

Feedback Linearizable Discretizations of Mechanical Systems using Retraction Maps

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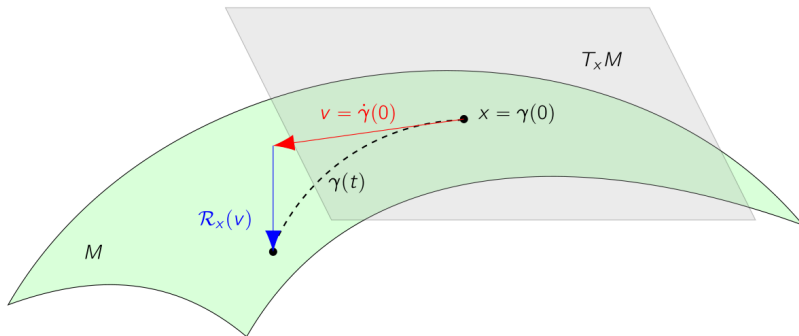


Figure: A visualization



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Proposition

Let $\varphi : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map (diffeomorphism). For a given discretization map $\mathcal{D}^{TM} : TM \rightarrow M \times M$ on M , the map $\mathcal{D}_\varphi := (\varphi \times \varphi) \circ \mathcal{D}^{TM} \circ T\varphi^{-1}$ is a discretization map on N i.e., $\mathcal{D}_\varphi \equiv \mathcal{D}^{TN} : TN \rightarrow N \times N$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TM & \xrightarrow{T\varphi} & TN \\ \mathcal{D}^{TM} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathcal{D}^{TN} \\ M \times M & \xrightarrow{\varphi \times \varphi} & N \times N \end{array}$$



Feedback Linearizable Discretization

Proposition

Let φ be the linearizing coordinate transformation and ψ be the linearizing feedback. Let \mathcal{D}^{TN} be a discretization map that **discretizes the continuous-time linear system to a discrete-time linear system**. Then,

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is a discretization on M which discretizes the continuous-time system to a discrete-time nonlinear system such that the discrete-time system is feedback linearizable using $z_k := \varphi(x_k)$ and $v_k := \psi(x_k, u_k)$.



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A second-order differential equation (SODE) is a vector field X such that $\tau_{TM}(X) = T\tau_M(X)$. Locally,

$$X = \dot{x}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + X^i(x^i, \dot{x}^i) \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \quad (4.1)$$

To find the integral curves of X is equivalent to solving the SODE:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t) = X\left(x(t), \frac{d}{dt}x(t)\right) \quad (4.2)$$



Discretization of SODEs

Now, we wish to discretize this using the notion of the discretization map on TM . We would like to tangentially lift a discretization on M to obtain $\mathcal{D}^{TTM} : TTM \rightarrow TM \times TM$. This yields the following numerical scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} hX \left(\left(\tau_{TM} \circ \left(\mathcal{D}^{TTM} \right)^{-1} \right) (x_k, y_k; x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}) \right) \\ = \left(\mathcal{D}^{TTM} \right)^{-1} (x_k, y_k; x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$



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Denote the canonical involution map $\kappa_M : TTM \longrightarrow TTM$ which is a vector bundle isomorphism, over the identity of TM .

$$\kappa_M(x, v, \dot{x}, \dot{v}) = (x, \dot{x}, v, \dot{v})$$



Why is this important?

The tangent lift of a vector field X on M does not define a vector field on TM . It is necessary to consider the composition $\kappa_M \circ TX$ to obtain a vector field on TM , and this is called the **complete lift** X^c of the vector field X . Hence, a similar technique must be used to lift a discretization map from TM to TTM .

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Tangent Lift of Discretization Map

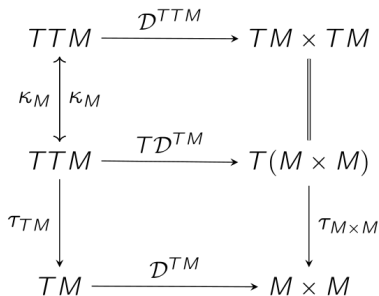


Figure: Commutation of maps around TTM



Second-Order Differential Equations

The whole (slightly intimidating) picture

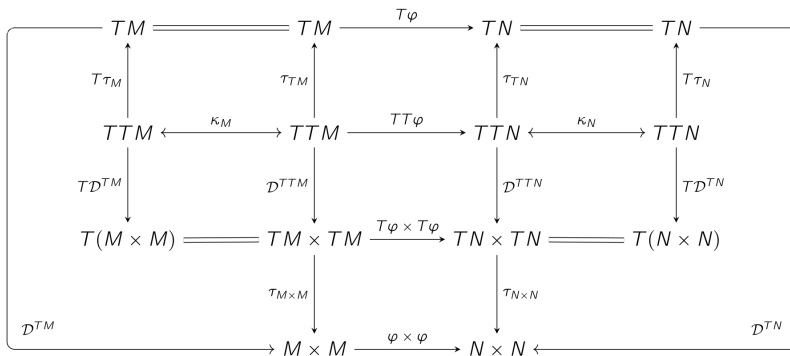


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Mechanical Systems

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$$\nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x} = e(x) + \sum_{r=1}^m g_r(x) u_r \quad (4.4)$$

Or equivalently in local coordinates $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$ on M ,

$$\ddot{x}^i = -\Gamma_{jk}^i(x) \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k + e^i(x) + \sum_{r=1}^m g_r^i(x) u_r \quad (4.5)$$



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We can write this as two first-order differential equations:

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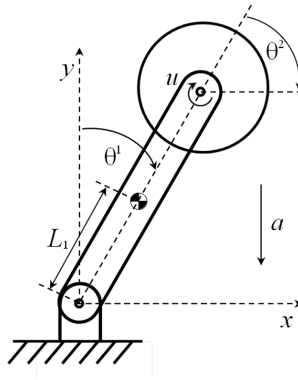


Figure: Inertia Wheel Pendulum



TORA System

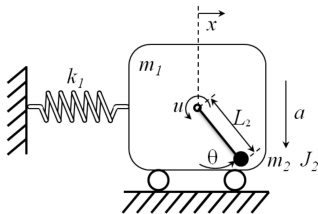


Figure: Translational Oscillator with Rotational Actuator

