A new mathematical model for Zika virus transmission

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Abstract
We present a new mathematical model for the transmission of Zika virus between humans as well as between humans and mosquitoes. In this way, we use the fractional-order Caputo derivative. The region of the feasibility of system and equilibrium points are calculated, and the stability of equilibrium point is investigated. We prove the existence of a unique solution for the model by using the fixed point theory. By using the fractional Euler method, we get an approximate solution to the model. Numerical results are presented to investigate the effect of fractional derivative on the behavior of functions and also to compare the integer-order derivative and fractional-order derivative results.

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1 Introduction
Zika virus was first detected in monkeys in 1947, and the first cases of Zika virus infection were reported in 1952 in Uganda and the Republic of Tanzania. Between 1960 and 1980, there were few human infections with Zika virus in Asia and Africa, until in 2007 in the Yap Islands, then in 2013 in the France Polynesia and the Pacific Ocean, and in 2015 in Brazil the widespread outbreak of the virus was reported. Subsequently, it has spread to other countries around the world, so far Zika virus infection has been recorded in 86 countries.

Fever, rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise, or headache are symptoms of this disease. According to the report of World Health Organization (WHO), Zika virus infection during pregnancy can cause infants to be born with microcephaly and other congenital malformations, known as congenital Zika syndrome. Also, at the result of this disease, other complications of pregnancy including preterm birth and miscarriage may happen. In adults and children, Zika virus infection is associated with neurologic complications including Guillain–Barre syndrome, neuropathy, and myelitis.

Zika is a virus that is spread mostly by Aedes mosquitoes. Besides that, this virus can be transmitted from mother to baby during pregnancy or around the time of birth. Also, it can spread through blood transfusions and sexual contact.
The study of diseases dynamics is a dominating theme for many biologists and mathematicians (see, for example, [1–3]). It has been studied by many researchers that fractional extensions of mathematical models of integer order represent the natural fact in a very systematic way such as in the approach of Baleanu et al. [4–17]. Studies on the methods of solving fractional differential equations and the application of fractional systems have also been conducted [18–24]. In recent years, fractional-order derivatives have expanded and have been widely used in modeling real-world phenomena and investigating the process of disease transmission and control (see, for example, [25–35]). Also, some studies in the biological models with fractional-order derivative have been conducted in recent years [36–39]. During last years researchers have been using some mathematical models to simulate the transmission of Zika virus [40–43].

In mathematical models of Zika virus transmission it is assumed that the virus is usually transmitted from mosquitoes to humans, while according to WHO, in addition to the transmission through mosquitoes, Zika virus is transmitted through infected blood as well as through sexual contact with an infected person. In this article, we consider a mathematical model based on both ways of transmitting the virus. Also, according to the good results of fractional-order derivative in the modeling of real-world phenomena in recent years, we use Caputo fractional-order derivative instead of the integer-order derivative in this model.

The structure of the paper is as follows. In Sect. 2 some basic definitions and concepts of fractional calculus are recalled. The transmission model of Zika virus with fractional-order derivative is presented in Sect. 3, and the equilibrium points and the reproduction number are calculated. The existence and uniqueness of solution for the system are proved in Sect. 4. Numerical method and numerical results are presented in Sect. 5.

### 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some basic concepts of fractional differential calculus.

**Definition 2.1** ([44]) For an integrable function $g$, the Caputo derivative of fractional order $\nu \in (0, 1)$ is given by

$$
CD^\nu g(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\nu)} \int_0^t g(t) \left(\frac{1}{(t-\nu)^\nu}\right)^{\nu-1} d\nu,
$$

where $t \geq 0$, $\nu = [\nu] + 1$.

Also, the corresponding fractional integral of order $\nu$ with $\text{Re}(\nu) > 0$ is given by

$$
CI^\nu g(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^t (t-\nu)^{\nu-1} g(\nu) d\nu.
$$

**Definition 2.2** ([45, 46]) For $g \in H^1(c, d)$ and $d > c$, the Caputo–Fabrizio derivative of fractional order $\nu \in (0, 1)$ for $g$ is given by

$$
CFD^\nu g(t) = \frac{M(\nu)}{1-\nu} \int_c^t \exp\left(\frac{-\nu}{1-\nu}(t-\nu)\right) g'(\nu) d\nu,
$$

where $t \geq 0$, $M(\nu)$ is a normalization function that depends on $\nu$ and $M(0) = M(1) = 1$. If $\nu \in (0, 1)$ and $\nu = [\nu] + 1$, this derivative for $g \in L^1(-\infty, d)$ is given by

$$
CFD^\nu g(t) = \frac{\nu M(\nu)}{1-\nu} \int_{-\infty}^d \exp\left(\frac{-\nu}{1-\nu}(t-\nu)\right) g(t) d\nu.
$$
Also, the corresponding C\(F\) fractional integral is presented by

\[C\!F^{\nu}g(t) = \frac{2(1-\nu)}{(2-\nu)M(\nu)}g(t) + \frac{2\nu}{(2-\nu)M(\nu)} \int_{0}^{t} g(v) \, dv.\]

The Laplace transform is one of the important tools in solving differential equations that are defined below for two kinds of fractional derivative.

**Definition 2.3** ([44]) The Laplace transform of Caputo fractional differential operator of order \(\nu\) is given by

\[L[C\!D^{\nu}g(t)](s) = s^{\nu}L[g(t)] - \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} s^{\nu-i-1}g^{(i)}(0), \quad m - 1 < \nu \leq m \in \mathbb{N},\]

which can also be obtained in the form

\[L[C\!D^{\nu}g(t)] = \frac{s^{m}L[g(t)] - s^{m-1}g(0) - s^{m-1}g^{(1)}(0) - \ldots - g^{(m-1)}}{s^{m-\nu}}.\]

### 3 Model formulation

In this section, we provide a mathematical model for the transmission of Zika virus using the Caputo derivative of fractional order. We divide the human population \(N_h\) into two groups: susceptible people \(S_h\) and infected people \(I_h\), so that \(N_h = S_h + I_h\). Similarly, we divide the total number of mosquitoes \(N_m\) into two groups: susceptible mosquitoes \(S_m\) and infected mosquitoes \(I_m\), so that \(N_m = S_m + I_m\). To describe the mechanism of the spread of Zika virus, we consider the compartmental mathematical model as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dS_h}{dt} &= \Lambda_h - \beta_1 S_h I_h - \beta_2 S_h I_m - k_1 S_h, \\
\frac{dI_h}{dt} &= \beta_1 S_h I_h + \beta_2 S_h I_m - k_1 I_h, \\
\frac{dS_m}{dt} &= \Lambda_m - \mu S_m I_h - k_2 S_m, \\
\frac{dI_m}{dt} &= \mu S_m I_h - k_2 I_m,
\end{align*}
\]

with the initial conditions \(S_h(0) = S_{0h}, I_h(0) = I_{0h}, S_m(0) = S_{0m}, I_m(0) = I_{0m}\).

The model parameters are: the recruitment rate of human population \(\Lambda_h\), the recruitment rate of mosquito population \(\Lambda_m\), the effective contact rate human to human \(\beta_1\), the effective contact rate mosquitoes to human \(\beta_2\), the effective contact rate human to mosquitoes \(\mu\), the natural death rate of human \(k_1\), the natural death rate of mosquitoes \(k_2\).

Model (1) does not include the internal memory effects of the system. To improve the model, we change the first-order time derivative to the Caputo fractional derivative of order \(\nu\). With this change, the right- and left-hand sides will not have the same dimension. To solve this problem, we use an auxiliary parameter \(\theta\), having the dimension of sec., to change the fractional operator so that the sides have the same dimension ([47, 48]). According to the explanation presented, the transmission model of Zika virus for \(t \geq 0\) and...
\(v \in (0, 1)\) is given as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\theta^{\nu-1} D^\nu_t S_h(t) &= \Lambda_h - \beta_1 S_h I_h - \beta_2 S_h I_m - k_1 S_h, \\
\theta^{\nu-1} D^\nu_t I_h(t) &= \beta_1 S_h I_h + \beta_2 S_h I_m - k_1 I_h, \\
\theta^{\nu-1} D^\nu_t S_m(t) &= \Lambda_m - \mu S_m I_h - k_2 S_m, \\
\theta^{\nu-1} D^\nu_t I_m(t) &= \mu S_m I_h - k_2 I_m,
\end{align*}
\]

where the initial conditions are \(S_h(0) = S_{0h}, I_h(0) = I_{0h}, S_m(0) = S_{0m}, I_m(0) = I_{0m}\).

### 3.1 Nonnegative solution

Consider \(\Phi_1 = \{(S_h, I_h, S_m, I_m) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : N_h(t) \leq \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1}, N_m(t) \leq \frac{\Lambda_m}{k_2}\}\), we show that the closed set \(\Phi_1\) is the region of the feasibility of system (2).

#### Lemma 3.1

The closed set \(\Phi_1\) is positively invariant with respect to fractional system (2).

**Proof** To obtain the fractional derivative of the total population, we add the first two relations in system (2). So

\[
\theta^{\nu-1} D^\nu_t N_h(t) = \Lambda_h - k_1 N_h(t),
\]

where \(N_h(t) = S_h(t) + I_h(t)\). Using the Laplace transform, we obtain

\[
N_h(t) = N_h(0)E_v(-k_1 \theta^{1-v} t^v) + \int_0^t \Lambda_h \theta^{1-v} \eta^{v-1} E_{v, v}(-k_1 \theta^{1-v} \eta^v) \, d\eta,
\]

where \(N_h(0)\) is the initial human population size, and the terms \(E_v, E_{v, v}\) in the above equation are represented by the Mittag-Leffler function and its general form defined by

\[
E_v(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{\Gamma(1+jv)}, \quad E_{v, v} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{\Gamma(v+jv)}, \quad v > 0.
\]

With some calculations, we get

\[
N_h(t) = N_h(0)E_v(-k_1 \theta^{1-v} t^v) + \int_0^t \Lambda_h \theta^{1-v} \eta^{v-1} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^i k_1^i \theta^{(1-v)i} \eta^{iv}}{\Gamma(i v + v)} \, d\eta
\]

\[
= \frac{\Lambda_h \theta^{1-v}}{k_1 \theta^{1-v}} + E_v(-k_1 \theta^{1-v} t^v) \left( N_h(0) - \frac{\Lambda_h \theta^{1-v}}{k_1 \theta^{1-v}} \right),
\]

\[
= \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1} + E_v(-k_1 \theta^{1-v} t^v) \left( N_h(0) - \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1} \right).
\]

Thus, if \(N_h(0) \leq \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1}\), then for \(t > 0\), \(N_h(t) \leq \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1}\). Similarly, we can prove for \(N_m\) that if \(N_m(0) \leq \frac{\Lambda_m}{k_2}\), then for \(t > 0\), \(N_m(t) \leq \frac{\Lambda_m}{k_2}\). Consequently, the closed set \(\Phi_1\) is positively invariant with respect to fractional model (2). \(\square\)
3.2 Equilibrium points and reproduction number

To determine the equilibrium points of fractional order system (2), we solve the following equations:

\[ C^\nu D^\nu S_h(t) = C^\nu D^\nu I_h(t) = C^\nu D^\nu S_m(t) = C^\nu D^\nu I_m(t) = 0. \]

By solving the above algebraic equations, we obtain two equilibrium points of system (2). The disease-free equilibrium point is obtained as

\[ E_0 = \left( \frac{\Lambda_h}{\Lambda_h}, 0, \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m} \right). \]

In addition, if \( R_0 > 1 \), then system (2) has a positive endemic equilibrium point \( E^* = (S^*_h, I^*_h, S^*_m, I^*_m) \), where

\[ S^*_h = \frac{k_2 k_1}{(\beta_2 \mu S^*_m + k_2 \beta_1)}, \]
\[ I^*_h = \frac{\Lambda_h \beta_2 \mu S^*_m + \Lambda_h k_2 \beta_1 - k_2 k_1^2}{k_1 (\beta_2 \mu S^*_m + k_2 \beta_1)}, \]
\[ I^*_m = \frac{\mu (\Lambda_h \beta_2 \mu S^*_m + \Lambda_h k_2 \beta_1 - k_2 k_1^2) S^*_m}{k_1 (\beta_2 \mu S^*_m + k_2 \beta_1) k_2}. \]

Also, \( R_0 \) is the basic reproduction number and is obtained using the next generation method [49]. To find \( R_0 \), we first consider the system as follows:

\[ C^\nu \Psi(t) = F(\Psi(t)) - V(\Psi(t)), \]

where

\[ F(\Psi(t)) = \theta^{1-v} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 S_h I_h + \beta_2 S_h I_m \\ \mu S_m I_h \end{bmatrix}, \]

and

\[ V(\Psi(t)) = \theta^{1-v} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 I_h \\ k_2 I_m \end{bmatrix}. \]

At \( E_0 \), the Jacobian matrix for \( F \) and \( V \) is obtained as follows:

\[ J_F(E_0) = \theta^{1-v} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_h}{k_1} & \frac{\beta_2 \Lambda_h}{k_2} \\ \frac{\mu \Lambda_m}{k_1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \]
\[ J_V(E_0) = \theta^{1-v} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{bmatrix}. \]

\( FV^{-1} \) is the next generation matrix for the system (2), and the basic reproduction number is obtained from \( R_0 = \rho(FV^{-1}) \), where \( \rho(FV^{-1}) \) is the eigenvalue of matrix \( FV^{-1} \). We get

\[ R_0 = \frac{\beta_1 k_2 \Lambda_h + \sqrt{\beta_1^2 \Lambda_h^2 k_2^2 + 4k_2^2 \beta_2 \mu \Lambda_h \Lambda_m}}{2k_2 k_1^2}. \]

This basic reproduction number \( R_0 \) is an epidemiologic metric used to describe the contagiousness or transmissibility of infectious agents.
3.3 Stability of equilibrium point

To investigate the stability of the equilibrium point, we first consider the Jacobian matrix of system (2) as follows:

\[
J = \begin{bmatrix}
-\beta_1 I_h - \beta_2 I_m - k_1 & -\beta_1 S_h & 0 & -\beta_2 S_h \\
\beta_1 I_h + \beta_2 I_m & \beta_1 S_h - k_1 & 0 & \beta_2 S_h \\
0 & -\mu S_m & -\mu I_h - k_2 & 0 \\
0 & \mu S_m & \mu I_h & -k_2
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

At \(E_0\), the Jacobian matrix of system (2) is

\[
J = \begin{bmatrix}
-k_1 & -\beta_1 \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1} & 0 & -\beta_2 \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1} \\
0 & \beta_1 \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1} - k_1 & 0 & \beta_2 \frac{\Lambda_h}{k_1} \\
0 & -\mu \frac{\Lambda_m}{k_2} & -k_2 & 0 \\
0 & \mu \frac{\Lambda_m}{k_2} & 0 & -k_2
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

**Theorem 3.2** If \(R_0 < 1\), the equilibrium point \(E^0\) of system (2) is locally asymptotically stable.

**Proof** At the disease-free equilibrium point \(E^0\), the characteristic equation of the Jacobian matrix is \(\det(\lambda I - J(E^0)) = 0\). Then we obtain

\[
\theta^{1-v}(\lambda + k_1)(\lambda + k_2)(\lambda^2 + B\lambda + C) = 0,
\]

where \(B = k_1 + k_2 - \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_h}{k_1}\) and \(C = 2k_1 k_2 - \frac{k_2 \beta_1 \Lambda_h}{k_1} - \frac{\mu \beta_2 \Lambda_m \Lambda_h}{k_1 k_2}\). By simplifying the above equations, the eigenvalues of characteristic equation are obtained as \(\lambda_1 = -k_1, \lambda_2 = -k_2\) and the roots of the equation

\(\lambda^2 + B\lambda + C = 0\).

If \(R_0 < 1\), since all of the parameters are positive, then

\[
\frac{\beta_1 k_2 \Lambda_h + \sqrt{\beta_1^2 \Lambda_h^2 k_2^2}}{2k_1 k_1^2} < 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_h}{k_1} < k_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad B = k_1 + k_2 - \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_h}{k_1} > k_2 > 0.
\]

Also, from \(R_0 < 1\) we have

\[
\frac{\sqrt{4k_1^2 \beta_2 \mu \Lambda_h \Lambda_m}}{2k_2 k_1^2} < 1
\]

\[
\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\beta_2 \mu \Lambda_m \Lambda_h}{k_1 k_2} < k_1 k_2,
\]

\[
\Rightarrow \quad 2k_1 k_2 - \frac{k_2 \beta_1 \Lambda_h}{k_1} - \frac{\mu \beta_2 \Lambda_m \Lambda_h}{k_1 k_2} > 2k_1 k_2 - k_1 k_2 - k_1 k_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C > 0.
\]

Since \(B > 0, C > 0\), applying the Routh–Hurwitz criteria, we obtain that \(E_0\) is locally asymptotically stable. \(\square\)
4 Existence and uniqueness of solution

To show that the system has a unique solution, we write system (2) as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\theta^{v-1}D^v_t S_h(t) &= W_1(t, S_h(t)), \\
\theta^{v-1}D^v_t I_h(t) &= W_2(t, I_h(t)), \\
\theta^{v-1}D^v_t S_m(t) &= W_3(t, S_m(t)), \\
\theta^{v-1}D^v_t I_m(t) &= W_4(t, I_m(t)).
\end{align*}
\]

By applying integral on both sides of the above equations, we have

\[
\begin{align*}
S_h(t) - S_h(0) &= \frac{\theta^{v-1}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t W_1(\tau, S_h(t)) (t - \tau)^{v-1} d\tau, \\
I_h(t) - I_h(0) &= \frac{\theta^{v-1}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t W_2(\tau, I_h(t)) (t - \tau)^{v-1} d\tau, \\
S_m(t) - S_m(0) &= \frac{\theta^{v-1}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t W_3(\tau, S_m(t)) (t - \tau)^{v-1} d\tau, \\
I_m(t) - I_m(0) &= \frac{\theta^{v-1}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t W_4(\tau, I_m(t)) (t - \tau)^{v-1} d\tau.
\end{align*}
\]

(3)

We show that the kernels $W_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, satisfy the Lipschitz condition and contraction.

**Theorem 4.1** The kernel $W_1$ satisfies the Lipschitz condition and contraction if the following inequality holds:

\[0 \leq \beta_1 u_1 + \beta_2 u_2 + k_1 < 1.\]

**Proof** For $S_h$ and $S_{1h}$, we have

\[
\| W_1(t, S_h) - W_1(t, S_{1h}) \| = \| \beta_1 I_h(S_h - S_{1h}) + \beta_2 I_m(S_h - S_{1h}) + k_1 (S_h - S_{1h}) \|,
\]

\[
\leq \beta_1 \| I_h \| \| S_h - S_{1h} \| + \beta_2 \| I_m \| \| S_h - S_{1h} \| + k_1 \| S_h - S_{1h} \|,
\]

\[
\leq (\beta_1 \| I_h \| + \beta_2 \| I_m \| + k_1) \| S_h - S_{1h} \|,
\]

\[
\leq (\beta_1 u_1 + \beta_2 u_2 + k_1) \| S_h - S_{1h} \|.
\]

Suppose that $M_1 = \beta_1 u_1 + \beta_2 u_2 + k_1$, where $\| I_h(t) \| \leq u_1$, $\| I_m \| \leq u_2$ are bounded functions, then

\[
\| W_1(t, S_h) - W_1(t, S_{1h}) \| \leq M_1 \| S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t) \|.
\]

(4)

Thus, for $W_1$, the Lipschitz condition is obtained, and if $0 \leq \beta_1 u_1 + \beta_2 u_2 + k_1 < 1$ then $W_1$ is a contraction.

Similarly, we can prove that $W_i$, $i = 2, 3, 4$, satisfies the Lipschitz condition as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\| W_2(t, I_h) - W_2(t, I_{1h}) \| &\leq M_2 \| I_h(t) - I_{1h}(t) \|, \\
\| W_3(t, S_m) - W_3(t, S_{1m}) \| &\leq M_3 \| S_m(t) - S_{1m}(t) \|, \\
\| W_4(t, I_m) - W_4(t, I_{1m}) \| &\leq M_4 \| I_m(t) - I_{1m}(t) \|,
\end{align*}
\]

where $\| S_h(t) \| \leq u_3$, $\| S_m(t) \| \leq u_4$, and $M_2 = \beta_1 u_3 + k_1$, $M_3 = \mu u_1 + k_2$, $M_4 = k_2$ are bounded functions, if $0 \leq M_i < 1$, $i = 2, 3, 4$, then $W_i$, $i = 2, 3, 4$, are contraction.
According to system (3), consider the following recursive forms:

\[
\Phi_{1n}(t) = S_{oh}(t) - S_{(n-1)h}(t) = \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t (W_1(\tau, S_{(n-1)h}) - W_1(\tau, S_{(n-2)h}))(t-\tau)^{v-1} \, d\tau,
\]

\[
\Phi_{2n}(t) = I_{oh}(t) - I_{(n-1)h}(t) = \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t (W_2(\tau, I_{(n-1)h}) - W_2(\tau, I_{(n-2)h}))(t-\tau)^{v-1} \, d\tau,
\]

\[
\Phi_{3n}(t) = S_{nh}(t) - S_{(n-1)h}(t) = \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t (W_3(\tau, S_{(n-1)h}) - W_3(\tau, S_{(n-2)h}))(t-\tau)^{v-1} \, d\tau,
\]

\[
\Phi_{4n}(t) = I_{nh}(t) - I_{(n-1)h}(t) = \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t (W_4(\tau, I_{(n-1)h}) - W_4(\tau, I_{(n-2)h}))(t-\tau)^{v-1} \, d\tau,
\]

with the initial conditions \(S_{oh}(0) = S_0(0), I_{oh}(0) = I_0(0), S_{nm}(0) = S_m(0),\) and \(I_{nm}(0) = I_m(0)\).

We take the norm of the first equation in the above system, then

\[
\|\Phi_{1n}(t)\| = \|S_{oh}(t) - S_{(n-1)h}(t)\| = \left\|\frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t (W_1(\tau, S_{(n-1)h}) - W_1(\tau, S_{(n-2)h}))(t-\tau)^{v-1} \, d\tau\right\|
\leq \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t \|W_1(\tau, S_{(n-1)h}) - W_1(\tau, S_{(n-2)h})\)(t-\tau)^{v-1} \|d\tau.
\]

By Lipschitz condition (4), we have

\[
\|\Phi_{1n}(t)\| \leq \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_1 \int_0^t \|\Phi_{1(n-1)}(\tau)\|d\tau.
\]  \hspace{1cm} (5)

In a similar way, we obtained

\[
\|\Phi_{2n}(t)\| \leq \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_2 \int_0^t \|\Phi_{2(n-1)}(\tau)\|d\tau,
\]

\[
\|\Phi_{3n}(t)\| \leq \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_3 \int_0^t \|\Phi_{3(n-1)}(\tau)\|d\tau,
\]

\[
\|\Phi_{4n}(t)\| \leq \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_4 \int_0^t \|\Phi_{4(n-1)}(\tau)\|d\tau.
\]  \hspace{1cm} (6)

Then we can obtain

\[
S_{oh}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_{1i}(t), \quad I_{oh}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_{2i}(t),
\]

\[
S_{nm}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_{3i}(t), \quad I_{nm}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Phi_{4i}(t).
\]

We prove the existence of a solution in the next theorem.

**Theorem 4.2** The fractional model of Zika virus (2) has a solution if there exists \(t_1\) such that

\[
\frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} t_1 M_i < 1.
\]
Proof From the recursive technique and Eq. (5) and Eq. (6), we conclude that

\[
\| \Phi_{1n}(t) \| \leq \| S_{nh}(0) \| \left[ \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_1 t \right]^n,
\]

\[
\| \Phi_{2n}(t) \| \leq \| I_{nh}(0) \| \left[ \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_2 t \right]^n,
\]

\[
\| \Phi_{3n}(t) \| \leq \| S_{nm}(0) \| \left[ \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_3 t \right]^n,
\]

\[
\| \Phi_{4n}(t) \| \leq \| I_{nm}(0) \| \left[ \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_4 t \right]^n.
\]

Then the system has a solution, and also it is continuous. Now we show that the above functions construct a solution for model (2). We assume that

\[
S_h(t) - S_h(0) = S_{nh}(t) - B_{1n}(t),
\]

\[
I_h(t) - I_h(0) = I_{nh}(t) - B_{2n}(t),
\]

\[
S_m(t) - S_m(0) = S_{nm}(t) - B_{3n}(t),
\]

\[
I_m(t) - I_m(0) = I_{nm}(t) - B_{4n}(t).
\]

Thus

\[
\| B_{1n}(t) \| = \left\| \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t \left( W_1(\tau, S_h) - W_1(\tau, S_{(n-1)h}) \right) d\tau \right\|
\]

\[
\leq \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t \| W_1(\tau, S_h) - W_1(\tau, S_{(n-1)h}) \| d\tau
\]

\[
\leq \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} M_1 \| S_h - S_{(n-1)h} \| t.
\]

By repeating the method, we obtain

\[
\| B_{1n}(t) \| \leq \left[ \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} t \right]^{n+1} M_1^{n+1} h.
\]

At \( t_1 \), we get

\[
\| B_{1n}(t) \| \leq \left[ \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} t_1 \right]^{n+1} M_1^{n+1} h.
\]

Taking limit on recent equation as \( n \) approaches \( \infty \), we obtain \( \| B_{1n}(t) \| \to 0 \). In the same way, we can show that \( \| B_{in}(t) \| \to 0 \), \( i = 2, 3, 4 \). This completes the proof. \( \square \)

In the following, we show that system (2) has a unique solution. We suppose that the system has another solution such as \( S_{1h}(t), I_{1h}(t), S_{1m}(t), \) and \( I_{1m}(t) \), then we have

\[
S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t) = \frac{\theta^{1-v}}{\Gamma(v)} \int_0^t \left( W_1(\tau, S_h) - W_1(\tau, S_{1h}) \right) d\tau.
\]
By taking the norm from this equation, we obtain
\[
\|S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t)\| \leq \frac{\theta^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)} M_1 t \|S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t)\|.
\]

It follows from Lipschitz condition (4) that
\[
\|S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t)\| \leq \frac{\theta^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)} M_1 t \|S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t)\|.
\]

Then
\[
\|S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t)\| \left(1 - \frac{\theta^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)} M_1 t\right) \leq 0. \tag{7}
\]

**Theorem 4.3** The solution of the transmission model of Zika virus is unique if the following condition holds:
\[
1 - \frac{\theta^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)} M_1 t > 0.
\]

**Proof** Suppose that condition (7) holds
\[
\|S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t)\| \left(1 - \frac{\theta^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)} M_1 t\right) \leq 0.
\]

Then \(\|S_h(t) - S_{1h}(t)\| = 0\). So, we obtain \(S_h(t) = S_{1h}(t)\). Similarly, we can show the same equality for \(I_h, S_m, I_m\). \(\square\)

5 Numerical results
Using the fractional Euler method for Caputo derivative, we present the approximate solutions for the transmission model of Zika virus [50]. We present simulations for investigating the dynamics of the system.

5.1 Numerical method
We consider system (2) in the compact form as follows:
\[
\theta^{\nu-1}D^\nu_{t} u(t) = p(t, u(t)), \quad u(0) = u_0, 0 \leq t \leq T < \infty, \tag{8}
\]
where \(u = (S_h, I_h, S_m, I_m) \in \mathbb{R}^4\), \(u_0 = (S_{0h}, I_{0h}, S_{0m}, I_{0m})\) is the initial vector, and \(p(t) \in \mathbb{R}\) is a continuous vector function satisfying the Lipschitz condition
\[
\|p(u_1(t)) - p(u_2(t))\| \leq r \|u_1(t) - u_2(t)\|, \quad r > 0.
\]

Applying the fractional integral operator corresponding Caputo derivative to equation (8), we obtain
\[
u(t) = \theta^{1-\nu}\left[u_0 + \int^{t}_0 p(u(s))\right], \quad 0 \leq t < \infty.
\]
Set \( q = \frac{T-0}{N} \) and \( t_n = nq \), where \( t \in [0, T] \) and \( N \) is a natural number and \( n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, N \). Let \( u_n \) be the approximation of \( u(t) \) at \( t = t_n \). Using the fractional Euler method [50], we get

\[
u_{n+1} = \theta^{1-v} \left[ u_0 + \frac{q^v}{\Gamma(v+1)} \sum_{j=0}^{n} z_{n+1,j} p(t_j, u_j) \right], \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, N - 1,
\]

where

\[
z_{n+1,j} = (n+1-j)^v - (n-j)^v, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, n.
\]

The stability analysis of the obtained scheme has been proved in Theorem (3.1) in [50].

Thus, the solution of system (2) is written as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
S_{(n+1)h} & = \theta^{1-v} \left[ S_{0h} + \frac{q^v}{\Gamma(v+1)} \sum_{j=0}^{n} z_{n+1,j} \mathcal{g}_1(t_j, u_j) \right], \\
I_{(n+1)h} & = \theta^{1-v} \left[ I_{0h} + \frac{q^v}{\Gamma(v+1)} \sum_{j=0}^{n} z_{n+1,j} \mathcal{g}_2(t_j, u_j) \right], \\
S_{(n+1)m} & = \theta^{1-v} \left[ S_{0m} + \frac{q^v}{\Gamma(v+1)} \sum_{j=0}^{n} z_{n+1,j} \mathcal{g}_3(t_j, u_j) \right], \\
I_{(n+1)m} & = \theta^{1-v} \left[ I_{0m} + \frac{q^v}{\Gamma(v+1)} \sum_{j=0}^{n} z_{n+1,j} \mathcal{g}_4(t_j, u_j) \right],
\end{align*}
\]

where \( z_{n+1,j} = (n+1-j)^v - (n-j)^v \), \( \mathcal{g}_1(t, u(t)) = \Lambda_h - \beta_1 S_h(t) I_h(t) - \beta_2 I_m(t) S_h(t) - k_1 S_h(t), \)
\( \mathcal{g}_2(t, u(t)) = \beta_1 S_h(t) I_h(t) + \beta_2 I_m(t) S_h(t) - k_1 I_h(t), \)
\( \mathcal{g}_3(t, u(t)) = \Lambda_m - \mu S_m(t) I_h(t) - k_3 S_m(t), \)
\( \mathcal{g}_4(t, u(t)) = \mu S_m(t) I_h(t) - k_2 I_m(t). \)

### 5.2 Simulation

In this section, using numerical results, we investigate the behavior of the answers of the transmission model of Zika virus obtained from system (2). The numerical values of the model parameters are considered as \( \Lambda_h = 1.2, \Lambda_m = 0.3, k_1 = 0.004, k_2 = 0.0014, \beta_1 = 0.125 \times 10^{-4}, \beta_2 = 0.4 \times 10^{-4}, \mu = 0.475 \times 10^{-5} \), and we take its modification parameter as \( \theta = 0.99 \). Also, the initial values are considered as \( S_h(0) = 800, I_h(0) = 200, S_m(0) = 600, I_m = 300 \).

Figure 1 shows susceptible people \( S_h \) and Fig. 2 shows infected people \( I_h \) for the integer-order derivative \( v = 1 \) and fractional-order derivative \( v = 0.98, 0.96, 0.94, 0.92, 0.9 \). As Fig. 1 shows, the behavior of \( S_h \) in both types of integer-order and fractional-order derivative is the same and decreasing, that is, over time, all healthy people are exposed to the disease, but the obtained numerical values are different, and as the derivative order decreases, the resulting numerical value increases.

In Fig. 2, you can see that the behavior of \( I_h \) is the same in both derivatives, and the resulting numerical values are different. As the derivative order decreases, the resulting numerical value for \( I_h \) increases, and this difference in the obtained value is significant...
over time. Figure 2 also shows that $I_h$ passes the peak in the first 100 days and the number of infected people gradually decreases and tends to the equilibrium point.

Figures 3 and 4 show susceptible mosquitoes $S_m$ and infected mosquitoes $I_m$, respectively. In these diagrams, you can see that the behavior of the functions is the same in both derivatives and the resulting numerical values are different. These figures also show that over time the population of healthy mosquitoes decreases and they are more exposed to the disease, while the number of infected mosquitoes increases.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, a mathematical model for the transmission of Zika virus between humans and mosquitoes is presented using the Caputo fractional-order derivative. The region of the feasibility of system (2), the equilibrium points, and the reproduction number have been determined, and the stability of the equilibrium point $E^0$ has been checked. Using a fixed point theory, the existence of a unique solution for model (2) has been proven.
the numerical section, the answers of system (2) are calculated using the Euler method, and the results are compared for the integer-order model and the fractional-order model in numerical results. The results show that the behavior of the obtained functions in both types of derivatives is the same, but the resulting numerical values are different, especially the difference in values increases over time.

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