Second-order sensitivity relations for the Mayer problem with differential inclusions

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Section 1

Mayer problems for differential inclusions

Given

- $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}, \phi \in Lip(\mathbb{R}^n)$
- $F : \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ set-valued map such that

(SH)
$$\begin{cases} \bullet F(x) \text{ is nonempty, convex, compact for each } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \bullet F \text{ is loc. Lipschitz w.r.t. the Hausdorff metric,} \\ \bullet \exists r > 0 \text{ s. t. } \max\{|v| : v \in F(x)\} \le r(1+|x|) \forall x. \end{cases}$$

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$$T \in \mathbb{R}, t \leq T, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
.

Denote by $y(\cdot; t, x)$ any absolutely continuous arc (admissible trajectory) such that

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(s) \in F(x(s)), \text{ a.e. } s \in [t, T], \\ x(t) = x. \end{cases}$$
(DI)

Definition

Mayer problem $\mathcal{P}(t, x)$:

Minimize $\phi(y(T; t, x))$ over all $y(\cdot) \in W^{1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$ that solves (DI).

Necessary condition for an admissible trajectory to be optimal

$$\min_{y(\cdot;t_0,x_0): \ y \in F(y)} \phi(y(T;t_0,x_0)) = \phi(x(T)).$$

Theorem

Assume (SH), ϕ loc. Lipschitz. If $x(\cdot)$ is optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$, then there exists p (dual arc) a.c. so that

$$\begin{cases} (-\dot{p}(s), \dot{x}(s)) \in \partial H(x(s), p(s)), a.e. \ s \in [t_0, T], \\ -p(T) \in \partial \phi(x(T)). \end{cases}$$

- Hamiltonian: $H : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ defined as $H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in F(x)} \langle v, p \rangle$.
- $\partial \phi(x) = \overline{co} \{ \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^n : p = \lim_{n \to \infty} \nabla \phi(x_n), x_n \to x \}.$
- the adjoint system above encodes the maximum principle

 $H(x(t), p(t)) = \langle p(t), \dot{x}(t) \rangle$ for a.e. $t \in [t_0, T]$.

Further assumptions in Hamiltonian form:

 $(H) \begin{cases} \text{for each non empty, convex and compact subset } K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \\ (i) \exists c \ge 0 \text{ so that }, \forall p \in S^{n-1}, x \mapsto H(x, p) \text{ is semiconvex on } K \text{ with constant } c, \\ (ii) \nabla_p H(x, p) \text{ exists and is Lipschitz continuous in } x \text{ on } K, \text{ uniformly for } p \in S^{n-1}. \end{cases}$

Value function: $V : (-\infty, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by: for all $(t_0, x_0) \in (-\infty, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$

$$V(t_0, x_0) = \inf \left\{ \phi(x(T)) : x \in W^{1,1}([t_0, T]; \mathbb{R}^n), \ \dot{x} \in F(x), \ x(t_0) = x_0 \right\}.$$

Semiconcavity

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open set. $u : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ is *semiconcave* if it is continuous in Ω and $\exists c$ s. t.

$$u(x+h) + u(x-h) - 2u(x) \le c|h|^2$$
,

for all $x, h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $[x - h, x + h] \subset \Omega$.

Theorem (Cannarsa-Wolenski, 2011)

Assume (SH), (H), ϕ semiconcave. Then V is semiconcave on $(-\infty, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

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On the assumption (H)

 The semiconvexity of the map x → H(x, p) is equivalent to the mid-point property of the multifunction F on K, that is, (dist_H: Hausdorff semidistance)

 $dist^+_{\mathcal{H}}\left(2F(x),F(x+z)+F(x-z)\right) \leq c \mid z \mid^2, \quad \forall x,z: \ x,x\pm z \in \mathcal{K}.$

• The existence of $\nabla_p H(x, p)$, $p \neq 0$ is equivalent to the fact that $F_p(x) := argmax\{\langle v, p \rangle, v \in F(x)\} = \{\nabla_p H(x, p)\}$, that is, $H(x, p) = \langle \nabla_p H(x, p), p \rangle$, $p \neq 0$.



We don't have flat parts on the values of F.

• The mid-point property together with the following geometric assumption on F

 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For every compact } \mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ there exists a constant } c' = c'(\mathcal{K}) > 0 \text{ such that for all} \\ x \in \mathcal{K}, \ p \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ we have: } v_p \in F_p(x) \Rightarrow \langle v - v_p, p \rangle \leq -c'|p||v - v_p|, \ \forall v \in F(x), \end{array} \right.$

are sufficient to have that $\nabla_p H(x, p)$ exists and is Lipschitz in x on any compact K.

• Splitting Lemma: under assumptions (SH) and (H), we have that

 $\partial H(x,p) = \partial_x^- H(x,p) \times \partial_p^- H(x,p), \quad \forall (x,p) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n.$

HJB equation

$$\begin{cases} -\partial_t V(t,x) + H(x, -V_x(t,x)) = 0 & (-\infty, T) \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ V(T,x) = \phi(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases}$$
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- has no global smooth solution in general
- the value function of the Mayer problem is the unique viscosity solution (semiconcave function that satisfies the equation a.e.)
- Heuristically, system of characteristics:

 $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = H_p, & x(T) = z\\ \dot{p} = -H_x, & p(T) = \nabla \phi(z) \end{cases}$

As long as V is smooth

$$\Rightarrow \quad (H(x,p),-p) = \nabla V$$

Goal: To obtain nonsmooth sensitivity relations

Some known results for the Mayer problem with differential inclusion.

- Clarke-Vinter (1987) $-p(t) \in \partial_x V(t, x(t)),$
- Vinter (1988) $(H(x(t), p(t)), -p(t)) \in \partial V(t, x(t)).$

Theorem

Assume

- (SH), (H),
- φ be locally Lipschitz.

Let $x : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$ and p be such that

$$-p(T) \in \partial^+ \phi(x(T)), \quad \begin{cases} -\dot{p}(t) \in \partial^-_x H(x(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{x}(t) \in \partial^-_p H(x(t), p(t)) \end{cases} \text{ a.e. in } [t_0, T]$$

Then $(H(x(t), p(t)), -p(t)) \in \partial^+ V(t, x(t))$ for all $t \in [t_0, T]$.

NS conditions for optimality

Assume, moreover, that ϕ is locally semiconcave. Let $x : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be an admissible trajectory for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$. There exists $p(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that: a.e. in $[t_0, T]$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \langle p(t),\dot{x}(t)\rangle = H(x(t),p(t)) & \text{maximum principle} \\ (H(x(t),p(t)),-p(t)) \in \partial^+ V(t,x(t)), & \text{full sensitivity relation} \end{array}$

if and only if x is optimal.

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Let $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$, $x \in \Omega$ and $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We say that p is a proximal supergradient of f at x, $p \in \partial^{+,P} f(x)$, if $\exists c, \rho \ge 0$ such that

$$f(y) - f(x) - \langle p, y - x \rangle \leq -c|y - x|^2, \ \forall y \in B(x, \rho).$$

Theorem (A partial sensitivity relation)

Assume

- (SH), (H),
- ϕ be locally Lipschitz.

Let $x : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$ and p be such that

$$-\overline{p}(T) \in \partial^{+,pr}\phi(\overline{x}(T)), \quad \begin{cases} -\dot{p}(t) \in \partial_x^- H(\overline{x}(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{\overline{x}}(t) \in \partial_p^- H(\overline{x}(t), p(t)) \end{cases} \text{ a.e. in } [t_0, T].$$

Then $-p(t) \in \partial_x^{+,pr} V(t, x(t))$ for all $t \in [t_0, T]$.

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Applications

Assume (SH), (H), $\phi \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. For any $\overline{p} = (\overline{p}_t, \overline{p}_x) \in \partial^* V(t, x)$, let $\mathcal{R}(\overline{p})$ be the set of all trajectories $y(\cdot)$ that are solution of

and are optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t, x)$. Then the set-valued map $\mathcal{R} : p \in \partial^* V(t, x) \to \mathcal{R}(p)$ has nonempty values. If in addition

• F(x) are not singletons and, if n > 1, they have a C^1 boundary,

•
$$\mathbb{R}^+ p \cap \left(\partial_x^- H(x,p) - \partial_x^- H(x,p) \right) = \emptyset \quad \forall p \neq 0, (ex: H(\cdot,p) \in C^1),$$

then the set-valued map \mathcal{R} is strongly injective: $p_1 \neq p_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{R}(p_1) \cap \mathcal{R}(p_2) = \emptyset.$

Corollary

For every $(t, x) \in (-\infty, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$,

- there exist at least as many optimal solutions of *P*(*t*, *x*) as elements of ∂* *V*(*t*, *x*).
- take φ semiconcave. If V fails to be differentiable at a point (t, x), then there exist two or more optimal trajectories starting from (t, x).



Theorem (A partial sensitivity relation)

Assume

- (SH), (H),
- φ be locally Lipschitz.

Let $x : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$ and p be such that

$$-p(t_0) \in \partial^{-,pr} V(t_0, x_0), \quad \begin{cases} -\dot{p}(t) \in \partial_x^- H(x(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{x}(t) \in \partial_p^- H(x(t), p(t)) \end{cases} \text{ a.e. in } [t_0, T].$$

Then,
$$-p(t) \in \partial_x^{-,pr} V(t, x(t))$$
 for all $t \in [t_0, T]$.

Corollary

Same assumptions as before. Let $x(\cdot)$ be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$, and suppose that $\partial^+ \phi(x(T)) \neq \emptyset$. Let $p(\cdot)$ be such that

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(s) \in \partial_{\rho}^{-}H(x(s), p(s)), & x(T) = x(T) \\ -\dot{p}(s) \in \partial_{x}^{-}H(x(s), p(s)), & -p(T) \in \partial^{+}\phi(x(T)) \end{cases} \text{ for a.e. } s \in [t_{0}, T].$$
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If $\partial_x^- V(t_0, x_0) \neq \emptyset$, then $V(t, \cdot)$ is differentiable at x(t) with $\nabla_x V(t, x(t)) = -p(t)$ for all $t \in [t_0, T]$.

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Definition (Crandall, Ishii, Lions)

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to [-\infty, +\infty]$, $x \in dom(f)$ and $(q, Q) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times S(n)$.

• superjet of f at x, $(q, Q) \in J^{2,+}f(x)$: there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\forall y \in B(x, \delta)$,

$$f(y) \leq f(x) + \langle q, y - x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle Q(y - x), y - x \rangle + o(|y - x|^2).$$

• subjet of f at x, $(q, Q) \in J^{2,-}f(x)$: there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\forall y \in B(x, \delta)$,

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle q, y - x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle Q(y - x), y - x \rangle + o(|y - x|^2).$$

Equivalently, $J^{2,-}f(x) := -J^{2,+}(-f(x)).$



 $(q, Q) \in J^{2,+}f(x)$ if and only if $\exists \phi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$ such that $f \leq \phi, f(x) = \phi(x),$ and $(\nabla \phi(x), \nabla^2 \phi(x)) = (q, Q)$

Remarks

Some properties:

- $J^{2,+}f(x)$ is a convex subset of $\mathbb{R}^n \times S(n)$.
- if $f \leq g$ and $f(\hat{x}) = g(\hat{x})$ for some $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $J^{2,+}g(\hat{x}) \subset J^{2,+}f(\hat{x})$.
- if $(q, Q) \in J^{2,+}f(x)$, then $(q, Q') \in J^{2,+}f(x)$ for all $Q' \in S(n)$ such that $Q' \ge Q$. Thus, the set $J^{2,+}f(x)$ is either empty or unbounded.
- *f* is semiconcave on a neighborhood of *x* with semiconcavity constant *c*, then for any $p \in \partial^+ f(x)$ we have $(p, cl_n) \in J^{2,+} f(x)$.
- if $J^{2,+}f(x)$ and $J^{2,-}f(x)$ are both nonempty, then f is differentiable at x and, for any $(q_1, Q_1) \in J^{2,+}f(x)$ and $(q_2, Q_2) \in J^{2,-}f(x)$, we have that $q_1 = q_2 = \nabla f(x)$ and $Q_1 \ge Q_2$. Moreover, $J^{2,+}f(x) \cap J^{2,-}f(x)$ is nonempty if and only if it is a singleton (q, Q), and in that case

$$f(y) = f(x) + \langle q, y - x \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle Q(y - x), y - x \rangle + o(|y - x|) = 0.$$

Theorem

Assume

- (SH), (H),
- ϕ be locally Lipschitz.

Let $x : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$ and let $p : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be s. t.:

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$$-p(T) \in \partial^{+,pr}\phi(x(T)), \quad \begin{cases} -\dot{p}(t) \in \partial_x^- H(x(t),p(t)) \\ \dot{x}(t) \in \partial_p^- H(x(t),p(t)) \end{cases} \text{ a.e. in } [t_0,T].$$

Then, $\exists c_1 > 0$ *such that* $(-p(t), c_1 I_n) \in J_x^{2,+} V(t, x(t))$ *for all* $t \in [t_0, T)$ *.*

$$-p(t_0) \in \partial^{-,pr} V(t_0, x_0), \quad \begin{cases} -\dot{p}(t) \in \partial_x^- H(x(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{x}(t) \in \partial_p^- H(x(t), p(t)) \end{cases} \text{ a.e. in } [t_0, T].$$

Then, $\exists c_2 > 0$ such that $(-p(t), c_2 I_n) \in J_x^{2,-} V(t, x(t))$ for all $t \in [t_0, T)$.

Theorem

Assume

- (SH),
- $H \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})), \phi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n).$

Let $(t_0, x_0) \in (-\infty, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$ and let \overline{x} be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$ such that $\nabla \phi(x(T)) \neq 0$. If $\partial_x^{-, pr} V(t_0, x_0) \neq \emptyset$, then $V(t, \cdot)$ is of class C^2 in a neighborhood of $x(t), \forall t \in [t_0, T]$. Moreover, $(\nabla_x V(t, x(t)), \nabla_{xx}^2 V(t, x(t)) = (-p(t), -R(t)))$, where $H_{px}[t] := H_{px}(x(t), p(t))$ and

 $\dot{R}(t) + H_{px}[t]R(t) + R(t)H_{xp}[t] + R(t)H_{pp}[t]R(t) + H_{xx}[t] = 0, \ R(T) = \nabla^2 \phi(\overline{x}(T)).$

Example (if $\nabla \phi(\overline{x}(T)) = 0$?)

- Final cost $\phi : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, \ \phi(z) = z^2$.
- Dynamic: $\dot{x} \in [-1, 1] \Longrightarrow H(p) = \mid p \mid$.

$$(t,x) \in [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}, \quad V(t,x) = \begin{cases} (x+t-T)^2, & \text{if } x \ge T-t, \\ (x-t+T)^2, & \text{if } x \le t-T, \\ 0, & \text{otherwhise.} \end{cases}$$

• V is not twice differentiable at (t, x),

If
$$x = \pm (T - t)$$
: $\phi'(y(T; t, x)) = 0$,
 $\partial_x^{-, pr} V(t, x) = \{0\}$

Propagation of the superjet

New goal: to obtain new sensitivity relations in form of sub/super jets

Theorem

Assume

- *(SH),*
- $H \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})),$
- $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ locally Lipschitz.

Let $x : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$ and let $(q, Q) \in J^{2,+}\phi(x(T))$ with $q \neq 0$.

• Let $\overline{p}(\cdot)$ be such that

$$-\overline{p}(T) = q, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -\dot{p}(t) & \in \quad \partial_x^- H(x(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{x}(t) & \in \quad \partial_p^- H(x(t), p(t)) \end{array} \right. \text{ a.e. in } [t_0, T] \,,$$

• let R be the solution of the Riccati equation

$$\begin{cases} \dot{R}(t) + H_{px}[t]R(t) + R(t)H_{xp}[t] + R(t)H_{pp}[t]R(t) + H_{xx}[t] = 0, \\ R(T) = -Q, \end{cases}$$

defined on [a, T], for some $a \in [t_0, T)$.

Then $(-p(t), -R(t)) \in J_x^{2,+} V(t, x(t))$ for all $t \in [a, T]$.

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Propagation of the subjet

Theorem

Assume

- (SH),
- $H \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})),$
- $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ locally Lipschitz.

Let $x : [t_0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be optimal for $\mathcal{P}(t_0, x_0)$ and let $(-p(t_0), -R_0) \in J_x^{2, -} V(t_0, x_0)$.

• Let $\overline{p}(\cdot)$ be such that

$$-\overline{p}(t_0) = p_0, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} -\dot{p}(t) & \in & \partial_x^- H(x(t), p(t)) \\ \dot{x}(t) & \in & \partial_p^- H(x(t), p(t)) \end{array} \right. \text{ a.e. in } [t_0, T],$$

• let R be the solution of the Riccati equation

 $\begin{cases} \dot{R}(t) + H_{px}[t]R(t) + R(t)H_{xp}[t] + R(t)H_{pp}[t]R(t) + H_{xx}[t] = 0, \\ R(t_0) = R_0, \end{cases}$

defined on $[t_0, b]$, for some $b \in (t_0, T]$. Then $(-p(t), -R(t)) \in J_x^{2,-} V(t, x(t))$ for all $t \in [t_0, b]$.

Example: the case where ϕ is locally semiconcave

Set $\overline{t} = \sup\{t \in [t_0, T] : R(\cdot) \text{ is defined on } [t_0, t]\}.$

• Since $H_{pp}[t] \ge 0$ on $[t_0, T]$, we have that

$$\dot{R}(t) \leq -H_{px}[t]R(t) - R(t)H_{xp}[t] - H_{xx}[t].$$

Then, since the solution of the linear equation

$$\tilde{R} + H_{px}[t]\tilde{R}(t) + \tilde{R}(t)H_{xp}[t] + H_{xx}[t] = 0, \ \tilde{R}(t_0) = R_0$$

is well-defined on $[t_0, T]$, a constant $c_1 > 0$ exists such that $R(t) \le c_1 I$, for any $t \in [t_0, \overline{t})$.

• Since V is locally semiconcave, for some $c_2 > 0$ and all $t \in [t_0, T]$, $(-\bar{p}(t), c_2 I) \in J_{X}^{2,+} V(t, \cdot)$. Hence $-R(t) \leq c_2 I$ on $[t_0, \bar{t})$.

Therefore, $||R(t)|| \le \max\{c_1, c_2\}$ on $[t_0, \overline{t})$. *R* can be extended to the maximal interval of existence $[t_0, T]$.

Example (Hamiltonian of class $C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})))$

Consider a dynamic $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ given by the *affine* in control system:

$$f(x) = h(x) + g(x)u, \ u \in U$$

where $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is the closed unit ball, $m \ge n$. Suppose that $h : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ are of class C^2 , and that the matrix g(x) has full rank for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$H(x,p) = \langle p, h(x) \rangle + | g(x)^* p |,$$

is of class $C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}))$. Similarly, one can consider strictly convex sets *U* with sufficiently smooth boundary.



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