

Average Cost Minimization Problems

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Goal: characterize the optimal control independently of the unknown parameter action

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Dynamics} \quad \dot{q} &= \frac{1}{2}Q(r)q \\ \dot{r} &= I^{-1}(-r \times I \cdot r - r \times m_c(\delta) - A(\delta)u) \\ \dot{\delta} &= u\end{aligned}$$

$q \in \mathbb{R}^4$ (attitude), $r \in \mathbb{R}^3$ (body rate), $\delta \in \mathbb{R}^{N_c}$ —vector of gimbals angles (associate with the onboard control moment gyros CMG), I inertia matrix, $Q(r)$ a given matrix, $m_c(\delta)$ angular momentum of CMG, $A(\delta)$ is a $3 \times N_c$ matrix associated with the control $u \in U$.

Goal: minimize the time between two collects of images

¹Ross, I. M., Karpenko M., and Proulx J. R. "A Lebesgue-Stieltjes Framework For Optimal Control and Allocation." *American Control Conference (ACC)* 2015.

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if $\delta(0) = \text{mean value of } \delta_0$ **Uncontrollable system!**

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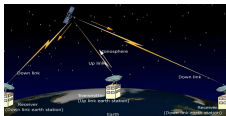
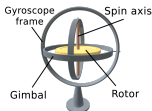
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Satisfactory results ✓



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BUT...

NO Results For Necessary Optimality Conditions

Minimax problem

$$\text{minimize } \max_{\omega \in \Omega} g(x(T, \omega); \omega) \quad \text{over } u \in U(t)$$

◆ **Standard criterion, unknown parameter ω and Ω is a compact metric space**

Goal: characterize a solution considered for the worst performance case for all the values of the uncertain parameter $\omega \in \Omega$

Works by: Vinter³, Boltyanski⁴, Karamzin, Oliveira, Pereira, Silva⁵

³Vinter, R. B. "Minimax optimal control." *SIAM journal on control and optimization* 44.3 (2005).

⁴Boltyanski, V. G. "Robust maximum principle." *Advanced Motion Control, 2006. 9th IEEE International Workshop on*. IEEE, 2012.

⁵Karamzin, D. et al. "Minimax optimal control problem with state constraints." *European Journal of Control* 32 (2016).

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- ◆ Ω is merely a **complete separable** metric space, not necessarily compact

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- $\exists c > 0$ and $k_f(\cdot) \in L^1$ s.t. $|f(t, x, u, \omega)| \leq c$

$$|f(t, x, u, \omega) - f(t, x', u, \omega)| \leq k_f(t)|x - x'|$$

for all $x, x', u \in U(t), \omega \in \Omega$ a.e. $t \in [0, T]$

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Necessary optimality conditions

Theorem (Bettiol-Khalil 2017)

Let $(\bar{u}, \{\bar{x}(\cdot, \omega) : \omega \in \Omega\})$ be a $W^{1,1}$ -local minimizer in which μ is given. Then, there exist $\lambda \geq 0$, a $\mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{B}_\Omega$ measurable function $\rho(\cdot, \cdot) : [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and a countable dense subset $\hat{\Omega}$ of $\text{supp}(\mu)$

■ $\rho(\cdot, \omega) \in W^{1,1}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$ for all $\omega \in \hat{\Omega}$;

■ $\int_{\Omega} \rho(t, \omega) \cdot f(t, \bar{x}(t, \omega), \bar{u}(t), \omega) d\mu(\omega)$

$$= \max_{u \in U(t)} \int_{\Omega} \rho(t, \omega) \cdot f(t, \bar{x}(t, \omega), u, \omega) d\mu(\omega) \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T];$$

■ $\rho(\cdot, \omega) \in \text{co } \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ for all $\omega \in \hat{\Omega}$ where

$$\mathcal{P}(\omega) := \left\{ q(\cdot, \omega) \in W^{1,1} : \|q(\cdot, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1, \lambda + \sum_{t \in [0, T]} \max_{\omega \in \hat{\Omega}} |q(t, \omega)| = 1, \right. \\ \left. - \dot{q}(t, \omega) \in \text{co } \partial_x [q(t, \omega) \cdot f(t, \bar{x}(t, \omega), \bar{u}(t), \omega)] \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T], \right.$$

$$\left. \text{and } -q(T, \omega) \in \lambda \partial_x g(\bar{x}(T, \omega); \omega) + N_{C(\omega)}(\bar{x}(T, \omega)) \right\}.$$

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- $g(\cdot, \omega)$ is differentiable for each $\omega \in \Omega$, and $\nabla_x g(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous
- $f(t, \cdot, u, \omega)$ is continuously differentiable on $\bar{x}(t, \omega) + \delta\mathbb{B}$ for all $u \in U(t)$ and $\omega \in \Omega$ a.e. $t \in [0, T]$, and $\omega \rightarrow \nabla_x f(t, x, u, \omega)$ is uniformly continuous with respect to $(t, x, u) \in \{(t', x', u') \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \mid u' \in U(t')\}$
- $C(\omega) := \mathbb{R}^n$

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- $\int_\Omega p(t, \omega) \cdot f(t, \bar{x}(t, \omega), \bar{u}(t), \omega) d\mu(\omega)$
 $= \max_{u \in U(t)} \int_\Omega p(t, \omega) \cdot f(t, \bar{x}(t, \omega), u, \omega) d\mu(\omega)$ a.e. t
- $-\dot{p}(t, \omega) = [\nabla_x f(t, \bar{x}(t, \omega), \bar{u}(t), \omega)]^T p(t, \omega)$ a.e. t , for all $\omega \in \Omega$
- $-p(T, \omega) = \nabla_x g(\bar{x}(T, \omega); \omega)$, for all $\omega \in \Omega$.

Steps of the proof (inspired by Vinter⁶)

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④ 'double' limit-taking: \succ adjoint system/transversality condition
 \succ Weierstrass condition
(weak* – convergence of measures)

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- Study stronger necessary optimality conditions (nondegeneracy, normality)

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$$\dot{\delta} = u$$

State constraint $t \mapsto S(\delta) := \sqrt{\det[A(\delta)A^T(\delta)]} \geq \alpha \quad \forall t$
($\alpha > 0$ is an engineering decision)

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An aerial photograph of a city, likely in Italy, featuring a prominent cathedral with multiple domes and spires. The city is surrounded by green trees and has a dense residential area with terracotta roofs. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky. The word "Grazie!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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