

Chapter VI

NUMERICAL DETERMINATION OF OPTIMAL TRAJECTORIES

Optimal control leads in general to
 NONLINEAR TPBVP that can not be solved
 analytically.

t_f fixed

$x(t_f)$ free (1) $\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = a(x, u, t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$

(2) $\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -\left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial x}\right)^T p - \frac{\partial g(x, u, t)}{\partial x}, \quad p(t_f) = \frac{\partial R}{\partial x}(x(t_f))$

(3) $0 = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial u}\right)^T p + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \Rightarrow u = f(x, p, t)$

6.2 THE METHOD OF STEEPEST DESCENT

The steepest Descent Algorithm

- 1) select a discrete approximation to the nominal control

$$u^{(0)}(t), \quad t \in [t_0, t_f]$$

- 2) solve (1)

$$\dot{x}^{(i)} = a(x^{(i)}, u^{(i)}, t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- 3) solve (2)

$$\dot{p}^{(i)} = -\left[\frac{\partial a}{\partial x}(x^{(i)}, u^{(i)}, t)\right]^T p^{(i)} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}(x^{(i)}, u^{(i)}, t),$$

with $p(t_f)$ given

- 4) Evaluate

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} H(x^{(i)}, p^{(i)}, u^{(i)}) \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

5) If $\| \frac{\partial H^{(i)}}{\partial u} \| \leq \epsilon$ small positive number stop
otherwise

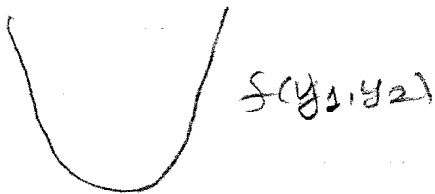
$$u^{(i+1)} = u^{(i)} - \tau \frac{\partial H^{(i)}}{\partial u}$$

$$i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

step size

This is a gradient type technique
We are going to the minimum in the
negative gradient direction.

THEORY:

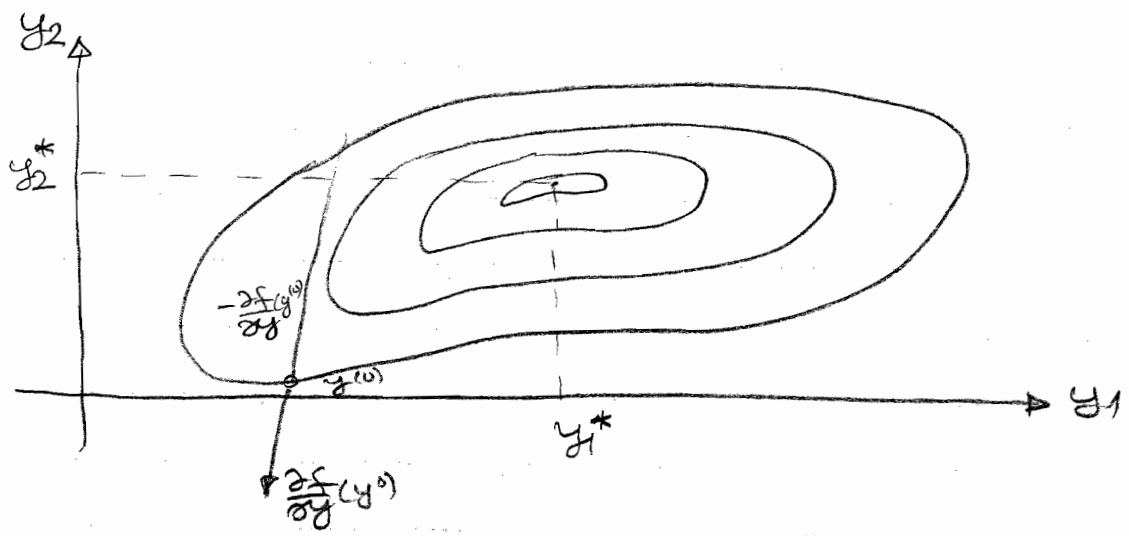


$$df(y_1, y_2) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} \Delta y_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_2} \Delta y_2 = 0$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_2} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \Delta y_1 \\ \Delta y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^T \Delta y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0}$$

at the extreme point
it is necessary that the
gradient is zero



$$y^{(i+1)} = y^{(i)} - \tau \cdot z^{(i)} = y^{(i)} + \Delta y^{(i)}$$

$$z^{(i)} = \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}^{(i)}}{\left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}^{(i)} \right\|}$$

unit vector in the gradient direction

$$\Rightarrow df = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^T \Delta y = -\tau \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\|^2 \leq 0$$

Applied to our problem:

$$\dot{x}^{(i)} = a(x^{(i)}, u^{(i)}, z)$$

$$x^{(i)}(t_0) = x_0$$

$$\dot{p}^{(i)} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x^{(i)}, u^{(i)}, p^{(i)}, z)$$

$$p^{(i)}(t_f) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}(x^{(i)}(t_f))$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u}(x^{(i)}, u^{(i)}, p^{(i)}, z) = 0 \quad \text{for nominal control}$$

If we use notation $\delta x = x^{(i+1)} - x^{(i)}$

$\delta u = u^{(i+1)} - u^{(i)}$, $\delta p = p^{(i+1)} - p^{(i)}$

$$\Rightarrow \delta J_a = \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial u}(x^{(i)}, u^{(i)}, p^{(i)}, z) \right]^T \delta u \cdot dt \quad (5.3-8)$$

We want to make δJ_a negative

$$\delta u = u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)} = -\tau \frac{\partial H^{(k)}}{\partial u}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\delta J_a = -\tau \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left\| \frac{\partial H^{(k)}}{\partial u} \right\|^2 dt \leq 0$$

main issue

δu must be sufficiently small

convergence: the initial guess is not usually crucial.

MAIN FEATURE: Gradient methods are very slow near to minimum because the gradient is very small near a minimum.

(6.3) VARIATION OF EXTREMALS

Motivation:

A First Order Optimal Control Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= a(x(t), u(t), t) & x(t_0) &= x_0, & t_0, t_f \text{ fixed} \\ J &= \int_{t_0}^{t_f} g(x(t), u(t), t) dt \end{aligned}$$

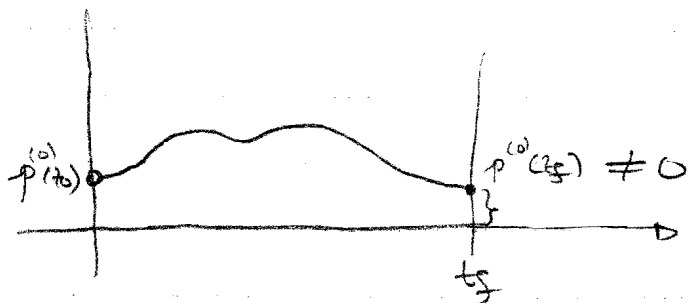
$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 0 \Rightarrow u(t) = \bar{u}(x, p, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= a_f(x(t), p(t), t) & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ \dot{p} &= d(x(t), p(t), t) & p(t_f) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

guess $p^{(0)}(t_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}^{(0)} &= a_1(x(t), p(t), t) \\ \dot{p}^{(0)} &= d(x(t), p(t), t) \end{aligned}$$

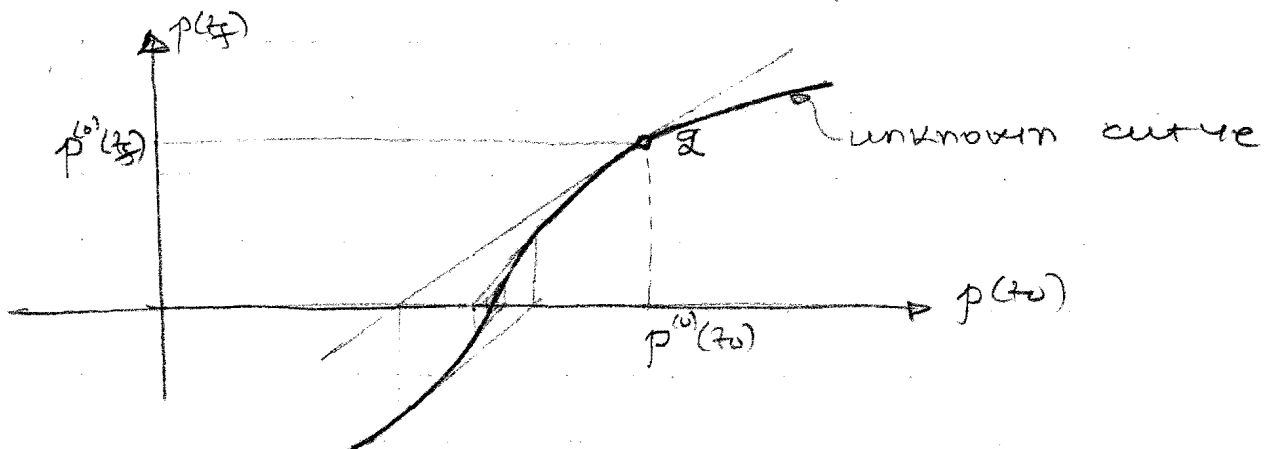
$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ p(t_0) &= \underbrace{p^{(0)}(t_0)}_{\text{guess}} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x^{(0)}(t) \\ p^{(0)}(t) \end{aligned}$$



$p^{(0)}(t_f)$ is a function of $p^{(0)}(t_0)$

but the analytical expression is not known.

Variation of extremals method adjust $p^{(i+1)}(t_0)$ according to $p^{(i)}(t_f)$.



Slope at q is $\frac{dp(t_f)}{dp(t_0)} \Big|_{p^{(0)}(t_0)} \approx \frac{\delta p^{(0)}(t_f)}{\delta p^{(0)}(t_0)} = m$

Tangent

$$p(t_f) = m p(t_0) + b \Rightarrow b = p^{(0)}(t_f) - m p^{(0)}(t_0)$$

$$p(t_f) = m p(t_0) + [p^{(0)}(t_f) - m p^{(0)}(t_0)]$$

need to have $p(t_f) = 0$

$$0 = m p^{(1)}(t_0) + [p^{(0)}(t_f) - m p^{(0)}(t_0)]$$

$$p^{(1)}(t_0) = p^{(0)}(t_0) - (m)^{-1} p^{(0)}(t_f)$$

or

$$p^{(1)}(t_0) = p^{(0)}(t_0) - \left[\frac{dp(t_f)}{dp(t_0)} \right]_{p^{(0)}(t_0)}^{-1} p^{(0)}(t_f)$$

Newton
method

in general

$$p^{(i+1)}(t_0) = p^{(i)}(t_0) - \left[\frac{dp(t_f)}{dp(t_0)} \Big|_{p^{(i)}(t_0)} \right]^{-1} p^{(i)}(t_f)$$

(Ex)

$$\dot{x} = -2x - p + 6$$

$$x(0) = 3$$

$$\dot{p} = 4x + 3p$$

$$p(1) = 0$$

guess $p^{(0)} = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$x^{(0)}(t) = -4e^{-t} - 2e^{2t} + 9$$

$$p^{(0)}(t) = 4e^{-t} + 8e^{2t} - 12$$

perturb $p^{(0)}(0)$ by a small amount $\delta p^{(0)}(0) = 10^{-3}$

\Rightarrow

$$p^{(0)}(t) + \delta p^{(0)}(t) = 4e^{-t} + 8e^{2t} - 12 - \frac{10^{-3}}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{0.004}{3} e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{dp(t_f)}{dp(t_0)} \Big|_{p(t_0)=0} = \frac{-\frac{10^{-3}}{3} e^{-1} + \frac{0.004}{3} e^2}{0.001} = -\frac{1}{3} e^{-1} + \frac{4}{3} e^2$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{(1)}(t_0) = 0 - \left[-\frac{1}{3}e^{-1} + \frac{4}{3}e^2 \right]^{-1} \cdot [4e^{-1} + 8e^2 - 12]$$

$$p^{(1)}(t_0) = -4.993$$

$$\rightarrow x^{(1)}(t) = -0.336e^{2t} - 5.664e^{-t} + 9$$

$$p^{(1)}(t) = 1.342e^{2t} + 5.664e^{-t} - 12$$

EXTENSION FOR SYSTEMS OF $2n$ DIFF. EQS.

$p \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$p^{(1)}(t_0) = p^{(1)}(t_0) - [P_p(p^{(1)}(t_0), t_f)]^{-1} p^{(1)}(t_f)$$

$P_p(p^{(1)}(t_0), t_f)$ costate influence function matrix

$$P_p(p^{(1)}(t_0), t) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial p_1(t)}{\partial p_1(t_0)} & \frac{\partial p_1(t)}{\partial p_2(t_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial p_1(t)}{\partial p_n(t_0)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial p_n(t)}{\partial p_1(t_0)} & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial p_n(t)}{\partial p_n(t_0)} \end{bmatrix}$$

If $R(x(t_f))$ is present

$$p^{(1)}(t_0) = p^{(1)}(t_0) + \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{H}}{\partial x^2}(x(t_f)) \right] P_x(p(t_0), t_f) - P_p(p(t_0), t_f) \right\}^{-1} \cdot [p(t_f) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial x}(x(t_f))]$$

where $P_x(p(t_0), t_f)$ is the state influence matrix

(see Prob. 6.1)

$$P_x(p^{(i)}(t_0), t) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1(t)}{\partial p_1(t_0)} & \frac{\partial x_1(t)}{\partial p_2(t_0)} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_1(t)}{\partial p_n(t_0)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n(t)}{\partial p_1(t_0)} & \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n(t)}{\partial p_n(t_0)} \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{p^{(i)}(t_0)}$$

Also

$$\frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial x^2} = \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (x(t_f)) \right\} \delta x$$

Determination of the Influence Function Matrices

① Using $p(t_0) = p^{(i)}(t_0)$ and $x(t_0) = x_0$ integrate the reduced state and costate equations from t_0 to t_f

② Perturb the first component of the vector $p^{(i)}(t_0)$ by an amount $\delta p_1(t_0)$ and again integrate the reduced state and costate eqs. from t_0 to t_f . The first column of P_p is found from

$$\frac{\partial p(t_f)}{\partial p_1(t_0)} \Big|_{p^{(i)}(t_0)} = \frac{\delta p(t_f)}{\delta p_1(t_0)}$$

similarly

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial p_i(t_0)} \Rightarrow \text{first column in } P_x$$

The equations for the influence matrices:

$$(1) \dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}$$

$$(2) \dot{p} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p(t_0)} (\dot{x}(t)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p(t_0)} \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} (x, p, t) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p(t_0)} (\dot{p}(t)) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p(t_0)} \left[- \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} (x, p, t) \right]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial x}{\partial p(t_0)} \right] = \left[\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p \partial x} (x, p, t) \right] \frac{\partial x}{\partial p(t_0)} + \left[\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p^2} (x, p, t) \right] \frac{\partial p(t)}{\partial p(t_0)}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [P_x(p^{(0)}(t_0), t)] = \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p \partial x} \right)_i P_x(p^{(0)}(t_0), t) + \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial p^2} \right)_i P_p(p^{(0)}(t_0), t)$$

$$P_x(p^{(0)}(t_0), t_0) = 0$$

$$= \frac{\partial x(t_0)}{\partial p(t_0)}$$

Also

$$\frac{d}{dt} [P_p(p^{(0)}(t_0), t)] = - \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2} \right)_i P_x(p^{(0)}(t_0), t) + \left(\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x \partial p} \right)_i P_p(p^{(0)}(t_0), t)$$

$$P_p(p^{(0)}(t_0), t_0) = I$$

$$= \frac{\partial p(t_0)}{\partial p(t_0)}$$

- 1) Divergence may result from a poor initial guess
- 2) Once convergence begins, it is rapid.

6.4 QUASILINEARIZATION

A sequence of linear TPBVP is solved
SOLUTION OF LINEAR TPBVP:

$$(1) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = a_{11}(t)x + a_{12}(t)p(t) + e_1(t) & x(t_0) = x_0 \\ \dot{p} = a_{21}(t)x + a_{22}(t)p(t) + e_2(t) & p(t_f) = p_f \end{cases}$$

First solve (numerically) the homogeneous differential equations

$$(2) \begin{cases} \dot{x}^h = a_{11}(t)x^h + a_{12}(t)p^h \\ \dot{p}^h = a_{21}(t)x^h + a_{22}(t)p^h \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} x^h(t_0) = 0 \\ p^h(t_0) = 1 \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \dot{x}^h \\ \dot{p}^h \end{matrix}} \right\} \begin{matrix} \text{convenient} \\ \text{choice} \end{matrix}$$

with arbitrary initial conditions

Next, find a particular solution of (1) with $x^p(t_0) = x_0$, and $p^p(t_0) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = c_1 x^h(t) + x^p(t) \\ p(t) = c_1 p^h(t) + p^p(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Since } p(t_f) = p_f = c_1 p^h(t_f) + p^p(t_f)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{p_f - p^p(t_f)}{p^h(t_f)}$$

LINEARIZATION OF THE Reduced State-Costate Equations

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 0 \Rightarrow u(t) = f(x(t), p(t), z) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= a(x, p, t) & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ \dot{p} &= d(x, p, t) & p(t_f) &= p_f \end{aligned}$$

By Taylor series

$$\dot{x} = a(x^{(0)}, p^{(0)}, t) + \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} (x - x^{(0)}) + \frac{\partial a}{\partial p} (p - p^{(0)})$$

$$\dot{p} = d(x^{(0)}, p^{(0)}, t) + \frac{\partial d}{\partial x} (x - x^{(0)}) + \frac{\partial d}{\partial p} (p - p^{(0)})$$

$$\dot{x} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial a}{\partial x}}_{a_1(t)} x + \underbrace{\frac{\partial a}{\partial p}}_{a_2(t)} p + \underbrace{\left(a(x^{(0)}, p^{(0)}, t) - \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} x^{(0)} - \frac{\partial a}{\partial p} p^{(0)} \right)}_{e_1(t)}$$

$$\dot{p} = \frac{\partial d}{\partial p} p + \frac{\partial d}{\partial x} x + \underbrace{\left(d(x^{(0)}, p^{(0)}, t) - \frac{\partial d}{\partial x} x^{(0)} - \frac{\partial d}{\partial p} p^{(0)} \right)}_{e_2(t)}$$

Thus,

Step 1. Linearize nonlinear diff eq

Step 2. Solve linear TBPVP

Solve problem by quasilinearization

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= a(x, p, t) & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ \dot{p} &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x, p, t) & p(t_f) &= p_f \end{aligned}$$

Linearization \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} x^{(k+1)} &= a(x^{(k)}, p^{(k)}, t) + \frac{\partial a}{\partial x}(x^{(k)}, p^{(k)}, t)(x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial a}{\partial p}(x^{(k)}, p^{(k)}, t)(p^{(k+1)} - p^{(k)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}^{(k+1)} &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(x^{(k)}, p^{(k)}, t) - \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2}(x^{(k)}, p^{(k)}, t)(x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}) \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x \partial p}(x^{(k)}, p^{(k)}, t)(p^{(k+1)} - p^{(k)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{x}^{(k+1)} &= A_{11}(t)x^{(k+1)} + A_{12}(t)p^{(k+1)} + e_1(t) \\ \dot{p}^{(k+1)} &= A_{21}(t)x^{(k+1)} + A_{22}(t)p^{(k+1)} + e_2(t) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \dot{x}^{(k+1)} \\ \dot{p}^{(k+1)} \end{aligned}} \right\}$$

general n-solutions of homog. sys

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}^h(t) = A_{11}(t)x^h(t) + A_{12}(t)p^h(t), & x^h(t_0) = 0 \\ \dot{p}^h(t) = A_{21}(t)x^h(t) + A_{22}(t)p^h(t), & - \end{cases}$$

with $p^{h_1}(t_0) = [1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]^\top$

$p^{h_2}(t_0) = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0]^\top$

$p^{h_m}(t_0) = [0 \ \dots \ 1]^\top$

$$\Rightarrow x^{H_1}(t), \dots, x^{H_n}(t)$$

next find a particular solution to

$$\dot{x}^P = A_{11}(t)x^P + A_{12}p^P + e_1(t), \quad p^P(t_0) = 0$$

$$\dot{p}^P = A_{21}(t)x^P + A_{22}p^P + e_2(t), \quad x^P(t_0) = x_0$$

The complete solution is in the form

$$x^{(t)} = c_1 x^{H_1} + c_2 x^{H_2} + \dots + c_n x^{H_n} + x^P(t)$$

$$p^{(t)} = c_1 p^{H_1} + c_2 p^{H_2} + \dots + c_n p^{H_n} + p^P(t)$$

$$p_f - p^P(t_f) = [p^{H_1} \quad p^{H_2} \quad \dots \quad p^{H_n}] c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = [p^{H_1} \quad p^{H_2} \quad \dots \quad p^{H_n}]^{-1} (p_f - p^P(t_f))$$

STOP: CF $\| \begin{matrix} x^{(t)} \\ p^{(t)} \end{matrix} - \begin{matrix} x^{(t)} \\ p^{(t)} \end{matrix} \| \leq \delta$ small positive number

FEATURES:

- 1) $x^{(0)}, p^{(0)}$ poor initial guess \Rightarrow divergence
- 2) converge quadratically in the vicinity of the optimum