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Stochastic delay Lotka–Volterra system to interacting population dynamics

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1. Predator–prey models

- ▶ General system with 2 interacting populations

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = x_1(t)(b_1(.) - d_1(.)),$$

$$\frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = x_2(t)(b_2(.) - d_2(.)).$$

where $(.) \equiv (x_1, x_2)$

- ▶ Standard subclass LV model

$$LV: b_1(.) = b_1, d_1(.) = c_1 x_2, b_2(.) = c_2 x_1, d_2(.) = d_2.$$

- ➡ Nonzero SS equilibrium at point $(d_2/c_2, b_1/c_1)$ and solutions form closed curves in the (x_1, x_2) -plane to the SS equilibrium.

1. Predator-prey model (continued 1)

- ▶ Variant of the LV model with logistic growth

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = x_1(t) \left(\max\left\{ \frac{a_1(k_1 - x_1)}{k_1}, 0 \right\} - c_1 x_2 \right),$$
$$b_1(\cdot) \rightarrow \frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = x_2(t)(c_2 x_1 - d_2).$$

➡ Nonzero SS equilibrium at point $(d_2/c_2, (a_1 c_2 k_1 - a_1 d_2)/c_1 c_2 k_1)$ and solutions spiral in the (x_1, x_2) -plane to the SS equilibrium.

- ▶ Generalized LV model to n -species

$$\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = x_i(t) \left(a_i + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} x_j(t) \right), i = 1, \dots, n$$

1. Predator–prey model (continued 2)

▶ Environmental variability

- ▶ One possible way to model is to introduce additional arguments into the $b(\cdot)$'s per capita birth rate functions, as into the $d(\cdot)$'s per capita death rate functions.

▶ Stochastic LV model

$$dx_1 = x_1(b_1(\cdot) - d_1(\cdot))dt + \sqrt{x_1(b_1(\cdot) + d_1(\cdot))}dW_1(t),$$

$$dx_2 = x_2(b_2(\cdot) - d_2(\cdot))dt + \sqrt{x_2(b_2(\cdot) + d_2(\cdot))}dW_2(t).$$

- ▶ The mean persistence–time of the system (i.e. the expected time it takes for the size of a population to reach zero) can be estimated through a numerical solution or by solving the backward Kolmogorov equation.

2. Delay L–V system

- ▶ An autonomous competitive or cooperative LV model with delays is of the form

$$\frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = x_i(t) \left(b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j(t) - \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} x_j(t - \tau_{ij}) \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- ▶ The permanence supposes a positive solution to the system

$$b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j - \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} x_j = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

2. Delay L–V system (continued 1)

- ▶ Time delays in biological systems are a source of nonstationary problems (periodic oscillations, instabilities). The loss of stability intervenes at a certain threshold.
- ▶ However, time delays can enhance stability; short delays can also stabilize unstable dynamical systems.

2. Delay L–V system (continued 2)

- ▶ **Example:** Let an 2 species LV model with 2 delays. The biomass of the predator (or parasite) and prey (or host) are $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ respectively. The system is

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = x_1(t)(-1 + x_2(t - \tau_2))$$

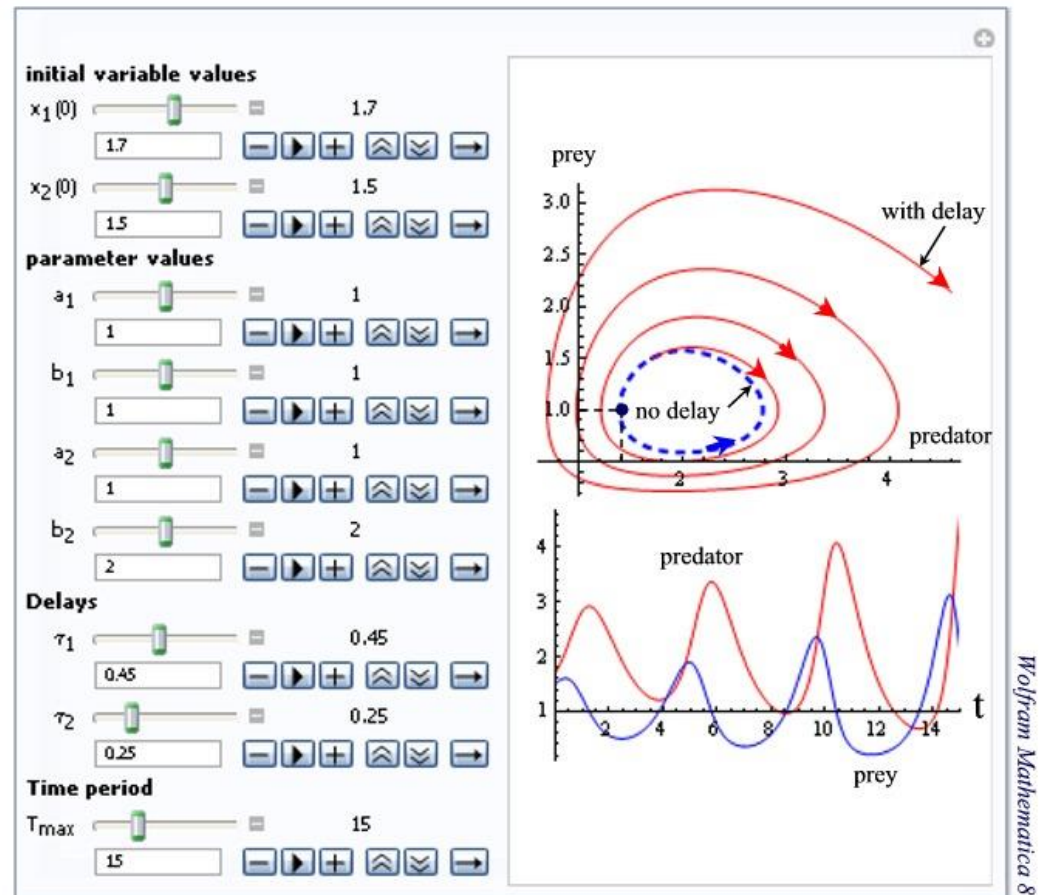
$$\frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = x_2(t)(2 - x_1(t - \tau_1))$$

- ▶ A stable periodic solution for the nondelay model is

$$H(t) \equiv 2 \ln x_1(t) + x_1(t) + \ln x_2(t) - x_2(t) = k_1$$

2. Delay L–V system (continued 3)

- ▶ The interactive *Mathematica* object is



3. Stochastic delay L–V system

- ▶ **Nondelay stochastic LV model:** suppose that all the b 's parameters are stochastically perturbed with

$$b_{ij} \rightarrow b_{ij} + \sigma_{ij}\dot{w}(t)$$

The corresponding stochastic differential equation (SDE) is

$$d\mathbf{x}(t) = \text{diag}(\mathbf{x}(t))(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}(t))dt + \sigma\mathbf{x}(t)d\mathbf{w}(t)$$

where $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{B}, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with the noisy intensity matrix

$$\sigma = (\sigma_{ij})_{n \times n} : \sigma_{ii} > 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, \sigma_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ for } i \neq j$$

The nonnegative solution may explode in a finite time, since the coefficients do not satisfy the linear growth sufficient condition, though they are locally Lipschitz continuous.

3. Stochastic delay L–V system (continued 1)

- ▶ **Delay stochastic LV model:** let the deterministic delay LV system be in the matrix form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \text{diag}(\mathbf{x}(t))(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}(t - \tau)), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and suppose a noisy environment, where the intrinsic growth rates b 's are stochastically perturbed, such that

$$b_{ij} \rightarrow b_{ij} + \sigma_{ii}(x_j - \bar{x}_j)\dot{w}(t)$$

Then, the corresponding delay SDE is

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{x}(t) = & \text{diag}(\mathbf{x}(t))(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}(t) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}(t - \tau) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}))dt \\ & + \sigma(\mathbf{x}(t - \tau) - \bar{\mathbf{x}})d\mathbf{B}(t), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{33}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Stochastic delay L–V system (continued 2)

- ▶ **Application:** Stochastic delay LV food chain with delayed interactions for three species.

The system of SDEs is

$$d\mathbf{x}(t) = \text{diag}(\mathbf{x}(t))(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}(t) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}(t - \tau) - \bar{\mathbf{x}}))dt \\ + \sigma(\mathbf{x}(t - \tau) - \bar{\mathbf{x}})d\mathbf{B}(t), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{33})$$

Mao *et al.* (2005) prove that the SS equilibrium is globally asymptotically stable with probability one, if the two following conditions are satisfied:

3. Stochastic delay L–V system (continued 2)

- ▶ Letting $\hat{c} = a_{11}^{-2} + a_{22}^{-2} + a_{33}^{-2}$, we have the conditions:

$$(i) \hat{c} \left((a_{12}^2 + a_{32}^2) \vee (a_{21}^2 + a_{23}^2) \right) \leq 1$$

$$(ii) \sigma_{ii}^2 \leq \frac{a_{ii}}{\bar{x}_i} \left(1 - \hat{c} \left((a_{12}^2 + a_{32}^2) \vee (a_{21}^2 + a_{23}^2) \right) \right), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

- ▶ Condition (i) guarantees that the SS equilibrium of the deterministic system is globally asymptotically stable.
- ▶ Condition (ii) gives the upper bound for the noise so that the equilibrium of the SDE is still globally asymptotically stable with probability one.

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