# Target Reproduction Numbers and Applications to Biological Models 

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In population dynamics Threshold Parameters determine population persistence, give insight into control and protection strategies
Examples: net reproductive value (rate) basic reproduction number...

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To give a general framework for threshold parameters using Target Reproduction Numbers

Key reference: [Lewis, Shuai, vdD, J Math Biol 2019]

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- Define the Target Reproduction Number $\mathcal{I}_{S}$ as

$$
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where $\rho($.) denotes the spectral radius and $I d$ denotes an identity matrix

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Idea of Proof:
By Perron-Frobenius there exists an eigenvector $x^{T} \geq 0$ so that

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giving

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For $1 \leq i, j \leq n$

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where the sums are over all cycle-unions $\mathcal{U}_{i j}$ and $\mathcal{V}_{i j}$ of $D(A)$ that do and do not contain the arc ji, respectively

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- Both first row entries are targeted (type reproduction number)

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Note that $\mathcal{I}_{1 *}=1 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I}_{11}=1$

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If $\rho(T)<1$ then $R_{0}$ is the target reproduction number for $A=P$ corresponding to the target matrix $S=F$
If the target matrix is $S=P$ then $\mathcal{T}_{P}=\rho(P)=\lambda$

## Pacific Salmon Life Cycle



Credit: http://kingcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/pacific-salmon-life-cycle

Lefkovitch matrix with 4 life stages: egg, fry, juvenile, adult [Huang \& Lewis, Theor Ecol 2015]

$$
P=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & b_{4} \\
t_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & t_{2} & s_{3} & 0 \\
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\end{array}\right]
$$

The order of events: production of $b_{4}$ offspring per survivor, survival probability $p_{i}$, proportion $1-q_{i}$ moving to the next class
$s_{i}=p_{i} q_{i} \geq 0$ is the probability of staying
$t_{i}=p_{i}\left(1-q_{i}\right)$ is the probability of transition
[Lewis, Shuai, vdD,JMB 2019] $\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 0 & 0 & b_{4} \\ t_{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_{2} & s_{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t_{3} & s_{4}\end{array}\right]$
Assume that the net reproductive value $R_{0}<1$
The first row/column of $P$ each contain 1 nonzero entry
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[Brault, Caswell, 1993] Bronwyn Hobson report, istockphoto.com


Four life stages for female resident killer whales: calf (1), juvenile (2), reproductive adult (3), and post reproductive adult (4)

$$
P_{B C}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & F_{2} & F_{3} & 0 \\
G_{1} & P_{2} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & G_{2} & P_{3} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & G_{3} & P_{4}
\end{array}\right]
$$

$\sigma_{i}=$ stage specific survival, $\gamma_{i}=$ transition probability $m_{i}=$ mean reproductive output
$G_{i}$ gives the probability of survival and transfer into stage $i+1$ $F_{i}$ gives the number of offspring at $t+1$ from a female at $t$


$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{1}=0, P_{2}=\left(1-\gamma_{2}\right) \sigma_{2}, P_{3}=\left(1-\gamma_{3}\right) \sigma_{3}, P_{4}=\sigma_{4}, G_{1}=\sigma_{1}^{1 / 2} \\
& G_{2}=\gamma_{2} \sigma_{2}, G_{3}=\gamma_{3} \sigma_{3}, F_{2}=\sigma_{1}^{1 / 2} G_{2} m_{3} / 2, F_{3}=\sigma_{1}^{1 / 2}\left(1+P_{3}\right) m_{3} / 2
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Both $\lambda_{B C}$ and $\mathcal{R}_{0 B C}$ are most sensitive to $\gamma_{3}$ and $\sigma_{3}$, that is transition from and survival in the reproductive stage
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## Photo Credit: Daniel Laubhann

A weed in north America that invades agricultural farmland
One plant can produce up to 1 million seeds that remain viable for up to 15 years in the soil

It has 3 stages: (1) seed bank (in the ground), (2) rosettes, and
(3) flowering plants
[de-Camino-Beck \& Lewis, Bull Math Biol 2007]
The projection matrix for the growth of scentless chamomile with stages of seeds, rosettes and flowers is

$$
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In a year seeds remain in the seed bank with probability $a_{11}$, germinate into a rosette with probability $a_{21}$, into a flower with probability $a_{31}$, die with probability $1-a_{11}-a_{21}-a_{31}$
Rosettes transform into flowers with probability $a_{32}$
Flowers contribute to all fecundities in each of the stages


Target matrix $S$ has nonzero entries $s_{i 3}=a_{i 3}$ for $i=1,2,3$ the fecundity matrix with rank 1 , so assuming $a_{11}<1$

$$
\mathcal{T}_{* 3}=\frac{a_{33}+a_{13} a_{31}+a_{23} a_{32}+a_{13} a_{21} a_{32}-a_{11} a_{33}-a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}}{1-a_{11}}
$$

Here $\mathcal{I}_{* 3}=R_{0}$ the net reproductive value

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Solving this gives a quadratic equation in $\sigma^{-1}$

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u\left(\sigma^{-1}\right)^{2}+v \sigma^{-1}+w=0
$$

$w=-1+a_{11}+a_{33}-a_{11} a_{33}$ is weight of cycle unions in $D(\tilde{A})$ containing no target entries
$v=a_{13} a_{31}+a_{23} a_{32}-a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}$ containing 1 target entry
$u=a_{13} a_{21} a_{32}$ containing 2 target entries, starts with flowers goes to seed bank $a_{13}$, to rosettes $a_{21}$ then back to flowers $a_{3}$ 选 $\begin{aligned} & \text { univesity } \\ & \text { ofvitoria }\end{aligned}$

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Control for points ( $\sigma, \tau$ ) lying above curve $\tau=f(\sigma)$
Dashed line $D=1.6 d_{1}$ shows cost function for min cost at ( $\sigma^{*}, \tau^{*}$ ) given by the dot
Lower (higher) dotted line $D=1.3 d_{1}\left(1.9 d_{1}\right)$ of Victoria

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(2) Oct 20-28
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Piarroux et al., Emerging Infectious Diseases 2011 of Victoria



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The next-generation matrix and basic reproduction number

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Aside: A simple model for COVID-19 includes asymptomatic and symptomatic transmission, to control the virus both routes of infection must be controlled

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Other authors have noticed this, for example:
[Cushing \& Diekmann, J Theor Biol 2016
The many guises of $R_{0}$, a didactic note]

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## Calculating target reproduction numbers for ODE cholera model

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We have also used target reproduction numbers in a network model of cholera [Li, Ma, vdD, JMB 2015]

Need estimates of parameter values from data to evaluate different control strategies

In some biological models it may be appropriate to target part of a term in the projection matrix, and the target reproduction can be adapted to such situations
For example consider a 4 -stage Lefkovitch model with projection matrix

$$
P=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
s_{1}+b_{1} & b_{2} & b_{3} & b_{4} \\
t_{1} & s_{2} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & t_{2} & s_{3} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & t_{3} & s_{4}
\end{array}\right]
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where $s_{i}=p_{i} q_{i}$ is the probability of staying in stage $i$
$t_{i}=p_{i}\left(1-q_{i}\right)$ is the probability of leaving stage $i$
and $b_{i}$ is the fertility of stage $i$ with $b_{4}>0$
Controlling the survival probability in stage $1, p_{1}$ means that the target matrix has nonzero entries $s_{1}$ and $t_{1}$

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## THANK YOU

## QUESTIONS and COMMENTS???

