

## 5.4. MINIMUM-TIME PROBLEMS

$$\dot{x} = a(x, u, t)$$

$$|u_i(t)| \leq 1, \quad t \in [t_0, t^*]$$

$$J(u) = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} dt = t_f - t_0$$

The objective is to transfer a system from an arbitrary initial state to a specified target set in minimum time.

can we do it?

see:

(Ex. 5.4-1)

Logic

- 1) The optimal control (if it exists) is maximum effort during the entire time interval, that is  $|u(t)| = 1$
- 2) For certain values of the initial conditions the optimal control does not exist

REACHABLE STATES from  $x(t_0) = x_0$  and for  $[t_0, t]$

collection of all values  $x(t)$ , with  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , is called the set of reachable states at  $t$ .

It depends on  $x_0, t_0$  and  $t$ .

Notation  $R(t)$

(Ex. 5.4-2)

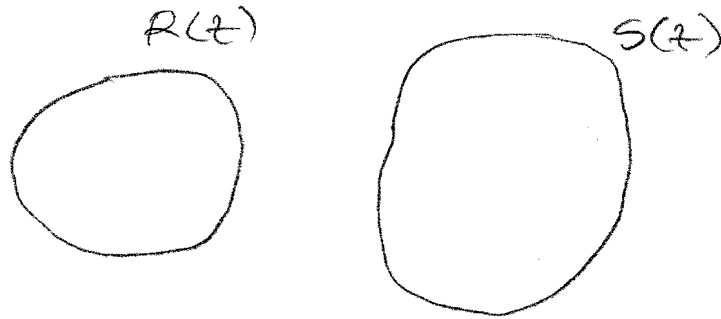
$$\dot{x} = u \quad -1 \leq u(t) \leq +1$$

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t u(\tau) d\tau$$

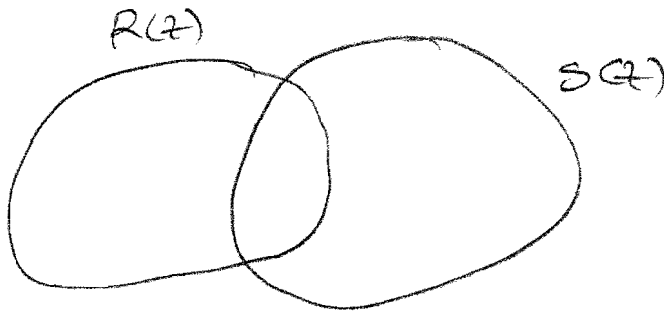
⇒

$$x_0 - (t - t_0) \leq x(t) \leq x_0 + (t - t_0)$$

$$R(t) = [x_0 - (t - t_0), x_0 + (t - t_0)]$$

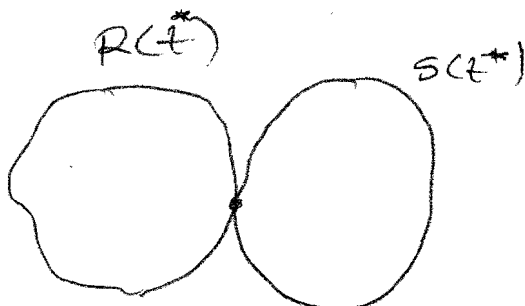


⇒ time-optimal control does not exist



⇒ time-optimal control exists

$R(t)$  and  $S(t)$  must have at least one point in common.



! { General theorems for the existence of the solution are not available

solution at the earliest time  $t^*$  when  $S(t)$  and  $R(t)$  meet

The Form of the Optimal Control for a Class of  
 - Minimum-Time Problems

$$\dot{x} = a(x, t) + B(x, t) u(t)$$

$$M_{i-} \leq u_i \leq M_{i+}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad t \in [t_0, t^*]$$

The Hamiltonian is

$$H(x, u, p) = 1 + p^T (a(x, t) + B(x, t) u(t))$$

From the minimum principle it is necessary that

$$1 + p^{*T} (a(x^*, t) + B(x^*, t) u^*) \leq 1 + p^{*T} [a(x^*(t), t) + B(x^*(t), t) u(t)]$$

or

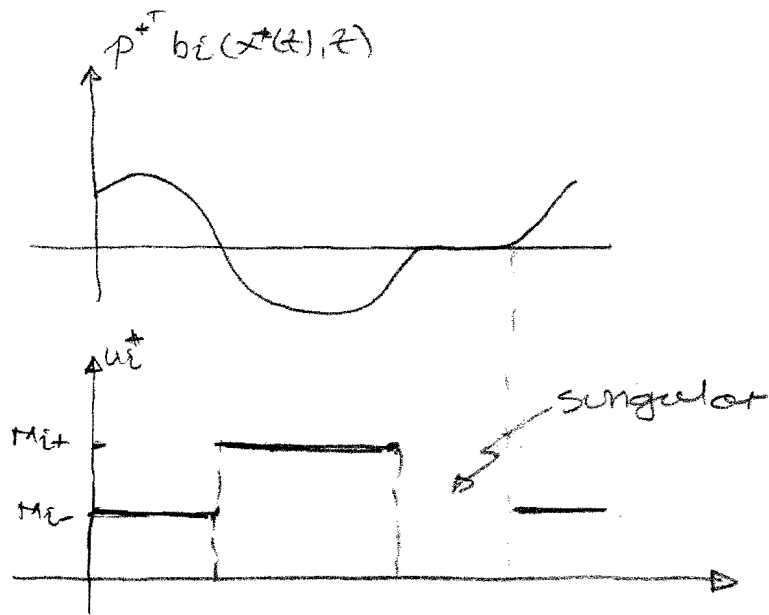
$$p^{*T} B(x^*(t), t) u^* \leq p^{*T} B(x^*(t), t) u(t)$$

$$B = [b_1 | b_2 | \dots | b_m]$$

$$p^{*T} B(x^*, t) u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m p^{*T} b_i(x^*, t) u_i(t)$$

Assuming that the control components are independent of one another we then must minimize  $p^{*T} b_i(x^*) u_i$ .

$$u_i^*(t) = \begin{cases} M_{i+} & \text{for } p^{*T} b_i(x^*(t), t) < 0 \\ M_{i-} & \text{for } p^{*T} b_i(x^*(t), t) > 0 \\ \text{undetermined for } p^{*T} b_i(x^*(t), t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{BANG-BANG} \\ \text{PRINCIPLE} \\ \text{singular condition} \end{array}$$



TIME INVARIANT CONTROL:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad |u_i(t)| < 1, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

Assuming that the system is completely controllable and normal, find a control (if one exists), which transfers the system from an arbitrary initial state  $x_0$  to the final time  $x(t_f) = 0$  in minimum time.

(Pontryagin <sup>et al.</sup> 1962 The Mathematical Theory of Optimal Processes,  $\Rightarrow$ )

EXISTENCE THEOREM: All eigenvalues of  $A$  have non-positive real parts  $\Rightarrow$  time-optimal control exists

UNIQUENESS THEOREM: If an extremal exists, the it is unique

NUMBER OF SWITCHING:

If the eigenvalues of  $A$  are real, and a time optimal control exists, then each control component can switch at most  $(n-1)$  times.

5.24.  $\dot{x} = 2x + u$

$|u(t)| \leq 1$

minimum time problem

$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow$  optimal control might not exist

$H = 1 + p(2x + u)$

$-\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \dot{p} = -p \Rightarrow p = c_1 e^{-t}$

minimum principle

$1 + p_1^*(2x^* + u^*) \leq 1 + p_1^*(2x^* + u)$

$p_1^* u^* \leq p_1^* u$

$u^* = \begin{cases} +1 & p_1^* < 0 \Rightarrow c_1 e^{-t} < 0 \Rightarrow c_1 < 0 \\ -1 & p_1^* > 0 \Rightarrow c_1 e^{-t} > 0 \Rightarrow c_1 > 0 \end{cases}$

$u^* = +1$

$x(t) = x_0 e^{2(t-t_0)} + \int_{t_0}^t e^{2(t-\tau)} d\tau$

$x(t) = 0 = x_0 e^{2(t-t_0)} + e^{2t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{-2\tau} d\tau$

$e^{-2t_0} x_0 = - \int_{t_0}^t e^{-2\tau} d\tau = + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2\tau} \Big|_{t_0}^t \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} < x_0 \leq 0$

$1^\circ t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $t_0 \rightarrow 0$   
 $2^\circ t \rightarrow t_0$

$u^* = -1$

$e^{-2t_0} x_0 = + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-2\tau} d\tau = - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2\tau} \Big|_{t_0}^t \Rightarrow 0 \leq x_0 < \frac{1}{2}$

$2x_0 = -e^{-2t_0} + 1$

$1^\circ t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $t_0 \rightarrow 0$   
 $2^\circ t \rightarrow t_0$

So for  $u^* = -1$  and  $u^* = +1$

$\{-\frac{1}{2} < x_0 < \frac{1}{2}\}$

$e^{-2t} = 1 - 2x_0$   
 $-2t = \ln(1 - 2x_0) \Rightarrow 1 - 2x_0 > 0$   
 $x_0 < \frac{1}{2}$

For these initial states we can reach the origin

$e^{-2t_0} x_0 = \frac{1}{2} (e^{-2t} - e^{-2t_0})$

$2x_0 + 1 > 0$

$x_0 > -\frac{1}{2}$

$2x_0 = e^{-2t} - 1 \Rightarrow -2t = \ln(e^{-2t} - 1) \Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2x_0 + 1)$

b) If  $a_i = \lambda \leq 0$ , then an optimal control exists that transfers any initial state  $x_0$  to the origin if and only if

$$a_i > 0$$

$$\dot{x}_i = a_i x_i + b_i u$$

$$|u(t)| \leq 1.0 \quad b_i \neq 0$$

$$u^*(t) = \pm 1$$

$$x_i(t) = e^{a_i(t-t_0)} x_i^0 + \int_{t_0}^t e^{a_i(t-\tau)} (\pm b_i) d\tau$$

$$0 = e^{a_i(t-t_0)} x_i^0 + e^{a_i t} (\pm b_i) \int_{t_0}^t e^{-a_i \tau} d\tau$$

$$e^{-a_i t} x_i^0 = \mp b_i \int_{t_0}^t e^{-a_i \tau} d\tau$$

$$e^{-a_i t} x_i^0 = \pm \frac{b_i}{a_i} e^{-a_i \tau} \Big|_{t_0}^t = \pm \frac{b_i}{a_i} (e^{-a_i t} - e^{-a_i t_0})$$

$$u^*(t) = +1$$

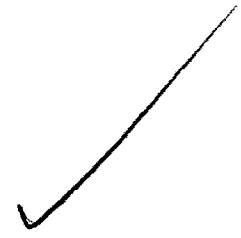
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$$u^*(t) = -1$$

$$e^{-a_i t} x_i^0 = -\frac{b_i}{a_i} (e^{-a_i t} - e^{-a_i t_0})$$

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For  $u^*(t) = +1$  and  $u^*(t) = -1$

$$-\frac{|b_i|}{a_i} < x_i^0 < \frac{|b_i|}{a_i}$$

For these initial states we can reach the origin.

If  $|x_i^0| \geq \frac{|b_i|}{a_i}$  an optimal control doesn't exist.