

10/02/2023 . Introduction to optimal control theory - Chapter 2

Two basic problem

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graph TD; A[Two basic problem] --> B[Infinite horizon problem]; A --> C[Infinite problem]; B --> D[Static problem]; B --> E["Time going on forever"]; C --> F[Cauchy problem]; C --> G["fixed given time"];
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Infinite horizon problem .

Given compact metric space \leftarrow our control set

$$\text{Ex: } \mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$$

$$V = \overline{B}(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

And $b : \mathbb{R}^n \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a given vector field such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b \in C((\mathbb{R}^n \times V, \mathbb{R}^n), \\ |b(x, v)| \leq C, \forall (x, v) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times V, \\ |b(x_1, v) - b(x_2, v)| \leq c|x_1 - x_2|, \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall v \in V. \end{array} \right.$$

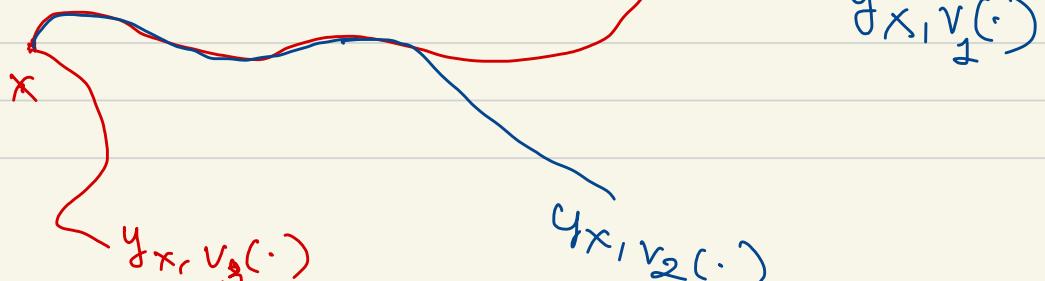
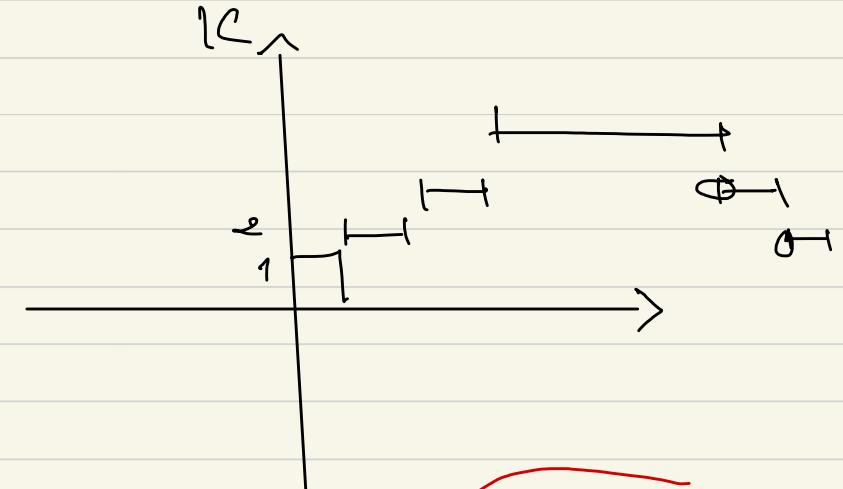
We can change our control $v: [0, \infty) \rightarrow V$,

$v(\cdot)$, v is measurable

For a given control $v(\cdot)$, we have

an ODE

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(s) = b(x(s), v(s)), s > 0 \\ x(0) = x_0. \end{cases}$$



Name the solution to this ODE

$$y_{x,v(\cdot)}(t) \quad (\text{no confusion : } y_x(t))$$

Meaning of solution. $y_x(t)$: we mean

$$y_x(t) = x + \int_0^t b(y_x(s), v(s)) ds, t \geq 0.$$

Suppose y_x^1, y_x^2 are 2 solutions.

$$|y_x^1 - y_x^2| \leq \int_0^t |b(y_x^1(s), v(s)) - b(y_x^2(s), v(s))| ds.$$

$$\leq c \int_0^t |y_x^1(s) - y_x^2(s)| ds. \quad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad}_{\varphi(t)} \leq 0$$

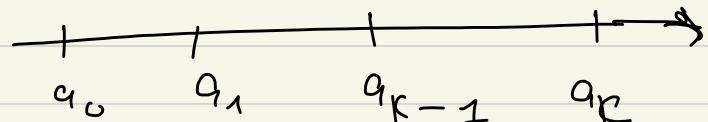
$$c\varphi(t) \leq c\psi(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(t) \leq e^{ct} \varphi(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_x^1 = y_x^2$$

Ex. ① $V = \{1, 2, \dots, \infty\}$, then $b(x, i) = b_i(x)$

Then, if $V(\cdot) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{[a_m, a_{m+1}]}$

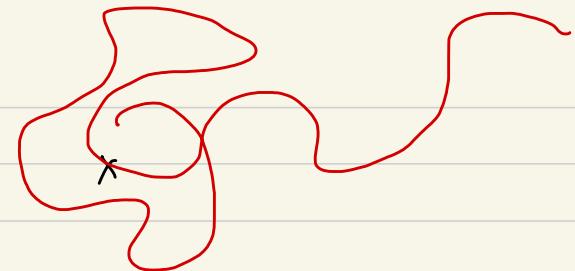


$$\text{In } (a_m, a_{m+1}) : y'(s) = b_{im}(r(s))$$

② $V = \overline{B}(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, ODE becomes

$$\begin{cases} y'_x(t) = V(t) \in \overline{B}(0, 1) \\ y_x(0) = x. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow |y'_x(t)| \leq 1 \quad (\forall t \in (0, \infty))$$



Given cost function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f \in C(\mathbb{R}^n \times V, \mathbb{R}) \\ |f(x, v)| \leq C \\ |f(x_1, v) - f(x_2, v)| \leq C|x_1 - x_2| \end{array} \right.$$

And $\lambda > 0$ is a given constant.

For each path $y_{x, v(\cdot)}$, consider a cost functional

$$J(x, v(\cdot)) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x, v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds$$

Main Goal

$$\min_{V(\cdot)} J(x, V(\cdot))$$

find minimum cost
find an optimal control $V^*(\cdot)$

Intuition ①, if bdd, to make the integral converges, need a discount term $\tilde{e}^{-\lambda s}$.

② Discount term $\tilde{e}^{-\lambda s}$ indeed tell us that the cost decays exponentially in time.

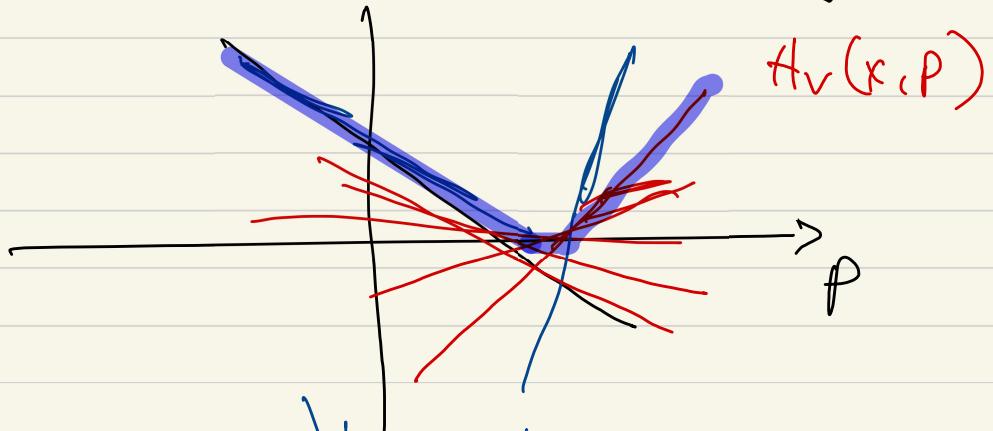
Easy thing (Bellman 1950s) look into the min cost function

$$u(x) = \min_{V(\cdot)} J(x, V(\cdot)) = \min_{V(\cdot)} \int_0^\infty \tilde{e}^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x, u(s)}, V(s)) ds$$

Theorem: u is the unique viscosity solution to
 $\lambda u + H(x, Du) = 0$ in \mathbb{R}^n .

where $H: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} [-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)].$

Fix x : H is convex in p .



$$|H(x, p) - H(y, p)| \leq C(1 + |p|)|x - y|$$

$$|H(x, p) - H(x, q)| \leq C|p - q|.$$

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Recap - optimal control: V : compact metric space - control set

Vector field $b: \mathbb{R}^n \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ bounded, continuous, $|b(x_1, v) - b(x_2, v)| \leq c|x_1 - x_2|$

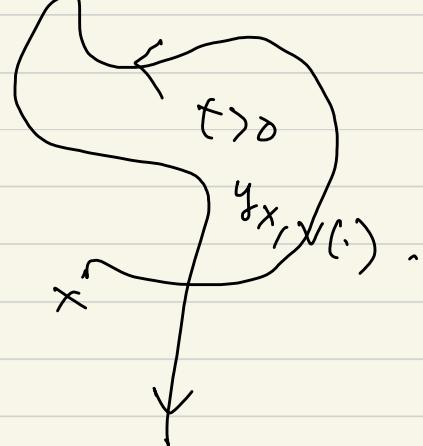
Cost function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ $\longrightarrow |f(x_1, v) - f(x_2, v)| \leq c|x_1 - x_2|$

$V: [0, \infty) \rightarrow V$ measurable a control

(Eg .. V is finite $V(\cdot)$... - - - =)

ODE: represents the local of agent

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_{x, V(\cdot)}(t) = b(y_{x, V(\cdot)}(t), V(t)) \\ y_{x, V(\cdot)}(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$



Cost functional: $J(x, V(\cdot)) = \int_0^\infty \underbrace{\bar{e}^{\lambda s}}_{\text{discount term}} f(y_{x, V(\cdot)}(s), V(s)) ds$ (infinite horizon)

Min cost function

$$u(x) = \min_{v(\cdot)} J(x, v(\cdot)) \text{ only look at cost function } u(\cdot)$$

ignore the underlying dynamics.

Theorem: u is the unique viscosity solution

$$\lambda u + H(x, Du) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} [-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)]$$

No confusion: $y_{x, v(\cdot)} = q_x$ | $y_x(t) = \underbrace{y_x(0)}_{\parallel} + \int_0^t b(y_x(s), v(s)) ds$

Lemma 1: $|y_x(t) - y_x(s)| \leq c |t-s|$ (obvious from def)

$$|y_x(t) - y_x(s)| \leq e^{ct} |x-z|$$

$$\underline{\text{Proof}}: |y_x(t) - y_z(s)| = \left| (x-z) + \int_0^t (b(y_x(s), v(s)) - b(y_z(s), v(s))) ds \right| \leq |z-x| + c \int_0^t |y_x(s) - y_z(s)| ds.$$

$$\text{Set } \psi(t) = \int_0^t |y_x(s) - y_z(s)| ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi'(t) = |y_x(t) - y_z(t)|$$

$$\psi'(t) \leq |z-x| + c \psi(t).$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi'(t) - c \psi(t) \leq |x-z|$$

$$\left(e^{-ct} \psi(t) \right)' = e^{-ct} (\psi'(t) - c \psi(t)) \leq (x-z) e^{-ct}$$

$$e^{-ct} \psi(t) - \psi(0) \leq |x-z| \cdot \int_0^t e^{-cs} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(t) \leq c e^{ct} |x-z|.$$

H grows at most linearly in p
 $|H(x, p)| \leq C(|x| + |p|)$

Lemma 2: $H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} [-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)]$

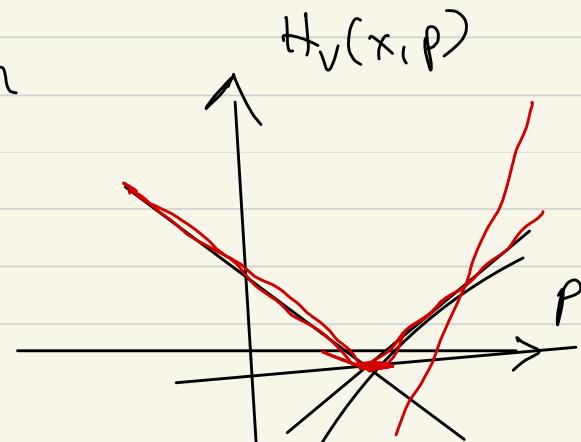
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$H_v(x, p)$

$$= \sup_{v \in V} H_v(x, p)$$

Fix x , $p \mapsto H_v(x, p)$ is just an affine function

$p \mapsto H(x, p)$ is CONVEX.



$$|H(x, p) - H(x, q)| \leq c |p - q|$$

$$|H(x, p) - H(y, p)| \leq c(1 + |p|) |x - y|$$

Eg ① $V = \overline{B}(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $f(x, v) = f(x)$; $b(x, v) = v$

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{|v| \leq 1} (-v \cdot p - f(x)) = |p| - f(x)$$

② $V = \overline{B}(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $f(x, v) = 0$, $b(x, v) = a(x)v$

$$a: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{|v| \leq 1} (-a(x)v \cdot p) = a(x)|p|$$

③ $V = \{e_1, -e_1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $f(x, v) = f(x)$, $b(x, v) = v$.
 (same as $V = \{se_1 : -1 \leq s \leq 1\}$)

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} (-v \cdot p - f(x)) = |p_1| - f(x)$$

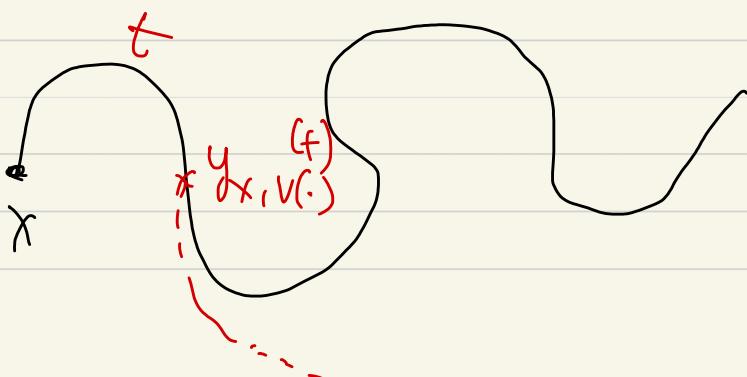
Proposition [DPP] - Dynamic Programming principle.

$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds$$

$$(DPP): u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \left[\int_0^T e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda T} u(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(T)) \right]$$

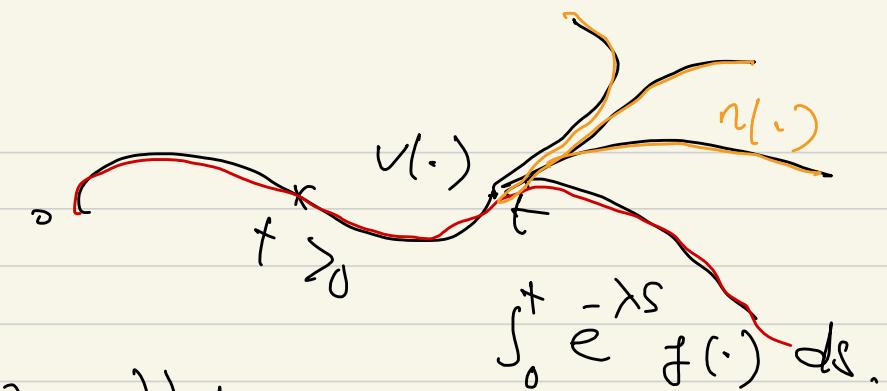
for any $\epsilon > 0$

proof $LHS \leq RHS.$



LHS \geq RHS.

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists V(\cdot)$ really optimal.



$$u(x) + \varepsilon \geq \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} f(g_{x,V(\cdot)}(s), V(s)) ds$$

$$u(x) + \varepsilon \geq \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(\cdot) ds + \int_t^\infty e^{-\lambda s} f(g_{x,V(\cdot)}(s), V(s)) ds$$

$$= e^{-\lambda t} \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda r} f(g_{x,V(\cdot+t)}(r), V(r+t)) dr \right)$$

$$\geq u(g_{x,V(\cdot)}(t)).$$

Idea: DPP \rightarrow PDE

$t \rightarrow 0$ and use calculus.

Formal computations : $u \in C^\infty$

$V(\cdot) = V$ constant control.

$$u(x) \leq \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), v) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(+))$$

$$\frac{u(x) - e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(t))}{t} \leq \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), v) ds$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{u(y_x(0)) - e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(+))}{t} = - \frac{d}{dt} \left[e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(+)) \right] \Big|_{t=0}.$$

$$= \lambda u(x) - \underbrace{\nabla u(x) \cdot y'_x(0)}_{b(x, v)} \leq f(x, v)$$

$$\lambda u(x) + [-b(x, v) \cdot Du(x) - f(x, v)] \leq 0, \forall v.$$

Take supremum.

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} [-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)]$$

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du(x)) \leq 0.$$

10/06/2023: DPP and Hamilton-Jacobi PDE.

Setting V : Control set - A compact metric space

$b: \mathbb{R}^n \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given vector field; bounded, continuous, and Lipschitz in x :

$$|b(x_1, v) - b(x_2, v)| \leq c|x_1 - x_2|, \forall x_1, x_2, v.$$

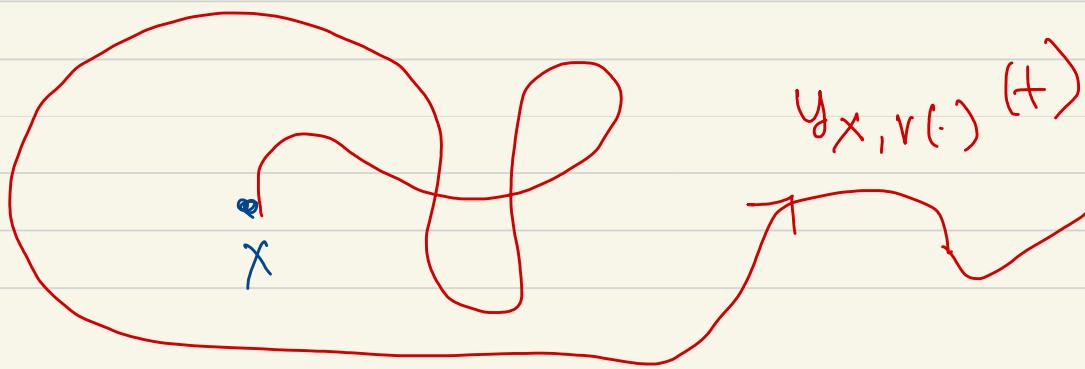
$f: \mathbb{R}^n \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given cost function: bdd, continuous, and Lip in x

$$|f(x_1, v) - f(x_2, v)| \leq C|x_1 - x_2|.$$

} $v(\cdot)$: a control $\leftarrow v: [0, \infty) \rightarrow V$ is a measurable function.
} χ : a given positive constant.

$y(\cdot) \rightarrow$ a corresponding path of an agent:

$$\begin{cases} y_{x, v(\cdot)}(t) = b(y_{x, v(\cdot)}(t), v(t)) & t > 0 \\ y_{x, v(\cdot)}(0) = x \end{cases}$$



$$J[x, v(\cdot)] = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x, v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds.$$

(Minimum) Value function

$$u(x) = \min_{v(\cdot)} J[x, v(\cdot)]$$

For each x , dynamic are complex.

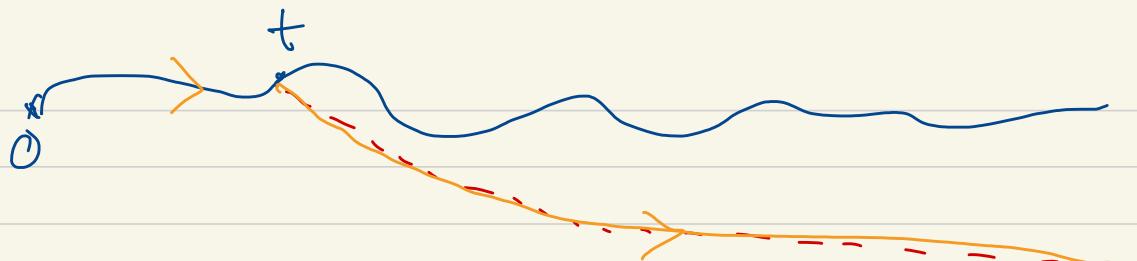
Theorem: u is the UNIQUE viscosity solution to

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du(x)) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

where $H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} (-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)).$

proposition (DPP) : For each fixed $t > 0$:

$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \left[\int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x, v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(g_{x, v(\cdot)}(t)) \right]$$



Key idea: DPP \Rightarrow HJ

$t \rightarrow 0^+$
use calculus

Heuristic proof:

$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \left[\int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(g_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(g_{x,v(\cdot)}(t)) \right]$$

Think of $v(\cdot) \equiv v \in V$, write $g_{x,v(\cdot)} = g_x$. We have

$$u(x) \leq \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(g_x(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(g_x(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u(x) - e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(t))}{t} - \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), v(s)) ds \leq 0$$

Take $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+}$ and ASSUME everything is SMOOTH

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(t)) - e^{-\lambda \cdot 0} u(y_x(0))}{t} = - \frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(t)) \right) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \lambda u(x) - D u(x) \cdot y'_x(0) = \lambda u(x) - D u(x) \cdot b(x, v) \quad \text{constant control}$$

Then,

$$\lambda u(x) + \{-b(x, v) \cdot Du(x) - f(x, v)\} \leq 0, \forall v \in V$$

Recall :

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} (-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v))$$

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du(x)) \leq 0 \leftarrow \text{super property.}$$

Super solution : Assume $\exists V^*(\cdot) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow V$ such that

$$u(x) = \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,V^*}(\cdot)(s), V^*(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(y_{x,V^*}(\cdot)(t)).$$

Write $y_{x,V^*}(\cdot) = y_x$. We compute

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[e^{-\lambda \cdot 0} u(y_{x,0}) - e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(t)) \right] - \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), V^*(s)) ds = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & - \int_0^t \frac{d}{ds} \left(e^{-\lambda s} u(y_x(s)) \right) ds - \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), V^*(s)) ds = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_0^t \left(\lambda u(y_x(s)) - D u(y_x(s)) \cdot y'_x(s) - f(y_x(s), V^*(s)) \right) e^{-\lambda s} ds = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \left(\lambda u(y_x(s)) - D u(y_x(s)) \cdot b(y_x(s), V^*(s)) - f(y_x(s), V^*(s)) \right) e^{-\lambda s} ds = 0$$

$\leq \#(y_x(s), D u(y_x(s)))$

(Fact: $H(x, p) = \sup_v (-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)) \geq -b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)$)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (\lambda u(y_x(s)) + H(y_x(s), Du(y_x(s))) ds \geq 0$$

let $t \rightarrow 0^+$: $\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du(x)) \geq 0$.

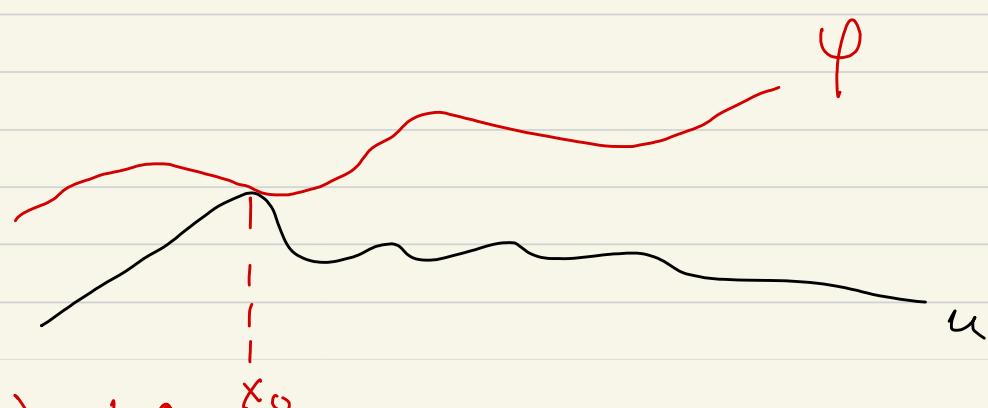
Rigorous proof:

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Want to show:

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, D\varphi(x)) \leq 0$$

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Think of $v(\cdot) \in V$, write $y_{x,v}(\cdot) = y_x$. We have $\varphi(y_x(\cdot))$

$$\varphi(x) = u(x) \leq \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\varphi(x) - e^{-\lambda t} \varphi(y_x(t))}{t} - \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), v(s)) ds \leq 0$$

Take $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+}$ and ASSUME everything is SMOOTH

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-e^{-\lambda t} \varphi(y_x(t)) - e^{-\lambda \cdot 0} \varphi(y_x(0))}{t} &= -\frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{-\lambda t} \varphi(y_x(t)) \right) \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= \lambda \varphi(x) - D\varphi(x) \cdot y'_x(0) = \lambda \varphi(x) - D\varphi(x) \cdot b(x, v) \end{aligned}$$

constant control

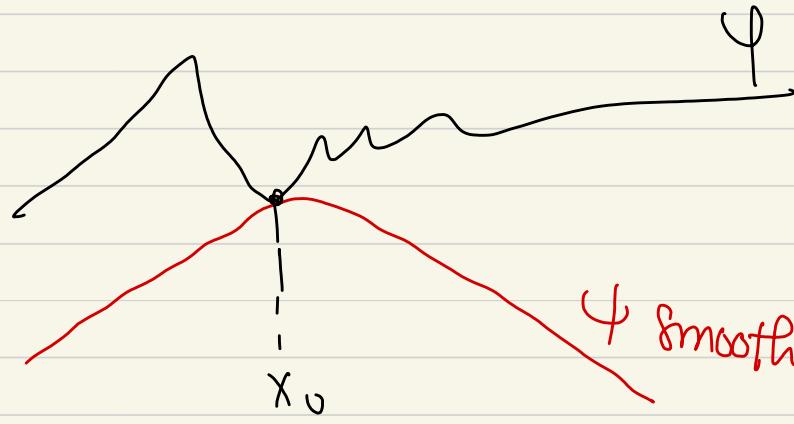
$$\text{Then } \lambda \varphi(x) + [b(x, v) \cdot D\varphi(x) - f(x, v)] \leq 0, \forall v \in V$$

$$\text{Sup over } v \in V: \lambda \varphi(x) + H(x, D\varphi(x)) \leq 0$$

II/ Super solution test.

Want to show: $\lambda u(x) + H(x, D\psi(x)) \geq 0$

$\psi(x)$



PPP:

$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \left[\int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(y_{x,v(\cdot)}, t) \right]$$

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$y_{x,v(\cdot)}$

$$\psi(x) - \inf_{v(\cdot)} \left[\int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} \psi(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(t)) \right] \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sup_{v(\cdot)} \left[\psi(x) - e^{-\lambda t} \psi(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(t)) - \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds \right] \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sup_{v(\cdot)} \left[\underbrace{- \int_0^t \frac{d}{ds} \left(e^{-\lambda s} \psi(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s)) \right) ds}_{>0} - \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds \right] > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sup_{v(\cdot)} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} \left(\lambda \psi(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s)) - D\psi(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s)) \cdot \underbrace{y'_{x,v(\cdot)}(s)}_{b(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s))} - f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}, v(s)) \right) ds > 0$$

$$b(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), v(s))$$

$$\exists \sup_{V(\cdot)} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t e^{-xs} \left(x \psi(y_{x,V(\cdot)}(s)) + H(y_{x,V(\cdot)}(s), D\psi(y_{x,V(\cdot)}(s))) \right) ds \geq 0$$

Recall: $y_{x,V(s)}(s) = b(y_{x,V(\cdot)}(s), V(s))$

We proved: $|y_{x,V(\cdot)}(t) - y_{x,V(\cdot)}(s)| \leq C|t-s|$

\Rightarrow For $t > 0$ small: $|y_{x,V(\cdot)} - x| \leq Cs \leq ct$ \leftarrow small.

\rightarrow Let $t \rightarrow 0^+$: $\lambda\psi + H(x, D\psi(x)) \geq 0$

thus, we have shown that u (value function) is a viscosity solution

to $\lambda u + H(x, Du) = 0$ in \mathbb{R}^n .

Recall } $P \rightarrow H(x, P)$ is convex: $H(x, P) = \sup_{v \in V} (-b(x, v) \cdot P - f(x, v))$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |H(x, P) - H(x, Q)| \leq C|P - Q| \\ |H(x, P) - H(y, Q)| \leq C(1 + |P|)|x - y| \end{array} \right.$$

Then we can conclude that u is the unique viscosity solution.

Note: $H(x, P) = \sup_{v \in V} (-b(x, v) \cdot P - f(x, v))$ is convex in P .

H may or may not be coercive in P ($\liminf_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} H(x, P) = +\infty$)

Ex: $V = \overline{B}(0, 1)$, $f(x, v) = f(x)$, $b(x, v) = v$.

$$H(x, P) = \sup_{|v| \leq 1} (-v \cdot P - f(x)) = |P| - f(x)$$

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$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} f(y_{x,v(\cdot)}(s), r(s)) ds.$$

Then u is the unique solution of

$$\lambda u + H(x, Du) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

where $H(x, p) = \max_{v \in V} \left(\underbrace{-b(x, v) \cdot p}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{vector field}}} - \underbrace{f(x, v)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{cost function.}}} \right)$

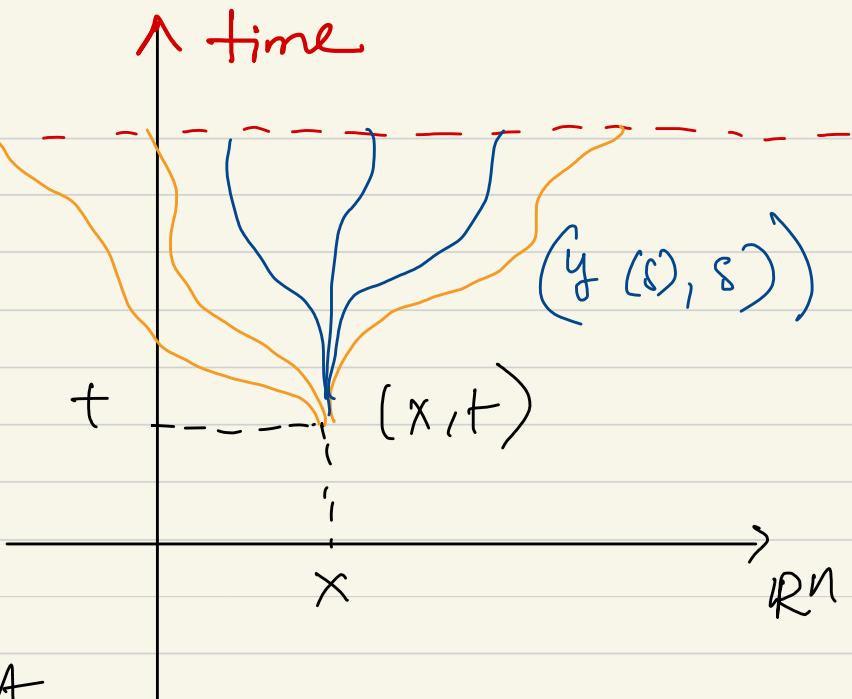
A pick description finite horizon problem

The dynamic stop in finite time
(Terminal time T)

$y(s)$: your position $t \leq s \leq T$

$y(x_t, v(\cdot)) = y$ for simplicity

minimizing cost + terminal cost = Total cost



\mathcal{V} : compact metric space.

For each $t \in [0, T]$, $A_t = \{v: [t, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{V} : v \text{ is measurable}\}$

for $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T]$ fixed & $v(\cdot) \in A_t$, consider.

$$\begin{cases} y'(s) = b(x(s), v(s)) & t \leq s \leq T, \\ y(t) = x \end{cases}$$

$y(t) = x$ starting point $\rightarrow y(T)$: ending point.

Running cost = $\int_t^T f(y(s), v(s)) ds$ (works for $\int_t^T f(y(s), s, v(s)) ds$)

Terminal cost : ($g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given function) g(y(T))

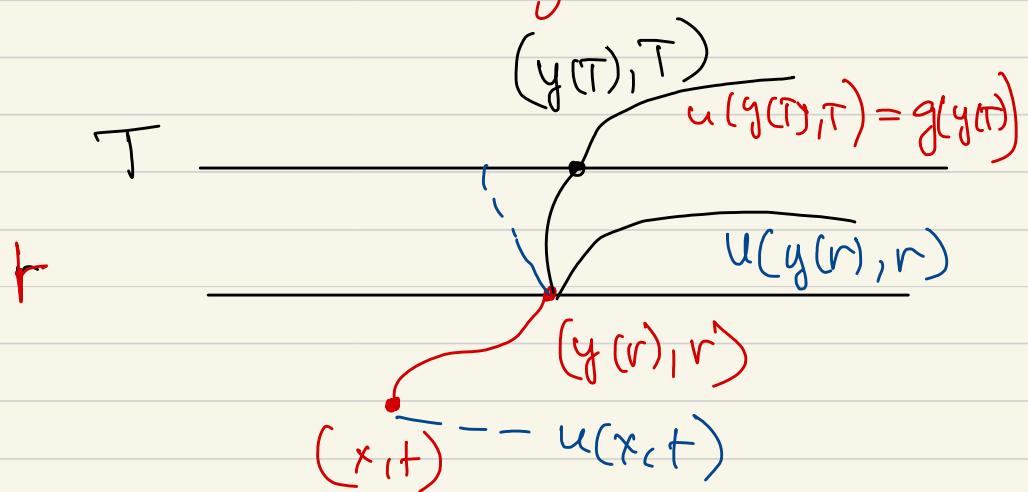
Cost functional : $J(x, t, v(\cdot)) = \int_t^T f(y(s), v(s)) ds + g(y(T))$

Value function : $v(x, t) = \inf_{v(\cdot) \in A_t} J(x, t, v(\cdot))$

$$= \inf_{v(\cdot) \in A_x} \left[\int_t^T f(y(s), v(s)) ds + g(y(T)) \right]$$

DPP: For any fixed $t < r \leq T$

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{\gamma(\cdot) \in \mathcal{X}_t} \left[\int_t^r f(y(s), r(s)) ds + u(y(r), r) \right]$$



$$t=0$$

Theorem: u is the unique viscosity solution to the "terminal time" H-J equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t + H(x, Du) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T), \\ u(x, T) = g(x) \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

Here $H(x, p) = \min_{v \in V} [b(x, v) \cdot p + f(x, v)] = -\max_{v \in V} [-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)]$

Remark. Min problem is harder than the traditional calculus of Variational problem.

① Let's first fixed the end point $y(T) = z$.

$$\Psi(z) = \inf_{\substack{V(\cdot) \\ y(t) = x \\ y(T) = z}} \left[\int_t^T f(y(s), v(s)) ds + g(z) \right]$$

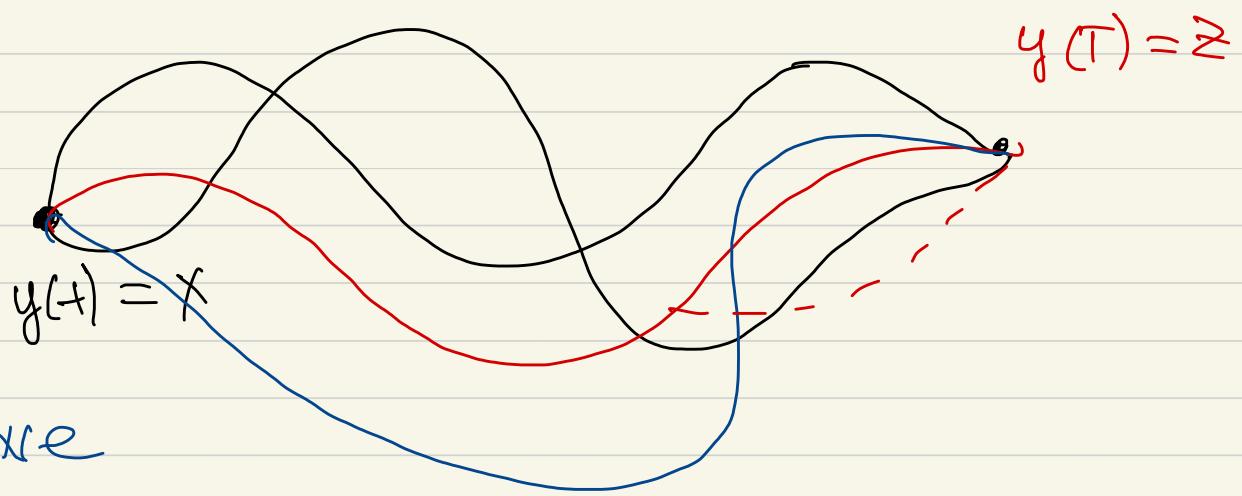
$$= g(z) + \inf_{\substack{v(\cdot) \\ y(t)=x \\ y(T)=z}} \left[\int_t^T f(y(s), v(s)) ds \right]$$

② Then,

$$u(x, t) = \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \psi(z)$$

Remark: In practice, we

want to be able to compute both $u(x, t)$ and the optimal control $v^*(\cdot)$ quickly.



How do we go from terminal time to initial time

$u(x_1, t) \rightarrow$ changing of variable $\tilde{u}(x_1, t) = u(x_1 T - t)$.

Then $\tilde{u}(x_1, 0) = u(x_1 T) = g(x)$, $\tilde{u}_t = -u_t(x_1 T - t)$

$$-\tilde{u}_t + H(x_1, D\tilde{u}) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{u}_t + H(x_1, D\tilde{u}) = 0 \\ \tilde{u}(x_1, 0) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{H}(x_1, p) = \max_{v \in V} (-b(x_1 v) \cdot p - f(x_1 v))$$

Regularity of u in infinite horizon problems

Claim 1: If H is coercive in p ($\lim_{|p| \rightarrow \infty} \inf_x H(x, p) = +\infty$), then
 $u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \text{BUC}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. (Theorem 2.9)

Claim 2: What happens if H is not coercive in P ? Denote by

$$\lambda_0 = \|D_x b(x, v)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R})}$$

- i) If $\lambda > \lambda_0$, $v \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \text{BUC}(\mathbb{R}^n)$
- ii) If $\lambda = \lambda_0$, $v \in C^{0,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $0 < \alpha < 1$.
- iii) If $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$, $v \in C^{0,1-\lambda_0/\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

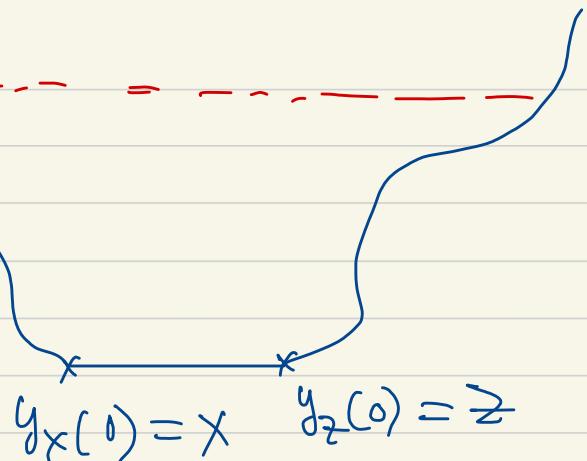
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y'_x(t) = b(y_x(t), v(t)) \\ y_x(0) = x \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y'_z(t) = b(y_z(t), v(t)) \\ y_z(0) = z \end{array} \right.$$

$$|y_x(t) - y_z(t)| \leq C e^{\lambda_0 t} |x - z|$$

i) If $\lambda > \lambda_0$: $u(x) - u(z)$

$$\left| \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \left(f(y_x(t), v(t)) - f(y_z(t), v(t)) \right) dt \right|$$

$$\leq C \cdot \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \cdot e^{\lambda_0 t} |x-z| dt = \frac{C|x-z|}{\lambda - \lambda_0}$$



Also $|u(x)| = \left| \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), v(s)) ds \right| \leq C \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} ds = \underline{C}$

(ii) + (iii)

$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \left(\int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} f(y_x(s), v(s)) ds + e^{-\lambda t} u(y_x(t)) \right)$$

$$|u(x) - u(z)| \leq C \int_0^t e^{-\lambda s} e^{\lambda_0 s} |x-z| ds + C e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$(\lambda = \lambda_0) = C \underbrace{\left(t|x-z| + e^{-\lambda t} \right)}_{\Sigma(t)}$$

Some for $\lambda < \lambda_0$.

Example: (G-equation : combustion literature)

$$H(x, p) = |p| + W(x) \cdot p = \max_{|v| \leq 1} (p \cdot (v + w(x)))$$

Here, $w(x)$ is a given vector field,

$\operatorname{div} w = 0$, and $\|w\|_\infty$ can be large
(> 1)

Open S: $\lambda u^\varepsilon + |Du^\varepsilon| + w(x) \cdot Du^\varepsilon = \varepsilon \Delta u^\varepsilon \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u^\varepsilon \rightarrow u? \\ \text{Rate?} \end{array} \right.$

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Optimal Control Viewpoint

$b(x, v)$: driving vector field

$\gamma(x, v)$: cost function

$$H(x, p) = \max_{v \in V} [-b(x, v) \cdot p - \gamma(x, v)]$$



compact set

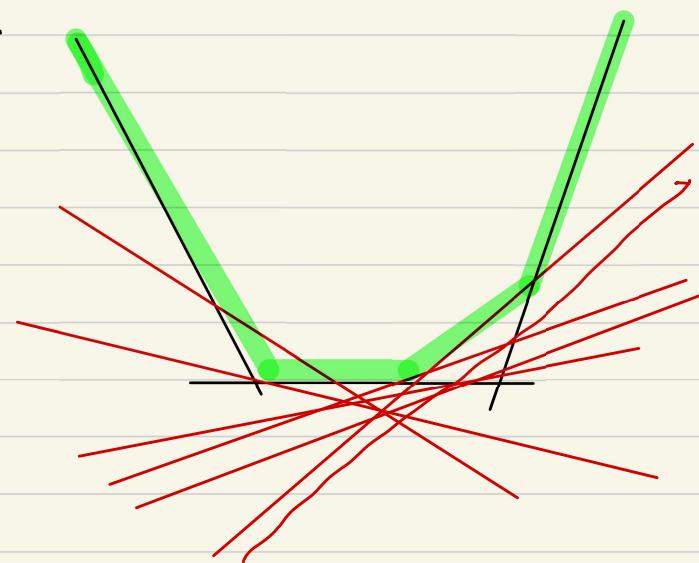
$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du(x)) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} u_t + H(x, Du) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^n \end{array} \right\}$$

Recall that in this situation, $p \mapsto H(x, p)$ convex.

$\begin{cases} H \text{ grows at most linearly in } p. \\ |H(x, p)| \leq (1 + |p|) \cdot C \\ H \text{ might not be coercive in } p \end{cases}$

$$(e.g., H(x, p) = |p| + \nabla V(x) \cdot p)$$

$\text{div } w = 0$, $\|w\|_\infty$ can be large.



Question: But what if we go back to the most classical case.

$$H(x, p) = \frac{1}{2} |p|^2 + V(x)$$

↑
 Kinetic
 energy

~~~  
 Potential  
 energy

(grows quadratically in  $p$ )

## Topic: Lagrangian framework.

$x$ : position

$v$ : its velocity

$p$ : momentum

$m$ : mass ( $m=1$ )

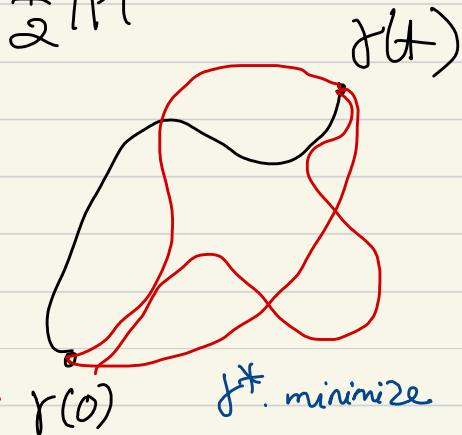
$p = m \cdot v = 0$

$$\text{Kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2} m |v|^2 = \frac{1}{2} |p|^2$$

Potential energy:  $V(x)$

Action functional: minimize

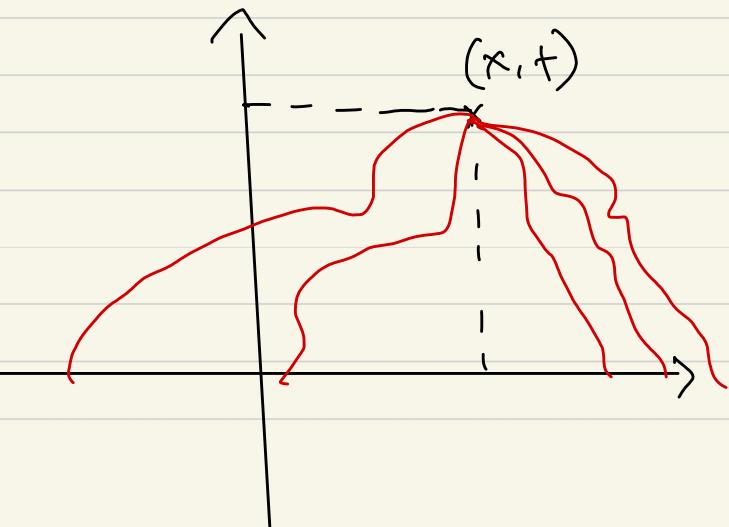
$$\int_0^t \left( \frac{1}{2} |\dot{\gamma}(s)|^2 - V(\gamma(s)) \right) ds.$$



$$L: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, v) \rightarrow L(x, v) = \frac{1}{2} |v|^2 - V(x)$$

$$\underline{\text{prop.}} \text{ Assume } H(x, p) = \frac{1}{2} |p|^2 + V(x)$$



Then, the viscosity solution to the Cauchy problem is

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{\gamma(t) = x} \left\{ \int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{2} |\dot{\gamma}(s)|^2 - V(\gamma(s)) \right] ds + g(\gamma(0)) \right\}$$

Running cost      terminal cost

And the viscosity solution to the static is ( $\lambda w + H(x, Dw) = 0$ )

$$w(x) = \inf_{\gamma(0) = x} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \left( \frac{1}{2} |\dot{\gamma}(s)|^2 - V(\gamma(s)) \right) ds$$

Running cost

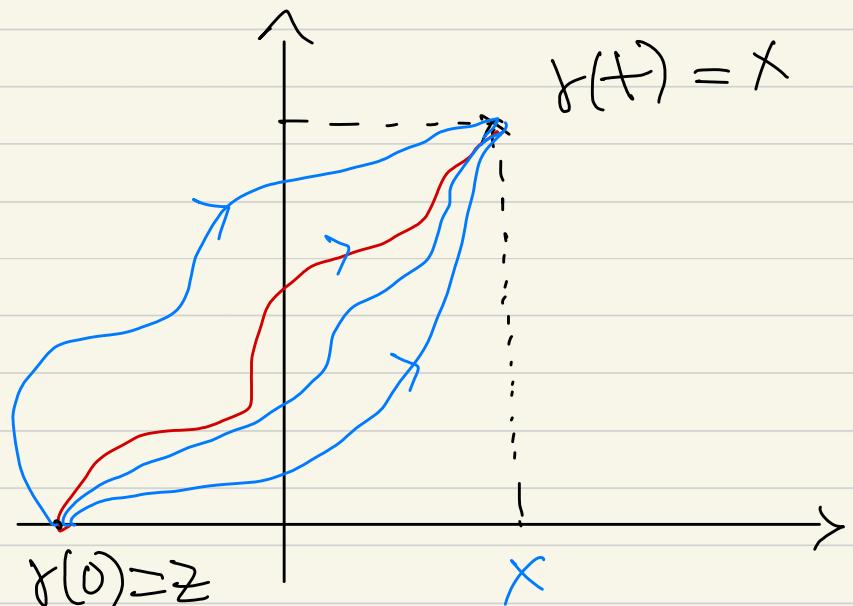
Let's look at

$$u(t, x) = \inf_{\gamma(t) = x} \left\{ \int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{2} |\dot{\gamma}(s)|^2 - V(\gamma(s)) \right] ds + g(\gamma(0)) \right\}$$

$$= \inf_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left( \inf_{\substack{\gamma(0) = z \\ \gamma(t) = x}} \left( \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} |\dot{\gamma}(s)|^2 - v(\gamma(s)) ds + g(z) \right) \right)$$

For the classical calculus of variation of

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{\substack{\gamma(0) = z \\ \gamma(t) = x}} \left( \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} |\dot{\gamma}(s)|^2 - v(\gamma(s)) ds \right) \\ &= \int_0^t \left( \frac{1}{2} |\dot{\gamma}(s)|^2 - v(\gamma(s)) \right) ds \end{aligned}$$



$\zeta$  satisfies the Euler-Lagrange equation

$$L(x, v) = \frac{1}{2} |v|^2 - V(x), \quad D_v L = v.$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} (D_v L(\zeta(s), \dot{\zeta}(s))) = D_x L(\zeta(s), \dot{\zeta}(s))$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} (\ddot{\zeta}(s)) = -D_x V(\zeta(s))$$

$$\ddot{\zeta}(s) = -D_x V(\zeta(s))$$

$$m a = F.$$

Legendre's transform.

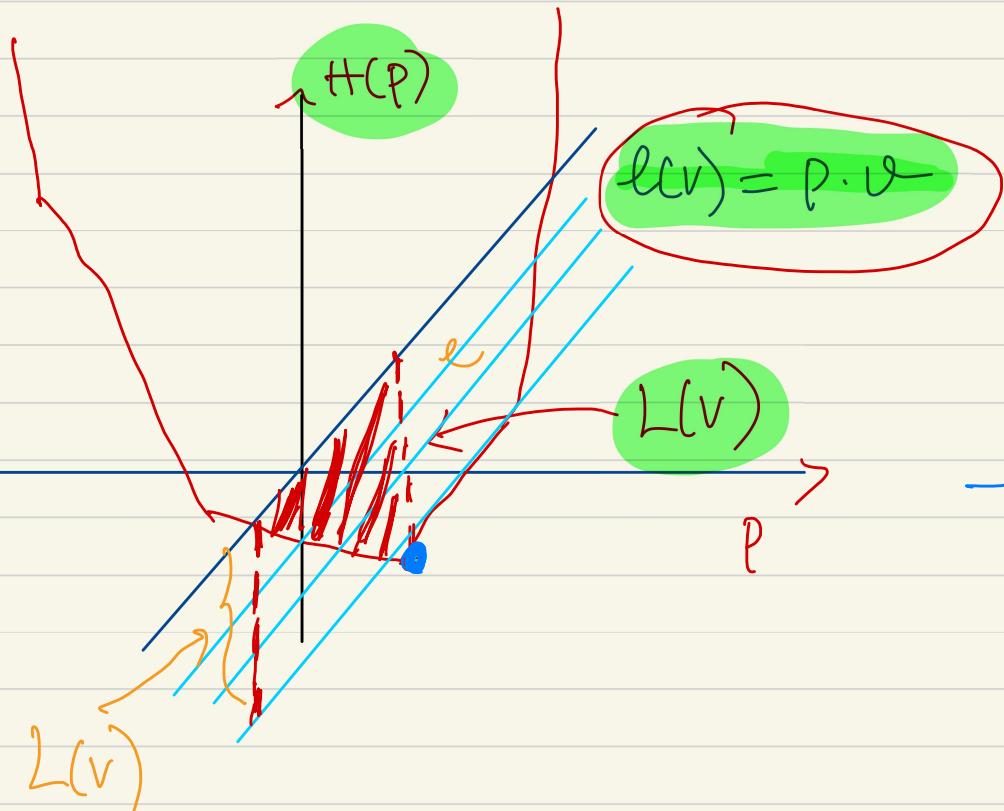
$$H \text{ convex in } p \longrightarrow H^* = L \longrightarrow H^{**} = L^* = H$$

Define: Let's assume  $H: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

}  $p \rightarrow H(p)$  is convex in  $p$

}  $\lim_{|P| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(P)}{P} = +\infty$  superlinearity of  $H$  in  $p$ .

How to see  $L(v)$  from here



$$H^* = L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
 is defined

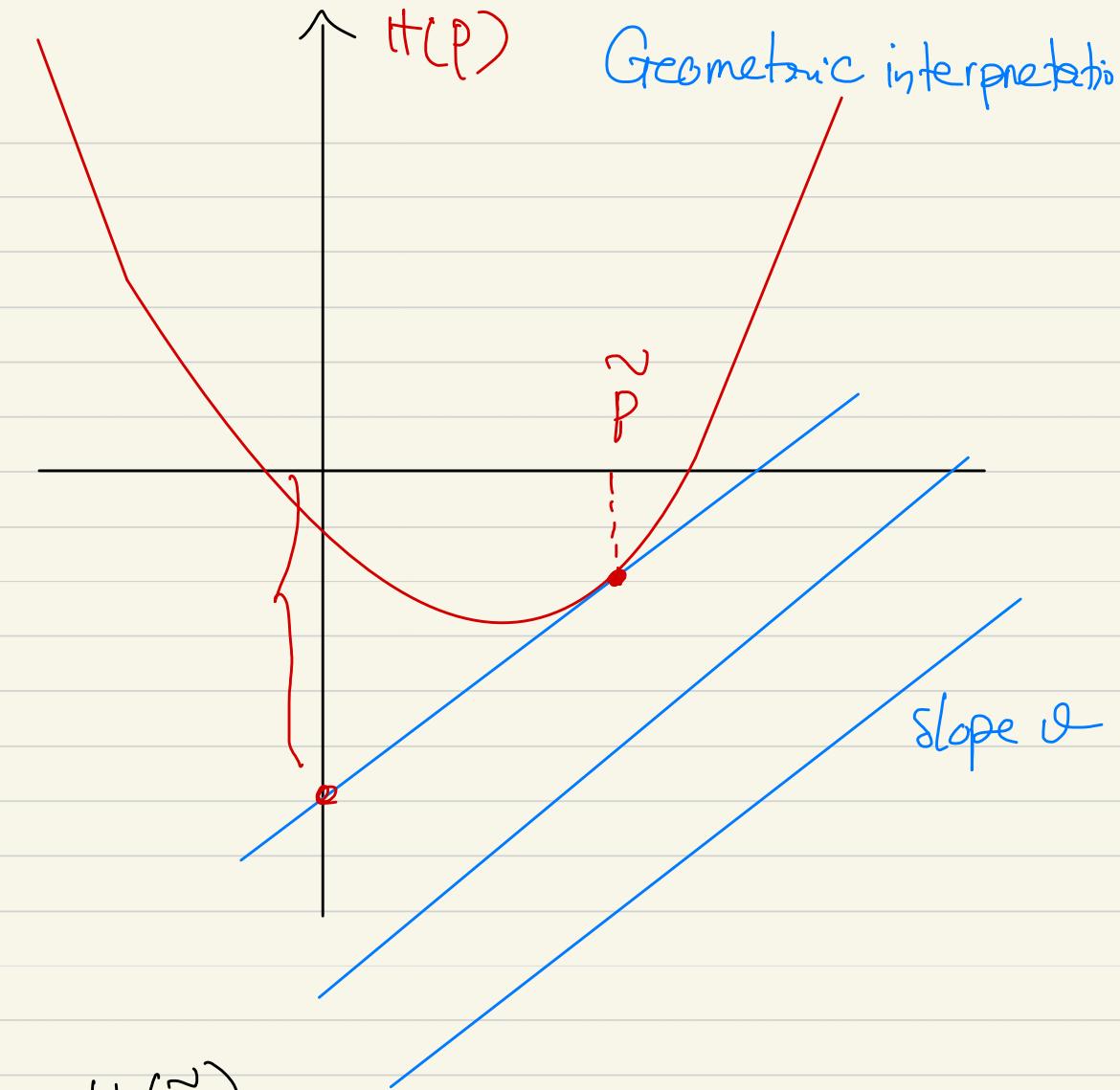
as

$$H^*(v) = L(v)$$

$$= \sup_{P \in \mathbb{R}^n} (P \cdot v - H(P))$$

then }  $\begin{cases} L \text{ is convex in } V \\ L(v) \text{ is finite in each } V \end{cases}$

Geometric interpretation



Take  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$l(p) = p \cdot v - c$  touches  $H$

from below at  $\vec{p}$

$$l(0) = -c$$

$$l(p) \leq H(p) \text{ and } l(\vec{p}) = H(\vec{p})$$

$$pv - c \leq H(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow p.v - H(p) \leq c$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_p \{ p.v - H(p) \} = c = L(v) \text{ (equality at } \vec{p})$$

$$L(v) = c = -\lambda(0)$$

Theorem [Legendre's transform].

$$L(v) = H^*(v) = \sup_p (p.v - H(p))$$

$$\text{And } H^{**}(p) = L^*(p) = \sup_v (p.v - L(v))$$

Then, }  $L$  is convex, finite, superlinear in  $V$ .

$$H^{**} = L^* = H.$$

Proof:  $L$  is superlinear in  $V$   $R > 0$

$$L(v) = \sup_p (p \cdot v - H(p)) = \sup_{|p| \leq R} (p \cdot v - H(p))$$

$$\geq \sup_{|p| \leq R} p \cdot v - \max_{|p| \leq R} |H(p)|.$$

$$L(v) \geq \sup_{|p| \leq R} p \cdot \dot{v} - \max_{|p| \leq R} |H(p)|$$

$$= R \cdot |v| - \max_{|p| \leq R} |H(p)|$$

$$\liminf_{|v| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L(v)}{|v|} \geq R - \limsup_{|v| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|v|} \max_{|p| \leq R} H(p)$$

  
= 0

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{|v| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L(v)}{|v|} = +\infty$$

Recall from optimal control

/ vector field

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} \left[ -b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v) \right]$$

↓  
 $f(t) = -v(t)$   
 ↑  
 cost

From Legendre's transforms.

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{v \in V} \left[ -b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v) \right]$$

$$u(t, x) - \underbrace{\inf_{\dot{x}(t)=x} f}_{\dot{x}(t)=x} \left\{ \int_0^t L(\dot{x}(s), \dot{x}(s)) ds + g(x(0)) \right\}$$

running  
 terminal

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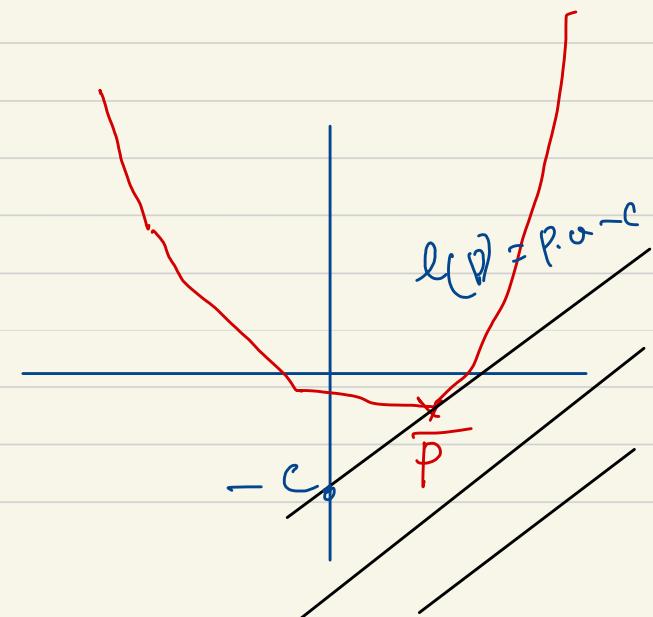
Recap: }  $P \rightarrow H(P)$  is convex  
{  $\lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(P)}{P} = +\infty$ , that is,  $H$  is super linear.

Legendre's transform:  $L = H^*: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$L(v) = H^*(v) = \sup_{P \in \mathbb{R}^n} [P \cdot v - H(P)]$$

Geometric interpretation of  $L$ .

$l(p) = p \cdot v - c$  touches  $H$  from below at  $\bar{p}$



Then,  $L(v) = c = -H(0)$

$p \cdot v - c \leq H(p)$ ,  $\forall p$  with equality at  $p = \bar{p}$ .

$\Leftrightarrow p \cdot v - H(p) \leq c$

$\Rightarrow L(v) = \sup_p (p \cdot v - H(p)) = c.$

Theorem:  $L$  satisfies

i)  $L$  is convex, finite, superlinear

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
super-linear       $H$  is finite.

ii)  $L^* = H^{**} = H$ , where  $L^*(p) = H^{**}(p) = \sup_v [p \cdot v - L(v)]$

Proof of the duality:  $L(v) = \sup_P (P.v - H(P))$

$\Rightarrow$  Frechet's inequality  $L(v) \geq P.v - H(P)$

$$\Leftrightarrow L(v) + H(P) \geq P.v \quad \forall P, v.$$

$$\Rightarrow H(P) \geq P.v - L(v)$$

Thus,  $H(P) \geq \sup_v (P.v - L(v)) = L^*(P)$

We now need to prove the converse:  $L^*(P) \geq H(P)$ .

Note:  $L^*(P) = \sup_v (P.v - L(v)) = \sup_v [P.v - \sup_r [v.r - H(r)]]$

$$= \sup_v \inf_r [(P-r).v + H(r)] \geq H(P)$$

(can choose  $v$ , have inequality for all  $r$ )

Let's assume  $H \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . As  $H$  convex

$$H(r) \geq H(p) + \underbrace{DH(p)}_{\text{linear approximation}} \cdot (r-p)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow H(r) + \underbrace{DH(p)}_{\text{linear approximation}} \cdot (p-r) \geq H(p)$$

$\forall r$ .

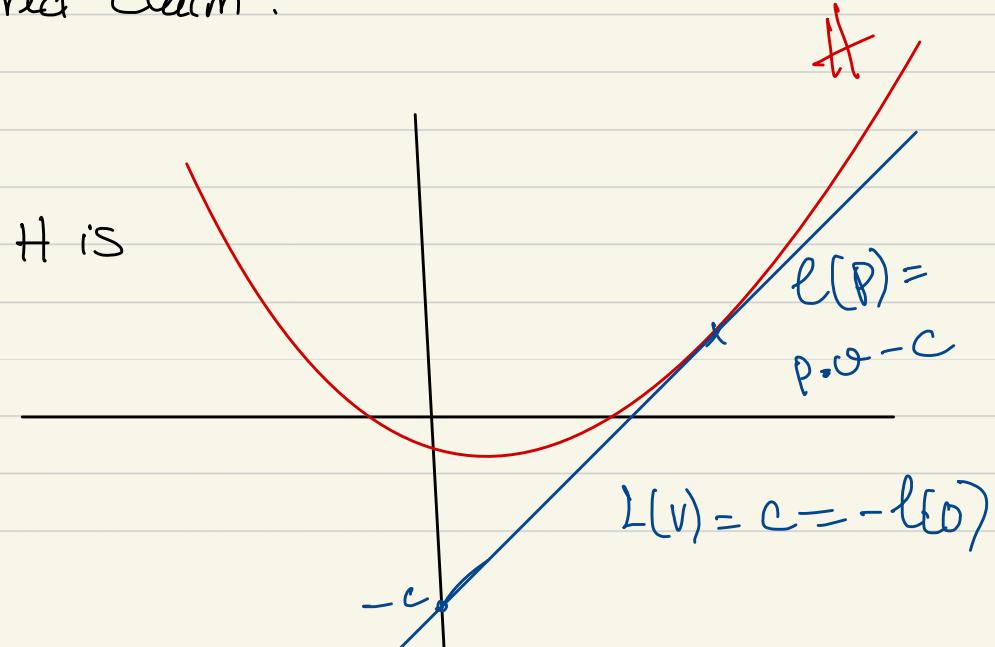
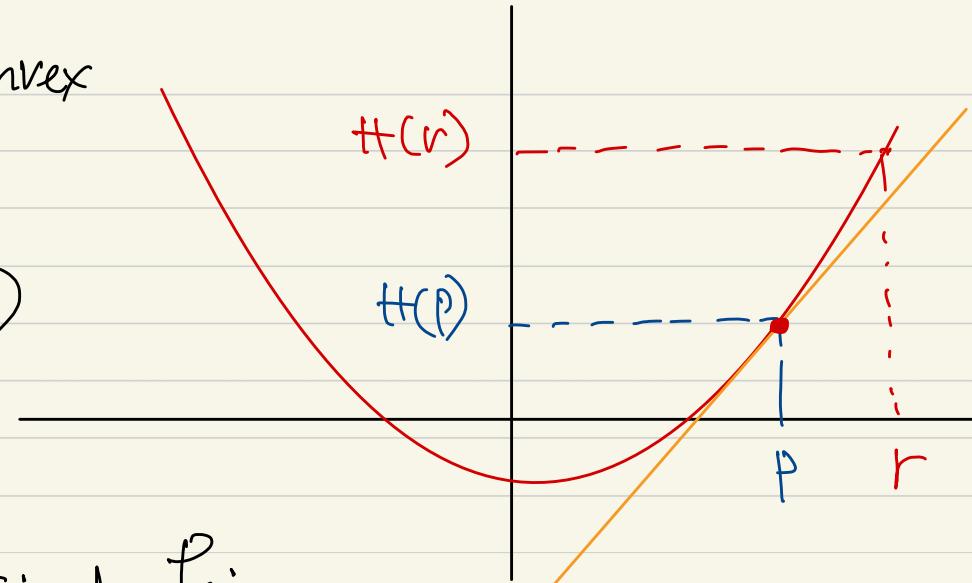
Choose  $v = DH(p)$  to get the desired claim.

### Remark

1) The proof holds in general : If  $H$  is  
not  $C^1$ ,

$$v \in \partial H(p) = \partial H(p)$$

(convex analysis)



② Fenchel's equality.

$$H(p) + L(v) \geq p \cdot v$$

Equality happens ( $\Leftrightarrow v \in \partial H(p) = \partial L(p)$ )

$$\Leftrightarrow p \in \partial L(v) = \partial L(v)$$

③ If we only have  $H: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  is convex then

$$H^{**} = H.$$

④ Note Legendre's transform has 2 important properties acting on convex problem.

$$\begin{cases} H_1 \leq H_2 \Rightarrow H_1^* \geq H_2^* \\ H^{**} = H \end{cases}$$

Theorem [Characteristic theorem, 2009] Any transform acting on convex functions satisfying the above two properties has to be a Legendre's transform up to translations & dilations.

Examples: ①  $H(x, p) = \frac{1}{2} |p|^2 + V(x)$

(Note that Legendre's transform work in exactly the same with  $H(x, p)$ .)

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, v) &= \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} [p \cdot v - H(x, p)] \\ &= \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left( p \cdot v - \frac{1}{2} |p|^2 - V(x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left( p \cdot v - \frac{1}{2} |p|^2 \right) - v(x)$$

$$\underline{\text{Cauchy Schmitz}} = \frac{1}{2} |v|^2 - v(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad H(x, p) = \frac{|p|^m}{m} + v(x), \quad m > 1.$$

$$L(x, v) = \sup_p \left\{ p \cdot v - H(x, p) \right\} = \sup_p \left[ p \cdot v - \frac{|p|^m}{m} - v(x) \right]$$

$$= \sup_p \left\{ p \cdot v - \frac{|p|^m}{m} \right\} - v(x)$$

$$= \frac{|p|^{m'}}{m'} - v(x)$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m'} = 1 \right)$$

Optimal control formula via Lagrangian framework.

Theorem 2: Consider  $\lambda u + h(x, Du) = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume  $h$  is convex & super linear in  $p$ . Then, we have

$$u(x) = \inf_{\gamma(0)=x} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} L(\gamma(s), -\dot{\gamma}(s)) ds$$

Proof: DPP  $\rightarrow$  via solution.

Comparison between optimal control & Lagrangian.

|                                     |                                                   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| $\mathcal{V}$ : compact control set | $\mathbb{R}^n$                                    |
| $b(x, v)$ : vector field            | $b(x, v) = -v$ : vector field. ( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) |
| $q(x, v)$ : cost                    | $h(x, v)$ : cost                                  |

$$H(x, p) = \max_{v \in V} [-b(x, v) \cdot p - f(x, v)]$$

$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\gamma s} f(y_{x, v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds$$

$$\begin{cases} y'_{x, v(\cdot)}(s) = b(y_{x, v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) \\ y'_{x, v(\cdot)}(0) = x \end{cases}$$

$$H(x, p) = \max_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n} [v \cdot p - L(x, v)]$$

vector field  $v = b(x, v)$

$$v(s) = -\dot{f}(s)$$

$$y_{x, v(\cdot)}(s) = f(s)$$

$$u(x) = \inf_{\gamma(0)=x} \int_0^\infty e^{-\gamma s} L(\gamma, \dot{\gamma}) ds.$$

First formula,

$$u(x) = \inf_{v(\cdot)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\gamma s} f(y_{x, v(\cdot)}(s), v(s)) ds.$$

is used in given situation with given  $b, f$ .

Second formula: If we're given PDE:  $\Delta u(x) + H(x, \nabla u(x)) = 0$   
in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

Lagrangean's transform

$$u(x) = \inf_{\gamma(0)=x} \int_0^\infty e^{-xs} L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) ds.$$

Better in the sense that we can find a minimizer  $\zeta(\cdot)$ .

$$u(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-xs} L(\zeta(s), -\dot{\zeta}(s)) ds$$



$$\text{Div } L > 0$$

$$\zeta \in C^k.$$

Careful: velocity of admissible curve & minimizer might not be bold.

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Applications of the Lagrangian / optimal formulations .

$$H(x, p) \longleftrightarrow L(x, v)$$

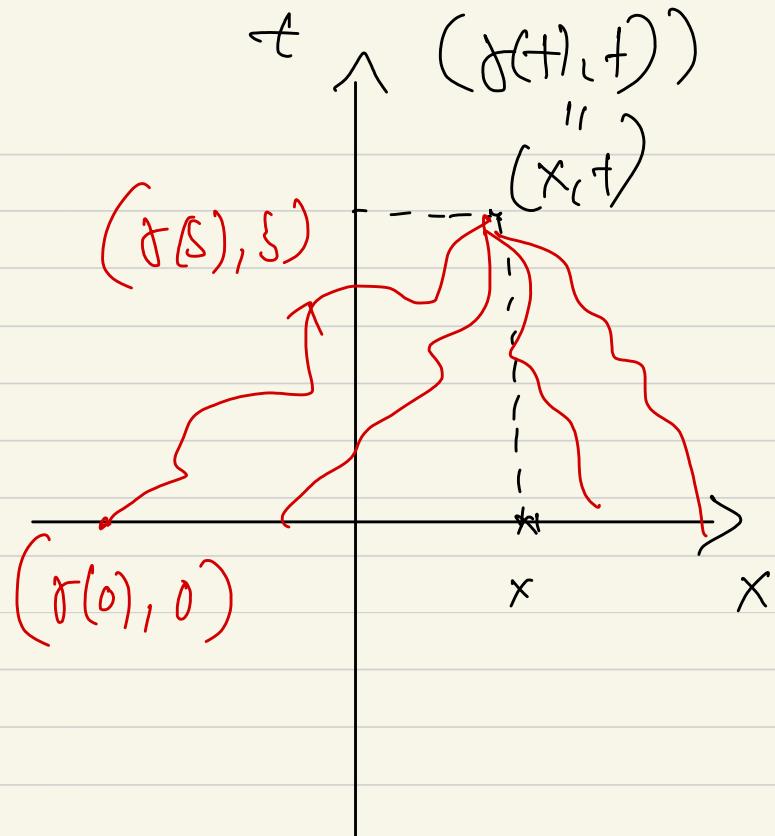
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position   velocity .

If  $H$  is convex in  $p$ , then  $L$  is convex in  $v$ ,

$$L^* = H^{**} = H$$

[Lagrangian formulation]

$$(C) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_t + H(x, Du) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^n. \end{array} \right.$$



$$u(x, t) = \inf_{\substack{\dot{x}(t) = x \\ x \in AC([0, t], \mathbb{R}^n)}} \left[ \underbrace{\int_0^t L(\dot{x}(s), x(s)) ds}_{\text{Running cost}} + g(x(0)) \underbrace{+ g(x(t))}_{\text{Terminal cost}} \right]$$

$f \in AC([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$  = set of all absolutely continuous curves  
 $[0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

(I). Hopf - Lax's formula.

( $\leftrightarrow$  Lax - Oleinik formula for conservation laws).

Theorem 1: Assume  $H(x, p) = H(p)$  (homogeneous situation)

is convex. Then

$$(C) \quad \begin{cases} u_t + H(Du) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) \in BUC(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Lip(\mathbb{R}^n) \end{cases}$$

We have

$u(x, t) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left[ +L \left( \frac{x-y}{t} \right) + g(y) \right]$  is a vis solution to (c).

And it's unique if either  $H$  is Lipschitz globally OR

$H$  is coercive in  $P$

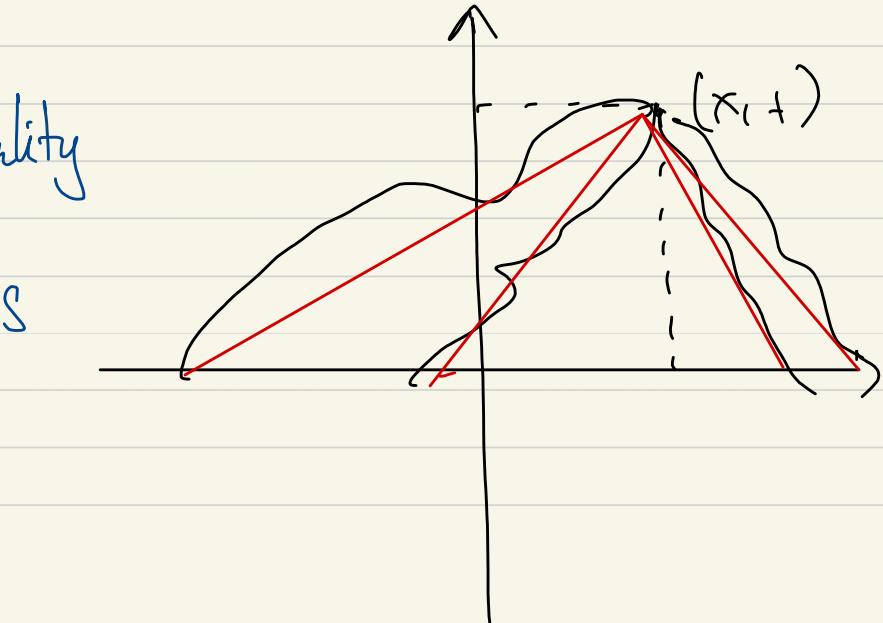
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Solutions are  $L_p$  uniqueness.

Pf: let's just use Jensen's inequality

$$\int_0^t L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) ds = \int_0^t L(\dot{\gamma}(s)) ds$$

$$= t \left[ \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t L(\dot{\gamma}(s)) ds \right]$$



$$\geq + L \left( \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \dot{\gamma}(s) ds \right) = t + L \left( \frac{\gamma(t) - \gamma(0)}{t} \right)$$

$$= t + L \left( \frac{x - \gamma(0)}{t} \right)$$

(use:  $\sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i L(v_i) \geq L \left( \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i v_i \right)$ )

$\lambda_i > 0$

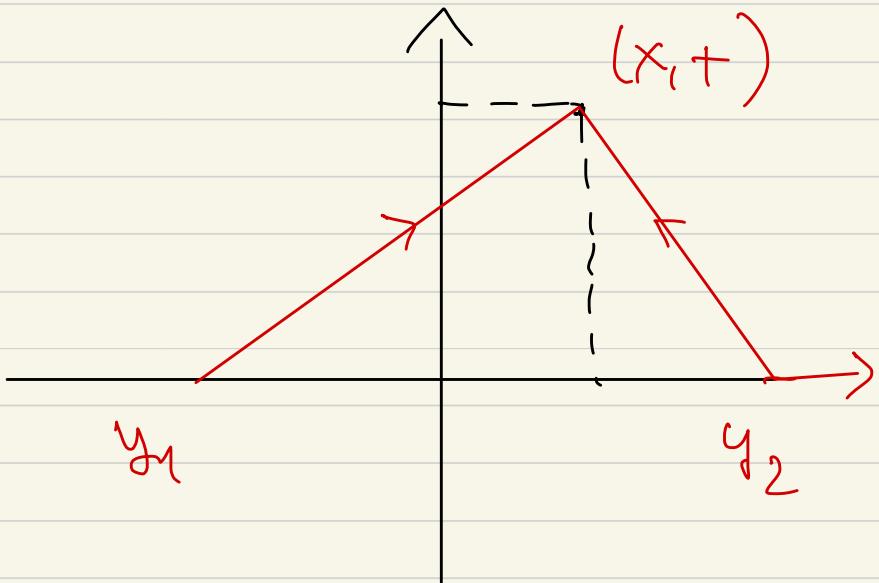
$\sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i = 1.$

Equality happens if  $\dot{\gamma}(s) = \frac{x - \gamma(0)}{t}$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq t$ .

Then the optimal control formula reduces to

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{\gamma(t)=x} \left[ t + L \left( \frac{x - \gamma(0)}{t} + g(\gamma(0)) \right) \right]$$

$$= \inf_{y(=g(0))} \left[ t + L\left(\frac{x-y}{t}\right) + g(y) \right].$$

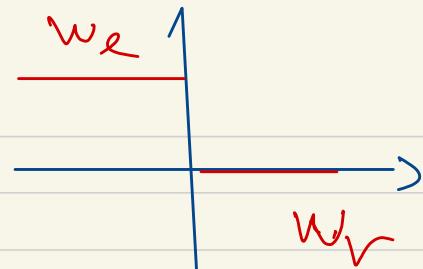


Remark:

- ① If min problem has  $\geq 2$  solutions at  $y_1, y_2$ , u might be  
not different at  $(x_1, +)$

## ② Scalar conservation law in 1D

$$w_t + (F(w))_x = 0$$

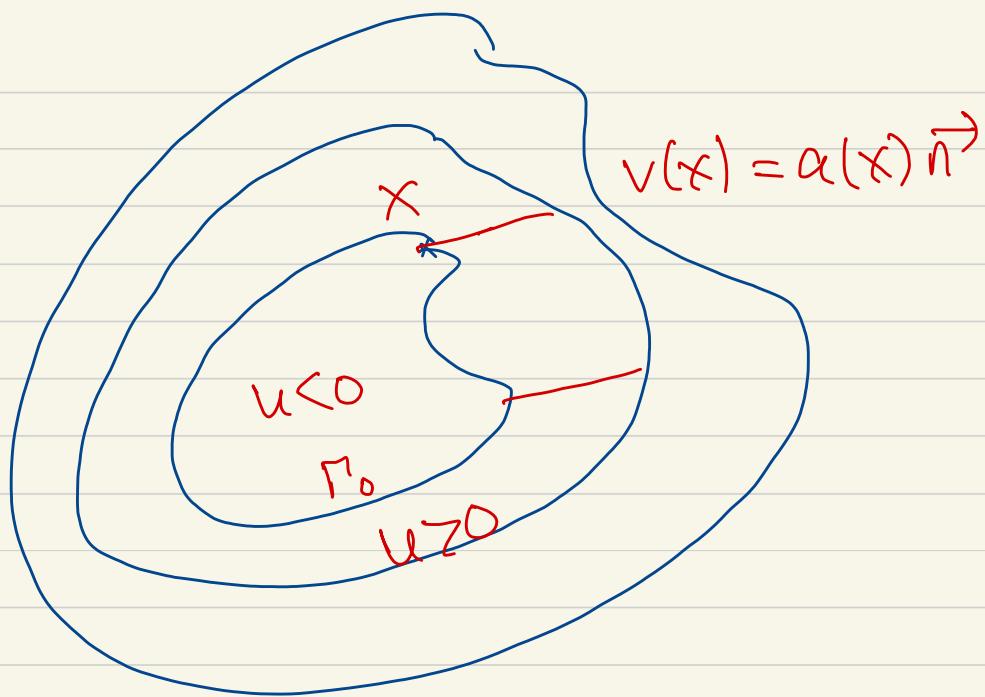


Ideal write:  $w = u_x \Rightarrow u_{xt} + (F(u_x))_x = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow u_t + F(u_x) = 0$ .

Riemann problems:  $w(x, 0) = \begin{cases} w_l & , x < 0 \\ w_r & , x > 0 \end{cases}$

## II Front propagation problem. Simplest case first

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} u_t + a(x)|Du| = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$



Assume  $\alpha \in C(\mathbb{R}^n, (0, \infty))$

$H(x, p) = \alpha(x)|p|$  convex in  $p$ , but only have linear growth

$$L(x, v) = \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} (p \cdot v - H(x, p)) = \sup_{p \in \mathbb{R}^n} (p \cdot v - \alpha(x)|p|)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a(x) \geq |v| \\ +\infty & \text{if } a(x) < |v| \end{cases}$$

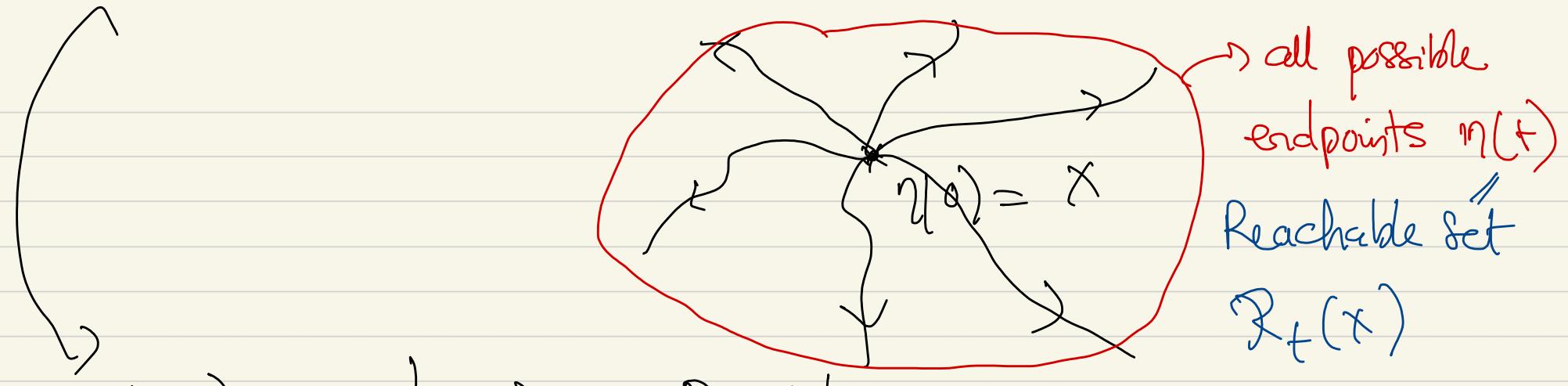
(take  $p = s.v$ ,  $s \rightarrow +\infty$ .)

$$u(x,t) = \inf_{\gamma(t)=x} \left\{ \int_0^t \underbrace{L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s))}_{=0 \text{ a.e.}} ds + g(\gamma(0)) \right\}.$$

$$= \inf \left\{ g(\gamma(0)) : |\dot{\gamma}(s)| \leq a(\gamma(s)) \text{ a.e.}, s \in (0,t), \gamma(t) = x \right\}$$

(reverse time)

$$u(x,t) = \inf \left\{ g(\eta(t)) : |\dot{\eta}(s)| \leq a(\eta(s)) \text{ a.e.}, s \in (0,t), \eta(0) = x \right\}$$

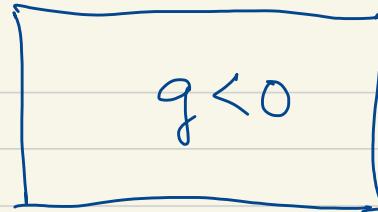


$$u(x, t) = \min \{g(y) : y \in R_+(x)\}$$

$$R_+(x) = \{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \exists \eta : [t_0, +\infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \eta(0) = x, \eta(t) = y, \\ |\dot{\eta}(s)| \leq a(\eta(s)) \text{ a.e. } s \}$$

back to the simplest example,  $a=1$ ,  $\begin{cases} u_t + |Du| = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) \end{cases}$

$$\Gamma_0 = \{g=0\} =$$

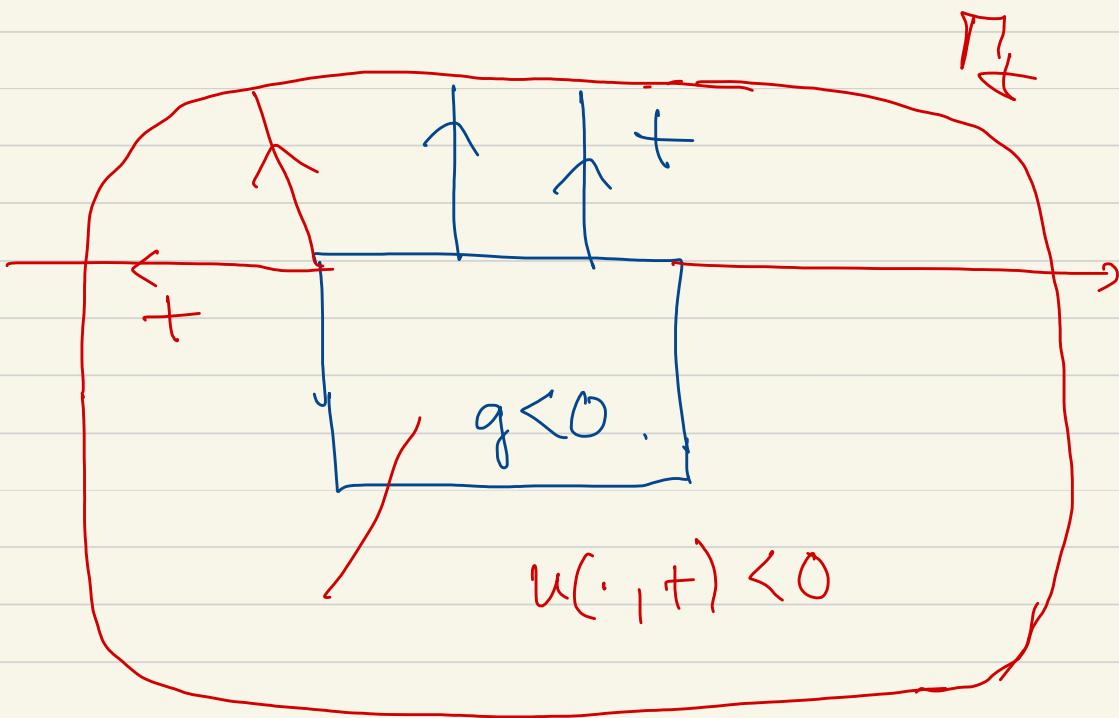


$$|\vec{n}| \leq 1.$$

$$T_f = 4 \text{ line segments} + 4$$

quarters of circle's radius +

i) Solutions (physical) pass  
singularities.



\ ii) viscosity solution is the one that select  
 the maximal behavior among all possible choices. u(x,t) > 0

Remark 1:  $H(x, t, p) = a(x, t) |p|$ ,

$$u(x, t) = \inf \left\{ g(y) : \begin{array}{l} \exists \eta : [0, t] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ \eta(0) = y, \quad \eta(t) = x, \\ |\dot{\eta}(s)| \leq a(\eta(s), s) \end{array} \right\}$$

Also works for  $H(x, t, p) = a(x, t) |p|$ , where  $a$  can change signs

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{|v| \leq 1} [a(x)p \cdot v] = \sup [a(x) \cdot p \cdot (-v)]$$

$$= \sup_{|v| \leq 1} (P(-a(x)v)),$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \overline{B_1}, b(x, v) = a(x) \cdot v, f = 0.$$

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Convexity of  $H$  gives further hidden properties.

Equation: static PDE with  $\lambda > 0$

$$(S) : \lambda u + H(x, Du) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Assumption  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H \in \text{BUC}(\mathbb{R}^n \times B(0, R)) \text{, } \forall R > 0, \\ \lim_{|P| \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} H(x, P) = +\infty, \end{array} \right.$

$p \rightarrow H(x, p)$  is convex.

Let's look at Lipschitz subsolution / supersolution to (S).

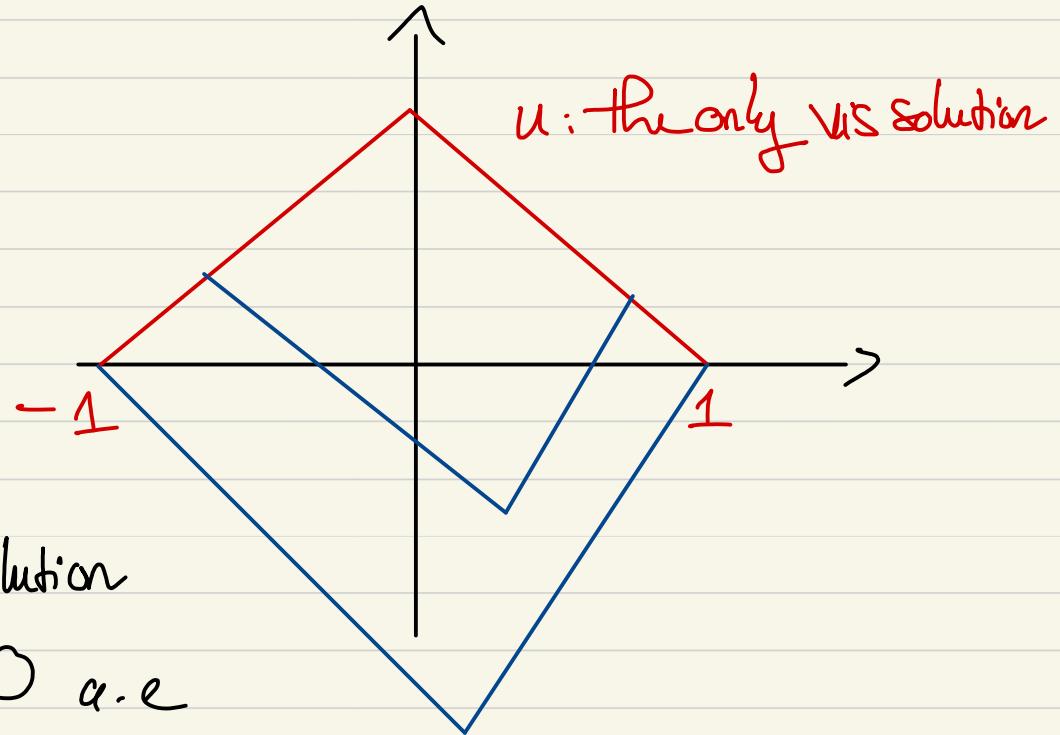
Results will explain much better about the Eikonal PDE

$$\begin{cases} |V'| = 1 & \text{in } (-1, 0) \\ V(\pm 1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1: TFAE.

(i)  $u \in$  Lipschitz is a viscosity solution to (S)

(ii)  $u \in$  Lipschitz is an a.e. subsolution to (S), i.e.  $\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du) \leq 0$  a.e

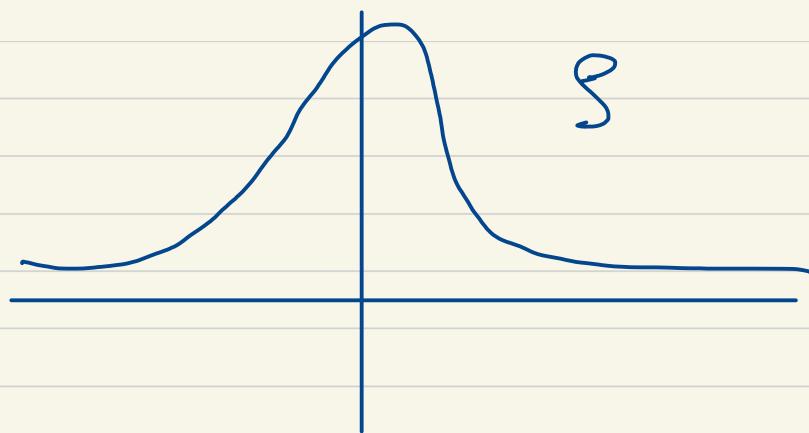


proof:  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  obvious. At  $x$  - a differentiable point of  $u$

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du) \leq 0.$$

$(ii) \Rightarrow i)$  :  $u \in \text{Lipschitz}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  solves  $\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du) \leq 0$  a.e.

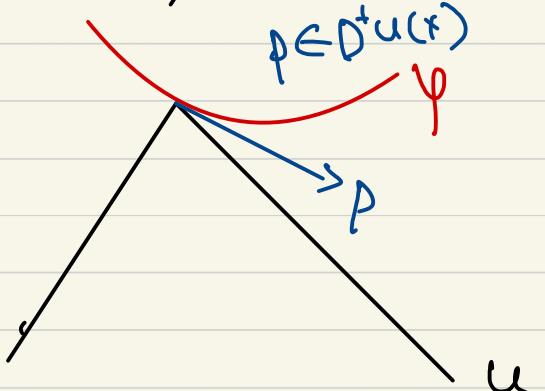
Smooth  $u$  up using standard mollifier.



$S \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, [0, \infty)), \text{Supp}(S) \subset B_1,$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} S dx = 1$$

$\varepsilon \in (0, 1), S^\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n} S\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right), \text{Supp}(S^\varepsilon) \subset B_\varepsilon$



Denote by:  $u^\varepsilon(x) = (\mathcal{S}^\varepsilon * u)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{S}^\varepsilon(x-y)u(y)dy.$

$$= \int_{B(0, \varepsilon)} \mathcal{S}^\varepsilon(x-y)u(y)dy$$

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du) \leq 0 \quad \text{a.e.}$$

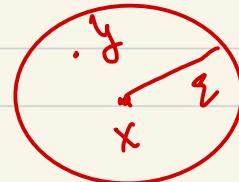
$$\int_{B(0, \varepsilon)} \mathcal{S}^\varepsilon(x-y) [\lambda u(y) + H(y, Du(y))] dy \leq 0$$

$$= \lambda u^\varepsilon(x) + \int_{B(x, \varepsilon)} \mathcal{S}^\varepsilon(x-y) H(y, Du(y)) dy \leq 0.$$

Nonlinear

Convexity  
Jensen's inequality

Replace  $y$  by  $x$



$$\lambda u^\varepsilon(x) + \int_{B(x, \varepsilon)} \underbrace{\xi^\varepsilon(x-y)}_{\approx} \left[ H(x, Du(y)) - w(|x-y|) \right] dy \leq 0$$

$$\lambda u^\varepsilon(x) + H\left(x, \int_{B(x, \varepsilon)} \xi^\varepsilon(x-y) Du(y) dy\right) \leq w(\varepsilon)$$

commutator  
error.

$u^\varepsilon$  smooth solving

$$\lambda u^\varepsilon(x) + H(x, Du^\varepsilon) \leq w(\varepsilon) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$u^\varepsilon \rightarrow u$  uniformly,  $w(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$  and

by stability of viscosity solution

$\lambda u + H(x, Du) \leq 0$  in the v.s. solution.

$$\begin{aligned} H(x, p_i) &\leq 0 \quad \forall i \\ c_i > 0, \sum c_i &= 1. \\ H(x, \sum c_i p_i) &\leq \\ \sum_i c_i H(x, p_i) &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Remark. ① The proof holds for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

② Convolution trick & commutator estimates: really important

Ex:  $u_t + b(x, t) \cdot Du - a_{ij}(x, t) u_{x_i x_j} = 0$  ( $\leq 0$ )

( $u$  might be smooth)

$$u^\varepsilon = g^\varepsilon * u$$

Want:  $u_t^\varepsilon + b(x, t) \cdot D u^\varepsilon - a_{ij}(x, t) u_{x_i x_j}^\varepsilon \leq ? ?$

Actually:  $u_t^\varepsilon + g^\varepsilon * (b \cdot Du) - g^\varepsilon (a_{ij} u_{x_i x_j}) = 0$

$$\text{Commutation Error} = \left| \int g^\varepsilon * (b \cdot Du) - b \cdot (g^\varepsilon * Du) \right|$$

$$+ \left| g^\varepsilon * (a_{ij} u_{x_i x_j}) - a_{ij} g^\varepsilon * u_{x_i x_j} \right|$$

Theorem 2: TFAE ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ )

- (i)  $u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a viscosity solution to (S)
- (ii)  $u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall p \in D\bar{u}(x),$   
 $\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du) = 0.$

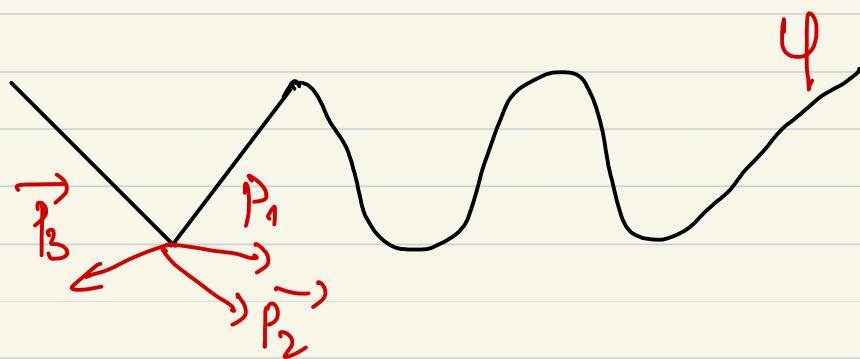
Note: We only need to worry about corners from below)

Proof: (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is clear.

$$\text{as } \lambda u(x) + H(x, Du(x)) = 0$$

a.e at diff points  $\Rightarrow u$  is a visc

subsolution and clearly (ii) gives  $u$  is a viscosity supersolution.



(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): AS  $u$  is a viscosity supersolution ( $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall p \in \bar{\partial} u(x)$ )

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, p) \geq 0$$

**Trick** (only for 1<sup>st</sup> order).

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, Du(x)) = 0 \text{ a.e. in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

$v = -u$

$$-\lambda v(x) + H(x, -Dv(x)) = 0 \text{ a.e. in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

let  $G(x, p) = -\lambda v(x) + H(x, -p)$ . Then  $G$  is convex in  $p$ .

$$G(x, Dv(x)) = 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

$\Rightarrow v$  is viscosity subsolution to this

$v$  is a viscosity subsolution to

$$G(x, Dv(x)) = 0$$



$$-p \in D^+ v(x)$$

$$G(x, -p) \leq 0$$

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$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, p) \leq 0$$

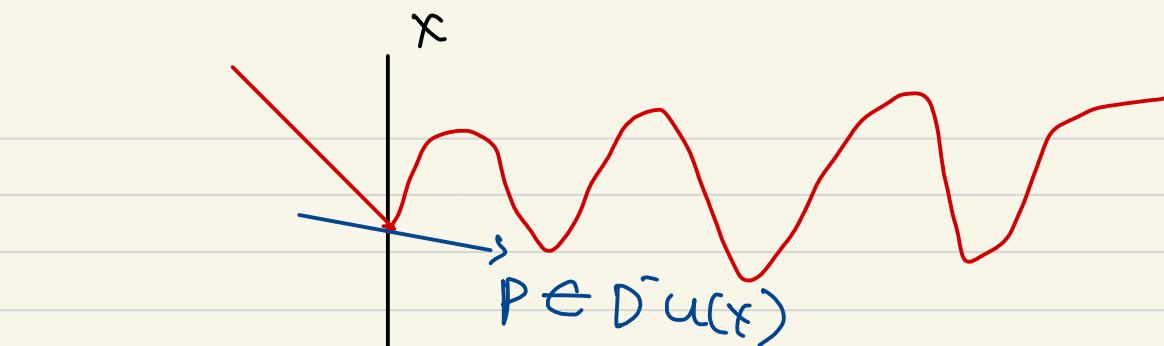
Combining two inequalities

$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, p) = 0$$

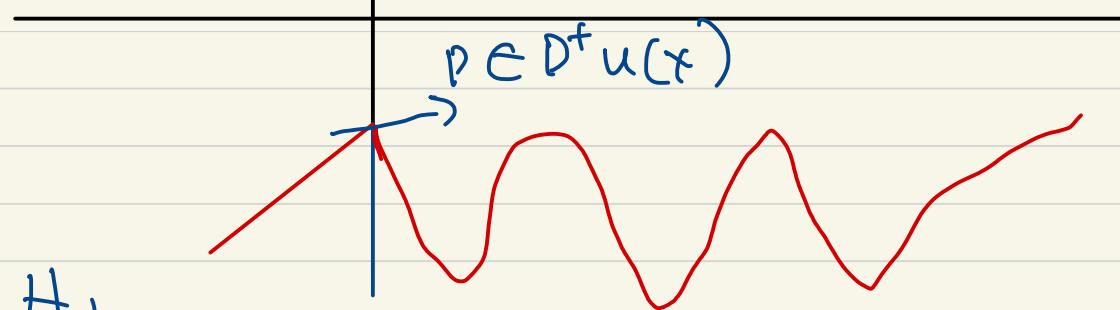
Remarks: Theorems belongs to

Brennan-Jensen . For convex  $H$ ,

for  $u$  to be a viscosity solution



$$p \in D^+ u(x)$$



satisfy PDE a.e

wrong only about corners  
from below.

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H = H(x, p) \in \text{BUC}(\mathbb{R}^n \times B(0, R)), \forall R > 0, \\ \lim_{|p| \rightarrow \infty} \inf_x H(x, p) = +\infty \\ p \mapsto H(x, p) \text{ convex.} \end{array} \right.$$

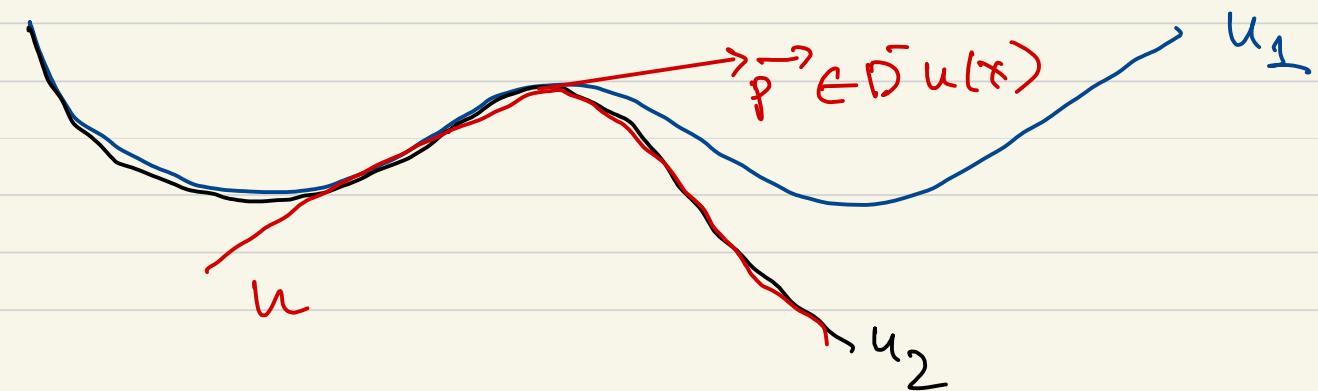
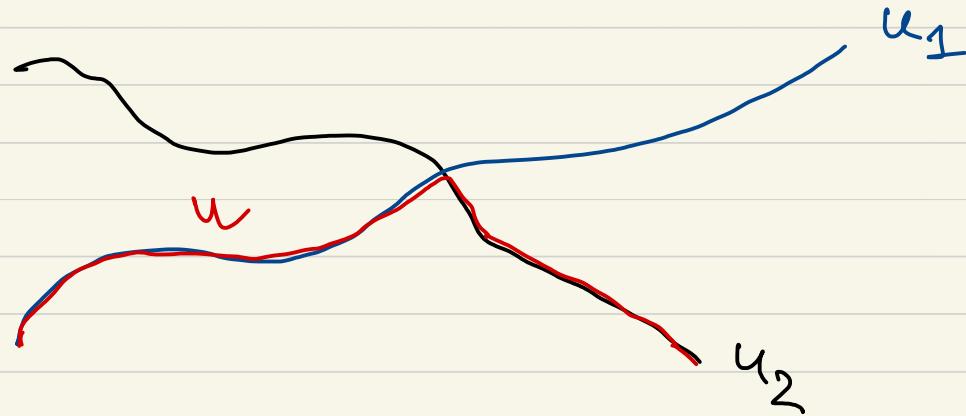
$$(S) \quad \lambda u(x) + H(x, Du) = 0$$

Theorem 1:  $u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a viscosity subsolution ( $\Leftrightarrow u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is an a.e. solution)

Theorem 2:  $u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a viscosity solution  $\Leftrightarrow u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall p \in \bar{\Delta}u(x), \lambda u(x) + H(x, p) = 0$

Theorem 3: If  $u_1, u_2$  are 2 Lipschitz solution to (S), then  
 $\min \{u_1, u_2\}$  is also a viscosity solution of (S).

Proof:



def  $u = \min \{u_1, u_2\}$ , then  $u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Take any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $p \in D^-u(x)$ . WLOG assume

$$u(x) = \min \{u_1, u_2\}(x) = u_1(x)$$

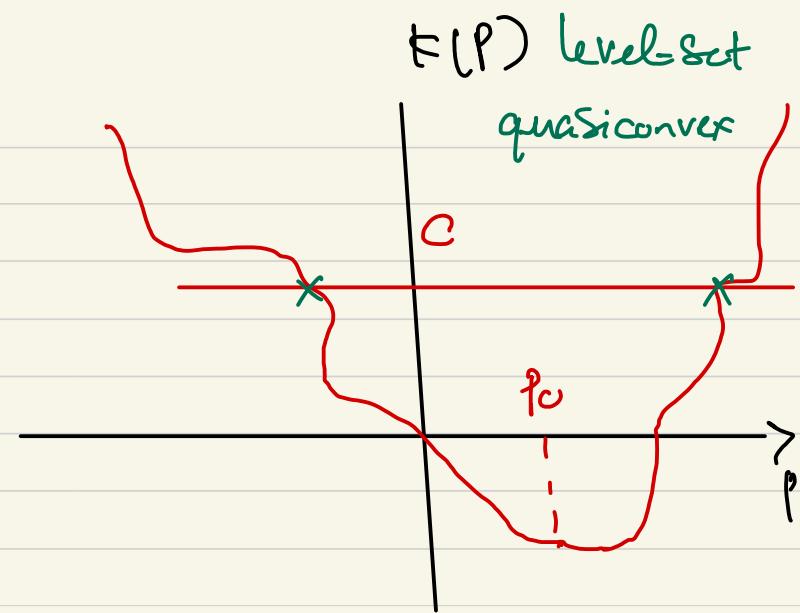
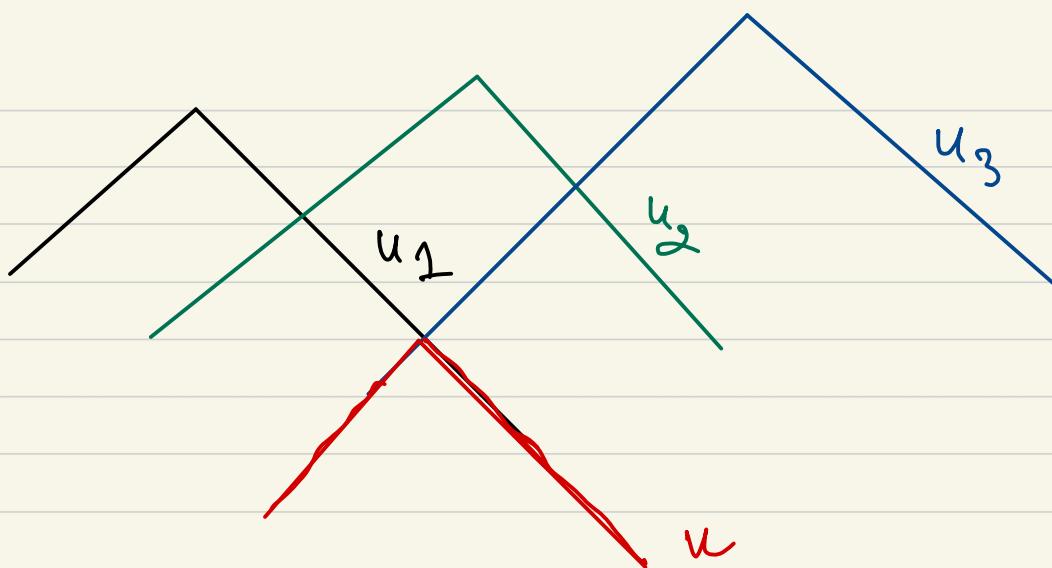
$$p \in D^-u(x) \Rightarrow p \in D^-u_1(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda u_1(x) + H(x, p) = 0$$

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$$\lambda u(x) + H(x, p) = 0$$

Cor: If  $\{u_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{I}}$  is a family of Lipschitz viscosity solution to (S) and  $u = \inf_i u_i \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then  $u$  is also a viscosity solution to (S)



In fact, Theorem 1 - 3 also hold for level-set quasiconvex Hamiltonians.

Def:  $p \rightarrow H(x, p)$  is level-set quasiconvex if, for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  fixed,  $\{p : H(x, p) \leq s\}$  is convex for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

A crucial tool we used for convex  $H$  is the Jensen inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^K c_i H(x, p_i) \geq H\left(x, \sum_{i=1}^K c_i p_i\right) \quad c_i > 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^K c_i = 1$$

$p_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If  $\int g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n, [0, \infty))$ ,  $\int g dx = 1$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} H\left(x, p(y)g(y)\right) dy \geq H\left(x, \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(y)g(y) dy\right)$$

An Analog of the above holds:

$$\max_{i=1, K} H(x, p_i) \geq H\left(x, \sum_{i=1}^K c_i p_i\right)$$

Let's say  $H(x, p_i) \leq c$

$p_i \in \{p_i : H(x, p) \leq c\}$

convex

$\sum c_i p_i$

$$\sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} H(x, p(y)) \geq H\left(x, \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(y) S(y) dy\right)$$

Hopf - Lax & optimal control formula revisited

$$\text{Hopf - Lax formula} \quad \begin{cases} u_t + H(Du) = 0, \quad \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) \quad \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

$$H: \text{convex}: u(x, t) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left[ \underbrace{t h\left(\frac{y-x}{t}\right)}_{\text{Running cost}} + \underbrace{g(y)}_{\text{terminal cost.}} \right]$$

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left[ + \sup_p \left( p \cdot \frac{x-y}{t} - H(p) + g(y) \right) \right]$$

$$= \inf_y \sup_p \left[ p \cdot (x-y) - tH(p) + g(y) \right]$$

$\phi^{y,p}$

Let  $\phi^{y,p}(x, t) = p \cdot (x-y) - tH(p) + g(y)$ . is an affine function in  $(x, t)$

$$\phi_t^{y,p}(x, t) = -H(p), \quad D\phi^{y,p} = p \Rightarrow \phi_t^{y,p} + H(D\phi^{y,p}) = 0$$

Family of affine (separable) solutions  $\{\phi^{y,p}\}$  to our H-S PDE

Why not trying to find envelopes of these special solutions.

①  $\inf_y \sup_P \phi^{y,P} \longrightarrow$  Hopf-Lax formula (convex + case)

②  $\sup_P \inf_y \phi^{y,P} \longrightarrow$  Hopf formula (if  $g$  is convex)  
chapter 3

Bardi - Evans

Back to Hopf-Lax formula

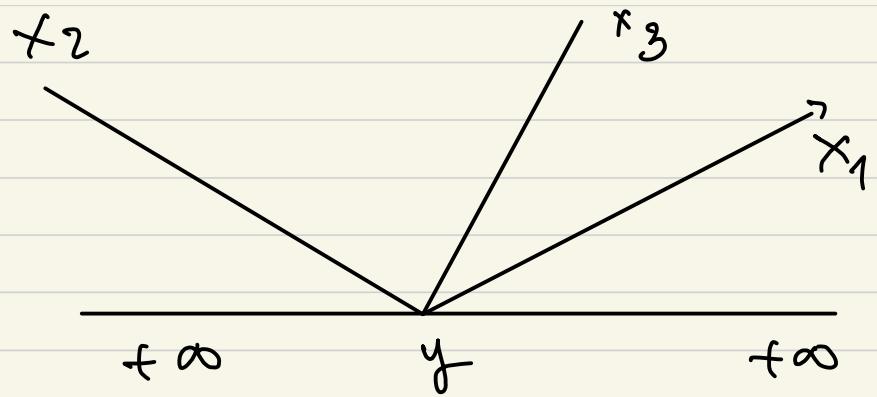
$$u(x,t) = \inf_y \sup_P \phi^{y,P}$$

$$\phi^{y,P}(x,t) = p \cdot (x-y) - tH(P) + g(y)$$

Initial data:  $\phi^{y,p}(x,0) = p \cdot (x-y) + g(y) \rightarrow \phi^{y,p}(y,0) = g(y)$

Let  $\phi^y(x,t) = \sup_p \phi^{y,p}(x,t) = \underbrace{t L\left(\frac{x-y}{t}\right)}_{\sim} + g(y)$

What is  $\phi^y(x,0) = \sup_p (p \cdot (x-y) + g(y)) = \begin{cases} g(y) & \text{if } x=y \\ +\infty & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$



We say that  $\phi^y(x,t)$  is a fundamental solution to our H-J PDE.

Def:  $\Phi^y(x,t) = t L\left(\frac{x-y}{t}\right)$  is a fundamental solution to H-J PDE

$$\Phi^y(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y \\ +\infty & \text{if } x \neq y. \end{cases}$$

Then, the Hopf-Lax formula reads

$$u(x, t) = \inf_y [\Phi^y(x, t) + g(y)]$$

(inf-convolution as opposed to usual convolution for heat kernel)

$$(\text{heat PDE : } u(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi^y(x, t) g(y) dy)$$

$$u(x, t) = \inf_y [\Phi^y(x, t) + g(y)]$$

(inf-convolution as opposed to usual convolution for heat

Kernel )

16/23/2023. Recap: Interpretation of Hopf-Lax & optimal control.

Hopf-Lax formula.

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} [g(y) + t \underline{\Phi}^y \left( \frac{x-y}{t} \right)]$$

$\underline{\Phi}^y(x, t)$

Here,  $\underline{\Phi}^y(x, t)$  is a fundamental solution to HJ equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \underline{\Phi}^y}{\partial t} + H(D\underline{\Phi}^y) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ \underline{\Phi}^y(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = y \\ +\infty, & x \neq y \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Note,  $\underline{\Phi}^y(x, t) = \underline{\Phi}^0(x - y, t)$

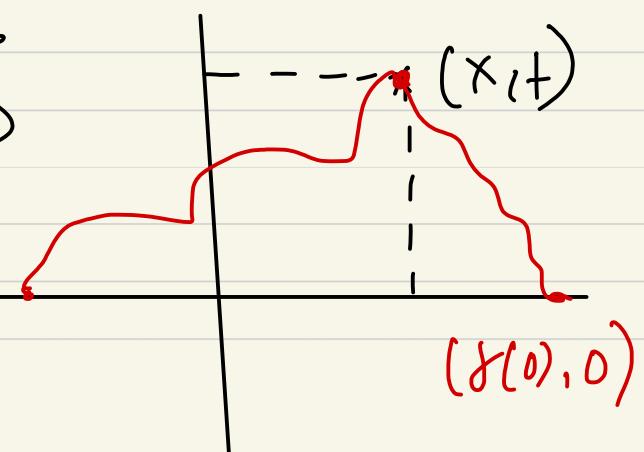
From the fundamental solution, to find a general solution, perform  
inf convolution

(Key properties for convex/quasiconvex Hamiltonians: inf of a family  
of solution is a solution).

More general solution:  $\begin{cases} u_t + H(x, Du) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases}$

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{\gamma(t) = x} \left\{ g(\gamma(0)) + \int_0^t L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) ds \right\}$$

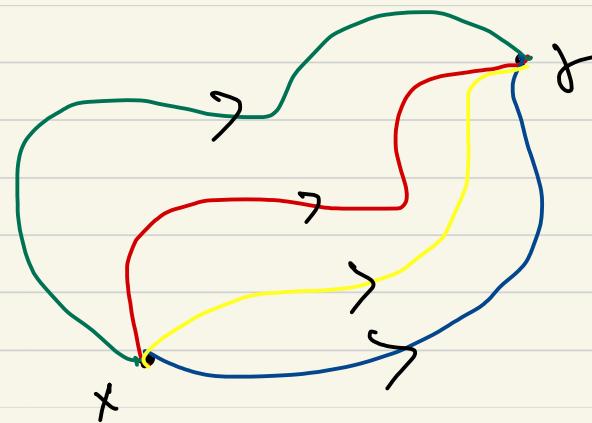
$$= \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \inf_{\begin{array}{l} \gamma(t) = x \\ \gamma(0) = y \end{array}} \left\{ g(y) + \int_0^t L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) ds \right\}$$



$$= \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ g(y) + \inf_{\substack{H(0)=y \\ \gamma(t)=x}} \int_0^t L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) ds \right\}$$

$\Phi^y(x, t)$ : fundamental soln to  
our HJ

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t^y + H(x, \partial^y) = 0 \\ \Phi^y(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0, & x=y \\ +\infty, & x \neq y \end{cases} \end{cases}$$



$\mathbb{R}^n$  (spatial only)

Interpretation for  $\Phi^y(x, t) = \inf\{f_t(x, y)\}$ : minimum cost going from  $x$  to  $y$  in time  $t$ .

Metric problems. — Maximal subsolutions.

Assumption  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H = H(x, p) \in \text{BUC}(\mathbb{R}^n \times B(0, R)) \quad \forall R > 0 \\ \lim_{|p| \rightarrow \infty} \inf_x H(x, p) = +\infty \\ p \rightarrow H(x, p) \text{ is convex} \end{array} \right.$

Fix the origin, let's look at the PDE.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H(x, Du) \leq \mu \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \\ u(0) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} (\text{consider}) \\ \mu \geq \mu_* \end{array}$$

Hence,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  is given real number. Let

$$\mu_* = \inf \left\{ c \in \mathbb{R} : \exists \text{ a subsolution to } \star \text{ with } c = \mu \right\}$$

Ex 1:  $H(x, p) = |p|$  becomes

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |Du| \leq \mu \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \\ u(0) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

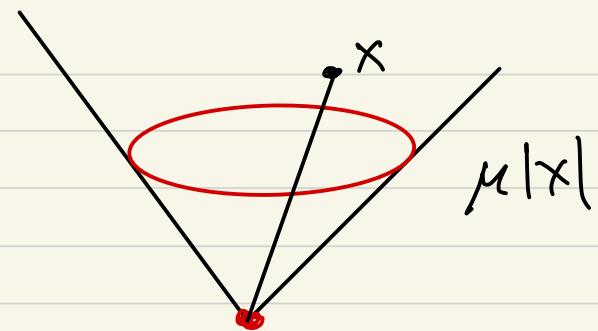
$$\mu_* = 0$$

If  $\mu = \mu_* = 0$ :  $u \equiv 0$  is the only possible solution to  $(\star)$

If  $\mu > 0$ :  $u \equiv 0$  is a solution to  $(\star)$ ,  $u(x) = \mu|x|$ .

$$Du(x) = \mu \frac{x}{|x|}, x \neq 0$$

$|Du(x)| = \mu$  classically in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ .



Cone-like structure

↑ many solutions.

Ex 2:  $H(x, p) = a(x) |p|$  with  $a \in C(\mathbb{R}^n, [0, \infty))$ .

Definition [Maximal subsolutions].

For  $\mu > \mu_*$ , define

$$m_\mu(x) = \sup \left\{ u(x) : u \text{ is a viscosity subsolution to } \star \right\}$$

Theorem 1: In fact,  $m_\mu$  is a viscosity solution to  $\star$ , meaning that,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H(x, Dm_\mu(x)) = \mu \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}, \\ m_\mu(0) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Automatically,  $m_\mu$  is also the maximal vis sln to  $\star$ .

proof: Def of  $m_\mu$  reminds as of the Perron method. But the Perron method required:

$$w(x) = \sup \left\{ u(x) : u \text{ is a vis subsolution to } \star \text{ & } u \leq \varphi(x), \text{ where } \varphi \text{ is a supersolution to } \star \right\}$$

Missing:  $\varphi$ !

As  $H$  is coercive in  $P$ ,  $\exists C_\mu > 0$

such that

$$H(x, p) \leq \mu \Rightarrow |p| \leq C_\mu$$

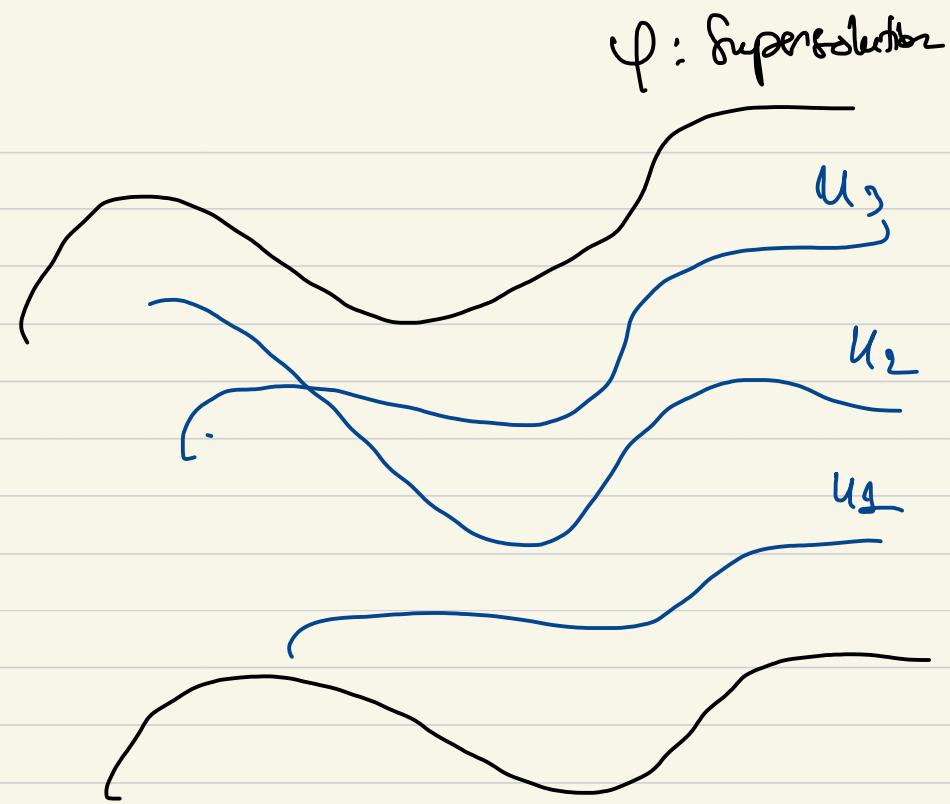
$\forall u$  subsolution to  $\star$

$$\Rightarrow |Du| \leq C_\mu \Rightarrow u(x) \leq C_\mu|x|.$$

$$\Rightarrow m_\mu(x) \leq C_\mu|x|, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Pick  $k_\mu > C_\mu$  such that

$$H(x, k_\mu e) > \mu, \forall |e|=1.$$



$\psi$ : Subsolution

Then  $\mu(x) = K\mu|x|$  is a supersolution to  $\star$  in the classical sense

$$\left( D\varphi(x) = K\mu \frac{x}{|x|} \quad |x| \neq 0 \right)$$

$$m_\mu(x) = \sup \left\{ u(x) : u \text{ is a vis subsolution to } \star, \begin{array}{l} u \leq \varphi(x) = K\mu|x| \\ u = w(x) \end{array} \right\}$$

by the Perron method,  $m_\mu$  is the maximal vis sln to  $\star$ .

back to Ex 1: For  $\mu > 0$ , it's clear

$$m_\mu(x) = \mu|x|, \forall x$$

Note, however that for  $\mu > 0$ ,  $m_\mu$  is **NOT** a vis sln to

$$H(x, Dm_\mu(x)) = |Dm_\mu(x)| = \mu \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

If fails the supersolution test at  $x=0$ .

AS  $0 \in \bar{D}m_\mu(0)$  but  $|0| - \mu = -\mu \neq 0$ .

Cor:: Another interesting interpretation of  $m_\mu$  is vertex is  $0$ ,

$$m_\mu(x) = \sup \left\{ \underbrace{v(x) - v(0)}_{u(x)} : v \text{ is a viscosity sub solution to } H(x, Du(x)) \leq \mu \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \right\}$$

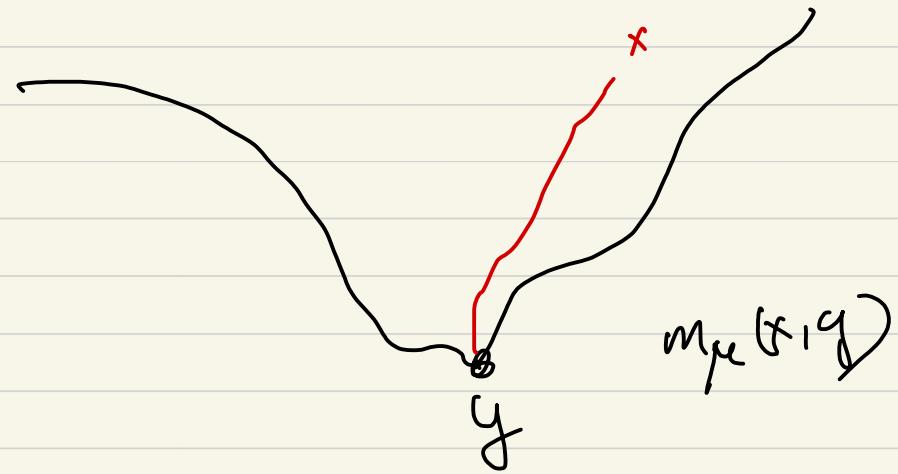
Move the vertices around. For a given vertex  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

Write

$$m_\mu(x, y) = \sup \left\{ v(x) - v(y) : \begin{array}{l} v \text{ is a viscosity sub-solution} \\ \text{to } H(x, Dv(x)) \leq \mu \end{array} \right\}$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

↓  
 Variable  
 ↓  
 Vertex



Main properties:  $\mu > M_+$

(i) (Triangle inequality)

$$m_\mu(x, y) + m_\mu(y, z) \geq m_\mu(x, z)$$

ii)  $m_\mu(x,y)$  respects exactly a 'Riemann' type distance

$$m_\mu(x,y) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^t (L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) - \mu) ds : \gamma(0) = x \right.$$

where  $t > 0$  is  
any possible

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- } Today, finish Chapter 2.
- } Next 1-2 lectures: Section 6.1 . New representation formula
- } Afterward. Second-order PDE :  $\lambda u + H(x, Du, D^2 u) = 0$ .
- Quickly recap :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H(x, p) \in \text{BUC } (\mathbb{R}^n \times B_R), \forall R > 0 \\ p \rightarrow H(x, p) \text{ is convex.} \\ \lim_{|p| \rightarrow \infty} (\inf_x H(x, p)) = +\infty. \end{array} \right.$$

lowest threshold:  $\mu_* = \inf \{ \mu \in \mathbb{R} : \exists \text{ an a.e. subsolution } u \text{ to} \}$

$$H(x, Du) \leq \mu \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

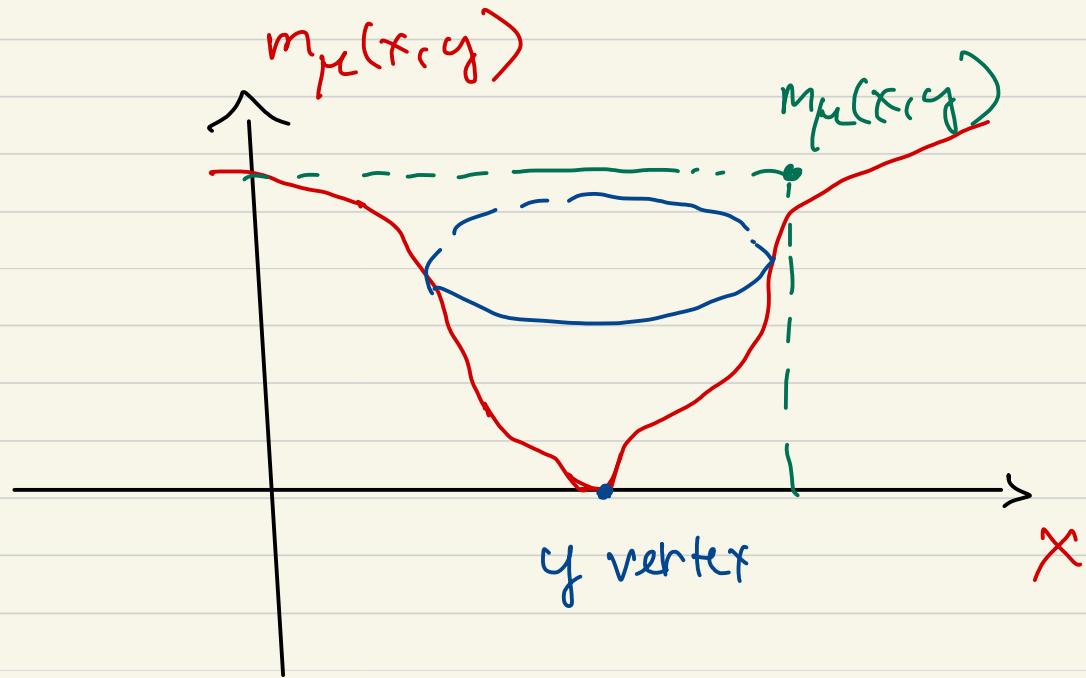
Remark: This is the same as asking for  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H(x, Du) \leq \mu \\ \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \\ u(0) = 0 \end{array} \right.$

for  $\mu \geq \mu_*$ , define

$$m_\mu(x, y) = \sup_{\substack{\text{variable} \\ \text{vertex}}} \{ u(x) - u(y) : \text{if } u \text{ a.e. subsolution to } H(x, Du) \leq \mu \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \}$$

Theorem:  $x \mapsto m_\mu(x, y)$  is THE maximal vis solution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H(x, Dm_\mu(x, y)) = \mu \text{ in } (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}), \\ m_\mu(y, y) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$



Lemma 1:  $m_\mu$  enjoys the triangle inequality

$$m_\mu(x, y) + m_\mu(y, z) \geq m_\mu(x, z)$$

Proof: Fix  $y, z$ . Think of  $x$  as a variable.

$$\Rightarrow m_\mu(x, y) \geq m_\mu(x, z) - m_\mu(y, z)$$

$\underbrace{\phantom{m_\mu(x, z) - m_\mu(y, z)}}_{:= w(x)}$

Then,  $w(y) = m_\mu(y, z) - m_\mu(y, z) = 0$

For a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Dw(x) = Dm_\mu(x, z)$ , and hence,

$$H(x, Dw(x)) = H(x, Dm_\mu(x, z)) \leq \mu.$$

By definition  $m_\mu(x, y) : m_\mu(x, y) \geq w(x) - w(y) = w(x - y)$

Theorem 2: Assume  $H$  is superlinear, i.e.,  $\lim_{|P| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(x(P))}{|P|} = +\infty$

Then we have the following rep formula

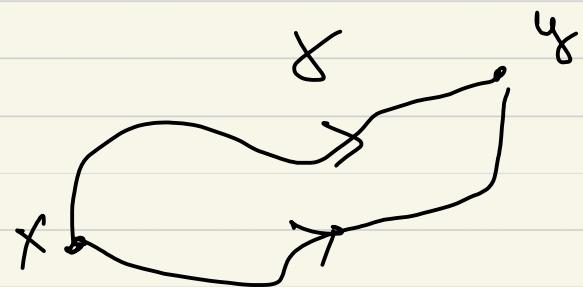
$$m_{\mu}(x, y) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^t \left( L(r(s), \dot{r}(s)) + \mu \right) ds : \begin{array}{l} r(0) = y \\ r(t) = x \end{array} \right\}$$

for any possible  $t > 0$ .

Difference:

① If discount term:  $\lambda u + H(x, Du) = 0$

$$u(x) = \inf_{\gamma(0)=x} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} L(r(s), -\dot{r}(s)) ds.$$



② If finite horizon

$$u_T + H(T, Du) = 0$$

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{\gamma(t) = x} \left\{ \int_0^t L(r, \dot{\gamma}) ds + g(\gamma(0)) \right\}.$$

Proof: For simplicity, let  $g=0$ , write  $m_\mu(x, 0) = m_\mu(x)$

VTS:  $m_\mu(x) = w(x) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^t [L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s) + \mu)] ds : \right. \left. \gamma(0) = 0, \gamma(t) = x \right\}$

① Show  $m_\mu(x) \leq w(x)$

Recall:  $H(x, Dm_\mu(x)) \leq \mu$  a.e in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$g$ : standard convolution kernel,  $\tilde{g}^\xi = \frac{1}{\xi^n} g\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right)$ ,  $0 < \xi < 1$ .

Denote by  $u^\xi(x) = (\tilde{g}^\xi * m_\mu)(x)$

Then  $H(x, Du^\varepsilon(x)) \leq \mu + w(\varepsilon)$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

For any  $C^1$  curve  $\gamma$  such that  $\gamma(0) = 0$ ,  $\gamma(t) = x$ .

Recall

$$H(x, p) + L(x, v) \geq p \cdot v.$$

$$\int_0^t (L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) + \mu) ds \geq \int_0^t (L(\gamma(s), \dot{\gamma}(s)) + H(\gamma(s), Du^\varepsilon(\gamma(s))) - tw(\varepsilon)) ds$$

$$\geq \int_0^t Du^\varepsilon(\gamma(s)) \cdot \dot{\gamma}(s) ds - tw(\varepsilon).$$

$$= \int_0^t \frac{d}{ds} (u^\varepsilon(\gamma(s))) ds - tw(s) = u^\varepsilon(\gamma(t)) - u^\varepsilon(\gamma(0)) - tw(\varepsilon)$$

$$= u^\varepsilon(x) - u^\varepsilon(0) + w(\varepsilon)$$

$$\text{let } \varepsilon > 0 : \int_0^t (L(x, \dot{x}) + \mu) ds \geq \underbrace{m_\mu(x) - m_\mu(0)}_{= m_\mu(x)} = 0$$

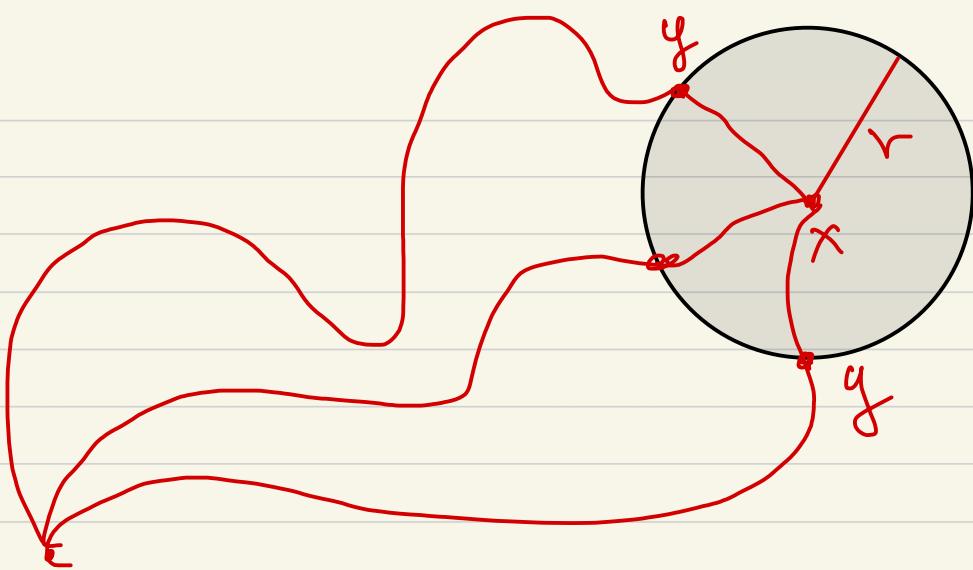
inf over all such possible curves

$$w(x) \geq m_\mu(x)$$

② Show  $w$  is a subsolution to  $H(x, \nabla w) \leq \mu$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{Note: } 0 = m_\mu(0) \geq w(0) \leq 0 \Rightarrow w(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w(x) \leq m_\mu(x).$$



For  $x \neq 0$ , pick

$$r \in (0, \frac{|x|}{2})$$

DPP:  $m_\mu(x) = \inf \left\{ m_\mu(y) + \int_0^t (L(r, s) + \mu) ds : \right.$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \gamma(0) = y \in 2B(x, r) \\ \gamma(t) = x \end{array} \right\}$

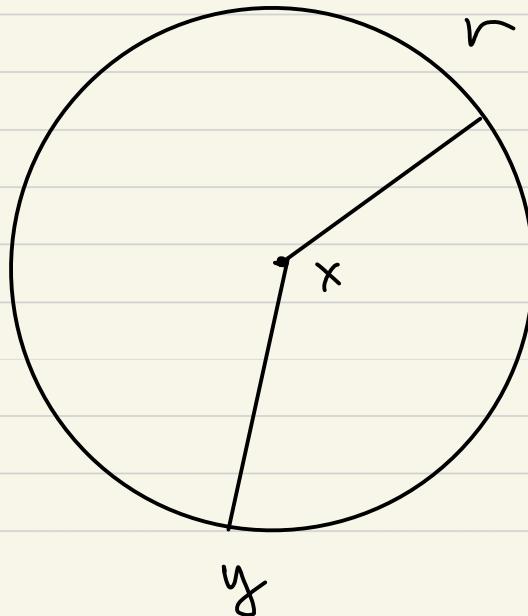
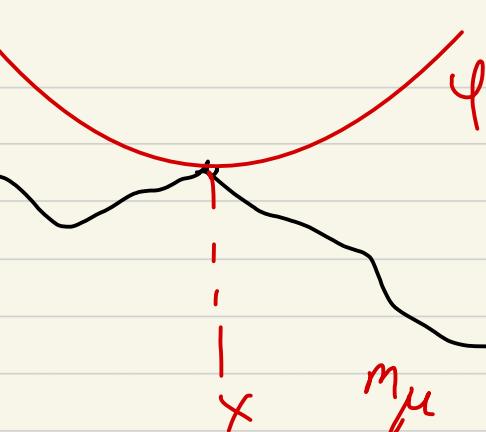
$\forall y \in \partial B(x, r), \gamma(0) = y, \gamma(t) = x$

$$m_\mu(x) \leq m_\mu(y) + \int_0^t (L(\gamma, \dot{\gamma}) + \mu) ds$$

$$\Psi(t) \leq \Phi(y) + \int_0^t (L(\gamma, \dot{\gamma}) + \mu) ds.$$

Denote by

$$\gamma_e(s) = \underbrace{(x - te)}_y + se, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t.$$



$$\Psi(\gamma_e(t)) \leq \Psi(\gamma_e(0)) + \int_0^t (L(x - te + se, e) + \mu) ds$$

$$\frac{\Psi(\gamma_e(t)) - \Psi(\gamma_e(0))}{t} \leq \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (L(x - te + se, e) + \mu) ds$$

Let  $t \rightarrow 0^+$

$$D\Psi(\gamma_e(0)) \cdot \dot{\gamma}_e(0) \leq L(x, e) + \mu$$

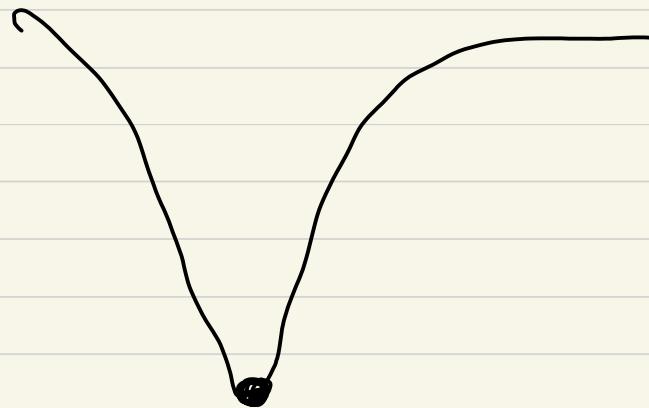
$$\Rightarrow D\Psi(x) \cdot e - L(x, e) \leq \mu, \forall e \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$$

$$\sup_e (D\Psi(x) \cdot e - L(x, e)) = H(x, D\Psi(x)) \leq \mu.$$

Remark: ①  $m_\mu(x, 0)$  is cone-like and representation

a "metric" distance from  $0 \rightarrow X$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} H(X, Dm_\mu(x, 0)) = \mu \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \\ m_\mu(0, 0) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$



study "large time average"

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{K} m_\mu(Kx, 0) = ??$$

nicer metric?

②  $m_\mu(x, 0)$ : comes from large deviation theory by Varadhan.

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New representation formulas & applications,  $\lambda > 0$ .

$$(S) \quad \lambda u + H(x, Du) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Assumptions:  $H(x+k, p) = H(x, p)$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \hookrightarrow H$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -periodic  
in  $x$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H \in C(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}) \\ \lim_{|p| \rightarrow \infty} \left( \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} H(x, p) \right) = +\infty, \end{array} \right.$$

$p \rightarrow H(x, p)$  is convex

$T^n = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathbb{Z}^n$ : flat  $n$ -dimensional torus



$$Y = [0, 1]^n.$$

$$\text{Simplifications: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \|h(\cdot, 0)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ \|Du\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \quad \text{b/c of coercive of } h \text{ in } P. \end{array} \right.$$

① Claim:  $u$  is also  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -periodic ( $\rightarrow u \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{T}^n)$ ).

$v(x) = u(x+k)$  for  $k$  fixed in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , is also a  $v$  is solution to (S).

By uniqueness,  $u(x) = v(x) = u(x+k) \Rightarrow u$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -periodic.

②  $\|Du\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \Rightarrow$  the values of  $h(x, p)$  for  $|p| > C+1$  don't play any role in our PDE, we're free to modify  $h$  in a manner that we want.

Let  $h_0 = \min_{(x, p)} H(x, p)$ , and  $h_1 > h_0$  such that

$$H(x, p) \leq h_1 \text{ for } (x, p) \in \mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}(0, c+1)$$

Denote by

$$H_0(p) = h_0 + (h_1 - h_0)(|p| - c) \text{ convex cone}$$

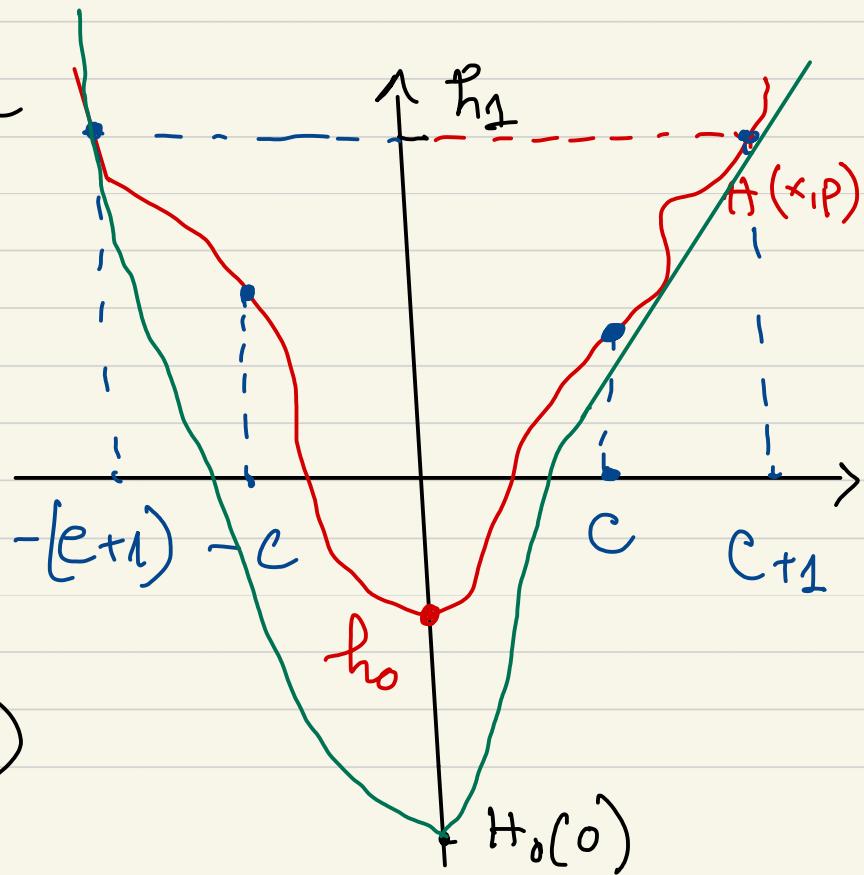
$$H_0(p) = h_0 + (h_1 - h_0)(-c) < h_0$$

And for  $|p| \leq c$

$$H_0(p) \leq h_0 \leq H(x, p)$$

For  $|p| = c+1$ .

$$H_0(p) = h_0 + h_1 - h_0 = h_1 > H(x, p)$$



$$\text{Denote } \tilde{H}(x, p) = \begin{cases} \max\{H(x, p), H_0(p)\}, & (x, p) \in \mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}(0, c) \\ H_0(p) & (x, p) \in \mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}(0, c)^c. \end{cases}$$

$\tilde{H}(x, p)$  is convex in  $p$ , agrees with  $H(x, p)$  for  $(x, p) \in \mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}(0, c)$ .  
 Thus, (S) with

$$(S'): x \tilde{u} + \tilde{H}(x, D\tilde{u}) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n$$

will yield  $\tilde{u} = u$ . We then just need to deal with

let  $\tilde{h} = h_1 - h_0 > 0$  then we have

$$\tilde{H}(x, p) = H_0(p) + \tilde{h}|p| \text{ for } (x, p) \in \mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}(0, c+1).$$

Then  $\tilde{L}(x, v) = \sup_p [p \cdot v - \tilde{H}(x, p)] = +\infty$  if  $|v| > h$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{H}(x, p) = \sup_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n} [p \cdot v - \tilde{L}(x, v)] = \sup_{|v| \leq h} [p \cdot v - \tilde{L}(x, v)]$$

By the abuse of notation, denote  $H = \tilde{H}$

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{|v| \leq h} [p \cdot v - L(x, v)]$$

$\mathbb{T}^n, \bar{B}_h$   
compact

II). Formulation of our new viewpoint [duality framework]

$\forall \phi \in C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_h)$ , define

$\hookrightarrow$  optimal transport

$$H_\phi(x, p) = \sup_{|v| \leq h} [p \cdot v - \phi(x, v)]$$

Define  $\mathcal{F}_\lambda = \left\{ (\phi, u) \in C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R) \times C(\mathbb{T}^n) : u \text{ is a Lipschitz solution to } \lambda u + H_\phi(x, Du) \leq 0, \text{ in } \mathbb{T}^n \right\}$

Ex:  $(0, 0) \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda$  as  $\phi \equiv 0$ ,  $H_\phi(x, p) = h|p|$   
 $\Rightarrow 0$  is subsolution  $(h, u) \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda$

Lemma 1:  $\mathcal{F}_\lambda \subset C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R) \times C(\mathbb{T}^n)$  is a CONVEX set.

Define: (Evaluation cone). For  $z \in \mathbb{T}^n$  fixed,

$$g_{z,\lambda} = \left\{ \phi(\cdot, \cdot) - \lambda u(z) : (\phi, u) \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda \right\}$$

Lemma 2:  $g_{z,\lambda} \subset C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R)$  is a convex Cone.

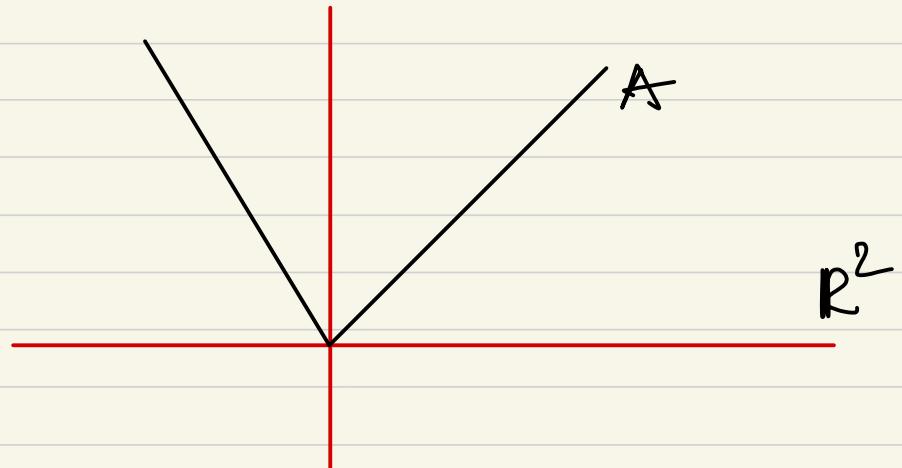
$C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R)$  dual space  $\xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R) : \text{Space of Radon}$   
 measures on  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R$

$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R) : \text{Space of probability}$   
 Radon measures on  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R$

Define { convex dual cone of  $G_{z,x}$  }

$$G_{z,x}^+ = \{ \mu \in \mathcal{R} : \langle \mu, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R} f(x, r) d\mu(x, r) \geq 0, \text{ for all } f \in G_{z,x} \}$$

for all  $f \in G_{z,x}$



Theorem:  $z \in \mathbb{T}^n$

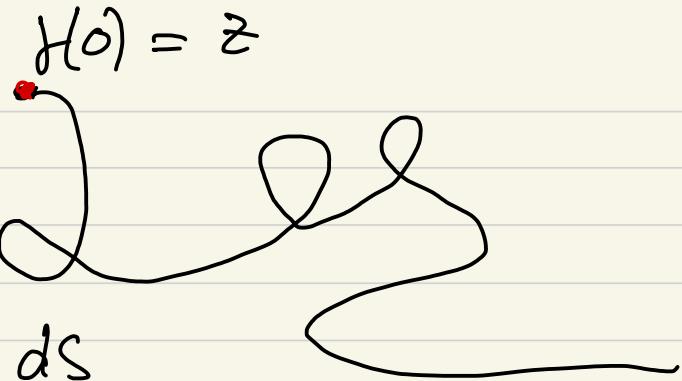
$$\lambda u(z) = \inf_{\mu \in \mathcal{P} \cap G_{z,\lambda}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R} L(x,v) d\mu(x,v)$$

$$= \min_{\mu \in \mathcal{P} \cap G_{z,\lambda}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R} L(x,v) d\mu(x,v)$$

Remark: Earlier, hungarian formulations

gives

$$u(z) = \inf_{\gamma(0)=z} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} L(\gamma(s), -\dot{\gamma}(s)) ds$$



Relaxation Idea: Curves being replaced by measures

$$\lambda u(z) = \inf_{\gamma(0)=z} \int_0^\infty (\lambda e^{-\lambda s}) L(\cdot, \cdot) ds.$$

$$\left( \lambda \frac{u_1 + u_2}{2} + \sup_{\|N\| \leq 1} \left( D u \cdot N - \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2}{2} \right) \leq 0 \right)$$

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$$(S) \quad \lambda v^x + H(x, Dv^x) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad (\lambda > 0)$$

Lagrangian formulation:

$$v^\lambda(x) = \inf_{\gamma(0)=x} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \cdot L(\gamma(s), -\dot{\gamma}(s)) ds$$

New rep. formulation: Under assumption that  $H$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ -periodic in  $x$ , convex & concave in  $p$ , we can do some simplification & assume

$$H(x, p) = \sup_{|v| \leq h} (p \cdot v - \underbrace{L(x, v)}_{\text{cost function}}) \quad (\text{compact control setting})$$

Defn:  $\phi \in C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R)$ , define  $H_\phi(x, p) = \sup_{|v| \leq h} (p \cdot v - \phi(x, v))$

Note  $H = H_L$  then

Convex cones:  $\mathcal{F}_x = \left\{ (\phi, u) : \lambda u + H_\phi(x, Du) \leq 0 \text{ a.e. in } \mathbb{T}^n \right\}$

(Evaluation cone)  $G_{z,\lambda} = \left\{ \phi - \lambda u(z) : (\phi, u) \in \mathcal{F}_x \right\} \subset C(C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R))$

Lemma 1:

$\mathcal{F}_x \subset C(C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R)) \times C(\mathbb{T}^n)$  convex.

Lemma 2:  $G_{z,\lambda} \subset C(C(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R))$  is a convex cone  $\longleftrightarrow G_{z,\lambda}' \subset \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R)$

Theorem:  $\lambda v^\lambda(z) = \inf_{u \in G_{z,\lambda}' \cap P} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R} L(x, v) d\mu(x, v)$

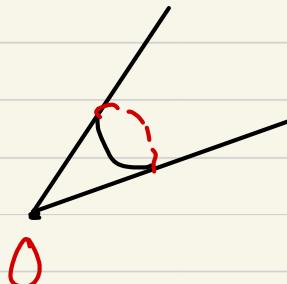
$$= \min_{u \in G_{z,\lambda}' \cap P} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R} L(x, v) d\mu(x, v)$$

Relaxation idea. curves  $(\lambda e^{-\int_0^s ds})$

$$\bigcap_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} G_{z,\lambda}$$

Sketch of proof of Lemma 2

For  $s > 0$ ,  $(\phi, u) \in F_\lambda$



$\nexists C, \forall s > 0$ .

$$\lambda u + \sup_{|v| \leq h} (v \cdot Du - \phi(x, v)) \leq 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda u + \sup_{|v| \leq h} (v \cdot D(\lambda u) - \lambda \phi(x, v)) \leq 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda \phi, \lambda u) \in F_\lambda \Rightarrow$  both  $F_\lambda \cap G_{z,\lambda}$  are convex cones.

proof of theorem:

$$\lambda v^\lambda + H(x, Dv^\lambda) < 0 \quad (H = H_L)$$

$$\Rightarrow (L, v^\lambda) \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda \Rightarrow L - \lambda v^\lambda(z) \in G_{z, \lambda}.$$

$$\forall \mu \in G_{z, \lambda}^I \cap P : \langle \mu, L - \lambda v^\lambda(z) \rangle = \int_{T^n \times \bar{B}_R} (L - \lambda v^\lambda(z)) d\mu > 0$$

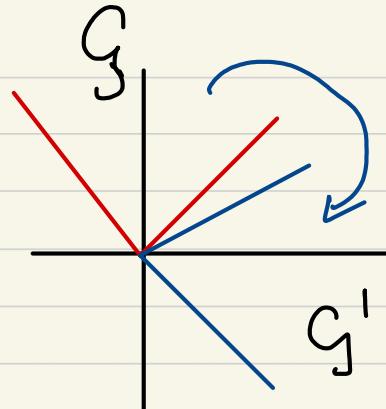
$$\Leftrightarrow \int_{T^n \times \bar{B}_R} L d\mu \geq \int_{T^n \times \bar{B}_R} \lambda v^\lambda(z) d\mu \Rightarrow v^\lambda(z).$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda v^\lambda(z) \leq \min_{\mu \in G_{z, \lambda}^I \cap P} \int_{T^n \times \bar{B}_R} L d\mu.$$

Converse otherwise that  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\lambda v^*(z) + \varepsilon < \min_{\mu \in G_{z, \lambda}^1 \cap P} \langle \mu, L \rangle$$

Duality trick:



$$\inf_{f \in G_{x_1, z}} \langle \mu, f \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \mu \in G_{z, \lambda}^1 \\ -\infty & \text{if } \mu \notin G_{z, \lambda}^1 \end{cases}$$

$$\forall f_1, \langle \mu_1, f_1 \rangle \leq 0 \rightarrow \langle \mu_1, f_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{\mu_1 \rightarrow \infty} -\infty$$

$$\lambda v^*(z) + \varepsilon < \min_{\mu \in P} \min_{\mu \in G_{z, \lambda}^1} \langle \mu, L \rangle = \min_{\mu \in P} (\langle \mu, L \rangle -$$

$$\inf_{f \in G_{x_1, z}} \langle \mu, f \rangle$$

$$\lambda v^*(z) + \varepsilon < \min_{\mu \in P} \sup_{f \in G_{z,\lambda}} \langle \mu, L-f \rangle$$

forces  $\mu \in G_{z,\lambda}^1$   
(permutation idea)

Sion's maxima theorem (Appendix B):  $P$  compact, convex,  $G_{z,\lambda}$

convex  $\lambda v^*(z) + \varepsilon < \sup_{f \in G_{z,\lambda}} \min_{\mu \in P} \langle \mu, L-f \rangle.$

$\exists f \in G_{z,\lambda}, f = \phi \rightarrow u(z) \text{ with } (\phi, u) \in F_\lambda \text{ such that}$

$$\lambda v^*(z) + \varepsilon < \min_{\mu \in P} \langle \mu, L-f \rangle = \min_{\mu \in P} \langle \mu, L-\phi + \lambda u(z) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda v^*(z) + \varepsilon < L(x, v) - \phi(x, v) + \lambda u(z)$$

$$\forall \mu = \delta_{(x,r)}, (x,v) \in T^n \times \overline{B}_n.$$

$$H(x,p) = \sup_{|v| \leq h} (p \cdot v - L(x,v)) \leq \sup_{|v| \leq h} (p \cdot v - \phi(x,v)) + \lambda(u - v^\lambda)(z) - \varepsilon.$$

$$\Rightarrow H(x,p) \leq H_\phi(x,p) + \lambda(u - v^\lambda)(z) - \varepsilon$$

$$\lambda v^\lambda + H(x, Dv^\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda v^\lambda + H_\phi(x, Dv^\lambda) + \lambda(u - v^\lambda)(z) - \varepsilon > 0$$

Thus,

$$\lambda v^\lambda + H_\phi(x, Dv^\lambda) + \underbrace{\lambda(u - v^\lambda)(z)}_{\text{constant.}} - \varepsilon > 0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(v^* + (u - v^*)(z) - \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda}) + H_\phi(x, Dv^*) \geq 0 \\ \lambda u + H_\phi(x, Du) \leq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Comparison principle  $\Rightarrow v^*(x) + (u - v^*)(z) - \frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \geq u(z)$

For  $x = z$ ,  $-\frac{\varepsilon}{\lambda} \geq 0$ .  $\oplus$ .  $x \in \mathbb{T}^n$ .

Remarks:

$$\lambda v^*(z) = \min_{\mu \in \mathcal{P} \cap G_{\lambda, z}^\perp} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \bar{B}_R} L(x, v) d\mu(x, v)$$

①. A weakness:  $G_{z, \lambda}^\perp$  is a bit abstract and dependent on  $z$ .

(2) "practical/open question": Same formulation in the discrete setting. Can one then do numeric to find  $G_{z,x}^{\prime}$  &  $\lambda^{\pm}$ ?

(3) Major open question (both PDE & spectral theory)

$\varepsilon > 0$ , consider

$$H(x, \partial v^{\varepsilon}) = \varepsilon \Delta v^{\varepsilon} + \underbrace{f^{\varepsilon}(0)}_{\text{a cost.}} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{T}^n$$

Formula of  $v^{\varepsilon}$ ? ( $\hookrightarrow$  principal eigenvalue & eigenfunctions).

A minimalistic description of applications

$$\lambda v^\lambda + H(x, Dv^\lambda) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{T}^n.$$

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$\lambda v^\lambda \Rightarrow -\bar{H}(0) \in \mathbb{R}$ : unique constant  
 " -c. many solutions.

PDE becomes:  $H(x, Du) = \bar{H}(0)$  in  $\mathbb{T}^n$

$$-c = -\bar{H}(0) = \min_{\mu \in \mathcal{P} \cap G_0^1} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n \times \overline{B}_R} L d\mu \quad \begin{aligned} H &: \text{original Hamiltonian} \\ \bar{H} &: \text{effective Hamiltonian} \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mu$  is a minimizer, we say that  $\mu$  is a Mather measure.

(2) [Theorem]  $V^\lambda + \frac{\bar{H}(0)}{\lambda} \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} V^*$  uniquely and

$$V^* = \sup_{V \in \Sigma} \quad \text{where } \Sigma = \left\{ V : H(x, Dv) \leq \bar{H}(0) \right. \\ \left. \langle \mu, v \rangle \leq 0, \forall \mu \text{ Mather} \right\}$$

So called Selection problem

$$\begin{matrix} \mu_x \\ \downarrow \\ \mu \end{matrix} \quad \xrightarrow{\lambda} \quad x^\lambda$$

$\mu$  weakly

Convexity always has hidden duality.