

# Tutorial on Control and State Constrained Optimal Control Problems

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#### **Optimal Control Problem**

state  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , control  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

Dynamics and Boundary Conditions

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(t, x(t), u(t)), \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, t_f],$$
  
 $x(t) = \bar{x}_0, \ \psi(x(t_f)) = 0 \quad (\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^r)$ 

#### Control and State Constraints

$$\begin{array}{ll} c(x(t),u(t)) &\leq 0\,, & 0 \leq t \leq t_f\,, & (\,c:\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^m\to\mathbb{R}^k\,)\\ s(x(t)) &\leq 0\,, & 0 \leq t \leq t_f\,, & (\,s:\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{R}^l\,) \end{array}$$

#### Minimize

$$J(u,x) = g(x(t_f)) + \int_0^{t_f} f_0(t,x(t),u(t)) dt$$

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#### Discretization

For simplicity consider a MAYER-type problem with cost functional

$$J(u,x)=g(x(t_f)).$$

This can achieved by considering the additional state variable  $x_0$  with

$$\dot{x}_0 = f_0(x, u), \quad x_0(0) = 0.$$

Then we have

$$x_0(t_f) = \int_0^{t_f} f_0(t, x(t), u(t)).$$

Choose an integer  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , a stepsize *h* and grid points  $t_i$ :

$$h = t_f / N$$
,  $t_i := ih$ ,  $(i = 0, 1, ..., N)$ .

Approximation of control and state at grid points:

$$u(t_i) pprox u_i \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad x(t_i) pprox x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (i = 0, \dots, N)$$

#### Large-scale NLP using EULER's method

Minimize

$$J(u,x) = g(x_N)$$

subject to

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_{i+1} &=& x_i + h \cdot f(t_i, x_i, u_i), & i = 0, ..., N - 1, \\ x_0 &=& \bar{x}_0, \ \psi(x_N) = 0, \\ c(x_i, u_i) &\leq& 0, & i = 0, ..., N, \\ s(x_i) &\leq& 0, & i = 0, ..., N, \end{array}$$

Optimization variable for full discretization:

$$z := (u_0, x_1, u_1, x_2, ..., u_{N-1}, x_N, u_N) \in \mathbb{R}^{N(m+n)+m}$$

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#### **NLP** Solvers

- AMPL : Programming language (Fourer, Gay, Kernighan)
- IPOPT : Interior point method (Andreas Wächter)
- LOQO : Interior point method (Vanderbei et al.)
- Other NLP solvers embedded in AMPL : cf. NEOS server
- NUDOCCCS : optimal control package (Christof Büskens)
- WORHP : SQP solver (Christof Büskens, Matthias Gerdts)
- Special feature: solvers provide LAGRANGE-multipliers as approximations of the adjoint variables.

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## Optimal Control Problem with Control-State Constraints

State  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , Control  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . All functions are assumed to be sufficiently smooth

Dynamics and Boundary Conditions

$$\begin{split} \dot{x}(t) &= f(x(t), u(t)), \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, t_f], \\ x(0) &= x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \psi(x(t_f)) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^k, \\ (0 &= \varphi(x(0), x(t_f)) \quad \text{mixed boundary conditions}) \end{split}$$

Mixed Control-State Constraints

$$\alpha \leq c(x(t), u(t)) \leq \beta, \quad t \in [0, t_f], \quad c : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}$$

Control bounds  $\alpha \leq u(t) \leq \beta$  are included by c(x, u) = u.

#### Minimize

$$J(u,x) = g(x(t_f)) + \int_0^{t_f} f_0(x(t), u) \, dt$$

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#### Hamiltonian

#### Hamiltonian

$$H(x, \lambda, u) = \lambda_0 f(x, u) + \lambda f(x, u) \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ (row vector)}$$

#### Augmented Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(x,\lambda,\mu,u) &= & \mathcal{H}(x,\lambda,u) + \mu \, c(x,u) \\ &= & \lambda_0 \, f(x,u) + \lambda \, f(x,u) + \mu \, c(x,u), \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R} \,. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(u, x) \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^m) \times \mathcal{W}^{1,\infty}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$  be a locally optimal pair of functions.

#### Regularity assumption

$$c_u(x(t), u(t)) \neq 0 \quad \forall \ t \in J_a$$
$$J_a := \{ \ t \in [0, t_f] \mid c(x(t), u(t)) = \alpha \ \text{or} \ = \beta \}$$

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## Minimum Principle of Pontryagin et al. and Hestenes

Let  $(u, x) \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}([0, t_f], \mathbb{R}^m) \times \mathcal{W}^{1,\infty}([0, t_f], \mathbb{R}^n)$  be a locally optimal pair of functions that satisfies the regularity assumption. Then there exist

- an adjoint (costate) function  $\lambda \in W^{1,\infty}([0, t_f], \mathbb{R}^n)$  and a scalar  $\lambda_0 \ge 0$ ,
- a multiplier function  $\mu \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}([0, t_f], \mathbb{R})$ ,
- and a multiplier  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}^r$  associated to the boundary condition  $\psi(x(t_f)) = 0$

that satisfy the following conditions for a.a.  $t \in [0, t_f]$ , where the argument (t) denotes evaluation along the trajectory  $(x(t), u(t), \lambda(t))$ :

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#### Minimum Principle of Pontraygin et al. and Hestenes

(i) Adjoint ODE and transversality condition:

$$\begin{split} \dot{\lambda}(t) &= -\mathcal{H}_{\mathsf{x}}(t) = -(\lambda_0 f_0 + \lambda f)_{\mathsf{x}}(t) - \mu(t) c_{\mathsf{x}}(t), \\ \lambda(t_f) &= (\lambda_0 g + \rho \psi)_{\mathsf{x}}(\mathsf{x}(t_f)), \end{split}$$

(iia) Minimum Condition for Hamiltonian:

 $H(x(t),\lambda(t),u(t)) = \min \{ H(x(t),\lambda(t),u) \mid \alpha \leq c(x(t),u) \leq \beta \}$ 

(iib) Local Minimum Condition for Augmented Hamiltonian:

$$0 = \mathcal{H}_u(t) = (\lambda_0 f_0 + \lambda f)_u(t) + \mu(t) c_u(t)$$

(iii) Sign of multiplier  $\mu$  and complementarity condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &\leq 0, \text{ if } c(x(t), u(t)) = \alpha; \ \mu(t) \geq 0, \text{ if } c(x(t), u(t)) = \beta, \\ \mu(t) &= 0, \text{ if } \alpha < c(x(t), u(t)) < \beta. \end{aligned}$$

#### Evaluation of the Minimum Principle: boundary arc

Boundary arc: Let  $[t_1, t_2]$ ,  $0 \le t_1 < t_2 < t_f$ , be an interval with

$$c(x(t), u(t)) = \alpha$$
 or  $c(x(t), u(t)) = \beta$   $\forall t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$ .

For simplicity assume a scalar control, i.e., m = 1. Due to the regularity condition  $c_u(x(t), u(t)) \neq 0$  there exists a smooth function  $u_b(x)$  satisfying

 $c(x, u_b(x)) \equiv \alpha \ (\equiv \beta) \quad \forall x \text{ in a neighborhood of the trajectory.}$ 

The control  $u_b(x)$  is called the boundary control and yields the optimal control by the relation  $u(t) = u_b(x(t))$ . It follows from the local minimum condition  $0 = \mathcal{H}_u = H_u + \mu c_u$  that the multiplier  $\mu$  is given by

$$\mu = \mu(x,\lambda) = -H_u(x,\lambda,u_b(x)) / c_u(x,u_b(x)).$$

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## **Case I** : Regular Hamiltonian, *u* is continuous

CASE I : Consider optimal control problems which satisfy the Assumption: The Hamiltonian  $H(x, \lambda, u)$  is regular, i.e., it admits a unique minimum u. The strict Legendre condition holds:

$$H_{uu}(t) > 0 \quad \forall \ t \in [0, t_f].$$

(a) Then there exists a "free control"  $u = u_{free}(x, \lambda)$  satisfying

$$H_u(x,\lambda,u_{free}(x,\lambda)) \equiv 0.$$

(b) The optimal control u(t) is continuous in  $[0, t_f]$ .

Claim (b) follows from the continuity and regularity of *H*. The continuity of the control implies junctions conditions at junction points  $t_k$  (k = 1, 2) with the boundary:

$$u_{free}(x(t_k), \lambda(t_k)) = u_b(x(t_k)), \quad \mu(t_k) = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2).$$

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## Rayleigh Problem with Quadratic Control

The Rayleigh problem is a variant of the van der Pol Oszillator, where  $x_1$  denotes the electric current.

Control problem for the Rayleigh Equation

Minimize 
$$J(x, u) = \int_{0}^{t_f} (u^2 + x_1^2) dt$$
  $(t_f = 4.5)$   
subject to

$$\begin{split} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2, & x_1(0) = -5, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 + x_2(1.4 - 0.14x_2^2) + 4u, & x_2(0) = -5. \end{split}$$

Three types of constraints:

- Case (a) : no control constraints.
- Case (b) : control constraint  $-1 \le u(t) \le 1$  .
- Case (c) : mixed control-state constraint

$$lpha \leq u(t) + x_1(t)/6 \leq 0, \ lpha = -1, -2$$

#### Case I (a) : Rayleigh problem, no constraint

#### Normal Hamiltonian:

$$H(x,\lambda,u) = u^{2} + x_{1}^{2} + \lambda_{1} x_{2} + \lambda_{2} \left( -x_{1} + x_{2} (1.4 - 0.14 x_{2}^{2}) + 4u \right)$$

Adjoint Equations:

$$\dot{\lambda}_1 = -H_{x_1} = -2x_1 + \lambda_2$$
  $\lambda_1(t_f) = 0,$   
 $\dot{\lambda}_2 = -H_{x_2} = -\lambda_1 - \lambda_2(1.4 - 0.42x_2^2)$   $\lambda_2(t_f) = 0,$ 

Minimum condition:

$$0 = H_u = 2u + 4\lambda_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u = u_{free}(x,\lambda) = -2\lambda_2$$
.

Shooting method for solving the boundary value problem for  $(x, \lambda)$ : Determine unknown shooting vector  $s = \lambda(0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  that satisfies the terminal condition  $\lambda(t_f) = 0$ : use Newton's method

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## Case I : Rayleigh problem without constraints



Note: Hamiltionian is regular, control u(t) is continuous (analytic).

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### **Case I (b)** : Rayleigh problem, constraint $-1 \le u(t) \le 1$

Hamiltonian H and adjoint equations are as in Case (a). The free control is given by  $u_{free}(x, \lambda) = -2\lambda_2$ . Structure of optimal control:

$$u(t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & \text{for} & 0 \le t \le t_1 \\ -2\lambda_2(t) & \text{for} & t_1 \le t \le t_2 \\ -1 & \text{for} & t_2 \le t \le t_3 \\ -2\lambda_2(t) & \text{for} & t_3 \le t \le t_f \end{array} \right\}$$

Junction conditions: Continuity of the control implies

$$u(t_k) = -2\lambda_2(t_k) = 1 \mid -1 \mid -1, \quad k = 1, 2, 3$$

Shooting method for solving the boundary value problem for  $(x, \lambda)$ : Determine shooting vector  $s = (\lambda(0), t_1, t_2, t_3) \in \mathbb{R}^{2+3}$  that satisfies 2 terminal conditions  $\lambda(t_f) = 0$  and 3 junction conditions.

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## Rayleigh problem with control constraint $|u(t)| \leq 1$



Note: Hamiltonian is regular, control u(t) is continuous. Junction conditions:  $-2\lambda_2(t_k) = 1 | -1 | -1$ , k = 1, 2, 3 Optimal Control Problems with Control and State Constraints Numrical Method: Discretize and Optimize Theory of Optimal Control Problems (New York, New York, New

## Case I (c) : Rayleigh problem, $-1 \le u + x_1/6 \le 0$

Augmented (normal) Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}(x,\lambda,\mu,u) = u^2 + x_1^2 + \lambda_1 x_2 \\ + \lambda_2 (-x_1 + x_2(1.4 - 0.14x_2^2) + 4u) + \mu(u + x_1/6)$$

Adjoint Equations:

$$\begin{split} \dot{\lambda}_1 &= -\mathcal{H}_{x_1} = -2x_1 + \lambda_2 - \mu/6 \,, & \lambda_1(t_f) = 0, \\ \dot{\lambda}_2 &= -\mathcal{H}_{x_2} = -\lambda_1 - \lambda_2(1.4 - 0.42x_2^2) & \lambda_2(t_f) = 0, \end{split}$$

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Free control} & : & u_{free}(x,\lambda) = -2\lambda_2 \, . \\ \mbox{Boundary control} & : & u_b(x) = \alpha - x_1/6 \ \ \mbox{for} \ \ \alpha \in \{-1,0\} \, . \end{array}$ 

Multiplier :

$$\mu = \mu(x,\lambda) = -H_u(x,\lambda,u_b(x)) / c_u(x,u_b(x)) = 2u_b(x) + 4\lambda_2$$

## Case I (c) : Rayleigh problem, $-1 \le u + x_1/6 \le 0$



Hamiltonian is regular, control u(t) is continuous. Junction conditions:  $-2\lambda(t_k) = \alpha - x_1(t_k)/6, \alpha \in \{0, -1\}$ 

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# Case I (c) : Rayleigh problem, structure of optimal control for mixed constraint $-1 \le u + x_1/6 \le 0$



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#### **Case II** : control *u* appears linearly

CASE II : Control appears linearly in the cost functional, dynamics and mixed control-state constraint. Let u be scalar.

#### **Dynamics and Boundary Conditions**

$$\dot{x}(t) = f_1(x(t)) + f_2(x(t)) \cdot u(t), \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, t_f],$$
  
 $x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \psi(x(t_f)) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^k,$ 

#### Mixed Control-State Constraints

$$\alpha \leq c_1(x(t)) + c_2(x(t)) \cdot \mathbf{u}(t) \leq \beta \ \forall t \in [0, t_f]. \quad c_1, c_2 : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$$

#### Minimize

$$J(u,x) = g(x(t_f)) + \int_0^{t_f} (f_{01}(x(t)) + f_{02}(x(t)) \cdot u(t) dt$$

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## Case II : Hamiltonian and switching function

#### Normal Hamiltonian

$$H(x,\lambda,\boldsymbol{u}) = f_{01}(x) + \lambda f_1(x) + [f_{02}(x) + \lambda f_2(x)] \cdot \boldsymbol{u}.$$

Augmented Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}(x,\lambda,\mu,\mathbf{u}) = H(x,\lambda,\mathbf{u}) + \mu \left( c_1(x) + c_2(x) \cdot \mathbf{u} \right)$$

The optimal control u(t) solves the minimization problem

$$\min \left\{ H(x(t), \lambda(t), \boldsymbol{u}) \mid \alpha \leq c_1(x(t)) + c_2(x(t)) \cdot \boldsymbol{u} \leq \beta \right\}$$

Define the switching function

$$\sigma(x,\lambda) = H_u(x,\lambda,u) = f_{02}(x) + \lambda f_2(x), \quad \sigma(t) = \sigma(x(t),\lambda(t)).$$

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## Case II : Hamiltonian

The minimum condition is equivalent to the minimization problem

$$\min\left\{ \, \sigma(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{u} \right) \mid \alpha \leq c_1(\boldsymbol{x}(t)) + c_2(\boldsymbol{x}(t)) \cdot \boldsymbol{u} \leq \beta \, \right\}$$

We deduce the control law

$$c_1(x(t))+c_2(x(t))\cdot u(t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha \,, & \text{if } \sigma(t)\cdot c_2(x(t)) > 0\\ \beta \,, & \text{if } \sigma(t)\cdot c_2(x(t)) < 0\\ \text{undetermined } \text{if } \sigma(t) \equiv 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

The control u is called bang-bang in an interval  $I \subset [0, t_f]$ , if  $\sigma(t) \cdot c_2(x(t)) \neq 0$  for all  $t \in I$ . The control u is called singular in an interval  $I_{sing} \subset [0, t_f]$ , if  $\sigma(t) \cdot c_2(x(t)) \equiv 0$  for all  $t \in I_{sing}$ . For the control constraint  $\alpha \leq u(t) \leq \beta$  with  $c_1(x) = 0$ ,  $c_2(x) = 1$  we get the classical control law

$$u(t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha \,, & \text{if } \sigma(t) > 0 \\ \beta \,, & \text{if } \sigma(t) < 0 \\ \text{undetermined} \,, & \text{if } \sigma(t) \equiv 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

## Bang-Bang and Singular Controls



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## **Case II** : Rayleigh problem with $-1 \le u(t) \le 1$

#### Rayleigh problem with control appearing linearly

Minimize 
$$J(x, u) = \int_{0}^{t_{f}} (x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2}) dt$$
  $(t_{f} = 4.5)$   
subject to

$$egin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2, & x_1(0) &= -5\,, \ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_1 + x_2(1.4 - 0.14x_2^2) + 4u\,, & x_2(0) &= -5, \ -1 &\leq u(t) &\leq 1\,. \end{aligned}$$

Adjoint Equations:

$$egin{aligned} \dot{\lambda}_1 &= -\mathcal{H}_{x_1} = -2x_1 + \lambda_2\,, & \lambda_1(t_f) = 0, \ \dot{\lambda}_2 &= -\mathcal{H}_{x_2} = -2x_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2(1.4 - 0.42x_2^2)\,, & \lambda_2(t_f) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

The switching function  $\sigma(t) = H_u(t) = 4\lambda_2(t)$  gives the control law

$$u(t) = -\operatorname{sign}(\lambda_2(t))$$

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#### Case II : Rayleigh problem, $-1 \le u(t) \le 1$



Control u(t) is bang-bang-singular. Switching conditions:  $\lambda(t_1) = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2(t) \equiv 0 \forall t \in [t_2, t_f]$ .

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## **Case II** : Rayleigh problem, $\alpha \le u + x_1/6 \le 0$

Minimize 
$$J(x, u) = \int_{0}^{t_{f}} (x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2}) dt$$
  $(t_{f} = 4.5)$   
subject to

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2,$$
  $x_1(0) = -5,$   
 $\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + x_2(1.4 - 0.14x_2^2) + 4u,$   $x_2(0) = -5,$ 

and the mixed control-state constraint

$$lpha \leq \mathbf{u}(t) + x_1(t)/6 \leq 0 \quad \forall \ 0 \leq t \leq t_f$$
.

Adjoint Equations:

$$egin{aligned} \dot{\lambda}_1 &= -H_{x_1} = -2x_1 + \lambda_2 - \mu/6\,, & \lambda_1(t_f) = 0, \ \dot{\lambda}_2 &= -H_{x_2} = -2x_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2(1.4 - 0.42x_2^2)\,, & \lambda_2(t_f) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

#### Control law for $\alpha \leq u + x_1/6 \leq 0$

The switching function is  $\sigma(t) = H_u(t) = 4\lambda_2(t)$ . In view of  $c_2(x) \equiv 1$  we have the control law

$$u + x_1/6 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \alpha < 0 & , & \text{if } \lambda_2(t) > 0 \\ 0 & , & \text{if } \lambda_2(t) < 0 \\ \text{undetermined } , & \text{if } \lambda_2(t) \equiv 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

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#### **Case II** : Rayleigh problem, $-1 \le u + x_1/6 \le 0$



Note: constraint  $u(t) + x_1(t)/6$  is "bang-bang".

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#### **Case II** : Rayleigh problem, $-2 \le u + x_1/6 \le 0$



Note: constraint  $u(t) + x_1(t)/6$  is "bang-singular-bang-singular".

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#### Optimal Fishing, Clark, Clarke, Munro

COLIN W. CLARK, FRANK H. CLARKE, GORDON R. MUNRO: The optimal exploutation of renewable resource stock: problem of irreversible investment, Econometric **47**, pp. 25–47 (1979).

State variables and control variables:

- x(t) : population biomass at time  $t \in [0, t_f]$  , renewable resource, e.g., fish,
- K(t) : amount of capital invested in the fishery, e.g., number of "standardized" fishing vessels available,
- E(t) : fishing effort (control), h(t) = E(t)x(t) is harvest rate ,
- I(t) : investment rate (control),

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#### Optimal Fishing: optimal control model

Dynamics in 
$$[0, t_f]$$
 (here:  $a = 1, b = 5, \gamma = 0$ )

$$\dot{x}(t) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}(t) \cdot (1 - \mathbf{x}(t)/b) - \mathbf{E}(t) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t), \qquad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0,$$
  
$$\dot{\mathbf{K}}(t) = \mathbf{I}(t) - \gamma \cdot \mathbf{K}(t), \qquad \qquad \mathbf{K}(0) = \mathbf{K}_0.$$

Mixed Control-State Constraint and Control Constraint

$$0 \leq \boldsymbol{\textit{E}}(t) \leq K(t)\,, \quad 0 \leq \boldsymbol{\textit{I}}(t) \leq \textit{\textit{I}}_{max}\,, \quad t \in [0, t_f],$$

Maximize benefit (parameters: r = 0.05,  $c_F = 2$ ,  $c_I = 1.1$ )

$$J(u,x) = \int_0^{t_f} exp(-r \cdot t)(p \cdot E(t) \cdot x(t) - c_E \cdot E(t) - c_I \cdot I(t)) dt$$

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### Optimal Fishing: $x_0 = 0.5$ , $K_0 = 0.2$ , $I_{max} = 0.5$



#### Optimal Fishing: $x_0 = 0.5, K_0 = 0.6, I_{max} = 0.5$



#### Optimal Fishing: $x_0 = 0.2, K_0 = 0.1, I_{max} = 0.1$



Fishing rate : E(t) = 0, E(t) = K(t), E(t) singular, E(t) = K(t). Investment rate : 2 arcs with  $I(t) = I_{max}$ .

#### Optimal Fishing: $x_0 = 1.0, K_0 = 0.5, I_{max} = 3$

