

## 2021. 10. 26 Age-structured population models

$$\vec{N}_{t+1} = L^t \vec{N}_t$$

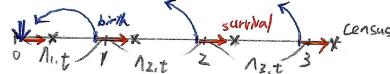
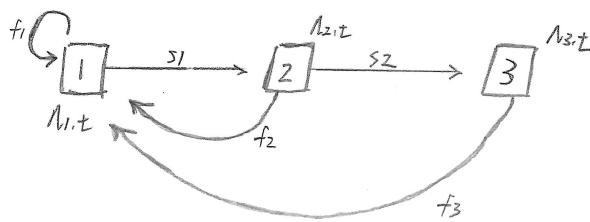
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Leslie matrix

vector of abundances at different ages

Model derivations  
Dynamics (linear algebra)  
stage-structure models

### ② Model derivation

Start w/ a simple age-structured diagram (birth → survive → census)



$s_i$  = survival probability from  $i$  to  $i+1$   
 $f_i$  = fecundity of age  $i$  individuals

Assumptions:

- 1. Closed population
- 2. Age structure! Individuals identical within age class
- 3. Unlimited resources, growth/death density-independent, BUT age-dependent
- 4. Discrete growth (partitioned into "age classes")

all give birth to lowest class, no individuals stay at same age

$$\Rightarrow N_{1,t+1} = f_1 \cdot N_{1,t} + f_2 \cdot N_{2,t} + f_3 \cdot N_{3,t}$$

$$N_{2,t+1} = s_1 \cdot N_{1,t} \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$N_{3,t+1} = s_2 \cdot N_{2,t}$$

write in vector form:  $\vec{N}_t = \begin{pmatrix} N_{1,t} \\ N_{2,t} \\ N_{3,t} \end{pmatrix}$  elements are population size of each age-class

↑ Leslie matrix [1945]

$$\Rightarrow \vec{N}_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} N_{1,t+1} \\ N_{2,t+1} \\ N_{3,t+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} & & <\text{from}> \\ f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \\ <\text{to}> \\ S_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} N_{1,t} \\ N_{2,t} \\ N_{3,t} \end{pmatrix} = L \cdot \vec{N}_t \dots \textcircled{2}$$

\*Recall: Matrix multiplication

↓ a type of transition matrix

compare to  $N_t = R^t N_0$  « discrete exponential model »

$$\Rightarrow \vec{N}_t = \vec{L}^t \vec{N}_0 \quad \text{...③}$$

## ② Dynamics

What is the long-term dynamics of the Leslie matrix model?

\* Recall: eigenvalues & eigenvectors

$$M \vec{u} = \lambda \vec{u} \quad \text{...④}$$

↑ eigenvalues  
↑ eigenvectors (vectors whose direction don't change after transformation)

$$\Rightarrow (M - \lambda I) \vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

characteristic equation

$$\Rightarrow \det(M - \lambda I) = 0 \quad \text{...⑤}$$

e.g.  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , find eigenvalue & eigenvector?

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 4 \times 0 = 0$$

characteristic equation

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \vee 3 *$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

when  $\lambda=2$  :  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2u_1 + 4u_2 = 2u_1 \\ 3u_2 = 2u_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow u_2 = 0, u_1 = 1$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

when  $\lambda=3$  :  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2u_1 + 4u_2 = 3u_1 \\ 3u_2 = 3u_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow u_2 = 1, u_1 = 4$

$\Rightarrow$  eigenvector for  $\lambda=2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , eigenvector for  $\lambda=3$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

\* Recall: eigen-decomposition

A diagonalizable matrix with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  & eigenvector  $\vec{u}$  can be written as:

$$M = A D A^{-1}, \text{ where } D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1n} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{n1} & u_{n2} & \cdots & u_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{...⑥}$$

matrix with eigenvectors as columns      ↓  
  inverse of A ( $AA^{-1}=I$ )      ↓  
  diagonal matrix with eigenvalues as entries

e.g. for  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\lambda = 2, 3$ ,  $\vec{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

• This is useful because:  $M^t = (ADA^{-1})^t = \underbrace{ADA^{-1} ADA^{-1} \dots ADA^{-1}}_{t \text{ times}} = AD^t A^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\pi}_t = M^t \vec{\pi}_0 = AD^t A^{-1} \vec{\pi}_0$$

general solution for linear recursive equations

$$D^t = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^t & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^t & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n^t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow D^t = \lambda_1^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & (\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1})^t & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & (\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1})^t \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with } \lambda_1 \text{ being dominant eigenvalue, } (\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1})^t \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \text{ is large}$$

$$\approx \lambda_1^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^t \approx \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \dots & u_{1n} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} & \dots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{n1} & u_{n2} & \dots & u_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \lambda_1^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1^t \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ u_{21} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{n1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^t A^{-1} \approx \lambda_1^t \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ u_{21} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{n1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & \dots & v_{1n} \\ v_{21} & \dots & v_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ v_{n1} & \dots & v_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1^t \begin{pmatrix} u_{11}v_{11} & u_{12}v_{12} & \dots & u_{1n}v_{1n} \\ u_{21}v_{11} & u_{22}v_{12} & \dots & u_{2n}v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{n1}v_{11} & u_{n2}v_{12} & \dots & u_{nn}v_{1n} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$\Rightarrow AD^t A^{-1} \vec{\pi}_0 \approx \lambda_1^t \begin{pmatrix} u_{11}(v_{11}\lambda_{1,0} + v_{12}\lambda_{2,0} + \dots + v_{1n}\lambda_{n,0}) \\ u_{21}(v_{11}\lambda_{1,0} + v_{12}\lambda_{2,0} + \dots + v_{1n}\lambda_{n,0}) \\ \vdots \\ u_{n1}(v_{11}\lambda_{1,0} + v_{12}\lambda_{2,0} + \dots + v_{1n}\lambda_{n,0}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow C, \text{ constant, some initial state}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\pi}_t \approx C \cdot \lambda_1^t \cdot \vec{\pi}_0 \quad \rightarrow \text{with long-term dynamics grow at a rate } \lambda_1, \text{ which is the dominant eigenvalue, reaching age distribution } \vec{U}$$

- For Leslie matrix, the long-term dynamics are determined by its dominant eigenvalue & associated eigenvector

$\lambda_1 \Rightarrow$  finite rate of increase (analogous to discrete exponential model)

$\vec{U}_0 \Rightarrow$  stable stage distribution

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total  $N = \sum \vec{U}_t$  is growing exponentially with  
a fix rate, but ratio between age classes are fixed

## ② Back to the Leslie matrix

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & f_3 \\ s_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ its characteristic equation: } \det \begin{pmatrix} f_1 - \lambda & f_2 & f_3 \\ s_1 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & s_2 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (f_1 - \lambda)\lambda^2 + 0 \cdot 0 \cdot f_2 + s_2 s_1 f_3 - 0(-\lambda) f_3 - 0 \cdot s_2 (f_1 - \lambda) - (-\lambda) s_1 f_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + f_1 \lambda^2 + s_1 f_2 \lambda + s_1 s_2 f_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - f_1 \lambda^{-1} - s_1 f_2 \lambda^{-2} - \underbrace{s_1 s_2 f_3 \lambda^{-3}}_{\substack{\text{survivalship} = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_m} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{define } \lambda_i = s_1 s_2 \times \dots s_{i-1} = \text{survival from birth to age } i \\ \text{with } \lambda_1 = 1}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 f_1 \lambda^{-3} + \lambda_2 f_2 \lambda^{-2} + \lambda_3 f_3 \lambda^{-1} = 1 \quad \dots \text{① characteristic equation}$$

in fact, the general characteristic equation for  $n$ -dimension Leslie is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f_i \lambda^{-i} = 1 \quad \dots \text{② Euler-Lotka equation}$$

use this function to find eigenvalue of Leslie matrix (trial-and-error)  
(numerical solver)

Moreover, the stable age distribution is  $\vec{U}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_2 \lambda^{-1} \\ \lambda_3 \lambda^{-2} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \lambda^{-(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \dots \text{③}$

$$\vec{U}_{1,n-1} \times S_{n-1} = \vec{U}_{1,n} \times \lambda \Rightarrow \vec{U}_{1,n} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \vec{U}_{1,n-1} \times S_{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot [\frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \vec{U}_{1,n-2} \times S_{n-2}] \times S_{n-1} = \vec{U}_{1,1} \times \lambda^n \lambda^{-(n-1)}$$

for  $\lambda > 1$ , Always a pyramid

• Properties of the eigenvalue of Leslie matrix:

« Descartes' rule of signs »

real

The maximum possible number of positive roots is determined by the number of times the polynomial coefficients change in sign

e.g.  $x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$  has at max 3 positive real roots

for Leslie,  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i f_i \lambda^{-i} \right) - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow$  Maximum one positive real root

« Perron - Frobenius theorem »

An irreducible non-negative matrix (almost all Leslie matrix) always has a real, positive eigenvalue. The absolute value of all other eigenvalues do not exceed that of this real-valued eigenvalue (i.e. it is the dominant eigenvalue).

Moreover, there is a corresponding eigenvector with positive coordinates

⇒ The  $\lambda_1$  &  $\vec{u}_1$  of Leslie is biologically interpretable!

② Stage-structured models

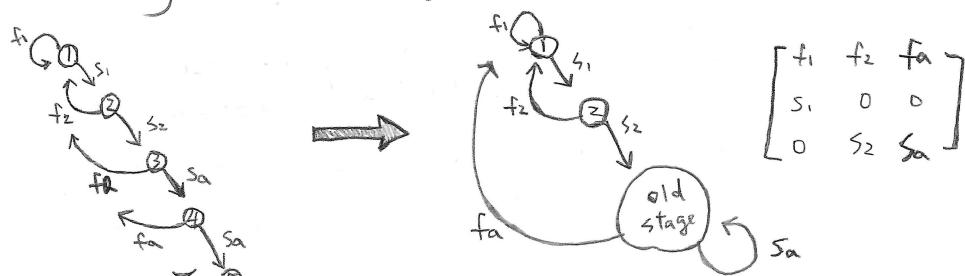
as long as CONSTANT parameters

Everything that we taught today also applies (i.e. eigenvalue & eigenvector)

1. How to deal with unknown age limit?

① assume very large Leslie matrix

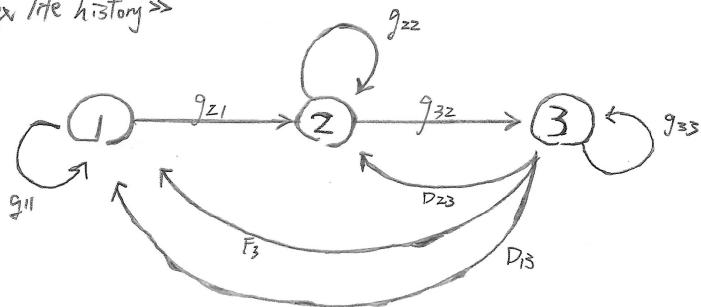
② age lumping into "Old adult stage" if old ages have identical  $S$  &  $F$



The eigenvalue is conserved

2. Use size or stage as classes

«Sponge life history»



«Lefkovitch matrix»

$$\begin{matrix} < \text{front} > \\ < t_0 > \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & 0 & F_3 + D_{13} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & D_{23} \\ 0 & g_{32} & g_{33} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{dominant eigenvalue} \\ \text{associated eigenvector} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

e.g.  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0 & 0.2 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$  get  $\lambda_1$  & eigenvector

$$\Rightarrow 10M's \text{ eigenvalue} = 10 \times M's \text{ eigenvalue}$$

$$\downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow -\lambda(3-\lambda)^2 + 16 + 16 - (-16\lambda) - 4(3-\lambda) - 4(3-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 - 15\lambda - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda-8)(\lambda+1)(\lambda+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M's \lambda = 0.1 \times 10M's \lambda$$

$$\downarrow \frac{0.8}{=} \stackrel{8 \vee -1 \vee -1}{=}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = 8 \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3a + 2b + 4c = 8a \\ 2a + 2c = 8b \\ 4a + 2b + 3c = 8c \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$