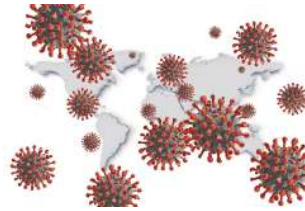


PHYSICS OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS

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Warmup Exercise

EXERCISE 1.1: SIR MODEL APPLIED TO THE CORONA PANDEMIC (6P)

Consider the SIR-model (see lecture notes)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{S}(t) &= -\beta I(t)S(t) \\ \dot{I}(t) &= +\beta I(t)S(t) - \gamma I(t) \\ \dot{R}(t) &= +\gamma I(t).\end{aligned}$$

with the initial conditions $S(0) = 1 - \epsilon$, $I(0) = \epsilon$, and $R(0) = 0$ where $\epsilon \ll 1$. For solving this exercise, please install the student version of *Mathematica*[®] from the Rechenzentrum or use another software tool of your choice.

- Show that the number of infected individuals increases exponentially at the beginning of the outbreak. (1P)
- Derive a relation between $I(t)$ and $S(t)$. (2P)
Hint: Consider the quotient $\dot{I}(t)/\dot{S}(t)$, separate variables, and integrate the resulting differential equation.
- Use (b) to determine the peak value of the infections I_{max} . How does the peak value depend on β ? Convince yourself that *social distancing* lowers I_{max} . (1P)
- Solve the system of differential equations numerically with *Mathematica*[®] (`NDSolve`) or a similar software tool using the parameters $\beta = 0.3$, $\gamma = 0.05$, and $\epsilon = 0.01$. Plot the three quantities in a single graph as a function of time in the range $t = 0 \dots 60$ and verify your result in (c). (2P)

($\Sigma = 6P$)

This warmup exercise has only half as many points as usual. To be handed in electronically on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, according to our Corona guidelines on the web page cs.hayehinrichsen.de.