

## Goals

- 1) MPC
- 2) Trajectory Optimization
- 3) Summary of the State of the Art

I. MPC  $\rightarrow$  Convex QP

1) Convert LTV continuous dynamical system  
into a discrete LTV dynamical system.

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

$\downarrow$  Linearize About Traj

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t)$$

$\downarrow$  LTV discrete time system  
Euler Int

$$x(h(k+1)) = x(hk) + h \cdot \dot{x}(hk)$$

$$x(h(k+1)) = x(hk) + h(A(hk)x(hk) + B(hk)u(hk))$$

$$x(h(k+1)) = \tilde{A}(k)x(hk) + \tilde{B}(k)u(hk)$$

$$\tilde{x}(k+1) = \tilde{A}(k)\tilde{x}(k) + \tilde{B}(k)\tilde{u}(k)$$

1)  $u_{k+k'|k}$  this is the input computed at time instance  $k$  that is to be applied into the system at  $k+k'$

2)  $\{u_{k+k'|k}\}_{k'=0}^N$  this is the MPC time horizon  
 $\{x_{k+k'|k}\}_{k'=0}^N$

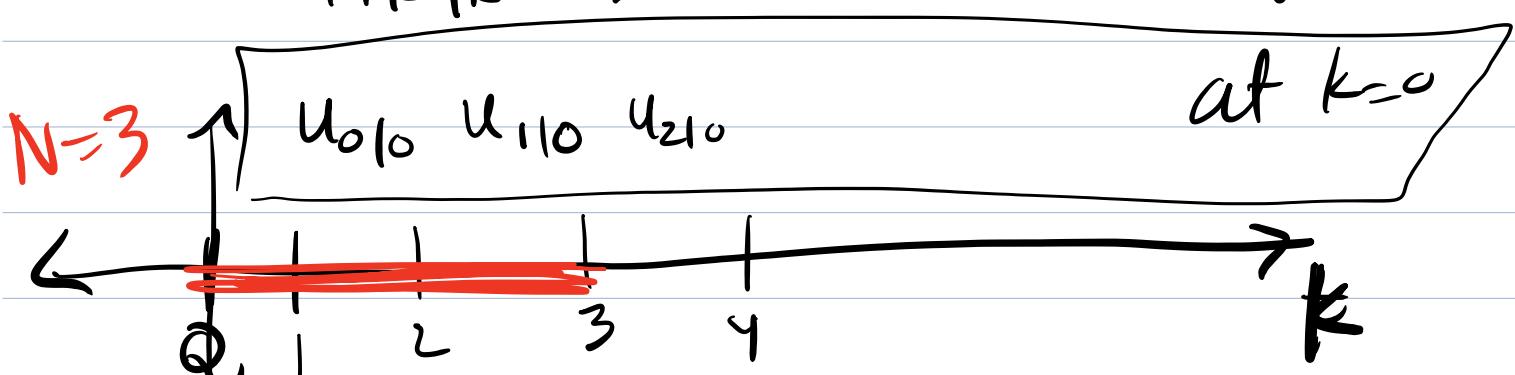
At time instance  $k$  we solve the following QP: <sup>convex</sup>

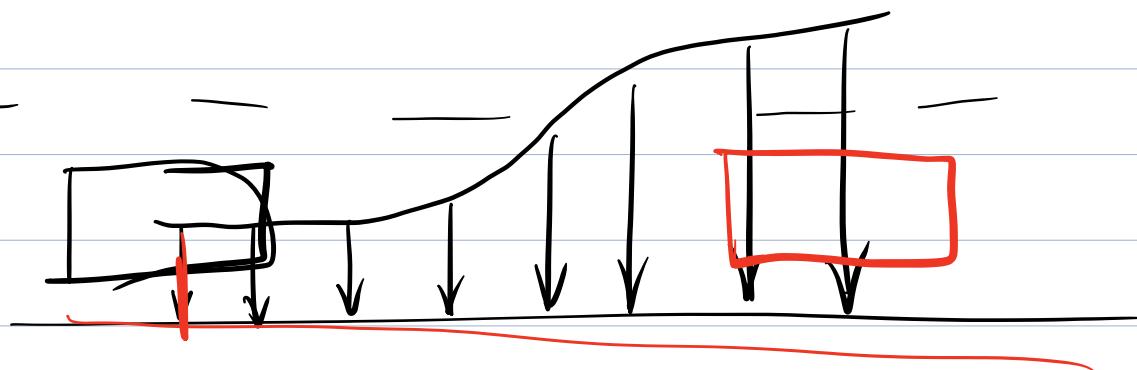
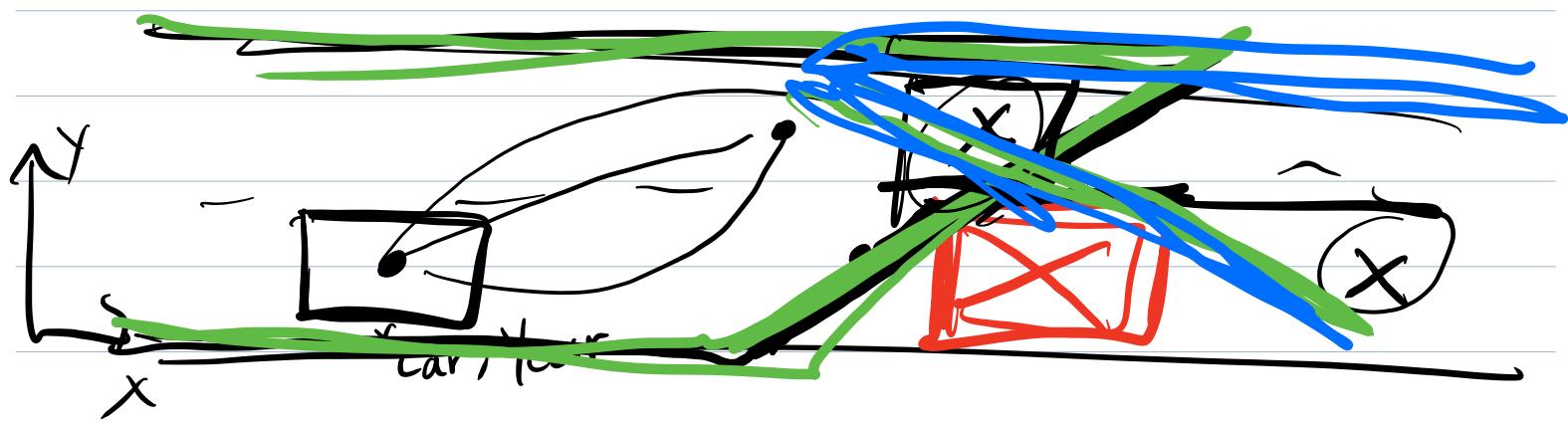
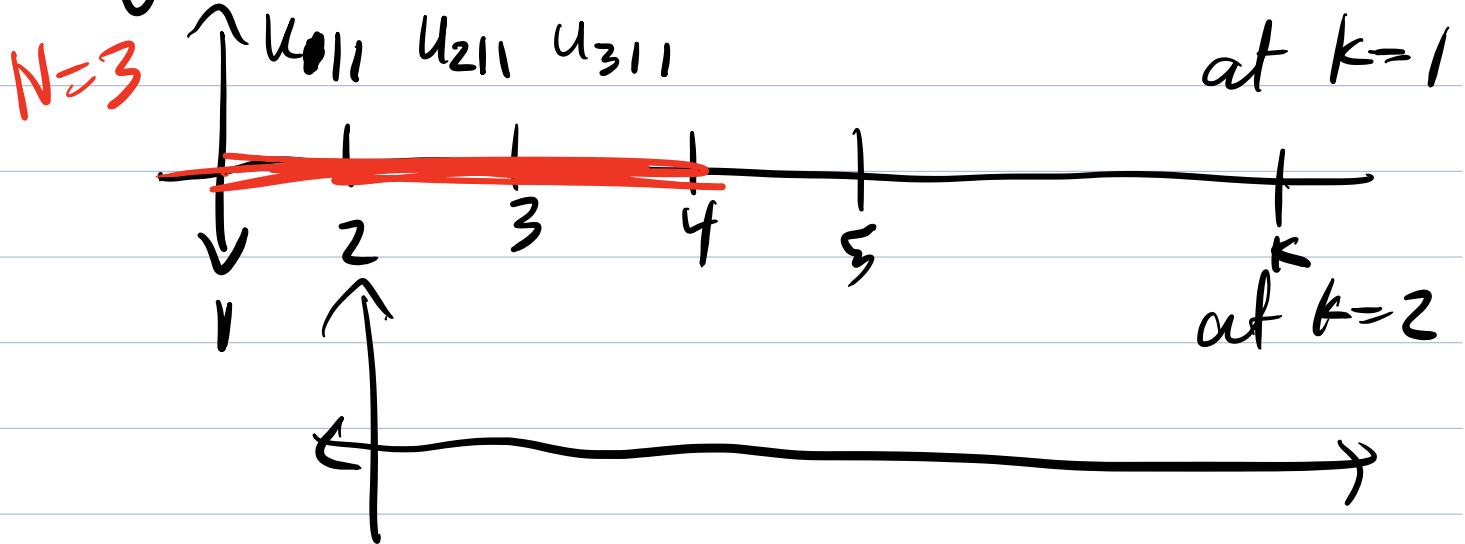
$$\min_{\{u_{k+k'|k}\}_{k=0}^{N-1}, \{x_{k+k'|k}\}_{k=0}^N} \sum_{k'=0}^N x_{k+k'|k}^T Q(k') x_{k+k'|k} + \sum_{k'=0}^{N-1} u_{k+k'|k}^T R(k') u_{k+k'|k}$$

$$x_{k+k'+1|k} = A(k+k')x_{k+k'|k} + B(k+k')u_{k+k'|k} \quad \forall k' \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$$

$$u_{k+k'|k} \in \mathcal{U} \quad \forall k' \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$$

$$x_{k+k'|k} \in \mathcal{X} \quad \forall k' \in \{0, \dots, N\}$$





## II. Trajectory Optimization

Def: A trajectory optimization problem is

$$\min_{u: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m} \int_0^T L(t, x(t), u(t)) dt + \phi(x(T))$$

Subject to

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t), u(t)) \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

$$g_i(x(t)) \leq 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T]$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$$

$L: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the running cost.

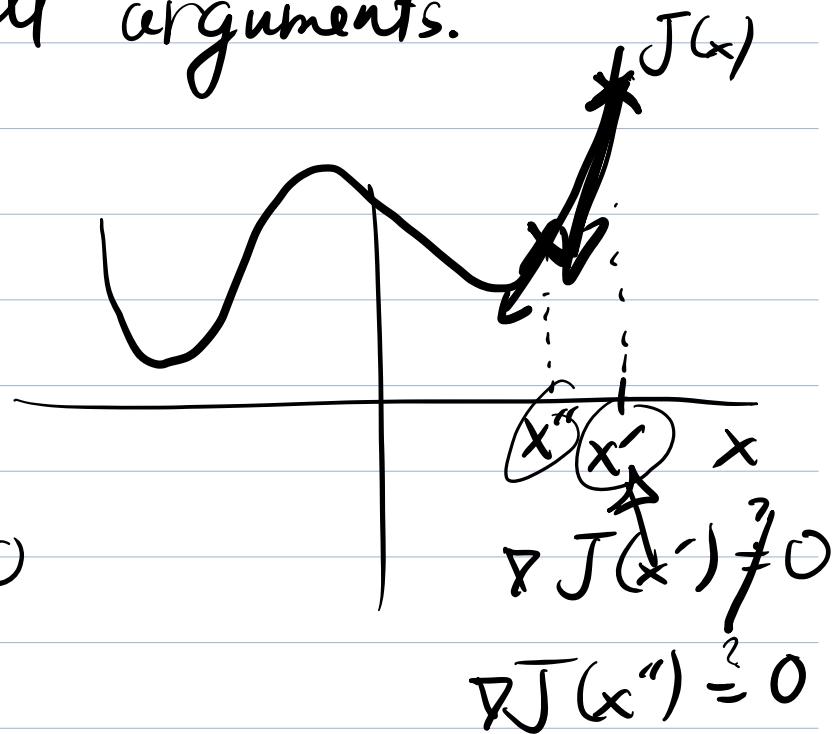
$\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the terminal / final cost

$g_i: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the inequality constraints.

$L, \phi, g_i, f$  are all twice continuously differentiable in all arguments.

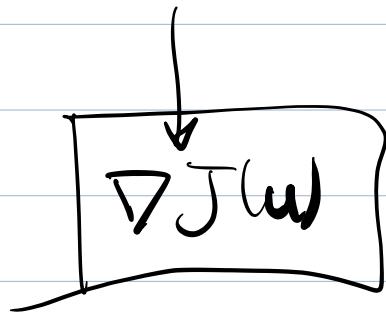
$$\min_{x \in X} J(x)$$

$$\nabla J(x) = 0$$



What do people do for traj opt solving?

Option 1:  $\min_u J(u)$



Indirect Methods

Option 2:  $\min_u J(u)$

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discretize time  
 $\min_{\{x(\Delta T k), u(\Delta T k)\}} J(\{u(\Delta T k)\})$

Treat traj opt as a discrete time system via  
Euler Integration (assume  $\frac{1}{\Delta T} \in \mathbb{N}$ )

$\min_{\{u(\Delta T k)\}_{k=0}^{\frac{1}{\Delta T}-1}, \{x(\Delta T k)\}_{k=0}^{\frac{1}{\Delta T}}} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{1}{\Delta T}-1} L(\Delta T k, x(\Delta T k), u(\Delta T k)) + \varphi(x(\frac{1}{\Delta T}))$

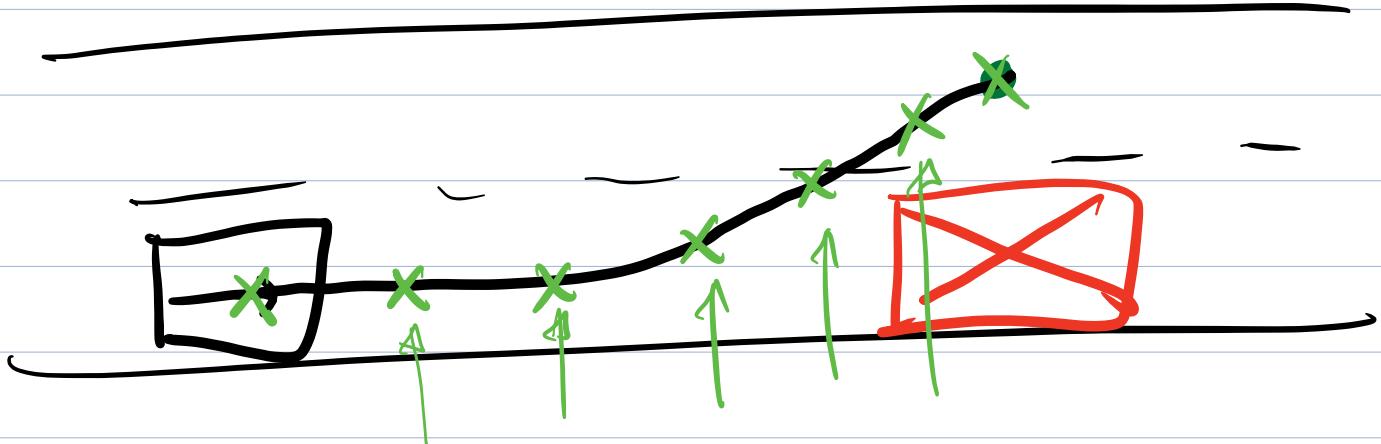
Subject to  $x(\Delta T(k+1)) = x(\Delta T k) + \Delta T f(\Delta T k, x(\Delta T k), u(\Delta T k))$   
 $\forall k \in \{0, \dots, \frac{1}{\Delta T} - 1\}$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

$$g_i(x(\Delta T k)) \leq 0$$

$$\forall k \in \{0, \dots, \frac{1}{\Delta T}\}$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, p_i\}$$



## B. Solving Nonlinear Programs

Recall

$$\min_{z \in Z}$$

$$J(z)$$

$$g_i(z) \leq 0$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, p_i\}$$

$$h_i(z) = 0$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, p_h\}$$

Note: 1) What is  $z$ ?

$$z = [x(0), x(\Delta T \cdot 1), \dots, x(\frac{1}{\Delta T}), u(0), u(\Delta T), \dots, u(\frac{1}{\Delta T} - 1)]$$

What is  $\mathbf{z}^*$ ?

2) What is  $g_i$  and  $h_i$ ?

Sidenote:

$\mathbf{z} = \text{fmincon}(\text{cost}, \mathbf{z}_0, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}_{\text{eq}}, \mathbf{b}_{\text{eq}}, \mathbf{lb}, \mathbf{ub},$   
↓  
 $\text{nonlcon}, \text{options})$

$\min_{\mathbf{z}}$

$\text{cost}(\mathbf{z})$

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} \leq \mathbf{b}$

s.t.

$\mathbf{A}_{\text{eq}}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}_{\text{eq}}$

$\mathbf{lb} \leq \mathbf{z} \leq \mathbf{ub}$

$\text{nonlcon}(\mathbf{z}) \leftarrow$

$$1) \underbrace{[\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{z}), \nabla \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{z})]}_{=} = \text{cost}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$J(z) = z^3$$

$$z=2$$

$$8 = 2^3$$

$$\nabla J(z) = 3z^2 \Big|_{z=2} = 12$$

Ex:  $x(0), x(1)$

$u(0)$

$$L=0 \quad \phi(x(1)) = \underline{x(1)^2}$$

$$z = [x(0) \ x(1) \ u(0)]$$

$$J(z) = z_2^2$$

$$\frac{dJ}{dz} \Big|_z = 2z_2 \Big|_z$$

$$2) [\tilde{g}, h, \nabla g, \nabla h] = \text{nonlcon}(z)$$

$(\tilde{g}_i(z)) = \begin{cases} g_i(z) & \leq 0 \\ h_i(z) & = 0 \end{cases}$

$$[\nabla g]_{ij} = \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial z_j}(z)$$

$$[\nabla h]_{ij} = \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial z_j}(z)$$

Ex:  $x(1) = x(0) + 1 \cdot f(0, x(0), u(0))$

$$h(z) = x(1) - x(0) - f(0, x(0), u(0)) = 0$$

ncnlcon(z)

$$z = [x(0) \ x(1) \ u(0)]$$

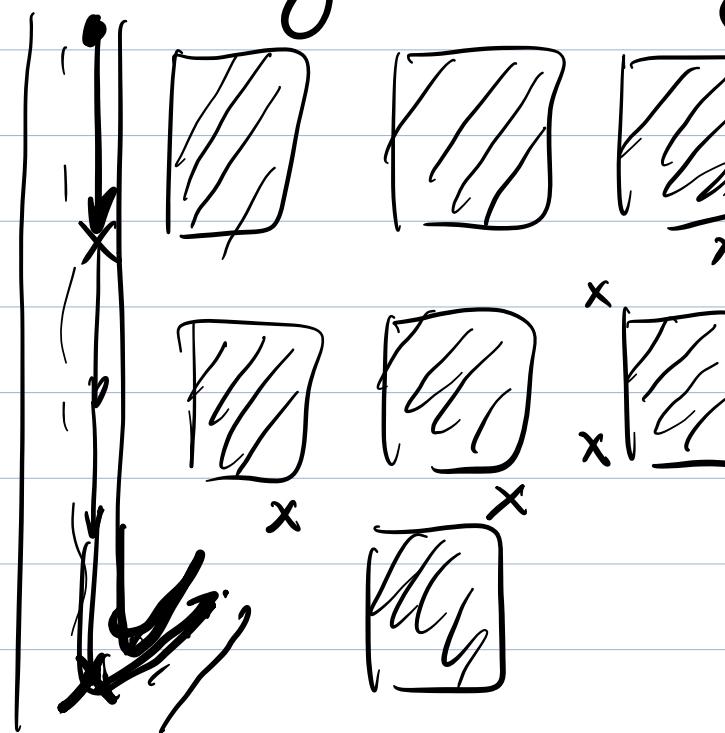
$$h_1(z) = \begin{cases} z_2 - z_1 - f(0, z_1, z_3) & \\ \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dh_1}{dz} = \left[ \frac{dh_1}{dz_1} \quad \frac{dh_1}{dz_2} \quad \frac{dh_1}{dz_3} \right]$$

for  $i = 1 : \text{Peg}$   
 for  $j = 1 : \# 2$

3) options = optimoptions('fmincon', ...  
 'Specify Constraint Gradient', true, ...  
 'Specify Objective Gradient', true)

### III. Putting Pieces Together



Assume we  
 computed a family  
 of trajectories  
 {stop up, exit traj}

## IV. Frontiers

1) Solve nonlinear programs fast

2) Deal w/ discretization

