

# Dynamic control of network-based epidemic models

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## Big picture

**Aim:** control an SIS epidemic

**Method:** create and delete edges

**Constant control**

**Dynamic control:**  
Nonlinear Model Predictive Control

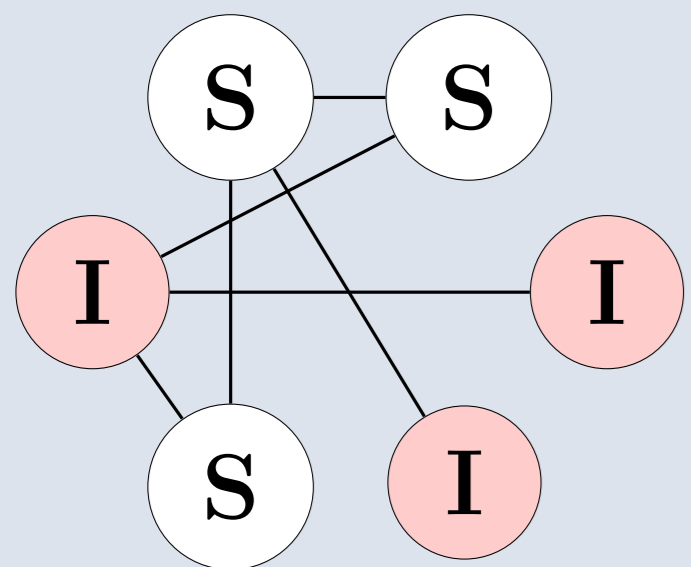
**Objectives:**

eradicate the disease  
keep the network well connected

**Question:** controllability depending on parameters

## SIS epidemics & control

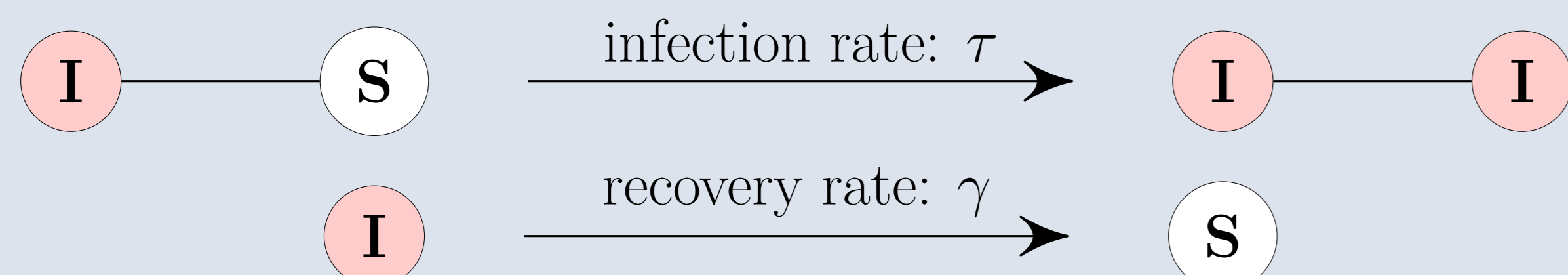
**SIS epidemics:** network of  $N$  individuals



**S** = Susceptible

**I** = Infected/Infectious

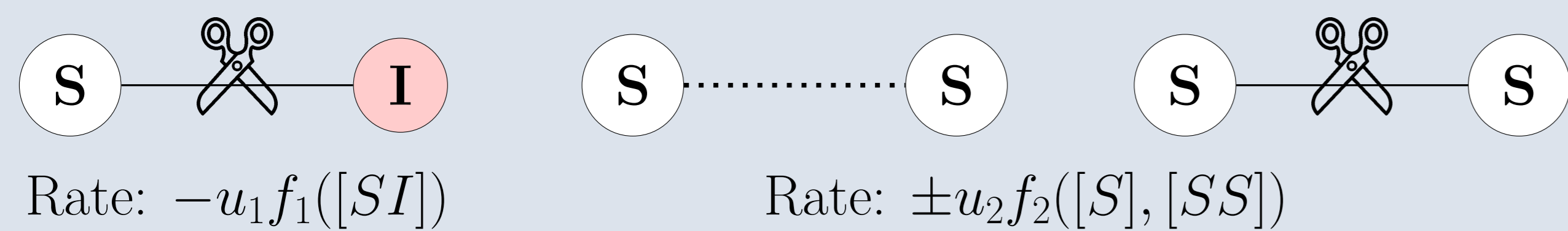
**Infection – Recovery:**



**Variables:** expected number of singles and pairs, mean degree

$$[I], [S], [SI], [SS], [II], \quad n(t) = \frac{[SS] + 2[SI] + [II]}{N}$$

**Control:**



Rate:  $-u_1 f_1([SI])$

Rate:  $\pm u_2 f_2([S], [SS])$

**Classical pairwise model with control:**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{[I]} &= \tau[SI] - \gamma[I], \\ \dot{[SI]} &= \gamma([II] - [SI]) + \tau([SSI] - [ISI] - [SI]) - u_1 \cdot f_1([SI]), \\ \dot{[II]} &= -2\gamma[II] + 2\tau([ISI] + [SI]), \\ \dot{[SS]} &= 2\gamma[SI] - 2\tau[SSI] + u_2 \cdot f_2([S], [SS]). \end{aligned}$$

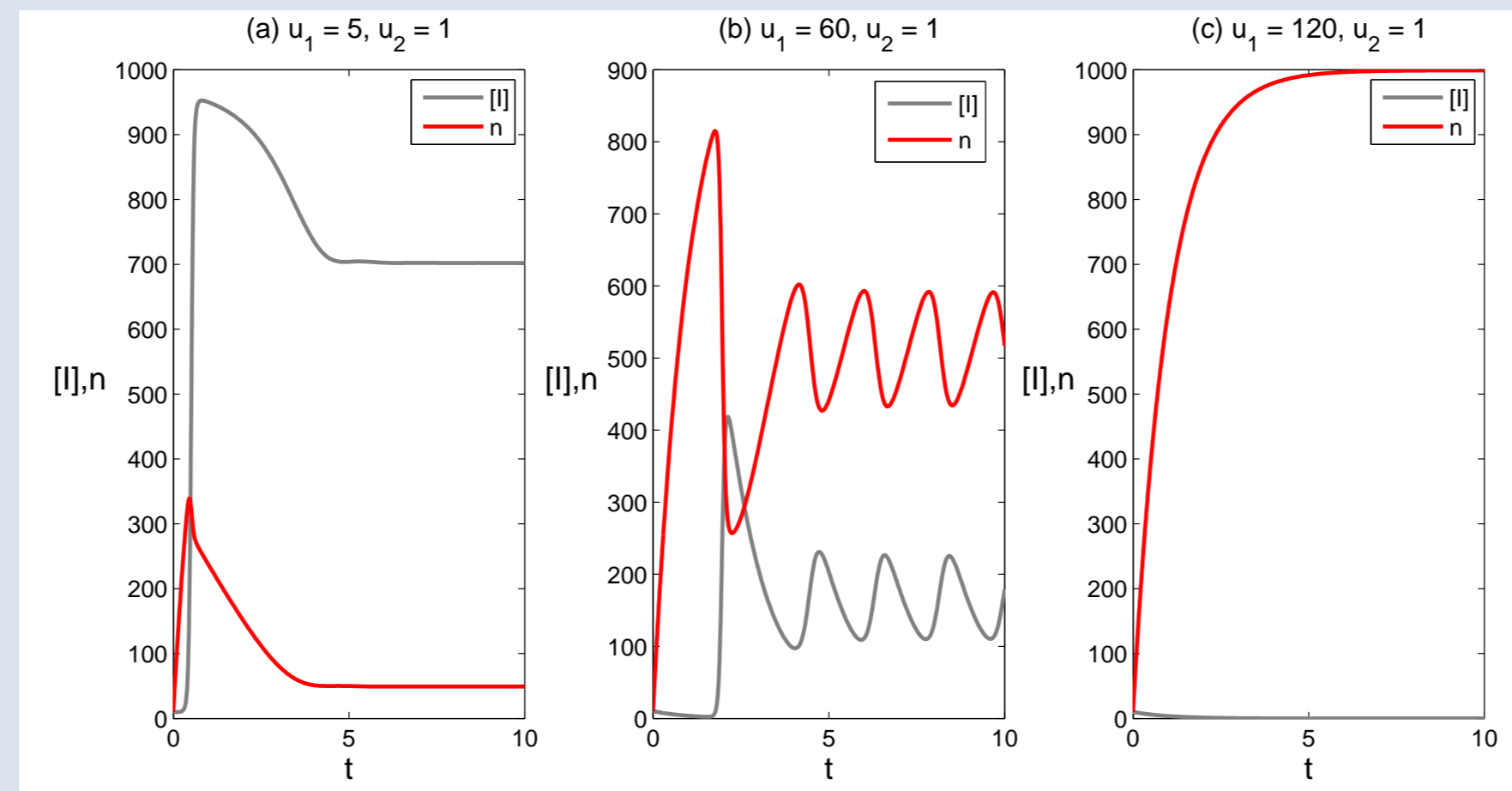
**Closures:** approximation of  $[SSI]$  and  $[ISI]$  with pairs

$$[SSI] \approx \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{[SS][SI]}{N-[I]}, \quad [ISI] \approx \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \frac{[SI]^2}{N-[I]}$$

**Desired outcome:**  $I(T) = 0, n(T) = n(0)$ , for some  $T > 0$ .

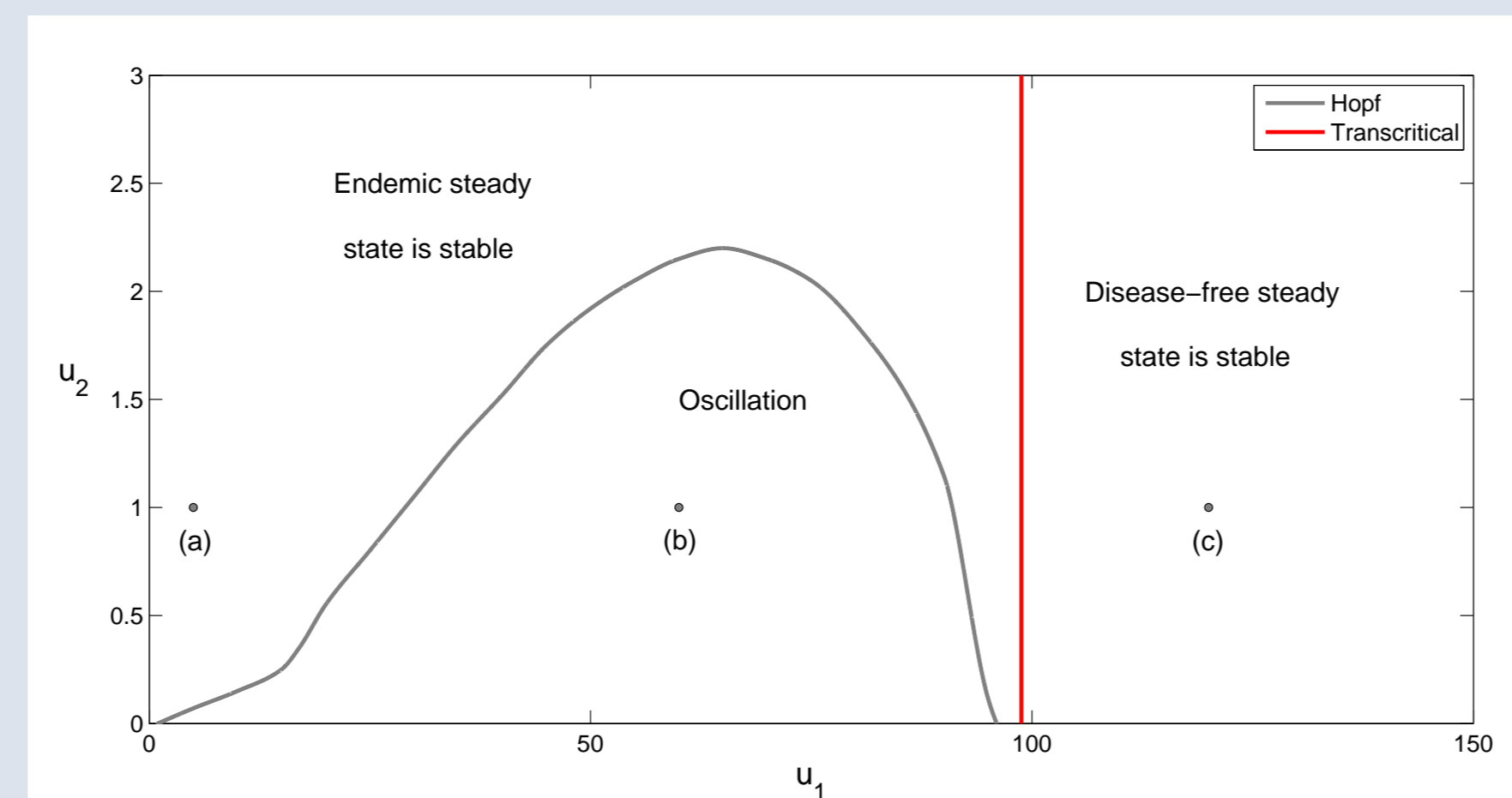
## Constant control

**Control:**  $u_1, u_2 \geq 0$ ,  $f_1([SI]) = [SI]$ ,  $f_2([S], [SS]) = [S]([S] - 1) - [SS]$ .  
**Behaviours:** three cases



$N = 1000$ ,  
 $\tau = 0.1, \gamma = 1$ ,  
 $I(0) = 10$ ,  
 $n(0) = 10$ .

**Bifurcation diagram:**



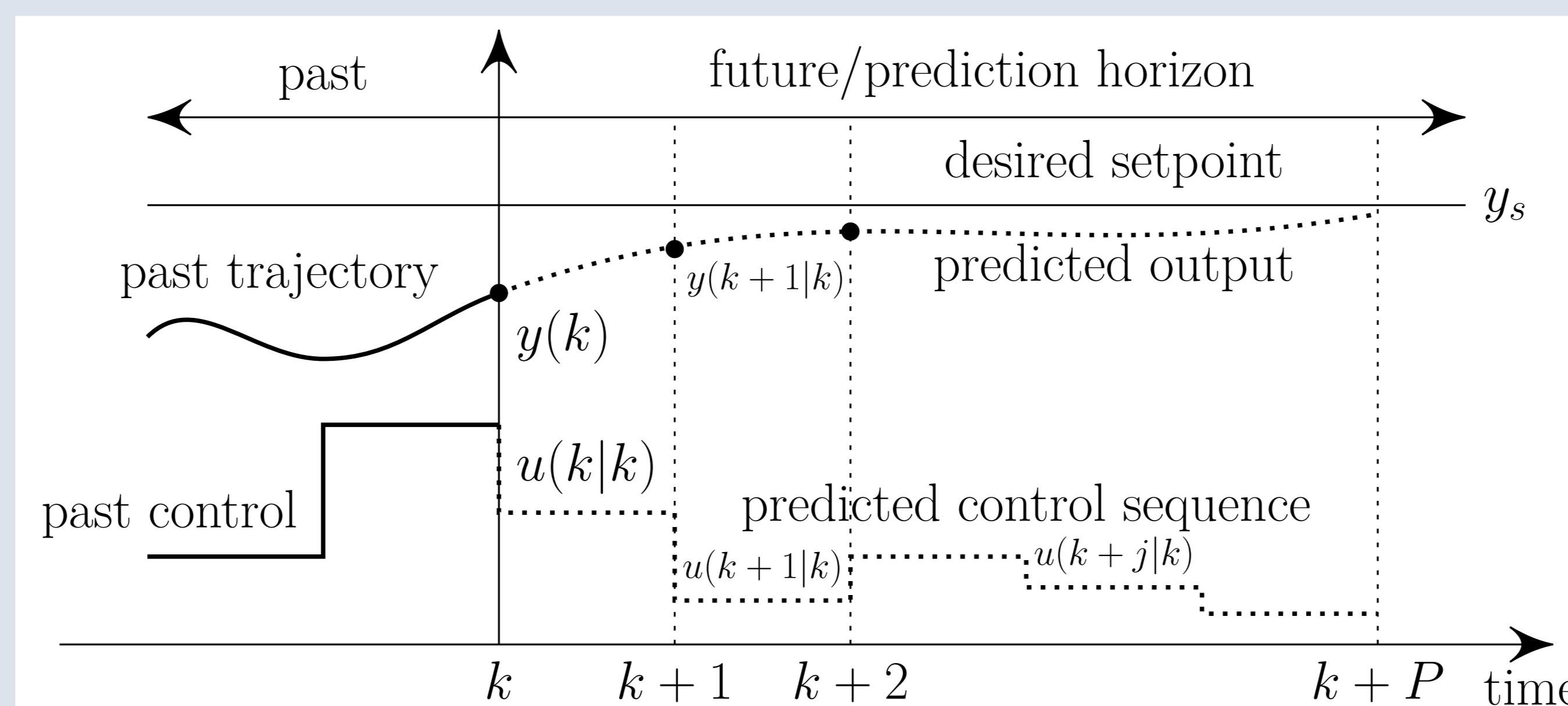
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bifurcation set:  
 $u_1 = \tau(N - 2) - \gamma$

**Conclusion:** eradication possible but network becomes complete

## NMPC

**Discrete time system:** observations at  $k\Delta t, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = F(x(k), u(k)), & \text{where } x \text{ state, } u \text{ control variable,} \\ y(k+1) = h(x(k+1)), & y \text{ output (measured) signal.} \end{cases}$$



**Optimal control signal:** nonlinear optimization (Matlab: lsqnonlin)

$$\arg \min_{u(k|k), \dots, u(k+P|k)} \sum_{j=0}^P \lambda_1 (y(k+j|k) - y_s)^2 + \lambda_2 (u(k+j|k) - u(k+j-1|k))^2$$

**Moving Horizon:** only  $u(k|k)$  is applied, then the prediction horizon is moved one step forward and the same procedure is performed.

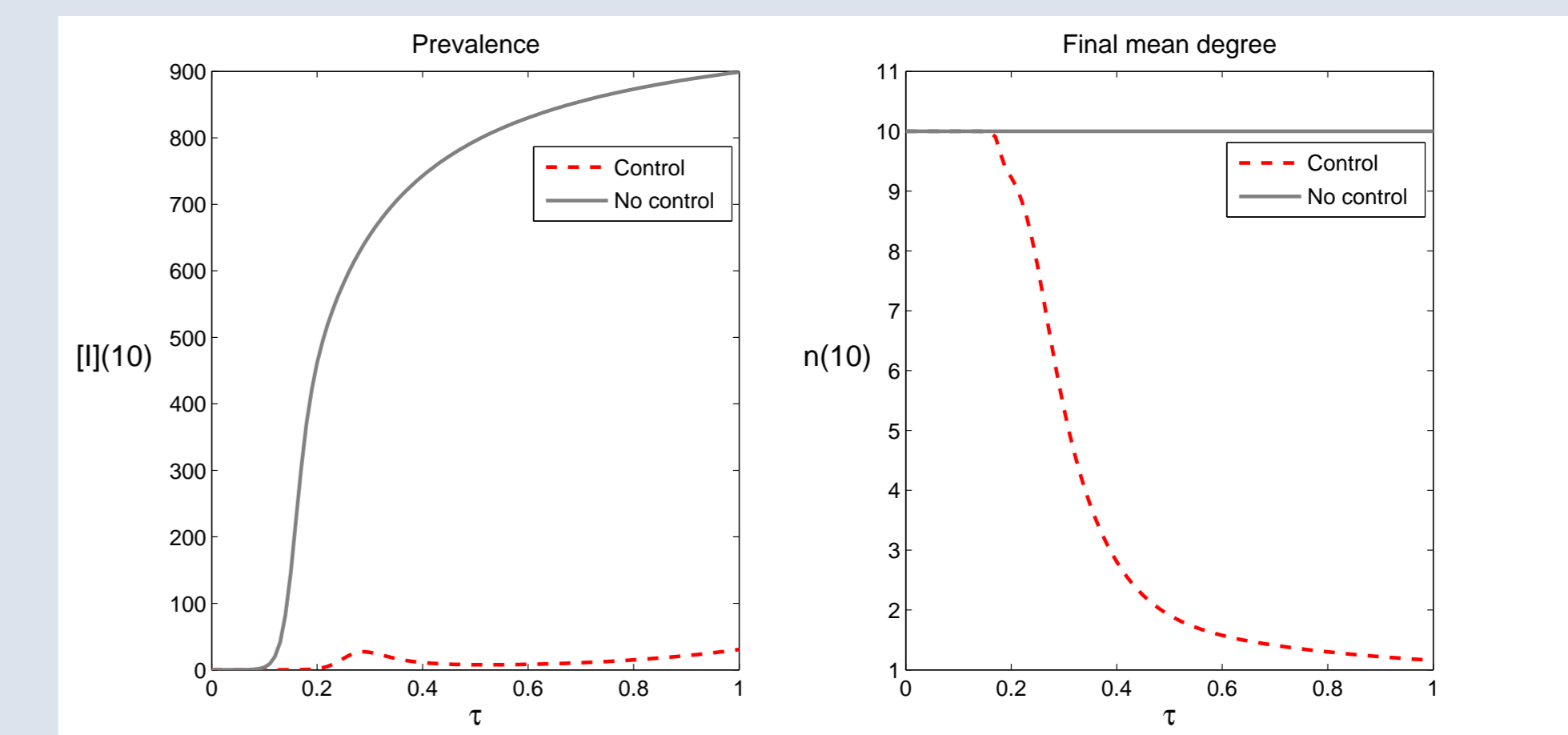
## Dynamic control with NMPC

**Control:**  $0 \leq u_1 \leq M_1, |u_2| \leq M_2$  piecewise constant,  $f_1([SI]) = [SI]$ ,  
 $f_2([S], [SS]) = \max\{u_2, 0\} \cdot ([S]([S] - 1) - [SS]) + \min\{u_2, 0\} \cdot [SS]$ .

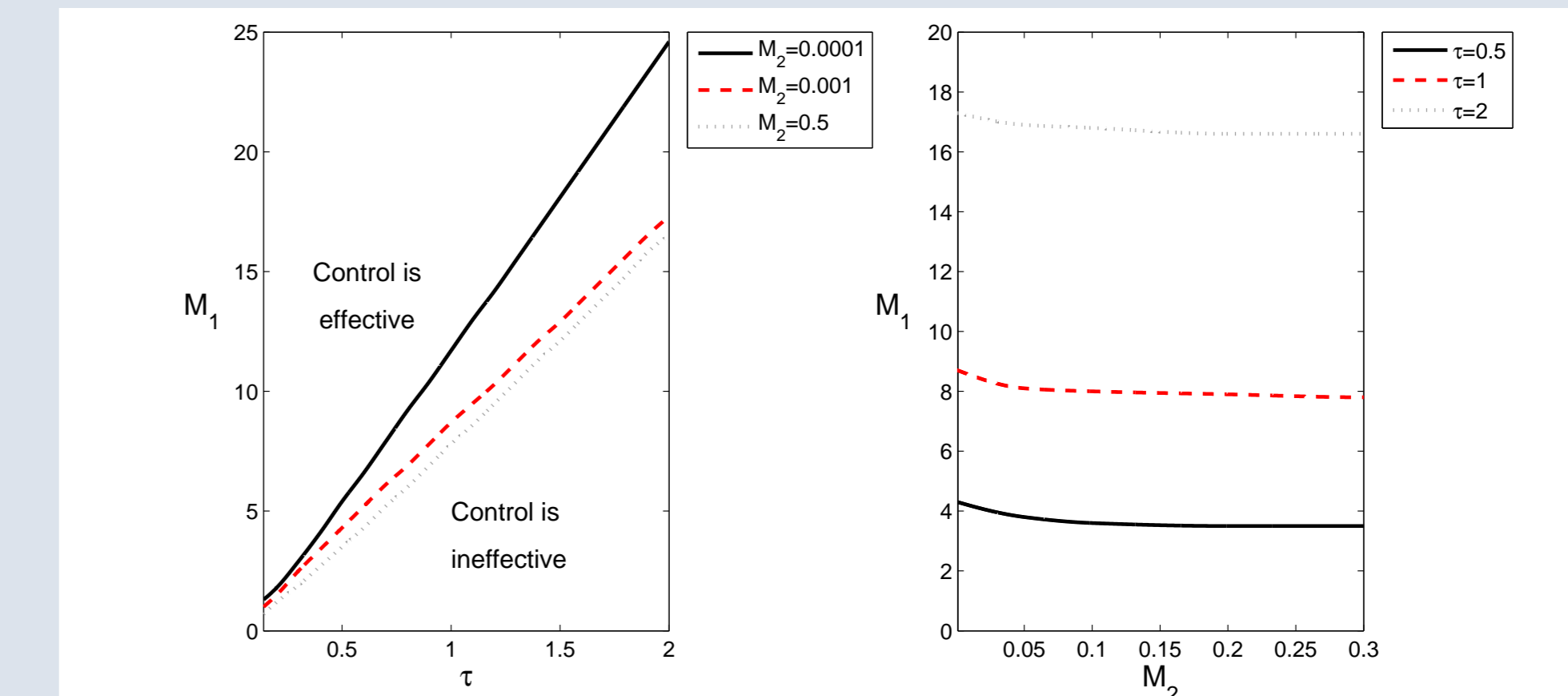
**Parameters:**

$N$	population size	1000
$\gamma$	recovery rate	0.1
$I(0)$	initial infected population size	10 (1%)
$n(0)$	initial mean degree	10
$T$	time to end of control	$10 (10 \cdot 1/\gamma)$

**Interplay between  $\tau$  and  $M_1$ :**

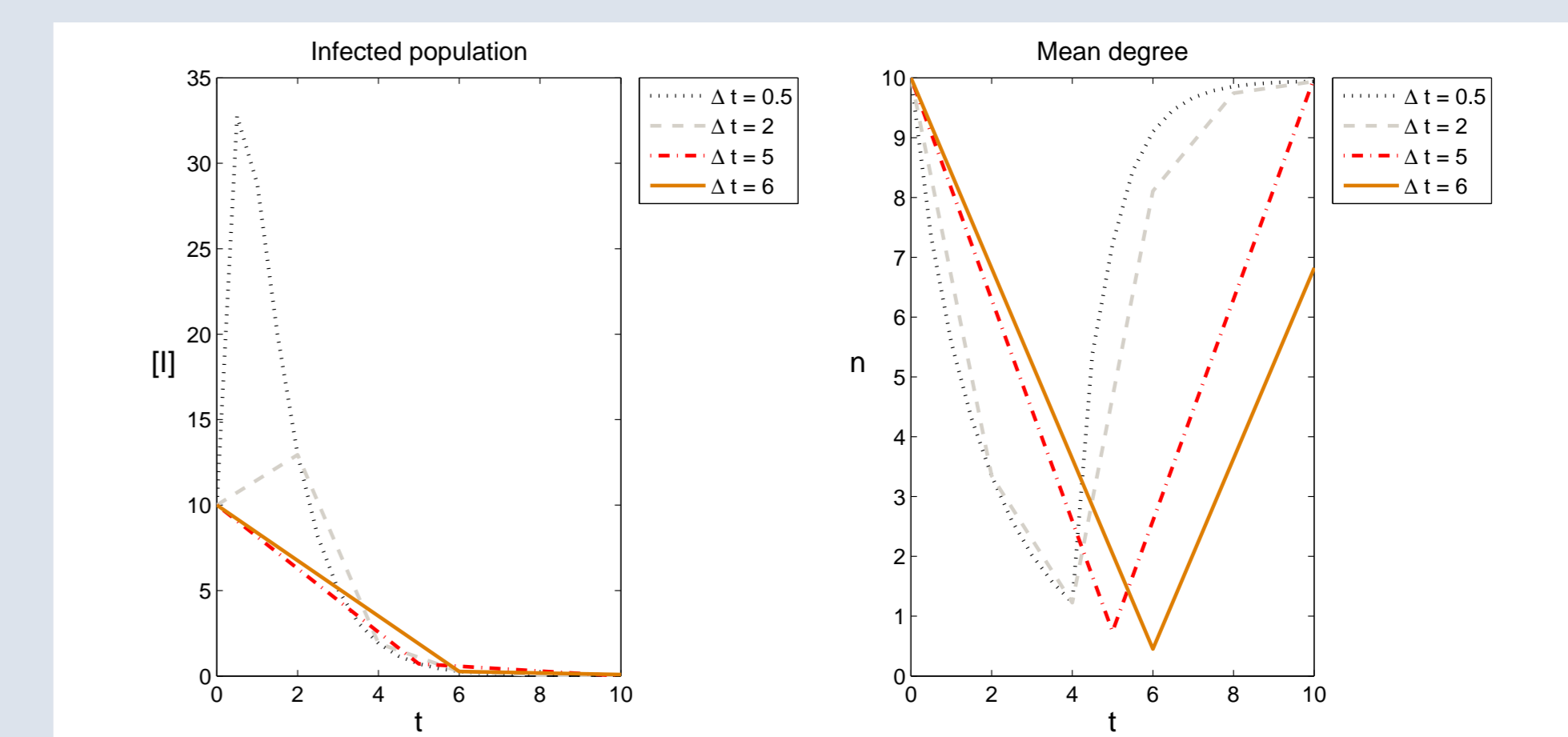


$\tau = 0.1$ ,  
 $\Delta t = 0.1$ ,  
 $M_1 = 1$ ,  
 $M_2 = 0.001$ .



$\Delta t = 0.1$ .

**Effect of  $\Delta t$ :**



$\tau = 1$ ,  
 $M_1 = 7.8$ ,  
 $M_2 = 0.5$ .

**Further possible questions:** dependence on damping parameters of  $J$ , adjustment of error term  $||[I](T) - 0|| \leq \epsilon, |n(T) - n(0)| \leq \epsilon$ .

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