## 1 Generalised Transition Rate Equation

$$T^{j \to i} = \left( u_i r_{i-1} \frac{n_{i-1}}{N} + (1 - u_{i+1}) r_i \frac{n_i}{N} \right) \frac{n_j}{\bar{r}} \tag{1}$$

When setting up the system,  $u_0 = 0$  and  $u_{N+1} = 0$  must be defined in order to stop cells mutating past the maximum number of mutations.

 $\frac{n_j}{\bar{r}}$  is selected to die.  $u_i r_{i-1} \frac{n_{i-1}}{N}$  is selected to mutate and gain a mutation. I.e. a cell with one less mutation is birthed with a mutation.  $(1 - u_{i+1}) r_i \frac{n_i}{N}$  A  $n_i$  cell is born and doesn't obtain a mutation.

#### 1.1 Diffusion with Drift Derivation

Taking the large N limit.

$$\dot{x}_i = \frac{1}{N} \left[ \sum_j T^{j \to i} - T^{i \to j} \right]$$

Using the generalised transition rate equation:

$$\bar{r}\dot{x}_{i} = \sum_{j} u_{i}r_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_{j} - u_{j}r_{j-1}x_{j-1}x_{i} + x_{j}x_{i} \left[ (1 - u_{i+1})r_{i} - (1 - u_{j+1})r_{j} \right]$$

$$\alpha = u_{i}r_{i-1}$$

$$\beta = u_{j}r_{j-1}$$

$$\gamma = (1 - u_{i+1})r_{i} - (1 - u_{j+1})r_{j}$$

$$\bar{r}\dot{x}_{i} = \sum_{j} \alpha x_{j}x_{i-1} - \beta x_{j-1}x_{i} + \gamma x_{j}x_{i}$$

In a flat fitness and mutation landscape, away from the absorbing state  $u_i, r_i = 1 \forall i$ . From this  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 1, \gamma = 0, \bar{r} = 1$ .

$$\dot{\rho}_i = \sum_j \rho_j \rho_{i-1} - \rho_{j-1} \rho_i$$

We now want to expand this sum in order to simplify;

$$\begin{split} \dot{\rho}_i &= \rho_0 \rho_{i-1} + (\rho_1 \rho_{i-1} - \rho_0 \rho_i) + (\rho_2 \rho_{i-1} - \rho_1 \rho_i) + \ldots + (\rho_{N-1} \rho_{i-1} - \rho_{N-2} \rho_i) + (\rho_N \rho_{i-1} - \rho_{N-1} \rho_i) \\ &= \rho_0 (\rho_{i-1} - \rho_i) + \rho_1 (\rho_{i-1} - \rho_i) + \ldots + \rho_N \rho_{i-1} \\ &= \sum_k^{N-1} (\rho_{i-1} - \rho_i) \rho_k + \rho_N \rho_{i-1} \\ &= (\rho_{i-1} - \rho_i) (1 - \rho_N) + \rho_N \rho_{i-1} \\ &= \rho_{i-1} + (\rho_N - 1) \rho_i \\ \dot{\rho}_i &= \rho_{i-1} + (\rho_N - 1) \rho_i \end{split}$$

In the large mutation limit  $\rho_N \to 0$ .

$$\dot{\rho}_i = \rho_{i-1} - \rho_i \tag{2}$$

We might be breaking our previous assumptions, but for i=0:

$$\dot{\rho}_0 = 0 - \rho_0$$

$$\rho_0 = Ae^{-t}$$

$$A = 1$$

$$\rho_0 = e^{-t}$$

This gives us the first step in solving generally.

$$\dot{\rho}_1 = \rho_0 - \rho_1 \\ = e^{-t} - \rho_1 \\ \rho_1 = te^{-t} \\ \dot{\rho}_2 = \rho_1 - \rho_2 \\ \rho_2 = \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}t^2$$

From this we can see that the general solution for  $\rho_i$ ;

$$\rho_i = \frac{t^i}{i!} e^{-t} \tag{3}$$

# 2 Tobias' Model

Go from state n to n+1 with rate a+b. Go from state n to n-1 with rate a.

$$\dot{p_i} = -ap_i - (a+b)p_i + (a+b)p_{i-1} + ap_{i+1}$$
$$= -(2a+b)p_i + (a+b)p_{i-1} + ap_{i+1}$$

Lets start with a generating function:

$$\Phi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n p_n(t)$$

$$\dot{\Phi} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \dot{p}_n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \left( (a+b)p_{n-1} - (2a+b)p_n + ap_{n+1} \right)$$

$$= -(2a+b)\Phi + a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n p_{n+1} + (a+b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n p_{n-1}$$

$$= -(2a+b)\Phi + \frac{a}{z}\Phi + (a+b)z\Phi$$

Need to get a differential out of this equation though?

### 3 Our Cancer Model Version 2

$$\begin{split} \dot{x}_i &= \left(u_i r_{i-1} \frac{n_{i-1}}{N} + (1-u_{i+1}) \, r_i \frac{n_i}{N}\right) \frac{n_j}{\bar{r}} - \left(u_j r_{j-1} \frac{n_{j-1}}{N} + (1-u_{j+1}) \, r_j \frac{n_j}{N}\right) \frac{n_i}{\bar{r}} \\ \bar{r} \dot{x}_i &= \left(u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + (1-u_{i+1}) \, r_i x_i\right) x_j - \left(u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} + (1-u_{j+1}) \, r_j x_j\right) x_i \\ \bar{r} \dot{x}_0 &= \left((1-u_1) \, r_0 x_0\right) x_j - \left(u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} + (1-u_{j+1}) \, r_j x_j\right) x_0 \end{split}$$

## 4 Diffusion equation attempt

$$\bar{r}\dot{x}_{i} = \sum_{j \neq i} (u_{i}r_{i-1}x_{i-1} + (1 - u_{i+1}) r_{i}x_{i}) x_{j} - (u_{j}r_{j-1}x_{j-1} + (1 - u_{j+1}) r_{j}x_{j}) x_{i}$$

Following this explicitly can reproduce the equations in the Ashcroft paper. Now attempt to simplify it:

$$\begin{split} \bar{r}\dot{x}_i &= \sum_{j\neq i} \left(u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + (1-u_{i+1}) \, r_i x_i\right) x_j - \left(u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} + (1-u_{j+1}) \, r_j x_j\right) x_i \\ &= \left(u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + (1-u_{i+1}) \, r_i x_i\right) \sum_{j\neq i} x_j - x_i \sum_{j\neq i} \left(u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} + (1-u_{j+1}) \, r_j x_j\right) \\ &= \left(u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + (1-u_{i+1}) \, r_i x_i\right) (1-x_i) - x_i \left(\sum_{j\neq i} u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} + \sum_{j\neq i} (1-u_{j+1}) r_j x_j\right) \\ &= \left(u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + (1-u_{i+1}) \, r_i x_i\right) (1-x_i) - x_i \left(\sum_{j\neq i} u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} + \sum_{j\neq i} r_j x_j - \sum_{j\neq i} r_j x_j u_{j+1}\right) \\ &= \left(u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + (1-u_{i+1}) \, r_i x_i\right) (1-x_i) - x_i \left(\sum_{j\neq i} u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} + (\bar{r}-r_i x_i) - \sum_{j\neq i} r_j x_j u_{j+1}\right) \end{split}$$

$$\bar{u} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (0, u_1, ..., u_{N-1}, 0)$$

$$\sum_{j \neq i} u_j r_{j-1} x_{j-1} - \sum_{j \neq i} u_{j+1} r_j x_j = (\bar{u} - u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1}) - \sum_{m \neq i+1} u_m r_{j-1} x_{j-1}$$

$$= (\bar{u} - u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1}) - (\bar{u} - u_{i+1} r_i x_i)$$

$$= u_{i+1} r_i x_i - u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1}$$

$$\begin{split} \bar{r}\dot{x}_i &= \left(u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} + (1-u_{i+1})\,r_ix_i\right)(1-x_i) - x_i\left(u_{i+1}r_ix_i - u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} + (\bar{r}-r_ix_i)\right) \\ &= \left(u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}(1-x_i) + (1-u_{i+1})\,(1-x_i)r_ix_i\right) - \left(u_{i+1}r_ix_i^2 - u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i + x_i(\bar{r}-r_ix_i)\right) \\ &= \left(u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}(1-x_i) + (1-u_{i+1})\,(1-x_i)r_ix_i\right) - u_{i+1}r_ix_i^2 + u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i - x_i(\bar{r}-r_ix_i)\right) \\ &= \left(u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}(1-x_i) + (1-u_{i+1})\,(1-x_i)r_ix_i\right) - u_{i+1}r_ix_i^2 + u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i - x_i\bar{r} + r_ix_i^2 \\ &= \left(u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} - u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i + (1-u_{i+1})\,(1-x_i)r_ix_i\right) - u_{i+1}r_ix_i^2 + u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i - x_i\bar{r} + r_ix_i^2 \\ &= \left(u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} - u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i + (1-u_{i+1}-x_i + u_{i+1}x_i)\,r_ix_i\right) - u_{i+1}r_ix_i^2 + u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i - x_i\bar{r} + r_ix_i^2 \\ &= u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} - u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i + r_ix_i - r_ix_iu_{i+1} - r_ix_i^2 + r_ix_i^2u_{i+1} - u_{i+1}r_ix_i^2 + u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i - x_i\bar{r} + r_ix_i^2 \\ &= u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} - u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i + r_ix_i - r_ix_iu_{i+1} - r_ix_i^2 + u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i - x_i\bar{r} + r_ix_i^2 \\ &= u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} - u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i + r_ix_i - r_ix_iu_{i+1} - r_ix_i^2 + u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1}x_i - x_i\bar{r} + r_ix_i^2 \\ &= u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} + r_ix_i - r_ix_iu_{i+1} - x_i\bar{r} \\ &= u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} + r_ix_i - r_ix_iu_{i+1} - x_i\bar{r} \\ &= u_ir_{i-1}x_{i-1} + x_i\left(r_i\left(1-u_{i+1}\right) - \bar{r}\right) \end{split}$$

$$\bar{r}\dot{x}_i = u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + x_i \left( r_i \left( 1 - u_{i+1} \right) - \bar{r} \right) \tag{4}$$

This reproduces the Ashcroft results as expected. So we can proceed.

$$\bar{r}\dot{x}_0 = x_0 \left( r_0 \left( 1 - u_1 \right) - \bar{r} \right) \tag{5}$$

$$\bar{r}\dot{x}_i = u_i r_{i-1} x_{i-1} + x_i \left( r_i \left( 1 - u_{i+1} \right) - \bar{r} \right) \tag{6}$$

$$\bar{r}\dot{x}_{N} = u_{N}r_{N-1}x_{N-1} + x_{N}\left(r_{N} - \bar{r}\right) \tag{7}$$

Assume a constant r and u landscape and just sticking with the middle equation:

$$r\dot{\rho}_i = ur\rho_{i-1} + \rho_i(r(1-u) - r)$$
  
 $\dot{\rho}_i = u\rho_{i-1} + \rho_i(1-u) - \rho_i$   
 $= u(\rho_{i-1} - \rho_i)$ 

We then make the change of variables  $\rho_i \to \rho(t, x)$ .

$$\begin{split} \dot{\rho}(t,x) &= u \left( \rho(t,x-\Delta x) - \rho(t,x) \right) \\ &= u \left( \rho(t,x) - \Delta x \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2} - \rho(t,x) \right) \\ &= \frac{u \Delta x^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2} - u \Delta x \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \end{split}$$

This resembles the Fokker Plank Equation.

# 5 Solution of Master Equation with Poissonian

$$\dot{\rho}_0 = -u\rho_0$$

$$\rho_0 = Ae^{-ut}$$

$$A = 1$$

Then solve for  $\rho_1$ 

$$\dot{\rho}_1 = u(\rho_0 - \rho_1)$$

$$= u\left(e^{-ut} - \rho_1\right)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_1 + u\rho_1 = ue^{-ut}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(e^{ut}\rho\right) = u$$

$$\rho_1 = (ut)e^{-ut}$$

Doing a proof by induction and we arrive at the standard Poissonian;

$$\rho_n = \frac{(ut)^n}{n!} e^{-ut}$$

### Solution with Fourier

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{\tilde{u}\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \rho - \tilde{u} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rho$$
$$\tilde{u} = u\Delta x$$

$$\tilde{\rho} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rho\right) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_{xx} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \rho\right) e^{-ikx} dx$$

Proof of the differentials Fourier transformed;

$$\tilde{\rho}_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rho \right) e^{-ikx} dx$$
$$= \left[ \rho e^{-ikx} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + ik\tilde{\rho}$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_{xx} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \rho\right) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$= \left[\rho_x e^{-ikx}\right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + ik \int e^{-ikx} \rho_x dx$$

$$= \left[\rho_x e^{-ikx}\right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + ik \left(\left[\rho e^{-ikx}\right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + ik\tilde{\rho}\right)$$

$$= \left[\rho_x e^{-ikx}\right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + ik \left[\rho e^{-ikx}\right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - k^2 \tilde{\rho}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{\rho}} = -\frac{\tilde{u}\Delta x k^2}{2}\tilde{\rho} - ik\tilde{u}\tilde{\rho}$$

$$\tilde{\rho} = A\exp\left(-\tilde{u}k\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2} + i\right)t\right)$$

$$\tilde{\rho}(k,0) = A$$

$$\tilde{\rho}(k,0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(x,0)e^{-ikx}dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-x_0)e^{-ikx}dx$$

$$\tilde{\rho} = e^{-ikx_0} \exp\left(-\tilde{u}k\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2} + i\right)t\right) \tag{8}$$

Need to do the inverse Fourier transform to get back to concentration space.

$$\rho = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\tilde{u}k\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2} + i\right)t - ikx_0\right)e^{ikx}dk$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\Delta x\tilde{u}t}}\exp\left(-\frac{(\tilde{u}t - x + x_0)^2}{2\Delta x\tilde{u}t}\right)$$

This is the solution, which gives a Gaussian shape propagating.

#### 5.1 Sanity check with differentiation

$$\rho = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\Delta x \tilde{u}t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\tilde{u}t - x + x_0)^2}{2\Delta x \tilde{u}t}\right)$$

$$= \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\tilde{u}t - x + x_0)^2}{Bt}\right)$$

$$= \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\tilde{u}t)^2 + (x_0 - x)^2 + 2\tilde{u}t(x_0 - x)}{Bt}\right)$$

$$= \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} \exp\left(-\left[\frac{\tilde{u}^2t}{B} + \frac{(x_0 - x)^2}{Bt} + \frac{2\tilde{u}(x_0 - x)}{B}\right]\right)$$

$$= \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta} e^{-\gamma}$$

$$\partial_t \rho = \rho \left( -\frac{1}{2t} - \frac{\tilde{u}^2}{B} + \frac{(x_0 - x)^2}{Bt^2} \right)$$

$$\partial_x \rho = \rho \left( \frac{2(x_0 - x)}{Bt} + \frac{2\tilde{u}}{Bt} \right)$$

$$\partial_{xx} \rho = \rho \left( \left[ \frac{2(x_0 - x)}{Bt} + \frac{2\tilde{u}}{Bt} \right]^2 - \frac{2}{Bt} \right)$$

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{\tilde{u}\Delta x}{2} \partial_{xx} \rho - \tilde{u}\partial_x \rho$$

$$\begin{split} \left(-\frac{1}{2t} - \frac{\tilde{u}^2}{B} + \frac{(x_0 - x)^2}{Bt^2}\right) &= \frac{\tilde{u}\Delta x}{2} \left(\frac{2(x_0 - x)}{Bt} + \frac{2\tilde{u}}{Bt}\right) - \tilde{u} \left(\left[\frac{2(x_0 - x)}{Bt} + \frac{2\tilde{u}}{Bt}\right]^2 - \frac{2}{Bt}\right) \\ \left(-\frac{1}{2t} - \frac{\tilde{u}^2}{B} + \frac{(\tilde{x})^2}{Bt^2}\right) &= \frac{B}{4} \left(\frac{2(\tilde{x})}{Bt} + \frac{2\tilde{u}}{Bt}\right) - \tilde{u} \left(\left[\frac{2(\tilde{x})}{Bt} + \frac{2\tilde{u}}{Bt}\right]^2 - \frac{2}{Bt}\right) \\ \left(-\frac{1}{2t} - \frac{\tilde{u}^2}{B} + \frac{(\tilde{x})^2}{Bt^2}\right) &= \frac{1}{2t} (\tilde{x} + \tilde{u}) - \tilde{u} \left(\frac{4}{B^2t^2} (\tilde{x}^2 + \tilde{u}^2 + 2\tilde{u}\tilde{x}) - \frac{2}{Bt}\right) \end{split}$$

It doesn't work! something has gone wrong somewhere.

#### Constraints on the Solution

From the differentiation not working, can imply that this imposes some constraints on the constants.

The concentration must also also be conserved;

$$\int_0^\infty \rho(x,t)dx = 1 \quad \forall t \tag{9}$$

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{\tilde{u}\Delta x}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \rho - \tilde{u} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rho$$

From the Fourier analysis we assume a solution;

$$\rho = \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(At - (x - x_0)^2)}{Bt}\right) \tag{10}$$

Doing the integral thing

$$\frac{1}{2}C\sqrt{\pi B}\left(\operatorname{Erf}\left(\frac{x_0 + At}{\sqrt{B}\sqrt{t}}\right) + 1\right) = 1$$

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$C\sqrt{\pi B}\left(\operatorname{Erf}\left(\frac{A\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{B}}\right) + 1\right) = 2$$

The error function tends to 1 quickly, so even after a small amount of time, its reasonable to replace it with 1.

$$C\sqrt{B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \tag{11}$$