

Exponential population growth

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R session info

```
params$session
```

R version 3.5.0 (2018-04-23)

Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)

Running under: OS X El Capitan 10.11.6

Matrix products: default

BLAS: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.5/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib

LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.5/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib

locale:

[1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8

attached base packages:

[1] stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods base

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):

[1] compiler_3.5.0 backports_1.1.2 magrittr_1.5 rprojroot_1.3-2 tools_3.5.0 htmltools_0.3.6
[7] pillar_1.2.3 tibble_1.4.2 yaml_2.2.0 Rcpp_0.12.18 stringi_1.2.3 rmarkdown_1.10
[13] knitr_1.20 stringr_1.3.1 digest_0.6.15 rlang_0.2.1 evaluate_0.10.1

Overview

Examples of exponential population growth in R.

Install dependencies

```
packages <- c("dplyr", "deSolve", "pdftools")
if (require(packages)) {
  install.packages(packages, dependencies = T)
  require(packages)
}
lapply(packages, library, character.only=T)
```

Section 1

Exponential growth equation

$$N_t = N_0 \cdot e^{rt}$$

N_t = the number of individuals in the population after t units of time

N_0 = the initial population size ($t = 0$)

r = the exponential growth rate

t = time unit (usually in years)

e = the base of the natural logarithms (2.72)

Exponential rate of growth is commonly named the parameter lambda λ

$$\lambda = e^r$$

e^r = lambda. Exponential growth rate parameter.

The natural log (ln) of $e = 1$

$$\ln(e) = 1$$

because $e^1 = e$.

The natural log of $1 = 0$

$$\ln(1) = 0$$

because $e^0 = 1$.

Parameters

```
# parameters
N_t <- 0 # expected pop size
N_0 <- 500 # initial pop size
e <- exp
r <- 0.012 # exponential rate of growth
lambda <- e(1^r)
t <- 10 # time (in years)

# putting the above all together in R
N_t <- N_0 * e(r*t)
N_t
```

Example

A moose population has a growth rate of 0.02. In 2000, the population was 500. What will the population be in 2020?

```
# input your R code here
```

Instantaneous rate of growth

Equation showing the rate of population increase

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$$

dN = change in number

dt = change in time

r = the per head maximum potential growth rate

N = number of individuals in a population

```
# in R
N <- 1000
dNdt <- r*N
dNdt
```

Example

A population of 100 individuals. Each individual can on average contribute 1/4 of an individual (new individual) to the population in a given unit of time. Find the rate of population increase.

```
# your r code
```

Simulating population growth

Set your parameters for the population

```
N_0 <- 20; # initial population size
```

Over time

```
N_1 <- N_0 * r; # population size at t = 1
```

What does this look like at each time point?

```
N_2 <- # ??
N_3 <- # ??
# etc
```

Population size

```
popsiz = c(N_0, N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4, N_5)
popsiz
popsiz[2]
```

Section 2

Simulation loop

```
r <- 2
N_0 <- 20
t <- 10
popsiz <- list() # create empty list to populate in loop
tt <- 2:t # now make t a vector to make a time period

for(i in tt){ # start loop
  N_0[i] <- N_0[i-1]*r # middle of loop
  popsiz <- N_0 # put the pop size into the list we created
} # end loop
popsiz
```

Plot

```
# plot it
plot(popsiz)

# extend plot params
tta <- c(1,tt) # add the first year onto the time vector
ttm <- max(tt) # get the maximum value of the time vector
xlim <- c(1,ttm) # put this in a vector
ylim <- c(0,max(N_0)) # do the same for growth
par(las=1,bty="n") # set plotting params

plot(tta,popsiz, # vectors to plot
     xlim=xlim, # set the x limits
     ylim=ylim, # y limits
     xlab="Time",
     ylab="Population growth",
     pch=20, # set point type
     col="pink"
     )

?plot # help page for plot function
```

Event-based conditions

Changing conditions halfway through a simulation. Using `if` and `else` statements.

```

popsize <- list() # reset the list

for (i in tt){
  if((i%5) == 0){ #modify growth rate depending on the year
    r = 4
  }else{ # or just an ok year
    r = 2
  }
  N_0[i] <- N_0[i-1]*r # the population growth equation
  popsize <- N_0
}

popsize

par(las=1,bty="n") # set plotting params
plot(popsize)

```