Liouville integrability in a fourdimensional model of the visual cortex

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3D Model of the Primary Visual Cortex V1



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3D Model of the Primary Visual Cortex

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- Variational principle: recovered arc has minimal length in the space (x, y, θ) :



SE(2): Group of Roto-translations of a Plane

The group of Euclidean motions (rototranslations) of the plane:

$$\operatorname{SE}(2) = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & x \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \mid \theta \in S^1, \ x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \cong \mathbb{R}^2_{x,y} \rtimes S^1_{\theta}.$$

Associated Lie algebra $se(2) = T_{Id} SE(2) = span(A_1, A_2, A_3),$

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lie algebra of left-invariant vector fields $L = span(X_1, X_2, X_3)$

$$X_1(q) = qA_1, \quad X_2(q) = qA_2, \quad X_3(q) = qA_3, \quad q \in SE(2).$$

Via the isomorphism $\operatorname{SE}(2) \cong \mathbb{R}^2_{x,y} \rtimes S^1_{\theta}$

 $X_1 \sim \mathcal{A}_1 = \cos \theta \partial_x + \sin \theta \partial_y, \quad X_2 \sim \mathcal{A}_2 = \partial_\theta, \quad X_3 \sim \mathcal{A}_3 = -\sin \theta \partial_x + \cos_\theta \partial_y.$

Left-invariant Sub-Riemannian Problem on SE(2)

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = u_1(t) \ \mathcal{A}_1|_{\gamma(t)} + u_2(t) \ \mathcal{A}_2|_{\gamma(t)},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \cos\theta\partial_x + \sin\theta\partial_y, \quad \mathcal{A}_2 = \partial_\theta,$$

$$\gamma(0) = \mathrm{Id}, \qquad \gamma(T) = g,$$

$$l(\gamma) = \int_0^T \sqrt{u_1^2(t) + u_2^2(t)} \ \mathrm{d}t \to \min,$$

$$\gamma(t) \in \mathrm{SE}(2), \quad (u_1(t), u_2(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$



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Anthropomorphic Image Reconstruction

By given binary or grayscale image represented as series of isophotes (level lines of brightness) with some corrupted regions to restore the image in a natural (for human eye) way.



Input (Corrupted) Image Input Image with Detected Restored Image Corrupted Regions

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4D Model of the Primary Visual Cortex

- Configuration of a neuron position, orientation and curvature $M = \operatorname{SE}(2) \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^2_{x,y} \times S^1_{\theta} \times \mathbb{R}_k$
- Sub-Riemannian (SR) structure (M, Δ, \mathcal{G}) :

distribution $\Delta = \operatorname{span}(\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2),$

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \cos\theta \partial_x + \sin\theta \partial_y + k \partial_\theta, \quad \mathcal{A}_2 = \partial_k$$

inner product $\mathcal{G} = \omega^1 \otimes \omega^1 + \omega^2 \otimes \omega^2$, $\langle \omega^i, \mathcal{A}_j \rangle = \delta_i^j$.

• $\gamma: [0,T] \to M$ – horizontal (i.e. admissible) curve if

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) \in \Delta_{\gamma(t)}$$
 for a.e. $t \in [0, T]$.

SR minimizers are horizontal curves γ that have minimum length

$$l(\gamma) = \int_0^T \sqrt{\mathcal{G}|_{\gamma(t)}(\dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t))} \, dt \to \min \, dt$$

• SR geodesics are curves whose short arcs are SR minimizers.

Optimal Control Formulation

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = u_1(t) \ \mathcal{A}_1|_{\gamma(t)} + u_2(t) \ \mathcal{A}_2|_{\gamma(t)},$$
$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \cos\theta\partial_x + \sin\theta\partial_y + k\partial_\theta, \quad \mathcal{A}_2 = \partial_k,$$
$$\gamma(0) = q_0, \qquad \gamma(T) = q_1,$$
$$l(\gamma) = \int_0^T \sqrt{u_1^2(t) + u_2^2(t)} \ dt \to \min,$$
$$\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t), \theta(t), k(t)) \in M = \operatorname{SE}(2) \times \mathbb{R}, \quad (u_1(t), u_2(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Remark 1. Due to invariance under parallel translations and rotations in the (x, y) plane, without loss of generality, we can reduce the problem for an arbitrary $q_0 = (x_0, y_0, \theta_0, k_0)$ to the case $q_0 = (0, 0, 0, k_0)$.

Remark 2. By virtue of Cauchy-Schwarz inequality the problem of minimizing the length is equivalent to the problem of minimizing the action

$$J = \int_{0}^{T} \frac{u_1^2(t) + u_2^2(t)}{2} \, dt \to \min.$$

• For any $q_0, q_1 \in M$ there exists a horizontal curve γ , connecting q_0 to q_1 . The system is completely controllable by Chow-Rashevsky theorem.

$$\mathcal{A}_3 = [\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2] = -\partial_{\theta}, \quad \mathcal{A}_4 = [\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_3] = -\sin\theta\partial_x + \cos\theta\partial_y$$
$$\det(\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_4) = 1$$

• Existence of optimal control by Filippov theorem.

Theorem.

For any $q_0, q_1 \in M$ there exists an optimal trajectory connecting q_0 to q_1 .

- $\bullet~{\rm A}~{\rm necessay}~{\rm optimality}~{\rm condition}-{\rm Pontryagin}~{\rm maximum}~{\rm principle}~({\rm PMP}).$
- Pontryagin function

$$h_u^{\nu} = \langle p, u_1 \mathcal{A}_1 + u_2 \mathcal{A}_2 \rangle + \nu \frac{u_1^2 + u_2^2}{2}, \quad p \in T^*M, \ \nu \in \{-1, 0\}.$$

- If $(u(t), q(t)), t \in [0, T]$, is an optimal process then
 - 1. the Hamiltonian system $\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial h_u^{\nu}}{\partial q}, \ \dot{q} = \frac{\partial h_u^{\nu}}{\partial p};$
 - 2. the maximum condition $h_{u(t)}^{\nu}(p(t), q(t)) = \max_{u \in \mathbb{R}^2} h_u^{\nu}(p(t), q(t));$
 - 3. the nontriviality condition $(p(t), \nu) \neq (0, 0) \ \forall t \in [0, T].$

Abnormal Case of Pontryagin Maximum Principle

• Let $h_i = \langle p, \mathcal{A}_i \rangle$:

$$h_1 = a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta + ck, \quad h_2 = d.$$

- The Pontryagin function $h_u^0 = u_1 h_1 + u_2 h_2$ is unbounded for $h_1^2 + h_2^2 \neq 0$.
- The maximum condition implies $h_1 = h_2 \equiv 0$.
- Let p = (a, b, c, d). The Hamiltonian system implies

$$\dot{a} = 0, \quad \dot{b} = 0, \quad \dot{c} = -u_1(-a\sin\theta + b\cos\theta), \quad \dot{d} = -u_1c.$$

• The maximum condition with the Hamiltonian system imply $u_1 \equiv 0$. **Theorem.** Abnormal extremal trajectories have the form

$$\gamma(t) = \left(0, 0, 0, \int_0^T u_2(\tau) d\tau\right), \quad u_2(\tau) = \pm 1.$$

Remark. The optimal abnormal trajectories have the form $\gamma(t) = (0, 0, 0, \pm t)$.

Normal Case of Pontryagin Maximum Principle

- Let $h_i = \langle p, \mathcal{A}_i \rangle$: $h_1 = a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta + ck, \quad h_2 = d.$
- The Pontryagin function $h_u^{-1} = u_1 h_1 + u_2 h_2 (u_1^2 + u_2^2)/2.$
- The maximum condition implies $u_1 = h_1, u_2 = h_2$.
- Let p = (a, b, c, d). Veritical part of the Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{a} = 0, \\ \dot{b} = 0, \\ \dot{c} = -(b\cos\theta - a\sin\theta)(kc + a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta), \\ \dot{d} = -c(ck + a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta), \end{cases}$$

• The Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = h_1 \cos \theta, \\ \dot{y} = h_1 \sin \theta, \\ \dot{\theta} = h_1 k, \\ \dot{k} = h_2, \end{cases} \begin{cases} \dot{h}_1 = -h_2 h_3, \\ \dot{h}_2 = h_1 h_3, \\ \dot{h}_3 = h_1 h_4, \\ \dot{h}_4 = -k h_1 (k h_3 + h_1). \end{cases}$$
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Normal Case of Pontryagin Maximum Principle

- SR arc-length parameterization $u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 1$.
- The Hamiltonian $H = (h_1^2 + h_2^2)/2 = 1/2$.
- Introduce the polar angle $\alpha \in S^1$: $h_1 = \cos \alpha$, $h_2 = \sin \alpha$.

Theorem. Naturally parameterized normal extremal trajectories are solutions to the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \cos \alpha \cos \theta, \\ \dot{y} = \cos \alpha \sin \theta, \\ \dot{\theta} = k \cos \alpha, \\ \dot{k} = \sin \alpha, \end{cases} \begin{cases} \dot{\alpha} = h_3, \\ \dot{h}_3 = h_4 \cos \alpha, \\ \dot{h}_4 = -k \cos \alpha (kh_3 + \cos \alpha). \end{cases}$$

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Can we solve this system analytically? The question of integrability of the system.

Liouville Integrability of Hamiltonian Systems

Hamiltonian system on a symplectic manifold N, dim N = 2d, is said to be Liouville integrable if it has d functionally independent first integrals in involution, i.e., if there exist functions $f_1 = H, f_2, \ldots, f_d \in C^{\infty}(N)$, constant on the trajectories of the system and such that $\{f_i, f_j\} = 0, i, j = 1, \ldots, d$, and f_1, \ldots, f_d are functionally independent on an open everywhere dense subset of N.

Examples of Nonintegrable SR problems

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First Integrals in the 4D Model of V1

The Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = h_1 \cos \theta, \\ \dot{y} = h_1 \sin \theta, \\ \dot{\theta} = h_1 k, \\ \dot{k} = h_2, \end{cases} \begin{cases} \dot{h}_1 = -h_2 h_3, \\ \dot{h}_2 = h_1 h_3, \\ \dot{h}_3 = h_1 h_4, \\ \dot{h}_4 = -k h_1 (k h_3 + h_1). \end{cases}$$

has the following first independent integrals:

1. the Hamiltonian $H = \frac{h_1^2 + h_2^2}{2}$,

2.
$$a = (h_1 + kh_3)\cos\theta - h_4\sin\theta,$$

3.
$$b = h_4 \cos \theta + (h_1 + kh_3) \sin \theta$$
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To prove Liouville integrability we need to find one more independent first integral.

Numerical Analysis of Liouville Integrability



Numerical Analysis of Liouville Integrability

$$\dot{\alpha} = h_3,$$

$$\dot{h}_3 = h_4 \cos \alpha,$$

$$\dot{h}_4 = -k \cos \alpha (kh_3 + \cos \alpha),$$

$$\dot{k} = \sin \alpha.$$

• One-parametric family of periodic trajectories

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} + t h_3(0), \ h_3(t) = h_3(0), \ h_4(t) = 0, \ k(t) = \frac{\sin(t h_3(0))}{h_3(0)}$$

- The period equals $T = \left|\frac{2\pi}{h_3(0)}\right|$.
- Transversal submanifold k = 0.
- 4 random initial values h_0 from a small neighborhood of the value $\alpha(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}, h_3(0) = 1, h_4(0) = 0$ have been chosen.
- The Poincare map has been computed for 1000 iterations.

Numerical Analysis of Liouville Integrability



Numerical simulations show Liouville integrability and existance of one more independent first integral.

Conclusion

- The 4-dimensional SR model of V1 is considered
- Proof of controllability and existence of optimal control
- Application of PMP
- Parameterization of abnormal geodesics
- The Hamiltonian system for normal geodesics
- Numerical investigation of Liouville integrability of normal geodesic flow

Thank you for your attention!