

Supplemental materials: How environmental tracking shapes communities in stationary & non-stationary systems

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1 Model

1.1 Dimensional analysis

Table 1: Table of parameter values, their definitions and lightweight version of their dimensions (i.e., not yet deemed ‘grams’ or such).

Parameter	Definition	Unit
N_i	seedbank of species i	seeds
s_i	survival of species i	unitless
δ (peak biomass)	total length of growing season	days
B_i	biomass of species i	biomass
R	resource	resource
c_i	conversion of R uptake to biomass of species i	$\frac{\text{biomass}}{\text{resource}}$
m_i	maintenance costs of species i	days^{-1}
a_i	uptake increase as R increases for species i	days^{-1}
u_i	max uptake for species i	$\frac{(\text{days})(\text{biomass})}{\text{resource}}$
ϕ_i	conversion of biomass to seedbank for species, includes overwintering of seeds i	biomass^{-1} , but conceptually $\frac{\text{seeds}}{(\text{biomass})(\text{seeds})}$
ϵ	abiotic loss of R	days^{-1}
$g_{\max,i}$	max germination of species i	unitless
h_i	controls the the rate at which germination declines as τ_p deviates from optimum for species i	days^{-2}
g_i	germination fraction	unitless
τ_p	timing of pulse	days
τ_i	timing of max germination of species i	days
α_i	phenological tracking of species i	unitless
θ_i	shape of uptake for species i	unitless
b_i	seedling biomass of species i	$\frac{\text{biomass}}{\text{seeds}}$
$f_i(R)$	R uptake $f(x)$ for species i	$\frac{\text{resource}}{(\text{days})(\text{biomass})}$
d_i	death rate of species i , used in calculations of lifespan	unitless
t	between year time (formerly T)	years
$0 \rightarrow \delta$	within season time (formerly τ)	days
b_0	initial biomass per germinant (seed)	biomass
ξ	$\frac{\text{final biomass}}{\text{initial biomass}}$	unitless