

## Ch. 7 Optimal Control

- If system is controllable, can put poles anywhere.  
n-dim sys.  $\Rightarrow$  n poles  $\rightarrow$  where to put them?
- Rules of thumb: stabilize as needed; speed up slowest nodes; leave rest untouched
- Here: define a "performance index" or "cost funct."
  - choose controller to minimize the cost

1d example:

$$J(u^\infty, x(0)) \equiv \int_0^\infty dt L(x, u) \equiv \int_0^\infty dt \cdot \frac{1}{2} (Qx^2(t) + R\dot{x}^2(t))$$

$$\dot{x} = -ax + u(t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad a > 0$$

- $J$  is a functional of  $u^\infty \equiv u(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, \infty)$   
and a function of  $x(0) = x_0$ . [but not of  $x^\infty$ ]
- need  $J \geq 0$  (finite lower bound)  $\Rightarrow Q \geq 0, R \geq 0$ 
  - $R=0 \Rightarrow$  want best performance (min  $|x(t)|$ )  
regardless of control "effort"
  - $Q=0 \Rightarrow$  only care about cost (do nothing)

scale  $Q \rightarrow 1$

Let  $u = -kx$  (will justify this form later)

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = -(a+k)x \Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{-(a+k)t} \Rightarrow J = x_0^2 \left( \frac{1+Rk^2}{4(a+k)} \right)$$

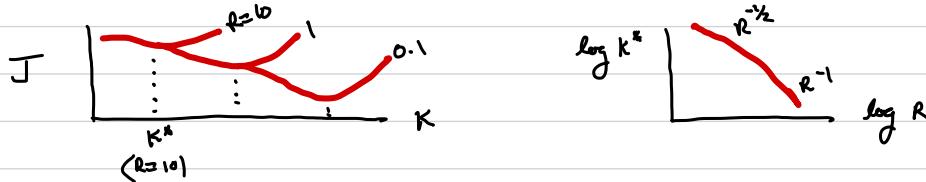
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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial K} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad K^2 + 2aK - \frac{1}{R} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad K^* = -a \pm \sqrt{a^2 + \frac{1}{R}}$$

choose  $\mu$  s.t.  $k^* > 0$

$$R^2 \ll 1 : \text{cheap control}, \quad J \approx \int_0^{\infty} dt \frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2, \quad R^* \sim R^{1/2} \rightarrow \infty$$

$Ra^2 \gg 1$ : expensive control,  $J \approx \int_0^T dt \frac{1}{2} \dot{u}^2$ ,  $K^* \sim \frac{1}{2Ra} \rightarrow 0$



- Rather than choose  $K$ , we choose  $R$  (or  $R/Q$ )
  - We have more intuition about  $R$  than  $K$  (here, a bit artificial)
  - Optimal  $\neq$  good! (poor  $R \Rightarrow$  poor control)

Q: unstable sys?

## General setting

$$J = \varphi[x(\tau)] + \int_0^\tau dt \ L(x, u)$$

↓                      ↓

terminal cost                      running cost

- Dynamics  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$  are a constraint
  - $J = J[u_0^T, x_0]$
  - $\tau \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  drop  $\varphi(\cdot)$
  - can replace soft constraint  $\varphi(\cdot)$  with hard constraint  
 $\hookrightarrow \text{BC: } x(T) = x_T$

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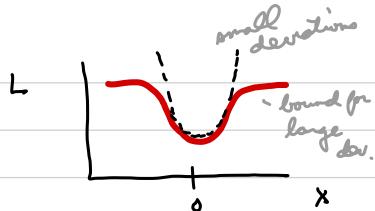
- Running cost  $L(x, u)$

- scalar

- bounded from below

- smooth (eg., twice differentiable)

- Large  $\varphi$ , small  $L$ : "ends justify the means".



Impose constraints by Lagrange multipliers

*Transpose of n-dim vector*

$$J' \equiv \varphi[x(\tau)] + \int_0^\tau dt L(x, u) + \lambda^T(t)[f(x, u) - \dot{x}]$$

- Lagrange mult.  $\lambda(t)$  is adjoint vector (costate)
- $\lambda(t)$  is a function of time because  $\dot{x} = f$  must be imposed at every moment in time
- Solve unconstrained problem by allowing functional variations  $\delta x(t)$ ,  $\delta u(t)$ ,  $\delta \lambda(t)$

$$\delta J' = (\partial_x \varphi) \delta x(\tau) + \int_0^\tau dt \left[ (\partial_x L) \delta x + (\partial_u L) \delta u + \lambda^T ((\partial_x f) \delta x + (\partial_u f) \delta u - \delta \dot{x}) + \delta \lambda^T (f - \dot{x}) \right]$$

$$= (\partial_x \varphi) \delta x(\tau) - \lambda^T(\tau) \delta x(\tau) + \lambda^T(0) \delta x(0) + \int_0^\tau dt [(\partial_x L) + \lambda^T (\partial_x f) + \dot{\lambda}^T] \delta x(t) + \int_0^\tau dt [(\partial_u L) + \lambda^T (\partial_u f)] \delta u(t) + \int_0^\tau dt (f - \dot{x})^T \delta \lambda(t)$$

use  $a^T b = b^T a$

- The extra boundary terms come from integrating  $\lambda^T(t) \delta \dot{x}(t)$  by parts
- $x(0) = x_0$  is fixed  $\Rightarrow \delta x(0) = 0$
- In classical mechanics (cm),  $u(t)$  is fixed  
 $\Rightarrow x(\tau)$  fixed  $\Rightarrow \delta x(\tau) = 0$  not here!

$\delta J' = 0 \Rightarrow$  Euler-Lagrange eqs.

• Use Thm:  $\int_0^\tau dt f(t) \delta \varphi(t) = 0 \quad \forall \delta \varphi(t) \Rightarrow f(t) = 0 \quad (0 < t < \tau)$

$0 \rightarrow \tau:$   $\dot{x} = f(x, u) \quad x(0) = x_0$

$\tau \rightarrow 0:$   $\dot{\lambda} = -(\partial_x f)^T \lambda - (\partial_x L)^T, \quad \lambda(\tau) = (\partial_x \varphi|_{\tau})^T$

$t:$   $0 = (\partial_u f)^T \lambda + (\partial_u L)^T$



- These eqs. give only necessary conditions

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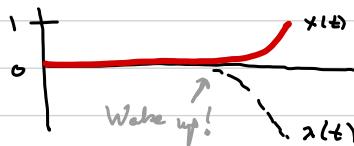
- Interpretation of adjoint  $\lambda(t)$ 
  - ignore  $\lambda$ -dependence in  $(\partial_x f) \Rightarrow \dot{\lambda} = -(\partial_x f)\lambda - (\partial_x L)$
  - Planning horizon (timescale)  $\sim -(\partial_x f)^{-1}$
  - driven by  $-\partial_x L$  term
  - backwards in time
- Together: Boundary-value problem (not init val.)

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1st ex. (again)

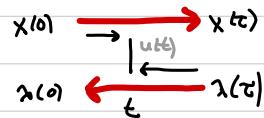
$$L = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + u^2), \quad \dot{x} = -x + u$$

- but now let  $x(0) = x_0$  and impose  $x(\tau) = x_c$

Euler-Lagrange:  $\dot{x} = -x + u, \quad \dot{\lambda} = +\lambda - x, \quad u = -\lambda$ 

- Nature of control signal  $u(t)$

- depends on past states  $x_0$
- depends on future plans  $\lambda_c$



Ex: swing up a pendulum

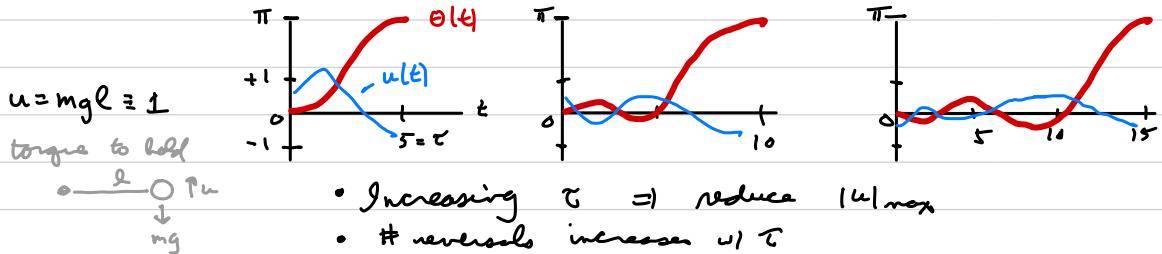
$$\ddot{\theta} + \sin\theta = u(t) \quad \text{torque control}$$

$(\theta, \dot{\theta})$
$t=0 : (0, 0)$
$t=\tau : (\pi, 0)$
boundary conditions

$$J = \int_0^\tau dt \cdot \frac{1}{2} u^2(t) \quad \text{"control effort"} \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{for DC motor,} \\ &u \sim \text{torque} \sim I \\ &\int dt I^2(t) \sim \text{work} \end{aligned}$$

hard constraint on  $x = \{\theta, \dot{\theta}\}$  at  $t=\tau \Rightarrow$  no 1 cond.

$$E-L: \quad \ddot{\lambda} + \lambda \cos\theta = 0 \quad u(t) = -\lambda(t)$$



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## 7.3 Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR)

- small deviations, quadratic costs

$$J = \int_0^T dt \frac{1}{2} (x^T Q x + u^T R u)$$

$Q, R$  symmetric  
 $R > 0, Q \geq 0$   
 add final cost if  $Q \neq 0$

$$f(0, 0) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} E-L: \quad \dot{x} &= f(x, u) \quad \text{w/ } f = Ax + Bu, & L &= \frac{1}{2}(x^T Q x + u^T R u) \\ \dot{x} &= -(D_x f)^T \lambda - (D_u L)^T \\ 0 &= (D_u f)^T \lambda + (D_u L)^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad \dot{\lambda} = -A^T \lambda - Qx \quad u = -R^{-1}B^T \lambda$$

- Can try  $\lambda(t) = S(t)x(t)$

this trick works only for linear dynamics!

$$u = -R^{-1}B^T S x \equiv -Kx$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = -Qx - A^T(Sx) = \frac{d}{dt}(Sx) = \dot{S}x + S(Ax - BR^{-1}B^TSx)$$

$$\dot{S} = -Q - A^T S - S A + S B R^{-1} B^T S$$

factor  $x(t)$ ; holds  $\forall t$   
 continuous time Riccati Eq.

$$0 = -Q - A^T S - S A + S B R^{-1} B^T S$$

algebraic Riccati eq.

- quadratic eq  $\Rightarrow$  multiple solns; only 1 is physical

steady state

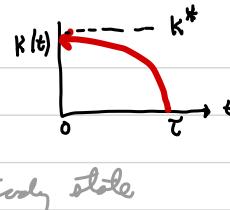
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Ex: 1d control yet again:  $A = -a$ ,  $B = Q = 1$

$$\dot{s} = -1 + 2aS + S^2/R$$

$$S = -aR \pm \sqrt{a^2 R^2 + R}$$

Steady state



But fully optimal solution for finite  $T$  has  $K = K(t)$

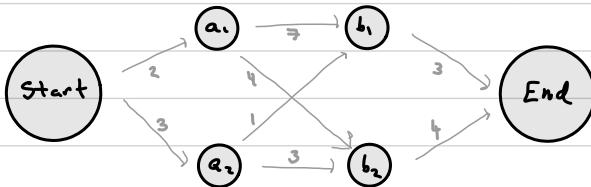
$$K \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow T$$

(it costs for control, but no benefit if applied too close to end)

## 7.4 Dynamic Programming

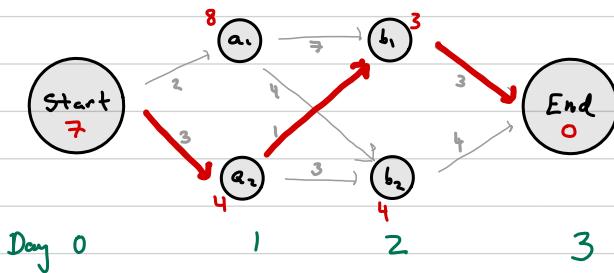
Richard Bellman, 1950s (RAND)

Shortest path between cities



$$J(x) = \text{cost-to-go}$$

$$J^* = \text{optimal } J$$



$$J^*(\text{End}) = 0 \quad \text{You are already there.}$$

$$J^*(b_1) = 3, \quad J^*(b_2) = 4$$

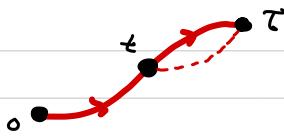
only one possibility in each case

$$J^*(a_1) = \min [7 + J^*(b_1), 4 + J^*(b_2)] = 8$$

$$J^*(a_2) = \min [1 + J^*(b_1), 3 + J^*(b_2)] = 4$$

$$J^*(\text{Start}) = \min [2 + J^*(a_1), 3 + J^*(a_2)] = 7$$

## Principle of Optimality:



For any point on an optimal trajectory, the remaining trajectory is optimal, starting at that point.

## Bellman Eq. (discrete case)

$x_k$  = state

city at time  $k$ ; eg  $a_1, a_2$

$u_k$  = action

road choice at time  $k$

$L(x_k, u_k) \equiv L_k$

running cost of current step, given  $x_k, u_k$

$J(x_k, u_k) \equiv J_k$

cost-to-go; start from  $x_k$ , choose  $u_k, \dots, u_{N-1}$

$\varphi(x_N)$

terminal cost

[note:  $u_N=0$ ]

$$J = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L(x_n, u_n) + \varphi(x_N) \quad \text{total cost}$$

$$J_k = \sum_{n=k}^{N-1} L(x_n, u_n) + \varphi(x_N)$$

$$= L(x_k, u_k) + \underbrace{\sum_{n=k+1}^{N-1} L(x_n, u_n)}_{L_{k+1}} + \underbrace{\varphi(x_N)}_{J_{k+1}}$$

So:

$$J_k = L_k + J_{k+1}$$

$$J_N = \varphi(x_N)$$

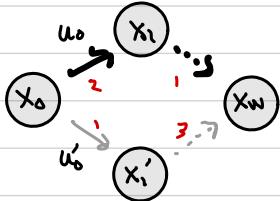
$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k)$$

$x_0$  given

- ←  $J_k$  obeys a backwards recursion relation
- solving it fixes  $u_k^*$  (optimal choice at time  $k$ )
  - then solve forward recursion reln for  $x_k$  →

Bellman eq.

$$J^*(x_k) = \min_{\{u_k\}} [L(x_k, u_k) + J^*(x_{k+1})]$$



We choose  $u_0$  over  $u'_0$  even though it has a higher immediate cost.

Overall future costs are lower

Solve  $J_k$  backwards; get  $u_k^*$ ; iterate  $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k^*)$  forwards.

- Solution is possible because dynamics have a state structure  $\Rightarrow$  solution decomposes into stages

Numerical algorithm:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} n \text{ nodes / step} \\ \Rightarrow \text{each node has } n \text{ possibilities} \end{array} \right\} O(n^2)$   
 $\times N \text{ stages} \Rightarrow O(N \cdot n^2)$

vs. naive search  $O(n^n)$  huge difference for large  $N$ !

$\Rightarrow$  Value of planning.

Bellman algorithm (re-) discovered many times

- Cell phones (Andrew Viterbi) Qualcomm.
- Sequence alignment (bioinf.) (Needleman-Wunsch, Smith-Waterman)

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"Livet skal forstås  
baglaens, men leves  
forlaens.")



"Life must be understood backwards  
but lived forwards."

## Bellman eq. (continuous case)

$$\text{cost-to-go: } J(x, u) = \varphi[x(\tau)] + \int_t^\tau dt' L(x, u), \quad J^* = \inf_{[t, \tau]} J(x, u)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J^*(x) &= \inf_u \left[ \varphi[x(\tau)] + \int_t^\tau dt' L(x, u) \right] \\ &= \inf_u \left[ \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' L(x, u) + \varphi[x(\tau)] + \int_{t+\Delta t}^t dt' L(x, u) \right] \\ &\approx \inf_{[t, t+\Delta t]} \left[ L(x, u) \Delta t + \inf_{[t+\Delta t, \tau]} [J(x + \dot{x} \Delta t, u(t+\Delta t))] \right] \\ &= \inf_{[t, t+\Delta t]} \left[ L(x, u) \Delta t + J^*(x + f \Delta t) \right] \\ &\approx \inf_{[t, t+\Delta t]} \left[ L(x, u) \Delta t + J^*(x) + (\partial_t J^*) \Delta t + (\partial_x J^*) f \Delta t \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_t J^* + \inf_{u(t)} \left[ L(x, u) + (\partial_x J^*) f(x, u) \right] = 0$$

## Hamilton - Jacobi - Bellman (HJB) eq.

- Integrate backwards in time from final condition  
 $J^*[x(\tau), \bar{x}] = \varphi[x(\tau)]$   
 $\Rightarrow u^*(t)$
- Then integrate  $\dot{x} = f(x, u^*)$  forward from  $x(0) = x_0$
- $\partial_x J^* = n \times \text{dim row vector} \Rightarrow (\partial_x J^*) f \text{ is a scalar}$

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One-dim control, yet again!

$$J = \int_t^{\tau} dt' \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + u^2), \quad \dot{x} = -x + u$$

$$\text{HJB: } \partial_t J^* = - \inf_u \left[ \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + u^2) + (\partial_x J^*)(-x + u) \right]_{L(x, u)}^{f(x, u)}$$

Since there are no restrictions on  $u(t)$ , we can do the minimization by taking  $\partial u$  of right-hand side.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_u \left[ \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + u^2) + (\partial_x J^*)(-x + u) \right] &= u + (\partial_x J^*) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow u^* &= -\partial_x J^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t J^* = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x J^*)^2 + x(\partial_x J^*)$$

Looks intimidating! But try  $J^*(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 S(t)$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{S} = -1 + S^2 + 2S, \quad S(\tau) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u^* = -\partial_x J^* = -Sx = -kx$$

Now we can find  $\dot{x} = -x - kx = -(1+k)x, \quad x(0) = x_0, \text{ etc.}$

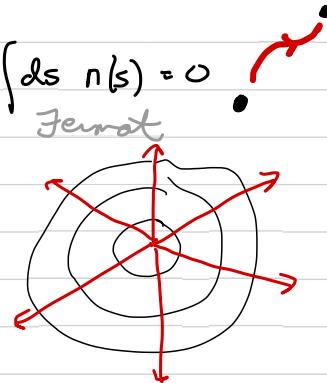
## HJB vs. Euler-Lagrange

- Why do we have two apparently different ways to solve the optimal control problem?
- Same story in classical mechanics, optics, ...

Eg., Optics

① Calculus of variations :  $\delta \int ds \, n(s) = 0$  . Fermat

② Eikonal (Huygen's wavefronts)  
PDE for wavefronts.



So we can solve for rays (trajectories)  
or wavefronts (cost functions)

Since rays are  $\perp$  wavefronts, methods are equiv.

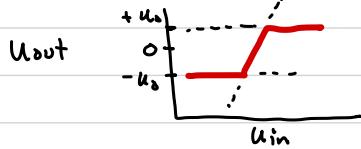
- HJB usually much harder to solve, but you get sol'n for all  $x_0$  at once.
- Euler-Lagrange is simpler but has to be redone for each  $x_0$ .

## 7.5 Hard constraints

soft:  $J = \varphi[x(\tau)] + \dots$   
 $\text{or} = \dots \int \frac{1}{2} dt R u^2(t)$

hard:  $x(\tau) = x_\tau$   
 $|u(t)| \leq u_0$

Notice that the hard constraint  $|u| \leq u_0$  is a nonlinearity.



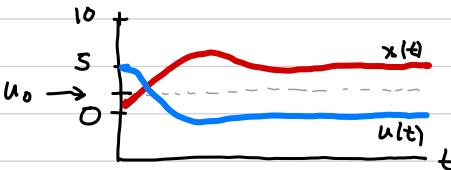
## Strategies

- o) Method 0: Buy a bigger actuator "increase control authority"  
 — ie, increase  $u_0$
- 1) Anti-windup — simple extension of PID
- 2) Minimum principle of Pontryagin (bang-bang control)

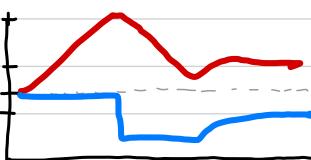
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## 1) Anti-windup

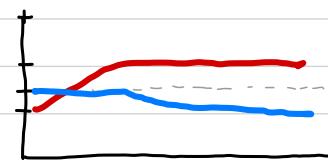
Ex:  $G = \frac{1}{s}$ ,  $\dot{x} = u$  (overshoot part.)  
 PI control,  $K(s) = (1 + \frac{1}{s})$



No sat.



Saturation



Anti-windup

What happened in middle case?

$$u \sim \int_0^t dt' e(t')$$

$$e(t) = x_r - x(t)$$

When you exceed  $u$ -limit ( $|u_{\text{sat}}|$ ) integral keeps accum. to switch sign of  $u(t)$ ,  $x(t)$  must be below the setpoint long enough to "cross" the cumulative input.

Anti-windup:

Stop integrating when  $u$  would exceed sat.

## 2) Minimum Principle + Bang-Bang control

- Assume  $u(t)$  normalized so  $|u(t)| \leq 1$ 
  - $m$ -components  $\Rightarrow m$ -dim. hypercube

Ex: 1d dynamics, w/ constraints

$$J = \int_0^\infty dt \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + u^2), \quad \dot{x} = -x + u, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad |u(t)| \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow u = -kx \quad k^* = \sqrt{2} - 1 \quad \Rightarrow x(t) = x_0 e^{-\sqrt{2}t}$$

$$u(t) = -k^* x_0 e^{-\sqrt{2}t}$$

When  $x_0 > (k^*)^{-1} = \sqrt{2} + 1$ ,  $u(0) < -1 \Rightarrow$  sat.

Intuitive resolution:  $u(t) = -1 \quad t < \tau_0$   
 $= -kx \quad t \geq \tau_0$

where  $x(\tau_0) = x_0 e^{-\tau_0} = 1$  fixes  $\tau_0$

## Hamiltonian formalism

Classical Mech: Lagrangian  $L(q, \dot{q}) = T - U$

Generalized momenta  $p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}}$

Legendre transf:  $H = p\dot{q} - L$

Hamilton's eqs:  $\dot{q} = (\partial_p H)^T \quad \dot{p} = -(\partial_q H)^T$

kinetic en.  
potential en.

If  $H = H(p, q)$  does not have an explicit  $t$ -depend.

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \dot{p} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} \dot{q} = 0 \quad (\text{via Ham. eqs.})$$

Control-theory version:  $H = L + \lambda^T \dot{x} = L + \lambda^T f$

$$\dot{x} = (\partial_x H)^T = f \quad \dot{\lambda} = -(\partial_x H)^T \quad (\partial_u H)^T = 0$$

Much simpler than Euler-Lagrange (p. 4)

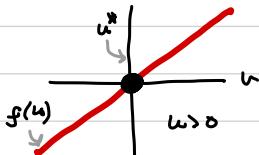
**Footyogin:**  $\hat{H}(x, \lambda) = \inf_{u \in U} H(x, \lambda, u)$

$$\dot{x} = (\partial_x \hat{H})^T, \quad \dot{\lambda} = -(\partial_x \hat{H})^T$$

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad \lambda(\tau) = (\partial_x \varphi)^T \Big|_{t=\tau}$$

If  $u(t)$  is not constrained  $\inf_u \Rightarrow \partial_u = 0$

With constraint,  $u(t)$  might get stuck at boundary



$$\inf_{u>0} f(u) = f(0)$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex. Moving in minimal time

- free particle in space:  $\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \dot{x}_2 = u \quad (u = F/m)$ Goal: go from  $(\overset{\circ}{x_1}, \overset{\circ}{x_2})_0 \rightarrow (\overset{\circ}{x_1}, \overset{\circ}{x_2})_f$  as fast as possible

Limits  $|u(t)| \leq 1$        $J = \int_0^T dt \quad T \text{ not fixed}$

running cost  $L = 1 \Rightarrow H = 1 + \lambda_1 x_2 + \lambda_2 u \quad (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ u \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\lambda}_1 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_2 = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = -\lambda_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \text{const}, \quad \lambda_2 = -c_1 t + c_2$$

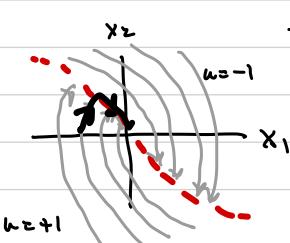
Cont. min. H by  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 0$ , but can min. at boundary.

$\min_u H \Rightarrow u = -\text{sign}(\lambda_2) \quad \text{at all times}$

$$\Rightarrow u(t) \text{ always } \approx \pm 1$$

Since  $\lambda(t)$  varies linearly,  $u(t)$  switches once.

Solve eqs. of motion separately for  $u = \pm 1$



$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{2} x_2^2 + c_p, \quad x_1 = -\frac{1}{2} x_2^2 + c_n$$

$$u = +1$$

$$u = -1$$

$c_p, c_n$  det.  
by init  
condition

## Bang-bang control

In the previous problem, the control "lived" at  $u = \pm u_0$

This behavior, "bang-bang control," results when  $H(x, \lambda, u)$  is linear in  $u$  (or has no min. in range)

## 7.6 Feedback

The calc. of variations approach (or Hamiltonian) lead to a control  $u^*(t)$  to take sys from  $x_0 \rightarrow x_t$ .  
This is open loop, feedforward control.

via optimal  
 $x(t)$

If there are disturbances or modeling inaccuracies, then trajectory will deviate from optim.  
⇒ need some kind of feedback

1) Local linear feedback

2) Model Predictive Control

# ① Local linear feedback

$$J = \varphi[x(t)] + \int_0^{\tau} dt \ L(x, u) \quad , \quad \dot{x} = f(x, u), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$E-L \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -(\partial_x f)^T \lambda - (\partial_x L)^T, \quad 0 = (\partial_u f)^T \lambda + (\partial_u L)^T$$

- Assume we have solved the "nominal feedforward" problem:  
 $\Rightarrow x_{ff}(t), u_{ff}(t), \lambda_{ff}(t)$

- Perturb about nominal solution:

$$x(t) = x_{ff}(t) + \delta x(t), \quad u(t) = u_{ff}(t) + \delta u(t), \quad \lambda(t) = \lambda_{ff}(t) + \delta \lambda(t)$$

- Because the nominal "ff" solution is optimal,  $\delta J = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^2 J = \frac{1}{2} \delta x^T (\partial_{xx} \varphi) \delta x \Big|_{t=\tau} + \int_0^{\tau} dt (\delta x^T \delta u^T) (Q^M M_R) (\delta u)$$

with  $Q(t) = \partial_{xx} L$ ,  $M(t) = \partial_{xu} L$ ,  $R(t) = \partial_{uu} L$   
- evaluated along  $x_{ff}(t)$  and  $u_{ff}(t)$

Augment the cost pert. w/ perturbed dynamics.

$$ie Q = \left. \frac{\partial^2 L(x, u)}{\partial x^2} \right|_{x_{ff}, u_{ff}}$$

$$\delta \dot{J}' = \delta^2 J + \delta \lambda^T [A \delta x + B \delta u - \delta \dot{x}]$$

$$A(t) = \partial_x f, \quad B(t) = \partial_u f$$

$$E-L: \quad \delta \dot{x} = -Q \delta x - M \delta u - A^T \delta \lambda, \quad \delta u = -R^{-1} (M \delta x + B^T \delta \lambda)$$

This is just a slightly more complicated LQR problem!

- all matrices time dependent  $A \rightarrow A(t)$ , etc.
- quadratic costs have cross-term  $M(t)$

Fortunately, all steps of LQR carry through analogously.

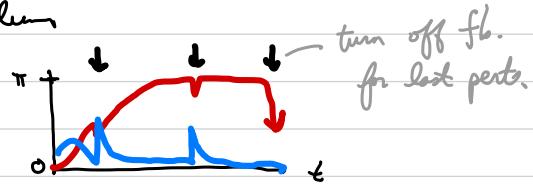
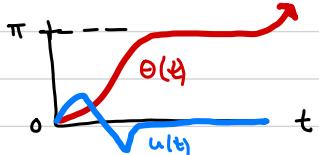
Let  $\delta x = S \cdot \delta x \Rightarrow \dot{S} = -Q + MR^{-1}M^T - A'^T S - SA' + SBR^{-1}$   
where  $A' = A - BR^{-1}M^T$

Optimal feedback gains:  $K(t) = R^{-1} [B^T S + M^T]$ ,  $\delta u_{fb} = -K \delta x$

The full control signal is then

$$u(t) = u_{ff}(t) + u_{fb}(t) = u_{ff}(t) + K(t) [x_{ff}(t) - x(t)]$$

Ex: Swing up + balance pendulum



Can choose different feedback laws

1. Time - dep. LQR what we should do ...
2. Quasistationary LQR
3. Basic LQR find gains for "typical"  $x_0$
4. Heuristic control: pick gains by heuristic method

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## Nonlinear Observers

(set  $u=0$  for simplicity)

$$\dot{\hat{x}} = f(x), \quad y = h(x) \quad (\text{p outputs})$$

$$\text{Obs: } \dot{\hat{x}} = f(\hat{x}) + L(y - \hat{y}), \quad \hat{y} = h(\hat{x})$$

notice that  $e = x - \hat{x} \Rightarrow \dot{e} = f(x) - f(\hat{x}) - L[h(x) - h(\hat{x})]$

$$\approx (\partial_x f) e - L(\partial_x h) e$$

$$= (A - Lc)e \quad \text{as before}$$

Because we approx  $f(x) - f(\hat{x}) \approx Ae$ , this scheme works if systems begin (and stay) "close enough".

## Model Predictive Control (MPC)

• Compute  $ff$  from  $x(t)$  to  $x(t+\tau) \Rightarrow u_{ff}(t)$

• Apply  $u_{ff}(t)$  for short time ("one step")

"Feedback by repeated ff"

- good for problems w/ constraints
- costly to compute  $\Rightarrow$  good for "slow" problems
- widely used in "slow" industries (eg chemical plants)

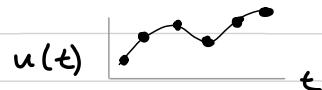
# Numerical Methods

**Direct:**

$$\min_{u(t) \in U} \quad J[u(t); x_0]$$

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Project  $u(t)$  on finite set



$$n: \quad u(t) = \sum_n a_n \varphi_n(t) \quad \text{basis func.}$$

Then solve directly (often non-convex  $\curvearrowright$ )

**Indirect:**

solve var. eqs. (Euler-Lagrange, PMP)

- $n \rightarrow 2n + N$  constraints

Hamiltonian  $H$  real  $\Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  stiff eqs.

(hard for shooting method)

$\rightarrow$  solve by Newton's method

$\rightarrow$  can write Jacobian as bnd diag  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(N)$   
can even solve each stage in  $\mathbb{II}$ !

