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# A history of your new skills

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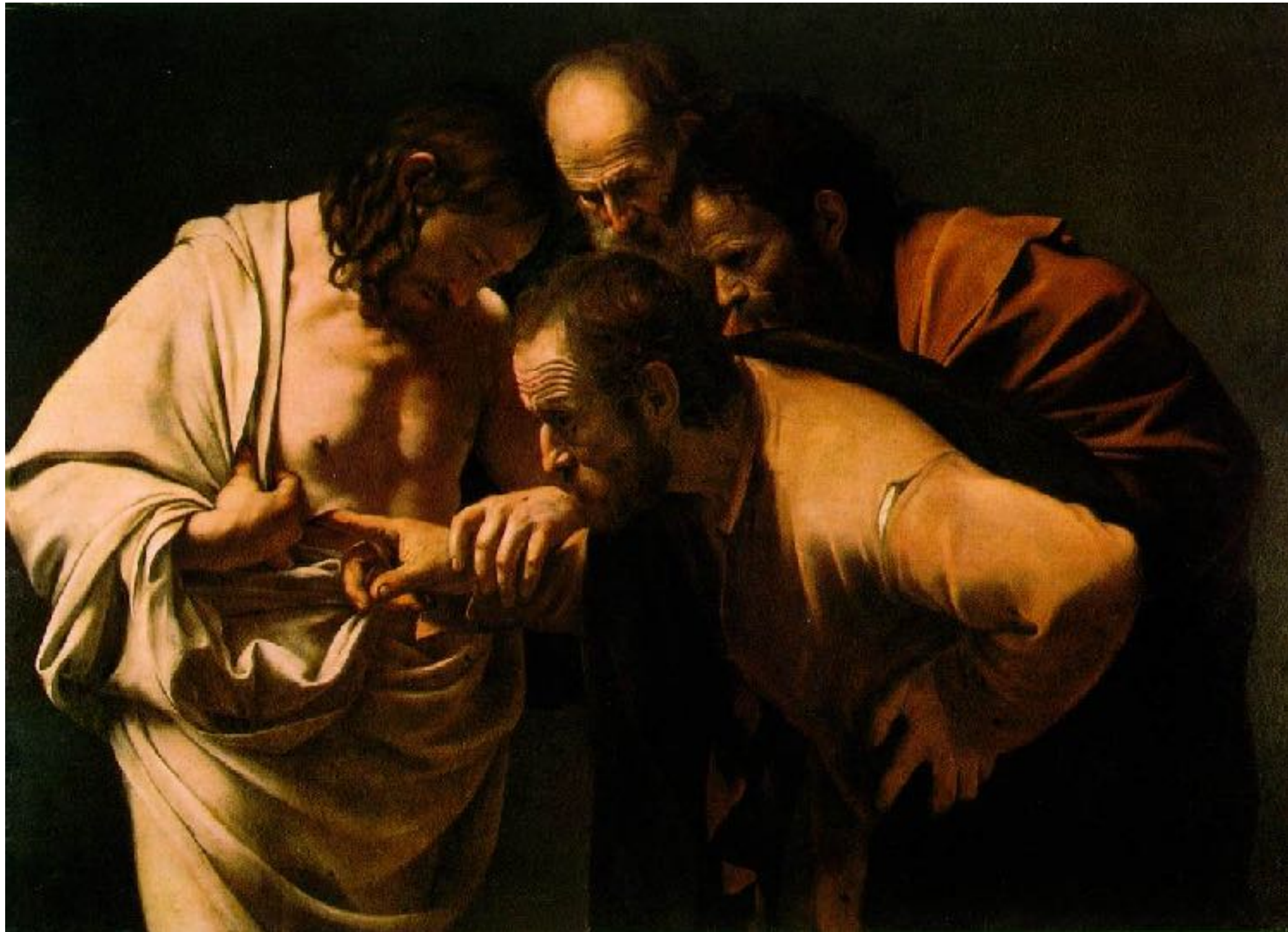
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# What is a scientist?

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## Steps in a modeling project

1. *Development of the study concept and question*
2. *Literature review*
3. *Data collection*
4. *Construction of model framework*
5. *Model analyses and selection*
6. *Model validation*
7. *Manuscript writing and submission*



## Literature review

- Who has tried to answer this before and how did they do it?
  - Empirical studies
  - Modeling studies
- What are these studies short-comings?
- Are there already parameter estimates or data sets to help you answer



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## Manuscript writing and submission

- What are the main results that provide the answer to my question?
  - 1 to 3 graphs
  - 1 to 3 tables
- What is the journal that best fits my study?
  - Scope, audience, impact factor, math focus
- How do I present my manuscript?
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  - Methodology: describe explicitly all steps for replicability
  - Results: clear and concise
  - Discussion: explain how your study improves previous knowledge





## Steps in a modeling project

1. Development of the study concept and question

2. Literature review

To help you prepare, try to answer the next few questions after reading:

- What are the context and key points of the paper?
- Identify the problem that inspired the authors to write the article.
- Do you agree with the methods, the results, and the discussion?
- Where do the authors use models to address their questions? What type of models can you identify?
- What do you like and what do you dislike about the paper?
- What did you not understand?
- What have you learned from the paper?
- And come up with three questions of your own.

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# Study Design

1. Define the **research question**: What are we trying to answer?
2. Define the **sample type**: What data do we need to answer our question?
3. Identify a **system**: Where can we collect our data?
4. Choose a **sampling scheme**: How should we collect our data?
5. Acknowledge **limitations**: What can we actually infer from our data?
6. Outline a **data organization plan**: How should we organize our data?
7. Be **flexible**: How can we prepare for potential/unanticipated challenges?

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## Observational

- Descriptive
- Cross-sectional
- Longitudinal
- Ecological

## Experimental

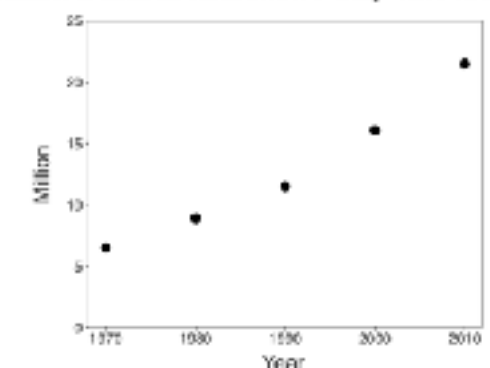
- Experimental Ecology
- **Randomized Control Trial (RCT)**

**Randomized Control Trial** = subjects are randomly allocated into groups (test and control) to receive or not receive a treatment



## Is this data?

Number of views for Justin Bieber's "Baby" video on Youtube



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# Take homes

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- ❖ Research question and hypothesis are more important than models
- ❖ Any data needs context: the X and Y should be clear
- ❖ Models are rigorous tools to assess how the data support the claim
  - ❖ There are figuratively an infinite number of models
  - ❖ Statistical model works with question starting with **what**
  - ❖ Mechanistic model **generates data** and works with question starting with **how**



# Two broad classes of models

Statistical



Correlative

Mechanistic



Causative

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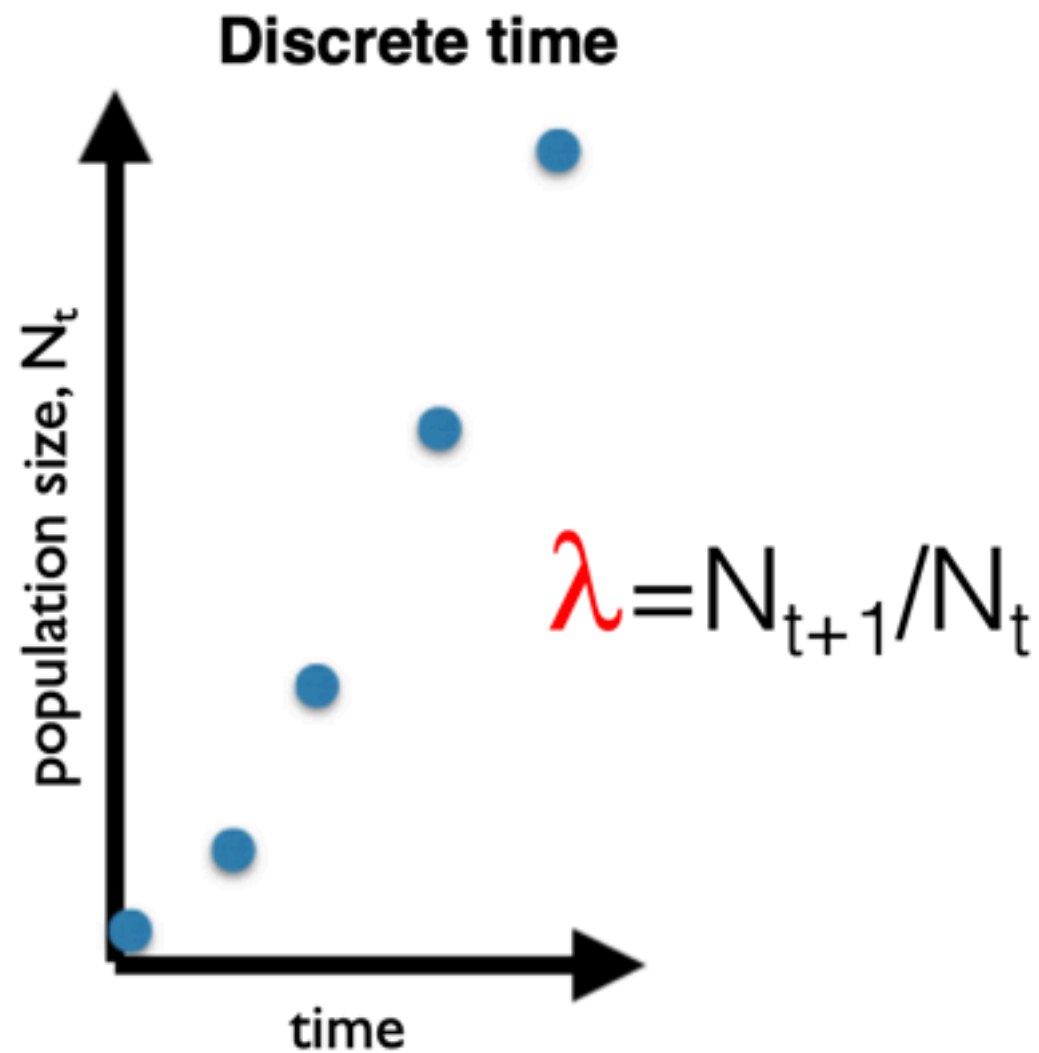
# Mechanistic (mathematical) model

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- ❖ **Process-driven** with question starting with **How**
- ❖ You generate data with simulation

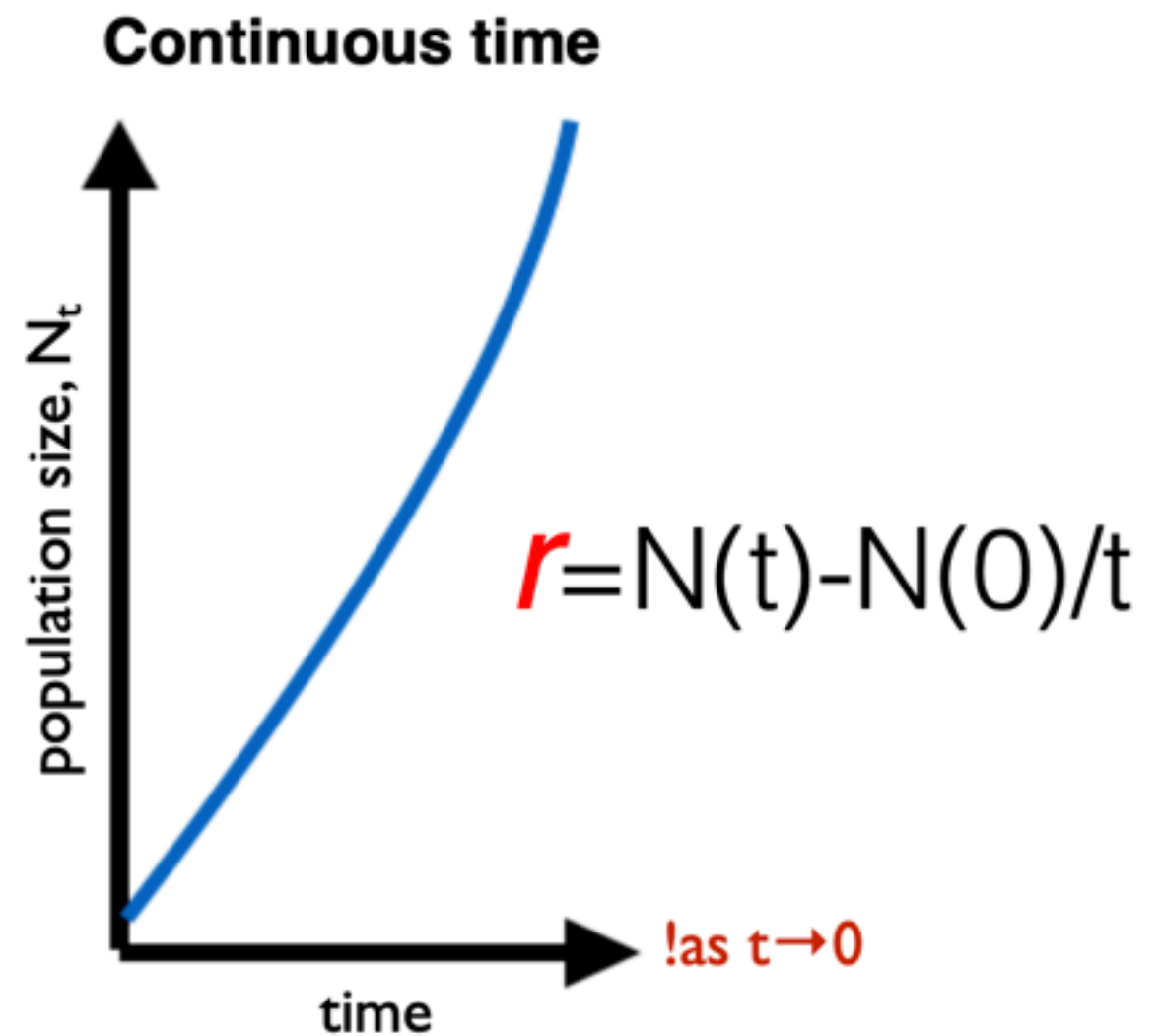


# Discrete vs. continuous



$$\begin{aligned}N_1 &= \lambda N_0 \\N_2 &= \lambda[\lambda N_0] = \lambda^2 N_0 \\N_3 &= \lambda^3 N_0\end{aligned}$$

$$N_t = \lambda^t N_0$$



$$dN(t)/dt = rN(t)$$

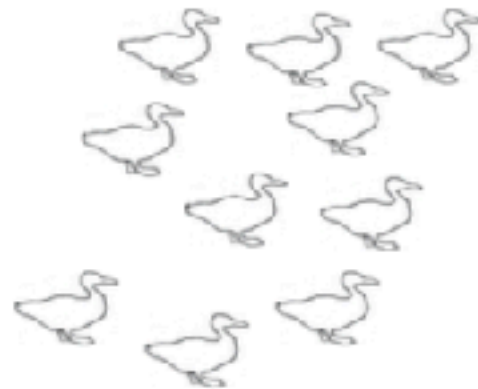
$$N(t) = N(0)e^{rt}$$

# Deterministic vs. stochastic

## The basic population model



starting population

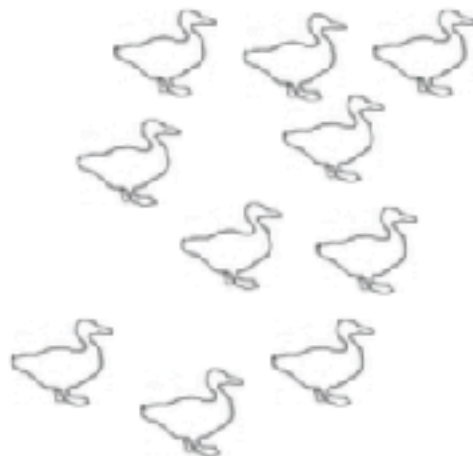


probability of death = 0.5

if **deterministic** "always the same"



starting population



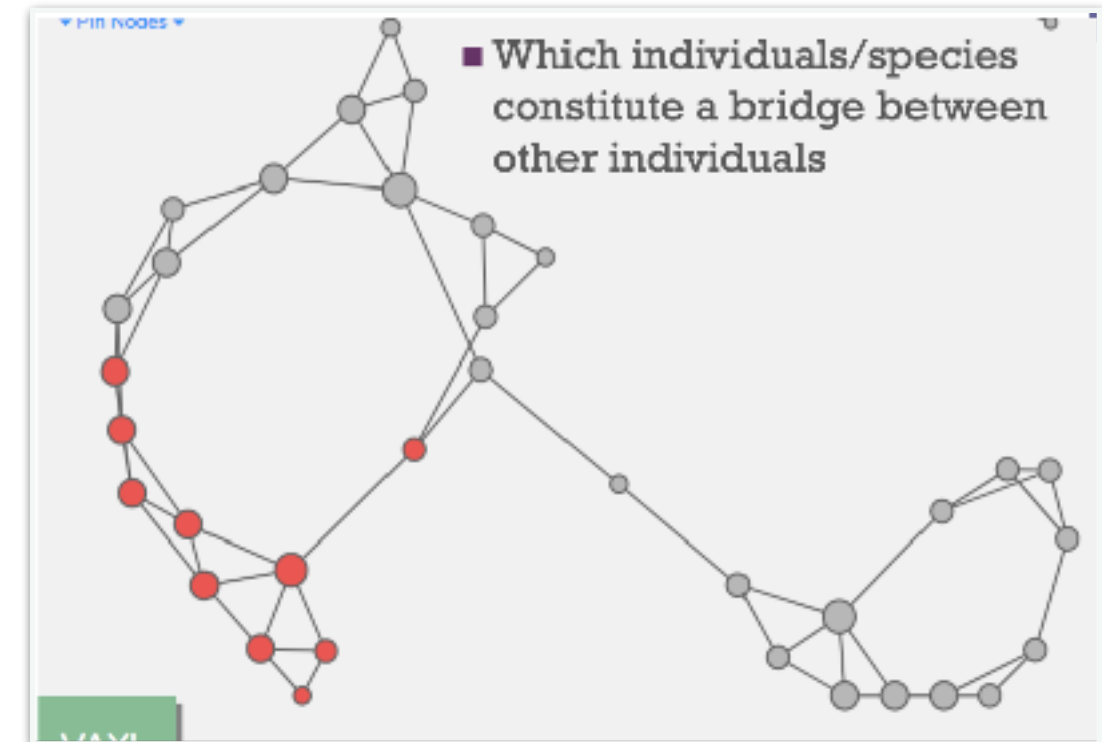
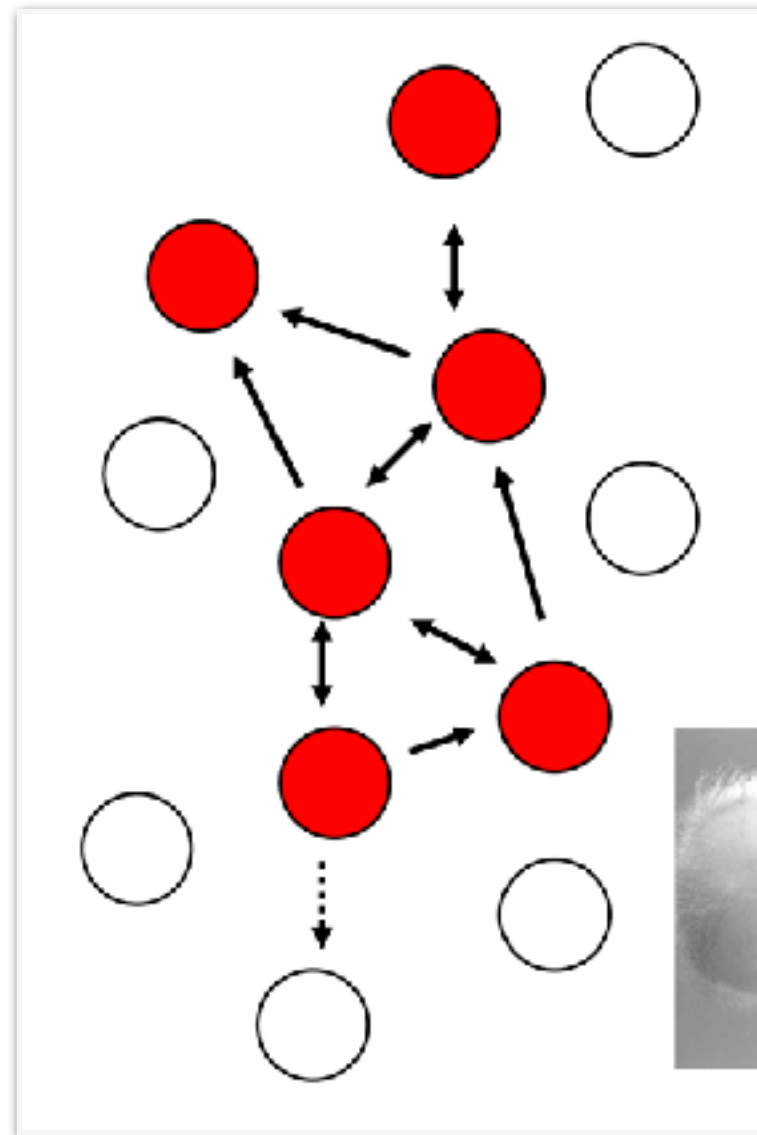
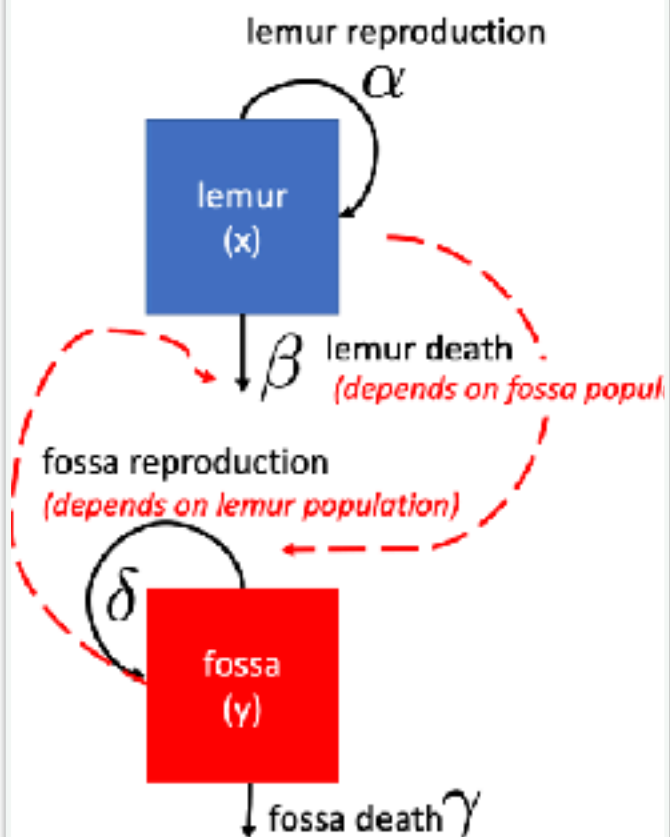
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if **stochastic?** "up to chance"



# Non-spatial vs. spatial vs. network

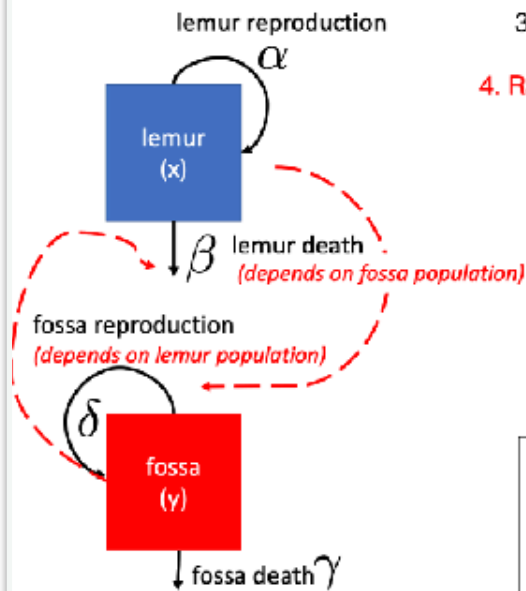
## The predator-prey model





# Compartment models

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## Compartmental models (Mechanistic Models)

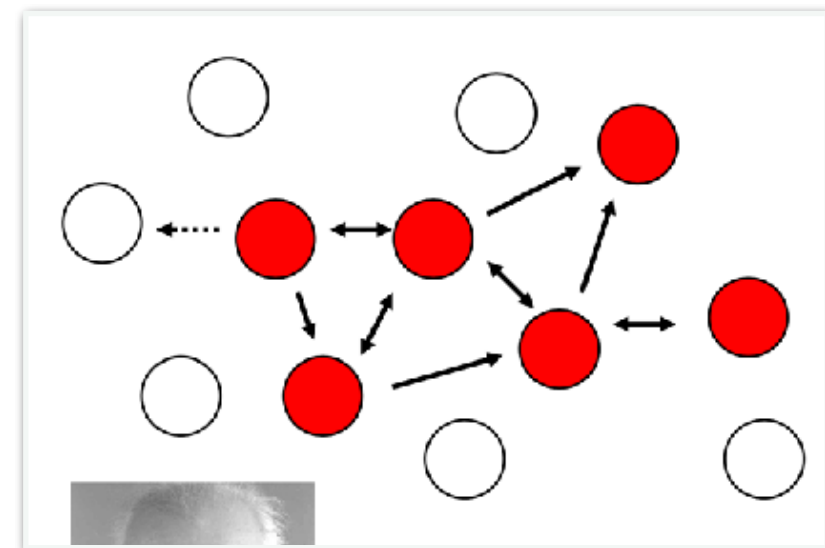
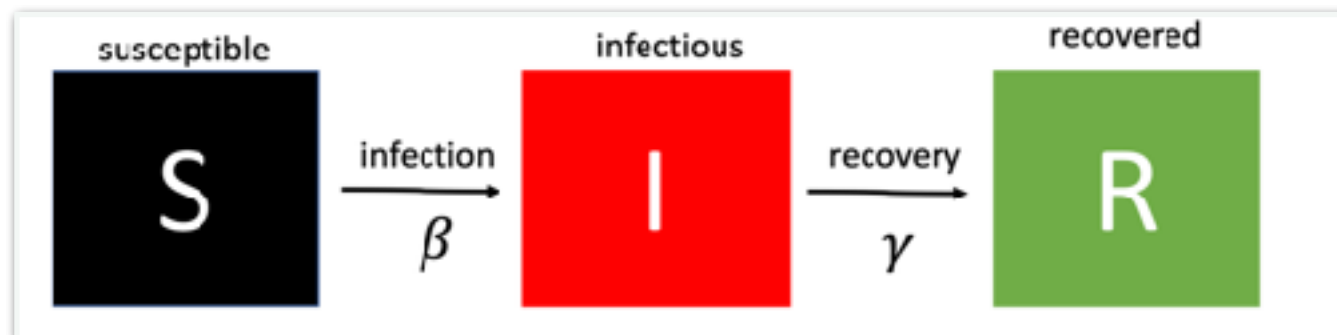
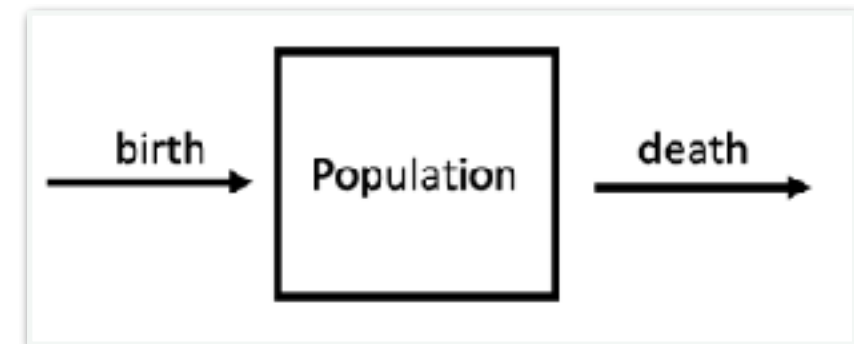
1. Populations are divided into compartments
2. Individuals within a compartment are homogeneously mixed
3. Compartments and transition rates are determined by biological systems
4. Rates of transferring between compartments are expressed mathematically

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(\alpha - \beta y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(\delta x - \gamma)$$

### SOME ASSUMPTIONS

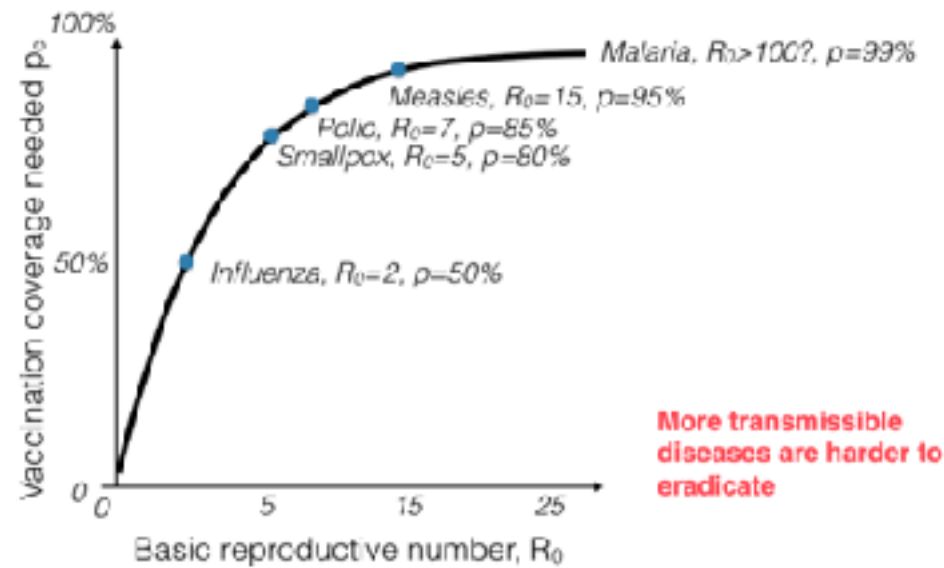
- the **lemur** has an unlimited food supply
- the **lemur** only dies from being eaten by fossa
- the **fossa** is totally dependent on a single prey species (the lemur) as its only food supply



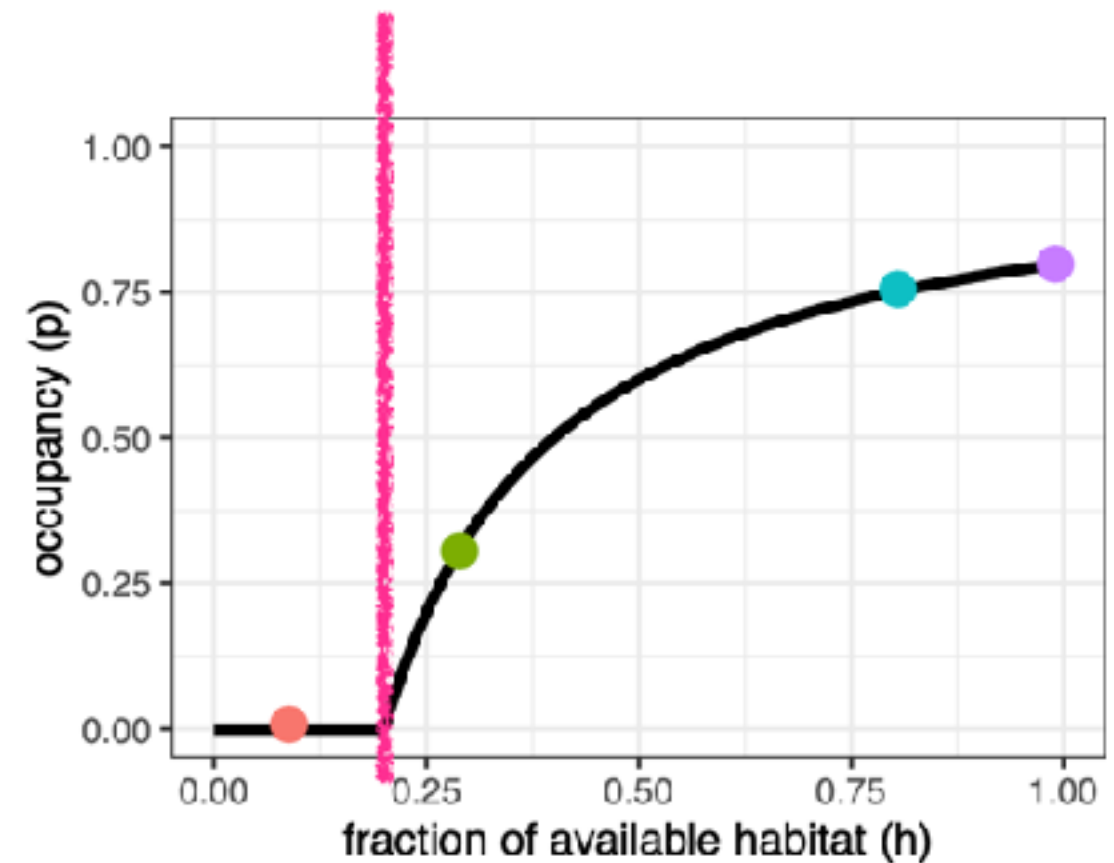
# Insights

## The SIR model : eradication

$$p_c = 1 - \frac{1}{R_0}$$

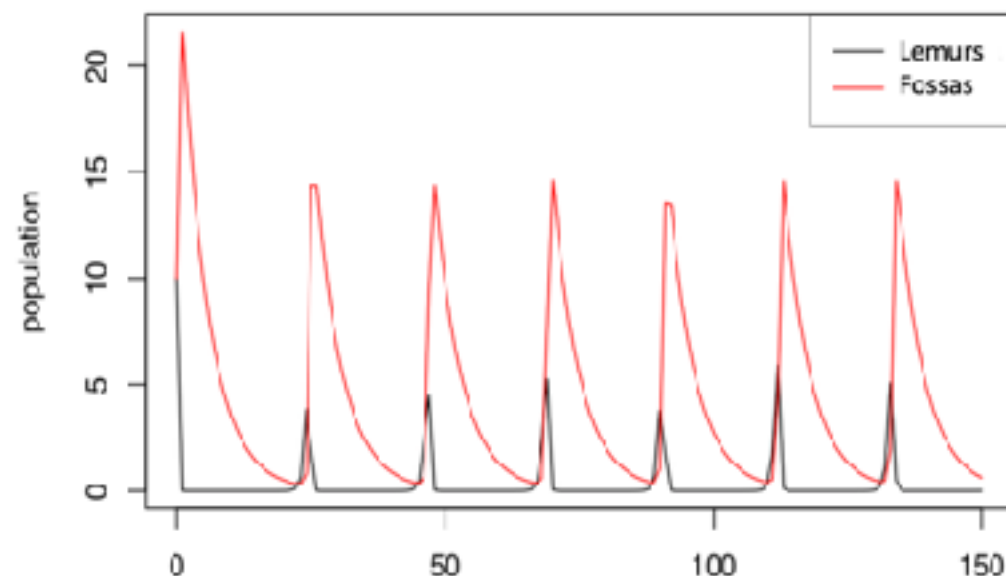


Extinction threshold = the root



Extinction threshold:  $h = \frac{e}{c}$

## The predator-prey model



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# Statistical model

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- ❖ Test patterns in data using predefined functions

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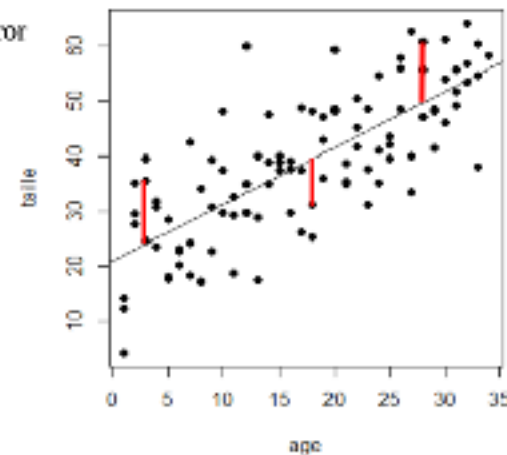
POSITIVE PROOF OF GLOBAL WARMING

Correlation does not imply causation

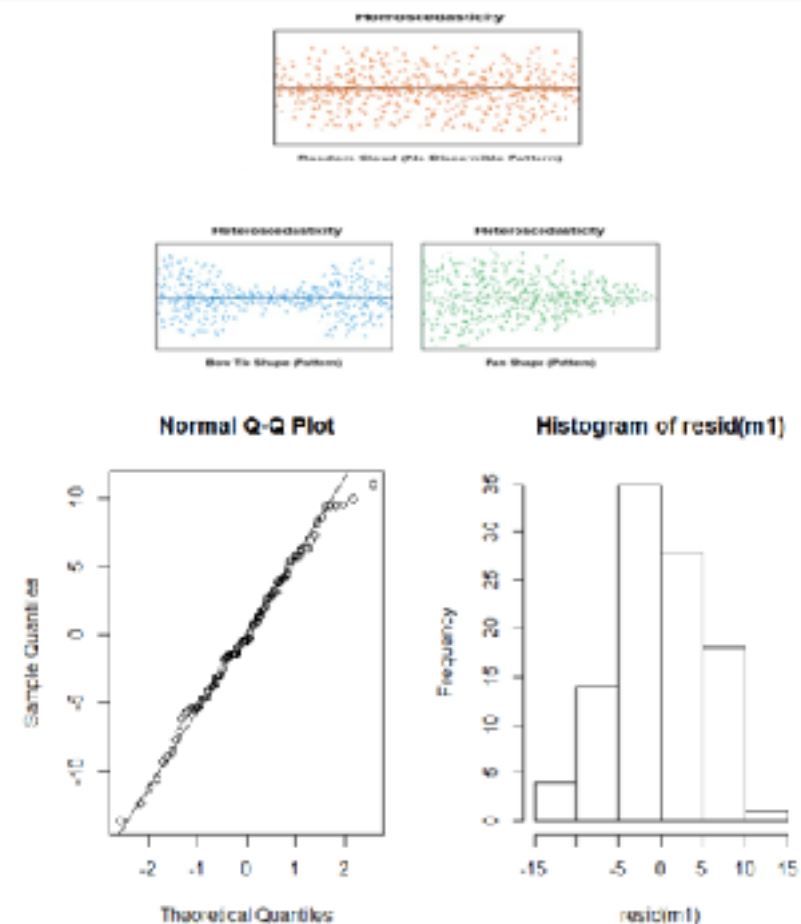
## Univariate linear model: simple linear regression

- Quantify the relationship between the response variable and each explanatory variable
- Linear relationship:  $y = a + bx + \epsilon$ 
  - $y$ : response variable,  $x$ : explanatory variable
  - $a$ : intercept,  $b$ : slope,  $\epsilon$ : Error or residual
- Minimize the error

Taille = 20 + 1.15 \* Age(Months) + Error



## Model validation



## Multilinear model

Call:

```
lm(formula = taille ~ age + sexe + GIParasites + malarie, data = lemur.)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-12.3695	-4.2168	0.0111	3.8715	9.9466

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	24.37448	1.40044	17.405	< 2e-16 ***
age	0.87527	0.05423	16.141	< 2e-16 ***
sexeMale	10.20143	1.04410	9.771	5.11e-16 ***
GIParasites	-0.30170	0.02601	-11.598	< 2e-16 ***
maladieOui	-0.10413	1.04603	-0.100	0.921

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 5.203 on 95 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.8463, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8399

F-statistic: 130.8 on 4 and 95 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

## Generalized linear model

- Extend the linear model framework by using a linear predictor and a link function
- link function: describe the relationship between the linear combination of the explanatory variables and the mean of the response variable
- R command: `glm(response_variable ~ explanatory_variable, family = family_distribution)`

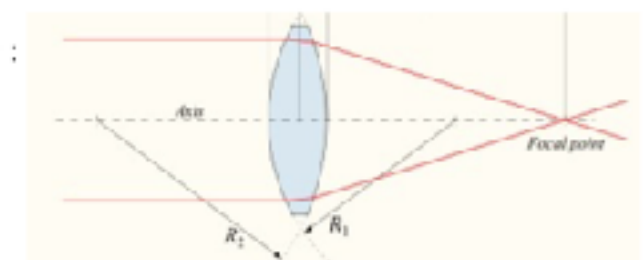
Most common family function :

Gaussian : Identity

Binomial : logit

Poisson : log

Neg binomial : log







## Why use GLMMs?

Generalized linear mixed models include both **fixed effects** and **random effects** in order to allow for:

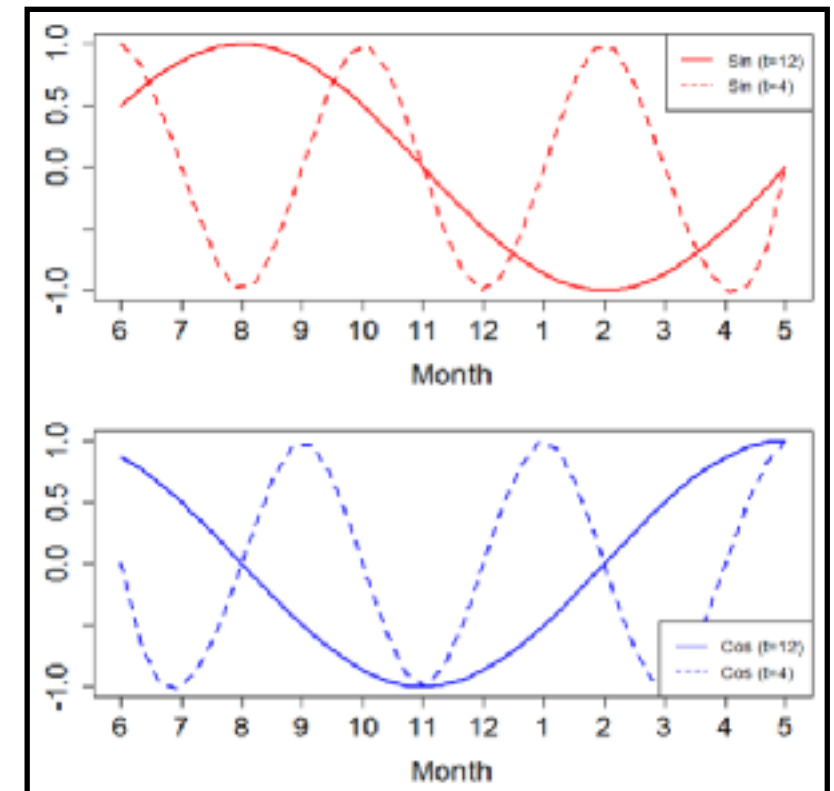
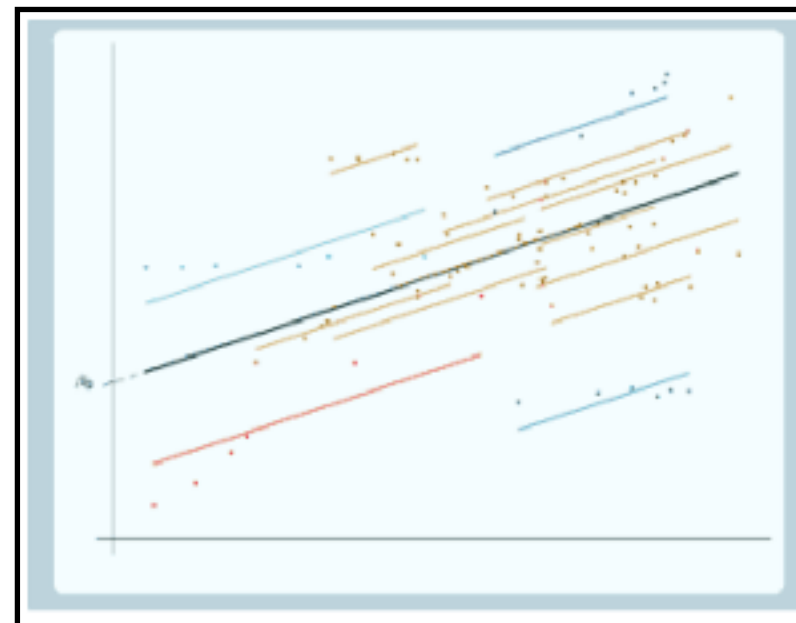
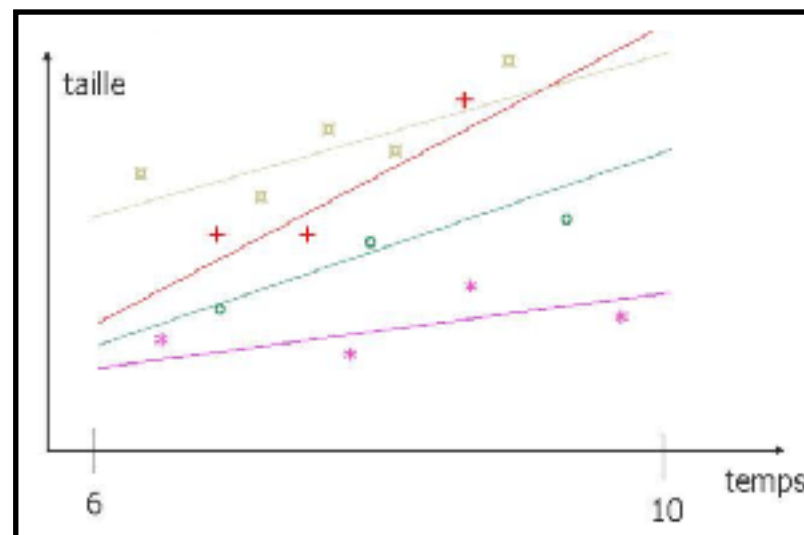
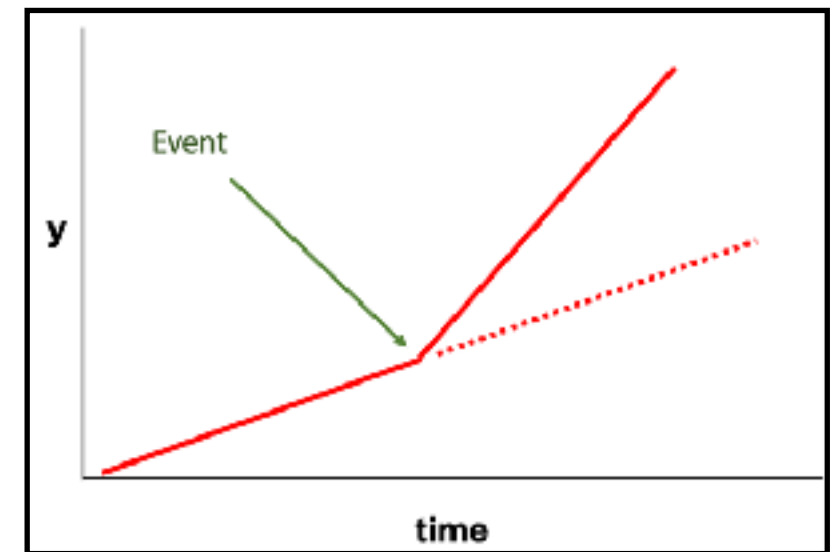
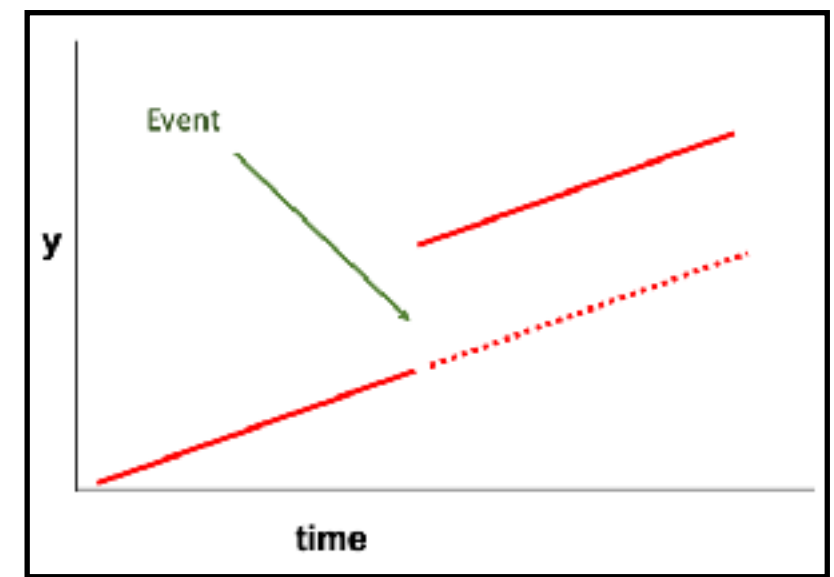
- Repeated measures
- Temporal correlation
- Spatial correlation
- Heterogeneity
- Nested data

$$y_i = X_i\beta + Z_ib_i + \varepsilon_i$$

Fixed  
Effects

Random  
Effects

The R function to fit a generalized linear mixed model is `glmer()` which uses the form  
`fitted.model <- glmer(formula, family="model family", data=data.frame)`



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# Network analyses

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## + MRQAP (Quadratic Assignment Procedure)

- Multiple Regression Quadratic Assignment Procedure
  - Basically logistic regression analysis applied to matrix data.
- Is your response variable linked to explanatory variable 1 while controlling for all other variables?

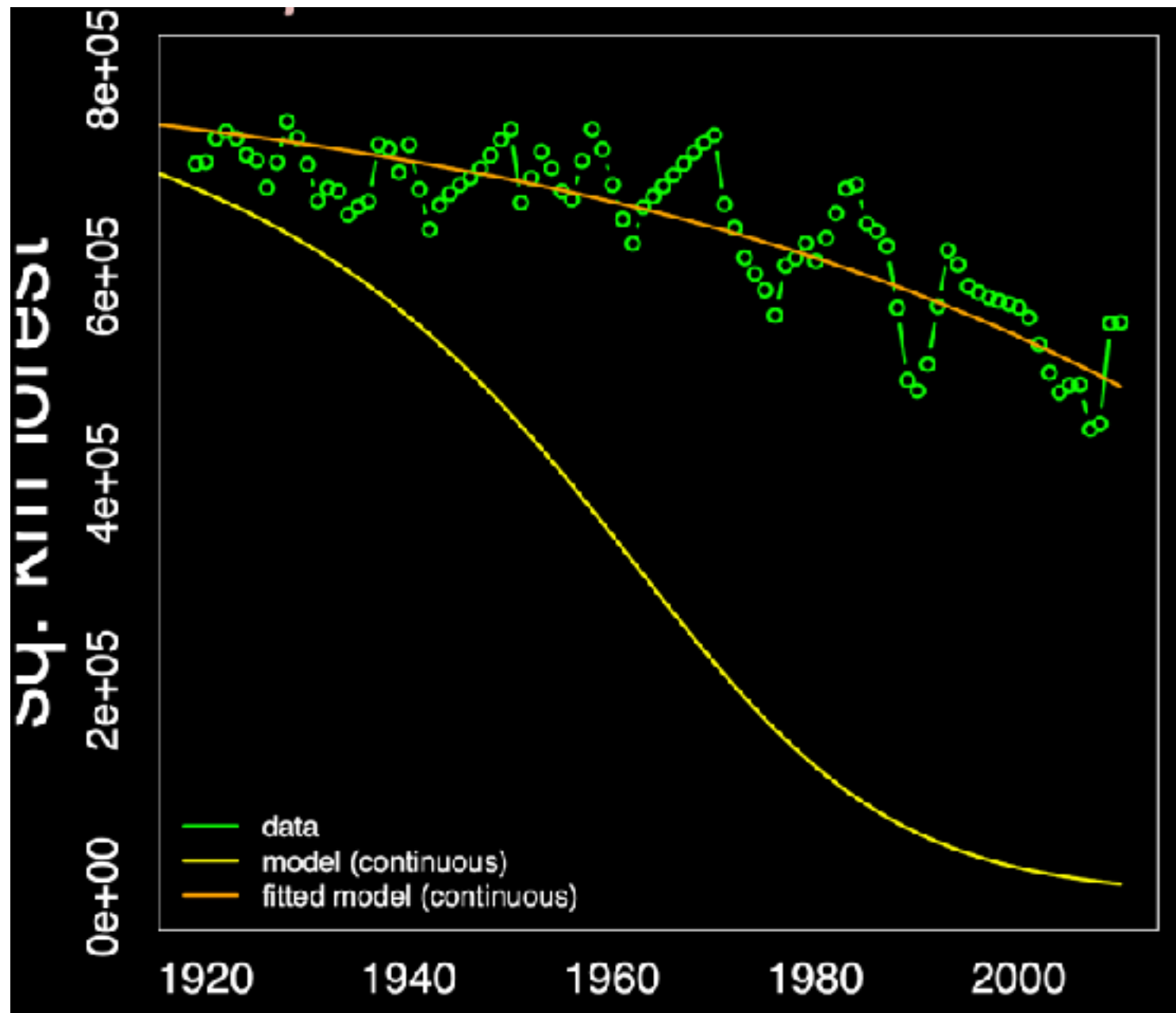


Fit mechanistic models to data

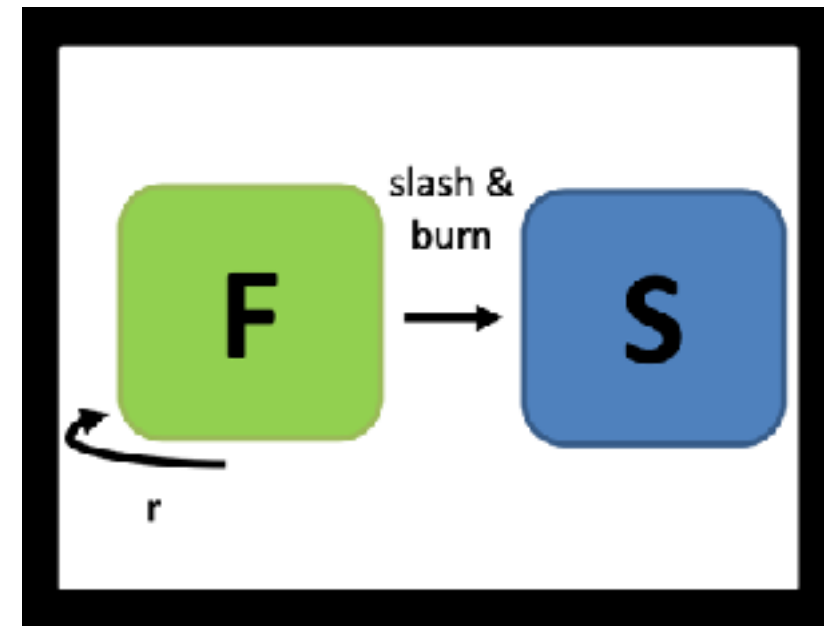


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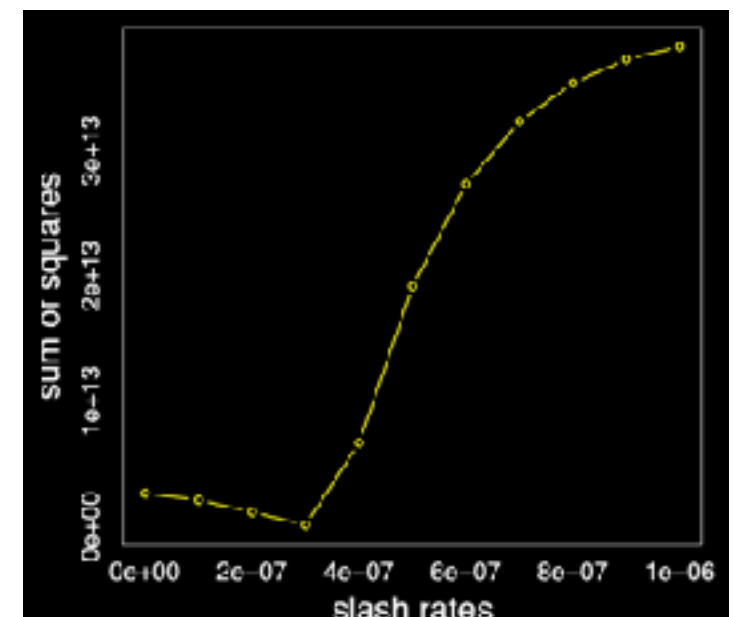
Combines the best of mechanistic and statistical method



Mechanistic model



Minimize sum of squares



# Model selection

- ❖ Some methods
  - ❖  $R^2$ ,  $\text{adj-}R^2$
  - ❖ Least square
  - ❖ Log likelihood
  - ❖ AIC
  - ❖ BIC
  - ❖ RMSE
  - ❖ ...
- ❖ There is no consensus among statisticians...it is an art

You can always fit a model,  
and select the best model  
But it is just the best based on what  
you tried



More on quantitative skills





# Basic R

**RSTUDIO**  
An Interface for R software

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with four main panes:
 

- Script:** Contains R code for filtering data based on forearm length.
- Console:** Displays the output of the R commands, showing a data frame with columns: Id, Site, Date, Sex, Weight, Forearm, gmm, and sica.
- Environment:** Shows the current environment with variables like 'data' and 'new\_data'.
- Browser:** Displays the structure of the data frame, showing the number of rows and columns for each variable.

• Institut Pasteur de Madagascar  
• January 2020

## Writing For Loops, If-Else Statements, and Functions in R

• EPM: Ecological and Epidemiological Modeling in Madagascar

**Data cleaning with R**  
Consistent data

What is wrong with this data frame?

Id	Site	Date	Sex	Weight	Forearm	gmm	sica
bat_12	Site_3	41586	F	650	140mm	NA	3.90
bat_13	Site_3	41586	F	70	140mm	NA	3.89
bat_14	Site_2	41593	M	710	136mm	NA	30.95
bat_15	Site_2	41593	M	690	136mm	NA	30.92
bat_16	Site_2	41593	F	390	136mm	3.88	NA
bat_17	Site_2	41593	M	120	136mm	NA	9.99
bat_18	Site_2	41593	M	140	136mm	NA	9.98
bat_19	Site_2	41593	F	530	136mm	4.03	NA
bat_20	Site_2	41593	M	130	136mm	NA	30.63
bat_21	Site_2	41594	F	640	136mm	4.26	NA
bat_22	Site_2	41594	F	390	136mm	4.18	NA
bat_23	Site_2	41594	M	140	136mm	NA	30.92
bat_24	Site_2	41594	F	140	136mm	5.97	NA
bat_25	Site_2	41594	M	150	136mm	NA	30.30
bat_26	Site_2	41596	F	650	136mm	4.10	NA
bat_27	Site_2	41596	F	105	136mm	4.14	NA
bat_28	Site_2	41596	M	130	136mm	NA	30.34

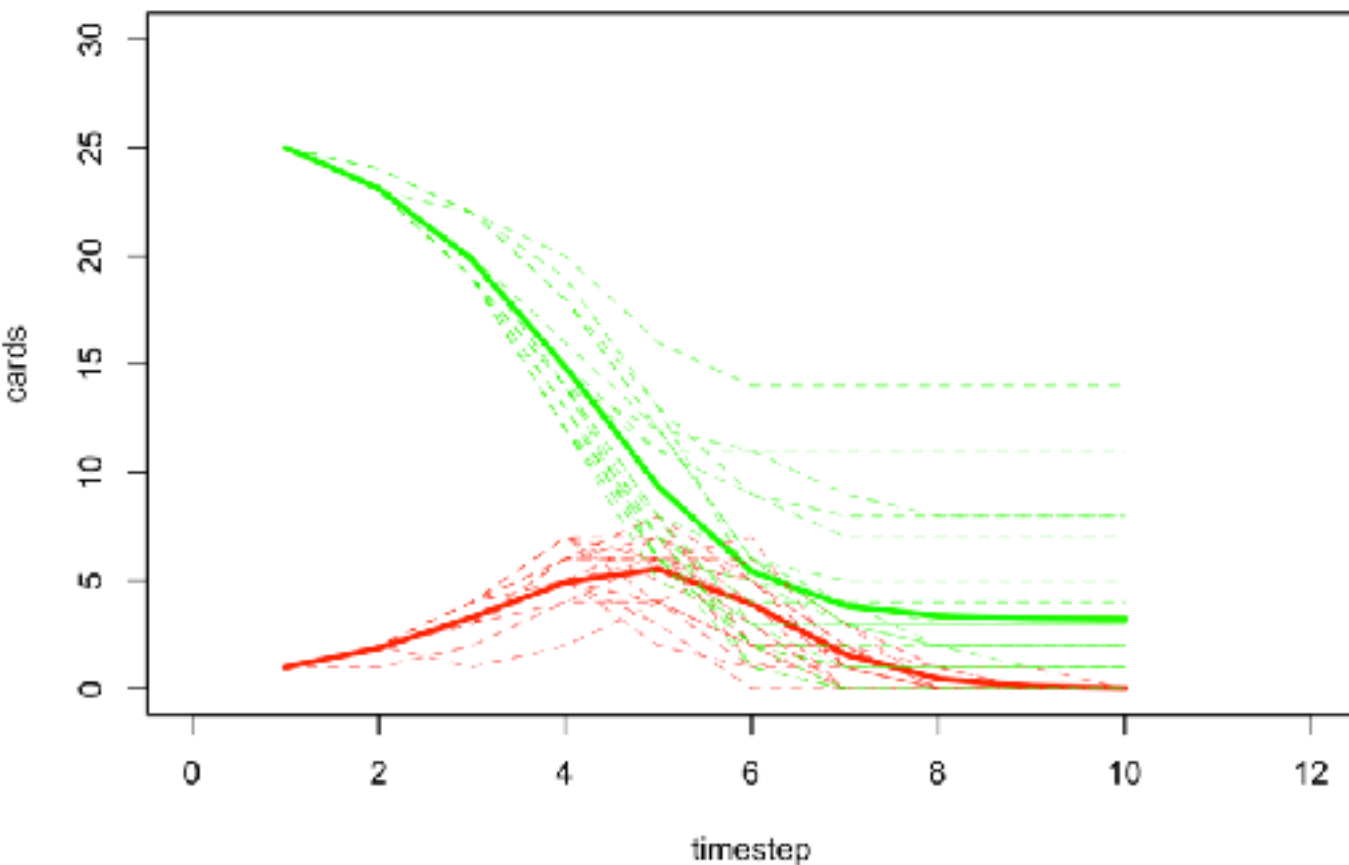
**Visualizing Data (Present de data)**  
Polish the plot

```
ggtitle("Weight by Forearm of male and female") +
scale_x_continuous(name="Length forearm (mm)",
limits=c(20,85)) +
scale_y_continuous(name="Weight (g)",
limits=c(0,85)) +
scale_color_discrete(name="Sex",
breaks=c("f","m"),
label=c("female","male")) +
scale_shape_discrete(name="Sex",
breaks=c("f","m"),
label=c("female","male"))
```

The scatter plot displays the relationship between forearm length and weight for bats. The x-axis is labeled 'Length forearm (mm)' and ranges from 20 to 85. The y-axis is labeled 'Weight (g)' and ranges from 0 to 80. Data points are colored and shaped by sex: females are represented by red circles and males by blue triangles. The plot shows a clear positive correlation between forearm length and weight, with males generally having larger forearms and weights than females.

# More advanced R

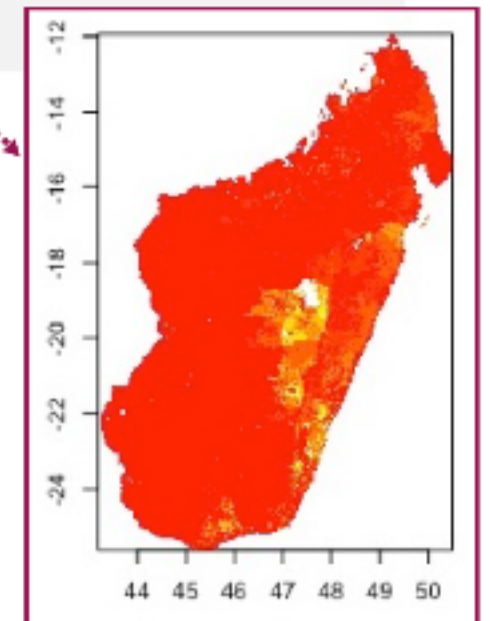
Model fitting



Spatial visualization

```
par(mfrow=c(1,3))  
image(mdg_preg, col = blue2red(10))  
image(log(mdg_preg+1), col = blue2red(10))  
image(mdg_preg, zlim = c(0,10))
```

Plotting



Model construction

Forward simulation in time

Optimization

Precise visualization

Solving differential equations?

# Useful math

## Greek letters

Α α	Β β	Γ γ	Δ δ	Ε ε	Ζ ζ	Η η	Θ θ
alpha	beta	gamma	delta	epsilon	zeta	eta	theta
u	b	g	d	e	[zɪ/dʒ]	h	th
[a/ɑ]	[b]	[g]	[d]	[e]	[zɪ/dʒ]	[ɛ]	[θ]
Ι ι	Κ κ	Λ λ	Μ μ	Ν ν	Ξ ξ	Ο ο	Π π
iota	kappa	lambda	mu	nu	xi	omicron	pi
i	k	l	m	n	ks	o	p
[i/ɪ]	[k]	[l]	[m]	[n]	[ks]	[o]	[p]
Ρ ρ	Σ σ/ς	Τ τ	Υ υ	Φ φ	Χ χ	Ψ ψ	Ω ω
rho	sigma	tau	upsilon	phi	chi	psi	omega
r/h	s	t	ay	ph	ch	ps	o
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## Eigenvectors and eigenvalues

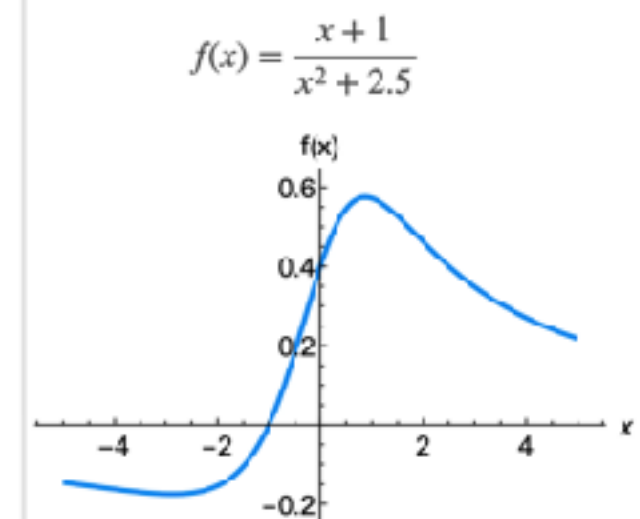
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \diamond M \cdot v_1 &= 3v_1 \\ \diamond M \cdot v_2 &= 2v_2 \\ \diamond M \cdot v_3 &= 1v_3 \end{aligned} \quad \text{if } V = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $M = V^{-1} \Lambda V$

## Function properties

- ✧ Intercept / root(s)
- ✧ Positive / negative value
- ✧ Maximum / minimum value
- ✧ Increasing / Decreasing / Constant
- ✧ Concave / Convex
- ✧ Asymptotic





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Research questions

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# You are now well equipped

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