

# Some properties of life left pyramids

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Let us consider a state  $s$  for a multistate population, and  $a$  being the age in last state  $s$  or time spent the last entry in state  $s$ .

1. The population density  $p(t, a)$  at time  $t$  and age  $a$  can be defined as the population that, at time  $t$ , has an age between  $a$  and  $a + da$ . Prove that this number is also equal to the population that has reached age  $a$  between time  $t$  and  $t - da$  [?].
2. We are now considering a closed population which is defined by the absence of migration.  $P(t) = \int_0^\infty p(t, u) du$ , is the size of the total population at a census occurring at exact time  $t$  and let us consider its sub-population  $P(t, a) = \int_0^a p(t, u) du$  under age  $a$ . Let us suppose that the next census is at time  $t + a$  (see Fig. 1), and consider the sub-population  $P(t + a, a_+)$  of more than  $a$  years at the new census,  $P(t + a, a_+) = \int_a^\infty p(t + a, u) du$ . Deduce that the difference between both populations  $P(t, a) - P(t + a, a_+)$  corresponds to the number of exits from state  $s$  occurring in population  $P(t)$  between the two censuses.
3. We are now considering a stationary multistate population: a population with constant force of interaction between states over time and constant number of entries in each states by time unit. Let us denote  $n$  for the state  $s$  considered. Its population “density” at time  $t$  and age  $a$  is then  $p(t, a) da = nl(a) da$  and is independent of time  $t$  where  $l(a)$  is the survivorship in state  $s$ . We are neglecting stochastic variations by considering huge populations.
4. Deduce from previous result that in a multistate stationary population, there are exactly the same number of people having lived  $a$  years in a state than people having  $a$  years to live in this state. And therefore prove that both, pyramids by time spent in a state and by time to live in this state, are identical.
5. Stable multistationary state: suppose now that  $n$  is increasing or decreasing exponentially:  $n(t) = n_0 \exp(\rho t)$ , etc.

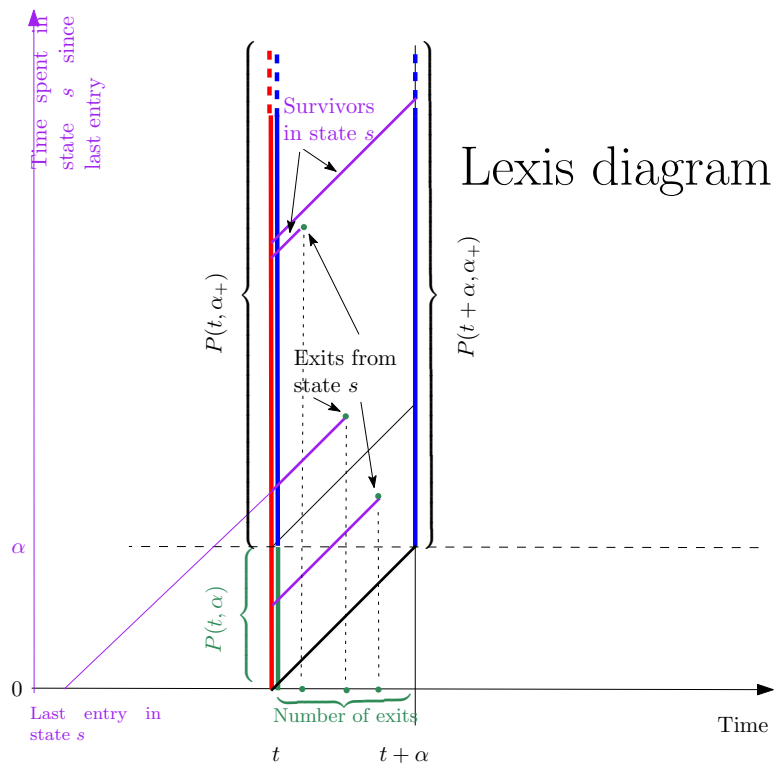


Figure 1: Lexis diagram showing the population at two censuses spaced at  $\alpha$  years and sub-populations of less than  $\alpha$  years and more than  $\alpha$  years .