

Chapter 1

Population Models

Malthusian Model : The model is defined by

$$\frac{d N_t}{d t} = K N_t$$

The solution of the model is $N_t = N_0 e^{Kt}$

where, N_t = number of organisms present at time t

K = the average number of offspring born per organism in the population per unit time

t = the independent variable representing time

Logistic Model : This model is given by equation

$$\frac{d x}{d t} = r x \left(1 - \frac{x}{k} \right)$$

where $f(x) = r \left(1 - \frac{x}{k} \right)$

r = constant of proportionality

k = carrying capacity

The solution of the model is

$$x = \frac{K x_0 e^{rt}}{K - x_0 + x_0 e^{rt}}$$

Problem 1.1. A population N grows accordingly to the differential equation

$$\frac{d N}{d t} = K N$$

where K is a positive constant. Determine how long it takes the population to double in size?

Solution. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d N}{d t} &= K N \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d N}{N} &= K d t \end{aligned}$$

Integrating,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \log N &= K t + \log c \\ \Rightarrow N &= c e^{K t} \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

Applying initial population, $N = N_0$, for $t = t_0$. From (1.1)

$$\begin{aligned} N_0 &= c e^{K t_0} \\ \Rightarrow c &= N_0 e^{-K t_0} \end{aligned}$$

Putting the value of c in (1.1), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} N &= N_0 e^{-kt_0} e^{kt} \\ \therefore N &= N_0 e^{k(t-t_0)} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

Suppose at time $t = T$, the population will be double in size i.e., $N = 2N_0$.
Now from (1.2)

$$\begin{aligned} 2N_0 &= N_0 e^{K(T-t_0)} \\ \Rightarrow 2 &= e^{K(T-t_0)} \\ \Rightarrow \log 2 &= K(T-t_0) \\ \Rightarrow T &= \frac{1}{K} \log 2 + t_0 \end{aligned}$$

Which is the required time that will make population double in size.

Problem 1.2. World population was estimated to be 1550 million in 1900 and 2500 in 1950. Estimate the population of the world in the year 2000.

Solution. We know, from Malthusian model,

$$N = N_0 e^{K(t-t_0)} \quad (1.3)$$

Here, $N = 2500$, $N_0 = 1550$, $t = 1950$, $t_0 = 1900$
From (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} 2500 &= 1500 e^{K(1950-1900)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2500}{1500} &= e^{50K} \\ \Rightarrow 50K &= \log \left(\frac{2500}{1500} \right) = .4780358 \\ \Rightarrow K &= 0.009 \end{aligned}$$

Now let N be the population in 2000.

Here, $N = ?$, $N_0 = 2500$, $t = 2000$, $t_0 = 1950$

Now from (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 2500 e^{.009(2000-1950)} \\ &= 2500 e^{.009 \times 50} \\ &= 2500 e^{.45} \\ &= 2500 \times 1.5683122 \\ \therefore N &= 3920.7805 \text{ million} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1.3. Assume that the rate of change of human population of the world is proportional to the number of people present at any time and suppose that this population is increasing at the rate of 2% per year. The world population of 1978 was 4219 million. Calculate the world population of

(a) 1950

(b) 2000

Solution. (a) We know, from Malthusian population model,

$$N = N_0 e^{K(t-t_0)} \quad (1.4)$$

Here, $N_0 = 4219$, $t_0 = 1978$, $t = 1950$, $K = \frac{2}{100} = 0.02$
 From (1.4)

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 4219 \times e^{0.02(1950-1978)} \\ &= 4219 \times e^{0.02(-28)} \\ &= 4219 \times e^{-0.56} \\ &= 4219 \times 0.5712 \\ \therefore N &= 2409 \text{ million} \end{aligned}$$

(b) When $t = 2000$ then

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 4219 \times e^{0.02(2000-1978)} \\ &= 4219 \times e^{0.02 \times 22} \\ &= 4219 \times e^{0.44} \\ &= 4219 \times 1.5527072 \\ \therefore N &= 6550.8717 \text{ million} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1.4. In a certain bacteria culture, the rate of increasing is the number of bacteria is proportional to the number of present.

(a) If the number triples in 5 hrs, how many will be present in 10 hrs.

(b) When will the number present be 10 times the number initially presents?

Solution. We have the solution of Malthusian population model,

$$N = N_0 e^{K(t-t_0)} \quad (1.5)$$

Initially, $N = N_0$, $t_0 = 0$

Here, $N(5 \text{ hrs.}) = 3N_0$

From (1.5)

$$\begin{aligned} 3N_0 &= N_0 e^{5K}; \quad t_0 = 0, \quad t = 5 \text{ hrs.} \\ \Rightarrow 3 &= e^{5K} \\ \Rightarrow 5K &= \log 3 \\ \Rightarrow K &= \frac{1}{5} \log 3 \\ \therefore K &= 0.2197224 \end{aligned}$$

(a) Let in 10 hrs the bacteria will be P time i.e., $N = PN_0$, $t = 10$ hrs. From (1.5)

$$\begin{aligned} PN_0 &= N_0 e^{2197224 \times 10} \\ \Rightarrow P &= e^{2.197224} \\ \Rightarrow P &= 8.9999948 \\ \therefore P &\approx 9 \text{ times} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let at time $t = T$, the number will be 10 times i.e., $N = 10N_0$. From (1.5)

$$\begin{aligned} 10N_0 &= N_0 e^{2197224 \times T} \\ \Rightarrow 10 &= e^{2.197224} \\ \Rightarrow 0.2197224 \times T &= \log 10 \\ \therefore T &= 10.48 \text{ hours.} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1.5. The population of a city increase at a rate proportional to the number of inhabitants present at any time t . If the population of the city was 30,000 in 1970 and 35,000 in 1980. What will be the population in 1990 and 2000?

Solution. We know the solution of Malthusian population model,

$$N = N_0 e^{K(t-t_0)} \quad (1.6)$$

Here, $N_0 = 30000$, $N = 35000$, $t_0 = 1970$, $t = 1980$
From (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} 35000 &= 30000 \times e^{K(1980-1970)} \\ \Rightarrow e^{10K} &= \frac{7}{6} \\ \Rightarrow 10K &= \log\left(\frac{7}{6}\right) \\ \Rightarrow K &= \frac{1}{10} \log\left(\frac{7}{6}\right) \\ \therefore K &= 0.015 \end{aligned}$$

Now, $N(1990) = ?$ $N_0 = 35000$, $t_0 = 1980$, $t = 1990$
From (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} N(1990) &= 35000 \times e^{0.015(1990-1980)} \\ &= 35000 \times e^{0.015 \times 10} \\ &= 35000 \times e^{0.15} \\ &= 35000 \times 1.1618342 \\ &= 40664.198 \end{aligned}$$

Now, $N(2000) = ?$ $N_0 = 40664.198$, $t_0 = 1990$, $t = 2000$
From (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} N(2000) &= 40664.198 \times e^{0.015(2000-1990)} \\ &= 40664.198 \times e^{0.015 \times 10} \\ &= 40664.198 \times e^{0.15} \\ &= 40664.198 \times 1.1618342 \\ &= 47245.058 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1.6. The population of a city satisfies the logistic law $\frac{dN}{dt} = 10^{-2}N - 10^{-8}N^2$ where t is measured in years. Given that the population of the city was 100000 in 1980.

- (a) Determine the population in the year 2000.
- (b) When will the population be 200000?
- (c) What would be the maximum population of the city?

Solution. We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dN}{dt} &= 10^{-2}N - 10^{-8}N^2 \\
\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{10^{-2}N - 10^{-8}N^2} &= dt \\
\Rightarrow \frac{10^2 dN}{N - 10^{-6}N^2} &= dt \\
\Rightarrow \frac{10^2 dN}{N(1 - 10^{-6}N)} &= dt \\
\Rightarrow 10^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} + \frac{10^{-6}}{1 - 10^{-6}N} \right] dN &= dt \\
\Rightarrow 10^2 [\log N - \log(1 - 10^{-6}N)] &= t + 100 \log c \quad \text{where } 100 \log c \text{ is constant} \\
\Rightarrow \log \frac{N}{1 - 10^{-6}N} &= \frac{t}{100} + \log c \\
\Rightarrow \log \frac{N}{1 - 10^{-6}N} &= \log ce^{\frac{t}{100}} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{N}{1 - 10^{-6}N} &= ce^{\frac{t}{100}} \\
\Rightarrow N &= ce^{\frac{t}{100}} - 10^{-6}ce^{\frac{t}{100}}N \\
\Rightarrow N \left(1 + 10^{-6}ce^{\frac{t}{100}} \right) &= ce^{\frac{t}{100}}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

$$\therefore N = \frac{ce^{\frac{t}{100}}}{1 + 10^{-6}ce^{\frac{t}{100}}} \tag{1.8}$$

Again from (1.7),

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= ce^{\frac{t}{100}} - 10^{-6}ce^{\frac{t}{100}}N \\
\Rightarrow Ne^{\frac{-t}{100}} &= c - 10^{-6}Nc \\
\Rightarrow c &= \frac{Ne^{\frac{-t}{100}}}{1 - 10^{-6}N}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

using initial condition, $t = 1980$, $N = 100000$ in (1.9) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
c &= \frac{100000e^{\frac{-1980}{100}}}{1 - 10^{-6} \times 100000} \\
&= \frac{10^5 e^{-19.8}}{1 - 10^{-6} \times 10^5} \\
&= \frac{10^5 e^{-19.8}}{1 - 10^{-1}} \\
&= \frac{10^6 e^{-19.8}}{9}
\end{aligned}$$

putting the value of c in (1.8),

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= \frac{\frac{10^6 e^{-19.8}}{9} e^{\frac{t}{100}}}{1 + 10^{-6} \frac{10^6 e^{-19.8}}{9} e^{\frac{t}{100}}} \\
&= \frac{10^6 e^{\frac{t}{100} - 19.8}}{9} \times \frac{9}{9 + e^{\frac{t}{100} - 19.8}} \\
&= \frac{10^6 e^{\frac{t}{100} - 19.8}}{9 + e^{\frac{t}{100} - 19.8}} \\
\text{i.e., } N(t) &= \frac{10^6}{1 + 9e^{19.8 - \frac{t}{100}}}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

which represents the population at any time $t > 1980$.

(a) When $t = 2000$ then from (1.10)

$$\begin{aligned} N(2000) &= \frac{10^6}{1 + 9e^{19.8-20}} \\ N(2000) &= \frac{10^6}{1 + 9e^{-.2}} \\ N(2000) &= \frac{10^6}{8.3685768} \\ N(2000) &= \frac{100000}{8.3685768} \\ N(2000) &= 119494.63 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let at time $t = T$, the population will be 200000. i.e., $N(T) = 200000 = N(t)$.
From (1.10),

$$\begin{aligned} 200000 &= \frac{10^6}{1 + 9e^{19.8 - \frac{T}{100}}} \\ \Rightarrow 200000 + 1800000e^{19.8 - \frac{T}{100}} &= 1000000 \\ \Rightarrow 1800000e^{19.8 - \frac{T}{100}} &= 800000 \\ \Rightarrow e^{19.8 - \frac{T}{100}} &= \frac{1800000}{800000} = \frac{4}{9} \\ \Rightarrow 19.8 - \frac{T}{100} &= \log\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) = -0.8109302 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{T}{100} &= 19.8 + 0.8109302 = 20.61093 \\ \Rightarrow T &= 2061.093 \\ \therefore T &\approx 2061 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $t \rightarrow \infty$ gives the maximum population. Now from (1.10)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10^6}{1 + 9e^{19.8 - \frac{t}{100}}} \\ &= 10^6 \\ &= 1000000 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1.7. The population N of Natore satisfies the logistic law,

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = (0.03)N - 3 \times 10^{-8}N^2$$

where time t is measured in years. If the population of Natore was 200000 in 1980. What will be the population in the year 2000?

Solution. We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dN}{dt} &= (.03)N - 3 \times 10^{-8}N^2 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dt} &= 3 \times 10^{-2}N - 3 \times 10^{-8}N^2 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dt} &= 3 \times 10^{-2}(N - 10^{-6}N^2) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dt} &= 3 \times 10^{-2}N(1 - 10^{-6}N) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dN}{N(1 - 10^{-6}N)} &= 3 \times 10^{-2} dt \\
 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{N} + \frac{10^{-6}}{1 - 10^{-6}N} \right] dN &= 3 \times 10^{-2} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \log N - \log(1 - 10^{-6}N) &= \frac{3t}{100} + \log c \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{N}{1 - 10^{-6}N} &= ce^{\frac{3t}{100}} \\
 \Rightarrow N &= ce^{\frac{3t}{100}} - 10^{-6}ce^{\frac{3t}{100}}N \quad (1.11)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow N \left(1 + 10^{-6}ce^{\frac{3t}{100}} \right) &= ce^{\frac{3t}{100}} \\
 \therefore N &= \frac{ce^{\frac{3t}{100}}}{1 + 10^{-6}ce^{\frac{3t}{100}}} \quad (1.12)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again from (1.11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 N &= ce^{\frac{3t}{100}} (1 - 10^{-6}N) \\
 \Rightarrow c &= \frac{Ne^{\frac{3t}{100}}}{1 - 10^{-6}N} \quad (1.13)
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying initial condition, $N = 200000 = 2 \times 10^5$, $t = 1980$ in (1.13) we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 c &= \frac{2 \times 10^5 e^{-59.4}}{1 - 10^{-6} \times 2 \times 10^5} \\
 &= \frac{5}{2} \times 10^5 e^{-59.4} \\
 &= \frac{10^6 e^{-59.4}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

putting the value of c in (1.12)

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(t) &= \frac{\frac{10^6 e^{-59.4}}{4} e^{\frac{3t}{100}}}{1 + 10^{-6} \frac{10^6 e^{-59.4}}{4} e^{\frac{3t}{100}}} \\
 \therefore N(t) &= \frac{10^6 e^{\left(\frac{3t}{100} - 59.4\right)}}{4 + e^{\frac{3t}{100} - 59.4}} \quad (1.14)
 \end{aligned}$$

which represents the population at any time $t > 1980$.

Now, $t = 2000$

From (1.14)

$$\begin{aligned} N(2000) &= \frac{10^6 \left(e^{\frac{3 \times 2000}{100} - 59.4} \right)}{4 + e^{\frac{3 \times 2000}{100} - 59.4}} \\ &= \frac{10^6 \times e^{60 - 59.4}}{4 + e^{60 - 59.4}} \\ &= 312964.76 \\ \therefore N(2000) &\approx 312964 \end{aligned}$$