

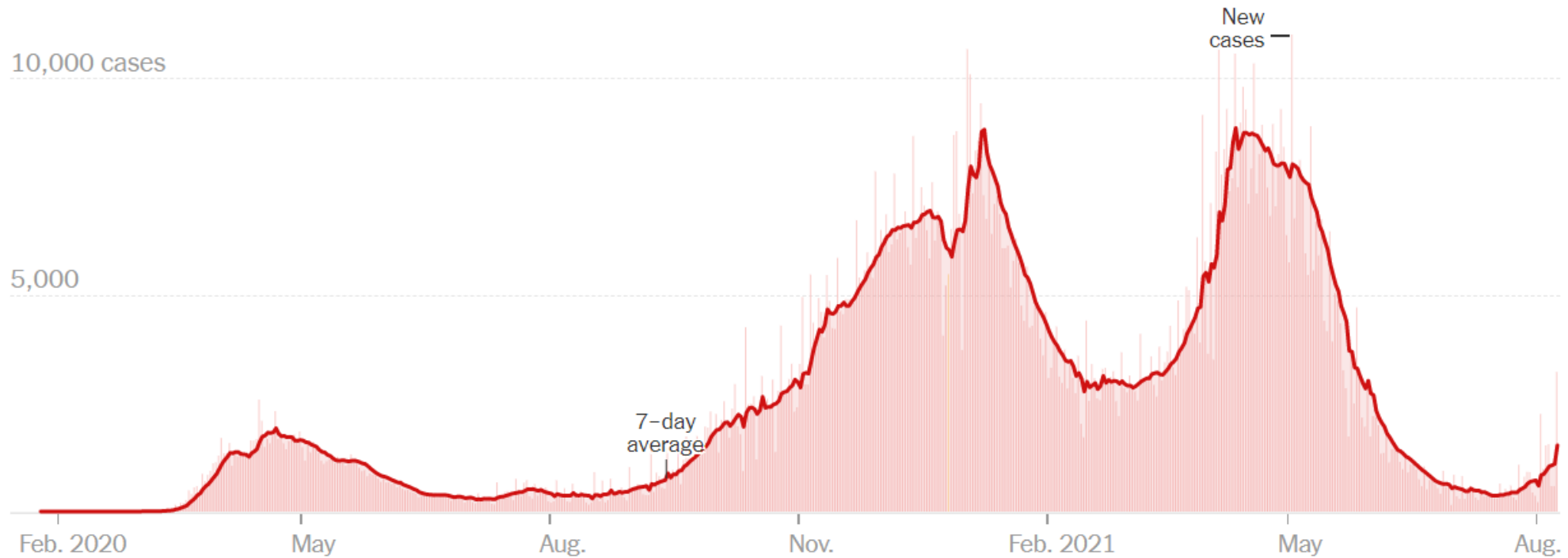


Epidemic modelling  
(SIR models)  
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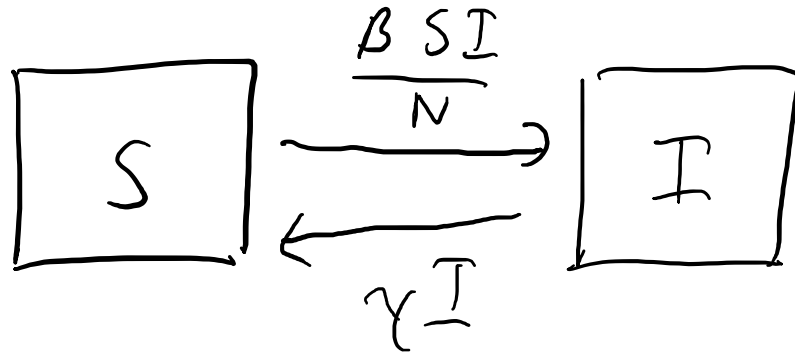
# Epidemic curves – Covid19 in Canada



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

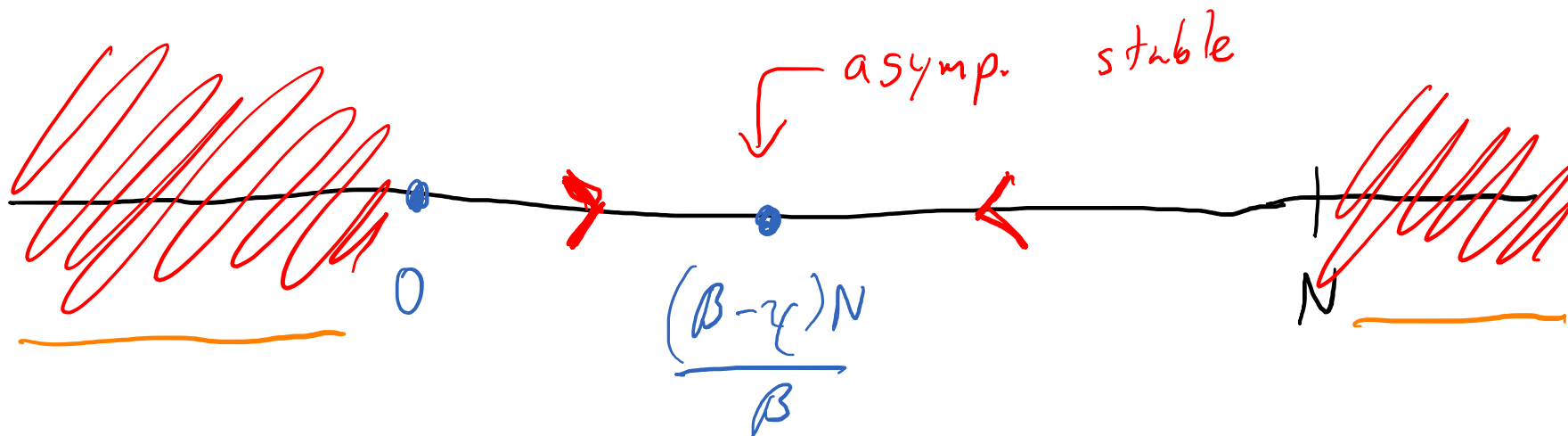
# SIS Model

- 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.
- Assumption 2: there is a total fixed population size  $N = I(t) + S(t)$ , where  $S$  is the number of Susceptible individuals.
- Assumption 3: Individuals recover at rate  $\gamma$ , and become susceptible to re-infection.



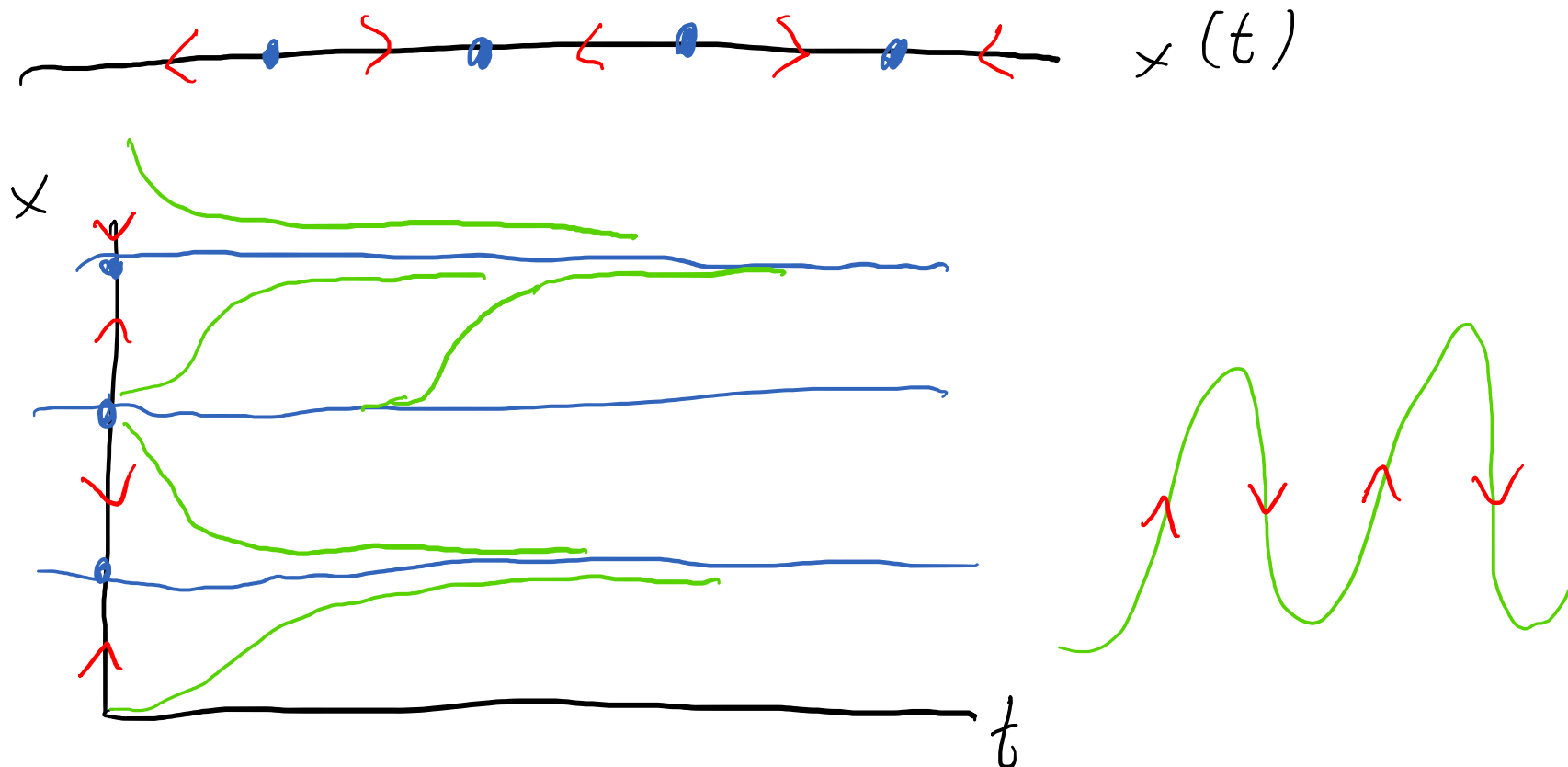
# SIS Model Properties

- 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  $\beta$  caused during the infectious period  $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ .
- If  $R_0 > 1$ , the disease persists and we are at the endemic disease equilibrium.



# 1D systems and complex behavior

- Autonomous 1D ODE systems  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  can't have cycles or any doubling back because you'd have to cross a point going the other direction.



# Modelling waves

- How can ODE models capture the infection waves that we see in real epidemics?

A: Add more variables

B: Make them nonautonomous

C: Add in births/deaths

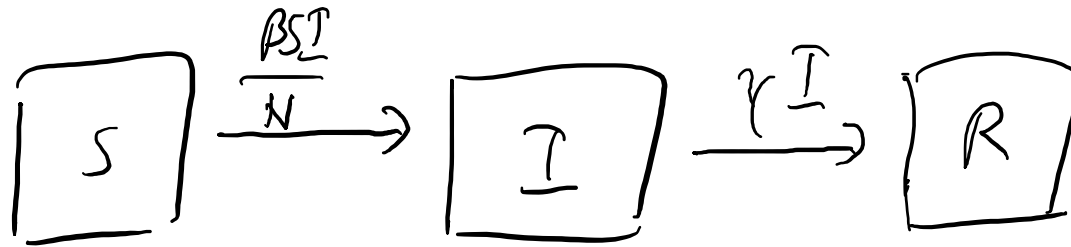
→ D: All of the above

E: None of the above

- ~~Let's try out a couple of options numerically.~~

# SIR Model

- Modified assumption 3: Individuals recover at rate  $\gamma$ , and become *Removed*  $R(t)$  from the population.
- Modified assumption 2: There is a total fixed population size  $N = I(t) + S(t) + R(t)$ .



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

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

$$\dot{R} = \gamma I$$

and  $N = S + I + R$

# Reduce SIR model to two variables

$$\bullet \begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I \\ \dot{R} = \gamma I \end{cases}$$

$$N = S + I + R$$

$$\Rightarrow R = N - S - I$$

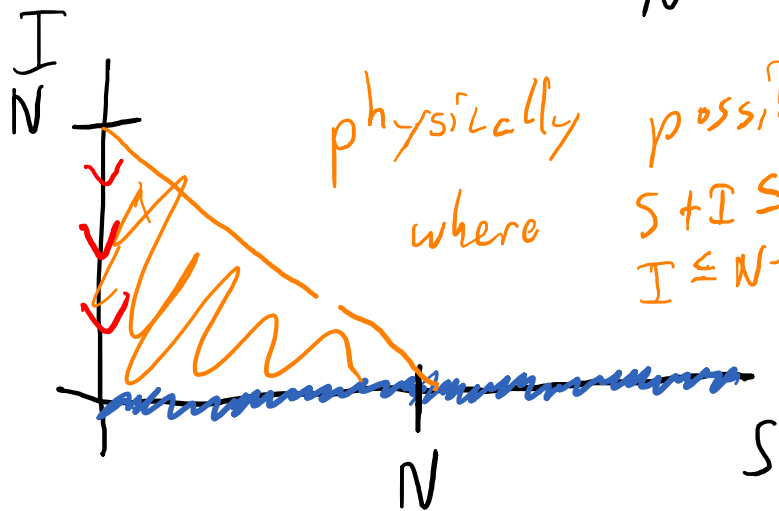
$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I \end{cases}$$

Equilibria:

$$0 = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI$$

$$0 = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \gamma I = 0 \\ I = 0 \\ S \text{ can be anything} \end{array}$$



If  $S = 0$ ,  $\dot{I} < 0$ .

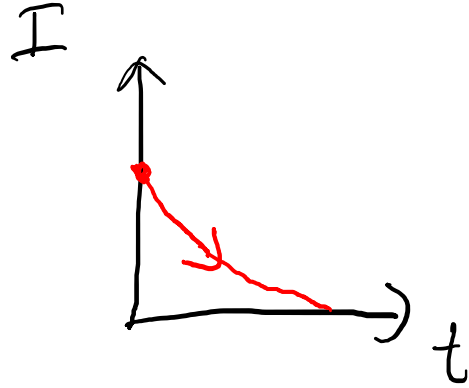


# Plots of basic SIR model

infection rate  $\downarrow$  recovery rate  $\downarrow$

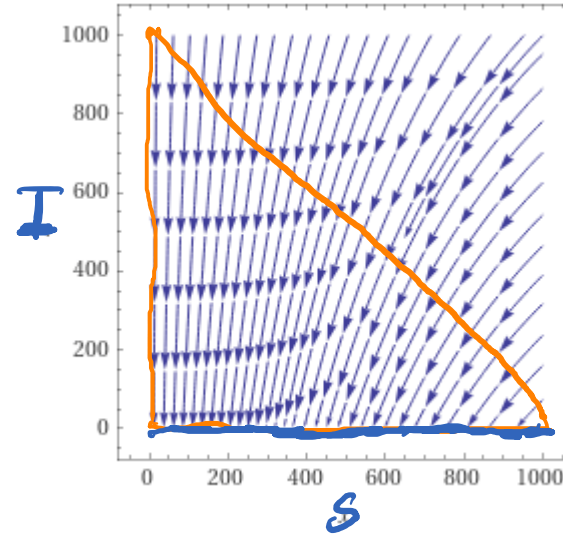
- Let  $\beta = 0.1, \gamma = 0.2, N = 1000$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{0.1}{1000}SI \\ \dot{I} = \frac{0.1}{1000}SI - 0.2I \end{cases}$$



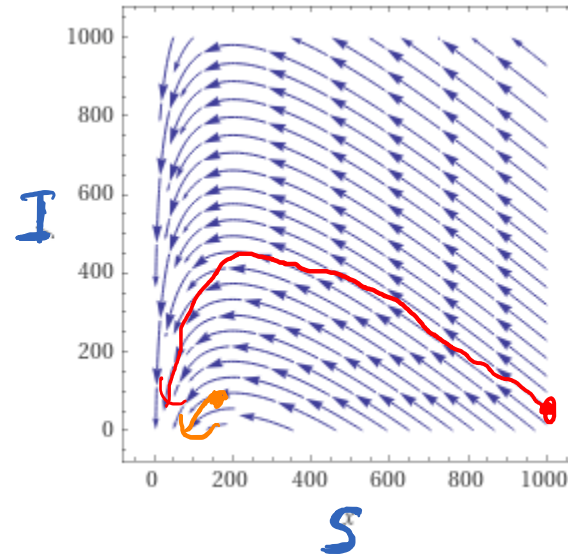
WolframAlpha: streamplot  $\{-1/10000 * x * y, x*y/10000 - 0.2*y\}, x=0..1000, y=0..1000$

$$S + I + R = N$$



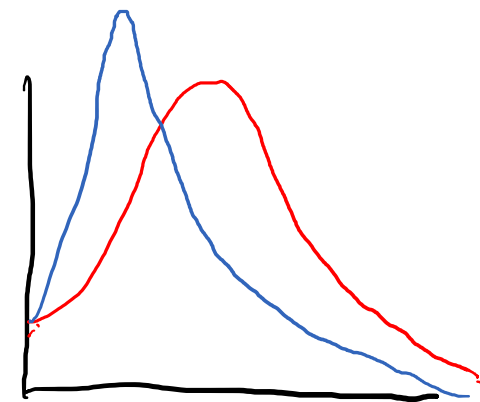
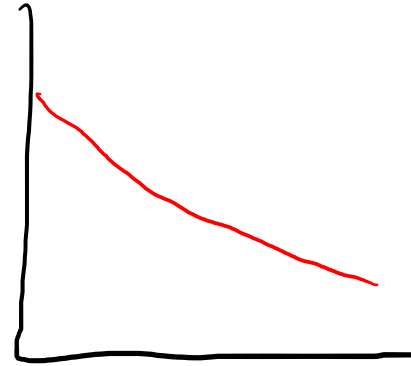
- Let  $\beta = 0.1, \gamma = 0.02, N = 1000$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{0.1}{1000}SI \\ \dot{I} = \frac{0.1}{1000}SI - 0.02I \end{cases}$$



# Basic SIR model gives a single wave

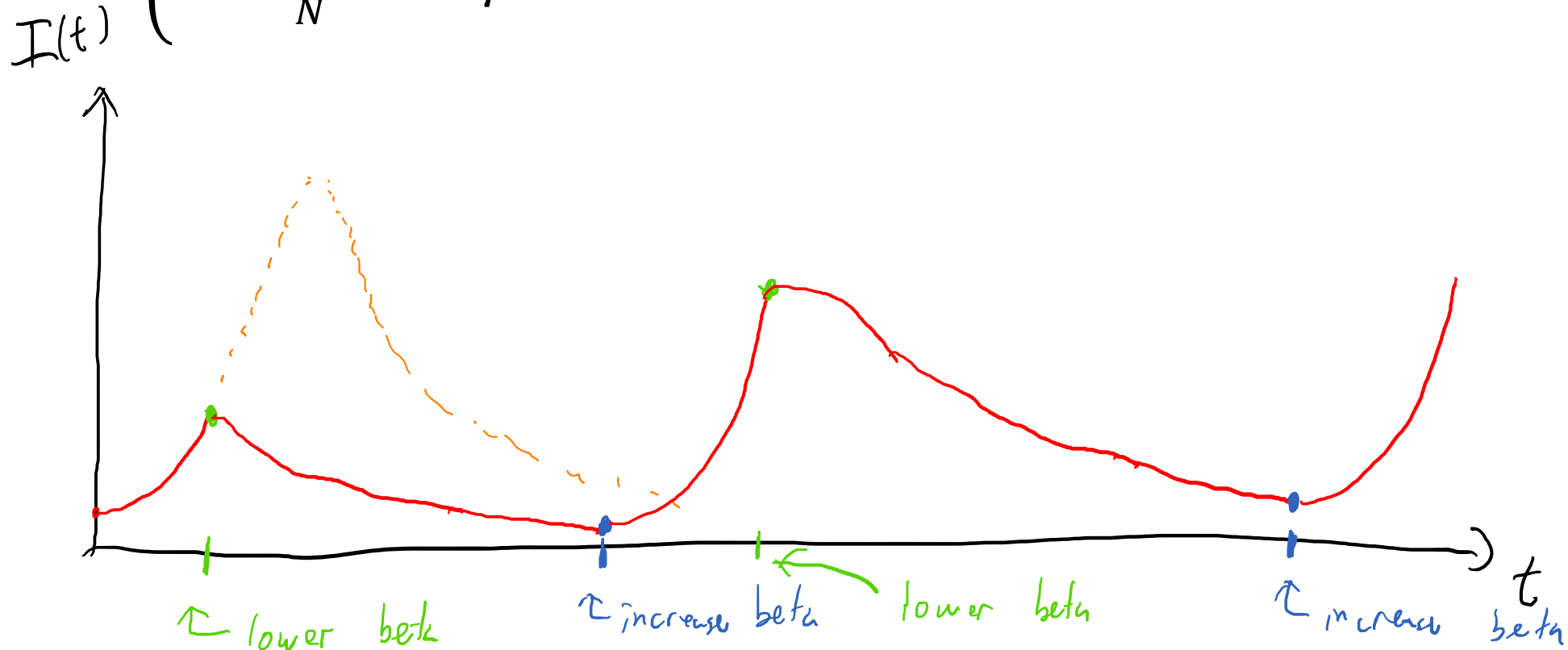
- Again,  $R_0 = \frac{\beta}{\gamma}$ .
- If  $R_0 < 1$ , then no epidemic happens because infected individuals never increase.
- If  $R_0 > 1$ , then an epidemic with a single wave happens.
- Then higher the  $R_0$ , the higher the peak. We can “flatten the curve” by reducing  $\beta$ , the transmission rate.
- <https://www.geogebra.org/m/p5ucts38> by Ivan De Winne



# Nonautonomous Epidemic model

- What if  $\beta$  is sometimes high, and sometimes low, as a function of time?

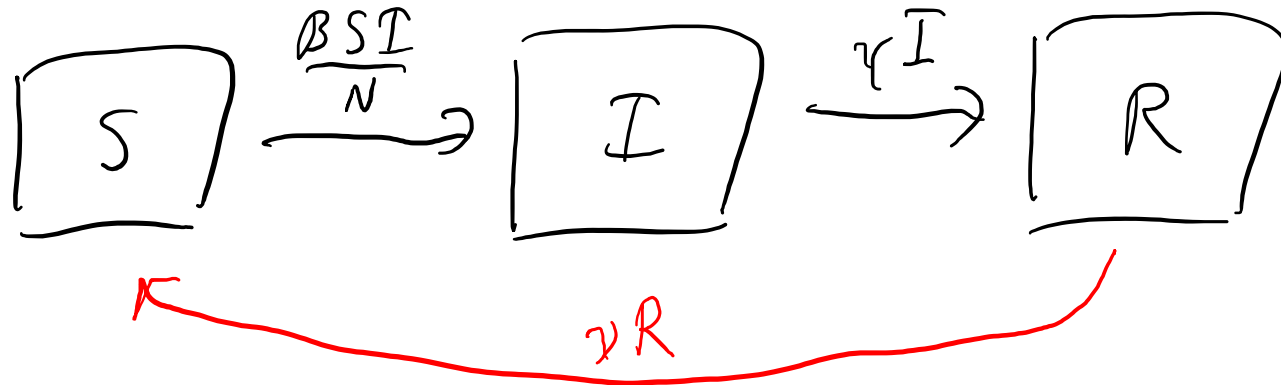
- Then 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{\beta(t)}{N}SI \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta(t)}{N}SI - \gamma I \end{cases}$$
 is not autonomous.



# (autonomous) SIRS Epidemic Model

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- Assumption 4: Removed individuals lose immunity at rate  $\nu$ .



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{S} &= -\frac{\beta}{N} SI + \nu R \\ \dot{I} &= \frac{\beta}{N} SI - \gamma I \\ \dot{R} &= \gamma I - \nu R \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N &= S + I + R \\ R &= N - S - I \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{S} = -\frac{\beta}{N} SI + \nu(N - S - I)$$

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

# Phase plane analysis of SIRS model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI + \nu(N - I - S) \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I \end{cases}$$

Equilibria:

$$0 = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI + \nu(N - I - S)$$

$$0 = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I = \underline{I} \left( \frac{\beta}{N}S - \gamma \right) \Rightarrow I = 0 \text{ or } S = \frac{N\gamma}{\beta}$$

Case 1:  $I = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \nu(N - S)$$

$$\Rightarrow S = N$$

Case 2:  $S = \frac{N\gamma}{\beta}$

$$0 = -\frac{\beta}{N} \cdot \frac{N\gamma}{\beta} \cdot I + \nu \left( N - I - \frac{N\gamma}{\beta} \right)$$

$$\gamma I + \nu I = \nu N \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right) \Rightarrow I = \frac{\nu N \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right)}{\gamma + \nu}$$

# Qualitative analysis of equilibria

- $$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI + \nu(N - I - S) \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I \end{cases}$$

- Equilibria at  $\begin{matrix} \swarrow S & \searrow I \\ (S, I) = (N, 0) \\ (S, I) = \left( \frac{N\gamma}{\beta}, \frac{\nu N(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta})}{\gamma + \nu} \right) \end{matrix}$

$$J(S, I) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\beta I}{N} - \nu & -\frac{\beta S}{N} - \nu \\ \frac{\beta I}{N} & \frac{\beta S}{N} - \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

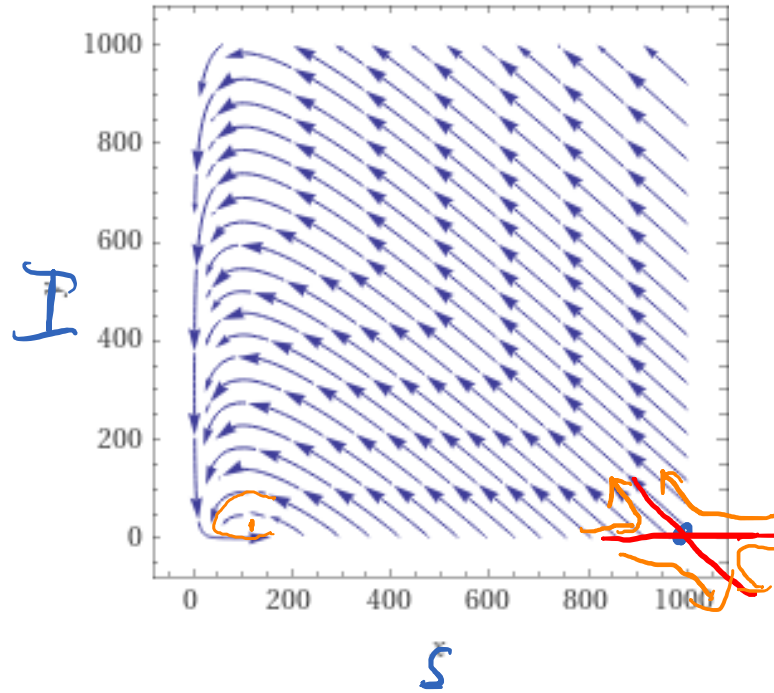
$$J(N, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -\beta - \nu & -\beta \\ \beta & \beta - \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J\left(\frac{N\gamma}{\beta}, \frac{\nu N(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta})}{\gamma + \nu}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\nu\beta(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta})}{\gamma + \nu} - \nu & -\gamma - \nu \\ \frac{\nu\beta(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta})}{\gamma + \nu} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

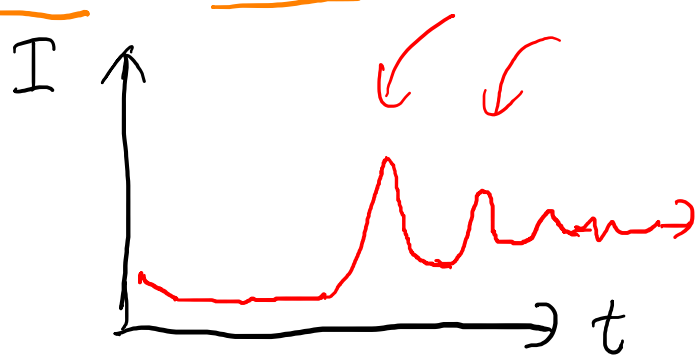
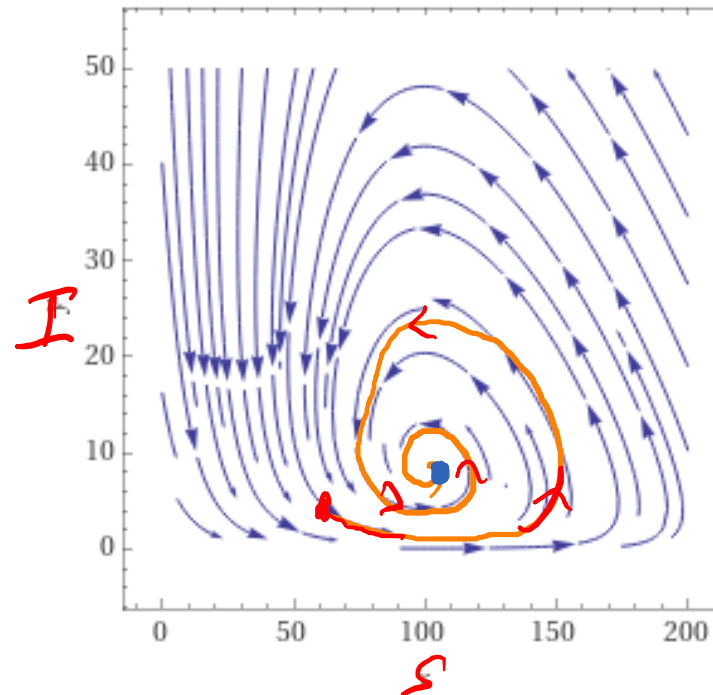


# Visualization

- streamplot  $\{-x * y/10000 + 0.0001 * (1000 - x - y), x * y/10000 - 0.01 * y\}$ ,  $x=0..1000, y=0..1000$



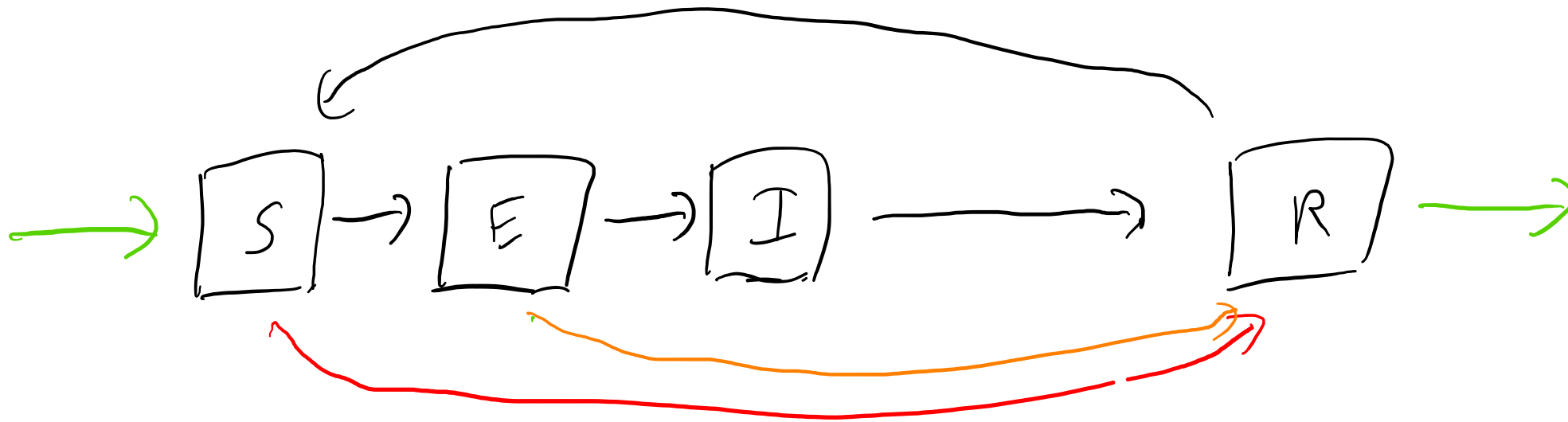
- streamplot  $\{-x * y/10000 + 0.0001 * (1000 - x - y), x * y/10000 - 0.01 * y\}$ ,  $x=0..400, y=0..50$



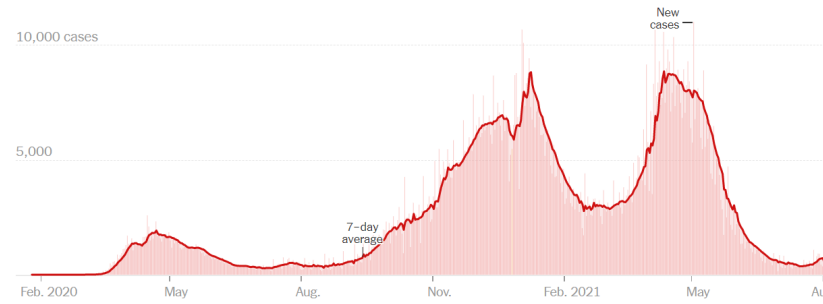


# More sophisticated epidemic models

- Vaccinations = arrow directly from  $S \rightarrow R$
- Birth/Death = arrows entering  $S$  or leaving  $R$
- Exposed but not Infectious = new compartment



# Modelling summary



- We can build models of complex biological phenomenon like epidemics by looking at behavior we care about and adding more assumptions to reproduce that real behavior in our models.
- Sometimes, we can get similar behavior with two different assumptions, so as mathematical biologists we need to decide what fits better.
- For epidemic modelling, these can include additional variables/compartments, as well as new arrows between compartments.