



Week 2: SIR Models & Epidemic Parameters

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Week 2 Overview

- Monday, August 2:
 - Relating SIR models to epidemic parameters
 - Estimating parameters in R
- Tuesday, August 3:
 - Guest lecture by Caroline Trotter
 - Modeling meningitis
 - Guided practice in R
- Thursday, August 5:
 - Using serological data for modeling
 - Guided practice in R

Objectives

- Understand how SIR models can be used to estimate epidemic determinants
- Learn new methods to estimate R_0

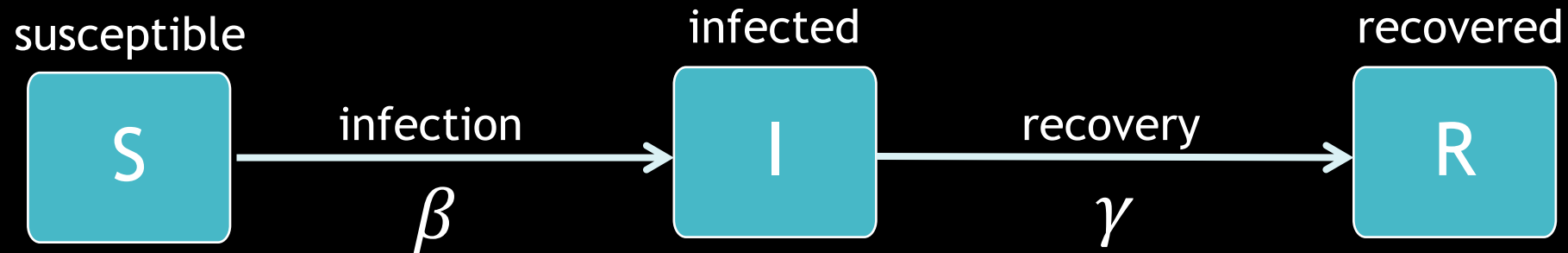
Post Questions in the Chat!

(or ask over microphone)

Workshop Schedule

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2:10–2:40 pm	SIR & R_0 Relationship
2:40–2:50 pm	Break
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3:15–3:30 pm	R_0 & Initial Growth
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SIR Model: Kermack & McKendrick



- β is a transmission coefficient
 - it is the probability of a susceptible becoming infected if they contact an infected person

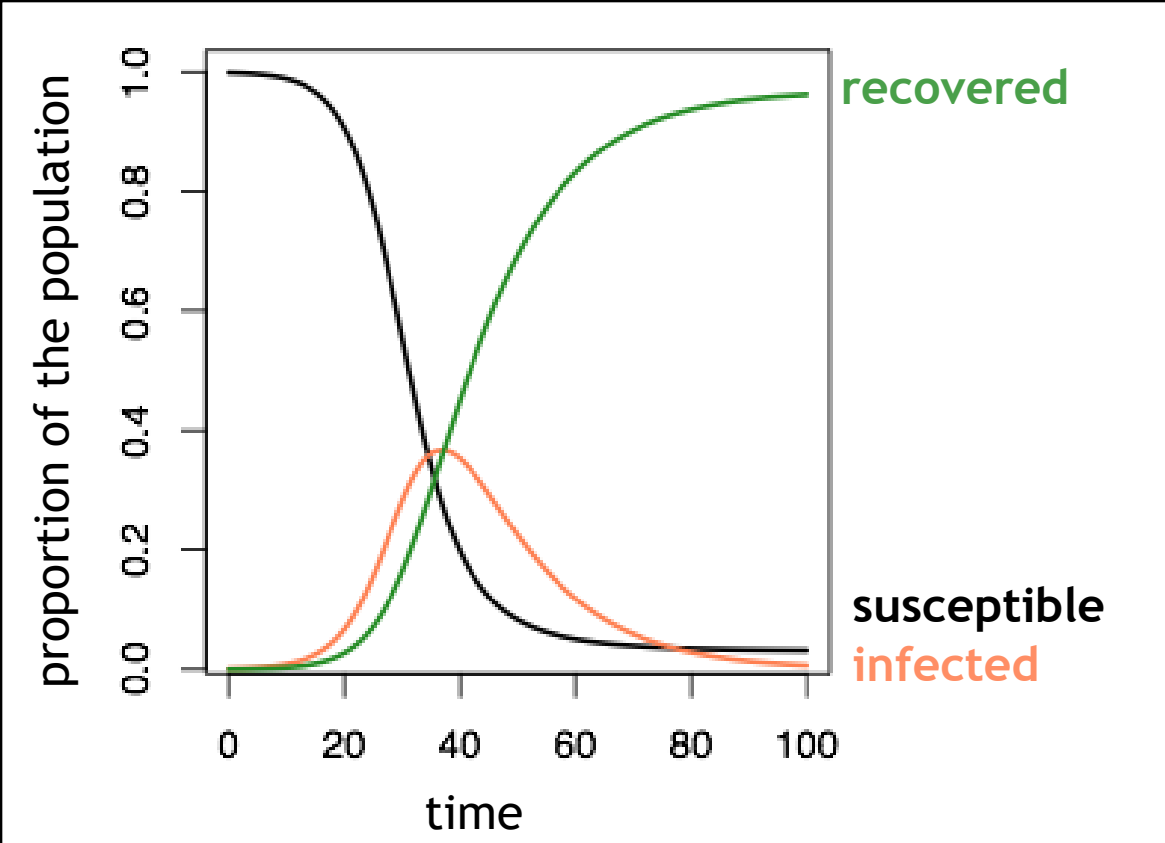
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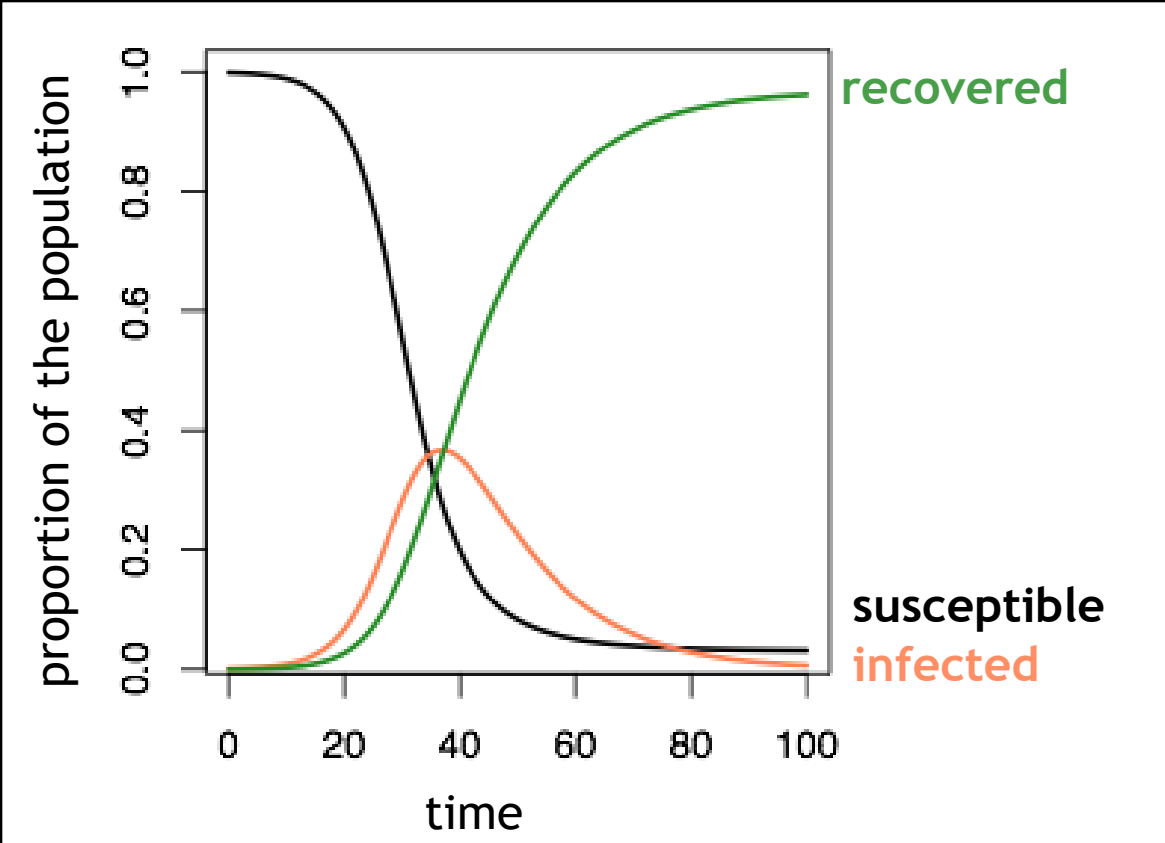
- γ is the recovery rate
 - $1/\gamma$ is the duration of infectiousness

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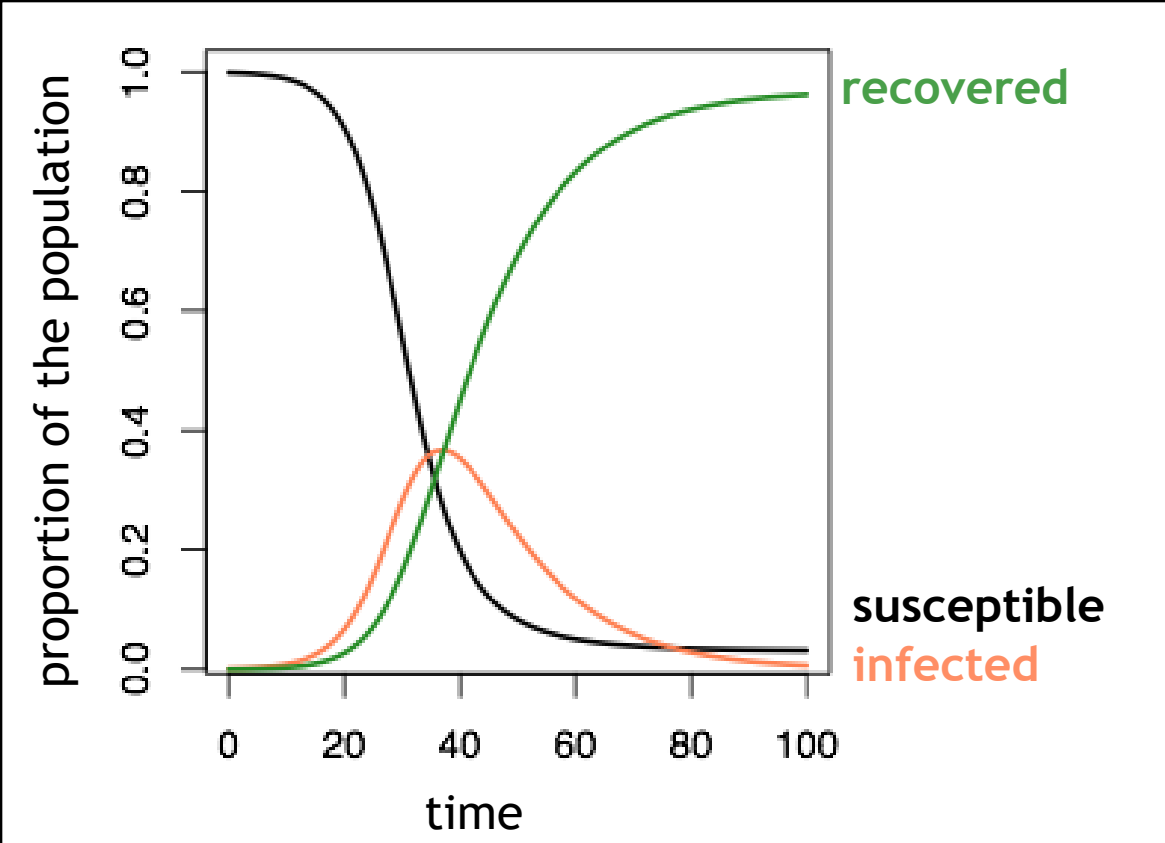
- We can examine the epidemic dynamics
- We will have values for $S(t)$, $I(t)$, and $R(t)$ for each time step t
 - these can be expressed as population proportions and plotted
 - we can also find totals for each compartment at the end of the epidemic

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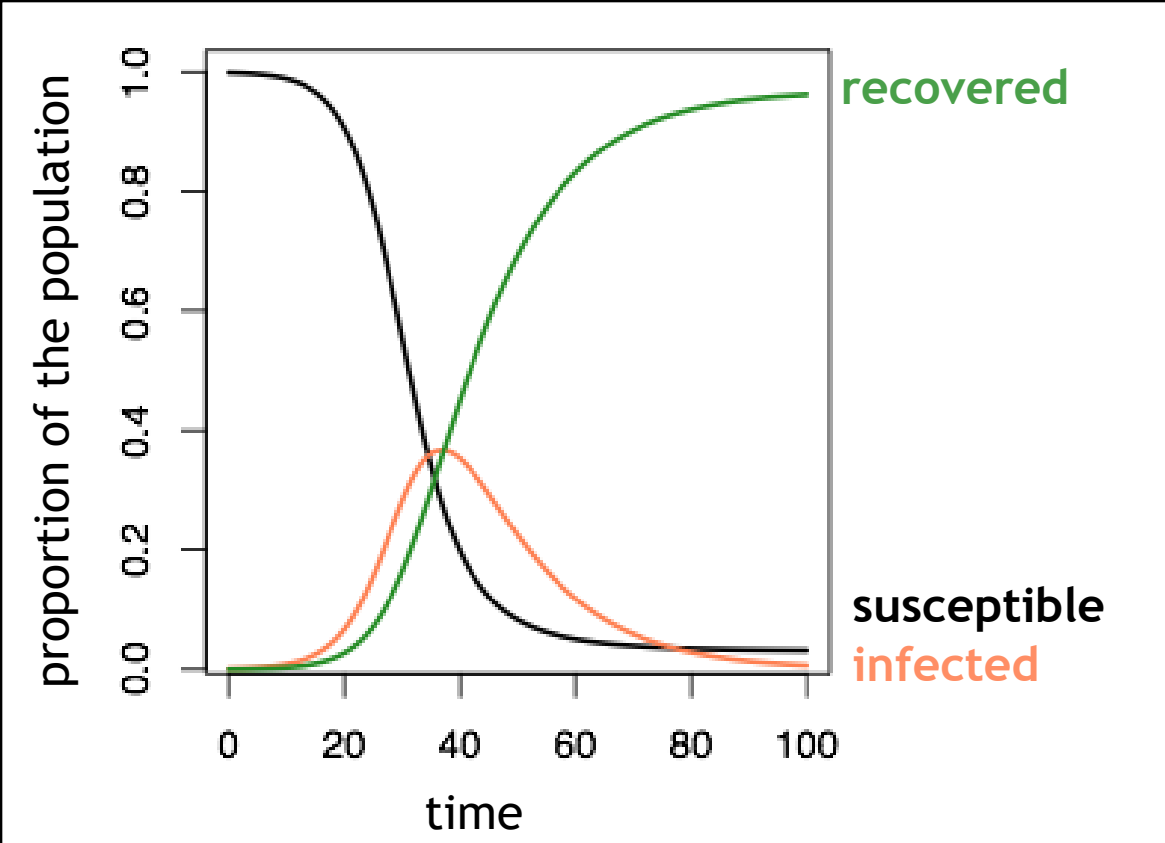
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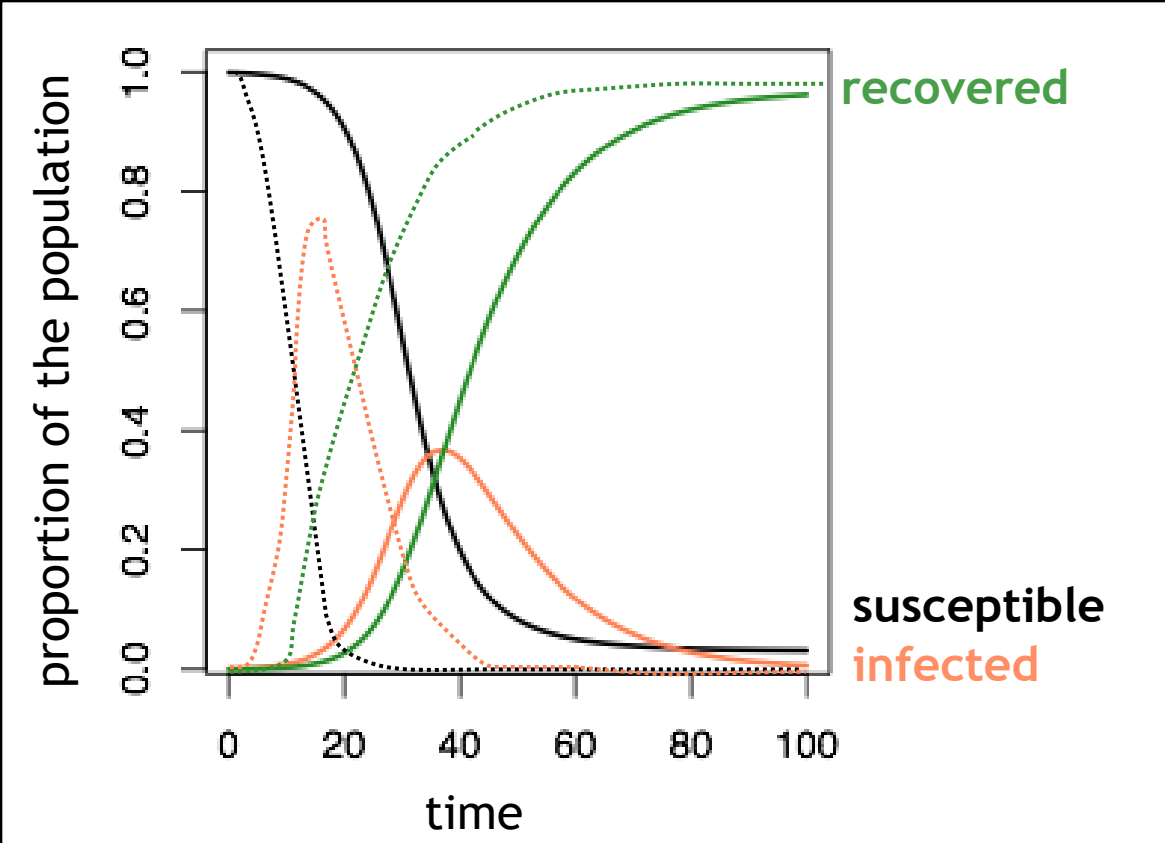
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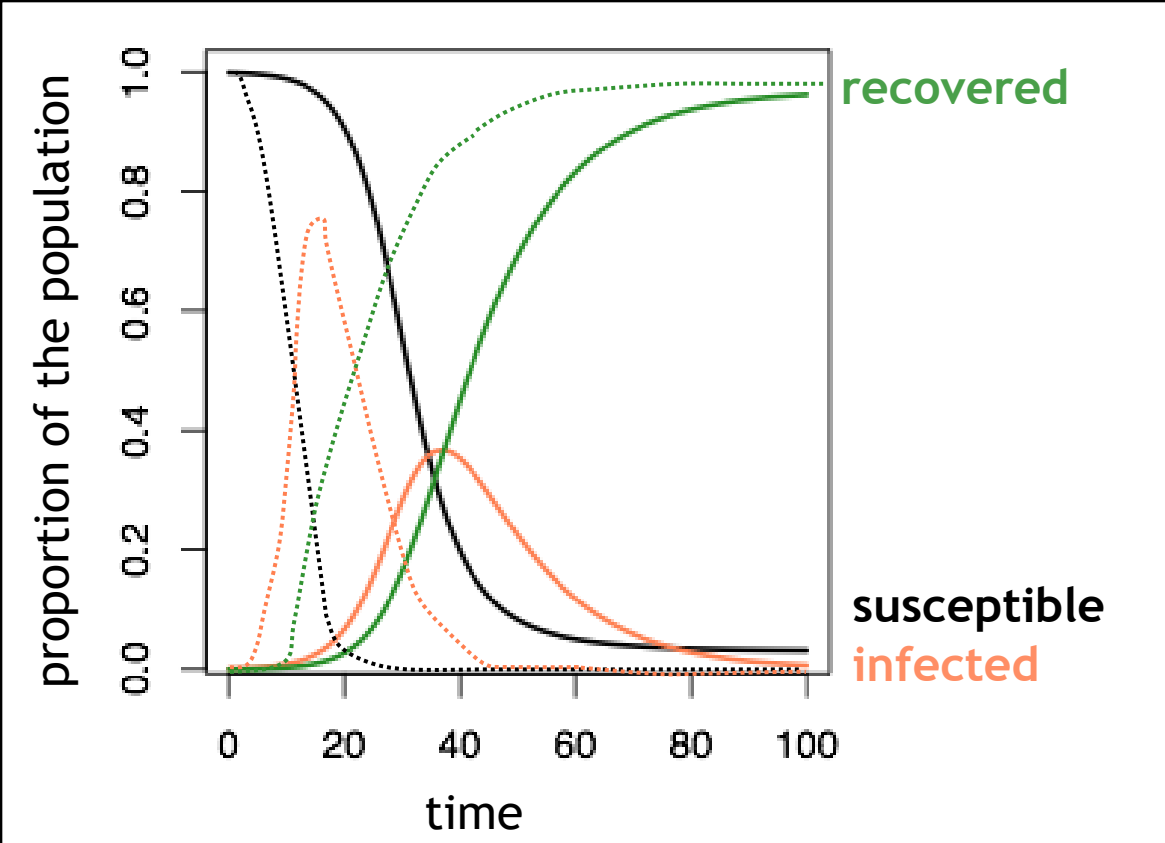
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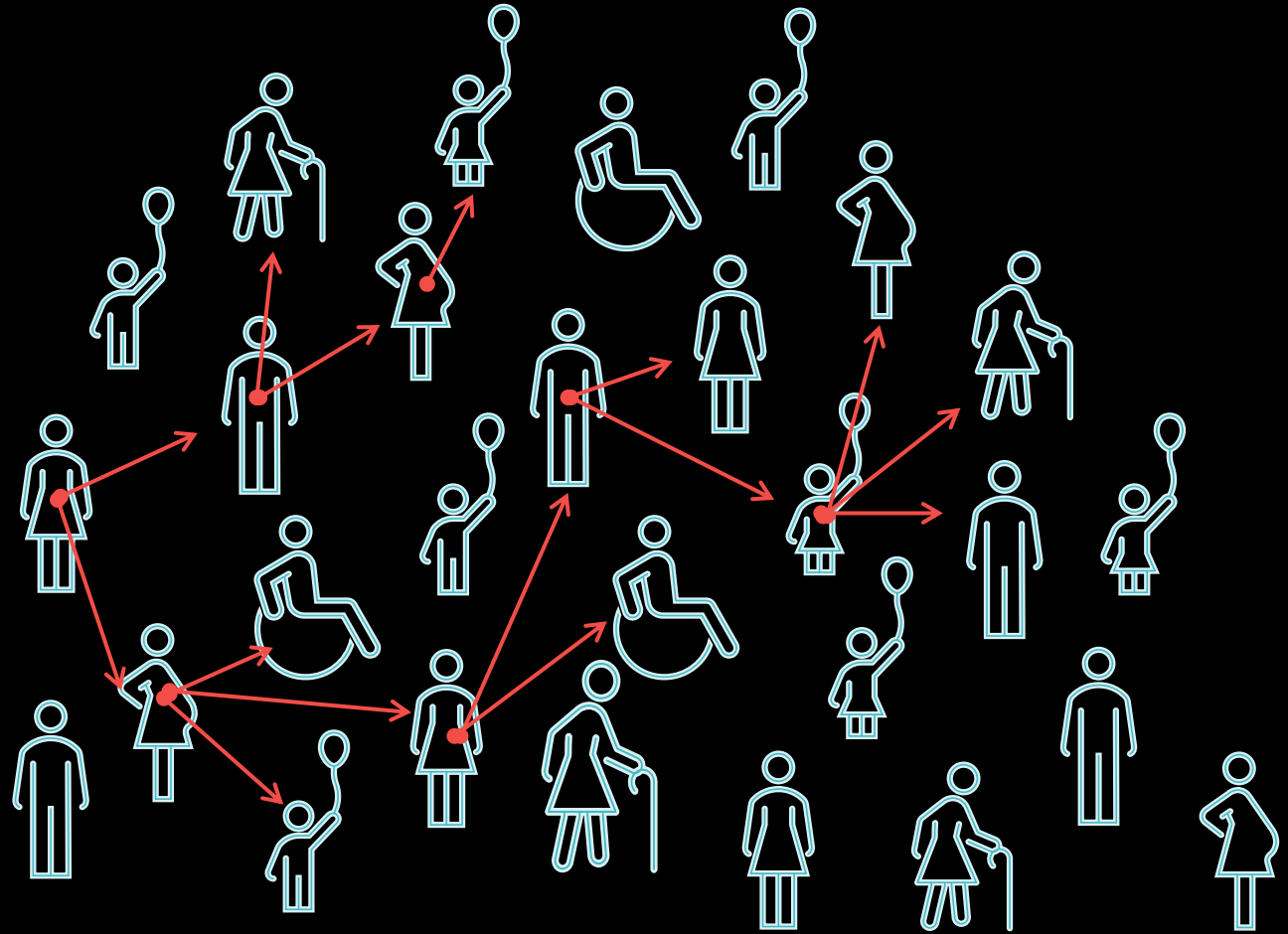
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- What differences can we note about these two epidemics with two different basic reproductive numbers?

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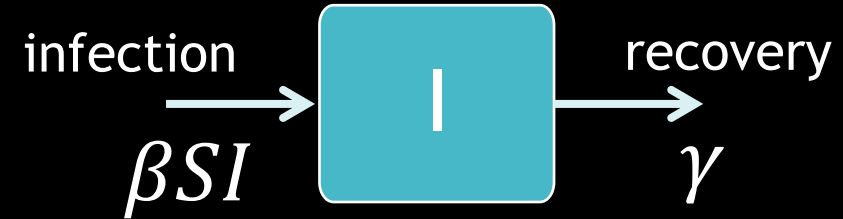
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- We may want to consider non-random mixing and add a contact rate c to the model
 - c =probability of contact
 - In this case:
 - $R_0 = \frac{\beta_c N c}{\gamma}$

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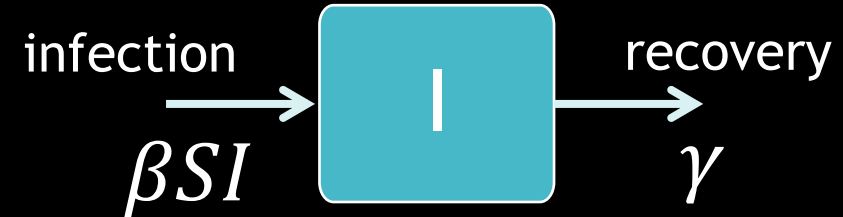
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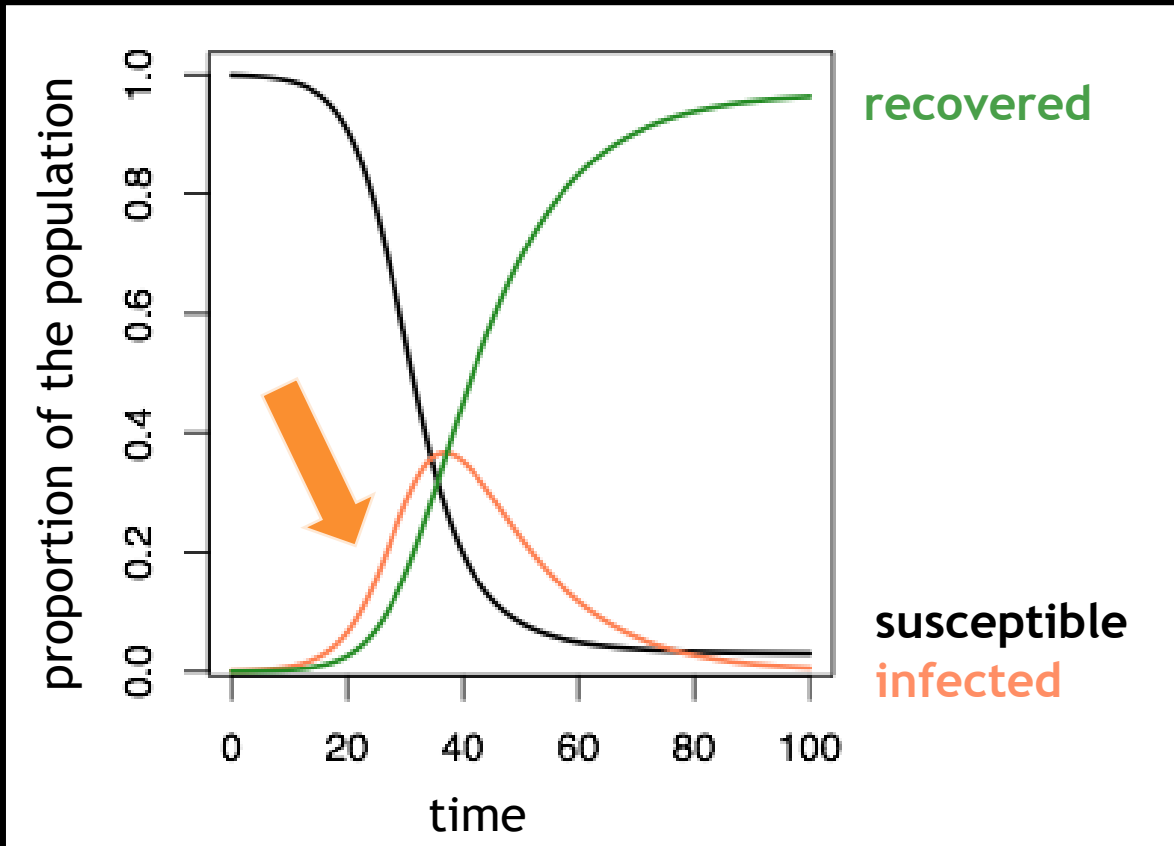


$$\beta S \approx \beta N$$

at the start of an epidemic, contact with anyone could result in an infection

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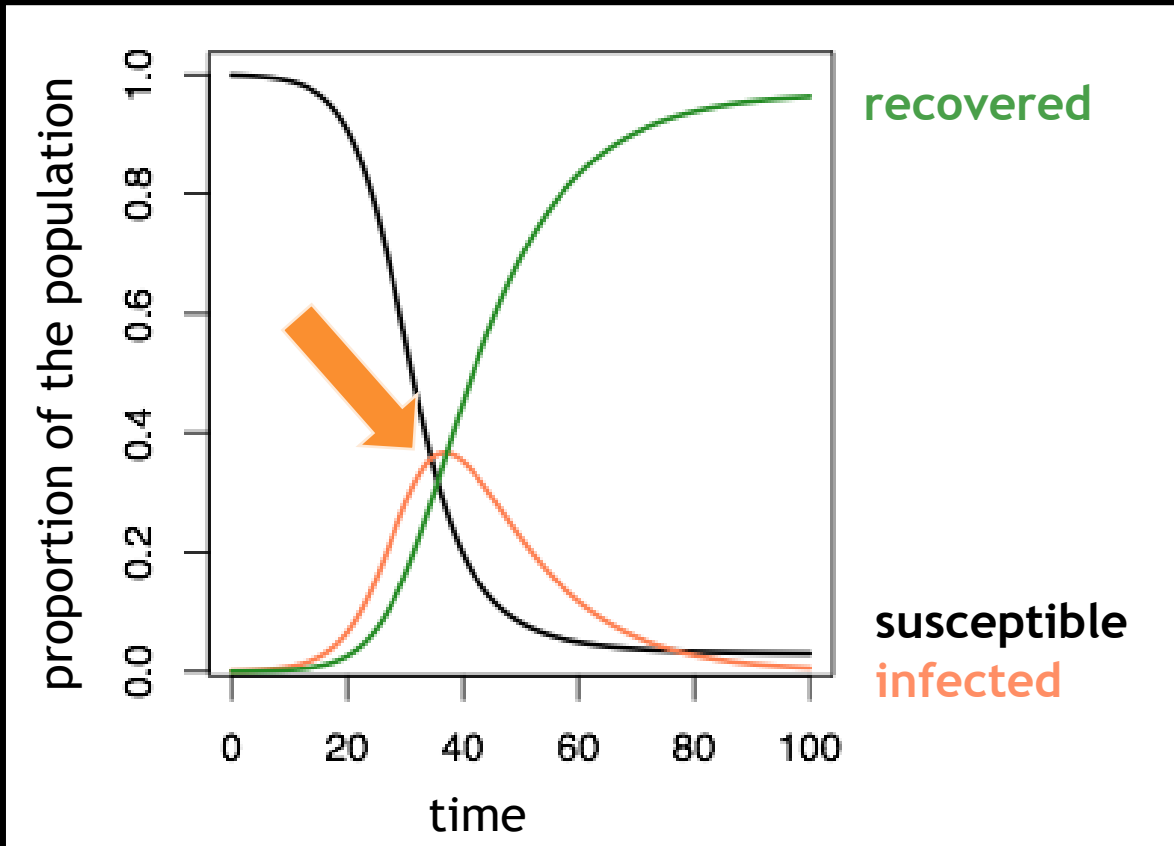
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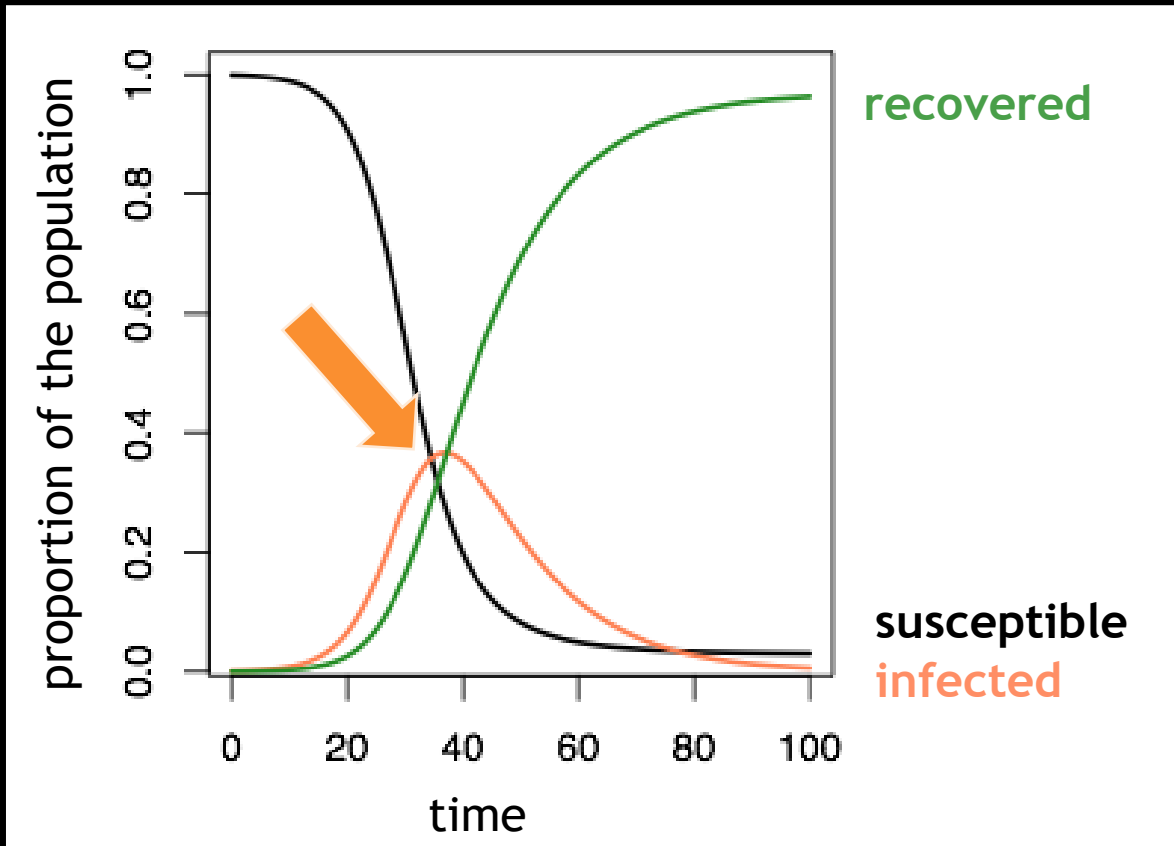
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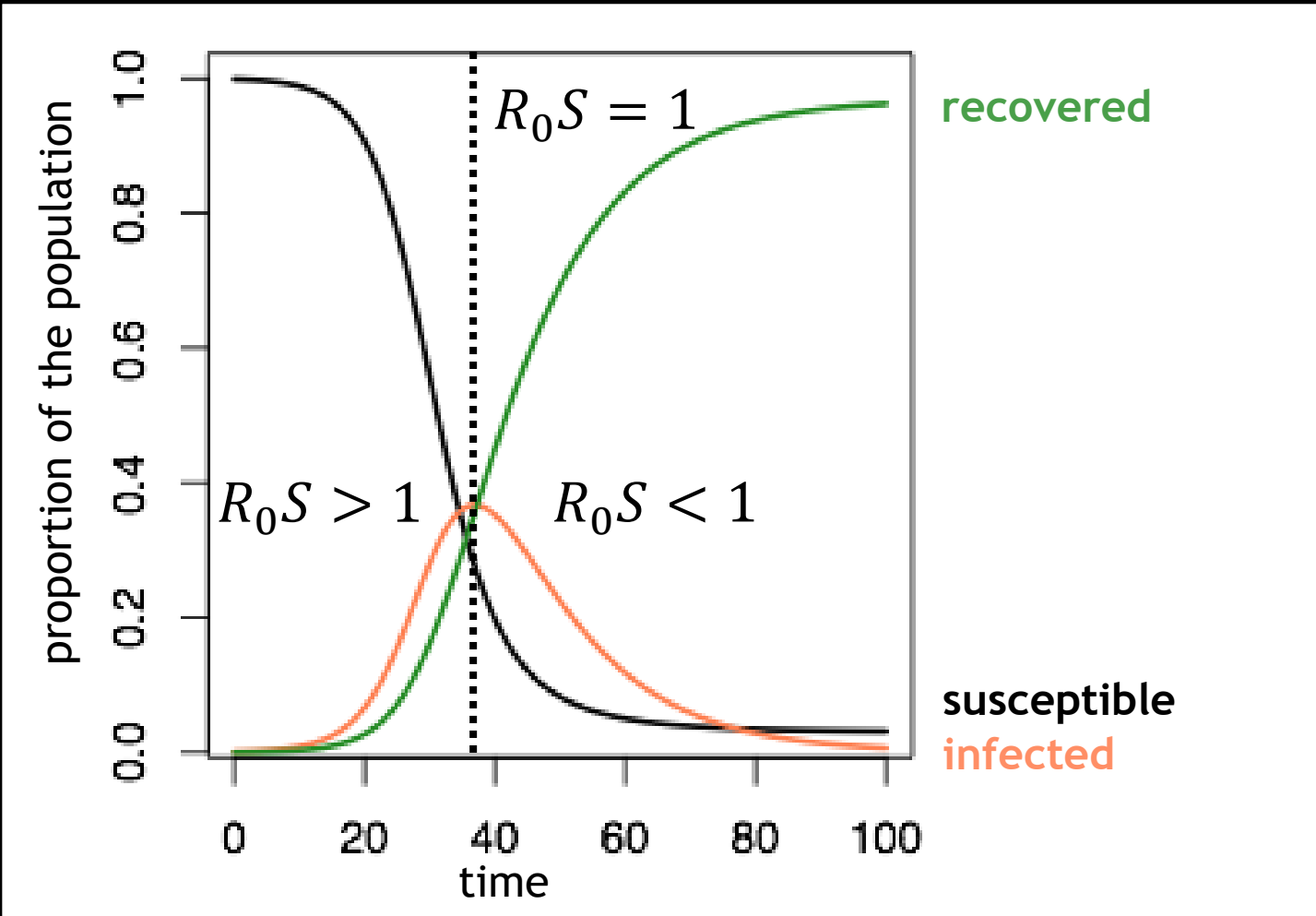
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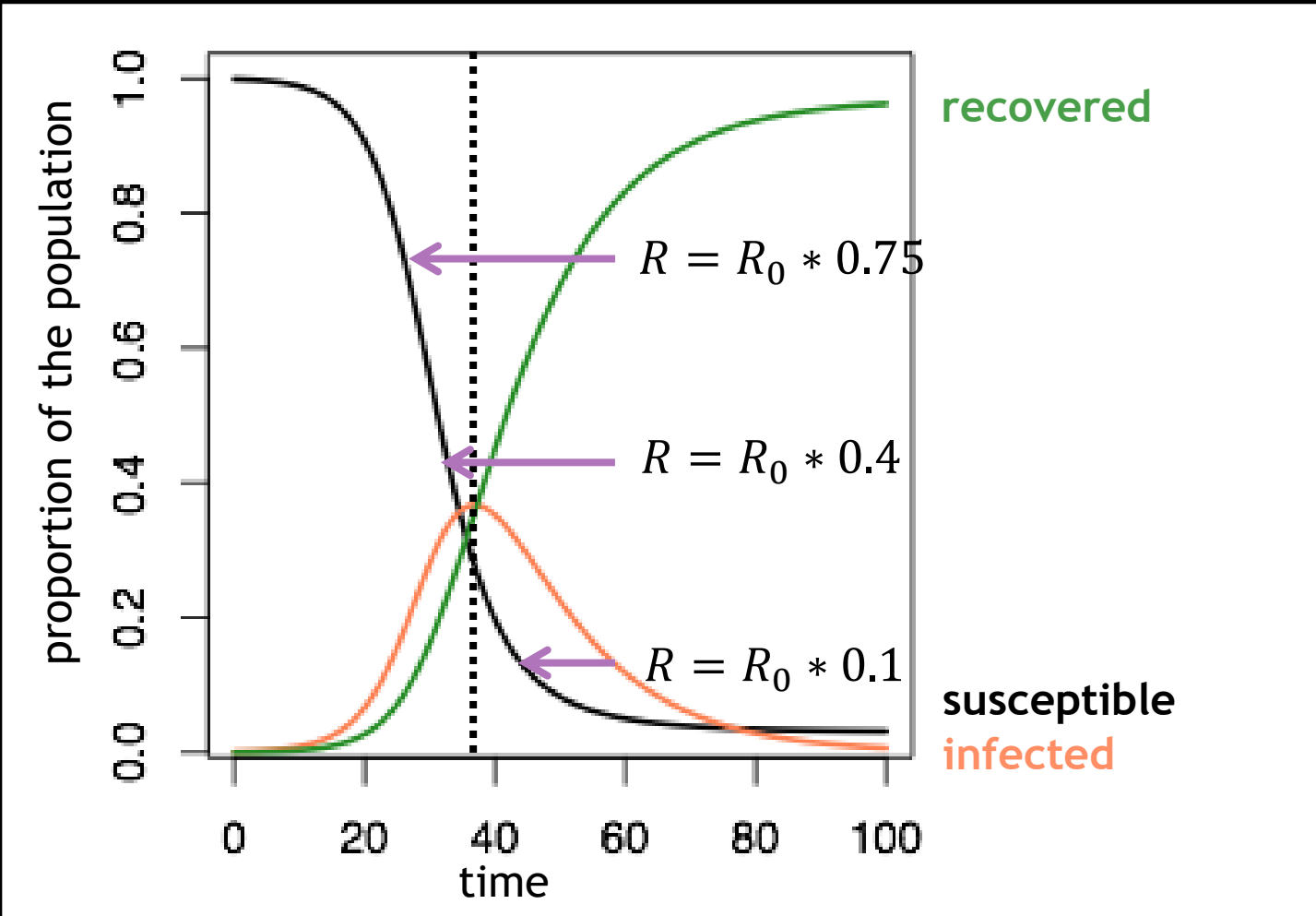
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- Remember, on the previous slide we showed when this expression equals 1, the infection rate of change is 0

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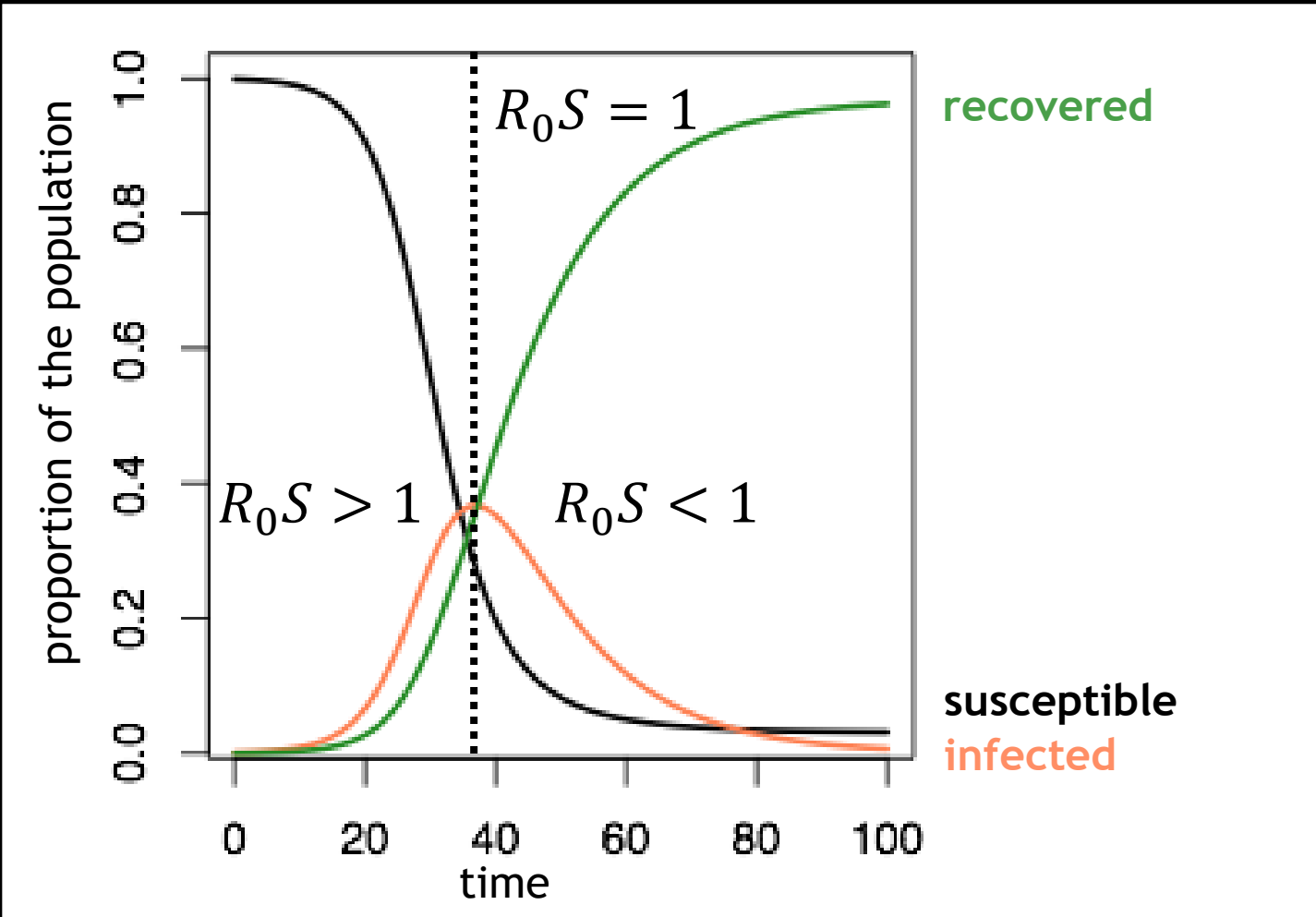


Reproductive Number during Epidemic



- Can translate R_0 to R based on proportion of susceptibles at specific time points

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- The basic reproductive number is driving the behavior of the epidemic
 - how we calculate R_0 depends on the type of model
- During the epidemic, we can use the relationship between $R_0 S$ and 1 to see when the epidemic will increase, stabilize, or decrease

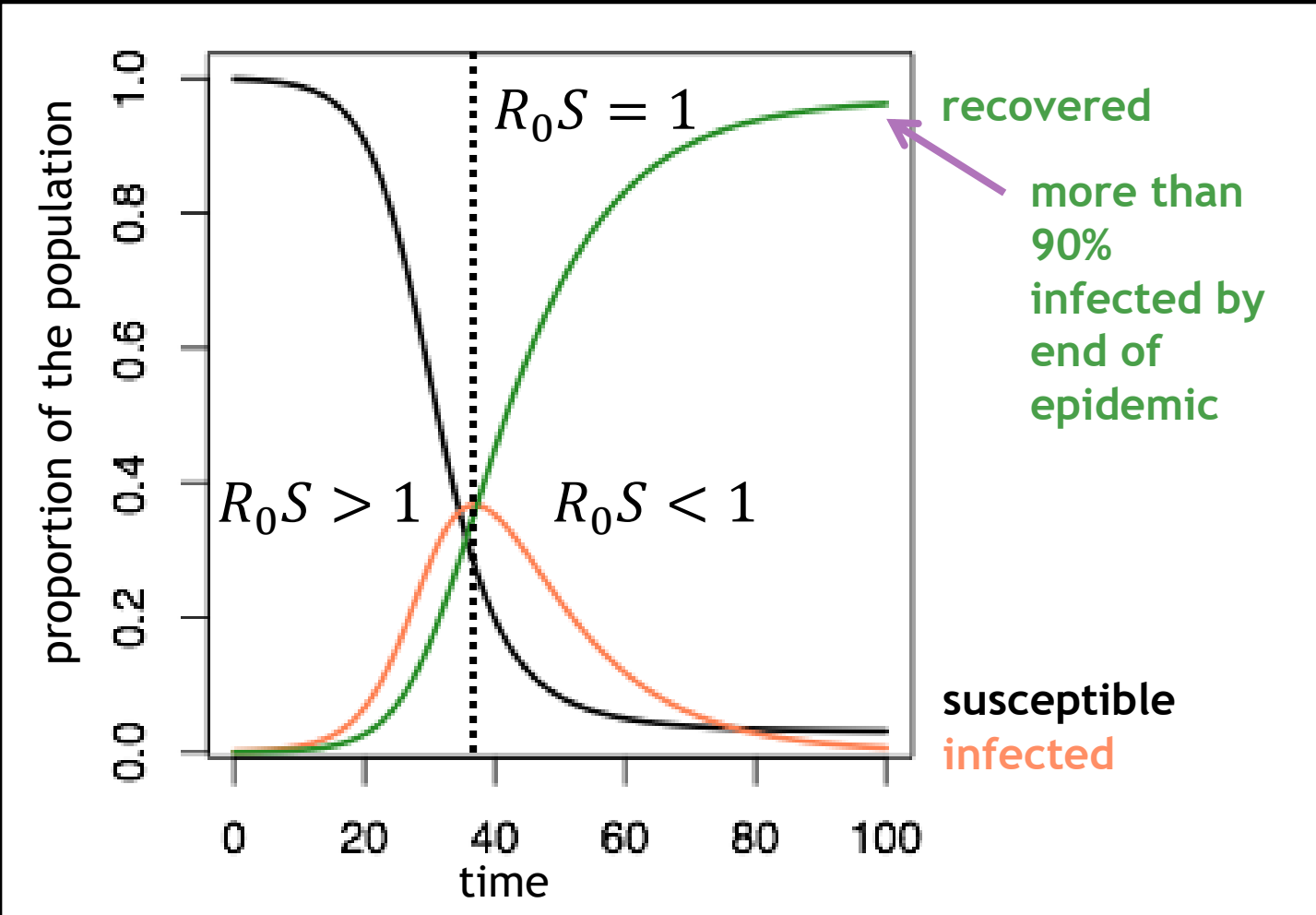
Questions?

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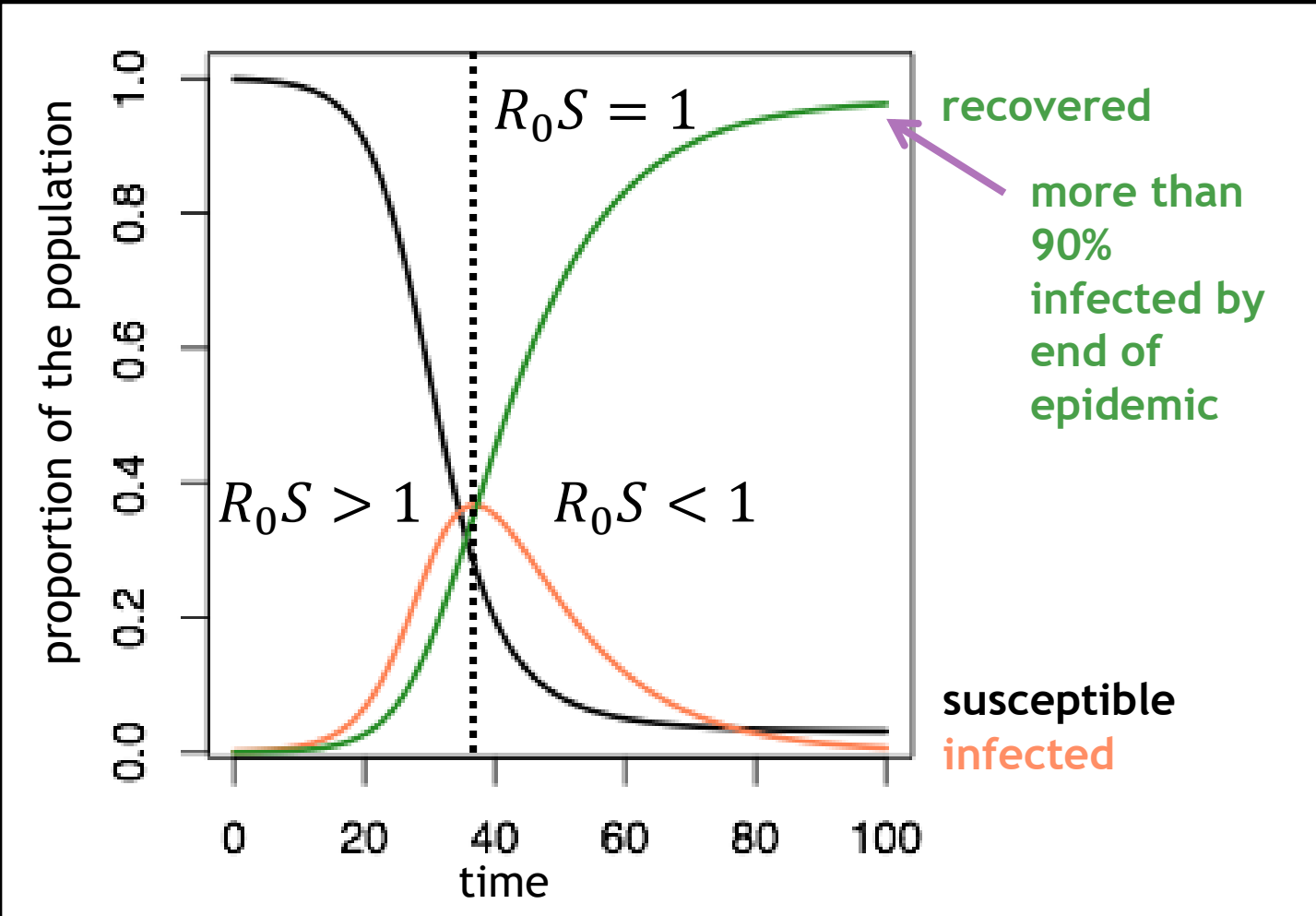
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- We also know the total proportion who got infected
 - whoever is in the “recovered” compartment at the end of the epidemic is someone who was infected
 - this can also be translated into an R_0 value

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- But can we estimate the total number infected just using our modeling parameters?
 - yes we can!

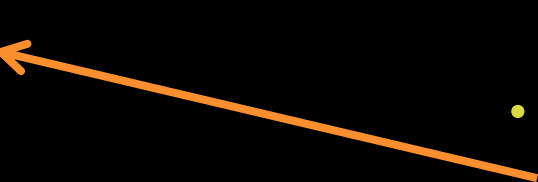
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 - we are interested in calculating $r(\infty)$, which is the final epidemic size
 - we need to rearrange some equations first
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- this gets integrated to:
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- $1 - \frac{1}{R_0} \ln 1 + i(0) = s(\infty) - \frac{1}{R_0} \ln s(\infty) + i(\infty)$



early
epidemic



late
epidemic

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- $1 = (1 - r(\infty)) - \frac{1}{R_0} \ln(1 - r(\infty))$

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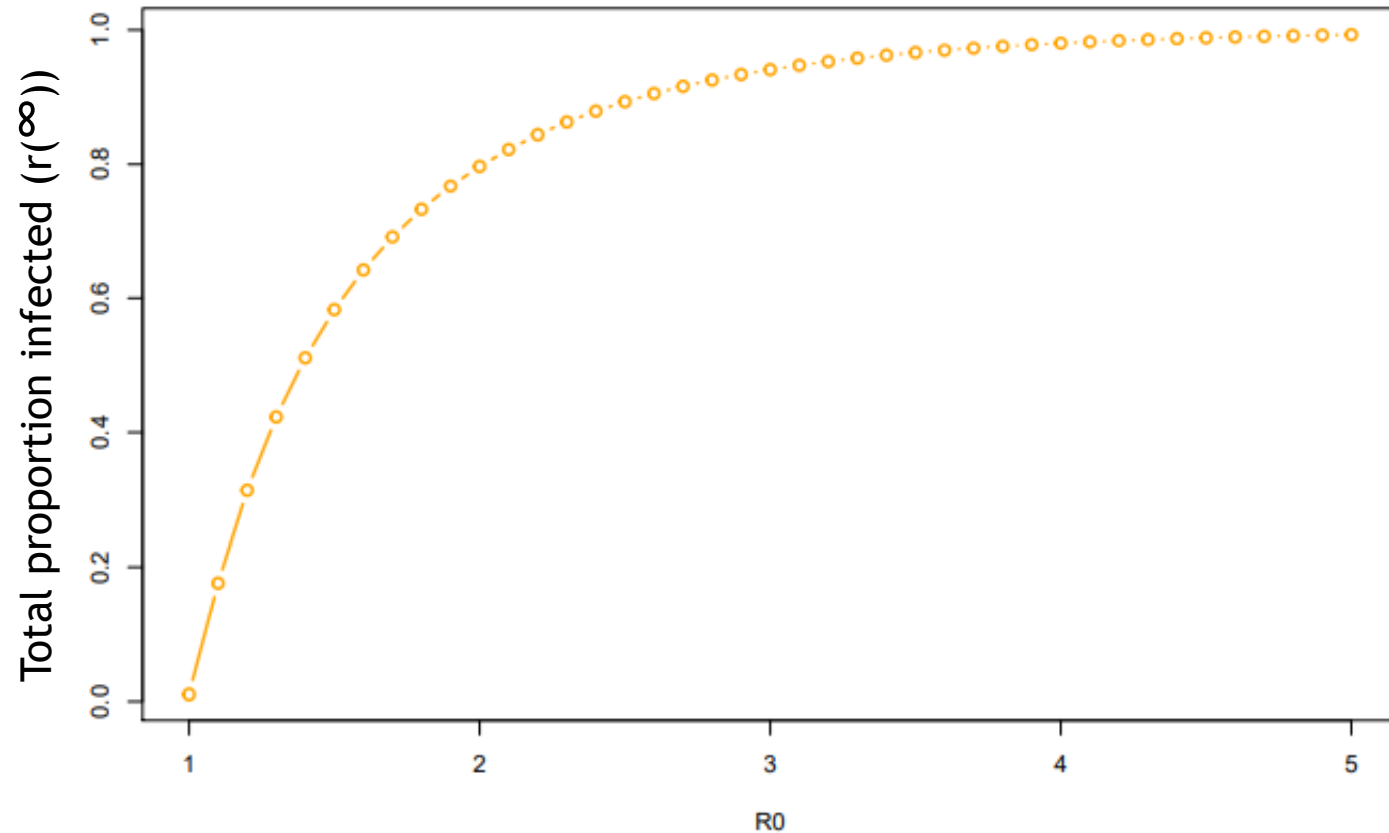
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- the same term is on both sides

- special type of equation that needs to be solved with a numeric solver
- keeps trying values until one that works is discovered



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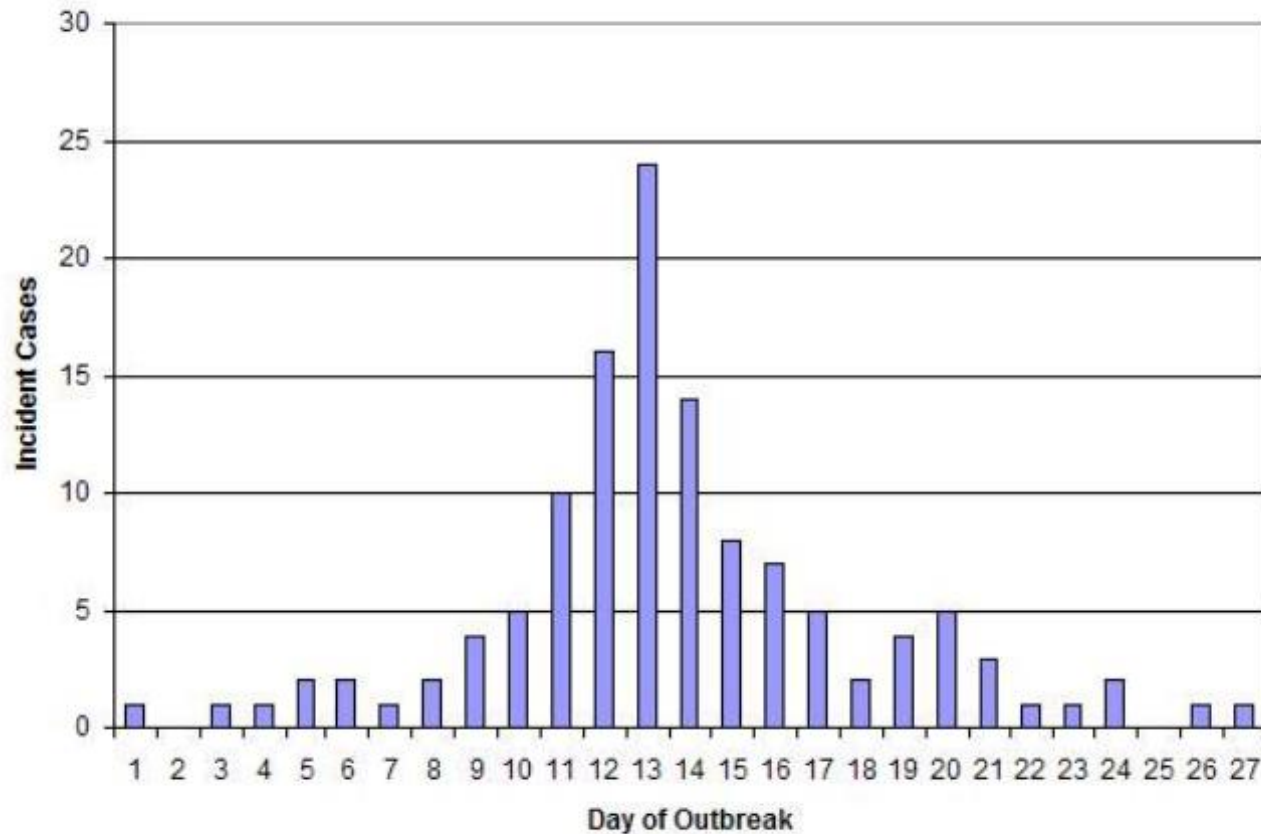
- For $R_0 > 3$, nearly everyone will get infected

- When does this equation work?
 - $r(\infty) = e^{-R_0 r(\infty)}$
- We need to know:
 - $s(0)$: we've assumed it is everyone
 - $i(0)$: we assume this is so small we can ignore it
 - transmission conditions are stable
 - no controls introduced
 - no major changes in behavior
- there are more complex versions of this equation that don't require the first two assumptions

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- Influenza B outbreak in a long-term care facility
- $R_0=1.5-2$
- theoretical estimates:
 - $r(\infty) = 0.58 - 0.8$
 - $s(\infty) = 0.2 - 0.42$



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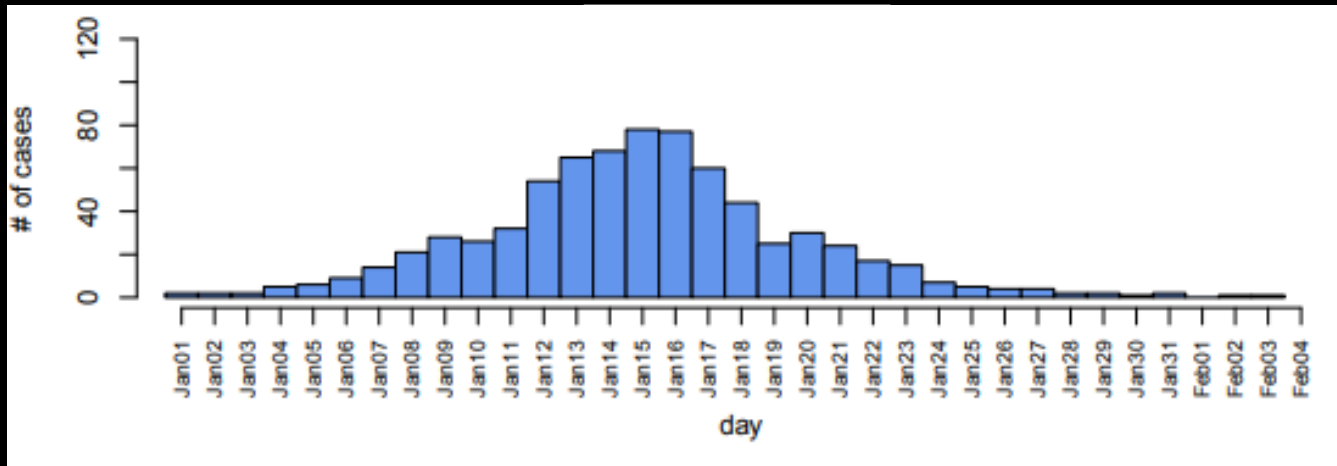
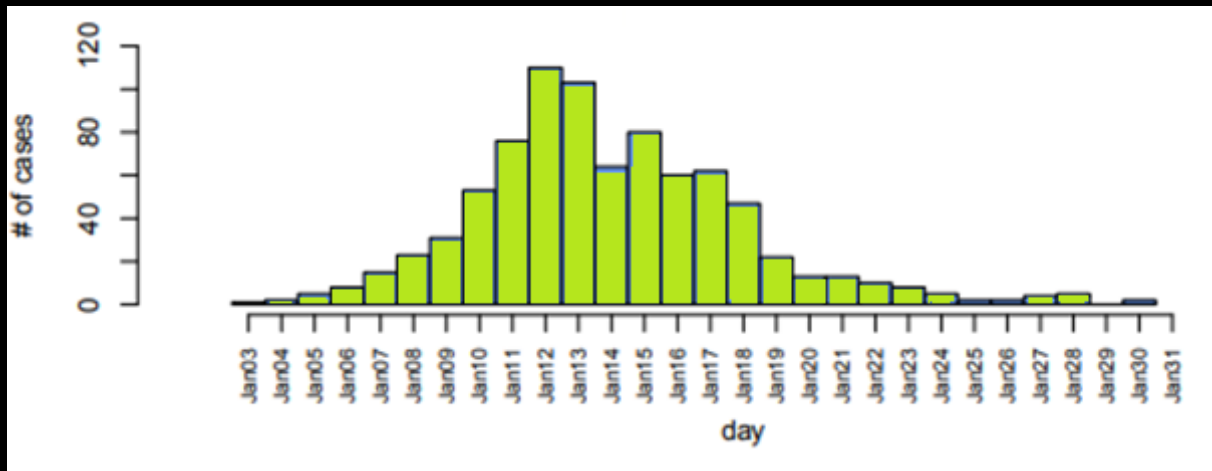
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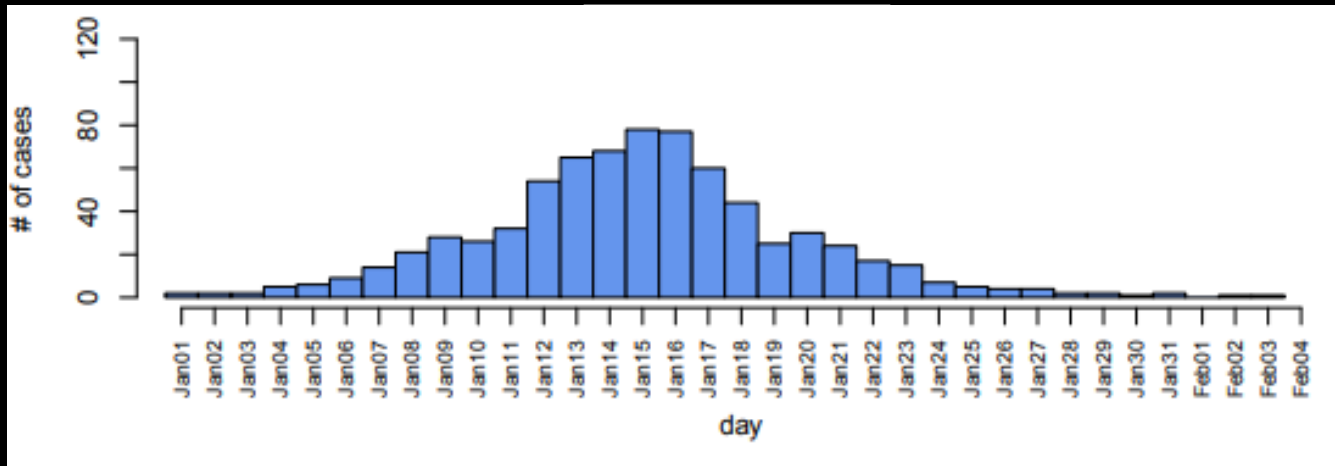
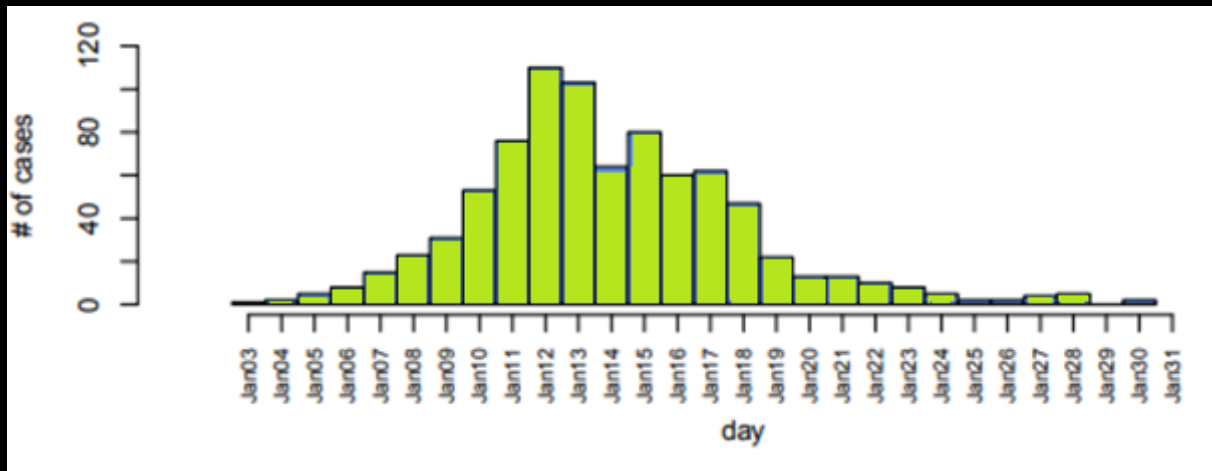
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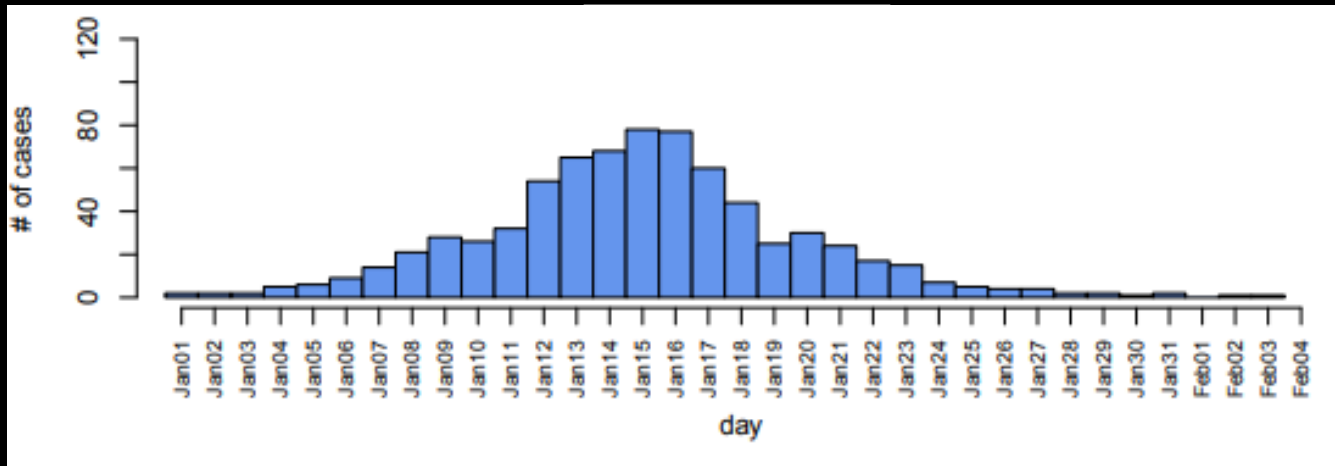
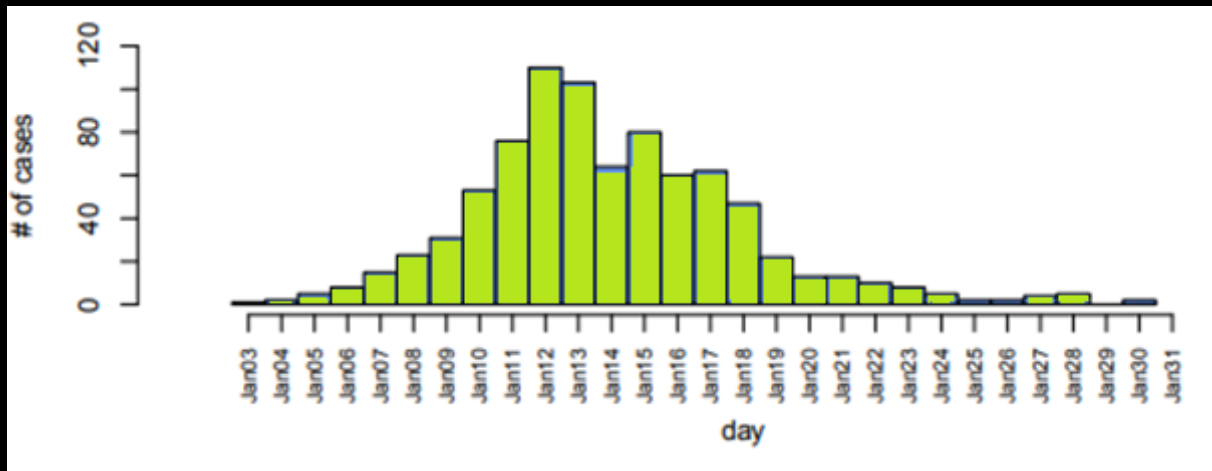
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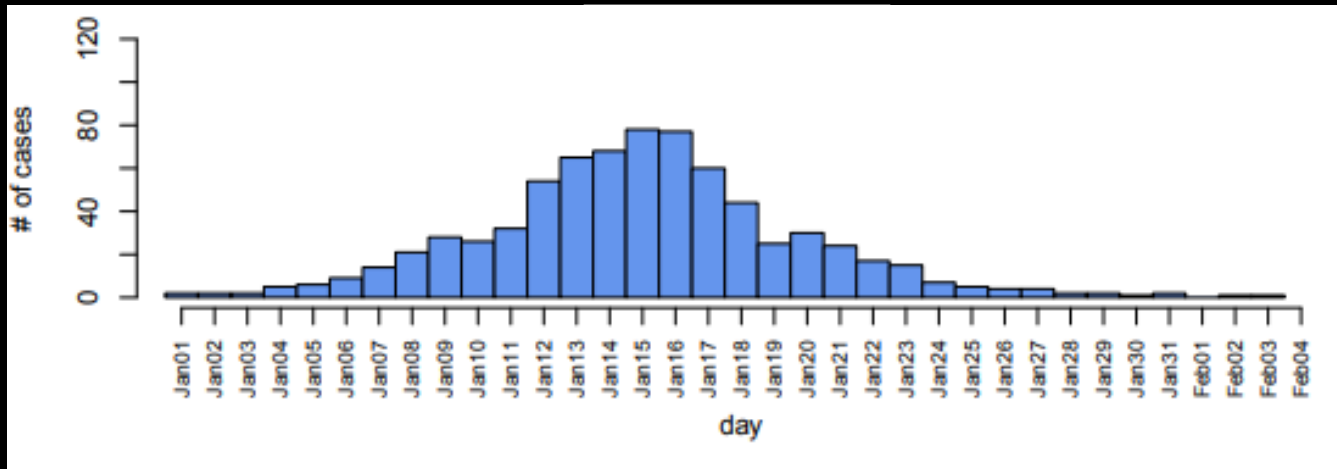
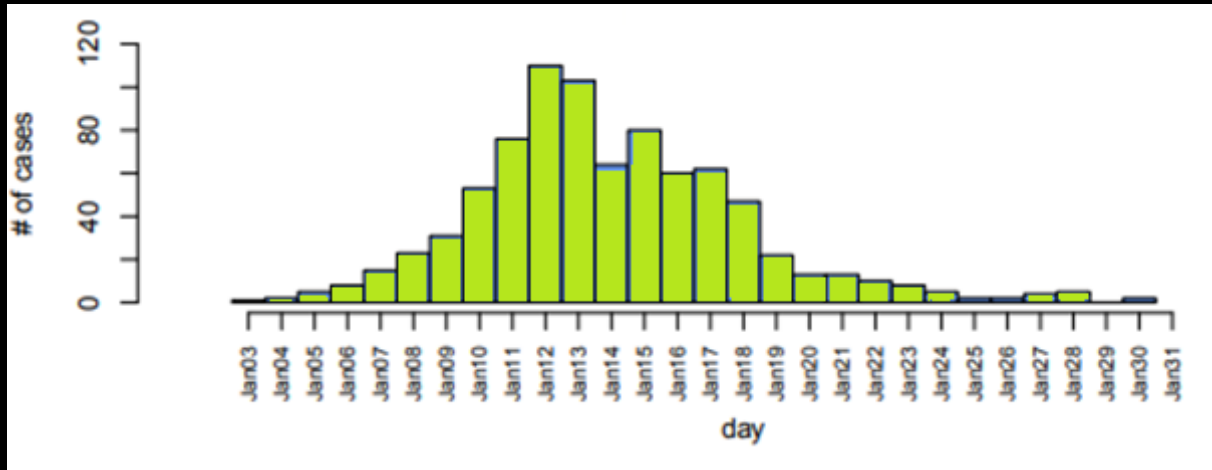
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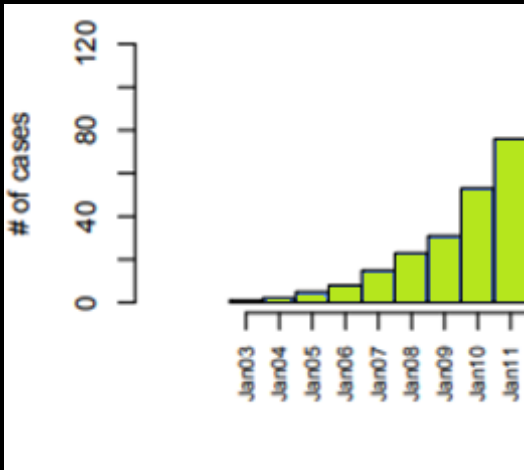


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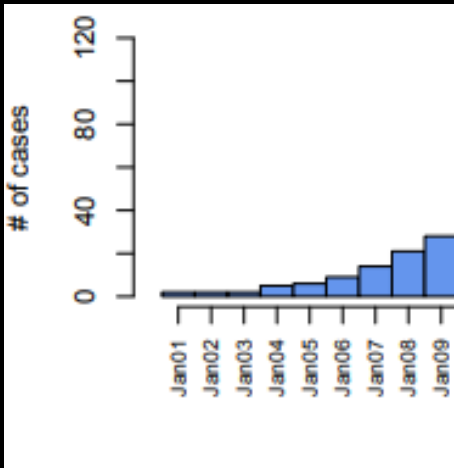
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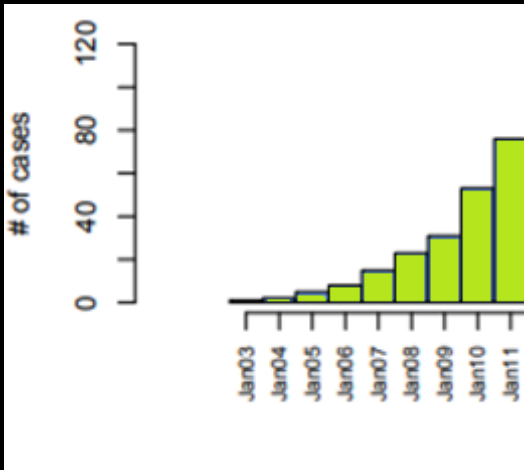
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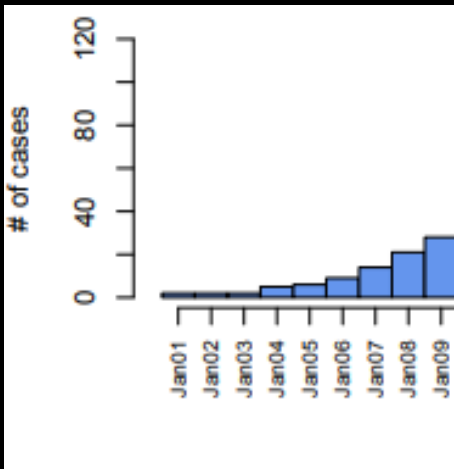
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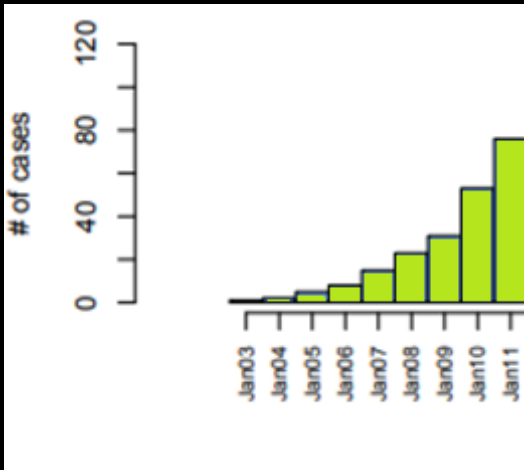
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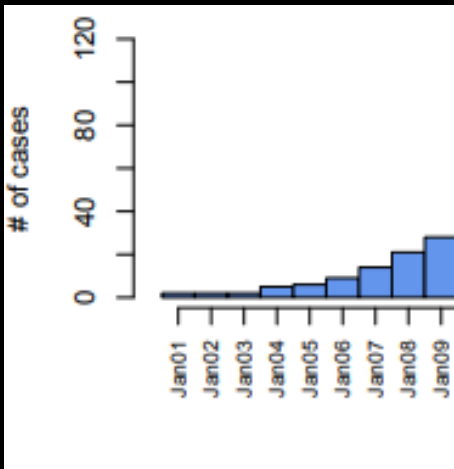
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- $Y(t)=218$
- $t=8$
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- $R_0=2.01$

- $Y(t)=31$
- $t=4$
- $\gamma=1.5$
- $R_0=2.29$



• Epidemic B

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- $t=8$
- $\gamma=1.5$
- $R_0=1.84$

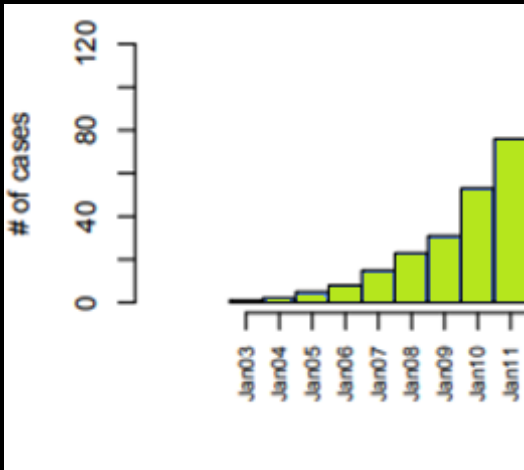
- $Y(t)=17$
- $t=4$
- $\gamma=1.5$
- $R_0=2.06$

Reproductive Number & Early Size

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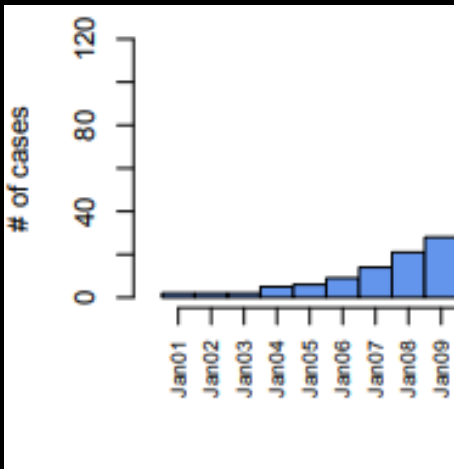
- $Y(t)$ =cumulative number of cases at time t



• Epidemic A

- $Y(t)=218$
- $t=8$
- $\gamma=1.5$
- $R_0=2.01$

- $Y(t)=31$
- $t=4$
- $\gamma=1.5$
- $R_0=2.29$



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Method	Epidemic A R_0	Epidemic B R_0
Final epidemic size	2.04	1.91
Exponential at $t=8$	2.01	1.84
Exponential at $t=4$	2.29	2.06

Workshop Schedule

Time	Topics
2:00–2:10 pm	Greetings
2:10–2:40 pm	SIR & R_0 Relationship
2:40–2:50 pm	Break
2:50–3:15 pm	R_0 & Final Epidemic Size
3:15–3:30 pm	R_0 & Initial Growth
3:30–3:40 pm	Break
3:40–5:00 pm	R Session