

ADAPTIVEDYNAMICS
Exercises 4-7

Exercise 4 (prey evolution)

Consider the resident dynamics for different prey strategies and a single (non-evolving) predator:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prey: } \frac{\dot{n}_i}{n_i} &= r(x_i) \left(1 - \frac{\sum_j n_j}{K}\right) - \frac{\beta(x_i)\theta}{1 + \sum_j \beta(x_j)T(x_j)n_j} \quad i = 1, \dots, k \\ \text{pred: } \frac{\dot{\theta}}{\theta} &= \frac{\sum_j \gamma(x_j)\beta(x_i)n_j}{1 + \sum_j \beta(x_j)T(x_j)n_j} - \delta \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- (a) Write down the invader dynamics for a prey mutant with strategy y .
- (b) Write down an expression for the invasion fitness.
- (c) Show that coexistence of different resident strategies is generically not possible.
- (d) Show that y can invade x if $\beta(y)/r(y) < \beta(x)/r(x)$.
- (e) Do the dynamics of θ really matter?

Exercise 5 (predator evolution)

Consider the resident dynamics for different predator strategies and a single (non-evolving) prey:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prey: } \frac{\dot{\theta}}{\theta} &= r \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{K}\right) - \sum_j \frac{\beta(x_i)n_j}{1 + \beta(x_j)T(x_j)\theta} \\ \text{pred: } \frac{\dot{n}_i}{n_i} &= \frac{\gamma(x_i)\beta(x_i)\theta}{1 + \beta(x_i)T(x_i)\theta} - \delta(x_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, k \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

- (a) Write down the invader dynamics for a predator mutant with strategy y .
- (b) Write down an expression for the invasion fitness.
- (c) How many different resident types could generically coexist if the resident population densities were constant (i.e., at an equilibrium) and how many if it were non-constant (e.g., at a limit cycle)? (The system is known to be able to exhibit limit cycles, by the way.)
- (d) Show that in a constant monomorphic resident population successive invasions decrease the prey population density (i.e., in a constant population evolution minimizes prey population density).

Exercise 6 (evolution of virulence: model 1)

Consider the resident dynamics for healthy (H) individuals and individuals (I_i) infected by different types of virus:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{healthy: } \dot{H} &= \alpha(N) - H \sum_j \beta(x_j)I_j - \delta H \\ \text{Infected: } \dot{I}_i &= \beta(x_i)HI_i - (\delta + x_i)I_i \quad i = 1, \dots, k \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where $N = H + \sum_j I_j$ is the total population density.

- (a) Give the invader dynamics of a mutant virus with strategy y .

- (b) Give the invasion fitness.
- (c) How many different types of virus can coexist in the population?
- (d) Show that each successful invasion decreases the population density of healthy individuals.

Exercise 7 (evolution of virulence: model 2)

Consider the resident dynamics for healthy (H) individuals and individuals (I_i) infected by different types of virus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{healthy: } \dot{H} &= \alpha N - H \sum_j \beta(x_j) I_j - \delta(N) H \\
 \text{Infected: } \dot{I}_i &= \beta(x_i) H I_i - (\delta(N) + x_i) I_i \quad i = 1, \dots, k
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$

where $N = H + \sum_j I_j$ is the total population density.

- (a) What is the difference between this model and that of the previous exercise? (b) Give the invader dynamics of a mutant virus with strategy y .
- (c) Give the invasion fitness.
- (d) How many different types of virus can coexist in the population?
- (e) Give an explicit expression of the invasion fitness in terms of the invader and resident strategies if the resident population contains two coexisting viral strategies x_1 and x_2 .