

## MAP 4484 Modeling in Mathematical Biology: Disease Dynamics

1. Determine the equilibrium points of a SIR model with parameters  $\beta = 0.2$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .

Solution: The equilibrium points are  $(S^*, I^*, R^*) = (0.8, 0.1, 0.1)$ .

2. Find the basic reproduction number ( $R_0$ ) for a SIR model with parameters  $\beta = 0.2$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .

Solution: The basic reproduction number is  $R_0 = 2$ .

3. Find the stability of the disease-free equilibrium point for a SIR model with parameters  $\beta = 0.2$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .

Solution: The disease-free equilibrium point is stable if  $R_0 < 1$ , and unstable if  $R_0 > 1$ . In this case,  $R_0 = 2$ , so the disease-free equilibrium point is unstable.

4. Find the endemic equilibrium point for a SIR model with parameters  $\beta = 0.2$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .

Solution: The endemic equilibrium point is  $(S^*, I^*, R^*) = (0.8, 0.1, 0.1)$ .

5. Find the maximum number of infected individuals in a SIR model with parameters  $\beta = 0.2$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .

Solution: The maximum number of infected individuals is  $I^* = 0.1$ .

6. Find the time to reach the endemic equilibrium point for a SIR model with parameters  $\beta = 0.2$ ,  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .

Solution: The time to reach the endemic equilibrium point is given by  $t = \ln(R_0)/(\beta - \mu - \gamma)$ . In this case,  $t = \ln(2)/(0.2 - 0.05 - 0.1) = 5.7$ .

7. Find the critical value of the parameter  $\beta$  for a SIR model with parameters  $\gamma = 0.1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .

Solution: The critical value of  $\beta$  is given by  $\beta_c = \mu + \gamma$ . In this case,  $\beta_c = 0.15$ .