

Problem Set 4

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Trends of Simulation A and Simulation B

1. What happens to the total population before introducing the antibiotic?
Without an antibiotic the bacteria will reproduce until the maximum population is reached. See Figure 1.
2. What happens to the resistant bacteria population before introducing the antibiotic?
The resistant bacteria population will grow, but also compete with the non-resistant bacteria. See Figure 2.
3. What happens to the total population after introducing the antibiotic?
The total population will rapidly decrease after the antibiotic is introduced. See Figure 2 and 3.
4. What happens to the resistant bacteria population after introducing the antibiotic?
It may actually see a small increase in population size, see Figure 2. Or, all bacteria may no longer be fit to survive, see Figure 3.

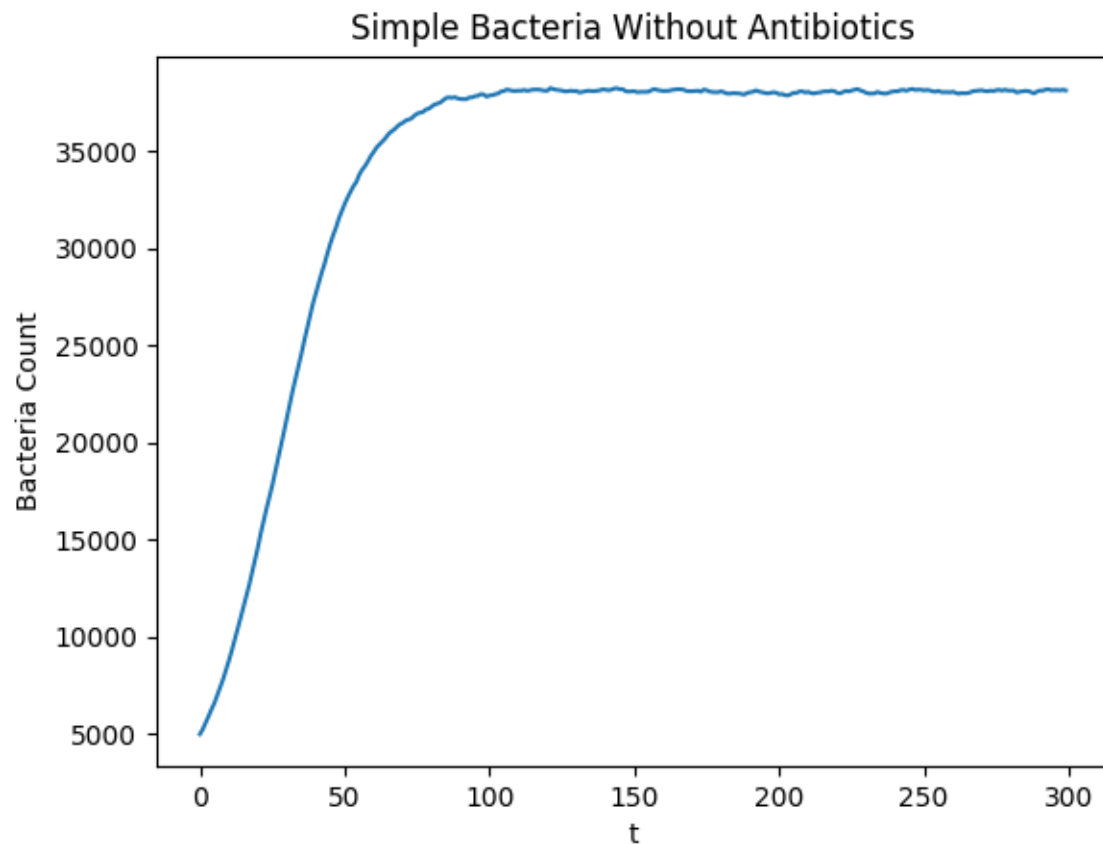


Figure 1. Simple Simulation Without an Antibiotic.

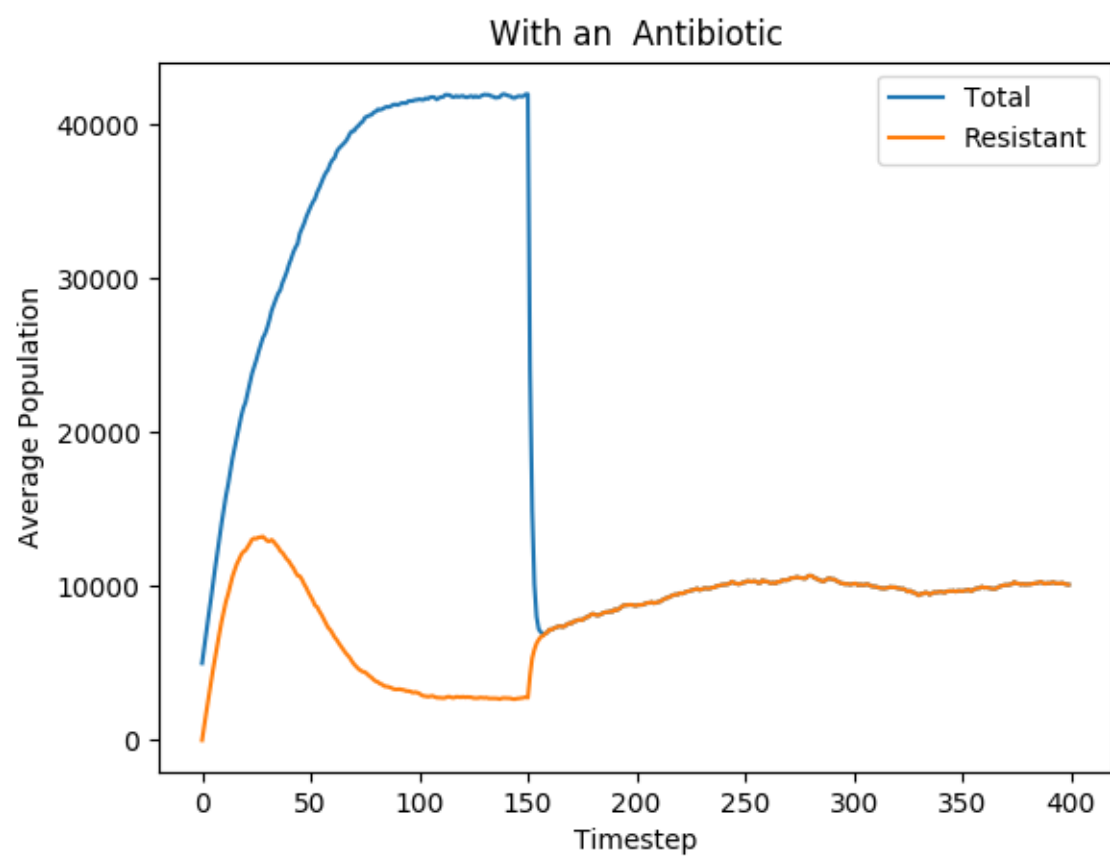


Figure 2. Simulation 'A' With Antibiotic.

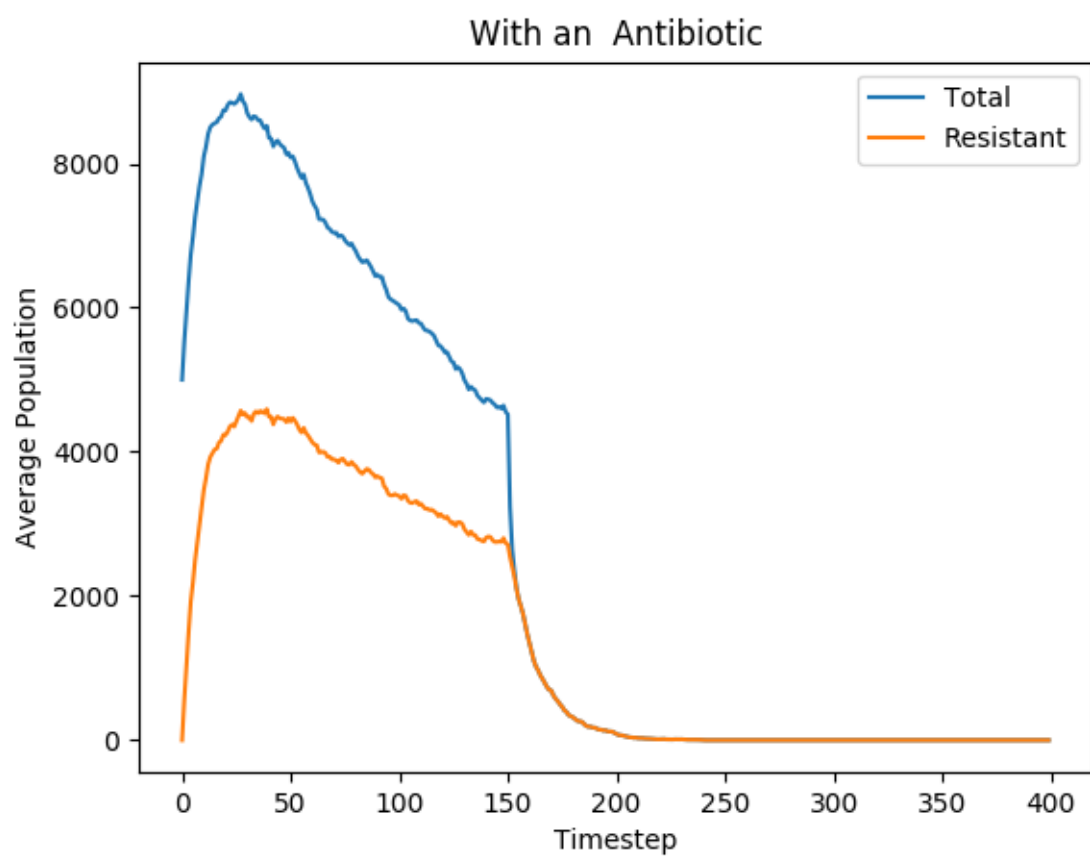


Figure 3. Simulation 'B' With Antibiotic.