

# Forest Growth Model

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## Task

1. Implement the model in R as a differential equation
2. Run the model for 300 years (using the ODE solver) starting with an initial forest size of 10 kg/C and the following parameters
  - canopy closure threshold of 50 kgC
  - $K = 250$  kg C
  - $r = 0.01$
  - $g = 2$  kg/year
3. Graph the results
4. Run a sobol global sensitivity analysis that explores how the estimated maximum forest size (i.e. max of C 300 years, varies with these parameters)
  - pre canopy closure growth rate ( $r$ )
  - post-canopy closure growth rate ( $g$ ) canopy closure threshold and carrying capacity ( $K$ )

Assume that paramters are all normally distributed with means as given above and std deviation of 10% of mean value

5. Graph the results of the sensitivity analysis as a box plot of max forest size and record the two Sobol Indices (S and T)
6. In 2-3 sentences, discuss what the results mean. How do the parameters influence climate change.

## Load libraries

```
library(tidyverse)
library(deSolve)
library(sensitivity)
library(here)
```

## 1. Implement model

Model was created in the forest\_growth.R file.

## 2. Run the model with the parameters above

```
source(here("R", "forest_growth.R"))
```

```
# We know initial Forest size C
Cinitial <- 10

simtimes <- seq(from = 1, to = 300)

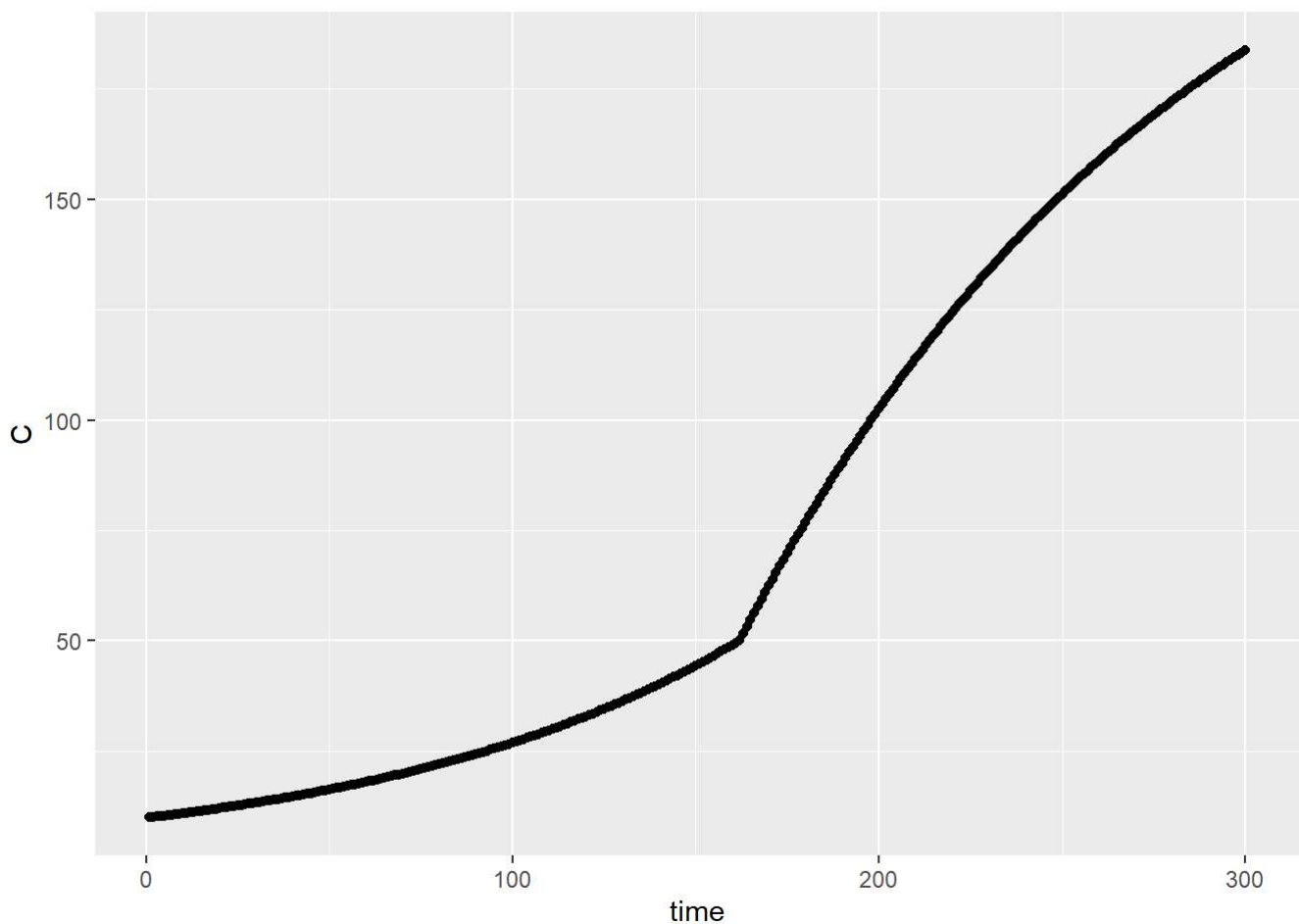
parms <- list(r = 0.01, K = 250, g = 2, thresh = 50)

results <- ode(y = Cinitial, times = simtimes, func = forest_growth, parms = parms)

colnames(results) <- c("time", "C")
```

### 3. Graph the results

```
results <- as.data.frame(results)
ggplot(results, aes(time, C)) +
  geom_point()
```



### 4. Run a sobol sensitivity analysis

We will vary the parameters,  $r$ ,  $g$ , and  $K$ , assuming a normal distribution with a 10% standard deviation

```

# Set sample size
np <- 1000

# Generate normal distributions for parameters
K <- rnorm(mean = 250, sd = 25, n = np)
r <- rnorm(mean = 0.01, sd = 0.001, n = np)
g <- rnorm(mean = 2, sd = 0.2, n = np)
thresh <- 50
X1 <- cbind.data.frame(r = r, K = K, g = g, thresh = thresh)

# Generate second set of samples
K <- rnorm(mean = 250, sd = 25, n = np)
r <- rnorm(mean = 0.01, sd = 0.001, n = np)
g <- rnorm(mean = 2, sd = 0.2, n = np)
thresh <- 50
X2 <- cbind.data.frame(r = r, K = K, g = g, thresh = thresh)

# fix any negative values and they are not meaningful
X1 <- X1 %>% map_df(pmax, 0.0)
X2 <- X2 %>% map_df(pmax, 0.0)

# create our sobel object and get sets of parameters for running the model
sens_C <- sobolSalt(model = NULL, X1, X2, nboot = 300)

# View head
head(sens_C$X)

```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]
[1,]	0.009875211	215.6890	1.738333	50
[2,]	0.009011438	221.9325	1.647243	50
[3,]	0.012364407	267.1421	2.263124	50
[4,]	0.010845089	218.6934	1.426489	50
[5,]	0.009454891	265.3010	1.912286	50
[6,]	0.011415218	281.8210	1.737262	50

```

# lets add names
colnames(sens_C$X) <- c("r", "K", "g", "thresh")

# View head
head(sens_C$X)

```

	r	K	g	thresh
[1,]	0.009875211	215.6890	1.738333	50
[2,]	0.009011438	221.9325	1.647243	50
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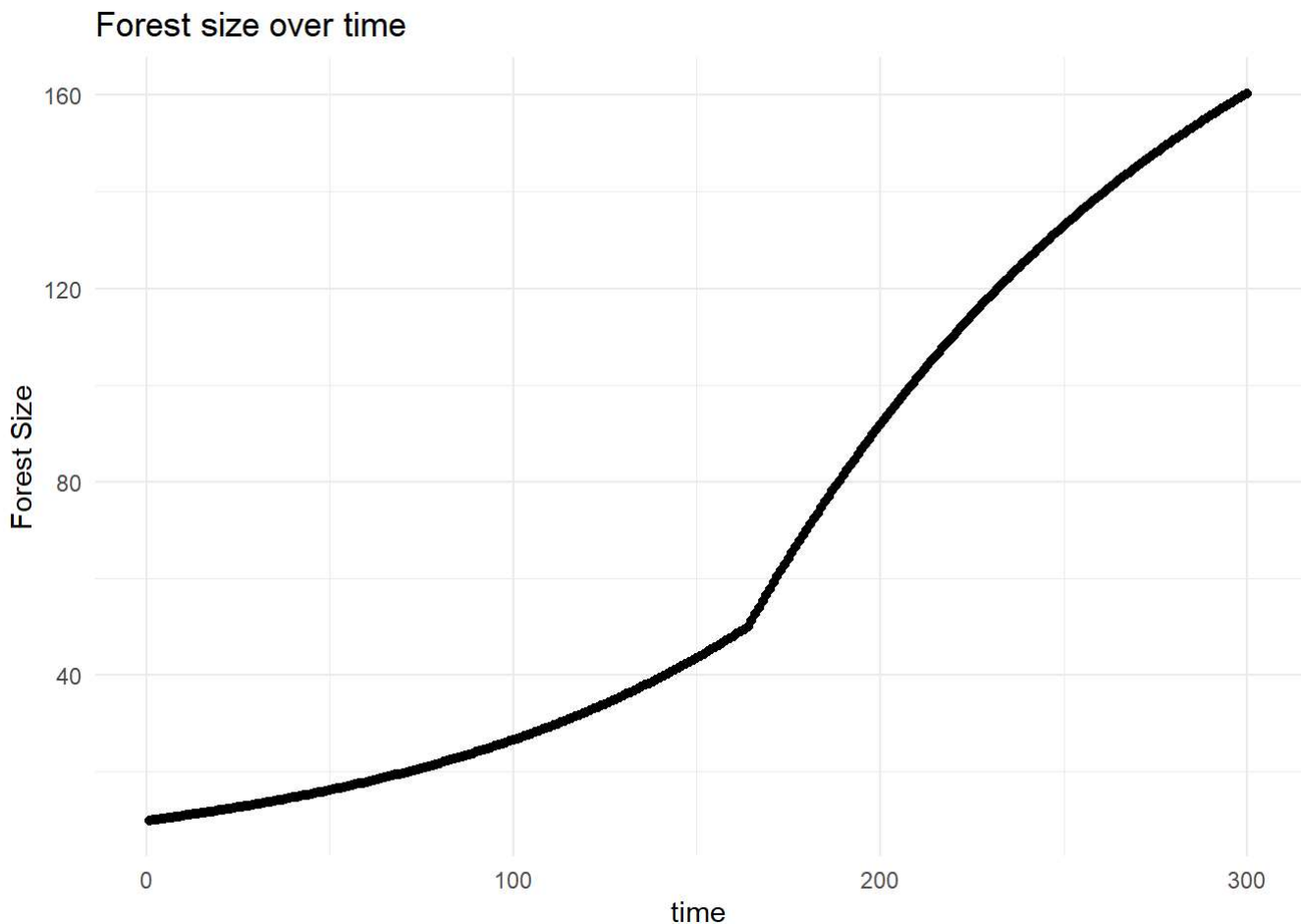
```
# gets results for 200 years (evaluating every year)
simtimes <- seq(from = 1, to = 300)
parms <- list(r = sens_C$X[1,"r"], K = sens_C$X[1,"K"], g = sens_C$X[1,"g"], thresh = sens_C$X[1,"thresh"])

result <- ode(y = Cinitial, times = simtimes, func = forest_growth, parms = parms)

head(result)
```

	time	1
[1,]	1	10.00000
[2,]	2	10.09924
[3,]	3	10.19947
[4,]	4	10.30069
[5,]	5	10.40292
[6,]	6	10.50616

```
colnames(result) <- c("time", "C")
# turn it into a data frame
result <- as.data.frame(result)
ggplot(result, aes(time, C)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(x = "time",
       y = "Forest Size",
       title = "Forest size over time") +
  theme_minimal()
```



This is still creating a graph for just one simulation as we indexed for the first row in our data. Let's create a max size function and a wrapper function that can be used for all parameters.

## Compute metrics and wrapper function

```
# Create max size function
max_c <- function(result){

  max_c <- max(result$C)

  return(list(max_c))

}

# Wrapper function
wrapper <- function(K, g, r, thresh, Cinitial, simtimes, forest_growth_func, max_c_func) {
  parms <- list(r = r, K = K, g = g, thresh = thresh)
  result <- ode(y = Cinitial, times = simtimes, func = forest_growth_func, parms = parms, method = "lsode")
  colnames(result) <- c("time", "C")

  # get metrics
  metrics <- max_c_func(as.data.frame(result))
  return(metrics)
}
```

```
# test
wrapper(
  r = 0.01, K = 250, Cinitial = 10, simtimes = seq(from = 1, to = 300),
  forest_growth_func = forest_growth, max_c_func = max_c, g = 2, thresh = 50
)
```

```
[[1]]
[1] 183.4948
```

## 5. Graph the results

Run the wrapper for all parameters and look at results

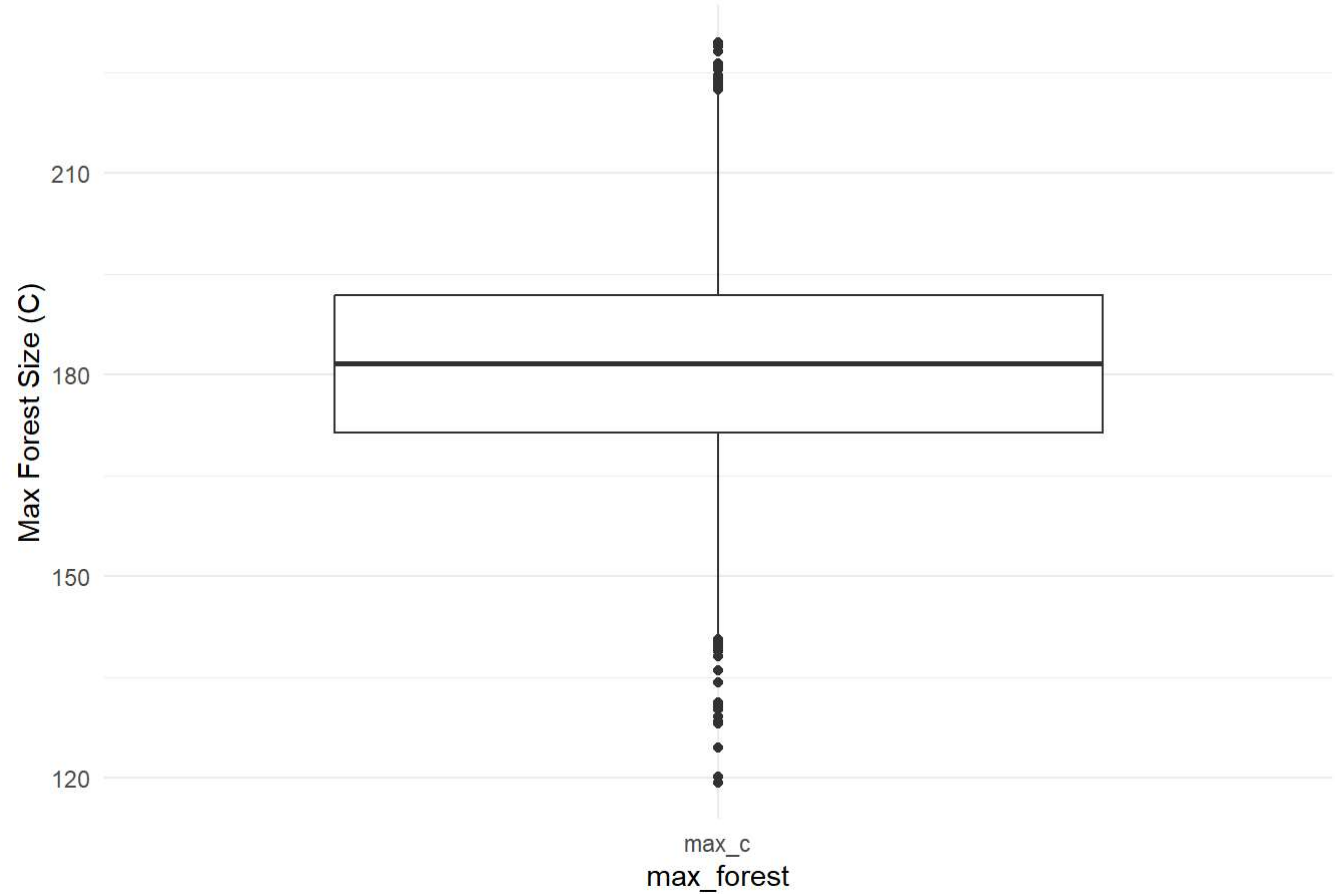
```
# now use pmap as we did before

allresults <- as.data.frame(sens_C$X) %>%
  pmap(wrapper, Cinitial = Cinitial,
        simtimes = simtimes,
        forest_growth_func = forest_growth,
        max_c_func = max_c)

# extract out results from pmap into a data frame
allres <- allresults %>% map_dfr(~ tibble(max_c = .x[[1]]))

# create boxplots
tmp <- allres %>% pivot_longer(cols = everything(), names_to = "max_forest", values_to = "value")
ggplot(tmp, aes(max_forest, value)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Max Forest Size Sensitivity Analysis",
        y = "Max Forest Size (C)") +
  scale_y_continuous() +
  theme_minimal()
```

Max Forest Size Sensitivity Analysis



Compute the sobol indices for each metric

```
# sobol can only handle one output at a time - so we will need to do them separately

sens_C_maxsize <- sensitivity::tell(sens_C, allres$max_c)

# first-order indices (main effect without co-variance)
rownames(sens_C_maxsize$S) <- c("r", "K", "g", "thresh")
sens_C_maxsize$S

# total sensitivity index -note that this partitions the output variance
rownames(sens_C_maxsize$T) <- c("r", "K", "g", "thresh")
sens_C_maxsize$T
```

	original	bias	std. error	min. c.i.	max. c.i.
r	4.321177e-01	3.205012e-04	2.202564e-02	3.867949e-01	4.740860e-01

K	4.127815e-01	2.039456e-03	2.400454e-02	3.591555e-01	4.540908e-01
g	2.466799e-01	-2.174528e-04	1.365622e-02	2.184908e-01	2.770175e-01
thresh	-2.036149e-13	2.498487e-13	1.967431e-13	-8.548258e-13	-9.635145e-14

## 6. Conclusion

From the sensitivity analysis, we see that  $r$  (exponential growth rate) and  $K$  (carrying capacity) have the most influence on max forest size. Climate change can have a direct impact on both growth rates. For example, increases in drought may cause a decrease in growth rate due to less water availability.