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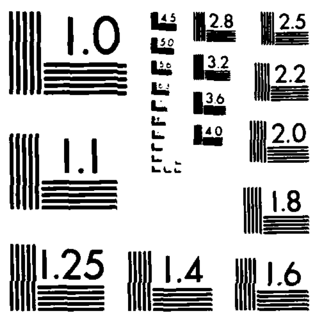

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ABSTRACT

Summary. For $\Lambda \subseteq R^d$, we say that a set $A \subseteq R^d$ is Λ-convex if the segment $\overline{pq}$ is contained in A whenever $p, q \in A$ and $p - q \in \Lambda$. For the control system $\dot{x}(t) = G(x(t))\cdot u(t)$, $x(o) = 0 \in R^d$, $u(t) \in \Omega \subseteq R^m$ for every $t \in [0,T]$, assuming that the reachable set $\mathcal{R}(T)$ is Λ-convex, an extension of the Pontryagin Maximum Principle is proved. If $x(\bar{u},T)$ lies on the boundary of $\mathcal{R}(T)$, conditions on the first order tangent cone at $x(\bar{u},T)$ can indeed be combined with restrictions placed on finite difference vectors of the form $y - x(\bar{u},T)$, with $y \in R(T)$, $y - x(\bar{u},T) \in \Lambda$. This result is complemented by conditions insuring the directional convexity of the reachable set. They rely on a uniqueness assumption for solutions of the Pontryagin equations and are proven by means of a generalized Mountain Pass Theorem.

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SIGNIFICANCE AND EXPLANATION

Consider a control system of the form

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} g_i(x(t))u_i(t) \ , \quad x(o) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

$$u(t) = (u_1(t), \dots, u_m(t)) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m \qquad \forall t \in [0,T].$$

Assume that an admissible control $\bar{u}(\cdot)$ steers the system to a point $x(\bar{u},t)$ on the boundary of the reachable set $R(t)$. Then, by studying the variations $x(u,t) - x(\bar{u},t)$ for controls u which are infinitesimally close to $\bar{u}$, one concludes that $\bar{u}$ must satisfy the Pontryagin Maximum Principle.

This paper establishes further necessary conditions for optimality, by considering finite difference vectors of the type $y - x(\bar{u},t)$, y being any point in $R(t)$, not necessarily close to $x(\bar{u},t)$. These conditions are significant whenever the reachable set is a priori known to be directionally convex. More precisely, we say that $R(t)$ is Λ-convex if a segment $\overline{pq}$ is entirely contained in $R(t)$ whenever its end points p,q lie in $R(t)$ and the direction of $p-q$ falls inside a preassigned cone of directions Λ. An efficient method for determining the Λ-convexity of a reachable set is developed.

The major application of the present results appears in [3], where they are used to determine the local time-optimal stablizing controls in a generic 3-dimensional problem.

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1. Introduction.

Consider a control system of the form

$$\dot{x}(t) = G(x(t))u(t), \quad x(o) = 0 \in R^d, \tag{1.1}$$

where G is a $d \times m$ matrix with continuously differentiable entries and the control u lies in the admissible set

$$U = \{u = (u_1,\ldots,u_m) \in {}^2([0,T];R^m);\ u(t) \in \Omega \ \text{ a.e.}\}, \tag{1.2}$$

Ω being a fixed compact convex subset of R^m. Given a control $u \in U$, let $t \to x(u,t)$ be the corresponding solution of (1.1) and call $R(t)$ the reachable set at time t. Several necessary conditions are known in order for a trajectory $x(\bar{u},\cdot)$ to reach a boundary point of $R(T)$ at time T [2,7,8]. All of these conditions are obtained from a local analysis: to test the optimality of a control $\bar{u}(\cdot)$, a one-parameter family of control functions $u_\xi(\cdot)$ is constructed, which generates at time T a tangent vector

$$v = \lim_{\xi \to 0} [x(u_\xi,T) - x(\bar{u},T)]/\xi. \tag{1.3}$$

If, by choosing different families of controls $u_\xi(\cdot)$, one can generate tangent vectors $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ whose positive span is all of R^d, then it can usually be shown that $x(\bar{u},T)$ lies in the interior of $R(T)$. In the present paper we consider not only infinitesimal tangent vectors of the form (1.3), but also finite difference vectors:

$$w = y - x(\bar{u},T) \tag{1.4}$$

where y is any point in $R(T)$. Assume that there exist first order tangent vectors $v_1,\ldots,v_n$ and finite difference vectors $w_1, \ldots, w_\nu$ such that the positive span of $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n, w_1, \ldots, w_\nu\}$ is all of R^d. The a-priori assumption that $R(T)$ is convex would then imply $x(\bar{u},T) \in \text{int } R(T)$.

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Unfortunately, in a nonlinear setting such an assumption is far too restrictive for most of the relevant applications. A less stringent condition is the following kind of directional convexity:

Definition. Let Λ be a subset of $\mathbb{R}^d$. A set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is Λ-convex if $p, q \in A$ and $p - q \in \Lambda$ imply $\xi p + (1-\xi)q \in A$ for all $\xi \in [0,1]$.

Using the notion of Λ-convexity we obtain an extension of the Pontryagin Maximum Principle for the system (1.1).

Theorem 1. Assume that the reachable set $\mathcal{R}(T)$ is Λ-convex for some $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$. Let $\bar{u} \in U$ be a control such that $x(\bar{u},T)$ lies on the boundary of (T). Then there exists a nontrivial adjoint vector $\lambda(\cdot)$ such that

$$\dot{\lambda}(t) = -\lambda(t) \cdot G_x(x(\bar{u},t)) \cdot \bar{u}(t), \tag{1.5}$$

$$< \lambda(t), G(x(\bar{u},t))\bar{u}(t) > = \max \{<\lambda(t),G(x(\bar{u},t))\cdot u> ; u \in \Omega\}$$

$$\text{a.e. in } [0,T], \tag{1.6}$$

$$< \lambda(T), y - x(\bar{u},T) > \leq 0 \tag{1.7}$$

for all $y \in \mathcal{R}(T)$ such that $y - x(\bar{u},T)$ lies in the interior of Λ.

Here (1.5) and (1.6) are a restatement of the Maximum Principle, while the non-positivity of the inner product in (1.7) poses an additional requirement whenever the Λ-convexity of the reachable set is a-priori known. Of course, Theorem 1 would have little significance unless we provide some efficient way to determine the Λ-convexity of (T) for some set Λ. This is indeed the major concern of the present paper. Let the sets $\mathcal{R}(t)$ be bounded for $0 \leq t \leq T$. Then for all nontrivial $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ there exists at least one control $u_\eta(\cdot)$ for which the Pontryagin equations

$$\begin{aligned} &\dot{x}(t) = G(x(t))\, u(t) \\ &\dot{\lambda}(t) = -\lambda(t) \cdot G_x(x(t))\cdot u(t) \\ &x(o) = 0,\ \lambda(T) = \eta \\ &< \lambda(t), G(x(t))u(t)> = \max \{<\lambda(t),G(x(t))u >; u \in \Omega\} \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

are a.e. satisfied. Indeed $\mathcal{R}(T)$ is compact, hence the problem

$$\max_{u \in U} < \eta, x(u,T) > \tag{1.9}$$

has at least one solution. The control u_η which attains the maximum clearly yields a solution to (1.8). We will infer the directional convexity of $\mathcal{R}(T)$ from the uniqueness of the solution of (1.8) for certain η, relying on a version of the Mountain Pass Theorem [1,4]. In the following we call $w^\perp$ the hyperplane orthogonal to the vector $w \in R^d$. Our main result is

Theorem 2. Assume that the reachable sets $\mathcal{R}(t)$, $0 < t < T$, for the control system (1.1) are uniformly bounded. Then $\mathcal{R}(T)$ is Λ-convex, Λ being the set of all $w \in R^d$ such that for every nontrivial $\eta \in w^\perp$

a) the equations (1.8) have a unique solution, say $(\bar{u}(\cdot), \bar{x}(\cdot), \bar{\lambda}(\cdot))$,

b) for a.e. $t \in [0,T]$, $\bar{u}(t)$ is the unique point in Ω where the map $u \to \langle \bar{\lambda}(t), G(\bar{x}(t))\cdot u \rangle$ attains its maximum.

Notice that, for the set Λ defined in Theorem 2, $w \in \Lambda$ always implies $\xi w \in \Lambda$ for every $\xi \in R$, $\xi \neq 0$. Λ *thus represents a family of directions.* This motivates the term "directional convexity" used throughout the paper.
The major application of the present results appears in [2], where the above theorems rule out the optimality of certain bang-bang controls for which Pontryagin's test is inconclusive. This leads to the solution of the generic local time-optimal stabilization problem for systems of the type $\dot{x} = X(x) + Y(x)u$, in dimension 3.

2. Preliminaries

Consider a mapping ϕ from a Hilbert space H into R^d. Its Frechet differential at a point $u \in H$ is denoted by $D\phi(u)$. We say that ϕ is C^1 if the map $u \to D\phi(u)$ from H into the space of continuous linear operators $L(H;R^d)$ from H into R^d is continuous. For the definition of the operator norm on $L(H,R^d)$ and for the basic properties of differential calculus in abstract spaces our general reference is Dieudonne

[6]. If $f : H \to R$ is Lipschitz continuous, the generalized directional derivative of f at $\bar{u}$ in the direction v is

$$f^{o}(\bar{u};v) = \overline{\lim_{\substack{u\to\bar{u}\\ \xi\downarrow 0}}}\ \xi^{-1}[f(u+\xi v) - f(u)],$$

and the generalized gradient of f at $\bar{u}$, denoted $\partial f(\bar{u})$, is the subdifferential of the convex function $v \to f^{o}(\bar{u},v)$ at the origin [5]. Thus $w \in \partial f(\bar{u})$ if, for all $v \in H$ $< w,v > \leq f^{o}(\bar{u},v)$. If U is a closed convex subset of H, we denote by $\Gamma(u)$ and $\Gamma^{\perp}(u)$ the tangent and the normal cone to U at a point $u \in U$. If $M > 0$ and $d_U(v)$ denotes the distance from a point $v \in H$ to U, the generalized gradient of the map $v \to M \cdot d_U(v)$ at $\bar{u} \in U$ is

$$\partial(M \cdot d_u)(\bar{u}) = \{w \in \Gamma^{\perp}(\bar{u});\ \|w\| \leq M\}. \tag{2.1}$$

We write $B(x,r)$ for the closed ball centered at x with radius r, $\text{int}\ A$ and $\overline{\text{co}}\ A$ for the interior and the convex closure of the set A. Consider now the special case where $H = L^2([0,T];R^m)$, U is the convex set defined at (1.2) and $\phi : L^2 \to R^d$ is the map $u(\cdot) \to x(u,T)$ generated by (1.1). Then ϕ is continuously differentiable (see [2] for details) and $D\phi(\bar{u})$ is the linear map

$$u(\cdot) \to \int_0^T M(T,s)\ G(x(\bar{u},s))u(s)ds \tag{2.2}$$

where $s \to M(T,s)$ is the dxd matrix fundamental solution of

$$\dot{z}(t) = -z(t) \cdot G_x(x(\bar{u},t))\bar{u}(t)$$

with $M(T,T) = I$. Here G_x denotes the differential of the map $G : R^d \to R^{dxm}$ in (1.1). For $\eta \in R^d$, the differential of the map $u(\cdot) \to < \eta, \phi(u) >$ at $\bar{u}$ is the linear map

$$u(\cdot) \to \int_0^T \lambda(s)\ G(x(\bar{u},s))u(s)ds, \tag{2.3}$$

$\lambda(\cdot)$ being the unique solution to

$$\dot{\lambda}(t) = -\lambda(t)\ G_x(x(\bar{u},t))\bar{u}(t)\ ,\quad \lambda(T) = \eta \tag{2.4}$$

In this case, if $\bar{u}(\cdot) \in U$, $\Gamma^{\perp}(\bar{u})$ is the set of L^2 functions $z(\cdot)$ such that

$$\int_0^T z(s)\,(u(s) - \bar{u}(s))ds \le 0 \quad \forall u \in U. \tag{2.5}$$

3. Proof of Theorem 1.

Consider a control $\bar{u} \in U$, and suppose that the conclusion of Theorem 1 does not hold for $\bar{u}$. Then for every nontrivial vector $\eta \in R^d$ one of the following alternatives holds:

i) if $\lambda(\cdot)$ denotes the unique solution of (1.5) for which $\lambda(T) = \eta$, then

$\lambda(t)\, G(x(\bar{u},t))\bar{u}(t) < \max\,\{\lambda(t)G(x(\bar{u},t))u;\ u \subset \Omega\}$

for t in a subset $J \subseteq [0,T]$ of positive measure, or

ii) there exists some $y \in (T)$ with

$w = y - x(\bar{u},T) \in \text{int}\ \Lambda$ and $\langle \eta,\ y - x(\bar{u},T) \rangle > 0$.

In the *first case*, let $u_\eta(\cdot)$ be a control in U such that

$\lambda(t)\cdot G(x(\bar{u},t))u_\eta(t) = \max\,\{\lambda(t)\cdot G(x(\bar{u},t))u;\ u \in \Omega\}$

for a.e. $t \in [0,T]$. For $\xi \in [0,1]$, the convex combination $\xi u_\eta(\cdot) + (1-\xi)\bar{u}(\cdot)$ is again an admissible control. It was shown in [2] that

$v = \lim_{\xi \to 0}\, [x(\xi u_\eta + (1-\xi)\bar{u},T) - x(\bar{u},T)]/\xi$

is a first order tangent vector whose inner product with η is strictly positive. A standard argument now implies that R^d is the positive span of $d + 1$ vectors : $v_1, \ldots, v_n, w_1, \ldots, w_\nu$ with the following property:

For $i = 1, \ldots, n$ there exists a control $u_i(\cdot) \in U$ such that

$$v_i = \lim_{\xi \to 0}\, [x(\xi u_i + (1-\xi)\bar{u},T) - x(\bar{u},T)]/\xi = D\,\phi(\bar{u}) \cdot (u_i - \bar{u})$$

with $D\,\phi(\bar{u})$ given at (2.2), and for $j = 1, \ldots, \nu$ there exists a point $y_j \in R(T)$ such that $w_j = y_j - x(\bar{u},T)$.

Moreover, w_i lies in the interior of Λ. By constructing suitable convex combinations of the vectors v_i, w_j we will show that the above assumptions imply $x(\bar{u},T) \in \text{int}\ R(T)$. Define

$$\Delta^{n+\nu} = \{(c_1, \ldots, c_n, c_{n+1}, \ldots c_{n+\nu}) \in R^{n+\nu};\ c_i \ge 0,\ \sum_{i=1}^{n+\nu} c_i = 1\}.$$

For $c \in \Delta^{n+\nu}$, $\xi \in [0,1]$ set

$p_o(c,\xi) = x((1-\xi)\bar{u} + \xi \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i(u_i-\bar{u}), T)$.

By induction on $j = 1, \ldots, \nu$ define

$$p_j(c,\xi) = p_{j-1}(c,\xi) + \xi c_{n+j}(y_j-p_{j-1}(c,\xi))$$

and set $p(c,\xi) = p_\nu(c,\xi)$. Let $\rho > 0$ be such that $B(w_j,\rho) \subseteq \Lambda$ for all $j = 1, \ldots, \nu$. Let $M = \max\{|w_j|;\ j = 1, \ldots, \nu\}$. Choose $\bar{\xi} > 0$ so small that $\bar{\xi} < \rho\ [2\nu(M+\rho)]^{-1}$ and $|p_o(c,\xi) - x(\bar{u},T)| < \rho/2$ *for all* $(c,\xi) \in \Delta^{n+\nu} \times [0,\bar{\xi}]$. An easy inductive argument now yields

$|p_j(c,\xi) - x(\bar{u},T)| < \rho/2 + \frac{j\rho}{2\nu} < \rho$

for all c, ξ, j, hence $|y_j - p_{j-1} - w_j| < \rho$. If $p_{j-1}(c,\xi) \in R(T)$, then also $p_j(c,\xi) \in R(T)$, due to the Λ-convexity of the reachable set. By induction on j it follows that $p(c,\xi) \in R(T)$ for all $(c,\xi) \in \Delta^{n+\nu} \times [0,\bar{\xi}]$. The continuous Frechet differentiability of the map $\phi : u(\cdot) \to x(u,t)$ implies that

$$\begin{aligned} p_o(c,\xi) - x(\bar{u},T) &= \int_0^\xi D\phi(\bar{u}+\zeta \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i(u_i-\bar{u})) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i(u_i-\bar{u})d\zeta \\ &= \xi \cdot D\phi(\bar{u}) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i(u_i-\bar{u}) \\ &\quad + \int_0^\xi [D\phi(\bar{u}+\zeta \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i(u_i-\bar{u})) - D\phi(\bar{u})] \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i(u_i-\bar{u})d\zeta \\ &= \xi \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i v_i + o(\xi) \qquad (3.1) \end{aligned}$$

with $\lim_{\xi \to 0} o(\xi)/\xi = 0$ uniformly w.r.t. $c \in \Delta^{n+\nu}$.

Moreover

$$\lim_{\xi \to 0} [p_j(c,\xi) - p_{j-1}(c,\xi)]/\xi = c_{n+j} \lim_{\xi \to 0} (y_j-p_{j-1}(c,\xi)) = c_{n+j}\, w_j \qquad (3.2)$$

also holds uniformly w.r.t. $c \in \Delta^{n+\nu}$. Together, (3.1) and (3.2) yield

$\lim_{\xi \to 0} [p(c,\xi) - x(\bar{u},T)]/\xi = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i v_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} c_{n+j}\, w_j$

uniformly w.r.t. $c \in \Delta^{n+\nu}$. The argument that completes the proof is now well established. Let δ be the distance of $0 \in R^d$ from the boundary of $\overline{co}\,\{v_1,\dots,v_n,w_1,\dots,w_\nu\}$ and choose $\xi_o > 0$ so small that $\varepsilon_o < \bar{\xi}$ and

$$|p(c,\xi_o) - x(\bar{u},T) - \xi_o \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i v_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} c_{n+j} w_j\right)| < \xi_o \cdot \delta/2 \tag{3.3}$$

for all $c \in \Delta^{n+\nu}$. Consider the injective map $\sigma : \Delta^{n+\nu} \to R^d$ defined by

$$\sigma(c) = x(\bar{u},T) + \xi_o\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i v_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} c_{n+j} w_j\right).$$

For $z \in B(x(\bar{u},T),\ \xi_o\delta)$ define $F(x) = p(\sigma^{-1}(z),\ \xi_o)$. By (3.3), $|F(z) - z| < \xi_o \cdot \delta/2$. For each $z_o \in B(x(\bar{u},T),\ \xi_o \cdot \delta/2)$, an application of Brouwer's theorem ([7] pg. 251) now implies the existence of some $z \in B(x(\bar{u},T),\ \xi_o\delta)$ for which $F(z) = z_o$. Hence $B(x(\bar{u},T),\ \xi_o\delta/2) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(T)$, Q.E.D.

4. An abstract result on directional convexity

The additional condition (1.5) stated in Theorem 1 is useful only if one can prove that the reachable set $\mathcal{R}(T)$ is Λ-convex for some (hopefully large) set $\Lambda \subseteq R^d$. Recasting the problem in a more general setting, we now examine the directional convexity of the image $\psi(U)$ of a convex set U under an arbitrary differentiable map ψ.

Theorem 3. Let U be a closed, convex, bounded set in a Hilbert space H and let ψ be a C^1 map from a neighborhood of U into R^d, with $\psi(U)$ compact and $\|D\psi\|$ uniformly bounded on U. Then $\psi(U)$ is Λ-convex, Λ being the set of vectors $w \in R^d$ such that, for every nontrivial $\eta \in w^\perp$,

a') there exists a unique $\bar{u} \in U$ for which

$\langle \eta, D\psi(\bar{u}) \cdot y \rangle \le 0$ for all $y \in \Gamma(\bar{u})$,

b') If $u_n \in U$, $z_n \in \Gamma^\perp(U_n)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\|\eta \cdot D\psi(u_n) - z_n\| \to 0$, then the sequence $(u_n)_{n\ge1}$ has a convergent subsequence.

Notice that in condition b') both z_n and the map $v \to \langle \eta, D\psi(u_n) v \rangle$ are continuous linear functionals on H, hence the norm of their difference is well defined. To prove the theorem let $p' = \psi(u')$, $p" = \psi(u") \in R^d$, $u', u" \in U$, $p"-p' = w \in \Lambda$. If the segment joining p' to $p"$ is not entirely contained in $\psi(U)$, the compactness of $\psi(U)$ implies

$$B(\bar{\xi}p' + (1-\bar{\xi})p", \rho) \cap \psi(U) = \emptyset \tag{4.1}$$

for some $\bar{\xi} \in (0,1)$, $\rho > 0$. Let $\|D\psi(u)\| \le M_o$ for every u in a neighborhood U_o of U, and extend ψ from U_o to a function, still called ψ, defined and globally Lipschitz continuous on the whole space H, so that, say

$$|\psi(u_1) - \psi(u_2)| \le M \|u_1-u_2\| \qquad \forall\, u_1,u_2 \in H. \tag{4.2}$$

Let $d_\ell(p)$ be the distance of the point $p \in R^d$ from the line ℓ through p', $p"$ and denote by $d_U(v)$ the distance of $v \in H$ from the convex set U. Define the scalar functional f on H by

$$f(v) = d_\ell(\psi(v)) + 2Md_U(v). \tag{4.3}$$

Notice that f is globally Lipschitz continuous, with Lipschitz constant $3M$. By setting

$$m(v) = \inf\{\|y\|;\ y \in \partial f(v)\},$$

the elementary properties of generalized gradients [5] imply

$$m(v) \ge M > 0 \qquad \forall v \in U. \tag{4.4}$$

Let Σ be the set of all continuous paths $\gamma : [0,1] \to H$ with $\gamma(0) = p'$, $\gamma(1) = p"$. Set

$$\bar{c} = \inf_{\gamma\in\Sigma} \sup_{\xi\in[0,1]} f(\gamma(\xi))$$

and observe that $c \ge \rho$. Indeed, if $\gamma \in \Sigma$, by (4.1) to (4.3)

$$\sup_{\xi\in[0,1]} f(\gamma(\xi)) \ge \sup_{\xi\in[0,1]} f(\pi_U(\gamma(\xi))) \ge \rho,$$

π_U being the orthogonal projection on U. Our next goal is to apply the deformation lemma, proved in [4] for Lipschitz continuous functionals, and conclude that $\bar{c}$ is a critical value for f. We first check that the Palais-Smale condition is satisfied.

<u>Lemma 1</u> Any sequence $(u_n)_{n\geq 1}$ in H such that $f(u_n) \geq \rho/2$ and $m(u_n) \to 0$ possesses a convergent subsequence.

Proof. If $u_n \in U$, by (4.4) $m(u_n) \geq M$. We can thus assume that $u_n \notin U$ for all $n \geq 1$. Let $\pi_\ell(x)$ be the orthogonal projection of $x \in R^d$ on the line ℓ through p', p''. For each $n \geq 1$, define the unit vector

$$\eta_n = [\, \pi_\ell(\psi(u_n)) - \psi(u_n)] \,/\, d_\ell(\psi(u_n)) \,. \qquad (4.5)$$

The denominator in (4.5) is no less then $\rho/2$, hence η_n is well defined. Moreover $\eta_n \in (p''-p')^\perp = w^\perp$. By possibly taking a subsequence, we can assume that η_n converges to some unit vector $\eta \in w^\perp$. Relying on the assumption b'), the lemma will be proved by exhibiting a sequence $(z_n)_{n\geq 1}$ such that $\|\eta \cdot D\psi(u_n) - z_n\|$ converges to zero. The generalized gradient of f at u_n is

$$\partial f(u_n) = -\,\eta_n \cdot D\psi(u_n) + S_n,$$

with $S_n = \{y \in \Gamma^\perp(u_n);\ \|y\| \leq 2M\}$. Hence $m(u_n) \to 0$ implies that the distance between $\eta_n \cdot D\psi(u_n)$ and the set S_n tends to zero. Let z_n be the projection of $\eta_n \cdot D\psi(u_n)$ on S_n. Then $z_n \in \Gamma^\perp(u_n)$ and

$$\overline{\lim_{n\to\infty}}\ \|\eta\cdot D\psi(u_n) - z_n\| \leq \overline{\lim_{n\to\infty}}\ (\|\eta\cdot D\psi(u_n)-\eta_n\cdot D\psi(u_n)\|+\|\eta_n\cdot D\psi(u_n)-z_n\|) = 0.$$

By b') some subsequence of $(u_n)_{n\geq 1}$ converges.

To complete the proof of Theorem 3, for $c \in R$ define the sets

$$A_c = \{\, u \in H;\ f(u) < c \,\}$$

$$K_c = \{\, u \in H;\ f(u) = c,\ 0 \in \partial f(u) \,\}.$$

If $K_{\bar c}$ is empty, a generalized deformation lemma (Theorem 3.1 in [4]) yields the existence of a homeomorphism $h : H \to H$ such that

$$h(u) = u \quad \text{for } u \in A_{\bar c+\rho/2} \setminus A_{\bar c-\rho/2}\,, \qquad (4.6)$$

$$h(A_{\bar c+\varepsilon}) \subset A_{\bar c-\varepsilon} \quad \text{for some } \varepsilon > 0. \qquad (4.7)$$

If $\gamma \in \Sigma$ is a path for which

$$\max_{\xi\in[0,1]} f(\gamma(\xi)) < \bar c + \varepsilon,$$

then the path $\gamma'(\cdot) = h(\gamma(\cdot))$ lies in Σ and

$$\max_{\xi\in[0,1]} f(\gamma'(\xi)) \leq \bar{c} - \varepsilon,$$

contrary to the definition of $\bar{c}$. This proves the existence of some $\bar{u} \in H$ for which $0 \in \partial f(\bar{u})$ and $f(\bar{u}) = \bar{c} > \rho$. By (4.4), $\bar{u} \in U$. Setting

$\bar{\eta} = [\pi_\ell(\phi(\bar{u})) - \phi(\bar{u})]/d_\ell(\phi(\bar{u}))$ one has

$0 \in \partial f(\bar{u}) \subset \Gamma^\perp(\bar{u}) - \bar{\eta}\cdot D\phi(\bar{u}).$

This means $\bar{\eta}\cdot D\phi(\bar{u}) \in \Gamma^\perp(\bar{u})$, hence $\langle D\phi(\bar{u})\cdot y, \bar{\eta} \rangle \leq 0$ *for all* $y \in \Gamma(\bar{u})$. On the other hand, the compactness of the reachable set $\phi(U)$ implies the existence of some $\hat{u} \in U$ for which

$\langle \phi(\hat{u}), \bar{\eta} \rangle = \max \{ \langle \phi(u), \bar{\eta} \rangle ; u \in U\}.$

Since ϕ is continuously differentiable on a neighborhood of U, $\hat{u}$ satisfies the necessary conditions for optimality, i.e. $\langle D\phi(\hat{u})\cdot y, \bar{\eta} \rangle \leq 0$ for all $y \in \Gamma(\hat{u})$. However, $\hat{u} \neq \bar{u}$ because

$\langle D\phi(\hat{u}), \bar{\eta} \rangle \geq \langle p', \bar{\eta} \rangle \geq \langle \phi(\bar{u}), \bar{\eta} \rangle + \rho.$

This contradicts the uniqueness assumption a') and proves the theorem.

5. Proof of Theorem 2

Since G is C^1 and the sets $R(t)$ are uniformly bounded for $0 \leq t \leq T$, it is known that the map $\phi : u(\cdot) \to x(u,T)$ is continuously Frechet differentiable. By (2.2), $\|D\phi(u)\|$ is uniformly bounded as u ranges on a suitable small neighborhood of U. Moreover, $\phi(U) = R(T)$ is compact. Let $w \in \Lambda$ and $\eta \in w^\perp$, $\eta \neq 0$. It will be shown that ϕ satisfies the assumptions a'), b') stated for ψ in Theorem 3. Let $\bar{u}(\cdot) \in U$ be an admissible control for which

$$\langle D\phi(\bar{u})\cdot y, \eta \rangle \leq 0 \qquad \forall y \in \Gamma(\bar{u}) \tag{5.1}$$

Let $u(\cdot)$ be any control in U and take $y(\cdot) = u(\cdot) - \bar{u}(\cdot) \in \Gamma(\bar{u})$. Using (2.3), (5.1) yields

$$\int_0^T \lambda(s)\, G(x(\bar{u},s))\, (u(s) - \bar{u}(s))ds \leq 0 \tag{5.2}$$

with $\lambda(\cdot)$ defined at (2.4). Since $u(\cdot)$ was an arbitrary control in U, $\bar{u}(\cdot)$ yields a solution of the Pontryagin equations (1.8). The uniqueness assumption a) thus implies a').

Now consider a sequence of controls $u_n(\cdot) \in U$ and linear functionals on $L^2([0,T];\mathbb{R}^m)$, say $z_n(\cdot)$, with $z_n \in \Gamma^{\perp}(u_n)$, $n = 1, 2, \ldots,$ such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \|\eta\cdot D\phi(u_n) - z_n\| = 0. \tag{5.3}$$

Setting $\lambda_n(\cdot)$ to be the unique solution of

$$\dot{\lambda}_n(t) = -\lambda_n(t)\, G_x(x(u_n,t))u_n(t), \quad \lambda_n(T) = \eta, \tag{5.4}$$

condition (5.3) can be written as

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \Big[\int_0^T \lambda_n(t)G(x)(u_n,t))\cdot v_n(t)dt - \int_0^T z_n(t)\, v_n(t)\, dt\Big] = 0 \tag{5.5}$$

for every bounded sequence $(v_n)_{n\geq 1}$ in $L^2([0,T];\mathbb{R}^m)$.

Since $u_n(t) \in \Omega$ for all n and a.e. $t \in [0,T]$, the trajectories $x_n(\cdot) = x(u_n,\cdot)$ are uniformly Lipschitz continuous, and the same is true for the adjoint vectors $\lambda_n(\cdot)$. By possibly taking a subsequence and relabeling, we can assume that $x_n(\cdot) \to \bar{x}(\cdot)$ and $\lambda_n(\cdot) \to \bar{\lambda}(\cdot)$ in the norm topology of $C^0([0,T];\mathbb{R}^d)$, while $u_n(\cdot) \to \bar{u}(\cdot)$ weakly, for some $\bar{x}(\cdot)$, $\bar{\lambda}(\cdot)$, $\bar{u}(\cdot)$. For every $t \in [0,T]$

$$x_n(u_n,t) = \int_0^t G(x_n(s))u_n(s)ds,$$

$$\lambda_n(t) = \eta + \int_t^T \lambda_n(s)\, G_x(x_n(s))\, u_n(s)ds.$$

Letting $n \to \infty$ in the above equalities, we obtain

$$\bar{x}(t) = \int_0^t G(\bar{x}(s))\bar{u}(s)ds, \tag{5.6}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}(t) = \eta + \int_t^T \bar{\lambda}(s)\, G_x(\bar{x}(s))\bar{u}(s)ds. \tag{5.7}$$

Therefore $\bar{x}(\cdot)$ is actually the trajectory of (1.1) corresponding to the control $\bar{u}(\cdot)$ and $\bar{\lambda}(\cdot)$ solves the correct adjoint equation in (1.8). The maximality condition in (1.8) also holds. Indeed, let $u(\cdot) \in U$. Since U is bounded, such is the sequence $v_n(\cdot) = u(\cdot) - u_n(\cdot)$. Thus (5.5) implies

$$0 = \lim_{n\to\infty} \left[\int_0^T \lambda_n(t)\ G(x(u_n,t))\cdot(u(t) - u_n(t))dt \quad - \int_0^T z_n(t)\ (u(t) - u_n(t))dt \right]$$

$$> \int_0^T \bar{\lambda}(t)\ G(\bar{x}(t))\ (u(t)-\bar{u}(t))dt \tag{5.8}$$

because, by (2.5), $\int_0^T z_n(t)\ (u(t) - u_n(t))dt < 0$ for all $n > 1$. Since $u(\cdot) \in U$ was arbitrary, (5.8), together with (5.6) and (5.7), shows that $\bar{u}(\cdot)$, $\bar{x}(\cdot)$, $\bar{\lambda}(\cdot)$ afford a solution to (1.8). Therefore the strong uniqueness condition b) can now be invoked. Intuitively, b) states that $\bar{u}(\cdot)$ is an exposed point of U, hence the convergence $u_n(\cdot) \to u(\cdot)$ takes actually place in the norm topology of $L^2([0,T];\ R^m)$ as well. A precise argument runs as follows. Suppose that $u_n(\cdot)$ did not converge to $\bar{u}$ in the L^2-norm. Then, because of the boundedness of Ω, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$, a subsequence u_ν and a set $J \subseteq [0,T]$ with positive Lebesque measure such that $|u_\nu(t) - \bar{u}(t)| > \varepsilon$ for $t \in J$ and all $\nu > 1$. For $t \in J$, set

$$\delta(t) = \langle \bar{\lambda}(t), G(\bar{x}(t))\bar{u}(t) \rangle - \max\ \{\langle\bar{\lambda}(t), G(\bar{x}(t))u\rangle\ ;\ u \in \Omega,\ |u - \bar{u}(t)| > \varepsilon\ \}\ .$$

$\delta(\cdot)$ is measurable and strictly positive a.e. on J, hence

$$\bar{\delta} = \int_J \delta(t)dt > 0.$$

For each $\nu > 1$, define $v_\nu(t) = \bar{u}(t) - u_\nu(t)$ if $t \in J$, $v_\nu(t) = 0$ if $t \in J$. Clearly $v_\nu(\cdot) \in \Gamma(u_\nu)$. Recalling that in (5.3) $z_n \in \Gamma^\perp(u_n)$, one has

$$\int_0^T \lambda_\nu(s)\ G\ (x_\nu(s))v_\nu(s)ds - \int_0^T z_\nu(s)v_\nu(s)ds$$

$$> \int_J \lambda_\nu(s)\ G(x_\nu(s))v_\nu(s)ds$$

$$> \int_J \bar{\lambda}(s)G(\bar{x}(s))\ v_\nu(s)ds - \int_J |\lambda_\nu(s)-\bar{\lambda}(s)|\cdot|G(\bar{x}(s))|\cdot|v_\nu(s)|ds$$

$$- \int_J |\lambda_\nu(s)|\cdot|G(x_\nu(s)) - G(\bar{x}(s))|\cdot|v_\nu(s)|ds \tag{5.9}$$

Since the sequence v_ν is bounded, by (5.5) the left-hand side of (5.9) tends to zero as $\nu \to \infty$. However, the first integral on the right-hand side of (5.9) is $> \bar{\delta}$ for all ν, while the other two integrals tend to zero. This yields a contradiction and establishes the strong convergence of the sequence u_n to $\bar{u}$. Theorem 3 can thus be applied, completing the proof.

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