

# 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  $\lambda$

$$\lambda = e^r$$

$e^r$  = 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]
```