Investigation of the Stochastic Modeling of COVID-19 with Environmental Noise from the Analytical and Numerical Point of View

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Abstract: In this article, we propose a novel mathematical model for the spread of COVID-19 involving environmental white noise. The new stochastic model was studied for the existence and persistence of the disease, as well as the extinction of the disease. We noticed that the existence and extinction of the disease are dependent on $R_0$ (the reproduction number). Then, a numerical scheme was developed for the computational analysis of the model; with the existing values of the parameters in the literature, we obtained the related simulations, which gave us more realistic numerical data for the future prediction. The mentioned stochastic model was analyzed for different values of $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2$, and both the stochastic and the deterministic models were compared for the future prediction of the spread of COVID-19.

Keywords: stochastic model; numerical scheme; COVID-19; existence; persistence

1. Introduction and Backgrounds

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a communicable respiratory disease. The disease is caused by a newly discovered virus strain, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) [1]. COVID-19 was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, China, and spread quickly over four months. In a short period, more than 2.9 million people in 185 nations around the world were infected and 206 thousand people had died [2]. On March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed that the spread of this disease constituted a pandemic [3]. This disease can be spread primarily from droplets produced when coughing or sneezing, by person-to-person contact, or even through conversation. By contacting contaminated surfaces, susceptible individuals can also become infected. The most prevalent signs of this disease are fever, nausea, dry cough, fatigue, and shortness of breath. All these signs constitute COVID-19 [4]. Some patients can have joint pain, nasal congestion, diarrhea, runny nose, or sore throat. The symptoms are typically mild, but can slowly worsen. In order to prevent infection, frequent hand
washing, covering the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, avoiding touching the nose, mouth, or eyes, and other preventive steps are advised, including social distancing.

Due to the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries have taken extreme measures to curb its spread. In addition, they have evaluated and adapted their healthcare systems accordingly. Hence, they have canceled public events, closed public venues, schools, and borders, placed restrictions on travel, implemented lockdown measures, etc. While those measures have been helpful, lockdowns have led to negative socioeconomic impacts such as the bankruptcy of businesses, the loss of employment, etc. Furthermore, lockdowns have disrupted supply chains and decreased productivity. The shutdown of China’s drug-producing plants, which constitute the second largest pharmaceutical product exporters, has delayed the delivery of generic drugs [5]. The air transport, tourism, and oil sectors have been visibly affected. It is also expected that there will be unforeseen impacts irrespective of the duration of the pandemic. According to The International Monetary Fund, the worldwide economy was expected to shrink by 3% in 2020 [6].

Governments must prevent the failure of the economy, taking measures to relax the lockdowns while preventing the spread of the disease. Some developed countries intend to or have already issued immunity identity cards. However, The World Health Organization has disapproved of this technique, since there is a lack of adequate scientific proof regarding reinfection, possibly rendering such measures ineffective. A risk-balancing strategy has been adopted by the South African government to lift the lockout restrictions progressively. We refer the readers to [7,8] for some scientific works performed on infectious diseases and, in particular, for several mathematical models related to abstract and real-world boundary problems via fractional operators, to [9–24].

Brownian motion was discovered by the scholar Robert Brown in 1827. While Brown was studying pollen particles drifting in water in a microscope, he noticed that the particles exhibited an unsteady motion. After replicating the experiment, he concluded that the motion was due to the particles being alive; however, the initiation of the motion remained unexplained. The first to provide a theory of Brownian motion was Louis Bachelier in 1900 in his Ph.D. thesis. However, it was only in 1905 that Albert Einstein, using a probabilistic model, could adequately explain Brownian motion. He determined that the kinetic energy of fluids was the cause, in this case water molecules moving randomly. Thus, a small particle would receive a random number of impacts of random strength and from random directions in a short period of time. This random bombardment by the molecules of the fluid would cause a sufficiently small particle to move exactly as Brown described [25].

In probability theory and associated fields, a stochastic or random process is a mathematical object, usually characterized as a group of random variables. In the 1930s, the first mathematical definition of a stochastic process as a family of random variables indexed by means of the change of the real line was given by Aleksandr Khinchin. Khinchin, Andrey Kolmogorov, Joseph Doob, and William Feller furthered the probability concept and stochastic techniques. In mathematics, the theory of stochastic processes is a significant aspect of probability theory and a subject of research for both theory and applications. The word stochastic is used to portray different terms and objects in mathematics. Few example, this includes a stochastic matrix, which describes a stochastic process known as a Markov process, and stochastic calculus, which includes differential equations and integrals depending on stochastic processes such as the Wiener process, also called the Brownian motion (white noise) process.

Stochastic processes are broadly used as mathematical models of systems and phenomena that appear to vary in a random manner, for example the growth of a bacterial population, an electrical flow fluctuating because of thermal noise, or the moment of gas particles [26]. Stochastic processes have applications in several fields such as biology, chemistry, physics, image processing, computer science, and cryptography. Stochastic processes consist of the Wiener process or Brownian motion technique, utilized by Louis Bachelier to study the value changes on the Paris Bourse, and the Poisson technique, used by A.K. Erlang to study the number of phone calls happening in a specific time frame. Stochastic
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processes can be arranged into different classes, which include random walks, martingales, and Markov processes [27,28]. Mathematical knowledge on probability, calculus, linear algebra, set theory, and topology, as well as branches of mathematical analysis such as real analysis and measure theory are used in the study of stochastic techniques. The theory of stochastic processes is viewed as a significant contribution to mathematics, and it continues to be an active topic of research for both theoretical reasons and applications. The Wiener process is a stochastic process with stationary and independent addition, which are typically dispersed depending on the size of the increments. The Wiener process is named after Norbert Wiener, who demonstrated its mathematical existence, but the process is also called the Brownian motion (white noises) process or just Brownian motion because of its historical association as a model for Brownian motion in liquids. Brownian motion (white noises) refers to either the physical phenomenon by which minute particles immersed in a fluid move around randomly or the mathematical models used to describe those random movements [29].

Compartmental models are a type of general modeling tool that are frequently used in infectious diseases’ mathematical modeling. The population is divided into sections denoted by the letters $S$, $I$, or $R$ (susceptible, infectious, or recovered). The flow patterns between the sections are commonly indicated by the order of the abbreviations; for example, SEIS stands for susceptible, exposed, infected, and susceptible. Mathematical modeling begin with the well-known contributions of Ross [30] in 1916, Ross and Hudson in 1917 [31,32], and Kermack and McKendrick in 1927 [33]. The work of Kermack and McKendrick, published in 1927, on inoculation against smallpox, had a major impact on the modeling of the system. Their SIR model is still used to model epidemics of infectious diseases. The SIR models are based on ordinary differential equations (which are deterministic), yet can likewise be utilized with a stochastic (random) structure, which is more sensible, yet substantially more challenging to investigate. The SIR model [34–36] is the basic approach for a dynamical study, which can then be extended with further subcompartments.

The $SIR$ model comprises three classes: $S$ are the susceptible people. At the point when a susceptible and an infectious person come into “contact”, the susceptible becomes infected and advances to the infected class. $I$ is the class of infectious people. These are people who are infected and are able to infect uninfected people. $R$ stands for those who were infected, but are now immune or are now deceased, thus entering the removed compartment. It is expected that the quantity of deceased individuals will be negligible concerning the absolute population. This compartment may likewise be classified as “recovered” or “safe”.

The $SIR$ model predicts infections that are communicated from one person to another. These factors address the quantity of individuals in every compartment at a specific time. The quantity of susceptible, infected, and recovered people might differ over time (regardless of whether the absolute population size stays consistent), so we make the exact numbers a function of $t$ (time): $S(t)$, $I(t)$, and $R(t)$. For a particular disease in a particular area, these compartments might be determined to anticipate possible outbreaks and bring them under control [37].

As suggested by the variable function of $t$, the model is dynamic in that the numbers in every class might change over time. The significance of this unique perspective is generally clear in an endemic disease with a short infectious period, for example measles in the U.K. before the introduction of immunization in 1968. Such sicknesses will often happen in patterns of episodes due to the variation in the number of susceptibles over time. During an outbreak, the quantity of susceptible people falls quickly as a greater amount of them are infected and consequently enter the infectious and removed compartments. An outbreak cannot make an appearance again until the susceptible population has increased again, for example because of a future generation being naturally introduced to the susceptible compartment. Such models are still under consideration by the research community, and
one can find some related work in [38–40]. These aspects highlight some of the innovations in and contributions to the study of such models.

The notion of stochastic modeling can be investigated from different dimensions of engineering and science. For instance, stochastic models of financial markets are designed to analyze commodities, relative stock prices, and interest rates; in biological stochastic systems, we see that adding stochastic "noise" to internal links provides a balance and other noise interactions optimize function and behavior. It is believed that manufacturing processes have random structures. In fact, regarding both continuous and batch manufacturing processes, such a hypothesis is essentially valid. A process control chart represents a given parameter of process control in terms of time and is plotted to record and analyze the testing and monitoring of the relevant processes. Stochastic social science theory deals with subconscious processes. Since the number of involved variables is large, every event creates turing processes, such a hypothesis is essentially valid. A process control chart represents a given parameter of process control in terms of time and is plotted to record and analyze the given parameter of process control in terms of time and is plotted to record and analyze the processes upon their contact with infected individuals

\begin{equation}
\begin{aligned}
    dS_1 &= (\Lambda_1 - \beta_1 IS_1 - aS_1) dt - \sigma_1 IS_1 dB_1, \\
    dS_2 &= (\Lambda_2 - \beta_2 LS_2 - aS_2) dt - \sigma_2 LS_2 dB_2, \\
    dI &= (I (\beta_1 S_1 + \beta_2 S_2) - (\mu + \alpha) I) dt + I (\sigma_1 IS_1 dB_1 + \sigma_2 LS_2 dB_2), \\
    dH &= (\mu I - (\rho + \alpha) H) dt, \\
    dR &= (\rho H - \alpha R) dt.
\end{aligned}
\end{equation}

Here, $S_1$ represents the class of uninfected susceptible people, $S_2$ represents the class of older people or those having other diseases, $I$ represents the class of people infected with COVID-19, $H$ represents the class of people who are undergoing treatment, and $R$ represents the class of recovered individuals. $S_1, S_2$ are continuously increased with a constant ratio denoted by $\Lambda_1$ and $\Lambda_2$, respectively. Furthermore, the parameters $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ are the ratios of the infection of $S_1$ and $S_2$ upon their contact with infected individuals $I$. The infected individuals shift to the treated class with a ratio of $\mu$, and the recovery rate is $\rho$. $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ represent the intensity of environmental white noise, and $B_1, B_2$ are the independent Brownian motions. For the case of $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0$, we have the following deterministic model [46]:

\begin{equation}
\begin{aligned}
    \frac{d}{dt} S_1 &= \Lambda_1 - \beta_1 IS_1 - aS_1, \\
    \frac{d}{dt} S_2 &= \Lambda_2 - \beta_2 LS_2 - aS_2, \\
    \frac{d}{dt} I &= I (\beta_1 S_1 + \beta_2 S_2) - (\mu + \alpha) I, \\
    \frac{d}{dt} H &= \mu I - (\rho + \alpha) H, \\
    \frac{d}{dt} R &= \rho H - \alpha R.
\end{aligned}
\end{equation}

Our objectives were to study the analytical and computational approaches to the stochastic epidemic model (1). We compared our results with the deterministic model (2) numerically for different parametric values for the prediction of the future. Thus, the study
can be helpful to the community regarding the awareness about the spread of the disease with a more realistic interpretation. Furthermore:

\[
\frac{dN}{dt} = (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2) - \mu N,
\]

in which \(N(t) = S_1(t) + H(t) + S_2(t) + R(t) + I(t)\) shows the total constant population for \((\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2) \approx \mu N\) and \(N(0) = S_1(0) + S_2(0) + I(0) + H(0) + R(0)\).

The above equation has an exact solution, that is:

\[
N(t) = e^{-\mu t} [N(0) + \frac{(\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{\mu} e^{\mu t}],
\]

which implies that \(N = (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)\).

Furthermore, we have \(S_1(0) \geq 0, I(0) \geq 0, S_2(0) \geq 0, R(0) \geq 0, H(0) \geq 0\), implying that \(S_1(t) \geq 0, I(t) \geq 0, S_2(t) \geq 0, R(t) \geq 0, H(t) \geq 0\). Therefore, the solution has a positive property.

2. Existence of the Solution

We made the following assumptions:

- Set \(R^d_+ = \{(\tilde{h}_i \in R^d, \tilde{h}_i > 0, 1 \leq d\}\};
- Assume a complete probability space \((\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq t_0})\).

For the existence of the solution to our problem \((1)\), we considered a general 5D stochastic differential equation, which takes the form:

\[
\frac{d\tilde{h}(t)}{dt} = h(\tilde{h}(t), t)dt + g(\tilde{h}(t), t)dB(t) \quad \text{for} \quad t \geq t_0,
\]

via the initial value \(\tilde{h}(0) = \tilde{h}_0 \in R^5_+\). Furthermore, an operator \(\mathcal{L}\) is defined as:

\[
\mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1}^{q} h_i(\tilde{h}, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial h_i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{5} [g^T(\tilde{h}, t)g(\tilde{h}, t)]_{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial h_i \partial h_j}.
\]

By operating \(\mathcal{L}\) on a function \(\psi = (R^d \times R_+; R_+)\), then:

\[
\mathcal{L}\psi(\tilde{h}, t) = \psi_1(\tilde{h}, t) + \psi_2(\tilde{h}, t) f(\tilde{h}, t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}[g^T(\tilde{h}, t)\psi_{\tilde{h}\tilde{h}}(\tilde{h}, t)g(\tilde{h}, t)].
\]

The existence of the solution is ensured by the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** For \((S_1(0), H(0), S_2(0), I(0), R(0)) \in R^5_+, a positive solution of \((1)\) exists uniquely on \(t \geq 0\) in \(R^5_+\), with probability equal to one.

**Proof.** Since \((1)\) fulfills the local Lipschitz criterion, in this case for:

\[
(S_1(0), H(0), S_2(0), I(0), R(0)) \in R^5_+,
\]

we have \((S_1, H, S_2, I, R)\) as a unique local solution on \([0, \tau_e]\) in which \(\tau_e\) is the explosion time. Now, our aim is to show \(\tau_e = \infty\) for the global solution of \((1)\). Let \(k_0 \geq 0\) be very large so that \((S_1(0), S_2(0), I(0), H(0), R(0))\) lies in \([1/k_0, k_0]\). For \(k \geq k_0\), define:

\[
\tau_e = \inf \left\{ t \in [0, \tau_e) : \min\{S_1(t), H(t), S_2(t), I(t), R(t)\} \leq \frac{1}{k} \right\} \text{ or } \max\{S_1(t), S_2(t), H(t), I(t), R(t)\} \leq k.
\]

By assuming \(\emptyset\) as the empty set, \(\inf \emptyset = \infty\). Since \(\tau_k\) is increasing for \(k \to \infty\), set \(\tau_\infty = \lim_{k \to \infty} \tau_k\). Then, we have \(\tau_\infty \leq \tau_e \text{ a.s.}\).
Next, we aim to show $\tau_\infty = \infty \text{ a.s.}$ If this claim is not true, then $\exists T > 0$ and $\exists \epsilon \in (0,1)$ such that $\mathbb{P}\{\tau_\infty \leq T\} > \epsilon$. As a result, we have $k_1 \geq k_0 \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{P}\{\tau_\infty \leq T\} \geq \epsilon, \forall k \geq k_1$ and for $t \leq \tau_k$.

Now, consider the $C^2$-function $\hat{V} : \mathbb{R}^5_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ by the following formulation:

$$
\hat{V}(S_1, S_2, I, H, R) = (S_1 - c - c \ln \frac{S_1}{c}) + (S_2 - 1 - \ln S_2) + (I - 1 - \ln I) + (H - 1 - \ln H) + (R - 1 - \ln R).
$$

(8)

By Ito’s formula, we have:

$$
d\hat{V}(S_1, S_2, I, H, R) = \left(1 - \frac{c}{S_1}\right) dS_1 + \frac{1}{2S_1^2} (dS_1)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{S_2}\right) dS_2 + \frac{1}{2S_2^2} (dS_2)^2
$$

$$
+ \left(1 - \frac{1}{I}\right) dI + \frac{1}{2I^2} (dI)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{H}\right) dH + \left(1 - \frac{1}{R}\right) dR
$$

$$
= \hat{L}\hat{V} + \sigma_1 (I - S_1) dB_1 + \sigma_2 (I - S_2) dB_2.
$$

(9)

where $\hat{L} : \mathbb{R}^5_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ acts as:

$$
\hat{L}\hat{V} = \left(1 - \frac{c}{S_1}\right) (\Lambda_1 - \beta_1 I S_1 - a S_1) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 I^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{S_2}\right) (\Lambda_2 - \beta_2 I S_2 - a S_2)
$$

$$
+ \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 S_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 S_2^2 - (\mu + a) I - (\mu + a) I - \left(\beta_1 S_1 + \beta_2 S_2\right) + (\mu + a)
$$

$$
+ \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2 S_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_2^2 S_2^2 + \mu I - \left(\rho + a\right) H - \frac{\mu I}{H} + \left(\rho + a\right) + \rho H - \rho H + \rho H + a
$$

$$
\leq \Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2 + \beta_2 I + 3 \alpha + \mu + \rho + \frac{\sigma_1^2 I^2 + \sigma_2^2 S_2^2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 I^2 + \sigma_2^2 S_2^2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 S_1^2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_2^2 S_2^2}{2}.
$$

(10)

Set the constant $K = \Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2 + \beta_2 I + 3 \alpha + \mu + \rho + \frac{\sigma_1^2 I^2 + \sigma_2^2 S_2^2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1^2 S_1^2}{2} + \frac{\sigma_2^2 S_2^2}{2}$.

Then:

$$
d\hat{V} \leq K dt + \sigma_1 (I - S_1) dB_1 + \sigma_2 (I - S_2) dB_2.
$$

(11)

Now, integrate both sides of (11) between $0$ to $\sigma_h \land T^*$ and calculate the expectation; then, we obtain the inequality:

$$
E[\hat{V}(S_1(\sigma_h \land T^*), S_2(\sigma_h \land T^*), I(\sigma_h \land T^*), H(\sigma_h \land T^*), R(\sigma_h \land T^*))]
$$

$$
\leq \hat{V}(0) + E \int_{0}^{\sigma_h \land T^*} K ds
$$
\[ \dot{V}(0) + KE(\sigma_h \land T^*) \leq \dot{V}(0) + KT^*, \]  
(12)

where:
\[ \dot{V}(0) = \dot{V}(S_1(0), S_2(0), I(0), H(0), R(0)). \]

We take \( \Omega_h = \{ \sigma_h \leq T^* \} \), \( \forall h \geq h_1 \), which implies for every \( P(\Omega_h) \geq \xi. \) We remark that for every \( \omega \in \Omega_h \), there exist at least \( S_1(\sigma_h, \omega), S_2(\sigma_h, \omega), I(\sigma_h, \omega), H(\sigma_h, \omega), R(\sigma_h, \omega) \), equaling the number \( h \) or \( \frac{1}{h} \), such that:

\[
\dot{V}[S_1(\sigma_h \land T^*, \omega), S_2(\sigma_h \land T^*, \omega), I(\sigma_h \land T^*, \omega), H(\sigma_h \land T^*, \omega), R(\sigma_h \land T^*, \omega)] \\
\geq \left( \frac{1}{h} - c - c \ln \left( \frac{c}{h} \right) \right) \land (h - 1 - \ln h).
\]

From equation (12), we obtain the following relation:
\[
\dot{V}(0) + KT^* \geq \left[ 1_{\Omega_h} \lor (S_1(\sigma_h \land T^*), S_2(\sigma_h \land T^*), I(\sigma_h \land T^*), H(\sigma_h \land T^*), R(\sigma_h \land T^*)) \right] \\
\geq \xi \left( \frac{1}{h} - c - c \ln \left( \frac{c}{h} \right) \right) \land (h - 1 - \ln h),
\]
(13)
in which \( 1_{\Omega_h} \) stands for the indicator function. Furthermore, it is seen that when \( K \to \infty \), then:
\[ \infty > \dot{V}(0) + KT^* = \infty \]
implies that \( \sigma_\infty = \infty \) a.s., which means that the solution \( (S_1, S_2, I, H, R) \) is globally positive a.s. 

**Theorem 1.** Let \( (S_1, S_2, I, H, R) \) be the solution of the stochastic epidemic model (1). Then, for \( R_0 = \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_1 + \beta_2 \Lambda_2}{\alpha (\mu + \alpha)} < 1 \), we have:

\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \log(I) dt < 0,
\]
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} I_t = 0,
\]
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_0^t S_2(t) dt = \frac{\Lambda_2 (\mu + \alpha)}{\beta_2 \Lambda_2 + \alpha (\mu + \alpha)},
\]
(14)
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_0^t S_1(t) dt = \frac{\Lambda_1 (\mu + \alpha)}{\beta_1 \Lambda_1 + \alpha (\mu + \alpha)},
\]
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t R(t) dt = 0.
\]

**Proof.** With the help of (1), we have:
\[
d \log(I) = \left[ (\beta_1 S_1 + \beta_2 S_2) - (\mu + \alpha) \right] dt + \sigma_1 S_1 dB_1(t) + \sigma_2 S_2 dB_2(t).
\]
(15)

This implies:
\[
\frac{\log(I_t) - \log(I_0)}{t} = \int_0^t \left[ (\beta_1 S_1 + \beta_2 S_2) - (\mu + \alpha) \right] ds
\]
\[
+ \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \sigma_1 S_1 dB_1(s) + \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \sigma_2 S_2 dB_2(s).
\]
\[
\begin{align*}
&\leq \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_1}{\alpha} + \frac{\beta_2 \Lambda_2}{\alpha} - (\mu + \alpha) \\
&+ \frac{\Lambda_1}{\alpha} \int_0^t \sigma_1 dB_1(s) + \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^t \sigma_2 dB_2(s).
\end{align*}
\] (16)

By the help of the large number approach in local martingales, studied in [47], we have:
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \left[ \frac{\Lambda_1}{\alpha} \int_0^t \sigma_1 dB_1(s) + \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^t \sigma_2 dB_2(s) \right] \to 0.
\] (17)

Thus, for \( R_0 < 1 \), (16) yields:
\[
\log(I_t) - \log(I_0) \leq \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_1}{\alpha} + \frac{\beta_2 \Lambda_2}{\alpha} - (\mu + \alpha)
\]
\[
= (\mu + \alpha) \left( \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_1 + \beta_2 \Lambda_2}{\alpha(\mu + \alpha)} - 1 \right)
\]
\[
= (\mu + \alpha) \left( R_0 - 1 \right) < 0.
\] (18)

We define \( \Omega_1 = \{ \wp \in \Omega : \limsup_{t \to \infty} I(\wp, t) = 0 \} \). By (18), we have \( \mathbb{P}(\Omega_1) = 1 \). This proves that the infection is bounded and controlled with \( \xi_1 \).

Next, with the help of (1), for the infection, we have:
\[
dH(\wp, t) = (\mu I(\wp, t) - (\rho + \alpha) H(\wp, t)) dt.
\]

This yields the following:
\[
H(\wp, t) \leq \frac{\mu \xi_1}{(\alpha + \rho)}.
\]

By the arbitrariness of the \( \xi_1 \), we have \( H(\wp, t) \leq 0 \). Furthermore, on the other side,
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} H(\wp, t) \geq 0.
\]

Thus, there exists some constant, say \( \xi_2 \), such that \( H(t) < \xi_2 \).

Next for \( S_2(t) \), we have:
\[
\left( \frac{\beta_2 \Lambda_2}{\alpha + \mu} + \alpha \right) \int_0^t S_2(t) dt = \Lambda_2 - \frac{S_2 - S_{20}}{t},
\]

and so:
\[
\int_0^t S_2(t) dt = \frac{\Lambda_2(\alpha + \mu)}{\beta_2 \Lambda_2 + \alpha(\alpha + \mu)} - \frac{\alpha + \mu}{\beta_2 \Lambda_2 + \alpha(\alpha + \mu)} \frac{S_2 - S_{20}}{t}.
\]

This implies:
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_0^t S_2(t) dt = \frac{\Lambda_2(\alpha + \mu)}{\beta_2 \Lambda_2 + \alpha(\alpha + \mu)}.
\]

Similarly, for \( S_1(t) \), we have:
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_0^t S_1(t) dt = \frac{\Lambda_1(\alpha + \mu)}{\beta_1 \Lambda_1 + \alpha(\alpha + \mu)},
\]

and for \( R(t) \), we obtain:
\[
\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_0^t R(t) dt = \frac{\rho \xi_2}{\alpha}.
\]
However, due to the arbitrariness of the $\xi_2$ and $t \to \infty$, we have:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t R(t)dt \to 0.$$ 

This completes the proof. \qed

**Theorem 2.** Let $(S_1, S_2, I_t, H_t, R_t)$ be the solution of the stochastic epidemic model (1), via the initial values given by $(S_1(0), S_2(0), I_t(0), H_t(0), R_t(0))$. Then, for $R_0 = \frac{\beta_1 \Lambda_1 + \beta_2 \Lambda_2}{\alpha(\mu + \alpha)} > 1$, we have:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \inf S_1 \geq \frac{\Lambda_1}{\alpha},$$

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \inf S_2 \geq \frac{\Lambda_2}{\alpha},$$

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \inf H \geq \frac{\mu(\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{(\rho + \alpha)(\alpha + \mu)},$$

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \inf I \geq \frac{(\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{(\alpha + \mu)},$$

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \inf R \geq \frac{\rho \mu(\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{\alpha(\rho + \alpha)(\alpha + \mu)}.$$

**Proof.** In view of the first three equations of the proposed stochastic system (1), we obtain:

$$dS_1 + dS_2 + dI = \Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2 - \alpha S_1 - \alpha S_2 (\mu + \alpha) I.$$  \hspace{1cm} (19)

Integrating (19), we have:

$$- S_1(0) - S_2(0) + S_1(t) + S_2(t) + I(t) - I(0) = (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2) t - \alpha \int_0^t S_1(t)dt$$

$$- \alpha \int_0^t S_2(t)dt - (\mu + \alpha) \int_0^t I(t)dt.$$ 

This implies:

$$\frac{(\mu + \alpha)}{t} \int_0^t I(t)dt = (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2) - \alpha \int_0^t S_1(t)dt - \frac{\alpha}{t} \int_0^t S_2(t)dt$$

$$- \frac{(- S_1(0) - S_2(0) + S_1(t) + S_2(t) + I(t) - I(0))}{t}.$$ 

This further gives:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t I(t)dt = \frac{(\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{(\mu + \alpha)} - \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\alpha}{t} \int_0^t S_1(t)dt - \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\alpha}{t} \int_0^t S_2(t)dt$$

$$- \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{(S_1(t) - S_1(0) - S_2(0) + S_2(t) + I(t) - I(0))}{t(\mu + \alpha)}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (20)

Ultimately, we have:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \inf S_1 \geq \frac{(\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{(\mu + \alpha)} > 0.$$
Next, for $S_1(t)$, we have:

$$dS_1 = (\Lambda_1 - \beta_1 S_1 - \alpha S_1)dt - \sigma_1 IS_1dB_1(t). \tag{21}$$

Integrating (21), we have:

$$\frac{S_1(t) - S_1(0)}{t} = \Lambda_1 - \frac{1}{t} \left[ \beta_1 \int_0^t IS_1sds + \alpha \int_0^t S_1ds + \int_0^t \sigma_1 IS_1dB_1(s) \right].$$

Thus:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S_1(s)ds = \Lambda_1 - \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \left[ \beta_1 \int_0^t IS_1sds + \alpha \int_0^t S_1ds + \int_0^t \sigma_1 IS_1dB_1(s) \right].$$

This further gives:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S_1(s)ds \geq \frac{\Lambda_1}{\alpha}.$$

Similarly, we have:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S_2(s)ds \geq \frac{\Lambda_2}{\alpha}.$$

For $\mathcal{H}$, integrating the fourth equation in the system (1), we obtain:

$$\frac{-\mathcal{H}(0) + \mathcal{H}(t)}{t} = \frac{\mu}{t} \int_0^t I(s)ds - \frac{(\rho + \alpha)}{t} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(s)ds.$$

This implies that:

$$\frac{(\rho + \alpha)}{t} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(s)ds = \frac{\mu}{t} \int_0^t I(s)ds - \frac{-\mathcal{H}(0) + \mathcal{H}(t)}{t}.$$ 

With the help of (20), we further have:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(s)ds \geq \frac{1}{(\rho + \alpha)} \left( \frac{\mu (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{(\alpha + \mu)} - \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\mathcal{H}(t) - \mathcal{H}(0)}{t} \right),$$

and:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(s)ds \geq \frac{\mu (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{(\rho + \alpha)(\alpha + \mu)}. \tag{22}$$

Integrating the fifth equation of the system (1), we obtain:

$$\frac{-\mathcal{R}(0) + \mathcal{R}(t)}{t} = \frac{\rho}{t} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(s)ds - \alpha \int_0^t \mathcal{R}ds.$$ 

Therefore:

$$\alpha \int_0^t \mathcal{R}ds = \frac{\rho}{t} \int_0^t \mathcal{H}(s)ds - \frac{\mathcal{R}(t) - \mathcal{R}(0)}{t}.$$ 

With the help of (22), we reach:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathcal{R}ds \geq \frac{\mu \rho (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)}{\alpha (\rho + \alpha)(\alpha + \mu)}.$$

This ends the proof. \( \square \)

3. Numerical Scheme and Simulations

In this section, we provide a numerical scheme for the suggested stochastic COVID-19 epidemic model (1). We have the parametric values $\Lambda_1 = 0.2$, $\Lambda_1 = 0.05$, $\alpha = 0.25$, $\mu = 0.1$, $\rho = 0.3$, $S_1(0) = 0.45$, $S_2(0) = 0.15$, $I(0) = 0.1$, $\mathcal{H}(0) = 0.45$, $\mathcal{H}(0) = 0.1$. For the
numerical values, we refer the readers to [48,49]. For the numerical results, we discretize
the suggested stochastic mathematical model (1). The following discretization is based on
the work given in [50,51] where the notion of the numerical scheme and its stability were
discussed.

\[ S_{1,k+1} = S_{1,k} + \left( \Lambda_{1} - \beta_{1} I_{k} S_{1,k} - \alpha_{1} S_{1,k} \right) \Delta t - \sigma_{1} I_{k} S_{1,k} \sqrt{\Delta t} \tau_{k} - \frac{\sigma_{1}^{2}}{2} I_{k} S_{1,k} \left( \frac{\tau_{k}^{2}}{2} - 1 \right) \Delta t, \]

\[ S_{2,k+1} = S_{2,k} + \left( \Lambda_{1} - \beta_{2} I_{k} S_{2,k} - \alpha_{2} S_{2,k} \right) \Delta t - \sigma_{2} I_{k} S_{2,k} \sqrt{\Delta t} \tau_{k} - \frac{\sigma_{2}^{2}}{2} I_{k} S_{2,k} \left( \frac{\tau_{k}^{2}}{2} - 1 \right) \Delta t, \]

\[ I_{k+1} = I_{k} + \left( I_{k} \left( \beta_{1} S_{1,k} + \beta_{2} S_{2,k} \right) - (\mu + \lambda) I_{k} \right) \Delta t + \sigma_{1} I_{k} S_{1,k} \sqrt{\Delta t} \]

\[ + \frac{\sigma_{1}^{2}}{2} I_{k} S_{1,k} \left( \frac{\tau_{k}^{2}}{2} - 1 \right) \Delta t + \sigma_{2} S_{2,k} I_{k} \tau_{k} \sqrt{\Delta t} + \frac{\sigma_{2}^{2}}{2} I_{k} S_{2,k} \left( \frac{\tau_{k}^{2}}{2} - 1 \right) \Delta t, \]

\[ H_{k+1} = H_{k} + \left( \mu I_{k} - (\rho + \mu) H_{k} \right) \Delta t, \]

\[ R_{k+1} = R_{k} + \left( \rho H_{k} - \alpha R_{k} \right) \Delta t. \]

The graphical explanation of the model (1) is given onward. In Figure 1, a numerical
solution of the model (1) is given for the zero noise, i.e., \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.0 \). In Figure 2, we give
a numerical solution to the aforementioned epidemic stochastic model (1) for the zero noise,
i.e., \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.30 \). For the zero noise, we have a numerical solution given by Figure 3
of the model (1), i.e., \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.40 \). In Figure 4, we give a numerical solution to (1)
for the zero noise, i.e., \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.50 \). In Figure 5, another numerical solution is plotted to the
model (1) for the zero noise, i.e., \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.60 \). The class \( S_{1} \) is compared for different
values of \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.20, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.0 \) in Figure 6. Figure 7 represents a numerical
analyses for the class \( S_{2} \) keeping \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.20, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.0 \). These analyses show
that there is a vital role of the noise in the spread of COVID-19. Next, we give the graphical
presentation for the role of \( \beta_{1} \) and \( \beta_{2} \) for fixed \( \sigma_{1} \) and \( \sigma_{2} \).

![Figure 1. Numerical solution of the model (1) for \( \sigma_{1} = \sigma_{2} = 0.0 \).](image-url)
Figure 2. Numerical solution of the model (1) for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$.

Figure 3. Numerical solution of the model (1) for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.4$. 
Analysis of $S_1(t)$, $S_2(t)$, $I(t)$ for $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 = 0.5$.

**Figure 4.** Numerical solution of the model (1) for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.5$.

Analysis of $S_1(t)$, $S_2(t)$, $I(t)$ for $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 = 0.6$.

**Figure 5.** Numerical solution of the model (1) for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.6$. 
Figure 6. Comparative analysis of $S_1(t)$ for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.2, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.0$.

Figure 7. Comparative analysis of $S_2(t)$ for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.2, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.0$.

We give the numerical results with the help of graphs for the analysis of the stochastic model (1) based on $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$. In Figure 8, we give the numerical presentation of $S_1$, $S_2$, $I$ for the role of $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ such that $\beta_1 = 0.25$, $\beta_2 = 0.2$ keeping $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$. In Figure 9, we have numerical data $S_1$, $S_2$, $I$ for the role of $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ with $\beta_1 = 0.25$, $\beta_2 = 0.45$ and $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$. In Figure 10, we have numerical values $S_1$, $S_2$, $I$ for the role of $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ with $\beta_1 = 0.30$, $\beta_2 = 0.50$ and $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$. In Figure 11, we have a numerical presentation of $S_1$, $S_2$, $I$ for the role of $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ with $\beta_1 = 0.35$, $\beta_2 = 0.55$ and $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$. In Figure 12, we have a numerical presentation of the role of $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ with $\beta_1 = 0.25, 0.3, 0.35, 0.4, 0.6$, and $\beta_2 = 0.45, 0.5, 0.55, 0.6, 0.2$ and $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$ for the
comparative analysis of the $S_1$ class. In Figure 13, we have a numerical presentation of the role of $\beta_1$ and $\beta_2$ with $\beta_1 = 0.25, 0.3, 0.35, 0.4, 0.6,$ and $\beta_2 = 0.45, 0.5, 0.55, 0.6, 0.2$ and $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 0.3$ for the comparative analysis of the $S_2$ class.

**Figure 8.** Comparative analysis of $S_1(t), S_2(t), I(t)$ for $\beta_1 = 0.25, \beta_2 = 0.2$.

**Figure 9.** Comparative analysis of $S_1(t), S_2(t), I(t)$ for $\beta_1 = 0.25, \beta_2 = 0.45$. 
The role of Brownian terms of $\sigma_1=\sigma_2=0.3$.

Figure 10. Comparative analysis of $S_1(t)$, $S_2(t)$, $I(t)$ for $\beta_1 = 0.30, \beta_2 = 0.50$.

The role of $\beta$ while fixing the Brownian terms of $\sigma_1=\sigma_2=0.3$.

Figure 11. Comparative analysis of $S_1(t)$, $S_2(t)$, $I(t)$ for $\beta_1 = 0.35, \beta_2 = 0.55$. 

4. Conclusions

In this article, we designed a new stochastic mathematical model for the spread of COVID-19 along with the white noise in the environment. The model was investigated mathematically in terms of the existence of the solution, the persistence of the disease, and the extinction of the disease. After the mathematical analysis of the model, we gave the numerical scheme for the computational analysis of the model, and the scheme was then tested for the available parametric and initial data in the literature. The computational results presented more realistic data for us. The numerical analysis was presented with
the help of several graphs with respect to different noises $\sigma_1$, $\sigma_2$ and the parameters $\beta_1$, $\beta_2$. These parametric values have important roles in the stochastic model (1). Our results showed that the disease dies out in the case of $R_0 < 1$ and persists if $R_0 > 1$. In future works, we will aim to implement these criteria for different stochastic epidemic models of diseases. With the help of Figures 2–7, we observed that by increasing the values of $\sigma_1$ and $\sigma_2$, an increase of the susceptible compartment occurs. Our presumed model is an $SIR$ model where the susceptible class is categorized into two classes: $S_1$, $S_2$. In the future, the readers can follow the same technique to consider the epidemic models studied in [52–55] with a similar procedure as a continuation of the work and a further generalization of the study.

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