

# Lecture # 19

→ No control yet

## State estimation for linear Gaussian System

$$\begin{cases} \underline{x}_{k+1} = A \underline{x}_k + G \underline{w}_k & \text{Process noise } \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, Q) \\ \underline{y}_k = C \underline{x}_k + H \underline{v}_k & \text{Measurement noise } \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{0}, R) \end{cases}$$

Also known as, Gauss-Markov system

Initial condition  $\underline{x}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\underline{\bar{x}}_0, \underline{\Sigma}_0)$ ,  $\underline{\Sigma}_0 \succcurlyeq 0$ ,  $Q \succcurlyeq 0$ ,  $R \succcurlyeq 0$ ,

Assume: Process & Measurement noise are indep., and they are also indep. for diff. values of  $k$ .

We know:  $p(\underline{x}_k | \underline{y}^k) = \mathcal{N}(\underbrace{\hat{\underline{x}}_{k|k}}_{\text{Random vector}}, \underbrace{\underline{\Sigma}_{k|k}}_{\text{Deterministic Matrix}})$

Measurement updated PDF

$$p(\underline{x}_{k+1} | \underline{y}^k) = \mathcal{N}(\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k}, \underline{\Sigma}_{k+1|k}) \leftarrow \text{Time updated PDF}$$

All we need, is a recursive scheme:

$$\hat{x}_{k|k} \longrightarrow \hat{x}_{k+1|k} \longrightarrow \hat{x}_{k+1|k+1}$$

$$\Sigma_{k|k} \longrightarrow \Sigma_{k+1|k} \longrightarrow \Sigma_{k+1|k+1}$$

Time update

Measurement update

Time update:  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k} := \mathbb{E}[\underline{x}_{k+1} | y^k]$

*Conditional mean*

$$= \mathbb{E}[A \underline{x}_k + G \underline{w}_k | y^k]$$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[A \underline{x}_k | y^k]} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[G \underline{w}_k | y^k]}$$

$$= A \hat{x}_{k|k} + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{x}_{k+1|k} = A \hat{x}_{k|k}}$$

$$\hat{x}_{0|-1} := \underline{x}_0$$

*initial mean*

Initial condition

Covariance

$$\Sigma_{k+1|k} := \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \underline{x}_{k+1} - \hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k} \right) \left( \underline{x}_{k+1} - \hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k} \right)^T \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( A \underline{x}_k + G \underline{w}_k - A \hat{\underline{x}}_{k|k} \right) \left( A \underline{x}_k + G \underline{w}_k - A \hat{\underline{x}}_{k|k} \right)^T \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( A \left( \underline{x}_k - \hat{\underline{x}}_{k|k} \right) + G \underline{w}_k \right) \left( A \left( \underline{x}_k - \hat{\underline{x}}_{k|k} \right) + G \underline{w}_k \right)^T \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma_{k+1|k} = A \Sigma_{k|k} A^T + G Q G^T, \quad \Sigma_{0|-1} = \Sigma_0$$

Measurement update:

$$\hat{\underline{y}}_{k+1|k} := \mathbb{E} \left[ \underline{y}_{k+1} \mid \underline{y}_k \right] \quad (\text{by def.})$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[ C \underline{x}_{k+1} + H \underline{v}_{k+1} \mid \underline{y}_k \right]$$

Now let Error/Innovation process

$$\underline{y}_{k+1|k} := \underline{y}_{k+1} - \hat{\underline{y}}_{k+1|k} = C \underline{x}_{k+1} + H \underline{v}_{k+1} - C \hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k}$$

Likewise, define state estimation error:  $\tilde{x}_{k+1|k}$

$$\tilde{x}_{k+1|k} := x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k}$$

Then from prev. page bottom,

$$\tilde{y}_{k+1|k} = C \tilde{x}_{k+1|k} + H v_{-k+1} \quad \dots (*)$$

$$\therefore \sum \tilde{y}_{k+1|k}, \tilde{y}_{k+1,k} = C \Sigma_{k+1|k} C^T + H R H^T$$

Now,

$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1} = E[x_{k+1} | y^{k+1}]$$

$$= E[x_{k+1} | y^k, \tilde{y}_{k+1|k}]$$

$$= \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + \sum_{x_{-k+1}, \tilde{y}_{k+1,k}} \dots$$

This is like  $E[a|b]$  when  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  is joint Gaussian

$$\left( y_{-k+1} - C \hat{x}_{-k+1|k} \right) \sum \tilde{y}_{k+1|k}, \tilde{y}_{k+1,k}^{-1}$$



$$= \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + \underbrace{\sum_{x_{k+1|k}}}_{\text{is}} \left( e \Sigma_{k+1|k} e^T + H R H^T \right)^{-1} \left( \underline{y}_{k+1} - e \hat{x}_{k+1|k} \right)$$

Now,

$$\sum_{x_{k+1|k}} \underline{y}_{k+1|k} = \mathbb{E} \left[ \underline{x}_{k+1|k} \left( e \underline{x}_{k+1|k} + H v_{k+1} \right)^T \right]$$

(from \*)

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + \underline{x}_{k+1|k} \right) \left( e \underline{x}_{k+1|k} + H v_{k+1} \right)^T \right]$$

$$= \sum_{k+1|k} e^T$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1} = \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + \sum_{k+1|k} e^T \left( e \Sigma_{k+1|k} e^T + H R H^T \right)^{-1} \left( \underline{y}_{k+1} - e \hat{x}_{k+1|k} \right)$$

Likewise,

$$\sum_{k+1|k+1} = \sum_{k+1|k} - \sum_{k+1|k} \mathbf{e}^T \left( \mathbf{e} \Sigma_{k+1|k} \mathbf{e}^T + \mathbf{H} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{H}^T \right)^{-1} \mathbf{e} \Sigma_{k+1|k}$$

## Kalman Filter (in discrete time)

System:  $\underline{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{A} \underline{x}_k + \mathbf{B} \underline{u}_k + \mathbf{G} \underline{w}_k, \quad \underline{x}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\underline{x}}_0, \Sigma_0)$

$$\underline{y}_k = \mathbf{C} \underline{x}_k + \mathbf{H} \underline{v}_k$$

$$\underline{w}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}), \quad \underline{v}_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{R}); \quad \Sigma_0, \mathbf{Q} \succcurlyeq 0, \quad \mathbf{R} \succcurlyeq 0$$

Kalman filter:

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{A} \hat{\underline{x}}_{k|k} + \mathbf{B} \underline{u}_k, \quad \hat{\underline{x}}_{0|-1} = \bar{\underline{x}}_0$$

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k+1} = \hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k} + \sum_{k+1|k} \mathbf{e}^T \left( \mathbf{e} \Sigma_{k+1|k} \mathbf{e}^T + \mathbf{H} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{H}^T \right)^{-1} \left( \underline{y}_{k+1} - \mathbf{C} \hat{\underline{x}}_{k+1|k} \right)$$

$$\Sigma_{k+1|k} = A \Sigma_{k|k} A^T + Q Q Q^T, \quad \Sigma_{0|-1} = \Sigma_0$$

$$\Sigma_{k+1|k+1} = \Sigma_{k+1|k} - \Sigma_{k+1|k} C^T (C \Sigma_{k+1|k} C^T - H R H^T)^{-1} C \Sigma_{k+1|k}$$

This completes the Kalman filter.

② Combining time & Measurement updates:

$$p(\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1} | \hat{x}_{k|k}, u_k^s)$$

$$= \mathcal{N}(A \hat{x}_{k|k} + B u_k^s, \underbrace{\Sigma_{k+1|k} - \Sigma_{k+1|k+1}}_{\equiv: \Delta_{k+1}})$$

# Linear Gaussian System with Quadratic Cost:

(LQG Problem)

$$\min \mathbb{E} \left[ \underline{x}_N^T P_N \underline{x}_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( \underline{x}_k^T P_k \underline{x}_k + \underline{u}_k^T T_k \underline{u}_k \right) \right]$$

DP eqn.: (Backward Recursion)  $\left. \begin{array}{l} P_k \succeq 0 \forall k \\ T_k > 0 \end{array} \right\}$

$$V_N(\hat{\underline{x}}) = \hat{\underline{x}}^T P_N \hat{\underline{x}} + \text{tr}(P_N \Sigma_{N|N})$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\underline{x}_N^T P_N \underline{x}_N | y_N]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\underline{x}_N^T P_N \underline{x}_N | \underline{x}_N \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{\underline{x}}_{N|N}, \Sigma_{N|N})]$$

$$V_k(\hat{\underline{x}}) = \min_{\underline{u} \in \mathcal{U}} \left[ \hat{\underline{x}}^T P_k \hat{\underline{x}} + \text{tr}(P_k \Sigma_{k|k}) \right]$$

$$+ \underline{u}^T T_k \underline{u} + \mathbb{E} \left[ V_{k+1}(\hat{\underline{z}}) \mid \hat{\underline{z}} \sim \mathcal{N}(A \hat{\underline{x}} + B \underline{u}, \Delta_{k+1}) \right]$$

Claim: The Value  $f_k^*$  in DP recursion has the form:

$$V_k(\hat{x}) = \hat{x}^T S_k \hat{x} + g_k$$

Proof: Clearly, (Backward Induction)  
true for  $k=N$ .

Assume, it's true for  $(k+1)^{th}$  stage.

Let's prove it's still true for  $k^{th}$  stage.

Digression:  $(*) = \min_u [u^T J u + u^T K x + x^T K^T u]$ ,  $J \succ 0$ .

one way

another way

Differentiate, and equate to zero

$$u = -J^{-1} K x \leftarrow \text{opt min}$$
$$\Rightarrow \therefore \text{min value} = -x^T K^T J^{-1} x$$

Completion of squares, next.

$$(*) = \min_u \left[ \underbrace{(u + J^{-1}Kx)^T J (u + J^{-1}Kx)}_{-x^T K^T J^{-1} x} \right]$$

$$\therefore \text{argmin} = -J^{-1}Kx$$

$$\therefore \text{min. value} = -x^T K^T J^{-1} x$$


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Back to proof:

$$V_k(\underline{\hat{x}}) = \min_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \left[ \underline{\hat{x}}^T P_k \underline{\hat{x}} + \text{tr}(P_k \Sigma_{k|k}) + \right. \\ \left. u^T T_k u + (A \underline{\hat{x}} + B u)^T S_{k+1} \right. \\ \left. (A \underline{\hat{x}} + B u) + \right. \\ \left. \text{tr}(S_{k+1} \Delta_{k+1}) + S_{k+1} \right]$$

(contd.)

$$= \min_u \left[ u^T (T_k + B^T S_{k+1} B) u + \right.$$

$$u^T B^T S_{k+1} A \hat{x} + \hat{x}^T A^T S_{k+1} B u$$

$$+ \hat{x}^T P_k \hat{x} + \hat{x}^T A^T S_{k+1} A \hat{x} +$$

$$\left. \text{tr} (P_k \Sigma_{k|k}) + \text{tr} (S_{k+1} \Delta_{k+1}) + \delta_{k+1} \right]$$

(Extract quadratic form visually)

$$= - \hat{x}^T A^T S_{k+1} B (T_k + B^T S_{k+1} B)^{-1} B^T S_{k+1} A \hat{x}$$

$$+ \hat{x}^T P_k \hat{x} + \hat{x}^T A^T S_{k+1} A \hat{x}$$

$$+ \text{tr} (P_k \Sigma_{k|k}) + \text{tr} (S_{k+1} \Delta_{k+1}) + \delta_{k+1}$$

Then,

$$V_k(\hat{\underline{x}}) = \hat{\underline{x}}^T S_k \hat{\underline{x}} + \delta_k, \text{ where}$$

$$S_k = -A^T S_{k+1} B (T_k + B^T S_{k+1} B)^{-1} B^T S_{k+1} A \\ + P_k + A^T S_{k+1} A$$

$$\delta_k = \text{tr}(P \Sigma_{k|k}) + \text{tr}(S_{k+1} \Delta_{k+1}) + \delta_{k+1}$$

Brdy cond<sup>n</sup>

$$S_N = P_N$$

$$\delta_N = \text{tr}(P_N \Sigma_{N|N}).$$



∴ Optimal Control:

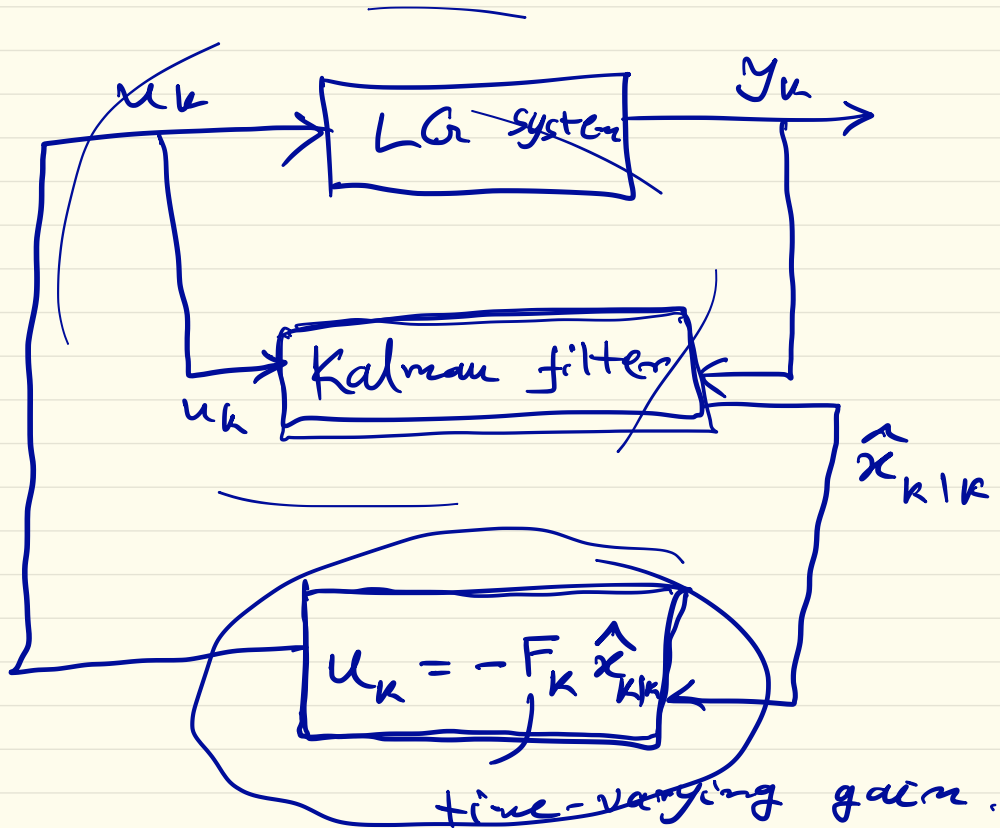
$$\underline{u}_k(\hat{x}_{k|k}) = - \underbrace{\left( T_k + B^T S_{k+1} B \right)^{-1} B^T S_{k+1} A}_{F_k} \hat{x}_{k|k}$$

linear feedback with  
time-varying gain.

∴ feedback gain is deterministic

(∴ can be pre-computed offline &  
stored as a look-up table)

architecture :



Observation:

$F_k$  depends on cost  $f^*$  matrices  $P_i, T_i$ ,  
and system matrices  $A, B$

$$(i.e.) F = f^*(A, B, P, T)$$

But does not depend on  $\underline{Q}, \underline{R}, \underline{\Sigma}_0, \underline{\Sigma}_{k|k},$   
 $\underline{H}, \underline{G}$ .

$\therefore$  Feedback gain remains invariant  
if we set  $\underline{Q}, \underline{R}, \underline{\Sigma}_0, \underline{\Sigma}_{k|k}, \underline{H}, \underline{G} \equiv 0$

(i.e.) feedback gain is same as that of  
the deterministic LQ problem.

$$(i.e.) \quad x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$
$$\min \left[ x_N^T P_N x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (x_k^T P_k x_k + u_k^T T_k u_k) \right]$$

This property is called "Certainty Equivalence Principle".

Then what does the noise do: It drives the cost.

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Partially Observed Systems:

① General result: Separated Policy  
$$u_k^* = \delta_k^* (p_{k|k})$$

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② Linear-Gaussian with General Cost:  
$$u_k^* = \delta_k^* (\hat{x}_{k|k})$$
 (still separated, but much easier to implement)

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③ Linear-Gaussian with Quadratic Cost:  
separation principle + certainty equivalence

(i.e.)

①

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$$

$$y_k = x_k$$

②

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k$$

$$y_k = x_k$$

completely observed linear deterministic

completely observed linear stochastic

③

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + w_k$$

$$y_k = Cx_k + Hv_k$$

Partially observed linear stochastic

Above ①, ②, ③ has same  $u^*(\cdot)$

in ① :  $u_k^* = -F_k x_k$  (LQR)

in ② :  $u_k^* = -F_k x_k$  (LQR + process noise)

$$\text{in } \textcircled{3}: u_k^* = -F_k \hat{x}_{k|k} (LQ\Omega).$$

Linear Non-Gaussian Systems:

$$\mathbb{E} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \bar{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{xx} & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{yx} & \Sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \hat{x} := \bar{x} + \Sigma_{xy} \Sigma_{yy}^{-1} (y - \bar{y})$$

$$\tilde{x} := x - \hat{x}$$

Then  $\tilde{x}$  &  $y$  are uncorrelated.

Claim: Let  $F_y$  be any linear estimate of  $x$ , based on  $y$ .

Minimum Mean Square Error

Then the best (in MMSE sense) linear estimate is  $\hat{x} = \bar{x} + \Sigma_{xy} \Sigma_{yy}^{-1} (y - \bar{y})$

Proof:  $\sum (x - F_y)(x - F_y)$

$\stackrel{(\because \text{uncorrelated, just showed})}{=} \sum (x - \hat{x} + \hat{x} - F_y)(x - \hat{x} + \hat{x} - F_y)$

$= \sum (x - \hat{x})(x - \hat{x}) + \sum (\hat{x} - F_y)(\hat{x} - F_y)$

$\Rightarrow \sum (x - \hat{x})(x - \hat{x})$

∴ Kalman Filter is the best linear estimator even for non-Gaussian.

## Dynamic Programming in Continuous Time

Deterministic DP: Setting:  $u = \gamma(t, \underline{x})$

min  $\underbrace{J}_{\text{cost function}}$

$$\underline{\gamma}(t, \underline{x}) \in \Gamma$$

$$\text{s.t. } \underline{\dot{x}} = \underline{f}(t, \underline{x}, \underline{u})$$

Deterministic  
controlled dynamics

$$\underline{x} \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \underline{u} \in \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$J = \underbrace{\phi(\underline{x}(T))}_{\text{terminal cost}} +$$

$$\int_0^T \underbrace{L(t, \underline{x}, \underline{u})}_{\text{Lagrangian}} dt$$



Define: Value  $f^*$  in continuous time:

$$V(t, \underline{x}) := \inf_{\substack{\gamma(s, \underline{x}) \in \Gamma \\ t \leq s \leq T}} J \quad \Bigg| \quad V(T, \underline{x}) = \phi(\underline{x}(T), T)$$

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Wanted: Dynamic Programming Equation  
for the dependent variable  $V$ ,  
function

indep. variables:  $(t, \underline{x}) \in (0, T] \times \mathcal{X}$

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Principle of Optimality in Continuous Time:

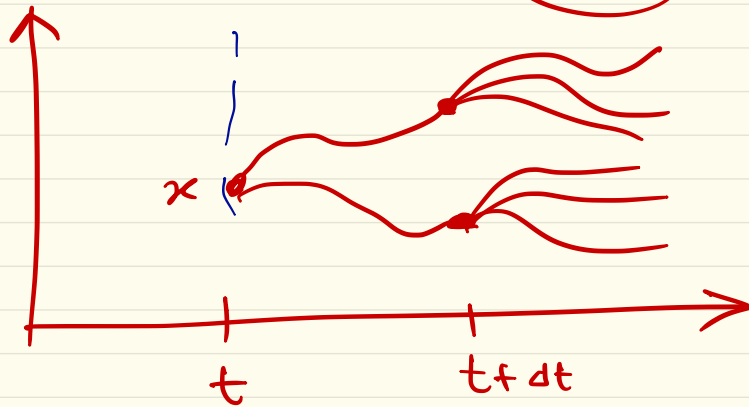
For every  $(t, \underline{x}) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{X}$  and  
every  $\Delta t \in (0, T-t]$ , the value function  
 $V(t, \underline{x})$  satisfies:

$$V(t, \underline{x}) = \inf_{u(s)} \left\{ \left( \int_t^{t+\Delta t} L(s, \underline{x}, u) ds \right) + V(t+\Delta t, \underline{x}(t+\Delta t)) \right\}$$

$t \leq s \leq t + \Delta t$

$$V(T, \underline{x}) = \phi(T, \underline{x}(T)).$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{x}(t) = \underline{x}, u(s) = u, \\ t \leq s \leq t + \Delta t \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (RHS)}$



Formal proof:

$$V(t, \underline{x}) \leq \text{RHS}$$

$$V(t, \underline{x}) \geq \text{RHS}$$

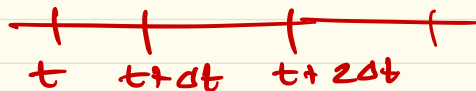
Earlier, the principle of optimality  $\rightarrow$  DP recursion  
(in discrete time)

Now, " " " "  $\rightarrow$  HJB PDE  
(in continuous time)

(Hamilton - Jacobi -  
Bellman)

Idea of deriving the HJB PDE:

To discretize time



Then

$$x(t+\Delta t) = x + f(t, x, u(t)) \Delta t + o(\Delta t)$$

where  $x(t) = x$

Then

$$V(t+\Delta t, x(t+\Delta t))$$

$$= V(t, x) + \frac{\partial V(t, x)}{\partial t} \Delta t + \left\langle \frac{\partial V(t, x)}{\partial x}, f(t, x, u) \right\rangle \Delta t$$

--- (x\*)

+ o( $\Delta t$ )

Assumption:  $V$  is  $C^1(x)$

Also,  $\int_t^{t+\Delta t} L(s, x, u) ds = L(t, x, u) \Delta t + o(\Delta t)$  --- (\$)

Substitute ~~(\*)~~ & (\$) in ~~(\*)~~ :

$V(t, x)$  =  $\inf_{u(s) \in U} \left\{ \int_t^{t+\Delta t} L(s, x, u) ds + \boxed{V(t, x)} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}(t, x) \Delta t + \dots \right\}$

does not depend on  $u$   $\left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}(t, x), f(t, x, u) \Delta t \right\rangle + o(\Delta t)$

$\Downarrow$   
pull it out & cancel with the one in LHS

$\Rightarrow 0 = \inf_{u \in U} \left\{ \int_t^{t+\Delta t} L(s, x, u) ds + \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \right) \Delta t + \left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}, f(t, x, u) \Delta t \right\rangle + o(\Delta t) \right\}$

∴ Dividing by  $\Delta t$ , and letting  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ ,  
 we have  $\frac{o(\Delta t)}{\Delta t} \rightarrow 0$ .

⇓  
 Pull out  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$  (since it does not depend on "u")

⇓

$$-\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \left\{ L(t, \underline{x}, \underline{u}) + \left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{x}}, f(t, \underline{x}, \underline{u}) \right\rangle \right\}$$

Since  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ ,  
 this becomes  
 a pointwise minimization

$$\forall t \in [0, T]$$

$$\forall \underline{x} \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

Terminal Condition

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + (\text{copy}) = 0$$

$$V(T, \underline{x}(T)) = \phi(T, \underline{x}(T))$$

$H^*$  (minimized Hamiltonian)

Recall that  $H := L + \lambda^T f$ , i.e.,  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{x}}$  plays the role of  $\lambda$  (costate)