

ON THE EXISTENCE OF AN OPTIMAL ELEMENT FOR THE NEUTRAL  
OPTIMAL PROBLEM WITH DELAY IN CONTROLS

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**Abstract.** For an optimal control problem involving neutral differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A(t)\dot{x}(t - \sigma) + f(t, x(t), x(t - \tau), u(t)) \\ &+ g(t, x(t), x(t - \tau), u(t - \theta)), t \in [t_0, t_1] \end{aligned}$$

existence theorems of an optimal element are provided. Under element we imply the collection of delay parameters  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ , the initial moment and vector, control and finally moment.

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Let  $R_x^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional vector space of points  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)^T$ , where  $T$  means transpose, let

$$a < t_{01} < t_{02} < t_{11} < t_{12} < b, 0 < \tau_1 < \tau_2, 0 < \sigma_1 < \sigma_2$$

and let  $\theta > 0$  be given numbers with  $t_{11} - t_{02} > \max\{\tau_2, \sigma_2\}$ ; suppose that  $O \subset R_x^n$  is an open set and  $U \subset R_u^r$  is a compact set, the functions

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, x, y, u) &= (f^1(t, x, y, u), \dots, f^n(t, x, y, u))^T \\ g(t, x, y, u) &= (g^1(t, x, y, u), \dots, g^n(t, x, y, u))^T \end{aligned}$$

are continuous on the set  $I \times O^2 \times U$  and continuously differentiable with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ , where  $I = [a, b]$ .

let  $\Omega$  be a set of measurable control functions  $u(t) \in U, t \in [a - \theta, b]$  and let

$$q^i(t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, x_1), i = \overline{0, l}$$

be continuous scalar functions on the set

$$[t_{01}, t_{02}] \times [t_{11}, t_{12}] \times [\tau_1, \tau_2] \times [\sigma_1, \sigma_2] \times X_0 \times O,$$

where  $X_0 \subset O$  is a compact set.

To each element

$$\begin{aligned} w = (t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, u(\cdot)) &\in W = [t_{01}, t_{02}] \times [t_{11}, t_{12}] \times [\tau_1, \tau_2] \\ &\times [\sigma_1, \sigma_2] \times X_0 \times \Omega \end{aligned}$$

we assign the neutral differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) = & A(t)\dot{x}(t - \sigma) + f(t, x(t), x(t - \tau), u(t)) \\ & + g(t, x(t), x(t - \tau), u(t - \theta)), t \in [t_0, t_1] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

with the initial condition

$$x(t) = \varphi(t), t \in [\hat{\tau}, t_0), x(t_0) = x_0, \quad (2)$$

where  $A(t) = (a_{ij}^i(t))$ ,  $i, j = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $t \in I$  is a given  $n \times n$ -dimensional continuous matrix function;  $\varphi(t)$ ,  $t \in [\hat{\tau}, t_0]$  is a given continuous differentiable initial function,  $\hat{\tau} = a - \max\{\tau_2, \sigma_2\}$ .

**Definition 1.** Let  $w = (t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, u(\cdot)) \in W$ . A function  $x(t) = x(t; w) \in O$ ,  $t \in [\hat{\tau}, t_1]$ , is called a solution corresponding to the element  $w$ , if it satisfies condition (2) and is absolutely continuous on the interval  $[t_0, t_1]$  and satisfies Eq. (1) almost everywhere on  $[t_0, t_1]$ .

**Definition 2.** An element  $w = (t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, u(\cdot)) \in W$  is said to be admissible if there exists the corresponding solution  $x(t) = x(t; w)$  satisfying the condition

$$q(t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, x(t_1)) = 0, \quad (3)$$

where  $q = (q^1, \dots, q^l)$ .

We denote the set of admissible elements by  $W_0$ .

**Definition 3.** An element  $w_0 = (t_{00}, t_{10}, \tau_0, \sigma_0, x_{00}, u_0(\cdot)) \in W_0$  is said to be optimal if

$$q^0(t_0, t_{10}, \tau_0, \sigma_0, x_{00}, x(t_{10})) \leq q^0(t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, x(t_1)), \quad (4)$$

where  $x(t) = x(t; w)$  and  $x_0(t) = x(t; w_0)$ .

Problem (1)-(4) is called the neutral optimal problem with  $\theta$  delay in controls.

**Theorem 1.** For problem (1)-(4) there exists an optimal element  $w_0$  if the following conditions hold:

- 1)  $W_0 \neq \emptyset$ ;
- 2) there exists a compact set  $K \subset O$  such that for an arbitrary  $w \in W_0$

$$x(t; w) \in K, t \in [t_0, t_1];$$

- 3) for each fixed  $s_1, s_2 \in I$ ,  $x_1, y_1 \in O$  and  $x_2, y_2 \in O$  the set

$$\left\{ \left( f(s_1, x_1, y_1, u), g(s_2, x_2, y_2, u) \right)^T : u \in U \right\}$$

is convex.

Theorem 1 is proved by the scheme given in [1, 2], where the case is considered when  $g = 0$ .

Now we consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = A(t)\dot{x}(t - \sigma) + B(t, x(t), x(t - \tau))u(t) \\ + C(t, x(t), x(t - \tau))u(t - \theta), t \in [t_0, t_1], \\ x(t) = \varphi(t), t \in [\hat{r}, t_0], x(t_0) = x_0, \\ q(t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, x(t_1)) = 0, \\ q^0(t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, x(t_1)) \rightarrow \min. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**Theorem 2.** For the problem (5) there exists an optimal element  $w_0$  if the following conditions hold:

- 4)  $W_0 \neq \emptyset$ ;
- 5) there exists a compact set  $K \subset O$  such that for an arbitrary  $w \in W_0$

$$x(t; w) \in K, t \in [t_0, t_1];$$

- 6) the set  $U$  is convex.

**Theorem 3.** For the problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = A(t)\dot{x}(t - \sigma) + B(t)x(t) + C(t)x(t - \tau) \\ + D(t)u(t) + E(t)u(t - \theta), t \in [t_0, t_1], \\ x(t) = \varphi(t), t \in [\hat{r}, t_0], x(t_0) = x_0, \\ q(t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, x(t_1)) = 0, \\ q^0(t_0, t_1, \tau, \sigma, x_0, x(t_1)) \rightarrow \min \end{cases}$$

there exists an optimal element  $w_0$  if the following conditions hold:

- 7)  $W_0 \neq \emptyset$ ;
- 8) the set  $U$  is convex.

## R E F E R E N C E S

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