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Evolutionary Dynamics

Assignment #04s

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1.1 Allometric scaling

We know (from lecture and an article 'Some Dynamic Aspects of HSC') that a number of active HSC follows negative allometry (power law) to mass of mammal with scaling exponent 0.75.

$$N_{sc} \approx M^{0.75}$$

That means that to get to know the number of Active HSC in any mammal we just need to calibrate that power law by experimentally getting to know N_{sc} and M of any mammal. It was done for cats and humans, so for humans M=70 and $N_{SC}=385$, so

$$N_{sc} = N_{sc_0} \times M^{0.75}$$

 $385 = N_{sc_0} \times 70^{0.75}$
 $N_{sc_0} = 15.9088$

Now, we can estimate the number of active HSC in hamster (average M=100gm = 0.1 kg), so

$$N_{sc} = 15.9088 \times 0.1^{0.75} \approx 2.3$$

Same for blue whale (M =100 000 kg, http://www.marinemammalcenter.org), so

$$N_{sc} = 15.9088 \times 100000^{0.75} \approx 89461$$

The range of total number of HSC is the same for all mammals and approximately equal to 11000...22000, so it is the same for hamster and blue whale.

- 2.1 Hematopoietic multicompartment model
- 3.1 Treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia
- 4.1 One-dimensional Fokker-Planck equation
- 5.1 Diffusion approximation of the Moran process
- 6.1 Absorption time in the diffusion approximation