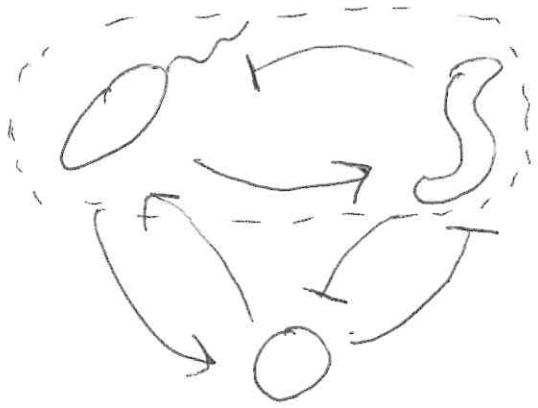


# L11: Generalized Lotka-Volterra

(1)



"Predator/Prey"

Generalized Lotka-Volterra (GLV) models species interactions w/ arbitrary number of species and types of interactions.

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = x_i \left( \underbrace{\mu_i}_{\text{Individual growth rates}} + \sum_{j=1}^n \underbrace{\alpha_{ij}}_{\text{Species interactions}} x_j \right)$$

What parameters give the special case of predator-prey dynamics?

$$n = 2, \quad \mu = ?, \quad \alpha = ?$$

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_1 (a + (-b)x_2)$$

$$\mu_i = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_2 ((-c) + d x_1)$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -b \\ d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

How many parameters does this model have as a function of  $n$ ?  $n^2 + n$ ,  $n = 12$   $(12^2 + 12) = 156$

Self Interactions:  $\alpha_{ii}$

(2)

monoculture growth:

if  $\alpha_{ii} = 0$  (Lotka-Volterra Predator Prey)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \mu x \quad \text{exponential growth}$$

if  $\alpha_{ii} < 0$  (Assumed in Venturelli et al. 2018)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(\mu - |\alpha| x)$$

Steady state:

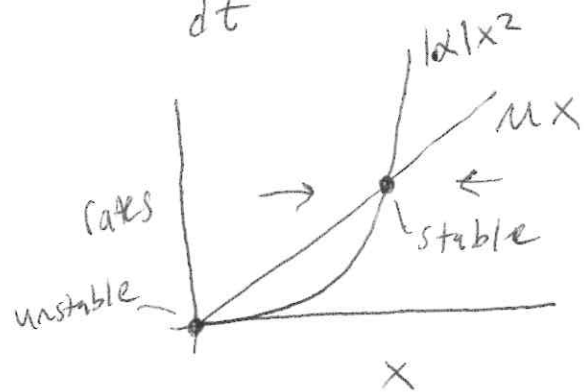
$$0 = x(\mu - |\alpha| x)$$

Steady-state  
monospecies  
abundance

$$x = 0, \quad x = \frac{\mu}{|\alpha|} = -\frac{\mu}{\alpha}$$

Stability:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \mu x - |\alpha| x^2$$



Logistic Equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = r x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right)$$

↑ growth  
rate

↑ carrying  
capacity

$$r = \mu$$

$$K = \frac{\mu}{|\alpha|}$$

