

Multiple Shooting

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Example Problem:

Given: $\vec{x}_0, \vec{x}_f, T, \dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{f}(\vec{x}, \vec{u})$

Find: $\vec{u}(t)$

min: $J(\vec{x}(t), \vec{u}(t)) = \int_0^T g(\vec{x}(t), \vec{u}(t)) dt$

Subject to: $\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0 \quad \vec{x}(T) = \vec{x}_f$

Transcription via Multiple Shooting: Euler's Method, uniform grid,
one step per segment

$N = \text{number of steps} = \text{number of segments} \rightarrow h = T/N$

Dec. Vars: $(\vec{x}_0), \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_{N-1}, (\vec{x}_N) \quad *$
 $\vec{u}_0, \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_{N-1}$

Objective: $J = h \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} g(\vec{x}_k, \vec{u}_k)$

Dynamics = Constraints $\vec{c} = [\vec{c}_0, \vec{c}_1, \vec{c}_2, \dots, \vec{c}_{N-1}]^T \leftarrow \text{column vector}$

$$\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}_0 = (\vec{x}_0 + h \vec{f}(\vec{x}_0, \vec{u}_0)) - \vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{c}_1 = (\vec{x}_1 + h \vec{f}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{u}_1)) - \vec{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{c}_{N-1} = (\vec{x}_{N-1} + h \vec{f}(\vec{x}_{N-1}, \vec{u}_{N-1})) - \vec{x}_N \end{bmatrix}$$

* Boundary Constraints applied to x_0 and x_N

\rightarrow This is a non-linear program (NLP) - Can be solved w/ FMINCON

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● $\frac{\partial \vec{c}}{\partial \vec{z}}$ = Gradient of constraints wrt decision variables

$\vec{z} = [x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N, u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{N-1}]^T \leftarrow \text{column vector}$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{c}}{\partial \vec{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial c_0}{\partial x_0} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_0}{\partial x_N} & , & \frac{\partial c_0}{\partial u_0} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_0}{\partial u_{N-1}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial c_{N-1}}{\partial x_0} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_{N-1}}{\partial x_N} & , & \frac{\partial c_{N-1}}{\partial u_0} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_{N-1}}{\partial u_{N-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

This will be a sparse Matrix:
Most of these blocks are zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial c_k}{\partial x_p} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} (x_k + h f(x_k, u_k) - x_{k+1}) \\ &= \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_p} + h f_x(k) \cdot \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_p} + h f_u(k) \cdot \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_p} - \frac{\partial x_{k+1}}{\partial x_p} \\ &= \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_p} (1 + h f_x(k)) - \frac{\partial x_{k+1}}{\partial x_p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial c_k}{\partial x_p} = \begin{cases} 1 + h f_x(k) & K = p \\ -1 & K+1 = p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

* Not recursive!

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$$\frac{\partial c_k}{\partial u_p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_p} (x_k + h f(x_k, u_k) - x_{k+1})$$

$$= \frac{\partial x_{k+1}}{\partial u_p} + h f_x(k) \cdot \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial u_p} + h f_u(k) \cdot \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial u_p} - \frac{\partial x_{k+1}}{\partial u_p}$$

$$= \left(1 + h f_x(k)\right) \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial u_p} + h f_u(k) \cdot \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial u_p} - \frac{\partial x_{k+1}}{\partial u_p}$$

$$\frac{\partial c_k}{\partial u_p} = \begin{cases} h f_u(k) & k=p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

* Not Recursive!

$$\frac{\partial \vec{c}}{\partial \vec{z}} = \begin{array}{c|ccccccc} & x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & \dots & u_0 & u_1 & \dots \\ \hline c_0 & (1+h f_x(0)) & -1 & 0 & & h f_u(0) & 0 & 0 \\ c_1 & 0 & (1+h f_x(1)) & -1 & & 0 & h f_u(1) & 0 \\ c_2 & 0 & 0 & (1+h f_x(2)) & & 0 & 0 & h f_u(2) \\ & & & \vdots & & & & \vdots \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{c}}{\partial \vec{z}} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \cdot & \cdot & & & \cdot & \\ & \cdot & & & & \cdot \\ & & \cdot & & & & \\ & & & \cdot & & & \\ & & & & \cdot & & \\ & & & & & \cdot & \\ & & & & & & \cdot \end{array} \right] \text{ Sparsity Pattern}$$