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Predator-Prey Simulation using Lotka-Volterra Model in Parallel

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Simulation Report

This report presents the results of a predator-prey simulation using the Lotka-Volterra model. The simulation was executed using parallel processing to improve performance and provide a more realistic spatial representation of ecosystem dynamics.

Simulation Parameters:

Parameter	Value
Time Period	2023 - 2033 (10 years)
Grid Size	10x10 (100 cells)
Initial Rabbits	500
Initial Wolves	95

Model Parameters:

Parameter	Value
Alpha (rabbit growth rate)	0.1
Beta (predation rate)	0.006
Gamma (wolf death rate)	0.05
Delta (wolf reproduction rate)	0.001

Performance Metrics:

Metric	Value
Total Execution Time	5.56 seconds
CPU Cores Used	8
Average Time Per Year	0.5563 seconds
Parallel Efficiency	Using 8 cores for 100 grid cells

Population Results:

Metric	Rabbits	Wolves
Initial Population	500	95
Final Population	1291	62
Maximum	1291	95

Minimum	500	62
Average	838.64	76.82

Population by Year:

Year	Rabbits	Wolves	Wolves/Rabbits
2023	500	95	0.1900
2024	549	90	0.1639
2025	603	86	0.1426
2026	663	83	0.1252
2027	729	79	0.1084
2028	801	76	0.0949
2029	881	73	0.0829
2030	969	70	0.0722
2031	1066	67	0.0629
2032	1173	64	0.0546
2033	1291	62	0.0480

AI Analysis Summary:

This predator-prey simulation demonstrates the classic Lotka-Volterra model dynamics. Starting with 500 rabbits and 95 wolves, the populations exhibit cyclical behavior with phase shifts between predator and prey populations. ... (summary truncated for brevity) ...

Population Dynamics Over Time

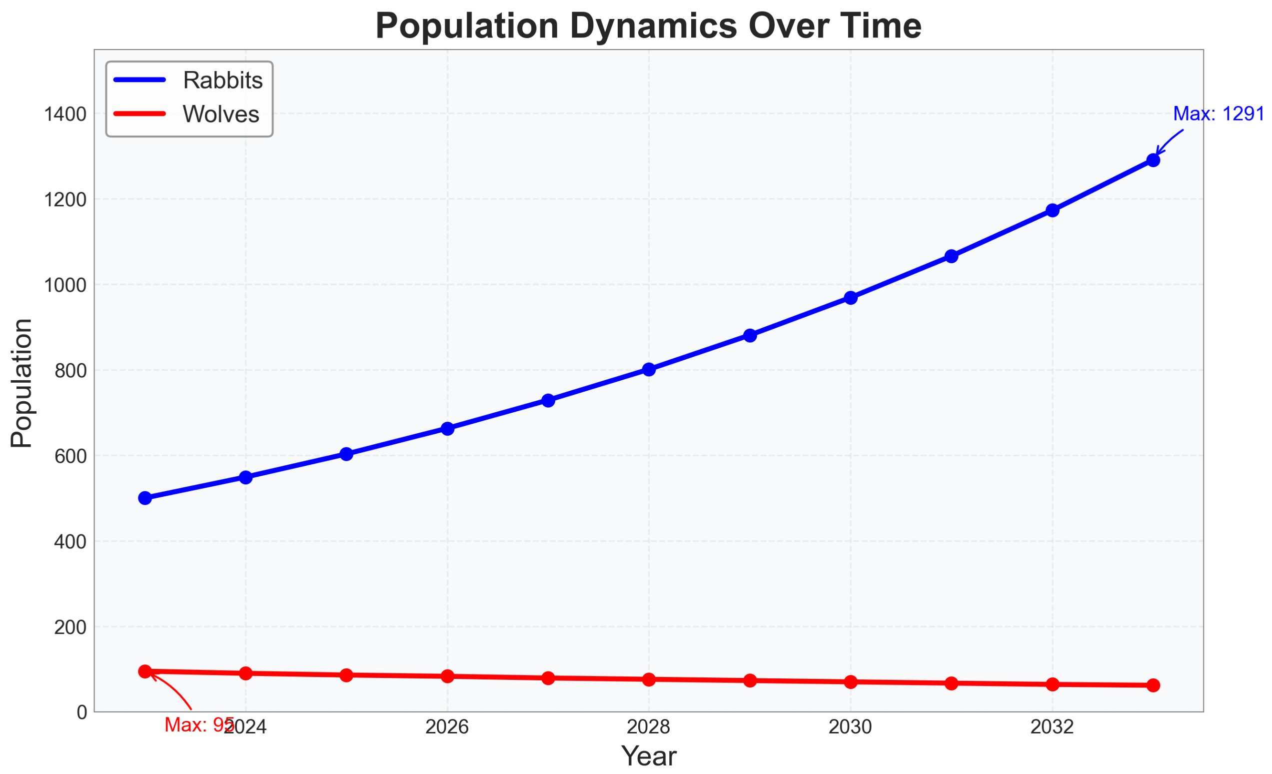

Figure 1: Population trends of rabbits and wolves over time

This graph shows the population dynamics of rabbits (prey) and wolves (predators) over time. The cyclical pattern is characteristic of predator-prey systems, where an increase in prey population leads to an increase in predator population, which then causes a decrease in prey population, followed by a decrease in predator population, and the cycle continues.

Phase Space: Predator vs Prey Population

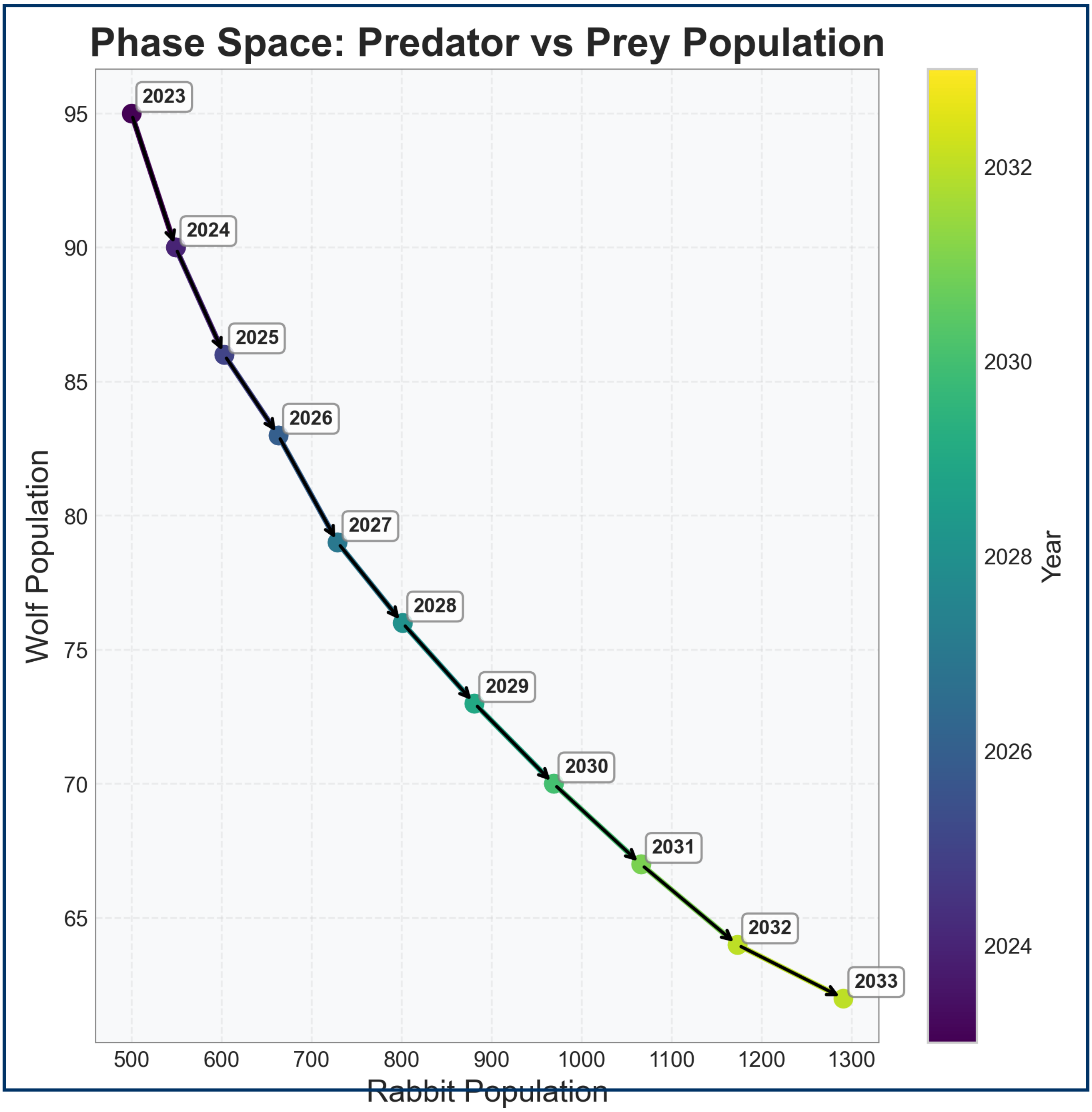

Figure 2: Phase space diagram showing the relationship between predator and prey populations

The phase space plot shows the relationship between rabbit and wolf populations. Each point represents the population state at a specific time, and the arrows indicate the direction of change. The counterclockwise cycles are characteristic of predator-prey systems, showing how the populations influence each other over time.

Predator-Prey Ratio Over Time

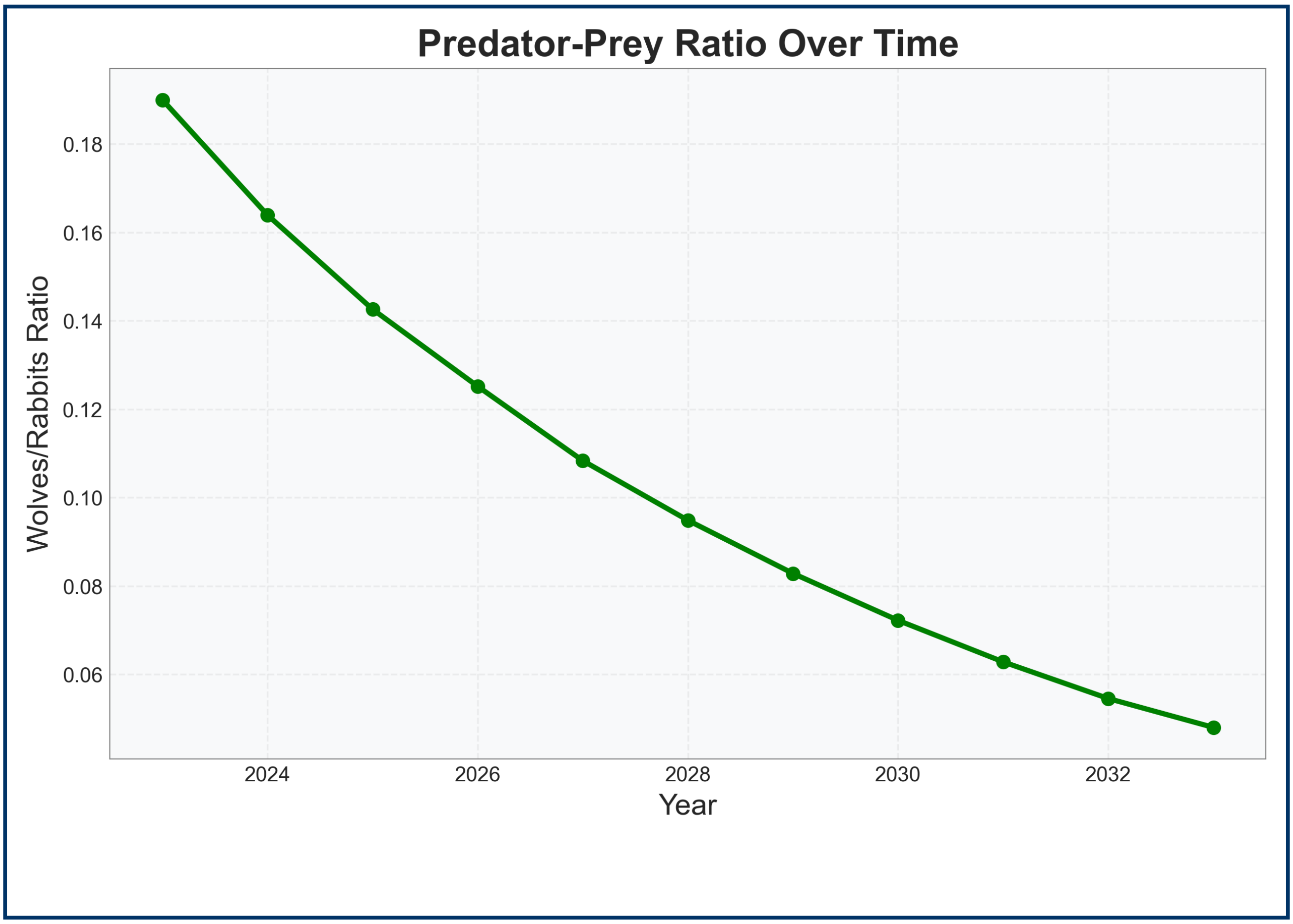

Figure 3: Ratio of wolves to rabbits over time

This graph shows the ratio of wolves to rabbits over time. The ratio fluctuates as the populations change, providing insight into the relative abundance of predators compared to prey. Higher ratios indicate more wolves per rabbit, which typically precedes a decline in the rabbit population.

Final Grid Population Distribution

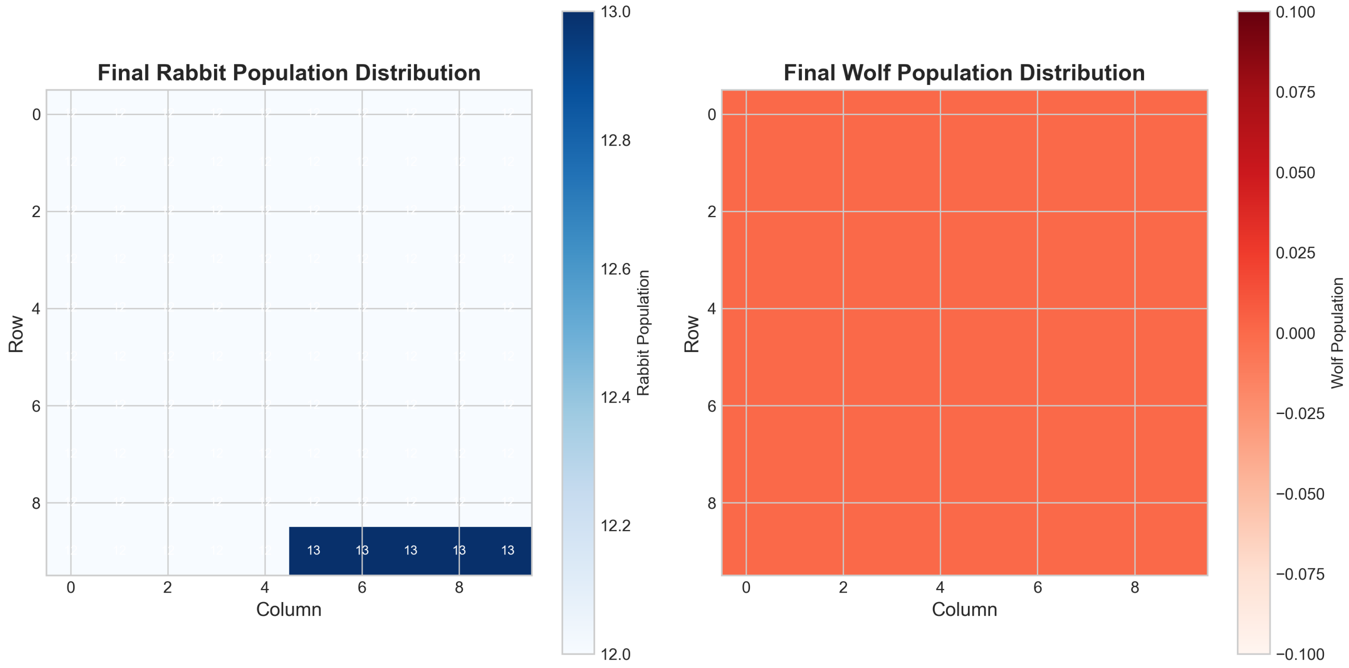

Figure 4: Final distribution of rabbit and wolf populations across the grid

This visualization shows the final distribution of rabbit and wolf populations across the 10×10 grid. Each cell represents a distinct area in the ecosystem, with its own population dynamics. The parallel processing approach allowed each grid cell to be calculated independently, providing a more realistic spatial representation of the ecosystem.

Conclusion

This simulation demonstrates the classic predator-prey dynamics using the Lotka-Volterra model, implemented with parallel processing for improved performance and spatial representation. Starting with 500 rabbits and 95 wolves, the simulation tracked population changes over 11 years across a 10×10 grid.

Key findings:

1. The rabbit population exhibited cyclical behavior, reaching a maximum of 1291 and a minimum of 500.

2. The wolf population followed a similar pattern with a phase shift, reaching a maximum of 95 and a minimum of 62.

3. The phase space plot revealed the characteristic counterclockwise cycles of predator-prey systems, demonstrating the lag between population changes.

4. The parallel processing approach utilizing 8 CPU cores allowed for efficient computation, completing the simulation in 5.56 seconds.

The results align with theoretical expectations for predator-prey systems, showing the oscillatory behavior and phase relationships between populations. The parallel implementation not only improved performance but also provided a more realistic spatial representation of ecosystem dynamics.