

On solving optimal control problems by continuation and multiple shooting methods

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FIGURE: (LHS) Hard pulse of 90°. (RHS) Optimal solution.

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Contrast problem

$$\begin{cases}
 |q_2(t_f)|^2 = (y_2^2(t_f) + z_2^2(t_f)) \rightarrow \max & q_i = (y_i, z_i), |q_i| \leq 1, i = 1, 2 \\
 \left[\begin{array}{l} \dot{y}_1 = -\Gamma_1 y_1 - u z_1 \\ \dot{z}_1 = \gamma_1(1 - z_1) + u y_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 = -\Gamma_2 y_2 - u z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 = \gamma_2(1 - z_2) + u y_2 \end{array} \right. & \begin{array}{l} \gamma_i = 1/(32.3 T_{i1}) \\ \Gamma_i = 1/(32.3 T_{i2}) \end{array} \\
 q_1(0) = (0, 1) = q_2(0) & |u| \leq 2\pi \\
 q_1(t_f) = (0, 0) &
 \end{cases}$$

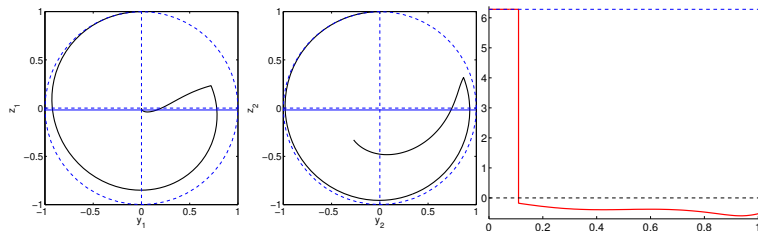


FIGURE: Trajectories of spin 1, 2 and the control associated for the Blood case.

Single spin problem

$$(P_1) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t_f \rightarrow \min \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} \dot{y} = -\Gamma y - u z \\ \dot{z} = \gamma(1-z) + u y \end{array} \right. \\ q(0) = (0, 1) \\ q(t_f) = (0, 0) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} q = (y, z), |q| \leq 1 \\ \frac{3\gamma}{2} < \Gamma \\ |u| \leq 2\pi \end{array}$$

The dynamics : $\dot{q} = F(q) + u G(q)$

The Hamiltonian : $H(q, u, p) = H_F(q, p) + u H_G(q, p)$, $H_i = \langle p, F_i \rangle$, $i = F, G$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} H_G &= \langle p, G \rangle = 0 \\ \dot{H}_G &= \langle p, [G, F] \rangle = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \det(G, [G, F]) = y(-2\delta z + \gamma) = 0$$

with $\delta = \gamma - \Gamma$.

The singular lines are $y = 0$ and $z_0 = \frac{\gamma}{2\delta}$. The singular control $u_s(q, p)$ is computed from $\ddot{H}_G = \{\{H_G, H_F\}, H_F\}(z) + u_s\{\{H_G, H_F\}, H_G\}(z) = 0$.

Horizontal line ($z_0 = \frac{\gamma}{2\delta}$) : optimal, according to Generalized Legendre-Clebsch condition (see [BC03]) and $u_s(q) = \gamma(2\Gamma - \gamma)/(2\delta y) \Rightarrow u_s \in L^1, u_s \notin L^2$

Vertical line ($y = 0$) : optimal for $z_0 < z < 1$ (GLC) and $u_s(q) = 0$.

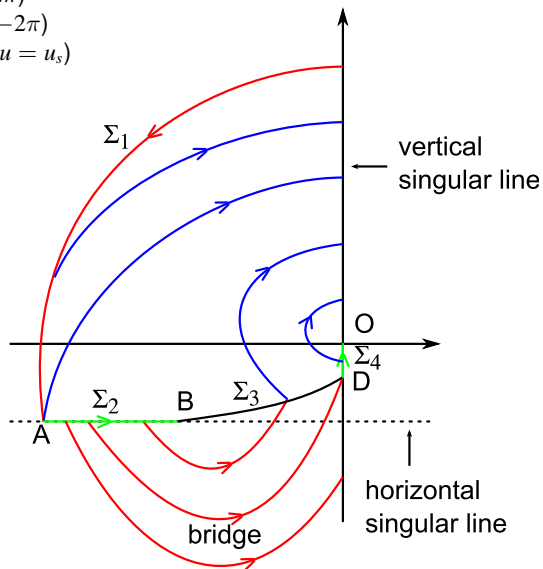
Single spin : global synthesis

Red : bang ($u = 2\pi$)

Blue : bang ($u = -2\pi$)

Green : singular ($u = u_s$)

B : saturation



- We need to **start with a bang**.
- **Singular extremals** are expected for the contrast problem.

To solve the contrast problem, we use an **indirect method** (multiple shooting)

⇒ we need to know the **structure a priori**.

⇒ we use an **homotopic approach** to capture the structure and initialize the multiple shooting method.

$$(P_\lambda) \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 - (y_2^2(t_f) + z_2^2(t_f)) + (1 - \lambda) \int_0^{t_f} |u|^{2-\lambda}(t) dt \rightarrow \min \\
 q_i = (y_i, z_i), |q_i| \leq 1, i = 1, 2 \\
 \begin{cases} \dot{y}_1 = - \Gamma_1 y_1 & - u z_1 \\ \dot{z}_1 = \gamma_1 (1 - z_1) & + u y_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 = - \Gamma_2 y_2 & - u z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 = \gamma_2 (1 - z_2) & + u y_2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \gamma_i = 1/(32.3 T_{i1}) \\ \Gamma_i = 1/(32.3 T_{i2}) \end{array} \\
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 q_1(t_f) = (0, 0) \end{array} \right. \quad |u| \leq 2\pi$$

Homotopy $(P_\lambda) : - (y_2^2(t_f) + z_2^2(t_f)) + (1 - \lambda) \int_0^{t_f} |u|^{2-\lambda}(t) dt \rightarrow \min$

The Hamiltonian : $H(q, u, p, \lambda) = H_F(q, p) + u H_G(q, p) + (1 - \lambda) |u|^{2-\lambda}$

(P_λ) -extremals are **admissible** for (P) .

Maximum principle

The maximization of the Hamiltonian gives :

$$u(q, p, \lambda) = \underset{w \in U}{\operatorname{argmax}} H(q, w, p, \lambda)$$

and we have

$$\lambda < 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u = \operatorname{sign}(H_G) \cdot \left\{ \frac{2|H_G|}{((2-\lambda)(1-\lambda))} \right\}^{\frac{1}{(1-\lambda)}} & \text{if } |u| \leq 2\pi \\ u = 2\pi \operatorname{sign}(H_G) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

We call **true Hamiltonian** the function (which does not depend on u)

$$H_r(q, p, \lambda) = H(q, u(q, p, \lambda), p, \lambda)$$

In order to solve the problem (P) in $\lambda = 1$, we :

- 1 solve by **simple shooting method** the problem in $\lambda = 0$ easily,
- 2 use **homotopic method** to solve (P_λ) , from $\lambda = 0$ to $\lambda = \lambda_f < 1$, to ...
- 3 ... **capture the structure** of (P) and **initialize** the **multiple shooting method**.

1 : Solving in $\lambda = 0$ with simple shooting method

The final time t_f is equal to $1.1T_{min}$ where T_{min} is the minimal time to transfer the spin 1 from $(0, 1)$ to $(0, 0)$.

Blood case : Spin 1 = (De)oxygenate blood : $T_{11} = 1350$ and $T_{21} = 200$
Spin 2 = Oxygenate blood : $T_{12} = 1350$ and $T_{22} = 50$

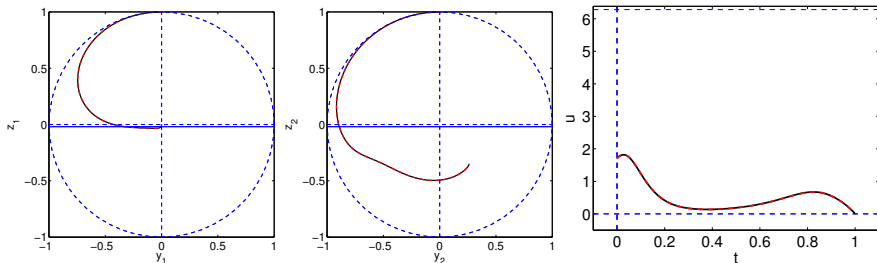


FIGURE: Solution for $\lambda = 0$ with $L^{2-\lambda}$ regularization. Trajectories of spin 1 and 2 and the control associated.

2 : homotopic method

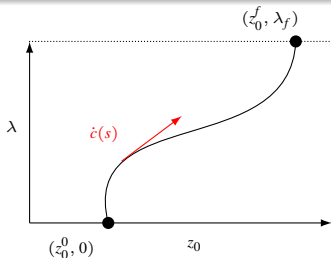
Let define the homotopic function

$$\begin{aligned} h : \mathbf{R}^{2n} \times [0, 1] &\longrightarrow \mathbf{R}^{2n} \\ (z_0, \lambda) &\longmapsto S_\lambda(z_0) \end{aligned}$$

with $z_0 = (q_0, p_0)$.

Assuming that 0 is a regular value for h , the level set $\{h = 0\}$ is a one dimensional submanifold of \mathbf{R}^{2n+1} called the **path of zeros**.

We know a zero of $h(\cdot, \lambda)$ for $\lambda_0 = 0$ noted z_0^0 , and we want to follow this path to reach a zero for a target value of the parameter λ close to 1.



Differential algorithms

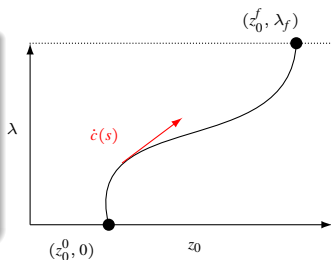
HAMPATH uses DOPRI5 from E. Hairer and G. Wanner [HrW93] [HW], for the numerical integration (without any correction) of :

$$(IVP) \begin{cases} \dot{c}(s) = T(c(s)) \\ c(0) = (z_0^0, 0) \end{cases}$$

Until s_f such as $\lambda(s_f)$ close to 1 (dense output).

Under generic assumptions, $\dot{c}(s) = T(c(s))$ is determined by

- 1 $h'(c(s))\dot{c}(s) = 0$
- 2 $|\dot{c}(s)|=1$
- 3 $\det \begin{pmatrix} h'(c(s)) \\ \dot{c}(s) \end{pmatrix}$ is of constant sign



[HrW93] E. Hairer, S.P. Nørsett, and G. Wanner.
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The path of zeros : $\lambda_f = 0.915$.

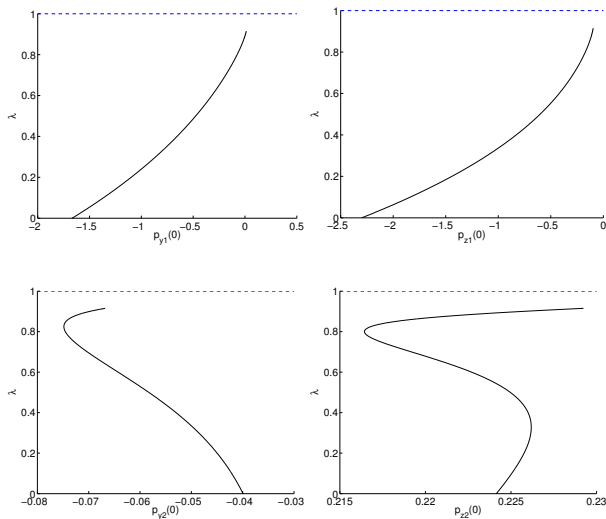
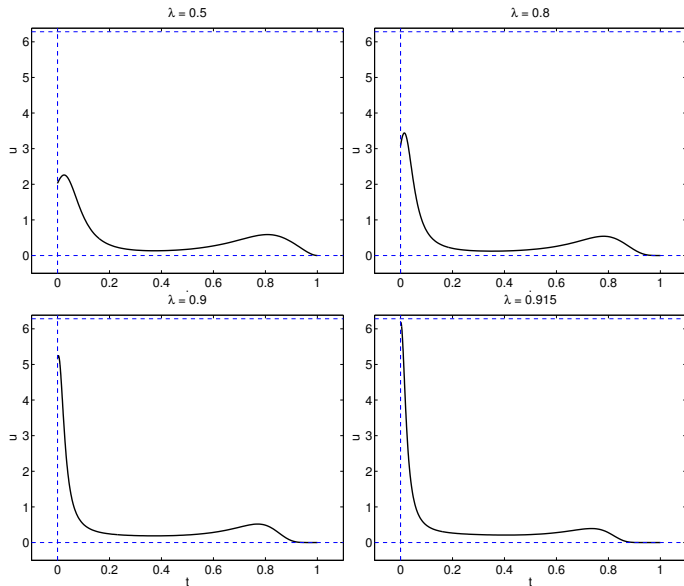
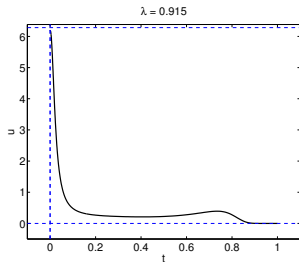


FIGURE: Homotopic path with $L^2-\lambda$ regularization. Initial adjoint vector w.r.t. λ .

Control : $\lambda \in \{0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 0.915\}$



States-Control : $\lambda = 0.915$



→ Bang-Singular structure.

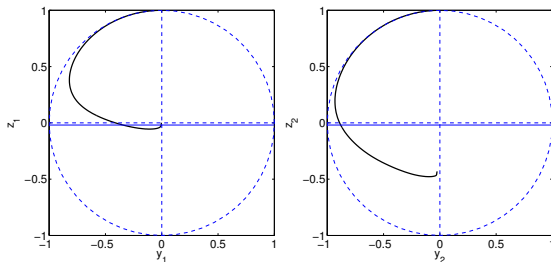


FIGURE: Solution for $\lambda = 0.915$ with $L^{2-\lambda}$ regularization. Trajectories of spin 1 and 2 and the control associated.

3 : multiple shooting

We have a **BS** structure for $t_f = 1.1T_{min}$. We denote by t_0, t_1, t_f the different instants and by z_0, z_1, z_f the state-costate variables associated ($z = (q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) \in \mathbf{R}^4 \times \mathbf{R}^4$).

- **Hamiltonian :**

$$H(q, u, p) = H_F(q, p) + u H_G(q, p), \begin{cases} u = 2\pi & \text{if } t \in [t_0; t_1] \\ u = u_{sing} & \text{if } t \in [t_1; t_f] \end{cases}$$

- **Equations (cf. [Mau76]) :**

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | <i>Bang</i> | | <i>Sing</i> | |
| (t_0, z_0) | \longrightarrow | (t_1, z_1) | \longrightarrow | (t_f, z_f) |
| $q_1 = (0, 1)$ | | $H_G = 0$ | | $q_1 = (0, 0)$ |
| $q_2 = (0, 1)$ | | $\dot{H}_G = 0$ | | $q_2 = p_2$ |

with the matching conditions $z(t_1; t_0, z_0) = z_1$.

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Trajectories of spin 1 and 2 and the control : blood case ($\lambda = 1.0$)

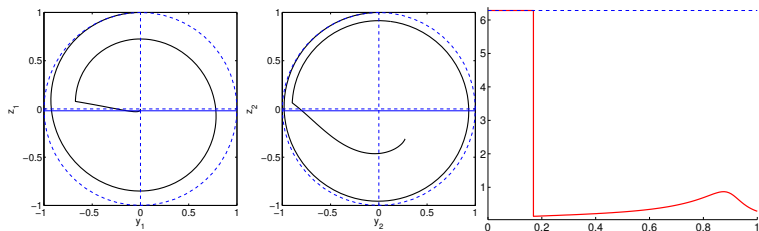


FIGURE: First solution (contrast of 0.41) from the $L^{2-\lambda}$ regularization.

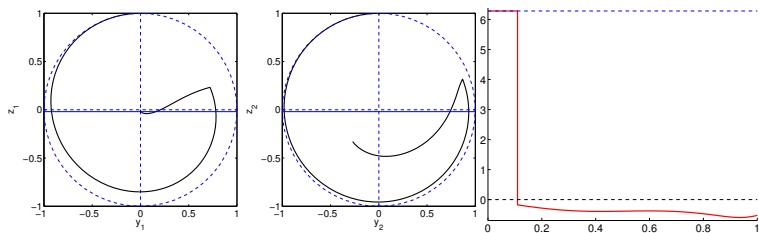


FIGURE: Second solution (contrast of 0.42) from the $L^{2-\lambda}$ regularization.

The limitation of the $L^{2-\lambda}$ regularization.

Let define the L^2 regularization : $-(y_2^2(t_f) + z_2^2(t_f)) + (1 - \lambda) \int_0^{t_f} |u|^2(t) dt \rightarrow \min$

The Hamiltonian becomes : $H(q, u, p, \lambda) = H_F(q, p) + u H_G(q, p) + (1 - \lambda) |u|^2$

And the maximization of the H gives : $\lambda < 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u = -\frac{H_G}{2(1-\lambda)p^0} & \text{if } |u| \leq 2\pi \\ u = 2\pi \text{ sign}(H_G) & \text{else} \end{cases}$

We find a **better solution** with contrast about 0.45. The two previous solutions are just local optimums.

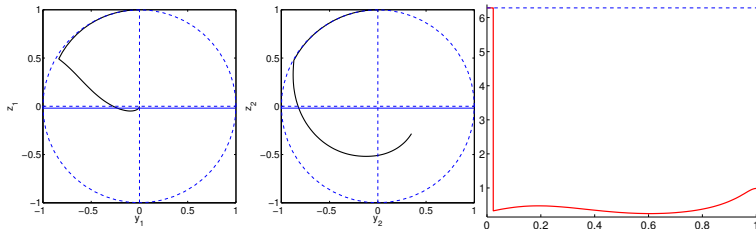


FIGURE: Best solution (contrast of 0.45) from the L^2 regularization.

- We have an optimal control problem with **Bang** and **Singular arcs**. The regularizations $L^{2-\lambda}$ and L^2 permit to find solutions satisfying the first order necessary conditions of optimality.
- To solve in $\lambda = 0$ is very **easy**.
- $L^{2-\lambda}$ captures the **BS structure** very well compared to L^2 . However we only get the **best solution with L^2** .

Contrast problem : continuation on t_f

We use HAMPATH to perform a differential continuation on t_f from $T_{min} + \varepsilon$ to $2T_{min}$.

- T_{min} : the minimal time to transfer the **spin 1** from $(0, 1)$ to $(0, 0)$.

↔ there is an horizontal asymptote on the contrast plot. The optimal solution in terms of contrast is obtain from $t_f = 1.3T_{min}$.

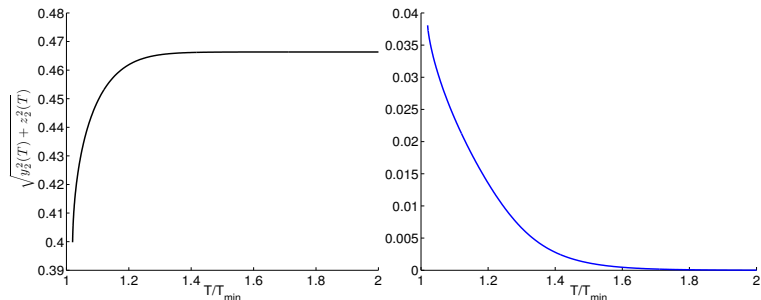


FIGURE: (LHS) Contrast w.r.t the transfer duration. (RHS) Normalized duration of the Bang arc.

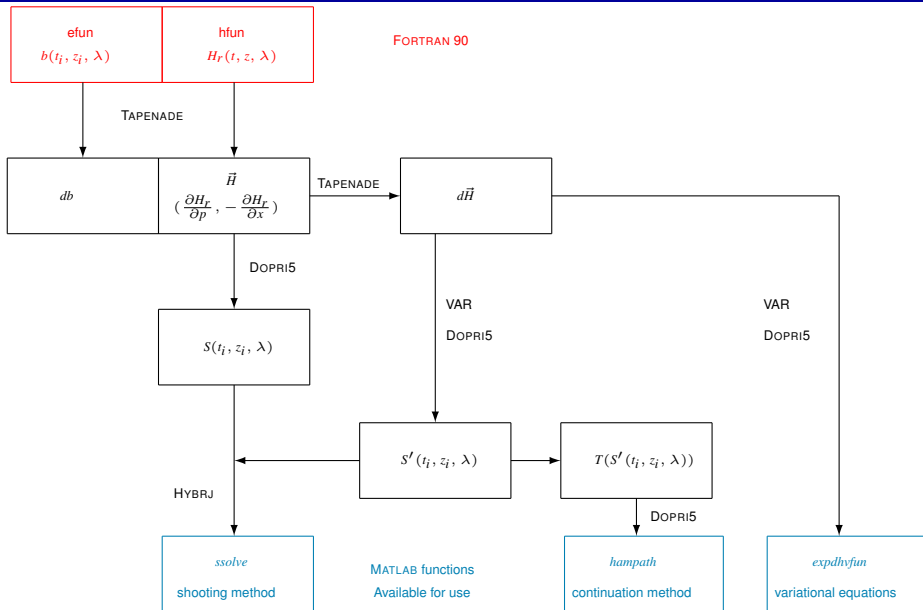
From the **true hamiltonian** and the boundary, intermediate and transversality conditions, HAMPATH [CCG11] :

- produces **automatically** the state-costate equations (thanks **TAPENADE**)
- computes the shooting function by numerical integration (thanks **DOPRI5**)
- provides the **variational equations** used in the jacobian of the shooting function (thanks **TAPENADE**)
- integrates the variational equations so that the **diagram commutes** (the step size control is only made on the state and co-state equations)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (IVP) & \xrightarrow{\text{Numerical integration}} & h(z_0, \lambda) \\ \text{Derivative} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Derivative} \\ (VAR) & \xrightarrow{\text{Numerical integration}} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial z_0}(z_0, \lambda) \end{array}$$

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Global diagram of HAMPATH



- The HAMPATH package gives tools to solve OCP by **indirect methods** :
 - Shooting methods : simple and multiple ;
 - Homotopic methods : differential without correction and discrete ;
 - Function which integrate the variational equations and permit to check sufficient second order conditions in the smooth case ;
 - ...
- The derivatives and the functions are computed **accurately** and **automatically**.
- It is very **easy to use** since only 2 FORTRAN subroutines need to be implemented. Then it is interfaced with MATLAB.
- Homotopic method gave us the **right structure** and a **good initial point** for the contrast problem. We could compute the solution with **accuracy** thanks to multiple shooting.
- Work in progress :
 - **Second order conditions** for regularized problem and *BS* structure ;
 - **Convergence of the zeros path** to the best solution.

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