

## On the Positivity and Stability Analysis of Conformable Fractional COVID-19 Models

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Abstract: In this paper, we present a novel nonlinear fractional conformable SEIR compartmental model with a vaccination compartment. This SEIHRDV model is one of the next generation models that better explores nonlinear disease behaviour. The main aim of this study is to test when such a model is locally asymptotically stable, respectively, globally asymptotically stable around its equilibrium points: the disease-free state  $X_0$  and the endemic state  $X_1$ . To achieve this, we introduce the Sumudu transform as an innovative integral approach to solve the differential equations, compute the basic reproduction number  $R_0$ , and construct a Lyapunov function to rigorously establish the stability conditions. Numerical solutions are then obtained using the Rang-Kutta 4th order method, and graphical simulations are performed in MATLAB (version 2023a) to further validate the theoretical findings and illustrate the applicability and the accuracy of the proposed approaches.

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