

## Homework assigned Wednesday, September 22

The *discrete logistic equation* is

$$N_{t+1} = N_t + rN_t \left(1 - \frac{N_t}{K}\right)$$

where  $r$  is the per capita per year growth rate, and  $K$  is the carrying capacity. Thus if we know the population,  $N_t$ , in year  $t$ , this lets us compute the population,  $N_{t+1}$ , in the year  $t + 1$ .

Here are some examples for you to compare with your work.

- (1) If  $r = .3$ ,  $K = 200$ , and  $N_0 = 190$ , then  $N_1 = 192.85$ ,  $N_2 = 194.918$ ,  
 $N_3 = 196.404$
- (2) If  $r = 2.5$ ,  $K = 100$ , and  $N_0 = 120$ , then  $N_1 = 60$ ,  $N_2 = 120$ ,  
 $N_3 = 60$
- (3) If  $r = 1.5$ ,  $K = 500$ , and  $N_0 = 400$ , then  $N_1 = 520$ ,  $N_2 = 488.8$ ,  
 $N_3 = 505.224$