Macro-evolution model

The script is available at: https://github.com/DominiqueGravel/ms_diversification (code folder) and in the dopbox Macroevo Interaction (same folder)

The aim of the model is to recreate establishment/extinction events in a community of a particular type of interactions (*i.e.* facilitation, competition or predator-prey). It allows us to access the structure of the species interactions network over time, and to build the phylogenetic tree of the community.

:warning: Here we are talking about unipartite networks.

Model functioning

Before running the model, we have to indicate:

- the number of time steps (nsteps),
- the seed,
- a set of parameters (defined at the end of the document)

Before all: Prepare tables and the first species

Setting tables $traits_{mat}$, anc, extinction and pres.

The aim here is to build empty tables and matrices, which will be filled all along the simulation.

• $traits_{mat}$ table compiles all the traits combinations of established species. The traits of interest here (for competition and facilitation) are the traits n (niche optimum) and r (half of niche range).

Trait n	Trait r	Trait o

• anc compiles the time step at which a species establish into the community and its ancestor.

time step	ancestor	new species

• extinction compiles the species extinctions and the time step at with the extinction occurs.

time step	extinct species

• pres compiles all the present species in the community at a time t. Each column is a species and each row a time step. pres is pre-build with S_{max} columns and nsteps row. It is a binary matrix where 1 means the species is present and 0 absent.

	Species1	Species2	Species3	
time 1				
time 2				
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Each species is represented by a number going from 1 to S_{max} , attributed by arrival order.

Setting the first species

To start the simulation, a first species is generated using the function rand_traits_anc. Its traits (n and o) are randomly selected into a uniform distribution between 0 and 1, and r is fixed by the parameter av_r .

Then the number of species, S, in the community is setted to 1 (as we have only one species for now).

Now that the model is ready to really start, the two later parts of the model (establishment and extinction) will be executed at each time step, as part as a loop, as long as S_{max} or nsteps has been reached.

Inside the loop, First step: See if new species can estabish

The first thing is to check the total number of species in the community (not only the actual number of species at the time t). If the limit S_{max} has been reached, the model stops.

For each present species, a random number is picked on a uniform distribution between 0 and 1. Mutation is allowed if this number is below the threshold of the mutation probability (u_{max}) , defined by

$$P(mutation) = \frac{u_{max}}{(1 + e(d * (S_t - I_{max})))},$$

where u_{max} is , d a constant, S species number at t time/step and I_{max} the maximal number of species in the community.

Mutation allowed? Yes!

A mutant trait n_m is picked on a normal distribution (Fig. 1) where the ancestor trait n is the mean, and the standard deviation is defined by a number higher than the total interaction range.

$$P(n_m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(n_m - n)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\sigma = 2 * av_r + \epsilon$$

A new value for the trait $o(o_m)$ is recorded as the value of n. The trait r is also subject to mutation. The niche range of the new species, r_m is defined based on r plus a number picked on a normal distribution of mean 0 and standard deviation of 0,2.

Once the *mutant* traits have been setted, we calculate the number of possible interaction this *mutant* species can have. First, the function get_L_{vec} , calculate the number of species with a trait n within the range of $[n_m - r_m, n_m + r_m]$ of the *mutant* species.

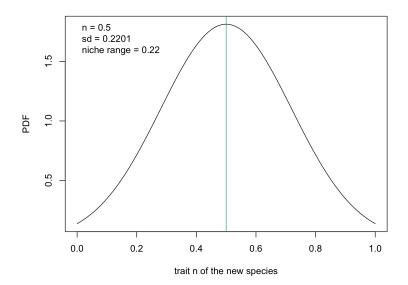


Figure 1: Examples of normal distribution used to generate the trait n of a new species.

Then, we test for establishment the *mutant* species. The probability of establishment is different depending on the interaction type. For facilitation interactions (Fig. 2), the probability follows:

$$P(establishment_f) = u_0 + u_1.e^{-a_u.I_m},$$

where u_0 represents the asymptotic establishment probability with infinite interactions, u_1 ($u_1 = -u_0$ for facilitation interactions) is the establishment probability with absence of interactions, a_u is the shape of the exponential decay of the colonization-interaction relationship and I_m is the sum of the possible interactions of mutant species with the rest of the community.

 I_m is obtained by:

$$I_m = \sum (I.P) + basal_{estab},$$

where I is a vector obtained with the function get_L_{vec} , P is the species present at the time t (from pres) and $basal_{estab}$ is the minimal number of basal species needed for the community not to collapse.

When simulating competition interactions (Fig. 3), the probability follows:

$$P(establishment_c) = u_{0neg} + u_{1neg}.e^{-a_{uneg}.I_m},$$

Once the probability of establishment of the *mutant* species has been calculated, a random number is picked on a uniform distribution between 0 and 1. If this random number is lower than the probability of establishment, the *mutant* species can establish into the community.

Establishment allowed? Yes!

If establishment is allowed, the traits of new species are recorded into the $traits_{mat}$, the time of arrival and related ancestor are recorded into anc, the presence of the species is recorded into pres at the row t, and the number of species S is increased by 1.

Inside the loop, Second step: See if the existing species goes extinct

Once every species of the community have been checked for speciation/establishment, we test yet for extinctions.

First, we want to know which species co-occurs and interacts with which. To do so, we start by creating a co-occurrences matrix (cooc) between present species at the time t. Then, thanks to the function get_L_mat , the potential interactions matrix (L_p) between every species in the community is calculated. Species i interacts with species j if n-j is within $[n_i-r_i,n_i+r_i]$. And because no self-interaction is allowed, the diagonal will always be 0. The realized interaction matrix is obtained by multiplying L_p and cooc.

Extinction probability

• In case of facilitation interaction

First, the sum of the realized interaction per species is calculated by

$$I_m = \sum I + basal_{ext},$$

where I is the realized interaction per species, and $basal_{ext}$ is the minimal number of basal species needed for the community not to collapse to fast. I_m is the vector containing the sum of species interactions per species.

Then the extinction probability (Fig. 2) is defined as:

$$P(extinction) = e_{0pos} + e_{1pos}.e^{-a_{epos}.I_m}$$

where e_{0pos} is the asymptotic extinction probability with infinite positive interactions, e_{1pos} is $(1 - e_{0pos})$, a_{epos} is the shape of the exponential decay of the positive extinction-interaction relationship and I is the total number of interaction per species.

P(extinction) is a vector containing all the probability of extinction per species.

• In case of competition interaction

Same thing than for facilitation interactions, the sum of the realized interaction per species I_m is calculated. Then the extinction probability (Fig. 3) is defined as:

$$P(extinction) = e_{0neg}.(1 - e^{-a_{eneg}.I_m}),$$

where e_{0neg} is the asymptotic extinction probability with infinite negative interactions, a_{epos} is the shape of the exponential decay of the positive extinction-interaction relationship and I_m is a vector with the total number of interaction per species.

Extinction allowed?

For an extinction to occur, a random number is picked, into a uniform distribution between 0 and 1, for every species. The extinction probability is compared to each random number. If a number is smaller than the extinction probability, the related species goes extinct.

For every species i that goes extinct, the extinction is recorded into ext, with the species number i and the time step t; and pres is updated, replacing pres[t, i] by 0.

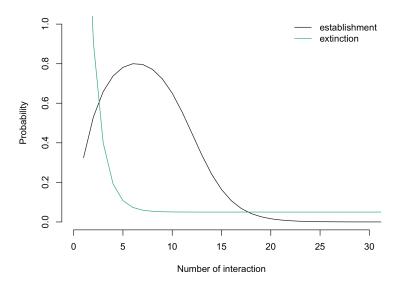


Figure 2: Example of establishment and extinction probabilities for facilitation interactions. establishment parameters: u0 = 0.9, u1 = 0.9, a = 0.45, d = 0.5, lmax = 12; extinction parameters: e0pos = 0.05, e1pos = 5.19, aepos = 0.9, lmax = 12.

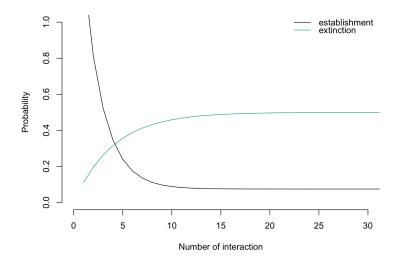


Figure 3: Example of establishment and extinction probabilities for competition interactions. establishment parameters: u0 = 0.075, u1 = 2, u2 = 0.05; extinction parameters: u1 = 0.075, u1 = 2, u2 = 0.075, u1 = 2, u2 = 0.075, u3 = 0.075

Network properties

To avoid recording every interaction matrix, we calculate the network connectance and each species degree (number of interaction per species).

Because we have a undirected unipartite network where self-interactions are not allowed, the connectance is given by

$$Co = L/S^{(S-1)/2},$$

where L is the number of links and S is the number of species in the network.

Model output

The model output gives you access to:

- $traits_{mat}$ table,
- anc table,
- extinction table,
- pres matrix,
- L, the realized interactions matrix from the last time step.

Parameters

 u_{max} : Mutation probability (asymptotic establishment rate)

 u_0 : Asymptotic establishment probability with infinite facilitation interactions

 u_1 : Establishment probability with absence of facilitation interactions

 a_u : Shape of the exponential increase of the colonization - interaction relationship (facilitation)

 $u_0 neq$: Asymptotic establishment probability with infinite competition interactions

 $u_1 neg$: Establishment probability with absence of competition interactions

 $a_u neg$: Shape of the exponential decay of the colonization - interaction relationship (competition)

 e_{0neg} : Asymptotic extinction probability with infinite negative interactions

 e_{1neg} : Extinction probability with absence of interactions $(-pars\$e_0neg)$

 e_{0pos} : Asymptotic extinction probability with infinite positive interactions

 $e_{1pos}: (1 - pars \$ e_0 pos)$

:warning: $u_1 - u_0$ and $e_1 - e_0$ are the establishment and extinction rates in absence of interactions.

 a_{eneg} : Shape of the exponential decay of the negative extinction - interaction relationship

 a_{epos} : Shape of the exponential decay of the positive extinction - interaction relationship

 av_r : Range of the niche

sd: standard deviation of the normal distribution used to calculate the trait n of a new species

int: Interaction type (0 for competition, 1 for mutualism, 2 for predation) Bspe: Number of basal species needed for establishment Bext: Number of basal species needed for extinction Smax: Maximal number of species allowed during the simulation

d: Shape of the exponential decay of the probability of establishment/speciation I_{max} : Maximal number of species in the community/system