

# AI1110

## Assignment 11

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In the genetic model in (15-31), consider the possibility that prior to the formation of a new generation each gene can spontaneously mutate into a gene of the other kind with probabilities

$$P(A \rightarrow B) = \alpha (> 0) \text{ and}$$

$$P(B \rightarrow A) = \beta (> 0)$$

Thus for a system in state  $e_j$ , after mutation there are

$N_A = j(1 - \alpha) + (N - 1)\beta$  genes of type A and  $N_B = j\alpha + (N - 1)(1 - \beta)$  genes of type B.

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Hence the modified probabilities prior to forming a new generation are

$$p_j = \frac{N_A}{N} = \frac{j}{N}(1 - \alpha) + (1 - \frac{j}{N})\beta \text{ and}$$

$$q_j = \frac{N_B}{N} = \frac{1}{N}\alpha + (1 - \frac{j}{N})(1 - \beta)$$

for the A and B genes, respectively.

## Exercise 15.12

This gives

$$p_{jk} = \binom{N}{k} p_j^k q_j^{N-k} \text{ where } j, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$$

to be the modified transition probabilities for the Markov chain with mutation. Derive the steady state distribution for this model, and show that, unlike the models in (15-30) and (15-31), fixation to "the pure gene states" does not occur in this case.

# Solution

In this case, the chain is irreducible and aperiodic and there are no absorption states.

The steady state distribution  $\{u_k\}$  satisfies:

$$u_k = \sum_j u_j p_{jk} = \sum_{j=0}^N u_j \binom{N}{k} p_j^k q_j^{N-k}$$

So if  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$ , then "fixation to pure genes" does not occur.