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## ABSTRACT

In this thesis the problem of the detection of parameter jumps in stochastic systems is considered. Previous work on the detection of disorders in a stochastic process when the jump time has an exponential probability distribution is extended to give optimal detection rules for a class of dynamical systems having autoregressive dynamics. This leads to a sub-optimal approach to parameter jump detection for more complicated linear systems, related to approaches proposed in a number of applications oriented papers.

The methods considered here are appropriate when parameter values before and after the jump time are known although the jump time itself is unknown. In order to relax these requirements a study is made of the performance of detection rules when the parameters jump to a different value to that designed for. The results obtained lead to the identification of a set of parameter values to which, with some restrictions, a jump is detected on average at least as quickly as in the design case. These results are obtained in a stronger form in the case of first order autoregressive systems.

It is suggested that these results may enable a detection rule having near optimal properties (in a minimax sense) to be designed, if only a set of possible post-jump parameter values is specified.

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## NOTATION

### General Notation

$R$	The set of real numbers	
$N$	The set of integers	
$y_t$	The observation process	
$\tilde{\tau}$	A detection time	
$\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}$	A detection time such that $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0$	
$\tau$	The optimal detection time	
$\tau_{t_0}$	Optimal detection time if $\tau \neq t_0$	
$P$	Policy mapping $(y_u: u \geq 0) \mapsto \tilde{\tau}$	
$\mathcal{Y}_t$	The $\sigma$ -field generated by $(y_u: u \leq t)$	
$\mathcal{Y}_t^R$	An enlarged $\sigma$ -field permitting randomized detection rules	
$t_j$	Jump time of parameters	
$\lambda$	Parameter of distribution of $t_j$	
$C(\tilde{\tau})$	Cost function	see (2.2.1)
$K(\tilde{\tau})$	Cost function	see (2.2.2)
$C_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$		see (4.1.6)
$K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$		see (4.1.7)
$c$	Delay weighting coefficient in $C(\tilde{\tau}), K(\tilde{\tau})$	
$Q$	Cost function	see (2.2.7)
$\pi_t$	Value of $P(t \geq t_j   \mathcal{Y}_t)$ evaluated under the assumption of parameters jumping to design values	
$v_t$	State vector of system (2.5.6)	
$n$	Dimension of $v_t$	
$W_t$	A Wiener process (input noise process)	
$m$	Dimension of $W_t$	
$R_t$	$\ln(\pi_t / (1 - \pi_t))$	

$h^*(\cdot, \cdot)$		see (3.1.7)
$S_t$	Process related to $\pi_t$	see (3.1.19)
$\pi(\cdot, \cdot)$	Function such that $\pi_t = \pi(S_t, v_t)$	
$\gamma$	The stopping boundary (in the appropriate space)	
$h(\cdot, \cdot)$		see (3.1.22)
$S_\gamma(v)$	$\inf\{S: h(S, v) \geq 0\}$	
$R_\gamma(v)$	$\inf\{R: h^*\left(\frac{1}{1+\exp(-R)}, v\right) \geq 0\}$	
$a \wedge b$	denotes $\min(a, b)$ , $a \vee b$ denotes $\max(a, b)$	
The abbreviation s.t. is sometimes used for "such that".		

#### Notation used in Chapter 4

$\alpha, a_0, \beta_t$	Parameters of system (4.0.1)	
	(Note: $a_0 < 0$ )	
$\sigma(S, y)$	$-\lambda + (\lambda + c)\pi(S, y)$	see (4.1.10)
$S_c$	$\ln(\lambda / (-(\alpha + 1)a_0 + \lambda))$	see (4.2.1)
$N, P, Q$	Regions of $(S, y)$ space	see (4.2.5)
$\theta$	Common boundary of $P$ and $Q$	
$S_1$		see (4.2.9)
$y_1$		see (4.2.10)
$\bar{S}_c$	$\ln\left(\frac{\lambda}{-(\alpha + 1)a_0}\right) - \frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{2(\alpha + 1)a_0}$	
$\bar{y}_c^2$	$\frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0^2}$	
$r(y)$		see (4.3.2)

In Section 4.3 symbols with a bar correspond to those above in the context of the first modified problem. Similarly symbols with stars are used for the second modified problem.



In Section 4.4

$y_t^o, y_t^*$  are defined in (4.4.2), (4.4.3)

$t_j^o, t_j^*, \hat{t}$  are defined in (4.4.5) to (4.4.8)

$K_{t_o}^o(\tilde{r}_{t_o}), K_{t_o}^*(\tilde{r}_{t_o})$  are defined in (4.4.9), (4.4.10)

Notation used in Chapter 5

$P^1, E^1$	Denotes probability and expectation given that parameters jump to "design" values	
$P^2, E^2$	Probability and expectation given that parameters jump to "non-design" values	
$\zeta_t$	Process associated with transient effects in sub-optimal detection rules	see (5.1.5b)
$M^i, h^i, g^i$		see (5.1.8) to (5.1.10)
$\tau^c, \gamma_c$	The superscript/subscript indicates dependence of $\tau, \gamma$ on the coefficient $c$	
$\bar{C}_{t_o}(\cdot)$	Modified cost function used in proofs of Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3	see (5.1.20)
$Q, \ \cdot\ ^*$		see (5.1.29)
$r_\rho$	Bound for $R_{\gamma_1}(v), \ v\ ^* \leq \rho$	see Lemma 5.3
$t_s$	$\inf\{t \geq t_j : R_t \geq \ln \lambda, \ v_t\ ^* \leq \rho\}$	see (5.1.44)
$\hat{R}_t^c$	Process defined such that $\hat{R}_t^c \leq R_t$ $\forall t \leq \hat{\tau}^c \geq \tau^c$ if (5.1.5) holds	see (5.1.46)
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2$	Defined in (5.1.65), (5.1.66)	
$\hat{\sigma}$	Defined in (5.1.64)	
$\mu_t$	Process related to $R_t$ when (5.1.4) holds	see (5.1.67)

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

1.1. The detection of parameter jumps in stochastic dynamical systems has been the subject of a number of recent papers. The problem may involve the detection either of failures in control systems or simply of changes in mode of operation of a system whose state is being tracked. Examples are most numerous in the aerospace field, particularly in inertial navigation where effective detection procedures may enable reduced redundancy levels to be employed.

Two main approaches have been proposed for the case of linear systems considered here. The first involves the application of statistical tests to the innovations process generated by a Kalman Filter designed with pre-jump parameter values. In the case of discrete time systems the innovations process until a jump takes place will be a sequence of independent normal random variables. A chi squared test used to check this property should, therefore, be able to identify when a parameter change occurs. This method is simple and requires no assumptions about the post-jump dynamics. However, this means that it does <sup>not</sup> take advantage of all the information available. In particular other approaches might be able to distinguish better between external variation in the statistical properties of noise entering the system and parameter jumps.

The second approach, which is the one of interest

here, uses a-priori knowledge of the system structure to recognise behaviour typical of a parameter jump. Here, however, it is generally necessary to know in advance the values of the system parameters following a jump.

Unfortunately, except in simple cases, attempts to construct detection schemes which are in some sense optimal lead to infinite dimensional filtering problems and so are not feasible. However, several approximations have been proposed which in many cases should give near optimal performance.

Because of these difficulties work on parameter jump detection methods has been split into theoretically complete investigations of simple problems, in continuous time, and practical studies mainly involving discrete time systems in which proposed schemes are justified largely by simulation. In this thesis optimal detection rules are derived for a wider class of continuous time systems (systems with an autoregressive structure) than previously considered.

The requirement that post-jump parameter values be known in advance is a major restriction. In order to relax this it seems appropriate to consider the robustness of detection rules: that is their performance if the system parameters jump to values other than those designed for. Robustness is considered in detail here and a possible strategy for effective detection is outlined in the case where only a set of possible post-jump parameter values is specified.

## 1.2 Organisation of Thesis

In Section 2.1 the parameter jump detection problem is introduced as a special case of the disorder problem for stochastic processes. Suitable cost functions are proposed and a-priori assumptions are discussed in Section 2.2. General properties of these formulations are given. In sections 2.3 and 2.4 previous theoretical work on parameter jump detection in the case of systems with trivial dynamics is described. In Section 2.5 the problems encountered in trying to extend these results to more complicated systems are demonstrated and practical approaches to this problem are described.

Section 3.1 introduces optimal detection rules for a special class of system (autoregressive dynamics). Some properties are obtained for use in later chapters. In Section 3.2 an approach due to Kushner is applied to the problem of synthesizing an optimal detection rule. A simplified approach is described in Section 3.3 and in Section 3.4 a natural sub-optimal approach (related to previously proposed discrete time schemes) is suggested for use with more general linear systems. Finally the investigation of the robustness of detection rules is motivated in Section 3.5 and a possible approach described for the detection of jumps where post-jump parameter values are only known to be in a given set.

In Chapter 4 the robustness of detection rules for first order autoregressions is investigated. Roughly speaking, the results obtained show that optimal or near

optimal detection rules will detect "larger" than designed for jumps at least as quickly on average. This was not previously entirely obvious as is suggested in the discussion at the beginning of the chapter. In the case in which the robustness property is only obtained for a near-optimal detection rule a bound is established on the expected performance degradation using this. This is done in Section 4.4.

In Chapter 5 the robustness properties of detection rules designed for more general systems is investigated. For the optimal, or, where this is not implementable, the sub-optimal detection rule proposed in Section 3.4 a set of post-jump parameter values is characterized such that the expected detection time is not increased, at least if a coefficient in the cost function is sufficiently small. This restriction corresponds to typical detection times being long compared to system time constants. Section 5.1 develops the robustness theory while in Section 5.2 its application is considered.

### 1.3 Original Contributions

In Chapter 2 previously published results are reformulated in the form appropriate here. In Section 3.1 the construction of the optimal detection rule is original, though the construction of Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4 is inspired by Shiryaev [12]. Lemma 3.1 is an application of a result in [17]. The use of non-linear filtering is inspired by Davis [14]. The formulation of the detection problems in terms of the time differentiable process  $S_t$  (equation (3.1.19)) is original, and it is this which enables the application of results in [16] to the synthesis problem

in Section 3.2. Section 3.4 is related to approaches listed in [4] for discrete time problems. The discussion in Section 3.5 is original.

Chapters 4 and 5 are entirely original (Lemma 5.7 has been obtained independently : no previous derivation of this result has been found).

## CHAPTER 2

### DISORDER AND PARAMETER JUMP DETECTION PROBLEMS

In this chapter the parameter jump detection problem is introduced as a special case of the disorder problem for stochastic processes [e.g. 1,11]. The a-priori assumptions used later concerning the time of the jump are discussed, and various cost functions are defined and their properties investigated. The detection of disorders in a class of systems having trivial dynamics is discussed, and a summary given of the results of [1,2,3]. Finally, practical approaches given in [4] to the detection of parameter jumps in more general systems are described and some difficulties outlined.

#### 2.1 The disorder problem for stochastic processes

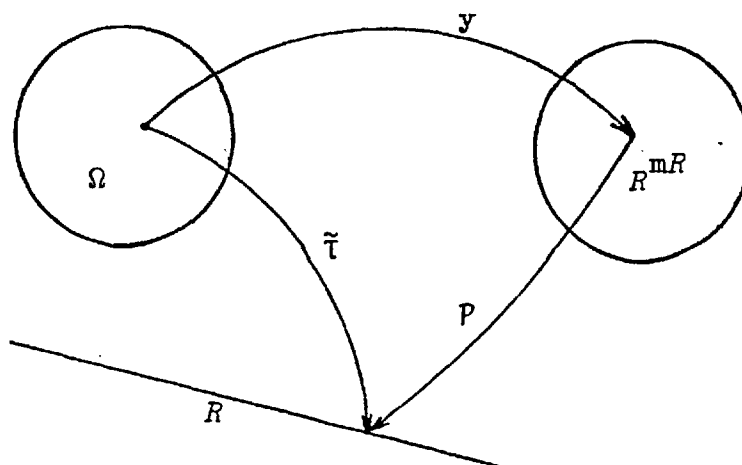


Figure 2.1.1

Consider a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  on which is defined a process  $y_t \in R^m \forall t$ , and a random variable  $t_j \geq 0$ . The process  $y_t$  is interpreted as undergoing a change of regime (a disorder) at the time  $t_j$ .

$\mathcal{Y}_t$  is the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(y_u: u \leq t)$ .

$\tilde{\tau}$  is a  $\mathcal{Y}_t^R$ -stopping time, interpreted as the time at which the change of regime is "detected" (possibly falsely) observing  $y_t$ . Here  $\mathcal{Y}_t^R$  is a  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(y_u: u \leq t)$  together, possibly, with other random variables independent of  $t_j$  and  $y_s$   $\forall s$ . The introduction of  $\mathcal{Y}_t^R$  enables randomized stopping rules to be considered.

Since  $\tilde{\tau}$  is a stopping time, for any  $t_0$ , given  $(y_u, u \leq t_0)$  and that  $\tilde{\tau} \geq t_0$ , there is a (possibly randomized) map or policy  $P$  so that

$$P: (y_u, u \geq t_0) \rightarrow \tilde{\tau} \quad (2.1.1)$$

The performance of a detection scheme for the "disorder" occurring at time  $t_j$  is usually measured by its success in achieving the conflicting objectives of quick detection and infrequent false alarms while no disorder exists. In some formulations of the problem an a-priori distribution is assumed for  $t_j$ , while in others this is avoided by a suitable definition of optimality, or by using a likelihood formulation. Usually when an a-priori distribution is assumed for  $t_j$  it is the exponential distribution  $P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ . This greatly simplifies the problem because of the property

$$P(t+u \geq t_j | u < t_j) = P(t \geq t_j) \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

## 2.2 Formulations of the disorder problem

### a) With a-priori information about $t_j$

In this case the performance of a detection rule may be measured by its expected cost. Several possible cost functions are given here, but as is shown they are inter-related.



1) The cost function  $C(\tilde{\tau})$  is defined as [2,11]

$$C(\tilde{\tau}) = I(\tilde{\tau} < t_j) + c(\tilde{\tau} - t_j) \cdot I(\tilde{\tau} > t_j) \quad c > 0, \quad t_j \geq 0 \quad (2.2.1)$$

where  $\tilde{\tau}$  is a  $Y_t^R$ -stopping time.

The use of this enlarged  $\sigma$ -field enables randomized stopping rules to be considered. With this cost function a fixed cost is paid if there is a false alarm, while if there is a disorder before  $\tilde{\tau}$  a cost proportional to the detection delay is incurred. Note that only one detection attempt is allowed and if this is a false alarm the test terminates. Since, unless  $c$  is small so that long delays are permitted, the probability of a false alarm is likely to be nearly one, an optimal detection rule is likely to give an expected cost very close to that of stopping at time zero (i.e. 1).

2) The cost function  $K(\tilde{\tau})$  is defined as [11]

$$K(\tilde{\tau}) = -\lambda\tilde{\tau} + (\lambda+c)(\tilde{\tau} - t_j) \cdot I(\tilde{\tau} > t_j) \quad c > 0, \quad t_j \geq 0 \quad (2.2.2)$$

where  $\tilde{\tau}$  is a  $Y_t^R$ -stopping time.

Here there is a reward of  $\lambda$ /unit time while the process is allowed to continue uninterrupted, but a penalty of  $(\lambda+c)$ /unit time after the disorder occurs. The main interest of this formulation is its relation to  $C(\tilde{\tau})$  which is used in chapters 3 and 4. This result was established in [11].

#### Lemma 2.1

If  $t_j \geq 0$  is distributed such that

$$P(t \geq t_j | t_j > 0, Y_0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \quad t \geq 0 \quad (2.2.3)$$

$$E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) = E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) - P(t_j > 0 | Y_0) \quad (2.2.4)$$

for any  $Y_t$ -stopping time  $\tilde{\tau} > 0$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\tilde{\tau} \geq t_j | Y_0) &= \int_0^{\infty} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta} P\{t_j \in (u, u+\delta] | u < \tilde{\tau}, Y_0\} \cdot P(u < \tilde{\tau} | Y_0) du \\
 &\quad + P(t_j = 0 | Y_0) \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \lambda P(u < t_j | u < \tilde{\tau}, Y_0) \cdot P(u < \tilde{\tau} | Y_0) du + P(t_j = 0 | Y_0) \\
 &= \lambda E\left(\int_0^{\infty} I(u < t_j) I(u < \tilde{\tau}) du | Y_0\right) + P(t_j = 0 | Y_0) \\
 &= \lambda E(\tilde{\tau} \wedge t_j | Y_0) + P(t_j = 0 | Y_0) \tag{2.2.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

But  $E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) = E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) - P(\tilde{\tau} < t_j | Y_0) - \lambda E(\tilde{\tau} \wedge t_j | Y_0)$

from (2.2.1) and (2.2.2).

So  $E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) = E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) - 1 + P(\tilde{\tau} \geq t_j | Y_0) - \lambda E(\tilde{\tau} \wedge t_j | Y_0)$

Then using (2.2.5), (2.2.4) follows. □

It follows that if the conditions of Lemma 2.1 are satisfied and an optimal stopping time  $\tau$  exists such that

$$E(K(\tau) | Y_0) \leq E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) \quad \forall Y_t^R\text{-stopping times } \tilde{\tau}$$

then this is also optimal in the sense of the cost function  $C(\tilde{\tau})$ .

3) A further cost function is now introduced which is appropriate if the detection procedure does not terminate with a false alarm. The situation of interest here is the following: The output of a system is observed and a sequence of alarm times  $\tilde{\tau}^1 < \tilde{\tau}^2 < \tilde{\tau}^3 < \dots < \tilde{\tau}^N$  is generated, where

$$N \triangleq \inf\{i: \tilde{\tau}^i \geq t_j\} \tag{2.2.6}$$

For each alarm a fixed cost is incurred, and there is a further cost proportional to the detection delay  $(\tilde{\tau}^N - t_j)$ .

The cost  $Q = N + d(\tilde{\tau}^N - t_j) \quad d > 0 \tag{2.2.7}$

This might be interpreted as an inspection cost following each alarm, together with a cost proportional to the detection delay. This formulation is proposed in [3]. The following Lemma establishes a relationship between this situation and that corresponding to (2.2.1).

Lemma 2.2

Suppose that for each  $t, u > 0$ , conditioning on the events  $\tilde{\tau}^{i+t} \leq \tilde{\tau}^{i+1}$  and  $t_j = \tilde{\tau}^i + u$  ( $\tilde{\tau}^0 \triangleq 0$ ), and on  $Y_{\tilde{\tau}^i}$ .  $Y_{\tilde{\tau}^{i+1}}$  is identically distributed for  $i=0,1,\dots,N$ .

Also  $P(t \geq t_j | Y_0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ .

Suppose  $\tau$  is a stopping time which minimizes  $E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0)$ , where  $C(\cdot)$  is defined in (2.2.1) with

$$c = d/Q^0 \quad (2.2.8)$$

and 
$$Q^0 \triangleq \inf_{\{\tilde{\tau}^i\}} E(Q | Y_0) \quad (2.2.9)$$

Let  $P$  be the (possibly randomized) map defined by (see (2.1.1))

$$P:(y_u: u \geq 0) \mapsto \tau \quad (2.2.10)$$

Then a sequence of stopping times which minimizes  $E(Q | Y_0)$  is defined by

$$P:(y_u: u \geq \tau^i) \mapsto \tau^{i+1} - \tau^i \quad i=0,1,\dots,N-1 \quad (2.2.11)$$

Proof

Under the conditions of the Lemma, minimization of the expectation of  $(Q-i)$  conditioned on  $(\tilde{\tau}^i < t_j)$  is an identical problem to the minimization of the expectation of  $Q$ . Therefore only  $\{\tilde{\tau}^i\}$  defined by (2.2.11) for some policy  $\tilde{P}$  need be considered, since the same stopping rule should be used following each false alarm.

For  $\epsilon > 0$  arbitrarily small,  $\exists \hat{P}$  such that when this is used to generate  $\{\tilde{\tau}^1\}$

$$E(Q^{-n} | \tilde{\tau}^n < t_j, Y_0) = E(Q | Y_0) = Q^0 + \epsilon \quad \forall n, \quad (2.2.12)$$

Now suppose  $\tilde{\tau}^1$  is generated by a policy  $\bar{P}$  and  $\tilde{\tau}^2, \dots, \tilde{\tau}^n$  by  $\hat{P}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(Q | Y_0) &= 1 + E(d(\tilde{\tau}^1 - t_j) I(\tilde{\tau}^1 > t_j) | Y_0) \\ &\quad + (Q^0 + \epsilon) P(\tilde{\tau}^1 < t_j | Y_0) \\ &= 1 + Q^0 E(C(\tilde{\tau}^1) | Y_0) + \epsilon P(\tilde{\tau}^1 < t_j | Y_0) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.13)$$

where the parameter  $c$  is given in (2.2.8)

If  $\bar{P} = \hat{P}$ ,  $E(Q | Y_0) = Q^0 + \epsilon$ , so  $1 + Q^0 E(C(\tilde{\tau}^1) | Y_0) \leq Q^0 + \epsilon$

If  $\bar{P}$  is defined by (2.2.10),  $Q^0 E(C(\tilde{\tau}^1) | Y_0)$  is minimized so again

$$1 + Q^0 E(C(\tilde{\tau}^1) | Y_0) \leq Q^0 + \epsilon$$

As  $\epsilon$  is arbitrarily small,

$$1 + Q^0 E(C(\tilde{\tau}^1) | Y_0) \leq Q^0 \quad (2.2.14)$$

Now choose  $\hat{P}$  also to be the policy defined by (2.2.10), and  $\epsilon$  to be the appropriate value in (2.2.12). From (2.2.13), using (2.2.12) and (2.2.14)

$$\begin{aligned} Q^0 + \epsilon &= 1 + Q^0 E(C(\tilde{\tau}^1) | Y_0) + \epsilon P(\tilde{\tau}^1 < t_j | Y_0) \\ &\leq Q^0 + \epsilon P(\tilde{\tau}^1 < t_j | Y_0) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $P(\tilde{\tau}^1 < t_j | Y_0) < 1$ , it follows that  $\epsilon = 0$ , and optimality of  $\hat{P}$  follows from (2.2.12).  $\square$

#### Remark

If  $y_t$  is of the form

$$dy_t = (\alpha + \beta I(t \geq t_j)) dt + dW_t \quad (2.2.15)$$

where  $W_t$  is a Wiener process, then there is a one to one

mapping relating  $y_t$  to the process  $\hat{y}_t$  where

$$\hat{y}_t = y_t - y_{\tilde{\tau}^i} \quad \forall t \in (\tilde{\tau}^i, \tilde{\tau}^{i+1}], \quad i=0,1,\dots \quad (\tilde{\tau}^0 \triangleq 0) \quad (2.2.16)$$

$\hat{y}_t$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2.2, which then defines the optimal detection rule for cost  $Q$ , if a solution exists for the formulation (2.2.1). Alternatively if  $y_t$  is generated by a more complicated stochastic system, and at each alarm time the state of the system is reset to  $y_0$ , Lemma 2.2 again holds. As is argued later, the effect of the initial condition  $y_{\tilde{\tau}^i}$  may not be very important in practice.

4) An alternative approach proposed by Shiryaev [1] is to minimize the expected delay time in detecting a disorder,  $E((\tilde{\tau}-t_j)I(\tilde{\tau}>t_j)|Y_0)$  while constraining the maximum permitted false alarm probability,  $P(\tilde{\tau}<t_j|Y_0)$ . This is referred to in [2,12] as the "Variational Formulation".

In the situation described above, if the conditions of Lemma 2.2 hold and  $\{\tilde{\tau}^i\}$  is a sequence of stopping times defined by (2.2.11) for some  $\tilde{P}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} P(\tilde{\tau}^1 < t_j | Y_0) &= P(\tilde{\tau}^2 < t_j | \tau^1 < t_j, Y_0) = \dots \\ &\dots P(\tilde{\tau}^{m+1} < t_j | \tilde{\tau}^m < t_j, Y_0) = p, \text{ say} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2.17)$$

$$\text{Then } E(N-1|Y_0) = p(1+p(1+p(\dots))) = \frac{p}{1-p} \quad (2.2.18)$$

Therefore constraining the false alarm probability is equivalent to constraining the expected number of false alarms  $(N-1)$ .

b) With no a-priori information about  $t_j$

1) In [1], Shiryaev proposes an approach which avoids the need for a-priori information about  $t_j$ . The mean delay time in detecting a disorder is minimized while the mean time

between false alarms with no disorder present is constrained to be no less than a given value. In the case considered, the solution to this problem turns out to be a limiting case of the solution to the formulation (2.2.1) as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  (see section 2.4).

2) Willsky and others [4,7,8] have proposed approaches based on likelihood ratios in which no explicit assumption is made about the distribution of  $t_j$ . A single parameter is then chosen to balance false alarm frequency and detection delay.

### 2.3 Observation processes without dynamics

Disorder problems have been investigated both where the process  $y_t$  is a counting process [10,11], and where  $y_t$  is a process related to  $I(t \geq t_j)$  with additive noise. The second case is of most interest here. In this section results concerning the situation

$$dy_t = rI(t \geq t_j) + dW_t \quad 0 < r < \infty, \quad (2.3.1)$$

$W_t$  a Wiener process independent of  $t_j$  are discussed. The distribution

$$P(t \geq t_j | t_j > 0, Y_0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \quad (2.3.2)$$

is assumed, and except where explicitly stated,  $P(t_j = 0 | Y_0)$  is taken to be zero.

$$\text{Defining } M_t = I(t \geq t_j) - \int_0^t \lambda(1 - I(u \geq t_j)) du \quad (2.3.3)$$

$M_t$  is a Martingale (this follows from the proof of Lemma 2.2 for example). Then, as in [14], the non-linear filtering equations (see Appendix 1) may be applied to the equations

$$dI(t \geq t_j) = \lambda(1 - I(t \geq t_j))dt + dM_t \quad (2.3.4)$$

$$dy_t = rI(t \geq t_j)dt + dW_t \quad (2.3.5)$$

to obtain

$$\pi_t = P(t \geq t_j | Y_t) = E(I(t \geq t_j) | Y_t) \quad (2.3.6)$$

$$d\pi_t = \lambda(1-\pi_t)dt + r\pi_t(1-\pi_t)dv_t \quad (2.3.7)$$

where the innovations process  $v_t$  (a Wiener process) is defined by

$$dv_t = dy_t - \pi_t r dt \quad (2.3.8)$$

It is sufficient to consider optimal detection rules with cost function (2.2.2) since Lemma 2.1 implies these are optimal with cost function (2.2.1).

Let  $t_0$  be an arbitrary stopping time and define

$$q(\tilde{\pi}) = \inf_{\tilde{t}_{t_0}} E(-\lambda(\tilde{t}_{t_0} - t_0) + (\lambda+c) \int_{t_0}^{\tilde{t}_{t_0}} \pi_u du | Y_{t_0}) \Big|_{\pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}} \quad (2.3.9)$$

Note that because of the form of (2.3.2) and the Markov property of  $\pi_t$ ,  $q$  is only a function of  $\tilde{\pi}$ .

$$\text{Define } \tau = \inf\{t \geq 0 : q(\pi_t) \geq 0\} \quad (2.3.10)$$

$\tau$  is the optimal stopping time with cost function  $C(\tilde{\tau})$  or  $K(\tilde{\tau})$  as shown below.

For any  $\mathcal{Y}_t^R$ -stopping time  $\tilde{\tau} \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) &= E(K(\tilde{\tau} \wedge \tau) | Y_0) \\ &\quad + E[E(-\lambda(\tilde{\tau} - \tau) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tau}^{\tilde{\tau}} \pi_u du | Y_{\tau}, \tau) I(\tilde{\tau} \geq \tau) | Y_0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } E(-\lambda(\tilde{\tau} - \tau) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tau}^{\tilde{\tau}} \pi_u du | Y_{\tau}, \tau) \geq 0 \text{ for } \tilde{\tau} \geq \tau$$

by definition of  $\tau$  (2.3.10) and of  $q(\cdot)$  (2.3.9).

$$\text{Therefore } E(K(\tilde{\tau} \wedge \tau) | Y_0) \leq E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) \quad (2.3.11)$$

$$\text{Also } E(K(\tilde{\tau} \vee \tau) | Y_0) = E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0)$$

$$+ E[E(-\lambda(\tau - \tilde{\tau}) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tilde{\tau}}^{\tau} \pi_u du | Y_{\tilde{\tau}}) I(\tau \geq \tilde{\tau}) | Y_0]$$

$$\text{and } E(-\lambda(\tau - \tilde{\tau}) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tilde{\tau}}^{\tau} \pi_u du | Y_{\tilde{\tau}}) \leq 0 \text{ if } \tau \geq \tilde{\tau}$$

by definition of  $\tau$  (2.3.10).

$$\text{Therefore } E(K(\tilde{\tau} \vee \tau) | \mathcal{Y}_0) \leq E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | \mathcal{Y}_0) \quad (2.3.12)$$

Since  $\tilde{\tau}$  here is an arbitrary stopping time, (2.3.11) and (2.3.12) together imply

$$\begin{aligned} E(K(\tau) | \mathcal{Y}_0) &= E(K(\tau \wedge [\tau \vee \tilde{\tau}]) | \mathcal{Y}_0) \\ &\leq E(K(\tilde{\tau}) | \mathcal{Y}_0) \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.13)$$

This shows the required optimality of  $\tau$ . Note that  $\tau$  is a  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ -stopping time, that is, it is not randomized.

Next it is shown that  $\tau$  is the first crossing time of a threshold value by  $\pi_t$ . For  $t_0$  an arbitrary stopping time

$$\begin{aligned} \text{define } K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) &= -\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_0) + (\lambda + c)(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_0 \vee t_j) I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_j) \\ &\text{for } \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.14)$$

$$\text{Then } q(\pi_{t_0}) = E(K_{t_0}(\tau) | \mathcal{Y}_{t_0}, \tau \geq t_0) = E(K_{t_0}(\tau) | \pi_{t_0}, \tau \geq t_0) \quad (2.3.15)$$

from (2.3.9).  $\mathcal{Y}_{t_0}$  may be replaced in this way since  $\pi_t$  is a Markov process.

If  $\pi_{t_0} = \hat{\pi}$ , say and  $\tau \geq t_0$ ,  $\tau$  is given by some policy (see section 2.1)

$$P: (y_u; u \leq t_0) \mapsto \tau^P \quad (2.3.16)$$

Suppose this policy is used in fact when  $\pi_{t_0} = \hat{\pi}$ . Then  $\exists \tilde{\Phi}, \tilde{\Psi}$  such that

$$E(K_{t_0}(\tau^P) | \pi_{t_0} = \hat{\pi}) = \tilde{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\pi} + \tilde{\Psi} \cdot (1 - \hat{\pi}) \quad (2.3.17)$$

i.e.  $\tilde{\Phi} = E(K_{t_0}(\tau^P) | t_j \leq t_0)$ ;  $\tilde{\Psi} = E(K_{t_0}(\tau^P) | t_j > t_0)$

$\tilde{\Phi} \geq 0$  from (2.3.14). As  $q(\pi) \leq 0$  (consider  $\tilde{\tau} = t_0$  in (2.2.2))

it follows from figure 2.3.1 that  $\tilde{\Psi} \leq 0$ .

Also by definition,

$$q(\hat{\pi}) \leq \tilde{\Phi} \cdot \hat{\pi} + \tilde{\Psi} \cdot (1 - \hat{\pi}) \quad \forall \hat{\pi} \in [0, 1]$$



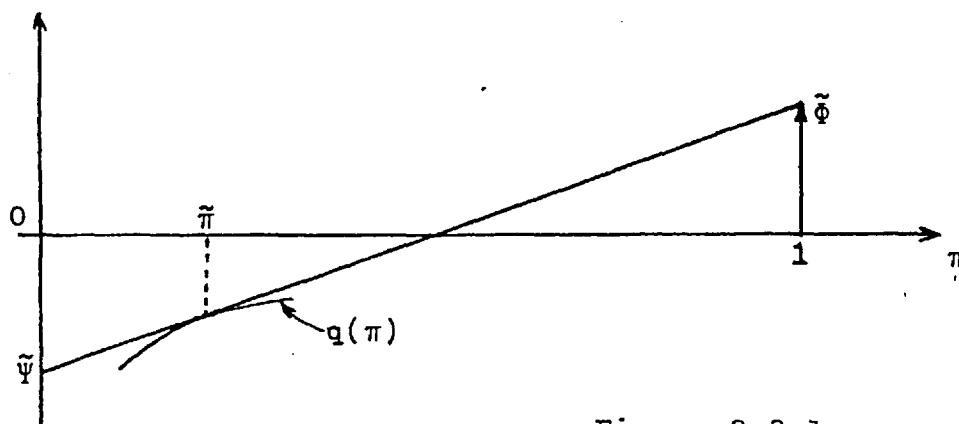


Figure 2.3.1

Let  $\hat{\pi} \equiv \sup\{\pi: q(\pi) < 0\} - \epsilon, \quad \epsilon > 0$

Then  $q(\hat{\pi}) \leq \tilde{\Phi}\hat{\pi} + \tilde{\Psi}(1-\hat{\pi}) \leq \tilde{\Phi}\tilde{\pi} + \tilde{\Psi}(1-\tilde{\pi}) = q(\tilde{\pi}) < 0, \quad \hat{\pi} \leq \tilde{\pi}$

for values of  $\epsilon$  chosen arbitrarily small.

Therefore

$$q(\hat{\pi}) < 0 \quad \forall \hat{\pi} < \sup\{\pi: q(\pi) < 0\} \quad (2.3.18)$$

Now let  $\tilde{\pi} = \sup\{\pi: q(\pi) < 0\}$ , and suppose  $q(\tilde{\pi}) < 0$

By definition of  $\tilde{\pi}$ ,  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  sufficiently small so that

$$0 \leq q(\tilde{\pi} + \epsilon) \leq \tilde{\Phi}\tilde{\pi} + \tilde{\Psi}(1-\tilde{\pi}) + \epsilon(\tilde{\Phi} - \tilde{\Psi}) = q(\tilde{\pi}) + \epsilon(\tilde{\Phi} - \tilde{\Psi}) < 0$$

This contradiction implies that  $q(\tilde{\pi}) = 0$ , and together with (2.3.10) and (2.3.18) it follows that

$$\tau = \inf\{t: \pi_t \geq \pi_\gamma\} \quad \text{for some } \pi_\gamma \in [0, 1]. \quad (2.3.19)$$

Note that, from Lemma 2.1,  $\tau$  is an optimal detection time with both cost functions  $K(\tilde{\tau})$  and  $C(\tilde{\tau})$ .

#### Disorders of unknown magnitude.

Up to now it has been assumed that the dynamics of the system are known before and after the occurrence of a disorder. Here the situation

$$dy_t = \rho I(t \geq t_j) dt + dW_t \quad \rho \geq r > 0 \quad (2.3.20)$$

is considered.

Suppose the detection rule discussed above is implemented, which is optimal if  $\rho=r$ . Then the process  $\pi_t$  is independent of  $\rho$  up to time  $t_j$  and

$$d\pi_t = \lambda(1-\pi_t)dt + \pi_t(1-\pi_t)r(\rho-\pi_t r)dt + r\pi_t(1-\pi_t)dW_t \quad t \geq t_j \quad (2.3.21)$$

Let  $R_t = \ln(\pi_t/(1-\pi_t))$ . Then

$$dR_t = \lambda(1+e^{-R_t})dt + r(\rho-\frac{1}{2}r)dt + rdW_t \quad (2.3.22)$$

by Itô's differentiation rule.

By monotonicity it follows from (2.3.19) that

$$\tau = \inf\{t: R_t \geq R_\gamma\} \quad \text{for some } R_\gamma \in R$$

For a given sample path of  $W_t$ , let  $\tau^{\tilde{\rho}}$  be the stopping time  $\tau$  if  $\rho=\tilde{\rho}$ . Then from (2.3.22)  $\tau^{\tilde{\rho}} \leq \tau^r$  and so

$$(\tau^{\tilde{\rho}} - t_j)I(\tau^{\tilde{\rho}} > t_j) \leq (\tau^r - t_j)I(\tau^r > t_j)$$

But the event  $(\tau^{\tilde{\rho}} < t_j)$  is independent of  $\rho$ , so that from (2.2.1)

$$E(C(\tau) | Y_0, \rho=\tilde{\rho}) \leq E(C(\tau) | Y_0, \rho=r), \quad \tilde{\rho} \geq r$$

i.e. 
$$\tau = \arg \min_{\tilde{\tau}} \max_{\rho \geq r} E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) \quad (2.3.23)$$

$\tilde{\tau}$  a  $Y_t^R$ -stopping time.

This also holds with  $C(\tilde{\tau})$  replaced by  $K(\tilde{\tau})$ .

#### 2.4 Analysis of the disorder problem without dynamics.

In this section some published results on the disorder problem are briefly described [1,2,3]. It is assumed that (2.3.2) holds. The problem of interest is the determination of the threshold value  $\pi_\gamma$  in (2.3.19).

Define

$$f(\tilde{\pi}) \triangleq E(I(\tau < t_j) + c(\tau - t_j, v t_{j_0})I(\tau > t_j) | \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, \tau \geq t_{j_0}) \quad (2.4.1)$$

(c as in (2.2.1))

Note that since  $\pi_t$  is Markov, and from (2.3.19),  $f(\tilde{\pi})$  is independent of the value of  $t_0$ .

From (2.3.7)

$$d\pi_t = (1-\pi_t)dt + r\pi_t(1-\pi_t)dv_t$$

where  $v_t$  is a Wiener process. Therefore using Itô's differentiation rule,

$$df_t = \left[ \lambda(1-\pi_t) \frac{df(\tilde{\pi})}{d\tilde{\pi}} \Big|_{\tilde{\pi}=\pi_t} + \frac{1}{2} \pi_t^2 (1-\pi_t)^2 r^2 \frac{d^2 f(\tilde{\pi})}{d\tilde{\pi}^2} \Big|_{\tilde{\pi}=\pi_t} \right] dt + \pi_t (1-\pi_t) r \frac{df(\tilde{\pi})}{d\tilde{\pi}} \Big|_{\tilde{\pi}=\pi_t} dv_t \quad (2.4.2)$$

if  $f(\cdot)$  is sufficiently smooth.

But from (2.4.1)

$$\frac{d}{du} E(f(\pi_u) | \pi_t, \tau \geq t) \Big|_{u=t} = -c\pi_t \quad (2.4.3)$$

Taking expectations conditioned on  $\pi_t$  in (2.4.2), and equating with  $-c\pi_t$  gives

$$\lambda(1-\pi) \frac{df(\pi)}{d\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \pi^2 (1-\pi)^2 r^2 \frac{d^2 f(\pi)}{d\pi^2} = -c\pi \quad \pi < \pi_\gamma \quad (2.4.4)$$

and of course

$$f(\pi) = (1-\pi) \quad \text{for } \pi \geq \pi_\gamma \quad (2.4.5)$$

since in (2.4.1)  $\tau=t_0$  in this case.

Assuming in addition that

$$\frac{df(\tilde{\pi})}{d\tilde{\pi}} \Big|_{\tilde{\pi}=\pi_\gamma^-} = \frac{df(\tilde{\pi})}{d\tilde{\pi}} \Big|_{\tilde{\pi}=\pi_\gamma^+} = -1 \quad (2.4.6)$$

(the so-called smooth pasting condition) the function  $f(\pi)$  is uniquely defined by the equations (2.4.4) & (2.4.5).

Now  $f(\tilde{\pi}) = E(C(\tau) | \pi_0 = \tilde{\pi}, Y_0)$

from (2.2.1) and (2.4.1), so that from Lemma 2.1 it follows

that  $q(\tilde{\pi}) = f(\tilde{\pi}) - (1-\tilde{\pi})$

with  $q(\tilde{\pi})$  defined in (2.3.9).

It follows that

$$\pi_Y = \inf\{\tilde{\pi}: f(\tilde{\pi}) \geq 1 - \tilde{\pi}\} \quad (2.4.7)$$

Using this approach, Shiryaev [2] deduces that  $\pi_Y$  is the unique solution of

$$\pi_Y = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \int_h^{\infty} \frac{e^{-z}(z + 2\lambda/r^2)}{z(2 + 2\lambda/r^2)} dz} \quad (2.4.8)$$

$$\int_h^{\infty} \frac{e^{-z}(z + 2\lambda/r^2)}{z(2 + 2\lambda/r^2)} dz = \frac{r^2 e^{-h}}{2c} h(-2\lambda/r^2)$$

The necessary assumptions concerning the smoothness of  $f(\pi)$  for  $\pi \leq \pi_Y$  are justified in [12].

#### Other formulations

a) In [1], Shiryaev shows that optimal detection rules for the "Variational formulation" (see section 2.2) of the problem (2.3.1) are also solutions to the above formulation based on cost function  $C(\tilde{\tau})$  for some choice of  $c > 0$ . With this formulation an acceptable false alarm probability is fixed and a detection rule chosen to minimize the expected delay time  $(\tilde{\tau} - t_j)$ . For this particular problem the threshold value is given simply by

$$\pi_Y = 1 - (\text{acceptable false alarm probability})$$

He also deduces that for  $D(\alpha, \lambda)$  the infimum of expected delay times conditioning on  $\tilde{\tau} \geq t_j$

$$D(\alpha, \lambda) = \inf_{\tilde{\tau}} E(\tilde{\tau} - t_j | \tilde{\tau} \geq t_j) \quad (2.4.9)$$

where the infimum is over  $\mathcal{V}_t^R$ -stopping times such that  $P(\tilde{\tau} < t_j) \leq \alpha > 0$ , and where  $\lambda$  is the parameter in the distribution for  $t_j$  (2.3.2), then

$$D(\alpha, \lambda) + \frac{2}{r^2} [\exp(2t/r^2) (-\text{Ei}(-2T/r^2)) - 1 + \frac{2T}{r^2} \int_0^\infty \exp(-2Tz/r^2) \frac{\ln(1+z)}{z} dz] \quad (2.4.10)$$

as  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  such that  $\frac{1-\alpha}{\lambda} = T$  (fixed)

Here,  $-\text{Ei}(-y) = e^{-y} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-z}}{y+z} dz$

and  $T$  is the limiting value as  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  of the mean time between false alarms with no disorder present if the detection procedure is used repeatedly.

In [1] Shiryaev shows that, with some restrictions, this is the best expected delay time that may be achieved by a stopping rule having mean time between false alarms not less than  $T$ . Using this formulation the need for an a-priori distribution for  $t_j$  is avoided.

b) Bather [3] considers the multi-stage problem of minimizing  $E(Q|Y_0)$  where  $Q$  is defined in (2.2.7). Using a similar approach to that described at the beginning of this section, he deduces that for his problem the optimal solution is to stop (for an "inspection") at each time that  $\pi_t = \pi_\gamma$  (the process  $\pi_t$  being reset to zero each time a false alarm occurs) where

$$\pi_\gamma = \frac{a}{1+a} \quad (2.4.11)$$

$$\frac{1}{a} = 2 \int_0^a x^{-2\lambda-1} \exp(2\lambda/x) \int_0^x y^{2\lambda} \exp(-2\lambda/y) dy dx$$

## 2.5 Detection of disorders in systems with dynamics

The problems considered in the previous section were straightforward due to the simple nature of the observation process and the resulting Markov property of the process  $\pi_t = P(t \geq t_j | Y_t)$ . More complicated problems arise when considering systems with non-trivial dynamics.

Evaluation of the posterior probability of a disorder

First, the usual state-space model is considered.

$$dx_t = A_t x_t dt + q_t dt + G_t dV_t \quad (2.5.1)$$

$$dy_t = H_t x_t dt + dZ_t$$

$$x_t, q_t \in R^n \quad \forall t; \quad y_t, Z_t \in R^m \quad \forall t$$

$V_t, Z_t$  are independent Wiener processes, independent of  $t_j$

$$A_t = A^0, \quad G_t = G^0, \quad H_t = H^0, \quad q_t = q_t^0 \quad \forall t < t_j > 0 \quad (2.5.2)$$

$$A_t = A^1, \quad G_t = G^1, \quad H_t = H^1, \quad q_t = q_t^1 \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (2.5.3)$$

Here  $A^0, G^0, H^0, A^1, G^1, H^1$  are constant matrices and

$q_t^0$  &  $q_t^1$  are control processes known to the observer.

The a-priori distribution  $P(t \geq t_j | t_j > 0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$  is assumed, and  $t_j$  is independent of  $x_0, y_0$ .  $P(t_j \geq 0)$  is known.

Then as before,

$$M_t \triangleq I(t \geq t_j) - \lambda \int_0^t (1 - I(t \geq t_j)) du \quad (2.5.4)$$

is a Martingale, and so the process

$$E \left( \begin{bmatrix} I(t \geq t_j) \\ x_t \end{bmatrix} \middle| y_t \right)$$

may be generated using the non-linear filtering equations (Appendix 1) with (2.5.4), (2.5.1). Note that

$$\pi_t \triangleq P(t \geq t_j | y_t) = E(I(t \geq t_j) | y_t)$$

Then

$$d\pi_t = \lambda(1 - \pi_t)dt +$$

$$[E_t(H^1 x_t I(t \geq t_j)) - E_t[H^1 x_t I(t \geq t_j) + H^0 x_t I(t < t_j)] \pi_t]^T dv_t \quad (2.5.5)$$

where  $E_t(\cdot) = E(\cdot | y_0)$  and  $v_t$  is the innovations process.

In order to use this expression to generate  $\pi_t$  it is necessary to have the estimates  $E_t(x_t I(t \geq t_j))$  &  $E_t(x_t I(t < t_j))$ .

If  $x_t$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_t$  measurable, (2.5.5) provides a feasible approach to the evaluation of  $\pi_t$ . Otherwise the non-linear filtering equations must be applied again to obtain the necessary estimates, but this in turn requires further estimates to be provided. In fact

$$E_t(x_t I(t \geq t_j)), E_t(x_t x_t^T I(t \geq t_j)), E_t(x_t x_t^T x_t I(t \geq t_j)), \dots$$

$$E_t(x_t I(t < t_j)), E_t(x_t x_t^T I(t < t_j)), E_t(x_t x_t^T x_t I(t < t_j)), \dots$$

are required- that is infinite sequences of estimates. A natural approach would be to truncate these sequences in some way. This is discussed in [13], but it is not clear how it should be done.

A class of system for which  $\pi_t$  may be obtained by finite dimensional filtering has the following form

$$dv_t = \begin{bmatrix} J & B \\ D_t & F_t \end{bmatrix} v_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} u_t \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} dW_t \quad (2.5.6)$$

$$\text{Observations } y_t = [0 : I_m] v_t$$

$v_t$  is an  $n$  dimensional process ( $n > m$ )

$J$  is an  $(n-m) \times (n-m)$  constant matrix,  $B$  a constant matrix

$$D_t = D^0, F_t = F^0, z_t = z_t^0 \quad (D^0, F^0 \text{ constant matrices, } z_t^0 \text{ a known process}) \quad \forall t < t_j$$

$$D_t^1 = D^1, F_t = F^1, z_t = z_t^1 \quad (D^1, F^1 \text{ constant matrices, } z_t^1 \text{ a known process}) \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

$W_t$  is an  $m$  dimensional Wiener process

$u_t$  is a  $(n-m)$  dimensional known process

Again  $t_j$  is distributed so that (2.5.4) holds, and is independent of  $W_t$  and of  $v_0$ .

$v_0$  is assumed given so that  $v_t$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ -measurable, since

$$dv_t = \begin{bmatrix} J & B \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} v_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} u_t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} dy_t \quad (2.5.7)$$

A particular example of such systems is the autoregression

$$dv_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline & & r^T & & 1 \end{bmatrix} v_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} u_t \\ - \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ - \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} dw_t \quad (2.5.8)$$

$$r_t = r^0, \quad z_t = z_t^0 \quad \forall t < t_j$$

$$r_t = r^1, \quad z_t = z_t^1 \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

where  $u_t, z_t^0, z_t^1$  are known.

In addition it is shown in chapter 3 how a natural sub-optimal approach to the detection problem for the system (2.5.1) may be constructed based on (2.5.6).

#### Optimal stopping rules

In order to construct an optimal stopping time, in the sense of the cost functions defined in section 2.2, it is necessary to have some a-priori information about the controls  $u_t, z_t^0, z_t^1, q_t^0, q_t^1$  in (2.5.1) or (2.5.6). For simplicity, only the case in which these take constant, known values is considered. With system (2.5.6) for example,  $(\pi, v)_t$  is then a Markov process. In chapter 3, the corresponding optimal stopping rule is developed.

#### Approaches to the detection of disorders in general systems

Although in many cases it is not possible to construct optimal detection rules for disorders occurring in dynamical systems (because this involves infinite dimensional filtering as described above) several practical approaches have been proposed [4,5,9 for example]. The problem is of some practical



interest, especially in the aerospace and inertial navigation fields [5,8,9]. Mostly this work concerns the discrete time version of the problem, and since this clarifies the way in which the infinite dimensional filtering problem arises a first order example is given here.

Consider the system

$$x_{k+1} = ax_k + (b + \delta I(k \geq k_j)) + w_k \quad (2.5.9)$$

$$y_k = x_k + v_k$$

where  $x_k, y_k$  are scalar processes

$a, b, \delta \in R$  are constant,  $\delta \neq 0, |a| < 1$

$x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, r_0)$

$w_k, v_k$  are sequences of normal independent zero mean random variables such that  $Ew_k^2 = Ev_k^2 = 1 \quad \forall k$

$k_j$  (the time of appearance of the disorder) is independent of  $w_k, v_k \quad \forall k$  and of  $x_0$

$$P(k \geq k_j) = 1 - \lambda^k \quad (2.5.10)$$

By Kalman filtering the a-posteriori distribution of the state  $x_k$ , conditioned on observations  $y_0, \dots, y_{k-1}$  and the event  $k_j = i$  may be obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } \hat{x}_{k|k-1}^{(i)} &= E(x_k | k_j = i, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}) \\ r_k &= E([x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k-1}^{(i)}]^2 | k_j = i, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{k-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.5.11)$$

In this example,  $r_k$  is independent of  $i$ .

$$\text{Then if } y_k = \hat{x}_{k|k-1}^{(i)} + v_k^{(i)}$$

$v_k^{(k_j)}$  is a sequence of independent normal random variables of zero mean and variance  $1 + r_k$ .

$$\text{Defining } P_k^{(i)} = P(k = i | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) \quad (2.5.12)$$

$$\text{then } P_k^{(i)} = f_k(v_k^{(i)}) \cdot \frac{1}{N} \cdot P_{k-1}^{(i)} \quad (2.5.13)$$

using Bayes' Theorem, where  $f_k(\cdot)$  is the probability density function associated with the distribution  $N(0, r_k + 1)$ , and  $N$  is a normalizing factor eliminated by imposing the condition

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P_k^{(i)} = 1.$$

At each time step  $k$ ,  $v_k^{(i)}$  will have the same value  $\forall i > k$ .

However, for each  $i \leq k$ , it will be necessary to use (2.5.13) separately to obtain  $P_k^{(i)}$ .

$$\text{Then } P(k_j \leq k | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P_k^{(i)} \quad (2.5.14)$$

The computational load of evaluating this increases linearly with time  $k$ , as does the memory requirement. Since  $k_j$  is unbounded, implementation of an "optimal" detection rule involving the disorder probability would require an infinitely powerful computer.

However (in this case)

$$v_k^{(i)} - v_k^{(j)} = a(v_{k-1}^{(i)} - v_{k-1}^{(j)}) \quad |a| < 1$$

$$\text{so } v_k^{(i)} - v_k^{(j)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore it is reasonable to suppose that a good sub-optimal policy could be constructed by approximating  $v_k^{(i)}$  as  $k-i$  becomes large in such a way that only a finite number of terms need be updated independently.

Much of the work reported in the survey paper [4] deals with methods of approximating jump probabilities (or equivalently likelihoods) by exploiting this type of structure. Many of the contributions which have appeared on failure detection problems in practical situations deal with sudden jumps in the system state rather than in the parameters [e.g. 5,6]. The filtering problems which arise are then similar, but there is an important difference in

that the evidence of such a disorder in the observations will not continue indefinitely. Because of this, the performance of detection schemes is then often discussed in terms of "missed alarms" rather than of delay times. Other contributions [e.g. 7,8] deal with "sensor" and "actuator" failures which are permanent and correspond more closely to the problem considered here.

In [5,6] for example, state estimates and jump probabilities corresponding to jump times long before the current time are "fused" into a single representative value. Disorders may only be considered to occur at intervals of several sampling periods. In [7] sequential probability ratio tests are used repeatedly to test the hypothesis that a disorder is present. The possibility that the disorder appeared at any time other than the start of one of these tests is ignored.

Simulations carried out on the various approaches suggested in [4] indicates good performance in the particular situations for which they were proposed. Also in [4] the issue of the robustness of these detection rules is indicated as requiring further investigation. In chapters 4 and 5 these aspects are considered.

A simple approach [4, ref 24] to avoiding excessive complexity is to use a single state estimate for all possible disorder times  $k_j$  before the current time, based on "steady-state" Kalman filtering for the post-jump system model. This is reported to work well, and seems a natural approach where detection times are typically long compared with the system time constants - an inevitable situation when trying to detect small jumps in parameters without too many false alarms.

In [8] a sub-optimal solution to a problem similar to one considered by Shiryaev [1] (the discrete time version of the situation described in section 2.3) is proposed.

Davis, in [14] looks at a continuous time problem similar to that described in this section. He considers an approximation to the infinite dimensional filtering equations which involves using for  $E_t(x_t)$  in equation (2.5.5) the value calculated assuming  $t < t_j$ . The approximation seems reasonable if it is expected that detection times will be typically small compared with system time constants.

In this chapter, results are given concerning the existence and properties of optimal detection rules in the case of systems with dynamics of the form (2.5.6). In addition, it is shown how the methods of [16] may be used to generate these detection rules.

A natural suboptimal approach is suggested which avoids the need for extensive computation at the design stage. The increase in the expected cost when using this detection rule is discussed.

An approach to the detection of disorders in the more general system (2.5.1) is also suggested. This is related to the methods proposed in [4 ref.24] for discrete time systems.

The problem of detecting parameter jumps to unknown values is considered briefly, and the study in chapters 4 & 5 of the robustness of detection rules designed for known disorders is motivated.

### 3.1 Optimal detection rules

The first part of this section follows the arguments of section 2.3, but for  $y_t$  generated by a more complicated stochastic differential equation. Because of this,  $\pi_t$  is no longer a Markov process. The cost function  $K(\tilde{\tau})$  defined in (2.2.2) is used, but Lemma 2.1 relates this to the cost  $C(\tilde{\tau})$  when the usual distribution for  $t_j$  holds.

In order to show that the optimal stopping time is the first time of entry of the process  $(\pi_t, v_t)$  into a closed set (Theorem 3.1) it is necessary to derive a continuity result. To do this, an approximating problem is considered in which

there are only a finite number of possible values for the optimal stopping time. This enables a dynamic programming approach to be used (Lemma 3.3).

Some results needed in later chapters are given in Theorem 3.2. In addition, it is shown in Definition (3.1.19) how if certain conditions are satisfied the process  $\pi_t$  may be replaced by one which is generated by an ordinary differential equation in the definition of the optimal detection rule.

The problem of interest here is that of the system defined in (2.5.6) with a more general a-priori distribution for the jump time  $t_j$ . This generalization is useful in chapter 4.

$$dv_t = \begin{bmatrix} J & B \\ D_t & F_t \end{bmatrix} v_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} u \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} dW_t \quad (3.1.1)$$

$$\text{Observations: } y_t = [0 : I_m] v_t$$

$v_t$  is an  $n$  dimensional process ( $n \geq m$ )

$J$  is an  $(n-m) \times (n-m)$  constant matrix,  $B$  is constant

$$D_t = D^0, F_t = F^0, z_t = z^0 \quad (D^0, F^0, z^0 \text{ constant}) \quad \forall t < t_j$$

$$D_t = D^1, F_t = F^1, z_t = z^1 \quad (D^1, F^1, z^1 \text{ constant}) \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

$W_t$  is an  $m$  dimensional Wiener process

$u$  is a constant  $(n-m)$  dimensional vector

$t_j \geq 0$  is a random variable such that

$$dI(t \geq t_j) = \rho(v_t)(1 - I(t \geq t_j))dt + dM_t \quad (3.1.2)$$

where  $M_t$  is a Martingale orthogonal to  $W_t$  and  $\rho(\cdot)$  is

a bounded non-negative function with bounded derivative.

K.B. Unless otherwise stated it is assumed that  $P(t_j = 0 | y_0) = 0$ .

$y_0$  is assumed given, so that  $v_t$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ -measurable.

The cost function considered is that given in (2.2.2).

$$\text{i.e. } K(\bar{\tau}) = -\lambda\bar{\tau} + (\lambda+c)(\bar{\tau}-t_j) \cdot I(\bar{\tau} > t_j) \quad (3.1.3)$$

$\bar{\tau}$  a  $y_t^R$ -stopping time.

$$\text{Define } K_{t_0}(\bar{\tau}_{t_0}) \triangleq -\lambda(\bar{\tau}_{t_0}-t_0) + (\lambda+c)(\bar{\tau}_{t_0}-t_j \vee t_0) \cdot I(\bar{\tau}_{t_0} > t_j)$$

$\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0$  a  $y_t^R$ -stopping time,  $t_0$  an arbitrary stopping time. (3.1.4)

Lemma 2.1 shows that a detection rule which is optimal with cost  $K(\bar{\tau})$  is also optimal with cost  $C(\bar{\tau})$  (2.1.1).

Using the non-linear filtering equations (Appendix 1) for  $\pi_t = E(I(t \geq t_j) | \mathcal{V}_t)$  gives (3.1.5)

$$d\pi_t = \rho(v_t)(1-\pi_t)dt + \pi_t(1-\pi_t)\{[D^1-D^0; F^1-F^0]v_t + z^1-z^0\}dv_t$$

$$\text{where } dv_t = dy_t - \{[D^0 F^0]v_t + z^0\}(1-\pi_t)dt \\ - \{[D^1 F^1]v_t + z^1\}\pi_t dt$$

$$= dW_t + (I(t \geq t_j) - \pi_t)\{[D^1-D^0; F^1-F^0]v_t + z^1-z^0\}dt \quad (3.1.6)$$

$v_t$  the innovations process is a Wiener process.

### Lemma 3.1

$(\pi, v)_t$  is uniquely defined given  $(v_u; u \leq t)$ ,  $(\pi, v)_0$

$(\pi, v)_t$  is a Feller process and therefore a strong Markov process.

### Proof

From (3.1.5)

$$d \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \pi \end{bmatrix}_t = b(\pi_t, v_t)dt + \sigma(\pi_t, v_t)dv_t \quad \text{where } \pi \in [0,1]$$

$$\text{and } b(\pi, v) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \begin{bmatrix} J & B \\ D^0 & F^0 \end{bmatrix} v + \begin{bmatrix} u \\ z^0 \end{bmatrix} + \pi \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ D^1-D^0 & F^1-F^0 \end{bmatrix} v + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z^1-z^0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ \hline \lambda(1-\pi) \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sigma(\pi, v) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \\ \pi(1-\pi)\{[D^1-D^0; F^1-F^0]v + z^1-z^0\} \end{bmatrix}$$

For this proof, if  $M \in R^{n \times m}$ ,  $\|M\| \triangleq \sqrt{(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m M_{ij}^2)}$

$\exists K < \infty$  s.t.

$$\|b(\pi, v)\| \leq K(1 + \left\| \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \pi \end{bmatrix} \right\|) \quad ; \quad \|\sigma(\pi, v)\| \leq K(1 + \left\| \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \pi \end{bmatrix} \right\|)$$

and for any  $N > 0$ ,  $\exists K_N < \infty$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| b(\pi, v) - b(\pi', v') \right\| &\leq K_N \left\| \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \pi \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} v' \\ \pi' \end{bmatrix} \right\| \\ \left\| \sigma(\pi, v) - \sigma(\pi', v') \right\| &\leq K_N \left\| \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \pi \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} v' \\ \pi' \end{bmatrix} \right\| \end{aligned} \quad \text{for } \left\| \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \pi \end{bmatrix} \right\|, \left\| \begin{bmatrix} v' \\ \pi' \end{bmatrix} \right\| \leq N$$

Then [17, Theorem 5.2.2] gives the uniqueness of  $(\pi, v)_t$  given  $(v_u, u \leq t)$ ,  $(\pi, v)_0$

[17, Theorem 5.3.6] gives the Feller and Strong Markov property of  $(\pi, v)_t$  □

### Definition

For an arbitrary stopping time  $t_0$

$$h^*(\pi, v) \triangleq \inf_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq 0} E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}) \quad (3.1.7)$$

where  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}$  is a  $y_t^R$ -stopping time

$$\text{Then } h^*(\pi, v) = \inf_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq 0} E(-\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} (c + \lambda)\pi_u du | y_{t_0})$$

from (3.1.4).

Note that  $h^*$  is independent of the value of  $t_0$  chosen.

$$\text{Define } \tau_{t_0} \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0; h^*(\pi_t, v_t) \geq 0\} \quad (3.1.8)$$

### Lemma 3.2

$$E(K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0}) | y_{t_0}) \leq E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | y_{t_0}) \quad \forall y_t^R\text{-stopping times } \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0 \quad (3.1.9)$$



Proof (c.f. section 2.3)

$$E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) = E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge \tau_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) \\ + E[E(-\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - \tau_{t_0}) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tau_{t_0}}^{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} \pi_u du | y_{\tau_{t_0}}) \cdot I(\tau_{t_0} \leq \tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | y_{t_0}]$$

But  $E[-\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - \tau_{t_0}) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tau_{t_0}}^{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} \pi_u du | y_{\tau_{t_0}}] \geq 0$  if  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq \tau_{t_0}$

by the definition of  $\tau_{t_0}$  (3.1.8).

Therefore  $E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge \tau_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) \leq E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})|y_{t_0})$  (3.1.9)

Also,  $E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \vee \tau_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) = E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) \\ + E[E(-\lambda(\tau_{t_0} - \tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}}^{\tau_{t_0}} \pi_u du | y_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}}) \cdot I(\tau_{t_0} \geq \tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | y_{t_0}]$

But  $E[-\lambda(\tau_{t_0} - \tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) + (\lambda+c) \int_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}}^{\tau_{t_0}} \pi_u du | y_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}}] \leq 0$  if  $\tau_{t_0} \geq \tilde{\tau}_{t_0}$

by definition (3.1.8)

So  $E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \vee \tau_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) \leq E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})|y_{t_0})$  (3.1.10)

Combining (3.1.9) and (3.1.10) (since  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}$  is an arbitrary stopping time)

$$E(K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) = E(K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0} \wedge [\tau_{t_0} \vee \tilde{\tau}_{t_0}])|y_{t_0}) \\ \leq E(K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})|y_{t_0}) \quad \square$$

It follows from Lemma 3.2 that only non-randomized stopping times need be considered, i.e.  $\tau_{t_0}$  is a  $y_t$ -stopping time. Since  $K(\tilde{\tau}) = K_0(\tilde{\tau})$ , the optimal stopping time for the cost function (3.1.3) is

$$\tau \triangleq \inf\{t: h^*(\pi_t, v_t) \geq 0\} \quad (3.1.11)$$

It follows from (3.1.8) that  $\tau = \tau_{t_0}$  if  $\tau \geq t_0$  (3.1.12)

Also  $h^*(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}) = E(K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0}) | \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v})$  from (3.1.7) (3.1.13)

Definitions

$$K_{t_0}^N(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \triangleq -\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge N\Delta - t_0) + (\lambda+c)(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}^+ - t_j^- v_{t_0}) \cdot I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}^+ > t_j^-) \quad (3.1.14)$$

where, if  $\Lambda \triangleq \{i\Delta: i=0,1,\dots,\infty\}$ ,  $\Delta > 0$

$$t^+ \triangleq \inf\{u \in \Lambda: u \geq t\}$$

$$t^- \triangleq t^+ - 1$$

$\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0$  is a  $\mathcal{Y}_{t_0}^R$ -stopping time

$\lambda, c, t_0$  as before

$$h^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i) \triangleq \inf_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0} E(K_{t_0}^N(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}, t_0 = i\Delta), \quad i=0,1,2,\dots \quad (3.1.15)$$

Lemma 3.3

$h^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i)$  is continuous in  $\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}$  for each  $i=0,1,2,\dots$

Proof

First, from (3.1.14),  $h^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i) = 0$  for  $i \geq N$

In (3.1.15) only stopping times taking values in  $\Lambda$  need be considered since  $K_{t_0}^N(\tau_{t_0}^+) \leq K_{t_0}^N(\tau_{t_0})$

It follows that  $h^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i) = \hat{h}^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i)$  defined by  $\hat{h}^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, N) = 0$

and 
$$\hat{h}^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i) = \min\{0, E(\hat{h}^N(\pi_{(i+1)\Delta}, v_{(i+1)\Delta}, i+1)$$

$$-\lambda + (\lambda+c)\pi_{(i+1)\Delta} | \pi_{i\Delta} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{i\Delta} = \tilde{v})\}$$

since otherwise a stopping rule giving lower expected cost is provided by

$$\tau_{t_0} = \inf\{t \in \Lambda: \hat{h}^N(\pi_t, v_t, t/\Delta) \geq 0\}$$

So if  $h^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i+1)$  is continuous in  $\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}$ , so is  $h^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, i)$ ,

using the Feller property (Lemma 3.1). Note that for each  $i$ ,

$h^N$  is bounded above by zero and below by  $-N\lambda\Delta$ . The required

result now follows by induction.  $\square$

Lemma 3.4

$$h^N(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}, 0) \downarrow h^*(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}) \text{ as } N\Delta \rightarrow \infty, \Delta \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.1.16)$$

Proof

Firstly, from (3.1.4) & (3.1.14)

$$K_o^N(\tilde{\tau}_o) \geq K_o(\tilde{\tau}_o) \quad \forall \mathcal{V}_t^R\text{-stopping times } \tilde{\tau}_o$$

$$\text{Next, } K_o^N(\tilde{\tau}_o) = K_o^\infty(\tilde{\tau}_o) + \lambda(\tilde{\tau}_o - \tilde{\tau}_o \wedge (N\Delta))$$

and by (3.1.4) & (3.1.14)

$$K_o^\infty(\tilde{\tau}_o) \leq K_o(\tilde{\tau}_o) + 2(\lambda+c)\Delta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } E(K_o^N(\tilde{\tau}_o) | \pi_o = \tilde{\pi}, v_o = \tilde{v}) &\leq E(K_o(\tilde{\tau}_o) | \pi_o = \tilde{\pi}, v_o = \tilde{v}) \\ &\quad + E(\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_o - \tilde{\tau}_o \wedge (N\Delta)) | \pi_o = \tilde{\pi}, v_o = \tilde{v}) + 2(\lambda+c)\Delta \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.17)$$

Set  $\tilde{\tau}_o = \tau_o$  defined in (3.1.8). Note that by optimality of  $\tau_o$

and since  $E(t_j | \pi_o = \tilde{\pi}, v_o = \tilde{v}) < \infty$ ,

$$E(\lambda(\tau_o - \tau_o \wedge (N\Delta)) | \pi_o = \tilde{\pi}, v_o = \tilde{v}) \downarrow 0 \text{ as } N\Delta \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore from (3.1.17)

$$E(K_o^N(\tau_o) | \pi_o = \tilde{\pi}, v_o = \tilde{v}) \downarrow E(K_o(\tau_o) | \pi_o = \tilde{\pi}, v_o = \tilde{v})$$

as  $N\Delta \rightarrow \infty, \Delta \rightarrow 0$ .

(3.1.16) follows from the definition of  $h^N$  and (3.1.13).  $\square$

Theorem 3.1

The set  $\{(\pi, v) : h^*(\pi, v) \geq 0\}$  is closed.

Proof

Suppose  $(\pi^i, v^i) \in \{(\pi, v) : h^*(\pi, v) \geq 0\} \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}^+$

and  $(\pi^i, v^i)$  has limit point  $(\bar{\pi}, \bar{v})$ .

Then Lemma 3.3 implies that  $h^N(\bar{\pi}, \bar{v}, 0) \geq 0 \quad \forall N, \Delta$

But from Lemma 3.4

$$h^N(\bar{\pi}, \bar{v}, 0) \rightarrow h^*(\bar{\pi}, \bar{v}) \text{ as } N\Delta \rightarrow \infty, \Delta \rightarrow 0$$

establishing the theorem.  $\square$

Definitions

$$R_t \triangleq \ln(\pi_t / (1 - \pi_t)) \quad (3.1.18)$$

Suppose  $(F^1 - F^0)$  is symmetric in (3.1.1) and let

$$x_t \triangleq [I_{n-m} : 0]v_t, \quad y_t \triangleq [0 : I_m]v_t$$

In this case,

$$S_t \triangleq \ln \left[ \frac{\pi_t}{1 - \pi_t} \right] - y_t^T (D^1 - D^0)x_t - \frac{1}{2} y_t^T (F^1 - F^0)y_t - y_t^T (z^1 - z^0) \quad (3.1.19)$$

Using Itô's differentiation rule gives

$$\frac{dS_t}{dt} = \frac{\lambda}{\pi_t} - \frac{1}{2} g_t^T g_t - g_t^T \{ [D^0 : F^0]v_t + z^0 \} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (F^1 - F^0)_{ii} \quad (3.1.20)$$

$$\text{where } g_t \triangleq [D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0]v_t + z^1 - z^0 \quad (3.1.21)$$

Since there is a one to one correspondance between  $(S, v)$  and  $(\pi, v)$  under which any solution of (3.1.6) & (3.1.19) is mapped into a solution of (3.1.6) & (3.1.5), it follows from Lemma 3.1 that (3.1.6) & (3.1.19) has a unique solution.

This provides a simpler implementation for a stopping rule, since no stochastic integral need be evaluated to obtain  $S$ . To avoid handling infinite initial values  $(\pi_0 = 0 \Rightarrow S_0 = -\infty)$  the process  $U_t \triangleq 1/(1 + e^{-S_t})$  could be used instead of  $S_t$ . Note that if  $m=1$ ,  $F^1 - F^0$  is trivially symmetric. This condition will also be satisfied in other problems considered later. If  $F^1 - F^0$  is not symmetric it is not in general possible to make a transformation of this sort.

If  $S_t$  is defined

$$h(S, \tilde{v}) \triangleq h^*(\pi(S, \tilde{v}), \tilde{v}) \quad (3.1.22)$$

where  $\pi(S, \tilde{v})$  is defined so that  $\pi_t = \pi(S_t, v_t)$  (see (3.1.19))

i.e.

$$\pi(S, \tilde{v}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-S - \tilde{y}^T (D^1 - D^0) \tilde{x} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{y}^T (F^1 - F^0) \tilde{y} - \tilde{y}^T (z^1 - z^0)]}$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{x} = [I_{n-m} : 0] \tilde{v}; \quad \tilde{y} = [0 : I_m] \tilde{v} \quad (3.1.23)$$

Theorem 3.2

$h^*(\pi, v)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $\pi$  for fixed  $v$ .

$h^*(\pi, v)$  is continuous for fixed  $v$  (except possibly at  $\pi=0$ )

Proof

Consider an arbitrary fixed value of  $v, \tilde{v}$ , and stopping time  $t_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \Phi_{\tilde{\pi}} &= E(K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0}) | t_j \leq t_0, \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}) \\ \Psi_{\tilde{\pi}} &= E(K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0}) | t_j > t_0, \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.24)$$

i.e.  $\Phi_{\tilde{\pi}}$  is the expected cost of using the policy

$P: (v_u, u \geq t_0) \rightarrow \tau_{t_0}^P$  (see section 2.1) which is optimal if

$\pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}$ , conditioned on  $(t_j \leq t_0)$ , while  $\Psi_{\tilde{\pi}}$  is that conditioned on  $(t_j > t_0)$ .

$$\text{Then } h^*(\tilde{\pi}, v) = \Phi_{\tilde{\pi}} \cdot \tilde{\pi} + \Psi_{\tilde{\pi}} \cdot (1 - \tilde{\pi}) \quad (3.1.25)$$

Let  $\hat{h}_{\hat{\pi}}^*(\hat{\pi}, \tilde{v})$  be the expected cost of using this policy if in fact  $\pi_{t_0} = \hat{\pi}$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{h}_{\hat{\pi}}^*(\hat{\pi}, \tilde{v}) &\hat{=} E(K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0}^P) | \pi_{t_0} = \hat{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}) \\ &= \Phi_{\hat{\pi}} \cdot \hat{\pi} + \Psi_{\hat{\pi}} \cdot (1 - \hat{\pi}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.26)$$

$$\text{By optimality } h^*(\pi, \tilde{v}) \leq \hat{h}_{\hat{\pi}}^*(\pi, \tilde{v}) \quad \forall \pi \in [0, 1] \quad (3.1.27)$$

Also  $h^*(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}) = \hat{h}_{\tilde{\pi}}^*(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}) \leq 0$  as  $K_{t_0}(t_0) = 0$

and  $\Phi_{\tilde{\pi}} \geq 0$  since  $t_j \leq t_0 \Rightarrow K_{t_0}(\tilde{v}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \tilde{v} \geq t_0$  (see (3.1.4))

This implies (see Figure 3.1.1) that

$$h^*(\pi, \tilde{v}) \leq h^*(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{v}) \quad \forall \pi < \tilde{\pi}$$

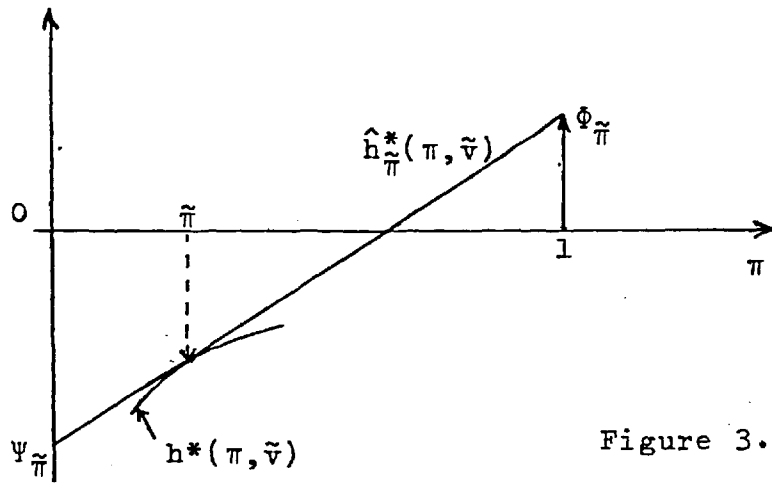


Figure 3.1.1

So  $h^*(\pi, \tilde{v})$  is non-increasing with decreasing  $\pi$  at  $\pi = \tilde{\pi}$ .

Since  $\tilde{\pi}$  is arbitrary,  $h^*(\pi, \tilde{v})$  is non-increasing with decreasing  $\pi \quad \forall \pi \in [0, 1]$ . This proves the first part of the theorem.

Next, suppose  $h^*(\pi, \tilde{v})$  is discontinuous in  $\pi$  for some  $\tilde{v}$  and  $\pi > 0$ . Then  $\exists \pi_1, \pi_2 > 0$  such that

$$h^*(\pi_1, \tilde{v}) > h^*(\pi_2, \tilde{v}) + \delta$$

for some  $\delta > 0$  (fixed) where  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  may be chosen such that

$$|\pi_1 - \pi_2| < \epsilon \text{ for any } \epsilon > 0. \quad (3.1.28)$$

Since  $h^*(\pi_2, \tilde{v}) = \hat{h}_{\pi_2}^*(\pi_2, \tilde{v})$

$$h^*(\pi_1, \tilde{v}) > \hat{h}_{\pi_2}^*(\pi_2, \tilde{v}) + \delta \quad (3.1.29)$$

Choose  $\pi'$  s.t.  $0 < \pi' \leq \min(\pi_1, \pi_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From Figure 3.1.1, } \Phi_{\pi'} &\geq \Phi_{\pi_2} \\ \Psi_{\pi'} &\leq \Psi_{\pi_2} \end{aligned} \quad \forall \pi' \leq \pi_2$$

because  $\hat{h}_{\pi'}^*(\pi_2, \tilde{v}) \geq h^*(\pi_2, \tilde{v})$

$$\text{So } 0 \leq \frac{d\hat{h}_{\pi_2}^*}{d\pi}(\pi, \tilde{v}) \leq \Phi_{\pi'} - \Psi_{\pi'} < \infty \quad \forall \pi_2 \geq \pi' > 0$$

Therefore

$$h^*(\pi_1, \tilde{v}) \leq \hat{h}_{\pi_2}^*(\pi_1, \tilde{v}) \leq \hat{h}_{\pi_2}^*(\pi_2, \tilde{v}) + \epsilon \cdot (\Phi_{\pi'} - \Psi_{\pi'})$$

for  $\pi_2, \pi_1 \geq \pi'$ , from (3.1.27) & (3.1.28)

Comparing this with (3.1.29) gives a contradiction since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrarily small while  $\delta > 0$  is fixed. So  $h^*(\pi, \tilde{v})$  is continuous in  $\pi$  for  $\pi > 0$ . □

Corollary 3.2.1

From Theorem 3.2,  $\exists$  a function  $\pi_\gamma(v)$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.

$$h^*(\pi, v) \geq 0 \quad \forall \pi \geq \pi_\gamma(v)$$

Therefore  $\tau_{t_0} = \inf\{t \geq t_0 : \pi_t \geq \pi_\gamma(v_t)\}$  (3.1.30)

□

Corollary 3.2.2

When  $S_t$  is defined,  $h(S, v)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $S$  for fixed  $v$ .

$h(S, v)$  is continuous in  $S$  for fixed  $v$  (except possibly at  $S = -\infty$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{t_0} &= \inf\{t \geq t_0 : h(S_t, v_t) \geq 0\} \\ &= \inf\{t \geq t_0 : S_t \geq S_\gamma(v_t)\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.31)$$

where  $S_\gamma(\tilde{v})$  is defined so that  $\pi_\gamma(\tilde{v}) = \pi(S_\gamma(\tilde{v}), \tilde{v})$  □

Definition

The stopping boundary  $\gamma^R$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^R &\triangleq \{(R, v) : h^*\left(\frac{1}{1+\exp(-R)}, v\right) \geq 0\} \cap \\ &\quad \text{closure}\{(R, v) : h^*\left(\frac{1}{1+\exp(-R)}, v\right) < 0\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.32)$$

and if  $S_t$  is defined (3.1.33)

$$\gamma^S \triangleq \{(S, v) : h(S, v) \geq 0\} \cap \text{closure}\{(S, v) : h(S, v) < 0\}$$

The superscripts are usually omitted as the appropriate definition is clear.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{t_0} &= \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (R, v)_t \in \gamma^R\} \\ &\text{if } R_{t_0} \leq R_\gamma(v_{t_0}) = \ln(\pi_\gamma(v_{t_0}) / (1 - \pi_\gamma(v_{t_0}))) \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_t$  is defined by (3.1.18). A similar result applies for  $\gamma^S$ .

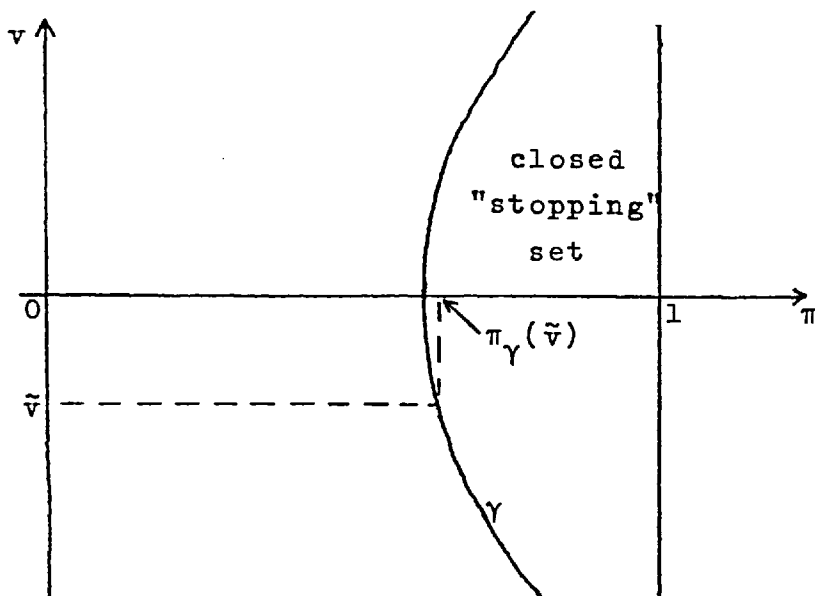


Figure 3.1.2  
1-dimensional  
example

### 3.2 Determination of the stopping boundary

A natural approach to the determination of the stopping boundary  $\gamma$  would be to consider a sequence of approximations of the form (3.1.14). It follows from Lemma 3.4 that

$$h^N(\pi, v, 0) \rightarrow h^*(\pi, v) \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty, \Delta \rightarrow 0.$$

Evaluation of  $h^*(\pi, v)$  would enable the "stopping set" to be determined using the equation (3.1.11). Difficulties might arise however in the solution of the approximating problems by the dynamic programming approach of Lemma 3.3. Firstly it is not clear how best to construct a grid of points in the state space of  $(\pi, v)_t$  so that an approximating finite state process may be constructed. Secondly, a rigorous proof of the convergence of the solutions as the grid size is reduced might be complicated. Thirdly, a great deal of computation would be involved, as a two stage approximation is used.

In [16] a more direct approach is proposed to the solution of optimal stopping problems. This involves the solution of corresponding problems for an approximating sequence of finite-state Markov processes. However in this case the time between successive state transitions of the



approximating process varies dependent on its current state. In this way the first two difficulties mentioned above are overcome, and while the problem still requires considerable computation, one stage of approximation is avoided. Certain conditions do need to be satisfied, but this is possible at least when  $S_t$  is defined (see (3.1.19)).

For the remainder of this chapter  $\rho(v)$  is set equal to  $\lambda$ .

### The approximation

Let the process  $X_t \in R^{n+1} \forall t$  satisfy

$$dX_t = f(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t)dV_t \quad (3.2.1)$$

where  $V_t$  is  $m$  dimensional Wiener process and  $f(\cdot)$ ,  $\sigma(\cdot)$  are  $R^{n+1}$  and  $(n+1) \times m$  matrix valued functions on  $R^{n+1}$ , respectively, satisfying the uniform Lipschitz condition

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(X)\| &\leq K(1+\|X\|), & \|\sigma(X)\| &\leq K(1+\|X\|) \\ \|f(X)-f(X')\| &\leq K\|X-X'\|, & \|\sigma(X)-\sigma(X')\| &\leq K\|X-X'\| \end{aligned} \quad (3.2.2)$$

for some  $K < \infty$ , where  $\|\sigma(\cdot)\|$  is defined

$$\text{by } \|\sigma(x)\| \triangleq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma(x)_{ij}^2}$$

Let  $a(\cdot) = \sigma(\cdot)\sigma(\cdot)^T$ , and suppose that (3.2.3)

$$a_{ii}(x) \geq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} |a_{ij}(x)| \quad \forall x, i=1,2,\dots,n+1$$

Let  $k(\cdot)$  and  $b(\cdot)$  be bounded continuous real valued functions on  $R^n$  and

$$k(x) \geq k_0 \quad \text{for some } k_0 > 0 \quad (3.2.4)$$

Define  $R(x, \tilde{\tau}) = E_x \left[ \int_0^{\tilde{\tau}} k(X_s) ds + b(X_{\tilde{\tau}}) \right]$  (3.2.5)

where  $E_x(\cdot) = E(\cdot | X_0 = x)$ , and  $\tilde{\tau}$  is a stopping time of the  $\sigma$ -field

generated by  $(X_s : s \leq t)$  and, possibly, other random variables independent of  $V_s \forall s$ .

Also, 
$$E_x(\tilde{\tau}) < \infty \quad (3.2.6)$$

Now let  $\xi_i^h, h > 0$  be a Markov chain with state-space

$$\{x \in R^{n+1} : x = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} j(i) \cdot h e_i\} \quad h > 0$$

$\{e_i\}$  an orthonormal basis for  $R^{n+1}$ ,  $j(i)$  integer for  $i=1, \dots, n+1$

$$P(\xi_{i+1}^h = y | \xi_i^h = x) = p^h(x, y) = \bar{Q}_h(x, y) / Q_h(x) \quad (3.2.7)$$

where 
$$\bar{Q}_h(x, x \pm h e_i) = a_{ii}(x) - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} |a_{ij}(x)| + h \cdot f^\pm(x)$$

$$\bar{Q}_h(x, x + h e_i \pm h e_j) = a_{ij}^\pm(x), \quad i \neq j \quad (3.2.8)$$

$$\bar{Q}_h(x, x - h e_i \pm h e_j) = a_{ij}^\mp(x), \quad i \neq j$$

$$\bar{Q}_h(x, y) = 0 \text{ for other } y$$

$$Q_h(x) = 2 \sum_i a_{ii}(x) - \sum_{\substack{i, j \\ i \neq j}} |a_{ij}(x)| + h \sum_i |f_i(x)| \quad (3.2.9)$$

Here for  $r \in R$ ,  $r^+ = r \cdot I(r > 0)$ ,  $r^- = -r \cdot I(r < 0)$

$$\Delta t^h(x) \triangleq h^2 / Q_h(x) \quad (3.2.10)$$

If  $\ell^h$  is a (integer valued) stopping time for the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(\xi_j, j \leq i)$  and, possibly other random variables independent of  $\xi_j \forall j$ , and  $E_x(\ell^h) < \infty \forall x \in R^{n+1}$  where

$$E_x(\cdot) = E(\cdot | \xi_0 = x)$$

then 
$$R^h(x, \ell^h) \triangleq E_x \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\ell^h - 1} k(\xi_i^h) \cdot \Delta t^h(\xi_i^h) + b(\xi_{\ell^h}^h) \right] \quad (3.2.11)$$

$$V^h(x) \triangleq \inf_{\ell^h} R^h(x, \ell^h) \quad (3.2.12)$$

Theorem 3.3

For each  $x \in R^{n+1}$ ,  $V^h(x) \downarrow \inf_{\tilde{\tau}} R(x, \tilde{\tau})$  as  $h \downarrow 0$

where the infimum is over all stopping times satisfying

(3.2.6).

This result is part of [16, Theorem 8.2.4]. □

To apply this result to the detection problem in the case where  $S_t$  is defined (see (3.1.19)),  $X_t$  is identified

with  $\begin{bmatrix} v \\ U \end{bmatrix}_t$ , where  $U_t = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-S_t)}$ ,  $x$  with  $\begin{bmatrix} v \\ U \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = U_t(1-U_t) \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\pi_t} - \frac{1}{2} g_t^T g_t - g_t^T ([D^0 : F^0] v_t + z^0) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (F^1 - F^0)_{ii} \right] \quad (3.2.13)$$

with  $g_t$  defined in (3.1.21).  $\frac{dU}{dt} = 0$  if  $\pi_t = 0$ .

Equations (3.1.1) and (3.2.13) do not have the uniform Lipschitz property, but if  $r < \infty$ ,  $K$  may be found so (3.2.2) does hold if  $\|v\|, \|v'\| \leq 2r$ .

Since it is in any case necessary to bound the state-space of the process  $X_t$  in some way so that  $V^h$  in Theorem 3.3 may be evaluated, an arbitrary modification to (3.1.1) may be made for  $\|v\| > 2r$  so that (3.2.2) holds.

$$\text{Set } k(X) = \alpha\lambda + (c - \alpha\lambda)\pi \quad (3.2.14)$$

$$\text{and } b(X) = (1 + \alpha)(1 - \pi)(1 - I(\|v\| \geq r)) \frac{(\|v\| - r) \wedge \delta}{\delta} \quad 0 < \delta \leq r \quad (3.2.15)$$

where  $\pi = \pi(\ln(U/(1-U)), v)$  (see (3.1.23))

and  $\alpha \in (0, c/\lambda)$  so that (3.2.4) is satisfied.

Theorem 3.3 now states that  $V^h(x) \rightarrow \inf_{\tilde{\tau}} R(x, \tilde{\tau})$  at each point in the state space of  $\xi_i^h$  defined by (3.2.7). The restriction (3.2.6) is unimportant since stopping times for  $X_t$  having infinite expectation are trivially non-optimal. Since  $b(X) = 0$  if  $\|v\| = r + \delta$ , the process  $\xi_i^h$  will stop before leaving the set on which  $\|v\| \leq r + \delta$  if the optimal rule is used, so that  $V^h(x)$  may be evaluated over only a finite number of values of  $x$ .

From (3.1.2)

$$E_x(\pi_{\tilde{\tau}} - \pi_0) = E_x(\lambda \tilde{\tau} - \lambda \int_0^{\tilde{\tau}} \pi_s ds)$$

for any  $\mathcal{V}_t$ -stopping time  $\tau \geq 0$

Then from (3.2.5) it follows by addition that

$$R(x, \tilde{\tau}) = E_x[-\lambda \tilde{\tau} + (\lambda + c) \int_0^{\tilde{\tau}} \pi_u du - q(\pi_{\tilde{\tau}}, v_{\tilde{\tau}})] + (1 + \alpha)(1 - \pi_0) \quad (3.2.16)$$

$$\text{where } q(\pi, v) \triangleq \mathbf{I}(\|v\| \geq r) \frac{(\|v\| - r) \wedge \delta}{\delta} (1 - \pi_0)$$

Therefore

$$V^h(x) - (1 + \alpha)(1 - \pi_0) \rightarrow \inf_{\tilde{\tau}} E_x[K(\tilde{\tau}) - q(\pi_{\tilde{\tau}}, v_{\tilde{\tau}})] \text{ as } h \downarrow 0 \quad (3.2.17)$$

Now

$$a) \quad 0 \leq q(\pi, v) \leq 1 \quad \forall \pi, v$$

$$b) \quad q(\pi_{\tilde{\tau}}, v_{\tilde{\tau}}) = 0 \quad \text{if } \|v_{\tilde{\tau}}\| \leq r$$

If  $P_x(\|v_{\tilde{\tau}}\| > r) \neq 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $E_x(\tilde{\tau}) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . From (3.1.3) this implies that  $E_x(K(\tilde{\tau})) \rightarrow \infty$ , so that a better stopping time exists in the infimum of (3.2.17). Hence only  $\tilde{\tau}$  such that

$$c) \quad P_x(\|v_{\tilde{\tau}}\| > r) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

need be considered.

From (a), (b) & (c) it follows that

$$\inf_{\tilde{\tau}} E_x[K(\tilde{\tau}) - q(\pi_{\tilde{\tau}}, v_{\tilde{\tau}})] \rightarrow \inf_{\tilde{\tau}} E_x K(\tilde{\tau}) = h^*(\pi_0, v_0) \left| \begin{matrix} v \\ U \end{matrix} \right|_0 = x \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.2.18)$$

$V^h(x)$  may be evaluated by dynamic programming, assuming an artificial horizon.

Define  $V^h(x, N) = b(x)$

$$V^h(x, i) = \min_y \{ E_x[V^h(x, y) + k(x) \Delta t^h(x)], b(x) \} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

then  $V^h(x, 0) \rightarrow V^h(x)$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

This is discussed, for example, in [18, chapter 7].

Finally, note that it is stated in [16] that the above results hold if  $b(x)$  is replaced by

$$(1+\alpha)(1-\pi)$$

and the process is forced to stop at  $t$  if  $\|v_t\|=r$ . This seems a more natural approach as  $h^*(\pi, v)$  is likely to be nearer  $1-\pi$  than zero. The requirement that  $\alpha > 0$  in (3.2.14) and (3.2.15) is probably unnecessary in this application since in any case the optimal stopping time has finite expectation (see [16]). However this is not proved.

Once the function  $h^*(\pi, v)$  has been evaluated in this way, the stopping boundary  $\gamma$  may be identified by making the appropriate co-ordinate changes and using the definition (3.1.32) or (3.1.33).

Although it has not been explicitly assumed, the system (3.1.1) would need to be stable at all times (eigenvalues of  $\begin{bmatrix} J & B \\ D_t & F_t \end{bmatrix}$  strictly negative  $\forall t$ ) to avoid the need to consider large values of  $r$ .

#### Remark

If the formulation (2.2.7) is used, with, say,  $v_{\tau i}$  reset to zero for  $i=1, \dots, N$  so that the conditions of Lemma 2.2 are satisfied, the optimal detection rule could be obtained as above, with  $c$  determined iteratively as the solution of

$$cE(C(\tau) | \pi_0=0, v_0=0) = d \quad (3.2.19)$$

where  $E(C(\tau) | \pi_0=0, v_0=0) = h^*(0, 0) + 1$

from Lemma 2.1.

As the expectation in (3.2.19) is non-decreasing with  $c$ , from (2.2.1), this equation has a unique solution.

Alternatively a more direct approach might be considered, in which a finite state version of this formulation is constructed. [3] considers this problem with observations of the simpler form (2.3.1).

In practice, the requirement that  $v_t$  be reset at each false alarm time is unlikely to be important if typical inter-alarm times are long compared to the system time constants. In that case the effect of these "initial conditions" of  $(\pi, v)_t$  would usually become insignificant before the stopping boundary was approached.

### Examples

In the following examples  $\alpha$  in (3.2.14), (3.2.15) was taken to be zero (see comments above). By making suitable transformations to the state space of  $(\pi, v)_t$  a more flexible grid system was used. Forced stopping was employed for  $\|v_t\| \geq r$ . In each case the effect of this on the stopping boundary shape was checked by considering both the case in which terminal cost zero and  $1-\pi$  is paid if the process reaches this boundary before  $\gamma$ . The estimates of  $\pi_\gamma$  obtained in this way are upper and lower bounds respectively for that which would be obtained without this artificial boundary. In the examples here, the same stopping boundary is obtained in both cases.

The system considered was

$$\begin{aligned} dy_t &= ay_t dt + dW_t & t < t_j \\ dy_t &= by_t dt + dW_t & t \geq t_j \end{aligned} \tag{3.2.20}$$

$$P(t \geq t_j | \mathcal{Y}_0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$t_j$  independent of  $W_t$



EXAMPLE	a	b	$\lambda$	c	"coarse iterations"	"fine iterations"
2	-1	0.8	0.01	0.1	180	160
3	-1	1.3	0.01	0.1	180	160
4	-1	2.0	0.01	0.1	360	160
5	-1	1.3	0.005	0.05	500	300

Below the numbers 2 to 5 are used to mark points on the corresponding stopping boundary. In case of co-incidence the lowest number is shown.

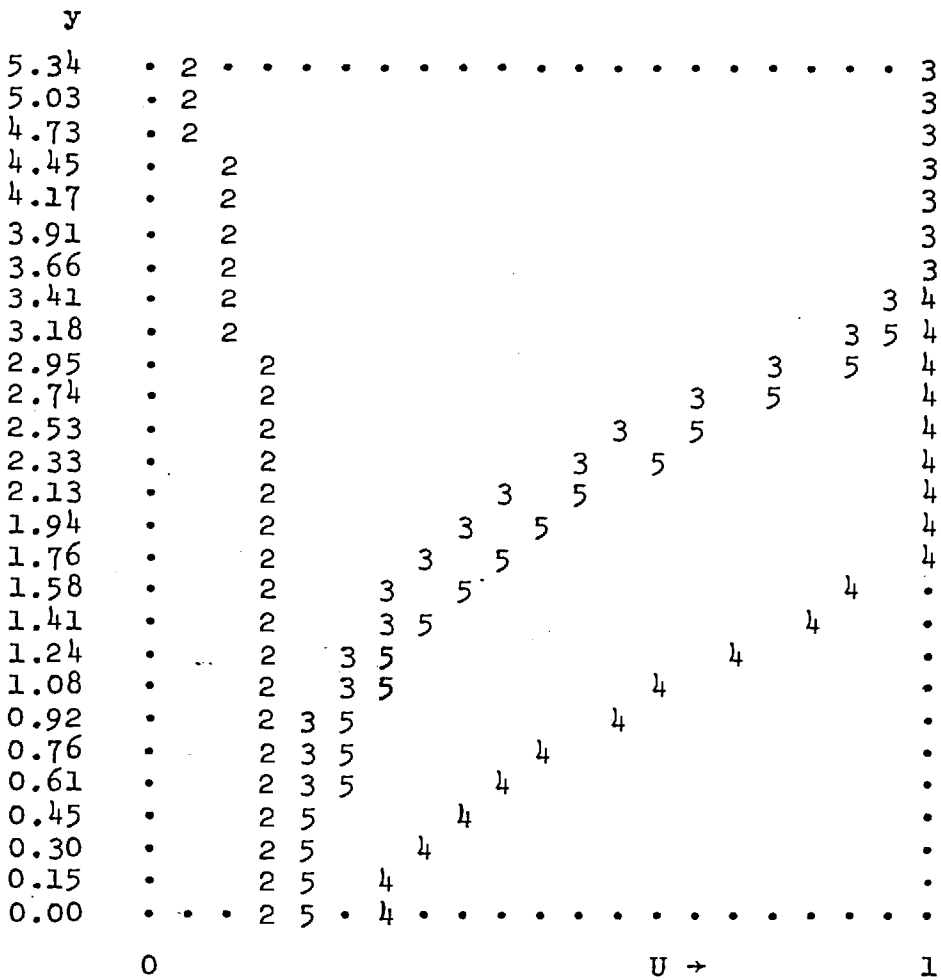


Figure 3.2.2

The relationship between a, b and the stopping boundary shape is further investigated in Chapter 4.

Note that the relationship between U and  $\pi$  is not the same for each of the examples above: however it is the same for examples 3 and 5 since a, b have the same values in this case. The effect of reducing  $\lambda$  and c while keeping their ratio unchanged is a slight shift of the boundary to the right.



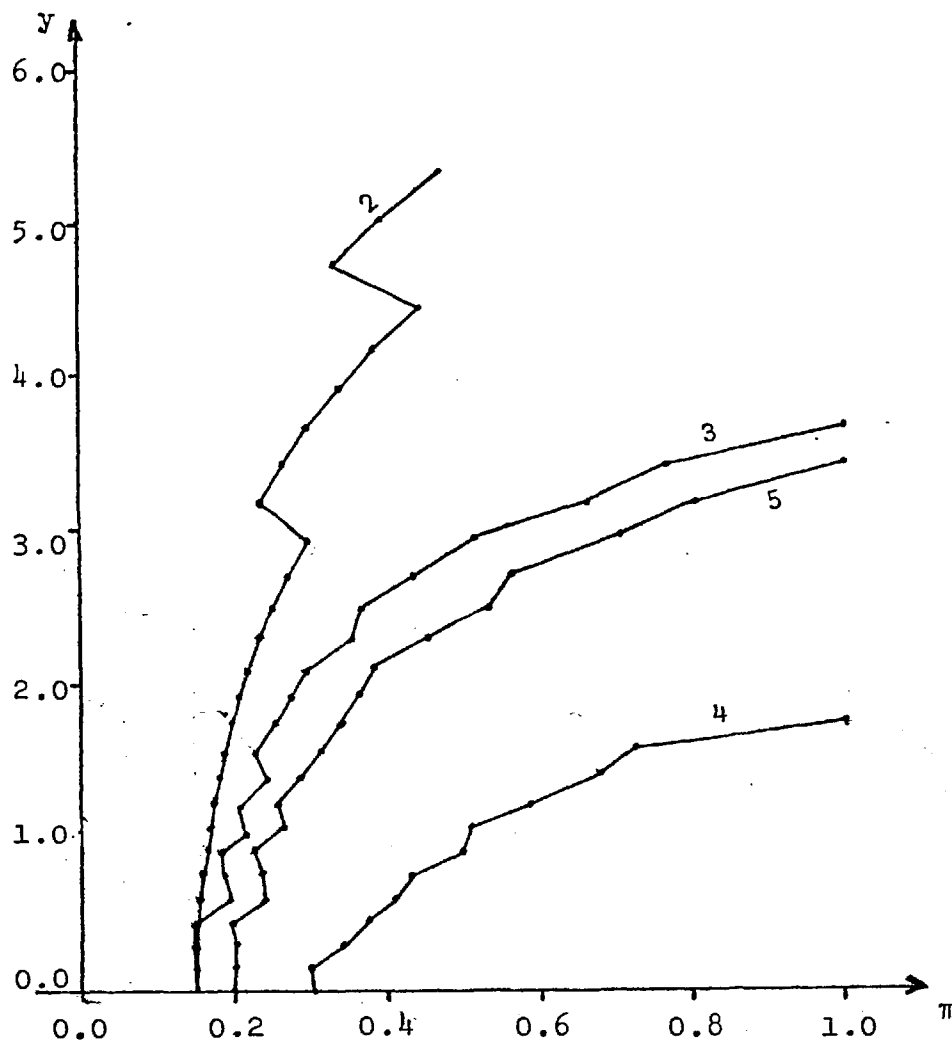


Figure 3.2.3

In Figure 3.2.3 the stopping boundaries are plotted in  $\pi, y$  space. For large  $y$  the discretization of  $U$  becomes a problem, especially in the case of example 2. Note that for the three largest values of  $y$  considered the estimate of  $\pi_\gamma$  in this case takes its smallest possible non-zero value. However, the standard deviation of  $y_t$  is no more than 0.625 both before and after the jump so that this may not be too important.

### 3.3 Simplified detection rules

As is clear from the previous section, the determination of the optimal stopping boundary  $\gamma$  involves considerable computation, especially for systems of high order. It seems worthwhile therefore to consider the performance of a class of simpler detection rules, for example

$$\tilde{\tau} = \inf\{t: \pi_t \geq \hat{\pi}\} \quad \text{for some } \hat{\pi} \in (0,1) \quad (3.3.1)$$

Unfortunately no concrete results could be obtained for this problem. The reason why, in general, the optimal stopping rule is not of the form (3.3.1) is that the amount of information about  $I(t \geq t_j)$  given by observations (3.1.1) at time  $t$  depends on the value of  $v_t$ . If the value of  $v_t$  is such that little new information is expected to be available in the near future it is more attractive to stop immediately than otherwise. If considerable information is expected, the possibility of incurring delay costs while waiting would be more acceptable.

Values of  $v_t$  much more than the slowest system time constant in the future are largely independent of the current value. If the "jump" in the parameters which is to be detected is small so that typically much longer periods of observation are needed to detect it, use of a stopping rule from the class (3.3.1) should be possible without a large increase in expected cost.

### 3.4 Detection schemes for general systems

In section 2.5 the following problem was introduced.

$$dx_t = A_t x_t dt + q_t dt + G_t dV_t \quad (3.4.1)$$

$$dy_t = H_t x_t dt + dZ_t \quad (3.4.2)$$

where  $x_t \in R^N$ ,  $y_t \in R^m$   $\forall t$

$V_t, Z_t$  are independent Wiener processes,

independent of  $t_j$

$P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$ ,  $t_j$  independent of  $x_0, y_0$

$A_t = A^0$ ,  $q_t = q^0$ ,  $G_t = G^0$ ,  $H_t = H^0$   $\forall t < t_j$

$A_t = A^1$ ,  $q_t = q^1$ ,  $G = G^1$ ,  $H_t = H^1$   $\forall t \geq t_j$

where  $A^0, q^0, G^0, H^0, A^1, q^1, G^1, H^1$  are constant matrices and vectors.

$A^0, A^1$  have strictly negative eigenvalues

As discussed in chapter 2, it is not in general possible to generate  $\pi_t = P(t \geq t_j | Y_t)$  with a finite dimensional filter, and so there is no realizable optimal detection rule.

A natural sub-optimal approach is given here, following the discrete time versions suggested by Chien [4,ref 24]. This involves the use of a "steady-state Kalman filter" designed for the system (3.4.1), (3.4.2) with post-jump ( $A_t = A^1, q_t = q^1, G_t = G^1, H_t = H^1$ ) parameters.

Suppose that an a-priori distribution for  $x_0$  is given,

$x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, Q_0)$ .

Define  $\hat{x}_t^i$  as the Kalman filter estimate of  $x_t$  for the system

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= A^i x_t dt + q^i dt + G^i dV_t \\ dy_t &= H^i x_t dt + dZ_t \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.3)$$

where  $x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, Q^0)$  if  $i=0$ ;  $x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, Q^1)$  if  $i=1$

and  $Q^i$  is the "steady-state" error covariance matrix associated with the estimate  $\hat{x}_t^i$ , i.e. it is the unique positive semi-definite solution of

$$0 = G^i G^{iT} - Q^i H^i H^{iT} Q^i + A^i Q^i + Q^i A^{iT} \quad (3.4.4)$$

$$\text{Then } d\hat{x}_t^i = (A^i - Q^i H^i H^{iT}) \hat{x}_t^i dt + q^i dt + Q^i H^i dy_t \quad (3.4.5)$$

$$\hat{x}_0^i = \hat{x}_0 \quad \text{for } i=0,1$$

Note  $A^i - Q^i H^i H^{iT}$  has strictly negative eigenvalues for  $i=0,1$ . This is because  $A^i$  has this property (see e.g. [21, Chapter 12]).

If  $r_t$  denotes the Kalman filter estimate of  $x_t$  when  $t_j$  is known a-priori,  $W_t$  is a Wiener process in the equation

$$dy_t = I(t < t_j) H^0 r_t dt + I(t \geq t_j) H^1 r_t dt + dW_t \quad (3.4.6)$$

Now suppose that instead of (3.4.2),  $y_t$  is generated by

$$dy_t = I(t < t_j) H^0 \hat{x}_t^0 dt + I(t \geq t_j) H^1 \hat{x}_t^1 dt + dW_t \quad (3.4.7)$$

where  $\hat{x}_t^0, \hat{x}_t^1$  satisfy (3.4.5). In this situation the following equation is satisfied

$$d \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_t^0 - Q^0 H^0 T y_t \\ \hat{x}_t^1 - Q^1 H^1 T y_t \\ y_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^0 - Q^0 H^0 T H^0 & 0 & (A^0 - Q^0 H^0 T H^0) Q^0 H^0 T \\ 0 & A^1 - Q^1 H^1 T H^1 & (A^1 - Q^1 H^1 T H^1) Q^1 H^1 T \\ L_t^0 & L_t^1 & F_t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_t^0 - Q^0 H^0 T y_t \\ \hat{x}_t^1 - Q^1 H^1 T y_t \\ y_t \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} q^0 \\ q^1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} dW_t \quad (3.4.8)$$

where  $L_t^0 = H^0 I(t < t_j)$ ,  $L_t^1 = H^1 I(t \geq t_j)$   
 $F_t = H^0 Q^0 H^0 T I(t < t_j) + H^1 Q^1 H^1 T I(t \geq t_j)$

This equation has the form (3.1.1) so an optimal detection rule may be constructed for the situation (3.4.7). Note that  $F_t$  is symmetric so that a process  $S_t$  may be defined as in section 3.1 (equation (3.1.19)).

The sub-optimal detection rule proposed is that which is optimal where (3.4.7) holds instead of (3.4.2). Comparing (3.4.6) and (3.4.7), note that  $y_t$  is the same in either case for  $t \leq t_j$ . For  $t \geq t_j$ ,  $\hat{x}_t^1$  and  $r_t$  satisfy

$$du_t = (A^1 - M_t H^1 H^1) u_t dt + q^1 dt + M_t H^1 H^1 dy_t$$

$$dy_t = H^1 u_t dt + dW_t$$

where, as  $t - t_j$  increases  $M_t$  tends to  $Q^1$  in each case.

The differences involve transient effects at time  $t_j$ . In Lemma 5.8 it is verified that, (where (3.4.2) holds)

$$E(\|r_t - \hat{x}_t^1\| | t_j, r_{t_j}, \hat{x}_{t_j}^1) \leq a(r_{t_j}, x_{t_j}^1) e^{-b \cdot (t - t_j)} \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

for some  $a(\cdot, \cdot) < \infty$ ,  $b > 0$  such that

$$E(a(r_{t_j}, \hat{x}_{t_j}^1) | t_j) \leq d < \infty \quad \forall t_j \quad \text{for some } d$$

Because the differences between the actual system and that for which the detection rule is optimal are limited to transient effects it seems likely that near optimal performance is attained in the case where detection times are typically long compared with system time constants.

### 3.5 Detection of parameter jumps to unknown values

The optimal and sub-optimal detection rules considered so far in this chapter require a-priori knowledge of the system parameters after the disorder has appeared. If only a set of possible values is specified a more complicated problem arises.

Suppose  $y_t$  is generated by a system with dynamics specified by a parameter  $\alpha_t \in A$ . As usual, suppose  $P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$ , and let  $\alpha_t = \alpha^0 \quad \forall t < t_j$ .

$$\text{For } t \geq t_j \quad \alpha_t = \alpha^1 \in A^1 \subset A \quad (3.5.1)$$

where  $\alpha^1$  is not known a-priori.

In order to define the expected cost  $E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | y_0)$ , (2.1.1) it is necessary to assume an a-priori distribution for  $\alpha^1$  over  $A^1$ . Then to generate  $\pi_t = P(t \geq t_j | y_t)$ , it is in general necessary to evaluate the a-posteriori distribution of  $\alpha^1$  at all times  $t$ . If  $A^1$  is finite, this may be feasible, although it increases the complexity of the problem. Otherwise, an infinite dimensional problem is encountered.

An alternative formulation for this problem involves the minimization of the expected cost assuming that the parameter  $\alpha^1$  will always take the least favourable value in  $A^1$ .

A  $y_t^R$ -stopping time is required which minimizes

$$\max_{\alpha^1 \in A^1} E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | y_0, \alpha^1) \quad (3.5.2)$$

Min-max formulations of this sort have been investigated for a number of sequential and non-sequential decision problems, and the solution is characteristically the optimal solution to the previous formulation where a "least favourable"

a-priori distribution is assumed for the unknown parameter [18]. A simple example illustrates this for the disorder problem considered here.

$$\text{Suppose } A^1 = \{\beta, \delta\} \subset A \quad (3.5.3)$$

$$\text{Define } F = \{x \in R^2 : x_1 = E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0, \alpha^1 = \beta), x_2 = E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0, \alpha^1 = \delta)\} \\ \text{for some } Y_t^R\text{-stopping time } \tilde{\tau} \quad (3.5.4)$$

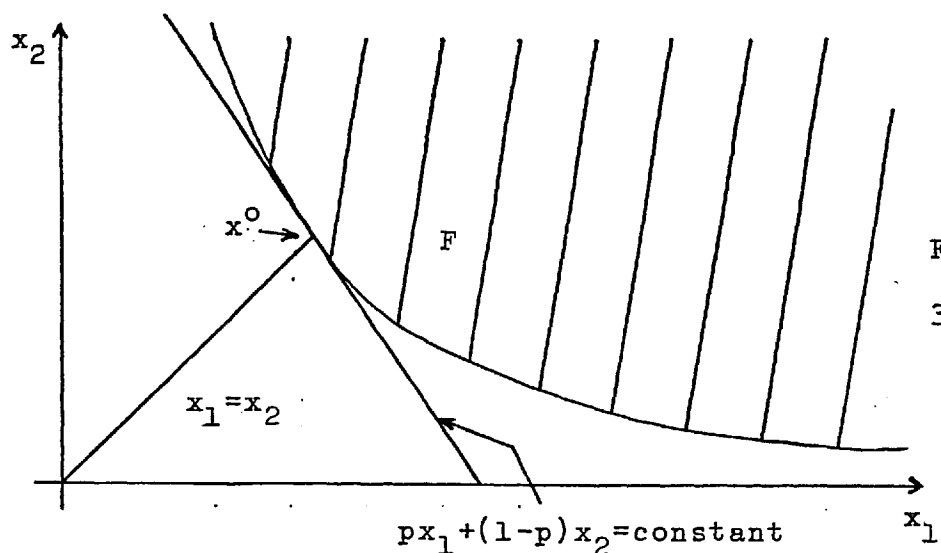


Figure  
3.5.1

The convexity of  $F$  is assured since randomized stopping rules are allowed [20]. In the example, Figure 3.5.1, the min-max solution with cost (3.5.2) is the stopping time corresponding to the point  $x^0$ , since  $x_1^0 = x_2^0 \leq \max(x_1, x_2) \forall x \in F$ . However,  $x^0$  is also a solution to the problem

$$\text{minimize } E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0) \quad (3.5.5) \\ \text{given } P(\alpha^1 = \beta) = p_1, P(\alpha^1 = \delta) = 1 - p_1 \quad p_1 \in [0, 1]$$

where  $p_1$  is defined by the tangent to  $F$  at  $x^0$  in figure 3.5.1.

Note that the stopping time corresponding to  $x^0$  gives the same expected cost for all  $p$ , since  $x_1^0 = x_2^0$ . Therefore the a-priori distribution for  $\alpha^1$  assumed in (3.5.5) is least favourable in the sense that for any other value of  $p$  the expected cost may be made at least as small by using the

stopping rule corresponding to  $x_0$ .

A second example shows that for certain parameter values  $\delta$ , the optimal solution in the sense of (3.5.2) may be just that which is optimal if  $\alpha^1 = \beta$  w.p.1.

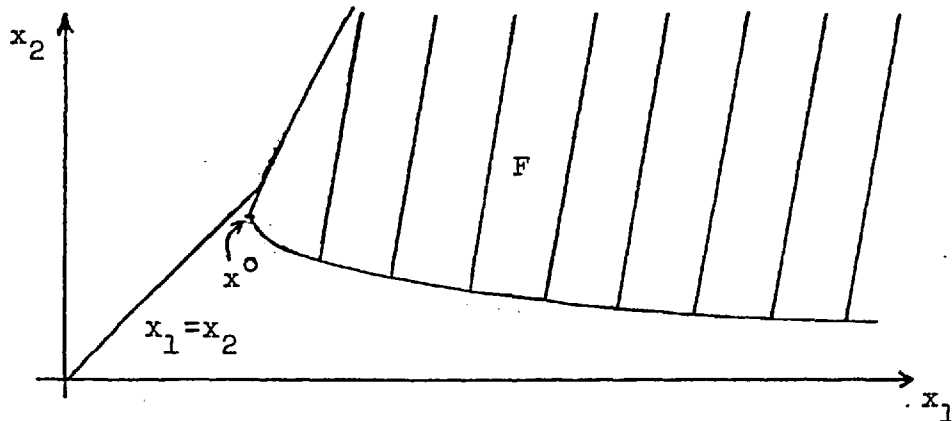


Figure 3.5.2

In this case,  $\min\{\max(x_1, x_2) : x \in F\} = \min\{x_1 : x \in F\}$ .

Define  $A^\beta = \{\delta \in A : x_2^0 \leq x_1^0\}$  where  $x$  is defined as above (3.5.6)

It seems of interest to investigate the form of the set  $A^\beta$  associated with optimal detection rules designed for parameter jumps  $\alpha_t = \alpha^0, t < t_j, \alpha_t = \beta, t \geq t_j$ . A practical approach to the more general problem introduced in this section might then be to implement independently a finite number of such detection rules, such that the union of the corresponding sets  $A^\beta$  contains  $A^1$ . Considering systems of form (3.1.1) where  $\alpha_t$  is a vector composed of the elements of  $D_t, F_t, z_t$ , suppose it is known that following a disorder at time  $t_j$ ,

$$\alpha_t = \alpha^1 \in A^1 \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^j A^{\beta_i}, \quad j < i. \quad (3.5.7)$$

Here  $A^{\beta_i}$  is the set of parameter points defined as in (3.5.6) with  $\beta = \beta_i$ .



Choose probabilities  $p_i$ ;  $i=1, \dots, j$ ;  $\sum_{i=1}^j p_i = 1$  to maximize

$$\min_{\tilde{\tau}} E(C(\tilde{\tau}) | Y_0), \quad \tilde{\tau} \text{ a } Y_t^R\text{-stopping time} \quad (3.5.8)$$

where  $\alpha^1 = \beta_i$  with probability  $p_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, j$

A min-max detection rule, where  $\alpha^1$  is restricted to  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_j\}$  is also a solution to this problem, as previously argued in the  $j=2$  case.

$$\text{Now } dI(t \geq t_j, \alpha^1 = \beta_i) = \lambda p_i (1 - \sum_{i=1}^j I(t \geq t_j, \alpha^1 = \beta_i)) dt + dM_{i,t} \quad (3.5.9)$$

$i=1, \dots, j$

where  $M_t$  is a Martingale. Using the non-linear filtering equations (c.f. Appendix 1) with the observation process (3.1.1) as usual gives

$$d\pi_t^i = \lambda p_i (1 - \sum_{k=1}^j \pi_t^k) dt + (\pi_t^i g_t^i - \pi_t^k \sum_{k=1}^j \pi_t^k g_t^k)^T dv_t$$

$$\text{where } g_t^i = ([D_t : F_t] v_t + z_t) \Big|_{\alpha_t = \beta_i} - ([D^0 : F^0] v_t + z^0)$$

$$\text{and } \pi_t^i = P(t \geq t_j, \alpha_t = \beta_i | Y_t) \quad i=1, \dots, j$$

$$dv_t = dy_t - ([D^0 : F^0] v_t + z^0) dt - \sum_{k=1}^j \pi_t^k g_t^k dt \quad (3.5.10)$$

An optimal solution to the problem (3.5.8),  $\hat{\tau}$ , may be constructed using these processes (c.f. section 3.1); assuming it is also the unique optimal solution it is the min-max solution for  $\alpha^1 \in \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_j\}$ .

In the case that the processes  $\pi_t^k$  are relatively insensitive to disorders of type  $\alpha^1 = \beta_i$ ,  $i \neq k$ ,

i.e.  $\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i}}^j \pi_t^k$  does not significantly increase following

such a disorder,

$\pi_t^i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, j$  might be reasonably approximated by  $\hat{\pi}_t^i$ .

satisfying

$$d\tilde{\pi}_t^i = \lambda p_i (1 - \tilde{\pi}_t^i) dt + (\tilde{\pi}_t^i g_t^i - (\tilde{\pi}_t^i)^2 g_t^i) d\tilde{v}_t^i \quad (3.5.11)$$

where  $d\tilde{\pi}_t^i = dy_t - ([D^0:F^0]v_t + z^0)dt - \tilde{\pi}_t^i g_t^i dt$

This seems feasible because of the way that  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_j$  have been chosen.

But  $\tilde{\pi}_t^i$  is just the probability, given  $V_t$ , of a disorder of type  $\alpha^1 = \beta_i$  with a-priori distribution for  $t_j$

$$P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda p_i t)$$

This suggests that implementation of independent detection rules for  $\alpha^1$  taking each value in  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_j\}$  with corresponding parameters  $\lambda p_1, \lambda p_2, \dots, \lambda p_j$  could give performance close to that of the min-max approach for  $\alpha^1 \in \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_j\}$ . Since however each of these detection rules gives no higher expected cost for all  $\alpha^1 \in A^{\beta_i}$  than for  $\alpha^1 = \beta_i$ , the resulting approach should be close to min-max for  $\alpha^1 \in A^1 \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^j A^{\beta_i}$ .

In the following chapters the robustness properties of detection rules designed for known post-disorder parameter values is investigated, and sets of parameter points are found having properties similar to those of the sets  $A^{\beta_i}$  above. This robustness information is therefore of interest in the design of more complex schemes.

An example of this is given in chapter 5 (example 1 section 5.2).

## CHAPTER 4

### ROBUSTNESS OF DETECTION RULES: FIRST ORDER AUTOREGRESSIONS

This chapter is concerned with the robustness of optimal detection rules for systems with very simple dynamics: first order autoregressions. In this case a more complete analysis is possible than for the more complicated systems considered in the next chapter. Some structural results are obtained concerning the process  $(S, y)_t$ , and the shape of the stopping boundary  $\gamma$  introduced in the previous chapter.

The problem of interest here is this

$$dy_t = k_t a_0 y_t dt + dW_t, \quad a_0 < 0 \quad (4.0.1)$$

where  $y_t$  is a scalar process

$W_t$  is a scalar Wiener process

$$P(t \geq t_j | t_j > 0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}, \quad \lambda > 0 \quad (4.0.2)$$

$t_j \geq 0$  is independent of  $W_t$  and  $y_0$

$$k_t = 1 \quad \forall t < t_j$$

$\tau$  is the optimal  $y_t^R$ -stopping time derived in Chapter 3 with the cost function

$$C(\tilde{\tau}) = I(\tilde{\tau} < t_j) + c(\tilde{\tau} - t_j)I(\tilde{\tau} > t_j) \quad c > 0 \quad (4.0.3)$$

for the case

$$k_t = \alpha \geq -1/3 \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad \alpha \in R \quad (4.0.4)$$

The response of the stopping rule is to be investigated for the case

$$k_t = \beta_t \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (4.0.5)$$

N.B. Except when explicitly stated, the notation  $P(\cdot), E(\cdot)$  in this chapter refers to probability and expectation given that (4.0.4) holds.

Also, except where explicitly stated,  $P(t_j = 0) = 0$ .

## Discussion

$\pi_t$  denotes the a-posteriori probability that the disorder has occurred by time  $t$ . Bearing in mind the note above,

$$\pi_t = P(t \geq t_j | y_t)$$

Then

$$d\pi_t = \lambda(1-\pi_t)dt + \pi_t(1-\pi_t)(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t [dy_t - (1+\pi_t(\alpha-1))a_0 y_t dt] \quad (4.0.6)$$

by (3.1.5).

Therefore, if in fact  $k_t = \beta \forall t \geq t_j$ ,  $\beta$  constant

$$d\pi_t = \lambda(1-\pi_t)dt + \pi_t(1-\pi_t)(\alpha-1)a_0^2 y_t^2 (\beta - 1 - \pi_t(\alpha-1))dt + \pi_t(1-\pi_t)(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t dW_t \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (4.0.7)$$

In the case of the system considered in Chapter 2, (2.3.20)

it is immediately clear that larger than designed for parameter jumps result in  $\pi_t$  increasing more quickly.

However, in (4.0.7) the second term which is positive and involves  $\beta$  also involves the random process  $y_t^2$ . As  $\beta$  increases, the mean value of  $y_t^2$  tends to zero for  $t > t_j$ , which would appear to slow down the growth of  $\pi_t$ . In fact substituting the mean value of  $y_t^2$ ,  $t > t_j$  into the second term in (4.0.7) gives

$$\frac{1}{2}\pi_t(1-\pi_t)(\alpha-1)(-a_0) \left[ 1 - \frac{1+\pi_t(\alpha-1)}{\beta} \right] dt \quad (4.0.8)$$

which does increase with  $\beta$  for  $\beta > \alpha > 1$ , though it is bounded as  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ .

In addition the contribution of the third term in (4.0.7) is likely to be less important for  $\beta$  large since the mean value of  $y_t^2$  is reduced. This could have some effect on the first crossing times of the stopping boundary.

In section 5.5 an example is given of a system for which the behaviour described above does appear to destroy the robustness property of the optimal detection scheme.

It is also possible to demonstrate another way in which a jump in  $k_t$  to  $\beta > \alpha > 1$  for  $t \geq t_j$  might not be detected as quickly as the design case disorder. Define  $Q_t \triangleq \pi_t / (1 - \pi_t)$  so that, from Itô's differentiation rule applied to (4.0.7)

$$\text{then } dQ_t = \lambda(1+Q_t)dt + Q_t[(\alpha-1)(\beta-1)a_o^2 y_t^2 dt + (\alpha-1)a_o y_t dW_t] \quad t \geq t_j \quad (4.0.9)$$

Suppose  $\pi_{t_j} \approx 0 \Rightarrow Q_{t_j} \approx 0$ , and  $y_{t_j}^2$  is large. Also  $\alpha > 1$ .

$$y_t^2 = e^{2\beta a_o(t-t_j)} y_{t_j}^2 + 2e^{2\beta a_o(t-t_j)} y_{t_j} \int_{t_j}^t e^{2\beta a_o(t_j-u)} dW_u + \left[ \int_{t_j}^t e^{2\beta a_o(t-u)} dW_u \right]^2 \quad (4.0.10)$$

Approximate  $y_t^2$  by its initial condition response component (since  $y_{t_j}^2$  is large)

$$y_t^2 \approx e^{2\beta a_o(t-t_j)} y_{t_j}^2 \quad (4.0.11)$$

Substituting for  $y_t^2$  in (4.0.9), and again assuming that  $y_t^2$  is large enough to dominate the contribution of the term  $Q_t(\alpha-1)a_o y_t dW_t$

$$dQ_t \approx \lambda(1+Q_t)dt + Q_t[\lambda + (\alpha-1)(\beta-1)a_o^2 y_{t_j}^2 e^{2\beta a_o(t-t_j)}]dt \quad t > t_j \quad (4.0.12)$$

This has solution

$$Q_t \approx \lambda \int_{t_j}^t \exp[\lambda(t-u) + \frac{-a_o(\alpha-1)(\beta-1)}{2} y_{t_j}^2 e^{2\beta a_o(u-t_j)} (1 - e^{2\beta a_o(t-t_j)})] du \leq \lambda \int_{t_j}^t \exp[\lambda(t-u) + \frac{-a_o(\alpha-1)}{2} y_{t_j}^2 e^{2\beta a_o(u-t_j)}] du \quad (4.0.13)$$

As  $\beta$  increases the second term tends to zero for each  $u$  (note that  $a_0 < 0$ ) tending to decrease  $Q_t$ . In this way it seems that for small  $\pi_{t_j}$  and large  $y_{t_j}^2$  quicker detection might occur with  $k_t = \alpha \forall t \geq t_j$  rather than  $k_t = \beta > \alpha \forall t \geq t_j$ . Of course this also depends on other factors such as the stopping boundary shape. The structural results in this chapter clarify these aspects.

#### 4.1 Preliminaries

##### The detection rule

Applying the results of section 3.1 to the system (4.0.1) the optimal detection rule for  $k_t = \alpha \forall t \geq t_j$  is

$$\tau = \inf\{t: S_t \geq S_\gamma(y)\} \quad (4.1.1)$$

$$\text{where } S_t = \ln(\pi_t / (1 - \pi_t)) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 y_t^2 \quad (4.1.2)$$

by (3.1.19) and  $\gamma$  is the stopping boundary in the state space of the Markov process  $(S, y)_t$ .

$$S_\gamma(y) \triangleq \inf\{S: (S, y) \in \gamma\}$$

$S_\gamma(y)$  is defined for all  $y$ , (possibly infinite valued).

From (3.1.20)

$$\frac{dS_t}{dt} = \lambda(1 + e^{-S_t - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 y_t^2}) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0 y_t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 \quad (4.1.3)$$

As before

$$\tau_{t_0} \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0: S_t \geq S_\gamma(y_t)\} \quad (4.1.4)$$

so that  $\tau = \tau_{t_0}$  if  $\tau \geq t_0$ .

Note that by Lemma 2.1 the stopping time  $\tau$  is also optimal in the problem of minimizing the expectation of the cost

$$K(\tilde{\tau}) = -\lambda\tilde{\tau} + (\lambda + c)(\tilde{\tau} - t_j)I(\tilde{\tau} > t_j) \quad (4.1.5)$$

$\tilde{\tau}$  a  $y_t^R$ -stopping time,  $\lambda$  as in (4.0.2)

$$\text{Define } C_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \doteq I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} < t_j) + c(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_j \vee t_0) I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} > t_j) \quad (4.1.6)$$

and as before

$$K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \doteq -\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_j) + (\lambda + c)(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_j \vee t_0) I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} > t_j) \quad (4.1.7)$$

for  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0$  a  $\mathcal{Y}_t^R$ -stopping time,  $t_0$  an arbitrary time

These correspond to the cost "incurred after time  $t_0$ ", if  $\tilde{\tau} \geq t_0$ . If  $t_0$  is a stopping time

$$E_{(S,y)_{t_0}} C_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}), E_{(S,y)_{t_0}} K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$$

are minimized for  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} = \tau_{t_0}$ .

Note that  $C(\tau) = C_0(\tau_0)$ ,  $K(\tau) = K_0(\tau_0)$ .

#### Outline of the robustness argument

The cases  $\alpha \in [-1/3, 1)$  and  $\alpha \in (1, \infty)$  are treated separately.

The case  $\alpha < -1/3$ , for which the system would be unstable after time  $t_j$ , cannot be handled since one of the structural properties required does not then hold.

For the case  $\alpha \in [-1/3, 1)$  in order to prove the robustness result, Theorem 4.2, it is first necessary to show the function  $S_Y(y)$  is non-increasing with  $y^2$ . This is done by considering the sample path properties of the Markov process  $(S, y)_t$  and decomposing its state space into three regions in which special properties apply. A partial result, concerning the shape of the part of the stopping boundary  $\gamma$  lying in two of these regions is given in Lemma 4.1. It is more difficult to extend this result to the third region. This is done in Theorem 4.1, for which Lemma 4.2 provides a necessary preliminary result.

The robustness result holds for disorders occurring after a  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ -stopping time  $t_c$ . This should be typically very

small and an assessment of this is given in Table 4.2.1.

For the case  $\alpha \in (1, \infty)$  the situation is more complicated. Robustness is proved for a detection rule which is optimal for a slightly modified problem, using the previous arguments. It is suggested that this indicates the near robustness of the true optimal detection rule. Finally, a (not necessarily tight) upper bound is established for the increase in expected cost resulting from the use of the guaranteed robust sub-optimal approach.

### Notes

$$\pi(S, y) \triangleq \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-S - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y^2)} \quad (4.1.8)$$

so that  $\pi(S_t, y_t) = \pi_t$

$$h(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) = E_{(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y})} K(\tau) = E_{(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y})} (-\lambda\tau + (\lambda+c) \int_0^\tau \pi(S_u, y_u) du)$$

from (3.1.13), (3.1.22) (4.1.9)

So 
$$h(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) = E_{(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y})} \int_0^\tau \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \quad (4.1.10)$$

where 
$$\sigma(S, y) \triangleq -\lambda + (\lambda+c)\pi(S, y) \quad (4.1.11)$$

Note that

a) 
$$h(S_t, y_t) = E_{(S, y)_t} K_t(\tau_t) = E_{(S, y)_t} \int_t^{\tau_t} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du$$
  
from (4.1.7) (4.1.12)

b) 
$$h(S, y) \leq 0 \quad (4.1.13)$$

since by optimality of  $\tau$ ,  $E_{(S, y)} K(\tau) \leq E_{(S, y)} K(0) = 0$

c) From (3.1.11) 
$$\tau = \inf\{t: h(S_t, y_t) = 0\} \quad (4.1.14)$$

therefore 
$$h(S, y) < 0 \quad S < S_\gamma(y) \quad (4.1.15)$$

$$h(S, y) = 0 \quad S \geq S_\gamma(y) \quad (4.1.16)$$

d) 
$$\sigma(S_t, y_t) < 0 \Rightarrow \tau_t > t, \text{ since otherwise if } \tau_t = t$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& E_{(S,y)_t} K_t(\inf\{u \geq t : \sigma(S_u, y_u) \geq 0\}) \\
&= E_{(S,y)_t} \int_t^{\inf\{u \geq t : \sigma(S_u, y_u) \geq 0\}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \\
&< 0 = E_{(S,y)_t} K_t(\tau_t)
\end{aligned}$$

which is impossible since  $\tau_t$  is optimal.

$$\text{Therefore } \sigma(S,y) \geq 0 \text{ if } (S,y) \in \gamma \quad (4.1.17)$$

e) Setting  $\rho(y) = \lambda$  in (3.1.2), Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 hold.

In particular,  $h(S,y)$  is continuous in  $S$  (except, possibly, at  $S = -\infty$ ) and non-decreasing in  $S$ .

$$f) \quad h(S,y) = h(S,-y), \quad S_\gamma(y) = S_\gamma(-y) \text{ by symmetry.} \quad (4.1.18)$$

The cases  $-1/3 \leq \alpha < 1$  &  $\alpha > 1$  in (4.0.4) are now considered separately

#### 4.2 The $\alpha \in [-1/3, 1)$ case

First some definitions are given.

$$\text{Define } S_c \triangleq \ln \left[ \frac{\lambda}{-(\alpha+1)a_0 + \lambda} \right] \quad (4.2.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } \frac{dS}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) &\triangleq \left. \frac{dS_t}{dt} \right|_{\substack{S_t = \tilde{S} \\ y_t = \tilde{y}}} \\
&= \lambda(1 + e^{-\tilde{S} - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2-1)a_0\tilde{y}^2}) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2-1)a_0^2\tilde{y}^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0
\end{aligned} \quad (4.2.2)$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dS}{dt}(S,y) \geq 0 \quad \forall S \leq S_c, \forall y \quad (4.2.3)$$

This only holds for  $\alpha \geq -1/3$

$$\text{Also } \frac{dS}{dt}(S,y) \text{ is monotonically increasing in } y^2 \text{ for } S \geq S_c \quad (4.2.4)$$

Note here that  $\frac{dS}{dt}(S,y) = \frac{dS}{dt}(S,-y)$ .

$S_c$  as defined in (4.2.1) is the smallest value such that (4.2.4) holds.

The state space of the process  $(S, y)_t$  is now decomposed into three disjoint sets

$$\begin{aligned} N &\cong \{(S, y) : S < S_c\} \\ P &\cong \{(S, y) : \frac{dS}{dt}(S, y) \geq 0, S \geq S_c\} \\ Q &\cong \{(S, y) : \frac{dS}{dt}(S, y) < 0\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.5)$$

$$\text{Also } \theta \cong P \cap \text{closure}(Q) \quad (4.2.6)$$

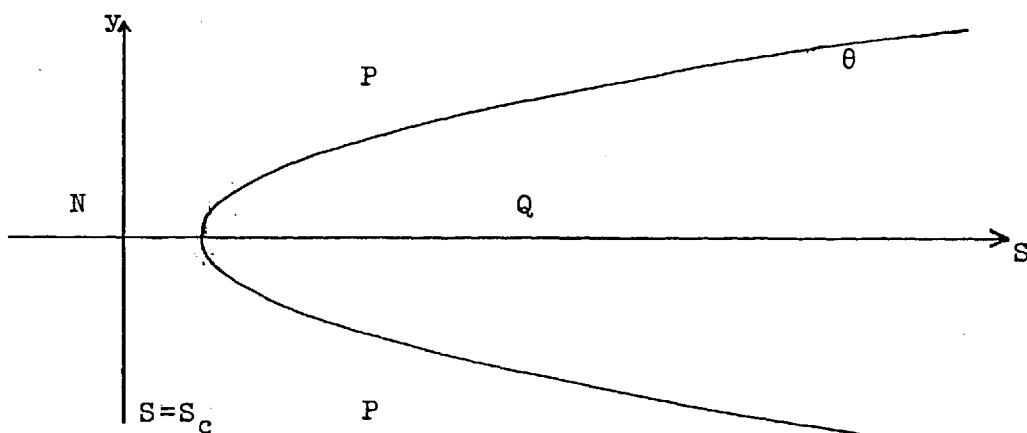


Figure 4.2.1

$$\text{Define } t_c \cong \inf\{t : (S, y)_t \in P \cup Q\} \quad (4.2.7)$$

Since  $\frac{dS}{dt}(S_c, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall y$ , it follows that

$$(S, y)_t \in P \cup Q \quad \forall t \geq t_c \quad (4.2.8)$$

Lemma 4.1

$S_\gamma(y)$  is non-increasing with increasing  $y^2 \quad \forall y$  such that  $(S_\gamma(y), y) \in P \cup N$

Proof

If the Lemma is not true there exists  $y' \geq 0$  such that

for  $S' = S_\gamma(y')$ ,  $(S', y') \in P \cup N$

and  $S_\gamma(y)$  is strictly increasing with increasing  $y$  at  $y = y'$ .

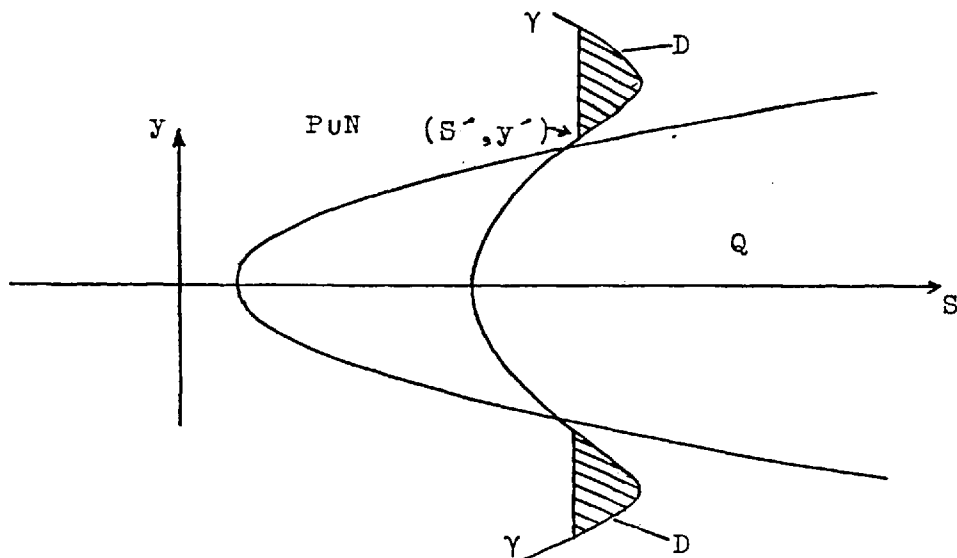


Figure 4.2.2

Then if  $D \triangleq \{(S, y) : S \in [S', S_\gamma(y)], y \geq y'\}$

$D \setminus \gamma$  is non-empty ( $\gamma$  is the boundary of the closed stopping set).

Choose  $(S, y)_{t_0} \in D \setminus \gamma \Rightarrow (S, y)_t \in D \quad \forall t \in [t_0, \tau_{t_0}]$

since  $\frac{dS}{dt}(S', \tilde{y}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \tilde{y} \geq y'$

[because a)  $(S', y') \in N \Rightarrow (S', \tilde{y}) \in N$

b)  $(S', y') \in P \Rightarrow \frac{dS}{dt}(S', \tilde{y}) \geq \frac{dS}{dt}(S', y') \geq 0$

by (4.2.4)]

$\sigma(S, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall (S, y) \in D$ , since  $\sigma(S', y') \geq 0$  by (4.1.17) and  $\sigma$  is increasing with  $S$  and with  $y^2$  from (4.1.11).

Therefore  $h(S_{t_0}, y_{t_0}) = E_{(S, y)_{t_0}} \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \geq 0$

But this contradicts (4.1.15), since  $S_{t_0} < S_\gamma(y_{t_0})$ . □

Definition

Let  $\Gamma \triangleq \{(S, y) \in Q \cap \gamma : \exists (S', y') \in Q \cap \gamma \text{ with } S' > S, y'^{-2} > y^2\}$

then  $S_1 \triangleq \begin{cases} \inf\{S : (S, y) \in \Gamma\} & \text{if } \Gamma \neq \emptyset \\ +\infty & \text{if } \Gamma \in \emptyset \end{cases} \quad (4.2.9)$

(see over)

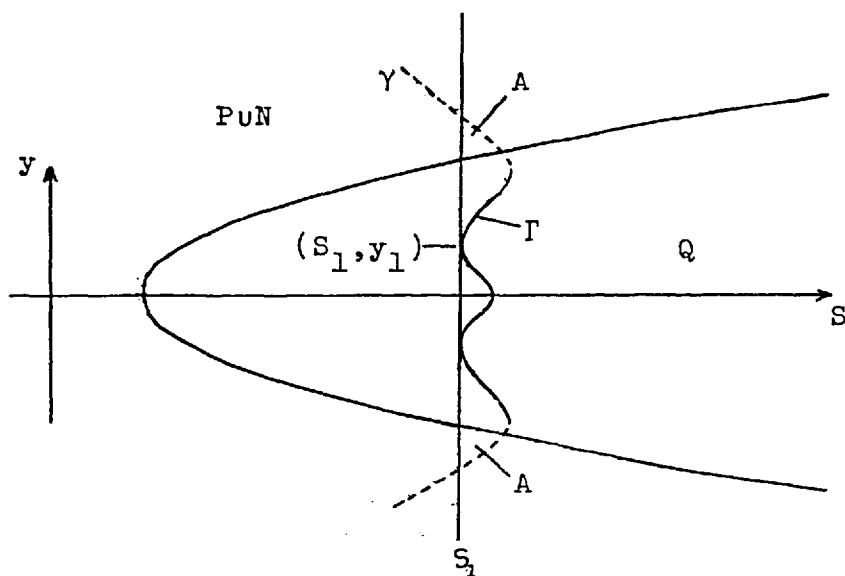


Figure 4.2.3

If  $S_1 < \infty$  choose  $y_1 \triangleq \inf\{y \geq 0 : (S_1, y) \in \gamma\}$  (4.2.10)

$(S_1, y_1) \in \Gamma$  since the stopping set is closed (Theorem 3.1).

Note that  $S_\gamma(y)$  is non-increasing with increasing  $y^2 \forall y$  st  $S_\gamma(y) < S_1$  by (4.2.9) and Lemma 4.1.

Lemma 4.2

If  $S_1 < \infty$ ,  $h(S, y)$  is non-decreasing with increasing  $y^2$  for  $(S, y) \in P$ ,  $S \in [S_1, S_\gamma(y)]$ ; (i.e. in the sets "A" in Figure

Proof

4.2.3)

Suppose the Lemma is not true.

Then  $\exists S_2 \geq S_1, y_2 > y_3 > 0$  such that

$$S_2 < S_\gamma(y_2), \quad S_2 < S_\gamma(y_3)$$

$$(S_2, y_2), (S_2, y_3) \in P$$

$$\& \quad h(S_2, y_2) < h(S_2, y_3) \quad (4.2.11)$$

$$D' \triangleq \{(S, y) : y \geq y_3, S \in [S_2, S_\gamma(y)]\}$$

(see Figure 4.2.4)

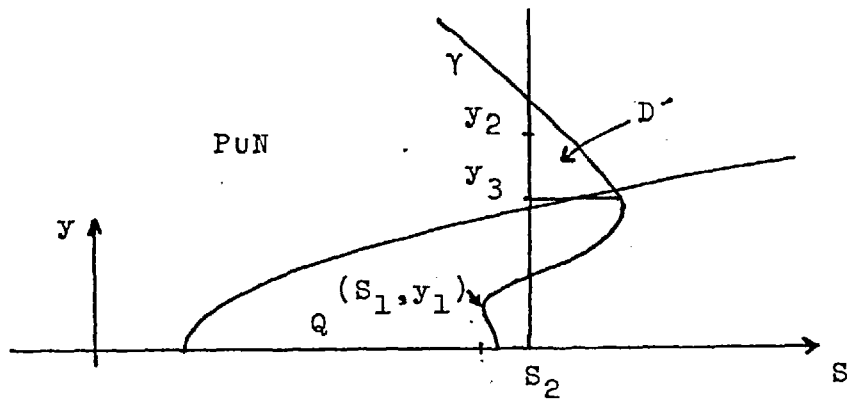


Figure 4.2.4

Suppose  $(S, y)_{t_0} = (S_2, y_2)$ . Then the process  $(S, y)_t$  leaves  $D'$  either across  $\gamma$  or across the line  $y=y_3$ , since  $\frac{dS}{dt}(S_2, y) \geq 0 \forall y \geq y_3$  by (4.2.4).

Define  $t_1 = \inf\{t \geq t_0 : y_t = y_3\}$

$$\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du = \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du + \int_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du$$

The first term on the right is positive or zero, as  $\sigma(S, y) \geq 0 \forall (S, y) \in D'$ . This is because  $\sigma(S_1, y_1) \geq 0$  by (4.1.17) and  $\sigma$  is increasing with  $S$  and  $y^2$  from (4.1.11).

As  $\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1$  is a  $y_t$ -stopping time

$$\begin{aligned} h(S_2, y_2) &= E_{(S, y)_{t_0}} \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \\ &\geq E_{(S, y)_{t_0}} [E(\int_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du | \mathcal{Y}_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1})] \\ &\geq E_{(S, y)_{t_0}} [h(S_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}, y_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}) | \tau_{t_0} \geq t_1] \\ &\geq h(S_2, y_3) \end{aligned} \tag{4.2.12}$$

The second inequality is because if  $\tau_{t_0} < t_1$ ,

$$h(S_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}, y_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}) = 0 \text{ by (4.1.16).}$$

For  $\tau_{t_0} \geq t_1$ ,  $S_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1} \geq S_2$ ,  $y_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1} = y_3$ .

Then by Corollary 3.2.2  $h(S_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}, y_{\tau_{t_0} \wedge t_1}) \geq h(S_2, y_3)$

which establishes the third inequality. But (4.2.12) contradicts (4.2.11). □

Theorem 4.1

$S_Y(y)$  is non-increasing with increasing  $y^2$

Proof

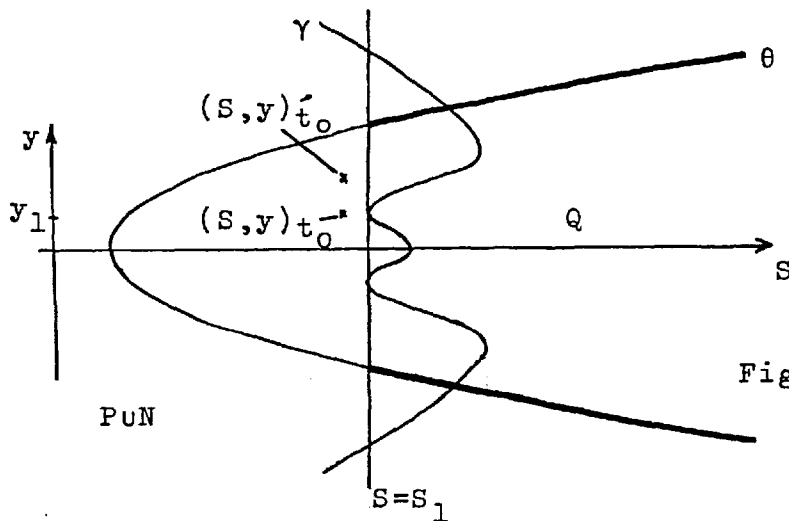


Figure 4.2.5

Suppose the Theorem is not true. Then by Lemma 4.1 and (4.2.9),  $S_1 < \infty$ .

$y_1$  exists and is defined in (4.2.10).

Let  $y' > y_1$  be chosen so  $S_Y(y') > S_Y(y_1)$ . (4.2.9) guarantees that such a  $y'$  exists.

Let  $(S, y)_t$ ,  $(S, y)_{t_0}^+$  both be solutions of (3.1.6) and (4.1.3)

$$\text{i.e. } dy_t = (1 + (\alpha - 1)\pi(S_t, y_t))a_0 y_t dt + dv_t$$

$$\frac{dS_t}{dt} = \lambda(1 + e^{-S_t - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 y_t^2}) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0^2 y_t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0$$

(4.2.13)

with the innovations process  $v_t$  the same in both cases but with

$$(S, y)_{t_0} = (S_1 - \epsilon, y_1), \quad (S, y)_{t_0}^+ = (S_1 - \epsilon, y') \quad (4.2.14)$$

Here  $\epsilon$  is chosen so that  $S_c \leq S_1 - \epsilon < S_1$ . This is possible since

$S_1 \leq S_c$  contradicts Lemma 4.1.

$S_t^{\prime}, y_t^{\prime}$  are defined such that  $(S_t^{\prime}, y_t^{\prime}) = (S, y)_t^{\prime}$

Note that  $(y_t : t \geq t_0)$  and  $(y_t^{\prime} : t \geq t_0)$  both generate the same  $\sigma$ -field  $V_t$  (both processes may be reconstructed given  $v_t$  - see Lemma 3.1). In this proof all probabilities and expectations are conditioned on the initial conditions (4.2.14).

The following  $V_t$ -stopping times are defined

$$t_1 \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : y_t^{\prime 2} = y_t^2\} \quad (4.2.15)$$

$$t_2 \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (S, y)_t \in \theta, S_t \geq S_1\} \quad (4.2.16)$$

$$\tau_{t_0} \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (S, y)_t \in \gamma\} \quad (4.2.17)$$

$$\tau_{t_0}^{\prime} \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (S, y)_t^{\prime} \in \gamma\} \quad (4.2.18)$$

Note that (4.2.17) is equivalent to (4.1.4) in this case.

$t_2$  is the first time  $(S, y)_t$  crosses the thick line in Figure 4.2.5.

Also  $(S, y)_t \in \text{PUQ} \quad \forall t \geq t_0$  (c.f. (4.2.8)), and by (4.2.4)

$$\frac{dS}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \hat{y}) \geq \frac{dS}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) \text{ if } \hat{y}^2 \geq \tilde{y}^2, \quad (\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) \in \text{PUQ} \quad (4.2.19)$$

A preliminary result is now established.

Suppose  $\tau_{t_0} < t_1, \tau_{t_0} < t_2$ .

Then since  $\frac{dS}{dt}(S, y) < 0$  in  $Q$  and by definition of  $t_2$ ,

$(S, y)_t \in \text{PU}\{(S, y) : S < S_1\} \quad \forall t \leq \tau_{t_0}$  (see Figure 4.2.6).

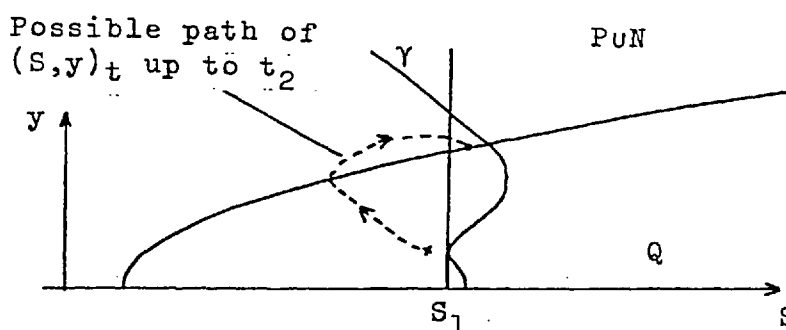


Figure 4.2.6

As  $\tau_{t_0} < t_1$ ,  $y_t^{-2} > y_t^2 \quad \forall t \leq \tau_{t_0}$ . Then from (4.2.19)  $S_t' \geq S_t \quad \forall t \leq \tau_{t_0}$ .  
 Since , from Lemma 4.1 and (4.2.9),  $S_\gamma(\tilde{y})$  is non-increasing with  $\tilde{y}^2$  for  $\tilde{y}^2 \geq y_{\tau_{t_0}}^2$  (see Figure 4.2.6)

$$S_{\tau_{t_0}}' \geq S_{\tau_{t_0}} = S_\gamma(y_{\tau_{t_0}}) \geq S_\gamma(y_{\tau_{t_0}}')$$

so that  $\tau_{t_0}' \leq \tau_{t_0}$ .

$$\text{Therefore } \tau_{t_0} < t_1, \tau_{t_0} < t_2 \Rightarrow \tau_{t_0}' \leq \tau_{t_0} \quad (4.2.20)$$

The following events are defined

$$\begin{aligned} A &\triangleq \{\omega: t_1 \leq \min(t_2, \tau_{t_0}')\} \\ B &\triangleq \{\omega: t_2 < \min(t_1, \tau_{t_0}')\} \\ C &\triangleq \{\omega: \tau_{t_0}' \leq t_2, \tau_{t_0}' < t_1\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.21)$$

A, B, C are disjoint, and  $\omega \in A \cup B \cup C$  w.p.1.

Each event is now considered separately.

EVENT A

If  $\omega \in A$ ,  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $t_1 \leq \tau_{t_0}'$ . By (4.2.20) it follows that  $\tau_{t_0} \geq t_1$ .

Also  $y_t^{-2} \geq y_t^2$ ,  $S_t' \geq S_t \quad \forall t \leq t_1$ .

Since  $\sigma(S, y)$  increases with  $S$  and  $y^2$ , from (4.1.11)

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \sigma(S_u', y_u') du \geq \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du$$

Also, since  $y_{t_1}^{-2} = y_{t_1}^2$  and  $S_{t_1}' \geq S_{t_1}$ ,  $h(S_{t_1}', y_{t_1}') \geq h(S_{t_1}, y_{t_1})$

from Corollary 3.2.2.

$$\text{Then } E\left[\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} \sigma(S_u', y_u') du - \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in A\right]$$

$$= E\left[\int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\sigma(S_u', y_u') - \sigma(S_u, y_u)) du \mid \omega \in A\right]$$

$$+ E[h(S_{t_1}', y_{t_1}') - h(S_{t_1}, y_{t_1}) \mid \omega \in A] \geq 0 \quad (4.2.22)$$

since A is a  $\mathcal{Y}_{t_1}$ -measurable event, and from (4.1.12).



EVENT B

If  $\omega \in B$ ,  $t_2 < t_1$ ,  $t_2 < \tau_{t_0}'$

If  $\tau_{t_0}' < t_2$ , (4.2.20) gives a contradiction. Therefore  $\tau_{t_0}' \geq t_2$ .

Since  $t_2 < t_1$ , as before,  $y_t'^2 \geq y_t^2$ ,  $S_t' \geq S_t \quad \forall t \leq t_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & E\left[\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} \sigma(S_u', y_u') du - \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in B\right] \\ &= E\left[\int_{t_0}^{t_2} (\sigma(S_u', y_u') - \sigma(S_u, y_u)) du \mid \omega \in B\right] \\ &\quad + E[h(S_{t_2}', y_{t_2}') - h(S_{t_2}, y_{t_2}) \mid \omega \in B] \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right is positive or zero by the properties of  $\sigma$ .

$$h(S_{t_2}', y_{t_2}') \geq h(S_{t_2}, y_{t_2}') \geq h(S_{t_2}, y_{t_2})$$

where the first inequality is from Corollary 3.2.2 since  $S_{t_2}' \geq S_{t_2}$ , and the second inequality is from Lemma 4.2 using

$$S_{t_2}' \geq S_{t_1}, \quad y_{t_2}'^2 \geq y_{t_2}^2.$$

$$\text{Therefore } E\left[\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} \sigma(S_u', y_u') du - \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in B\right] \geq 0$$

(4.2.23)

EVENT C

If  $\omega \in C$ ,  $\tau_{t_0}' \leq t_2$ ,  $\tau_{t_0}' < t_1$ .

From (4.2.20)  $\tau_{t_0}' < t_1$ ,  $\tau_{t_0}' < t_2 \Rightarrow \tau_{t_0}' \leq \tau_{t_0}$ , so that  $\tau_{t_0}' < \tau_{t_0}'$

leads to a contradiction if  $\omega \in C$ .

Therefore  $\tau_{t_0}' \geq \tau_{t_0}$ .

$y_t'^2 \geq y_t^2$ ,  $S_t' \geq S_t \quad \forall t \leq \tau_{t_0}'$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & E\left[\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} \sigma(S_u', y_u') du - \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in C\right] \\ &= E\left[\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}'} (\sigma(S_u', y_u') - \sigma(S_u, y_u)) du \mid \omega \in C\right] + E[-h(S_{\tau_{t_0}'}, y_{\tau_{t_0}'}) \mid \omega \in C] \end{aligned}$$

$\geq 0$

(4.2.24)

COMPLETION OF PROOF

From (4.2.22), (4.2.23) & (4.2.24)

$$E\left[\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}^{\wedge}} \sigma(S_u^{\wedge}, y_u^{\wedge}) du - \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in F\right] \geq 0$$

for  $F=A, B, C$ .

Therefore  $h(S_{t_0}^{\wedge}, y_{t_0}^{\wedge}) - h(S_{t_0}, y_{t_0})$

$$= E\left[\int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}^{\wedge}} \sigma(S_u^{\wedge}, y_u^{\wedge}) du - \int_{t_0}^{\tau_{t_0}} \sigma(S_u, y_u) du\right] \geq 0$$

i.e.  $h(S_{1-\varepsilon}, y^{\wedge}) \geq h(S_{1-\varepsilon}, y_1)$

Now as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ ,  $h(S_{1-\varepsilon}, y_1) \rightarrow 0$  by Corollary 3.2.2 and since

$(S_1, y_1) \in \gamma$

So  $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} h(S_{1-\varepsilon}, y^{\wedge}) \geq 0$ . By continuity of  $h$  with  $S$  (Corollary

3.2.2)  $h(S_1, y^{\wedge}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (S_1, y^{\wedge}) \in \gamma$ .

But  $y^{\wedge}$  was chosen so that  $S_1 < S_{\gamma}(y^{\wedge})$  which gives a contradiction. □

The response of the detection rule is now investigated for  $k_t = \beta_t \quad \forall t \geq t_j$  in (4.0.1).

Theorem 4.2

$E(\tau_{t_j} - t_j \mid (S, y)_{t_j}, t_j, k_t = \beta_t \quad \forall t \geq t_j)$

$$\leq E(\tau_{t_j} - t_j \mid (S, y)_{t_j}, t_j, k_t = \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j)$$

if  $\beta_t \leq \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j \geq t_c$  where  $\alpha \in [-1/3, 1)$ .

Proof

Suppose  $\beta_t \leq \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j \geq t_c$

Define  $y_t^{\beta}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} dy_t^{\beta} &= \beta_t a_{\alpha} y_t^{\beta} dt + dW_t^{\beta} & t \geq t_j \\ y_{t_j}^{\beta} &= y_{t_j} \end{aligned} \tag{4.2.25}$$

where  $W_t^\beta$  is a Wiener process.

Define  $y_t^\alpha$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} dy_t^\alpha &= \alpha a_0 y_t^\alpha dt + dW_t^\alpha \quad t \geq t_j \\ y_{t_j}^\alpha &= y_{t_j} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.26)$$

From Itô's differentiation rule, if  $x_t^\beta \triangleq (y_t^\beta)^2$ ,  $x_t^\alpha \triangleq (y_t^\alpha)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{t_j}^\beta &= x_{t_j}^\alpha \\ dx_t^\beta &= (2\beta a_0 x_t^\beta + 1) dt + 2\sqrt{x_t^\beta} \cdot dV_t^\beta \\ dx_t^\alpha &= (2\alpha a_0 x_t^\alpha + 1) dt + 2\sqrt{x_t^\alpha} \cdot dV_t^\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.27)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^\beta &= \int_{t_j}^t J(y_u^\beta) dW_u^\beta \\ V_t^\alpha &= \int_{t_j}^t J(y_u^\alpha) dW_u^\alpha \end{aligned} \quad t \geq t_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} J(x) &= +1 \text{ if } x \geq 0 \\ &= -1 \text{ if } x < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$V_t^\alpha, V_t^\beta$  are then Wiener processes. Suppose that  $W_t^\alpha, W_t^\beta$  are chosen so that  $V_t^\alpha = V_t^\beta = V_t$ . Then, by [22, Theorem 1.1]

$$x_t^\beta \geq x_t^\alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (4.2.28)$$

Now define  $S_t^\alpha, S_t^\beta$  so that  $S_{t_j}^\alpha = S_{t_j}^\beta = S_{t_j}$  and  $(S_t^\alpha, x_t^\alpha)$  &  $(S_t^\beta, x_t^\beta)$  satisfy

$$\frac{d\tilde{S}_t}{dt} = \lambda(1 + e^{-\tilde{S}_t - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 \tilde{x}_t}) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0^2 \tilde{x}_t - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0$$

As  $t_j \geq t_c$ ,  $S_t^\alpha, S_t^\beta \geq S_c \quad \forall t \geq t_j$ .  $\frac{d\tilde{S}}{dt}$  is an increasing function of  $\tilde{x}$  for given  $\tilde{S} \geq S_c$ . Therefore

$$S_t^\beta \geq S_t^\alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (4.2.29)$$

Now define  $\tau^\alpha = \inf\{t \geq t_j : S_t^\alpha \geq S_\gamma(y_t^\alpha)\}$

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Then  $S_{\tau^{\beta}}^{\beta} \geq S_{\tau^{\alpha}}^{\alpha} = S_{\gamma}(y_{\tau^{\alpha}}^{\alpha}) \geq S_{\gamma}(y_{\tau^{\beta}}^{\beta})$

The final inequality follows from (4.2.28), noting that  $x_t \triangleq y_t^2$ , and Theorem 4.1. Therefore

$$\tau^{\beta} \leq \tau^{\alpha}$$

The result of the Theorem now follows because of the way in which  $y_t^{\alpha}$ ,  $y_t^{\beta}$ ,  $\tau^{\alpha}$ ,  $\tau^{\beta}$  have been defined.  $\square$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } E_{(S,y)_0} [C(\tau) | k_t = \beta_t \forall t \geq t_j \geq t_c] &= P_{(S,y)_0} (\tau < t_j | t_j \geq t_c) \\ &+ E_{(S,y)_0} [E(\tau_{t_j} - t_j | (S,y)_{t_j}, t_j, k_t = \beta_t \forall t \geq t_j) I(\tau \geq t_j) | t_j \geq t_c] \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.30)$$

and the event  $(\tau < t_j)$  and  $(S,y)_{t_j}$  are independent of  $\beta_t$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{(S,y)_0} [C(\tau) | k_t = \beta_t \forall t \geq t_j \geq t_c] \\ \leq E_{(S,y)_0} [C(\tau) | k_t = \alpha \forall t \geq t_j \geq t_c] \end{aligned} \quad (4.2.31)$$

if  $\beta_t \leq \alpha \forall t$ . This also holds with  $C(\tau)$  replaced by  $K(\tau)$  or  $Q$  (see section 2.2).

### Remark

A similar result would apply if the simplified stopping boundary discussed in section 3.3 was used.

It is not easy to be precise about the time  $t_c$  in this case. However it is possible to get an idea of the value of the probability that  $t_j < t_c$  as follows.

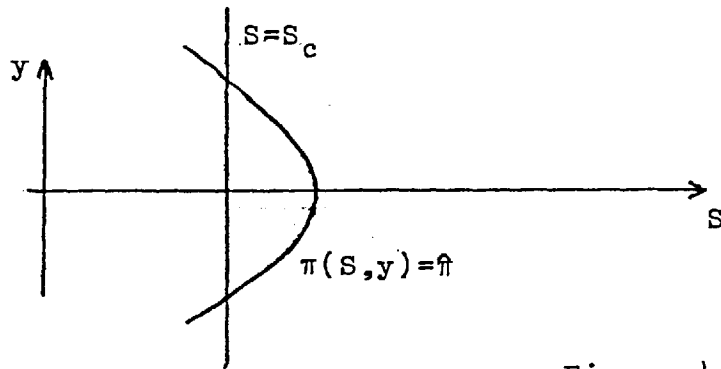


Figure 4.2.7

Let  $\hat{t} \triangleq \inf\{t: \pi_t \geq \hat{\eta}\}$   $\hat{\eta} \in [0, 1)$

$$\text{If } y_{\hat{t}}^2 \leq \frac{2}{-(\alpha-1)a_0} \ln\left(\frac{\lambda}{-(\alpha+1)a_0 + \lambda} \cdot \frac{1-\hat{\eta}}{\hat{\eta}}\right) = \frac{\theta^2}{-2a_0} \text{ say } \quad (4.2.32)$$

then from (4.1.2) and (4.2.1)

$$S_{\hat{t}} \geq S_c \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \hat{t} \geq t_c$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} P(t_c \geq t_j | y_0) &\leq P(\hat{t} \geq t_j | y_0) + P(y_{\hat{t}}^2 \geq \frac{\theta^2}{-2a_0} | y_0) \\ &\leq \hat{\eta} + P(y_{\hat{t}}^2 \geq \frac{\theta}{-2a_0} | y_0) \end{aligned}$$

Now (4.2.32) may be interpreted as

$$|y_{\hat{t}}| \leq \theta [\text{"steady-state" pre-jump standard deviation of } y_t]$$

Presumably  $P(y_{\hat{t}}^2 \geq \frac{\theta}{-2a_0} | y_0) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\theta$  increases, so  $\hat{\eta}$  gives a tentative upper bound to  $P(t_c \geq t_j | y_0)$ . Below some approximate values are given ( $\lambda/(-a_0)$  assumed small).

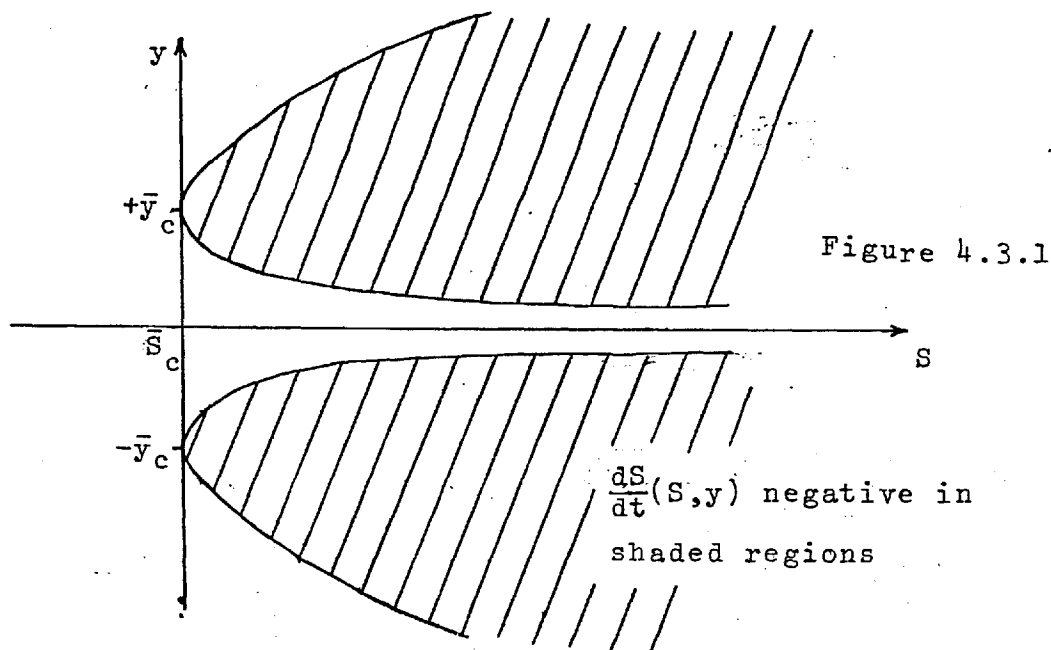
$\alpha$	$\hat{\eta} (\theta=2)$	$\hat{\eta} (\theta=3)$
-1/3	$5.691\lambda'$	$30.128\lambda'$
0.0	$2.718\lambda'$	$9.488\lambda'$
0.4	$1.301\lambda'$	$2.755\lambda'$
0.8	$0.679\lambda'$	$1.307\lambda'$

where  $\lambda' = \lambda/(-a_0)$ .

As  $\lambda'$  would normally be very small, so would the probability that  $t_c \geq t_j$ .

### 4.3 The $\alpha \in (1, \infty)$ case

In order to use arguments similar to those of section 4.2 in this case it would be necessary to find some value of  $S$ ,  $S_c$  such that  $\frac{dS}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y})$  as defined in (4.2.2) decreases with  $\tilde{y}^2$  for all  $\tilde{S} \geq S_c$ . However the contribution of the exponential term in (4.2.2) destroys this property for large  $\tilde{y}^2$  whatever value is chosen for  $\tilde{S}_c$ . The situation is shown in Figure 4.3.1 below.



$$\text{where } \bar{S}_c = \ln\left(\frac{\lambda}{-(\alpha+1)a_0}\right) - \frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha+1)a_0}{2(\alpha+1)a_0}$$

$$\bar{y}_c^2 = \frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha+1)a_0}{(\alpha^2-1)a_0^2}$$

By modifying the a-priori distribution of  $t_j$ , making a disorder less likely to occur while  $y_t^2$  is large, this problem may be avoided. The optimal detection rule for this new problem is guaranteed to be robust, in the sense that the expected detection time for a disorder is not increased if in fact  $k_t = \beta_t \geq \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_1$  in (4.0.1). Since  $\bar{y}_c^2$  is large it should also be near-optimal in the original situation.

Alternatively it could be argued that the true optimal detection rule should be "near-robust". In section 4.4 an upper bound is derived for the increase in expected cost due to the use of the guaranteed robust detection rule.

In this section modified versions of the problem are investigated, and the appropriate robustness results obtained following closely the approach of section 4.2.

### First Modified Problem

The system defined in (4.0.1) is considered but with the random variable  $t_j$  defined so that

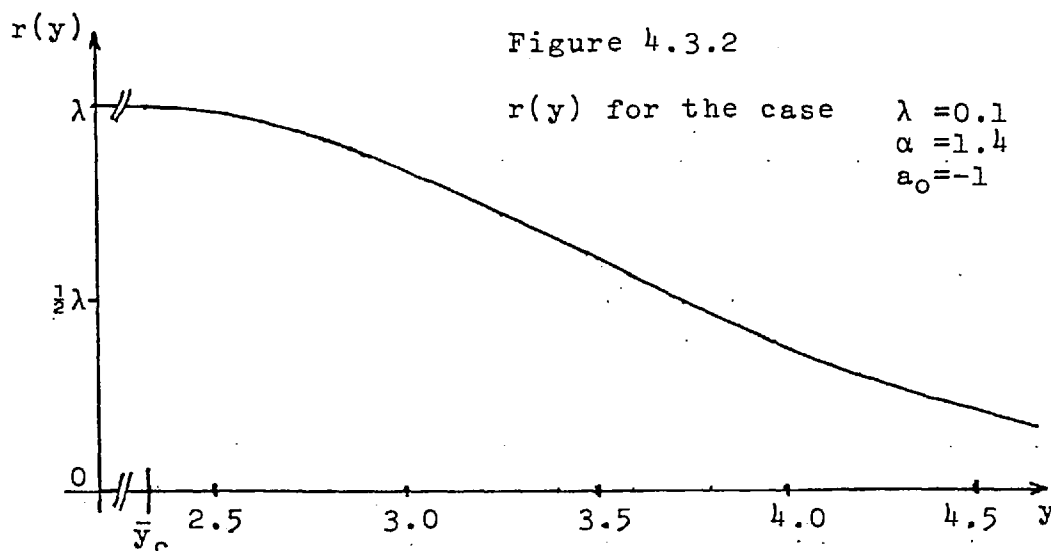
$$dI(t > t_j) = r(y_t)(1 - I(t > t_j))dt + d\bar{M}_t \quad (4.3.1)$$

where  $\bar{M}_t$  is a Martingale and

$$r(y) = \lambda \quad \forall y \text{ st } y^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2 \triangleq \frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0^2} \quad (4.3.2)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0^2 y^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0}{1 + \exp(-\bar{S}_c - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 y^2)} \quad \forall y \text{ st } y^2 > \bar{y}_c^2$$

$$\bar{S}_c \triangleq \ln\left(\frac{\lambda}{-(\alpha + 1)a_0}\right) - \frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{2(\alpha + 1)a_0} \quad (4.3.3)$$



$\bar{P}$  and  $\bar{E}$  denote probability and expectation respectively given that  $t_j$  satisfies (4.3.1), and, except when explicitly stated, that  $\bar{P}(t_j=0|Y_0)=0$  and that  $k_t=\alpha \forall t \geq t_j$ .

$$\text{Then } \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta} \bar{P}(t_j \in (t, t+\delta) | t_j > t, y_t = \tilde{y}) = r(\tilde{y}) \quad (4.3.4)$$

Using the non-linear filtering equations (Appendix 1) as before, if  $\bar{\pi}_t = \bar{P}(t \geq t_j | Y_t)$

$$d\bar{\pi}_t = r(y_t)(1-\bar{\pi}_t)dt + \bar{\pi}_t(1-\bar{\pi}_t)(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t d\bar{v}_t \quad (4.3.5)$$

$$dy_t = (1+(\alpha-1)\bar{\pi}_t)a_0 y_t dt + d\bar{v}_t \quad (4.3.6)$$

$\bar{v}_t$  is a Wiener process (the innovations process)

Note that increments of  $\bar{M}_t$  are orthogonal to  $W_t$ .

$$\text{As before, } \bar{R} = \ln\left(\frac{\bar{\pi}}{1-\bar{\pi}}\right), \bar{S} = \bar{R} - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y^2 \quad (4.3.7)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\bar{S}_t}{dt} &= r(y_t) \left(1 + e^{-\bar{S}_t - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t^2}\right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2-1)a_0^2 y_t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.8)$$

Because of the definitions (4.3.2), (4.3.3)

$$\text{if } \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) = \frac{d\bar{S}_t}{dt} \Big|_{\substack{\bar{S}_t = \tilde{S} \\ y_t = \tilde{y}}} \text{ then } \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \tilde{S} < \bar{S}_c, \quad \forall \tilde{y} \quad (4.3.9)$$

and  $\frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y})$  is a non-increasing function of  $\tilde{y}^2$  for

$$\text{fixed } \tilde{S} \geq \bar{S}_c. \quad (4.3.10)$$

$$\text{In fact } \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) = \frac{dS}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) \text{ for } \tilde{y}^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2 \quad (4.3.11)$$

Here  $\frac{dS}{dt}$  is as introduced in section 4.2.

The existence of a  $V_t$ -stopping time  $\bar{\tau}$  which minimizes

$\bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, y)} K(\bar{\tau})$  follows from Lemma 3.2 with  $\rho(y)=r(y)$ , and

the existence of the stopping boundary  $\bar{\gamma}$  from Theorem 3.2.



Continuity in  $\bar{S}$  and non-increasing in  $\bar{S}$  properties of

$$\bar{h}(\bar{S}, y) \triangleq \bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, y)} K(\bar{\tau})$$

follow similarly from Corollary 3.2.2.

$$\text{Then } \bar{\tau}_{t_0} \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : \bar{h}(\bar{S}_t, y_t) \geq 0\} \quad (4.3.12)$$

$$= \inf\{t \geq t_0 : \bar{S}_t \geq \bar{S}_{\bar{\gamma}}(y_t)\}$$

$$\text{where } \bar{S}_{\bar{\gamma}}(y) \triangleq \inf\{\bar{S} : (\bar{S}, y) \in \bar{\gamma}\} \quad (4.3.13)$$

$$\text{and } \bar{\tau} = \bar{\tau}_{t_0} \text{ if } \bar{\tau} \geq t_0 \quad (4.3.14)$$

From (4.1.5)

$$\bar{h}(\bar{S}, y) = \bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, y)} \int_0^{\bar{\tau}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \quad (4.3.15)$$

$$\text{where } \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}, y) \triangleq -\lambda + (\lambda + c)\bar{\pi}(\bar{S}, y) \quad (4.3.16)$$

$$\text{and } \bar{\pi}(\bar{S}, y) \triangleq \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\bar{S} - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y^2)} \quad (4.3.17)$$

$$\text{so that } \bar{\pi}_t = \bar{\pi}(\bar{S}_y, y_t)$$

As in section 4.1

$$\text{a) } \bar{h}(\bar{S}_t, y_t) = \bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, y)_t} K_t(\bar{\tau}_t) = \bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, y)_t} \int_t^{\bar{\tau}_t} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \quad (4.3.18)$$

$$\text{b) } \bar{h}(\bar{S}, y) \leq 0 \quad \forall (\bar{S}, y) \quad (4.3.19)$$

$$\text{c) } \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_t, y_t) < 0 \Rightarrow \bar{\tau}_t > t, \text{ so that } \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}, y) \geq 0 \text{ if } (\bar{S}, y) \in \bar{\gamma} \quad (4.3.20)$$

$$\text{d) } \bar{h}(\bar{S}, y) = \bar{h}(\bar{S}, -y), \quad \bar{S}_{\bar{\gamma}}(y) = \bar{S}_{\bar{\gamma}}(-y) \quad (4.3.21)$$

Next it is shown that  $\bar{S}_{\bar{\gamma}}(y)$  is non-increasing with decreasing  $y^2$ . The argument used follows closely that used in section 4.2.

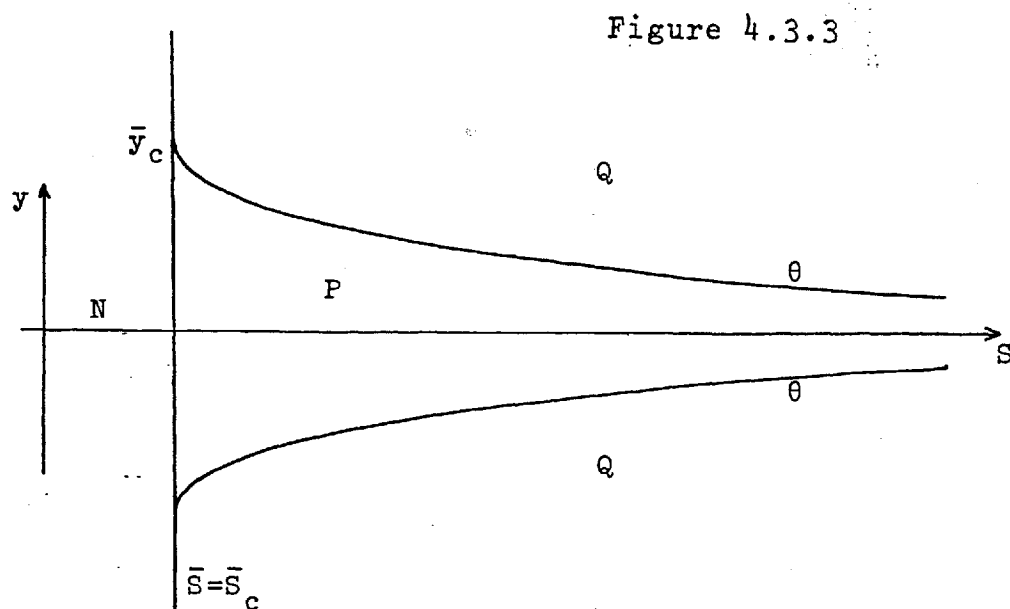
As before the state-space of the process  $(\bar{S}, y)_t$  is divided into three disjoint sets.

$$N \triangleq \{(\bar{S}, y) : \bar{S} < \bar{S}_c\}$$

$$P \triangleq \{(\bar{S}, y) : \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}, y) \geq 0, \bar{S} \geq \bar{S}_c\} \quad (4.3.22)$$

$$Q \triangleq \{(\bar{S}, y) : \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}, y) < 0, \bar{S} \geq \bar{S}_c\}$$

$$\theta \triangleq P \text{nclosure}(Q) \quad (4.3.23)$$



$$\text{Define } \bar{t}_c = \inf\{t : (\bar{S}, y)_t \in P \cup Q\} \quad (4.3.24)$$

Since  $\frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}_c, y) \geq 0 \forall y$ , it follows that  $(\bar{S}, y)_t \in P \cup Q \forall t \geq \bar{t}_c$ .

$$(4.3.25)$$

Note that  $(\bar{S}_c, y) \in P \forall y$ .

Lemma 4.3

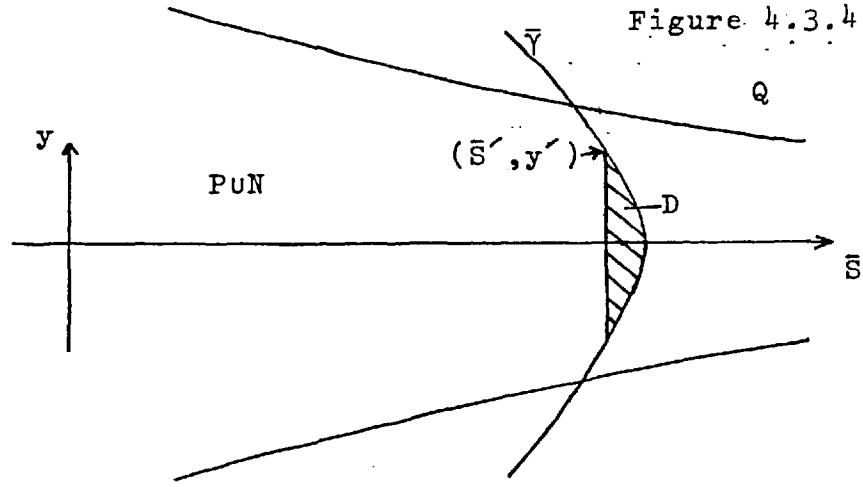
$\bar{S}_{\bar{y}}(y)$  is non-increasing with decreasing  $y^2 \forall y$  such that  $(\bar{S}_{\bar{y}}(y), y) \in P \cup N$ .

Proof (similar to proof of Lemma 4.1)

If the Lemma is not true  $\exists y' > 0$  such that for  $\bar{S}' = \bar{S}_{\bar{y}}(y')$ ,

$(\bar{S}', y') \in P \cup N$  and  $\bar{S}_{\bar{y}}(y)$  is strictly increasing with decreasing  $y$  at  $y = y'$ .

Figure 4.3.4



Then if  $D \triangleq \{(\bar{S}, y) : \bar{S} \in [\bar{S}', \bar{S}_{\bar{\gamma}}(y)], y^2 \leq y'^2\}$

$D \setminus \bar{\gamma}$  is non-empty ( $\bar{\gamma}$  is the boundary of the closed stopping set).

Choose  $(\bar{S}, y)_{t_0} \in D \setminus \bar{\gamma} \Rightarrow (\bar{S}, y)_t \in D \quad \forall t \in [t_0, \bar{t}_{t_0}]$

since  $\frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}', \tilde{y}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \tilde{y} \in [-y', y']$

[because a)  $(\bar{S}', y') \in N \Rightarrow (\bar{S}', \tilde{y}) \in N$

b)  $(\bar{S}', y') \in P \Rightarrow \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}', \tilde{y}) \geq \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}', y') \geq 0$   
by (4.3.10)]

$\bar{o}(\bar{S}, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall (\bar{S}, y) \in D$ , since  $\bar{o}(\bar{S}', y') \geq 0$  by (4.3.20) and  $\bar{o}$  is increasing with  $\bar{S}$  and decreasing with  $y^2$  by (4.3.16).

Therefore  $\bar{h}(\bar{S}_{t_0}, y_{t_0}) = \bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, y)_{t_0}} \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}_{t_0}} \bar{o}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \geq 0$

But this contradicts (4.3.12) since  $\bar{S}_{t_0} < \bar{S}_{\bar{\gamma}}(y_{t_0})$ . □

Definition

Let  $\Gamma \triangleq \{(\bar{S}, y) \in Q \cap \bar{\gamma} : (\bar{S}', y') \in Q \cap \bar{\gamma} \text{ with } \bar{S}' > \bar{S}, y'^2 < y^2\}$

then  $\bar{S}_1 \triangleq \begin{cases} \inf\{\bar{S} : (\bar{S}, y) \in \Gamma\} & \text{if } \Gamma \neq \emptyset \\ +\infty & \text{if } \Gamma = \emptyset \end{cases} \tag{4.3.26}$

(see over)

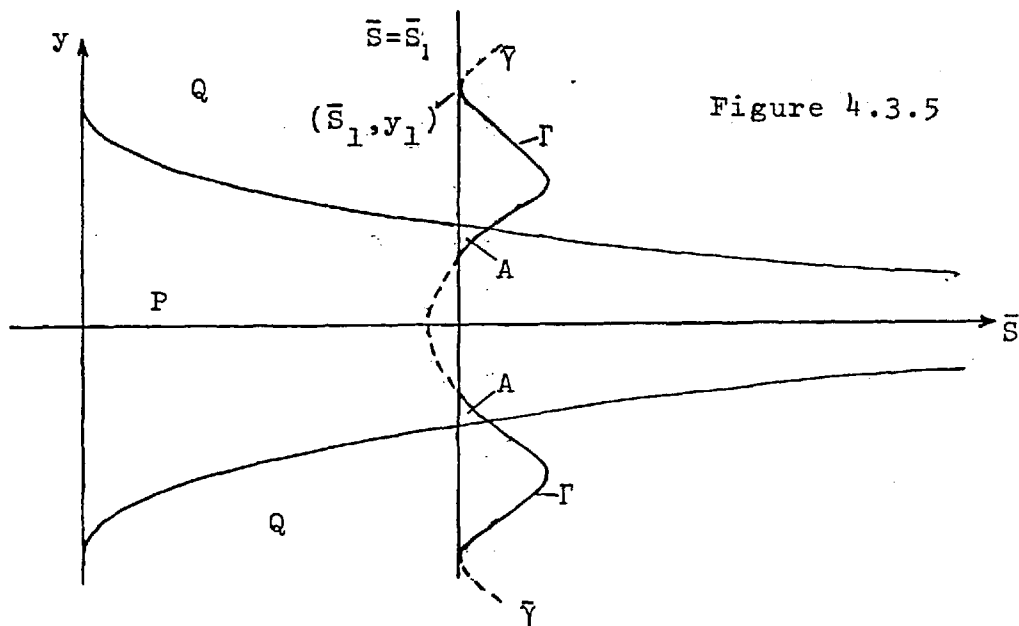


Figure 4.3.5

If  $\bar{S}_1 < \infty$  choose  $y_1 \triangleq \sup\{y \geq 0 : (\bar{S}_1, y) \in \tilde{\gamma}\}$  (4.3.27)

$(\bar{S}_1, y_1) \in \Gamma$  since the stopping set is closed (Theorem 3.1).

$y_1 < \infty$  as  $\bar{S}_1 < \bar{S}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(y)$  for  $y^2$  large since  $\bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}, y) \rightarrow -\lambda$  as  $y^2 \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note that  $\bar{S}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(y)$  is non-increasing with decreasing  $y^2 \forall y$  st  $\bar{S}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(y) < \bar{S}_1$  by (4.3.26) and Lemma 4.3.

#### Lemma 4.4

If  $\bar{S}_1 < \infty$ ,  $\bar{h}(\bar{S}, y)$  is non-increasing with increasing  $y^2$

for  $(\bar{S}, y) \in P$ ,  $\bar{S} \in [\bar{S}_1, \bar{S}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(y)]$  (i.e.  $(\bar{S}, y)$  in sets "A", Fig 4.3.5)

Proof (similar to proof of Lemma 4.2)

Suppose the Lemma is not true.

Then  $\exists \bar{S}_2 \geq \bar{S}_1, y_3 > y_2 \geq 0$  such that

$$\bar{S}_2 < \bar{S}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(y_2), \quad \bar{S}_2 < \bar{S}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(y_3)$$

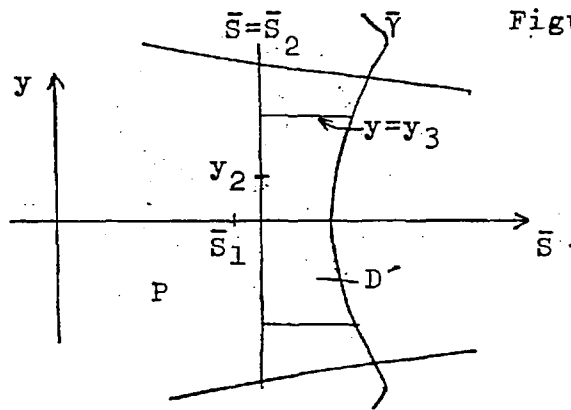
$$(\bar{S}_2, y_2), (\bar{S}_2, y_3) \in P$$

$$\& \quad \bar{h}(\bar{S}_2, y_2) < \bar{h}(\bar{S}_2, y_3) \quad (4.3.28)$$

$$D' \triangleq \{(\bar{S}, y) : y^2 \leq y_3^2, \bar{S}_2 \in [\bar{S}_2, \bar{S}_{\tilde{\gamma}}(y)]\}$$

(see Figure 4.3.6)

Figure 4.3.6



Suppose  $(\bar{S}, y)_{t_0} = (\bar{S}_2, y_2)$ . Then the process  $(\bar{S}, y)_t$  leaves  $D'$  either across  $\bar{y}$  or across the lines  $y=y_3$  or  $y=-y_3$ .

$$\frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}_2, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \text{ st } y^2 \leq y_3^2 \quad \text{by (4.3.10)}.$$

Define  $t_1 = \inf\{t \geq t_0 : y_t = \pm y_3\}$

$$\int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du = \int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du + \int_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du$$

The first term on the right is positive or zero, as

$\bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall (\bar{S}, y) \in D'$ . This is because  $\bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_1, y_1) \geq 0$  by (4.3.20) and  $\bar{\sigma}$  is increasing with  $\bar{S}$  and decreasing with  $y^2$  from (4.3.16).

As  $\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1$  is a  $Y_t$ -stopping time

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}(\bar{S}_2, y_2) &= \bar{E}(\bar{S}, y)_{t_0} \int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \\ &\geq \bar{E}(\bar{S}, y)_{t_0} \left[ \bar{E} \left( \int_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \mid \mathcal{Y}_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1} \right) \right] \\ &\geq \bar{E}(\bar{S}, y)_{t_0} \left[ \bar{h}(\bar{S}_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}, y_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}) \mid \bar{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_1 \right] \\ &\geq \bar{h}(\bar{S}_2, y_3) \end{aligned} \tag{4.3.29}$$

The second inequality is because if  $\bar{\tau}_{t_0} < t_1$ ,

$$\bar{h}(\bar{S}_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}, y_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}) = 0 \quad \text{by (4.3.18)}.$$

For  $\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_1$ ,  $\bar{S}_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1} \geq \bar{S}_2$ ,  $y_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1} = \pm y_3$

Then by Corollary 3.2.2  $\bar{h}(\bar{S}_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}, y_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \wedge t_1}) \geq \bar{h}(\bar{S}_2, y_3)$

which establishes the third inequality. But (4.3.29) contradicts (4.3.28). □

Theorem 4.3

$\bar{S}_{\bar{Y}}(y)$  is non-increasing with decreasing  $y^2$

Proof (similar to proof of Theorem 4.1)

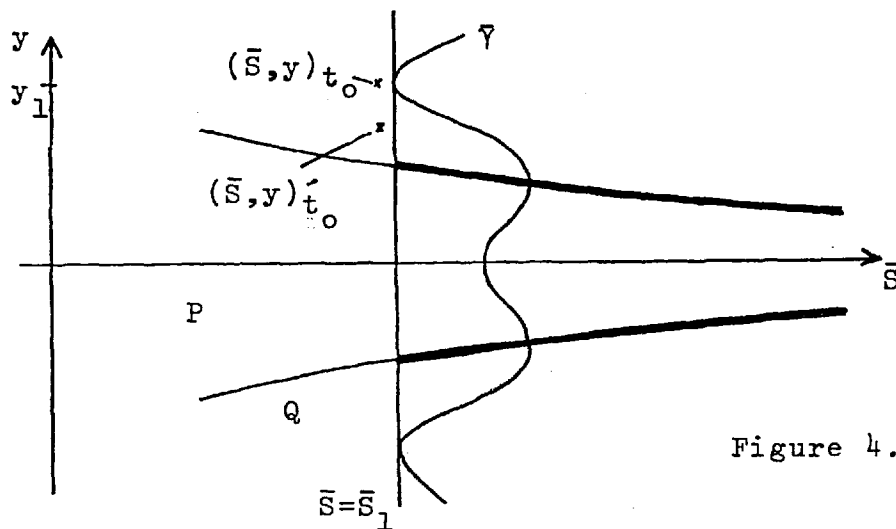


Figure 4.3.7

Suppose the Theorem is not true. Then by Lemma 4.3 and (4.3.26)  $\bar{S}_1 < \infty$ .

$y_1$  exists and is defined in (4.3.27).  $y_1 < \infty$ .

$y^{\wedge} \in [0, y_1]$  is chosen so  $\bar{S}_{\bar{Y}}(y^{\wedge}) > \bar{S}_{\bar{Y}}(y_1)$ . (4.3.26) guarantees that such a  $y^{\wedge}$  exists.

Let  $(\bar{S}, y)_t$ ,  $(\bar{S}, y)_t^{\wedge}$  both be solutions of (4.3.6) and (4.3.8)

i.e.  $dy_t = (1 + (\alpha - 1)\bar{\pi}(\bar{S}_t, y_t))a_0 y_t dt + d\bar{v}_t$

$$\frac{d\bar{S}_t}{dt} = r(y_t)(1 + e^{-\bar{S}_t - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 y_t^2}) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0^2 y_t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 \quad (4.3.30)$$

with the innovations process  $\bar{v}_t$  the same in both cases but with

$$(\bar{S}, y)_{t_0} = (\bar{S}_1 - \epsilon, y_1), \quad (\bar{S}, y)_{t_0}^{\wedge} = (\bar{S}_1 - \epsilon, y^{\wedge}) \quad (4.3.31)$$

Here  $\epsilon$  is chosen so that  $\bar{S}_c \leq \bar{S}_1 - \epsilon < \bar{S}_1$ . This is possible since

$\bar{S}_1 \leq \bar{S}_c$  contradicts Lemma 4.3.

$\bar{S}'_t, y'_t$  are defined such that  $(\bar{S}'_t, y'_t) = (\bar{S}, y)_t'$

Note that  $(y_t: t \geq t_0)$  and  $(y'_t: t \geq t_0)$  both generate the same  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{V}_t$  (both processes may be reconstructed given  $\bar{\mathcal{V}}_t$  - see Lemma 3.1). In this proof all probabilities and expectations are conditioned on the initial conditions (4.3.31).

The following  $\mathcal{V}_t$ -stopping times are defined

$$t_1 \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : y_t'^2 = y_t^2\} \quad (4.3.32)$$

$$t_2 \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (\bar{S}, y)_t \in \theta, \bar{S}_t \geq \bar{S}_1\} \quad (4.3.33)$$

$$\bar{t}_{t_0} \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (\bar{S}, y)_t \in \bar{\gamma}\} \quad (4.3.34)$$

$$\bar{t}'_{t_0} \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : (\bar{S}, y)_t' \in \bar{\gamma}\} \quad (4.3.35)$$

Note that (4.3.34) is equivalent to (4.3.12) in this case.

$t_2$  is the first time  $(\bar{S}, y)_t$  crosses the thick line in Figure 4.3.7.

Also  $(\bar{S}, y)_t \in \text{PuQ} \quad \forall t \geq t_0$  (c.f. (4.3.25)), and by (4.3.10)

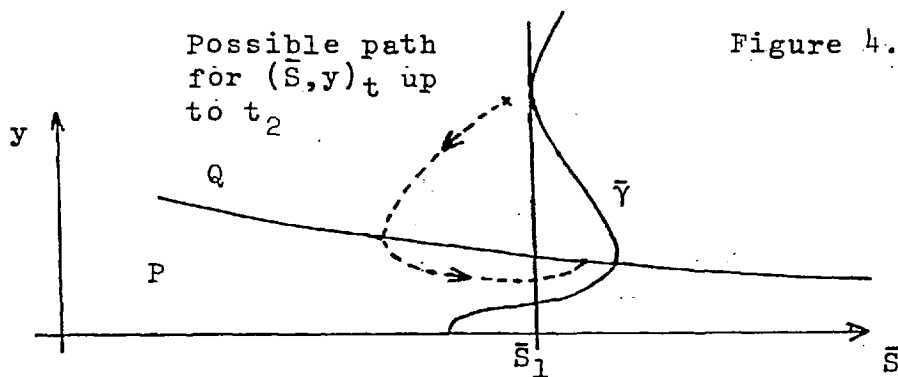
$$\frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}, \hat{y}) \geq \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}, \tilde{y}) \text{ if } \hat{y}^2 \leq \tilde{y}^2, \quad (\bar{S}, \tilde{y}) \in \text{PuQ} \quad (4.3.36)$$

A preliminary result is now established.

Suppose  $\bar{t}_{t_0} < t_1, \bar{t}_{t_0} < t_2$ .

Then since  $\frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\bar{S}, y) < 0$  in  $Q$  and by definition of  $t_2$ ,

$(\bar{S}, y)_t \in \text{Pu}\{(\bar{S}, y) : \bar{S} < \bar{S}_1\} \quad \forall t \leq \bar{t}_{t_0}$  (see Figure 4.3.8).



As  $\bar{\tau}_{t_0} < t_1$ ,  $y_t^{-2} < y_t^2 \quad \forall t \leq \bar{\tau}_{t_0}$ . Then from (4.3.10)  $\bar{S}'_t \geq \bar{S}_t \quad \forall t \leq \bar{\tau}_{t_0}$ .

Since, from Lemma 4.3 and (4.3.26)  $\bar{S}_\gamma(\tilde{y})$  is non-increasing with-decreasing  $\tilde{y}^2$  for  $\tilde{y}^2 < y_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}}^2$  (see Figure 4.3.8).

$$\bar{S}'_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \geq \bar{S}_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} = \bar{S}_\gamma(y_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}}) \geq \bar{S}_\gamma(y'_{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}})$$

so that  $\bar{\tau}'_{t_0} \leq \bar{\tau}_{t_0}$ .

Therefore  $\bar{\tau}_{t_0} < t_1, \bar{\tau}_{t_0} < t_2 \Rightarrow \bar{\tau}'_{t_0} \leq \bar{\tau}_{t_0}$  (4.3.37)

The following events are defined

$$\begin{aligned} A &\triangleq \{\omega: t_1 \leq \min(t_2, \bar{\tau}'_{t_0})\} \\ B &\triangleq \{\omega: t_2 < \min(t_1, \bar{\tau}'_{t_0})\} \\ C &\triangleq \{\omega: \bar{\tau}'_{t_0} \leq t_2, \bar{\tau}'_{t_0} < t_1\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.38)$$

A, B, C are disjoint, and  $\omega \in A \cup B \cup C$  w.p.1.

Each event is now considered separately.

EVENT A

If  $\omega \in A$ ,  $t_1 \leq t_2$ ,  $t_1 \leq \bar{\tau}'_{t_0}$ . By (4.3.37) it follows that  $\bar{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_1$ .

Also  $y_t^{-2} \leq y_t^2$ ,  $\bar{S}'_t \geq \bar{S}_t \quad \forall t \leq t_1$ .

Since  $\bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}, y)$  increases with  $\bar{S}$  and decreases with  $y^2$

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) du \geq \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du$$

Also, since  $y_{t_1}^{-2} = y_{t_1}^2$  and  $\bar{S}'_{t_1} \geq \bar{S}_{t_1}$ ,  $\bar{h}(\bar{S}'_{t_1}, y'_{t_1}) \geq \bar{h}(\bar{S}_{t_1}, y_{t_1})$

from Corollary 3.2.2.

$$\text{Then } \bar{E}\left[\int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}'_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) du - \int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in A\right]$$

$$= \bar{E}\left[\int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) - \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u)) du \mid \omega \in A\right]$$

$$+ \bar{E}[\bar{h}(\bar{S}'_{t_1}, y'_{t_1}) - \bar{h}(\bar{S}_{t_1}, y_{t_1}) \mid \omega \in A] \geq 0 \quad (4.3.39)$$

since A is a  $\mathcal{V}_{t_1}$ -measurable event, and from (4.3.18).



EVENT B

If  $\omega \in B$ ,  $t_2 < t_1$ ,  $t_2 < \bar{t}'_{t_0}$

If  $\bar{t}_{t_0} < t_2$ , (4.3.37) gives a contradiction. Therefore  $\bar{t}_{t_0} \geq t_2$ .

Since  $t_2 < t_1$ , as before,  $y_t^{-2} < y_t^2$ ,  $\bar{S}'_t \geq \bar{S}_t \quad \forall t \leq t_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}'_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) du - \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in B \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{t_2} (\bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) - \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u)) du \mid \omega \in B \right] \\ & \quad + \mathbb{E} [\bar{h}(\bar{S}'_{t_2}, y'_{t_2}) - \bar{h}(\bar{S}_{t_2}, y_{t_2}) \mid \omega \in B] \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right is positive or zero by the properties of  $\bar{\sigma}$ .

$$\bar{h}(\bar{S}'_{t_2}, y'_{t_2}) \geq \bar{h}(\bar{S}_{t_2}, y'_{t_2}) \geq \bar{h}(\bar{S}_{t_2}, y_{t_2})$$

where the first inequality is from Corollary 3.2.2 since  $\bar{S}'_{t_2} \geq \bar{S}_{t_2}$ , and the second inequality is from Lemma 4.4 using  $\bar{S}_{t_2} \geq \bar{S}_1$ ,  $y_{t_2}^{-2} < y_{t_2}^2$ .

$$\text{Therefore } \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}'_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) du - \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in B \right] \geq 0 \quad (4.3.40)$$

EVENT C

If  $\omega \in C$ ,  $\bar{t}'_{t_0} \leq t_2$ ,  $\bar{t}'_{t_0} < t_1$ .

From (4.3.37)  $\bar{t}_{t_0} < t_1$ ,  $\bar{t}_{t_0} < t_2 \Rightarrow \bar{t}'_{t_0} \leq \bar{t}_{t_0}$ , so that  $\bar{t}_{t_0} < \bar{t}'_{t_0}$

leads to a contradiction if  $\omega \in C$ .

Therefore  $\bar{t}_{t_0} \geq \bar{t}'_{t_0}$ .

$y_t^{-2} < y_t^2$ ,  $\bar{S}'_t \geq \bar{S}_t \quad \forall t \leq \bar{t}'_{t_0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}'_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) du - \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in C \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{\bar{t}'_{t_0}} (\bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) - \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u)) du \mid \omega \in C \right] + \mathbb{E} [-\bar{h}(\bar{S}_{\bar{t}'_{t_0}}, y_{\bar{t}'_{t_0}}) \mid \omega \in C] \\ & \geq 0 \quad (4.3.41) \end{aligned}$$

COMPLETION OF PROOF

From (4.3.39), (4.3.40), (4.3.41)

$$\bar{E} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}'_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du - \int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \mid \omega \in F \right] \geq 0$$

for  $F=A, B, C$

Therefore  $\bar{h}(\bar{S}'_{t_0}, y'_{t_0}) - \bar{h}(\bar{S}_{t_0}, y_{t_0})$

$$= \bar{E} \left[ \int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}'_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}'_u, y'_u) du - \int_{t_0}^{\bar{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\sigma}(\bar{S}_u, y_u) du \right] \geq 0$$

i.e.  $\bar{h}(\bar{S}_1 - \epsilon, y')$   $\geq$   $\bar{h}(\bar{S}_1 - \epsilon, y_1)$

Now as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\bar{h}(\bar{S}_1 - \epsilon, y_1) \rightarrow 0$  by Corollary 3.2.2, and because

$$(\bar{S}_1, y_1) \in \bar{\gamma}.$$

So  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \bar{h}(\bar{S}_1 - \epsilon, y') \geq 0$ . By continuity of  $\bar{h}$  with  $\bar{S}$  (Corollary

3.2.2)

$$\bar{h}(\bar{S}_1, y') \geq 0 \Rightarrow (\bar{S}_1, y') \in \bar{\gamma}.$$

But  $y'$  was chosen so that  $\bar{S}_1 < \bar{S}_\gamma(y')$  which gives a

contradiction. □

Second modified problem

Before proceeding to investigate robustness a slightly different version of the problem is introduced. Here  $y_t$  is still generated by (4.0.1) but the random variable  $t_j$  is defined such that

$$dI(t \geq t_j) = [I(S_t^* < \bar{S}_c) \lambda + I(S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_c) r(y_t)] (1 - I(t \geq t_j)) dt + dM_t^* \tag{4.3.42}$$

where  $M_t^*$  is a Martingale

$r(y)$  is defined in (4.3.2)

$\bar{S}_c$  is defined in (4.3.3)

and  $S_t^*$  is defined by

$$S_0^* = \ln\left(\frac{\pi_0^*}{1-\pi_0^*}\right) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y_0^2 \quad \text{where } \pi_0^* = P(t_j=0|Y_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS_t^*}{dt} = & [I(S_t^* < \bar{S}_c)\lambda + I(S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_c)r(y_t)](1 + e^{-S_t^* - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t^2}) \\ & - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2-1)a_0^2 y_t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.43)$$

$P^*, E^*$  denote probability and expectation respectively given that  $t_j$  satisfies (4.3.42), and, unless explicitly stated, that  $P^*(t_j=0|Y_0)=0$  and that  $k_t = \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j$  in (4.0.1).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta} P^*(t_j \in (t, t+\delta) | t_j > t, S_t^*, y_t) &= \lambda \text{ if } S_t^* < \bar{S}_c \\ &= r(y_t) \text{ if } S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_c \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.44)$$

Using as before the non-linear filtering equations

(Appendix 1) if  $\pi_t^* \triangleq P^*(t \geq t_j | Y_t)$

$$d\pi_t^* = [I(S_t^* < \bar{S}_c)\lambda + I(S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_c)r(y_t)](1-\pi_t^*)(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t dv_t^* \quad (4.3.45)$$

$$dy_t = [1 + (\alpha-1)\pi_t^*]a_0 y_t dt + dv_t^* \quad (4.3.46)$$

$v_t^*$  is a Wiener process (the innovations process).

$$R^* \triangleq \ln\left(\frac{\pi^*}{1-\pi^*}\right)$$

$$\text{It turns out that } S_t^* = R_t^* - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t^2 \quad (4.3.47)$$

Note that  $S_t^* = S_t \quad \forall t < t_c$ , where  $S_t$  is defined by (4.1.3) and  $t_c \triangleq \inf\{t: S_t \geq \bar{S}_c\}$ . (4.3.48)

$$\text{Also } S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_c \quad \forall t \geq t_c, \text{ since } \frac{dS_t^*}{dt}(\bar{S}_c, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall y \quad (4.3.49)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{dS_t^*}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) = \frac{d\bar{S}}{dt}(\tilde{S}, \tilde{y}) \quad \forall \tilde{S} \geq \bar{S}_c, \quad \forall y \quad (4.3.50)$$

For  $(S^*, y)_{t_0} = (\bar{S}, y)_{t_0} = (\bar{S}, \bar{y})$ ,  $v_t^* = \bar{v}_t \quad \forall t \geq t_0$ ,  $\bar{S} \geq \bar{S}_c$

(4.3.6), (4.3.8) and (4.3.46), (4.3.43) have identical solutions for  $t \geq t_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } E^*_{(\bar{S}, \bar{y})} K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) &= E^*_{(\bar{S}, \bar{y})} [-\lambda \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} + (\lambda + c) \int_{t_0}^{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} \pi_u^* du] \\ &= \bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, \bar{y})} [-\lambda \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} + (\lambda + c) \int_{t_0}^{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} \bar{\pi}_u du] = \bar{E}_{(\bar{S}, \bar{y})} K_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $Y_t$ -stopping time  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0$  (4.3.51)

Therefore the optimal detection time  $\tau_{t_0}^*$ , in the sense of the expected cost  $E^*_{(S^*, y)_{t_0}} K_{t_0}(\tau_{t_0}^*)$ , satisfies

$$\tau_{t_0}^* = \inf\{t \geq t_0 : S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_{\bar{y}}(y_t)\}, \quad \text{if } t_0 \geq t_c \quad (4.3.52)$$

Note

If  $-(\alpha+1)a_0 \geq c$ , as would be expected,  $\tau_{t_0}^* = \inf\{t \geq t_0 : S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_{\bar{y}}(y_t)\}$  for  $t_0 < t_c$  too, since then  $-\lambda + (\lambda + c)\pi_t^* < 0$  if  $S_t^* < \bar{S}_c \Rightarrow \tau^* \geq t_c$ , from (4.1.7) (c.f. (4.1.17)).

The robustness result is now derived.

Theorem 4.4

$$\begin{aligned} E(\tau_{t_j}^* - t_j \mid (S^*, y)_{t_j}, t_j, k_t = \beta_t \quad \forall t \geq t_j) \\ \leq E(\tau_{t_j}^* - t_j \mid (S^*, y)_{t_j}, t_j, k_t = \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j) \end{aligned}$$

if  $\beta_t \geq \alpha > 1 \quad \forall t \geq t_j \geq t_c$

Proof (similar to proof of Theorem 4.2)

Suppose  $\beta_t \geq \alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j \geq t_c$

Define  $y_t^\alpha$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} dy_t^\alpha &= \alpha a_0 y_t^\alpha dt + \alpha dw_t^\alpha \quad t \geq t_j \\ y_{t_j}^\alpha &= y_{t_j} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.53)$$

where  $W_t^\alpha$  is a Wiener process. Define  $y_t^\beta$  such that

$$dy_t^\beta = \beta_t a_0 y_t^\beta dt + dW_t^\beta \quad t \geq t_j \quad (4.3.54)$$

$$y_{t_j}^\beta = y_{t_j}$$

From Itô's differentiation rule, if  $x_t^\alpha = (y_t^\alpha)^2$ ,  $x_t^\beta = (y_t^\beta)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{t_j}^\alpha &= x_{t_j}^\beta \\ dx_t^\alpha &= (2\alpha a_0 x_t^\alpha + 1)dt + 2\sqrt{x_t^\alpha} \cdot dV_t^\alpha \\ dx_t^\beta &= (2\beta_t a_0 x_t^\beta + 1)dt + 2\sqrt{x_t^\beta} \cdot dV_t^\beta \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.55)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^\alpha &= \int_{t_j}^t J(y_u^\alpha) dW_u^\alpha \\ V_t^\beta &= \int_{t_j}^t J(y_u^\beta) dW_u^\beta \quad t \geq t_j \\ J(x) &= +1 \text{ if } x \geq 0 \\ &= -1 \text{ if } x < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$V_t^\alpha, V_t^\beta$  are then Wiener processes. Suppose that  $W_t^\alpha, W_t^\beta$  are chosen so that  $V_t^\alpha = V_t^\beta = V_t$ . Then, by [22, Theorem 1.1]

$$x_t^\beta \leq x_t^\alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (4.3.56)$$

Now define  $S_t^\alpha, S_t^\beta$  so that  $S_{t_j}^\alpha = S_{t_j}^\beta = S_{t_j}^*$  and  $(S_t^\alpha, y_t^\alpha)$  &  $(S_t^\beta, y_t^\beta)$  satisfy

$$\frac{d\tilde{S}^*}{dt} = r(\tilde{y}_t) \left( 1 + e^{-\tilde{S}_t^* - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 \tilde{y}_t^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2-1)a_0^2 \tilde{y}_t^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0$$

As  $t_j \geq t_c$ ,  $S_t^\alpha, S_t^\beta \geq \bar{S}_c$   $\forall t \geq t_j$ .  $\frac{d\tilde{S}^*}{dt}$  is a decreasing function of  $\tilde{y}^2$  for given  $\tilde{S}^* \geq \bar{S}_c$ . Therefore from (4.3.56)

$$S_t^\beta \geq S_t^\alpha \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (4.3.57)$$

Now define

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^\alpha &= \inf\{t \geq t_j : S_t^\alpha \geq \bar{S}_\gamma(y_t^\alpha)\} \\ \tau^\beta &= \inf\{t \geq t_j : S_t^\beta \geq \bar{S}_\gamma(y_t^\beta)\} \end{aligned}$$

then  $S_{\tau^\beta}^\beta \geq S_{\tau^\alpha}^\alpha = \bar{S}_\gamma(y_{\tau^\alpha}^\alpha) \geq \bar{S}_\gamma(y_{\tau^\alpha}^\beta)$

The final inequality follows from (4.3.56), noting that  $x_t^\alpha \geq y_t^2$ , and Theorem 4.3.

Therefore  $\tau^\beta \leq \tau^\alpha$

The result of the Theorem now follows because of the way in which  $y_t^\alpha, y_t^\beta, \tau^\alpha, \tau^\beta$  have been defined.  $\square$

It follows as in section 4.2 that if  $\beta_t \geq \alpha \forall t$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{(S,y)_0} [C(\tau^*) | k_t = \beta_t \forall t \geq t_j, t_j \geq t_c] \\ \leq E_{(S,y)_0} [C(\tau^*) | k_t = \alpha \forall t \geq t_j, t_j \geq t_c] \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.58)$$

This also holds with  $C(\tau^*)$  replaced by  $K(\tau^*)$ .

Note that the distribution of the time  $t_j$  at which the disorder occurs, specified by the notation  $E, \bar{E}$  or  $E^*$  is irrelevant in (4.3.58) because of the conditioning in Theorem 4.4. The robustness of the detection rule  $\tau^*$  is established regardless of this distribution.

In this case it is possible to say something about  $t_c$ , defined in (4.3.48).

$$\text{Since } S_t = \ln(\pi_t / (1 - \pi_t)) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 y_t^2$$

and from (4.3.48)

$$t_c \leq \hat{t} = \inf \left\{ t : \pi_t \geq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - (\alpha + 1)a_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{2(\alpha + 1)a_0}\right)} \right\}$$

$$\text{Therefore } P_{(S,y)_0}(t_j \leq t_c) \leq P_{(S,y)_0}(t_j \leq \hat{t}) = E_{(S,y)_0} \pi_{\hat{t}}$$

$$\leq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - (\alpha + 1)a_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{2(\alpha + 1)a_0}\right)} = \rho, \text{ say} \quad (4.3.59)$$

since  $t_c$  is a  $y_t$ -stopping time.

$$\text{Also } E_{(S,y)_0} \pi_{t_c} = E_{(S,y)_0} \int_0^{t_c} \lambda(1 - \pi_u) du \text{ from (4.0.2)}$$

$$\text{so that } \rho \geq \lambda(1 - \rho) E_{(S,y)_0} t_c.$$

$$\text{Therefore } E_{(S,y)_0} t_c \leq \frac{\rho}{\lambda(1 - \rho)} = \frac{1}{-(\alpha + 1)a_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{2(\alpha + 1)a_0}\right)} \quad (4.3.60)$$

If  $\lambda/(-a_0)$  is small, as would be expected, this leads to the following approximate values for the upper bounds given in (4.3.59) and (4.3.60).

$\alpha$	upper bound for $E_{(S,y)_0} t_c$	upper bound for $P_{(S,y)_0} (t_j < t_c)$
1.1	$1.326/(-a_0)$	$1.326\lambda'$
1.2	$1.293/(-a_0)$	$1.293\lambda'$
1.4	$1.231/(-a_0)$	$1.231\lambda'$
1.7	$1.146/(-a_0)$	$1.146\lambda'$
2.0	$1.070/(-a_0)$	$1.070\lambda'$

where  $\lambda' \triangleq \lambda/(-a_0)$ .

$P_{(S,y)_0} (t_j < t_c)$  is then typically small.

#### 4.4 The sub-optimal detection rule $\alpha > 1$

Theorem 4.4 provides a robustness result for the detection rule  $\tau^*$ , which is valid regardless of the distribution of  $t_j$ .  $\tau^*$  is the optimal detection time if  $t_j$  is distributed according to (4.3.42). Under this distribution the probability density

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta} P^*(t_j \in (t, t+\delta) | t_j > t, y_t = y) \\ = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta} P(t_j \in (t, t+\delta) | t_j > t, y_t = y) = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

for  $y^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2$ , while it is reduced if  $y^2 \geq \bar{y}_c^2$  (4.4.1)

The disorder is less likely to occur while  $y_t^2 > \bar{y}_c^2$ . However  $\bar{y}_c$  is typically several times the standard deviation of  $y_t$   $t \leq t_j$ , so that most of the time  $y_t^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2$ . In table 4.4.1 values of the probability that the disorder is delayed are given if  $y_0 \sim N(0, -\frac{1}{2a_0})$  and  $t_j$  is distributed according to (4.0.2). The

low values obtained, together with the fact that  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  minimize the expected values of  $K(\tilde{\tau})$  for their respective cases suggest that the properties of  $\tau$  will be similar to those of  $\tau^*$ . In particular, it is likely that (4.3.52) holds for  $\tau$  as well as  $\tau^*$ , even if the result corresponding to Theorem 4.4 does not hold for every  $(S, y)_{t_j}$ .

Here the increase in the expected cost resulting from the use of the detection time  $\tau^*$  with its guaranteed robustness properties is investigated, where (4.0.2) holds.

In order to do this the following situation is considered:

$$dy_t^0 = [1+(\alpha-1)I(t \geq t_j^0)]a_0 y_t^0 dt + dV_t, \quad y_0^0 = y_0 \quad (4.4.2)$$

$$dy_t^* = [1+(\alpha-1)I(t \geq t_j^*)]a_0 y_t^* dt + dW_t, \quad y_0^* = y_0 \quad (4.4.3)$$

where  $V_t, W_t$  are Wiener processes such that  $V_t = W_t \quad \forall t \leq \hat{t}$ ;

$$(V_t - V_{\hat{t}}) \text{ and } (W_t - W_{\hat{t}}) \text{ are independent for } t \geq \hat{t} \quad (4.4.4)$$

$t_j^* \geq 0$  is defined so that

$$dI(t \geq t_j^*) = [\lambda + (r(y_t^*) - \lambda)I(t \geq t_c)](1 - I(t \geq t_j^*))dt + dM_t^*$$

$$M_t^* \text{ a Martingale, } P(t_j^* = 0 | Y_0) = 0 \quad (4.4.5)$$

$\hat{t} \geq 0$  is defined so that

$$dI(t \geq \hat{t}) = (\lambda - r(y_t^*))I(t \geq t_c)(1 - I(t \geq \hat{t}))dt + d\hat{M}_t \quad (4.4.6)$$

$$\hat{M}_t \text{ a Martingale, } P(\hat{t} = 0 | Y_0) = 0$$

$M_t^*$  and  $\hat{M}_t$  are orthogonal.

Here  $t_c$  is defined as in (4.3.48) with  $y_t$  taken as  $y_t^*$  and  $S_t$  generated by (4.1.3).

Then

$$t_j^0 \triangleq t_j^* \wedge \hat{t} \quad (4.4.7)$$



$$\text{so } dI(t \geq t_j^0) = \lambda(1 - I(t \geq t_j^0))dt + dM_t^0 \quad (4.4.8)$$

where  $dM_t^0 = I(t \geq t_j^0)(dM_t^* + d\hat{M}_t)$  w.p.1, i.e.  $M_t^0$  is a Martingale and  $P(t \geq t_j^0 | y_0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$ .

The observation process  $y_t$  from which the processes  $S_t, S_t^*$  are generated using (4.1.3) and (4.3.43) respectively is either equal to  $y_t^0$  for all  $t$  or it is equal to  $y_t^*$  for all  $t$ .

$P^0, E^0$  are defined as probability and expectation given that  $y_t = y_t^0 \forall t \geq 0$ .

$P^*, E^*$  are defined as probability and expectation given that  $y_t = y_t^* \forall t \geq 0$ .

$$K_{t_0}^0(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \triangleq -\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_0) + (\lambda + c)(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_j^0 \vee t_0)I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} > t_j^0)$$

with  $K^0 \triangleq K_{t_0}^0$  (4.4.9)

$$K_{t_0}^*(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \triangleq -\lambda(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_0) + (\lambda + c)(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} - t_j^* \vee t_0)I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} > t_j^*)$$

with  $K^* \triangleq K_{t_0}^*$  (4.4.10)

for  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}$  a  $y_t$ -stopping time st  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0$  ( $y_t$  generated by  $(y_u: u \leq t)$ )

Then minimizing the expectation of  $K_{t_0}^0(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$  with observations  $y_t = y_t^0$  is the original problem of sections 4.0 and 4.1 ( $t_j^0$  distributed as  $t_j$  in (4.0.2)).

$$\text{i.e. } E_{(S, y)_{t_0}} K_{t_0}^0(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) = E^0[K_{t_0}^0(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | (S, y)_{t_0}]$$

and this is minimized by  $\tau_{t_0}^0 = \tau_{t_0}^0 \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : S_t \geq S_\gamma(y_t)\}$ .

Similarly observations  $y_t = y_t^*$  and cost  $K_{t_0}^*(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$  correspond to the "second modified problem" defined by (4.0.1) and (4.3.42).

$$\text{i.e. } E^*_{(S^*, y)_{t_0}} K_{t_0}^*(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) = E^*[K_{t_0}^*(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | (S^*, y)_{t_0}]$$

and this is minimized by  $\tau_{t_0}^* = \inf\{t \geq t_0 : S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_\gamma(y_t)\}$

under the assumption

#### Assumption 4.4.1

$$-(\alpha+1)a_0 \geq c$$

This assumption requires that the weighting given to delays in detection in the cost function (4.0.3) or (4.1.5) does not force the delays to be typically of the same order as the system time constants. In applications this seems likely.

#### Outline of the argument

Lemmas 4.6 and 4.8 are concerned with the expected detection delay using  $\tau^*$  in detecting a disorder in observations  $y_t^0$  at  $t_j^0 = \hat{t} < t_j^*$ . In order to achieve a reasonable upper bound the delay time is considered in two parts using different methods in each case.

Using Lemma 4.5, Theorem 4.5 then establishes a bound on the expected cost of using detection rule  $\tau^*$ , with observations  $y^0$ , to detect a disorder occurring at  $t_j^0$ . To simplify the analysis two assumptions are made which should hold in any practical situation.

The bound is evaluated and values given in Table 4.4.1. Lemma 4.7 provides a technical result.

#### Lemma 4.5

$$E^0[K^0(\tau^0)|Y_0] \geq E^*[K^*(\tau^*)|Y_0]$$

#### Proof

Note:  $S_0, S_0^*$  are  $Y_0$ -measurable ( $S_0 = S_0^* = -\infty$ ).

Suppose  $y_t = y_t^*$ . Then a random variable  $\tilde{t}$  may be generated distributed as  $\hat{t}$ , by using (4.4.6).

Generate  $\hat{y}_t$  st  $\hat{y}_t = y_t^* \quad \forall t \leq \tilde{t}$

$$d\hat{y}_t = \alpha a_0 \hat{y}_t dt + d\hat{V}_t \quad \forall t \geq \tilde{t}$$

for some independent Wiener process  $\hat{V}_t$ .

Then observations of  $\hat{y}_t$  are statistically indistinguishable from observations of  $y_t^0$  for given  $t_j^*$ . Since  $\hat{y}_t$  may be generated given  $(y_u^*, u \leq t)$ , it follows from the optimality of  $\tau^*$  that

$$E^0[K^*(\tau^0) | \mathcal{Y}_0] \geq E^*[K^*(\tau^*) | \mathcal{Y}_0]$$

Since  $t_j^0 \leq t_j^*$ ,  $K^0(\tau^0) \geq K^*(\tau^0)$  from (4.4.9), (4.4.10) and the result of the Lemma follows.  $\square$

The following definition is made.

$\hat{\mathcal{Y}}_t$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(\mathbb{I}(u \leq t), y_u : u \leq t)$

Lemma 4.6

$\exists$  a  $\hat{\mathcal{Y}}_t$ -stopping time  $\tau_x \geq \hat{t}$  such that

$$\pi_{\tau_x}^* = P^*(\tau_x \geq t_j^* | \hat{\mathcal{Y}}_{\tau_x}) \geq \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x + \frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha(\alpha-1)})} \quad (4.4.11)$$

$$y_{\tau_x}^2 \leq \frac{1}{-(\alpha+1)a_0} \leq \bar{y}_c^2 \quad (4.4.12)$$

$$E^0(\tau_x - \hat{t} | \hat{\mathcal{Y}}_{\hat{t}}) \leq \frac{4\alpha(x - \bar{S}_c - \frac{\alpha^2 - 1}{4\alpha} a_0 y_{\hat{t}}^2)}{-(\alpha-1)^2 a_0} \quad (4.4.13)$$

for any  $x \geq \bar{S}_c$ .

Proof

$$\text{Define } U_t \triangleq S_t^* + \frac{\alpha^2 - 1}{4\alpha} a_0 y_t^2 \quad (4.4.14)$$

If  $y_t = y_t^0 \forall t$ , then  $\forall t \geq \hat{t} \geq t_c$  (so that, from (4.4.2),

$$dy_t = \alpha a_0 y_t dt + dV_t)$$

$$dU_t = r(y_t) \left( 1 + e^{-S_t^* - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t^2} \right) dt - \frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha} a_0 dt + \frac{\alpha^2 - 1}{2\alpha} a_0 y_t dV_t \quad (4.4.15)$$

by (4.3.43).

Now define  $\hat{U}_t$  so that  $\hat{U}_{\hat{t}} = \bar{S}_c + \frac{\alpha^2-1}{4\alpha} a_0 y_{\hat{t}}^2 \leq \bar{S}_c$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } d\hat{U}_t &= dU_t - r(y_t)(1 + e^{-S_t^* - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 y_t^2}) dt \\ &= -\frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha} dt + \frac{\alpha^2-1}{2\alpha} a_0 y_t dv_t \end{aligned} \quad (4.4.16)$$

Then  $\hat{U}_t \leq U_t \quad \forall t \geq \hat{t}$ , since  $S_{\hat{t}}^* \geq \bar{S}_c$  and from (4.4.16) ( $r(y) \geq 0$ ).

Suppose  $x \geq \bar{S}_c \geq \hat{U}_{\hat{t}}$  is fixed, and define

$$\tau_x \triangleq \inf\{t \geq \hat{t} : \hat{U}_t \geq x\} \quad (4.4.17)$$

For fixed  $T > \hat{t}$

$$E^\circ(\hat{U}_T - \hat{U}_{\hat{t}} | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) = E^\circ(\hat{U}_{\tau_x \wedge T} - \hat{U}_{\hat{t}} | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) + E^\circ(\hat{U}_T - \hat{U}_{\tau_x \wedge T} | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}})$$

Since  $\hat{U}_{\tau_x \wedge T} \leq x$ , it follows from (4.4.16) that

$$-\frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha} a_0 (T - \hat{t}) \leq x - \hat{U}_{\hat{t}} + E^\circ([T - \tau_x \wedge T] [-\frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha} a_0] | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}})$$

Therefore

$$E^\circ(\tau_x \wedge T - \hat{t} | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) \leq -\frac{4\alpha(x - \hat{U}_{\hat{t}})}{(\alpha-1)^2 a_0} \quad \forall T > \hat{t}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \int_0^T P^\circ(\tau_x - \hat{t} > u | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) du \leq -\frac{4\alpha(x - \hat{U}_{\hat{t}})}{(\alpha-1)^2 a_0} \quad \forall T > \hat{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow E^\circ(\tau_x - \hat{t} | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) \leq -\frac{4\alpha(x - \hat{U}_{\hat{t}})}{(\alpha-1)^2 a_0}$$

Using (4.4.16) yields (4.4.13).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \frac{d}{dt}[\hat{U}_t - \frac{\alpha^2-1}{4\alpha} a_0 y_t^2] &= -\frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)a_0 - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2-1)a_0 y_t^2, \quad t \geq \hat{t} \\ & \quad (4.4.18) \end{aligned}$$

from (4.4.16), (4.4.2).

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dt}[\hat{U}_t - \frac{\alpha^2-1}{4\alpha} a_0 y_t^2] < 0, \quad \text{if } y_t^2 > \frac{1}{-(\alpha+1)a_0}$$

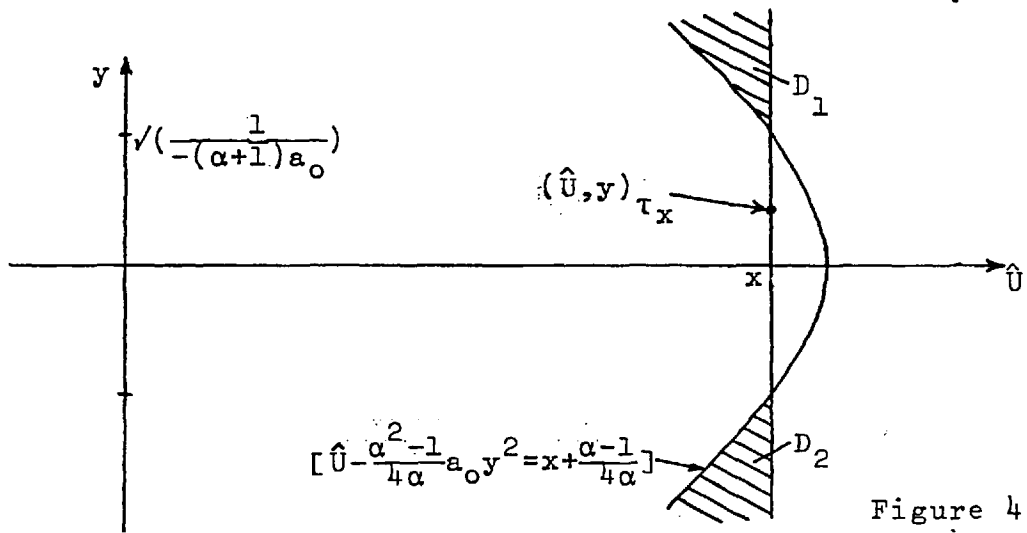


Figure 4.4.1

So the process  $(\hat{U}, y)_t$  cannot enter the (open) sets  $D_1, D_2$  for  $t < \tau_x$  (see Figure 4.4.1).

Therefore  $y_{\tau_x}^2 \leq \frac{1}{-(\alpha+1)a_0}$  which is (4.4.12).

Finally,  $U_{\tau_x} \geq \hat{U}_{\tau_x} = x$ , and from (4.4.14) and (4.3.47)

$$R_{\tau_x}^* = U_{\tau_x} + \frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha} a_0 y_{\tau_x}^2$$

Using (4.4.12) this yields (4.4.11). (Note that

$\pi_t^* \triangleq P^*(t \geq t_j^* | \hat{y}_t) = P^*(t \geq t_j^* | \hat{y}_t) \forall t$  by definition of  $t_j^*, \hat{t}$  (4.4.5), (4.4.6).) □

#### Lemma 4.7

For any  $\hat{y}_t$ -stopping time  $t_0$

$$E^*(t_j^* - t_0 | t_j^* > t_0, \hat{y}_{t_0}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda\theta} - \frac{1}{a_0} \left( \left| \frac{y_{t_0}}{\bar{y}_c} \right| \vee 1 \right)$$

where  $\theta = P(X \in [-\bar{y}_c, \bar{y}_c])$ ;  $X \sim N(e^{-1/\bar{y}_c}, -\frac{1}{2a_0})$  (4.4.19)

#### Proof

Conditioning on  $t_j^*, \hat{y}_{t_0}, y_t = y_t^* \forall t, y_t \sim N(\mu_t, \sigma_t^2)$

where  $t_1 = t_0 - \frac{1}{a_0} - \frac{1}{a_0} \ln \left( \left| \frac{y_{t_0}}{\bar{y}_c} \right| \vee 1 \right)$  (4.4.20)

$$|\mu_t| \leq e^{-1/\bar{y}_c}; \sigma_t^2 \leq -1/2a_0 \quad \forall t \geq t_1$$

from (4.4.3) and since  $\alpha > 1$ .

From (4.4.5)

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(t \geq t_j^* | t_j^* > t_0, \hat{y}_{t_0}) &\geq E^*\left(\int_{t_0}^t \lambda I(y_u^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2) I(u < t_j^*) du | t_j^* > t_0, \hat{y}_{t_0}\right) \\ &\geq E^*\left(\int_{t_0}^t \lambda P^*(y_u^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2 | t_j^* > u, \hat{y}_{t_0}) I(u < t_j^*) du | t_j^* > t_0, \hat{y}_{t_0}\right) \end{aligned}$$

i.e. if  $P^*(u \geq t_j^* | t_j^* > t_0, \hat{y}_{t_0}) = q_u$

$$q_t \geq \int_{t_1}^t \lambda \theta (1 - q_u) du \quad (4.4.21)$$

from (4.4.20), with  $\theta$  as defined in (4.4.19).

$$\text{Now } E^*(t_j^* - t_0 | t_j^* > t_0, \hat{y}_{t_0}) = \int_{t_0}^{\infty} (1 - q_u) du \leq t_1 - t_0 + 1/\lambda\theta$$

the final inequality following from (4.4.21).

Then the result of the Lemma follows from the definition of  $t_1$ , since

$$(1 + \ln(|y_{t_0}/\bar{y}_c|v)) \leq |y_{t_0}/\bar{y}_c|v \quad \square$$

Lemma 4.8

$$\begin{aligned} E^0(\tau_{\hat{t}}^* - \hat{t} | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}\right) \frac{1}{c} \left[1 + \exp(-x + \frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha(\alpha+1)})\right] \\ &\quad + \frac{4\alpha(x - \bar{S}_c - \frac{\alpha^2-1}{4\alpha} a_0 y_{\hat{t}}^2)}{-(\alpha-1)^2 a_0} \end{aligned}$$

where  $x > \bar{S}_c$

and  $\tau_{\hat{t}}^* \triangleq \inf\{t \geq \hat{t} : S_t^* \geq \bar{S}_{\bar{y}}(y_t)\}$

Proof

At any  $\hat{y}_{t_0}$ -stopping time  $t_0$  such that  $y_{t_0}^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2$

$$E^*[\lambda(\tau_{t_0}^* \wedge t_j^* - t_0) I(\tau_{t_0}^* \wedge t_j^* \geq t_0) | \hat{y}_{t_0}] \leq \frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}$$

from Lemma 4.7.

$$\text{Since } K_{t_0}^*(\tau_{t_0}^*) = -\lambda(\tau_{t_0}^* \wedge t_j^* - t_0) I(\tau_{t_0}^* \wedge t_j^* \geq t_0)$$

$$+ c(\tau_{t_0}^* - t_j^* v t_0) I(\tau_{t_0}^* > t_j^*)$$

and by optimality  $E^*(K_{t_0}^*(\tau_{t_0}^*) | \hat{y}_{t_0}) \leq 0$  (as  $K_{t_0}^*(t_0) = 0$ ).

it follows that

$$E^*[c(\tau_{t_0}^* - t_j^* v_{t_0}) I(\tau_{t_0}^* > t_j^*) | \hat{y}_{t_0}] \leq \frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}$$

Now  $c(\tau_{t_0}^* - t_j^* v_{t_0}) I(\tau_{t_0}^* > t_j^*) \geq 0$  and  $\pi_{t_0}^* = P^*(t_j^* \leq t_0 | \hat{y}_{t_0})$

so  $E^*[c(\tau_{t_0}^* - t_j^* v_{t_0}) I(\tau_{t_0}^* > t_j^*) | \hat{y}_{t_0}, t_j^* \leq t_0] \pi_{t_0}^* \leq \frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}$

$$\text{i.e. } E^*(\tau_{t_0}^* - t_0 | \hat{y}_{t_0}, t_j^* \leq t_0) \leq \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}\right) \frac{1}{c\pi_{t_0}^*} \quad (4.4.22)$$

From (4.4.2), (4.4.3)  $y_t$  evolves in the same way  $\forall t \geq t_0 \geq t_j^*$  whether  $y_t = y_t^*$  or  $y_t = y_t^0$ . So

$$E^0(\tau_{t_0}^* - t_0 | \hat{y}_{t_0}, t_j^* \leq t_0) \leq \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}\right) \frac{1}{c\pi_{t_0}^*}$$

$$\Rightarrow E^0(\tau_{t_0}^* - t_0 | \hat{y}_{t_0}, \hat{t} \leq t_0) \leq \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}\right) \frac{1}{c\pi_{t_0}^*} \quad (4.4.23)$$

since  $(S^*, y)_t$  is a Markov process given  $t \geq t_j^* = \hat{t} \wedge t_j^*$ ,  $y_u = y_u^0 \forall u$  and  $(S^*, y)_{t_0}$  is  $\hat{y}_{t_0}$ -measurable.

For  $t_0 = \tau_x$ , defined in Lemma 4.6, noting that  $\hat{t} \leq \tau_x$  by definition of  $\tau_x$ , then

$$E^0(\tau_{\tau_x}^* - \tau_x | \hat{y}_{\tau_x}) \leq \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}\right) \frac{1}{c\pi_{\tau_x}^*}$$

and from (4.4.11), (4.4.13), the result of the Lemma follows since  $\tau_{\tau_x}^* \geq \tau_x^*$ . □

#### Assumption 4.4.2

$$\frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha(\alpha+1)} > \ln\left(\frac{4\lambda\alpha c\theta}{(\alpha+1)(\alpha-1)^2 a_0^2}\right)$$

For  $\lambda$  small, as would be expected, this will hold.

The bound given in Lemma 4.8 is approximately minimized by choosing

$$x = \ln\left(\frac{-(\alpha-1)^2 a_0}{4\alpha c\theta}\right) + \frac{(\alpha-1)^2}{4\alpha(\alpha+1)} \geq \bar{S}_c \quad (4.4.24)$$

if Assumption 4.4.2 holds. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 E^0(\tau_{\hat{t}}^* - \hat{t} | \hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) &\leq \frac{-4\alpha}{(\alpha-1)^2 a_0} \ln\left(\frac{(\alpha-1)^2 (\alpha+1) a_0^2}{4\alpha c \theta \lambda}\right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0}\right) \left(\frac{1}{c} + \frac{4\alpha\theta}{-(\alpha-1)^2 a_0}\right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) y_{\hat{t}}^2 = \varepsilon(y_{\hat{t}}) \text{ say.} \quad (4.4.25)
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.5

Given Assumptions 4.4.1 and 4.4.2

$$\begin{aligned}
 E^0(C^0(\tau^*) | y_0) - E^0(C^0(\tau^0) | y_0) \\
 &= E^0(K^0(\tau^*) | y_0) - E^0(K^0(\tau^0) | y_0) \\
 &\leq E\left[\left(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0} |y_{t_j^0} / \bar{y}_c| + c\varepsilon(y_{t_j^0})\right) I(t_j^0 = \hat{t}) | y_0\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon(\cdot)$  is defined in (4.4.25).

Proof

The first equality follows from Lemma 2.1

If  $t_j^0 \neq \hat{t}$ , then  $t_j^0 = t_j^*$  and  $K_{t_j^0}^0(\tau_{t_j^0}^*) = K^*(\tau_{t_j^0}^*)$

where  $\tau_{t_j^0}^*$  is defined by (4.3.44).

Therefore  $E^0(K^0(\tau^*) | t_j^0 \neq \hat{t}, y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0) = E^*(K^*(\tau^*) | t_j^0 \neq \hat{t}, y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } E^0(K^0(\tau^*) | y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0) - E^*(K^*(\tau^*) | y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0) \\
 &= E^0[K^0(\tau^*) I(t_j^0 = \hat{t}) | y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0] - E^*[K^*(\tau^*) I(t_j^0 = \hat{t}) | y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0] \\
 &= E^0[K_{t_j^0}^0(\tau^*) I(t_j^0 = \hat{t}) | y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0] - E^*[K_{t_j^0}^*(\tau^*) I(t_j^0 = \hat{t}) | y_0, \tau^* \geq t_j^0]
 \end{aligned} \quad (4.4.26)$$

The second equality follows from (4.4.9), (4.4.10), and since  $(\tau^* \geq t_j^0 \text{ when } y_t = y_t^0) \Leftrightarrow (\tau^* \geq t_j^0 \text{ when } y_t = y_t^*)$  by (4.4.4).



Now  $E^*[K_{t_j^0}^*(\tau^*)I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0, \tau^*\geq t_j^0]$

$$\geq E^*[-\lambda E^*(t_j^*-\hat{t}|t_j^* > \hat{t}, \hat{y}_{\hat{t}})I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0, \tau^*\geq t_j^0]$$

by (4.4.10). Note that  $(t_j^0=\hat{t})\Rightarrow(t_j^*\geq\hat{t})$ .

Then from Lemma 4.7, as  $t_j^0=\hat{t} \Rightarrow y_{t_j^0}^2 \geq \bar{y}_c^2$

$$\begin{aligned} E^*[K_{t_j^0}^*(\tau^*)I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0, \tau^*\geq t_j^0] \\ \geq E^*[(\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{\lambda}{a_0} |y_{t_j^0}^0/\bar{y}_c|)I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0, \tau^*\geq t_j^0] \leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.4.27)$$

Next,

$$\begin{aligned} E^0[K_{t_j^0}^0(\tau^*)I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0, \tau^*\geq t_j^0] &= cE^0[(\tau_{t_j^0}^*-\hat{t})I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0, \tau^*\geq t_j^0] \\ &\leq cE^0[\varepsilon(y_{\hat{t}})I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0, \tau^*\geq t_j^0] \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.4.28)$$

where  $\varepsilon(\cdot)$  is defined in (4.4.25). This may be done since

$$E^0(\tau_{\hat{t}}^*-\hat{t}|\hat{y}_{\hat{t}}) = E^0(\tau_{\hat{t}}^*-\hat{t}|\hat{y}_{\hat{t}}, t_j^0=\hat{t})$$

as  $(S^*, y)_t$  is a Markov process given  $t \geq \hat{t} \geq t_j^0$ , if  $y_u = y_u^0 \forall u$ .

Note that  $(S^*, y)_t$  is the same  $\forall t \leq t_j^0$  whether  $y_u = y_u^*$   $\forall u$  or  $y_u = y_u^0 \forall u$ .

$$\text{Therefore } P^0(\tau^*\geq t_j^0|Y_0) = P^*(\tau^*\geq t_j^0|Y_0) \quad (4.4.29)$$

$$\text{and } E^0(K^0(\tau^*)|Y_0, \tau^* < t_j^0) = E^*(K^*(\tau^*)|Y_0, \tau^* < t_j^0)$$

as  $t_j^0 \leq t_j^*$  (see (4.4.9), (4.4.10)).

So from (4.4.26) substituting with (4.4.27), (4.4.28) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E^0(K^0(\tau^*)|Y_0) - E^*(K^*(\tau^*)|Y_0) \\ \leq E[(\frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{\lambda}{a_0} |y_{t_j^0}^0/\bar{y}_c| + c\varepsilon(y_{\hat{t}}))I(t_j^0=\hat{t})|Y_0] \end{aligned}$$

where the superscripts on E on the right hand side are dropped since irrelevant. The result of the Theorem follows.

□

A further assumption is made to facilitate the evaluation of the bound provided by Theorem 4.5.

Assumption 4.4.3

$$y_0 \sim N(0, -\frac{1}{2a_0})$$

This corresponds to  $y_t$  having achieved the "steady-state" distribution for the system with no disorder.

Since  $t_j^0$  is independent of the noise processes  $V_t, W_t$ ,

$$y_{t_j^0} \sim N(0, -\frac{1}{2a_0})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } P(t_j^0 = \hat{t} | y_{t_j^0} = \tilde{y}) &= 0 \quad \text{for } \tilde{y}^2 \leq \bar{y}_c^2 \\ &= 1 - r(\tilde{y})/\lambda \quad \text{for } \tilde{y}^2 > \bar{y}_c^2 \quad (\text{from (4.4.5)} \\ &\quad \text{and (4.4.8)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\alpha^2 - 1)a_0^2 \tilde{y}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0}{(\lambda - (\alpha + 1)a_0) \exp(\frac{2\lambda - (3\alpha + 1)a_0}{2(\alpha + 1)a_0})} \exp(\frac{1}{2}(\alpha - 1)a_0 \tilde{y}^2) \\ &= 1 - \rho(\tilde{y}) \quad \text{say} \end{aligned}$$

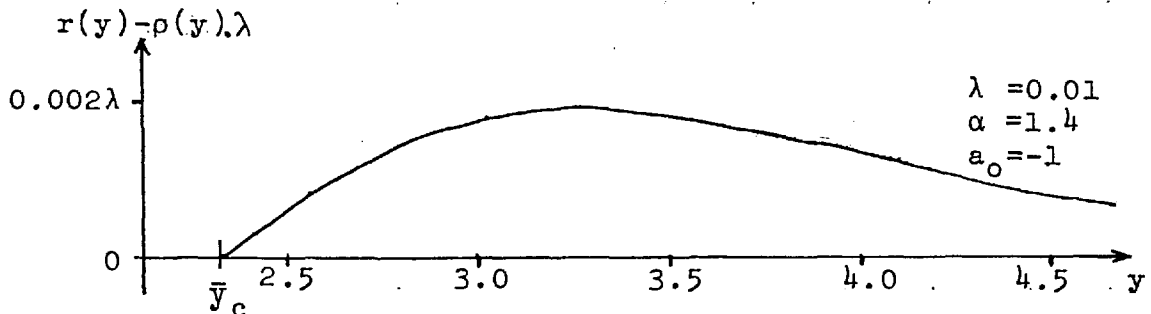


Figure 4.4.2

$$\text{Therefore } P(t_j^0 = \hat{t}) \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{-a_0}{\pi}} \int_{\bar{y}_c}^{\infty} (1 - \rho(y)) e^{a_0 y^2} dy = p \quad \text{say}$$

Integration by parts yields

$$p = P(y_{t_j^0}^2 > \bar{y}_c^2) = \sqrt{\frac{3\alpha + 1}{\alpha^2 - 1}} \frac{\alpha - 1}{\lambda + \alpha + 1} \exp\left(-\frac{2\lambda + 3\alpha + 1}{\alpha^2 - 1}\right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}$$

where  $\lambda' = \lambda / (-a_0)$ . Also define  $c' = c / (-a_0)$ .

Values of  $p$  are given in Table 4.4.1. for  $\lambda'$  small ( $\lim_{\lambda' \rightarrow 0} p$ ).

From Theorem 4.5

$$E^{\circ}C^{\circ}(\tau^*) - E^{\circ}C^{\circ}(\tau^{\circ}) \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{4\alpha c'}{(\alpha-1)^2} \ln\left(\frac{(\alpha-1)^2(\alpha+1)}{4\alpha c' \theta \lambda'}\right) - \frac{5\alpha-1}{(\alpha-1)^2} \cdot c' \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{\theta} + \lambda'\right) \left(1 + \frac{4\alpha\theta c'}{(\alpha-1)^2}\right) \right] p \\ & + \frac{2\lambda'}{\bar{y}_c} \sqrt{\left(\frac{-a_0}{\pi}\right)} \cdot \int_{\bar{y}_c}^{\infty} y(1-\rho(y)) e^{a_0 y^2} dy \\ & \quad + 2\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1} c' (-a_0) \sqrt{\left(\frac{-a_0}{\pi}\right)} \int_{\bar{y}_c}^{\infty} y^2(1-\rho(y)) e^{a_0 y^2} dy \end{aligned}$$

Again integrating by parts gives

$$E^{\circ}C^{\circ}(\tau^*) - E^{\circ}C^{\circ}(\tau^{\circ}) \leq \hat{e} \hat{=}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{4\alpha c'}{(\alpha-1)^2} \ln\left(\frac{(\alpha-1)^2(\alpha+1)}{4\alpha c' \theta \lambda'}\right) - \frac{5\alpha-1}{(\alpha-1)^2} \cdot c' \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{\theta} + \lambda'\right) \left(1 + \frac{4\alpha\theta c'}{(\alpha-1)^2}\right) \right] p \\ & + \left[ \lambda' \sqrt{\left(\frac{\alpha^2-1}{2\lambda'+3\alpha+1}\right)} \cdot \frac{\lambda'(\alpha-1)+(\alpha-1)^2}{\lambda'(\alpha+1)+(\alpha+1)^2} + c' \sqrt{\left(\frac{2\lambda'+3\alpha+1}{\alpha^2-1}\right)} \cdot \frac{(\alpha-1)\lambda'+\alpha^2-3\alpha+2}{(\alpha-1)(\lambda'+\alpha+1)} \right] \\ & \quad \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)} \exp\left(-\frac{2\lambda'+3\alpha+1}{\alpha^2-1}\right) \\ & + \frac{(\alpha+1)c'}{2(\alpha-1)} \cdot P(y_{t_j}^2 > \bar{y}_c^2) - \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha+1}\right)} c'}{\lambda'+\alpha+1} \exp\left(\frac{2\lambda'+3\alpha+1}{2(\alpha+1)}\right) P(x^2 > \bar{y}_c^2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $X \sim N(0, \frac{-1}{(\alpha+1)a_0})$ .

Values of this bound are given in Table 4.4.1.

Note that these are likely to be very pessimistic (higher than necessary). The steps leading to (4.4.30) are one cause of this.

TABLE 4.4.1

$\alpha$	$\lim_{\lambda' \rightarrow 0} p$
1.3	$0.32 \times 10^{-5}$
1.4	$0.25 \times 10^{-4}$
1.5	$0.94 \times 10^{-4}$
1.7	$0.68 \times 10^{-3}$
2.0	$0.29 \times 10^{-2}$

$\alpha$	$\lambda'$	$c'$	$\epsilon$
1.2	0.01	0.1	0.000006
1.2	0.00001	0.1	0.000014
1.2	0.00001	0.01	0.000002
1.2	0.00001	0.001	0.000000
1.2	0.00000001	0.1	0.000022
1.2	0.00000001	0.01	0.000003
1.2	0.00000001	0.001	0.000000
1.4	0.01	0.1	0.000664
1.4	0.00001	0.1	0.001293
1.4	0.00001	0.01	0.000199
1.4	0.00001	0.001	0.000070
1.4	0.00000001	0.1	0.001929
1.4	0.00000001	0.01	0.000262
1.4	0.00000001	0.001	0.000077
1.7	0.01	0.1	0.008467
1.7	0.00001	0.1	0.014602
1.7	0.00001	0.01	0.002894
1.7	0.00001	0.001	0.001537
1.7	0.00000001	0.1	0.020781
1.7	0.00000001	0.01	0.003511
1.7	0.00000001	0.001	0.001599
2.0	0.01	0.1	0.026867
2.0	0.00001	0.1	0.042779
2.0	0.00001	0.01	0.010605
2.0	0.00001	0.001	0.006907
2.0	0.00000001	0.1	0.058808
2.0	0.00000001	0.01	0.012208
2.0	0.00000001	0.001	0.007067

In section 2.2 a possibly more realistic formulation of the failure detection problem is proposed (2.2.7). It is shown that subject to the conditions of Lemma 2.2 the optimal detection rule following each false alarm is  $\tau = \tau^0$ , with an appropriate choice of  $c$  in (4.0.3).

Suppose following each false alarm  $y_t$  is "reset" so that  $y_t \sim N(0, -\frac{1}{2a_0})$  as in Assumption 4.4.3 (probably unimportant in practice if  $\lambda$  &  $c$  are much smaller than  $-a_0$  so that the inter-alarm time is typically long compared to the system time constants).

As in Lemma 4.5 it may be shown that

$$\begin{aligned} E^0(K_{t_0}^0(\tau_{t_0}^0) | (S, y)_{t_0} = (\tilde{S}, \tilde{y})) \\ \geq E^*(K_{t_0}^*(\tau_{t_0}^*) | (S^*, y)_{t_0} = (\tilde{S}, \tilde{y})) \end{aligned} \quad (4.4.30)$$

Therefore from Corollary 3.2.2, since  $S_t^* \leq S_t \quad \forall t$  by (4.3.42)

$$0 > h(S_t, y_t) \geq h(S_t^*, y_t) \geq E^*(K^*(\tau_t^*) | (S^*, y)_t) \quad \forall t < \tau^0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau^* \geq \tau^0 \text{ since } K^*(\tau_t^*) = 0 \text{ if } \tau_t^* = t. \quad (4.4.31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } q^0 &= P^0(\tau^0 < t_j^0) & g^0 &= E^0((\tau^0 - t_j^0) | \tau^0 \geq t_j^0) \\ q^* &= P^0(\tau^* < t_j^0) & g^* &= E^0((\tau^* - t_j^0) | \tau^* \geq t_j^0) \end{aligned} \quad (4.4.32)$$

From (4.4.31)  $q^* \leq q^0$

The difference between the expectation of cost  $Q$  defined in (2.2.7) using  $\tau^*$  and  $\tau^0$  following each false alarm is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{q^*}{1-q^*} + g^* - \frac{q^0}{1-q^0} - g^0 \\ & \leq \frac{q^*}{1-q^0} + \frac{1-q^*}{1-q^0} g^* - \frac{q^0}{1-q^0} - g^0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{1-q^0} [q^* + (1-q^*)g^* - q^0 - (1-q^0)g^0]$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{1-q^0} [E^0 K^0(\tau^*) - E^0 K^0(\tau^0)] = \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{1-q^0}$$

where  $\hat{\epsilon}$  is as in Table 4.4.1.

Now if  $Q^0$  is the expected optimal cost with cost function  $Q$  it follows from (2.2.7) that  $Q^0 \geq 1/(1-q^0)$ . Therefore the increase in expected cost using the detection rule  $\tau^*$  following each false alarm is no greater than  $\hat{\epsilon}Q^0$ .

## CHAPTER 5

### ROBUSTNESS OF DETECTION RULES: GENERAL CASE

In this chapter the behaviour of the optimal detection rule given in Chapter 3 for the problem (2.5.6) is investigated, for the case where the disorder is different from that designed for. The result obtained is interpreted in two ways. Firstly a robustness result is obtained for autoregressive systems of general order. This specifies a set of post-jump parameter values such that, if  $c$  (the delay weighting coefficient in cost function  $C(\tilde{\tau})$ ) is chosen sufficiently small, the expected cost is no greater than in the design case.

The second interpretation concerns the detection of disorders in the more general situation discussed in Section 3.4, where a natural sub-optimal approach is suggested. This approach is in fact the optimal detection rule for a related problem in which additional transient effects occur following the occurrence of a disorder. The result of this chapter characterizes a set of post-jump parameter values for the system (3.4.1) such that the expected cost is no greater than for the problem for which the proposed detection rule is optimal, again if  $c$  is sufficiently small.

It is suggested that the restriction on the value of  $c$  may be interpreted as a requirement that the average detection delay following a disorder be long compared to system time constants.

#### 5.1 The robustness result

##### Problem formulation

The following situation is considered

$$dv_t = \begin{bmatrix} J & B \\ D_t & F_t \end{bmatrix} v_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} dW_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \zeta_t \end{bmatrix} dt$$

$$\text{Observations: } y_t = [0: I_m] v_t \quad (5.1.1)$$

$v_t$  is an  $n$ -dimensional process ( $n \geq m$ )

$J$  is an  $(n-m) \times (n-m)$  constant matrix

$B$  is a  $(n-m) \times m$  constant matrix

$D_t = D^0, F_t = F^0, z_t = z^0$  ( $D^0, F^0, z^0$  constant)  $\forall t < t_j \geq 0$

$D_t = \bar{D}, F_t = \bar{F}, z_t = \bar{z}$  ( $\bar{D}, \bar{F}, \bar{z}$  constant)  $\forall t \geq t_j$

$$P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t_j \text{ independent of } v_0 \quad (5.1.2)$$

$W_t$  is a Wiener process independent of  $t_j$ .

$$\zeta_t = 0 \quad \forall t < t_j$$

$$\text{Cost function: } C(\tilde{r}) = I(\tilde{r} < t_j) + c(\tilde{r} - t_j)I(\tilde{r} > t_j) \quad (5.1.3)$$

$\tilde{r}$  a  $\mathcal{Y}_t^R$ -stopping time

In this chapter  $v_0$  is assumed known, so that  $v_t$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ -measurable.

An optimal detection rule is designed for the case:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D} = D^1, \bar{F} = F^1, \bar{z} = z^1 \\ \zeta_t = 0 \quad \forall t \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.4)$$

The notation  $P^1, E^1$  throughout this chapter denotes probability and expectation respectively given that (5.1.4) holds, i.e. the disorder which occurs is the design case.

The notation  $P^2, E^2$  denotes probability and expectation given that

$$\bar{D} = D^2, \bar{F} = F^2, \bar{z} = z^2 \quad (5.1.5a)$$

$\zeta_t$  is a random variable such that  $\zeta_t$  is independent of  $W_{t+u} - W_t$  for  $\forall u \geq 0$  and



$$E^2(\|\zeta_t\|^2 | t_j, v_{t_j}) \leq \alpha(v_{t_j}) \cdot e^{-\beta(t-t_j)} \quad (5.1.5b)$$

for some  $\alpha(\cdot)$ ,  $\beta > 0$  independent of  $t_j$  and such that

$$E^2(\alpha(v_{t_j}) | t_j) \text{ uniformly bounded } \forall t_j$$

The introduction of  $\zeta_t$  will enable sub-optimal detection rules to be considered in Section 5.3.

### The detection rule

From Section 3.1, if  $\pi_t \triangleq P^1(t \geq t_j | Y_t)$

$$d\pi_t = \lambda(1-\pi_t)dt + \pi_t(1-\pi_t)([D^1-D^0:F^1-F^0]v_t + z^1-z^0)^T dv_t \quad (5.1.6)$$

where  $dv_t = dy_t - ([D^0:F^0]v_t + z^0)(1-\pi_t)dt$

$$- ([D^1:F^1]v_t + z^1)\pi_t dt \quad (5.1.7)$$

Defining  $R_t = \ln(\pi_t / (1-\pi_t))$  and

$$M^i \triangleq [D^1-D^0:F^1-F^0]^T [D^i - \frac{1}{2}D^1 - \frac{1}{2}D^0:F^i - \frac{1}{2}F^1 - \frac{1}{2}F^0] \quad (5.1.8)$$

$$h^i \triangleq [z^1-z^0]^T [D^i - \frac{1}{2}D^1 - \frac{1}{2}D^0:F^i - \frac{1}{2}F^1 - \frac{1}{2}F^0] \\ + [z^i - \frac{1}{2}z^1 - \frac{1}{2}z^0]^T [D^1-D^0:F^1-F^0] \quad (5.1.9)$$

$$g^i \triangleq [z^1-z^0]^T [z^i - \frac{1}{2}z^1 - \frac{1}{2}z^0] \quad (5.1.10)$$

for  $i=0,1,2$

$$dR_t = \lambda(1+e^{-R_t})dt + (v_t^T M^i v_t + h^i v_t^T + g^i)dt \\ + ([D^1-D^0:F^1-F^0]v_t + z^1-z^0)^T dW_t \\ + ([D^1-D^0:F^1-F^0]v_t + z^1-z^0)^T \zeta_t dt \quad (5.1.11)$$

where  $i=0$  if  $t < t_j$ ;  $i=1$  if (5.1.4) holds,  $i=2$  if (5.1.5) holds for  $t \geq t_j$ .

As discussed in Section 3.1 the optimal stopping time  $\tau$  for the design case (5.1.4) will be of the form

$$\tau^c = \inf\{t: (R, v)_t \in \gamma_c\} \quad (5.1.12)$$

where  $\gamma_c$  is a stopping boundary in the state-space of the process  $(R, v)_t$ . The index  $c$  is used to indicate the dependence of the stopping boundary on the weighting coefficient in the cost function  $C(\bar{\tau})$ . (see (5.1.3)).

$\tau^c$  may also be expressed as

$$\tau^c = \inf\{t: R_t \geq R_{\gamma_c}(v_t)\} \quad (5.1.13)$$

where  $R_{\gamma_c}(v) = \inf\{R: (R, v) \in \gamma_c\}$

### Outline of the robustness argument

The ideas leading to Theorem 5.1 are briefly introduced. The probability of a false alarm is independent of the system behaviour after the jump time, since then  $\tau < t_j$  and  $\tau$  is a  $\mathcal{V}_t$ -stopping time. Only the delay time is affected by the actual form of the disorder.

The delay time is the time taken for the process  $(R, v)_t$  to move from its value at time  $t_j$  to the stopping boundary  $\gamma_c$ .

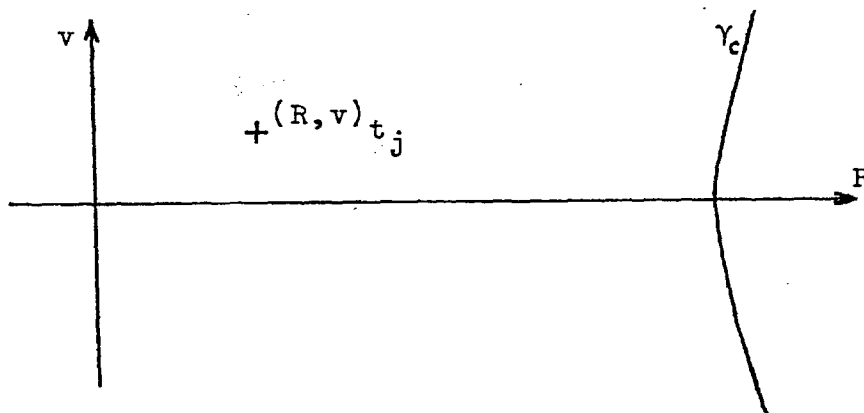


Figure  
5.1.1

As  $c \downarrow 0$ ,  $\gamma_c$  moves to the right in the diagram above, as longer delay times may then be tolerated in order that the false alarm probability may be reduced. For  $R_t$  large, the term  $\lambda e^{-Rt}$  in equation (5.1.11) becomes small. Therefore, for small  $c$ , the expected delay times are closely related to the mean values under disorder conditions ( $t > t_j$ ) of

$$\lambda + v_t^T M^i v_t + h^i v_t + g^i \quad i=1,2$$

(see (5.1.11)).

Lemma 5.1 provides the necessary result which bounds the effect of the  $\lambda e^{-Rt}$  term. It is shown that

$$\int_{\inf\{t: R_t \geq \ln \lambda\}}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-Ru} du < \infty$$

by using a probabilistic argument based on the properties of the process  $\pi_t = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-Rt)}$ . Because of this the bound obtained is very weak, since no account is taken of the actual dynamics of  $\pi_t$ : the proof of the lemma would also be valid if  $\pi_t$  was the jump probability based only on a-priori information, in which case the integral would be expected to take larger values. This is not disastrous if only a qualitative result is required as in Theorem 5.1. However if a quantitative result is needed, this together with uncertainty about the boundary shape are major problems.

Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3 describe the evolution of the stopping boundary as  $c \downarrow 0$ . Lemma 5.2 shows that

$$\ln \lambda - \ln c \leq R_{\gamma_c}(v) \leq R_{\bar{\gamma}_1}(v) - \ln c$$

for some function  $R_{\bar{\gamma}_1}(v)$ . Here the first inequality is an immediate property of the cost function used. The second inequality is obtained by considering a modified cost function for which the appropriate stopping boundary, defined by  $R_{\gamma_c}(v)$ , retains its shape while being moved to the right as  $c$  tends to zero.

Lemma 5.3 is needed to show that, for  $\|v\|^* \leq \rho$  there is a finite upper bound  $r_\rho$  for  $R_{\bar{\gamma}_1}(v)$ . Here  $\rho$  is an arbitrary positive real number and  $\|v\|^*$  is the norm of  $v$ .

projected onto a sub-space of  $R^D$ . Using this definition instead of norm  $v$  allows a generalization to be made so that Theorem 5.1 may be applied to sub-optimal detection rules in Section 5.3. The proof of Lemma 5.3 involves the construction of an observation process which, up to some stopping time, carries more information than  $y_t$ . Since with this observation process it is optimal to stop if  $R_t \geq r_\rho < \infty$ , the same must be true with observations  $y_t$  since then the expected benefit of waiting for further observations is less.

To establish the results of Theorem 5.1 which gives a condition under which  $\exists c_m$  such that  $\forall c \in (0, c_m]$

$$E^2 C(\tau^c) \leq E^1 C(\tau^c)$$

a lower bound on the detection time is considered for the "E<sup>1</sup> case" (i.e. where (5.1.4) holds) and an upper bound is considered for the "E<sup>2</sup> case" ((5.1.5) holds). These are briefly discussed here.

In the E<sup>2</sup> case a process  $\hat{R}_t^c$  is considered related to  $R_t$ , but such that, at times of interest,  $\hat{R}_t^c \leq R_t$ . This process satisfies (5.1.46) which is similar to (5.1.11) except that the contribution of the  $\lambda e^{-Rt}$  term is removed. Also it is arranged that  $\hat{R}_t^c$  cannot cross the  $r_\rho$  level while  $\|v_t\|^* > \rho$ . This means that at the first time  $\hat{R}_t^c$  crosses the  $r_\rho$  level it is certain that  $R_t$  has reached the stopping boundary by the results of Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3. An equation involving the expectation of this time is established in the proof of Theorem 5.1. The laborious proof of Lemma 5.4 is necessary to verify that certain terms in the equation corresponding to transient effects are finite. An upper bound is obtained for the expected detection time which is linearly increasing with  $-\ln c$ .

In the  $E^1$  case the first time the process  $R_t$  reaches the level  $\ln \lambda - \ln c$  is considered. At this time  $R_t$  cannot have reached the stopping boundary. Lemma 5.1 is used to bound the effect of the  $\lambda e^{-Rt}$  term. It is found that the expected detection time again increases linearly with  $-\ln c$  but, if the conditions are satisfied, more quickly than in the  $E^2$  case. The result follows from this.

Lemma 5.1

$$\epsilon_\lambda \triangleq E^1 \left( \int_{\inf\{t: R_t \geq \ln \lambda\}}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-Rt} du \right) < \infty$$

Proof

Define  $\alpha(\bar{\pi}, u, \hat{\pi}, \hat{v}) = P^1(\exists t \geq t_0 + u \text{ st } \pi_t \leq \bar{\pi} | \pi_{t_0} = \hat{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \hat{v})$   
for  $u > 0, \bar{\pi} > \hat{\pi}$  (5.1.14)

Note  $R_t = \ln(\pi_t / (1 - \pi_t))$ ,  $\pi_t = P^1(t \geq t_j | Y_t)$ .

Let  $\tau^m$  be the  $Y_t$ -stopping time

$$\tau^m = \inf\{t: t \geq t_0 + u, \pi_t \leq \bar{\pi}\}$$

( $\tau^m = \infty$  if no such time  $t$  exists)

Then 
$$P^1(t_j \leq \tau^m | Y_{t_0}) = E^1[P^1(t_j \leq \tau^m | Y_{\tau^m}) | Y_{t_0}]$$

$$\leq 1 \cdot (1 - \alpha(\bar{\pi}, u, \pi_{t_0}, v_{t_0})) + \bar{\pi} \alpha(\bar{\pi}, u, \pi_{t_0}, v_{t_0})$$
(5.1.16)

However, from the a-priori distribution of  $t_j$ , (5.1.2)

$$P^1(t_j \leq \tau^m | Y_{t_0}) \geq P^1(t_j \leq t_0 + u | Y_{t_0}) = (1 - \pi_{t_0})(1 - e^{-\lambda u}) + \pi_{t_0}$$

Comparing this with (5.1.16) gives

$$\alpha(\bar{\pi}, u, \pi_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) \leq e^{-\lambda u} \cdot \exp(\bar{R} - R_{t_0})$$
(5.1.17)

where  $\bar{R} = \ln(\bar{\pi} / (1 - \bar{\pi}))$ .

If  $T(\bar{\pi}) \triangleq \sup\{t: \pi_t \leq \bar{\pi}\}$  (5.1.17)

then 
$$E^1(T(\bar{\pi}) | \pi_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) = \int_0^{\infty} \alpha(\bar{\pi}, u, \pi_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) du + t_0$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp(\bar{R} - R_{t_0}) + t_0$$
(5.1.18)

Now define  $R^{(i)} = R_{t_0} + i$ ,  $i=0,1,2,\dots$ , and  $\pi^{(i)} = 1/(1+e^{-R^{(i)}})$ .

Let  $t^{(i)} = T(\pi^{(i)})$ ,  $i=1,2,3,\dots$ .

Then  $E^1(t^{(1)} - t_0 | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) \leq \frac{e}{\lambda}$  from (5.1.18) ( $e = \exp(1)$ ).

Replacing  $t_0$  by  $s$  in (5.1.18)

$$E^1(t^{(i)} - s | R_s = R^{(i-1)}, v_s) \leq \frac{e}{\lambda}$$

for any  $\mathcal{V}_t$ -stopping time  $s \geq t_0$ ,  $i=1,2,3,\dots$

As  $t^{(i-1)} = \sup\{s: R_s = R^{(i-1)}\}$  it follows that

$$E^1(t^{(i)} - t^{(i-1)} | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) \leq \frac{e}{\lambda} \quad i=1,2,3 \quad (t^{(0)} \triangleq t_0) \quad (5.1.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } E^1\left(\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-Ru} du | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0}\right) & \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} E^1(t^{(i)} - t^{(i-1)} | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) \cdot \lambda e^{-Rt_0 - (i-1)} \\ & \leq e^{-Rt_0} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{2-i} < \infty \quad \text{for } R_{t_0} > -\infty \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $t_0 = \inf\{t: R_t \geq \ln \lambda\}$  gives the required result.  $\square$

### Definition

The cost function  $\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{t}_{t_0})$  is defined for  $\mathcal{V}_t^R$ -stopping times  $\tilde{t}_{t_0} \geq t_0$  as

$$\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{t}_{t_0}) = I(\tilde{t}_{t_0} < t_j) + c(\tilde{t}_{t_0} - t_0)I(t_0 \geq t_j) \quad (5.1.20)$$

where  $c$  is as in (5.1.3), and  $t_0$  some fixed time.

$$\text{Note that } \bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{t}_{t_0}) \leq C_{t_0}(\tilde{t}_{t_0}) \quad \forall \tilde{t}_{t_0} \geq t_0 \quad (5.1.21)$$

This new cost function is useful in the investigation of the evolution of  $\gamma_c$  as  $c \downarrow 0$ .

Lemma 5.2

$$\text{Define } R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\bar{v}) \hat{=} \inf\{R: \frac{1}{1+e^R} \leq \inf_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} E^1(\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | R_{t_0}=R, v_{t_0}=\bar{v})\}$$

(5.1.22)

Then

$$\ln \lambda - \ln c \leq R_{\gamma_c}(v) \leq R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(v) = R_{\bar{\gamma}_1}(v) - \ln c \quad \forall v \in R^n$$

The final equality is interpreted as meaning  $R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(v) = \infty$  if  $R_{\bar{\gamma}_1}(v) = \infty$

Proof

By definition (5.1.22)  $\exists \delta < \delta_1$  for any  $\hat{v} \in R^n$ ,  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{1+\exp(R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})+\delta)} \leq \inf_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} E^1(\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | R_{t_0}=R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})+\delta, v_{t_0}=\hat{v})$$

Note that if  $R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v}) = \infty$ ,  $\delta$  may be chosen as zero, since the right-hand side is non-negative while the left is zero.

Therefore, by (5.1.21) and (5.1.3)

$$E^1(C_{t_0}(t_0) | R_{t_0}=R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})+\delta, v_{t_0}=\hat{v}) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})+\delta)}$$

$$\leq \inf_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}} E^1(C_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | R_{t_0}=R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})+\delta, v_{t_0}=\hat{v})$$

(5.1.23)

$$\Rightarrow R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v}) \geq R_{\gamma_c}(\hat{v})$$

(5.1.24)

since (5.1.23) implies that  $\tau_{t_0}^c = t_0$  if  $R_{t_0}=R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})+\delta$ ,  $v_{t_0}=\hat{v}$  with  $\delta$  arbitrarily small (see(5.1.13)).

Next consider the evolution of  $R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(v)$  as  $c$  varies.

Let  $P$  denote a (possibly randomized) policy (see Section 2.1) mapping observations of  $y_t$ ,  $t \geq t_0$  into a stopping-time  $\tau^P \geq t_0$ .

$$P:(y_u: u \geq t_0) \mapsto \tau^P \geq t_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Define } \alpha_c^P &= E^1(\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tau^P) | t_0 \geq t_j, v_{t_0} = \hat{v}) \\ & \hspace{20em} (5.1.25) \\ \beta_c^P &= E^1(\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tau^P) | t_0 < t_j, v_{t_0} = \hat{v}) \end{aligned}$$

From (5.1.20)

$$\alpha_c^P = c\alpha_1^P \text{ and } \beta_c^P = \beta_1^P$$

$$\text{So } E^1(\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tau^P) | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0} = \hat{v}) = c\pi_{t_0} \alpha_1^P + (1-\pi_{t_0})\beta_1^P \quad (5.1.26)$$

where as usual  $\pi_{t_0} = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-R_{t_0})}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\tilde{t}_0} E^1(\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{t}_0) | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0} = \hat{v}) - (1-\pi_{t_0}) \\ &= \inf_P [c\pi_{t_0} \alpha_1^P + (1-\pi_{t_0})(\beta_1^P - 1)] \\ &= (1-\pi_{t_0}) \inf_P [c \frac{\pi_{t_0}}{1-\pi_{t_0}} \alpha_1^P + \beta_1^P - 1] \end{aligned}$$

$R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})$  is the infimum of  $R_{t_0}$  such that the right-hand side is zero or positive by (5.1.22). But then, unless

$\pi_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v}) = 1$  where

$$\pi_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v}) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v}))}$$

it follows that

$$\frac{c\pi_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})}{1-\pi_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})}$$

is independent of  $c$ ,

i.e.  $\ln c + R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v})$  is constant.

$$\Rightarrow R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(\hat{v}) = R_{\bar{\gamma}_1}(\hat{v}) - \ln c \quad (5.1.27)$$

It remains to show that  $\ln \lambda - \ln c \leq R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(v) \quad \forall v \in R^n$ .

If this is not so,  $\exists \tilde{\pi} < \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+c}$ ,  $\tilde{v}$  such that if  $\pi_{t'} = \tilde{\pi}$ ,  $v_{t'} = \tilde{v}$  it is optimal to stop at  $t'$  (if  $\tilde{t} < t'$ ) when minimizing the expectation of  $C(\tilde{t})$



$$\begin{aligned}
\text{i.e.} \quad & 1 - \tilde{\pi} \leq \inf_{\tilde{r}_{t_0}} E^1(C_{t_0}(\tilde{r}_{t_0}) | \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}) \\
\iff & 0 \leq \inf_{\tilde{r}_{t_0}} E^1(K_{t_0}(\tilde{r}_{t_0}) | \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}) \quad (5.1.28)
\end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2.1.

But from definition (2.2.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
& E^1(K_{t_0}(\inf\{t: \pi_t \geq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+c}\}) | \pi_{t_0} = \tilde{\pi}, v_{t_0} = \tilde{v}) \\
& = P^1 \int_{t_0}^{\inf\{t: \pi_t \geq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+c}\}} [-\lambda + (\lambda+c)\pi_u] du < 0
\end{aligned}$$

contradicting (5.1.28).

The Lemma is now established. □

### Assumption

It is assumed that there exists a sub-space of the state-space  $R^n$  of the process  $v_t$  such that, if  $Qv_t$  denotes the projection of  $v_t$ , and

$$\|v\|^* = \|Qv\| \quad (5.1.29)$$

then a)  $(R, Qv)_t$  is a Markov process

b) the system (5.1.1) is stable in the sense that

$$\begin{aligned}
& E^i(\|v_t\|^{*2} | v_{t_0}, t_j) \rightarrow r^i \quad \forall t_0, v_{t_0}, t_j \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \\
& \text{for some } r^i < \infty, i=1,2 \quad (5.1.30)
\end{aligned}$$

The reason for the introduction of the projection  $Q$  is to facilitate the treatment of sub-optimal detection rules for systems of form (3.4.1). These may be put in the form of (5.1.1) by enlarging the state space. Then however (5.1.30) would not hold if the usual norm of  $v$  was used.

Lemma 5.3

For any  $\rho > 0 \exists r_\rho < \infty$  such that

$$R_{\gamma_1}(v) \leq r_\rho \quad \forall v \text{ st } \|v\|^* \leq \rho$$

Therefore from Lemma 5.2

$$R_{\gamma_c}(v) \leq r_\rho - \ln c \quad \forall v \text{ st } \|v\|^* \leq \rho$$

Proof

Let  $\tau^\rho \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_0 : \|q_t\|^* = \rho + \epsilon; \exists t', q_{t'} \text{ st } t_0 \leq t' < t \text{ \& } \|q_{t'}\|^* \leq \rho;$

$$q_u \text{ is a solution of (5.1.7) } \forall u \in [t', t]\}$$

(5.1.31)

for some  $\epsilon > 0$ .  $t_0$  is as in (5.1.20).

For any given sample path of  $W_t$ ,  $\tau^\rho$  is then the first possible exit time of a process evolving as  $v_t$  from the set  $\{x \in R^n : \|x\|^* \leq \rho + \epsilon\}$ , given that it started at some time  $t' \in [t_0, \tau^\rho)$  in the set  $\{x \in R^n : \|x\|^* \leq \rho\}$ .

Then  $\exists \bar{\epsilon} > 0$  such that

$$\min\{E^1(\tau^\rho - t_0 | t_j \leq t_0), E^1(\tau^\rho - t_0 | t_j > t_0)\} > \bar{\epsilon} \quad (5.1.32)$$

The process  $\eta_t$ ,  $t \geq t_0$ , is defined as follows:

$$d\eta_t = I(t \geq t_j)k + dW_t \quad (5.1.33)$$

where  $k \in R^m$  is a constant vector such that

$$k_i = \sup_{\|v\|^* \leq \rho + \epsilon} \left| ([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0]v + z^1 - z^0)_i \right| \quad (5.1.34)$$

Here, for  $x \in R^m$ ,  $x_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  component.

The cost  $\hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$  is defined so that, for  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0$

$$\hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) = I(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} < \min\{t_j, \tau^\rho\}) + c(\min\{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}, \tau^\rho\} - t_0)I(t_0 \geq t_j) \quad (5.1.35)$$

$$\text{Then } \hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \leq \bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \quad \forall \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0 \quad (5.1.36)$$

$$\text{and } \hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) = \bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) \text{ for } \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} < \tau^\rho \quad (5.1.37)$$

For  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq \tau^p$ ,  $\hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$  is independent of  $\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \inf\{E^1 \hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) : \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \text{ a } H_t^R\text{-stopping time}\} & \quad (5.1.38) \\ & \leq \inf\{E^1 \hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) : \tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \text{ a } Y_t^R\text{-stopping time}\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_t^R$  is the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(y_u : u \leq t_0) \& (\eta_u : u \in [t_0, t])$  and, possibly, additional random variables independent of  $t_j, W_t$ .

This may be justified as follows:

Given  $\eta_t$  and  $V_t$ , an independent Wiener process, generate  $\hat{v}_t, t \in [t_0, \tau^p]$  using

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{v}_t &= \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ D^0 & F^0 \end{bmatrix} \hat{v}_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z^0 \end{bmatrix} dt \\ &+ \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ D^1 - D^0 & F^1 - F^0 \end{bmatrix} \hat{v}_t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z^1 - z^0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \otimes \begin{bmatrix} d0 \\ k^{-1} \otimes d\eta_t \end{bmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} \alpha_t \otimes dV_t \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.39)$$

$$\hat{v}_{t_0} = v_{t_0}$$

Here,  $k^{-1}$  is a vector such that  $[k^{-1}]_i = \frac{1}{k_i}$ ;

$$a \otimes b = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m b_m \end{bmatrix}; \quad (\alpha_t)_i = \sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{1}{k_i^2} ([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] \hat{v}_t + z^1 - z^0)_i^2\right)}$$

Then  $\hat{v}_t$  is statistically indistinguishable from  $v_t$  for given  $v_{t_0}, t_j$ , as may be seen from (5.1.1), (5.1.33) and (5.1.34).

So with observations  $\eta_t$  a stopping rule may be constructed which has the same expected cost as any given  $Y_t^R$ -stopping time, in the sense of cost function  $\hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$ , which justifies (5.1.38).

Suppose now that  $\eta_t$  is observed from time  $t_0$  instead of  $y_t$  and that  $\|v_{t_0}\|^* \leq \rho$ . For some finite value of  $R_{t_0}$  it is not optimal to continue until  $\tau^0$  w.p.1 since for  $R_{t_0}$  sufficiently large (so  $1 - \pi_{t_0}$  is small as  $\pi_{t_0} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-R_{t_0})}$ )

$$E^1(\hat{C}(t_0) | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) = 1 - \pi_{t_0} < E^1(\hat{C}(\tau^0) | R_{t_0}, v_{t_0}) \geq \pi_{t_0} c\bar{\epsilon} > 0$$

from (5.1.32).

Defining

$$\hat{C}_{t_0+u}(\tilde{\tau}) \cong I(\tilde{\tau} < \min\{t_j, \tau^0\}) + c(\min\{\tilde{\tau}, \tau^0\} - t_0 - u)I(t_0 \geq t_j)$$

for  $\tilde{\tau} \geq t_0 + u$  (5.1.40)

(c.f. (5.1.35)) it follows that for some  $r_\rho < \infty$ ,  $u \geq 0$

$$1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-r_\rho)} = E^1(\hat{C}_{t_0+u}(t_0+u) | R_{t_0+u} = r_\rho, \eta_{t_0+u})$$

$$\leq \inf_{\tilde{\tau} \geq t_0+u} E^1(\hat{C}_{t_0+u}(\tilde{\tau}) | R_{t_0+u} = r_\rho, \eta_{t_0+u})$$

(5.1.41)

where  $\tilde{\tau}$  is a  $\eta_t^R$ -stopping time. Otherwise there would always be a better policy than stopping before  $\tau^0$ , since  $R_{t_0+u} < \infty$   $\forall u < \infty$ .

But if  $u > 0$ , it is also optimal to stop at  $t_0$  if  $R_{t_0} = r_\rho$ , since

$$E^1(\hat{C}_{t_0}(t_0) | R_{t_0} = r_\rho) = E^1(\hat{C}_{t_0+u}(t_0+u) | R_{t_0+u} = r_\rho, \eta_{t_0+u})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-r_\rho)}$$

(5.1.42)

and

$$\inf_{\tilde{\tau}_{t_0} \geq t_0} E^1(\hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0}) | R_{t_0} = r_\rho)$$

$$\geq \inf_{\tilde{\tau} \geq t_0+u} E^1(\hat{C}_{t_0+u}(\tilde{\tau}) | R_{t_0+u} = r_\rho, \eta_{t_0+u})$$

(5.1.43)

( $\tilde{\tau}, \tilde{\tau}_{t_0}$   $H_t^R$ -stopping times)

from the definition of  $\hat{C}_{t_0+u}$ , (5.1.40).

So if  $R_{t_0} = r_\rho$  it is optimal to stop at  $t_0$  with observations  $\eta_t$  and cost  $\hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{\tau}_{t_0})$ . But then by (5.1.38) it is optimal to

stop at  $t_0$  with observations  $y_t$  and cost  $\hat{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{r}_{t_0})$  if  $R_{t_0} = r_\rho$ .  
 Finally (5.1.36), (5.1.37) imply that it is optimal to  
 stop at  $t_0$  with observations  $y_t$  and cost  $\bar{C}_{t_0}(\tilde{r}_{t_0})$  if  
 $R_{t_0} = r_\rho$ , since

$$E^1(\bar{C}_{t_0}(t_0) | R_{t_0} = r_\rho, v_{t_0}) = E^1(C_{t_0}(t_0) | R_{t_0} = r_\rho)$$

Therefore  $R_{\bar{\gamma}_c}(v) \leq r_\rho \quad \forall v \text{ st } \|v\|^* \leq \rho.$  □

The results of Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3 may be illustrated (for  $n=1$ ) as follows.

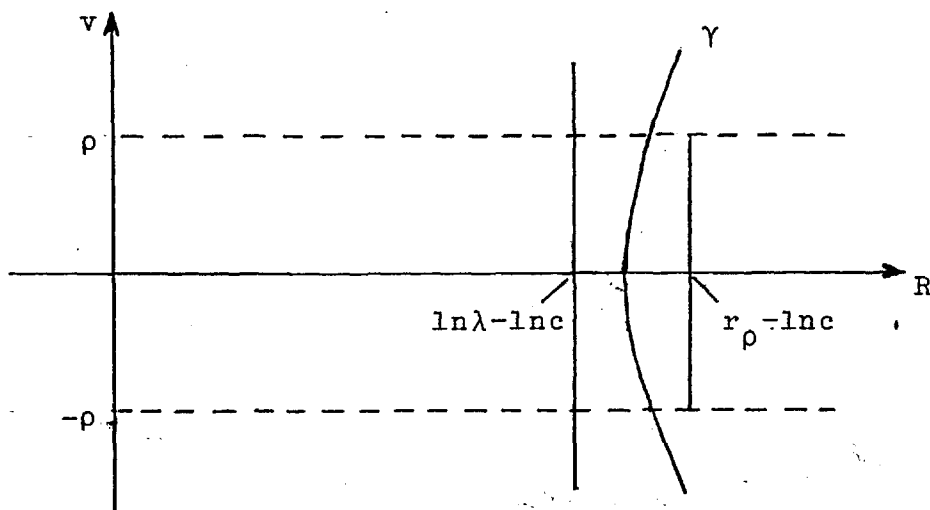


Figure 5.1.2

The evolution of  $\gamma_c$  as  $c \downarrow 0$  is described by these two results.

Definitions

$$t_s \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_j : R_t \geq \ln \lambda, \|v_t\|^* \leq \rho\} \quad (5.1.44)$$

Let  $M^+$  and  $M^-$  be finite  $n \times n$  matrices chosen such that

$$v^T M^+ v \geq 0, \quad v^T M^- v \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in R^n \quad (5.1.45)$$

and  $v^T M^2 v = v^T (M^+ + M^-) v \quad \forall v \in R^n$

( $M^2$  defined in (5.1.8))

Let  $[x]^+ \triangleq xI(x \geq 0)$  and  $[x]^- \triangleq xI(x \leq 0) \quad \forall x \in R$

The scalar process  $\hat{R}_t^c$  is defined such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_t^c &= R_t \quad \forall t \leq t_s \\ d\hat{R}_t^c &= (v_t^T M^- v_t + [h^2 v_t]^T + [g^2]^-) dt \\ &\quad + ([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] v_t + z^1 - z^0)^T \zeta_t^- dt \\ &\quad + (\lambda + v_t^T M^+ v_t + [h^2 v_t]^T + [g^2]^+) I(\|v_t\|^* \leq \rho) dt \\ &\quad + ([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] v_t + z^1 - z^0)^T dW_t \cdot I(R_t < r_\rho - lnc) \\ &\quad \forall t \geq t_s, \quad \rho > 0 \end{aligned} \tag{5.1.46}$$

Here  $r_\rho$  is as in Lemma 5.3 and  $c$  as in  $C(\tilde{\tau})$ , (5.1.3).

Remarks

$\hat{R}_t^c$  has been defined to have certain properties required in the proof of Theorem 5.1, when (5.1.5) holds as assumed in the following.

Since, while  $R_t < r_\rho - lnc$ ,  $d(\hat{R}_t^c - R_t)$  is negative (see (5.1.11)),  $\hat{R}_t^c$  is less than or equal to  $R_t$  up to the first time that  $\hat{R}_t^c \geq r_\rho - lnc$ .

Then supposing that  $R_{t_s} = \hat{R}_{t_s}^c < r_\rho - lnc$  it follows that at the first time that  $\hat{R}_t^c \geq r_\rho - lnc$ ,  $R_t \geq r_\rho - lnc$ . Because of the way (5.1.46) has been set up it follows that  $\hat{R}_t^c \leq r_\rho - lnc$  until

$$\hat{\tau}_c \triangleq \inf\{t: \hat{R}_t^c \geq r_\rho - lnc, \|v_t\|^* \leq \rho\} \tag{5.1.47}$$

The following results are required later. As usual

$$\tau^c = \inf\{t: R_t \geq R_{\gamma_c}(v_t)\}$$

$$a) \quad \hat{\tau}^c \geq \tau^c \tag{5.1.48}$$

from the above argument and Lemma 5.3

$$b) \quad \hat{R}_t^c \leq r_\rho - lnc \quad \text{if } t_s < t \leq \hat{\tau}^c \tag{5.1.49}$$

by (5.1.44), (5.1.47) and above

Lemma 5.4

$\exists \hat{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}$  independent of  $c$  such that

$$E^2(\hat{R}_{t_s}^c + T - \hat{R}_{t_s}^c | t_j, v_{t_j}) = \hat{\sigma}T + \epsilon \quad \text{for } T \geq 0$$

where  $\epsilon \geq -\hat{\epsilon} - q(v_{t_j}) > -\infty$ ,  $E q(v_{t_j}) < \infty$ ,  $q(\cdot) \geq 0$

and  $E^2(\hat{R}_t^c - \hat{R}_{t_1}^c | t_1, t_1 \geq t_s, v_{t_1}) = \hat{\sigma}(t - t_1) + \epsilon$  for  $t \geq t_1$

where  $\epsilon \leq \hat{\epsilon} < \infty$

Proof (superscripts <sup>2</sup> on  $M, h, g$  are omitted)

(5.1.5) is assumed to hold throughout the following.

First consider the process

$$\begin{aligned} L_t &\triangleq \hat{R}_t^c - \hat{R}_{t_s}^c - \int_{t_s}^t [([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0]v_u + z^1 - z^0)^T \zeta_u]^- du \\ &\geq \hat{R}_t^c - \hat{R}_{t_s}^c \quad \text{for } t \geq t_s \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.50)$$

Then  $L_t$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} dL_t &= (v_t^T M^- v_t + [h^T v_t]^- + [g]^-) dt \\ &+ (\lambda + v_t^T M^+ v_t + [h^T v_t]^+ + [g]^+) I(\|v_t\|^* \leq \rho) dt \\ &+ ([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0]v_t + z^1 - z^0)^T dW_t \cdot I(R_t < r_\rho - \ln c) \quad t \geq t_s \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.51)$$

by (5.1.46) and (5.1.50), and  $(L_t, v_t)$  is a Markov process for  $t \geq t_s$ .

Let  $(L', v')$ ,  $(L'', v'')$  be solutions of (5.1.1), (5.1.51) for  $t \geq t_1 \geq t_s$  with the same sample path of  $W_t$  for  $t \geq t_1$  in each case, but with initial conditions

$$(L', v')_{t_1} = (\bar{L}, \bar{v}') \quad (5.1.52)$$

$$(L'', v'')_{t_1} = (\bar{L}, \bar{v}'') \quad (5.1.53)$$

for some fixed  $\bar{L} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\bar{v}', \bar{v}'' \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $\|\bar{v}'\|^*, \|\bar{v}''\|^* < \infty$

By (5.1.1) and assumption (5.1.30)

$$\|v_t' - v_t''\|^* \leq N e^{-K(t-t_1)} \quad \text{for some } N, K \in (0, \infty), t \geq t_1 \quad (5.1.54)$$

Define

$$T_1 = \int_{t_1}^t (v_u^T M^- v_u' - v_u^{\prime\prime T} M^- v_u^{\prime\prime}) du$$

$$T_2 = \int_{t_1}^t ([h^T v_u']^- - [h^T v_u^{\prime\prime}]^-) du$$

$$T_3 = \int_{t_1}^t (v_u^T M^+ v_u' - v_u^{\prime\prime T} M^+ v_u^{\prime\prime}) I(\|v_u'\|^* \leq \rho) I(\|v_u^{\prime\prime}\|^* \leq \rho) du$$

$$T_4 = \int_{t_1}^t ([h^T v_u']^+ - [h^T v_u^{\prime\prime}]^+) I(\|v_u'\|^* \leq \rho) I(\|v_u^{\prime\prime}\|^* \leq \rho) du$$

$$T_5 = - \int_{t_1}^t (\lambda + v_u^{\prime\prime T} M^+ v_u^{\prime\prime} + [h^T v_u^{\prime\prime}]^+ + [g]^+) I(\|v_u'\|^* > \rho) I(\|v_u^{\prime\prime}\|^* \geq \rho) du$$

$$T_6 = \int_{t_1}^t (\lambda + v_u^{\prime\prime T} M^+ v_u^{\prime\prime} + [h^T v_u^{\prime\prime}]^+ + [g]^+) I(\|v_u'\|^* \leq \rho) I(\|v_u^{\prime\prime}\|^* < \rho) du$$

$$\text{Then } \Delta_t \triangleq E^2(L_t' - L_t'') = \sum_{i=1}^6 E^2 T_i \quad (5.1.55)$$

$E^2 T_i$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,6$  are uniformly bounded  $\forall t \geq t_1 \geq t_j$ , for each  $v', v''$ , as shown below:

$E^2 T_1$ : see (5.1.1)

$$E^2 T_2: \quad |[h^T v_u']^- - [h^T v_u^{\prime\prime}]^-| \leq \|h\|^* \cdot \|v_u' - v_u^{\prime\prime}\|^* \leq \|h\|^* \cdot N e^{-K(t-t_1)}$$

(see definition (5.1.29) and (5.1.11) to see that  
 $h^T v = h^T Qv$ ,  $v^T M v = (Qv)^T M Qv$ )

$$E^2 T_3: \quad (v^T M^+ v) \text{ has bounded gradient in } \{v: \|v\|^* \leq \rho\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\|v_u' - v_u^{\prime\prime}\|^* \leq N e^{-K(t-t_1)}$$

$E^2 T_4$ : as for  $E^2 T_3$

$$E^2 T_5: \quad (\lambda + v_u^{\prime\prime T} M^+ v_u^{\prime\prime} + [h^T v_u^{\prime\prime}]^+ + [g]^+) \text{ is bounded for } \|v\|^* \leq \rho$$

$$\|v_u'\|^* > \rho, \quad \|v_u^{\prime\prime}\|^* \leq \rho \Rightarrow \|v_u'\|^* \in (\rho, \rho + N e^{-K(u-t_1)})$$

Since the p.d.f of  $v_u'$  is bounded  $\forall t \geq t_1$ ,

$$E^2 \int_{t_1}^t I(\|v_u'\|^* \in (\rho, \rho + N e^{-K(u-t_1)})) du \text{ is uniformly}$$

bounded as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$E^2 T_6$ : as for  $E^2 T_5$

So  $\exists \bar{E}_L^-(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\bar{E}_L^+(\cdot, \cdot)$  such that, from (5.1.55)

$$-\infty < -\bar{E}_L^-(v', v'') \leq \Delta_t \leq +\bar{E}_L^+(v', v'') < \infty \quad \forall t \geq t_1 \quad (5.1.56)$$



Since by assumption (5.1.30),  $Qv_t$  is an (asymptotically) stationary process, and by (5.1.51), it follows that  $\exists \hat{\sigma} \in R, v''$  such that

$$\frac{1}{t-t_1} E^2(L_t'' - \bar{L}) = \hat{\sigma} \quad (5.1.57)$$

where  $L_t''$  is defined by (5.1.53). With  $v''$  chosen in this way, it follows from (5.1.56) that

$$E^2(L_t - L_{t_1} | t_1, t_1 \geq t_s, v_{t_1}) = \hat{\sigma}(t-t_1) + \epsilon \quad (5.1.58)$$

where  $-\infty < -\bar{\epsilon}_L^-(v_{t_1}, v'') \leq \epsilon \leq \bar{\epsilon}_L^+(v_{t_1}, v'') < \infty$

Since  $N, K \in (0, \infty)$  may be chosen in (5.1.54) so that this holds  $\forall v' = v_{t_1}'$  such that  $\|v'\| \leq \rho$ , with  $v''$  as above,

$$\hat{\epsilon} \triangleq \sup_{\|v'\| \leq \rho} \bar{\epsilon}_L^-(v', v'') \vee \bar{\epsilon}_L^+(v', v'') < \infty \quad (5.1.59)$$

Now  $E^2(L_t - L_{t_1} | t_1, t_1 \geq t_s, v_{t_1}) \leq E^2(L_t - L_{\tau^p \wedge t} | t_1, t_1 \geq t_s, v_{t_1})$   
(5.1.60)

where  $\tau^p \triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_1 : \|v_t\| \leq \rho\}$ , by (5.1.50), (5.1.46), so using (5.1.58)

$$\begin{aligned} E^2(L_t - L_{t_1} | t_1, t_1 \geq t_s, v_{t_1}) &\leq E^2(\hat{\sigma}(t - \tau^p \wedge t) + \bar{\epsilon}_L^+(v_{\tau^p \wedge t}, v'') | t_1, t_1 \geq t_s, v_{t_1}) \\ &\leq \hat{\sigma}(t-t_1) + \hat{\epsilon} \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.61)$$

So in (5.1.58) in fact  $\epsilon \leq \hat{\epsilon} < \infty$  irrespective of  $v_{t_1}$ .

It remains to relate these results to the process  $\hat{R}_t^c$  through (5.1.50). From (5.1.5b) and Assumption (5.1.30), it follows that

$$0 \leq E^2(\| [D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] v_t + z^1 - z^0 \| \cdot \| \zeta_t \| | t_j, v_{t_j}) \leq r(v_{t_j}) e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}(t-t_j)} \quad (5.1.62)$$

for some function  $r(\cdot)$  s.t.  $E^2(r(v_{t_j}) | t_j)$  is uniformly bounded  $\forall t_j$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\infty < -q(v_{t_j}) \\
 & \leq E^2 \left( \int_{t_j}^{\infty} [([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0]v_u + z^1 - z^0)^T \zeta_u]^- du \mid t_j, v_{t_j} \right) \leq 0
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.1.63}$$

for some function  $q(\cdot)$  such that  $E(q(v_{t_j}) \mid t_j)$  is uniformly bounded  $\forall t_j$ .

So using (5.1.58)

$$E^2(\hat{R}_{t_s+T}^c - \hat{R}_{t_s}^c \mid t_j, v_{t_j}) \geq \hat{\sigma}T + \epsilon \quad \text{for } T \geq 0$$

where  $\epsilon \geq -\hat{\epsilon} - q(v_{t_j})$ , since  $\|v_{t_s}\|^* \leq \rho$  by definition of  $t_s$  and (5.1.59) implies  $\bar{\epsilon}_L^-(v_{t_s}, v'') \leq \hat{\epsilon}$ .

$$\text{Also } E^2(\hat{R}_t^c - \hat{R}_{t_1}^c \mid t_1, t_1 \geq t_s, v_{t_1}) = \hat{\sigma}(t - t_1) + \epsilon \quad \text{for } t \geq t_1$$

where  $\epsilon \leq \hat{\epsilon} < \infty$  by (5.1.61) and (5.1.62).  $t_1$  is a stopping time for  $W_t$ .

This establishes the results of the Lemma.  $\square$

It follows from Lemma 5.4 that (5.1.64)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\sigma} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^2 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} & (v_u^T M^- v_u + [h^2 v_u^T]^- + [g^2]^- \\
 & + (\lambda + v_u^T M^+ v_u + [h^2 v_u^T]^+ + [g^2]^+) I(\|v_u\|^* \leq \rho)) du
 \end{aligned}$$

### Definitions

$$\text{Define } \sigma_2 \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^2 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + v_u^T M^2 v_u + h^2 v_u^T + g^2) du \tag{5.1.65}$$

Then  $\hat{\sigma} \rightarrow \sigma_2$  as  $\rho \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\text{Define } \sigma_1 \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^1 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + v_u^T M^1 v_u + h^1 v_u^T + g^1) du \tag{5.1.66}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also } \mu_t \triangleq & \int_{t_j}^t (\lambda + v_u^T M^1 v_u + h^1 v_u^T + g^1) du \\
 & + \int_{t_j}^t ([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0]v_u + z^1 - z^0)^T dW_u \quad \forall t \geq t_j
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.1.67}$$

Then  $\sigma_1 = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^1 \mu_{t_j+T}$ .

Note that from (5.1.11) if (5.1.4) holds

$$R_t - R_{t_j} = \mu_t + \int_{t_j}^t \lambda e^{-R_u} du \quad (5.1.68)$$

$$\text{Also, } \lambda + x^T M^1 x + h^1 T x + g^1 > 0 \quad \forall x \in R^n \quad (5.1.69)$$

by definition of  $M^1, h^1, g^1$ .

Lemma 5.5

$$E^1(\mu_t | \mu_{t_1}, v_{t_1}, t_1 \geq t_j) - \mu_{t_1} = \sigma_1(t - t_1) + \delta$$

for  $W_t$ -stopping time  $t_1$ , where  $\infty < -\delta \leq \delta \leq \hat{\delta}(v_{t_1}) < \infty$

for some  $\hat{\delta}(\cdot), \delta$ ;  $E(\hat{\delta}(v_{t_j})) < \infty$ .

Proof

Follows from (5.1.1), (5.1.2) and the property (5.1.69)  $\square$

Lemma 5.6

$$E^2(t_s - t_j | t_j) \leq a < \infty \quad \forall t_j \geq 0, \text{ for some } a \text{ independent of } c.$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Define } t^{(0)} &\triangleq \inf\{t \geq t_j : \|v_t\|^* \leq \rho\} \\ \text{and } t^{(i)} &\triangleq \inf\{t \geq t^{(i-1)} + \Delta : \|v_t\|^* \leq \rho\} \quad i=1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.70)$$

for some fixed  $\Delta > 0$ .

$$\exists a_0 < \infty \text{ such that } E^2(t^{(0)} - t_j | t_j) < a_0, \quad \forall t_j \quad (5.1.71)$$

from (5.1.1) and (5.1.2).

Let the process  $R_t^*$  evolve as  $R_t$  (i.e.  $R_t^*$  satisfies (5.1.5) and (5.1.11)) for  $t \in [t^{(i-1)}, t^{(i)})$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots$  but with

$$R_t^*(i) = -\infty \quad (\pi_t^*(i) = 0), \quad i=1, 2, \dots \quad (5.1.72)$$

Define  $L_t^*$  such that  $L_t^*(i) = -\infty$  and for  $t \in [t^{(i-1)}, t^{(i)})$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} dL_t^* &= \lambda(1 + e^{-L_t^*}) dt + (v_t^T M^2 v_t + h^{2T} v_t + g^2) dt \\ &\quad + ([D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] v_t + z^1 - z^0)^T dW_t \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.73)$$

Comparing (5.1.11) and (5.1.73) it follows that

$$|L_t^* - R_t^*| \leq \int_t^t (i-1) \|[D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] v_u + z^1 - z^0\|^* \cdot \|\zeta_u\|^* du$$

where  $t \in [t^{(i-1)}, t^{(i)}]$ . (5.1.74)

Now let  $p_i \triangleq P^2(\lim_{t \uparrow t^{(i)}} L_t^* \geq \ln \lambda + \epsilon \mid \exists j < i \text{ s.t. } \lim_{t \uparrow t^{(i)}} R_t^* \geq \ln \lambda)$

for some fixed  $\epsilon > 0$ . (5.1.75)

Then  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} p_i < 0$ ,  $p_i > 0 \forall i$ , so that  $\exists \bar{p}$  and

$$p_i \geq \bar{p} > 0 \forall i \quad (5.1.76)$$

Define  $\bar{N} \triangleq \inf\{i : \lim_{t \uparrow t^{(i)}} R_t^* \geq \ln \lambda\}$  (5.1.77)

Note that  $\exists \delta < \infty$  s.t.  $E^2(t^{(i+1)} - t^{(i)} \mid t_s > t^{(i)}, t_j) \leq \delta$

$i=0, 1, 2, \dots$  from (5.1.1) (5.1.78)

Now from (5.1.5b)  $E^2(\|\zeta_u\|^2 \mid t_j) \leq \alpha e^{-\beta(t-t_j)}$   $\alpha < \infty, \beta > 0, t \geq t_j$

Therefore

$$E^2\left(\int_{t_j}^{\infty} \|[D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] v_u + z^1 - z^0\|^* \cdot \|\zeta_u\|^* du \mid t_j\right) < \infty \quad (5.1.79)$$

$\exists \tilde{\alpha} < \infty, \tilde{\beta} < 1$  so that

$$E^2\left(\int_{t^{(i)}}^{t^{(i+1)}} \|[D^1 - D^0 : F^1 - F^0] v_u + z^1 - z^0\|^* \cdot \|\zeta_u\|^* du \mid t_j\right) \leq \tilde{\alpha} \cdot \tilde{\beta}^i \quad i=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

since otherwise (5.1.79) would be contradicted. Therefore

$$E^2(\lim_{t \uparrow t^{(i)}} |L_t^* - R_t^*| \mid t_j) \leq \tilde{\alpha} \cdot \tilde{\beta}^i \quad \text{from (5.1.74)}$$

So  $P^2(\lim_{t \uparrow t^{(i)}} (L_t^* - R_t^*) > \epsilon \mid t_j) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\alpha} \cdot \tilde{\beta}^i$  (5.1.80)

Then  $P^2(\bar{N} > i \mid t_j) - P^2(\bar{N} > i-1 \mid t_j) \leq -\bar{p} \cdot P^2(\bar{N} > i-1 \mid t_j) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \cdot \tilde{\alpha} \cdot \tilde{\beta}^i$  (5.1.81)

from (5.1.76), (5.1.77) & (5.1.80).

$$\begin{aligned}
P^2(\bar{N} > i | t_j) &\leq (1-\bar{p})^{i-1} + \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{\tilde{\epsilon}} \cdot \sum_{j=2}^i \tilde{\beta}^j (1-\bar{p})^{i-j} \\
&\leq (1-\bar{p})^{i-1} + \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{\tilde{\epsilon}} \cdot [\tilde{\beta}^{i+1} - (1-\bar{p})^{i-1} \tilde{\beta}^{2j}] / [\tilde{\beta} - (1-\bar{p})] \\
&\leq \hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\beta}^i \quad \text{for some } \hat{\alpha} < \infty, \hat{\beta} < 1 \quad (5.1.82)
\end{aligned}$$

Since by definitions (5.1.44) and (5.1.77) and also by (5.1.70),  $t^{(\bar{N})} > t_s$

$$P^2(t_s > t^{(i)} | t_j) \leq \hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\beta}^i$$

As 
$$E^2(t_s - t_j | t_j) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P^2(t_s > t^{(i)} | t_j) \cdot \delta + a_0$$

from (5.1.78) and (5.1.71)

$$E^2(t_s - t_j | t_j) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\beta}^i \cdot \delta + a_0 < a \text{ say, where } a < \infty. \quad \square$$

Recall the following definitions:

$$\sigma_1 \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^1 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + v_u^T M^1 v_u + h^1 v_u + g^1) du$$

$$\sigma_2 \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^1 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + v_u^T M^2 v_u + h^2 v_u + g^2) du$$

$$\tau^c \triangleq \inf\{t: R_t \geq R_{\gamma^c}(v_t)\}$$

Theorem 5.1

If  $\sigma_2 > \sigma_1$ ,  $\exists c_m$  such that  $\forall c \in (0, c_m]$

$$E^2 C(\tau^c) \leq E^1 C(\tau^c)$$

Proof

Consider  $c \leq 1$ .

Suppose that  $\sigma_2 > \sigma_1$  and choose  $\rho$  in (5.1.46) so that  $\hat{\sigma} > \sigma_1$ .

$$\text{Define } \hat{\tau}^c \triangleq \inf\{t: \hat{R}_t^c \geq r_\rho - \ln c, \|v_t\|^* \leq \rho\} \quad (5.1.83)$$

where  $r_\rho$  is defined as in Lemma 5.3 Note that  $r_\rho \geq \ln \lambda$ .

If (5.1.5) holds, then  $\hat{\tau}^c \geq \tau^c$  (see (5.1.48)) and

because of Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3, for  $c \leq 1$

$$\tau^c \geq t_j \Rightarrow \hat{\tau}^c \geq t_j \Rightarrow \hat{\tau}^c \geq t_s \quad (5.1.84)$$

by (5.1.83) and (5.1.44).

Now choose  $T > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} E^2(\hat{R}_{T+t_s}^c - R_{t_s} | t_j \leq \tau^c) &= E^2(\hat{R}_{T+t_s}^c - \hat{R}_{T+t_s}^c \wedge (T+t_s) | t_j \leq \tau^c) \\ &\quad + E^2(\hat{R}_{T+t_s}^c \wedge (T+t_s) - R_{t_s} | t_j \leq \tau^c) \end{aligned} \quad (5.1.85)$$

From (5.1.49) and (5.1.83).

$$\hat{R}_{T+t_s}^c \wedge (T+t_s) - R_{t_s} \leq \max(0, r_\rho - \ln c - R_{t_s}) \quad (5.1.86)$$

Also  $R_{t_s} \geq \ln \lambda$  by (5.1.44).

By Lemma 5.4, from (5.1.85)

$$\hat{\sigma} T + \varepsilon_1 \leq \hat{\sigma} (T - E^2((\hat{\tau}^c - t_s) \wedge T) | t_j \leq \tau^c) + \varepsilon_2 + \max(0, r_\rho - \ln c - \ln \lambda) \quad (5.1.89)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \varepsilon_1 &\geq -\hat{\varepsilon} - E^2(q(v_{t_j}) | t_j \leq \tau^c) \\ \varepsilon_2 &\leq \hat{\varepsilon} < +\infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{So } E^2[(\tau^c - t_s) \wedge T | t_j \leq \tau^c] &\leq E^2[(\tau^c - t_s) \wedge T | t_j \leq \tau^c] \\
&\leq [r_p - \ln c - \ln \lambda + 2\hat{\varepsilon} + E^2(q(v_{t_j}) | t_j \leq \tau^c)] / \hat{\sigma} \\
&\leq [-\ln c + k_2 + E^2(q(v_{t_j}) | t_j \leq \tau^c)] / \hat{\sigma}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $k_2 < \infty$  is independent of  $c$ .

$$\text{i.e. } \int_0^T P^2(\tau^c - t_s \leq u | t_j \leq \tau^c) du \leq [-\ln c + k_2 + E^2(q(v_{t_j}) | t_j \leq \tau^c)] / \hat{\sigma}$$

$c \leq 1, \forall T > 0$ . Therefore

$$E^2(\tau^c - t_s | t_j \leq \tau^c) \leq [-\ln c + k_2 + E^2(q(v_{t_j}) | t_j \leq \tau^c)] / \hat{\sigma}, \quad c \leq 1 \quad (5.1.90)$$

Next,

$$\begin{aligned}
E^1(\mu_{t_j+T} | t_j \leq \tau^c) &= E^1(\mu_{t_j+T} - \mu(t_j+T) \wedge \tau^c | t_j \leq \tau^c) \\
&\quad + E^1(\mu(t_j+T) \wedge \tau^c | t_j \leq \tau^c) \quad (5.1.91)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_t$  is defined in (5.1.67). From Lemma 5.5

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_1 T + \delta_1 &\geq \sigma_1 (T - E^1((\tau^c - t_j) \wedge T | t_j \leq \tau^c)) + \delta_2 \\
&\quad + E^1(\mu(t_j+T) \wedge \tau^c | t_j \leq \tau^c) \quad (5.1.92)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta_1 = E^1(\hat{\delta}(v_{t_j}) | t_j \leq \tau^c)$

$$\delta_2 \geq -\bar{\delta} > -\infty$$

Next, the last term in (5.1.92) is investigated.

Firstly, as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\pi_{t_j+T} \rightarrow 1$  w.p.1 if (5.1.4) holds. Otherwise

$$P^1(t_j < \infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E^1 \pi_t \neq 1 \text{ which contradicts (5.1.2)}$$

Therefore  $R_{t_j+T} \rightarrow \infty$  w.p.1 as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , which implies that

$$R(t_j+T) \wedge \tau^c \geq \ln \lambda - \ln c \quad \text{for } T \text{ sufficiently large, w.p.1,}$$

by Lemma 5.2.

$$\text{Let } t_\lambda \triangleq \inf\{t: R_t \geq \ln \lambda\} \quad (5.1.93)$$

$$E^1(R_{[(t_j+T) \wedge \tau^c] \vee t_\lambda} | t_j \leq \tau^c) \rightarrow \ln \lambda - \ln c + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon > 0 \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty \quad (5.1.94)$$

$t_\lambda$  is introduced here to ensure that the expectation is well defined.

Secondly

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E^1(R_{t_j \vee t_\lambda} | t_j \leq \tau^c) \\
 & \leq E^1 \left[ \int_{t_\lambda}^{t_j \vee t_\lambda} (\lambda + v_u^T M^0 v_u + h^0 v_u + g^0 + \lambda e^{-R_u}) du | t_j \leq \tau^c \right] + \ln \lambda \\
 & \leq E^1(\lambda t_j | t_j \leq \tau^c) + E^1 \left( \int_{t_\lambda}^{t_j \vee t_\lambda} \lambda e^{-R_u} du | t_j \leq \tau^c \right) + \ln \lambda
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.1.95}$$

by (5.1.11), since  $v_u^T M^0 v_u + h^0 v_u + g^0 \leq 0 \quad \forall u$  (from the definitions of  $M^0, h^0, g^0$ ).

Now from (5.1.67), (5.1.69)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E^1(\mu_{(t_j + T) \wedge \tau^c} | t_j \leq \tau^c) \\
 & \geq E^1 \left( \int_{t_j \vee t_\lambda}^{[(t_j + T) \wedge \tau^c] \vee t_\lambda} (\lambda + v_u^T M^1 v_u + h^1 v_u + g^1) du | t_j \leq \tau^c \right) \\
 & \geq E^1(R_{[(t_j + T) \wedge \tau^c] \vee t_\lambda} - R_{t_j \vee t_\lambda} - \int_{t_j \vee t_\lambda}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-R_u} du | t_j \leq \tau^c)
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.1.96}$$

Then from (5.1.94), (5.1.95) & (5.1.96) substituted into (5.1.92)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E^1(\tau^c - t_j | t_j \leq \tau^c) \\
 & \geq \frac{1}{\sigma_1} [-\bar{\delta} - E^1(\hat{\delta}(v_{t_j}) + \lambda t_j + \int_{\inf\{t: R_t \geq \ln \lambda\}}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-R_u} du | t_j \leq \tau^c) - \ln c]
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.1.97}$$

Note that  $P^2(t_j \leq \tau^c) = P^1(t_j \leq \tau^c) = E^1 \pi_{\tau^c} \geq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + c}$  by Lemma 5.2,

and that  $I(t_j \leq \tau^c)$ ,  $v_{t_j}$  are the same for a given path of  $W_t$  irrespective of whether (5.1.4) or (5.1.5) holds.

Then from (5.1.90) and (5.1.97) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E^2(\tau^c - t_s | t_j \leq \tau^c) - E^1(\tau^c - t_j | t_j \leq \tau^c) \leq \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_1} - \frac{1}{\bar{\delta}} \right) \ln c + k_2 / \bar{\delta} + \bar{\delta} / \sigma_1 \\
 & + E \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} q(v_{t_j}) + \frac{1}{\sigma_1} (\hat{\delta}(v_{t_j}) + \lambda t_j + \epsilon_\lambda) \right] \frac{\lambda + c}{\lambda}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.1.98}$$



From Lemmas 5.1, 5.4, 5.5 the expectation on the right is finite. Therefore  $\exists c_m > 0$  such that

$$E^2(\tau^c - t_s | t_j \leq \tau^c) - E^1(\tau^c - t_j | t_j \leq \tau^c) \leq -a$$

$\forall c < c_m$ ,  $a$  as in Lemma 5.6.

As  $P^1(t_j \leq \tau^c) = P^2(t_j \leq \tau^c)$  and from Lemma 5.6, then

$$E^2((\tau^c - t_j)I(t_j \leq \tau^c)) - E^1((\tau^c - t_j)I(t_j \leq \tau^c)) \leq 0 \quad \forall c \leq c_m$$

The result of the Theorem now follows from (5.1.3).  $\square$

### Remarks

Theorem 5.1 does not specify the value of  $c_m$ . In the proof, a lower bound for  $\tau^c$  in the case where (5.1.4) holds is compared to an upper bound for  $\tau^c$  in the case where (5.1.5) holds. These bounds are very weak, especially with respect to the  $\lambda e^{-Rt}$  term in (5.1.11). The contribution of this after time  $t_j$  is completely neglected in one case. The result is that in the proof of the Theorem very small values of  $c$  need to be considered.

The arguments given in the outline at the beginning of the section suggest that  $c$  need only be sufficiently small so that detection times are typically long compared with system time constants. Also it is likely that necessity holds in Theorem 5.1 as well as sufficiency. To improve the results a more quantitative approach seems necessary.

If the system (5.1.1) becomes unstable following a parameter jump it is unclear whether the Theorem holds because of the effect of the shape of the boundary  $\gamma$ .

## 5.2 Robustness for autoregressive systems

The problem of interest here is that described in Section 3.1.

$$d\tilde{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & r_t^T & & & -1 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{y}_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} u \\ z_t \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} dW_t \quad (5.2.1)$$

where  $\tilde{y}_t \in R^n \forall t$ ,  $u \in R^{n-1}$  is constant

$W_t$  is a scalar Wiener process independent of  $t_j$

$$P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \quad (5.2.2)$$

and  $(r_t, z_t) = (r^0, z^0) \forall t < t_j$

$$= (\bar{r}, \bar{z}) \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (5.2.3)$$

where  $r^0 \in R^n$  is constant, and  $z^0 \in R$  is constant (known).

$\tilde{y}_0$  is known, so that  $\tilde{y}_t$  is  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ -measurable, where observations

$$y_t = [00 \dots 01] \tilde{y}_t.$$

The optimal detection rule (see Section 3.1) is implemented, in the sense of the cost function (5.1.3), for the case

where

$$(\bar{r}, \bar{z}) = (r^1, z^1) \quad (5.2.4)$$

$r^1 \in R^n$  constant, and  $z^1 \in R$  constant (known).

$P^1, E^1$  denotes probability and expectation given (5.2.4)

holds.  $P^2, E^2$  denotes probability and expectation given

$$(\bar{r}, \bar{z}) = (r^2, z^2) \quad (5.2.5)$$

$r^2 \in R^n$  constant, and  $z^2 \in R$  constant (known).

(5.2.1) is strictly stable for  $r_t = r^i$ ,  $i=0,1,2$

This is a special case of the problem of Section 5.1, such that

$$v_t = \tilde{y}_t, \quad \zeta_t = 0 \quad \forall t \quad (5.2.6)$$

$$[D^i:F^i] = r^{iT}, \quad i=0,1,2 \quad (5.2.7)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} M^i &= (r^1-r^0)(r^i-\frac{1}{2}r^1-\frac{1}{2}r^0)^T \\ h^i &= (z^1-z^0)(r^i-\frac{1}{2}r^1-\frac{1}{2}r^0) + (z^i-\frac{1}{2}z^1-\frac{1}{2}z^0)(r^1-r^0) \\ g^i &= (z^1-z^0)(z^i-\frac{1}{2}z^1-\frac{1}{2}z^0) \end{aligned} \quad (5.2.8)$$

for  $i=0,1,2$ .

Let  $Q^i$  be the steady-state covariance matrix of the state vector  $\tilde{y}_t$  in (5.2.1) with  $(r_t, z_t) = (r^i, z^i)$

i.e.  $Q^i$  is the unique positive definite solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ r^{iT} & & & \cdot \end{bmatrix} Q + Q \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & r^i \\ 1 & \cdot & & \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \\ 0 & & 1 & \cdot \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (5.2.9)$$

and let  $q^i$  be the steady state mean value of the state vector  $\tilde{y}_t$ , i.e.

$$q^i = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ r^{iT} & & & \cdot \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ -z^i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.2.10)$$

From (5.2.8), (5.1.66) and from (5.1.65)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= \lambda + \frac{1}{2}(r^1-r^0)^T(Q^1+q^1q^{1T})(r^1-r^0) + (z^1-z^0)(r^1-r^0)^Tq^1 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(z^1-z^0)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.2.11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_2 &= \lambda + (r^1-r^0)^T(Q^2+q^2q^{2T})(r^2-\frac{1}{2}r^1-\frac{1}{2}r^0) \\ &\quad + (z^1-z^0)(r^2-\frac{1}{2}r^1-\frac{1}{2}r^0)^Tq^2 + (z^2-\frac{1}{2}z^1-\frac{1}{2}z^0)(r^1-r^0)q^2 \\ &\quad + (z^1-z^0)(z^2-\frac{1}{2}z^1-\frac{1}{2}z^0) \end{aligned} \quad (5.2.12)$$

Then from Theorem 5.1, if  $\sigma_2 > \sigma_1$   $\exists c_m > 0$  such that  $\forall c \in (0, c_m]$

$$E^2C(\tau^c) \leq E^1C(\tau^c) \quad (5.2.13)$$

It is therefore possible to characterize a set of disordered parameter values for the system(5.2.1),  $\{(r^2, z^2): \sigma^2 > \sigma^1\}$  such that the expected cost of using the detection rule

designed assuming (5.2.4) holds is not increased, with  $c$  sufficiently small. The remarks following Theorem 5.1 discuss the restrictions on the value of  $c$ .

Although from the argument of Section 5.1 it appears likely that  $E^2C(\tau^c) > E^1C(\tau^c)$  if  $\sigma_2 < \sigma_1$ ,  $c$  small, this has not been proved.

Example 1

$$d\tilde{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ r_t^T & \end{bmatrix} \tilde{y}_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} dW_t \quad (5.2.14)$$

$$r^0 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad r^1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4+\delta_1 \\ -3+\delta_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad r^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4+\rho_1 \\ -3+\rho_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

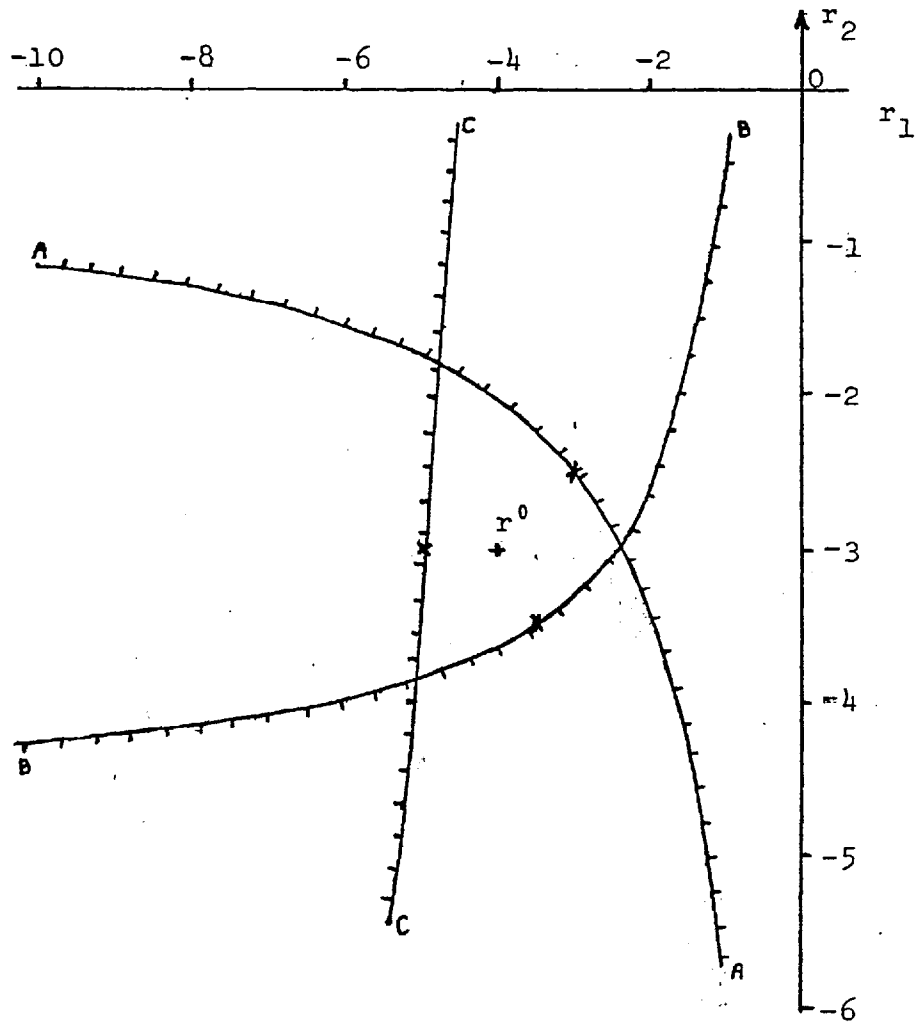
$$Q^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/24 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix} \quad Q^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2(4-\delta_1)(3-\delta_2)} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2(3-\delta_2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2(4-\rho_1)(3-\rho_2)} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2(3-\rho_2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q^0 = q^1 = q^2 = 0$$

Figure 5.2.1 illustrates sets of  $r^2$  parameter values such that  $\sigma_2 > \sigma_1$ , for various choices of  $\delta_1, \delta_2$ . Note that Theorem 5.1 only applies if (5.2.1) is stable for  $r_t = r^2$  ( i.e.  $r_1 < 0, r_2 < 0$  where  $r^2 = [r_1, r_2]^T$ ).

Figure 5.3.1



$\sigma_2 > \sigma_1$   
 $\sigma_2 < \sigma_1$

$\sigma_2 = \sigma_1$  contour

AA :  $\delta_1 = 1.0$      $\delta_2 = 0.5$   
 BB :  $\delta_1 = 0.5$      $\delta_2 = -0.5$   
 CC :  $\delta_1 = -1.0$     $\delta_2 = 0.0$

Figure 5.3.1 indicates how a detection rule of the type described in Section 3.5 might be constructed to detect jumps to unknown parameter values by combining the three "known jump" detection rules above.

### Example 2

A second example is given to illustrate the discussion in Section 4.0 concerning the first order autoregression case.

Suppose

$$dy_t = r_t a_0 y_t dt + b dt + dW_t$$

$$r^0=1 : r^1=\alpha : r^2=\beta \quad , \quad \beta > \alpha > 1$$

$$\text{Then } Q^1 = \frac{1}{-2\alpha a_0} \quad : \quad Q^2 = \frac{1}{-2\beta a_0}$$

and from (5.2.11), (5.2.12)

$$\sigma_1 = \lambda + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)^2 a_0^2 \left( \frac{1}{-2\alpha a_0} + \frac{b^2}{\alpha^2 a_0^2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_2 = \lambda + (\alpha-1)(\beta - \frac{1}{2}\alpha - \frac{1}{2}) a_0^2 \left( \frac{1}{-2\beta a_0} + \frac{b^2}{\beta^2 a_0^2} \right)$$

Then  $\sigma_2 < \sigma_1$  if

$$\beta > \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+1)\alpha b^2 / (-a_0)}{\frac{1}{2}(\alpha-1)b^2 / (-a_0) - \frac{1}{4}\alpha(\alpha+1)} > 1$$

The robustness property of Chapter 4 appears to break down (assuming necessity in Theorem 5.1 as previously discussed) if  $b^2$  is sufficiently large.

### 5.3 Robustness for general systems

In this section, Theorem 5.1 is applied to the problem described in Section 3.4.

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= A_t x_t dt + q_t dt + G_t dv_t \\ dy_t &= H_t x_t dt + dz_t \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.1)$$

where  $x_t \in R^N$ ,  $y_t \in R^m$   $\forall t$

$V_t$ ,  $Z_t$  are independent Wiener processes, independent of  $t_j$

$$P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \quad (5.3.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_t &= A^0, \quad q_t = q^0, \quad G_t = G^0, \quad H_t = H^0 \quad \forall t < t_j \\ A_t &= \bar{A}, \quad q_t = \bar{q}, \quad G_t = \bar{G}, \quad H_t = \bar{H} \quad \forall t \geq t_j \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.3)$$

where  $A^0, q^0, G^0, H^0, \bar{A}, \bar{q}, \bar{G}, \bar{H}$  are constant matrices and vectors.  $A^0, \bar{A}$  have strictly negative eigenvalues.

#### The innovations formulation

Suppose  $x_0$  has a-priori distribution  $N(r_0, Q_0)$  where  $Q_0$  is a covariance matrix.

For given  $t_j$ ,  $r_t \triangleq E(x_t | Y_t)$  satisfies the Kalman Filtering equations

$$dr_t = A^0 r_t dt + q^0 dt + Q_t H^{0T} dv_t \quad \forall t < t_j \quad (5.3.4)$$

$$dr_t = \bar{A} r_t dt + \bar{q} dt + Q_t \bar{H}^T dv_t \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

$$\dot{Q}_t = G^0 G^{0T} - Q_t H^{0T} H^0 Q_t + A^0 Q_t + Q_t A^{0T} \quad \forall t < t_j \quad (5.3.5)$$

$$\dot{Q}_t = \bar{G} \bar{G}^T - Q_t \bar{H}^T \bar{H} Q_t + \bar{A} Q_t + Q_t \bar{A}^T \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad (5.3.6)$$

$$dv_t = dy_t - I(t < t_j) H^0 r_t dt - I(t \geq t_j) \bar{H}^1 r_t dt \quad (5.3.7)$$

$v_t$  is a Wiener process

Define  $Q^i$  as the asymptotic solution of (5.3.6) for

$$\bar{A} = A^i, \quad \bar{q} = q^i, \quad \bar{G} = G^i, \quad \bar{H} = H^i \quad i=0,1,2. \quad (5.3.8)$$

$\hat{x}_t^i$  is defined as the Kalman Filter estimate for  $x_t$  assuming  $(x_t, y_t)$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= A^i x_t dt + q^i dt + G^i dv_t \\ dy_t &= H^i x_t dt + dz_t \end{aligned}$$

where the covariance of  $(x_0 - \hat{x}_0^i)$  is  $Q^i$ , the asymptotic solution of the corresponding Riccati equation ( $A^i$  assumed negative definite)  $i=0,1,2$  (5.3.9)

$$\text{i.e. } d\hat{x}_t^i = (A^i - Q^i H^{iT} H^i) \hat{x}_t^i dt + q^i dt + Q^i H^{iT} dy_t, \hat{x}_0^i = r_0$$

Note that since  $A^i - Q^i H^{iT} H^i$  has strictly negative eigenvalues, if  $y_t$  is actually generated by (5.3.1) then the covariance of  $\hat{x}_t^i$  is uniformly bounded  $\forall t \geq 0$ , for any  $x_0, \hat{x}_0^i$ .

In Section 3.4 a natural sub-optimal approach to detection of a disorder in (5.3.1) is discussed for say  $\bar{A}=A^1, \bar{k}=k^1, \bar{G}=G^1, \bar{H}=H^1$ . This involves the estimates  $\hat{x}_t^0$  and  $\hat{x}_t^1$ . Here, the robustness of this approach is investigated. First, some preliminary results are required so that Theorem 5.1 may be applied.

Assumption (5.3.10)

For simplicity it is assumed that  $Q_0 = \text{cov}(r_0 - x_0) = Q^0$ .

Note that then  $\hat{x}_t^0 = r_t \quad \forall t \leq t_j$ .

Lemma 5.7

In equation (5.3.6) if  $\bar{A}=A^2, \bar{k}=k^2, \bar{G}=G^2, \bar{H}=H^2$

$$\dot{Q}_t = G^2 G^{2T} - Q_t H^{2T} H^2 Q_t - A^2 Q_t - Q_t A^{2T} \quad t \geq t_j$$

Then if  $Q_{t_j} = Q^0 \exists \tilde{\alpha} < \infty, \tilde{\beta} > 0$  such that

$$\|Q_t - Q^2\| \leq \tilde{\alpha} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)} \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$



Note

$$\text{Here } \|M\| \hat{=} \sup_{\substack{x \in R^N \\ \|x\|=1}} \|Mx\| \quad \text{for } M \in R^{N \times N} \quad (5.3.11)$$

Proof

Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= A^2 x_t dt + q^2 dt + G^2 dV_t \\ dy_t &= H^2 x_t dt + dZ_t \quad t \geq t_j \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.12)$$

The associated Kalman Filter is (for  $t_j$  known) (5.3.13)

$$d\hat{x}_t = (A^2 - Q_t H^2 T H^2) \hat{x}_t dt + Q_t H^2 T dy_t + q^2 dt, \quad t \geq t_j$$

and  $Q_t$  satisfies the Ricatti equation in the statement of the Theorem.

Since  $A^2 - Q^2 H^2 T H^2$  has strictly negative eigenvalues and  $Q_t \rightarrow Q^2$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\exists \tilde{t}, \tilde{\beta} > 0$  such that

$$\max \text{eigenvalue of } (A^2 - Q_t H^2 T H^2) \leq -\tilde{\beta} \quad \forall t \geq \tilde{t} < \infty \quad (5.3.14)$$

From (5.3.12) and (5.3.13), if  $\epsilon_t = \hat{x}_t - x_t$

$$d\epsilon_t = (A^2 - Q_t H^2 T H^2) \epsilon_t + Q_t H^2 T dZ_t - G^2 dV_t \quad (5.3.15)$$

The following Kalman estimates of  $x_t$  are defined for the system (5.3.12).

$\hat{x}_t^{(0)}$ : estimate of  $x_t$  assuming  $\hat{x}_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(x_{t_j}, Q^0)$

$\hat{x}_t^{(1)}$ : estimate of  $x_t$  assuming  $\hat{x}_{t_j}^{(1)} \sim N(x_{t_j}, Q^0 + \Delta)$

where  $\Delta \geq 0$  is chosen so that  $Q^0 + \Delta \geq Q^2$

$\hat{x}_t^{(2)}$ : estimate of  $x_t$  assuming  $\hat{x}_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(x_{t_j}, Q^2)$

Here  $C \geq D$  means  $C - D$  is positive semi-definite.  $C > D$ ,  $C \leq D$  and  $C < D$  are defined correspondingly.

$$\epsilon_t^{(i)} \hat{=} \hat{x}_t^{(i)} - x_t, \quad i=0,1,2 \quad (5.3.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\varepsilon_t^{(0)} \varepsilon_t^{(0)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(0, Q^0 + \Delta)) &\geq E(\varepsilon_t^{(1)} \varepsilon_t^{(1)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(1)} \sim N(0, Q^0 + \Delta)) \\
&\geq E(\varepsilon_t^{(2)} \varepsilon_t^{(2)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(0, Q^2))
\end{aligned}
\tag{5.3.17}$$

The first inequality holds because of the optimality of  $\hat{x}^{(1)}$ .

The second inequality holds because of the optimality of  $\hat{x}^{(2)}$  and because  $Q^0 + \Delta \geq Q^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now let } \tilde{x}_t' = \hat{x}_t^{(0)} \text{ where } \hat{x}_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(x_{t_j}, Q^0) \\
\text{and } \tilde{x}_t'' = \hat{x}_t^{(0)} \text{ where } \hat{x}_{t_j}^{(0)} = \tilde{x}_{t_j}' + \delta, \delta \sim N(0, \Delta), \text{ independent r.v.}
\end{aligned}
\tag{5.3.18}$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{x}_{t_j}'' \sim N(x_{t_j}, Q^0 + \Delta)
\tag{5.3.19}$$

$$\text{Define } \tilde{\varepsilon}_t' = \tilde{x}_t' - x_t, \tilde{\varepsilon}_t'' = \tilde{x}_t'' - x_t \text{ so } \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t_j}'' - \tilde{\varepsilon}_{t_j}' = \delta$$

From (5.3.15)

$$d(\varepsilon_t'' - \varepsilon_t') = (A^2 - Q_t H^2 H^2) (\tilde{\varepsilon}_t'' - \tilde{\varepsilon}_t') dt
\tag{5.3.20}$$

where  $Q_t$  is the covariance matrix appropriate to the estimate  $\hat{x}^{(0)}$ . Therefore

$$E[(\tilde{\varepsilon}_t'' - \tilde{\varepsilon}_t') (\tilde{\varepsilon}_t'' - \tilde{\varepsilon}_t')^T] \leq I \tilde{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)}
\tag{5.3.21}$$

for some  $\tilde{\gamma} < \infty$ .

So  $E(\varepsilon_t'' \varepsilon_t''^T) - E(\varepsilon_t' \varepsilon_t'^T) \leq I \tilde{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)}$  by the independence of  $\delta$  in (5.3.18) and therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\varepsilon_t^{(0)} \varepsilon_t^{(0)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(0, Q^0 + \Delta)) \\
- E(\varepsilon_t^{(0)} \varepsilon_t^{(0)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(0, Q^0)) \leq I \tilde{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)}
\end{aligned}$$

Using (5.3.17)

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\varepsilon_t^{(2)} \varepsilon_t^{(2)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(0, Q^2)) - E(\varepsilon_t^{(0)} \varepsilon_t^{(0)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(0, Q^0)) \\
\leq I \tilde{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)}
\end{aligned}
\tag{5.3.22}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Also } E(\varepsilon_t^{(2)} \varepsilon_t^{(2)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(0, Q^0 + \Delta)) \\
\geq E(\varepsilon_t^{(1)} \varepsilon_t^{(1)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(1)} \sim N(0, Q^0 + \Delta)) \\
\geq E(\varepsilon_t^{(0)} \varepsilon_t^{(0)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(0, Q^0)) \quad (5.3.23)
\end{aligned}$$

The final inequality holds by the optimality of  $\hat{x}^{(0)}$  and because  $Q^0 + \Delta \geq Q^0$ . Since  $Q^0 + \Delta \geq Q^2$  it may be shown (see the argument of (5.3.18) to (5.3.21)) that

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\varepsilon_t^{(2)} \varepsilon_t^{(2)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(0, Q^0 + \Delta)) - E(\varepsilon_t^{(2)} \varepsilon_t^{(2)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(0, Q^2)) \\
\leq I \cdot \hat{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)} \quad (5.3.24)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore from (5.3.23)

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\varepsilon_t^{(2)} \varepsilon_t^{(2)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(0, Q^2)) - E(\varepsilon_t^{(0)} \varepsilon_t^{(0)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(0, Q^0)) \\
\geq -I \cdot \hat{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)} \quad (5.3.25)
\end{aligned}$$

But by definition of  $\varepsilon^{(2)}$  (see (5.3.16)) and of  $Q^2$

$$E(\varepsilon_t^{(2)} \varepsilon_t^{(2)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(2)} \sim N(0, Q^2)) = Q^2$$

and the covariance matrix  $Q_t$  satisfies

$$Q_t = E(\varepsilon_t^{(0)} \varepsilon_t^{(0)T} | \varepsilon_{t_j}^{(0)} \sim N(0, Q^0)) \text{ if } Q_{t_j} = Q^0$$

Therefore from (5.3.22) and (5.3.24)

$$-I \cdot \hat{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)} \leq Q^2 - Q_t \leq I \cdot \tilde{\gamma} e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)} \text{ if } Q_{t_j} = Q^0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \sup_{\|r\| \leq 1} |r^T (Q_t - Q^2) r| \leq \max(\hat{\gamma}, \tilde{\gamma}) e^{-\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)} \quad (5.3.26)$$

Since  $Q_t - Q^2$  is symmetric  $\exists M \in R^{N \times N}$  such that  $Q_t - Q^2 = M^T M$ .

Therefore

$$\|Q_t - Q^2\| = \sup_{\|r\|, \|s\| \leq 1} r^T M^T M s = \sup_{\|r\| \leq 1} |r^T M^T M r|$$

The result of the Lemma now follows from (5.3.26).  $\square$

Lemma 5.8

If  $r_t$  is the Kalman filter estimate of  $x_t$  defined in (5.3.4);  $(x_t, y_t)$  are generated by (5.3.1) with  $\bar{A}=A^2$ ,  $\bar{q}=q^2$ ,  $\bar{G}=G^2$ ,  $\bar{H}=H^2$ ;  $\hat{x}_t^0, \hat{x}_t^2$  are defined as in (5.3.9),  $\hat{x}_0^0, \hat{x}_0^2$  known a priori, then

$\exists a(\cdot, \cdot) < \infty$  and  $b > 0$  such that

$$E(\|r_t - \hat{x}_t^2\|^2 | t_j, \hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) \leq a(\hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) e^{-b(t-t_j)} \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

$$E(a(\hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) | t_j) \leq d < \infty \quad \forall t_j \text{ for some } d$$

Proof

From (5.3.9) and (5.3.4) with  $\bar{A}=A^2$ ,  $\bar{q}=q^2$ ,  $\bar{G}=G^2$ ,  $\bar{H}=H^2$

$$d(r_t - \hat{x}_t^2) = (A^2 - Q^2 H^2 H^T H^2)(r_t - \hat{x}_t^2) dt + (Q_t - Q^2) H^2 H^T dv_t \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

where  $Q_t$  is the solution of (5.3.6) with  $Q_{t_j} = Q^0$ .

Note that  $r_{t_j} = \hat{x}_{t_j}^0$ .

$$\text{Let } \delta_t \triangleq r_t - \hat{x}_t^2 \quad \forall t \geq t_j \quad \text{and } M \triangleq A^2 - Q^2 H^2 H^T H^2 \quad (5.3.27)$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{\beta}, \bar{\alpha} \text{ be such that } \|e^{Mt} x\| \leq \bar{\alpha} e^{-\bar{\beta}t} \|x\| \quad \forall x \in R^N, t \geq 0, \bar{\beta} > 0. \quad (5.3.28)$$

$$\delta_t = e^{M(t-t_j)} \delta_{t_j} + \int_{t_j}^t e^{M(t-u)} (Q_u - Q^2) H^2 H^T dv_u$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E(\delta_t \delta_t^T | t_j, \hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) &= e^{M(t-t_j)} \delta_{t_j} \delta_{t_j}^T e^{M^T(t-t_j)} \\ &\quad + \int_{t_j}^t e^{M(t-u)} (Q_u - Q^2) H^2 H^T H^2 (Q_u - Q^2) e^{M^T(t-u)} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } E(\delta_t \delta_t^T | t_j, \hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) &\leq \bar{\alpha}^2 e^{-2\bar{\beta}(t-t_j)} \|\hat{x}_{t_j}^0 - \hat{x}_{t_j}^2\|^2 \\ &\quad + \bar{\alpha}^2 \|H^2 H^T H^2\| \bar{\alpha}^2 \int_{t_j}^t \exp(-2\bar{\beta}(u-t_j) - 2\bar{\beta}(t-u)) du \end{aligned}$$

where Lemma 5.7 has been used to bound  $\|Q_u - Q^2\|$ .

Choosing  $\bar{\beta}$  so that  $\tilde{\beta} \neq \bar{\beta}$ .

$$E(\delta_t \delta_t^T | t_j, \hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) \leq \tilde{\alpha}^2 e^{-2\bar{\beta}(t-t_j)} \|\hat{x}_{t_j}^0 - \hat{x}_{t_j}^2\|^2 + \frac{\|H^2 H^T H^2\| \tilde{\alpha}^2 \tilde{\alpha}^2}{2(\bar{\beta}-\tilde{\beta})} [e^{-2\tilde{\beta}(t-t_j)} - e^{-2\bar{\beta}(t-t_j)}] \quad (5.3.29)$$

Since for any random variable  $u \in R^N$

$$E(\|u\|^2) = \text{trace } E(uu^T) \leq N \|E(uu^T)\|$$

Choose  $b$  as  $2\min(\bar{\beta}, \tilde{\beta})$

$$\text{and } a(\hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) \text{ as } N \cdot [\|x_{t_j} - \bar{x}_{t_j}\|^2 + \frac{\|H^2 H^T H^2\| \tilde{\alpha}^2}{2(\bar{\beta}-\tilde{\beta})}]$$

The result of the Lemma is now established, since

$(A^2 - Q^2 H^2 H^T H^2)$  has strictly negative eigenvalues.  $\square$

#### Application of Theorem 5.1

From (5.3.7) if  $y_t$  is generated by (5.3.1) with  $\bar{A}=A^2$ ,  $\bar{q}=q^2$ ,  $\bar{G}=G^2$ ,  $\bar{H}=H^2$ , then

$$dy_t = I(t < t_j) H^0 r_t dt + I(t \geq t_j) H^2 r_t dt + dv_t \quad (5.3.30)$$

Let  $\zeta_t$  be defined by

$$dy_t = I(t < t_j) H^0 \hat{x}_t^1 dt + I(t \geq t_j) H^2 \hat{x}_t^2 dt + dv_t + \zeta_t dt \quad (5.3.31)$$

From Lemma 5.8, and since  $\hat{x}_t^0 = r_t \quad \forall t \leq t_j$

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_t &= 0 \quad \forall t < t_j \\ E(\|\zeta_t\|^2 | t_j, \hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) &\leq \|H^2\|^2 a(\hat{x}_{t_j}^0, \hat{x}_{t_j}^2) e^{-b(t-t_j)} \quad \forall t \geq t_j \\ &\leq \infty \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.32)$$

From (5.3.9) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} d(\hat{x}_t^i - Q^i H^i y_t) &= (A^i - Q^i H^i H^i) (\hat{x}_t^i - Q^i H^i y_t) dt + q^i dt \\ &\quad + (A^i - Q^i H^i H^i) Q^i H^i y_t dt \end{aligned}$$

so if  $v^i = \hat{x}_t^i - Q^i H^i y_t$

$$d \begin{bmatrix} v^0 \\ v^1 \\ v^2 \\ y \end{bmatrix}_t = \begin{bmatrix} A^0 - Q^0 H^0{}^T H^0 & 0 & & (A^0 - Q^0 H^0{}^T H^0) Q^0 H^0{}^T \\ 0 & A^1 - Q^1 H^1{}^T H^1 & & (A^1 - Q^1 H^1{}^T H^1) Q^1 H^1{}^T \\ 0 & 0 & A^2 - Q^2 H^2{}^T H^2 & (A^2 - Q^2 H^2{}^T H^2) Q^2 H^2{}^T \\ L_t^0 & L_t^1 & L_t^2 & F_t \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v^0 \\ v^1 \\ v^2 \\ y \end{bmatrix}_t dt + \begin{bmatrix} q^0 \\ q^1 \\ q^2 \\ \zeta_t \end{bmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \cdot dv_t \quad (5.3.33)$$

where  $L_t^0 = H^0 I(t < t_j)$

$$L_t^1 = 0$$

$$L_t^2 = H^2 I(t \geq t_j)$$

$$F_t = H^0 Q^0 H^0{}^T I(t < t_j) + H^2 Q^2 H^2{}^T I(t \geq t_j)$$

The sub-optimal detection scheme proposed in Section 3.4 for the problem (5.3.1) when  $\bar{A}=A^1$ ,  $\bar{q}=q^1$ ,  $\bar{G}=G^1$ ,  $\bar{H}=H^1$  is that which is optimal for detecting the disorder described by (5.3.33) with

$$\begin{aligned} L_t^0 &= H^0 I(t < t_j) & F_t &= H^0 Q^0 H^0{}^T I(t < t_j) \\ L_t^1 &= H^1 I(t \geq t_j) & &+ H^1 Q^1 H^1{}^T I(t \geq t_j) \\ L_t^2 &= 0 & \zeta_t &= 0 \quad \forall t \end{aligned}$$

The system (5.3.33) has the same form as (5.1.1) with

$$\begin{aligned} D^0 &= [H^0 \ 0 \ 0]; \quad D^1 = [0 \ H^1 \ 0]; \quad D^2 = [0 \ 0 \ H^2] \\ F^0 &= H^0 Q^0 H^0{}^T; \quad F^1 = H^1 Q^1 H^1{}^T; \quad F^2 = H^2 Q^2 H^2{}^T \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.34)$$

The requirements (5.1.5b) are satisfied by Lemma 5.8.

Assumption (5.1.30) holds. Theorem 5.1 then specifies a set of disordered parameter points  $(A^2, q^2, G^2, H^2)$  such that the expected cost is no greater, for  $c$  small, than that when the scheme is used to detect the disorder for which it is optimal.

Example

Consider the following system

$$dx_t = a_t x_t dt + g_t dV_t$$

$$dy_t = x_t dt + dZ_t$$

where  $x_t, y_t$  are scalar processes

$V_t, Z_t$  are independent scalar Wiener processes, independent of  $t_j$

$$a_t = -2, \quad g_t = 1 \quad \forall t < t_j$$

$$a_t = \bar{a}, \quad g_t = \bar{g} \quad \forall t \geq t_j$$

$$P(t \geq t_j) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$x_0 \sim N(\hat{x}_0, -2 + \sqrt{5})$$

A (sub-optimal) detection scheme is implemented for the case

$$\bar{a} = -3, \quad \bar{g} = 1$$

Suppose the actual post-jump parameters are  $\bar{a} = a^2, \bar{g} = g^2$ .

From (5.3.1) and (5.3.24)

$$D^0 = [1 \ 0 \ 0] ; \quad D^1 = [0 \ 1 \ 0] ; \quad D^2 = [0 \ 0 \ 1]$$

From (5.1.66)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^1 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + v_u^T M^1 v_u) du \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^1 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + \frac{1}{2} (\hat{x}_u^1 - \hat{x}_u^0)^2) du \quad \text{by (5.1.11)} \end{aligned}$$

and from (5.1.65)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_2 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^2 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + v_u^T M^2 v_u) du \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E^2 \int_{t_j}^{t_j+T} (\lambda + \frac{1}{2} (\hat{x}_u^2 - \hat{x}_u^0)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\hat{x}_u^2 - \hat{x}_u^1)^2) du \end{aligned}$$

by (5.1.11)

Here  $E^1$  denotes expectation given that the disorder is that for which the detection rule is optimal, and  $E^2$  denotes expectation given the disorder is the actual one defined above.

$$d\hat{x}_t^0 = -\sqrt{5} \cdot \hat{x}_t^0 dt + (-2 + \sqrt{5}) dy_t$$

$$d\hat{x}_t^1 = -\sqrt{10} \cdot \hat{x}_t^1 dt + (-3 + \sqrt{10}) dy_t$$

$$d\hat{x}_t^2 = -\sqrt{(a^2 + g^2)} \cdot \hat{x}_t^2 dt + (a^2 + \sqrt{(a^2 + g^2)}) dy_t$$

$$\hat{x}_0^0 = \hat{x}_0^1 = \hat{x}_0^2 = \hat{x}_0$$

This leads to  $\sigma_1 \approx 0.00131 + \lambda$

If  $a^2 = -2 = a^0$ ,  $g^2 = \sqrt{(2/3)}$ , then  $\sigma_2 \approx 0.00046 + \lambda$

The conditions of Theorem 5.1 are not satisfied: although this is only a sufficiency result, from the argument at the end of Section 5.1 it is conjectured that necessity also holds. In this case, the above disorder would not be detected as quickly as the design case disorder. This is of interest, since with this choice of  $a^2, g^2$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E^2(x_t^2) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E^1(x_t^2)$$

Hence the detection rule is capable of rejecting transient effects due to decreases in the externally generated noise covariance, and picks out output paths corresponding to changes in the dynamics of the system.

The case  $g^2 = g^1 = 1$  was also investigated. Figure 5.3.2 shows that the response of the detection scheme for small  $c$  improves if  $a^2 < -3$ , i.e. the jump is larger than that designed for. In this case, a robustness property is exhibited.



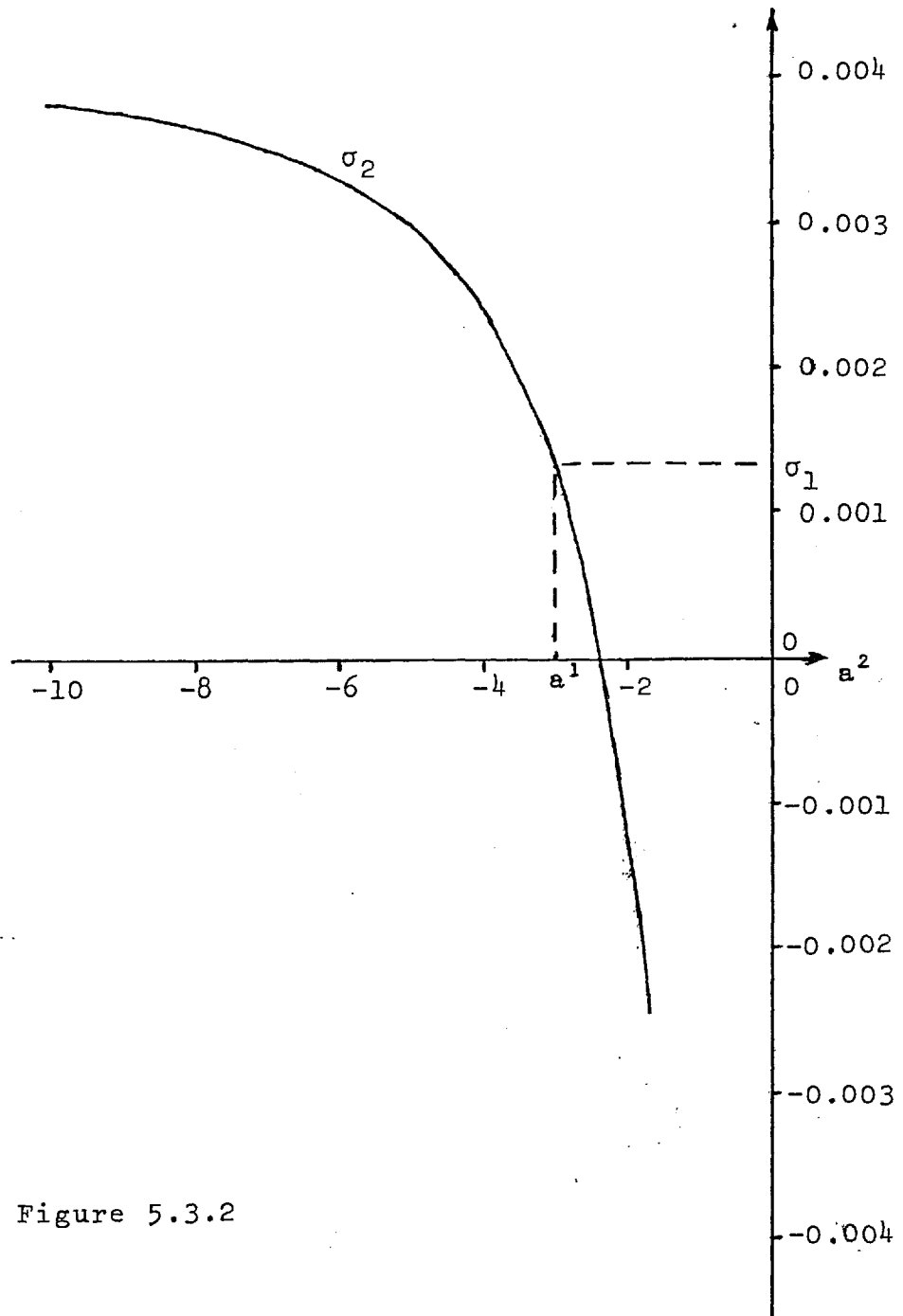


Figure 5.3.2

## CHAPTER 6 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 The work presented in this thesis has two main objectives. Firstly some results are given on detection rules for systems with simple dynamics which extend those previously available. Also a number of results concerning the Bayesian formulation of the detection problem are collected in Chapter 2, concerning the relationship between different cost functions.

It is hoped that this may help to bridge the gap between practical and theoretical studies. The sub-optimal approach for general systems proposed in Section 3.4 follows naturally from the optimal schemes discussed in earlier sections.

Secondly, the restriction on the formulation of Section 3.1 or 3.4 is obvious in that previous knowledge of the post-jump parameter is necessary. The robustness studies of Chapters 4 and 5 go some way towards the possibility of constructing effective detection rules with less precise advance information. Chapter 4 gives a detailed study of the first order autoregression case, which in fact has a fairly complicated structure.

Chapter 5 deals with more general systems, and provides a result which is felt should be useful in practical situations. The theory is however, somewhat incomplete and might be capable of some refinement.

### 6.2 Outstanding points for further research

It would be of interest to investigate the effect

of initial conditions in the construction of detection rules with cost function  $Q$  in Section 2.2.

It is felt that providing  $\lambda$  is small this should not be important (see the remark in Section 3.2) and this would enable the theory developed using costs  $C(\tilde{\tau})$  and  $K(\tilde{\tau})$  to be applied to this problem. Alternatively it might be possible to make a similar study of detection rules with cost  $Q$  directly.

b) The importance of the stopping boundary shape needs further investigation. It seems likely that it would be important to have a correctly shaped boundary if extremely quick detection was required. However, if this was not the case (more attention being attached to the reduction of false alarms), the computationally demanding problem of generating the boundary shape would probably not be worthwhile except in simple cases. Even in the former case a method of approximating the boundary shape other than with a straight line in  $(\pi, v)$  space might be found to be satisfactory. No real progress was made in investigating these questions here.

c) Although the sub-optimal stopping rule of Section 3.4 seems to be a natural approach when  $c$  is small, it would be useful to have some quantitative information on the increase in expected cost due to using this approach. It might be possible to obtain some information on this by considering the process  $R_t = \ln(\pi_t/(1-\pi_t))$ .

d) A more complete result on the robustness of detection rules for general systems than that obtained in Chapter 5 is desirable. It would be useful to obtain a guide to the value of  $c_m$  in Theorem 5.1 which corresponds to each

parameter point.

e) If no progress is possible on point (d) above, it would be of interest to reconsider the way in which the exponential term in (5.1.11) is handled in Theorem 5.1. The remarks at the end of Section 5.1 explain how the present approach is rather unsatisfactory. Also it should be possible to prove necessity as well as sufficiency in Theorem 5.1.

f) Finally it would be of interest to investigate the relationship between the parameter sets characterized in Theorem 5.1 and the corresponding system structure. It might be possible then to use the ideas of Section 3.5 to construct near min-max detection rules.

APPENDIX      NON-LINEAR FILTERING

In this Appendix, the necessary result of non-linear filtering theory, as applied to the evaluation of the probability  $\pi_t$  is stated. This approach follows [14] and the filtering result is taken from [15].

Suppose  $y_t$  is a stochastic process, and that  $\mathcal{Y}_t$  is the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(y_u, u \leq t)$ . Also  $y_t \in R^m \forall t$ .

Suppose that  $t_j$  is a random variable such that  $t_j \geq 0$  and

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} P(t_j \in (t, t+\delta] | t_j > t, \mathcal{Y}_t) = g_t$$

where  $g_t$  is a  $\mathcal{Y}_t$ -measurable process.

Define  $M_t \triangleq I(t \geq t_j) - \int_0^t g_u \cdot (1 - I(u \geq t_j)) du$ ,  $t \geq 0$

and let  $\mathcal{M}_t$  denote the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(M_u, u \leq t)$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(M_{t+s} | \mathcal{M}_t, \mathcal{Y}_0) &= P(t_j \in [0, t] | \mathcal{M}_t, \mathcal{Y}_0) - E\left(\int_0^{t_j \wedge t} g_u du | \mathcal{M}_t, \mathcal{Y}_0\right) \\ &\quad + P(t_j \in [t, t+s] | \mathcal{M}_t, \mathcal{Y}_0) - E\left(\int_{t_j \wedge t}^{t_j \wedge (t+s)} g_u du | \mathcal{M}_t, \mathcal{Y}_0\right) \\ &= M_t + 0 \end{aligned}$$

by definition of  $g_u$ .

Therefore, if  $\mathcal{Y}_0$  is given a priori,  $M_t$  is a Martingale.

Now suppose that  $y_t$  satisfies

$$dy_t = f_t dt + dW_t$$

where  $f_t$  is measurable with respect to the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $(I(t \geq t_j), y_u : u \leq t)$ , and  $W_t$  is an  $m$ -dimensional Wiener process.  $M_t W_t$  is a Martingale, and from [15: Theorem 4.1]

$$\text{if } \pi_t \triangleq P(t \geq t_j | \mathcal{Y}_t) = E(I(t \geq t_j) | \mathcal{Y}_t)$$

then

$$\pi_t = \pi_0 + \int_0^t g_u \cdot (1 - \pi_u) du + \int_0^t (E^u(f_u I(t \geq t_j)) - E^u(f_u) \pi_u)^T dv_u$$

where  $E^u(\cdot) = E(\cdot | y_u)$

and  $v_u = y_u - \int_0^u E_s f_s ds$

In addition,  $v_u$  is a Wiener process.

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