

Chaos in Population Difference equations

Produced by following and tweaking the steps from:

R LABS Difference Equations in R Part 1 Representing Basic Population Dynamics

<https://youtu.be/hWHtRPywNnQ>

R LABS Difference Equations in R Part 2: Deterministic Chaos and Bifurcation Diagrams

<https://youtu.be/KYyS74rb0Hk>

We can create a Exponential Growth difference function using the equation

$$N_{t+1} = \lambda N_t$$

Where N_{t+1} is the new population size, N_t is the old population size, and λ is the per capita birth and death rate.

The resulting R function to solve this numerically would be

```
PopGrowth <- function(lambda, N0, generations) {  
  N <- c(N0, numeric(generations - 1))  
  for (t in 1:(generations - 1)) {  
    N[t + 1] <- lambda * N[t]  
  }  
  return(N)  
}
```

An example function usage is

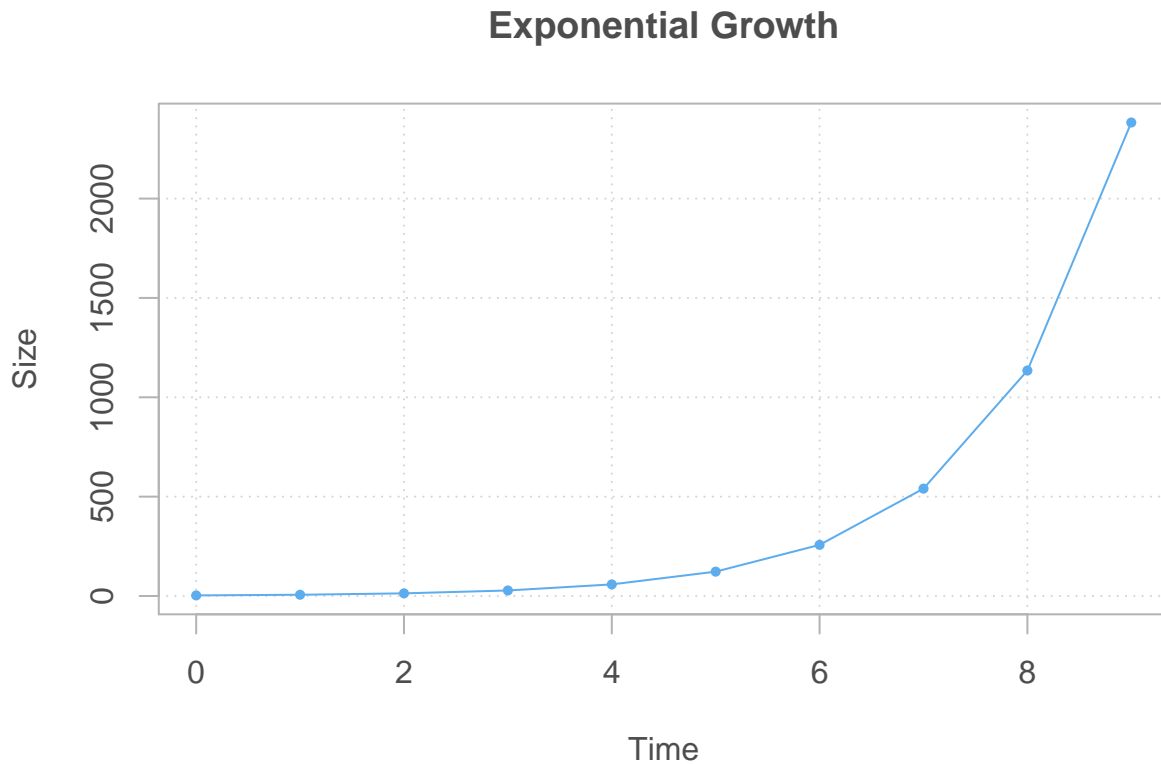
```
lambda      <- 2.1  
N0           <- 3.0  
generations <- 10.0
```

```
Output <- PopGrowth(lambda, N0, generations)  
Output
```

```
## [1] 3.0000 6.3000 13.2300 27.7830 58.3443 122.5230 257.2984  
## [8] 540.3266 1134.6858 2382.8401
```

Plotting the Output would be

```
plot(0:(generations - 1), Output, type='o', xlab="Time", ylab="Size",  
     main="Exponential Growth", pch=16, cex=0.7, fg="grey70", col="steelblue2",  
     col.axis="grey30", col.lab="grey30", col.main="grey30", panel.first=grid())
```



The explicit solution is obtained by looking at multiple iterations of the difference equation

$$N_1 = \lambda N_0 N_2 = \lambda N_1 = \lambda(\lambda N_0) = \lambda^2 N_0 N_3 = \lambda N_2 = \lambda(\lambda^2 N_0) = \lambda^2 N_0 \dots \therefore N_t = \lambda^t N_0$$

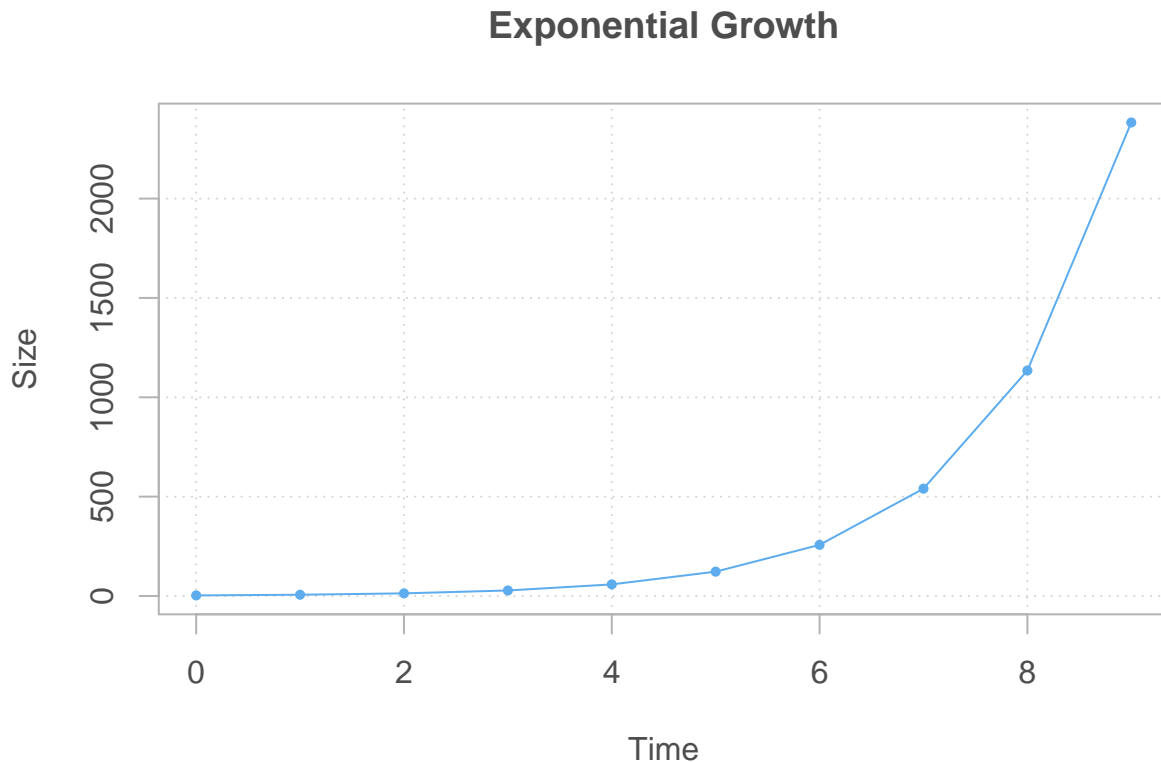
The R code becomes

```
lambda <- 2.1  
t      <- 0:9  
N0     <- 3  
Nt     <- (lambda^t) * N0  
Nt
```

```
## [1] 3.0000 6.3000 13.2300 27.7830 58.3443 122.5230 257.2984  
## [8] 540.3266 1134.6858 2382.8401
```

The plot looks the same

```
plot(t, Nt, type='o', xlab="Time", ylab="Size", main="Exponential Growth",
     pch=16, cex=0.7, fg="grey70", col="steelblue2", col.axis="grey30",
     col.lab="grey30", col.main="grey30", panel.first=grid())
```



Logistic Growth is growth with a carrying capacity K

$$N_{t+1} = N_t + rN_t(1 - [N_t/K])$$

Solving numerically using a function would be

```
dlogistic <- function(K, r, N0, generations) {
  N <- c(N0, numeric(generations - 1))
  for (t in 1:(generations-1)) {
    N[t + 1] <- N[t] + r * N[t] * (1 - (N[t]/K))
  }
  return(N)
}
```

An example function usage is

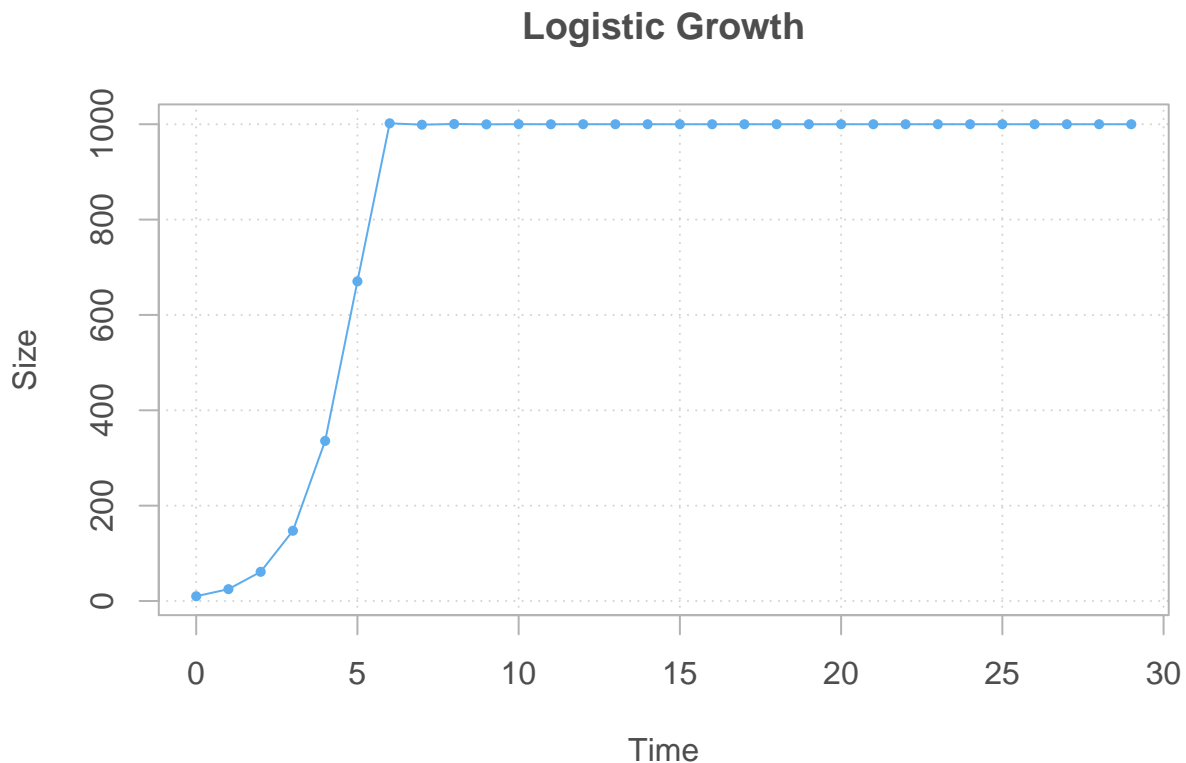
```
K <- 1000.0
r <- 1.5
N0 <- 10.0
generations <- 30.0
Output <- dlogistic(K, r, N0, generations)
Output
```

```
## [1] 10.00000 24.85000 61.19872 147.37887 335.86637 670.45660
## [7] 1001.87342 999.05803 1000.46966 999.76484 1000.11750 999.94123
## [13] 1000.02938 999.98531 1000.00735 999.99633 1000.00184 999.99908
## [19] 1000.00046 999.99977 1000.00011 999.99994 1000.00003 999.99999
```

```
## [25] 1000.00001 1000.00000 1000.00000 1000.00000 1000.00000 1000.00000
```

Plotting the Output would be

```
plot(0:(generations - 1), Output, type='o', xlab="Time", ylab="Size", main="Logistic Growth",
     pch=16, cex=0.7, fg="grey70", col="steelblue2", col.axis="grey30", col.lab="grey30",
     col.main="grey30", panel.first=grid())
```



The canonical form of the discrete-time logistic is

$$X_{t+1} = rX_t(1 - X_t)$$

Where X_{t+1} is the ratio of existing population to maximum possible population, X_t is the old ratio of existing population to maximum possible population, and r is the (per capita birth rate) - (per capita death rate)

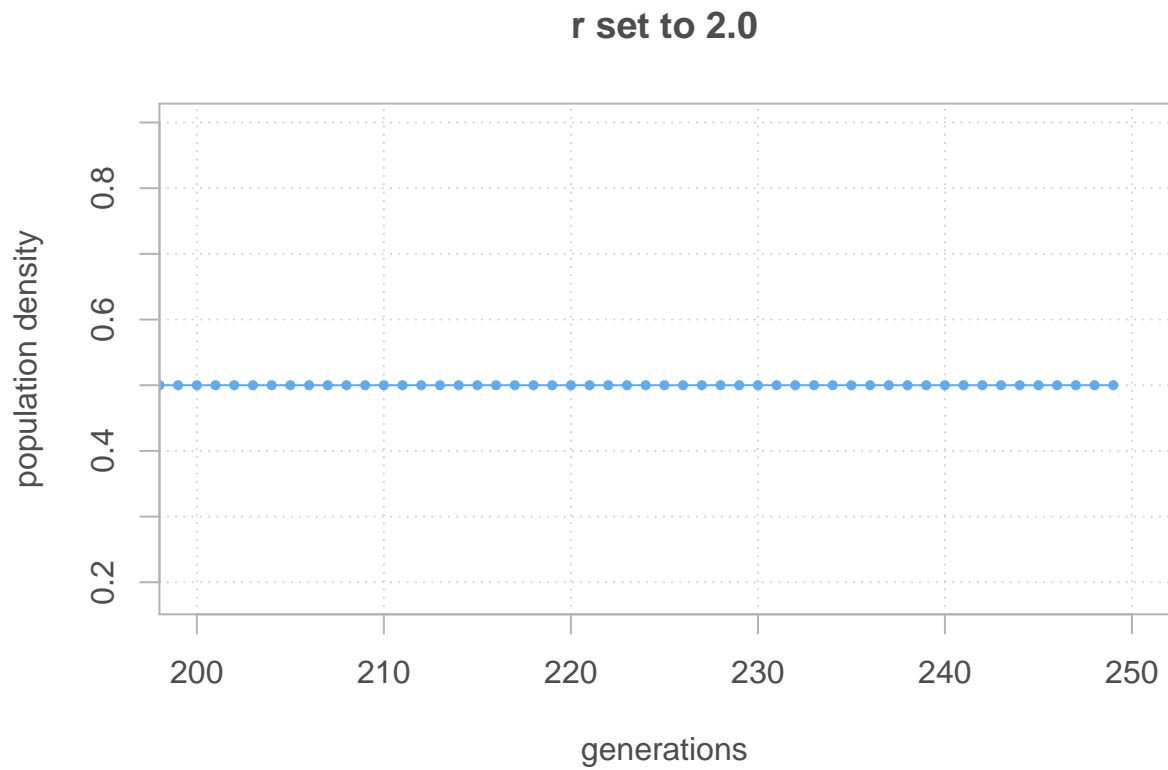
Written as a function in R it is

```
canlogistic <- function(r, X0, generations) {
  X <- c(X0, numeric(generations - 1))
  for (t in 1:(generations - 1)) {
    X[t + 1] <- r * X[t] * (1 - X[t])
  }
  return(X)
}
```

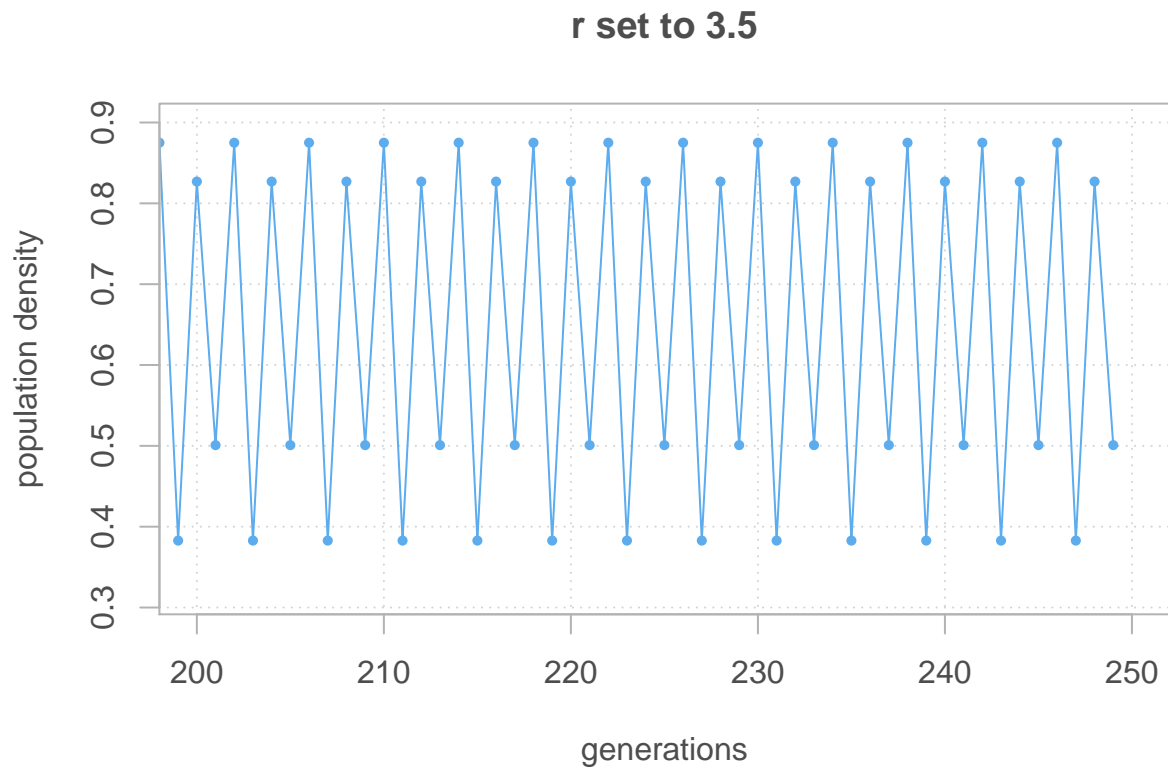
With three different r values, we can see it with a 1 point cycle, a 2 point cycles, and then finally a chaotic regime

```
generations <- 250
Xt.1 <- canlogistic(r = 2.0, X0 = 0.9, generations)
Xt.2 <- canlogistic(r = 3.5, X0 = 0.9, generations)
Xt.3 <- canlogistic(r = 3.9, X0 = 0.9, generations)
```

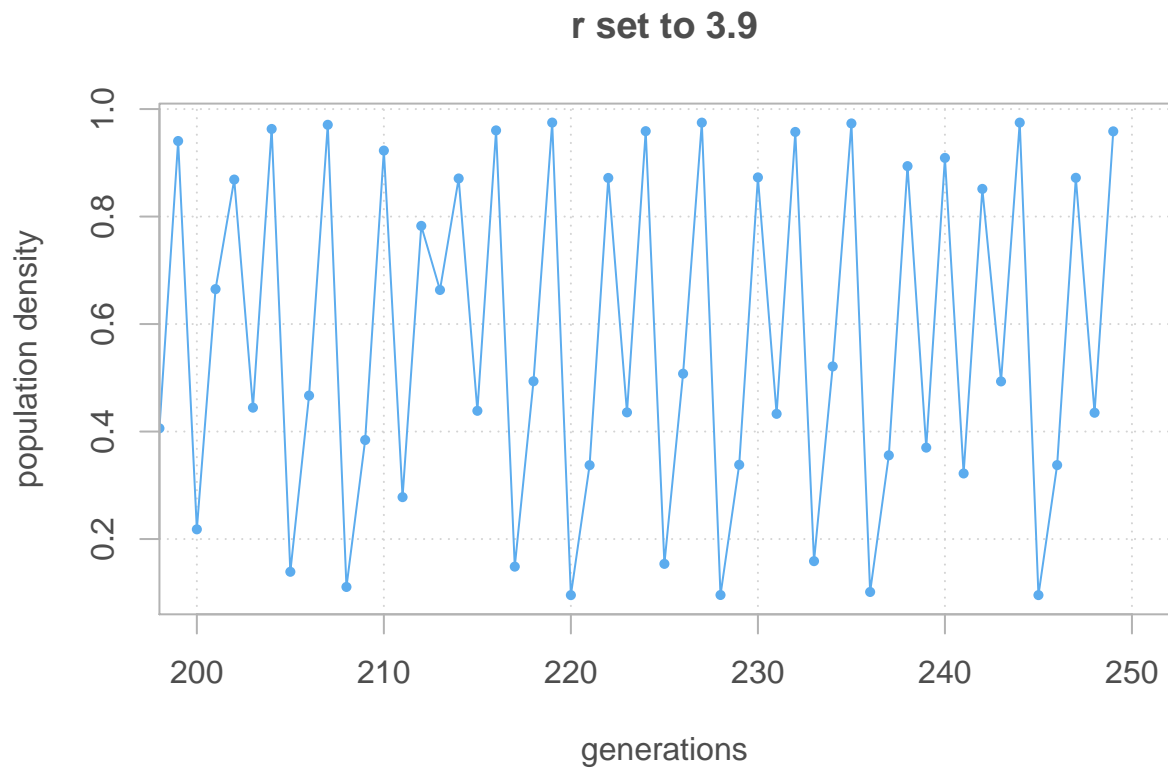
```
plot(0:(generations - 1), Xt.1, type='o', xlim=c(200,250), xlab="generations",  
     ylab="population density", main="r set to 2.0", pch=16, cex=0.7, fg="grey70",  
     col="steelblue2", col.axis="grey30", col.lab="grey30", col.main="grey30",  
     panel.first=grid())
```



```
plot(0:(generations - 1), Xt.2, type='o', xlim=c(200,250), xlab="generations",  
     ylab="population density", main="r set to 3.5", pch=16, cex=0.7, fg="grey70",  
     col="steelblue2", col.axis="grey30", col.lab="grey30", col.main="grey30",  
     panel.first=grid())
```



```
plot(0:(generations - 1), Xt.3, type = 'o', xlim=c(200,250), xlab="generations",
     ylab="population density", main="r set to 3.9", pch=16, cex=0.7, fg="grey70",
     col="steelblue2", col.axis="grey30", col.lab="grey30", col.main="grey30",
     panel.first=grid())
```



Bifurcation of growth parameter r

```
minr      <- 2.5
maxr      <- 4.0
inc       <- 0.01
rd        <- seq(minr, maxr, inc)
ttransients <- 100
trange    <- 400

plot(c(minr, maxr), c(0,1), type="n", pch=".", xlab="Growth Parameter r",
     ylab="population density", main="Bifurcation of population", fg="grey70",
     col="steelblue2", col.axis="grey30", col.lab="grey30", col.main="grey30",
     panel.first=grid())

for(r in rd) {
  x <- 0.1
  for(i in 1:ttransients) {
    x <- r * x * (1 - x)
  }
  for(i in 1:trange) {
    x <- r * x * (1 - x)
    points(r, x, pch=".", col="steelblue2")
  }
}
```

Bifurcation of population

