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Close Encounters of the Inter, Interaspecies Equations

Model: Chances of encounter in Differential Equations If your town is the victim of the dread epidemic 'cooties', the chances of your catching cooties is proportional to the probability that you will bump into a carrier of the disease. So the probability of catching the disease is proportional to the probability that you will be at a given place at a given time multiplied by the probability that a carrier will also be in that given place at given time. If we represent the probability of an encounter simply by the susceptible individuals (S) time the number of infected individuals (I) then we can represent this mathematically as

$$rac{dI}{dt} \propto SI$$

 $rac{dS}{dt} \propto -SI$

where *I* increses due to the encounters and *S* decresses by the same amount . In the same way other variation and conditions (like death or vaccinations), we can construct a system of ODEs to represent the overall system.

Model: Epidemic-Type Models There are number of varations

amongst epidemic problems.

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- SIS Epidemics: which stands for Susceptible \rightarrow Infected \rightarrow
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Let the total number of people N in the town stays constant. Since everyone is either susceptible or infectious, S + I = N. So we can write our system of ODEs as

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$$\frac{dS}{dt} = (b - aS)I$$
$$\frac{dI}{dt} = (a(N - I) - b)I = (A - aI)b \text{ where } A = aN - b$$

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Now

$$\frac{dI}{(A-aI)b} = dt$$
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$$\frac{1}{A}\left(\frac{1}{I} + \frac{a}{A-aI}\right)dI = dt$$
integrating both side

$$\log I - \log (A - aI) = At + Ac \text{ where } c \text{ is integration constant}$$
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$$\frac{I}{(A-aI)} = e^{At}B \text{ where } B = e^{Ac}$$
So the solution of bottom ODE is $I = \frac{ABe^{At}}{1+aBe^{At}}$

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The first case assumes that $\rho = \frac{b}{a} < N$ and in second case $\rho > N$. In case 1 we have the equilibrium points (N, 0) and $(\rho, N - \rho)$. In case 2 we have only equilibrium point (N, 0).

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Now by plotting the graph between S and S we can see that for case 1 $(\rho, N - \rho)$ is stable while (N, 0) is not, while for case 2 (N, 0) appears to be stable.