

# Optimal and Learning Control for Autonomous Robots Lecture 5



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# Erratum Script

p14 
$$\frac{dV^*}{dt} = V_t^* + V_x^{*T} \mathbf{f} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [V_{xx}^* E[(\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{w})(\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{w})^T] \Delta t]. \quad (1.55)$$

p28 
$$-\mathbf{x}^T \dot{\mathbf{S}}(t) \mathbf{x} = \min_{u \in U} \{ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u} \}. \quad (1.105)$$

# Class logistics





# Exercise groups

Sign up for the exercises **in groups of 2:**

<https://ethz.doodle.com/c27fqrqggtqth2x57>

Please avoid single-member groups!

**Deadline for inscription: March 20th, 18h**



# Exercises

## Exercises

- 3 programming exercises
- starting L5, 8, 12
- exercises graded pass/fail
- grade boost for passed exercises
  - Ex 1: 0.1, Ex 2: 0.05, Ex 3: 0.1
- solutions will be available at end of semester
- topics of exercises will be used for exam



# Exercise I

Today - 16:15

- **Submission:**
  - Code must be submitted through website form
  - NO EMAIL SUBMISSION!
  - submit by Wed, 15.4.2015
  - **USE OFFICE HOURS FOR QUESTIONS!**
- **Interviews:**
  - Interviews on Friday, 17.4.2015, all day
  - 10 min session/group
  - explain submitted code and answers
  - pass/fail grade given
  - Doodle link for sign up for interview will be given

Office hours:  
Thu, 17:30-18:30  
Room: ML J37.1



# Lecture 5 Goals

- ★ Derivation of ILQC (Part II)
- ★ LQR



# L4 Recap



# Solve optimal control problem

$$V^*(n, \mathbf{x}) = \min_{\mathbf{u}_n} [L_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_n) + \alpha V^*(n+1, \mathbf{f}_n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_n))]$$

1. Principle of optimality: Bellman / HJB Equation
2. Make some assumptions
3. Minimize RHS of Equation
4. ... yields conditions for optimal control
5. substitute back to solve for remaining quantities





# Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP)

‘Unsolvable Nonlinear Program’:

$$\min_x f(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$s.t. \quad f_j(x) \leq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, N$$

$$h_j(x) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, N$$

**Idea:** Approximate nonlinear program by a QP, solve iteratively

# Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP)

**Idea:** Approximate nonlinear program by a QP, solve iteratively

- Initial guess  $\tilde{x}_0$
- Approximate  $f(x)$  at  $\tilde{x}_0$  by 2nd order Taylor series expansion

$$f(x) \approx f(\tilde{x}_0) + (x - \tilde{x}_0)^T \nabla f(\tilde{x}_0) + \frac{1}{2}(x - \tilde{x}_0)^T \nabla^2 f(\tilde{x}_0)(x - \tilde{x}_0) \quad \text{square in } x$$

$$f_j(x) \approx f_j(\tilde{x}_0) + (x - \tilde{x}_0)^T \nabla f_j(\tilde{x}_0)$$

$$h_j(x) \approx h_j(\tilde{x}_0) + (x - \tilde{x}_0)^T \nabla h_j(\tilde{x}_0)$$

constraints: first order

- yields new approximative solution  $\tilde{x}_1$

- repeat

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{x}_i = x^*$$

if problem convex



# Sequential Linear Quadratic Control - SLQ

$$\min_{\mu} \left[ \Phi(\mathbf{x}(N)) + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L_n(\mathbf{x}(n), \mathbf{u}(n)) \right]$$

$$s.t. \quad \mathbf{x}(n+1) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(n), \mathbf{u}(n)) \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\mathbf{u}(n, \mathbf{x}) = \mu(n, \mathbf{x})$$

Idea: Fit simplified subproblem to original problem, solve iteratively

Class of algorithms



value function  $\rightarrow$  optimization target  $\rightarrow$  quadratic

system dynamics  $\rightarrow$  constraints  $\rightarrow$  linear



# SQP

vs

# SLQ

1. Initial guess for parameter
2. Solve sub problem:  
Approximate original problem with a linear-quadratic problem
3. yields new approximative solution
4. repeat

1. Initial guess for policy

2. Solve sub problem:  
Approximate value function with a linear-quadratic

3. yields new approximative policy
4. repeat

# SLQ subproblem in a nutshell

## 2.1 Forward pass:

integrate to get a state (and controls) trajectory

## 2.2 Backward pass

Solve simplified optimal control problem around state and control trajectory

## 3. Adjust guess for optimal control

choice of: approximation, solver  $\Rightarrow$  different SLQ algorithms

(examples: DDP, iLQG, **ILQC**)





# ILQC

## Overview of derivation

Linearize system dynamics

Quadratize cost

Compute value function

Compute optimal control

Solve for Riccati like equation

Solve Riccati like equation



# Linearization of system dynamics

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \delta \mathbf{u}_n$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \approx \mathbf{A}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{B}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n$$

$$\mathbf{A}_n = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

systems matrix

$$\mathbf{B}_n = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}}$$

control gain matrix

$\mathbf{A}_n$  and  $\mathbf{B}_n$  are independent of  $\delta \mathbf{x}_n$  and  $\delta \mathbf{u}_n$

$\mathbf{A}_n$  and  $\mathbf{B}_n$  are time varying

nonlinear  $\rightarrow$  linear, time variant



# Quadratization of cost function

$$J = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_N) + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L_n(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{u}_n)$$

Control costs

$$J \approx q_N + \delta \mathbf{x}_N^T \mathbf{q}_N + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_N^T \mathbf{Q}_N \delta \mathbf{x}_N$$

$$+ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left\{ q_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{q}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{r}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{Q}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{R}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{P}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n \right\}$$

State costs

‘Mixing terms’

$$\forall n \in \{0, \dots, N-1\} :$$

$$q_n = L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n), \quad \mathbf{q}_n = \frac{\partial L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_n = \frac{\partial^2 L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_n = \frac{\partial^2 L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u} \partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{r}_n = \frac{\partial L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}}, \quad \mathbf{R}_n = \frac{\partial^2 L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2}$$

$$n = N :$$

$$q_N = \Phi(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N), \quad \mathbf{q}_N = \frac{\partial \Phi(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_N = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}$$

Note that all derivatives w.r.t.  $\mathbf{u}$  are zero for the terminal time-step  $N$

**Q, R, P are given through definition of cost!**

# Compute Value function

## (2) Quadratic Ansatz for Value function

Ansatz: Quadratic Value function

$$V^*(n+1, \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}) = s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}$$

$\mathbf{S}_n, \mathbf{s}_n, s_n$  are unknown

and will have to be computed... later!



relabel terms depending on controls

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{g}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{r}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{G}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n \\ \mathbf{H}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V^*(n, \delta \mathbf{x}_n) = \min_{\mathbf{u}_n} & \left[ q_n + s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1}) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T (\mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n \right] \quad (1.80)\end{aligned}$$



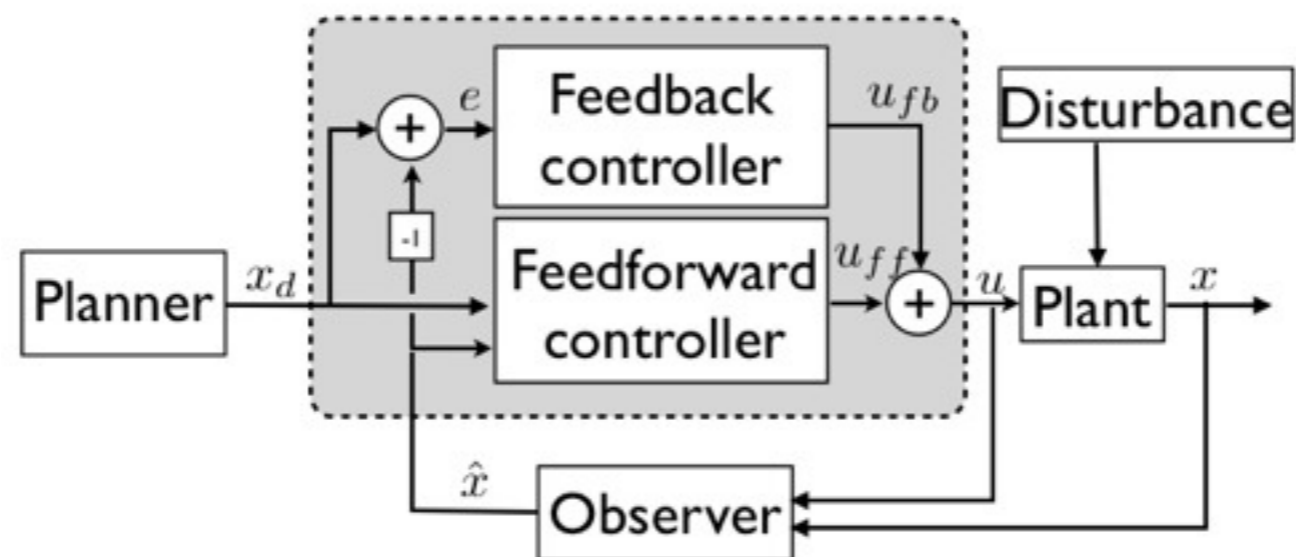
# Optimal control: FF/FB

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n - \mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

feed-forward term  $\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n$

feedback term  $\mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$       feedback gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_n := -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$





# check 'units'

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n - \mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n$$

$$\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$(\mathbf{R} \dots)^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{r} \dots)$$

$$(\mathbf{R} \dots)^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{P} \dots)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^2}{\partial^2 L} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{u}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^2}{\partial^2 L} \quad \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \mathbf{u} \partial \mathbf{x}} \quad \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$\partial \mathbf{u}$

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# check 'units'

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n - \mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

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$$(\mathbf{r} \dots)$$

$$(\mathbf{R} \dots)^{-1}$$

$$(\mathbf{P} \dots)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^x}{\partial \mathbf{L}} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{u}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^x}{\partial \mathbf{L}} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{u} \partial \mathbf{L}} \quad \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\partial \mathbf{u}$$

$$\partial \mathbf{u}$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n - \mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

feed-forward term  $\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n$

feedback gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_n := -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n$

functions of unknown  $\mathbf{S}_n, \mathbf{S}_n, S_n$

$$\mathbf{g}_n \triangleq \mathbf{r}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_n \triangleq \mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n$$

$$\mathbf{H}_n \triangleq \mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n$$

# Solving for $\mathbf{S}_n, \mathbf{S}_n, S_n$



# EOF Recap



# L5



# Solving for $\mathbf{S}_n, \mathbf{s}_n, s_n$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n - \mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

feed-forward term  $\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n$

feedback term  $\mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$

feedback gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_n := -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n$

replace  $\delta \mathbf{u}_n = \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$

plug into

$$V^*(n, \delta \mathbf{x}_n) = \min_{\mathbf{u}_n} \left[ q_n + s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1}) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T (\mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n \right]$$





$$V^*(n, \delta \mathbf{x}_n) = \min_{\mathbf{u}_n} \left[ q_n + s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1}) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T (\mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n \right]$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$(\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n)^T (\mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n) \\ + \frac{1}{2} (\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{H}_n (\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff T} \mathbf{g}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff T} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{g}_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n \\ + \frac{1}{2} (\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff T} \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff T} \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}^{ff T} \mathbf{g} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}^{ff T} \mathbf{H} \delta \mathbf{u}^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{G}^T \delta \mathbf{u}^{ff} + \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{H} \delta \mathbf{u}^{ff}) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{K}) \delta \mathbf{x}$$

$$V^*(n, \delta \mathbf{x}_n) = \min_{\mathbf{u}_n} \left[ q_n + s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T (\mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n \right]$$

$$V^*(n, \delta \mathbf{x}_n) = s_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{s}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{S}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

Quadratic Ansatz

Optimal control

$$\delta \mathbf{u}^{ffT} \mathbf{g} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}^{ffT} \mathbf{H} \delta \mathbf{u}^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{G}^T \delta \mathbf{u}^{ff} + \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{H} \delta \mathbf{u}^{ff}) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{K}) \delta \mathbf{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{s}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{S}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n = \\ q_n + s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \\ \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ffT} \mathbf{g}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ffT} \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{G}_n^T \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff}) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n \end{aligned}$$

sort into terms in  $\delta \mathbf{x}^a$   $a \in [0, 1, 2]$

1,  $\delta \mathbf{x}$ ,  $\delta \mathbf{x}^T \delta \mathbf{x}$



sort into terms in

1,

 $\delta \mathbf{x}$ , $\delta \mathbf{x}^T \delta \mathbf{x}^T$ 

$$s_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{s}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{S}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n =$$

$$q_n + s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n +$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}T} \mathbf{g}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}T} \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}} + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{G}_n^T \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T (\mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n) \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$n \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n$$

$$\mathbf{s}_n = \mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}}$$

$$s_n = q_n + s_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}T} \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}} + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{\text{ff}T} \mathbf{g}_n$$

$$\mathbf{S}_N = \mathbf{Q}_N,$$

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$$s_N = q_N$$



note symmetry of  $S$  (if  $Q$  symmetric)!

$S$  positive definite

$$n \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n$$

$$\mathbf{s}_n = \mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff}$$

$$s_n = q_n + s_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff^T} \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff^T} \mathbf{g}_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{r}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{G}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n \\ \mathbf{H}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_N = \mathbf{Q}_N,$$

$$\mathbf{s}_N = \mathbf{q}_N,$$

$$s_N = q_N$$

- ★  $S(n)$  are only a function of known quantities: system matrix, control gain matrix, cost terms
- ★ ...AND future  $S$  (backwards)
- ★ Principle of optimality: solve backwards in time



# Optimal control

$$(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n - \mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_n \triangleq \mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_n$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n \triangleq \mathbf{u}_n - \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n$$

We have derived the 'incremental' policy, thus total control is

$$\mathbf{u}(n, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n (\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_n)$$



# Optimal control $f(n+1)$

feed-forward term  $\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n$

feedback gain matrix  $\mathbf{K}_n := -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n$

using definition can also write these equations as

$$\delta \mathbf{u}^{ff} = (\mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)^{-1} (\mathbf{r}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1})$$

$$\mathbf{K}_n = (\mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)^{-1} (\mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n)$$

# ILQGC main iteration

0. *Initialization*: we assume that an initial, feasible policy  $\mu$  and initial state  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is given. Then, for every iteration ( $i$ ):

## Forward pass

1. *Roll-Out*: perform a forward-integration of the system dynamics (1.70) subject to initial condition  $\mathbf{x}_0$  and the current policy  $\mu$ . Thus, obtain the nominal state- and control input trajectories  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_n^{(i)}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_n^{(i)}$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$ .

nonlinear system

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)$$

2. *Linear-Quadratic Approximation*: build a local, linear-quadratic approximation around every state-input pair  $(\bar{\mathbf{u}}_n^{(i)}, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_n^{(i)})$  as described in Equations (1.75) to (1.78).

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \approx \mathbf{A}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{B}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n$$

$$\mathbf{A}_n = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_n = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}}$$

## Backwards pass

3. *Compute the Control Law*: solve equations (1.84) to (1.86) backward in time and design the affine control policy through equation (1.88).

$$\mathbf{u}(n, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n (\mathbf{x}_n - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_n)$$

4. Go back to 1. and repeat until the sequences  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}^{(i+1)}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}^{(i)}$  are sufficiently close.

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n$$

$$\mathbf{s}_n = \mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff}$$

$$s_n = q_n + s_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff^T} \mathbf{H}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff^T} \mathbf{g}_n$$

$$J \approx q_N + \delta \mathbf{x}_N^T \mathbf{q}_N + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_N^T \mathbf{Q}_N \delta \mathbf{x}_N + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{ q_n + \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{q}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{r}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{Q}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{R}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{P}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n \}$$



$\forall n \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$ :

$$q_n = L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n), \quad \mathbf{q}_n = \frac{\partial L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_n = \frac{\partial^2 L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_n = \frac{\partial^2 L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u} \partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{r}_n = \frac{\partial L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}}, \quad \mathbf{R}_n = \frac{\partial^2 L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2}$$

# SLQC Recap...

1. Initial guess for policy

2. Solve sub problem:  
Approximate value function with a linear-quadratic

3. yields new approximative policy

4. repeat

2.1 Forward pass:

integrate to get a state (and controls) trajectory

2.2 Backward pass

Solve simplified optimal control problem around state and control trajectory

3. Adjust guess for optimal control





# ILQC

## Overview of derivation

Linearize system dynamics

Quadratize cost

Compute value function

Compute optimal control

Solve for Riccati like equation

Solve Riccati like equation



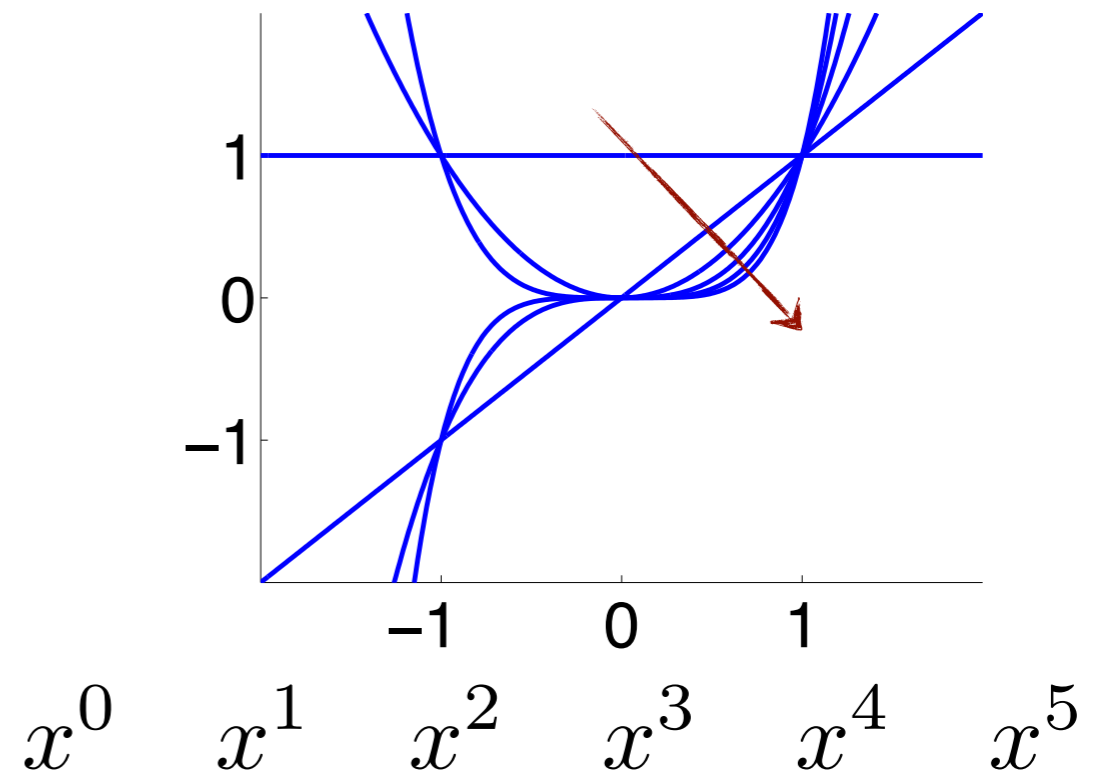
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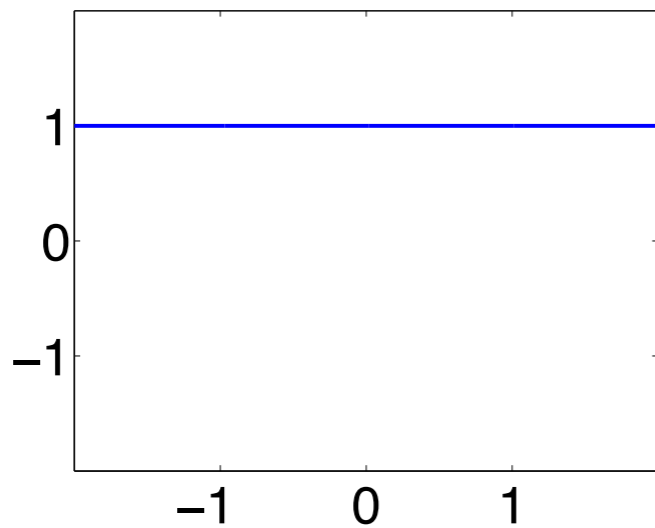
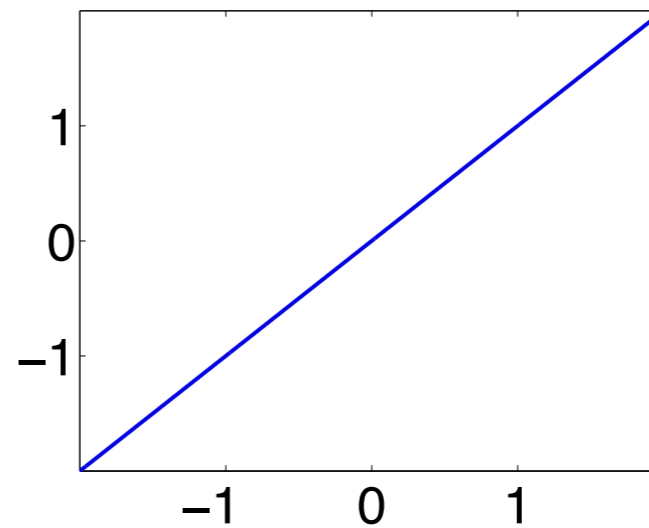
Taylor series are polynomials

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(x_0)}{i!} (x - x_0)^i$$

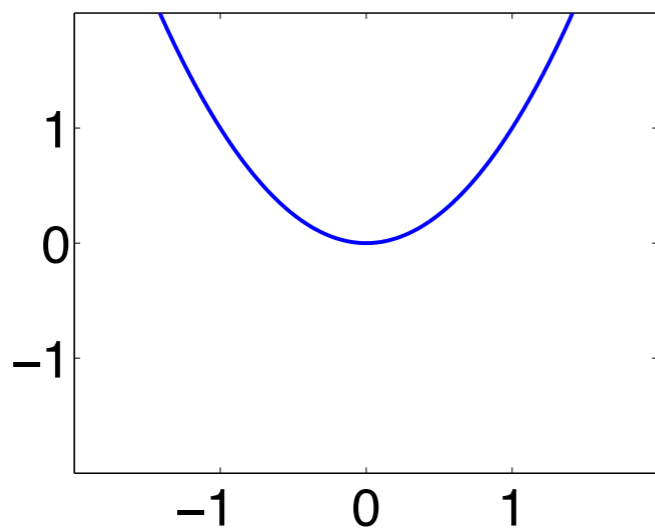
polynomials can (locally)  
approximate arbitrary  
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$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$$

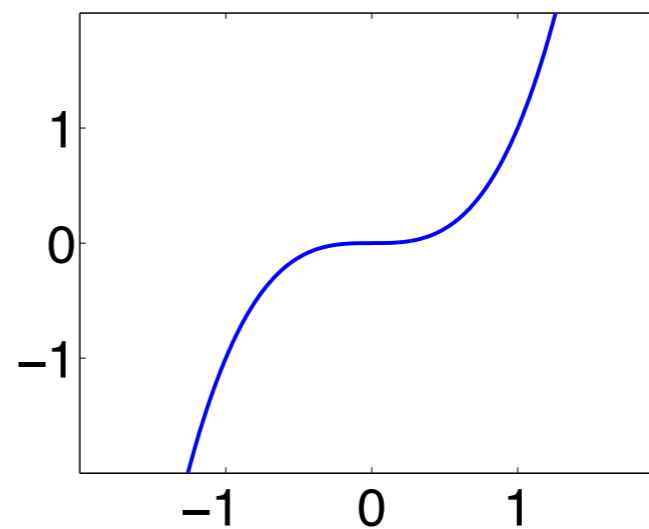
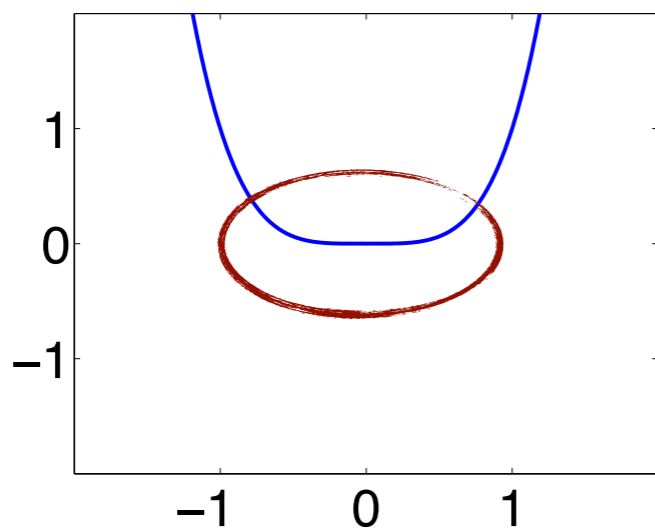
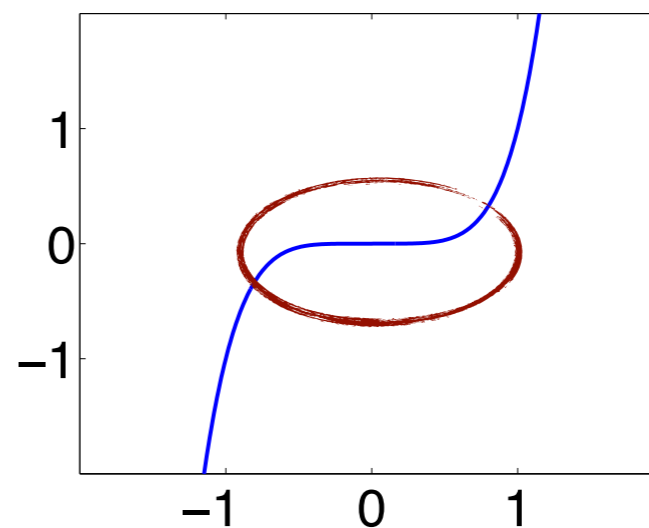


$i = 0$  $i = 1$ 

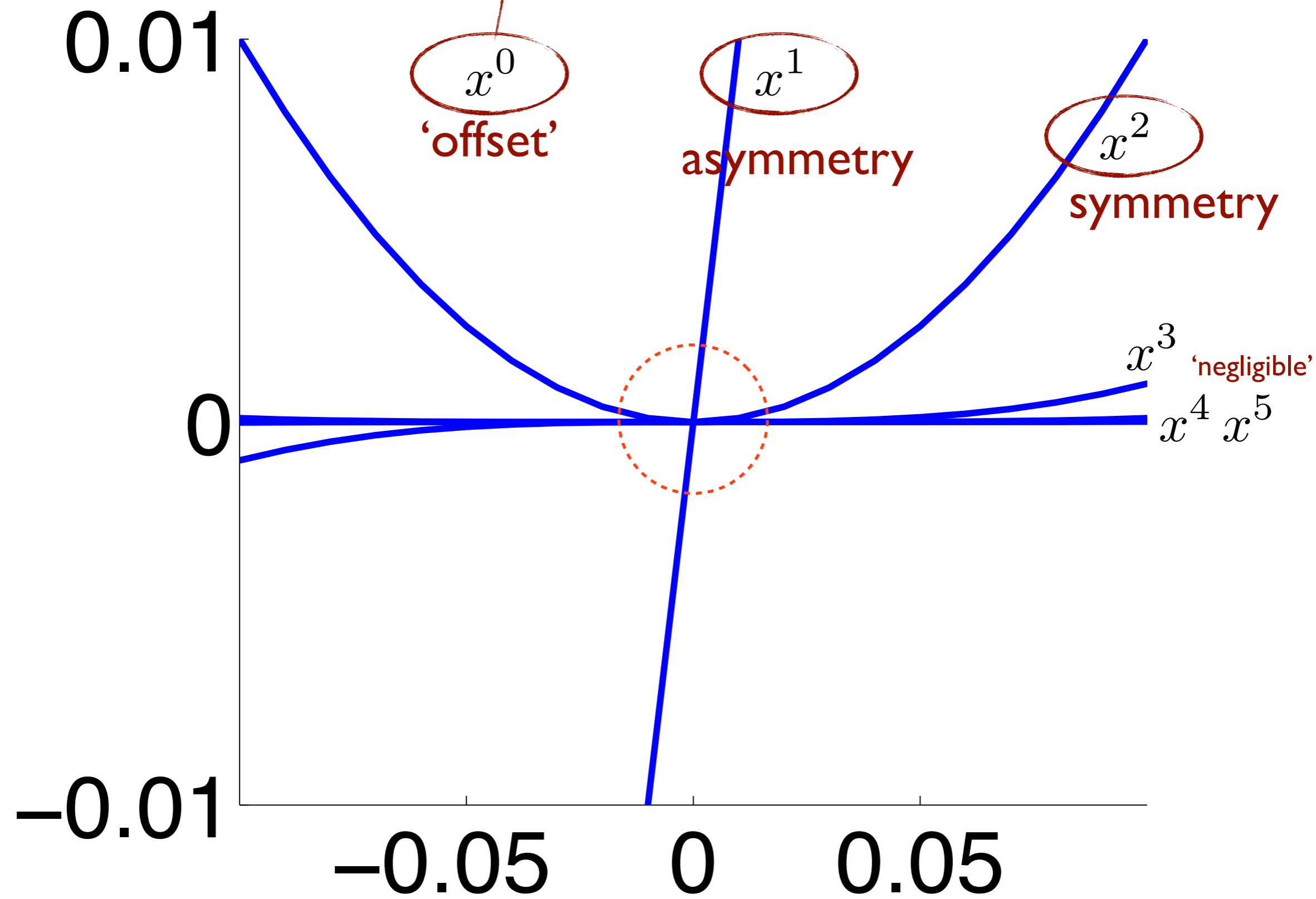
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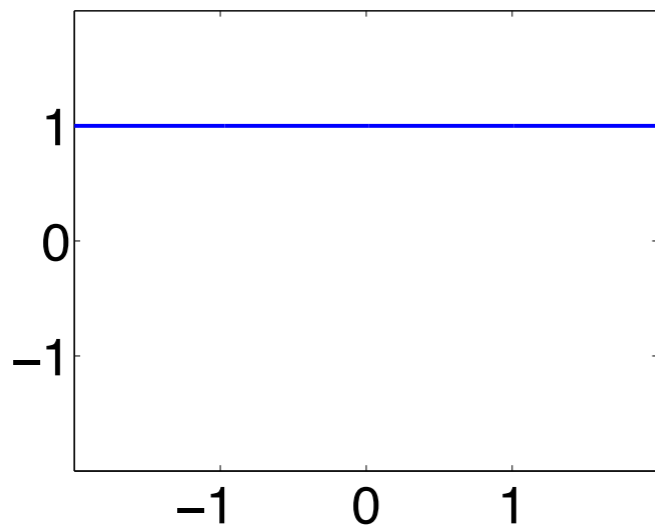
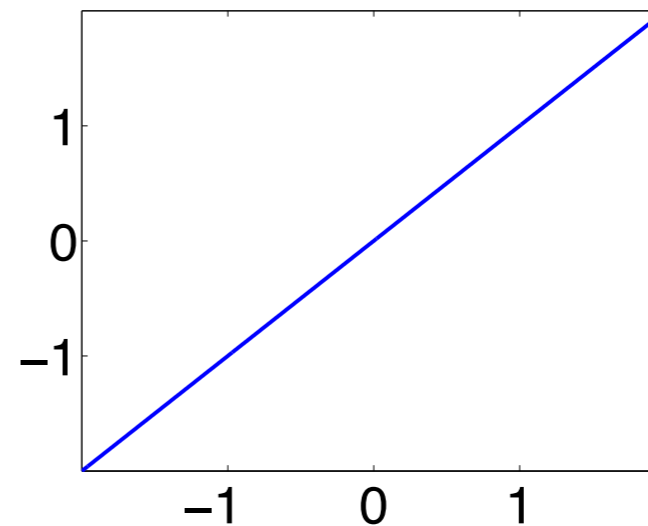
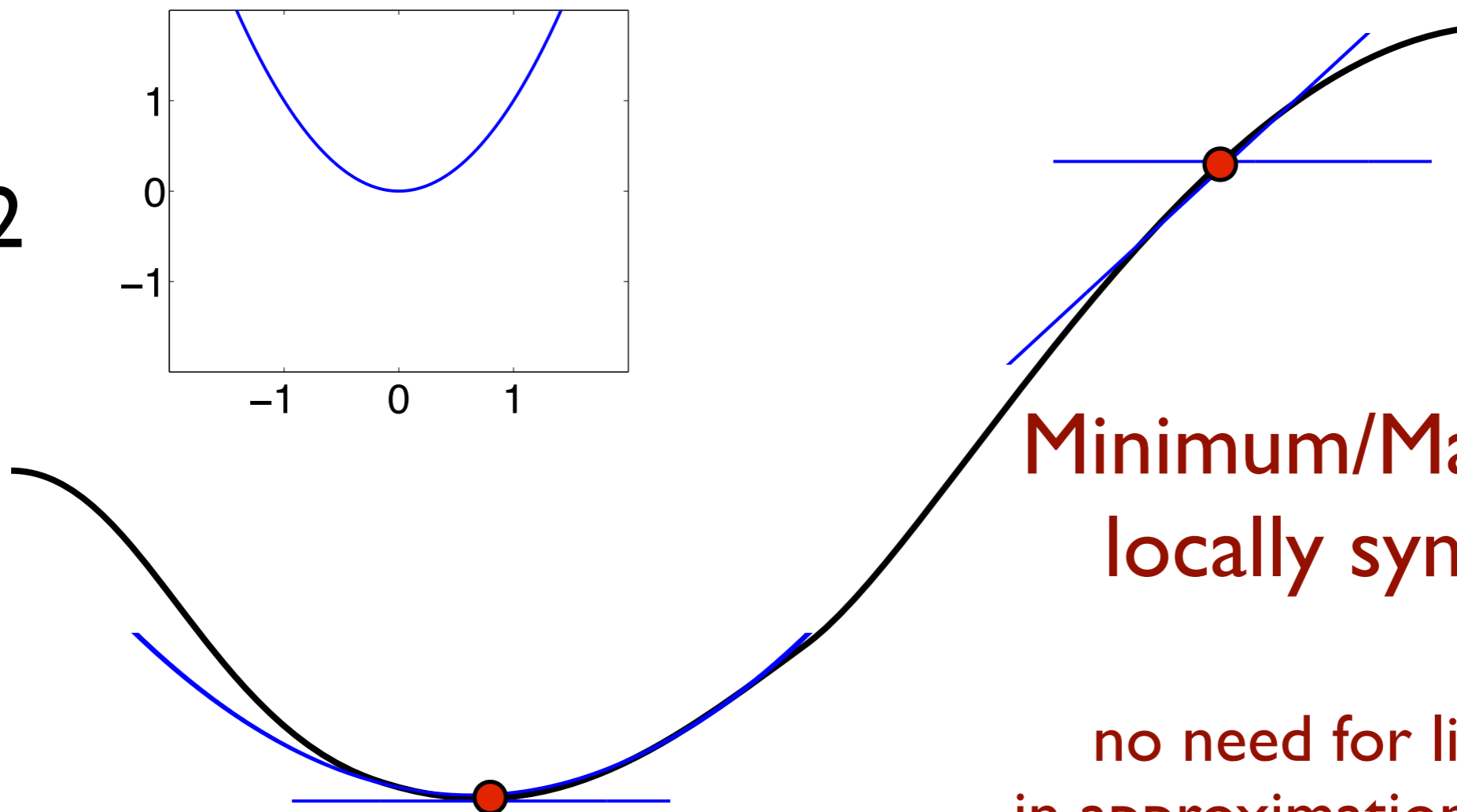
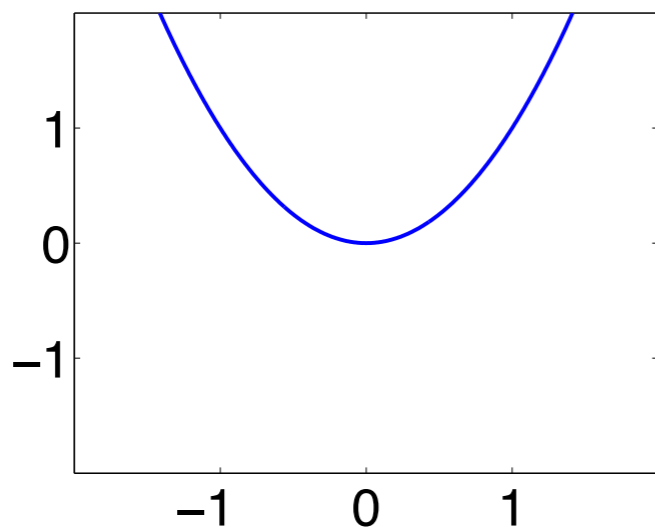
 $i = 2$ 

asymmetric

 $i = 3$  $i = 4$  $i = 5$ 

note scale



$i = 0$  $i = 1$  $i = 2$ 

**Minimum/Maximum is  
locally symmetric**

**no need for linear term  
in approximation at minimum**

# 'Shapeology' of cost function

- Cost can have arbitrary constant offset

- at minimum:

- Minimum is locally flat (slope 0)  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = 0$

- Cost increases everywhere away from min.  $\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} < 0$

- Symmetric

- not at minimum:

- Not locally flat (slope not 0)

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \neq 0$$

- Cost increases towards 'one side'

$$\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

- asymmetric

'typically'

$$\left| \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} \right| \ll \left| \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right|$$



# LQR - Linear Quadratic Regulator

Linearized System Dynamics

Quadratic cost function

Regulates output to zero



# Discrete Time LQR





# Linear Regulator

Linear (or linearized) system dynamics:

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{A}_n \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{B}_n \mathbf{u}_n$$

Regulator: keep states at 0

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n = \mathbf{u}_n$$

# Optimal Regulator

Linear

- ★ Control:  
pure state feedback (no forward)  
linear control enough to stabilize locally

- ★ Cost: Quadratic  
regulator: optimum at  $x, u = 0$   
increasing for any non-zero  $x, u$   
 $\Rightarrow$  purely quadratic cost



# Quadratization of cost function

$$J = \Phi(\mathbf{x}_N) + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L_n(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{u}_n)$$

Control costs

$$J \approx \cancel{q_N} + \cancel{\delta \mathbf{x}_N^T \mathbf{q}_N} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_N^T \mathbf{Q}_N \delta \mathbf{x}_N$$

$$+ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{ \cancel{q_n} + \cancel{\delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{q}_n} + \cancel{\delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{r}_n} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{Q}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{R}_n \delta \mathbf{u}_n + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{P}_n \delta \mathbf{x}_n \}$$

State costs

‘Mixing terms’

$$\forall n \in \{0, \dots, N-1\} :$$

$$q_n = \cancel{L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}, \quad \mathbf{q}_n = \frac{\partial \cancel{L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_n = \frac{\partial^2 \cancel{L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_n = \frac{\partial^2 \cancel{L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}}{\partial \mathbf{u} \partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{r}_n = \frac{\partial \cancel{L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}}{\partial \mathbf{u}}, \quad \mathbf{R}_n = \frac{\partial^2 \cancel{L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}}{\partial \mathbf{u}^2}$$

$$n = N :$$

$$\cancel{q_N} = \cancel{L_N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N)}, \quad \mathbf{q}_N = \frac{\partial \cancel{L_N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_N = \frac{\partial^2 \cancel{L_N(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_N)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2}$$

Note that all derivatives w.r.t.  $\mathbf{u}$  are zero for the terminal time-step  $N$

**Q, R, P are given through definition of cost!**

# Purely Quadratic cost

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_N^T \mathbf{Q}_N \mathbf{x}_N + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{Q}_n \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{R}_n \mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{P}_n \mathbf{x}_n$$

at optimum no linear term (locally symmetric)

cf with polynomial

$$q_n = L_n(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n) = 0 \quad \mathbf{q}_n = \frac{\partial L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{r}_n = \frac{\partial L(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{0}$$

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$$\mathbf{S}_N = \mathbf{Q}_N, \quad \mathbf{s}_N = \mathbf{0}, \quad s_N = 0$$

$$\delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} = -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{g}_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{r}_n + \mathbf{0}^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} \\ \mathbf{G}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n \\ \mathbf{H}_n &\triangleq \mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n$$

$$\mathbf{s}_n = \mathbf{q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{0} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{g}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff}$$

$$s_n = q_n + s_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff^T} \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{0} \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff} + \delta \mathbf{u}_n^{ff^T} \mathbf{g}_n$$

# Ansatz for Value Function

$$V^*(n+1, \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}) = s_{n+1} + \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^T \mathbf{s}_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \delta \mathbf{x}_{n+1}$$

$$V^*(n, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}_n \mathbf{x}$$



# Ricatti Equation

$$\mathbf{K}_n := -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1}\mathbf{G}_n$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S}_n &= \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{K}_n + \mathbf{K}_n^T \mathbf{G}_n + \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{K}_n \\ &= \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n - \mathbf{G}_n^T \mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_n \triangleq \mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n$$

$$\mathbf{H}_n \triangleq \mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n$$

## Discrete time Riccati equation

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n - (\mathbf{P}_n^T + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)(\mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)^{-1}(\mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n)$$

solve backwards  $\mathbf{S}_N = \mathbf{Q}_N$

## Optimal policy

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^*(n, \mathbf{x}) &= -\mathbf{H}_n^{-1} \mathbf{G}_n \mathbf{x} \\ &= -(\mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)^{-1}(\mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n) \mathbf{x}\end{aligned}$$



# Infinite time LQR

$$J = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_n^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_n + \mathbf{u}_n^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}_n$$

Value function not a function of time



# Algebraic Riccati Equation

$$V^*(n, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}_n \mathbf{x}$$

Value function not a function of time

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \quad =: \mathbf{S}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n - (\mathbf{P}_n^T + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n) (\mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)^{-1} (\mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n)$$

Discrete time algebraic Riccati equation

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{P}^T + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B})^{-1} (\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{A})$$

$$\mu^*(\mathbf{x}) = -(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B})^{-1} (\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{x}$$



# Solve algebraic Riccati Eq.?

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{P}^T + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{B})^{-1}(\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{A})$$

Can be solved going back to recursive definition:

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{Q}_n + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n - (\mathbf{P}_n^T + \mathbf{A}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)(\mathbf{R}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{B}_n)^{-1}(\mathbf{P}_n + \mathbf{B}_n^T \mathbf{S}_{n+1} \mathbf{A}_n)$$

iterate (backwards in time)

initial condition:  $\mathbf{S}_\infty = 0$

Computer algebra packages (e.g. Mathematica) can solve such equations



# Continuous time LQR



# Continuous time LQR

Continuous-time linear time variant system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}(t)\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}(T)^T \mathbf{Q}_T \mathbf{x}(T) + \int_0^T \left( \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}(t)^T \mathbf{Q}(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u}(t)^T \mathbf{R}(t)\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{u}(t)^T \mathbf{P}(t)\mathbf{x}(t) \right) dt.$$

Hamilton Jacobi Bellman Equation:

$$-\frac{\partial V^*}{\partial t} = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ L(x, u) + \left( \frac{\partial V^*}{\partial x} \right)^T f(x, u) \right\}$$



$$-\frac{\partial V^*}{\partial t} = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ L(x, u) + \left( \frac{\partial V^*}{\partial x} \right)^T f(x, u) \right\}$$

$$\min_{u \in U} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + \left( \frac{\partial V^*}{\partial x} \right)^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t)) \right\}$$

final value  $V(T, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_T \mathbf{x}$

# Quadratic Ansatz for Value function

$$V^*(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial V^*(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \dot{\mathbf{S}}(t) \mathbf{x} \quad (\text{cf L3})$$

$$\frac{\partial V^*(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{x}$$

substitute into:

$$-\frac{\partial V^*}{\partial t} = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + \left( \frac{\partial V^*}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right)^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t)) \right\}$$

$$-\mathbf{x}^T \dot{\mathbf{S}}(t) \mathbf{x} = \min_{u \in U} \left\{ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u} \right\}$$



# Optimal control

$$-\mathbf{x}^T \dot{\mathbf{S}}(t) \mathbf{x} = \min_{\mathbf{u} \in U} \{ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u} \}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} [ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u} ] = 0$$

$$2\mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u}^*(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S}(t)) \mathbf{x}$$



# Solve for S

Substitute optimal control

$$\mathbf{u}^*(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S}(t)) \mathbf{x}$$

in

$$-\mathbf{x}^T \dot{\mathbf{S}}(t) \mathbf{x} = \min_{\mathbf{u} \in U} \{ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u} \}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T \left[ \mathbf{S}(t) \mathbf{A}(t) + \mathbf{A}^T(t) \mathbf{S}(t) - (\mathbf{P}(t) + \mathbf{B}^T(t) \mathbf{S}(t))^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P}(t) + \mathbf{B}^T(t) \mathbf{S}(t)) + \mathbf{Q}(t) + \dot{\mathbf{S}}(t) \right] \mathbf{x} = 0$$

for all states  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\dot{\mathbf{S}} = -\mathbf{S} \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{S} + (\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{S}) - \mathbf{Q}$$

$$\mathbf{S}(T) = \mathbf{Q}_T$$





# Stochastic LQR?!

