

Series 1: Malthus and Verhulst model

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Malthus model

Use the function “ode” to solve numerically Malthus’ model. Show the trajectory for the two following set of parameters and initial conditions.

```
library(deSolve)
library(ggplot2)
library(tidyr)
#?ode
```

a) $r = 0.2$, and $N_0 = 5$

```
# Parameters passed to func
p <- list(r = 0.2)

# Integrator
m <- c("ode45")

# Differential equation
#
# Params:
#   - t: never used here but must remains. Offers the possibility
#       to have time dependant differential equations.
#   - N: population size at which the time derivative will be evaluated.
#       A list with one element per dimension. For Malthus it is simply
#       a list of 1 element.
#   - p: parameters list

f <- function(t,N,p){
  dN <- p$r * N
  return(list(c(dN)))
}

# Time steps for the numerical solution
time_steps <- seq(0,10,0.01)

# Initial state values for the ODE system
N0 <- 5

# Run the "ode" function
out <- ode(y = N0, times = time_steps, func = f, parms = p, method = m)
head(out)
```

```
##      time      1
```

```
## [1,] 0.00 5.000000
## [2,] 0.01 5.010010
## [3,] 0.02 5.020040
## [4,] 0.03 5.030090
## [5,] 0.04 5.040160
## [6,] 0.05 5.050251
```

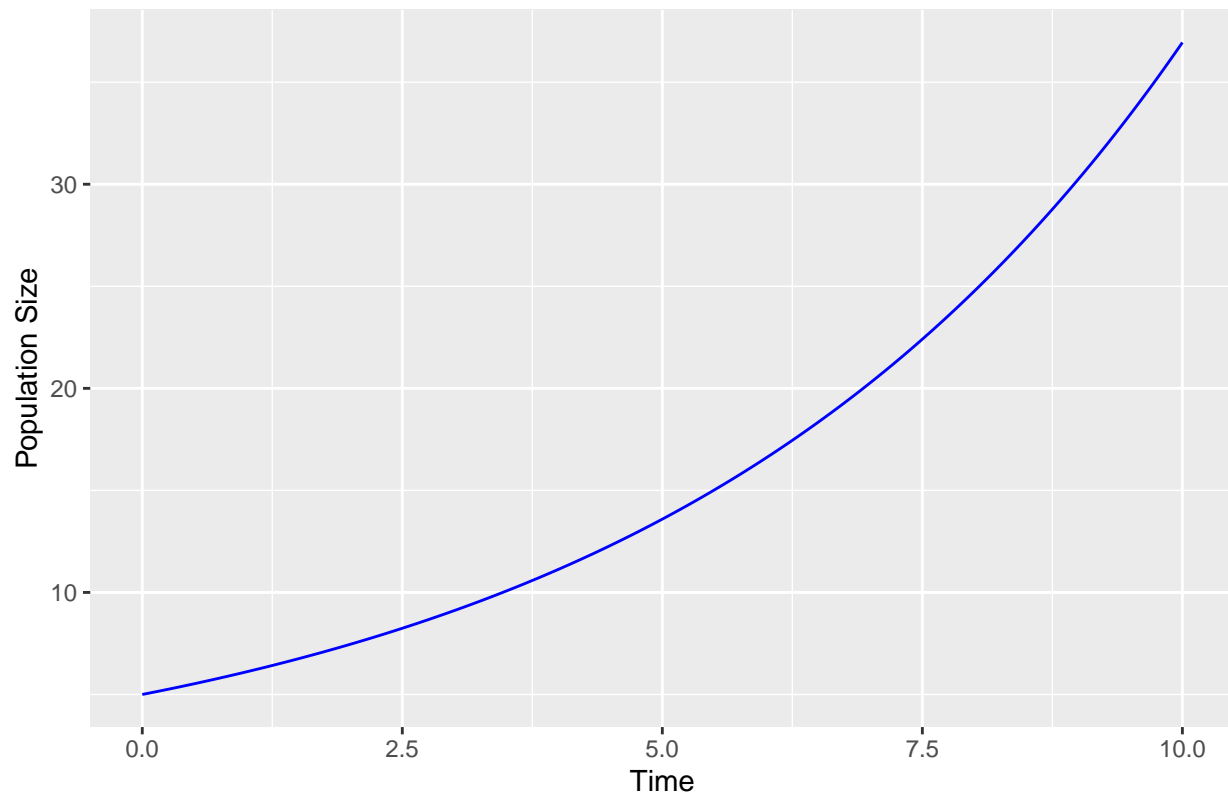
Plot of the output

```
# Simple plot
#plot(out, type = "l", xlab = "Time", ylab = "Population Size")

# ggplot looks nicer
data <- as.data.frame(out)
colnames(data) <- c("Time", "Population_size")

ggplot(data, aes(x=Time, y=Population_size)) +
  geom_line(color="blue") +
  ggtitle("Malthus model -  $N_0 = 5$  and  $r = 0.02$ ") +
  xlab("Time") +
  ylab("Population Size")
```

Malthus model – $N_0 = 5$ and $r = 0.02$



b) $r = -2$, and $N_0 = 5$

```
# Parameters passed to func
p <- list(r = -2)
```

```

# Integrator
m <- c("ode45")

# Differential equation
#
# Params:
#   - t: never used here but must remains. Offers the possibility
#         to have time dependant differential equations.
#   - N: population size at which the time derivative will be evaluated.
#         A list with one element per dimention. For Malthus it is simply
#         a list of 1 element.
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}

# Time stempms for the numerical solution
time_steps <- seq(0,10,0.01)

# Initial state values for the ODE system
N0 <- 5

# Run the "ode" function
out <- ode(y = N0, times = time_steps, func = f, parms = p, method = m)
head(out)

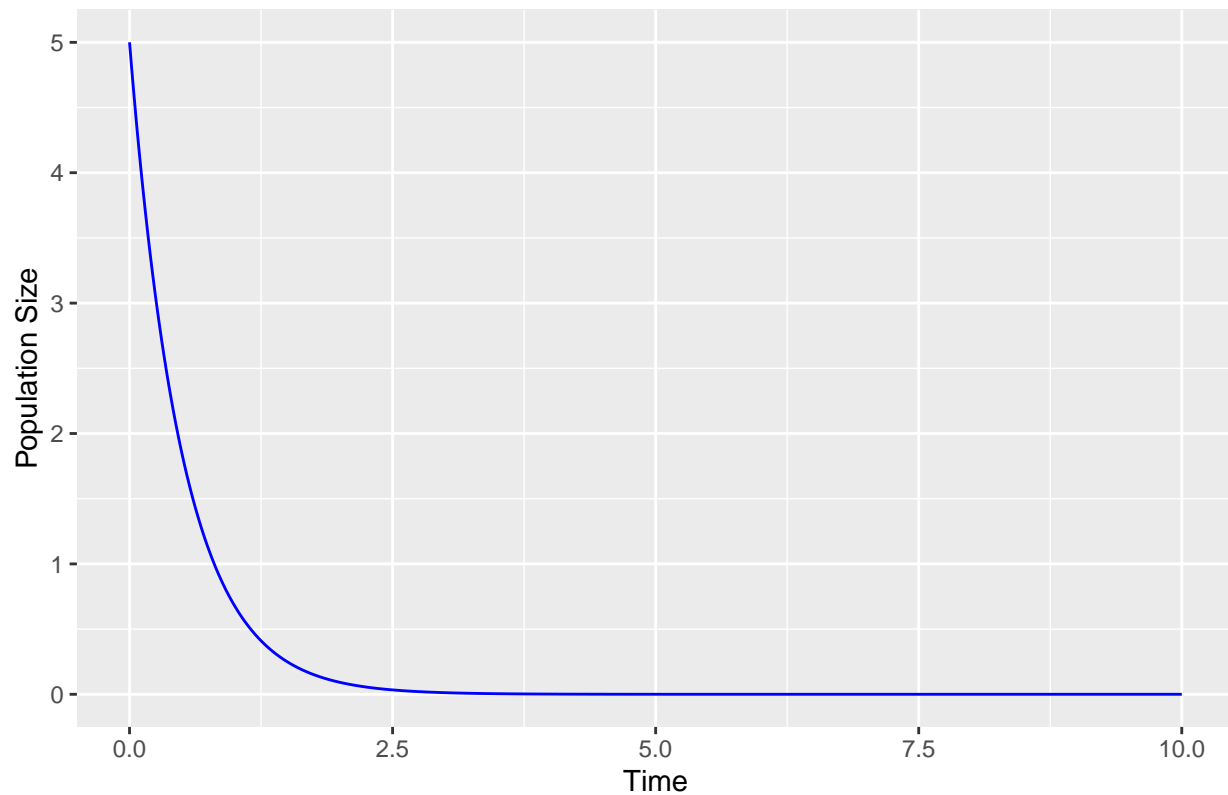
##      time      1
## [1,] 0.00 5.000000
## [2,] 0.01 4.900993
## [3,] 0.02 4.803947
## [4,] 0.03 4.708823
## [5,] 0.04 4.615582
## [6,] 0.05 4.524187

data <- as.data.frame(out)
colnames(data) <- c("Time", "Population_size")

ggplot(data, aes(x=Time, y=Population_size)) +
  geom_line(color="blue") +
  ggtitle("Malthus model - N0 = 5 and r = -2") +
  xlab("Time") +
  ylab("Population Size")

```

Malthus model – $N_0 = 5$ and $r = -2$



Verhulst model

- a) $r = 2$, $\alpha = 0.1$, and $N_0 = 1$.
- b) $r = 2$, $\alpha = 0.1$, and $N_0 = 30$.
- c) $r = -2$, $\alpha = 0.1$, and $N_0 = 50$.

```
p_a <- list(r = 2, alpha = 0.1)
p_b <- list(r = 2, alpha = 0.1)
p_c <- list(r = -2, alpha = 0.1)

# Verhulst differential
f_verhulst <- function(t,N,p_a){
  dN <- N * (p_a$r - (p_a$alpha * N))
  return(list(dN))
}

time_steps <- seq(0,10,0.05)

N0_a <- 1
N0_b <- 30
N0_c <- 50

out_a <- ode(y = N0_a, times = time_steps, func = f_verhulst,
```

```

      parms = p_a, method = c("ode45"))
out_b <- ode(y = NO_b, times = time_steps, func = f_verhulst,
      parms = p_b, method = c("ode45"))
out_c <- ode(y = NO_c, times = time_steps, func = f_verhulst,
      parms = p_c, method = c("ode45"))

```

Prepare the Data frame for ggplot2

```

data <- as.data.frame(out_a)
data["2"] <- out_b[,2]
data["3"] <- out_c[,2]

colnames(data) <- c("Time", "Pop_a_size", "Pop_b_size", "Pop_c_size")

```

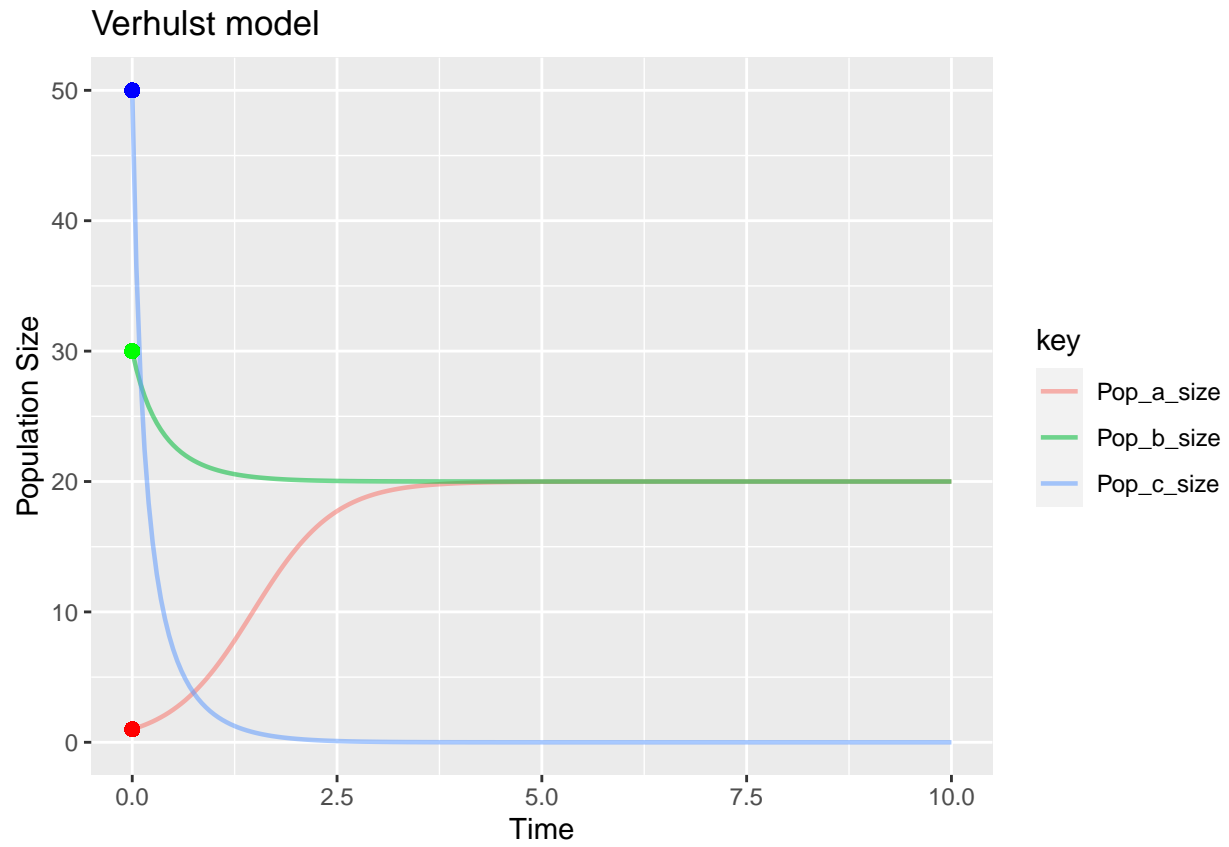
Plot of the three population trajectories

```

test_data <- data
test_data %>%
  gather(key,value, Pop_a_size, Pop_b_size, Pop_c_size) %>%

  ggplot(aes(x=Time, y=value, colour=key)) +
  geom_line(alpha=0.55, size=0.8) +
  geom_point(mapping=(aes(x=0,30)), color="green", size=2) +
  geom_point(mapping=(aes(x=0,50)), color="blue", size=2) +
  geom_point(mapping=(aes(x=0,1)), color="red", size=2) +
  ggtitle("Verhulst model ") +
  xlab("Time") +
  ylab("Population Size") +
  xlim(c(0,10))

```



- Populations:
 - a) $r = 2$, $\alpha = 0.1$, and $N_0 = 1$.
 - b) $r = 2$, $\alpha = 0.1$, and $N_0 = 30$.
 - c) $r = -2$, $\alpha = 0.1$, and $N_0 = 50$.