

Necessary optimality condition for Nonsmooth Switching Control problem.

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Abstract. This paper is concerned with a class optimal switching nonsmooth optimal control problem is considered. Both the switching instants and the control function are to be chosen such that the cost functional is minimized. The necessary optimality conditions are derived by means of normal cone and Dubovitskii Milyutin theory.

1. Introduction

A switching system consists of a number of subsystems and a switching law. The switching law is to define of the subsystem to be activated at certain specified switching instants during the planning horizon. Switching systems arise in many real world applications, such as the control of mechanical systems, the automotive industry, aircraft and air traffic control, and switching power converters. Some details on these applications can be found in [20]

For the problem of the optimal control of switching systems, the objective is to seek a switching law and a control function such that some performance criterion is minimized subject to some constraints on the state and the control variables. These optimal control problems have attracted increasing attention (see [1,3,4,5,6,8,11,18,19,20]) because of their practical significance and theoretical challenge. However, there are many open issues yet to be answered. For example, even for problems only linear subsystems and quadratic costs, a closed form solution of the optimal switching instants is still unavailable.

In the present paper, the author's main aim is to formulate necessary optimality conditions for the nonsmooth case (cost functional is nonsmooth) by using nonsmooth analysis and the method which was suggested and formalized by Dubovitskii and Milyutin [7,2]

The Dubovitskii and Milyutin formalism contains the following three major components:

- a) To treat local minima via the empty intersection of certain sets in the primal space built upon the initial cost and constraints data
- b) To approximate the above sets by convex cones with no intersections.
- c) To arrive at dual necessary optimality conditions in the form of an abstract Euler equation by employing convex separation

To start our discussion, first we have describe certain points about functional analysis and nonsmooth analysis construction. For more information we refer the reader to [13].

2. Tools of nonsmooth analysis.

If φ_k is lower semicontinuous around x , then its basic subdifferential can be shown by:

$$\partial\varphi(x^0) = \limsup_{x \rightarrow x^0} \hat{\partial}\varphi(x). \text{ Here, } \hat{\partial}\varphi(x^0) := \left\{ x^* \in R^n \mid \liminf_f \frac{\varphi(u) - \varphi(x) - \langle x^*, u - x \rangle}{|u - x|} \geq 0 \right\}$$

is the Frechet subdifferential. By using plus-minus symmetric constructions, we can write

$$\partial^+\varphi(x^0) := -\partial(-\varphi)(x^0), \quad \hat{\partial}^+\varphi(x^0) := -\partial(-\hat{\varphi})(x^0)$$

which are called basic superdifferential and Frechet superdifferential, respectively. Here

$$\hat{\partial}\varphi^+(x^0) := \left\{ x^* \in R^n \text{ Lim sup } \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(x^0) - \langle x^*, x - x^0 \rangle}{|x - x^0|} \geq 0 \right\}. \text{ For a Locally Lipschitzian}$$

function subdifferential and superdifferential may be different. For example, if we take $\varphi(x) = |x|$ on R , then $\partial\varphi(0) = [-1, 1]$ but $\hat{\partial}\varphi(0) = \{-1, 1\}$.

If φ is Lipschitz continuous around point x^0 then, the strictly differentiability of the function φ at x^0 (see [2,13]) are equivalent to $\partial\varphi(x^0) = \partial^+\varphi(x^0) = \{\nabla\varphi(x^0)\}$. If $\partial\varphi(x^0) = \hat{\partial}\varphi(x^0)$ then, this function lower regular at x^0 . Symmetrically we can give upper regularity of the function at the point by using definitions of superdifferential and Frechet superdifferential. Also if the extended-real-valued function is Lipschitz continuous around the given point and upper regular at this point then the Freshet superdifferential is not empty. Furthermore it is equal to Clarke generalized subdifferential at this point (for proof, see [16]). By using all these nonsmooth analysis tools, we will try to find the Frechet superdifferential form of the necessary optimality condition for the step discrete system.

3. Problem formulation

$$\dot{x}_k = f_k(x_k, u_k, t), \quad t_{k-1} \leq t \leq t_k \quad (3.1)$$

$$x_1(t_0) = x_0,$$

$$F_i[x_N(t_N), t_N] \leq 0 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, l \quad (3.2)$$

$$F_i[x_N(t_N), t_N] = 0 \quad i=1+1, 1+2, \dots, m \quad (3.3)$$

$$x_{k+1}(t_k) = M_k(x_k(t_k), t_k), \quad k=1, \dots, N-1 \quad (\text{in here } t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N-1} \text{ be unknown}) \quad (3.4)$$

$$G(x(t), t) \leq 0 \quad (3.5)$$

$$S(x, u) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(x_k, u_k, t) \quad (3.6)$$

In this problem, $f_i : R \times R^n \times R^r \rightarrow R^n$, G_k , M_k and F_k are given continuous, at least continuously partially differentiable vector-valued functions with respect to it's coordinates, $M_i : R^n \times R \rightarrow R$ and $G : R^n \times R \rightarrow R$, $\varphi_i(x_k, u_k, t)$ are given functions which satisfying Frechet subdifferential $u_i(t) : R \rightarrow U_i \subset R^r$ are controls. The set U_i , are assumed to be nonempty and bounded.

Theorem 1: Assume that $\varphi_i : R^n \rightarrow R$ is finite at $x_i^0(t_i)$, then for the optimality of pairs $(u^0(t), x^0)$ in the problem described (3.1)-(3.6) it is necessary that for any $x_i^* \in \hat{\partial}\varphi(x^0(t_i))$ the following conditions are true:

Discrete maximum principle for the control

$$\sum_{t=t_{i-1}}^{t_i-1} \Delta_{u_i(t)} H_i[t] \leq 0, \text{ for all } u_i(t) \in U_i, \quad i=1, 2, 3, \quad t \in T_i \quad (3.7)$$

Discrete maximum principle at the switching points $t_k \quad k=1, 2, \dots, N-1$

$$T_{k+1} - T_k = \frac{\partial M_k}{\partial t}, \quad k=1, \dots, N-1 \quad (3.8)$$

At the end of the point t_N

$$T_N = \sum_{v=1}^{p+g} \lambda_v \frac{\partial F_v}{\partial t} \quad (3.9)$$

where $T_k = \max_{u_k \in U_k} H_k(x_k, u_k, \psi_k, t)$ and $\psi(\cdot)$ is adjoint trajectory and satisfying (3.11) systems. If the set $f_i(t, x^0, U)$ is convex, then the necessary optimality condition is global over all $u_i \in U_i$.

Remark. In this theorem it is necessary (3.8) and (3.9) conditions. Because we don't know when structure of the system will be change we will try find optimality conditions at the switching points. We can image this problem as a rocket with two types of engines that work consecutively. With work of the second engine depends on the first one. Moreover, the rocket moves from one controlling area to a second one that changes all the structure (controls, functions, conditions, etc).

Proof. Let $(u^0(t), x^0)$ be optimal process. As we already mentioned we will implement the Dubovitskii-Milyutin formalism and definition of Frechet subdifferential. We start analyze the cost criterion. Let take any $x_i^* \in \hat{\partial} \varphi(x^0(t_i))$ and any pairs (u_k, x_k) which satisfying (3.1)-(3.6) conditions. Then by using of the Frechet subdifferential definition we can write

$$S(x, u) - S(x^0, u^0) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\varphi_i(x_k, u_k, t) - \varphi_i(x_k^0, u_k^0, t)) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n (\langle x_k^*, x_k - x_k^0 \rangle + o(|x_k - x_k^0|))$$

From this relation we can get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (\langle x_k^*, x_k - x_k^0 \rangle + o(|x_k - x_k^0|)) \leq 0. \text{ Applying theorem of Girsanov [2, theorem 7.4]}$$

we get that the cone of directions of decrease of the cost criterion is

$$K_1 = \left\{ x_k : \sum_{i=1}^n (\langle x_k^*, \Delta \dot{x}_k \rangle \leq 0) \right\}. \text{ For the moment, assume that } K_1 \neq 0. \text{ Then dual cone of } K_1$$

$$\text{is given by } K_1^* = \left\{ -\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (\langle x_k^*, \Delta \dot{x}_k^0 \rangle) \right\} =$$

Let us investigate admissible variation for the (3.5).

If $G_k(x_k(t), t) < 0$ satisfying for any $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$ then set of admissible variation is the all space. It is meaning that we have to investigate equality condition $G_k(x_k(t), t) = 0$. In this case set of admissible variation corresponding prohibited variation for the following minimizing function

$$\Phi(x, u) = \max_t G_k(x_k(t), t) \text{ (see [2,7]). Then}$$

$$\Delta_x \Phi(x, u) = \max_t [G_k(x_k^0(t), t) + \varepsilon \Delta G_k(x_k^0(t), t) \dot{x}_k + o(\varepsilon, t)] =$$

$$\varepsilon \frac{\partial G_k}{\partial x} \Delta x + o(\varepsilon, t). \text{ From here set of admissible variation is } \max_t \frac{\partial G_k}{\partial x_k} \Delta x_k < 0. \text{ It is clear that set}$$

of admissible variation is conus and let we denote this conus by $K_2 = \left\{ x_k : \max_t \frac{\partial G_k}{\partial x_k} \Delta x_k \right\}$. It

is known that linear functional on the continuous functions has a integral form. By using the [2]

$$\text{we can put dual conus form of } K_2^* = -\alpha_k \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \frac{\partial G_k}{\partial x_k} \Delta x_k \text{ .}$$

It is interesting to find admissible variation for the (3.2), (3.3) together. If we will try to find admissible variation for the (3.2) and (3.3) by using (2.4) condition we can that admissible conus for this relation will be following form.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \beta_k \left[T_{k+1} - T_k - \frac{\partial M_k}{\partial t} \right]_{t=t_k} - \beta_N \left[T_N - \sum_{v=1}^{p+g} \lambda_v \frac{\partial F_v}{\partial t} \right]_{t=t_N} \quad (\text{full proof can be found in the appendix}).$$

Now if we can formulate Euler equation for problem. Then we can write

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \Delta_u H_k [t] + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \beta_k \left[T_{k+1} - T_k - \frac{\partial M_k}{\partial t} \right]_{t=t_k} - \beta_N \left[T_N - \sum_{v=1}^{p+g} \lambda_v \frac{\partial F_v}{\partial t} \right]_{t=t_N} = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

Here $H_k = (f_k, \psi_k) - \lambda_0 x_k^*$; $\psi_k(t) = \omega_k(t) - \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \frac{\partial G_k}{\partial x_k} dt$,

$\omega_k(t)$ -solution of following conjugate differential equation with the initial condition.

$$\dot{\omega}_k(t) = \left(-\frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_k} \right)^* \omega_k + \lambda_0 x_k^* \quad (t_{k-1} \leq t \leq t_k)$$

$$\dot{\omega}(t_k) = \frac{\partial M_k}{\partial x_k} \omega_{k+1}(t_k), \quad k = 1, \dots, N-1, \quad (3.11)$$

$$\omega_N(t_N) = - \sum_{v=1}^{p+g} \lambda_v \frac{\partial F_v[x_N(t_N), t_N]}{\partial x}$$

If we consider (3.10), consequently we can get necessary optimality conditions (3.7), (3.8) and (3.9)

Corollary 3.1. Let $(u^0(t), x^0)$ be an optimal process to the (3.1)-(3.6) problem, where $\varphi_i : R^n \rightarrow R$ is assumed to be differentiable at $x_i^0(t_i)$. Then one has the maximum principle (3.7)-(3.9) with $\omega_k(t)$ satisfying (3.11) and $x_i^* \in \hat{\partial} \varphi(x_i^0(t_i)) = \nabla \varphi(x_i^0(t_i))$

Example:

Consider the following two step time optimal control problem.

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = u \quad 0 \leq t \leq \tau; \quad (3.12)$$

$$\dot{y} = y_2, \quad \dot{y}_2 = -y_2, \quad \tau \leq t \leq T \quad (3.13)$$

$$y_1(\tau) = x_1(\tau), \quad y_2(\tau) = x_2(\tau), \quad y_3(\tau) = -1, \quad y_4(\tau) = 0 \text{ -switching condition} \quad (3.14)$$

Problem is that arrive the shortest time from point $(x_1(0), x_2(0)) = (c; 0)$ to the point $(y_1(T), y_2(T)) = (0; 0)$, where $c > 0$, controls satisfying $|u| \leq 1$, and $|v| \leq 1$

conditions. Thus Hamilton-Pontryagin functions along the optimal controls are following form.

$$H_1 = H(\varphi, x, u) = x_2 \varphi_1 + u \varphi_2, \quad H_2 = H(\psi, y, v) = y_2 \psi_1 - y_2 \psi_2 + y_3 \psi_3 - y_4 \psi_4 + v \psi_4$$

Here $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$ and $\psi = (\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4)$ is solution of following differential equation

$$\dot{\varphi}_1 = 0, \quad \dot{\varphi}_2 = -\varphi_1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \tau \quad (3.15)$$

$$\dot{\psi} = 0, \quad \dot{\psi} = -\psi_1 + \psi_2, \quad \dot{\psi} = 0, \quad \dot{\psi} = -\psi_3 + \psi_4 \quad (3.16)$$

with initial conditions

$$\varphi_1(\tau) = \psi_1(\tau), \quad \varphi_2(\tau) = \psi_2(\tau), \quad \psi_1(t) = a, \quad \psi_2(t) = 0, \quad \psi_3(t) = b, \quad \psi_4(t) = 0, \quad (3.17)$$

here a and b unknown numbers.

Let us justify following two conditions.

1. If $a \neq 0$, then a) $a < 0$ b) $b \neq 0$.

Let us prove these relations.

a) From optimality condition (1) we can get

$u(t) = \text{sign} \varphi_2(t) = \text{sign}[\tau - t + 1 - e^{\tau-t}] = \text{sign} a$, because for the $t < \tau$ it is imply $\tau - t + 1 - e^{\tau-t} > 0$. Then optimal control for above requirement problem is $u = \pm 1$ and corresponding solutions will be

$$x_1(t) = \frac{t^2}{2} + c \text{ and } x_2(t) = t, \text{ for } u=1 \quad (3.18)$$

$$x_1(t) = -\frac{t^2}{2} + c \text{ and } x_2(t) = -t, \text{ for } u=-1. \quad (3.19)$$

If we consider (3.18) in the (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) we can find easily that for the $u = 1$, $y_1(t) = x_1(\tau) + x_2(\tau)[1 - e^{\tau-t}] > 0$ for all $t \geq \tau$. But it is contradiction of the initial condition $y(T) = 0$. It means that $u = -1$ and $a < 0$.

b) Assume contradiction: $b = 0$, then $\psi_3 \equiv 0$ and $\psi_4 \equiv 0$ for all the $t \in [\tau, T]$.

If we consider optimality condition (3.8) it implies that

$[x_2 \varphi_1 - x_2 \varphi_2]_{t=\tau} = [y_2 \psi_1 - y_2 \psi_2]_{t=\tau}$, but from (3.4) and first relation of the (3.3) we can get $x_2(\tau) = 1$, which it is contradiction of the $x_2(\tau) = -\tau$

2. If $b \neq 0$ then a) $b > 0$ and b) $a \neq 0$ we get

Let us prove these reiterations.

a) From optimality condition 1, for the control v ,

$v(t) = \text{sign} \psi_4(t) = \text{sign} b(1 - e^{\tau-t}) = \text{sign} b \cdot (1 - e^{\tau-t}) > 0$ for any $t < T$, consequently $v = \pm 1$

But if we get $v = -1$ then corresponding solution $y_3(t) = \tau - t - e^{\tau-t} \leq 0$ for all the $t > \tau$. But is it contrary for the $y(T) = 0$. Then $v = 1$ and $b > 0$.

b) Assume $a = 0$. Then $\psi_1(t) \equiv 0$, $\psi_2(t) \equiv 0$ for all the $t \in [\tau, T]$ and $\varphi_1 \equiv 0$, $\varphi_2 \equiv 0$ for all the $t \in [0, \tau]$. If we consider necessary optimality condition (3.8) and switching condition $y(\tau) = 0$, we can get $\psi_4(\tau) \equiv 0$. It means that $b(1 - e^{\tau-\tau}) = 0$, which contrary in the case of $\tau < T$. This can be prove as 1(b). We have to use necessary conditions (3.8) and switching conditions.

At least we get that our optimal control is: $u(t) = -1$ for the $0 \leq t \leq \tau$ and $v(t) = 1$ for the

$$\tau \leq t \leq T.$$

Indeed, if we take $y_1(t) = x_1(\tau) + x_2(\tau)[1 - e^{\tau-t}]$, $y(T) = 0$ consider (3.19) we can get $\tau^2 + 2\tau[1 - e^{\tau-T}] - 2c = 0$

If we take $y_3(t) = \tau - t - e^{\tau-t}$ and $y(T) = 0$ we can get $\tau - T - e^{\tau-T} = 0$.

Solving following two nonlinear equation we can find switching point τ and minimal finishing time T for the control process.

$$\tau^2 + 2\tau[1 - e^{\tau-T}] - 2c = 0, \quad \tau - T - e^{\tau-T} = 0.$$

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4. Appendix

If $(x_k(t), u_k(t))$ admissible trajectory for the system (3.4) then

$$x_{k+1}(t_k) - x_{k+1}^0(t_k) = M_k(x_k(t_k), t) - M_k(x_k^0(t_k), t). \text{ From here}$$

$$\dot{x}_{k+1}(t_k) = \frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial x_k} \dot{x}_k(t) + \frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial t} \quad m=1,2,3,\dots,N-1.$$

If we multiply both sides of this equation by the $\psi_k(t)$ and summing up from 1 up to N-1, we can get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_k(t) \dot{x}_{k+1}(t_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_k(t) \left(\frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial x_k} \Delta x_k(t) \right).$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_{k-1}(t) \dot{x}_k(t_{k-1}) + \psi_{N-1}(t) \dot{x}_N(t_{N-1}) - \psi_1(t) \dot{x}_2(t_1) = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_k(t) \left(\frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial x_k} \Delta x_k(t) + \frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial t} \right)$$

If consider the equation of (3.1), then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_k(t) \dot{x}_k(t_{k-1}) + \psi_N(t) \dot{x}_N(t_{N-1}) - \psi_1(t) \dot{x}_1(t_0) = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_k(t) \left(\frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial x_k} \Delta x_k(t) + \frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$h \sum_{k=2}^{N-1} \left(\psi_{k-1}(t) - \psi_k(t) \frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial x_k} \right) \dot{x}_k(t_{k-1}) + \psi_N(t) \dot{x}_N(t_{N-1}) - \psi_1(t) \dot{x}_1(t_0) =$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_k \frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial t}$$

If we consider conjugate system we can get and $H_k(x_k, u_k, \psi_k, t) = \psi_k(t) f(x_k, u_k, t)$ then

$$H_N(x_N, u_N, \psi_N, t) - H_1(x_1, u_1, \psi_1, t_0) = 0$$

From here we can rewrite last relation following form

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} (H_{k+1}(x_{k+1}, u_{k+1}, \psi_{k+1}, t_k) - H_k(x_k, u_k, \psi_k, t_{k-1})) = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \psi_k \frac{\partial M_k(x_k(t_k), t)}{\partial t}.$$

It means that admissible control for switching equation satisfying this equation.