

■ **Problem 5.10**

If $p[t+1] = (1-m)p' + m$ and $p' = \frac{p[t](1-s)}{p[t](1-s)+(1-p[t])}$, then the full recursion equation will equal $p[t+1]$

$= (1-m) \frac{p[t](1-s)}{p[t](1-s)+(1-p[t])} + m$, let's call this "recursion":

$$\text{recursion} = (1-m) \frac{p[t](1-s)}{p[t](1-s)+(1-p[t])} + m;$$

■ **Part a**

Solve[recursion = p[t], p[t]]

$$\left\{ \{p[t] \rightarrow 1\}, \left\{ p[t] \rightarrow \frac{m}{s} \right\} \right\}$$

By hand:

$$p = (1-m) \frac{p(1-s)}{p(1-s)+(1-p)} + m$$

move everything to the right hand side:

$$0 = (1-m) \frac{p(1-s)}{p(1-s)+(1-p)} + m - p$$

put everything over a common denominator:

$$0 = (1-m) \frac{p(1-s)}{p(1-s)+(1-p)} + \frac{(m-p)(p(1-s)+(1-p))}{p(1-s)+(1-p)}$$

bring all the factors in the numerator together:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{p(1-s)(1-m) + (m-p)(p(1-s)+(1-p))}{p(1-s)+(1-p)} \\ &= \frac{p-s p - m p + s m p - m p s + m + p^2 s - p}{p(1-s)+(1-p)} \\ &= \frac{-s p - m p + m + p^2 s}{p(1-s)+(1-p)} \end{aligned}$$

Factor the top (or use the quadratic formula to solve):

$$= \frac{(m-p s)(1-p)}{p(1-s)+(1-p)}$$

which equals zero if $p = m/s$ or $p = 1$, the two equilibria of the system.

■ **Part b**

The polymorphic equilibrium is $p = m/s$, which is a valid allele frequency only if it lies between 0 and 1. Given that m (migration) and s (selection against the allele "A" in the marginal population) are positive by the description of the model, $p = m/s$ must be positive. But it will only be less than one if $m/s < 1$, that is, migration must be weaker than selection.

■ **Part c**

Here we need to figure out if $p = 1$ is a stable equilibrium. This is the code we used for the logistic:

$$\text{derivative} = \mathbf{D}\left[\left(1 + r \left(1 - \frac{n[t]}{K}\right)\right) n[t], n[t]\right]$$

$$\lambda = \text{derivative} /. n[t] \rightarrow 0$$

and here it is for this model:

$$\text{derivative} = \mathbf{D}[\text{recursion}, p[t]]$$

$$\frac{(1-m)(1-s)sp[t]}{(1-p[t] + (1-s)p[t])^2} + \frac{(1-m)(1-s)}{1-p[t] + (1-s)p[t]}$$

$$\lambda = \text{derivative} /. p[t] \rightarrow 1$$

$$1 - m + \frac{(1-m)s}{1-s}$$

This can be simplified by factoring:

$$\text{Factor}[\lambda]$$

$$\frac{-1+m}{-1+s}$$

Comparing to the stability conditions, the equilibrium at $p = 1$ (allele “a” absent despite being favored in the marginal patch) will be stable if $-1 < \lambda < +1$.

In this case, $\frac{1-m}{1-s}$ will be positive because m is the fraction of migrants (can’t be greater than one) and $1-s$ is the fitness of the “a” allele (can’t be negative). So we can focus on $\lambda < 1$ (stable) or $\lambda > 1$ (unstable):

Checking when $\lambda < 1$: $\frac{1-m}{1-s} < 1$ if $1-m < 1-s$ if $s < m$ [migration “swamps” selection]

Thus, if $s < m$ then $p = 1$ will be a stable equilibrium, and allele “a” will fail to spread, even though it is favored in the marginal habitat.

Conversely, if $s > m$ then $p = 1$ will be an unstable equilibrium and allele “a” can spread when rare. [migration “swamps” selection]

■ Problem 5.13

If unoccupied sites (fraction $1-p$) are recolonized at rate m p , which rises with the fraction of occupied patches, and if occupied sites go extinct at rate e , the following differential equation in continuous time might describe the fraction of occupied sites over time, p :

$$\text{differential} = m p (1 - p) - e p;$$

■ Part a

$$\text{Solve}[\text{differential} == 0, p]$$

$$\left\{ \{p \rightarrow 0\}, \left\{ p \rightarrow \frac{-e+m}{m} \right\} \right\}$$

By hand:

$$0 = m p (1 - p) - e p$$

factor:

$$0 = p (m (1 - p) - e)$$

which equals zero if $p = 0$ or $p = \frac{m-e}{m}$, the two equilibria of the system.

■ **Part b**

The equilibrium with species present is $p = \frac{m-e}{m}$, which gives a valid frequency of occupied sites only if p lies between 0 and 1. Given that m (migration) is positive, p will be positive if $m > e$. To ensure that p is less than one requires: $\frac{m-e}{m} < 1$, that is $m - e < m$, that is $0 < e$, which is always true given extinction in the system.

■ **Part c**

Here we need to figure out if $p = \frac{m-e}{m}$ is a stable equilibrium. We use the same procedure as above (we just have different rules for interpreting the derivative):

derivative = D[differential, p]

$$-e + m (1 - p) - m p$$

$$r = \text{derivative} / p \rightarrow \frac{m - e}{m}$$

$$-m + m \left(1 - \frac{-e + m}{m} \right)$$

This can be simplified by factoring:

Factor[r]

$$e - m$$

Comparing to the stability conditions for a continuous time model, the equilibrium at $p = \frac{m-e}{m}$ (species present) will be stable if $r < 0$, which requires that $m > e$.

Thus, as long as recolonization occurs at a higher rate than extinction, the species can persist and reach this dynamic equilibrium at $p = \frac{m-e}{m}$.