$$\frac{dN_t}{dt} = \frac{N(t + \Delta t) - N(t)}{\Delta t}$$
$$= rN(t) - \mu N(t)$$

thus the solution is:

$$N_t = N_0 e^{(r-\mu)t}$$

where:

 $N_0$  = the initial population size  $N_t$  = the population size at time t r = birth rate[1/time step]  $\mu$  = death rate[1/time step]

Probability:  $r(N-1)\Delta t P_{N-1}(t)$ 

Probability:  $\mu(N+1)\Delta t P_{N+1}(t)$ 

Probability:  $[1 - \mu - r] N\Delta t P_N(t)$ 

$$P_N(t + \Delta t) = r(N - 1)\Delta t P_{N-1}(t) + \mu(N + 1)\Delta t P_{N+1}(t) + [1 - \mu - r] N\Delta t P_N(t)$$

$$\frac{P_N(t)}{dt} = -N(r+\mu)P_N(t) + r(N-1)P_{N-1}(t) + \mu(N+1)P_{N+1}(t)$$

whose solution is:

$$P_N(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\min(N_0, N)} {N_0 \choose j} {N_0 + N - j - 1 \choose N_0 - 1} \alpha^{N_0 - j} \beta^{N - j} (1 - \alpha - \beta)^j$$

where:

$$\alpha = \frac{\mu \left( e^{(r-\mu)t} - 1 \right)}{re^{(r-\mu)t} - \mu}$$
$$\beta = \frac{r \left( e^{(r-\mu)t} - 1 \right)}{re^{(r-\mu)t} - \mu}$$

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