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Optimal Control

Static Optimization to Optimal Control

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Content

- ❖ Static optimization and dynamic optimization
- ❖ History and present of optimal control
- ❖ Calculus of variations

Example



diet problem: choose quantities x_1, \dots, x_n of n foods

- one unit of food j costs c_j , contains amount a_{ij} of nutrient i
- healthy diet requires nutrient i in quantity at least b_i

to find cheapest healthy diet,

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \succeq b, \quad x \succeq 0\end{array}$$

- ❖ Optimize the quantities in one month. (multi-stage optimization)
- ❖ The quantities tomorrow are affected by the quantities today
(dynamic optimization)

Static optimization to dynamic optimization

Static optimization

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{x}} & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x} \in X \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_x}. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f_0(x) \\ \text{subject to} & f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & h_i(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \end{array}$$

Multi-stage optimization



$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N} & \sum_{k=1}^N f(k, \mathbf{x}_k) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x}_k \in X_k \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{x}(t)} & \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(t, \mathbf{x}(t)) \, dt \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x}(t) \in X(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad t_1 \leq t \leq t_2. \end{array}$$

Dynamic optimization



$$x_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, \quad x(t), \quad t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N} & \sum_{k=1}^N f(k, \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x}_0 \text{ given} \quad \mathbf{x}_k = g(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}) \\ & \mathbf{x}_k \in X_k \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{x}(t)} & \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(t, \mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)) \, dt \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x}(t) \in X(t) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_x}, \quad t_1 \leq t \leq t_2. \\ & \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = g(\mathbf{x}(t)) \end{array}$$

Dynamic Optimization to Optimal Control

- ❖ Finding a control law for a given system such that a certain optimality criterion is achieved

Continuous time optimal control

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & J = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T(t_f) \mathbf{S}_f \mathbf{x}(t_f) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} (\mathbf{x}^T(t) \mathbf{Q}(t) \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{u}^T(t) \mathbf{R}(t) \mathbf{u}(t)) dt \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}(t) \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}(t) \mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \end{aligned}$$

Discrete time optimal control

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & J = \frac{1}{2} x^T(N) S_N x(N) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N [x^T(n) Q_n x(n) + u^T(n) R_n u(n)] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x(n+1) = A_n x(n) + B_n u(n), \quad x(0) = x_0 \end{aligned}$$

Other
constraints

History and Present

Calculus of variations (1600-1900)



Lev Pontryagin(1908-1988)

Maximum principle

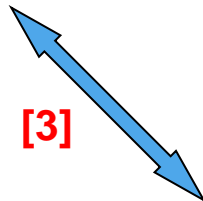


Richard Ernest Bellman(1920-1984)

Dynamic programming



Approximate dynamic programming[1]



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No model

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Main methods

- ❖ Calculus of variations
- ❖ Pontryagin maximum principle
- ❖ Bellman dynamic programming

Calculus of Variations

Calculus of variations

- **Main issue** – General control problem, the cost is a function of functions $\mathbf{x}(t)$ and $\mathbf{u}(t)$.

$$\min J = h(\mathbf{x}(t_f)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t) dt$$

subject to

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

$$\mathbf{x}(t_0), t_0 \text{ given}$$

$$m(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) = 0$$

- Call $J(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t))$ a **functional**.



$$J(x(t), u(t))$$

Minimum of a Function

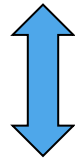
A function $f(\mathbf{x})$ has a local minimum at \mathbf{x}^* if

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \geq f(\mathbf{x}^*)$$

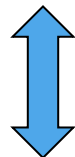
for all admissible \mathbf{x} in $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\| \leq \epsilon$

$$J(\mathbf{x}(t)) \quad ?$$

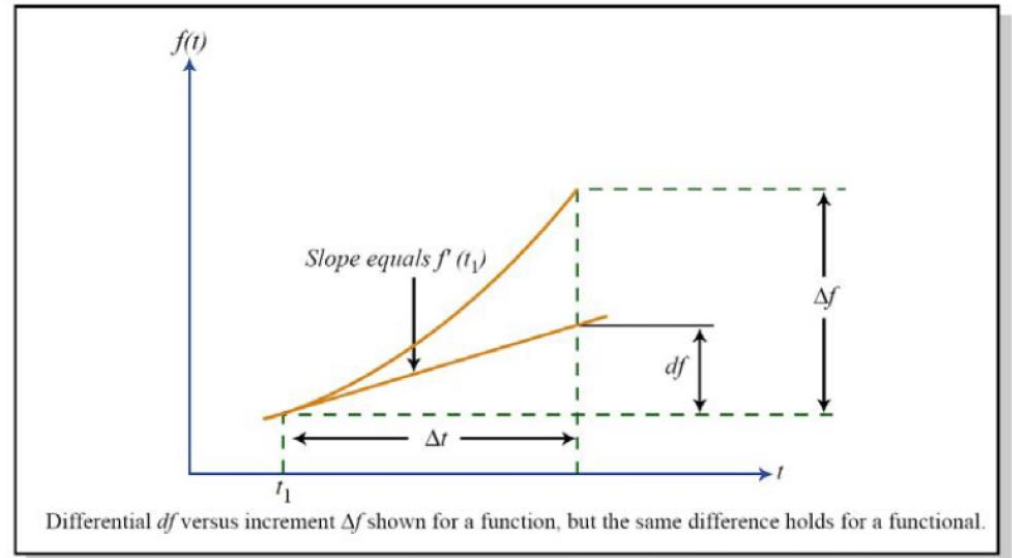
Gradient



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 0$$



Differential $df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{x} = 0$



$$\Delta f = f(x + dx) - f(x) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + H.O.T$$

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Differential df is the linear part of increment Δf

Minimal of a Functional

A functional $J(\mathbf{x}(t))$ has a local minimum at $\mathbf{x}^*(t)$ if

$$J(\mathbf{x}(t)) \geq J(\mathbf{x}^*(t))$$

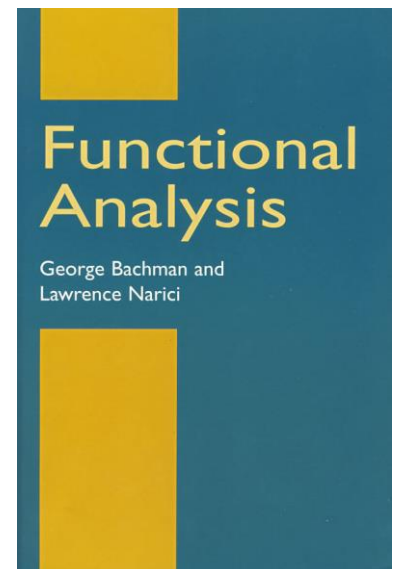
for all admissible $\mathbf{x}(t)$ in $\|\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}^*(t)\| \leq \epsilon$

Function Norm:

1. $\|\mathbf{x}(t)\| \geq 0$ for all $\mathbf{x}(t)$, and $\|\mathbf{x}(t)\| = 0$ only if $\mathbf{x}(t) = 0$ for all t in the interval of definition.
2. $\|a\mathbf{x}(t)\| = |a|\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|$ for all real scalars a .
3. $\|\mathbf{x}_1(t) + \mathbf{x}_2(t)\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}_1(t)\| + \|\mathbf{x}_2(t)\|$

Common function norm:

$$\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|_2 = \left(\int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{x}(t)^T \mathbf{x}(t) dt \right)^{1/2}$$



Minimum of a Functional

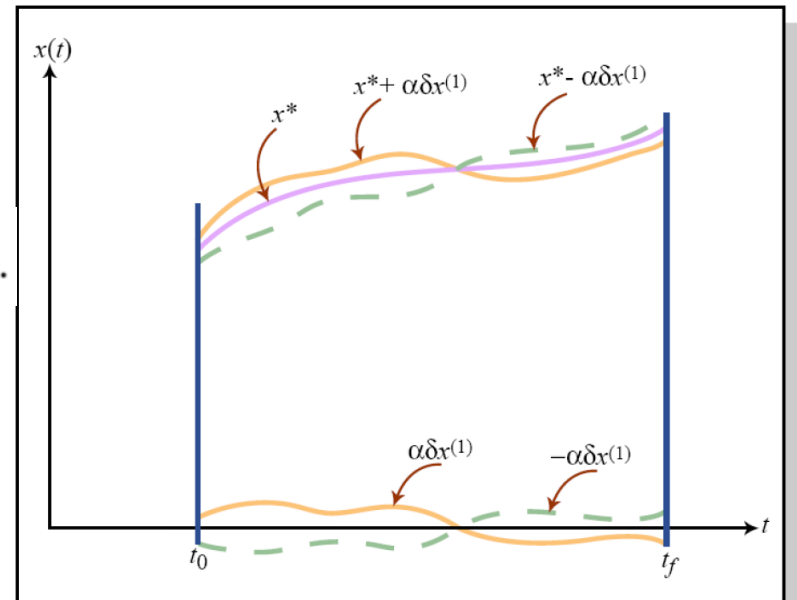
$\min f(x) \longleftrightarrow$ **Differential df is the linear part of increment Δf**

$\min J(x(t)) \longleftrightarrow$ **Linear part of increment**

Increment: $\Delta J(\mathbf{x}(t), \delta \mathbf{x}(t)) = J(\mathbf{x}(t) + \delta \mathbf{x}(t)) - J(\mathbf{x}(t))$

Variation

$$\Delta J(\mathbf{x}(t), \delta \mathbf{x}(t)) = \delta J(\mathbf{x}(t), \delta \mathbf{x}(t)) + H.O.T.$$



Fundamental Theorem

Let \mathbf{x} be a function of t in the class Ω , and $J(\mathbf{x})$ be a differentiable functional of \mathbf{x} . **Assume** that the functions in Ω are not constrained by any boundaries.

If \mathbf{x}^* is an extremal function, then the variation of J must vanish on \mathbf{x}^* , i.e. for all admissible $\delta\mathbf{x}$,

$$\delta J(\mathbf{x}(t), \delta\mathbf{x}(t)) = 0$$

Proof: see [Kirk, P121].

Summary

- ❖ Optimal control is a functional optimization

$$\min f(x) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad J(x(t))$$

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \in R^n \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad x(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))^T$$

$$df = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \delta J = 0$$

How to compute the variation?

How to compute the variation

- How compute the variation? If $J(\mathbf{x}(t)) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} f(\mathbf{x}(t))dt$ where f has cts first and second derivatives with respect to \mathbf{x} , then

$$\begin{aligned}\delta J(\mathbf{x}(t), \delta \mathbf{x}) &= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left\{ \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x}(t))}{\partial \mathbf{x}(t)} \right\} \delta \mathbf{x} dt + f(\mathbf{x}(t_f)) \delta t_f - f(\mathbf{x}(t_0)) \delta t_0 \\ &= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}(t)) \delta \mathbf{x} dt + f(\mathbf{x}(t_f)) \delta t_f - f(\mathbf{x}(t_0)) \delta t_0\end{aligned}$$

The derivative of parametric variable integral:

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

- For more general problems, first consider the cost evaluated on a scalar function $x(t)$ with t_0 , t_f and the curve endpoints fixed.

$$J(x(t)) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta J(x(t), \delta x) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [g_x(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \delta x + g_{\dot{x}}(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \delta \dot{x}] dt$$

– Note that

$$\delta \dot{x} = \frac{d}{dt} \delta x$$

so δx and $\delta \dot{x}$ **are not independent**.

- Integrate by parts:

$$\int u dv \equiv uv - \int v du$$

with $u = g_{\dot{x}}$ and $dv = \delta \dot{x} dt$ to get:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta J(x(t), \delta x) &= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g_x(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \delta x dt + [g_{\dot{x}}(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \delta x]_{t_0}^{t_f} \\ &\quad - \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{x}}(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \delta x dt \\ &= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_x(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{x}}(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \right] \delta x(t) dt \\ &\quad + [g_{\dot{x}}(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \delta x]_{t_0}^{t_f}\end{aligned}$$

- Since $x(t_0)$, $x(t_f)$ given, then $\delta x(t_0) = \delta x(t_f) = 0$, yielding

$$\delta J(x(t), \delta x) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_x(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{x}}(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \right] \delta x(t) dt$$

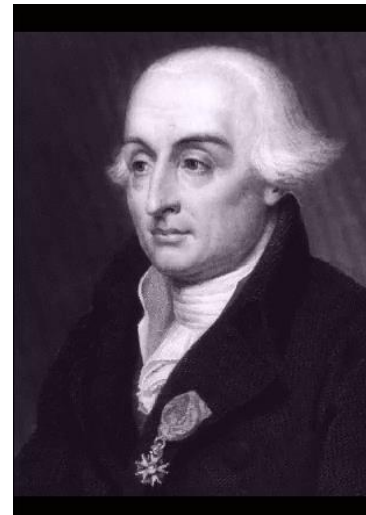
- Recall need $\delta J = 0$ for all admissible $\delta x(t)$, which are arbitrary within $(t_0, t_f) \Rightarrow$ the (first order) necessary condition for a maximum or minimum is called **Euler Equation**:

$$\frac{\partial g(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t)}{\partial x} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial g(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t)}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) = 0$$

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Euler



Lagrange

- **Example:** Find the curve that gives the shortest distance between 2 points in a plane (x_0, y_0) and (x_f, y_f) .

– Cost function – sum of differential arc lengths:

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{x_0}^{x_f} ds = \int_{x_0}^{x_f} \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2} \\ &= \int_{x_0}^{x_f} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

– Take y as dependent variable, and x as independent one

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow \dot{y}$$

– New form of the cost:

$$J = \int_{x_0}^{x_f} \sqrt{1 + \dot{y}^2} dx \rightarrow \int_{x_0}^{x_f} g(\dot{y}) dx$$

– Take partials: $\partial g / \partial y = 0$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) &= \frac{d}{d\dot{y}} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{y}} \right) \frac{d\dot{y}}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d}{d\dot{y}} \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{(1 + \dot{y}^2)^{1/2}} \right) \ddot{y} = \frac{\ddot{y}}{(1 + \dot{y}^2)^{3/2}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\ddot{y} = 0$

– Most general curve with $\ddot{y} = 0$ is a line $y = c_1 x + c_2$

Vector Functions

- Can generalize the problem by including several (N) functions $x_i(t)$ and possibly free endpoints

$$J(\mathbf{x}(t)) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), t) dt$$

with t_0 , t_f , $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$ fixed.

- Then (drop the arguments for brevity)

$$\delta J(\mathbf{x}(t), \delta \mathbf{x}) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [g_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x}(t) + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)] dt$$

– Integrate by parts to get:

$$\delta J(\mathbf{x}(t), \delta \mathbf{x}) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \delta \mathbf{x}(t) dt + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_f), t_f) \delta \mathbf{x}(t_f)$$

- The requirement then is that for $t \in (t_0, t_f)$, $\mathbf{x}(t)$ must satisfy

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial g}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} = 0$$

where $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$ which are the given N boundary conditions, and the remaining N more BC follow from:

- $\mathbf{x}(t_f) = \mathbf{x}_f$ if \mathbf{x}_f is given as fixed,
- If $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$ are free, then

$$\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), t)}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_f)} = 0$$

- Note that we could also have a mixture, where parts of $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$ are given as fixed, and other parts are free – just use the rules above on each component of $x_i(t_f)$

Free Terminal Time

- Now consider a slight variation: the goal is to minimize

$$J(\mathbf{x}(t)) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), t) dt$$

with t_0 , $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$ fixed, t_f free, and various constraints on $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$

- Compute variation of the functional considering 2 candidate solutions:
 - $\mathbf{x}(t)$, which we consider to be a perturbation of the optimal $\mathbf{x}^*(t)$ (that we need to find)

$$\delta J(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \delta \mathbf{x}) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [g_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x}(t) + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)] dt + g(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \delta t_f$$

- Integrate by parts to get:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \delta \mathbf{x}) &= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \delta \mathbf{x}(t) dt \\ &+ g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \delta \mathbf{x}(t_f) \\ &+ g(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \delta t_f \end{aligned}$$

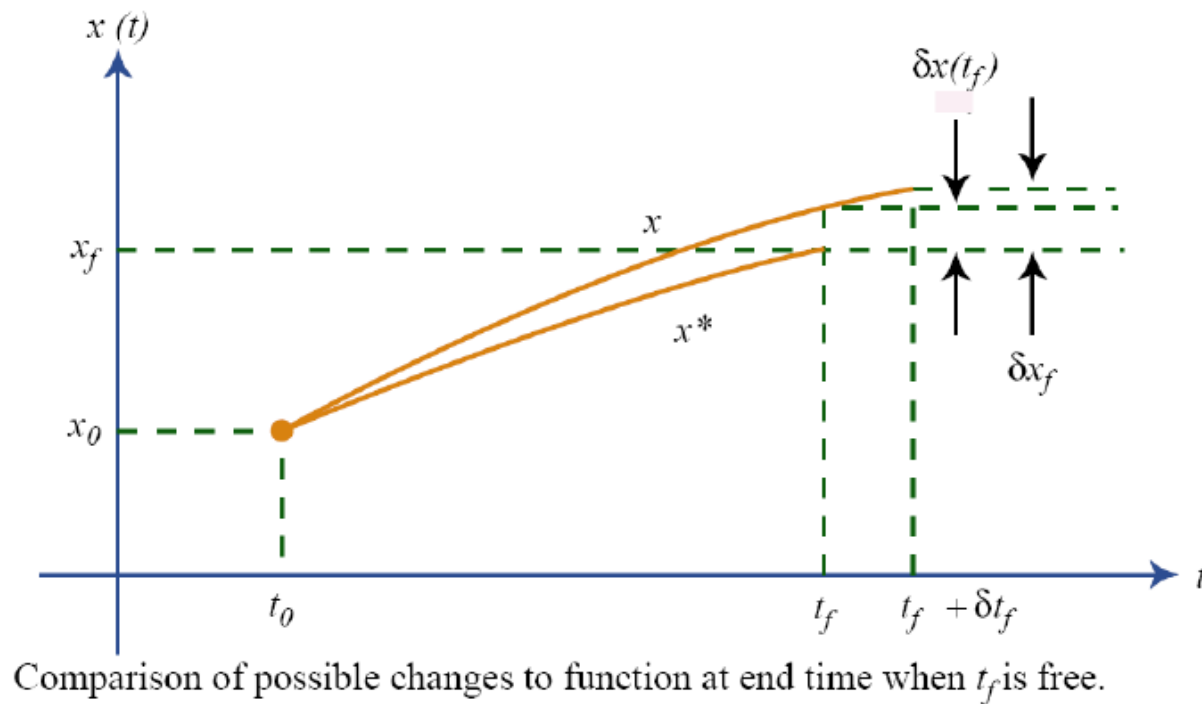


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Comparison of possible changes to function at end time when t_f is free.

- By definition, $\delta \mathbf{x}(t_f)$ is the difference between two admissible functions at time t_f (in this case the optimal solution \mathbf{x}^* and another candidate \mathbf{x}).
 - But in this case, must also account for possible changes to δt_f .
 - Define $\delta \mathbf{x}_f$ as being the difference between the ends of the two possible functions – **total possible change** in the final state:

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_f \approx \delta \mathbf{x}(t_f) + \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f) \delta t_f$$

so $\delta \mathbf{x}(t_f) \neq \delta \mathbf{x}_f$ in general.

- Substitute to get

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \delta \mathbf{x}) &= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \delta \mathbf{x}(t) dt + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \delta \mathbf{x}_f \\ &+ [g(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) - g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f)] \delta t_f \end{aligned}$$

- Independent of the terminal constraint, the conditions on the solution $\mathbf{x}^*(t)$ to be an extremal for this case are that it satisfy the Euler equations

$$g_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t), t) - \frac{d}{dt}g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t), t) = 0$$

- Now consider the additional constraints on the individual elements of $\mathbf{x}^*(t_f)$ and t_f to find the other boundary conditions

- Type of terminal constraints determines how we treat $\delta\mathbf{x}_f$ and δt_f
 1. Unrelated
 2. Related by a simple function $\mathbf{x}(t_f) = \Theta(t_f)$
 3. Specified by a more complex constraint $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) = 0$

- **Type 1:** If t_f and $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$ are free but unrelated, then $\delta \mathbf{x}_f$ and δt_f are independent and arbitrary \Rightarrow their coefficients must both be zero.

$$g_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t), t) - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t), t) = 0$$

$$g(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) - g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f) = 0$$

$$g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) = 0$$

- Which makes it clear that this is a **two-point boundary value problem**, as we now have conditions at both t_0 and t_f

- **Type 2:** If t_f and $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$ are free but related as $\mathbf{x}(t_f) = \Theta(t_f)$, then

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_f = \frac{d\Theta}{dt}(t_f) \delta t_f$$

- Substitute and collect terms gives

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J = & \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \delta \mathbf{x} dt + \left[g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \frac{d\Theta}{dt}(t_f) \right. \\ & \left. + g(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) - g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f) \right] \delta t_f \end{aligned}$$

- Set coefficient of δt_f to zero (it is arbitrary) \Rightarrow full conditions

$$g_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t), t) - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t), t) = 0$$

$$g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) \left[\frac{d\Theta}{dt}(t_f) - \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f) \right] + g(\mathbf{x}^*(t_f), \dot{\mathbf{x}}^*(t_f), t_f) = 0$$

- Type 3:

with t_f free and $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$ given by a condition:

$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) = 0$$

- Constrained optimization, so as before, augment the cost functional

$$J(\mathbf{x}(t), t) = h(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), t) dt$$

with the constraint using Lagrange multipliers:

$$J_a(\mathbf{x}(t), \boldsymbol{\nu}, t) = h(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) + \boldsymbol{\nu}^T \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), t) dt$$

- Considering changes to $\mathbf{x}(t)$, t_f , $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$ and $\boldsymbol{\nu}$, the variation for J_a is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta J_a &= h_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f)\delta\mathbf{x}_f + h_{t_f}\delta t_f + \mathbf{m}^T(t_f)\delta\boldsymbol{\nu} + \boldsymbol{\nu}^T \left(\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f)\delta\mathbf{x}_f + \mathbf{m}_{t_f}(t_f)\delta t_f \right) \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [g_{\mathbf{x}}\delta\mathbf{x} + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}\delta\dot{\mathbf{x}}] dt + g(t_f)\delta t_f \\
 &= [h_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f) + \boldsymbol{\nu}^T \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f)] \delta\mathbf{x}_f + [h_{t_f} + \boldsymbol{\nu}^T \mathbf{m}_{t_f}(t_f) + g(t_f)] \delta t_f \\
 &\quad + \mathbf{m}^T(t_f)\delta\boldsymbol{\nu} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt}g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \delta\mathbf{x} dt + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(t_f)\delta\mathbf{x}(t_f)
 \end{aligned}$$

– Now use that $\delta\mathbf{x}_f = \delta\mathbf{x}(t_f) + \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_f)\delta t_f$ as before to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta J_a &= [h_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f) + \boldsymbol{\nu}^T \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f) + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(t_f)] \delta\mathbf{x}_f \\
 &\quad + [h_{t_f} + \boldsymbol{\nu}^T \mathbf{m}_{t_f}(t_f) + g(t_f) - g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(t_f)\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_f)] \delta t_f + \mathbf{m}^T(t_f)\delta\boldsymbol{\nu} \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt}g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \delta\mathbf{x} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

- Looks like a bit of a mess, but we can clean it up a bit using

$$w(\mathbf{x}(t_f), \boldsymbol{\nu}, t_f) = h(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) + \boldsymbol{\nu}^T \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f)$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J_a &= [w_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f) + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(t_f)] \delta \mathbf{x}_f \\ &+ \left[w_{t_f} + g(t_f) - g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(t_f) \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_f) \right] \delta t_f + \mathbf{m}^T(t_f) \delta \boldsymbol{\nu} \\ &+ \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt} g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \delta \mathbf{x} dt \end{aligned}$$

- Given the extra degrees of freedom in the multipliers, can treat all of the variations as independent \Rightarrow all coefficients must be zero to achieve $\delta J_a = 0$

- So the necessary conditions are

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{d}{dt}g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} &= 0 & (\dim n) \\
 w_{\mathbf{x}}(t_f) + g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(t_f) &= 0 & (\dim n) \\
 w_{t_f} + g(t_f) - g_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}}(t_f)\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_f) &= 0 & (\dim 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- With $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$ ($\dim n$) and $\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) = 0$ ($\dim m$) combined with last 2 conditions $\Rightarrow 2n + m + 1$ constraints
- Solution of Eulers equation has $2n$ constants of integration for $x(t)$, and must find ν ($\dim m$) and $t_f \Rightarrow 2n + m + 1$ unknowns

Optimal Control Problems

- Are now ready to tackle the optimal control problem
 - Start with simple terminal constraints

$$J = h(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t) dt$$

with the system dynamics

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t)$$

- $t_0, \mathbf{x}(t_0)$ fixed
- t_f free
- $\mathbf{x}(t_f)$ are fixed or free by element

- Note that this looks a bit different because we have $\mathbf{u}(t)$ in the integrand, but consider that with a simple substitution, we get

$$\tilde{g}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, t) \xrightarrow{\dot{\mathbf{x}}=\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t)} \hat{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t)$$

- Note that the differential equation of the dynamics acts as a constraint that we must adjoin using a Lagrange multiplier, as before:

$$J_a = h(\mathbf{x}(t_f), t_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [g(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t) + \mathbf{p}^T \{\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t) - \dot{\mathbf{x}}\}] dt$$

- Find the variation:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J_a = & h_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x}_f + h_{t_f} \delta t_f + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} [g_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x} + g_{\mathbf{u}} \delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}})^T \delta \mathbf{p}(t) \\ & + \mathbf{p}^T(t) \{\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{u}} \delta \mathbf{u} - \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}\}] dt + [g + \mathbf{p}^T(\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}})](t_f) \delta t_f \end{aligned}$$

- Clean this up by defining the **Hamiltonian**:

$$H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}, t) = g(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t) + \mathbf{p}^T(t) \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t), t)$$

- Then

$$\begin{aligned}\delta J_a &= h_{\mathbf{x}}\delta\mathbf{x}_f + \left[h_{t_f} + g + \mathbf{p}^T(\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \right] (t_f)\delta t_f \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[H_{\mathbf{x}}\delta\mathbf{x} + H_{\mathbf{u}}\delta\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}})^T\delta\mathbf{p}(t) - \mathbf{p}^T(t)\delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} \right] dt\end{aligned}$$

- To proceed, note that by integrating by parts — we get:

$$\begin{aligned}- \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{p}^T(t)\delta\dot{\mathbf{x}}dt &= - \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{p}^T(t)d\delta\mathbf{x} \\ &= -\mathbf{p}^T\delta\mathbf{x}\Big|_{t_0}^{t_f} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left(\frac{d\mathbf{p}(t)}{dt} \right)^T \delta\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= -\mathbf{p}^T(t_f)\delta\mathbf{x}(t_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \dot{\mathbf{p}}^T(t)\delta\mathbf{x}dt \\ &= -\mathbf{p}^T(t_f) (\delta\mathbf{x}_f - \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t_f)\delta t_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \dot{\mathbf{p}}^T(t)\delta\mathbf{x}dt\end{aligned}$$

- So now can rewrite the variation as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta J_a &= h_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x}_f + \left[h_{t_f} + g + \mathbf{p}^T(\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \right] (t_f) \delta t_f \\
&\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[H_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x} + H_{\mathbf{u}} \delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}})^T \delta \mathbf{p}(t) \right] dt - \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \mathbf{p}^T(t) \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} dt \\
&= (h_{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{p}^T(t_f)) \delta \mathbf{x}_f + \left[h_{t_f} + g + \mathbf{p}^T(\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{p}^T \dot{\mathbf{x}} \right] (t_f) \delta t_f \\
&\quad + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[(H_{\mathbf{x}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}}^T) \delta \mathbf{x} + H_{\mathbf{u}} \delta \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{a} - \dot{\mathbf{x}})^T \delta \mathbf{p}(t) \right] dt
\end{aligned}$$

- So necessary conditions for $\delta J_a = 0$ are that for $t \in [t_0, t_f]$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) & (\dim n) \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} = -H_{\mathbf{x}}^T & (\dim n) \\ H_{\mathbf{u}} = 0 & (\dim m) \end{array}$$

- With the boundary condition (lost if t_f is fixed) that

$$h_{t_f} + g + \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{a} = h_{t_f} + H(t_f) = 0$$

- Add the boundary constraints that $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$ ($\dim n$)
- If $\mathbf{x}_i(t_f)$ is fixed, then $\mathbf{x}_i(t_f) = x_{i_f}$
- If $\mathbf{x}_i(t_f)$ is free, then $\mathbf{p}_i(t_f) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i}(t_f)$ for a total ($\dim n$)

Transversal Condition 横截条件

- Note the symmetry in the differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right)^T \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= - \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T = - \frac{\partial (g + \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{a})^T}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ &= - \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T \mathbf{p} - \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T\end{aligned}$$

Example

- Simple double integrator system starting at $y(0) = 10$, $\dot{y}(0) = 0$, must drive to origin $y(t_f) = \dot{y}(t_f) = 0$ to minimize the cost ($b > 0$)

$$J = \frac{1}{2}\alpha t_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{t_f} b u^2(t) dt$$

- Define the dynamics with $x_1 = y$, $x_2 = \dot{y}$ so that

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + Bu(t) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- With $\mathbf{p}(t) = [p_1(t) \ p_2(t)]^T$, define the Hamiltonian

$$H = g + \mathbf{p}^T(t)\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{2}bu^2 + \mathbf{p}^T(t) (A\mathbf{x}(t) + Bu(t))$$

- The necessary conditions are then that:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= -H_{\mathbf{x}}^T, \quad \rightarrow \quad \dot{p}_1 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} = 0 \rightarrow p_1(t) = c_1 \\ &\quad \dot{p}_2 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} = -p_1 \rightarrow p_2(t) = -c_1 t + c_2 \\ H_u &= bu + p_2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad u = -\frac{p_2}{b} = -\frac{c_2}{b} + \frac{c_1}{b}t \end{aligned}$$

- Now go back to the state equations:

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -\frac{c_2}{b} + \frac{c_1}{b}t \quad \rightarrow \quad x_2(t) = c_3 - \frac{c_2}{b}t + \frac{c_1}{2b}t^2$$

and since $x_2(0) = 0$, $c_3 = 0$, and

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t) \quad \rightarrow \quad x_1(t) = c_4 - \frac{c_2}{2b}t^2 + \frac{c_1}{6b}t^3$$

and since $x_1(0) = 10$, $c_4 = 10$

- Now note that

$$x_2(t_f) = -\frac{c_2}{b}t_f + \frac{c_1}{2b}t_f^2 = 0$$

$$x_1(t_f) = 10 - \frac{c_2}{2b}t_f^2 + \frac{c_1}{6b}t_f^3 = 0$$

$$= 10 - \frac{c_2}{6b}t_f^2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad c_2 = \frac{60b}{t_f^2}, \quad c_1 = \frac{120b}{t_f^3}$$

- Now impose the boundary conditions:

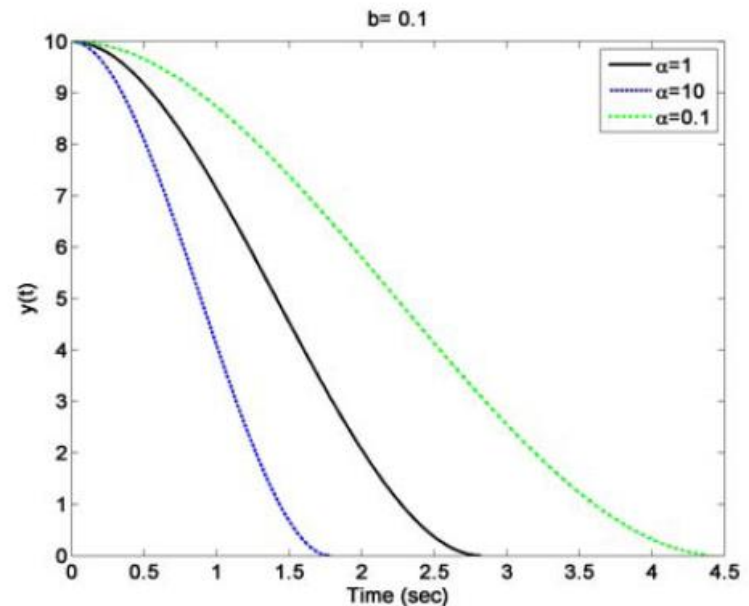
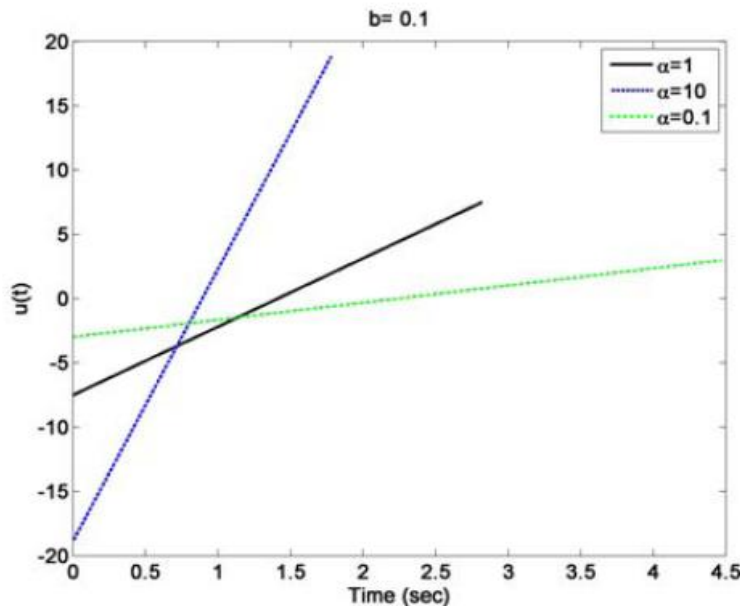
$$\begin{aligned} H(t_f) + h_t(t_f) &= \frac{1}{2}bu^2(t_f) + p_1(t_f)x_2(t_f) + p_2(t_f)u(t_f) + \alpha t_f = 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}bu^2(t_f) + (-bu(t_f))u(t_f) + \alpha t_f \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}bu^2(t_f) + \alpha t_f = 0 \rightarrow t_f = \frac{1}{2b\alpha}(-c_2 + c_1 t_f)^2 \end{aligned}$$

– But that gives us:

$$t_f = \frac{1}{2b\alpha} \left(-\frac{60b}{t_f^2} + \frac{120b}{t_f^3} t_f \right)^2 = \frac{(60b)^2}{2b\alpha t_f^4}$$

so that $t_f^5 = 1800b/\alpha$ or $t_f \approx 4.48(b/\alpha)^{1/5}$, which makes sense because t_f goes down as α goes up.

– Finally, $c_2 = 2.99b^{3/5}\alpha^{2/5}$ and $c_1 = 1.33b^{2/5}\alpha^{3/5}$



例3-3

设系统状态方程为

$$\dot{x} = -x(t) + u(t)$$

$x(t)$ 的边界条件为 $x(0) = 1, x(t_f) = 0$ 。求最优

控制 $u(t)$ ，使下列性能指标

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{t_f} (x^2 + u^2) dt$$

为最小。

解：这里 $x(0)$ 、 $x(t_f)$ 均给定，故不需要横截条件。作哈密顿函数

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + u^2) + \lambda(-x + u)$$

则协态方程和控制方程为

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -x + \lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = u + \lambda = 0$$

即

$$u = -\lambda$$

故可得正则方程

$$\dot{x}(t) = -x(t) - \lambda(t)$$

$$\dot{\lambda}(t) = -x(t) + \lambda(t)$$

对正则方程进行拉氏变换，可得

$$sX(s) - x(0) = -X(s) - \lambda(s) \quad (3-25)$$

$$s\lambda(s) - \lambda(0) = -X(s) + \lambda(s) \quad (3-26)$$

由 (3-25) 式可求得

$$X(s) = \frac{x(0) - \lambda(s)}{s + 1} \quad (3-27)$$

代入 (3-26) , 即得

$$(s^2 - 2)\lambda(s) = (s + 1)\lambda(0) - x(0)$$

于是, 解出 $\lambda(s)$ 为

$$\lambda(s) = \frac{(s+1)\lambda(0) - x(0)}{s^2 - 2} = \frac{s+1}{(s+\sqrt{2})(s-\sqrt{2})}\lambda(0) - \frac{1}{(s+\sqrt{2})(s-\sqrt{2})}x(0) \quad (3-28)$$

反变换可求得

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(t) = & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(e^{-\sqrt{2}t} - e^{\sqrt{2}t})x(0) + \\ & + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}[(\sqrt{2}-1)e^{-\sqrt{2}t} + (\sqrt{2}+1)e^{\sqrt{2}t}]\lambda(0) \quad \mathbf{(3-29)}\end{aligned}$$

将 (3-28) 代入 (3-26) 可得

$$X(s) = \frac{s-1}{(s+\sqrt{2})(s-\sqrt{2})} x(0) - \frac{1}{(s+\sqrt{2})(s-\sqrt{2})} \lambda(0)$$

故

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[(\sqrt{2} + 1)e^{-\sqrt{2}t} + (\sqrt{2} - 1)e^{\sqrt{2}t} \right] x(0) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (e^{-\sqrt{2}t} - e^{\sqrt{2}t}) \lambda(0)$$

由 $x(0) = 1, x(t_f) = 0$ 从上式可得

$$\lambda(0) = \frac{(\sqrt{2} + 1)e^{-\sqrt{2}t_f} + (\sqrt{2} - 1)e^{\sqrt{2}t_f}}{e^{\sqrt{2}t_f} - e^{-\sqrt{2}t_f}}$$

把 $\lambda(0)$ 代入 (3-29)，可得 $\lambda(t)$ ，而最优控制为

$$u^*(t) = -\lambda(t) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left\{ e^{-\sqrt{2}t} - e^{\sqrt{2}t} + \frac{(\sqrt{2} + 1)e^{-\sqrt{2}t_f} + (\sqrt{2} - 1)e^{\sqrt{2}t_f}}{e^{\sqrt{2}t_f} - e^{-\sqrt{2}t_f}} \left[(\sqrt{2} - 1)e^{-\sqrt{2}t} + (\sqrt{2} + 1)e^{\sqrt{2}t} \right] \right\}$$

代入 $H(t_f) + h_{t_f} = 0$ 求得 t_f

例3-4 设系统的状态方程为

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t)$$

初始条件为 $\dot{x}_2(t) = u(t)$

$$x_1(0) = 1 \quad x_2(0) = 1$$

终端条件为

$$x_1(1) = 0 \quad x_2(1) \text{ 自由}$$

要求确定最优控制 $u^*(t)$ ，使指标泛函

$$J(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 u^2(t) dt$$

取极小值

这里 $x_2(1)$ 是自由的，所以要用到横截条件，因终端指标

所以

$$h(x(t_f), t_f) = 0$$
$$p_2(1) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial X_2(1)} = 0 \quad (3-30)$$

定义哈密顿函数

$$H = \frac{1}{2}u^2 + p_1x_2 + p_2u \quad (3-31)$$

由必要条件可求得

$$\dot{p}_1 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} = 0$$

$$\dot{p}_2 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} = -p_1$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 0$$

即

$$u + p_2 = 0$$

得

$$u^*(t) = -p_2(t) \quad (3-32)$$

将 $u^*(t)$ 代入状态方程，可得

正则方程:

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2(t) \quad (3-33)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -p_2(t) \quad (3-34)$$

$$\dot{p}_1 = 0 \quad (3-35)$$

$$\dot{p}_2 = -p_1(t) \quad (3-36)$$

边界条件为

$$x_1(0) = 1 \quad x_2(0) = 1$$

$$x_1(1) = 0 \quad p_2(1) = 0 \quad (3-37)$$

可见这是两点边值问题，对正则方程 (3-33)
~ (3-36) 进行拉氏变换，可得

$$sX_1(s) - x_1(0) = X_2(s) \quad (3-38)$$

$$sX_2(s) - x_2(0) = -p_2(s) \quad (3-39)$$

$$sp_1(s) - p_1(0) = 0 \quad (3-40)$$

$$sp_2(s) - p_2(0) = -p_1(s) \quad (3-41)$$

由 (3-38) ~ (3-41) 可解出

$$s^4 X_1(s) = s^3 x_1(0) + s^2 x_2(0) - s p_2(0) + p_1(0)$$

代入初始条件 $x_1(0) = 1$, $x_2(0) = 1$, 可得

$$X_1(s) = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^3} p_2(0) + \frac{1}{s^4} p_1(0)$$

故

$$x_1(t) = 1 + t - \frac{1}{2} p_2(0) t^2 + \frac{1}{6} p_1(0) t^3$$

同样可解得

$$p_2(s) = \frac{1}{s} p_2(0) - \frac{1}{s^2} p_1(0) \quad (3-42)$$

$$p_2(t) = p_2(0) - p_1(0) t \quad (3-43)$$

利用终端条件 $x_1(1) = 0$, $p_2(1) = 0$, 可得

$$2 - \frac{1}{2} p_2(0) + \frac{1}{6} p_1(0) = 0$$

$$p_2(0) - p_1(0) = 0$$

由上二式可解出

$$p_1(0) = 6 \qquad p_2(0) = 6$$

由 **(3-42)** 式可得最优状态轨迹

$$x_1^*(t) = 1 + t - 3t^2 + t^3$$

由（3-43）式可得最优协态

$$p_2^*(t) = 6(1-t)$$

由（3-32）式可得最优控制

$$u^*(t) = 6(t-1)$$

同理还可求出

$$x_2^*(t) = 1 - 6t + 3t^2$$

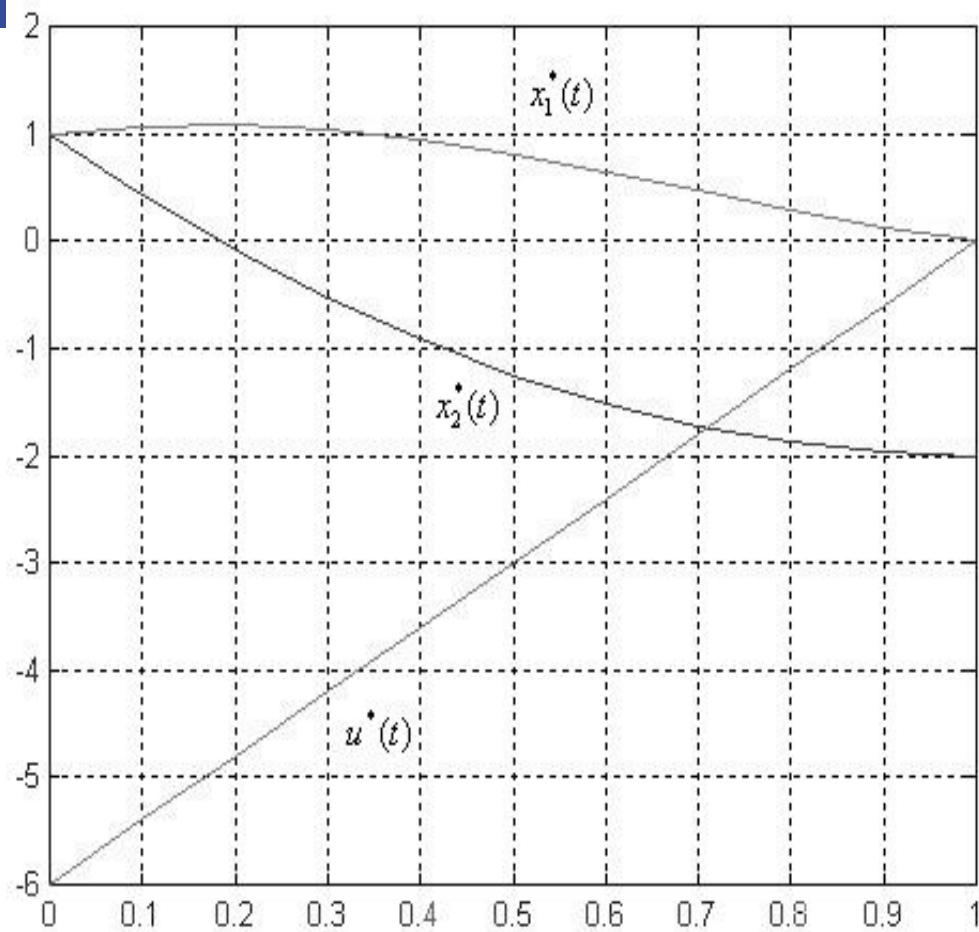


图3-2 最优控制和最优状态轨迹解

图3-2是最优解的轨迹曲线。

注意，这个系统是线性定常系统，这种线性两点边值问题的解可以通过寻找缺少的边界条件，并且进行一次积分而求得其解。

对非线性两点边值问题，则要借助于迭代方法产生一个序列，来多次修正缺少的初始条件的试探值，直到满足两点边值的条件。

Pontryagin maximum principle

❖ Two Assumptions:

- δu is free, no constraint
- H_u exists

❖ In practice, the control is limited




❖ Hamilton function may be not differential w.r.t control **U** **Optimal fuel control problem**

$$J = \int_0^{t_f} |u(t)| dt$$

❖ Pontryagin maximum principle

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, t) \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= -H_{\mathbf{x}}^T \\ H_{\mathbf{u}} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\min_{u \in \Omega} H(x^*, u, p^*, t) = H(x^*, u^*, p^*, t)$$


For the system

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

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

$$-1 \leq u \leq 2$$

Introduce a barrier function

$$B(u) = -\ln(2-u) - \ln(1+u)$$

its gradient recentred barrier function

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{B}(u) &= B(u) - B(0) - [\nabla B(0)]^T u \\ &= \ln(2) - \ln(2-u) - \ln(1+u) + \frac{1}{2}u\end{aligned}$$

Build a new objective functional without constraint

$$\tilde{J} = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left\{ L(x, u, t) + \lambda(t)^T [f[x(t), u(t), t] - \dot{x}(t)] + \mu \bar{B}(u) \right\} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then,} \quad \min_u J &\quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \min_u \tilde{J} \\ \text{s.t. } -1 \leq u \leq 2\end{aligned}$$

