

Solution Set 8

57. Let us first prove the following Lemma, which was given as a hint:

Lemma. Let $x \in C[0, 1]$ have a unique maximum at $t_0 \in (0, 1)$, which is also the unique maximum of $|x(t)|$, and let h be an arbitrary element of $C[0, 1]$. Then,

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\alpha} \{ \|x + \alpha h\| - |x(t_0) + \alpha h(t_0)| \} = 0.$$

Toward this end assume, without any loss of generality, that $x(t_0) > 0$, and let $\epsilon > 0$ be a sufficiently small scalar (in particular, $\epsilon < t_0$, $t_0 + \epsilon < 1$). Then, for sufficiently small α ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + \alpha h\| &= \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |x(t) + \alpha h(t)| \\ &= \max_{t_0 - \epsilon \leq t \leq t_0 + \epsilon} |x(t) + \alpha h(t)| \end{aligned}$$

which follows because of the continuity of x and h . Furthermore, since $x(t_0) > 0$, for sufficiently small ϵ and α ,

$$x(t) + \alpha h(t) > 0 \quad \forall t \in [t_0 - \epsilon, t_0 + \epsilon].$$

Case 1. $\alpha > 0$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{t_0 - \epsilon \leq t \leq t_0 + \epsilon} |x(t) + \alpha h(t)| &= \max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} [x(t) + \alpha h(t)] \\ &\leq \max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} x(t) + \alpha \max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t) \\ &= x(t_0) + \alpha \max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, replacing the maximum of h with minimum at the 2nd line:

$$\max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} |x(t) + \alpha h(t)| \geq x(t_0) + \alpha \min_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t).$$

Hence,

$$x(t_0) + \alpha \min_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t) \leq \max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} [x(t) + \alpha h(t)] \leq x(t_0) + \alpha \max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t).$$

This now leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{\alpha \rightarrow 0 \\ \alpha > 0}} \frac{\|x + \alpha h\| - |x(t_0) + \alpha h(t_0)|}{\alpha} &= \lim_{\substack{\alpha \rightarrow 0 \\ \alpha > 0}} \frac{\|x + \alpha h\| - x(t_0) - \alpha h(t_0)}{\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{\cancel{\alpha}}{\cancel{\alpha}} \left[\max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t) - h(t_0) \right] = \max_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t) - h(t_0). \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, the limit above can be bounded below by

$$\geq \min_{t \in \mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)} h(t) - h(t_0).$$

But since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, we can let it go to zero, which makes both bounds go to zero, since h is continuous. This then verifies the desired result as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ on the positive side.

Case 2. $\alpha < 0$.

Let $\beta = -\alpha$, $\bar{h} = -h$ in $[0, 1]$. Then

$$\lim_{\substack{\alpha \rightarrow 0 \\ \alpha > 0}} \frac{\|x + \alpha h\| - |x(t_0) + \alpha h(t_0)|}{\alpha} = - \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + \beta \bar{h}\| - |x(t_0) + \beta \bar{h}(t_0)|}{\beta}$$

$\rightarrow 0$ by the argument of Case 1.

Remark. If t_0 is a boundary point, say $t_0 = 0$, then replace $\mathcal{N}_\epsilon(t_0)$ by $\{t : 0 \leq t \leq \epsilon\}$; and observe that similar arguments as above apply to prove an extension of the Lemma to this more general case. \diamond

Now, coming back to the original problem, where we are given the function

$$f(x) = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |x(t)| = \|x\|, \quad x \in C[0, 1],$$

let us take $D \subset C[0, 1]$ to be the class of continuous functions x with the property that $|x(t)|$ has a unique maximum on $[0, 1]$. Given $x \in D$, let t_0 be the point where $|x(t)|$ achieves its unique maximum on $[0, 1]$. We now claim that,

$$\delta f(x; h) = \text{sgn}[x(t_0)] h(t_0)$$

To show this, simply note that

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\alpha} [\|x + \alpha h\| - |x(t_0)| - \alpha \delta f(x; h)] = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\alpha} [\|x + \alpha h\| - |x(t_0) + \alpha h(t_0)|] = 0$$

where the first equality follows because for sufficiently small α (since clearly $x(t_0) \neq 0$), the sign of $x(t_0) + \alpha h(t_0)$ is determined by $\text{sgn}[x(t_0)]$, and the equality to *zero* follows from the Lemma just proved.

The $\delta f(x; h)$ given above is clearly linear in h , since $\text{sgn}[x(t_0)]$ is a constant.

58. i) Let

$$\Gamma := \{s \in [0, 1] : x(s) = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} x(t)\}$$

Then it follows from the analysis of Problem 48 above that if Γ is a singleton, say $\Gamma = \{t_0\}$, then

$$\delta f(x; h) = h(t_0).$$

If Γ is not a singleton, then $\delta f(x; h)$ does not exist for all $h \in C[0, 1]$, since it would be possible to have

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\alpha} [f(x + \alpha h) - f(x)] \neq \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{\alpha} [f(x + \alpha h) - f(x)]$$

ii)

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 |x(t)| dt.$$

Here, let D be the class of continuous functions which do not vanish at any point on $[0, 1]$. If $x \in D$, then it is either positive or negative. Then, given any $h \in C[0, 1]$, we can find $\alpha_0 > 0$ such that $\text{sgn}(x + \alpha h) = \text{sgn}(x)$, $\forall \alpha$, $|\alpha| < \alpha_0$.

Hence,

$$\delta f(x; h) = \lim_{\substack{\alpha \rightarrow 0 \\ |\alpha| < \alpha_0}} \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^1 |x + \alpha h - x| \text{sgn}(x) \text{sgn}(\alpha h(t)) dt = \text{sgn}(x) \int_0^1 h(t) dt$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\delta f(x; h) = \text{sgn}(x) \int_0^1 h(t) dt} \rightarrow \text{clearly linear in } h.$$

59. In each case, I show that a Frechet derivative exists, which immediately implies that a linear Gateaux derivative exists.

i) For $h, x \in C[0, 1]$, $\delta T(x; h) \equiv T'(x)h = 2xh$, because with $\|y\|_\infty := \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |y(t)|$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |(x+h)^2(t) - x^2(t) - 2(xh)(t)|}{\|h\|_\infty} &= \frac{\max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |(x(t) + h(t))^2 - x(t)^2 - 2x(t)h(t)|}{\|h\|_\infty} \\ &= \frac{\max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |h(t)^2|}{\|h(t)\|_\infty} = \|h\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

which clearly goes to zero as $\|h\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$. Hence,

$$T'(x) = 2x, \quad x \in B(C[0, 1], C[0, 1])$$

ii) In this case, For $h, x \in C[0, 1]$, $\delta T(x; h) \equiv T'(x)h = 2x(\frac{1}{2})h(\frac{1}{2})$, because

$$\frac{|(x+h)^2(\frac{1}{2}) - x^2(\frac{1}{2}) - 2(xh)(\frac{1}{2})|}{\|h\|_\infty} = \frac{|(x(\frac{1}{2}) + h(\frac{1}{2}))^2 - x(\frac{1}{2})^2 - 2x(\frac{1}{2})h(\frac{1}{2})|}{\|h\|_\infty} \leq \frac{\|h^2\|_\infty}{\|h\|_\infty} = \|h\|$$

Hence,

$$T'(x)h = \int_0^1 h(t) d\nu(t)$$

where ν is a function of bounded variation: piecewise-constant and with a single jump at $t = \frac{1}{2}$ of magnitude $x(\frac{1}{2})$. Note that , for each $x \in C[0, 1]$,

$$T'(x) \in B(C[0, 1], \mathbf{R})$$

which is isomorphic to the space of functions on $[0, 1]$ with bounded variation.

iii) We claim that, for $h, x \in L_2[0, 1]$, $\delta T(x; h) \equiv T'(x)h = 2 \int_0^t x(s)h(s) ds$. To show this, let $\|\cdot\|$ denote the standard $L_2[0, 1]$ norm, and simply note:

$$\frac{\|T(x+h) - T(x) - 2 \int_0^t x(s)h(s) ds\|}{\|h\|} = \frac{\|\int_0^t h(s)^2 ds\|}{\|h\|} \leq \frac{\|h\|^2}{\|h\|} \rightarrow_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} 0$$

where the inequality follows from the natural bound

$$\int_0^t h(s)^2 ds \leq \int_0^1 h(s)^2 ds \equiv \|h\|^2 .$$

Hence, $T'(x) \in B(L_2[0, 1], L_2[0, 1])$ is given by

$$T'(x)h = 2 \int_0^t x(s)h(s) ds$$

iv) Since T is a functional on $L_2[0, 1]$, $T'(x) \in B(L_2[0, 1], \mathbf{R}) \equiv L_2^*[0, 1] = L_2[0, 1]$, given by $T'(x) = 2x$. It is a simple matter to show that

$$\frac{\|T(x+h) - T(x) - 2(x, h)\|}{\|h\|} = \frac{\|h\|^2}{\|h\|} \rightarrow_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} 0 ,$$

where (\cdot, \cdot) denotes the standard inner product on $L_2[0, 1]$.

60.

$$J(x) = \int_0^1 f[t, x(t), \dot{x}(t), \ddot{x}(t)] dt$$

The constraint set is:

$$\Omega = \left\{ x \in D^2[0, 1] : x(0) = a_0, \dot{x}(0) = b_0, x(1) = a_1, \dot{x}(1) = b_1 \right\}$$

and the class of admissible variations is:

$$H = \left\{ h \in D^2[0, 1] : h(0) = \dot{h}(0) = h(1) = \dot{h}(1) = 0 \right\}$$

Condition. Let f be continuously differentiable w.r. to x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x} , and continuous in t .

Then, a first-order necessary condition for $x_0 \in \Omega$ to provide an extremum is

$$\delta J(x_0; h) = 0 \quad \forall h \in H$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\delta J(x_0; h) = \int_0^1 [f_x h(t) + f_{\dot{x}} \dot{h}(t) + f_{\ddot{x}} \ddot{h}(t)]_{x=x_0(t)} dt = 0 \quad \forall h \in H.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(t) &= - \int_0^t f_{\dot{x}}(s, x_0(s), \dot{x}_0(s), \ddot{x}_0(s)) ds \\ F_2(t) &= \int_0^t ds \int_0^s f_x(\sigma, x_0(\sigma), \dot{x}_0(\sigma), \ddot{x}_0(\sigma)) d\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by integrating the 1st and 2nd terms of $\delta J(x_0; h)$ by parts, and making use of the property that for $h \in H$ both h and \dot{h} vanish at both end points, we obtain

$$\delta J(x_0; h) = \int_0^1 [F_2(t) + F_1(t) + f_{\ddot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t), \ddot{x}_0(t))] \ddot{h}(t) dt \quad \forall h \in H.$$

Let

$$G(t) \triangleq F_2(t) + F_1(t) + f_{\ddot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t), \ddot{x}_0(t))$$

which is continuous in t . Then,

$$\int_0^1 G(t) \ddot{h}(t) dt = 0 \quad \forall h \in H$$

$\Rightarrow G(t) = c_1 t + c_0$, where c_0, c_1 are constants. Hence, the first order necessary condition is

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(t) + F_1(t) + f_{\ddot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t), \ddot{x}_0(t)) &= c_1 t + c_0 \\ x_0(0) = a_0, \dot{x}_0(0) = b_0, x_0(1) = a_1, \dot{x}_0(1) &= b_1. \end{aligned}$$

which is an integral equation, to be solved under the given end-point restrictions.

If f is twice continuously differentiable in t , and $x_0 \in D^4[0, 1]$, then by differentiating G twice we obtain an alternate representation:

$$f_x(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t), \ddot{x}_0(t)) - \frac{d}{dt} f_{\dot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t), \ddot{x}_0(t)) + \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f_{\ddot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t), \ddot{x}_0(t)) = 0$$

which is the Euler-Lagrange equation. This is a differential equation to be solved subject to the given end-point conditions.

61.

$$J(x) = \int_0^{\ln 2} x(t)[1 + \dot{x}(t)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} dt$$

$$x(0) = 1, \quad x(\ln 2) = \frac{5}{4},$$

The E-L equation is

$$[1 + \dot{x}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{x}{2} [1 + \dot{x}^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}} 2\dot{x} \right]$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$[1 + \dot{x}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\dot{x}^2 + x\ddot{x}}{[1 + \dot{x}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\dot{x}^2 x \ddot{x}}{[1 + \dot{x}^2]^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$[1 + \dot{x}^2]^2 = [1 + \dot{x}^2][\dot{x}^2 + x\ddot{x}] - \dot{x}^2 x \ddot{x}$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} x\ddot{x} - \dot{x}^2 - 1 = 0 \\ x(0) = 1, x(\ln 2) = \frac{5}{4} \end{array}} \Leftrightarrow \text{admitting the solution } \boxed{x(t) = \cosh t}.$$

Note that

$$x_0(0) = \cosh(0) = 1; \quad x_0(\ln 2) = \cosh(\ln 2) = \frac{2 + \frac{1}{2}}{2} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$x_0 \ddot{x}_0 - \dot{x}_0^2 - 1 = \cosh t \cosh t - \sinh^2 t - 1 = 0.$$

Of course, by satisfying the E-L equation (i.e., the 1st order necessary conditions), the given solution is only a candidate extremal at this point, and may not constitute a minimizing solution to J , since we have not checked the 2nd order conditions.

62. Let x_0 be an extremal. Then, $x_0 + h \in \Omega$ iff

$$\begin{aligned} h \in H &= \{h \in D^{(2)}[0, b] : h(0) + \beta h(b) = 0\} \\ &\uparrow \text{space of admissible variations.} \end{aligned}$$

The first Gateaux differential of J at $x = x_0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J(x_0; h) &= \int_0^1 [f_x h(t) + f_{\dot{x}} \dot{h}(t)] dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[f_x - \frac{d}{dt} f_{\dot{x}} \right] h(t) dt + f_{\dot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t)) h(t) \Big|_0 \\ &\uparrow \text{integration by parts} \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[f_x - \frac{d}{dt} f_{\dot{x}} \right] h(t) dt + [m(b) + \beta m(0)] h(b) \\ &\uparrow \text{for } h \in H \end{aligned}$$

where

$$m(t) \triangleq f_{\dot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t)).$$

Necessary condition:

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta J(x_0; h) = 0 \quad \forall h \in H \\ \Rightarrow & \delta J(x_0; h) = 0 \quad \forall h \in H, \quad h(b) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \int_0^1 \left[f_x - \frac{d}{dt} f_{\dot{x}} \right] h(t) dt = 0 \quad \forall h \in H, \quad h(0) = h(b) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \boxed{f_x(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} f_{\dot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t))} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Using this in $\delta J(x_0; h)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [m(b) + \beta m(0)]h(b) = 0 \quad \forall h(b) \in \mathbf{R} \\ \Rightarrow & \boxed{\begin{aligned} m(b) + \beta m(0) &= 0 \\ m(t) &\triangleq f_{\dot{x}}(t, x_0(t), \dot{x}_0(t)). \end{aligned}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

(1) and (2) will have to be solved together with

$$\boxed{x_0(0) + \beta x_0(b) = \alpha.}$$

63. Let $\dot{x}(t) = y(t)$, $\Rightarrow x(t) = \int_0^t y(s) ds$, where we take y as the variable (of optimization), belonging to $L_2[0, b]$. The constraint equation is

$$H(y) = x(b) - c \equiv \int_0^b y(s) ds - c = 0, \quad H : L_2[0, b] \rightarrow Z = \mathbf{R}.$$

The functional to be minimized is:

$$f(y) = \int_0^b \sqrt{1 + y(t)^2} dt, \quad f : L_2[0, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}.$$

The Fréchet derivative of H is (as a linear functional on $L_2[0, b]$): $H'(y)h = \int_0^b h(s) ds$, $\Rightarrow H'(y) = 1$, where 1 is the unit function in $L_2[0, b]$ (that is, the function that is 1 almost everywhere). H' is clearly a **nonzero** linear functional on $L_2[0, b]$, and hence every $y \in L_2[0, b]$ that satisfies the constraint $H(y) = 0$ is a **regular** point. This implies that, given an extremal $y_o \in L_2[0, b]$, there exists a $z^* \in Z^* = \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$(f'(y_o) + z^* H'(y_o))h = 0, \quad \forall h \in L_2[0, b], \quad h(0) = h(b) = 0$$

Denoting this scalar z^* by the familiar Lagrange multiplier notation, λ , we have

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^b \frac{y_o(t)}{\sqrt{1 + y_o(t)^2}} h(t) dt + \lambda \int_0^b h(t) dt = 0, \quad \forall h \in L_2[0, b], \quad h(0) = h(b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{y_o(t)}{\sqrt{1+y_o(t)^2}} = -\lambda \quad \text{a constant.}$$

This implies that y_o has to be a constant \Rightarrow

$$y_o(t) = c/b, \quad \lambda = -c/\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}.$$

64.

i) The solution of $\dot{x} = -x + u(t)^2$, with $x(0) = 1$ is

$$x(t) = e^{-t} + \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} u(\tau)^2 d\tau.$$

Our second side-constraint is $x(1) = e^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \quad e^{-1} = e^{-1} + e^{-1} \int_0^1 e^{\tau} u(\tau)^2 d\tau.$$

The only way this can hold is if $u(\tau) = 0 \quad \forall \tau \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow$ constraint set is a singleton \Rightarrow regularity condition does not hold. Note that one can also show directly that the Fréchet derivative H' of the constraints $H(x, u) = \theta$, where

$$H(x, u) := \left(\begin{array}{c} x(t) - e^{-t} - \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} u(\tau)^2 d\tau \\ \int_0^1 e^{\tau} u(\tau)^2 d\tau \end{array} \right) \quad H : C[0, 1] \times L_2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1] \times \mathbf{R},$$

is not onto at $u = \theta$, but it is not necessary to take this route since the constraint set is a singleton (as mentioned above), and hence there is no direction along which one can move starting at $u = \theta$ and still stay in the constraint set.

ii) If instead of $u^2(t)$ we have $u(t)$ in the state equation: $\dot{x} = -x + u$, then the minimization problem is feasible because \exists a rich class of functions $u(\tau)$, $\tau \in [0, 1]$ which satisfy

$$\int_0^1 e^{\tau} u(\tau) d\tau = 0.$$

The constraints (and there are two of them) can be written as

$$H(x, u) = \left(\begin{array}{c} x(t) - e^{-t} - \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} u(\tau) d\tau \\ \int_0^1 e^{\tau} u(\tau) d\tau \end{array} \right) \quad H : C[0, 1] \times L_2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1] \times \mathbf{R}$$

whose Fréchet derivative is:

$$H'(x, u)h = \left(\begin{array}{c} h_1(t) - \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau)} h_2(\tau) d\tau \\ \int_0^1 e^{\tau} h_2(\tau) d\tau \end{array} \right) \quad H' \in B(C[0, 1] \times L_2[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1] \times \mathbf{R})$$

Note that in this case h has two components ($h_1 \in C[0, 1]$, $h_2 \in L_2[0, 1]$). Clearly, H' is an **onto** map, since the second component is a nonzero linear functional, and the first component is linear in $h_1(t)$. Hence, every $x \in C[0, 1]$, $u \in L_2[0, 1]$ satisfying $H(x, u) = \theta$ is a **regular** point.

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