

# Integrated Malaria Intervention Optimization Model

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## Abstract

This document provides a mathematical and computational description of an integrated malaria intervention optimization model that couples disease dynamics (SIR-type ODEs), behavioral response (belief and effort dynamics), and optimization for constrained resource allocation. The model is implemented in R. I present the equations, parameterization, optimization formulations, solver details, and include the full R implementation in the Appendix.

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# 1 Introduction

Malaria remains a leading cause of morbidity in many settings. Control strategies (LLINs, IRS, ACT, IPT, vaccines, campaigns) interact with population behavior. The model presented here integrates:

- A compartmental disease model (S, I, R) with a mechanistic force-of-infection driven by mosquito density and biting rates.
- Behavioral dynamics tracking belief ( $B(t)$ ) and prevention effort ( $E(t)$ ) that feed back into transmission.
- Intervention effect modules that modify epidemiological parameters and behavioral drivers depending on coverage.
- An optimization module using an **Integer Linear Program (ILP)** to find the globally optimal selection of interventions under budget constraints. The former greedy heuristics are retained for comparison purposes.

This document describes the final model in detail and provides runnable R code in the appendix.

## 2 Mathematical Model

### 2.1 State variables and notation

For each (representative) district we model continuous-time dynamics over  $t \in [0, T]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) &= \text{Susceptible proportion}, \\ I(t) &= \text{Infected proportion}, \\ R(t) &= \text{Recovered (temporarily immune) proportion}, \\ B(t) &= \text{Belief about malaria risk } \in [0, 1], \\ E(t) &= \text{Prevention effort } \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Population constraint (human-only compartments):

$$S(t) + I(t) + R(t) = 1 \quad (\text{per-district proportion}).$$

Model parameters use the notation consistent with the R implementation (subscripts “u” denote baseline untreated values).

### 2.2 Force of infection

The force of infection  $\lambda(t)$  implemented in the code is:

$$\lambda(t) = \frac{m a^2 b c e^{-\mu \tau} I(t)}{\mu + a c I(t)} \cdot (1 - E(t)), \quad (1)$$

where

- $m$  = mosquitoes per human (region-dependent),
- $a$  = biting rate (bites per mosquito per day),
- $b$  = mosquito-to-human transmission probability,

- $c$  = human-to-mosquito transmission probability,
- $\mu$  = mosquito mortality (per day),
- $\tau$  = extrinsic incubation period (days),
- $E(t)$  = prevention effort (reduces transmission multiplicatively).

The  $a^2$  reflects the two-step transmission (infected human  $\rightarrow$  mosquito  $\rightarrow$  susceptible human);  $\exp(-\mu\tau)$  is survival through incubation; denominator accounts for mosquito saturation.

### 2.3 Disease ODEs

The coupled disease–behavior ODEs used in simulation:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\lambda(t) S + \rho R, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \lambda(t) S - \gamma I - \delta I, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I - \rho R, \quad (4)$$

with  $\gamma$  = recovery rate,  $\delta$  = disease mortality (small baseline),  $\rho$  = loss of immunity (return to susceptible).

### 2.4 Behavioral dynamics

Belief evolves via social learning, own-experience, and campaign effects, with decay:

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \alpha_S(1 - I)I(1 - B) + \alpha_OI(1 - B) + \alpha_C(1 + \alpha_{C,boost})C(t)(1 - B) - \delta_B B, \quad (5)$$

where  $C(t)$  is campaign intensity (0–1) and  $\alpha_{C,boost}$  scales campaign efficacy (depends on coverage in implementation).

Prevention effort is a deterministic function of belief and infection prevalence:

$$E(t) = \min \left( 1, \max \left( 0, \theta_B B(t) + \theta_I I(t) + \theta_{int} - \theta_C c_{effort} \right) \right), \quad (6)$$

where  $\theta_{int}$  is an intervention-induced effort boost (depends on intervention coverage).

### 2.5 Intervention effects (coverage scaling)

Each intervention  $j$  modifies baseline parameters (examples):

- **LLIN:** reduces biting  $a$  and mosquito density  $m$ ; adds behavioral boost  $\theta_{int}$ .
- **IRS:** reduces  $m$ ; adds behavioral boost.
- **IPT:** reduces  $b$  (susceptibility).
- **ACT:** increases  $\gamma$  (faster recovery).
- **Vaccine:** reduces  $b$ , increases  $\gamma$ .
- **Campaign:** increases  $\alpha_C$  (learning) and directly increases  $\theta_{int}$  and  $C(t)$ .

Coverage  $\kappa \in \{0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8\}$  scales each effect using convex combinations in the code:

$$\theta_{\text{eff}} = (1 - \kappa) \theta_u + \kappa \theta_{\text{treated}}$$

or multiplicative reductions as specified in the intervention module in the R implementation.

### 3 Outcome metrics and cost-effectiveness

#### 3.1 Person-days of infection

For a simulation horizon  $[0, T]$  with population  $N$  (per-district):

$$\text{PD} = N \int_0^T I(t) dt \quad (\text{computed numerically}).$$

In code we sum daily  $I(t)$  values and multiply by  $N$  to get person-days.

#### 3.2 Avoided person-days

Given baseline PD (no intervention) and PD under intervention  $j, \kappa$ :

$$\text{APD}_{j,\kappa} = \text{PD}_{\text{baseline}} - \text{PD}_{j,\kappa}.$$

#### 3.3 Cost function

Total cost per district for intervention  $j$  at coverage  $\kappa$ :

$$C_{j,\kappa,r} = c_j \cdot \kappa \cdot N \cdot \phi_r \cdot \text{SIM\_YEARS},$$

where  $c_j$  is per-person cost and  $\phi_r$  is regional distribution multiplier (low/medium/high).

#### 3.4 Cost-effectiveness ratio (CER)

$$\text{CER}_{j,\kappa,r} = \frac{\text{APD}_{j,\kappa,r}}{C_{j,\kappa,r}}.$$

Higher CER  $\Rightarrow$  more health impact per dollar.

## 4 Optimization formulations

#### 4.1 Integer Linear Program (ILP) Implemented

The primary optimization method is an exact **Integer Linear Program (ILP)**, solved using the `lpSolve` R package, which implements the exact formulation of the 0/1 Knapsack problem. This method guarantees finding the true, global optimum (maximum Avoided Person-Days).

Let decision variables  $x_{r,j,\kappa} \in \{0, 1\}$  indicate selecting intervention  $j$  at coverage  $\kappa$  in region  $r$ .

$$\max_x \quad \sum_r \sum_j \sum_\kappa \text{APD}_{r,j,\kappa} x_{r,j,\kappa}$$

subject to

$$\sum_r \sum_j \sum_\kappa C_{r,j,\kappa} x_{r,j,\kappa} \leq B.$$

**Key optimization finding:** The final ILP solution selected **52 actions** across 9 districts, indicating that multiple interventions can be optimally deployed in the same district (e.g., LLIN + Campaign combinations).

## 4.2 Greedy Heuristics (Retained for Comparison)

The greedy heuristics are no longer the primary solution but are retained for diagnostics and demonstration of the sub-optimality of approximate methods.

1. **CE-focused greedy:** Ranks all available actions by their Cost-Effectiveness Ratio ( $APD/C$ ) and sequentially selects the highest-ranking actions while enforcing **one action per region** until the budget is exhausted. This method provides a fast approximation.
2. **Total-benefit (retired):** The original total-benefit greedy approach was shown to be brittle and has been replaced by the superior ILP.

## 5 Numerical implementation: solver details

### 5.1 ODE solver

The ODE system (Eqs. (2)–(5)) is solved using `lsoda` (via `deSolve::ode`) with daily time-steps by default. Typical solver settings in the R code:

- `method = "lsoda"`
- `rtol = 1e-5, atol = 1e-5`
- daily steps: `times = seq(0, 365, by = 1)`

The code includes robust try-catch fallback for solver failures (returns baseline metrics when the solver fails).

### 5.2 Parameter values

Key baseline parameter values used (see also Appendix A for full R table):

Table 1: Selected baseline parameter values (per model code)

Parameter	Symbol	Baseline value
Biting rate	$a_u$	0.25 (bites/mosquito/day)
Transmission (mosquito → human)	$b_u$	0.022
Transmission (human → mosquito)	$c$	0.36
Mosquito mortality	$\mu$	0.095 day <sup>-1</sup>
Extrinsic incubation	$\tau$	10 days
Recovery untreated	$\gamma_u$	1/180 day <sup>-1</sup>
Immunity waning	$\rho_u$	1/274 day <sup>-1</sup>
Mosquito density (dry/moderate/wet)	$m$	5 / 20 / 35 mosquitoes/person
Population per district	$N$	10,000 persons
Simulation years	SIM_YEARS	5 years

Behavioral parameters (baseline):

$$\alpha_S = 0.02, \alpha_O = 0.01, \alpha_C = 0.03, \delta_B = 0.005, \theta_B = 0.6, \theta_I = 0.4, \theta_C = 0.3, c_{effort} = 0.5.$$

Intervention unit costs (USD/person/year) used:

$$\{\text{LLIN} = 1.33, \text{IRS} = 2.22, \text{IPT} = 1.13, \text{ACT} = 4.82, \text{vaccine} = 20.66, \text{campaign} = 1.50\}.$$

### 5.3 Simulation workflow

The main pipeline:

1. Generate action space (single interventions at multiple coverages + selected combos).
2. For each region and action, run `simulate_year()` producing final state and person-days.
3. Compute baseline PD per region (no intervention).
4. Compute avoided PD and cost for each region-action.
5. **Apply the ILP solver** to find the globally optimal allocation, and run the greedy methods for comparison.
6. Produce diagnostic tables and plots.

## 6 Results and diagnostics

### 6.1 Key Optimization Results

With a 5-year budget of \$2.3 million, the model produced the following comparative results:

Table 2: Optimization method comparison (5-year horizon)

Method	Actions	Total Cost	Avoided PD (5Y)	Budget Used	PD/\$1k
ILP (True Optimum)	52	\$2,299,300	190,639,524	100.0%	82,912
CE-Focused (Greedy)	9	\$319,200	31,954,877	13.9%	100,109

#### Key findings from the optimization:

- **ILP superiority:** The Integer Linear Program yields **496.6% more impact** than the greedy CE-focused approach.
- **Campaign effectiveness:** Campaigns appear in 25% of optimal interventions, contributing 26% of total impact.
- **Budget efficiency:** The ILP solution spends nearly the entire budget (\$2.3M of \$2.3M) for maximal impact.
- **Marginal returns:** While the greedy approach has higher CE ratio (100,109 vs 82,912 PD/\$1k), the ILP achieves **5× more total avoided person-days**.
- **Combination strategies:** The optimal solution includes intervention combinations (e.g., LLIN + Campaign) in the same districts.

### 6.2 Campaign Impact Analysis

The behavioral component shows significant impact:

- Campaign interventions contribute **49,508,795 avoided person-days** (26% of total impact).
- Campaigns cost \$652,700 (28.4% of total budget).
- Campaign cost-effectiveness: **75,852 PD/\$1,000**.
- Top campaign interventions target **wet regions with low distribution costs**.

### 6.3 Climate-Specific Insights

Consistent with Dudley et al. (2016) but with behavioral enhancements:

- **Dry regions:** Primarily benefit from ACT-based interventions.
- **Wet regions:** Require campaigns + high coverage combinations (LLIN\_campaign, ACT\_campaign).
- **Distribution costs:** Medium/high costs reduce CE ratios by 20-25%.

## 7 Discussion

### 7.1 Strengths

- **Behavioral integration:** Combines mechanistic transmission with realistic behavioral feedback.
- **Optimality guarantee:** ILP provides globally optimal allocation for given inputs.
- **Flexible intervention design:** Supports combinations, coverage scaling, and campaign interactions.
- **Computational efficiency:** 333 simulations complete in 1 minute for 5-year horizon.
- **Policy relevance:** Explicitly models campaign effects and distribution costs.

### 7.2 Limitations

- **Aggregated districts:** Non-spatial model lacks within-district heterogeneity.
- **Deterministic dynamics:** No stochastic elements in transmission.
- **Parameter uncertainty:** No Bayesian calibration or sensitivity analysis.
- **Scale differences:** Smaller population (10,000 vs Dudley's larger scale).

### 7.3 Comparison with Dudley et al. (2016)

This model extends Dudley's work in several key areas:

Table 3: Model comparison with Dudley et al. (2016)

Aspect	Dudley et al. (2016)	This Model
Core dynamics	SIR (6 compartments)	<b>SIR + Belief + Effort</b>
Behavioral component	None	<b>Explicit belief and effort dynamics</b>
Campaign interventions	Not included	<b>Explicit campaign modeling</b>
Optimization	Single ILP	<b>ILP + Greedy comparison</b>
Coverage options	20%, 40%, 60%, 80%	<b>20%, 40%, 60%, 80%</b>
Combination strategies	Fixed combinations	<b>Dynamic combinations (LLIN_campaign, etc.)</b>
Results interpretation	Climate-driven only	<b>Climate + behavior + optimization trade-offs</b>

## 7.4 Policy Implications

- **Campaigns matter:** Information campaigns provide 26% of impact and should be included in intervention portfolios.
- **Mathematical optimization is crucial:** ILP yields 5× more impact than simple CE ranking.
- **Wet region strategy:** Require campaigns + high coverage combinations.
- **Budget allocation:** Near-full budget utilization maximizes health impact despite slightly lower CE ratios.

## 7.5 Planned extensions

- Multi-year dynamic budget allocation with sequencing.
- Spatial coupling across districts and travel-driven transmission.
- Parameter estimation using surveillance data (Bayesian calibration).
- Inclusion of multiple objective criteria (DALYs, equity, resistance).
- Vaccine sensitivity analysis (extending Dudley's vaccine cost analysis).

## A Appendix A: Full R Implementation (Final model)

```
1 # =====
2 # COMPLETE MALARIA INTERVENTION OPTIMIZATION MODEL - FINAL VERSION
3 # =====
4
5 # Load required libraries
6 library(deSolve)
7 library(ggplot2)
8 library(dplyr)
9 library(tidyr)
10 library(lpSolve)
11
12 # =====
13 # Helper: null-coalescing
14 # =====
15 '%||%' <- function(a, b) if (!is.null(a)) a else b
16
17 # =====
18 # 1. PARAMETER DEFINITION (Updated based on results)
19 # =====
20
21 params_epidemiology <- list(
22   a_u = 0.25, b_u = 0.022, c = 0.36, delta = 4.7895e-5,
23   gamma_u = 1/180, m_u_dry = 5, m_u_mod = 20, m_u_wet = 35,
24   mu = 0.095, omega = 274, tau = 10, rho_u = 1/274, N = 10000 # Fixed: 10,000
25 )
26
27 params_behavior <- list(
28   alpha_S = 0.02, alpha_0 = 0.01, alpha_C = 0.03, delta_B = 0.005,
29   theta_B = 0.6, theta_I = 0.4, theta_C = 0.3, c_effort = 0.5
30 )
31
32 params_interventions <- list(
33   cost = c(none = 0, LLIN = 1.33, IRS = 2.22, IPT = 1.13,
34             ACT = 4.82, vaccine = 20.66, campaign = 1.50), # Fixed: 1.50
35   effects = list(
36     LLIN = list(a_reduction = 0.80, m_reduction = 0.64, theta_i = 0.2),
37     IRS = list(m_reduction = 0.95, theta_i = 0.15),
38     IPT = list(b_reduction = 0.786, theta_i = 0.1),
```

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39     ACT = list(gamma_multiplier = 18, theta_i = 0.15),
40     vaccine = list(b_reduction = 0.773, gamma_multiplier = 3.27, theta_i = 0.1),
41     campaign = list(alpha_C_boost = 0.4, theta_i_boost = 0.3, compliance_boost = 0.25)
42   ),
43   coverage_levels = c(0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8)
44 )
45
46 regions <- expand.grid(
47   climate = c("dry", "moderate", "wet"),
48   dist_cost = c("low", "medium", "high"),
49   stringsAsFactors = FALSE
50 )
51
52 initial_conditions <- list(
53   dry = c(S = 0.60, I = 0.15, R = 0.25, B = 0.3, E = 0.2),
54   moderate = c(S = 0.15, I = 0.15, R = 0.70, B = 0.5, E = 0.3),
55   wet = c(S = 0.10, I = 0.15, R = 0.75, B = 0.4, E = 0.25)
56 )
57
58 SIM_YEARS <- 5
59 SIM_DAYS <- 365
60
61 # =====
62 # 2. CORE DYNAMICS FUNCTIONS
63 # =====
64
65 calculate_force_of_infection <- function(m, a, b, I_total, E, params) {
66   numerator <- m * a^2 * b * params$c * exp(-params$mu * params$tau) * I_total
67   denominator <- params$mu + a * params$c * I_total
68   lambda <- numerator / denominator
69   return(lambda * (1 - min(E, 1)))
70 }
71
72 combined_odes <- function(t, state, params) {
73   S <- state["S"]; I <- state["I"]; R <- state["R"]; B <- state["B"]
74
75   m <- params$m; a <- params$a; b <- params$b; c <- params$c
76   gamma <- params$gamma; delta <- params$delta; rho <- params$rho
77   mu <- params$mu; tau <- params$tau
78   alpha_S <- params$alpha_S; alpha_O <- params$alpha_O
79   alpha_C <- params$alpha_C; delta_B <- params$delta_B
80   theta_B <- params$theta_B; theta_I <- params$theta_I
81   theta_C <- params$theta_C; c_effort <- params$c_effort
82   theta_i_boost <- params$theta_i_boost %||% 0
83   C_intensity <- params$C_intensity %||% 0
84   alpha_C_boost <- params$alpha_C_boost %||% 0
85
86   theta_total <- theta_B * B + theta_I * I + theta_i_boost
87   E <- min(1, max(0, theta_total - theta_C * c_effort))
88
89   lambda <- calculate_force_of_infection(m, a, b, I, E, params)
90
91   dS <- -lambda * S + rho * R
92   dI <- lambda * S - gamma * I - delta * I
93   dR <- gamma * I - rho * R
94
95   dB <- alpha_S * (1 - I) * I * (1 - B) +
96     alpha_O * I * (1 - B) +
97     alpha_C * (1 + alpha_C_boost) * C_intensity * (1 - B) -
98     delta_B * B
99
100  return(list(c(dS = dS, dI = dI, dR = dR, dB = dB), E = E))
101 }
102
103 get_intervention_effects <- function(intervention_type, coverage, m_u, params_epi) {
104   effects <- list(
105     m = m_u, a = params_epi$a_u, b = params_epi$b_u,
106     gamma = params_epi$gamma_u, rho = params_epi$rho_u,
107     delta = params_epi$delta, mu = params_epi$mu,
108     tau = params_epi$tau, c = params_epi$c,
109     theta_i_boost = 0, alpha_C_boost = 0, C_intensity = 0
110   )
111 }
```

```

112     if (is.null(intervention_type) || intervention_type == "none" || intervention_type ==
113         "") {
114     return(effects)
115   }
116 
117   interventions <- strsplit(intervention_type, "_")[[1]]
118 
119   for (int in interventions) {
120     if (int %in% c("0.2", "0.4", "0.6", "0.8")) next
121 
122     if (int == "LLIN" && int %in% names(params_interventions$effects)) {
123       int_effects <- params_interventions$effects[[int]]
124       effects$a <- effects$a * (1 - int_effects$a_reduction * coverage)
125       effects$m <- effects$m * (1 - int_effects$m_reduction * coverage)
126       effects$theta_i_boost <- effects$theta_i_boost + int_effects$theta_i * coverage
127     }
128 
129     if (int == "IRS" && int %in% names(params_interventions$effects)) {
130       int_effects <- params_interventions$effects[[int]]
131       effects$m <- effects$m * (1 - int_effects$m_reduction * coverage)
132       effects$theta_i_boost <- effects$theta_i_boost + int_effects$theta_i * coverage
133     }
134 
135     if (int == "IPT" && int %in% names(params_interventions$effects)) {
136       int_effects <- params_interventions$effects[[int]]
137       effects$b <- effects$b * (1 - int_effects$b_reduction * coverage)
138       effects$theta_i_boost <- effects$theta_i_boost + int_effects$theta_i * coverage
139     }
140 
141     if (int == "ACT" && int %in% names(params_interventions$effects)) {
142       int_effects <- params_interventions$effects[[int]]
143       current_gamma <- effects$gamma
144       target_gamma <- params_epidemiology$gamma_u * int_effects$gamma_multiplier
145       effects$gamma <- (1 - coverage) * current_gamma + coverage * target_gamma
146       effects$theta_i_boost <- effects$theta_i_boost + int_effects$theta_i * coverage
147     }
148 
149     if (int == "vaccine" && int %in% names(params_interventions$effects)) {
150       int_effects <- params_interventions$effects[[int]]
151       effects$b <- effects$b * (1 - int_effects$b_reduction * coverage)
152       current_gamma <- effects$gamma
153       target_gamma <- params_epidemiology$gamma_u * int_effects$gamma_multiplier
154       effects$gamma <- (1 - coverage) * current_gamma + coverage * target_gamma
155       effects$theta_i_boost <- effects$theta_i_boost + int_effects$theta_i * coverage
156     }
157 
158     if (int == "campaign" && int %in% names(params_interventions$effects)) {
159       int_effects <- params_interventions$effects[[int]]
160       effects$alpha_C_boost <- int_effects$alpha_C_boost * coverage
161       effects$theta_i_boost <- effects$theta_i_boost +
162           int_effects$theta_i_boost * coverage * (1 + int_effects$compliance_boost *
163           coverage)
164       effects$C_intensity <- coverage
165     }
166   }
167 
168   return(effects)
169 }
170 
171 simulate_year <- function(initial_state, intervention_type, coverage,
172                           region_type, days,
173                           params_epidemiology = params_epidemiology,
174                           params_behavior = params_behavior) {
175 
176   m_u <- switch(region_type,
177                 "dry" = params_epidemiology$m_u_dry,
178                 "moderate" = params_epidemiology$m_u_mod,
179                 "wet" = params_epidemiology$m_u_wet,
180                 params_epidemiology$m_u_mod)
181 
182   int_effects <- get_intervention_effects(intervention_type, coverage, m_u, params_epidemiology)
183   combined_params <- c(int_effects, params_behavior)

```

```

183 y0 <- c(S = as.numeric(initial_state["S"]),
184   I = as.numeric(initial_state["I"]),
185   R = as.numeric(initial_state["R"]),
186   B = as.numeric(initial_state["B"]))
187
188 times <- seq(0, days, by = 1)
189
190 tryCatch({
191   solution <- ode(y = y0, times = times, func = combined_odes,
192     parms = combined_params, method = "lsoda")
193
194 final_idx <- nrow(solution)
195 final_state <- solution[final_idx, c("S", "I", "R", "B")]
196
197 I_trajectory <- solution[, "I"]
198 person_days <- sum(I_trajectory[-1] + I_trajectory[-length(I_trajectory)]) / 2 *
199   params.epi$N
200
201 E_vals <- pmin(1, pmax(0,
202   params_behav$theta_B * solution[, "B"] +
203     params_behav$theta_I * solution[, "I"] +
204       combined_params$theta_i_boost -
205         params_behav$theta_C * params_behav$c_effort
206   ))
207
208 return(list(
209   final_state = final_state,
210   person_days = person_days,
211   trajectories = as.data.frame(solution),
212   effort_trajectory = E_vals,
213   success = TRUE,
214   intervention = intervention_type,
215   coverage = coverage,
216   region = region_type
217 ))
218
219 }, error = function(e) {
220   warning(paste("ODE solver failed for", intervention_type, ":", e$message))
221   return(list(
222     final_state = initial_state,
223     person_days = as.numeric(initial_state["I"]) * params.epi$N * days,
224     trajectories = NULL,
225     effort_trajectory = NULL,
226     success = FALSE,
227     intervention = intervention_type,
228     coverage = coverage,
229     region = region_type
230   ))
231 })
232 }
233
234 # =====
235 # 3. OPTIMIZATION FUNCTIONS - COMPLETE
236 # =====
237
238 generate_actions <- function() {
239   interventions <- c("none", "LLIN", "IRS", "IPT", "ACT", "vaccine", "campaign")
240   actions <- list()
241
242   actions[["none_0"]] <- list(type = "none", coverage = 0, cost = 0)
243
244   for (int in setdiff(interventions, "none")) {
245     for (cov in params_interventions$coverage_levels) {
246       actions[[paste0(int, "_", cov)]] <- list(
247         type = int, coverage = cov,
248         cost = params_interventions$cost[int] * cov
249       )
250     }
251   }
252
253   key_combinations <- list(
254     c("LLIN", "ACT"),
255     c("LLIN", "campaign"),

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256     c("ACT", "campaign")
257   )
258
259   for (combo in key_combinations) {
260     combo_name <- paste(combo, collapse = "_")
261     for (cov in params_interventions$coverage_levels) {
262       cost <- sum(sapply(combo, function(x) params_interventions$cost[x] * cov))
263       actions[[paste(combo_name, cov, sep = "_")]] <- list(
264         type = combo_name, coverage = cov, cost = cost
265       )
266     }
267   }
268
269   return(actions)
270 }
271
272 precompute_transitions <- function(regions, initial_conditions, actions,
273                                     params_epidemiology) {
274   transitions <- list()
275   costs <- list()
276
277   baseline_person_days <- list()
278   for (climate in unique(regions$climate)) {
279     cat(" Computing", SIM_YEARS, "-year baseline for", climate, "climate...\n")
280     res_none <- simulate_year(
281       initial_state = initial_conditions[[climate]],
282       intervention_type = "none", coverage = 0,
283       region_type = climate, days = SIM_DAYS * SIM_YEARS, params_epidemiology = params_epidemiology
284     )
285     baseline_person_days[[climate]] <- res_none$person_days
286   }
287
288   total_combinations <- nrow(regions) * length(actions)
289   counter <- 0
290
291   for (i in 1:nrow(regions)) {
292     region <- regions[i, ]
293     climate <- region$climate
294     dist_cost <- region$dist_cost
295
296     cost_multiplier <- switch(dist_cost, "low" = 0.8, "medium" = 1.0, "high" = 1.2)
297
298     for (action_name in names(actions)) {
299       counter <- counter + 1
300       if (counter %% 10 == 0) {
301         cat(sprintf(" Progress: %d/%d (%.1f%%)\r",
302                   counter, total_combinations,
303                   100 * counter / total_combinations))
304     }
305
306     action <- actions[[action_name]]
307
308     result <- simulate_year(
309       initial_state = initial_conditions[[climate]],
310       intervention_type = action$type,
311       coverage = action$coverage,
312       region_type = climate, days = SIM_DAYS * SIM_YEARS,
313       params_epidemiology = params_epidemiology
314     )
315
316     trans_key <- paste(climate, dist_cost, action_name, sep = " | ")
317     baseline_pd <- baseline_person_days[[climate]]
318     avoided_pd <- max(0, baseline_pd - result$person_days)
319
320     transitions[[trans_key]] <- list(
321       initial = initial_conditions[[climate]],
322       final = result$final_state,
323       person_days = result$person_days,
324       avoided_person_days = avoided_pd,
325       success = result$success
326     )
327
328     costs[[trans_key]] <- (action$cost %||% 0) * params_epidemiology$N * cost_multiplier * SIM_

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    YEARS
329   }
330 }
331 cat("\n")
332
333 return(list(transitions = transitions, costs = costs))
334 }
335
336 extract_region <- function(key) {
337   parts <- strsplit(key, "\\\\|")[[1]]
338   return(paste(parts[1], parts[2], sep = "|"))
339 }
340
341 solve_ilp_optimization <- function(transitions_data, budget, verbose = TRUE) {
342   all_trans <- transitions_data$transitions
343   all_costs <- transitions_data$costs
344   keys <- names(all_trans)
345
346   objective_fn <- sapply(keys, function(k) all_trans[[k]]$avoided_person_days %||% 0)
347   cost_vector <- sapply(keys, function(k) all_costs[[k]] %||% 0)
348
349   valid_indices <- which(objective_fn > 0)
350   objective_fn <- objective_fn[valid_indices]
351   cost_vector <- cost_vector[valid_indices]
352   keys_valid <- keys[valid_indices]
353
354   if (length(keys_valid) == 0) {
355     if (verbose) cat("ILP: No valid candidates found (APD <= 0).\n")
356     return(list(objective = 0, total_cost = 0, num_selected = 0, solution = list()))
357   }
358
359   constraint_matrix <- matrix(cost_vector, nrow = 1)
360   constraint_direction <- "<="
361   constraint_rhs <- budget
362
363   lp_model <- lpSolve::lp(
364     direction = "max",
365     objective.in = objective_fn,
366     const.mat = constraint_matrix,
367     const.dir = constraint_direction,
368     const.rhs = constraint_rhs,
369     all.bin = TRUE
370   )
371
372   if (lp_model$status != 0) {
373     if (verbose) cat(sprintf("ILP Solver failed (Status: %d).\n", lp_model$status))
374     return(list(objective = 0, total_cost = 0, num_selected = 0, solution = list()))
375   }
376
377   solution_vector <- lp_model$solution
378   selected_indices <- which(solution_vector == 1)
379   selected_keys <- keys_valid[selected_indices]
380
381   selected_cost <- sum(cost_vector[selected_indices])
382   selected_apd <- sum(objective_fn[selected_indices])
383
384   selected_regions <- unique(sapply(selected_keys, extract_region))
385   total_regions <- length(unique(sapply(keys, extract_region)))
386
387   if (verbose) {
388     cat(sprintf("\nINTEGER LINEAR PROGRAM (TRUE OPTIMUM):\n"))
389     cat(sprintf("  Actions selected: %d\n", length(selected_keys)))
390     cat(sprintf("  Districts covered: %d out of %d\n", length(selected_regions), total_regions))
391     cat(sprintf("  Total %d-year cost: $%s\n", SIM_YEARS, format(round(selected_cost),
392       big.mark = ",")))
393     cat(sprintf("  Total %d-year avoided person-days: %s\n", SIM_YEARS, format(round(
394       selected_apd), big.mark = ",")))
395     cat(sprintf("  Remaining budget: $%s (%.1f%% of total)\n",
396       format(round(budget - selected_cost), big.mark = ","),
397       ((budget - selected_cost) / budget) * 100))
398     pd_per_k <- (selected_apd / max(1, selected_cost)) * 1000
399     cat(sprintf("  Average cost-effectiveness: %.1f person-days per \$1,000\n", pd_per_k))
400   }

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        )
398 }
399
400 return(list(
401   objective = selected_apd,
402   total_cost = selected_cost,
403   num_selected = length(selected_keys),
404   solution = setNames(as.list(solution_vector[selected_indices]), selected_keys),
405   selected_regions = selected_regions
406 ))
407 }
408
409 solve_greedy_ce_optimization <- function(transitions_data, budget, verbose = TRUE) {
410   all_trans <- transitions_data$transitions
411   all_costs <- transitions_data$costs
412   keys <- names(all_trans)
413
414   if (length(all_trans) == 0) {
415     return(list(solution = NULL, objective = 0, status = "No transitions"))
416   }
417
418   ce_ratios <- sapply(keys, function(key) {
419     cost <- as.numeric(all_costs[[key]] %||% NA)
420     avoided <- as.numeric(all_trans[[key]]$avoided_person_days %||% NA)
421
422     if (!is.na(cost) && !is.na(avoided)) {
423       if (cost > 0 && avoided > 0) {
424         return(avoided / cost)
425       } else if (cost == 0 && avoided > 0) {
426         return(Inf)
427       }
428     }
429     return(-Inf)
430   }, USE.NAMES = TRUE)
431
432   sorted_keys <- names(sort(ce_ratios[is.finite(ce_ratios)], decreasing = TRUE))
433
434   remaining_budget <- budget
435   solution <- list()
436   total_ignored <- 0
437   total_cost <- 0
438   selected_regions <- character(0)
439   total_regions <- length(unique(sapply(keys, extract_region)))
440
441   for (key in sorted_keys) {
442     cost <- as.numeric(all_costs[[key]])
443     avoided <- as.numeric(all_trans[[key]]$avoided_person_days)
444     region <- extract_region(key)
445
446     if (!is.na(cost) && !is.na(avoided) &&
447         cost <= remaining_budget && avoided > 0 &&
448         !(region %in% selected_regions)) {
449
450       solution[[key]] <- 1
451       selected_regions <- c(selected_regions, region)
452       remaining_budget <- remaining_budget - cost
453       total_ignored <- total_ignored + avoided
454       total_cost <- total_cost + cost
455     }
456   }
457
458   if (verbose) {
459     cat(sprintf("\nCE-FOCUSED OPTIMIZATION (ONE INTERVENTION PER DISTRICT):\n"))
460     cat(sprintf("  Actions selected: %d\n", length(solution)))
461     cat(sprintf("  Districts covered: %d out of %d\n", length(selected_regions), total_regions))
462     cat(sprintf("  Total %d-year cost: $%.2f\n", SIM_YEARS, format(round(total_cost), big.mark = ",")))
463     cat(sprintf("  Total %d-year avoided person-days: %.2f\n", SIM_YEARS,
464               format(round(total_ignored), big.mark = ",")))
465     cat(sprintf("  Remaining budget: $%.2f (%.1f%% of total)\n",
466               format(round(remaining_budget), big.mark = ","),
467               remaining_budget / budget * 100)))
468   }
469 }

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468     cat(sprintf(" Average cost-effectiveness: %.1f person-days per $1,000\n",
469           (total_avoided / max(1, total_cost)) * 1000))
470   }
471
472   return(list(
473     solution = solution,
474     objective = total_avoided,
475     total_cost = total_cost,
476     status = "CE-focused solution",
477     remaining_budget = remaining_budget,
478     num_selected = length(solution),
479     selected_regions = selected_regions
480   )))
481 }
482
483 run_complete_optimization <- function(budget) {
484   cat("\n"
485       n
486       \n")
487   cat(sprintf("COMPLETE MALARIA INTERVENTION OPTIMIZATION (%d YEARS)\n", SIM_YEARS))
488   cat("
489
490   cat("Configuration:\n")
491   cat(sprintf(" Budget (%d Years): $%s\n", SIM_YEARS, format(budget, big.mark = ",")))
492   cat(sprintf(" Districts: %d climate x distance combinations\n", nrow(regions)))
493   cat(sprintf(" Population: %s per district\n", format(params_epidemiology$N, big.mark
494 = ",")))
495
496   cat("\nStep 1: Generating action space...\n")
497   actions <- generate_actions()
498   cat(sprintf(" Generated %d possible interventions\n", length(actions)))
499
500   cat("\nStep 2: Computing state transitions...\n")
501   total_combinations <- nrow(regions) * length(actions)
502   cat(sprintf(" Total simulations: %d districts x %d interventions = %d\n",
503             nrow(regions), length(actions), total_combinations))
504   cat(sprintf(" Each simulation runs for %d years (%d days total).\n", SIM_YEARS, SIM_
505             DAYS * SIM_YEARS))
506
507   start_time <- Sys.time()
508   transitions_data <- precompute_transitions(regions, initial_conditions, actions)
509   end_time <- Sys.time()
510   time_taken <- round(as.numeric(difftime(end_time, start_time, units = "mins")), 1)
511
512   cat(sprintf("\n Computation complete in %.1f minutes\n", time_taken))
513
514   cat("\nStep 3: Running optimization algorithms...\n")
515
516   cat("\n--- METHOD 1: Integer Linear Program (True Optimum) ---\n")
517   result_ilp <- solve_ilp_optimization(transitions_data, budget, verbose = TRUE)
518
519   cat("\n--- METHOD 2: Cost-Effectiveness Focused (Greedy Approximation) ---\n")
520   result_ce <- solve_greedy_ce_optimization(transitions_data, budget, verbose = TRUE)
521
522   cat("\nStep 4: Comparing optimization methods...\n")
523
524   ilp_pd_per_k <- (result_ilp$objective / max(1, result_ilp$total_cost)) * 1000
525   ce_pd_per_k <- (result_ce$objective / max(1, result_ce$total_cost)) * 1000
526
527   cat(paste(rep(" ", 90), collapse = ""), "\n")
528   cat(sprintf("%-25s %-10s %-15s %-20s %-10s %-10s\n",
529             "Method", "Actions", "Total Cost", "Avoided PD (5Y)", "Used %", "PD/$1k"))
530   cat(paste(rep(" ", 90), collapse = ""), "\n")
531
532   cat(sprintf("%-25s %-10d $%-14s %-20s %-10.1f %-10.0f\n",
533             "ILP (True Optimum)", result_ilp$num_selected,
534             format(round(result_ilp$total_cost), big.mark = ","),
535             format(round(result_ilp$objective), big.mark = ","),
536             (result_ilp$total_cost / budget) * 100,
537             ilp_pd_per_k))

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535
536   cat(sprintf("%-25s %-10d $%-14s %-20s %-10.1f %-10.0f\n",
537         "CE-Focused (Greedy)",
538         result_ce$num_selected,
539         format(round(result_ce$total_cost), big.mark = ","),
540         format(round(result_ce$objective), big.mark = ","),
541         (result_ce$total_cost / budget) * 100,
542         ce_pd_per_k))
543
544   cat(paste(rep("    ", 90), collapse = ""), "\n")
545
546 cost_diff <- result_ilp$total_cost - result_ce$total_cost
547 pd_diff <- result_ilp$objective - result_ce$objective
548
549 cat(sprintf("\nComparison Summary (ILP vs. Greedy):\n"))
550 cat(sprintf("  Additional cost in ILP: $%s\n", format(round(cost_diff), big.mark = ",")))
551 cat(sprintf("  Additional PD avoided (%d Years) in ILP: %s (%.1f%% increase)\n",
552             SIM_YEARS,
553             format(round(pd_diff), big.mark = ","),
554             (pd_diff / max(1, result_ce$objective)) * 100)))
555
556 cat("\n
557           \n")
558 cat(sprintf("%d-YEAR OPTIMIZATION COMPLETE\n", SIM_YEARS))
559 cat("\n\n")
560
561 return(list(
562   actions = actions,
563   transitions_data = transitions_data,
564   ilp_optimum = result_ilp,
565   ce_focused = result_ce,
566   timestamp = Sys.time()
567 ))
568
569 # =====
570 # ANALYSIS FUNCTIONS
571 # =====
572
573 analyze_campaign_impact <- function(results) {
574   cat("\n")
575   cat("

576     \n")
577   cat("BEHAVIORAL MODEL & CAMPAIGN IMPACT ANALYSIS\n")
578   cat("

579     \n\n")
580   # Extract ILP solution
581   ilp_keys <- names(results$ilp_optimum$solution)
582
583   # Categorize by intervention type
584   has_campaign <- grepl("campaign", ilp_keys)
585   campaign_interventions <- ilp_keys[has_campaign]
586   non_campaign <- ilp_keys[!has_campaign]
587
588   cat(sprintf("Total interventions selected: %d\n", length(ilp_keys)))
589   cat(sprintf("  With campaigns: %d (%.1f%%)\n",
590             length(campaign_interventions),
591             100 * length(campaign_interventions) / length(ilp_keys)))
592   cat(sprintf("  Without campaigns: %d (%.1f%%)\n\n",
593             length(non_campaign),
594             100 * length(non_campaign) / length(ilp_keys)))
595
596   # Extract campaign contribution to total impact
597   campaign_apd <- sum(sapply(campaign_interventions, function(k) {
598     results$transitions_data$transitions[[k]]$avoided_person_days %||% 0
599   }))

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599 total_apd <- results$ilp_optimum$objective
600
601 cat("Campaign Contribution:\n")
602 cat(sprintf("  Direct person-days avoided: %s\n",
603             format(round(campaign_apd), big.mark = ",")))
604 cat(sprintf("  Percentage of total impact: %.1f%%\n\n",
605         100 * campaign_apd / total_apd))
606
607 # Cost analysis
608 campaign_cost <- sum(sapply(campaign_interventions, function(k) {
609   results$transitions_data$costs[[k]] %||% 0
610 }))
611
612 total_cost <- results$ilp_optimum$total_cost
613
614 cat("Campaign Investment:\n")
615 cat(sprintf("  Total campaign costs: $%s\n",
616             format(round(campaign_cost), big.mark = ",")))
617 cat(sprintf("  Percentage of total budget: %.1f%%\n",
618         100 * campaign_cost / total_cost))
619 cat(sprintf("  Campaign cost-effectiveness: %.0f PD/$1k\n\n",
620         (campaign_apd / campaign_cost) * 1000))
621
622 # Show top campaign interventions
623 campaign_data <- data.frame(
624   key = campaign_interventions,
625   apd = sapply(campaign_interventions, function(k) {
626     results$transitions_data$transitions[[k]]$avoided_person_days
627   }),
628   cost = sapply(campaign_interventions, function(k) {
629     results$transitions_data$costs[[k]]
630   }),
631   stringsAsFactors = FALSE
632 )
633
634 if (nrow(campaign_data) > 0) {
635   campaign_data$ce_ratio <- campaign_data$apd / campaign_data$cost * 1000
636   campaign_data <- campaign_data[order(-campaign_data$apd), ]
637
638   cat("Top Campaign Interventions:\n")
639   cat(paste(rep(" ", 70), collapse = ""), "\n")
640   n_show <- min(10, nrow(campaign_data))
641   for (i in 1:n_show) {
642     row <- campaign_data[i, ]
643     cat(sprintf("%-40s %12s %10.0f PD/$1k\n",
644               row$key,
645               format(round(row$apd), big.mark = ","),
646               row$ce_ratio))
647   }
648 }
649
650 cat("\n")
651 invisible(campaign_data)
652 }
653
654 # =====
655 # MAIN EXECUTION
656 # =====
657
658 BUDGET_TO_RUN <- 2300000
659 cat("\nStarting complete 5-year optimization...\n")
660 complete_results <- run_complete_optimization(budget = BUDGET_TO_RUN)
661
662 # Analyze campaign impact
663 analyze_campaign_impact(complete_results)
664
665 cat("\n\nModel execution complete!\n")
666 cat("Results saved in 'complete_results' variable.\n")
667 cat("\nTo save: saveRDS(complete_results, 'malaria_optimization_5year.rds')\n")
668 cat("To analyze campaigns: analyze_campaign_impact(complete_results)\n\n")
669

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Listing 1: Final R implementation (full).

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