

Project 5 in FYS3150

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Abstract

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1 INTRODUCTION

2 METHOD

2.a The SIRS method

In the SIRS model we observe an isolated population of N people which are divided into three separate groups:

- S for susceptible individuals, people who can become infected from the disease,
- I for infected individuals, people who currently have the disease,
- R for recovered individuals, people who no longer are sick and currently are immune to the disease.

The total population $N = S(t) + I(t) + R(t)$ will at least for now remain constant. An individual can move from S to I , from I to R , and from R to S . The rate at which they do this will be referred to as a , b and c respectively. When an susceptible individual is in contact with an infected individual there is a chance that they become infected, while the rate of recovery and the rate of immunity loss is independent from the other groups. This can then be written as three coupled differential equations:

$$S' = cR - \frac{aSI}{N} \quad (1)$$

$$I' = \frac{aSI}{N} - bI \quad (2)$$

$$R' = bI - cR \quad (3)$$

This set does not have a analytical solution, but we can easily study the equilibrium solutions. By setting S' to 0 we get

$$s^* = \frac{b}{a}, \quad (4)$$

$$i^* = \frac{1 - \frac{b}{a}}{1 + \frac{b}{c}}, \quad (5)$$

$$r^* = \frac{b}{c} \frac{1 - \frac{b}{a}}{1 + \frac{b}{c}}, \quad (6)$$

where s , i and r denotes the fraction of people in S , I and R , respectively, and $*$ means that they are at equilibrium. These should add up to 1, and be between 0 and 1. One thing we can denote from this is that we need $b < a$ for the disease to establish itself in the population. However if $b > a$ the model brakes, as s^* becomes larger than 1, and i^* and r^* becomes less than zero. This makes sense, as this would make the rate of recovery larger than the rate of infection, and the disease wouldn't be able to spread. These will serve as a good comparison for our numerical approximations.

2.b Runge Kutta

To solve equation 3 we will first be using the 4th. order Runge Kutta method. This is a pretty standar method for solving differntial equations. One cycle of the method is

$$k_1 = f(t_n, y_n) \quad (7)$$

$$k_2 = f(t_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_1) \quad (8)$$

$$k_3 = f(t_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}, y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_2) \quad (9)$$

$$k_4 = f(t_n + \Delta t, y_n + \Delta tk_3) \quad (10)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4), \quad (11)$$

where y_n is the current step, y_{n+1} is the next step, t_n is the current time, Δt is the timestep, and f is the differntial equation. One problem ...

We will be observing four different populations A , B , C and D . All of them are of size $N = 400$, and we start with 300 susceptible individuals and 100 infected individuals. We also set $a = 4$ and $c = 0.5$, but b will vary from 1 to 4. We will set $\Delta t = 0.01days$ and run the simulation until the equilibrium situation has been reached.

We will also study a population E where we set $b = 5$ to se how this affects the situation.

2.c Monte Carlo

2.d Improving the modell

Now that we have a basic modell we can extended it to include more details about the population and disease. Following are three different methods (?) that can improve the modell to make it more realistic. (We are going to implemet them independently at first, but then we are going to attempt to include all of them at the same time).

2.d.i Vital dynamics

First we are going to include vital dynamics, meaning death and birth rate. This can be usefull if we are going to modell a population over a longer time period. We let e be birth rate, d be death rate and d_i be the death rate from the disease. We assume that individuals from all the groups can give brith, but that children born into the population are initially susceptible. This makes differential equations into

$$S' = cR - \frac{aSI}{N} - dS + eN, \quad (12)$$

$$I' = \frac{aSI}{N} - bI - dI - d_I I, \quad (13)$$

$$R' = bI - cR - dR. \quad (14)$$

We tried to base the values for d and e on the death and birth rate in Norway. It can be shown that these become $d = 0.00002242299$ and $e = 0.00002948891$ per day ([1], [2], [3]). We applied these to the populations A , B , C and D , and observed how these were affected by setting $d_i = 0$ and $d_i = 0.1$. We then tried different values for d_i on population A to see if these would result in the entire population dying. Finally, as the values of d and e we found are quite low, we tried seeing how population B would be affected by increasing these by a factor of 1000, 2000 and 10000.

2.d.ii Seasonal Variation

Another concept we can study is seasonal variations in the infection rate. Certian diseases, such as influenza, have a large variance in infection rate based on the time of year. This can be modeled by setting a to be

$$a(t) = A \sin(\omega t) + a_0, \quad (15)$$

where a_0 is the average transmission rate, A is the maximum deviation from a_0 , and ω is the frequency of oscillation. We set $\omega = 2\pi/365.25$ so that a would have a variance of a year, like most diseases. Fist we set $A = 1$ and $a_0 = 4$ for population A and D . Then we observed population B , and set $A = 2$, and $a_0 = 4$ and 6.

2.d.iii Vaccination

For many diseases a vaccine gets developed. A vaccine causes an susceptible individual to become immune, effectively moving them to the recovered group. We assume that the rate of vaccination f is independent from how many people already have been vaccinated, but that it can vary with time. We also assume that vaccinated individuals loose their

immunity at the same rate as people who have recovered from the disease. The differential equations then becomes

$$S' = cR - \frac{aSI}{N} - dS - f, \quad (16)$$

$$I' = \frac{aSI}{N} - bI, \quad (17)$$

$$R' = bI - cR + f. \quad (18)$$

Exactly what f is can vary. We will be studying three cases:

- Constant f , meaning $f = f_c S$, where f_c is some constant. We sat $f_c = 1$ for population A , B , C and D . For some diseases a vaccine is offered to children at a specific age, which would constitute a constant vaccination rate. However, these vaccines usually induce a permanent or a long lasting immunity, so this method might not fit well with our model.
- Linear f , meaning $f = (t \cdot f_l + f_0) \cdot I$, where f_0 is the initial value of f , and f_l is the rate at which f increases with time. We sat $f_0 = 0$ and $f_l = 0.01$ for population A , B , C and D . This is meant to model that as awareness and medical research increases, more people take the vaccine and the vaccine becomes more effective. If having this increase linearly is the most realistic way is unknown, but we assume it's a good approximation. By setting $f_0 = 0$ we start the simulation at the point when vaccination starts.
- Vaccination campaign f . This method is meant to model how many governments respond to an outbreak of an epidemic, by distributing vaccines during a certain time period, often called a vaccination campaign. This can be written as $f = f_c S$ if $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ and $f = f_n S$ if $t \notin [t_0, t_1]$, where $f_c \gg f_n$. We sat $f_n = 0$, $f_c = 0.3$, $t_0 = 2$ and $t_1 = 9$ for population A , B , C and D .

2.e more monte carlo

3 RESULTS

3.a The SIRS method

3.b RungeKutta

The resulting plots for population A to E can be seen in figure 1 to 5. The resulting end values can also be seen in table 1 to 5.

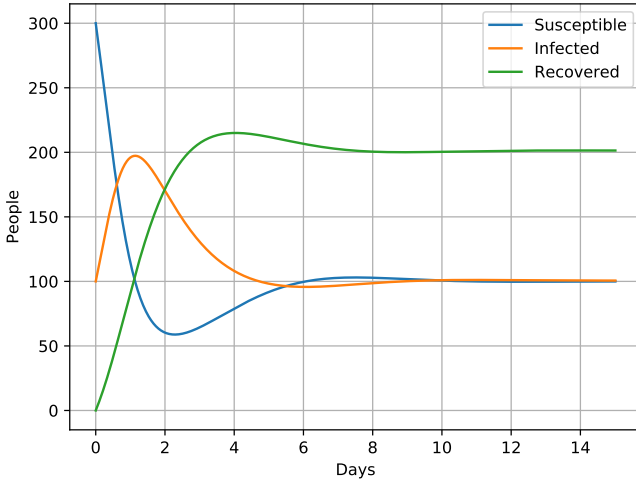


Figure 1: A plot of the population distribution for the SIRS-model, for population A, where $a = 4$, $b = 1$ and $c = 0.5$.

Group	Expected	Analytical	Number
s^*	0.25	0.2499	100.0
i^*	0.25	0.2516	100.6
r^*	0.5	0.5035	201.4

Table 1: The corresponding end values for figure 1. The expected values are derived from equation 6, the analytical values are the portion of the population found by RK4, and number are the total number of people this corresponds to.

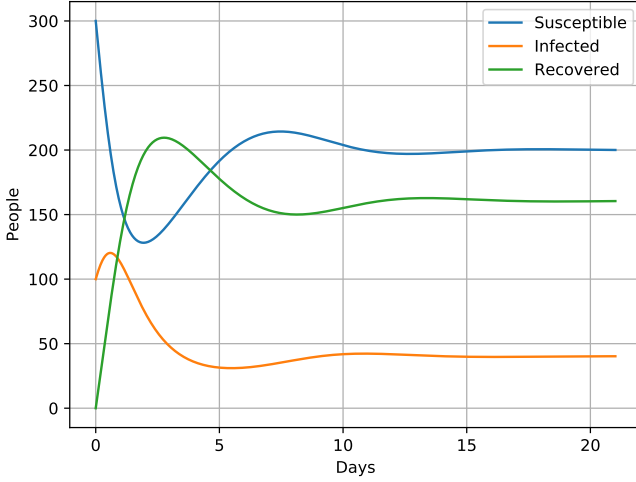


Figure 2: A plot of the population distribution for the SIRS-model, for population B, where $a = 4$, $b = 2$ and $c = 0.5$.

Group	Expected	Analytical	Number
s^*	0.5	0.5001	200.1
i^*	0.1	0.1006	40.2
r^*	0.4	0.4011	160.5

Table 2: The corresponding end values for figure 2. The expected values are derived from equation 6, the analytical values are the portion of the population found by RK4, and number are the total number of people this corresponds to.

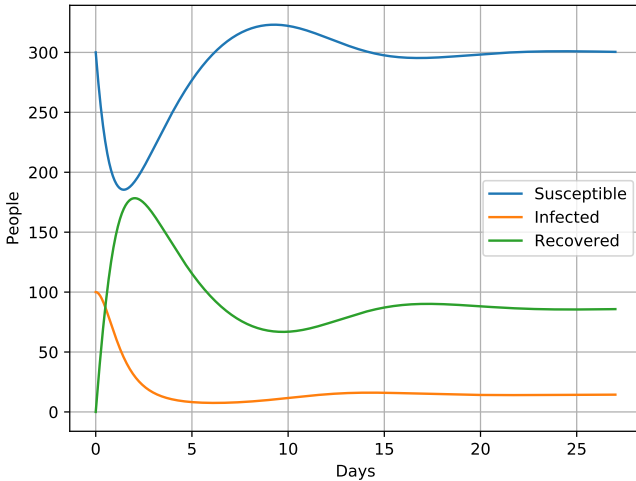


Figure 3: A plot of the population distribution for the SIRS-model, for population C, where $a = 4$, $b = 3$ and $c = 0.5$.

Group	Expected	Analytical	Number
s^*	0.75	0.7511	300.5
i^*	0.0357	0.0360	14.4
r^*	0.2143	0.2145	85.8

Table 3: The corresponding end values for figure 3. The expected values are derived from equation 6, the analytical values are the portion of the population found by RK4, and number are the total number of people this corresponds to.

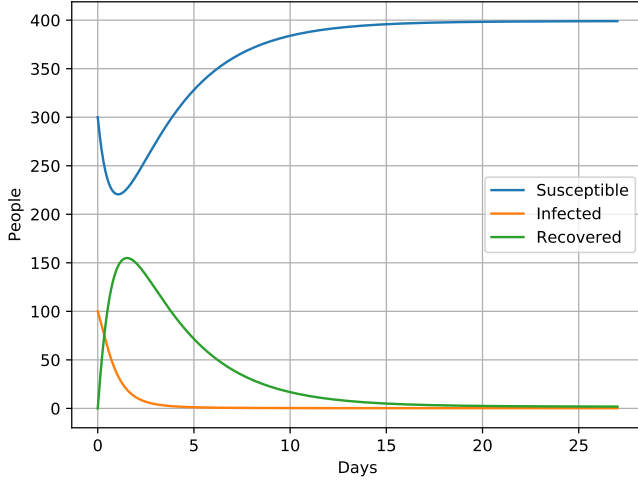


Figure 4: A plot of the population distribution for the SIRS-modell, for population D , where $a = 4$, $b = 4$ and $c = 0.5$.

Group	Expected	Analytical	Number
s^*	1.0	0.9974	399.0
i^*	0.0	0.0006	0.2
r^*	0.0	0.0047	1.9

Table 4: The corresponding end values for figure 4. The expected values are derived from equation 6, the analytical values are the portion of the population found by RK4, and number are the total number of people this corresponds to.

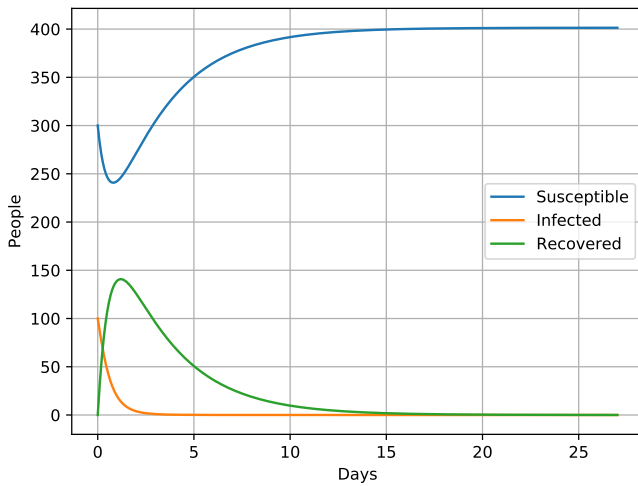


Figure 5: A plot of the population distribution for the SIRS-modell, for population E , where $a = 4$, $b = 5$ and $c = 0.5$.

Group	Expected	Analytical	Number
s^*	1.25	1.0034	401.4
i^*	-0.0227	$4.7119 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-8}$
r^*	-0.2273	$8.4064 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$

Table 5: The corresponding end values for figure 5. The expected values are derived from equation 6, the analytical values are the portion of the population found by RK4, and number are the total number of people this corresponds to.

3.c Monte Carlo

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3.d Vital dynamics

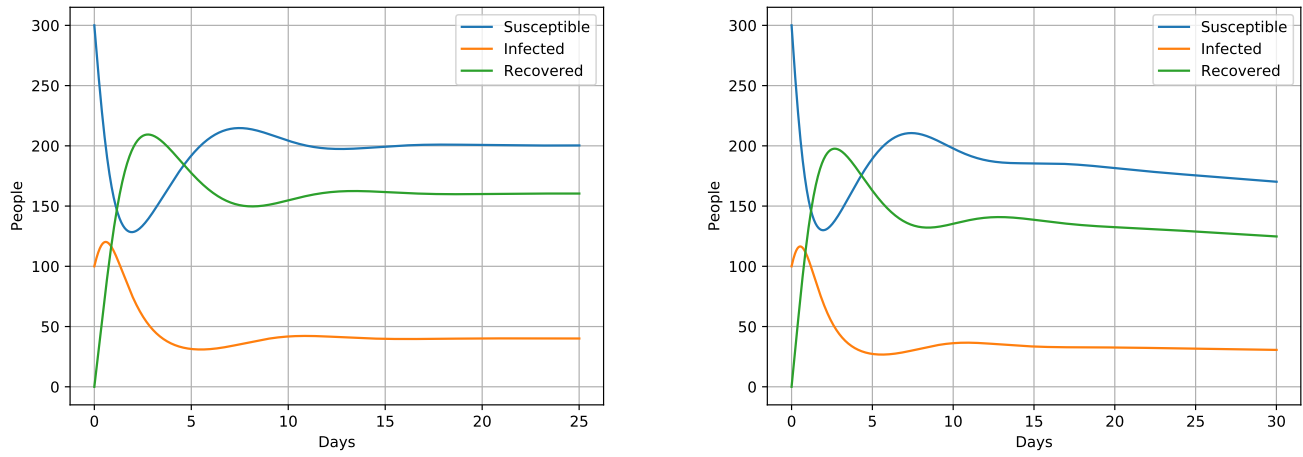


Figure 6: Plots of population B when accounting for vital dynamics. On the left $d_i = 0$ and on the right $d_i = 0.1$.

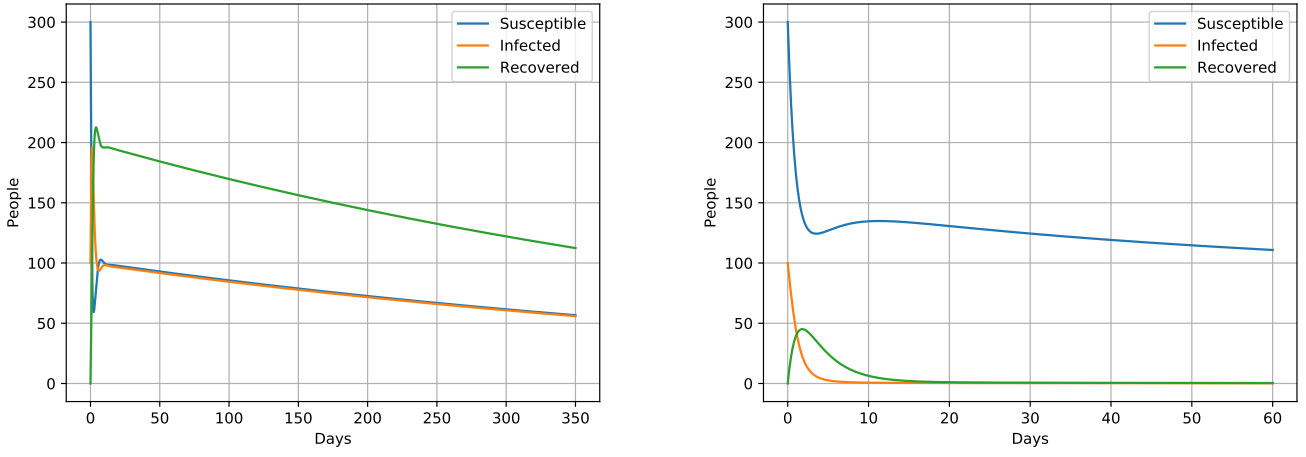


Figure 7: Plots of population A when accounting for vital dynamics. On the left $d_i = 0.01$ and on the right $d_i = 3$. The left d_i is too low to effectively kill the entire population, while the one is too large.

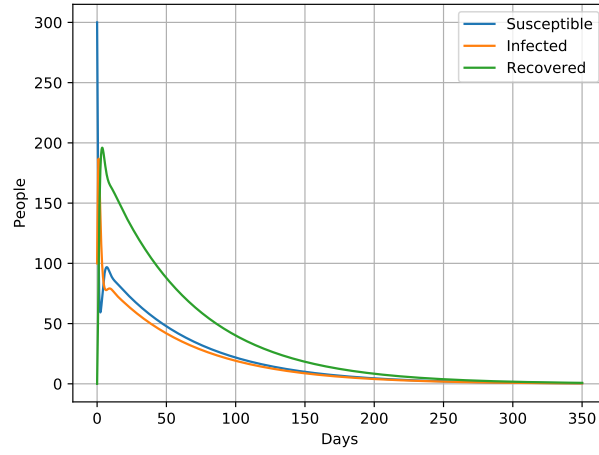


Figure 8: Plots of population A when accounting for vital dynamics with $d_i = 0.1$. Here d_i is the correct size to kill the entire population.

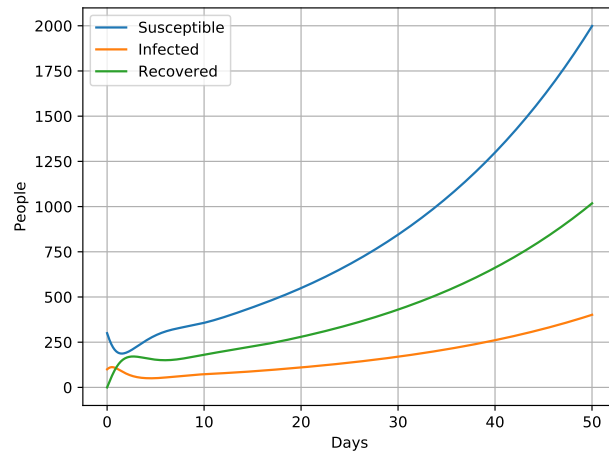


Figure 9: Plots of population B when accounting for vital dynamics with $d_i = 0.1$, and d and e is increased by a factor of 10000.

3.e Seasonal Variation

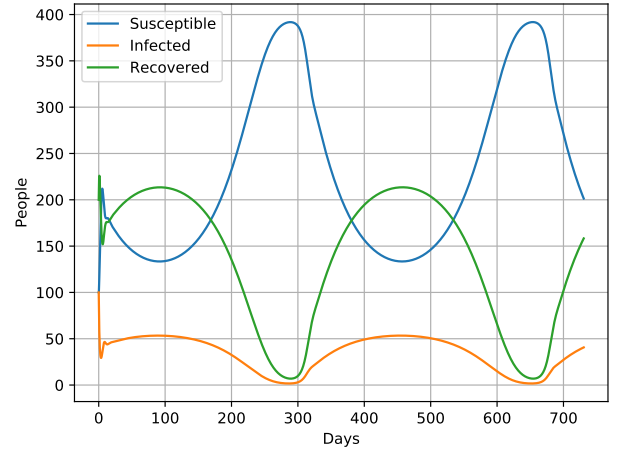
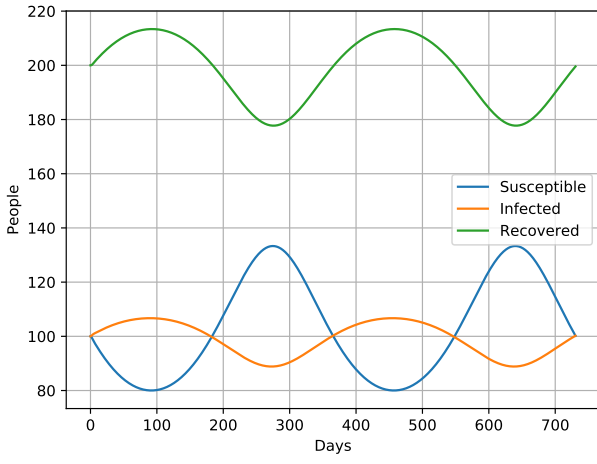


Figure 10: Plots of populations when a varies with time. Population A on the left with $A = 1$ and $a_0 = 4$, and B on the right with $A = 2$ and $a_0 = 4$.

3.f Vaccination

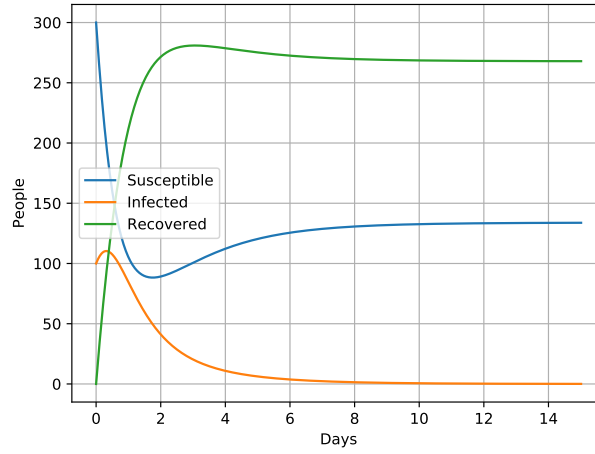


Figure 11: Plots of population B with constant vaccination $f = 1$.

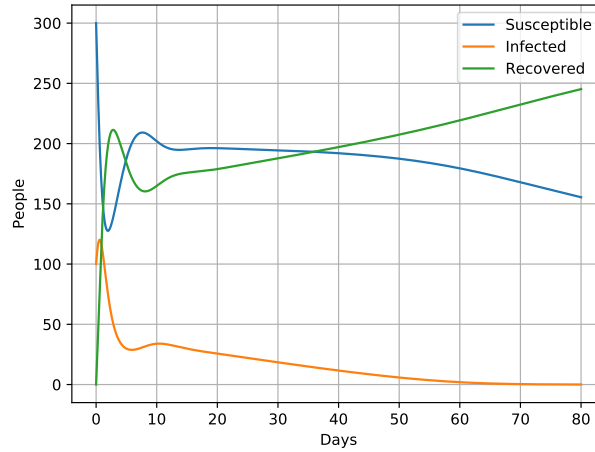


Figure 12: Plots of population B with linear vaccination $f = 0.1t$.

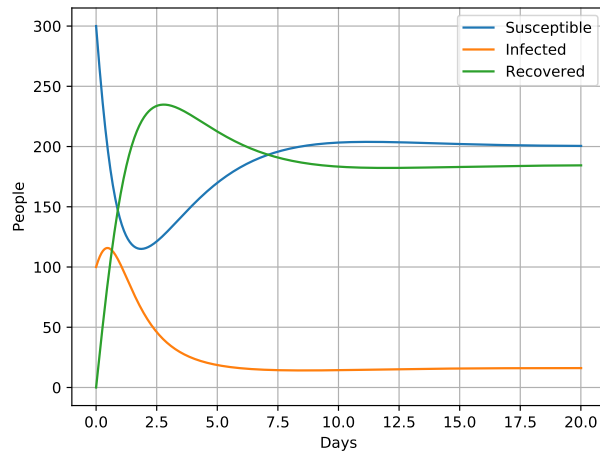


Figure 13: Plots of population B with a vaccination campaign from day 2 to 9, where $f = 0.3$, while it's 0 the rest of the time.

4 DISCUSSION

5 CONCLUSION

6 APPENDICES

All the calculations were done using the programming language Julia. The programs used can be found at: .

References

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