

Certified surface approximations using the interval Krawczyk test

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Certified algebraic variety approximation

Given: a smooth variety $Z = \mathcal{V}(f_1, \dots, f_{n-d})$,
an (approximate) point $\hat{z}$ on Z , and
a compact region R that contains $\hat{z}$.

Starting at $\hat{z}$, **track** along the variety Z in a **certified**
manner to construct an isotopic approximation of Z .

Possible stopping criteria:

- Track until the computed part hits the boundary of R ,
- conclude that the variety Z is compact.

Motivations

Certified homotopy tracking

Homotopy tracking finds solutions to a polynomial system by tracking homotopy

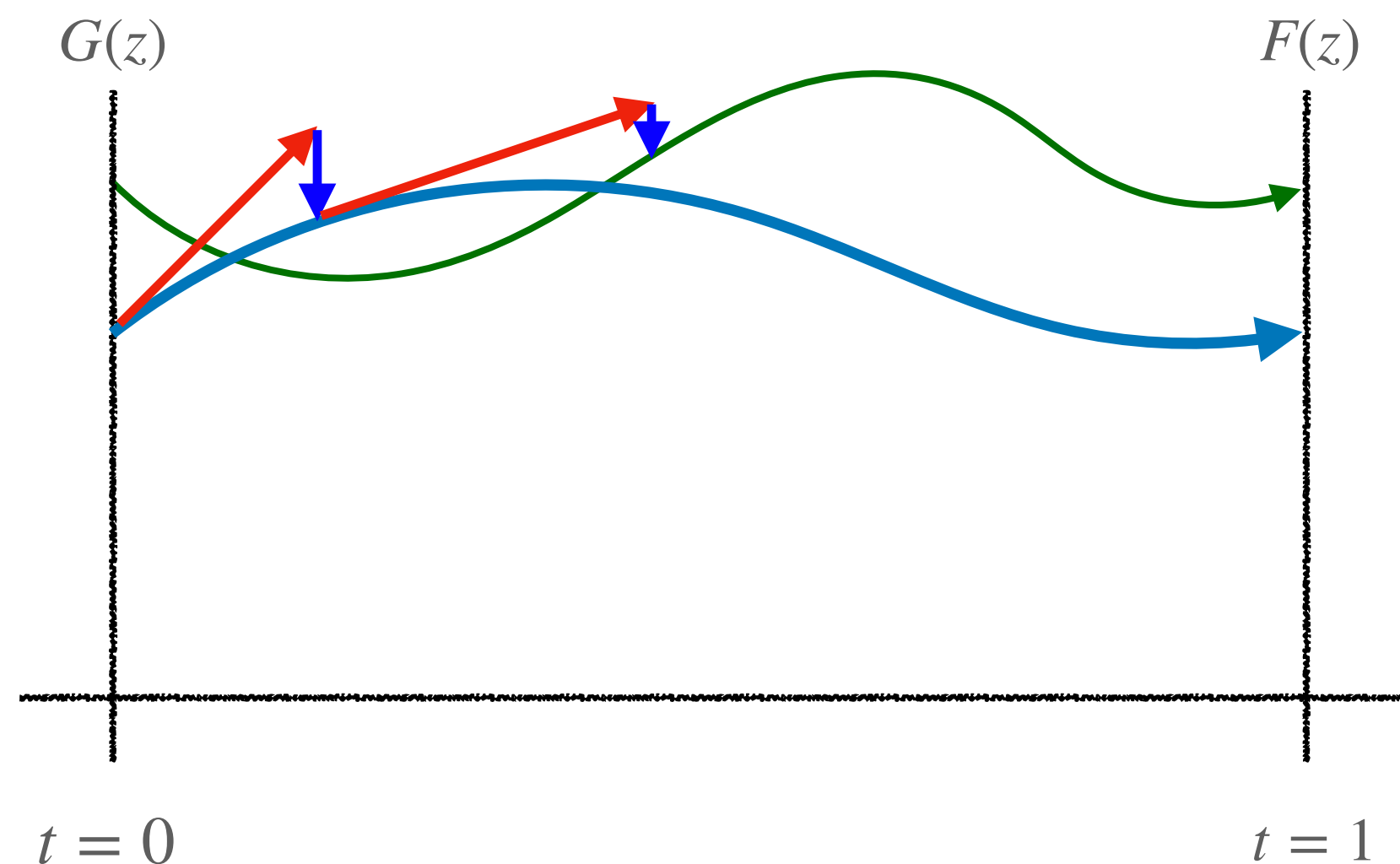
$$H(t, z) = (1 - t)G(z) + tF(z), \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

Solve F (target system) by constructing a homotopy with G (start system) whose solutions are known.

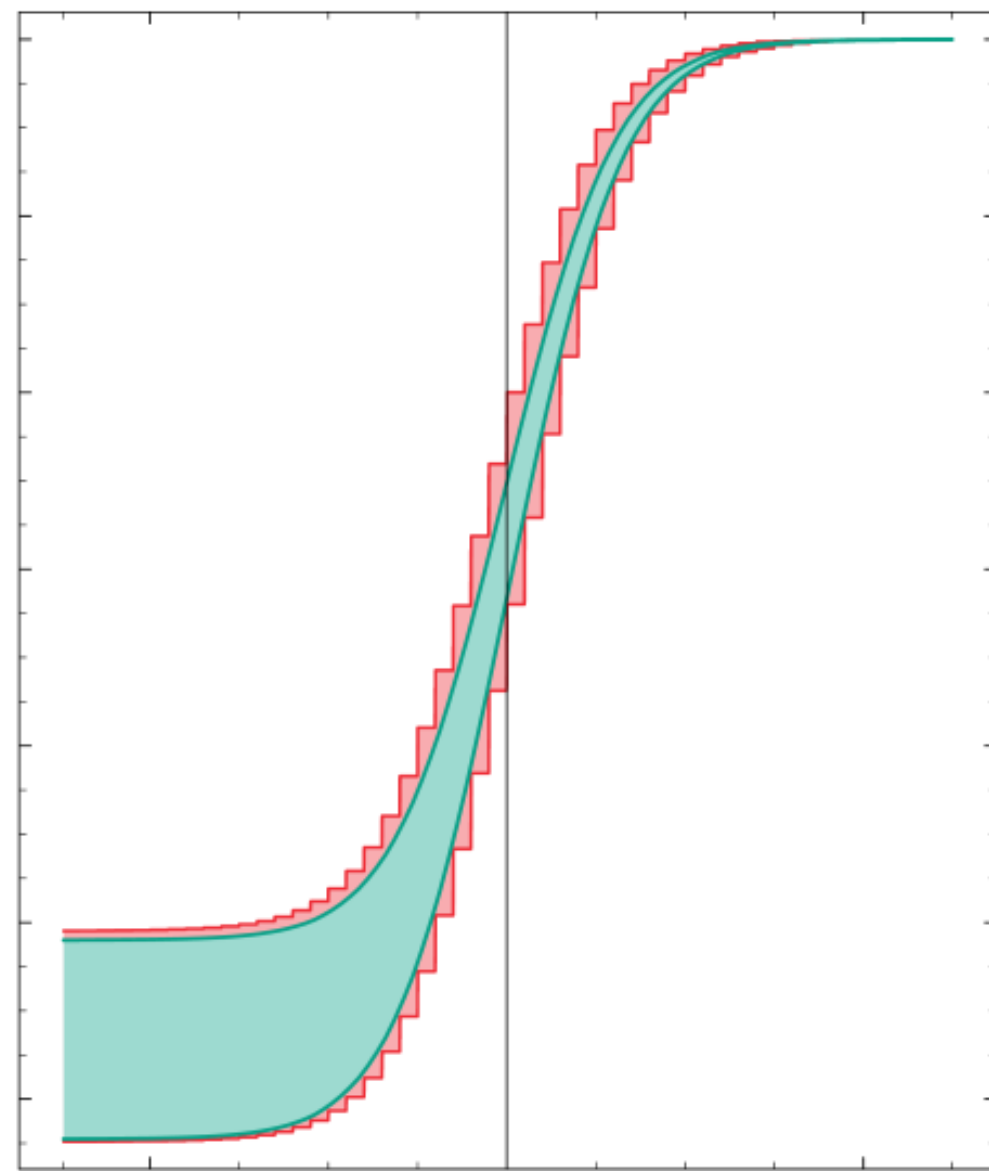
A **path-jumping** may occur when there is a nearby path.

Certified homotopy tracking guarantees that the solution path is tracked **without jumping**.

(Beltran-Leykin 2012 2013, Martin-Goldsztejn-Granvilliers-Jermann 2013, Hauenstein-Haywood-Liddell 2014, van der Hoeven 2015, Burr-Yap-Xu 2018)



Krawczyk method



Interval arithmetic executes reliable computation, by bounding the rounding error

- Addition:

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

- Multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned} & [x_1, x_2] \cdot [y_1, y_2] \\ &= [\min\{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_1, x_2y_2\}, \max\{x_1y_1, x_1y_2, x_2y_1, x_2y_2\}] \end{aligned}$$

Certified tracking

Krawczyk method

The Krawczyk method combines interval arithmetic and Newton's method. For a system $F : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$, an interval box I with the midpoint x , and an $n \times n$ invertible matrix A , define the **Krawczyk operator**

$$-AF(x) + (Id - A \square J_F(I))(I - x)$$

Theorem (Krawczyk 1969). For a given interval box I with the radius r and a constant $\rho \in (0,1)$, if

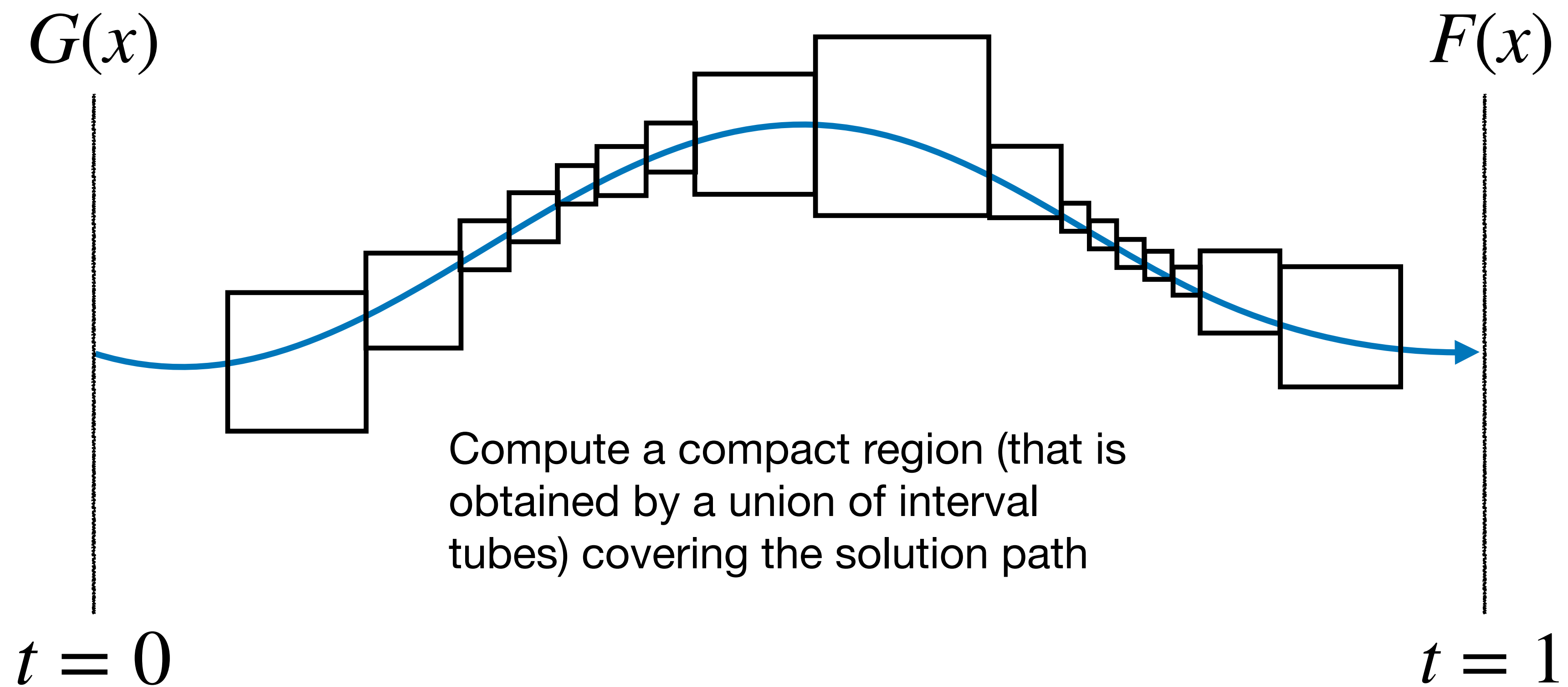
$$-AF(x) + (Id - A \square J_F(I))(I - x) \subset \rho I,$$

Then, there is a unique solution $x^\star$ to F in I .

Also, Newton iteration applied at a point in I converges to $x^\star$.

In this case, we say that x is a **ρ -approximate solution** to F .

ρ works as a **refinement parameter** (smaller $\rho \Rightarrow$ tighter box)



Certified tracking

Two simultaneous
independent works
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Validated Numerics for Algebraic Path Tracking

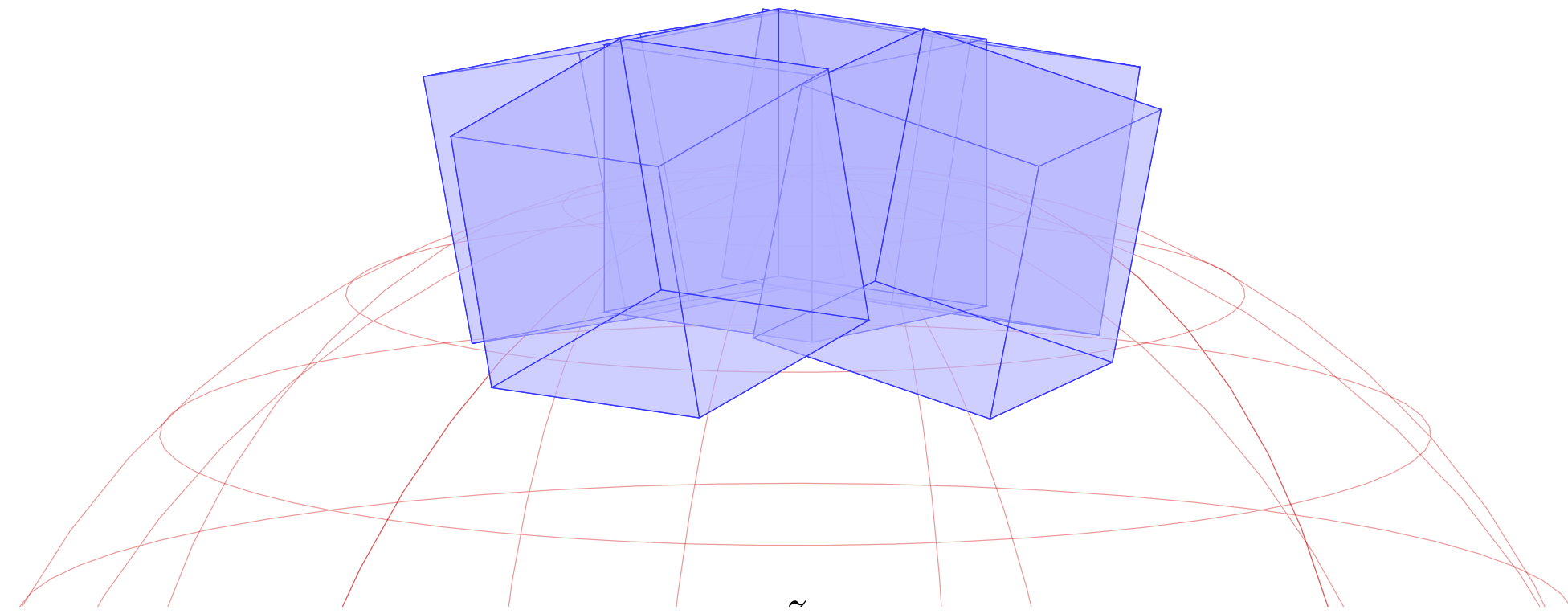
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Interval Krawczyk test



Certified homotopy tracking relies on the fact that every slice of the box intersects the solution path at exactly one point.

The **interval Krawczyk test** generalizes this to an arbitrary algebraic variety.

For $\hat{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (near $\mathcal{V}(F)$) with $\hat{z} = (\pi_d(\hat{z}), \pi_{-d}(\hat{z}))$,

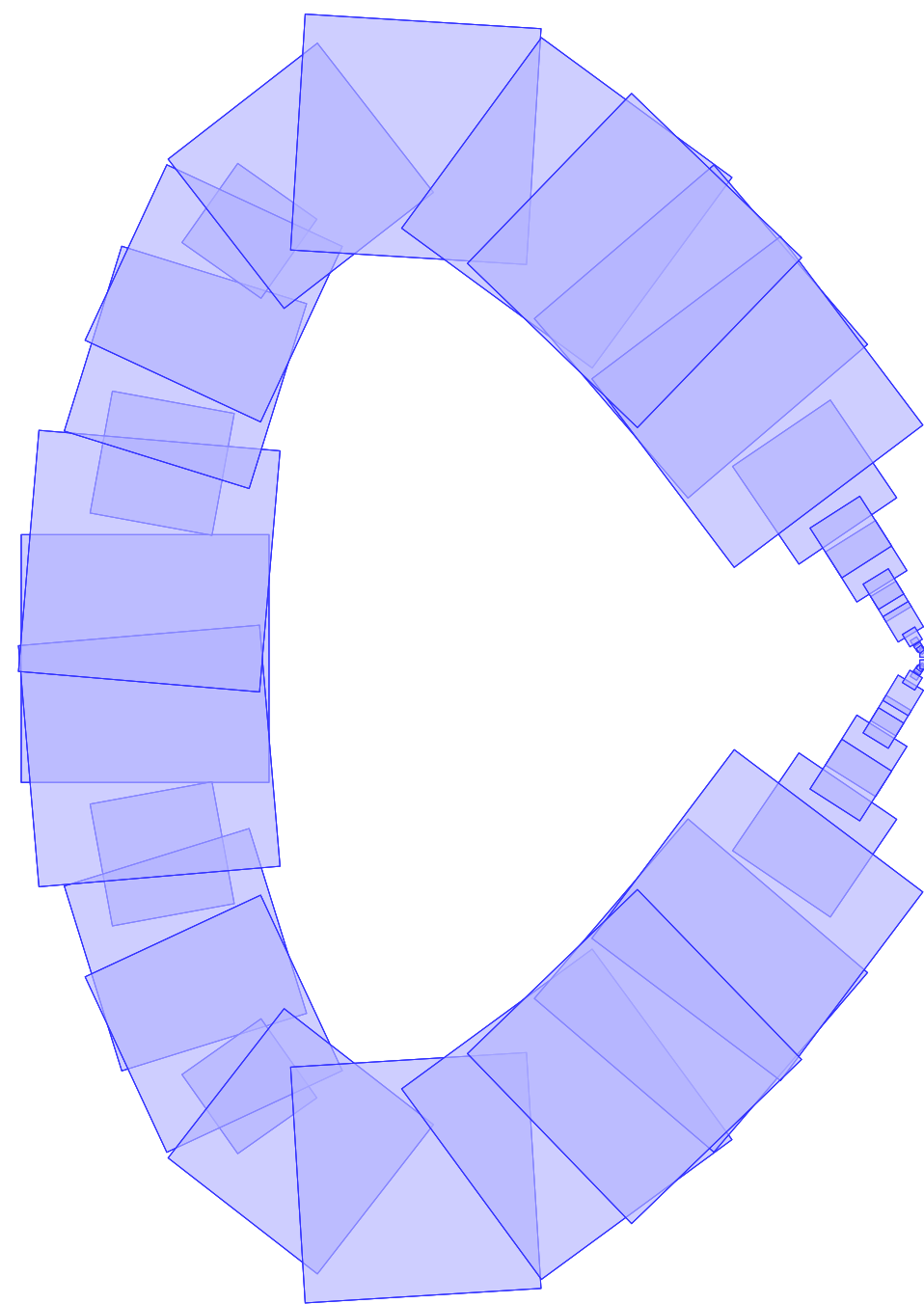
$$-A \square F(I, \pi_{-d}(\hat{z})) + (Id_{n-d} - A \square J_F(I, J))(J - \pi_{-d}(\hat{z}))$$

where $I := \pi_d(\hat{z}) + r_1[-1, 1]^d$ and $J := \pi_{-d}(\hat{z}) + r_2[-1, 1]^{n-d}$

The interval Krawczyk test certifies that every fiber intersects the variety exactly once.

When the interval Krawczyk test passes, we set $\hat{z}$ by the center of the sides $\partial I \times J$ and make new certified boxes.

Component test



$$\{x^3 - 2.9995x - y^2 + 2, z\} \text{ with } \rho = \frac{7}{8}$$

Whenever two boxes intersect, we perform the component test.

Inclusion test

- Construct a certified box inside the overlap.
- Success $\Rightarrow$ same sheet

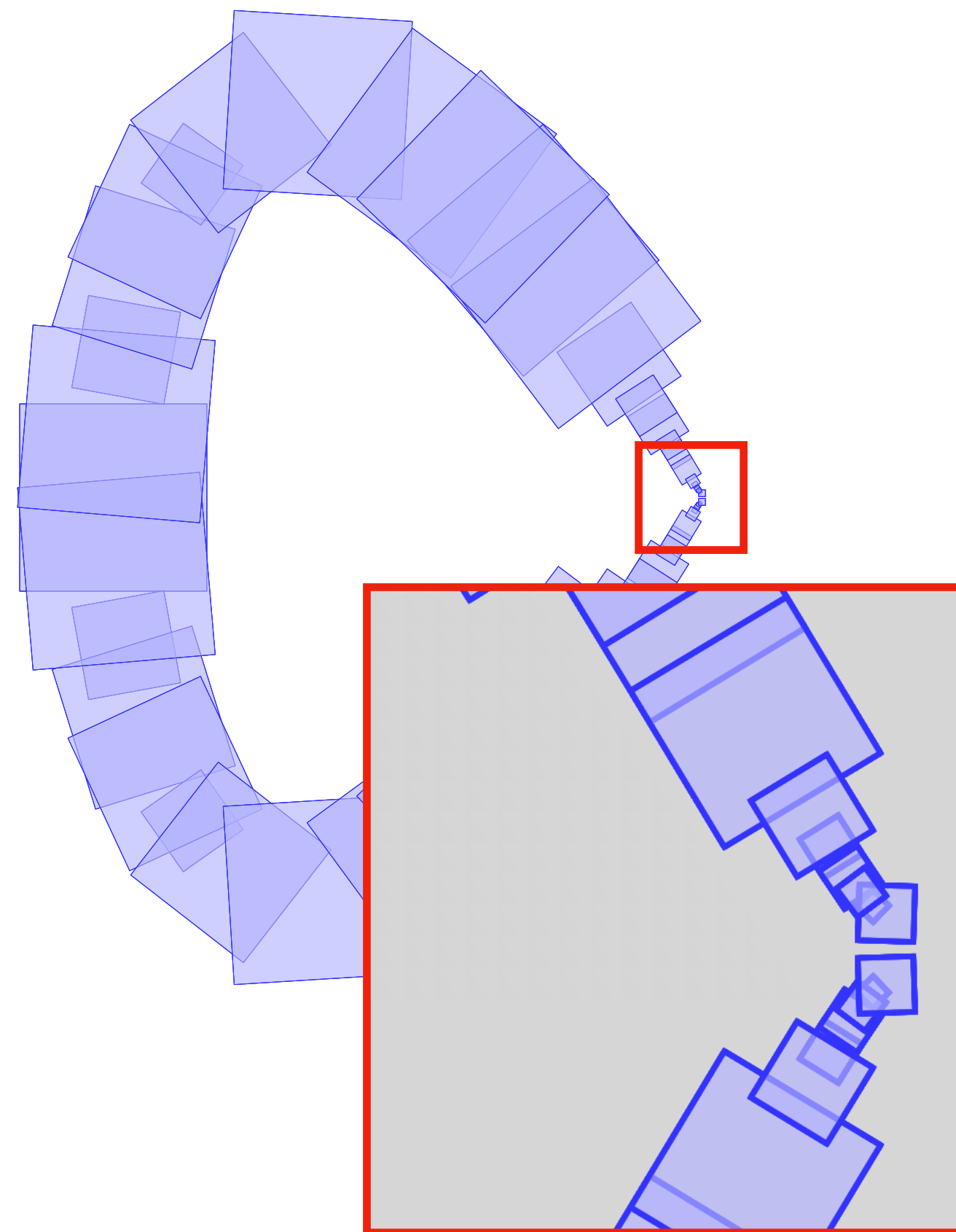
Exclusion test

- Refine the boxes.
- No refined boxes intersect $\Rightarrow$ different sheets

If undecided

- Refine the boxes with smaller ρ .
- Repeat until one test succeeds.

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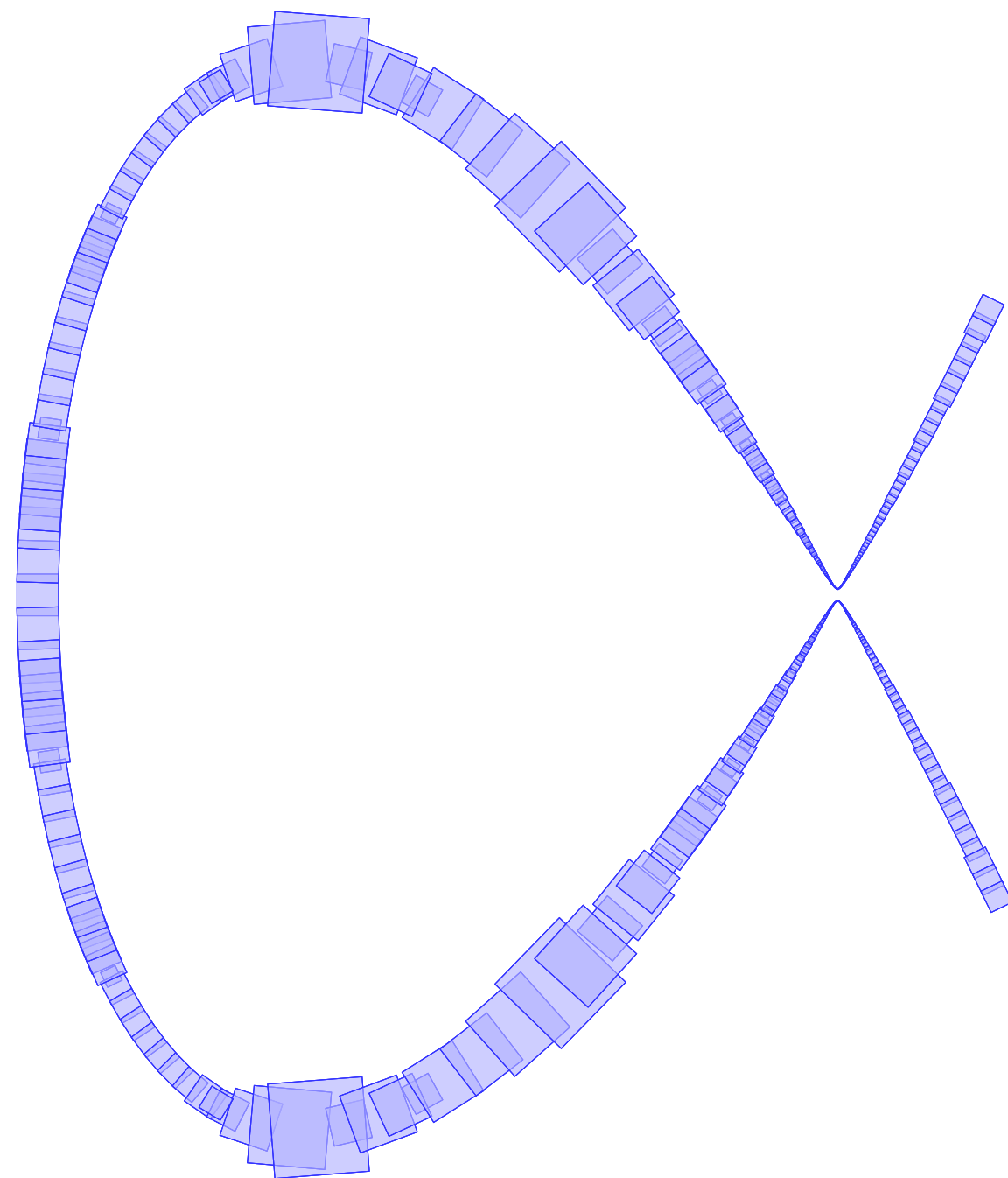
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Component test



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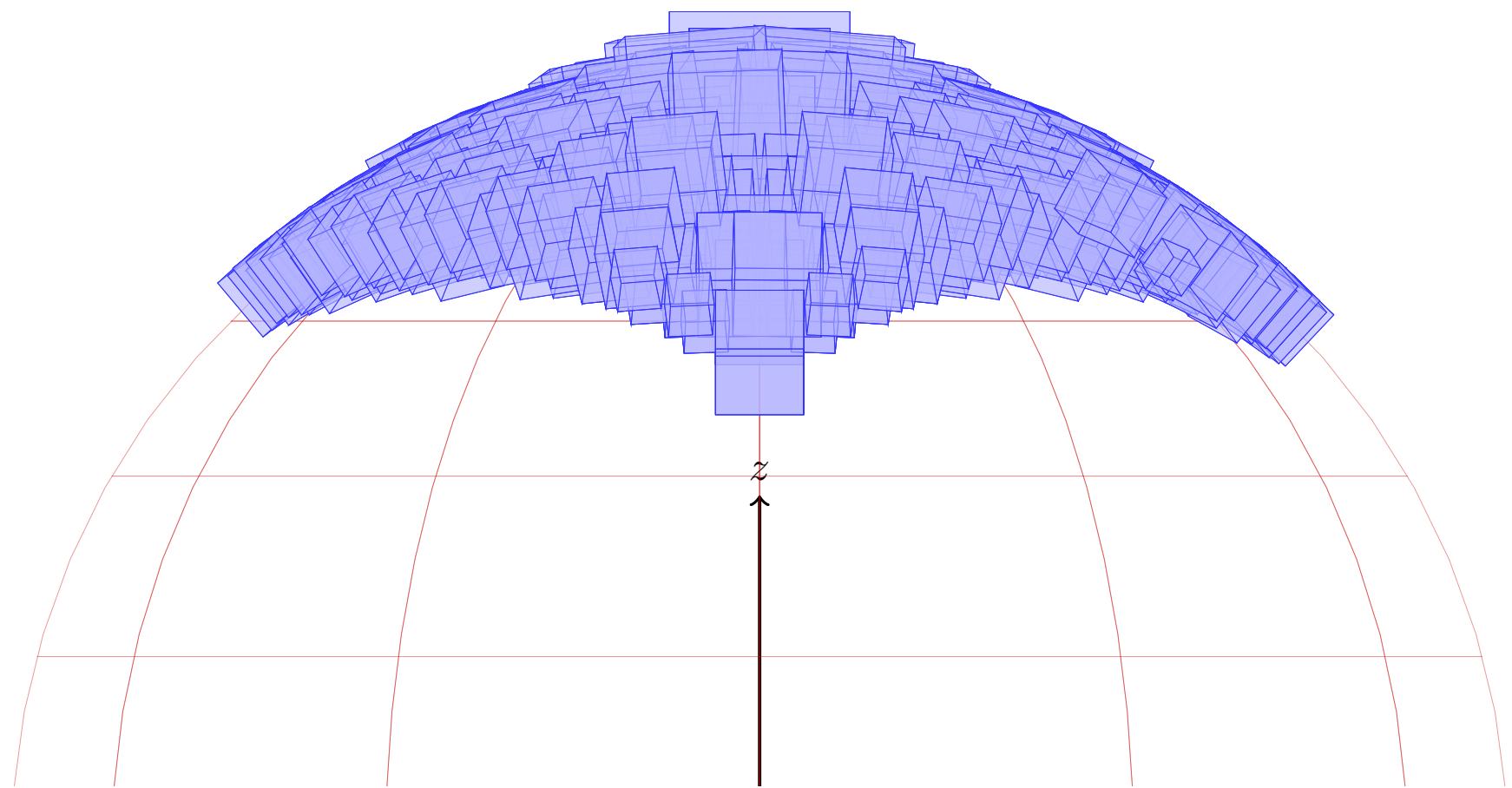
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Unitary transformation

Local coordinate change



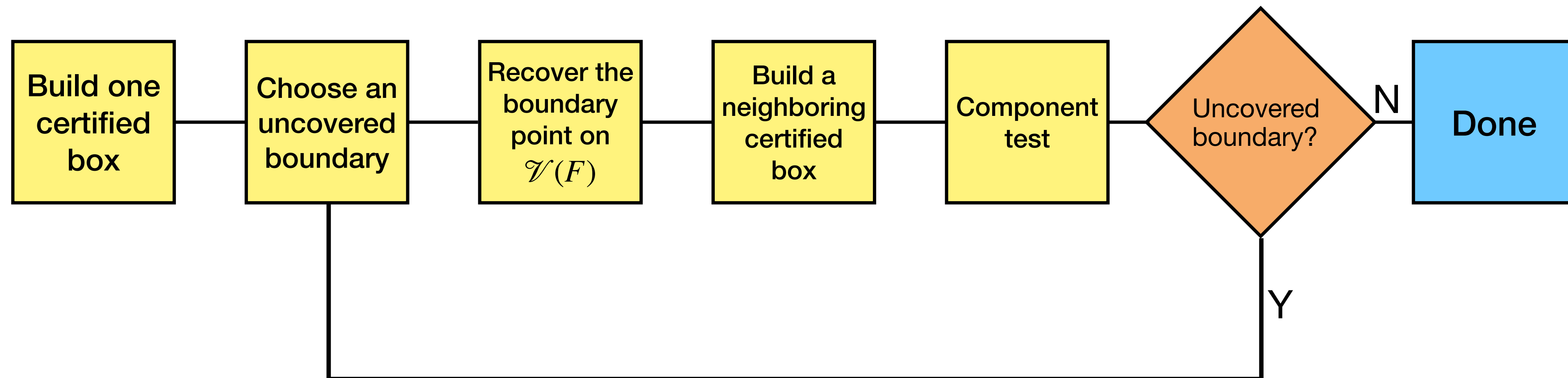
The interval Krawczyk test applies when the variety is a **local graph** with respect to the chosen projection.

At every certified point, we rotate the coordinates so that the tangent space becomes nearly horizontal.

$$\tilde{F}(z) = U^*F(Vz), \quad \tilde{z} = V^*z$$

where V is obtained from the SVD of the Jacobian.

Given: A smooth variety defined by $Z = \mathcal{V}(f_1, \dots, f_{n-d}) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$,
a given point $\hat{z}$,
an initial radius $r = (r_1, r_2)$,
and a constant ρ
(and a compact region D)



Future works

Remaining challenges

Global correctness

How to check whether the approximation is topologically correct?

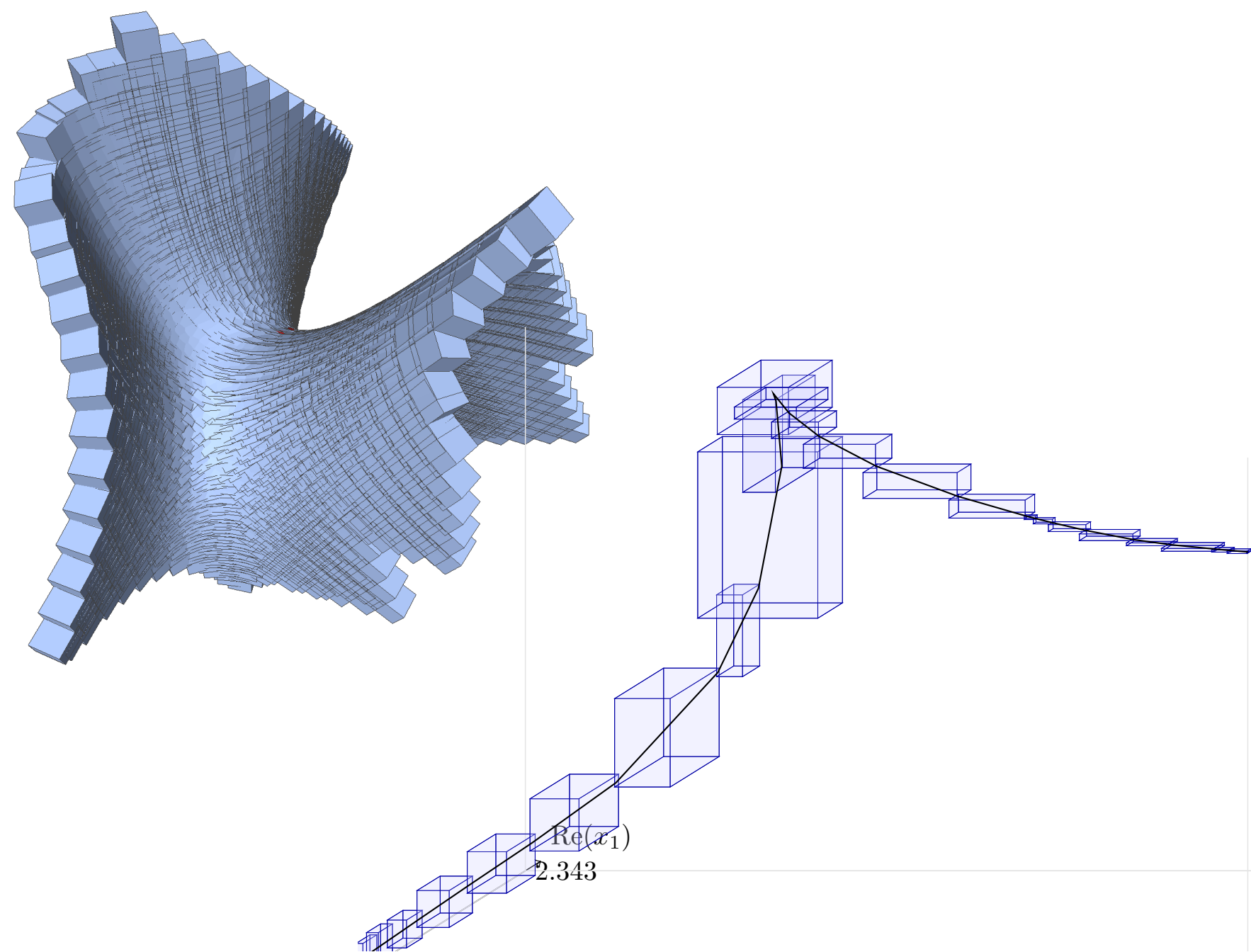
- **Via Čech/Rips reconstruction**
Build a certified nerve of the local patches.
- **Via ellipsoid-based reconstruction**
Adapt ellipsoid-based deformation retraction to certified surface patches.

Complexity analysis

Study the number and sizes of certified patches to the local conditioning and geometry of the variety.
(ongoing work with Burr-Byrd-Tonelli-Cueto)

Closing advertisement

CertifiedHomotopyTracking.jl



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CertifiedHomotopyTracking.jl provides interval-certified tools for tracking homotopy paths and relevant computations (e.g., computing monodromy actions and certified local approximations of algebraic varieties). It pairs Symbolics/Nemo-style model construction with ACB interval arithmetic, with interactions to HomotopyContinuation.jl and GAP.

Main functionalities are like below:

- [A Posteriori Certification](#)
- [Tracking](#)
- [Monodromy](#)
- [Variety Approximations](#)

Julia package for certified homotopy-based computations

- Certified homotopy tracking / a posteriori path certification
- Galois/monodromy action computation (Duff-L. 2026+)
- Certified variety approximations (Burr-Hauenstein-L. 2026)

Try using CertifiedHomotopyTracking in Julia now!

Origin of the word 'symposium'



sym·po·si·um
/sim'pōzēəm/

Origin



late 16th century: via Latin from Greek
sumposion, from sumpotēs 'fellow drinker',
from sun- '**together**' + potēs '**drinker**'.

Let's drink together!

**Thank you for your
attention!**