

FIZ425E - QUIZ 5

(SIR MODEL)

Think of a population living in an environment with an epidemic disease. A simple model (The SIR Model) can be given as the following:

S: Susceptible (healthy but tends to get the disease)

I: Infected (got the disease, can contaminate S's)

R: Recovered (healthy and cannot be infected again)

At time t we have,

$$S_{t+1} = S_t - a * I_t * S_t$$

$$I_{t+1} = I_t + a * I_t * S_t - b * I_t$$

$$R_{t+1} = R_t + b * I_t$$

where,

a: Contact rate (the probability of getting the disease in a contact between a susceptible and an infectious subject)

b: The rate of recovery

Start at $t=0$, where $S=0.99$ (99%), $I=0.01$ (1%), $R=0.00$ (0%).

Use $a=0.7$ and $b=0.2$,

and simulate 50 days. (Take the time increment as 1 day.)

Check $S_t + I_t + R_t = 1$ after each step.

Show (S-t), (I-t), (R-t) graphs all in the same plot.