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Hybrid Optimal Control

Lecture 5: Algorithms & Implementation

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Questions:

- 1 How can we implement dynamic programming (DP) algorithms for computing tabular controls?

At the end of this lecture, you will ...

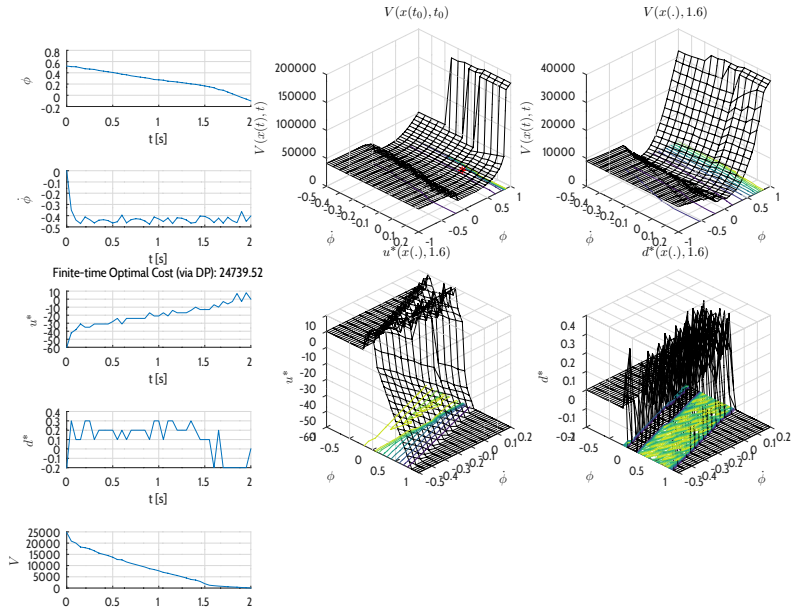
- 1 have learned how to implement a rudimentary variant of value iteration for discrete dynamic programming (DDP).

Important Aspects when Implementing Value Iteration

- 1 Discretise the dynamics.
- 2 Identify the scope of the discrete state and input spaces.
- 3 Identify parameter resolutions for state and input spaces and the time step.
- 4 Identify the data structures for the state space, value function, and tabular control law.
- 5 Choose an lookup and interpolation scheme (e.g., nearest neighbour).
- 6 Choose a numerical integration scheme (e.g., Euler, Runge-Kutta).
- 7 Implement a simulator monitoring relevant events (e.g., jump guards of a hybrid automaton, scope violations).
- 8 Add an appropriate visualisation.

These steps will heavily depend on the chosen platform (e.g., C, C++, Python, Matlab).

Differential Game for an Inverted Pendulum



- DDP algorithms, such as value iteration, can generate **tabular** control laws.
- Exhaustive variants of such algorithms require computation time and storage space **exponential** in the number of **state variables**.
- In digital control, such laws can also be employed in a **piece-wise constant** control regime, where in state \mathbf{x} , each input $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})$ is applied continuously for the length of a sampling period δt .