Who laughs last? perturbation theory of games

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games in phenotype space
perturbation method: two key aspects
further examples, general results

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What is the question?

Two strategies: A and B: Which one is better?



B

Or: Which outnumbers the other in the long run? with two way mutation *u* (who laughs last?)



Evolution in phenotype space



Moran 75

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disperse or condense ?









 $\begin{array}{l} \mu = 2Nu \\ r = 2N\beta \end{array}$



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$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{when playing against} \\ \textbf{Payoff} = & 1 + \delta & \times & \text{payoff of} & \textbf{A} & \textbf{B} \\ \hline a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ \hline \langle x \rangle > & \frac{1}{2} \iff \langle \Delta x^{\mathrm{sel}} \rangle > 0 \end{array}$$

- x frequency of A
- δ selection strength
- u mutation probability

Easy perturbation method for small δ

$$\begin{split} \langle \Delta x \rangle &= \sum \Delta x_i \, \pi_i & \Delta x_i = 0 + \delta \Delta x_i^{(1)} \\ \pi_i &= \pi_i^{(0)} + \delta \pi_i^{(1)} \\ \end{split} \\ \end{split} \\ \end{split} \\ \begin{cases} \langle \Delta x \rangle &= \delta \sum \Delta x_i^{(1)} \, \pi_i^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\delta^2) \\ \end{array} \\ \end{split}$$

neutral probabilities only !



One parameter to rule them all

A wins iff $\sigma a + b > c + \sigma d$ single parameter for all structures

phenotype game $\sigma = 1 + \sqrt{3}$

classical well mixed $\sigma = 1$ a + b > c + d (risk dominance)

or
$$\sigma = 1 - 2/N$$

payoff of $\begin{bmatrix} A & a \\ B & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

when playing against

Α

В

more strategies on structure?Wage, Tarnita '10# strategies# parameters2I ≥ 3 2

Relations to relatedness

A wins iff
$$\frac{b}{c} > \frac{1}{R}$$
 (Hamilton's rule)

same size islands

$$R = \frac{\Pr(S_k = S_q | X_k = X_q) - \Pr(S_k = S_q)}{1 - \Pr(S_k = S_q)}$$

fluctuating size islands,
phenotype walk

$$\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^* = \frac{z-h}{g-h} \qquad R = \frac{\Pr(S_k = S_q \mid X_k = X_q) - \Pr(S_l = S_k \mid X_k = X_q)}{1 - \Pr(S_l = S_k \mid X_k = X_q)}$$
TA '09, Taylor '10

more general structures

is there always a relatedness interpretation of the general formulas?



general method to study weak selection

TA, Ohtsuki, Wakeley, Taylor, Nowak, PNAS '09

some papers can be found on my website

thanks