SEIQR Neural Network Optimal Control README

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1 Overview

This document provides instructions for using the Python script SEIQR_NeuralControl.py, which implements a deep neural network (DNN) optimal control problem for a Susceptible-Exposed-Infected-Quarantined-Recovered (SEIQR) epidemic model. The model uses neural network controls to minimize the following cost functional:

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \left\{ J(x,\theta) = \int_0^T I(t) dt + \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T c_i \mathcal{N}_i^{\theta_i}(t)^2 dt \right\}$$
 (1)

subject to the SEIQR differential equations:

$$\begin{split} \frac{dS(t)}{dt} &= \Lambda - \beta S(t)I(t) - (\mathcal{N}_{1}^{\theta_{1}}(t) + d)S(t) + \delta R(t), \\ \frac{dE(t)}{dt} &= \beta S(t)I(t) - (\mathcal{N}_{2}^{\theta_{2}}(t) + a + d)E(t), \\ \frac{dI(t)}{dt} &= aE(t) - (\mathcal{N}_{3}^{\theta_{3}}(t) + \mathcal{N}_{4}^{\theta_{4}}(t) + r + m + d)I(t), \\ \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} &= \mathcal{N}_{4}^{\theta_{4}}(t)I(t) - (\eta + d)Q(t), \\ \frac{dR(t)}{dt} &= \mathcal{N}_{1}^{\theta_{1}}(t)S(t) + \mathcal{N}_{2}^{\theta_{2}}(t)E(t) + (\mathcal{N}_{3}^{\theta_{3}}(t) + m)I(t) + \eta Q(t) - (\delta + d)R(t), \end{split}$$
 (2)

where $\mathcal{N}_i^{\theta_i}(t) \in [0,1]$ are neural network controls parameterized by θ_i .

2 Prerequisites

To run the script, ensure the following are installed:

- Python: Version 3.8 or higher.
- Libraries:
 - numpy: For numerical computations.
 - matplotlib: For plotting results.
 - tensorflow: For neural network implementation.
 - scipy: For numerical integration.
- Optional: A GPU with CUDA support for faster TensorFlow computations.

3 Installation

Follow these steps to set up the environment:

- 1. **Install Python**: Download from https://www.python.org/downloads/.
- 2. Create a Virtual Environment (recommended):

```
python -m venv seIQR_env
source seIQR_env/bin/activate # On Windows: seIQR_env\Scripts\
activate
```

3. Install Dependencies:

```
pip install numpy matplotlib tensorflow scipy
```

4. Verify TensorFlow GPU Support (if using GPU):

```
import tensorflow as tf
print("Num GPUs Available: ", len(tf.config.list_physical_devices('GPU
')))
```

4 Usage

4.1 Running the Script

- 1. **Download the Script**: Save SEIQR_NeuralControl.py to your working directory.
- 2. Execute the Script:

```
python SEIQR_NeuralControl.py
```

- 3. **Outputs**: The script generates three plots:
 - State Variables: Compares controlled and uncontrolled trajectories of S, E, I, Q, R (normalized by population).
 - **Controls**: Shows the four neural network controls $\mathcal{N}_i(t)$.
 - Loss Convergence: Displays the loss $J(x, \theta)$ over training epochs.

Console output includes the loss value every 10 epochs.

4.2 File Structure

- SEIQR NeuralControl.py: Main Python script.
- README. tex: This document (compile to PDF).

5 Customization

5.1 Model Parameters

Edit the parameters in SEIQR NeuralControl.py:

```
N = 1.40005e9 # Population
  Lambda = 0.01 * N # Birth rate
  beta = 0.3 # Transmission rate
  d = 0.01 # Natural death rate
  delta = 0.05 # Return rate from R to S
  a = 0.2 # Progression rate from E to I
  r = 0.1 # Recovery rate
  m = 0.05 # Disease-induced death rate
  eta = 0.1 # Quarantine removal rate
  c = [1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0] # Control cost coefficients
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  T = 20 # Time horizon
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  dt = 0.1 # Time step
  S0 = 0.99 * N # Initial susceptible
E0 = 0.01 * N # Initial exposed
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  I0 = 1000 # Initial infected
  |Q0 = 0  # Initial quarantined
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  R0 = 0 # Initial recovered
```

5.2 Neural Network Architecture

Modify the neural network model:

```
model = Sequential([
    Dense(64, input_dim=1, activation='relu'), # Input: time t
    Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    Dense(4, activation='sigmoid') # Output: 4 controls in [0, 1]
])
model.compile(optimizer=Adam(learning_rate=0.01), loss='mse')
```

5.3 Training

Adjust the training loop:

```
epochs = 50 # Number of training epochs
```

5.4 Observed Data

To fit observed data, modify the compute_loss function to include a data-fitting term (e.g., mean squared error).

6 Notes

- **Numerical Integration**: The Euler method is used for training simplicity. For accuracy, use scipy.integrate.odeint in simulate_with_controls.
- Performance: GPU accelerates training. Adjust epochs or dt for CPU usage.

- **Control Inputs**: The neural network uses time t. For state-dependent controls, set input dimension to 5 ([S, E, I, Q, R]).
- Convergence: Adjust learning rate or epochs if loss oscillates.

7 Troubleshooting

- **TensorFlow Errors**: Ensure TensorFlow compatibility (e.g., version 2.10 for Python 3.8–3.10).
- Memory Issues: Reduce epochs or increase dt.
- **No Plots**: Verify matplotlib installation and graphical output support (e.g., use Jupyter Notebook).

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10 Compiling to PDF

To generate the PDF, compile this file using a LaTeX compiler:

pdflatex README.tex

Required packages: amsmath, amssymb, geometry, listings, hyperref, xcolor, noto. Use Overleaf or a local LaTeX distribution (e.g., TeX Live, MiKTeX).