eco-evolutionary models

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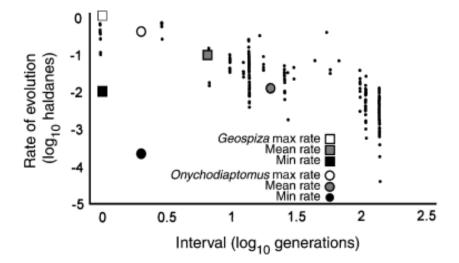
what are eco-evolutionary models?

- Slobodkin/Hutchinson: evolutionary theater, ecological play (i.e. ecological rates >> evolutionary rates)
- what if the rates are similar?
 - ecological dynamics (e.g. logistic equation)
 - evolutionary dynamics (changes in traits)
- alternatively, population genetics plus population dynamics

why aren't all models like this?

- eco/evo time scales are often different
- it's hard!
 - most population genetic models assume constant population size
 - most ecological models assume constant traits

(Ellner, Geber, and Hairston 2011)



(1 Haldane = change by a factor of 1 standard deviation/generation)

endpoints

- ecology only: e.g. Lotka-Volterra predator-prey or competition; Rosenzweig-MacArthur model . . .
- evolution (population genetics); e.g. see Lande, Lande and Arnold
 - ... (discrete-time matrix models)

how do we do it?

- range of realism/complexity
- individual or agent-based models
 - each individual has a genotype and a phenotype
 - rules for life history and interactions
- models for the distribution of a continuous trait
 - partial differential equations
 - reaction-diffusion equations
 - includes demography, mutation
- · moment equations
 - simplify PDEs to equations for the means and variances of traits, plus population densities
- Price equations:
 - further simplify to equations for the means of traits (assume constant variance)

individual-based models

- maximum detail, realism
- slow
- in R: try to be clever
- also: Python/Cython, C, NetLogo

distribution models

- write equations to follow the fractions of the population in each bin
- i.e. write out $dN(\alpha)/dt$ for $\alpha = 0.01, 0.02, ...$
- move between bins via *mutation kernel*, e.g. $m(-1+C\sum_{i\neq j}\exp(-((\alpha_i-\alpha_j)/\sigma^2)))$ where C is a *normalization constant*, i.e. make sure the sum is 1/ population is balanced
- boundary conditions!