

NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF DENGUE FEVER (SIR MODEL) USING DIFFERENTIAL TRANSFORM METHOD, MULTI-STEP DIFFERENTIAL TRANSFORM METHOD AND RK4 METHOD

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Abstract: This study investigates the application of the differential transformation method (DTM), multi-step differential transform method (MsDTM) with step-size and RK4 method (Mathematica) for finding the numerical solution of the SIR model of dengue fever in epidemiology. This model is a system of non-linear ordinary differential equations that have no analytic solution. Both the methods DTM and MsDTM are applied directly without any linearization, perturbation or discretization in the model equations to obtain semi-analytic solutions. The accuracy of the MSDTM is excellent and comparable to the RK4 method of Mathematica.

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Introduction

Dengue is a mosquito-borne flavivirus found mainly in an urban and semi-urban area in tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world. Aedes mosquitoes transmit disease through day-biting. It is the fastest spreading viral disease transmitted by vectors and is now endemic in over 100 countries, resulting in 40% of the world's population living in a dengue-risk region [7]. Between 1990 and 2013, the incidence of dengue increased dramatically, with the number of cases more than doubling per decade, from 8.3 million obvious cases in 1990 to 58.4 million apparent cases in 2013 [29]. Over the last two decades, the number of dengue cases registered in the records of WHO has raised more than 8 folds, from 505,430 cases in 2000 to over 2.4 million in 2010 and 4.2 million in 2019. Reported deaths also rose from 960 to 4032 between the years 2000 and 2015 [8].

In epidemiology, the spread of diseases in the population is studied through the mathematical formulation of a model for contagious diseases, investigation of related parameters, the sensitivity of

the model by simulating the parameters and present numerical simulations. Such modelling not only helps to study the patterns of the spread of disease but also the possibility to control it optimally. Some of the examples of such contagious diseases are COVID19, Dengue, E-bola, Measles, Rubella, Chicken-pox, HIV/AIDS, Syphilis and others.

To analyse the spread of infectious diseases, various epidemiological models, including the compartment model [6], have been developed. This compartment model, based on the epidemiological status of the population, is divided into three distinct mutually exclusive compartments: susceptible $S(t)$, infectious $I(t)$ and recovered $R(t)$ at any time t . Several types of compartmental models [14-16,19-21] were studied, such as SI (susceptible-infected), SIS (susceptible-infected-susceptible), SIR (susceptible-infected-recovered), SIRS (susceptible-infected-recovered-susceptible), and SEIRS (susceptible-exposed-infected-recovered). The movement of the population from one compartment to another depends on the transmission rate [11]. Here, in this SIR model, two separate but dependent sets of non-linear differential equations related to human and vector (mosquito) population are considered [9]. The purpose of this paper is to find the semi-analytical solution of the dengue fever (SIR) model with limited immunity and compare the numerical solutions obtained by using different methods: differential transform method (DTM), multi-step differential transform (with different step-size) method (MsDTM) and Runge-Kutta Method (RK4) using Wolfram Mathematica.

The paper is organized in the following sections: In section 2, the SIR model for dengue fever with model parameters is briefly described. Section 3, discusses the existence, uniqueness and positivity of the solution. Section 4, briefly introduces the theoretical and implementation of DTM, MsDTM. Section 5, contains numerical solutions and a brief discussion. Finally, section 6 has a conclusion.

Formulation of SIR model for Dengue Fever

In this mathematical model, we assume that host and vector populations have a constant size. The birth and death rates for human μ_h and vector μ_v are constants. The human population is divided into three mutually

exclusive compartments viz. susceptible S_h , infected I_h , and recovered R_h , while vector population due to short life span is divided into two classes only: susceptible S_v and infected I_v . There is no recovered compartment for vectors, as with the death of a

vector, the period of infection also ends. The model of human population and vector is given in **Fig. 1** which is given as a set of non-linear differential equations [31]:

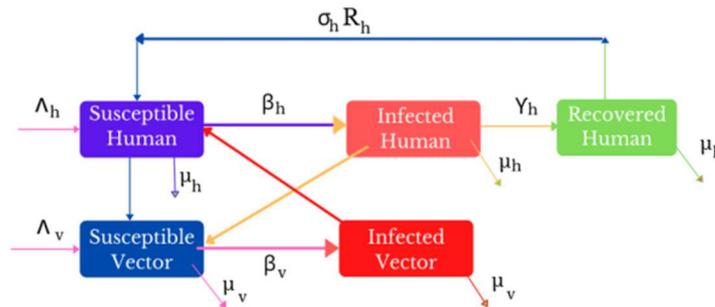


Fig. 1: Dengue Fever Model

$$\frac{dS_h}{dt} = \Lambda_h N_h - \frac{\beta_h b}{N_h} S_h(t) I_v(t) - \mu_h S_h(t) + \sigma_h R_h(t), \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dI_h}{dt} = \frac{\beta_h b}{N_h} S_h(t) I_v(t) - (\mu_h + \gamma_h) I_h(t), \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dR_h}{dt} = \gamma_h I_h(t) - \mu_h R_h(t) - \sigma_h R_h(t), \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dS_v}{dt} = \Lambda_v N_v - \frac{\beta_v b}{N_h} S_v(t) I_h(t) - \mu_v S_v(t), \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{dI_v}{dt} = \frac{\beta_v b}{N_h} S_v(t) I_h(t) - \mu_v I_v(t). \quad (5)$$

Where $N_h(t) = S_h(t) + I_h(t) + R_h(t)$, and $N_v(t) = S_v(t) + I_v(t)$, $S_h(0)=S_{h0} \geq 0, I_h(0)=I_{h0} \geq 0, R_h(0)=R_{h0} \geq 0, S_v(0)=S_{v0} \geq 0, I_v(0)=I_{v0} \geq 0,$ (6)

The parameters $\Lambda_h N_h$ is a change in the total human population (the rate of recruitment of human or birth rate including migration is Λ_h). The probability of a susceptible individual being infected with the dengue virus is $\beta_h b I_v / N_h$, where β_h is the probability of getting the infection from an infected vector to a susceptible human; b denotes a vector's average bites. $\mu_h S_h$ represents the number of deaths among susceptible human population and $\mu_h I_h$ is the number of deaths in the infected human population while those infected and recovered from the infection are represented by $\gamma_h I_h$. R_h is the total human population that has recovered from the infection but doesn't gain immunity forever. $\sigma_h R_h$ is the population that recovered and is immune for a limited period and then joins back the susceptible after a certain period

($1/\sigma_h$). The total death of the recovered human population is $\mu_h R_h$. $\Lambda_v N_v$ is the change in the total vector population (Λ_v is the rate of recruitment of vector or birth rate including migration). Each individual in the susceptible population has the probability of being bitten by a vector infected with dengue virus is $\beta_v b I_h / N_h$, where β_v is the probability of transmission of infection from an infected human to an infected mosquito, $\mu_v S_v$ is the mortality of the susceptible vector and $\mu_v I_v$ is mortality in the vector population. The parameters $\sigma_h, \gamma_h, \mu_h, \beta_h, \beta_v, \mu_v$, and b are all positive.

Using $S_h/N_h=S_h', I_h/N_h=I_h', R_h/N_h=R_h', S_v/N_v=S_v'$ and $I_v/N_v=I_v'$ and dropping dashes, we obtain dimensionless equations from (1) to (6):

$$\frac{dS_h}{dt} = \Lambda_h - \xi_1 S_h(t) I_v(t) - \mu_h S_h(t) + \sigma_h R_h(t), \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{dI_h}{dt} = \xi_1 S_h(t) I_v(t) - (\mu_h + \gamma_h) I_h(t), \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{dR_h}{dt} = \gamma_h I_h(t) - \mu_h R_h(t) - \sigma_h R_h(t), \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{dS_v}{dt} = \Lambda_v - \xi_2 S_v(t) I_h(t) - \mu_v S_v(t), \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{dI_v}{dt} = \xi_2 S_v(t) I_h(t) - \mu_v I_v(t). \quad (11)$$

Where, $\xi_1 = \frac{\beta_h b N_v}{N_h}$ and $\xi_2 = \beta_v b$ and $\xi_1, \xi_2 > 0$, as $b > 0$

The differential transformation method is one of the well-known techniques to solve both linear, non-linear differential equations and partial differential equations. It was first introduced by Zhou [34] for solving linear and non-linear initial value problems in electrical circuit analysis. Subsequently, several authors have applied the differential transformation method (DTM) and further multi-step differential transform method (MsDTM) to solve systems of non-linear differential equations that describe dynamical systems [30], biomathematics models [18] and epidemic models [1-3,14,23,26,33]. Several variants have been suggested for differential transformation method like modified DTM [5], reduced DTM [17,22,28] and partitioned DTM [4]. These methods are used to write a semi-analytical solution of the model which depends on the Taylor series [27]. Studies have compared the DTM and Multi-Step DTM method and reported that solutions match but only for a small value of the independent variable [24].

Existence, Uniqueness and Positivity of Solution

We will use the Lipchitz condition to verify the existence and uniqueness of solution [10] for the model equations (7) - (11):

$$\left| \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial S_h} \right| = |-\xi_1 I_v(t) - \mu_h| < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial I_h} \right| = 0 < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial R_h} \right| = |-\sigma_h| < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial S_v} \right| = 0 < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial I_v} \right| = 0 < \infty.$$

For E₂:

$$\left| \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial S_h} \right| = |\xi_1 I_v(t)| < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial I_h} \right| = |\mu_h + \gamma_h| < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial R_h} \right| = 0 < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial S_v} \right| = 0 < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial I_v} \right| = 0 < \infty.$$

For E₃:

$$\left| \frac{\partial E_3}{\partial S_h} \right| = 0 < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_3}{\partial I_h} \right| = |\gamma_h| < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_3}{\partial R_h} \right| = |-\sigma_h - \mu_h| < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_3}{\partial S_v} \right| = 0 < \infty, \left| \frac{\partial E_3}{\partial I_v} \right| = 0 < \infty.$$

These partial derivatives exist, continuous and are bounded, similarly for E₄, E₅. Hence the model has a unique solution. The positivity of the solution can be shown easily [31].

DTM and MsDTM

The differential transformation of the *k*th derivative of *u(x)* is defined as:

$$U(k) = \frac{1}{k!} \left[\frac{d^k u(x)}{dx^k} \right]_{x_0}. \tag{12}$$

We obtain,

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U(k)(x - x_0)^k, \tag{13}$$

is called the inverse differential transformation of *U(k)*. In real applications, the function *u(x)* can be expressed as a finite series and equation (13) can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \Lambda_h - \xi_1 S_h(t) I_v(t) - \mu_h S_h(t) + \sigma_h R_h(t), \\ E_2 &= \xi_1 S_h(t) I_v(t) - (\mu_h + \gamma_h) I_h(t), \\ E_3 &= \gamma_h I_h(t) - (\sigma_h + \mu_h) R_h(t), \\ E_4 &= \Lambda_v - \xi_2 S_v(t) I_h(t) - \mu_v S_v(t), \\ E_5 &= \xi_2 S_v(t) I_h(t) - \mu_v I_v(t). \end{aligned}$$

Let B denote the region, $|t - t_0| \leq \delta, \|x - x_0\| \leq \alpha$, where $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, $x_0 = (x_{10}, x_{20}, \dots, x_{n0})$ also suppose that *a(t, x)* satisfies the Lipschitz condition:

$$\|a(t, x_1) - a(t, x_2)\| \leq k \|x_1 - x_2\|$$

Whenever the pairs $(t, x_1), (t, x_2)$ belong to *B* where *k* is a positive constant, then there is a positive constant $\delta \geq 0$, such that there exists a unique and continuous vector solution *x(t)* of the system in the interval $|t - t_0| < \delta$. The condition is satisfied by the requirement that $\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_j}, i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, be continuous and bounded in *B*. Considering the model equation (7)-(11), we are interested in the region $0 \leq \alpha \leq R$ [26].

Let B denote the region $0 \leq \alpha \leq R$, then equations (7) - (11) will have a unique solution if $\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_j}, i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 5$ are continuous and bounded in *B*.

For E₁:

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n U(k)(x - x_0)^k . \quad (14)$$

Also, from (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n (x - x_0)^k \frac{1}{k!} \left[\frac{d^k u(x)}{dx^k} \right]_{x=x_0} . \quad (15)$$

From (12) and (13), the following properties can be obtained.

- (1) If $z(x) = u(x) \pm v(x)$, then $Z(k) = U(k) \pm V(k)$.
- (2) If $z(x) = \alpha u(x)$, then $Z(k) = \alpha U(k)$.
- (3) If $z(x) = u'(x)$, then $Z(k) = (k + 1)U(k + 1)$.
- (4) If $z(x) = u''(x)$, then $Z(k) = (k + 1)(k + 2)U(k + 2)$.
- (5) If $z(x) = u^{(l)}(x)$, then $Z(k) = (k + 1)(k + 2) \dots (k + l)U(k + l)$.
- (6) If $z(x) = u(x)v(x)$, then $Z(k) = \sum_{l=0}^k U(l)V(k - l)$.

- (7) If $z(x) = \alpha x^l$, then $Z(k) = \alpha \delta(k - l)$, where Kronecker delta $\delta(k - l) \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = l \\ 0, & \text{if } k \neq l \end{cases}$.

Using the fundamental operations of differential transformation method, let $S_h(k)$, $I_h(k)$, $R_h(k)$, $S_v(k)$ and $I_v(k)$ denote the differential transformations of $S_h(t)$, $I_h(t)$, $R_h(t)$, $S_v(t)$ and $I_v(t)$ respectively, the recurrence relation to each equation of the system (7) – (11) is as follow:

$$S_h[k + 1] = \frac{1}{k + 1} \left\{ A_h \delta(k, 0) - \mu_h S_h[k] - \xi_1 \sum_{l=0}^k S_h[l] I_v[k - l] + \sigma_h R_h[k] \right\}, \quad (16)$$

$$I_h[k + 1] = \frac{1}{k + 1} \left\{ \xi_1 \sum_{l=0}^k S_h[l] I_v[k - l] - (\gamma_h + \mu_h) I_h[k] \right\}, \quad (17)$$

$$R_h[k + 1] = \frac{1}{k + 1} \left\{ \gamma_h I_h[k] - (\mu_h + \sigma_h) R_h[k] \right\}, \quad (18)$$

$$S_v[k + 1] = \frac{1}{k + 1} \left\{ \Lambda_v \delta[k, 0] - \mu_v S_v[k] - \xi_2 \sum_{l=0}^k S_v[l] I_h[k - l] \right\}, \quad (19)$$

$$I_v[k + 1] = \frac{1}{k + 1} \left\{ \xi_2 \sum_{l=0}^k S_v[l] I_h[k - l] - \mu_v I_v[k] \right\}. \quad (20)$$

Now, we consider the initial conditions from [31], $S_h(0) = .99$, $I_h(0) = 0.01$, $R_h(0) = 0$, $S_v(0) = .99$, $I_v(0) = 0.01$. Substituting the initial values to solve $S_h(k+1)$, $I_h(k+1)$, $R_h(k+1)$, $S_v(k+1)$ and $I_v(k+1)$ in (16)-(20), we get, $s_h(t)$, $i_h(t)$, $r_h(t)$, $s_v(t)$ and $i_v(t)$ respectively. Then the closed form of the solution of order 6 ($k = 6$), can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} s_h(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^6 S_h(k)t^k = 0.99 - 0.000989t - 0.00008751605t^2 + (4.8357688 \times 10^{-7})t^3 - \\ &(1.4188247 \times 10^{-7})t^4 + (3.9939127 \times 10^{-9})t^5 - (1.5241315 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ i_h(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^6 I_h(k)t^k = 0.01 - 0.000011t + 0.00009311605t^2 - (3.6062986 \times 10^{-6})t^3 + \\ &(2.3992481 \times 10^{-7})t^4 - (8.9904544 \times 10^{-9})t^5 + (3.106649 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ r_h(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^6 R_h(k)t^k = 0.001t - (5.6 \times 10^{-6})t^2 + (3.1227217 \times 10^{-6})t^3 - (9.8042336 \times 10^{-8})t^4 + \\ &(4.9965416 \times 10^{-9})t^5 - (1.5825175 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ s_v(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^6 S_v(k)t^k = 0.99 - 0.00188t + 0.000012369t^2 - (6.196514 \times 10^{-6})t^3 + (2.0586103 \times \\ &10^{-7})t^4 - (1.0315079 \times 10^{-8})t^5 + (3.5314596 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ i_v(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^6 I_v(k)t^k = 0.01 + 0.00188t - 0.000012369t^2 + (6.196514 \times 10^{-6})t^3 - (2.0586103 \times \\ &10^{-7})t^4 + (1.0315079 \times 10^{-8})t^5 - (3.5314596 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \end{aligned}$$

In the Multistep DTM, the interval $[0, T]$ is divided into M subintervals $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ of equal step size $h = T/M$ by using the nodes $t_i = ih$, with step-size h . First, we apply the DTM to the given equations (16)-(20) over the interval $[0, t_1]$, and using the initial conditions $u_i^{(k)}(0) = d_k$, the following approximate solution denoted by $u_i^{(k)}(t)$ is obtained:

$$u_1(K)(t) = \sum_{k=0}^K U(k)t^k, \quad t \in [0, t_1]$$

For $i \geq 1$, we use at each subinterval $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$ the initial conditions $u_i(K)(t_{i-1}) = u_{i-1}(K)(t_{i-1})$ and apply the DTM to the given ODE over the subinterval $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$, where x_0 in Equation (13) is replaced by t_{i-1} . The process is repeated and generates a sequence of approximate solutions $u_i(t), i = 1, 2, \dots, M$ for the solution:

$$u_i^{(K)}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^K U(k)(t - t_{i-1})^k, \quad t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i].$$

Hence, the MsDTM assumes the following solution denoted by $u(K, M)$ [25].

$$U(K, M) = \begin{cases} u_1^{(K)}(t) & t \in [0, t_1] \\ u_2^{(K)}(t) & t \in [t_1, t_2] \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ u_M^{(K)}(t) & t \in [t_{M-1}, t_M] \end{cases}.$$

Therefore, $S_h(t)$ can be expressed in terms of $s_h(t)$ given for different time intervals as :

$$s_h(0, t) = 0.99 - 0.000989t - 0.00008751605t^2 + (4.8357688 \times 10^{-7})t^3 - (1.4188247 \times 10^{-7})t^4 + (3.9939127 \times 10^{-9})t^5 - (1.5241315 \times 10^{-10})t^6,$$

$$s_h(1, t) = 0.98892383 - 0.0011631298(-1 + t) - 0.00008687887(-1 + t)^2 - (4.6910337 \times 10^{-8})(-1 + t)^3 - (1.2404874 \times 10^{-7})(-1 + t)^4 + (3.1682438 \times 10^{-9})(-1 + t)^5 - (1.237265 \times 10^{-10})(-1 + t)^6,$$

$$s_h(2, t) = 0.98767365 - 0.0013375094(-2 + t) - 0.000087733991(-2 + t)^2 - (5.1377197 \times 10^{-7})(-2 + t)^3 - (1.0993913 \times 10^{-7})(-2 + t)^4 + (2.4993325 \times 10^{-9})(-2 + t)^5 - (9.997816 \times 10^{-11})(-2 + t)^6,$$

$$s_h(3, t) = 0.98624779 - 0.0015149465(-3 + t) - 0.000089911385(-3 + t)^2 - (9.3043039 \times 10^{-7})(-3 + t)^3 - (9.8838704 \times 10^{-8})(-3 + t)^4 + (1.9606311 \times 10^{-9})(-3 + t)^5 - (8.0173043 \times 10^{-11})(-3 + t)^6,$$

$$s_h(4, t) = 0.9846419 - 0.0016979466(-4 + t) - 0.000093277252(-4 + t)^2 - (1.3076947 \times 10^{-6})(-4 + t)^3 - (9.0151256 \times 10^{-8})(-4 + t)^4 + (1.5310186 \times 10^{-9})(-4 + t)^5 - (6.3491359 \times 10^{-11})(-4 + t)^6,$$

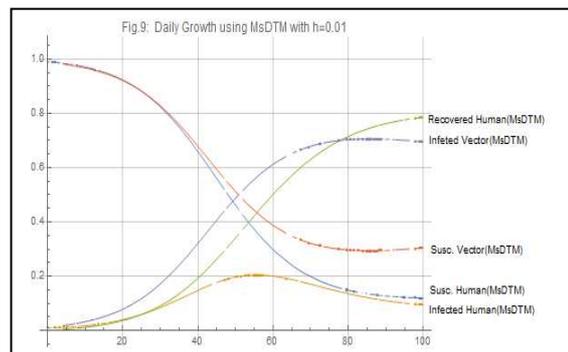
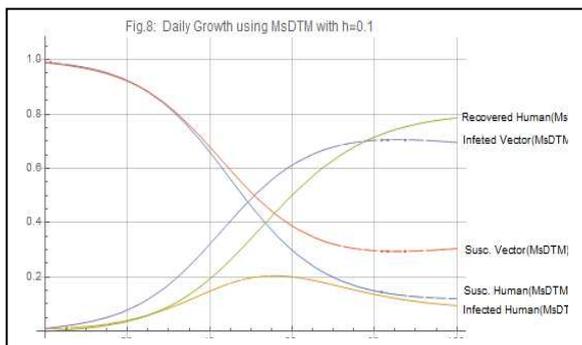
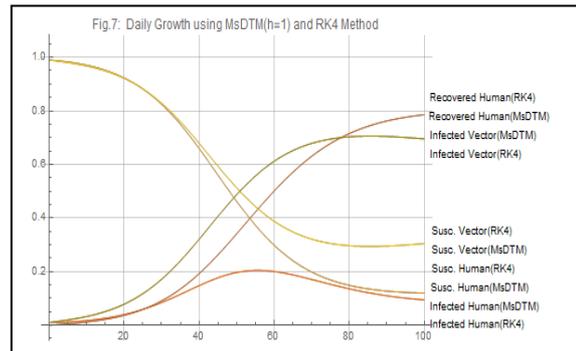
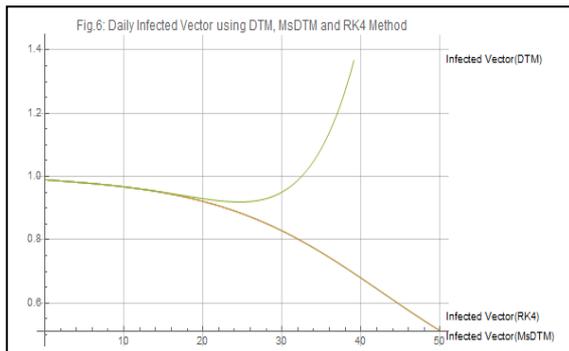
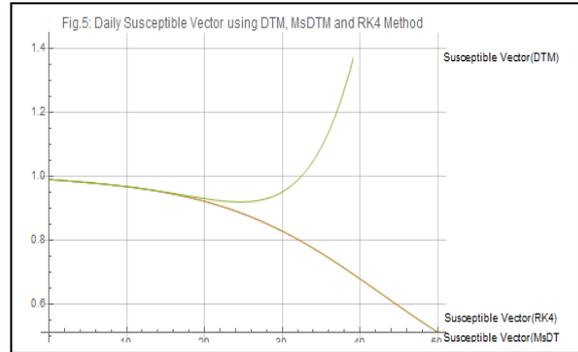
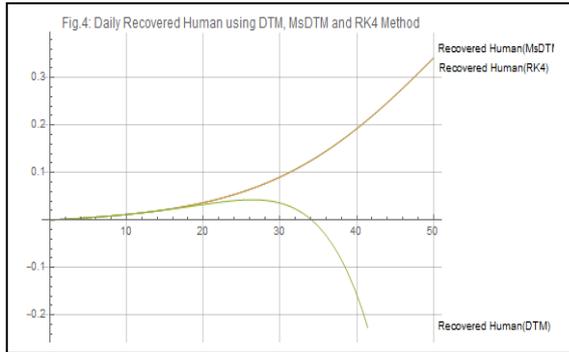
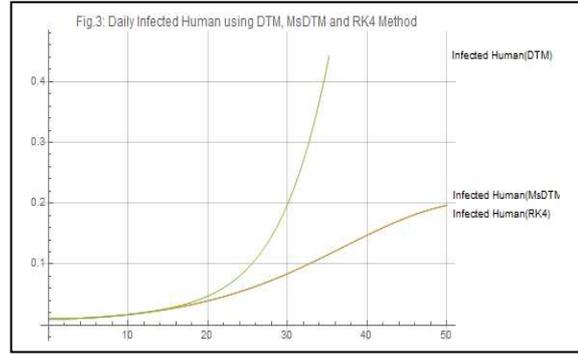
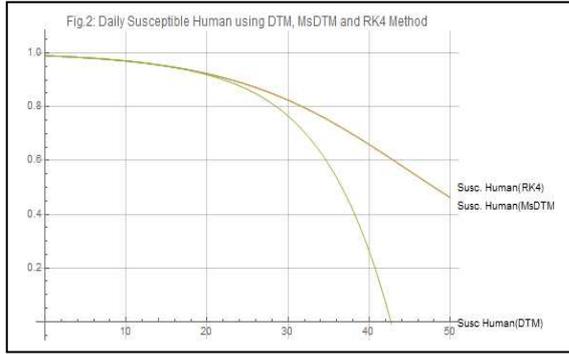
$$s_h(5, t) = 0.98284928 - 0.0018887775(-5 + t) - 0.000097726841(-5 + t)^2 - (1.654185 \times 10^{-6})(-5 + t)^3 - (8.337465 \times 10^{-8})(-5 + t)^4 + (1.1938498 \times 10^{-9})(-5 + t)^5 - (4.925603 \times 10^{-11})(-5 + t)^6,$$

$$s_h(6, t) = 0.98086104 - 0.0020895215(-6 + t) - 0.00010317841(-6 + t)^2 - (1.9766659 \times 10^{-6})(-6 + t)^3 - (7.8080428 \times 10^{-8})(-6 + t)^4 + (9.3618048 \times 10^{-10})(-6 + t)^5 - (3.6906773 \times 10^{-11})(-6 + t)^6.$$

Similarly, we can find solutions for $i_h(t), r_h(t), s_v(t)$ and $i_v(t)$ as a function of time (Appendix)

Numerical Results and Discussion

In this section, we plot the graph of the growth of $S_h(t)$ susceptible humans, $I_h(t)$ infected humans, $R_h(t)$ recovered humans, $S_v(t)$ susceptible vectors and $I_v(t)$ infected vectors using DTM, MsDTM (with step size 6) and Runge-Kutta method of order 4 implementing through Wolfram Mathematica 11. In **Fig. 2**, we compare the graphs of the susceptible humans using the three methods under consideration. It is found that the results of all three methods coincide for small t (in days) while after $t=25$, the deviation increases in DTM as compared to MsDTM and RK4. deviation increases in DTM as compared to MsDTM and RK4.



From the graphs of infected humans, recovered humans, susceptible vectors and infected vectors (**Fig 3-6**), it is observed that the solutions of DTM deviate after $t=25$, while there is no difference between the results of MsDTM (order of polynomial in terms of t is 6) and RK4. The values computed using DTM deviates from the values obtained using MsDTM ($h=1$) and RK4 significantly after $t=25$. Also, the values obtained for susceptible humans (and infected human, recovered humans, susceptible

vectors and infected vectors) even for large time ($t=100$) is the same for MSDTM and RK4 (**Fig. 7**). The MsDTM method has been further tested with the step size $h=0.1$ and 0.01 and is found to be consistent for all the solutions of infected humans, recovered humans, susceptible vectors and infected vectors(**Fig. 7-9**).

The values of susceptible humans for different time t are tabulated here.

Time	Values of $S_h(t)$ using DTM	Values of $S_h(t)$ using MsDTM	Values of $S_h(t)$ using RK4
1	0.988924	0.988924	0.988924
2	0.987674	0.987674	0.987674
3	0.986248	0.986248	0.986248
4	0.984642	0.984642	0.984642
5	0.982849	0.982849	0.982849
6	0.980861	0.980861	0.980861
7	0.978666	0.978666	0.978666
8	0.976252,	0.976252	0.976253
9	0.973604	0.973604	0.973605
10	0.970704	0.970706	0.970707
15	0.951709	0.951787	0.951788
20	0.922373	0.923337	0.923337
25	0.875308	0.881996	0.881995
30	0.792391	0.824621	0.82462
40	0.283974	0.659614	0.659614
50	-1.99193,	0.461903	0.461904
100	-769.749	0.119838	0.119838

Conclusion

The compartmental model is used to formulate and investigate dengue fever disease dynamics in a population with limited immunity. Two sets of dependent first-order non-linear equations for humans and vectors are obtained using the SIR model. The differential transform method (DTM), multi-step differential transform method (MsDTM) with step-size and RK4 using Mathematica is employed to obtain the semi-analytic solution in the form of time. The numerical simulations were carried out with the above stated three methods to determine the long term behaviour of susceptible, infected and recovered humans along with susceptible and infected vectors and displayed graphically for comparison. The solutions obtained using DTM is found to be the same as MsDTM and RK4 method for small-time t ($t < 25$). While, for $t > 25$, the solutions obtained using MsDTM and RK4 are found to be the same. The MsDTM is an excellent alternative method for finding analytic solutions of non-linear dependent differential equations with the same numerical accuracy as obtained by the RK4 method.

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Appendix

$I_h(t)$ can be expressed in terms of $i_h(t)$ given for different time intervals as :

$$\begin{aligned} i_h(0, t) &= 0.01 - 0.000011t + 0.00009311605t^2 - (3.6062986 \times 10^{-6})t^3 + (2.3992481 \times 10^{-7})t^4 - (8.9904544 \times 10^{-9})t^5 + (3.106649 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ i_h(1, t) &= 0.010078741 + 0.00016532975(-1 + t) + 0.000083651272(-1 + t)^2 - (2.7305992 \times 10^{-6})(-1 + t)^3 + (1.9932694 \times 10^{-7})(-1 + t)^4 - (7.3068445 \times 10^{-9})(-1 + t)^5 + (2.5247388 \times 10^{-10})(-1 + t)^6, \\ i_h(2, t) &= 0.010325184 + 0.00032520273(-2 + t) + 0.000076586003(-2 + t)^2 - (2.0015632 \times 10^{-6})(-2 + t)^3 + (1.6632944 \times 10^{-7})(-2 + t)^4 - (5.9398296 \times 10^{-9})(-2 + t)^5 + (2.0476682 \times 10^{-10})(-2 + t)^6, \\ i_h(3, t) &= 0.010725131 + 0.00047300685(-3 + t) + 0.000071522838(-3 + t)^2 - (1.3917561 \times 10^{-6})(-3 + t)^3 + (1.3949613 \times 10^{-7})(-3 + t)^4 - (4.8326816 \times 10^{-9})(-3 + t)^5 + (1.6555236 \times 10^{-10})(-3 + t)^6, \\ i_h(4, t) &= 0.011268404 + 0.00061241204(-4 + t) + 0.000068138599(-4 + t)^2 - (8.7895844 \times 10^{-7})(-4 + t)^3 + (1.1764652 \times 10^{-7})(-4 + t)^4 - (3.9394893 \times 10^{-9})(-4 + t)^5 + (1.3320377 \times 10^{-10})(-4 + t)^6, \\ i_h(5, t) &= .01194819 + 0.00074650402(-5 + t) + 0.000066170121(-5 + t)^2 - (4.4524478 \times 10^{-7})(-5 + t)^3 + (9.980683 \times 10^{-8})(-5 + t)^4 - (3.2231794 \times 10^{-9})(-5 + t)^5 + (1.0639173 \times 10^{-10})(-5 + t)^6, \\ i_h(6, t) &= 0.012760515 + 0.00087789225(-6 + t) + 0.000065402521(-6 + t)^2 - (7.6239267 \times 10^{-8})(-6 + t)^3 + (8.5169996 \times 10^{-8})(-6 + t)^4 - (2.6539013 \times 10^{-9})(-6 + t)^5 + (8.4029958 \times 10^{-11})(-6 + t)^6. \end{aligned}$$

$R_h(t)$ can be expressed in terms of $r_h(t)$ given for different time intervals as :

$$\begin{aligned} r_h(0, t) &= 0.001t - (5.6 \times 10^{-6})t^2 + (3.1227217 \times 10^{-6})t^3 - (9.8042336 \times 10^{-8})t^4 + (4.9965416 \times 10^{-9})t^5 - (1.5825175 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ r_h(1, t) &= 0.00099742952 + 0.00099780006(-1 + t) + (3.2275972 \times 10^{-6})(-1 + t)^2 + (2.7775095 \times 10^{-6})(-1 + t)^3 - (7.5278191 \times 10^{-8})(-1 + t)^4 + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(4.1386007 \times 10^{-9})(-1 + t)^5 - (1.2874739 \times 10^{-10})(-1 + t)^6, \\ r_h(2, t) &= 0.0020011634 + 0.0010123066(-2 + t) + 0.000011147988(-2 + t)^2 + (2.5153352 \times 10^{-6})(-2 + t)^3 - (5.6390302 \times 10^{-8})(-2 + t)^4 + (3.4404971 \times 10^{-9})(-2 + t)^5 - (1.0478866 \times 10^{-10})(-2 + t)^6, \\ r_h(3, t) &= 0.0030270803 + 0.0010419396(-3 + t) + 0.000018388548(-3 + t)^2 + (2.3221865 \times 10^{-6})(-3 + t)^3 - (4.0657423 \times 10^{-8})(-3 + t)^4 + (2.8720505 \times 10^{-9})(-3 + t)^5 - (8.5379312 \times 10^{-11})(-3 + t)^6, \\ r_h(4, t) &= 0.0040896928 + 0.0010855345(-4 + t) + 0.000025138653(-4 + t)^2 + (2.1866532 \times 10^{-6})(-4 + t)^3 - (2.749526 \times 10^{-8})(-4 + t)^4 + (2.4084707 \times 10^{-9})(-4 + t)^5 - (6.9712415 \times 10^{-11})(-4 + t)^6, \\ r_h(5, t) &= .0052025275 + 0.0011422734(-5 + t) + 0.00003155672(-5 + t)^2 + (2.0994297 \times 10^{-6})(-5 + t)^3 - (1.643218 \times 10^{-8})(-5 + t)^4 + (2.0293296 \times 10^{-9})(-5 + t)^5 - (5.7135696 \times 10^{-11})(-5 + t)^6, \\ r_h(6, t) &= 0.0063784426 + 0.0012116293(-6 + t) + 0.000037775885(-6 + t)^2 + (2.0529052 \times 10^{-6})(-6 + t)^3 - (7.0895673 \times 10^{-9})(-6 + t)^4 + (1.7177208 \times 10^{-9})(-6 + t)^5 - (4.7123185 \times 10^{-11})(-6 + t)^6. \end{aligned}$$

$S_v(t)$ can be expressed in terms of $s_h(t)$ given for different time intervals as :

$$\begin{aligned} s_v(0, t) &= 0.99 - 0.00188t + 0.000012369t^2 - (6.196514 \times 10^{-6})t^3 + (2.0586103 \times 10^{-7})t^4 - (1.0315079 \times 10^{-8})t^5 + (3.5314596 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ s_v(1, t) &= .98812637 - 0.0018730776(-1 + t) - (5.083454 \times 10^{-6})(-1 + t)^2 - (5.4695297 \times 10^{-6})(-1 + t)^3 + (1.5921526 \times 10^{-7})(-1 + t)^4 - (8.4124306 \times 10^{-9})(-1 + t)^5 + (2.838726 \times 10^{-10})(-1 + t)^6, \\ s_v(2, t) &= 0.98624289 - 0.0018990567(-2 + t) - 0.000020616794(-2 + t)^2 - (4.9114073 \times 10^{-6})(-2 + t)^3 + (1.2112274 \times 10^{-7})(-2 + t)^4 - (6.8789158 \times 10^{-9})(-2 + t)^5 + (2.2948151 \times 10^{-10})(-2 + t)^6, \\ s_v(3, t) &= 0.98431842 - 0.0019545731(-3 + t) - 0.000034689765(-3 + t)^2 - (4.4913453 \times 10^{-6})(-3 + t)^3 + (8.994369 \times 10^{-8})(-3 + t)^4 - (5.6354076 \times 10^{-9})(-3 + t)^5 + (1.8673913 \times 10^{-10})(-3 + t)^6, \\ s_v(4, t) &= 0.98232475 - 0.002037094(-4 + t) - 0.000047677801(-4 + t)^2 - (4.1843699 \times 10^{-6})(-4 + t)^3 + (6.4389774 \times 10^{-8})(-4 + t)^4 - (4.6196563 \times 10^{-9})(-4 + t)^5 + (1.5321104 \times 10^{-10})(-4 + t)^6, \\ s_v(5, t) &= 0.98023585 - 0.0021447673(-5 + t) - 0.000059888555(-5 + t)^2 - (3.970084 \times 10^{-6})(-5 + t)^3 + (4.3450549 \times 10^{-8})(-5 + t)^4 - (3.7821738 \times 10^{-9})(-5 + t)^5 + (1.2704791 \times 10^{-10})(-5 + t)^6, \\ s_v(6, t) &= 0.97802727 - 0.002276299(-6 + t) - 0.000071574086(-6 + t)^2 - (3.8316718 \times \end{aligned}$$

$$10^{-6})(-6+t)^3 + (2.633759 \times 10^{-8})(-6+t)^4 - (3.0832065 \times 10^{-9})(-6+t)^5 + (1.0683288 \times 10^{-10})(-6+t)^6.$$

$I_v(t)$ can be expressed in terms of $i_v(t)$ given for different time intervals as :

$$\begin{aligned} i_v(0, t) &= 0.01 + 0.00188t - 0.000012369t^2 + (6.196514 \times 10^{-6})t^3 - (2.0586103 \times 10^{-7})t^4 + (1.0315079 \times 10^{-8})t^5 - (3.5314596 \times 10^{-10})t^6, \\ i_v(1, t) &= 0.011873632 + 0.0018730776(-1+t) + (5.083454 \times 10^{-6})(-1+t)^2 + (5.4695297 \times 10^{-6})(-1+t)^3 - (1.5921526 \times 10^{-7})(-1+t)^4 + (8.4124306 \times 10^{-9})(-1+t)^5 - (2.838726 \times 10^{-10})(-1+t)^6, \\ i_v(2, t) &= .013757111 + 0.0018990567(-2+t) + 0.000020616794(-2+t)^2 + (4.9114073 \times 10^{-6})(-2+t)^3 - (1.2112274 \times 10^{-7})(-2+t)^4 + (6.8789158 \times 10^{-9})(-2+t)^5 - (2.2948151 \times 10^{-10})(-2+t)^6, \\ i_v(3, t) &= .015681582 + 0.0019545731(-3+t) + 0.000034689765(-3+t)^2 + (4.4913453 \times \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10^{-6})(-3+t)^3 - (8.994369 \times 10^{-8})(-3+t)^4 + (5.6354076 \times 10^{-9})(-3+t)^5 - (1.8673913 \times 10^{-10})(-3+t)^6, \\ i_v(4, t) &= 0.017675251 + 0.002037094(-4+t) + 0.000047677801(-4+t)^2 + (4.1843699 \times 10^{-6})(-4+t)^3 - (6.4389774 \times 10^{-8})(-4+t)^4 + (4.6196563 \times 10^{-9})(-4+t)^5 - (1.5321104 \times 10^{-10})(-4+t)^6, \\ i_v(5, t) &= 0.019764147 + 0.0021447673(-5+t) + 0.000059888555(-5+t)^2 + (3.970084 \times 10^{-6})(-5+t)^3 - (4.3450549 \times 10^{-8})(-5+t)^4 + (3.7821738 \times 10^{-9})(-5+t)^5 - (1.2704791 \times 10^{-10})(-5+t)^6, \\ i_v(6, t) &= 0.021972734 + 0.002276299(-6+t) + 0.000071574086(-6+t)^2 + (3.8316718 \times 10^{-6})(-6+t)^3 - (2.633759 \times 10^{-8})(-6+t)^4 + (3.0832065 \times 10^{-9})(-6+t)^5 - (1.0683288 \times 10^{-10})(-6+t)^6. \end{aligned}$$