



An Introduction to Mathematical Modelling of Natural Systems

Infectious Disease Epidemiology

*This text provides essential modeling skills and methodology for the study of infectious diseases through a one-semester modeling course or directed individual studies. The book includes mathematical descriptions of epidemiological concepts, and uses classic epidemic models to introduce different mathematical methods in model analysis. Matlab codes are also included for numerical implementations. It is primarily written for upper undergraduate and beginning graduate students in mathematical sciences who have an interest in mathematical modeling of infectious diseases. Although written in a rigorous mathematical manner, the style is not unfriendly to non-mathematicians.*

*The book is a comprehensive, self-contained introduction to the mathematical modeling and analysis of disease transmission models. It includes (i) an introduction to the main concepts of compartmental models including models with heterogeneous mixing of individuals and models for vector-transmitted diseases, (ii) a detailed analysis of models for important specific diseases, including tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, influenza, Ebola virus disease, malaria, dengue fever and the Zika virus, (iii) an introduction to more advanced mathematical topics, including age structure, spatial structure, and mobility, and (iv) some challenges and opportunities for the future. There are exercises of varying degrees of difficulty, and projects leading to new research directions. For the benefit of public health professionals whose contact with mathematics may not be recent, there is an appendix covering the necessary mathematical background. There are indications which sections require a strong mathematical background so that the book can be useful for both mathematical modelers and public health professionals.*

*Mankind now faces even more challenging environment- and health-related problems than ever before. Readily available transportation systems facilitate the swift spread of diseases as large populations migrate from one part of the world to another. Studies on the spread of the communicable diseases are very important. This book, Mathematical Population Dynamics and Epidemiology in Temporal and Spatio-Temporal Domains, provides a useful experimental tool for making practical predictions, building and testing theories, answering specific questions, determining sensitivities of the parameters, forming control strategies, and much more. This volume focuses on the study of population dynamics with special emphasis on the migration of populations and the spreading of epidemics among human and animal populations. It also provides the background needed to interpret, construct, and analyze a wide variety of mathematical models. Most of the techniques presented in the book can be readily applied to model other phenomena, in biology as well as in other disciplines.*

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An Introduction to Mathematical Physiology and Biology