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#### SUDMARY

A problem proposed by A. Marshall in an internal working paper is solved in one general case and discussed in another.

> A STOCKPILING PROBLEM: MATHEMATICAL TREATMENT

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## al. Introduction.

A. Marshall, in an internal memorandum, has proposed various stockpiling problems of which the present problem is the simplest. Indeed, a complete solution is obtained only in a special case, which unfortunately is not the case of greatest interest. For this point, see §2. A partial solution, that is, necessary conditions on the solution if there is one (if there is one it is unique), is given for the general case in §5. These conditions must be the starting point for further researches in the general case.

The problem is formulated in §2, discussed in §3. The results are given in §4, the necessary conditions in §5. An interesting general mathematical theorem, perhaps new, formulated by the present writer for  $L_1$  and generalised and proved in any Banach space by I. Glicksberg, will be found in §7. In §8 we use the results of §7 and a compactness argument to prove the existence of a solution in Case I. The remainder of the paper is occupied with technical details.

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# S?. The problem.

The problem is to maximize the functional

$$\Box(\mathbf{y}) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbf{F} \left[ \mathbf{x}(t) \right] \mathbf{v}(t) dt$$

where

(1) 
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \overline{\mathbf{x}} + \int_{0}^{t} \mathbf{H} \left[ \mathbf{y}(t) \mathbf{e}^{at} \right] dt$$

and

(2) 
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} y(t) dt = C$$

Here F and H are strictly concave and strictly increasing,  $H(u) \leq H$  for all u; C and H are constants; v(t) is decreasing and  $\int_{0}^{\infty} r(t)dt = 1$ ; v(t) > 0;  $\bar{x} > 0$ . The functions y are assumed nonnegative. A measurable nonnegative function y satisfying (2) is said to be in the class  $\Xi$ . A member of  $\Xi$  is called <u>admissible</u>.

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## §3. Discussion of the problem.

This problem arose as follows: it is desired to stockpile a certain good for a certain contingency, the latter happening only once. The probability that the contingency happens on (t,t+dt) is given by v(t)dt. Production does not depend linearly on expenditure, but rather in a concave way; i.e. marginal production decreases with increasing expenditure. If z is the time rate of expenditure, the rate of production is given by H(z). The utility of a stockpile x is given by F(x). Again the marginal utility decreases with increasing

stockpile size; F is concave. It is desired to expend C units of resources, counted at present value, so as to maximize expected utility. Money accumulates at an interest rate a compounded continuously.

As proposed by Marshall, we understand that we intend to spend at time t at a (present value) rate y(t). Thus actual expenditure at time t is at the rate  $y(t) e^{\alpha t}$ , and actual production  $H[y(t)e^{\alpha t}]$ . If the initial stockpile is  $\bar{x}$ , the stockpile at time t is given by (1).

An objection to Marshall's formulation may be made as follows. As both F and H are increasing, the problem is equivalent to the problem of minimizing C, considered as a function of y, for constant  $\int^{t}(y)$ . But it is clear that we will not spend C. The contingency will happen at some time  $t_0$ and then we have

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} y(t) dt$$

(present value) resources left. It is a little unclear as to what it means to minimize C. If, however, we insert the factor

(3) 
$$u(t) - \int_{t}^{\infty} v(t) dt'$$
,

the problem makes more sense. u(t) is the probability that at time t the contingency has not as yet happened. Thus, if we plan to spend at time t at the (present value) rate y(t), we will spend at an expected rate y(t)u(t). Thus what we should minimize is the <u>expected present value of the cost</u>. ve should minimize

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 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{y}(t) \mathbf{u}(t) dt$ .

Hence I propose that the problem be changed to read: maximize  $\Gamma'(y)$ , where x(t) is given by (1), subject to the side condition

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} y(t)u(t)dt = C ,$$

where u(t) is given by (3).

In the case that  $v(t) = \beta e^{-\beta t}$ , of interest to Marshall, this problem reduces to the problem proposed by him. Unfortunately, at present, it reduces to a type we are so far unable to solve. I shall discuss this point in the next section.

The discussion in sections  $\frac{6}{24} - \frac{6}{210}$  is all based on the problem as formulated by Marshall.

§4. The results. Discussion.

Case I. The function v satisfies

$$(4) \quad \frac{\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{t})}{\mathbf{\omega}} \geq \beta > \alpha$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$$

for all t .

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In this case, there is an interval  $(0, t_0)$  and  $\underline{e}$  positive constant k, such that

(i) if 
$$t < t_0$$
,  $y_0(t)$  satisfies the equation

(5) 
$$H^{\dagger} \left[ \mathbf{y}_{0}^{(t)} e^{\alpha t} \right] = \frac{k}{e^{\alpha t} \int_{t}^{\infty} \mathbf{P}^{\dagger} \left[ \mathbf{x}_{0}^{(t)} \right] \mathbf{v}(t) dt}$$

(11) if 
$$t \ge t_{n}$$
,  $y_{n}(t) = 0$ .

k and to are determined by the side condition (2) and by the equation

(5a) 
$$H^{\dagger}(0) = \frac{k}{at_{o} \propto r \left[x_{o}(\tau)\right] \forall (\tau) d\tau}$$

The problem of solving these rather complicated equations is not part of our problem here. Further progress will probably require special assumptions on F and H.

We observe that the solution  $y_0(t)$  in this case is steadily decreasing and that it is continuous everywhere, including the point  $t_0$ . This is proved in §9.

Case II. The function v(t) satisfies

(6) 
$$\frac{\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{t})}{\mathbf{x}} < \beta < \alpha$$

$$\int \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{t}) d\mathbf{t}$$

## for all t.

Practically nothing is known in general for Case II. It can be proved that in this case the stockpile x(t) approaches infinity, so that  $y_0(t) - if$ there is a solution  $y_0(t)$  - must be positive at arbitrarily large values of t.

The proposed modification given in §3 of Marshall's problem falls into this category when  $v(t) = \beta e^{-\beta t}$ . Then the problem comes down to one with an interest rate of  $\alpha + \beta$  and a contingency rate of  $\beta$ . Thus (6) is always fulfilled.

No results at all are known for the general case, except the following: the solution is always unique, and if there is a solution it must satisfy the necessary conditions of §5. Except in Case I, the existence of a solution has not been proved.

# 5. Necessary conditions

In this section we derive conditions, in the form of inequalities, which  $y_0$  satisfies if it yields a maximum to  $\Gamma(y)$  in the class  $\Xi$  of admissible functions.

Let  $y_0$  be the maximizing function, and suppose that  $y_1$  is any other element of  $\overleftarrow{-}$ . Let  $\lambda$  be on the unit interval. Write  $y_{\lambda}(t) = (1-\lambda)y_0(t) + \lambda y_1(t)$ . Put

$$x_{\lambda}(t) = \overline{x} + \int_{0}^{t} H \left[ \overline{y}_{\lambda}(t) e^{at} \right] dt$$

Put

$$\psi_{y_1}(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty F[x_\lambda(t)] v(t)dt$$
.

Evidently a necessary condition that  $y_0$  yield a maximum is that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left[ \mathbf{y}_{1}^{(\lambda)} \right]_{\lambda=0} \leq 0$$

for all  $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . On differentiating and reversing the order of integration, this yields:

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} H' \left[ \mathbf{y}_{0}(t) \mathbf{e}^{\alpha t} \right] Q_{\mathbf{y}_{0}}(t) \left[ \mathbf{y}_{0}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{1}(t) \right] dt \geq 0$$

for all  $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where we have written

$$Q_{\mathbf{y}_{1}}(t) = \mathbf{e}^{at} \int_{t}^{\infty} \mathbf{F} \left[ \mathbf{x}_{1}(t) \right] \mathbf{v}(t) dt$$

We now apply the Gibbs-Neyman-Pearson lemma (see [1], p. 289 ).

Necessary conditions: If  $y_0$  maximizes  $\Gamma(y)$  in the class  $\Xi$ , there exists a constant  $\times$  such that, for almost all t,

(?)  
(i) 
$$\underline{\text{if }} y_0(t) > 0, \underline{\text{them }} H^{\dagger} \left[ y_0(t) e^{\alpha t} \right] = \frac{k}{Q_{y_0}(t)}$$
;  
(ii)  $\underline{\text{if }} y_0(t) = 0, \underline{\text{them }} H^{\dagger} \left[ y_0(t) e^{\alpha t} \right] \le \frac{k}{Q_{y_0}(t)}$ .

§6. Additional necessary conditions holding in Case I.

If the contingency is likely to occur fairly soon, i.e. Case I, we are able to obtain an estimate of k. With the aid of this we prove in this section that there exist numbers  $t^*$  and  $Y_0$  such that if  $y_0$  yields a maximum to  $\Gamma(y)$  in  $\Xi$  then  $y_0(t) \leq Y_0$  throughout and  $y_0(t) = 0$  for  $t \geq t^*$ .

First we turn to  $Q_{y_1}(1)$ . Since  $H(u) \leq H$  for all n by hypothesis, then for any  $y_1 \in \Xi$  we have

$$(8) x_1(t) \leq \tilde{x} + Mt ,$$

for all t. Hence

(9) 
$$Q_{\mathbf{y}_{1}}(1) \geq e^{\alpha} \int_{1}^{\infty} F^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{M} t) \mathbf{v}(t) dt$$

The quantity on the right of (9) evidently does not depend on  $y_1 \in \Xi$ .

Next we prove that under the conditions of Case I the quantity  $Q_{y_1}(t)$  is decreasing in t for every  $y_1 \in \Xi_{\mu}$ . Observe that

$$\frac{F'[x_1(t)]v(t)}{\sqrt{2}F'[x_1(t)]v(t)dt} \geq \frac{v(t)}{\sqrt{2}v(t)dt} \geq \beta$$

throughout. Hence

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \log q_{y_1}(t) \right] = \alpha - \frac{F'[x_1(t)]v(t)}{\infty} \leq \alpha - \beta$$

$$\int_{t}^{t} F'[x_1(t)]v(t)dt$$

which holds also in the general case.

It follows that  $Q_{y_1}(t)$  is decreasing in t, and also that

$$\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{1}}}(\mathbf{t}) \leq \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{1}}}(\mathbf{0}) \mathbf{e}^{(\alpha-\beta)\mathbf{t}}$$

On observing that evidently

 $Q_{y_1}(0) < F'(0)$ 

we get

(10) 
$$(\mathbf{y}_{1}^{(t)} \leq \mathbf{F}^{\dagger}(0) \mathbf{e}^{(\alpha-\beta)t}$$

The right side of (10) is evidently independent of  $y_1 \in \Xi$ .

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Now we can obtain a lower bound for k. It follows from (2) that there is a set of positive measure on  $0 \le t \le 1$  on which  $y_0(t) < 20$ . Hence for some t on [0,1] we have

$$H^{\prime}(2Ce^{\alpha}) < H^{\prime}[y_{o}(t)e^{\alpha t}] \leq \frac{k}{y_{o}(t)} .$$

Hence

$$(11) \quad k > H^{\dagger}(2Ce^{\alpha})Q_{y_{0}}(t) \ge H^{\dagger}(2Ce^{\alpha})e^{(t-1)\alpha}Q_{y_{0}}(1) \ge H^{\dagger}(2Ce^{\alpha})\int_{1}^{\infty} F^{\dagger}(\overline{x}\cdot Mt)v(t)dt.$$

Write

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$$\kappa_{0} = H^{1}(20e^{\alpha}) \int_{1}^{\infty} F^{1}(\overline{x} + Mt)v(t)dt$$

Thus we have proved that  $\kappa \geq \kappa_{O} > 0$ , where  $k_{O}$  is an absolute constant.

Observe that this estimate for k does not hold only in Case I, but in general.

Now put

$$t^{*} = \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} \log \frac{H'(0)F'(0)}{k_{\alpha}}$$

bviously  $t^{\circ} > 0$ . Making use of (10), it follows easily that

$$y_{0}(t) < \frac{k_{0}}{H'(0)}$$

for all  $t \ge t^{\circ}$ . Now suppose  $y_{0}(t) \ge 0$  for some  $t > t^{\circ}$ , where t does not lie in the set of measure zero for which (7) does not hold. Then

$$\frac{(t) \cdot \frac{\kappa}{1 \cdot \left[ y_0(t) \cdot e^{at} \right]}}{1 \cdot \left[ y_0(t) \cdot e^{at} \right]}$$

Accordingly we would have

$$\frac{k}{\mathrm{H}^{1}[\mathbf{y}_{i}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{s}^{\alpha \mathbf{t}})]} \cdot \frac{k_{i}}{\mathrm{H}^{1}(\mathbf{O})} \cdot$$

But  $k = k_0$  and  $H[y_0(t)e^{\alpha t}] + H(0)$ , and so we have a contradiction. Hence if  $t \ge t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$  then  $y_0(t) = 0$ . We now establish the existence of an absolute constant  $Y_0$  such that  $y_0(t) \leq Y_0$  throughout. Take  $Y_0$  so that

(12) 
$$H^{+}(Y_{0}) = \frac{k_{0}}{F^{+}(0)}$$

Since  $\kappa_0 \in H^1(\mathbb{C}[F^1(0)]$  there is obviously such as  $Y_0$ . Suppose that at a point t satisfying (7) we have  $y_0(t) > Y_0$ . Then  $y_0(t) > 0$  and so

$$H^{\dagger}\left[\mathbf{y}_{0}^{(t)}\mathbf{e}^{\alpha t}\right] = \frac{k}{Q_{\mathbf{y}_{1}}^{(t)}}$$

Then

$$H^{\dagger}\left[\mathbf{y}_{O}^{}(t)\right] > H^{\dagger}\left[\mathbf{y}_{O}^{}(t)\mathbf{e}^{\alpha t}\right] = \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{y}_{1}}(t)} \geq \frac{\mathbf{k}_{O}}{\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{y}_{1}}(t)} > \frac{\mathbf{k}_{O}}{\mathbf{F}^{\dagger}(O)} .$$

It follows that  $y_0(t) < Y_0$ , a contradiction. This completes the proof of the assertions in the first paragraph of this section.

# §7. A theorem on upper semicontinuity.

The result of this section is needed in the proof given in 58 of the existence of a solution in Case I. <u>Theorem: Any strongly continuous concave functional J on a Banach space is</u> upper somicontinuous with respect to wear convergence. <u>Proof</u>: Let  $\{u_{S}\}_{S \in \Delta}$  be a directed set of elements of the Banach space, converging weakly to an element  $u_{0}$ . Put

$$\mu = \lim \sup J(u_{\xi}) .$$

Int E > 0. There is a cofinal subset  $x_1$  of A such that if  $S \in x_1$  then

$$J(u_{\xi}) > \mu - \frac{\xi}{2}.$$

Let D be the strong convex closure of  $\Lambda_1$ . Then by Macuris theorem (see [3] or [5], p.52., D is weakly closed. Hence  $u_0 \in D$ . Accordingly,  $u_0$  is the strong limit of a directed set of finite convex combinations of elements of  $\Lambda_1$ . Hence there is a finite convex combination  $\sum \lambda_1 u_{\delta_1}$  of elements of  $\Lambda_1$  such that

$$|J(u_0) - J(\sum \lambda_1 u_{\delta_1})| + \frac{\xi}{2}$$

It follows that

$$J_{\mathbf{i}}(\mathbf{x}_{j}) \geq J(\sum_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \lambda_{i} \mathbf{u}_{\delta_{i}}) - \frac{\xi}{2} \geq \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \lambda_{i} J(\mathbf{u}_{j}) - \frac{\xi}{2} \geq \mu - \varepsilon .$$

As E is arbitrary, it follows that

as required. This completes the proof.

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We add a remark. We use this theorem only in the case where the Banach space in  $L_1$  and the functional is an integral. In this case the result follows from a theorem of McShane [2]. We give the theorem in the present form because of its intrinsic interest and generality.

## §8. Existence of a solution in Case I.

In this section we will prove that in Case I there exists a solution to the problem enunciated in §2. Discussion of the solution will be found in §4. Other cases are touched on in §4, and §10.

First we consider a restricted problem. Let  $\Xi_Y^{t'}$  denote the class of functions in  $\Xi$  which satisfy  $y(t) \leq Y$  throughout and y(t) = 0 for t > t'. Take as the topology of  $\Xi_Y^{t'}$  the topology of the Banach space  $L_1$ . For any fixed t, the real-valued functional

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \overline{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \int_{0}^{t} H[\overline{\mathbf{y}}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^{\alpha \tau}] d\tau$$

is upper semicontinuous with respect to weak convergence on  $\Xi_Y^{t}$ . This follows from the results of §7 and from the boundedness of  $H^{\dagger}(u)$ . The factor  $e^{\alpha t}$  introduces no difficulty; we need only refer to the definition of weak convergence and the finiteness of the interval (0,t). It follows that the functional

$$[\mathbf{y}] = \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{x}(t)]\mathbf{v}(t)dt$$

is upper semicontinuous with respect to weak convergence on  $\Xi_{Y}^{t'}$ . As  $\Xi_{Y}^{t'}$  is

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compact (see [4], p. 136) in the weak topology, there exists a maximum in  $\overline{TT}_{Y}^{t_{1}}$ .

Observe next that since F and H are strictly concave, there is a unique maximum in  $\mathbb{Z}_Y^{t'}$ . Let  $y_0$  be the unique maximum lying in  $\mathbb{Z}_Y^{t''}$ , where t'' and  $Y_0$  are the quantities defined in  $\frac{5}{26}$ .

Let now t' > t<sup>\*</sup>, Y > Y<sub>0</sub>. Let y' be the unique maximum lying in  $\underbrace{\mathcal{F}}_{Y}^{t'}$ . By an argument similar to that of §6, y' must satisfy the following condition:

There exists a constant k, such that, for almost all t,

$$\begin{cases} (1) \quad \underline{\text{if}} \quad y_{0}^{\dagger}(t) = Y \quad , \ \underline{\text{then}} \quad H^{\dagger}\left[\overline{y}_{0}^{\dagger}(t)e^{at}\right] \geq \frac{k}{Q_{y_{0}^{\dagger}}(t)} \quad ; \\ (11) \quad \underline{\text{if}} \quad 0 < y_{0}^{\dagger}(t) < Y, \ \underline{\text{then}} \quad H^{\dagger}\left[\overline{y}_{0}^{\dagger}(t)e^{at}\right] = \frac{k}{Q_{y_{0}^{\dagger}}(t)} \quad ; \\ (\underline{\text{ii}}) \quad \underline{\text{if}} \quad y_{0}^{\dagger}(t) = 0 \quad , \ \underline{\text{then}} \quad H^{\dagger}\left[\overline{y}_{0}^{\dagger}(t)e^{at}\right] \leq \frac{k}{Q_{y_{0}^{\dagger}}(t)} \quad . \end{cases}$$

Assume for the moment that  $Y \ge 2C$ . Then, as in §6, we obtain a set on  $0 \le t \le 1$  of positive measure on which  $y_0(t) < 2C \le Y$ . As the estimate of §6 for  $\zeta_{y_1}(1)$  clearly is not affected by the restriction to  $\mathcal{H}_Y^{t+}$ , the same  $k_0$  will serve as served there. Now take  $Y_0$  as before ((12)). It follows much the same as before that  $y_0^{t}(t) \le Y_0$  throughout. In the same way as before, it follows also that  $y_0^{t}(t) = 0$  for  $t \ge t^*$ . Hence  $y_0^{t}$  lies in  $\mathcal{H}_Y^{t+}$ . Hence it maximizes in  $\mathcal{H}_{Y_0}^{t+}$ . Therefore it is identical with the unique maximum in  $\mathcal{H}_{Y_0}^{t+}$ . Ubviously we may drop the assumption  $Y \ge 2C$ . We have proved the following result: Lemma: If  $t \ge t^*$  and  $Y \ge Y_0$ , the unique maximum is  $\approx_T^t$  is given by the unique maximum  $y_0$  of  $\equiv_{Y_0}^{t^*}$ .

Now we obtain an absolute upper bound for  $\lceil (y) \rangle$  for  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  in Case I. Recalling (8), we have

(13) 
$$\Gamma(y) < \int_{0}^{\infty} F(\overline{x} + Mt)v(t)dt < F'(0) \int_{0}^{\infty} (\overline{x} + Mt)v(t)dt.$$

It follows easily from (4) that  $u(t) = \int_{t}^{\infty} v(\tau) d\tau < e^{-\beta t}$ ; accordingly the right side of (13) converges. Hence it is the desired absolute upper bound.

Suppose that for some  $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\lceil (y) \rangle \rceil \langle y_0 \rangle$ . Let  $y^{\circ}$  be gotten from y by putting y(t) = 0 for  $t > t_0$ . Then if  $t_0$  is sufficiently large,  $\lceil (y^{\circ}) \rangle \rceil \langle (y_0) \rangle$ . This follows from the bound (13) on  $\lceil$ . Fix such a  $t_0$ . Let Y be large. The measure of the set of points  $E_Y^{\circ}$  on  $(0, t_0)$  for which  $y(t) \rangle Y$  may be made arbitrarily small by taking Y sufficiently large. Recalling the formula for x(t)and the fact that  $H(u) \leq M$  for all u, it follows that if Y is sufficiently large and

$$y_{T}^{t}^{o}(t) = \begin{cases} T & \text{for } t \in E_{T}^{o} \\ t & t \\ y^{o}(t) & \text{for } t \notin E_{T}^{o} \end{cases}$$

then

$$\lceil (\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{Y}}^{\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{O}}}) \rangle \rceil \langle (\mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{O}}) \rangle$$

Now put

$$y_1(t) = \lambda y_{\Upsilon}^{t_0}(t)$$
,

where

$$\lambda = \frac{C}{\int_{0}^{t} \mathbf{y}_{Y}^{o}(t) dt} > 1$$

Then  $y_1 \in \Xi_{\lambda Y}^{t_0}$ , and  $\Gamma(y_1) \ge \Gamma(y_Y^{t_0}) > \Gamma(y_0)$ . This is a contradiction. Accordingly, for every  $y \in \Xi$ ,  $\Gamma(y) \le \Gamma(y_0)$ .

Hence  $y_0$  yields a maximum to  $\Gamma(y)$  for  $y \in \Xi$ . This completes the proof of existence in the Case I.

## 39. The solution in Case I.

The form of the solution in Case I is given in §4. We shall prove those statements here.

Suppose first that  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are two points at which (7) holds. Take  $t_2 > t_1$ . Recall that  $Q_{y_0}(t)$  is strictly decreasing. Suppose  $y_0(t_2) > 0$ . Then  $y_0(t_1) > 0$ . For suppose  $y_0(t_1) = 0$ . Then

$$H^{*}[y_{0}(t_{1})e^{at_{1}}] = H^{*}(0) > H^{*}[y_{0}(t_{2})e^{at_{2}}] = \frac{k}{Q_{y_{0}}(t_{2})} > \frac{k}{Q_{y_{0}}(t_{1})}$$

a contradiction.

Recalling that  $y_0(t) = 0$  for  $t \ge t^*$ , the existence of a  $t_0$  as asserted in §4 follows.

 $y_o(t)$  is obviously continuous for  $t \neq t_o$ . Let us check continuity at  $t = t_o$ . Let

$$l = \limsup_{t \to t_0} y_0(t) e^{\alpha t}$$
.

The limit is taken through points at which (7) holds. Then  $H^{1}(\mathcal{L}) = \frac{k}{Q_{y_{0}}(t_{0})}$ . But on taking the limit from the right, we get  $H^{1}(0) = \frac{k}{Q_{y_{0}}(t_{0})}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L} = 0$  as desired. We have also proved by this argument that k and t<sub>0</sub> satisfy (5a).

#### SIC. The solution in Case II.

As we have said before, little is known in this case. We can prove that if there is a solution the stockpile is unbounded.

In §6 we saw that the quantity  $k_0$  did not depend on the Case (Case I), under consideration. However, the existence of a bound  $Y_0$  and an upper limit t<sup>\*</sup> for the lines used did depend on the assumptions of Case I. What was needed there was that  $Q_y(t)$  should be decreasing. Let us suppose the stockpile bounded. Then it follows from (6) that  $Q_y(t)$  is strictly increasing after a certain point. From (7) it follows that  $y_0(t)e^{\alpha t}$  is increasing also. This is a contradiction.

The reader is referred to H. Kahn for various conjectures in this case with specialized F and H and v.

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