

**1. Carrying capacity**

One hundred individuals of some species arrive at an island and establish a new population of size  $s$ , where the development of  $s$  in time (measured in years) can be described by the ODE

$$\dot{x} = 0.8 \cdot x - 0.0002 \cdot x^2.$$

- (a) Calculate the carrying capacity of this population.
- (b) How long will it take until the population has a size of 1000 individuals?

**2. Constant harvesting model**

The classical constant harvesting model introduces to the logistic growth a constant number of individuals  $Y_0 > 0$  that are harvested at each time point. The differential equation for the population size  $x$  becomes:

$$\dot{x} = r \cdot x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - Y_0$$

- (a) Find the fixed point(s) and check whether they are stable.
- (b) What is the maximum sustainable value for the harvesting parameter  $Y_0$ ?

**3. Allee effect**

Consider the following differential equation for the population size  $N$ :

$$\dot{N} = b \cdot N^2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) - m \cdot N$$

with  $b, m$  and  $K > 0$ .

- (a) Find the fixed point(s) and check whether they are stable.
- (b) What is the Allee effect and what are the characteristics of this model that fit the Allee effect?