

Exercises 3

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Problem 1

a)

By the properties of the neutral Moran process, we know that the population size is constant and both A and B has the same of probability of reproduction and death.

Assumed that at time $t - 1$, the number of A in the population is $(X(t - 1) = i, t > 1)$.

The transition probability for individuals of allele A in the population: $P_{i,i-1} = P_{i,i+1} = p(1 - p), P_{i,i} = p^2 + (1 - p)^2, p = \frac{i}{N}$

$$E[X(t) | X(t - 1) = i] = i \cdot P_{i,i-1} + (i - 1) \cdot P_{i,i+1} + (i + 1) \cdot P_{i,i} = i = X(t - 1)$$

By law of total expectation, $E[X(t)] = E_{X(t-1)}[E_{X(t)}[X(t) | X(t - 1)]] = i$ and hence the stationary mean.

b)

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= Var[X(1) | X(0) = i] \\ &= E[X(1)^2 | X(0) = i] - (E[X(1) | X(0) = i])^2 \\ &= i^2 \cdot P_{i,i-1} + (i - 1)^2 \cdot P_{i,i+1} + (i + 1)^2 \cdot P_{i,i} - i^2 \\ &= -\frac{i}{N}(1 - \frac{i}{N}) \cdot i^2 + ((i + 1)^2 + (i - 1)^2) \cdot \frac{i}{N}(1 - \frac{i}{N}) \\ &= 2\frac{i}{N}(1 - \frac{i}{N}) \end{aligned}$$

$$Var[X(1) | X(0) = i] = 2\frac{i}{N}(1 - \frac{i}{N}), \forall t > 0.$$

By the law of total variance:

$$\begin{aligned} Var[X(t)] &= E_{X(t-1)}[Var_{X(t)}[X(t) | X(t - 1)]] + Var_{X(t-1)}[E_{X(t)}[X(t) | X(t - 1)]] \\ &= E_{X(t-1)}[2\frac{X(t-1)}{N}(1 - \frac{X(t-1)}{N})] + Var[X(t - 1)] \\ &= 2\frac{E_{X(t-1)}}{N}(1 - \frac{E_{X(t-1)}}{N}) - \frac{2}{N^2}Var[X(t - 1)] + Var[X(t - 1)] \\ &= 2\frac{E_{X(t-1)}}{N}(1 - \frac{E_{X(t-1)}}{N}) + (1 - \frac{2}{N^2})Var[X(t - 1)] \\ &= 2V_1 + (1 - \frac{2}{N^2})Var[X(t - 1)] \end{aligned}$$

if $X(0) = i$, we can rewrite the equation as

$$\begin{aligned} Var[X(t)] - \frac{V_1}{\frac{2}{N^2}} &= (1 - \frac{2}{N^2})(Var[X(t - 1)] - \frac{V_1}{\frac{2}{N^2}}) \\ &= (1 - \frac{2}{N^2})^{t-1}(V_1 - \frac{V_1}{\frac{2}{N^2}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We have } Var[X(t)] = V_1 \frac{1 - (1 - \frac{2}{N^2})^t}{\frac{2}{N^2}}.$$

c)

Given the expression of variance in b), we can show

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}[X(t)] &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 2 \frac{i}{N} \left(1 - \frac{i}{N}\right) \frac{1 - \left(1 - \frac{2}{N^2}\right)^t}{\frac{2}{N^2}} \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{2}{N^2}\right)^{t-1} \left(V_1 - \frac{V_1}{\frac{2}{N^2}}\right)\end{aligned}$$

d)

Problem 2

a)

We know from the problem above that the $X(t)$ is a Markov chain. We can also know that $X(t)$ will reach a stationary distribution thanks to ergodicity.

Let $y_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$, we have $x_j = \sum_{i=1}^j y_i$.

we also have: $x_i = P_{i,i-1}x_{i-1} + P_{i,i+1}x_{i+1} + (1 - P_{i,i+1} - P_{i,i-1})x_i$ by the stationary distribution.

This can be further simplified into: $\beta_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) = \alpha_i(x_{i+1} - x_i) \Rightarrow \beta_i y_i = \alpha_{i+1} y_{i+1}$.

Let $\gamma_i = \frac{\beta_i}{\alpha_i}$, we have $y_j = x_1 \cdot \frac{\beta_1}{\alpha_1} \dots \frac{\beta_{j-1}}{\alpha_{j-1}} = x_1 \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \gamma_k$

We have:

$$x_j = \sum_{i=1}^j y_i = x_1 + x_1 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \prod_{k=1}^i \gamma_k$$

Also by the fact that $x_N = 1$, $x_1 + x_1 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \prod_{k=1}^i \gamma_k = 1$, we can obtain that:

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \prod_{k=1}^i \gamma_k}$$

Combining all that above, yielding:

$$x_j = \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \prod_{k=1}^i \gamma_k}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \prod_{k=1}^i \gamma_k}$$

b)

From the subsection above, we can know that the fitness of A and B depends on the abundance of each type. Assuming that the A individual has a reproduce rate r times as the B individuals.

In this case $\gamma_i = \frac{1}{r}$ remain constant.

Therefore, the equation above can be written as $x_i = \frac{1 - r^{-i}}{1 - r^{-N}}$

In the case of $i = 1$, $x_1 = \frac{1 - r^{-1}}{1 - r^{-N}}$

The limit can be calculated

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - r^{-1}}{1 - r^{-N}} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \frac{-\log(r)}{Nr^{-N-1}} = 0$$