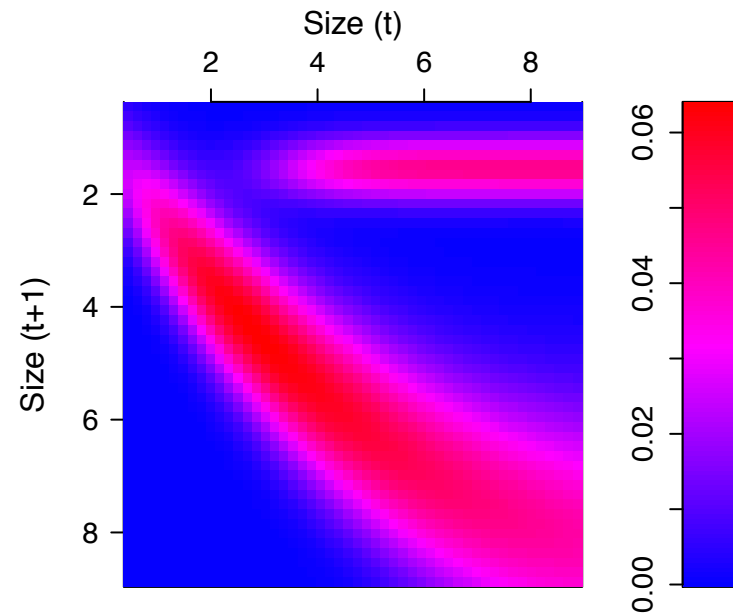


# AN INTRODUCTION TO INTEGRAL PROJECTION MODELS (IPMS)

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## REVIEW

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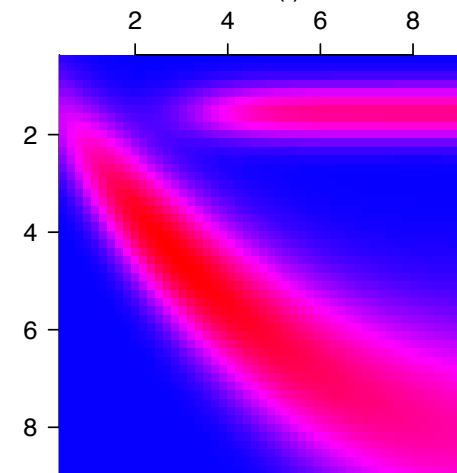
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# IPMs

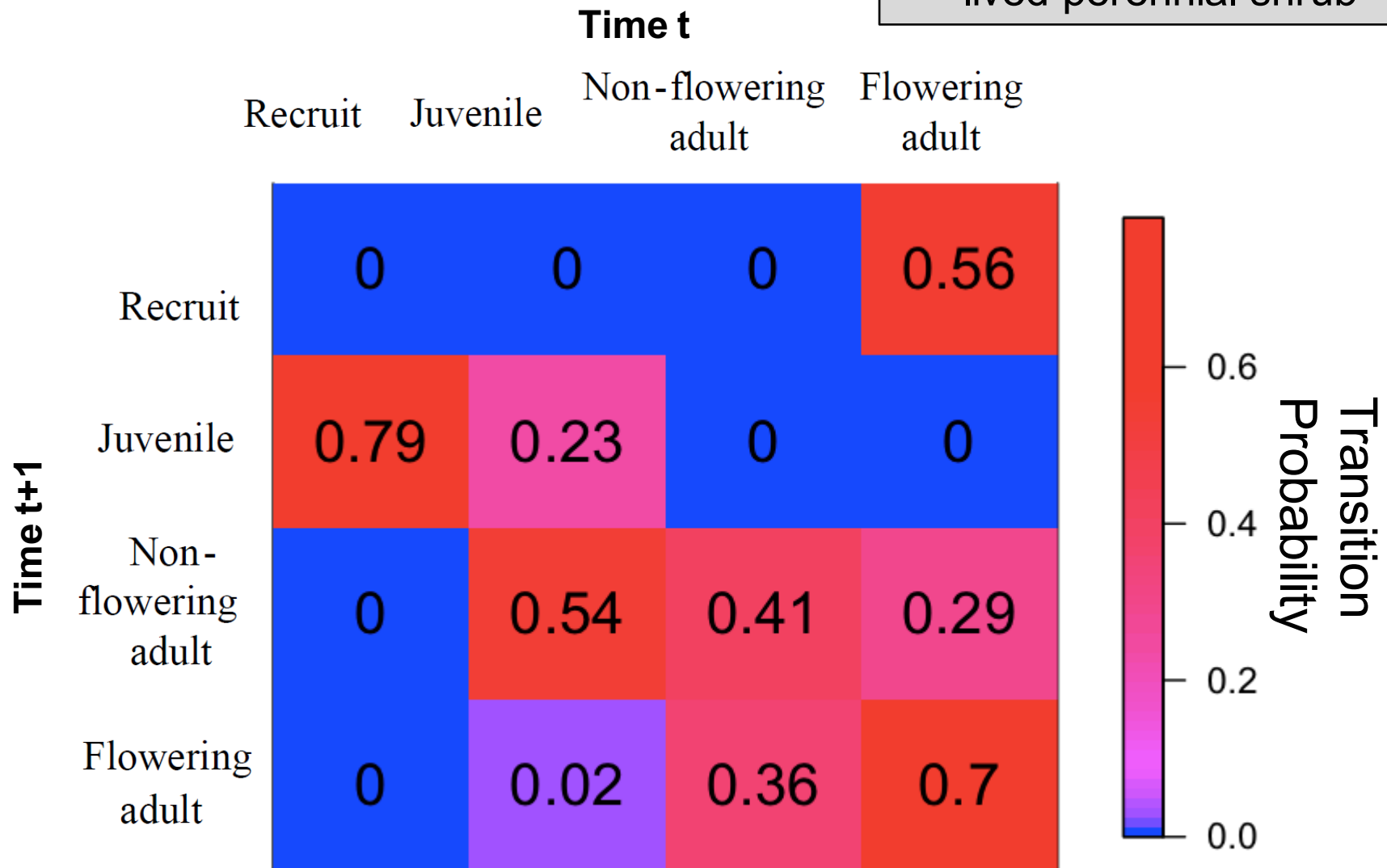
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- Accurate stage structure
- Decompose life history to desired level of detail
- Link vital rates to covariates
- Heterogeneity among individuals

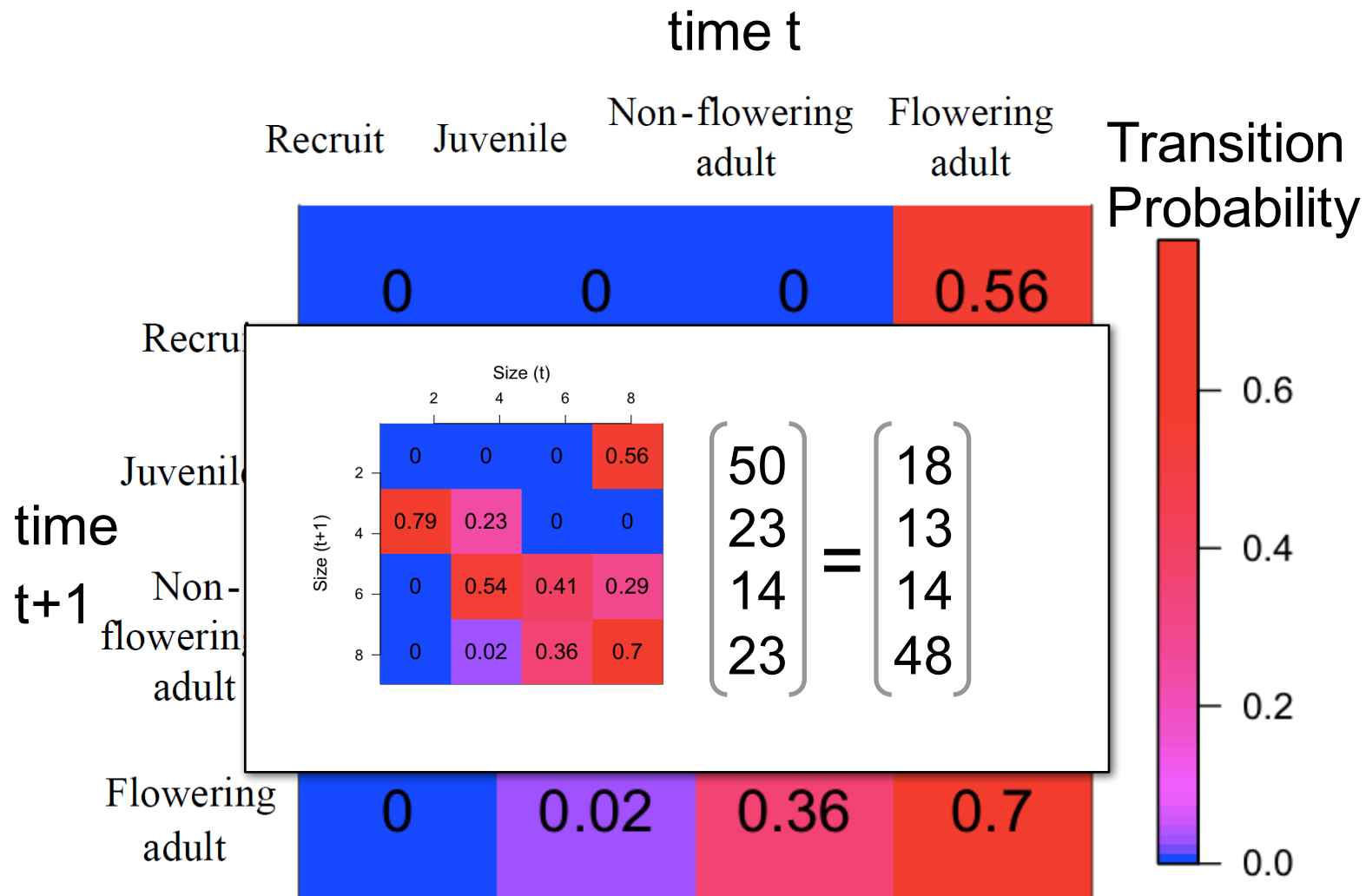


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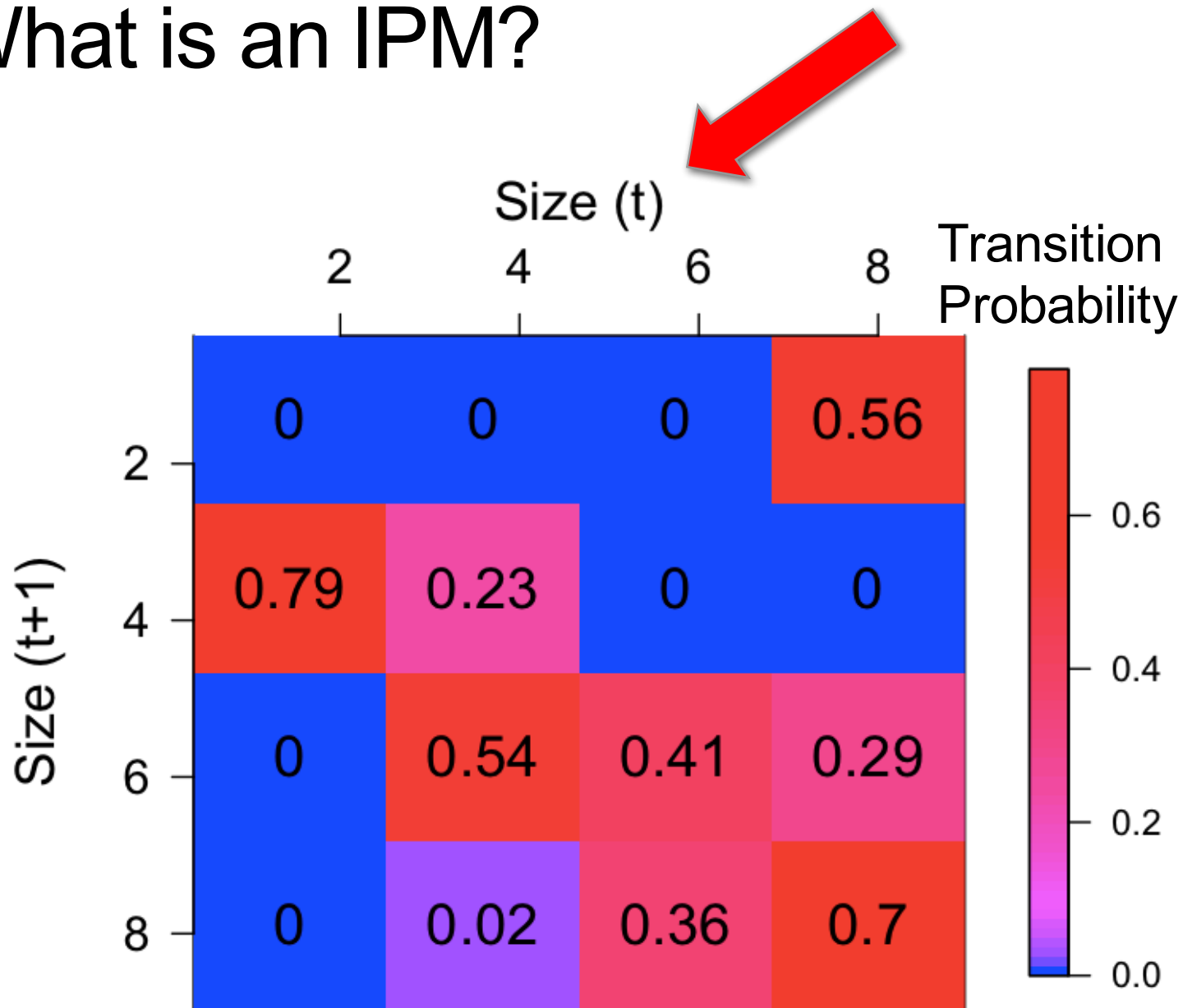
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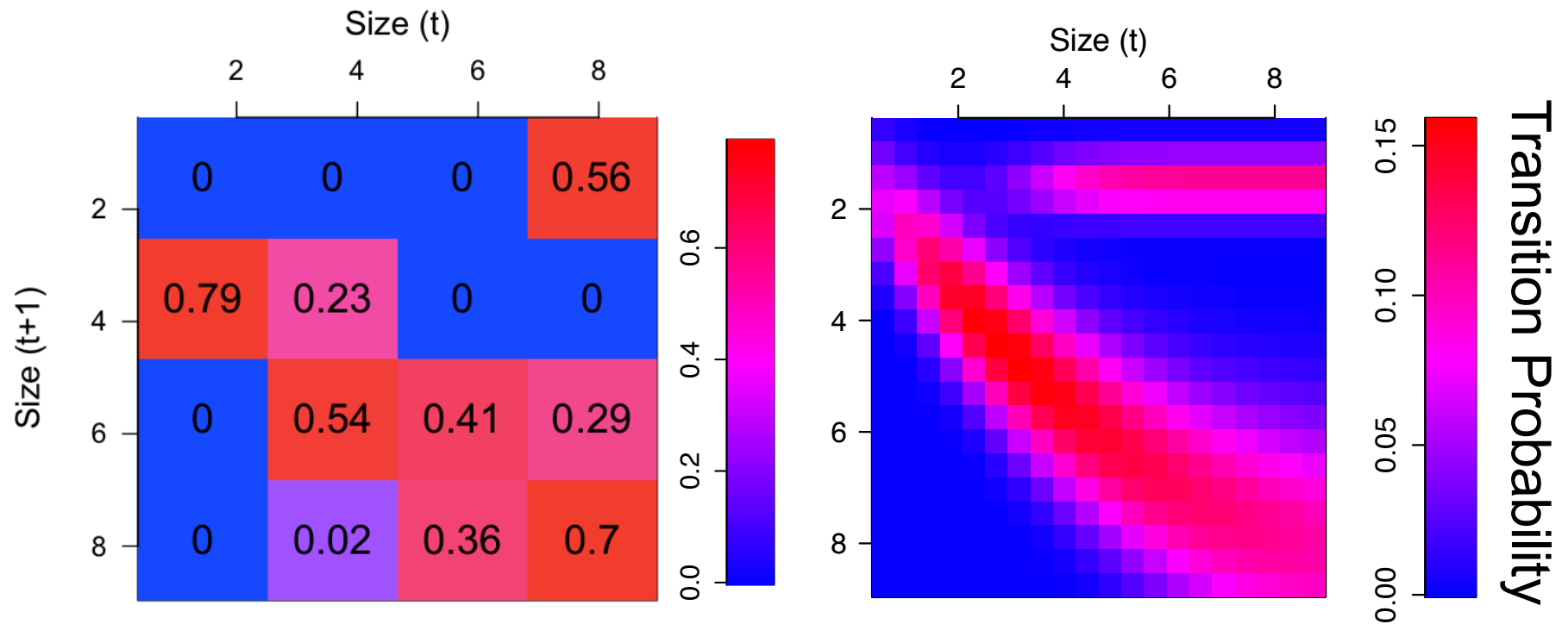
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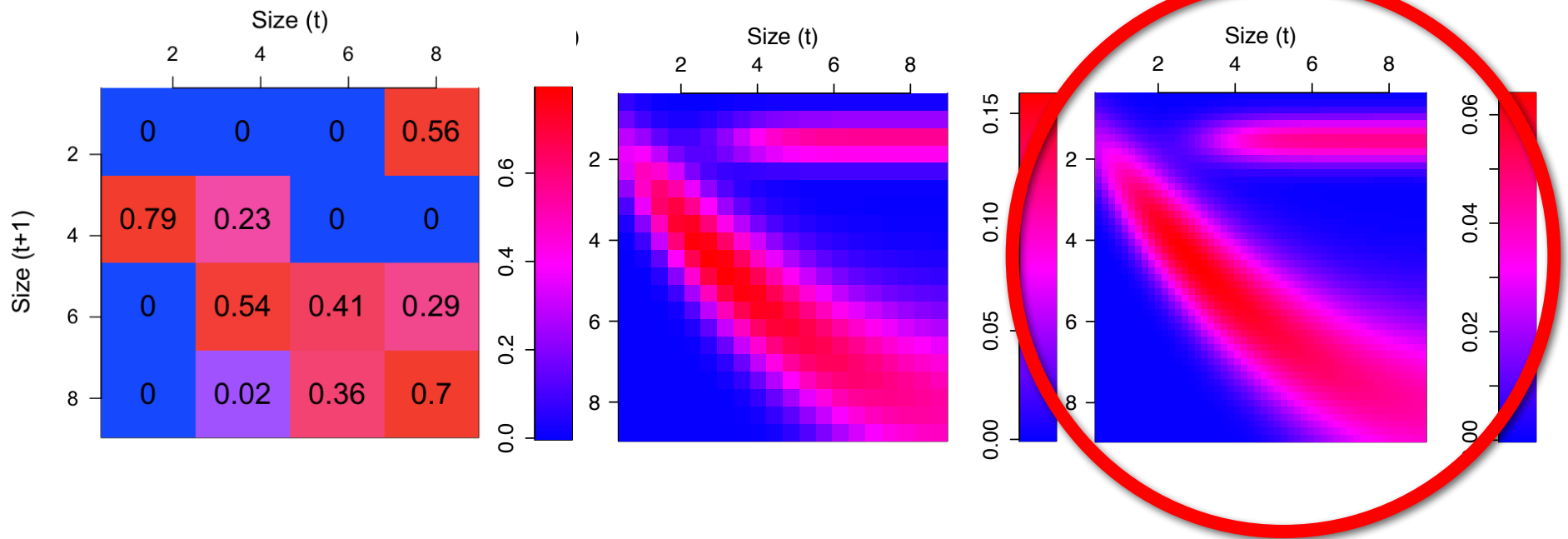


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More stages = more heterogeneity among individuals

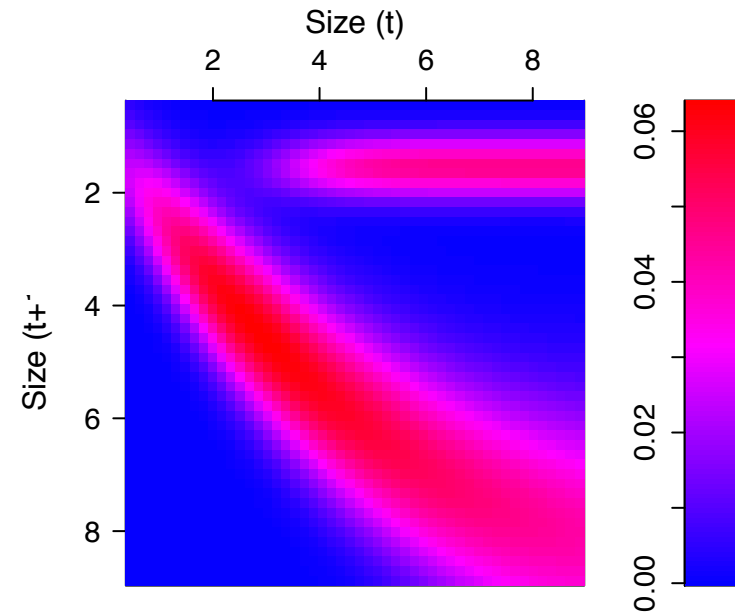
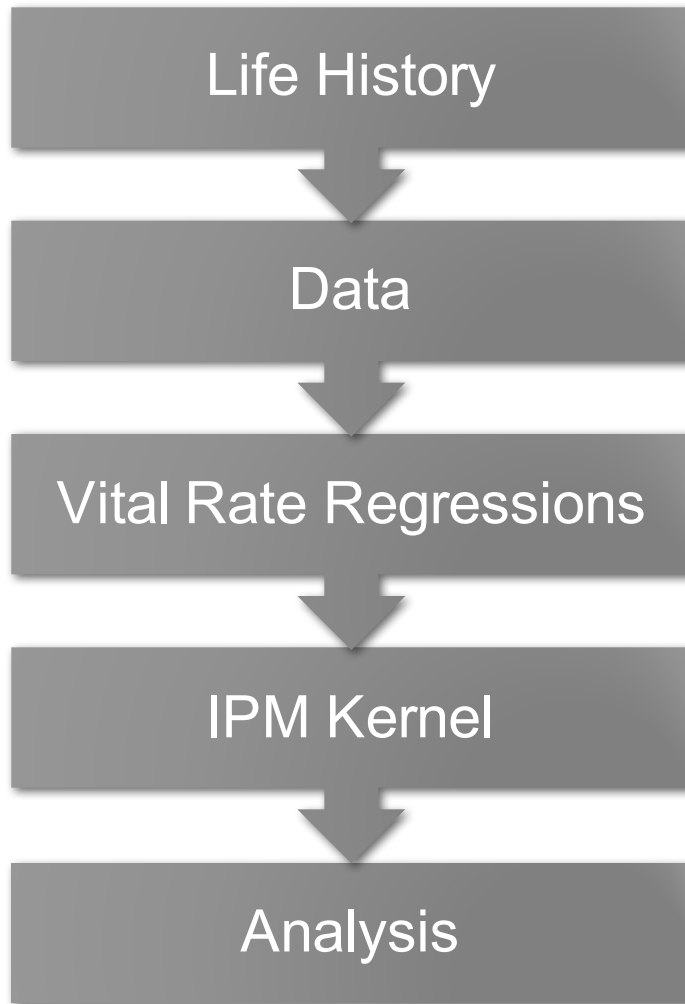
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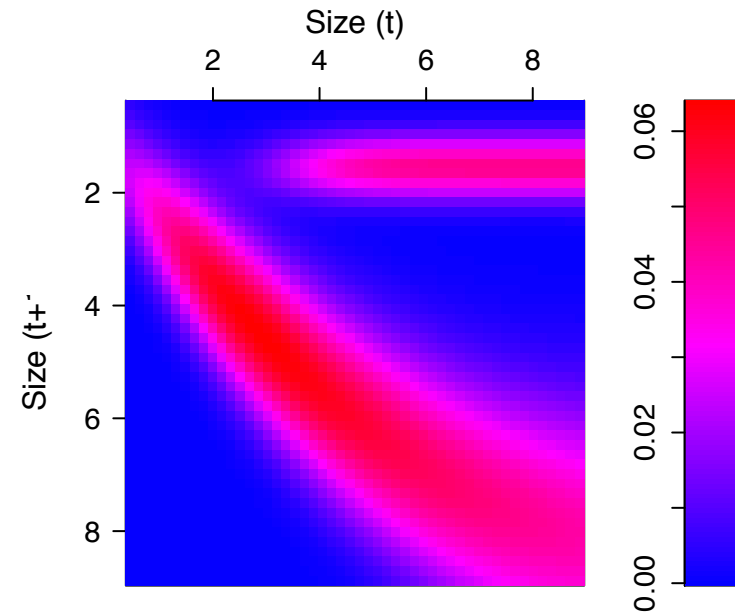
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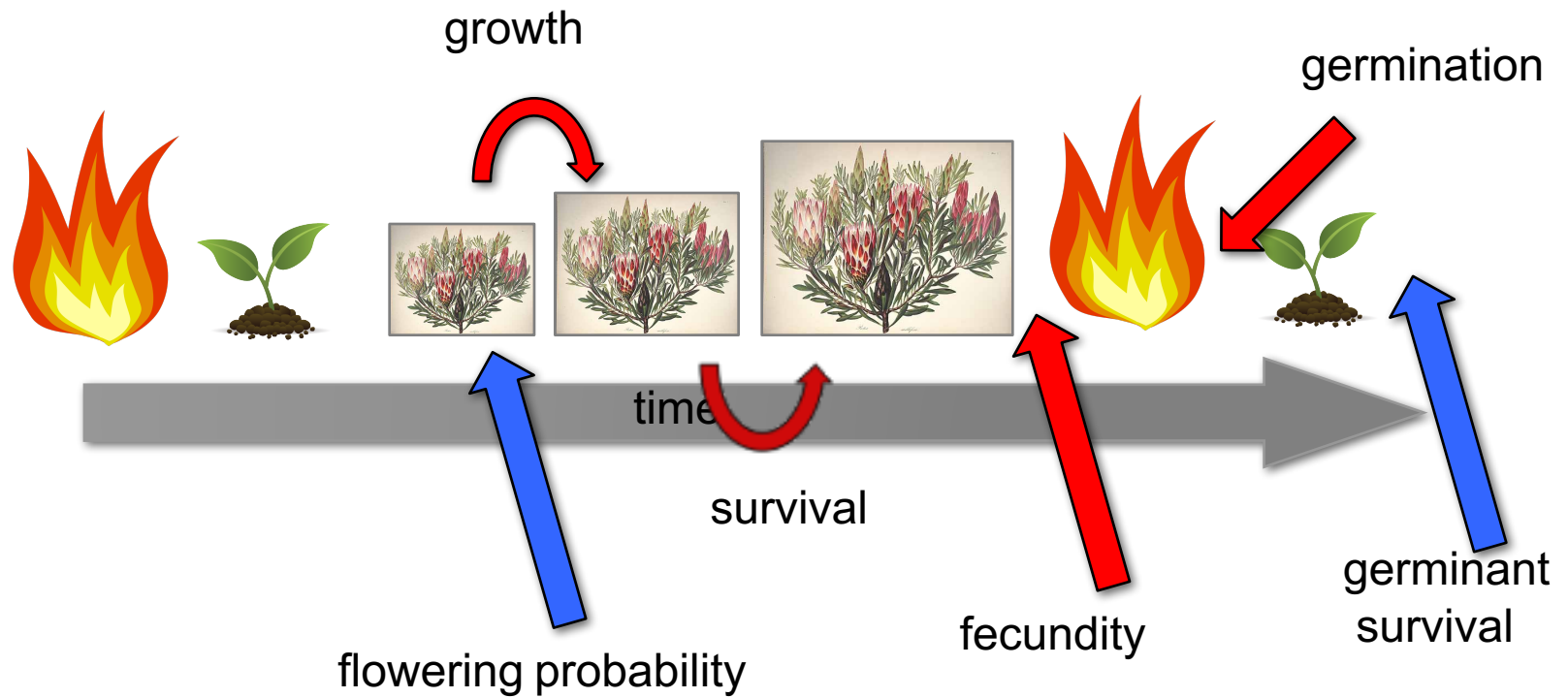
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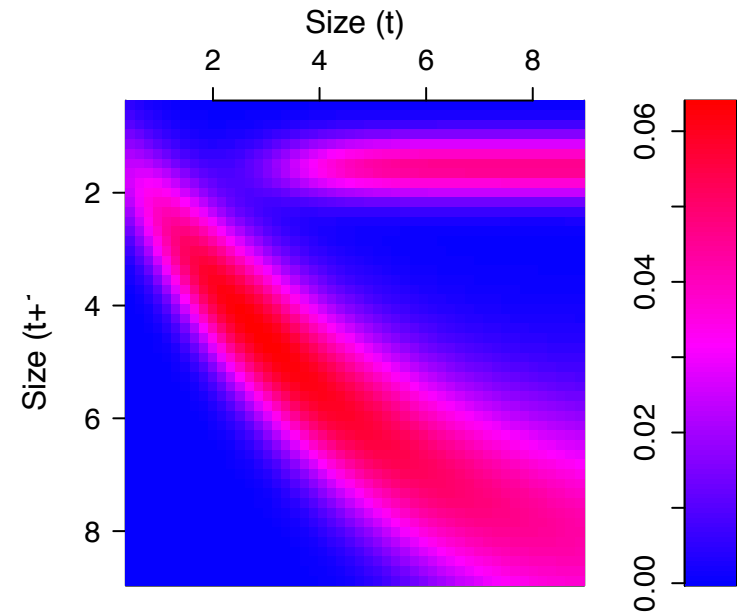
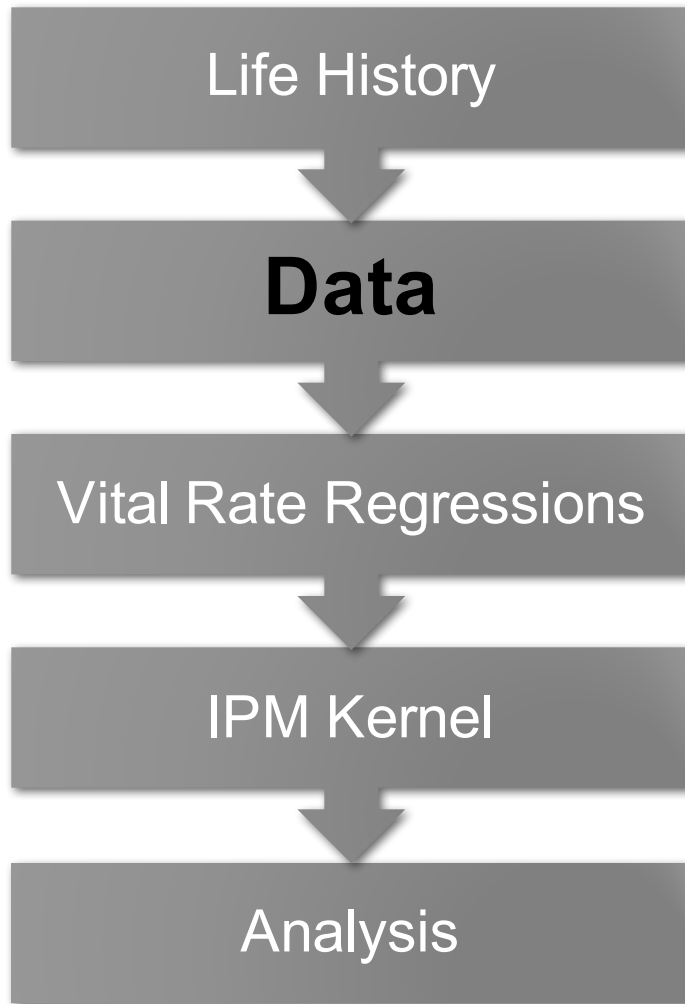
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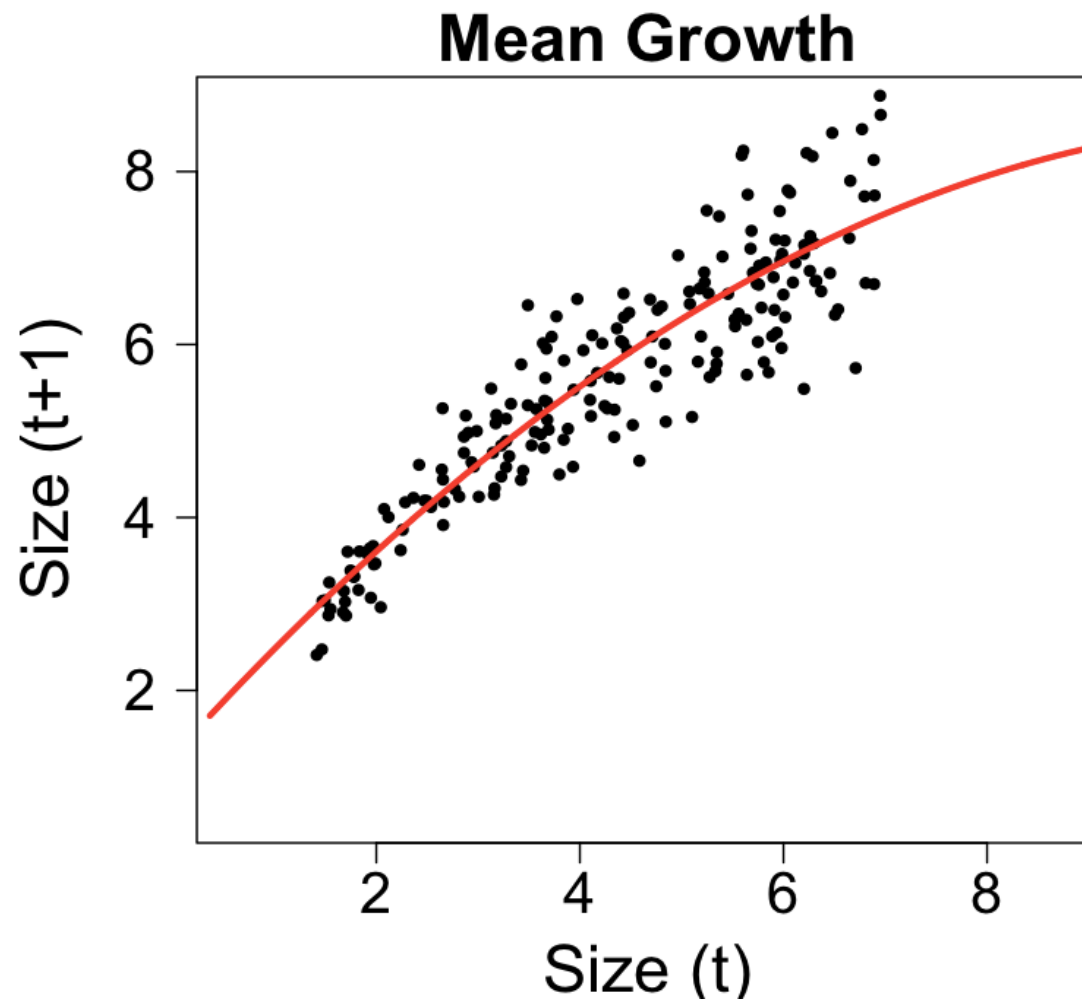
# Life history



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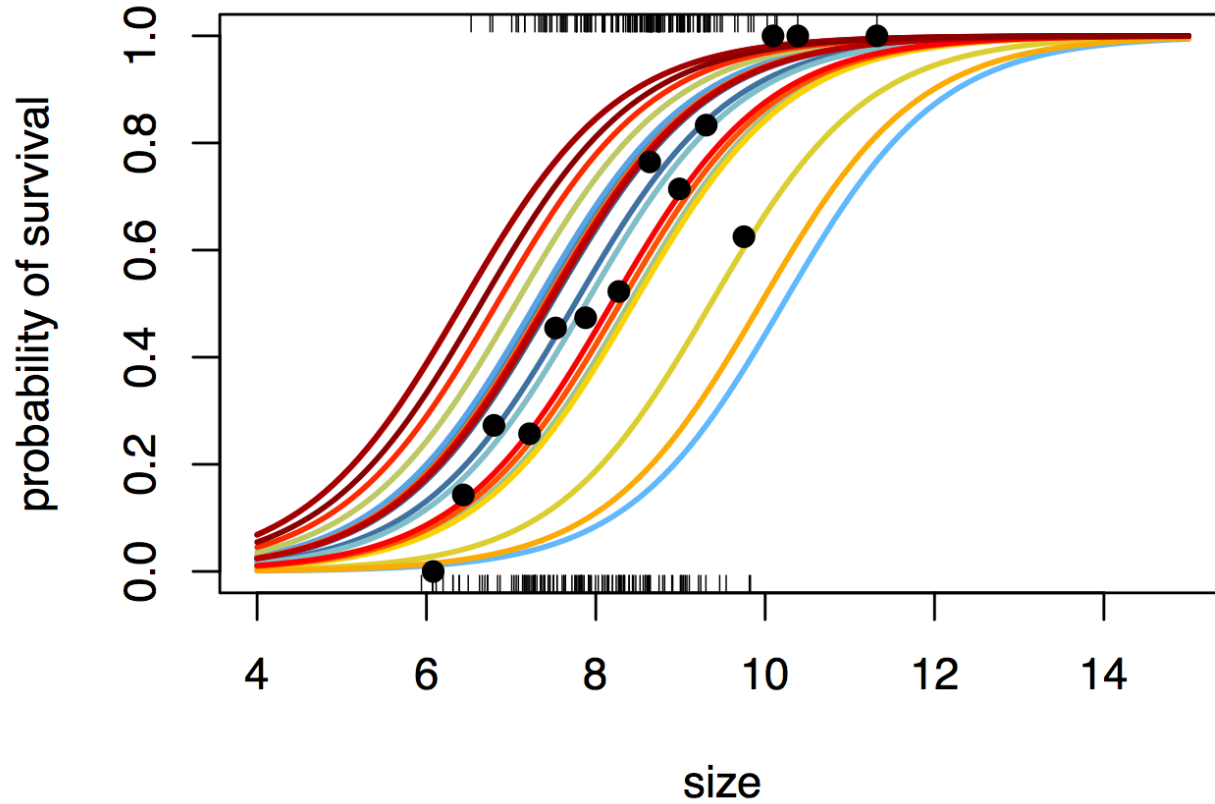


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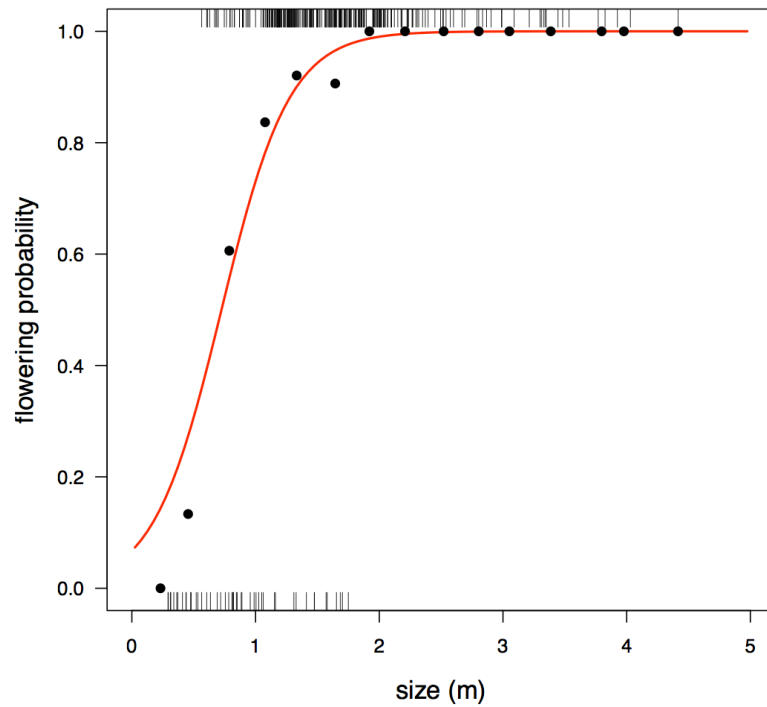


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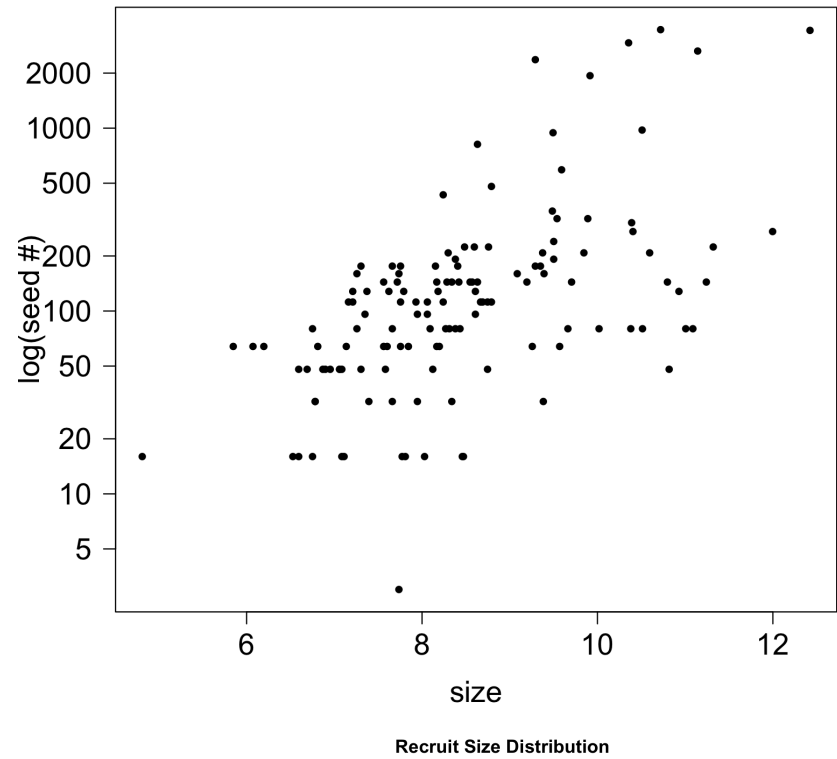
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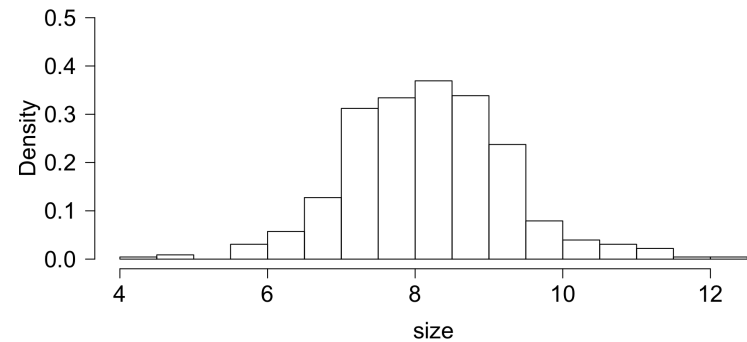
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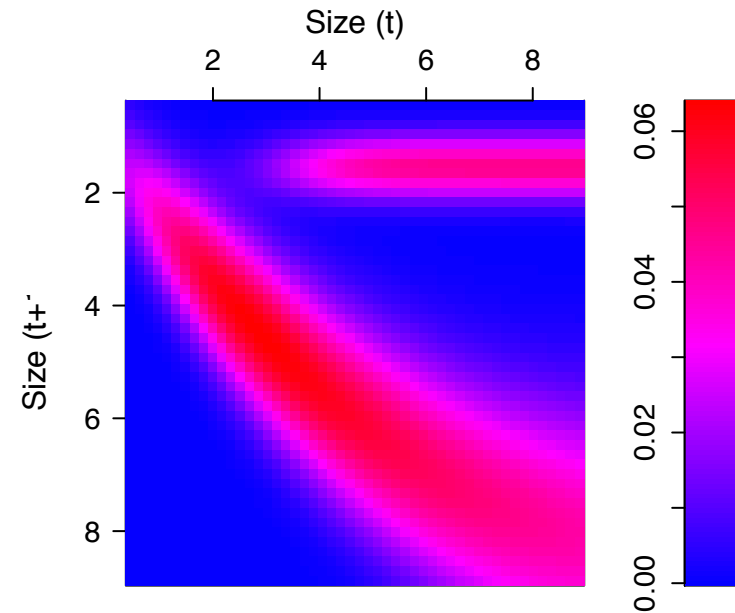
**Germination  
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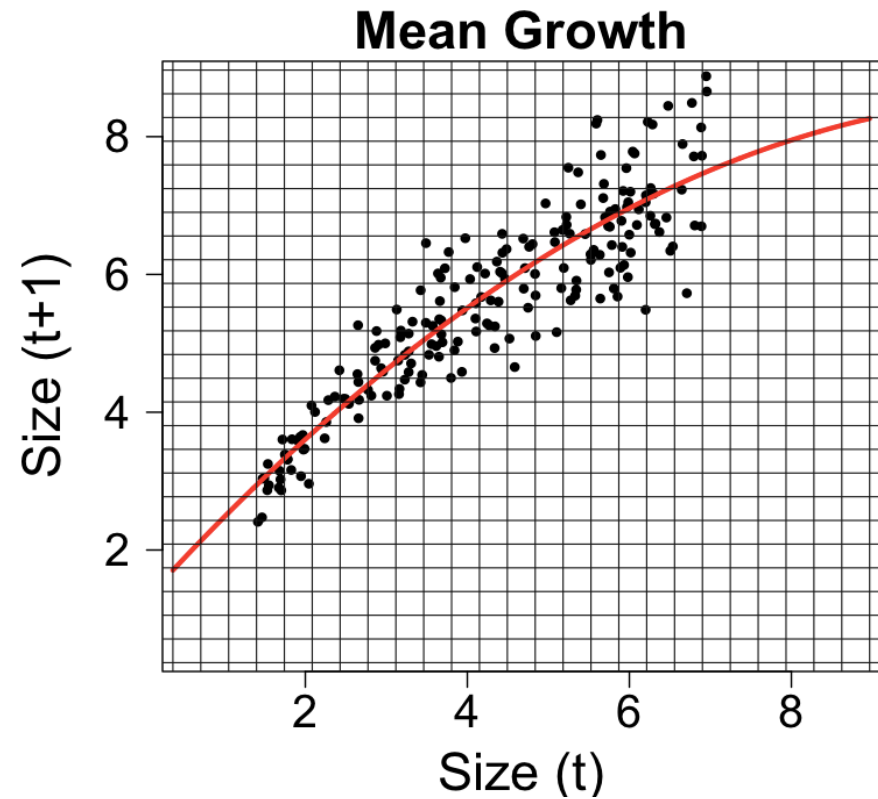
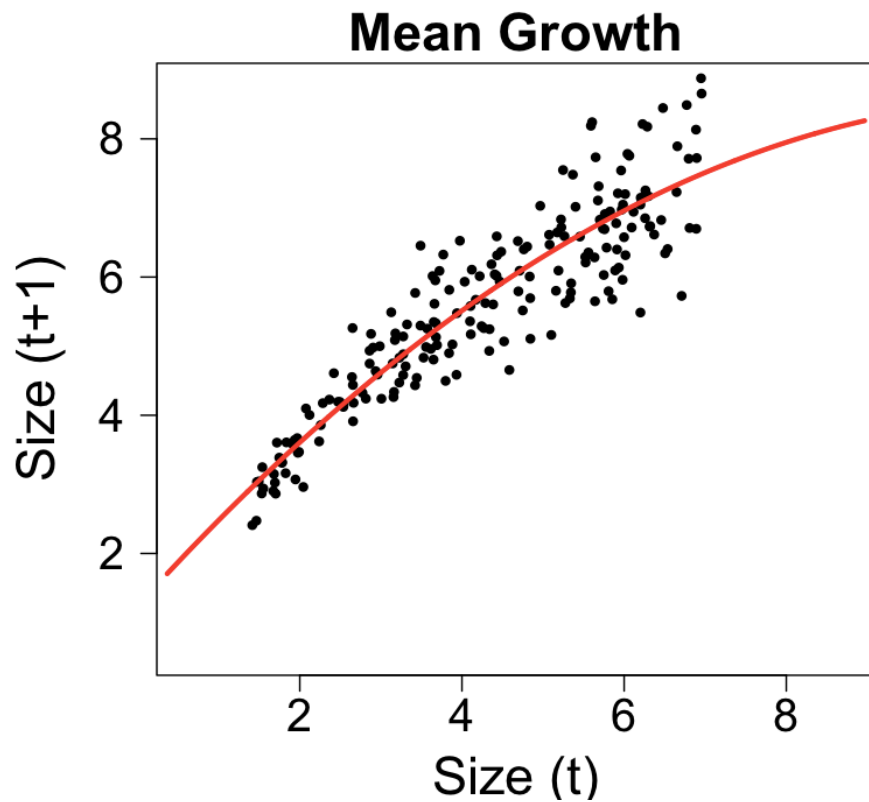


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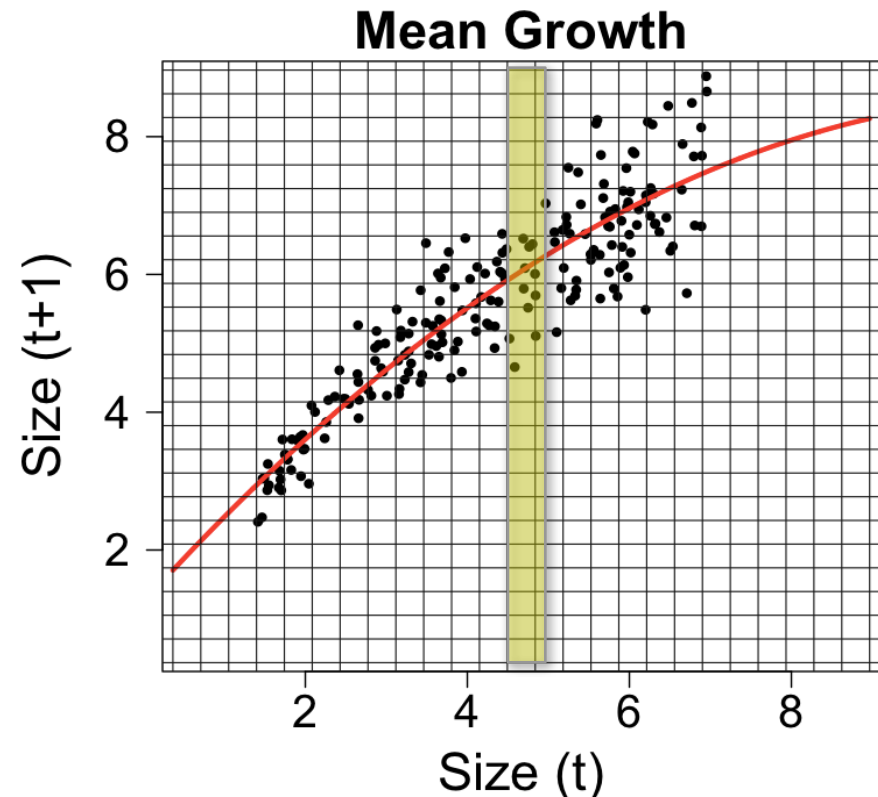
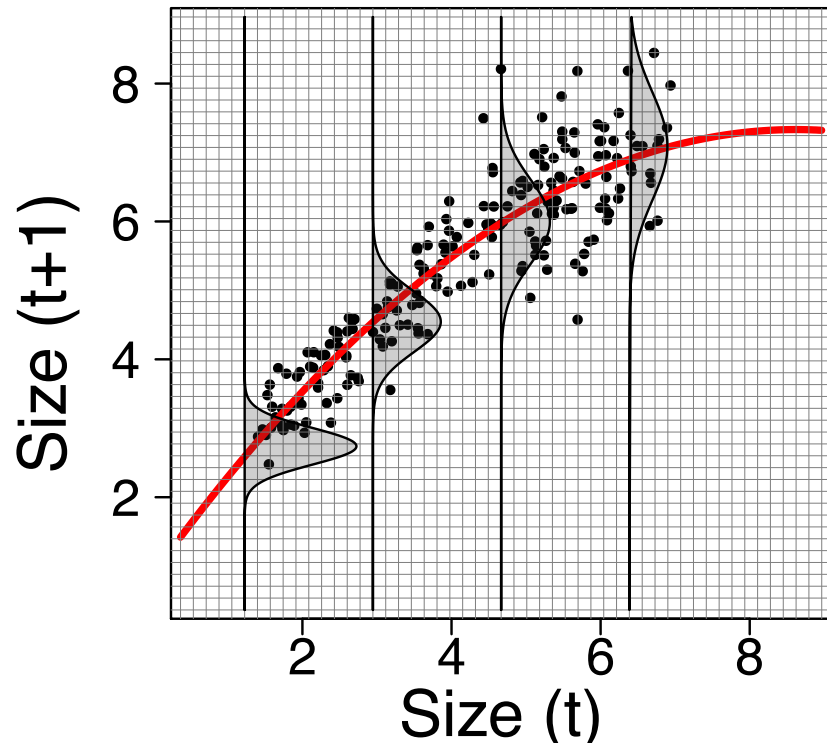


# Vital Rate Regression: Growth



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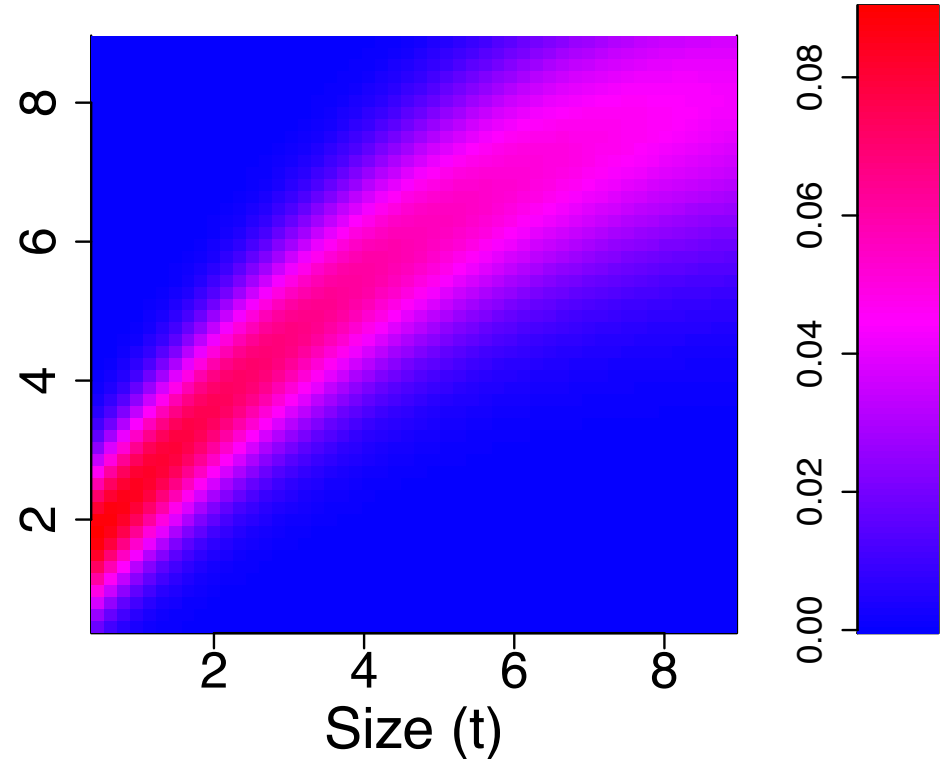
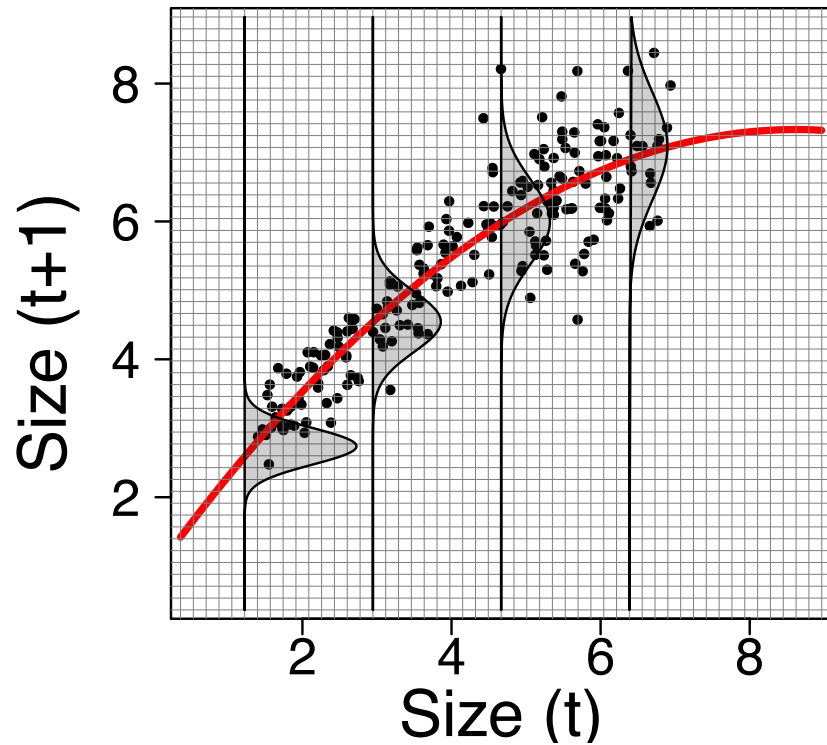
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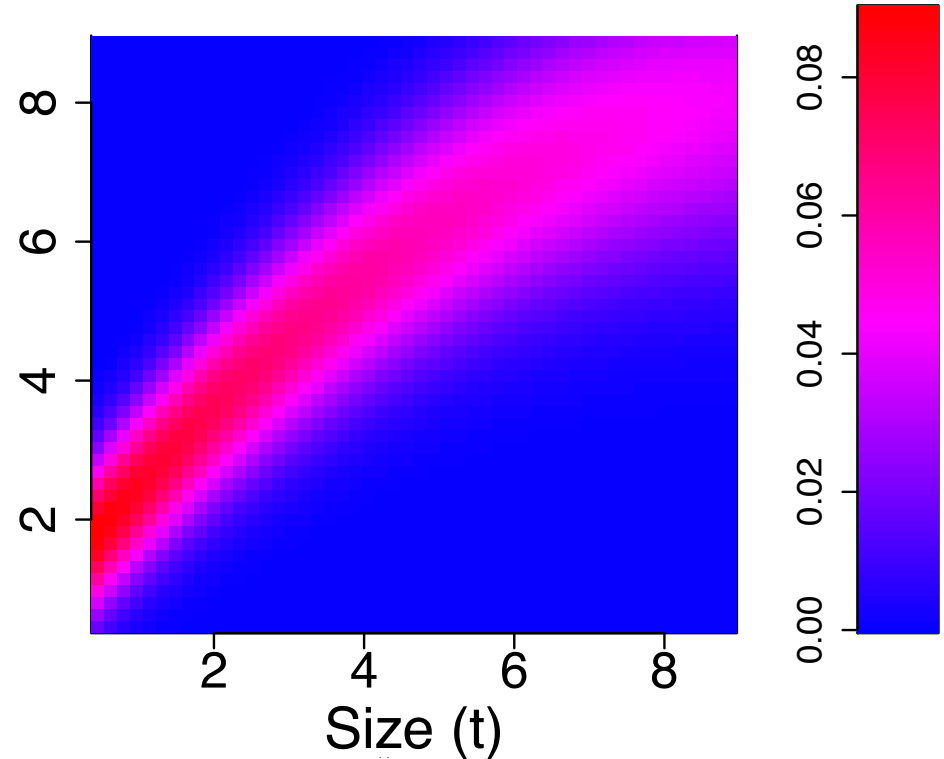
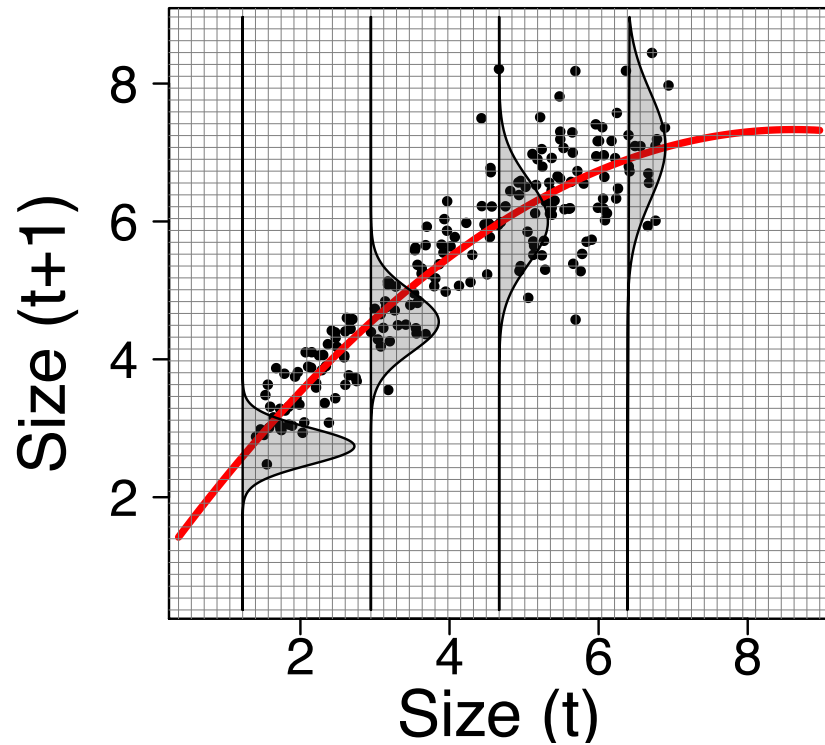
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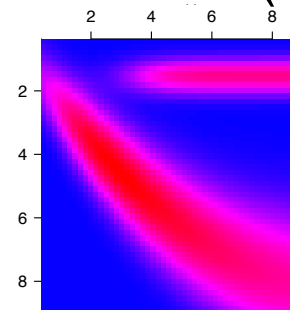
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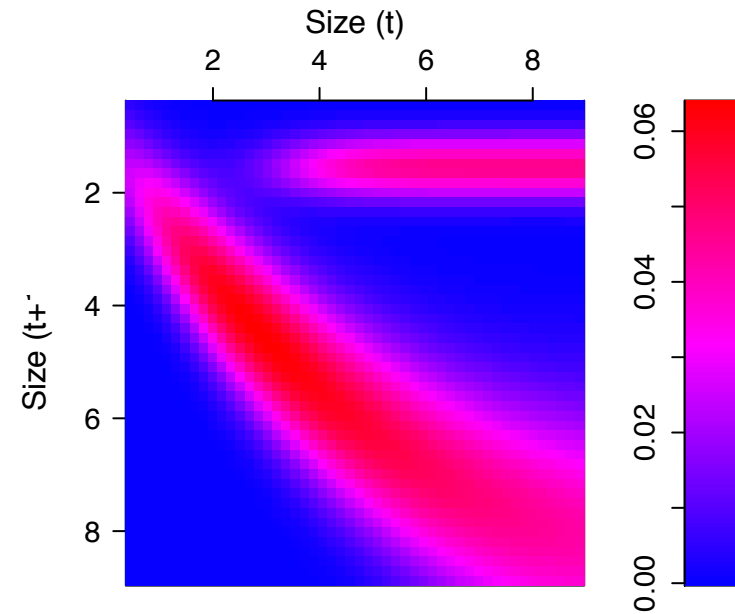
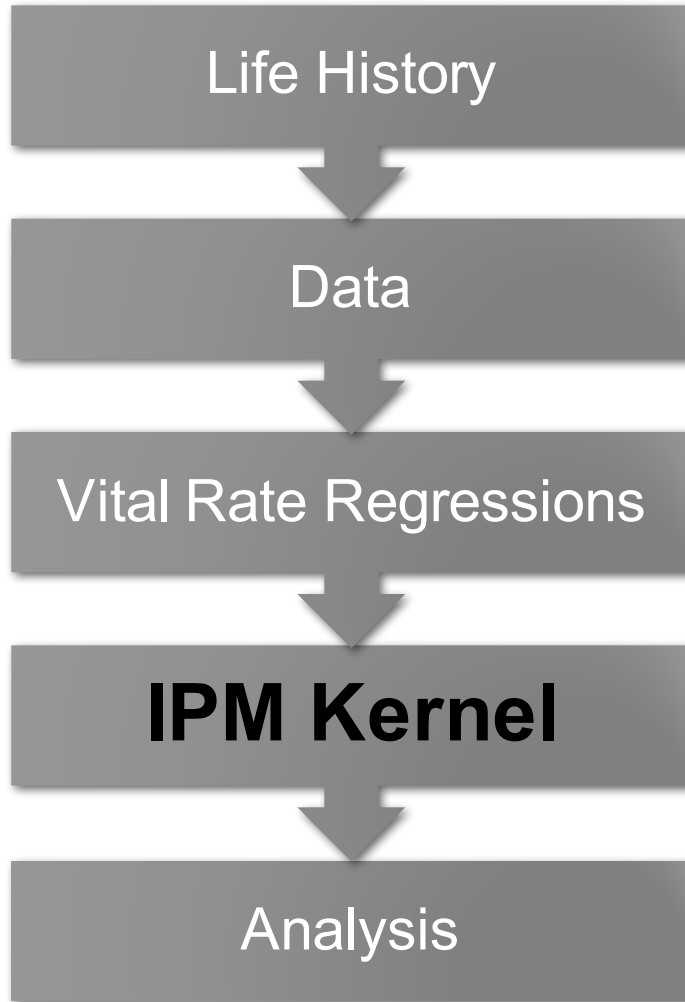


$$g(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma(x)^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - \mu(x))^2}{2\sigma(x)^2}\right)$$



← Full kernel

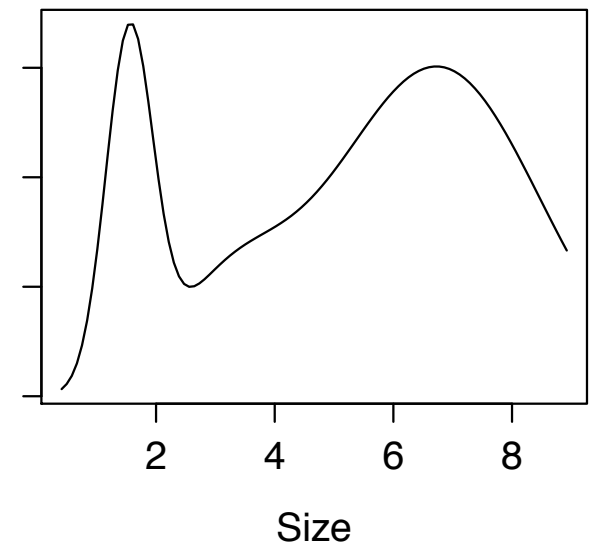
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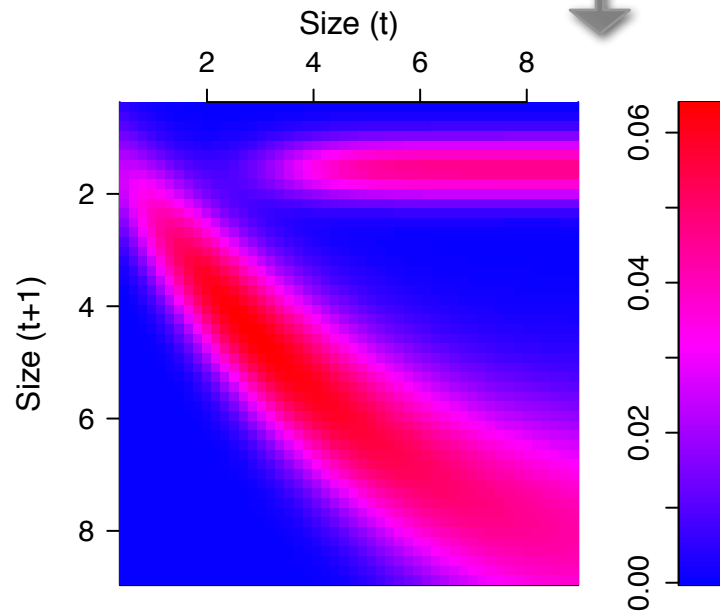
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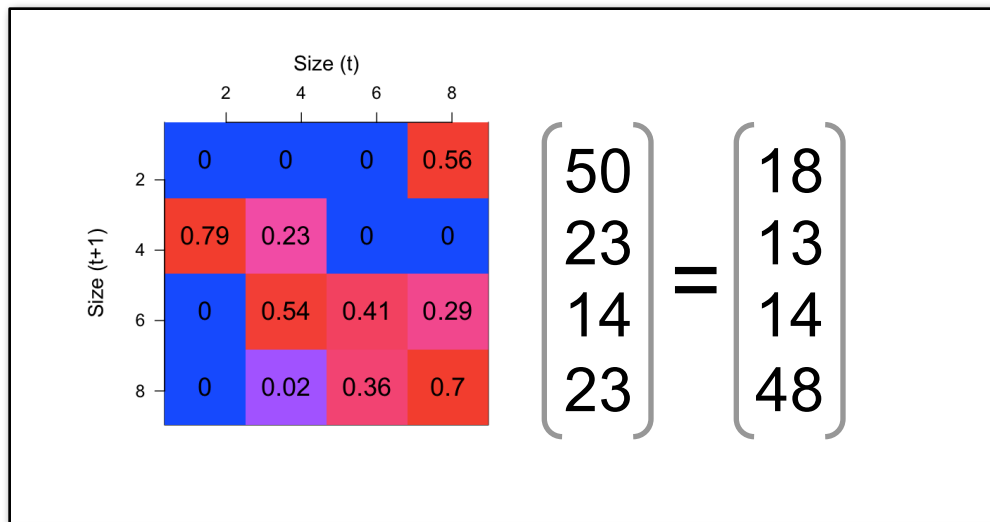
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# We need functions for...

- Growth
- Survival
- Reproduction

We have the option of splitting these in to finer detail if the data are available and the life history requires it

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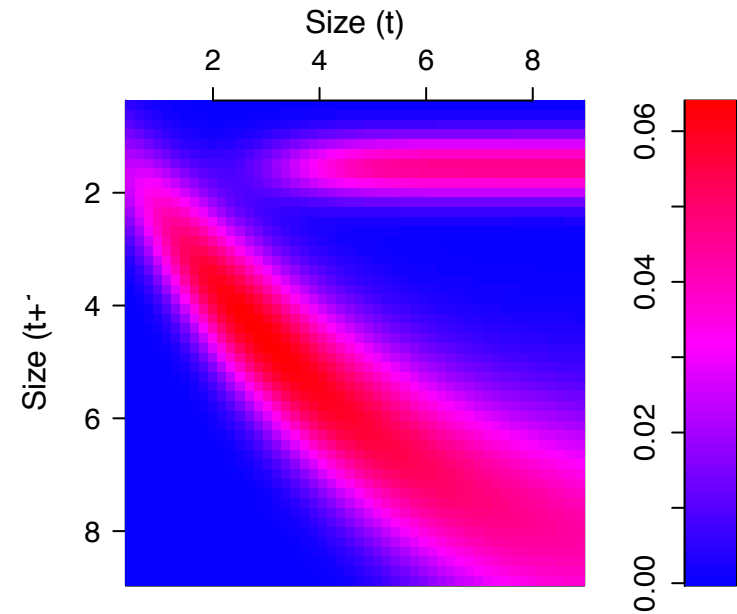
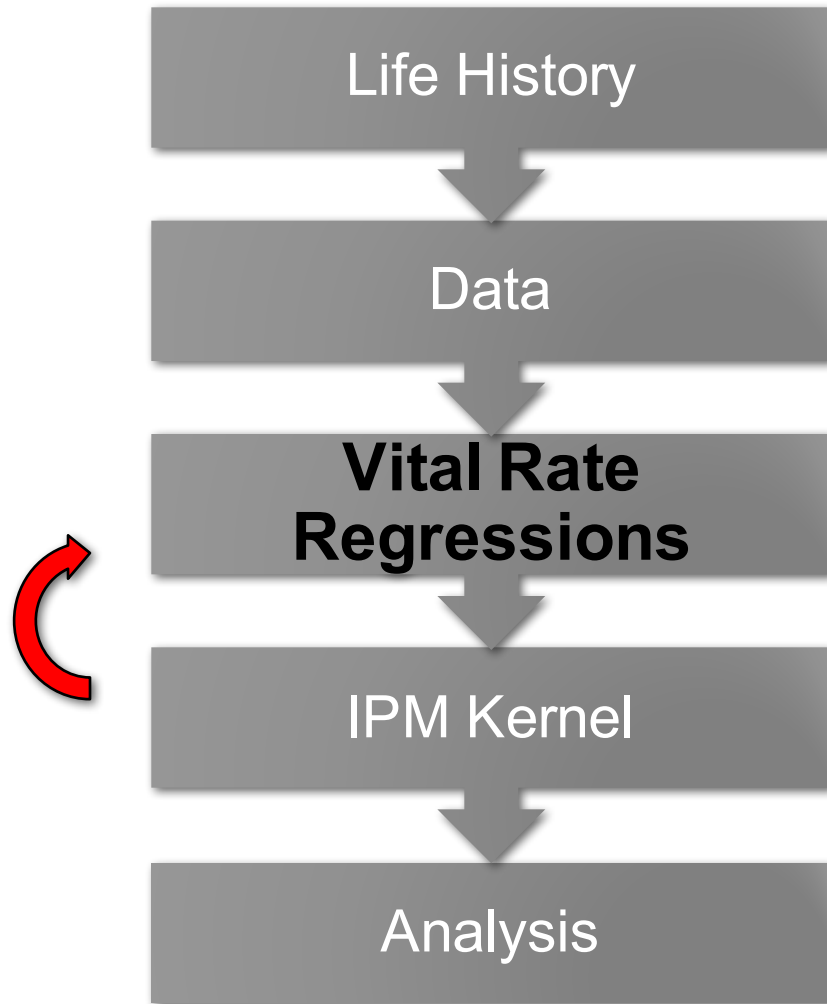
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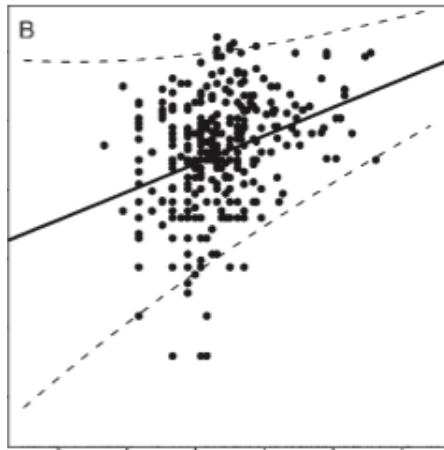


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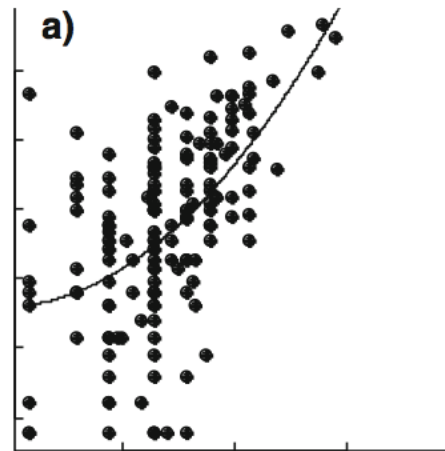


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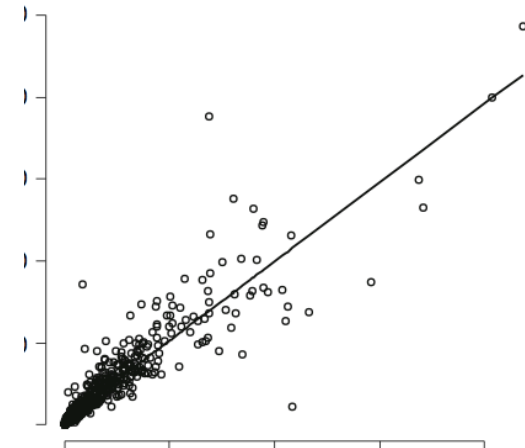
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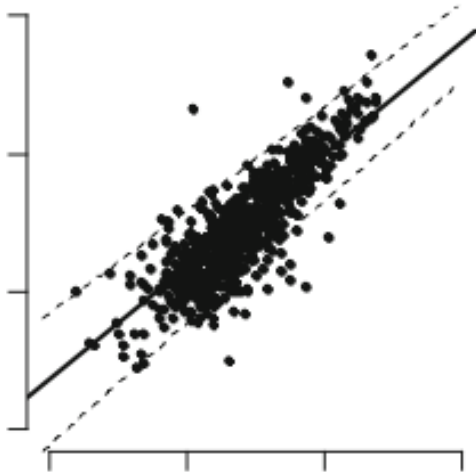


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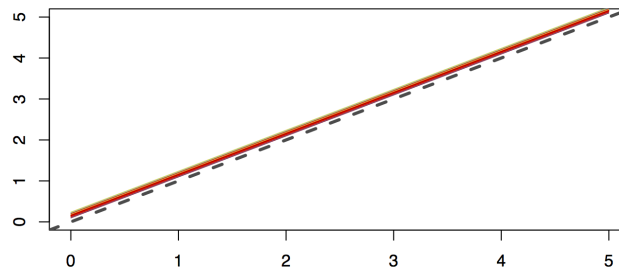


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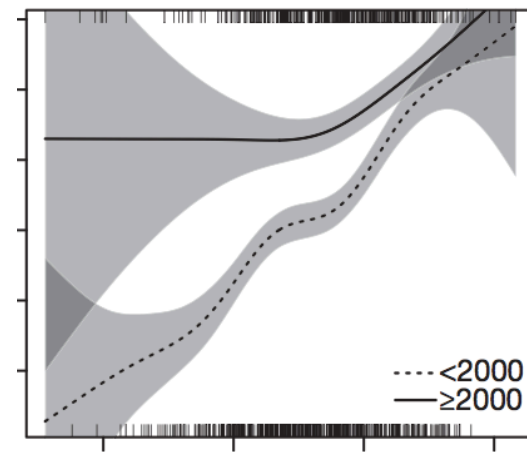
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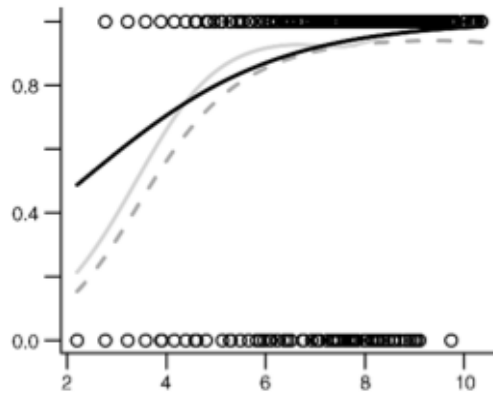
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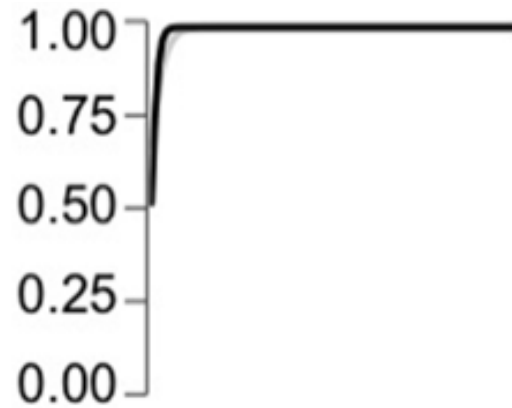
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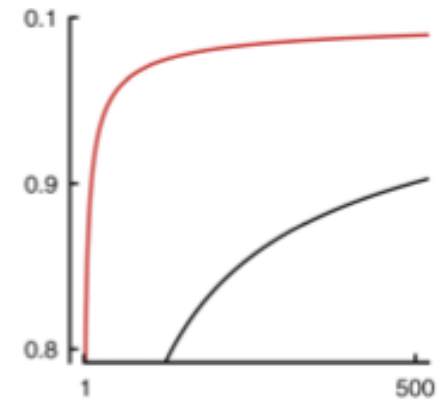
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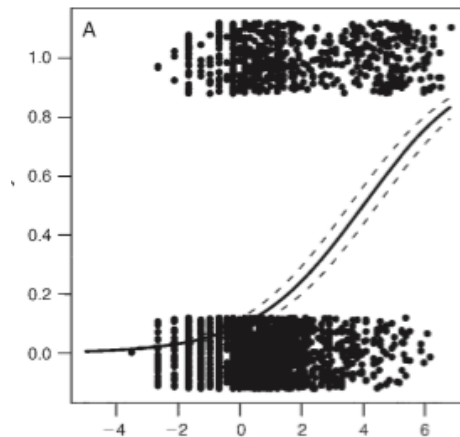
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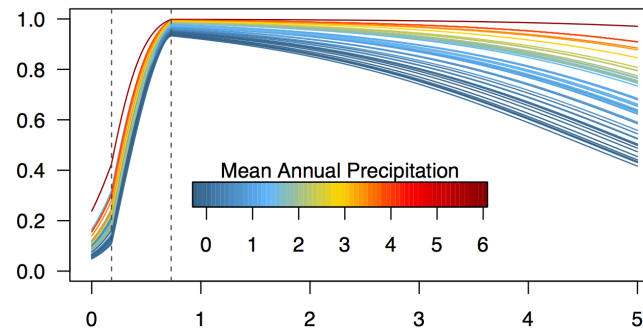
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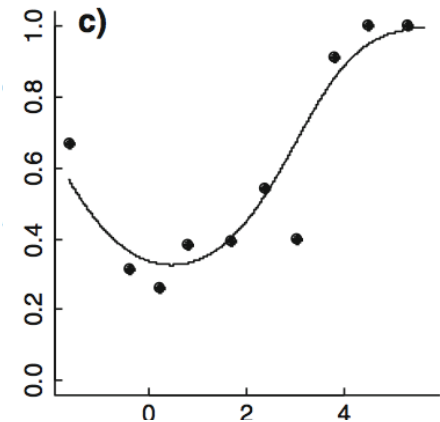
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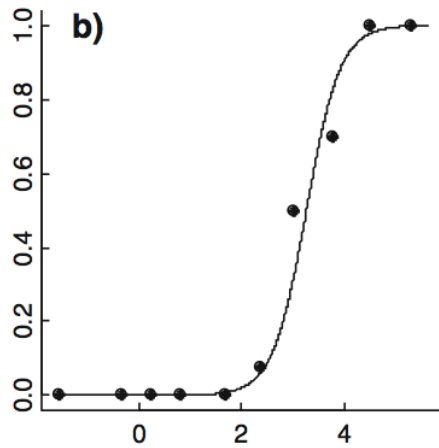
Survival Probability

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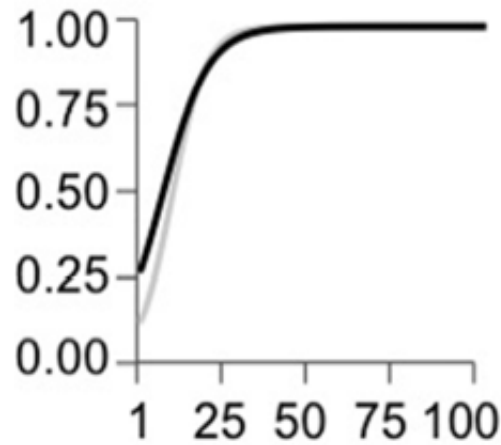
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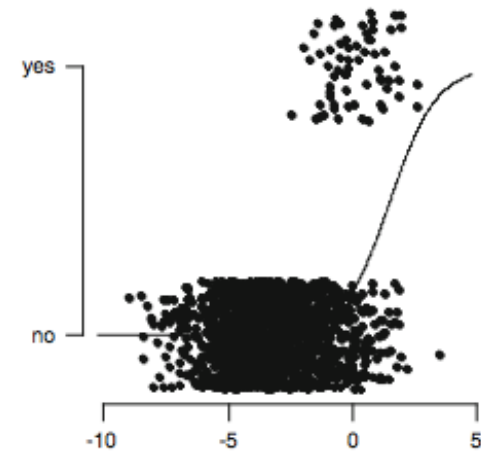
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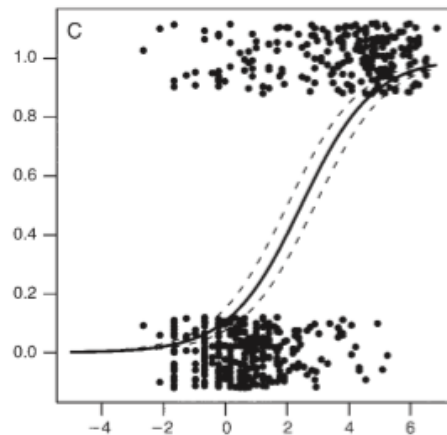
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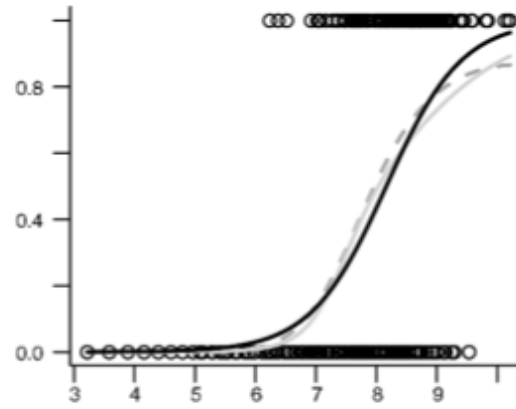
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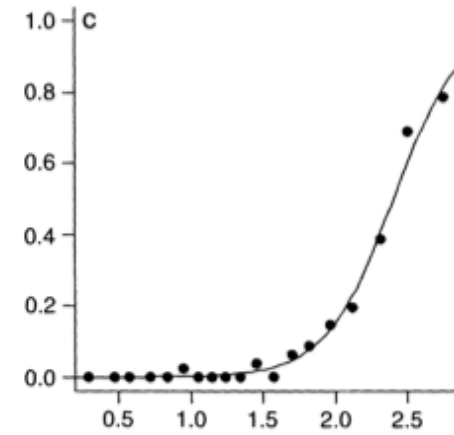
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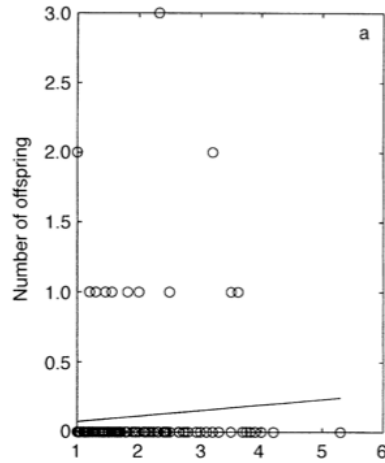
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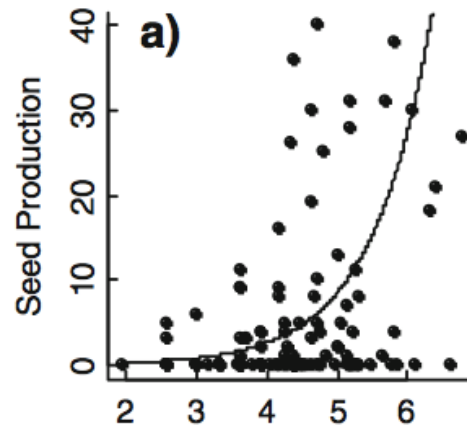
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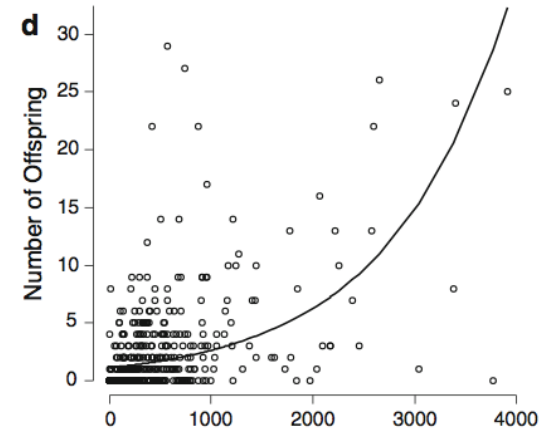
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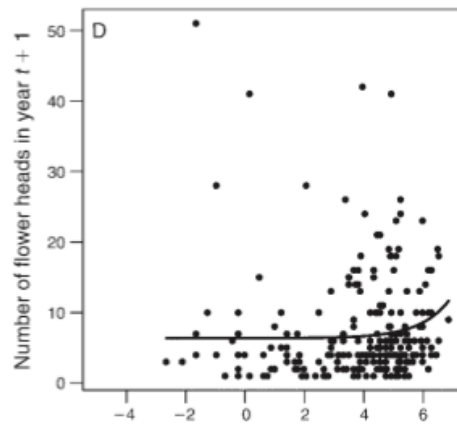
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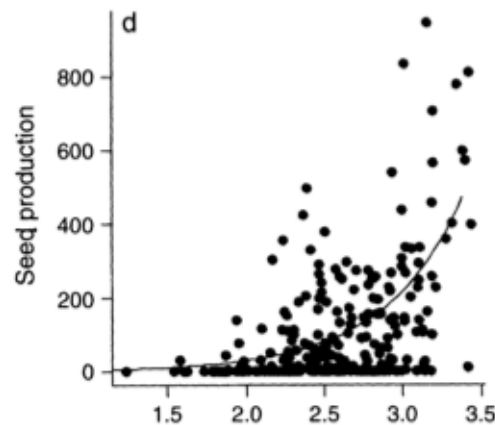
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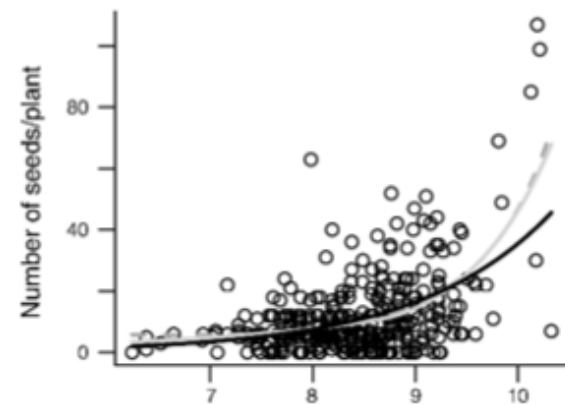
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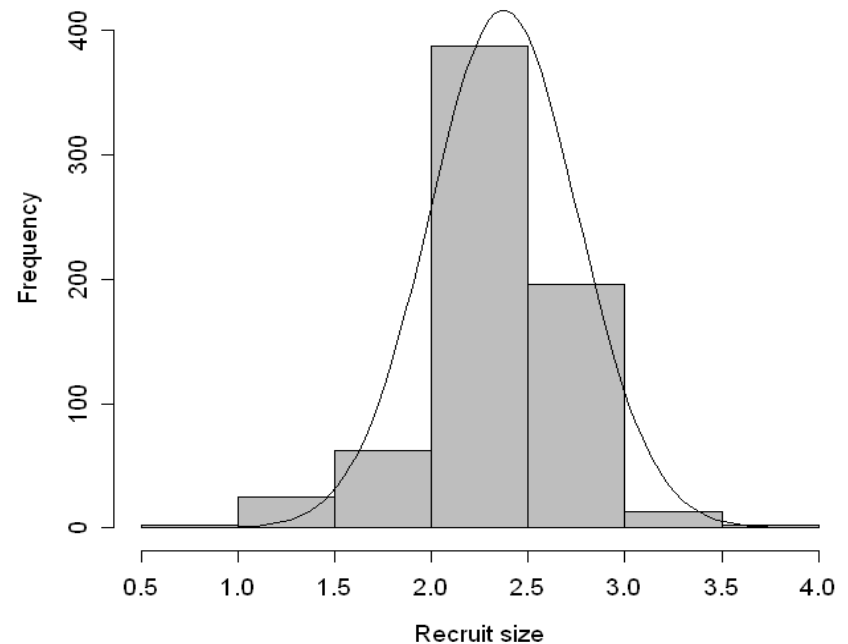
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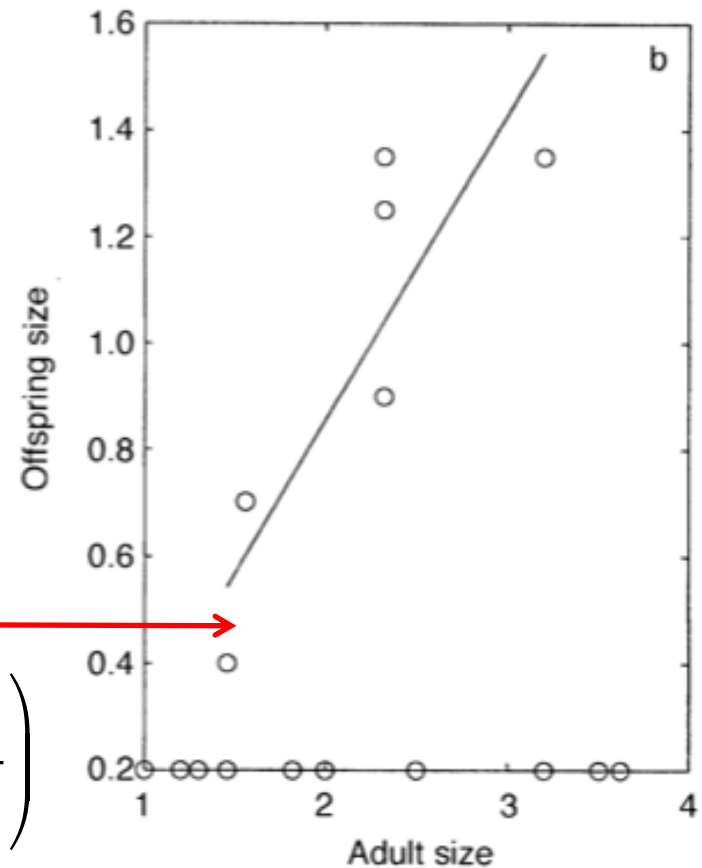
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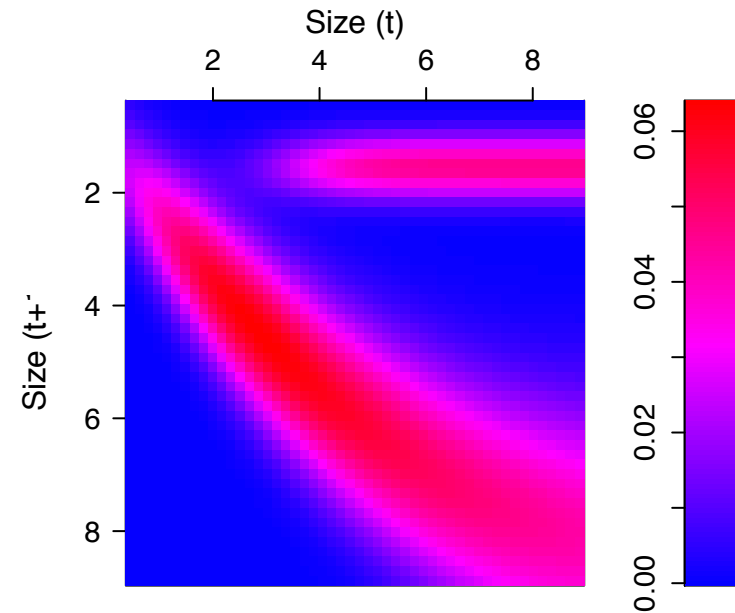
$$\mu(x) = ax + b$$

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Easterling et al. 2000

# Workflow

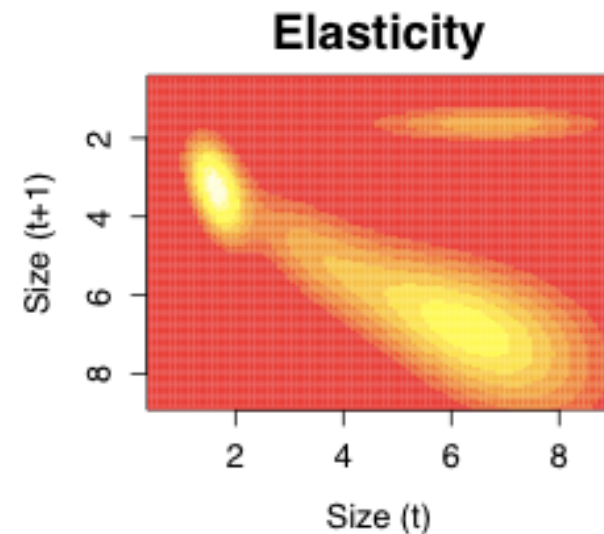
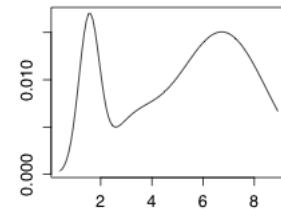




# Analysis

- Want the same things from IPMs as from matrix models
  - Eigenvalues
  - Eigenfunction (vectors)
- Can do all the same analyses with IPMs as matrix models
  - Elasticity/sensitivity
  - Forward projections
  - Stochastic dynamics
  - Life table response experiments
  - Passage time, Life expectancy
  - Etc...

$\lambda$



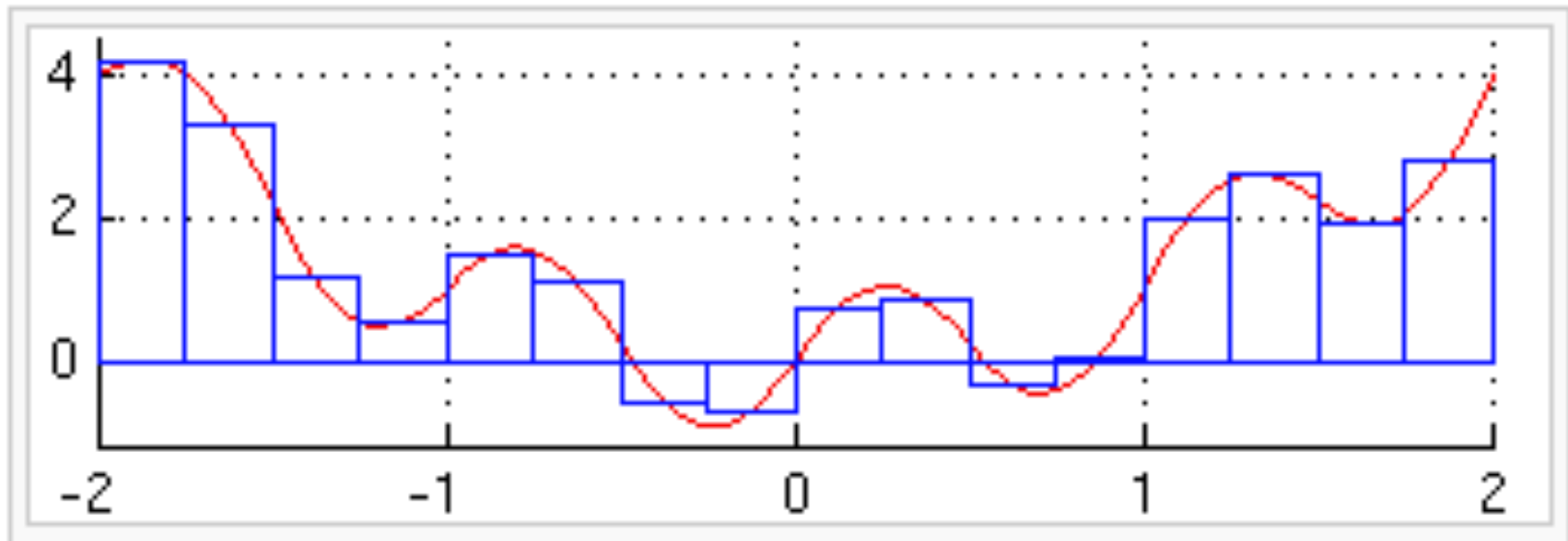
# Full kernel function

$$size(y)_{t+1} = \int_{all\ sizes} [growth(size\ x \rightarrow y) + offspring(size\ x \rightarrow y)] size(x)_t dx$$

$$n_{t+1}(y) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \text{logit}(a_s x + b_s) * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(a_{g\sigma} x + b_{g\sigma})^2}} \exp\left(\frac{(x - (a_{g\mu} x + b_{g\mu}))}{2(a_{g\sigma} x + b_{g\sigma})^2}\right) + \\ & \exp(a_{f\#} x + b_{f\#}) * \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(\frac{(x - (a_f x + b_f))^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned} \right] n_t(x) dx$$

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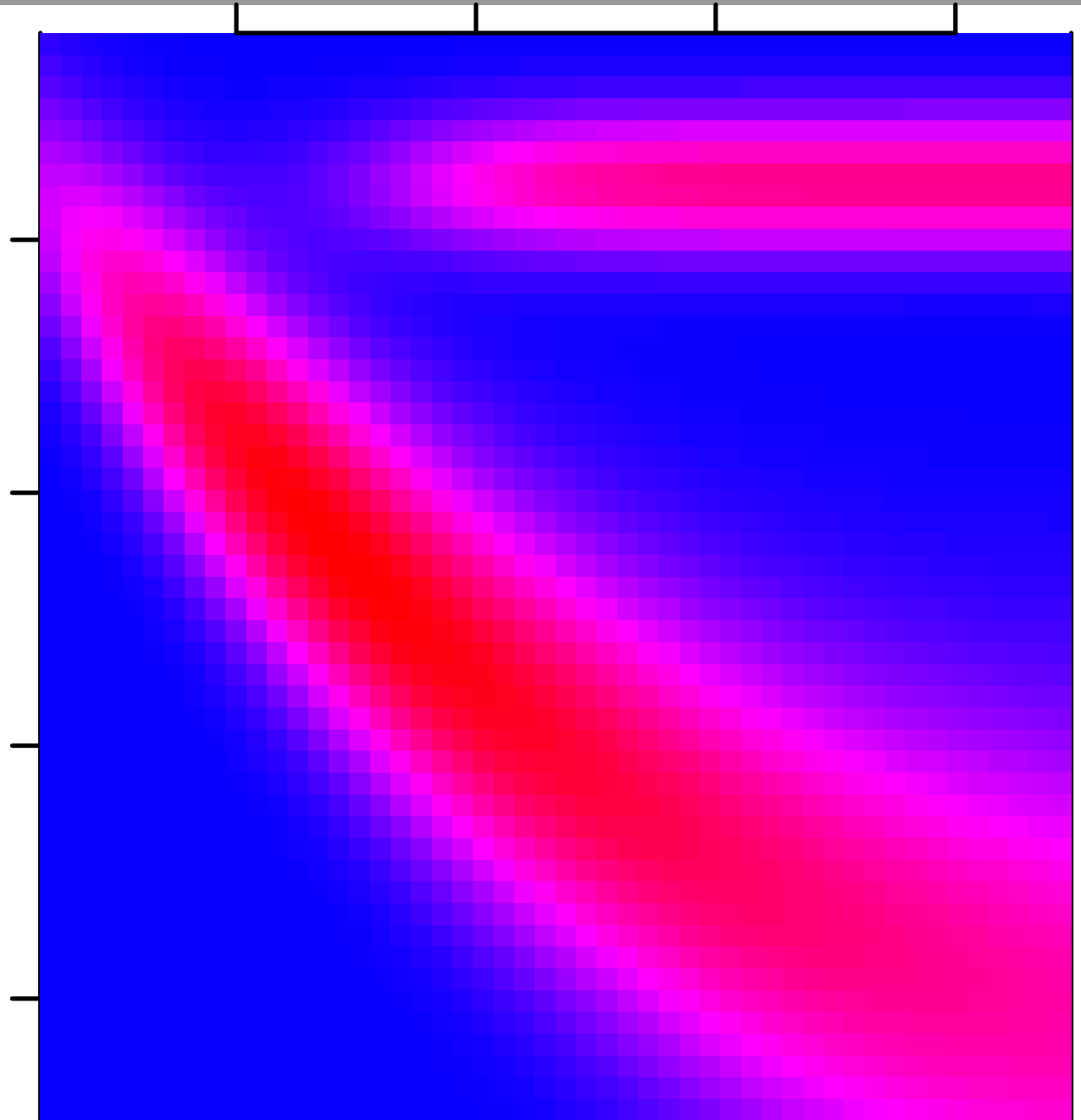
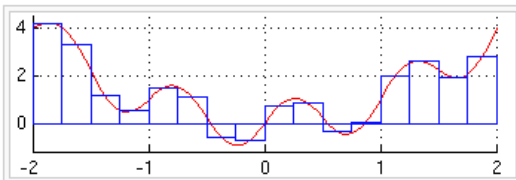
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IPMs discretize for numerical integration

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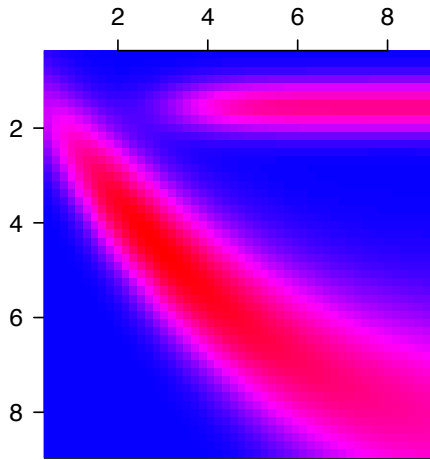
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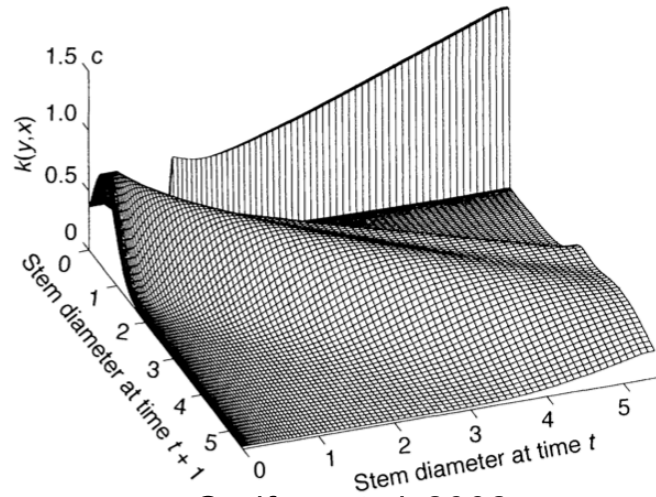
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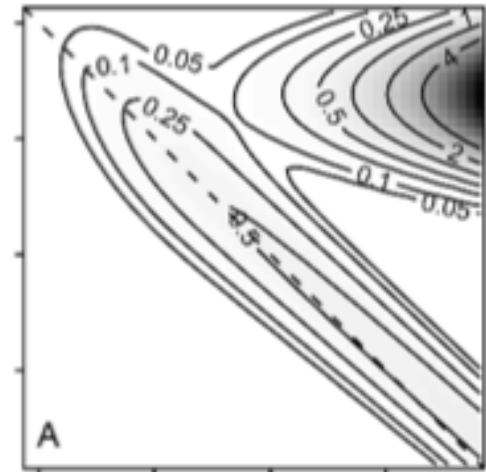
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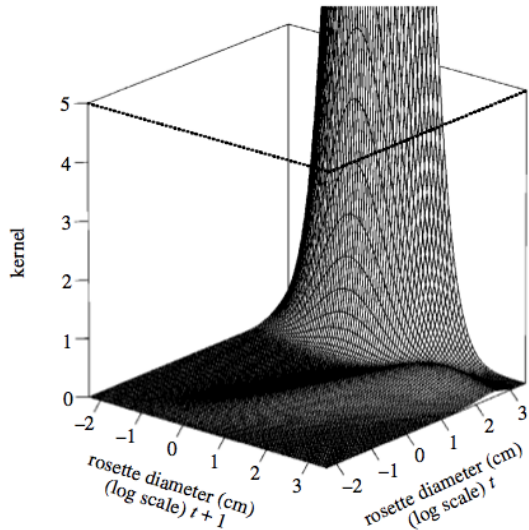
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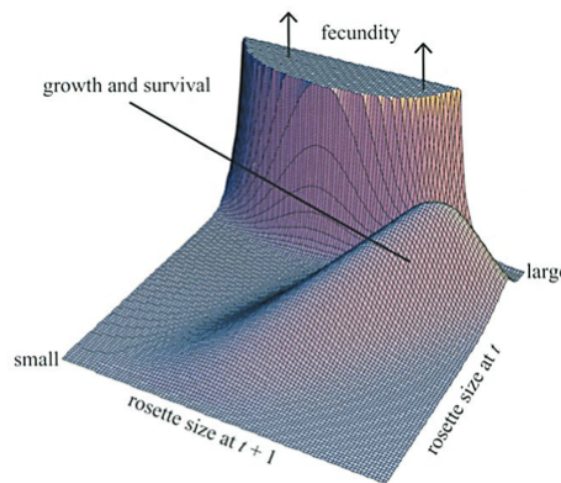
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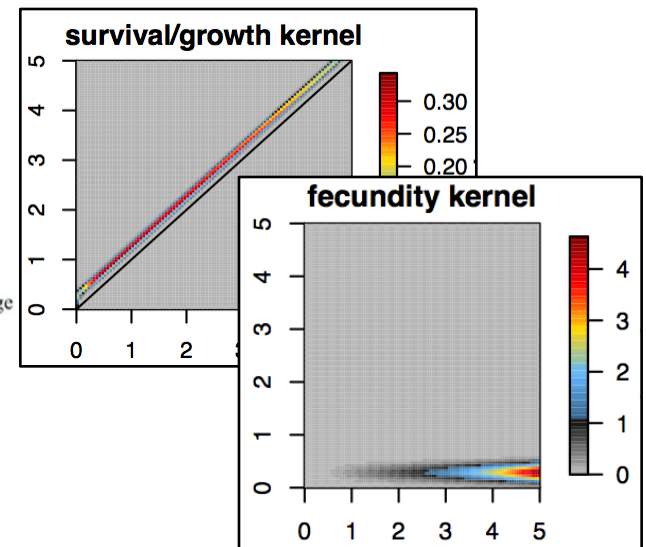
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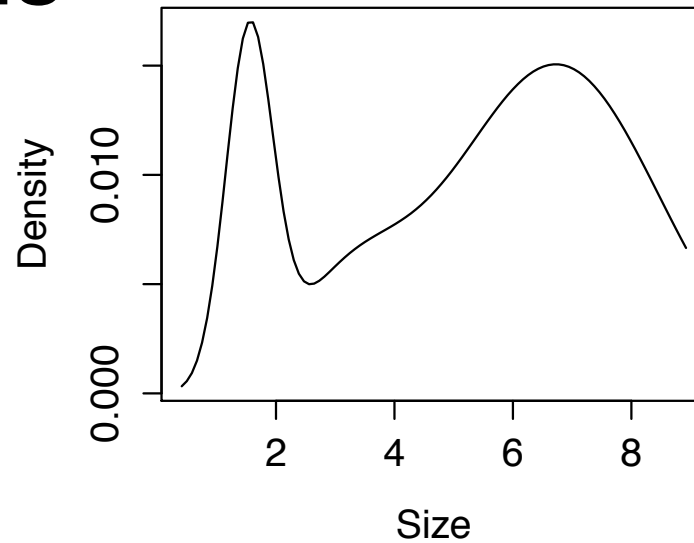


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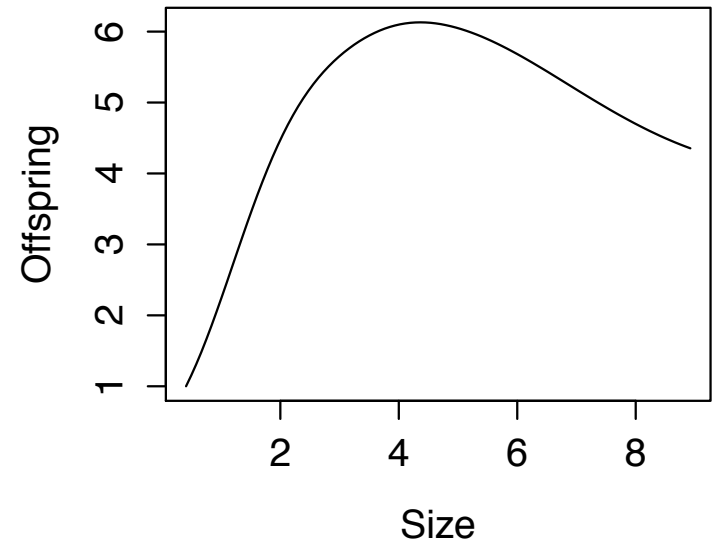


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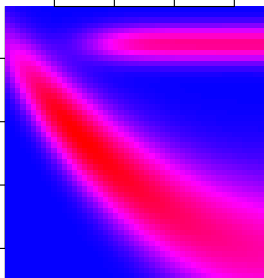
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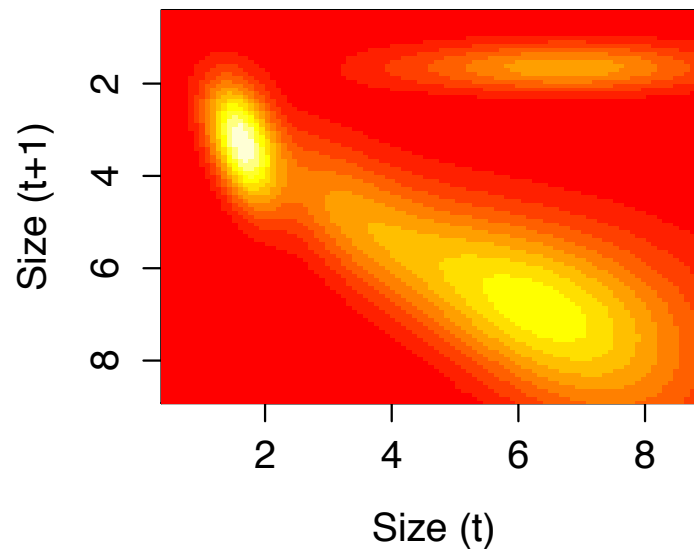
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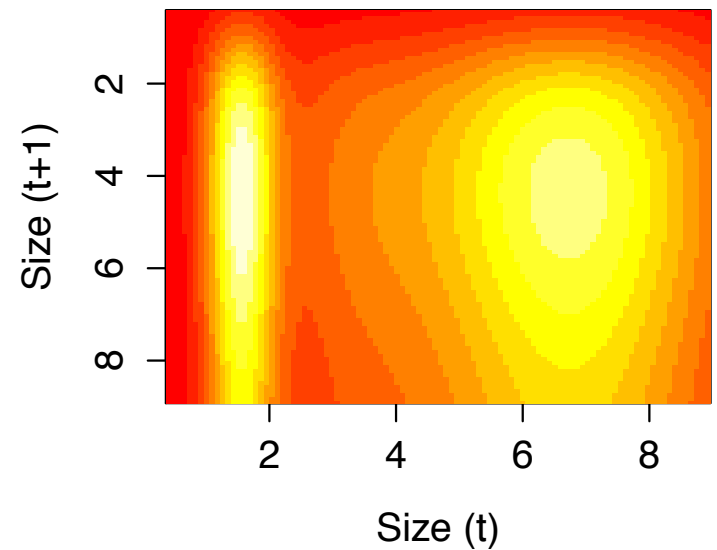
Kernel



## Elasticity



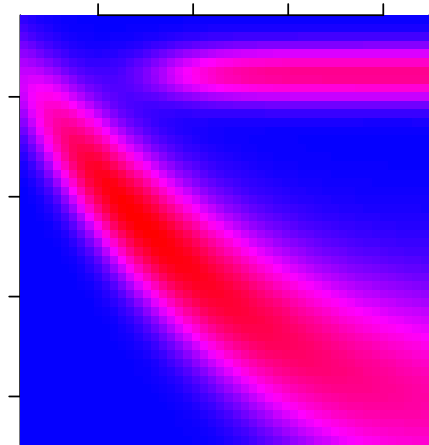
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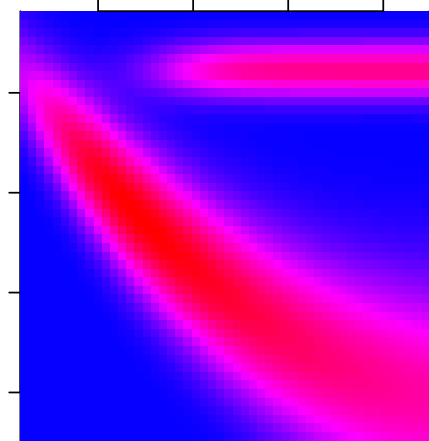




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