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- What is Guidance
- Generic Formulation of Trajectory Optimization



Keywords:

- Trajectory / Maneuvering
- Motion of Aircraft (Translational Dynamics)
- Select Commands
- Current State to Desired State
- Constraints





Relationship between

(Computational) Guidance and Trajectory Optimization

Determine a trajectory

Select a trajectory

Steer the aircraft Design the maneuver

Need to consider constraints

Can consider constraints

Optimality is not fundamental Optimality is fundamental

Computational guidance mostly onboard Not necessarily onboard





Trajectory Optimization

- Performance index / Objective function / Cost function
- Equations of motion (often translational dynamics)
- Initial and terminal conditions
- Path constraints

Constraints





Control history

$$\boldsymbol{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$$

Corresponding state history

$$\boldsymbol{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$$

Relevant parameters

$$oldsymbol{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{s imes 1}$$

Bolza cost function

$$J = \varphi(\boldsymbol{x}(t_f)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), t) dt$$
 Mayer Lagrange

Aircraft dynamics

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t)$$

Equality and inequality constraints

$$\boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{x}(t),\boldsymbol{u}(t),\boldsymbol{p},t)=0$$

$$\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t) \leq 0$$





Equality and inequality constraints h(x(t), u(t), p, t) = 0 $g(x(t), u(t), p, t) \le 0$

$$\boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{x}(t),\boldsymbol{u}(t),\boldsymbol{p},t)=0$$

$$g(x(t), u(t), p, t) \leq 0$$

- Equality constraints -> Inequality constraints
- Not necessarily be the function of state, control, and parameter,

but THINK TWICE!

$$AX \leq b$$

$$\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{X} \leq \boldsymbol{b} \quad \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t) \leq 0$$

Main reason causing infeasibility





A generic formulation:

minimize
$$\mathbf{J} = \varphi(\mathbf{x}(t_f)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t) dt$$

subject to $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{p}, t)$,
 $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{p}, t) = 0$,
 $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{p}, t) \leq 0$

Note:

- Constraints are imposed when necessary.
- t_f might or might not be given.





Before solving it

minimize
$$J = \varphi(\boldsymbol{x}(t_f)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), t) dt$$
 subject to $\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t)$, $\boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t) = 0$, $\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t) \leq 0$

- 1. Figure out your purpose
- 2. Know your objective (function)
- 3. Constraints = Practical concerns



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- Discretization Methods
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Why discretization methods

Simulation

$$\boldsymbol{x}(t) = \boldsymbol{x}(0) + \int_0^{t_f} \dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t)dt$$



$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t)$$





Discretization methods

Single Shooting

- Multiple Shooting
- Collocation Full Discretization

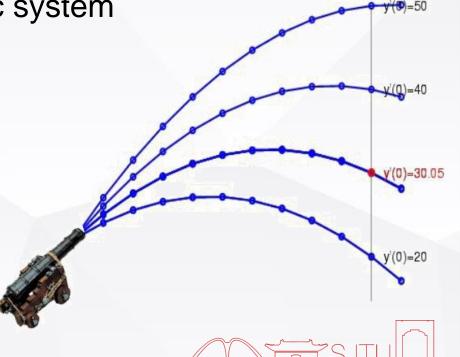


Single Shooting

- Integration over complete time history in one single sweep
- Restoration of states by integration of dynamic system

$$\boldsymbol{x}(t) = \boldsymbol{x}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}(t), \boldsymbol{u}(t), \boldsymbol{p}, t) dt$$

- Adjust only the controls
- Least variables

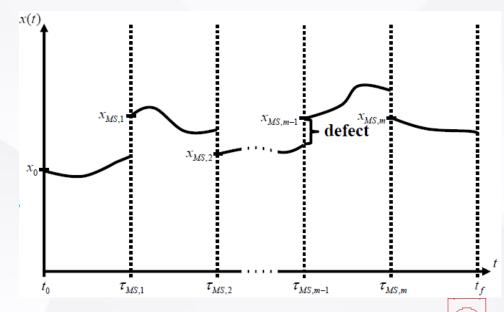






Multiple Shooting

- Separation of time history into m segments (shooting intervals)
- Propagation of differential equations on each interval
- Adjust the controls and some states







Single shooting vs. Multiple shooting:

Single Shooting

- States are sensitive w.r.t. (i.e. depend on) the initial states
- States are sensitive w.r.t. preceding control variables

Large, non-linear variations can lead to severe convergence problems

Multiple Shooting

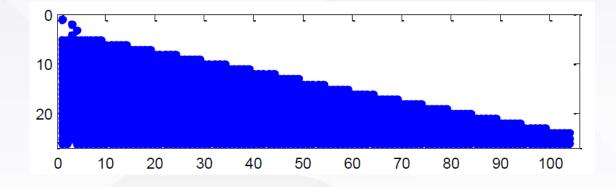
- States are only sensitive w.r.t. states at preceding multiple shooting nodes
- States are only sensitive w.r.t. preceding control variables within multiple shooting interval

Large, non-linear variations can be avoided – improved convergence

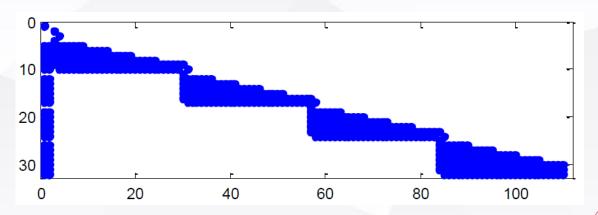


Single shooting vs. Multiple shooting: Gradient Structure

Single Shooting



Multiple Shooting





Collocation - Full Discretization

- Discretization of controls and states at time discretization points:
- Propagation of differential equations on EVERY interval
- Adjust all states and controls
- Most variables
- Sparse gradient structure

