

Modeling Cyberphysical Systems

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Outline

- Modeling cyber-physical systems
 - Hybrid automata
 - Executions
 - Urgency
- Zeno
- Hybrid stability

Why combine discrete and continuous time models?

Engineering systems can have dynamics with widely different time constants

- Software for AV updates at 1 GHz --- human scale motion 10 Hz
- Electrical circuit breakers 50 Hz --- power system dynamics 0.1 – 1 Hz

Widely different time constants can make computation numerically unstable

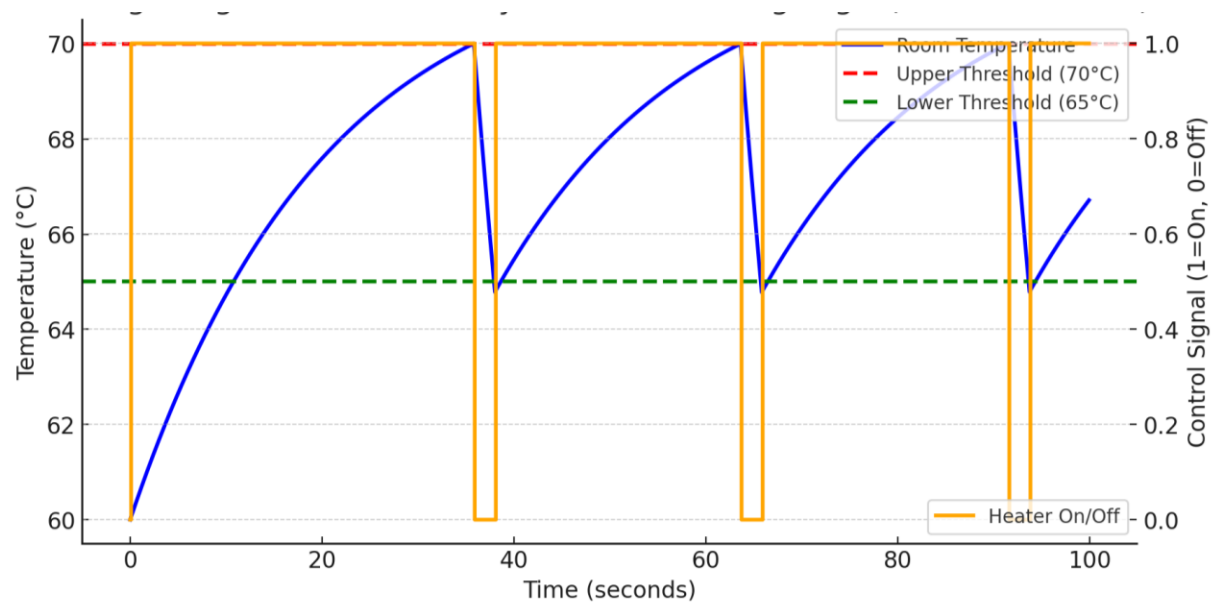
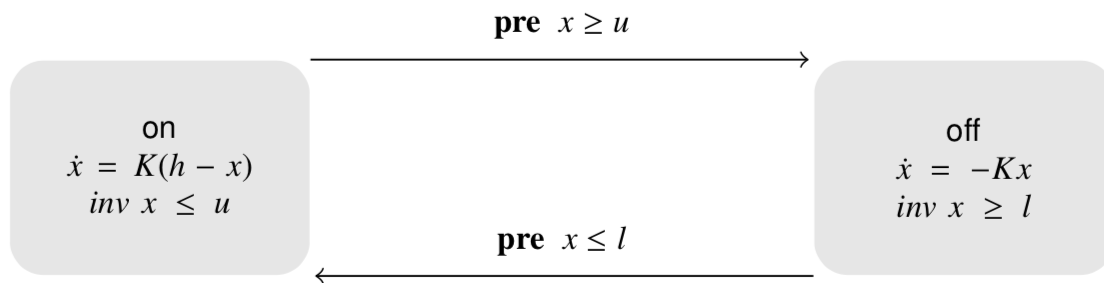
Some state changes are naturally described by automata:

- programs, automata, SMT, switching rules, etc.

while others are naturally described by ODEs:

- motion of planets and satellites, physical laws, weather

Example. Thermostat automaton



automaton Thermostat($u, l, K, h : \text{Real}$) where $u > l$

type Status enumeration [*on, off*]

actions

turnOn; turnOff;

variables

$x : \text{Real} := l$ loc: Status := on

transitions

turnOn

pre $x \leq l \wedge \text{loc} = \text{off}$

eff loc := on

trajectories

modeOn

evolve $d(x) = K(h - x)$

invariant loc = on $\wedge x \leq u$

turnOff

pre $x \geq u \wedge \text{loc} = \text{on}$

eff loc := off

modeOff

evolve $d(x) = -Kx$

invariant loc = off $\wedge x \geq l$

Determinism vs nondeterminism

mode invariants

Recall language for automata

An **automaton** tuple $\mathcal{A} = \langle X, \Theta, A, \mathcal{D} \rangle$

- X is a set of variables; each $x \in X$ is associated with a type, $type(x)$
 - A **valuation** for X maps each variable in X to its type
 - Set of all valuations: $val(X)$ is the **state space**
- $\Theta \subseteq val(X)$ set of **initial** or **start states**
- A is a set of names of **actions** or **labels**
- $\mathcal{D} \subseteq val(X) \times A \times val(X)$ is the set of **transitions**
 - a transition is a triple (u, a, u')
 - defined by **pre** and **eff**
 - We write it as $u \rightarrow_a u'$

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automaton DijkstraTR(N:Nat, K:Nat), where K > N
type ID: enumeration [0,...,N-1]
type Val: enumeration [0,...,K]
actions
  update(i:ID)
variables
  x:[ID -> Val]
transitions
  update(i:ID)
    pre i = 0  $\wedge$  x[i] = x[N-1]
    eff x[i] := (x[i] + 1) % K

  update(i:ID)
    pre i > 0  $\wedge$  x[i]  $\sim$ = x[i-1]
    eff x[i] := x[i-1]
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Trajectories

For set of variables X and time interval J of the form $[0, T]$, $[0, T)$ or $[0, \infty)$, a **trajectory** for X is a function $\tau: J \rightarrow \text{val}(X)$

We will specify τ as *solutions of differential equations*

first state of τ . $fstate := \tau(0)$

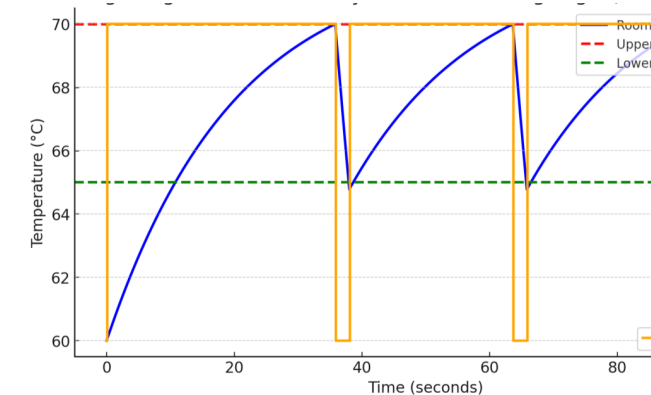
If τ is right closed then the **limit state** of τ . $lstate = \tau(T)$

If τ is finite then **duration** of τ is $\tau.dur = T$

Domain of τ . $dom = J$

A **point trajectory** is a trajectory with $\tau.dom = [0, 0]$

A **prefix** τ' of $\tau: [0, T] \rightarrow \text{val}(X)$, is a function $\tau': [0, T'] \rightarrow \text{val}(X)$ such that $T' \leq T$ and $\tau'(t) = \tau(t)$ for all $t \in \tau'.dom$



Hybrid Automaton

$$\mathcal{A} = (X, \Theta, A, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T})$$

- X : set of **state variables**
 - $Q \subseteq \text{val}(X)$ set of **states**
- $\Theta \subseteq Q$ set of **start states**
- set of **actions**, $A = E \cup H$
- $\mathcal{D} \subseteq Q \times A \times Q$
- \mathcal{T} : set of **trajectories** for X which is closed under **prefix, suffix, and concatenation**

Semantics: Executions and Traces

An **execution** of \mathcal{A} is an (possibly infinite) alternating sequence $\alpha = \tau_0 a_1 \tau_1 a_2 \tau_2 \dots$ where

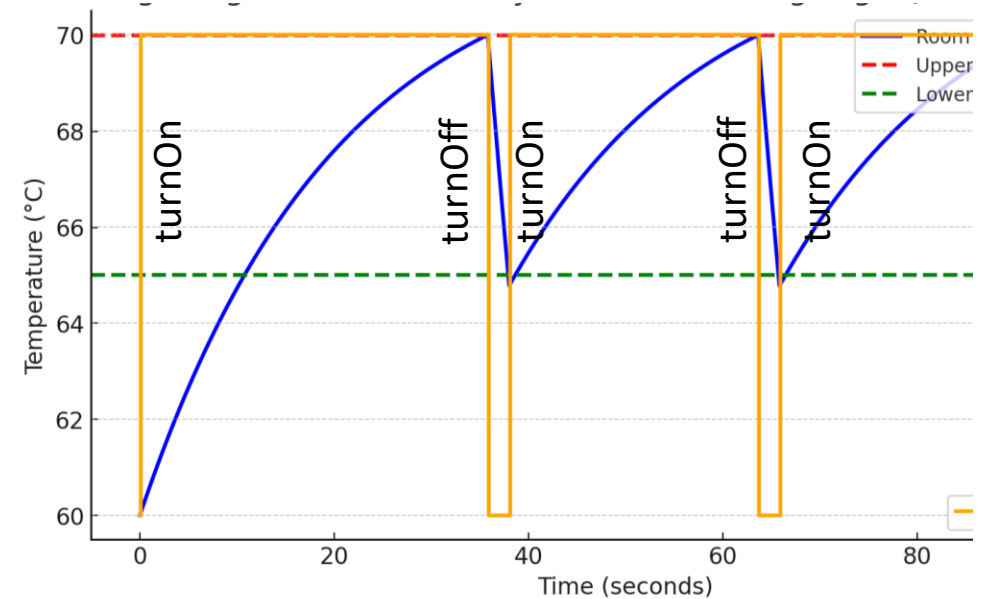
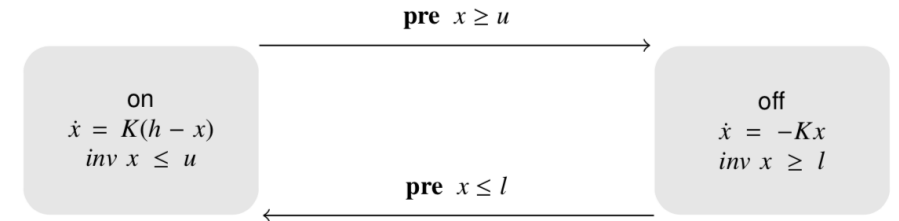
- $\forall i, \tau_i.lstate \xrightarrow{a_{i+1}} \tau_{i+1}.fstate$
- If $\tau_0.fstate \in \Theta$ then α is an **execution**

$\text{Execs}_{\mathcal{A}}$ set of all executions

First state of α is $\alpha.fstate = \tau_0.fstate$

If α is **finite and closed** $\tau_0 a_1 \tau_1 a_2 \tau_2 \dots \tau_k$ then $\alpha.lstate = \tau_k.lstate$

A state x is **reachable** if there exists an execution α with $\alpha.lstate = x$



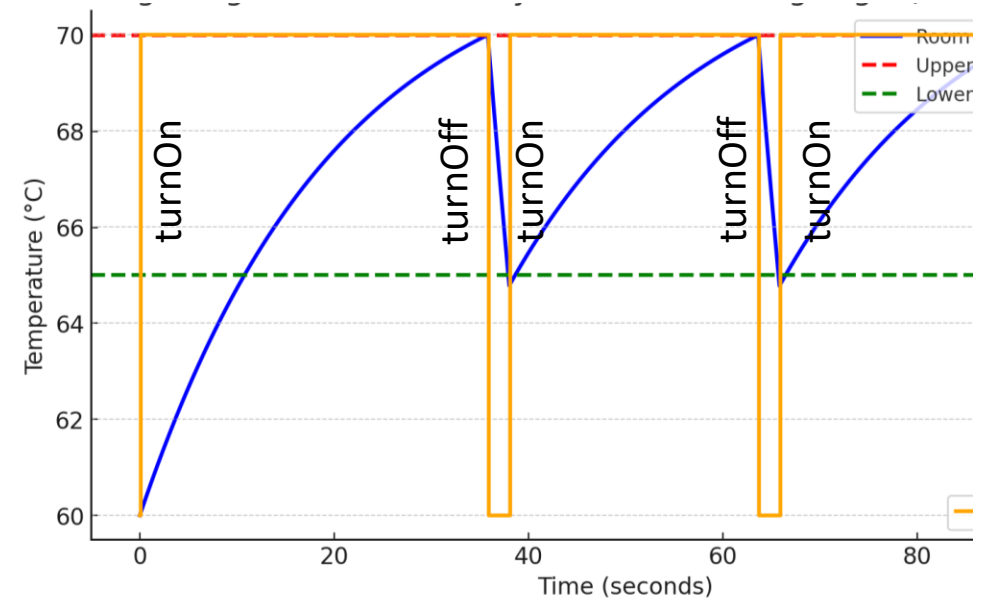
Mode invariants: Urgency in transitions

The trajectories in a hybrid automaton are often specified as solutions of ODEs

- $\dot{x} = f(x)$
- $\dot{x} = Ax$
- $\dot{x} = c$

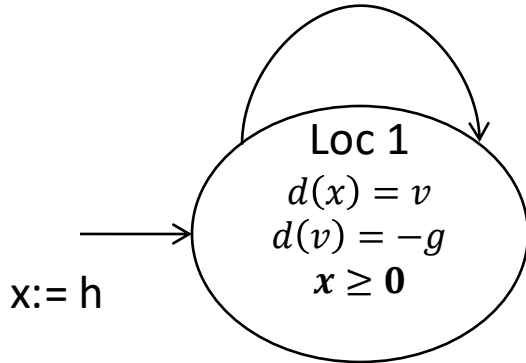
Solutions of ODEs $\tau(x_0, t)$ define a family of trajectories which are closed under prefix, suffix, and concatenation

Nothing prevents a trajectory to continue forever unless an action is forced to occur by a **mode invariant**



Example. Bouncing Ball

bounce
 $x = 0 \wedge v < 0$
 $v' := -cv$



Graphical Representation used in many articles

automaton Bouncingball(c, h, g)

variables: x : Reals := h , v : Reals := 0

actions: bounce

transitions:

bounce

pre $x = 0 \wedge v < 0$

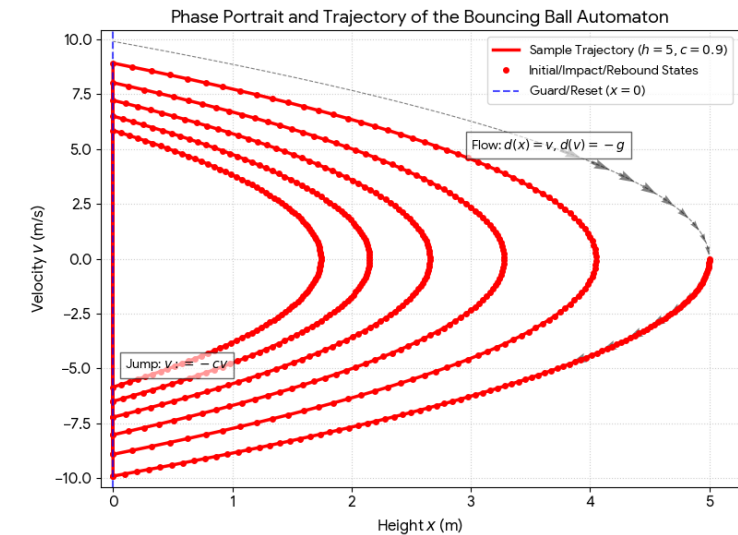
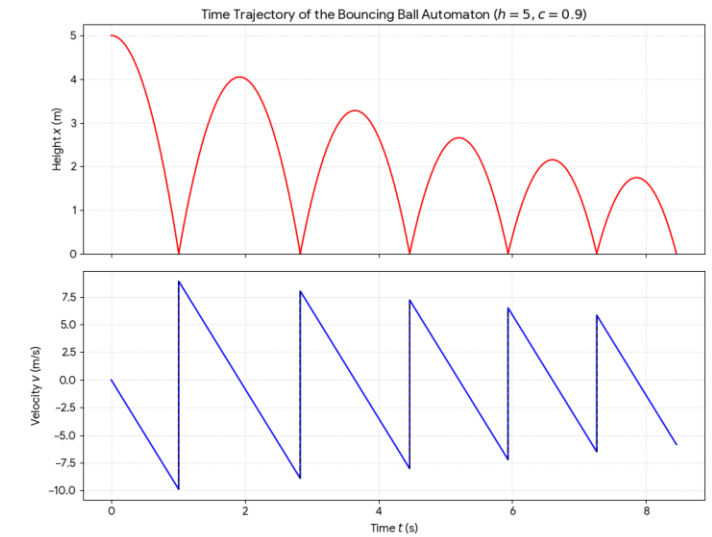
eff $v := -cv$

trajectories:

Loc1

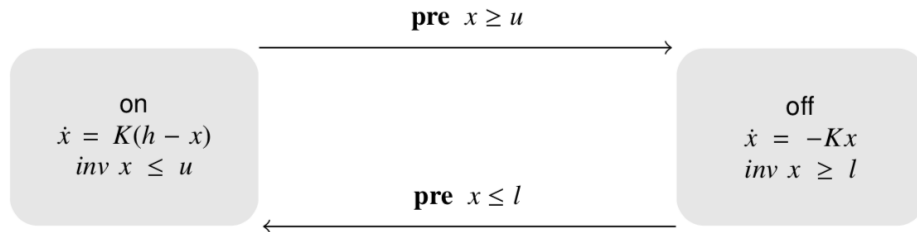
evolve $d(x) = v; d(v) = -g$

invariant $x \geq 0$



mode invariant, not to be confused with invariants of the automaton

Urgency: Must transitions



An **urgent** transition (or action) is an action that has to occur as soon as it is enabled

Introduce special syntax for creating urgent transitions, but we can use mode invariants to accomplish this

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actions

turnOn; turnOff;

variables

$x : \text{Real} := l$ *loc*: *Status* := *on*

transitions

turnOn

pre $x \leq l \wedge \text{loc} = \text{off}$

eff $\text{loc} := \text{on}$

turnOff

pre $x \geq u \wedge \text{loc} = \text{on}$

eff $\text{loc} := \text{off}$

trajectories

modeOn

evolve $d(x) = K(h - x)$

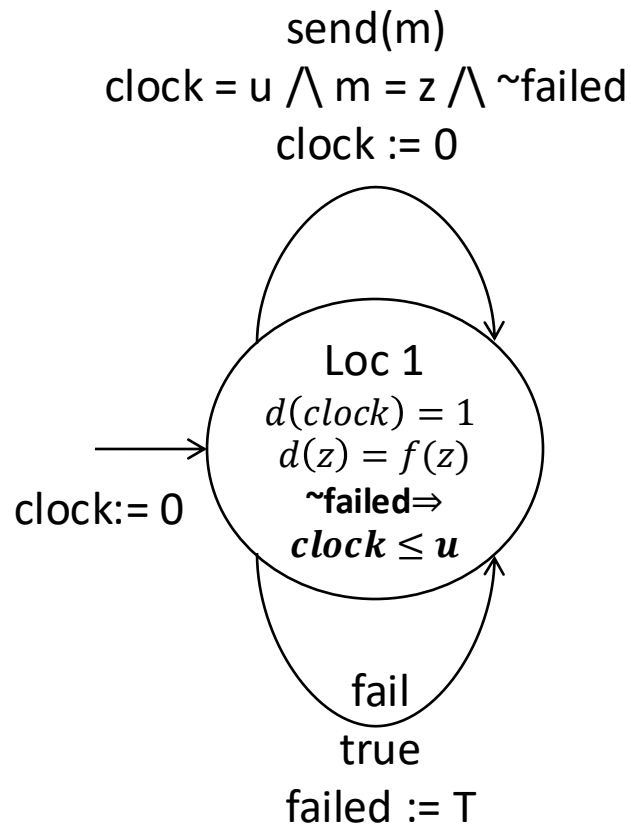
invariant $\text{loc} = \text{on} \wedge x \leq u + d$

modeOff

evolve $d(x) = -Kx$

invariant $\text{loc} = \text{off} \wedge x \geq l - d$

Another Example: Periodically Sending Process



Automaton PeriodicSend(u)

variables: analog

clock: Reals := 0, z:Reals, failed:Boolean := F

actions: send(m:Reals), fail

transitions:

send(m)

pre clock = u \wedge m = z \wedge \sim failed

eff clock := 0

fail

pre true

eff failed := T

trajectories:

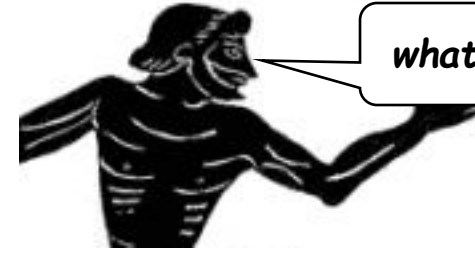
evolve $d(\text{clock}) = 1, d(z) = f(z)$

invariant failed \vee clock \leq u

Zeno's Paradox

Achilles, the fastest athlete, greatest warrior

Zeno, Greek philosopher

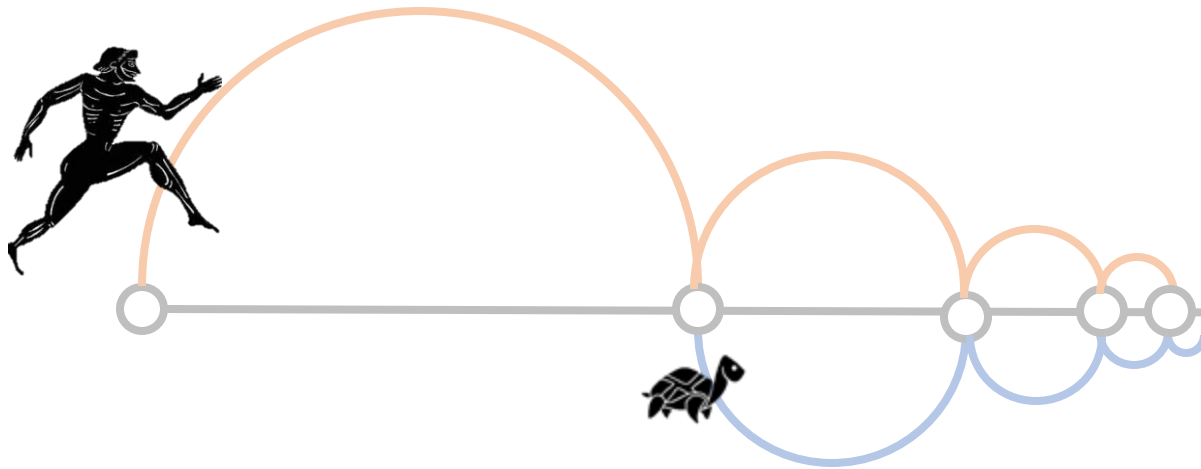


whatever!

You couldn't even beat a turtle



Achilles runs 10 times faster than than the tortoise, but the turtle gets to start 1 second earlier. Can Achilles ever catch Turtle?



After $1/10^{\text{th}}$ of a second, Achilles reaches where the Turtle (T) started, and T has a head start of $1/10^{\text{th}}$ second.

After another $1/100^{\text{th}}$ of a second, A catches up to where T was at $t=1/10$ sec, but T has a head start of $1/100^{\text{th}}$

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T is always ahead ...

Lesson: Mixing discrete transitions with continuous motion can be tricky!

Defining stability of hybrid automata

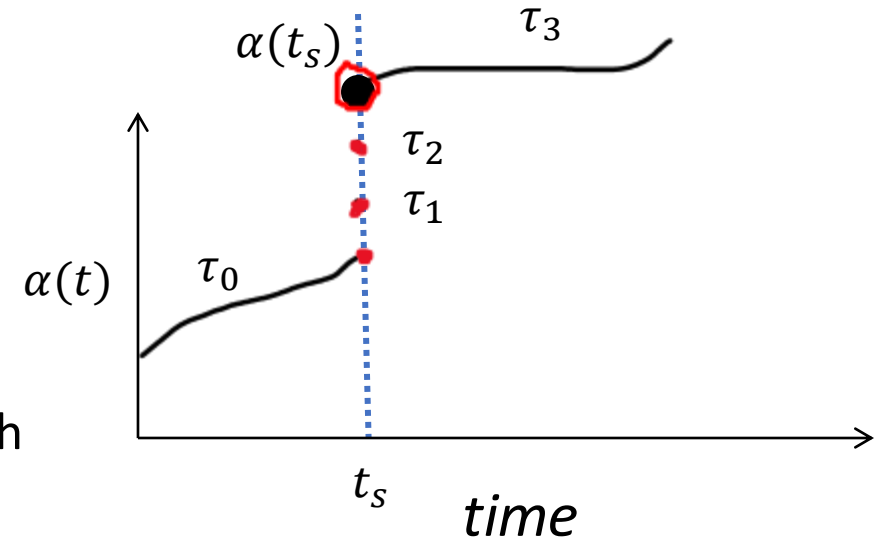
Given an admissible execution $\alpha = \tau_0 a_1 \tau_1 a_2 \tau_2 \dots$

Recall, stability is defined in terms of $|\alpha(t)|$; two issues

- We would like to view an execution as $\alpha: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \text{val}(X)$ But, how to define $\alpha(t)$?
- define $\alpha(t_s) = \alpha'.lstate$ where α' is the longest **prefix** of α with $\alpha'.ltime = t_s$
- Also, $\alpha(t)$ has valuations of discrete variables (loc) and continuous variable (x): ignore discrete variable when discussing stability $\alpha(t) \equiv \alpha(t)[x]$

Now, we can import all the definitions of Lyapunov stability and asymptotic stability from dynamical system models to hybrid automata

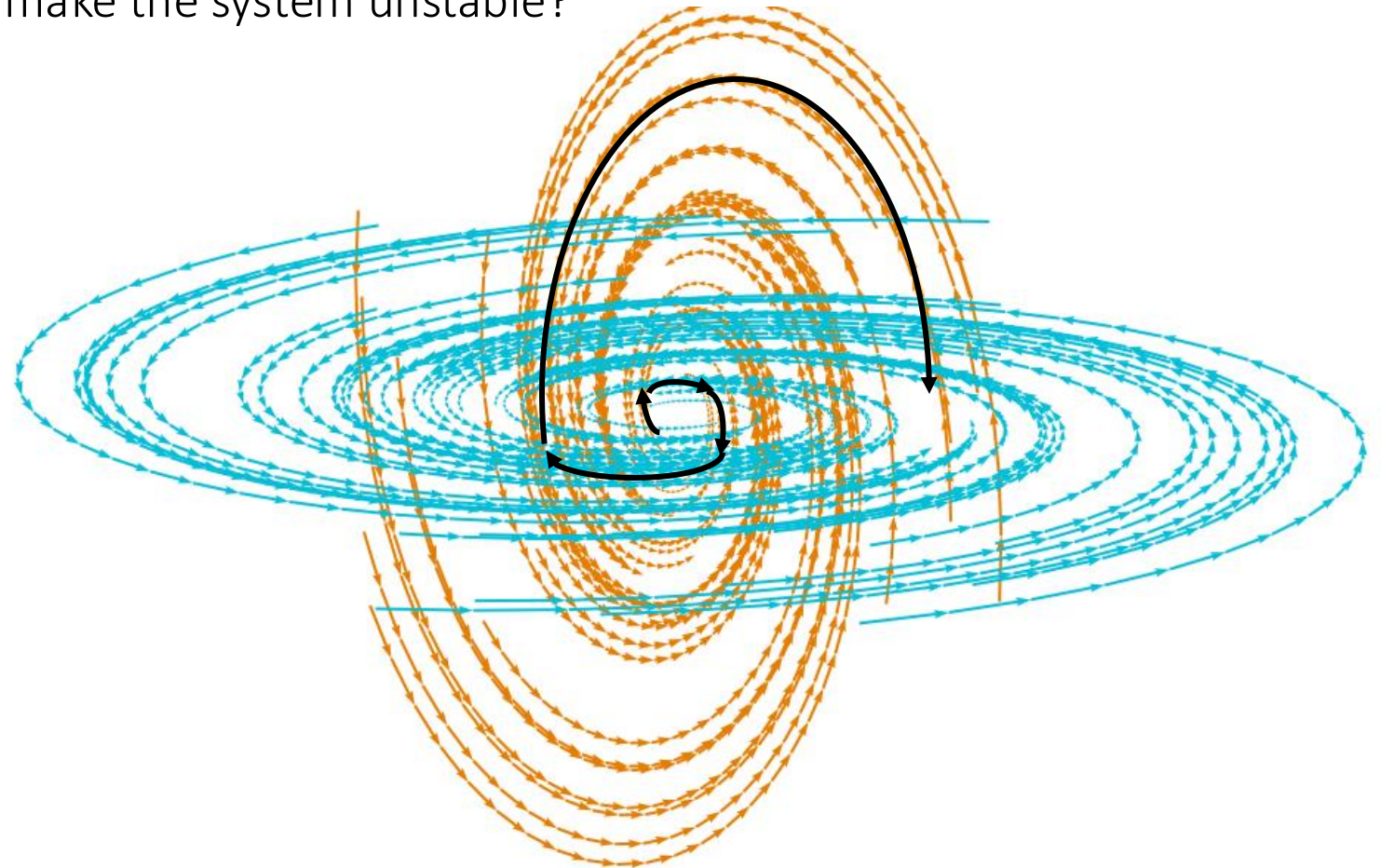
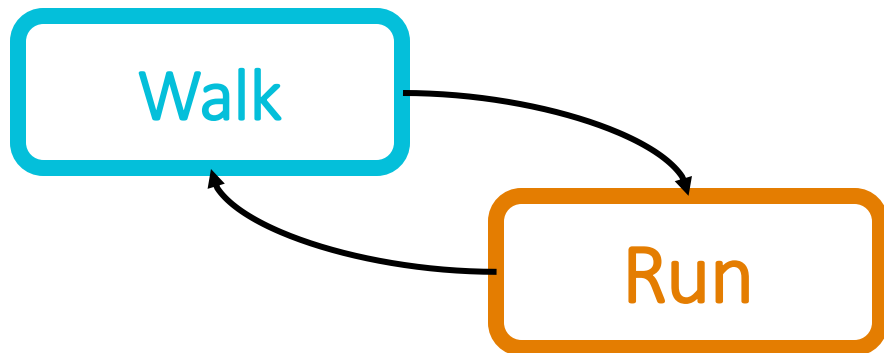
Question. How can we check stability of a hybrid automaton?



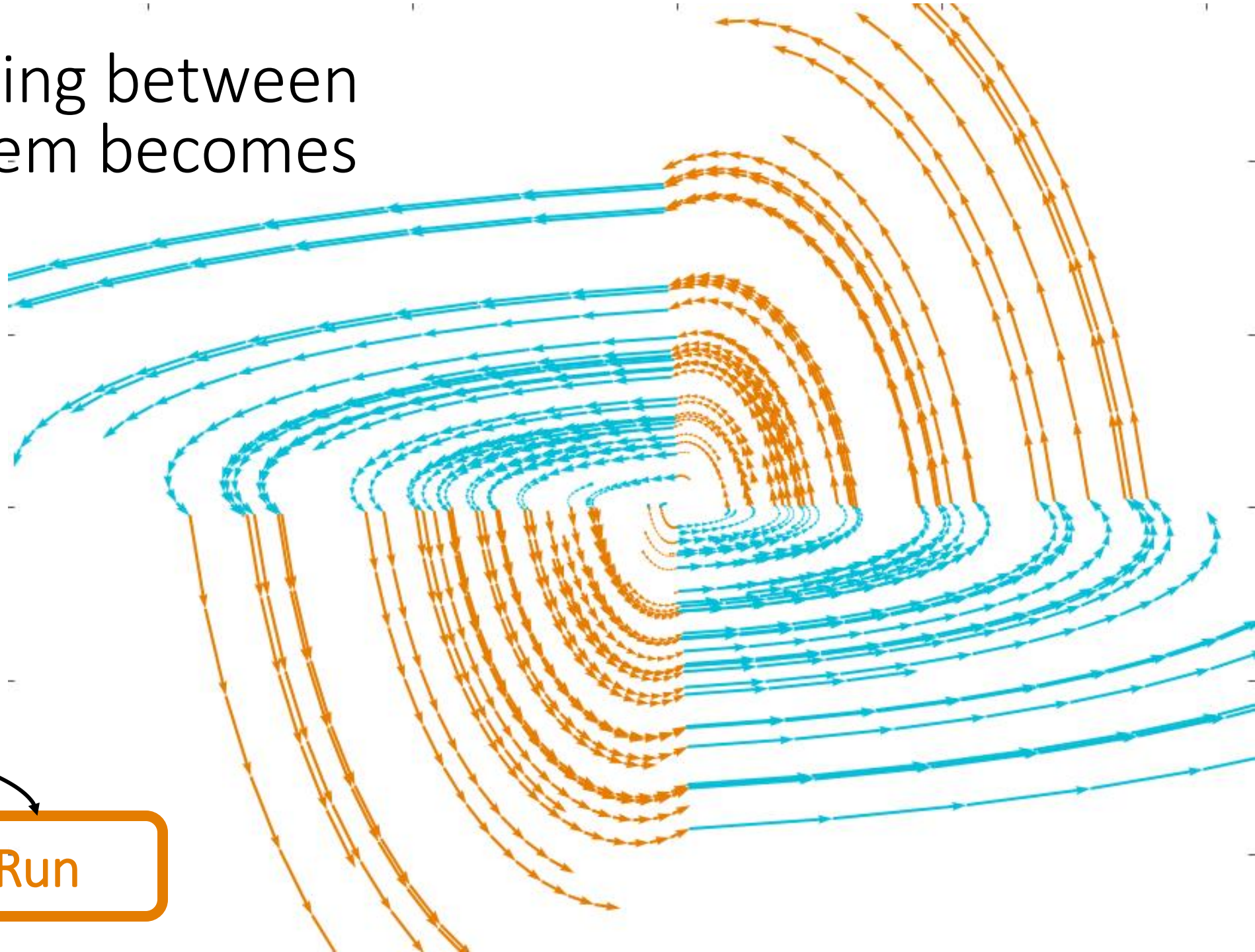
Stability of a hybrid automaton

Each of the modes of a walking robot are asymptotically stable

Is it possible to switch between them to make the system unstable?



Yes! By switching between them the system becomes unstable



Walk

Run

Summary

Interesting features in hybrid models

- Interaction between transitions, trajectories, and mode invariants can lead to extra sources of nondeterminism; transitions can be made urgent with mode invariants
- Mode switches can make the system unstable
- Zeno behavior

Inductive invariance proofs work with additional condition for trajectory closure

- Trajectory closure can be checked with subtangential condition, Lyapunov functions, Barrier certificates

