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Evolutionary Dynamics

(Lecture 4)

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These are preliminary lecture notes, intended only for distribution to participants

The evolution of cooperation

Altruism and the selfish gene

Altruism: benefit b to recipient at cost -c to the donor

`get the altruism out of altruism...' (Trivers)

kin selection

Hamilton's rule: c< b.r

in humans co-operation among non-relatives

Darwin:

The small strength and speed of man, his want of natural weapons, etc., are more than counterbalanced ... by his social qualities, which led him to give and receive aid from his fellow men.

Cooperation among non-relatives

Direct reciprocation and the Prisoner's Dilemma

Indirect reciprocation

Public Goods

Reciprocity

Reciprocal altruism...the trading of altruistic acts in which benefit is larger than cost, so that over a period of time both parties enjoy a net gain.

(Trivers)

The Prisoner's Dilemma game

To cooperate or to defect

(example: cooperate means to give a gift of value b at cost -c)

Prisoner's Dilemma

OskarOskarcooperatesdefectsJohnnycooperates10Johnnydefects150

Prisoner's Dilemma

Strategies C and D (cooperate and defect) Payoff matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} R & S \\ T & P \end{bmatrix}$$

R Reward, *T* Temptation, *P* Punishment, *S* Sucker R > P and T > R

if also P > S Prisoner's Dilemma T > R > P > S

if S > P Snowdrift Game (like Chicken)

probability w for another round

(for instance, toss a coin, stop game if 6)

shadow of the future (Axelrod)

Tit For Tat always defect

Tit For Tat60-5always defect150

Tit For Tat AllD Tit For Tat $\frac{R}{1-w}$ $S+w\frac{P}{1-w}$ AllD $T+w\frac{P}{1-w}$ $\frac{P}{1-w}$

Bistable if $w > \frac{T-R}{T-P}$ $(=\frac{c}{b})$

memory one strategies (p_R, p_S, p_T, p_P) where p_o prob to play C after outcome o(1,1,1,1) is AllC (0,0,0,0) is AllD (1,0,1,0) is TFT (1,0,1,1) is Firm but Fair (0,0,0,1) is Bully





Heteroclinic network
A = Tit or Tat
B = Firm But Fair
C = Bully
D = AllD

Start with randomly chosen strategies
Run replicator equation (selection)
Occasionally add minority of new strategy (mutant)

Individual-based modelling





$(1,0,0,1) = (p_R, p_S, p_T, p_P)$ Pavlov

cooperates iff co-player used same move

win-stay, lose-shift: D CD C C D R S T P CDD C

Pavlov is error - correcting If Pavlov against Pavlov CCC...CDDCC CCC...CCDCC

If TFT against TFT CCC...CDCDCD... CCC...CCDCDC...

Pavlov is a 'simpleton' against AllD CDCDCDC... DDDDDD... payoff per round $\frac{P+S}{2}$ AllD gets $\frac{T+P}{P}$ Pavlov stable if T + P < 2R (i.e. $c < \frac{b}{2}$) Pavlov cannot invade AllD

Simple learning rule

stable, error-correcting

but needs retaliator to prepare the ground

few rounds, as donor or receivernever with the same partner twice

R. Alexander:

Indirect reciprocity .. involves reputation and status, and results in everyone in the group continually being assessed and reassessed.

Cooperation channelled towards cooperative members

score: increases by 1 if help is given, decreases by 1 if help is withheld

score 0 at birth

strategy k: give only if recipient has score at least k

k>5: always defect

k<-5: always help</p>



cooperation based on discriminationbut not stable (can occasionally break down)



