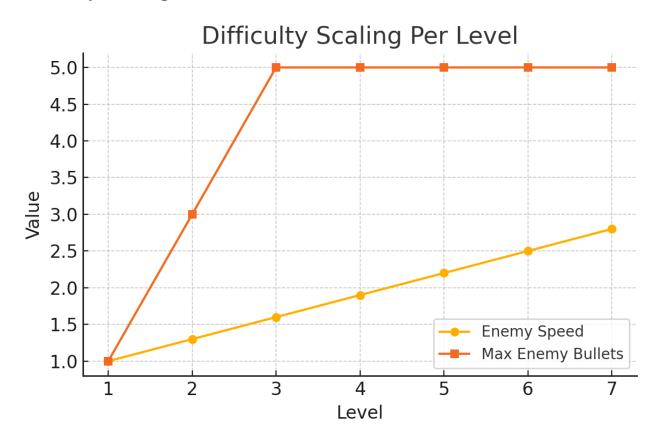
## Level Progression Design: Stat Changes & Enemy Movement

### Overview

This design document outlines how the game's difficulty increases across levels through stat scaling and enhanced enemy behavior, including new movement styles and attack patterns.

### **Difficulty Scaling Chart**



The chart above demonstrates how enemy speed and missile count increase with level progression.

# Level-by-Level Behavior Summary

#### Level 1:

- Enemy ships only shoot 1 missile at a time.
- Enemy ships move horizontally in a back-and-forth pattern.

#### Level 2:

- Enemy ships now enter row-by-row, as grouped formations.
- Maximum of 3 enemy missiles can be present on screen simultaneously.

#### Level 3:

- A new type of enemy appears from the top, attacking in a sine wave motion.
- This new ship type cannot shoot missiles.
- There is a 3-second pause between wave completion and the next dive from this new ship type.
- Maximum of 5 enemy missiles can be active at once.

### **Update Logic Placement**

Diving behavior and movement enhancements are added after the wave-cleared check in the game loop to ensure correct targeting of new enemies and avoid logic conflicts with outdated enemy data.