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Population Ecology

HW 5

1. Hastings Problems

a. 8.1

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8.1) a) We want to include a predation term which is the predator's predation rate as a function of # of predators.
As the # of predators ↑, reduces prey birth rate.

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = rH - bHP$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -kP + cHP$$

Prey $\frac{dH}{dt} = (rH - bHP)$ Predator $\frac{dP}{dt} = (cHP - kP)$

b) ① Solve for isocline

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow rH - bHP = 0$$

$$0 = H(r - bP)$$

$$0 = r - bP$$

$$-r = -bP$$

$$P^2 = \frac{r}{b}$$

$$P = \sqrt{\frac{r}{b}}$$

② Draw vectors for each isocline

The isoclines should depend on the # of predators if we add a term for predation increasing with increased # of predators.

c) $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0$

$$cHP - kP = 0$$

$$0 = cHP - kP$$

$$0 = cH - k$$

$$\frac{k}{c} = cH$$

The predator isocline starts at zero and curves upward toward b on P -axis, but not reaching it.

d) Determine signs of terms of Jacobian (community) matrix

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial H} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial P} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial H} & \frac{\partial g}{\partial P} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r - bP & -bH \\ cP & cH - k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta F / \Delta P = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + rk$$
 with solution $\lambda = \pm \sqrt{rk}$

Since we evaluated the isoclines at equilibrium by setting the equations equal to 0, we know that $\frac{dH}{dt} = 0$ but also $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0$.

- In ①, The rate of prey is less than 0 as is the rate of predator growth.
- In ② The rate of growth of prey is decreasing while rate of predator ↑.
- When ③, the rate of predator is less than 0 while prey is increasing.
- In ④, The prey growth rate is $\frac{dH}{dt} > 0$ and predator rate of growth is also positive.

e) Determine stability by looking at signs of determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -b \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

The trace is zero $a + d = 0 + 0 = 0$

② $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -b \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ The trace is zero $a + d = 0 + 0 = 0$

③ Determinant is positive. $0 + 0 = 0$

or conditions for stability are that $c + d < 0$

What these affect whether less than itself.

Our positive determinant suggests instability while the trace tells us eigenvalues must be imaginary. We cannot determine stability since it is a non-linear system.

* math.ksu.edu/math/240/math240.s06/m240class/systems.pdf

b. 8.3

8.1) f) In some ways, this makes sense. Because in the case of insects, if a tree has certain defenses like toxin release, the predators are kept in control and each individual has an individual effect on the tree, but at a certain threshold of predators, the effect that each individual predator has on the tree increases due not to its own feeding, but also that this feeding damage is increased by the sheer number of predators available.

8.3)
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rH \left[1 - \frac{H}{K}\right] - bHP$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = cHP - kP$$

 Add a term representing effect of predators on food source of mortality (density-dependent)

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = rH \left(1 - \frac{H}{K}\right) - bHP - mH$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = cHP - kP - mP$$

Adding another mortality term which seems to affect predators as well as the prey decreases the prey of the predators and also decreases predators. Thus, the prey are benefitting from the same food source, but less competition initially as prey is low and then the increased death rate of predators can bring it down to flourish.

4) No density dependence

a) Some of the prey are not experiencing predation

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = rH \left[1 - \frac{H}{K}\right] - bHP$$

modified
$$\frac{dH}{dt} = f(rH) + rH \left[1 - \frac{H}{K}\right] - bHP$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = f(rH) + rH - \frac{rH^2}{K} - bHP$$

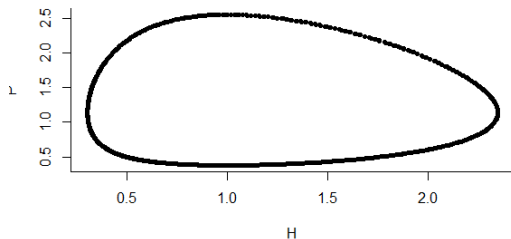
$$\frac{dH}{dt} = H \left(f(r) + r - \frac{rH}{K} - bP\right)$$

Refuges increase the stability of the models when applied to prey because these populations are less perturbed by the fluctuations in predator numbers. Gause though finds that the dynamics in ecological systems are less stable when looking at changes in predator behavior.

b) Fixed H of prey from predation plane.

Plugged the equation H into R showed a very similar plot except that prey is always reaching higher population peaks.

c. 8.4



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1 library(deSolve)
2 ## Function for pred-prey interaction
3 pred.prey <- function(t, y, p) {
4   H <- y[1]
5   P <- y[2]
6   with(as.list(p), {
7     dH.dt <- r * H - b * H * P + m * r * H
8     dP.dt <- c * H * P - k * P
9     return(list(c(dH.dt, dP.dt)))
10  })
11 }
12 ## Specify the parameters and initial conditions
13 p <- c('r' = 1,
14       'b' = 1,
15       'c' = 1,
16       'k' = 1,
17       'm' = 0.14)
18 y0 <- c('H' = 0.5, 'P' = 0.5)
19 t <- 1:1000
20
21 ## Simulate
22 sim <- ode(y = y0, times = t, func = pred.prey, parms = p, method = 'lsoda')
23 sim <- as.data.frame(sim)
24
25 ## Plot Time Series
26 plot(H ~ time, data = sim, type = 'l', col = 'darkgreen', bty = 'n', lwd = 2)
27 points(P ~ time, data = sim, type = 'l', col = 'purple', lty = 2, lwd = 2)
28
29 ## Plot Phase Space and Attractor
30 plot(P ~ H, data = sim, type = 'p', bty = 'n', pch = 20)
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