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STOCHASTIC POPULATION THEORY
DIFFUSION PROCESSES II

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x(1-x) [(w_{11} - w_{12})x + (w_{12} - w_{22})(1-x)] \\ \frac{dN}{dt} = [w_{11}x^2 + 2w_{12}x(1-x) + w_{22}(1-x)^2] \end{cases}$$

x = frequency of allele A_1
 w_{ij} = fitness of genotype A_{ij} (in terms of Malthusian parameters).

No mutation
 large population



$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x [1 - \phi(x)] \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$\Phi(x)$ regulation function

$\Phi(x) = 0$ Malthusian growth

$\Phi(x) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} x$, $\beta > 0$ logistic growth

$\Phi(x) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \ln x$, $\beta > 0$ Gompertz growth

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Random environment

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Model

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = rx + x \wedge(t) \\ P_r \{x(0) = x_0\} = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\wedge(t)$ = white noise

$$\langle \wedge(t) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \wedge(t) \wedge(t') \rangle = \sigma^2 \delta(t-t')$$

$$r \rightarrow r + \wedge(t)$$

$X(t)$

May

$$\begin{cases} A_1 = rx \\ A_2 = \sigma^2 x^2 \end{cases}$$

AI

$$\begin{cases} B_1 = (r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) x \\ B_2 = \sigma^2 x^2 \end{cases}$$

$$F(y, t | x_0) = \int_{x_0}^y dx f(x, t | x_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} E_r \left[\frac{\ln y/x_0}{\sigma \sqrt{2t}} - (u - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) \sqrt{\frac{t}{2\sigma^2}} \right]$$

$$\begin{matrix} u = r & \text{May} \\ u = r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} & \text{AI} \end{matrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} M_1(t | x_0) &= x_0 e^{ut} \\ \mu(t | x_0) &= x_0 e^{(u - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})t} \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

May ($u = r$)

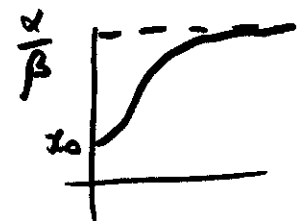
$$F(y, t | x_0) \rightarrow 1, \quad 0 < r < \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

AI ($u = r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$)

$$F(y, t | x_0) \rightarrow 0, \quad 0 < r < \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

Logistic

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x - \beta x^2 + x \wedge(t) \\ P_r \{x(0) = x_0\} = 1 \end{cases}$$



May

$$\begin{cases} A_1 = \alpha x - \beta x^2 \\ A_2 = \sigma^2 x^2 \end{cases}$$

AI

$$\begin{cases} B_1 = (\alpha + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) x - \beta x^2 \\ B_2 = \sigma^2 x^2 \end{cases}$$

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May

$$P(x) = P(\text{extinction}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_t \{X(t) \leq 0 | X(0) = x_0\}$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \alpha > \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \quad \left(k > \frac{\sigma^2}{2\rho} \right)$$

$$= 1 \quad \text{if} \quad \alpha \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \quad \left(k \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{2\rho} \right)$$

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$$P(x_0) = 0 \quad \text{always}$$

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + g(x) \Lambda(t)$$

$\Lambda(t)$ = white noise

$X(t)$ diffusion process

$$\langle \Lambda(t) \Lambda(t') \rangle = \sigma^2 \delta(t-t')$$

$$\begin{cases} A_1(x) = f(x) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dA_2}{dx} \\ A_2(x) = \sigma^2 g^2(x) \end{cases}$$

$$dy = f(y)dt + g(y) dW(t)$$

$W(t)$ = Wiener process

$$\text{cov}[W(t)W(t')] = \sigma^2 \min(t, t')$$

$Y(t)$ diffusion process

$$\begin{cases} B_1(y) = f(y) \\ B_2(y) = \sigma^2 g^2(y) \end{cases}$$

$X(t) \neq Y(t)$ if g is not constant

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x(t) \rangle \neq f(x)$$

$$X(t) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + g(x) \Lambda(t) \\ dx = \left[f(x) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} g(x) g'(x) \right] dt + g(x) dW(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x - \beta x^2 \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

$$Y(t) \begin{cases} dy = f(y) dt + g(y) dW(t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \left[f(y) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} g(y) g'(y) \right] + g(y) \Lambda(t) \end{cases}$$

$$x(t) = \alpha x_0 \left[\alpha e^{-\alpha t} + \beta x_0 (1 - e^{-\alpha t}) \right]^{-1}$$

Discrete analogue :

$$1) y_{(n+1)\tau} - y_{n\tau} = \alpha \tau y_{n\tau} - \beta \tau y_{n\tau}^2, \forall n$$

$y_{k\tau}$ = population size at time $t = k\tau$

$$2) \frac{x_{(n+1)\tau} - x_{n\tau}}{x_{n\tau}} + 1 = \left[\frac{1 - e^{-\alpha \tau}}{\alpha \tau} \beta \tau x_{n\tau} + e^{-\alpha \tau} \right]^{-1} \\ (n=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\alpha \tau \rightarrow \theta_0, \theta_\tau, \theta_{2\tau} \dots$$

$$\langle \theta_{k\tau} \rangle = \alpha \tau \quad \forall k, \quad \langle \theta_{k\tau}^2 \rangle = \sigma^2 \tau$$

$$\theta_{n\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & -\varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & \theta \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \theta_{n\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma\sqrt{\tau} & -\sigma\sqrt{\tau} \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha\sqrt{\tau}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\alpha\sqrt{\tau}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Ito-Stratonovich controversy. What calculus should be used? Either calculus is suitable provided one writes the correct equations.

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$$Y_{(n+1)\tau} - Y_{n\tau} = \Theta_{n\tau} Y_{n\tau} - \beta \tau Y_{n\tau}^2 \quad (n=0,1,\dots)$$

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$$\xi_{n\tau} = \left[\beta \tau X_{n\tau} \frac{1 - e^{-\Theta_{n\tau}}}{\Theta_{n\tau}} + e^{-\Theta_{n\tau}} \right]^{-1} | X_{n\tau} = x \rangle$$

$n=0,1,\dots$

$$\varepsilon \equiv \sigma \sqrt{\tau}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \langle \Delta Y_{n\tau} | Y_{n\tau} = x \rangle = \alpha x - \beta x^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \langle (\Delta Y_{n\tau})^2 | Y_{n\tau} = x \rangle = \sigma^2 x^2 + o(\tau)$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \langle (\Delta Y_{n\tau})^{2+p} | Y_{n\tau} = x \rangle = o(\tau) \quad p=1,2,\dots$$

$$Y_{n\tau} \rightarrow Y(t) \quad \begin{cases} A_1 = \alpha x - \beta x^2 \\ A_2 = \sigma^2 x^2 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{X_{(n+1)\tau} - X_{n\tau}}{\tau} + 1 = \left[\beta \tau X_{n\tau} \frac{1 - e^{-\Theta_{n\tau}}}{\Theta_{n\tau}} + e^{-\Theta_{n\tau}} \right]^{-1} | X_{n\tau} = x \rangle$$

$(n=0,1,\dots)$

$$\begin{cases} P_+ \{ \xi_{n\tau} = \left[\beta \frac{\varepsilon^2 x}{\sigma^2} \frac{1 - e^{-\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon} + e^{-\varepsilon} \right]^{-1} \} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha \varepsilon}{2\sigma^2} \\ P_- \{ \xi_{n\tau} = \left[\beta \frac{\varepsilon^2 x}{\sigma^2} \frac{e^{\varepsilon} - 1}{\varepsilon} + e^{\varepsilon} \right]^{-1} \} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\alpha \varepsilon}{2\sigma^2} \end{cases}$$

$$\langle (\Delta X_{n\tau})^r | X_{n\tau} = x \rangle = x^r E[(\xi_{n\tau} - 1)^r]$$

$r=1,2,\dots$

$$B_1 \equiv \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\tau} \langle \Delta X_{n\tau} | X_{n\tau} = x \rangle = (\alpha + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}) x - \beta x^2$$

$$B_2 \equiv \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\tau} \langle (\Delta X_{n\tau})^2 | X_{n\tau} = x \rangle = \sigma^2 x^2$$

$$B_m = 0 \quad m > 2$$

$$X_{n\tau} \rightarrow X(t)$$

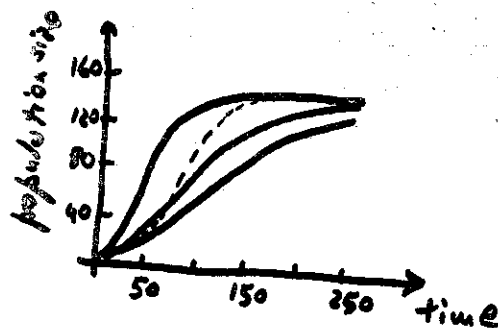
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Biol. Cybernetics 32, 95-99

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \alpha x - \beta x \ln x & , \beta > 0 \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

Gompertz

$$x(t) = \exp \left[\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \ln x_0 \right) e^{-\beta t} \right] \quad k = e^{\alpha/\beta}$$



$$\alpha \tau \rightarrow \Theta_{n\tau}$$

$$\langle \Theta_{n\tau} \rangle = \alpha \tau$$

$$\langle \Theta_{n\tau}^2 \rangle = \sigma^2 \tau$$

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$$\begin{cases} Y_{(n+1)\tau} - Y_{n\tau} = (\Theta_{n\tau} - \beta \tau \ln Y_{n\tau}) Y_{n\tau} \\ \Pr \{ Y_0 = x_0 \} = 1 \end{cases} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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$$\begin{cases} X_{(n+1)\tau} - X_{n\tau} = X_{n\tau} \left\{ \exp \left[\frac{\beta \tau \ln X_{n\tau} - \Theta_{n\tau}}{\beta \tau} (e^{-\beta \tau} - 1) \right] - 1 \right\} \\ \Pr \{ X_0 = x_0 \} = 1 \end{cases} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

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$$Y_{n\tau} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A_1 = \alpha x - \beta x \ln x \\ A_2 = \sigma^2 x^2 \end{cases}$$

$$X_{n\tau} \rightarrow \begin{cases} B_1 = \left(\alpha + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) x - \beta x \ln x \\ B_2 = \sigma^2 x^2 \end{cases}$$

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$$W(x) \equiv \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(x, t | x_0) \text{ exists.}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_r \{ X(t) \leq 0 | X(0) = x_0 \} = 1 - \int_0^{\infty} W(x) dx = 0$$

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$x(t)$ = # of individuals at time t in a population growing in an environment having finite carrying capacity

$x_{n\tau}$ observed numbers at time $t = n\tau$ ($\tau > 0$)
 $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\Delta x_{n\tau} = A\tau f(x_{n\tau}), n = 0, 1, \dots$$

or

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = B f(x)$$

A and B to be determined.

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$$x(t) \Big|_{t=n\tau} = x_{n\tau}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} B &= \frac{A f(x_{n\tau})}{\Delta x_{n\tau}} \int_{x_{n\tau}}^{x_{(n+1)\tau}} \frac{dz}{f(z)} \\ \Delta x_{n\tau} &= A\tau f(x_{n\tau}) \end{aligned} \right.$$

Expanding r.h.s.:

$$B = A - \frac{1}{2} f'(x_{n\tau}) A^2 \tau + o(\tau)$$

B is generally density-dependent.

$$\Delta x_{n\tau} = A\tau f(x_{n\tau}) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

"random environment" assumption:

$$A\tau \rightarrow A'_{n\tau}$$

$$A'_{n\tau} : P_r \{ A'_{n\tau} = \sigma \sqrt{\tau} \} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{A \sqrt{\tau}}{2\sigma}$$

$$P_r \{ A'_{n\tau} = -\sigma \sqrt{\tau} \} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{A \sqrt{\tau}}{2\sigma}, \quad \sigma > 0$$

$$\langle A'_{n\tau} \rangle = A \tau$$

$$\langle (A'_{n\tau})^2 \rangle = \sigma^2 \tau$$

$$\langle (A'_{n\tau})^{2+p} \rangle = o(\tau) \quad p = 1, 2, \dots$$

$\therefore$

$$x_{n\tau} \rightarrow X_{n\tau} : \Delta X_{n\tau} = A'_{n\tau} f(X_{n\tau}) \quad \forall n$$

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\tau} \langle \Delta X_{n\tau} | X_{n\tau} = z \rangle = A f(z)$$

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\tau} \langle (\Delta X_{n\tau})^2 | X_{n\tau} = z \rangle = \sigma^2 f^2(z)$$

$$\dots = \textcircled{2}$$

$$dX = A f dt + f dW$$

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = [A - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} f f'] \wedge$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = B f(z)$$

$$B\tau = \int_{x_{n\tau}}^{x_{(n+1)\tau}} \frac{dz}{f(z)} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$B\tau \rightarrow B'_{n\tau}$$

$$\begin{cases} P_r \{ B'_{n\tau} = \sigma \sqrt{\tau} \} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{B \sqrt{\tau}}{2\sigma} \\ P_r \{ B'_{n\tau} = -\sigma \sqrt{\tau} \} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{B \sqrt{\tau}}{2\sigma} \end{cases}$$

$$B'_{n\tau} = \int_{Y_{n\tau}}^{Y_{(n+1)\tau}} \frac{dz}{f(z)} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

By Taylor expansion of r.h.s.:

$$Y_{n\tau} \rightarrow Y(t)$$

$$\begin{cases} A_1 = f(\gamma) [B + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} f'(\gamma)] \\ A_2 = \sigma^2 f^2(\gamma) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = [B + \wedge(t)] f(\gamma)$$

$$dY = [B + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} f'(\gamma)] f(\gamma) dt + f(\gamma) dW$$

$$- dX(t) = A f(x) dt + f(x) dW(t)$$

$$- \frac{dY}{dt} = (B + \Lambda(t)) f(Y)$$

$$A \text{ and } B \text{ are related } (B = A - \frac{1}{2} f' A^2 + \dots)$$

Example

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = w x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) \quad \begin{cases} B \rightarrow w \\ f(x) = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta x_{n\tau} = w\tau x_{n\tau} \left(1 - \frac{x_{n\tau}}{K}\right) \quad A \rightarrow w$$

$n=0, 1, \dots$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} w &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_{n\tau})}{\Delta x_{n\tau}} \int_{x_{n\tau}}^{x_{(n+1)\tau}} \frac{dz}{f(z)} \\ \Delta x_{n\tau} &= w\tau f(x_{n\tau}) \\ w &= \frac{1 - e^{-w\tau}}{(1 - e^{-w\tau}) K^{-1} x_{n\tau} + e^{-w\tau}} \end{aligned} \right.$$

Random environment assumption:

$$\begin{cases} w\tau \rightarrow W_{n\tau} & \langle W_{n\tau} \rangle = w\tau \\ w\tau \rightarrow M_{n\tau} & \langle M_{n\tau} \rangle = w\tau \end{cases}$$

$W_{n\tau}$ indep.:

$$\langle M_{n\tau} \rangle \equiv \langle W_{n\tau} \rangle - \underbrace{\frac{\sigma^2}{2}}_{w\tau} \left(1 - 2\frac{x}{K}\right)\tau + o(\tau)$$

$M_{n\tau}$ indep.:

$$\langle W_{n\tau} \rangle = w\tau + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \left(1 - 2\frac{x}{K}\right)\tau + o(\tau)$$

$\therefore$

$$w = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle M_{n\tau} \rangle}{\tau} = w - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \left(1 - 2\frac{x}{K}\right)$$

$$w = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle W_{n\tau} \rangle}{\tau} = w + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \left(1 - 2\frac{x}{K}\right)$$

