

1. Introduction

Background. At the date of writing this manuscript, a Pfizer-Biotech vaccine is implementing in the USA. This vaccine development among Astra-Zeneca, Cansino, Sputnik, Novavax another's promises deliver sufficient doses for Latinoamerica, particularly in Mexico this past Christmas has been arriving the first stock with around 40 000 amounts. In October, WHO established a recommended protocol for prioritizing access to this pharmaceutical hope, given clear lines about who has to be vaccinated first and why. However, each vaccine development implies different issues to its application. For example, the Pfizer-Biotech vaccine requires two doses and very particularly logistic requirements that demand special services. In Mexico, despite Pfizer taking the responsibility to capacitate and help manage the immunization, we observe an explicit demand for health-logistic resources that limit our institutions' response. Thus our research interest in this manuscript explores the effect of the combined interventions Lockdown-Vaccination to mitigate COVID-19.

Litterature review. The issue of how vaccine first has been traduced as an optimal allocation problem of vaccine doses, we recommend to the interested reader the articles Bubar(2020) and Matrajt(2020). These articles consider scenarios where the health services response and vaccine stock achieve the given vaccination policy's objectives and respond to the critical question of how much doses allocate to each different group according to risk and age to minimize the burden of COVID-19.

Early articles about COVID-19 optimal intervention modeling mainly focus on Nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs). Mostly these works understand the control strategy as the diminish of contact rates by reducing mobility or modulating parameters regarding the generation of new infections by linear controls (see for example Naraigh(2020), Ullah(2020)), Lockdown-Quarantine Manda(l2020), shield immunity Weitz(2020).

Libotte et. al. reports in (Libotte(2020)) an Optimal vaccination strategies for COVID19.

1.1. Contribution and main objectives

Our manuscript is the first contribution modeling with optimal control of Lockdown-Vaccination strategies' effect to the best of our knowledge. Since health services' response will be limited by the vaccine stock, and logistics to implement in parallel NPIs is mandatory. We focus on formulating and studying via simulation the system Lockdown-Vaccination with recent and approved vaccine profile by the Mexico Health council and developing optimal policies for the Lockdown release-input and Vaccine application doses.

Vaccine development. According to the Gouvernamental comunicated in Dec. Mexico treated 36 000 000 doses Pfizer-Biontech, 76 000 000 doses with Aztra Seneca 18 000 000 doses of Cansino-BIO

Problem setup.

43 *Piecewise optimal policies.* Comment about the solution of the underlying Op-
44 timal Control Problem

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45 One of the main features of our model is that we consider piecewise constant
46 control policies instead of general measurable control policies. General control
47 policies are difficult to implement since the authority has to make different
48 choices every instant. The optimal policies we find are constant in each interval
49 of time and hence these policies are easier to implement.

50 Optimal control problems with piecewise constant policies have been widely
51 studied: solution method [1], convergence [2].

52 However, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first application of such
53 policies in epidemics Vaccination-Lockdown control for COVID-19.

54 *Papaer structure.*

55 2. Covid-19 spread dynamics

56 *Uncontrolled dynamics.* We split a given population of size N in the base SEIR
57 structure with segregation infected classes according to the manifestation of
58 symptoms. Let $L, S, E, I_S, I_A, H, R, D$ respectively denote the class of an indi-
59 vidual according to its current state, namely

60 **Lockdown** (L) All individuals that has low or null mobility and that remains
61 under isolation. Thus individual in this class reduce its probability of
62 contagious.

63 **Suceptible** (S) Individual under risk

64 **Exposed** (E) Population fraction that host SARS-CoV-2 but cannot infect

65 **Infected-Symptomatic** (I_S) Population infected fraction with symptoms and
66 reported as confirmed case

67 **Infected-Asymptomatic** (I_A) Infected individual whit transitory or null symp-
68 toms and unreported

69 **Hospitalized** (H) Infected population that requires hospitalization or inten-
70 sive care.

71 **Recover or removed** (R) Population that recovers from infection and devel-
72 ops partial immunity

73 **Death** (D) Population fraction that death by COVID-19

74 To fit data of cumulative reported symptomatic cases, we postulated the counter
75 state Y_{I_S} and made the following hypothesis.

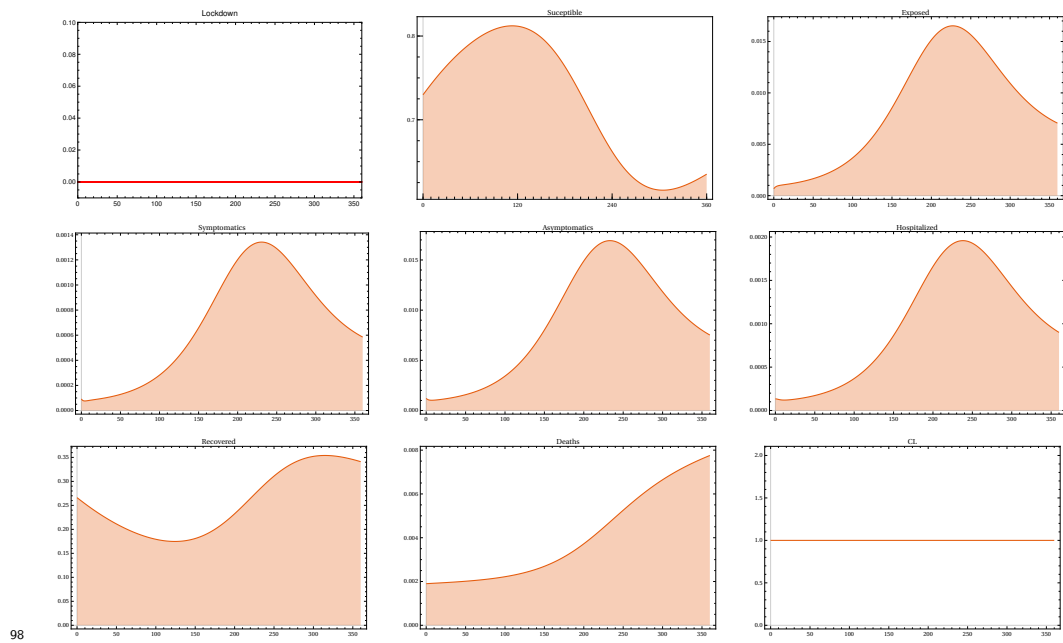
76 **Hypothesis 1.** According to above compartment description, we made the fol-
77 lowing hypothesis.

- 78 (H-1) We suppose that at least 30% of the population is under lock-down and
 79 that eventually a fraction of this class move to the susceptible compart-
 80 ment at rate δ_L .
- 81 (H-2) Force infection is defined as the probability of acquire COVID-19 given
 82 the contact with a symptomatic or asympotomatic individual. Thus we
 83 normalize under live population N^*
- 84 (H-3) Susceptible individuals become exposed—but not infectious—when they
 85 are in contact with asymptomatic or symptomatic individuals. Thus β_S ,
 86 β_A denote probability of infectious given the contact with a symptomatic
 87 or asymptomatic infectious individuals.
- 88 (H-4) After a period of latency of $1/\kappa = 5.1$ days, an exposed individual became
 89 infected. Being p the probability of develop symptoms and $(1 - p)$ the
 90 probability of became infectious but asymptomatic. Thus $p\kappa E$ denotes
 91 the event of become infectious and develop symptoms given that the
 92 individual has been exposed
- 93 (H-5) Asymptomatic individuals not die or get in a Hospital
- 94 (H-6) A fraction μ_H of symptomatic individuals die by COVID-19 without hos-
 95 pitalization

96 Thus we formulate the following Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

$$\begin{aligned}
 L' &= \theta\mu N^* - \epsilon\lambda L - \delta_L L - \mu L, \\
 S' &= (1 - \theta)\mu N^* + \delta_L L + \delta_R R - (\lambda + \mu)S, \\
 E' &= \lambda(\epsilon L + S) - (\kappa + \mu)E, \\
 I_S' &= p\kappa E - (\gamma_S + \delta_H + \underline{\mu_{I_S}}^{\text{SDIV}} + \mu)I_S, \\
 I_A' &= (1 - p)\kappa E - (\gamma_A + \mu)I_A, \\
 H' &= \delta_H I_S - (\gamma_H + \mu_H + \mu)H, \\
 R' &= \gamma_S I_S + \gamma_A I_A + \gamma_H H - (\delta_R + \mu)R, \\
 D' &= \underline{\mu_{I_S}}^{\text{SDIV}} + \mu_H H, \\
 \frac{dY_{I_S}}{dt} &= p\kappa E, \\
 \lambda &:= \frac{\beta_A I_A + \beta_S I_S}{N^*}, \\
 N^*(t) &= L + S + E + I_S + I_A + H + R.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

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See Table 1 for notation and references values. Put here the flow diagram

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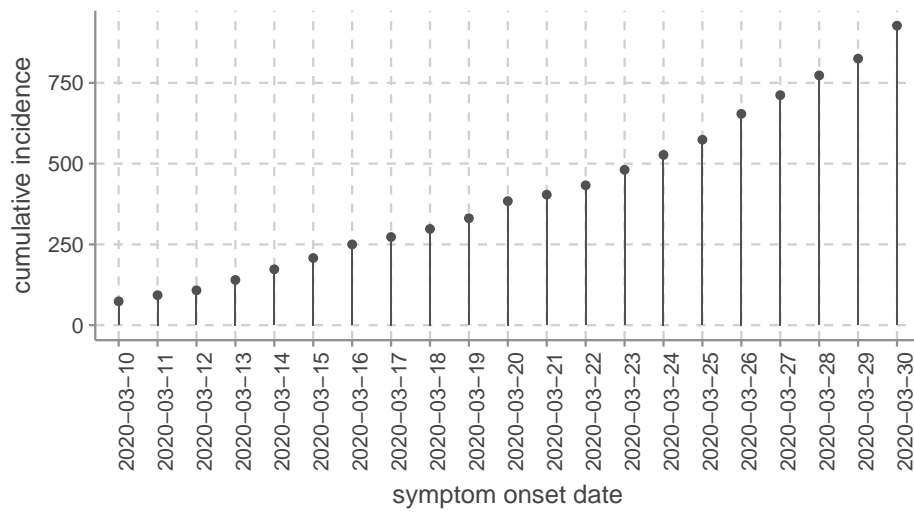


Figure 1: Cumulative new symptomatic and confirmed COVID19 reported cases from Ciudad de Mexico and Valle de Mexico [CITE] between March, 10, to March 30 of 2020.

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Parameter	Description
μ	Death rate
β_S	Infection rate between susceptible and symptomatic infected
β_A	Infection rate between susceptible and asymptomatic infected
λ_V	Vaccination rate
δ_V^{-1}	Vaccine-induced immunity
ε	Vaccine efficacy
κ^{-1}	Average incubation time
p	New asymptomatic generation proportion
θ	Proportion of individuals under lockdown
γ_S^{-1}	Average time of symptomatic recovery
γ_A^{-1}	Recovery average time of asymptomatic individuals
γ_H^{-1}	Recovery average time by hospitalization
δ_R^{-1}	Natural immunity
δ_H	Infected symptomatic hospitalization rate

Table 1: Parameters definition of model in Equation (1).

2.1. Parameter calibration

Bayesian estimation. We calibrate parameters of our base dynamics in (1) via Multi-chain Montecarlo (MCMC). To this end, we assume that the cumulative incidence of new infected symptomatic cases CI_S follows a Poisson distribution with mean $\lambda_t = IC_s(t)$. Further, following [] we postulate priors for p and κ

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_t &\sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_t), \\
\lambda_t &= \int_0^t p \delta_e E, \\
p &\sim \text{Uniform}(0.3, 0.8), \\
\kappa &\sim \text{Gamma}(10, 50).
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Using the reproductive number definition of Van DenDrishe [CITE], and defining $R_1 = \epsilon\theta - \theta + 1$, $R_2 = \mu + \delta_H + \gamma_S + \mu_{I_s}$ we obtain

$$R_0 := \frac{\kappa}{(\kappa + \mu)(\delta_L + \mu)} (\mu R_1 + \delta_L) \left[\frac{p\beta_S}{R_2} + \frac{(1-p)\beta_A}{\gamma_A + \mu} \right].$$

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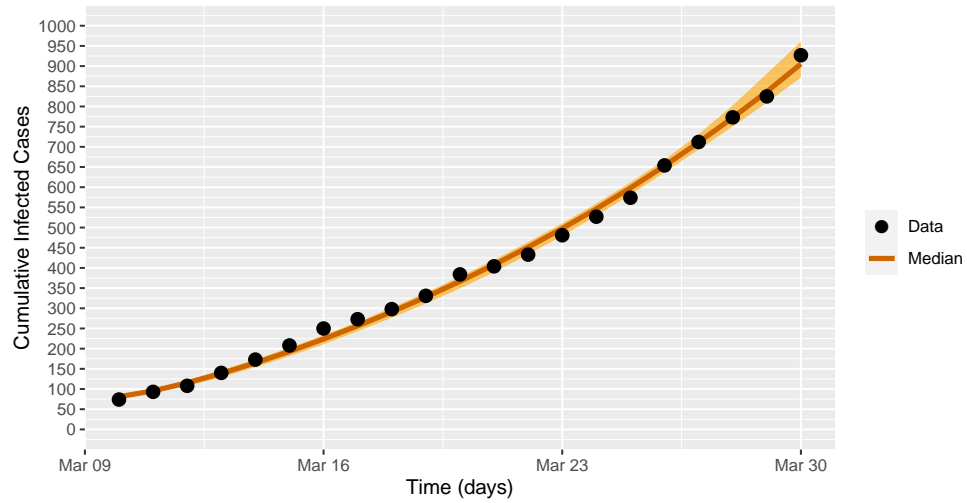


Figure 2: Fit of diary new cases of Mexico city during exponential growth.

105 Figure 2 displays data of coumulative confirmed cases of COVID-19 of Mex-
 106 ico city, and Figure 2 displays the fitt of our model in Equations (1) and (2).
 107 Table 2 enclose fixed and estimated parameters to this setting.

Parameter	Median	Reference
q_r, ϵ	0.4, 0.3, 0.1	this study
β_S	$q_r \times 8.690483 \times 10^{-1}$	this study
β_A	$q_r \times 7.738431 \times 10^{-1}$	this study
κ	0.19607843	*
p	0.1213	*
θ	0.2,	this study
δ_L	0.04	postulated
δ_H	0.2	*
δ_V	0.0027397260273972603	$\delta_V^{-1} = 2$ years CanSinoBIO
δ_R	0.00555556	$\delta_R^{-1} \approx 180$ days
μ	3.913894×10^{-5}	**
μ_{I_S}	0.0	
μ_H	0.01632	[FENG]
γ_S	0.09250694	*
γ_A	0.16750419	*
γ_H	5.079869×10^{-1}	*
λ_V	0.00061135	
ε	0.7, 0.80, 0.9, 0.95	[PRESS RELESASES]
N	26446435	**
L_0	0.26626009702112796	
S_0	0.463606046009872	
E_0	0.00067033	*
I_{S_0}	9.283×10^{-5}	* * *
I_{A_0}	0.00120986	*
H_0	$1.34157969 \times 10^{-4}$	**
R_0	$2.66125939 \times 10^{-1}$	
D_0	0.00190074	**
X_{vac}^0	0.0	
V_0	0.0	
$Y_{I_S}^0$	0.12258164	
B	0.0003592166581242425	9500 beds/ N
a_{I_S}	0.0020127755438256486	DALY def
a_H	0.001411888738103725, or $a_H(x) := 0.001411888738103725 \log(\frac{1}{B-\kappa I_S})$	DALY def [Jo 2020]
a_D	7.25	DALY def

Table 2: Model parameters. Values based mainly in [FNEG]

108 **3. Imperfect-preventive COVID-19 vaccination**

109 *Preventive vaccines.*

110 *Efficacy and vaccine-induced immunity.*

111 *Actual vaccine stage development.*

112 *Vaccination reproductive number.*

113 *Vaccination rate λ_V estimate.*

114 *Feasibility regions according to efficacy and vaccination rate.*

115 **Hypothesis 2.** According to COVID-19 dynamics in model in Equation (1),
116 we made the following modeling hypotheses about the regarding vaccine.

117 (VH-1) Vaccine is preventive and only reduce susceptibility. Justify this hy-
118 pothesis cite

119 (VH-2) The vaccination campaign omits testing to detect seroprevalence. Thus
120 Exposed, Infected Asymptomatics and Recovered Asymptomatic indi-
121 viduals are undetected but would obtain a vaccine dose—which in these
122 model represent a waste of resources

123 (VH-3) Individuals under Lockdown also would be vaccinated

124 (VH-4) The vaccine is leaky and with efficacy $\epsilon \in [0.6, .975]$

$$\begin{aligned}
L' &= \theta \mu N^* - (\epsilon \lambda + \delta_L + \lambda_V + \mu) L \\
S' &= (1 - \theta) \mu N^* + \delta_L L + \delta_V V + \delta_R R \\
&\quad - (\lambda + \lambda_V + \mu) S \\
E' &= \lambda (\epsilon L + (1 - \epsilon) V + S) - (\kappa + \mu) E \\
I_S' &= p \kappa E - (\delta_H + \gamma_S + \mu_{I_S} + \mu) I_S \\
I_A' &= (1 - p) \kappa E - (\gamma_A + \mu) I_A \\
H' &= \delta_H I_S - (\gamma_H + \mu_H + \mu) H \\
R' &= \gamma_S I_S + \gamma_A I_A + \gamma_H H - (\delta_R + \mu) R \\
D' &= \mu_{I_S} I_S + \mu_H H \\
V' &= \lambda_V (S + L) - [(1 - \epsilon) \lambda + \delta_V + \mu] V
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dX_{vac}}{dt} &= (u_V(t) + \lambda_V) [L + S + E + I_A + R] \\
\frac{dY_{I_S}}{dt} &= p \kappa E \\
\lambda &:= \frac{\beta_A I_A + \beta_S I_S}{N^*}
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L(0) &= L_0, \quad S(0) = S_0, \quad E(0) = E_0, \\
I_S(0) &= I_{S_0}, \quad I_A(0) = I_{A_0}, \quad H(0) = H_0, \\
R(0) &= R_0, \quad D(0) = D_0, \\
V(0) &= 0, \quad X_{vac}(0) = 0, \\
X_{vac}(T) &= x_{coverage}, \\
N^*(t) &= L + S + E + I_S + I_A + H + R + V.
\end{aligned}$$

125 4. Vaccination reproductive number

126 R_0 definition.

127 No vaccine reproductive number.

128 Vaccine reproductive number.

129 Efficacy, coverage and vaccination rate. [Here Gabriel's R not calculations.](#)^{SDIV}

$$R_{v0} := \left[1 - \frac{\epsilon \lambda_V}{\mu + \lambda_V + \delta_V} - \frac{\theta \mu (1 - \epsilon)}{\mu + \delta_L + \lambda_V} \right] (\mu R_1 + \delta_L) R_0$$

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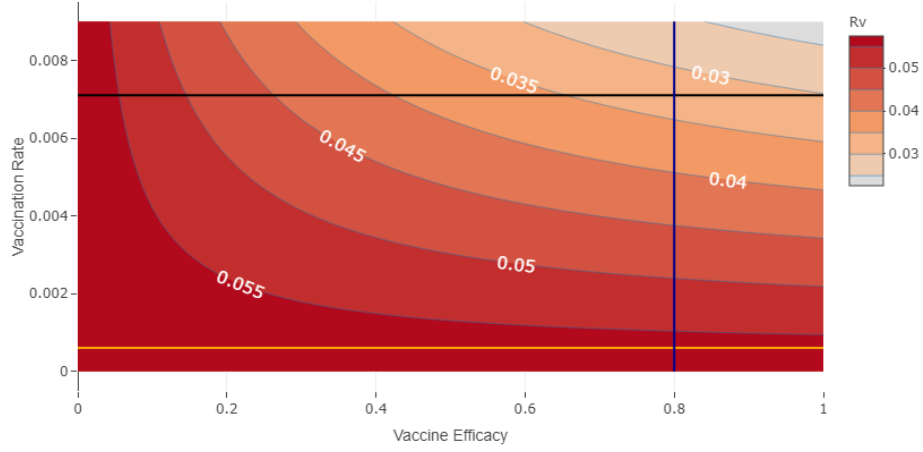


Figure 3: R not contour plot as function of efficacy and vaccination rate.

5. Optimal controlled version

Controlled Model. Now we model vaccination, treatment and lockdown as an optimal control problem. According to dynamics in Equation (1), we modulate the vaccination rate with a time-dependent control signal $u_V(t)$. We add compartment X_{vac} to count all the vaccine applications of susceptible, exposed, asymptomatic and recovered individuals. This process is modeled by

$$X'(t) = (\lambda_V + u_V(t))(S + E + I_A + R) \quad (4)$$

and describes the number of applied vaccines at time t . Consider

$$x(t) := (L, S, E, I_S, I_A, H, R, D, V, X_{vac})^\top(t)$$

and control signal $u_v(\cdot)$. We quantify the cost and reward of a vaccine strategy policy via the penalization functional

$$J(u_L, u_V) := \int_0^T a_S I_S + a_D D + \frac{1}{2} (c_L u_L^2 + c_V u_V^2) ds. \quad (5)$$

In other words, we assume in functional J that pandemic cost is proportional to the symptomatic and death reported cases and that a vaccination policy implies quadratic consumption of resources.

Further, since we aim to simulate vaccination policies at different coverage scenarios, we impose the vaccination counter state's final time condition $X(T)$

$$\begin{aligned} x(T) &= (\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, X_{vac}(T))^\top, \in \Omega \\ X_{vac}(T) &= x_{coverage}, \\ x_{coverage} &\in \{\text{Low}(0.2), \text{Mid}(0.5), \text{High}(0.8)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

144 Thus, given the time horizon T , we impose that the last fraction of vaccinated
 145 populations corresponds to 20%, 50% or 80%, and the rest of final states as free.
 146 We also impose the path constraint

$$\Phi(x, t) := \kappa I_S(t) \leq B, \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \quad (7)$$

147 to ensure that healthcare services will not be overloaded. Here κ denotes hos-
 148 pitalization rate, and B is the load capacity of a health system.

149 Given a fixed time horizon and vaccine efficiency, we estimate the constant
 150 vaccination rate as the solution of

$$x_{coverage} = 1 - \exp(-\lambda_V T). \quad (8)$$

151 That is, λ_v denotes the constant rate to cover a fraction $x_{coverage}$ in time horizon
 152 T . Thus, according to this vaccination rate, we postulate a policy u_v that modu-
 153 lates vaccination rate according to λ_V as a baseline. That is, optimal vaccination
 154 amplifies or attenuates the estimated baseline λ_V in a interval $[\lambda_v^{\min}, \lambda_v^{\max}]$ to
 155 optimize functional $J(\cdot)$ —minimizing symptomatic, death reported cases and
 156 optimizing resources.

157 Our objective is minimize the cost functional (5)—over an appropriated func-
 158 tional space—subject to the dynamics in equations (1) and (4), boundary con-
 159 ditions, and the path constrain in (7). That is, we search for vaccination policies

160 $u_V(\cdot)$, which solve the following optimal control problem (OCP).

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{u \in \mathcal{U}} J(u) &:= \int_0^T [(a_D \mu_s + a_H \delta_H) I_S(r) + a_{I_S} p \kappa E(r)] dr \\
\text{s. t.} \\
L' &= \theta \mu N^* - \epsilon \lambda L - u_L(t) L - \mu L \\
S' &= (1 - \theta) \mu N^* + u_L(t) L + \delta_v V + \delta_R R \\
&\quad - [\lambda + (\lambda_V + u_V(t)) + \mu] S \\
E' &= \lambda(\epsilon L + (1 - \epsilon) V + S) - (\kappa + \mu) E \\
I_S' &= p \kappa E - (\gamma_S + \mu_{I_S} + \delta_H + \mu) I_S \\
I_A' &= (1 - p) \kappa E - (\gamma_A + \mu) I_A \\
H' &= \delta_H I_S - (\gamma_H + \mu_H + \mu) H \\
R' &= \gamma_S I_S + \gamma_A I_A + \gamma_H H - (\delta_R + \mu) R \\
D' &= \mu_{I_S} I_S + \mu_H H \\
V' &= (\lambda_V + u_V(t)) S - [(1 - \epsilon) \lambda + \delta_V + \mu] V
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dX_{vac}}{dt} &= (u_V(t) + \lambda_V) [L + S + E + I_A + R] \\
\frac{dY_{I_S}}{dt} &= p \kappa E \\
\lambda &:= \frac{\beta_A I_A + \beta_S I_S}{N^*}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
L(0) &= L_0, \quad S(0) = S_0, \quad E(0) = E_0, \quad I_S(0) = I_{S_0}, \\
I_A(0) &= I_{A_0}, \quad H(0) = H_0, \quad R(0) = R_0, \quad D(0) = D_0, \\
V(0) &= 0, \quad X_{vac}(0) = 0, \quad u_V(\cdot) \in [u_{\min}, u^{\max}], \\
X_{vac}(T) &= x_{coverage}, \quad \kappa I_S(t) \leq B, \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \\
N^*(t) &= L + S + E + I_S + I_A + H + R + V
\end{aligned}$$

161 6. Numerical Experiments

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Initial condition

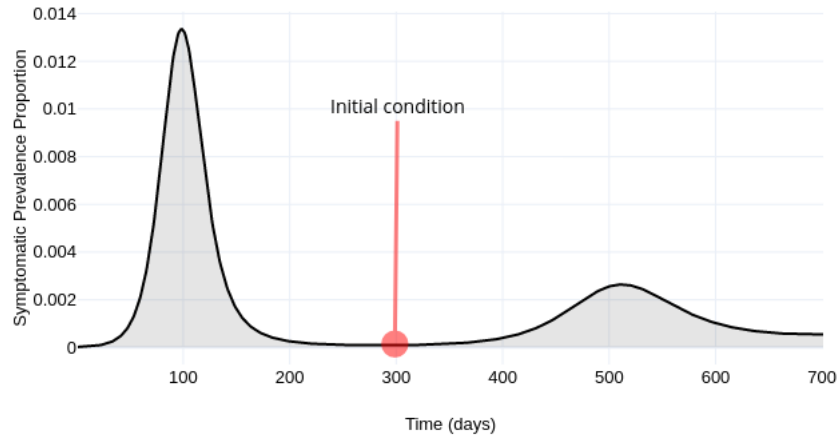


Figure 4: Initial condition scheme. We assume a positive prevalence. For reference, at the date of write this manuscript, prevalence in CDMX is around 16 000 cases, see <https://plotly.com/sauld/36/> to display a electronic viewer.

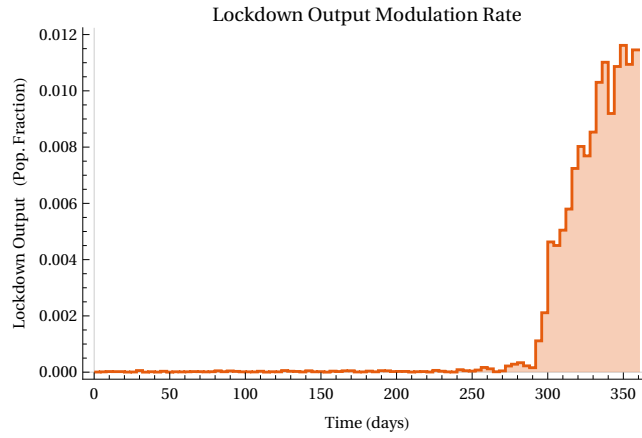


Figure 5: Lockdown modulation signal.

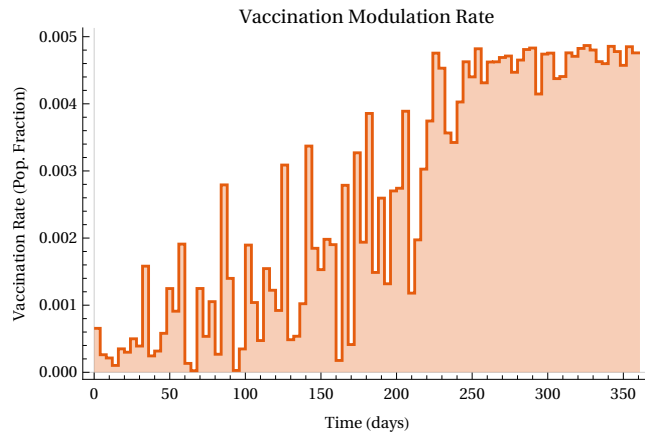


Figure 6: Vaccination rate modulation.

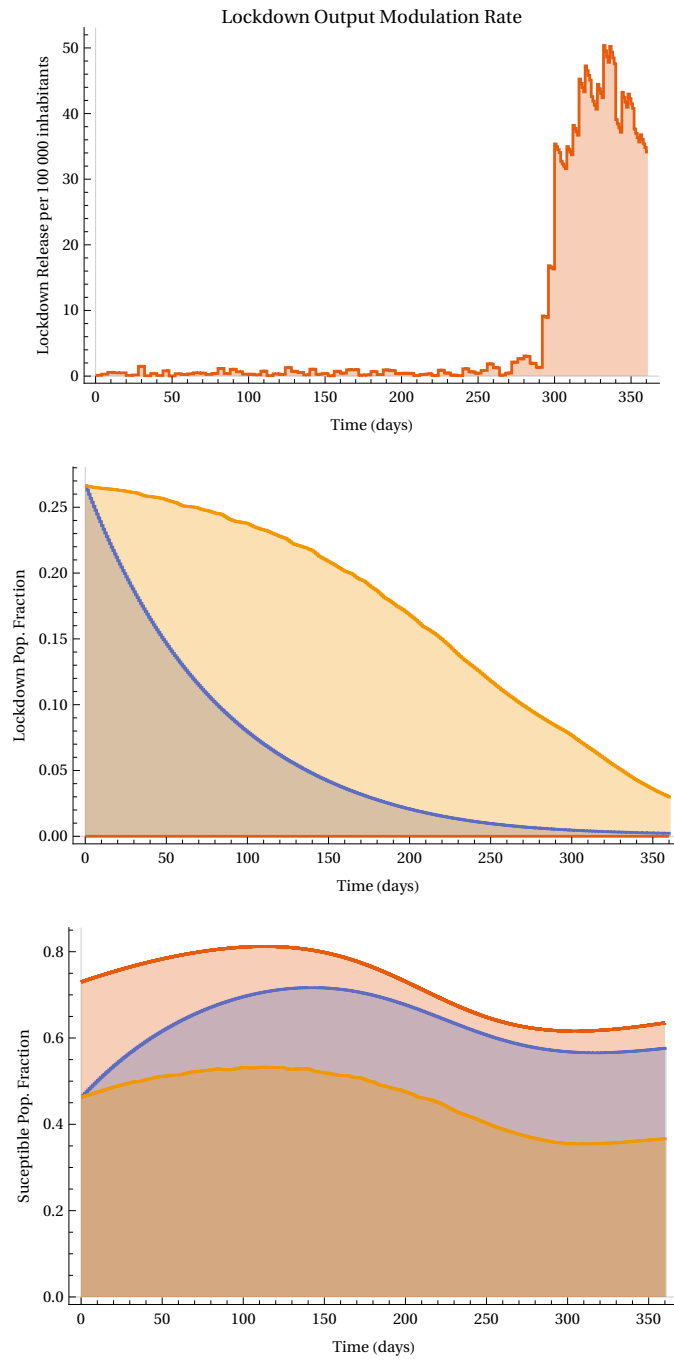


Figure 7: Modulation lock down release.

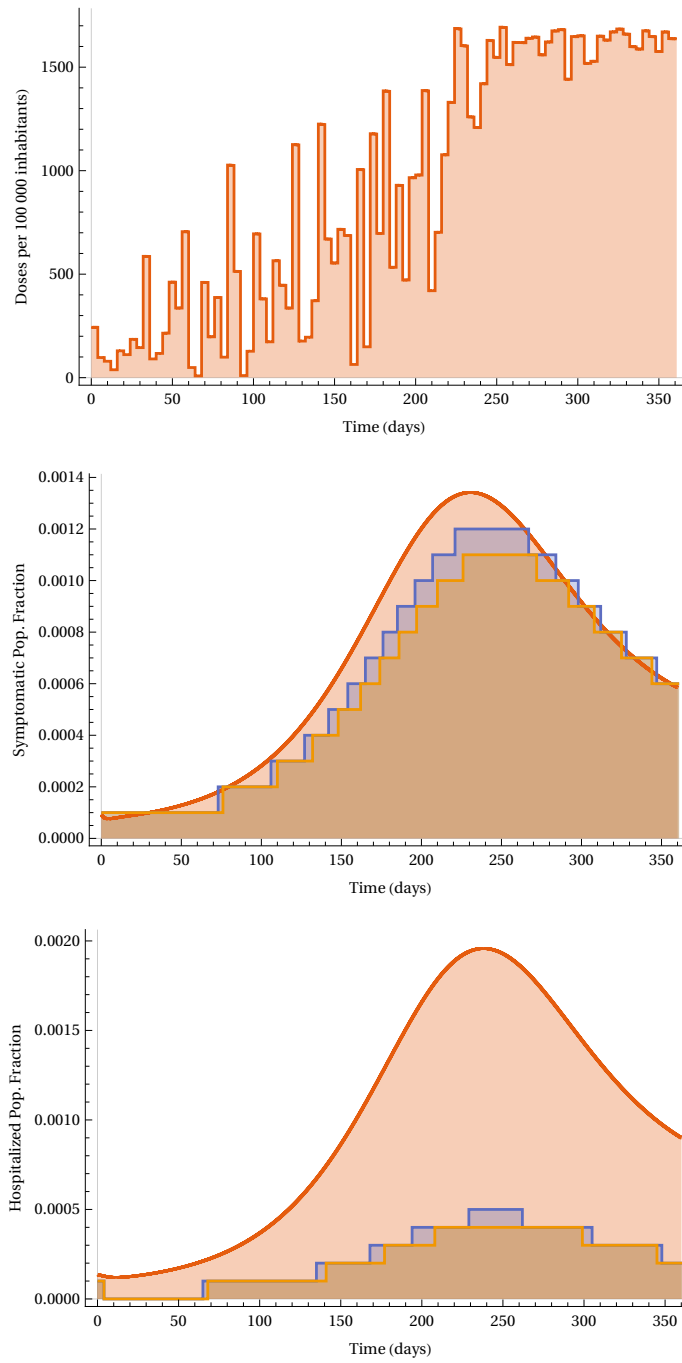


Figure 8: Symptomatic Prevalence and Hospitalization.

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171 **Appendix A. Existence of optimal policies**

172 In this appendix, we show the existence of optimal policies in the class of
173 *piecewise constant policies*. Consider the following cost functional that we want
174 to minimize

$$\int_0^T C(X(t), u(t)) dt \quad (\text{A.1})$$

175 subject to the dynamics

$$\dot{X}(t) = f(X(t), u(t)), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

176 and the initial state $X(0) = x_0$. The functions $u : [0, T] \rightarrow U$ are called *control*
177 *policies*, where U is a subset of some Euclidean space. Let $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$,
178 with $t_0 = 0$ and $t_n = T$, be a partition of the interval $[0, T]$. We consider
179 piecewise constant policies \tilde{u} of the form

$$\tilde{u}(t) = a_j \quad t_j \leq t < t_{j+1} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

180 for $j = 0, \dots, n-1$.

181 **Assumptions 1.** We made the following assumptions.

182 (A-1) The function f in the dynamics (A.2) is of class C^1 .

183 (A-2) The cost function C in (A.1) is continuous and the set U is compact.

184 By Assumption (A-1), the system

$$\dot{X}(t) = f(X(t), a_0), \quad X(0) = x_0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_1,$$

185 has a unique solution $\tilde{X}_0(t; x_0, a_0)$ which is continuous in (x_0, a_0) . Next, put
186 $x_1 := \tilde{X}_0(t_1; x_0, a_0)$ and consider the system

$$\dot{X}(t) = f(X(t), a_1), \quad X(t_1) = x_1, \quad t_1 \leq t \leq t_2,$$

Again, by Assumption (A-1), the latter system has a unique solution $\tilde{X}_1(t; x_1, a_1)$
which is continuous in (x_1, a_1) . By following this procedure, we end up having
a recursive solution

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X}_{n-1}(t; x_{n-1}, a_{n-1}), \quad t_{n-1} \leq t \leq T, \\ x_{n-1} := \tilde{X}_{n-2}(t_{n-1}; x_{n-2}, a_{n-1}), \end{aligned}$$

187 where \tilde{X}_{n-1} is continuous in (x_{n-1}, a_{n-1}) .

188 For a control \tilde{u} of the form (A.3) and the corresponding solution path \tilde{X} ,
 189 we have

$$\int_0^T C(\tilde{X}(t), \tilde{u}(t))dt = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} C(\tilde{X}_j(t), a_j)dt.$$

190 Notice that each \tilde{X}_j is a continuous function of (a_0, \dots, a_j) and x_0 .

191 By Assumption (A-2), the mapping

$$(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) \mapsto \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} C(\tilde{X}_j(t), a_j)dt$$

192 is continuous. Since each piecewise constant policy \tilde{u} of the form (A.3) can be
 193 identified with the vector (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) in the compact set $U \times \dots \times U$, the
 194 functional (A.1) attains its minimum in the class of piecewise constant policies.

195 The cost functional (5) and the dynamics (9) are particular cases of (A.1)
 196 and (A.2), respectively, and satisfy Assumptions (A-1) and (A-2). Then there
 197 exists an optimal vaccination policy of the form (A.3).

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