Corona Analysis

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Data were downloaded from the github repository of the Johns Hopkins University. These are the same data, from which the famous GIS world map is created. See: https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19

```
cases <- fread("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19/master/csse_covid_19_data/css</pre>
# turn into long format
datecols <- names(cases)[-c(1:4)]
idcols <- names(cases)[c(1:4)]</pre>
cases <- melt(cases,id.vars=idcols,measure.vars=datecols,variable.name="date")</pre>
cases$action<-"confirmed"
#add death
death <- fread("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19/master/csse_covid_19_data/css
datecols <- names(death)[-c(1:4)]
idcols <- names(death)[c(1:4)]</pre>
death <- melt(death,id.vars=idcols,measure.vars=datecols,variable.name="date")</pre>
death$action<-"death"
# bind
cases <- rbind(cases,death)</pre>
#####################################
# some renaming
setnames(cases, "Country/Region", "country")
setnames(cases, "Province/State", "province")
setnames(cases, "value", "number")
# format date
cases[,date:=as.Date(date,tryFormats = c("%m/%d/%Y"))]
# number of days after first date in table
cases[,days:=as.numeric(date-min(date))]
# as Hong Kong is listed as country China, take out Hong Kong and set as country
cases[province=="Hong Kong",country:="Hong Kong"]
# sum over provinces for China
chinadat <- cases[country=="China"]</pre>
chinadat <- chinadat[,.(number=sum(number)),.(date,days,action,country)]</pre>
cut <- cases[!country=="China"]</pre>
cases <- rbind(cut,chinadat,fill=T)</pre>
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# remove cruise ships
cases <- cases[!(country%in%c("Diamond Princess","MS Zaandam"))]</pre>
# remove * in Taiwan*
cases[country=="Taiwan*",country:="Taiwan"]
# some countries have outside provinces, mainland is identified by empty province
counts <- c("France", "United Kingdom", "Denmark", "Netherlands", "Canada")</pre>
for (counti in counts)
  changecases <- cases[country==counti& province==""]</pre>
  cases <- cases[country!=counti]</pre>
  cases <- rbind(cases, changecases)</pre>
# add population from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_population
pop <- fread("pop.csv")</pre>
#unique(cases$country)[!(unique(cases$country) %in% pop$country)]
cases <- merge(cases,pop,by="country",all.x=T)</pre>
# check how many countries and population
# contsum <- cases[,.(pop=unique(population)),country]</pre>
# nrow(contsum)
# sum(contsum$pop,na.rm=T)
Newest date
max(cases$date)
```

[1] "20-04-14"

Selected countries

```
# number of countries to be plotted
nplot <- 20
# countries that shall definetly be selected
countadd <- c("Germany", "Switzerland", "Hong Kong", "Singapore", "Sweden")</pre>
# set actioni to confirmed or death
actioni <- "confirmed"
# table with most cases for given action
countover <- cases[action==actioni,.(maxnumber=max(number)),country]</pre>
countmost <- countover[order(-maxnumber), country]</pre>
# remove chosen countries
countmost <- countmost[!(countmost %in% countadd)]</pre>
countsel <- c(countadd,countmost[1:(nplot-length(countadd))])</pre>
#countsel
countsel <- sort(countsel)</pre>
```

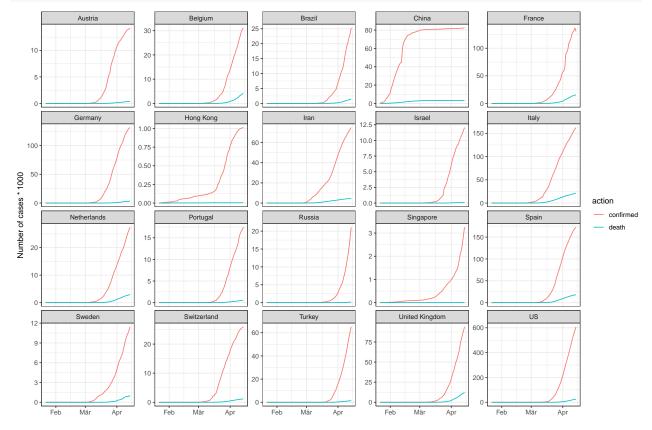
The following countries were set to be included: Germany, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sweden. Additionally, 15 countries with the highest number of confirmed cases were added.

Actual numbers

The number of confirmed and death cases for each day.

Hong Kong and Singapore both show two phases of linear growth. South Korea first had an exponential growth and then turned into linear growth.

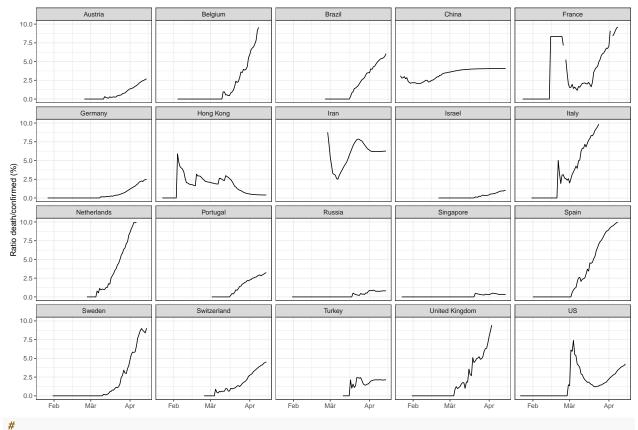
```
# # cases per country, both confirmed and death
ggplot(cases[country%in%countsel],aes(date,number/1000,colour=action))+
facet_wrap(vars(country),scales="free_y")+
labs(x="",y="Number of cases * 1000")+
geom_line()+
theme_bw()
```



Ratio of death to infected

Simply the ratio of reported deaths divided by number of confirmed cases for each day. Interesting to see that this ratio increases i most countries. A particularly sharp increase can be observed for countries that start to struggle: Italy, Spain, and Belgium. However, this calculation is probably too simple, as it does not take account of recovered cases.

Note, that in Italy last points are not in plot anymore.



New cases

Simply the daily increase of confirmed cases.

```
cases[,newcases:=number-shift(number),country]
cases[,relnewcases:=number/shift(number),country]
# remove ones
cases <- cases[relnewcases!=1]</pre>
```

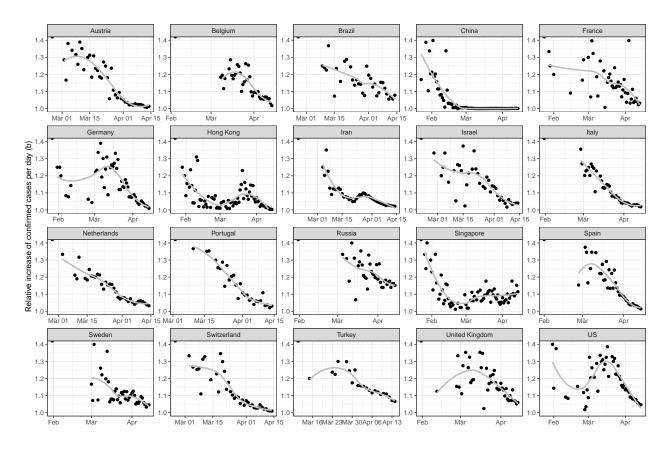
Relative increase per day

A relative increase of e.g. b=1.2 indicates that the number of confirmed cases increases by 20% in one day, e.g. from 1000 to 1200. This number (b) can be related to the number of days needed for doubling the number of confirmed cases by $b^x = 2$, with x as the number of days. The following shows the relation of b to x. The sometimes mentioned aim of a doubling time of ten days thus corresponds to $b \approx 1.07$.

b	NumberOfDays
1.05	14.21
1.10	7.27
1.15	4.96
1.20	3.80
1.25	3.11
1.30	2.64
1.35	2.31
1.40	2.06

While the relative increase was at around $b \approx 1.3$ to $b \approx 1.4$ (meaning a doubling of confirmed cases every 2 to 2.6 days), this rate has dropped to around $b \approx 1.1$ in most countries. This might be most probably due to the imposed measures.

```
ggplot(cases[country%in%countsel&action=="confirmed"],aes(date,relnewcases))+
  facet_wrap(vars(country),scales = "free")+
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth(col="grey",se=F)+
  #geom_smooth(col="grey",se=F,method="lm",formula = y ~ x + I(x^2))+
  #scale_y_continuous(expand = expand_scale(mult = c(0.0001, .2))) +
  labs(x="",y="Relative increase of confirmed cases per day (b)")+
  lims(y=c(1,1.4))+
  theme_bw()
```



Absolute increase

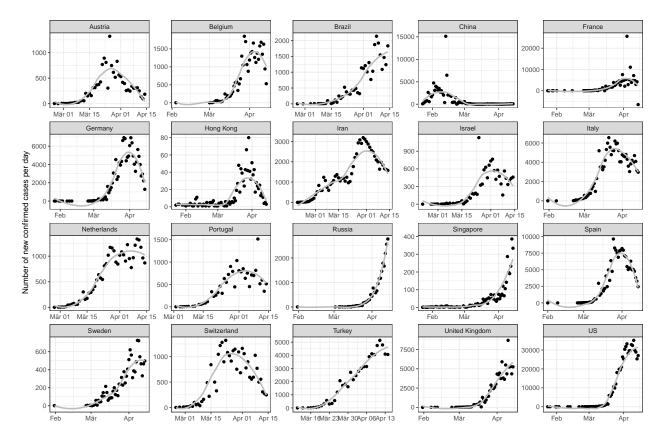
Absolute numbers

For the capacity of the health systems, it is more important to look at the absolute numbers of new confirmed cases. The aim should be to get a constant number of new cases at a niveau which can be handled by the health system.

Austria and Switzerland have managed to drop the increase to a constant level. In many other countries (also Germany) the daily increases are still increasing.

In South Korea it can be nicely see how the exponential growth was lowered to a linear growth. This could/should be the aim...

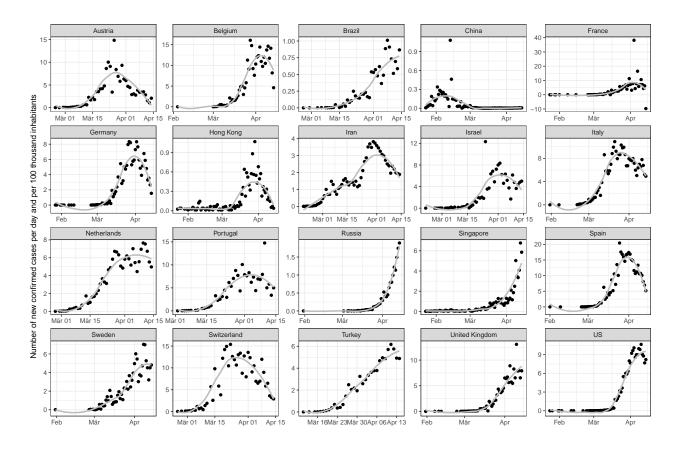
```
ggplot(cases[country%in%countsel&action=="confirmed"],aes(date,newcases))+
  facet_wrap(vars(country),scales = "free")+
  #geom_hline(aes(yintercept=newvent))+
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth(col="grey",se=F)+
  labs(x="",y="Number of new confirmed cases per day") +
  #lims(y=c(1,1.5))+
  theme_bw()
```



As number per 100 thousand inhabitants

Relating the absolute number of new cases to the total population per country. All in similar range, but still different. Not sure about the interpretation.

```
cases[,newcases_pop:=newcases/population]
ggplot(cases[country%in%countsel&action=="confirmed"],aes(date,newcases_pop*100000))+
    facet_wrap(vars(country),scales = "free")+
    #geom_hline(aes(yintercept=newvent))+
    geom_point()+
    geom_smooth(col="grey",se=F)+
    #scale_y_continuous(expand = expand_scale(mult = c(0.0001, .2))) +
    labs(x="",y="Number of new confirmed cases per day and per 100 thousand inhabitants") +
    #lims(y=c(1,1.5))+
    theme_bw()
```



Fit exponential function

An exponential function $(y = a * b^x)$ is fit using only the data from when there were more than 50 confirmed cases per country. While the exponential used to fit very well up to around 1 or 2 weeks ago, they don't fit that well anymore (fortunately!). But in some countries (US), the exponential function still fits very well.

It would be nice now to fit some kind of logistic growth function to determine if and when there was a turning point.

```
# set actioni to confirmed or death
actioni <- "confirmed"
# and start case number
startnumber <- 50

# for each country add days since first case
#cases<-cases[number>100]
cases[,firstday:=min(days[action==actioni&number>startnumber]),country]
cases[,dayfirst:=days-firstday]

par(mfrow=c(4,4))
coltab<-data.frame()
countri <- countsel[1] #"United Kingdom"

i=0
plotcollect<-list()
countsel <- sort(countsel)</pre>
```

```
for(countri in countsel){
  countsub <- cases[country==countri&action==actioni&dayfirst>0]
# exp-models
# e0: e^(bx), start b=1
# e1: e^{(a+bx)}, start a=0 and b=1, b around 0.3, best fit
# e2: a*e^(bx), start a=1 and b=1, equi to e1
# e3: a+e^(bx), start a=0 and b=1, but doesn't fit so well
    SS<-qetInitial(number~SSexp(dayfirst,b,y0),
#
                    data=countsub)
  b <- SS["b"]
#
  y0 <- SS["y0"]
# model <- nls(number ~ y0*10^(b*dayfirst),</pre>
             data = countsub,
#
             start = list(y0=y0,b=b))
# ^x models
# 0: b^x, start b=2
# 1: b^(a+x), start a=1,b=2, fits also goot, b around 1.4, b is exp() of b in e1
# 2: a*b^x, start a=1,b=2, same b estimated as in 1
# 3: a+b^x, start a=0, b=1, b around 1.5
model <- nls(number ~ a*b^(dayfirst),</pre>
             data = countsub,
             start = list(a=startnumber,b=1.2))
             #start = list(a=NO start,b=exp(R start)))
# ### collect coefficients and model stats
coltab[countri,"a"] <- coefficients(model)[1]</pre>
coltab[countri,"b"] <- coefficients(model)[2]</pre>
# residual standard error
coltab[countri,"RSE"] <- summary(model)$sigma</pre>
coltab[countri,"maxnumber"] <- max(countsub$number)</pre>
\#coltab[countri, "number10"] \leftarrow countsub[dayfirst==10, number]
coltab[countri,"days800"] <- countsub[number>800,min(dayfirst)]
coltab[countri,"days1600"] <- countsub[number>1600,min(dayfirst)]
# add predicted to countsub
countsub[,predicted:=predict(model,data=list(dayfirst=countsub$dayfirst))]
#### plot
i=i+1
plotcollect[[i]]<-
  ggplot(countsub,aes(dayfirst,number/1000))+
  geom_point()+
  geom_line(aes(y=predicted/1000),col="red")+
  labs(title=countri,x=paste("Days since number>",startnumber),
       y="Cases *1000")+
  theme_bw()
```

```
# observed
# plot(number~dayfirst,countsub,main=countri,
          xlab=paste("Days since number>",startnumber))#,xlim=c(0,15),ylim=c(0,2000))
# # predicted as line
# lines(countsub$dayfirst,predict(model,data=list(dayfirst=countsub$dayfirst)),col="red")
}
#arrangeGrob(grobs = plotcollect, ncol = 4)
ggarrange(plotlist=plotcollect,ncol=5,nrow=4)
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#coltab$ratio <- coltab$RSE/coltab$maxnumber
# calculate double time from number of days to increase from 100 to 800, resp. 1600
coltab$doubtime800 <- coltab$days800^(1/3)</pre>
coltab$doubtime1600 <- coltab$days1600^(1/4)</pre>
coltab$doubtime_b <- log(2)/log(coltab$b)</pre>
coltab$days800to1600<-coltab$days1600-coltab$days800
#coltab
# coltab$country<-rownames(coltab)</pre>
# setDT(coltab)
# coltab[order(b)]
# par(mfrow=c(1,1))
# hist(coltab$b)
# plot(density(coltab$b))
```

Percentage of population

Number of confirmed cases (most recent day) divided by the total population.

ratab <- cases[action=="confirmed",.(RatioPercent=max(number)/max(population)*100),.(country)]
kable(head(ratab[order(-RatioPercent)],50),digits=3)</pre>

country	RatioPercent
San Marino	1.105
Holy See	1.001
Andorra	0.850
Luxembourg	0.539
Iceland	0.472
Spain	0.366
Switzerland	0.302
Belgium	0.270
Italy	0.270
Monaco	0.243
Ireland	0.233
France	0.204
Liechtenstein	0.204
US	0.184
Portugal	0.170
Austria	0.160
Germany	0.158
Netherlands	0.157
United Kingdom	0.141
Israel	0.131
Qatar	0.125
Norway	0.123
Denmark	0.112
Sweden	0.111
Estonia	0.103
Bahrain	0.099
Iran	0.090
Panama	0.082
Malta	0.080
Cyprus	0.079
Turkey	0.078
Moldova	0.072
Serbia	0.064
Slovenia	0.058
Finland	0.057
Czechia	0.057
Singapore	0.057
United Arab Emirates	0.050
Montenegro	0.045
North Macedonia	0.044
Ecuador	0.044
Croatia	0.042
Chile	0.041
Lithuania	0.038
Armenia	0.036
Romania	0.035

country	RatioPercent
Belarus	0.035
Latvia	0.034
Djibouti	0.034
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.033