#### R<sub>0</sub> and Stage-Structured Invaders

#### Mark Lewis The Mathematics Behind Biological Invasions



Case Study: Scentless chamomile (*Matricaria perforata*)

- •Annual, biennial or short-lived perennial
- •Prefers disturbed habitats (poor competitor)
- •Invades agricultural ecosystems
- •Three distinctive life cycle stages: (1) seeds (2) rosettes, and (3) flowering plants
- •Stage-structured life cycle:





# Complex Stage-Structures of Some Invaders



•Classical methods to evaluate growth of invaders using eigenvalue and elasticity analysis

•New methods to evaluate growth growth of invaders using the basic reproductive rate

•Application to control of scentless chamomile

## Matrix Population Models



Life cycle graph:



## Matrix Population Models

Population growth rate ( $\lambda$ ):

Dominant eigenvalue of 
$$\mathbf{A}$$
  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda < 1 & \text{decrease} \\ \lambda = 1 & \text{constant} \\ \lambda > 1 & \text{increase} \end{pmatrix}$ 

Elasticity analysis:

Measures the relative contributions of transitions to population growth

$$\mathbf{E} = \left[rac{a_{ij}}{\lambda}rac{\partial\lambda}{\partial a_{ij}}
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Caswell (2001)

# Demographic Analysis

Matrix models for control:

- 1. Determine life cycle and estimate parameters
- 2. Calculate population growth rate  $\lambda$
- 3. Calculate **E** and target transitions with higher elasticities
- 4. Verify is control agents affect transitions with high elasticities

Case Study: Scentless chamomile (*Matricaria perforata*)



- •Seed production of up to 256,000 seeds/plant
- •Three distinctive life cycle stages: seeds  $(n_1)$ , rosettes  $(n_2)$ , and flowering plants  $(n_3)$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{bmatrix}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & 0 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{bmatrix}_t$$



## Demographic Analysis

#### Case Study: Scentless chamomile (Matricaria perforata)

Data collected in Vegreville, AB, 2003-2005



Demographic Analysis

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2004				2005			
$\mathbf{A} = egin{bmatrix} 0.08 \\ 0.27 \\ 0.04 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 & 3 \\ 0 \\ 0.45 \end{array}$	$36376.45\ 517\ 297.85$	<b>A</b> =	$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.08 \\ 0.27 \\ 0.04 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0.45 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1775.22\\ 25.24\\ 14.53\end{array}$	
$\lambda = 303.46$				$\lambda = 19.37$			
$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.00041 \\ 0.016 \\ 1.55 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0.26 \end{array}$	<b>1.57</b> 0.25 <b>96.35</b>	$\mathbf{E} =$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.071 \\ 2.32 \\ 14.83 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 4.69\end{array}$	<b>17.16</b> 2.36 <b>58.56</b>	

Control Target: flower to flower transition

### Demographic Analysis—Elasticity



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# Demographic Analysis

Matrix models for control:

- 1. Determine life cycle and estimate parameters
- 2. Calculate population growth rate  $\lambda$
- 3. Calculate **E** and target transitions with higher elasticities
- 4. Choose control agents that affect transitions with high elasticities

Is this a robust method for assessing control?

- 1. There is no simple formulae for the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , for high order polynomials
- 2. Both **E** and  $\lambda$  have to be calculated numerically for a particular dataset

Transition and fecundity matrix:



 $a_{13}$ 

Next generation operator (**Q**):

$$\mathbf{n}_{t+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{n}_t = (\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{F})\mathbf{n}_t$$

$$\mathbf{n}_{t+gen} = \mathbf{Qn}_t = (\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{FT} + \mathbf{FT}^2 + \dots)\mathbf{n}_t = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{T})^{-1}\mathbf{n}_t$$

$$\downarrow_{\mathbb{F}} \qquad \downarrow_{\mathbb{F}} \qquad \downarrow_{\mathbb$$

Net Reproductive rate  $(R_0)$ :

This is the number of individuals that one individual produces over its lifetime. It is the largest eigenvalue of the next generation operator **Q**. The population grows if  $R_0>1$  and dies out if  $R_0<1$ 

$$R_0 > 1$$
 if and only if  $\lambda > 1$ 

Cushing and Yicang (1994)

Transition and fecundity matrix:

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & a_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$
  
Fecundity matrix  
(Survival)  
$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 - a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{a_{21}}{1 - a_{11}} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{a_{32}a_{21} + a_{31}}{1 - a_{11}} & a_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{F} \begin{bmatrix} I - T \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_{13}(a_{32}a_{21} + a_{31})}{1 - a_{11}} & a_{13}a_{32} & a_{13} \\ \frac{a_{23}(a_{32}a_{21} + a_{31})}{1 - a_{11}} & a_{23}a_{32} & a_{23} \\ \frac{a_{33}(a_{32}a_{21} + a_{31})}{1 - a_{11}} & a_{33}a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_0 = \frac{(a_{31} + a_{21}a_{32})a_{13}}{1 - a_{11}} + a_{32}a_{23} + a_{33}$$

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Is this a robust method for assessing control?

As with  $\lambda$  we still need to calculate an eigenvalue, now of the next generation operator **Q** 

However, this eigenvalue  $R_0$  can be written down easily and explicitly using...

A simple method for calculating  $R_0$ :

- 1. Calculates  $R_0$  for complex models
- 2. Uses graph theoretic approach
- 3. Easy to implement-little math needed
- 4. Groups terms in the  $R_0$  expression according to lifecycle pathways

#### Method for calculating $R_0$

- 1. Create a graph where the fecundities (entries of **F**) are multiplied by  $R_0^{-1}$
- Reduce graph to a single node, using Mason's graph reduction rules.
- 3. Set the weight for the final node equal to 1 and solve for  $R_0$



De Camino Beck and Lewis (2006)



1. Multiply fecundities by  $R_0$ 



#### 2. Reduce graph





Mason' s rules



Mason' s rules

#### Set the final node equal to 1 and solve for $R_0$

$$R_0 = \frac{(a_{31} + a_{21}a_{32})a_{13}}{1 - a_{11}} + a_{32}a_{23} + a_{33}$$





#### Control Agents:

Seed Weevil (*Omphalapion* (Apion) *hookeri*)

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Gall midge
(Rhopalomyia sp.)
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Mechanical control (removal of seed head and destruction of stems) used to simulate control agents and validate model



Why  $R_0$ ?

- 1. An analytical formula can be calculated
- 2. All reproductive pathways are represented in  $R_0$
- 3. Life history traits can be analyzed in a general framework
- 4. It can complement demographic analysis of  $\lambda$
- 5. Allows for evaluation of control strategies

# **Generation Time**

Explicit  $R_0$  formulae can be used to determine when the new offspring are produced (fecundity profile)

Relates to Cole (1954):

Effect of life history traits on population growth and Generation-Law method



De Camino Beck and Lewis (2007)

### Generation Time



From this it is possible to calculate mean generation time  $\overline{T}$  and generation time variance Var[T]

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