

The Existence Theorem for Optimal Control with Non-Standard Cost Functional and Analysis

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Abstract: The existence theorem for optimal control system has been obtained for a general non-standard cost functional of fraction type. As an application of our result we can derive an existence theorem for optimal control given by M.B. Subramanyam for a cost functional, which has been given in the fractional form I.e ratio of two given integral cost functionals.

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1. Introduction:

Consider the n-dimensional system

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t).x(t) + B(t).u(t), \quad x(t_0) = 0 \text{ for } t \in [t_0, t_1] \quad t_1 < \infty \quad (1.1)$$

Where $A(t)$ and $B(t)$ are matrices of $n \times n$ and $n \times r$ respectively.

There can be further restrictions on the functions $x(t)$ and $u(t)$. It will be discussed later. For the above n-dimensional system we have to optimise(minimise) the following functional-

$$F(x, u) = \frac{F_1(u)}{[F_2(x)]^\alpha} \quad (1.2)$$

Where $\alpha > 0$ and $u(t)$ is a measurable control. We make the following assumptions-

2. Assumptions:

- 2.1. $A(t)$ and $B(t)$ are continuous matrix functions.
- 2.2. $F_1(u)$ is convex function with $|F_1(u)| < \infty$ in the domain.
- 2.3. $F_1(u)$ and $F_2(x)$ both are continuous in the respective domains.
- 2.4. $F_1(u) \leq a |u|^p$ for $p > 1$, $a > 0$; $F_2(x) \geq 0$ along any $x(t)$ which is responsible for some admissible value $u(t)$.
- 2.5. For each $k < \infty$, if $\|u\|_p < k$ then $F_2(x) < \infty$ for any admissible value of $u(t)$ in the domain whose trajectories obeys any constraints imposed on this functional.
- 2.6. There exists a $k > 0$ such that for every $c \geq 0$,
 $F_1(cu) = c^k.F_1(u)$ $F_2(cx) = c^{k/\alpha}$. by equation (1.2) we get

$F(cx, cu) = F(x, u)$ for every $c > 0$.

2.7. There exists an admissible control, the trajectories of which satisfy the imposed constraints and is such that $F_2(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$.

2.8. If $\langle u^i \rangle$ is a sequence of functions on $L_p[t_0, t_1]$ converging weakly to u^0 in $L_p[t_0, t_1]$ then

$$F_1(u^0) \leq \liminf_{i \rightarrow \infty} F_1(u^i) \quad (2.1)$$

3. **Definition:** We call a constraints regular if the following conditions holds:

3.1. If (x, u) satisfies the constraints then (cu, cx) also satisfies the constraints for every $c > 0$.

3.2. Let $(x^l, u^l), (x^2, u^2), \dots$ be admissible pair such that $(u^i \rightarrow u^0)$ weakly in $L_p[t_0, t_1]$. Suppose that (x^n, u^n) satisfies the constraints for each $n \geq 1$. Then (x^0, u^0) obeys the constraints.

4. **Lemma 1:** Consider all values of x & u in the respected domains that obey equation (1.1) and the constraints. Assuming that all the constraints are regular in nature and let

$$\lambda = \inf F(x, u) = \inf \frac{F_1(u)}{[F_2(x)]^\alpha} \quad (4.1)$$

(λ is well defined by assumption 2.2, 2.3 & 2.7)

Also Let

$$\inf F_1(u) = J \text{ subject to the } [F_1(x)]^\alpha$$

Then $\lambda = J/M$.

Remark:- Observe that in the proof of the theorem-1 it has been shown that u^0 is necessarily admissible. First we prove the lemma-1 which is being used later in the sequel.

Proof: One can easily see that $\lambda \leq J/M$. To prove the reverse inequality, let the variable function $u()$ be such that

$$F(x^*, u^*) \leq \lambda + \varepsilon \quad \text{for some } \varepsilon \geq 0$$

Let $[F_1(x)]^\alpha = M < \infty$ (by assumption 2.2, 2.4 & 2.5) and $\mu = (M/M^*)^{1/k}$.

Then $(\mu x^*, \mu u^*)$ obeys all the constraints by regularity of the constraints. Now by the assumption 2.5

$[F(\mu x)]^\alpha = M$ and $F(\mu x^*, \mu u^*) \leq \lambda + \varepsilon$ for some $\varepsilon \geq 0$ this implies that $J/M \leq \lambda + \varepsilon$. Since ε is arbitrary the conclusion of the lemma-1 follows the following theorem.

Theorem: Consider the control system represented by the equation (1.1) and (1.2) along with all the assumptions discussed above 2.1 to 2.8. Also Assume that the constraints $x()$, $u()$ are regular. Then there exists a control among all admissible controls that minimises equation (1.2).

Proof: By the previous Lemma-1 it is sufficient to exhibit a minimizing control over all admissible controls for which $[F_2(x)]^\alpha = M > 0$ and trajectories of which satisfy equation (1.1) and all the constraints.

Let $J = \inf F_1(u)$ subject to $[F_2(x)]^\alpha = M > 0$

Choose $\{(x^i, u^i)\}$ such that $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} F_1(u^i) = J$ with $[F_2(x)]^\alpha = M$ for each i . By

assumption 2.3, $\{u^i\}$ from a bounded sequence in $L_p[t_0, t_1]$, and hence the subsequence in $L_p[t_0, t_1]$, and hence a subsequence, still denoted by $\{u^i\}$, converges weakly to some u^0 in $L_p[t_0, t_1]$. Let x^0 be the response of equation (1.1) to u^0 . By assumption 2.1 and by weakly convergence $x^i(t), x^0(t)$ for all $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ [Ref.[1]]. By regularity of constraints $x^0(t)$ obeys all the constraints. Assumption 2.2 implies $F_2(x^i) \rightarrow F_2(x^0)$ as i .

Since $\|u\|_p < K$ for some $K < \infty$, hence by assumption 2.4,

$$[F_2(x^0)]^\alpha = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \inf [F_2(x^i)]^\alpha = M$$

Now by assumption 2.6,

$$[F_1(u^0)] \leq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \inf F_1(u^i) = J$$

Application: If we specialised the functional

$$F(x, u) = \frac{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \psi_1(x(t), t) dt}{[\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \psi_2(u(t), t) dt]^\alpha}$$

Where ψ_1 and ψ_2 satisfy the conditions given in {Ref.[4], Th-1.1}, we get the existence of the theorem of [4] as a particular case of the present work.

Discussion: The general method that has been discussed can be extended to cover other variants of the functional given by Subramanayam[4]. For further study we can consider the functional of the form

$$F(x, u) = \frac{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \psi_1(x(t), t) dt}{\prod_{i=1}^{i=n} \left(\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \psi_i(u(t), t) dt \right)^{\alpha_i}}$$

Where all to satisfy certain constraints or restrictions analogous to given as in Ref.[4].

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