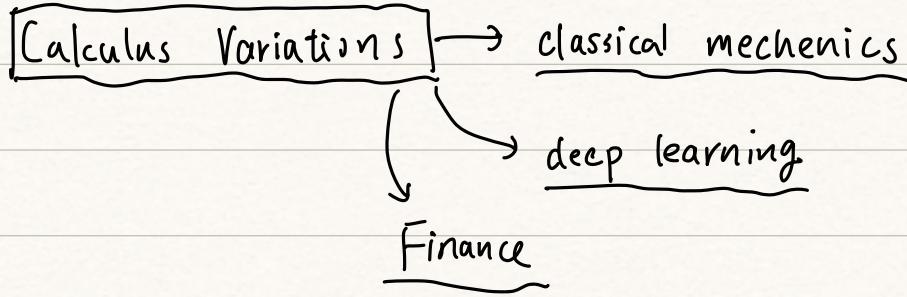
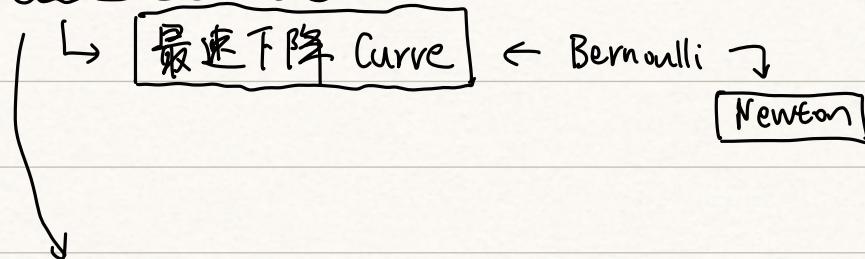


Optimal Control → Basic



Calculus Variation Example



optimization over curves → characterized by ode

→ Some Basic Defn:

① ODE

- An ODE (initial value problem)

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) \quad , \quad x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$(f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d)$

- $\dot{x} := \frac{dx}{dt}$

- $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ vector field

- x_0 : initial condition

- Here, $f(\cdot)$ is independent of t

↔

time-homogeneous

(e.g.) $f(u) = u$

Time-inhomogeneous ODE : $f: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

e.g. $f(u, t) = t \cdot u$ regularity is different

equivalent in some way

⇒ Actually, we can change time-homogeneous to

time-inhomogeneous ODE.

Pf: Transform a time-inhomogeneous ODE to a time-homogeneous one



important technique in application (TRICK)

★ \Rightarrow use auxiliary variable: $\dot{x}^*(t) \equiv 1, x^*(0) = 0$

$$\underbrace{\dot{x}^*(t) \equiv 1}_{\downarrow}$$

$$x^*(t) = t$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x^*(t) \\ x(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ f(x^*(t), x(t)) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{initial condition} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x^*(0) \\ x(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow define $\tilde{x}(t) := \begin{pmatrix} x^*(t) \\ x(t) \end{pmatrix}$

then

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) &= \tilde{f}(\tilde{x}(t)) & \tilde{f}: \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \\ \tilde{x}(0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_0 \end{pmatrix} := \tilde{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \end{aligned}}$$

Time-homogeneous ODE

Examples of ODEs and solutions

① $f(t, x) \equiv f(x) = ax$ (scalar $a, x \rightarrow a, x \in \mathbb{R}$)

→ time homogeneous

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = ax \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{at}$$

② $f(t, x) = Ax \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ time-homogeneous

$x \in \mathbb{R}^4$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(t) = e^{At} x_0 \text{ where } e^{At} := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(At)^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \cdot A^n$$

time-inhomogeneous

③ $f(t, x) = a(t) x \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad a: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = a(t) x(t) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(t) = e^{\int_0^t a(s) ds} x_0$$

Recall: Integral vs Differential Forms

(DF): $\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ (Styler)

differentiable on x over t

$$\int_0^t$$

Not exactly equivalent

(IF): $x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$ → does not require differentiable over time

(integral form)

Benefits

Weaker conditions

$x(t)$ is just

absolutely continuous

almost everywhere differentiable



Thm: (Existence & Uniqueness) → Picard-Lindelöf

Let f be continuous in t & uniformly Lipschitz in x ,

Then, there exists one unique (absolutely continuous) solution to your ODE

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$$

on $[0, T]$

\downarrow
exist $C > 0$, s.t

$$\|f(t, x) - f(t, x')\| \leq C \|x - x'\|$$

holds for

$$\begin{cases} \forall x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \& t \in [0, T] \end{cases}$$

uniformly

Counter-example: ① $\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = x(t)^2 \\ x(0) = 1 \end{cases}$ ($f(t, x) = x^2$)

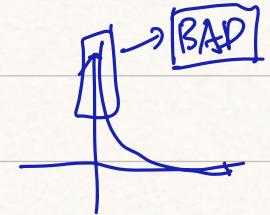


$$x(t) = \frac{1}{1-t} \quad \text{only exists for } t \neq 1$$

not Lipschitz

② $\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = x(t)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ x(0) = 0 \end{cases}$ ($f(t, x) = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$)

not Lipschitz



$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ sol} \quad \begin{cases} x(t) \equiv 0 \\ x(t) = (t^{\frac{1}{3}})^3 \end{cases}$$

no uniqueness

Flow Map

g_t

consider time-homogeneous ode

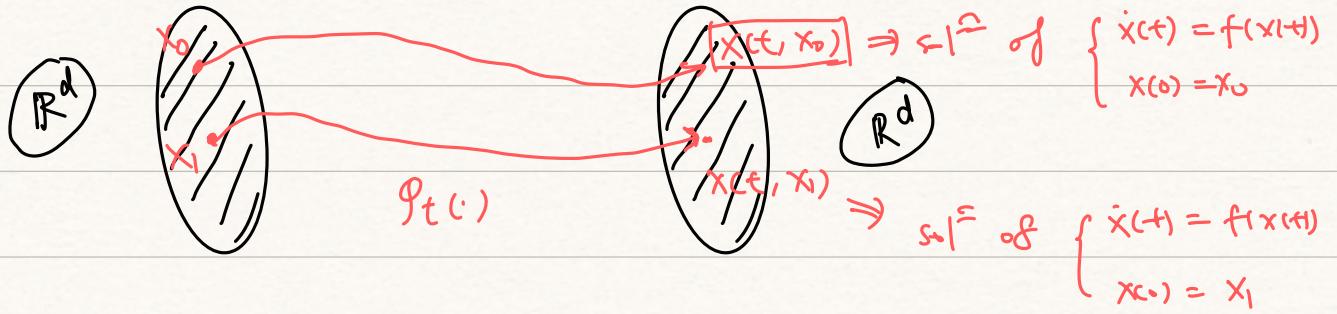
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad t \in [0, T]$$

Define Flow-map: g_t associated with the ODE initial condition

$$g_t: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$x_0 \mapsto x(t)$$

for each t , we define a flow-map g_t



→ Time-inhomogeneous case : $\begin{cases} \varphi_{t_0, t}(x) = x(t) \\ x(t_0) = x \end{cases}$

For a Time-inhomogeneous ODE

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \tilde{f}(x(t)) \\ x(t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} t_0 \\ x_0 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \rightarrow \tilde{x}_0 \text{ is related to } (t_0, x_0)$$



$$x(t_0) = x$$

use auxiliary trick

function f will relate to start time t

$$\varphi_t(x_0, t)$$

for Time-inhomogeneous Case

[Example] :

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(t) = e^{At} x_0$$

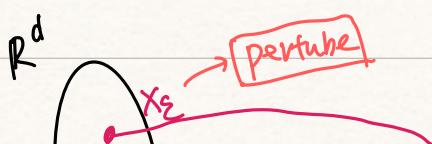


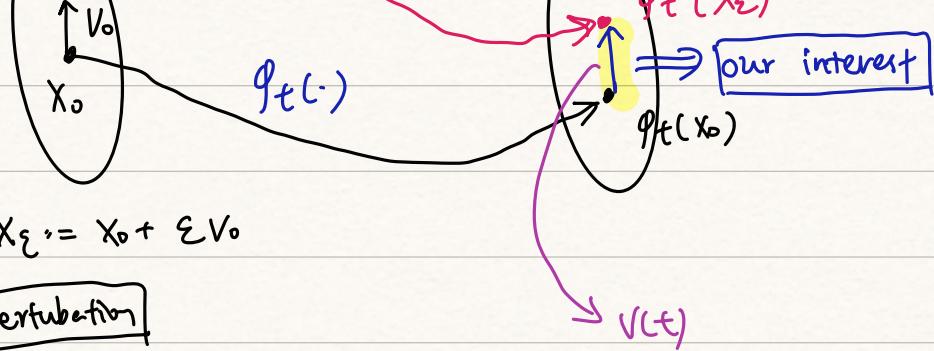
$$\varphi_t(x) = e^{At} x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = x(t)^2 \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{x_0}{1 - x_0 t}$$

$$\varphi_t(x) = \frac{x}{1 - xt}$$

Dependence On initial condition





perturb: $X_\epsilon := x_0 + \epsilon v_0$

perturbation

Result:

Let $f(\cdot)$ be C^1 and Lipschitz in x uniformly in t

Consider $\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$ Variational Equation

$$\frac{\varphi_t(x + \epsilon v_0) - \varphi_t(x)}{\epsilon} \quad \nabla_x \varphi_t(x)^T \cdot v_0$$

Let $\{V(t)\}$ solve

$$\begin{cases} \dot{V}(t) = \nabla_x f(t, x(t)) \cdot V(t) \\ V(0) = V_0 \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left\| \frac{\varphi_t(x_\epsilon) - \varphi_t(x_0)}{\epsilon} - V(t) \right\| = 0$$

uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$

$$\& \|V_0\| \leq \dots$$

1-hour

φ_t

v_0

3.1.3 How perturbation will evolve in time

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi_t(x_\epsilon) - \varphi_t(x_0)}{\epsilon} := \nabla_x \varphi_t(x_0)^T v_0 = J(t) \cdot v_0$$

$$F(x+t v) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} & u = & \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Corollary: Define $J(t) := \nabla_x \varphi_t(x_0)$

$$\varphi_t: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} \dot{J}(t) := \nabla_x f(t, x(t)) J(t) \\ J(0) = I \end{cases}$$

important

$$\varphi_t(x) = x \quad \text{solves}$$

$$\Rightarrow J(1) \in \mathbb{I}_d \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t)) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

"[Proof]": $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t))$, $x(0) = x_0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(t) = \varphi_t(x_0) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{fix } x_0}$$

since $\dot{x}(\tilde{t}) = f(\tilde{t}, x(\tilde{t}))$ for $\tilde{t} \in [0, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} & \left(\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (\varphi_t(x_0)) = f(\tilde{t}, \underbrace{\varphi_{\tilde{t}}(x_0)}_{y}) \text{ for } \tilde{t} \in [0, T] \text{ and } \forall \text{ fixed } x_0 \right. \\ & \left. \downarrow \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \varphi_t(x) \right) \Big|_{x=x_0} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(\tilde{t}, y) \Big|_{y=\varphi_{\tilde{t}}(x_0)} \cdot \frac{\partial \varphi_{\tilde{t}}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x_0} \right. \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} J(\tilde{t}) = \underbrace{\nabla_y f(\tilde{t}, y)^T}_{\downarrow} \Big|_{y=\varphi_{\tilde{t}}(x_0) = x(\tilde{t})} \cdot J(\tilde{t}) \end{aligned}$$

[Some Examples]:

$$① \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(t) = e^{At} \cdot x_0$$



$$\varphi_t(x) = e^{At} x$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla_x \varphi_t(x) = e^{At} := J(t)$$

we know that A

$$\begin{cases} J(t) = \nabla_x f(t, x(t)) \\ J(0) = I \end{cases} \Rightarrow J(t) = e^{At}.$$

Motivation for Calculus of Variation



Optimization

Calculus of Variation

→ Finite-dimensional opt. problem:

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \underline{\Phi}(x) \quad \underline{\Phi}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

→ Infinite-dimensional opt. problem:

$$\min_{x \in X} J[x] : \quad J: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$\textcircled{X} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{function}}$ \downarrow $\boxed{\text{functional}}$

e.g. $X := \{x(u) : a \leq u \leq b\}$ just $X: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$x = C^1([a, b], \mathbb{R})$$

$$u \mapsto x(u)$$

$$J[x] = \int_a^b L(u, x(u), x'(u)) du$$

Lagrangian

$$L: [a, b] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Background

Example: (Brachistochrone)



$$X := \{x(u) : u \in [a, b]\}$$

Question: what choice of $x = \{x(u)\}$ minimizes the time taken from a to b

formulate

$$\min J[x]$$

Meth-d: define $\begin{cases} \text{• speed at } u: s(u) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{scalar}} \\ \text{• height at } u: -x(u) \end{cases}$

\downarrow conservation law

Energy conservation

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m \cdot s(u)^2}_{\text{gain kinetic energy}} - 0 = \underbrace{mg(0 - (-x(u))}_{\text{loss in potential energy}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} s(u)^2 = g x(u)$$

$$\Rightarrow s(u) = \sqrt{2g \cdot x(u)} \quad \boxed{\text{speed}}$$

$$\text{time} = \frac{\text{length}}{\text{speed}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T[\vec{x}] = \int_a^b \frac{\text{arc length}(u)}{s(u)} du \quad \boxed{\text{curve}} : (u, x(u))$$

$$= \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{1+x(u)^2}}{\sqrt{2g x(u)}} du$$

\Rightarrow B - Problem

$$\min_{\vec{x}} T[\vec{x}] = \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{1+x'(u)^2}}{\sqrt{2g x(u)}} du$$

$L(x, x(u), x'(u))$

↓
actually only depends on $x(u)$ & $x'(u)$

Infinite-dimensional optimization

How to solve? \rightarrow E-L Equation

Answer

↓ Euler - Lagrangian Method (Equation)

Recall: we want to solve:

$$\min_{\underline{x}} J[\underline{x}] = \int_a^b L(u, x(u), x'(u)) du$$

\downarrow

$$\underline{x} \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R}^d)$$

(Euler-Lagrangian) \xrightarrow{x}

~~we call~~: THM: If we have a extremum, then it satisfies

Necessary Condition

$$\nabla_{\underline{x}} L(u, \underline{x}(u), \underline{x}'(u)) = \frac{d}{du} (\nabla_{\underline{x}} L(u, x(u), \underline{x}'(u)))$$

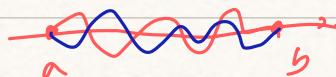
candidate \downarrow

Euler - Lagrangian Equation

Pf: Consider Perturbation \rightarrow arbitrary perturbation will be higher value

$$y_\varepsilon(u) = x(u) + \varepsilon \eta(u)$$

where $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \eta \in C^1 \\ \eta(a) = \eta(b) = 0 \end{array} \right.$



check, $\begin{cases} y_\varepsilon(a) = x(a) \\ y_\varepsilon(b) = x(b) \end{cases}$ since $\eta(a) = \eta(b) = 0$

check $J[y_\varepsilon] = \int_a^b L(u, y_\varepsilon(u), y'_\varepsilon(u)) du$

\downarrow
fix η

$$= \int_a^b L(u, x(u) + \varepsilon \eta(u), x'(u) + \varepsilon \eta'(u)) du$$

\downarrow
 $F(\varepsilon)$ fix ε

Since x is a minima $\Rightarrow \left[\frac{d}{d\varepsilon} F(\varepsilon) \right]_{\varepsilon=0} = 0$

Hence, $\left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} (F(\varepsilon)) \right|_{\varepsilon=0} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Integral \& derivative} \\ \text{change order} \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{regularity}} \end{array}$

$$= \int_a^b \nabla_x L(u, x(u) + \varepsilon \eta(u), x'(u) + \varepsilon \eta'(u)) \cdot \eta(u) .$$

$$+ \nabla_{x'} L(u, x(u) + \varepsilon \eta(u), x'(u) + \varepsilon \eta'(u)) \eta'(u) du \Big|_{\varepsilon=0}$$

Integral by part

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} = \int_a^b \nabla_x L(u, x(u), x'(u)) \eta(u) \\ + \nabla_{x'} L(u, x(u), x'(u)) \eta'(u) du \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_a^b \nabla_x L(u, x(u), x'(u)) \eta(u) du \\ &\quad + \int_a^b \nabla_{x'} L(u, x(u), x'(u)) d\eta(u) \end{aligned}$$

$$= * + \eta(u) \nabla_{x'} L(u, x(u), x'(u)) \Big|_a^b$$

$$- \int_a^b \eta(u) \cdot \frac{d}{du} (\nabla_x L) du$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_a^b \eta(u) \cdot \underbrace{\left(\nabla_x L - \frac{d}{du} (\nabla_x L) \right)}_{\Downarrow} du \\ &\quad \Rightarrow \boxed{\eta(\cdot) \text{ is arbitrary}} \\ &\quad \equiv 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\nabla_x L(u, x(u), x'(u)) = \frac{d}{du} [\nabla_{x'} L(u, x(u), x'(u))]$

Summary

Key idea

we can only guarantee smooth perturbation

- consider perturbation $\begin{cases} \varepsilon \\ \eta(u) \end{cases} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{smooth}}$

- extremal property
- get Euler-Lagrangian Necessary condition

Normally, we just solve EL Equation \downarrow

we always get the solution

we want

weak & strong Minima (Extremes)

- Local minima in finite-dimensional opt. problems



$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \Phi(x)$$

- x^* is a local minimum of Φ if $\exists \delta > 0$, s.t.

$$\Phi(x^*) \leq \Phi(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ s.t. } \|x - x^*\| \leq \delta$$



infinite-dimensional Space

do not specify

all norms are equivalent

- Local minima in infinite-dimensional opt. problems

$$\min_{x \in X} J(x)$$

finite-dimensional space

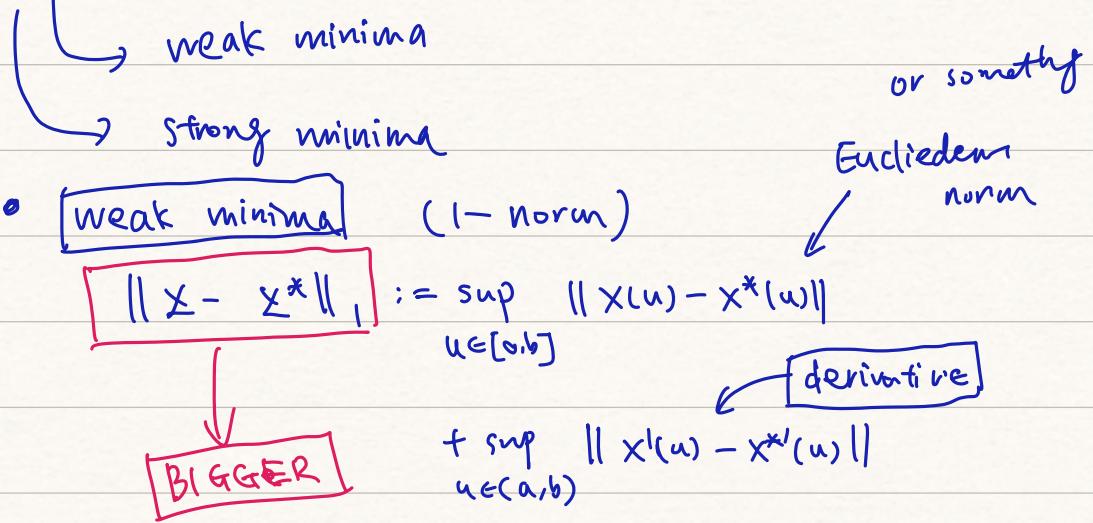
- x^* is a local minimum of J if $\exists \delta > 0$, s.t.

$$J(x^*) \leq J(x) \quad \forall x \in X \text{ s.t. } \|x - x^*\| \leq \delta$$



norms are not equivalent in infinite-dimensional space

minima depends on norm!



- strong minima** (0-norm)

$$\|x - x^*\|_0 = \sup_{u \in [a,b]} \|x(u) - x^*(u)\|$$

Smaller

since we allow more perturbation (norm is small)

Example



$x_2 \rightarrow$ not close to x^*

in the norm-1 sense

\rightarrow is close to x^*

in the norm-0 sense

\rightarrow more kinds of perturbation are allowed for norm-0 case

Strong minima

If x^* is a weak minima, then $J[x^*] \leq J[x_1]$

If x^* is a strong minima, then $\begin{cases} J[x^*] \leq J[x_1] \\ J[x^*] \leq J[x_2] \end{cases}$

E-L Equation \Leftarrow only guarantee weak minima

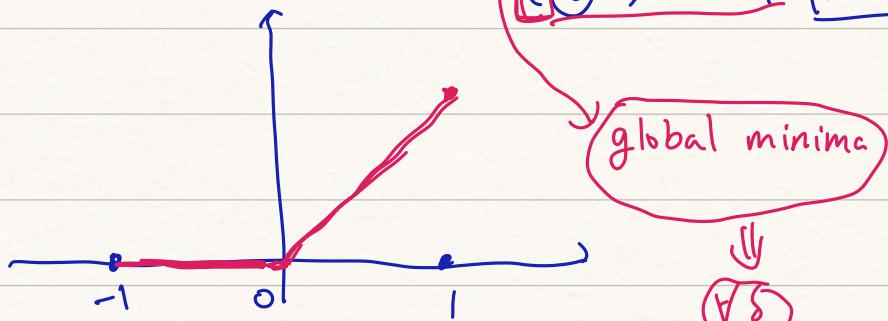
(smooth perturbation)

Example: $J[x] = \int_{-1}^1 (x(u))^2 (x'(u) - 1)^2 du \geq 0$

$$\begin{array}{l} \min \\ \text{s.t.} \end{array} \begin{cases} x \in X \\ x(-1) = 0 \\ x(1) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$J[x]$

↓
construct $G \geq$ curve



① $x(u) \geq 0$,
 ② $x'(u) \geq 1$ [finite i.g.]

SA

\Rightarrow extend E-L Equation \Rightarrow optimal control theory

Revisit B - Problem (shortest time)

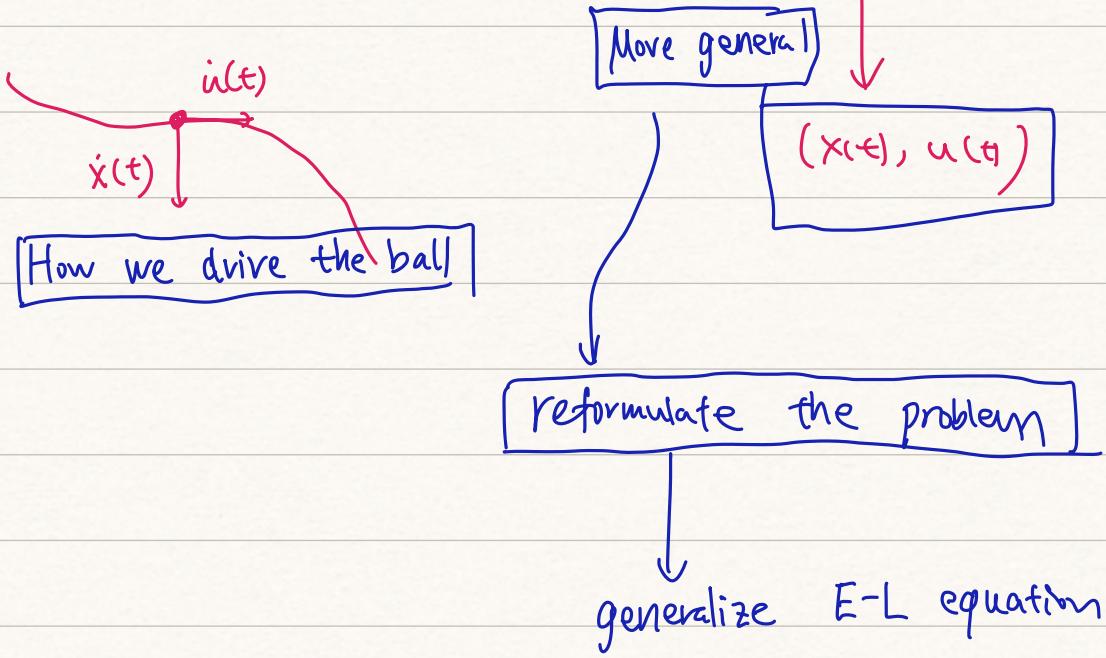
primaly

u

x

坐标系 $(u, x(u))$

Now



→ Reformulation

speed $s(u)$ → $s(t)$

$$s(t) = \sqrt{\dot{x}(t)^2 + \dot{u}(t)^2}$$

Energy Conservation

$$\frac{1}{2} m \cdot s(t)^2 = mg x(t)$$

$$2g x(t) = \dot{x}(t)^2 + \dot{u}(t)^2$$

Define Control

$$\theta_1(t) := \frac{\dot{u}(t)}{\sqrt{2g x(t)}}$$

$$\theta_2(t) := \frac{\dot{x}(t)}{\sqrt{2g x(t)}}$$

something like force!

and $\theta_1^2(t) + \theta_2^2(t) = 1$

↓
apply forces with some constraints!

↓
let gravity pull it to move

↓
the force has condition

$$(*) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{u}(t) = \theta_1(t) \sqrt{2g x(t)} \\ \dot{x}(t) = \theta_2(t) \sqrt{2g x(t)} \end{cases} \quad \boxed{\text{Dynamic system}}$$
$$\theta_1^2(t) + \theta_2^2(t) = 1 \rightarrow \boxed{\text{energy conservation}}$$

⇒ initial state $(x(0), u(0)) = (a, 0)$

terminal condition $u(T) = b$

$$J[\underline{\theta}] = \int_0^T dt = T$$

∴ s.t. these holds.

⇒ Reformulation

$$\min_{\underline{\theta}} J[\underline{\theta}] \rightarrow (\text{variation on } \underline{\theta})$$

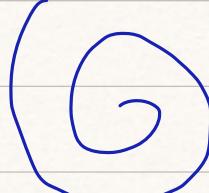
s.t. (*) holds

previously $u, x(u)$ must be a function

$\theta_1, \theta_2 \Rightarrow$ not needs to be

like this

a broader class



but $(x(t), \theta(t))$ can

characterize this shape

Optimal Control Problem • Formulation:

↓
define Dynamics: $\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t), \theta(t))$

$$t \in [0, T] \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$\text{for each } t, \theta(t) \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$$

- Assume
- Θ control set is closed
 - $f(t, x, \theta)$ is continuous in t, θ for all x
 - $f(t, x, \theta)$ is C^1 in x for all t, θ

Not assuming that • f is differentiable with respect θ

⇒ θ can be very small

↓
non-smooth contrl

- $t \mapsto \theta(t)$ is irregular (or even

cost functional

$$J[\theta] = \Phi(x(T)) + \int_0^T L(t, x(t), \theta(t)) dt$$

- $\Phi \rightarrow$ terminate cost $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- L is the running cost

$$L : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

↓ ↓
 state control

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t), \theta(t))$$

given $\theta(t)$, all is determined



$J[\underline{\theta}]$ is defined only on $\underline{\theta}$

Bolza Problem of Optimal Control

$$\min_{\theta \in L^\infty([0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{O})}$$

st. $\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t), \theta(t)) \\ x(0) = x_0 \\ \theta(t) \in \mathcal{O} \end{cases}$

essentially bounded

- Mayer Problem : $L \equiv 0 \rightarrow$ only terminal cost

- Lagrange problem: $\Phi \equiv 0$

In fact, Bolza Problem generalizes these 2.

(calculus of variation)

↓ usual case

$$\min_x \int_0^T L(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) dt \quad \begin{pmatrix} u \rightarrow t \\ a \rightarrow 0 \\ b \rightarrow T \end{pmatrix}$$



actually a special case

derive necessary condition if we define $\dot{x}(t) = \underline{\theta(t)}$
for Optimal Control problem

next time

Bolza Problem

$$f(t, x, \underline{\theta}) \equiv 0$$

determine $\underline{\theta}(t)$

can uniquely determine $x(t)$