

Elgersburg Lectures – March 2010

Lecture I

MODELS and BEHAVIORS

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Answer: As a subset of a universum of possible events.

This subset = the outcomes which the model allows,
= the **behavior.**

The aim of this lecture is to develop this mathematical formalism, with the behavior as the central concept.

Outline

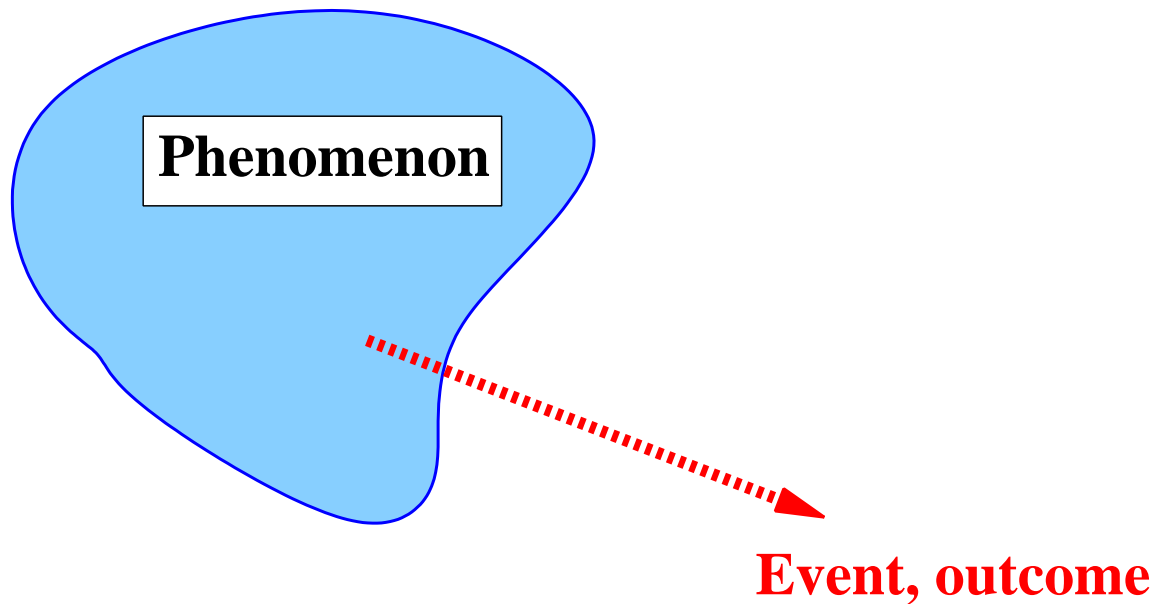
- ▶ **Mathematical models**
- ▶ **The universum and the behavior**
- ▶ **Dynamical systems**
- ▶ **Properties of dynamical systems**
- ▶ **Linear time-invariant differential systems (LTIDSs):
systems described by linear constant-coefficient ODEs**
- ▶ **Other sets of independent variables**

Mathematical models

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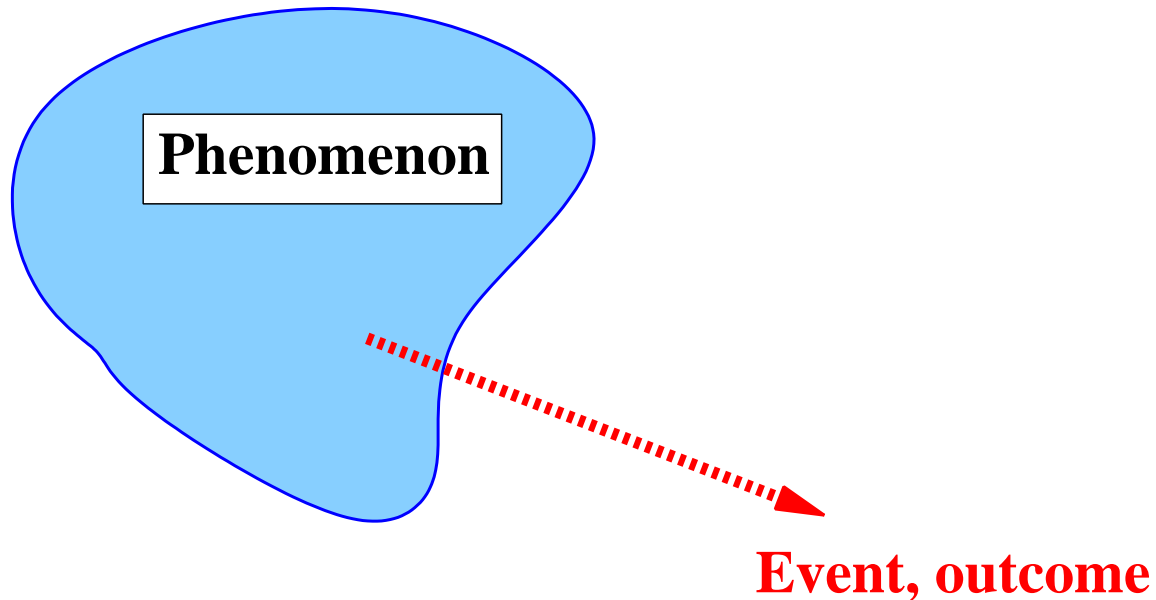
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We view a **deterministic** model for the phenomenon as a prescription of which events **can** occur, and which events **cannot** occur.

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Modeling therefore means that certain events are declared impossible, that they cannot occur.

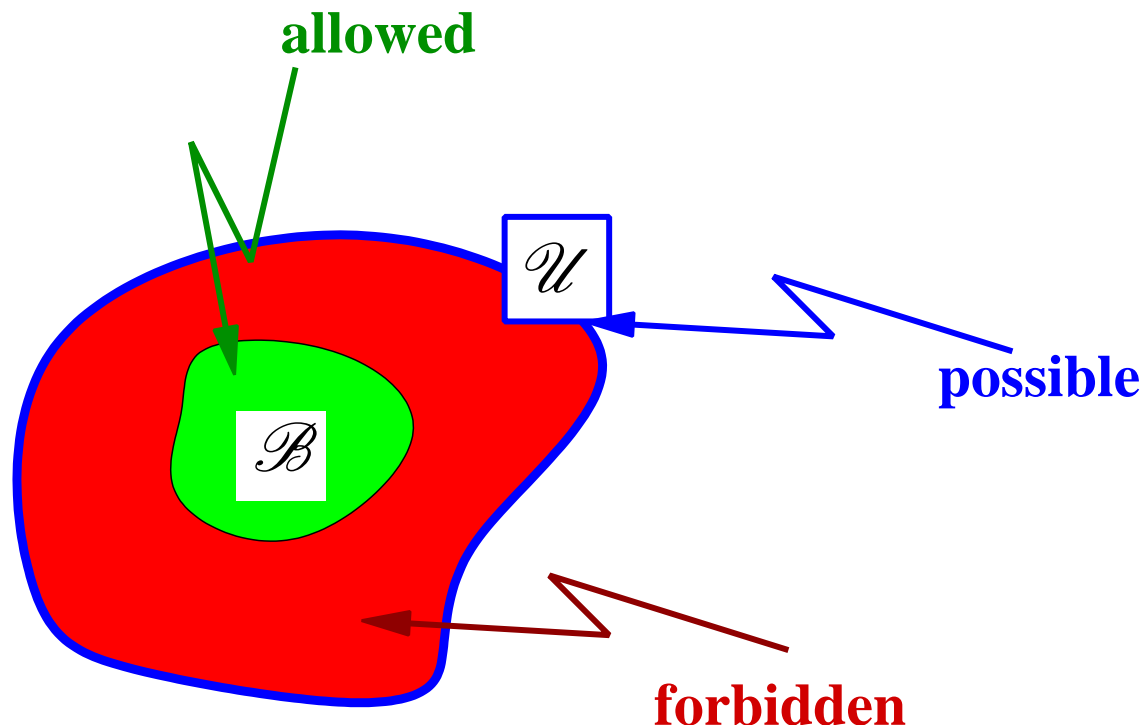
The possibilities that remain constitute the 'behavior' of the model, and is denoted by \mathcal{B} .

The behavior

A *mathematical model* $:\Leftrightarrow$ a pair $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{B})$
with

\mathcal{U} the universum of events

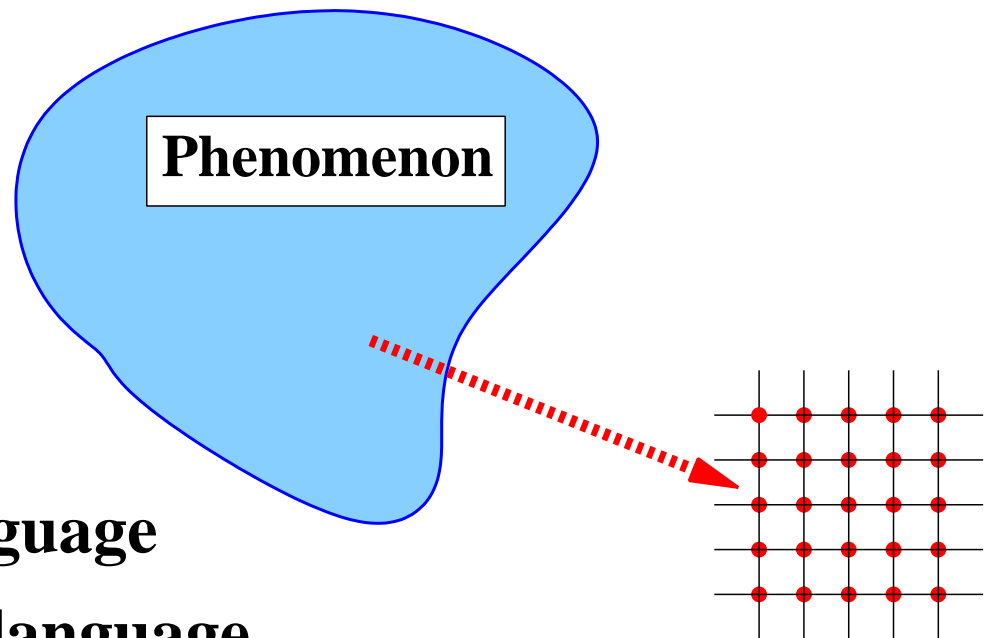
$\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ the behavior of the model



Examples

Discrete event phenomena

If \mathcal{U} is a finite set, or strings of elements from a finite set, we speak about **discrete event systems** (DESs).



Examples:

- ▶ Words in a natural language
- ▶ Sentences in a natural language
- ▶ DNA sequences
- ▶ \LaTeX code

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Specifying \mathcal{B} is a complicated matter, involving grammars.

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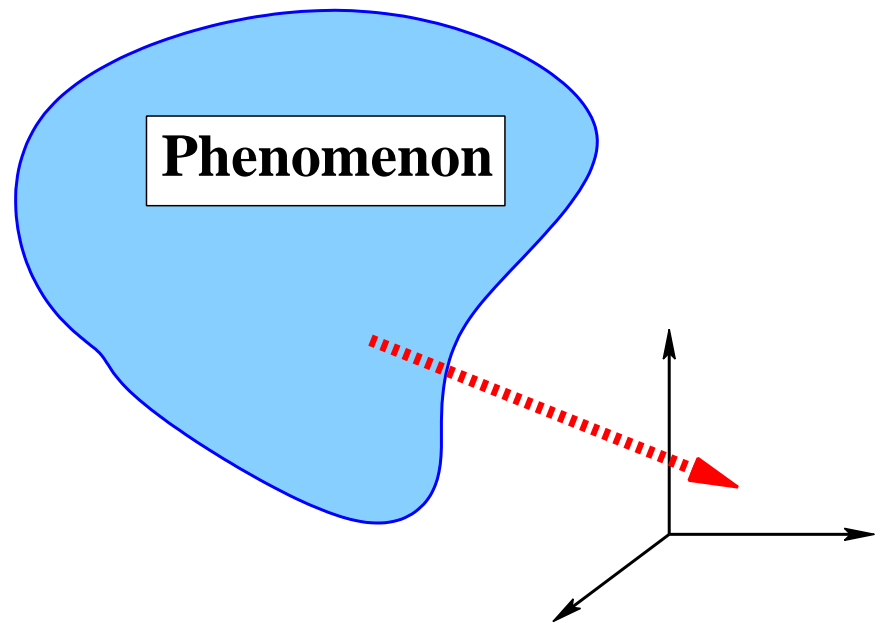
$$\mathbb{A} = \{A, G, C, T\}, \quad \mathcal{U} = \mathbb{A}^*, \quad \mathcal{B} = ???$$

▶ L_AT_EXcode

$\mathcal{B} =$ all L_AT_EXfiles that ‘compile’.

Continuous phenomena

If \mathcal{U} is a (subset of) a finite-dimensional real (or complex) vector space, we speak about **continuous models.**



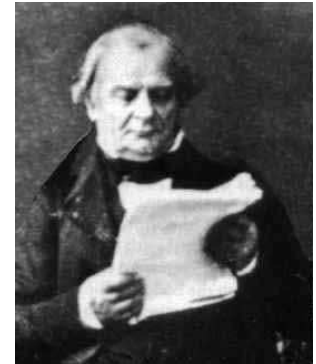
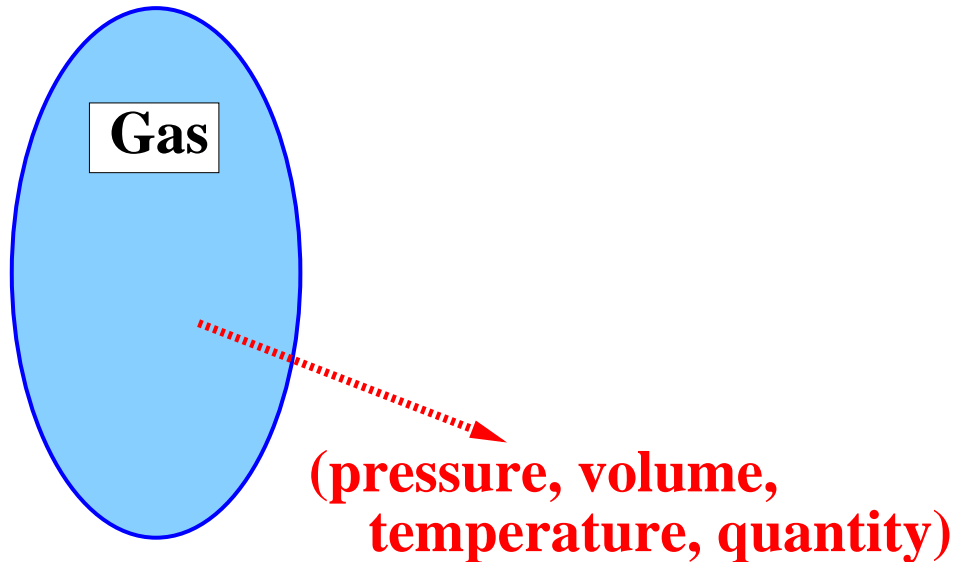
Examples:

- ▶ The gas law
- ▶ A spring
- ▶ The gravitational attraction of two bodies
- ▶ A resistor

Continuous phenomena

▶ The gas law

Event: pressure, volume, temperature, quantity of a gas in a vessel.



Benoît Clapeyron
1799–1864

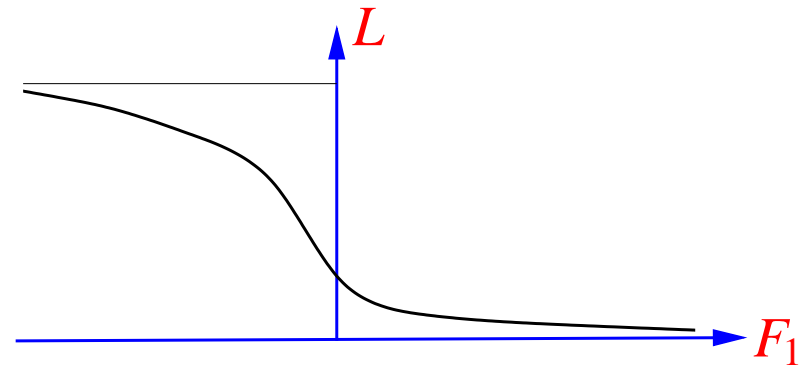
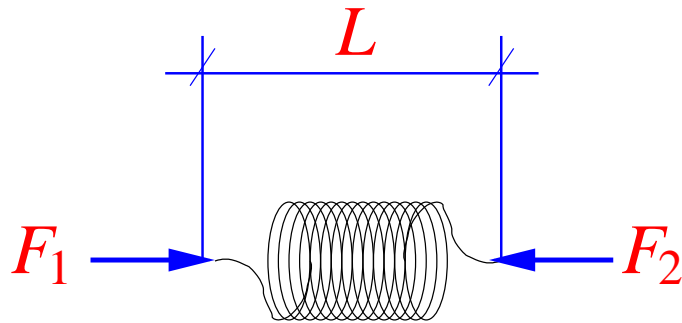
$$\mathcal{U} = [0, \infty)^4; \mathcal{B} = \{(P, V, T, N) \in [0, \infty)^4 \mid PV = NT\}.$$

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Continuous phenomena

► A spring

Event: (force F_1 , force F_2 , length L).



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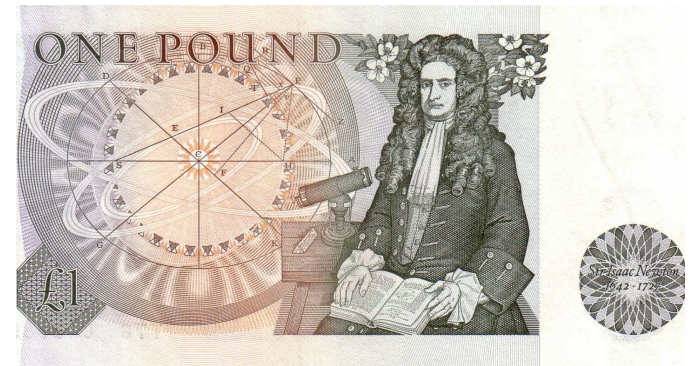
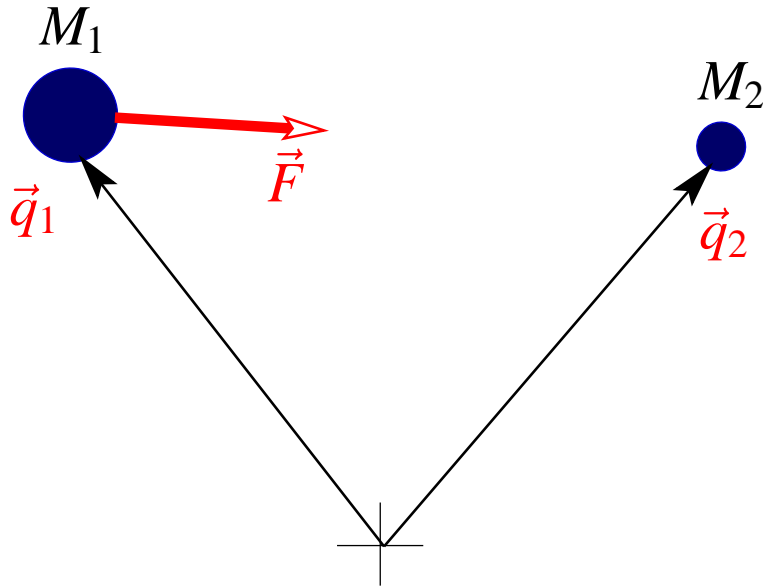
$$\mathcal{B} = \{(F_1, F_2, L) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty) \mid F_1 = F_2, L = \rho(F_1)\}.$$

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Event: (position \vec{q}_1 , position \vec{q}_2 , force \vec{F}).



Isaac Newton (1643–1727)

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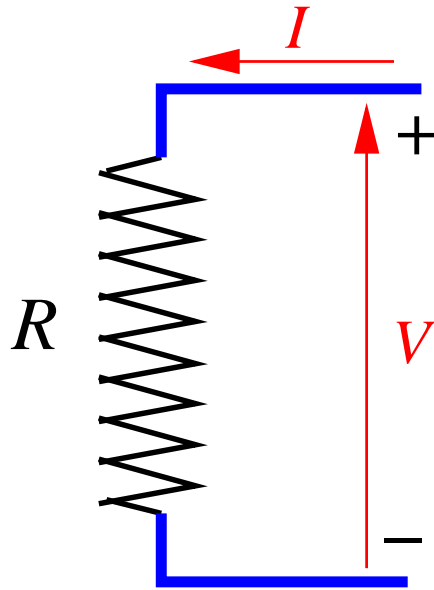
$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ (\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \vec{F}) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \vec{F} = \frac{M_1 M_2 \vec{1}(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1)}{|\vec{q}_1 - \vec{q}_2|^2} \right\}.$$

Continuous phenomena

▶ A resistor

Event: (voltage V , current I).

Throughout, we take the current positive when it runs *into* the circuit, and we take the voltage positive when it goes *from higher to lower* potential.



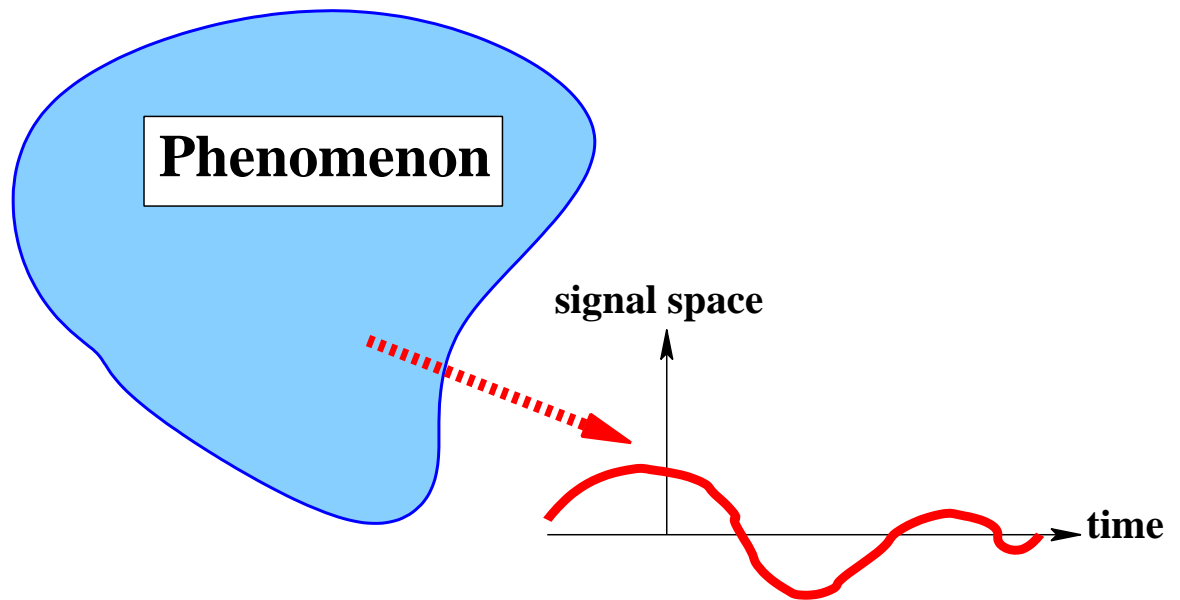
Georg Ohm
(1789–1854)

$$\mathcal{U} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{(V, I) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid V = RI\} \text{ (Ohm's law)}$$

Dynamical phenomena

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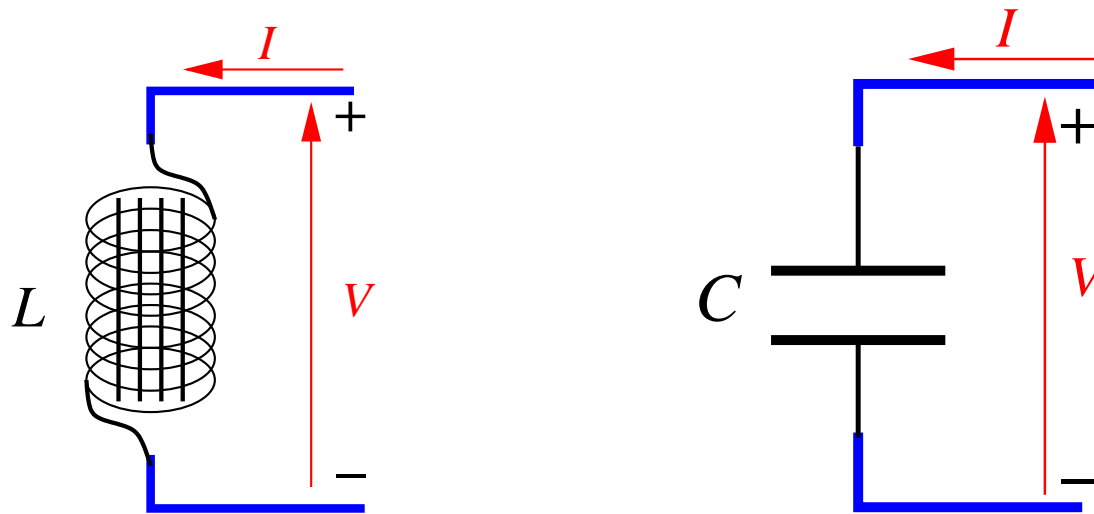
Examples:

- ▶ Inductors, capacitors
- ▶ Kepler's laws
- ▶ Newton's second law

Dynamical phenomena

► Inductors and capacitors

Event: voltage and current as a function of time.



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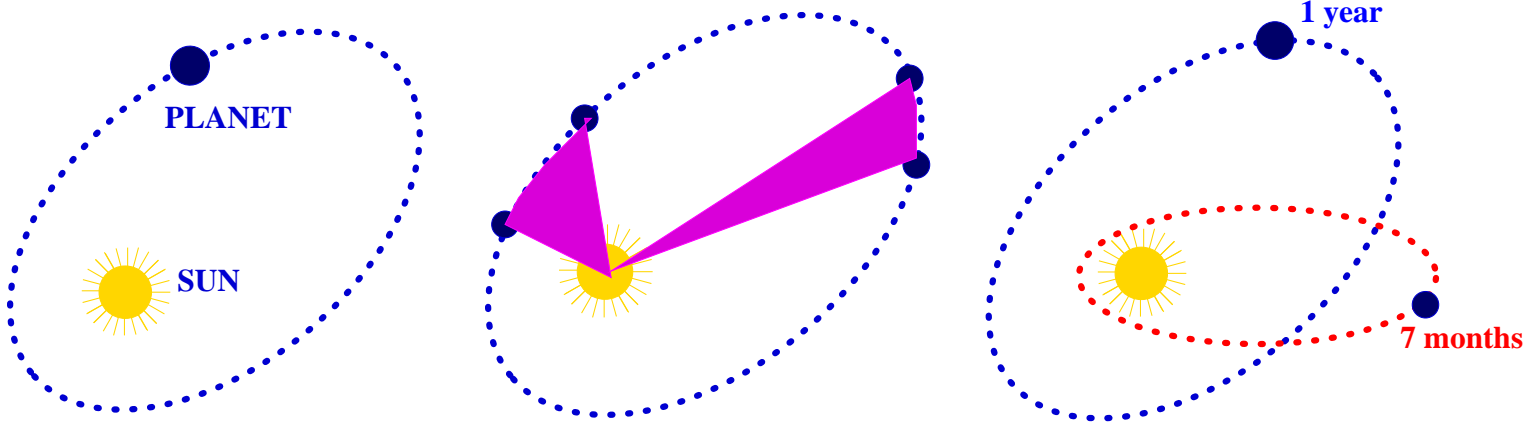
$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ (V, I) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid L \frac{d}{dt} I = V \right\} \text{ (inductor),}$$

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Dynamical phenomena

► Kepler's laws

Event: the position of a planet as a function of time.



K1: ellipse, sun in focus,
K2: equal areas in equal times,
K3: square of the period
= third power of major axis

$$\mathcal{U} = (\mathbb{R}^3)^{\mathbb{R}};$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{ \vec{q} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \text{K1, K2, \& K3 hold} \}.$$

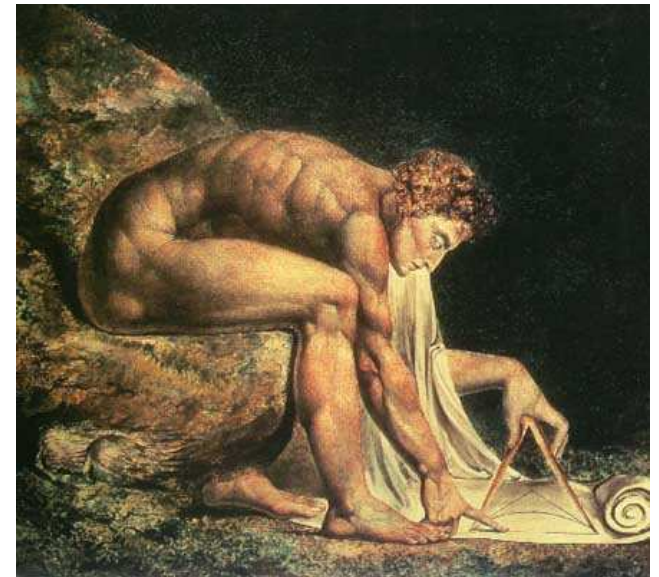
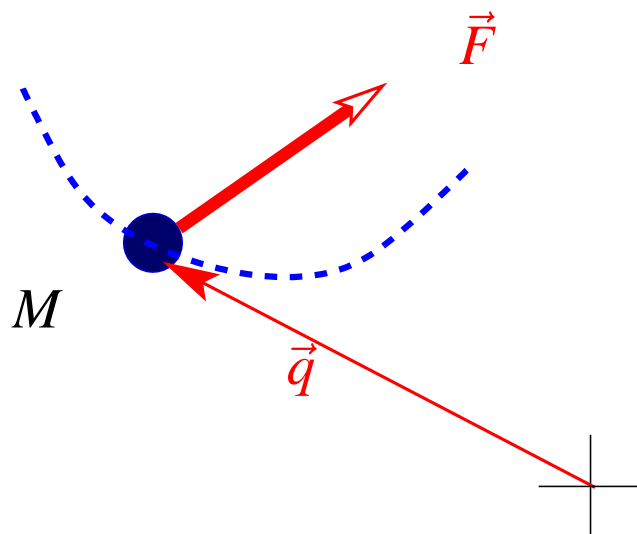


Johannes Kepler
(1571–1630)

Dynamical phenomena

► Newton's second law

Event: the position of a pointmass and the force acting on it, both as a function of time.



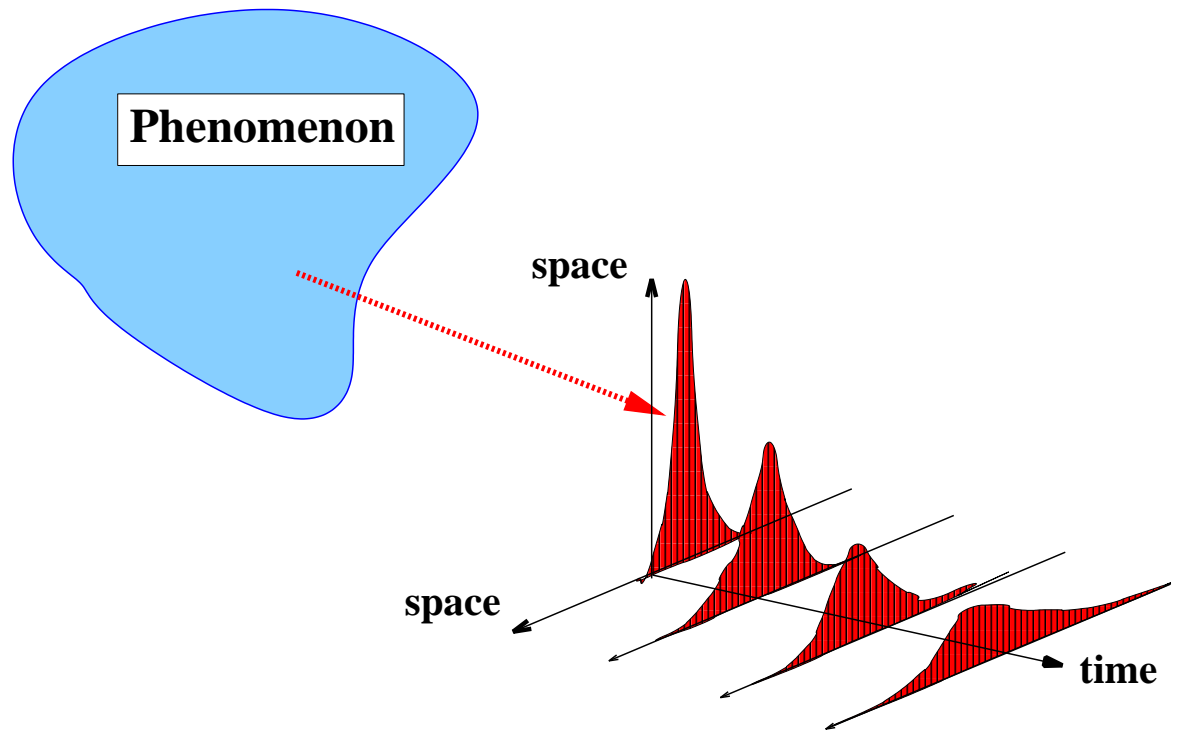
Newton painted by William Blake

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Distributed phenomena

If \mathcal{U} is a set of functions of space and time, we speak about **distributed parameter systems.**



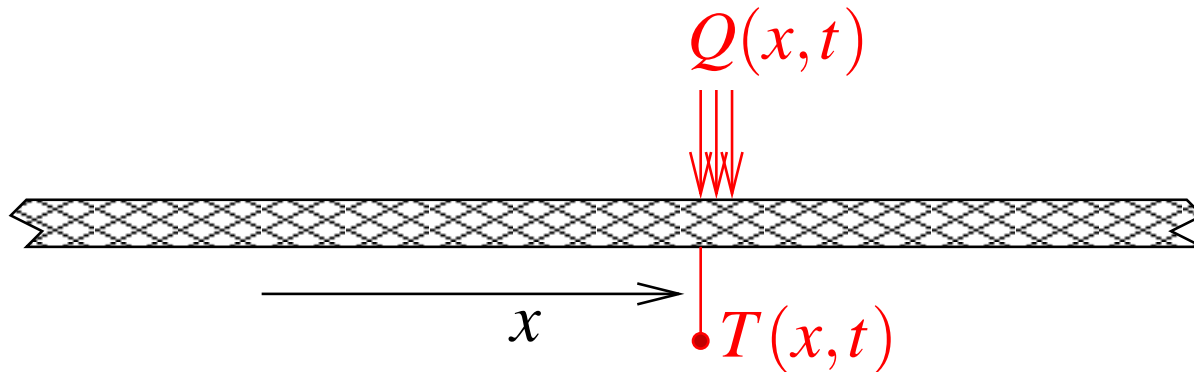
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Distributed phenomena

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Event: temperature and heat flow
as a function of time and space.



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Distributed phenomena

► Maxwell's equations

Event: electric field, magnetic field, current density, charge density as a function of time and space.



James Clerk Maxwell
(1831–1879)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}, \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0, \\ c^2 \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{E}.\end{aligned}$$

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| **Maxwell's equations are satisfied** }.

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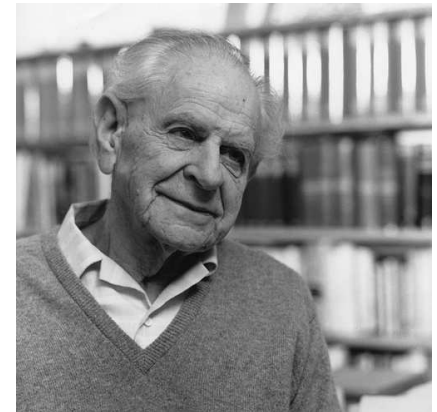
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*Every 'good' scientific theory is prohibition:
it forbids certain things to happen.
The more it forbids, the better it is.*



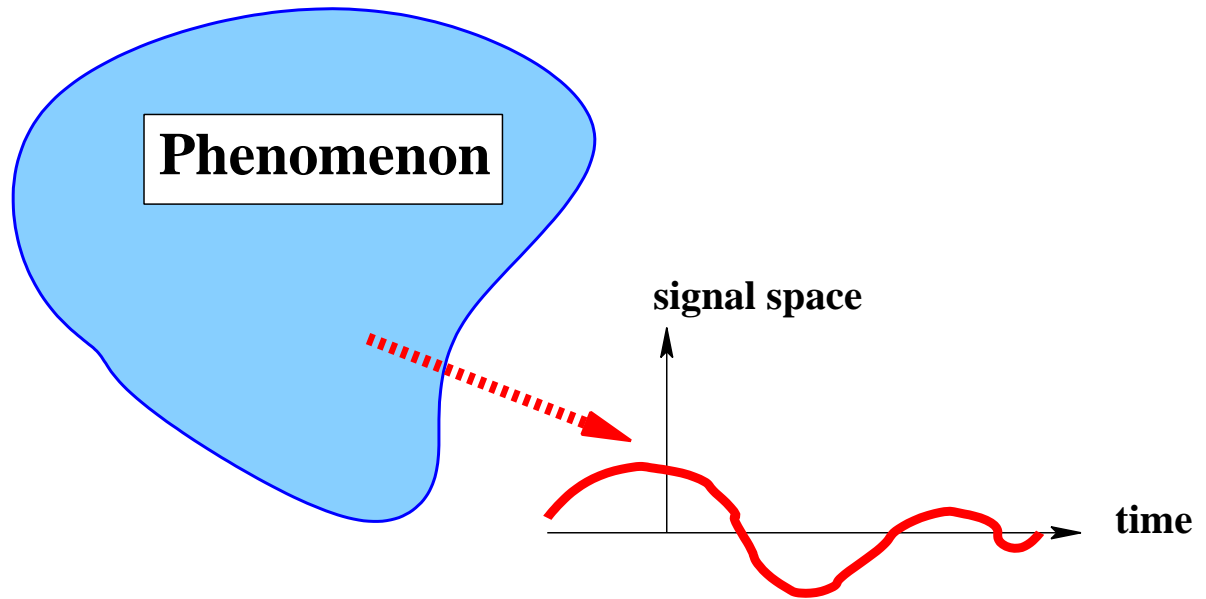
Karl Popper (1902-1994)

Replace 'scientific theory' by 'mathematical model'.

Dynamical systems

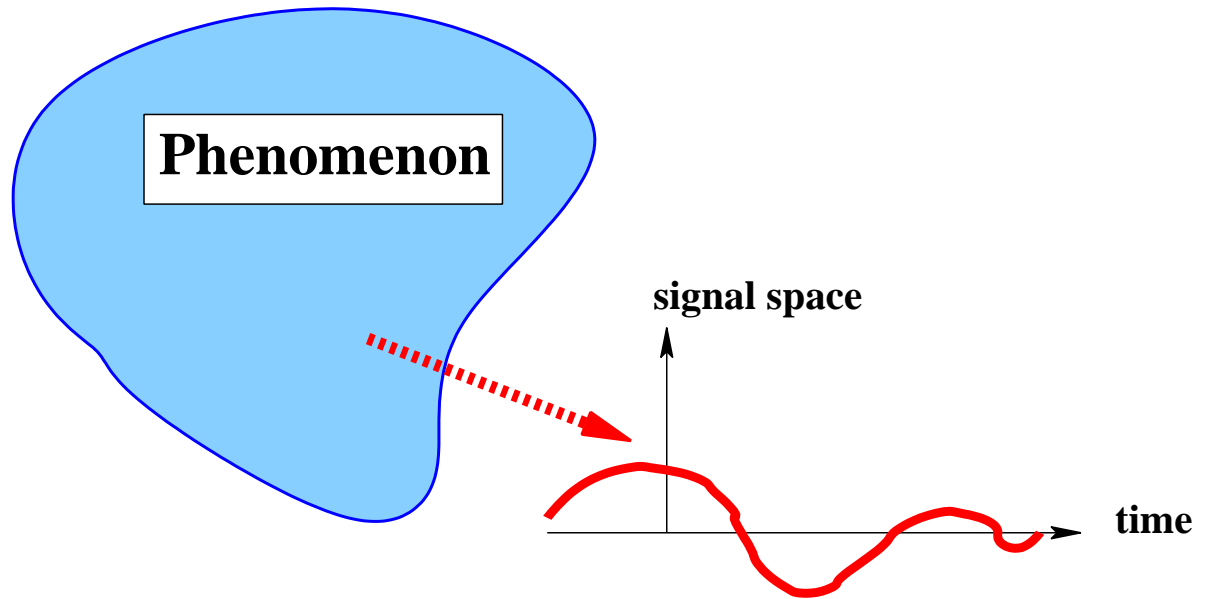
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It is convenient to distinguish, in the notation, the domain of the event maps, the **time set**, and the codomain, the **signal space**, that is, the set where the functions take on their values.

The dynamic behavior

Definition: A dynamical system $:\Leftrightarrow (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$, with

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Mostly, $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty), \mathbb{Z}$, or $\mathbb{N} := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$,

$\mathbb{W} =$ (a subset of) \mathbb{R}^w , for some $w \in \mathbb{N}$,

\mathcal{B} is then a family of trajectories taking values
in a finite-dimensional real vector space.

$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{R}_+ \rightsquigarrow$ ‘continuous-time’ systems,

$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ or $\mathbb{N} \rightsquigarrow$ ‘discrete-time’ systems.

Dynamical systems described by differential equations

Consider the ODE

$$f \left(w, \frac{d}{dt}w, \frac{d^2}{dt^2}w, \dots, \frac{d^n}{dt^n}w \right) = 0, \quad (*)$$

with

$$f : \mathbb{W} \times \underbrace{\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{W}} \times \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{W}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{W}}}_{\text{n times}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\bullet}, \quad \mathbb{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{W}}.$$

Some may prefer to write

$$f \circ \left(w, \frac{d}{dt}w, \frac{d^2}{dt^2}w, \dots, \frac{d^n}{dt^n}w \right) = 0,$$

instead of (*), but we leave the \circ notation to puritans.

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This ODE defines the dynamical system $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$, with

$\mathcal{B} = \{w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}, \text{ sufficiently smooth} \mid$

$$f \left(w(t), \frac{d}{dt}w(t), \frac{d^2}{dt^2}w(t), \dots, \frac{d^n}{dt^n}w(t) \right) = 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

‘Sufficiently smooth’: for example $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{W})$,
but other solution concepts may be appropriate ...

Examples

▶ **Inductor:** $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^2$, $f : (V, I, \frac{d}{dt}V, \frac{d}{dt}I) \mapsto V - L \frac{d}{dt}I$.

▶ **Capacitor:** $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^2$, $f : (V, I, \frac{d}{dt}V, \frac{d}{dt}I) \mapsto C \frac{d}{dt}V - I$.

▶ **Newton's second law:**

$$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3,$$

$$f : (\vec{F}, \vec{q}, \frac{d}{dt}\vec{F}, \frac{d}{dt}\vec{q}, \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\vec{F}, \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\vec{q}) \mapsto \vec{F} - M \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\vec{q}.$$

Properties of dynamical systems

Linearity and time-invariance

The dynamical system $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$ is said to be

linear : \Leftrightarrow

\mathbb{W} is a vector space (over the field \mathbb{F}) and

$$\llbracket w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } \alpha \in \mathbb{F} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket w_1 + \alpha w_2 \in \mathcal{B} \rrbracket.$$

Linearity \Leftrightarrow the **'superposition principle'** holds.

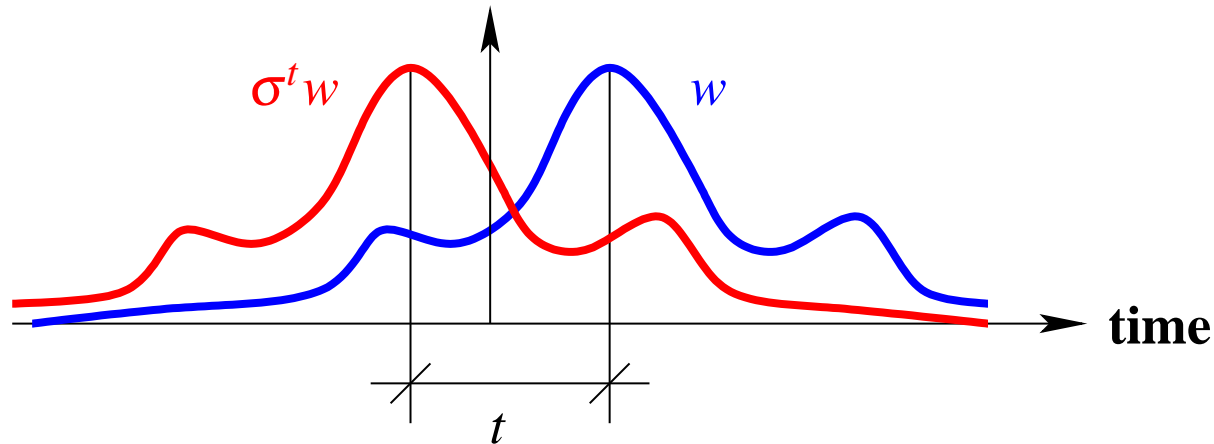
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time-invariant $:\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{Z}$, or \mathbb{N} , and
 $\llbracket w \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{T} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket \sigma^t w \in \mathcal{B} \rrbracket$.

σ^t denotes the **backwards t -shift**, defined as

$$\sigma^t w : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}, \quad \sigma^t w(t') := w(t' + t).$$



Shift-invariance \Leftrightarrow shifts of ‘legal’ trajectories are ‘legal’.

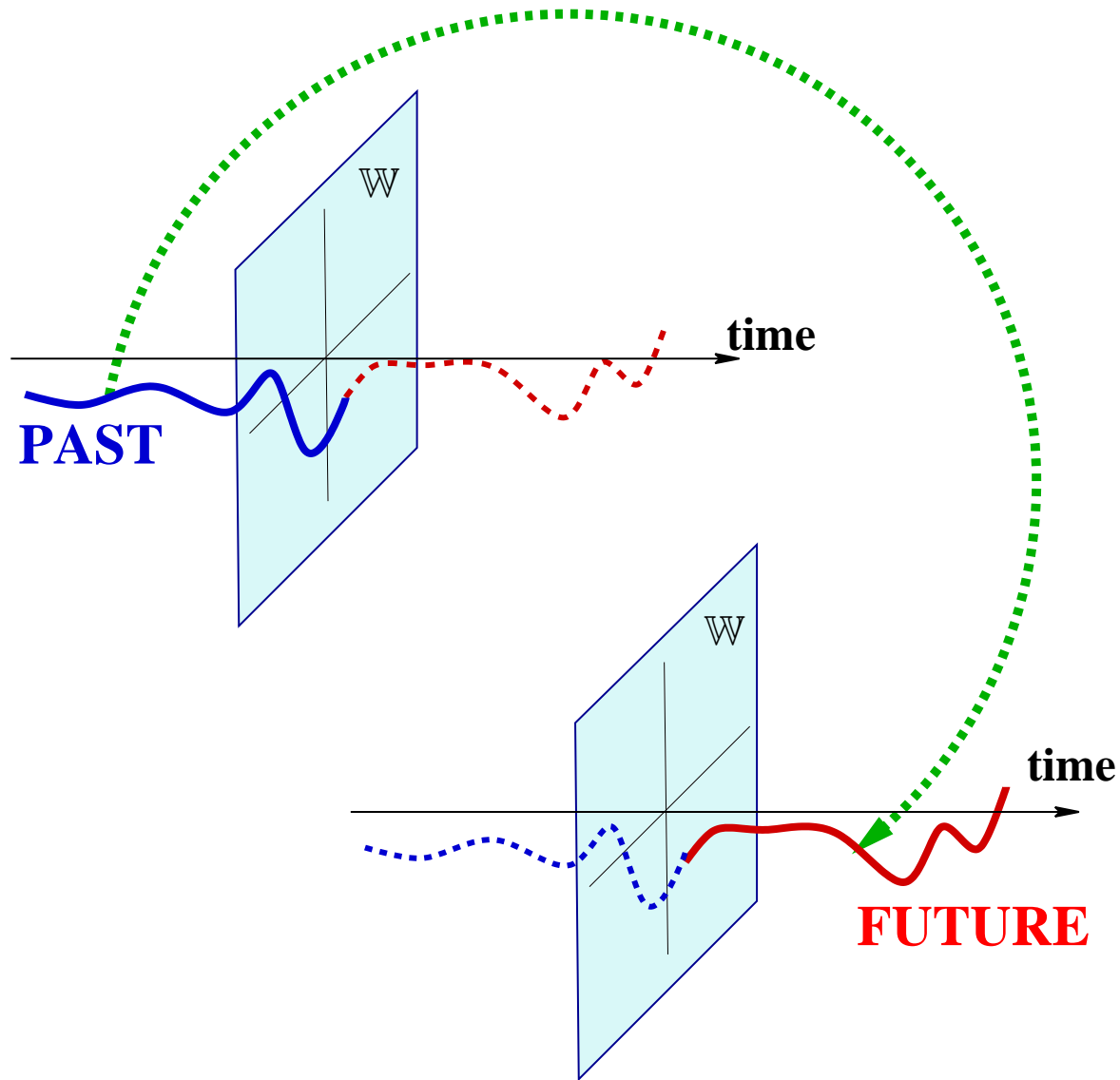
Autonomous systems

The dynamical system $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$, with $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{Z} , is said to be

autonomous $:\Leftrightarrow$

$\llbracket w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}, \text{ and } w_1(t) = w_2(t) \text{ for } t < 0 \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket w_1 = w_2 \rrbracket$.

Autonomous in a picture



autonomous : \Leftrightarrow the past implies the future.

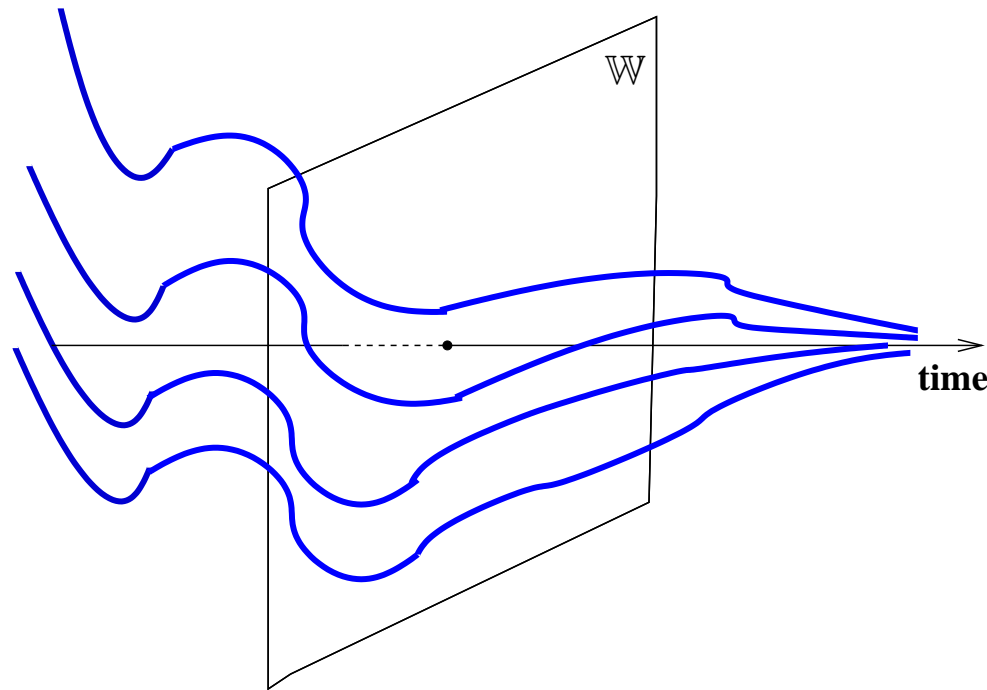
Stability

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In a picture



stability $:\Leftrightarrow$ all trajectories go to 0.

Sometimes this is referred to as ‘asymptotic stability’.

Controllability

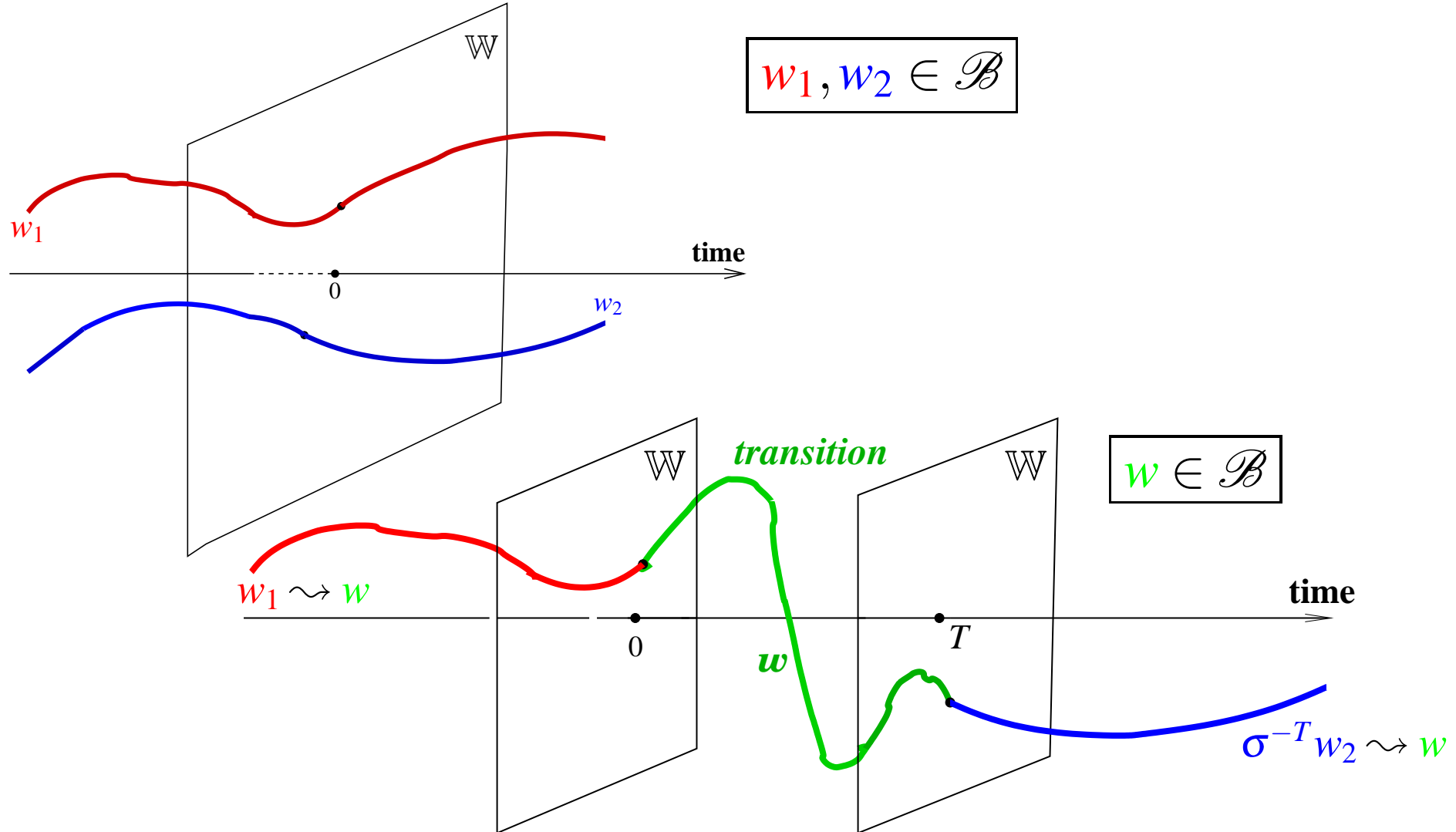
The time-invariant (to avoid irrelevant complications) dynamical system $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathcal{B})$, with $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{Z} , is said to be

controllable $:\Leftrightarrow$

for all $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}$, there exist
 $T \in \mathbb{T}, T \geq 0$, and $w \in \mathcal{B}$, such that

$$w(t) = \begin{cases} w_1(t) & \text{for } t < 0; \\ w_2(t - T) & \text{for } t \geq T. \end{cases}$$

Controllability in a picture



controllability : \Leftrightarrow concatenability of trajectories after a delay

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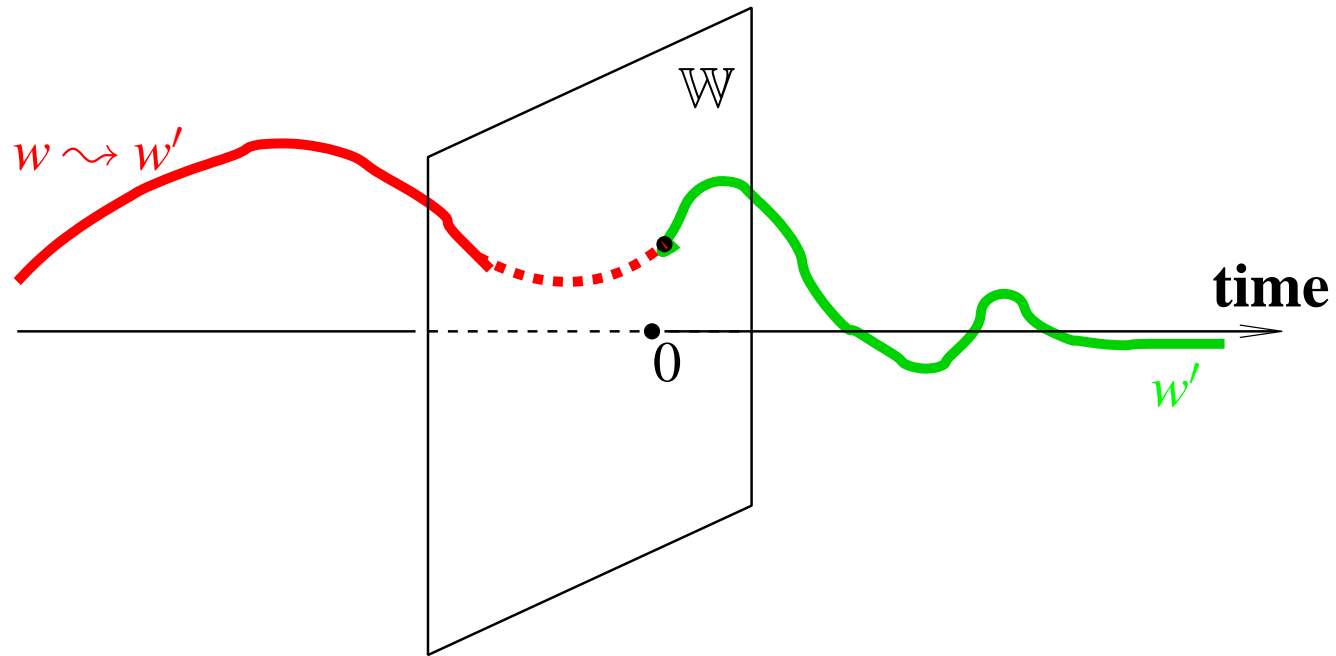
stabilizable $:\Leftrightarrow$ for all $w \in \mathcal{B}$, there exist $w' \in \mathcal{B}$, such that

$$w'(t) = w(t) \quad \text{for } t < 0,$$

and

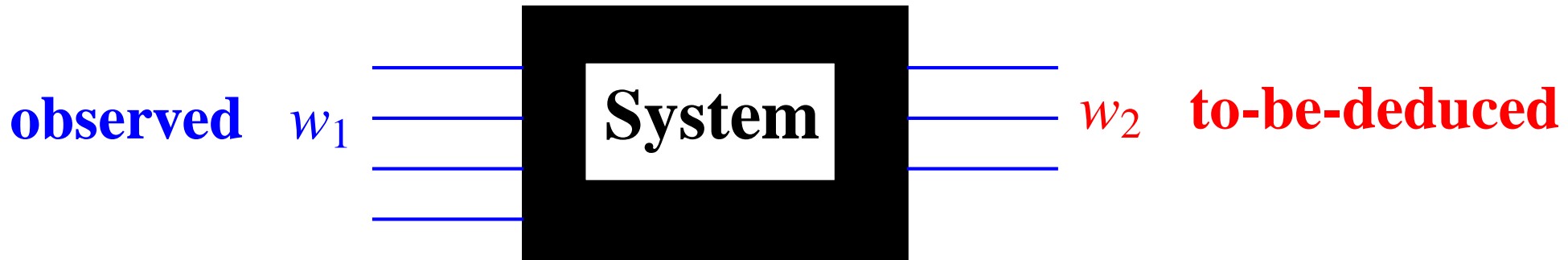
$$w'(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Stabilizability in a picture



stabilizability : \Leftrightarrow all trajectories can be steered to 0.

Observability



Consider the dynamical system $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}_1 \times \mathbb{W}_2, \mathcal{B})$.

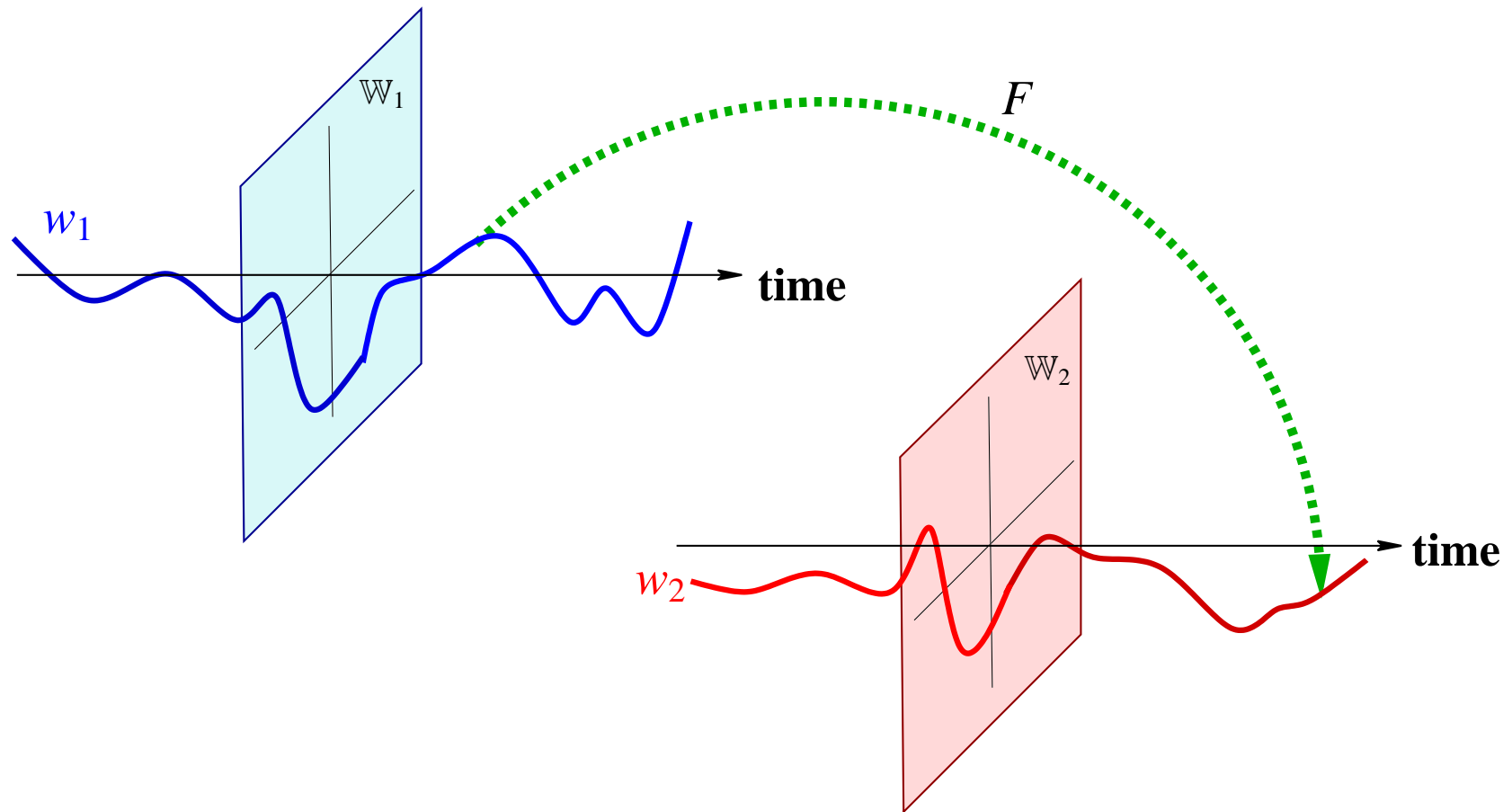
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observability : $\Leftrightarrow w_2$ may be deduced from w_1 .

!!! Knowing the laws of the system !!!

Observability in a picture



Equivalently, there exists a map $F : \mathbb{W}_1^{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_2^{\mathbb{T}}$, such that

$$\llbracket (w_1, w_2) \in \mathcal{B} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket w_2 = F(w_1) \rrbracket.$$

Detectability

Consider the dynamical system $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}_1 \times \mathbb{W}_2, \mathcal{B})$, with $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{Z}$, or \mathbb{N} , and \mathbb{W} a normed vector space (for simplicity).

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$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket (w_1, w_2), (w'_1, w'_2) \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } w_1 = w'_1 \rrbracket \\ \Rightarrow \llbracket w_2(t) - w'_2(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow \infty \rrbracket. \end{aligned}$$

Detectability : $\Leftrightarrow w_2$ can be asymptotically deduced from w_1 .

Examples

- ▶ **All these properties will be discussed in detail for linear time-invariant differential systems.**
- ▶ **Resistors, inductors, capacitors, Newton's second law: linear.**
- ▶ **All the examples given are time-invariant.**
- ▶ **Newton's second law: controllable, hence stabilizable, not stable, \vec{F} observable from \vec{q} , \vec{q} not observable and not detectable from \vec{F} .**
- ▶ **Kepler's laws define an autonomous system. So does**

$$\frac{d^n}{dt^n} w = f \left(w, \frac{d}{dt} w, \dots, \frac{d^{n-1}}{dt^{n-1}} w \right).$$

In particular, $\frac{d}{dt} x = f(x)$, and $x(t+1) = f(x(t))$.

Representations of behaviors

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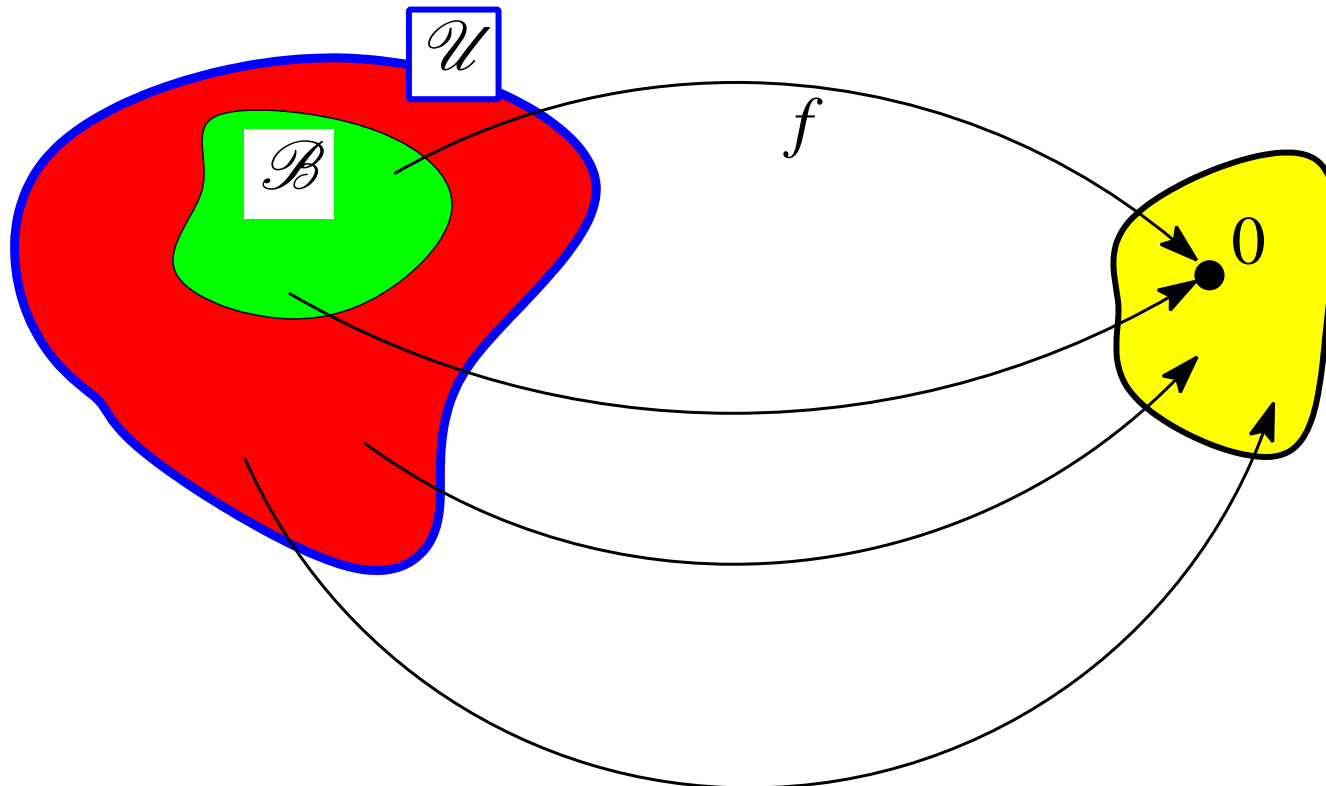
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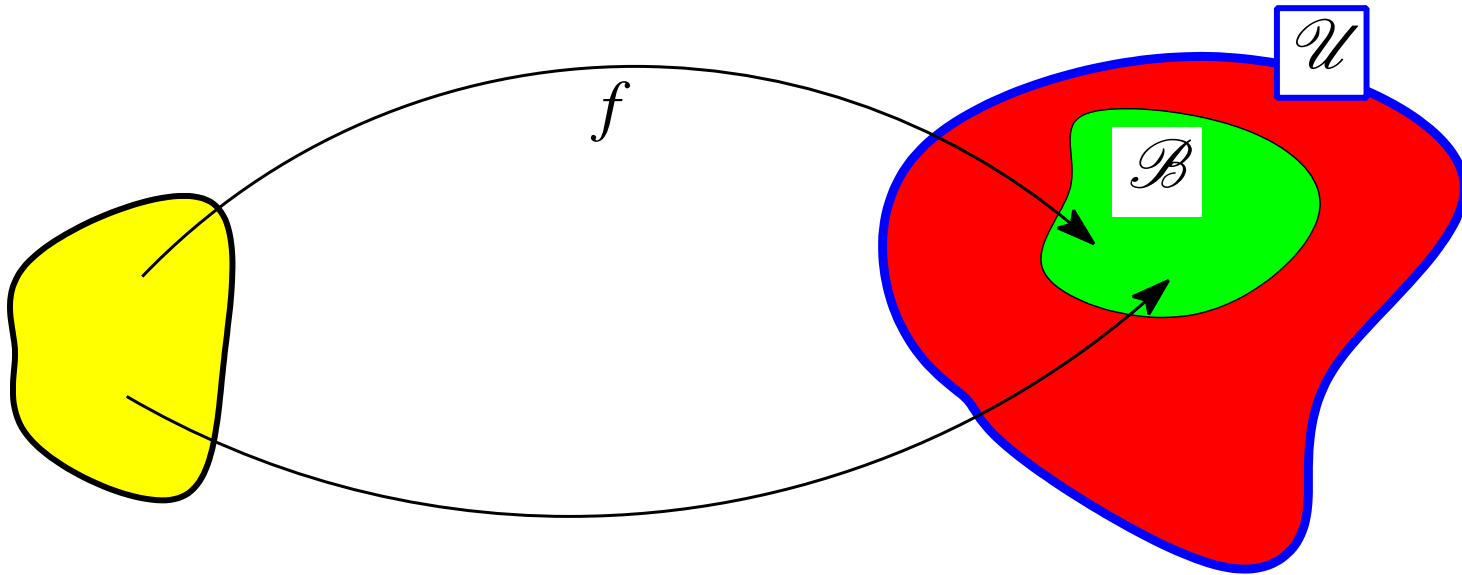


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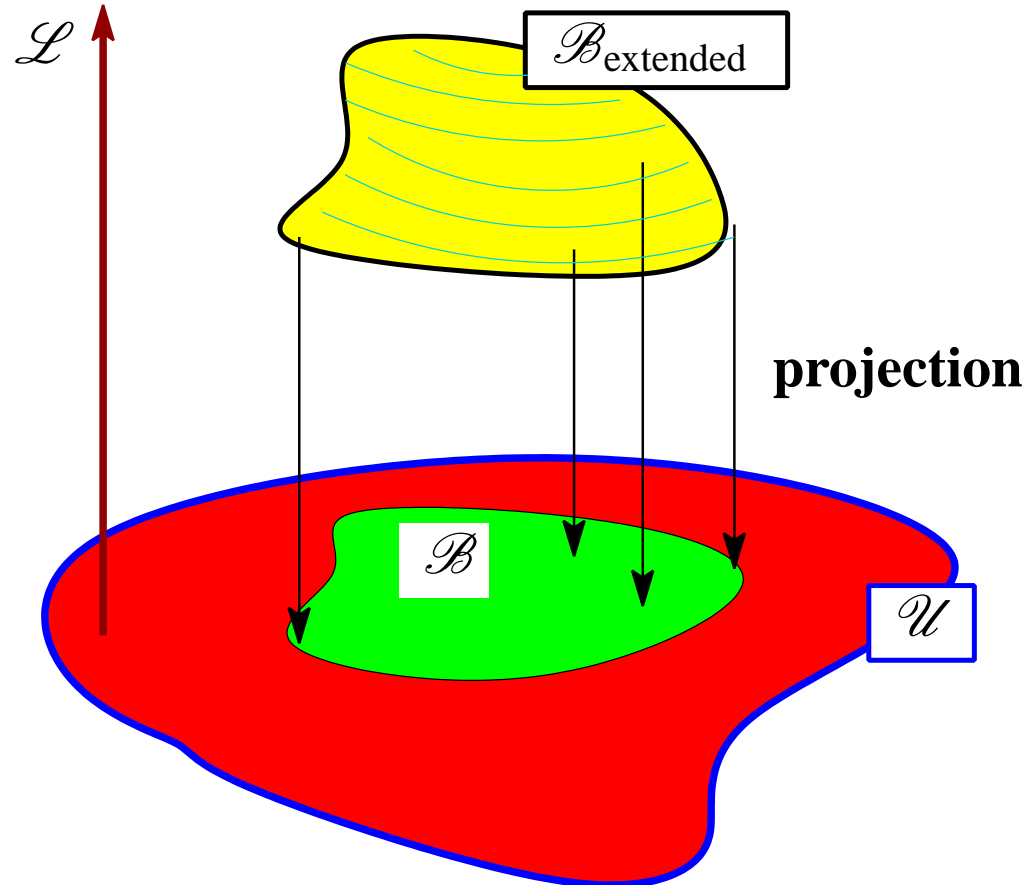


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In particular, the linear case, these systems are parametrized by the 4 matrices $(A, B, C, D) \rightsquigarrow$

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State models propagated under the influence of R.E. Kalman. Especially important in this development were the notions of state controllability and state observability.



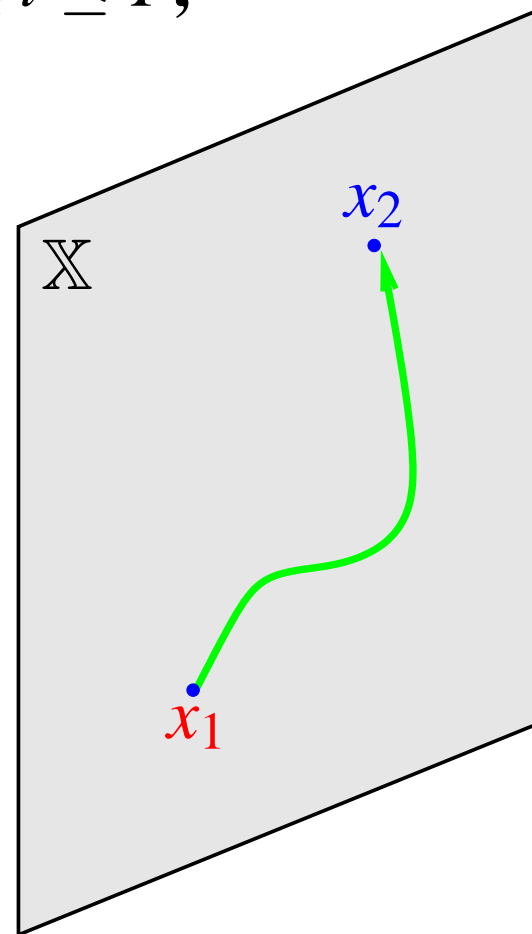
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Why should we be so interested in the state?

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Has very few ‘invariance’ properties.
- ▶ **Weak solutions**: $w \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{local}}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w)$, with $R \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right) w = 0$ in the sense of distributions. Includes steps, ramps, etc.
- ▶ **Distributional solutions**: w is a distribution, and $R \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right) w = 0$ as a distribution.
Includes also impulses, doublets, and such frivolities.

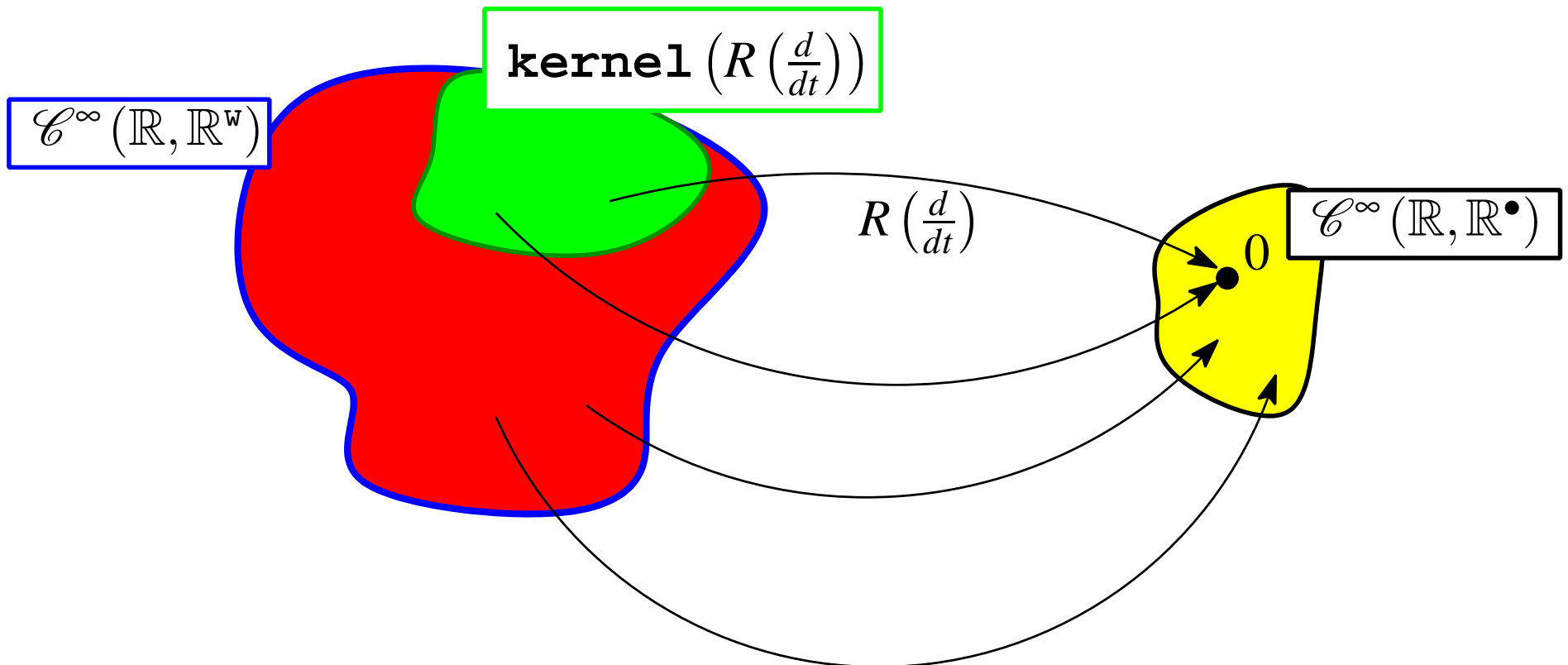
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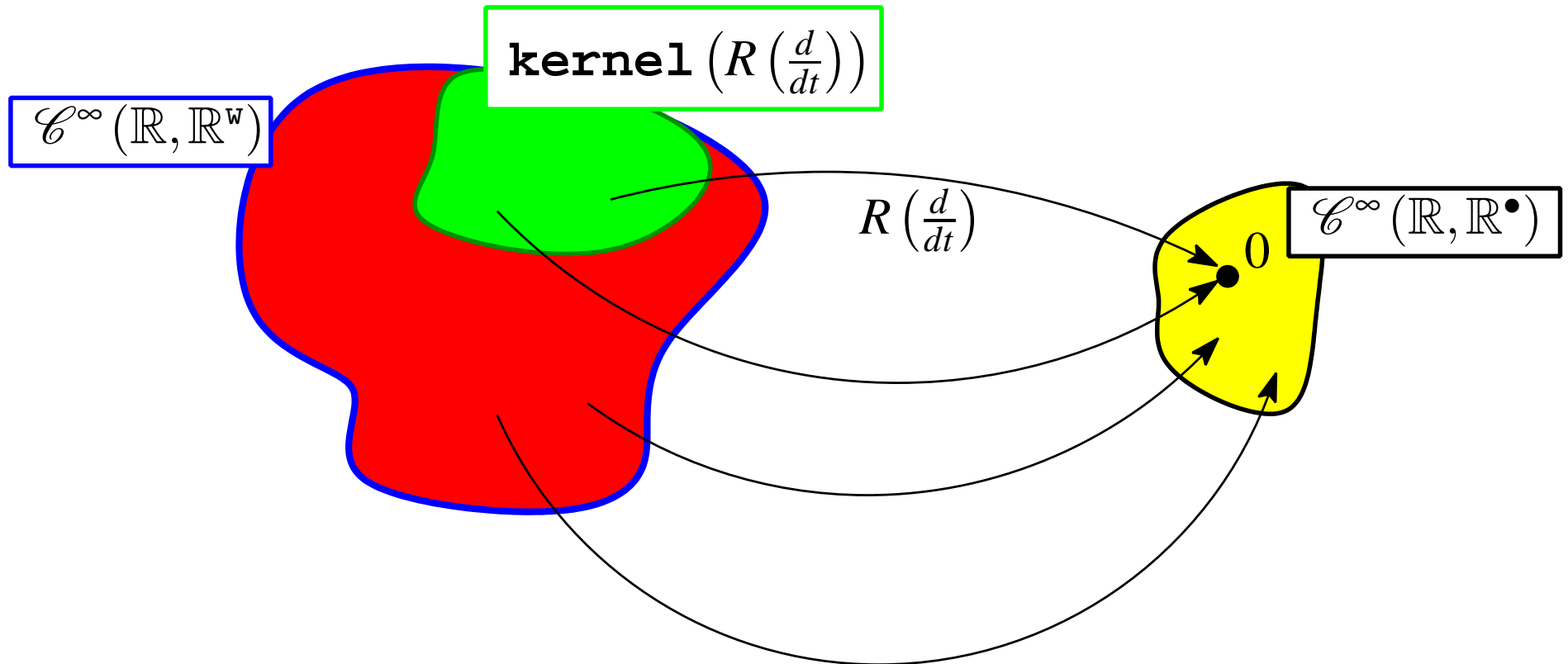
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Other sets of independent variables

Discrete-time systems

We have concentrated on continuous-time dynamical systems with time set $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$. Notions like controllability and stabilizability require appropriate changes for $\mathbb{T} = [0, \infty)$, but the development remains basically the same.

Discrete-time systems with $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{N}$ are often described by difference equations

$$f(w, \sigma w, \dots, \sigma^n w) = 0,$$

leading to the behavior

$$\mathcal{B} = \{w : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{W} \mid f(w(t), w(t+1), \dots, w(t+n)) = 0 \forall t \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

In the case $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$, it is useful to have negative as well as positive lags, leading to

$$f(\sigma^{n-} w, \sigma^{n-+1} w, \dots, \sigma^{n+-1} w, \sigma^{n+} w) = 0.$$

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Examples: Systems described by differential or difference equations.

Non-examples: $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{L}_2(\mathbb{R} : \mathbb{R}^w), \ell_2(\mathbb{Z} : \mathbb{R}^w)$, or behaviors involving compact support conditions.

Theorem

The following conditions are equivalent for $\Sigma = (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathcal{B})$.

1. $\exists R \in \mathbb{R}[\xi, \xi^{-1}]$ such that $\mathcal{B} = \text{kernel}(R(\sigma, \sigma^{-1}))$,
2. Σ is linear, time-invariant, and complete,
3. \mathcal{B} is a linear, shift-invariant, closed (in the topology of pointwise convergence) subspace of $(\mathbb{R}^w)^{\mathbb{Z}}$.

What a ‘nice’ analogue of this theorem is for differential equations is an open problem.

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$$f \left(\cdots, \frac{\partial^{k_1} \partial^{k_2} \cdots \partial^{k_m}}{\partial^{k_1+k_2+\cdots+k_m}} w, \cdots \right) = 0.$$

This leads to a behavior that consists of maps $w : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$.

For Maxwell’s equations, for example, we have $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}^4$, with \mathcal{B} consisting of all maps

$$(\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{j}, \rho) : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$$

that satisfy Maxwell’s PDEs.

PDEs

The analogue of LTIDSs are systems described by linear constant-coefficient PDEs. These behavioral equations can be written in terms of matrices of polynomials in many variables.

Assume $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^w$, then $R \in \mathbb{R}[\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n]^{\bullet \times w}$ leads to the system of PDEs

$$R \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) w = 0$$

This defines a system $\Sigma = (\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathcal{B})$ with

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Example: Maxwell's equations (see Exercise I.6).

Locally specified

Dynamical systems described by ODEs, in particular, LTIDSs describe a behavior \mathcal{B} that is ‘locally specified’, meaning that

$$\llbracket w \in \mathcal{B} \rrbracket \Leftrightarrow \llbracket w_{[t-\varepsilon, t+\varepsilon]} \in \mathcal{B}_{[t-\varepsilon, t+\varepsilon]} \forall \varepsilon > 0 \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{R} \rrbracket.$$

Thus the ‘legality’ of a trajectory can be verified by checking if it is ‘locally’ legal.

A similar property holds for systems described by PDEs.

The analogue property for discrete-time systems is completeness.

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