# The Ecological Effects of Trait Variation in a u-Predator, v-Prey System

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### Overview

- Motivation
- Proposed Model
- Results / Discussion

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- There is trait variation within species, which causes variation in fundametal model parameters
  - Relative strength of crab claw vs. gastropod shell [Saloniemi, 1993]
  - Incorporating trait variation provides richer dynamics than classical Lotka-Volterra models



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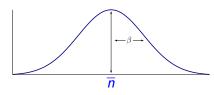
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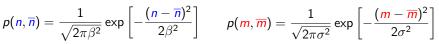
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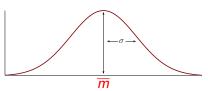
### Normally Distributed Trait Values

### Assume Prey and Predator have normally distributed trait values.

$$p(\underline{n}, \overline{\underline{n}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\underline{n} - \overline{\underline{n}})^2}{2\beta^2}\right]$$







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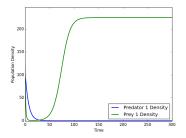
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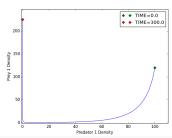
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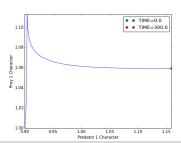
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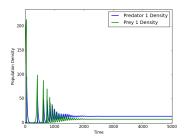
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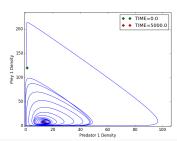


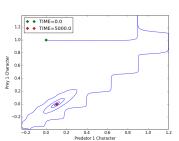


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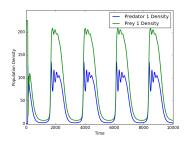


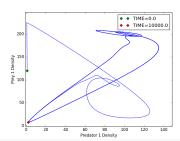


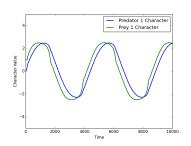
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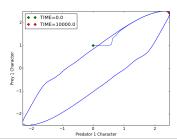
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### $1 \times 1$ - Stable Cycles (Red Queen Dynamics) [Kindrik, Kondrashov, 1994]











### Future Work

- ullet (1 imes 2) Two predator species in competition for one prey
- $(2 \times 1)$  Two prey species in apparent competition via one generalist predator
- $(2 \times 2)$  One specialist predator competing with one generalist predator for two prey
- (2 × 3) Two specialist predators competing with one generalist predator for two prey species
- $(u \times v)$  The General Ditrophic Expansion
- Intraguild Predation and General Multitrophic Expansion

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## Questions?



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- Predator experiences exponential decay in absence of prey

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- $\bullet ((\overline{m}^* \overline{n}^*) \theta)^2 < \sigma^2 + \beta^2 + \tau^2$

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**Necessary Condition for Local Asymptotic Stable Coexistence:** 

$$\bullet \ \frac{\sigma_G^2}{\beta_G^2} > \frac{\rho \gamma}{d\sqrt{B}} \left( 1 - \frac{d\sqrt{A}}{Ke\alpha\tau} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{A}{B} \right)$$

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$$Y_j(N_j, n_j, [M_i]_{i=1}^u, [m_i]_{i=1}^u) = r_j(n_j) \left(1 - \frac{N_j}{K_j}\right) - \sum_{i=1}^u M_i a_{ij}(n_j, m_i)$$

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#### Notation

$$[x_i]_{i=1}^u = x_1, \dots, x_u$$

### Prey Fitness

$$Y(N, n, M, m) = r(n) \left( 1 - \frac{N}{K} \right) - Ma(n, m)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$Y_{j}(N_{j}, n_{j}, [M_{i}]_{i=1}^{u}, [m_{i}]_{i=1}^{u}) = r_{j}(n_{j}) \left( 1 - \frac{N_{j}}{K_{i}} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{u} M_{i} a_{ij}(n_{j}, m_{i})$$

#### **Predator Fitness**

$$W(N, n, M, m) = eNa(n, m) - d$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$W_i([N_j]_{j=1}^{\nu}, [n_j]_{j=1}^{\nu}, M_i, m_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \left[ e_{ij} N_j a_{ij}(n_j, m_i) \right] - d_i$$

#### **Notation**

$$[x_i]_{i=1}^u = x_1, \dots, x_u$$

### Average Fitness

$$\begin{split} \overline{Y}_{j}(N_{j}, \overline{n_{j}}, [M_{i}]_{i=1}^{u}, [\overline{m_{i}}]_{i=1}^{u}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{u+1}} Y_{j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{u} \left[ p_{i}(m_{i}, \overline{m_{i}}) \right] \cdot p(n, \overline{n}) \prod_{i=1}^{u} \left[ dm_{i} \right] dn_{j} \\ &= \overline{r_{j}}(\overline{n_{j}}) \left( 1 - \frac{N_{j}}{K_{j}} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{u} M_{i} \overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{n_{j}}, \overline{m_{i}}) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \overline{W}_{i}(N_{j}, \overline{n_{j}}, [M_{i}]_{i=1}^{u}, [\overline{m_{i}}]_{i=1}^{u}) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{u+1}} W_{i} \cdot p_{i}(m_{i}, \overline{m_{i}}) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{v} \left[ p(n_{j}, \overline{n_{j}}) \right] dm_{i} \prod_{j=1}^{v} \left[ dn_{j} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{v} \left[ e_{ij} N_{j} \overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{n_{j}}, \overline{m_{i}}) \right] - d_{i} \end{split}$$

### The Complete $u \times v$ Model - (u Predator Species, v Prey Species)

### **Ecological Components**

$$\frac{dN_{j}}{dt} = N_{j}\overline{Y_{j}} = N_{j}\left[\overline{r_{j}}(\overline{n_{j}})\left(1 - \frac{N_{j}}{K_{j}}\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{u} M_{i}\overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{n}_{j}, \overline{m}_{i})\right]$$

$$\frac{dM_{i}}{dt} = M_{i}\overline{W_{i}} = M_{i}\left[\sum_{j=1}^{v}\left[e_{ij}N_{j}\overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{m}_{i}, \overline{n}_{j})\right] - d_{i}\right]$$

### **Evolutionary Components**

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\overline{n}_{j}}{dt} &= \beta_{Gj}^{2} \frac{\partial \overline{Y_{j}}}{\partial \overline{n}_{j}} = \beta_{Gj}^{2} \left[ \overline{r_{j}} (\overline{n_{j}}) \left( 1 - \frac{N_{j}}{K_{j}} \right) \frac{(\phi_{j} - \overline{n_{j}})}{\beta_{j}^{2} + \gamma_{j}^{2}} \right. \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{u} \left[ \frac{M_{i} (\theta_{ij} - (\overline{m_{i}} - \overline{n_{j}}))}{\sigma_{i}^{2} + \beta_{j}^{2} + \tau_{ij}^{2}} \overline{a}_{ij} (\overline{m_{i}}, \overline{n_{j}}) \right] \right] \\ \frac{d\overline{m}_{i}}{dt} &= \sigma_{Gi}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{v} \left[ \frac{e_{ij} N_{j} (\theta_{ij} - (\overline{m_{i}} - \overline{n_{j}}))}{\sigma_{i}^{2} + \beta_{i}^{2} + \tau_{ii}^{2}} \overline{a}_{ij} (\overline{m_{i}}, \overline{n_{j}}) \right] \end{split}$$

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