



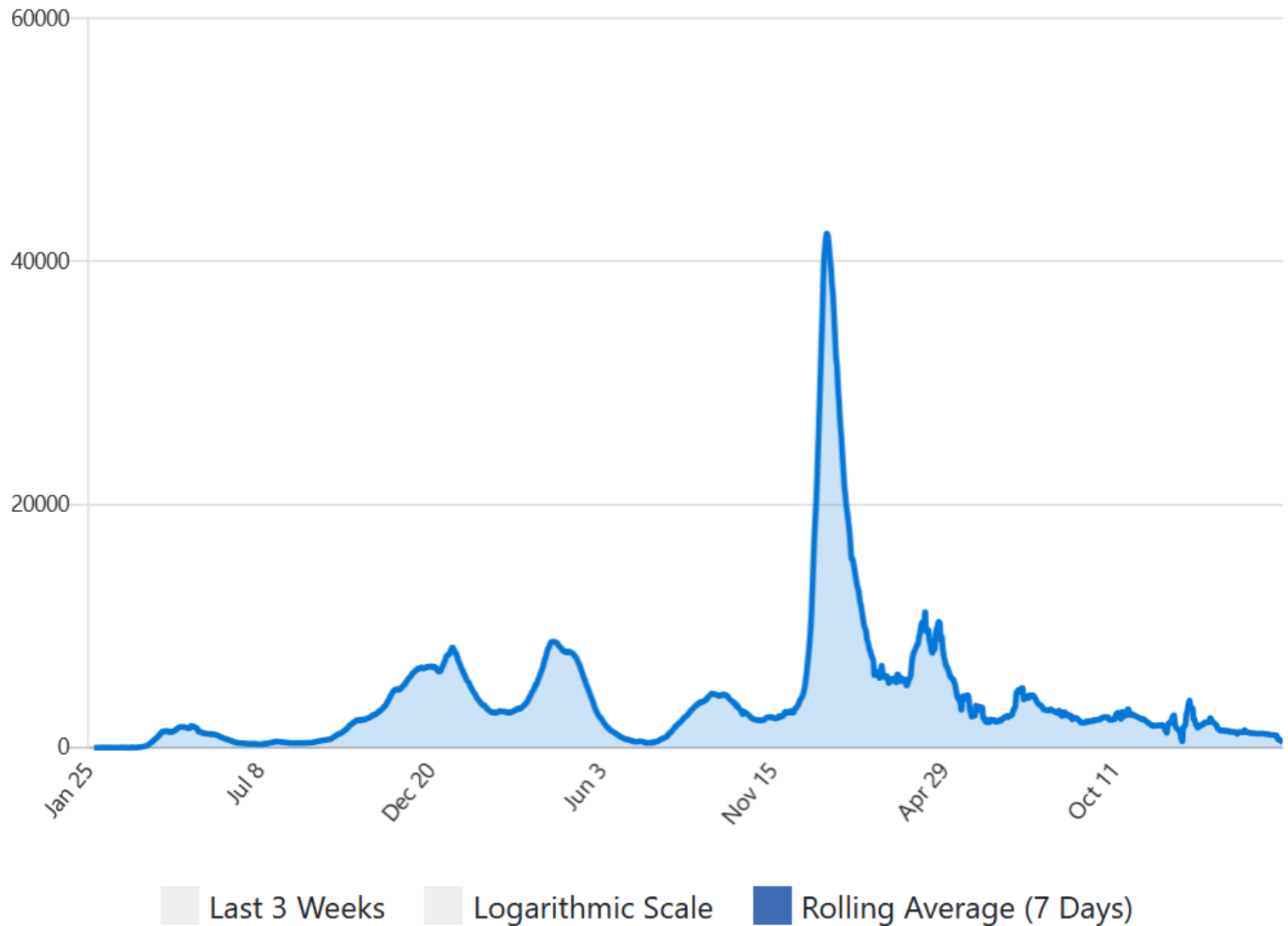
Epidemic modelling basics (SIR models)

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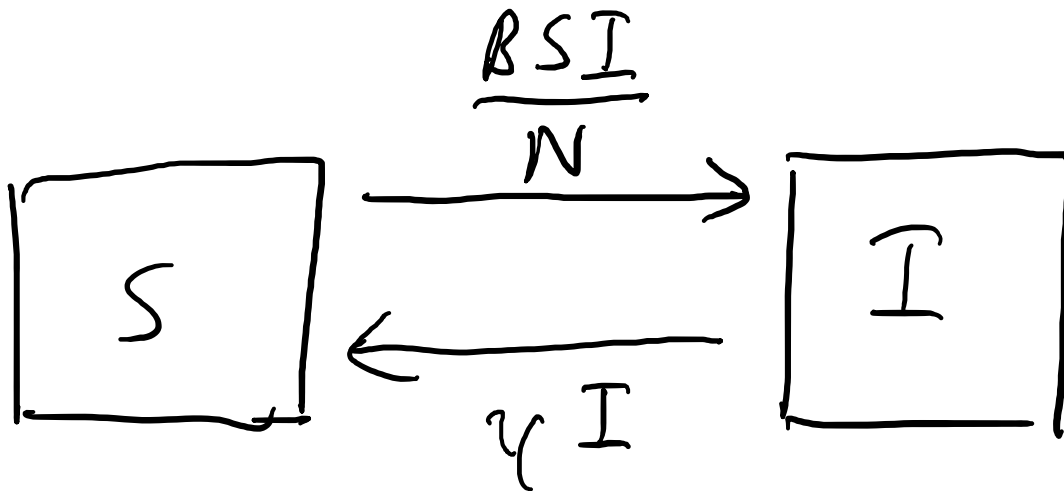
Epidemic curves – Covid19 in Canada



<https://covid19tracker.ca/>, 7-day rolling average, new cases

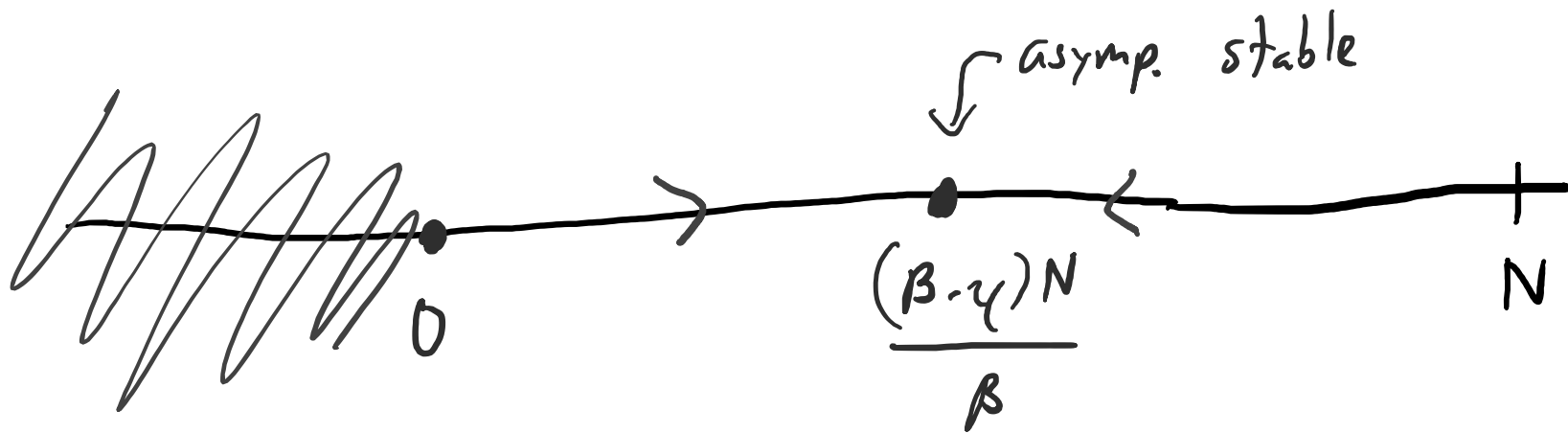
SIS Model

- 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 γ , and become susceptible to re-infection.



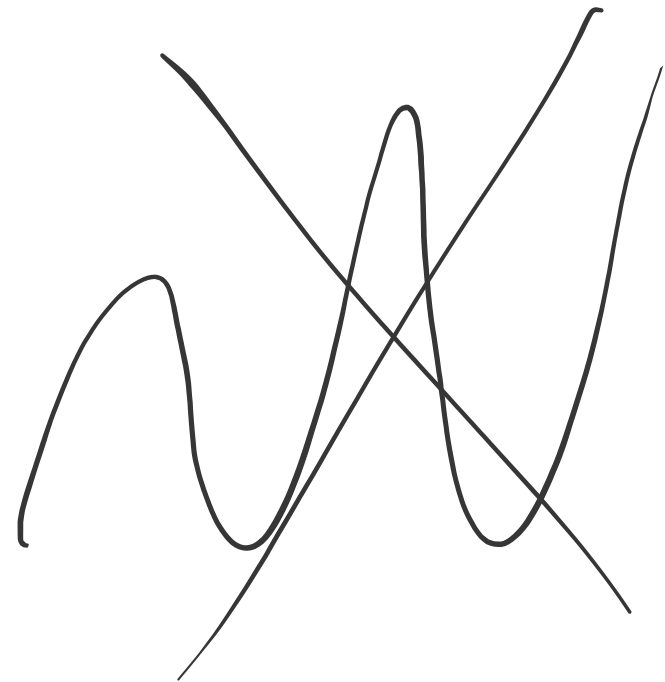
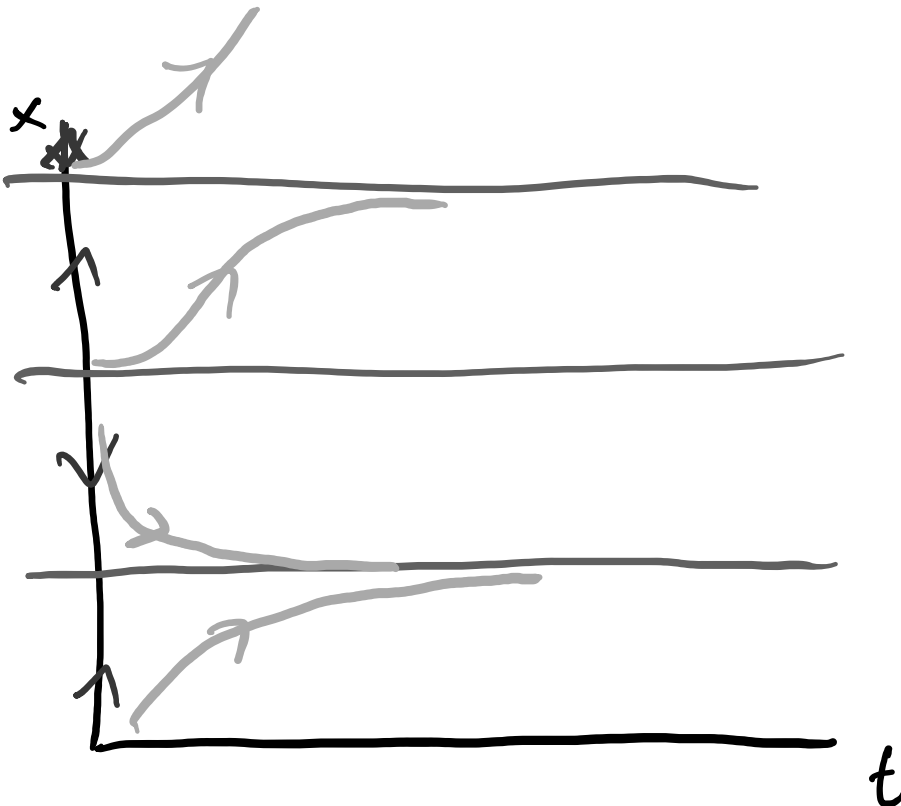
SIS Model Properties

- 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 β 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.



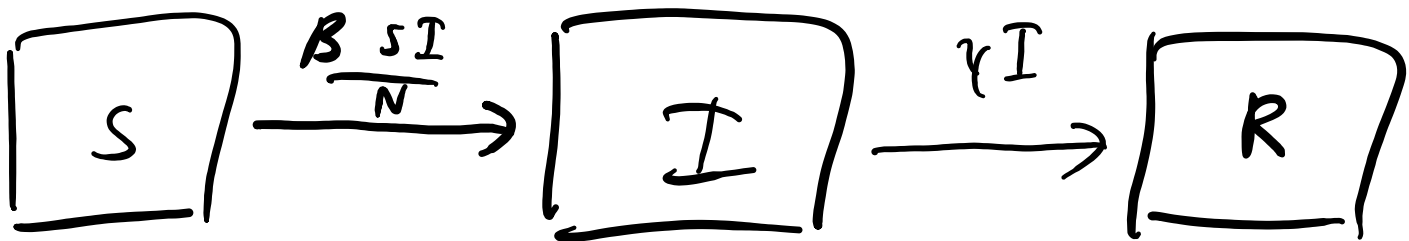
Modelling waves

- 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

SIR Model

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



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

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

and

$$\underline{N = S + I + R}$$

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

Reduce SIR model to two variables

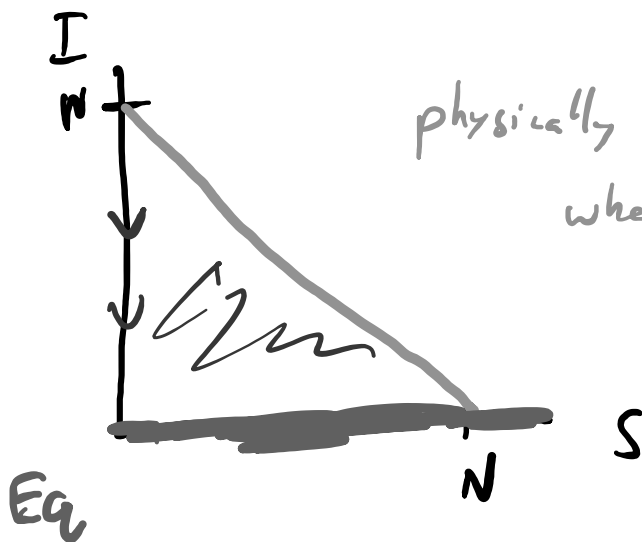
$$\bullet \begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I \\ \dot{R} = \gamma I \end{cases}$$

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

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

Equilibria :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{S} = 0 &= -\frac{\beta}{N}SI \\ \dot{I} = 0 &= \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} -\gamma I &= 0 \\ I &= 0 \\ S &\text{ can be anything} \end{aligned}$$



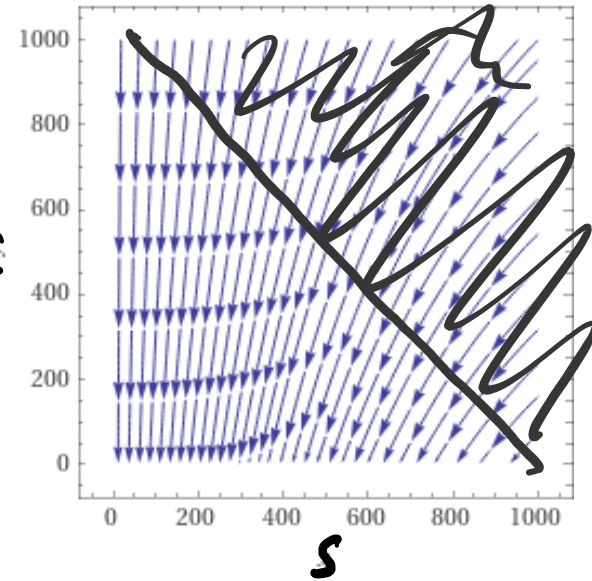
Plots of basic SIR model

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

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

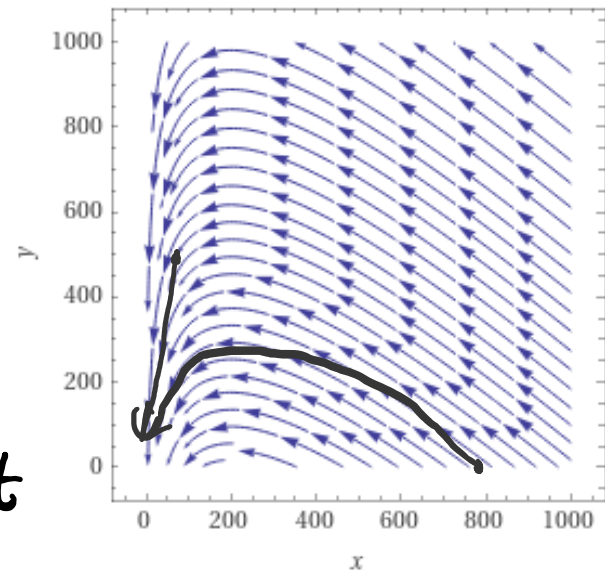
WolframAlpha: streamplot $\{-1/10000 * x * y, x*y/10000 - 0.2*y\}, x=0..1000, y=0..1000$



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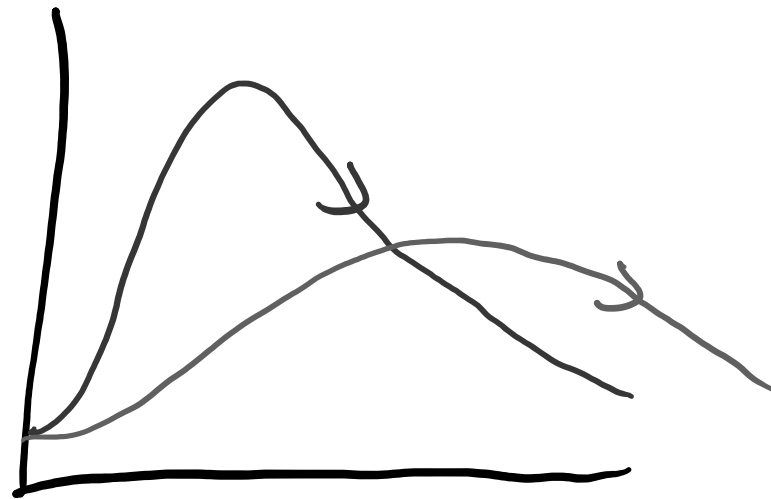
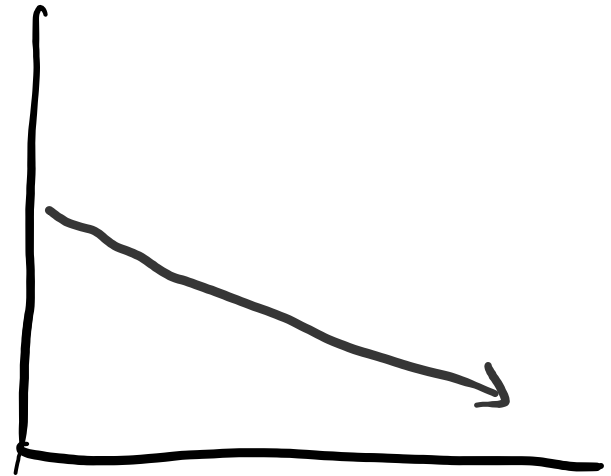
- Let $\beta = 0.1, \gamma = 0.02, N = 1000$

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



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 β , the transmission rate.
- <https://www.geogebra.org/m/p5ucts38> by Ivan De Winne



Nonautonomous Epidemic model

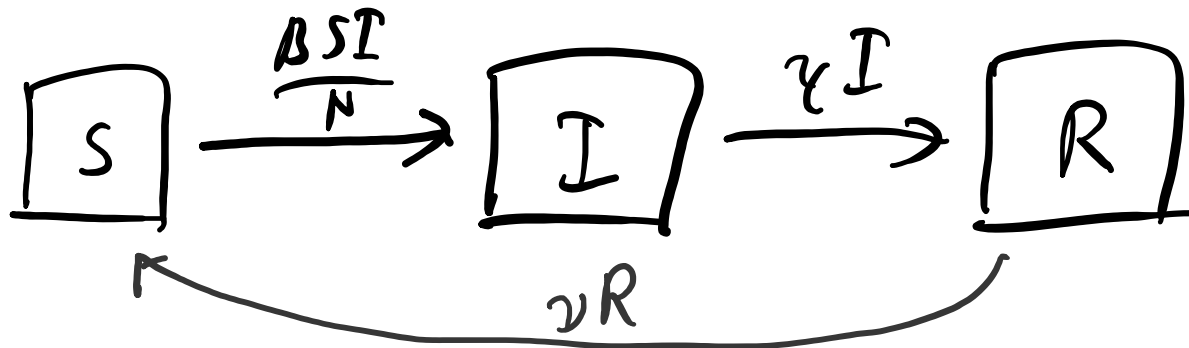
- What if β is sometimes high, and sometimes low, as a function of time?

- 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

- Assumption 4: Removed individuals lose immunity at rate ν .



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

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

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

$$N = S + I + R$$

$$R = N - S - I$$

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

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

Phase plane analysis of SIRS model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = -\frac{\beta}{N}SI + \nu(N - I - S) \\ \dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I \end{cases} \quad R_0 = \frac{\beta}{\gamma}$$

Equilibria

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

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

$$\Rightarrow I = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad S = \frac{N\gamma}{\beta}$$

Case 1: $I = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow S = N$$

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

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

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

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

Qualitative analysis of equilibria

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

- Equilibria at

- $$\left\{ \begin{aligned} (S, I) &= (N, 0) \\ (S, I) &= \left(\frac{N\gamma}{\beta}, \frac{\nu N \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)}{\gamma + \nu} \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

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

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

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

Example with periodic behavior

- $\beta = 0.1, \gamma = 0.01, \nu = 0.0001, N = 1000$

- $$\begin{aligned}\dot{S} &= -\frac{\beta}{N}SI + \nu(N - I - S) \\ &= -0.0001SI + 0.0001(1000 - S - I)\end{aligned}$$

- $$\dot{I} = \frac{\beta}{N}SI - \gamma I = 0.0001SI - 0.01I$$

- Equilibria: $(S, I) = (1000, 0)$ or $(S, I) \approx (100, 8.91)$

- Jacobian $J(S, I) =$

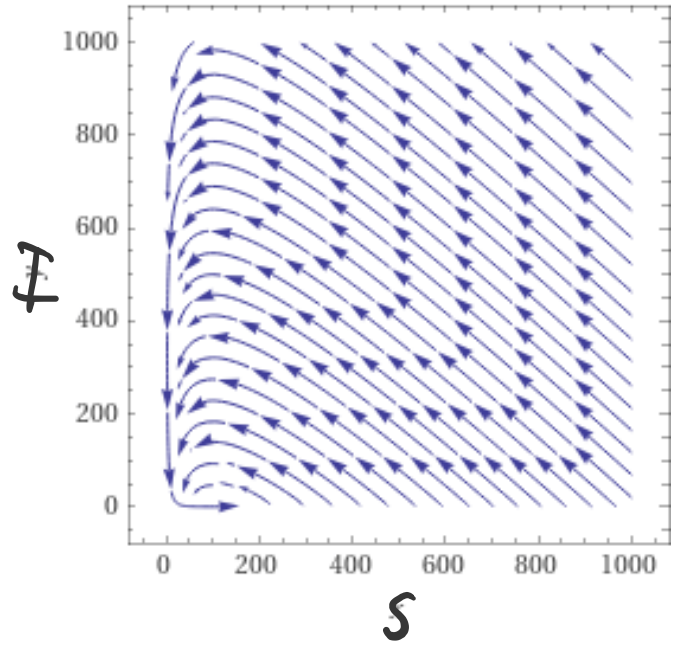
$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.0001I - 0.0001 & -0.0001S - 0.0001 \\ 0.0001I & 0.0001S - 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $J(1000, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0001 & -0.1001 \\ 0 & 0.09 \end{bmatrix},$
 $\lambda_1 = -0.0001, \lambda_2 = 0.09, \text{ saddle pt}$

- $J(100, 8.91) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.000991 & -0.0101 \\ 0.000891 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$
 $\lambda_{1,2} \approx -0.0004955 \pm 0.00296i$ so the equilibrium is an attracting spiral

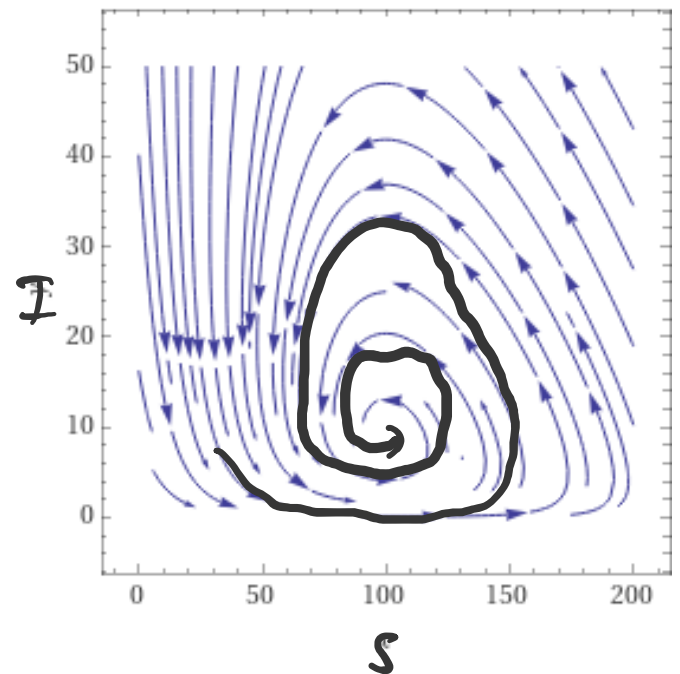
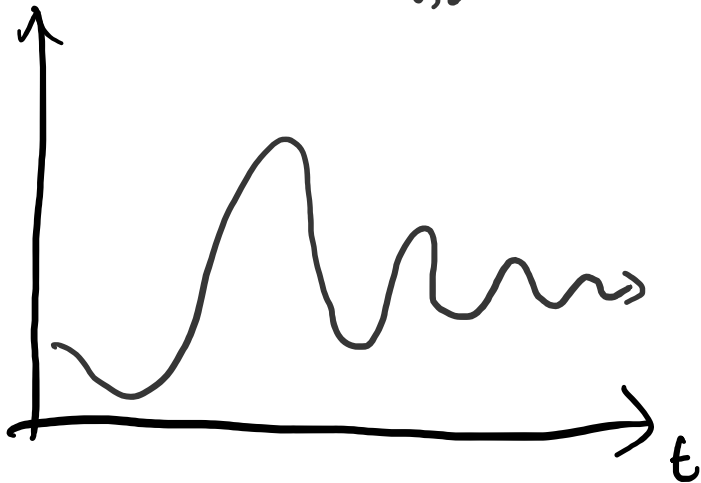
Visualization

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

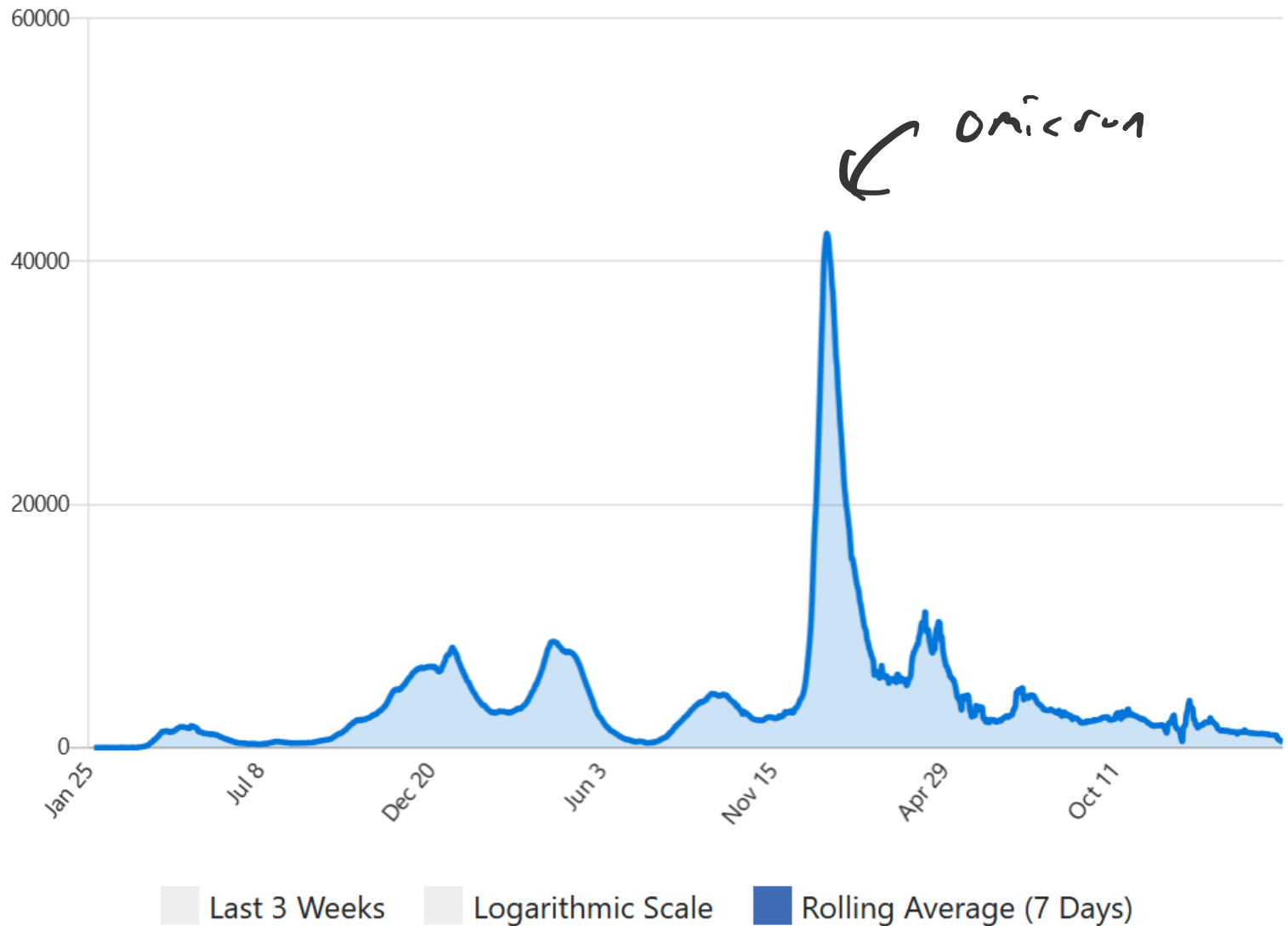


- streamplot $\{-x * y/10000 + 0.0001*(1000-x-y), x*y/10000 - 0.01*y\}$, $x=0..400, y=0..50$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -a \pm ib$$



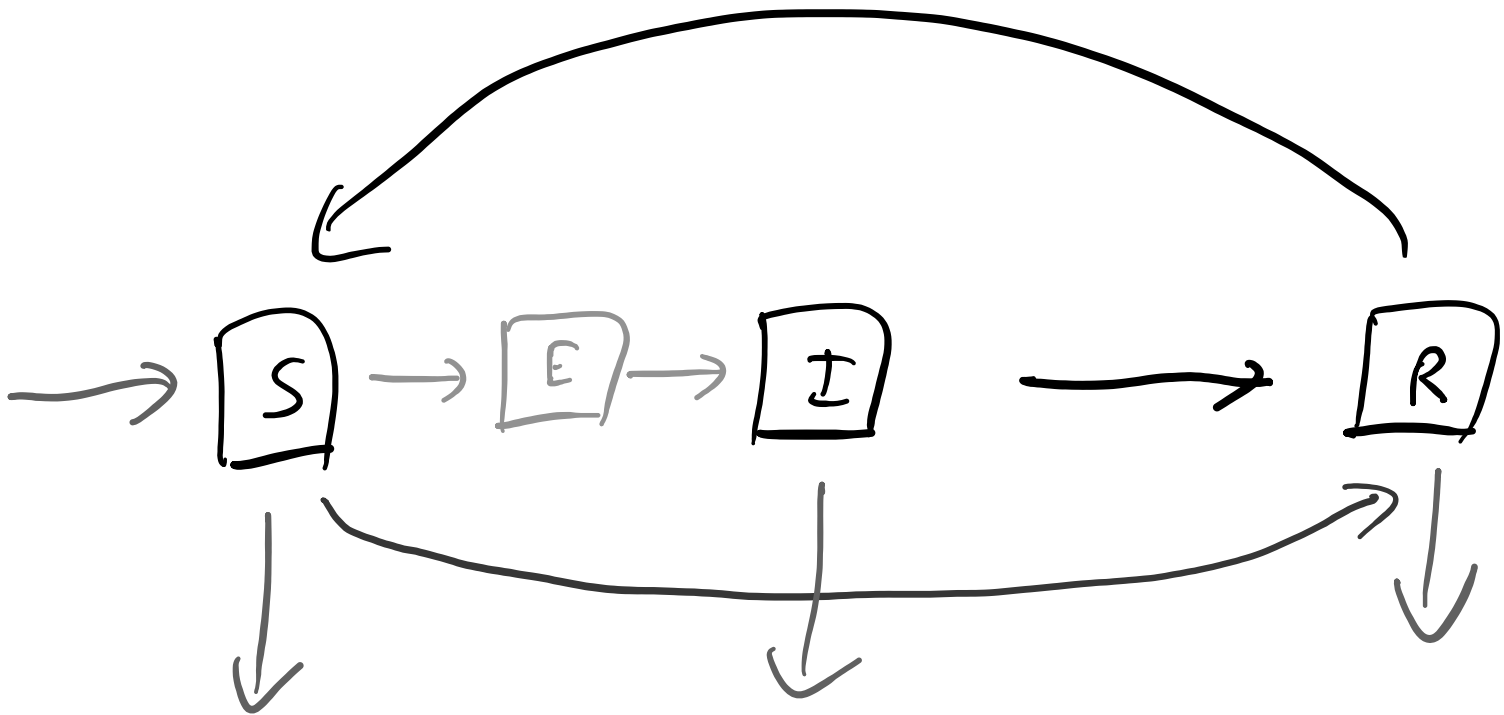
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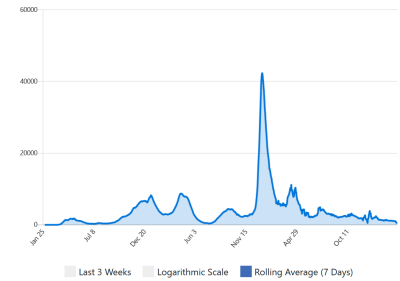
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More sophisticated epidemic models

- Vaccinations = arrow directly from $S \rightarrow R$
- Birth/Death = arrows entering S or leaving
- 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.