

Q : A person is swimming across several rivers. Speeds of those rivers are different: v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . To simplify this problem, we only consider the speed in vertical direction. The person's speed is v . It's a constant, no way to change that. And the angle of the person's velocity to horizontal line is a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n . The total time for swimming is T . And, the person must pass those rivers. Your task is: Find out an equation to determine by choosing what angles (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) the person can get maximum distance in vertical direction (That is to say, please maximize dh by determining a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) under the total time T . 【You are not required to give out concrete angle numbers, a "cost function" that can be derived from is enough】 Tips: For this question, a mathematical tool you may need is called "Lagrangian Multiplier". Which means, when you provide a formula, say E , which still need to satisfy some more conditions, say $a > 1$, for the convenience of calculating, we can write those 2 parts (formula E and condition $a > 1$) together as one new formula. Here the new formula will be: $E - \lambda(a - 1)$.

已知：

每条河的宽度 $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$

每条河水垂直方向的水流速度 $V = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$

人游泳的速度: v_p , 总的耗费时间: T

未知：人游泳时与水平方向的夹角为 $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$

求：人在垂直方向上的最大距离

解：根据 距离 = 速度 \times 时间

- 垂直方向的总前进速度 = 水流速度 + 垂直方向的游泳速度
- 游过每条河所需的时间 = 每条河的宽度 / 水平方向的游泳速度

即：

$$dH = \sum_{i=1}^n [v_p \times \sin(\alpha_i) + v_i] \times \left[\frac{s_i}{v_p \times \cos(\alpha_i)} \right]$$

已知时间的总和为 T ，即：

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{s_i}{v_p \times \cos(\alpha_i)} = T$$

所以：原问题即求 dH 的最大值，并且满足上式的条件

该问题可以转为求 $-dH$ 的最小值，则满足拉格朗日乘子法求极值问题，求拉格朗日函数的最小值

$$\begin{cases} dH = \sum_{i=1}^n [v_p \times \sin(\alpha_i) + v_i] \times [\frac{s_i}{v_p \times \cos(\alpha_i)}] \\ s. b. \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{s_i}{v_p \times \cos(\alpha_i)} = T \end{cases}$$

构造拉格朗日函数 $L(\alpha, \lambda)$ 如下：

$$\begin{aligned} L(\alpha, \lambda) &= - \sum_{i=1}^n [v_p \times \sin(\alpha_i) + v_i] \times [\frac{s_i}{v_p \times \cos(\alpha_i)}] + \lambda \times (\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{s_i}{v_p \times \cos(\alpha_i)} - T) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n [s_i \times \tan(\alpha_i) + \frac{v_i \times s_i}{v_p \times \cos(\alpha_i)}] + \frac{\lambda}{v_p} \times \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{s_i}{\cos(\alpha_i)} - \lambda \times T \\ &= -\tan(\alpha) \cdot S^T - \sec(\alpha) \cdot (\frac{V * S}{v_p})^T + \frac{\lambda}{v_p} \times [\sec(\alpha) \cdot S^T] - \lambda \times T \end{aligned}$$

注： S^T 表示 S 的转置

对变量 α, λ 分别求导，令倒数为0，求出变量 α, λ 的值，带入上式即可求 $L(\alpha, \lambda)$ 的最小值

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial L(\alpha, \lambda)}{\partial \alpha} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial L(\alpha, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \end{cases}$$