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# OPTIMAL CONTROL

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# 1 Optimal Control Introduction

## 1.1 Deterministic Finite-Dimensional Continuous-Time Problem

$$\inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J(u; t_0, t_f, X_0) \equiv K(t_f, X_f) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(s, X_s, u_s) ds \quad (1)$$

$$dX_t \equiv f(t, X_t, u_t) dt \quad X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad (2)$$

$$\psi(t, X_t, u_t) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^l, \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f] \quad (3)$$

$$\phi(t_f, X_f, u_t) \leq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^k, \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f] \quad (4)$$

## 1.2 Definitions

**Summary.** Fundamental definitions

1. Metric Space:  $(M, d)$
2. Inner Product Induced Metric:  $(M, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$
3. Topology:  $\mathcal{T} \equiv (A_i)$
4. Open & Closed Sets:  $A, A^c$
5. Open & Closed Balls:  $B(x, \epsilon; d), \bar{B}(x, \epsilon; d)$
6. Metric Topology:  $\mathcal{T}(M)$
7. Set Closure:  $\bar{A}$
8. Set Interior:  $A^\circ$
9. Open Neighborhood:  $A \subseteq M$

**Definition 1.1** (Metric Space):

Defining

- $(M, d)$ : a metric space
- $M$ : a set with topology induced by  $d$
- $d : M \times M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

Then

- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. $d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in M$                 | Symmetric           |
| 2. $d(x, x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in M$                          |                     |
| 3. $d(x, y) > 0, \quad \forall x, y \in M, x \neq y$            | Non-Negative        |
| 4. $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in M$ | Triangle Inequality |

**Definition 1.2** (Inner Product Induced Metric):

Defining

- $(M, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ : an inner product space
- $M$ : a vector space
- $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ : an inner product

This induces the metric

$$d(x, y) = |x - y| \equiv \langle x - y, x - y \rangle^{1/2}, \quad \forall x, y \in M \quad (5)$$

**Definition 1.3** (Topology):

Defining

- $\mathcal{T} \equiv (A_i)$ : a collection of subsets of  $M$

$\mathcal{T}$  forms a topology for  $M$  if the following hold

1.  $M, \emptyset \in \mathcal{T}$
2. If  $(E_i) \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  is a countable collection
3. If  $(E_i) \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  is a finite collection

**Definition 1.4** (Open & Closed Sets):

- Open Set: elements of a topology (i.e.,  $A \in \mathcal{T}$ )
- Closed Set: complement of an open set (i.e.,  $A^c$ )

**Definition 1.5** (Open & Closed Balls):

Defining

- $(M, d)$ : a metric space
- $\epsilon > 0$ : Radius
- $x \in M$ : Center

Open and closed balls are defined as

1. Open Ball:  $B(x, \epsilon; d) \equiv \{y \in M | d(x, y) < \epsilon\}$
2. Closed Ball:  $\bar{B}(x, \epsilon; d) \equiv \{y \in M | d(x, y) \leq \epsilon\}$

**Definition 1.6** (Metric Topology):

Given

- $(M, d)$ : a metric space

The metric can induce a topology by considering a collection of open balls.

*Example 1.0.1* (Borel Topology):

- standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- all open balls centered at rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$
- radius is positive rational

**Definition 1.7** (Set Closure):

Given

- $A \subseteq M$ : a subset of a metric space
- $D_i$ : collection of all closed sets that contain  $A$
- $\bar{A} \supseteq A$ : the closure of  $A$

Closure is defined as

$$\bar{A} \equiv \bigcap_i D_i \quad (6)$$

*Remark.* In Borel topology, isolated points are closed

**Definition 1.8** (Set Interior):

Given

- $A \subseteq M$ : a subset of a metric space
- $E_i$ : collection of all open sets that contain  $A$
- $A^\circ \subseteq A$ : the interior of  $A$

The interior is defined as

$$A^\circ \equiv \bigcup_i E_i \quad (7)$$

**Definition 1.9** (Open Neighborhood):

Given

- $x \in M$ : a point in a metric space
- $\mathcal{T}(M)$ : the topology of  $M$

$A \subseteq M$  is an open neighborhood of  $x$  if

- $x \in A$
- $A \in \mathcal{T}(M)$

*Remark.* The neighborhood is implied to be small, with motivation from metric topology implying that  $A$  looks like a small open ball centered at  $x$ .

## 2 Parameter Optimization Conditions

### 2.1 Defining Optimality

**Summary.** Defining local and global minimum on a metric space for a cost function

1. Local minimum
2. Global minimum
3. Local minimum;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ : Local minimum in standard 1D metric space
4. Global minimum;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ : Global minimum in standard 1D metric space
5. Extremum

**Definition 2.1** (Local Minimum):

Given

- $(M, d)$ : a metric space
- $\mathcal{T}$ : a topology on  $M$  induced by the metric  $d$
- $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : a cost function

$x^* \in M$  is a local minimum of  $f$  if  $\exists$  neighborhood  $A$  of  $x^*$  such that

$$f(x^*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in A \quad (8)$$

*Remark.*  $x^*$  is a strict local minimum if

$$f(x^*) < f(x) \quad \forall x \in A \setminus x^* \quad (9)$$

**Definition 2.2** (Global Minimum):

Given

- $(M, d)$ : a metric space
- $\mathcal{T}$ : a topology on  $M$  induced by the metric  $d$
- $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : a cost function

$x^* \in M$  is a global minimum of  $f$  if

$$f(x^*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in M \quad (10)$$

**Definition 2.3** (Local Minimum;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ ):

$x^* \in \mathbb{R}$  is a local minimum of  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that

$$f(x^*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in (x^* - \epsilon, x^* + \epsilon) = B(x^*, \epsilon) \quad (11)$$

$x^*$  is a strict local minimum if

$$f(x^*) < f(x) \quad \forall x \in (x^* - \epsilon, x^* + \epsilon) \setminus \{x^*\} \quad (12)$$

**Definition 2.4** (Global Minimum;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ ):

$x^* \in \mathbb{R}$  is a global minimum of  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if

$$f(x^*) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (13)$$

$x^*$  is a strict global minimum if

$$f(x^*) < f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{x^*\} \quad (14)$$

**Definition 2.5** (Extremum):

If  $x^*$  is a local minimum or maximum, then  $x^*$  is an extremum.



## 2.2 Unconstrained Smooth Parameter Optimization

**Summary.** Deriving first and second order necessary and sufficient optimality conditions in Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Definitions:

1. Continuously Bounded Differentiable Function
2. Compact Set
3. Stationary Point
4. Unit Sphere
5. Hessian Matrix

Theorems:

1. Heine-Borel Property
2. Weierstrass Extreme Value
3. First Order Necessary Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$
4. Taylor's Formula; Using Lagrange Form of the Mean-Value of the Remainder
5. Second Order Necessary Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$
6. Second Order Sufficient Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$
7. First Order Necessary Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d)$

**Definition 2.6** (Continuously Bounded Differentiable Function):

Defining

- $C^k(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$ : real-valued  $k$ -times continuously differentiable functions on the set  $\Omega$ . So  $f \in C^k(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$  is  $k$ -times differentiable, and each derivative is continuous. e.g.,  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- $C_b^k(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$ : real-valued  $k$ -times continuously differentiable functions on the set  $\Omega$  that are bounded

**Definition 2.7** (Compact Set):

Given

- $(M, \mathcal{T})$ : a topological space
- $\Omega \subseteq M$ : a set

$\Omega$  is compact if

- $(E_i)_{i \in I}$ : open cover of  $\Omega$
- $(E_j)_{j \in J}$ : finite subcover where  $J \subseteq I$
- For any  $(E_i)_{i \in I}$ , there exists  $(E_j)_{j \in J}$ .

**Theorem 2.1** (Heine-Borel Property):

A metric space has the Heine-Borel property *iff* every compact set is closed and bounded. In particular,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the standard metric has this property.

**Theorem 2.2** (Weierstrass Extreme Value):

Let

- $\Omega$ : a compact set
- $f : \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a continuous function.

Then  $f$  has extremums on  $\Omega$ .

*Remark.* If  $\Omega$  is compact, then the class of functions is automatically  $C_b^k(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$

**Theorem 2.3** (First Order Necessary Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}, D)$ ):

Given

- $f \in C^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$
- $x^* \in \Omega^\circ \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

If  $x^*$  is a local minimum for  $f$ , then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}|_{x^*} = 0$$

**Definition 2.8** (Stationary Point):

$x^*$  is a stationary point for  $f$  if

$$\partial_x f|_{x^*} = 0 \tag{15}$$

**Theorem 2.4** (Taylor's Formula; Using Language Form of the Mean-Value of the Remainder):

Assume

- $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R})$
- $x, x^*$
- $\delta x \equiv x - x^*$

there exists a point  $y$  between  $x$  and  $x^*$  such that

$$f(x) = f(x^*) + \delta_x f|_{x^*} \delta x + \frac{1}{2} \delta_x^2 f|_y \delta x^2 \quad (16)$$

**Theorem 2.5** (Second Order Necessary Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ ):

If  $x^* \in \Omega^\circ \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is a local minimum for  $f \in C_b^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$ , then

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x^*} \geq 0 \quad (17)$$

**Theorem 2.6** (Second Order Sufficient Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}, d)$ ):

Prerequisites

- Let  $x^* \in \Omega^\circ \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
- Assume  $f \in C_b^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$
- If  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Big|_{x^*} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x^*} > 0$  hold

Then  $x^*$  is a strict local minimum for  $f$ .

**Definition 2.9** (Unit Sphere):

Defining

- $S^n(x, d) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ : unit sphere
- $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ : a point
- $d$ : a metric on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

Then the complete definition is  $S^n(x, d) \equiv \{y \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} : d(x, y) = 1\}$

*Remark.* If  $S^n$  is denoted without  $x$  and  $d$ , then it can be assumed that  $x = 0$  and  $d$  is the standard  $l_2$  metric.

**Theorem 2.7** (First Order Necessary Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d)$ ):

Given

- $f \in C^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$
- $x^* \in \Omega^\circ \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

If  $x^*$  is a local minimum for  $f$ , then

$$\nabla f|_{x^*} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \Big|_{x^*}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \Big|_{x^*} \right) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

**Definition 2.10** (Hessian Matrix):

Given

- $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$
- $\mathbb{S}(n; \mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{S}(n)$ : an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix

The Hessian matrix of  $f$  evaluated at  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is

$$\nabla_x^{\otimes 2} f = \nabla_x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

*Remark.* Every  $A \in \mathbb{S}(n)$  can be expressed as  $A = U\Lambda U^T$  where the columns of  $U$  are the eigenvectors of  $A$  and the diagonal of  $\Lambda$  is the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

### 3 Constrained Parameter Optimization

#### 3.1 Second Order Conditions in Arbitrary Dimensions

**Summary.** Theorems: Figure out what constrained vs unconstrained is

1. Second Order Necessary Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d)$
2. Second Order Sufficient Condition;  $(\mathbb{R}^n, d)$

**Summary.** Definitions

1. Big O Notation

#### 3.2 Equality Constrained Smooth Parameter Optimization

1. Regular Point of M
2. Tangent Space (Geometric)
3. Tangent Space (Curves)
4. First Order Necessary Condition (Geometric)
5. Lagrange Multipliers
6. First Order Necessary Condition (Analytic)