

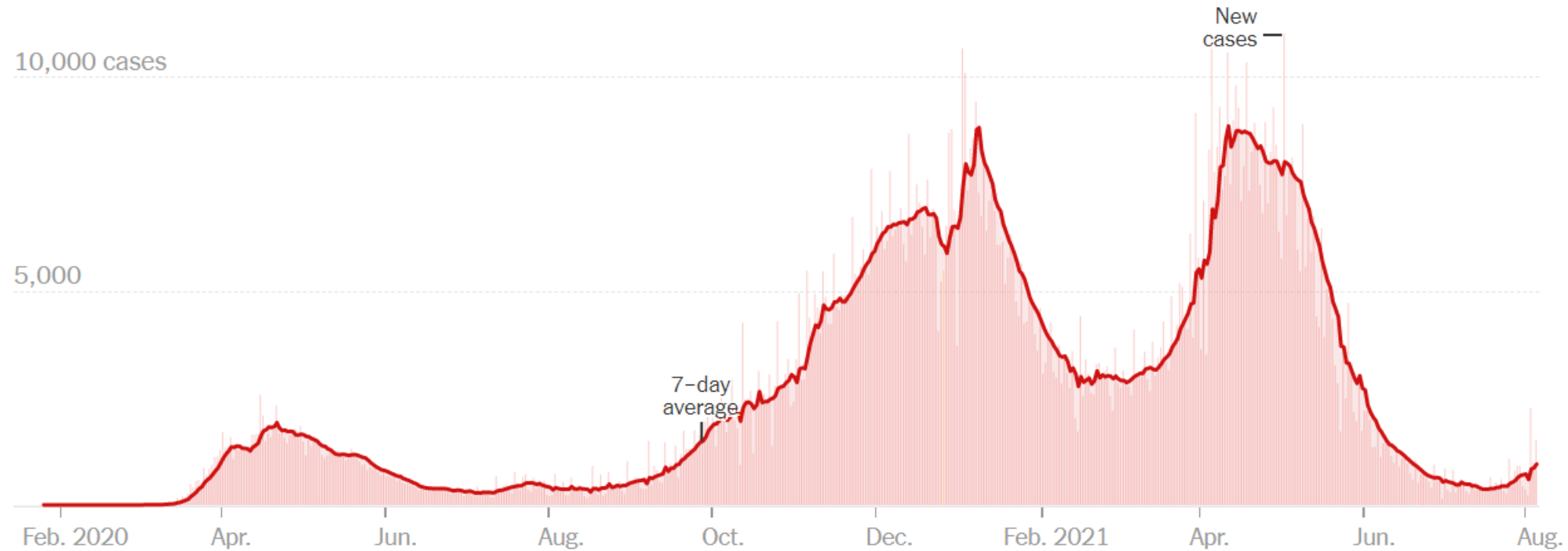
Epidemic modelling basics (1-variable models) Lecture 12a: 2021-08-06

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Epidemic curves – Covid19 in Canada

New reported cases



<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/world/canada-covid-cases.html>

Infection rates

- Assumption 1: each infected individual infects other individuals at a constant positive rate β .

Model 1: Let $I(t) = \#$ infected at time t .

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta I \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{I} = \beta I$$

$$\dot{I} - \beta I = 0$$

Char. eq. $\lambda - \beta = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \beta$$

$$I(t) = C e^{\beta t}$$

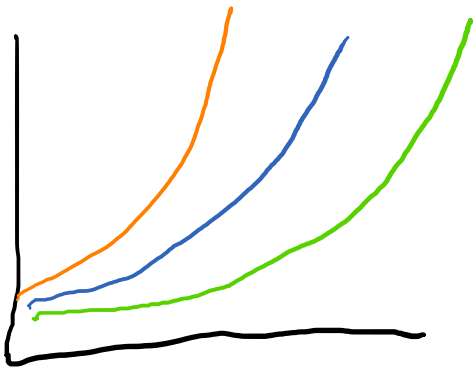
$$\Rightarrow I(0) = C e^{\beta \cdot 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = I(0)$$

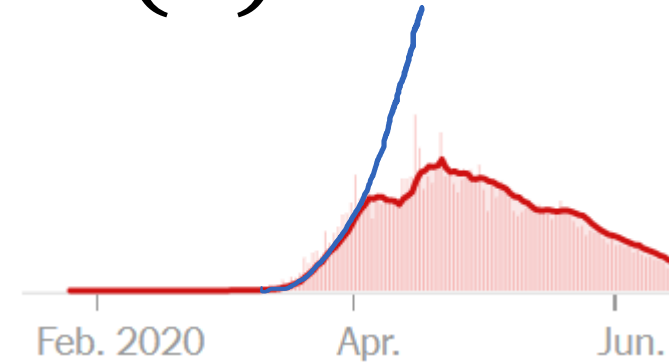
$$I(t) = I(0) e^{\beta t}$$

Exponential model: $I(t) = I(0)e^{\beta t}$

- Let's focus on the initial months of the pandemic.
- Can use regression to find the good values for β , or even just trial and error.



- Model doesn't take into account finite population size.



What's wrong with the model?

- A: Model is too simple
- B: Cannot determine good β
- C: Doesn't reflect the data
- D: All of the above
- E: None of the above

Compartmental models

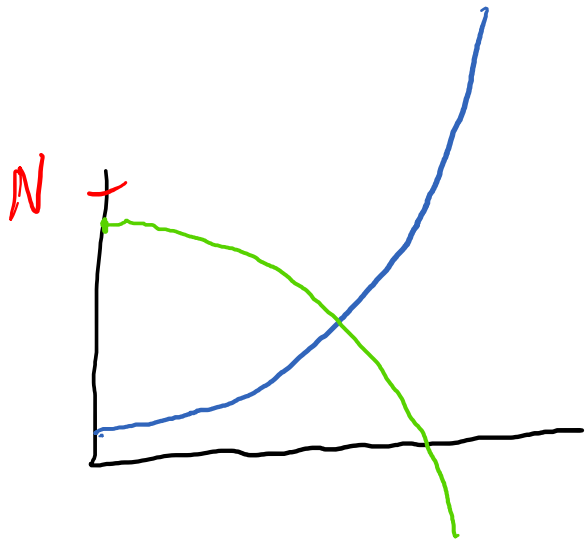
- Assumption 2: there is a total fixed population size $N = I(t) + S(t)$, where S is the number of Susceptible individuals.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{I} = \beta I \\ N = I + S \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \dot{I} = \beta I \\ S = N - I \\ \dot{S} = -\dot{I} = -\beta I \end{array}$$



- Does this fix the problems from the previous slide?

$$\dot{I} = \beta I \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} I(t) = \underline{I(0)e^{\beta t}} \\ S(t) = N - I(0)e^{\beta t} \end{array}$$



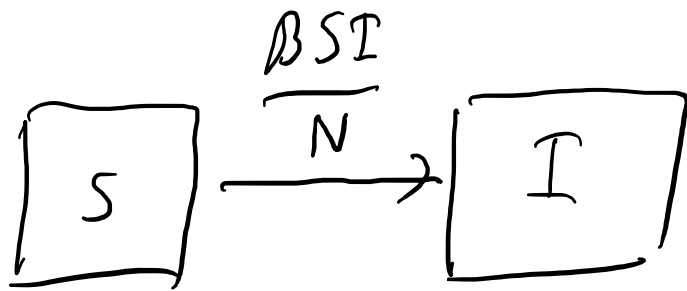
Model still goes off to infinite infected, and even worse, negative susceptible

- A: Yes
- B: No
- C: Maybe
- D: ???

SI Model of Epidemics

- Modified assumption 1: The infection rate is proportional to the average number of times an infected individual encounters a susceptible individual in the population, assuming random encounters.

$$\beta \cdot I \cdot \frac{S}{N} = \text{infection rate}$$



$$N = S(t) + I(t)$$

$$\dot{S} = -\frac{\beta SI}{N}$$

$$\dot{I} = \frac{\beta SI}{N}$$

Solving SI model qualitatively

- $N = S(t) + I(t)$

- $\dot{S} = -\frac{\beta SI}{N}$

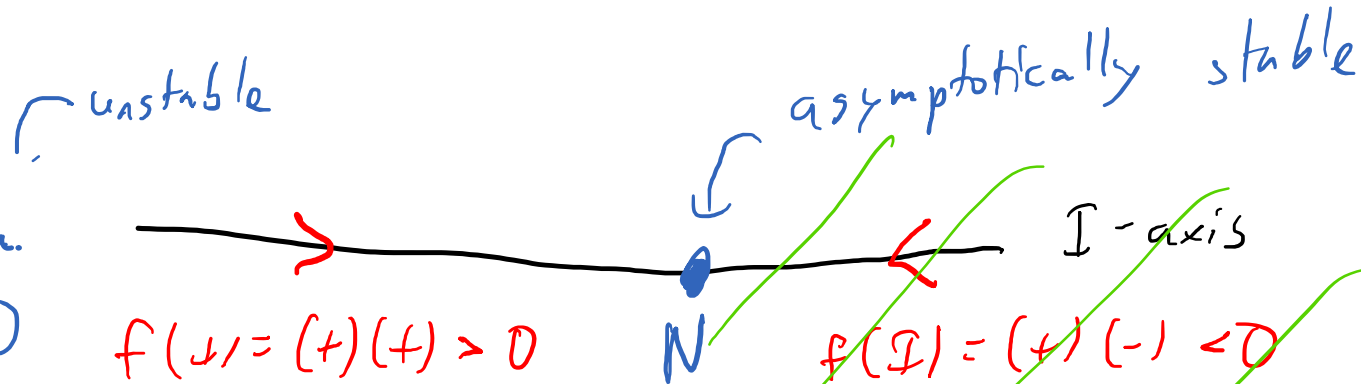
- $\dot{I} = \frac{\beta SI}{N}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S &= N - I \\ \dot{I} &= \frac{\beta I}{N} (N - I) = f(I) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{single-var.} \\ \text{ODE} \end{array}$$

Equilibria:

$$\dot{I} = \frac{\beta I}{N} (N - I)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad I = N$$



Solving the SI model exactly

- $\dot{I} = \frac{\beta I}{N} (N - I)$
- What methods should we use?

- A: Separation of variables
- B: Integrating factor
- C: u-substitution
- D: All of the above
- E: None of the above

Bernoulli ODE, characteristic equation

Integrating factor and u-substitution

$$\bullet \dot{I} = \frac{\beta I}{N} (N - I)$$

$$\dot{I} = \beta I - \frac{\beta I^2}{N}$$

$$\dot{I} - \beta I = -\frac{\beta I^2}{N} \quad \left. \vphantom{\dot{I} - \beta I} \right\} \text{Bernoulli: ODE}$$

Multiply by $-I^{-2}$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} \cdot \frac{-1}{I^2} + \frac{\beta}{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}$$

$$\text{Let } u = \frac{1}{I}, \quad du = \frac{-1}{I^2} dI$$

$$I = \frac{1}{u}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} + \beta u = \frac{\beta}{N} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{du}{dt} + \beta u} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{1st-order} \\ \text{linear} \end{array}$$

Could use IF.

$$\lambda + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\beta$$

$$u_h = C e^{-\beta t}$$

$$\text{Ansatz: } u_p = A, \quad \dot{u}_p = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta A = \frac{\beta}{N}, \quad A = \frac{1}{N} \Rightarrow u_p = \frac{1}{N}$$

$$u_g = C e^{-\beta t} + \frac{1}{N}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{C e^{-\beta t} + \frac{1}{N}} = \frac{N}{1 + C e^{-\beta t}}$$

Separation of variables

$$\log A - \log B = \log \frac{A}{B}$$

$$\bullet i = \frac{\beta I}{N} (N - I) = \beta I \left(1 - \frac{I}{N}\right)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta I \left(1 - \frac{I}{N}\right)$$

separate
var.

$$\frac{dI}{I \left(1 - \frac{I}{N}\right)} = \beta dt$$

$$\frac{N}{I(N-I)} dI = \beta dt$$

partial
fractions

$$\left[\frac{A}{I} + \frac{B}{N-I} \right] dI = \beta dt$$

$$A(N-I) + BI = N$$

$$AN + I(B-A) = N$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1, B = 1$$

$$\int \left[\frac{1}{I} + \frac{1}{N-I} \right] dI = \int \beta dt$$

$$-\ln|I| + \ln|N-I| = -\beta t + C$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{N-I}{I} \right| = -\beta t + C$$

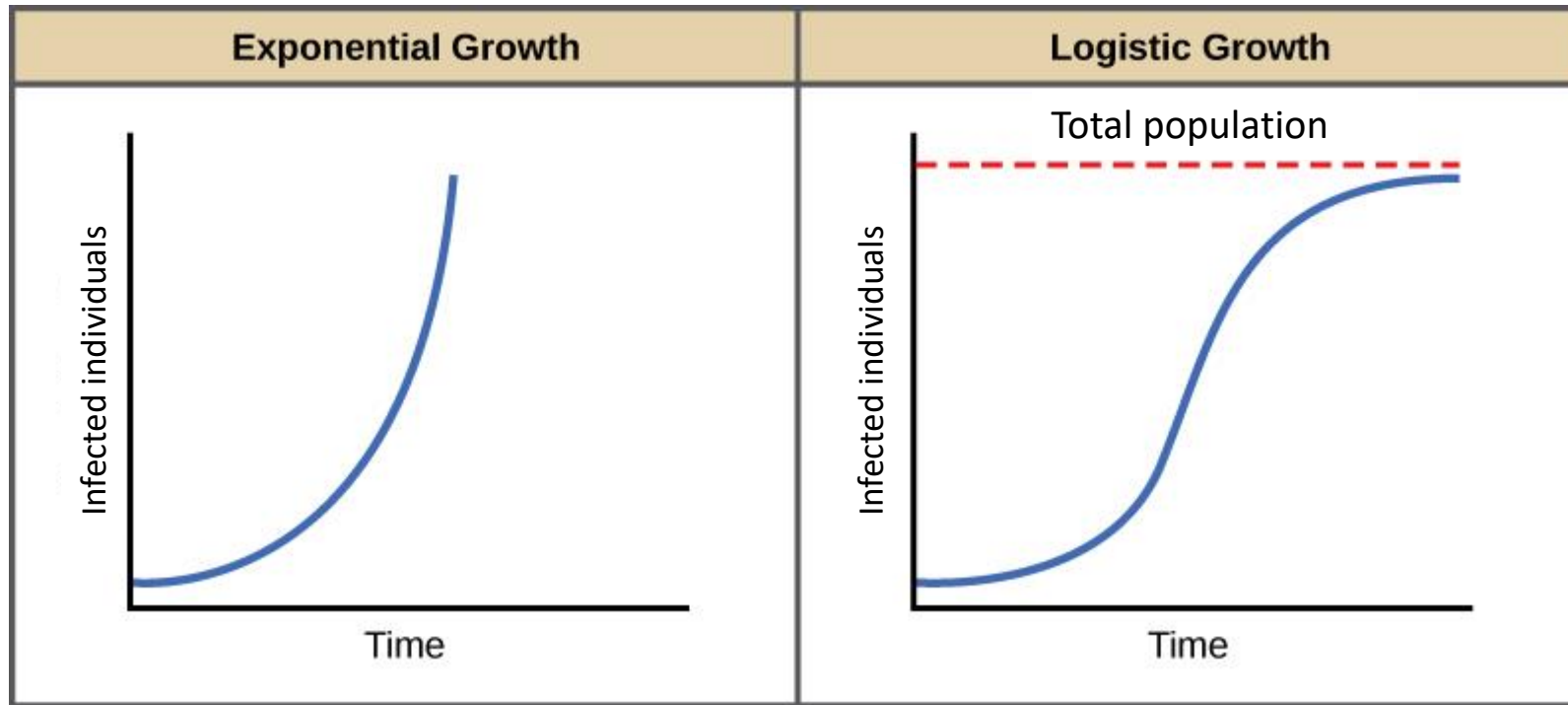
$$\frac{N-I}{I} = Ce^{-\beta t}$$

$$\frac{N}{I} = 1 + Ce^{-\beta t} \Rightarrow$$

$$I = \frac{N}{1 + Ce^{-\beta t}}$$

Logistic growth equation

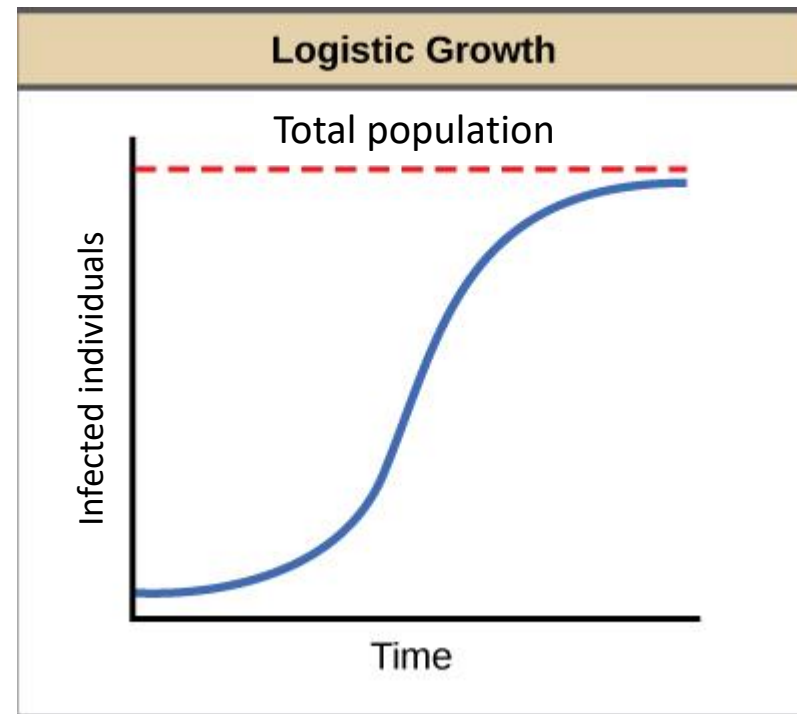
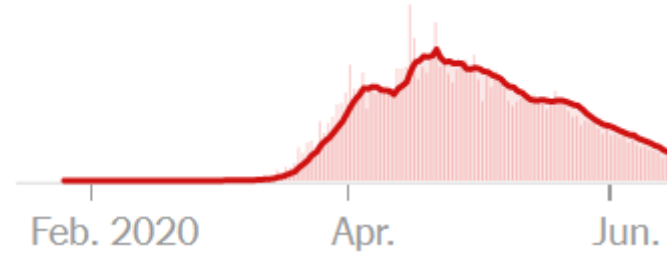
- SI model has logistic growth, which starts out like exponential growth, but levels out as everyone is infected.



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Figure_45_03_01.jpg

Further improvements

- We now no longer go off to infinity, which is good.
- But, we still are missing the downward part of the epidemic curve.
- How do we get the number of infected to go back down in our model?

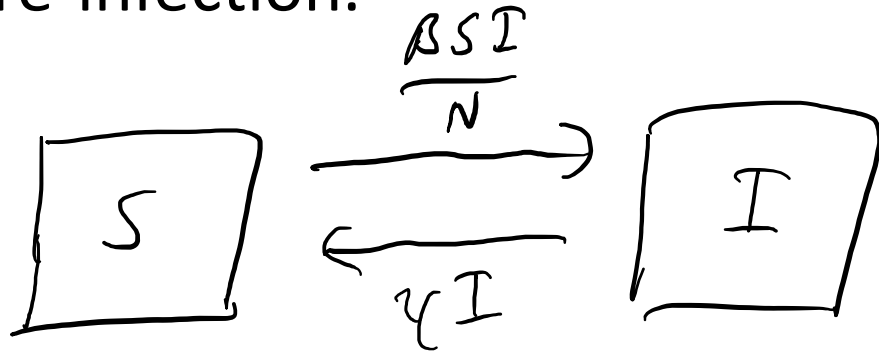


- A: Add a recovery term
- B: Add a mortality rate
- C: Add an immunization rate
- D: All of the above
- E: None of the above

related

SIS Model

- Assumption 3: Individuals recover at rate γ , and become susceptible to re-infection.



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} S(t) + I(t) \\ \beta SI + \gamma I \\ I = \frac{\beta}{N} SI - \gamma I \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} S = N - I \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N} (N - I) I - \gamma I \\ \dot{I} = \left(\beta - \frac{\beta I}{N} - \gamma \right) I \end{array}$$

Multiple cases

- $\frac{dI}{dt} = \left(\beta - \frac{\beta I}{N} - \gamma \right) I$
- Note, we have two parameters, β and γ , so there are three cases to consider.
- What are your guesses for behavior in each of the following?
- Case 1: $\beta = \gamma$
- Case 2: $\beta < \gamma$
- Case 3: $\beta > \gamma$

- A: Disease dies out
- B: Number of infected goes to nonzero constant
- C: Number of infected oscillates up and down
- D: All of the above
- E: None of the above

Case 1: $\beta = \gamma$

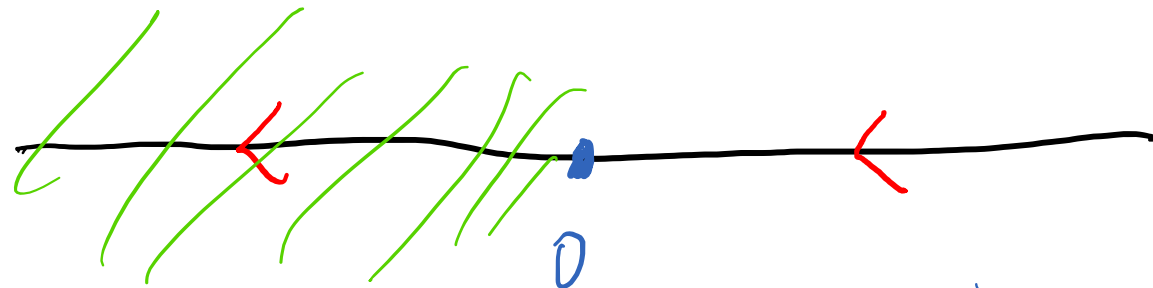
Infection rate = recovery rate

$$\bullet \frac{dI}{dt} = \left(\beta - \frac{\beta I}{N} - \gamma \right) I$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{I} = -\frac{\beta I^2}{N}$$

$$\text{Eq. } \dot{I} = 0 \Rightarrow I = 0$$

Note $-\frac{\beta I^2}{N} < 0$ for all $I \neq 0$



0
C semi-stable

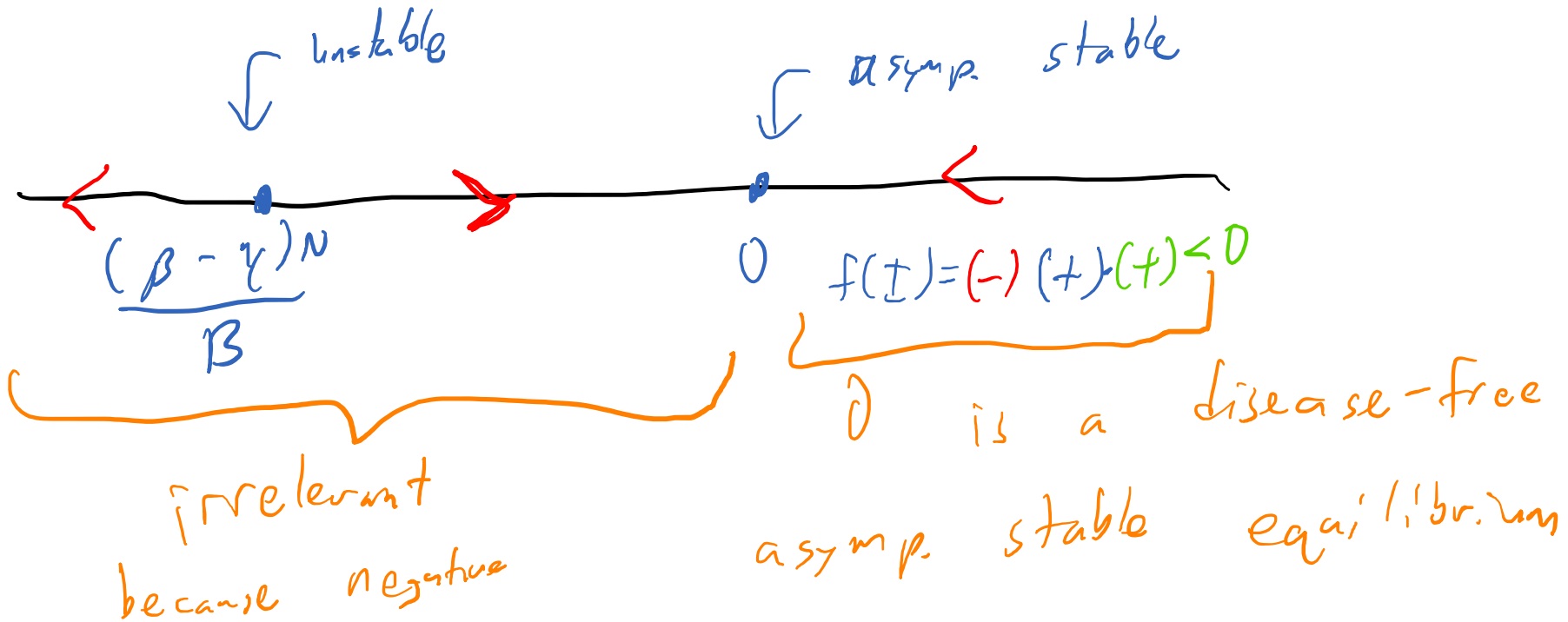
\Rightarrow disease dies to 0 asymptotically

Case 2: $\beta < \gamma$

$$\beta - \gamma < 0$$

$$\bullet \frac{dI}{dt} = \left(\beta - \frac{\beta I}{N} - \gamma \right) I = (\beta - \gamma) \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{(\beta - \gamma)N} \cdot I \right] I = f(I)$$

Eq. $\dot{I} = 0 \Rightarrow I = 0$ or $I = \frac{(\beta - \gamma)N}{\beta} < 0$

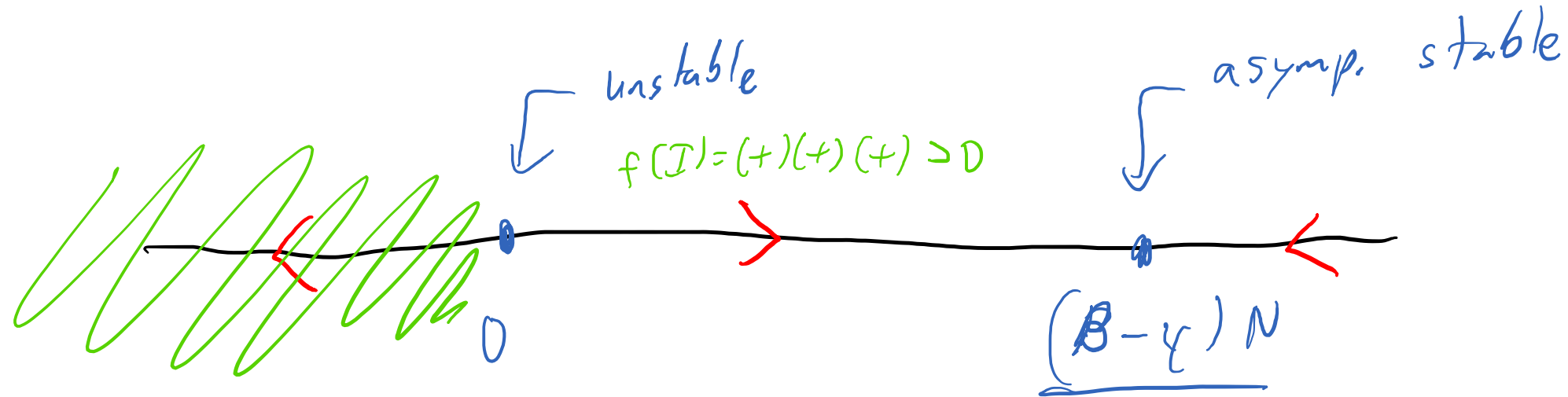


Case 3: $\beta > \gamma$

$$\beta - \gamma > 0$$

$$\bullet \frac{dI}{dt} = \left(\beta - \frac{\beta I}{N} - \gamma \right) I = (\beta - \gamma) \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{(\beta - \gamma)N} \cdot I \right] \cdot I = f(I)$$

Eq. $\dot{I} = 0 \Rightarrow I = 0$ or $I = \frac{(\beta - \gamma)}{\beta} \cdot N > 0$



Endemic asymptotically stable equilibrium of $\frac{(\beta - \gamma)N}{\beta}$ infected

Basic reproduction number

- Case 1: $\beta = \gamma$. Disease dies out.
- Case 2: $\beta < \gamma$. Disease dies out.
- Case 3: $\beta > \gamma$. Disease persists.
- In the SIS model, we call the ratio $R_0 = \frac{\beta}{\gamma}$ the *basic reproduction number* of the system because it is the number of secondary infections β caused during the infectious period $\frac{1}{\gamma}$.
- When $R_0 > 1$, disease persists.
- When $R_0 \leq 1$, disease dies out.