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Life at low Reynolds number - Purcell, 1977



Shape deformations of a microswimmer

Zooplankton

2-link symmetric swimmer.



Dynamic.

$$\dot{x}_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^2 l^2 \dot{\theta}_i \sin(\theta_i)}{2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sin^2(\theta_i)}, \quad \dot{\theta}_i = u_i, \ i = 1, 2 \quad (\text{state constraint} : 0 \le \theta_1 \le \theta_2 \le \pi).$$

Criterion. minimize drag forces : $\dot{q}S(q)\dot{q}^{\mathsf{T}}$, $\boldsymbol{q} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \boldsymbol{x}_0)$ and S is positive definite \implies quadratic form in (u_1, u_2) .

Aim

- Compute **optimal strokes** minimizing an efficiency.
- Stroke : *T*-periodic motion of the shape variables θ s.t. $x_0(T) x_0(0) > 0$.
- Admissible stroke : find closed curves in the θ -plane **contained in the triangle** :



$$\mathscr{E}(q(\cdot)) =$$
Geometric Efficiency $= x_0(T)/l_{SR}(q)$
 l_{SR} .

$$l_{SR}(q) = \int_0^T \sqrt{L(q,u)} \, \mathrm{d}t, \qquad L(q,u) = a(q) \, u_1^2 + 2b(q) \, u_1 u_2 + c(q) \, u_2^2$$

$$\min_{u(\cdot)} l_{SR}(q) \Leftrightarrow \min_{u(\cdot)} \int_0^T L(q, u) \mathrm{d}t$$

Two steps.

SR Length

$$\dot{q} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} u_i F_i \leftarrow \min_{u(\cdot)} \int_0^T L(q, u) dt,$$

$$\max_{u(\cdot), x_0(T)} \mathscr{E} \Leftrightarrow \left(\min_{u(\cdot)} \int_0^T L(q, u) dt \text{ with } x_0(T) \text{ fixed, then select } \max_{x_0(T)} \mathscr{E}_{x_0(T)} \right)$$
Transversality cond.

Compute points on the Sub-Riemannian sphere \rightarrow provide candidate solutions for the maximum of efficiency problem.

$$\int_0^T L(q,u) \leftarrow \min_{u(\cdot)}$$

Proposition 1. There is a one parameter family of normal simple loop strokes parameterized by the displacement $x_0(T)$.



Select on the point on the SR sphere with maximum of efficiency

Geometric efficiency : $\mathscr{E} = x_0(T)/l_{SR}(q)$, $(x_0(T)$ free) Transversality condition of the maximum Principle



$$p_{x_0}(T) = q^0(T)/x_0(T), \qquad p^0(T) = -1/2$$

Theorem 2. The abnormal stroke is not minimizing.

Normal form of order -1 Nilpotent model of order -1, the Brockett-Heisenberg model :

$$\hat{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad \hat{G} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

where (weight of x, y)=1 and (weight of z)=2 (privileged coordinates).



Geodesics $q(\cdot)$ for the model of order -1.

These families of circles are **not generic**

Theorem 3 (Brockett, Chakir et al). The model of order -1 is equivalent to the model of order 0.

Application to the Copepod *z* cannot be identified to the displacement x_0 . $x = \theta_1 - \theta_{10}, y = \theta_2 - \theta_{20}, \theta_{20} = \pi - \theta_{10}$. (contact point)

Perturbation of the model of order -1 by terms of order 0:

$$F_1(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (a_{11}(\theta_{10})xy + a_{02}(\theta_{10})y^2 + y)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$
$$F_2(x, y, z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (a_{11}(\theta_{10})xy + a_{02}(\theta_{10})x^2 - x)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$(F_1,F_2) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad (\hat{F},\hat{G})$$

Lemma 4. The only value of θ_{10} such that the transformation φ doesn't mix up the shape variables (x,y) and the displacement z corresponds to the center of swimming of the family.

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = (x + c_{011}(\theta_{10}) yz + c_{001}(\theta_{10}) z, y - c_{011}(\theta_{10}) xz + c_{001}(\theta_{10}) z, z + P(x, y, z, \theta_{10}))$$

$$\implies c_{011}(\theta_{10}) = c_{001}(\theta_{10}) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \theta_{10} = \text{center of the family.}$$

Theorem 5. The center of swimming is a SR-invariant.



One parameter family of simple loops with different metrics.

SR-invariant and inverse problem : given two swimmers with their centers of swimming, we can recover the metric.

Second order sufficient optimality conditions

for a Copepod stroke

Second order sufficient conditions

$$\begin{cases} \min & J(q(.), u(.)) := c(q(0), q(T)) \\ \text{s.t.} & \dot{q}(t) = F(q(t), u(t)) \\ & m(q(0), q(T)) = 0 , \end{cases}$$

 $H(q, u, p) := p \cdot F(q, u)$ and $h(q_0, q_T) := c(q_0, q_T) + v \cdot m(q_0, q_T)$. Consider a **normal extremal** $(\overline{q}, \overline{p})$ associated with \overline{u} .

Second variation

$$\delta^{2} J(\delta q(.), \delta u(.)) := 1/2 \left[\delta q(0)^{\mathsf{T}} \quad \delta q(T)^{\mathsf{T}} \right] \mathbf{C} \left[\delta q(0) \quad \delta q(T) \right]^{\mathsf{T}} + 1/2 \int_{0}^{T} \left(\delta q(t)^{\mathsf{T}} \partial_{qq} \mathbf{H}(t) \delta q(t) + 2 \delta q(t)^{\mathsf{T}} \partial_{qu} \mathbf{H}(t) \delta u(t) + \delta u(t)^{\mathsf{T}} \partial_{uu} \mathbf{H}(t) \delta u(t) \right) \mathrm{d}t$$

where $C := \text{Hessian}_{q_0,q_T}(h)$.

$$\begin{cases} \min & \delta^2 J(\delta q(.), \delta u(.)) \\ \text{s.t.} & \delta q := \partial_q F(t) \, \delta q(t) + \partial_u F(t) \, \delta u(t) \\ & \nabla_{q_0} m(\overline{q}(0), \overline{q}(T)) \, \delta q(0) + \nabla_{q_T} m(\overline{q}(0), \overline{q}(T)) \, \delta q(T) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Classical optimality conditions

- 2nd order necessary conditions : $\delta^2 J(\delta q(.), \delta u(.)) \ge 0$,
- 2nd order sufficient conditions : $\delta^2 J(\delta q(.), \delta u(.))$ coercive.

Monodromy matrix. $\Phi(.,.)$ associated with the linearized Hamiltonian system :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \Phi(t,s) = \mathbf{Z} \Phi(t,s) \\ \Phi(s,s) = \mathrm{Id}, \end{cases}$$

where

$$Z := \begin{bmatrix} \partial_q F - \partial_u F[\partial_{uu}H]^{-1} \partial_{qu}H^T & -\partial_u F[\partial_{uu}H]^{-1} \partial_u F^T \\ -\partial_{qq}H + \partial_{qu}H[\partial_{uu}H]^{-1} \partial_{qu}H^T & -\partial_q F[\partial_{uu}H]^{-1} \partial_u F^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Define

$$\mathscr{W} := \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{22}\phi_{12}^{-1} & \phi_{21} - \phi_{22}\phi_{12}^{-1}\phi_{11} \\ -\phi_{12} & \phi_{12}^{-1}\phi_{11} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi(0,T) =: \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{11} & \phi_{12} \\ \phi_{21} & \phi_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Theorem 6 (Standard conditions). Assume

(i): $\partial_{uu}H(t) \leq -\varepsilon$ Id on [0,T], $\overline{u}(.)$ bounded and $(\partial_q F(.), \partial_u F(.))$ is controllable on [0,T], (ii) the extremel $(\overline{u}(.), \overline{u}(.))$ depends here conjugate maintee on [0,T].

(ii) : the extremal $(\overline{q}(.), \overline{u}(.), \overline{p}(.))$ doesn't have conjugate points on [0, T], (iii) : there exists $\gamma > 0$ t.q.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \xi_0^T \ \xi_1^T \end{bmatrix} \mathscr{W} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi_1 \end{bmatrix} \ge \gamma \left| \begin{bmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi_1 \end{bmatrix} \right|^2 ,$$

for all vectors $\xi_0, \xi_1 \in I\!\!R^n \setminus \{0\}$ s.t.

 $\nabla_{q_0} m((\overline{q}(0),\overline{q}(T)))\xi_0 + \nabla_{q_T} m((\overline{q}(0),\overline{q}(T)))\xi_1 = 0.$

Then $(\overline{q}(.), \overline{u}(.))$ is a $W^{1,\infty}$ -minimizer and locally unique.

Boundary values

$$\theta_j(0) = \theta_j(T)$$
 $j = 1, 2,$
 $x_0(0) = 0, x(T) = x_T, x_T$ is fixed

Proposition 7. Take $I = (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, $\varepsilon > 0$ and let $(\overline{q}(\cdot), \overline{u}(\cdot), \overline{p}(\cdot))$ be a normal extremal. For all $a \in I$ and $t \in [0,T]$, we define $q^a(\cdot) = (\theta_1^a(\cdot), \theta_2^a(\cdot), x^a(\cdot))$, $u_1^a(\cdot), u_2^a(\cdot)$ and $p^a(\cdot)$ by

$$\theta_j^a(t) = \overline{\theta}_j(t+a), \quad u_j^a(t) = \overline{u}_j(t+a) \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2,$$

$$x^a(t) = \overline{x}(t+a) - \overline{x}(a), \quad p^a(t) = (\overline{p}_1(t), \overline{p}_2(t+a), \overline{p}_3(t+a)).$$

Then, for $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough, the normal extremal $(\overline{q}(.), \overline{p}(.), \overline{u}(.))$ is continuously embedded in the family of extremals $(q^a(.), p^a(.), u^a(.))_{a \in I}$.

These strokes have the SAME COST and satisfy the SAME BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

 \implies Standard conditions fail because of non-unique minimizers.



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Refined second order sufficient conditions

Theorem 8 (Refined Conditions, Gavriel, Vinter (2014)). Assume the reference normal extremal $(\overline{q}(.), \overline{u}(.), \overline{p}(.))$ is continuously embedded in a family of extremals and (i) : $\partial_{uu}H \leq -\varepsilon$ Id on [0,T], $(\partial_q F(.), \partial_u F(.))$ is controllable on [0,T], (ii) : the extremal $(\overline{q}(.), \overline{u}(.), \overline{p}(.))$ doesn't have conjugate points on [0,T], (iii) : there exists $\gamma > 0$ s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \xi_0^T \ \xi_1^T \end{bmatrix} \mathscr{W} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi_1 \end{bmatrix} \ge \gamma \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi_1 \end{bmatrix} \right\|^2 ,$$

for all vectors $\xi_0, \xi_1 \neq 0$ s.t.

 $\nabla_{q_0} m((\overline{q}(0), \overline{q}(T)))\xi_0 + \nabla_{q_T} m((\overline{q}(0), \overline{q}(T)))\xi_1 = 0 \qquad \text{and}$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}^T \left[egin{array}{c} \xi_0 \ \xi_1 \end{array}
ight] = 0 \; .$$

where $\Gamma := \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_a q^a(0) \\ \nabla_a q^a(T) \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{a=0}$.

Then $(\overline{q}(.), \overline{u}(.))$ is a local $W^{1,\infty}$ -minimizer.

Computation. Define the matrix N_s from the subspace \mathscr{L}_s s.t.

 $\mathscr{L}_s = \{ (\xi_0, \xi_T) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \nabla_{q_0, q_T} m(q_0, q_T) \ (\xi_0 \quad \xi_T)^{\mathsf{T}} = 0 \} =: \operatorname{Im}(N_s)$

Standard conditions. Does the matrix $\mathscr{W}_s := N_s^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathscr{W}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathscr{W}) N_s \in \mathscr{M}_2$ is positive-definite?

Consider

$$\Gamma_r = \left(\nabla_a q^a(0) \ \nabla_a q^a(T) \right)_{a=0} = \left(\dot{\overline{q}}(0) \ \dot{\overline{q}}(T) \right)$$

and the linear subspace \mathscr{L}_r s.t.

 $\mathscr{L}_r := \mathscr{L}_s \cap \{ (\xi_0, \xi_T) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \Gamma_r^{\mathsf{T}} (\xi_0 \quad \xi_T)^{\mathsf{T}} = 0 \} =: \operatorname{Im}(N_r)$

Refined conditions. Does $\mathscr{W}_r := N_r^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathscr{W}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathscr{W}) N_r > 0$?

Relative	(Standard condition)	(Refined condition)
tolerance	$\operatorname{Spec}(W_s)$	$\operatorname{Spec}(W_r)$
10 ⁻⁵	6.89e-4	22.5
	3.42	22.5
10 ⁻⁸	-9.12e-7	22.5
	3.42	22.3

- Standard conditions fail : \mathcal{W}_s has a zero eigenvalue.
- **BUT** Refined conditions are satisfied : \mathcal{W}_r is positive-definite.

Theorem 9 (Numerical). The simple loop normal stroke $(\overline{q}, \overline{u})$ is $W^{1,\infty} - optimal$.

- Contact point : expression of the generic normal form at any point inside the triangle \rightarrow unique family of simple loops.
- *Martinet point* : compute the normal form for a point on the edges \rightarrow locate the eight loops.
- estimation of the first conjugate time using normal forms.
- swimmer model with more than 2 pairs of links.







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Efficiency depending upon $\theta(0)$

$$\mathscr{E}' = rac{x_0(T) \, \boldsymbol{m(\theta(0))}}{l(q)}, \ (m \text{ smooth})$$

Transversality condition of the maximum Principle

$$p_{\theta}(0) - p_{\theta}(2\pi) = \lambda \frac{\partial \mathscr{E}'}{\partial \theta(0)}$$



Theorem 10 (Chakir, Gauthier, Kupka, 1996). *The* **generic model** *is given by the normal form of order* 1

$$F = \hat{F} + yQ(x,y)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \ G = \hat{G} - xQ(x,y)\frac{\partial}{\partial z},$$

Q quadratic in (x,y).

Remark 11. This normal form can be used to approximate the one parameter family of simple strokes.