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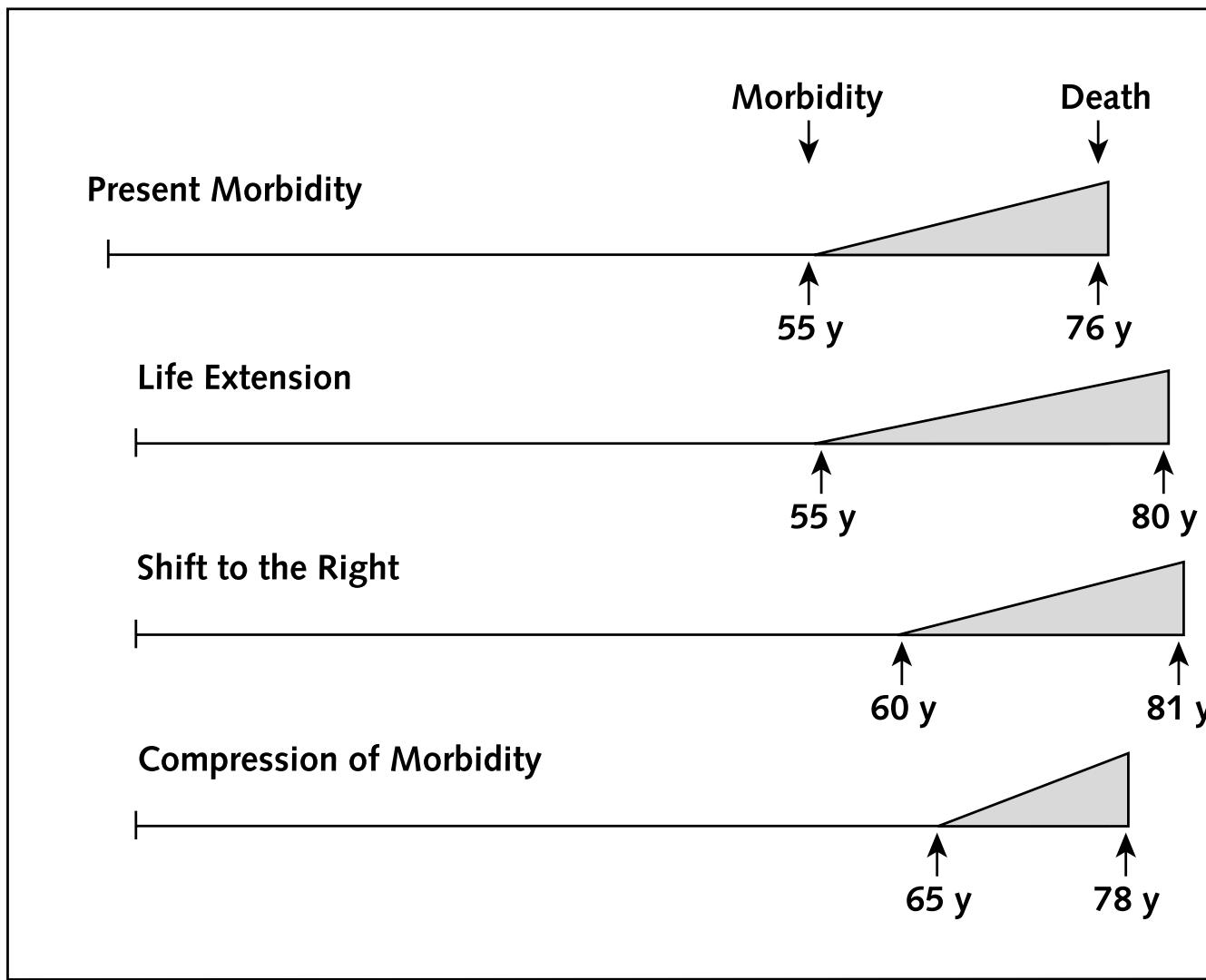
Morbidity Concentration and Dispersion

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Fries' diagrams are a nice prop

Figure 1. Possible scenarios for future morbidity and longevity.



Objective:

Separate morbidity levels and morbidity dispersion.

Compression definition

The level of morbidity compression is the average proportion of life in good health, $\mathbb{C} = \frac{HLE}{LE}$.

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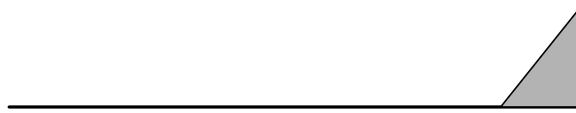
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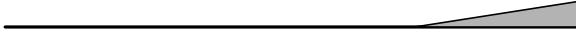
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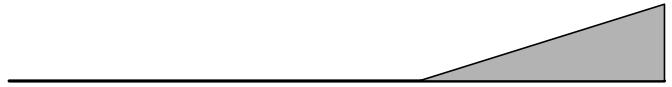
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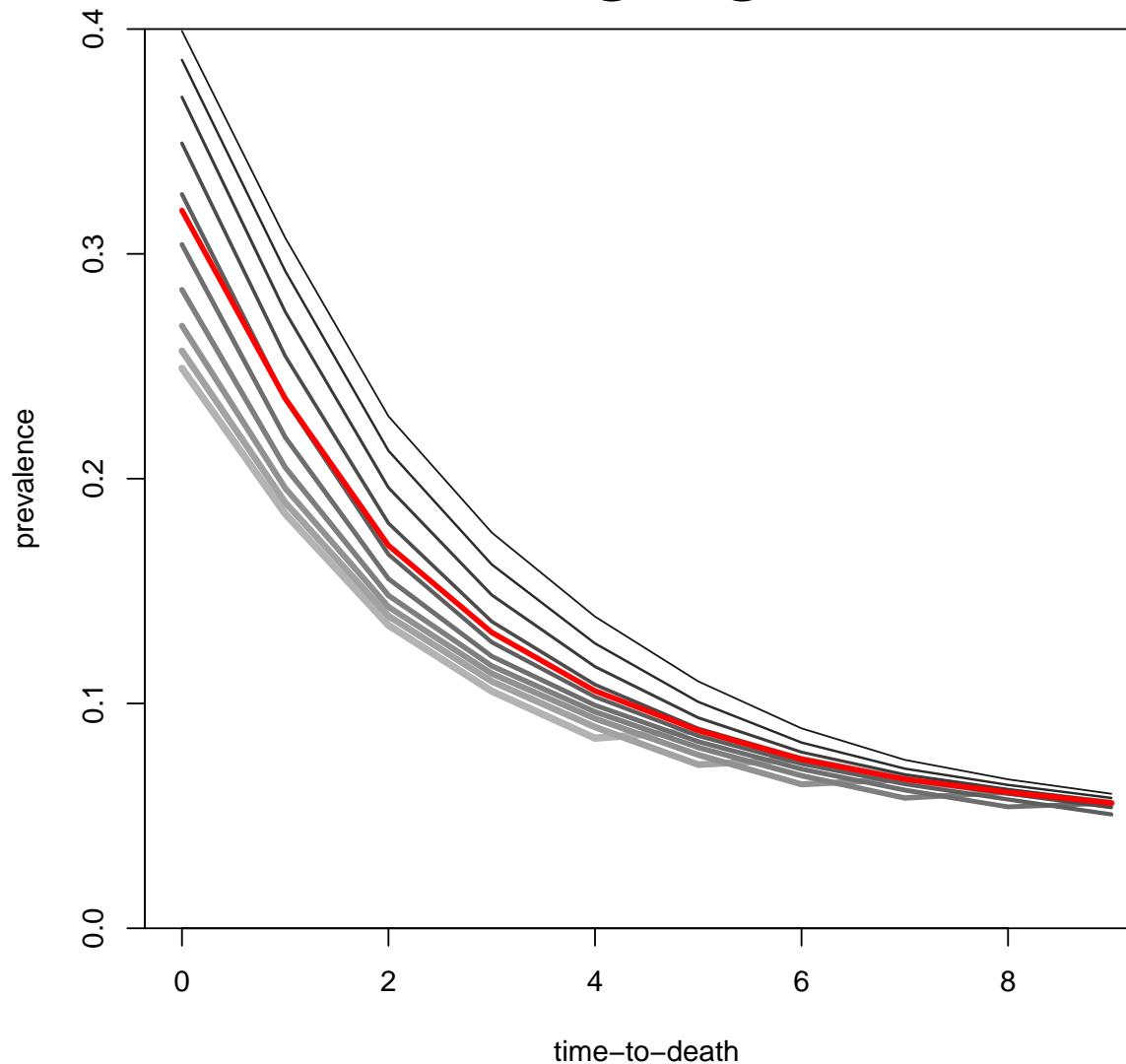
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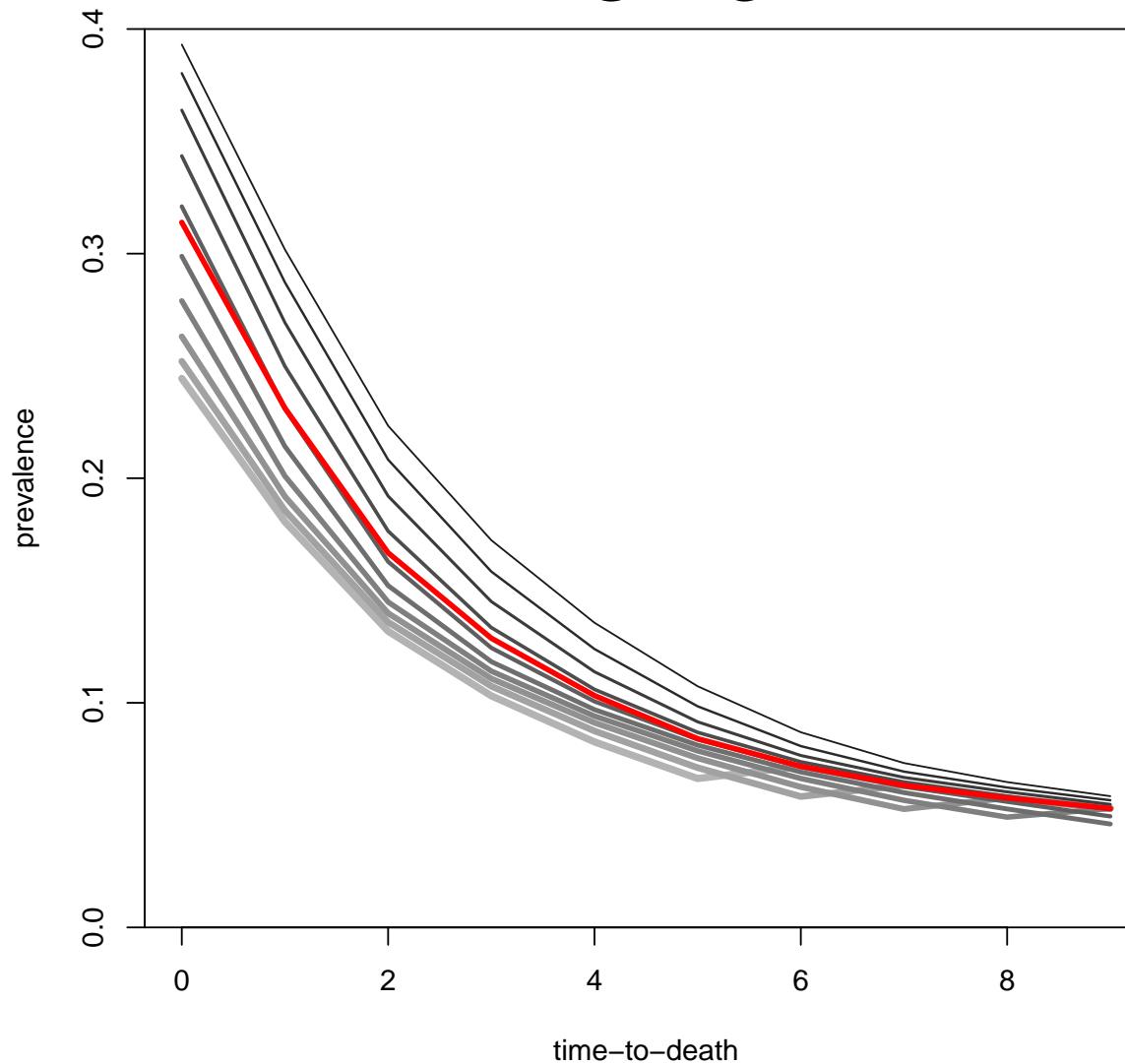
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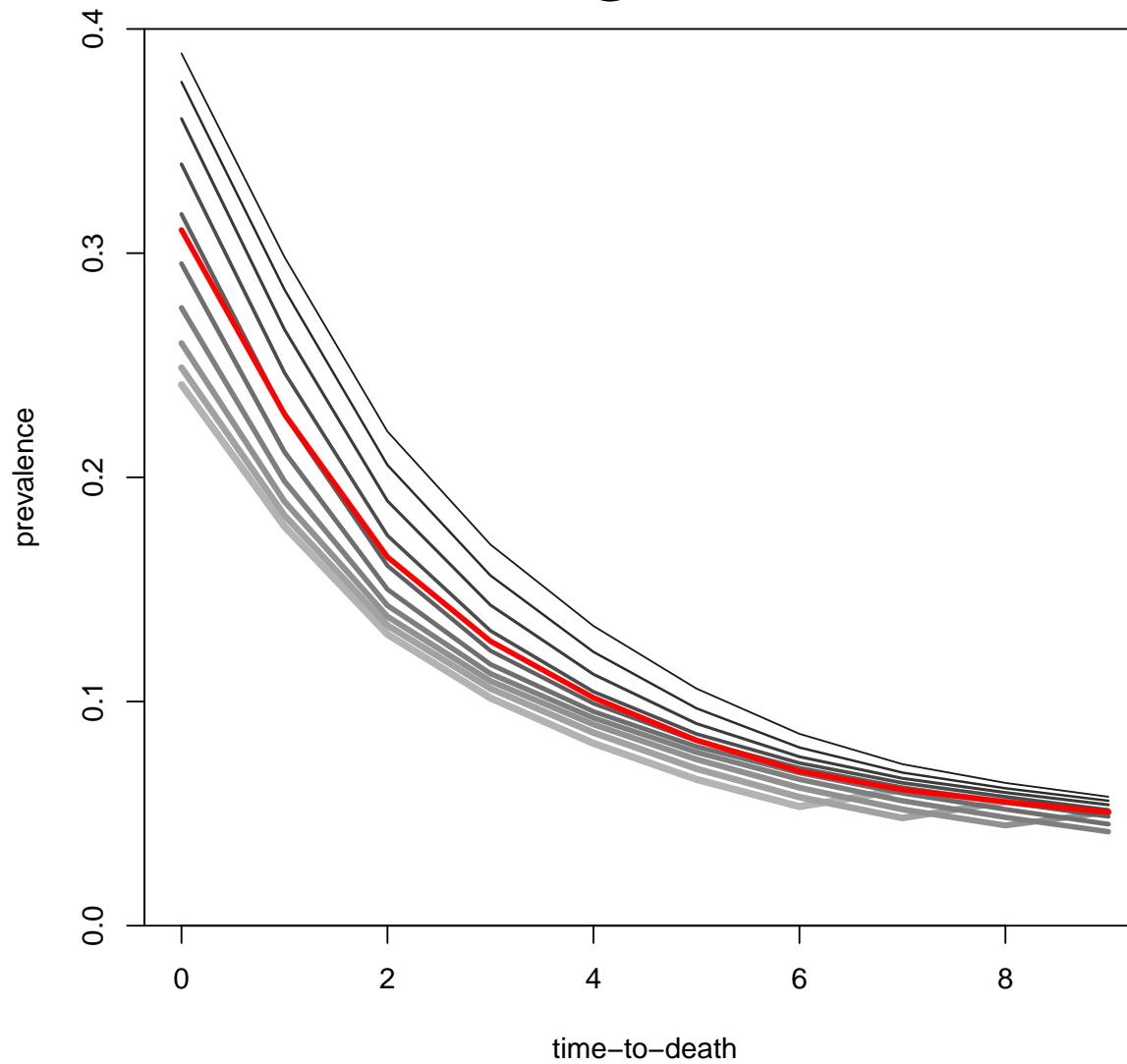
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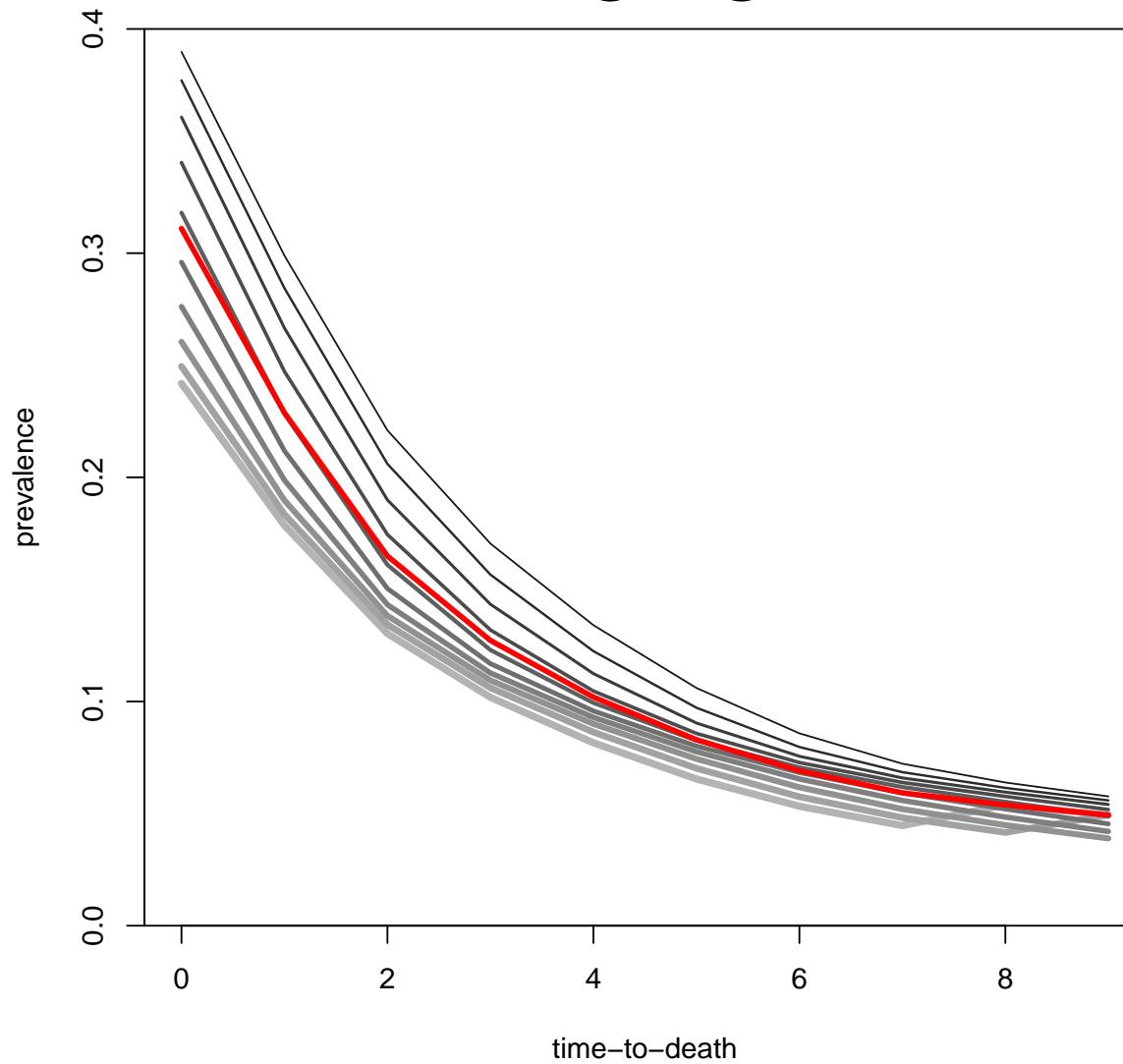
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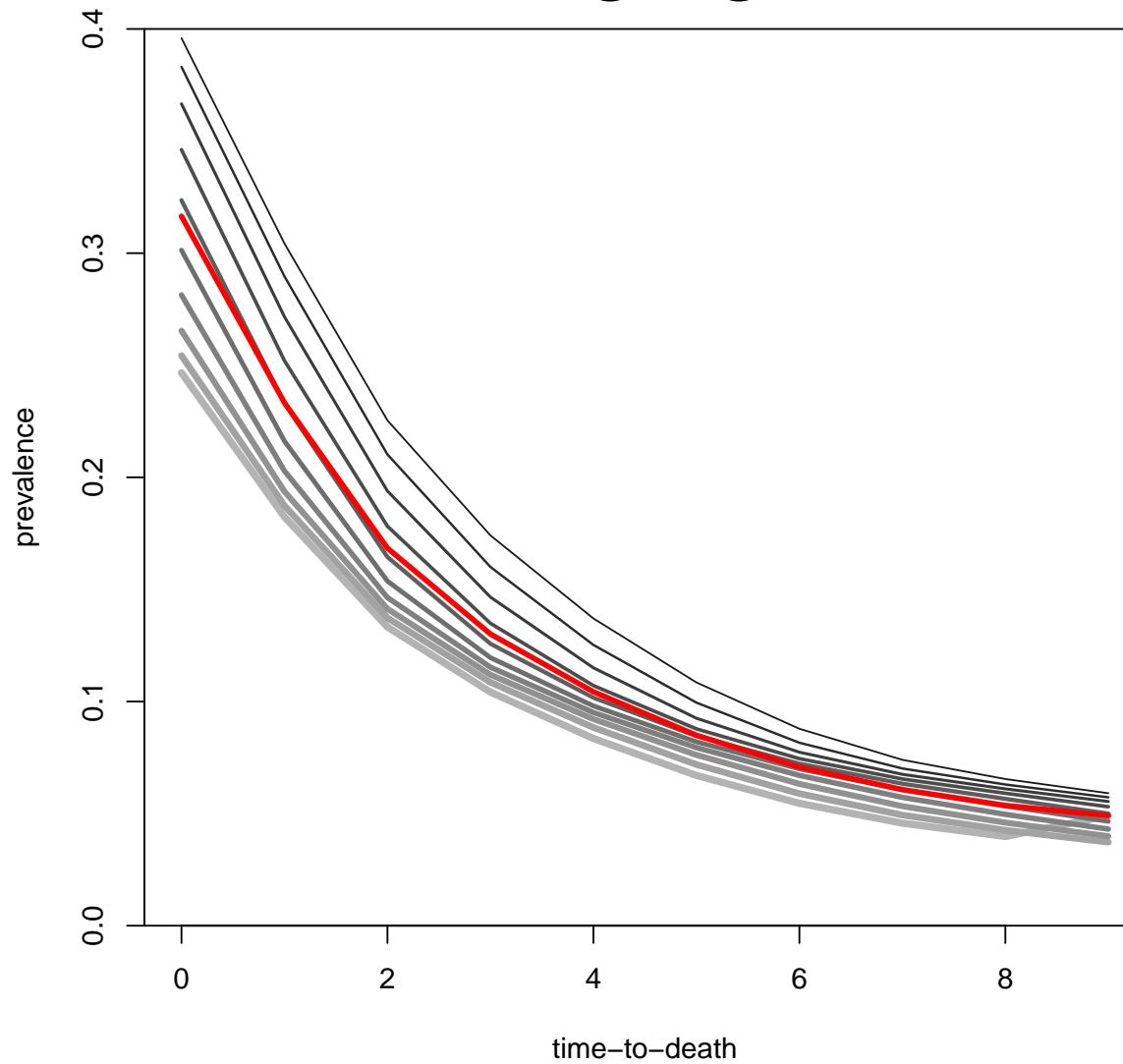
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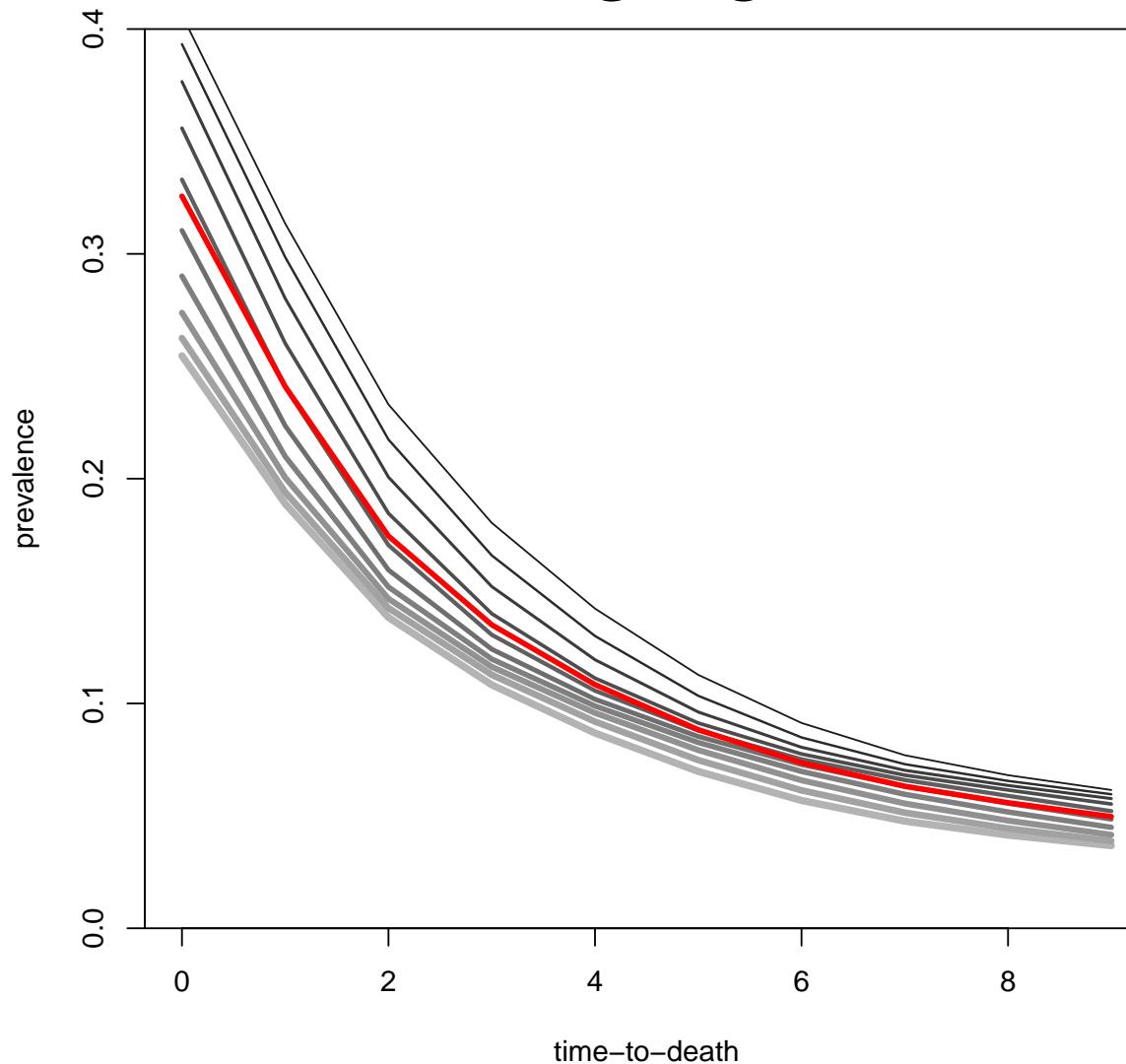
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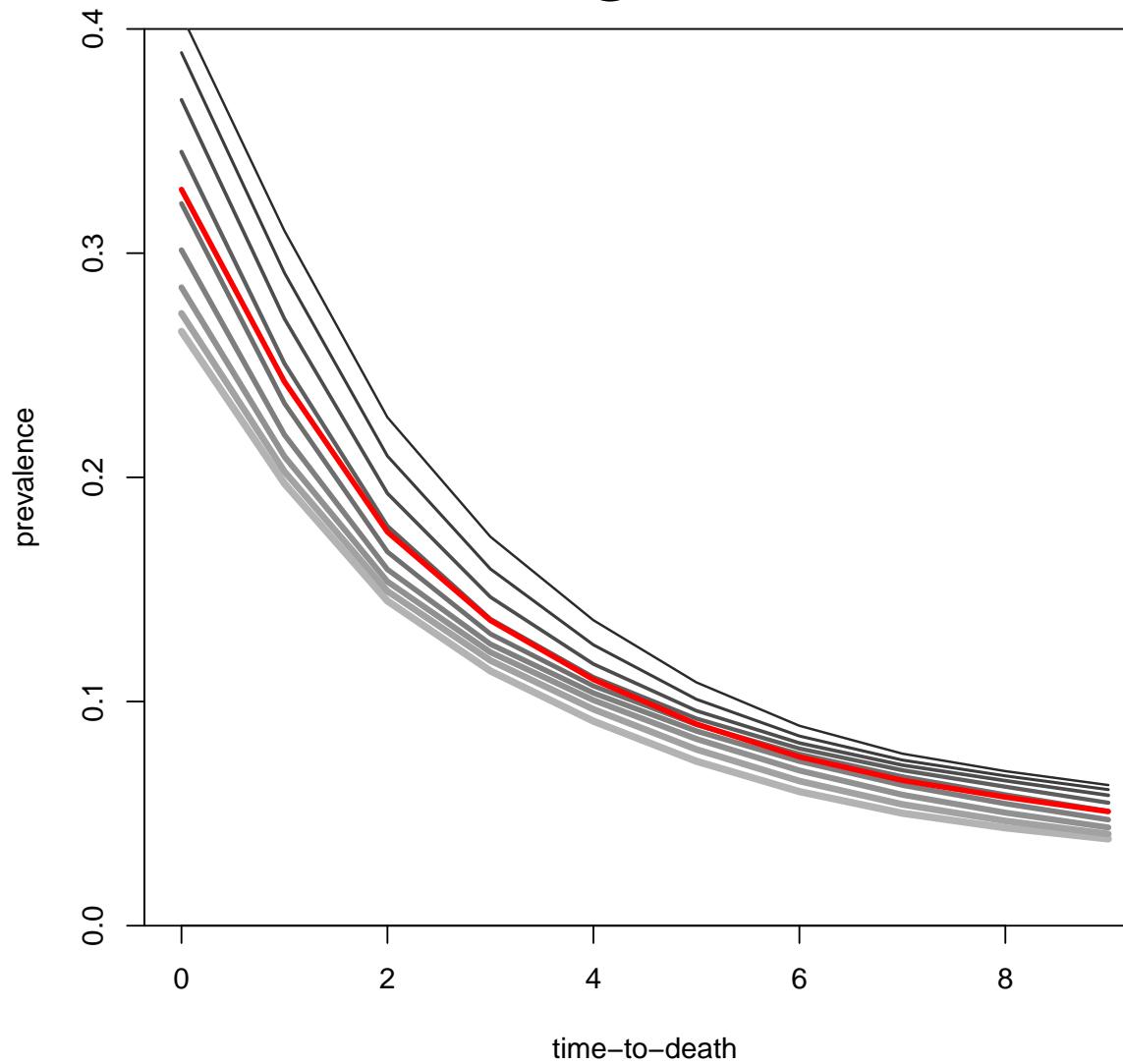
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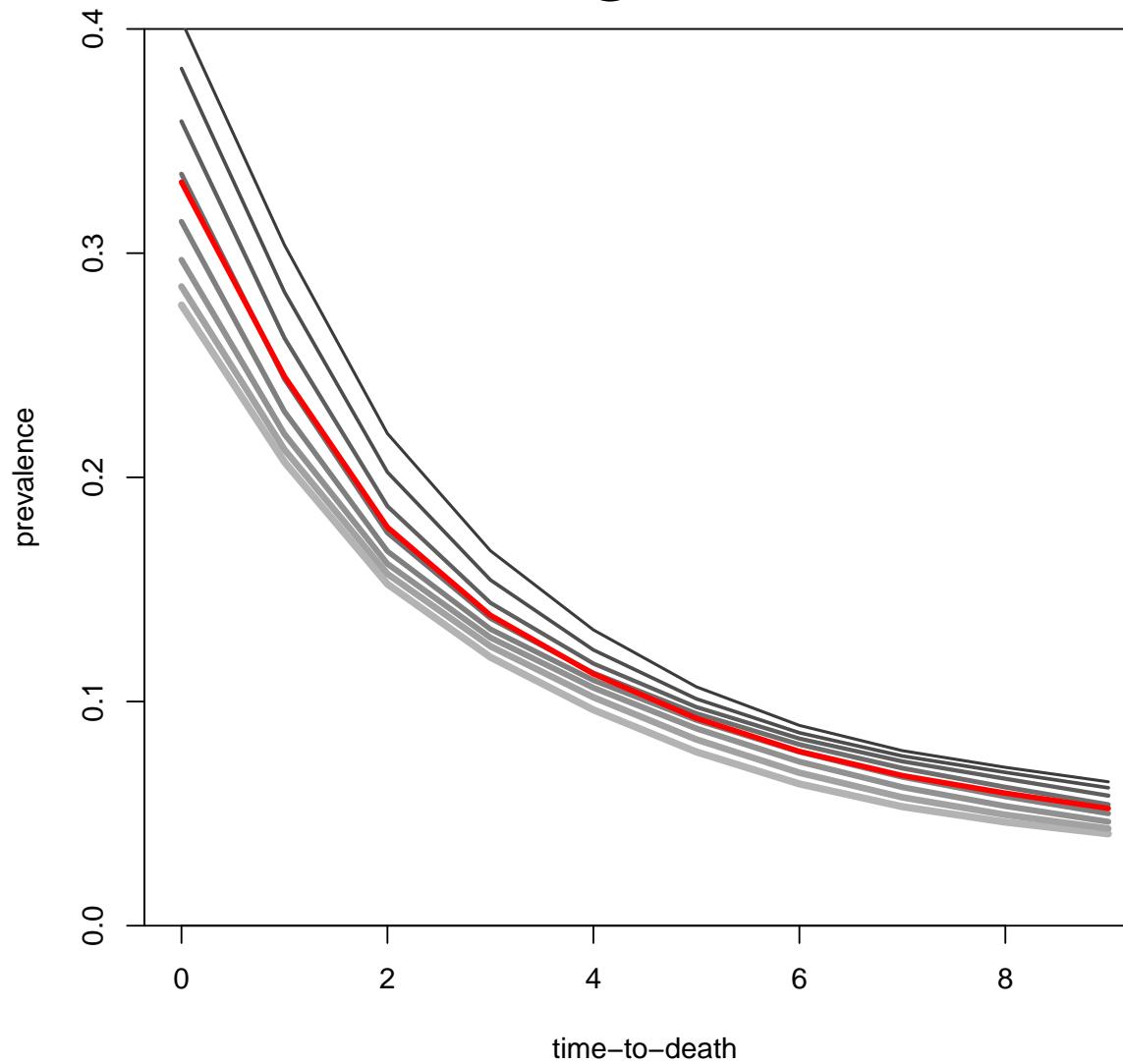
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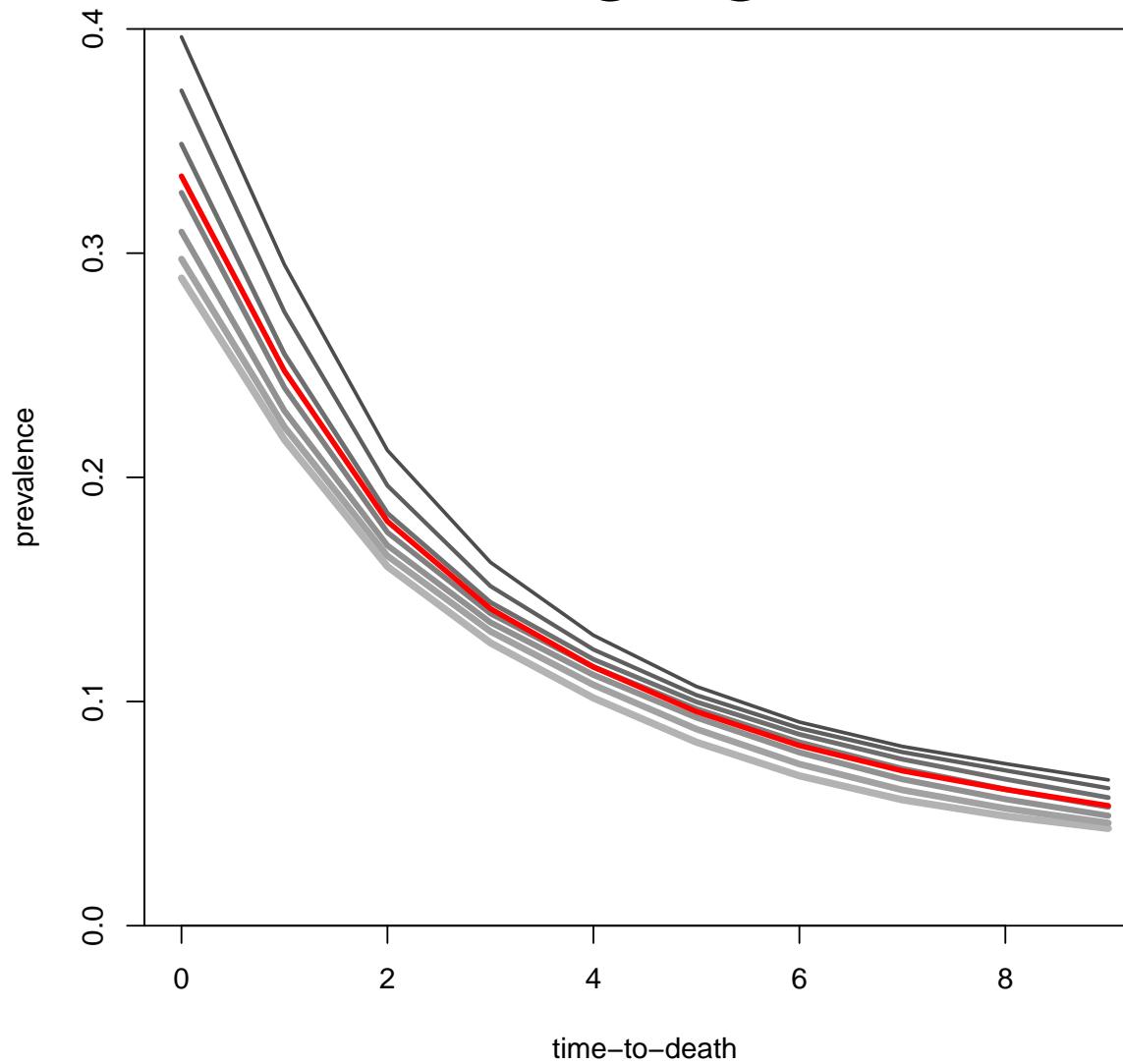
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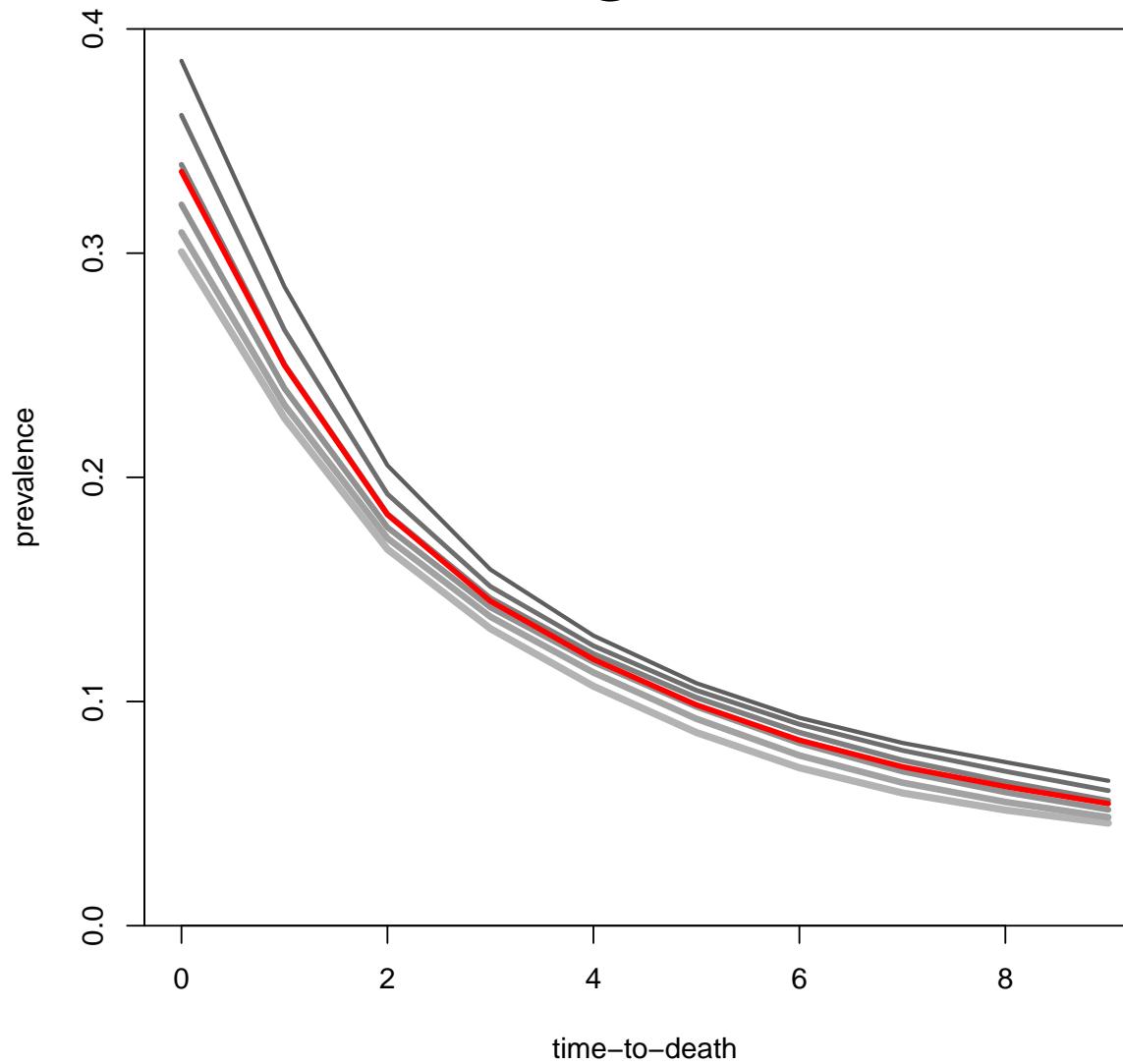
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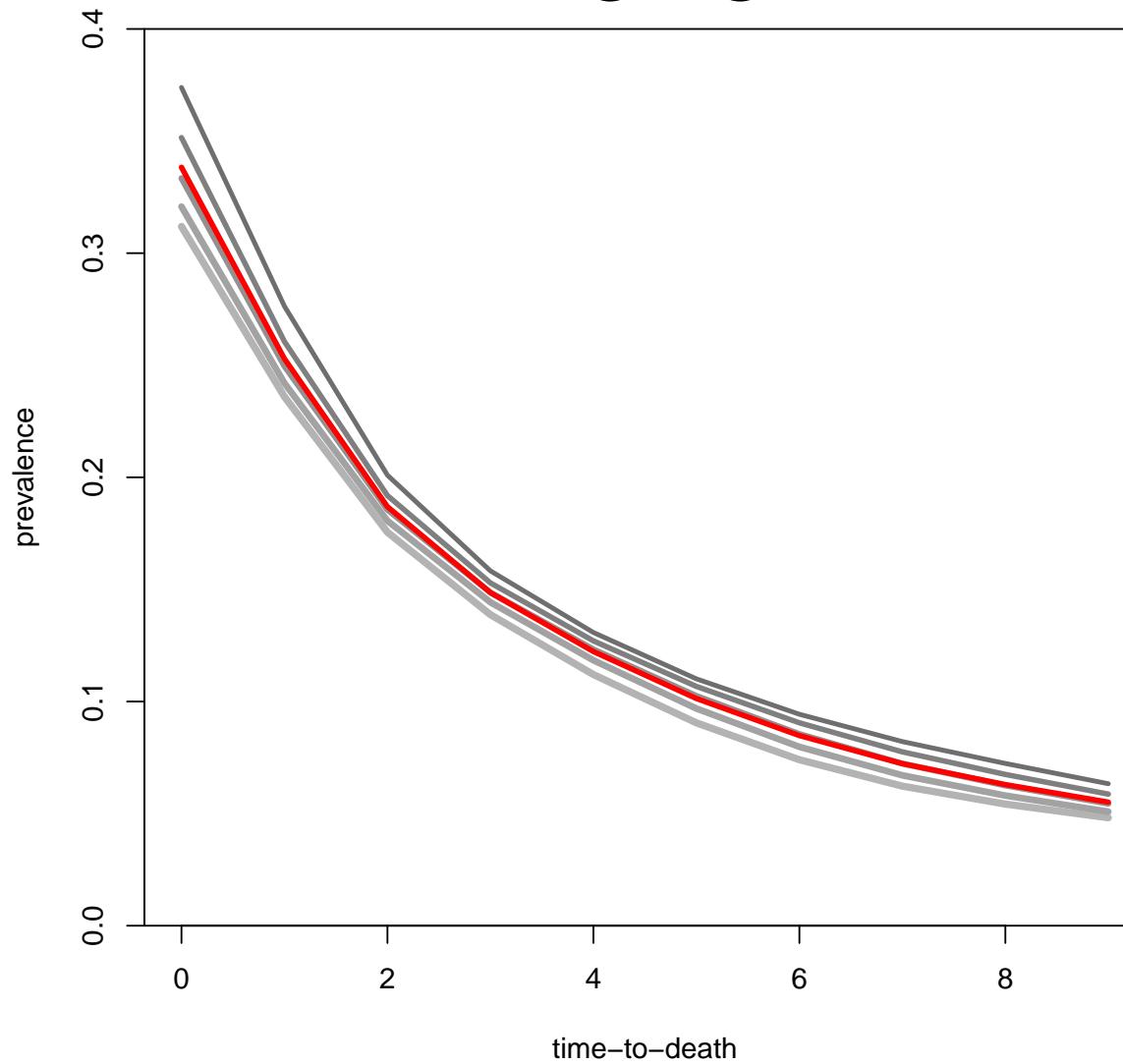
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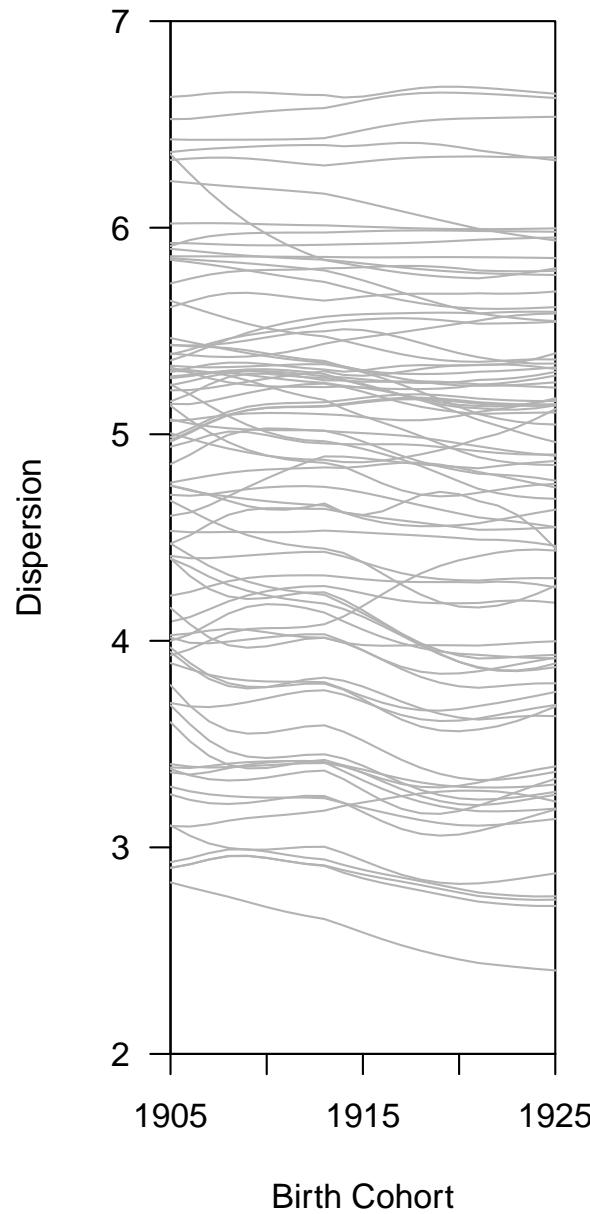
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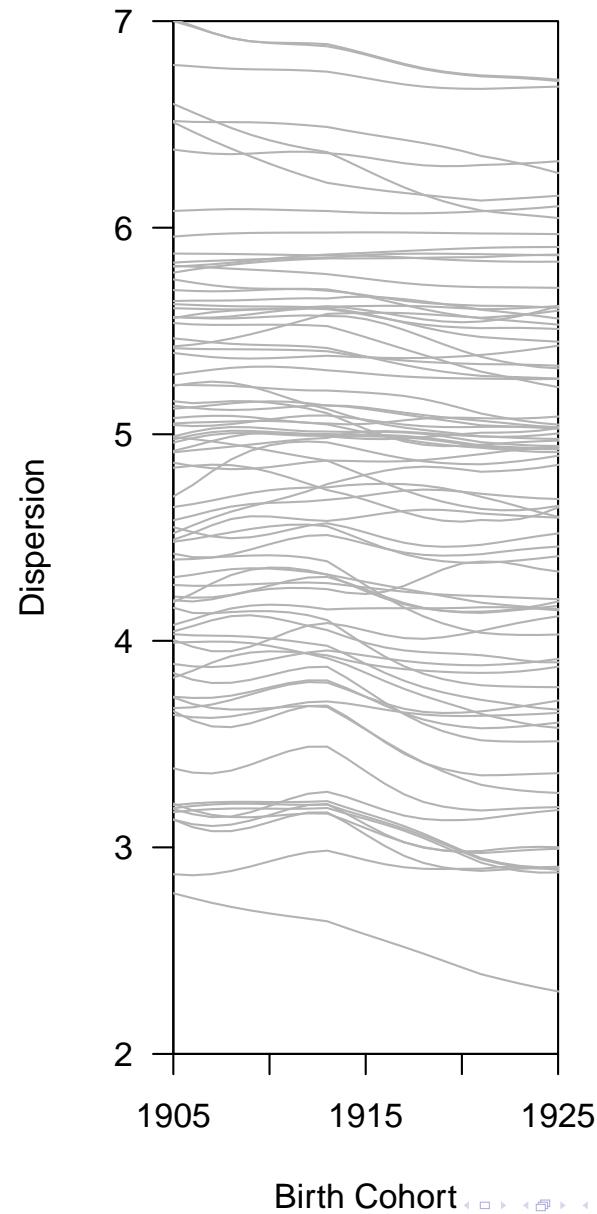


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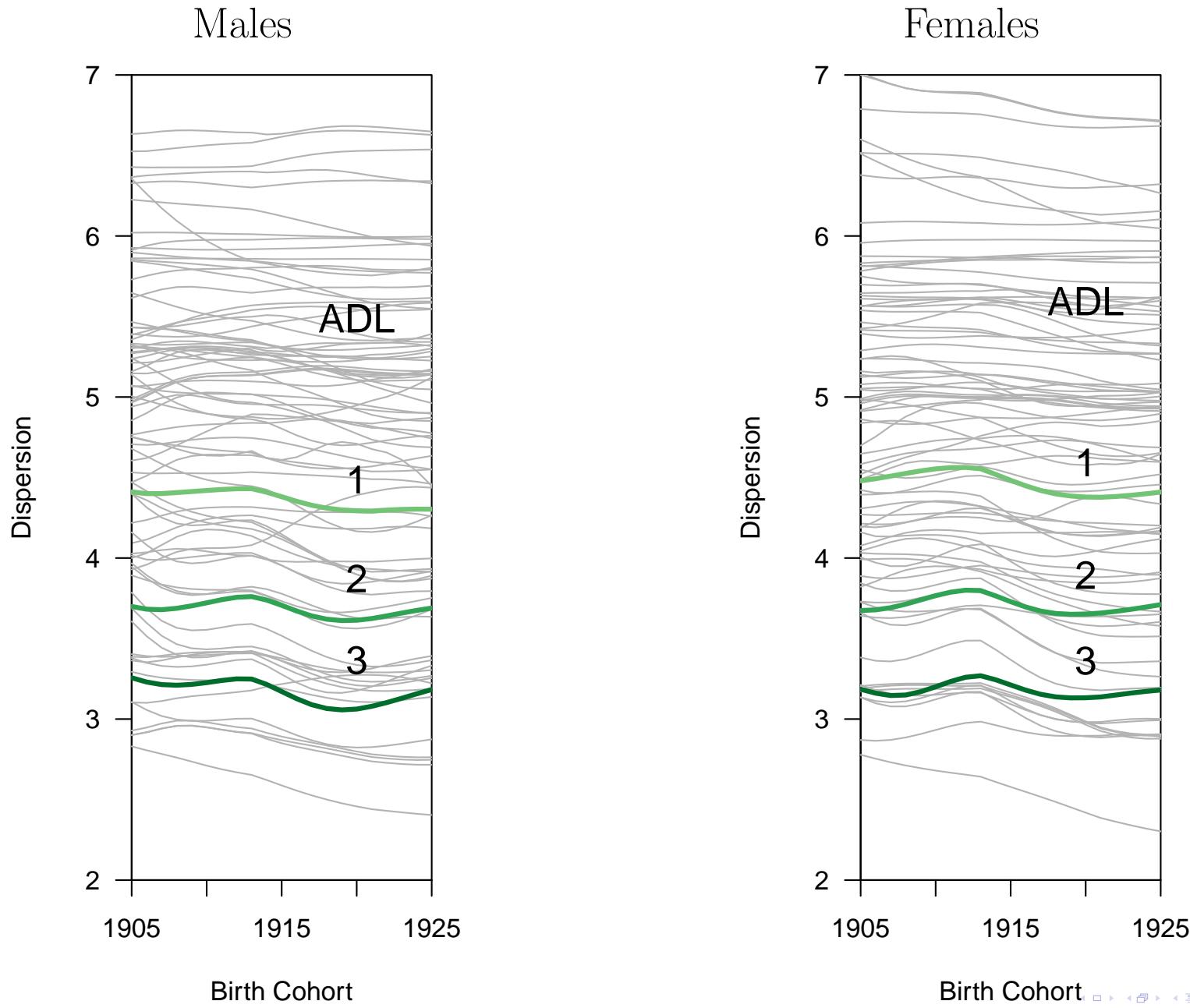
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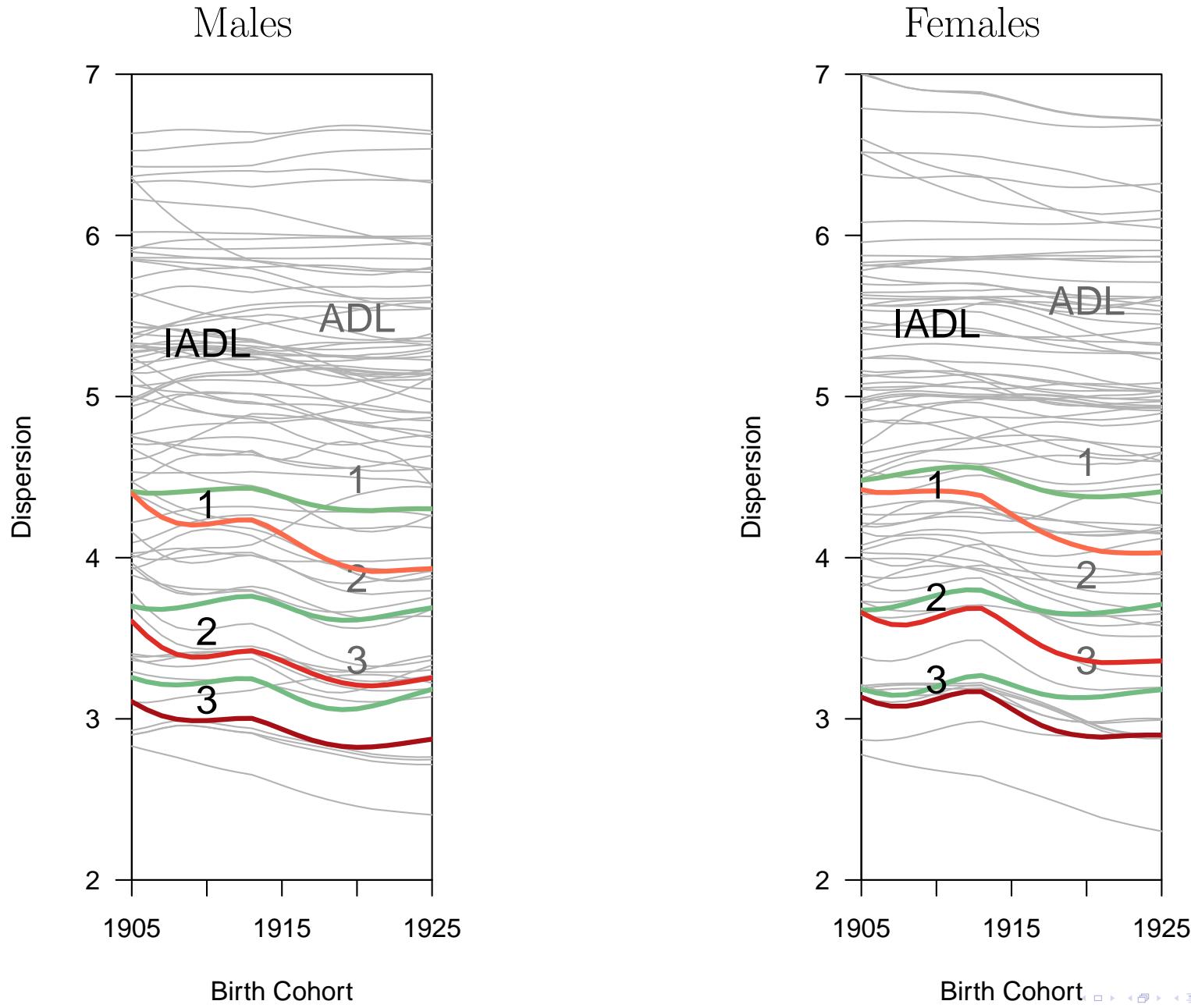
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