

THE EFFECT OF FRACTIONAL-ORDER ALPHA, α , ON THE BEHAVIOR OF DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS FOR EPIDEMIC MODEL

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Abstract

Recently, many deterministic mathematical model had been extended to fractional model with some fractional differential equations. It was believed that these fractional models are more realistic to represent the daily life phenomena than its integral-order counterpart. The main focus of this paper is to extend the model of susceptible-infected-refractory (SIR) epidemic model to fractional model. More specifically, the fractional SIR epidemic model with sub-optimal immunity, nonlinear incidence and saturated recovery rate was discussed. The fractional ordinary differential equations were defined in the sense of the Caputo derivative. Existence, equilibrium points and the stability analysis for the fractional models were analyzed. We applied Adams-type predictor-corrector method to the numerical solutions of the models. Maple 18 is used as the software platform. The result also confirmed that choosing appropriate values of the fractional $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ increase the stability region of the equilibrium points.

Keywords:

Sub-optimal immunity, nonlinear incidence, saturated recovery rate, fractional-order, stability analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Over the years, there have been various types of epidemiological models but the basic compartmental model was created by Kermack in 1927. The model describes space of communicable diseases. This compartmental model is often called the Kermack-McKendrick epidemic model. SIR model is a symbolic model, where S denotes the number of individuals who are susceptible to the disease, I , denotes the number of infected individuals and R denotes the number of individuals who have been recovered.

Some simple examples of epidemic for this basic compartmental model are measles, mumps and rubella. But, several of these SIR models have not been established based on fractional order equation (FODEs). The basic compartmental model is used to describe a disease which confers immunity against re-infection. The Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak in 2003 and Ebola outbreak in 2014 had speeding the research in this area.

In this research direction, mathematicians and physicists are among the academic workers who contributed to the knowledge of mathematical epidemiology. They keep on working in modeling the epidemics outbreak. The models are able to integrate realistic aspects of disease spreading.

One of the main parts of epidemiological research is focused on rate-based differential-equation models, i.e. compartmental models on completely mixing population. This epidemiology modeling has been used in planning, implementing and evaluating various

prevention therapy and control programs. Before the era of research in complex networks, the theoretical approach to epidemic spreading is based on compartmental models in term of system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs). There are many other models, such as the SI (susceptible-infected) model and the SIRS (susceptible-infected-refractory-susceptible) model, and the sub-optimal immunity model which lies in between the SIS (susceptible-infected-susceptible) and the SIR models.

In recent years, the research in this ODEs epidemic modeling had been shifted to fractional differential equations model. Various fractional epidemic models had been studied[1]–[5]. In a wider context, the compartmental models such as epidemic models, pharmacokinetics, and in-host virus dynamics were discussed in a SIAM (Society for Applied and Industrial Mathematics) paper by Angstmann, C. Net. al. in 2017 [5].

Fractional calculus has been investigated to be one of the best tools to characterize long-memory processes and materials, anomalous diffusion, long-range interactions, long-term behaviours, power laws, algometric scaling laws etc[6]. On top of this, the area of fractional order derivative has actually received numerous attentions in the recent years most especially in the area of mathematical biology. Several researchers have worked and made several conclusions in modelling the outbreak of disease with the extension of fractional order derivative to different area of fields. It is an advantageous approach, which has been used to study the behaviour of disease (like pertussis and influenza) because the fractional order is a generalization of integer order differential equations [7].

On the other hand, the well-known Caputo fractional derivative (defined by Michele Caputo in 1967) and famous Riemann-Liouville fractional integral are the main subject of many study in fractional calculus[6], [8], [9]. The research works in this area is under a huge development such as study of theory of fractional calculus[10], [11], develop efficient numerical scheme[3], [12], [13], and application on physical problem[14]. In addition to that, the fractional derivative is used to increase the stability region of the system, which is more suitable than integer in an epidemic model [7], [15]. However, in this research work, the focus is on the analysis in a fractional-order epidemic model with sub-optimal immunity, nonlinear incidence and saturated recovery rate.

[16] proposed a fractional order calculus based on the model for the simulation of an outbreak of dengue fever with the aim of a well befitting model of the real dynamic order for the transmission among heterogeneous population. The result obtain shows that fractional-order differential equations are very much stable than the integer-order.

[17] proposed a mathematical model of fractional order for the simulation of the dynamic of the outbreak of dengue fever. In the paper, a better conclusion was reached that the behaviour of the human population follows a model of a different order than the mosquito population. Still on the dengue disease, another conclusion was reached by a group of researchers when they proposed a work on dengue disease, basic reproduction number and control, where their model was based on two populations, mosquitoes and humans with insecticide control [18]. The research showed the possibility of reducing the number of infected human and mosquitoes with a steady insecticide, which can prevent an outbreak that could transform an epidemiological episode to an endemic disease.

Definition 1

Several definitions of fractional-order derivatives have been given by several authors and the commonly used is the Riemann - Liouville definition and the Caputo definitions. It has been proved that Caputo derivative only requires initial conditions by means of integer-order derivative, representing well-understood features of physical situation, which, however, making it more applicable to real world problems [19].

In this paper work, the Caputo definition is addressed. The fractional integral with fractional order $\beta \in \mathfrak{R}^+$ of function $x(t), t > 0$ is defined as:

$$I^\beta x(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} x(s) ds \quad (1) \quad \text{where}$$

$t = t_0$ is the initial time and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the Euler's gamma function.

Definition 2 The Caputo fractional derivative with order $\alpha \in (n-1, n)$ of function $x(t), t > 0$ is defined as:

$${}_c D_*^\alpha x(t) = I^{n-\alpha} D^n x(t), D_* = \frac{d}{dt}. \quad (2)$$

Comparing these two fractional derivatives, one easily arrives at the fact that Caputo's derivative of a constant is equal to zero, which is not the case for the Riemann-Liouville derivative [7]. The main concern of the paper thus focuses on the Caputo derivative of order $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, which is rather applicable in real application.

Stability Analysis of Fractional Order System

This section investigates the local stability analysis of fractional order system, which is based on the stability theory of fractional-order system. Fractional-order system has the same point of equilibrium with the corresponding integer-order system but stability conditions of both orders are quite different, the point of equilibrium of fractional-order may still be stable, even if the real part of the eigenvalue carries positive values.

Theorem 1 (condition for Caputo fractional derivative).

The necessary and sufficient condition for Caputo fractional derivative to be locally asymptotically stable, with system (3) where $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ is if and only if eigenvalues, λ_i , of the Jacobian matrix, $\frac{\delta}{\delta x} f(t, y)(t, y)$, evaluated at the equilibrium points is satisfied by $|\arg \lambda_i| > \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, i = 1, 2, [7]$.

Proof. Consider the following commensurate fraction-order system:

$${}_c D_t^\alpha y_i(t) = f(t, y_i(t)), y_i(t_0) = y_0 \quad (3)$$

where ${}_c D_t^\alpha$ is the Caputo fractional derivative with order $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. In order to evaluate the equilibrium points, let us put

$${}_c D_t^\alpha y_i(t) = 0 \Rightarrow f_i(f_1^{eqn}, f_2^{eqn}, f_3^{eqn}) = 0. \quad (4)$$

for which we can get the equilibrium points $f_1^{eqn}, f_2^{eqn}, f_3^{eqn}$.

Now to evaluate the asymptotic stability, let us consider the system ${}_c D_t^\alpha y_i(t) = (x, y)$ in the sense of Caputo and to find the asymptotic stability, let $y_i(t) = f_i^{eqn} \in_i(t)$. The equilibrium point $(f_1^{eqn}, f_2^{eqn}, f_3^{eqn})$ is locally asymptotically stable if the eigenvalues of the

$$\text{Jacobian(=J), } J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y_3} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ matrix A evaluated at the equilibrium point is}$$

satisfied by $|\arg(\lambda_{1,2,3})| > \alpha \frac{\pi}{2}$ [15], [20]–[22] ■

Fig.1 displays the stability region of the fractional-order system, which explains that the stability region of the fractional order case is greater than the stability region of the integer-order case for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Thus, a and b refer to the real and imaginary parts of the eigenvalues respectively where $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

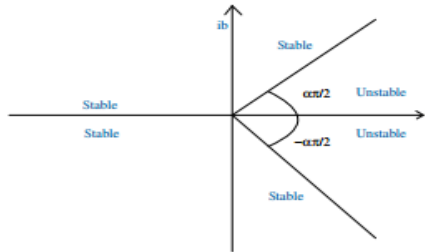


Fig. 1. Stability region of the Fractional-order system[15]

The Model

Many attempts have been made to develop realistic mathematical models in order to make predictions about the living organisms' behaviour and at the end we help to simulate the dynamics, among such is a model presented in a seminar by Ruan and Wang in [23]. The paper was on SIR epidemic model with the specific nonlinear incidence rate and was later developed in [24], which is an ODE Model. The main focus of this paper is to extend the model of [24] to a fractional model. The model is given in the following system (5a) - (5b).

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta \left(\frac{A}{\mu} - I - R \right) I^2 - \nu I - \frac{cL}{1+aI} - NI, \quad (5a)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = K \left(\nu I + \frac{cI}{1+aI} \right) - \mu R \quad (5b)$$

The parameters' interpretations are as follows: A is the recruitment rate of susceptible population, β is the disease transmission rate, μ is the natural death rate and ν is the recovery rate. I and R still remain as infectious and recovered/removed, respectively. a and c are possible constants, where with the initial values

$$I(0) = I_0, R(0) = R_0 \quad (6)$$

The above integer-order derivatives of the system (5a) - (5b) are replaced with fractional derivatives of order $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ in the sense of Caputo as follows:

$${}_c D_t^\alpha = \beta \left(\frac{A}{\mu} - I - R \right) I^2 - \nu I - \frac{cL}{1+aI} - NI, \quad (7a)$$

$${}_c D_t^\alpha = K \left(\nu I + \frac{cI}{1+aI} \right) - \mu R \quad (7b)$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. All the parameters are positive constants. R_0 is used to establish the existence and stability conditions of both disease-free and endemic for the equilibrium points, which is the number of people that one sick person will infect (on average). There are two equilibria in the system (7a) - (7b), when equating them to zero, namely, the existence of disease-free equilibrium, E^0 , point, and the endemic equilibrium, E^e , point.

Existence and stability of disease-free equilibrium point

The asymptotic stability of the disease-free, E^0 , is demonstrated in this section for when $R_0 < 1$. The basic reproduction number, R_0 , of the system (7a) - (7b) is defined as:

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta A}{\mu(c - \mu + \nu)}, \quad (8)$$

The equilibrium of the disease-free is solved to be $E_{E^0} = (I = 0, R = 0)$

At E_{E^0} , system (7a) - (7b) is said to be asymptotically stable if after obtaining the Jacobian matrix and it's both eigenvalues are satisfied by using;

$$|arg \lambda_1| > \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \tag{9}$$

$$|arg \lambda_2| > \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}.$$

(10)

The establishment for the disease-free equilibrium, E^0 , is given in the below theorem 2

Theorem 2

A sufficient condition for the system (7a) - (7b) to be locally asymptotically stable is if and only if

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta A}{\mu(c-\mu+v)} < 1$$

(11)

Proof

To prove **theorem 2**, it is enough to show that all eigenvalues of Jacobian matrix of system (5a) - (5b) at E^0 have a negative real part. Hence, the Jacobian matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -I^2\beta + 2\beta\left(\frac{A}{\mu} - I - R\right)I - v - \frac{c}{Ia+1} + \frac{cIa}{(Ia+1)^2} - \mu & -I^2\beta \\ K\left(v + \frac{c}{Ia+1} - \frac{cIa}{(Ia+1)^2}\right) & -\mu \end{bmatrix} \tag{12}$$

Then for $I_{eqn}, R_{eqn} = (I = 0, R = 0)$ we calculated that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -v - c - \mu & 0 \\ K(v + c) & -\mu \end{bmatrix} \tag{13}$$

The eigenvalues are solved as

$$\lambda_1 = -\mu, \text{ and } \lambda_2 = -v - c - \mu. \tag{14}$$

Hence, since the eigenvalues of the system (7a) - (7b) < 1, then the disease-free equilibrium E^0 is locally asymptotically stable, which implies that $R_0 < 1$ and satisfy the condition in Equation 9 and 10. Conversely, it becomes unstable when $R_0 = \frac{\beta A}{\mu(c-\mu+v)} > 1$ ■

Existence and stability conditions of endemic equilibrium points, E^e

For the system (7a) - (7b), we evaluate the endemic equilibrium points by solving the quadratic equation $P(I) = AI^2 + BI + C = 0$, where

$$A = -2\beta I \left(\frac{A}{\mu} - I - R\right) + \beta I^2 + v + \frac{c}{(Ia+1)^2} + 2\mu, \tag{15}$$

$$B = \left(-2\beta I \left(\frac{A}{\mu} - I - R\right) + \beta I^2 + v + \frac{c}{(Ia+1)^2} + \mu\right)\mu + \beta I^2 k \left(v + \frac{c}{(Ia+1)^2}\right). \tag{16}$$

If $B < 0$, then the eigenvalue becomes $\frac{1}{2}(B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC})$. However, It could be obtained that if I^* is a positive real root of the above quadratic equation, then the $E^e = (I^*, R^*)$ is the endemic equilibrium point of our system (7a) - (7b). However, if $\beta \leq \mu + v$, then system (7a) - (7b) posse no endemic equilibrium point.

Experimental simulation and numerical method

Here, we apply the Adams-type predictor-corrector method [4], [25], which is an implicit formula method. The method gives the error-free means of solving a problem with a sensible and logical choice of the time step[4].

To illustrate the stability of the fractional epidemic model as in system (7a) - (7b), the following parameters are chosen $\beta = \frac{1}{2}, v = 1.27, c = 2, \mu = 1, k = \frac{1}{2}, A = 6$ with the following initial values $(I, R) = (2, 1)$. By direct solving, and using Maple 18 software, it can be shown that the fractional-order model (7a) - (7b) have the following equilibrium points,

$$E_1(I_1, R_1) = (1.615353698, 1.242243888), \text{ and}$$

$$E_2(I_2, R_2) = (2.046474276, 1.522295468)$$

Hence, the Jacobian matrix for the corresponding equilibrium point (I_1, R_1) is given as

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}I^2 + (6 - I - R)I - 2.27 - 2(4I + 1)^{-1} + 8\frac{I}{(4I+1)^2} & -\frac{1}{2}I^2 \\ 0.6350000000(4I + 1)^{-1} & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

and its eigenvalues for disease-free, E^0 are

$$\lambda_1 = -1 + 0.I, \quad (18)$$

$$\lambda_2 = -4.270000000000000 + 0.I.$$

(19)

Where that of the endemic, E^e , are

$$\lambda_1 - 0.206140119950000 + 0.851064558561176 I, \quad (20)$$

$$\lambda_2 - -0.206140119950000 - 0.851064558561176 I. \quad (21)$$

And while the characteristic equation of the fractional epidemic model as in Equation (7a) - (7b) is: $P(\lambda) = -0.4106172840 - 0.7053086420\lambda + \lambda^2$

Therefore, the argument $|\arg \lambda_1| > \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}$ of matrix J at $\alpha = 0.8$ fall with the range of values, 3.141592654. The values of $|\arg \lambda_1|$ of the $E_1(I_1, R_1)$ points is said to be stable and the system gives the asymptotically stable because all the eigenvalues fulfill $|\arg \lambda_1| > \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}$ That is, $|\arg \lambda_1| = 3.141592654 > 1.256800000 = \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}$. Also, by direct calculation, it is easy to

show that $R_0 = \frac{\beta A}{\mu(c-\mu+v)} = 0.7025761124$, which obtained result is in agreement and compatible with Theorem 2, where $R_0 < 0.7025761124$. It means that the conditions for existence and asymptotically stable as discussed above are satisfied. It indicates that the spread of a disease depends on the contact rates with infected individual within the population. Basic reproduction number, R_0 , which is the number of people that one sick person will infect (on average) also affects the model behaviour. We used R_0 to establish the existence and stability conditions at the equilibrium points. This parameter determines a threshold whenever $R_0 > 1$, a typical infective gives rise, on average, to more than one secondary infection, leading to an epidemic. In contrast, when $R_0 < 1$, infective typically give rise (on average) to less than one secondary infection, and the prevalence of infection cannot increase. [26] stated that the condition $R_0 < 1$ is a necessary and sufficient condition for the eradication when disease for the forward bifurcation occurs. However, it is no longer a sufficient condition for the occurrence of backward bifurcation.

However, a lot of numerical simulations were observed to see the effects that α 's parameter has on dynamics behaviour of the fractional-order model after applying the Adams-type predictor-corrector method with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$

Fig. 2-3 shows the phase portrait plot of the infected and recovered individual in a particular time, t , in a stable endemic equilibrium when parameters are taken as $\beta = \frac{1}{2}, v = 1.27, c = 2, a = 4, \mu = 1, k = \frac{1}{2}, A = 6$. It indicated a stable infected situation.

Fig.4 displays the stable endemic equilibrium for system (7a-7b) when parameters are taken as $\beta = \frac{1}{2}, v = 1.27, c = 2, a = 4, \mu = 1, k = \frac{1}{2}, A = 6$. The values of equilibrium are (2.046474276, 1.522295468). It indicated a stable recovered situation.

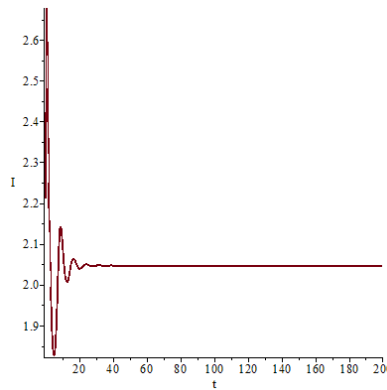


Fig. 2: Infected stable waveform plot of the fractional-order model for the system (7a-7b) with $\alpha = 0.95$

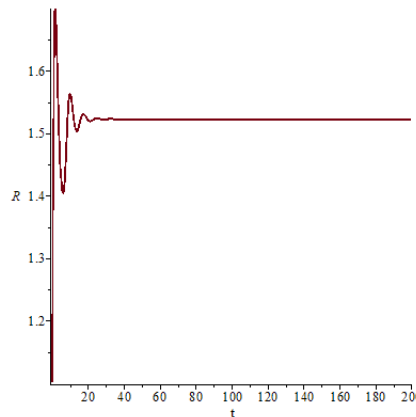


Fig. 3: Recovered stable waveform plot of the fractional-order model for the system (7a-7b) with $\alpha = 0.95$

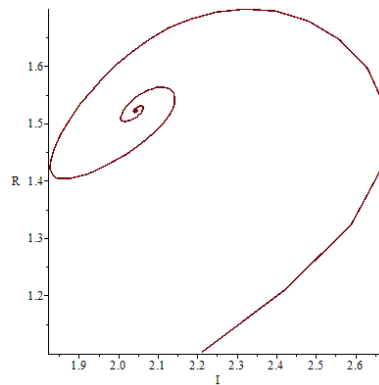


Fig.4: Recovered versus infected stable orbit plot of the fractional-order model for the system (7a-7b) with $\alpha = 0.95$

Some effects of the fractional-order α on the behavior of dynamical systems of the epidemic model

In this section, we show that the stability region of the equilibrium points of the system (7a-7b) can be affected by choosing an appropriate value of fractional order α . However, the fractional-order system is achieved in the steady state when parameters which affect the value of α , are controlled well [7].

Theorem 3

Suppose I^* is a positive real root of the quadratic equation, then E^e is the endemic equilibrium point of system (7a-7b)

- a) The endemic equilibrium point E^e is unstable.
- b) If $\alpha \leq \frac{2}{3}$, the endemic equilibrium point E^e are locally asymptotically α stable.
- c) If $\alpha > \frac{2}{3}$ and $v \leq k$, the endemic equilibrium point E^e are locally asymptotically.

Proof

To prove Theorem 3, it is sufficient to show that all eigenvalues of Jacobian matrix of system (7a-7b) at E^e satisfied the condition (9)-(10). Hence, the Jacobian matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -I^2\beta + 2\beta\left(\frac{A}{\mu} - I - R\right)I - v - \frac{c}{Ia+1} + \frac{cLa}{(Ia+1)^2} - \mu & -I^2\beta \\ K\left(v + \frac{c}{Ia+1} - \frac{cLa}{(Ia+1)^2}\right) & -\mu \end{bmatrix}$$

From the second equation (7a-7b), the characteristic of $P(I) = KI^2 + MI + N = 0$ where

$$k = \frac{\beta(kv+kc+\mu-Aa)}{\beta\alpha(kv+\mu)}, \tag{22}$$

$$M = \frac{-\beta A + v\mu a + \mu^2 a}{\beta\alpha(kv+\mu)}, \tag{23}$$

$$N = \frac{c\mu + \mu^2 + v\mu}{\beta\alpha(kv+\mu)}. \tag{24}$$

We basically follow the fundamental fractional order Routh-Hurwitz conditions in [20]. For every endemic equilibrium point, E^e , it is obvious that the condition for (9-10) is $0 \leq K, 0 \leq M, 0 \leq N$ and $\alpha \leq \frac{2}{3}$. As earlier stated, by Descartes' rule of sign, we will have at most one positive root (real or imaginary root). Since all the parameters are real and positive and the quadratic equation has real coefficients, the complex value roots will be in conjugate pair. However, we now assume that $P(I) = 0$ possess one non-positive real root says, $\lambda_1 = -t$ and a pair of complex value roots says $\lambda_{2,3} = 0 \pm bi$ as thus;

$$P(I) = I^3 + I^2(-2a + t) + I(a^2 + b^2 - 2at) + t(a^2 + b^2) \tag{25}$$

It implies that

$$K = -2a + t, M = a^2 + b^2 - 2a, N = t(a^2 + b^2) \tag{26}$$

We know that $0 \leq N, 0 \leq M$. It implies that $2at \leq a^2 + b^2$ and $2a = t$, from which we obtain

$$4a^2 \leq 2at \leq a^2 \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}\right) \tag{27}$$

It then show from equation (27) that $4 \leq \sec^2(\text{Arg}\lambda_{2,3})$ and $\frac{\pi}{3} \leq (\text{Arg}\lambda_{2,3}) \leq \frac{2\pi}{3}$.

Therefore, if $\alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$, then condition (9-10) is satisfied and E^e are considered stable. Likewise, $KM - N > 0$, then $0 < -2a(a - t)^2 + b^2$. In the same manner, if $KM - N > 0$, then $\lambda_{2,3}$

must have non-positive real parts. It can be shown that if $v \leq k$, then $KM - N > 0$ and the root of the equation $P(I) = 0$ have a non-positive real parts ■

In order to make comparison with the uncontrolled fractional-order for the system (7a-7b), we discuss the control model with different value. Fig. 5 - 7 shows that at $\alpha = 27$ and for lowering the parameter of α namely, $\alpha = 1, 0.95, 0.90, 0.85$ it has effect on the stability, and as a result can stabilize the stable fixed point. From the epidemiological point of view, this feature is very important because the interpretation shows a longer periodic which infected persons can affect the health system [7]. It appeared in the figs that the fractional figure, $\alpha = 0.95, 0.90, 0.85$, entered stable point than it integer-order counterpart i.e at $\alpha = 1$.

The combined (infected and recovered class over time) numerical simulations for the system (7a-7b) are shown in Fig. 5-7 for $\alpha = 1$ (colour blue), $\alpha = 0.99$ (colour green) and $\alpha = 0.89$ (colour red). The profiles indicated that system (7a-7b) speedy approaches the steady state based on the different values of α . This indicated that a change of the value α affects the dynamics of the epidemic. The fractional-order differential equations are very much stable than the integer-order. However, the value of α actually dictates when the model approaches the steady state. That is, the dynamics of the epidemic is affected by the change in the value of α . It shows how long a person can be affected with disease such as Pertussis and Influenza. The result indicated that fractional models are more realistic to represent the daily life phenomena than its integral-order counterpart.

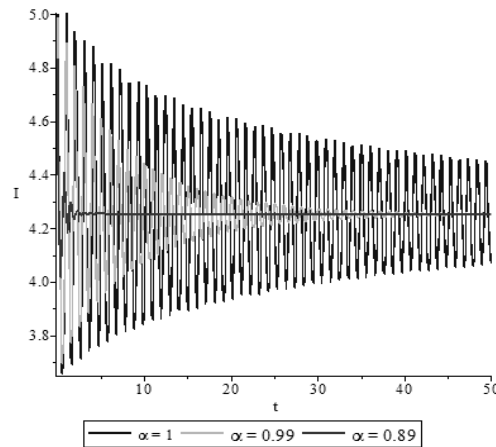


Fig. 5: Infected stable waveform plot of the fractional-order model for the system (7a-7b)

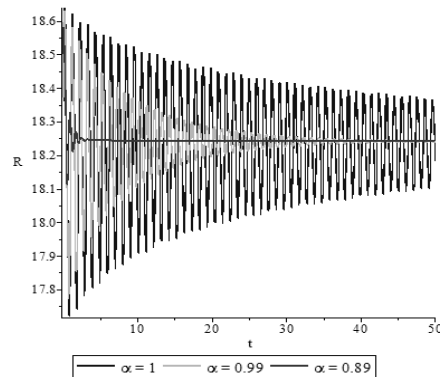


Fig. 6: Recovered stable waveform plot of the fractional-order model for the system (7a-7b)

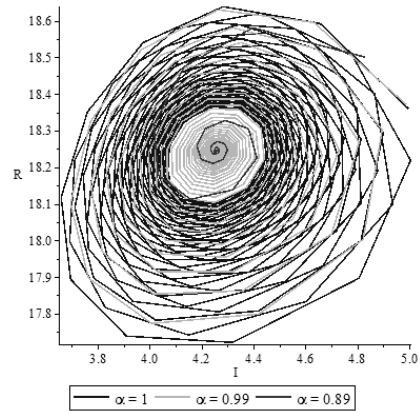


Fig.7: Recovered versus infected stable orbit plot of the fractional-order model

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we worked on a proposed epidemic model with sub-optimal immunity, nonlinear incidence rate and saturated treatment/recovery rate. The model is extended in the sense of Caputo derivative of order $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. The model indicated that the spread of a disease depends on the contact rates with infected individual within the population. Basic reproduction number, R_0 , affects the model behaviour. We used R_0 to establish the existence and stability conditions at the equilibrium points. For simple epidemic processes, this parameter determines a threshold whenever $R_0 > 1$, a typical infective gave rise, on average, to more than one secondary infection, leading to an epidemic. Theorem 3 indicated that the stability of endemic equilibrium points can be managed and controlled by modifying the value of α . In fact, the fractional-order model can be achieved in the steady state by controlling the parameters which affect the value of α . We see that the value of α controls the stability region of the equilibrium points. We arrived at a conclusion that fractional-order is a very interesting order in the area of mathematical biology. The fractional modeling is an advantageous approach which has been used to study the behavior of diseases because the fractional derivative is a generalization of the integer-order derivative[7].

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