

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.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta IS \\ \frac{dI}{dt} = \beta IS - \gamma I = I(\beta S - \gamma) \\ \frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I \end{cases}$$

First notice that

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

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

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

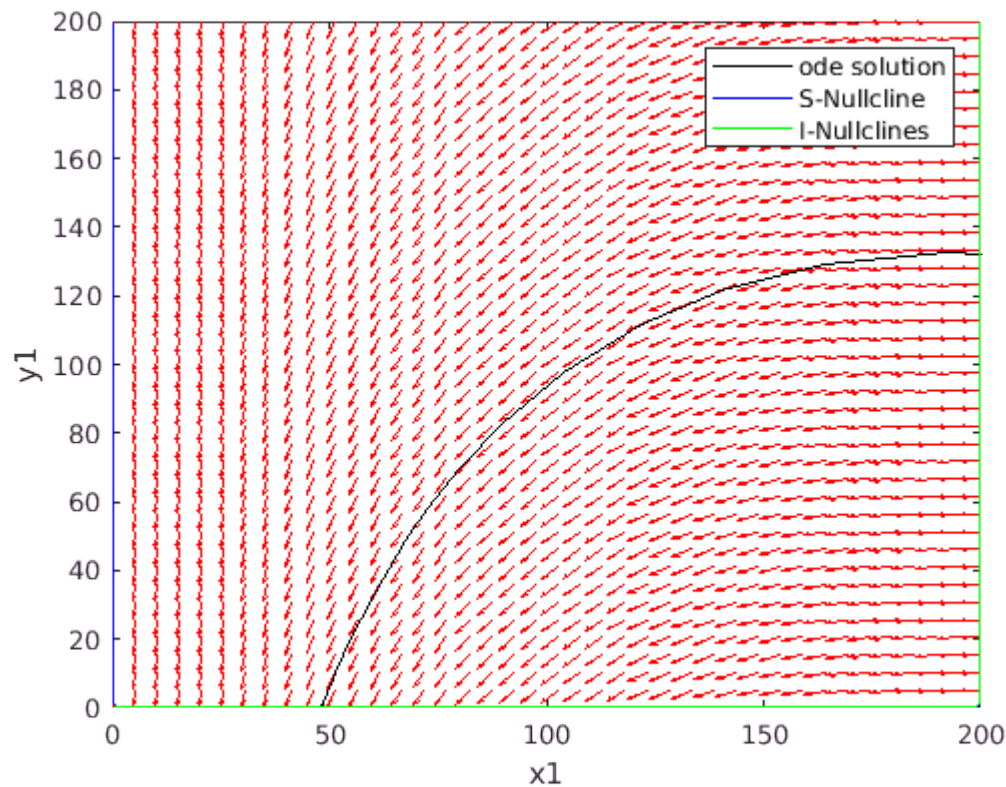
$$\frac{dI}{dt} = I(\beta S - \gamma)$$

$$R = N - I - S$$

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*([1,0] + [-1,1]*percent_sick);

f = @(x1,x2) -beta*x1.*x2;
g = @(x1,x2) x2.*(beta*x1 - gamma);
%% A configurable phase plot
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 a I axis and on the bottom by a 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 sick people exist, in particular diseases persist in populations, they don't all kill the population until they can't persist anymore. To solve this we introduce the following modifications to $\frac{dS}{dt}$ we add νR to allow susceptibles to become survivors. The resulting system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta IS + \eta R \\ \frac{dI}{dt} = I(\beta S - \gamma) \\ \frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I - \eta S \end{cases}$$

Again $I + S + R = N$ is constant so for a fixed value of N we have