Problem Formulation

The following function auto-generates all the necessary functions for rewriting the Nonlinear Program (NLP)

min
$$J_N(x_N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} J_k(x_k, u_k)$$

s. t. $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k), \qquad k \in [0, N-1], \quad x_0 = x$

as the Sequential Quadratic Progam (SQP)

$$\min \ \frac{1}{2} \Delta x_N^T P(x_N) \ \Delta x_N + \Delta x_N^T p(x_N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_0 \\ \Delta u_0 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} Q(x_k, u_k, \lambda_k) & S(x_k, u_k, \lambda_k)^T \\ S(x_k, u_k, \lambda_k) & R(x_k, u_k, \lambda_k) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_0 \\ \Delta u_0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_0 \\ \Delta u_0 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} q(x_k, u_k) \\ r(x_k, u_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

s. t.
$$A(x_k, u_k)\Delta x_k + B(x_k, u_k)\Delta u_k - \Delta x_{k+1} = x_{k+1} - f(x_k, u_k),$$
 $k \in [0, N-1], \Delta x_0 = 0,$

which features the following linear-quadratic approximations:

Jacobian of the System Dynamics

$$A(x, u) = \nabla_x f(x, u), \quad B(x, u) = \nabla_u f(x, u),$$

Gradient of the Cost Function

$$p(x) = \nabla J_N(x), \quad q(x, u) = \nabla_x J_k(x, u), \quad r(x, u) = \nabla_u J_k(x, u)$$

Hessian of the Lagrangian

$$P_1(x) = \nabla^2 L_N(x), \quad Q_1(x,u,\lambda) = \nabla^2_{xx} L_k(x,u,\lambda), \quad R_1(x,u) = \nabla^2_{uu} L_k(x,u,\lambda), \quad S_1(x,u) = \nabla^2_{ux} L_k(x,u,\lambda)$$

given $L_N(x) = J_N(x)$ and $L_k(x, u, \lambda) = J_k(x, u) + \lambda^T f(x, u)$

• [...] or Hessian of the Cost Function

$$P_2(x) = \nabla^2 J_N(x), \quad Q_2(x, u) = \nabla^2_{xx} J_k(x, u), \quad R_2(x, u) = \nabla^2_{uu} J_k(x, u), \quad S_2(x, u) = \nabla^2_{ux} J_k(x, u)$$

just in case the Hessian of the Lagrangian is not positive definite.

Note that, since $L_N(x) = J_N(x)$, we have that $P_1(x) = P_2(x)$, making the distinction between these two definitions irrelevant.

Problem Size

We begin by defing all our symbolic variables $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

```
% System Size
n = 6;
m = 2;

% Reference
ref = [5; 0; 0; 0; 0; 0];

% Define symbolic variables
l = sym('l',[n 1]);
x = sym('x',[n 1]);
u = sym('u',[m 1]);
```

System Dynamics

We now define the dynamic model of our specific system. Here, we consider the nonlinear bycicle model

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y} \\ \dot{\varphi} \\ \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\delta}_f \\ \dot{\delta}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s \sin(\varphi) + v \cos(\varphi) \\ -s\omega + \frac{1}{M} (F(\alpha_f)\cos(\delta_f) + F(\alpha_r)\cos(\delta_r)) \\ \omega \\ \frac{1}{J} (F(\alpha_f)\cos(\delta_f)L_f - F(\alpha_r)\cos(\delta_r)L_r) \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\alpha_f = \delta_f - \operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{v + L_f \,\omega}{s}\right)$$

$$\alpha_r = \delta_r - \operatorname{atan}\left(\frac{v - L_r \, \omega}{s}\right)$$

are the sideslip angles of the front and rear tires, respectively,

$$F(\alpha) = \mu m g \sin(c \operatorname{atan}(b\alpha))$$

is the Pacejka model for tire forces, and all other variables are positive constants.

```
% Sideslip angles
af = x(5)-atan((x(2)+Lf*x(4))/s);
ar = x(6)-atan((x(2)-Lr*x(4))/s);
% Tire forces
Ff = mu*g*M*sin(c*atan(b*(af)));
Fr = mu*g*M*sin(c*atan(b*(ar)));
% Dynamic Model (continuos-time)
fc = [s*sin(x(3))+x(2)*cos(x(3))]
      -s*x(4)+(Ff*cos(x(5))+Fr*cos(x(6)))/M
      (Ff*cos(x(5))*Lf-Fr*cos(x(6))*Lr)/I
       u(1)
       u(2)];
Constraint = [-x(5)-deg2rad(30)]
                x(5)-deg2rad(30)
               -x(6)-deg2rad(6)
                x(6)-deg2rad(6)
               -u(1)-1
                u(1)-1
               -u(2)-1
                u(2)-1];
               % -af-deg2rad(6)
               % af-deg2rad(6)
               % -ar-deg2rad(6)
               % ar-deg2rad(6)];
```

Discrete-time Approximation

We now define the discrete-time dynamic model $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k)$ by taking the Forward-Euler approximation

```
% Forward Euler approximation
f = x + dt*fc;
```

Jacobian of the System Dynamics

After computing $A(x, u) = \nabla_x f(x, u)$ and $B(x, u) = \nabla_u f(x, u)$ symbolically, we save them as the auto-generated MATLAB functions **A.m** and **B.m**.

```
% Jacobians
Asym = jacobian(f,x);
Bsym = jacobian(f,u);

% Convert symbolic functions to MATLAB functions
matlabFunction(f,'File','f','Vars',{x,u});
```

```
matlabFunction(Asym,'File','A','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(Bsym,'File','B','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(Constraint,'File','Constraint','Vars',{x,u});
```

Cost Function

For simplicity, we define the quadratic cost functions

$$J_N(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T P x$$
 and $J_k(x, u) = \frac{1}{2} x^T Q x + \frac{1}{2} u^T R u$,

where Q and R are identity matrices. To obtain P, we will linearize the system around the origin and then solve the Discrete Algebraic Riccati Equation.

```
% Stage Cost
Qq = diag([1 0 1 0 0 0]);
Rr = 0.1*eye(2);

J_k = 1/2*(x-ref)'*Qq*(x-ref)+1/2*u'*Rr*u;

% Terminal Cost
[~,Pp,~] = dlqr(A(zeros(6,1),0),B(zeros(6,1),0),Qq,Rr);

J_N = 1/2*(x-ref)'*Pp*(x-ref);
% J_N = 0;
```

Gradient of the Cost Function

After computing $p(x) = \nabla J_N(x)$, $q(x, u) = \nabla_x J_k(x, u)$, and $r(x, u) = \nabla_u J_k(x, u)$ symbolically, we save them as the auto-generated MATLAB functions **p.m**, **q.m** and **r.m**.

```
% Gradients
q = jacobian(J_k,x);
r = jacobian(J_k,u);
p = jacobian(J_N,x);
c_x = jacobian(Constraint,x);
c_u = jacobian(Constraint,u);

% Convert symbolic functions to MATLAB functions
matlabFunction(q,'File','q','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(r,'File','r','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(p,'File','p','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(c_x,'File','c_x','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(c_u,'File','c_x','Vars',{x,u});
```

Hessian of the Cost Function

We can do the same for the Hessian of the cost function, i.e. $P_L(x) = \nabla^2 J_N(x)$, $Q_J(x,u) = \nabla^2_{xx} J_k(x,u)$, $R_J(x,u) = \nabla^2_{uu} J_k(x,u)$, and $S_J(x,u) = \nabla^2_{ux} J_k(x,u)$, which we save as the auto-generated MATLAB functions **PN.m**, **QG.m**, **RG.m**, and **SG.m**.

```
% Hessians (of the Cost)
Q = jacobian(q,x);
R = jacobian(r,u);
S = jacobian(r,x);
P = jacobian(p,x);

% Convert symbolic functions to MATLAB functions
matlabFunction(Q,'File','QJ','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(R,'File','RJ','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(S,'File','SJ','Vars',{x,u});
matlabFunction(P,'File','PN','Vars',{x,u});
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Hessian of the Lagrangian

Finally, we compute the Hessian of the Lagrangian, i.e. $P_L(x) = \nabla^2 L_N(x)$, $Q_L(x,u,\lambda) = \nabla^2_{xx} L_k(x,u,\lambda)$, $R_L(x,u) = \nabla^2_{uu} L_k(x,u,\lambda)$, and $S_L(x,u,\lambda) = \nabla^2_{ux} L_k(x,u,\lambda)$, which we save as the auto-generated MATLAB functions QL.m, RL.m, and SL.m. [Note: $P_L(x)$ has already been saved as PN.m].

```
%% Lagrangian
L_k = J_k + l'*f;

% Hessians (of the Lagrangian)
Q = jacobian(jacobian(L_k,x),x);
R = jacobian(jacobian(L_k,u),u);
S = jacobian(jacobian(L_k,u),x);

% Convert symbolic functions to MATLAB functions
matlabFunction(Q,'File','QL','Vars',{x,u,l});
matlabFunction(R,'File','RL','Vars',{x,u,l});
matlabFunction(S,'File','SL','Vars',{x,u,l});
end
```