.

- If $N$ is an isolating block, then $CH_*(N) := H_*(N, N^-)$ *(Conley Index)*.

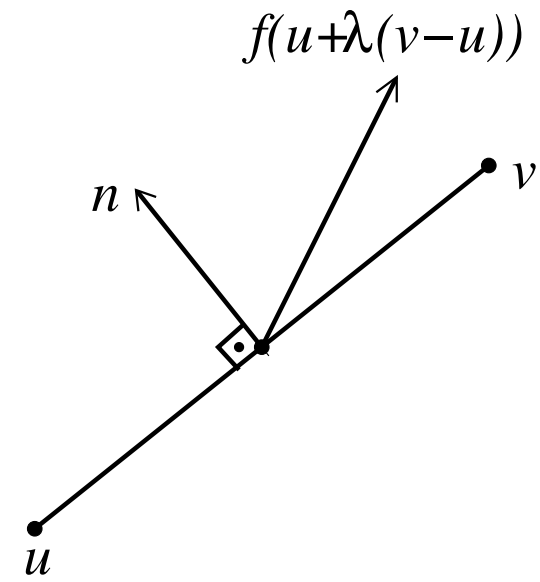
- $H_*(N, N^-)$ denotes the *Relative homology groups*.



# Transversality

Need

$$n \cdot f(u + \lambda(v - u)) \neq 0$$
$$\forall \lambda \in [0, 1].$$




- Numerics need to be rigorous.
  - Only place rigorous numerics required.
- Need to check infinitely many points.
- Interval arithmetic solves both problems.

# Interval Arithmetic

- We define interval arithmetic as follows:

$$[x_1, x_2] + [y_1, y_2] := \{x + y \mid x \in [x_1, x_2], y \in [y_1, y_2]\}$$

- Equivalently,

$$[x_1, x_2] + [y_1, y_2] = [x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2]$$

- Implementation:

$$[x_1, x_2] + [y_1, y_2] \subseteq [x_1, x_2] \boxplus [y_1, y_2]$$

- Similarly for $-$, $\times$, $\div$

# Interval Arithmetic in ACL2

```
(defun intervalp (x1 x2)
  (and (real/rationalp x1)
       (real/rationalp x2)
       (<= x1 x2)))

(defun in (x x1 x2)
  (and (real/rationalp x)
       (intervalp x1 x2)
       (<= x1 x)
       (<= x x2)))
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```
(encapsulate
 (((i+ * * * *) => (mv * *)))

 (local (defun i+ (x1 x2 y1 y2)
                 ... ))

 (defthm i+_ok
   (implies (and (in x x1 x2)
                 (in y y1 y2))
            (mv-let (z1 z2)
                    (i+ x1 x2 y1 y2)
                    (in (+ x y) z1 z2)))))
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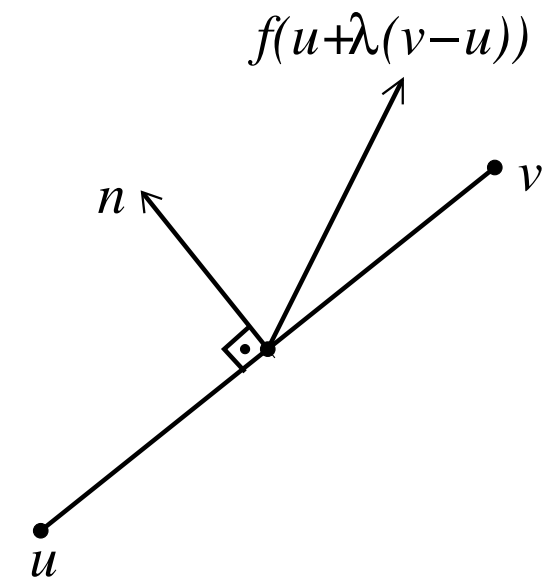
# Transversality Check

$$g(\lambda) := n \cdot f(u + \lambda(v - u))$$




- Need to show $\langle \forall \lambda \in [0,1] :: g(\lambda) \neq 0 \rangle$.
- Try to show $0 \notin g([0,1])$?
  - $g([0,1])$ may be too large.
- Partition $[0,1]$ and show $0 \notin g([\lambda_i, \lambda_{i+1}])$ for each subinterval.

# ACL2 Implementation

```
(encapsulate
 (((vec_fld * *) => (mv * *))
  ((i_vec_fld * * * *) => (mv * * * *)))

 (local (defun vec_fld (x y)
              ... ))

 (local (defun i_vec_fld (x1 x2 y1 y2)
              ... ))

(defthm vec_fld_ok
  (implies (and (in x x1 x2) (in y y1 y2))
           (mv-let (u1 u2 w1 w2) (i_vec_fld x1 x2 y1 y2)
             (mv-let (u w) (vec_fld x y)
               (and (in u u1 u2) (in w w1 w2))))))
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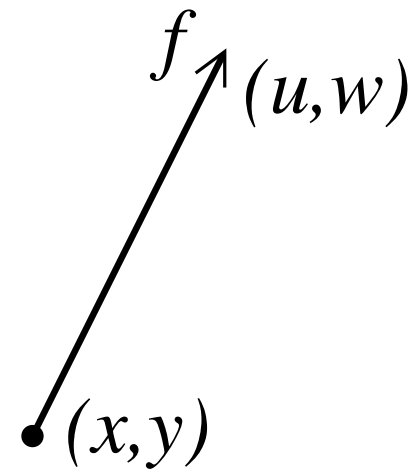

# ACL2 Implementation 2

```
(defun dot (x y u v)
  (+ (* x u) (* y v)))

(defun i_dot (x1 x2 y1 y2 u1 u2 v1 v2)
  (mv-let (p11 p12) (i* x1 x2 u1 u2)
    (mv-let (p21 p22) (i* y1 y2 v1 v2)
      (mv-let (d1 d2) (i+ p11 p12 p21 p22)
        (mv d1 d2)))))

(defthm i_dot_ok
  (let ((idot (i_dot x1 x2 y1 y2 u1 u2 v1 v2)))
    (implies (and (in x x1 x2) (in y y1 y2)
                  (in u u1 u2) (in v v1 v2))
             (in (dot x y u v) (nth 0 idot) (nth 1 idot)))))
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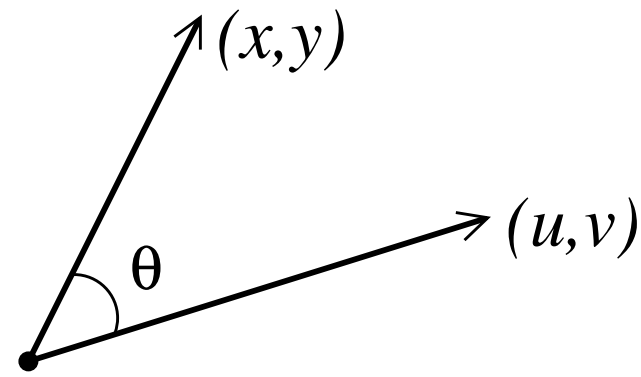

# ACL2 Implementation 3

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(defun perp (x y)
  (mv (* -1 y) x))

(defun i_perp (x1 x2 y1 y2)
  (mv-let (ny1 ny2) (i* -1 -1 y1 y2)
    (mv ny1 ny2 x1 x2)))

(defun normal_vec (u1 u2 v1 v2)
  (mv-let (w1 w2) (perp (- v1 u1) (- v2 u2))
    (mv w1 w2)))

(defun i_normal_vec (u1 u2 v1 v2)
  (mv-let (x1 x2) (i- v1 v1 u1 u1)
    (mv-let (y1 y2) (i- v2 v2 u2 u2)
      (mv-let (w11 w12 w21 w22) (i_perp x1 x2 y1 y2)
        (mv w11 w12 w21 w22)))))
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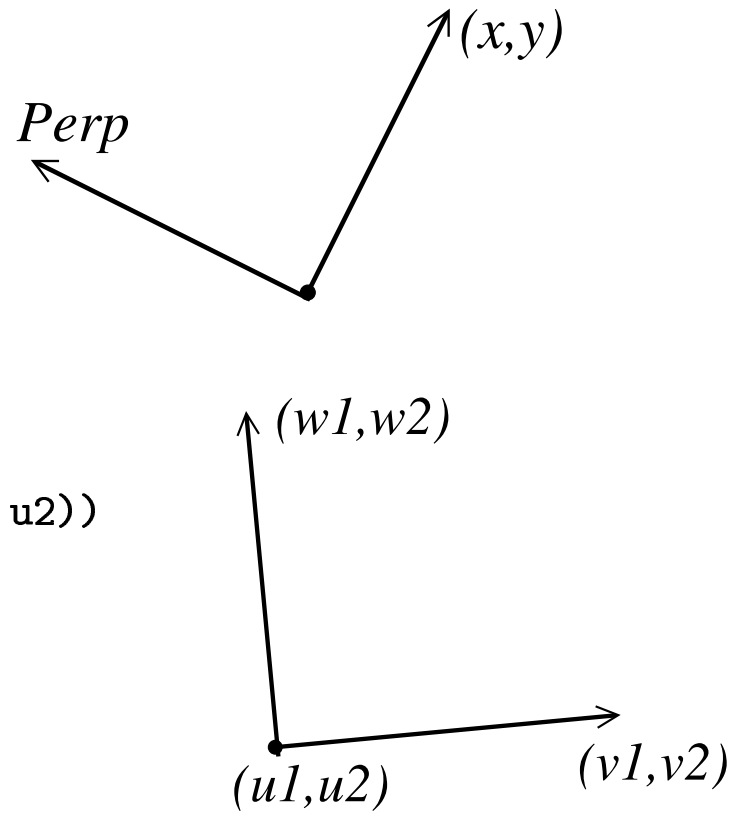

# ACL2 Implementation 4

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(defun check_trans_lbda (u1 u2 v1 v2 lbda)
  (and (real/rationalp u1)
       (real/rationalp u2)
       (real/rationalp v1)
       (real/rationalp v2)
       (in lbda 0 1)
       (mv-let (n1 n2)
               (normal_vec u1 u2 v1 v2)
               (mv-let (y1 y2)
                       (edge_lbda u1 u2 v1 v2 lbda)
                       (mv-let (f1 f2)
                               (vec_fld y1 y2)
                               (not (equal (dot f1 f2 n1 n2)
                                           0)))))))

(defun i_check_trans_lbda (u1 u2 v1 v2 l1 l2)
  ... )
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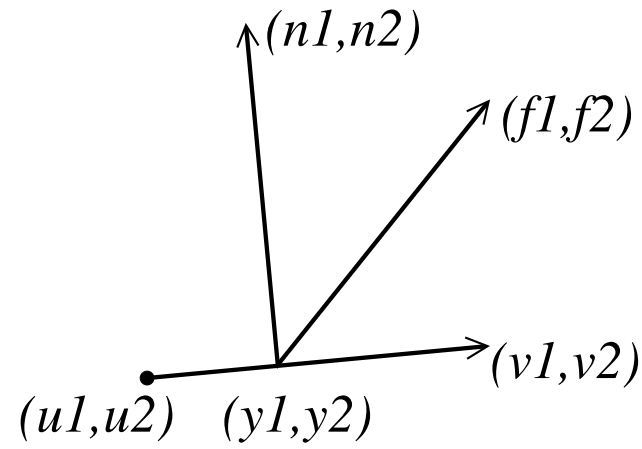

# ACL2 Implementation 5

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(defthm edge_trans_f
  (implies (and (in lbda 0 1)
                (unit-partition l)
                (real/rationalp-hyps u1 u2 v1 v2)
                (i_check_trans u1 u2 v1 v2 l))
           (check_trans_lbda u1 u2 v1 v2 lbda)))

(defun real/rationalp-hyps (u1 u2 v1 v2)
  (and (real/rationalp u1) (real/rationalp u2)
       (real/rationalp v1) (real/rationalp v2)))

(defun i_check_trans (u1 u2 v1 v2 l)
  (if (endp (cddr l))
      (i_check_trans_lbda u1 u2 v1 v2 (car l) (cadr l))
    (and (i_check_trans_lbda u1 u2 v1 v2 (car l) (cadr l))
         (i_check_trans u1 u2 v1 v2 (cdr l)))))
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# Conclusions

- Use ACL2 to analyze differential equations.
- Algorithm produces proofs.
- Use numerics to check transversality, but proofs needed: interval arithmetic.
- Formalized interval arithmetic in ACL2.
- Verified transversality algorithm in ACL2.

# Future Work

- Incorporate interval arithmetic in ACL2 and ACL2(r).
  - Produce proofs via computation.
  - Allow computing with reals.
- Generalize to higher dimensions.
  - We only treated the 2 dimensional case.
- Implement and verify the program in ACL2.
  - We can then *run* the verified code.
  - Trust this much more than C implementation.