

Advanced Control Systems Engineering I:

Optimal Control

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continuous-time systems

optimal control problem

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the cost-to-go

continuous-time systems

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define the cost-to-go

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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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For $t < t_f$, let us pick some small positive constant δt so that $t + \delta t$ is still smaller than t_f :

$$\begin{aligned} V(t, x) &= \inf_{\substack{u(\tau) \\ \tau \in [t, t_f]}} J(t, x; u(\cdot)) \\ &= \inf_{\substack{u(\tau) \\ \tau \in [t, t+\delta t]}} \left\{ \int_t^{t+\delta t} \ell(x(\tau), u(\tau)) d\tau + V(t + \delta t, x(t + \delta t)) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

This represents the principle of optimality

Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation

continuous-time systems

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state feedback implementation

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example

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$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}(x) = 4 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{3/4} x^3$$

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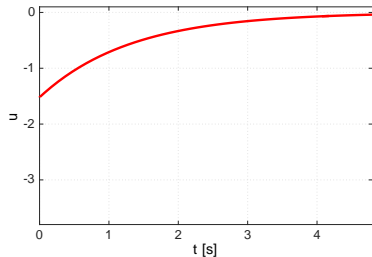
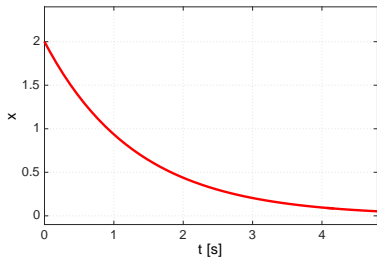
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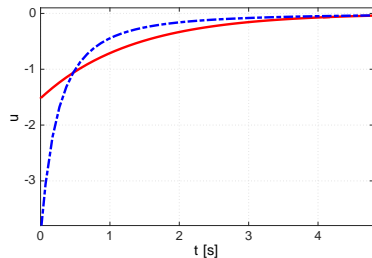
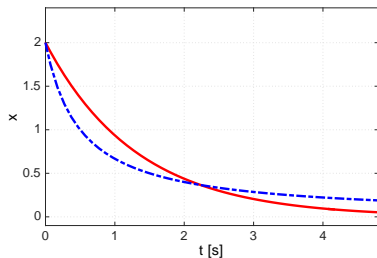
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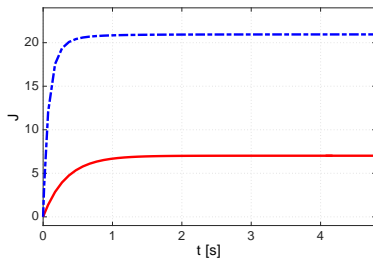
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example 02

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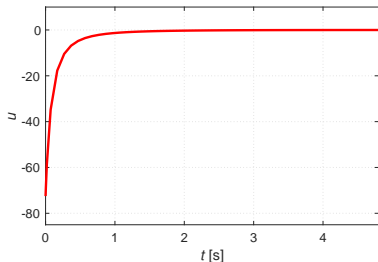
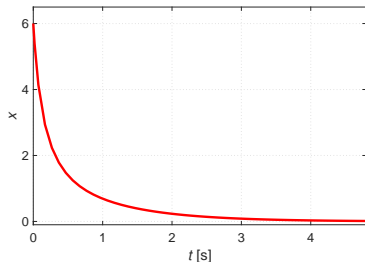
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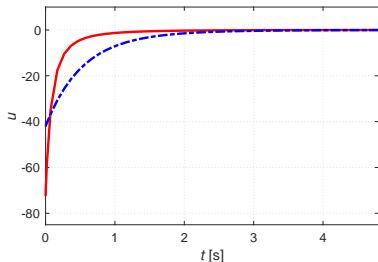
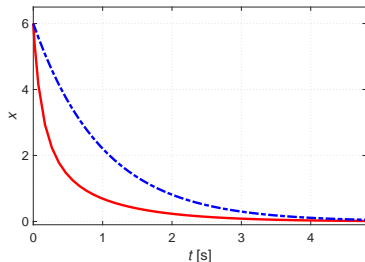
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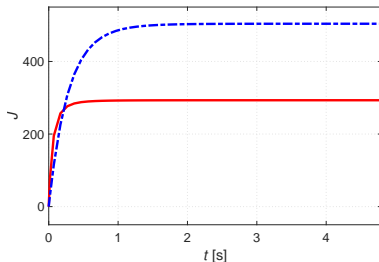
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