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NECESSARY OPTIMALITY CONDITIONS FOR A MODEL OF OPTIMAL CONTROL PROCESSES

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1. The problem

If nonlinear multidimensional integral equations serve as the mathematical tool, describing a process, one is involved in a lot of irksome calculations, which suggest the adoption of an abstract point of view, introduction of a model of the process and investigation of the model instead of the actual process. This paper presents such a model. In order to formulate it, let us assume that X denotes a (real) Banach space, M a certain subset of X, W an arbitrary set, T a mapping of $X \times W$ into X, and Y a mapping of $X \times W$ into the set X of real numbers.

The problem under consideration is:

Minimize f(x, w) subject to $x = T(x, w), w \in W, x \in M$.

We interpret x as a state, w as a control, W as the set of feasible controls, M as a state constraint set, the fixed point equation x = T(x, w) as the equation of a process, and f(x, w) as a performance index.

2. Assumptions

In order to grasp both the process equation and the performance index simultaneously, it is convenient to introduce an auxiliary real variable ξ , to pose

(1)
$$y = (x, \xi), \quad Y = X \times R, \quad S(y, w) = (T(x, w), f(x, w))$$

and to study the fixed point equation y = S(y, w), which is equivalent to the two relations

(2)
$$x = T(x, w), \quad \xi = f(x, w).$$

We consider Y a (complete) normed space under the norm $||y|| = ||x|| + |\xi|$ and a pseudonormed space (a B_k -space) under the pseudonorm $|y| = (||x||, |\xi|)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ (Kantorovitch [3], Schröder-Collatz [2]). \leq in \mathbb{R}^2 is to be understood componentwise; superscript T denotes transpose. We suppose that S has a partial Fréchet derivative $S_y(y, w)$ with respect to y for all (y, w), which is equivalent to the assump-

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tion that T and f have partial Fréchet derivatives $T_x(x, w)$ and $f_x(x, w)$ with respect to x for all (x, w). Obviously,

(3)
$$S_y(y, w) \Delta y = (T_x(x, w) \Delta x, f_x(x, w) \Delta x) \quad \forall \Delta y = (\Delta x, \Delta \xi) \in Y.$$

Let $y_0 = (x_0, \xi_0)$, $w_0 \in W$ satisfy the fixed point equation $y_0 = S(y_0, w_0)$. Then we call the (linearized) equation

$$\Delta y = S_{\nu}(y_0, w_0) \Delta y + h$$

variational equation corresponding to (y_0, w_0) ; h denotes any given element $(g, \gamma) \in Y$ and $\Delta y = (\Delta x, \Delta \xi) \in Y$ a solution. The variational equation is equivalent to the following two equations

$$\Delta x = T_x(x_0, w_0) \Delta x + g,$$

$$\Delta \xi = f_x(x_0, w_0) \Delta x + \gamma.$$

(5.1) is called the variational equation corresponding to (x_0, w_0) . Equation (4) is uniquely solvable for each $h \in Y$ if and only if (5.1) is uniquely solvable for each $g \in X$.

In the sequel we require the existence of certain subsets $W_0 \subset W$ containing the control w_0 such that the derivative S_y is continuous with respect to y at the point y_0 uniformly with respect to all controls $w \in W_0$. This means that the continuity module

(6)
$$\omega(r) := \omega(r; W_0, w_0, y_0)$$

$$:= \sup \{ ||S_v(y, w) - S_v(y_0, w)|| | ||y - y_0|| \le r, \ w \in W_0 \}$$

tends to 0 if r approaches 0. Such a W_0 will be called a set of varied controls for w_0 .

3. Existence of varied states, associated with varied controls

Given a pair y_0 , w_0 satisfying $y_0 = S(y_0, w_0)$, the question arises whether it is possible to embed $y_0 = (x_0, \xi_0)$ into a family of neighbouring states y corresponding to other feasible controls w. A partial answer is given by

THEOREM 1. Assume that the variational equation (4) corresponding to (y_0, w_0) (or equivalently, (5.1)) has a unique solution for each given $h = (g, \gamma) \in Y$, suppose that b denotes $||(I - T_x(x_0, w_0))^{-1}||$, L_1 is an arbitrary positive number < 1, W_0 is a certain subset of W such that $w_0 \in W_0$, $\omega(\varrho) = \omega(\varrho; W_0, w_0, y_0) \to 0$ for $\varrho \to 0$ and r denotes a positive number satisfying the condition $\omega(r) \leq L_1/2b$.

Then the fixed point equation y = S(y, w) has a solution y = y(w) for each control $w \in W_0$ satisfying the restrictions

$$(7) \quad ||T(x_0, w) - T(x_0, w_0)|| \le \frac{r(1 - L_1)}{b}, \quad ||T_x(x_0, w) - T_x(x_0, w_0)|| \le \frac{L_1}{2b}.$$

This solution is unique in $D = \{y = (x, \xi) | ||x - x_0|| \le r\}$ and admits the decomposition

$$y(w) = y_0 + \Delta y + n$$

where

$$\Delta y = [I - S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} [S(y_0, w) - S(y_0, w_0)],$$

$$|\eta| = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{b}{1 - L_1} ||T(y_0, w) - T(y_0, w_0)||,$$

$$L_2 = \omega(r) + ||f_x(x_0, w) - f_x(x_0, w_0)|| + ||f_x(x_0, w_0)||L_1.$$

Proof. Define

$$R(y) = R(y, w)$$

$$= (y_0 + [I - S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} [S(y, w) - S(y_0, w) - S_y(y_0, w) (y - y_0)]) +$$

$$+ [I - S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} [S(y_0, w) - S(y_0, w_0)] +$$

$$+ [I - S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} [S_y(y_0, w) - S_y(y_0, w_0)] (y - y_0)$$

$$:= R_1(y) + R_2(y) + R_3(y).$$

Then y = S(y, w) is equivalent to y = R(y). For all $y_i = (x_i, \xi_i) \in D$ and $w \in W_0$ the first item R_1 of R satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{split} & |R_1(y_1) - R_1(y_2)| \\ & = \left(||[I - T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1}[T(x_1, w) - T(x_2, w) - T_x(x_0, w)(x_1 - x_2)]||, \\ & ||[f(x_1, w) - f(x_2, w) - f_x(x_0, w)(x_1 - x_2)] + \\ & + f_x(x_0, w_0)[I - T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1}[T(x_1, w) - T(x_2, w) - T_x(x_0, w)(x_1 - x_2)]||^{\text{T}} \right) \\ & \leq \left(b\omega(r), \omega(r) + ||f_x(x_0, w_0)||b\omega(r)\right)^{\text{T}}||x_1 - x_2||; \end{split}$$

the second item R_2 does not depend on y, thus $|R_2(y_1) - R_2(y_2)| = (0, 0)^T$ and the third item R_3 satisfies

$$\begin{split} \big| R_3(y_1) - R_3(y_2) \big| \\ &= \big(||[I - T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1} [T_x(x_0, w) - T_x(x_0, w_0)](x_1 - x_2)||, \\ &\quad |[f_x(x_0, w) - f_x(x_0, w_0)](x_1 - x_2) + \\ &\quad + f_x(x_0, w_0) [I - T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1} [T_x(x_0, w) - T_x(x_0, w_0)](x_1 - x_2)|\big)^{\mathrm{T}} \\ &\leqslant \big(b ||T_x(x_0, w) - T_x(x_0, w_0)||, ||f_x(x_0, w) - f_x(x_0, w_0)|| + \\ &\quad + b \, ||f_x(x_0, w_0)|| \cdot ||T_x(x_0, w) - T_x(x_0, w_0)||\big)^{\mathrm{T}} ||x_1 - x_2||. \end{split}$$

(i) If $w \in W_0$ fulfils (7), R satisfies the generalized Lipschitz condition

$$|R(y_1)-R(y_2)| \leq L|y_1-y_2| \quad \forall y_1, y_2 \in D,$$

where L denotes the (2, 2)-matrix $L = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 & 0 \\ L_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(ii) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} L^k$ converges (strongly) and represents the inverse

$$(I-L)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-L_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ L_2 & 1-L_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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(iii) If $w \in W_0$ fulfils (7), the pseudometric ball

$$\begin{split} \left\{ y \in Y | \ |y - y_0| &= (||x - x_0||, \ |\xi - \xi_0|)^{\mathrm{T}} \leqslant (I - L)^{-1} | R(y_0) - y_0| \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 - L_1} ||[I - T_x(x_0, \ w_0)]^{-1} [T(x_0, \ w) - T(x_0, \ w_0)]||, \ldots \right)^{\mathrm{T}} \right\} \end{split}$$

is contained in $D = \{y | ||x - x_0|| \le r\}$.

Thus, all the conditions of Schröder's convergence theorem (cf. [2], § 12) for the iteration procedure $y_{k+1} = R(y_k)$ (k = 0, 1, ...) are satisfied. The iteration procedure converges to a solution y = y(w) of y = S(y, w); this solution is unique in D, and we get the error estimation

$$|y(w)-y_1| = (I-L)^{-1}L|y_1-y_0| = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{bmatrix} \frac{b}{1-L_1} ||T(x_0, w)-T(x_0, w_0)||.$$

Pose

$$\dot{\eta} = y(w) - y_1,$$

in order to obtain the proposed decomposition $y(w) = y_0 + (y_1 - y_0) + \eta$.

Theorem 1 shows that the solvability of the fixed point equation y = S(y, w) depends on the quantities

$$||T(x_0, w) - T(x_0, w_0)||, ||T_x(x_0, w) - T_x(x_0, w_0)||.$$

Beyond this, an estimation of the deviation $|y-y_0|$ involves the values

$$|f(x_0, w)-f(x_0, w_0)|, \quad ||f_x(x_0, w)-f_x(x_0, w_0)||.$$

Therefore, let $\tau(w)$ denote the quantity

(9)
$$\tau(w) = ||S(y_0, w) - S(y_0, w_0)|| + ||S_y(y_0, w) - S_y(y_0, w_0)||,$$

and let us say that the sequence $\{w_k\}$ of feasible controls converges to w_0 if $\tau(w_k)$ approaches 0. $\tau(w_k) \to 0$ if and only if for all four quantities

$$||T(x_0, w_k) - T(x_0, w_0)||, \dots, ||f_x(x_0, w_k) - f_x(x_0, w_0)|| \to 0.$$

Theorem 1 immediately implies:

THEOREM 2. If W_0 is a certain set of varied controls for w_0 (i.e. $w_0 \in W_0$ and $\omega(r) = \omega(r; W_0, w_0, y_0) \to 0$ for $r \to 0$) and $\{w_k\} \subset W_0$ is a sequence converging to w_0 , then for sufficiently big k there exists a solution y_k of the fixed point equation $y = S(y, w_k)$, this solution y_k is unique in $D_k = \{y \in Y | ||x - x_0|| \le r_k\}$ and admits the decomposition

$$y_k = y_0 + \Delta y_k + \eta_k$$

with

$$\Delta y_k = [I - S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} [S(y_0, w_k) - S(y_0, w_0)],$$

$$|\eta_k| \leqslant \begin{bmatrix} L_{1k} \\ L_{2k} \end{bmatrix} \frac{b}{1 - L_{1k}} || T(x_0, w_k) - T(x_0, w_0) || \leqslant \begin{bmatrix} L_{1k} \\ L_{2k} \end{bmatrix} c || \Delta y_k ||,$$

where

$$r_k = 2b||T(x_0, w_k) - T(x_0, w_0)||, \quad c = 2b||I - S_v(y_0, w_0)||,$$

(11)
$$L_{1k} = \max \{2b\omega(r_k), 2b||T_x(x_0, w_k) - T_x(x_0, w_0)||\},$$

$$L_{2k} = \omega(r_k) + ||f_x(x_0, w_k) - f_x(x_0, w_0)|| + ||f_x(x_0, w_0)||L_{1k}.$$

Remark 1. The phrase "for sufficiently big k" can be replaced by the more precise statement "for all k such that $L_{1k} < \frac{1}{2}$ ". Obviously, r_k , L_{1k} and $L_{2k} \to 0$ if $k \to \infty$; thus the residual part η_k of the increment $y_k - y_0$ approaches 0 more quickly than the main part Δy_k . Note that Theorem 1 remains trivially valid, if $r = r_k$ or $L_1 = L_{1k}$ vanishes.

4. Directional limits

We assume W_0 to be a set of varied controls for w_0 (i.e., $\omega(r; W_0, w_0, y_0) \to 0$ for $r \to 0$) and $\{w_k\}$ to be a sequence of controls $\in W_0$ converging to w_0 (i.e., $\tau(w_k) \to 0$). If there is a corresponding sequence $\{\gamma_k\}$ of positive numbers approaching 0 such that the limit

(12)
$$\delta S := (\delta T, \, \delta f) := \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{\gamma_k} \left[S(y_0, w_k) - S(y_0, w_0) \right],$$

exists, we call it a directional limit generated by $\{w_k\}$, and its components δT , δf common directional limits.

If S is a directional limit generated by $\{w_k\}$, then

(13)
$$S(y_0, w_k) - S(y_0, w_0) = \gamma_k \delta S + o_1(\gamma_k),$$

where the correction term $o_1(\gamma_k)$ satisfies $||\gamma_k^{-1} o_1(\gamma_k)|| \to 0$ for $k \to \infty$. If y_k denotes the solution of the fixed point equation $y = S(y, w_k)$ according to Theorem 2, we obtain a new (asymptotical) representation of y_k , namely

(14)
$$y_k = y_0 + \gamma_k [I - S_v(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} \delta S + o_2(\gamma_k),$$

due to (10), where again $||\gamma_k^{-1} o_2(\gamma_k)|| \to 0$ for $k \to \infty$.

Remark 2. In some cases, e.g. in the case of Volterra integral process equations, the directional limits δT do not exist as elements of the original state space X or as limits with respect to the norm (topology) of X, but they exist as elements of a bigger topological space or as limits with respect to a weaker topology (norm). In such cases we are usually concerned with the following situation:

 $\gamma_k^{-1}[f(x_0, w_k) - f(x_0, w_0)]$ converges towards a δf . Though $\gamma_k^{-1}[S(y_0, w_k) - S(y_0, w_0)]$ and $\gamma_k^{-1}\Delta y_k$ (cf. (10)) does not converge in $Y = X \times R$, it remains bounded. As a result, $\gamma_k^{-1}\eta_k$ approaches 0. X is contained in a locally convex topological vector space \tilde{X} , whose topology induces a relative topology on X weaker than the original norm topology. Thus a sequence converging in X appears to be also a sequence converging with respect to the \tilde{X} -topology. Further, $[I - S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1}$ admits an extension to a linear, continuous mapping of the product space $\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} \times R$; this extension is denoted in the same way. An example for such an \tilde{X} is the original

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set X endowed with the weak topology. Under these hypotheses formulae (13), (14) remain valid; but the correction terms $o_i(\gamma_k)$ are now elements of \tilde{Y} and $\gamma_k^{-1} o_i(\gamma_k) \to 0$ with respect to the \tilde{Y} -topology.

5. Optimality conditions

Obviously, the set \mathfrak{S} of all directional limits, associated with (y_0, w_0) and generated by all subsets W_0 and sequences $\{w_k\}$ has the property:

(i) If $\delta S \in \mathfrak{S}$, $\lambda > 0$, then $\lambda \delta S \in \mathfrak{S}$.

In all the cases we have in mind, S has also the property:

(ii) If δS_1 and $\delta S_2 \in \mathfrak{S}$, then $\delta S_1 + \delta S_2 \in \mathfrak{S}$ too. As a result \mathfrak{S} and also

(15)
$$\Re = \{ y | y = [I - S_v(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} \delta S, \delta S \text{ directional limit} \}$$

turn out to be convex cones.

Theorem 3. If the constraint set M is a convex set with a nonempty interior int M and Ω denotes

(16)
$$\mathfrak{L} = \{ y | y = (x, \xi), x \in \text{int} M - x_0, \xi < 0 \},$$

then a necessary condition for the pair (x_0, w_0) to be an optimal solution is the relation $\Re \cap \Re = \emptyset$, where $y_0 = (x_0, \xi_0), \xi_0 = f(x_0, w_0)$.

Proof. Let (x_0, w_0) be optimal. Suppose the contrary: $(m-x_0, \xi) \in \mathcal{R} \cap \Omega$. Then for $m \in \text{int } M$, $\xi < 0$, there is a directional limit δS such that $(m-x_0, \xi) = [I-S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1} \delta S$ and a convex neighbourhood N of the origin such that $m+N \subset M$. Since $x_0 \in M$ and M is convex, we have $(1-\gamma)x_0+\gamma m+\gamma N \subset M$ for all $0 \le \gamma \le 1$. δS is generated by a certain sequence $\{w_k\}$. To each $w_k, k \ge 1$, there corresponds a solution $y_k = S(y_k, w_k)$. Formula (14) implies

$$y_k = (x_k, \xi_k) = ((1 - \gamma_k)x_0 + \gamma_k m + o_{2x}(\gamma_k), \xi_0 + \gamma_k \xi + o_{2\xi}(\gamma_k)),$$

where o_{2x} and $o_{2\xi}$ denote the components of o_2 . Since $\gamma_k^{-1}o_{2x}(\gamma_k) \to 0$, there is a k_N such that $\gamma_k^{-1}o_{2x}(\gamma_k) \in N$ for $k \ge k_N$. This entails

$$x_k = T(x_k, w_k) = (1 - \gamma_k)x_0 + \gamma_k m + o_{2x}(\gamma_k) \in M \quad \forall k \geq k_N,$$

$$\xi_k = f(x_k, w_k) = \xi_0 + \gamma_k (\xi + \gamma_k^{-1} o_{2\xi}(\gamma_k)) < \xi_0 \quad \forall k \gg 1.$$

Hence we would obtain feasible pairs (x_k, w_k) with cost functional values $\xi_k < \xi_0 = f(x_0, w_0)$, which contradicts the optimality assumption concerning (x_0, w_0) .

Remark 3. In case the directional limits δS belong only to an extended topological vector space $\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} \times R$ mentioned above, the convex constraint set M can be considered as the intersection $\tilde{M} \cap X$ of any convex body $\tilde{M} \subset \tilde{X}$ with X. Define

(16)
$$\tilde{\mathfrak{L}} = \{ y | y = (x, \xi), x \in \operatorname{int} \tilde{M} - x_0, \xi < 0 \},$$

where the interior refers to the \tilde{X} -topology. Then the condition $\Re \cap \tilde{\mathcal{X}} = \emptyset$ is necessary for the optimality of (x_0, w_0) , since $x_k \in \tilde{M} \cap X$ implies $x_k \in M$.

THEOREM 4. If the constraint set M is a convex body and the set of all directional

limits δS a convex cone, then a necessary condition for (x_0, w_0) to be optimal is that there exist a nonnegative number ϱ and a linear continuous functional x^* over X such that the variational inequality

(17)
$$\left(x^* + \varrho f_x(x_0, w_0)\right) [I - T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1} \delta T + \varrho \, \delta f \geqslant 0 \quad \forall \, \delta S = (\delta T, \, \delta f)$$

and the maximum condition

$$x^* x_0 = \max_{x \in M} x^* x$$

hold $(x^*$ and ϱ not both zero).

Proof. Ω and Ω (cf. (15), (16)) are convex subsets, $\Omega \cap \Omega = \emptyset$, int $\Omega \neq \emptyset$. Owing to a well-known separation theorem there is a number α and a linear continuous functional y^* over Y, i.e., a linear, continuous functional x^* over X and a real number ϱ such that

(i)
$$y * y = x * x + \varrho \xi \ge \alpha \quad \forall y \in \Re$$
,

(ii)
$$y*y \le \alpha \quad \forall y \in \mathfrak{L}$$
.

Because \Re is a convex cone with vertex 0, (i) yields $0 \ge \alpha$. Since $x_0 \in M$ is the limit of a certain sequence $m_k \in \operatorname{int} M$, the number 0 is the limit of a sequence of negative numbers ξ_k and $y_k = (m_k - x_0, \xi_k) \in \mathfrak{L}$, (ii) implies $0 \le \alpha$. Therefore, $\alpha = 0$. Now on account of definition (15) of \Re it is easy to see that (17) gives the equivalent representation of (i). Evidently, $\varrho \ge 0$. If x denotes any element of $\operatorname{int} M$ and ξ any number < 0, from (ii) it follows that $x^*x + \varrho \xi \le x^*x_0$, and hence (18).

COROLLARY. Define a linear continuous functional over X

(19)
$$\psi = (x^* + \varrho f_x(x_0, w_0)) [I - T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1}$$

$$= ([I - T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1})^* (x^* + \varrho f_x(x_0, w_0))$$

$$= (I - T_x^*(x_0, w_0))^{-1} (x^* + \varrho f_x(x_0, w_0)),$$

then ψ is determined by the following adjoint equation

(20)
$$\psi = T_x^*(x_0, w_0) \psi + (x^* + \varrho f_x(x_0, w_0))$$

and the variational inequality can be written in the following way:

(21)
$$\psi \, \delta T + \varrho \, \delta f \geqslant 0 \quad \forall (\delta T, \, \delta f) \in \mathfrak{S}.$$

Remark 4. In case the directional limits δT exist only in an extended space \tilde{X} , we obtain a continuous extension of $[I-S_y(y_0, w_0)]^{-1}$ on $\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} \times R$ by means of a continuous extension of $[I-T_x(x_0, w_0)]^{-1}$ and of $f_x(x_0, w_0)$ onto \tilde{X} , which we denote by the same symbols.

We have only to pose

$$\begin{aligned} [I - S_{\mathbf{y}}(y_0, w_0)]^{-1}(g, \gamma) \\ &= ([I - T_{\mathbf{x}}(x_0, w_0)]^{-1}g, f_{\mathbf{x}}(x_0, w_0)[I - T_{\mathbf{x}}(x_0, w_0)]^{-1}g + \gamma) \end{aligned}$$

for each $(g, \gamma) \in \tilde{X} \times R$. If such continuous extensions are available and the other

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hypotheses of Remarks 2 and 3 are fulfilled, then propositions (17), (18) of Theorem 4 remain valid with the distinction that x^* denotes a certain linear continuous functional over \tilde{X} and M in (18) has to be replaced by any convex body $\tilde{M} \subset \tilde{X}$ with $M = \tilde{M} \cap X$.

As to an application of a previous version of this model refer to [1].

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TIME OPTIMAL CONTROL PROBLEM FOR DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS

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1. Introduction

Let E^n be a Euclidean space of state-vectors $x = (x_1, ..., x_n)$ with the norm $||x|| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$ and let $\Omega(E^n)$ be the metric space of all nonempty compact subsets of E^n with the Hausdorff metric

$$h(F, G) = \min \{d: F \subset S_d(G), G \subset S_d(F)\}.$$

where $S_d(M)$ denotes a d-neighbourhood of a set M in the space E^n . Let us consider an object with a behaviour described by the differential inclusion

$$\dot{x} \in F(t, x),$$

where $F: E^1 \times E^n \to \Omega(E^n)$ is a given mapping. The absolutely continuous function x(t) is the solution of the inclusion (1) on the interval $[t_0, t_1]$ iff the condition $\dot{x}(t) \in F(t, x(t))$ is valid almost everywhere on this interval.

On the one hand, the differential inclusion is the extension of ordinary differential equations

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x),$$

when the function f(t, x) is singlevalued. On the other hand, this extension is not formal: for many different problems can be transformed into differential inclusions and the development of differential inclusions permits the solution of those problems. For example, A. F. Filippov [1] investigated with the help of differential inclusions the solutions of differential equation (2) on the sets where the function f(t, x) had discontinuities. N. N. Krasovski [6] used a differential inclusion for constructing a strategy in differential games. Let us consider the connection of differential inclusions with some other problems.

The optimal control problem was first considered by L. S. Pontryagin and others [8] for systems described by the equation

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x, u).$$

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