

# Optimal Control Problems for the Control of Infectious Diseases (LI case)

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# Aim

Control of infectious diseases via vaccination!!!

We replace L2 costs by L1 costs in existent SEIR compartmental models and we validate the numerical solutions.

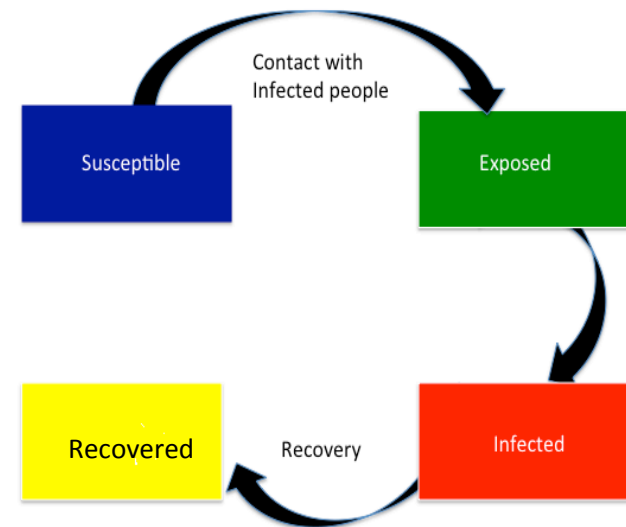
Work based on

*Optimal control of epidemiological SEIR models with L1-objectives and control and state constraints*  
by Maurer and dP (submitted)

# Outline

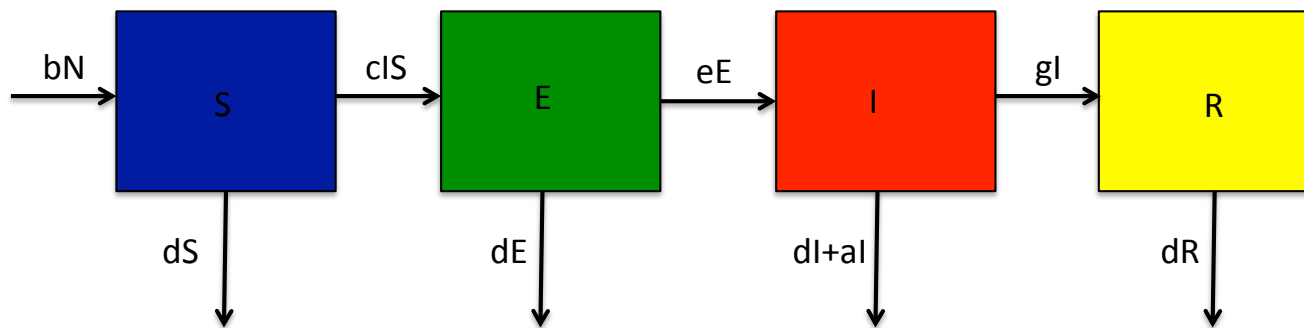
- SEIR Model
- Optimal Control for SEIR Model
  - previous models with L2 cost
  - with L1 cost
- Case i: Unlimited Number of vaccines
- Case ii: Limited Number of vaccines
- Case iii: Mixed Constraints
- Case iv: .....State Constraints.... next time.....

# I. SEIR MODEL



- Everyone is assumed to be susceptible,
- **Susceptible individuals become infected through horizontal transmission with infected individuals,**
- Infected People can either **die** or **recover** completely,
- All **recovered** individuals (vaccinated or recovered from infection) are immune.

**Horizontal transmission:**  
 from one individual to another by direct contact (touching, biting), or indirect contact air (cough or sneeze).



**b**: natural exponential birth rate,

**d**: natural exponential death rate over time.

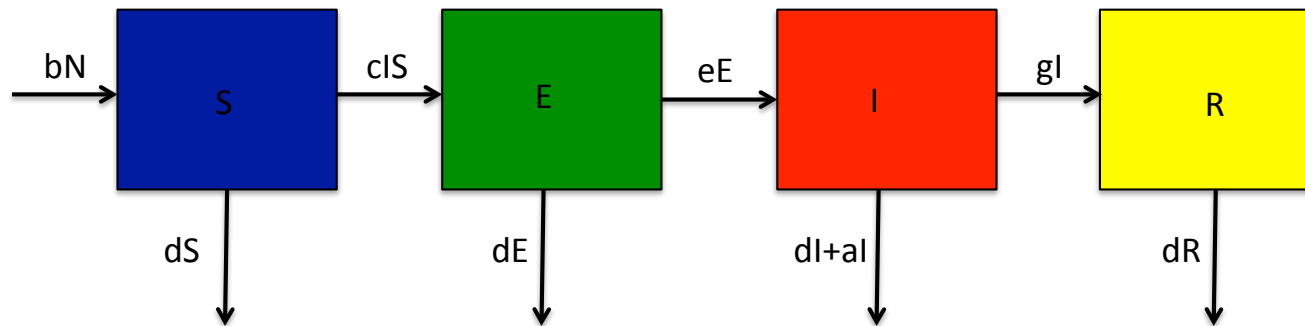
**e**: rate at which the exposed individuals become infected,

**g**: rate at which infectious individuals recover,

**a**: death rate due to the disease in an infected individual,

**c**: incidence coefficient of horizontal transmission,

$cS(t)I(t)$ : the rate of transmission



$$\dot{S}(t) = bN(t) - dS(t) - cS(t)I(t)$$

$$\dot{E}(t) = cS(t)I(t) - (e + d)E(t)$$

$$\dot{I}(t) = eE(t) - (g + a + d)I(t)$$

$$\dot{R}(t) = gI(t) - dR(t)$$

$$\dot{N}(t) = (b - d)N(t) - aI(t)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$S(0) = S_0, E(0) = E_0, I(0) = I_0, R(0) = R_0, N(0) = N_0.$$

$$S(T), E(T), I(T), R(T), N(T) \in R$$

in other models  $\eta \frac{S(t)I(t)}{N(t)}$

$$N(t) = S(t) + E(t) + I(t) + R(t)$$

- **S(t)** : number of **Susceptible** individual.
- **E(t)**: number of **Exposed**, ind.
- **I(t)**: number of **Infectious** ind
- **R(t)**: number of **Recovered** ind.
- **N(t)**: total number of population

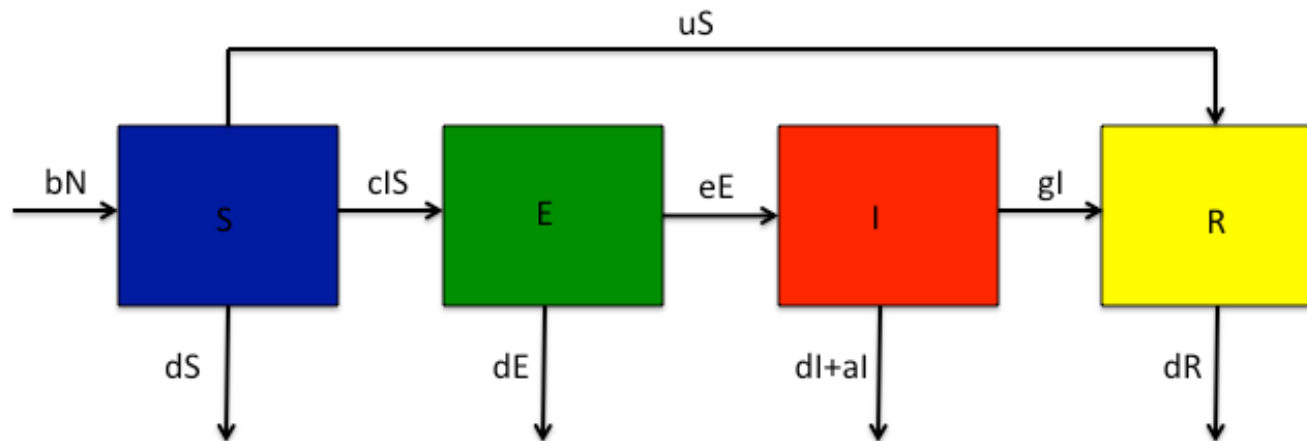
(in Neilan &amp; Lenhart)

Parameters	Definition of Parameters	Values
$b$	natural birth rate	0.525
$d$	natural death rate	0.5
$c$	incidence coefficient	0.001
$e$	exposed to infectious rate	0.5
$g$	recovery rate	0.1
$a$	disease induced death rate	0.2
$T$	number of years	20
$S_0$	initial susceptible population	1000
$E_0$	initial exposed population	100
$I_0$	initial infected population	50
$R_0$	initial recovered population	15
$N_0$	initial population	1165

where in the world?

Let  $u$  be the rate of vaccination.

Only Susceptible Individuals are vaccinated.



How to define Vaccination Policies?



$$\begin{cases}
 \text{Minimize } \int_0^T (0.1I(t) + u^2(t))dt & \leftarrow \text{L}^2 \text{ cost} \\
 \text{s.t} \\
 \dot{S}(t) = bN(t) - dS(t) - cS(t)I(t) - u(t)S(t) \\
 \dot{E}(t) = cS(t)I(t) - (e + d)E(t) \\
 \dot{I}(t) = eE(t) - (g + a + d)I(t) \\
 \dot{W}(t) = u(t)S(t) & \leftarrow \text{Counting number of vaccines} \\
 \dot{N}(t) = (b - d)N(t) - aI(t) \\
 u(t) \in [0, 1] & \text{control constraints} \\
 S(0) = S_0, E(0) = E_0, I(0) = I_0, W(0) = W_0, N(0) = N_0
 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Minimize } \int_0^T (\langle A, x(t) \rangle + u^2(t))dt \\
 &\text{subject to} \\
 &\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) + g(x(t))u(t) \\
 &u(t) \in [0, 1] \\
 &x(0) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

- ★ Control is scalar
- ★ Control set is convex and compact
- ★ Dynamic is affine wrt control
- ★ Cost is strongly convex wrt control
- ★ End state free

## Mixed Constraints

Minimize  $\int_0^T (AI(t) + u^2(t)) dt$   
 subject to

$$\dot{S}(t) = bN(t) - dS(t) - cS(t)I(t) - S(t)u(t),$$

$$\dot{E}(t) = cS(t)I(t) - (e + d)E(t),$$

$$\dot{I}(t) = eE(t) - (g + a + d)I(t),$$

$$\dot{N}(t) = (b - d)N(t) - aI(t),$$

$$S(t)u(t) - V_0 \leq 0 \quad \text{a.e. } t,$$

$$u(t) \in [0, 1] \quad \text{a.e. } t,$$

$$x(0) = x_0.$$

## State Constraints

Minimize  $\int_0^T (AI(t) + u^2(t)) dt$   
 subject to

$$\dot{S}(t) = bN(t) - dS(t) - cS(t)I(t) - S(t)u(t),$$

$$\dot{E}(t) = cS(t)I(t) - (e + d)E(t),$$

$$\dot{I}(t) = eE(t) - (g + a + d)I(t),$$

$$\dot{N}(t) = (b - d)N(t) - aI(t),$$

$$S(t) - S_{max} \leq 0 \quad \text{for all } t,$$

$$u(t) \in [0, 1] \quad \text{a.e. } t,$$

$$x(0) = x_0.$$

and with both mixed and state constraints

Are L2 costs appropriate?

No!

What about L1 costs?

L1 Mixed Constrained case previously appeared  
in  
Kornienko, dP, Maurer  
conference paper 2014

We solve our problems by Direct Method

Interface with NLP Solver:

**ICLOCS** developed by Paola Falugi, Eric Kerrigan and Eugene van Wyk  
and

**AMPL** developed by Robert Fourer, David Gay and Brian Kerrigan at Bell Laboratories

With AMPL and ICLOCS **IPOPT** is used.

Mostly 10000 or 20000 grid points  
and

Implicit Euler Scheme with error tolerance  $\leq 10^{-8}$

Also, we use

**NUDOCCS** developed by C. Buskens.

# Unlimited Vaccines (UV)

Simplest Case:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(OCP)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{Minimize } J(x, u) = \int_0^T (I(t) + Bu(t)) dt \quad \leftarrow \\
 \text{subject to} \\
 \dot{S}(t) = bN(t) - dS(t) - cS(t)I(t) - u(t)S(t), \quad S(0) = S_0, \\
 \dot{E}(t) = cS(t)I(t) - (e + d)E(t), \quad E(0) = E_0, \\
 \dot{I}(t) = eE(t) - (g + a + d)I(t), \quad I(0) = I_0, \\
 \dot{N}(t) = (b - d)N(t) - aI(t), \quad N(0) = N_0, \\
 u(t) \in [0, 1] \quad \text{for } \forall t \in [0, T],
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

$B$  will be 2 or 10.

- adjoint variables:  $p_S, p_E, p_I, p_N, \lambda = 1$
- gives us optimal control: Bang- bang and singular arcs
- numerics show singular arcs may occur

$$u_*(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) > 0 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) < 0 \\ \text{singular} & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [t_1, t_2] \subset [0, T] \end{cases}$$

where  $\phi(x, p) = H_u(x, u, p) = -B - p_S S$  is the switching function.

Using


$$\dot{\phi} = p_E c I S - p_S b N = 0$$

and the explicit formula from NCO we show that:

- the strict Generalized Legendre-Clebsch Condition

$$\frac{\partial \ddot{\phi}}{\partial u} = -p_E 2 c I S > 0.$$

- and we get the formula for the singular control

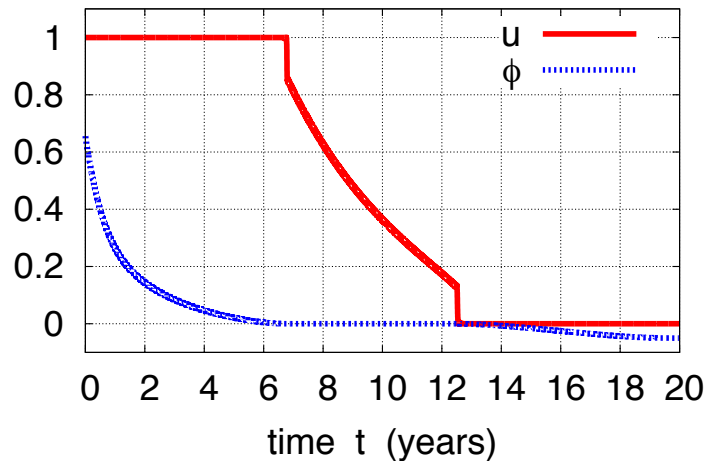
$$u_{sing}(x, p) = B b ((b - d)N - aI) / (p_E c I 2 S^2) + 0.5 (e + d) - 0.5 e p_I / p_E \\ + 0.5 (e E / I - (g + a + d)) + bN / S - d - cI.$$




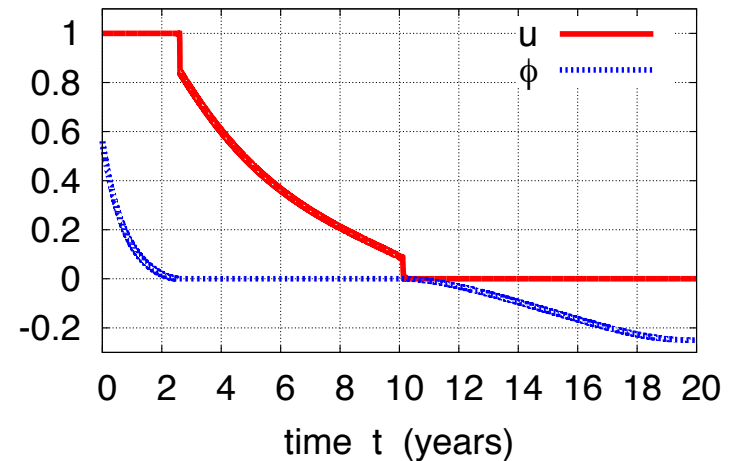
## 2. Optimal Control LI-(i)

## Numerics: control for UV

B=2 : control  $u$  and switching function  $\phi$

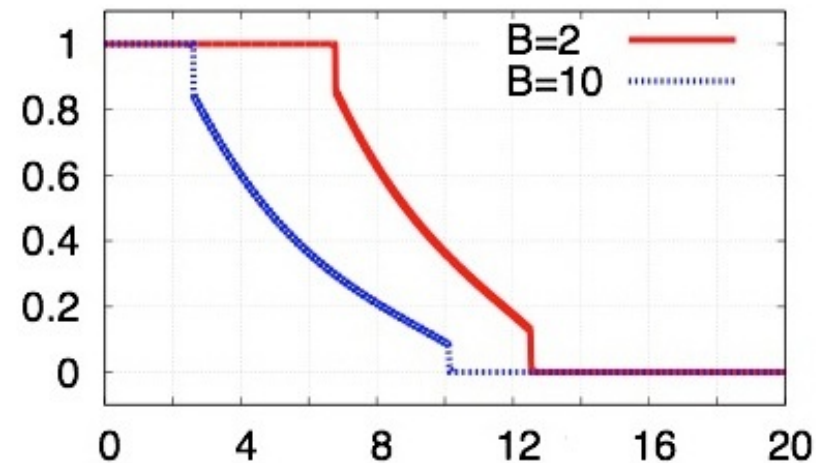


B=10 : control  $u$  and switching function  $\phi$



In both cases,  
B=2 and B=10,  
numeric singular control  
agrees with  
analytical singular control.

Comparing controls



**Control Structure: Bang- Singular-Bang**

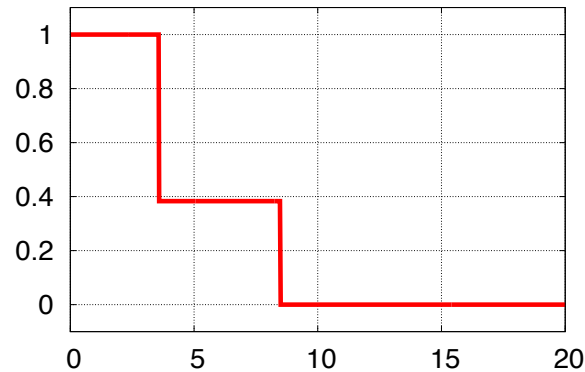
## 2. Optimal Control LI-(i)

## Approximation

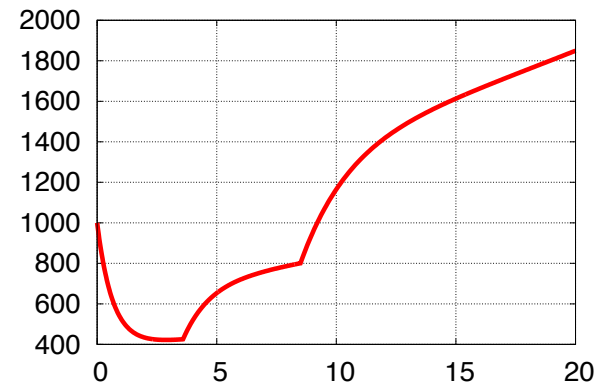
For  $B=10$

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq t < t_1 \\ u_c & \text{for } t_1 \leq t \leq t_2 \\ 0 & \text{for } t_2 < t \leq T \end{cases} \quad u_c \text{ optimized.}$$

control u

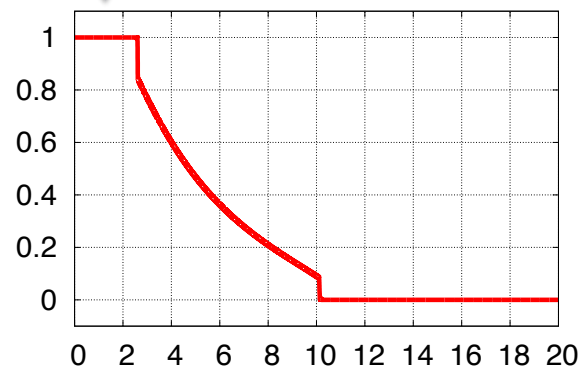


susceptible S

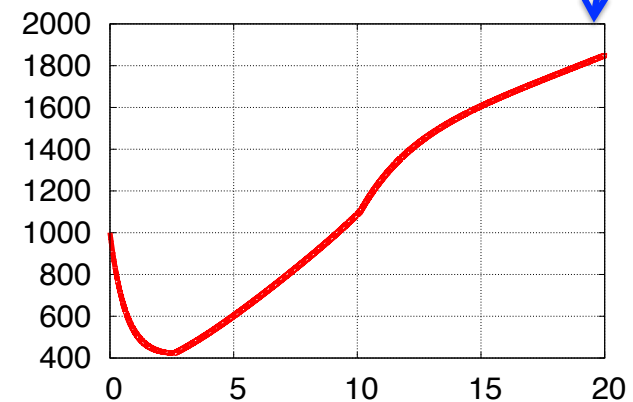


Using the arc parametrization method implemented with NUDOC

control u



susceptible S



# Limited Vaccines (UV)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(OCP-LV)} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{Minimize} \quad J(x, u) = \int_0^T (I(t) + Bu(t)) dt \\
 \text{subject to} \\
 \dot{S}(t) = bN(t) - dS(t) - cS(t)I(t) - u(t)S(t), \quad S(0) = S_0, \\
 \dot{E}(t) = cS(t)I(t) - (e + d)E(t), \quad E(0) = E_0, \\
 \dot{I}(t) = eE(t) - (g + a + d)I(t), \quad I(0) = I_0, \\
 \dot{W}(t) = u(t)S(t), \quad W(0) = 0, W(T) = 2500, \\
 \dot{N}(t) = (b - d)N(t) - aI(t), \quad N(0) = N_0, \\
 u(t) \in [0, 1] \quad \text{for } \forall t \in [0, T],
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

In the previous case we get  $W(T) = 4880.123\dots$

## 2. Optimal Control LI-(ii)

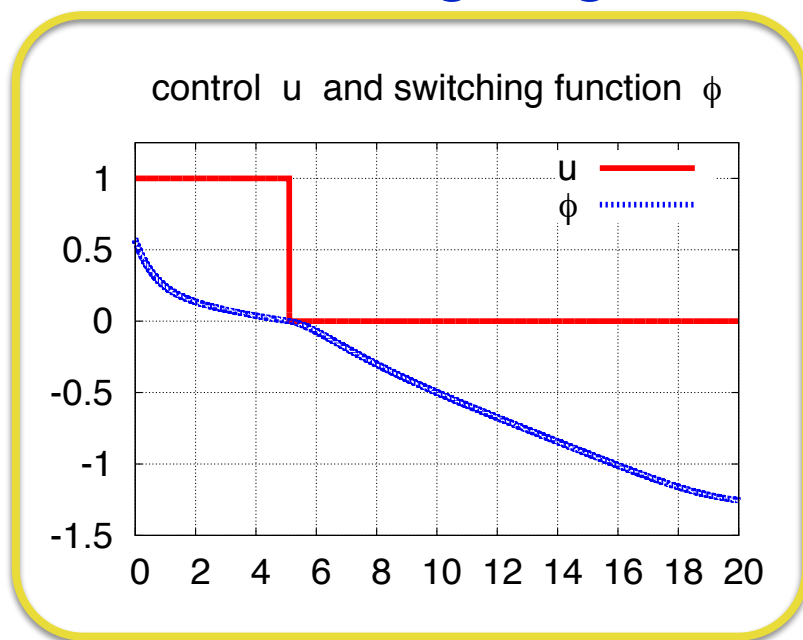
## Limited Vaccines (LV)

Again the control law

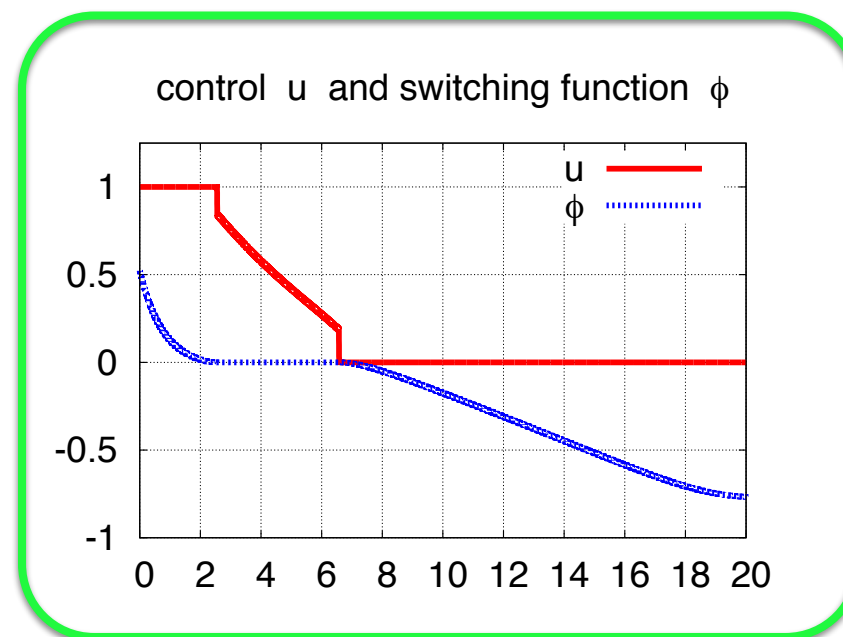
$$u_*(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) > 0 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) < 0 \\ \text{singular} & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [t_1, t_2] \subset [0, T] \end{cases}$$

where  $\phi(x, p) = H_u(x, u, p)$ .

**B=2: Bang-Bang**



**B=10: Bang-Singular-Bang**



For  $B=2$

Induced Optimization Problem (IOP):

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Minimize} & J_1(z) := J(x, u) \\ \text{wrt} & z = t_1 \end{array}$$

Numerical Results:  $J_1(z) = 226,71703$  and  $t_1 = 5,105562$ .

SSC hold for IOP:  $\text{Hessian}(J_1)_{zz} > 0$  is positive-definite

SSC hold for the control problem: Strict bang bang property holds.

# Pointwise Limited Vaccines (Mixed Constraints)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(OCP-MC)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{Minimize } J(x, u) = \int_0^T (I(t) + Bu(t)) dt \\
 \text{subject to} \\
 \dot{S}(t) = bN(t) - dS(t) - cS(t)I(t) - u(t)S(t), \quad S(0) = S_0, \\
 \dot{E}(t) = cS(t)I(t) - (e + d)E(t), \quad E(0) = E_0, \\
 \dot{I}(t) = eE(t) - (g + a + d)I(t), \quad I(0) = I_0, \\
 \dot{W}(t) = u(t)S(t), \quad W(0) = 0, \\
 \dot{N}(t) = (b - d)N(t) - aI(t), \quad N(0) = N_0, \\
 S(t)u(t) \leq 125, \quad \leftarrow \text{Mixed Constraint} \\
 u(t) \in [0, 1] \quad \text{for } \forall t \in [0, T],
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

### Necessary Conditions:

Augmented Hamiltonian:  $\mathcal{H}(x, p, q, u) = \langle p, f(x) + g(x)u \rangle - qSu$

We now have a multiplier  $q$  associated with the mixed constraint



Necessary conditions yield

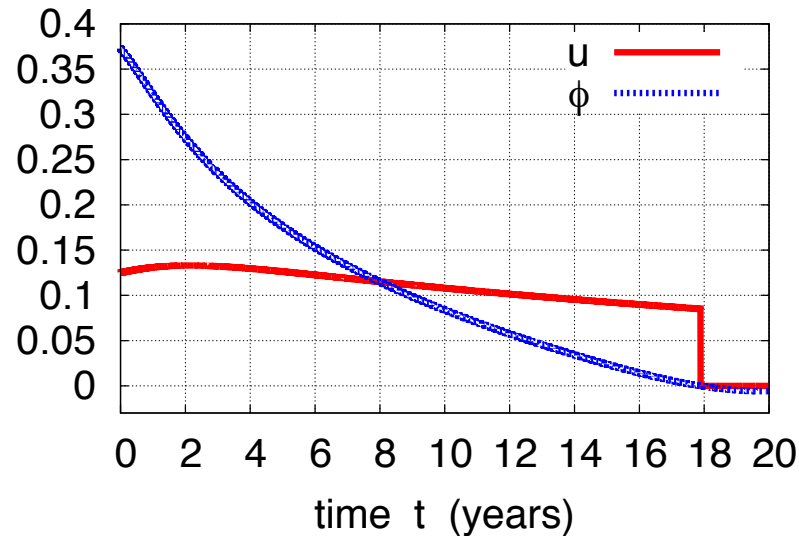
$$u_*(t) = \begin{cases} 125/S_*(t) & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) > 0 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) < 0. \end{cases}$$

and

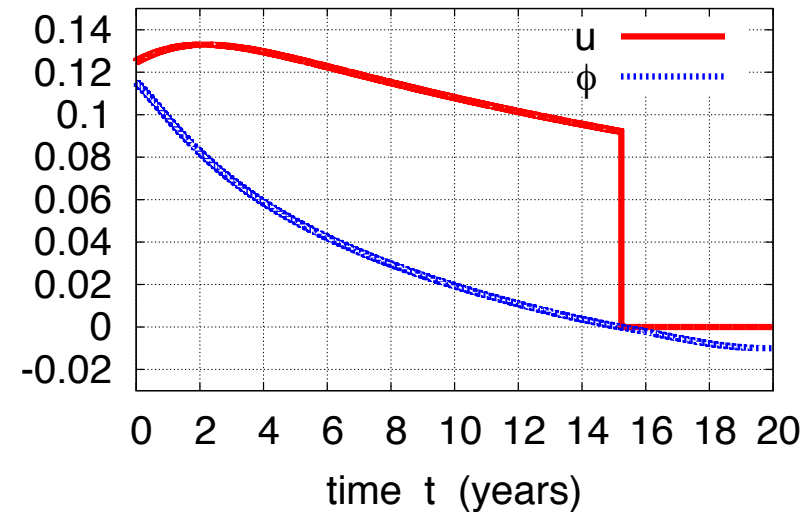
$$q(t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{B}{S_*(t)} - p_s(t) = \phi(t)/S_*(t) & , \quad \text{if } u_*(t) = 125/S_*(t) \\ 0 & , \quad \text{if } u_*(t) < 125/S_*(t) \end{cases}$$

Here  $\phi(x, p) = -B - p_S S$  is the *switching function*.

B=2 : control  $u$  and switching function  $\phi$



B=10 : control  $u$  and switching function  $\phi$



Strict Bang bang property holds

$$\phi(t) > 0 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t < t_1, \quad \dot{\phi}(t_1) < 0, \quad \phi(t) < 0 \quad \text{for } t_1 < t \leq T.$$

Let  $v = Su$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } \int_0^T \left( I(t) + \frac{B}{S(t)} v(t) \right) dt \\ \text{subject to} \\ \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) + g(x(t))v(t) \\ v(t) \in [0, 125] \\ x(0) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Then

$$S_*(t)u_*(t) = v^*(t) = \begin{cases} 125 & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) > 0 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{if } \phi(t) < 0. \end{cases}$$

We then show we have a strict strong minimum for the (MC) problem.

Next time....perhaps...



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