Estimating and Simulating a SIRD Model of COVID-19 for Many Countries, States, and Cities

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Extended results for Ireland
Based on data through October 9, 2020
Outline of Slides

- Basic data from Johns Hopkins CSSE (raw and smoothed)
- Brief summary of the model
- Baseline results ($\delta = 1.0\%$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $\theta = 0.1$)
- Simulation of re-opening – possibilities for raising $R_0$
- Results with alternative parameter values:
  - Lower mortality rate, $\delta = 0.8\%$
  - Higher mortality rate, $\delta = 1.2\%$
  - Infections last longer, $\gamma = 0.15$
  - Cases resolve more quickly, $\theta = 0.2$
  - Cases resolve more slowly, $\theta = 0.07$
- Data underlying estimates of $R_0(t)$
Underlying data from Johns Hopkins CSSE

- Raw data
- Smoothed = 7 day centered moving average
- No “excess deaths” correction (change as of Aug 6 run)
Ireland: Daily Deaths per Million People

Ireland
Ireland: Daily Deaths per Million People (Smoothed)
Brief Summary of Model

- See the paper for a full exposition
- A 5-state SIRDC model with a time-varying $R_0$

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<td>1.0%</td>
<td>Mortality rate from infections (IFR)</td>
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<td>Rate at which people stop being infectious</td>
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<td>Rate at which cases (post-infection) resolve</td>
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Estimates of Time-Varying $R_0$

– Inferred from daily deaths, and
– the change in daily deaths, and
– the change in (the change in daily deaths)
(see end of slide deck for this data)
Ireland: Estimates of $R_0(t)$

$Ireland$

$\delta = 0.010 \quad \theta = 0.10 \quad \gamma = 0.20$
Ireland: Percent Currently Infectious

Peak I/N = 0.62%  Final I/N = 0.00%  δ = 0.010  θ = 0.10  γ = 0.20
Ireland: Growth Rate of Daily Deaths over Past Week (percent)

\[ \delta = 0.010 \quad \theta = 0.10 \quad \gamma = 0.20 \]
Notes on Interpreting Results
Guide to Graphs

- **Warning:** Results are often very uncertain; this can be seen by comparing across multiple graphs. See the [original paper](#).

- **7 days of forecasts:** Rainbow color order!
  ROY-G-BIV (old to new, low to high)
  - Black = current
  - Red = oldest, Orange = second oldest, Yellow = third oldest...
  - Violet (purple) = one day earlier

- For robustness graphs, same idea
  - Black = baseline (e.g. $\delta = 1.0\%$)
  - Red = lowest parameter value (e.g. $\delta = 0.8\%$)
  - Green = highest parameter value (e.g. $\delta = 1.2\%$)
How does $R_0$ change over time?

- Inferred from death data when we have it
- For future, two approaches:
  
  1. Alternatively, we fit this equation:

     \[
     \log R_0(t) = a_0 - \alpha (\text{Daily Deaths})
     \]

     \[\Rightarrow \alpha \approx .05\]

     $R_0$ declines by 5 percent for each new daily death, or rises by 5 percent when daily deaths decline

- Robustness: Assume $R_0(t) = \text{final empirical value}$. Constant in future, so no $\alpha$ adjustment $\rightarrow \alpha = 0$
Repeated “Forecasts” from the past 7 days of data

– After peak, forecasts settle down.
– Before that, very noisy!
– If the region has not peaked, do not trust
– With $\alpha = .05$ (see robustness section for $\alpha = 0$)
Ireland (7 days): Daily Deaths per Million People ($\alpha = .05$)

\[ R_0 = 1.8/0.2/0.2 \quad \delta = 0.010 \quad \alpha = 0.05 \quad \theta = 0.1 \quad \%\text{Infect} = 4/4/4 \]

DATA THROUGH 09-OCT-2020
Ireland (7 days): Cumulative Deaths per Million (Future, $\alpha = 0.05$)

$R_0 = 1.8/0.2/0.2$  $\delta = 0.010$  $\alpha = 0.05$  $\theta = 0.1$  %Infect = 4/4/4

DATA THROUGH 09-OCT-2020
Ireland (7 days): Cumulative Deaths per Million, Log Scale ($\alpha = .05$)

$R_0 = 1.8/0.2/0.2 \; \delta = 0.010 \; \alpha = 0.05 \; \theta = 0.1 \; \%\text{Infect} = 4/4/4$
Robustness to Mortality Rate, $\delta$
Ireland: Cumulative Deaths per Million ($\delta = 0.01/0.008/0.012$)

Ireland

$R_0 = 1.8/0.2/0.2 \quad \delta = 0.010 \quad \alpha = 0.05 \quad \theta = 0.1 \quad \% \text{Infect} = 4/4/4$

DATA THROUGH 09-OCT-2020

Cumulative deaths per million people

Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov 2020
Ireland: Daily Deaths per Million People \((\delta = .01/.008/.012)\)

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DATA THROUGH 09-OCT-2020

$\delta = 0.008$
Reopening and Herd Immunity

– Black: assumes $R_0(today)$ remains in place forever
– Red: assumes $R_0(suppress) = 1/s(today)$
– Green: we move 25% of the way from $R_0(today)$
  back to initial $R_0 = “normal”$
– Purple: we move 50% of the way from $R_0(today)$
  back to initial $R_0 = “normal”$

NOTE: Lines often cover each other up
Ireland: Re-Opening ($\alpha = .05$)

\[ R_0(t) = 0.2, \quad R_0(\text{suppress}) = 1.0, \quad R_0(25/50) = 0.7/1.1, \quad \delta = 0.010, \quad \alpha = 0.05 \]
Ireland: Re-Opening ($\alpha = 0$)

Ireland

$R_0(t)=0.2$, $R_0(\text{suppress})=1.0$, $R_0(25/50)=0.7/1.1$, $\delta = 0.010$, $\alpha=0.00$

(Light bars = New York City, for comparison)
Results for alternative parameter values
Ireland (7 days): Daily Deaths per Million People ($\alpha = 0$)

$R_0 = 1.8/0.2/0.2 \quad \delta = 0.010 \quad \alpha = 0.00 \quad \theta = 0.1 \quad \%\text{Infect} = 4/4/4$

DATA THROUGH 09-OCT-2020
Ireland (7 days): Cumulative Deaths per Million (Future, $\alpha = 0$)

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DATA THROUGH 09-OCT-2020
Ireland (7 days): Cumulative Deaths per Million, Log Scale ($\alpha = 0$)

Ireland

$R_0 = 1.8/0.2/0.2$  $\delta = 0.010$  $\alpha = 0.00$  $\theta = 0.1$  $\%$Infect = 4/4/4

New York City

Italy

Cumulative deaths per million people

Ireland: Daily Deaths per Million People ($\delta = 0.8\%$)

Ireland

$R_0=1.8/0.2/0.2$  $\delta = 0.008$  $\theta=0.1$  $\gamma=0.2$  %Infect= 4/ 4/ 4

SOME ERRORS IN ESTIMATION...
Ireland: Cumulative Deaths per Million ($\delta = 0.8\%$)

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$\gamma = 0.2 \quad \gamma = 0.15$
Ireland: Daily Deaths per Million People \( (\theta = .1/.07/.2) \)

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Ireland: Cumulative Deaths per Million People ($\theta = 0.1/0.07/0.2$)

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Ireland: Daily Deaths, Actual and Smoothed

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Ireland: Change in Smoothed Daily Deaths

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Ireland: Change in (Change in Smoothed Daily Deaths)

Ireland: Delta (Delta d)
\( \delta = 0.010 \quad \theta=0.10 \quad \gamma=0.20 \)