

# Workshop 9

## Intro to Dynamical Systems: Coupled Models

- FIT3139: Computational Modelling and Simulation



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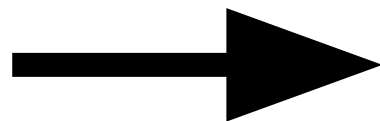
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# Outline

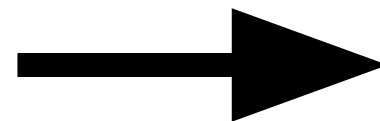
- Coupled models
- SIR Models
- Measles



**susceptible**



**infected**



**recovered**



A map *is not* the territory it represents, but, if correct, it has a *similar structure* to the territory, which accounts for its usefulness.

— Alfred Korzybski, [Science and Sanity](#)

So let's keep the model **simple.**

# Assumptions

- Latent period is exactly **1 week**.
- **Infective** period is exactly **1 week**.
- All contact between **infectives** and **susceptibles** occurs during weekend.
  - *number of **infectives** and **susceptibles** remain constant throughout the week.*
- Infection rate: a single **infective** infects a constant fraction ( $f$ ) of **susceptibles**
- Population changes through births and deaths:
  - *Constant number of births per week ( $B$ ).*
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number of **susceptibles** who  
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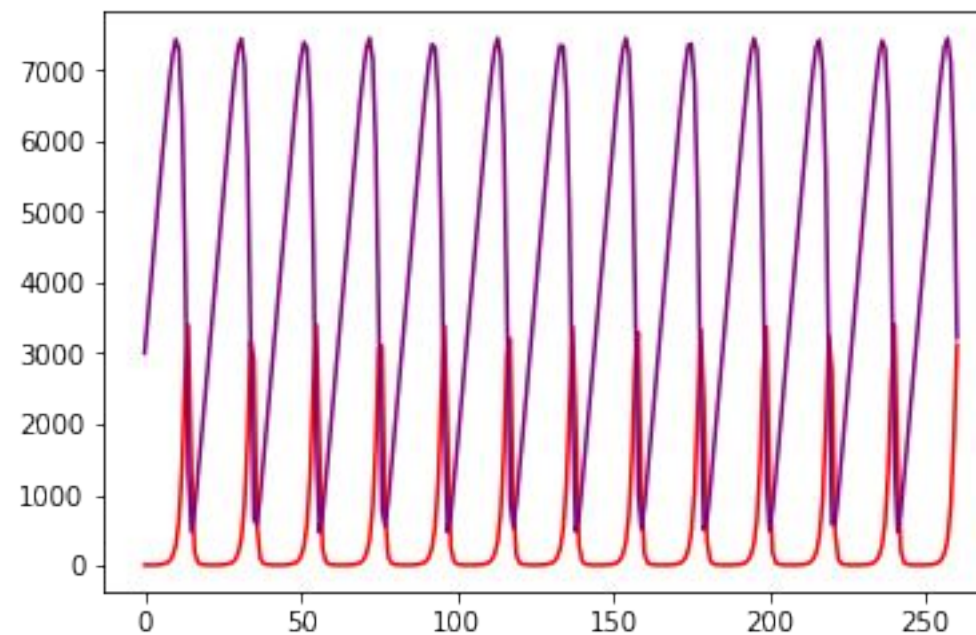
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$$S_{k+1} = \underbrace{S_k}_{\text{number of } \mathbf{susceptibles} \text{ in week } k} - \underbrace{f S_k I_k}_{\text{number of } \mathbf{infectives} \text{ in week } k} + \underbrace{B}_{\text{number of } \mathbf{births} \text{ during week } k}$$

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$$S_{k+1} = S_k - f S_k I_k + B$$

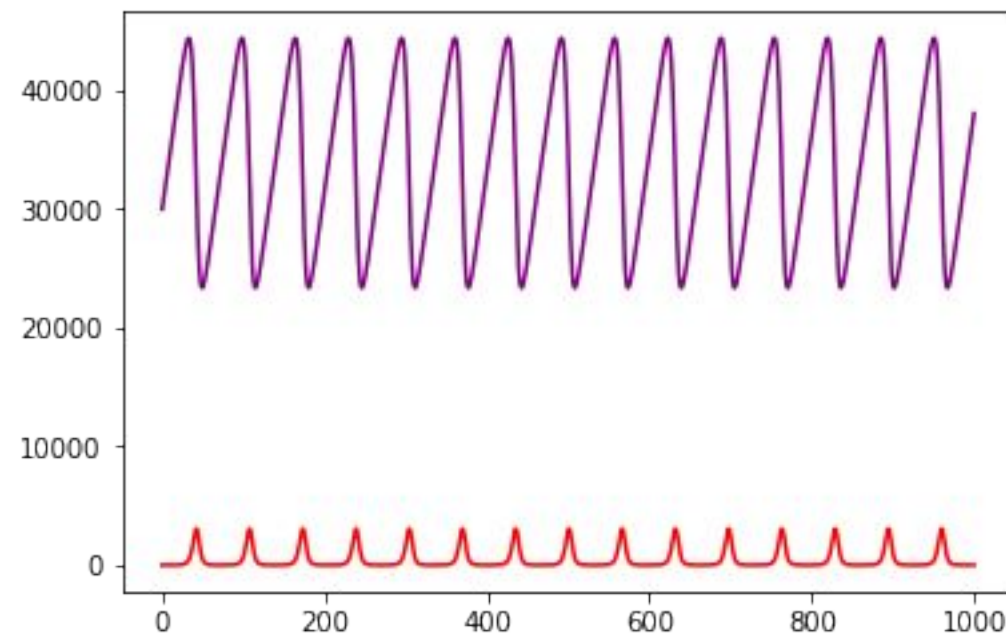


$$B = 15$$

$$f = 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$I_0 = 5$$

$$I_{k+1} = f S_k I_k$$



$$B = 120$$

$$f = 3 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$I_0 = 10$$

$$S_0 = 30000$$

# Steady state solution

$$I_{k+1} = f S_k I_k$$
$$S_{k+1} = S_k - f S_k I_k + B$$

$$\hat{I} = I_{k+1} = I_k$$

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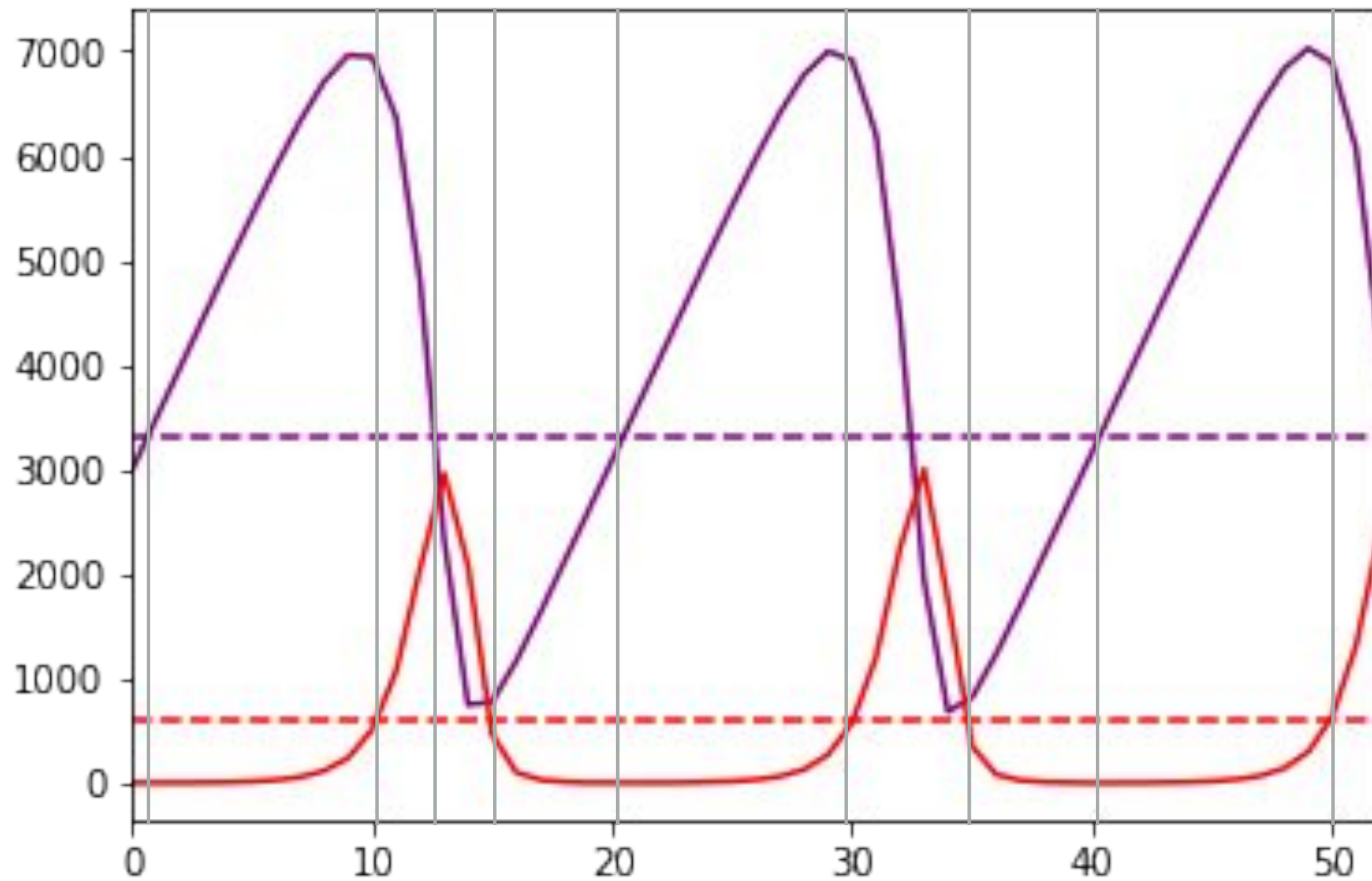
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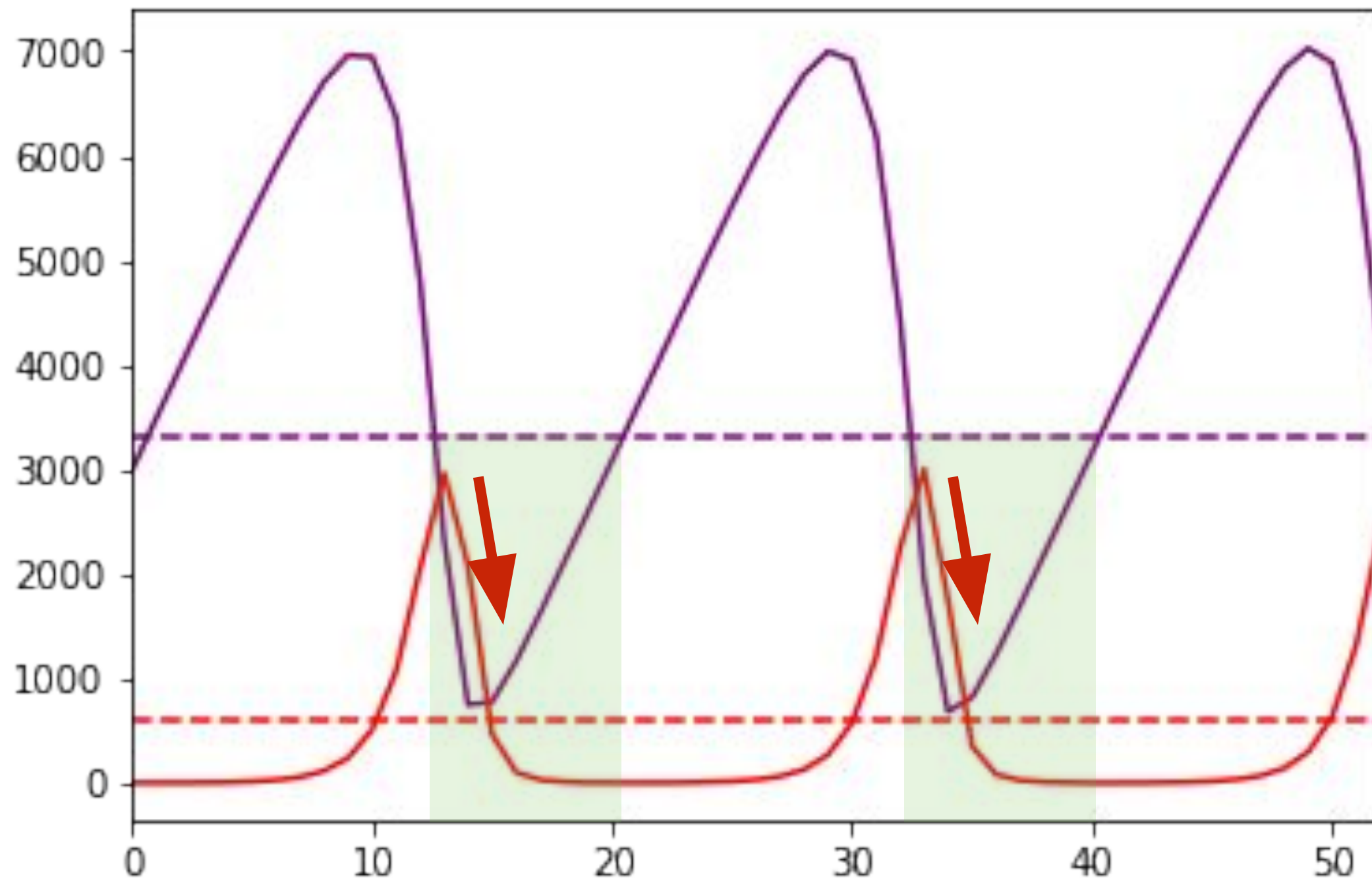


$$\hat{S} = 1/f$$

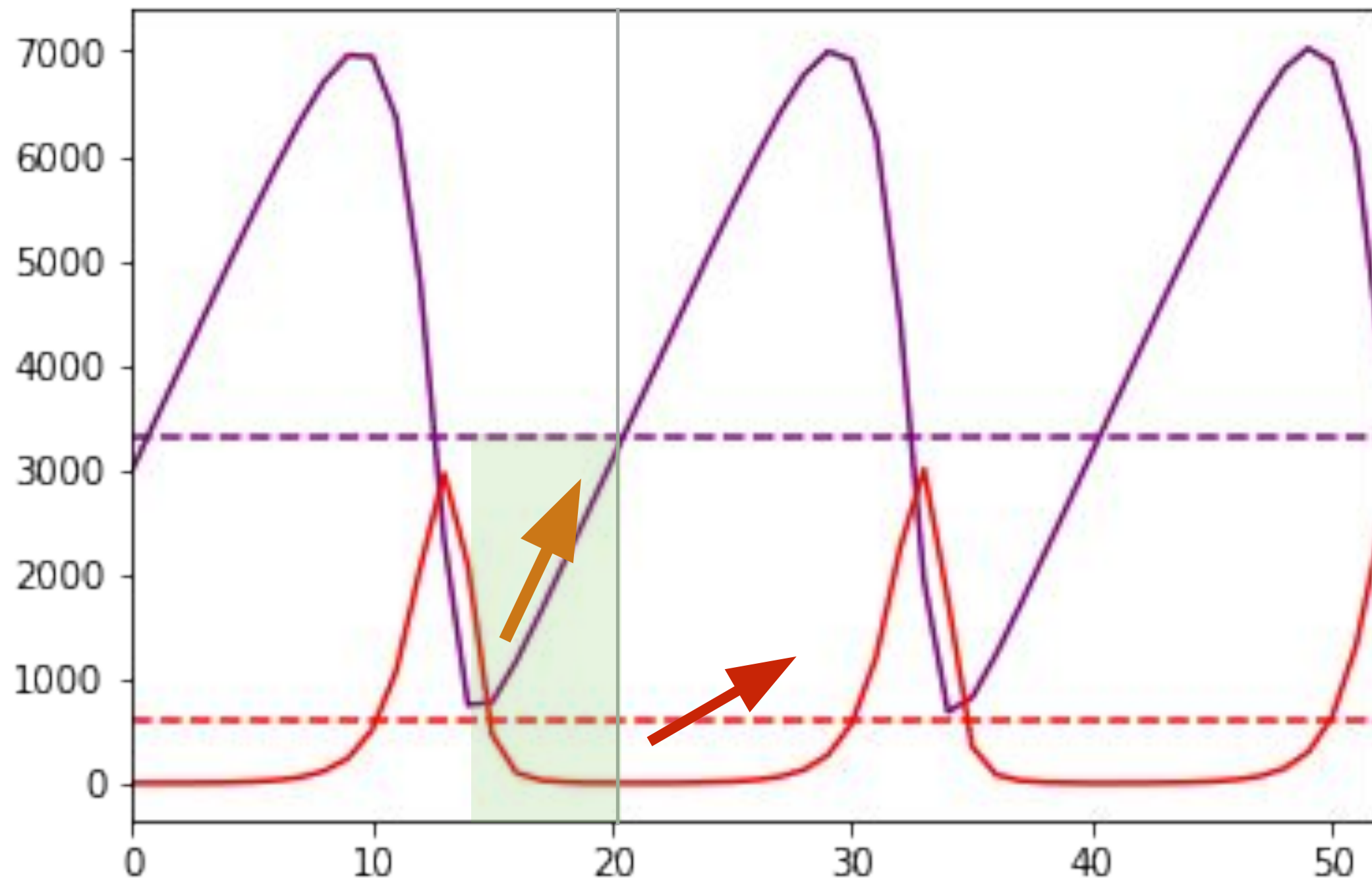
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From  $I_{k+1} = fS_k I_k$  , if  $S_k < 1/f$



From  $S_{k+1} = S_k - fS_k I_k + B$  for small  $I_k$   
 increases until  $S_k > \frac{1}{f}$  then  $I_k$  grows again

$$S_k < 1/f$$



# Observations

- The difference equation  $I_{k+1} = fS_k I_k$  tells us that if  $\frac{I_{k+1}}{I_k} < 1$  then  $S_k < 1/f$ .
- From the coupled difference equation  $S_{k+1} = S_k - fS_k I_k + B$  for small  $I_k$ ,  $S_k$  increases due to birth until  $S_k$  eventually becomes greater than  $1/f$ . Then  $I_k$  grows again.
- This shows the importance of  $B$ .
- Keeping susceptibles below  $1/f$  is important:
- this can be achieved through **vaccination**.

A simple model can explain seasonal epidemics....