

DYNAMIC SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN ONE DEPENDENT VARIABLE

SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS

What if we have more than one variable that is evolving through time and space?

- populations of two species that are changing through time, and interact with each other
- pollutant concentrations in a diffusion-advection model where the two pollutants also interact with each other
- growth of above-ground and below-ground carbon and nitrogen in a forest
- household consumption and savings through time (when consumption depends on savings and vice versa)

These require several differential equations that have to be solved simultaneously

SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS

- can be ordinary (differentiating with respect to one variable (time or space))
- partial if differentiating with respect to multiple variables (x,y,z, time)

We can estimate trajectories of systems of equations in much the same way that we used numerical integration for our ODE's

Here again methods (especially for complicated parital derivative system of equations) can be complicated

Call your engineering/math when you run into issues!

DYNAMICS OF TWO (OR MORE) VARIABLES

- two variable dynamic models that have feedbacks between variables can create cyclical dynamics (and more complex)
- Two ways to look at results
 - time series of each state variable
 - how state variables interact with each other

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)

PREDATOR-PREY MODEL

Analogs

As with diffusion, the basic form/ideas in this model can be applied elsewhere

- economics
- infectious disease spread
- combustion

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS FOR A PREDATOR-PREY MODEL

- Prey

$$\frac{\partial prey}{\partial t} = r_{prey} * prey - \alpha * prey * pred$$

- Predator

$$\frac{\partial pred}{\partial t} = eff * \alpha * pred * prey - mort * pred$$

PREDATOR PREY - IMPLEMENTATION IN R

- Ordinary Differential Equation with two dependent variables
- Still use **ODE** solve in R
- Still code the derivative as a function
- Use lists or vectors to bring in initial conditions for all dependent variables; (similar how we bring in multiple parameters to derivative definition function)
- use *with* can help make it easier to code the use of parameters within the derivative definition function (see example below)
- use lists to output derivatives for all dependent variable

EXAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION

```
1 source("R/lotvmod.R")
2 lotvmod
```

```
function (t, pop, pars)
{
  with(as.list(c(pars, pop)), {
    dprey <- rprey * prey - alpha * prey
    * pred
    dpred <- eff * alpha * prey * pred -
    pmort * pred
    return(list(c(dprey, dpred)))
  })
}
```

```
1 # note the use of with
2 # initial conditions
3 currpop <- c(prey = 10, pred = 1)
4
5 # time points to see results
6 days <- seq(from = 1, to = 100, by = 1)
7
8 # set parameters
9 pars <- c(rprey = 0.5, alpha = 0.3, eff =
10
11 # run the model
12 res <- ode(func = lotvmod, y = currpop, ti
```

RUN THIS MODEL - HOW WOULD YOU VISUALIZE RESULTS?

VISUALIZING RESULTS

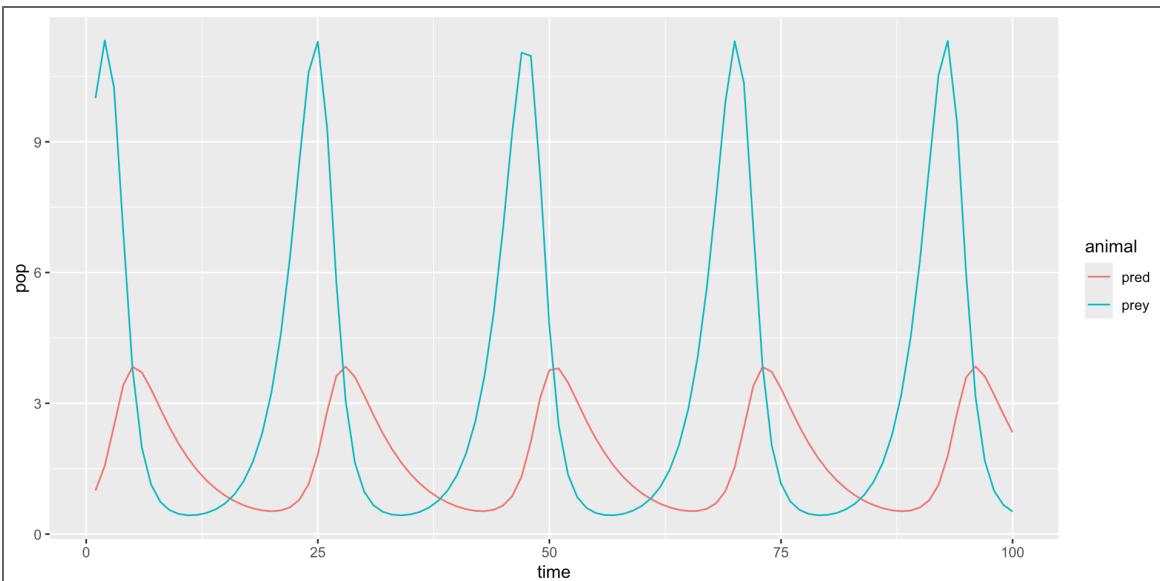
- two variable dynamic models that have feedbacks between variables can create cyclical dynamics (and more complex)
- Two ways to look at results
 - time series of each state variable (pred and prey)
 - how state variables interact with each other
 - interactions through time
 - x versus y colored by time

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POPULATIONS

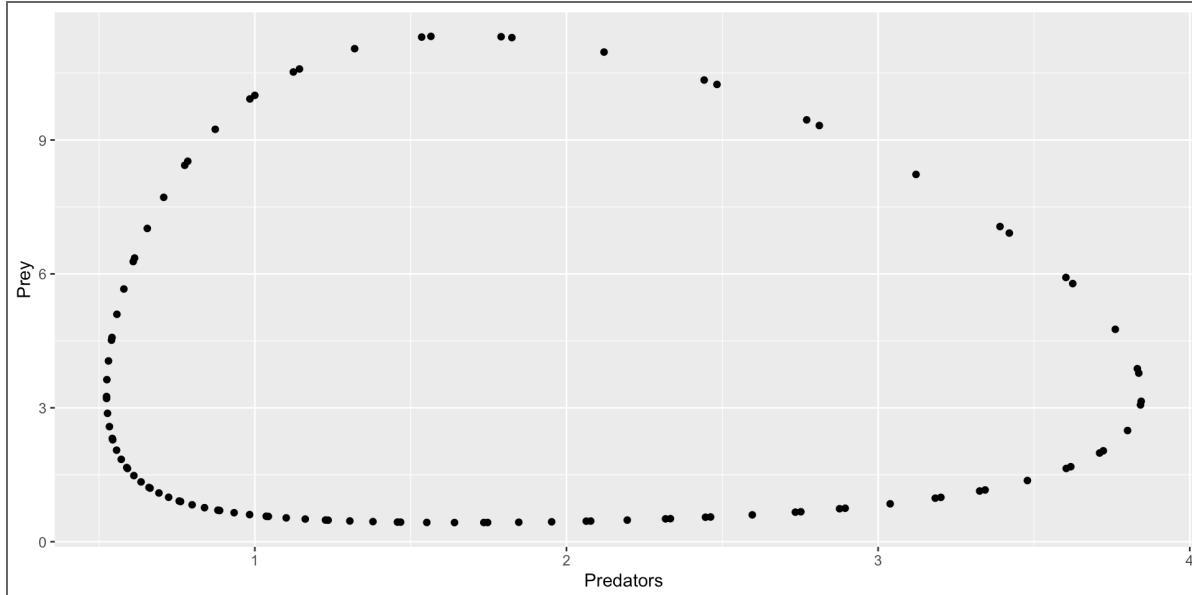
```
1 # graph the results
2 head(res)
```

	time	prey	pred
[1,]	1	10.00000	1.000000
[2,]	2	11.320956	1.564997
[3,]	3	10.244569	2.482924
[4,]	4	6.914805	3.420960
[5,]	5	3.777091	3.836373
[6,]	6	1.987468	3.710744

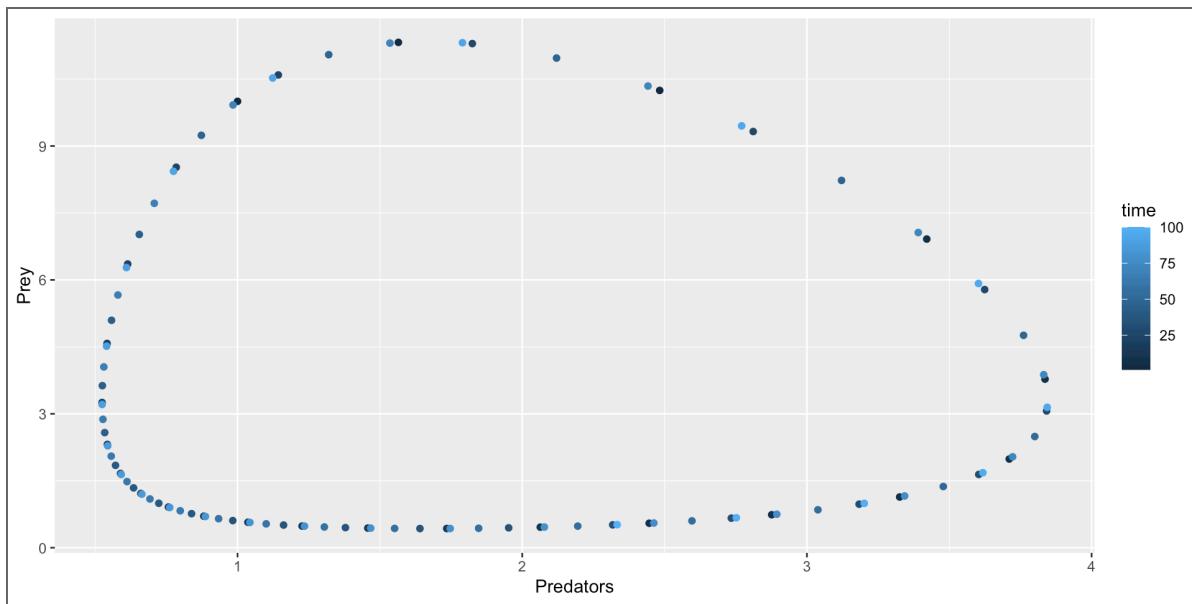
```
1 # rearrange for easy plotting
2 resl <- as.data.frame(res) %>% pivot_longer(
  3   everything(), names_to = "animal",
  4   values_to = "pop")
5
6 p1
```



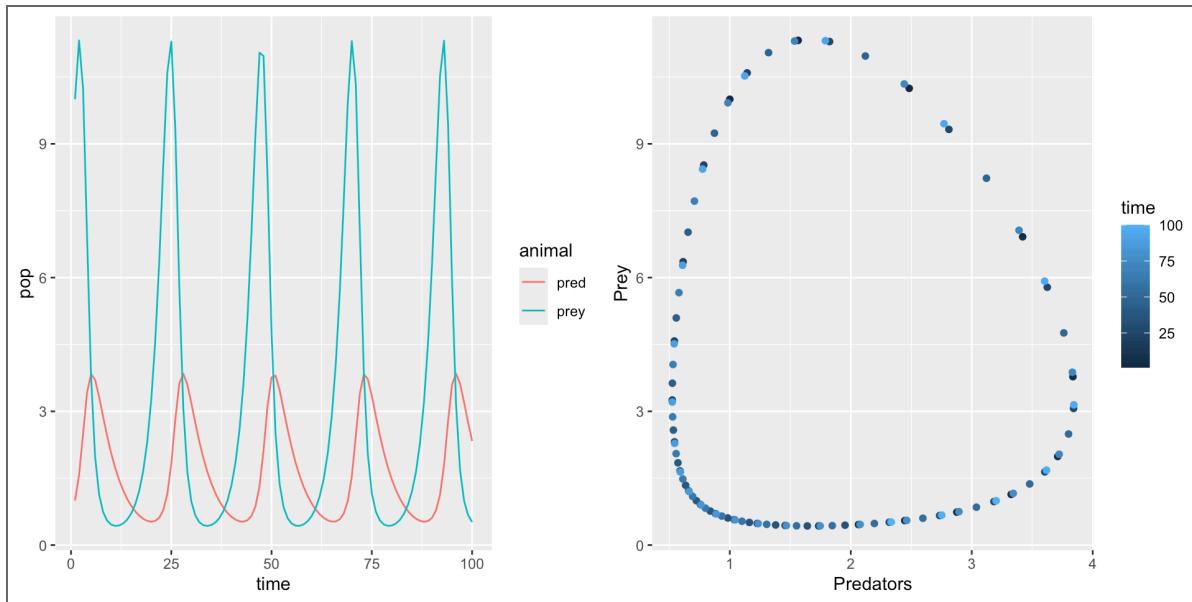
```
1 p2 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(pred,
2   geom_point() +
3   labs(y = "Prey", x = "Predators")
4 p2
```



```
1 # To make this easier to understand – maybe
2 p2b <- ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(pred,
3   geom_point() +
4   labs(y = "Prey", x = "Predators")
5 p2b
```



1 ggarrange(p1, p2b)



TRY OTHER PARAMETERS

- try to bring relative size of predators (versus prey) higher
- what if you increase the predation rates (what might that look like in reality)
- how might you add a carrying capacity

OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS

- Prey

$$\frac{\partial prey}{\partial t} = r_{prey} * prey - \alpha * prey * pred$$

- Predator

$$\frac{\partial pred}{\partial t} = eff * \alpha * pred * prey - mort * pred$$

Predator and Prey with Carrying Capacity?

How would you code that?

WITH CARRYING CAPACITY

- Prey

$$\frac{\partial prey}{\partial t} = r_{prey} * \left(1 - \frac{prey}{K}\right) * prey - \alpha * prey * pred$$

- Predator

$$\frac{\partial pred}{\partial t} = eff * \alpha * pred * prey - mort * pred$$

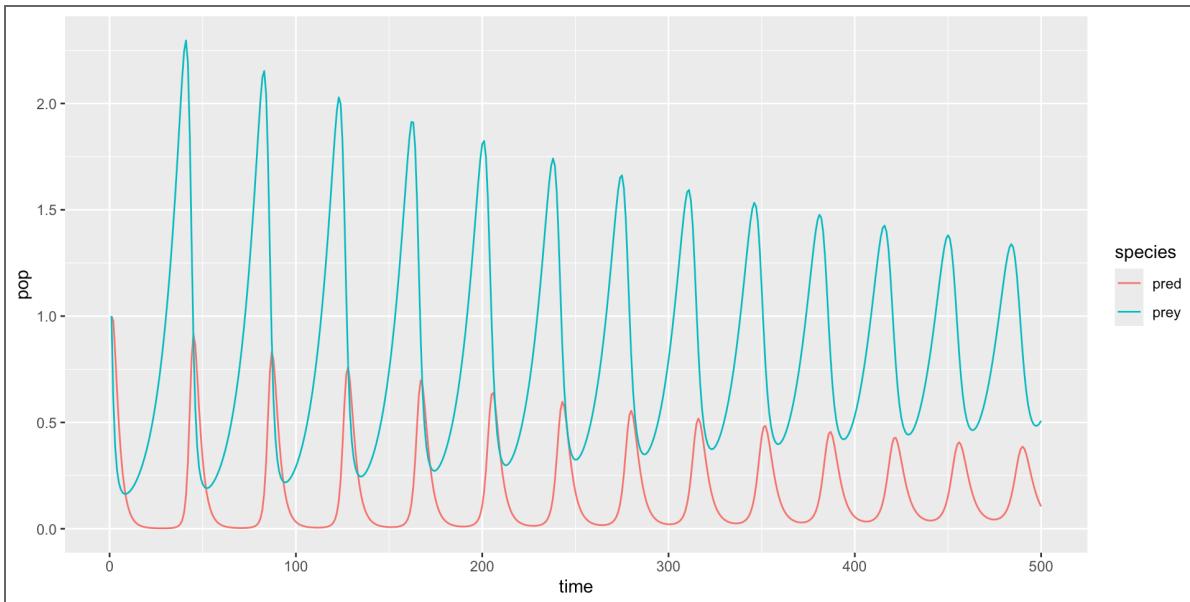
IMPLEMENTATION

```
1 source("R/lotvmodK.R"))
2 lotvmodK
```

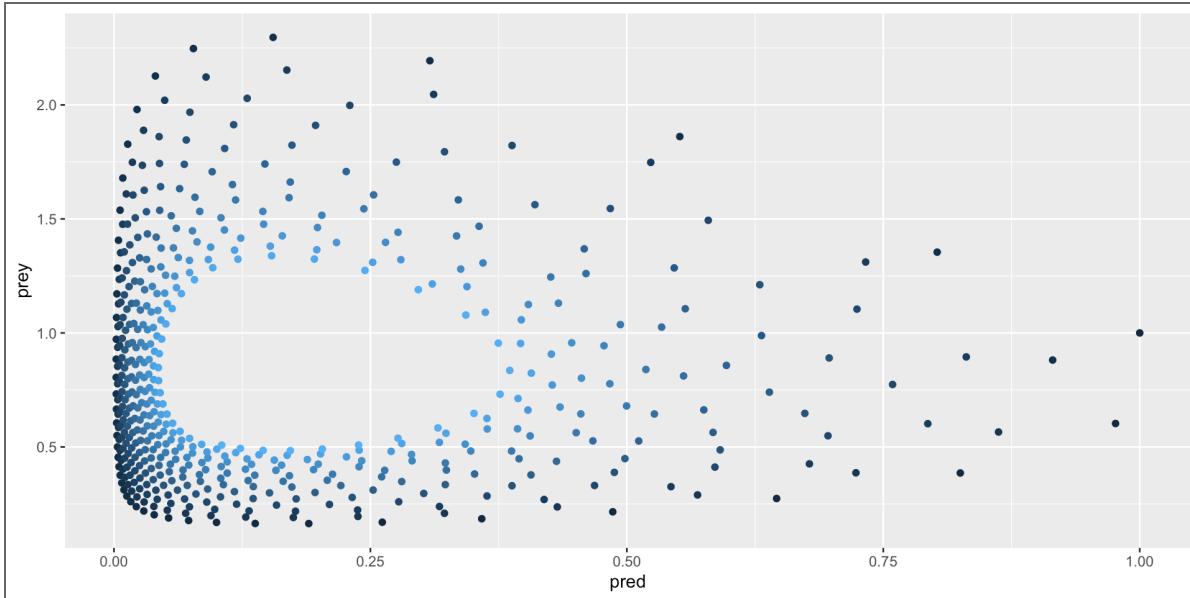
```
function (t, pop, pars)
{
  with(as.list(c(pars, pop)), {
    dprey <- rprey * (1 - prey/K) * prey
    - alpha * prey *
      pred
    dpred <- eff * alpha * prey * pred -
    pmort * pred
    return(list(c(dprey, dpred)))
  })
}
```

```
1 # initial conditions
2 currpop <- c(prey = 1, pred = 1)
3
4 # set parameter list
5 pars <- c(rprey = 0.1, alpha = 0.6, eff =
6
7 # times when you want to evaluate
8 days <- seq(from = 1, to = 500)
9
10 # run our differential equation solver
11 res <- ode(func = lotvmodK, y = currpop,
12
13 # rearrange for plotting
14 resl <- as.data.frame(res) %>% pivot_long
15
```

```
16 # graph both populations over time
17 p1 <- ggplot(resl, aes(time, pop, col = species))
18 geom_line()
```



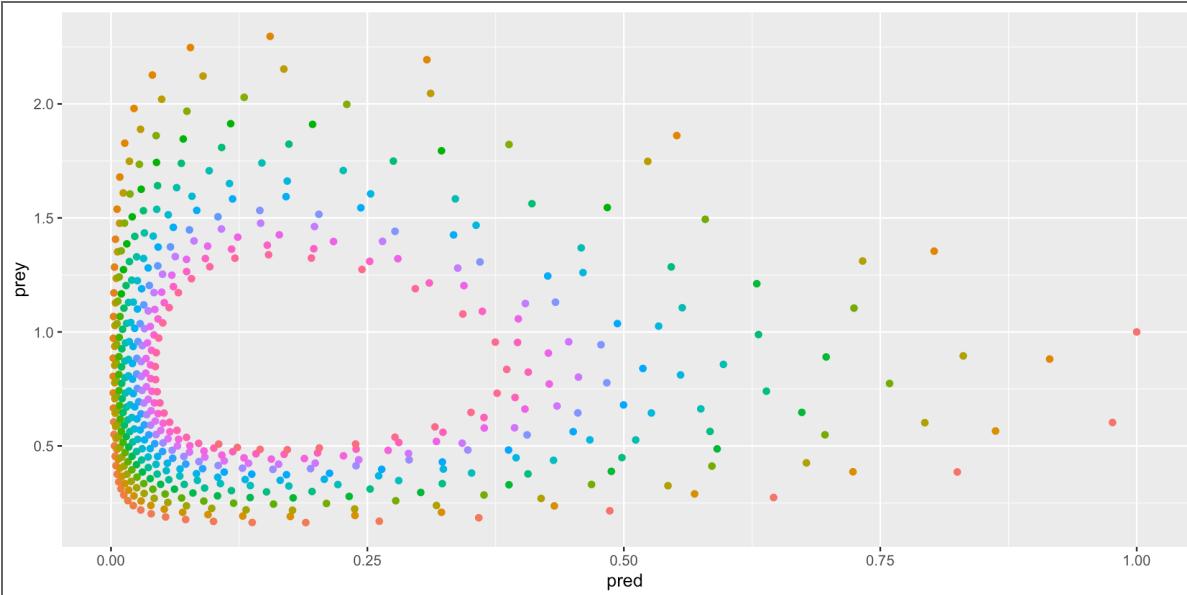
```
1 # also look at relationships between pred
2 # I will remove the legend here to make it
3 p2 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(pred,
4   geom_point() +
5   theme(legend.position = "none")
6 p2
```



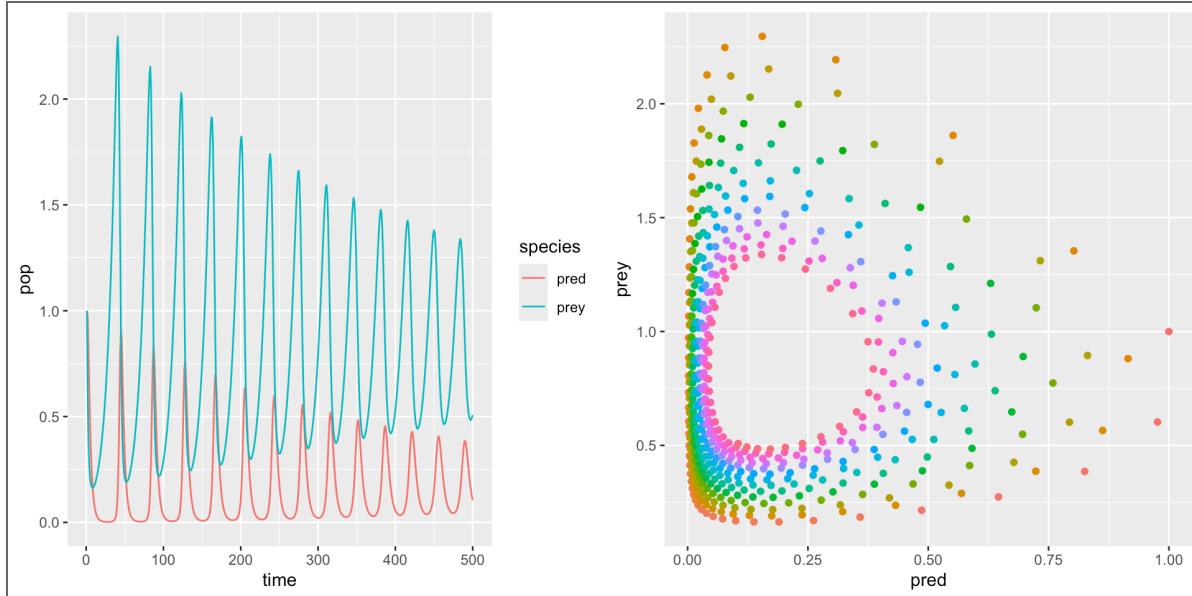
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3   theme(legend.position = "none")
4 p2

```



```
1 ggarrange(p1, p2)
```



```
1 # try with different parameter sets, can y
```


ANOTHER EXAMPLE: COMPETITION

Species 1 (or Company 1)

$$\frac{\partial s_1}{\partial t} = r_1 * s_1 * \left(1 - \left(\frac{s_1 + \alpha_{12} * s_2}{K_1}\right)\right)$$

Species 2 (or Company 2)

$$\frac{\partial s_2}{\partial t} = r_2 * s_2 * \left(1 - \left(\frac{s_2 + \alpha_{21} * s_1}{K_2}\right)\right)$$

- How might you explain what this is doing?
- What do the coefficients “mean”

COMPETITION

Species 1 (or Company 1)

$$\frac{\partial s_1}{\partial t} = r_1 * s_1 * \left(1 - \left(\frac{s_1 + \alpha_{12} * s_2}{K_1}\right)\right)$$

Species 2 (or Company 2)

$$\frac{\partial s_2}{\partial t} = r_2 * s_2 * \left(1 - \left(\frac{s_2 + \alpha_{21} * s_1}{K_2}\right)\right)$$

- s_1, s_2 are species populations
- r_1, r_2 are growth rates of each species
- K_1, K_2 are carrying capacities; could be the same for both species but maybe not?
- α_{12}, α_{21} are competitive effect of the other species; could be the same for both species

AND JUST FOR FUN (I'LL EXPLAIN WHY)

- Lorenz Equations (for fluid dynamics),
- x,y,z variables that change with time that describe how convection in the atmosphere works - a cell that is warmed from below and cooled from above
- x rate of convective overturning
- y departure from linear horizontal (upwelling/downwelling) temperature gradient
- z departure from linear vertical temperature difference
- 3 equations (dx/dt , dy/dt , dz/dt) that describe how these variables change with time
- 3 parameters (a,b,c) related to atmospheric properties
- Developed by Meteorologist Edward Lorenz - early climate model development in 1960s
- Lorenz equations are example of dynamic systems that can exhibit stable and chaotic states depending on parameters and initial conditions

CODE FOR LORENZ SYSTEM

Lets look at a Lorenz System Code

```
1 # lorenz
2 source(here("R/lorenz.R"))
3
4 lorenz
```

```
function (t, pt, parms)
{
  with(as.list(c(pt, parms)), {
    dx <- a * (y - x)
    dy <- x * (b - z) - y
    dz <- x * y - c * z
    return(list(c(dx, dy, dz)))
  })
}
```

APPLICATION OF LORENZ

```
1 pars <- list(a = 10, b = 28, c = 8 / 3)
2 res <- ode(func = lorenz, c(x = 0.1, y = 0
```

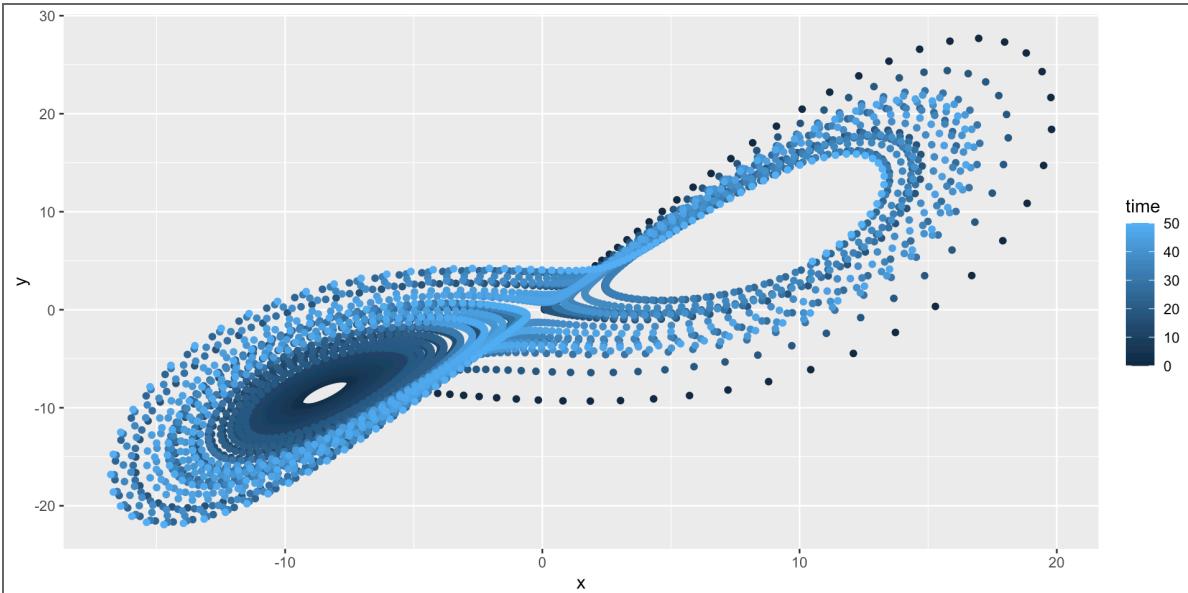
now plot

- as a phase space diagram (x vs y, x vs z, y vs z) - using time for color
- as a time series (e.g time on the x axis) add each variable with a different color

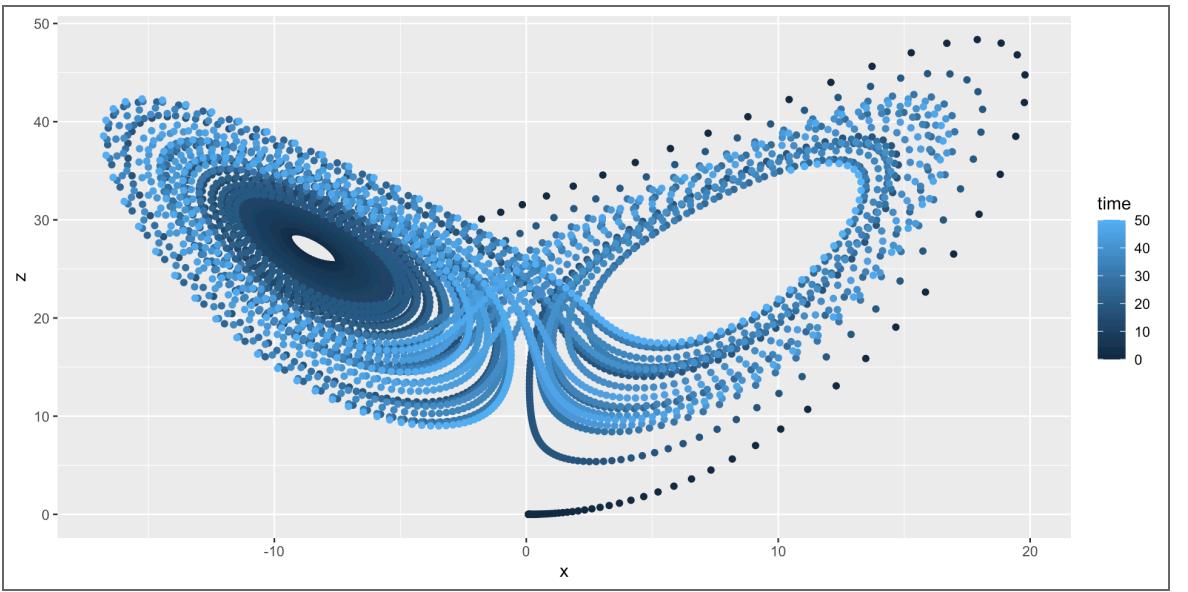
then try with different initial conditions

PLOTS

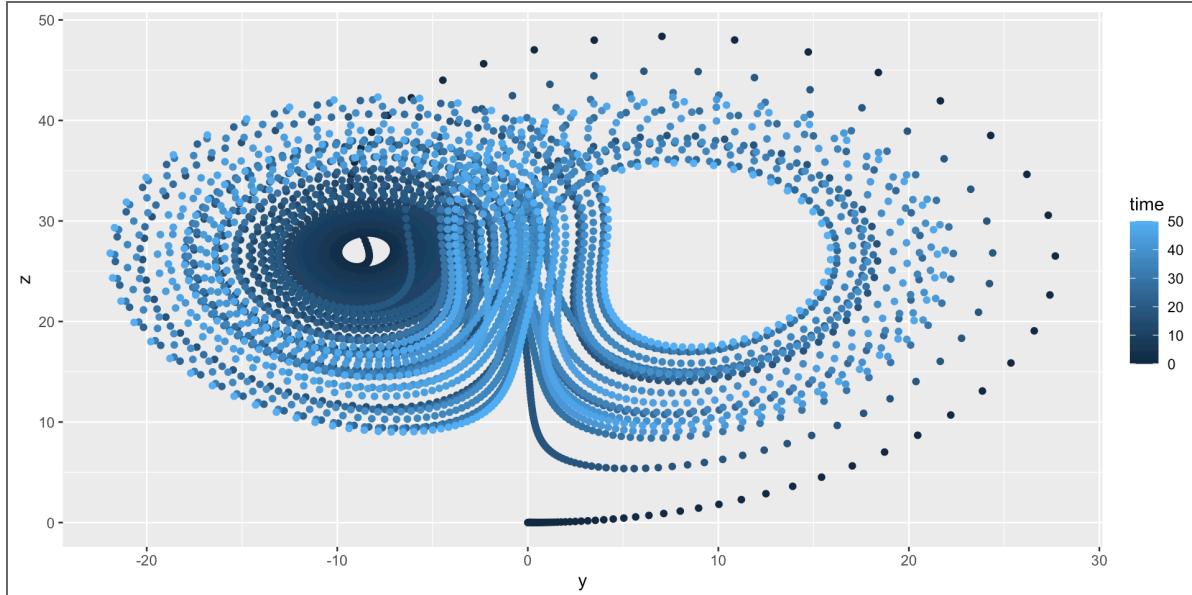
```
1 ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(x, y, col =  
2   geom_point())
```



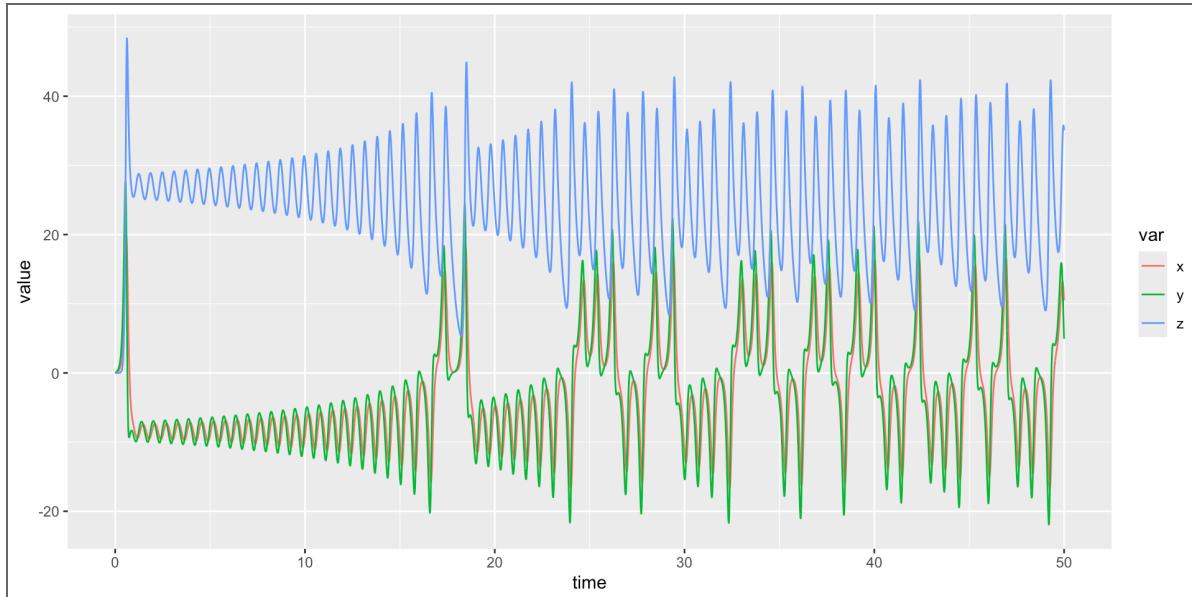
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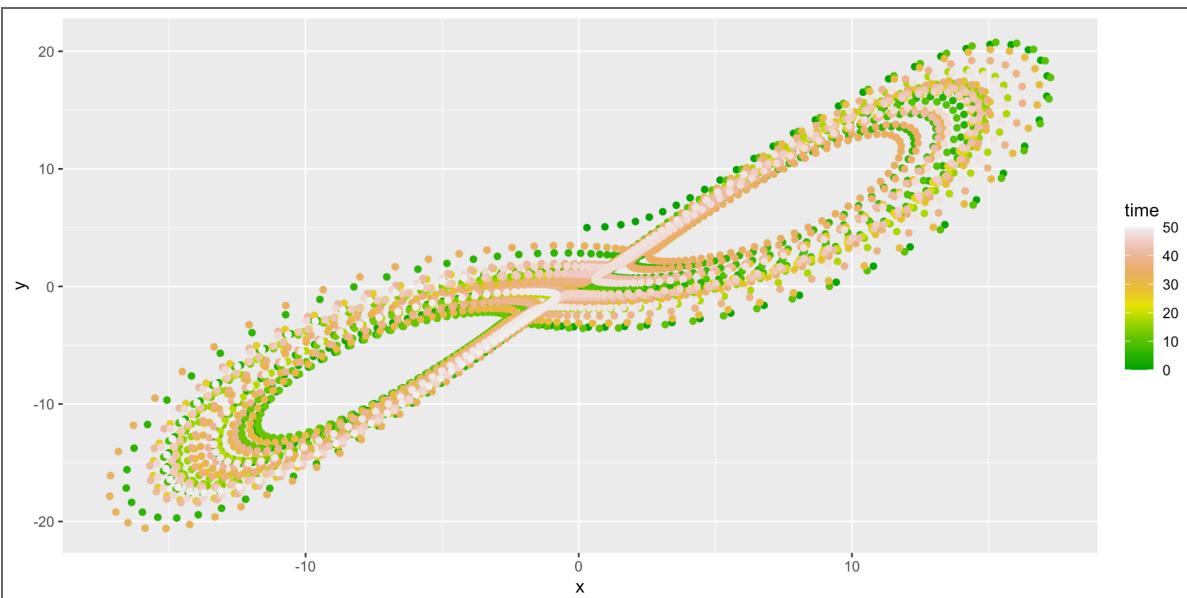


```
1 resl <- as.data.frame(res) %>% gather(key  
2   ggplot(resl, aes(time, value, col = var))  
3   geom_line()
```

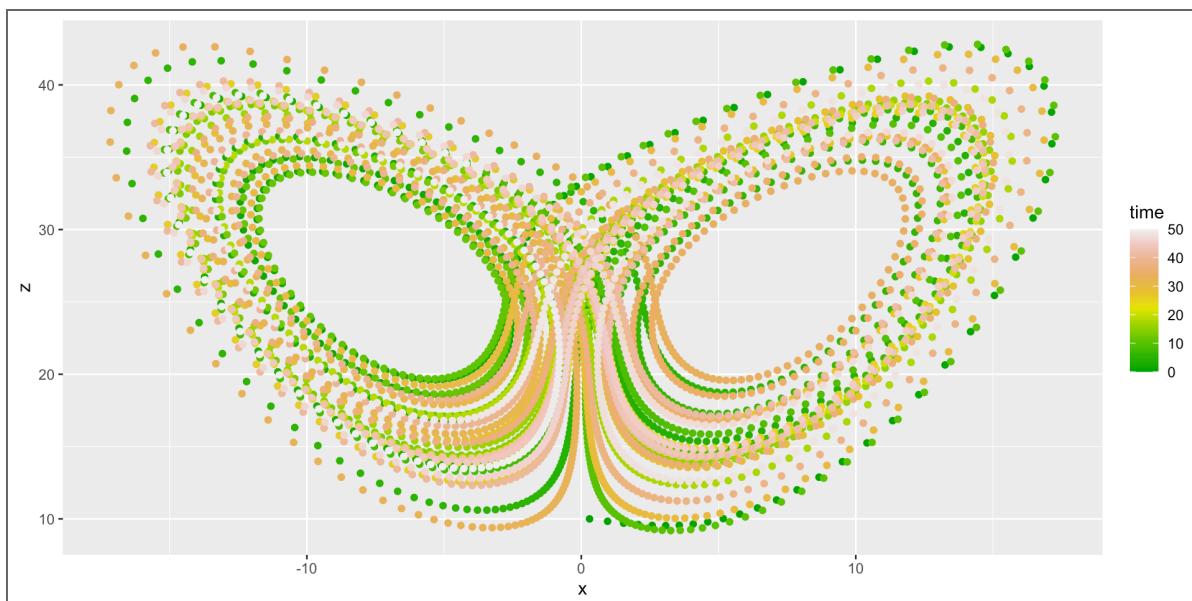


PLOT WITH DIFFERENT INITIAL CONDITIONS

```
1 # try with different initial conditions
2 pars <- list(a = 15, b = 28, c = 8 / 4)
3 res <- ode(func = lorenz, c(x = 0.3, y = 5
4
5 ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(x, y, col =
6   geom_point() +
7   scale_colour_gradientn(colours = terrain
```



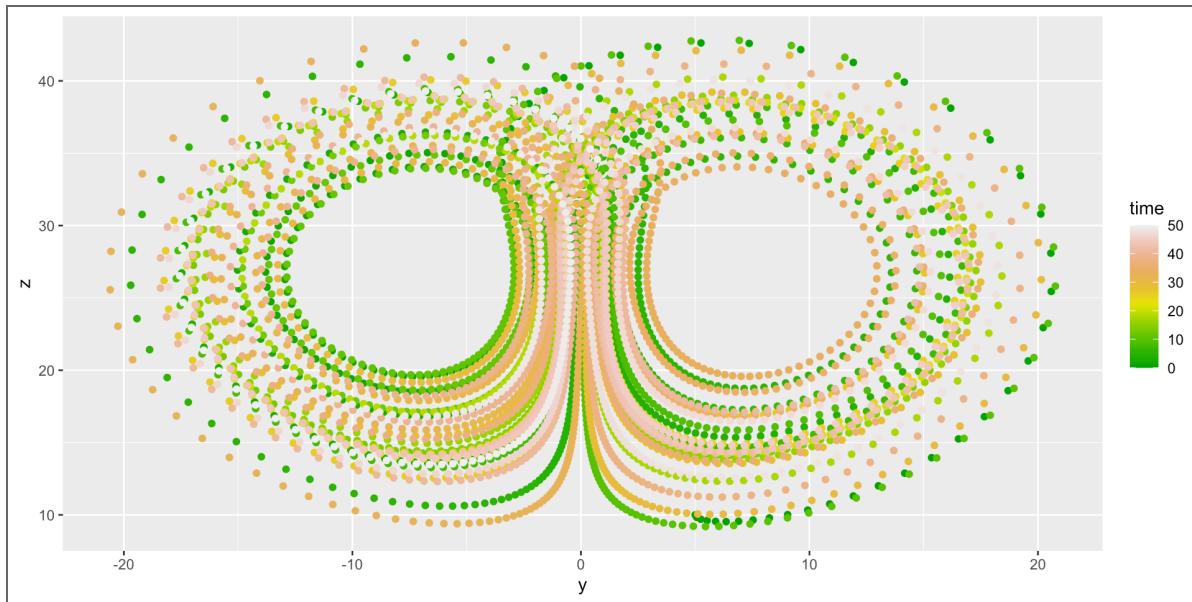
```
1 ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(x, z, col =
2   geom_point() +
3   scale_colour_gradientn(colours = terrain
```



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2   geom_point() +
3     scale_colour_gradientn(colours = terrain

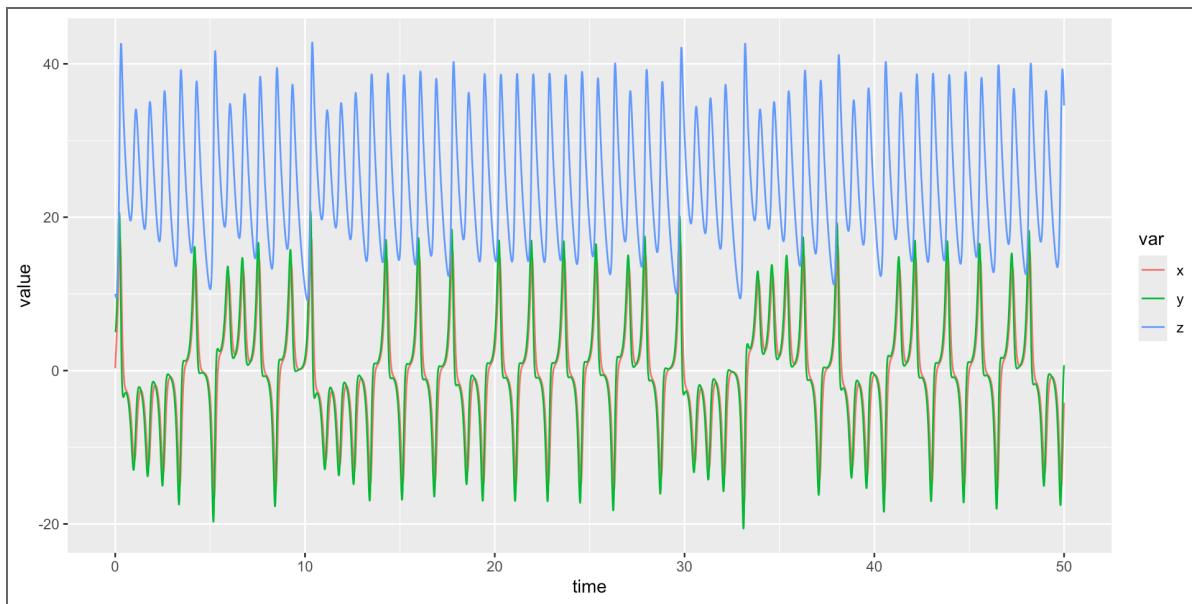
```



```

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2 ggplot(resl, aes(time, value, col = var))
3   geom_line()

```



SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Consider pred-prey BUT what will be the output - if we want to 'quantify sensitivity' useful to look at a single value or set of value

For example

- Max Prey/Predator Population
- Min Prey/Predator Population
- Populations at the end of the time period
- Number of time periods where a population is below a threshold

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS STEPS

- Generate parameters (LHS, Sobol)
- Metrics function
- Wrapper Function
- Run wrapper function to get metrics for all parameter sets
- Graph and compute sensitivity statistics

EXAMPLE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Given a Predator Prey model with the possible values for parameters

- K - mean of 150, standard deviation 20
- r_{prey} - some where between 0.01 and 0.3
- α - somewhere between 0.1 and 0.4
- eff - mean 0.3 standard deviation 0.01
- $pmort$ - somewhere between 0.01 and 0.45
- Initial Conditions: start with 1 predator and 1 prey
- Look at output for 500 time steps

Questions sensitivity analysis might answer

- Does uncertainty in parameter impact our estimates?
- Which are the more/most important parameters in controlling population dynamics?

SET UP SOBOL SENSITIVITY

- parameter samples
- metric and wrapper function

```
37 compute_metrics <- function(result) {  
38   maxprey <- max(result$prey)  
39   maxpred <- max(result$pred)  
40   minprey <- min(result$prey)  
41   minpred <- min(result$pred)  
42   return(list(maxprey = maxprey, minprey  
43 })  
44  
45 # build a wrapper function  
46  
47  
48 p_wrapper <- function(rprey, alpha, eff,  
49   parms <- list(rprey = rprey, alpha = al  
50   result <- ode(y = currpop, times = days  
51   colnames(result) <- c("time", "prey", "  
52   # get metrics  
53   metrics <- compute_metrics(as.data.frame  
54   return(metrics)  
55 }
```

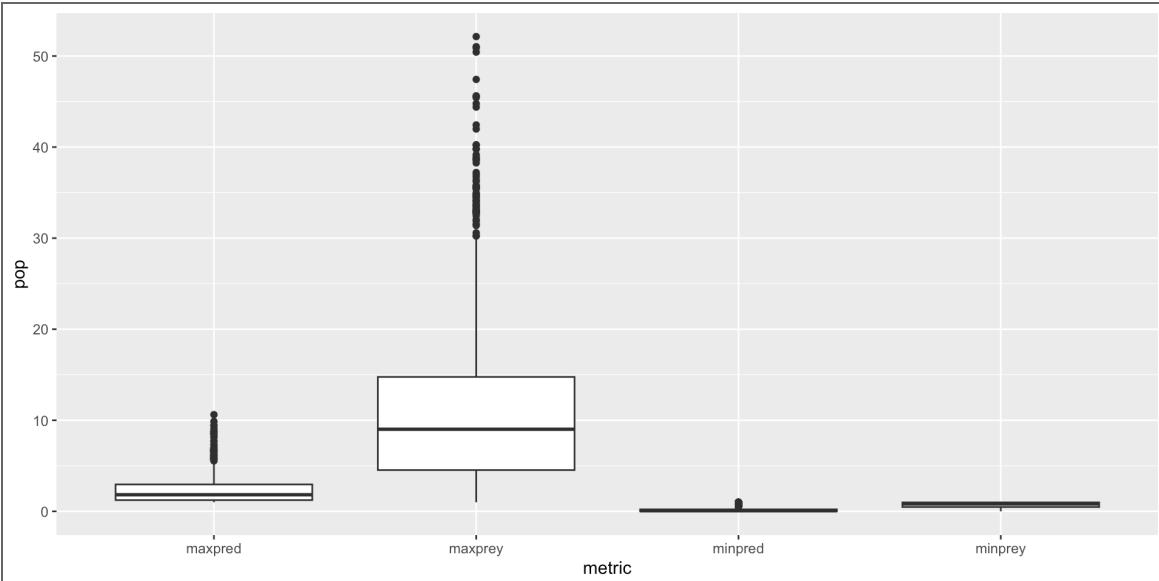
NOW RUN WRAPPER FOR ALL PARAMETERS

- graph
- sobol indices

```

1 # run our model for all parameters and ext
2 currpop <- c(prey = 1, pred = 1)
3 days <- seq(from = 1, to = 500)
4 allresults <- as.data.frame(sens_PP$X) %>%
5   pmap(p_wrapper, currpop = currpop, day = days)
6
7 # take results back to unlisted form
8 allres <- allresults %>% map_dfr(`[`, c("metric", "pop"))
9
10
11 # range of response across parameter uncertainty
12 allresl <- allres %>% gather(key = "metric", value = "pop")
13 ggplot(allresl, aes(metric, pop)) +
14   geom_boxplot()

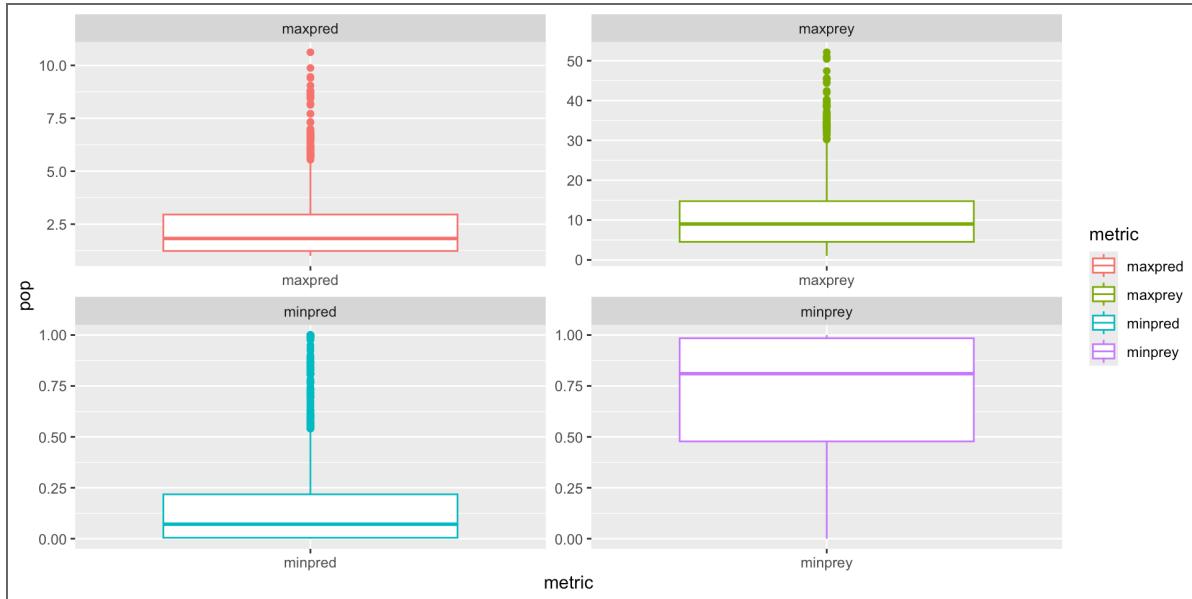
```



```

1 # dealing with different scales
2 ggplot(allresl, aes(metric, pop, col = met
3   geom_boxplot() +
4   facet_wrap(~metric, scales = "free")

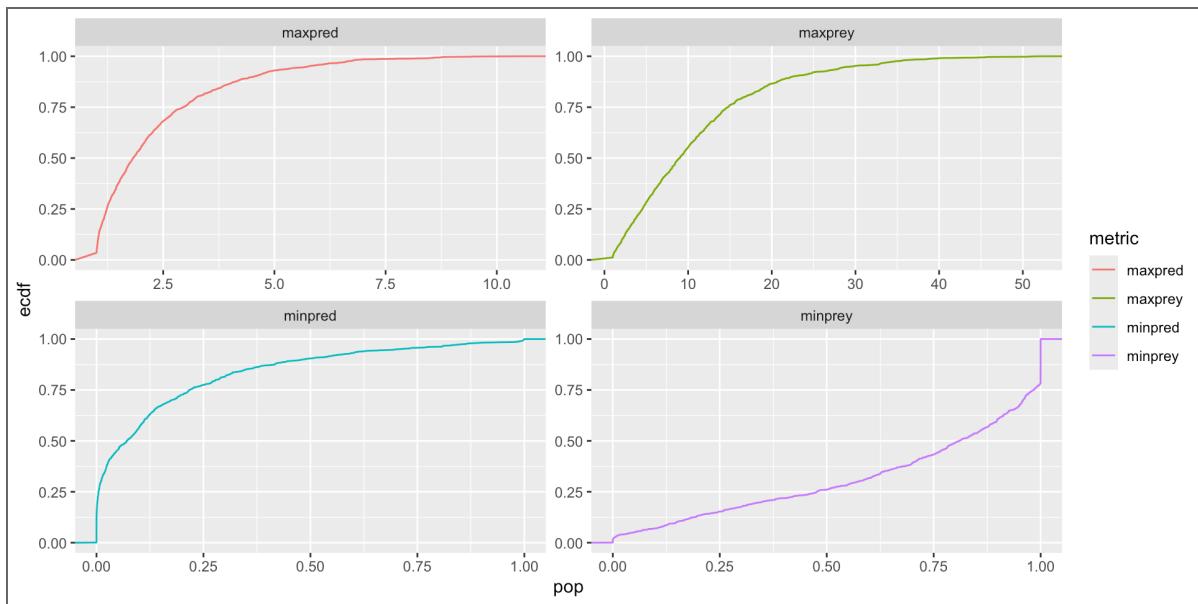
```



```

1 # plot cummulative densities
2
3 ggplot(allresl, aes(pop, col = metric)) +
4   stat_ecdf(geom = "line") +
5   facet_wrap(~metric, scales = "free")

```



SOBOL INDICES

```

1 # create sobol indices for Max Prey
2 sens_PP_maxprey <- sens_PP %>% sensitivity
3 rownames(sens_PP_maxprey$S) <- c("rprey",
4 sens_PP_maxprey$S

```

	original	bias	std. error
min.	c.i.	max.	c.i.
rprey	0.03449832	0.0004211636	0.06709363
	-0.09228323	0.1627492	
K	0.03144130	-0.0001817130	0.06305458
	-0.08839195	0.1504988	
alpha	0.37365008	-0.0081786064	0.08131706
	0.23744773	0.5362571	
eff	0.02882396	-0.0002289820	0.06333170
	-0.09171229	0.1474846	
pmort	0.45716225	-0.0040115036	0.04620082
	0.37141078	0.5537604	

```

1 rownames(sens_PP_maxprey$T) <- c("rprey",
2 sens_PP_maxprey$T

```

	original	bias	std.
error	min. c.i.	max. c.i.	
rprey	0.0139541131	3.022319e-04	
	0.0026874308	0.0072638342	0.0181240815
K	0.0005079275	-2.898919e-06	
	0.0001597233	0.0001666785	0.0007875281
alpha	0.5258168035	3.186012e-03	

0.0471936799 0.4201158126 0.6126495328
eff 0.0035393363 2.335539e-05
0.0008179446 0.0016792294 0.0049246431
pmort 0.6219035243 1.821257e-03
0.0870587147 0.4311560972 0.7681069537

INTERPRETATION OF SOBOL INDICES

- what are the most important parameters
 - maximum prey
- What about other metrics
 - minimum prey
 - maximum predator
 - minimum predator

What is the most important parameter, Which parameters don't matter

ORGANIZING YOUR ANALYSIS

```

1 # keep track of sensitivity from all metrics
2
3 sens_PP_minprey <- sens_PP %>% sensitivity
4 rownames(sens_PP_minprey$S) <- c("rprey",
5 sens_PP_minprey$S

```

	original	bias	std. error
min.	c.i.	max.	c.i.
rprey	0.163247420	-0.005139186	0.07397344
	0.01909218	0.3281960	
K	-0.009383569	-0.002356971	0.07284104
	-0.14173261	0.1461423	
alpha	0.132057108	-0.007412775	0.06732461
	0.02208209	0.2814211	
eff	-0.007863065	-0.002358240	0.07267084
	-0.14103604	0.1460614	
pmort	0.399525345	-0.001147800	0.07570112
	0.26803774	0.5551299	

```

1 rownames(sens_PP_minprey$T) <- c("rprey",
2 sens_PP_minprey$T

```

	original	bias	std.
error	min. c.i.	max. c.i.	
rprey	2.732719e-01	8.993745e-04	4.290673e-02
	1.897397e-01	3.456817e-01	
K	1.969354e-05	7.196275e-08	1.004207e-05
	-1.551879e-06	3.487192e-05	
alpha	3.236745e-01	-2.905742e-06	5.087754e-

```
02 2.150573e-01 4.259451e-01
eff 2.545704e-04 3.589427e-07 6.830718e-
05 1.092601e-04 3.768396e-04
pmort 5.307489e-01 6.927800e-03 6.167042e-
02 3.945242e-01 6.400572e-01
```

```
1 sens_PP_maxpred <- sens_PP %>% sensitivity
2 rownames(sens_PP_maxpred$S) <- c("rprey",
3 sens_PP_maxpred$S
```

	original	bias	std. error
min. c.i.	max. c.i.		
rprey	0.13233268 -0.01131634	-0.011008501 0.2978213	0.07272230
K	0.02056540 -0.09836018	-0.006724132 0.1616893	0.06305028
alpha	0.50637990 0.32911685	-0.004660672 0.7085967	0.09151969
eff	0.01658104 -0.09910440	-0.006645089 0.1566786	0.06319406
pmort	0.23305406 0.10838814	-0.008309851 0.3662999	0.06644569

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2 sens_PP_maxpred$T
```

	original	bias	std. error
min. c.i.	max. c.i.		
rprey	0.1846738115 0.1283622331	2.687892e-03 0.232684386	0.0268312211
K	0.0022106801 0.0007158794	4.307977e-06 0.003498049	0.0007339483
alpha	0.7482975725	2.344622e-03	0.0541682009

```
0.6404634730 0.852049419
eff 0.0003945996 6.590964e-06 0.0000920557
0.0001546094 0.000538981
pmort 0.3490434008 3.577703e-03 0.0602239146
0.2239664870 0.455808533
```

```
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3 sens_PP_minpred$S
```

	original	bias	std. error
min. c.i.	max. c.i.		
rprey	0.35237228	-0.0001646473	0.07050449
	0.19997119	0.4800522	
K	0.06115627	-0.0057556412	0.07868147
	-0.09512428	0.2214750	
alpha	0.06514740	-0.0060509470	0.08431155
	-0.10231755	0.2316867	
eff	0.05714566	-0.0058309991	0.07819029
	-0.09957600	0.2167077	
pmort	0.40764405	-0.0139806443	0.09476154
	0.25327775	0.6322451	

```
1 rownames(sens_PP_minpred$T) <- c("rprey",
2 sens_PP_minpred$T
```

	original	bias	std.
error	min. c.i.	max. c.i.	
rprey	4.523444e-01	1.308888e-02	7.738011e-02
	2.869187e-01	5.833973e-01	
K	2.956213e-06	1.319337e-07	6.707537e-07
	1.429358e-06	3.916599e-06	
alpha	1.640601e-01	4.512685e-04	4.046761e-

```
02 6.966061e-02 2.296588e-01
eff 5.461335e-04 1.559899e-05 1.171166e-
04 2.772833e-04 7.372340e-04
pmort 5.446559e-01 -5.612616e-03 8.787251e-
02 3.660702e-01 7.247044e-01
```

```
1 # put together in a table
2 sobol_sumS = as.data.frame(
3   rbind(
4     sens_PP_maxprey$$original,
5     sens_PP_minprey$$original,
6     sens_PP_maxpred$$original,
7     sens_PP_minpred$$original
8   ))
9 colnames(sobol_sumS) <- c("rprey", "K", "alpha")
10 rownames(sobol_sumS) <- c("maxprey", "minprey", "maxpred", "minpred")
11 sobol_sumS
```

	rprey	K	alpha
eff	pmort		
maxprey	0.03449832 0.028823960	0.031441301 0.4571622	0.3736501
minprey	0.16324742 -0.007863065	-0.009383569 0.3995253	0.1320571
maxpred	0.13233268 0.016581037	0.020565399 0.2330541	0.5063799
minpred	0.35237228 0.057145661	0.061156267 0.4076441	0.0651474

STABILITY

- simple mathematical definition - when derivatives are zero
 - algebra
 - plotting
- more complex definitions - think of metrics that looks at ranges, cycling, return to a population above some threshold after disturbance
- for more complex definitions of stability you'd need to do the integration (e.g run the ode solver) and then compute a metric of stability
 - min or max always above or below a threshold
 - long term values (e.g after X years)

ADDING MORE COMPLEX INPUTS

- What if carrying capacity varied with air temperature

Conceptual Model

- There is a known optimal carrying capacity (K_{opt})
 - K_{opt} when ecosystem is at optimal temperature (T_{opt})
 - As temperature increases or decreases from T_{opt} , carrying capacity decreases
 - K_{sen} is a sensitivity coefficient that describes how much carrying capacity changes with temperature
- Carrying capacity is a function of temperature
$$K = K_{opt} * (1 - K_{sen} * (airT(t) - T_{opt}))$$
 - $airT(t)$ is the air temperature at time t

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

- We would also need a model of carrying capacity (K)
 - deterministic (not-dynamic) submodel
 - needs a time series of air temperature as input

How do you combine these different types of inputs/parameters and different types of models together

DYNAMIC CARRYING CAPACITY EXAMPLE

- Carrying Capacity

$$K = K_{opt} * (1 - Ksen * (airT(t) - T_{opt}))$$

- Prey

$$\frac{\partial prey}{\partial t} = r_{prey} * \left(1 - \frac{prey}{K}\right) * prey - \alpha * prey * pred$$

- Predator

$$\frac{\partial pred}{\partial t} = eff * \alpha * pred * prey - mort * pred$$

CODE

```

1 source(here("R/lotvmodvaryingK.R"))
2 lotvmodKvar

```

```

function (t, pop, pars)
{
  with(as.list(c(pars, pop)), {
    K = K0 * (1 - Ksen * (airT[t] -
Topt))
    K = max(K, 1)
    dprey <- rprey * (1 - prey/K) * prey
- alpha * prey *
      pred
    dpred <- eff * alpha * prey * pred -
pmort * pred
    return(list(c(dprey, dpred)))
  })
}

```

```

1 # initial conditions
2 currpop <- c(prey = 10, pred = 1)
3
4
5
6 # set parameters and inputs
7 # read in air temperature time series
8 airT = readRDS(here("Data/Tavg_Rattlesnake
9 head(airT)

```

```
# A tibble: 6 × 3
# Groups:   month [1]
  month   year   tavg
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1     1 1989  12.9
2     1 1990  13.8
3     1 1991  14.4
4     1 1992  14.3
5     1 1993  14.8
6     1 1994  14.5
```

```
1 #note if you were interested in specific p
2
3 # time points to see results
4 days <- seq(from = 1, to = length(airT$tav)
5
6 # note you have to use a list now because
7 pars <- list(rprey = 0.5, alpha = 0.3, eff
8
9 # run the model
10 res <- ode(func = lotvmodKvar, y = currpop
11 # graph the results
12 head(res)
```

	time	prey	pred
[1,]	1	10.000000	1.000000
[2,]	2	11.093271	1.554524
[3,]	3	9.899626	2.420596
[4,]	4	6.752188	3.280867
[5,]	5	3.821711	3.668858
[6,]	6	2.093251	3.566748

```
1 # rearrange for easy plotting
2 resl <- as.data.frame(res) %>% pivot_longer(
3   everything(), names_to = "pop", values_to = "val")
4   geom_line()
5
6 p1
```

```
1 p2 <- ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(pred,
2   geom_point() +
3   labs(y = "Prey", x = "Predators"))
4 p2
```

```
1 # To make this easier to understand – maybe
2 p2b <- ggplot(as.data.frame(res), aes(pred,
3   geom_point() +
4   labs(y = "Prey", x = "Predators"))
5 p2b
```

```
1 ggarrange(p1, p2b)
```

ASSIGNMENT

Consider how you might add hunting of prey to the predator prey model that we've been using in class

Part 1:

Build this model (e.g add hunting to the lotvmodK.R),

Some requirements/hints for your model

You should make sure that you don't hunt more prey than exist.

To ensure that you might also add a minimum prey population input that must be met before hunting is allowed.

Note you can make this as simple or as complex as you would like. You could represent hunting in a way that is similar to "harvesting" in the last assignment.

Part 2

Explore how different hunting levels and different minimum prey populations (before hunting is allowed) are likely to effect the stability of the populations of both predator and prey. A key challenge is how you might want to define stability? It is up to you but you will need to write a sentence to explain why you chose the measure that you did. It could be something as simple as maintaining a population above some value 50 years into the future.

Use this exploration to recommend a hunting target that will be sustainable (e.g leave you with a stable

prey and predator population).

It is up to you how you “explore” hunting - you can simply try different values of the parameters in your hunting model or do it more formally by running your model across a range of values. You could think about parameter interactions

You can assume the following are best guesses of key parameters

$r_{prey}=0.95$, $\alpha=0.01$, $eff=0.6$, $pmort=0.4$, $K=2000$,

Submit - the Quattro document with your analysis

AND a pdf/html version, any R files This should include

- a. your hunting model
- b. your exploration (e.g how you tested different hunting levels and how you defined a stability metric)
- c. provides you estimated sustainable hunting level and brief explanation of why you chose the metric you did