

## Closed form solution to LQR Optimal Control applied to One-dimensional non-linear systems

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We have the dynamical system:

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

With  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let's minimize the functional:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty x^T Q x + u^T R u \, dt$$

Using Variational Calculus optimization formula.

We'll optimize the following function:

$$A(x, \dot{x}, \lambda, u) = \frac{1}{2} (x^T Q x + u^T R u) + \lambda (f(x) + g(x)u - \dot{x})$$

$$A(x, \dot{x}, \lambda, u) = H(x, \lambda, u) - \lambda \dot{x}$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda}$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u}$$

$$0 = Ru + \lambda g(x) \rightarrow u = -R^{-1}g(x)\lambda$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = -Qx - \lambda(f'(x) + g'(x)u)$$

Let's see that the values of  $H$  remains constant in the values of the optimum solutions:

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \dot{\lambda} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} \dot{u} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \right) - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0$$

We also know:

$$H = 0$$

$$0 = (Qx^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2\lambda^2) + 2\lambda(f(x) - R^{-1}g(x)^2\lambda)$$

$$0 = R^{-1}g(x)^2\lambda^2 - 2f(x)\lambda - Qx^2$$

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{f(x) + c(x)\sqrt{f(x)^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2 Qx^2}}{R^{-1}g(x)^2}$$

$$c(x) = \pm 1$$

So the optimal policy for a one dimensional system is:

$$u(x) = -\frac{f(x) + c(x)\sqrt{f(x)^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2 Qx^2}}{g(x)}$$

Substituting in the dynamical system:

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

$$\dot{x} = -c(x)\sqrt{f(x)^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2 Qx^2}$$

To prove optimality, it's enough to satisfy the HJB Equation:

Choosing  $J^*$  as:

$$J^*(x) = \int_0^x \frac{f(x) + c(x)\sqrt{f(x)^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2 Qx^2}}{R^{-1}g(x)^2} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial J^*}{\partial x} = \lambda(x)$$

Choosing  $J^*$  as

$$0 = \min_u \left[ \frac{1}{2} (x^T Qx + u^T R u) + \frac{\partial J^*}{\partial x} (f(x) + g(x)u) \right]$$

The following condition must hold  $\forall x$

$$0 = \min_u \left[ \frac{1}{2} (x^T Qx + u^T R u) + \lambda(x)(f(x) + g(x)u) \right] = \min_u [H(x, \lambda(x), u)]$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} \rightarrow u^*(x) = -R^{-1}g(x)\lambda(x)$$

Replacing back this equation, we get:

$$H(x, \lambda(x), u^*(x)) = 0$$

$$c(x) = \text{sign}(x)$$

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{Qx^2}{(-f(x) + c(x)\sqrt{f(x)^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2Qx^2})}$$

$$u(x) = -\frac{f(x) + c(x)\sqrt{f(x)^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2Qx^2}}{g(x)}$$

$$u(x) = -\frac{R^{-1}g(x)Qx^2}{(-f(x) + c(x)\sqrt{f(x)^2 + R^{-1}g(x)^2Qx^2})}$$