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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where $\rho(.)$ denotes the spectral radius and *Id* denotes an identity matrix



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

$$x^T S(Id - A + S)^{-1} = \mathcal{T}_S x^T$$

giving

$$x^{T}(A-S+\frac{S}{T_{S}})=1x^{T}$$



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For
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$$\mathcal{T}_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{\mathcal{U}_{ij}} (-1)^{1+c(\mathcal{U}_{ij})} w(\mathcal{U}_{ij})}{\sum_{\mathcal{V}_{ij}} (-1)^{c(\mathcal{V}_{ij})} w(\mathcal{V}_{ij})}$$

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

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





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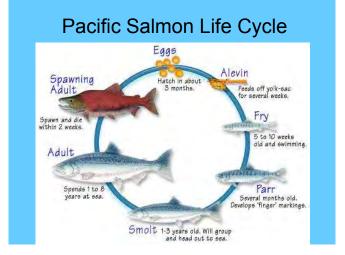
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If $\rho(T) < 1$ then R_0 is the target reproduction number for A = P corresponding to the target matrix S = F

If the target matrix is S = P then $\mathcal{T}_P = \rho(P) = \lambda$



Protecting Salmonoids



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



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

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & b_4 \\ t_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t_2 & s_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & t_3 & s_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The order of events: production of b_4 offspring per survivor, survival probability p_i , proportion $1 - q_i$ moving to the next class

 $s_i = p_i q_i \ge 0$ is the probability of staying $t_i = p_i(1 - q_i)$ is the probability of transition



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Reduce the harvest of adult salmonoids, increase s_4 to s_4/\mathcal{T}_{44} where $\mathcal{T}_{44} = s_4(1-s_3)/(1-s_3-t_1t_2t_3b_4)$

Population of Resident Killer Whales

[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)

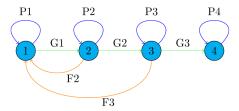
$$P_{BC} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & F_2 & F_3 & 0 \\ G_1 & P_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G_2 & P_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_3 & P_4 \end{bmatrix}$$





 σ_i = stage specific survival, γ_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



$$P_1 = 0, P_2 = (1 - \gamma_2)\sigma_2, P_3 = (1 - \gamma_3)\sigma_3, P_4 = \sigma_4, G_1 = \sigma_1^{1/2}, G_2 = \gamma_2\sigma_2, G_3 = \gamma_3\sigma_3, F_2 = \sigma_1^{1/2}G_2m_3/2, F_3 = \sigma_1^{1/2}(1 + P_3)m_3/2$$



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[Lewis, Shuai, vdD, JMB2019]



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

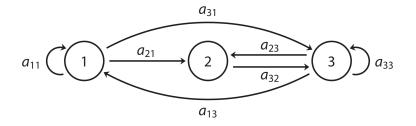
[de-Camino-Beck & Lewis, Bull Math Biol 2007]

The projection matrix for the growth of scentless chamomile with stages of seeds, rosettes and flowers is

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

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





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Solving this gives a quadratic equation in σ^{-1}

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

 $w = -1 + a_{11} + a_{33} - a_{11}a_{33}$ 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_{32} of victorial of v

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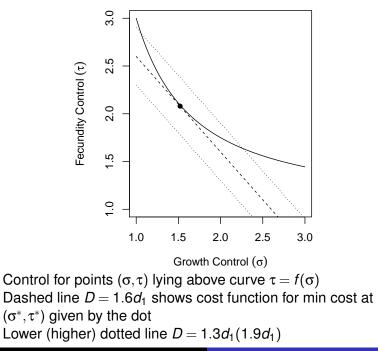
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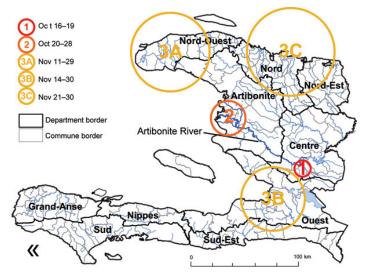
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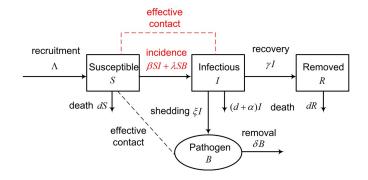
Cholera outbreak in Haiti as of November 2010



Piarroux et al., Emerging Infectious Diseases 2011

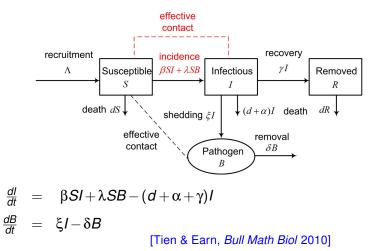


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Need estimates of parameter values from data to evaluate different control strategies



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where $s_i = p_i q_i$ is the probability of staying in stage *i* $t_i = p_i(1 - q_i)$ is the probability of leaving stage *i* and b_i is the fertility of stage *i* with $b_4 > 0$

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QUESTIONS and COMMENTS???



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