

Maltusian model (1766-1834)

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + (\mu - \beta)p = 0 \text{ in } (0, T),$$

$$p(0) = p_0.$$

Solution

$$p(t) = p_0 \exp[-(\mu - \beta)t]$$

μ = mortality rate

β = fertility rate

$\mu \geq 0, \beta \geq 0$

$\mu > \beta$ exponential extinction

$\beta > \mu$ exponential growth

Logistic model (Verhulst 1838)

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \alpha p \left(1 - \frac{p}{K}\right) = 0 \text{ in } (0, T),$$

$$p(0) = p_0.$$

Solution:

$$p(t) = \frac{K p_0 \exp(\alpha t)}{K + p_0 [\exp(\alpha t) - 1]}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t) = K.$$

α = growth rate

K = carrying capacity

The linear model of Lotka-McKendrick (1925)

►Age-structure

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial a} + \mu_0(a)p + \mu(a)p = f \text{ in } (0, T) \times (0, a^+),$$

$$p(0, a) = p_0(a),$$

$$p(t, 0) = \int_0^{a^+} \beta(a)p(t, a)da.$$

μ_0 = (specific) mortality rate

μ = (supplementary) mortality rate

β = fertility rate

The nonlinear model of Gurtin-MacCamy (1973)

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial a} + \mu_0(a)p + \mu(a, S(t))p = f \text{ in } (0, T) \times (0, a^+),$$

$$p(0, a) = p_0(a),$$

$$p(t, 0) = \int_0^{a^+} \beta(a, S(t))p(t, a)da,$$

$$S(t) = \int_0^{a^+} \gamma(a)p(t, a)da.$$

The nonlinear Gurtin-MacCamy model with diffusion

(first version in 1974)

$$\Omega = (0, a^+) \times (y_0, y_L) \quad (y_0, y_L) = \textit{spatial domain (habitat)}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial a} + \mu_0(a, y)p + \mu(a, y, S(t, y))p - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(K(a, y) \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) = f \text{ in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \quad (1)$$

$$p(0, a, y) = p(a, y) \text{ in } \Omega, \quad (2)$$

$$K(a, y) \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_{y_0} \text{ and on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_{y_L} \quad (3)$$

$$p(t, 0, y) = \int_0^{a^+} \beta(a, y, S(t, y)) p(a, t, y) da, \quad (4)$$

$$S(t, y) = \int_{\Omega} \gamma(a, y, z) p(t, a, z) dz da. \quad (5)$$