

Policies & Logistics

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Office Hrs: Wed 10:00-11:00a CIWW 805

Thurs 2:30-3:30p CIWW 805

[or by appointment in office 907]

- Quizzes:
- end of recitation, 15 min
 - open book, but no electronic devices
 - usually, similar to HW, testing material up to and including Tues lecture
 - 10 pts each, 10 best quizzes
 - 25% of class grade

Recitation notes posted by following Tues, including soln to quiz

Discrete Models

a state or quantity q defined at individual moments in time

q_t = value of q at time $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

→ you can also think of t as an index, with a timestep Δt between t & $t+1$

Its evolution is described by a difference eqn

$$q_{t+1} = f(q_t)$$

Example

Every hour, the number N of fruit flies in my lab sink doubles.

Q What difference eqn describes this system?

$$N_{t+1} = 2N_t \quad t = 0, 1, 2, \text{ hours}$$

More generally, a simple growth model is

$$q_{t+1} = r q_t$$

Notice:

$$q_{t+1} = r(rq_{t-1}) = r^2 q_{t-1} = r^3 q_{t-2} = \dots$$

$$q_{t+1} = r^t q_0 \quad \text{initial condition}$$

Example

Logistic growth

$$\text{deer population} \rightarrow b_{t+1} = b_t \left[1 + R \left(1 - \frac{b_t}{K} \right) \right]$$

growth parameter
Assume $R = Y_2$
carrying capacity

Notice if $b_t = K$:

$$b_{t+1} = b_t \left[1 + R \left(1 - \frac{K}{K} \right) \right] = b_t \Rightarrow \text{no change in population}$$

If $b_t = 2K$:

$$b_{t+1} = b_t \left[1 + R \left(1 - 2 \right) \right] = b_t \left[1 - R \right] < b_t$$

\Rightarrow decrease in population

If $b_t = K/2$:

$$b_{t+1} = b_t \left[1 + R \left(1 - 0.5 \right) \right] = b_t \left[1 + R/2 \right] > b_t$$

\Rightarrow increase in population

"Carrying capacity" : defines a "cap" on population size, determined by environmental factors

[Q] What are some examples? ↗

\Rightarrow available food, water, land, etc

Units

$[N]$: number $[L]$: length $[T]$: time $[M]$: mass

Q) What are the units of R, k ?

$$b_{t+1} = b_t \left[1 + R \left(1 - \frac{b_t}{K} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow [N] = [N] \left(1 + R \left(1 - \frac{[N]}{K} \right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow R \left(1 - \frac{[N]}{K} \right) = \text{no units}$$

$R \sim \text{unit-less}$

$K \sim [N]$

Example

Mass concentration of chlorine in pool

$$C_{t+1} = \frac{C_t^2 H}{K} + Z C_t^3 \quad (\text{Suppose } H = 3 \text{ m}^{-1})$$

$$\begin{cases} [M]/[L]^3 \sim [M]^2/[L]^6 \times [L]^{-1} \times \frac{1}{K} \\ [M]/[L]^3 \sim Z \frac{[M]^3}{[L]^9} \end{cases}$$

can only add things of same units
 \Rightarrow both have units of concentration

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} K \sim [L]^{-4} [M]^1 \\ Z \sim [L]^6 [M]^{-2} \end{cases}$$

Non-dimensionalization

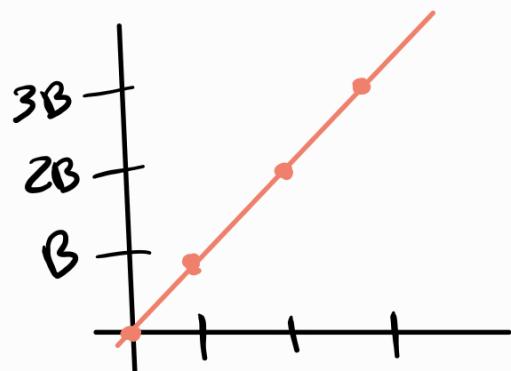
Often, we are interested more in dynamics than we are in scale of solutions

Example

Consider

$$\begin{cases} C_{t+1} = C_t + \beta \\ C_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Soln: } C_t = \beta t$$



\Rightarrow Shape / dynamics

do not depend on value of β

\leadsto only scale!

\Rightarrow non-dimensionalize: $C = \beta c$



\uparrow
with dimensions

\downarrow without dimensions

$$\beta c_{t+1} = \beta c_t + \beta \Rightarrow \boxed{c_{t+1} = c_t + 1}$$

Example

$$C_{t+1} = \frac{C_t^2 H}{K} + \varepsilon C_t^3 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} K \sim [L]^4 [M] \\ \varepsilon \sim [L]^6 [M]^{-2} \\ \sim [1/C_t^2] \end{array} \right.$$

\swarrow dominating term

$$C_t = (\varepsilon^{-1/2}) C_t$$

$\varepsilon^{-1/2}$

$$\varepsilon^{-1/2} C_{t+1} = \left(\varepsilon^{-1} H / K \right) C_t^2 + \varepsilon \times \varepsilon^{-3/2} C_t^3$$

$$C_{t+1} = \left(\frac{Z^{-1/2} H}{K} \right) C_t^2 + C_t^3$$

(check this)

has no dim

$$\frac{([L]^6 [M]^{-2})^{-1/2} [L]^{-1}}{[L]^{-4} [M]} = \frac{[L]^{-3} [M] [L]^{-1}}{[L]^{-4} [M]} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$C_{t+1} = h C_t^2 + C_t^3$$

$$\text{where } h = \frac{Z^{-1/2} H}{K}$$

Steady State

→ When the solution does not change with time

$$\Rightarrow q_{t+1} = q_t = q^* \leftarrow \text{Steady State}$$

Example

Consider a dimensionless equation

$$y_{t+1} = y_t \sin(y_t)$$

y^* steady-state defined by

note: if y_t had dimensions, this would not work!

$$y^* = y^* \sin(y^*) \Rightarrow y^* \text{ s.t. } \sin(y^*) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y^* = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi Z$$

Stability

We want to understand the behavior near Steady States

Consider a small perturbation ε_0 to q^*

\Rightarrow How does the perturbation evolve?

$$q_t = q^* + \varepsilon_t$$

Example

$$y_{k+1} = y_k \exp(r(1-y_k))$$

1) First, find Steady State:

$$y^* = y^* \exp(r(1-y^*))$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \exp(r(1-y^*)) \Rightarrow y^* = 1$$

2) Now, evolve a small perturbation from y^*

$$y_k = 1 + \varepsilon_k \Rightarrow 1 + \varepsilon_{k+1} = (1 + \varepsilon_k) \underbrace{\exp(-r\varepsilon_k)}$$

Recall: $\exp(x) \approx 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \varepsilon_{k+1} \approx (1 + \varepsilon_k)(1 - r\varepsilon_k) = 1 + \varepsilon_k - r\varepsilon_k - r\varepsilon_k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_{k+1} = (1-r)\varepsilon_k = \underbrace{(1-r)^k}_{\text{too small}} \varepsilon_0$$

$| -r | > 1 : \varepsilon_k$ grows
as $t \rightarrow \infty$, y_t diverges

Unstable

$| -r | < 1 : \varepsilon_k$ shrinks
as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $y_t \rightarrow y^*$

Stable

Example Suppose the mass of Goblins in your dungeon evolves like:

$$G_{t+1} = \frac{C}{B+G_t} + RG_t + L$$

[Q] What are the units of C, R, B ?

$R \sim$ no units, $B \sim [M]$, $C \sim [M]^2$, $L \sim [M]$

[Q] What is a "good" scale for G_t ?

options:

- $G = B g$ ← B and G_t have same units & L
- $G = L g$
- $G = \sqrt{C} g$
- $G = \frac{C}{B} g$ ← if $B \gg G_t$, first term $\approx C/B$

try this!

$$\frac{C}{B} g_{t+1} = \frac{C}{B + \frac{C}{B} g_t} + R \frac{C}{B} g_t + L$$

$$g_{t+1} = \frac{B}{B + \frac{C}{B} g_t} + g_t + \frac{BL}{C} = \frac{1}{1 + bg_t} + g_t + l$$

$$b = C/B^2 \quad l = BL/C$$



What are the Steady State(s) ?

$$g^* = \frac{1}{1+bg^*} + g^* + l \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+bg^*} = -l$$

$$\Rightarrow g^* = -\left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{bl}\right)$$



Is it Stable? ($g_t = g^* + \varepsilon_t$)

$$\cancel{-\frac{1}{b}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{bl}} + \varepsilon_{t+1} = \frac{1}{1+b(-1)\left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{bl}\right) + b\varepsilon_t} + \cancel{-\left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{bl}\right)} + \varepsilon_t + l$$

$$\varepsilon_{t+1} = \varepsilon_t + l + \frac{1}{b\varepsilon_t - \frac{1}{l}}$$

$$= \varepsilon_t + l - l\left(\frac{1}{1-b\varepsilon_t l}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} \approx 1+x+x^2$$

$$\approx \varepsilon_t + l - l(1+b\varepsilon_t l) = \varepsilon_t + l - l - bl^2\varepsilon_t$$

$$\underline{\varepsilon_{t+1} = (1-bl^2)\varepsilon_t}$$

→ stable if $|1-bl^2| < 1$

With dimensions:

$$\left|1 - \frac{C}{B^2} \cdot \frac{B^2 L^2}{C^2}\right| = \left|1 - \frac{L^2}{C}\right| < 1$$

Example

$$y_{t+1} = y_t \sin(y_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{consider } y^* = \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow y_t = \frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon_t \quad \begin{matrix} \text{perturbation} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon_{t+1} = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon_t \right) \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon_t \right) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{plug in} \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \approx 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_t^2}{2} + O(\varepsilon_t^4) \quad \text{for small } \varepsilon_t$$

$$\approx \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon_t \right) \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon_t^2}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \varepsilon_t - \frac{\pi \cdot \varepsilon_t^2}{4} - \frac{\varepsilon_t^3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_{t+1} = \varepsilon_t \quad \text{inconclusive!} \quad \begin{matrix} \varepsilon_t \\ \cancel{\frac{\pi \cdot \varepsilon_t^2}{4}} \\ \cancel{\frac{\varepsilon_t^3}{2}} \\ \text{Very small!} \end{matrix}$$

\rightsquigarrow perturbation, to first order, does not grow or shrink

$$M_{t+1} = R \frac{M_t}{M_t + A}$$

a) choose a scale for M and nondimensionalize

$$\underline{M = Am}$$

$$\underline{M = Rm}$$

$$Am_{t+1} = R \frac{Am_t}{Am_t + A}$$

$$Rm_{t+1} = R \frac{Rm_t}{Rm_t + A}$$

$$M_{t+1} = \frac{R}{A} \frac{m_t}{m_t + 1}$$

$= r$

$$M_{t+1} = \frac{m_t}{m_t + A/R}$$

$= a$

b) Find the Steady states of your
nondimensional eqn

$$m^* = r \frac{m^*}{m^* + 1}$$

$$m^* = \frac{m^*}{m^* + a}$$

$$\boxed{m^* = r - 1}$$

or

$$m^* = 0$$

$$\boxed{m^* = 1 - a}$$

or

$$m^* = 0$$

c) Assess the Stability for the Steady State
 $m^* = 0$, recalling the Taylor series

$$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + O(x^2)$$

Let $m = m^* + \varepsilon = \varepsilon$

Case 1

$$\varepsilon_{t+1} = r \frac{\varepsilon_t}{\varepsilon_t + 1} \approx r \varepsilon_t (1 - \varepsilon_t)$$

$$\varepsilon_{t+1} = r \varepsilon_t - r \varepsilon_t^2 \approx r \varepsilon_t$$

stable if $|r| < 1$ i.e. $|R/A| < 1$

Case 2

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{t+1} &= \frac{\varepsilon_t}{\varepsilon_t + a} = \frac{\varepsilon_t/a}{\varepsilon_t/a + 1} \approx \frac{\varepsilon_t}{a} \left(1 - \frac{\varepsilon_t}{a}\right) \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon_t}{a} - \left(\frac{\varepsilon_t}{a}\right)^2 \approx \varepsilon_t/a \end{aligned}$$

stable if $|a| < 1$ i.e. $|R/A| < 1$