

Bombay Modeling

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1 Taylor Expansion to extract k & l

We have this equation with respect to $\frac{dR}{dt}$ because the variable R is linearly related to the number of deaths. Because our objective is to provide a curve that best fits the available data, we first begin by Taylor expanding to extract the values of R & R_0 from the below equation. S_0 and N are roughly the same and therefore we can cancel the terms out.

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = l(S_0 - (R - R_0) - S_0 e^{-\frac{k(R - R_0)}{NL}}) \quad (1)$$

We assume that the $R - R_0$ is small. After performing the Taylor expansion we obtain the following equation.

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^2 l(S_0 - (R - R_0) - S_0 e^{-\frac{k(R - R_0)}{NL}}) = R(\frac{kS}{N} - l) - \frac{R^2(k^2S)}{2(lN^2)} \quad (2)$$

Now we approximate the curve using MatLab's built-in curve fitting tool. We use a custom equation and plot the general quadratic equation $aR - bR^2$ where a and b are some unknown constants.

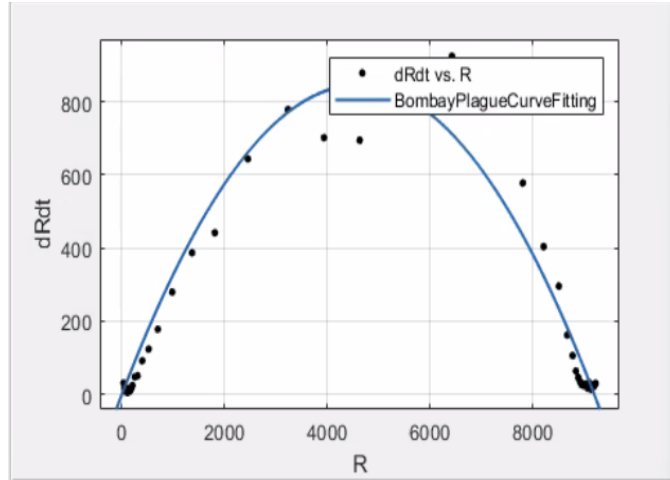


Figure 1: Curve Fitting of the Bombay Plague Data

After obtaining our curve we now have two known values for the coefficients a and b , where $a = 0.3681$, and $b = 4.005e-05$. And now from this value we can isolate the variables and solve for k and l respectively. Below are the following steps:

$$a = k - l \rightarrow 0.3681 = k - l \rightarrow k = 0.3681 + l \quad (3)$$

We decided that we wanted to show our work for how we obtained the values of k and l but warning it the arithmetic is trivial but ugly.

$$b = \frac{k^2 S}{2lN^2} \quad (4)$$

$$4.005e-05 = \frac{k^2}{2lN} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{801}{200} * \frac{1}{10^5} = \frac{(\frac{2681}{10000} + 2)^2}{1800000l} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{801}{20000000} = \frac{(\frac{3681}{10000} + l)^2}{1800000l} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{801}{20000000} = \frac{3681^2 + 73620000l + 10000^2 l^2}{1800000 * 10000^2 l} \quad (8)$$

$$1441800000 * 10000^2 l = 2000000(3681^2 + 7362000l + 10000^2 l^2) / 200000 \quad (9)$$

$$7209 * 10000^2 l = 100(3681^2 + 7362000l + 10000^2 l^2) \quad (10)$$

$$7209 - 10000^2 l - 100 * 3681^2 - 73620000l * 100 - 100 * 10000^2 l^2 = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$-100^5 l^2 + (7209 * 10000^2 - 100 * 73620000)l + 100 * 3681^2 = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$l = -(- (7209 * 10000^2 - 100 * 73620000) \pm (-7209 * 10000^2 - 100 * 73620000)^2) \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{-4(100^5)(100 - 3681^2)^{(1/2)}}{2(100)^5} \quad (14)$$

$$k = 0.369999 \quad (15)$$

$$l_1 = 0.001899 \quad (16)$$

$$l_2 = 71.2519 \quad (17)$$

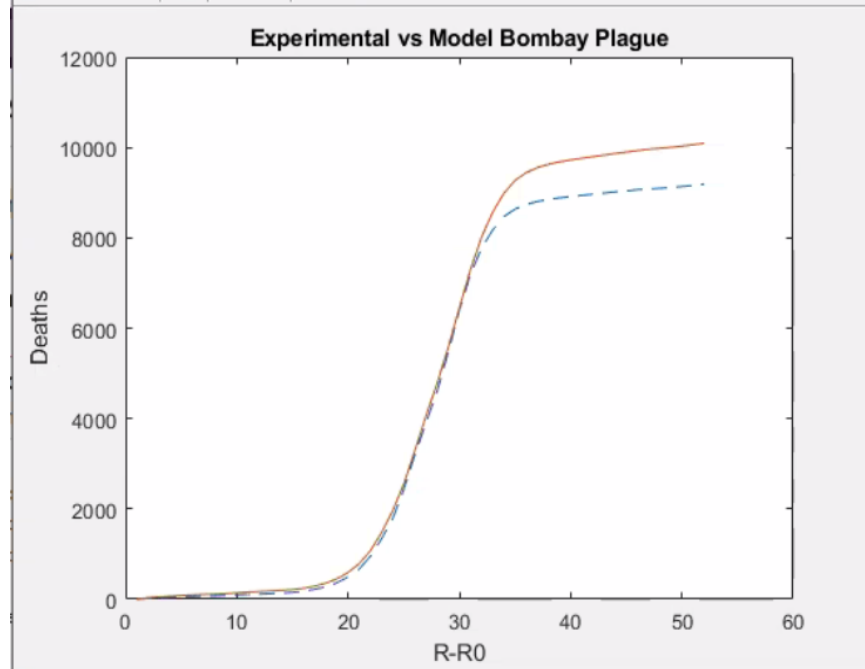


Figure 2: Our k and l plugged into a graph comparing $\frac{dR}{dt}$ by $R - R_0$