Toward an Approximation Theory for Computerised Control

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 - or more generally an approximation theory of discrete event and hybrid systems

Verification or synthesis algorithms?

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Topology is recovered and this encompasses both continuous, discrete and piece-wise continuous signals.

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Boolean signal example : the largest time shift between corresponding edges

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On the contrary, for unboundedly fast varying signals, a non continuous retiming can erase some discontinuities while a continuous one cannot : compensation is no more possible





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