Playing with abundance and speciation

Birth-death-immigration model with speciation

We simulate a birth-death-immigration model (BDI) with speciation (BDIS) in a metapopulation setting. This is the set-up

- There are np number of local populations in the metapopulation
- There is a global source pool

Here are the biological process steps:

- 1. Birth, death, immigration, and speciation all happen indipendently and are determined by respective rates (see params below)
- 2. Speciation has 2 steps:
 - i. incipient speciation happens by turning one local population into an incipient new species
 - ii. if the incipient species lasts long enough it becomes a new species
- 3. Immigration between local communities and from the global source pool slows the progress toward speciation (technically if an incipient species has to wait τ time (in the absence of immigration) until it's a full species, each immigration event adds an increment to τ of ξ/n_i where ξ is a parameter we can set and n_i is the population size of the incipient species)
- 4. Once full speciation occurs the simulation is stopped; if the simulation reaches the maximum designated number of iterations (nstep) without full speciation, then the simulation stops anyway

Here are the parameters:

- λ (la): birth rate
- μ (mu): death rate
- γ (g): immigration rate from global source pool
- m_p (m_prop): proportional immigration rate between local populations; immigration rate $m=\gamma\times m_p$

- ν (nu): incipient speciation rate
- μ (tau): wait time to full speciation in the absence of immigration
- μ (xi): amount each immigrant sets back the progression toward speciation
- (np): number of local populations
- (nstep): number of iterations to run simulation for

And we can now actually run this thing and see what happens

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library(abundolism)

nrep <- 1000 # number of different parameter combos to look at

la = runif(nrep, 0.1, 10)

mu = runif(nrep, 0.1, 10)

g = la * runif(nrep, 0, 0.1)

m_prop = runif(nrep, 0, 0.1)

nu = runif(nrep, 0, 0.1)

tau = 10 / (la + mu + runif(nrep, 0, 1))

xi = rep(1, nrep)

np = 2

nstep = 10000

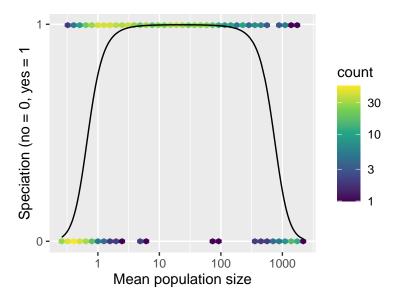
# `sim_BDI_spec` is the workhorse function

sim_dat <- sim_BDI_spec(la = la, mu = mu, g = g, m_prop = m_prop,

nu = nu, tau = tau, xi = xi, np = np,

nstep = nstep)</pre>
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Now we can plot the results and find out how abundance relates to speciation in this model



So we see there is a sweet spot of intermediate abundance where speciation is most likely to take place!