

ANALYTICAL METHODS OF OPTIMISATION

SOLUTIONS TO EXERCISES

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Exercises 1

$$1. \quad C = 6x^2 + 8y^3 + 3(2x+y-1)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = 12x + 12(2x+y-1) = 12(3x+y-1)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = 24y^2 + 6(2x+y-1).$$

We find $\partial C/\partial x$, $\partial C/\partial y$ vanish at the points $\left(\frac{4}{9}, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} = 36, \quad \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x \partial y} = 12, \quad \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} = 48y + 6.$$

Hence, at the stationary points, the matrix A has values

$$\begin{bmatrix} 36 & 12 \\ 12 & -10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 36 & 12 \\ 12 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

respectively. The eigenvalues of the first matrix satisfy the equation $\alpha^2 - 26\alpha - 504 = 0$ and are accordingly of opposite signs; this stationary point is neither a maximum nor a minimum. The eigenvalues of the second matrix are 12 and 42; this stationary point is accordingly a local minimum.

The value of C at the second stationary point is $11/16$ as stated.

2. Taking the mass of each particle to be unity, we find

$$I = \sum_i (x_i \cos\theta + y_i \sin\theta - p)^2$$

to be their moment of inertia about the line. Using the given notation, this leads to

$$C = I/n = (A + \bar{x}^2)\cos^2\theta + (B + \bar{y}^2)\sin^2\theta + 2(H + \bar{x}\bar{y})\sin\theta\cos\theta - 2p(\bar{x}\cos\theta + \bar{y}\sin\theta) + p^2.$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial p} = 2(p - \bar{x}\cos\theta - \bar{y}\sin\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial \theta} = (B - A + \bar{y}^2 - \bar{x}^2)\sin 2\theta + 2(H + \bar{x}\bar{y})\cos 2\theta + 2p(\bar{x}\sin\theta - \bar{y}\cos\theta)$$

and, hence, for C to be stationary

$$p = \bar{x}\cos\theta + \bar{y}\sin\theta$$

and $\partial C/\partial\theta$ then reduces to

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial\theta} = (B-A)\sin 2\theta + 2H\cos 2\theta$$

requiring that
$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2H}{A-B}.$$

Further
$$\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial p^2} = 2, \quad \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial p \partial \theta} = 2(\bar{x}\sin\theta - \bar{y}\cos\theta),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial \theta^2} &= 2(B-A+\bar{y}^2-\bar{x}^2)\cos 2\theta - 4(H+\bar{x}\bar{y})\sin 2\theta + 2p(\bar{x}\cos\theta + \bar{y}\sin\theta) \\ &= 2(B-A+\bar{y}^2-\bar{x}^2)\cos 2\theta - 4(H+\bar{x}\bar{y})\sin 2\theta + 2(\bar{x}\cos\theta + \bar{y}\sin\theta)^2 \\ &= 2(B-A)\cos 2\theta - 4H\sin 2\theta + 2(\bar{x}\sin\theta - \bar{y}\cos\theta)^2 \end{aligned}$$

for optimal values. The eigenvalues then satisfy the equation

$$\alpha^2 + P\alpha + Q = 0,$$

where
$$P = -2 - 2(B-A)\cos 2\theta + 4H\sin 2\theta - 2(\bar{x}\sin\theta - \bar{y}\cos\theta)^2,$$

$$Q = 4(B-A)\cos 2\theta - 8H\sin 2\theta.$$

We note that $A = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2$; hence $A > 0$. Similarly $B > 0$. H can be positive or negative.

There are 4 cases to consider:

(i) If $A > B$, $H > 0$, then $\tan 2\theta > 0$ and 2θ is an angle in the first or third quadrants. If 2θ is taken in the first quadrant, we find $Q < 0$ and the stationary value cannot be a minimum. Taking 2θ in the third quadrant, we find $Q > 0$, $P < 0$, the eigenvalues are both positive and the stationary value is a minimum..

(ii) If $A > B$, $H < 0$, then $\tan 2\theta < 0$ and 2θ lies in the second or fourth quadrants. Taking 2θ in the second quadrant, we find $Q > 0$, $P < 0$, as required for a minimum.

(iii) If $A < B$, $H > 0$, then $\tan 2\theta < 0$ and 2θ lies in the second or fourth quadrants. Taking 2θ in the fourth quadrant, we find $Q > 0$, $P < 0$, as required for a minimum.

(iv) If $A < B$, $H < 0$, then $\tan 2\theta > 0$ and 2θ lies in the first or third quadrants. Taking 2θ in the first quadrant, we find $Q > 0$, $P < 0$, as required for a minimum.

Having determined 2θ , θ will be arbitrary to the extent of the addition of π . However, if θ is increased by π , then the sign of the optimal value of p is reversed and the optimal straight line remains the same.

3. x_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) satisfy the constraint

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n = G.$$

We need to minimise

$$C = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n.$$

Defining the Hamiltonian

$$H = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n + \lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_n,$$

it is necessary that

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_i} = 1 + \lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1} x_{i+1} \dots x_n = 0.$$

i.e.
$$1 + \frac{\lambda G}{x_i} = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

using the constraint. Thus $x_i = -\lambda G$ and all the x_i are equal. Substituting in the constraint, we find that $\lambda = -G^{1/n-1}$, i.e. λ is a negative constant.

Treating x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} as control variables and x_n as a state variable, it follows from the constraint that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_r} &= -\frac{G}{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{x_r}, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, (n-1), \\ &= -\frac{x_n}{x_r}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (1.3.15), we now find that

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x_r \partial x_s} = \lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_{r-1} x_{r+1} \dots x_{n-1} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_r} - \lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_{s-1} x_{s+1} \dots x_{n-1} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial x_s} - \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_r \partial x_s}$$

where $r, s = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. In case $r \neq s$

$$\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_r \partial x_s} = \lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_{r-1} x_{r+1} \dots x_{s-1} x_{s+1} \dots x_{n-1} = \frac{\lambda G}{x_r x_s}.$$

In case $r = s$

$$\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x_r^2} = 0.$$

Hence, in case $r = s$,

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x_r \partial x_s} = -\frac{\lambda G}{x_r x_s} = -\frac{1}{\lambda G} = P,$$

and, in case $r \neq s$,

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x_r^2} = -\frac{2\lambda G}{x_r^2} = -\frac{2}{\lambda G} = 2P.$$

after putting $x_r = x_s = -\lambda G$. P is a positive constant.

Thus, the second sufficient condition for a minimum is that the quadratic form

$$P(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{n-1})^2 + P(x_1^2 - x_2^2 + \dots - x_{n-1}^2)$$

be positive definite, which it obviously is.

4. The Hamiltonian for the problem is

$$H = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + \lambda(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + \mu(x + y + z).$$

For a stationary value of $x^3 + y^3 + z^3$, we must have

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 2\lambda x + \mu = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 3y^2 + 2\lambda y + \mu = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = 3z^2 + 2\lambda z + \mu = 0$$

Eliminating λ and μ , we find

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x & 1 \\ y^2 & y & 1 \\ z^2 & z & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

or $(x - y)(y - z)(z - x) = 0.$

Thus, $x = y$ or $y = z$ or $z = x.$

If $x = y = z,$ the constraints are incompatible.

If $x = y,$ solving the constraints we find

$$x = y = 0, z = 1 \text{ or } x = y = 2/3, z = -1/3.$$

in the first case, $\lambda = -3/2, \mu = 0,$ and in the second case $\lambda = -1/2, \mu = -2/3.$

Also, in the first case $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 1$ and in the second case $x^3 - y^3 + z^3 = 15/27.$ We shall show the first is a maximum and the second is a minimum.

Treating x as a control variable and y, z as state variables, by differentiating the constraints we find

$$1 + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0, \quad 2x + 2y \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + 2z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0,$$

so that for both sets of stationary values $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -1, \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0,$

(i.3.15) now shows that

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2} = 2(3x - 3y - \lambda).$$

Thus, in the case $x = y = 0, z = 1, \lambda = -3/2,$ we find $\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x^2} = -3$ corresponding to a maximum (value 1).

In the case $x = y = 2/3, z = -1/3, \lambda = -1/2,$ we find $\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x^2} = 7$ corresponding to a minimum (value 15/27).

By permutation of the stationary values of $x, y, z,$ we can identify two other maxima and two other minima.

5. We have $AP^2 = (x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2$

and AP is stationary with respect to variation of (x, y, z) subject to the condition $f(x, y, z) = 0,$ if AP^2 is stationary.

We introduce the Hamiltonian

$$H = (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2 + \lambda f(x, y, z).$$

Then, AP^2 is stationary when

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 2(x-a) + \lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 2(y-b) + \lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = 2(z-c) + \lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 0.$$

For such a point $P(x, y, z)$, we have

$$(x-a):(y-b):(z-c) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} : \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} : \frac{\partial f}{\partial z},$$

so that $\partial f/\partial x, \partial f/\partial y, \partial f/\partial z$ are direction ratios for AP .

If $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - r^2$, we find that

$$(1+\lambda)x = a, \quad (1+\lambda)y = b, \quad (1+\lambda)z = c.$$

Substituting in $f = 0$, we calculate that

$$1+\lambda = \frac{r}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

leading to the result stated.

AP is, of course, a normal from A to the surface.

c. The Hamiltonian for the problem is

$$H = \frac{1}{2} p_x x + \frac{1}{2} q_u u + r_x x + \lambda (x - b_x u)$$

and if C is to be minimised, we must have

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = p_x + r_x + \lambda = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = q_u + r_x - b_x \lambda = 0.$$

Introducing matrices, these conditions can be written

$$Px - Ru - \lambda = 0, \quad \text{..... (i)}$$

$$Qu + R^T x - B^T \lambda = 0, \quad \text{..... (ii)}$$

where P is $M \times M$ (symmetric), Q is $N \times N$ (symmetric), R and B are $M \times N$. The constraints can be written

$$x = Bu + r, \quad \text{..... (iii)}$$

Eliminating x, λ by use of (i) and (iii), we find that the optimal control is

$$u = -(B^T P B + Q + B^T R + R^T B)^{-1} (B^T P + R^T) c$$

(N.B. Missing minus sign!)

Substitution in (iii) now yields

$$x = \left[I - B(B^T P B + Q + B^T R + R^T B)^{-1} (B^T P + R^T) \right] c$$

and then (i) gives

$$\lambda = \left[-P - (PB - R)(B^T P B + Q + B^T R + R^T B)^{-1} (B^T P + R^T) \right] c \quad \dots (iv)$$

Since, from the constraints, $\hat{c}x + \hat{c}u = b$, (1.3.15) leads to

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} = b_{ix} b_{jx} p_{ij} + b_{iu} b_{ju} - b_{ix} b_{ju} - q_{ij}$$

we have in matrix form

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \xi_i \xi_j = \xi^T (B^T P B + Q + B^T R + R^T B) \xi$$

which is a positive definite quadratic form, indicating that C is minimised.

Thus, using equations (i) - (iii),

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\min} &= \frac{1}{2} x^T P x + \frac{1}{2} u^T Q u + x^T R u \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} x^T (R u - \lambda) + \frac{1}{2} u^T (B^T \lambda - R^T x) + x^T R u \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} (x^T - u^T B^T) \lambda + \frac{1}{2} x^T R u - \frac{1}{2} u^T R^T x = -\frac{1}{2} (x - B u)^T \lambda \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} c^T \lambda \end{aligned}$$

since $x^T R u = (x^T R u)^T = u^T R^T x$. Finally, substituting for λ from (iv), we obtain

$$C_{\min} = \frac{1}{2} c^T \left[P - (PB - R)(B^T P B + Q + B^T R + R^T B)^{-1} (B^T P + R^T) \right] c.$$

(N.B. Omitted minus sign!)

At the point $(2/3, 2/3, -1/3)$ where $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = \frac{15}{27}$, the Lagrange multipliers have been shown to assume the values $\lambda = -1/2$, $\mu = -2/3$. Both these values are negative, so it follows that this point remains a minimum when the constraints are replaced by the inequalities

$$x + y + z \leq 1, \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq 1.$$

Similar for the other two minima.

If we are to maximise $x^3 + y^3 + z^3$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$ we first replace the constraint by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and define the Hamiltonian

$$H = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - \lambda(x^2 + y^2 + z^2).$$

Conditions for a stationary value are

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 3x^2 + 2\lambda x = 0, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 3y^2 + 2\lambda y = 0, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = 3z^2 + 2\lambda z = 0.$$

These are all satisfied together with the constraint at $x = y = 0, z = 1$, with $\lambda = -3/2$.

Treating x, y as control variables and z as a state variable, by differentiating the constraint we calculate that $\partial z/\partial x = -x/z$, $\partial z/\partial y = -y/z$ and both these derivatives vanish at $x = y = 0, z = 1$. Hence, from (1.3.15) we find that

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2} = 6x - 2\lambda = -3,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x \partial y} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 D}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial y^2} = 6y - 2\lambda = -3,$$

at the point $x = y = 0, z = 1$. Since the quadratic form $-3\xi_1^2 - 3\xi_2^2$ is negative definite, the point $x = y = 0, z = 1$ is a minimum for $x^3 + y^3 + z^3$ subject to the constraint $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

Further, since λ is negative at this point, it remains a maximum when the constraint is replaced by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$. (N.B. replacement of 'minimum' and \leq in text by 'maximum' and \geq .)

8. The boundary planes of the admissible region of x, y, z -space are

$$x = 0, \quad y = 0, \quad z = 0, \quad x + y + z = 3, \quad 2x + 2y + z = 4, \quad x + y = 0.$$

20 possible triads can be selected from these. The triad $z = 0$, $x + y + z = 3$, $2x + 2y + z = 4$ have no point in common. The remaining 19 all have common points and these are found to have coordinates $(1/2, 1/2, 2)$, $(0, 1, 2)$, $(1, 0, 2)$, $(0, 0, 3)$, $(0, 0, 4)$, $(0, 0, 2)$, $(3/2, 3/2, 0)$, $(0, 3, 0)$, $(3, 0, 0)$, $(1, 1, 0)$, $(0, 2, 0)$, $(2, 0, 0)$, $(0, 0, 0)$, which are therefore candidates for the maximum point. However, not all the constraints are satisfied at the points $(1, 0, 2)$, $(0, 0, 4)$, $(3/2, 3/2, 0)$, $(0, 3, 0)$, $(3, 0, 0)$, $(2, 0, 0)$, thus leaving the points

$$(1/2, 1/2, 2), (0, 1, 2), (0, 0, 3), (0, 0, 2), (1, 1, 0), (0, 2, 0), (0, 0, 0).$$

At these points $4x + 2y + z$ takes the values $-1, -4, -3, -2, 2, -4, 0$ respectively. Clearly, the maximum value of 2 occurs at the point $(1, 1, 0)$. The minimum value is -4 and occurs at both $(0, 1, 2)$ and $(0, 2, 0)$.

Exercises 2

1. Putting $\dot{x} = y$ we obtain equations in canonical form:

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = -\frac{2}{t^2-1}x + \frac{2t}{t^2-1}y + \frac{1}{t^2-1}u.$$

Thus

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{2}{t^2-1} & \frac{2t}{t^2-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{t^2-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Putting $u = 0$, we derive the state transition matrix by solving for x and y subject to the initial conditions $x = 1, y = 0$ and $x = 0, y = 1$ at $t = t_0$.

With $u = 0$, the second order equation clearly has a particular solution $x = t$. Thus, we change the dependent variable to v by substituting $x = tv$ and find that v satisfies

$$t(t^2 - 1)\ddot{v} - 2\dot{v} = 0.$$

It is now easy to solve for \dot{v} and then v to yield

$$v = P \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) + Q,$$

so that $x = P(t^2 + 1) + Qt$.

where P, Q are arbitrary constants.

Thus, the solution for initial conditions $x = 1, y = \dot{x} = 1$, is found to be

$$x = \frac{2t_0 - t^2 - 1}{t^2 - 1}, \quad y = -\frac{2(t - t_0)}{t^2 - 1}$$

and that for the initial conditions $x = 0, y = \dot{x} = 1$, is

$$x = \frac{(t-t_0)(tt_0-1)}{t_0^2-1}, \quad y = \frac{2tt_0-t_0^2-1}{t_0^2-1}.$$

We can now write down the state transition matrix, viz.:

$$\phi(t, t_0) = \frac{1}{t_0^2-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2tt_0-t^2-1 & (t-t_0)(tt_0-1) \\ -2(t-t_0) & 2tt_0-t_0^2-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, since $x^2 = 0$, (2.2.20) yields the system's response to $u = (t^2-1)^2$ to be

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \int_2^t \frac{1}{\tau^2-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2t\tau-t^2-1 & (t-\tau)(t\tau-1) \\ -2(t-\tau) & 2t\tau-\tau^2-1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\tau^2-1} \end{bmatrix} (\tau^2-1)^2 d\tau \\ &= \int_2^t \begin{bmatrix} (t-\tau)(t\tau-1) \\ 2t\tau-\tau^2-1 \end{bmatrix} d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$x = \int_2^t (t-\tau)(t\tau-1) d\tau = \frac{1}{6}t^4 - \frac{5}{2}t^2 + \frac{14}{3}t - 2.$$

2. Since $\log z$ is not regular in any circle with its centre at $z = 0$, we proceed indirectly by studying $F(z) = \exp(\lambda - \mu z)$ and its associated matrix $\exp(\lambda I - \mu A)$.

The eigenvalues of A are 2 and 5 and we take $S(z) = s_0 + s_1 z$. Then we require

$$S(2) = s_0 + 2s_1 = \exp(\lambda - 2\mu), \quad S(5) = s_0 + 5s_1 = \exp(\lambda + 5\mu).$$

Solving for s_0, s_1 , we find

$$\begin{aligned} s_0 &= \frac{1}{3} [5\exp(\lambda + 2\mu) - 2\exp(\lambda + 5\mu)] \\ s_1 &= \frac{1}{3} [\exp(\lambda + 5\mu) - \exp(\lambda - 2\mu)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\exp(\lambda I - \mu A) = S(A) = s_0 I + s_1 A$.

We now choose λ, μ so that $s_0 = 0, s_1 = 1$, i.e. $\exp(\lambda I + \mu A) = A$. Thus

$$\exp(3\mu) = \frac{5}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad e^\mu = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$3 = e^\lambda (e^{3\mu} - e^{-\mu}) = e^\lambda \left[\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{3/3} - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{2/3} \right] = \frac{3}{2} e^\lambda \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{2/3}.$$

Hence
$$e^\lambda = 2 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{2/3}.$$

Thus $\lambda = \log \frac{2^{2/3}}{5^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{32}{25}, \quad \mu = \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{5}{2},$ and

$$\log A = \lambda I + \mu A = \frac{1}{3} \left(I \log \frac{32}{25} + A \log \frac{5}{2} \right).$$

3. Putting $u_1 = u, u_2 = -e^{-t} u$, the system's equations can be written in the matrix form $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

The eigenvalues of A are $-1, -2$ and the state transition matrix is

$$\phi(t, \tau) = e^{(t-\tau)A} = s_0 I + s_1 A,$$

where s_0, s_1 need to satisfy

$$s_0 + s_1 = e^{-t}, \quad s_0 - 2s_1 = e^{2(t-\tau)}.$$

Thus
$$\phi(t, \tau) = \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-t} - 2e^{2(t-\tau)} & -3e^{-t} + 3e^{2(t-\tau)} \\ 2e^{-t} - 2e^{2(t-\tau)} & -2e^{-t} + 3e^{2(t-\tau)} \end{bmatrix}$$

The response to $u = [e^{-t}, -e^{-2t}]^T$ from $x = [1, 1]^T$ at $t = 0$, is given by (2.2.20) to be

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-t} - 2e^{-2t} & -3e^{-t} + 3e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{-t} - 2e^{-2t} & -2e^{-t} + 3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$-\int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-\tau} - 2e^{2(\tau-t)} & -3e^{-\tau} - 3e^{2(\tau-t)} \\ 2e^{-\tau} - 2e^{2(\tau-t)} & -2e^{-\tau} - 3e^{2(\tau-t)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-\tau} \\ -e^{-2\tau} \end{bmatrix} d\tau$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= e^{-2t} + \int_0^t [3e^{-\tau} - 2e^{\tau-2t} - 3e^{-\tau-t} - 3e^{-2t}] d\tau \\ &= (3t+1)e^{-t} - 3te^{-2t}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2(t) &= e^{-2t} + \int_0^t [2e^{-\tau} - 2e^{\tau-2t} + 2e^{-\tau-t} - 3e^{-2t}] d\tau \\ &= 2te^{-t} - (3t-1)e^{-2t}. \end{aligned}$$

4. The equations of motion for the vehicle are

$$\dot{x} = u, \quad \dot{y} = v, \quad \dot{u} = \cos\theta, \quad \dot{v} = \sin\theta.$$

Here, (x, y, u, v) are state variables and θ is the control variable. Introducing the associated Lagrange multipliers $(\lambda_x, \lambda_y, \lambda_u, \lambda_v)$, the Hamiltonian is

$$H = \lambda_x u + \lambda_y v + \lambda_u \cos\theta + \lambda_v \sin\theta$$

and for optimality, we require

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} = -\lambda_v \sin\theta - \lambda_u \cos\theta = 0,$$

$$\text{i.e. } \tan\theta = \lambda_u / \lambda_v.$$

Hamilton's equations for the multipliers are

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_u = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = -\lambda_x, \quad \dot{\lambda}_v = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial v} = -\lambda_y.$$

The multipliers also have to satisfy the conditions

$$\lambda_x = \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \lambda_y = \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = 1, \quad \lambda_u = \frac{\partial C}{\partial u} = 1, \quad \lambda_v = \frac{\partial C}{\partial v} = 0,$$

at $t = 1$. It follows that

$$\lambda_x = 0, \quad \lambda_y = 1, \quad \lambda_u = 1, \quad \lambda_v = 1 - t.$$

Thus, for optimality,

$$\tan\theta = 1 - t, \quad \cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(1-t)^2}}, \quad \sin\theta = \frac{1-t}{\sqrt{1+(1-t)^2}}.$$

We can now solve the state equations under the initial conditions $x = y = u = v = 0$ at $t = 0$, using the standard integrals

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \sinh^{-1}x, \quad \int \sinh^{-1}x \, dx = x \sinh^{-1}x - \sqrt{1+x^2},$$

$$\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx = \sqrt{1+x^2}, \quad \int \sqrt{1+x^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \sinh^{-1}x + \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{1+x^2},$$

to obtain the results stated.

5. The Hamiltonian for the problem is

$$H = x^2 + \frac{1}{3}u^2 + \lambda(-x+u).$$

For optimal control

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = \frac{2}{3}u + \lambda = 0.$$

The adjoint equation is

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -2x - \lambda$$

and the state equation is $\dot{x} = -x + u$.

The boundary conditions are $x = 1$ at $t = 0$ and $\lambda = 0$ at $t = 1$.

Eliminating u and λ between the last 3 equations, we find

$$\ddot{x} - 4x = 0$$

so that $x = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-2t}$.

A and B being constants. Thus

$$u = \dot{x} + x = 3Ae^{2t} - Be^{-2t},$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{2}{3}u = -2Ae^{2t} + \frac{2}{3}Be^{-2t}.$$

The boundary conditions require

$$A = \frac{1}{3e^2 + 1}, \quad B = \frac{3e^{-4}}{3e^2 + 1},$$

so that the optimal control is

$$u = \frac{3e^{2t} - 3e^{-2t}}{3e^2 + 1} = \frac{3e^{2t-2} - 3e^{2-2t}}{3e^2 + e^{-2}} = \frac{3\sinh 2(t-1)}{2\cosh 2 + \sinh 2}.$$

We now calculate that

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{3}u^2 = 4A^2e^{4t} + \frac{4}{3}B^2e^{-4t}$$

$$\text{so that } C = A^2(e^4 - 1) + \frac{1}{3}B^2(1 - e^{-4}) = \frac{e^4 - 1}{3e^2 + 1},$$

which is equivalent to the result stated.

6. In canonical form, the state equations are

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = -x - u.$$

Introducing Lagrange multipliers λ_x, λ_y , the Hamiltonian is

$$H = u^2 + \lambda_x y + \lambda_y (-x - u)$$

For optimal control, we require

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 2u + \lambda_y = 0.$$

The adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \lambda_y, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\lambda_x.$$

Solving for λ_x, λ_y , we obtain

$$\lambda_x = A\cos t + B\sin t, \quad \lambda_y = -A\sin t + B\cos t.$$

At $t = \pi/2$, the multipliers must satisfy the equations $\lambda_x = 2x, \lambda_y = 0$. Thus, $A = 0$ and $B = 2x_0$.

Hence

$$\ddot{u} = -x_1 \cos t.$$

We now have

$$\ddot{x} + x = -x_1 \cos t,$$

whose general solution is

$$x = C \cos t + D \sin t - \frac{1}{2} x_1 t \sin t.$$

The initial conditions $x = 0$, $\dot{x} = 1$ at $t = 0$, require that $C = 0$, $D = 1$, so that

$$x = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} x_1 t\right) \sin t.$$

Putting $t = \pi/2$, we find that

$$x_1 = \frac{4}{\pi - 4},$$

and thus that

$$u = -\frac{4 \cos t}{\pi - 4}.$$

It now follows that

$$C_{\min} = \frac{16}{(\pi - 4)^2} \left[1 - \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 t \, dt\right] = \frac{4}{\pi - 4}.$$

7. Introducing Lagrange multipliers λ_x, λ_y , the Hamiltonian is

$$H = x^2 + u^2 - \lambda_x y - \lambda_y u.$$

For optimal control, we require

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 2u - \lambda_y = 0.$$

The adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -2x, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\lambda_x.$$

Introducing the operator $D = d/dt$, we now find

$$D^4 \lambda_y = -D^3 \lambda_x = 2D^2 x = 2Dy = 2u = -\lambda_x.$$

Thus $(D^2 + 1)\lambda_y = 0$.

The equation giving the characteristic roots, viz. $m^2 + 1 = 0$, can be factorised thus:

$$(m^2 + \sqrt{2}m + 1)(m^2 - \sqrt{2}m + 1) = 0,$$

so that these roots are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1 \pm i)$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 \pm i)$, and the general solution for λ_y is

$$\lambda_y = e^{-t/\sqrt{2}} \left(A \cos \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} + B \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + e^{t/\sqrt{2}} \left(C \cos \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} + D \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \right).$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, we require $\lambda_y \rightarrow 0$; hence $C = D = 0$. The values of A and B will be determined by the initial values of x and y at $t = 0$.

Since $\lambda_y = e^{-t/\sqrt{2}} \left(A \cos \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} + B \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$

is the general solution of the equation

$$(D^2 + \sqrt{2}D + 1)\lambda_y = 0,$$

λ_y satisfies this equation. Operating with $(D - 1/\sqrt{2})$ on this equation, we deduce that

$$\left(D^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}D - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \lambda_y = 0$$

which leads to the equation

$$2y + \sqrt{2}x + \sqrt{2}u = 0$$

and this is equivalent to the stated control equation.

8. Introducing a factor $1/2$ into the specification of the cost in Ex. 5 (clearly of no significance), we can take $P = 1, Q = 0, R = 1/3, A = -1, B = 1$ in (2.7.22) to yield the Riccati equation

$$\frac{dK}{dt} = 3K^2 - 2K - 1 = (3K - 1)(K + 1).$$

Thus $\frac{dt}{dK} = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{3}{3K - 1} - \frac{1}{K + 1} \right]$

which integrates immediately and since $K = 0$ at $t = 1$, leads to the stated result.

(2.7.19) now shows that

$$\dot{x} = -(1 + 3K)x = \frac{2e^{-2(1-t)} - 6}{e^{-2(1-t)} - 3}x$$

Integrating we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \ln x &= \int \frac{2e^{-2(1-t)} - 6}{e^{-2(1-t)} - 3} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln[e^{-2(1-t)} - 3] + \frac{1}{2} \ln[1 + 3e^{2(1-t)}] + \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

Using the initial condition $x = 1$ at $t = 0$, this leads to the result

$$x = \frac{3e^{2(1-t)} + e^{-2(1-t)}}{3e^2 + e^{-2}}$$

Using (2.7.26), we now calculate the optimal control to be

$$u = -3Kx = -\frac{3 \sinh 2(1-t)}{2 \cosh 2 + \sinh 2}$$

as before.

9. With $\dot{x} = y$, we take

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = 1/4, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} k & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix}$$

(2.7.29) takes the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

leading to the equations

$$2 - 2m - 4m^2 = 0, \quad k - n - 4mn = 0, \quad 2m - 4n^2 = 0.$$

Since n is real, we deduce that $m = 1/2$, $n = \pm 1/2$, $k = \pm 3/2$. We thus calculate the matrix (2.7.30) to be

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \pm 3 & \pm 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For this matrix to have negative eigenvalues, it is necessary to take the negative sign and, hence,

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, using (2.7.19), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

and, hence, $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + 3x = 0$. The solution of this equation satisfying the initial conditions $x = 0$, $\dot{x} = 1$ is

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-t} \sin(\sqrt{2}t).$$

The optimal control now follows from (2.7.26) to be

$$u = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} = -2 e^{-t} \cos(\sqrt{2}t).$$

The minimal value of C is

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} \sin^2(\sqrt{2}t) + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} \cos^2(\sqrt{2}t) \right] dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2t} dt = \frac{1}{4}.$$

10. The state equations are

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = -x - \varepsilon x^3 + u.$$

Introducing Lagrange multipliers λ, μ , the Hamiltonian takes the form

$$H = x^2 + \frac{1}{8} u^2 + \lambda y + \mu (-x - \varepsilon x^3 + u)$$

and the adjoint equations are accordingly

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -2x + \mu(1 + 3\varepsilon x^2), \quad \dot{\mu} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\lambda.$$

For optimal control, we require

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = \frac{1}{4} u - \mu = 0.$$

The end conditions are $x = 0, y = 1$ at $t = 0$ and λ, μ must tend to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Expanding all dependent variables as power series in ε , we write

$$x = x_0 + \varepsilon x_1 + \dots \text{ etc.}$$

Substituting in the above equations and equating the coefficients of like powers of ε on the two sides of each, we obtain

$$\dot{x}_0 = y_0, \quad \dot{y}_0 = -x_0 + u_0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_0 = -2x_0 + \mu_0, \quad \dot{\mu}_0 = -\lambda_0, \quad u_0 = -4\mu_0,$$

by consideration of terms in ε^0 , and

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 = y_1, \quad \dot{y}_1 = -x_1 + u_1 - x_0^3, \quad \dot{\lambda}_1 = -2x_1 + \mu_1 + 3\mu_0 x_0^2, \\ \dot{\mu}_1 = -\lambda_1, \quad u_1 = -4\mu_1, \end{aligned}$$

by consideration of terms in ε^1 . It follows that

$$(D^2 + 1)x_0 = -4\mu_0, \quad (D^2 - 1)\mu_0 = 2x_0,$$

.....(i)

$$(D^2 - 1)x_1 = -4\mu_1 - x_0^3, \quad (D^2 - 1)\mu_1 = 2x_1 - 3\mu_0 x_0^2,$$

.....(ii)

where $D = d/dt$.

Substitution in the end conditions leads to the equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 = 0, \quad Dx_0 = 1, \quad x_1 = 0, \quad Dx_1 = 0, \quad \text{at } t = 0, \\ \mu_0 = 0, \quad D\mu_0 = 0, \quad \mu_1 = 0, \quad D\mu_1 = 0, \quad \text{at } t = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

We can now solve the equations (i) for x_0 and μ_0 . Then, substituting for these variables in the equations (ii), we can solve for x_1 and μ_1 .

Notes: The characteristic equation for the differential equations satisfied by x_0, x_1, μ_0, μ_1 is $m^2 - 2m^2 - 9 = 0$ and thus has roots $1 \pm \sqrt{2}i, -1 \pm \sqrt{2}i$. The identities

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4}(3\sin \theta - \sin 3\theta), \quad \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{4}(\cos \theta - \cos 3\theta),$$

will be found useful.

Exercises 3

1. Defining the Hamiltonian by

$$H = u^2 - \lambda_x y - \lambda_y(-x + u)$$

the adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \lambda_y, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\lambda_x$$

and for optimal control

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 2u - \lambda_y = 0.$$

The state variables need to satisfy the end conditions $x = y = 0$ at $t = 0$ and $x = 1, y = 0$ at $t = \pi/2$. There are no end conditions on λ_x, λ_y .

Since $\ddot{\lambda}_x - \lambda_x = 0$, we can assume

$$u = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

and then have to solve the state equation

$$\ddot{x} + x = A \cos t + B \sin t.$$

Its general solution is

$$x = C \cos t + D \sin t + \frac{1}{2}t(A \sin t - B \cos t).$$

and the end conditions require that

$$C = 0, \quad \frac{1}{4}\pi A + D = 1, \quad -\frac{1}{2}B + D = 0, \quad \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{4}\pi B - C = 0.$$

Thus

$$x = \frac{(2\pi t - 4)\sin t - 4t \cos t}{\pi^2 - 4},$$
$$u = \frac{4\pi \cos t - 8 \sin t}{\pi^2 - 4}.$$

leading to

$$C_{\text{opt}} = \frac{4\pi}{\pi^2 - 4}.$$

2. For both problems the Hamiltonian is

$$H = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}u^3 - \lambda(x - u)$$

and the adjoint and optimal control equations are

$$\dot{\lambda} = -2x - \lambda, \quad \frac{2}{3}u + \dot{\lambda} = 0.$$

Solving these equations with the state equation, we find

$$x = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-2t}, \quad \lambda = -\frac{2}{3}Ae^{2t} + 2Be^{-2t}, \quad u = Ae^{2t} - 3Be^{-2t} \dots (i)$$

in the first problem, we have end conditions $x = 1, t = 0$ and $\lambda = 0, t = 1$, so that

$$x = \frac{e^{2(1-t)} + 3e^{-2(1-t)}}{e^2 + 3e^{-2}}, \quad u = \frac{3e^{-2(1-t)} - 3e^{2(1-t)}}{e^2 + 3e^{-2}}.$$

Since $v = u + 3u, 1 \leq u \leq e^2$, has a minimum of $2\sqrt{3}$ at $u = \sqrt{3}$, x has a minimum of

$$\frac{2\sqrt{3}e^2}{e^4 + 3} \text{ at } t = 1 - \frac{1}{4} \ln 3.$$

Clearly
$$x(1) = \frac{4e^2}{e^4 + 3}.$$

Thus, x first decreases to its minimum value and, after $t = 1 - \frac{1}{4} \ln 3$, increases to its final value.

In the second problem, the end conditions are $x = 1$ at $t = 0, x = e^{-1}$ at $t = t_1$; also, the second condition (3.1.33), requires that $H = 0$ at $t = t_1$.

Referring to equations (i) above, we conclude that

$$A - B = 1, \quad Ae^{2t_1} + Be^{-2t_1} = e^{-1}, \quad H = \frac{16}{3}AB = 0.$$

If $B = 0, A = 1$ and, then, $e^{2t_1} = e^{-1}$. Since t_1 cannot be negative, this possibility must be rejected. Hence $A = 0, B = 1$ and $t_1 = \frac{1}{2}$.

Hence $x = e^{-2t}, u = -3e^{-2t}$ and

$$C_{opt} = \int_0^{1/2} 4e^{-4t} dt = 1 - e^{-2}.$$

3. Taking rectangular axes Oxy in the plane of flight, with the x -axis parallel to the wind, the state equations for the aeroplane are

$$\dot{x} = V \cos \theta, \quad \dot{y} = V \sin \theta - w,$$

where θ is the variable under the control of the pilot. At $t = 0$, if $x = x_0$, $y = y_0$, we shall suppose $\dot{\theta} = \theta(t)$ such that at $t = T$, $x = x_1$, $y = y_1$ again; clearly, unless $V > w$, this assumption is invalid. The area enclosed by the circuit is given by

$$A = \int_0^T x \dot{y} dt = -V \int_0^T y \cos \theta dt$$

Introducing multipliers λ , μ , we define the Hamiltonian

$$H = -Vy \cos \theta + \lambda V \cos \theta + \mu(V \sin \theta + w),$$

leading to the adjoint equations

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \dot{\mu} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -V \cos \theta.$$

Optimal control requires that

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} = -V(y - \lambda) \sin \theta + \mu V \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{\mu}{\lambda - y}.$$

Since $\dot{\mu} = -\dot{x}$, we have $\mu = x + \alpha$ (α constant). Taking $\lambda = -\beta$ (constant), the optimal control equation becomes

$$\tan \theta = -\frac{x + \alpha}{y + \beta}.$$

Dividing the state equations, we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta + \frac{w}{V} \sec \theta = -\frac{x + \alpha}{y + \beta} + \varepsilon \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x + \alpha}{y + \beta}\right)^2},$$

where $\varepsilon = w/V < 1$. Shifting the origin to the point $(-\alpha, -\beta)$ in the xy -plane, this equation reduces to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} + \varepsilon \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{y^2}},$$

which can be integrated by changing the dependent variable to v by the substitution $y = vx$ to yield

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = -v + \frac{1}{v} + \varepsilon \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{v^2}}.$$

The variables are now separable, thus:

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{v dv}{-v^2 - 1 + \epsilon \sqrt{v^2 - 1}}$$

Putting $z^2 = v^2 - 1$, this reduces to

$$\frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{dz}{z - \epsilon}$$

which integrates to yield

$$\ln x = -\ln(z - \epsilon) + \ln C,$$

where C is some constant. Hence $x = C/(z - \epsilon)$, which is equivalent to

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - \epsilon x = C \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

After some manipulation, this is seen to be equivalent to the equation

$$\left[(1 - \epsilon^2)x - \epsilon C \right]^2 - (1 - \epsilon^2)y^2 = C^2,$$

which is the equation of an ellipse with centre

$$x = \frac{\epsilon C}{1 - \epsilon^2}, \quad y = 0,$$

and semi-axes

$$\frac{C}{1 - \epsilon^2}, \quad \frac{C}{\sqrt{1 - \epsilon^2}}.$$

Its area is accordingly

$$A = \frac{\pi C^2}{(1 - \epsilon^2)^{3/2}} \dots \dots (ii)$$

Since $\tan \theta = -y/x$, equation (i) requires that

$$\operatorname{cosec} \theta = C/x + \epsilon$$

or

$$x = \frac{C \sin \theta}{1 - \epsilon \sin \theta}.$$

Differentiating with respect to t , we find

$$r \cos \theta = \dot{x} = \frac{C \cos \theta}{(1 - \epsilon \sin \theta)^2} \dot{\theta}.$$

i.e.
$$C\dot{\theta} = V(1 - \varepsilon \sin \theta)^2.$$

Integrating from $\theta = -\pi$ to $\theta = \pi$ (i.e. over one circuit of the ellipse), we deduce that

$$T = \frac{C}{V} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\theta}{(1 - \varepsilon \sin \theta)^2} = \frac{2\pi C}{V(1 - \varepsilon^2)^{3/2}}.$$

(Note: The integral can be evaluated by conversion to a contour integral around the unit circle $|z| = 1$ in the complex plane.) C can now be evaluated in terms of T and, then, substitution in equation (ii) yields the result stated.

4. We take

$$H = u^2 + \lambda(y - x) + \mu(u - y)$$

yielding the adjoint equations

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \lambda, \quad \dot{\mu} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\lambda - \mu.$$

For optimal control

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 2u - \mu = 0.$$

At $t = 1$, μ has to satisfy the end condition $\mu = 0$. Since $(D - 1)^2 \mu = 0$ ($D = d/dt$),

$$\mu = A(1 - t)e^t.$$

Thus, the state equations are

$$(D - 1)x = y, \quad (D + 1)y = A(1 - t)e^t.$$

Solving, we find

$$x = (B + Ct)e^{-t} + \frac{1}{4}Ae^t(2 - t).$$

The end conditions $x = \dot{x} = 0$ at $t = 0$, $x = 1$ at $t = 1$ require that

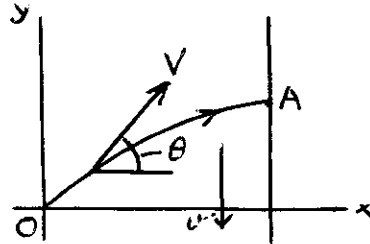
$$B + \frac{1}{2}A = 0, \quad C - B + \frac{1}{4}A = 0, \quad (B - C)e^{-1} + \frac{1}{4}Ae = 1.$$

Solving, we find $A = \frac{4e}{e^2 - 5}$ and the optimal control is accordingly

$$u = -\frac{2e^{1-t}}{e^2 - 5}(1 - t).$$

$$\text{Thus } C_{\text{opt}} = \int_0^1 \frac{4e^{2t+2}(1-t)^2}{(e^2 - 5)^2} dt = \frac{e^2}{e^2 - 5}$$

5.



If (x, y) are the coordinates of the ferry at time t , the state equations are

$$\dot{x} = V \cos \theta, \quad \dot{y} = V \sin \theta - v.$$

The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \lambda V \cos \theta - \mu (V \sin \theta - v)$$

and the adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \mu \frac{dv}{dx}, \quad \dot{\mu} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 0.$$

O, A are the given terminals of the ferry's path and the times at these points are $t = 0, t = t_1$.

Since t_1 is to be minimised, the end condition (3.1.33) is operable and requires $H = -1$ at $t = t_1$. However, since H does not depend explicitly on t , we can assume $H = -1$ for all t .

For optimal control

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} = -\lambda V \sin \theta - \mu V \cos \theta = 0.$$

Eliminating λ between this equation and $H = -1$, we find

$$\mu(V \operatorname{cosec} \theta - v) = -1.$$

where μ is constant. Thus

$$\sin \theta = \frac{v}{v - \alpha},$$

where $\alpha = 1/\mu$. It follows that

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{(v - \alpha)^2 - v^2}}{v - \alpha}$$

Dividing the state equations, we obtain

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{V^2 - v(v - \alpha)}{V\sqrt{(v - \alpha)^2 - V^2}}$$

determining the optimal path. Integration from $x = 0$ to x now yields the stated result.

If v is constant, the optimal path is a straight line

$$y = \frac{V^2 - v(v - \alpha)}{V\sqrt{(v - \alpha)^2 - V^2}}x$$

and if A lies on the x -axis, it is necessary that

$$V^2 = v(v - \alpha),$$

determining α . Thus, $\alpha = (v^2 - V^2)/v$ and, thus, $\cos\theta = \sqrt{V^2 - v^2}/V$. Since

$$\dot{x} = V \cos\theta = \sqrt{V^2 - v^2}, \text{ the time to cross the river is } d/\sqrt{V^2 - v^2}.$$

6. The state equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= u & \dot{y} &= v \\ \dot{u} &= a \cos\theta & \dot{v} &= a \sin\theta - g. \end{aligned}$$

We assume that at $t = 0$, $x = y = u = v = 0$ and that at $t = T$, $u = u_1$ is the prescribed orbital velocity, $v = 0$, i.e. the rocket is moving parallel to the earth's surface. At $t = T$, $y = y_1$ is to be maximised.

The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \lambda_x u - \lambda_y v - \lambda_u a \cos\theta + \lambda_v (a \sin\theta - g),$$

so that the adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_u = -\lambda_v, \quad \dot{\lambda}_v = -\lambda_u.$$

For optimal control

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} = -\lambda_u a \sin\theta + \lambda_v a \cos\theta = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \tan\theta = \lambda_v / \lambda_u.$$

Since x_1, y_1 are not prescribed, λ_x and λ_y must satisfy end conditions (3.1.33) at $t = T$, viz.

$$\lambda_x = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \lambda_y = \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = 1.$$

Since λ_x, λ_y are constants, these equations are valid for all t . It follows that

$$\lambda_x = \text{constant}, \quad \lambda_t = -t + \text{constant}$$

so that

$$\tan \theta = \alpha - \beta t.$$

α, β have to be chosen so that $u = u_1, v = 0$ at $t = T$. Since we have

$$\tan \theta_0 = \alpha, \quad \tan \theta_1 = \alpha - \beta T,$$

α, β will be determined if θ_0, θ_1 are determined.

Integrating the state equation $\dot{u} = \alpha \cos \theta$ from $t=0$ to $t=T$, we find

$$u_1 = \alpha \int_0^T \cos \theta dt = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_0} \sec \theta d\theta = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \ln \frac{\sec \theta_0 + \tan \theta_0}{\sec \theta_1 + \tan \theta_1}.$$

Since $\beta T = \tan \theta_0 - \tan \theta_1$, this leads to the second of the stated equations.

Integrating the state equation $\dot{v} = \alpha \sin \theta - g$ from $t=0$ to $t=T$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^T (\alpha \sin \theta - g) dt = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_0} \sin \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta - gT \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\beta} (\sec \theta_0 - \sec \theta_1) - gT. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\beta T = \tan \theta_0 - \tan \theta_1$, this is equivalent to

$$\alpha (\sec \theta_0 - \sec \theta_1) = g (\tan \theta_0 - \tan \theta_1).$$

(Note: A term has been omitted in the first stated equation.)

7. The Hamiltonian for the problem is

$$H = u^2 + \lambda(-x + u) + \mu x^2,$$

where μ is a constant multiplier. The adjoint equation is

$$\dot{\lambda} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \lambda - 2\mu x.$$

Eliminating x between this last equation and the state equation, we arrive at the equation

$$(D^2 - 1 - \mu)\lambda = 0,$$

where $D = d/dt$. Putting $\mu = \alpha^2 - 1$, since λ must vanish as $t \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\dot{\lambda} = -Ae^{-\alpha t}.$$

The optimal control equation is

$$\partial H / \partial u = 2u + \lambda = 0$$

and, hence, $u = -\frac{1}{2}Ae^{-\alpha t}$.

Substituting for λ in the adjoint equation, we find

$$\dot{x} = \frac{A}{2(\alpha - 1)} e^{-\alpha t}$$

and, since $x = 1$ at $t = 0$, $A = 2(\alpha - 1)$. Thus, the integral constraint requires that

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2\alpha t} dt = \frac{1}{4}$$

and, hence, $\alpha = 2$. It then follows that $A = 2$ and the optimal control is

$$u = -\frac{1}{2}Ae^{-\alpha t} = -e^{-2t}.$$

8. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \lambda_x y - \lambda_u u e^{(1-u^2)/2}$$

so that the adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\lambda_x.$$

Hence $\lambda_x = a$, $\lambda_y = -at + b$,

where a, b are constants. For optimal control

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = \lambda_y (1 - u^2) e^{(1-u^2)/2} = 0$$

If λ_y were identically zero, H would also vanish and the end condition $H = -1$, which must be satisfied if τ is to be minimised, would fail. We conclude that either $u = +1$ or $u = -1$. Neither of these controls is itself compatible with the end conditions $y = 0$ at $t = 0$ and $t = \tau$. Hence, both forms of control must be utilised and there is a discontinuity at $t = \tau$ say.

Suppose $u = -1$ for $0 \leq t < \tau$, $u = +1$ for $\tau < t \leq t_1$. Then, integrating the state equations under the initial conditions $x = y = 0$ at $t = 0$ and assuming x, y are continuous at $x = \tau$, we calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{2}t^2, & y &= -t, & 0 \leq t \leq \tau, \\ x &= -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 2\tau t - \tau^2, & y &= -t + 2\tau, & \tau \leq t \leq t_1. \end{aligned}$$

At $t = t_1$, we require $x = 1, y = 0$. Hence $\tau = 1, t_1 = 2$.

At the discontinuity, λ_x and λ_y are continuous and, hence, $\dot{\lambda}_x = a, \dot{\lambda}_y = -at - b$ for all values of t . Thus, $H_- = a\tau - (b - a\tau), H_+ = a\tau - (b - at)$ and H is continuous provided $b = at$. The condition $H(t_1) = -1$ requires that $a t_1 - b = -1$. Since $\tau = 1, t_1 = 2$, we find $a = b = -1$ and $\dot{\lambda}_x = -1, \dot{\lambda}_y = t - 1$.

If we assume instead that $u = -1$ for $0 \leq t < \tau$, $u = +1$ for $\tau < t \leq t_1$, it will be found that real values of t_1 and τ cannot be found to satisfy the necessary conditions.

Exercises 4

The state equations are

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = u$$

and the Hamiltonian is

$$H = \lambda_x y + \lambda_y u.$$

The cost function is $C = t_1$ and, hence, $H = -1$ at $t = t_1$.

By Pontryagin's principle, $u = +1$ if $\dot{\lambda}_y < 0$ and $u = -1$ if $\dot{\lambda}_y > 0$.

The adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\lambda_x,$$

so that $\lambda_x = -a, \lambda_y = at + b$, where a, b are constants. Clearly $\dot{\lambda}_y$ can change sign at most once during the motion and it follows that u can switch from $+1$ to -1 or from -1 to $+1$ at most once.

If $u = +1$, then from the state equations $dy/dx = 1/y$. Integration leads to

$$y^2 = 2x + \text{constant},$$

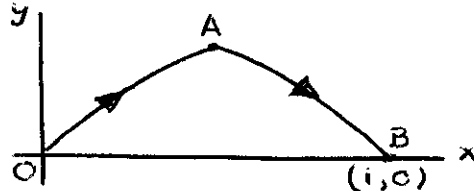
determining a family of parabolas in state space all with their axes along the x -axis.

If $u = -1$, we calculate similarly that

$$\dot{y}^2 = -2x - \text{constant}$$

again determining a family of parabolas but with their axes in the opposite sense of the x -axis.

The space trajectory must connect the end points $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 0)$ in state space and can only comprise two arcs, one from each of the families above. These arcs are indicated in the figure as OA and AB . Along OA ,

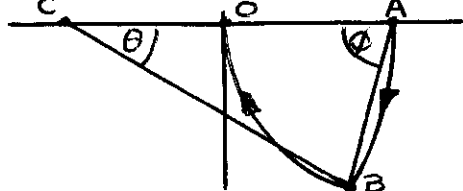


$u = +1$ and $\dot{y}^2 = 2x$. Along AB , $u = -1$ and $\dot{y}^2 = 2(1-x)$. Clearly, A is the point $x = 1/2, y = 1$.

Since $\dot{y} = +1$ along OA , the time lapse from O to A is 1. Since $\dot{y} = -1$ along AB , the time lapse from A to B is also 1. Thus, the minimum time for the transfer from O to B is 2.

$\hat{\lambda}_y$ must change sign as t increases through $t = 1$. Hence $a + b = 0$. Further, at $t = 2$, $\hat{\lambda}_y = 2a + b$, so that $H = -(2a + b)$ at this instant. The end condition $H = -1$ requires that $a = 1, b = -1$ therefore. Thus $\hat{\lambda}_y = t - 1$ and $\hat{\lambda}_y < 0$ along OA and $\hat{\lambda}_y > 0$ along AB , in agreement with the values of u along these arcs.

2. With the notation of Problem 28, the initial point A of the state space trajectory is now the point $(1, 0)$ on the x -axis. Assuming one switching point, Fig. 4.3 is replaced by the diagram below:



C is the centre of the circular arc AB and A is the centre of the circular arc BO . Thus $AB = 1, BC = 2, AC = 2$ and $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles. Thus,

$$\theta + \phi = \pi - \phi = \pi - \cos^{-1}(1/4)$$

Since $\theta + \phi$ is the time taken for the point (x, y) to describe the arcs AB and BO , the problem has been solved.

3. Taking
$$H = -\hat{\lambda}_y y + \hat{\lambda}_x (x + u)$$

since t_1 is to be minimised, $H = -1$ at $t = t_1$.

The adjoint equations are

$$\dot{\hat{\lambda}}_x = -\hat{\lambda}_x, \quad \dot{\hat{\lambda}}_y = -\hat{\lambda}_y,$$

and so
$$\hat{\lambda}_y = Ae^t + Be^{-t},$$

where A, B are constants.

By Pontryagin's principle, if $\lambda_y > 0$ then $u = -1$, and if $\lambda_y < 0$ then $u = +1$. But λ_y can only change sign by passing through the value zero and then

$$e^{2t} = -B^{-1}A.$$

This equation has but one real solution for t . It follows that u can change its value at most once.

From the state equations we find

$$y \frac{dy}{dx} = x + u.$$

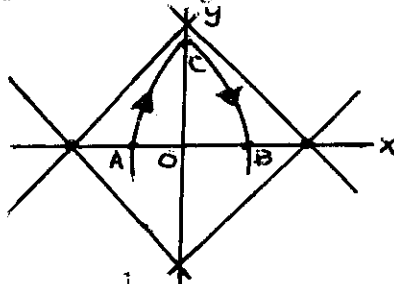
On an optimal trajectory $u = \pm 1$. If $u = +1$, by integration we find

$$\frac{1}{2}y^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + \text{constant},$$

which is equivalent to the first of the stated equations. If $u = -1$, integration leads to the second equation.

The asymptotes of the first set of rectangular hyperbolae both pass through the point $(-1, 0)$ and make an angle of $\pi/4$ with the x -axis. The asymptotes of the second set pass through $(1, 0)$ and are parallel to the first set. Since $\dot{x} = y$, x must be increasing with t in the region $y > 0$ and be decreasing with t in the region $y < 0$.

If the initial point of the optimal trajectory is $A(-1/2, 0)$ and the terminal point is $B(1/2, 0)$, the only possible optimal trajectory is ACB as indicated in the diagram below:



Along AC , $u = +1$ and $(x+1)^2 - y^2 = \frac{1}{4}$. Along CB , $u = -1$ and $(x-1)^2 - y^2 = \frac{1}{4}$. Thus, C is the point $(0, \sqrt{3}/2)$.

Along AC , we have

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = x + 1.$$

Solving for x under the initial conditions $x = -1/2$, $\dot{x} = 0$ at $t = 0$, we find

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \cosh t - 1.$$

At C , $x = 0$ and, hence, $t = \cosh^{-1} 2$. Clearly, the time from C to B is the same and so $t_1 = 2 \cosh^{-1} 2$ is the minimal time of transfer.

Putting $\tau = \cosh^{-1} 2$, it may be verified that the condition $\lambda_y = 0$ at $t = \tau$ and $H = -1$ at $t = 2\tau$ lead to the result

$$\dot{\lambda}_y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sinh(t - \tau)$$

showing that $\dot{\lambda}_y < 0$ on AC and $\dot{\lambda}_y > 0$ on CB in conformity with Pontryagin's principle.

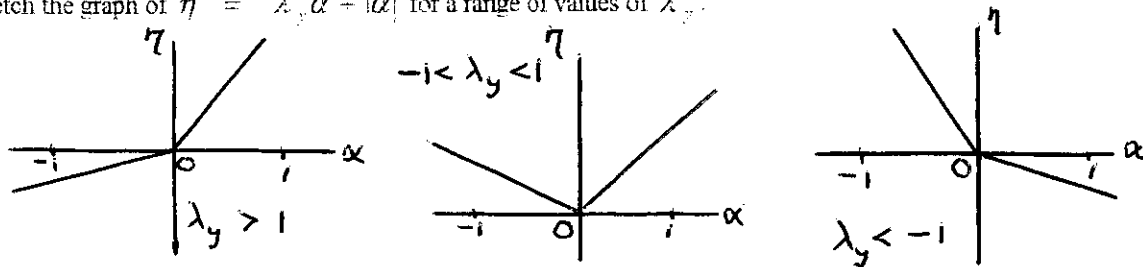
4. The state equations are $\dot{x} = y, \dot{y} = \alpha.$

The Hamiltonian is $H = \lambda_x y + \lambda_y \alpha + |\alpha|.$

The adjoint equations are $\dot{\lambda}_x = 0, \dot{\lambda}_y = -\lambda_x.$

Hence $\lambda_y = at + b$, where a, b are constants.

For optimal control, we need to minimise H with respect to $\alpha, -1 \leq \alpha \leq 1$. In the diagrams below, we sketch the graph of $\eta = \lambda_y \alpha + |\alpha|$ for a range of values of λ_y :



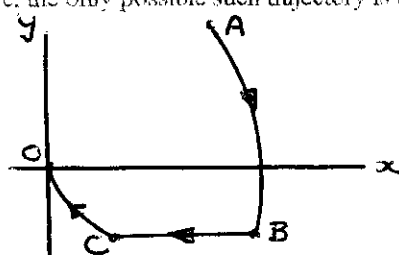
Clearly, if $\lambda_y > 1$ we take $\alpha = -1$, if $-1 < \lambda_y < 1$ we take $\alpha = 0$, if $\lambda_y < -1$ we take $\alpha = +1$, to minimise H . Hence, since λ_y either increases or decreases uniformly, α ranges through the values $-1, 0, +1$ in that order or in the reverse order.

Dividing the state equations, we find $y dy/dx = \alpha$ which integrates to give

$$y^2 = 2\alpha x + \text{constant}.$$

Thus, if $\alpha = -1$, the state space trajectory is a parabola with axis $x = 0$ and vertex directed towards $x = +\infty$. If $\alpha = 0$, the state space trajectory is a straight line parallel to the x -axis. If $\alpha = +1$, the state space trajectory is a parabola with axis $x = 0$ and vertex directed towards $x = -\infty$. If $y > 0$, x increases, whereas if $y < 0$, x decreases; this determines the sense of description of these trajectories.

The initial point of the optimal space trajectory is $A(1, 1)$ and the final point is the origin. In conformity with what has been said above, the only possible such trajectory is that indicated below:



Along AB $\alpha = -1$, along BC $\alpha = 0$, along CO $\alpha = +1$. Thus B and C are switching points.

From the state equations, along AB we have

$$x = 1 - t - \frac{1}{2}t^2, \quad y = 1 - t.$$

Thus, if $t = \tau$ at B ,

$$x_B = 1 - \tau - \frac{1}{2}\tau^2, \quad y_B = 1 - \tau. \quad (i)$$

Along CO we have

$$x = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - 4t + 8, \quad y = t - 4.$$

Thus, if $t = \theta$ at C ,

$$x_C = \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 - 4\theta + 8, \quad y_C = \theta - 4. \quad (ii)$$

But x decreases uniformly along BC at rate $y_B = y_C$ and hence

$$\frac{x_C - x_B}{\theta - \tau} = y_B = y_C. \quad (iii)$$

Equations (i) - (iii) now determine

$$\begin{aligned} x_B &= \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{3}, \quad x_C = \frac{3}{4}(2 - \sqrt{3}), \quad y_B = y_C = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - 3), \\ \tau &= \frac{1}{2}(5 - \sqrt{3}), \quad \theta = \frac{1}{2}(5 + \sqrt{3}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } C_{\min} = \int_0^\tau dt + \int_\tau^\theta dt = \tau + 4 - \theta = 4 - \sqrt{3}.$$

5. The state equations are

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = u - y$$

and the Hamiltonian is

$$H = \lambda_1 y + \lambda_2 (u - y)$$

leading to adjoint equations

$$\dot{\lambda}_1 = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_2 = -\lambda_1 - \lambda_2.$$

Solving for the multipliers, we find

$$\lambda_1 = a, \quad \lambda_2 = a - be^t,$$

where a, b are constants.

Pontryagin's principle shows that $u = -1$ if $\dot{\lambda}_y > 0$ and $u = +1$ if $\dot{\lambda}_y < 0$. Since $\dot{\lambda}_y$ increases steadily or decreases steadily as t increases, we conclude that the optimal motion comprises at most two phases during which the control u takes its extreme values.

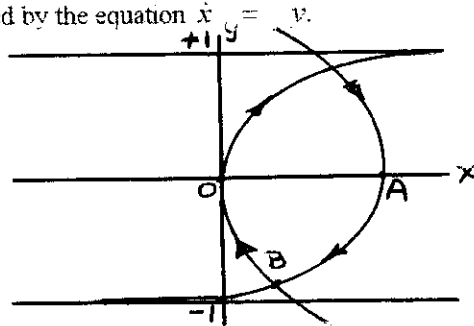
Dividing the state equations, we find that

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{u}{u-y} - 1$$

which integrates to yield

$$x = -u \ln |u - y| - y + \text{constant.}$$

In state space, the optimal trajectory has initial point $(1, 0)$ and terminal point the origin. It comprises at most two arcs, each determined by an equation of the last type with $u = -1$ or $u = +1$. Thus the trajectory must be ABO as sketched in the diagram below, with $u = -1$ along AB and $u = +1$ along BO . The sense of description of the arcs is determined by the equation $\dot{x} = y$.



Supposing $t = 0$ at A , $t = \tau$ at B and $t = t_1$ at O , we have to solve

$$\ddot{x} - \dot{x} = -1 \quad \text{with } x = 1, \dot{x} = 0 \text{ at } t = 0,$$

$$\ddot{x} + \dot{x} = -1 \quad \text{with } x = 0, \dot{x} = 0 \text{ at } t = t_1.$$

We calculate that

$$x = 2 - t - e^{-t}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \tau,$$

$$x = t - t_1 - 1 - e^{-(t-t_1)}, \quad \tau \leq t \leq t_1.$$

Since x, \dot{x} are continuous at $t = \tau$, it is necessary that

$$2 - \tau - e^{-\tau} = \tau - t_1 - 1 - e^{-(t_1-\tau)}, \quad -1 - e^{-\tau} = -1 - e^{-(t_1-\tau)}.$$

Thus
$$e^{-\tau} - e^{-(t_1-\tau)} = 3 - 2\tau - t_1 = 2,$$

showing that $t_1 = 2\tau - 1$. Eliminating τ , we find that

$$e^{(2\tau-1)/2} - e^{-(2\tau-1)/2} = 2.$$

Putting $e^{(2\tau-1)/2} = \mu$, this reduces to the quadratic equation

$$\mu^2 - 2\sqrt{e}\mu + 1 = 0.$$

Solving for μ , we deduce that

$$t_1 = 2\ln\mu = 2\ln(\sqrt{e} + \sqrt{e-1}).$$

(Note: $\ln(\sqrt{e} - \sqrt{e-1}) < 0$.) Thus

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2} - \ln(\sqrt{e} + \sqrt{e-1})$$

is the switching time. Approximately, $t_1 = 2.17$, $\tau = 1.58$.

Using the conditions $\dot{\lambda}_y = 0$ at $t = \tau$, $H = -1$ at $t = t_1$, we calculate that

$$a = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{\sqrt{e-1}}, \quad b = -\frac{1}{e-1 + \sqrt{e^2 - e}}.$$

showing that $\dot{\lambda}_y$ decreases steadily as t increases, being positive for $t < \tau$ and negative thereafter.

6. The state equations are

$$\dot{x} = u, \quad \dot{y} = u^2,$$

and the Hamiltonian is

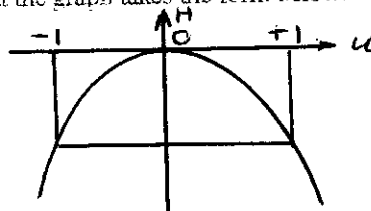
$$H = \dot{\lambda}_x u + \dot{\lambda}_y u^2,$$

with adjoint equations

$$\dot{\lambda}_x = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = 0.$$

Thus, $\dot{\lambda}_x$ and $\dot{\lambda}_y$ are constant.

The graph of H against u is a parabola through the origin and, in all cases except one, H will be minimised for values of u in the range $-1 \leq u \leq 1$ by only one value of u . The exception is when $\dot{\lambda}_y = 0$ and $\dot{\lambda}_x$ is negative, so that the graph takes the form below:



In this case, Pontryagin's principle requires that $u = -1$ or $u = +1$.

If u assumes one value only during the optimal motion, suppose $t = t_1$ initially and $t = t_2$ finally. Then, from the state equations we find that

$$x_2 - x_1 = u(t_2 - t_1), \quad y_2 - y_1 = u^2(t_2 - t_1).$$

Hence

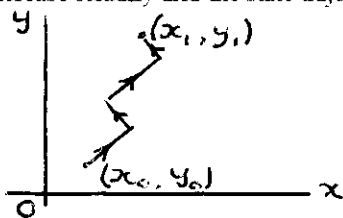
$$u = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}, \quad t_1 - t_0 = \frac{(x_1 - x_0)^2}{y_1 - y_0}.$$

This motion is only possible if $|y_1 - y_0| \leq |x_1 - x_0|^2$.

If u alternates between the values -1 and $+1$, the optimal state trajectory is constructed from straight lines from the families

$$y = x + \text{constant}, \quad y = -x + \text{constant}.$$

Since $\dot{y} = -1$, y must increase steadily and the state trajectory takes the form shown below:



Since $\dot{y} = +1$, the time of transit is $y_1 - y_0$.

Clearly, $|x_1 - x_0| < |y_1 - y_0|$, so that the alternative constant thrust trajectory is not available.

Exercises 5

1. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = x^{1/2} \sec \theta + \lambda \tan \theta$$

and Hamilton's equations are accordingly

$$\dot{x} = \tan \theta, \quad \dot{\lambda} = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \sec \theta, \quad x^{1/2} \sec \theta \tan \theta + \lambda \sec^2 \theta = 0.$$

Thus, $\dot{\lambda} = -x^{-1/2} \sin \theta$ and substituting in the second of these equations, we find

$$-\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \sec \theta = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} \dot{x} \sin \theta - x^{1/2} \cos \theta \dot{\theta}.$$

Putting $\dot{x} = \tan \theta$, this reduces to $x \dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{2}$. Hence

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{\dot{x}}{x \dot{\theta}} = 2 \tan \theta.$$

which integrates to give $x = \alpha \sec^2 \theta$, where α is constant.

It now follows that

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \cos^2 \theta.$$

which integrates to yield

$$\tan\theta = \frac{1}{2\alpha}(t + \beta),$$

β being a second constant of integration. Hence

$$x = \alpha \sec^2\theta = \alpha - \frac{1}{4\alpha}(t + \beta)^2 \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

The end conditions $x = 2, t = 0$ and $x = 5, t = 2$ now determine α and β . There are two possibilities, viz. $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2$ and $\alpha = 1/13, \beta = -10/13$, leading to solutions

$$x = \frac{1}{4}t^2 + t + 2, \quad x = \frac{13}{4}t^2 - 5t + 2,$$

respectively.

Differentiating the general solution (i) of the state equation with respect to α and β , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} = 1 - \frac{1}{4\alpha^2}(t + \beta)^2, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{2\alpha}(t + \beta).$$

If $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2$, then

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{1}{4}t^2 - t, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{2}t + 1.$$

Thus, the general solution of the accessory equations for the first variation η of x can be taken to be

$$\eta = A(t^2 - 4t) + B(t - 2).$$

If $\alpha = 1/13, \beta = -10/13$, then

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} = -\frac{169}{4}t^2 + 65t - 24, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} = \frac{13}{2}t - 5,$$

and the general solution for η is

$$\eta = A(169t^2 - 260t + 96) + B(13t - 10).$$

In the first case, if $\eta = 0$ at $t = 0$ and $t = \tau$, we must have

$$2B = 0, \quad A(\tau^2 - 4\tau) + B(\tau + 2) = 0$$

and if A, B are not both to vanish, $\tau = -4$. Thus, there is no point conjugate to the initial point such that $0 < \tau < 5$ on this state space trajectory and Jacobi's condition is satisfied.

In the second case, if $\eta = 0$ at $t = 0$ and $t = \tau$, we have

$$96A - 10B = 0, \quad A(169\tau^2 - 260\tau + 96) + B(13\tau - 10) = 0.$$

The condition that A and B do not both vanish is then

$$96(13\tau - 10) + 10(169\tau^2 - 260\tau + 96) = 0,$$

i.e. $\tau = 4/5$ and Jacobi's condition is not satisfied.

If $\alpha = 1, B = 2$, we find

$$x = \frac{1}{4}t^2 + t + 2, \quad \tan\theta = \frac{1}{2}t + 1$$

and so

$$C = \int_0^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}t^2 + t + 2 \right) dt = \frac{20}{3}.$$

2. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \frac{1}{x} \sec\theta + \lambda \tan\theta$$

and Hamilton's equations are

$$\dot{x} = \tan\theta, \quad \dot{\lambda} = \frac{1}{x^2} \sec\theta, \quad \frac{1}{x} \sec\theta \tan\theta - \lambda \sec^2\theta = 0$$

Thus, $\lambda = -\frac{1}{x} \sin\theta$ and, substituting in the second equation, we deduce that

$$\frac{1}{x^2} \sec\theta = \dot{\lambda} = \frac{1}{x^2} \dot{x} \sin\theta - \frac{1}{x} \cos\theta \dot{\theta}.$$

Putting $\dot{x} = \tan\theta$, we find that $x\dot{\theta} = -1$. It then follows that

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{\dot{x}}{x\dot{\theta}} = -\dot{x} = -\tan\theta,$$

which integrates to give

$$x = \alpha \cos\theta,$$

where α is constant. Since $x\dot{\theta} = -1$, we have

$$\cos\theta \dot{\theta} = -\frac{1}{\alpha}.$$

which integrates to yield

$$\sin\theta = -\frac{1}{\alpha}(t - \beta),$$

β being a second integration constant. It now follows that

$$x = \alpha \cos\theta = \sqrt{\alpha^2 - (t - \beta)^2}.$$

The end conditions $x = 1, t = 0$ and $x = \sqrt{2}, t = 1$, now determine $\alpha = \sqrt{2}, \beta = -1$ and thus

$$x = \sqrt{1 + 2t - t^2}.$$

Differentiating the general solution for x with respect to α and β , we get

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - (t - \beta)^2}}, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{t - \beta}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - (t - \beta)^2}}.$$

Along the optimal trajectory, $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$ and $\beta = -1$, so that

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{1 + 2t - t^2}}, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{t - 1}{\sqrt{1 + 2t - t^2}},$$

and the general solution of the accessory equations for η is

$$\eta = \frac{A - B(t - 1)}{\sqrt{1 + 2t - t^2}}.$$

Suppose $\eta = 0$ at $t = 0$ and $t = \tau$. Then

$$A - B = 0, \quad \frac{A - B(\tau - 1)}{\sqrt{1 + 2\tau - \tau^2}} = 0,$$

implying that $\tau = 0$. We conclude that there is no point on the optimal trajectory conjugate to the point $t = 0$ and, hence, that Jacobi's condition is satisfied.

On the optimal trajectory, $\sec\theta = \alpha/x$, so that the integrand of C is $\alpha^2 x^2 = \sqrt{2} \cdot (1 + 2t - t^2)$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\min} &= \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{2} dt}{2 - (t - 1)^2} = \sqrt{2} \left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{2} - t - 1}{\sqrt{2} - t + 1} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \ln(\sqrt{2} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

3. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = x + \frac{1}{4}u^2 + \lambda u$$

and Hamilton's equations are

$$\dot{x} = u, \quad \dot{\lambda} = -1, \quad \frac{1}{2}u + \lambda = 0.$$

Integration leads to the results

$$x = t^2 + \alpha t + \beta, \quad \lambda = -t - \frac{1}{2}\alpha, \quad u = 2t + \alpha.$$

where α, β are constants of integration.

The end conditions $x = 0, t = 0$ and $x = 2, t = 1$ require that $\alpha = 1, \beta = 0$, so that

$$x = t^2 + t.$$

Referring to the general solution of the state equation, we note that

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} = t, \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} = 1.$$

so that the general solution of the accessory equations for the first variation η of x is

$$\eta = At + B.$$

Clearly, η can only vanish at one point on an optimal trajectory so that Jacobi's condition is satisfied.

4. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \sqrt{x^2 + u^2} + \lambda u$$

and Hamilton's equations are

$$\dot{x} = u, \quad \dot{\lambda} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + u^2}}, \quad \frac{u}{\sqrt{x^2 + u^2}} + \lambda = 0.$$

Clearly, $\dot{\lambda}^2 - \lambda^2 = 1$ or

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \lambda^2}} \frac{d\lambda}{dt} = 1.$$

Integration yields $\sin^{-1} \lambda = t - \alpha$ or

$$\lambda = \sin(t + \alpha),$$

where α is constant. It now follows that

$$\frac{\dot{x}}{x} = \frac{u}{x} = \frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda} = \tan(t + \alpha),$$

which integrates to yield

$$x = \beta \sec(t + \alpha), \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

where β is another integration constant.

The end conditions $x = 1, t = 0$ and $x = \sqrt{2}, t = \pi/4$ require that $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$, so that $x = \sec t$ along the optimal state trajectory. Then, $u = \dot{x} = \sec t \tan t$.

Differentiating (i), we find

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha} = \beta \sec(t + \alpha) \tan(t + \alpha), \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \beta} = \sec(t + \alpha),$$

so that the general solution of the accessory equations for η along the optimal state trajectory $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$ is

$$\eta = A \sec t \tan t + B \sec t.$$

If $\eta = 0$ at $t = 0$ and $t = \tau$, then

$$B = 0, \quad A \sec \tau \tan \tau + B \sec \tau = 0.$$

If A, B do not both vanish, then $\sec \tau \tan \tau = 0$; this last equation has no root such that $0 < \tau < \pi/4$, so that Jacobi's condition is satisfied.

Since $x^2 + u^2 = \sec^2 t$ on the optimal trajectory,

$$C_{\min} = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec^2 t \, dt = [\tan t]_0^{\pi/4} = 1.$$

5. The Hamiltonian is

$$H = u^2 + \lambda_y y + \lambda_u u,$$

yielding Hamilton's equations

$$\dot{x} = y, \quad \dot{y} = u, \quad \dot{\lambda}_y = 0, \quad \dot{\lambda}_u = -\lambda_y, \quad 2u + \lambda_u = 0$$

(Hence, $u = at + b$, where a, b are constants) and then

$$x = \frac{1}{6}at^3 + \frac{1}{2}bt^2 + ct + d, \quad y = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + bt + c.$$

where c, d are further constants of integration. These 4 constants are determined by the end conditions.

Since

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial a} = \frac{1}{6}t^3, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} = \frac{1}{2}t^2,$$

a solution of the accessory equations for η_x, η_y is

$$\eta_x = \frac{1}{6}t^3, \quad \eta_y = \frac{1}{2}t^2.$$

Three other solutions are obtained by differentiations with respect to b, c and d , viz.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_x &= \frac{1}{2}t^2, & \eta_y &= t, \\ \eta_x &= t, & \eta_y &= 1, \\ \eta_x &= 1, & \eta_y &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the general solution is accordingly

$$\eta_x = \frac{1}{6}At^3 + \frac{1}{2}Bt^2 + Ct + D, \quad \eta_y = \frac{1}{2}At^2 + Bt + C.$$

To calculate points conjugate to the initial point $t = t_0$ on the optimal trajectory, we require η_x and η_y to vanish at $t = t_0$ and $t = \tau$. This leads to 4 linear equations for A, B, C, D and the condition these should not all vanish is

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{6}t_0^3 & \frac{1}{2}t_0^2 & t_0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{6}\tau^3 & \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 & \tau & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}t_0^2 & t_0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 & \tau & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Expanding the determinant, we arrive at the condition

$$-\frac{1}{12}(t_0 - \tau)^4 = 0.$$

i.e. $t_1 = \tau$. Hence there is no point on the optimal trajectory which is conjugate to the initial point and Jacobi's condition is satisfied.

o. With
$$H = x^{1/2} \sec \theta + \lambda \tan \theta$$

all matrices are 1×1 and in particular

$$\begin{aligned} f_x &= 0, \quad f_v = \sec^2 \theta, \quad H_{xx} = -\frac{1}{4x^{3/2}} \sec \theta, \quad H_{x\lambda} = \frac{1}{2x^{1/2}} \sec \theta \tan \theta, \\ H_{\lambda\lambda} &= x^{1/2} (\sec \theta \tan^2 \theta + \sec^3 \theta) + 2\lambda \sec^2 \theta \tan \theta. \end{aligned}$$

On the extremal to be considered, we have

$$x = \sec^2 \theta, \quad \lambda = -x^{1/2} \sin \theta = -\tan \theta$$

and hence

$$H_{xx} = -\frac{1}{4} \cos^2 \theta, \quad H_{x\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta, \quad H_{\lambda\lambda} = \sec^2 \theta.$$

Thus, the accessory Riccati equation (5.4.11) can be written down as

$$\frac{dK}{dt} = \left(K \sec^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta \right)^2 \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{4} \cos^2 \theta.$$

But $\dot{\theta} = 1/2x = \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 \theta$, so that

$$\frac{dK}{d\theta} = 2 \left(K \sec^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2},$$

which is equivalent to the equation stated.

It is now straightforward to verify that $K = -\cot \theta/2$ is a special solution of the Riccati equation. Then, putting $K = -\frac{1}{2} \cot \theta + \frac{1}{y}$, we find that y satisfies the linear equation

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} - 2y \sec^2 \theta \cot \theta = -2 \sec^4 \theta.$$

The integrating factor for this equation is $\cot^2 \theta$, bringing it to the form

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}(y \cot^2 \theta) = -2\sec^2 \theta \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta.$$

Integrating, we find

$$y = 2(\tan \theta - A \tan^2 \theta - \tan^3 \theta),$$

where A is a constant of integration.

On the extremal under consideration, $\tan \theta = (t + 2)/2$ and so

$$K = \frac{1}{t+2} - \frac{4}{4(t+2) + 2A(t-2)^2 - (t+2)^3}.$$

By proper choice of A , we can now find a solution for K that is finite from $t = 0$ to $t = 2$.

7. Since $H = x + \frac{1}{4}u^2 + \lambda u$, we find

$$f_x = 0, \quad f_u = 1, \quad H_{xx} = 0, \quad H_{uu} = 0, \quad H_{xu} = \frac{1}{2}$$

and the accessory Riccati equation is

$$\dot{K} = 2K^2.$$

This integrates immediately to give

$$K = \frac{1}{A - 2t}.$$

Clearly, by proper choice of the constant A , K can be rendered finite on any extremal.

8. Since $H = (x^2 + u^2)^{1/2} + \lambda u$, we have

$$f_x = 0, \quad f_u = 1, \quad H_{xx} = \frac{u^2}{(x^2 + u^2)^{3/2}}, \quad H_{uu} = -\frac{xu}{(x^2 + u^2)^{3/2}},$$

$$H_{xu} = \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + u^2)^{3/2}}.$$

and the accessory Riccati equation takes the form

$$\frac{dK}{dt} - \left[K - \frac{xu}{(x^2 + u^2)^{3/2}} \right] \frac{(x^2 + u^2)^{3/2}}{x^2} - \frac{u^2}{(x^2 + u^2)^{3/2}} = 0.$$

On the extremal to be considered, $x = \sec t$ and $u = \sec t \tan t$. Substituting in the last equation, we arrive at the result stated.

Then, putting $K = 1/J$, we are led to the equation

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} - 2J \tan t = -\sec^4 t.$$

This is a linear equation with integrating factor $\cos^2 t$. Hence

$$\frac{d}{dt}(J \cos^2 t) = -\sec^2 t.$$

which integrates to yield

$$J \cos^2 t = -\tan t + A.$$

Thus

$$K = \frac{\cos^2 t}{A - \tan t}.$$

If $0 \leq t \leq \pi/4$, by choosing $A > 1$ we arrive at a solution for K which is finite over the whole extremal arc.

If, however, $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, then $\tan t$ will take values from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ and any choice of A will permit the denominator to vanish for some value of t and K to become infinite.

9. The state equations and Hamiltonian are

$$\dot{x} = v, \quad \dot{y} = u, \quad H = u^2 + \lambda_y y + \lambda_x v.$$

Thus, $M = 2$ and $N = 1$ and

$$f_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad H_{xx} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad H_{uu} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad H_{yy} = 2.$$

The result stated is in error, having assumed f_x to be the null 2×2 matrix. Apologies!

To solve the correct Riccati equation, we need to generalise a method which has been successful in the case where $M = 1$.

Suppose $K^1 = K_1^1$ is a particular solution of the general $(M \times M)$ Riccati equation. Substituting

$$K = K_1 + F^{-1},$$

where Y is a symmetric $M \times M$ matrix, we need to be able to calculate $\frac{dY^{-1}}{dt}$. Differentiating the equation $YY^{-1} = I$, we find

$$\frac{d}{dt}(YY^{-1}) = \frac{dY}{dt}Y^{-1} - Y\frac{d}{dt}(Y^{-1}) = O,$$

where O is the null $M \times M$ matrix. Multiplying on the left by Y^{-1} , this gives

$$\frac{d}{dt}(Y^{-1}) = -Y^{-1}\frac{dY}{dt}Y^{-1}.$$

Now, substituting for K in (5.4.11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dK_0}{dt} - Y^{-1}\frac{dY}{dt}Y^{-1} - (K_0f_u + H_{xx} + Y^{-1}f_u)H_{uu}^{-1}(f_u^T K_0 + H_{xu}^T - f_u^T Y^{-1}) \\ + K_0f_x + Y^{-1}f_x + f_x^T K_0 + f_x^T Y^{-1} + H_{xx} = O. \end{aligned}$$

Since K_0 is a particular solution of the Riccati equation, this reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} -Y^{-1}\frac{dY}{dt}Y^{-1} - (K_0f_u + H_{xx})H_{uu}^{-1}f_u^T Y^{-1} - Y^{-1}f_u H_{uu}^{-1}(f_u^T K_0 + H_{xu}^T) \\ - Y^{-1}f_u H_{uu}^{-1}f_u^T Y^{-1} - Y^{-1}f_x + f_x^T Y^{-1} = O. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying on the left and right by Y , we have finally

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dY}{dt} - Y(K_0f_u + H_{xx})H_{uu}^{-1}f_u^T - f_u H_{uu}^{-1}(f_u^T K_0 + H_{xu}^T)Y \\ - f_u H_{uu}^{-1}f_u^T - f_x Y - Yf_x^T = O. \end{aligned}$$

This equation is linear in Y and can be solved in the usual way.

In the case under consideration, since H_{xx} and H_{xu} are null matrices, $K_0 = O$ is a particular solution of the Riccati equation and the equation for Y reduces to

$$\frac{dY}{dt} - f_u H_{uu}^{-1}f_u^T - f_x Y - Yf_x^T = O.$$

Taking

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ q & r \end{bmatrix}$$

we find that the last matrix equation reduces to the equations

$$\frac{dp}{dt} - 2q = 0, \quad \frac{dq}{dt} - r = 0, \quad \frac{dr}{dt} - \frac{1}{2} = 0.$$

integration gives

$$\begin{aligned} p &= -\frac{1}{6}t^3 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 - 2\beta t - \gamma, \\ q &= -\frac{1}{4}t^2 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha t - \beta, \\ r &= -\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{2}\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

where α, β, γ are constants of integration.

We now calculate that

$$K = Y^{-1} = \frac{1}{D} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{2}\alpha & \frac{1}{4}t^2 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha t - \beta \\ \frac{1}{4}t^2 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha t - \beta & -\frac{1}{6}t^3 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 - 2\beta t - \gamma \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\text{where } D = \frac{1}{48}t^4 - \frac{1}{12}\alpha t^3 + \frac{1}{2}\beta t^2 + \frac{1}{2}\gamma t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\gamma - \beta^2.$$

If we take $\beta = \frac{1}{4}\alpha^2$, $\gamma = \frac{1}{6}\alpha^3$, it will be found that D reduces to $\frac{1}{48}(t + \alpha)^4$. In this case, K is finite for all values of t except $t = -\alpha$. It follows that by choosing α appropriately, we can ensure that K is finite over every extremal.