GRADIENT FLOWS WITH JUMPS ASSOCIATED WITH NONLINEAR HAMILTON-JACOBI EQUATIONS WITH JUMPS

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We analyze gradient flows with jumps generated by a finite set of complete vector fields in involution using some Radon measures $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ as admissible perturbations. Both the evolution of a bounded gradient flow $\{x^u(t,\lambda) \in B(x^*, 3\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n : t \in [0,T], \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)\}$ and the unique solution $\lambda = \psi^u(t,x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ of integral equation $x^u(t,\lambda) = x \in B(x^*,\gamma), t \in [0,T]$, are described using the corresponding gradient representation associated with flow and Hamilton-Jacobi equations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

For a given finite set of complete vector fields $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$ consider the corresponding local flows $\{G_1(t_1)[x], \ldots, G_m(t_m)[x] : |t_i| \leq a_i, x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma) \leq \mathbb{R}^n, 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ generated by $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$ correspondingly and satisfying

(1)
$$|G_i(t_i)[x] - x| \le \frac{\gamma}{2m}, \quad x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma), \ |t_i| \le a_i, \ 1 \le i \le m$$

for some fixed constants $a_i > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$.

Denote by \mathcal{U}_a the set of admissible perturbations consisting of all piecewise right-continuous mappings (of $t \ge 0$) $u(t,x) : [0,\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \bigsqcup = \prod_{i=1}^m [-a_i, a_i]$ fulfilling

(2)
$$u(0,\lambda) = 0, \quad u(t,\cdot) \in \mathcal{C}_b^1(\mathbb{R}^n;\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{and} \\ |\partial_\lambda u_i(t,\lambda)| \le K_1, \quad t \ge 0, \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ 1 \le i \le m,$$

for some fixed constant $K_1 > 0$.

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(3)
$$x^{u}(t,\lambda) = G(u(t,\lambda))[\lambda], \quad t \ge 0, \ \lambda \in B(x^{*}, 2\gamma),$$

where the smooth mapping $G(p)[x] : \bigsqcup \times B(x^*, 2\gamma) \to B(x^*, 3\gamma)$ is defined by (4) $G(p)[x] = G_1(t_1) \circ \cdots \circ G_m(t_m)[x], \quad p = (t_1, \ldots, t_m) \in \bigsqcup, x \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$ verifying $G(p)[x] \in B(x^*, 3\gamma)$ (see (1)).

We are going to introduce some nonlinear ODE with jumps fulfilled by the bounded flow $\{x^u(t,\lambda) : t \in [0,T], \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)\}$ defined in (3), when $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ has a bounded variation property. In addition, the unique solution $\{\lambda = \psi(t,x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma) : t \in [0,T], x \in B(x^*, \gamma)\}$ of the integral equation

(5)
$$x^{u}(t,\lambda) = x \in B(x^{*},\gamma), \quad t \in [0,T]$$

fulfils a quasilinear Hamilton-Jacobi (H-J) equation on each continuity interval $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}) \subseteq [0, T]$. These result are contained in the last section of this paper (see Theorems 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4). In the case that we assume $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subset \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$ are commuting using Lie bracket then the result are more or less contained in [1].

Here, in this paper, the vector fields $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subset \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$ are supposed to be in involution over reals which lead us to make use of algebraic representation for gradient systems in a finite dimensional Lie algebra (see [1]) without involving a global nonsingularity or local times. The analysis performed here reveals the meaningful connection between dynamical systems and partial differential equations.

2. FORMULATION OF PROBLEMS AND SOME AUXILIARY RESULTS

Consider a finite set of complete vector fields $g_i \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$, and let $\{G_i(t_i)[x] : |t_i| \leq a_i, x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n\}$ be the local flow generated by g_i satisfying

(6)
$$|G_i(t_i)[x] - x| \le \frac{\gamma}{2m}, \quad x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma), \ |t_i| \le a_i, \ 1 \le i \le m$$

for some fixed constants $a_i > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$.

Denote by \mathcal{U}_a the set of admissible perturbations consisting of all piecewise right-continuous mappings (of $t \ge 0$) $u(t, \lambda) : [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \bigsqcup = \prod_{i=1}^m [-a_i, a_i]$ fulfilling

(7)
$$u(0,\lambda) = 0, \quad u(t,\cdot) \in \mathcal{C}_b^1(\mathbb{R}^n;\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{and} \\ |\partial_\lambda u_i(t,\lambda)| \le K_1, \quad t \ge 0, \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ 1 \le i \le m,$$

for some fixed constant $K_1 > 0$. For each admissible perturbation $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$, we associate a piecewise right-continuous trajectory (for $t \ge 0$)

(8)
$$x^{u}(t,\lambda) = G(u(t,\lambda))[\lambda], \quad t \ge 0, \ \lambda \in B(x^{*}, 2\gamma).$$

Here the gradient smooth mapping $G(p)[x]:\bigcup\times B(x^*,2\gamma)\to B(x^*,3\gamma)$ is defined as follows

(9)
$$G(p)[x] = G_1(t_1) \circ \cdots \circ G_m(t_m)[x], \quad p = (t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \bigcup, \ x \in B(x^*, 2\gamma),$$

and satisfies (see (6)) $G(p)[\lambda] \in B(x^*, 3\gamma)$ for any $p \in \bigcup$ and $\lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma).$

The flow with jumps represented as in (8) stands for a gradient flow with jumps and it relies on the smooth mapping defined in (9) which is the unique solution of an associated integrable gradient system

(10)
$$\begin{cases} \partial_{t_1} y = g_1(y), \ \partial_{t_2} y = Y_2(t; y), \dots, \partial_{t_m} y = Y_m(t_1, \dots, t_{m-1}; y), \\ y(0) = \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma), \quad p = (t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \bigsqcup, \ y \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

We are looking for sufficient condition on $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\}$ (see [2]) such that the vector fields with parameters given in (10) can be represented as follows

(11)
$$\{g_1, Y_2(t_1), \dots, Y_m(t_1, \dots, t_{m-1})\}(y) = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}(y)A(p), y \in B(x^*, 3\gamma),$$

$$p = (t_1, \ldots, t_m) \in \bigsqcup$$
, where the $(m \times m)$ matrix $A(p)$ satisfies

(12)
$$A(0) = I_m, \quad A(p) = [b_1 b_2(t_1) \dots b_m(t_1, \dots, t_{m-1})],$$
$$b_j \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\bigsqcup, \mathbb{R}^n), \quad b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\\vdots\\0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This algebraic representation help us to define each integral

(13)
$$\int_0^t b_j^i (u_1(s,\lambda),\ldots,u_{j-1}(s,\lambda)) d_s u_j(s,\lambda) = \alpha_{ij}^u(t,\lambda),$$

 $1\leq j\leq m,\, 1\leq i\leq m,\, t\in[0,T],$ as a bounded variation function with respect to $t\in[0,T],$ provided we assume that

(14) each $u_i(t,\lambda), t \in [0,T], 1 \le i \le m$, has a bounded variation property.

In addition, the algebraic representation (11) (see [2]) can be obtained assuming $g_i \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$, and

(15)
$$\begin{cases} \{g_1(x), \dots, g_m(x) : x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n\} \text{ are in involution} \\ \text{over reals, i.e., each Lie bracket can be written as} \\ [g_i, g_j](x) = \sum_{k=1}^m \gamma_k^{ij} g_k(x) \text{ for } x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma), \text{ using } \gamma_k^{ij} \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

Let $[t_k, t_{k+1}) \subset [0, T], 0 \leq k \leq N - 1$, be the continuity intervals of $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$.

Problem P_1 . Under the hypothesis (14) and (15), describe the evolution of the gradient flow with jumps in (8) as follows

(16)
$$\begin{cases} d_t x^u(t,\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^m g_i \left(x^u(t,\lambda) \right) d_t \beta_i^u(t,\lambda), \ t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}), \ 0 \le k \le N-1, \\ x^u(0,\lambda) = \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma), \text{ where } \beta_i^u(t,\lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_{ij}^u(t,\lambda), \ 1 \le i \le m. \end{cases}$$

Here the matrix $\{\alpha_{ij}^u(t,\lambda): i, j \in \{1,\ldots,m\}, t \in [0,T]\}$ of bounded variation and piecewise right-continuous function of $t \in [0,T]$ are defined in (13).

Problem P_2 . Under the hypothesis (14), (15) and for $K_1 > 0$ sufficiently small (see (7)), prove that the integral equations (with respect to $\lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$ see (8))

(17) $x^u(t,\lambda) = x \in B(x^*,\gamma)$, are reversibly with respect to $\lambda \in B(x^*,2\gamma)$. The unique bounded variation and piecewise right-continuous solution $\{\lambda = \psi^u(t,x) \in B(x^*,2\gamma); t \in [0,T]\}$ is first order continuously differentiable of $x \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*,\gamma)$.

Remark 2.1. One may wonder about the Hamilton-Jacobi equation with jumps satisfied by the unique solution $\{\lambda = \psi^u(t, x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma) : t \in [0, T], x \in B(x^*, \gamma)\}$ found in (P_2) . This will be presented at the end of the following section. The next Lemma lead us to the solution of the problem (P_1) .

LEMMA 2.2. Assume that the hypothesis (14) and (15) are fulfilled and consider the gradient flow with jumps $\{x^u(t,\lambda) : t \in [0,T], \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)\}$ defined in (8), where $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ and T > 0 are fixed arbitrarily. Then there exists an $(m \times m)$ matrix composed by bounded variation and piecewise rightcontinuous functions $\{\alpha^u_{ij}(t,\lambda) : \alpha^u_{ij}(0,\lambda) = 0, 1 \leq i,j \leq m, t \in [0,T], \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)\}$ (see (13)) such that

(18)
$$\begin{cases} d_t x^u(t,\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^m g_i \left(x^u(t,\lambda) \right) d_t \beta^u_i(t,\lambda) & t \in [t_k \cdot t_{k+1}), \ 0 \le k \le N-1, \\ x^u(0,\lambda) = \lambda, \ where \ \beta^u_i \stackrel{def}{=} \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha^u_{ij}(t,\lambda) & 1 \le i \le m, \end{cases}$$

and $[t_k, t_{k+1}) \subseteq [0, T], 0 \leq k \leq N-1$, are the continuity intervals of $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$.

Proof. By definition, $x^u(t,\lambda) \in B(x^*,3\gamma), t \ge 0, \lambda \in B(x^*,2\gamma)$ (see (8)) where $x^u(t,\lambda) = G(u(t,\lambda))[\lambda]$ defined in (9) fulfils the integrable gradient system given in (10) (see [2]). In addition, using the hypothesis (15) (see [2]) we may and do represent the vector fields of (10) as in (11). As far as $x^u(t,\lambda) = y_\lambda(u(t,\lambda)), t \in [0,T], \lambda \in B(x^*,2\gamma)$, where $\{y_\lambda(p) : p \in \bigsqcup\}$ is the unique solution of (10), we get the conclusion (18) provided the algebraic representation (11) and (12) is used. The proof is complete. \Box Remark 2.3. For solving integral equation $x^u(t,\lambda) = x \in B(x^*,\gamma)$ (for some fixed $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$) using integral representation (8), we notice that these are equivalent with the following integral equations

(19)
$$\lambda = H(u(t,\lambda))[x], \quad t \in [0,T], \ x \in B(x^*,\gamma)$$

with respect to $\lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$. Here $H(p)[x] = [G(p)]^{-1}(x)$ satisfies (20)

 $H(p)[x] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} G_m(-t_m) \circ \cdots \circ G_1(-t_1)[x] \in B(x^*, 2\gamma), \text{ for any } p = (t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \bigsqcup$ and $x \in B(x^*, \gamma).$

In addition, using the hypothesis (15) and writing the corresponding integrable gradient system for $y(p; \lambda) = G(p)[\lambda]$ (see (10) and (11)) we get each $\partial_{t_i}(H(p)[x])$ as follows

(21)
$$\partial_{t_1} H(p)[x] = -\partial_x (H(p)[x]) g_1(x), \ \partial_{t_2} H(p)[x] = -\partial_x (H(p)[x]) Y_2(t_1; 0; x),$$

 $, \dots, \partial_{t_m} H(p)[x] = -\partial_x (H(p)[x]) Y_m(t_1, \dots, t_{m-1}; x).$

Here a direct computation is applied to the identity $H(p)[G(p)(\lambda)] = \lambda$ and write $0 = \partial_{t_i} H(p)[x] + \partial_x (H(p)[x]) Y_i(t_1, \ldots, t_{i-1;0;x})$ for each $i \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$, where $Y_1(x) = g_1(x)$ and (see (10) and (11))

(22)
$$\{g_1(x), Y_2(t_1; x), \dots, Y_m(t_1, \dots, t_{m-1}; x)\} = \{g_1(x), \dots, g_m(x)\}A(p), p \in \bigsqcup A$$

Denote $z(p, x) = H(p)[x].$

LEMMA 2.4. Assume that the hypothesis (15) is satisfied and define $H(p)[x] = [G(p)]^{-1}(x) = G_m(-t_m) \circ \cdots \circ G_1(-t_1)[x], x \in B(x^*, \gamma), p = (t_1, \ldots, t_m) \in \bigsqcup$, where $y = G(p)[\lambda], p \in \bigsqcup, \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$, verifies (9) and is the unique solution of the integrable gradient system (10) and (11). Then there exists an $(m \times m)$ analytic matrix A(p) verifying (22) such that the following system of (H-J) equation is fulfilled

(23)
$$\begin{cases} \partial_p z(p;x) + \partial_x (z(p;x)) \{g_1(x), \dots, g_m(x)\} A(p) = 0, \ p \in \bigsqcup, \ x \in B(x^*, \gamma) \\ z(0;x) = x \end{cases}$$

Proof. A direct computation applied to the identity $H(p)[G(p)(\lambda)] = \lambda$ lead us to the following system of (H-J) equations (see z(p; x) = H(p)[x]) (24)

 $\partial_{t_i} z(p;x) + \partial_x (z(p;x)) Y_i(t_1, \ldots, t_{i-1};x) = 0, 1 \le i \le m, \forall p \in \bigsqcup, x \in B(x^*, \gamma).$ Here the vector fields with parameters $\{Y_1, \ldots, Y_m\}$ are defined in (10) and fulfils the algebraic representation given in (11). Using (11), we rewrite (24) as follows

(25)
$$\begin{cases} \partial_p z(p;x) + \partial_x (z(p;x)) \{g_1(x), \dots, g_m(x)\} A(p) = 0, \ p \in \bigsqcup, \ x \in B(x^*, \gamma) \\ z(0;x) = x \end{cases}$$

and the proof is complete. \Box

LEMMA 2.5. Under the conditions assumed in Lemma 2.4, define

(26)
$$V^{u}(t,x;\lambda) = z(u(t,\lambda);x), \quad t \ge 0, \, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \, x \in B(x^{*},\lambda),$$

where $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ is fixed and $u(p; x), p \in \bigsqcup$, $x \in B(x^*, \lambda)$, satisfies (H-J) equations (23). Then the $(n \times n)$ matrix $M^u(t, x; \lambda) \stackrel{def}{=} \partial_{\lambda} V^u(t, x; \lambda)$, verifies the following inequality

(27)
$$|M^u(t,x;\lambda)| \le C_1 C_2 K_1, \quad t \ge 0, \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ x \in B(x^*,\gamma),$$

where $K_1 > 0$ is fixed in (7) (see definition of \mathcal{U}_a) and

(28)
$$C_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max\{|\partial_x(z(p;x))g_i(x)|: p \in \bigsqcup, x \in B(x^*,\gamma), 1 \le i \le m\},\$$

(29) $C_2 \stackrel{def}{=} \max\{|A(p)| : p \in \bigsqcup\} \ (A(p) \text{ is given in (22) and used in (23)}).$

Proof. By hypothesis, the mapping z(p; x) = H(p)[x] defined in Lemma 2.4 fulfils (H-J) equation (23) and for an arbitrary $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$, we get

(30)
$$M^u(t,x;\lambda) = \partial_p z(u(t,\lambda);x)\partial_\lambda u(t,\lambda), \quad t \ge 0, \, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \, x \in B(x^*,\gamma).$$

Here $u(t,\lambda) \in \bigsqcup \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ and $|\partial_{\lambda}u_i(t,\lambda)| \leq K_1, 1 \leq i \leq m$, for any $t \geq 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (see definition of \mathcal{U}_a in (7)). On the other hand, using (23) of Lemma 2.4, the following inequality is valid

(31)
$$|\partial_p z(u(t;\lambda);x)| \le C_1 C_2, \quad t \ge 0, \, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \, x \in B(x^*,\gamma),$$

where the constants C_1, C_2 are given in (28), (29). A direct computation applied to (30) leads us to

(32)
$$|M^u(t,x;\lambda)| \le C_1 C_2 K_1, \quad t \ge 0, \, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \, x \in B(x^*,\gamma)$$

and the proof is complete. \Box

LEMMA 2.6. Assume that $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ and $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfies (14) and (15). Consider z(p; x) = H(p)[x] which verifies (H-J) equations (23) of Lemma 2.4 and define

(33)
$$V^u(t,x;\lambda) = z(u(t,\lambda);x), \quad t \in [0,T], \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ x \in B(x^*,\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Let $\{\alpha_{ij}^{u}(t,\lambda) : t \in [0,T], \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, 1 \leq i, j \leq m\}$ be the $(m \times m)$ matrix given in (13) and define new bounded variation piecewise right-continuous function $\beta_{i}^{u}(t,\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \alpha_{ij}^{u}(t,\lambda), t \in [0,T], 1 \leq i \leq m$. Then $\{V^{u}(t,x;\lambda) : t \in [0,T]\}$ is a bounded variation piecewise right-continuous mapping satisfying the following (H-J) equations with jumps

$$(34) \begin{cases} d_t V^u(t,x;\lambda) + \partial_x V^u(t,x;\lambda) \Big[\sum_{j=1}^m g_i(x) d_t \beta_i^u(t,\lambda) \Big] = 0, \\ V^u(0,x;\lambda) = x, \ t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}), \ x \in \operatorname{Int} B(x^*,\gamma), \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ 0 \le k \le N-1, \end{cases}$$

where $[t_k, t_{k+1}) \subseteq [0, T], 0 \leq k \leq N-1$, are the continuity intervals of $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$.

Proof. By hypothesis, the conclusion (23) of Lemma 2.4 is valid. By a direct computation, we get $V^u(0, x; \lambda) = x$ and

(35)
$$d_t V^u(t,x;\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^m \partial_{t_i} z(u(t,\lambda);x) d_t u_i(t,\lambda), \quad t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}).$$

Using (23), rewrite (35) as follows (36)

$$d_t V^u(t,x;\lambda) = -\partial_x V^u(t,x;\lambda) \{g_1(x),\dots,g_m(x)\} A(u(t,\lambda)) \begin{pmatrix} d_t u_1(t,\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ d_t u_m(t,\lambda) \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A(p) = [b_1, b_2(t_1), \dots, b_m(t_1, \dots, t_{m-1})], b_j \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\bigsqcup, \mathbb{R}^m), t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}).$ Using (13), write

(37)
$$\alpha_{ij}^u(t,\lambda) = \int_0^t b_j^i \big(u_1(s-,\lambda), \dots, u_{j-1}(s-,\lambda) \big) d_s u_j(s,\lambda), \quad 1 \le i,j \le m,$$

for $t \in [0, T]$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Rewrite (36) (using (37)) and we get conclusion (34). The proof is complete. \Box

Remark 2.7. The (H-J) equations with jumps satisfied by the unique solution of Problem (P_2) are strongly connected with Lemmas 2.4 and 2.6. On the other hand, the existence of a solution for Problem (P_2) relies on Lemma 2.5 and it will be analyzed in the next Lemma assuming that $K_1 > 0$ satisfies

(38)
$$C_1 C_2 K_1 = \rho \in [0, \frac{1}{2}].$$

LEMMA 2.8. Assume that $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ and $\{g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$ fulfil (14), (15) and (38). Then there exists a unique bounded variation piecewise right continuous (of $t \in [0,T]$) mapping $\{\lambda = \psi^u(t,x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma) : t \in [0,T], x \in B(x^*, \gamma)\}$ which is first order continuously differentiable of $x \in$ int $B(x^*, \gamma)$, satisfying integral equations

$$\begin{cases} x^u(t-,\psi^u(t-,x)) = x \in B(x^*,\gamma), & t \in [0,T], \\ \psi^u(t-,x) = V^u(t-,x;\psi(t-,x)), \ \psi^u(t,x) = V^u(t,x;\psi^u(t-,x)), & t \in [0,T]. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By hypothesis, the conclusion of Lemma 2.5 is valid for $V^u(t, x; \lambda) = z(u(t, \lambda); x), t \ge 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \in B(x^*, \gamma)$. Notice that $x^u(t, \lambda) = x$ can be rewritten as

(39)
$$\lambda = V^u(t, x; \lambda), \quad t \in [0, T], \, x \in B(x^*, \gamma),$$

where the $(n \times n)$ matrix $\partial_{\lambda} V^u(t, x; \lambda) = M^u(t, x; \lambda)$ fulfils the conclusion (27), i.e.,

(40)
$$|M^u(t,x;\lambda)| \le C_1 C_2 K_1, \quad t \ge 0, \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ x \in B(x^*,\gamma).$$

Assuming that $K_1 > 0$ is sufficiently small such that

(41)
$$\rho = C_1 C_2 K_1 \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \quad (\text{see } (38)),$$

then the contraction mapping theorem can be applied for solving integral equations (39). Construct the convergent sequence $\{\lambda_k(t,x) : t \in [0,T], x \in B(x^*,\gamma)\}$ such that

(42)
$$\begin{cases} \lambda_k(t,x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma), \quad \lambda_0(t,x) = x, \\ \lambda_{k+1}(t,x) = V^u(t,x; \lambda_k(t-,x)), \quad k \ge 0. \end{cases}$$

Notice that the following estimates are valid

(43)
$$\begin{cases} |\lambda_{k+1}(t,x) - \lambda_k(t,x)| \le \rho^k |\lambda_1(t-,x) - \lambda_0(t,x)|, & k \ge 0, \\ |\lambda_1(t,x) - \lambda_0(t,x)| \le \max\{|G(p)[x] - x| : x \in B(x^*,\gamma)\} \le \frac{\gamma}{2}, \end{cases}$$

(see (9)) which lead us to

(44)
$$|\lambda_k(t,x) - x| \le \frac{1}{1-\rho} \left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right) \le \gamma, \quad t \in [0,T], x \in B(x^*,\gamma), k \ge 0.$$

Combining (43) and (44), we get $\{\lambda_k(t,x)\}_{k\geq 0}$ fulfils (42) and passing $k \to \infty$ in (42), we obtain

(45)
$$\psi^u(t,x) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \lambda_k(t,x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma), \quad t \in [0,T], \ x \in B(x^*, \gamma)$$

satisfying integral equations

(46)
$$\begin{cases} \psi^{u}(t,x) = V^{u}(t,x;\psi(t-,x)), \\ \psi^{u}(t-,x) = V^{u}(t-,x;\psi(t-,x)), \quad t \in [0,T], x \in B(x^{*},\gamma) \end{cases}.$$

The proof is complete. \Box

3. MAIN THEOREMS

With the same notations as in Section 1, we reconsider the problems P_1 and P_2 in more general setting. Consider the local flow $\{G_0(t)[x] : |t| \leq T, x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n\}$ generated by a complete vector field $g_0 \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$. Assume that

$$I_{1} = \begin{cases} \{g_{1}, \dots, g_{m}\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n}; \mathbb{R}^{n}) \text{ satisfies } (15) \text{ and } [g_{0}, g_{i}] = 0, 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ \text{for any } x \in B(x^{*}, 3\gamma). \end{cases}$$
$$I_{2} = \begin{cases} u \in \mathcal{U}_{a} \text{ fulfils } (14) \text{ where } T > 0 \text{ and } \bigsqcup = \prod_{i=1}^{m} [-a_{i}, a_{i}] \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n}, \\ \text{are fixed such that } |G_{0}(t[x]) - x| \leq \frac{\gamma}{2(m+1)}, \ |G_{i}(t_{i})[x] - x| \leq \frac{\gamma}{2(m+1)}. \end{cases}$$
$$\text{Let } [t_{k}, t_{k+1}) \subseteq [0, T], 0 \leq k \leq N - 1, \text{ be the continuity intervals of } u \in \mathcal{U}_{a}. \end{cases}$$

Problem (R_1) . Under the hypothesis (I_1) and (I_2) , describe the evolution of the gradient flow with jumps

(47)
$$\{y^u(t,\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} G_0(t) \circ G(u(t,\lambda))[\lambda] : t \in [0,T], \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

(see $G(p) = G_1(t_1) \circ \cdots \circ G_m(t_m)$) as a solution of the following system with jumps (48)

$$\begin{cases} d_t y^u(t,\lambda) = g_0(y^u(t,\lambda))dt + \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(y^u(t,\lambda))dt\beta_i^u(t,\lambda), \ y^u(t,\lambda) \in B(x^*,3\gamma), \\ y^u(0,\lambda) = \lambda \in B(x^*,2\gamma), \ t \in [t_k,t_{k+1}], \ \beta_i^u(t,\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{ij}^u(t,\lambda), \ 1 \le k \le N-1, \end{cases}$$

where the matrix $\{a_{ij}^u(t,\lambda): 1 \le i, j \le m\}$ is defined in (13).

THEOREM 3.1. Assume that $\{g_0, g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ fulfil the hypothesis (I_1) and (I_2) . Then the gradient flow with jumps $\{y^u(t, \lambda)\}$ defined in (47) verifies $y^u(t, \lambda) \in B(x^*, 3\gamma)$ and is a solution of the system (48).

Proof. By hypothesis, the gradient flow with jumps $\{y^u(t,\lambda)\}$ can be rewritten $y^u(t,\lambda) = G(u(t,\lambda)) \circ G_0(t)[\lambda]$ and using (I_2) , we get $y^u(t,\lambda) \in B(x^*, 3\gamma), t \in [0,T], \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$. On the other hand, a direct computation applied to $\{y^u(t,\lambda)\}$ lead us to the following equations (49)

$$d_t y^u(t,\lambda) = g_0 \big(y^u(t,\lambda) \big) dt + \sum_{i=1}^m \partial_{t_i} G(u(t,\lambda)) [G_0(t)(\lambda)] d_t u_i(t,\lambda), \ t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}),$$

where $y(p;\mu) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} G(p)[\mu]$ satisfies an integrable gradient system (see (10)),

(50) $\partial_{t_1} y = g_1(y), \ \partial_{t_2} y = Y_2(t;y), \dots, \partial_{t_m} = Y_m(t_1,\dots,t_{m-1};y),$

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fulfilling the algebraic representation given in (11) and (12). As a consequence, we may and do rewrite the second term in the right-hand side of (49) as a follows (51)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \partial_{t_i} G(u(t,\lambda))[G_0(t)(\lambda)] d_t u_i(t,\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(y^u(t,\lambda)) d_t \beta_i^u(t,\lambda), \ t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}),$$

 $\lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma), 0 \le k \le N-1$ where $\beta_i^u(t, \lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{ij}^u(t, \lambda)$ and the matrix $\{\alpha_{ij}^u(t, \lambda) : 1 \le i, j \le m\}$ is defined in (13). The proof is complete. \Box

Remark 3.2. The evolution of the gradient flow defined in (47) satisfies the same system with jumps given in (48) if the commutative condition $[g_0, g_i](x) = 0, 1 \le i \le m, x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, assumed in (I_1) is replaced by

(52)
$$[g_0, g_i](x) = \sum_{k=1}^m \gamma_k^i g_k(x), \quad x \in B(x^*, 3\gamma), \ 1 \le i \le m,$$

where $\gamma_k^i \in \mathbb{R}$ are same constants.

The only change which appears is reflected in the algebraic representation corresponding to the gradient integrable system associated with smooth mapping

(53)
$$y(t,p)[\lambda] = G_0(t) \circ G(p)[\lambda], |t| \leq T, p = (t_1,\ldots,t_m) \in \bigsqcup, \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma).$$

We get

(54)
$$\partial_t y = g_0(y), \ \partial_{t_1} y = Y_1(t;y), \ \partial_{t_2} y = Y_2(t,t_1;y), \dots, \\ \partial_{t_m} y = Y_m(t,t_1,\dots,t_{m-1};y).$$

(55)

$$\{g_0, Y_1(t), Y_2(t, t_1), \dots, Y_m(t, t_1, \dots, t_{m-1})\}(y) = \{g_0, g_1, \dots, g_m\}(y)V(t, \mu)$$

This time, the $(m+1)\times(m+1)$ analytic matrix V(t,p) has the following structure

(56)
$$\begin{cases} V(t,p) = [V_0, V_1(t), V_2(t,t_1), \dots, V_m(t,t_1,\dots,t_{m-1})] & V_j \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}, \\ V_0^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } V_i(t,t_1,\dots,t_{i-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b_i(t,t_1,\dots,t_{i-1}) \end{pmatrix} & b_i \in \mathbb{R}^m, \end{cases}$$

 $1 \leq i \leq m$. A standard computation applied to $y^u(t,\lambda) = y(t,u(t,\lambda))[\lambda] = G_0(t) \circ G(u(t,\lambda))[\lambda], t \in [0,T]$, leads to

(57)
$$d_t y^u(t,\lambda) = \partial_t y(t,u(t,\lambda))[\lambda] dt + \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\partial_{t_i} y(t,u(t,\lambda))[\lambda] \right) d_t u_i(t,\lambda)$$
$$= g_0(y^u(t,\lambda)) dt + \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(y^u(t,\lambda)) d_t \beta^u_i(t,\lambda), \quad t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$$

 $0 \le k \le N - 1$, where $\beta_i^u(t, \lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{ij}^u(t, \lambda)$ and

$$\alpha_{ij}^{u}(t,\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{0}^{t} b_{j}^{i}(s, u_{1}(s-,\lambda), \dots, u_{i-1}(s-,\lambda)) d_{s} u_{j}(s,\lambda), \quad 1 \le i, j \le m.$$

Here $\{b_1(t), b_2(t, t_1), \dots, b_m(t, t_1, \dots, t_{m-1})\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ are given in (56).

Problem (R_2) . Under the hypothesis (I_1) and (I_2) and for $K_1 > 0$ sufficiently small (see (38) of Lemma 2.8) prove that the integral equation with respect to $\lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$ (see (47))

(58)
$$y^u(t,\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} G_0(t) \circ G(u(t,\lambda))[\lambda] = x \in B(x^*,\gamma), \quad t \in [0,T]$$

has a unique bounded variation and piecewise right continuous solution $\{\lambda = \psi^u(t,x) \in B(x^*,2\gamma) : t \in [0,T]\}$ of (58) which is first order continuously differentiable of $x \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*,\gamma)$.

In addition, the following equations are valid

(59)
$$\begin{cases} V^{u}(t,x;\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} H(u(t,\lambda))[G_{0}(-t;x)], \ H(p) = [G(p)]^{-1}, \ t \in [0,T], \ p \in \bigsqcup, \\ \psi^{u}(t-,x) = V^{u}(t-,x;\psi(t-,x)), \ \psi^{u}(t,x) = V^{u}(t,x,\psi(t-,x)), \\ y^{u}(t-,\psi^{u}(t-,x)) = x \in B(x^{*},\gamma), \ \text{for any } t \in [0,T]. \end{cases}$$

Define the following two constants

(60)
$$\begin{cases} C_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max\left\{ |\partial_y(z(p;y))g_i(y)| : p \in \bigsqcup, y \in B(x^*, 2\gamma) \right\}, \\ C_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max\left\{ |A(p)| : p \in \bigsqcup \right\}, \end{cases}$$

where z(p; y) = H(p)[y] and the analytic $(m \times m)$ matrix A(p) is given in (2). Assume that $K_1 > 0$ used in the definition of admissible set \mathcal{U}_a (see (7)) satisfies

(61)
$$C_1 C_2 K_1 = \rho \in [0, \frac{1}{2}].$$

THEOREM 3.3. Assume that $\{g_0, g_1, \ldots, g_m\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ fulfil the hypothesis $(I_1), (I_2)$ and (61). Then there exists a unique bounded variation and piecewise right-continuous solution $\{\lambda = \psi^u(t, x) \in B(x^*) :$ $t \in [0,T]\}$ of (58) which is first order continuously differentiable of $x \in$

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int $B(x^*, \gamma)$ such that the integral equations (59) are satisfied. In addition $V(t, x) \stackrel{def}{=} V^u(t, x; \lambda)$ satisfy the following system of (H-J) equations with jumps

(62)
$$d_t V(t,x) + \partial_x V(t,x) \left[g_0(x) dt + \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(x) d_t \beta_i^u(t,\lambda) \right] = 0, \ x \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*,\gamma),$$

 $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}], 0 \le k \le N-1$, where $\beta_i^u(t, \lambda), 1 \le i \le m$, are defined in (48) (see Problem (R_1)).

Proof. Define $\widehat{V}^u(t, y; \lambda) = H(u(t, \lambda))[y]$, where $H(p) = [G(p)]^{-1}$, $t \in [0, T]$, $p \in \bigsqcup$ and $y \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$. The integral equation (58) can be replaced by the following

(63)
$$\lambda = \widehat{V}^{u}(t, y_0(t, x); \lambda) \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} V^{u}(t, x; \lambda),$$

where $y_0(t,x) = G_0(-t)(x) \in B(x^*,\gamma_1)$, for any $t \in [0,T]$, $x \in B(x^*,\gamma)$ and $\gamma_1 = \gamma(1 + \frac{1}{2(m+1)})$ (see (I_2)). It allows us to get the unique solution $\lambda = \psi^u(t,x)$ as a composition

(64)
$$\psi^{u}(t,x) = \widehat{\psi}^{u}(t,y_{0}(t,x)), \quad t \in [0,T], \ x \in B(x^{*},\gamma)$$

where $\lambda = \hat{\psi}^u(t, y), t \in [0, T], y \in B(x^*, \gamma_1)$, is the unique solution of the following integral equations

(65)
$$\lambda = \widehat{V}^u(t, y; \lambda), \quad \lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma), \ y \in B(x^*, \gamma_1), \ t \in [0, T].$$

By hypothesis, the mapping $\{\widehat{V}^u(t, y; \lambda), t \in [0, T], y \in B(x^*, \gamma_1)\}$ fulfils the hypothesis (14), (15) and (38) of Lemmas 2.6 and 2.8 for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We get the corresponding (H-J) equations (see (34) of Lemma 2.6).

(66)
$$\begin{cases} d_t \widehat{V}^u(t,y;\lambda) + \partial_y \widehat{V}(t,y;\lambda) \bigg[\sum_{i=1}^m g_i(y) d_t \beta_i^u(t,\lambda) \bigg] = 0, \\ \widehat{V}^u(0,y;\lambda) = y, \ t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}], \ y \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*,\gamma_1), \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ 0 \le k \le N-1. \end{cases}$$

In addition, there exists a unique bounded variation piecewise right-continuous (of $t \in [0,T]$) mapping $\{\widehat{\lambda} = \widehat{\psi}^u(t,y) \in B(x^*,2\gamma) : t \in [0,T], y \in B(x^*,\gamma_1)\}$ (see Lemma 2.8)

(67)
$$\begin{cases} \widehat{\psi}^{u}(t-,y) = \widehat{V}^{u}(t-,y;\widehat{\psi}^{u}(t-,y)) & t \in [0,T], \ y \in B(x^{*},\gamma_{1}), \\ \widehat{\psi}^{u}(t,y) = \widehat{V}^{u}(t,y;\widehat{\psi}^{u}(t-,y)) & t \in [0,T], \ y \in B(x^{*},\gamma_{1}), \end{cases}$$

notice that $\tilde{\lambda} = \tilde{\psi}^u(t, y)$ is first order continuously differentiable of $y \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*, \gamma_1)$ and, using (66) and (67), we get the corresponding equations satisfied by $\lambda = \psi^u(t, x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \hat{\psi}^u(t, G_0(-t)(x)), t \in [0, T]$, as follows

(68)
$$\psi^{u}(t-,y) = V^{u}(t-,x;\widehat{\psi}^{u}(t-,y)), \psi^{u}(t,x) = V^{u}(t,x;\widehat{\psi}^{u}(t-,y)), t \in [0,T],$$

 $\forall x \in B(x^*, \gamma_1)$ where $\widehat{V}(t, x; \lambda) = \widehat{V}^u(t, G_0(-t)(x); \lambda) = H(u(t, \lambda))[G_0(-t)(x)].$ The equations (68) stands for integral equation (59) and the first conclusion is proved. For the (H-J) equations (62), we notice that (69)

$$d_t V^u(t, x; \lambda) = d_t V^u(t, G_0(-t)(x); \lambda) - \partial_y \widehat{V}^u(t, G_0(-t)(x); \lambda) g_0(G_0(-t)(x)) dt,$$

for any $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}), 0 \le k \le N-1$. In addition, using (I_1) , we get

(70)
$$\begin{cases} \partial_y \widehat{V}^u(t, G_0(-t)(x); \lambda) g_i(G_0(-t)(x)) = \partial_x V^u(t, x; \lambda) [\partial_x (G_0(-t)(x))]^{-1} \\ \cdot g_i(G_0(-t)) = \partial_x V^u(t, x; \lambda) g_i(x), \ t \in [0, T], \ 0 \le i \le m. \end{cases}$$

Rewrite (69) (using (70) and (66)) we get (H-J) equations (62). The proof is complete. \Box

THEOREM 3.4. Under the hypothesis of Theorem 3.3 and assume that $u \in \mathcal{U}_a$ is continuously differentiable on each continuity interval $[t_k, t_{k+1}) \subseteq [0,T], 0 \leq k \leq N-1$. Then the unique solution $\{\lambda = \psi^u(t,x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma) : [t_k, t_{k+1}), x \in \text{int } B(x^*, \gamma)\}$ of integral equations (58) (see (59) also) satisfies the following (H-J) equations

(71)
$$\partial_t \psi^u(t,x) + \partial_x \psi^u(t,x) \left[g_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(x) \partial_t \beta_i^u(t,\psi^u(t,x)) \right] = 0,$$

 $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}), x \in \text{int } B(x^*, \gamma), 0 \le k \le N-1.$ Here $\beta_i^u(t, \lambda), 1 \le i \le m$, are defined in Problem (R_1) (see (48)).

Proof. By hypothesis, the conclusion of Theorem 3.3 are valid and, in particular, the (H-J) equations (62) can be rewritten (72)

$$\partial_t V(t,x) + \partial_x V(t,x) \left[g_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(x) \partial_t \beta_i^u(t,\psi^u(t,x)) \right] = 0, \ t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}),$$

 $x \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*, \gamma)$ }, $0 \le k \le N - 1$, where $V(t, x) \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} V^u(t, x; \lambda)$, $\lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$. On the other hand, using integral equations (59), we get (73)

$$\psi^{u}(t,x) = V^{u}(t,x;\psi^{u}(t,x)), \quad t \in [t_{k}, t_{k+1}), \ x \in B(x^{*},\gamma)\}, \ 0 \le k \le N-1.$$

By a direct derivation, from (73) we obtain

(74)
$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \psi^u(t,x) = [I_n - \partial_\lambda V^u(t,x;\psi^u(t,x))]^{-1} \partial_t V^u(t,x;\psi^u(t,x)), \\ \partial_x \psi^u(t,x) = [I_n - \partial_\lambda V^u(t,x;\psi^u(t,x))]^{-1} \partial_x V^u(t,x;\psi^u(t,x)), \end{cases}$$

for any $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$, $x \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*, \gamma)$, $0 \le k \le N - 1$. Here the nonsingular matrix used in the right-hand side of (74) relies on (27) in Lemma 2.5 and

(61) of Theorem 3.3. The equations (72) are valid for any $\lambda \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$ and, in particular for $\lambda = \psi^u(t, x) \in B(x^*, 2\gamma)$, we get (75)

$$\partial_t V(t,x;\psi^u(t,x)) + \partial_x V^u(t,x,\psi^u(t,x)) \left[g_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(x) \partial_t \beta_i^u(t,\psi^u(t,x)) \right] = 0,$$

for any $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$, $x \in \operatorname{int} B(x^*, \gamma)$, $0 \le k \le N - 1$. Using (75) and multiplying the second equation in (74) by $[g_0(x) +$

 $\sum_{i=1}^{m} g_i(x)\partial_t \beta_i^u(t,\psi^u(t,x))], \text{ we obtain the conclusion (71). The proof is complete. <math>\Box$

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