

Exercise: Population dynamics - Classical models
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Population dynamics - Classical models (INSA-3BS-1.1) – statement

In order to model the dynamics of isolated populations, we consider different EDO-based models defined as follows:

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = N(t)g(N(t))$$

where $N(t)$ is the population density and $g(N(t))$ the intrinsic population growth rate.

1. Demonstrate that an equilibrium point of this equation, denoted $N^* \neq 0$ is asymptotically stable if and only if $\left. \frac{dg}{dN} \right|_{N^*} < 0$.

2. Different models have been proposed:

(a) Gompertz model $g(N) = r \ln(K/N)$

(b) Allee effect model $g(N) = r(K - N(t))(N(t) - \alpha)$

(c) Allee effect model with exploitation $g(N) = r(K - N(t))(N(t) - \alpha) - E$ (with $\alpha < K$)

Where parameters r , K , α and E are strictly positive.

In each case, draw $g(N)$ as a function of N . Deduce then the equilibrium points and their stability.