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Extinction and stationary distribution of a stochastic COVID-19 epidemic model with time-delay

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ABSTRACT

We reformulate a stochastic epidemic model consisting of four human classes. We show that there exists a unique positive solution to the proposed model. The stochastic basic reproduction number $R_0$ is established. A stationary distribution (SD) under several conditions is obtained by incorporating stochastic Lyapunov function. The extinction for the proposed disease model is obtained by using the local martingale theorem. The first order stochastic Runge-Kutta method is taken into account to depict the numerical simulations.

1. Introduction

The outspread of infectious diseases like COVID-19 have been reported employing mathematical models such as stochastic and deterministic. Almost all models are the offshoots of a classical SIR model by Kermack McKendrick [1]. SIR model is sub-divided in three groups such as susceptible $S$, infected $I$ and recovered $R$ population. The primary framework of the disease in a population is associated with the rate of incidence. It is therefore related with the mean of secondary cases evolved by an infected individual in the susceptible population. Many descendant models have been employed after Kermack McKendrick model [2,3]. The variations in our social and environmental differences in our daily life are the justifications of establishing stochastic integration in such models. Stochastic noise of a model reshapes the solution behavior of correlated deterministic system and also changes the threshold level of a system for an epidemic to occur. The noise induction affects the dynamics of the population [4]. An epidemiological infection with a source of noise with memory was employed with a dynamical pulse noise model. Elsewhere threshold variation is described to examine the stochastic SIR model [6]. An increasing attention has been noticed for the analysis and control of COVID-19, also for vaccination and treatment policies. The association of vaccination or other treatment strategies and their relation with the transmission of a disease has been a hot topic for theoretical and applied analysis [7–21]. The disease transmission modeling in a population where vaccination is under effect, the main issue is the inefficiency of the vaccine in a given population. There is a possibility of low efficacy such as partial induction of immunization. Considering SIR-type disease such as COVID-19 during the vaccination program is in effect, the total population is divided into four classes i.e susceptible, infected, vaccinated and removed represented as $S$, $I$, $V$, and $R$ respectively. (see Table 1)
The underlying model is investigated. In Section 4, the existence of the overall population is constant and variables are normalized. In this section, we will use a method similar to the proof of [24, 25], to prove that the solution of SDE (2) is nonnegative and global.

**Theorem 1.** System (2) has a unique positive solution \( S(t), I(t), V(t), R(t) \) on \( t \geq 0 \) and the solution will remain in \( \mathbb{R}_+^4 \) for the given initial condition (3) with probability one.

**Proof 1.** We define a \( C^2 \) function \( V: \mathbb{R}_+^4 \to \mathbb{R}_+ \) as follows:

\[
V(S, I, V, R) = \left( S - k \frac{\ln S}{k} \right) + (I - 1 - \ln I) + (V - 1 - \ln V) + \left( R - 1 - \ln R \right) + \int_0^t k\beta I(s - \tau)ds,
\]

where \( k > 0 \) will be determined later on. By Ito’s formula, we can obtain

\[
dV = \mathcal{L}dV + \sigma_1(S - k)dB_1(t) + \sigma_2(I - 1)dB_2(t) + \sigma_3(V - 1)dB_3(t) + \sigma_4(R - 1)dB_4(t),
\]

where

\[
\mathcal{L}V = \left( \begin{array}{cc}
\frac{1}{2} & -k \\
-k & \frac{1}{2}
\end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c}
\mu - \beta S(t - \tau) - (\mu + \phi)S(t) + \theta V(t) \\
\beta S(t - \tau) - (\mu + \theta)I(t)
\end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c}
\sigma_1 \beta \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 \sigma_1 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1 \\
\sigma_2 \beta \sigma_2 + \sigma_3 \sigma_2 + \sigma_4 \sigma_2
\end{array} \right) + k\beta I(t - \tau) - k\beta I(t)
\]

Let \( k = \frac{\varepsilon \beta}{\sigma^2} \), then we have

\[
\mathcal{L}V \leq 4\mu + \phi + \lambda + \theta - \mu S - \rho BV + \left( \beta(\rho + k) - \mu \right) - \mu V + \frac{\sigma_1 \beta \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 \sigma_1 + \sigma_3 \sigma_1}{2} \leq M_1,
\]

where \( M_1 > 0 \). Hence,

\[
dV = \mathcal{L}dV + \sigma_1(S - k)dB_1(t) + \sigma_2(I - 1)dB_2(t) + \sigma_3(V - 1)dB_3(t) + \sigma_4(R - 1)dB_4(t).
\]

Integrating (6) from 0 to \( t_n \wedge \tilde{T} \) leads us

\[
W(t_n \wedge \tilde{T}) \leq W(t_0 \wedge \tilde{T}) + W(t_0) + M_1 \tilde{T}.
\]
\[ V(S(t) \wedge \tau, I(t) \wedge \tau), V(t \wedge \tau), R(t \wedge \tau) \] 
\[ \geq (n-1 - \ln n) \wedge \left( \frac{1}{n} - 1 - \ln \frac{1}{n} \right). \]  
(7)

According to (7), we get

\[ G \mathbb{V}(S(0), I(0), V(0), R(0)) + \mathcal{M} \tau \geq G[1_{\Omega}], \mathbb{V}(S(\tau), I(\tau), V(\tau), R(\tau)) \]
\[ \geq e^{(n-1 - \ln n) \wedge \left( \frac{1}{n} - 1 - \ln \frac{1}{n} \right)}. \]
(8)

**Proof 2.** Let \( \mathcal{U}(t) = \lambda(I + V) + (\alpha + \mu)R \), and applying Ito’s formula leads us,

\[ d \ln \mathcal{U}(t) = \frac{\lambda_1 \sigma_1 V}{\lambda(I + V) + (\alpha + \mu)R} dW_1 + \frac{\sigma_1(\lambda + \mu)R}{\lambda(I + V) + (\alpha + \mu)R} dW_2 \]

limiting case leads us
\[ \mathcal{U}(\tau) > G[S(\tau), I(\tau), V(\tau), R(\tau)], \] contradiction arises hence \( \tau_{\text{inf}} = \tau_{\text{out}} = \infty \), a.s.

\[ \mathcal{U}(S(\tau), I(\tau), V(\tau), R(\tau)) \]

3. Extinction

In this section, we will show that if the noise is sufficiently large, the solution to the associated SDE (2) will become extinct with probability 1 [26–28].

**Lemma 1.** Let \( M = \{ M_t \}_{t \geq 0} \) be a real-valued continuous local martingale vanishing at \( t = 0 \), and \( \langle M, M \rangle_t \) be the quadratic variation of \( M \). Then
\[ \lim_{t \to 0} \langle M, M \rangle_t = \infty, \quad \text{a.s.} \Rightarrow \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{M_t}{\langle M, M \rangle_t} = 0 \quad \text{a.s., and also.} \]
\[ \lim_{t \to 0} \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \frac{M_{t-\tau}}{\langle M, M \rangle_{t-\tau}} < \infty \quad \text{a.s.} \Rightarrow \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{M_t}{\langle M, M \rangle_t} = 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \]

**Lemma 2.** Let \( (S(t), I(t), V(t), R(t)) \) be the solution of (2) with any \( (S(0), I(0), V(0), R(0)) \in \mathbb{R}^4_+ \), then
\[ \lim_{t \to 0^+} S_t = 0, \quad \lim_{t \to 0^+} I_t = 0, \quad \lim_{t \to 0^+} V_t = 0, \quad \lim_{t \to 0^+} R_t = 0, \quad \text{a.s.,} \]
\[ \text{Furthermore, if } \mu > \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2}{2}, \text{ then,} \]
\[ \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int_0^t V_s dW_s(t) = 0, \quad \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int_0^t V_s dW_s(t) = 0, \quad \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int_0^t \int_0^s V_u dW_u(t) = 0, \quad \text{a.s.} \]
\[ \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int_0^t \int_0^s V_u dW_u(t) = 0, \quad \text{a.s.} \]

**Theorem 2.** If \( R_0 < 1 \) and \( \mu > \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2}{2} \), then (2) obeys:
\[ \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq \tau} \left( \ln (I(t) + V(t) + R(t)) \right) \leq \frac{(\beta + \lambda \phi)(V(t))dt}{\lambda(I(t) + V(t) + R(t))} \]
\[ \left( \lambda + \mu (1 - \lambda - \mu) + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2} \right), \quad \text{a.s.} \]

\[ \lambda(I(t) + V(t) + R(t)) \]

(12)
where

\[ \psi_1 = \frac{1}{\mu} \left[ \frac{1}{t} \left( S(0) + I(0) + V(0) + R(0) \right) - \frac{1}{t} \left( S(t) + I(t) + V(t) + R(t) \right) + \frac{\sigma_1}{t} \int_0^t S(s) dW_1 \right] + \frac{\sigma_2}{t} \int_0^t I(s) dW_2 + \frac{\sigma_3}{t} \int_0^t V(s) dW_3 \] (13)

Using Lemmas 1 and 2,

\[ \lim_{t \to \infty} \psi_1(t) = 0 \quad a.s. \]

limit of (13) gives us,

\[ \lim_{t \to \infty} \sup (S + I + V + R) = 1, \quad a.s. \] (14)

Integrating leads us

\[ \frac{\ln U(t)}{t} \leq \left( \beta + \lambda \phi \right) S(t) dt - \frac{1}{2(\lambda t)} \left( \lambda^2 \left( \mu + \sigma_1^2 \right) \right) dt + \psi_2, \] (15)

where

\[ \psi_2 := \frac{\ln U(0)}{t} + \frac{\lambda sigma_3}{t} \int_0^t \left( \lambda (I + V) + (\lambda + \mu) R \right) dW_3 \] + \left( \frac{\lambda + \mu}{t} \right) \int_0^t \left( R(s) \right) dW_3.

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implying \( \lim I(t) = 0, \quad \lim V(t) = 0, \quad \lim R(t) = 0 \) a.s.

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Herein, we construct a suitable stochastic Lyapunov function to study the existence of a unique ergodic stationary distribution \[29,30\] of the positive solutions to the system (2).

Consider

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where \( \lambda = \frac{\eta_1 \eta_2}{\beta + \mu}, \quad \beta = \frac{\eta_1 \eta_2}{\mu + \phi}, \quad \phi = \mu + \sigma_1^2 \) and \( \mu = \mu + \sigma_1^2 \).

Theorem 3. Assume that \( R_0^* > 1 \) and \( \mu - \frac{\beta}{\lambda (\phi + \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)} > 0 \), then for value \( (S(0), I(0), V(0)) \) in \( \mathbb{R}_+^3 \), then (2) possess SD at.

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It is easy to show that \( \Lambda \) is positive definite, hence the first condition of Lemma 1 in Ref. [24] is satisfied.

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\[ - \ln S + \beta \int_{I}^{S + I + V + R} I(s - s) ds - \ln V - \ln R + \frac{1}{\beta + 1} (S + I + V + R)^{\beta + 1} \]

\[ = NV_1 + V_2 + V_3 + V_4 + V_5, \]

\[ \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\ln U(t)}{t} \leq \left( \beta + \lambda \phi \right) S(t) dt - \frac{1}{2(\lambda t)} \left( \lambda^2 \left( \mu + \sigma_1^2 \right) \right) dt < 0, \]

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Where $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{V}} \leq \mathcal{V}$, Applying Itô's formula to $\mathcal{V}_1$, we have

$$\mathcal{V}_1 = (S + I + V + R)^{\prime} \left[ \mu - \mu (S + I + V + R) \right] + \frac{\xi}{2} (S + I + V + R)^{z+1}$$

$$+ \left( \sigma_1^2 \sigma_1^2 \sigma_1^2 \sigma_1^2 \right) \mu - \mu (S + I + V + R) + \frac{\xi}{2} (S + I + V + R)^{z+1}$$

$$= \left( \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \sigma_1^2 \sigma_1^2 \sigma_1^2 \sigma_1^2 \right) S + I + V + R$$

$$+ \frac{\xi}{2} (S + I + V + R)^{z+1}.$$
\[
\frac{1}{8} \left[ \mu - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \mathcal{H} \leq -1, \tag{33}
\]

where

\[
\mathcal{H} = \sup_{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathcal{D}_k} \left\{ \mathcal{Q}(1 + c_p)I - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right] I_{2}^{1+} + 3\mu + \phi + \theta \right\}.
\]

To complete the proof we required \( \mathcal{L}V \leq -1 \) for any \( (S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4 \) and \( \mathbb{R}_+^4 \setminus \mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{k=1}^6 \mathcal{D}_k \), where

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{D}_1 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; 0 < S < \epsilon \}, \\
\mathcal{D}_2 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; 0 < I < \epsilon \}, \\
\mathcal{D}_3 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; 0 < V < \epsilon^2, I \geq \epsilon \}, \\
\mathcal{D}_4 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; 0 < R < \epsilon, V \geq \epsilon^2 \}, \\
\mathcal{D}_5 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; S > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \}, \\
\mathcal{D}_6 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; I > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \}, \\
\mathcal{D}_7 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; V > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \}, \\
\mathcal{D}_8 &= \{(S, I, V, R) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4; R > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \}.
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\mathcal{L}V \leq -\mathcal{Q}(1 + c_p)I - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right] I_{2}^{1+} + 3\mu + \phi + \theta + A + \frac{\epsilon_1^2}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{2}.
\]

\[
\leq -\mathcal{Q}(1 + c_p)I + A + \frac{\epsilon_1^2}{2} + 3\mu + \phi + \theta + \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{2}
\]

implies, \( \mathcal{L}V \leq -1 \) for any \( (S, I, V, R) \in \mathcal{D}_2 \).

Case 3. Let \( (S, I, V, R) \in \mathcal{D}_2 \), and utilizing (31) leads us,
Fig. 2. Simulation of TEST 2.

Fig. 3. Simulation of TEST 3.
Fig. 4. Simulation of TEST 4.

Fig. 5. Simulation of TEST 5.
\[
L \mathcal{V} \leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] (V^{i+1} + V^{i+1}) + QI(1 + c_3 I) + 3\mu + \beta(1 + \rho)I \\
\leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] F^{i+1} + (V^{i+1}) + \mathcal{H} \\
\leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] (\varepsilon^{i+1} + e^{i+1}) + \mathcal{H} \leq -1,
\]
implies, \( L \mathcal{V} \leq -1 \) for any \((S, I, V, R) \in D_5.\)

Case 4. Let \((S, I, V, R) \in D_4,\) and utilizing (32), we obtain
\[
L \mathcal{V} \leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] (V^{i+1} + R^{i+1}) + QI(1 + c_3 I) + 3\mu + \phi(1 + \rho)I \\
\leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] F^{i+1} + \phi + A + \frac{\sigma_1^{i}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_2^{i}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_3^{i}}{2} \\
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\]
implies, \( L \mathcal{V} \leq -1 \) for any \((S, I, V, R) \in D_4.\)

Case 5. Let \((S, I, V, R) \in D_6,\) and utilizing (33), we obtain
\[
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\]
implies, \( L \mathcal{V} \leq -1 \) for any \((S, I, V, R) \in D_6.\)

Case 6. Let \((S, I, V, R) \in D_5,\) and utilizing (34), we obtain
\[
L \mathcal{V} \leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] (V^{i+1} + V^{i+1}) + QI(1 + c_3 I) + 3\mu + \phi(1 + \rho)I \\
\leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] F^{i+1} + \phi + A + \frac{\sigma_1^{i}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_2^{i}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_3^{i}}{2} + \beta(1 + \rho)I + A \\
\leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] (V^{i+1} + \mathcal{H}) \leq -1,
\]
implies, \( L \mathcal{V} \leq -1 \) for any \((S, I, V, R) \in D_6.\)

Case 7. Let \((S, I, V, R) \in D_7,\) and utilizing (35), we obtain
\[
L \mathcal{V} \leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] (V^{i+1} + V^{i+1}) + QI(1 + c_3 I) + 3\mu + \phi(1 + \rho)I \\
\leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] F^{i+1} + \phi + A + \frac{\sigma_1^{i}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_2^{i}}{2} + \beta(1 + \rho)I + A \\
\leq - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mu - \frac{\xi}{2} \right] (V^{i+1} + \mathcal{H}) \leq -1,
\]
implies, \( L \mathcal{V} \leq -1 \) for any \((S, I, V, R) \in D_7.\)

Case 8. Let \((S, I, V, R) \in D_8,\) we obtain
where \( \Delta t_n = t_{n+1} - t_n \) represents the non constant time increment and \( \Delta W_{t_n} = W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n} \). We subdivide the time interval into 1000 equidistant time steps. Where, the delay process \( \Delta t \) is taken into consideration separately and simulated using different memories \( \tau = 50 \Delta t, 100 \Delta t, 200 \Delta t, 300 \Delta t, 500 \Delta t, 1000 \Delta t \). We numerically solve the SIVR system (2) under various random initial conditions satisfying our theoretical results above. It should be stressed, that the delay condition means that the initial value \( I(0) \) can not be fixed. Therefore, it takes the end value of the process \( I \) starting from \( K(\tau) \). The starting values for the individuals \( S(0), V(0) \) and \( R(0) \) are generated randomly in the interval \([0,1]\). Noted that, the system (2) is driven by four independent white noises \( \Delta W(t) \) for \( i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \). In order to ensure the first order of our numerical scheme, the multiple stochastic integrals are approximated using the Fourier series. The used parameters are summarized in Table (1) and 1000 realization have been taken for mean simulations. The values of the correlations coefficients \( \eta_i \) for \( i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \) are chosen randomly using the uniform random generator with values in \((0, 1)\). We examine the following six tests:

In all Figs. 1–6, we present the numerical solution of the SIVR model (2). The two rows from the left show two solutions out of 1000 realizations for the Tests 1–6, while the third column represents the mean solution of the 1000 realizations. Using randomly chosen parameters, we performed short (50\( \Delta t \) and 100\( \Delta t \)) medium (200\( \Delta t \) and 300\( \Delta t \)) and long (500\( \Delta t \) and 1000\( \Delta t \)) memories. The stability of the asymptotic solution is justified for all tests, especially for the short and medium delays. However, for the long delay, we remarked different emerging of the solution. This happens in the transition phase \([0, \tau]\). In addition, it should be stressed that convergence and stability are guaranteed for all tests even for fixed parameters. Finally, based on the simulation Tests 1–6, we remarked that all results satisfy the outcomes of Theorem (1). Namely, \((S(t), I(t), V(t), R(t)) \) exists in \( \mathbb{R}^4 \) for any \( t \geq -\tau \). Moreover, all tests show an accurate numerical stability of the SIVR system (2).

Given the deterministic SIVR model (1), if the basic reproduction number \( R_0 = \frac{\beta S(0)}{\gamma + \mu} < 1 \), then the disease-free equilibrium point is globally asymptotically stable; whereas if \( R_0 > 1 \), the unique endemic equilibrium point is globally asymptotically stable. Repeated outbreaks of the infection can occur due to the time-delay in the transmission terms. In our stochastic SIVR model (2), if \( R_0^2 = \frac{\beta S(0)}{\gamma + \mu} < R_0 \) and \( \mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} > 0 \), the stochastic model (2) has disease extinction with probability one, and for \( R_0^2 > 1 \), the model has a unique ergodic stationary distribution.

6. Conclusion

We have reformulated a stochastic epidemic model consisting of four human classes. First of all, we have showed that there exists a unique positive solution to our proposed model. The stochastic basic reproduction number \( R_0^2 \) has been established. The stationary distribution under several conditions has been obtained by incorporating stochastic Lyapunov function. The extinction for the proposed disease model has been obtained by using the local martingale theorem. The first order stochastic Runge Kutta scheme is taken into account to depict the numerical simulations. It is derived from our results that the white noise plays a tremendous role in controlling COVID-19; a sufficient large white noise results in the extinction of COVID-19.

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“The authors declare that they have no competing interests.”

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