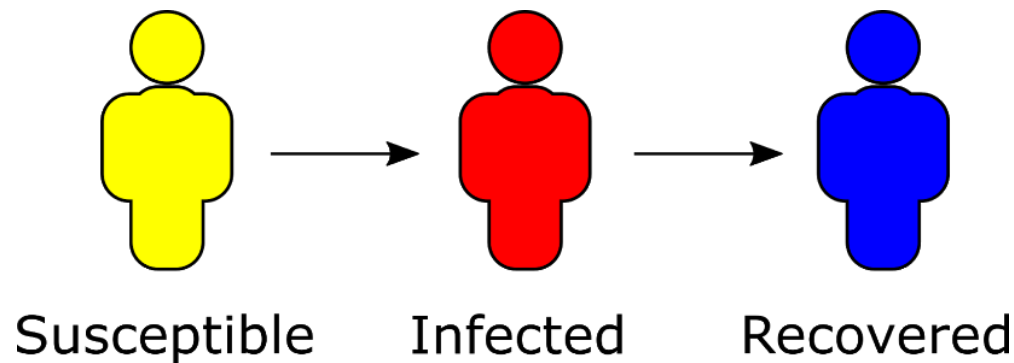


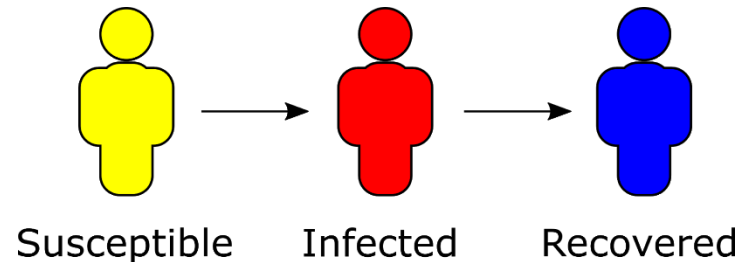
Modeling Epidemics



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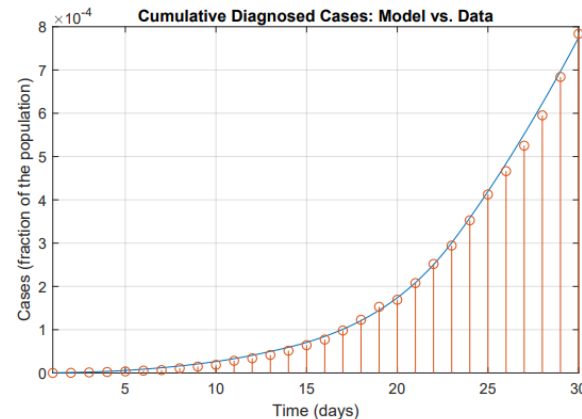
Modeling of Epidemics Overview

1. Schematic
2. Assumptions
3. Equations
4. Parameters
5. Simulation
6. Validation



$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta IS - \gamma I$$

β, γ, N

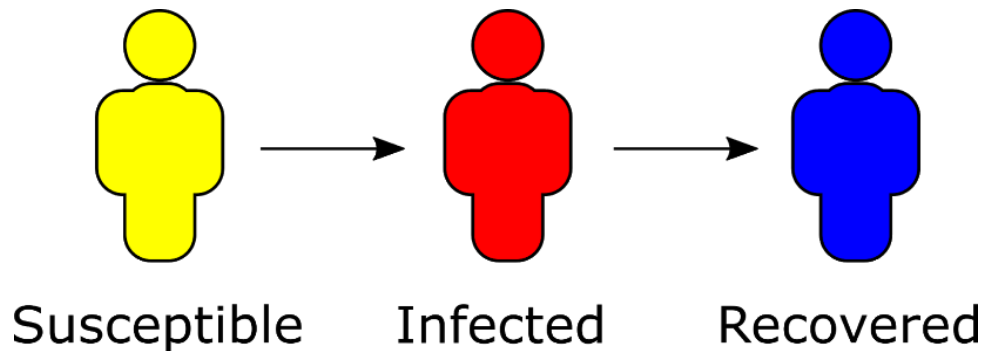


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SIR model

This model assumes there are three groups of people:

- (S)usceptible people are not yet Infected, but they may get the disease from Infected people.
- (I)nfected currently have the disease and can spread it to Susceptible people.
- (R)ecovered people were infected but are now immune.

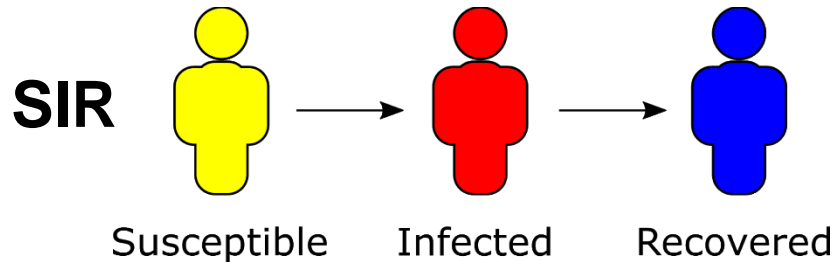


Assumes: lifelong immunity

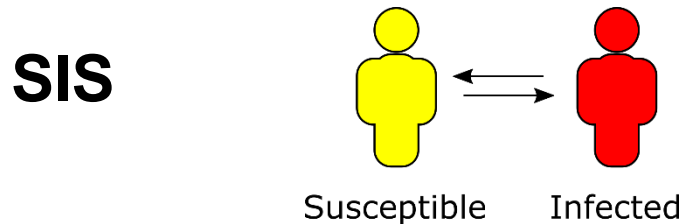
Ex: measles, mumps, rubella, social contagion

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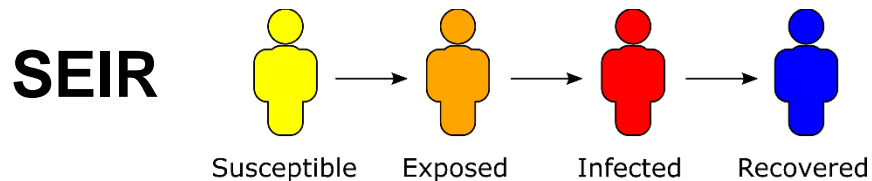
Variants of the SIR model



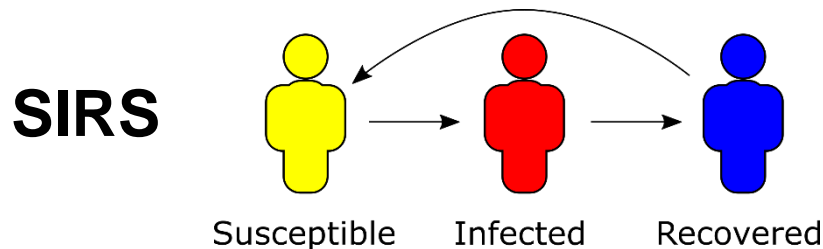
Assumes: lifelong immunity
Ex: measles, mumps, rubella



Assumes: no immunity
Ex: common cold



Assumes: delay before infective
Ex: HIV, chicken pox, COVID-19



Assumes: limited immunity
Ex: seasonal influenza

Typical Assumptions when Modeling Epidemics

large numbers \rightarrow continuum approximations $dX/dt \dots$
 \rightarrow deterministic

small numbers \rightarrow discrete, stochastic/probabilistic

homogeneous, large numbers \rightarrow ODEs

homogeneous, small numbers \rightarrow non-spatial stochastic

heterogeneous, discrete space \rightarrow spatial agent-based model

heterogeneous, continuous space \rightarrow PDEs

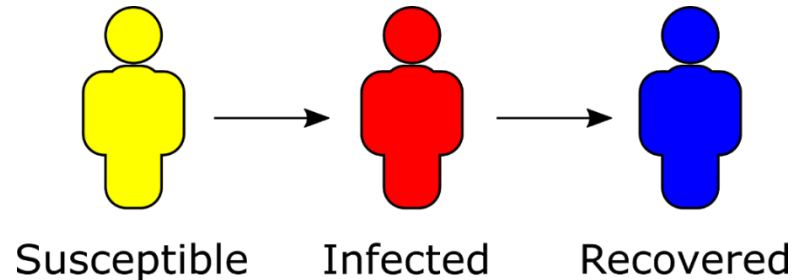
Conservation of “Mass” / “Population”, “Mass Action” kinetics

Other assumptions:

relative populations (initial infected \ll population)

relative timescales: rapid equilibrium $d[X]/dt = 0$

SIR model: ordinary differential equations



Population ODEs, no birth or death:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta IS$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta IS - \gamma I$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I$$

β transmission rate constant [1/days/people]

γ recovery rate constant [1/days]

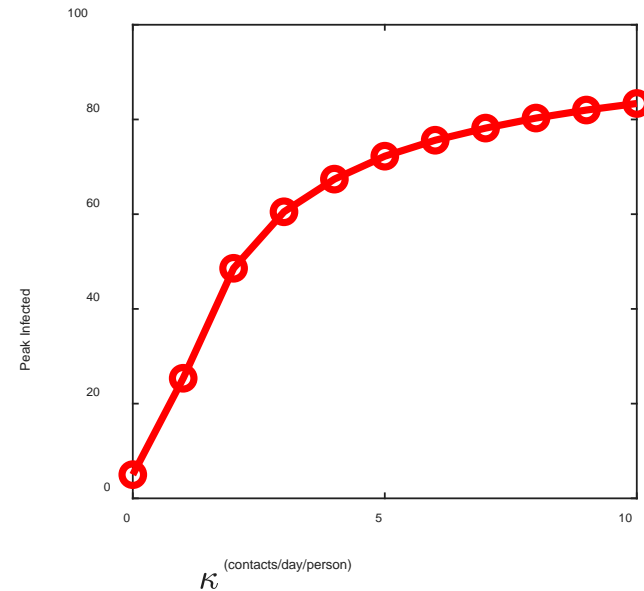
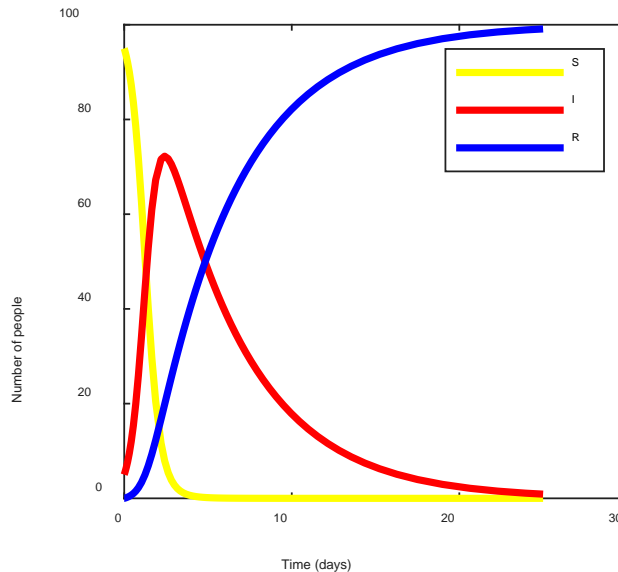
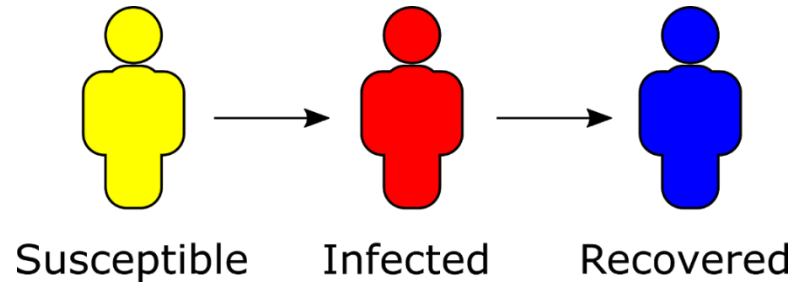
N size of population [people]

$R_e = S(t=0)\beta/\gamma$ effective reproductive number [people infected per person]

The epidemic will spread if $R_e > 1$. Note: R_e is unrelated to Recovered.

Optional: $\beta = \frac{\kappa\tau}{N}$ κ : # contacts/time [1/days]
 τ : transmissibility (fraction contacts \rightarrow infection)

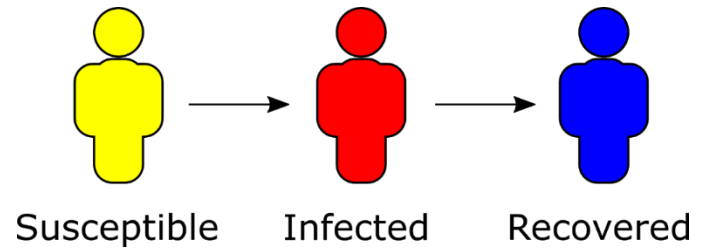
SIR model: ordinary differential equations



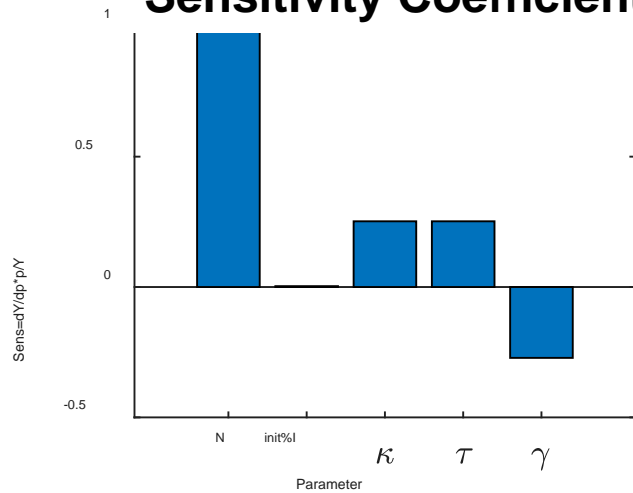
$N = 100$ [people], $\kappa = 5$ [contacts/day/person],
 $\tau = 0.5$, $\gamma = 1/5$ [1/days],

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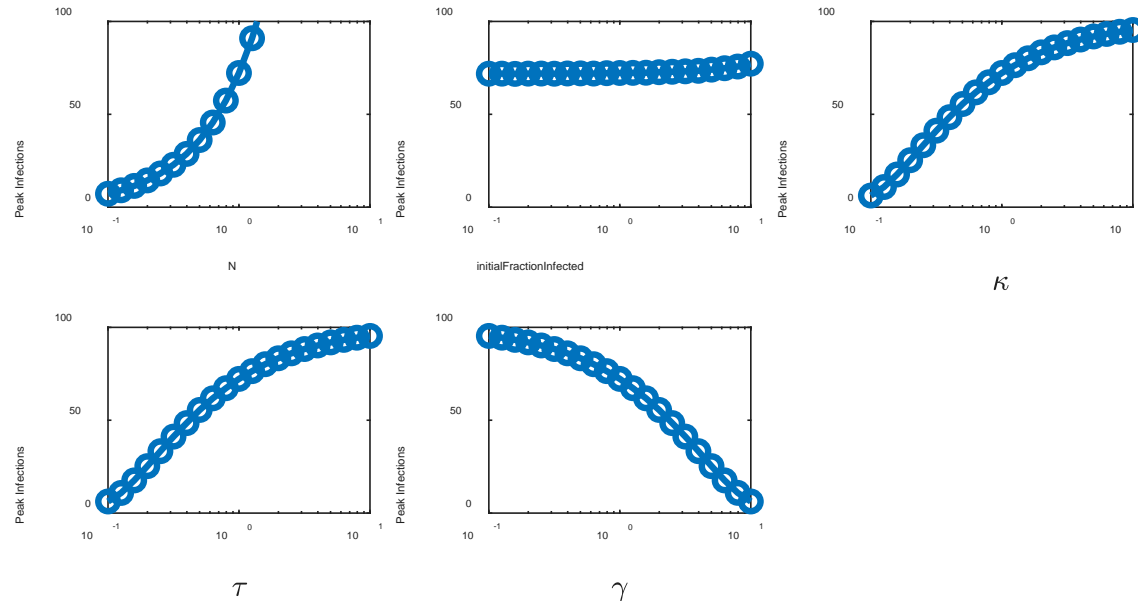
SIR model (ODE): sensitivity analyses



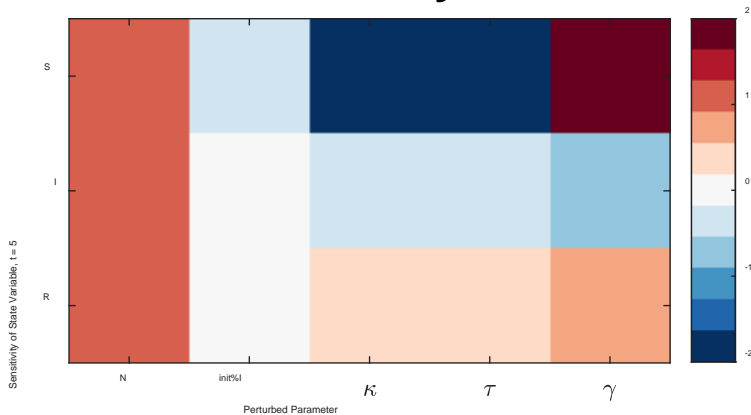
Sensitivity Coefficients



Response Curves



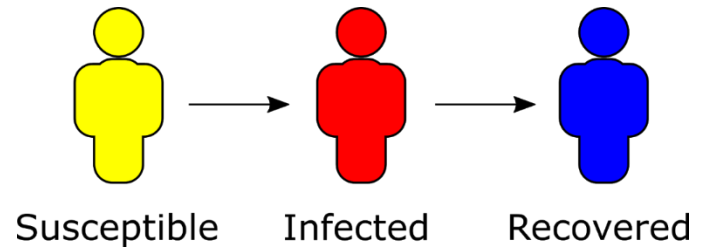
Sensitivity Matrix



relative parameter values

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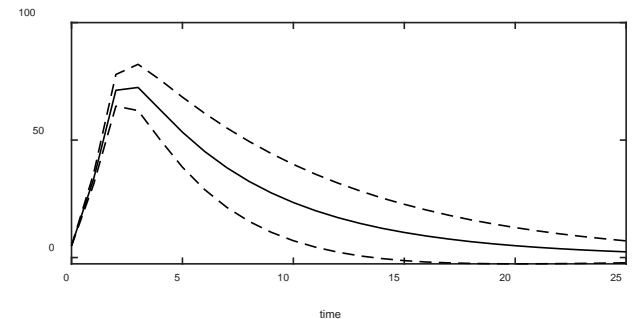
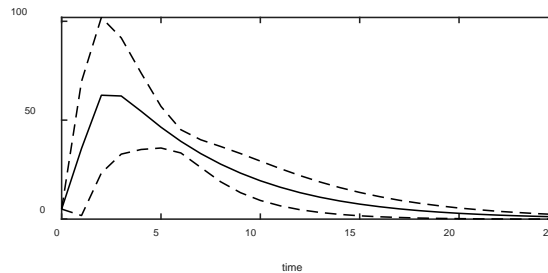
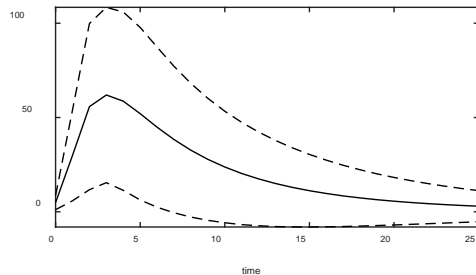
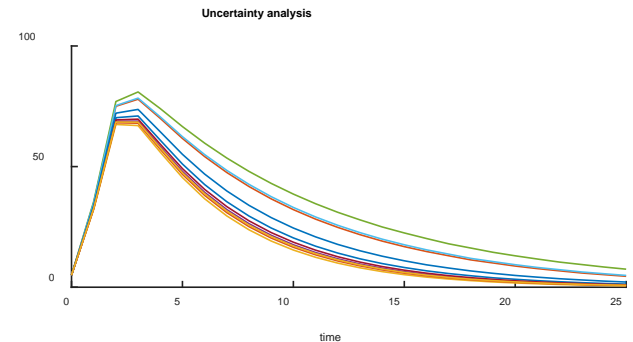
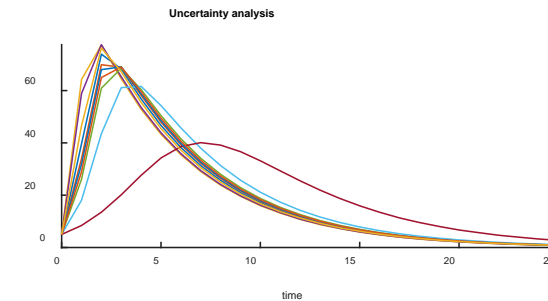
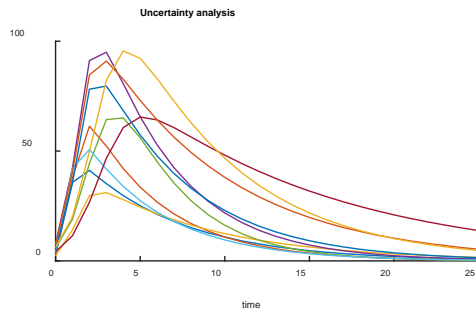
SIR model (ODE): uncertainty analysis



Vary all parameters
CV = 30%

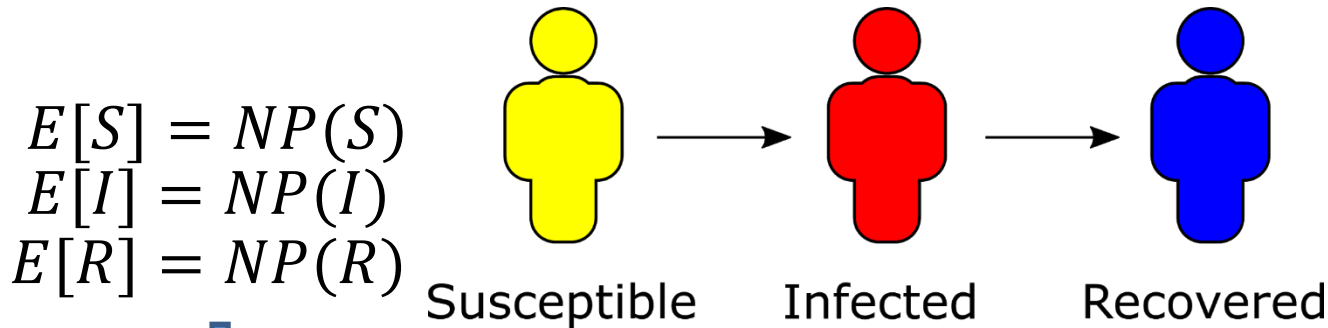
Vary contacts/day
 κ CV = 30%

Vary recovery rate
 γ CV = 30%



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SIR model: probabilistic, continuous time



substitute \downarrow Population ODEs \rightarrow continuous-time Markov chain

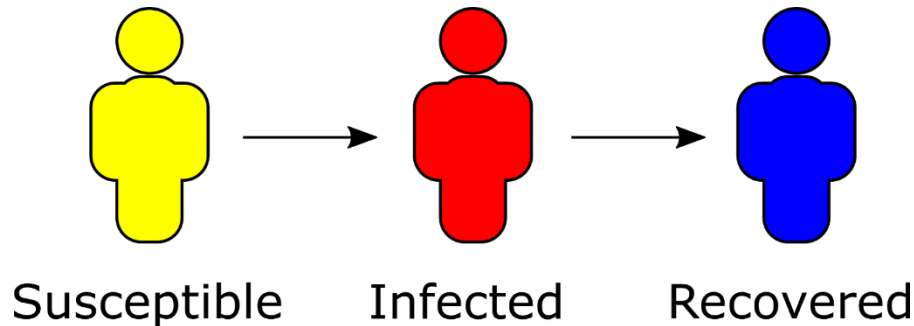
$$\frac{dP(S_t)}{dt} = -\beta NP(I_t)P(S_t)$$

$$\frac{dP(I_t)}{dt} = \beta NP(I_t)P(S_t) - \gamma P(I_t)$$

$$\frac{dP(R_t)}{dt} = \gamma P(I_t)$$

β transmission rate constant
 γ recovery rate constant
 N size of population

SIR model: probabilistic, discrete time



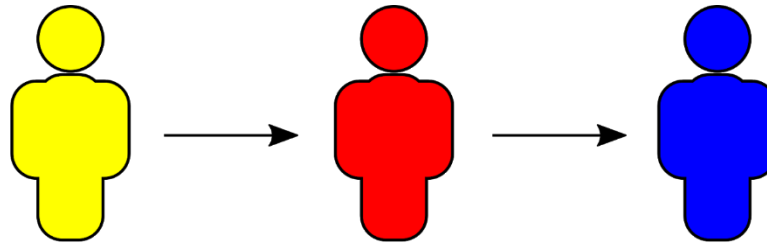
continuous-time Markov chain \rightarrow discrete-time Markov chain

$$\frac{dP(S_t)}{dt} = -\beta NP(I_t)P(S_t) \xrightarrow{\text{Euler Method}} P(S_{t+1}) = -\beta NP(I_t)P(S_t)\Delta t + P(S_t)$$

$$\frac{dP(I_t)}{dt} = \beta NP(I_t)P(S_t) - \gamma P(I_t) \xrightarrow{\text{Euler Method}} P(I_{t+1}) = \beta NP(I_t)P(S_t)\Delta t - \gamma P(I_t)\Delta t + P(I_t)$$

$$\frac{dP(R_t)}{dt} = \gamma P(I_t) \xrightarrow{\text{Euler Method}} P(R_{t+1}) = \gamma P(I_t)\Delta t + P(R_t)$$

SIR model: individual-based stochastic



Susceptible Infected Recovered

discrete-time Markov chain \rightarrow simulate individuals

$$P(I_{t+1}) = \beta NP(I_t)P(S_t)\Delta t - \gamma P(I_t) \Delta t + P(I_t)$$



Discrete-time transition probabilities:

$$S \rightarrow I \quad P(I_{t+1}, |S_t) = \beta NP(I_t) \Delta t = \beta I \Delta t$$

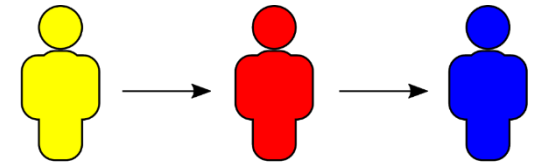
$$I \rightarrow R \quad P(R_{t+1}|I_t) = \gamma \Delta t$$

These discrete-time transition probabilities let us simulate stochastic transitions of individuals:

If S: **If** rand $\sim U[0, 1] < \beta I \Delta t$, **then I**

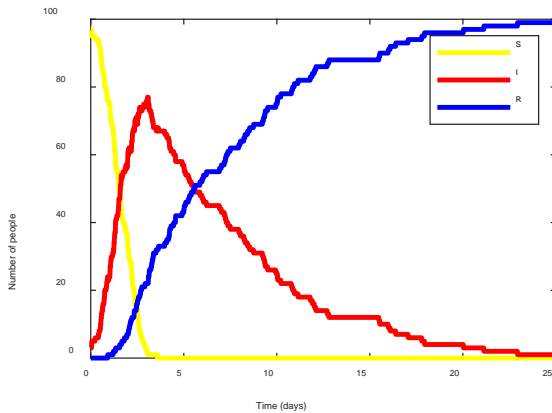
If I: **If** rand $\sim U[0, 1] < \gamma \Delta t$, **then R**

SIR model: individual-based stochastic

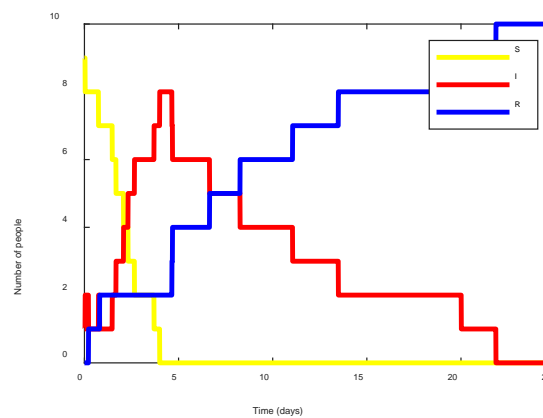


Susceptible Infected Recovered

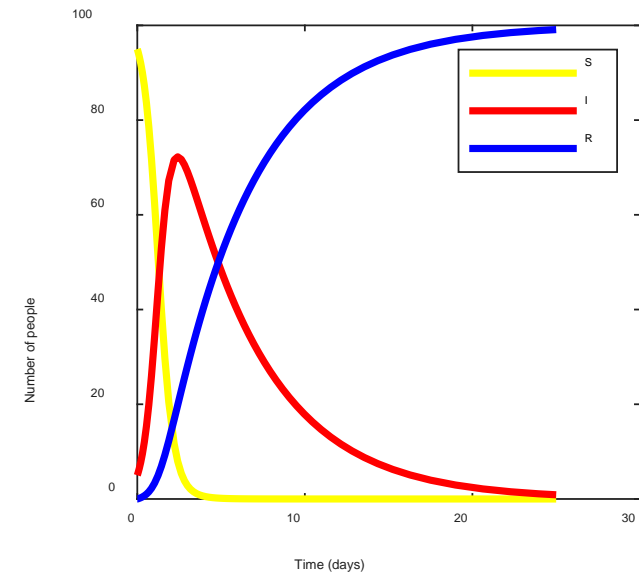
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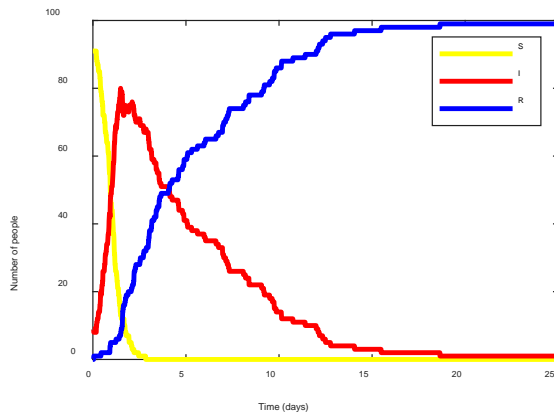
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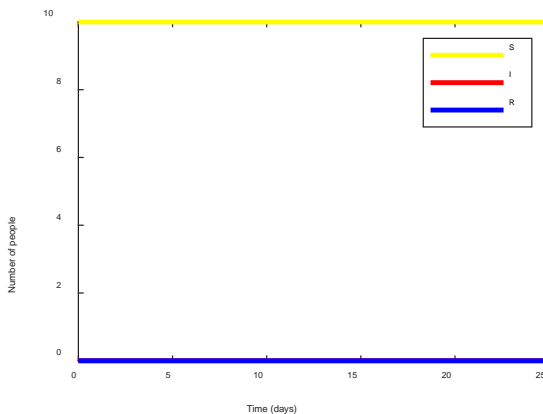
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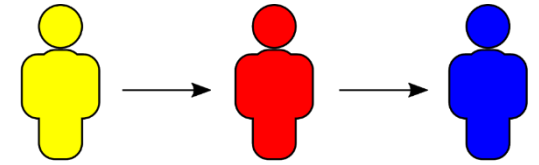


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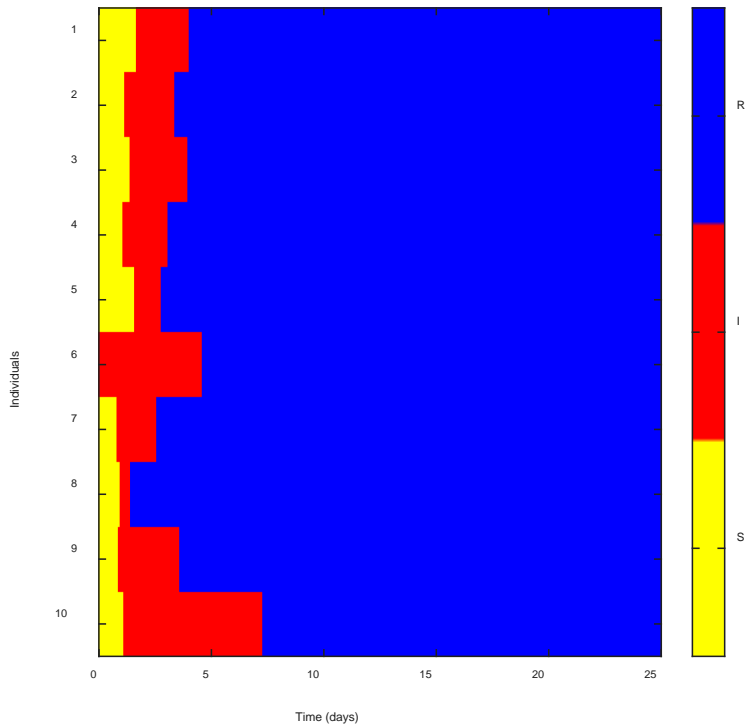


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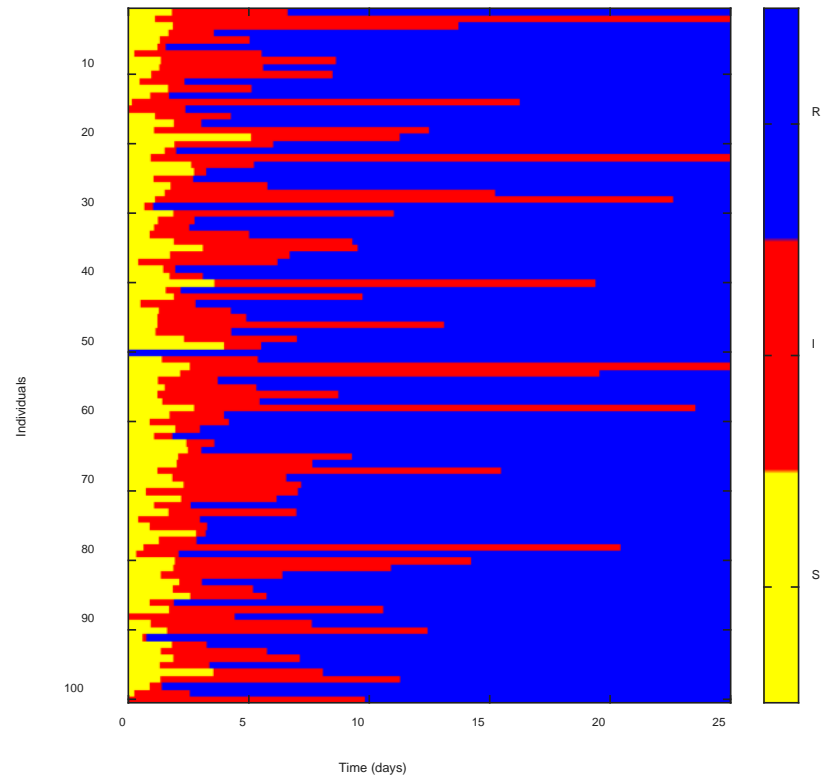
SIR model: individual-based stochastic



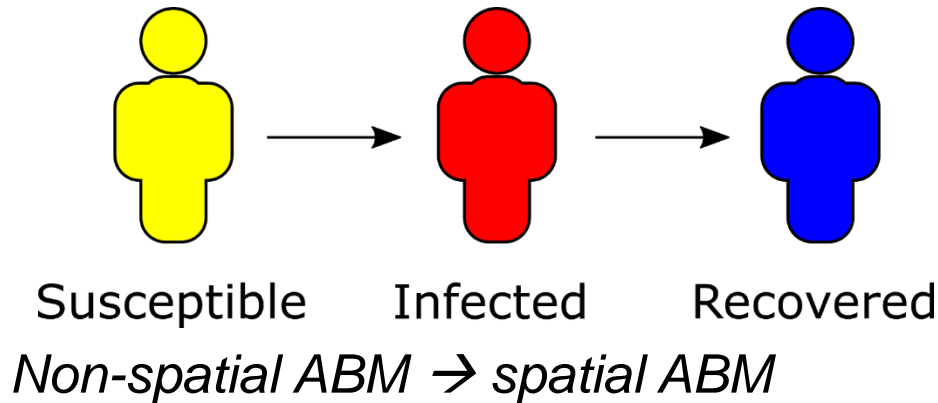
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N = 100



SIR model: individual-based stochastic, spatial



Discrete-time transition probabilities:

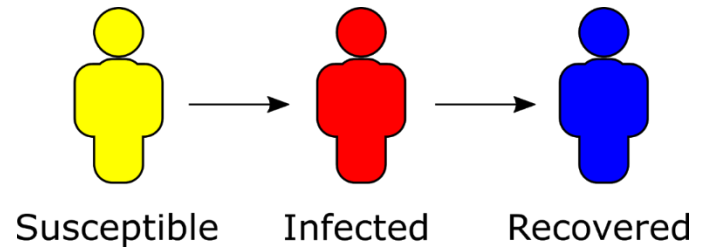
$S \rightarrow I \quad P(I_{t+1}, |S_t) = \beta I \Delta t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{If rand} \sim U[0, 1] < \beta I \Delta t, \text{ then } I$

Where: $\beta = \frac{\kappa \tau}{N}$ N: # of people
 κ : # contacts/time/person [1/days]
 τ : transmissibility (fraction contacts → infection)

$$\beta I = \frac{\kappa \tau I}{N} = \kappa \tau P_{\text{contact-Inf}}$$

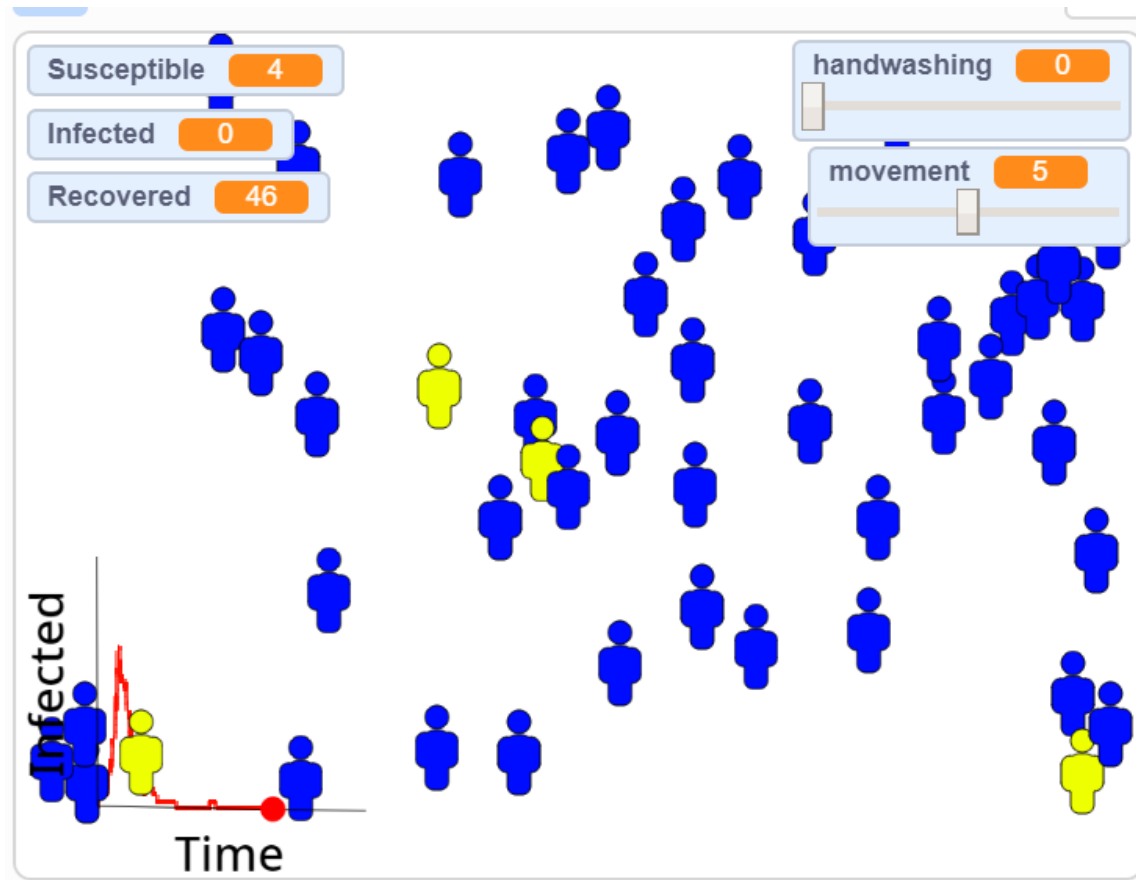
For spatial: If S is contact with I, $P_{\text{contact-Inf}} = 1$, so $P(I_{t+1} | S_t) = \tau \Delta t$

SIR model (ABM): stochastic, spatial

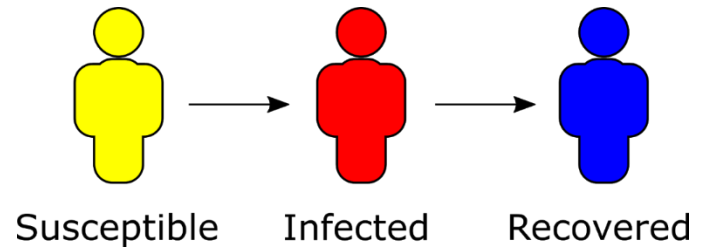


Infectious disease simulator

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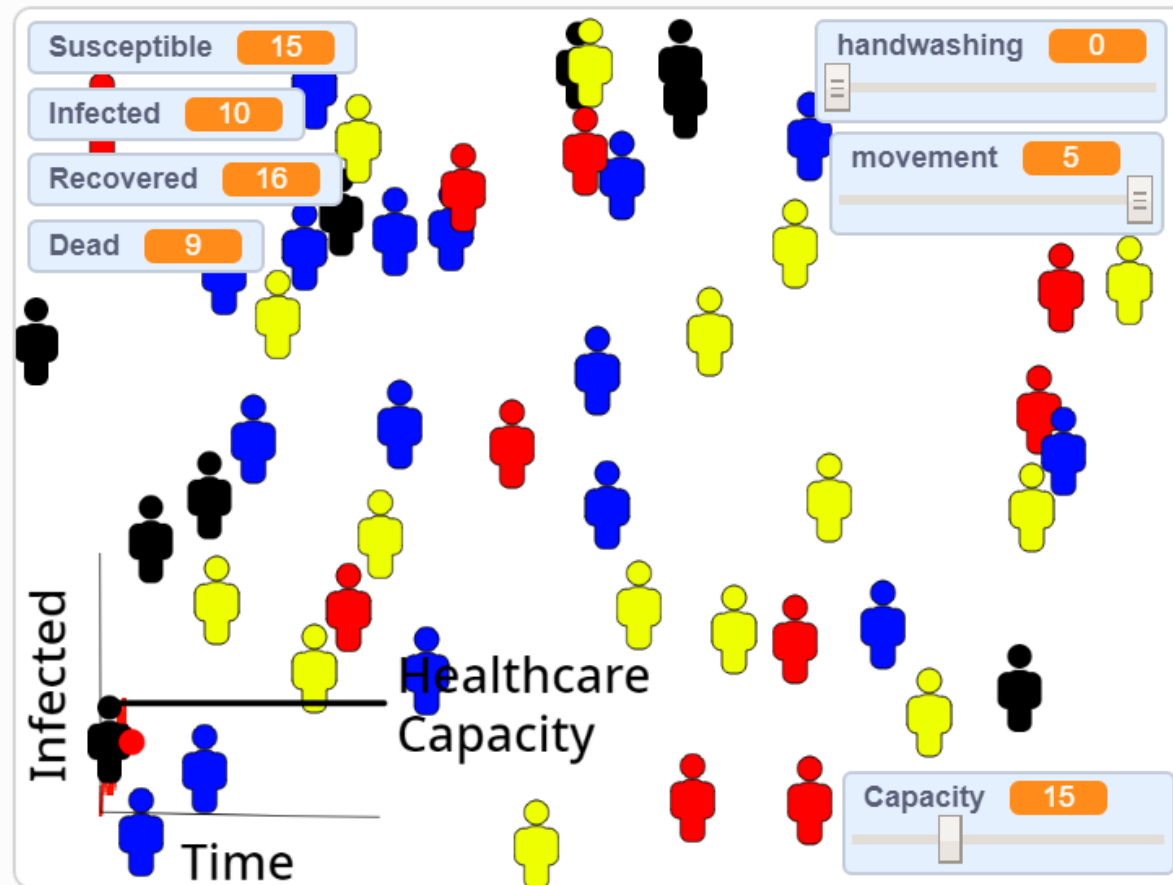


SIR model (ABM): stochastic, spatial



Infectious disease simulator with limited healthcare system capacity

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