

CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS

The calculus of variations is a field of mathematical analysis that uses variations, which are small changes in functions and functionals, to find maxima and minima of functionals.

Functionals are often expressed as definite integrals:

$$J(z) = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \underbrace{L(t, z(t), \dot{z}(t))}_{\text{Lagrangian}} dt$$

• The Lagrange Problem

Let D be an admissible set in $\bar{C}^1(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$D = \left\{ (z, t_i, t_f) \in \bar{C}^1(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \right. \\ \left. \begin{aligned} &(z(t_i), t_i) \in D_i \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \quad q(z, \dot{z}, t) \leq 0 \\ &(z(t_f), t_f) \in D_f \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \quad g(z(t), \dot{z}(t), t) = 0, \\ &\int_{t_i}^{t_f} h(z, \dot{z}, t) dt = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$g \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ of C^2 class

$h \in \mathbb{R}^6$ of C^2 class

q of C^2 class, q_a of dimension β_a

$$J(z, t_i, t_f) = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \underbrace{L(z(t), \dot{z}(t), t)}_{\substack{\text{Lagrangian of } C^2 \text{ class} \\ L: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}}} dt$$

The aim is to minimize the evolution (integral) of the functional from an instant t_i to t_f

~ Lagrange theorem

Define the augmented lagrangian

$$\ell(z(t), \dot{z}(t), t, \lambda_0, \lambda(t), \rho) = \lambda_0 L(z(t), \dot{z}(t), t) + \eta^T(t) q(z, \dot{z}, t) + \lambda^T(t) g(z(t), \dot{z}(t), t) + \rho^T h(z(t), \dot{z}(t), t)$$

If $\lambda_0 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ normal solution

Let $(z^*, t_i^*, t_f^*) \in \mathcal{D}$ be such that

$$r \in \left\{ \frac{\partial \ell(z, \eta a)}{\partial \dot{z}} \right\}^* = \mu + \beta a \quad \forall [t_i^*, t_f^*]$$

If (z^*, t_i^*, t_f^*) is a local minimum for J over \mathcal{D} , then there exist $\eta^* \in \bar{C}^0[t_i^*, t_f^*]$, $\lambda_0^* \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda^* \in \bar{C}^0[t_i^*, t_f^*]$, $\rho^* \in \mathbb{R}^6$ not simultaneously null in $[t_i^*, t_f^*]$

such that the following conditions hold:

- Euler - Lagrange $\frac{\partial \ell^*}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \Big|_{\bar{t}}^* = 0^T \quad \forall t \in [t_i^*, t_f^*]$

- Weierstrass - Erdmann $\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \Big|_{\bar{t}^-}^* = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \Big|_{\bar{t}^+}^* \quad \bar{t} \text{ are corner points of } z^*$
 (for discontinuity points) $\left(\ell - \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{\bar{t}^-}^* = \left(\ell - \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{\bar{t}^+}^*$

- Transversality

different cases:
 they depend on the nature of the boundary conditions.

~ Euler - Lagrange equation

Trajectories satisfying the E-L equation are called extremals

$$\left[\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z} \Big|_* - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \Big|_* = 0 \right] \quad \forall t \in [t_i, t_f]$$

Proof

Let's consider a curve C^1 $z: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $z(a) = z_0$ and $z(b) = z_1$, and the functional

$$J(z) = \int_a^b \ell(z, \dot{z}, t) dt \quad \ell \in C^2$$

The goal is to find the local minimum of J .

Introduce now the perturbation $\eta: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $\eta(a) = 0, \eta(b) = 0$.

In fact, if $z(a) = z_0, z(b) = z_1$, then

$$z(a) + \alpha \eta(a) = z_0 \Rightarrow \eta(a) = 0$$

$$z(b) + \alpha \eta(b) = z_1 \Rightarrow \eta(b) = 0$$

$$J(z + \alpha \eta) = \int_a^b \ell(z + \alpha \eta, \dot{z} + \alpha \dot{\eta}, t) dt =$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \underbrace{J(z)} + \alpha \underbrace{\delta J|_{z^*}(\eta)} + o(\alpha)$$

$$J(z) = \int_a^b \ell(z, \dot{z}, t) dt$$

$= 0$ (first order necessary condition)

Taylor expansion with respect to α

$$J(z + \alpha \eta) = \int_a^b \ell(z + \alpha \eta, \dot{z} + \alpha \dot{\eta}, t) dt$$

②

$$J(z + \alpha \eta) = \int_a^b \left(\ell(z, \dot{z}, t) + \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z}(z, \dot{z}, t) \alpha \eta + \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) \alpha \dot{\eta} \right) dt$$

From ① and ② (dividing both members by α):

$$\textcircled{2} \quad J(z + \alpha \eta) = \int_a^b \ell(z, \dot{z}, t) dt + \int_a^b \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z}(z, \dot{z}, t) \eta dt + \int_a^b \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) \dot{\eta} dt$$

①

$$J(z + \alpha \eta) = \int_a^b \ell(z, \dot{z}, t) dt + \delta J|_{z^*}(\eta)$$

$$\delta J|_{z^*}(\eta) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z}(z, \dot{z}, t) \eta dt + \int_a^b \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) \dot{\eta} dt$$

Integration by parts $\rightarrow \int_a^b \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{\eta} dt = - \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \eta dt + \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \eta \Big|_a^b$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \eta(b) - \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}} \eta(a)$$

For the boundary conditions, $\eta(a) = 0$, $\eta(b) = 0$ and $\delta J|_{z^*} \eta = 0$, therefore $\textcircled{3} = 0$ and

$$\int_a^b \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z}(z, \dot{z}, t) \eta(t) dt - \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) \eta(t) dt = 0$$

for all curves vanishing at the ends points

That is the same of:

$$\int_a^b \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right] \eta(t) dt = 0$$

$$\eta(a) = 0, \quad \eta(b) = 0$$

Lemma: if a continuous function $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that $\int_a^b g(t) \eta(t) dt = 0 \quad \forall \eta: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\eta(a) = 0$ and $\eta(b) = 0$ then $g = 0$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} = 0$$

Necessary condition for $z(\cdot)$ to be an extremum

End

~ Variable endpoint problem

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_b = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_b + \lambda \left. \right|_b = 0$$

Proof

Let us consider the C^1 curves $z: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.
 $z(a) = z_0$, $z(b)$ free.

Find the local minima of $J(z) = \int_a^b \mathcal{L}(z, \dot{z}, t) dt$
 $\hookrightarrow C^2$ class

The perturbations η must satisfy $\eta(a) = 0$ but $\eta(b)$ arbitrary

In this case the first variation is given by $(*)$

$$\delta J|_z(\eta) = \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z}(t, z, \dot{z}) \eta(t) dt - \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) \eta(t) dt \right\} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(b, z(b), \dot{z}(b)) \eta(b) = 0$$

if z is an extremum
 Perturbations $\eta(b) = 0$ are still allowed, in that case
 I obtain the previous E-L condition, which is still
 a necessary condition for optimality.

After this consideration we know that $(*) = 0$ for all
 admissible perturbations η because

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z}(z, \dot{z}, t) - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) = 0 \quad (\text{E-L condition})$$

Therefore the extre condition is found:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(b, z(b), \dot{z}(b)) = 0}$$

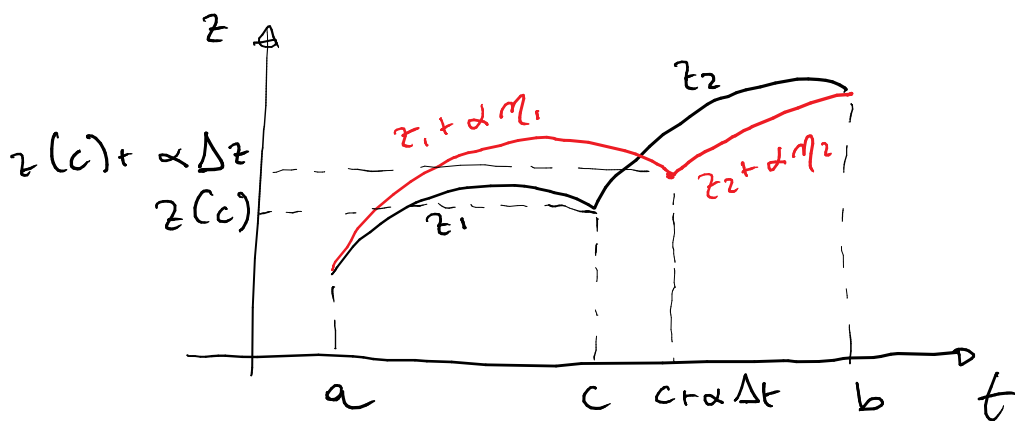
Weierstrass - Erdmann corner condition

Additional conditions at corner points, in order for z to be a strong extremum

Proof

Consider $z \in \bar{C}^1$ solution (continuous first derivative almost everywhere), we can have some points in which the derivative is not continuous.

Assume $c \in [a, b]$ is a corner point of z



Split z in $z_1: [a, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $z_2: [c, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

The perturbed versions are $z_1 + \alpha \eta_1$ and $z_2 + \alpha \eta_2$ with $\eta_1(a) = \eta_2(b) = 0$

The location of the corner point is not fixed, so the corner point could deviate from the point c

Therefore the domain of $z_1 + \alpha \eta_1$ should be extended to $[a, c + \Delta t]$.

This can be done by linear continuation:

$$z_1(t) = z(c) + \dot{z}(c^-)(t-c)$$

$$z_1 \in C^1 \text{ in } c \text{ with } z_1(c) = z(c) \text{ and } \dot{z}_1(c) = \dot{z}(c^-)$$

The same assumptions hold for z_2

New cost functional

$$J(z) = \int_a^b \mathcal{L}(z, \dot{z}, t) dt = \int_a^c \mathcal{L}(z_1, \dot{z}_1, t) dt + \int_c^b \mathcal{L}(z_2, \dot{z}_2, t) dt$$

$$= J_1(z_1) + J_2(z_2)$$

- $J_1(z_1)$:

Perturbed $J_1(z_1 + \alpha \eta_1) = \int_a^{c+\alpha \Delta t} \mathcal{L}(z_1 + \alpha \eta_1, \dot{z}_1 + \alpha \dot{\eta}_1, t) dt$

$$\delta J_1|_{z_1}(\eta_1) = \left. \frac{d}{d\alpha} \right|_{\alpha=0} J_1(z_1 + \alpha \eta_1) =$$

$$= \mathcal{L}(z_1(c), \dot{z}_1(c), c) \Delta t + \int_a^c \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z}(z_1, \dot{z}_1, t) \eta_1 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z_1, \dot{z}_1, t) \dot{\eta}_1 \right] dt$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} z_1(c) = z(c), \dot{z}_1(c) = \dot{z}(c^-), \eta_1(a) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

integration
by parts

$$= \mathcal{L}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^-), c) \Delta t + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^-), c) \eta_1(c) +$$

$$+ \int_a^c \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z}(z_1, \dot{z}_1, t) - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z_1, \dot{z}_1, t) \right] \eta_1(t) dt$$

- $J_2(z_2)$:

Perturbed: $J_2(z_2 + \alpha \eta_2) = \int_{c+\alpha \Delta t}^b \mathcal{L}(z_2 + \alpha \eta_2, \dot{z}_2 + \alpha \dot{\eta}_2, t) dt$

$$\delta J_2|_{z_2} = -\mathcal{L}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^+), c) \Delta t - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^+), c) \eta_2(c) +$$

$$+ \int_c^b \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z}(z_2, \dot{z}_2, t) - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z_2, \dot{z}_2, t) \right] \eta_2(t) dt$$

For $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ the perturbed curve is close to the original curve z .

The cost index J as function of α must have a minimum at $\alpha=0$

$$0 = \frac{d}{d\alpha} \Big|_{\alpha=0} J(z, \alpha) = \frac{d}{d\alpha} \Big|_{\alpha=0} [J_1(z_1 + \alpha \eta_1) + J_2(z_2 + \alpha \eta_2)] \\ = J_1|_{z_1}(\eta_1) + J_2|_{z_2}(\eta_2)$$

The two portions z_1, z_2 of z must be extremals of the correspondings J_1, J_2

Therefore, since the E-L condition holds, it holds also for the subintervals $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$.

$$\mathcal{L}(z(c), \dot{z}(c), c) \Delta t + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^-), c) \eta_1(c) + \\ - \mathcal{L}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^+), c) \Delta t - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^+), c) \eta_2(c) = 0 \quad (*)$$

with this new condition I'm evaluating the function in c^- and c^+ together

The perturbed curve it is known it is continuous at $t = c + \alpha \Delta t$ (\bar{C}^1 class), therefore η_1 and η_2 are not independent

$$z_1(c + \alpha \Delta t) + \alpha \eta_1(c + \alpha \Delta t) = z_2(c + \alpha \Delta t) + \alpha \eta_2(c + \alpha \Delta t) \\ =: z(c) + \alpha \Delta z + o(\alpha) \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{first} \\ \text{approximation} \end{matrix}$$

Remark: $\dot{z}_1(c) = \dot{z}(c^-)$, $\dot{z}_2(c) = \dot{z}(c^+)$ First order (in α) vertical displacement

Obtaining:

$$\Delta z \simeq \frac{1}{\alpha} [z_1(c + \alpha \Delta t) - z(c) + \alpha \eta_1(c + \alpha \Delta t)] \simeq \dot{z}(c^-) \Delta t + \eta_1(c)$$

$$\Delta z \simeq \frac{1}{\alpha} [z_2(c + \alpha \Delta t) - z(c) + \alpha \eta_2(c + \alpha \Delta t)] \simeq \dot{z}(c^+) \Delta t + \eta_2(c)$$

So $\dot{z}(c^-) \Delta t + \eta_1(c) = \dot{z}(c^+) \Delta t + \eta_2(c) = \Delta z$ (second approximation)
 We obtain $\eta_1(c) = \Delta z - \dot{z}(c^-) \Delta t$, $\eta_2(c) = \Delta z - \dot{z}(c^+) \Delta t$
 to use in \textcircled{A}

The result is :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^-), c) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^+), c) \right] \Delta z + \\ & - \left[\left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^-), c) - \mathcal{L}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^-), c) \right) + \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^+), c) + \mathcal{L}(z(c), \dot{z}(c^+), c) \right) \right] \Delta t \\ & = - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) \Big|_{c^-}^{c^+} \Delta z + \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}(z, \dot{z}, t) \dot{z}(t) - \mathcal{L}(z, \dot{z}, t) \right) \Big|_{c^-}^{c^+} \Delta t = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta z, \Delta t$ are arbitrary and independent therefore

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \Big|_{c^-}^{c^+} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} - \mathcal{L} \right]_{c^-}^{c^+} = 0$$

so these quantities are continuous.

End

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}}$ and $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} - \mathcal{L}$ are continuous in $t=c$

→ Weierstrass - Erdmann corner condition

~ 4 Case studies of Lagrange Problem

$$J = \int l(z, \dot{z}, t) dt \quad z \in C^1 \text{ or } z \in \bar{C}^1$$

Case 1-2 : $z(a) = z_0, z(b) = z_1$

- Euler - Lagrange equation
- Weierstrass - Erdmann corner condition (if $\exists \bar{t}$ discontinuity point of \dot{z}^*)

Case 3-4 : $z(a) = z_0, z(b)$ free

- Euler - Lagrange equation
- Weierstrass - Erdmann condition (if $\exists \bar{t}$ discontinuity point of \dot{z}^*)
- Extra condition

~ Lagrange Problem

$z: \mathbb{R}^V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \in \bar{C}^1$ with

$$\Delta: \left\{ (z, t_i, t_f) \in \bar{C}^1(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : \begin{aligned} &(z(t_i), t_i) \in \Delta_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{V+1} \\ &(z(t_f), t_f) \in \Delta_f \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{V+1} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$J(z, t_i, t_f) = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L(z, \dot{z}, t) dt \leftarrow \text{cost function with } L \in C^2$$

Find (z^0, t_i^0, t_f^0) that minimizes the cost function over Δ

$$J(z^0, t_i^0, t_f^0) \leq J(z, t_i, t_f) \quad \forall (z, t_i, t_f) \in \Delta$$

If (z^0, t_i^0, t_f^0) is a local minimum then:

Euler-Lagrange equation, W-E condition and transversality conditions are satisfied:

- If $(z^*, t_i^*, t_f^*) \in \Delta$ is a local minimum then

$$\left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} \right|^* - \frac{d}{dt} \left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|^* = 0^T \quad \forall t \in [t_i, t_f] \quad \text{Euler equation}$$

- In any discontinuity point t of \dot{z}^* : W-E condition

$$\left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t^-}^* = \left. \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t^+}^*, \quad \left(L - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{t^-}^* = \left(L - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{t^+}^*$$

= Transversality conditions

1) Δ_i, Δ_f open subsets

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_i^*}^* = 0^T, \quad \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_f^*}^* = 0^T, \quad \mathcal{L} \Big|_{t_i^*}^* = 0, \quad \mathcal{L} \Big|_{t_f^*}^* = 0$$

2) Δ_i, Δ_f closed subsets

$(z(t_i), t_i)$ initial point satisfy
 $(z(t_f), t_f)$ final point satisfy

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \gamma(z(t_i), t_i) &= 0 \\ \chi(z(t_f), t_f) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

these conditions must be regular

$$6_i, 6_f < n+1$$

$$\text{rank} \left\{ \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial (z(t_i), t_i)} \Big|_{t_i^*}^* \right\} = 6_i$$

$$\text{rank} \left\{ \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial (z(t_f), t_f)} \Big|_{t_f^*}^* \right\} = 6_f$$

Given two vectors $\overset{x_i}{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^{6_i}$ and $\overset{z_{t_f}}{g} \in \mathbb{R}^{6_f}$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_i^*}^* = \xi^T \left. \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial z(t_i)} \right|_{t_i^*}^*, \quad \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_f^*}^* = g^T \left. \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial z(t_f)} \right|_{t_f^*}^*$$

$$\left(\mathcal{L} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{t_i^*}^* = \xi^T \left. \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial t_i} \right|_{t_i^*}^*, \quad \left(\mathcal{L} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{t_f^*}^* = g^T \left. \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t_f} \right|_{t_f^*}^*$$

3) Δ_i, Δ_f defined by $w(z(t_i), t_i, z(t_f), t_f) = 0$ of 6 components of C^1 class

regularity: $\text{rk} \left\{ \frac{\partial w}{\partial (z(t_i), t_i, z(t_f), t_f)} \Big|_* \right\} = 6$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \Big|_{t_i^*}^* = \theta^\tau \frac{\partial w}{\partial z(t_i)} \Big|_*^*, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \Big|_{t_f^*}^* = -\theta^\tau \frac{\partial w}{\partial z(t_f)} \Big|_*^*, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^6$$

$$\left(\mathcal{L} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{t_i^*} = \theta^\tau \frac{\partial w}{\partial t_i} \Big|_*^*, \quad \left(\mathcal{L} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \dot{z} \right)_{t_f^*} = -\theta^\tau \frac{\partial w}{\partial t_f} \Big|_*^*$$

~ Extremum and non-singularity

An extremum is a candidate to be the minimum and is any admissible point satisfying the Euler equation, the W-E conditions and the transversality ones.

An extremum is non singular if $\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}^2} \Big|_*^*$ is non singular ($\neq 0$) in $[t_i^*, t_f^*]$

A non singular extremum is a C^2 function

~ LP with fixed time instants

A standard LP Problem +

▷ t_i & t_f fixed ▷ \mathcal{L} convex w.r.t z, \dot{z} \rightarrow Global minimum

- Transversality Conditions

1) Δ_i, Δ_f open subsets of \mathbb{R}^V

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_i}^{\circ} = 0 \quad \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_f}^{\circ} = 0$$

2) Δ_i, Δ_f are closed subsets

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \gamma(z(t_i)) &= 0 \\ \chi(z(t_f)) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

these conditions must be regular

$$\text{rk} \left\{ \left. \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial z(t_i)} \right|^{*} \right\} = 6_i < V+1$$

$$\text{rk} \left\{ \left. \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial z(t_f)} \right|^{*} \right\} = 6_f < V+1$$

3) Δ_i, Δ_f defined by $w(z(t_i), z(t_f)) = 0$ of 6 components of C^1 class

$$\text{regularity: } \text{rk} \left\{ \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial (z(t_i), z(t_f))} \right|^{*} \right\} = 6$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_i}^{*} = \theta^T \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial z(t_i)} \right|^{*}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right|_{t_f}^{*} = -\theta^T \left. \frac{\partial w}{\partial z(t_f)} \right|^{*}, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^6$$

If \mathcal{L} strictly convex, if \exists a solution, it is unique

~ Lagrange problem with constraints

- Integral constraint

$z: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, C' curve, $z(a) = z_0$ $z(b) = z_1$

Find the local minima of the cost index

$$J(z) = \int_a^b L(t, z, \dot{z}) dt \quad L \text{ } C^2 \text{ class}$$

with
$$C(z) = \int_a^b h(t, z, \dot{z}) dt = k$$

Proof

Given the curve z , the perturbed family is given by

$$C(z + \alpha \eta) = k \quad \forall \alpha \approx 0 \rightarrow \delta C|_z(\eta) = 0$$

from the computations of the basic variation problem

$$\int_a^b \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial z}(t, z, \dot{z}) - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{z}}(t, z, \dot{z}) \right] \eta(t) dt = 0$$

In fact, since in $\delta J|_z(\eta) = 0$

$$\int_a^b \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} \right] \eta(t) dt = 0 \quad \forall \eta$$

then also
$$\int_a^b \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{z}} \right] \eta(t) dt = 0$$

How can we put these conditions together?

There exists a constant p (Lagrange multiplier) s.t. :

$$\left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}} \right] + p \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial h}{\partial \dot{z}} \right] = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial (\mathcal{L} + ph)}{\partial z} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial (\mathcal{L} + ph)}{\partial \dot{z}}$$

$\boxed{\mathcal{L} + ph}$ is the augmented Lagrangian for which the Euler equation holds

End

It means that z is an extremal of the augmented cost functional

$$(\mathcal{J} + p\mathcal{C})(z) = \int_a^b [\mathcal{L}(t, z, \dot{z}) + ph(t, z, \dot{z})] dt$$

Remark :

It's a global constraint \rightarrow it applies to the entire curve

- Equality constraints (non-integral)

$$z: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad z(a) = z_0 \quad z(b) = z_1$$

Find the local minima of the cost index

$$J(z) = \int_a^b L(t, z, \dot{z}) dt \quad L \text{ of } C^2 \text{ class}$$

with the constraint $\boxed{g(t, z, \dot{z}) = 0}$

The EL equation holds for the augmented Lagrange

$$\boxed{L + \lambda(t)g}$$

↳ here we consider the minimization w.r.t z and λ
of:

$$\int_a^b L dt + \int_a^b \lambda(t)g dt$$

↓
 λ no longer needs to
be constant since g is identically null

Remark: the constraint is local and there is
no difference locally around each curve

~ Augmented Lagrange

$$l(t, z, \dot{z}, \lambda_0, \lambda(t), p) = \lambda_0 L(t, z, \dot{z}) + \lambda^T(t)g(t, z, \dot{z}) + p^T h(t, z, \dot{z})$$

if $\lambda_0 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ normal solution