

Logistic Growth

The ecological reality of limited resources, carrying capacity, and population limits.

Concept-to-Formula Blueprint

Unlimited Resources



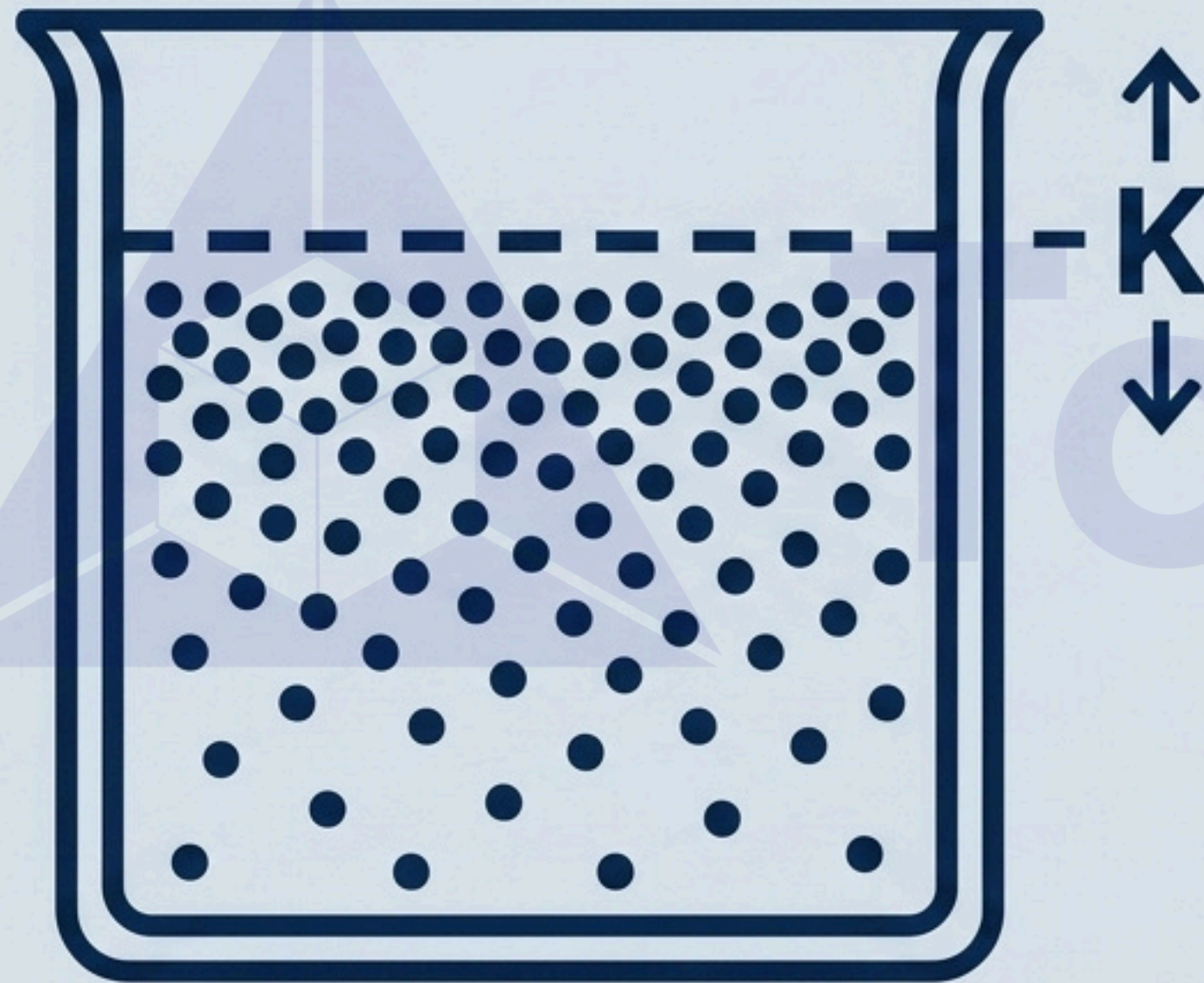
Unimpeded exponential growth.
Assumes food and space are infinite.
Rarely observed in sustained natural
populations.

Limited Resources



No population has infinite resources.
Finite food and space lead to
competition, where only the fittest
survive and reproduce.

Nature's Limit: Carrying Capacity (K)



In nature, a given habitat has enough resources to support a maximum possible number of individuals. Beyond this limit, no further growth is possible.

K = Carrying Capacity for a specific species in a specific habitat.



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The Four Phases of Growth

Lag Phase

Initial adaptation to the habitat; growth is slow.

Acceleration

Rapid population boom as resources are actively exploited.

Deceleration

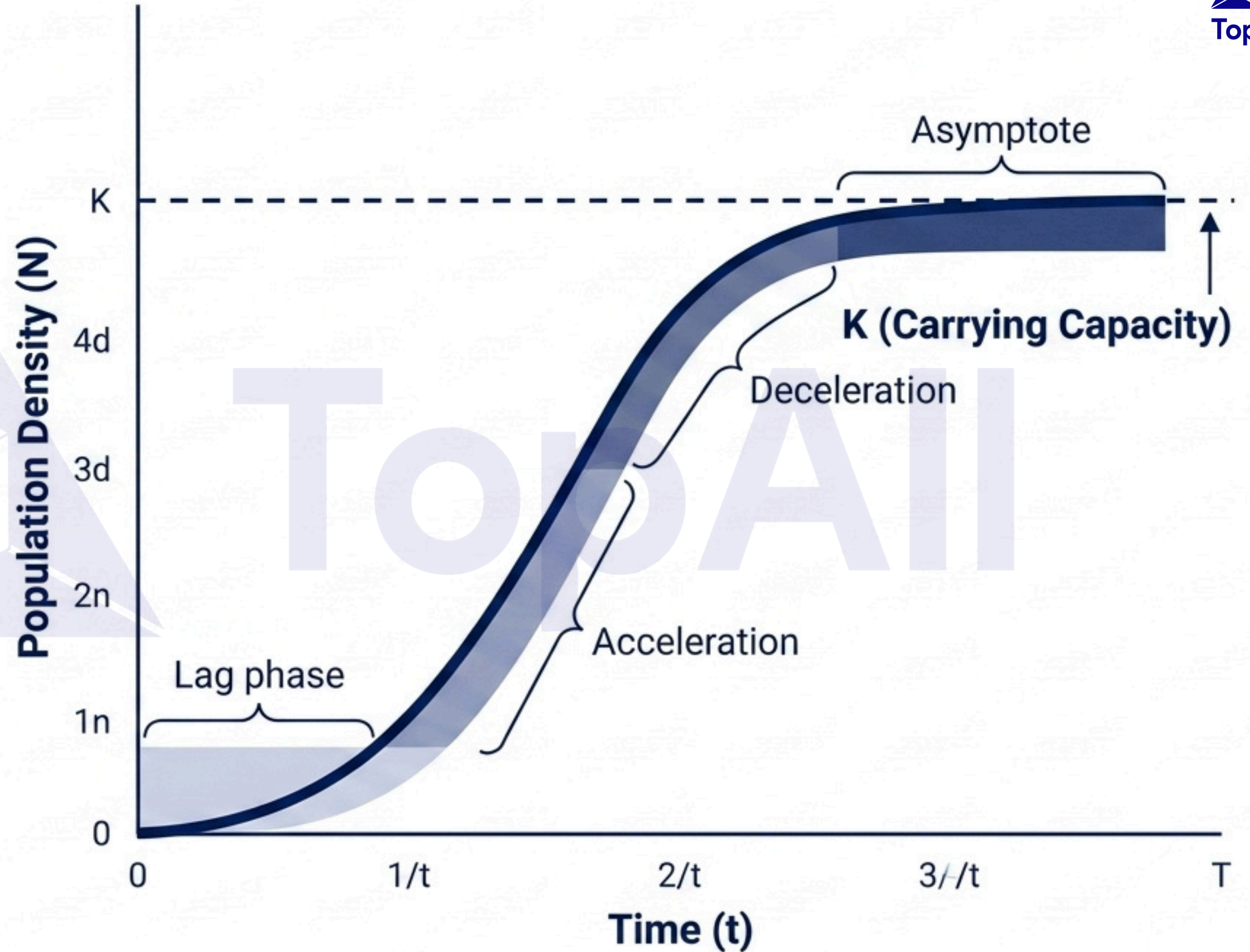
Growth slows as individuals begin competing for dwindling resources.

Asymptote

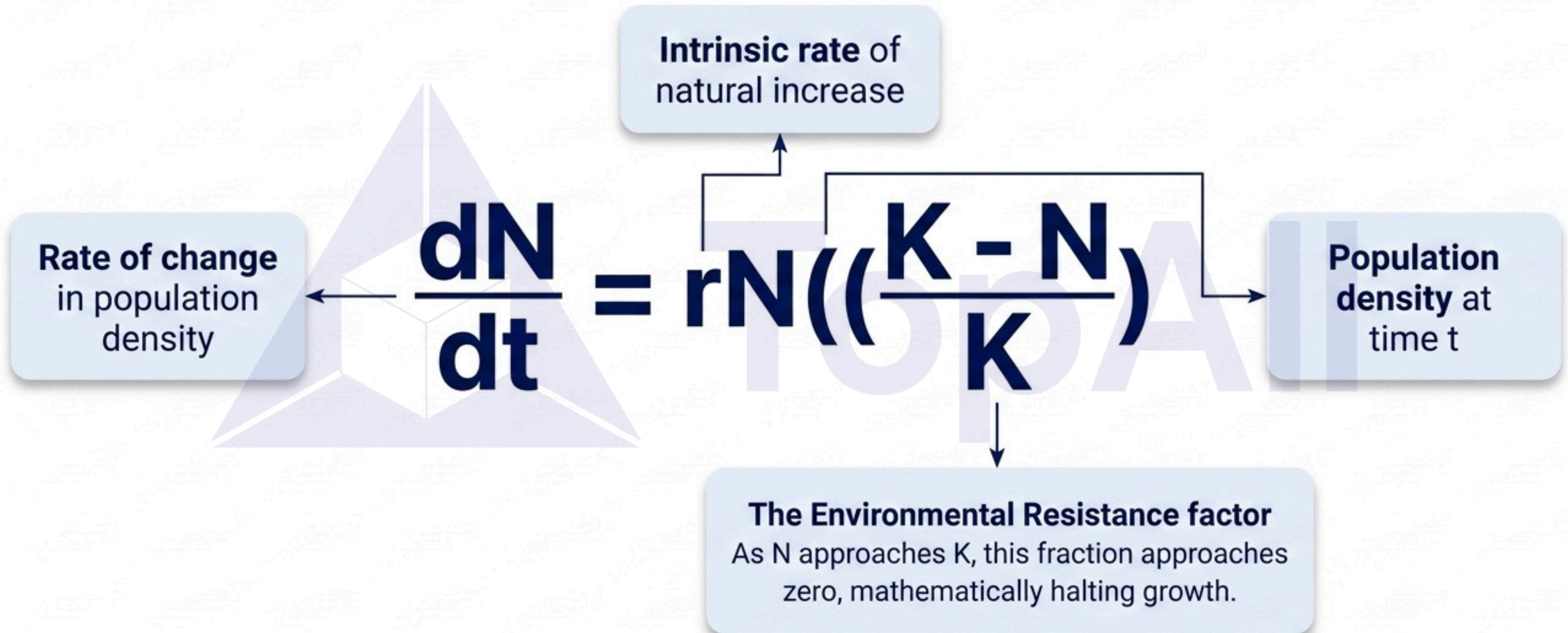
The population density stabilizes, hitting the ceiling of the habitat's capacity.

The Sigmoid Curve

When a population is plotted against time with limited resources, the result is the signature S-shaped curve.



The Mathematical Model



Formally described as the Verhulst-Pearl Logistic Growth equation.

NEET Key Takeaway



- **The Realistic Choice:** Because resources for most animal populations are finite and inevitably become limiting, the **Logistic Growth model** is considered the more realistic one in ecology.
- Exam Memory Anchor:
 - Limited Resources = **S-Shaped (Sigmoid) Curve**
 - Sigmoid Curve = **Verhulst-Pearl Logistic Growth**



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