Advanced Control Systems Engineering I: Optimal Control

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- nonlinear dynamical systems and linear approximations
- dynamic programming
- the principle of optimality
- optimal control of finite state systems
- optimal control of discrete-time systems
- optimal control of continuous-time systems
- optimal control of linear systems
- decentralized optimal control
 - decentralization and integration via mechanism design

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optimal control problem



$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{16}\} \qquad u(t) \in U = \{u_u, u_d\}$$
$$t \in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$$

$$\inf_{u(\cdot)} J(0, x_1; u(\cdot)) = \inf_{u(\cdot)} \sum_{\tau=0}^{6} \ell(x(\tau), u(\tau))$$

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minimum-cost path problem

multistage decision process

optimal control problem



define $V: X \to \mathbb{R}$:

| $V(x_1) = 40$ | $V(x_5) = 29$ | $V(x_9) = 21$ | $V(x_{13}) = 20$ |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| $V(x_2) = 35$ | $V(x_6) = 31$ | $V(x_{10}) = 27$ | $V(x_{14}) = 10$ |
| $V(x_3) = 36$ | $V(x_7) = 25$ | $V(x_{11}) = 18$ | $V(x_{15}) = 11$ |
| $V(x_4) = 29$ | $V(x_8) = 23$ | $V(x_{12}) = 16$ | $V(x_{16}) = 0$ |

 $V(x_i)$ provides the optimal cost starting from x_i V: cost-to-go

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$$\frac{\phi(x_i, u_j) \| u_1 \ u_2 \ \cdots \ u_m}{x_1 \ x_2 \ x_2 \ x_8 \ \cdots \ x_n}$$
$$\vdots$$
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$$x_n \| x_5 \ x_{n-7} \ \cdots \ x_2$$

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| $\ell(x_i, u_j)$ | $ $ u_1 | u_2 | ••• | u_m | | $\ell_{\rm f}(x_i)$ |
|------------------|-----------|-------|-----|-------|-------|---------------------|
| x_1 | 3 | 2 | ••• | -1 | x_1 | 3 |
| x_2 | 2 | -2 | ••• | 6 | x_2 | 2 |
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| x_n | -1 | 5 | | 1.2 | x_n | -1 |

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| $\phi: \ X \times \ U \to X$ | $x(t+1) = \phi(x(t), u(t))$ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\ell:\ X\times\ U\to\mathbb{R}$ | $\ell(x(t),u(t))$ |
| $\ell_{\mathrm{f}}: X \to \mathbb{R}$ | $\ell_{ m f}(x(t_{ m f}))$ |

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(naive) computational complexities

• # of possible paths: 20 DP had to find only: 15

| n 	imes n | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-----------------|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| # of paths | 20 | 70 | 252 | 724 | 2632 |
| DP computations | 15 | 24 | 35 | 48 | 63 |

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computing the cost-to-go $V(t_0, x_0)$ from the initial state x_0 at the initial time t_0 essentially amounts to minimize the cost $J(t_0, x_0; u(\cdot))$

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|------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| x_1 | x_3 | x_1 | x_5 | x_1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | x_1 | 1 | x_1 | | | |
| x_2 | x_4 | x_3 | x_2 | x_2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | x_2 | 2 | x_2 | | | |
| x_3 | x_2 | x_5 | x_4 | x_3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | x_3 | 3 | x_3 | | | |
| x_4 | x_1 | x_2 | x_1 | x_4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | x_4 | 4 | x_4 | | | |
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state feedback implementation

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State feedback control:

$$u(t) = u(x(t)) = \arg\min_{u \in U} \{ \underbrace{\ell(x(t), u) + V(t+1, \phi(x(t), u))}_{\bullet} \}$$

computed using the measured state x(t)

$$x(t+1) = \phi(x(t), u(t))$$
 $x(t_0) = x_0 \in X$

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