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# Population Growth

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# Workshop plan, July 7-11, 2025

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1: Monday          | Intro concepts, and R setup       |
| 2: Tuesday         | Mortality and fertility           |
| 3: Wednesday       | Standardization and decomposition |
| <b>4: Thursday</b> | <b>Growth</b>                     |
| 5: Friday          | Projection                        |

# Growth

- Empirical growth
- Stationarity and Stability
- Structure vs size
- Speedometers
- Model abuse

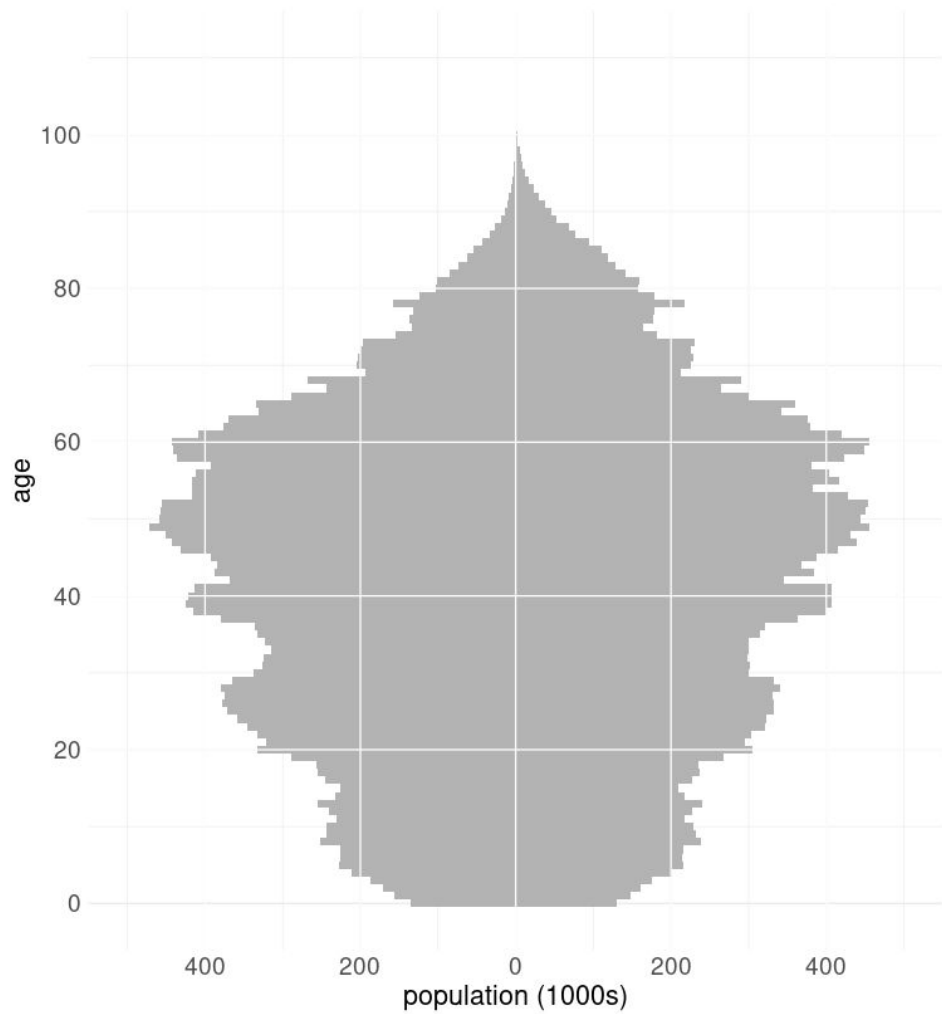
# Empirical growth

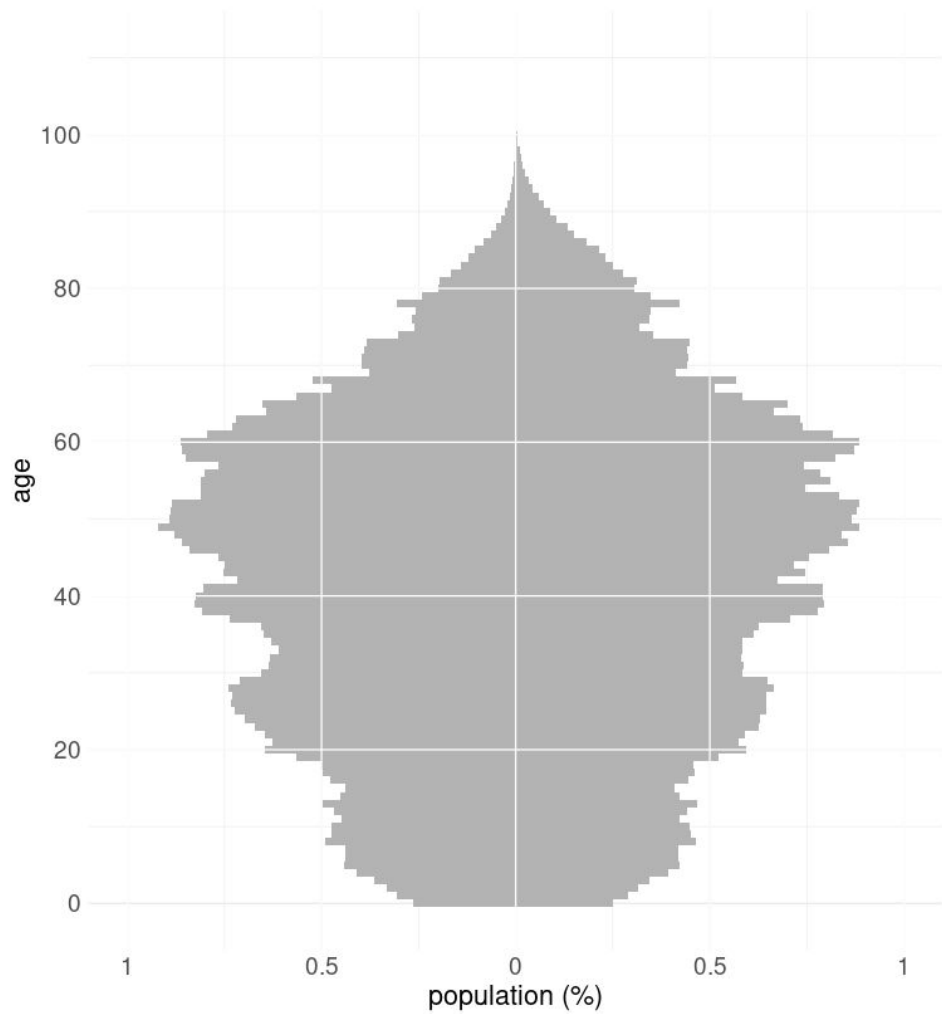
- Geometric

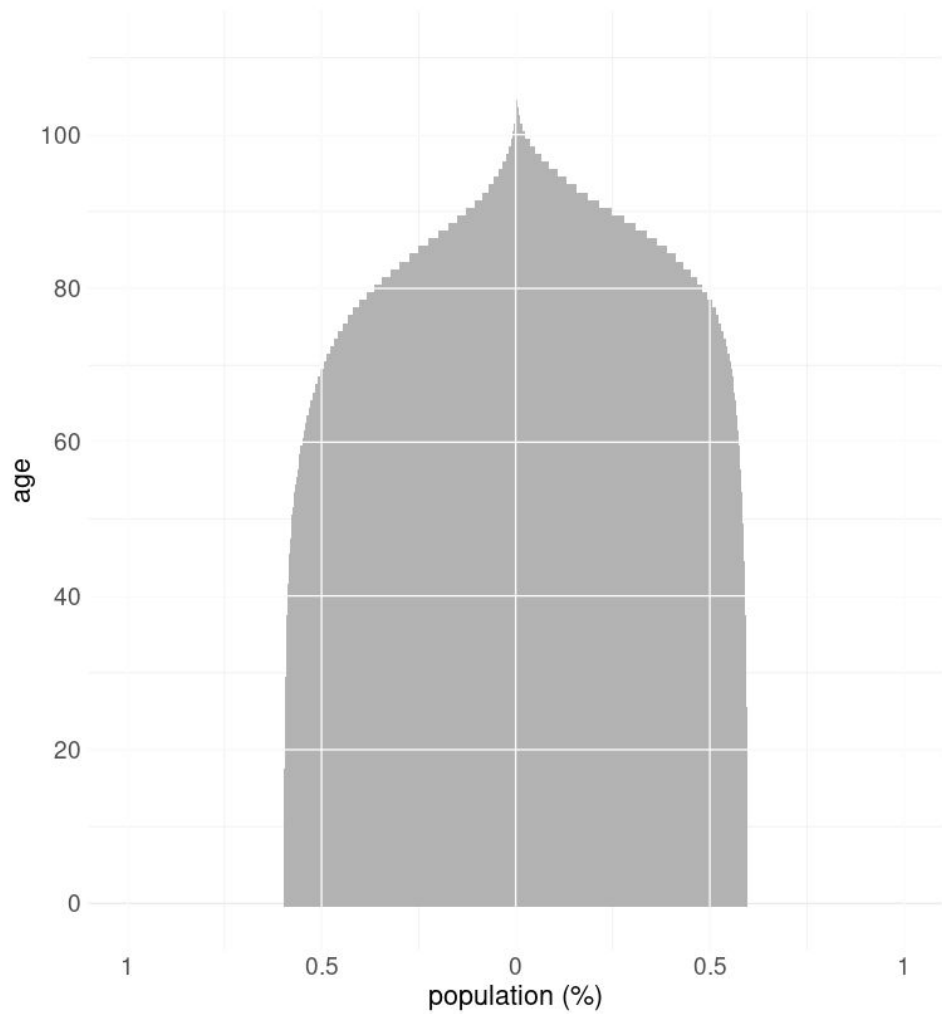
$$r = \frac{N(T) - N(0)}{N(0)} \frac{1}{T}$$

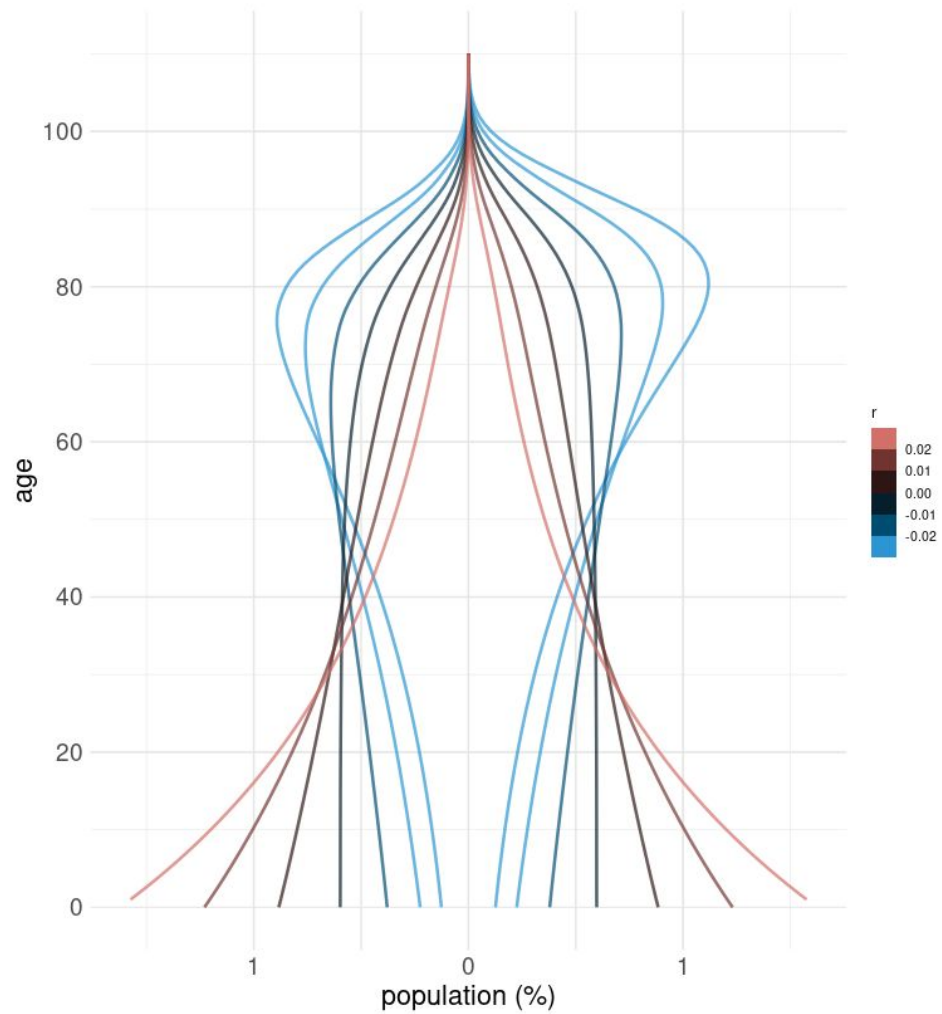
- Exponential

$$r = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{N(T)}{N(0)}\right)}{T}$$











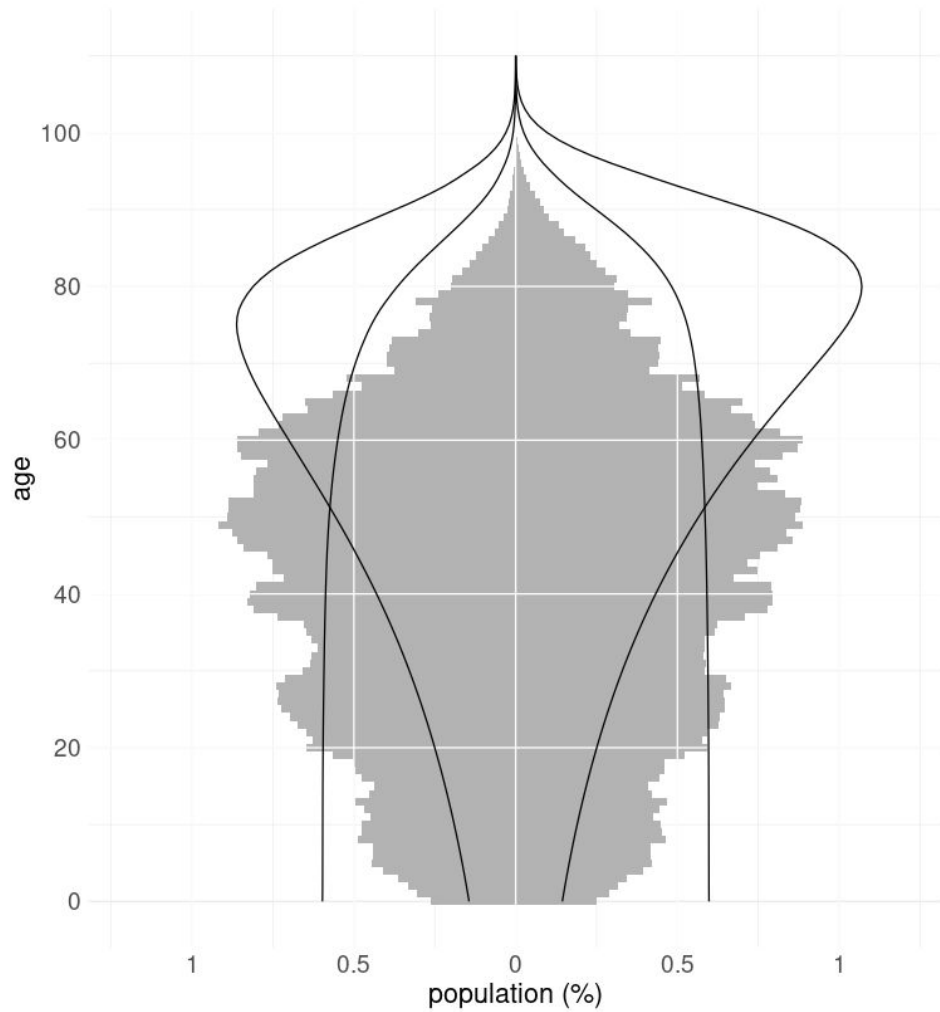




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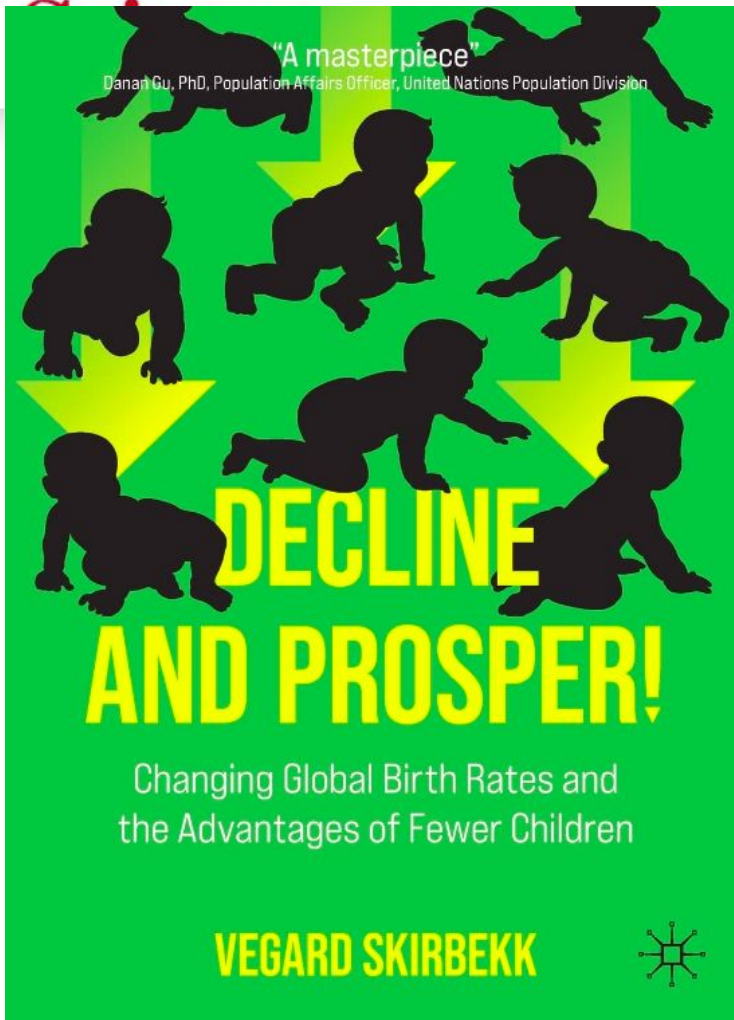
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# problem? Population aging, de- nption

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