

# Lecture 8 SimpleDynamicModels

# Return to big picture - model types

## Types of Models: WHAT's in the BOX

Conceptual.....Mathematical

Static.....Dynamic :*TIME*

Lumped.....Spatially Distributed: *SPACE*

Stochastic.....Deterministic

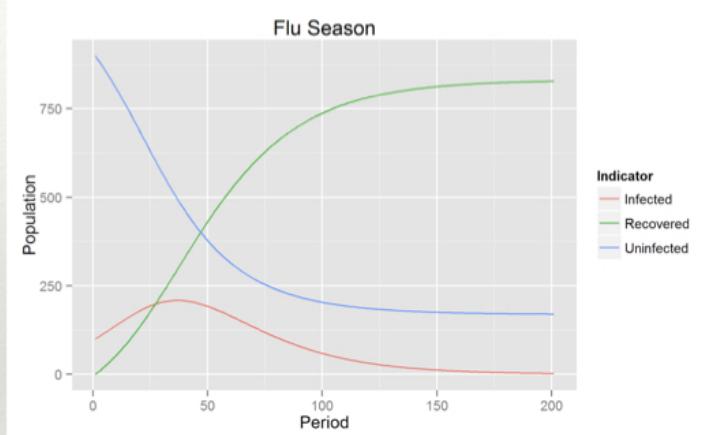
Abstract.....Physically / Process Based

but biggest differences may often be the degree specific  
processes / parameters are accounted for

# Dynamic Models

## Static- Dynamic Time Varying

- ❖ Static - Processes or Variables modeled do not evolve with time
- ❖ Dynamic - model elements evolve through time - and variables/ results at one time step typically depends on previous time step



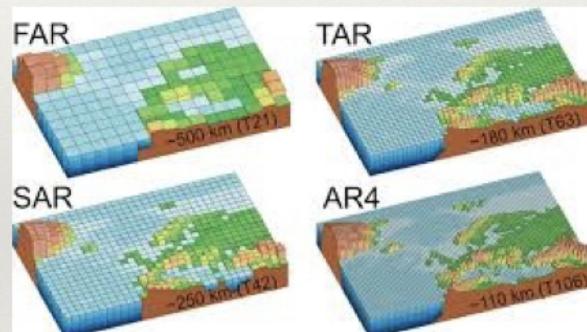
<http://www.econometricsbysimulation.com/2013/05/sir-model-flu-season-dynamic.html>

# Spatial models that interact - similar to dynamic

- Key idea is dependency from one point in time/space to the next!
- This implies a differential/difference equation to describe the process/transfer function

## Lumped ... Spatially distributed

- ❖ Lumped - single point in space, or space doesn't matter
- ❖ Spatially distributed - model is applied to different "patches" in space
  - ❖ spatial units are independent
  - ❖ **spatial units interact with each other**



[http://eo.ucar.edu/staff/rrussell/climate/modeling/climate\\_model\\_resolution.html](http://eo.ucar.edu/staff/rrussell/climate/modeling/climate_model_resolution.html)

# Dynamic modeling

## Dynamics - connection in space and time

- ❖ Dynamic modeling is common in environmental problems solving
- ❖ Similar issues: what happens at one place, depends on neighbors; what happens at one time; depends on previous time
- ❖ Space - two way; Time is usually one-way
- ❖ Dynamic system modeling - quickly becomes complex (Engineering degrees spend a lot of time on this; there are books, entire journals etc on this topic)

# Why you should care

## Dynamics models

- ❖ Many environmental problems and questions can be related to
  - ❖ Diffusion
  - ❖ Population
- ❖ Both often require dynamics models; and both often require thinking about dynamics in space and in time

# Vocab

## Dynamic Systems

### Some useful terminology

- ❖ *stocks* - variables that evolve over time
- ❖ *flows* - transfers between variables or from the system
- ❖ *parameters* - values that controls the relationship between stocks and flows
- ❖ *sink* - something that absorbs flows
- ❖ *source* - something that generates flows

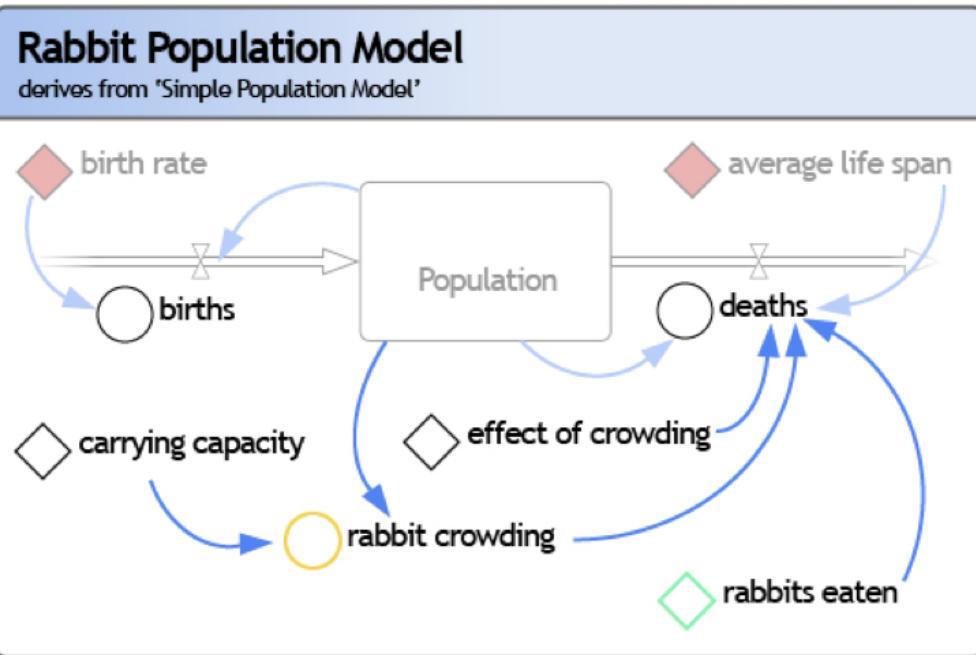
# Dynamic Systems

- ❖ *System state*: value of all variables need to describe the “entity that evolves through time” at a particular point in time
  - ❖ usually think of these as stores (soil moisture, bank account balance, number of individuals in a particular age class)
- ❖ *State-space*: description of the entity may require multiple variables - for a watershed this could be soil moisture, water currently in dam and water stored in trees, and for each “grid” in a watershed)
- ❖ *State-space trajectories*: how the system state evolves through time
- ❖ *Initial conditions*: values to describe the system state at the beginning

# Examples - note the feedback loops (time dependency)

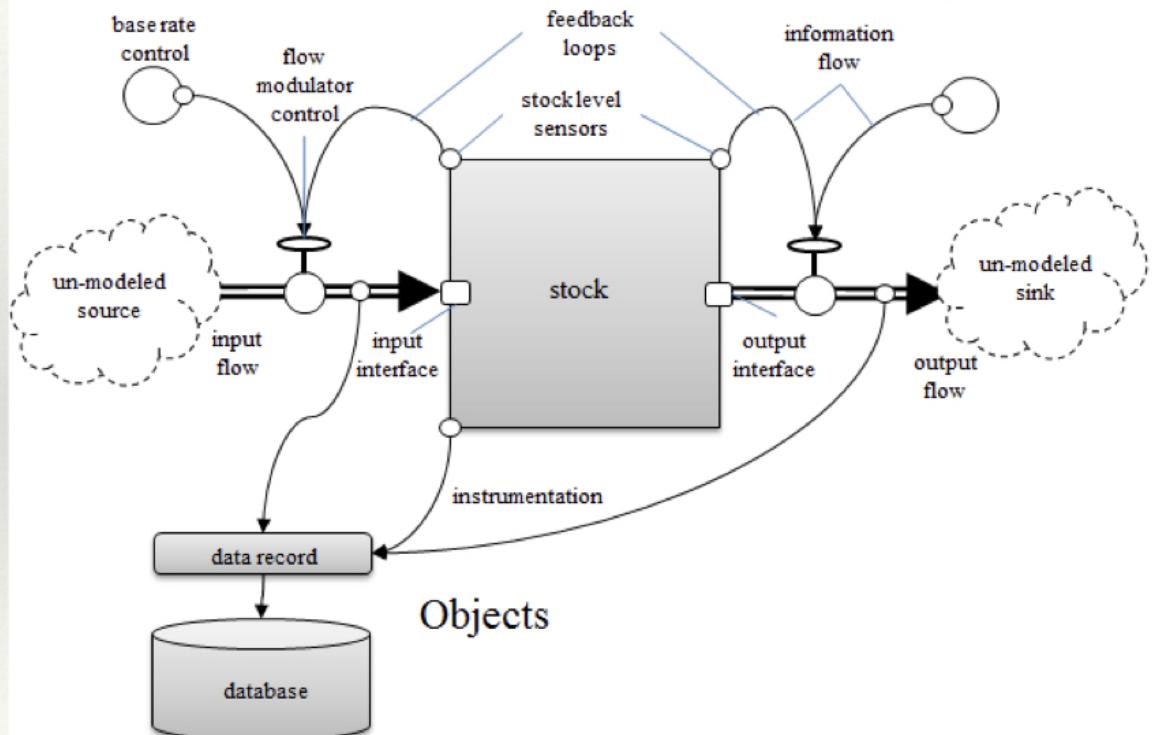
## Dynamic Systems

### Nature



# Dynamic Systems

## Human Engineered



Objects

# Feedback is a key feature of dynamic models

- dynamic systems often have *feedback* loops
  - *positive*
  - *negative*
- feedbacks often lead to non-linear responses
  - *think “runaway” growth*

# Discrete vs Continuous

- do we break time/space in to “chunks” *discrete*
- or think of time/space as a stream. *continuous*

Discrete might be modeling something that occurs once every period; water withdrawals, tax revenues

Continuous would be things like pollution, water that are always changing in time

Discrete models for dynamic processes use *difference equations* Continuous models for dynamic processes use *differential equations*

Often it depends on how you look at the system -

# Dynamic System

## Initial conditions

- to model how something evolves over space and time
  - *you need to know where it starts from*
  - *setting initial conditions is usually part of dynamic modelling*

## Boundary Value Problems

- especially for spatial dynamic models sometimes initial conditions are provided values at “end points”

# Stability

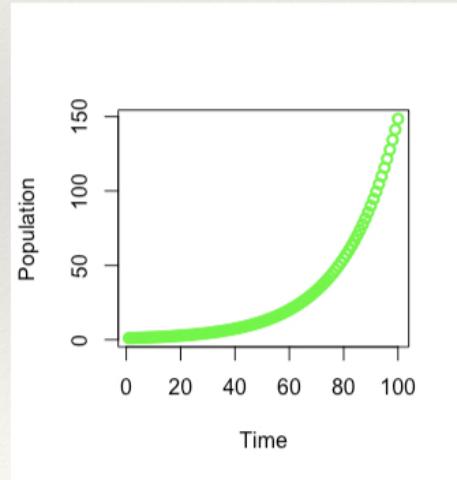
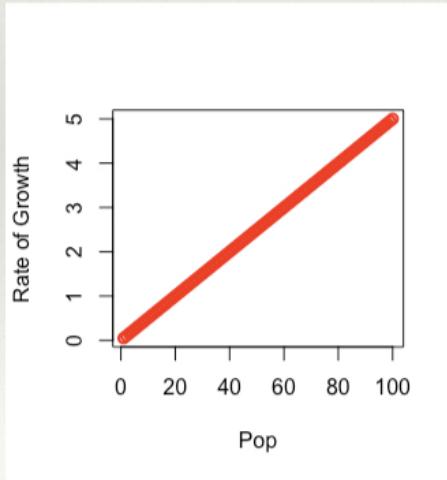
Dynamic systems may lead to *unstable* or *stable* or *cyclic* states over time

- stable...output converges to a particular over time, or for *cyclic* a repeated patterns of values
- unstable ...grows to infinity
- *chaotic* ..highly sensitive to initial conditions
- for the same dynamic systems whether you are stable can change with parameters and initial conditions

# Simple Example

## Exponential Growth - Simple Dynamic System

- ❖ rate of growth(change) =  $r * \text{population(density)}$
- ❖ differential equation
- ❖  $dP/dt = rP$

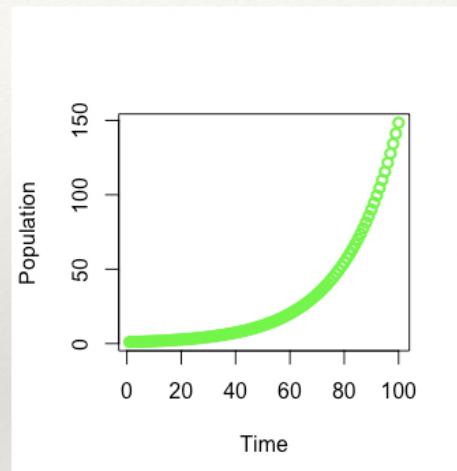


## Exponential Growth - Simple Dynamic System

- ❖ differential equation
- ❖  $dP/dt = rP$
- ❖ an analytic solution exists so we can write Population as a function of time (integrating both sides)
  - ❖  $P = P_0 * \exp(rt)$
  - ❖ This is a regular input-output function - that gives population after some time t

# Exponential Growth - Simple Dynamic System

```
#' Simple population growth
#' @param T period of growth
#' @param P initial population
#' @param r intrinsic growth rate
#' @return population at time T
#'
exppop = function(T,P0,r) {
  P = P0 * exp(r*T)
  return(P)
}
```



## Exponential Growth - Simple Dynamic System

But what if we couldn't 'solve' it analytically ????

Integrate the differential equation step by step

Also called numerical integration!

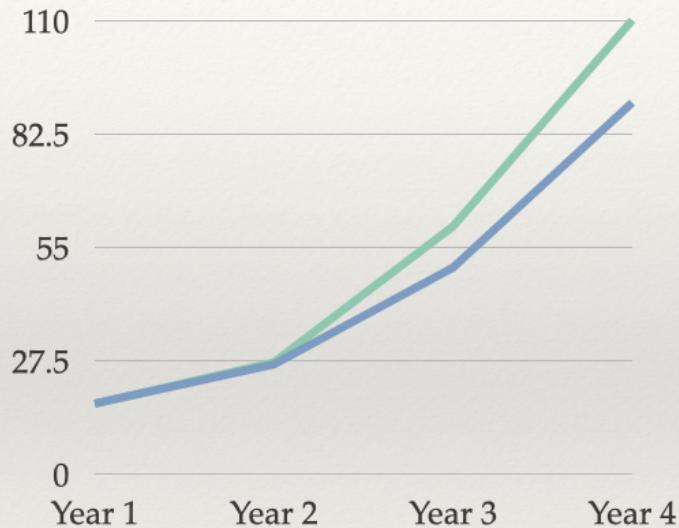
R has tools to help you do this!

First you need to code your differential equation as a function

## Integration, or Solving Differential Equations

- ❖ We want the value of the dependent variation (population) over a range of values for independent variable (time)
- ❖ We know how dependent variable is changing (that's the differential equation)  $dP/dt = rP$
- ❖ For each  $P$  we can approximate the next  $P$  after a small time period
  - ❖  $P_{t+1} = P + dP/dt \cdot \text{Timestep}$
  - ❖ But as  $P$  changes  $dP/dt$  changes so we have to keep time step small (really small if possible)

# Integration, or Solving Differential Equations



# Implementing Dynamic Models in R

Dynamic models always involves derivatives (equations that express how things change from time step to time step or place to place )

Implement population growth as a derivative - a model of population change

```
# note that we include time here but we don't use it; we will need this later
source("../R/dexppop.R")
```

```
dexppop
```

```
## function (time, P, r)
## {
##   dexpop = r * P
##   return(list(dexpop))
## }
```

Text

```
# see how it works
dexppop(P=20, r=0.01)
```

```
## [[1]]
## [1] 0.2
```

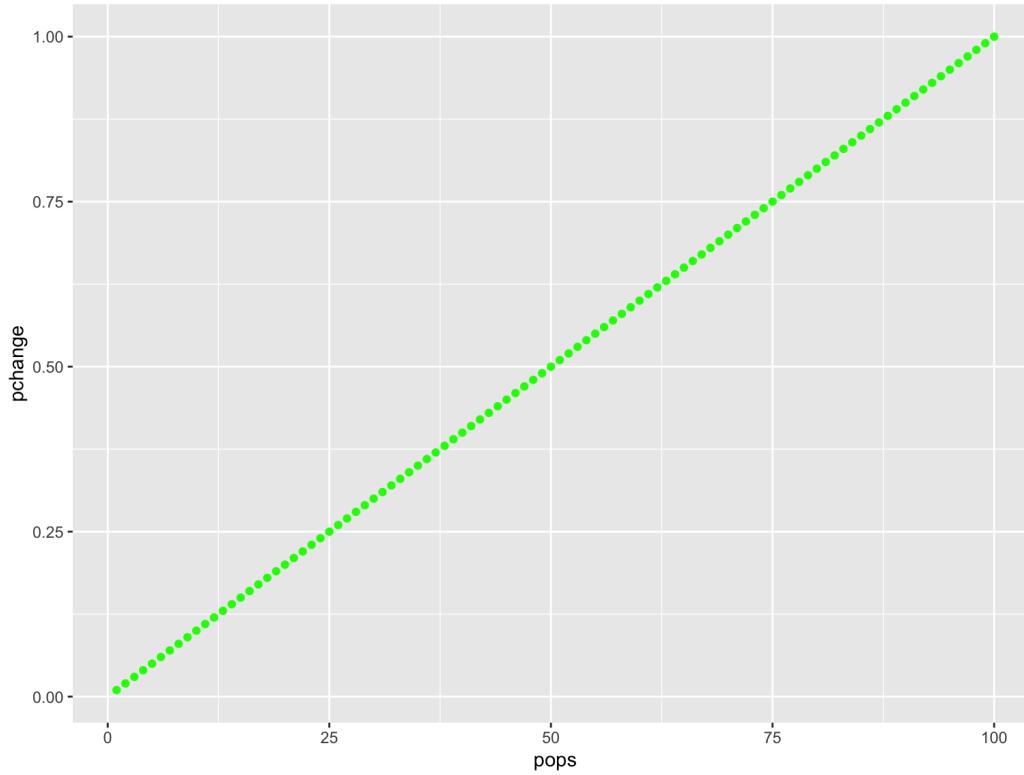
```
#what is this?
```

```
# notices this is the same as
dexppop(t=100,P=20, r=0.01)
```

```
## [[1]]
## [1] 0.2
```

```
# lets look at this for a range of initial populations
pops = seq(from=1, to=100)
tmp = pops %>% map(~dexppop( time=0, r=0.01, P=.x))
pchange = unlist(tmp)

pdyn = data.frame(pops, pchange)
ggplot(pdyn, aes(pops, pchange))+geom_point(col="green", size=1.5)
```



```
# why is this a straight line?  
# how many new individuals are born at each population level  
  
# try this - add a carrying capacity ( $dP/dt = 0$  if  $P > \text{carryingcapacity}$ )
```

# Integration

What if we wanted to look at population in 20 years given an initial condition

Two options

- explicit solution to differential equation is known; e.g. you can integrate both sides of the equation! Not always possible but lets look at a case where it is possible
- must be solved by iteration; this is what we do when we can't integrate both sides

# Explicit Solution is available

```
source("../R/exppop.R")
```

```
exppop
```

```
## function (T, P0, r, K)
## {
##   P = P0 * exp(r * T)
##   if (P > K) {
##     P = K
##   }
##   return(P)
## }
```

```
# gives population after any time given an initial population
# 20 rabbits, growth rate of 0.01 how many in 30 years
exppop(T=30, P0=20, r=0.01, K=1000)
```

```
## [1] 26.99718
```

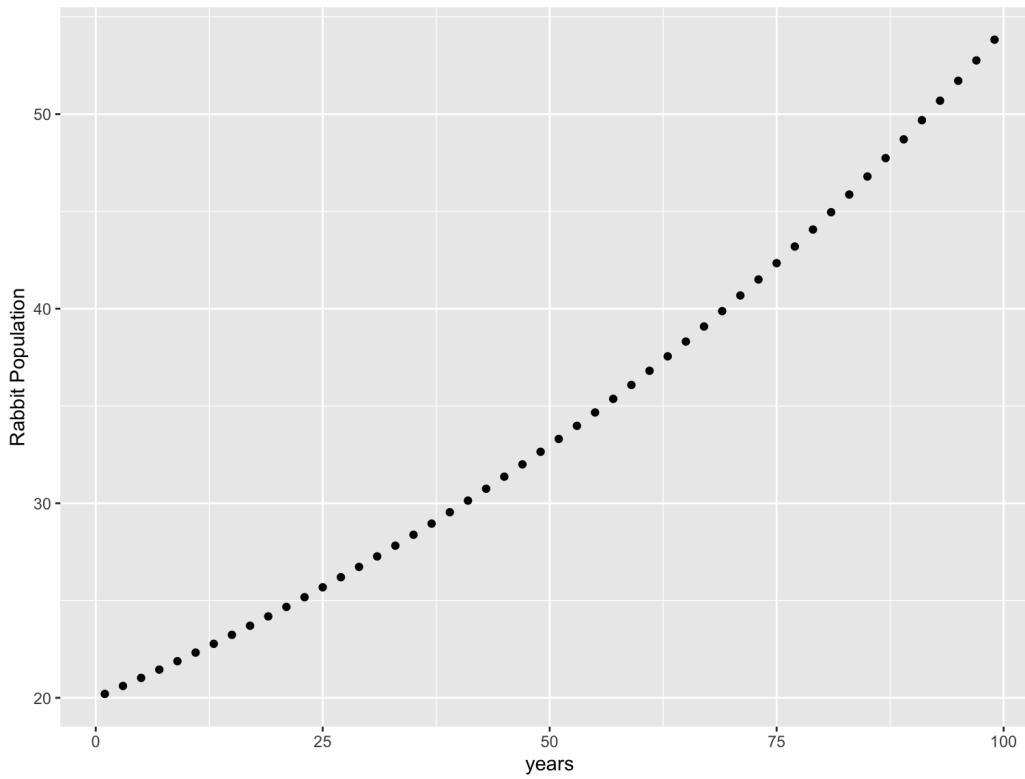
carrying capacity 1k

```
# if we want to see how population evolves over time - generate a time series by running our model for each point in time

initialrabbits = 20
years = seq(from=1, to=100, by=2)
Ptime = years %>% map_dbl(~exppop( P0=initialrabbits, r=0.01, K=1000, T=.x))

# keep track of what times we ran
Ptime = data.frame(P=Ptime, years=years)

ggplot(Ptime, aes(years,P))+geom_point()+labs(x="years",y="Rabbit Population")
```



```
# try generating results for maximum and minimum possible r values to compare (guess at what you think)
```

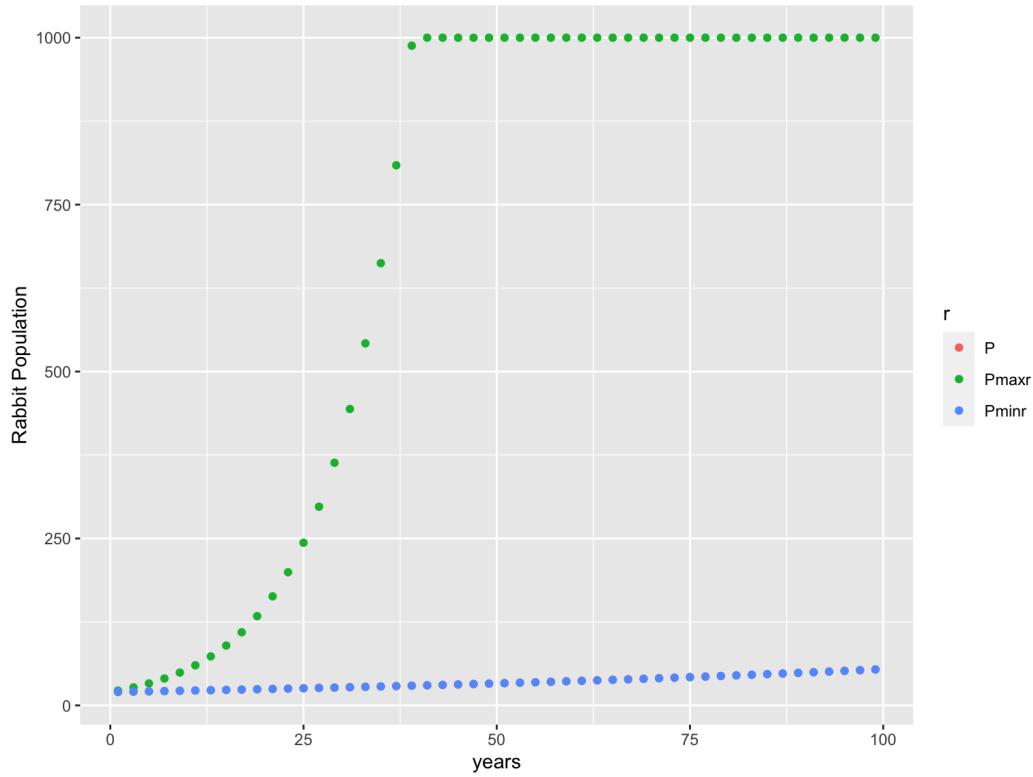
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max_r = 0.1
min_r = 0.01
K = 1000

tmp = years %>% map_dbl(~exppop(r=max_r, P0=initialrabbits, K=K, T=.x))
Ptime$Pmaxr = tmp
tmp = years %>% map_dbl(~exppop(r=min_r, P0=initialrabbits, K=K, T=.x))
Ptime$Pminr = tmp

head(Ptime)
```

```
##          P years   Pmaxr   Pminr
## 1 20.20100     1 22.10342 20.20100
## 2 20.60909     3 26.99718 20.60909
## 3 21.02542     5 32.97443 21.02542
## 4 21.45016     7 40.27505 21.45016
## 5 21.88349     9 49.19206 21.88349
## 6 22.32556    11 60.08332 22.32556
```

```
Ptimep = Ptime %>% gather(key="r", value="P", -years)
ggplot(Ptimep, aes(years, P, col=r)) + geom_point() + labs(x="years", y="Rabbit Population")
```



```
# notice how population becomes unstable for high growth rates!
```

# Integration

What if we wanted to look at population in 20 years given an initial condition

Two options

- explicit solution to differential equation is known; e.g. you can integrate both sides of the equation! Not always possible but lets look at a case where it is possible
- must be solved by iteration; this is what we do when we can't integrate both sides #What if no analytical solutions is available

# Example

Continue looking at our rabbit population but we can't solve it..

- iterate through time
- calculate rate of change at initial conditions (e.g value of differential equation for initial conditions)
- add that value to initial conditions, to create state at time  $t + 1$
- re-calculate rate of change (e.g value of differential equation for state at time  $t+1$ )
- keep doing this

Key questions is how much of a “jump” in  $t$  do we do

If you do this you are “kind of” turning the differential equation into a difference equation

# Solving by thinking of problem as a difference equations

Population models can be discrete (rather than continuous)

So we could implement them as difference equations and iterate

```
source("../R/discrete_logistic_popK.R")
# notice how a for loop is used to iterate

# how many rabbits after 50 years given a growth of 0.1
# starting with 1 rabbit - but a carrying capacity of 500

discrete_logistic_pop

## function (P0, r, K, T = 10)
## {
##   pop = P0
##   for (i in 1:T) {
##     pop = pop + r * pop
##     pop = ifelse(pop > K, K, pop)
##   }
##   return(pop)
## }
```

for loop discrete logistic population, the “disrete solution”

```
discrete_logistic_pop(P0=1, r=0.05, K=200, T=50)
```

```
## [1] 11.4674
```

```
# save results
discrete_result = discrete_logistic_pop(P0=1, r=0.05, K=200, T=50)

# lets also keep the parameters for use later
P0=1
r=0.05
K=200
T=50
```

# Compare discrete and analytic results

Save the results from both to compare

```
source("../R/exppop.R")
```

```
exppop(P0=P0, r=r, K=K, T=T)
```

```
## [1] 12.18249
```

```
analytic_result = exppop(P0=P0, r=r, K=K, T=T)
```

```
analytic_result
```

```
## [1] 12.18249
```

```
discrete_result
```

```
## [1] 11.4674
```

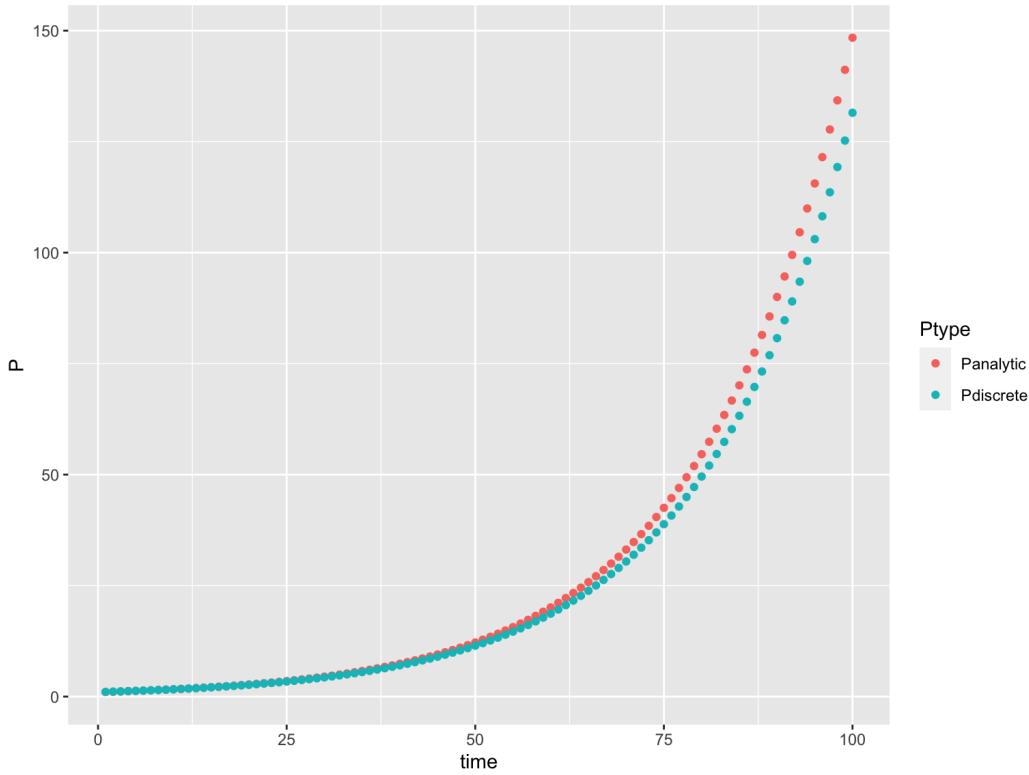
```
# why are they different
# look at trajectories
```

```
growth_result = data.frame(time=seq(from=1,to=100))
```

```
growth_result$Panalytic = growth_result$time %>% map_dbl(~exppop( P0=1,r=0.05, K=200,T=.x ))
```

```
growth_result$Pdiscrete = growth_result$time %>% map_dbl(~discrete_logistic_pop( P0=1,r=0.05, K=200,T=.x ))
```

```
tmp = growth_result %>% gather(key="Ptype",value="P",-time)
ggplot(tmp, aes(time,P, col=Ptype))+geom_point()
```



```
# try running them for longer time periods to see what happens  
# change the value of r, K , P0 - see how it effects the results
```

# Solving using numeric integration

Using a solver....when you can't do the integration by hand :)

Solvers integrate by iteration but doing so in a way that more closely *approximates* analytic integration

Use mathematical tricks to deal with the fact that the rate of change keeps changing :)

There are different types of solvers, some work better than others depending on the form of the derivative

# Numerical integration with ODE

Implement the differential equation as a function that

- returns the derivative (as a list)
- inputs time, the variable(s) and a parameter list

(it needs time even though you don't use it)

My convention: name derivative functions starting with *d* to remind myself that they are computing a derivative

# ODE

Only works for Ordinary Differential Equations - single independent variable (in our case time)

Partial differential equations - more than 1 independent variable (e.g x and y if changing in space)

R has a solver called *ODE* for solving ordinary differential equations from package **desolve**

# ODE requires

- initial conditions
- values of independent where we want values of dependent variable (e.g times where we want population)
- the derivative as a function
- a list that contains all parameter values (or if you have only one parameter then you can use a single value)

```
source("../R/dexppop.R")
```

```
dexppop
```

```
## function (time, P, r)
## {
##   dexpop = r * P
##   return(list(dexpop))
## }
```

```
library(deSolve)
initialrabbits = 20
years = seq(from=1, to=100, by=2)

# run the solver
Ptime = ode(y=initialrabbits, times=years, func=dexppop, parms=c(0.01))
head(Ptime)
```

```
##      time      1
## [1,]    1 20.00000
## [2,]    3 20.40404
## [3,]    5 20.81623
## [4,]    7 21.23675
## [5,]    9 21.66576
## [6,]   11 22.10344
```

```
colnames(Ptime)=c("year","P")
```

*# notice that there are additional pieces of information year, including the method used for integration*

```
attributes(Ptime)
```

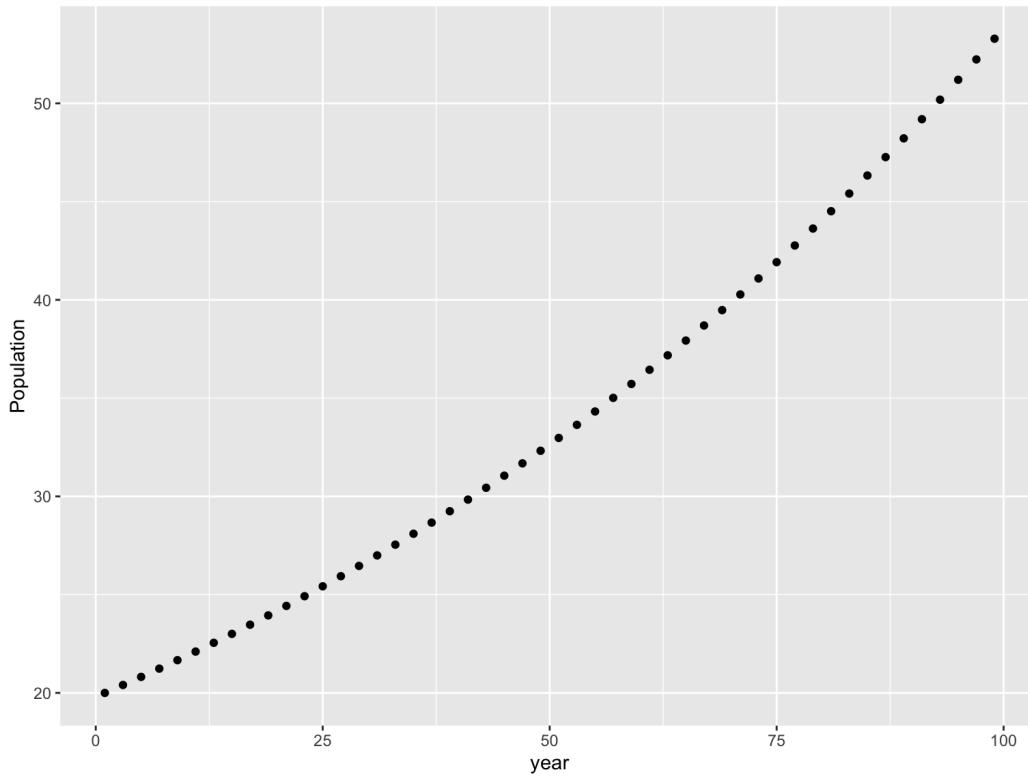
```
## $dim
## [1] 50  2
##
## $dimnames
## $dimnames[[1]]
## NULL
##
## $dimnames[[2]]
## [1] "year" "P"
##
##
## $istate
```

```

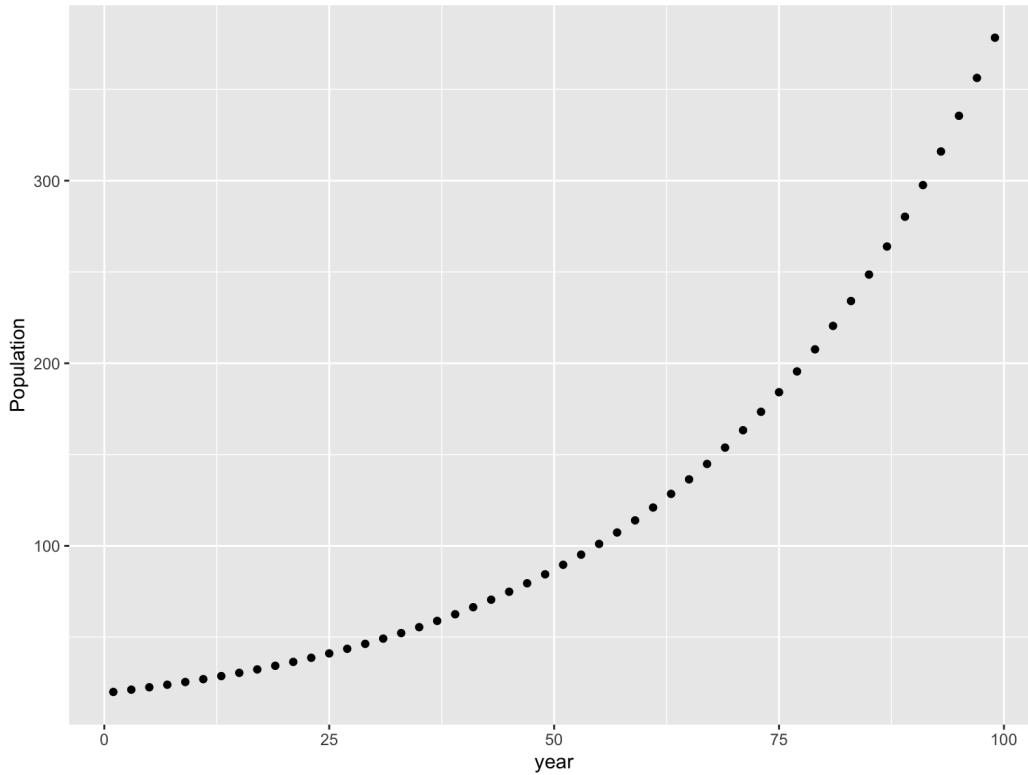
## [1] 2 52 105 NA 6 6 0 36 21 NA NA NA NA 0 1 1 NA NA NA
## [20] NA NA
##
## $rstate
## [1] 2.00000 2.00000 99.98839 0.00000 1.00000
##
## $lengthvar
## [1] 1
##
## $class
## [1] "deSolve" "matrix"
##
## $type
## [1] "lsoda"

```

# this also means you need to extract just the data frame for plotting  
`ggplot(as.data.frame(Ptime), aes(year,P))+geom_point()+labs(y="Population", "years")`



# this also works (of course function can be by order)  
`Ptime=ode(initialrabbits, years, dexpop, 0.03)`  
`colnames(Ptime)=c("year","P")`  
`ggplot(as.data.frame(Ptime), aes(year,P))+geom_point()+labs(y="Population", "years")`



# Homework

Try to modify `dexpop` so that it includes **carrying capacity** and compare with what we did for our analytic and then discrete ways of doing this