### Chapter 8: Modeling chains of ODEs





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For odd chain lengths R depends on K











# Kaunzinger & Morin, Nature, 1998





Predator

Prey with predator

Prey alone

Bacterial food chain

### Modeling chains with saturated interaction terms

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left[r\left(1 - \frac{R}{K}\right) - \frac{bN}{h_R + R}\right]R, \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left[\frac{bR}{h_R + R} - d - \frac{cM}{h_N + N}\right]N, \text{ and } \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}M}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left[\frac{cN}{h_N + N} - e\right]M$$

$$f_R: R \text{ and } N \qquad f_N: \text{ in absence of } M \text{ no } N \qquad f_M: \text{ no } M$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left[r\left(1 - \frac{R}{K}\right) - \frac{bN}{h_R + R + N}\right]R, \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left[\frac{bR}{h_R + R + N} - d - \frac{cM}{h_N + N + M}\right]N \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}M}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left[\frac{cN}{h_N + N + M} - d - \frac{cM}{h_N + N + M}\right]N$$

Per capita function always depends on variable itself.

$$aXY \simeq \frac{aXY}{1 + X/k + Y/k}$$

### when k is large







# Other famous chains don't suffer from this problem



R and I are proportional to previous level

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}I}{\mathrm{d}t} = \gamma E - (\delta + r)I \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}t} = rI - d$$

$$\frac{d}{d} + \gamma(\delta + r), \quad \bar{E} = \frac{s}{d + \gamma} - \frac{d(\delta + r)}{\gamma\beta}$$



$$\frac{dN_{0}}{dt} = s - (p+d)N_{0}, \quad \frac{dN_{i}}{dt} = 2pN_{i-1} - (p+d)N_{i} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dN_{n}}{dt} = 2pN_{n-1} - dN$$

$$\bar{N}_{0} = \frac{s}{p+d}, \quad \bar{N}_{i} = \frac{2p}{p+d} \bar{N}_{i-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{N}_{n} = \frac{2p}{d} \bar{N}_{n-1}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -(p+d) & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 2p & -(p+d) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 2p & -(p+d) & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 2p & -d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(J_{00} - \lambda)(J_{11} - \lambda)(J_{22} - \lambda) \dots (J_{nn} - \lambda) = 0$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -(p+d) & 0\\ 2p & -(p+d)\\ 0 & 2p \\ 0 & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve eigenvalues from determinant (product diagonal elements)

Cascade of cell divisions



$$\frac{dN_0}{dt} = s - (p+d)N_0 , \quad \frac{dN_i}{dt} = 2pN_{i-1} - (p+d)N_i \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dN_n}{dt} = 2pN_{n-1} - dN_i$$
$$\bar{N}_0 = \frac{s}{p+d} , \quad \bar{N}_i = \frac{2p}{p+d} \bar{N}_{i-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{N}_n = \frac{2p}{d} \bar{N}_{n-1}$$
$$\bar{N}_0 = \frac{s}{p+d} , \quad \bar{N}_i = \frac{2^i p^i s}{(p+d)^{i+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{N}_n = \frac{s}{d} \left(\frac{2p}{p+d}\right)^{n-1}$$



 $\frac{\mathrm{d}Q}{\mathrm{d}t} = -aQ - d_QQ + d\sum f_i N_i \quad \text{and} \quad s = aQ$ 

Cascade of cell divisions



# Chaos in a 3D food chain



$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}R}{\mathrm{d}t} &= R(1-R) - c_1 N f(R) \ ,\\ \frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}t} &= -a_N N + c_1 N f(R) - c_2 M g \\ & \frac{\mathrm{d}M}{\mathrm{d}t} = -a_M M + c_2 M g(N) \ , \end{split}$$







Michaelis Menten:

$$F + L \stackrel{k_1}{\underset{k_{-1}}{\rightleftharpoons}} C \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}C}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_1 F L - k_{-1} C \quad \text{with} \quad F = R - C \quad \text{gives} \quad C = \frac{R F}{K_m} - K_m - K$$

Kinetic proofreading:  

$$F + L \stackrel{k_1}{\rightleftharpoons} C_0$$
,  $C_{i-1} \stackrel{k_2}{\to} C_i$  and  $C_i \stackrel{k_{-1}}{\to} F$ 

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}C_0}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_1 F L - (k_{-1} + k_2) C_0 , \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}C_i}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_2 C_{i-1} - (k_{-1} + k_2) C_i \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}C_n}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_2 C_{n-1} - k_{-1} C_i \text{ with } F = R - \sum_{i=1}^{n} C_i \text{ gives } \bar{C}_n = \frac{RL}{K_m + L} \left(\frac{k_2}{k_{-1} + k_2}\right)^n$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}C_0}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_1 F L - (k_{-1} + k_2) C_0 , \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}C_i}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_2 C_{i-1} - (k_{-1} + k_2) C_i \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}C_n}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_2 C_{n-1} - k_{-1} C_i$$
with  $F = R - \sum_i^n C_i$  gives  $\bar{C}_n = \frac{RL}{K_m + L} \left(\frac{k_2}{k_{-1} + k_2}\right)^n$ 

When  $k_{-1} \ll k_2$  similar to Michaelis Menten, otherwise discrimination

Kinetic proofreading: last exercise





### Kinetic proofreading: last exercise



$$\stackrel{1}{\rightarrow} F$$
 where  $F = R - C$   
 $(k_{-1} + k_2)C_i$  and  $\frac{\mathrm{d}C_n}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_2C_{n-1} - k_{-1}C_i$ 

$$\bar{C}_n = \frac{RL}{K_m + L} \left(\frac{k_2}{k_{-1} + k_2}\right)^n$$

