
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

- ❖ solvers in R: for different types of differential equations;
- ❖ `library(desolve)`
- ❖ Two steps
 - ❖ model specification (implement your differential equation as a function)
 - ❖ model application (apply the differential equation to obtain an estimate)

Differential more than one variable

- ❖ For many dynamic systems, you may have more than one dependent variable that you are tracking through time (or space)
- ❖ These variables may interact
- ❖ If the differentials are all with respect to a single independent variable (e.g time) it is an ODE
 - ❖ use ODE solver in R

Predator / Prey Models - Competition

Vito Volterra and Alfred Lotka in 1925-6.



Alfred J. Lotka (1880–1949) *Founder of Theoretical Ecology*

Chemical Reactions



Vito Volterra (1860–1940) *Professor of Mathematical Physics, University of Rome*

Fish in the Adriatic Sea

Predator-Prey Models

- ❖ Predator-Prey models
- ❖ A simple approach that assumes
 - ❖ prey grow exponentially, with a fixed intrinsic growth rate
 - ❖ a fixed mortality rate of predators
 - ❖ a fixed rate of consumption / predation rate of prey by predators
 - ❖ a fixed conversion rate (ingestion rate) that determines how many “new” predators you get with predation
 - ❖ no environmental effects (e.g no carrying capacity)
- ❖ Note this has analog

Predator-Prey Model

- ❖ Prey

- ❖ $dprey / dt = r_{prey} * prey - \alpha * prey * pred$

- ❖ Predator

- ❖ $dpredator / dt = eff * \alpha * prey * pred - mort * pred$

Predator-Prey Model

- ❖ As with diffusion, the basic form / ideas in this model can be applied elsewhere
 - ❖ economics (firm competition)
 - ❖ infectious disease

Differential equation - 1 independent variable “*time*” -ODE solver

As before, we need to generate our derivative function
inputs to function are (time, y, parameters)
outputs are derivatives

Our “y” or dependent variable now has two dimensions : pred,
and prey; list with a pred and prey component to capture this

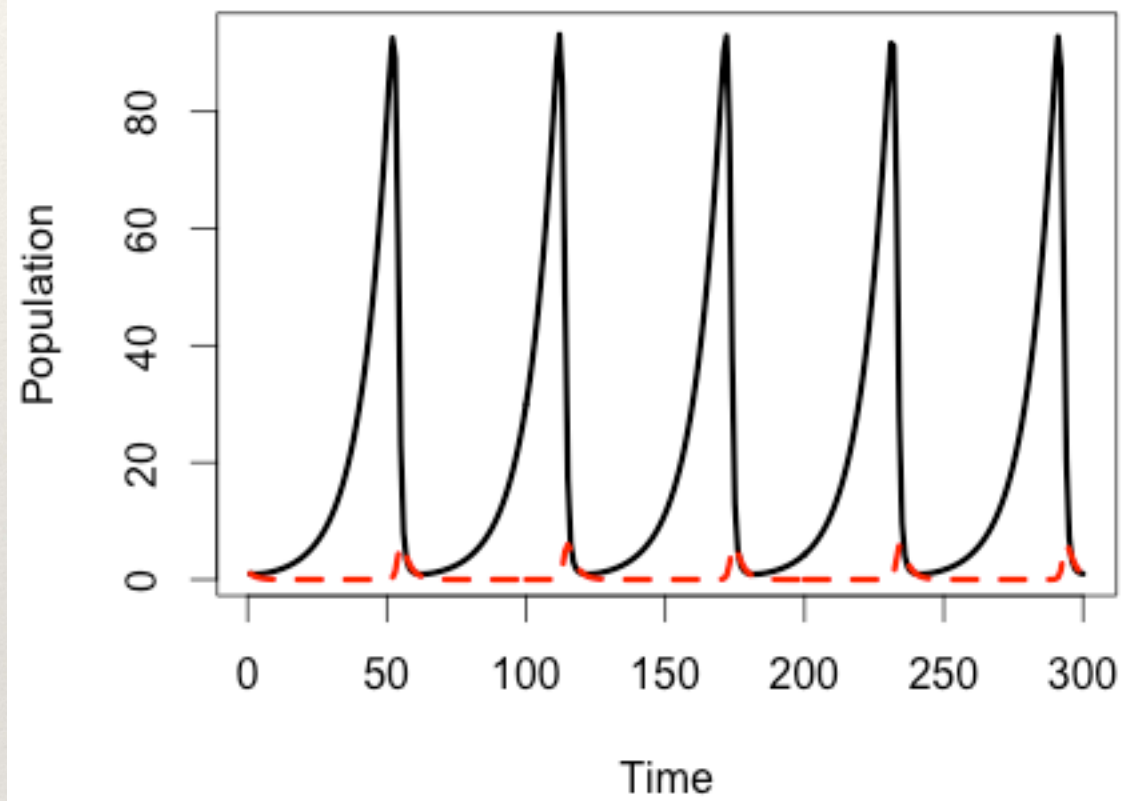
We will also have two derivatives - again we will use a list (2-d)

- ❖ Prey. $dpred / dt = r_{prey} * prey - \alpha * prey * pred$
- ❖ Predator. $dpredator / dt = eff * \alpha * prey * pred - pmort * pred$

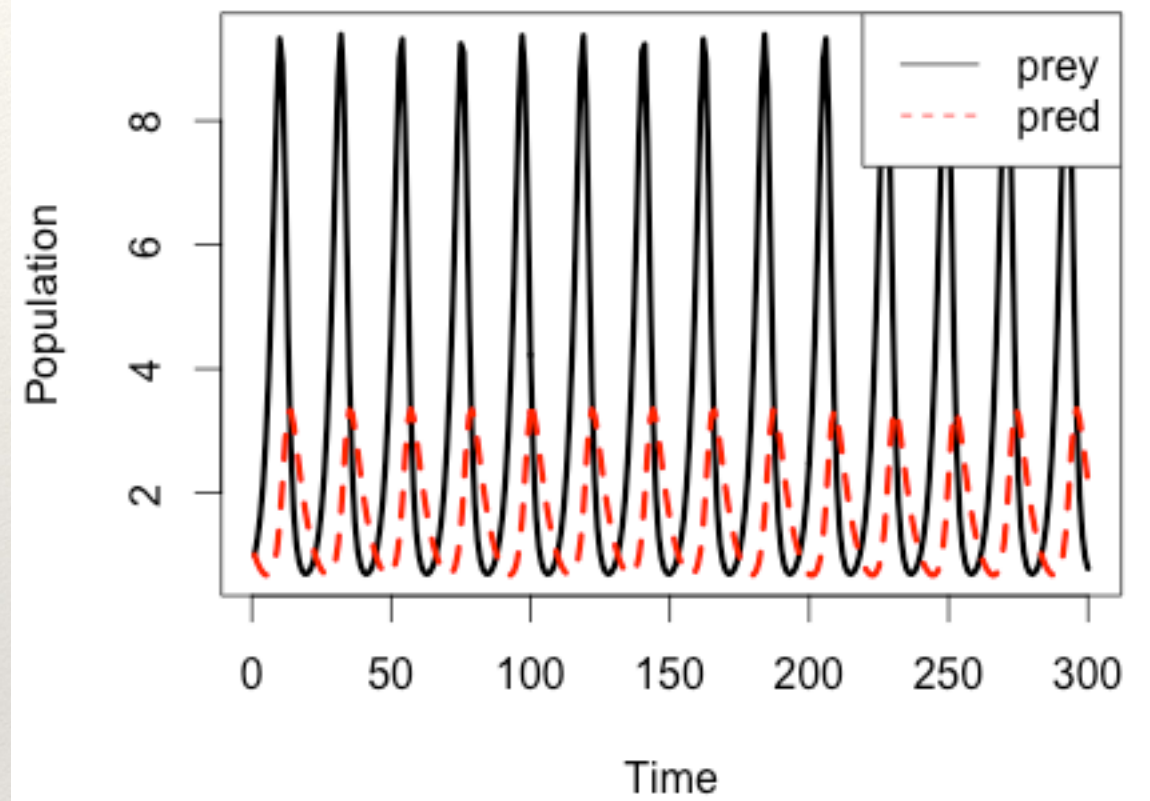
Predator-Prey Model

- ❖ Visualizing results: two interesting things
 - ❖ Populations over time
 - ❖ Population interactions with each other
- ❖ Common in dynamic systems of more than one variable
- ❖ Dynamic model of a firm (labor, production, profit)

$r_{\text{prey}} = 0.1$ $\text{eff} = 0.1$ $\alpha = 0.2$ $\text{mort} = 0.4$



$r_{\text{prey}} = 0.5$ $\text{eff} = 0.2$ $\alpha = 0.3$ $\text{mort} = 0.2$



When does population stop changing?

- ❖ Prey

- ❖ $dp_{\text{prey}} / dt = r_{\text{prey}} * \text{prey} - \alpha * \text{prey} * \text{pred}$

- ❖ Predator

- ❖ $dp_{\text{predator}} / dt = \text{eff} * \alpha * \text{prey} * \text{pred} - \text{mort} * \text{pred}$

When does population stop changing?

❖ derivative are zero

❖ $0 = r_{prey} * prey - \alpha * prey * pred$

❖ $0 = eff * \alpha * prey * pred - pmort * pred$

❖ occurs when $pred = r_{prey}/\alpha$

❖ and when $prey = pmort/(eff * \alpha)$

Predator-Prey Model

- ❖ Prey

- ❖ $dp_{\text{rey}} / dt = (r_{\text{prey}} * (1 - p_{\text{rey}} / K)) p_{\text{rey}} - \alpha * p_{\text{rey}} * p_{\text{pred}}$

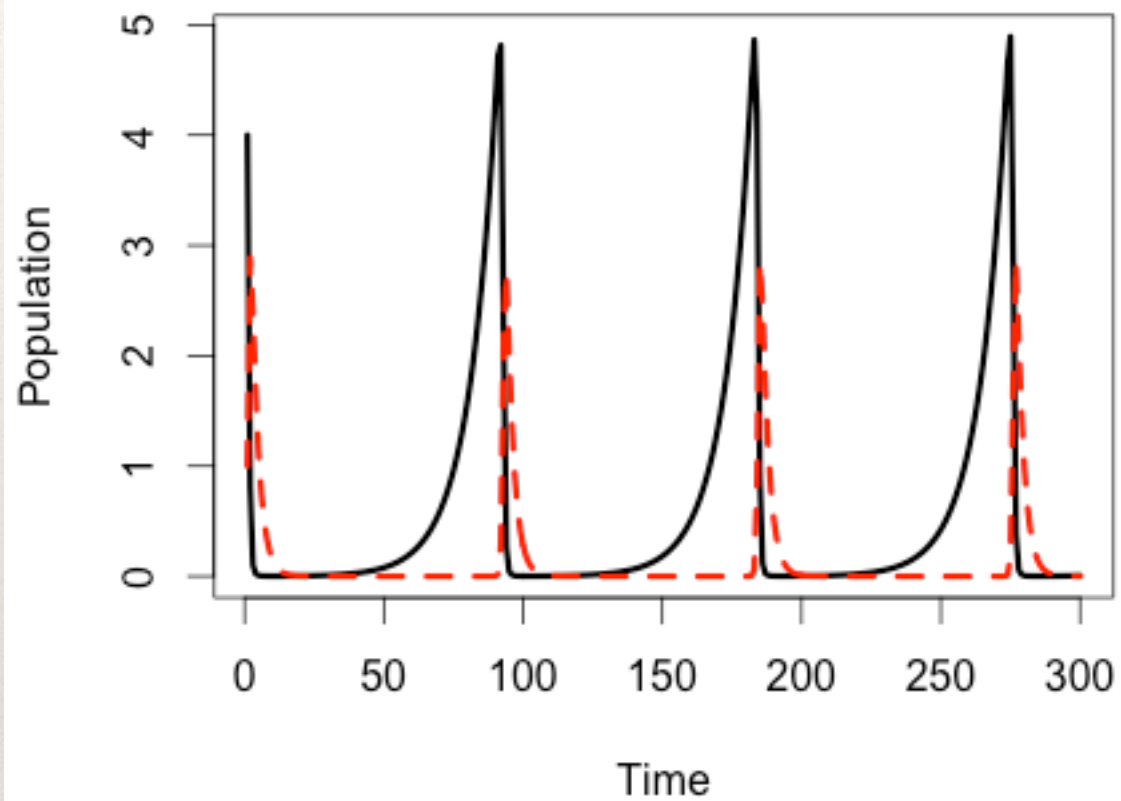
- ❖ Predator

- ❖ $dp_{\text{redator}} / dt = \text{eff} * \alpha * p_{\text{rey}} * p_{\text{pred}} - \text{mort} * p_{\text{pred}}$

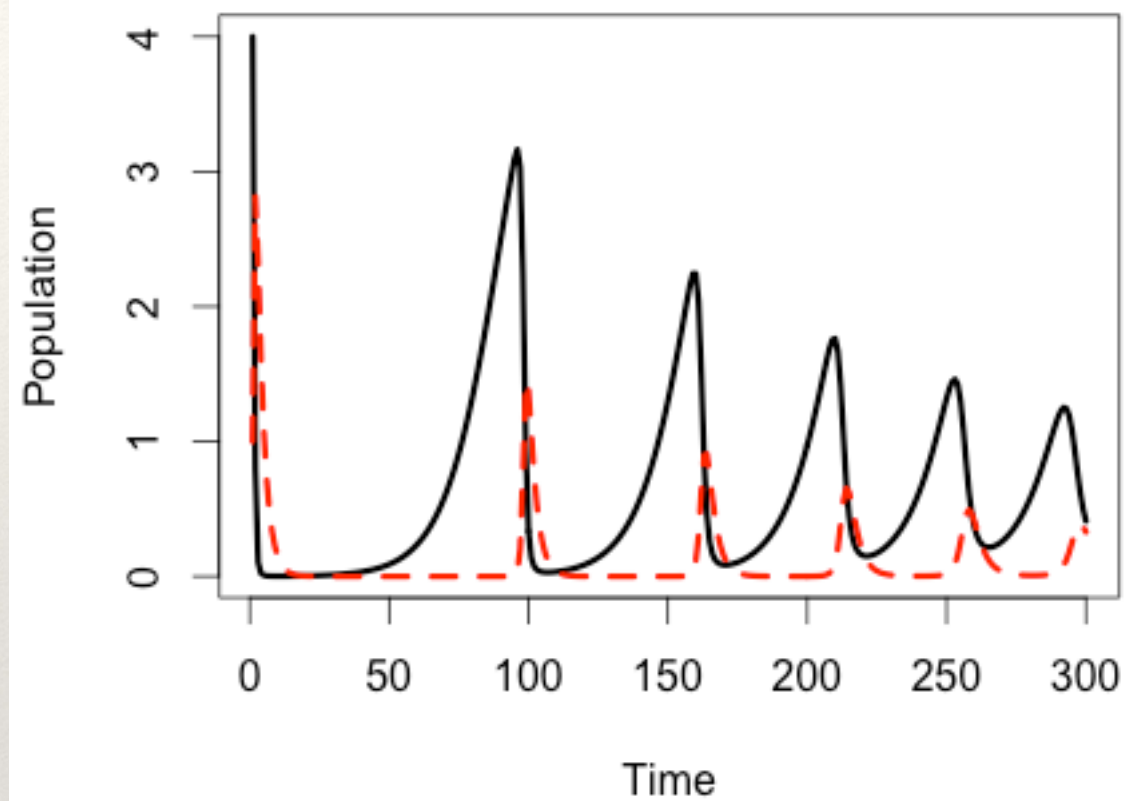
Expand to add in carrying capacity to the prey species

Predator-Prey Model

$r_{\text{prey}} = 0.1$ $\text{eff} = 0.8$ $\alpha = 0.6$ $\text{mort} = 0.4$



withK



Competition Model

❖ Species A

$$\text{❖ } \frac{d\text{species}_A}{dt} = (r_A * (1 - \text{species}_A / K_A) - \alpha_{AB} * \text{species}_A * \text{species}_B) \text{species}_A$$

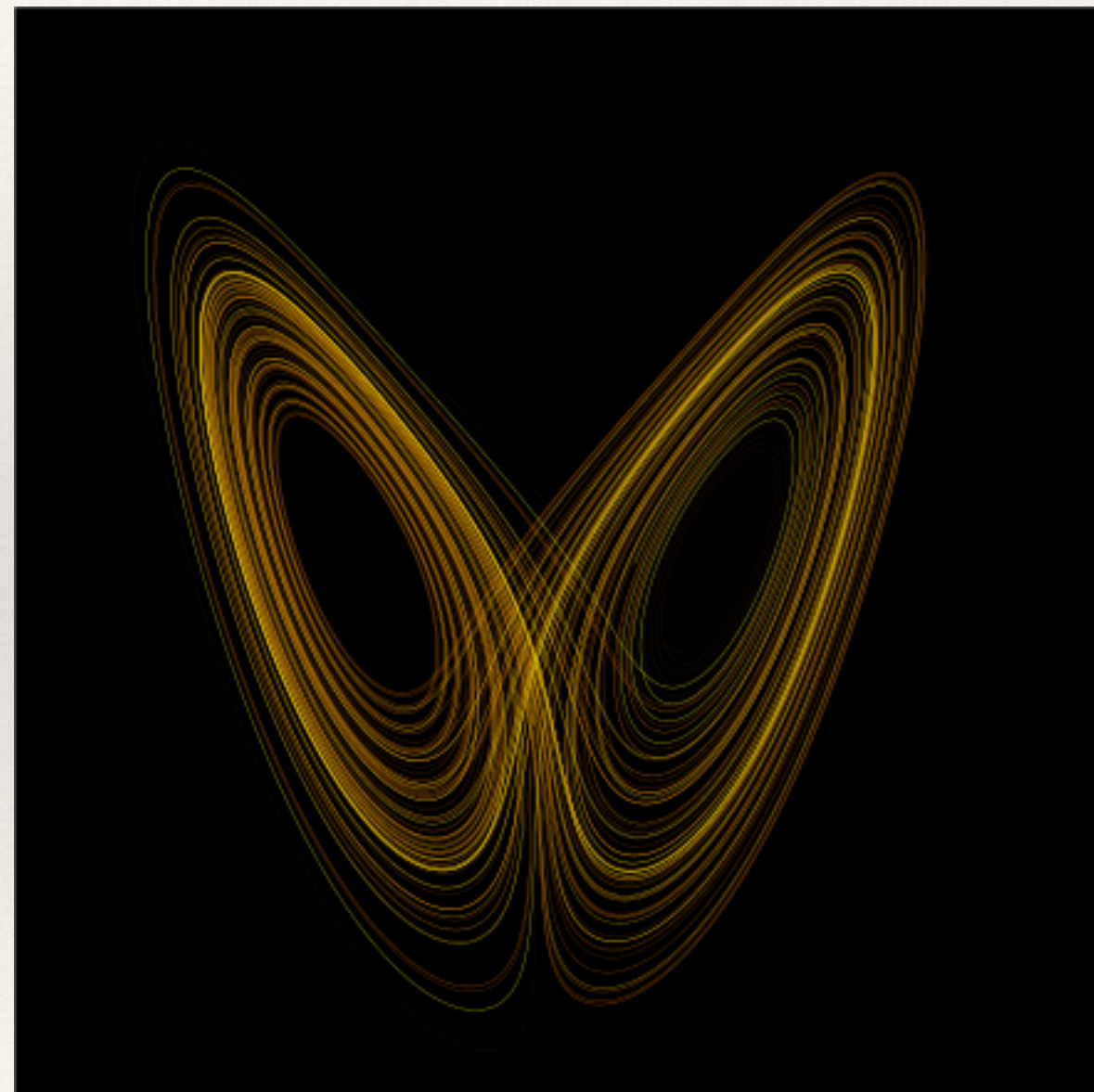
❖ Species B

$$\text{❖ } \frac{d\text{species}_B}{dt} = (r_B * (1 - \text{species}_B / K_B) - \alpha_{BA} * \text{species}_A * \text{species}_B) \text{species}_B$$

Similar to predator - prey models - building on logistic growth

Dynamic Equations

- ❖ Lorenz equations are example of dynamic systems that can exhibit stable and chaotic states depending on parameters and initial conditions



A sample solution in the Lorenz attractor when $\rho = 28$, $\sigma = 10$, and $\beta = 8/3$

Dynamics

- ❖ Lorenz Equations (for fluid dynamics), P , R , B are parameters (fixed values), x, y, z variables that change with time (think of them as coordinates)

$$dx/dt = P(y - x)$$

$$dy/dt = Rx - y - xz$$

$$dz/dt = xy - By$$