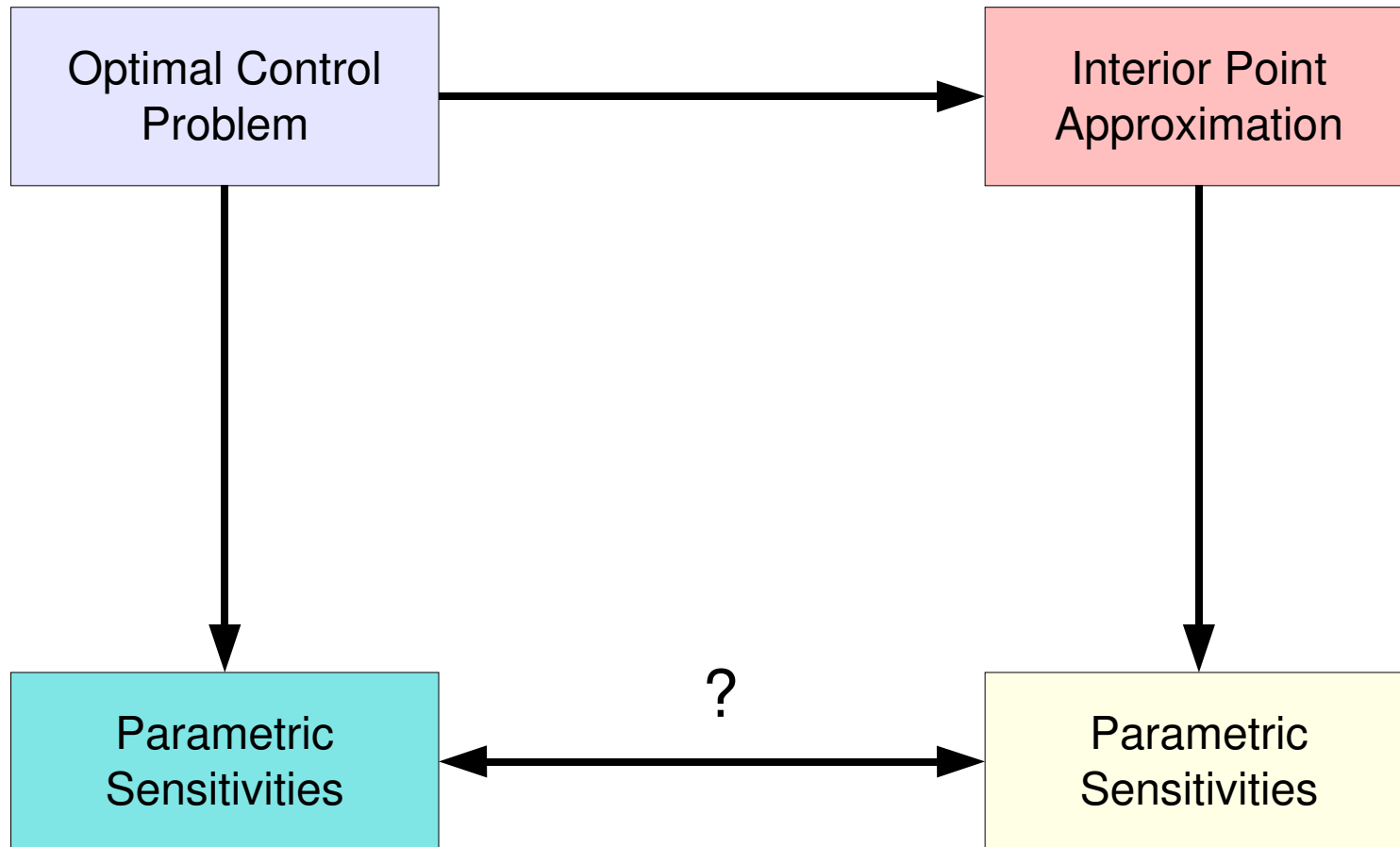


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# Interior Point Methods and Parametric Sensitivity in Optimal Control



$$\min_u J(u; p) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \begin{aligned} Gu + g &\geq 0 \\ u &\in L_\infty(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

Optimal Control Problem

$$J(u; p) = \langle u, (\alpha(p) + K(p))u \rangle + \langle u, l(p) \rangle$$

$$\alpha(p) \geq \underline{\alpha} > 0$$

$$K(p): L_2 \rightarrow L_\infty \quad \text{continuously differentiable w.r.t. } p \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(Gu)(x) = \bar{G}u(x) \quad \text{for almost all } x \in \Omega \quad \text{linear Nemyckii operator}$$

$$\bar{G}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

Solution  $u(p)$

Multiplier  $\eta(p)$

## Distributed control problems

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u, y} & \|y - y_d(p)\|_{L_2}^2 + \alpha(p) \|u\|_{L_2}^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & u \geq 0, \quad -\Delta y = u, \quad y = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Optimal Control  
Problem

## Regularized obstacle problems

$$\begin{aligned} \min_u & \|\nabla u\|_{L_2}^2 + \langle u, l \rangle \\ \text{s.t.} & u \geq 0, \quad u = u_d \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

The mapping  $p \rightarrow (u(p), \eta(p))$  is Lipschitz continuous and directionally differentiable at  $p_0$ .

Parametric Sensitivities

The directional derivative  $(u_p(p), \eta_p(p))$  is the unique solution of the auxiliary problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_u & J_{uu}(p_0)[u_p, u_p] + J_{up}(u(p_0); p_0)u_p \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad u_p = 0 \quad \text{a.e. on } \Omega_a \\ & \quad u_p \geq 0 \quad \text{a.e. on } \Omega_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_a &= \{x \in \Omega : \eta > 0\} && \text{active set} \\ \Omega_i &= \{x \in \Omega : Gu + g > 0\} && \text{inactive set} \\ \Omega_0 &= \{x \in \Omega : Gu + g + \eta = 0\} && \text{weakly active set} \end{aligned}$$

Parametric Sensitivities

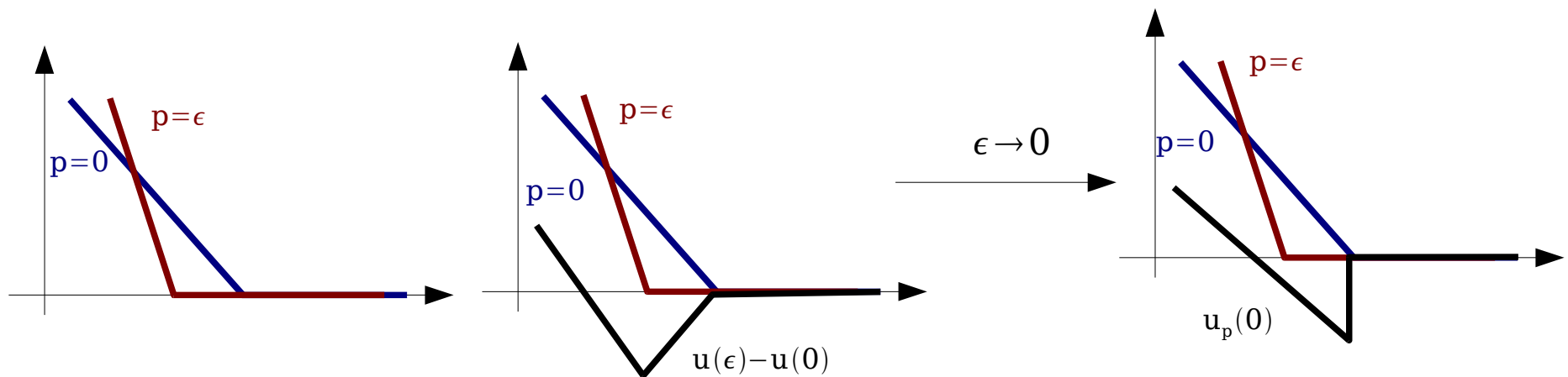
- Stability of optimal solutions
- Fast prediction of optimal solutions for varied parameters

$$u(p + \delta p) \approx u(p) + u_p(p) \delta p$$

caveat: • active set usually does not change on update!

$$\begin{aligned} \min_u \quad & J_{uu}(p_0)[u_p, u_p] + J_{up}(u(p_0); p_0)u_p \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & u_p = 0 \text{ a.e. on } \Omega_a \\ & u_p \geq 0 \text{ a.e. on } \Omega_0 \end{aligned}$$

- update will in general violate constraints!



Primal barrier formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \min_u J(u; p) \\ \text{s.t. } Gu + g \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \min_u J(u; p) - \mu \int_{\Omega} \ln(Gu + g) dx \\ J_u(u; p) - G^* \frac{\mu}{Gu + g} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Interior Point  
Approximation

Primal-dual formulation  $\eta = \frac{\mu}{Gu + g}$

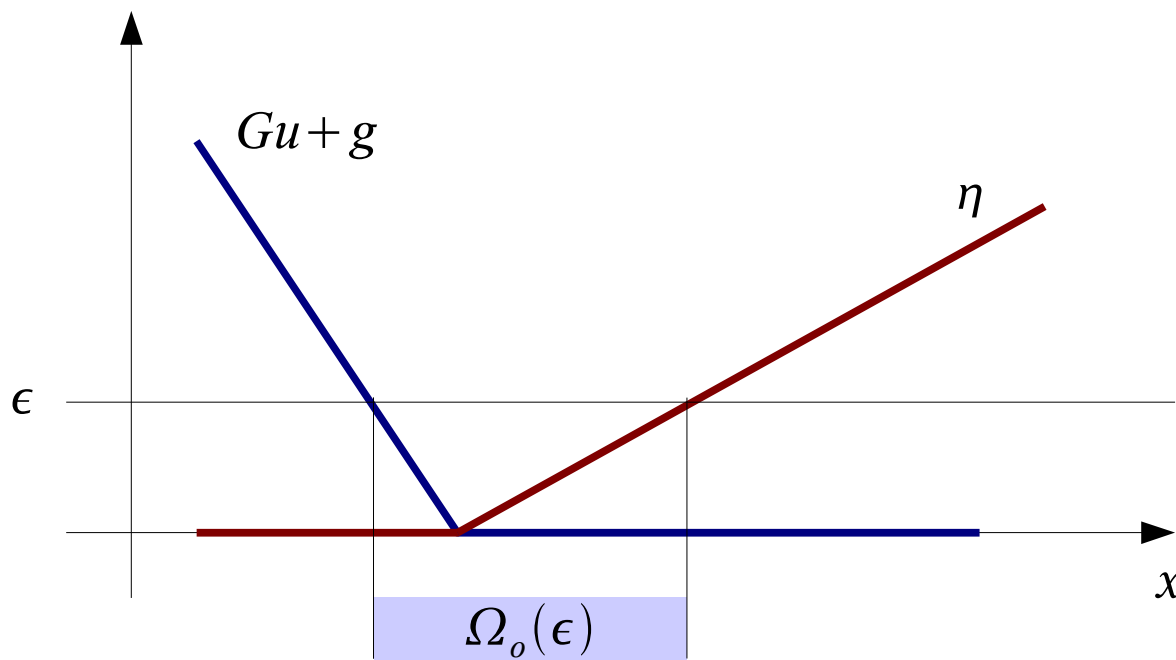
$$v = (u, \eta) \quad F(v) = \begin{bmatrix} J_u(u; p) - G^* \eta \\ \eta * (Gu + g) - \mu \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Homotopy  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ : central path solutions  $u(p, \mu)$   
parametric sensitivities  $u_p(p, \mu)$

## Definition

For a feasible point  $v = (u, \eta)$ , the indecisive set is  $\Omega_o(\epsilon) = \{x \in \Omega : \eta + (Gu + g) \leq \epsilon\}$

$v$  is strictly complementary of order  $r$ , if  $|\Omega_o| = O(\epsilon^r)$





## Theorem

Assume that  $v(p)$  is strictly complementary of order  $r \leq 1$

Interior Point Approximation

Then,  $\|v(p, \mu) - v(p)\|_{L_q} \leq c \mu^{\frac{r+q}{2q}}$  holds for  $2 \leq q \leq \infty$

## Proof

(i) central path derivative  $F_v(v; p, \mu)v_\mu(p, \mu) + F_\mu(v; p, \mu) = 0$

(ii) show that  $\|F_v(v; p, \mu)^{-1}[a, b]\|_{L_q} \leq c(\|a\|_{L_q} + \|b/(Gu + g + \eta)\|_{L_q})$

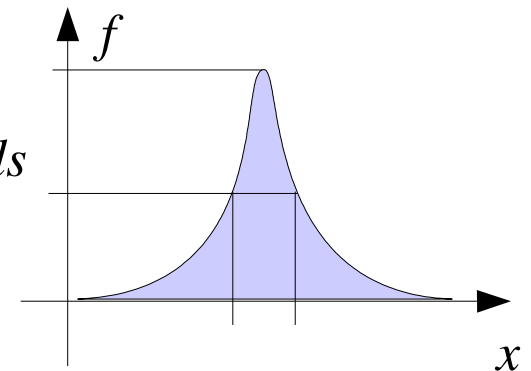
(iii) show that  $\|v_\mu(p, \mu)\|_{L_q} \leq c\|(Gu + g + \eta)^{-1}\|_{L_q} \leq c\mu^{\frac{r-q}{2q}}$

use  $|\{x \in \Omega : |f(x)| > s\}| \leq \psi(s) \Rightarrow \|f\|_{L_q}^q \leq q \int_0^\infty s^{q-1} \psi(s) ds$

$$|\{x \in \Omega : (Gu + g + \eta)^{-1} > s\}| \leq c s^{-r}$$

$$Gu + g + \eta \geq 2\sqrt{\mu}$$

(iv) integrate  $\|v(p, \mu) - v(p)\|_{L_q} \leq \int_0^\mu \|v_\mu(p, \tau)\|_{L_q} d\tau$



(ii) show that  $\|F_v(v; p, \mu)^{-1}[a, b]\|_{L_q} \leq c(\|a\|_{L_q} + \|b/(Gu + g + \eta)\|_{L_q})$

(a)  $q=2$

symmetrize

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{uu} & -G^* \\ -G & -(Gu + g)/\eta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -b/\eta \end{bmatrix}$$

Interior Point  
Approximation

(b) almost active/inactive sets  $\chi_A = 1, \eta > Gu + g, 0$  otherwise

$$\chi_I = 1 - \chi_A$$

eliminate

nearly inactive

$$\chi_I \bar{\eta} = \chi_I \frac{\eta}{Gu + g} (b/\eta - G\bar{u})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{uu} + G^* \chi_I \eta / (Gu + g) G & -G^* \\ -G & -\chi_A (Gu + g) / \eta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \chi_A \bar{\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -\chi_A b / \eta \end{bmatrix}$$

saddle point

lemma

$$\|\bar{u}\|_{L_2} + \|\chi_A \bar{\eta}\|_{L_2} \leq c(\|a\|_{L_2} + \|\chi_A b / \eta\|_{L_2})$$

(c)  $q > 2$

$$J_{uu} = \alpha + K$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha + G^* \chi_I \eta / (Gu + g) G & -G^* \\ -G & -\chi_A (Gu + g) / \eta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \chi_A \bar{\eta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a - K\bar{u} \\ -\chi_A b / \eta \end{bmatrix}$$

apply saddle point lemma pointwisely

$$|\bar{u}| + |\chi_A \bar{\eta}| \leq c(|a| + |\chi_A b / \eta| + \|K\|_{L_2 \rightarrow L_\infty} \|\bar{u}\|_{L_2}) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

## Theorem

Assume that  $v(p)$  is strictly complementary of order  $r \leq 1$

Then,  $\|v_p(p, \mu) - v_p(p)\|_{L_q} \leq c \mu^{\frac{r}{2q}}$  holds for  $2 \leq q \leq \infty$

## Proof

$$(i) \text{ differentiate } F_v v_p = -F_p: \quad F_{vv}[v_p, v_\mu] + \underbrace{F_{v\mu} v_p}_{=0} + F_v v_{p\mu} = -F_{pv} v_\mu - \underbrace{F_{p\mu}}_{=0}$$

$$(ii) \quad F_v v_p = -F_p = -\begin{bmatrix} J_{up} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow v_p \text{ bounded}$$

$$(iii) \quad F_v v_{p\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } \|a\|_{L_q} + \|b\|_{L_q} \leq c \mu^{\frac{r-q}{2q}} \Rightarrow \|v_{p\mu}\|_{L_q} \leq c \mu^{\frac{r-2q}{2q}}$$

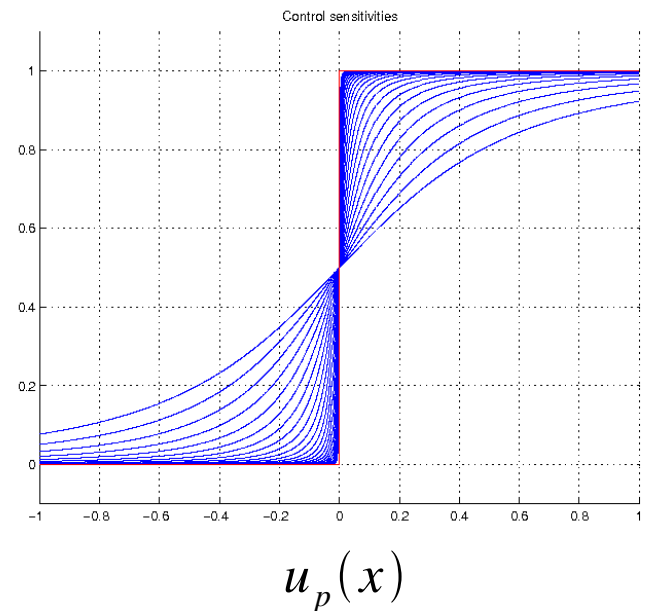
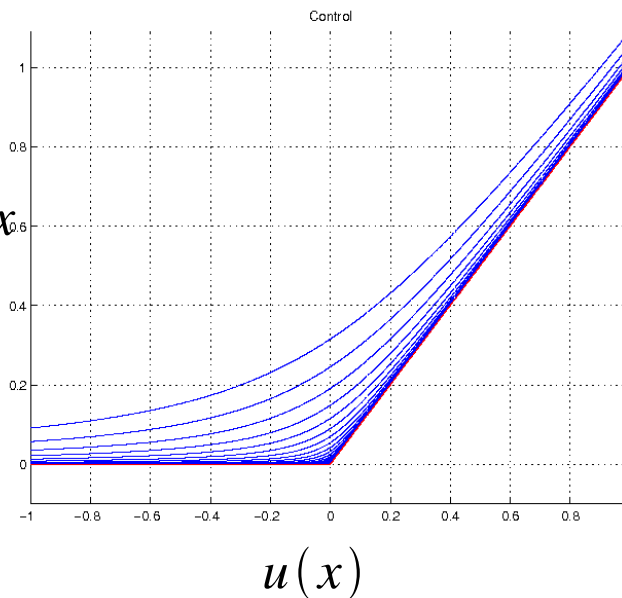
$$\text{since } \|(Gu + g + \eta)^{-1}\|_{L_\infty} \leq \mu^{-1/2}$$

$$(iv) \text{ integrate } \|v_p(p, \mu) - v_p(p)\|_{L_q} \leq \int_0^\mu \|v_{p\mu}(p, \tau)\|_{L_q} d\tau$$

	IP approximation	IP sensitivities	Parametric Sensitivities
$r=1$	$\ v(p, \mu) - v(p)\ _{L_q} \leq \mu^{\frac{r+q}{2q}}$	$\ v_p(p, \mu) - v_p(p)\ _{L_q} \leq \mu^{\frac{r}{2q}}$	
$L_2$	$\mu^{\frac{3}{4}}$	$\mu^{\frac{1}{4}}$	
$L_\infty$	$\mu^{\frac{1}{2}}$	no convergence	

## Example

$$\begin{aligned} \min_u & \int_{-1}^1 (u(x) - x - p)^2 dx \\ \text{s.t. } & u \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \min_u \quad & \|y - y_d + p\|_{L_2}^2 + \alpha \|u\|_{L_2}^2 & \alpha = 10^{-4} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -40 \leq u \leq 40 & y_d = \sin(3\pi x) \\ & -\Delta y = u \text{ on } (0,1) & p = 0 \\ & y(0) = y(1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Framework:

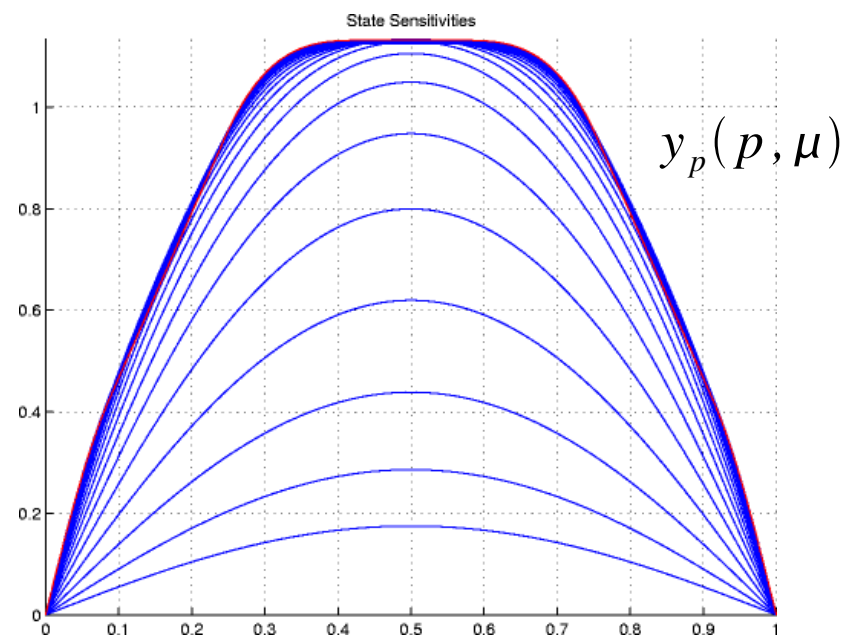
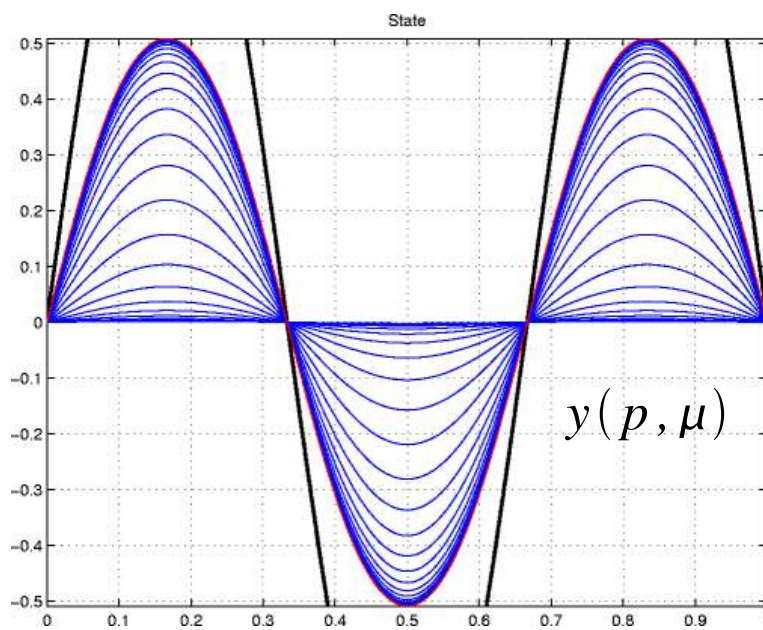
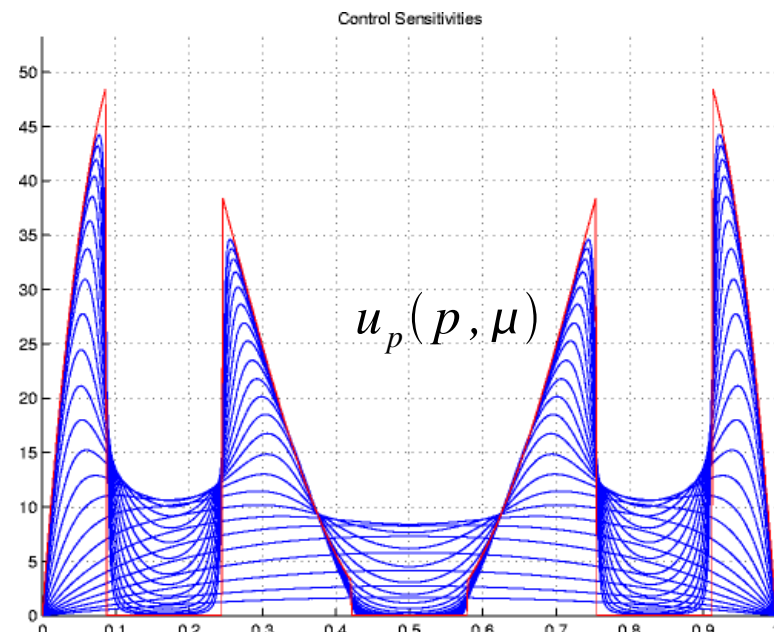
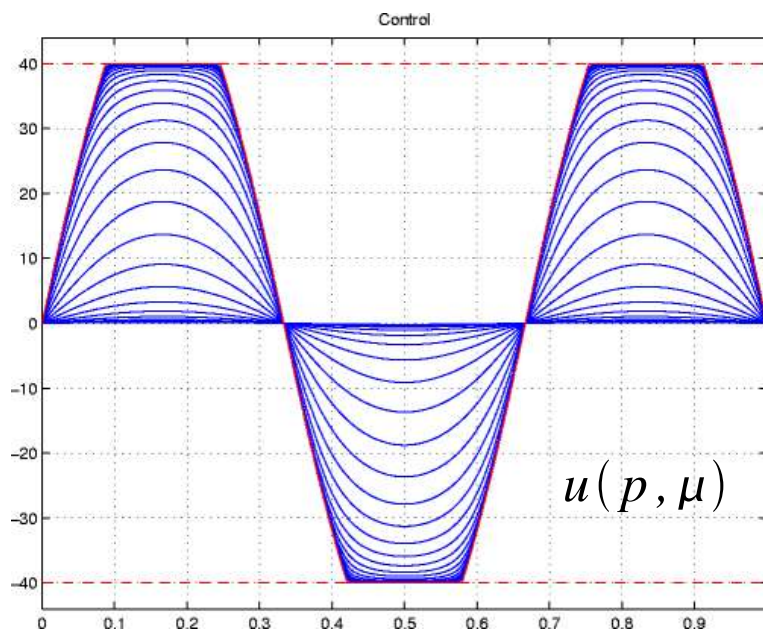
$$y = Su$$

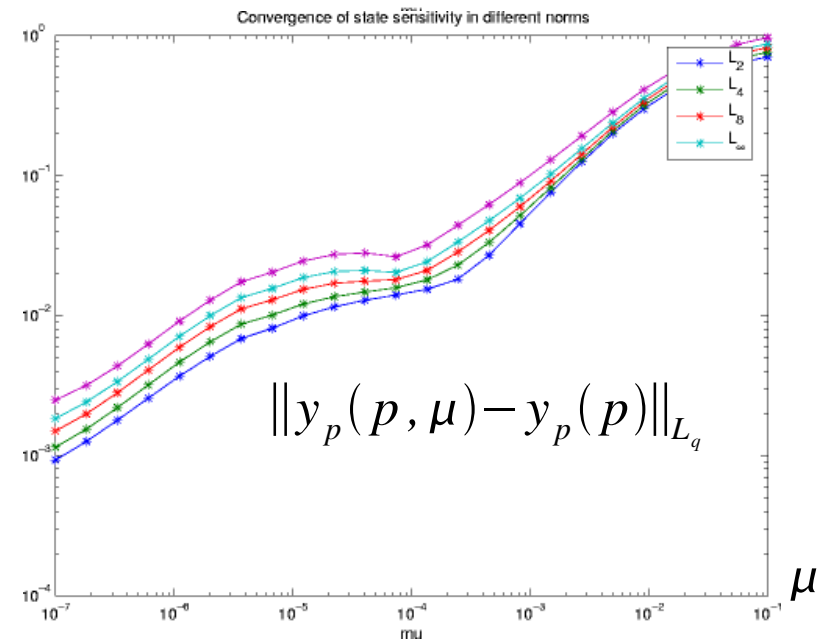
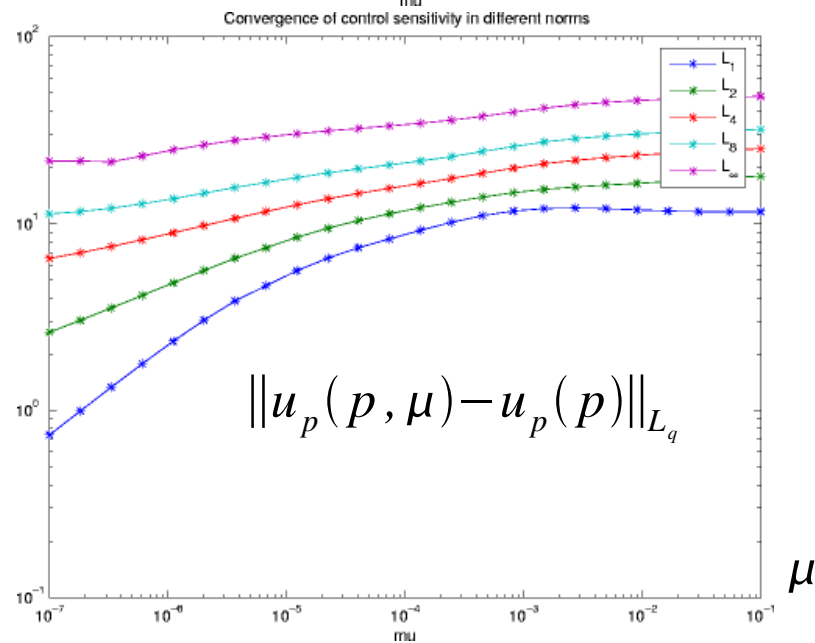
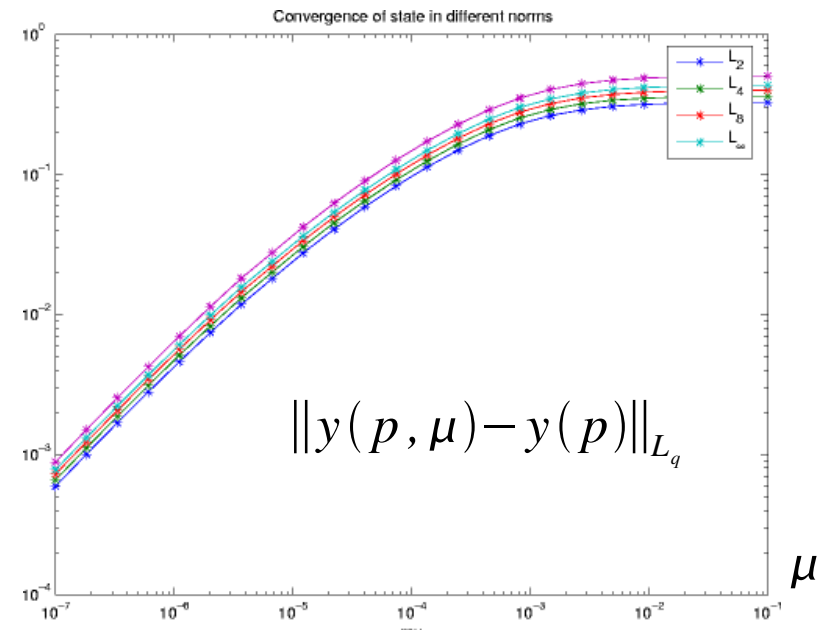
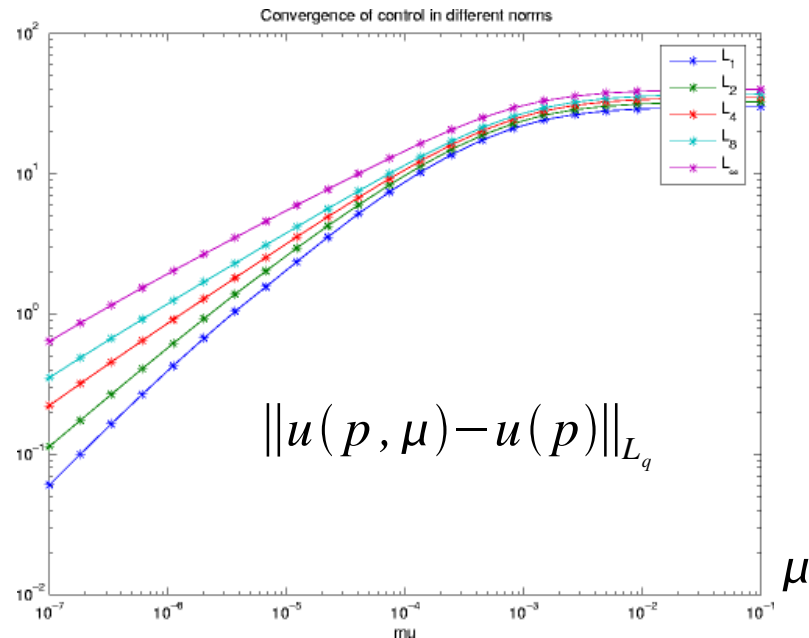
$$K = S^* S : L_2 \rightarrow L_\infty$$

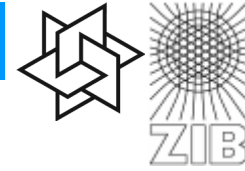
$$l = 2S^*(p - y_d)$$

Numerics:

- finite differences
- equidistant grid (512 nodes)
- $\mu \in [10^{-7}, 10^{-1}]$







$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_u \|\nabla u\|_{L_2}^2 + p \langle u, l \rangle \\
 & \text{s.t. } u \geq -1 \\
 & \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \\
 & \quad \Omega = (0,1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Framework:

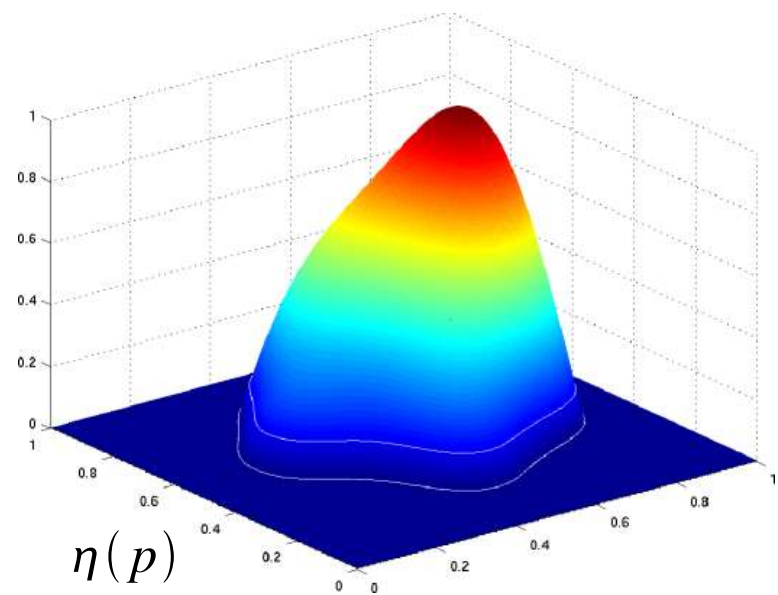
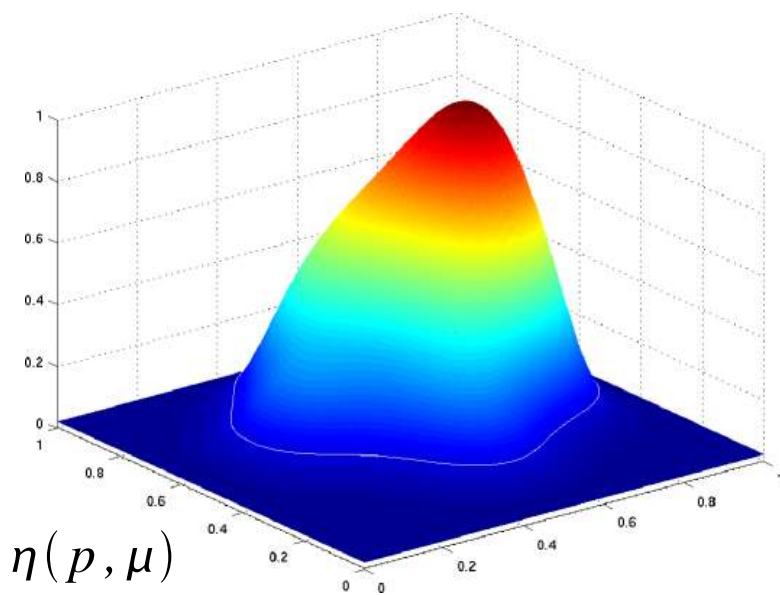
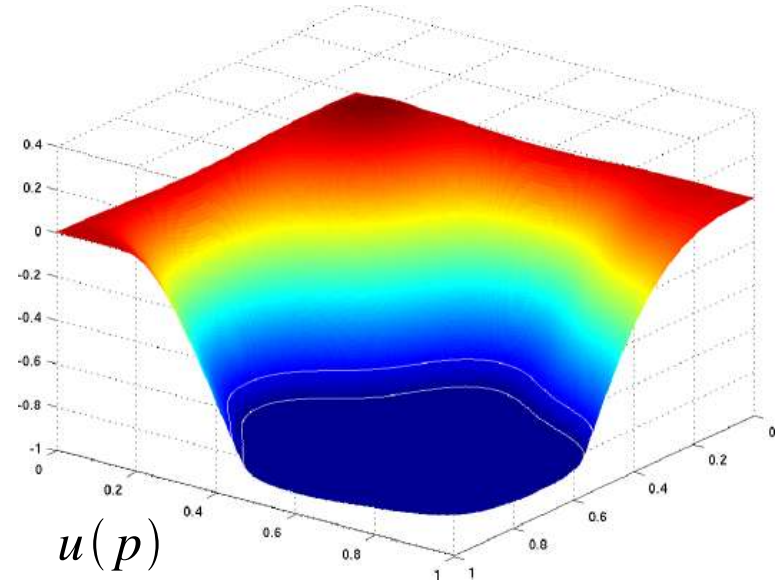
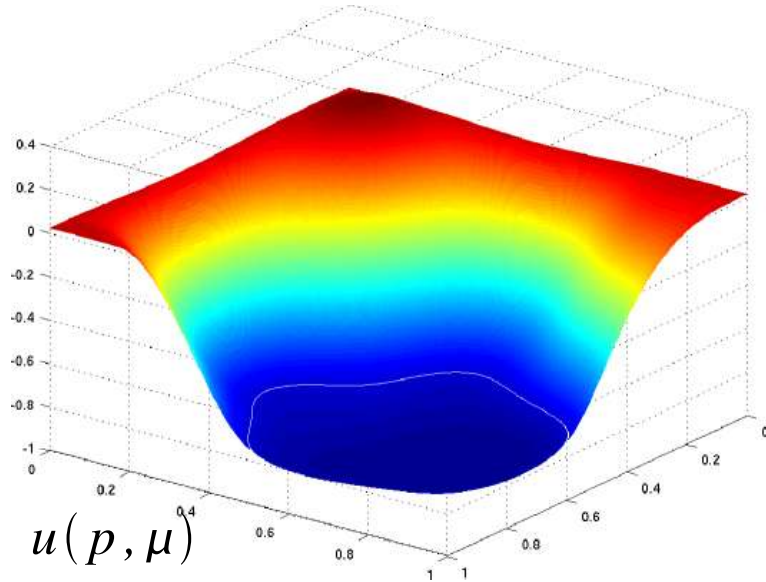
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{dual problem } & \min_{\eta} \langle \eta, -\Delta^{-1} \eta \rangle + p \langle \eta, \Delta^{-1} l \rangle + \alpha \|\eta\|_{L_2}^2 \\
 & \text{s.t. } \eta \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Numerics:

- finite differences
- equidistant grid 300x300
- $\mu \in [10^{-7}, 1/2]$

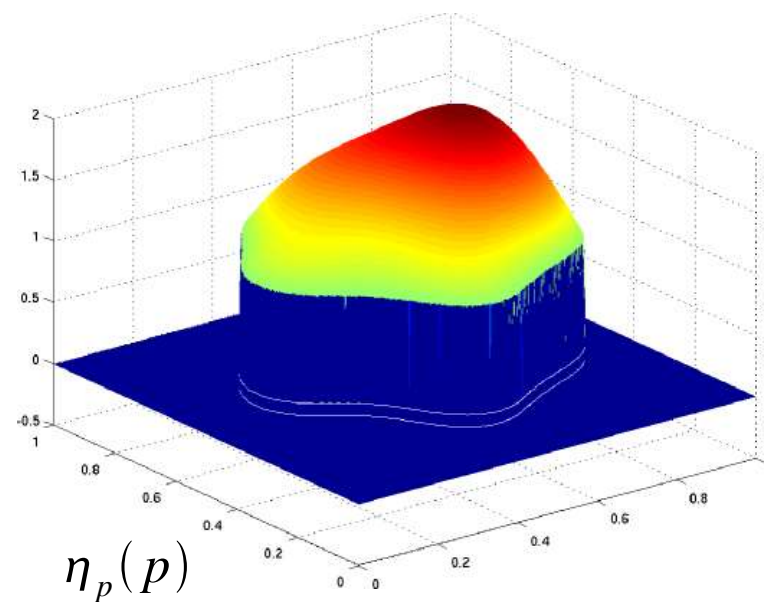
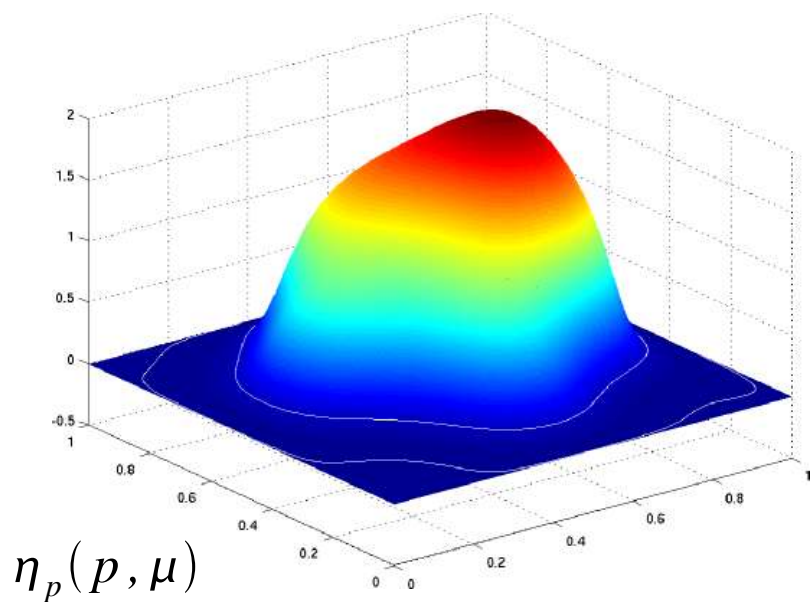
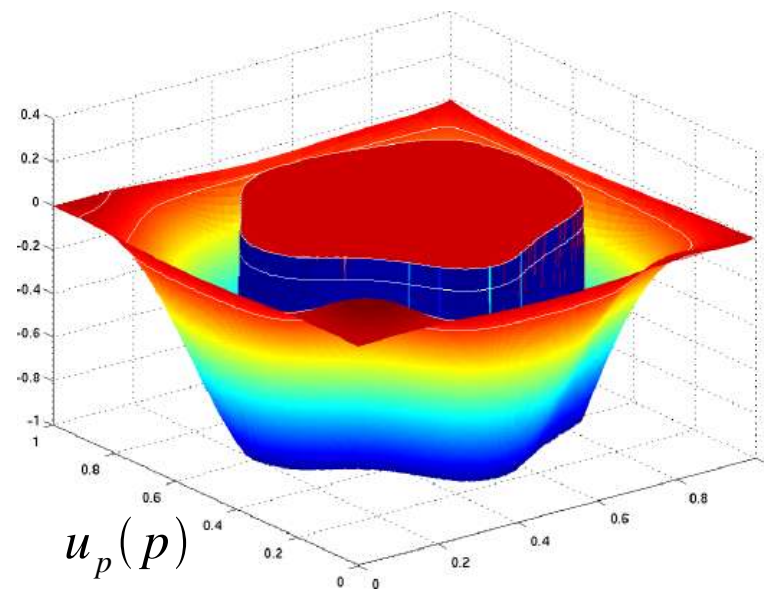
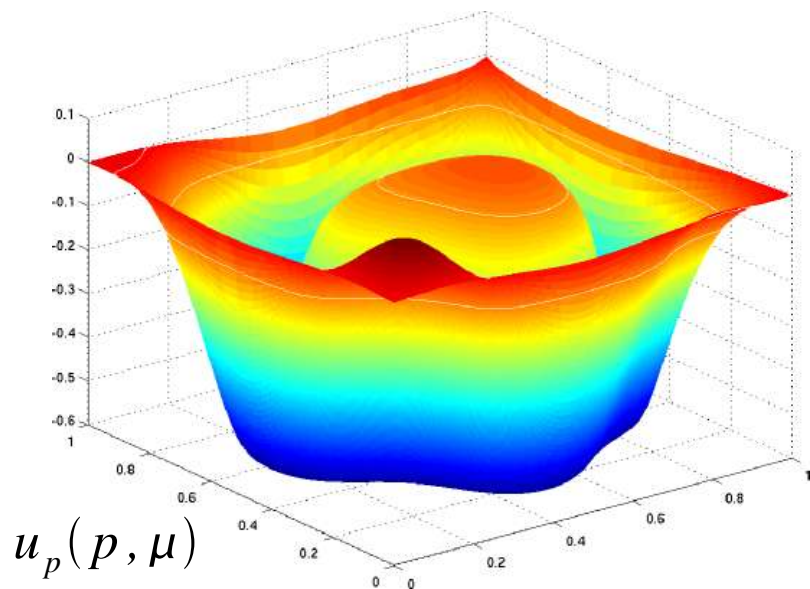


$\mu = 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$  Solutions

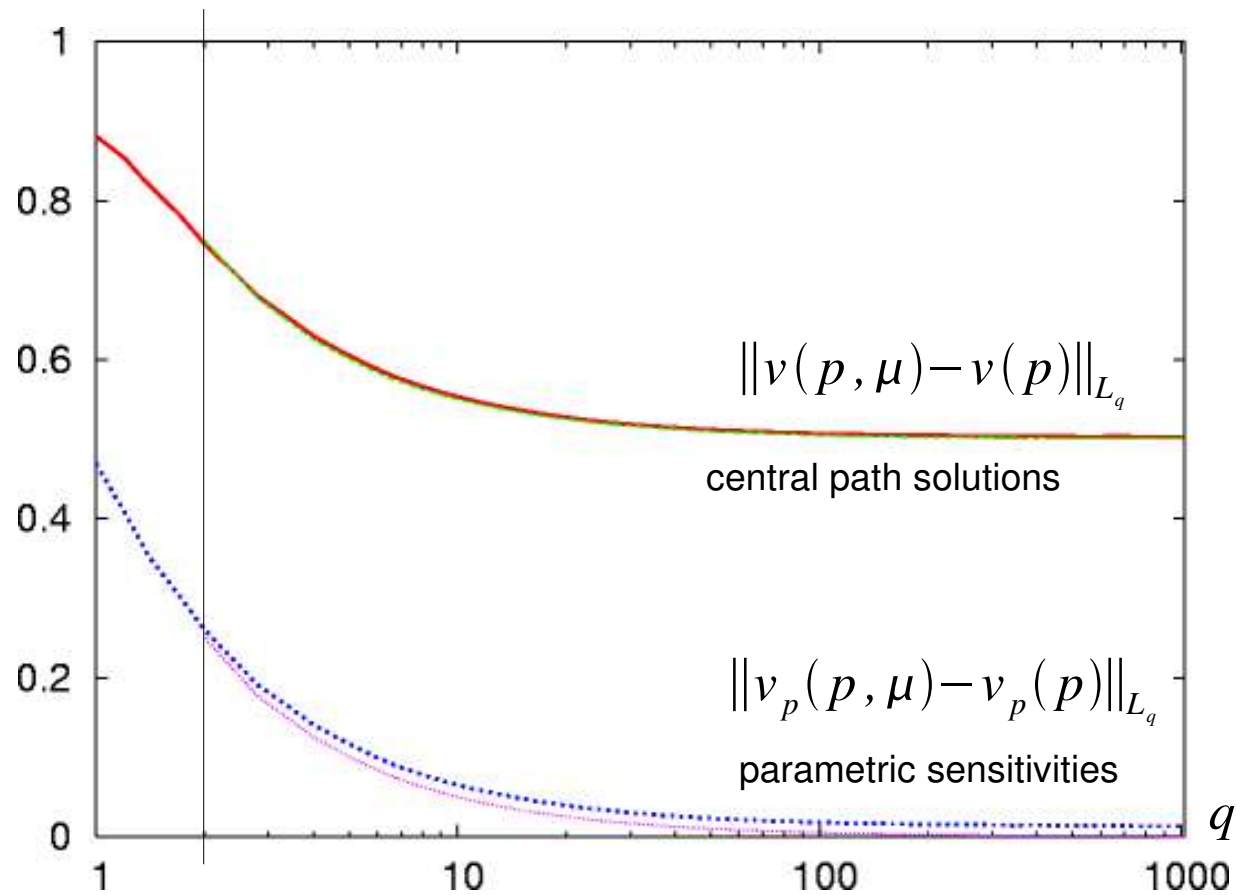


$\mu = 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$

Sensitivities



Numerically observed convergence rates



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