#### Fall 2021 ME424 Modern Control and Estimation

Lecture Note 8 2 Dynamic Programming & 1/ Linear Quadratic Regulator

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## Outline

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- Closed-loop eigenvalues roughly indicate system response, but do not represent all factors: <a href="https://www.symptotic.behavior">symptotic.behavior</a>
  - Same eigenvalues may also have different transient responses
  - We often want control input to be small, which cannot be formally 'addressed with eigenvalue assignment approach)
- optimization modern engineering Metric-based controller design
  - Represent design objectives in terms a cost function
  - Cost functions typically penalize
    - state deviation from 0
    - Large control effort
  - These are conflicting goals: larger control can often drive state to zero faster

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Falman Filter: min E(11x-\$45)11)

#### **General Discrete-Time Optimal Control Problem**

• Dynamics: 
$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k) \in$$

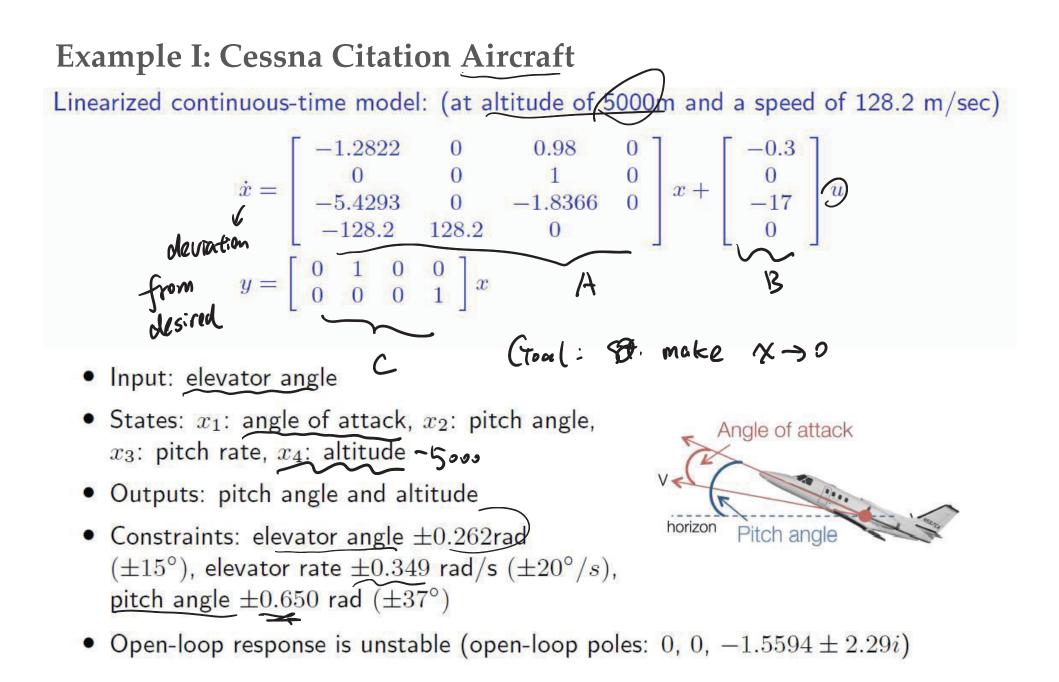
- e.g. monter contril y femperature < 80° • State constraints:  $x_k \in X$
- Pfunc of state Xk Control constraints:  $u_k \in U(x_k)$
- torgue 5 35 Nm Controller (Control law):  $\mu_k: X \to U$
- N-700 (0,00) E infinite-horizon problem Control Horizon: [0, N]
- Control policy vs. control inputs:
  - Control policy: a sequence of control laws
  - $\pi = \{ \mathcal{U}_{d}(\cdot), \mathcal{U}_{n}(\cdot) \cdots \} \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}_{n}(\infty)$ Control inputs: a sequence of control actions

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## **General Discrete-Time Optimal Control Problem**

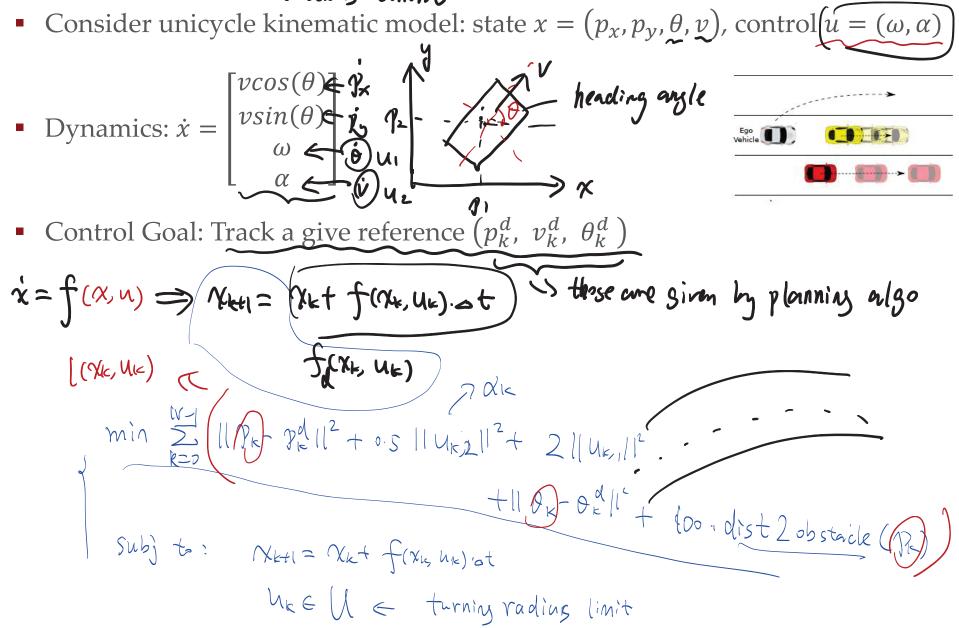
- *N*-horizon cost:  $J_N(x_0, u) = g(x_N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(x_k, u_k)$
- Infinite horizon cost:  $J_{\infty}(x_0, u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} l(x_k, u_k)$

- Finite Horizon Optimal Control (N < ∞)</li>
  - For given initial state  $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , find the control input  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{N-1}$  to
    - Minimize:  $J_N(z, u) = \sum \left[ \left( \chi_{k}, y_k \right) + g(y_k) \right]$



objective: to drive & so with small "Control effort" Example I: Cessna Citation Aircraft (A-B, C) • Obtain DT-Model dt = 0.25s  $\Rightarrow$   $\chi_{kH} = A_{M} + B_{d} u_{k}$  $\chi_{kH} = C_{d} \chi_{k}$ Choose cost func: running ust:  $l(x_k, u_k) = \frac{11}{11} \frac{11}{1$ • Choose constraint set:  $|(\chi_k, \eta_k)| \geq |00| ||\chi_k||^2 + ||\eta_k||^2$ state constraint : [UK] E. 262 A We, 2 [ \$ 0.65 rentro  $|\dot{u}| \leq 0.349 \implies |u_k - u_{k-1}| \leq 0.349.st$ Overall optimal control problem:  $\min \left( \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} L(x_k, u_k) \right) + g(x_N)$ depends (Z) < Subject to:  $X_{k+1} = A_1 X_k + B_0 U_k$ ,  $X_0 = B$   $U_k | \leq 0.262$ ,  $|X_{k,2}| \leq 0.65$ ,  $|U_{k-1}| \leq 0.246 \times a_25$   $U_{lc} \in U_{l}(Y_k)$ Wei Zhang LEAR Lab @ SUSTech

## Example III: Motion Planning for Autonomous Vehicle Tracking Control



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**Dynamic Programming (DP):** 

- Most important tool for solving deterministic and stochastic optimal control problems
- Divide & conquer: The *N*-horizon optimal solution depends on the *N* 1 horizon optimal solution, which in turns depend on the *N* 2 horizon optimal solution ...
- We solve 0-horizon first, then 1-horizon, ..., eventual solve the *N*-horizon optimal control problem.
- The divide & conquer approach is grounded by a fundamental principle: Bellman's principle of optimality

Any segment along an optimal trajectory is also optimal among all the trajectories joining the two end points of the segment

Variational optimality condition

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Dynamic Programming (DP) goul: Solve N-horizon OC.

• For arbitrary integer  $j \ge 0$ , the *j*-horizon optimal control problem:

$$\begin{array}{c} \chi^{2} + | \\ \downarrow_{j}(z) = \min_{u_{0}, \dots, u_{j-1}} \left\{ g(x_{j}) + \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} l(x_{k}, u_{k}) \right\}, \\ \text{subject to} \qquad x_{k+1} = f(x_{k}, u_{k}), \quad x_{0} = z \\ u_{k} \in U(x_{k}), \quad k = 0, \dots, j-1 \end{array}$$

- $V_j^*(z)$ : *j*-horizon value function, i.e. minimum cost if sys starts from state *z* when there are *j* steps left to reach final time
- Let u<sub>0</sub><sup>\*</sup>, u<sub>1</sub><sup>\*</sup>, ..., u<sub>j-1</sub><sup>\*</sup> is the optimal solution to the above prob.
   If system is at state *z* when there are *j* steps left, the first step of the optimal control is u<sub>0</sub><sup>\*</sup>, the second step is u<sub>1</sub><sup>\*</sup>, ....

$$f:N: \qquad \chi_{0}=2 \xrightarrow{u_{0}^{*}} \chi_{1}^{*}=f(\chi_{0}, u_{0}^{*}) \xrightarrow{u_{1}^{*}} \chi_{2}^{*} \cdots \xrightarrow{\chi_{N}^{*}}$$

$$(u_{0}^{*}=\mu_{N}^{*}(2) \qquad (u_{1}^{*}=\mu_{N}^{*}(\chi_{1}^{*}) \qquad (u_{N}^{*}) \xrightarrow{u_{N}^{*}} \chi_{N}^{*} \cdots \xrightarrow{\chi_{N}^{*}}$$

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## **Dynamic Programming: Value Iteration**

- Value Iteration: Compute  $V_N(z)$  iteratively from  $V_0(z)$
- 0-horizon problem (degenerate case):

$$j=0 \implies V_0(z)=g(z)$$

• 1-horizon problem :  $V_1(z) = \min_{\substack{u \in \mathcal{U}(z) \\ u \in \mathcal{$ 

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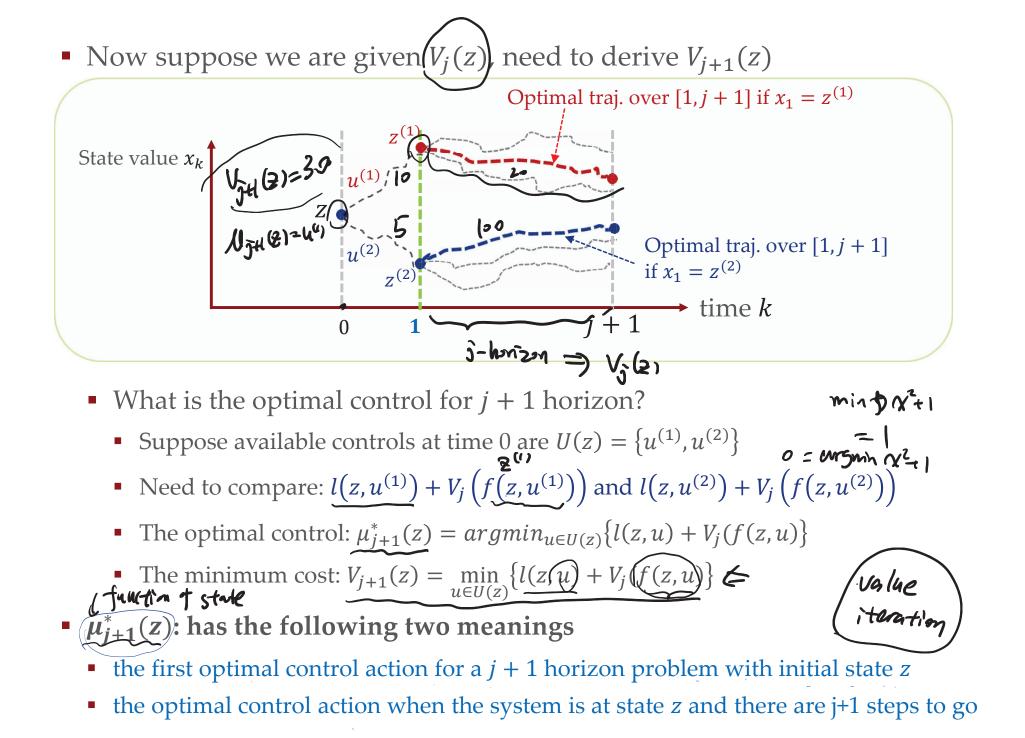
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$$V_{2}(z) = \min_{u_{0} \in U(z)} \left\{ \frac{U(x_{u}, u_{0}) + U(x_{u}, u_{1}) + g(x_{0})}{u_{0} \in U(x_{1})} \right\}$$

$$= \min_{u_{0} \in U(z)} \left\{ \frac{U(x_{u}, u_{0}) + u_{0}}{u_{0} \in U(z)} + \frac{u_{0}}{u_{0} \in U(z)} + \frac{u_{0}}{u_{0} \in U(z)} + \frac{u_{0}}{u_{0} \in U(z)} + \frac{u_{0}}{u_{0} \in U(z)} \right\}$$

$$= \min_{u_{0} \in U(z)} \left\{ \frac{U(z, u_{0}) + U_{1}(f(z, u_{0}))}{x_{1}} \right\}$$

$$= \max_{u_{0} \in U(z)} \left\{ \frac{U(z, u_{0}) + U_{1}(f(z, u_{0}))}{x_{1}} \right\}$$



## Value Iteration Algorithm

- System dynamics:  $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k)$  with  $u_k \in U(x_k)$
- Determine *u* by solving optimization problem:

Minimize: $J_N(z,u) = g(x_N) + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} l(x_k, u_k)$ subject to:control constraint  $u_k \in U(x_k)$ ,<br/>system dynamics  $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k), x_0 = z$ 

• Solve problem through **value iteration**: (namely, iteratively compute the value function for 0-horizon, 1-horizon, ..., N-horizon problems)

• **Step 0**: (0-horizon):  $V_0(z) = g(z)$ 

• Step *j*: given  $V_j(z)$  and the optimal control laws  $\mu_j^*(z), \mu_{j-1}^*, (z) \dots, \mu_0^*(z)$  for the remaining *j* steps, compute:

• 
$$V_{j+1}(z) = \min_{u \in U(z)} \{ l(z, u) + V_j(f(z, u)) \}$$

• 
$$\mu_{j+1}^*(z) = argmin_{u \in U(z)} \{ l(z, u) + V_j(f(z, u)) \}$$

•  $j \leftarrow j + 1$ , until j = N

- Value iteration algorithm output:
  - Value functions:  $V_0(z), ..., V_N(z)$
  - Optimal control laws:  $\mu_j^*(z) = argmin_{u \in U(z)} \{l(z, u) + V_{j-1}f(z, u)\}, j = 1, ..., N$ 
    - The optimal control action if sys is at *z* and there are *j* steps to go
- How to use these control laws?
  - Optimal system trajectory
  - Time 0:  $x_0 = \hat{x} \rightarrow \text{control action: } u_0^* = \mu_N^*(\hat{x})$
  - Time 1:  $x_1^* = f(\hat{x}, u_0^*) \rightarrow \text{control action: } u_1^* = \mu_{N-1}^*(x_1^*)$
  - Time 2:  $x_2^* = f(x_1^*, u_1^*) \rightarrow \text{control action: } u_2^* = \mu_{N-2}^*(x_2^*)$
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  - Time N 1:  $x_{N-1}^* = f(x_{N-2}^*, u_{N-2}^*) \rightarrow \text{control action: } u_{N-1}^* = \mu_1(x_{N-1}^*)$
  - Time  $N: x_N^* = f(x_{N-1}^*, u_{N-1}^*)$
- In general: at time *k*: **optimal control**  $u_k^* = \mu_{N-k}^*(x_k^*)$

• Example: Find shortest path from 
$$a_1$$
 to  $a_4$   
•  $V_0(z) = g(z) = \int_{\infty}^{0} \int_{z=a_{\psi}}^{1} \int_{z=a_{\psi}}^{2} \int_{z=a_{\psi}}^{a_{\tau}} \int_{z=a_{\psi}}^{$ 

• Example: Find shortest path from 
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 to  $a_4$   

$$\frac{V_1(2)}{V_2(2)} = \begin{cases}
2, & i \neq 2 = a_5 \\
5 & i \neq 2 = a_3 \\
0, & i \neq 2 = a_4 \\
\infty, & Otherwise
\end{cases}
a_1 \qquad a_7 \qquad a_7 \qquad a_5 \\
a_1 \qquad a_7 \qquad a$$

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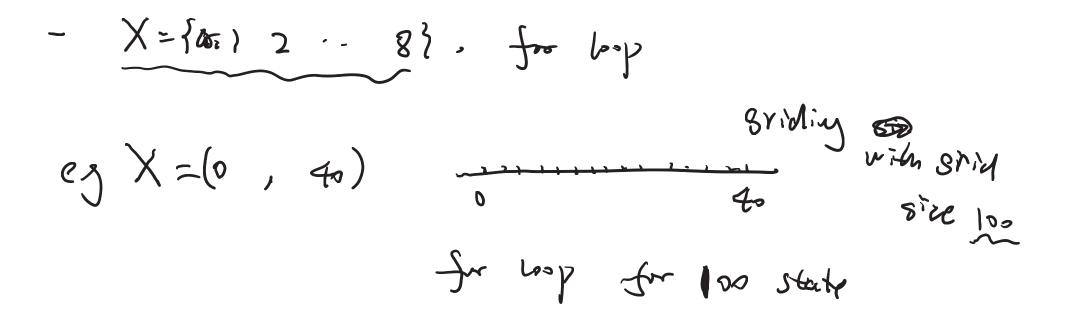
$$\mathbb{C} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \lambda_{k+1} = f(\lambda_k, \mu_k) \\ h_k \in \mathcal{U}(\lambda_k) \\ \lambda_k \in \chi \end{array}$$

$$j$$
-horizon problem:  $V_{j}(z) = \min J_{j}(z, u)$   
 $u_{2, -}u_{j-1}$   
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Start from 
$$\overline{D}=0$$
,  $V_0(2)=g(2)$ 

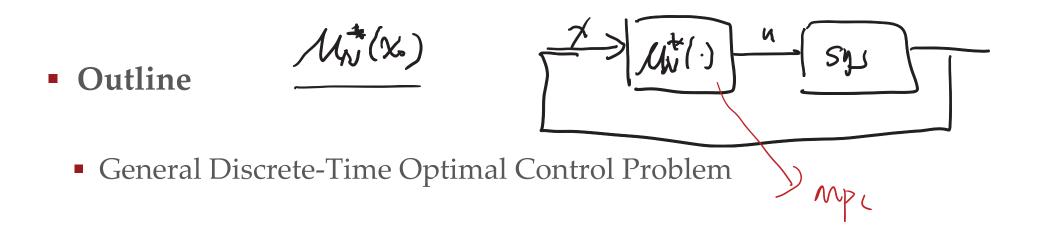
Value iteration:  

$$V_{5+1}(z) = \min_{\substack{u \in [1] \\ u = [1]$$



$$(\mathcal{S}_{1}) = [\mathcal{X}_{1}], \quad \mathcal{X}_{1} \in [0, 4_{0})$$
  
 $\mathcal{X}_{2} \in [0, 4_{0})$   
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 $\chi_2 \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \chi_{12} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\rightarrow$  # grids points = 100



Short Introduction to Dynamic Programming

Linear Quadratic Regulator

- Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR):
  - *N*-horizon LQR: Find control sequence  $u_0, u_1, ..., u_{N-1}$  to minimize  $J_N(z, u)$ , subject to **linear dynamics constraints**:

where 
$$J_N(x_0, u) = x_N^T Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right]$$
  

$$\int (x_N) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k^T Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_k Q x_k + u_k^T R u_k \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_N Q_f x_N + \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ x_N Q_f$$

• Infinite-horizon LQR: Find control sequence  $u_0, u_1, ...,$  to minimize  $J_{\infty}(x_0, u)$  subject to linear dynamics constraints:  $x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k$ where  $J_{\infty}(x_0, u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [x_k^T Q x_k^T + u_k^T R u_k^T]$ 

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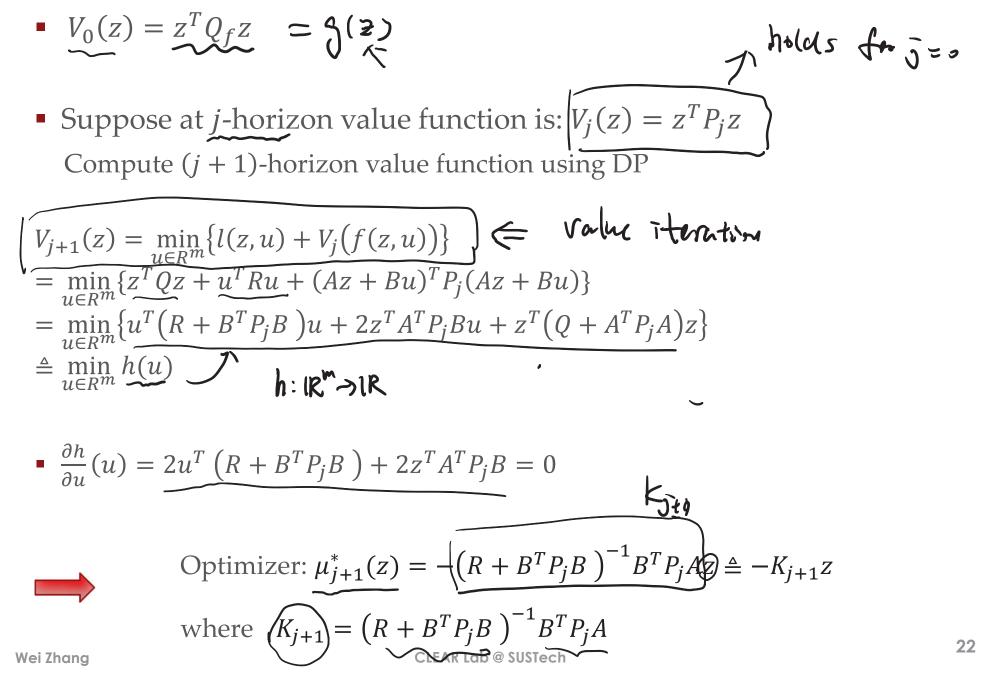
$$z^{T}Pz; \text{ quadratic cost term, penalizing deviation from 0, e.g.:}$$

$$\text{if } P = I, \text{ then } z^{T}Pz = ||z||^{2}$$

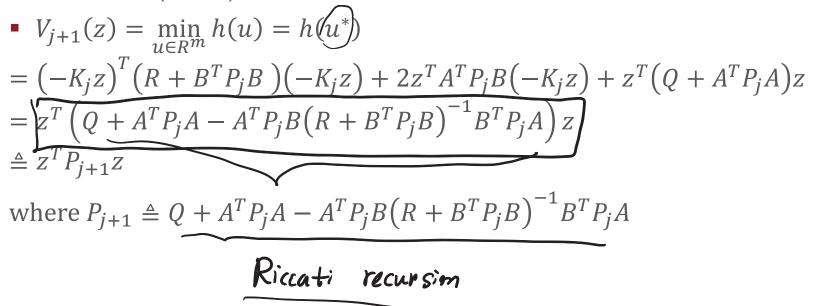
$$\text{if } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } z^{T}Pz = z_{1}^{2} + 2z_{2}^{2}, \text{ penalizes } z_{2} \text{ more than } z_{1}$$

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} z_{1} \\ z_{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad z = z_{1}^{T}pz \int_{CLEAR \text{ Lob @ SUSTech}} z_{1}$$

Solution of LQR using Dynamic Programming (DP)



#### Derivation (cont.)



If at time k, the state is at x<sub>k</sub>, then the optimal control applied at time k is

$$\underbrace{(u_k^*)}_{k} = \underbrace{\mu_{N-k}^*(x_k)}_{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{K}_{N-k} x_k$$

- Summary of LQR  $P_0 \in Q_N \longrightarrow P_1, -2P_2 \dots P_N$ 
  - Value function is given by:  $V_j(z) = z^T P_j z$ , where  $P_j$  is given by the so-called Riccati recursion:

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 $-1/U_{1}$ 

$$P_{j+1} = Q + A^T P_j A - A^T P_j B (R + B^T P_j B)^{-1} B^T P_j A$$

- To compute the LQR controller:
  - Start from initial matrix:  $P_0 = Q_f$
  - Riccati recursion:  $P_j \leftarrow P_{j-1}$
  - Compute optimal feedback gain:  $K_j = \left(R + B^T P_{j-1}B\right)^{-1} B^T P_{j-1}A$
- Apply LQR controller:
  - Start from an IC: *x*<sub>0</sub>
  - For k = 0, ..., N 1
    - Compute:  $u_k^* = -K_{N-k}x_k^*$ ,

• 
$$x_{k+1}^* = Ax_k^* + Bu_k^*$$

- Infinite horizon case:
  - It can be proved that if (A, B) is controllable and (A, G) is observable, where  $Q = G^T G$ , then as  $N \to \infty$ ,

• 
$$P_j \rightarrow P^*$$
, and  $K_j \rightarrow K^*$ , with  $|\lambda(A - BK^*)| < 1$ 

$$P^* = A^T [P^* - P^*B(R + B^T P^*B)^{-1}B^T P^*]A + Q$$

$$(K^*) = (R + B^T P^*B)^{-1}B^T P^*A$$

# Coding Example