

Project 1, Numerical differential equations

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1 Task 1

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2.1 Introduction to the Problem

The goal in this part of the report is to model the spread of an infectious disease in a population. To do so, the population is divided into 3 categories, Infected (I), Susceptible (S) and Recovered (R). The three categories give rise to the so-called SIR model.

All infected individuals (I) are sick, and assumed to be infectious and able to spread the disease to susceptible individuals (S). The susceptible individuals (S) are healthy individuals who can become infected. The recovered individuals (R) are individuals who have recovered from the disease and are immune to it. By assumption, an individual who is recovered may also be dead. Someone who is recovered is not able to be infected again.

2.2 A mathematical model of the problem