

Influence of sexual reproduction on evolutionary dynamics in a heterogeneous environment

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A portrait of a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a light grey crewneck sweater and dark jeans. He is standing outdoors with his hands on his hips. In the background, there is a large red bridge structure and a multi-story building.

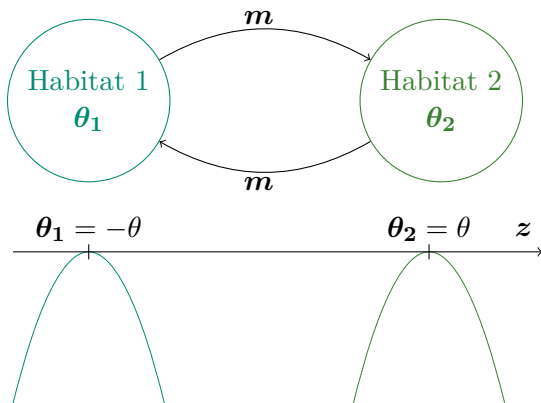


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Quantitative trait under stabilizing selection in a heterogeneous (and symmetric) environment



Motivation

RONCE et KIRKPATRICK 2001 :

- ◇ moment-based quantitative model, **unspecified mode of reproduction**,
- ◇ local trait distributions assumed to be normal, with a fixed variance,
- ◇ **numerical existence of bistable asymmetrical equilibria (source-sink)**.

MIRRAHIMI 2017 :

- ◇ mesoscopic model, **asexual** reproduction,
- ◇ possibility of bimodal distributions.
- ◇ **single stable symmetrical equilibrium** (either monomorphic or dimorphic).

Questions

- (i) Could a model with an explicit term of sexual reproduction explain the discrepancy between these two studies?
- (ii) Could it shed some lights on the domain of validity of the Gaussian assumption on local trait distributions?

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Mesosopic model in a symmetrical setting

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \overbrace{r_{\max} \mathcal{B}_{\sigma}(n_i)}^{\text{reproduction}} - \left(\overbrace{s(z - \theta_i)^2}^{\text{selection}} + \overbrace{\kappa \rho_i}^{\text{competition}} \right) n_i + \overbrace{m(n_j - n_i)}^{\text{migration}},$$

$n_i(z)$: trait density of subpopulation i .

ρ_i : size of subpopulation i .

$\mathcal{B}_{\sigma}$: sexual reproduction operator.

The infinitesimal model

FISHER 1919, BULMER 1971, LANGE 1978, BARTON,

ETHERIDGE et VÉBER 2017

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We can compute that :

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{B}_\sigma(n)(z) dz = \rho, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} z \mathcal{B}_\sigma(n)(z) dz = \int_{\mathbb{R}} z n(z) dz = \bar{z}.$$

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Idea

In regime of small variance, we can asymptotically close this system of moments.

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Rescaling

$$z := \frac{z}{\theta}, \quad n_{i,\varepsilon}(z) := n_i(z),$$

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We compute, for $z \in \mathbb{R}$:

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and $n_{i,\varepsilon}$ is Gaussian at first order, of mean z_i^* and variance ε^2 .

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Conclusion

In the regime of small variance, this model is equivalent to RONCE et KIRKPATRICK 2001.

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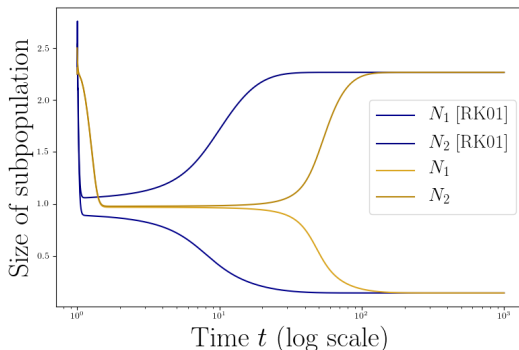


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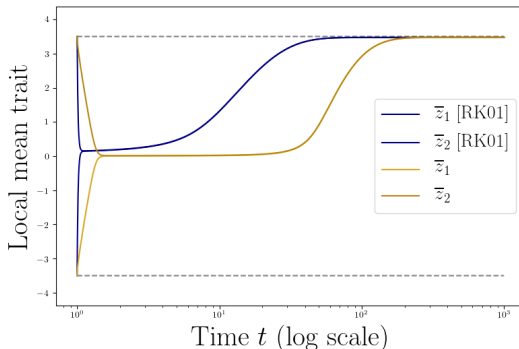


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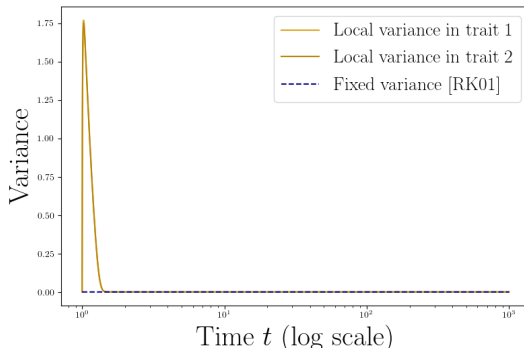


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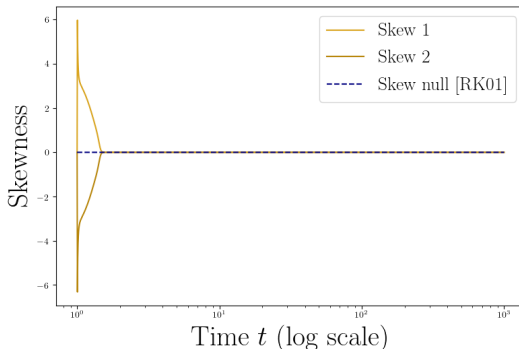


FIGURE – Dynamics of the local skewness

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Scaling to get a dimensionless system and scaling time

$$(S_\varepsilon) : \begin{cases} \varepsilon^2 \frac{d\rho_{\varepsilon,i}}{dt} = \rho_{\varepsilon,i} [1 - \rho_{\varepsilon,i} - s ((\bar{z}_{\varepsilon,i} - (-1)^i)^2 + \varepsilon^2)] + m(\rho_{\varepsilon,j} - \rho_{\varepsilon,i}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^4), \\ \varepsilon^2 \frac{d\bar{z}_{\varepsilon,i}}{dt} = 2\varepsilon^2 s ((-1)^i - \bar{z}_{\varepsilon,i}) + m \frac{\rho_{\varepsilon,j}}{\rho_{\varepsilon,i}} (\bar{z}_{\varepsilon,j} - \bar{z}_{\varepsilon,i}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^4). \end{cases}$$

Two different time scales : ecology and **evolution**.

Monomorphism in the small variance regime

$$\varepsilon^2 \frac{d(\bar{z}_{\varepsilon,1} - \bar{z}_{\varepsilon,2})}{dt} = - \underbrace{m \left[\frac{\rho_{\varepsilon,1}}{\rho_{\varepsilon,2}} + \frac{\rho_{\varepsilon,2}}{\rho_{\varepsilon,1}} \right]}_{\leq -2m} (\bar{z}_{\varepsilon,1} - \bar{z}_{\varepsilon,2}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2).$$

- ◇ Due to the mixing effect of **migration**, $\bar{z}_{\varepsilon,1}$ and $\bar{z}_{\varepsilon,2}$ relax **quickly** towards the same dominant trait z^* .
- ◇ z^* moves according to **slow dynamics** (driven by the **selection** term), which justifies the scaling of time.

Fast-slow analysis result *

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The first two equations define **the slow manifold** ($\subset (\mathbb{R}_+^*)^2 \times \mathbb{R}$) constituted by the fast equilibria. The slow variable's dynamics (last ODE) happen on that manifold.

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Algebraically :

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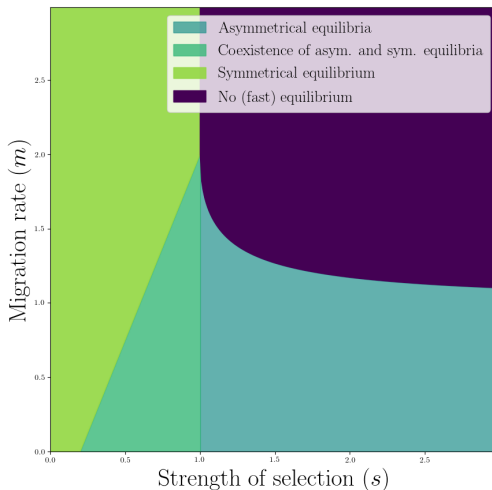
Results : equilibrium analysis

- ◇ If $s < 1$, there exists a unique symmetrical equilibrium :

$$z^* = 0, \quad \rho_1 = \rho_2 = 1 - s.$$

- ◇ If $[1 + 2m < 5s] \wedge [m^2 > 4s(m - 1)]$, then **there exists additionally a unique mirrored couple of asymmetrical equilibria.**
- ◇ Elsewhere, no (fast) equilibrium exists.

Results : equilibrium analysis (same with colors)



Stability

When $1 + 2m > s$, the slow manifold can be globally parametrized by z^* (slow variable) :

$$(S_0) \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \phi(z^*) \\ \frac{dz^*}{dt} = f(z^*) := 2s \left(\frac{\phi(z^*) - \phi(z^*)^{-1}}{\phi(z^*) + \phi(z^*)^{-1}} - z^* \right). \end{cases}$$

- ◇ **Both asymmetrical equilibria are locally stable upon existence.**
- ◇ The symmetrical equilibrium is locally stable if and only if the asymmetrical equilibria do not exist.

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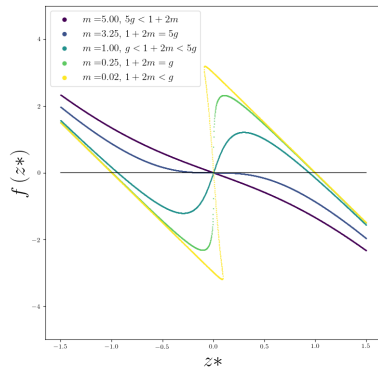
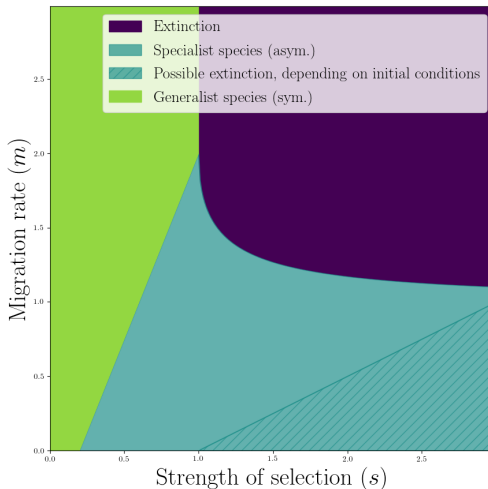
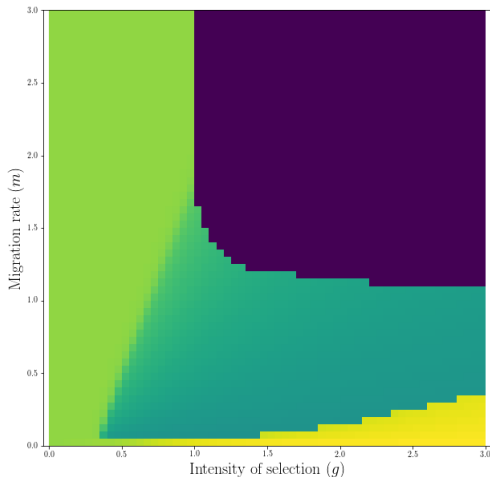


FIGURE – Stability reading ($s = 1.5, m \in \{0.02, 0.25, 1, 3.25, 5\}$)

Summary of the stationary states of the model



Numerical summary of the outcomes ($\varepsilon^2 = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$)



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- ◇ Other frameworks with sexual reproduction?



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