

Noy-Meir (1975)

1. Does the setting here (sheep in pastures) translate well to other systems?
2. Is predation the main controller of plant growth and biomass?
3. p. 462, middle. Paragraph starting with “The predictions ...” Is this a solid basis to run with?
4. Figs. 5-10 – let’s walk thru the connections between figures together...
5. Which of Figs. 5-10 does the ball and cups in Fig. 6 best apply?
6. What are the units on Figs.?
7. Jump to Conclusions (pg. 478) – Second paragraph – appropriately humble?

May (1977)

1. Is the world made of balls-in-cups (ahistorical) or pinball machines (historical)?
2. Given Fig.s 1 & 2, equilibria represent specific combinations of curves. So alternative stable states should be relatively, rare Goldilocks conditions, no?
3. What did Sir Robert add to Noy-Meir (1975)?
4. Does a stable limit cycle have alternative stable states, or are those just temporary points in the cycle?
5. Have you ever read another paper in Nature that used the word “kinkiness”?
6. Is May’s paper mistitled?