



# Optimal Vaccination Strategies in Periodic Settings

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## Introduction:

Vaccination is key in controlling Childhood diseases.

But what **vaccination strategies are optimal** given constraint on resources.

**Pulse vaccination** (Agur(1993), ...) better results than **Homogeneous Constant vaccination**.

Success cases of PVS.(D'Onofrio,2002):

- Central and South America-Polio, Measles
- U.K, measles-1994.

### **Justification of PVS**

- Reimmunization
- Periodic resonance between contact and vaccination rates leading to disease eradication
- Better use of vaccination doses
- Campaigns preceding vaccination day.

# The Model

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = b - \mu S - \psi(t)S - \beta(t)SI, \quad S(t_0) = S_0 > 0$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -\mu I + \beta(t)SI - \alpha I, \quad I(t_0) = I_0 > 0$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = -\mu R + \psi(t)S + \alpha I, \quad R(t_0) = R_0 > 0$$

An SIR Model with:

- Population Dynamics
- Periodic contact rate
- Periodic vaccination rate.

*Contact rate*:  $\beta(t) \in L_+^\infty(0, T)$

*Vaccination rate*:  $\psi(t) \in L_+^\infty(0, T)$

## Proposition 1. Existence of Disease Free Stable State (DFPO).

Given  $\psi(t) \in L_+^\infty(0, T)$ ,  $I(t) \equiv 0$ ,

*There exists a unique periodic solution and all solutions with initial condition  $I(t)=0$ , tend to this periodic solution.*

Proof:

- $I(0)=0$ ,  $I(t)=0$  at all times.
- The remaining linear equation is not dependent on  $R(t)$  and has solution,

$$s[\psi](t) = s(0)e^{-\int_0^t \mu + \psi(\tau) d\tau} + b \int_0^t e^{-\int_\sigma^t \mu + \psi(\tau) d\tau} d\sigma$$

- Periodic Solution: Periodic vaccination (and contact) rates,
- This is a unique solution:

# Stability Analysis

## Floquet Theory

- Standard—Periodically driven systems.
- Systems with similar Time scales

## Singular Perturbation Theory

- Systems with different time scales
- Fast , slow systems analysed seperately and then jointly.

## Floquet Theory

- **linearize the system about a solution.**

$$\left( S[\psi](t), \quad 0, \quad \frac{b}{\mu} - S[\psi](t) \right)^T$$

- **Obtain independent solutions of the linearized system,**
- ✓ **initial conditions  $(1,0,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1)$ .**
- ✓ **the solution vectors form columns of the Monodromy matrix.**

# FLOQUET THEORY

- **The Monodromy matrix reads**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \exp\left(-\int_0^T \mu + \psi(t) dt\right) & * & 0 \\ 0 & \exp\left(-\int_0^T \mu + \alpha dt + \int_0^T \beta(t) S[\psi](t) dt\right) & 0 \\ * & * & \exp\left(-\int_0^T \mu dt\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

- The main diagonal defines the **spectrum of the matrix**.
- disease free periodic orbit (DFPO) is orbitally stable if

$$\tilde{F} = \int_0^T \beta(t) S[\psi](t) dt < T(\mu + \alpha)$$

## **Proposition 2:**

***If the Uninfected periodic orbit is orbitally stable, it attracts all solutions with non-negative initial conditions.***

- Proposition 2.1: the solution is unique

$$\hat{S}(t) \xrightarrow[\infty]{t} S[\psi](t)$$

- Proof:

$$\frac{d(\hat{S}(t) - S[\psi](t))}{dt} = -(\mu + \psi(t))(\hat{S}(t) - S[\psi](t));$$

$$\hat{S}(0) - S[\psi](0) = \tilde{S},$$

$$\hat{S}(t) - S[\psi](t) = \tilde{S} e^{-\int_0^t (\mu + \psi(\tau)) d\tau} = 0; \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$



## Infective solution tends to zero

- Proposition 2.3:

$$I(t) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$$

- Proof:

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = -(\mu + \alpha - \beta(t)S(t))I(t); \quad I(t) \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= I(0) \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t (\mu + \alpha) - \beta(\tau)S(\tau) d\tau \right\} \\ &= I(0) \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t (\mu + \alpha) - \beta(\tau)S[\psi](\tau) d\tau \right\} \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t \beta(\tau)[S[\psi](\tau) - S(\tau)] d\tau \right\} \\ &= I(0) \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t (\mu + \alpha) - \beta(\tau)S[\psi](\tau) d\tau \right\} \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t \beta(\tau) \tilde{S}_e^{-\int_0^t \mu + \psi(\tau) d\tau} d\tau \right\} = I(0)p_0p_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty, \quad \psi(\tau) \rightarrow \infty \quad \Rightarrow p_1 = 1.$$

Due to Periodicity,  $p_0(nT) = (p_0T)^n$

$$p_0(nT) = \exp \left\{ -n \int_0^T \mu + \alpha - \beta(\tau)S[\psi](\tau) d\tau \right\} \rightarrow 0; \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

# Singular Perturbation Theory

- **Slow timescales (population dynamics) and fast time scales (epidemics).**
- **time scales for epidemics: fast contact and recovery rates.**
- **autonomous system aids in the Geometric Interpretation.**

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = b - \mu S - \psi(q)S - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \beta(q)SI, \quad S(t_0) = S[\psi](t_0), \quad 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = -\mu I + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \beta(q)SI - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \alpha I, \quad I(t_0) = I_0$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = -\mu R + \psi(q)S + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \alpha I, \quad R(t_0) = \frac{b}{\mu} - S[\psi](t_0)$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = 1, \quad q(t_0) = t_0$$

- **Separate time scales**
- **Introducing an invariant functional  $X$ ,**

$$X : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$X = -S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - I;$$

# Why X?

- Lets change to the fast time scale of epidemics and
- Set epsilon to zero to get limiting fast system.
- The result is the SIR model without Pop. Dyn.
- X is constant on the fast time scale, so X can represent the slow variable.

$$\dot{X} = -S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - I ;$$

$$t = \varepsilon \tau \quad (\tau \text{ faster})$$

$$\frac{dS}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \{b - \mu S - \psi(q)S\} - \beta(q)SI,$$

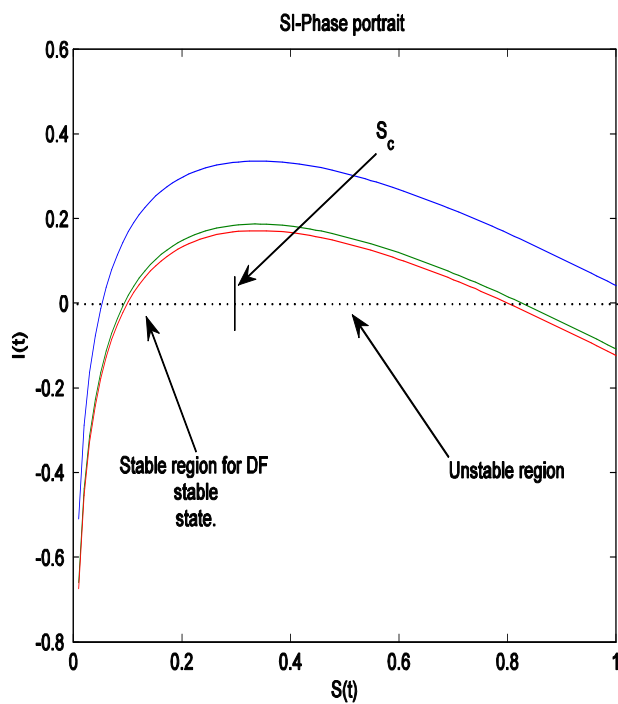
$$\frac{dI}{d\tau} = -\varepsilon\mu I + \beta(q)SI - \alpha I,$$

$$\frac{dq}{d\tau} = \varepsilon,$$

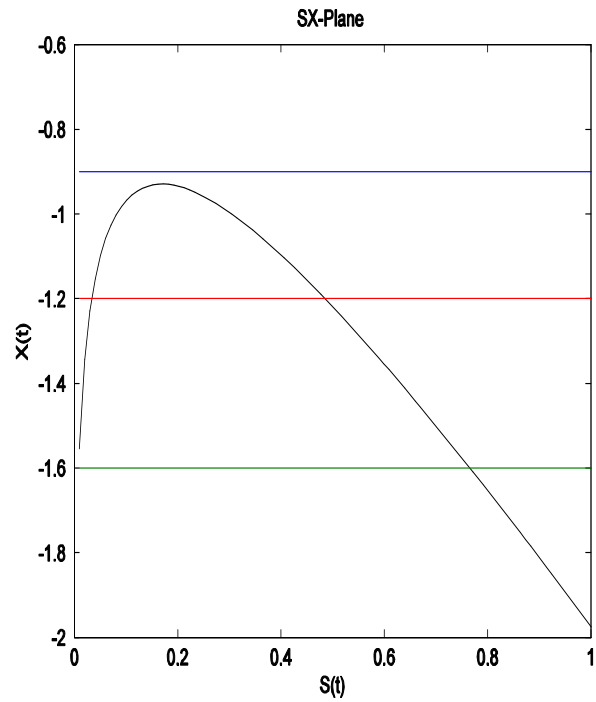
$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{dS}{d\tau} &= -\beta(q)SI, \\ \frac{dI}{d\tau} &= \beta(q)SI - \alpha I, \\ \frac{dq}{d\tau} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

# Transformation from (S,I) to (S,X)

## SI-Plane



## SX-Plane



# Fast-Slow Systems

- **direct computation on  $X$  leads to the slow system**

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = -b - \mu X - g(S, q) - \frac{\alpha \beta'(q) q' \ln S}{[\beta(q)]^2}$$

$$\varepsilon \frac{dS}{dt} = \varepsilon \{b - \mu S - \psi(q)S\} - \beta(q)S \left\{ -S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - X \right\}$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = 1,$$

- **And the fast system**

$$\frac{dX}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \left\{ -b - \mu X + g(S, q) - \frac{\alpha \beta'(q) q' \ln S}{[\beta(q)]^2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{dS}{d\tau} = -\beta(q)S \left[ -S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - X \right] + \varepsilon [b - \mu S - \psi(q)S]$$

$$\frac{dq}{d\tau} = \varepsilon, \quad t = \varepsilon \tau.$$

# Limiting fast and slow systems

$$\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

## Limiting fast

$$\frac{dX}{d\tau} = 0$$

$$\frac{dS}{d\tau} = -\beta(q)S[-S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - X]$$

$$\frac{dq}{d\tau} = 0,$$

## Limiting slow

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = -b - \mu X - g(S, q) - \frac{\alpha \beta'(q) q \ln S}{[\beta(q)]^2}$$

$$0 = -\beta(q)S[-S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - X]$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = 1,$$

Slow Manifold:

$$0 = -\beta(q)S[-S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - X]$$

# Stability along the slow manifold.

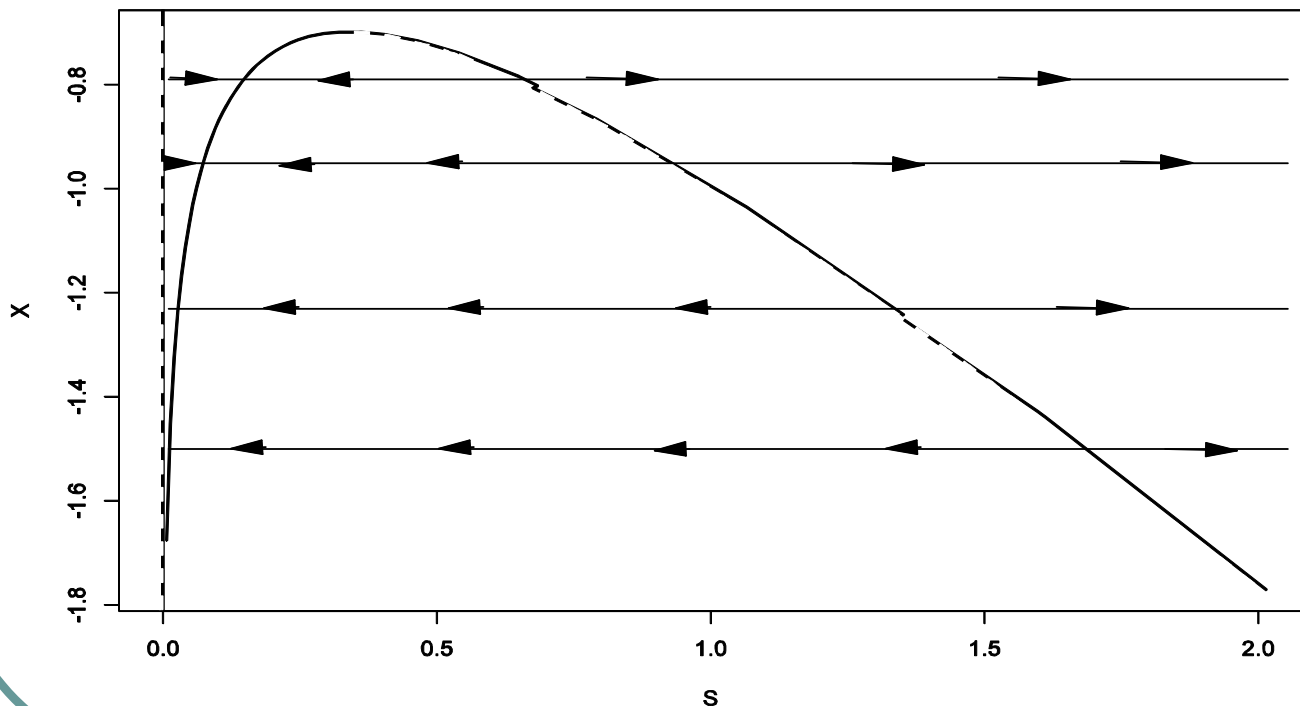
$$h(S) = -\beta(q)S \left[ -S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - X \right]$$

$$\frac{dh(S)}{dS} = -\beta(q) \left[ -S + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)} \ln S - X \right] - \beta(q)S \left[ -1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta(q)S} \right]$$

$$\frac{dh(S)}{dS} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{Stability}$$

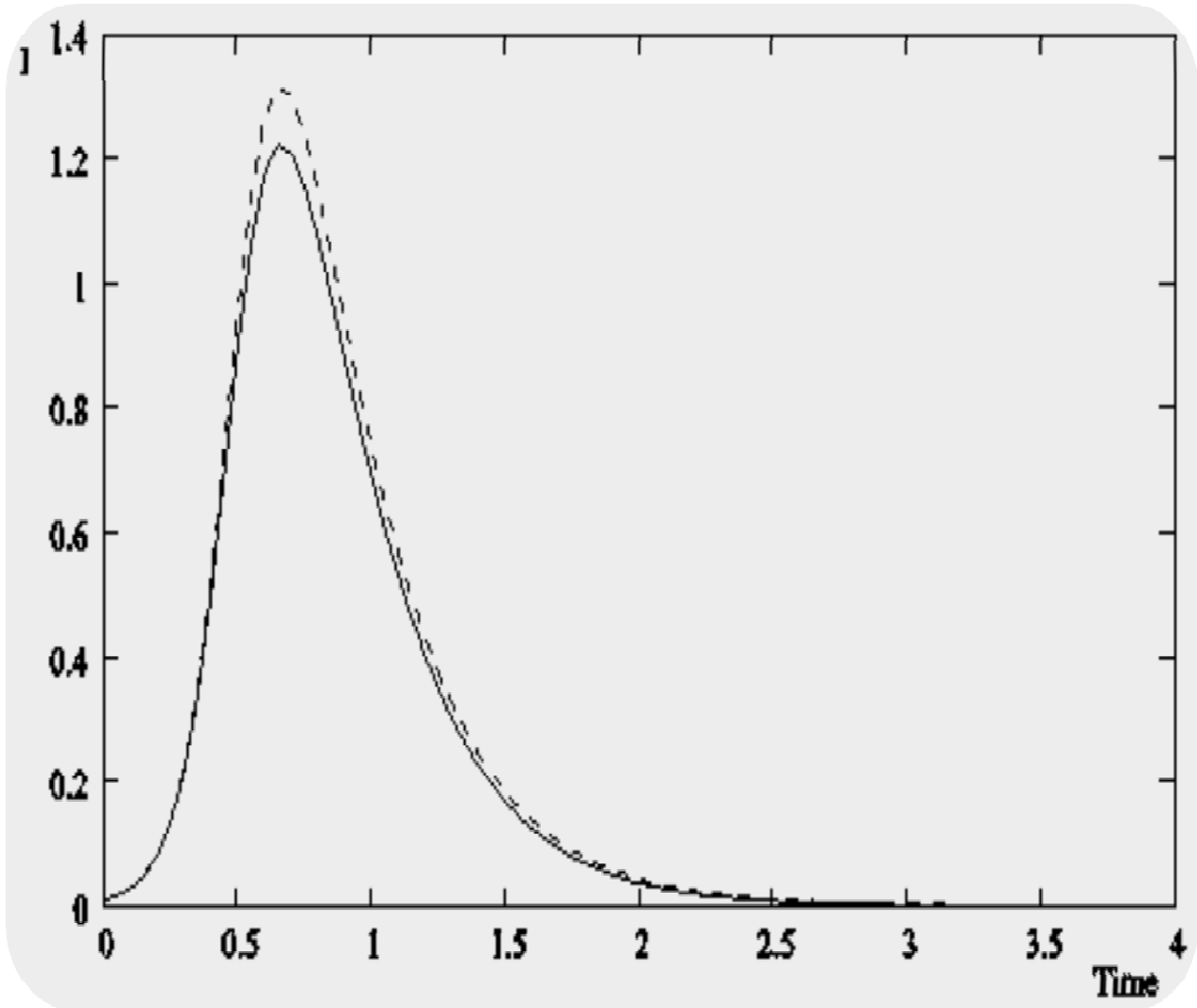
- the uninfected periodic orbit is instantaneously stable if

$$\|R_v[\psi]\|_{\infty} < 1, \text{ where } R_v[\psi] = \frac{\beta(t)S[\psi](t)}{\alpha}$$



## A simulation of the epidemic.

*time independent contact rate (dashed curve),  
varying periodic contact rate (solid curve),  
constant case,  $\beta=1.4$  , varying case,  
 $\beta=0.9+\cos(t)0.5$ .*





# Remarks.

- Orbital stability may not necessarily imply instantaneous stability
- If we start close to DFPO, we eventually converge back to it, though an outbreak is possible.
- One has a choice to use any approach, bearing in mind the possible limitations.

# Optimization Problems and Existence of Solutions

Measuring Efficiency of vaccination efforts:

- Orbital Stability
- Instantaneous Stability of DFPO.

## ● Problem 1:

$$\min \tilde{F}[\psi] = \int_0^T \beta(t) S[\psi](\tau) d\tau,$$

given # vacc. doses  $\tilde{C}[\psi] = C_0$

where

$$\tilde{C}[\psi] := \int_0^T \psi(\tau) S[\psi](\tau) d\tau,$$

## ● Problem 2:

$$\text{minimize } ||R_v[\psi]||_\infty$$

$$\text{where, } R[\psi](t) = \frac{\beta(t) S[\psi](t)}{\alpha},$$

given  $\tilde{C}[\psi] = C_0$

$$\tilde{C}[\psi] := \int_0^T \psi(\tau) S[\psi](\tau) d\tau,$$

## Existence of Solutions in the set of vaccination strategies.

- Define the set of vaccination strategies by

$$\Omega_d = Cl\{\tilde{\Omega} = S[\psi](t) \mid \psi \in L_+^\infty\},$$

$$d(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \|S[\psi_1] - S[\psi_2]\|_{L^1}.$$

- Compact in  $L^1$  for existence of solutions (Müller, 1998).

$\Omega_d$  is compact in  $L^1$

- The objective function and cost functional (the conditions of optimizations) have continuous extensions in the set.

$$\tilde{F}[\psi] = \int_0^t \beta(t) S[\psi](t) dt$$

$$\tilde{C}[\psi] = \int_0^t \psi(t) S[\psi](t) dt$$

- Solutions exist for Problem 1 in this set.

# Convexity.

## Proposition 6.

The set of vaccination strategies is compact and convex and therefore is fully characterised by its extremal points.  
(Krein-Milman Theorem)

## Proof

$$S_{\tau}(t) = \tau S_1(t) + (1 - \tau) S_2(t)$$

Differentiating the expression w.r.t.  $t$

$$\frac{dS_{\tau}(t)}{dt} = b - \mu S_{\tau}(t) + \psi_{\tau} S_{\tau}(t);$$

where,

$$\psi_{\tau}(t) = \frac{\tau \psi_1(t) S_1(t) + (1 - \tau) \psi_2(t) S_2(t)}{S_{\tau}(t)},$$

Is  $\psi_{\tau}(t) \in L^{\infty}$  ?

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi_{\tau}(t)\|_{\infty} &= \left\| \frac{\tau \psi_1(t) S_1(t)}{S_{\tau}(t)} + \frac{(1 - \tau) \psi_2(t) S_2(t)}{S_{\tau}(t)} \right\|_{\infty} \\ &\leq \left\| \psi_1(t) \frac{\tau S_1(t)}{S_{\tau}(t)} \right\|_{\infty} + \left\| \psi_2(t) \frac{(1 - \tau) S_2(t)}{S_{\tau}(t)} \right\|_{\infty} \\ &\leq \|\psi_1(t)\|_{\infty} + \|\psi_2(t)\|_{\infty} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

## Concluding Remarks.

- We have some guarantee that the set of population profiles contains at least a solution.
- The solutions (optimal solutions) need to be defined.
- That is on-going.



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