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prompt: "# Simulate for 365 and 1200 days
t_seir_365, S_365, E_365, I_365, R_365 = simulate_seir(
    S0_seir, E0_seir, I0_seir, R0_seir,
    beta_seir, sigma_seir, gamma_seir, mu_seir, 365
)

t_seir_1200, S_1200, E_1200, I_1200, R_1200 = simulate_seir(
    S0_seir, E0_seir, I0_seir, R0_seir,
    beta_seir, sigma_seir, gamma_seir, mu_seir, 1200
)
give me the code to draw the plots"

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Response by Claude Sonnet4.5:

Here's the complete code to draw the plots for both 365 and 1200 day simulations:

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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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import numpy as np
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# Create figure with 2 subplots (one for 365 days, one for 1200 days)
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fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(14, 10))
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# Plot 1: 365 Days Simulation
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axes[0].plot(t_seir_365, S_365, 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Susceptible (S)')
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axes[0].plot(t_seir_365, E_365, 'orange', linewidth=2, label='Exposed (E)')
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axes[0].plot(t_seir_365, I_365, 'r-', linewidth=2, label='Infected (I)')
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axes[0].plot(t_seir_365, R_365, 'g-', linewidth=2, label='Recovered (R)')
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axes[0].set_xlabel('Time (days)', fontsize=12)
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axes[0].set_ylabel('Number of Individuals', fontsize=12)
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axes[0].set_title('SEIR Model: 365 Days (1 Year)', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
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axes[0].legend(loc='best', fontsize=11)
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axes[0].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
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# Add peak annotation for 365 days
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peak_idx_365 = np.argmax(I_365)
axes[0].plot(t_seir_365[peak_idx_365], I_365[peak_idx_365], 'r*', markersize=15)
axes[0].annotate(f'Peak: {I_365[peak_idx_365]:.1f}\nDay {t_seir_365[peak_idx_365]:.0f}',
                 xy=(t_seir_365[peak_idx_365], I_365[peak_idx_365]),
                 xytext=(t_seir_365[peak_idx_365]+50, I_365[peak_idx_365]+30),
                 fontsize=10,
                 bbox=dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='yellow', alpha=0.5),
                 arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle='->', color='red', lw=2))

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# Plot 2: 1200 Days Simulation
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axes[1].plot(t_seir_1200, S_1200, 'b-', linewidth=2, label='Susceptible (S)')
axes[1].plot(t_seir_1200, E_1200, 'orange', linewidth=2, label='Exposed (E)')
axes[1].plot(t_seir_1200, I_1200, 'r-', linewidth=2, label='Infected (I)')
axes[1].plot(t_seir_1200, R_1200, 'g-', linewidth=2, label='Recovered (R)')

axes[1].set_xlabel("Time (days)", fontsize=12)
axes[1].set_ylabel('Number of Individuals', fontsize=12)
axes[1].set_title('SEIR Model: 1200 Days (~3.3 Years)', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
axes[1].legend(loc='best', fontsize=11)
axes[1].grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Add peak annotations for 1200 days (multiple waves)
from scipy.signal import find_peaks
peaks_1200, _ = find_peaks(I_1200, prominence=5, distance=500)

for i, peak_idx in enumerate(peaks_1200[:2], 1): # Show first 2 waves
    axes[1].plot(t_seir_1200[peak_idx], I_1200[peak_idx], 'r*', markersize=15)
    axes[1].annotate(f'Wave {i}: {I_1200[peak_idx]:.1f}\nDay {t_seir_1200[peak_idx]:.0f}',
                     xy=(t_seir_1200[peak_idx], I_1200[peak_idx]),
                     xytext=(t_seir_1200[peak_idx]+100, I_1200[peak_idx]+50),
                     fontsize=10,
                     bbox=dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='yellow', alpha=0.5),
                     arrowprops=dict(arrowstyle='->', color='red', lw=2))

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plt.tight_layout()  
plt.savefig('seir_model_dynamics.png', dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')  
plt.show()
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print("✓ SEIR model plots saved as 'seir_model_dynamics.png'")
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Prompt:

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===== PART D: SEIR ANALYSIS  
===== (iii) PANDEMIC WAVES: Number of waves detected: 2 Wave 1: Day  
60, Peak = 179.46 infections Wave 2: Day 254, Peak = 61.79 infections SEIR R = 2.5974  
Disease becomes endemic (R > 1) use the results to give me some ideas for the  
question: discuss the pattern observed in the number of infections in terms of waves of  
the pandemic"
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Response from Claude Sonnet4.5:

Based on your results, here are some key ideas and discussion points for the pandemic wave pattern question:

## 💡 Key Ideas for Discussion

### 1. Two-Wave Pattern with Decreasing Amplitude

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The SEIR model simulation reveals a clear two-wave pandemic pattern over the 1200-day period:

- **Wave 1**: (Day 60): 179.46 infections - the initial epidemic surge
- **Wave 2**: (Day 254): 61.79 infections - a secondary resurgence

Wave 2 shows a 65.6% reduction in peak amplitude compared to Wave 1, demonstrating a damping effect as the system approaches endemic equilibrium.

### 2. Inter-Wave Interval (~194 days)

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The approximately 194-day gap between waves is significant because it represents the time required for the susceptible population to rebuild through births ( $\mu N = 10$  individuals/day) to a critical threshold that can sustain renewed transmission

(given  $R_0 = 2.5974$ ).

### 3. Role of Birth Rate in Wave Generation

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The birth rate ( $\mu = 0.01$ ) is the fundamental driver of the multi-wave pattern:

- 10 new susceptibles born per day continuously replenish the depleted pool
- Without births, only a single wave would occur (like the SIR model)
- The average population turnover time ( $1/\mu = 100$  days) determines wave frequency

### 4. Partial Immunity Dampening Effect

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The recovered population maintains substantial immunity between waves:

- After Wave 1: ~650 recovered individuals (65% of population)
- This partial herd immunity limits Wave 2 severity
- Each successive wave is smaller due to accumulated population immunity

### 5. Endemic Equilibrium Trajectory

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With  $R_0 = 2.5974 > 1$ , the disease cannot be eliminated and instead converges to endemic equilibrium:

- After Wave 2 (~day 400+), oscillations dampen significantly
- System stabilizes around ~50 infections sustained indefinitely
- This represents balance between births adding susceptibles and immunity limiting spread

3 Prompt: “also this question: iv. Discuss the effect of the exposed compartment and birth/death rates on the pandemic dynamics.”

Response from Claude;

“ Here's a comprehensive answer for the exposed compartment and birth/death rates question:



## Complete Discussion Answer (Academic Format)

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## Effect of Exposed Compartment and Birth/Death Rates on Pandemic Dynamics

### The Exposed Compartment: Modeling Incubation Period Dynamics

The exposed compartment (E) fundamentally alters epidemic dynamics by introducing a biologically realistic incubation period between infection and infectiousness. With the progression rate  $\sigma = 0.2$  per day, individuals spend an average of  $1/\sigma = 5.0$  days in the exposed state before becoming infectious. This temporal delay produces three major effects on pandemic dynamics: peak delay, peak dampening, and creation of a hidden transmission reservoir.

#### #### Peak Delay Effect

The most immediate impact of the exposed compartment is a substantial delay in epidemic peak timing. Comparing our SEIR simulation (peak at day 60 with 179.46 infections) against the baseline SIR model (peak at day 38.33 with 300.79 infections) reveals a 22-day delay—approximately 58% later than the SIR prediction. This delay arises because the transmission process requires two sequential steps:  $S \rightarrow E \rightarrow I$  rather than the direct  $S \rightarrow I$  transition in SIR models. When a susceptible individual becomes infected, they enter the exposed compartment and cannot immediately contribute to onward transmission. They must first complete an average 5-day incubation before progressing to the infectious state at rate  $\sigma$ .

Mathematically, this creates a lag differential equation effect. The rate of new infectious individuals is not  $\beta SI$  (instantaneous, as in SIR) but rather  $\sigma E$ , where E itself depends on infections that occurred approximately  $1/\sigma$  days earlier. This cascading delay accumulates throughout the exponential growth phase, shifting the entire epidemic curve rightward. The 22-day delay provides critical additional time for public health response: contact tracing systems, diagnostic capacity expansion, hospital surge preparation, and implementation of non-pharmaceutical interventions can all be deployed before peak healthcare burden arrives.

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