

# Lecture #13

## Bang-bang for general LTI.

*necessary condition for feasibility*

$$\min_{u(\cdot)} \int_0^T 1 \cdot dt$$

$$\text{s.t. } \dot{\underline{x}} = A\underline{x} + B\underline{u}, \quad \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0 \text{ given.}$$

$$\underline{x}(1) = \underline{x}_1 \text{ given.}$$

$$|u_i| \leq 1 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, m$$

$$\Downarrow$$

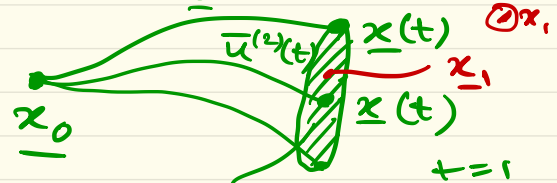
$$\underline{u} \in [-1, +1]^m$$

Assumption:

$$\underline{x}_1 \in \text{Reach}(\underline{x}_0)$$

$$\underline{x}(t) = \exp(At) \underline{x}_0 + \int_0^t \exp(A(t-\tau)) B \underline{u}(\tau) d\tau$$

$\underline{u}^{(1)}(t)$        $\underline{u}^{(2)}(t)$



$\text{Reach}(\underline{x}_0)$

(forward reach set)

*(Less restrictive condition than controllability)*

$$H = 1 + \underline{\lambda}^T (A\underline{x} + B\underline{u})$$

$$\underline{\lambda}^{\circ} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{x}} = -A^T \underline{\lambda}$$

*columns of B matrix*

PMP       $\underline{\lambda}^T B \underline{u} = \sum_{i=1}^m \langle \underline{\lambda}(t), \underline{b}_i \rangle u_i$

Since each  $u_i$  can be chosen indep. ly:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore u_i^*(t) &= -\operatorname{sgn}(\langle \underline{\lambda}(t), \underline{b}_i \rangle) \\ &= \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \langle \underline{\lambda}(t), \underline{b}_i \rangle < 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \langle \underline{\lambda}(t), \underline{b}_i \rangle > 0 \\ ?? & \text{if } \langle \underline{\lambda}(t), \underline{b}_i \rangle = 0 \end{cases} \\ &\quad \text{(indeterminate)} \end{aligned}$$

"singular control"  
(corresponding part of state trajectory  
is called a singular arc)

If "singular control" can be ruled out, we say  
the OCP is "normal" (otherwise the OCP is "abnormal")

From costate ODE:

$$\underline{\lambda}(t) = \exp(A^T(T-t)) \lambda(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\langle \underline{\lambda}(t), \underline{b}_i \rangle} = \langle \underline{\lambda}(T), \exp(A(T-t)) \underline{b}_i \rangle$$

(Take inner product with  $\underline{b}_i, i=1, \dots, m$ )

$\forall i=1, \dots, m$   
Real analytic function of  $t$ ,

$\therefore$  can only have finitely many zeros in any subinterval of  $[0, T]$

$\Rightarrow$  Finitely many switching

(If a real analytic  $f^*$  is zero then all its derivatives are also identically zero).

The following result was proved by Pontryagin et. al. (1962)

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- An LTI system is normal ( $\Leftrightarrow$  no singular control) if

$$\text{rank} [\underline{b}_i \mid A \underline{b}_i \mid \dots \mid A^{n-1} \underline{b}_i] = n$$

$$\forall i = 1, \dots, m$$

where  $\underline{b}_i := i^{\text{th}}$  column of B matrix.

$\Leftrightarrow (A, \underline{b}_i)$  is controllable for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$   
(More restrictive than  $(A, B)$  controllable).

Corollary: If  $(A, B)$  is normal

$(\Leftrightarrow (A, \underline{b}_i)$  controllable  $\forall i=1, \dots, m)$  then

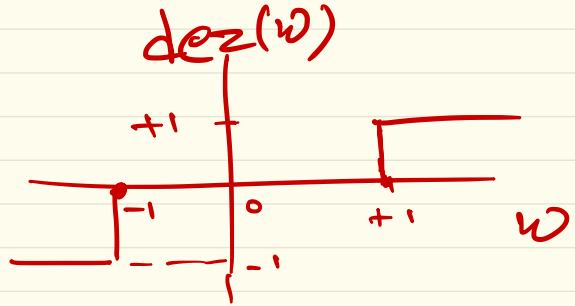
$u^*(t)$  is bang-bang.

## Bang-off-Bang

Dead-zone-function

$$dez(w) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } w < -1 \\ -1 & \text{if } -1 < w < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } w = -1 \\ 0 & \text{if } -1 < w < +1 \\ +1 & \text{if } w = +1 \\ +1 & \text{if } w > +1 \end{cases}$$

Singular control



If  $w(t) = \pm 1$  over finite time sub-interval, then abnormal sol<sup>n</sup>  $\Leftrightarrow$  singular control

Example: Double integrator (with Bang-off-Bang)

$$\ddot{x} = u \iff \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = u \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} \min_{u(\cdot)} \int_0^T |u(t)| dt \\ u(\cdot) \end{array} \right| |u| \leq +1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (x_1(0), x_2(0)) = (x_0, y_0) \text{ (given)} \\ (x_1(T), x_2(T)) = (0, 0) \text{ fixed} \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} T \text{ is fixed} \\ (\text{if } T \text{ is free, then in general} \\ u^* \text{ may NOT exist}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\underline{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(T) \\ x_2(T) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \underbrace{|u|} + \lambda_1 x_2 + \lambda_2 u$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1^o = 0 \\ \lambda_2^o = -\lambda_1 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = \text{const.} \\ \lambda_2(t) = \lambda_2(T) + (T-t)\lambda_1 \\ \text{linear in "t"} \end{array}$$

PMP: For  $H$  to be minimum:

$$u^*(t) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \lambda_2(t) < -1 \\ 0 \leq \leq 1 & \text{if } \lambda_2(t) = -1 \\ 0 & \text{if } -1 < \lambda_2(t) < +1 \\ -1 \leq \leq 0 & \text{if } \lambda_2(t) = +1 \\ -1 & \text{if } \lambda_2(t) > 1 \end{cases}$$

Singular controls

Since  $\lambda_2(t)$  is a linear f<sup>cn</sup> of  $t$ ,

$\therefore u^* = \pm 1$  cannot switch to  $u^* = \mp 1$  without passing through the intermediate value  $u^* = 0$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  at most 2 switching.

Recall,

$$\underbrace{T_{\min} = y_0 + \sqrt{4x_0 + 2y_0^2}} \quad \left. \vphantom{T_{\min}} \right\} \underline{\text{check this}}$$

min. time

double integrator

bang-bang

Suppose now, the fixed  $T$  in our problem

$\min_{u(\cdot)} \int_0^T |u| dt$ ,  $T$  fixed, satisfies

$$T > T_{\min} = y_0 + \sqrt{4x_0 + 2y_0^2}$$

(we will see that  $T > T_{\min}$  is a necessary condition for existence of  $u^*$  in Bang-off-Bang problem for double integrator)



Since  $\lambda_2^*(t)$  is linear in  $t$ , therefore, the optimal control  $u^*(t) \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$  given by

$$u^* = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t < t_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } t_1 \leq t < t_2 \\ +1 & \text{if } t_2 \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

where the switching times  $t_1, t_2$  are to be determined.

Recall that terminal state  $\underline{x}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(T) \\ x_2(T) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

when  $u^* = -1$ , then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -1 \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1(t_1) = x_0 + y_0 t_1 - t_1^2/2 \\ x_2(t_1) = y_0 - t_1 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \uparrow \end{array} \right\} \text{integrate}$$

Similarly,  $u^* = 0$ , then ... } Finally impose terminal constraint:  
 "  $u^* = +1$ , then ... }

Show that  $\therefore$  (eliminate  $t_2$ )

$$t_1^2 - (y_0 + T)t_1 + (x_0 + y_0 T + \frac{y_0^2}{2}) = 0$$

This gives:

$$t_1 = \frac{(y_0 + T) \pm \sqrt{(y_0 + T)^2 - 4(x_0 + y_0 T + \frac{y_0^2}{2})}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(y_0 + T) \pm \sqrt{(y_0 - T)^2 - (4x_0 + 2y_0^2)}}{2}$$

Since  $t_1 < t_2$ , this means:

$t_1 =$  RHS with  $(-)$  sign

$t_2 =$  RHS with  $(+)$  sign.

$S_{opt}$  is admissible if stuff under  $\sqrt{\quad} > 0$

$T > T_{min}$

#7 Inequality on  $f^*$  of state & control:

$$\boxed{C(x, u, t) \leq 0}$$

$$H = L + \underline{\lambda}^T \underline{f} + \mu C$$

$$\mu = \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{for } C = 0 \\ = 0 & \text{for } C < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{\dot{\lambda}} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{cases} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{x}} - \underline{\lambda}^T \frac{\partial \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}} - \mu \frac{\partial C}{\partial \underline{x}}, & C = 0 \\ - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{x}} - \underline{\lambda}^T \frac{\partial \underline{f}}{\partial \underline{x}}, & C < 0 \end{cases}$$

PMP ·  $0 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{u}} = L_u + \underline{\lambda}^T \underline{f}_u + \mu C_u = 0.$

If  $C < 0$ , then  $\mu = 0$ , & PMP determines  $u^*(t)$ .

If  $C = 0$ , use PMP together with the constraint itself  $C = 0$ , to solve for  $u(t)$  &  $\mu$ .

(78) Same State inequality constraints: [This is from Bryson & Ho's Book]

$$S(\underline{x}, t) \leq 0 \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

(for simplicity, assume both  $S$  and  $u$  as scalars)

The idea is to take successive time derivatives of  $S$  (perhaps up to " $q$ 'th order) until " $u$ " appears explicitly. If indeed " $q$ " time-derivatives are required, then we say that (\*) is a  $q$ 'th order state inequality constraint.

Now define the Hamiltonian as:

$$H = L + \underline{\lambda}^T \underline{f} + \mu S^{(q)}$$

where  $S^{(q)} = 0$  on the constraint boundary ( $S=0$ )

$\mu = 0$  off the " " " ( $S < 0$ )

Necessary condition for  $\mu(t)$  is:

$$\mu(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{on } S=0$$

Since control of  $S(x, t)$  is obtained by changing its  $q^{\text{th}}$  time derivative, no finite control will keep the system on the constraint boundary if the path entering the constraint boundary **does not** meet the following "tangency" constraints:

$$N(\underline{x}, t) := \begin{pmatrix} S(\underline{x}, t) \\ S^{(1)}(\underline{x}, t) \\ \vdots \\ S^{(q-1)}(\underline{x}, t) \end{pmatrix} = 0_{q \times 1} \dots (**)$$

These same tangency constraints apply to the path leaving the constraint boundary.

The eq<sup>n</sup>s (\*\*) form a set of interior boundary conditions as in (#5). Consequently, the costates  $\underline{\lambda}(t)$  are, in general, discontinuous at junction points between constrained and unconstrained ones.

One can set the  $\lambda$ 's and  $H$  as discontinuous at the entry point  $t = t_1$ , and continuous at the exit point, w.l.o.g.

The "entry" & "exit" points may or may not be "corners", i.e., places where the control vector is discontinuous.

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Example

Bryson - Denham Problem

(URL sent)

Most practical state inequality constrained problems are solved numerically, via Direct OCP solvers such as ICLOCS.