References for Population Ecology and Evolutionary dynamics (Population Genetics and Evolution School, Feb 2019)

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- Theory/modelling books for beginners: There are many books on the topic. Following books are written keeping in mind the needs of biology students with little mathematical background.
 - 1. McElreath and Boyd, Mathematical Models of Social Evolution: A guide for the perplexed.
 - 2. Otto and Day, A Biologist's Guide to Mathematical Modeling in Ecology and Evolution (suggested by Kavita Jain).
- Modelling Philosophy: You may read the Chapter 1 (sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3) of McElreath and Boyd. An old article by Richard Levins are also worth a read (at least the first section): Levins 1966, The strategy of model building in population biology, The American Naturalist, 54: 421-431.
- Continuous time exponential and logistic models: I recommend the book chapters 2 and 3 of the book Gotelli, Primer of Ecology. It provides a great mix of ecological intuition and mathematical models.
- Discrete time population models (logistic): I could not find an easy reference; of course, with the material covered in the lectures the first half of the May 1976 paper should be readable. Kavita recommends the book by Otto and Day (Chapters 3 and 5).
- For mathsy folks: For continuous time models read the chapters 1, 2 and 3 (if possible all chapters) of the book by Strogatz, Nonlinear dynamics and chaos: With Applications to Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Engineering. For the discrete model, read the Chapter 8 of the same book.
- Evolutionary dynamics: Chapters 1 of McElreath and Boyd (simple two allele frequency evolution). Chapter 2 of the same book covers Hawk-Dove game and ESS. Chapter 3 covers cooperation and Price equation.