

## MATH3404

Translating *time* so that  $P_1O$  reaches 0 at  $t = 0$ ; if  $S = 0$  there, the previous switch was at  $y = -\tau$ , at  $P_1$ . If  $S \neq 0$  at 0, the previous switch must have been at some point  $Q$ . Trace back by  $\pi$  along the  $\mathcal{C}^-$  curve through  $Q$ . Curve “expands” by a factor  $e^{k\pi}$ .

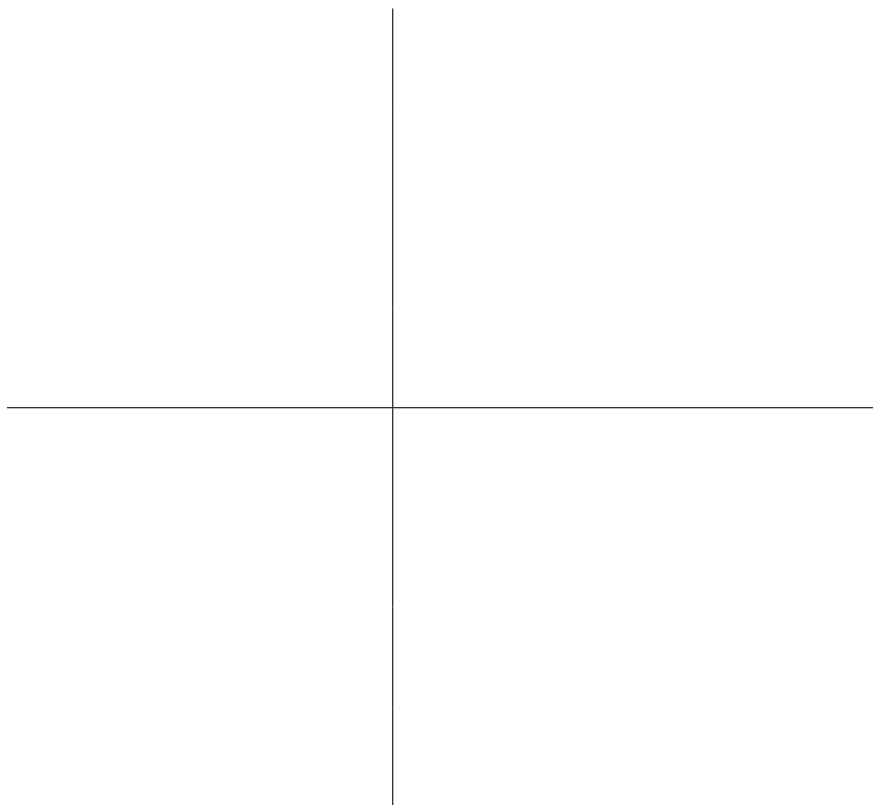
Can show that the locus of  $R$  is

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -1 - 2e^{k\pi} + e^{k(\pi-\sigma)} \cos \sigma \\ x_2 &= e^{k(\pi-\sigma)} \sin \sigma \quad -\pi \leq \sigma \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Each of the arcs of the switching curve is magnified by the factor  $e^{k\pi}$  and translated by stretched amounts.

$$u^* = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{above } S = 0 \text{ \& on } P_2O \\ +1 & \text{below } S = 0 \text{ \& on } P_1O. \end{cases}$$

**Remark:** The case for  $Re(\lambda) > 0$  is similar, except the loops get smaller.



$$\text{Arcs } C_1^+ : x_1 = 1 - e^{+k\sigma} \cos \sigma, x_2 = e^{k\sigma} \sin \sigma$$

$$-\pi \leq \sigma \leq 0$$

$$C_2^+ : x_1 = 1 + 2e^{-k\pi} - e^{-k(\pi-\sigma)} \cos \sigma,$$

$$x_2 = e^{-k(\pi-\sigma)} \sin \sigma$$

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Distance between  $P_n$  &  $P_{n+1}$  is

$$e^{-nk\pi}(1 + e^{-k\pi}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

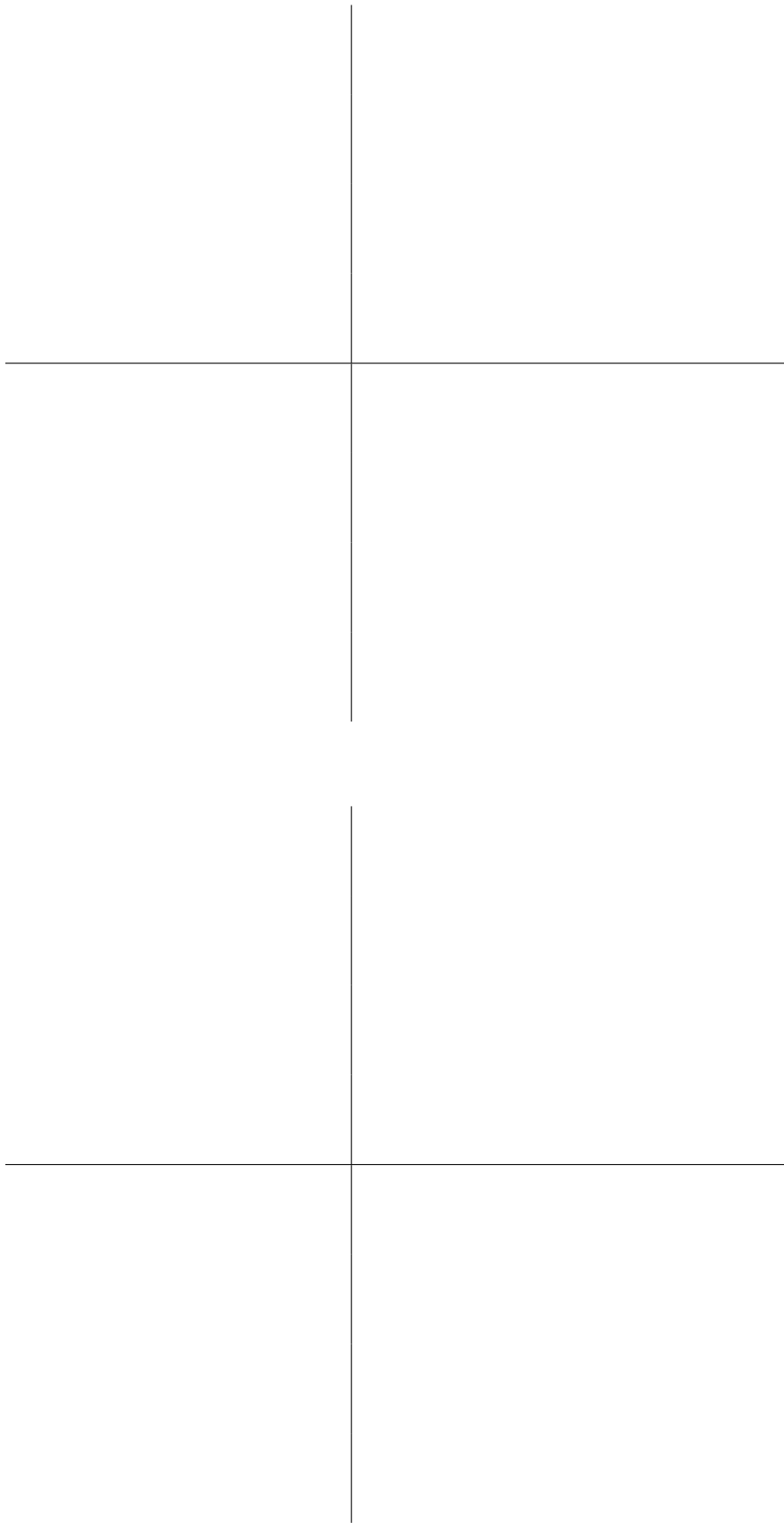
Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 OP_{n+1} &= 1 + 2 \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} e^{-pk\pi} + e^{-nk\pi} \\
 &\rightarrow 1 + 2 \sum_{1}^{\infty} e^{-pk\pi} \\
 &= \frac{1 + e^{-k\pi}}{1 - e^{-k\pi}}
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  similarly for  $OQ_{n+1}$ .

Although there are an infinite number of arcs, the switching curve is bounded.

$$u^* = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{above } \Gamma \text{ \& on } \mathcal{C}_1^- \\ +1 & \text{below } \Gamma \text{ \& on } \mathcal{C}_1^+ \end{cases}$$



**Next topic:**

#  $J$  involves  $\tilde{x}(t_1)$  the final state.

**Pontryagin Max Princ for Control to a Target Curve  $\mathcal{C}$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(\tilde{x}, u), & \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(\tilde{x}, u) \\ J &= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f_0(\tilde{x}, u) dt\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem.**  $u^*(t)$  an admissible control taking  $\tilde{x}^0$  at  $t_0$  to a point on  $\mathcal{C} : G(x_1, x_2) = 0$  at  $t = t_1$ . For  $u^*$ ,  $\tilde{x}^*$  optimal, it is necessary that  $\exists \tilde{\psi}, \dot{\tilde{\psi}}_i = -\partial H / \partial x_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where

$$H = -f_0 + \psi_1 f_1 + \psi_2 f_2$$

such that

- $H$  maximized at  $u = u^*(t)$  for each  $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$
- $H(\tilde{\psi}^*, \tilde{x}^*, u^*) = 0$  (since final time  $t_1$  is unspecified)

- $\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(t_1) \\ \psi_2(t_1) \end{pmatrix}$  perpendicular to tangent at  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $\underset{\sim}{x}^*(t_1) = (x_1^*(t_1), x_2^*(t_1))$  Transversality condition

**Corollary.** *If the state  $\underset{\sim}{x}^1$  at  $t = t_1$  is completely unspecified, the transversality condition becomes*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(t_1) \\ \psi_2(t_1) \end{pmatrix} \underset{\sim}{=} 0.$$

Transversality condition at  $Q$  is

(†)  $a\psi_1(t_1) + b\psi_2(t_1) = 0$ , where  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  tangent to  $G(\underset{\sim}{x}) = 0$  at  $\underset{\sim}{x} = \underset{\sim}{x}^*(t_1)$ . If the final state is completely unspecified, (†) holds for all curves – **i.e.** all  $a, b$ . Hence  $\psi_1(t_1) = \psi_2(t_1) = 0$ .

In particular, if the system is governed by a single DE with free endpoint  $x(t_1)$ , transversality condition is just

$$\psi_1(t_1) = 0.$$

## Problems where cost depends on $x(t_1)$ .

Realistic costs often involve the final state of a system. For example, in a medical control problem, we may be trying to maximize the concentration of a drug; or in an industrial process perhaps trying to minimize the quantity of some final by product which is a pollutant.

Moreover, if we wished to have controls *without constraints*, then to prevent a solution with unbounded controls, we might introduce a heavy penalty, using terms like  $\int_{t_0}^{t_1} u^2 dt$  and obtain

$$J = -x(t_1) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} u^2 dt.$$

## General Problem

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = \tilde{f}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

Control the system in  $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$  from  $\tilde{x}^0$  at  $t = t_0$  to  $\tilde{x}^1$  at  $t = t_1$  in such a way that

$$J = g(\tilde{x}^1) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f_0(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u}) dt$$

is minimized. Find the optimal control.

As stated,  $\tilde{x}^1 = \tilde{x}(t_1)$  is free – the transversality condition will have to be used. # Introduce a new cost variable  $X_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X}_0 &= \sum_1^m \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} f_i + f_0 & X_0(t_0) &= 0 \\ &= \sum_1^m \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_i + f_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_0(t_1) - X_0(t_0) = g(\tilde{x}(t_1)) - g(\tilde{x}(t_0)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f_0 dt$$

Since  $X_0(t_0) = 0$ , we have,

$$X_0(t_1) = J - g(\tilde{x}(t_0)).$$



Since  $\tilde{x}(t_0) = \tilde{x}^0$  is given, the quantity  $g(\tilde{x}(t_0))$  is known and constant. Hence, minimizing  $X_0$  is the same as minimizing  $J$ .

- Transversality conditions ( $C$  of  $V$ )
- Complex eigenvalues switching curve
- Riccati equation

### # Apply Pontryagin Max Princ:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \psi_0 \dot{X}_0 + \psi_1 f_1 + \cdots + \psi_n f_n \\ &= \psi_0 \left\{ f_0 + \sum_1^n \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_j} f_j \right\} + \sum_1^n \psi_j f_j. \end{aligned}$$

As previously, take  $\psi_0 = -1$  and the costate equations are

$$\dot{\psi}_i = -\partial H / \partial x_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

However, these are more complicated than the case where  $J$  does not involve  $\tilde{x}(t_1)$ . Let's look for a simplification.

### # Rearrange $H$

$$H = -f_0 + \sum_1^n [\psi_j - \partial g / \partial x_j] f_j.$$

Introduce “pseudo-costate” variables

$$\lambda_i = \psi_i - \partial g / \partial x_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$H = -f_0 + \sum_1^n \lambda_j f_j := H'.$$

It turns out that

$$\dot{\lambda}_i = -\frac{\partial H'}{\partial x_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

\* The  $\lambda_i$ 's formally act like costate variables and the equations are much easier to solve.

# Since  $\tilde{x}(t_1) = \tilde{x}^1$  free, so the transversality condition is

$$\psi_i(t_1) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_i(t_1) = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i}(t_1), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

**Summary:**

- Write  $H' = -f_0 + \sum_j \lambda_j f_j$
- Maximize  $H'$  as a function of  $u$ .

- End conditions  $\underset{\sim}{x}(t_0) = \underset{\sim}{x}^0$

Two endpoint

Boundary Value  $\lambda_i(t_1) = -\left. \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \right|_{t=t_1}$

Problem.

**Example.**  $\dot{x} = -\alpha x + u$ , controlled from  $x = 0$  at  $t = 0$  to  $x(t_1)$  at a fixed time  $t_1$ , minimizing

$$J = -x(t_1) + \int_0^{t_1} u^2 dt.$$

Find the optimal control  $u^*$ .

(Control  $u$  is unconstrained, but the  $u^2$  term makes it expensive to use too much.)

**Solution.**

$$H = H' = -u^2 + \lambda(-\alpha x + u)$$

Costate equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\lambda} &= -\partial H / \partial x \\ \dot{\lambda} &= \alpha \lambda, \quad \lambda = A e^{\alpha t} \end{aligned}$$

To maximize  $H'$  as a function of  $u$ ,

$$H'_u = -2u + \lambda = 0 \quad \boxed{u^* = \lambda/2}$$

So  $u^* = A e^{\frac{\alpha t}{2}}$ .

Optimal state equation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -\alpha x + u^* = -\alpha x + A e^{\alpha t} / 2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= B e^{-\alpha t} + A e^{\alpha t} / 4\alpha \end{aligned}$$

End conditions:

$$x(0) = 0$$

$$0 = B + A/4\alpha, \quad B = -A/4\alpha$$

$$\text{At } t = t_1, \quad \lambda = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{Now } g(x(t_1)) = -x(t_1), \quad \text{so } g(x) = -x$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(t_1) = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = +1, \quad Ae^{\alpha t_1} = +1$$

$$A = +e^{-\alpha t_1}$$

$$\text{Hence } u^* = +\frac{e^{-\alpha t_1}}{2}e^{\alpha t} = +\frac{1}{2}e^{\alpha(t-t_1)}.$$

The optimal trajectory is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -e^{-\alpha t_1}e^{-\alpha t} + \frac{1}{4\alpha}e^{\alpha(t-t_1)} \\ &= \frac{e}{2\alpha} \left[ \frac{e^{\alpha(t)} - e^{-\alpha(t)}}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-\alpha t_1}}{2\alpha} \sinh \alpha t. \end{aligned}$$

This example we have just done is close to a special case of a wide class of useful and realistic systems: