

Problem 02

moon lander with state $[h, v, m]^T$ to have the following dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{h}(t) &= v(t) \\ \dot{v}(t) &= -g + \frac{\alpha(t)}{m(t)} & \dot{m}(t) &= -K\alpha(t)\end{aligned}$$

h is altitude, v is velocity & m is mass of moon lander, $\alpha(t) \in [0, 1]$

$$\min_{\alpha(t)} P(t) = \int_0^T \alpha(t) dt.$$

$$\min_{\alpha(t)} \int_0^T \alpha(t) dt = \frac{m_0 - m(T)}{K}$$

in term of general notations the state vector.

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ -g + \alpha/m \\ -K\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Thrust $l = \alpha$.

Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned}H &= -l + \lambda^T f \\ &= -\alpha + \lambda_1 \dot{x}_1 + \lambda_2 \dot{x}_2 + \lambda_3 \dot{x}_3 \\ &= -\alpha + \lambda_1 v + \lambda_2 \left(-g + \frac{\alpha}{m} \right) + \lambda_3 (-K\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

To find the optimal control policy we apply Pontryagin's maximum principle

$$\alpha^* = \arg \max(\mathcal{H}) \text{ w.r.t. } \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

$$= \arg \max \left[(-1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{m} - \lambda_3 k) \alpha + \lambda_1 V - \lambda_2 g \right]$$

$$\alpha^* = \begin{cases} 0 & b \leq 0 \\ 1 & b > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } b = -1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{m} - \lambda_3 k$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x} = - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda_1 \\ \frac{\lambda_2 \alpha}{m^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\lambda_1 \\ \frac{\lambda_2 \alpha}{m^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{b} = \frac{\dot{\lambda}_2}{m} = \frac{-\lambda_2 m}{m^2} - \lambda_3 k$$

Now multiply $\dot{\lambda}$ in \dot{b}

$$\dot{b} = \frac{-\lambda_1}{m} - \frac{\lambda_2}{m} (-v\alpha) - \left(\frac{\lambda_2\alpha}{m}\right) K.$$

$$\dot{b} = \frac{-\lambda_1}{m}$$

mass is always greater than 0 $\rightarrow m > 0$

The value of λ_1 is always constant.
 $\dot{\lambda}_1 = 0$

If λ_1 is +ve then \dot{b} is greater +ve
If λ_1 is -ve then \dot{b} is -ve

Thus b is monotonic because its first derivative does not change sign.

So first shutdown the engine & then turn on the engine at end to reach 0 velocity at the end.

With this we can say that optimal policy is

$$\alpha^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } b \leq 0 @ t \in [0, t^*] \\ 1 & \text{if } b > 0 @ t \in [t^*, T] \end{cases}$$