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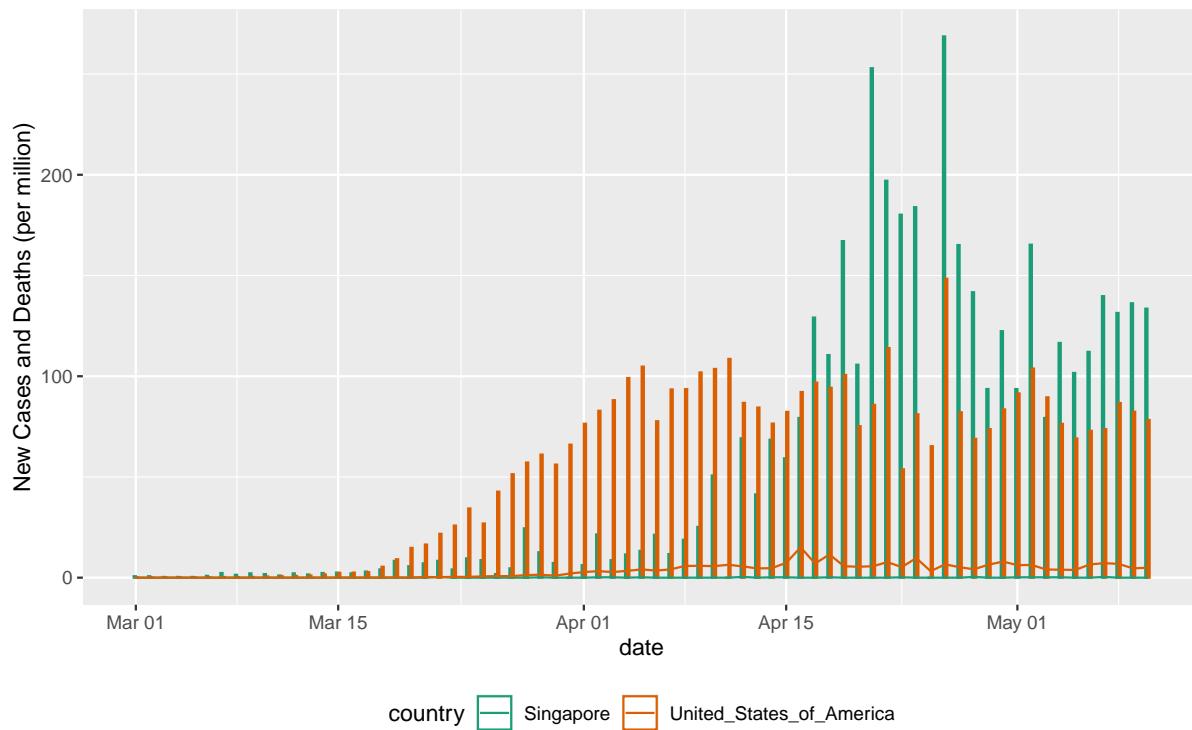


Figure 1: Total Deaths and Cases in SGP and USA from 01/03/2020 to 10/05/20

1 Analysis

This report examines the confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths recorded in Singapore and the United States (*US*) from the start of March to 10 May 2020. Due to the significant difference in population size, the cases and deaths are scaled to per million people of each country's population for better comparison.

Figure 1 displays the number of new cases in Singapore and *US*. The x-axis shows the number of new cases and deaths on a given day and the y-axis represents each date. It is manifest that confirmed cases in both countries started to pick up in mid-March 2020. There was a gradual increase in new cases in *US* in the last two weeks of March, where it stayed relatively constant to mid-May. In Singapore, an exponential increase in confirmed cases can be observed in mid-April', where the new confirmed cases overtook the *US* in relative terms (*i.e.* per 1 million). Although the confirmed cases were higher in Singapore, the death rates in the *US* were evidently greater, with Singapore staying relatively constant at 0%.

Table 1: Total Cases and Deaths, and Proportion of Deaths per week

country	week	month	cases_per_week	deaths_per_week	deaths_prop
Singapore	1	3	1.77	0.00	0.00
Singapore	2	3	9.22	0.00	0.00
Singapore	3	3	14.72	0.00	0.00
Singapore	4	3	47.17	0.35	0.61
Singapore	5	3	59.41	0.18	0.23
Singapore	6	4	94.17	0.53	0.60
Singapore	7	4	273.65	0.53	0.13
Singapore	8	4	903.76	0.35	0.07
Singapore	9	4	1136.61	0.53	0.06
Singapore	10	4	216.01	0.00	0.00
Singapore	10	5	556.34	0.71	0.13
Singapore	11	5	652.99	0.35	0.05
United_States_of_America	1	3	0.11	0.02	22.30
United_States_of_America	2	3	1.99	0.06	4.53
United_States_of_America	3	3	11.94	0.18	1.46
United_States_of_America	4	3	127.71	1.54	1.21
United_States_of_America	5	3	361.22	7.89	2.15
United_States_of_America	6	4	622.24	23.90	3.85
United_States_of_America	7	4	655.32	38.70	5.92
United_States_of_America	8	4	627.07	57.74	9.18
United_States_of_America	9	4	613.44	41.89	7.19
United_States_of_America	10	4	157.28	14.43	9.15
United_States_of_America	10	5	430.13	24.35	5.62
United_States_of_America	11	5	394.01	30.14	7.71

To investigate further, we observe the start dates of the lockdown policy in each country. In Singapore, the lockdown started at the end of the first week of April, 07/04/2020 (Wong and Tan (2020)). In USA, the effective dates were different in each state, California was the first to enforce it on 19/03/2020 while South Carolina was the last to carry it out on 07/04/2020 (Fowler et al. (2020)).

Based on Table 1, Singapore's cases increased by a staggering 1103.91% from the first week to the last week of April although lockdown and social distancing protocols were in effect. This surge is attributed to the surge in infections among migrant worker population staying in dormitories, which accounted for most of the confirmed cases (Sim and Kok (2020)).

On the other hand, US cases nearly doubled (0.72%) from approximately the end of March to the start of April. In contrary to Singapore's cases, confirmed cases in US seemed to subside at the end of April 2020 after all states implemented lockdown policies. However, Table 1 demonstrated that the proportion of death rates in US was not proportionate to the decrease in the cases per week.

Country Italy and USA

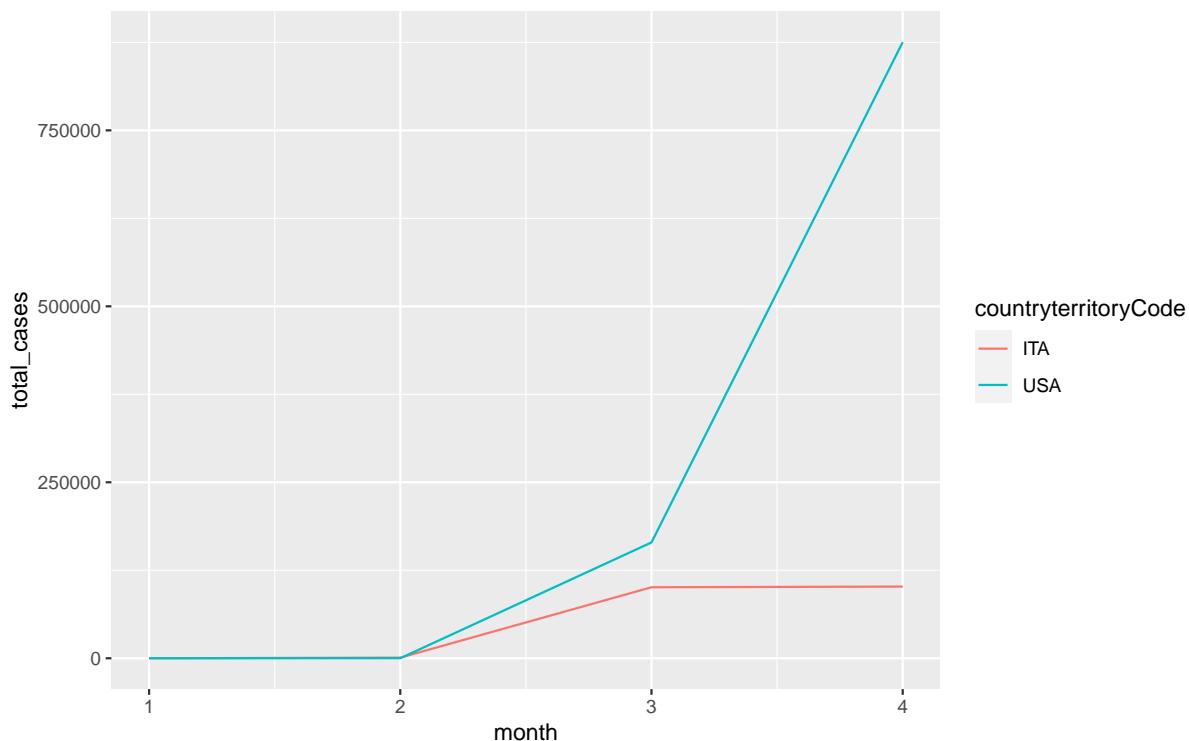


Figure 2: 2020 COVID-19 Cases in Italy and USA

Figure 2 reflects the number of COVID-19 cases in Italy and USA from January to May 2020. The total number of cases are reflected in the y axis, and the x axis represents the period (month). It is reflected in the figure that COVID-19 cases did not start in Italy and USA until March where there was no significant difference between the two countries. There was a slight increase in COVID-19 cases in April in Italy. However, the number of cases in the US rose significantly in April. By the end of April, the number of cases in the US is approximately four times larger in comparison to Italy. According to (Scott 2020) the number of COVID-19 cases in the US make up approximately a third of the world's cases.

Table 2: Top 5 Largest Number of Daily Deaths in Italy and USA

countriesAndTerritories	dateRep	deaths
United_States_of_America	16/04/2020	4928
United_States_of_America	18/04/2020	3770
United_States_of_America	24/04/2020	3179
United_States_of_America	30/04/2020	2611
United_States_of_America	22/04/2020	2524

Table 2 shows the top 5 largest daily in COVID-19 related deaths in Italy and USA. The table shows that the 5 largest amount of deaths occurred in one day happened in the US. These mostly happened in the third and fourth week of April. The highest amount of daily deaths occurred on the 16th of April, where 4,928 lost their lives. The second highest occurred on the same week on the 18th of April with 3,770 number of deaths.

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