

Review: motivation problem

find the control history $u(t)$ that satisfies some terminal constraints while minimizing some scalar cost (-energy, time, effort...)

- Controls are continuous therefore we must
 - Discretize the problem before optimizing
→ Direct Methods
- Optimize the continuous problem
→ Indirect Method

As calculus can minimize functions of discrete parameters $J(\vec{u})$

Calculus of variations minimizes functionals (functions of functions) dependent on continuous variables

$$J(t_f, \vec{u}(t))$$

Derivative vs. Variations

- In calculus, a derivative measures the change of a function when a variable changes

$$\Delta J(u) = \left. \frac{\partial J}{\partial u} \right|_{u_0} du + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial u^2} \right|_{u_0} du^2 + \dots$$

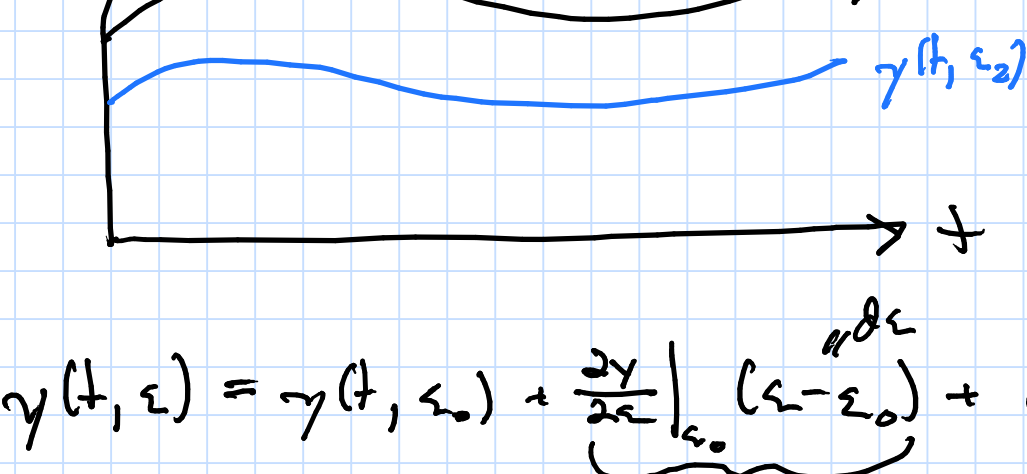
- Likewise in calculus of variations, a variation is the measure of a change in a functional

$$J(y(t) + \delta y(t)) - J(y(t)) = \delta J + \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 J + \dots$$

1st order 2nd order

To get a sense of variations, picture a function y scaled by an additional parameter ε :

$$\varepsilon: \quad y(t, \varepsilon); \quad y(t) = y(t, \varepsilon_0)$$



$$y(t, \varepsilon) = y(t, \varepsilon_0) + \underbrace{\left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon_0}}_{\delta y} (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0) + O[(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0)^2]$$

If $d\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\delta y = y(t, \varepsilon) - y(t, \varepsilon_0) = \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon_0} d\varepsilon$$

Optimization of Continuous System

- We want to minimize some cost functional

$$J(t_f, u(t)) \text{ wrt } u(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{path cost}$$

$$\min J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(t, u) dt$$

where t_0, t_f fixed

- Like parameter optimization, necessary condition is,

$$\delta J = 0$$

- To analyze δJ , we need Leibniz rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(t, x) dt = f(b(x), x) \frac{db(x)}{dx} - f(a(x), x) \frac{da(x)}{dx} + \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(t, x) dt$$

- Apply to J :

$$\frac{dJ}{d\varepsilon} = \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(t, u) dt$$

$$= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \varepsilon} dt$$

t_0, t_f fixed

$$= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \varepsilon} dt$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \varepsilon} \bigg|_{\varepsilon_0} (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \varepsilon} \bigg|_{\varepsilon_0} (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0) dt$$

$$\delta J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L_u \delta u dt = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$L_u = 0$$

Continuous System s.t. Algebraic Equality Constraints

$$\min J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(t, x, u) dt$$

s.t.

$$f(t, x, u) = 0$$

t_0, t_f fixed

We adjoin constraints to path cost L with $\lambda = \lambda(t)$ varies continuously

$$\min J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [L(t, x, u) + \lambda^T f(t, x, u)] dt$$

$$0 = \delta J' = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \delta x + \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial u} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right) \delta u + \underbrace{f^T \delta \lambda}_{=0} \right] dt$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \quad n \text{ eqns}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial u} + \lambda^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = 0 \quad m \text{ eqns}$$

$$f = 0 \quad r \text{ eqns}$$

2n+m eqns for 2n+m unknowns $(u(t), x(t), \lambda(t))$

Optimal control of dynamical systems

$$\min J = \phi(t_f, x(t_f)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(t, x, u) dt$$

subject to: $t_0 \neq t_f$ fixed

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, u) \quad (\text{dynamics/eom})$$

Adjoin dynamics to path cost

$$J' = \phi + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [L + \lambda^T (f - \dot{x})] dt$$

$$H = L + \lambda^T f \quad \text{Hamiltonian}$$

$$J' = \phi + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [H - \lambda^T \dot{x}] dt$$

Take variation and set to 0

$$0 = \delta J' = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x(t_f)} \delta x(t_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} \delta u + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} - \dot{x} \right)^T \delta \lambda}_{=0} \right] dt$$

We eliminate δx via integration by parts

$$\text{Note: } \int_a^b u \frac{dv}{dt} dt = [uv]_a^b - \int_a^b u \frac{dv}{dt} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \lambda^T \delta \dot{x} dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{d}{dt} (\lambda^T \delta x) dt - \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \dot{\lambda}^T \delta x dt$$

$$= [\lambda^T \delta x]_{t_0}^{t_f} - \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \dot{\lambda}^T \delta x dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta J' = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x(t_f)} \delta x(t_f) - \lambda^T(t_f) \delta x(t_f) + \lambda^T(t_0) \delta x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [(H_x + \dot{\lambda}^T) \delta x + H_u \delta u] dt = 0$$

$$\delta J' = \underbrace{\left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x(t_f)} - \lambda^T(t_f) \right] \delta x(t_f)}_{\text{Term ①}} + \underbrace{\lambda^T(t_0) \delta x(t_0)}_{\text{Term ②}} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \underbrace{[H_x + \dot{\lambda}^T] \delta x + H_u \delta u}_{\text{Term ③}} dt = 0$$

Term ②:

If $x_i(t_f)$ is fixed then $\delta x_i(t_f) = 0$

Therefore,

if $x_i(t_0)$ is fixed \leftarrow constraint

$\lambda_i(t_0)$ is free

else if $x_i(t_0)$ is free

$\lambda_i(t_0) = 0 \leftarrow$ constraint

Term ①:

Likewise for ①

if $x_i(t_f)$ is fixed

$\lambda_i(t_f)$ is free

else if $x_i(t_f)$ is free

$\lambda_i(t_f) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x(t_f)}$

Term ③

To eliminate δx in the integral:

$$H_x + \dot{\lambda}^T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\lambda}^T = -H_x$$

λ is referred as the costates

As we eliminated dependence on δx

$$\Rightarrow J' = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} H_u \delta u dt = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{H_u = 0} \quad \text{provides optimal low control}$$

In summary,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{\lambda}^T = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \\ \dot{x} = f \\ H_u = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} n \text{ diff eq} \\ n \text{ diff eq} \\ m \text{ algebraic eq.} \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{need } 2n \text{ BC}$$

BC

If $x_i(t_0)$ fixed, $\lambda_i(t_0)$ free \leftarrow BC

else $\lambda_i(t_0) = 0$

If $x_i(t_f)$ fixed, $\lambda_i(t_f)$ free \leftarrow BC

else $\lambda_i(t_f) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x(t_f)}$



$$r = \frac{dt}{d\theta} = \tan \theta$$

$$D = -2\pi q \int_{t_0}^{t_f} C_p(\theta) r d\theta \quad C_p = 2\sin^2 \theta, \theta \geq 0$$

$$\min J = D = -2\pi q \int_{t_0}^{t_f} C_p(\theta) r d\theta$$

$$\min J = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} 2\sin^2 \theta r$$

$$\underbrace{H_f dt_f}_{\text{free fixed}} - \underbrace{\lambda_f^T dx_f}_{\text{free}} + d\phi + \lambda_0^T dx_0 = 0$$