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the quadratic form on \mathbb{R}^m

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$$\mathbb{L}(\ell) : \mathbf{v} \mapsto \sum_{i,j=1}^m v_i v_j \{F_i, \{F_j, F_0\}\}(\ell)$$

the GLC becomes

$$\mathbb{L} \circ \widehat{\lambda}(t) \leq 0 \quad t \in [0, \widehat{T}]$$

partially singular case

set $m = m_1$ in the above equations

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From now on consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\xi}(t) = (f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m u_i(t) f_i) \circ \xi(t) \\ \xi(0) \in N_0, \quad \xi(T) \in N_f, \quad \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{cases}$$

with the following *regularity assumption*

RA1 \mathcal{L} has constant dimension $r \geq m$

$I_x :=$ integral manifold of \mathcal{L} through x

For the minimum time problem require also

$$N_0 \subset I_{\hat{\xi}(0)} \quad N_T \subset I_{\hat{\xi}(T)}$$

For the partially singular case set

$$f_0 = \tilde{f}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad m = m_1$$

Regularity assumptions I

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Hamiltonian approach

The hamiltonian approach consists in lifting trajectories to the cotangent bundle and compare the costs there

- a super-Hamiltonian (possibly time-dependent) H_t s.t.

$$H_t \geq F^{\max}, \quad H_t \circ \hat{\lambda}(t) = F^{\max} \circ \hat{\lambda}(t)$$

- a suitable horizontal Lagrangian sub-manifold Λ s.t.

$$\Lambda = \{\ell = d\alpha(x), x \in M\}$$

$$\pi\mathcal{H}_t: \Lambda \rightarrow M \text{ loc. invertible}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 [0, \hat{T}] \times \Lambda & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \mathcal{H}} & [0, \hat{T}] \times T^*M \\
 & \nwarrow (\text{id} \times \pi\mathcal{H})^{-1} & \downarrow \text{id} \times \pi \\
 & & [0, \hat{T}] \times M
 \end{array}$$

$$\omega = (\text{id} \times \mathcal{H})^*(pdq - H_t dt) \text{ is exact on } [0, \hat{T}] \times \Lambda \Rightarrow \oint \omega = 0$$

Leading ideas

- Use the **regularity conditions** to define H_t .
- Require the **coercivity** of a suitable second order approximation. **This** allows to define Λ and to prove that $\pi\mathcal{H}_t|_\Lambda$ is locally invertible.

The idea is to choose Λ on Σ and to define an H_t whose flow is tangent to Σ
RA1–RA4 imply that we can define H_0 s.t.

$$H_0(\ell) \begin{cases} \geq F^{\max} & \text{on } \Sigma \\ = F^{\max} & \text{on } \mathcal{S} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{H}_0 \text{ is tangent to } \Sigma$$

The super-Hamiltonian

H_t is obtained by modifying the reference Hamiltonian

$$H_t = H_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \hat{u}_i(t) F_i \quad (m = m_1 \text{ in the partially singular case})$$

2nd Order Condition - Minimum Time Problem

pullback vector fields

define: $g_t^i = \widehat{S}_{t*}^{-1} f_1^i \circ \widehat{S}_t, \implies \dot{g}_t^i = \widehat{S}_{t*}^{-1} [f_0, f_i] \circ \widehat{S}_t, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$

the Hilbert space

Let \mathcal{W} be the subspace of the Hilbert space $T_{\widehat{\xi}(0)} M \times L^2([0, \widehat{T}], \mathbb{R}^m)$ defined by

$$\dot{\zeta}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i(t) \dot{g}_t^i(\widehat{\xi}(0)), \quad \zeta(0) = \delta x \in \mathcal{L}(\widehat{\xi}(0)) = T_{\widehat{\xi}(0)} I_{\widehat{\xi}(0)}, \quad \zeta(\widehat{T}) = 0$$

A5 - second order condition

the quadratic form

$$J'' : (\delta x, \mathbf{w}) \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\int_0^{\widehat{T}} 2w_i(t) L_{\zeta(t)} L_{\dot{g}_t^i} \beta(\widehat{\xi}(0)) + \sum_{j=1}^m w_i(t) w_j(t) R_{ij}(t) dt \right)$$

is coercive on \mathcal{W}

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