

## Problem-2

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

$$\begin{cases} \dot{h}(t) = v(t) \\ \dot{v}(t) = -g + \frac{\alpha(t)}{m(t)} \\ \dot{m}(t) = -k\alpha(t) \end{cases}$$

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

- minimize the total applied thrust before landing is as equal as the maximizing the mass of moon lander, which gives us the minimum fuel consumption

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

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

- In terms of general notations the state vector

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ -g + \frac{\alpha}{m} \\ -k\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thrust } l = \alpha$$

→ Hamiltonian:

$$H = -\dot{\alpha} + \lambda^T f$$

$$= -\dot{\alpha} + \lambda_1 \dot{x}_1 + \lambda_2 \dot{x}_2 + \lambda_3 \dot{x}_3$$

$$= -\dot{\alpha} + \lambda_1 V + \lambda_2 \left(-g + \frac{\alpha}{m}\right) + \lambda_3 (-k\alpha)$$

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

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

$$= \operatorname{argmax} \left( -1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{m} - \lambda_3 k \right) \alpha + \lambda_1 V - \lambda_2 g$$

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

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

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

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

$$- \dot{b} = \frac{\dot{\lambda}_2}{m} - \frac{\lambda_2 \dot{m}}{m^2} - \dot{\lambda}_3 k$$

- now, substituting  $\dot{\lambda}$  in  $\dot{b}$

$$\dot{b} = \frac{-\lambda_1}{m} - \frac{\lambda_2(-k\alpha)}{m} - \left(\frac{\lambda_2 \alpha}{m^2}\right)k$$

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

- mass is always greater than zero  
 $m > 0$

- The value of  $\lambda_1$  is always constant  
 $\dot{\lambda}_1 = 0$

- if  $\lambda_1$  is positive, then  $\dot{b}$  is always negative  
 if  $\lambda_1$  is negative, then  $\dot{b}$  is always positive

- Thus,  $b$  is monotonic, because its first derivative does not change sign
- so,  $b$  changes monotonically, which means either  $b$  go from negative to positive or positive to negative
- and for this moon lander case, moonlander will turn the thrust on at a specific time
- with this we can say that optimal policy is

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