

Extinction



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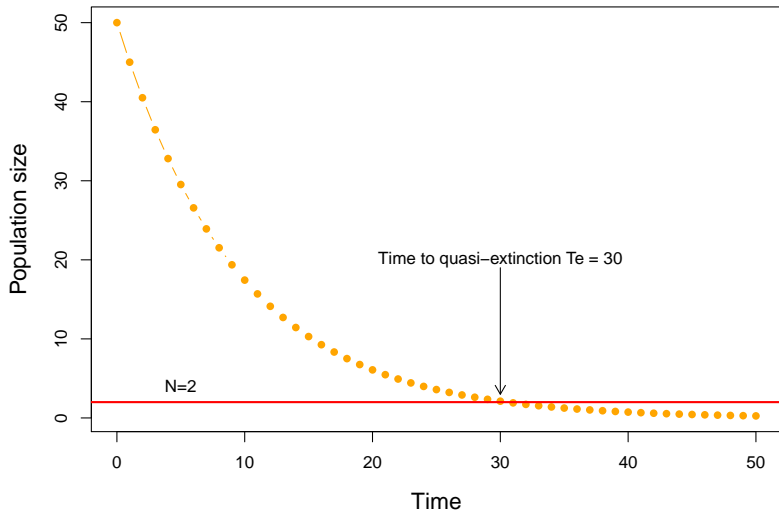
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Threshold usually based on genetic considerations, Allee effects, etc. . .

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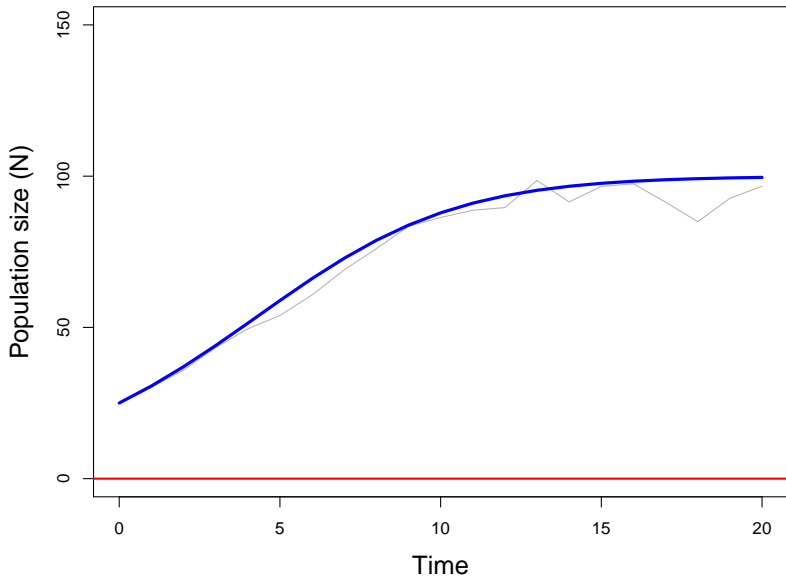
LOGISTIC GROWTH WITH STOCHASTIC CARRYING CAPACITY

$$N_{t+1} = N_t + N_t r_{max} (1 - N_t / K_t)$$

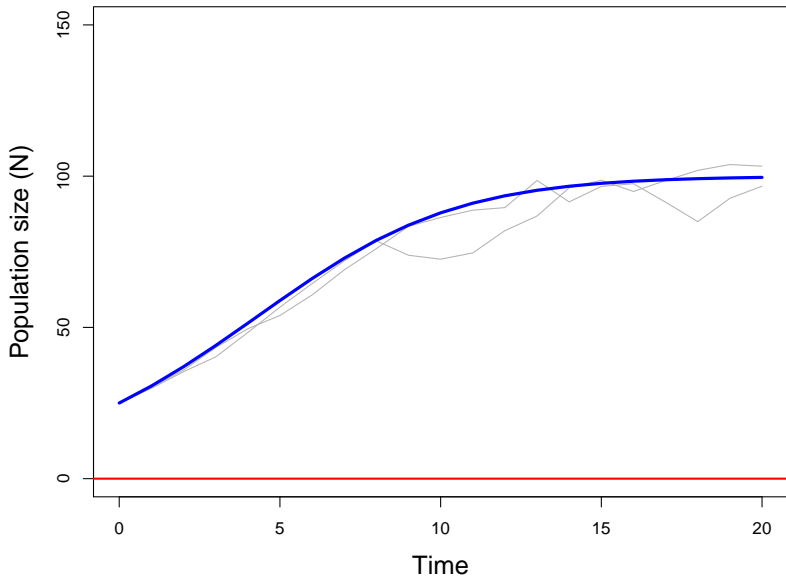
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$$K_t \sim \text{Normal}(\bar{K}, \sigma_e^2)$$

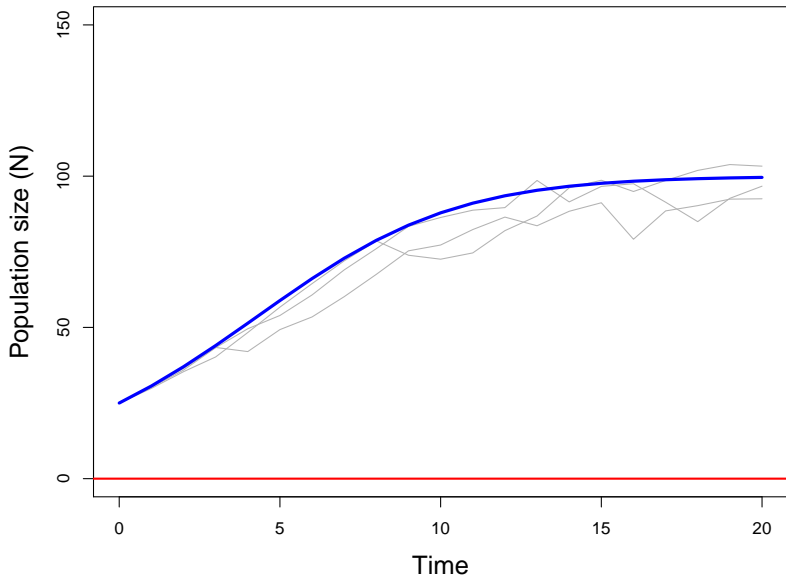
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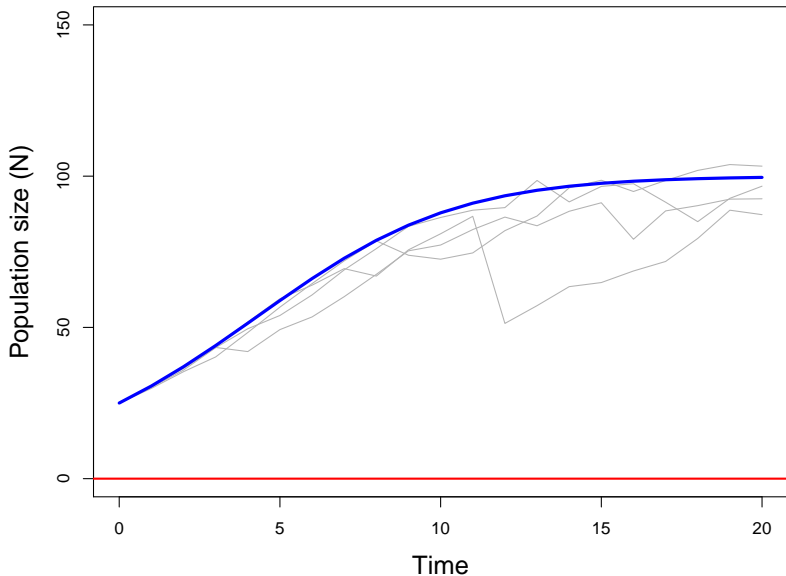
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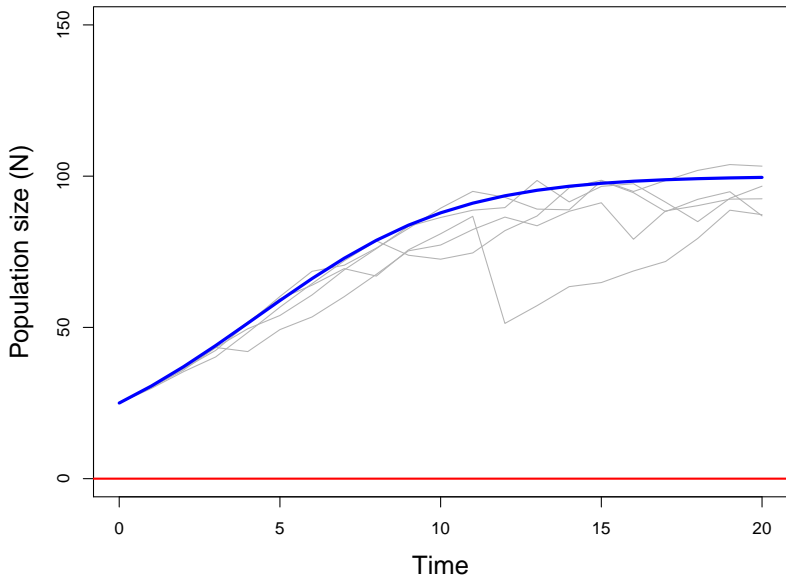
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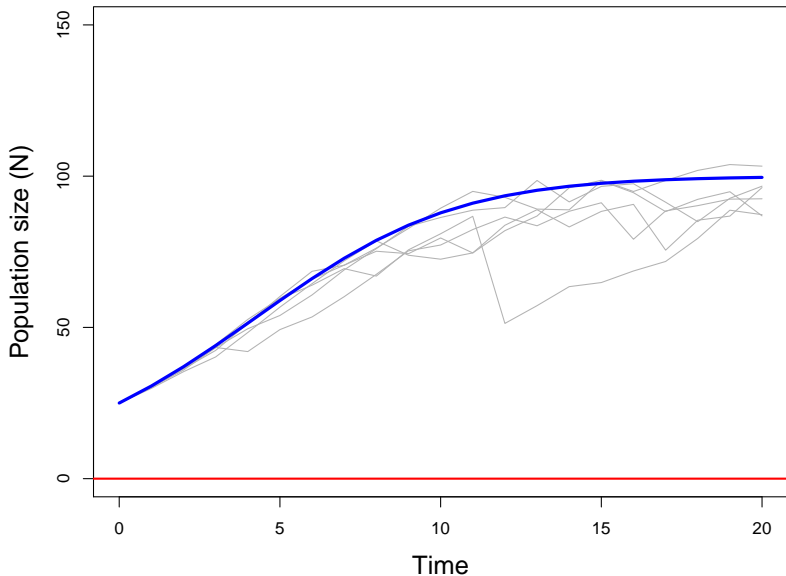
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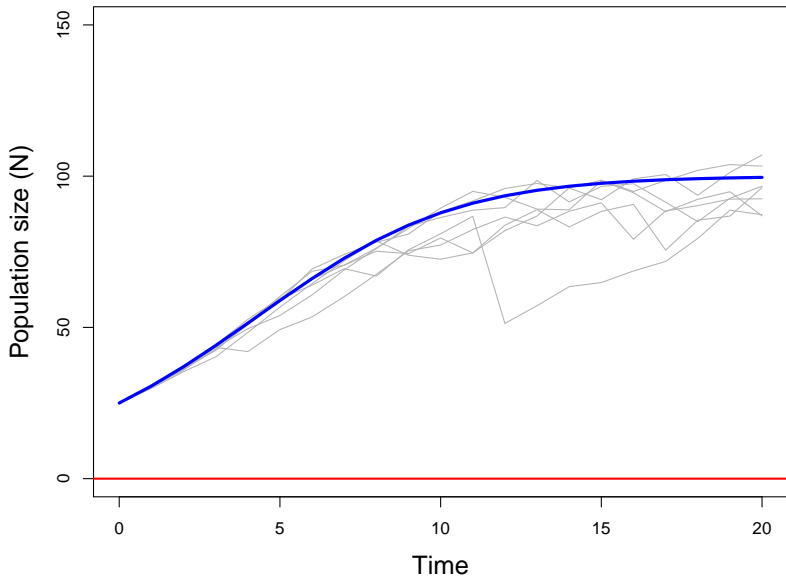
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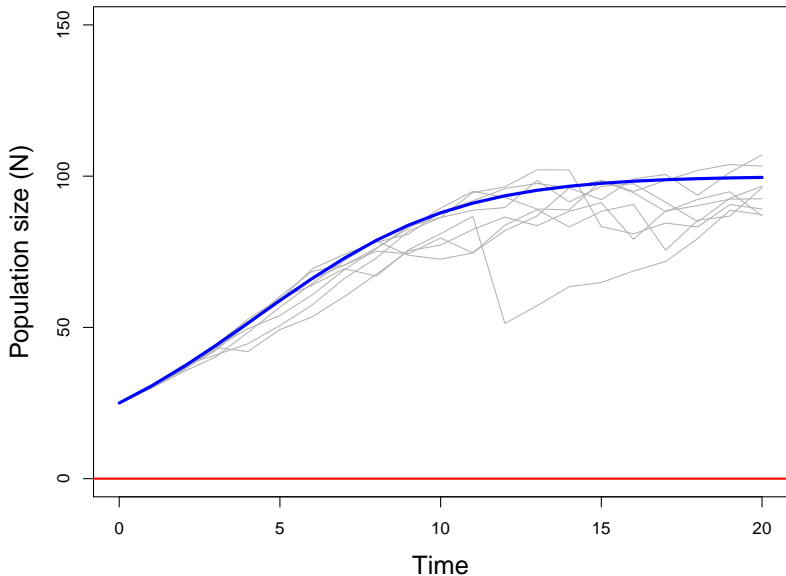
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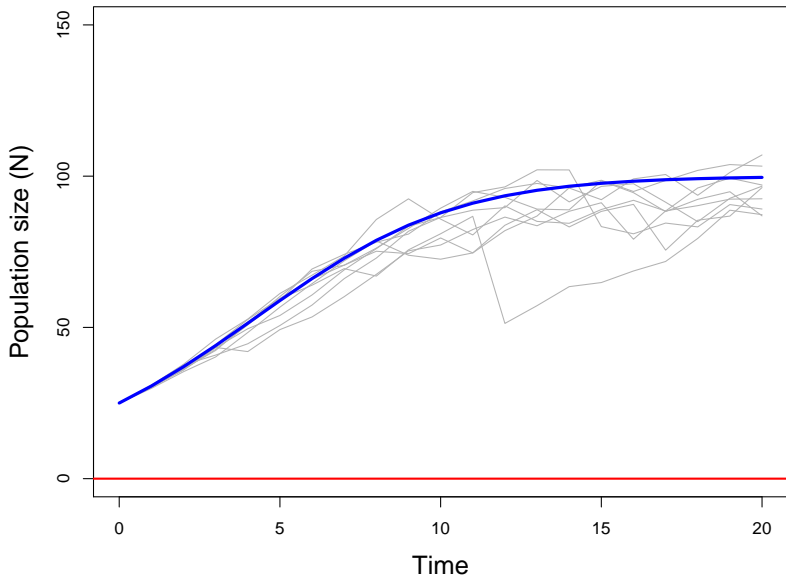
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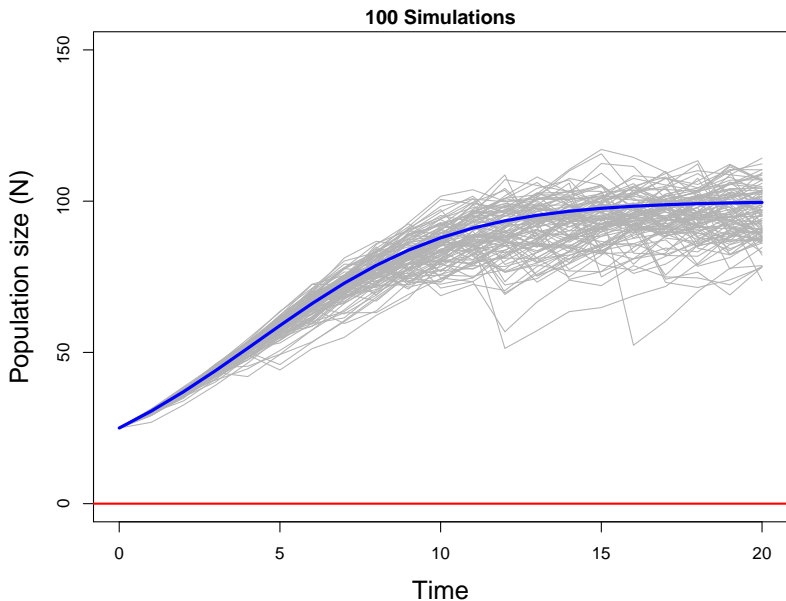
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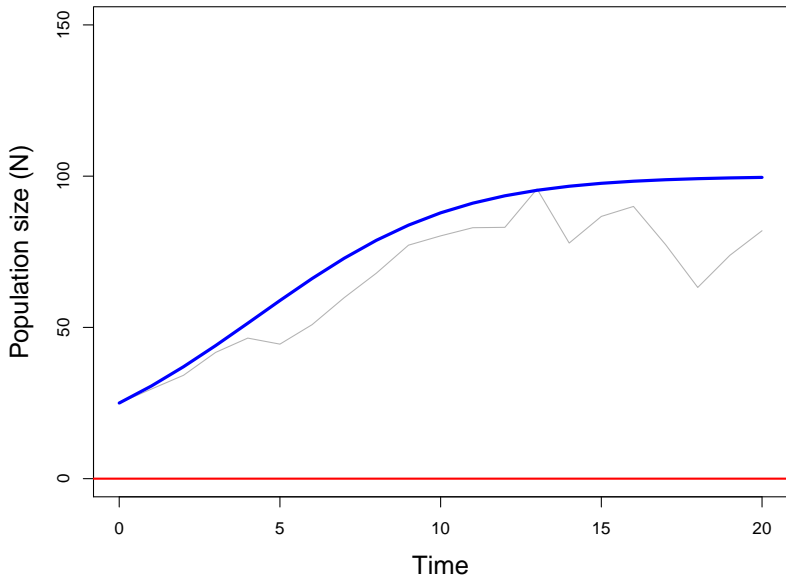
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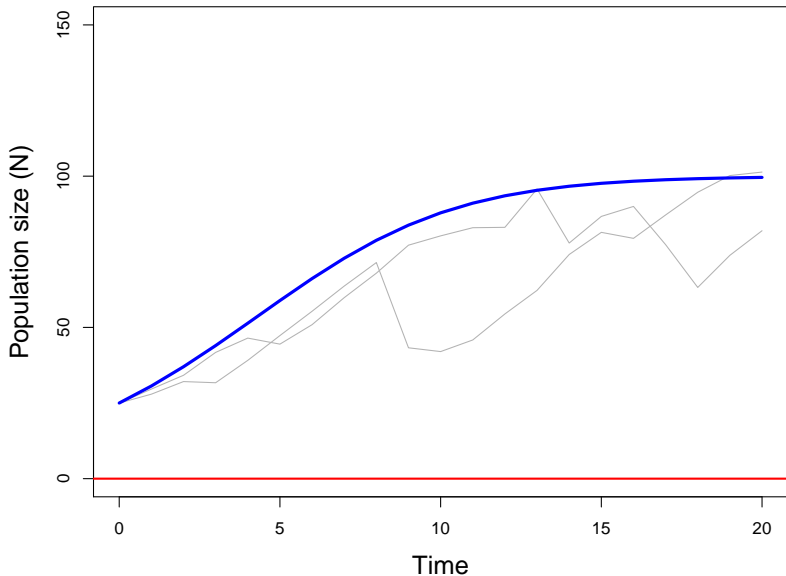
Assumptions

- We have the correct model
- We know the parameters with certainty

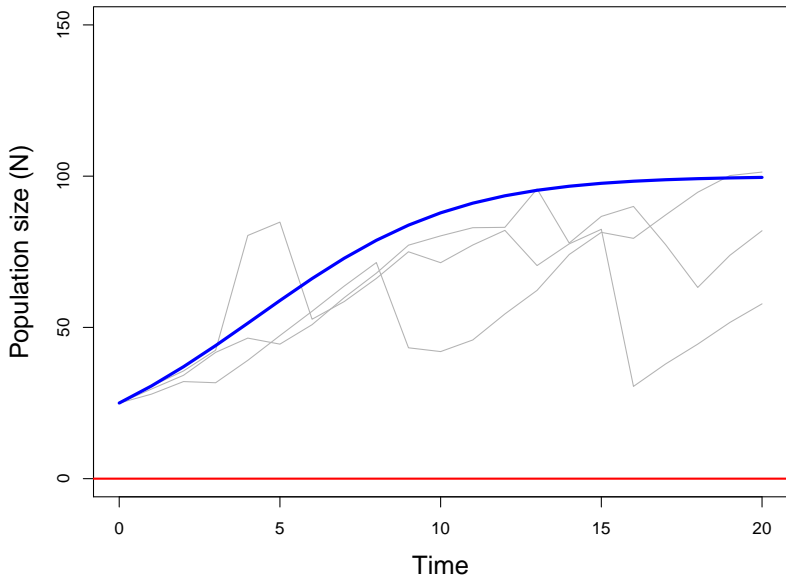
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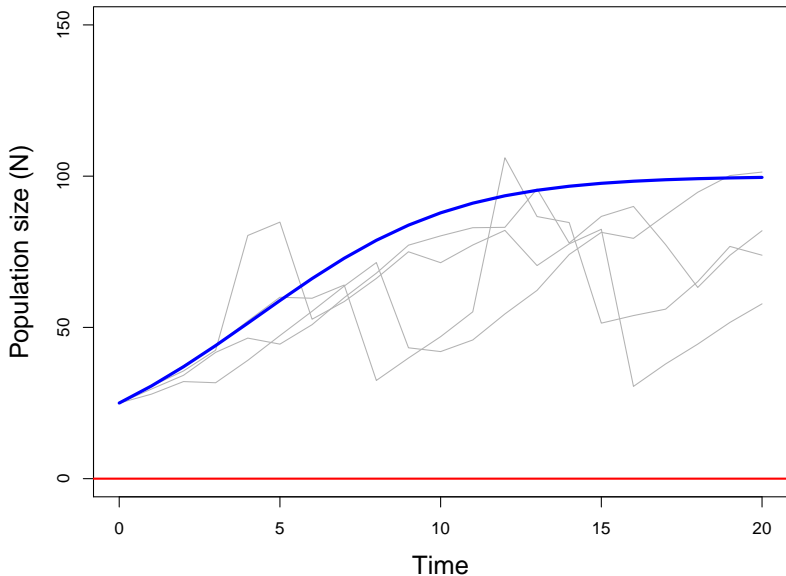
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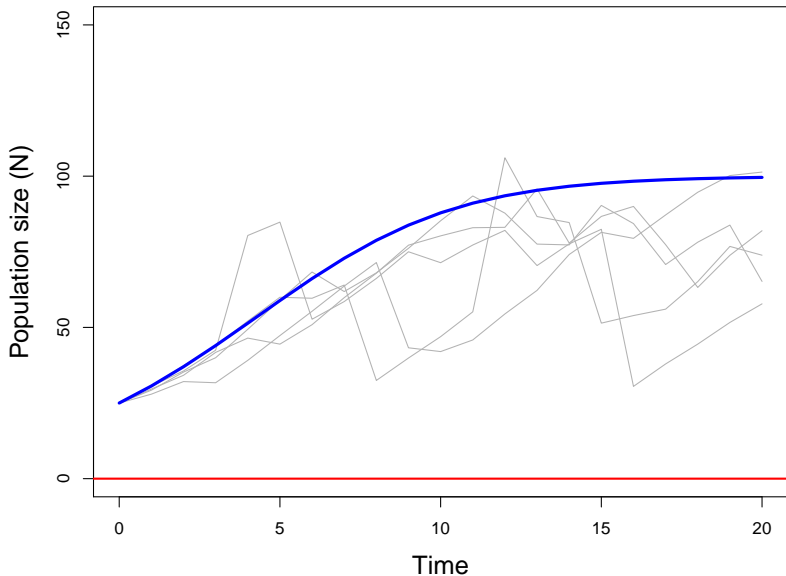
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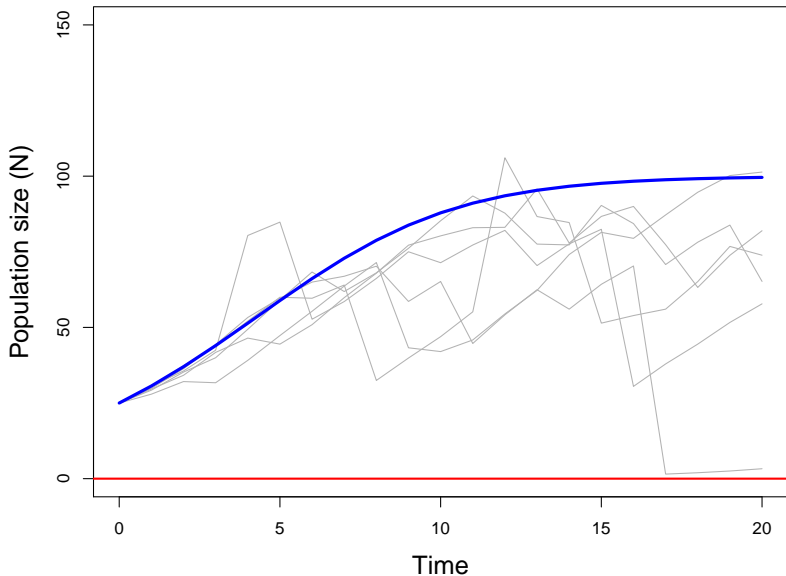
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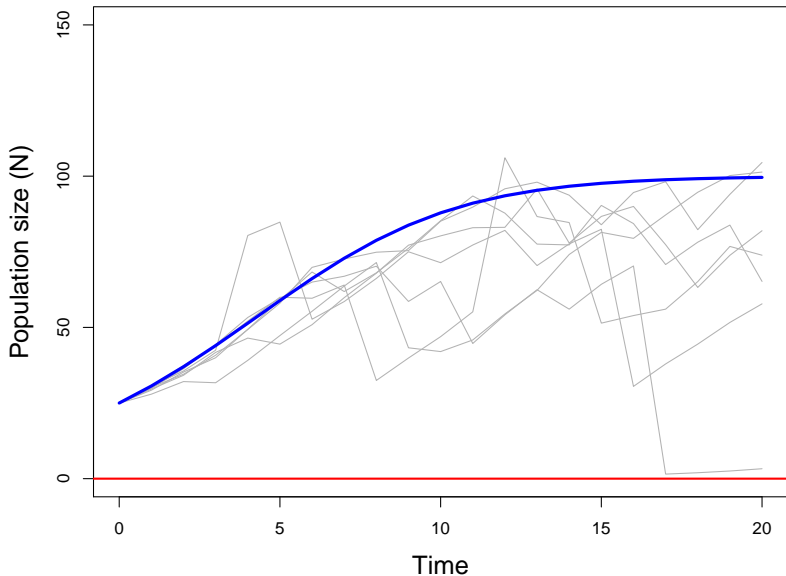
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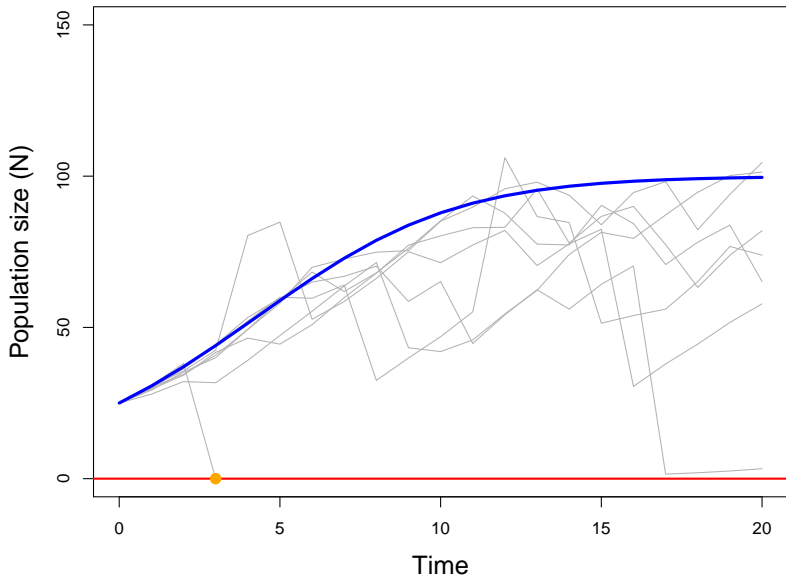
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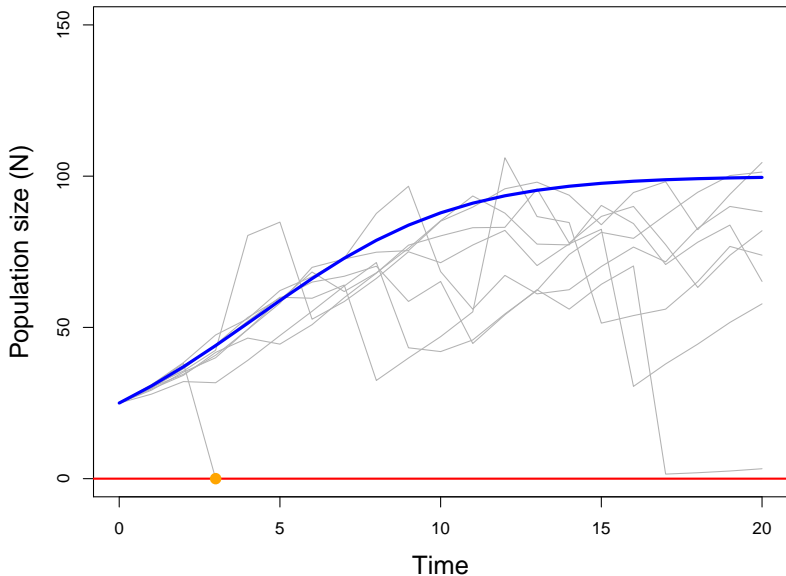
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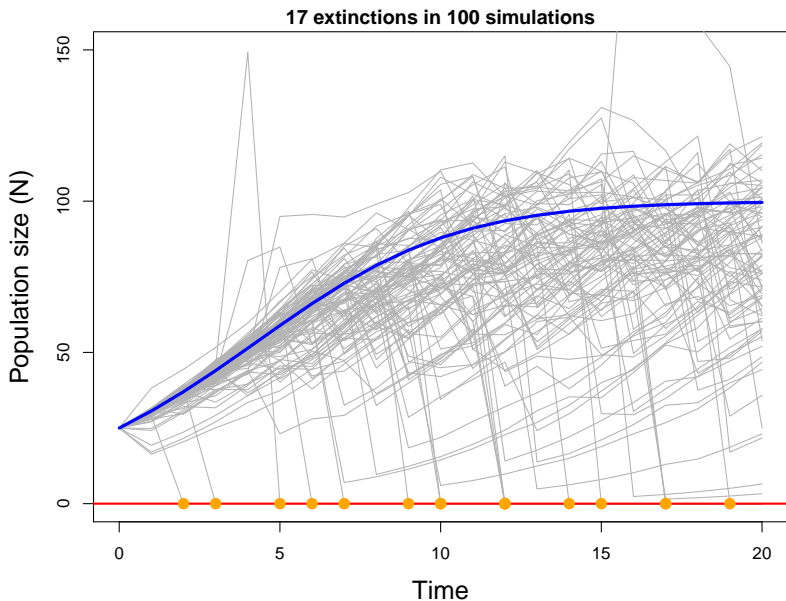
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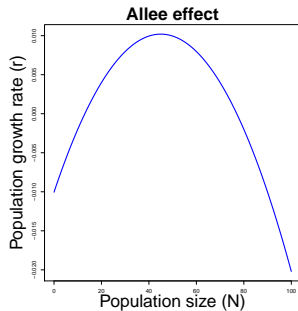
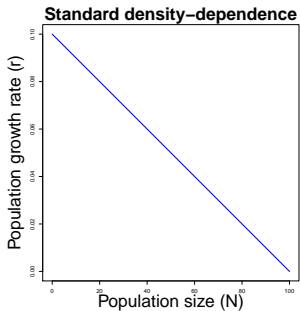
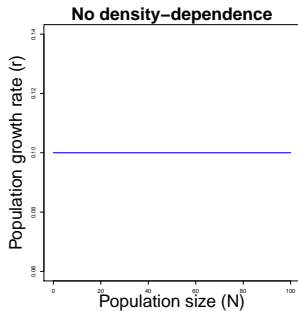
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ALLEE EFFECTS



Humans have increased extinction rates dramatically.

Models allow us to predict time to extinction and extinction risk.

Models can be used to assess effects of management actions on extinction risk.

Read pages 27–31 in Conroy and Carroll