

# Second order sufficient optimality conditions for some state-constrained control problems of semilinear elliptic equations of infinite order

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**Abstract:** In this paper, a semilinear elliptic optimal control problem of infinite order with pointwise state constraints is studied. The existence of regular Lagrange multipliers is obtained, we derive first-order necessary optimality conditions for elliptic control problem with pointwise state constraint generated by elliptic operator of an infinite order with finite dimension. Second order sufficient optimality conditions are established.

**Keywords:** Optimal control, semilinear elliptic equation, infinite order operator, state constraints, necessary optimality conditions, second order optimality conditions

## 1 Introduction

It is known that in the case of nonlinear equations the first order conditions are not in general sufficient for optimality so that we are going to derive a second order conditions. In this paper, we study an optimal control problem for a semilinear elliptic distributed control problem governed by elliptic operator of infinite order with pointwise constraints on the state. The aim is to derive the first-order necessary and second order sufficient optimality conditions by using [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

The Cauchy Dirichlet problem studied by Dubinskii [7, 8]

$$L(u) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^{\alpha} A_{\alpha}(x, D^{\gamma} u) = h(x), \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$D^{|\omega|} u(x)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad |\omega| = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The Sobolev space of infinite order which define by

$$\begin{aligned} W^{\infty}\{a_{\alpha}, p_{\alpha}\}(\Omega) &= \{u(x) \in C_0^{\infty}(\Omega) : p(u) \\ &\equiv \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{\infty} \|D^{\alpha} u\|_{p_{\alpha}}^{p_{\alpha}} < \infty\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_{\alpha} \geq 0$  and  $p_{\alpha} \geq 1$  are numerical sequences and  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is the canonical norm in the space  $L_p(G)$ .

Gali et al. [9] presented a set of inequalities defining an optimal control of a system governed by self-adjoint elliptic operators with an infinite number of variables.

Subsequently Lions suggested a problem related to this result but in different direction by taking the case of operators of infinite order with finite dimensions.

Gali has solved this problem, the result has been published in [10].

Moreover, I. M. Gali et. al. [10, 9, 11, 12] presented some control problems generated by both elliptic and hyperbolic linear operator of an infinite order with finite number of variables.

El-Zahaby et al [13] obtained the optimal control of problems governed by variational inequalities of an infinite order with finite domain.

We refers for instance, to Cases [6] for the first-order necessary optimality conditions, Casas, Tröltzsch and Unger [3] for the second-order sufficient condition.

For the elliptic case with quadratic objective and linear equation of infinite order, this obtained by El-Zahaby et. al. [14] while the state constrained problem was investigated in [15], and a semilinear problem of infinite order with finite dimension, this obtained by El-Zahaby [16], and [17, 18], where elliptic problem with pointwise control constraints.

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The existence of regular Lagrange multipliers was discussed by Röch and Tröltzsch [19] for elliptic case.

Necessary optimality conditions in function spaces can be directly deduced from the Karush-Kuhn-Tucker theory for optimization problems in Banach spaces. This method, which called the Lagrange method, will be investigated in [20].

In [3] that was, the first paper on second order sufficient conditions for problems with pointwise state constraints, the constriction of the critical cone was quite complicated yet. Several improvements were made that culminated so far in [21] for state-constrained problems with semilinear equations.

For the papers which a close connection to our work, we refer to [16, 2, 1, 3, 21, 22, 23] and reference given there in.

## 2 Some Function Spaces

The embedding problems for non-trivial Sobolev spaces of infinite order are investigated in [8, 7].

An embedding criterion established in terms of the characteristic functions of these space.

In this case

$$W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\} \subseteq L_2(R^n) \subseteq W^{-\infty}\{a_\alpha, 2\}$$

where,

$$W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\} = \{\phi \in C^\infty(R^n) : \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^\infty a_\alpha \|D^\alpha \phi\|_2^2 < \infty\}$$

be Sobolev space of infinite order of periodic function defined on all of  $R^n$  and  $W^{-\infty}\{a_\alpha, 2\}$  denotes their topological dual with respect to  $L_2(R^n)$ , we recall that  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  is a multi-index for differentiation and  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$

$$D^\alpha = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \partial x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}}, \quad a_\alpha > 0,$$

is a numerical sequence, and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  is the canonical norm in the space  $L_2(R^n)$ , (all functions are assumed to be real value).

## 3 Problem Statement

In the study of semilinear elliptic control problem of infinite order and pointwise state and control constraints

$$(P) \begin{cases} \min J(y, u) := \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{k}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, & (1) \\ \text{subject to} \\ Ay + d(x, y) = u & \text{in } \Omega, & (2) \\ y^{(w)}|_\Gamma = 0 \quad |w| = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ \text{and the state constraint} \\ u_a(x) \leq u(x) \leq u_b(x), \quad y_u(x) \leq \gamma & (3) \\ \text{for almost all } x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

where  $A$  is the elliptic operator of infinite order  $A \in L(W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}, W^{-\infty}\{a_\alpha, 2\})$  for which has self-adjoint closure

$$Ay(x) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^\infty (-1)^{|\alpha|} a_\alpha D^{2\alpha} y, \quad a_\alpha > 0 \quad (4)$$

we introduce the following continuous bilinear form

$$a(u, v) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^\infty \left( (-1)^{|\alpha|} a_\alpha D^{2\alpha} u(x), v(x) \right)_{L^2(R^n)} \text{ on } W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}$$

It is well known that the ellipticity of  $A$  is sufficient for the coerciveness of bilinear form  $a(u, v)$  i.e.,

$$a(y, y) \geq \nu \|y\|_{W_0^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}}^2$$

We adapt the following assumption

### Assumption 1:

- The function  $y_d \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $k > 0, N \neq 0, \gamma \neq 0$  are real numbers and the bound  $u_a$  and  $u_b$  are fixed function in  $L^2(\Omega)$  with  $u_a(x) \leq u_b(x)$ .
- $\Omega \subset R^N$  be bounded Lipschitz domain with boundary  $\Gamma$ .
- $A$  denotes elliptic operator of infinite order with finite dimension take the form (4).
- This operator is bounded self-adjoint mapping  $W_0^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}$  onto  $W_0^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}$  and satisfy the condition of ellipticity [17]

$$a(y(x), y(x)) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^\infty (a_\alpha D^\alpha y(x), D^\alpha y(x))_{L^2(R^n)} \geq \nu \|y\|_{W_0^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}}^2, \quad 1 \geq \nu > 0.$$

- The function  $d = d(x, y) : \Omega \times R \rightarrow R$  is measurable with respect to  $x \in \Omega$  for all fixed  $y \in R$ , and twice continuously differentiable with respect to  $y$ , for almost all  $x \in \Omega$ .
- Moreover, for  $d$  is satisfy the boundedness condition of order two with respect to  $x$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|d(\cdot, 0)\|_\infty + \|d_y(\cdot, 0)\|_\infty + \|d_{yy}(\cdot, 0)\|_\infty \leq C$$

- Further, for  $a.a.x \in \Omega$  and  $y \in R$ , it holds that  $d_y(x, y) \geq 0$ .
- Also, the derivative of  $d$  w.r.t.  $y$  up to order two are local Lipschitz condition, i.e. for all  $M > 0$  there exists  $L_M > 0$  such that  $d$  satisfies

$$\|d_{yy}(\cdot, y_1) - d_{yy}(\cdot, y_2)\|_\infty \leq L_M |y_1 - y_2|$$

for all  $y_i \in R$  with  $|y_i| \leq M, i = 1, 2$ .

- There is a subset  $E_\Omega \subset \Omega$  of positive measure with  $d_y(x, y) > 0$  in  $E_\Omega \times R$ .

**Theorem 1** Under Assumption 1 the semilinear elliptic control problem (2) admits for every  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$  a unique solution  $y \in W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\} \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  with

$$\|y\|_{W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}} + \|y\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})} \leq C \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Based on this theorem, we introduced the control to state operator  $G : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\} \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $u \rightarrow y$ . Let us reformulate the problem (P) with the help of the solution operator  $G$  to obtain the reduced formulation

$$(PV) \begin{cases} \min f(u) = J(G(u), u) \\ \quad := \frac{1}{2} \|G(u) - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{k}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2, \\ \text{and the state constraint} \\ u_a(x) \leq u(x) \leq u_b(x), \quad G(u)(x) \leq \gamma \\ \text{for a.a } x \in \Omega \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Let us define the set of admissible handling the box constraints on the control

$$U_{ad} = \{u \in L^2(\Omega) : u_a(x) \leq u(x) \leq u_b(x) \text{ a.e in } \Omega\}$$

For the proof we refer to [16,20].

## 4 First-Order Optimality Conditions

We consider the state  $y_u$  associated with a given control  $u$  in the space  $W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\} \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$ . It is known that the mapping  $u \rightarrow y_u$  is twice continuously Frechet differentiable.

**Definition 1A** control  $\bar{u} \in U_{ad}$  satisfy  $y_{\bar{u}}(x) \leq \gamma$  in  $\Omega$  is called a local solution of problem (PV) if there exists a  $\rho > 0$  such that  $f(\bar{u}) \leq f(u)$  for all  $u \in U_{ad}$  and  $\|u - \bar{u}\| \leq \rho$ .

The next theorem states the existence of an optimal solution for(PV).

**Theorem 2**Let the Assumption 1 be satisfied. If the admissible set is not empty, then Problem (PV) admits at least one a local solution in the sense of Definition 1.

The proof follows from a more general result see [20]

The first and second order optimality conditions can now be easily transferred from the elliptic case. We obtain for the first and second order derivatives of  $f$  in direction  $v \in L^\infty(\Omega)$

**Lemma 1**Let Assumption 1 be fulfilled. Then the mapping  $G : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\} \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  is twice continuously Frechet differentiable. Moreover, for all  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $w = G'(u)h$  is defined as the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} Aw + d_y(x, y)w &= h & \text{in } \Omega \\ w|_{\Gamma} &= 0 & |\alpha| = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Furthermore, for every  $z \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $z = G''(u)[u_1, u_2]$  is the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} Az + d_y(x, y)z &= -d_{yy}(x, y)y_1y_2 & \text{in } \Omega \\ z|_{\Gamma} &= 0 & |w| = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $y_i = G'(u)u_i$ .

The proof can be obtained by using the implicit function theorem.

Since  $f$  is twice continuously Frechet differentiable and with differentiability of  $G$ , this yields the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2**Under Assumption 1,  $f$  is twice continuously Frechet differentiable from  $L^2(\Omega)$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Its first derivative is given by

$$f'(u)h = \int_{\Omega} (ku + p(x))h(x)dx \quad (8)$$

where  $p$  solves the adjoint equation

$$\begin{aligned} Ap + d_y(x, y)p &= y - y_d & \text{in } \Omega \\ p|_{\Gamma} &= 0 & |w| = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $p$  is the adjoint solution and  $A$  is the adjoint operator which take the same form in (4).

For the second derivative, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f''(u)[u_1, u_2] &= (y_1, y_2)_{L^2(\Omega)} + k(u_1, u_2)_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\quad - \int_{\Omega} d_{yy}(x, y)y_1y_2pdx \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

*Proof.*From definition of the reduced cost functional

$$J(G(u), u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (G(u) - y_d(x))^2 + \frac{k}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2(x)dx$$

We get

$$f'(u)h = (y - y_d, w)_{L^2(\Omega)} + k(u, h)_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

where  $y = G(u)$  and  $w = G'(u)h$  denotes the weak solution of the linearized equation (6) with the right hand side  $h$ .

Now, choosing  $p$  as a test function in the weak formulation of (6) and inserting  $y$  in the weak formulation of equation (9), we obtain

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} a_\alpha D^{2\alpha} w p dx + \int_{\Omega} d_y(x, y) w p dx = \int_{\Omega} h p dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} a_\alpha (D^\alpha w)(x) (D^\alpha p)(x) dx + \int_{\Omega} d_y(x, y) w p dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} h p dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{|\alpha|=0}^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} a_\alpha (D^\alpha p)(x) (D^\alpha w)(x) dx + \int_{\Omega} d_y(x, y) p w dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (y - y_d) w dx \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting one equation from the other finally yields

$$(y - y_d, w)_{L^2(\Omega)} = (h, p)_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

As a simple conclusion, the following expression for the directional derivative of the objective functional  $f$  at  $\bar{u}$  in the direction  $h \in L^2(\Omega)$  yields

$$f'(\bar{u})h = \int_{\Omega} (p(x) + k\bar{u}(x))h(x)dx$$

We obtain the desired necessary optimality condition.

Applying again the Chain rule, we can calculate the second derivative as follow. First, we obtain

$$f'(u)u_1 = D_y J(G(u), u)G'(u)u_1 + D_u J(G(u), u)u_1$$

Next, we calculate the direction derivative of  $f'(u)u_1$  in direction  $u_2$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} f''(u)[u_1, u_2] \\ = J''(y, u)[(y_1, u_1), (y_2, u_2)] + D_y J(y, u)G''(u)[u_1, u_2]. \end{aligned}$$

A similar discussion as above, where the abbreviation  $z := G''(u)[u_1, u_2]$  denotes the weak solution of (7) with this, we obtain the expression

$$D_y J(y, u)z = \int_{\Omega} (y - y_d)z(x)dx$$

which can be transformed by using the adjoint state  $p$ , which is the weak solution to (9) hence, we have  $(y - y_d, z)_{L^2(\Omega)} = -(d_{yy}(x, y)y_1 y_2, p)_{L^2(\Omega)}$ .

## 5 Lagrange Multiplier Rule

To formulate first necessary optimality conditions, the pointwise state constraints are included in a Lagrangian function by associated Lagrange multipliers. We define Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$  by adding the inequality constraints in the following way

$$\mathcal{L}(y, u, \mu) := J(y, u) + \int_{\Omega} (y_u(x) - \gamma)d\mu(x) \quad (11)$$

where  $\mu \in M(\Omega)$  is a regular Boral measure . Such multipliers exist under so called regularity condition that is here taken as complementary slackness conditions.

Then there exist an associated Lagrange multiplier  $\bar{\mu} \in M(\Omega)$  such that

$$\bar{\mu} \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\Omega} (y_u(x) - \gamma)d\bar{\mu}(x) = 0$$

Then the equation

$$\int_{\Omega} (k\bar{u} + q)(u - \bar{u}) \geq 0 \quad (12)$$

can be expressed in the form  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u}(\bar{y}, \bar{u}, q, \bar{\mu}) \geq 0$  for all  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ .

Moreover, the adjoint equation

$$\begin{aligned} Aq + d_y(x, \bar{y})q &= \bar{y}_d - y_d + \bar{\mu} \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ q|_{\Gamma} &= 0 \quad |w| = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

is equivalent to the equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y}(\bar{y}, \bar{u}, q, \bar{\mu}) = 0$$

for all  $y \in W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\}$ .

The optimality system can therefore be rewritten in the following form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} &\geq 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u} \geq 0, \quad \bar{\mu} \geq 0 \\ \int_{\Omega} (y_u(x) - \gamma)d\bar{\mu}(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the last two conditions are called complementary slackness conditions.

The next theorem show that (12), (13) and complementary slackness conditions follow from the variational inequality .

**Theorem 3** Suppose that  $\bar{u}$  is a local solution of an optimal control problem, then there exist an element  $u_0 \in U_{ad}$  such that

$$y_{\bar{u}}(x) + w_{u_0 - \bar{u}} \leq \gamma \quad \text{f.a } x \in \Omega$$

Then there exist an associated Lagrange multipliers  $\bar{\mu} \in M(\Omega)$  and the adjoint state  $q \in W^\infty\{a_\alpha, 2\} \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$  such that the condition (12), the adjoint equation (13) and complementing slackness conditions are satisfied.

## 6 Second-Order Sufficient Conditions

We discuss a sufficient second-order optimality condition (SSC) . For this purpose, we define the following critical cone as follows:

**Definition 2** The critical cone was introduced in the context for state-constrained problems with semilinear elliptic equations. The critical cone is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\bar{u}, \bar{\mu}} = \left\{ v \in L^2(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} (k\bar{u} + p(x))v dx = 0, \right. \\ \left. v \text{ satisfies the conditions (14), (15), (16)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

The further conditions defining  $C_{\bar{u}, \bar{\mu}}$  are the sign conditions

$$v(x) := \begin{cases} v(x) = 0 & (k\bar{u} + p(x)) \neq 0 \\ v(x) \geq 0 & \text{where } \bar{u}(x) = u_a(x) \\ v(x) \leq 0 & \text{where } \bar{u}(x) = u_b(x) \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

and

$$w_v(x) \leq 0 \quad \text{if } \bar{y}(x) = \gamma \quad (15)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} w_v(x) \, d\bar{\mu}(x) = 0 \quad (16)$$

The sufficient second-order optimality conditions are given by the equation (17) in the next theorem covering the local optimality of  $\bar{v}$  [20].

**Theorem 4** Let  $\bar{v}$  be a feasible control for problem (P) and satisfies the variational inequality (12). Assume that the coercivity condition

$$f''(\bar{v})v^2 \geq \hat{\delta} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \quad \forall v \in C_{\bar{u}, \bar{\mu}} \quad (17)$$

is satisfied with  $\hat{\delta} > 0$ . Then there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t. we have the quadratic growth condition holds:

$$\frac{\delta}{4} \|v - \bar{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + f(\bar{v}) \leq f(v) \text{ if } \|v - \bar{v}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} < \varepsilon \quad \forall v \in V_{ad} \quad (18)$$

So that  $\bar{v}$  is a local solution of (P) with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$

*Proof.* We select  $v \in L^2(\Omega)$  and perform a Taylor expansion at  $\bar{v}$ . We get

$$f(v) = f(\bar{v}) + f'(\bar{v})(v - \bar{v}) + \frac{1}{2} f''(\bar{v} + \theta(v - \bar{v}))(v - \bar{v})^2$$

with  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ .

Under Assumption 1 and since  $f$  is twice continuously Frechet differentiable, there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$|f''(\bar{v})v_1^2 - f''(v)v_1^2| \leq \frac{\delta}{2} \|v_1\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \quad \forall v_1 \in L^2(\Omega) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{if } \|v - \bar{v}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon$$

It follow from the variational inequality (12), we get with some intermediate point  $v_\theta$  between  $v$  and  $\bar{v}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(v) - f(\bar{v}) &= \frac{1}{2} f''(v_\theta)(v - \bar{v})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( f''(\bar{v})(v - \bar{v})^2 + [f''(v_\theta) - f''(\bar{v})](v - \bar{v})^2 \right) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta \|v - \bar{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \|v - \bar{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{\delta}{4} \|v - \bar{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

in view of (17) and (19), provided that

$$\|v - \bar{v}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon$$

## 7 Conclusion

In contrast to the optimal control of linear systems with a convex objective, where first order necessary optimality conditions are already sufficient for optimality, higher order conditions such as second order sufficient optimality conditions (SSC) should be employed to verify

optimality for nonlinear systems. In this paper, we have investigated how second order conditions can be formulated for state constrained control problems governed by semilinear elliptic equations of infinite order with respect to second order sufficient optimality conditions (SSC). We obtained that a first order necessary optimality conditions of pointwise state by associated Lagrange multipliers. Also, we derived a sufficient second order optimality conditions by introduced the critical cone which covering the local optimality of control.

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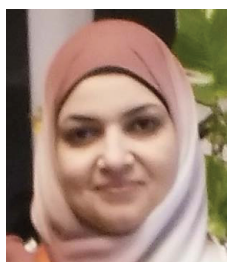
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