

AMATH 535: Homework Problem 3.6

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1.

$$P_n(t + \Delta t) = P_{n-1}(t)[(n-1)\Delta t\beta + I\Delta t] + P_{n+1}(t)\mu(n+1)\Delta t \\ + P_n(t)[1 - ((\beta + \mu)n + I)\Delta t]$$

$$\frac{P_n(t + \Delta t) - P_n(t)}{\Delta t} = P_{n-1}(t)[(n-1)\beta + I] + P_{n+1}(t)\mu(n+1) \\ - P_n(t)((\beta + \mu)n + I)$$

As  $\Delta t$  goes to 0, this becomes,

$$\frac{dP_n(t)}{dt} = P_{n-1}(t)[(n-1)\beta + I] + P_{n+1}(t)\mu(n+1) \\ - P_n(t)((\beta + \mu)n + I)$$

2.

$$F(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n x^n$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \dot{P}_n x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (P_{n-1}(t)[(n-1)\beta + I] + P_{n+1}(t)\mu(n+1) - P_n(t)((\beta + \mu)n + I))x^n \\ = \beta x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{n-1}(t)(n-1)x^{n-2} + \mu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{n+1}(t)(n+1)x^n - (\beta + \mu)x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(t)(n)x^{n-1} \\ + Ix \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{n-1}(t)(n-1)x^{n-1} - I \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(t)x^n \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = (\beta x^2 - (\beta + \mu)x + \mu) \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + F(Ix - I) \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = (x-1)(\beta x - \mu) \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + FI(x-1)$$

Initial conditions :

$$F(x, 0) = x^{n_0}$$

3. At equilibrium,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$(x-1)(\beta x - \mu) \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + FI(x-1) = 0$$

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = -\frac{I}{\beta x - \mu} F$$

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Integrating, we get

$$\ln(F) = -\frac{I}{\beta} \ln(x - \frac{\mu}{\beta}) + C$$

$$F = \frac{A}{(x - \frac{\mu}{\beta})^{\frac{I}{\beta}}}$$

All the probabilities must sum to 1. That imposes the following constraint.

$$F(1, t) = 1$$

$$\frac{A}{(1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta})^{\frac{I}{\beta}}} = 1$$

$$A = (1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta})^{\frac{I}{\beta}}$$

So, the equilibrium P.G.F is

$$F^* = \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}}{x - \frac{\mu}{\beta}} \right)^{\frac{I}{\beta}}$$

4. The expected population size at equilibrium is given by

$$E^*[N(t)] = \frac{dF}{dx} \Big|_{x=1} = -\frac{I}{\beta} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}}{1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}} \right)^{\frac{I}{\beta}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}} = \frac{I}{\mu - \beta}$$

5. We can see

$$\frac{d^2 F}{dx^2} \Big|_{x=1} = -\frac{I}{\beta} \left( -\frac{I}{\beta} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}}{1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}} \right)^{\frac{I}{\beta}} \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta})^2} = \frac{I^2 + I\beta}{(\mu - \beta)^2}$$

The variance at equilibrium is given by

$$Var^*[N(t)] = \frac{d^2 F}{dx^2} + \frac{dF}{dx} - \left( \frac{dF}{dx} \right)^2 \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{I^2 + I\beta + I\mu - I\beta - I^2}{(\mu - \beta)^2} = \frac{I\mu}{(\mu - \beta)^2}$$

6. The probability of the population being extinct at equilibrium is given by

$$p_0^* = F^*(0) = \left( \frac{\beta - \mu}{\mu} \right)^{\frac{I}{\beta}}$$