

# Optimal control techniques based on infection age for the study of the COVID-19 epidemic

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Confinement control in the SIR setting:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{S}(t) &= -\delta(1-u(t))S(t)I(t) \\ \dot{I}(t) &= \delta(1-u(t))S(t)I(t) - (\eta + \mu)I(t) \\ \dot{R}(t) &= \mu I(t)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

with  $u(t) \in [0, 1]$  confinement control, and  $\delta > 0$  infection coefficient,  $\eta > 0$  death rate,  $\mu > 0$  recovery rate.

## Infection age; related differential calculus

For non hospitalized  $z(t, a, b)$  and hospitalized population  $h(t, a, b)$   
 $a$  class of population (strong/weak)  
 $b \in [0, B]$  infection age;  
For  $\varepsilon > 0$  small:

$$z(t + \varepsilon, a, b + \varepsilon) \approx z(t, a, b) - \varepsilon v(a, b)z(t, a, b) \quad (2)$$

Corresponding differential equation

$$z_t(t, a, b) + z_b(t, a, b) = -v(a, b)z(t, a, b) \quad (3)$$

## Full model

States:  $y$  susceptible,  $z$  infected non hospitalized,  $h$  hospitalized,  $\bar{y}$  recovered.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{y}(t, a) = -\delta(a)(1 - u(t, a))Z(t)y(t, a) \\ (z_t + z_b)(t, a, b) = -\nu(a, b)z(t, a, b) \\ z(t, a, 0) = \delta(a)(1 - u(t))Z(t)y(t, a) \\ (h_t + h_b)(t, a, b) = \nu(a, b)z(t, a, b) - (\eta(a, b) + \gamma(a, b)E(t))h(t, a, b) \\ h(t, a, 0) = 0 \\ \dot{\bar{y}}(t, a) = z(t, a, B) + h(t, a, B) \end{array} \right. \quad (4)$$

## Details of dynamics

$$Z(t) = \int_0^A \int_0^B e(a,b)z(t,a,b)dadb, \quad (5)$$

with  $e(a,b)$  transmission factor

hospitalized patients do not contribute to the transmission

$v(a,b)$  hospitalization coefficient,

$E(t) \in [0, 1]$  is the hospital saturation estimate, given by

$$E(t) := \frac{(H(t) - C)_+}{H(t) + C}; \quad H(t) := \int_0^A \int_0^B h(t,a,b)dadb, \quad (6)$$

where  $C > 0$  nominal capacity.

Only hospitalized patients die, with death rate

$$d(t, a, b) := \eta(a, b) + \gamma(a, b)E(t), \quad (7)$$

where  $\eta(a, b) \geq 0$  is the minimal death rate and  $\gamma(a, b)$  sensitivity of the death rate w.r.t. the hospital saturation estimate.

## Cost function

$$J(M, u, D_T) := p_M M + p_u c(u) + p_D D_T, \quad (8)$$

where the penalty coefficients  $p_M$ ,  $p_u$  and  $p_D$  are nonnegative.  $D_T$ , death toll;  $M$  hospital peak value, subject to

$$H(t) \leq M, \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \quad (9)$$

In addition, in our model we include confinement duration constraints for each class, more precisely:

$$\int_0^T u(t, a) dt \leq M(a), \quad \text{for a.a. } a \in (0, A). \quad (10)$$

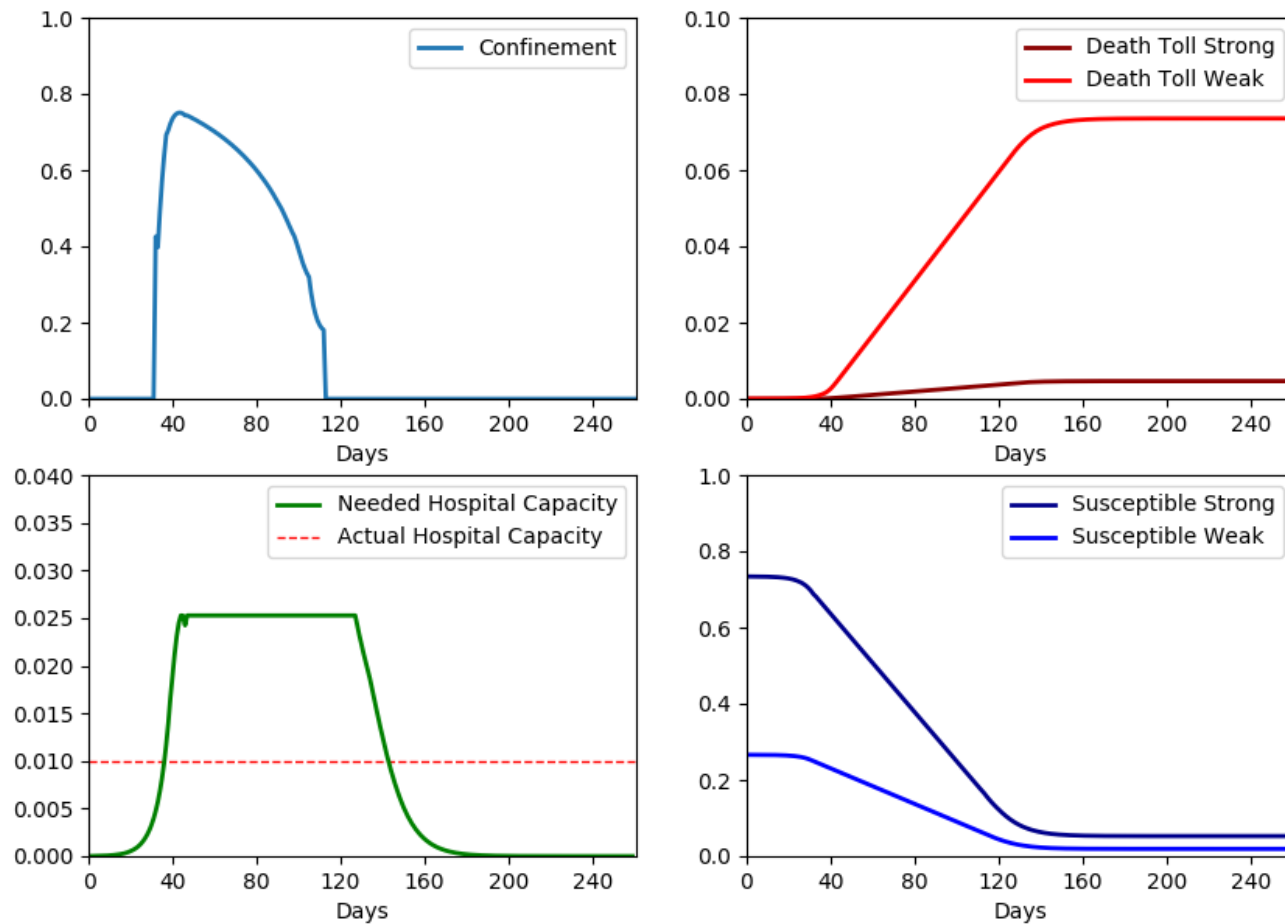


Figure 1: Minimal hospital peak value:  $p_M = 10$ ,  $p_u = 0.005$ ,  $p_D = 1_7$   
 $C = 0.01$ ,  $T = 260$ .