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**Necessary Conditions for  
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# 1 Preliminaries

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We consider optimal control problems of the form

$$\mathcal{J}(x, u) = \mathcal{M}(x(\bar{t})) + \int_{\underline{t}}^{\bar{t}} \mathcal{K}(t, x(t), u(t)) dt = \min!$$

subject to the differential-algebraic equation (DAE)

$$F(t, x, u, \dot{x}) = 0, \quad x(\underline{t}) = \underline{x},$$

where

$$\mathcal{M} \in C(\mathbb{D}_x, \mathbb{R}), \quad \mathcal{K} \in C(\mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{D}_x \times \mathbb{D}_u, \mathbb{R}), \quad F \in C(\mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{D}_x \times \mathbb{D}_{\dot{x}} \times \mathbb{D}_u, \mathbb{R}^n)$$

with

$$\mathbb{I} = [\underline{t}, \bar{t}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{D}_x, \mathbb{D}_{\dot{x}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \mathbb{D}_u \subseteq \mathbb{R}^l \quad \text{open.}$$

We assume that all functions are sufficiently smooth.

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The corresponding linearized problem reads (omitting the argument  $t$ )

$$\mathcal{J}(x, u) = \frac{1}{2}x(\bar{t})^T M x(\bar{t}) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\underline{t}}^{\bar{t}} (x^T W x + 2x^T S u + u^T R u) dt = \min!$$

subject to

$$E\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + f, \quad x(\underline{t}) = \underline{x},$$

where

$$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}, \quad W \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^{n,n}), \quad S \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^{n,l}), \quad R \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^{l,l}),$$

and

$$E, A \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^{n,n}), \quad B \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^{n,l}), \quad f \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^n)$$

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For the following, it is convenient not to distinguish between states and controls, so-called behavior approach. Introducing

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix},$$

we write the DAE as

$$F(t, z, \dot{z}) = 0$$

or

$$\mathcal{E}\dot{z} = \mathcal{A}z + f, \quad \mathcal{E} = [E \ 0], \quad \mathcal{A} = [A \ B]$$

in the linear case.

We first study linear DAEs.

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$$M_\ell \dot{z}_\ell = N_\ell z_\ell + g_\ell,$$

where

$$(M_\ell)_{i,j} = \binom{i}{j} \mathcal{E}^{(i-j)} - \binom{i}{j+1} \mathcal{A}^{(i-j-1)}, \quad i, j = 0, \dots, \ell,$$

$$(N_\ell)_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}^{(i)} & \text{for } i = 0, \dots, \ell, \quad j = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$(z_\ell)_j = z^{(j)}, \quad j = 0, \dots, \ell,$$

$$(g_\ell)_i = f^{(i)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, \ell,$$

consisting of

$$\mathcal{E} \dot{z} = \mathcal{A}z + f,$$

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$$(\ddot{\mathcal{E}} - 2\dot{\mathcal{A}})\ddot{z} + (2\dot{\mathcal{E}} - \mathcal{A})\ddot{z} + \mathcal{E} \dddot{z} = \ddot{\mathcal{A}}z + \ddot{f},$$

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