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AN EXACT FUNCTIONAL-ANALYTIC REPRESENTATION OF SOLUTIONS TO A HAMILTON-JACOBI EQUATION OF RICCATI TYPE

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A generalized characteristic method [5, 7] preliminaries are described and used for studying functional-analytic solutions to the Cauchy problem of noncanonical Hamilton-Jacobi equations. If the equation is of the Riccati type solutions are obtained and investigated making use of the classical Leray-Schauder fixed point theory.

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Описаны основания обобщенного метода характеристик, использованного для изучения функционально-аналитических решений задачи Коши неканонических уравнений Гамильтона-Якоби. В случае уравнения типа Риккати решения получены и исследованы с помощью классической теории неподвижной точки Лере-Шаудера.

1. The problem setting. Consider a canonical Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$u_t + \|u_x\|^2/2 = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the standard norm in the Euclidean space $\mathbb{E}^n := (\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, and try to construct its exact functional-analytic [8, 6, 7] generalized solutions $u : \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, satisfying the Cauchy condition

$$u|_{t=+0} = u_0 \quad (1.2)$$

for a given function $u_0 : \mathbb{E}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. One can easily enough to state, making use of the characteristic method [8, 6, 10, 13], that equation (1.1) possesses for smooth Cauchy data $u_0 \in C^1(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$ an exact functional-analytic generalized solution in the form

$$u(x, t) = u_0(y) + \frac{1}{2t} \|x - y\|^2, \quad (1.3)$$

where a vector $y := y(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n$ for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfies the following determining equation

$$\partial u_0(y)/\partial y - (x - y)/t = 0. \quad (1.4)$$

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It was proved in [11, 8, 6] that in a more general case of convex and below semicontinuous Cauchy data $u_0 \in BSC_{(c)}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R})$ the expression (1.3) allows the completely equivalent to (1.3) so called Hopf-Lax type representation

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{E}^n} \left\{ u_0(y) + \frac{1}{2t} \|x - y\|^2 \right\}, \tag{1.5}$$

being a generalized [8] solution to the Hamilton-Jacobi equation (1.1). The solution (1.3) satisfies the following natural asymptotic “viscosity” property: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = \inf \{ u_0(y) : y \in \mathbb{E}^n \}$ for almost all $x \in \mathbb{E}^n$. The Cauchy problem (1.1) and (1.2) for functions $u_0 \in BSC(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R}) \cap C^1(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$ possesses a unique functional-analytic representation for its generalized solutions and satisfying the standard viscosity property. Below we consider a generalized geometric Monge characteristic method of solving noncanonical Hamilton-Jacobi type equations in the general form $u_t + H(x, t; u, u_x) = 0$ with Cauchy data (1.2), and give two examples, where $H := H_1 = \frac{1}{2} \langle u_x, u_x \rangle$ and $H := H_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\langle u_x, u_x \rangle + u^2)$, an evolution Riccati type equation.

2. A generalized Monge characteristic method: short backgrounds.

2.1. A noncanonical Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$u_t + H(x, t; u, u_x) = 0$$

within the geometric Monge approach [5, 10, 7, 1, 13] can be considered as a characteristic surface $S_H \subset \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}^2$ in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} S_H & : = \{ (x, t; u, p, \sigma) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}^2 : \sigma + \bar{H}(x, t; u, p) = 0, \\ \bar{H}(x, t; u, p) & : = H(x, t; u, \pi)|_{\pi = \psi(x; u, p)} \}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where a related Monge cones parametrization is taken as $\pi = \psi(x; u, p) \in \mathbb{E}^n$, $(x; u, p) \in S_H$, for some nondegenerate mapping $\psi \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}; \mathbb{E}^n)$, that is $\det(\partial\psi/\partial p) \neq 0$. We denoted here $u_t := \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$, $u_x := \pi \in \mathbb{E}^n$ for $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the standard scalar product in the Euclidean vector space $\mathbb{E}^n := (\mathbb{E}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$. As an example of equation (1.1), we will put below

$$H_1(x, t; u, \pi) := \frac{1}{2} \langle \pi, \pi \rangle, \quad H_2(x, t; u, \pi) := \frac{1}{2} (\langle \pi, \pi \rangle + u^2). \tag{2.2}$$

Now one can construct [5, 10, 7] a solution surface $\bar{S}_H \subset \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}$, which is compatible with the characteristic surface $S_H \subset \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}^2$, and satisfying the following Cartan’s compatibility relationships:

$$du = \sigma dt + \langle \psi, dx \rangle, \quad \langle d\sigma, \wedge dt \rangle + \langle d\psi, \wedge dx \rangle = 0, \tag{2.3}$$

holding upon \bar{S}_H along any solution $u : \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

2.2. Consider now a related characteristic vector field on the surface S_H in the form

$$\begin{aligned} dx/d\tau & = \mu^{(1|1)} \partial \bar{H} / \partial p, & dp/d\tau & = -\mu^{(1|1)*} (\partial \bar{H} / \partial x + \psi \partial \bar{H} / \partial u - \bar{H} \partial \psi / \partial u), \\ du/d\tau & = \langle p, \mu^{(1|1)} \partial \bar{H} / \partial p \rangle - \bar{H}, & d\sigma/d\tau & = \sigma \partial \bar{H} / \partial u, \quad dt/d\tau = 1, \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

under the following mixed Cauchy data:

$$\begin{aligned} x|_{\tau=0} &= y := y(x, t), & x|_{\tau=t} &= x, & , \\ u|_{\tau=0} &= u_0(y), & p|_{\tau=0} &= p_0(y), \\ \psi(x_0; u_0, p_0) &: & &= \partial u_0(x_0)/\partial x, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

where, by definition, the tensor $\mu^{(1|1)} := (\partial\psi/\partial p)^{*, -1}$ and the condition $u|_{\tau=t} = u(x, t)$ for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$ is assumed, owing to the relationships (2.3), to be satisfied. The equations (2.4) fully ensure [3, 10, 5, 13, 7] the invariance of the characteristic S_H and fulfillment of the related Cartan's compatibility conditions (2.3). The problem (2.4) and (2.5) is, actually, an inverse one subject to the corresponding initial data at $\tau = 0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$, if the corresponding data at $\tau = t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ are *a priori* given. The general solution to this inverse problem gives rise [10, 5] to the following exact functional-analytic expression:

$$u(x, t) = (u_0(y) + \mathcal{P}(x, t; y))|_{y=x_0(x, t)}, \quad (2.6)$$

where a vector $y := x_0(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n$, defined by (2.5), must belong to the set of points

$U(x) \subset \mathbb{E}^n$, reachable at $\tau = t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ by the vector field (2.4) starting at $x \in \mathbb{E}^n$, and the kernel

$$\mathcal{P}(x, t; y) := \int_0^t \mathcal{L}(\tau; x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau)|u) d\tau, \quad (2.7)$$

$\dot{x} := dx/d\tau$, is defined by the Lagrangian function

$$\mathcal{L}(\tau; x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau)|u) := (\langle \psi, \mu^{(1|1)} \partial \bar{H} / \partial p \rangle - \bar{H}(x, \tau; , p))|_{\dot{x}=\mu^{(1|1)} \partial \bar{H} / \partial p} \quad (2.8)$$

for all reachable points $(x(\tau), \tau) \in U(x) \times \mathbb{R}_+$. The functional analytic expression (2.6) for

the Cauchy problem (1.1) and (1.2) gives rise [7] right away to its generalized solution in the Hopf-Lax type form, since the tensor field $\mu^{(1|1)} \in C^1(\mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+; \mathbb{E}^n \otimes \mathbb{E}^n)$ on the corresponding characteristic surface S_H is symplectic [2, 1, 4, 12]. This means, in particular, that the differential 2-form

$$\omega^{(2)} := \langle d\psi, \wedge dx \rangle|_{\Sigma_H} \quad (2.9)$$

is nondegenerate on the characteristic strip $\Sigma_H \subset S_H$. We can now easily obtain from (2.4),

(2.5) and (2.6) that the Hamilton-Jacobi equation (1.1) with Cauchy data $u_0 \in C^1(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$ possesses solution (1.3) for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$, defined by the vector $y = x_0(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n$, which solves the determining equation (1.4).

3. Examples.

Example 3.1. The canonical Hamiltonian function $H_1(x, t; u, \pi) := \frac{1}{2} \langle \pi, \pi \rangle$.

3.1. Actually, the Lagrangian function (2.8) corresponding to this case, owing to the (2.2), equals the expression

$$\mathcal{L}(\tau; x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau)|u) = \|\dot{x}\|^2/2, \quad (3.1)$$

where, owing to equations (2.4) and conditions (2.5), the following relationships

$$x(\tau) - y = \psi(x_0; u_0, p_0)\tau, \quad \psi(x_0; u_0, p_0) := \partial u_0(y)/\partial y, \quad (3.2)$$

hold for all $\tau \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Therefore, the expressions (2.6) and (2.7) give rise to such an exact solution to the equation (1.1):

$$u(x, t) = u_0(y) + \frac{1}{2t} \|x - y\|^2 \Big|_{y=x_0(x,t)}, \quad (3.3)$$

where a vector $y := x_0(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n$ for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfies the determining equation (1.4), easily following from (3.2), that is

$$\partial u_0(y)/\partial y - (x - y)/t = 0. \quad (3.4)$$

The result obtained one can interestingly interpret making use of the Lagrangian variational principle: the system (2.4) of characteristic Hamiltonian vector fields is completely equivalent to the variational equation $\delta \mathcal{L}(\tau; x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau)|u)/\delta x = 0$, solving the extremum problem

$$\tilde{u}(x, t) = \inf_{\substack{x \in C^2([0, t]; \mathbb{R}) \\ \{x(0)=y \in \mathbb{E}^n, x(t)=x \in \mathbb{E}^n\}}} (u_0(y) + \int_0^t \mathcal{L}(\tau; x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau)|u) d\tau) \quad (3.5)$$

in the space of smooth functions $x \in C^2([0, t]; \mathbb{R})$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$.

3.2. A very important fact concerning the constructed function (3.5) consists in that it satisfies [14] the Hamilton-Jacobi equation for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$ exactly the same as (1.1), that is

$$\partial \tilde{u}/\partial t + \|\tilde{u}_x\|^2/2 = 0 \quad (3.6)$$

under the evident initial condition

$$\tilde{u}|_{t=0} = u_0. \quad (3.7)$$

Thereby, we can identify the obtained function (2.4) with our solution to the Hamilton-Jacobi equation (1.1) with Cauchy data (1.2), that is $u = \tilde{u}$. Since the infimum problem (3.5) is equivalent to that

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{y \in U(x)} \{u_0(y) + \int_0^t \mathcal{L}(\tau; x(\tau), \dot{x}(\tau)|u) d\tau\} \quad (3.8)$$

in the space of solutions to the equations (2.4) with Cauchy data (2.5), we obtain right away its well known [8, 6] the Hopf-Lax type representation

$$u(x, t) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ u_0(y) + \frac{\|x - y\|^2}{2t} \right\}, \quad (3.9)$$

where we took into account that $U(x) = \mathbb{R}^n$ and the kernel (2.7) equals

$$\mathcal{P}(x, t; y) = \frac{\|x - y\|^2}{2t} \quad (3.10)$$

for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$. If the Cauchy data $u_0 \in BSC_{(c)}(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R}) \cap C^1(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$, a vector $y = y(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n$, solving the problem (3.9), satisfies evidently the equation (3.4), thereby confirming the result, obtained previously.

Example 3.2. The evolutionary Hamilton-Jacobi equation of the Riccati type: the Hamiltonian function $H := H_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\langle \pi, \pi \rangle + u^2)$.

3.3. The corresponding characteristic vector fields equations on the surface S_H , parametrized as $\pi := \psi(x; u, p) \in \mathbb{E}^n$, $(x; u, p) \in S_H$, are given as

$$\begin{aligned} dx/d\tau &= \psi(x; u, p), \\ (\partial\psi/\partial p)dp/d\tau &= -u\psi, \\ du/d\tau &= \frac{1}{2}(\langle \psi, \psi \rangle - u^2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

where parameter $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$. It is easy to see that a suitable parametrization of S_H can be given by the mapping $\psi(x; u, p) := up/\|p\|$ for all $(x; u, p) \in S_H$. Then, the system of equations (3.11) transforms into

$$\begin{aligned} dx/d\tau &= up/\|p\|, \\ (\mathbf{I}-p \otimes p/\|p\|^2)dp/d\tau &= -up/\|p\|, \\ du/d\tau &= \frac{1}{2}(\langle \psi, \psi \rangle - u^2) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

meaning that the solution $u : \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ along the corresponding characteristic strip $\Sigma_H \subset S_H$ is exactly constant. Solve now the inverse Cauchy problem related with system (3.12):

$$\begin{aligned} x|_{\tau=0} &= x_0 := y(x, t), & x|_{\tau=t} &= x, \\ p|_{\tau=0} &= p_0(y) = \|p_0(y)\| \partial \ln u_0(y) / \partial y \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

for any fixed $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$. Before doing this, note that the latter condition of (3.12) imposes the natural constraint on the class of Cauchy data (1.2):

$$u_0(x) = c_0 \exp\left[\int_0^1 \frac{\langle p_0(x\lambda), x \rangle}{\|p_0(x\lambda)\|} d\lambda\right] \quad (3.14)$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{E}^n$. Here $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ is arbitrary positive constant and a vector-function $p_0 \in C^1(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{E}^n)$ satisfies the following compatibility condition:

$$p'_0 - p'^{*}_0 = \|p_0\|^{-2}[p'^{*} (p_0 \otimes p_0) - (p_0 \otimes p_0) p'_0], \quad (3.15)$$

where $p' := \partial p_0(x) / \partial x \in \mathbb{E}^n \otimes \mathbb{E}^n$, $x \in \mathbb{E}^n$, is the usual Jacobi matrix. We will call further this class of Cauchy data as $Ricc(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$. Having assumed now that the Cauchy data satisfy conditions (3.14) and (3.15), one can easily solve the inverse Cauchy problem (3.13) for equations (3.12) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x + \frac{p_0(y)}{\|p_0(y)\|} (1 - e^{-ut}) u^{-1}, \\ u &= u_0\left(x + \frac{p_0(y)}{\|p_0(y)\|} (1 - e^{-ut}) u^{-1}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

holding for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{E}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+$. The system of functional-analytic equations (3.16) is, evidently, equivalent to the following fixed point problem

$$\mathcal{P}(y; u) = (y; u) \quad (3.17)$$

for $(y; u) \in C(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$ and any fixed parameter $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, where the mapping

$$\mathcal{P}(y; u) := \left(x + \frac{p_0(y)}{\|p_0(y)\|} (1 - e^{-ut}) u^{-1}; u_0(y)\right) \quad (3.18)$$

with $u_0 \in Ricc(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$. The following lemma simply follows from the expressions (3.16) and (3.14).

Lemma 3.3. *The mapping (3.18) is continuous with respect to the norm*

$$\|(y; u)\|_{\mathbb{E}^n} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{E}^n} (\exp(-\|x\|)|u(x)|) + \sup_{x \in \mathbb{E}^n} (\|y\|),$$

where $(y; u) \in C(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$.

It is easy to see, owing to (3.14) and (3.16), that the mapping (3.18) leaves the convex set $B_1(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R}_+)$ invariant for any fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, where we denoted

$$\begin{aligned} B_1(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{E}^n) & : = \{y \in C(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{E}^n) : \sup_{x \in \mathbb{E}^n} \|y(x) - x\| \leq 1\}, \\ C_{\exp}(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R}) & : = \{u \in C(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R}) : \sup_{x \in \mathbb{E}^n} \exp(-\|x\|)|u(x)| \leq e\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

Take now any compact $K \subset \mathbb{E}^n$ and consider the mapping (3.17) reduced to points $x \in K$. Then the mapping (3.17) also will leave the set $B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+)$ invariant for any fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Concerning the constructed set $B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+)$ the following lemma, owing to the definitions (3.19), holds.

Lemma 3.4. *The set of functions $B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+)$ is bounded and uniformly continuous with respect to the induced norm $\|(y; u)\|_K := \sup_{x \in K} (\exp(-\|x\|)|u(x)|) + \sup_{x \in K} (\|y\|)$ for any compact $K \subset \mathbb{E}^n$ and all fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$.*

From the above lemma 3.4 we find, owing to the standard Riesz criterium [9, 8], the next corollary.

Corollary 3.5. *The set of functions $B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+)$ is convex and compact for any compact $K \subset \mathbb{E}^n$ and all fixed $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$.*

Thereby, one can apply to the constructed above reduced mapping

$$\mathcal{P} : B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+) \rightarrow B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+) \quad (3.20)$$

the classical Leray-Schauder theorem [8, 9] about the existence of a fixed point $(\bar{y}; \bar{u}) \in B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+)$, such that $\mathcal{P}(\bar{y}; \bar{u}) = (\bar{y}; \bar{u})$. Really, owing to Lemma 3.3 and Corollary 3.4, the following theorem holds.

Theorem 3.6. (Leray-Schauder type) *The mapping (3.18), being continuous in the Banach space $C(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C(K; \mathbb{R})$, leaves the convex and compact set of functions $B_1(K; \mathbb{E}^n) \times C_{\exp}(K; \mathbb{R}_+)$ invariant and possesses there a fixed point.*

The obtained fixed point of the mapping (3.20) solves, obviously, our Cauchy problem (1.2) for any given function $u_0 \in Ricc(\mathbb{E}^n; \mathbb{R})$, finishing our calculations. In particular, we showed that solutions to the canonical Hamilton-Jacobi equation (1.1) with Cauchy data (1.2) can be constructed effectively in the functional-analytic form, using the generalized characteristic method. Within those exact functional-analytic solutions can exist such ones, whose asymptotic properties possess nontrivial asymptotic viscosity behavior, being of importance important for applications.

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