

LECTURE 11 , April 4 , 2023

Theorem. (Comp. Princ. #1) $u, v : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Lip & bdd., resp. sub- and super sol. of

$$(E) \quad u_t + H(D_x u) + f(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega = \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T],$$

$H \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $f \in UC(\bar{\Omega})$, $u(x, 0) \leq v(x, 0)$ $\forall x \Rightarrow u \leq v$ in $\bar{\Omega}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, y, t, s) := & u(x, t) - v(y, s) - \frac{|x-y|^2}{2\epsilon} - \frac{|t-s|^2}{2\epsilon} - \beta(l(x) + l(y)) \\ & - \gamma(t+s) \end{aligned}$$

$\epsilon, \beta, \gamma > 0$, $l(x) = \log(1+|x|^2)$.

Step 1 By contradiction $\exists (x_0, t_0)$, $\delta > 0$:

$$(u - v)(x_0, t_0) = \delta.$$

$$\Phi(x_0, x_0, t_0, t_0) = \delta - 2\beta l(x_0) - 2\gamma t_0 > \frac{\delta}{2}$$

for all $\beta, \gamma \leq \bar{\beta}$, $\bar{\beta} > 0$.

Step 2 $\exists (\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{t}, \bar{s})$ max point of Φ

R depends on ϵ, β, γ .

$$\Phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{t}, \bar{s}) > \frac{\delta}{2} > 0$$

Step 3. Estimates at max pt. :

$$\Phi(\bar{x}, \bar{x}, \bar{t}, \bar{t}) + \Phi(\bar{y}, \bar{y}, \bar{s}, \bar{s}) \leq 2 \Phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{t}, \bar{s}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} & u(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) - v(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) - 2\beta l(\bar{x}) - 2\gamma \bar{t} + u(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) - v(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) - 2\beta l(\bar{y}) \\ & - 2\gamma \bar{s} \leq 2u(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) - 2v(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) - \frac{|\bar{x}-\bar{y}|^2}{\epsilon} - \frac{|\bar{t}-\bar{s}|^2}{\epsilon} - 2\gamma(l(\bar{x}) + l(\bar{y})) \end{aligned}$$

$$-2\gamma(\bar{x} + \bar{t})$$

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{y}|^2}{\varepsilon} + \frac{|\bar{t} - \bar{s}|^2}{\varepsilon} \leq u(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) - u(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) + v(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) - v(\bar{y}, \bar{s})$$

$u, v \in \mathcal{C}$

$$(a+b)^2 \leq 2(a^2 + b^2) \leq 2L(|\bar{x} - \bar{y}| + |\bar{t} - \bar{s}|)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{y}| + |\bar{t} - \bar{s}|}{2\varepsilon} \right)^2 \leq \sqrt{\quad}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{y}| + |\bar{t} - \bar{s}|}{\varepsilon} \leq \delta L \quad (\text{S})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\bar{x} - \bar{y}|, |\bar{t} - \bar{s}| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$$

Step 4 Case 1 $\text{Supp. } \bar{t} = \emptyset \Rightarrow u(\bar{x}, 0) - v(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) \leq$
 Init cond.

$$\leq v(\bar{x}, 0) - v(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{by } v \in \mathcal{C} \text{ & (S)}$$

Contradiction because $u(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) - v(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) \geq \frac{1}{2}(x, \bar{y}, \bar{t}, \bar{s}) \geq \frac{1}{2}$

Case 2 $\text{Supp. } \bar{s} = \emptyset \quad \text{which implies } \dots \text{ H.W.} \quad > 0$

Step 5. $0 < \bar{t}, \bar{s} \leq T$ use (E) + Lemma of best est.

if $\bar{s} = T$ or $\bar{t} = T$,

$$\psi(x, t) = \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{y}|^2}{2\varepsilon} + \frac{|\bar{t} - \bar{s}|^2}{2\varepsilon} + \beta l(x) + \gamma t \in C^\infty$$

$u - \psi$ has a max at (\bar{x}, \bar{t}) . $D_x \psi = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\varepsilon} + \beta Dl(x)$

$$\varphi_t = \frac{\bar{t} - \bar{s}}{\varepsilon} + \gamma \in C^\infty$$

$$\text{Freeze } x = \bar{x}, t = \bar{t} : \psi(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) = -\frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{y}|^2}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{|\bar{t} - \bar{s}|^2}{2\varepsilon} - \beta l(\bar{y}) - \gamma s$$

$-v + \psi$ has a min at $\bar{y}, \bar{s} \Rightarrow v - \psi$ has a max at \bar{y}, \bar{s} .

$$D_x \psi = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\varepsilon} - \beta D\ell(y), \quad \psi_s = \frac{\bar{t} - s}{\varepsilon} - \gamma$$

Step 6. u, v sub-supersol. of (E) \Rightarrow

$$\cancel{\frac{\bar{t} - \bar{s}}{\varepsilon} + \gamma + H\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\varepsilon} + \beta D\ell(\bar{x})\right) + f(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) \leq 0} \leq$$

$$\cancel{\frac{\bar{t} - \bar{s}}{\varepsilon} - \gamma + H\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\varepsilon} - \beta D\ell(\bar{y})\right) + f(\bar{y}, \bar{s})} \geq$$

$$0 < 2\gamma \leq -f(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) + f(\bar{y}, \bar{s}) + H(P_\varepsilon - \beta D\ell(\bar{y})) - H(P_\varepsilon + \beta D\ell(\bar{x}))$$

$$\text{N.B } (S) \Rightarrow |P_\varepsilon| = |\frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{\varepsilon}| \leq \delta L, \quad |D\ell| \leq 2$$

$K = \bar{B}(0, \delta L + 2)$, $H \in \text{UC}(K) \Rightarrow \exists$ modulus of cont. by ω_H in K . \Rightarrow use (S)

$$0 < 2\gamma \leq \omega_f(\delta L \varepsilon) + \underbrace{\omega_H(\beta |D\ell(\bar{x}) - D\ell(\bar{y})|)}_{\leq 4}$$

Choose ε, β small $\&$ get a contradiction. \square

Rmk. HW: refine the proof so that it holds for

$$u_t + |Du|^2 + V(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Back to Hopf-Lax formula.

$$(CP) \quad \begin{cases} u_t + H(D_x u) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases}$$

H convex & superlinear, $g \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Corollary. If H as above, g also bounded. Then

$\forall 0 < T < +\infty$ $u_{HL}(x, t) = \text{Hopf-Lax formula}$ is the unique viscosity solution of (CP) in $\text{Lip}(\bar{\Omega}) \cap L^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$.

Proof. Use Comparison Princ. 1 with $f = 0$. First

check $|g(x)| \leq C_g$ $\forall x \Rightarrow \forall T > 0$ u_{HL} is bounded in $\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T] = \bar{\Omega}$. Recall

$$|u_{HL}(x, t) - g(x)| \leq Ct \leq CT \Rightarrow |u_{HL}(x, t)| \leq CT + C_g$$
$$\forall (x, t) \in \bar{\Omega},$$

Comp. Princ. \Rightarrow uniqueness. \square .

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More on Comparison Principles for evolutionary equations.

Many possible variants for general HJ .

$$(HJ) \quad u_t + H(D_x u, x) = 0.$$

Assumptions. $\exists \omega$ modulus, $\forall t \geq 0$:

$$(RH) \quad |H(p, x) - H(p', x)| \leq \omega(|x-y|)(1+|p|)$$

$$(Lip H) \quad |H(p, x) - H(q, x)| \leq M |p - q| \quad \forall x, y, p, q$$

Then (Comp. Princ #2): $H: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ sat. (RH) ($Lip H$),
 $u, v \in BUC(\bar{\Omega})$ $\bar{\Omega} = \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, T]$, resp. subs & supersol.
 $\begin{matrix} \rightarrow & \uparrow & \wedge \\ \text{bounded meas., cont.} \end{matrix}$

of H if $u \in \mathcal{S}$, $u(x, 0) \leq v(x, 0) \quad \forall x \Rightarrow u \leq v$ in $\bar{\Omega}$,

Pf See Thm 1 p. 547 in [EV].

Idea of pf. same as Comp. Proc. #1 with 2 charges.

Step 3 instead of (S) prove

$$(S1) \quad |F - \tilde{G}| + |\tilde{F} - \tilde{G}| \leq c\sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

$$(S2) \quad \frac{|\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}|^2}{\varepsilon} \leq \omega_u(c\sqrt{\varepsilon}) + \omega_v(c\sqrt{\varepsilon})$$

Step 6. Can be done with (S1)(S2) because H sets.

(RH)(Lip H). . . . Details ... + w. □

INTRODUCTION TO (DETERMINISTIC) OPTIMAL CONTROL
CONTROL SYSTEM.

$$(CS) \quad \begin{cases} \dot{y}(s) = f(y(s), \alpha(s)) & s > t = \text{initial time} \\ y(t) = x & \text{control } f_h \\ y(0) = \text{current state at time } 0 & \\ \alpha(s) = \text{control at time } s & \end{cases}$$

$f: \mathbb{R}^n \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ continuous, A top. space, often $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$
compact

HYPOTHESES (as in [EV], more general in [BCD]).

$$\begin{cases} |f(x, a)| \leq M & \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall a \in A \\ |f(x, a) - f(z, a)| \leq L|x - z| & \forall x, z \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall a \in A. \end{cases}$$

Fix $R \geq T > t \geq 0$ $T = \text{final time or t. horizon}$.

Known FACTS of ODES.

If $\alpha: [t, T] \rightarrow A$ cont. \exists unique C^1 sol. of (S)

in $[t, T]$, $y(s) := y_x(s) := y_x(s; \alpha, t)$.

Moreover:

$$(E1) \quad |y_x(s; \alpha, t) - x| \leq M(s-t)$$

$$(E2) \quad |y_x(s; \alpha, t) - y_z(s; \alpha, t)| \leq e^{L(s-t)} |x-z|.$$

Def. Admissible controls (OPEN LOOP CONTROLS).

$$\mathcal{Q} := \{\alpha: [0, T] \rightarrow A \text{ measurable}\}.$$

Recall. (S) with $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}$ is EQUIVALENT to

$$y(s) = x + \int_t^s f(y(\tau), \alpha(\tau)) d\tau \quad \forall s > t.$$

$$\text{Func. th. G.c. } \dot{y}(s) = f(y(s), \alpha(s)) \quad \forall s$$

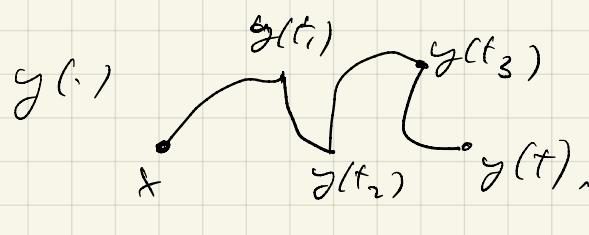
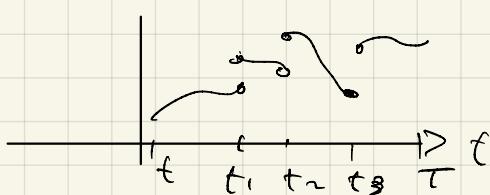
Def. For $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}$, $0 \leq t \leq T$ a GENERALIZED sol. of (S)

(or TRAJECTORY of (S)) is $y: [t, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ABSOL. CONT. &

$$\text{s.t. } y(s) = x + \int_t^s f(y(\tau), \alpha(\tau)) d\tau \quad \forall s \in [t, T].$$

N.B. If at \bar{s} α is cont., then F.T.C. \Rightarrow

$\exists \dot{y}(\bar{s}) = f(y(\bar{s}), \alpha(\bar{s}))$, but at points of discont. of $\alpha(\cdot)$ \dot{y} may be discont.



Thm. Under the standing ass. on f if $\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}$ \exists UNIQUE
GENERAL SOL. of (S) def.'l $[t, T]$. $y(\cdot) = y_x(\cdot; \alpha, t)$ $\$$
it satisfies :

$$(E1) \quad |y_x(s; \alpha, t) - x| \leq R(s-t)$$

$$(E2) \quad |y_x(s; \alpha, t) - y_x(t; \alpha, t)| \leq e^{L(s-t)} |x - z|.$$

$\$$ y is Lip in s . \square

Pf. Very similar to the case $\alpha \in C$, see Sec. III.5 [BCD]. \square

H.W (easy) prove it for piecewise cont. α . \square .

FINITE HORIZON COST FUNCTIONAL.

Data : $\ell: \mathbb{R}^h \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f: \mathbb{R}^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $T < +\infty$ ^{horizon}
^{or final time}

$$J(x, t, \alpha(\cdot)) = \underbrace{\int_t^T \ell(y(s), \alpha(s)) ds}_{\rightarrow \text{running cost.}} + g(y(T)) \quad \text{terminal cost.}$$

where $y(s) = y_x(s; \alpha, t)$

GOAL : MINIMIZE $J(x, 0, \alpha(\cdot))$ over $\alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{Q}$,

Def. $\ell, g \not\equiv 0$ Bolza problem.

if $\ell \equiv 0$ Mayer pb., if $g \equiv 0$ Lagrange pb.

N.B. Connection Calc. of Var. : $J = \int_0^T L(y(s), \dot{y}(s)) ds$

it is an opt. pb. with $\dot{y}(s) = \alpha(s)$ $A = \mathbb{R}^h$

"Conv \subseteq Opt. cont."

Remark. Bolza pb. can be reduced to Mayer ($\ell \equiv 0$) by

extending the state variable y_{n+1} :
$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_{n+1} = \ell(\underbrace{y_1, \dots, y_n}_s, \alpha) \\ y_{n+1}(t) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y_{n+1}(T) = \int_0^T \ell(y(s), \alpha(s)) ds$$

$\min \sim \int_t^T \ell ds + g(y(T))$ is equivalent to

$\min \sim (y_{n+1}(T) + g(y(T)))$ which is a Mayer pb.

We will make some proofs with $\ell \equiv 0$. \blacksquare