



# **APPROXIMATE SOLUTIONS OF MALARIA DISEASE TRANSMISSION MODEL: USING MULT-STEP DIFFERENTIAL TRANSFORM METHOD**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, numerical solutions to the SPEIR-SEI Malaria disease model were obtained using the Multi-Step Differential Transformation Method (MS-DTM). MS-DTM is a semi-analytical method for solving a system of a non-linear differential equation where its exact solution is difficult to obtain. The analytical solution of MS-DTM was compared with the solution of Maple21'sin-built classical fourth-order Runge-Kutta method. The results demonstrate the reliability and efficiency of the method and the graphs show that the solutions from both methods agreed well with each other.

**Keywords**: Malaria disease, Fourth order Runge-Kutta method, Multi-Step Differential Transform Methods, Maple21, SPEIR-SEI

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mathematics is widely applied to so many real-life problems and these problems cannot be solved completely by analytical means and as a result, requires numerical methods to solve them. Most of these mathematical model varies from simple to complex depending on the nature of the research problems and it requires an analytical method to obtain their solution due to their non-linear nature.

Malaria is a vector-borne infectious disease that is predominantly present in poor tropical and subtropical areas of the world such as sub-Saharan Africa, Central, and South America, South East, Asia, and the Pacific Islands regions (Agada, et. al, 2021; Mandal, et. al, 2011). This infectious disease is life-threatening to humans and other animals and it is the leading cause of death and diseases in many developing countries. Malaria is caused by single-celled microorganisms (Protozoan) of the plasmodium group that causes the illness and it is characterized by vomiting, fever, chills, discomfort, and headaches (WHO,2011; Malaria fact sheet, 2014). The disease is most commonly spread by an infected female Anopheles mosquito, the mosquito bite introduces the plasmodium parasites from the mosquito's saliva into the Host (Human). In 2020, malaria caused an estimated 241 million clinical episodes, 627, 00 people died of malaria and they were mostly children in the sub-Saharan Africa region (CDC, 2021).

There are four different plasmodium species leading to malaria infection and disease among humans such as Plasmodium Falciparum (P. falciparum), Plasmodium vivax (P. vivax), Plasmodium Ovale (P. ovale), Plasmodium malaria (P. malaria) (Ortiz-Ruiz, et. al, 2018). Plasmodium falciparum is the most dangerous of all which causes malignant malaria also Plasmodium falciparum is responsible for about three-quarters of reported malaria cases (Agada, et. al, 2021).One of the problems arising in the field of epidemiology is the dynamics of malaria disease. The dynamics of Malaria disease is a complex system. To have a better understanding of the transmission of malaria disease dynamics and found appropriate control strategies, the use of a mathematical model has become very necessary.

Several research has been done in the area of mathematical modeling of malaria (Anderson and May, 1991; Bakare and Nwozo, 2015;Chitnis, et. al., 2006; Forouzannia, 2014; Hyun, 2000; Isoa, et. al., 2004; Jia, 2011; Killeen, et.al., 2000; Macdonald, 1957; Okosun 2010; Makinde and Okosun, 2011; Puntani and I-ming, (2010); Rafikov, et. al., 2011; Ross, et. al., 1910;).The differential Transform Method (DTM) is a semi-analytical method that has been applied to solve different non-linear model models (Abioye et. al., 2018; Adewale et. al., 2016;Akogwu, 2022; Ghazala and Shaista, 2019; Omoloye, et. al., 2022; Peter et. al., 2018).The series solution of DTM always converges in a very small region and it has a slow convergent rate in the wider region (Arikoglu and Ozkol, 2006; Bildik, et. al., 2006; Gokdogan et. al., 2012). To overcome the drawback of DTM, the Multi-Step Differential Transformation Method which is a semianalytical method has been applied by several researchers to solve non-linear differential equations (Astuti, et. al., 2019;EL-Zahar, 2015; Merdan, et.al., 2013; Odibat*et al.*  2010; Yildirim, et. al., 2012).

Notwithstanding the several analytical methods applied to solve the dynamic of the malaria disease model, none has used the MS-DTM to solve the model. This work aims to apply the Multi-Step Differential Transformation Method (MS-DTM) to find the approximate series solution for the SPEIR-SEI Malaria model as proposed by Usman, et al., (2020) and to validate the efficiency of MS-DTM solutions with Maple21's in-built Runge-Kutta method of order four.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS Seir-Sei Model**

This paper considered the SPEIR-SEI model proposed by Usman, et al., (2020). The SPEIR-SEI model is a system of eight (8) non-linear differential equations and it is difficult to find its exact equation. The model is divided into two populations, the host (human) population, and the vector (mosquito) population. The host (human) population is subdivided into five compartments, the Susceptible, the Exposed, the Infected, the Recovered, and the Protected (SPEIR). While the vector (mosquitoes) population is subdivided into three compartments, the Susceptible, the Exposed, and the Infected (SEI).

The SPEIR Model for the Host (human) population is given as;

$$
\frac{dS_H}{dt} = \pi_H - \frac{b\beta_H S_H I_M}{1 + v_H I_M} - (\mu_H + e)S_H + \omega R_H \quad (1)
$$

$$
\frac{dE_H}{dt} = \frac{b\beta_H S_H I_M}{1 + v_H I_M} - (\varepsilon_H + \mu_H) E_H
$$
 (2)

$$
\frac{dI_H}{dt} = \varepsilon_H E_H - (r + \mu_H + \varphi_H)I_H
$$
\n(3)

$$
\frac{dR_H}{dt} = rI_H - (\mu_H + \omega)R_H \tag{4}
$$

$$
\frac{dP_H}{dt} = eS_H - \mu_H P_H \tag{5}
$$

**Table 1: Description of variables and parameters.**

 $\overline{a}$ 

The SEI Model for the Vector (mosquitoes) population is given as;  $\overline{b}$   $\overline{c}$   $\overline{c}$   $\overline{c}$ 

$$
\frac{dS_M}{dt} = \pi_V - \frac{b\beta_M S_M I_H}{1 + v_M I_H} - \mu_M S_M \tag{6}
$$

$$
\frac{dE_M}{dt} = \frac{b\beta_M S_M I_H}{1 + v_M I_H} - (\varepsilon_V + \mu_M) E_M \tag{7}
$$

$$
\frac{dI_M}{dt} = \varepsilon_M E_M - (\mu_M + \varphi_M)I_M \tag{8}
$$

The variables, parameters, and initial conditions are described below.



#### **Derivation of DTM and MS-DTM**

The differential transformation  $F(k)$  of a function  $f(t)$  is defined as follows:

$$
F(k) = \frac{1}{k!} \left[ \frac{d^k f(t)}{dt^k} \right]_{t=t_0}
$$
 (9)

where  $f(t)$  is the original function and  $F(k)$  is the transformedfunction.

The differential inverse transformation of  $F(k)$  is defined as follows:

$$
f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (t - t_0)^k F(k)
$$
 (10)

## **Table 2: The mathematical operations of the DTM S/N Original function Transformed Function**

1  $F(k) = G(t) + H(t)$   $f(t) = a(t) + h(t)$ 2  $F(k) = \alpha G(k)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a constant  $f(t) = aG(t)$ 3  $F(k) = (k + 1)F(k + 1)$  $f(t) = \frac{dg(t)}{dt}$  $dt$ 4  $F(k) = (k + 1)(k + 2) + \cdots (k + m)F(k + m)$  $f(t) = \frac{d^k g(t)}{dt}$  $dt^k$ 5  $F(k) = \delta(k)$ , where  $\delta$  is the Kronecker delta  $f(t) = 1$ 6  $F(k) = \delta(k - 1)$   $f(t) = t$ 7  $F(k) = \delta(k - m) = \begin{cases} 1, k \\ 0, k \end{cases}$  $0, k_{\neq m}$  $m$   $f(t) = t^m$ 8  $F(k) = \sum G(m)H(k - m)$ k 9  $\begin{aligned} m=0\\ F(t) = e^{(\lambda t)} \end{aligned}$  $f(t) = g(t)h(t)$  $f(t) = \frac{\lambda^k}{\lambda}$  $k!$ 10  $F(t) = (1 + t)^m$  $f(t) = \frac{(m(m-1)...(m-k+1))}{b!}$ 

## **Definition of Multi-Step Differential Transformation Method (MS-DTM).**

The Multi-Step Differential Transformation method (MS-DTM) presented in the studies of (Jang, et. al., 2000; Bervillier, 2012) has been used. Let  $[0, T]$  be the interval for nonlinear initial value problem  $f(t, x, x', ..., x^n) = 0$  and this can be expressed by finite series as;

$$
x(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} a_n t^n, t \in [0, T]
$$
 (12)

Subject to the initial condition  $x^{(k)}(0) = c_k$  for  $k =$  $0, 1, \ldots, n - 1$ . We assumed that the interval [0, T] is divided into M sub-interval  $[t_{m-1}, t_m]$  with  $m = 1, 2, ... M$  of equal step size  $h = \frac{T}{M}$  $\frac{1}{M}$ , by using the nodes  $t_m = mh$  and the series solutions are obtained by applying DTM to  $f(t, x, x', ..., x^n) = 0$  we have,

$$
x_1(t) = \sum_{n=0} a_{1n} t^n, t \in [0, t_1]
$$
 (13)

 $P_H (k + )$ 

Using the initial condition  $x_1^{(k)}(0) = c_k$  for  $k = 0, 1, ..., n - 1$ 1.

 $k!$ 

From  $(5)$  and  $(6)$ , respectively, the arbitrary function

 $\left| \frac{d^{k}}{dt^{k}} \right|$ 

If  $g(t)$  and  $h(t)$ are two uncorrelated functions with t, where  $G(t)$  and  $H(t)$  are the transformed functions corresponding to  $g(t)$  and  $h(t)$ ) then, the fundamental mathematical operationsperformed by differential transform are listed blow

 $t = t_0$ 

 $f(t)$ expanded in the Taylor series is defined as;

N

 $k=0$ where  $N$  is a convergence of natural frequency.

 $\frac{(-t_0)^k}{k!} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{d^k f(t)}{dt^k} \right]$ 

 $f(t) = \frac{(t - t_0)^k}{\hbar}$ 

For  $m \geq 2$  and at each subinterval  $[t_{m-1}, t_m]$  with the initial conditions  $x_m^{(k)}(t_{m-1}) = x_{m-1}^{(k)}(t_{m-1})$ . The process is repeated and solutions  $x_1(t)$ ,  $m = 1,2,...,M$  with  $N =$ K.M for the solution  $X(t)$  and replacing  $t_0$  with  $t_{m-1}$  in equation (11) we have,

$$
x_m(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} a_{mn}(t - t_{m-1})^n, t \in [t_{m-1}, t_{m+1}] \quad (14)
$$

## **APPLICATION OF THE MS-DTM TO THE SEIRP-SEI MALARIA MODEL**

Using the transformed function of the original function in Table 2 to obtain the recurrence relation of SPEIR-SEI Malaria model in equations (1-8) we have;

$$
S_H(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \Big( \pi_H - b \beta_H \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_H(l) I_M(k-l)}{1 + v_H I_M(k)} - (\mu_H + e) S_H(k) + \omega R_H(k) \Big)
$$
(15)

$$
1) = \frac{1}{k+1} (eS_H(k) - \mu_H P_H(k))
$$
\n<sup>(16)</sup>

(11)

$$
E_H(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( b\beta_H \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_H(l)I_M(k-l)}{1 + v_H I_M(k)} - (\mu_H + \varepsilon_H)E(k) \right)
$$
(17)

$$
I_H(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( \varepsilon_H E_H(k) - (r + \mu_H + \varphi_H) I_H(k) \right) \tag{18}
$$

$$
R_H(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( r I_H(k) - (\mu_H + \omega) R_H(k) \right) \tag{19}
$$

$$
S_M(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( \pi_M - b \beta_M \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_H(l)I_H(k-l)}{1 + \nu_M I_H(k)} - \mu_M S_H(k) \right) \tag{20}
$$

$$
E_M(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( b\beta_H \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_H(l)I_H(k-l)}{1+v_MI_H(k)} - (\mu_H + \varepsilon_M)E_M(k) \right) \tag{21}
$$

$$
I_M(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( \varepsilon_M E_M(k) - (\mu_M + \varphi_M) I_M(k) \right) \tag{22}
$$

where 
$$
S_H(k)
$$
,  $P_H(k)$ ,  $E_H(k)$ ,  $I_H(k)$ ,  $R_H(k)$ ,  $S_M(k)$ ,  $E_M(k)$  and  $s_M(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} S_M(k) t^k$  (28)

 $I_M(k)$  are the differential transformation of  $s_H(t)$ ,  $e_H(t)$ ,  $i_H(t)$ ,  $r_H(t)$ ,  $p_H(t)$ ,  $s_M(t)$ ,  $e_M(t)$  and  $i_M(t)$  respectively. Therefore the DTM series solution of the SPEIR-SEI Malaria model is given as

$$
s_H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} S_H(k) t^k \tag{23}
$$

$$
p_H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} P_H(k) t^k
$$
 (24)

$$
e_H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^k e_H(k) t^k \tag{25}
$$

$$
i_H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} I_H(k) t^k
$$
 (26)

$$
r_H(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} R_H(k) t^k \tag{27}
$$

$$
e_M(t) = \sum_{n=0}^k E_M(k)t^k \tag{29}
$$

$$
i_M(t) = \sum_{n=0}^k I_M(k)t^k \tag{30}
$$

The MS-DTM solution of the SPEIR-SEI Malaria model is given as:

$$
X(t) = \begin{cases} x_1(t), t \in [0, t_1] \\ x_2(t), t \in [0, t_2] \\ \vdots \\ x_M(t), t \in [t_{M-1}, t_M] \end{cases}
$$
(31)

Where  $X(t)$  represents  $S_{Hj}$ ,  $E_{Hj}$ ,  $I_{Hj}$ ,  $R_{Hj}$ ,  $P_{Hj}$ ,  $S_{Mj}$ ,  $E_{Mj}$  and  $I_{Mj}$  M, for  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, M$  to satisfy the recurrence relations given in equation (10):

$$
S_{Hj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( \pi_H - b\beta_H \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_{Hj}(l)I_{Mj}(k-l)}{1 + v_H I_{Mj}(k)} - (\mu_H + e)S_{Hj}(k) + \omega R_{Hj}(k) \right)
$$
(32)

$$
P_{Hj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \Big( e S_{Hj}(k) - \mu_H P_{Hj}(k) \Big)
$$
\n(33)

$$
E_{Hj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( b\beta_H \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_{Hj}(l)I_{Mj}(k-l)}{1+v_H I_{Mj}(k)} - (\mu_H + \varepsilon_H)E_{Hj}(k) \right)
$$
(34)

$$
I_{Hj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( \varepsilon_H E_{Hj}(k) - (r + \mu_H + \varphi_H) I_{Hj}(k) \right) \tag{35}
$$

$$
R_{Hj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} (rI_{Hj}(k) - (\mu_H + \omega) R_{Hj}(k)
$$
\n(36)

$$
S_{Mj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( \pi_M - b \beta_M \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_{Hj}(l) I_{Hj}(k-l)}{1 + \nu_M I_{Hj}(k)} - \mu_M S_{Hj}(k) \right)
$$
(37)

$$
E_{Mj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( b\beta_H \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{S_{Hj}(l)I_{Hj}(k-l)}{1+v_M I_{Hj}(k)} - (\mu_H + \varepsilon_M)E_{Mj} \right) \tag{38}
$$

$$
I_{Mj}(k+1) = \frac{1}{k+1} \Big( \varepsilon_M E_{Mj}(k) - (\mu_M + \varphi_M) I_{Mj}(k) \Big) \tag{39}
$$

Such that  $S_{Hj}(0) = S_{H(j-1)}(0)$ ,  $P_{Hj}(0) = P_{H(j-1)}(0)$ ,  $E_{Hj}(0) = E_{H(j-1)}(0)$ ,  $I_{Hj}(0) = I_{H(j-1)}(0)$ ,  $R_{Hi}(0) = R_{H(i-1)}(0)$ ,  $S_{Mj}(0) = S_{M(j-1)}(0), E_{Mj}(0) = E_{M(j-1)}(0)$  and  $I_{Mj}(0) = I_{M(j-1)}(0)$ ,

## **SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The SPEIR-SEI Malaria model was solved with the aid of Maple21 programming software. The initial conditions with the values of the parameters for the model in table1 were used for the numerical simulation.



**Table 3: Comparison of the solutions obtained by MS-DTM, and RK4 for Susceptible Humans.**

Figure 1: Plot showing the solutions of the Susceptible Humans by MS-DTM and RK4.

Table 4: Comparison of the solutions obtained by MS-DTM and RK4 for Protected Humans						
Time(t)	$(P_H)$ MS-DTM	$(P_H)$ RK4	$MS-DTM - RK4$			
0.00	5.00000000000000	5.00000000000000	$\boldsymbol{0}$			
0.01	5.249236864503709	5.24923623266672	4.9956E-06			
0.02	5.496961836561834	5.49695684095906	1.67665E-05			
0.03	5.743188137631677	5.74317137115709	3.95612E-05			
0.04	5.987928822866620	5.98788926162631	7.69046E-05			
0.05	6.231196783795756	6.23111987916588	0.000132232			





Figure 2: Plot showing the solutions of the Protected Humans by MS-DTM and RK4.







Figure 3: Plot showing the solutions of the Exposed Humans by MS-DTM and RK4.







Figure 4: Plot showing the solutions of the Infected Humans by MS-DTM and RK4.

Time(t)	<b>MS-DTM</b> $R_{H}$	RK4 $R_{H}$	
0.00	0.5000000000000000	0.50000000000000000	$\theta$
0.01	0.004998984041039473	0.00499898404112516	8.56901E-14
0.02	0.009995943849427750	0.00999594388676876	3.7341E-11
0.03	0.01499089089677941	0.0149908910193964	1.22617E-10
0.04	0.01998383658034481	0.0199838368114170	2.31072E-10
0.05	0.02497479222386050	0.0249747925681116	3.44251E-10
0.06	0.02996376907838603	0.0299637695276343	4.49248E-10
0.07	0.03495077832312725	0.0349507788610115	5.37884E-10
0.08	0.03993583106624593	0.0399358316721421	6.05896E-10
0.09	0.04491893834565580	0.044918938997797	$6.5E-10$
0.1	0.04990011112980511	0.0499001118076224	6.52141E-10

**Table 7: Comparison of the solutions obtained by MS-DTM and RK4 for Recovered Humans.**



Figure 5: Plot showings the solution of the Recovered Humans by MS-DTM and RK4.















Figure 7: Plot showing the solutions of the Exposed Mosquitoes by MS-DTM and RK4.

**Table 10: Comparison of the solutions obtained by MS-DTM and RK4 for Infected Mosquitoes.**

Time(t)	<b>MS-DTM</b> $(I_M)$	RK4 $(I_M)$	$M$ S-DTM $-$ <i>RK</i> 4
0.00	30.00000000000000	30.0000000000000	5.919E-10
0.01	29.98840826225117	29.9884083813568	1.19106E-07
0.02	29.97740894158618	29.9774098900576	9.48472E-07
0.03	29.96699888981741	29.9670020813996	3.19158E-06
0.04	29.95717497591850	29.9571825206669	7.54475E-06
0.05	29.94793408590970	29.9479487813357	1.46954E-05
0.06	29.93927312274444	29.9392984450747	2.53223E-05
0.07	29.93118900619669	29.9312291017449	4.00955E-05
0.08	29.92367867274943	29.9237383493992	5.96766E-05
0.09	29.91673907548421	29.9168237942834	8.47188E-05
0.1	29.91036718397161	29.9104830508350	0.000115867



Figure 8: Plot showing the solutions of the Infected Mosquitoes by MS-DTM and RK4.

The graphs from figure 1-8 show that the solutions obtained by using the Multi-Step Differential Transform Method show a good correlation with the solution obtained using the fourthorder Runge-Kutta (RK4) method, which implies that MS-DTM has shown to be a reliable, efficient, and accurate with a high level of convergence.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Multi-Step Differential Transform Method (MS-DTM) has been used to solve the SPEIR-SEI Malaria disease model with given initial conditions. The numerical results obtained show that MS-DTM is a reliable and excellent mathematical tool for conducting and conveying analysis on Malaria disease models.

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