

Optimization Method & Optimal Guidance

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Sequential Convex Optimization Methods:

- Trending in computational guidance
- Convert the original nonlinear trajectory optimization problem into convex optimization subproblems
- Good computational efficiency







Sequential Convex Optimization Methods:

- Referring to a class of methods
- Philosophies are similar
- My approaches are introduced in the course





Generic Formulation of Trajectory Optimization



Trajectory Optimization

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

Constraints

The 1st step: Deal with the nonlinear dynamics





With a known x_1 , using N discrete steps, step length h

To determine a control sequence

$$m{u}_a = [m{u}_1^T, m{u}_2^T, ..., m{u}_{N-1}^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)m}$$

Using Euler Forward: (Number of states is n)

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Control correction

Similarly, we can have $\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{x}^p + d\boldsymbol{x}$

State increment

Considering the first-order approximation of the Taylor

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} &= F_k \left(\boldsymbol{x}_k, \, \boldsymbol{u}_k \right) \\
&= F_k \left(\boldsymbol{x}_k^p + d\boldsymbol{x}_k, \, \boldsymbol{u}_k^p + d\boldsymbol{u}_k \right) \\
&\approx F_k \left(\boldsymbol{x}_k^p, \, \boldsymbol{u}_k^p \right) + \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_k} \right] d\boldsymbol{x}_k + \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}_k} \right] d\boldsymbol{u}_k \\
&= \boldsymbol{x}_{k+1}^p + \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_k} \right] d\boldsymbol{x}_k + \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}_k} \right] d\boldsymbol{u}_k.
\end{aligned}$$





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The increment at k+1 can be written as

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_k}\right] d\boldsymbol{x}_k + \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}_k}\right] d\boldsymbol{u}_k.$$





Expanding dx_{k+1} for $j = k, k-1, \ldots, 1$ gives

$$d\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k}\right] d\mathbf{x}_k + \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k}\right] d\mathbf{u}_k$$

$$= \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k}\right] \left[\frac{\partial F_{k-1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{k-1}}\right] d\mathbf{x}_{k-1}$$

$$+ \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k}\right] \left[\frac{\partial F_{k-1}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{k-1}}\right] d\mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \left[\frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k}\right] d\mathbf{u}_k$$

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The initial condition is assumed to be specified, so $dx_1 = 0$

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{B}_1^k d\boldsymbol{u}_1 + \boldsymbol{B}_2^k d\boldsymbol{u}_2 + \dots + \boldsymbol{B}_k^k d\boldsymbol{u}_k$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^k \boldsymbol{B}_j^k d\boldsymbol{u}_j.$$

Here, the superscript k denotes that the state increment at k+1 is constructed by k number of steps of input corrections.





$$\mathbf{B}_{j}^{k} = \left[\frac{\partial F_{k}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{k}}\right] \left[\frac{\partial F_{k-1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{k-1}}\right] \dots \left[\frac{\partial F_{j+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{j+1}}\right] \left[\frac{\partial F_{j}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{j}}\right] \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, k-2$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{k-1}^{k} = \left[\frac{\partial F_{k}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{k}}\right] \left[\frac{\partial F_{k-1}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{k-1}}\right]$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{k}^{k} = \frac{\partial F_{k}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{k}}$$

The computation of the sensitivity matrix B can be significantly simplified

$$(\boldsymbol{B}_{k}^{k})^{0} = \boldsymbol{I}_{n}$$

$$(\boldsymbol{B}_{j}^{k})^{0} = (\boldsymbol{B}_{j+1}^{k})^{0} \left[\frac{\partial F_{j+1}}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_{j+1}} \right], j = k-1, k-2, \dots, 1$$

$$\boldsymbol{B}_{j}^{k} = (\boldsymbol{B}_{j}^{k})^{0} \left[\frac{\partial F_{j}}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}_{j}} \right], \qquad j = k, k-1, \dots, 1 .$$





$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{k} \boldsymbol{B}_{j}^{k} d\boldsymbol{u}_{j}$$

Hence, we have

$$egin{bmatrix} doldsymbol{x}_2 \ doldsymbol{x}_3 \ \vdots \ doldsymbol{x}_N \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} doldsymbol{u}_1 \ doldsymbol{u}_2 \ \vdots \ doldsymbol{u}_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

This means that we can adjust the state variables by correcting the controls.

The dynamics are approximated by a linear equation





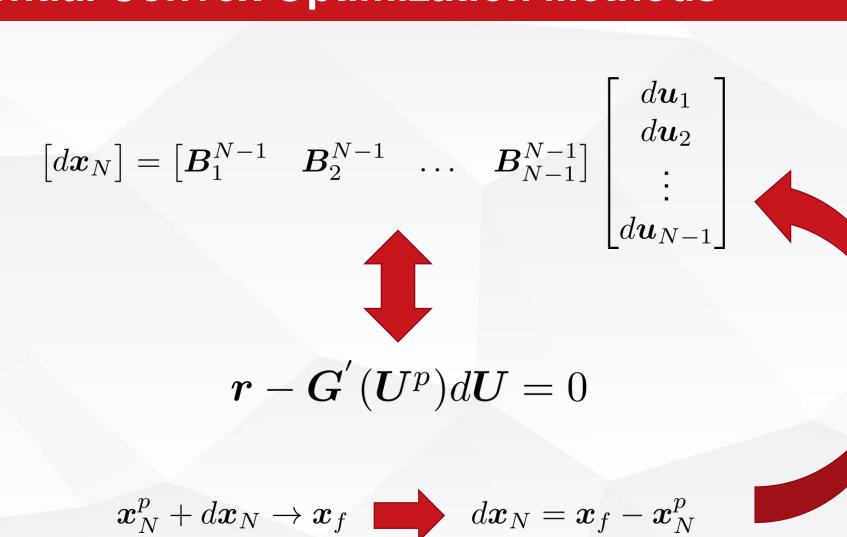
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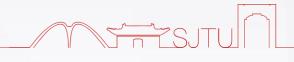
- 1. We can adjusting the states by correcting the controls.
- 2. This relation approximates the dynamics.
- 3. It is LINEAR

How would it work?













minimize
$$J = \frac{1}{2} (d\boldsymbol{u}_a + \boldsymbol{u}_a^p)^T \boldsymbol{R} (d\boldsymbol{u}_a + \boldsymbol{u}_a^p)$$
subject to $\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{B}_1^{N-1} & \boldsymbol{B}_2^{N-1} & \dots & \boldsymbol{B}_{N-1}^{N-1} \end{bmatrix} d\boldsymbol{u}_a = \boldsymbol{x}_f - \boldsymbol{x}_N^p$
 $\boldsymbol{u}_{a\min} - \boldsymbol{u}_a^p \le d\boldsymbol{u}_a \le \boldsymbol{u}_{a\max} - \boldsymbol{u}_a^p$

$$u_{a\min} \le u_a \le u_{a\max}$$
 $u_{a\min} - u_a^p \le du_a \le u_{a\max} - u_a^p$







$$\begin{bmatrix} d\boldsymbol{x}_2 \\ d\boldsymbol{x}_3 \\ \vdots \\ d\boldsymbol{x}_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{B}_1^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \boldsymbol{B}_1^2 & \boldsymbol{B}_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{B}_1^{N-1} & \boldsymbol{B}_2^{N-1} & \dots & \boldsymbol{B}_{N-1}^{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d\boldsymbol{u}_1 \\ d\boldsymbol{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ d\boldsymbol{u}_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_a = \boldsymbol{B}d\boldsymbol{u}_a$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{u}_a) \leq 0 \longrightarrow g(\mathbf{x}_a^p + d\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{u}_a^p + d\mathbf{u}_a) \leq 0$$

$$\to g(\mathbf{x}_a^p, \mathbf{u}_a^p, d\mathbf{u}_a) \leq 0$$

$$\to g(d\mathbf{u}_a) \leq 0$$







$$J\left(oldsymbol{x}_{a},oldsymbol{u}_{a}
ight)$$



subject to
$$\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{F}_k\left(\boldsymbol{x}_k, \boldsymbol{u}_k\right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{g}\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{a},\boldsymbol{u}_{a}\right)\leq0$$



$$J(d\boldsymbol{u}_a)$$

subject to
$$d\boldsymbol{x}_a = \boldsymbol{B}d\boldsymbol{u}_a$$

$$g\left(du_{a}\right)\leq0$$

Note: Cost function and constraints must be convex





iteratively

$$\underset{d\boldsymbol{u}_a}{\text{minimize}} \quad J\left(d\boldsymbol{u}_a\right)$$

subject to
$$d\boldsymbol{x}_a = \boldsymbol{B}d\boldsymbol{u}_a$$

$$g\left(du_{a}\right)\leq0$$

Until stopping criteria are met.

In this case
$$m{x}_N^p + dm{x}_N o m{x}_f$$





$$\underset{d\boldsymbol{u}_{a}}{\operatorname{minimize}}$$

$$J\left(doldsymbol{u}_{a}
ight)$$

subject to
$$d\boldsymbol{x}_a = \boldsymbol{B}_t d\boldsymbol{u}_a$$

$$g\left(du_{a}\right)\leq0$$



Fixed final time





Free final time





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ight] doldsymbol{x}_k + \left[rac{\partial F_k}{\partial oldsymbol{u}_k}
ight] doldsymbol{u}_k + \dot{oldsymbol{x}}_k dh \end{aligned}$$

where the first two terms on the right-hand side indicate the increment in x_{k+1} for time held fixed and the last term represents the incremental change in state induced by the change of time step length, dh.





Expanding dx_{k+1} for $j = k, k-1, \ldots, 1$ gives

$$d\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \end{bmatrix} d\mathbf{x}_k + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k} \end{bmatrix} d\mathbf{u}_k + \dot{\mathbf{x}}_k dh$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{k-1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{k-1}} \end{bmatrix} d\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{k-1}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_{k-1}} \end{bmatrix} d\mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial \mathbf{x}_k} \end{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} dh$$

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Expanding dx_{k+1} for $j=k,\,k-1,\ldots,1$ gives As the initial condition is assumed to be specified, $dx_1=0$.

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{k} \boldsymbol{B}_{j}^{k} d\boldsymbol{u}_{j} + dh \sum_{j=1}^{k} \boldsymbol{C}_{j}^{k}$$

The superscript k indicates that the state increments at step k+1 are obtained by k number of expansions.





The overall state vector and optimization variable vector are defined as

$$egin{aligned} oldsymbol{x}_a &= \left[oldsymbol{x}_2^T, \, oldsymbol{x}_3^T, \, \dots, \, oldsymbol{x}_N^T
ight]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)n} \ oldsymbol{u}_a &= \left[oldsymbol{u}_1^T, \, oldsymbol{u}_2^T, \, \dots, \, oldsymbol{u}_{N-1}^T, \, h
ight]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)m+1} \end{aligned}$$

Accordingly, the state increment vector $d\boldsymbol{x}_a = \begin{bmatrix} d\boldsymbol{x}_1^T, d\boldsymbol{x}_3^T, \dots, d\boldsymbol{x}_N^T \end{bmatrix}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)n}$, and the variable correction vector $d\boldsymbol{u}_a = \begin{bmatrix} d\boldsymbol{u}_1^T, d\boldsymbol{u}_2^T, \dots, d\boldsymbol{u}_{N-1}^T, dh \end{bmatrix}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)m+1}$ can be given.





$$d\boldsymbol{x}_a = \boldsymbol{B}d\boldsymbol{u}_a$$

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{k} \boldsymbol{B}_{j}^{k} d\boldsymbol{u}_{j} + dh \sum_{j=1}^{k} \boldsymbol{C}_{j}^{k}$$

$$d\boldsymbol{u}_a = \left[d\boldsymbol{u}_1^T, d\boldsymbol{u}_2^T, \dots, d\boldsymbol{u}_{N-1}^T, dh\right]^T$$

where

$$m{B} = egin{bmatrix} m{B}_1^1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \ m{B}_1^2 & m{B}_2^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \ dots & dots & dots & \ddots & dots \ m{B}_1^{N-1} & m{B}_2^{N-1} & m{B}_3^{N-1} & \dots & m{B}_{N-1}^{N-1} \ \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1)n \times \{(N-1)m+1\}}$





Linear inequality constraints on states and optimization variables can be expressed as

$$egin{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{L}_1 & oldsymbol{L}_2 \ oldsymbol{G}_1 & oldsymbol{G}_2 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{x}_a \ oldsymbol{u}_a \end{bmatrix} \leq oldsymbol{l}$$

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Thus, the updated state vector x_a and the updated optimization variable vector u_a are both linear functions of du_a .

$$|\boldsymbol{x}_a| = d\boldsymbol{x}_a + \boldsymbol{x}_a^p = \boldsymbol{B}d\boldsymbol{u}_a + \boldsymbol{x}_a^p$$

$$\mathbf{u}_a = d\mathbf{u}_a + \mathbf{u}_a^p$$

Next: How linear inequality constraints and quadratic cost function are converted?





J is a quadratic cost function of dx_a and du_a . J can be expressed as

$$J = egin{bmatrix} doldsymbol{u}_a \ doldsymbol{u}_a \end{bmatrix}^T egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{Q} & oldsymbol{S} \ oldsymbol{S}^T & oldsymbol{R} \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} doldsymbol{u}_a \ doldsymbol{u}_a \end{bmatrix}^T egin{bmatrix} doldsymbol{u}_a \ doldsymbol{u}_a \end{bmatrix}^T egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{Q} & oldsymbol{S} \ oldsymbol{S}^T & oldsymbol{R} \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{B} \ oldsymbol{I} \end{bmatrix} doldsymbol{u}_a + egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{g} \ oldsymbol{b} \end{bmatrix}^T egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{B} \ oldsymbol{I} \end{bmatrix} doldsymbol{u}_a \\ = doldsymbol{u}_a^T oldsymbol{H} doldsymbol{u}_a + oldsymbol{q} doldsymbol{u}_a \end{bmatrix}$$





Similarly, the equality constraints can be given as,

$$egin{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{D}_1 & oldsymbol{D}_2 \ oldsymbol{E}_1 & oldsymbol{E}_2 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{x}_a \ oldsymbol{u}_a \end{bmatrix} = oldsymbol{e}$$

The above relation can be reformulated as,

$$egin{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} egin{aligned} egi$$





The QP problem can be formulated as

Problem
$$\mathcal{O}: egin{cases} \mathsf{minimize} & J(doldsymbol{u}_a) = doldsymbol{u}_a^Toldsymbol{H} doldsymbol{u}_a + oldsymbol{q} doldsymbol{u}_a \\ \mathsf{subject\ to} & oldsymbol{G} doldsymbol{u}_a \leq oldsymbol{h}\,, \quad oldsymbol{E} doldsymbol{u}_a = oldsymbol{p} \end{cases}$$

Because u_a include the time step, a free final time solution

It is a constrained QP problem. Feasibility?





For clarity, an infeasible problem \mathcal{O} is represented by

$$\text{Problem } \mathcal{O}_i: \begin{cases} \underset{d \boldsymbol{u}_a}{\text{minimize}} & J(d\boldsymbol{u}_a) \\ \text{subject to} & \boldsymbol{l} \leq \boldsymbol{M} d\boldsymbol{u}_a \leq \boldsymbol{u} \end{cases}$$

There always exists a shift s that relaxes the constraints so that the *shifted* problem becomes feasible given by





A revised augmented Lagrangian Algorithm

- To "solve" infeasible subproblem
- To let the iteration continue
 (Otherwise the sequence gets stuck)
- To find a minimum shift





A revised augmented Lagrangian Algorithm

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The problem \mathcal{O}_i can be equivalently reformulated by introducing an auxiliary vector z as

$$\mathsf{Problem}\,\mathcal{A}: \begin{cases} \displaystyle \min_{d \boldsymbol{u}_a, \ \boldsymbol{z}} & J(d \boldsymbol{u}_a) \\ \mathsf{subject} \ \mathsf{to} & \boldsymbol{M} d \boldsymbol{u}_a = \boldsymbol{z} \\ & \boldsymbol{l} \leq \boldsymbol{z} \leq \boldsymbol{u} \end{cases}$$





A revised augmented Lagrangian Algorithm

From Problem A, the augmented Lagrangian can be given as

$$L(d\boldsymbol{u}_{a},\boldsymbol{z},\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = J(d\boldsymbol{u}_{a}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{T} (\boldsymbol{M}d\boldsymbol{u}_{a} - \boldsymbol{z}) + \frac{r}{2} \|\boldsymbol{M}d\boldsymbol{u}_{a} - \boldsymbol{z}\|^{2}$$

The standard augmented Lagrangian method solves

and updates the multiplier and the augmentation parameter until $s = z - Mdu_a \simeq 0$.





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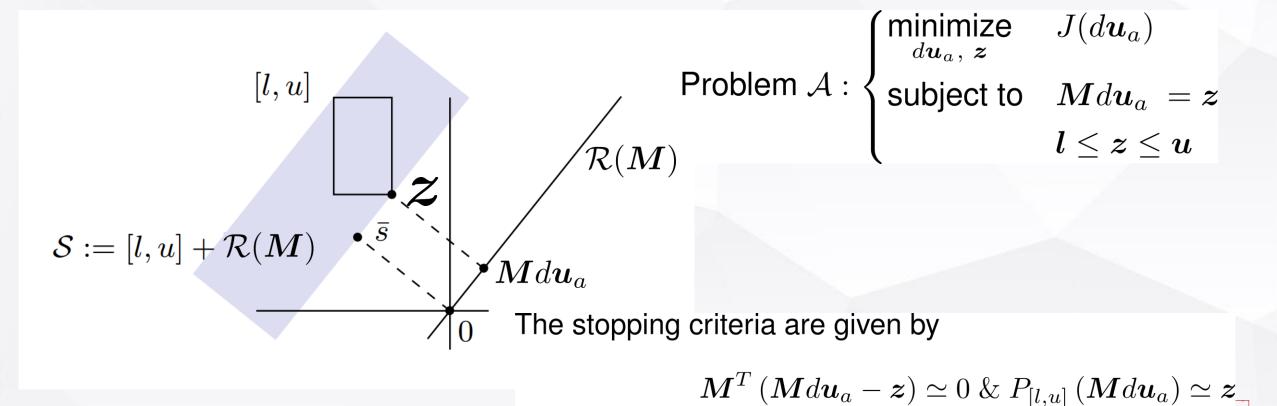
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A revised augmented Lagrangian Algorithm

To find the minimum shift







A revised augmented Lagrangian Algorithm for Guidance

A terminally constrained problem's subproblem:

Problem
$$\mathcal{G}_o: egin{cases} \mathsf{minimize} & J(dm{u}_a) \\ \mathsf{subject\ to} & m{B}^{N-1} dm{u}_a = \Delta m{x}_N \end{cases}$$

 \mathcal{G}_o is always feasible.





A revised augmented Lagrangian Algorithm for Guidance

The inequalities and equalities excluding the terminal constraints are denoted by M_s which is a subset of M. They can be added to Problem \mathcal{G}_o by following the same relaxing pattern using an auxiliary vector. Then, a shifted QP problem for guidance command generation can be expressed as

Problem
$$\mathcal{G}_s$$
: $egin{cases} \min & J(dm{u}_a) \ \mathrm{subject\ to} & m{B}^{N-1}dm{u}_a = \Delta m{x}_N \ m{M}_s dm{u}_a + m{s} = m{z} \ m{l} \leq m{z} \leq m{u} \end{cases}$ (1

- G_s is also always FEASIBLE
- We can find the minimum shift





Summary

- Constrained Guidance Problem
- Dealt with the Nonlinear Dynamics by finding the relation between the state increments and the control corrections
- Fixed-final-time and Free-final-time solutions
- Dealt with Infeasible Subproblems





$$\underset{d\boldsymbol{u}_{a}}{\operatorname{minimize}}$$

$$J\left(doldsymbol{u}_{a}
ight)$$

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_a = \boldsymbol{B}_t d\boldsymbol{u}_a$$

$$\boldsymbol{g}\left(d\boldsymbol{u}_{a}\right)\leq0$$



Single Shooting Controls are variables





Full Discretization
States and Controls
are variables





The continuous nonlinear system dynamics can be expressed by

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

The successive linearization converts the nonlinear dynamics to a linear form. In an iterative process, the dynamics at the (j + 1)-th iteration can be linearized with respect to the (j)-th solution, which can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (\dot{\boldsymbol{x}})^{(j+1)} &= \boldsymbol{F_x} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j)}, \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)}, \right) \boldsymbol{x}^{(j+1)} + \boldsymbol{F_u} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j)}, \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \right) \boldsymbol{u}^{(j+1)} \\ &+ \boldsymbol{f} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j)}, \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \right) - \boldsymbol{F_x} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j)}, \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \right) \boldsymbol{x}^{(j)} - \boldsymbol{F_u} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j)}, \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \right) \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \\ &= \boldsymbol{F_x}^{(j)} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j+1)} - \boldsymbol{x}^{(j)} \right) + \boldsymbol{F_u}^{(j)} \left(\boldsymbol{u}^{(j+1)} - \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \right) + \boldsymbol{f}^{(j)} \end{aligned}$$





The incremental changes of the state and input vectors over iterations are defined as

$$dx^{(j+1)} := x^{(j+1)} - x^{(j)},$$

$$du^{(j+1)} := u^{(j+1)} - u^{(j)}$$
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The forward Euler method:

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1}^{(j+1)} = \boldsymbol{x}_k^{(j+1)} + h(\dot{\boldsymbol{x}})_k^{(j+1)}$$





$$(\dot{\boldsymbol{x}})^{(j+1)} = \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(j)} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j+1)} - \boldsymbol{x}^{(j)} \right) + \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{u}}^{(j)} \left(\boldsymbol{u}^{(j+1)} - \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \right) + \boldsymbol{f}^{(j)}$$

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.

$$x_{k+1}^{(j+1)} = x_k^{(j+1)} + h(\dot{x})_k^{(j+1)}$$

$$dx_{k+1}^{(j+1)} + x_{k+1}^{(j)} = h\left[(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} dx_k^{(j+1)} + (\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} du_k^{(j+1)} + \mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} \right] + \left[\mathbf{x}_k^{(j)} + d\mathbf{x}_k^{(j+1)} \right]$$

$$= \left[h(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} + \mathbf{I}_n \right] dx_k^{(j+1)} + h(\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} du_k^{(j+1)} + h\mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} + x_k^{(j)}$$





$$dx_{k+1}^{(j+1)} + x_{k+1}^{(j)} = h\left[(\mathbf{F}_{x})_{k}^{(j)} dx_{k}^{(j+1)} + (\mathbf{F}_{u})_{k}^{(j)} du_{k}^{(j+1)} + \mathbf{f}_{k}^{(j)} \right] + \left[x_{k}^{(j)} + dx_{k}^{(j+1)} \right]$$

$$= \left[h(\mathbf{F}_{x})_{k}^{(j)} + \mathbf{I}_{n} \right] dx_{k}^{(j+1)} + h(\mathbf{F}_{u})_{k}^{(j)} du_{k}^{(j+1)} + h\mathbf{f}_{k}^{(j)} + x_{k}^{(j)}$$

It is to be noted that $x_{k+1}^{(j)}$ on the left-hand side is not equal to $hf_k^{(j)} + x_k^{(j)}$ on the right-hand side.

A MAJOR difference with the shooting methods: States are variables







$$dx_{k+1}^{(j+1)} + x_{k+1}^{(j)} = h\left[(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} dx_k^{(j+1)} + (\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} du_k^{(j+1)} + \mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} \right] + \left[x_k^{(j)} + dx_k^{(j+1)} \right]$$

$$= \left[h(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} + \mathbf{I}_n \right] dx_k^{(j+1)} + h(\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} du_k^{(j+1)} + h\mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} + x_k^{(j)}$$

Defining

$$ilde{m{x}}_{k+1}^{(j)} := h m{f}_k^{(j)} + m{x}_k^{(j)} \ e_{k+1}^{(j)} := ilde{m{x}}_{k+1}^{(j)} - m{x}_{k+1}^{(j)} \ m{ ext{Integration}}$$
 Residual

 $dx_{k+1}^{(j+1)} - (\tilde{F}_x)_k^{(j)} dx_k^{(j+1)} - (\tilde{F}_u)_k^{(j)} du_k^{(j+1)} = e_{k+1}^{(j)},$





$$dx_{k+1}^{(j+1)} - \left(\tilde{F}_{x}\right)_{k}^{(j)} dx_{k}^{(j+1)} - \left(\tilde{F}_{u}\right)_{k}^{(j)} du_{k}^{(j+1)} = e_{k+1}^{(j)},$$

 $d\boldsymbol{x}_a$ is the total increment vector

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{a} = \left[\left(d\boldsymbol{x}_{2} \right)^{\mathsf{T}}, \left(d\boldsymbol{x}_{3} \right)^{\mathsf{T}}, \dots, \left(d\boldsymbol{x}_{N} \right)^{\mathsf{T}}, \left(d\boldsymbol{u}_{1} \right)^{\mathsf{T}}, \left(d\boldsymbol{u}_{2} \right)^{\mathsf{T}}, \dots, \left(d\boldsymbol{u}_{N-1} \right)^{\mathsf{T}}, \right]^{\mathsf{T}},$$

and e_a is the total residual vector

$$oldsymbol{e}_a = \left[\left(oldsymbol{e}_2
ight)^\mathsf{T}, \left(oldsymbol{e}_3
ight)^\mathsf{T}, \ldots, \left(oldsymbol{e}_{N_t}
ight)^\mathsf{T} \right]^\mathsf{T}.$$





$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1}^{(j+1)} - \left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\boldsymbol{x}}\right)_{k}^{(j)} d\boldsymbol{x}_{k}^{(j+1)} - \left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\boldsymbol{u}}\right)_{k}^{(j)} d\boldsymbol{u}_{k}^{(j+1)} = \boldsymbol{e}_{k+1}^{(j)}$$

$$\boldsymbol{D}^{(j)} d\boldsymbol{x}_{a}^{(j+1)} = \boldsymbol{e}_{a}^{(j)}$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{D}^{(j)} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{I}_n & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & -(\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\boldsymbol{u}})_1^{(j)} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -(\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\boldsymbol{x}})_2^{(j)} & \boldsymbol{I}_n & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\boldsymbol{u}})_2^{(j)} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -(\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\boldsymbol{x}})_{N_t-1}^{(j)} & \boldsymbol{I}_n & 0 & 0 & \dots & -(\tilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{\boldsymbol{u}})_{N_t-1}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix}$$





States dynamics with respect to climb distance



Provided that r has a strict monotonicity, it can be considered as an independent variable, with respect to whom the dynamics are reformulated using the chain rule as

$$\mathbf{x}' := \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}r} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}t} \frac{\mathrm{d}t}{\mathrm{d}r} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}t} \frac{1}{V \cos(\gamma)},$$





States dynamics with normalized time

The derivative of the state vector with respect to the normalized time τ can be defined using the chain rule as:

It can be noticed that x' is a function of x, u, and t_f as





$$(\dot{\boldsymbol{x}})^{(j+1)} = \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(j)} \left(\boldsymbol{x}^{(j+1)} - \boldsymbol{x}^{(j)} \right) + \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{u}}^{(j)} \left(\boldsymbol{u}^{(j+1)} - \boldsymbol{u}^{(j)} \right) + \boldsymbol{f}^{(j)}$$

$$dx^{(j+1)} := x^{(j+1)} - x^{(j)},$$

$$du^{(j+1)} := u^{(j+1)} - u^{(j)}$$
.

$$x_{k+1}^{(j+1)} = x_k^{(j+1)} + h(\dot{x})_k^{(j+1)}$$

$$dx_{k+1}^{(j+1)} + x_{k+1}^{(j)} = h\left[(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} dx_k^{(j+1)} + (\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} du_k^{(j+1)} + \mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} \right] + \left[x_k^{(j)} + dx_k^{(j+1)} \right]$$

$$= \left[h(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} + \mathbf{I}_n \right] dx_k^{(j+1)} + h(\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} du_k^{(j+1)} + h\mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} + x_k^{(j)}$$





Using the trapezoidal rule, a discrete form of system dynamics can be expressed as

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \left(\boldsymbol{x}_k' + \boldsymbol{x}_{k+1}'\right) d\tau / 2 + \boldsymbol{x}_k$$

where $k = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ are the discrete grid points in the normalized cycle.

$$d\mathbf{x}_{k+1}^{(j+1)} + \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^{(j)} = h\left[(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} d\mathbf{x}_k^{(j+1)} + (\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} d\mathbf{u}_k^{(j+1)} + \mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} \right] + \left[\mathbf{x}_k^{(j)} + d\mathbf{x}_k^{(j+1)} \right]$$

$$= \left[h(\mathbf{F_x})_k^{(j)} + \mathbf{I}_n \right] d\mathbf{x}_k^{(j+1)} + h(\mathbf{F_u})_k^{(j)} d\mathbf{u}_k^{(j+1)} + h\mathbf{f}_k^{(j)} + \mathbf{x}_k^{(j)}$$





$$d\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right]_{k}^{p} d\mathbf{x}_{k} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right]_{k}^{p} d\mathbf{u}_{k} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \right]_{k}^{p} dt_{f}$$

$$+ \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} d\mathbf{x}_{k+1} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} d\mathbf{u}_{k+1} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} dt_{f}$$

$$+ d\mathbf{x}_{k} + \mathbf{e}_{k+1}$$

where dx, du, and dt_f are the incremental changes of states, controls, and final time, respectively.

$$ilde{oldsymbol{x}}_{k+1}^p = \Big(\left(oldsymbol{x}_k'
ight)^p + \left(oldsymbol{x}_{k+1}'
ight)^p \Big) d au/2 + oldsymbol{x}_k^p$$
 $oldsymbol{e}_{k+1} = ilde{oldsymbol{x}}_{k+1}^p - oldsymbol{x}_{k+1}^p$





$$d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} = \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \right]_{k}^{p} d\boldsymbol{x}_{k} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \right]_{k}^{p} d\boldsymbol{u}_{k} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \right]_{k}^{p} dt_{f}$$

$$+ \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} d\boldsymbol{u}_{k+1} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} dt_{f}$$

$$+ d\boldsymbol{x}_{k} + \boldsymbol{e}_{k+1}$$

$$\left(\boldsymbol{I}_{n} - \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} \right) d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} - \left(\boldsymbol{I}_{n} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \right]_{k}^{p} \right) d\boldsymbol{x}_{k}$$

$$- \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \right]_{k}^{p} d\boldsymbol{u}_{k} - \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} d\boldsymbol{u}_{k+1}$$

$$- \frac{d\tau}{2} \left(\left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \right]_{k}^{p} + \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} \right) dt_{f} = \boldsymbol{e}_{k+1}$$





$$\left(\boldsymbol{I}_{n} - \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}}\right]_{k+1}^{p}\right) d\boldsymbol{x}_{k+1} - \left(\boldsymbol{I}_{n} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}}\right]_{k}^{p}\right) d\boldsymbol{x}_{k}$$

$$-\frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \right]_{k}^{p} d\boldsymbol{u}_{k} - \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \right]_{k+1}^{p} d\boldsymbol{u}_{k+1} \qquad \left[\boldsymbol{F_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{-}} \right]_{k} = \boldsymbol{I}_{n} - \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \right]_{k}^{p}$$

$$-\frac{d\tau}{2} \left(\left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_f} \right]_k^p + \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_f} \right]_{k+1}^p \right) dt_f = \boldsymbol{e}_{k+1} \qquad \left[\boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^+ \right]_k = \boldsymbol{I}_n + \frac{d\tau}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \right]_k^p$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{-} \end{bmatrix}_{k} = \boldsymbol{I}_{n} - \frac{d\tau}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \end{bmatrix}_{k}^{p} \\
\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{+} \end{bmatrix}_{k} = \boldsymbol{I}_{n} + \frac{d\tau}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} \end{bmatrix}_{k}^{p} \\
\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{u}} \end{bmatrix}_{k} = \frac{d\tau}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}} \end{bmatrix}_{k}^{p} \\
\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{F}_{t_{f}} \end{bmatrix}_{k} = \frac{d\tau}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \end{bmatrix}_{k}^{p} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}'}{\partial t_{f}} \end{bmatrix}_{k+1}^{p} \right)$$





$$\begin{bmatrix} -[F_{x}^{+}]_{1} & [F_{x}^{-}]_{2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -[F_{x}^{+}]_{2} & [F_{x}^{-}]_{3} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -[F_{x}^{+}]_{N-1} & [F_{x}^{-}]_{N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_{1} \\ dx_{2} \\ \vdots \\ dx_{N} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\begin{bmatrix} [F_{u}]_{1} & [F_{u}]_{2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & [F_{u}]_{2} & [F_{u}]_{3} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & [F_{u}]_{N-1} & [F_{u}]_{N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} du_{1} \\ du_{2} \\ \vdots \\ du_{N} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} [F_{t_{f}}]_{1} \\ [F_{t_{f}}]_{2} \\ \vdots \\ [F_{t_{f}}]_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} dt_{f} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{2} \\ e_{3} \\ \vdots \\ e_{N} \end{bmatrix}$$



Course Project



Solve any computational guidance or trajectory optimization problem

- Group of max. 4 people
- Presentation of 20 to 30 minutes
- Starting the 15th or the 16th week till the 17th week
- Let me know your group member by the end of next Thursday

Evaluation:

- Technical details 50%
- Presentation performance 50%