

MATH 6231 : Topic in Optimization Theory.

1. Static Optimization.
2. Dynamic optimal control : deterministic case.
3. Dynamic Optimal Control : stochastic case :

Fleming / Rishel : Deterministic and Stochastic optimal control.

1. static: $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)$ for some function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$\rightarrow \sup_{x \in K} f(x)$ for some $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$K := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \left(\begin{array}{l} g_i(x) \leq 0, \\ h_j(x) = 0 \end{array} \right) \right\}$$

$i=1, \dots, m, \quad j=1, \dots, l.$

- Existence. $x^* = \arg \max_{x \in K} f(x)$.

- characterization of x^* / $f(x^*) = \sup_{x \in K} f(x)$.

2: Dynamic control: / deterministic case:

- Dynamic system: (described by differential equation)

$$\underline{X_t = x_0 + \int_0^t b(s, X_s, \alpha_s) ds. \quad / \quad \text{ODE.} \quad \dot{X}_t = b(t, X_t, \alpha_t)}$$

$$\langle \approx \rangle \underline{X_{t+\Delta t} \approx X_t + b(t, X_t, \alpha_t) \Delta t.}$$

$$X_t \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- Objective: $\left(\sup_{(\alpha_t)_{t \geq 0}} \left(\int_0^T L(s, X_s, \alpha_s) ds + g(X_T) \right) \right)$ → subjective to some constraint.

3. Stochastic control:

$$\underline{X_t = x_0 + \int_0^t b(s, X_s, \alpha_s) ds + W_t}$$

→ Stochastic Differential Equation.
noise.
Brownian motion.

$$\sup_{\alpha} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T L(s, X_s^\alpha, \alpha_s) ds + g(X_T^\alpha) \right] \rightarrow \text{subject to constraints.}$$

Assessment:
 → Exam 50%
 → Project (group of 2 persons.)
 → oral presentation.
 → short report.