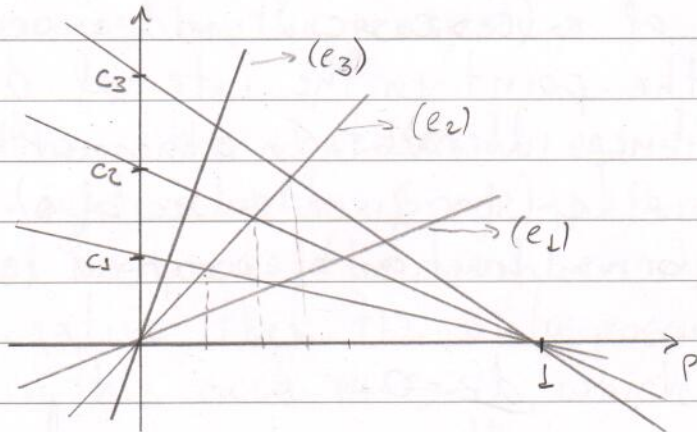


Maths 4bio - Tutorial 06

1. a) For $c > 0$ and $e > 0$, we have:



Since both c and e are positive constants, that means that the gain from colonization and the loss from extinction are increasing and decreasing functions of p , respectively. As two straight lines (1st-order degree polynomial) defined for the interval $0 \leq p \leq 1$, they will intersect for a given point p in this interval.

The intersection point p^* will be given by:

$$f(p^*) = g(p^*)$$

$$c(1-p^*) = ep^*$$

$$c - cp^* = ep^*$$

$$c = (c+e)p^*$$

$$p^* = \frac{c}{c+e} = \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{e}{c})}$$

When $f(p^*) = g(p^*)$, then $\frac{dp}{dt} = 0$. This means that p^* gives the equilibrium value for the fraction

of occupied islands in this model.

b) As seen from the graph in part (a), for a fixed value of e (say, for example, e_2), increasing the value of c ($c_3 > c_2 > c_1$) yield increasing values of p^* , the point in the interval $0 \leq p \leq 1$ where the two lines intersect. This means that the larger the value of c (for fixed values of e), the larger the equilibrium fraction of occupied islands.

$$2. a) \quad \frac{dS}{dt} = 0$$

$$S \left[b \left(\frac{1-S}{K} \right) - a \right] = 0$$

$S=0$ or \Downarrow

$$b \left(\frac{1-S}{K} \right) - a = 0$$

$$1 - \frac{S}{K} = \frac{a}{b}$$

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$$S = K \left(1 - \frac{a}{b} \right)$$

Thus the two possible equilibrium points are $S=0$ and $S = K \left(1 - \frac{a}{b} \right)$.

b) This statement by Valentine is explained by the analysis of the non-trivial equilibrium point $S = K \left(1 - \frac{a}{b} \right)$. With $a > 0$ (and also assuming $a < b$),

the factor $(1 - \frac{a}{b})$ always correspond to a value between 0 and 1. Therefore, the equilibrium value of S is always a fraction of K , the total number for species in the ecosystem.

c) If $a \geq b$, then the non-trivial equilibrium assumes a negative value. Since the biology of the model restricts the number of species to be non-negative, then the only possible equilibrium in this case is $S=0$, which means complete local extinction.

3. The slope of the tangent line will be given by the derivative of the function:

$$y = 1 - 3x^2 \Rightarrow y' = -6x^2$$

In order to be parallel to $y = -x$, the tangent needs a slope equal to -1 :

$$-6x^2 = -1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}$$

Thus, at points $x = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}$ and $x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}$, the tangent is parallel to the line $y = -x$.

4. As before, we have:

$$y = 2x^3 - 4x + 1 \Rightarrow y' = 6x^2 - 4$$

Also, the line

$$y - 2x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 2x + 1$$

has slope equal to 2. Thus:

$$6x^2 - 4 = 2$$

$$6x^2 = 6$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

Therefore, at points $x = -1$ and $x = 1$ the tangent is parallel to the line $y - 2x = 1$

5. a) $f'(x) = 2x(10x^3 + 9x - 2)$

b) $h'(s) = 12s(2s - 1)(4s^3 - 3s^2 + 4)$

c) $f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}(5x^2 - 1)}{2\sqrt{x}}$

d) $g'(t) = 8(9t^2 + 3t - 1)$

e) $f'(x) = -6x(15x^4 + 12x^2 - 8)$

f) $g'(x) = \frac{8x^3 - 12x^2 + 1}{(1-x)^2}$

$$g) h'(x) = \frac{-20x^8 + 18x^6 + 19x^4 - 9x^2}{(3x^3 - 5x^5)^2}$$

$$h) f'(t) = -\frac{2(t+3)}{(1+t)^3}$$

$$i) h'(s) = \frac{-2s^4 + 8s^3 - 33s^2 + 52s - 15}{(s^2 - 3)^3}$$

$$j) g'(s) = \frac{2(s^{2/7} - s^{1/2} - 1)}{7(1+s^{1/2})^2 s^{9/2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6. a) N'(t) &= \frac{0. \left\{ 1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt} \right\} - K \left[-r \left(\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right) e^{-rt} \right]}{\left\{ 1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt} \right\}^2} \\ &= \frac{Kr \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt}}{\left\{ 1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt} \right\}^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \text{ If } N(t) = \frac{K}{1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt}}, \text{ then:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} rN \left(1 - \frac{N}{K} \right) &= r \left\{ \frac{K}{1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt}} \right\} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt}} \right) \\ &= rK \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt}} \cdot \left(\frac{1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt} - 1}{1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt}} \right) \\ &= \frac{rK \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt}}{\left\{ 1 + \left[\left(\frac{K}{N_0} \right) - 1 \right] e^{-rt} \right\}^2} \\ &= N'(t) \end{aligned}$$

c) The per-capita growth rate is given by:

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt} = r \left(1 - \frac{N}{K} \right)$$

which is a 1st-order degree polynomial with slope $\left(-\frac{r}{K} \right)$. Therefore, as N increases, the per-capita growth rate decreases in a linear fashion.

As N stands for the population density, the decrease in per-capita growth with the increase in density is called density-dependent growth, which can be seen as a consequence of intra-specific competition.

7. a) $f'(x) = (1 + 2e^{2x}) \cos(e^{2x} + x)$

b) $h'(x) = 2 \exp[x^2 - 2 \cos(x)] (x + \sin(x))$

c) $f'(x) = \frac{1 + 4^x - 2^x(1 + x^2) \ln 2}{(1 + x 2^x)^2}$

d) $g'(t) = \frac{3}{(x-1)(1+2x) \ln 10}$

e) $f'(t) = \frac{\cos[\ln(3t)]}{t}$

f) $g'(x) = \tan(1-x)$

$$g) h'(x) = \frac{2x(1+\sqrt{1+x^2})}{\sqrt{x^2-1} \cdot \sqrt{1+x^2} (2+\sqrt{1+x^2})^2}$$

$$h) f'(t) = \frac{1-4t}{6(\sqrt[3]{t^2+\sqrt{1-t}})^2}$$

$$8. a) \frac{\partial f}{\partial N} = \frac{b^2 N(2+cN)T}{(1+cN+bT_h N^2)^2} \quad (\text{Note: we are always assuming non-negative } N, T, T_h)$$

We see that $\frac{\partial f}{\partial N} > 0$, for all values of N, T , and T_h .

Therefore, f is an increasing function of N . It follows that the number of prey attacked per predator always increases with the increase in prey density.

$$b) \frac{\partial f}{\partial T} = \frac{b^2 N^2}{1+cN+bT_h N^2}$$

Again, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial T} > 0$, for all values of N, T , and T_h .

Therefore, f is an increasing function of T , and the number of prey attacked per predator increases with the increase in available time for searching.

$$c) \frac{\partial f}{\partial T_h} = -\frac{b^3 N^4 T}{(1+cN+bT_h N^2)^2} < 0, \text{ for all } N, T, \text{ and } T_h$$

Therefore, f is a decreasing function of T_h , so the number of prey attacked per predator decreases with an increase in the handling time of each prey.