

Does Everyone Die?

The answer is of course yes. But it is of intense interest to us when we die. To this end there are several models to estimate the number of diseased and of removed (dead or immune). The first one is as follows.

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta IS$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta IS - \gamma I = I(\beta S - \gamma)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I$$

First notice that

$$\frac{d(S + I + R)}{dt} = \frac{dS}{dt} + \frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{dR}{dt} = 0$$

so $S + I + R$ is a constant. This reduces the set of equations to.

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta IS$$

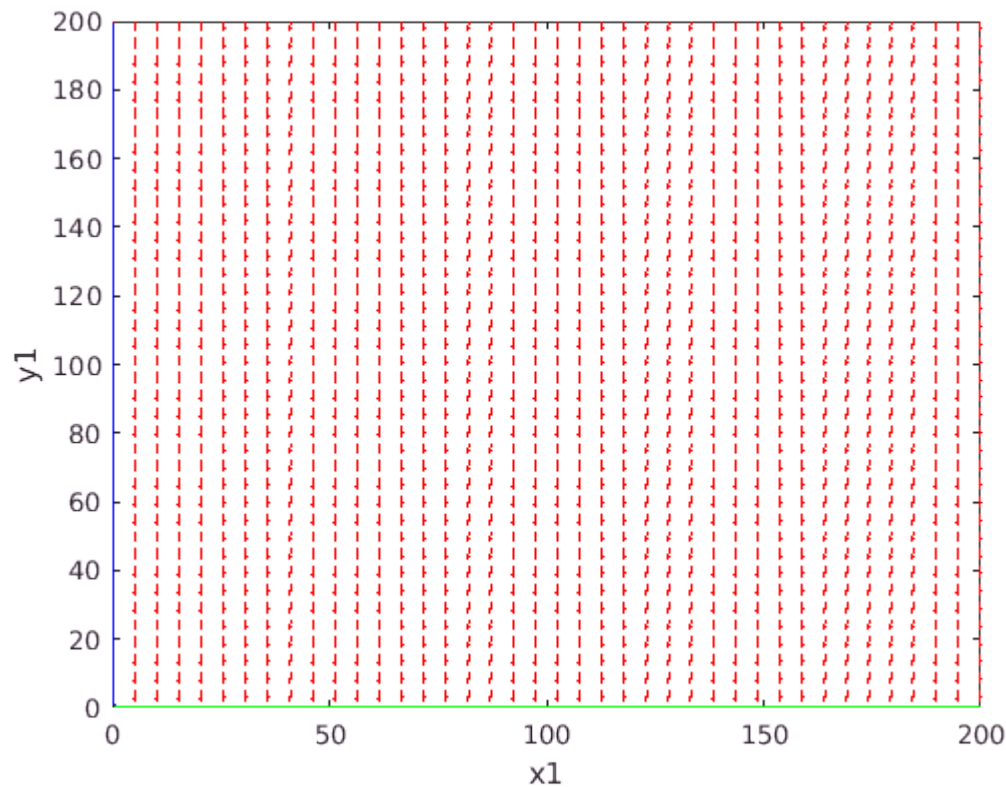
$$\frac{dI}{dt} = I(\beta S - \gamma)$$

$$R = N - I - S$$

Examining the equations they both have a factor of I so they are both zero on the S axis. There is a S -nullcline on the I axis. The equilibrium line is attractive $S < \frac{\gamma}{\beta}$ and repulsive with $S > \frac{\gamma}{\beta}$. The vector field.

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beta = .003;
gamma = .6;
N = 400;
percent_sick = .3;
x0 = N*[1-percent_sick, percent_sick];

f = @(x1,x2) -beta*x1.*x2;
g = @(x1,x2) x2.*(beta*x1 - gamma);
phasePlot({f,g},x0,axes)
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$\frac{dS}{dt}$ is negative where I and S are positive. This means S decreases as long as both S and I are

larger than one. But if $0 \leq S \leq \frac{\gamma}{\beta}$ and I is positive then $\frac{dI}{dt}$ is negative. Since this region is bounded

on the left by the I axis and on the bottom by an equilibrium line and both $\frac{dI}{dt}$ and $\frac{dS}{dt}$ are negative the

solutions go to the equilibrium line and I goes to zero. But since people exist, in particular diseases persist in populations, they don't all kill the population until they can't persist anymore. To solve this