

# ECE 341 - Homework #12

Markov Chains and Corona Virus. Due Tuesday, June 8th

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Simulate a disease outbreak.

Assume there are four groups of people

- Healthy: not infected yet but can be infected
- Carrier: infected and can transmit the disease
- Cured: infected and cannot catch the disease again and cannot transmit the disease
- Dead: Cannot catch the disease and cannot transmit the disease

Assume that each person who is a carrier interacts with  $N$  other people each day ( $k$ ).

- The person is selected at random from all people still alive
- If a carrier interacts with a healthy person, the person has an  $X\%$  chance of being infected

$$\text{New Infections} = (\# \text{infected})(N) \left( \frac{\# \text{healthy}}{\text{total population}} \right) (X)$$

Also assume that each person who is infected has a

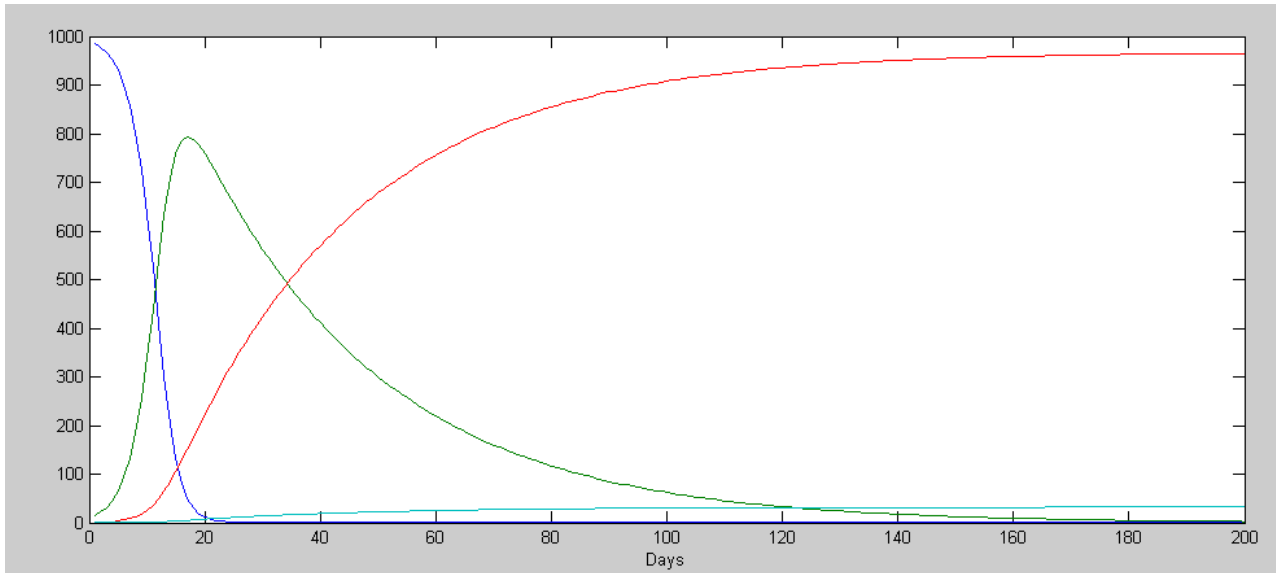
- 3% chance of being cured (30 day incubation time on average)
- 0.1% chance of dieing

Assume the initial condition is

- 990 healthy people
- 10 carriers
- 0 cured
- 0 dead

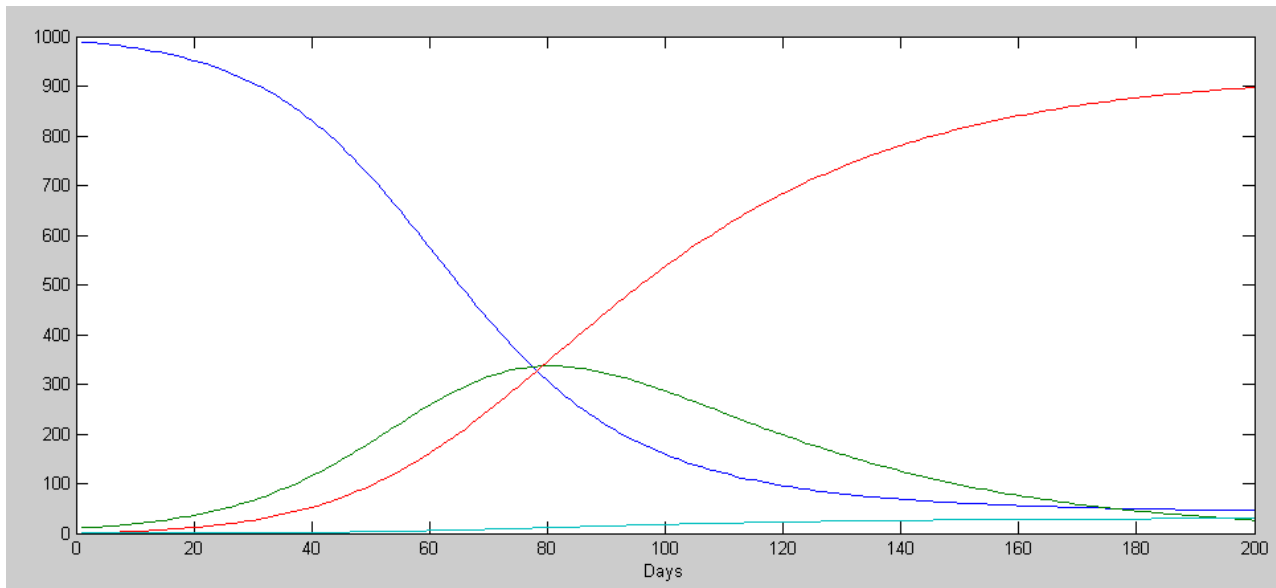
1) Simulate the disease spread for 300 days if

- $N = 5$  (each person is in close contact with 5 people each day)
- $X = 10\%$  ( 10% chance of the catching if exposed )



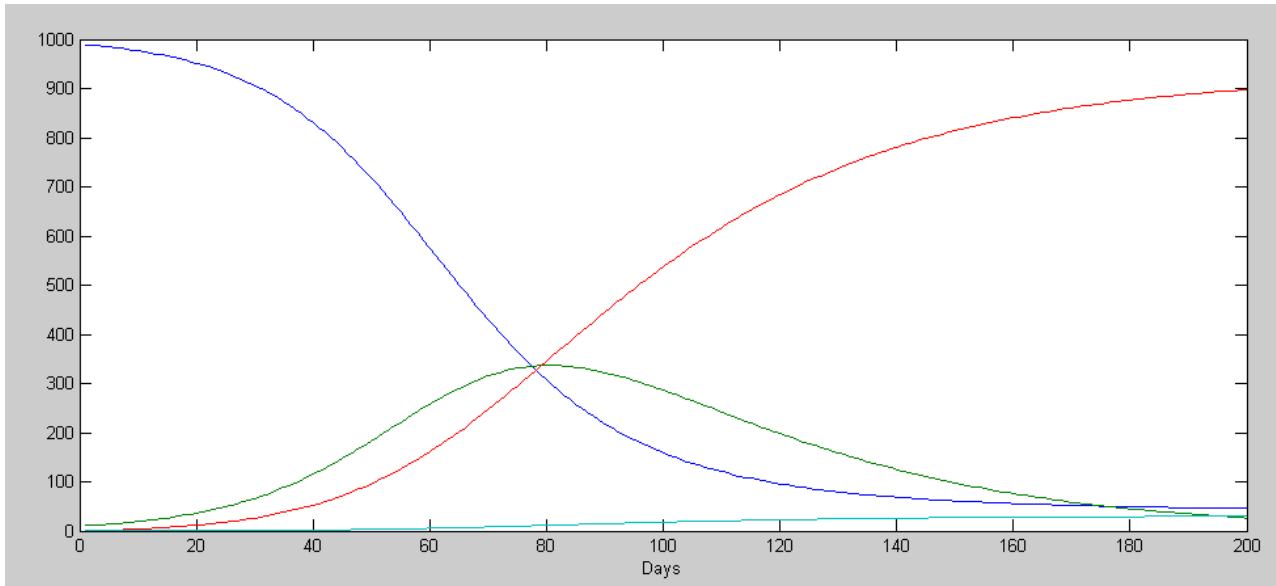
2) Simulate the effect of self isolation:

- $N = 1$  (each person interacts with 1/5th as many people each day)
- $X = 10\%$  ( 10% chance of the catching if exposed )



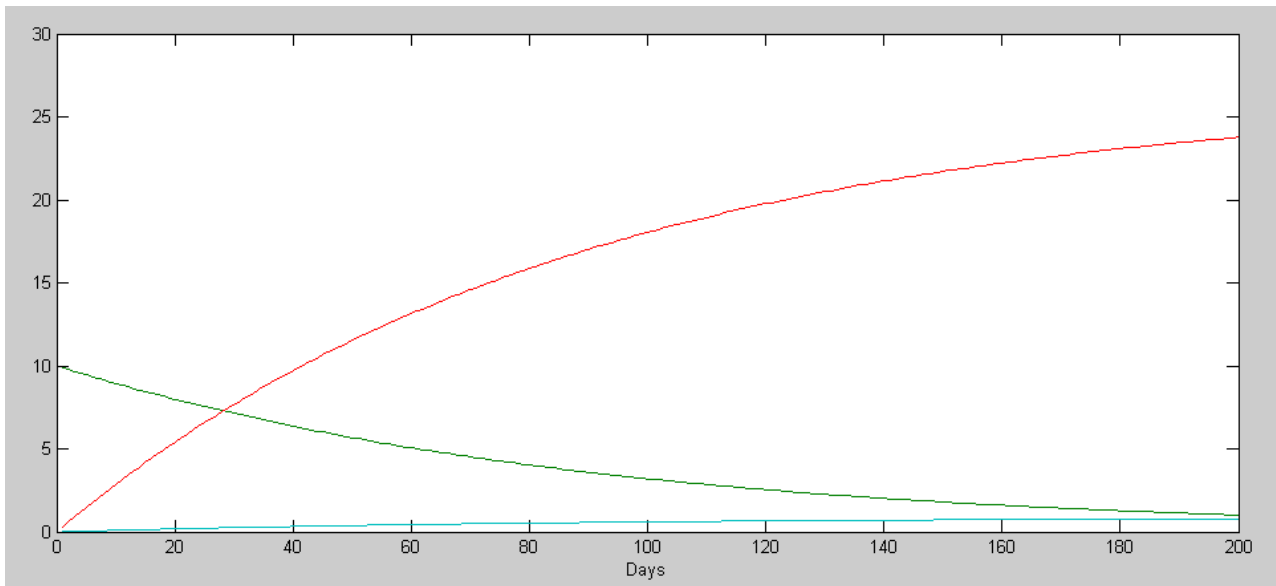
3) Simulate the effect of social distancing and wearing masks:

- $N = 5$  (each person interacts with 10 people each day)
- $X = 2\%$  (chance of being infected is 1/5th what it was before)



4) Simulate the effect of both social distancing and wearing masks:

- $N = 1$  (each person interacts with 1 person each day)
- $X = 2\%$  (chance of being infected is 1/3rd what it was before)



Code: (parameters are for problem #1)

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% States X
% X(1) = Uninfected
% X(2) = Infected
% X(3) = Cured
% X(4) = Dead;
X = [990;10;0;0];
CureRate = 0.03;
DeathRate = 0.001;
Infectivity = .1;
N = 5; % interactions per person
% note: a = N * Infectivity
Y = [];
for i=1:200

    NewInfections = X(1) * X(2) * Infectivity * N / sum(X(1:3)) ;
    Cures = CureRate * X(2);
    Deaths = DeathRate * X(2);

    X(1) = X(1) - NewInfections
    X(2) = X(2) + NewInfections - Cures - Deaths;
    X(3) = X(3) + Cures;
    X(4) = X(4) + Deaths;
    Y = [Y ; X'];
end
plot(Y)
xlabel('Days')
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