



Adaptive Bayesian learning and forecasting of epidemic evolution — Data analysis of the COVID-19 outbreak — COVID-19 Impact on Global Maritime Traffic

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Adaptive Bayesian learning and forecasting

Motivation

- Need for mathematical models to predict the evolution of the spread of infectious diseases in support of decision and policy making
- Deterministic compartmental models
 - Suffer from noisy observation
 - Time-invariant model parameters
 - Need segmentation parameter fitting
- Stochastic compartmental models
 - Account for **noisy observations**
 - Time-invariant model parameters
 - Infection rate β ; recovery rate γ
 - Metapopulation
- Idea: Bayesian learning and forecasting technique from epidemic data with time-varying parameters

Bayesian sequential estimation

• Dynamic model

 $\boldsymbol{x}_{k} = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}, \boldsymbol{x}_{k-1}; \boldsymbol{u}_{k})$

• Observation model

$$\boldsymbol{z}_k = \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{x}_k, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k; \boldsymbol{v}_k)$$

 Assumption: The joint evolution of x_k and θ_k follows a first-order Markov model

$$\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{x}_k, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \boldsymbol{x}_{k-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) = \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{x}_k, \boldsymbol{\theta}_k | \boldsymbol{x}_{k-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k-1})$$

• **Objective**: compute the posterior pdf of the state and parameter vectors

 $\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{x}_k|\boldsymbol{z}_{1:k}), \qquad \mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k|\boldsymbol{z}_{1:k})$

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 θ_{k+1}

 x_{k+1}

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_k$

 \boldsymbol{x}_k





Deterministic and stochastic SIR model







Results with synthetic data – Scenario 1

Learning and forecasting of the infection rate



- Dashed black line: Infection rate β_k
- Blue (dashed) line: estimate (forecast) of β_k
- Blue stars: actual number of infected persons
- Red line: Estimated number of infected persons
- Blue diamonds: actual number of infected persons used for comparison
- Predicted number of infected persons in red with 90% confidence area

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Results with synthetic data – Scenario 2



- Dashed black line: Infection rate β_k
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Results with official COVID-19 data (1)



24 Feb 29 Feb 05 Mar 10 Mar 15 Mar 20 Mar 25 Mar 30 Mar 04 Apr 09 Apr 14 Apr 19 Apr 24 Apr 29 Apr 04 May 09 May 14 May 19 May

- Blue stars: actual number of infected persons, data from the Italian CPD, used for learning
- Red line: Estimated number of infected persons
- Blue diamonds: actual number of infected persons; data from the Italian CPD, used for comparison
- Predicted number of infected persons in red with 90% confidence area (last observation: April 10)



Key aspect: Infection rate is time-varying

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Results with official COVID-19 data (2)

Mean absolute percentage errors (MAPEs)

Algorithm	3 DAYS (%)	7 Days (%)	14 DAYS (%)
Proposed	6.2	10.4	23.5
SIR-fit	77.5	115.3	225.8
GSEIR-fit	10.3	13.0	18.5

Average over the interval from March 4 to June 16

Algorithm	3 DAYS (%)	7 DAYS (%)	14 DAYS (%)
Proposed	3.3	4.9	9.4
SIR-fit	88.2	123.0	213.2
GSEIR-fit	11.6	13.6	16.8

Average over the interval fr	om April 1 to June 16
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FORECAST DATE	3 DAYS (%)	7 DAYS (%)	14 Days (%)
April 13	0.54	0.50	2.49
April 18	3.47	6.48	6.84
April 23	1.25	1.91	3.88*
April 28	0.42	1.07	14.91^{*}
May 3	8.02*	18.44^{*}	30.07*
May 8	9.14	7.47	6.31
May 13	2.30	2.59	6.48
May 18	0.92	2.24	3.29
May 23	0.69	3.78	9.02
May 28	4.67	5.10	4.99
June 2	2.70	1.87	1.93
June 7	4.02	6.61	10.76
AVERAGE	2 74	3.60	5 79



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COVID-19 impact on global maritime traffic (1)

Motivation

- To prevent the outbreak of COVID-19, many countries all around the world went into **full lockdown** in the first half of 2020
- Unprecedented containment measures
 - Produced changes to all aspect of social life
 - Dramatically changed mobility patterns
- Shipping industry accounts alone for more than 80% of world trade
 - Reduced ship mobility could imply reduced goods mobility on the global scale
- Need to assess qualitatively and quantitatively the impact of lockdowns on global shipping mobility

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Proposed approach

- Data-driven computation of a ship mobility index from AIS
 - Cumulative navigated miles (CNM)
 - Captures changes in average speed and activity
- Analysis based on a very large dataset of AIS messages (data from ~50000 ships, approx. the size of world's merchant fleet)





COVID-19 impact on global maritime traffic (2)



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COVID-19 impact on global maritime traffic (3) NO2 Emissions



Average nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) concentrations March-April 2020, compared to the same period in 2019.

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