

Application Newton methods in the reduction of the problem of optimal control of a boundary value problem.

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Abstract : The article presents a generalized continuation of the parameter and Newton methods for solving nonlinear equations . It describes and explores one approach to the application of the continuation method for solving boundary value problems when searching for the optimal control. Solving boundary using the parameter and the solution obtained in the choice of variables. The results of simulations performed on Matlab.

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I. Introduction

Consider a system of nonlinear algebraic and transcendental equations n in the unknowns x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n containing parameter p :

$$F(x, p) = 0. \tag{1}$$

Here $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ – the vector, $p \in R^1$ and $F = (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n)^T$ – the vector valued function in space R^n .

Suppose that for some values $p = p_0$, known solution $x_{(0)} = (x_{1(0)}, x_{2(0)}, \dots, x_{n(0)})$, equation (1), ie,

$$F(x_{(0)}, p_0) = 0. \tag{2}$$

Consider the neighborhood of $U(x_{(0)}, p_0) \in R^{n+1}$ in the form of a cuboid with the center in point $(x_{(0)}, p_0)$. The implicit function theorem.

Theorem 1. ([1]) Suppose that,

1. The vector function F is defined and continuous in $U(x_{(0)}, p_0)$.
2. In U exist continuous partial derivatives of F with respect to $F_i (i = \overline{1, n})$ all arguments $x_i (i = \overline{1, n})$ and the parameter p .
3. Point $(x_{(0)}, p_0)$ satisfies (1).
4. At point $(x_{(0)}, p_0)$ is nonzero Jacobian $\det(J)$, whose matrix is of the form:

$$J = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial(F_1, \dots, F_n)}{\partial(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}$$

Then in a neighborhood of $(x_{(0)}, p_0)$ of equations (1) defines x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n as a single-valued functions p

$$x_i = x_i(p), \quad i = \overline{1, n} \tag{4}$$

features (4) satisfy the conditions of $x_i(p_0) = x_{i(0)}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $dx_i/dp (i=1, 2, \dots, n)$ derivatives are also continuous in this neighborhood.

Hence, the implicit function theorem defines a neighborhood of U single curve point $(x_{(0)}, p_0)$, which has a parametric representation (4). This curve is called the curve of the set of solutions of the equations (1).

The first and third conditions of Theorem 1 is not very burdensome.

The points at which $\det(J)$ nonzero (3) will be called regular, and the points where $\det(J) = 0$ – special.

The singular points of the continuation of the solution may be mixed, ie there is a plurality of branching of solutions of (1), if may be possible to continue making.

The first use of the idea of continuing in computer belongs to, apparently, M. Laeyu [2]. He introduced the transcendental equation $H(x) = 0$ parameter p and thus reduced it to an equation of the form (1). And the option has been introduced so that for $p = p_0 = 0$, we can easily obtain the solution $x_0 = x(p_0)$, and when $p = p_k = 1$, the equation would be applied to the original. Going by the sequence of values of the parameter $p_0 < p_1 < \dots < p_k$, M. Laeyu proposed to build a solution for every $p_i, i=1,2,\dots,k$ by using Newton-Raphson method, use the solution for the previous p_{i-1} values as an initial approximation.

$x_{(i)}^{(j)} = x^{(j)}(p_i)$ denote the approximate value of the desired solution $x_{(i)} = x(p_i)$ to the j -th step of the iterative process of Newton-Raphson method at $p = p_i$. Then proposed by M. Laeyu process of constructing the solution of equation (1) in the transition from p_{i-1} to p_i can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{(i)}^{(0)} &= x_{(i-1)}, \\ x_{(i)}^{(j)} &= x_{(i)}^{(j-1)} - J^{-1}(x_{(i)}^{(j-1)}, p_i) F(x_{(i)}^{(j-1)}, p_i), \\ j &= 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where $J^{-1}(x_{(i)}^{(j-1)}, p_i)$ – inverse Jacobi (3) when $x = x_{(i)}^{(j-1)}, p = p_i$

The iterative process (5) is carried out to satisfy the condition $\|x_{(i)}^{(j)} - x_{(i)}^{(j-1)}\| < \varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon > 0$ given the accuracy of calculations.

II. A continuous analogue of Newton's method

Another formulation of the continuation method have DF Davidenko [3, 4]. Differentiating system (1) as a complex function of the parameter p

$$J \frac{dx}{dp} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial p} = 0, \quad J = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \quad x(p_0) = x_{(0)}. \tag{6}$$

For this system of equation (1) is complete integral satisfying the condition $F(x_{(0)}, p_0) = 0$. The system of equations (6) is linear in the derivatives dx/dp . Provided non-zero determinant of the Jacobian J arrive at a system of ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dp} = -J^{-1}(x) \frac{\partial F}{\partial p}, \quad x(p_0) = x_{(0)} \tag{7}$$

The system of equations of this problem is called a continuation of the equations in normal form.

This approach solves the problem of the choice of the initial approximation to the solution. The simplest of these schemes, the method of the Euler scheme when, leads to the following algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{(0)} &= x_0 \\ x_{(i+1)} &= x_{(i)} - J^{-1}(x_{(i)}, p_i) \frac{\partial F}{\partial p}(x_{(i)}, p_i) \Delta p, \\ i &= \overline{0, k-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where $\Delta p = p_{i+1} - p_i$.

Continuation of solutions by integrating the Cauchy problem is commonly called a continuous analogue of Newton.

We now note one interesting possibility of using the continuation method established by MK Gavurin [5]. To solve nonlinear equations construct an equation with the parameter as follows

$$F(x, p) = H(x) - (1 - p)H(x_{(0)}) = 0, \quad p \in [0, 1] \tag{9}$$

Here, the parameter p is entered so that a solution of equation (9) with $p = 0$ and $p = 1$, the equation refers to the original. If we now enter a new parameter λ so that

$$1 - p = e^{-\lambda}, \quad \lambda \in [0, \infty) \tag{10}$$

then the equation (9) takes the form:

$$F(x, \lambda) = H(x) - e^{-\lambda} H(x_{(0)}) = 0 \tag{11}$$

Differentiation of this equation for λ leads to the following Cauchy problem in the parameter λ .

$$\frac{dx}{d\lambda} = - \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \right)^{-1} H(x), \quad x(0) = x_{(0)}. \tag{12}$$

Integration is the task for λ Euler method with step $\Delta\lambda = 1$ leads to the iterative process

$$x^{(j+1)} = x^{(j)} - \left(\frac{\partial H(x^j)}{\partial x} \right)^{-1} H(x^{(j)}), \tag{13}$$

$$x^{(0)} = x_{(0)}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

But this process is exactly the same as the process of iterative Newton-Raphson method for the equation $H(x) = 0$ for the initial approximation $x^{(0)} = x_{(0)}$.

Continuation method on parameter in the form presented here can be little or no change in the common non-linear operator equations, if by $F(x, p)$ understand non-linear invertible operator with a parameter.

III. Generalized to the solution continuously variable

A boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f(x, t), \quad x(T) = B, \quad t \in [0, T], \\ B &= (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in R^n; \quad x \in R^n, \quad f \in R^n \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

must select

$$x(0) = A, \quad A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n). \tag{15}$$

Thus, to satisfy the boundary conditions.

Here it is assumed that the boundary problem (14) - (15) has a unique solution.

We introduce the functional

$$\Phi(T, A) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i(T) - b_i]^2 \tag{16}$$

Minimum functional $\Phi(T, A)$ on a set of initial values $x(0) = A$ (15) determines the solution of the boundary problem (14) - (15).

We calculate the minimum functionality specified by Newton's formula:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{k+1} &= A_k - [\Phi''(A_k)]^{-1} \Phi'(A_k), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \\ A_0 &= x(0) \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Where $\Phi'(A_k)$ – the gradient of the function $\Phi(T, A)$ at the A_k , $\Phi''(A_k)$ – Hessian matrix.

We now divide the interval of integration $[0, T]$ on a system of nested segments:

$$[0, t_1] \subset [0, t_2] \subset \dots \subset [0, t_r] = [0, T] \tag{18}$$

On the segment $[0, t_1]$ we define the functional form (16) with the substitution T is t_1 .

$$\Phi(t_1, A) = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i(t_1) - b_i]^2 \tag{19}$$

Since the segment $[0, t_1]$ is small, the minimum of the functional (19) is easily found by Newton's formula (17).

Next on the interval $[0, t_2]$ we consider the minimum of the functional (16) with the substitution therein T to t_2 , using as a first approximation of the solution obtained on the interval $[0, t_1]$. This process can continue until the $t_r = T$.

It should be noted that the proposed procedure removed the question of the choice of the initial approximation in an iterative Newton process (17). However, the convergence of the proposed method is determined by conditioning Hessian. When bad conditionality growing number of partitions of the interval $[0, T]$, which in turn leads to a decrease in the efficiency of the method and the growth of rounding errors.

IV. Reduction of the problem of optimal control of a boundary value problem.

It is known that the problem of finding extremals in Pontryagin optimal control problem is reduced to solving boundary value problem, it can be used to her numerical methods described above. Next, a class of optimal control problems, the process of constructing a boundary value problem and the features of the application to her continuation method.

We write down the standard formulation of the optimal control problem. Let's start with performance problems in the presence of the end manifolds:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f(x, u, t), \quad x \in R^n, \quad u \in U \subset R^m \\ x(0) &\in X_0, \quad x(T) \in X_1, \\ T &\rightarrow \min \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

where control $u(\cdot)$ belongs to the class of piecewise continuous functions.

To find the extremal problem will apply the necessary condition for optimality in the form of the Pontryagin maximum principle. We write the function of the Hamilton-Pontryagin:

$$\Pi(x, \psi, u, t) = \langle f(x, u, t), \psi \rangle \tag{21}$$

Assumption 4.1. *The optimal control for the problem (20) exists.*

Obviously, this assumption is satisfied (a consequence of the convexity of the management) for tasks that are affine in control.

Assuming that the maximum principle requirements are met, the corresponding theorem guarantees the existence of a nontrivial conjugate variable ψ , which satisfies the adjoint equation, which in combination with the original differential system gives the boundary value problem for the maximum principle:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \Pi_{\psi}(x, \psi, u^*(x, \psi, t), t), \\ \dot{\psi} &= -\Pi_x(x, \psi, u^*(x, \psi, t), t) \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

The boundary conditions are obtained from the environment:

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad x(T) = x_1. \tag{23}$$

For problems with non-fixed time, such as performance problems, it is proposed to make the change to the time variable $\tau = \frac{t}{T}$, and enter the time T in the phase space of a constant function:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_{\tau} &= T\Pi_{\psi}(x, \psi, u^*(x, \psi, \tau), \tau), \\ \dot{\psi}_{\tau} &= -T\Pi_x(x, \psi, u^*(x, \psi, \tau), \tau), \quad \dot{T}_{\tau} = 0, \quad \tau \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

To eliminate the ambiguity associated with the invariance of the conjugate variable to multiplication by a constant need to take the normalization condition of the conjugate variable at one end by-cutting. Thus, we have $2n + 1$ ordinary differential equations and the same boundary conditions.

For problems with the terminal functionality $J = F(x(T)) \rightarrow \min$ is changed only the right boundary condition: $\psi(T) = -F'(x(T))$.

For the purposes of an integral functional:

$$J = \int_0^T f_0(x(t), u(t), t) dt \rightarrow \min$$

Changes Hamilton-Pontryagin

$$\Pi(x, \psi, u, t) = \langle f(x, u, t), \psi \rangle + \psi_0 f_0(x(t), u(t), t)$$

assuming the existence of a functional, can be put $\psi_0 = -1$. In the case of non-fixed the right end of the boundary condition on the right end $x(T) = x_1$ is replaced by $\psi(T) = 0$.

To apply the continuation method, described in the previous section, to put boundary value problems is necessary to put forward additional conditions: It requires the existence of continuous derivatives $f_{xx}, (f_0)_{xx}, f_{xu}, (f_0)_{xu}, (u^*)_x, (u^*)_{\psi}$. For tasks that are affine in control, provided the regularity of the control system, ie, nondegeneracy gradient $\Pi'_u(x, \psi, t) \neq 0$, can be found analytically $u^*(x, \psi, t) =$

$$\frac{\partial s_U(\xi)}{\partial \xi} \Big|_{\xi = \Pi'_u(x, \psi, t)}, \text{ where } s_U(\xi) = \max_{u \in U} \langle u, \xi \rangle.$$

Until now, the assumption was made that the operating area is sleek and compact. Otherwise (eg rectangle) application of the method of continuation on parameter directly is impossible, since it is not provided with the requirements of the existence of continuous derivatives maximizer, and therefore violated the assumption of smoothness and regularity.

To avoid these difficulties, the application of smoothing management. Details smoothing convex compacts described in [8]. Investigation of stability of solutions of the optimal control problem for smoothing the management is given in [9].

V. Example and numerical result

The Newton method is used to find the initial value for the boundary value problem, and then applied to the solution of optimization problems quick impact

Example 1.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = \cos x_3 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = \sin x_3 \\ \frac{dx_3}{dt} = u \\ x_1(0) = x_2(0) = x_3(0) = 0 \\ |u(t)| \leq 0.5 \\ x_1(T) = 4; x_2(T) = 3 \quad ; T \rightarrow \min \end{cases}$$

The Hamiltonian has the form:

$$H = \psi_1 \cos x_3 + \psi_2 \sin x_3 + \psi_3 u + \psi_0$$

For auxiliary variables ψ_1, ψ_2, ψ_3 , we obtain the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \psi_1 \dot{} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_1} = 0 \\ \psi_2 \dot{} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_2} = 0 \\ \psi_3 \dot{} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3} = \psi_1 \sin x_3 - \psi_2 \cos x_3 \end{cases}$$

Using the Newton method, we find the initial value

$$(\psi_1(0), \psi_2(0), \psi_3(0)) = (0.489; 2.866; 0.989)$$

The result received by using Matlab:

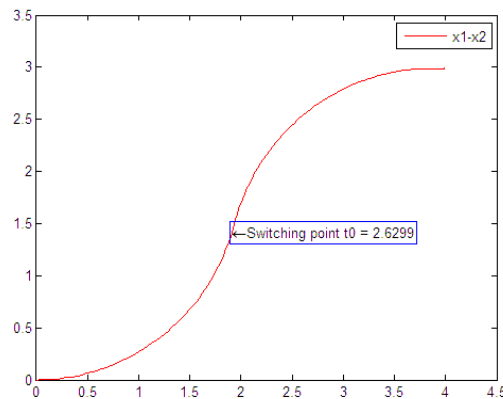


Figure 1. variables x_1, x_2

Figure 1 illustrates the state of the variables (x_1, x_2) from the first state $(0,0)$ to the last status $(3,4)$.

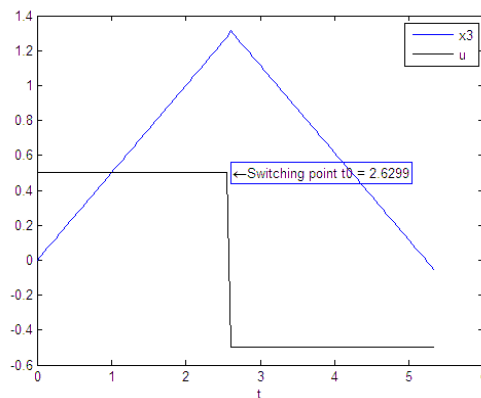


Figure 2. Control variable u , variable x_3

In Figure2 illustrates the state of the control variable u change over time, and we can see the switching point at $t_0 = 2.6299$.

The results obtained:

$T = 5.3899$; $x_1(T) = 3.9998$; $x_2(T) = 2.9837$

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