

README

Modeling Infectious Disease Dynamics

General Description

In our shiny application, the user is able to simulate and visualize the disease dynamics for a number of different models. In the “Simulate Disease Dynamics” tab, the user has the option of creating one of three different models: the SEIR model, the SIR model, and the SI model, which we will describe more in the “Simulate Disease Dynamics” section below. In the “Analyze Intervention Effect”, we have created a version of the SIR model which also accounts for the intervention effect of a vaccine, which we will describe more in the “Analyze Intervention Effect” section below.

Getting Started

In order to open our application, you must have R or R Studio downloaded on your computer and you must download and expand the zip file labeled “modeling-main”. Then, you will need to open three files using in R or R Studio: “idmodelling.R”, “load_packages.R”, and “simulation_functions.R”. Then you will need to click “Run App”, and the application should show up on your screen. Alternatively, clicking the link below should take you to the app hosted on the Shiny server [<https>].

You can then explore our different models in the “Simulate Disease Dynamics” and “Analyze Intervention Effect” tabs, or you can learn more about the equations and parameters behind them in our “About” tab.

Simulate Disease Dynamics

In the “Simulate Disease Dynamics” tab, you can simulate and visualize each of the “SEIR”, “SIR”, and “SI” disease dynamic models with customizable inputs, as well as download your simulated data in a .csv file. Below are the parameters and equations explained for each model:

The SEIR Model

The “SEIR” model simulates the change between states for populations that are experiencing infection disease. The four states that it simulates are in its title “S” is for the susceptible population, “E” is for the exposed population, “I” is for the infected population, and “R” is for the recovered population. Over time, individuals in the population will move from susceptible to exposed, from exposed to infected, and from infected to recovered (we have chosen not to include deaths in our project). If time continues infinitely and there is no intervention that creates immunity like a vaccine, then eventually every individual within the population will move from the “susceptible” status all the way to the “recovered” status. The parameters for our model and the ordinary differential equations describing the rate of change for each state are outlined below:

User-Specified Parameters $S(t)$ = Number of susceptible individuals at time t $E(t)$ = Number of exposed individuals at time t $I(t)$ = Number of infected individuals at time t $R(t)$ = Number of recovered individuals at time t

β = Infection rate σ = Rate from exposure to infection γ = Recovery parameter

When you enter customizable parameters $S(t)$, $E(t)$, $I(t)$, and $R(t)$, you will be entering their values at time point $t=0$.

Equations

$$\frac{dS(t)}{dt} = -\beta * S(t) * I(t)$$

$$\frac{dE(t)}{dt} = \beta * S(t) * I(t) - \sigma * E(t)$$

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = \sigma * E(t) - \gamma * I(t)$$

$$\frac{dR(t)}{dt} = \gamma * I(t)$$

The SIR Model

The “SIR” model simulates the change between states for populations that are experiencing infection disease. The three states that it simulates are in its title: “S” is for the susceptible population, “I” is for the infected population, and “R” is for the recovered population. Over time, individuals in the population will move from susceptible to infected, and from infected to recovered. If time continues infinitely and there is no intervention that creates immunity like a vaccine, then eventually every individual within the population will move from the “susceptible” status all the way to the “recovered” status. The parameters for our model and the ordinary differential equations describing the rate of change for each state are outlined below:

User-Specified Parameters S(t) = Number of susceptible individuals at time t I(t) = Number of infected individuals at time t R(t) = Number of recovered individuals at time t

β = Infection rate γ = Recovery parameter

When you enter customizable parameters S(t), I(t), and R(t), you will be entering their values at time point t=0.

Equations

$$\frac{dS(t)}{dt} = -\beta * S(t) * I(t)$$

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

$$\frac{dR(t)}{dt} = \gamma * I(t)$$

The SI Model

The “SI” model simulates the change between states for populations that are experiencing infection disease. The two states that it simulates are in its title: “S” is for the susceptible population, and “I” is for the infected population. Over time, individuals in the population will move from susceptible to infected. If time continues infinitely and there is no intervention that creates immunity like a vaccine, then eventually every individual within the population will move from the “susceptible” status to the “infected” status. The parameters for our model and the ordinary differential equations describing the rate of change for each state are outlined below:

User-Specified Parameters S(t) = Number of susceptible individuals at time t I(t) = Number of infected individuals at time t β = Infection rate

When you enter customizable parameters S(t) and I(t), you will be entering their values at time point t=0.

Equations

$$\frac{dS(t)}{dt} = -\beta * S(t) * I(t)$$

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = \beta * S(t) * I(t)$$

Analyze Intervention Effect

In the “Analyze Intervention Effect” tab, we have created an adaptation of the SIR model that also accounts for the intervention effect of a vaccine, and visualizes how the number of those susceptible, infected, or recovered will change over time as a result of a number of different parameters. The parameters for our intervention model and the ordinary differential equations describing the rate of change for each state are outlined below:

User-Specified Parameters S(t) = Number of susceptible individuals at time t I(t) = Number of infected individuals at time t R = Initial number of recovered/removed (includes vaccinated)

f = Fraction of vaccinated individuals e = Efficacy of vaccine, given as a fraction between 0 and 1 b = Level/rate of infectiousness for hosts in the I(t) compartment n = Rate at which new individuals enter the model (birth rate) g = Rate at which individuals leave the infected state m = The rate of natural death (inverse of the average lifespan) w = Rate of waning (the rate at which recovered individuals lose immunity)

Equations

$$\frac{dS(t)}{dt} = n - m * S(t) - b * S(t) * I(t) + w * R(t)$$

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = b * S(t) * I(t) - g * I(t) - m * I(t)$$

$$S0eff = (1 - f * e) * S;$$

$$R = f * e * S;$$

#initial number of recovered/removed (includes vaccinated)