### Chapter 7: Functional response



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### HOW SPECIES INTERACT

ALTERING THE STANDARD VIEW ON TROPHIC ECOLOGY

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(verages  $\pm$  2 S.E. of 8 replicates.)

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### which is a general Hill function.

 $\alpha' = T/b$  is total/handling time (max number of prey) h=1/(ab) involves handling and searching times

# n = atR, t = T - bnn = a(T - bn)R or $n = \frac{aTR}{1 + abR} = \frac{a'R}{h + R}$

### Functional response





European kestral on Microtis vole (a), weasels on rodents in forests in Poland (b), and Warblers on spruce budworm larvae (c).



## Functional response



Simplest type I response, where *b* is due to other prey (mosses). Brown lemmings (*Lemmus sibericus*) foraging monocot in arctic tundra From: Batzli *et al*, Oikos, 1981, 37: 112-116.



Stinkbug (*Podisus maculiventris*) in lab feeding on larvae of Mexican bean beetle. Here a is the attack rate, T=14 h is the total time, and Th=0.9 h is the handling time. From: Wiedenmann & O'Neil, Environ. Entomol., 1991, 20: 610-614.





### Type I, II and III functional responses

















### Monod functional response



K

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Time



### Population cycles



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### Population cycles in the snowshoe hare and the lynx.



Algae zooplankton oscillations

Daphnia (blue triangles) and their edible algal prey (green squares) in four nutrient-rich systems. From: McCauley et al, Nature, 1999

## Algae zooplankton oscillations



Experimental results showing the population cycles of rotifer-alga systems. a-d, Single-clone algal populations; e-i, multiple-clone algal populations. Filled circles, *B. calyciflorus* (predator); open circles, *C. vulgaris* (prey).

From: Yoshida et al, Nature, 2003



Figure 5. Non-equilibrium dynamics observed in an experimental multispecies community. The community developed in a long-term laboratory experiment under constant external conditions, and consisted of more than 20 different species. Data show the observed time course of (A) the dominant phytoplankton groups (green = green flagellates, blue = prokaryotic pico-phytoplankton, red = the diatom *Melosira*), and (B) the dominant zooplankton groups (green = the rotifer Brachionus, blue = the copepod Eurytemora, red = protozoans). Data were kindly provided by Heerkloss (unpublished), and by Heerkloss & Klinkenberg (1998), with permission from Schweizerbartsche Verlagsbuchhandlung.

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One consumer using several resources  

$$dC_i/dt = a_i R_i F - hC_i = 0 \qquad N = F + \sum_i C_i C_i = \sum_i a_i R_i \left( N - \sum_j C_j \right) - h \sum_i C_i = 0,$$

which can be rewritten into

$$\sum_{i} C_{i} = \frac{N \sum_{i} a_{i} R_{i}}{h + \sum_{j} a_{j} R_{j}}$$

For each resource, *i*, one can again add  $dC_i/dt = a_iR_iF - hC_i = 0$  to

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R_i}{\mathrm{d}t} = rR_i(1 - R_i/K_i) - a_iR_iF \quad \text{giving} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}R_i}{\mathrm{d}t} = rR_i(1 - R_i/K_i) - \frac{ha_iR_iN}{h + \sum_j a_jR_j}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = c \sum_{i} C_{i} - dN = \frac{cN \sum_{i} a_{i}R_{i}}{h + \sum_{j} a_{j}R_{j}}$$

and, hence, 
$$C_i = \frac{Na_iR_i}{h + \sum_j a_jR_j}$$

-dN



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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}t} = rR(1 - R/K) - \frac{aRN}{h+R} \quad \mathrm{cons}$$



 $\beta = ca/(H+a)$  and h' = hH/(H+a) < h

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\beta RN}{h' + R} - \delta N$ 



Sumption  $\frac{aR}{h+R}$ 

$$= \frac{\beta R}{h' + R}$$











gmoid functional response

### Beddington functional response



 $\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0 \to N = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad N = \frac{ca - d}{de}$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} n \\ +\infty \end{array} \frac{aR}{h+eN+R} = a \end{array}$$

$$R - \frac{h}{e} = \frac{R_0 - 1}{e} R - \frac{h}{e}.$$



### Constructing the R'=0 nullcline





 $\partial_R F(R,N) = \frac{aN}{h+eN+R} - \frac{aRN}{(h+eN+R)^2}$  which for R = 0 yields  $\frac{aN}{h+eN}$ 



### Beddington functional response



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}t} = rR(1 - R/K) - \frac{aRN}{h + eN + R}$$
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{caRN}{h + eN + R} - dN.$$

N



### Beddington functional response



K

e

# $aC^{2} - C(aR + aN + h) + aRN = C^{2} - C(R + N + h') + RN = 0$ where $h' = \frac{h}{m}$

Total Quasi Steady State Assumption

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}C}{\mathrm{d}t} = aR_F N_F - hC \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}C}{\mathrm{d}t} = a(R - C)(N - C) - hC$ 

 $C = \frac{RN}{h' + R + N}$ 





### Neutrophils killing bacteria



Malka et al., J. Clin Invest. 2012