Irreducibility and convergence of nonlinear state-space models

Application: CMA-ES

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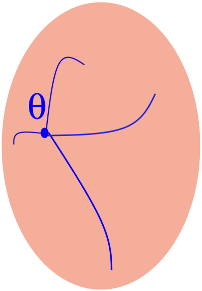

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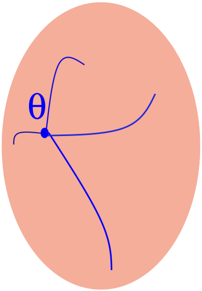

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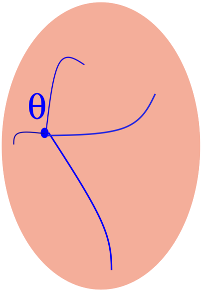

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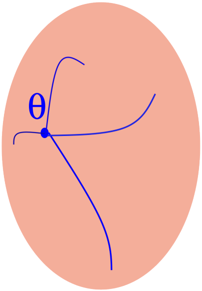

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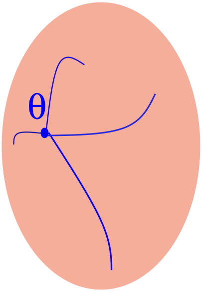

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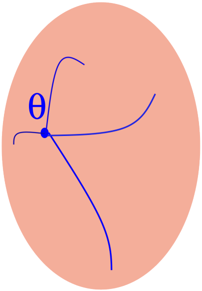

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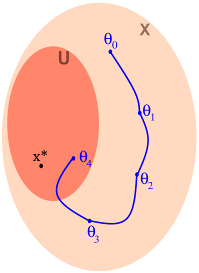

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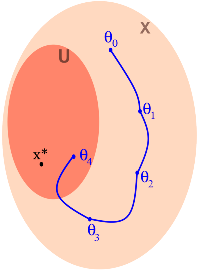

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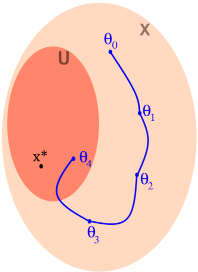

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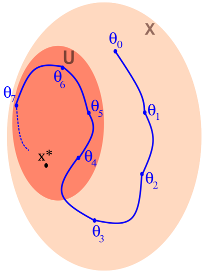

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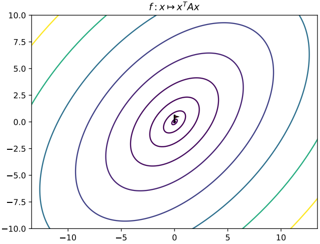

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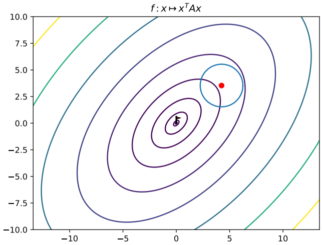

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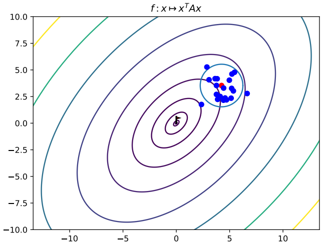

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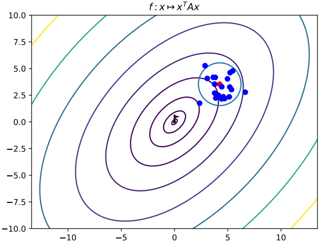

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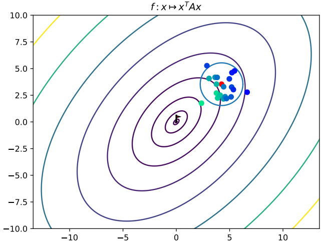

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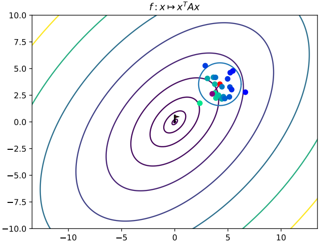

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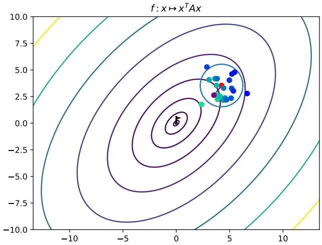

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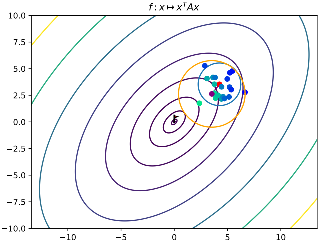

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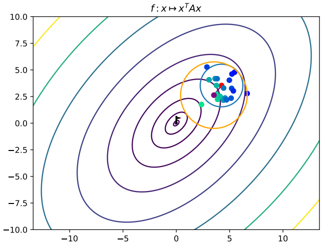

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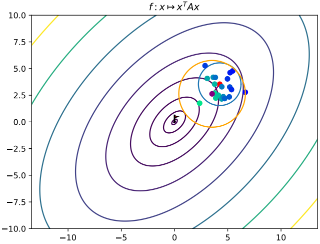

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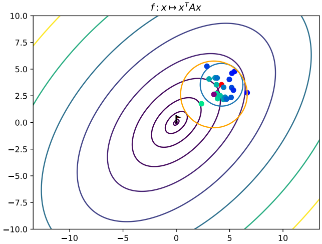

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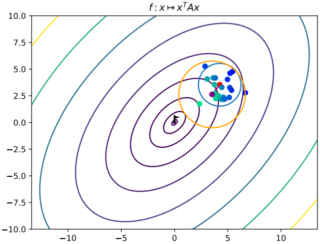

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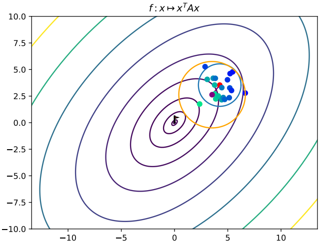

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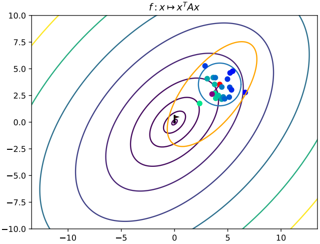

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Control model, [G., Auger & Durmus, soon submitted]

$$\theta_{k+1} = F(\theta_k, \alpha(\theta_k, u_{k+1})) \qquad \textbf{(CM(F))}$$

- $F : \mathsf{X} \times \mathsf{V} \to \mathsf{X}$ is **locally Lipschitz**
- $\{v_{k+1}\}$ such that $v_{k+1} = \alpha(\theta_k, u_{k+1}) \sim p_{\theta_k}$ l.s.c.
- X and V are **manifolds**

Theorem
Suppose that θ^* is steadily attracting, i.e., for $\theta_0 \in \mathsf{X}$,

$$\exists (v_1, v_2, \dots) \in \mathcal{O}^{\infty}_{\theta_0}, \quad \lim F_k(\theta_0, v_1, \dots, v_k) = \theta^*.$$

If $\exists (v_1, \dots, v_k) \in \mathcal{O}^{k}_{\theta^*}$, such that any

$$C_k \in \mathrm{Clarke}_{v_{1..k}} F_k(\theta^*, v_1, \dots, v_k)$$

is of rank n, then $\{\theta_k\}_k$ is an irreducible aperiodic T-chain.

Consequence

Corollary
Under additional assumptions on the objective function f,

$$(z_k, \Sigma_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

is a irreducible, aperiodic T-chain.

Drift

Then (z_k, Σ_k) is positive recurrent and follows a LLN if there exists a drift $V\colon \mathsf{X} \to [0, +\infty]$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[V(z_1, \Sigma_1)\right] \leqslant (1 - \varepsilon) \times V(z_0, \Sigma_0) + b \times \mathbf{1}_{(z_0, \Sigma_0) \in K}$$

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This can be generalized to when minimizing **ellipsoid** functions $f(x) = g(x^T H x)$ using the **affine-invariance** of CMA-ES.

Affine-Invariance

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\begin{array}{ccc}
(m_0, C_0) & \xrightarrow{\min f(x)} & (m_1, C_1) \\
\Big\downarrow \Psi & & \Big\uparrow \Psi^{-1} \\
(m'_0, C'_0) & \xrightarrow{\min f(Bx + b)} & (m'_1, C'_1)
\end{array}
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Conclusion

- $(z_k, \Sigma_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is **irreducible** and **aperiodic** ;
- it is **positive recurrent** ;
- we deduce a LLN and the **convergence** of CMA-ES.

Thank you!

Scaling-invariant functions