

# Lab 1: R discrete logistic exercise

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## Exploring chaos with the discrete logistic growth

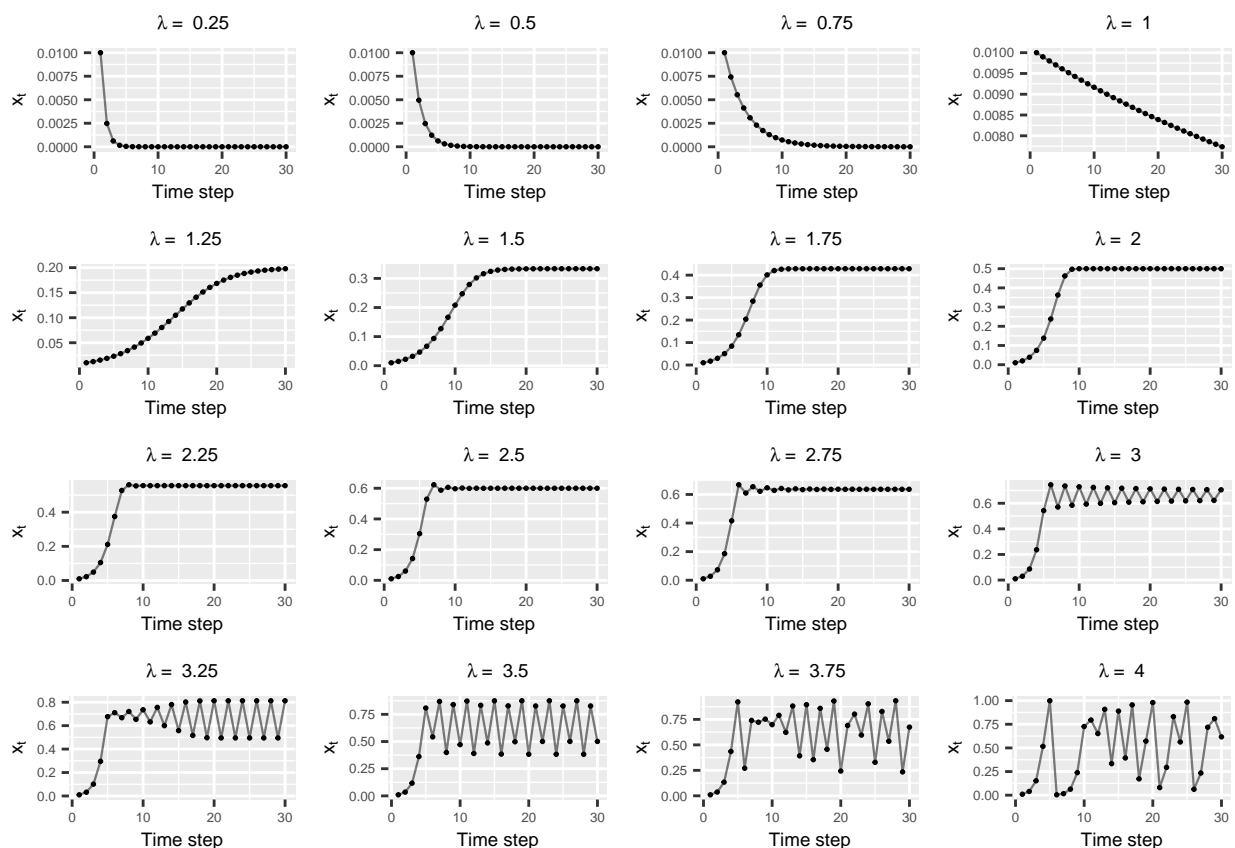


Figure 1: Simulating population size over time in response to  $\lambda$ .

From **Figure 1** we see that the first change in dynamics occurs when  $\lambda = 1$ , when the population growth rate switches from decreasing ( $\lambda > 1$ ) to increasing ( $\lambda < 1$ ). Then, as  $\lambda$  continues to increase, population size  $x_t$  becomes less stable. At  $\lambda = 2.75$  we see  $x_t$  alternating between two values from approximately  $t \geq 7$ . The number of values that  $x_t$  oscillates between increases to four when  $\lambda = 3.5$  (*i.e.*, demonstrating a limit cycle with a period of 4). Then, above 3.5, the oscillations no longer cycle periodically and we see chaos, which is particularly evident when  $\lambda = 4$ .

In the bifurcation plot in **Figure 2**, we see one value of population size  $x_t$  per value of  $\lambda$ , until just before  $\lambda = 3$ . At this point, we begin to see multiple possible values for  $x_t$ , which corresponds to the beginning

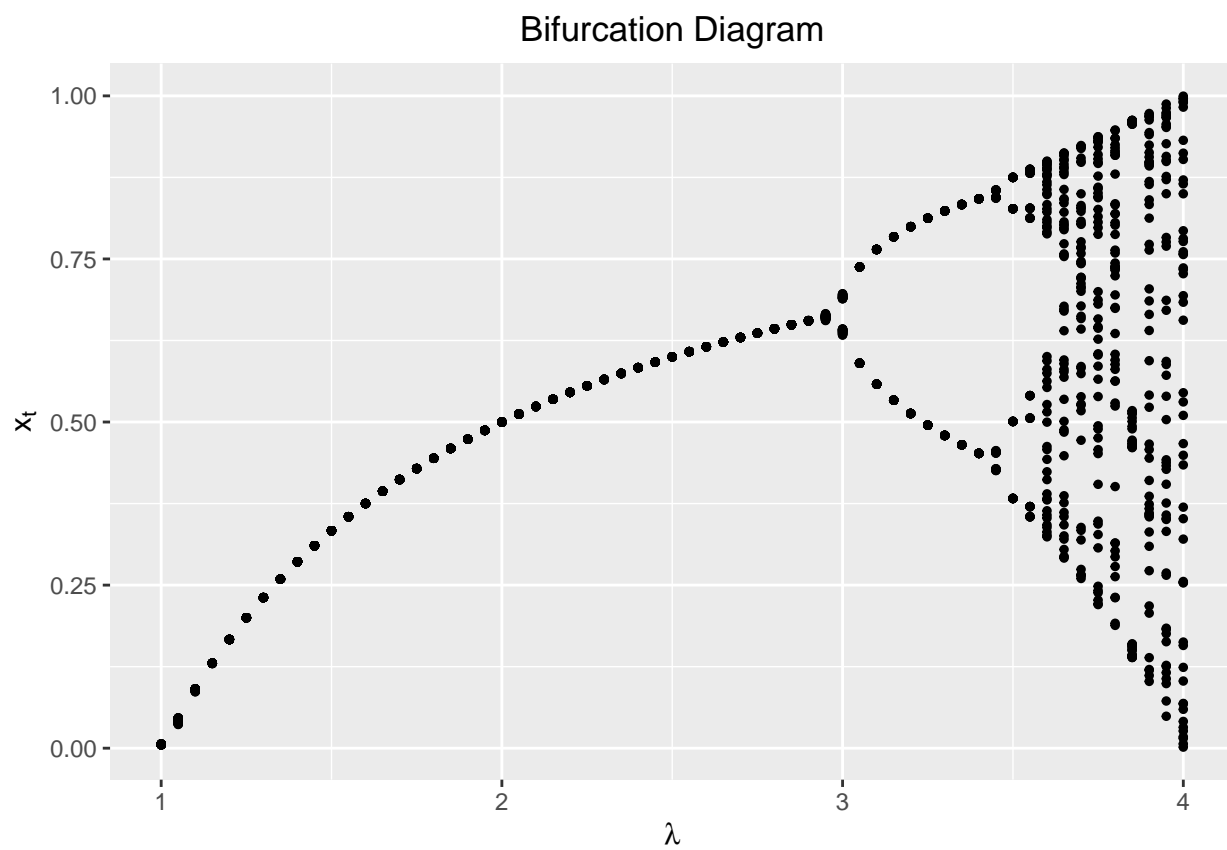


Figure 2: Bifurcation diagram demonstrating the values of  $x_t$  as  $\lambda$  increases.

of periodic oscillations that we see in **Figure 1** when  $\lambda > 2.5$ . As  $\lambda$  continues to increase, the number of possible values for  $x_t$  also increases. We see  $x_t$  begin oscillating between four values starting around  $\lambda = 3.4$ , which is reflected in **Figure 1** when  $\lambda = 3.5$ , and then more than four values starting around  $\lambda = 3.6$ . When  $\lambda > 3.6$ , we can see that there are many possible values for  $x_t$ , which corresponds to the chaos that we see in the last two plots of **Figure 1**.

**Optional, advanced problem: Fitting a logistic model to data by minimizing the sums of squared error**

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## [1] 67164
##           r    K  N1    SSE
## 67164 0.15 995 395 1169743
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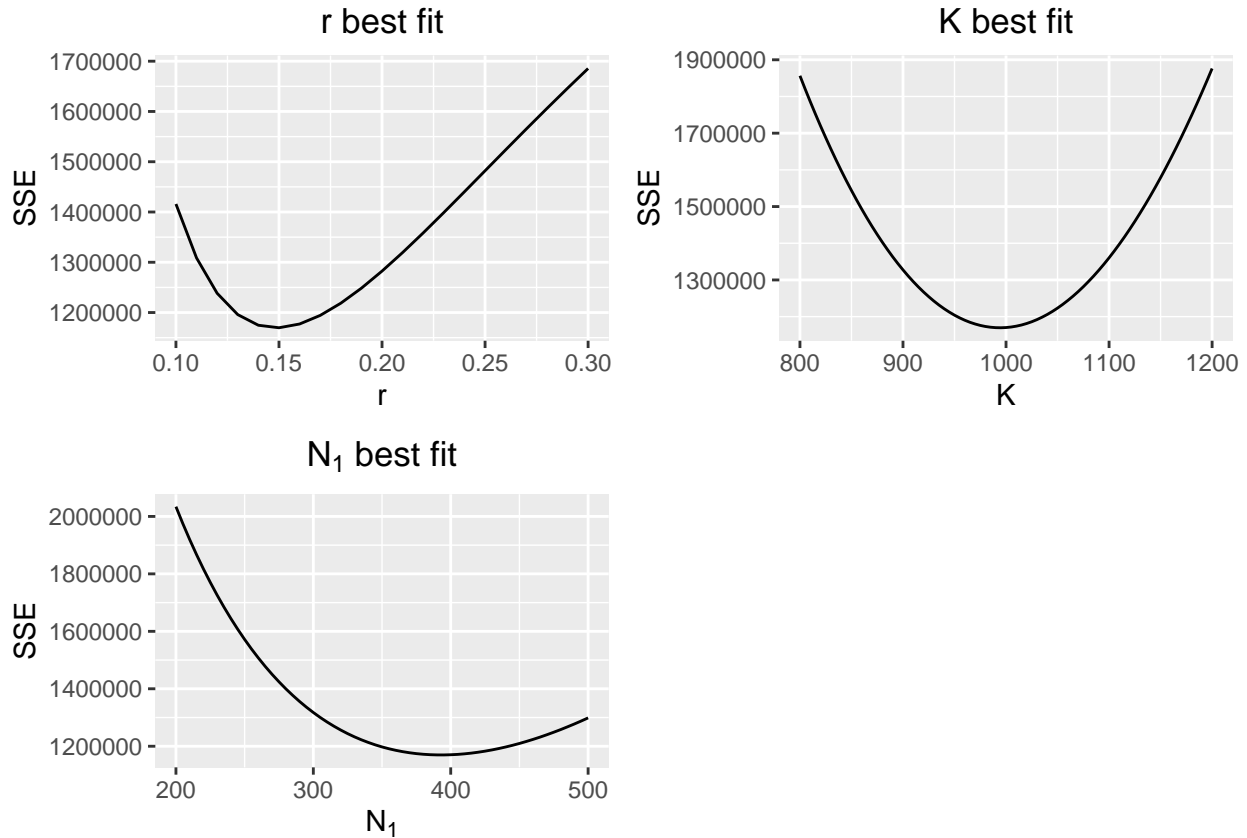


Figure 3: Parameter estimate fit using  $r$ ,  $K$ , and  $N_1$  best fit.

One of the issues with the brute force method is that it's computationally expensive. The simulations will take even longer with more parameter values, and using this method would give you an exponential number of combinations to try. Another issue is that you're testing all possible combinations of parameter values indiscriminately. The result of one combination (whether good or bad) does not affect the values you test next. It would be more efficient to evaluate the fit after each iteration and use that information to inform your next guess. For example, if a combination has a poor fit, we should explore a different area of the sample space, not continue to exhaust resources looking in an area we know is not a good fit. On the other hand, if a combination has good fit, the next iterations should explore that area of sample space to converge around our best fit parameter values.

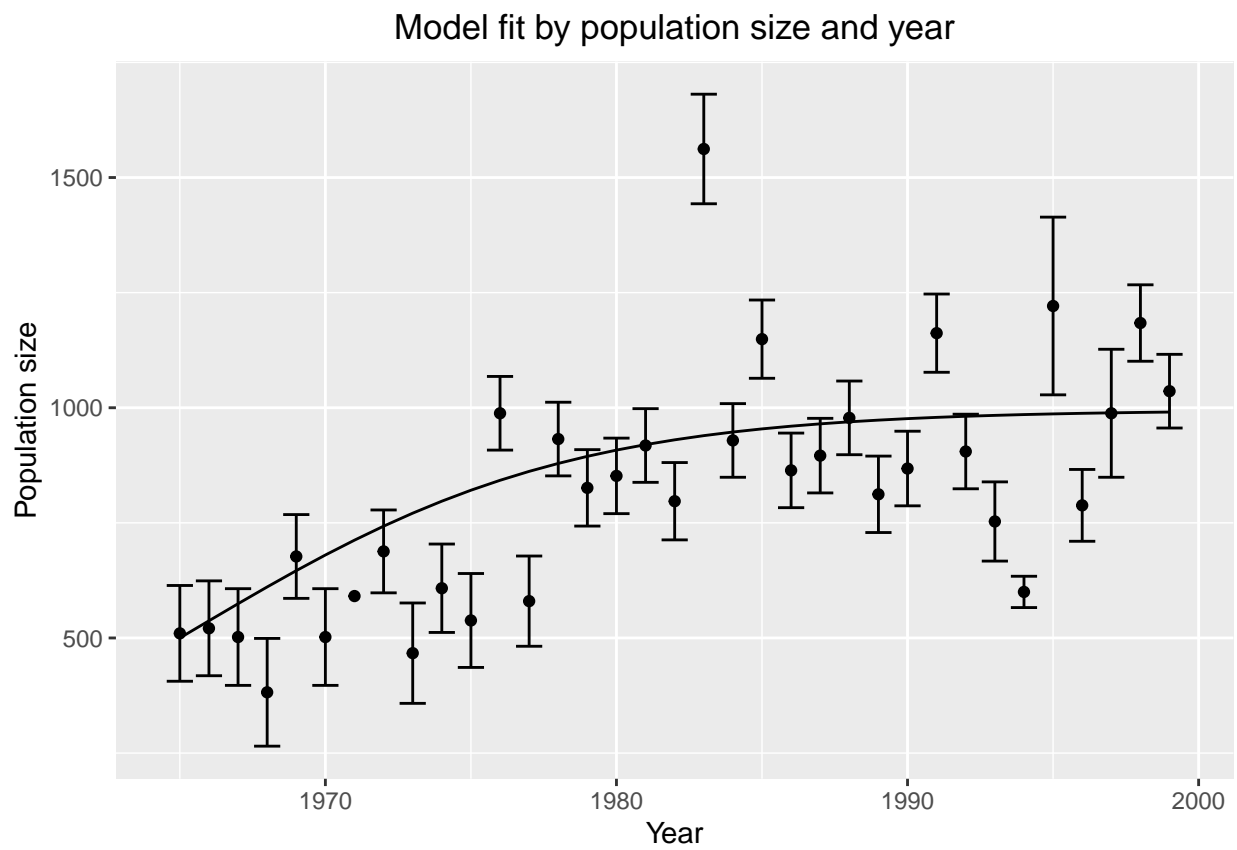


Figure 4: Model fit to the data by population size and year, including one standard deviation.

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1 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = FALSE,
2   attr.source = '.numberLines',
3   warning = FALSE,           # don't show warnings
4   message = FALSE           # don't show messages (less serious warnings)
5 )
6 library(ggplot2)
7 library(gridExtra)
8 library(dplyr)
9 library(ggpubr)
10 library(mathjaxr)
11 #value of growth rate
12 lambda = seq(0.25, 4, 0.25)
13 plot_list = list()
14 i=1
15 df.2 = data.frame()
16 for (lam in lambda){
17   #Vector for holding state variable
18   N = numeric(30)
19   #Initial value of N
20   N[1] = 0.01
21   #Loop to calculate N over time. Use t to index vector.
22   for (t in 2:30){
23     # store the values of N in a vector
24     N[t] = lam * N[t-1]*(1-N[t-1])
25   }
26   df = data.frame()
27   df = data.frame(lambda = rep(lam,30), t=1:30, N = N)
28   df.2 = rbind(df.2, df)
29
30   plot_list[[i]] = ggplot()+
31     geom_line(df, mapping=aes(x=t, y=N),
32       size=.4, alpha=0.5)+
33     geom_point(df, mapping=aes(x=t, y=N),
34       size=.3, alpha=1)+
35     labs(title = bquote(lambda ~ "=" ~ .(lam)),x="Time step",y=expression("x"[t]))+
36     theme(plot.title = element_text(size=7),axis.title.x = element_text(size=7),
37       axis.title.y=element_text(size=7),axis.text=element_text(size=5))+
38     theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
39   # theme_classic()
40
41   i=i+1
42 }
43
44 do.call("grid.arrange", c(plot_list, ncol = 4))
45
46 lambda = seq(1, 4, 0.05)
47 plot_list = list()
48 i=1
49 df_2 = data.frame()
50
51 for (lam in lambda){
52   #Vector for holding state variable
53   N = numeric(30)

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54   #Initial value of N
55   N[1] = 0.01
56   #Loop to calculate N over time. Use t to index vector.
57   for (t in 2:100){
58     # store the values of N in a vector
59     N[t] = lam * N[t-1]*(1-N[t-1])
60   }
61   df = data.frame(lambda = rep(lam,50), t=51:100, N = N[51:100])
62   df_2 = rbind(df_2, df)
63 }
64
65 ggplot()+
66   geom_point(df_2, mapping=aes(x=lambda, y=N),
67             size=1, alpha=1)+
68   labs(title="Bifurcation Diagram",x=expression(lambda),y=expression("x"[t]))+
69   theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
70 setwd("/Users/kendragilbertson/Documents/CSU/Classes/ESS 575/Lab 2/Data_for_R_primer")
71 elk = read.csv("RMNP elk time series.csv")
72
73 elk_df = expand.grid(r = seq(0.1, 0.3, 0.01), K = seq(800, 1200, 5), N1 = seq(200,500,5))
74 elk_df[, 'SSE'] <- NA
75
76 for (i in 1:nrow(elk_df)){
77   N = numeric(35)
78   r = elk_df[i,1]
79   K = elk_df[i,2]
80   N[1] = elk_df[i,3]
81
82   for (t in 2:35){
83     N[t] = N[t-1] + r * N[t-1]*(1-N[t-1]/K)
84   }
85   elk_df[i,4] = sum((N-elk$Population_size)^2)
86 }
87
88 which (elk_df$SSE == min(elk_df$SSE))
89 elk_df[which (elk_df$SSE == min(elk_df$SSE)), ]
90 g1 = ggplot(elk_df %>% filter(K==995 & N1==395))+
91   geom_line(aes(x=r, y=SSE))+
92   labs(title="r best fit")+
93   theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
94   theme_classic()
95
96 g2 = ggplot(elk_df %>% filter(N1==395) %>% filter(r == "0.15"))+
97   geom_line(aes(x=K, y=SSE))+
98   labs(title="K best fit")+
99   theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
100  theme_classic()
101
102 g3 = ggplot(elk_df %>% filter(r == "0.15" & K==995))+
103   geom_line(aes(x=N1, y=SSE))+
104   labs(title=expression("N"[1]*" best fit"),x=expression("N"[1]))+
105   theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
106   theme_classic()

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107
108 ggarrange (g1,g2,g3)
109 r = 0.15
110 K = 995
111 N1 = 395
112
113 for (t in 2:35){
114   N[t] = N[t-1] + r * N[t-1]*(1-N[t-1]/K)
115 }
116 se = (N-elk$Population_size)^2
117
118
119 df.4 = data.frame(year=1965:1999, N = N, se = se)
120
121 ggplot()+
122   geom_point(elk, mapping=aes(x=Year, y=Population_size))+
123   # geom_pointrange(elk, mapping=aes(x=Year,ymin=Population_size-SE, ymax = Population_size+SE))+
124   geom_errorbar(elk, mapping=aes(x=Year,ymin=Population_size-SE, ymax = Population_size+SE))+
125   geom_line(df.4, mapping=aes(x=year, y=N))+
126   labs(title="Model fit by population size and year",y="Population size")+
127   theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

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