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

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Observations

- Predator/Prey interactions are prevalent in nature
  - Crab vs. gastropod
  - Protist vs. bacteria
- There is trait variation within species
  - Thickness of plant cuticula
  - Strength of gastropod shell
- Incorporating trait variation provides richer dynamics than classical Lotka-Volterra models

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Parameters

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- $n \equiv$ Prey Character (Trait Value)
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Parameters

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- $\theta \equiv$ Optimal trait *difference*
- $\tau \equiv$ Specialization Constant

Distribution Assumptions

- Trait values are **normally distributed** over the populations

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

Variables

- $N \equiv$ Prey Density
- $\overline{n} \equiv$ Mean Prey Character
- $M \equiv$ Predator Density
- $\overline{m} \equiv$ Mean Predator Character

Parameters

- $\beta^2 \equiv$ Prey Trait Variance
- $\sigma^2 \equiv$ Predator Trait Variance

Average Attack Rate

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a}(\bar{m},\bar{n}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{\infty}^{\infty} a(m,n)\cdot p(m,\bar{m})\cdot p(n,\bar{n})\,dm\,dn \\ &= \frac{\alpha\tau}{\sqrt{\sigma^2+\beta^2+\tau^2}}\exp\left[-\frac{(\bar{m}-\bar{n}-\theta)^2}{2(\sigma^2+\beta^2+\tau^2)}\right]\end{aligned}$$

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- $\alpha \equiv$ Maximum attack rate
- $\theta \equiv$ *Optimal trait difference*
- $\tau \equiv$ Specialization Constant

Fitness Assumptions

- Prey experiences logistic growth in absence of predator
- Predator experiences exponential decay in absence of prey

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

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

Variables

- $N \equiv$ Prey Density
- $n \equiv$ Prey Character
- $M \equiv$ Predator Density
- $m \equiv$ Predator Character

Parameters

- $r \equiv$ Intrinsic Prey Growth Rate
- $K \equiv$ Prey Carrying Capacity
- $d \equiv$ Predator Death Rate
- $e \equiv$ Efficiency

Average Fitness

$$\overline{Y}(\overline{m},\overline{n},M,N) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y(m,n,M,N)\cdot p(m,\overline{m})\cdot p(n,\overline{n})dmdn$$
$$= r\left(1-\frac{N}{K}\right) - M\overline{a}(\overline{m},\overline{n})$$

$$\overline{W}(\overline{m},\overline{n},N) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W(m,n,N)\cdot p(m,\overline{m})\cdot p(n,\overline{n})dmdn$$
$$= eN\overline{a}(\overline{m},\overline{n}) - d$$

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Ecological Components

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N \cdot \overline{Y}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}, M, N)$$
$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \cdot \overline{W}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}, N)$$

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Evolutionary Components

- The evolution of the mean character is always in the direction which increases the mean fitness in the population.

$$\frac{d\overline{n}}{dt} = \beta_G^2 \frac{\partial \overline{Y}}{\partial \overline{n}}$$

$$\frac{d\overline{m}}{dt} = \sigma_G^2 \frac{\partial \overline{W}}{\partial \overline{m}}$$

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- $M \equiv$ Predator Density
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Parameters

- $\beta_G^2 \equiv$ Prey genetic variance
- $\sigma_G^2 \equiv$ Predator genetic variance

The Complete 1×1 Model (One Predator Species, One Prey Species)

Ecological Components

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N \cdot \overline{Y}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}, M, N) \quad = \quad N\left[r\left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) - M\overline{a}(\overline{m}, \overline{n})\right]$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \cdot \overline{W}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}, N) \quad = \quad M\left[eN\overline{a}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}) - d\right]$$

Evolutionary Components

$$\frac{d\overline{n}}{dt} = \beta_G^2 \frac{\partial \overline{Y}}{\partial \overline{n}} = \beta_G^2 \frac{M(\theta + \overline{n} - \overline{m})}{\sigma^2 + \beta^2 + \tau^2} \overline{a}(\overline{m}, \overline{n})$$

$$\frac{d\overline{m}}{dt} = \sigma_G^2 \frac{\partial \overline{W}}{\partial \overline{m}} = \sigma_G^2 \frac{eN(\theta + \overline{n} - \overline{m})}{\sigma^2 + \beta^2 + \tau^2} \overline{a}(\overline{m}, \overline{n})$$

Prey Fitness

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

Predator Fitness

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

Prey Fitness

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

$$\downarrow$$

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

Predator Fitness

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

Notation

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

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Average Fitness

$$\overline{Y}_j([\overline{m}_i]_{i=1}^u, \overline{n}_j,\ [M_i]_{i=1}^u, N_j)$$

$$= \int\limits_{\mathbb{R}^{u+1}} Y_j \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{u} \left[p_i(m_i, \overline{m_i}) \right] \cdot p(n, \overline{n}) \prod_{i=1}^{u} \left[dm_i \right] dn_j$$

$$= r_j \left(1 - \frac{N_j}{K_j} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{u} M_i \overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{m}_i, \overline{n}_j)$$

$$\overline{W}_i(\overline{m}_i, [\overline{n}_j]_{j=1}^v, [N_j]_{j=1}^v)$$

$$= \int\limits_{\mathbb{R}^{u+1}} W_i \cdot p_i(m_i, \overline{m_i}) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{v} \left[p(n_j, \overline{n}_j) \right] dm_i \prod_{j=1}^{v} \left[dn_j \right]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{v} \left[e_{ij} N_j \overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{m}_i, \overline{n}_j) \right] - d_i$$

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

Ecological Components

$$\frac{dN_j}{dt} = N_j\overline{Y}_j = N_j\left[r_j\left(1 - \frac{N_j}{K_j}\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{u} M_i\overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{m}_i, \overline{n}_j)\right]$$

$$\frac{dM_i}{dt} = M_i\overline{W}_i = M_i\left[\sum_{j=1}^{v}\left[e_{ij}N_j\overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{m}_i, \overline{n}_j)\right] - d_i\right]$$

Evolutionary Components

$$\frac{d\overline{n}_j}{dt} = \beta_{jG}^2\frac{\partial\overline{Y}_j}{\partial\overline{n}_j} = \beta_{jG}^2\sum_{i=1}^{u}\left[\frac{M_i(\theta_{ij} + \overline{n_j} - \overline{m_i})}{\sigma_i^2 + \beta_j^2 + \tau_{ij}^2}\overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{m_i}, \overline{n_j})\right]$$

$$\frac{d\overline{m}_i}{dt} = \sigma_{iG}^2\frac{\partial\overline{W}_i}{\partial\overline{m}_i} = \sigma_{iG}^2\sum_{j=1}^{v}\left[\frac{e_{ij}N_j(\theta_{ij} + \overline{n_j} - \overline{m_i})}{\sigma_i^2 + \beta_j^2 + \tau_{ij}^2}\overline{a}_{ij}(\overline{m_i}, \overline{n_j})\right]$$

Equilibria

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N \cdot \overline{Y}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}, M, N) \qquad \frac{d\overline{n}}{dt} = \beta_G^2 \frac{\partial \overline{Y}}{\partial \overline{n}}$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \cdot \overline{W}(\overline{m}, \overline{n}, N) \qquad \frac{d\overline{m}}{dt} = \sigma_G^2 \frac{\partial \overline{W}}{\partial \overline{m}}$$

$$(N^*, M^*, \overline{n}^*, \overline{m}^*) = (0, 0, \_, \_)$$

Unstable

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