

- Single 1st order PDE for function S of N generalized coordinates and time t . Generalized momenta don't appear except as derivatives of S .

$$-\frac{\partial S(\vec{q}, t)}{\partial t} = \overset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{max if controlled}}}{H}(\vec{q}, \frac{\partial S(\vec{q}, t)}{\partial \vec{q}}, t)$$

$$S(\vec{q}, t) = \int_0^{\vec{q}, t} \mathcal{L} dt \quad \dots \text{action taken along the minimal trajectory}$$

$\vec{q} \dots$ generalized coordinates

$\vec{p} \dots$ generalized momentum

$H \dots$ Hamiltonian of a mechanical system

$S \dots$ Hamilton's principal function

$\mathcal{L} \dots$ Lagrangian of the mechanical system

- Trajectory of the system satisfies Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\vec{q}}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \vec{q}} = 0$$

- Eikonal approximation & Schrödinger equation limit

Iso-surfaces of $S(\vec{q}, t)$ can be determined at any time t . The motion of the iso-surface can be thought of as a wave in \vec{q} space.

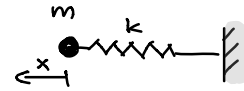
$\psi = \psi_0 \exp(iS/\hbar) \dots$ phase wave of S in quantum mechanics

$$\hat{H}|\psi\rangle = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle \quad \text{Schrödinger equation} \quad \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + U = H$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} k q^2$$

$$m = k = 1$$



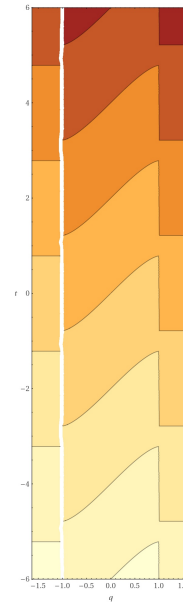
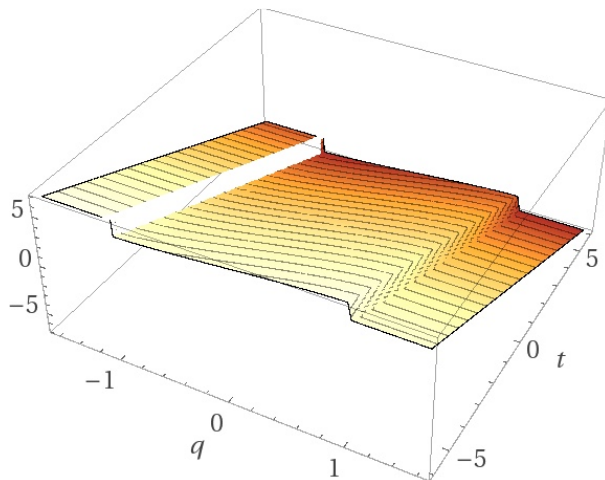
$$-2 \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial q}^2 + q^2 \Rightarrow S = \bar{S}(q) - 2Et, E = \text{const.}$$

$$E = \left(\frac{\partial \bar{S}}{\partial q} \right)^2 + q^2 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial \bar{S}}{\partial q} \right| = \sqrt{E - q^2}$$

$$\bar{S} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{E - q^2} q + E \arctan \left(\frac{q}{\sqrt{E - q^2}} \right) \right) + C$$

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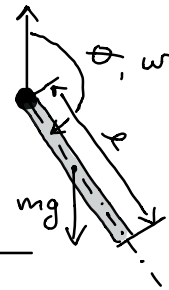
S for $E=1, C=1$



- what are the initial conditions (i.e. $S(p, q, t=0) = ?$)
- what are the boundary conditions for bounded problems?
- can be known only in retrospect

$$L = \frac{m\ell^2}{2} \omega^2 - \frac{mg\ell}{2} \cos\theta$$

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{mg\ell}{2} \cos q \quad m = \ell = g = 1$$



$$-\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cos q$$

$$S = -Et + \bar{S}(p, q)$$

$$\sqrt{2E - \cos q} = \left| \frac{\partial S}{\partial q} \right|$$

$$\bar{S} = 2\sqrt{1-2E} \mathcal{E} \left(\frac{q}{2} \middle| \frac{2}{1-2E} \right) / \sqrt{\frac{2E - \cos q}{2E - 1}} + C$$

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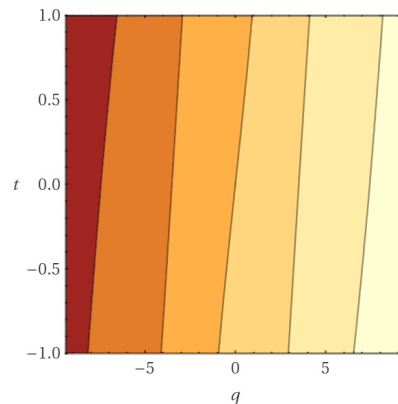
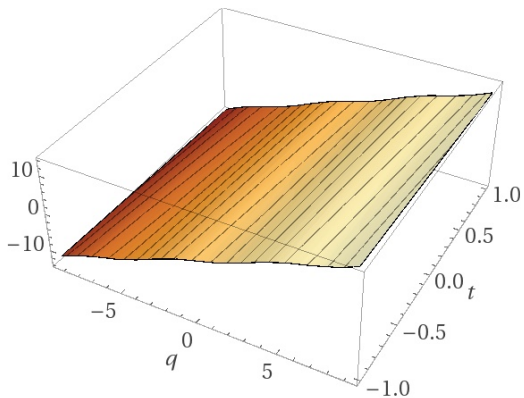
$$S \text{ for } E = 1/2, C = 0$$

$$-\dot{S} = H(\vec{q}, \nabla S, t)$$

$$S = S(\vec{q}, t) \text{ a PDE}$$

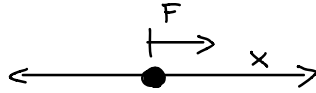
$$\nabla S = \vec{p}$$

\mathcal{E} ...Ugly elliptic
integral function : (



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$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V} \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F/m \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_0 \\ \dot{x}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

L ... cost function

V ... value function

F ... force ($u \in (-1, +1)$)

x ... ball pos. (x_0)

v ... ball speed (x_1)

m ... ball mass ($= 1$)

$$L = -\frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + u^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \min_u (\nabla V \cdot \vec{f} + L)$$

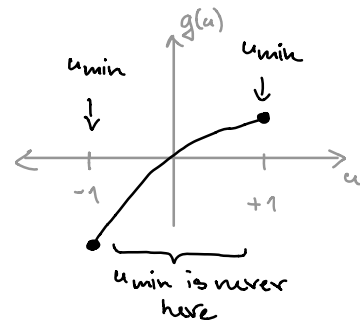
$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \min_u \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} u + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} x_0 - \frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + u^2}{2}}_{g(u)} \right)$$

$$\left. \frac{dg}{du}(u_{\min}) = 0 = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} - u_{\min} \text{ or } u_{\min} = \pm 1 \right.$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right)^2 + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} x_0 - \frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2}{2} \geq \pm 1 \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} x_0 - \frac{x_1^2 + x_0^2 + 1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right)^2 \mp 2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 \mp \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right)^2 \geq 0$$

$$u_{\min} = -\text{sign} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0}$$



$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = -\left| \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right| + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} x_0 - \frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + 1}{2}$$

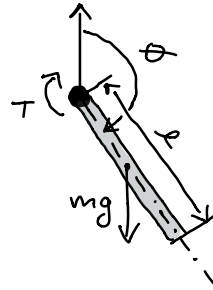
Non-linear partial differential HJB equation for optimal value function $V(x_0, x_1, t)$

• Pendulum

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{w} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{g}{2l} \sin \theta + \frac{u}{ml^2} \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_0 \\ \dot{x}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin x_1 + u \\ x_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = -\frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + u^2}{2}$$

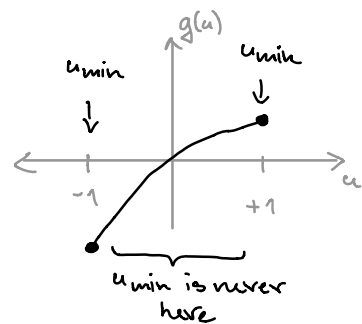


L ... cost function
 V ... value function
 T ... torque ($u \in (-1, +1)$)
 θ ... pole angle (x_0)
 w ... pole speed (x_1)
 m ... pole mass (=1)
 l ... pole mass (=1)
 g ... gravity acc. (=1)

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \min_u \left(\nabla V \cdot \vec{f} + L \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \min_u \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} (\sin x_1 + u) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} x_0 - \frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + u^2}{2}}_{g(u)} \right)$$

$$\left| \begin{aligned} \frac{dg}{du}(u_{\min}) &= 0 = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} - u_{\min} \text{ or } u_{\min} = \pm 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right)^2 + \dots - \frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2}{2} &\geq \pm 1 \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} + \dots - \frac{x_1^2 + x_0^2 + 1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right)^2 \mp 2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} + 1 \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 \mp \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right)^2 \geq 0 \\ u_{\min} &= -\text{sign} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \end{aligned} \right.$$



$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \sin x_1 - \left| \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_0} \right| + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} x_0 - \frac{x_0^2 + x_1^2 + 1}{2}$$

Non-linear partial differential HJB equation with periodic boundary condition (i.e. $V(x_0, x_1, t) = V(x_0, x_1 + 2\pi, t)$) for optimal value function $V(x_0, x_1, t)$