

Language Competition Dynamics

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Model Description



- 2 Dimensional Lattice-like Structure of N = L x L nodes.
- Each Node is connected to its first neighbors.

- Start By Assigning each node to a linguistic community randomly.

- We sample a random vertex. Then, we compute local densities σ to get the transition probabilities.
- We repeat this for N epochs.

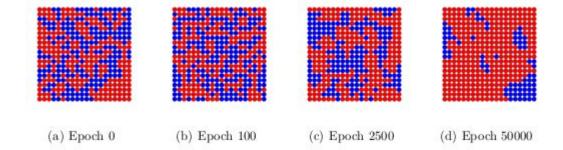
- Two models: Abrams-Strogatz model & Bilingual model.

Model Description Abrams-Strogatz model



$$p_{i,A->B} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_i^B$$
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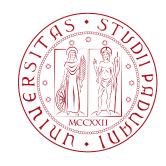
- Abrams-Strogatz model: A and B linguistic communities.
- Agents jump from A to B.



- Epochs go by -> Formation of linguistic community structure for A and B agents.

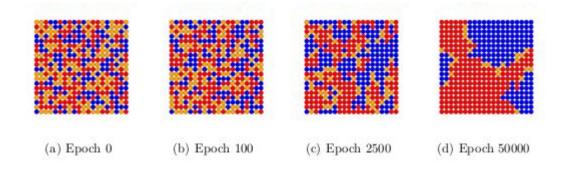
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Bilingual model



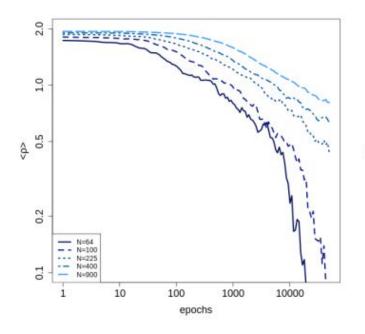
$$p_{i,A->AB} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_i^B$$
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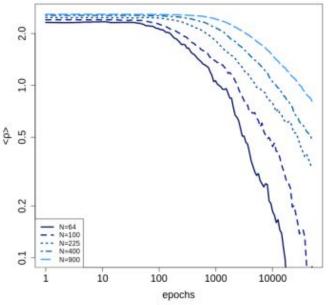
- Bilingual Model: AB bilingual agent.
- Bilingual agent acts as an in-between transition for the monolingual communities transition.



- AB agents do not form a linguistic community.

Model Analysis Number of Nodes N







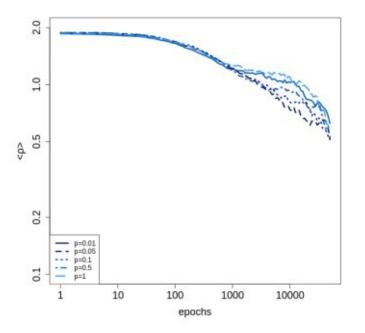
Number of Nodes (N)	γ Parameter	
	Abrams-	Bilingual
64	Strogatz 0.298	0.428
100	0.260	0.305
225	0.148	0.193
400	0.123	0.152
900	0.096	0.098

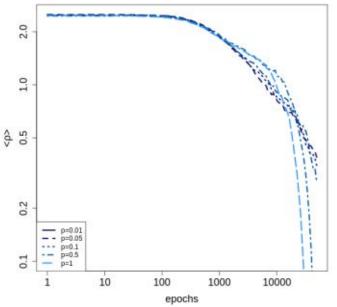
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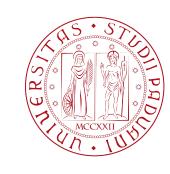
(a) Abrams-Strogatz

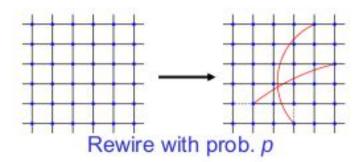
- (b) Bilingual
- ρ is the average interface density (average number of of links joining nodes in the network which are in different states).
- ρ decays as a power law respect to the number of epochs.

Model Analysis Small-World Topology





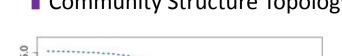


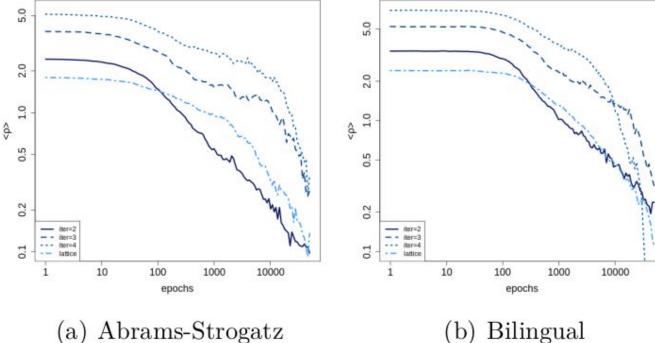


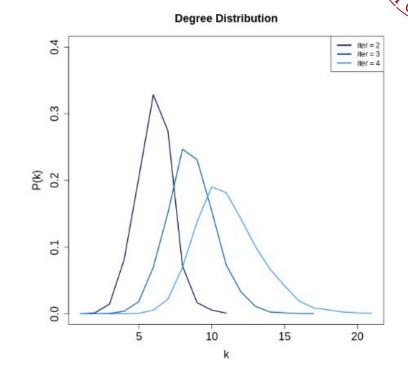
(a) Abrams-Strogatz

- (b) Bilingual
- Increasing p produces a fast extinction in the bilingual model.
- The effect of increasing p produces close to no change.

Model Analysis Community Structure Topology

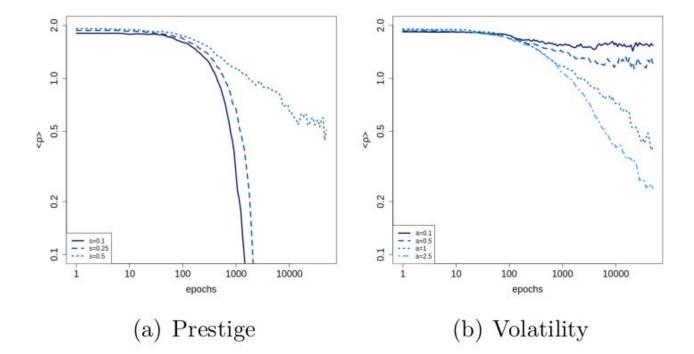






- Introduce a random attachment with a search for new contacts among the neighbors of those random edges. The process is repeated 2-4 times.
- Community structure seems to introduce resilience (slower convergence).

Model Analysis Prestige and Volatility





$$p_{i,A->B} = (1-s)(\sigma_i^B)^a$$
 $p_{i,B->A} = s(\sigma_i^A)^a$

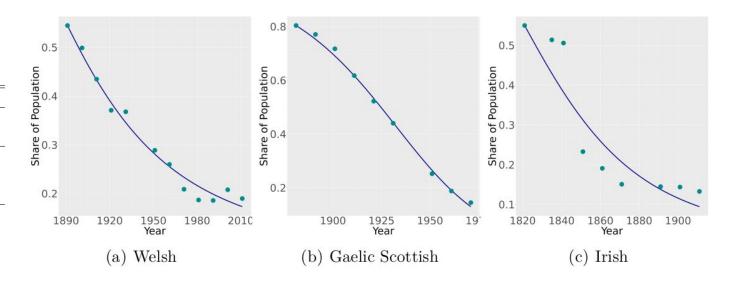
- Prestige (s): Status of the competing languages. 0.5 at equilibrium.
- Volatility: Ease at which languages change. 1 at equilibrium.

Dynamics of Language Death



$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \sigma_B p_{B->A} - \sigma_A p_{A->B}$$

Languages	Parameters	
	Prestige (s)	Volatility (a)
Welsh	0.453	1.245
Irish	0.898	1.274
Gaelic Scottish	0.296	0.950



- Fitted data that we gathered to the ODE to get the s and a values.
- Volatility, similar to the one found by the paper: 1.31 ± 0.25 .
- Prestige similar than paper: Welsh (0.43 to a computed result of 0.453), Gaelic (0.33 to 0.296).