

## Optimization CW

i) let  $f(x_1, x_2) = |x_1 + x_2|^2$

$$f(x_1, \alpha x_1) = |x_1 + \alpha^2 x_1|^2 = |x_1| |1 + \alpha^2 x_1| \geq \alpha^2 |x_1|^2 \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } |x_1| \rightarrow \infty$$
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also,  $f(\alpha x_2, x_2) = |\alpha x_2 + x_2|^2$

$$= (\alpha + 1)^2 |x_2|^2$$

$$= \alpha^2 |x_2|^2 + 2\alpha |x_2|^2 + |x_2|^2$$

$$= |x_2|^2 (\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1) \text{ and } |x_2| \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + 1)^2 |x_2|^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\alpha x_2, x_2) \rightarrow \infty$$

$f$  is coercive  $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$ .

take for arbitrary  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x = (-b^2, b)$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \|x\| = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{b^4 + b^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{however, } \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} |-b^2 + b|^2 = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} 0 = 0 \text{ so}$$

$f$  is not coercive.

ii)  $f(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^4 + x_2^2 - 4x_1^2 x_2 + 4$

$$= (2x_1^2 - x_2)^2 + 4 \geq 4$$

so  $f$  is bounded below by 4, and this global minimum is attained when  $x_2 = 2x_1^2$  or  $(t, 2t^2) \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

All these points are hence also local minima.

They are not strict globally as not the unique minima.

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$$\nabla^2 f(x_1, 2x_1^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 48x_1^2 - 16x_1^2 & -8x_1 \\ -8x_1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 32x_1^2 & -8x_1 \\ -8x_1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\nabla^2 f(x_1, x_2)) = 64x_1^2 - 64x_1^2 = 0$$

$$\text{tr}(\nabla^2 f) = 32x_1^2 + 2 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 f$  is ~~not~~ positive semidefinite along  $x_2 = 2x_1^2$

$$\text{Is } \nabla^2 f(x^*) > 0 \Rightarrow x^*$$

$f$  is also non-stick locally as for any local point  $x^*$  along  $x_2 = 2x_1^2$ ,  $(x_1, 2x_1^2)$ ,  $(x_1 + \varepsilon, 2(x_1 + \varepsilon)^2) = y^*$  where  $y^* \in B(x^*, \varepsilon)$ ,  $x^* \neq y^*$  but  $f(x^*) \neq f(y^*)$  at  $f(x^*) = f(y^*) = 4$ .

$$\text{Is } \nabla^2 f(x^*) > 0$$

Take the next point along the curve  $x_2 = 2x_1^2$  and the value is still 4.

Finally, we conclude stationary points are at:

$$\nabla f = (-8x_1, 2x_1^2 - x_2, -4x_1^2 + 2x_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 = 2x_1^2 \text{ or } x_2 = 2x_1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 2x_1^2. \text{ All stationary points are along this line.}$$

We have seen they are global minima that are locally and globally non-stick.

2. i) Using the recursion,

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= \bar{x} \\ x_1 &= a\bar{x} + du_1 \\ x_2 &= \cancel{a\bar{x}} + a(a\bar{x} + du_1) + du_2 \\ &= a^2\bar{x} + adu_1 + du_2 \end{aligned}$$

~~is~~

$$x^N = a^N \bar{x} + a^{N-1} du_1 + \dots + du_N$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x} \\ a\bar{x} \\ a^2\bar{x} \\ \vdots \\ a^N\bar{x} \end{pmatrix} - \underline{b} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ d & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ ad & d & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ a^2d & ad & d & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a^{N-1}d & a^{N-2}d & \dots & ad & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_N \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x} = S\underline{u} - \underline{b}$$

where  $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{x} \\ -a\bar{x} \\ \vdots \\ -a^N\bar{x} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\min_{\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N} \|\underline{x}\|_2^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\underline{u}\|_2^2, \quad \delta > 0$$

$$= \min_{\underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N} \|S\underline{u} - \underline{b}\|_2^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\underline{u}\|_2^2, \quad \delta > 0$$

Let  $\frac{\delta}{2} = 1$ ,  $R(\underline{u}) = \|\underline{u}\|_2^2$ , then we have the

$$\text{RLS form } \min_{\underline{u}} \|S\underline{u} - \underline{b}\|^2 + 1 R(\underline{u}), \quad R(\underline{u}) = \|\underline{u}\|_2^2$$

The optimal solution is:

with  $D = I_N$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u}^* &= \underline{u}_{\text{RLS}} = (S^T S + \lambda I^T I)^{-1} S^T \underline{b} \\ &= (S^T S + \frac{\delta}{2} I)^{-1} S^T \underline{b} \end{aligned}$$

$S^T S + \frac{\delta}{2} I$  is invertible if  $\text{Null}(S) \cap \text{Null}(I) = \{0\}$

but  $\text{Null}(I) = \{0\} \Rightarrow \text{Null}(S) \cap \text{Null}(I) \leq \text{Null}(I) = \{0\}$

hence the solution  $\underline{u}^*$  exists and is unique.

$$x_{\bar{x}}^{\underline{u}^*} = S \underline{u}^* - \underline{b}$$

If  $\underline{u}$  is an unregularized LS,  $\|x_{\bar{x}}^{\underline{u}}\|^2 \leq \|x_{\bar{x}}^{\underline{u}^*}\|^2$

Assume for contradiction  $\|\underline{u}^*\| \leq \|\underline{u}\|$ ,  $\|\underline{u}^*\| > \|\underline{u}\|$ ,

$$\text{then } \|x_{\bar{x}}^{\underline{u}}\|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\underline{u}\|^2 \leq \|x_{\bar{x}}^{\underline{u}^*}\|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\underline{u}^*\|^2$$

which contradicts that  $\underline{u}^*$  is optimal for RLS #

Hence,  $\|\underline{u}^*\| \leq \|\underline{u}\|$



ii) In the control, ~~the~~ increasing gamma <sup>located</sup> the ~~initial~~ value of  $u_i$  ~~steepl~~ and the curve slope down ~~to~~ ~~the~~ left ~~the~~ steeply to 0 at  $u_N$  for larger values of  $\gamma$ .  $u_i > 3.5$  when  $\gamma = 0.001$  but  $u_i < 1$  when  $\gamma = 1$ . For the trajectory, all ~~plot~~ values of  $\gamma$  have ~~the~~  $\gamma_0$  at 1, ~~at  $u_N$  at 0~~ but ~~the~~ <sup>smaller</sup> ~~taller~~ values of  $\gamma$  slope down faster as  $i$  increases towards 0. If large  $\gamma$ , such as  $\gamma = 1$  doesn't even slope down to 0 at ~~the~~  $u_N$ , much less  $\gamma$  keep. Increasing regularisation pushes  $u$  closer to 0, decreasing its cost in the cost function.

iii) 
$$\min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^N} \|u\|_1^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|u\|_2^2 - \delta \sum_{i=1}^N \log(u_{\max} - u_i), \quad \gamma, \delta > 0$$

Let  $f(u) = \|u\|_1^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|u\|_2^2 - \delta \sum_{i=1}^N \log(u_{\max} - u_i)$   

$$\nabla f(u) = 2S^T u - \gamma u + \delta \left( \frac{1}{u_{\max} - u_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{u_{\max} - u_N} \right)^T$$

Use Armijo backtracking. <sup>for convergence</sup>

Let  $\epsilon = 0.01$  in the while loop,  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\beta = 0.5$ ,

$t^k = s = 1$  initial stepsize,  $d^k = -\nabla f(u^k)$

initial  $u = (1, \dots, 1)$   $t^k = \beta t^k$

For the control, the ~~curve~~ front end for small  $i$  is flattened as the  $u_i$  are kept  $\leq u_{\max} = 8$ , in comparison to the problem without the constraints but the rest of the curve ~~is~~ is similar in shape.

This results in the curve for the state being slightly above the unconstrained curve for all  $u_i$ , though the curves meet at  $u_0$  and  $u_N$ . (~~This is because the cost function~~)

$$w/ \min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^N} \|x\|_2^2 + \frac{\delta_2}{2} \|u\|_2^2 + \delta_1 \sum_{i=1}^N L_\varepsilon(u_i), \quad \delta_1, \delta_2, \varepsilon > 0.$$

$$L_\varepsilon(u_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} u_i^2 & \text{if } |u_i| \leq \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon(|u_i| - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} L_\varepsilon(u_i) = \begin{cases} u_i & \text{if } |u_i| \leq \varepsilon \\ 1 & \text{if } |u_i| > \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

Sketching  $L_\varepsilon(u_i)$ , we see it has similar shape to a  $|x|$  graph, i.e., approximated  $\|u\|_1 = |u_1| + \dots + |u_N|$ , however is smooth (curved) at 0 hence it is differentiable everywhere and has continuous derivative. Hence, it preserves the linearity of  $\|u\|_1$  for  $u_i > \varepsilon$  and it is the linearity that allows to place emphasis on minimizing  $u_i$  near 0 (i.e. promoting sparsity).

Also, for  $|u_i| \leq \varepsilon$ , the  $L_\varepsilon(u_i)$  function is similar to an  $L_2$  norm behaviour, but behaves like  $L_1$  norm outside.

Settings: initial  $u = (1, \dots, 1)$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 0.5$ , initial stepsize = 1  
epsilon for convergence = 0.001,  $d^k = -\nabla f(u^k)$

case i/ with the  $L_\varepsilon$  norm only ~~was~~ composed to the  $L_2$  norm only case reweights the initial ~~large~~ control for small i (large values) much higher and the other controls much closer to 0. ~~That then~~ Here, the curve goes sharply down and then suddenly flattens, sparsity is promoted. For the state, ~~all~~ all values remain in the (0,1) bound but the curve drops sharply then flattens suddenly, and isn't smooth.

Proof  $L_\varepsilon(u_i)$  is differentiable.

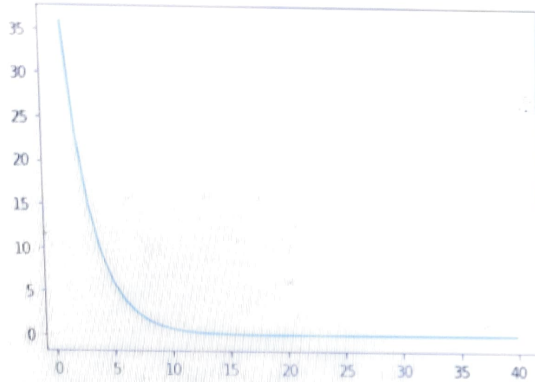
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0, h > 0} \frac{L_\varepsilon(\varepsilon + h) - L_\varepsilon(\varepsilon)}{h} = \frac{\varepsilon(\varepsilon + h - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon) - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2}{h}$$

$\Rightarrow$  differentiable at  $u_i = \varepsilon$ .  $= \frac{\varepsilon h}{h} = \varepsilon$  equal to the limit at  $h < 0$ .

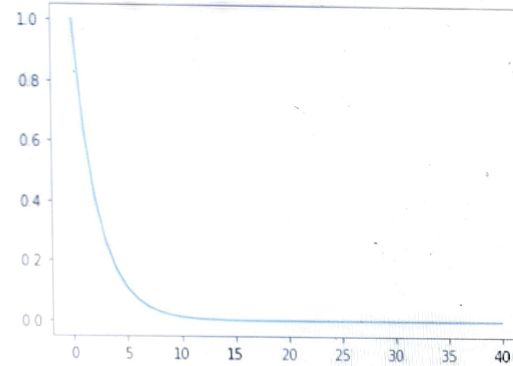
Similar for  $u_i = -\varepsilon$   $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0, h < 0} \frac{L_\varepsilon(-\varepsilon + h) - L_\varepsilon(-\varepsilon)}{h} = -\varepsilon$  equal to other direction.  
Continuous at all other points  $\Rightarrow$

$L_\varepsilon(u_i)$  is differentiable.

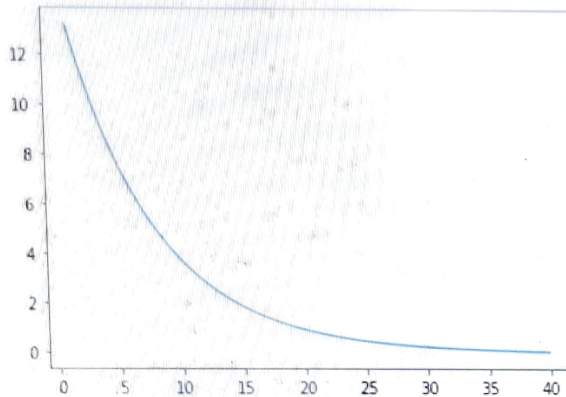
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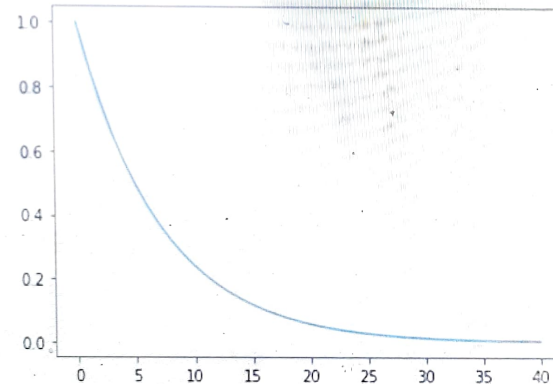
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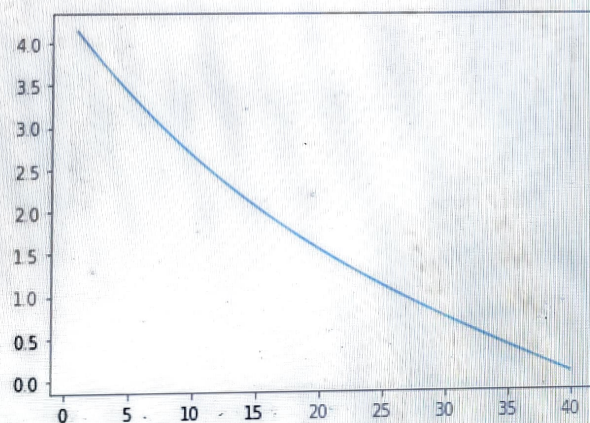


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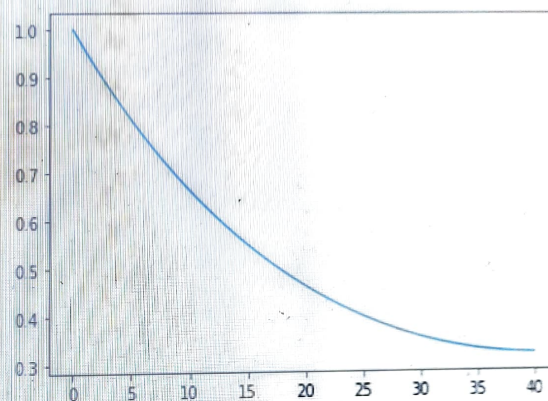




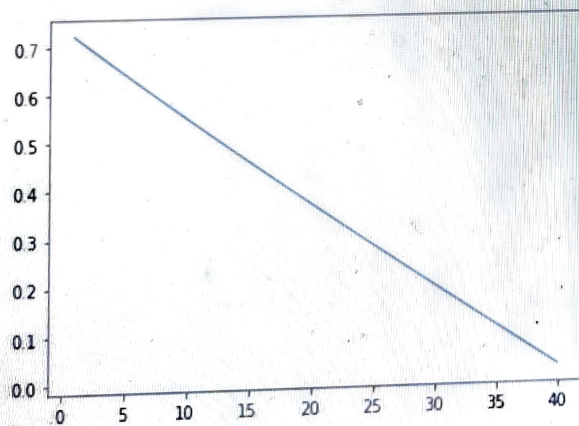
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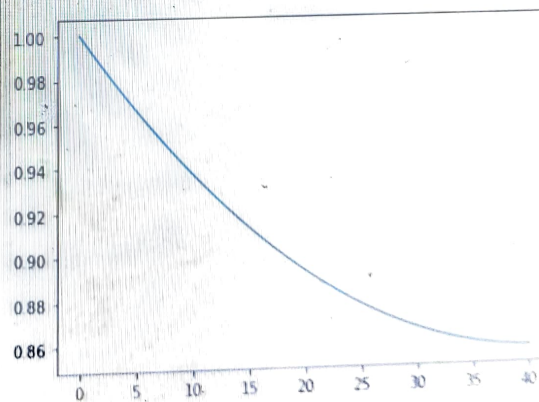
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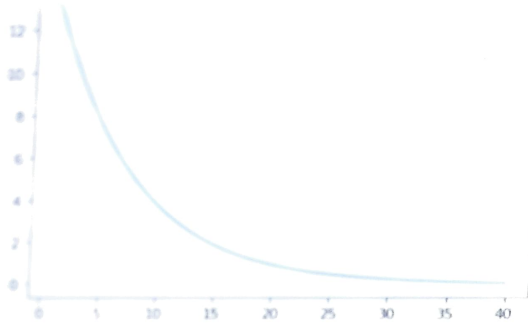
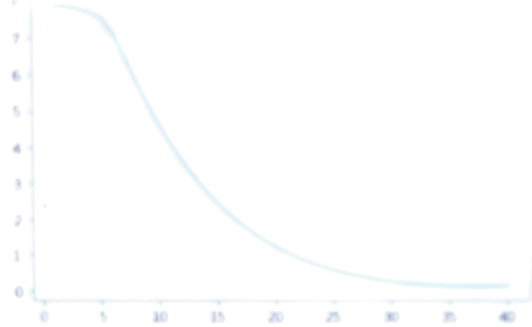


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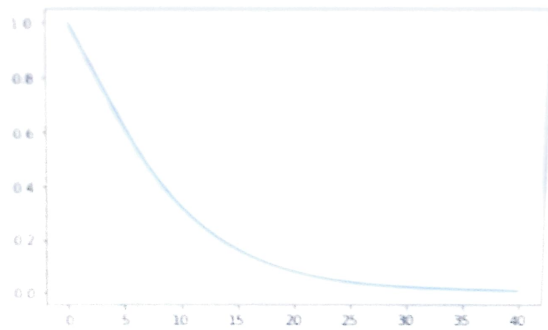


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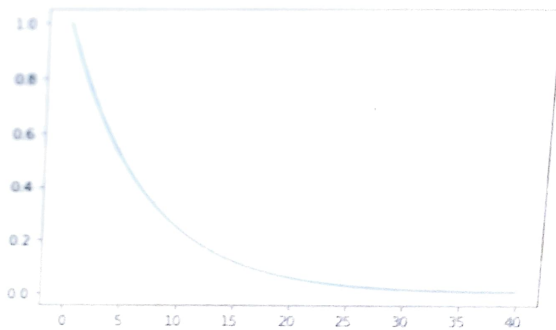




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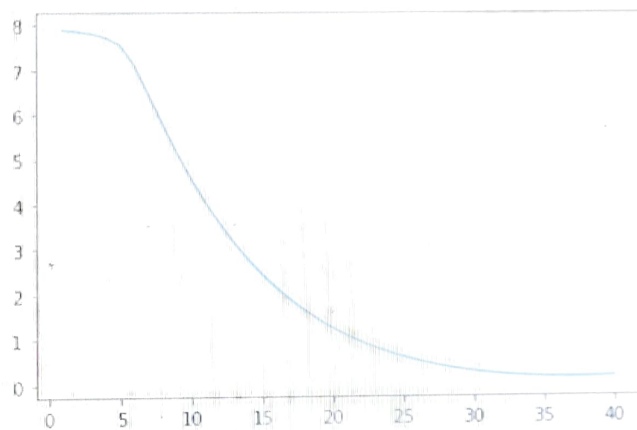


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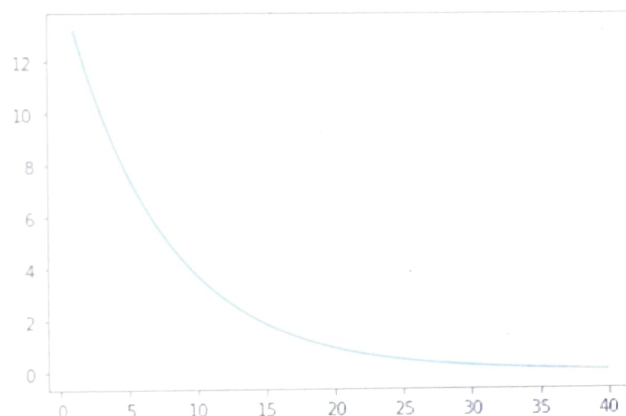




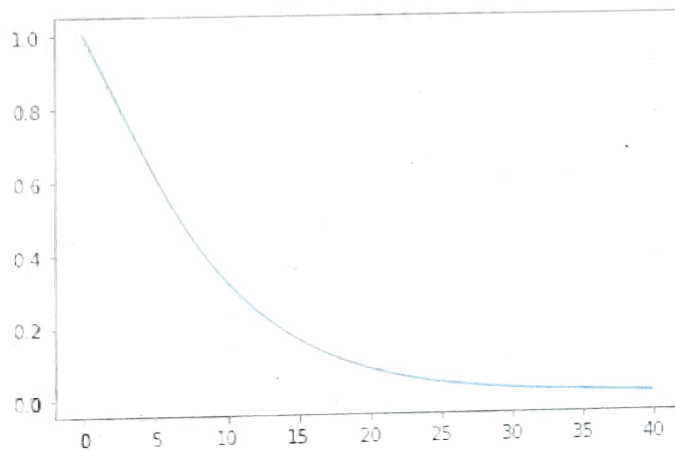
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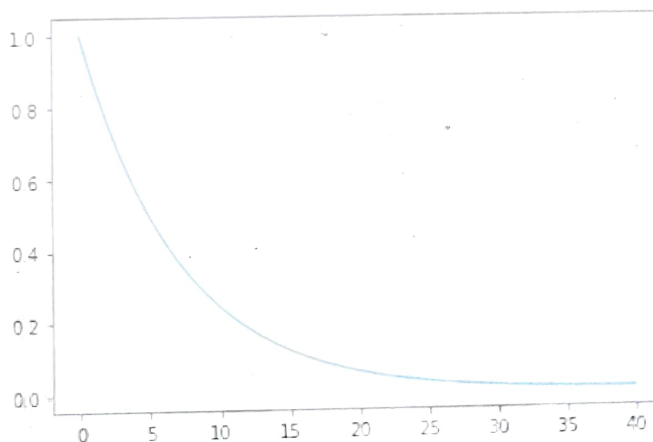
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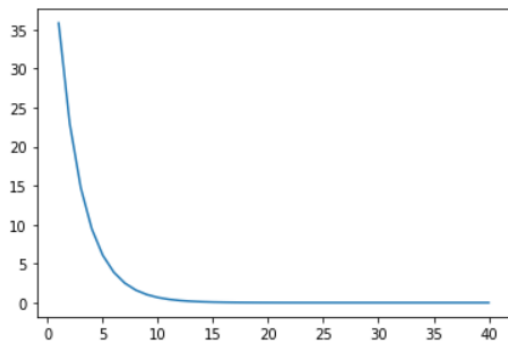
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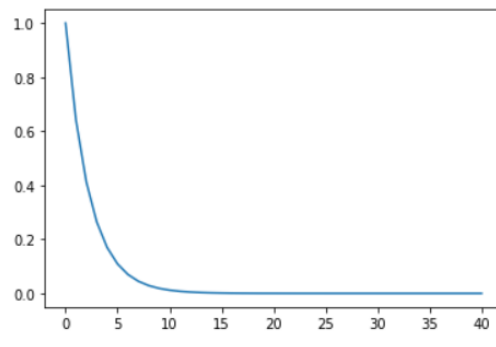
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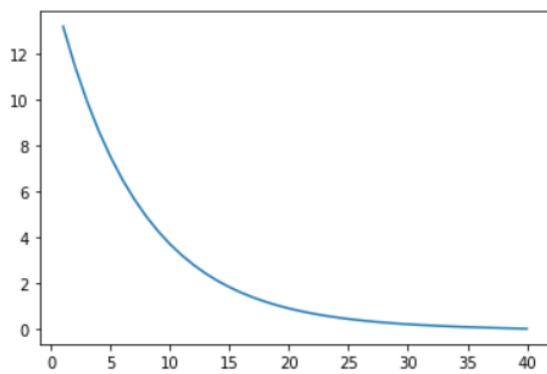
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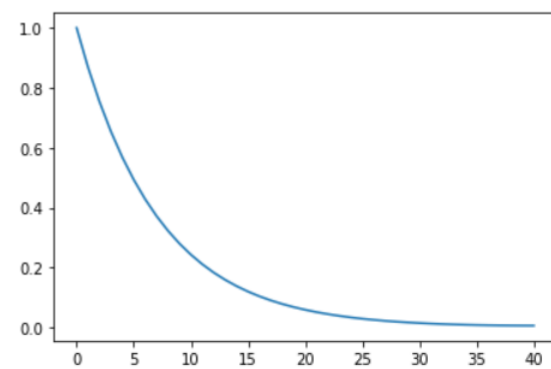
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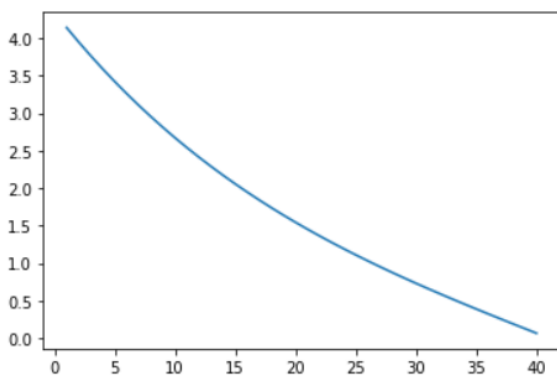
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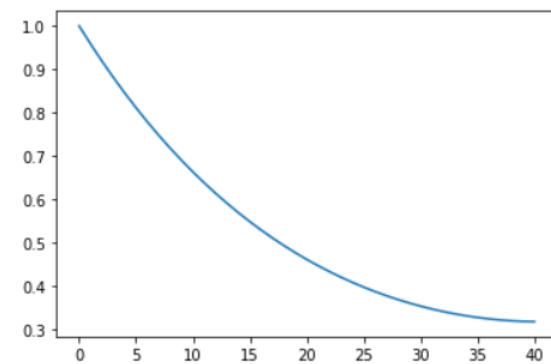
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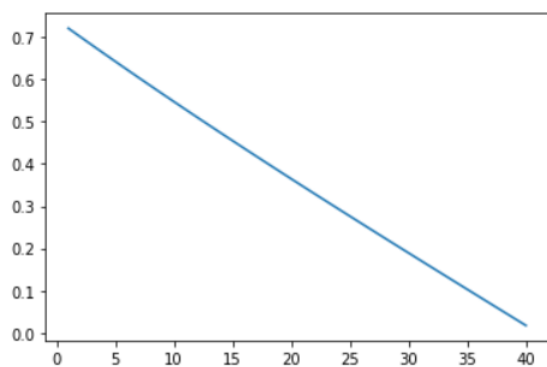
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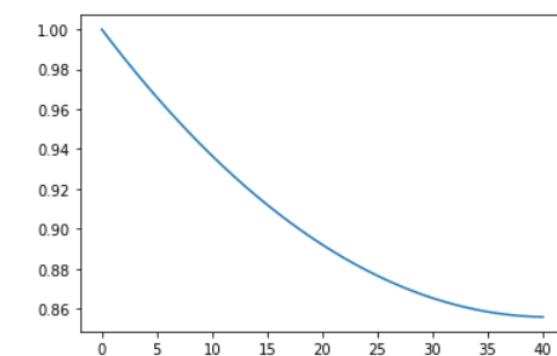
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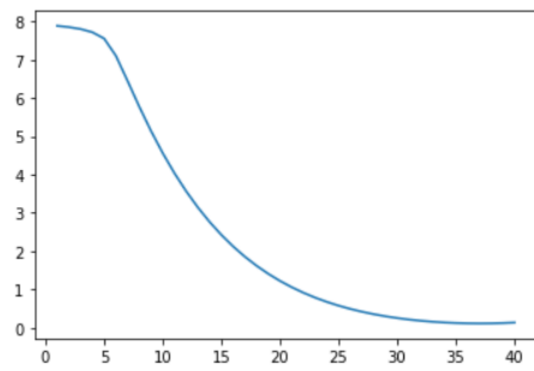
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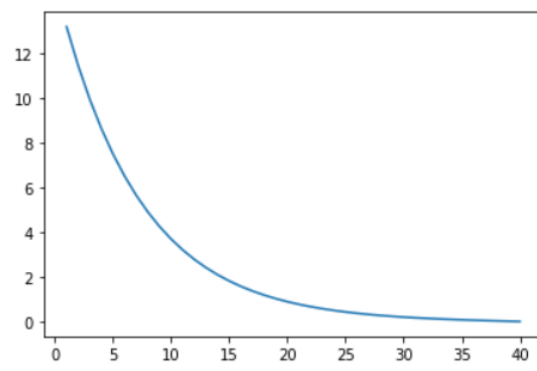
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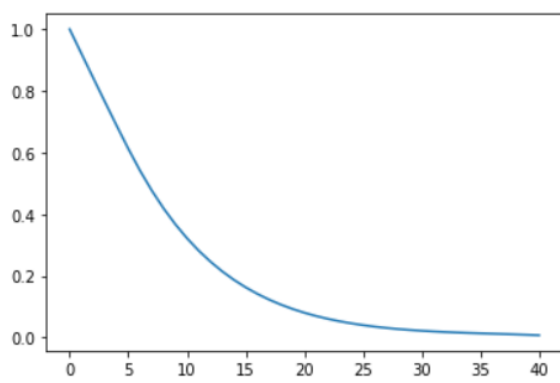
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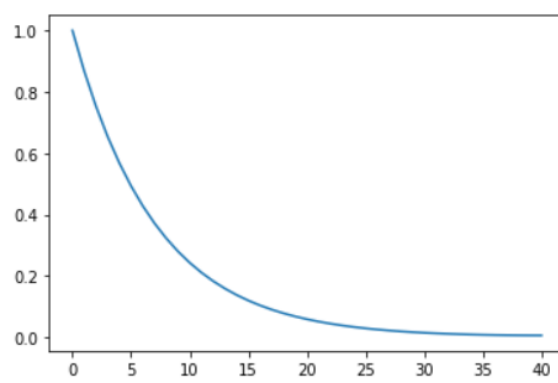
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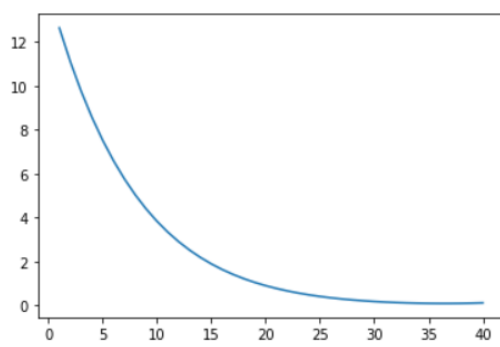
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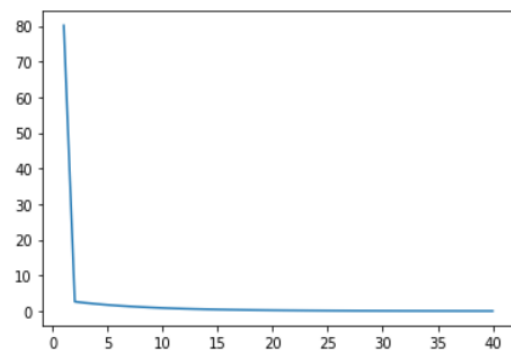
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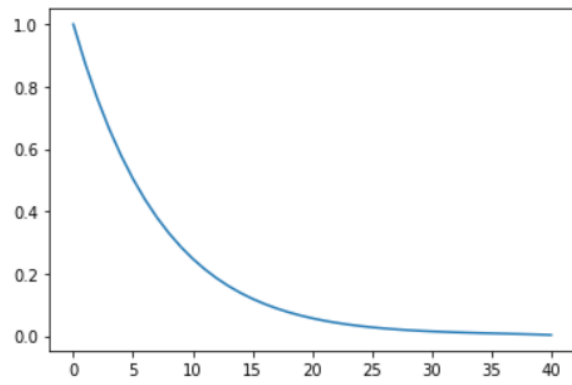


case 2 control





Case 1 state



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