Advanced Control Systems Engineering I:
Optimal Control

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## finite state systems

optimal control problem

minimum-cost path problem

- multistage decision process


## finite state systems

optimal control problem

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

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
V\left(x_{1}\right)=40 & V\left(x_{5}\right)=29 & V\left(x_{9}\right)=21 & V\left(x_{13}\right)=20 \\
V\left(x_{2}\right)=35 & V\left(x_{6}\right)=31 & V\left(x_{10}\right)=27 & V\left(x_{14}\right)=10 \\
V\left(x_{3}\right)=36 & V\left(x_{7}\right)=25 & V\left(x_{11}\right)=18 & V\left(x_{15}\right)=11 \\
V\left(x_{4}\right)=29 & V\left(x_{8}\right)=23 & V\left(x_{12}\right)=16 & V\left(x_{16}\right)=0
\end{array}
$$

$V\left(x_{i}\right)$ provides the optimal cost starting from $x_{i}$
$V$ : cost-to-go

## finite state systems

optimal control problem

$$
\left.\left.\begin{array}{c}
x(t) \in X=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right\} \quad u(t) \\
\in U=\left\{u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{m}\right\} \\
t
\end{array}\right)\left\{t_{0}, t_{0}+1, \ldots, t_{\mathrm{f}}\right\}\right\}
$$

## finite state systems

optimal control problem

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& t \in\left\{t_{0}, t_{0}+1, \ldots, t_{\mathrm{f}}\right\} \\
& J\left(t_{0}, x_{0} ; u(\cdot)\right)=\sum_{\tau=t_{0}}^{t_{\mathrm{f}}-1} \ell(x(\tau), u(\tau))+\ell_{\mathrm{f}}\left(x\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right)\right) \\
& \inf _{u(\cdot)} J\left(t_{0}, x_{0} ; u(\cdot)\right) \\
& \begin{array}{c||cccc}
\phi\left(x_{i}, u_{j}\right) & u_{1} & u_{2} & \cdots & u_{m} \\
\hline \hline x_{1} & x_{3} & x_{n-2} & \cdots & x_{1} \\
x_{2} & x_{2} & x_{8} & \cdots & x_{n} \\
\vdots & & & & \\
x_{n} & x_{5} & x_{n-7} & \cdots & x_{2}
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
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## finite state systems

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& \begin{array}{c||cccc}
\ell\left(x_{i}, u_{j}\right) & u_{1} & u_{2} & \cdots & u_{m} \\
\hline \hline x_{1} & 3 & 2 & \cdots & -1 \\
x_{2} & 2 & -2 & \cdots & 6 \\
\vdots & & & & \\
x_{n} & -1 & 5 & \cdots & 1.2
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
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\begin{array}{ll}
\phi: X \times U \rightarrow X & x(t+1)=\phi(x(t), u(t)) \\
\ell: X \times U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} & \ell(x(t), u(t)) \\
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u(\tau) \in U \\
\tau \in T \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
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## finite state systems

optimal control problem

(naive) computational complexities

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

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

## computational complexity

finite state systems

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brute force search:

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brute force search:

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O\left(|U|^{|T|} \times|T| \times|X|\right)
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computing the cost-to-go $V\left(t_{0}, x_{0}\right)$ from the initial state $x_{0}$ at the initial time $t_{0}$ essentially amounts to minimize the cost $J\left(t_{0}, x_{0} ; u(\cdot)\right)$

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| $\phi\left(x_{i}, u_{j}\right)$ | $u_{1}$ | $u_{2}$ | $u_{3}$ | $\ell\left(x_{i}, u_{j}\right)$ | $u_{1}$ | $u_{2}$ | $u_{3}$ |  | $\ell_{\mathrm{f}}\left(x_{i}\right)$ |  | $V\left(1, x_{i}\right)$ | $V\left(2, x_{i}\right)$ | $V\left(3, x_{i}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $x_{1}$ | $x_{3}$ | $x_{1}$ | $x_{5}$ | $x_{1}$ | 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 | $x_{4}$ |  |  |  |
| $x_{5}$ | $x_{5}$ | $x_{4}$ | $x_{3}$ | $x_{5}$ | 5 | 2 | 4 | $x_{5}$ | 5 | $x_{5}$ |  |  |  |

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finite state systems

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\begin{gathered}
J\left(t_{0}, x_{0} ; u(\cdot)\right)=\sum_{\tau=t_{0}}^{t_{\mathrm{f}}-1} \ell(x(\tau), u(\tau))+\ell_{\mathrm{f}}\left(x\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right)\right) \\
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& =
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\end{gathered}
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$$
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V\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}, x\right) & =\inf _{u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right) \in U} J\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}, x ; u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right)\right) \\
& =\inf _{u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right) \in U} \underbrace{\ell_{\mathrm{f}}(x)}_{\begin{array}{c}
\text { independent } \\
\text { of } u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right)
\end{array}}=\ell_{\mathrm{f}}(x)
\end{aligned}
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V: T \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad V(t, x)=\inf _{\substack{u(\tau) \in U \\
\tau \in\left\{t, t+1, \ldots, t_{\mathrm{f}}\right\}}} J(t, x ; u(\cdot))
\end{gathered}
$$

If $t=t_{\mathrm{f}}-1$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
V\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}-1, x\right) & =\inf _{u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}-1\right), u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right) \in U} J\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}-1, x ; u(\cdot)\right) \\
& =
\end{aligned}
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If $t=t_{\mathrm{f}}-1$ :

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& =\inf _{u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}-1\right), u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right) \in U}\{\underbrace{\ell\left(x\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}-1\right), u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}-1\right)\right)}_{\text {independent of } u\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right)}+\underbrace{\ell_{\mathrm{f}}\left(x\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}\right)\right)}_{\begin{array}{c}
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\end{array}}\} \\
& =\inf _{u \in U}\left\{\ell(x, u)+V\left(t_{\mathrm{f}}, \phi(x, u)\right)\right\}
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& V(t, x)=\inf _{u(\tau) \in U} J(t, x ; u(\cdot)) \\
&=\inf _{u \in U}\left\{\ell\left(t+1, \ldots, t_{f}\right\}\right. \\
&\{\ell, u)+V(t+1, \phi(x, u))\}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Bellman equation

finite state systems

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