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Seminar

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## Applications of optimal control theory: from Newton's minimal resistance problem to epidemiological models

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**Abstract:** In this talk we explore the diverse applications of optimal control theory, beginning with Newton's Minimal Resistance Problem and extending to classical and modern epidemiological models. We will discuss the mathematical foundations of optimal control and demonstrate its utility in solving classical mechanics problems. Additionally, we will illustrate how these principles are applied to model and control the spread of infectious diseases, showcasing the versatility and impact of optimal control theory in both historical and contemporary contexts.

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