

Model Description

The COVID-19 transmission dynamics can be described by the following ordinary differential equations (ODEs). The total population (N) is divided into five compartments: susceptible (S), exposed (E), infectious (I), confirmed and isolated (C), and recovered (R)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= -\beta(t) \frac{SI}{N} \\ \frac{dE}{dt} &= \beta(t) \frac{SI}{N} - \kappa E, \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \kappa E - \alpha I, \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= \alpha I - \gamma C, \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= (1 - f)\gamma C,\end{aligned}$$

where $N = S + E + I + C + R$.

An individual in susceptible group is moved to the exposed group by transmission from the infectious individuals. The time dependent function $\beta(t)$ represents the transmission rate affected by the government policy. According to the social distancing level the transmission rate is changed. The number of transmitted individuals is represented by the term $\beta(t) \frac{SI}{N}$. The exposed individuals are moved to the infectious individuals. The parameter κ indicates rate of progression from exposed to infectious. The infectious individuals are confirmed and isolated. The confirmation rate (or isolation rate) is represented by a parameter α . The term αI indicates the daily number of reported cases and $\int_0^t \alpha I dt$ is the number of cumulated cases. The time dependent function $I(t)$ indicates the number of prevalence at time t . The infectious individuals are recovered at a rate of γ . The parameter f means fatality rate of the COVID-19 disease ($0 \leq f \leq 1$).