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## Dynamic Programming

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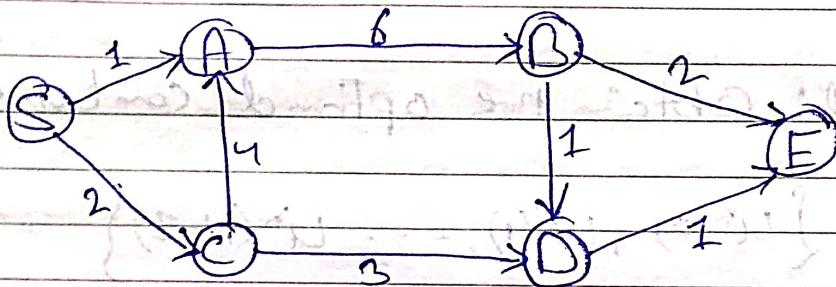
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⇒ Developed by Richard Bellman in the 1950s.

### Dynamic Programming

→ Planning  
(has nothing to do with)  
Computers

### \* Essentials of dynamic programming



### Bellman's principle of Optimality

→ From any point on an optimal trajectory, the remaining trajectory is optimal for the corresponding problem initiated at that point.

### \* General optimal control problem

⇒ General discrete-time plant:

$$x(k+1) = f(x(k), u(k), k)$$

State constraint:  $x(k) \in X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$

Input constraint:  $u(k) \in U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$

⇒ Performance index is

$$J = S(x(N)) + \sum_{K=0}^{N-1} L(x(k), u(k), k)$$

where,

- $S$  &  $L$  are real scalar-valued functions.
- $N$  - final time (optimization horizon)

⇒ Goal: Obtain the optimal control sequence

$$\{u^*(0), u^*(1), \dots, u^*(N-1)\}$$

{Minimizing  $J$ }

⇒ Discrete-time LQ problem is a special case of above with LTI System with Quadratic performance index.

\* Dynamic programming for optimal control

$$\text{Let } U_K = \{u(k), u(k+1), \dots, u(N-1)\}$$

Cost to go

$$J_K^0(x(k)) = \min_{U_K} \left\{ S(x(N)) + \sum_{j=k}^{N-1} L(x(j), u(j), j) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min_{u_k} \left\{ L(x(k), u(k), k) + S(x(N)) + \sum_{j=k+1}^{N-1} L(x(j), u(j), j) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min_{u(k)} \left\{ L(x(k), u(k), k) + \min_{u_{k+1}} \left\{ S(x(N)) + \sum_{j=k+1}^{N-1} L(x(j), u(j), j) \right\} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow J_K^*(x(k)) = \min_{u(k)} \left\{ L(x(k), u(k), k) + J_{k+1}^*(x(k+1)) \right\}$$

boundary condition:  $J_N^*(x(N)) = S(x(N))$

$\Rightarrow$  The problem can now be solved by solving a sequence of problems

$$J_{N-1}^*, J_{N-2}^*, \dots, J_1^*, J_0^*$$

\* Solving discrete-time finite horizon LQ via DP

⇒ System dynamics:

$$x(k+1) = A(k)x(k) + B(k)u(k), \quad x(k_0) = x_0$$

⇒ Performance index:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} x^T(N) S x(N) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=k_0}^{N-1} \left\{ x^T(k) Q(k) x(k) + u^T(k) R(k) u(k) \right\}$$

where

$$Q(k) = Q^T(k) \geq 0$$

$$S = S^T \geq 0$$

$$R(k) = R^T(k) \geq 0$$

⇒ Optimal cost to go:

$$\begin{aligned} J_K^*(x(k)) &= \min_{u(k)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} x^T(k) Q(k) x(k) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} u^T(k) R(k) u(k) \right\} \\ &\quad + J_{K+1}^*(x(k+1)) \end{aligned}$$

with boundary condition

$$J_N^*(x(N)) = \frac{1}{2} x^T(N) S x(N)$$

### \* Facts of quadratic functions

Consider

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{2} u^T M u + p^T u + q \quad M > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u} = 0 \quad \left\{ \text{for minimum} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial p^T u}{\partial u} = p$$

$$\frac{\partial u^T M u}{\partial u} = (M + M^T) u = 2 M u \quad \left\{ M = M^T > 0 \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u^*} = M u^* + p = 0$$

$$u^* = -M^{-1} p$$

∴ find optimal cost-vis

$$f^* = f^*(u^*) = -\frac{1}{2} p^T M^{-1} p + q$$

\* From  $J_N^0$  to  $J_{N-1}^0$ , in discrete-time LQ

$$\Rightarrow J_{N-1}^0(x(N-1)) = \min_{u(N-1)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} x^T(N) S x(N) \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ x^T(N-1) Q(N-1) x(N-1) \right. \\ \left. + u^T(N-1) R(N-1) u(N-1) \right] \}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(N) = A(N-1)x(N-1) + B(N-1)u(N-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_{N-1}^0(x(N-1)) = \frac{1}{2} \min_{u(N-1)} \left\{ \right.$$

$$x^T(N-1) Q(N-1) x(N-1) \\ + u^T(N-1) R(N-1) u(N-1)$$

$$+ [A(N-1)x(N-1) + B(N-1)u(N-1)]^T$$

$$S [A(N-1)x(N-1) + B(N-1)u(N-1)] \}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Optimal control by letting

$$\frac{\delta J_{N-1}}{\delta u(N-1)} = 0$$

$$U^*(N-1) =$$

$$- \left[ R(N-1) + B^T(N-1) S B(N-1) \right]^{-1} B^T(N-1) S A(N-1) X(N-1)$$

⇒ At time N: Optimal cost is

$$J_N^*(X(N)) = \frac{1}{2} X^T(N) S X(N) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} X^T(N) P(N) X(N)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_{N-1}^*(X(N-1))$$

$$= + \frac{1}{2} X^T(N-1) \left\{ Q(N-1) + A^T(N-1) S A(N-1) \right.$$

$$- \left( B^T(N-1) S A(N-1) \right)^T \left( R(N-1) + B^T(N-1) S B(N-1) \right)^{-1}$$

$$\left. \left( B^T(N-1) S A(N-1) \right) \right\} X(N-1)$$

$$J_{N-1}^*(X(N-1)) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} X^T(N-1) P(N-1) X(N-1)$$

Where,

$$P(N-1) = Q(N-1) + A^T(N-1) S A(N-1) - \left( B^T(N-1) S A(N-1) \right)^T \left( R(N-1) + B^T(N-1) S B(N-1) \right)^{-1} \left( B^T(N-1) S A(N-1) \right)$$

$$P(N-1) \Rightarrow Q(N-1) + A^T(N-1) P(N) A(N-1) - \left( B^T(N-1) P(N) A(N-1) \right)^T \left( R(N-1) + B^T(N-1) P(N) B(N-1) \right)^{-1} \left( B^T(N-1) P(N) A(N-1) \right)$$

Riccati Equation

⇒ State feedback law:

$$U^*(N-1) = -[R(N-1) + B^T(N-1)P(N)B(N-1)]^{-1} \\ B^T(N-1)P(N)A(N-1)X(N-1)$$

⇒ Something applies for  $K+1$  to  $K$  by induction

$$J_{K+1}^*(X(K+1)) = \frac{1}{2}x^T(K+1)P(K+1)X(K+1)$$

⇒ Analogous as the case from  $N$  to  $N-1$ , we can get at  $K$ :

$$J_K^*(X(K)) = \frac{1}{2}x^T(K)P(K)X(K)$$

⇒ With Riccati equation

$$P(K) = Q(K) + A^T(K)P(K+1)A(K) \\ - (B^T(K)P(K+1)A(K))^T(R(K) + B^T(K)P(K+1)B(K)) \\ (B^T(K)P(K+1)A(K))$$

⇒ And State-feedback law

$$U^*(K) = -[R(K) + B^T(K)P(K+1)B(K)]^{-1}B^T(K)P(K+1)A(K)X(K)$$

$$(I-U)A(V)(I-U)^TA + (I-V)\tilde{\Delta} \leftarrow (I-V)\tilde{\Delta}$$

$$((I-U)A(V)(I-U)^TA + (I-V)\tilde{\Delta})^T((I-U)A(V)(I-U)^TA) = \\ ((I-U)A(V)(I-U)^TA)^T((I-U)A(V)(I-U)^TA)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Iterating gives:

$\rightarrow u(0)$  depends on  $S A(k), B(k), R(k), Q(k+1)$

$\int_{k=0}^{N-1}$  not subtracted  $\rightarrow (A, A)$

$\rightarrow$  In practice,  $P(k)$  can be computed offline since they do not require information of  $x(k)$ .

### \* Observations:

$\Rightarrow P(k)$  is indeed always symmetric

$\Rightarrow$  Regardless of the boundary condition  $P(N) (\geq 0)$ , the solution of the Riccati equation converges to the same steady state  $P_s$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The control law thus converges (backwards) to

$$u^*(k) = -[R + B^T P_s B]^{-1} B^T P_s A x(k)$$

$K_s$

$$\cancel{x} = \cancel{f(x)}x + (x)u(t) + (x)x_{\text{ff}} = (1+x)u(t)$$

$$(x)u(t)(x)^T + (x)x^T B(x)^T C \leq \frac{1}{2}L = L$$