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- (a) The model of tumour growth under radiotherapy from time  $t = 0$  to  $t = t_1 > 0$  is given as

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = -C \log \left( \frac{C}{C_{max}} \right) - \frac{DC}{1+D}, \quad (6.1)$$

where, at time  $t$ ,  $C(t)$  is the size of the tumour,  $C_{max} > 0$  is the maximum size of the tumour, a constant, so that  $0 < C(t) \leq C_{max}$ , and  $D(t) \geq 0$  is the rate at which the drug is administered.

Now, making a change of variable

$$x = \log \left( \frac{C}{C_{max}} \right),$$

then (6.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{dC}{dt} \cdot \frac{dx}{dC}, \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{dC}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{C}, \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= \left[ -C \log \left( \frac{C}{C_{max}} \right) - \frac{DC}{1+D} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{C}, \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= -\log \left( \frac{C}{C_{max}} \right) - \frac{D}{1+D}, \\ \text{thus, } \frac{dx}{dt} &= -x - \frac{D}{1+D}, \quad \text{where } -\infty < x \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) We are told that:

It is required to reduce the size of the tumour from  $C_0$  at  $t = 0$  to  $C_1$  at  $t = t_1$ . Let  $x_0 = \log(C_0/C_{max})$  and  $x_1 = \log(C_1/C_{max})$ . For the health of the patient, it is desired to minimise the total amount of drug administered, which is given by the functional

$$S[D] = \int_0^{t_1} dt D(t).$$

So, by expressing  $D$  in terms of  $x$  and  $\dot{x} = dx/dt$  it should be possible to show that  $S[D]$  may be written as

$$S[x] = - \int_0^{t_1} dt \frac{\dot{x} + x}{1 + \dot{x} + x}.$$

From part (a)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -x - \frac{D}{1+D}, \\ \dot{x} + x &= -\frac{D}{1+D}, \\ (\dot{x} + x)(1+D) &= -D, \\ (\dot{x} + x) + D(\dot{x} + x) &= -D, \\ D(\dot{x} + x) + D &= -(\dot{x} + x), \\ D(\dot{x} + x + 1) &= -\dot{x} - x, \\ D &= \frac{-\dot{x} - x}{\dot{x} + x + 1}.\end{aligned}$$

So

$$S[x] = - \int_0^{t_1} dt \frac{\dot{x} + x}{\dot{x} + x + 1} \quad \text{as required.}$$

(c) To show that the Euler-Lagrange equation for  $S[x]$  is given by

$$2\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + x = -1, \quad \text{where } \ddot{x} = d^2x/dt^2,$$

consider the following.

The Euler-Lagrange equation is given by

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0, \quad y(a) = A, \quad y(b) = B.$$

$$\text{Let, } F = \frac{\dot{x} + x}{\dot{x} + x + 1},$$

then using the quotient rule to determine  $\partial F/\partial \dot{x}$  and  $\partial F/\partial x$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \left[ v \frac{\partial u}{\partial \dot{x}} - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial \dot{x}} \right] / v^2 \quad \text{where, } u = \dot{x} + x \text{ and } v = \dot{x} + x + 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} &= \frac{(\dot{x} + x + 1) \cdot 1 - (\dot{x} + x) \cdot 1}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^2} = \frac{1}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} &= \frac{(\dot{x} + x + 1) \cdot 1 - (\dot{x} + x) \cdot 1}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^2} = \frac{1}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) &= \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{x} + x + 1)^{-2}, \\ &= -2(\dot{x} + x + 1)^{-3} (\ddot{x} + \dot{x}), \\ &= \frac{-2(\ddot{x} + \dot{x})}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^3}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the Euler-Lagrange equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{2(\ddot{x} + \dot{x})}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^3} - \frac{1}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^2} &= 0, \\
 \frac{2(\ddot{x} + \dot{x})}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^3} &= -\frac{1}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)^2}, \\
 \frac{2(\ddot{x} + \dot{x})}{(\dot{x} + x + 1)} &= -1, \\
 2(\ddot{x} + \dot{x}) &= -(\dot{x} + x + 1), \\
 2(\ddot{x} + \dot{x}) + (\dot{x} + x) &= -1, \\
 2\ddot{x} + 3\dot{x} + x &= -1, \quad \text{as required.}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6.2} \quad \ddot{x} = \mathrm{d}^2x/\mathrm{d}t^2.$$

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