

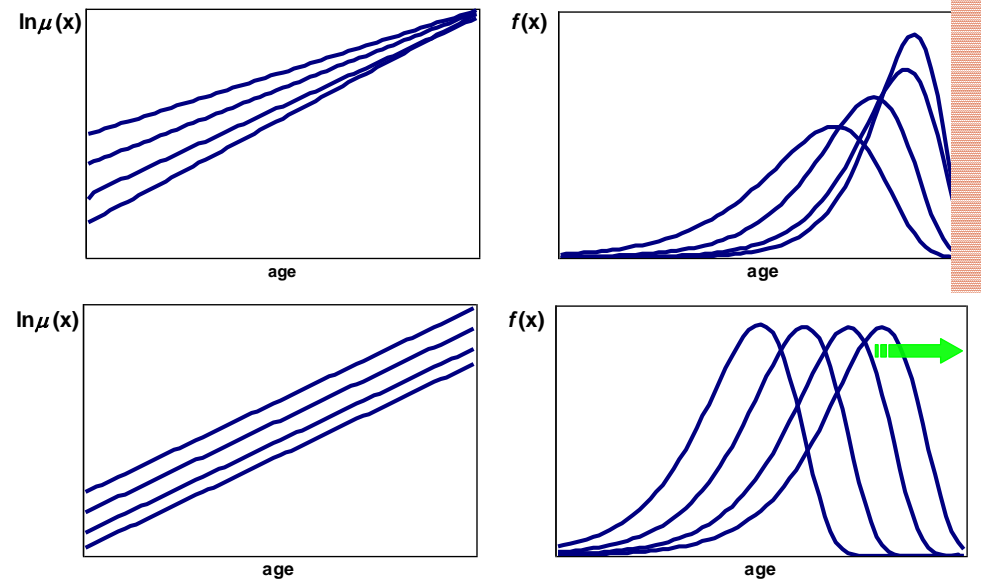
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Workshop on The "b hypothesis" and the modal age at death

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Monday, October 24

9.15-9.30 James Vaupel
Welcome address

9.30-13.00 Session 1 - Chair: Roland Rau

9.30-10.15 Elisabetta Barbi and Carlo G. Camarda
Rates of aging in human populations

10.15-11.00 Zhang Zhen
Cross-cohort differences in the heterogeneity of mortality

11.00-11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30-12.15 Trifon Missov
Modelling unobserved heterogeneity given observed mortality patterns at oldest-old ages

12.15-13.00 Daniel Levitis
Why might b not vary? A speculation

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30-17.00 Session 2 - Chair: Jean-Marie Robine

14.30-15.15 Virginia Zarulli
Mortality shocks and the human rate of aging

15.15-16.30 Discussion of research ideas and directions for further studies

19.00 *Dinner*

Tuesday, October 25

9.00-12.30 Session 3 - Chair: Troel Steenstrup

9.00-9.45 Vladimir Canudas-Romo
The cause-specific life table aging rate, LAR_i , and the relations at the modal age at death

9.45-10.30 Shiro Horiuchi, Karen Siu Lan Cheung, Jean-Marie Robine
Cause-of-death decomposition of old-age mortality compression

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-11.45 Jim Oeppen
Modelling and forecasting changes in the density of deaths in period life table

11.45-12.30 Hal Caswell
Sensitivity analysis of disparity in longevity

12.30 *Lunch*

13.45-16.30 Session 4 - Chair: James Vaupel

13.45-14.30 Robert Bourbeau and Nadine Ouellette
Regional disparities in Canadian adult and old-age mortality: A comparative study based on smoothed mortality ratio surfaces and age-at-death distributions

14.30-15.15 Alyson van Raalte
Lifespan variation by occupational class in Finland: Compression or stagnation over time?

15.15-16.15 Discussion of research ideas and directions for further studies

16.15-16.30 James Vaupel
Concluding remarks