# Mathematics in a Dangerous Time



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Far from over: NSA is the largest single employer of mathematics Ph.D.s in the world, hiring 40–60 per year.

DES was broken in 2000, AES is not provably secure.

Will quantum cryptography and quantum factorization could change the landscape?



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#### Some other mathematicians in U.S. war effort

Norbert Weiner George Dantzig James Givens **Richard Hamming** Alston Householder John Kemeny Cornelius Lanczos Norbert Weiner Garrett Birkhoff Witold Hurewicz Cathleen Morawetz Olga Taussky-Todd Nathan Jacobson J. Ernest Wilkins

Peter Lax John von Neumann Isaac Schoenberg John Synge Stanislaw Ulam John Crank James Wilkinson James Alexander **Daniel Gorenstein** Solomon Lefschetz Marshall Stone Paul Halmos John Tukey Nicholas Metropolis







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#### September 2001







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- supplements to existing grants
- proposals for Small Grants for Exploratory Research
- proposals for workshops

#### deadline: July 17



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- March 2002: DIMACS workshop: Mathematical Sciences Methods for the Study of Deliberate Releases of Biological Agents and their Consequences
- April 2002: BMSA meeting: The Mathematical Sciences' Role in Homeland Security
- September 2002: IMA workshop: Operational Modeling and Biodefense: Problems, Techniques, and Opportunities



#### An example: bioterrorism preparedness

How do we prepare our response to the deliberate release of pathogens?

Our plans effect the probability of an event (deterrence) as well as the consequences.









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- Infrastructure modifications. airport, road closures;

postal system, communication networks. . .



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# Emergency response to a smallpox attack: The case for mass vaccination

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In the event of a smallpox bioterrorist attack in a large U.S. city, the interim response policy is to isolate symptomatic cases, trace and vaccinate their contacts, quarantine febrile contacts, but vaccinate more broadly if the outbreak cannot be contained by these measures. We embed this traced vaccination policy in a smallpox disease transmission model to estimate the number of cases and deaths that would result from an attack in a large urban area. Comparing the results to mass vaccination from the moment an

**Queueing States.** Until t = 0, there is no tracing and hence no queuing. Once t > 0, note that because only *n* tracers/vaccinators are available, the total flow out of the queuing states can never exceed  $n\mu$  per day. If the system becomes congested (more than *n* persons are in the queue), then those in queue in disease stage *j* receive service at rate  $n\mu Q_j/Q$ , that is, the service provided is proportional to the relative numbers in queue. This explains the min(1, n/Q) in Eqs. 5–7. Disease transmission and progression continue unabated among those in the queue.

$$\frac{dQ_0}{dt} = \left[c - pR_0(t)\right] \frac{S^0}{N} r_3 I_3 - \beta I_3 Q_0 - \mu Q_0 \min(1, n/Q)$$
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$$\frac{dQ_1}{dt} = \beta I_3 Q_0 + \left\{ \left[ c - pR_0(t) \right] \frac{I_1^0}{N} + p\lambda_1(t) \right\} r_3 I_3 - \mu Q_1 \min(1, n/Q) - r_1 Q_1 \right]$$
[6]

breaks. Surely strategies that contain smallpox epidemics under the free mixing assumption will also work under mixing patterns less favorable to the spread of disease. In this sense, our approach is to plan for the worst but hope for the best.

Absent intervention, each infectious individual generates an average of  $R_0 = \beta S^0(0)/r_3$  infections early in the epidemic (8), where  $S^0(0)$  is the number of susceptibles immediately after an attack at time t = 0, and  $\beta$  is the effective disease transmission

immune. However, the fraction  $\delta$  of those who develop smallpox die of the disease, whereas the fraction *f* of all those vaccinated die of vaccine-related complications.

$$\frac{dZ}{dt} = (1-f)(v_0Q_0 + v_1Q_1)\mu \min(1, n/Q) + (1-\delta)r_4(I_4^0 + I_4^1)$$
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The Functions  $R_0(t)$  and  $\lambda_j(t)$ . When a newly symptomatic smallpox case is discovered at time *t*, she will have infected on average  $R_0(t)$  persons over her duration of infectiousness, where

$$R_0(t) = \int_0^{t+\tau} e^{-r_3 x} \beta [S^0(t-x) + Q_0(t-x) + S^1(t-x)] dx$$



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# U.S. to Vaccinate 500,000 Workers Against Smallpox

#### By WILLIAM J. BROAD

The federal government will soon vaccinate roughly a half-million health care and emergency workers against smallpox as a precaution against a bioterrorist attack, federal officials said. The government is also laying the groundwork to carry out mass vaccinations of the public - a policy abandoned 30 years ago - if there is a large outbreak.

Until last month, officials had said they would soon vaccinate a few thousand health workers and would respond to any smallpox attack with limited vaccinations of the public. Since 1983, only 11,000 Americans who work with the virus and its related diseases have received a vaccination, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The plan to increase the number of "first responders" who receive the vaccination to roughly 500,000 from 15,000 and to prepare for a mass undertaking of vaccinations in effect acknowledges that the government's existing program is insufficient to fight a large outbreak.

Mathematical epidemiology is a well-established field which has had a real effect in medicine and public health. The pre-emptive culling strategy the British used against foot-and-mouth disease was one example.

There are lots of books, conferences, even courses at the undergraduate level.

It divides the population into groups based on disease status, age, and other considerations, and models the transitions amongs these groups by differential equations, integrodifferential equations, etc. These are studied by analysis (dynamical systems, bifurcation theory) and simulations.



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## SIR model of mathematical epidemiology

Although Daniel Bernoulli published a mathematical study of smallpox spread in 1760, the precursor of modern mathematical epidemiology is the SIR model of Kermack and McKendrick from the 1920's:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta SI, \quad \frac{dI}{dt} = \beta SI - \gamma I, \quad \frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I,$$

where S + I + R = 1 give the division of the population into susceptible, infective, and recovered segments,  $\beta > 0$  the *infection rate*,  $\gamma > 0$  the *removal rate*.



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#### Plague modeling at Dynamic Technology, Inc.

#### Multi-patch generalization of Keeling and Gilligan, 2000

- Treating patch-patch heterogeneity by Lloyd and May's (1996) approach
- Incorporating spatial spread (city-city to transnational) by modeling transportation networks, rates via Rvachev et al. (1977) approach
- Including human pneumonic transmission term
- Includes essential dimensions of plague epidemiology
  - Human, rodent and flea interactions
  - Patch-patch ecological variation
  - Regional, national and international travel and migrations
  - Climatology and meteorology
  - Effects of vaccination, rodent control, rodent genetic resistance to Y. pestis, pesticide application, and others

#### Evaluation to include

- Single-patch incidence, prevalence, R<sub>0</sub>
- Patch-patch disease propagation and spatial spread





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Agent-based modeling and simulation is a more recent approach which looks very promising. The mathematics of agent-based modeling (in all fields) is in its infancy with big potential.



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statistical methods (clustering, Bayesian networks, classification, decision trees), discrete mathematics (graph theory, combinatorial optimization, boolean functions), algebraic methods (latent semantic analysis, principal component analysis, neural nets), pattern recognition (...), geometrical methods (low dimensional structures in high dimensional spaces), harmonic analysis, multiscale geometric analysis, machine learning, numerical analysis, high performance computing ...



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#### Almost all speakers came from CS departments.



Peter Jones:

The Traveling Salesman Meets Large Data Sets

David Donoho:

High-Dimensional Data Analysis: The Curses and Blessings of Dimensionality

Ronald Coifman: Harmonic Analysis on Data Sets

Tomasso Poggio & Steve Smale: The Mathematics of Learning: Dealing with Data

Gunnar Carlsson, Persi Diaconis, Joshua Tenenbaum: FRG on Topological Methods in Data Analysis



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Imaging is an area where the unifying power of mathematics is evident. Imaging techniques developed independently by different disciplines turn out to be related or even identical, e.g., SAR and tomography.



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# Hyperspectral imaging





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EV #500









- A quantitative approach to the analysis of interpersonal relationships in a graph theoretic framework.
- Most commonly studied in sociology departments. Several journals, degree programs, International Network for Social Network Analysis, conferences, etc.
- Classical applications are to corporate structures, primitive societies, disease networks, etc.
- Recent applications are to terrorist networks.





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