

Stochastic models for SARS-CoV-2 epidemics

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Compartmental epidemiological models

- models for spread of the epidemics in population divided into several disjoint compartments or classes (e.g. susceptible S , exposed E , infected I and recovered R individuals)
- population is of either constant size N or it could vary with time ($N_t, t \geq 0$)
- deterministic case - e.g. systems of difference equations; systems of ODEs
- stochastic case - e.g. multidimensional Markov chains in discrete or continuous time; systems of SDEs governed by Brownian motion or some other type of process
- models depend of several parameters - the most important is the per-capita transmission rate $\beta > 0$ which governs the dynamics of transition from class S to class E



- system of ODEs

$$\begin{aligned} dS(t) &= \left(\Lambda - \left(\frac{\beta}{N(t)} I(t) + \mu \right) S(t) \right) dt \\ dE(t) &= \left(\frac{\beta}{N(t)} I(t) S(t) - (\kappa + \mu) E(t) \right) dt \\ dI(t) &= (\kappa E(t) - (\gamma + \delta) I(t)) dt \\ dR(t) &= (\gamma I(t) - \mu R(t)) dt \end{aligned}$$

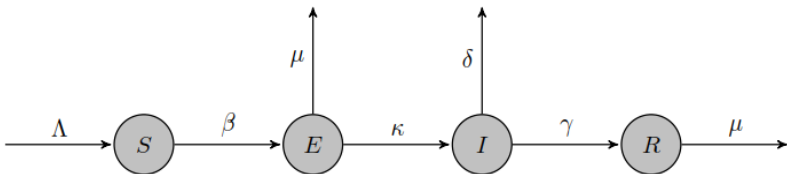


Figure 1: SEIR model scheme

- is it sensible to identify more compartments within the population?



SEIPHAR model - compartments

the human population is divided into seven mutually exclusive compartments:

- S - susceptible individuals
- E - individuals exposed to the virus SARS-CoV-2, but not yet infectious to others
- I - symptomatic infectious individuals
- P - infectuous superspreaders
- A - asymptomatic infectious individuals
- H - hospitalized infected individuals
- R - recovered individuals
- the total population size at time t is given by

$$N(t) = S(t) + E(t) + I(t) + P(t) + A(t) + H(t) + R(t), \quad t \geq 0$$



SEIPHAR model - parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Λ	Estimated daily number of newborns in Wuhan in 2019	per day
β	Transmission coefficient due to infected individuals	per day
l	Relative transmissibility from hospitalized individuals	—
β'	Transmission coefficient due to superspreaders	per day
κ	Rate at which exposed individuals become infectious	per day
ρ_1	Proportion of transitions from exposed to infected class	—
ρ_2	Proportion of transitions from exposed to superspreaders	—
γ_a	Hospitalization rate	per day
γ_r	Recovery rate for hospitalized patients	per day
γ_i	Recovery rate for non-hospitalized patients	per day
k_1	Weight for recovery rate due to infected class	—
k_2	Weight for recovery rate due to superspreaders	—
δ_i	Disease induced death rate for infected class	per day
δ_p	Disease induced death rate for superspreaders	per day
δ_h	Disease induced death rate for hospitalized class	per day
μ	Natural death rate	per day

SEIPHAR model - scheme

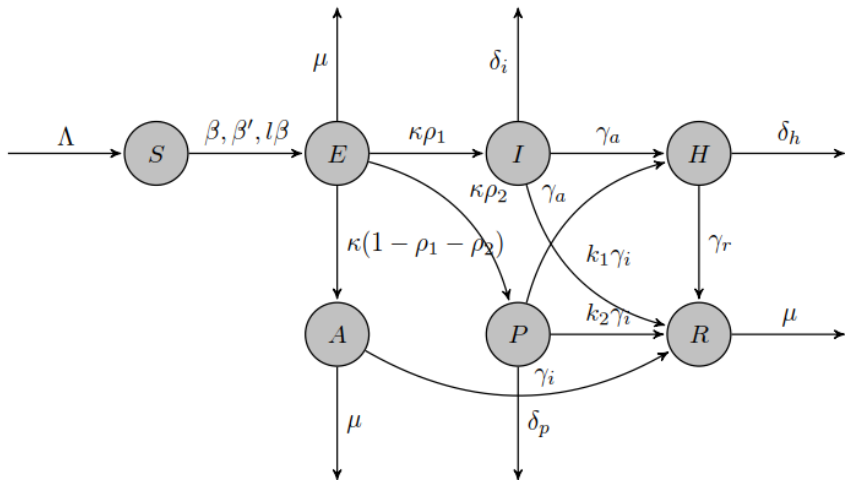


Figure 2: SEIPHAR model scheme



SEIPHAR model - ODEs dynamics

$$dS(t) = \left(\Lambda - \left(\frac{\beta}{N(t)} (I(t) + lH(t)) + \frac{\beta'}{N(t)} P(t) + \mu \right) S(t) \right) dt$$

$$dE(t) = \left(\frac{\beta}{N(t)} (I(t) + lH(t)) S(t) + \frac{\beta'}{N(t)} P(t) S(t) - (\kappa + \mu) E(t) \right) dt$$

$$dI(t) = (\kappa \rho_1 E(t) - (\gamma_a + k_1 \gamma_i + \delta_i) I(t)) dt$$

$$dP(t) = (\kappa \rho_2 E(t) - (\gamma_a + k_2 \gamma_i + \delta_p) P(t)) dt$$

$$dH(t) = (\gamma_a (I(t) + P(t)) - (\gamma_r + \delta_h) H(t)) dt$$

$$dA(t) = (\kappa (1 - \rho_1 - \rho_2) E(t) - (\gamma_i + \mu) A(t)) dt$$

$$dR(t) = (\gamma_i (A(t) + k_1 I(t) + k_2 P(t)) + \gamma_r H(t) - \mu R(t)) dt$$



SEIPHAR model (ODEs) - R_0

- the basic reproduction number R_0 - the expected number of secondary cases generated by one infected individual during its lifespan as infectious in a fully susceptible population
- deterministic SEIPHAR model R_0 :

$$R_0^D = \frac{\kappa}{\kappa + \mu} \frac{\omega_h(\beta\rho_1\omega_p + \beta'\rho_2\omega_i) + l\beta\gamma_a(\rho_1\omega_p + \rho_2\omega_i)}{\omega_h\omega_i\omega_p},$$

$$\omega_i = \gamma_a + k_1\gamma_i + \delta_i, \quad \omega_p = \gamma_a + k_2\gamma_i + \delta_p, \quad \omega_h = \gamma_r + \delta_h$$

- R_0 - a threshold value that is epidemiologically significant and determines the potential of an infectious disease to spread in a population



SEIPHAR model - SDEs dynamics

- stochastic SEIPHAR model - constructed as system of SDEs by introducing the perturbation in the form of the environmental white noise in transmission coefficients β and β'

$$\beta dt \rightarrow \beta dt + \sigma_1 dB_1(t), \quad \sigma_1 > 0$$

$$\beta' dt \rightarrow \beta' dt + \sigma_2 dB_2(t), \quad \sigma_2 > 0$$

where $B_1 = \{B_1(t), t \geq 0\}$ and $B_2 = \{B_2(t), t \geq 0\}$ are independent standard Brownian motions with intensities $\sigma_1 > 0$ and $\sigma_2 > 0$



SEIPHAR model - SDEs dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}
 dS(t) &= \left(\Lambda - \left(\frac{\beta}{N(t)} (I(t) + lH(t)) + \frac{\beta'}{N(t)} P(t) + \mu \right) S(t) \right) dt \\
 &\quad - \frac{\sigma_1}{N(t)} (I(t) + lH(t)) S(t) dB_1(t) - \frac{\sigma_2}{N(t)} P(t) S(t) dB_2(t) \\
 dE(t) &= \left(\frac{\beta}{N(t)} (I(t) + lH(t)) S(t) + \frac{\beta'}{N(t)} P(t) S(t) - (\kappa + \mu) E(t) \right) dt \\
 &\quad + \frac{\sigma_1}{N(t)} (I(t) + lH(t)) S(t) dB_1(t) + \frac{\sigma_2}{N(t)} P(t) S(t) dB_2(t) \\
 dI(t) &= (\kappa \rho_1 E(t) - (\gamma_a + k_1 \gamma_i + \delta_i) I(t)) dt \\
 dP(t) &= (\kappa \rho_2 E(t) - (\gamma_a + k_2 \gamma_i + \delta_p) P(t)) dt \\
 dH(t) &= (\gamma_a (I(t) + P(t)) - (\gamma_r + \delta_h) H(t)) dt \\
 dA(t) &= (\kappa (1 - \rho_1 - \rho_2) E(t) - (\gamma_i + \mu) A(t)) dt \\
 dR(t) &= (\gamma_i (A(t) + k_1 I(t) + k_2 P(t)) + \gamma_r H(t) - \mu R(t)) dt
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$



SEIPHAR model - probability space and space of values

- complete filtered probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$
- filtration $\mathbb{F} = \{\mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0\}$ is generated by natural filtrations of Brownian motions B_1 and B_2
- space of values of the process
 $\{(S(t), E(t), I(t), P(t), H(t), A(t), R(t)), t \geq 0\}$:

$$\mathbb{R}_+^7 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7) : x_i > 0, \forall i = 1, \dots, 7\}$$



Theorem

For any initial value $(S(0), E(0), I(0), P(0), H(0), A(0), R(0)) \in \mathbb{R}_+^7$ there exists a unique solution

$$\{(S(t), E(t), I(t), P(t), H(t), A(t), R(t)), t \geq 0\}$$

of the SDE system (1) for every $t > 0$, which almost surely remains positive for all $t > 0$. Moreover, since

$N(t) = S(t) + E(t) + I(t) + P(t) + A(t) + H(t) + R(t)$ we have that

$$\frac{\Lambda}{\delta} = \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t) \leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t) = \frac{\Lambda}{\mu},$$

where $\delta = \max \{\delta_i, \delta_p, \delta_h\}$.



SEIPHAR model - space of values

- positively invariant set of the system (1):

$$\Gamma^* = \{(S(t), E(t), I(t), P(t), H(t), A(t), R(t)) : S(t) > 0, E(t) > 0, \\ I(t) > 0, P(t) > 0, H(t) > 0, A(t) > 0, R(t) > 0, N(t) \leq N\}$$

if the system starts from Γ^ , it never leaves Γ^**



SEIPHAR model - persistence in mean

- the virus remains persistent in population if there is at least one symptomatic infectious, asymptomatic infectious, hospitalized individual or super-spreader
- persistence in mean - we say that the system (1) is persistent in mean if

$$[I(s) + P(s) + A(s) + H(s)] > 0 \quad \mathbb{P} - \text{a.s.}, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & [I(s) + P(s) + A(s) + H(s)] = \\ & = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (I(s) + P(s) + A(s) + H(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$



SEIPHAR model - persistence in mean

Theorem

Let initial value $(S(0), E(0), I(0), P(0), A(0), H(0), R(0)) \in \mathbb{R}_+^7$, such that the solution of the system (1) is in Γ^* , where μ, β, β' and l satisfy the relation

$$\Lambda > \left(\frac{\beta}{N(t)} (I(t) + lH(t)) + \frac{\beta'}{N(t)} P(t) + \mu \right) S(t), \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

and where c is a small fixed constant such that $\inf_{t \geq 0} E(t)/N(t) \geq c$. If we assume that noises satisfy the condition

$$\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 < c\kappa \left(\rho_1 \frac{\gamma_r + \gamma_a + \delta_p}{(\gamma_a + k_1\gamma_i + \delta_i)(\gamma_r + \delta_p)} + \rho_2 \frac{\gamma_r + \gamma_a + \delta_p}{(\gamma_a + k_2\gamma_i + \delta_p)(\gamma_r + \delta_p)} + \frac{1 - \rho_1 - \rho_2}{\gamma_i + \mu} \right),$$



SEIPHAR model - persistence in mean

Theorem

then the solution $\{(S(t), E(t), I(t), P(t), A(t), H(t), R(t)), t \geq 0\}$ has the property

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} [I(t) + P(t) + H(t) + A(t)] \geq c \left(\kappa \rho_1 \frac{\gamma_r + \gamma_a + \delta_p}{(\gamma_a + k_1 \gamma_i + \delta_i)(\gamma_r + \delta_p)} + \kappa \rho_2 \frac{\gamma_r + \gamma_a + \delta_p}{(\gamma_a + k_2 \gamma_i + \delta_p)(\gamma_r + \delta_p)} + \frac{\kappa(1 - \rho_1 - \rho_2)}{\gamma_i + \mu} - \frac{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}{c} \right) > 0.$$



SEIPHAR model - persistence in mean

- alternative condition for persistence in mean is based on the so-called stochastic R_0 :

$$R_0^S = \frac{(\beta + \beta') \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}}{\kappa + \mu + \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2) \frac{\Lambda^2}{\mu^2}} \quad (3)$$

- if $R_0^S > 1$, the solution

$$\{(S(t), E(t), I(t), P(t), A(t), H(t), R(t)), t \geq 0\}$$

of system (1) is persistent in mean



Theorem

If noises satisfy that

$$\frac{1}{2(\kappa + \mu)} \left(\frac{\beta^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(\beta')^2}{\sigma_2^2} \right) < 1,$$

than for any initial value

$(S(0), E(0), I(0), P(0), A(0), H(0), R(0)) \in \mathbb{R}_+^7$, such that the solution of the system (1) is in Γ^ , it follows that*

$$E(t) + I(t) + P(t) + H(t) + A(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \mathbb{P} - a.s. \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

while

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} S(t) = \frac{\Lambda}{\mu} \quad \mathbb{P} - a.s.$$

SEIPHAR model - extinction



- alternative conditions for extinction in mean are also based on R_0^S given by (3)
- if $\sigma_1^2 \leq \beta \frac{4\mu}{\Lambda} \max\{1, l\}$, $\sigma_2^2 \leq \beta' \frac{4\mu}{\Lambda}$ and $R_0^S < 1$, then the disease P -a.s. goes to extinction

SEIPHAR model - parameter values



Symbol	Description	Value
Λ	Estimated daily number of newborns in Wuhan in 2019	310 [7]
β	Transmission coefficient due to infected individuals	2.55 [5]
l	Relative transmissibility from hospitalized individuals	1.56 [5]
β'	Transmission coefficient due to superspreaders	7.65 [5]
κ	Rate at which exposed individuals become infectious	0.25 [5]
ρ_1	Proportion of transitions from exposed do symptomatic infected class	0.58 [5]
ρ_2	Proportion of transitions from exposed to superspreaders	0.001 [5]
γ_a	Hospitalization rate	0.94 [5]
γ_r	Recovery rate for hospitalized patients	0.5 [5]
γ_i	Recovery rate for non-hospitalized patients	0.27 [5]
k_1	Weight for recovery rate due to infected class	0.85 [a]
k_2	Weight for recovery rate due to superspreaders	0.95 [a]
δ_i	Disease induced death rate for infected class	1/23 [5]
δ_p	Disease induced death rate for superspreaders	1/23 [5]
δ_h	Disease induced death rate for hospitalized class	1/23 [5]
μ	Natural death rate	0.00714 [6]
σ_1	Intensity of Brownian motion B_1 due to infected class	0.0005 [a]
σ_2	Intensity of Brownian motion B_2 due to superspreaders	0.001 [a]

Table 1: Parameters values, either based on the epidemics in Wuhan in the period January 4 - March 9, 2020, or rationally assumed ($k_1, k_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2$)



SEIPHAR model - sensitivity analysis

- R_0^D and the stochastic model related threshold R_0^S are compared regarding the values of the normalized forward sensitivity indices (NFSI)
- NFSI is the ratio of the relative change in the basic reproduction number R_0^i as a function of the parameter θ to the relative change in the parameter θ , assuming that R_0^i is differentiable with respect to parameter:

$$\Upsilon_{\theta}^{R_0^i} = \frac{dR_0^i}{d\theta} \frac{\theta}{R_0^i}, \quad i \in \{D, S\}$$

- BFSI is used to discover parameters that have a high impact on R_0^i and that should be targeted by specific epidemiological intervention strategies



SEIPHAR model - R_0^D sensitivity analysis

- R_0^D is the most sensitive to change in values of parameters β , ρ_1 , l , γ_i and γ_r
- change of $R_0^D = 4.5206$ under the 10% increase in value of parameters β , ρ_1 , l , γ_i and γ_r is given in the following table:

Parameter	Value of R_0^D	Relative change in R_0^D (%)
β	4.9720	+9.98
ρ_1	4.9715	+9.97
l	4.8501	+7.29
γ_i	4.4366	-1.86
γ_r	4.2429	-6.14



SEIPHAR model - R_0^S sensitivity analysis

- R_0^S is the most sensitive to change in values of parameters β , β' , σ_1 and σ_2
- change of $R_0^S = 1.0298$ under the 10% increase in value of parameters β' , β , σ_1 and σ_2 is given in the following table:

Parameter	Value of R_0^S	Relative change in R_0^S (%)
β'	1.1071	+7.51
β	1.0556	+2.51
σ_1	0.9883	-4.03
σ_2	0.8817	-14.38



SEIPHAR model - simulation parameters

- theoretical results (persistence, extinction) are, for reasonable set of values of model parameters for which the global positive solution of system (1) exists, verified within the simulation study
- simulation parameters - adjusted values from Table 1 in order to satisfy the theoretical assumptions of persistence and extinction theorems
- simulations confirm that the trajectories of the stochastic model either oscillate around (on the short time-scale) or are close to (on the long time-scale) the trajectories of the deterministic model, showing the robustness of such stochastic model to the Brownian noise

Persistence in mean

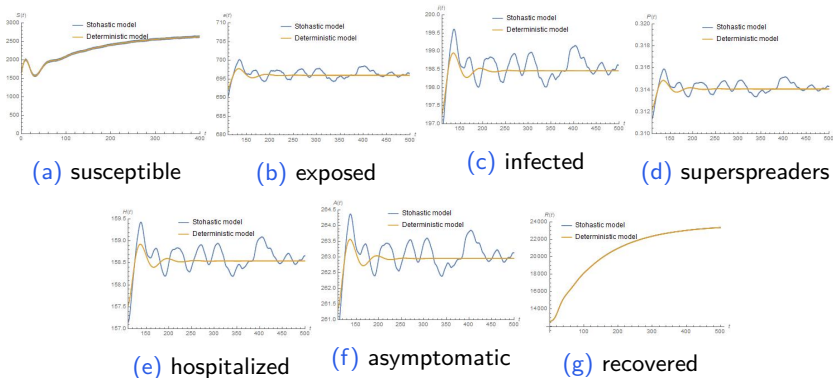


Figure 3: Persistence - stochastic (blue) and deterministic (orange) model

Extinction

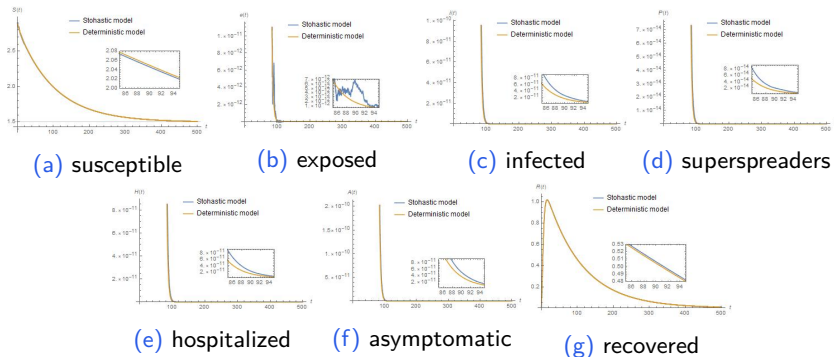


Figure 4: Extinction - stochastic (blue) and deterministic (orange) model



Delayed SVEIR model - main characteristics

- V - vaccinated individuals (new compartment)
- cumulative number of exposed individuals by time $t > 0$ (A_* is a unit-rate Poisson process):

$$A_E^n(t) = A_* \left(n \int_0^t \beta(s) S^n(s) I^n(s) ds \right)$$

- cumulative number of vaccinated individuals by time $t > 0$, independent of ($A_E^n(t), t \geq 0$):

$$A_V^n(t) = A_* \left(n \int_0^t \alpha(s) S^n(s) ds \right)$$



Delayed SVEIR model - scheme

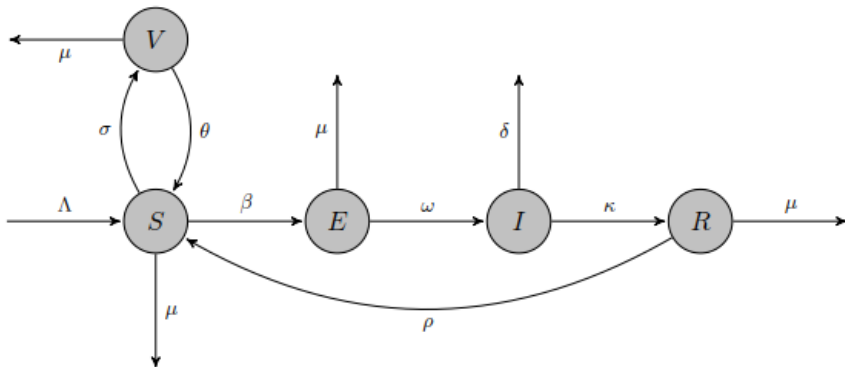


Figure 5: SVEIR model scheme



Delayed SVEIR model - delays

- the individual i going through the $S - E - I - R$ path has the following time epochs: τ_i , $\tau_i + \mathcal{E}_i$, $\tau_i + \mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i$, $\tau_i + \mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i$, representing the times of becoming exposed, infected, immune and then again susceptible
- \mathcal{E}_i is the exposure period, \mathcal{I}_i is the infectious period and \mathcal{W}_i is the natural immunity period
- an individual can initially be exposed (\mathcal{E}_i^0), infected (\mathcal{I}_i^0) or recovered (\mathcal{W}_i^0)



Delayed SVEIR model - distributions of delays

$$G^c(t) = P(t < \mathcal{E}_i)$$

$$\Psi(t) = P(\mathcal{E}_i \leq t < \mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i),$$

$$\Phi(t) = P(\mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i \leq t < \mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i),$$

$$\Xi(t) = P(\mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i \leq t)$$

$$G_0^c(t) = P(t < \mathcal{E}_i^0)$$

$$\Psi_0(t) = P(\mathcal{E}_i^0 \leq t < \mathcal{E}_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i)$$

$$\Phi_0(t) = P(\mathcal{E}_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i \leq t < \mathcal{E}_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i)$$

$$\Xi_0(t) = P(\mathcal{E}_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i \leq t)$$

$$G_1^c(t) = P(t < \mathcal{I}_i^0),$$

$$\Phi_1(t) = P(\mathcal{I}_i^0 \leq t < \mathcal{I}_i^0 + \mathcal{W}_i)$$

$$\Xi_1(t) = P(\mathcal{I}_i^0 + \mathcal{W}_i \leq t)$$

$$G_2^c(t) = P(t < \mathcal{W}_i^0)$$

$$G_2(t) = P(\mathcal{W}_i^0 \leq t).$$



Delayed SVEIR model - counting process

- denote the proportion of individuals at time t in compartment X by $X^n(t)$
- the counting process

$$(S^n(t), V^n(t), E^n(t), I^n(t), R^n(t), t \geq 0)$$

is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} S^n(t) = & S^n(0) + \sum_{i=1}^{V^n(0)} \mathbb{I}\{\mathcal{Y}_i^0 \leq t\} + \sum_{i=1}^{E^n(0)} \mathbb{I}\{\varepsilon_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i \leq t\} + \sum_{i=1}^{I^n(0)} \mathbb{I}\{\mathcal{I}_i^0 + \mathcal{W}_i \leq t\} + \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{R^n(0)} \mathbb{I}\{\mathcal{W}_i^0 \leq t\} + \sum_{i=1}^{A_V^n(t)} \mathbb{I}\{T_i + \mathcal{Y}_i \leq t\} + \sum_{i=1}^{A_E^n(t)} \mathbb{I}\{\tau_i + \varepsilon_i + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i \leq t\} - \\ & - A_E^n(t) - A_V^n(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$V^n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{V^n(0)} \mathbb{I}\{\mathcal{Y}_i^0 > t\} + \sum_{i=1}^{A_V^n(t)} \mathbb{I}\{T_i + \mathcal{Y}_i > t\}$$

$$E^n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{E^n(0)} \mathbb{I}\{\varepsilon_i^0 > t\} + \sum_{i=1}^{A_E^n(t)} \mathbb{I}\{\tau_i + \varepsilon_i > t\}$$



Delayed SVEIR model - counting process

$$\begin{aligned}
 I^n(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^{I^n(0)} \mathbb{I}_{\{I_i^0 > t\}} + \sum_{i=1}^{E^n(0)} \mathbb{I}_{\{\mathcal{E}_i^0 \leq t < \mathcal{E}_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i\}} + \sum_{i=1}^{A_E^n(t)} \mathbb{I}_{\{\tau_i + \mathcal{E}_i \leq t < \tau_i + \mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i\}} \\
 R^n(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^{R^n(0)} \mathbb{I}_{\{\mathcal{W}_i^0 > t\}} + \sum_{i=1}^{I^n(0)} \mathbb{I}_{\{I_i^0 \leq t < I_i^0 + \mathcal{W}_i\}} + \sum_{i=1}^{E^n(0)} \mathbb{I}_{\{\mathcal{E}_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i \leq t < \mathcal{E}_i^0 + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i\}} + \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{A_E^n(t)} \mathbb{I}_{\{\tau_i + \mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i \leq t < \tau_i + \mathcal{E}_i + \mathcal{I}_i + \mathcal{W}_i\}}
 \end{aligned}$$



Delayed SVEIR model - system of Volterra integral equations

- according to [6], we want to prove that the law of large number limit of the above described counting system is the unique solution of the following system of deterministic Volterra integral equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(t) &= S(0) + V(0)\Upsilon_0(t) + E(0)\Xi_0(t) + I(0)\Xi_1(t) + R(0)G_2(t) - \\
 &\quad - \int_0^t (\beta(s)S(s)I(s)(1 - \Xi(t-s)) + \alpha(s)S(s)\Upsilon(t-s) - \\
 &\quad - V(s)\Upsilon(t-s) - R(s)\Xi^c(t-s)) ds \\
 V(t) &= V(0)\Upsilon_0^c(t) + \int_0^t (\alpha(s)S(s)\Upsilon^c(t-s) - V(s)\Upsilon(t-s)) ds \\
 E(t) &= E(0)G_0^c(t) + \int_0^t \beta(s)S(s)I(s)G^c(t-s) ds \\
 I(t) &= I(0)G_1^c(t) + E(0)\Psi_0(t) + \int_0^t \beta(s)S(s)I(s)\Psi(t-s) ds \\
 R(t) &= R(0)G_2^c(t) + I(0)\Phi_1(t) + E(0)\Phi_0(t) + \\
 &\quad + \int_0^t (\beta(s)S(s)I(s)\Phi(t-s) - R(s)\Xi(t-s)) ds
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$



Delayed SVEIR model - stochastic perturbation

- transmission coefficient $\beta(t)$ - Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process $\beta = (\beta(t), t \geq 0)$ given by the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$d\beta(t) = \theta(\beta_e - \beta(t)) dt + \sigma dB(t), \quad t \geq 0,$$

where β_e is the mean of the stationary Gaussian distribution with variance $\sigma/\sqrt{2\theta}$, $\theta > 0$ determines the speed of the mean reversion, σ is the intensity of volatility and Brownian motion $B = (B(t), t \geq 0)$ is the driving process

- explicit solution:

$$\beta(t) = \beta_e + (\beta(0) - \beta_e) e^{-\theta t} + \sigma \int_0^t e^{-\theta(t-s)} dB(s),$$

$$\sigma \int_0^t e^{-\theta(t-s)} dB(s) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\theta}(1 - e^{-2\theta t})\right)$$

- existence of unique positive solution, analysis of persistence and extinction of the disease



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