The dynamics of fitness under selection, and context-dependent mutation

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- Erosion of initial variance
- Epistasis



Fitness distribution dynamics with epistasis + standing variance generating function of the fitness distribution

Generating functions can prove handy:

R. Bürger (1991) : trait mutation Johnson (1999), Desai & Fisher (2011) : deleterious mutation Gerrish & Sniegowski (2012): mutation + short term Rattray & Shapiro (2001): biallelic locus + mutation + drift Good & Desai (2013): fitness-based , deleterious mutation + drift

Often: Infinite set of moment equations (but see Johnson 1999) No epistasis

<u>Fitness trajectories with epistasis</u>: *Kryazhimskiy (2009) Dwyer (2012), Good & Desai (2015)* Analytic progress = away from clonal interference regime

Definitions / Assumptions

Asexuals, multitype wright fisher diffusion (continuous time approx) m_i : malthusian fitness of genotype *i* (no frequency/density dependence) Mutation : poisson process at rate *U* per unit time per capita Distribution of Fitness Effects (DFE): $f(s|m_i)$ in background m_i

Cumulant Generating Function (CGF) :

 $C_t(z) = \log(\sum p_i(t)e^{z m_i})$ at time t ($z \in \mathbb{R}^+$ if m < 0)

Derivatives in z => cumulants moments: $C'_t(0) = \overline{m}_t$: mean fitness

Dynamics of C_t ?

Selection + drift

 $C_t(z) = \langle C_t(z) \rangle$: expected CGF over stochastic process: $\mathbf{p}(t) = \{p_i(t)\}_{i \in [1,K]} \in [0,1]^K \sim K$ —type Wright-Fisher diffusion e.g. apply Feynman-Kac Theorem:

$$\partial_t \mathcal{C}_t(z) = \mathcal{C}'_t(z) - \mathcal{C}'_t(0) - \frac{1 - \langle e^{\mathcal{C}_t(2z) - 2\mathcal{C}_t(z)} \rangle}{2N_e}$$

Selection (clonal interference) drift

See also Rattray & Shapiro (2001) Good & Desai (2013)

When can we neglect drift here ?



OK in models where the fittest class remains or quickly becomes substantial ($p_{max} \gg 1/N$) = fitness upper bound (optimum, purely deleterious before ratchet)

Not OK on unbounded fitness sets (travelling waves) or with Muller's ratchet (late effect)

Background-dependent Mutation

Mutation effects CGF: $C_s(z, m) = \log(\int e^{s z} f(s|m) ds)$

Assume: linear context-dependence: $C_s(z,m) \approx \omega(z)m + C_*(z)$ $C_*(z)$: CGF of DFE in background m = 0 (e.g. optimum) $\omega(z) = \partial_m C_s(z,m)|_{m=0}$: « context-dependence function »

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Small *m* approx when nearing a maximum fitness set at m = 0: => mutation – selection balance with diminishing returns epistasis

Exact at all times in some particular models:

- $\omega(z) = 0$: any non-epistatic model (finite moments)
- $\omega(z) = -z$: House Of Cards model (absolute effect independent of *m*)
- Fisher's geometrical model (quadratic trait- fitness function), see next

Closed approximate dynamics

$$\partial_t C_t(z) \approx C'_t(z) - C'_t(0) + U(\exp(C_*(z) + C_t(z + \omega(z)) - C_t(z)) - 1)$$
selection
Background-dependent mutation
 $C_0(z)$: initial condition (standing fitness variance)

Nonlinear nonlocal PDE can be solved (at least numerically) for given $C_*(z)$, $\omega(z)$, $C_0(z)$

Example : Fisher's model



Mutant cloud around background \boldsymbol{x}

- variance λ per trait (isotropy)
- dimension *n*
- Normally distributed $\mathbf{dx} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \lambda \mathbf{I}_n)$ (relaxed in some cases)

$$rac{l}{l} C_s(z,m) = \omega(z) m + C_*(z)$$

Martin (2014)

 $C_*(z) = -n/2 \log(1 + \lambda z)$: neg. gamma DFE at optimum

 $\omega(z) = -\lambda z^2/(1 + \lambda z)$: epistasis

fitness $e^{m(\mathbf{x})}$



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Example: at t = 0: a clone with fitness m_0 => expected mean fitness trajectory: $C'_t(0) = \langle \overline{m}_t \rangle$

• <u>Strong Selection Weak Mutation SSWM</u> ($U \ll s$)

 $\begin{bmatrix} \partial_t \langle \bar{m}_t \rangle = U \ e^{\langle \bar{m}_t \rangle \ \omega(t)} (\langle \bar{m}_t \rangle \ M_*(t) \omega'(t) + M_*'(t)) \\ \langle \bar{m}_0 \rangle = m_0 \end{bmatrix}$

: ODE easy to solve, fit etc.

• <u>Weak selection strong mutation WSSM</u> $(U \gg s)$ Leading order in $\lambda \Rightarrow$ analytic solution to linearized PDE $\Rightarrow \langle \overline{m}_t \rangle = C'_t(0)$

$$\langle \overline{m}_t \rangle - m_0 = -m_0 \tanh(\mu t)^2 - n/2 \mu \tanh(\mu t)$$

$$\mu = \sqrt{U \lambda}$$

Valid when $U \gg U_c = n^2 \lambda/4$



Strategies for empirical testing

Obvious quantitative test: high power to reject/compare models

- $\langle \overline{m}_t \rangle = f(U, n, \lambda, m_0, t)$ PDE + analytical approximations Fisher's model and House of cards
- 1. Fit trajectories of \overline{m}_t
- 2. Compare fitted parameters to direct estimates (U, n, λ)

challenge: precision/stability of estimates across environments/labs etc.

Heursitic test: Use WSSM approx trajectory

$$\langle \overline{m}_t \rangle - m_0 = -m_0 \tanh(\mu t)^2 - n/2 \mu \tanh(\mu t)$$

Expected cumulated improvement \propto initial fitness

1/ check linearity2/ predict regression coefficients (depend on time + mutational parameters)

NB: Linearity with m_0 seems to hold outside the WSSM approx (formal proof ?)



NB: rejects context indep. model (slope = 0) and unique optimum reached (slope = -1)



Initial fitness

Conclusions

Null models for experimental evolution

+ Classic methods to parameterize them from independent data

quantitatively test population genetics



Drift need not be modelled sometimes, even in asexuals and with clonal interf. => Prediction robust to drift parameters (birth death rates, in each geno etc.)

- Heuristic test uses WSSM which is not optimal here a priori (just orders) Accounting for drift sensitive regimes (bias + enveloppe around expectations)



some predictable patterns overlooked in experimental evolution (e.g. standing variance) Extensions: e.g. coupling with rescue dynamics, Yoann Anciaux, poster 1





sequences data / coalescent: fitness distribution with predictable shape/scale/variance over time. Implement into MMC Coalescents ?

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House of Cards Model

 $C_*(z)$: arbitrary

(here gamma DFE)

 $\omega(z) = -z$





$$N = 10^4$$
, $U = 500\lambda$, $\theta = 4$, $s_0 = \lambda$, $\lambda = 0.005$





$$N = 10^5$$
, $U = 200\lambda$, $\theta = 4$, $s_0 = 2.5\lambda$, $\lambda = 0.005$





 $N = 10^5, U = 200\lambda, \theta = 4, s_0 = 3\lambda, \lambda = 0.01$

