

SIR Model - Mass Tests

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Motivation

- Covid-19 plaguing the world
- Nationwide mass tests in winter
- Goal: reduce number of unconfirmed cases
- Alternative to lockdown measures

Model Description

- SIR - Susceptible-Infectious-Recovered
- Compartment Exposed: freshly infected but not yet infectious
- Split Infectious into Confirmed and Unconfirmed
- Only Unconfirmed contribute to infections
- Recovered people do not contribute anymore

Causal Loop Diagram

Picture of Causal Loop Diagram

Parameters

α

infection probability in case of contact

c

contacts per day per person

γ

latency rate for moving from Exposed to Confirmed or Unconfirmed

$p_d, p_u : p_d + p_u = 1$

chance of being transferred to detected or undetected compartment, respectively

β_d, β_u

recovery rates for detected and undetected persons

Masstests and Lockdown

Masstests:

- A portion of people move directly from the Unconfirmed to the Confirmed compartment
- The flow from the Exposed compartment is changed accordingly for the duration
- Occur cyclically

A lockdown occurs:

- When a certain number of people are infected (Confirmed + Unconfirmed, "Dunkelziffer")
- Lockdown measures reduce number of contacts
- Lift of lockdown in two steps - "Lockdown light"

Additional Assumptions

Some assumptions were made to make a better fit with the real data:

- Less cases for first lockdown
- Stricter first lockdown - more people follow the rules
- Infection-Probability lower in summer
- Model time: Start of Pandemic - about 1 year in the future, assuming no vaccinations!

Lockdown numbers

Nr. Infected	-	$\geq 45,000$	$\leq 5,000$	$\leq 1,000$
contacts per Day	14	2	6	9

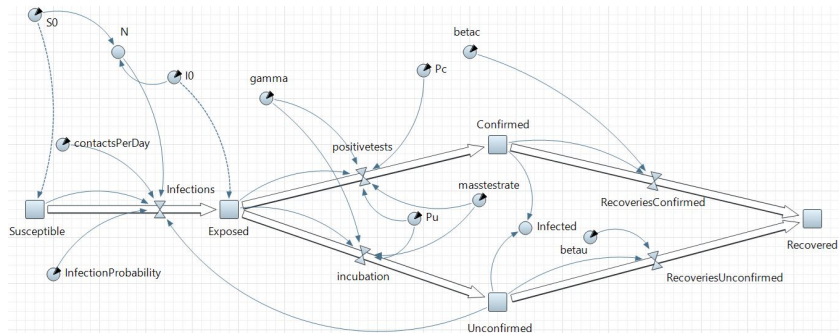
Table: Numbers for first lockdown

Nr. Infected	-	$\geq 115,000$	$\leq 25,000$	$\leq 15,000$
contacts per Day	9	2	6	9

Table: Numbers for other lockdowns

Here the – column means number of contacts per day before the respective lockdown.

Actual Implementation



Results

	30 days	21 days	14 days	7 days
35% participation	98	86	46	11
50% participation	80	45	11	9
70% participation	9	9	9	8
90% participation	7	7	7	7

Table: Days of lockdown with different participation rate and interval between masstests

To compare: without any masstests at all the number of days in lockdown would be 193.

The End