

# ESM 232 Assignment 6

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## Model of forest growth (where forest size is measured in units of carbon (C))

- $dC/dt = r \cdot C$  for forests where carbon is below a canopy closure threshold
- $dC/dt = g$  for forests where carbon is at or above the threshold canopy closure
- $dC/dt = 0$  once a carrying capacity (K) is reached.

The size of the forest (C), Canopy closure threshold and carrying capacity are all in units of carbon

**Canopy closure threshold:** the size of the forest at which growth rates change from exponential to linear

**r:** early exponential growth rate

**g:** linear growth rate once canopy closure has been reached

## Run model for 300 years (using the ODE solver) starting with an initial forest size of 10 kg/C and using the following parameters:

- canopy closure threshold = 50 kgC
- K = 250 kg C (carrying capacity)
- $r = 0.01$  (exponential growth rate before canopy closure)
- $g = 2$  kg/year (linear growth rate after canopy closure)

```
# source model
source("forest_growth.R")

# set parameters

years = seq(from=1, to=300, by=1)
initial_forest = 10
thresh = 50
K = 250
r = 0.01
g = 2

# create parameter list
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parms = list(thresh = thresh, K=K, r=r, g=g)
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# run ODE
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results = ode(y=initial_forest,  
              time=years,  
              func=forest_growth,  
              parms=parms)
```

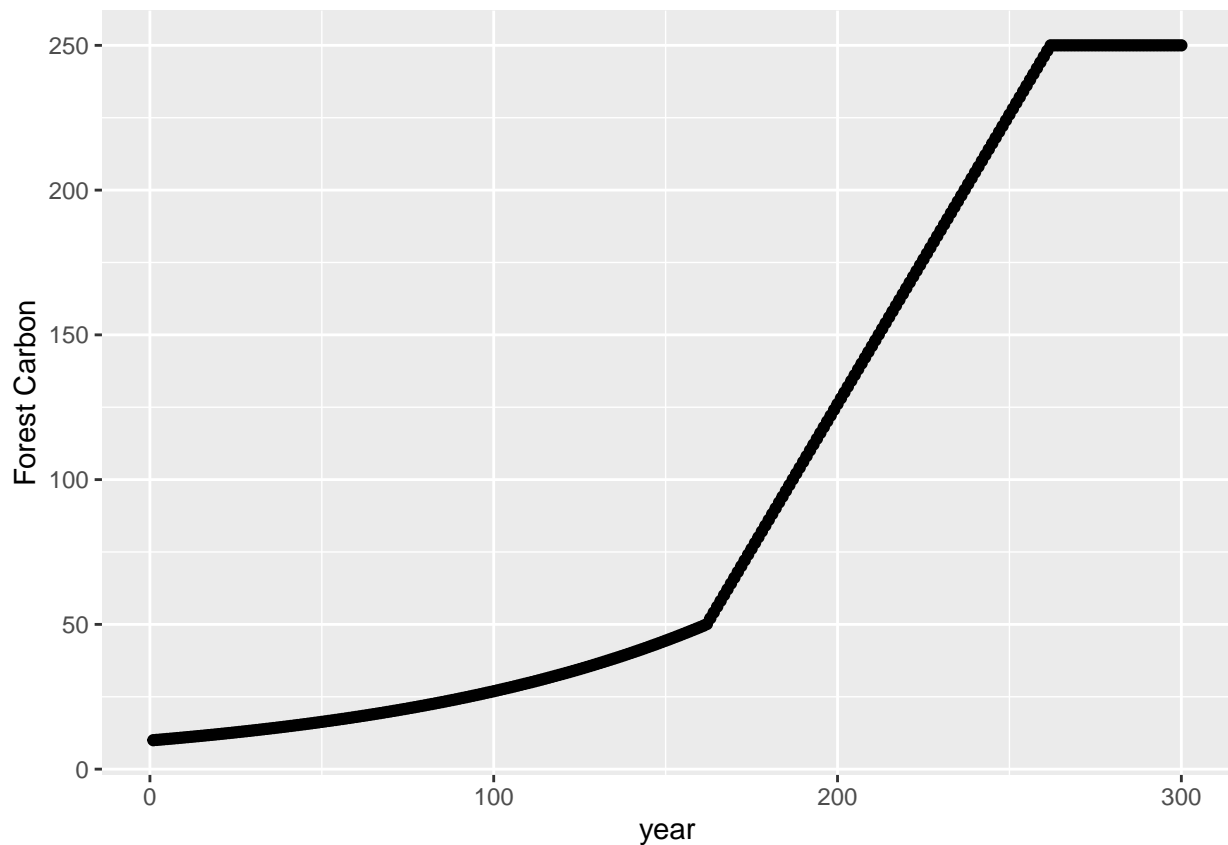
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results = as.data.frame(results)
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colnames(results)=c("year","forest_size")  
head(results)
```

```
##   year forest_size  
## 1     1    10.00000  
## 2     2    10.10050  
## 3     3    10.20202  
## 4     4    10.30455  
## 5     5    10.40811  
## 6     6    10.51271
```

```
# graph results
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```
ggplot(results, aes(year,forest_size))+  
  geom_point()+  
  labs(y="Forest Carbon", "Years")
```



## Sobol sensitivity analysis

Our sobol sensitivity analysis explores how estimated max and mean forest size (C) varies with the:

- pre canopy closure growth rate(C)
- post-canopy closure growth rate (g)
- canopy closure threshols and carrying capacity

```
# Run sobol sensitivity analysis
```