

The evolution of human cooperation: homophily, non-additive benefits, and higher-order relatedness

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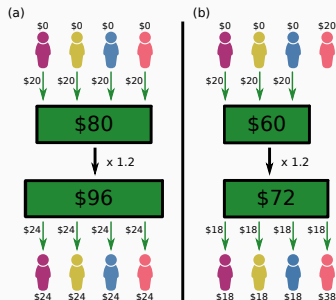


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Public goods game

- Example:

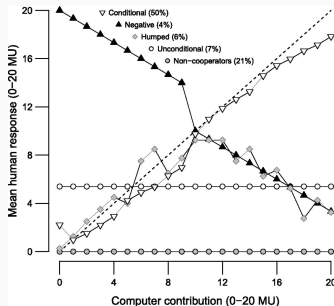
1. Four individuals
2. Project multiples contributions by 1.2
3. Returns are split equally



- Group-game version of Prisoner's Dilemma
 - Max total payoffs if everyone contributes
 - But max individual payoff if you don't contribute
 - $\text{Marginal per-capita return} = 1.2/4 = 0.3 < 1$
 - i.e., 30c back per \$1 contributed
- Never makes sense to contribute

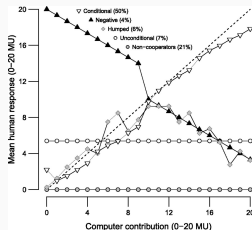
How do people really behave in linear PGGs?

- Example: Burton-Chellew *et al.* (2016, PNAS)
 - Elicited contributions in PGG
 - Played against a computer
 - Computer play presumably removed fairness/empathy considerations
- Contribution level depends on contribution of others
- Similar results in other studies
- People genuinely seem believe this is payoff maximising!



Why do people make this mistake?

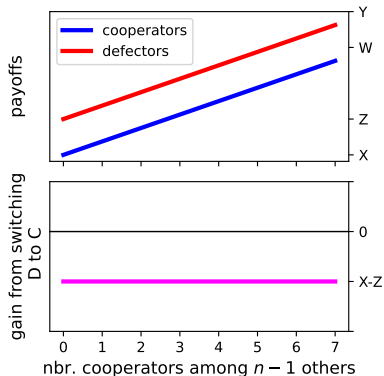
- Deeply unnatural scenario
- Previous work has focused on two 'mistakes':
 1. Mistake one-shot game for iterated game
 2. Mistake anonymous game for one with reputation concerns



My focus: Mistaking a linear game for a nonlinear one

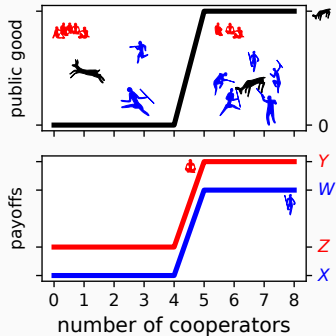
Linear public goods game

- In a linear game:
 - Benefit increases at constant rate with nbr. cooperators
 - No matter how many cooperators in the group, always lose by switching C to D
- n -player generalisation of PD



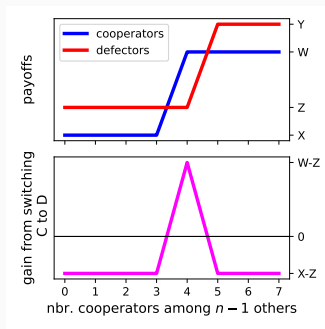
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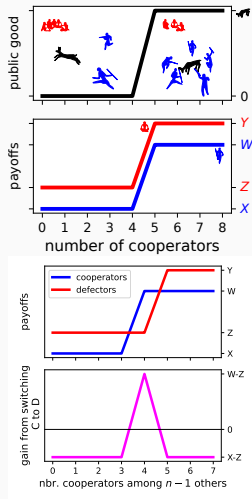
Nonlinear public goods game

- Claim: sigmoid-shaped benefit functions particularly relevant to our early history
- Defectors always get higher payoffs than Cooperators
- However, if you are in a group that's one cooperator short of the threshold, you should cooperate
- In general:
 - if cooperators rare, don't cooperate
 - if cooperators common, might get higher payoffs if you're a cooperator



Nonlinear public goods game: evolutionary perspective

- In general:
 - if cooperators rare, don't cooperate
 - if cooperators common, might get higher payoffs if you also cooperate
- Evolutionary perspective:
 - if cooperators rare (invasion), cooperation can't succeed
 - if cooperators common, cooperation might persist



Embed the game in evolutionary dynamics

Replicator dynamics approach:

- Strategies (cooperate, defect) genetically encoded
- Clonal reproduction in an infinite population
- Higher payoff in the game $\rightarrow$ higher reproductive success

Replicator dynamics

Change in proportion of x-strategists:

The diagram shows the replicator dynamics equation with several annotations:

- proportion of x-strategists**: A blue arrow points from this text to the p_x term in the equation.
- expected payoff to x-strategists**: A blue arrow points from this text to the $\bar{\pi}_x$ term in the equation.
- expected payoff in population**: A blue arrow points from this text to the summation term $\sum_{i=1}^m p_i \bar{\pi}_i$ in the equation.
- m is nbr. strategies**: A green arrow points from this text to the m in the summation.

$$\dot{p}_x = p_x \left(\bar{\pi}_x - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \bar{\pi}_i \right)$$

- growth rate proportional to how much better x-strategists' payoffs are compared to average

Replicator dynamics well-mixed

expected payoff to x-strategists

$$\dot{p}_x = p_x \left(\bar{\pi}_x - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \bar{\pi}_i \right)$$

- e_x : indicator, focal plays strategy x (below: 1 when cooperator)
- g_{nf} : non-focal strategy distribution (below: nbr. cooperators among nonfocals)

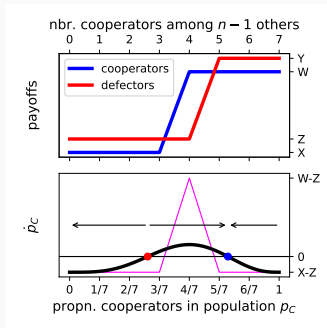
For prehistoric-hunt game:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\pi}_C &= \sum_{g_{nf}=0}^{n-1} \overset{\text{payoff}}{\pi(e_C, g_{nf})} \overset{\text{probability } g_{nf} \text{ non-focals are cooperators}}{\mathbb{P}[G_{nf} = g_{nf}]}, \quad \text{binomial} \\ &= \sum_{g_{nf}=0}^{n-1} \pi(e_C, g_{nf}) \binom{n-1}{g_{nf}} p_C^{g_{nf}} (1 - p_C)^{n-1-g_{nf}} \end{aligned}$$

Recommend: Peña et al. (2014, J Theor Biol)

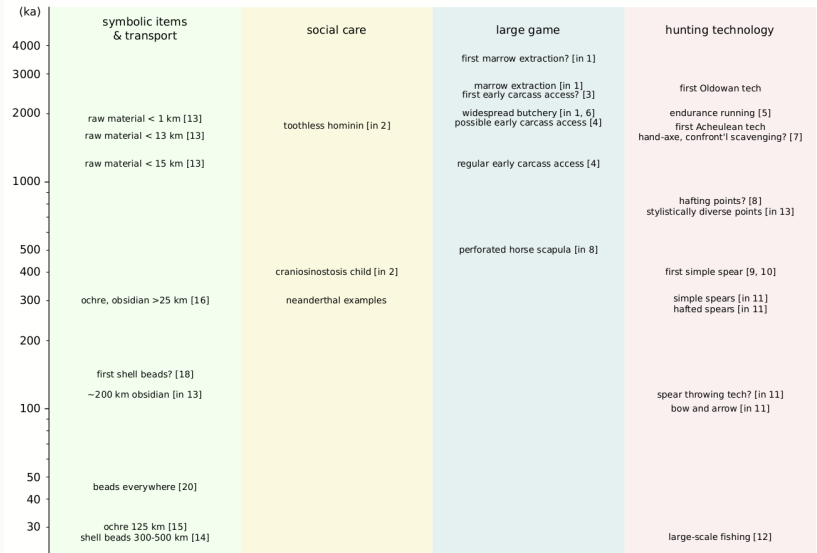
Two main known results:

1. Cooperation can be sustained
 - Do people 'mistake' linear games for a nonlinear ones?
2. But cooperation cannot invade
 - Imagine a small nbr. of cooperators invading defectors...



But what if, instead of randomly formed groups, groups tend to form with family members? Then invading Cooperators more likely to be grouped with other Cooperators.

Claim: Genetic homophily was higher in the past



Replicator dynamics with homophilic group formation

expected payoff to x-strategists

$$\dot{p}_x = p_x \left(\bar{\pi}_x - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \bar{\pi}_i \right)$$

proportion of x-strategists

expected payoff in population

but now expected payoff:

$$\bar{\pi}_C = \sum_{g_{nf}=0}^{n-1} \pi(e_C, g_{nf}) \mathbb{P}[G_{nf} = g_{nf} \mid G_0 = e_C]$$

no longer binomial

nonfocal strategy distribution depends on focal's strategy

Colours are strategies, boxes are families:



Some notation (Hisashi's previous work)

Let ρ_ℓ be the probability that ℓ players sampled without replacement from the group have strategy 1.

prob. ℓ sampled have m common ancestors

$$\rho_\ell = \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} \theta_{\ell \rightarrow m} p_1^m$$

propn. strategy-1 in populatn

Examples:

- Sample 1 individual: $\rho_1 = p_1$
- Sample 2 individuals:

prob. same ancestor

prob. strategy-1

$$\rho_2 = \theta_{2 \rightarrow 1} p_1 + \theta_{2 \rightarrow 2} p_1^2$$

prob. two ancestors prob. both strategy-1

Hisashi's equation

Ohtsuki (2014, Phil Trans R Soc):

$$\dot{p}_1 = \sum_{g_{\text{nf}}=0}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=g_{\text{nf}}}^{n-1} (-1)^{\ell-g_{\text{nf}}} \binom{\ell}{g_{\text{nf}}} \binom{n-1}{\ell}$$

relatedness terms

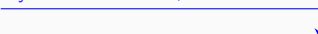
$$\left[(1 - \rho_1) \rho_{\ell+1} \pi(e_1, g_{\text{nf}}) - \rho_1 (\rho_{\ell} - \rho_{\ell+1} \pi(e_2, g_{\text{nf}})) \right]$$

payoff terms

Linear PGG is a function of dyadic relatedness only

- If the PGG is linear, only need dyadic relatedness

dyadic relatedness, Hamilton's r


$$\dot{p}_1 = f(\theta_{2 \rightarrow 1})$$

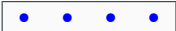
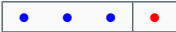
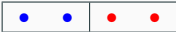
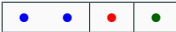
because:

- Payoff function in n -player linear game can be written as a sum of payoffs in 2-player games


$$\pi^{(n)}(e_x, g_{nf}^{(n)}) \equiv \sum_{g_{nf}^{(2)}} \pi^{(2)}(e_x, g_{nf}^{(2)})$$

- So n -player linear game = sum of 2-player games
- So only dyadic relatedness is needed to calculate expected payoff
- But if the payoff function is nonlinear, higher-order relatedness coefficients are needed (e.g., $\theta_{3 \rightarrow 1}, \theta_{3 \rightarrow 2}, \theta_{4 \rightarrow 1}$, etc.)

From group family-size distribution. For example:

	partition	$\theta_{2 \rightarrow 1}$	explanation
$F_{[4]}$		1	Any 2 will have a common ancestor.
$F_{[3,1]}$		$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$	Both must be blue (family size 3).
$F_{[2,2]}$		$1 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$	Choose any, then its 1 family member.
$F_{[2,1,1]}$		$\frac{2}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$	Only possible in the partition of 2.
$F_{[1,1,1,1]}$		0	Not possible.

So if we can calculate the F_q , we can calculate the needed $\theta_{l \rightarrow m}$

Homophilic group-formation models

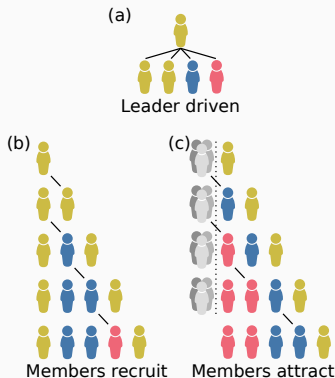
Kristensen *et al.* (2022); Martin & Lessard

(a) Leader driven:

- The leader is chosen at random from the population.
- Leader recruits/attracts kin with probability h and nonkin with probability $1 - h$.
- Group family size distribution

$$F_{[\ell, 1, \dots, 1]} = \binom{n-1}{\ell-1} h^{\ell-1} (1-h)^{n-\ell}.$$

h =: genetic homophily



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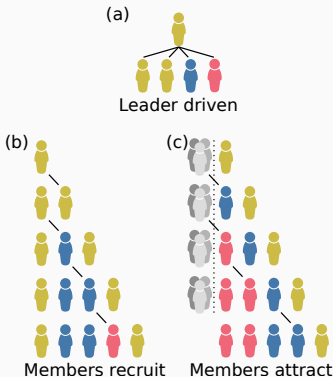
(b) Members recruit:

- All group members have an equal chance to recruit the next member.
- Equation in Kristensen *et al.* (2022)

(c) Members attract:

- Outsiders attracted to kin
- But also attracted to the group as a whole
- Use Ewens' formula (Ewen 1972).

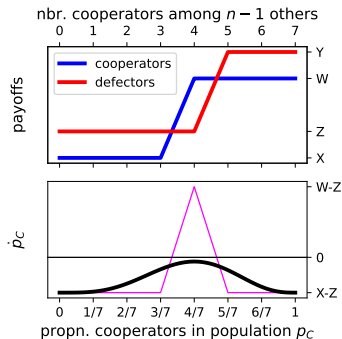
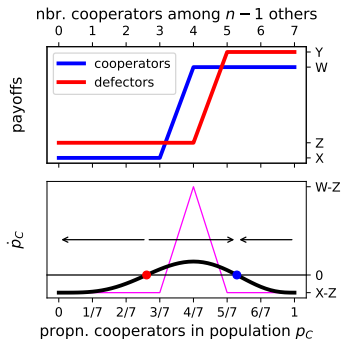
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NOTE: can be interpreted in terms of 'matching rules', i.e., strategy homophily *sensu* Jensen & Rigos (2018, Int J Game Theory)

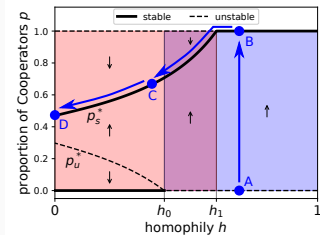
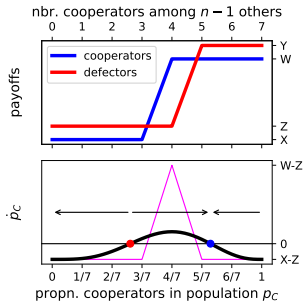
Results

Recall no-homophily result: cooperation can (sometimes) persist but it can never invade:

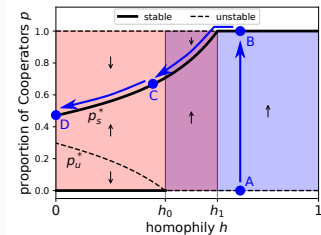
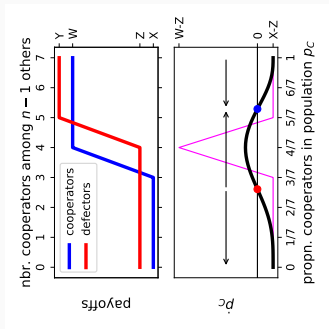


We want to go backwards in time — increase homophily — and see if cooperation can invade.

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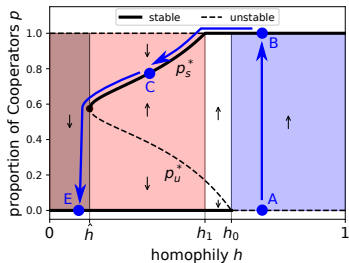
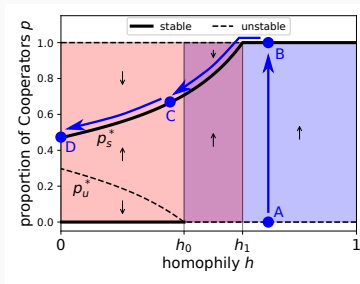


Results



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- Cooperation cannot invade a threshold game
 - Also true for sigmoid games in general (Peña *et al.*, 2014)
- Can arise through historical homophily



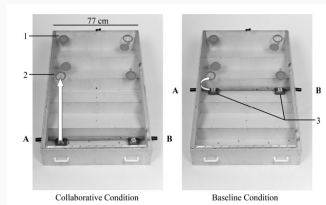
- For cooperation to persist, either:
 - Parameters such that it can be sustained in a well-mixed population
 - Some degree of homophily maintained

Many discrete strategies

- So far, 2 strategies; natural extension, m strategies
- Discrete strategies:
 - I could have modelled cooperate and defect as *degree* of cooperation — one continuous strategy
 - However, some strategies are naturally discrete
 - e.g., conditioning on the actions of others
 - Shared intentionality (Genty et al., 2020; Tomasello, 2020):
 - form a collective 'we' with a jointly optimised goal
 - make a joint commitment (!?) to the goal
 - coordinate our actions towards achieving it

Commitment

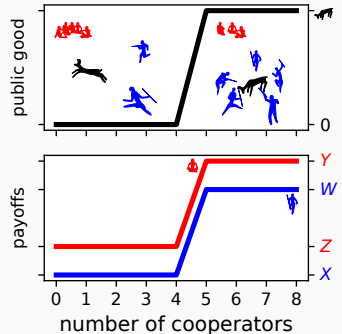
- Commitment is a norm: one *should* do what one promised
 - Kerr and Kaufman-Gilliland (1994, J Pers Soc Psychol)
- Commitment distinguishes us from other apes
 - In a experimental situation where one individual receives their reward early, 3.5-year-old children will continue contributing until their partner also receives their reward (Hamann et al., 2012), whereas chimpanzees don't distinguish between continuing to help in an existing collaboration versus starting a new one (Greenberg et al., 2010).



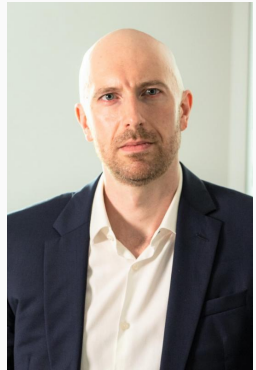
Hamann and Warneken (2012, Child Dev)

Commitment and coordination

- In the threshold game, hunters are a bit stupid
 - Cooperator will run off to do the hunt by themselves
- But people don't really behave this way – they coordinate
 - If we were in this situation, we'd have a conversation
 - And that's also how people behave experimentally (e.g., Van de Kragt *et al.* 1983, *Am Pol Sci Rev*)
- Plus, coordination improves the evolutionary prospects for cooperation!



- Newton (2017 Games Econ Behav)
'shared intentionality' evolves under
fairly general conditions in a public
goods game

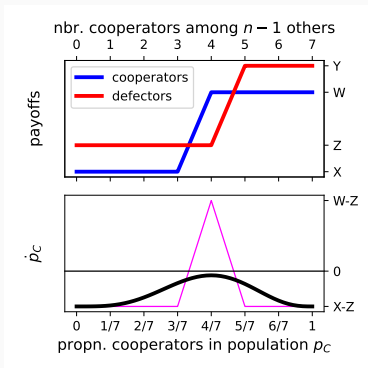


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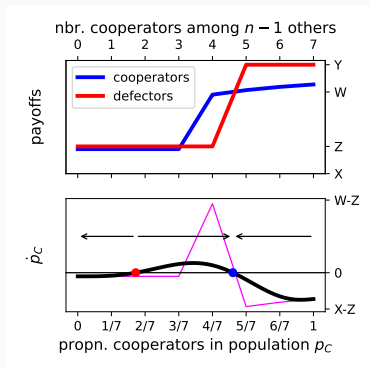
Coordination in a threshold game example

- Extend the threshold game:
 - Coordinating cooperators draw straws to decide who will contribute
 - The ability to coordinate entails a small cognitive cost ε

old threshold game

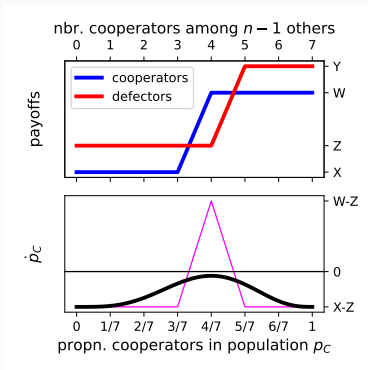


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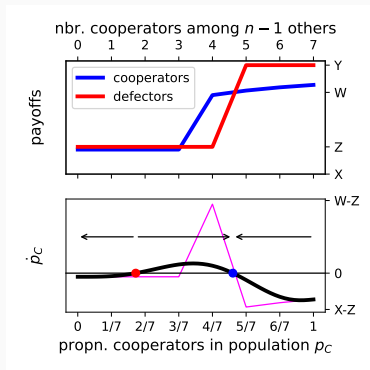


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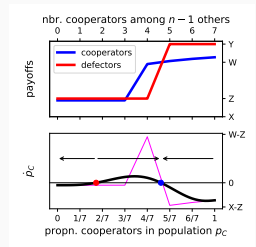
coordinated cooperation game



- Sustains cooperation where it could not otherwise be sustained
- Can't invade, but we already know we can overcome this with homophily

Even in a linear game?

- Coordination can even sustain cooperation in a linear game! ... wait
 - It never makes sense to contribute in the linear game
 - It's true the Defectors can't invade, but what about a type who participates in the lottery but doesn't follow through?
- New strategy: Liars



New notation

- $\mathbf{G}$ random variable for strategy composition, takes values $\mathbf{g}$
- Subscripts: 0 = focal player; nf = nonfocal players; a = all players



- Players: $\mathbf{g}_0 = (0, 1, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{g}_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{g}_2 = (0, 0, 0, 1), \dots$
- Whole-group: $\mathbf{g}_a = (3, 2, 0, 1)$
- Nonfocal: $\mathbf{g}_{nf} = (3, 1, 0, 1)$
- $\mathbf{g}_j = \mathbf{e}_x$: player j plays strategy s_x (a 1 in the x -th position)

Many strategies

How does a trait change frequency over time?

$$\Delta p_x = \text{Cov}[G_{0,x}, W_0],$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the equation:

- Δp_x is labeled "dynamics of propn. of s_x ".
- $G_{0,x}$ is labeled "focal's strategy indicator".
- W_0 is labeled "fitness of focal".

$$G_{0,x} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if focal strategy } s_x, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(... some useful covariance identities ...)

$$\Delta p_x \propto \text{Cov}[G_{0,x}, \Pi_0]$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the equation:

- $G_{0,x}$ is labeled "strategy indicator".
- Π_0 is labeled "focal payoff".



George Robert Price

Other member accounting

$$\Delta p_x \propto \text{Cov} \left[\overset{\text{focal's strategy indicator}}{G_{0,x}}, \overset{\text{focal payoff}}{\Pi_0} \right]$$

Payoff to the focal individual:

$$\Pi_0 = \sum_{i=1}^m \overset{\text{1 if focal plays } s_i; \text{ 0 otherwise}}{G_{0,i}} \overset{\text{payoff to } s_i\text{-player}}{\pi(e_i, \overset{\text{nonfocal strategy composition}}{G_{\text{nf}}})}$$

Useful identity: $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X] \mathbb{E}[Y]$

$$\Delta p_x = \mathbb{E} \left[\overset{\text{nonfocal strategy composition}}{G_{0,x}} \pi(e_x, \overset{\text{nonfocal strategy composition}}{G_{\text{nf}}}) \right] - p_x \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{E} \left[G_{0,i} \pi(e_i, \overset{\text{nonfocal strategy composition}}{G_{\text{nf}}}) \right]$$

Other member accounting

nonfocal strategy composition

$$\Delta p_x = \mathbb{E} \left[G_{0,x} \pi(\mathbf{e}_x, \mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}}) \right] - p_x \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{E} \left[G_{0,i} \pi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}}) \right]$$

Let $\mathcal{G}_{\text{nf}}$ be the set of all strat. compositions $\mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}}$. Then expectations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [G_{0,i} \pi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}})] &= \sum_{\mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}} \in \mathcal{G}_{\text{nf}}} \pi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}}) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_0 = \mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}}] \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}} \in \mathcal{G}_{\text{nf}}} \pi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}}) \underbrace{\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_0 = \mathbf{e}_i]}_{p_i} \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}} \mid \mathbf{G}_0 = \mathbf{e}_i] \\ &= p_i \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}} \in \mathcal{G}_{\text{nf}}} \pi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}}) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}} \mid \mathbf{G}_0 = \mathbf{e}_i]}_{\bar{\pi}_i} \end{aligned}$$

Recovered replicator eqn: $\Delta p_x \propto p_x \left(\bar{\pi}_x - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \bar{\pi}_i \right) = p_x (\bar{\pi}_x - \bar{\pi})$.

But $\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}} \mid \mathbf{G}_0 = \mathbf{e}_i]$ is not obvious:



Whole-group accounting

Idea: draw a group at random, then draw a focal individual.

$$\Delta p_x \propto \text{Cov} \left[\overset{\text{strategy indicator}}{G_{0,x}}, \overset{\text{focal payoff}}{\Pi_0} \right]$$

This time, focus on the whole-group distribution.

new payoff fnc wrt whole-group strategy composition

$$\Pi_0 = \sum_{i=1}^m G_{0,i} \hat{\pi}(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{G}_a)$$

Using a similar method to before involving covariance identities and re-arranging, we obtain

$$\Delta p_x = \sum_{\mathbf{g}_a \in \mathcal{G}_a} \left(\frac{g_{a,x}}{n} \hat{\pi}(\mathbf{e}_x, \mathbf{g}_a) - p_x \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{g_{a,i}}{n} \hat{\pi}(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{g}_a) \right) \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_a = \mathbf{g}_a]$$

prob. of whole-group strategy composition

Prob. of whole-group strategy composition, $\mathbb{P}[G_a = g_a] = ?$

$$\mathbb{P}[G_a = \boxed{\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet}]$$

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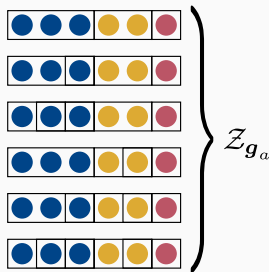
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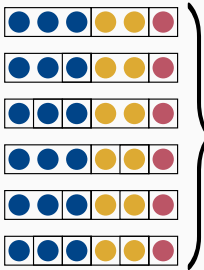
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$$= \sum_{z \in \mathcal{Z}_{g_a}} \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{Z} = z]$$



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 &= \sum_{z \in \mathcal{Z}_{g_a}} \mathbb{P}[Z = z]
 \end{aligned}$$



$\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{Row 1: } \boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}} \\ \text{Row 2: } \boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}} \\ \text{Row 3: } \boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}} \\ \text{Row 4: } \boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}} \\ \text{Row 5: } \boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}} \\ \text{Row 6: } \boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}} \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{Z}_{g_a}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{P}[Z = \boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}}] \\
 &= \underbrace{\mathbb{P}[\underbrace{\boxed{\text{grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey}}}_{F_y}]}_{F_y} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{P}[\underbrace{\boxed{\text{blue} \text{ blue} \text{ blue} \text{ yellow} \text{ yellow} \text{ pink}}}_{C(z) \cdot A(z, p)} \mid \boxed{\text{grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey} \text{ grey}}]}_{C(z) \cdot A(z, p)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Probability of strategywise family-size distribution:

get from homophilic group-formation model

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_a = \mathbf{g}_a] = \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}_{\mathbf{g}_a}} F_y \quad C(\mathbf{z}) \quad A(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{p})$$

count of multiset permutations

prob. families' strategies

nbr. families pursuing strategy s_i

$$A(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{p}) = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i^{\|\mathbf{z}_i\|}$$

Analogous to the power terms in 2-strategy game, e.g.,

$$\rho_2 = \theta_{2 \rightarrow 1} p_1 + \theta_{2 \rightarrow 2} p_1^2$$

Whole-group accounting

Bringing it all together:

$$\Delta p_x \propto \sum_{\mathbf{g}_a \in \mathcal{G}_a} \left(\frac{\mathbf{g}_{a,x}}{n} \hat{\pi}(\mathbf{e}_x, \mathbf{g}_a) - p_x \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\mathbf{g}_{a,i}}{n} \hat{\pi}(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{g}_a) \right) \left(\sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}_{\mathbf{g}_a}} C(\mathbf{z}) A(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{p}) F_{\text{sum}(\mathbf{z})} \right)$$

Diagram annotations:

- prob. focal pursues s_x** (pink arrow pointing to $\frac{\mathbf{g}_{a,x}}{n}$)
- over strategywise family-sizes** (green arrow pointing to $\sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}_{\mathbf{g}_a}}$)
- sum over group strategy compositions** (blue arrow pointing to $\sum_{\mathbf{g}_a \in \mathcal{G}_a}$)

- Not as intuitive as the traditional replicator equation
 - $\Delta p_x \propto p_x (\bar{\pi}_x - \bar{\pi})$
- Might be useful from computational perspective because we've split homophily calculations off from strategy identity
- Now it's clearer how to calculate $\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{G}_{\text{nf}} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{nf}} \mid \mathbf{G}_0 = \mathbf{e}_i]$

Aside: Payoff-matrix transformation example (2 players)

- Idea: transform payoffs so they take into account homophily
- Well-mixed game: $\dot{p}_i = p_i(\bar{\pi}_i - \bar{\pi}) = p_i((A \mathbf{p})_i - \mathbf{p}^T A \mathbf{p})$, where $a_{i,j} = \pi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j)$,

$$\bar{\pi} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\pi}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{\pi}_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} \text{focal's strat.} \\ \downarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{nonfocal's strategy} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \dots & a_{m,m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1}p_1 + \dots + a_{1,m}p_m \\ \vdots \\ a_{m,1}p_1 + \dots + a_{m,m}p_m \end{pmatrix}$$

- Now with homophily, dyadic relatedness $\theta_{2 \rightarrow 1}$

$$B = \underbrace{\theta_{2 \rightarrow 1} \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,m} & \dots & a_{m,m} \end{pmatrix}}_{i \text{ matched with } i \text{ with prob. } \theta_{2 \rightarrow 1}} + \underbrace{(1 - \theta_{2 \rightarrow 1}) \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & \dots & a_{m,m} \end{pmatrix}}_{i \text{ matched with random with prob. } 1 - \theta_{2 \rightarrow 1}}$$

- Dynamics of A with homophily $\equiv$ dynamics of B well-mixed

$$\dot{p}_i = p_i((B \mathbf{p})_i - \mathbf{p}^T B \mathbf{p})$$

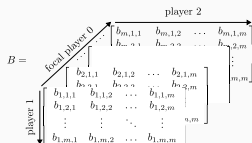
Aside: Payoff transformation n players

Seeking a solution to:

$$B = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \text{player 1} \downarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \text{focal player 0} \nearrow \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \text{player 2} \rightarrow \end{array} \end{array} \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} b_{1,1,1} & b_{1,1,2} & \dots & b_{1,1,m} \\ b_{1,2,1} & b_{1,2,2} & \dots & b_{1,2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{1,m,1} & b_{1,m,2} & \dots & b_{1,m,m} \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

The matrix B is a 3D array of payoffs $b_{i,j,k}$ where i is the index for player 1 (rows), j is the index for player 2 (columns), and k is the index for focal player 0 (depth). The dimensions are n for player 1, m for player 2, and m for focal player 0.

Aside: Payoff transformation n players



$$b_u = \sum_{q \vdash n} F_q \left(\sum_{q_0 \in q} \frac{q_0}{n |\mathcal{J}_{q_0, q}|} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}_{q_0, q}} a_{u_j} \right) \right)$$

get from group-formation model

Code to calculate it on Github:

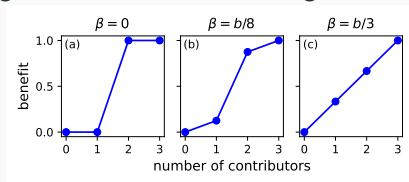
1. Numerically: TransmatBase class functions/transmat_base.py.
2. Symbolically: functions/symbolic_transformed.py.

But why would you want to do this?

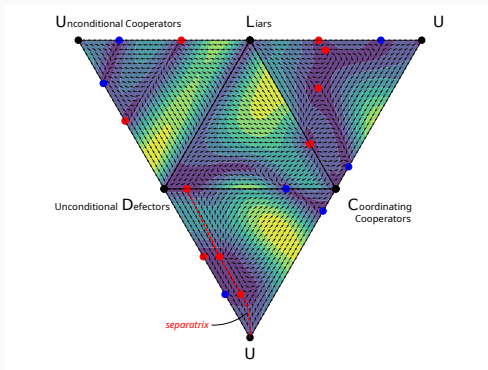
- B is expensive to calculate, but matrix multiplication is optimised, can be worth the trade-off when finding steady states
- Use maths from well-mixed case, e.g., Jorge Peña's analysis techniques (example in appendix)

Coordinated cooperation

- Game with 4 strategies:
 1. D : unconditional Defector, never contributes
 2. C : Coordinating cooperator, hold lottery, follow through if chosen
 - Nbr. contributors τ = threshold, or inflection point if sigmoid
 3. L : Liar, participate in lottery, never contributes
 4. U : Unconditional cooperator, always contributes
- C and L pay cognitive cost ε regardless of game outcome
- U and C pay contribution cost c if contributing
- Explore the range from linear to threshold game

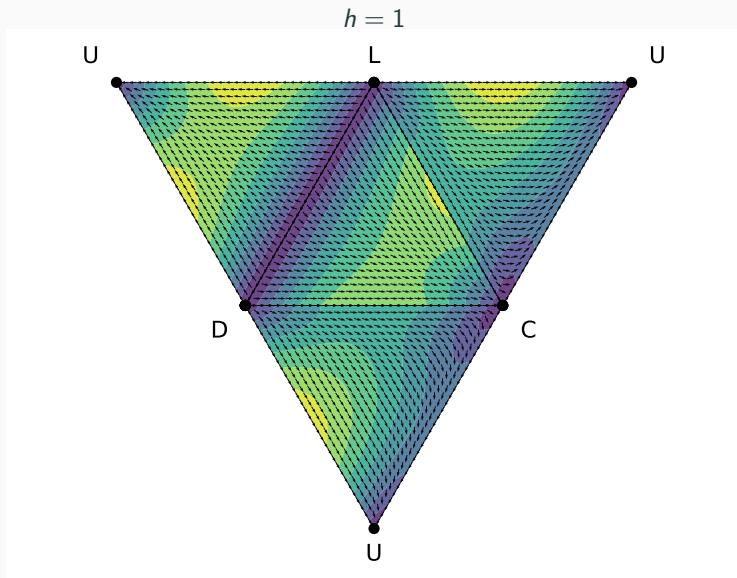


Example 3-player - symbolic analysis
Example 8-player - numerical analysis

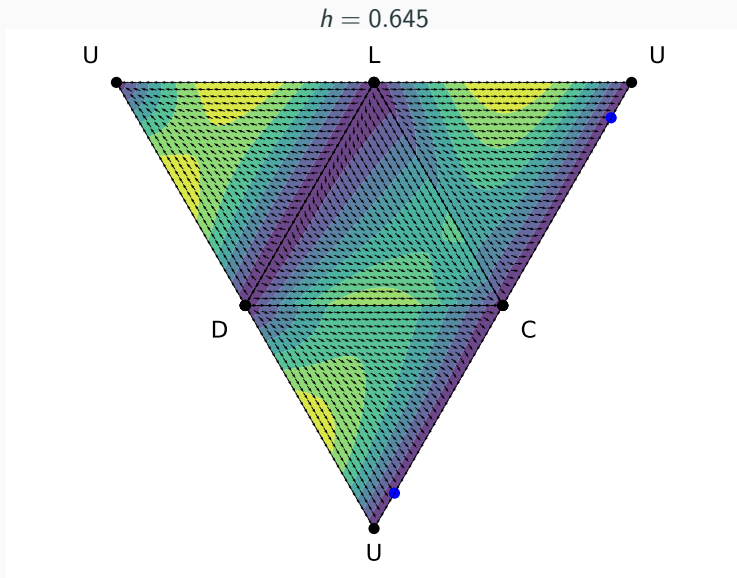


- Evolutionary dynamics for a given homophily level h
 - Dynamics inside a triangular pyramid
 - The points represent a population with just one strategy, lines 2 strategies, triangles 3
 - Blue points are stable in that dimension, red points unstable

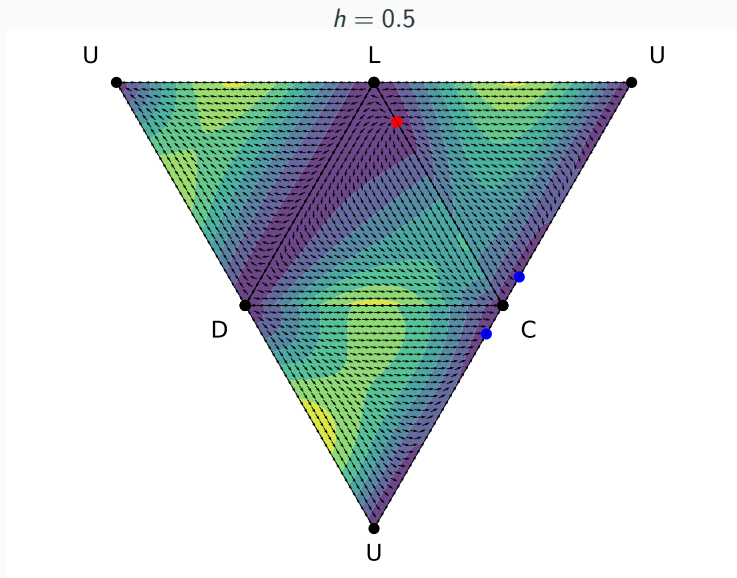
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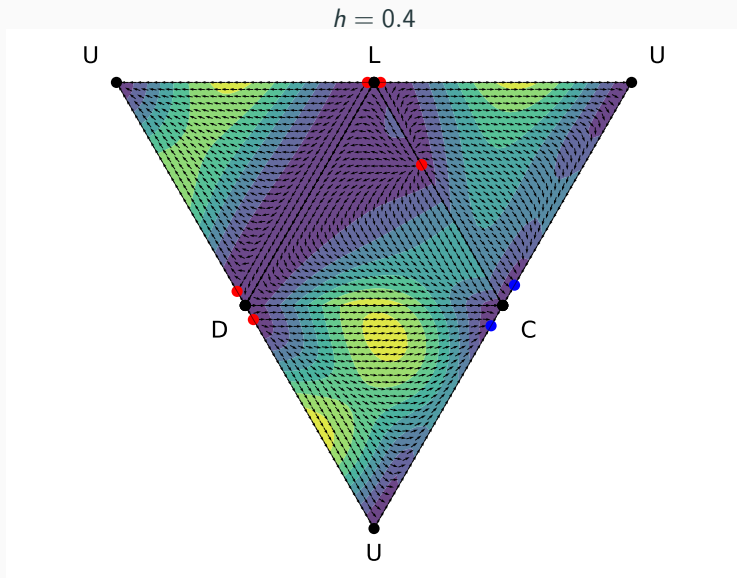
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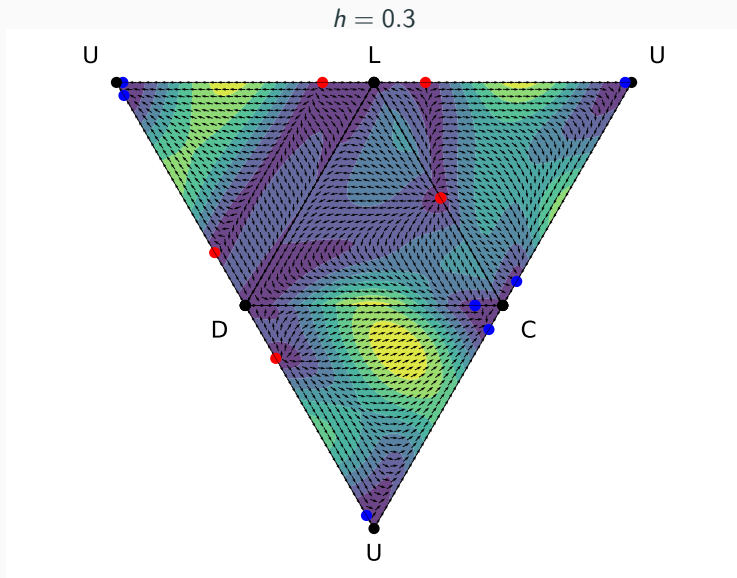
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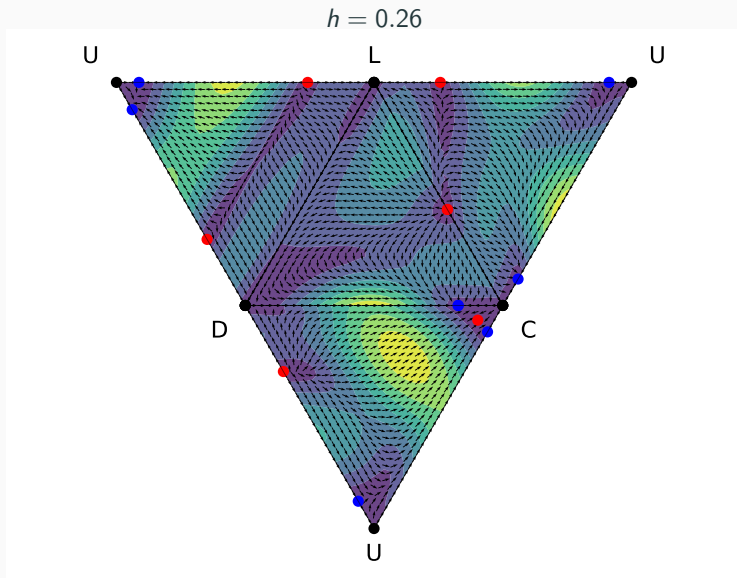
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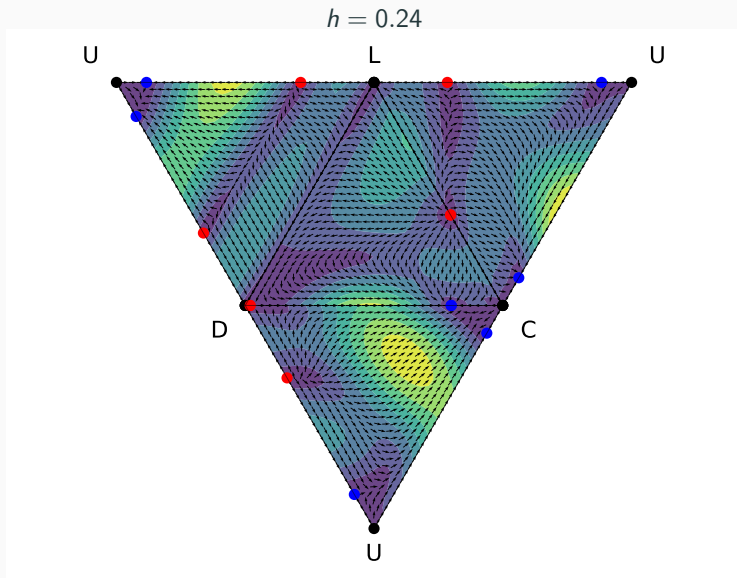
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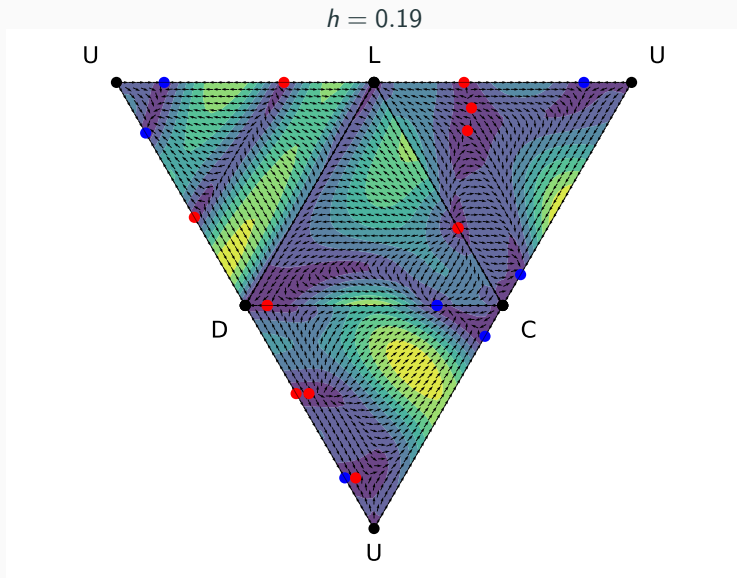
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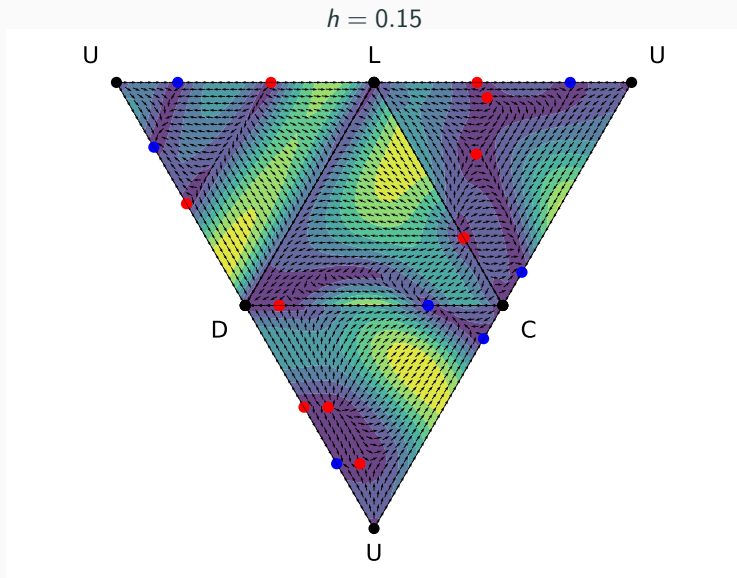
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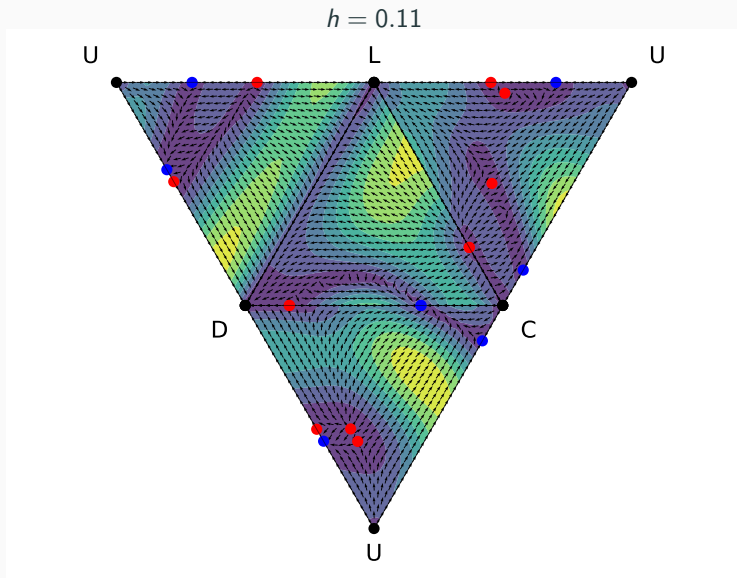
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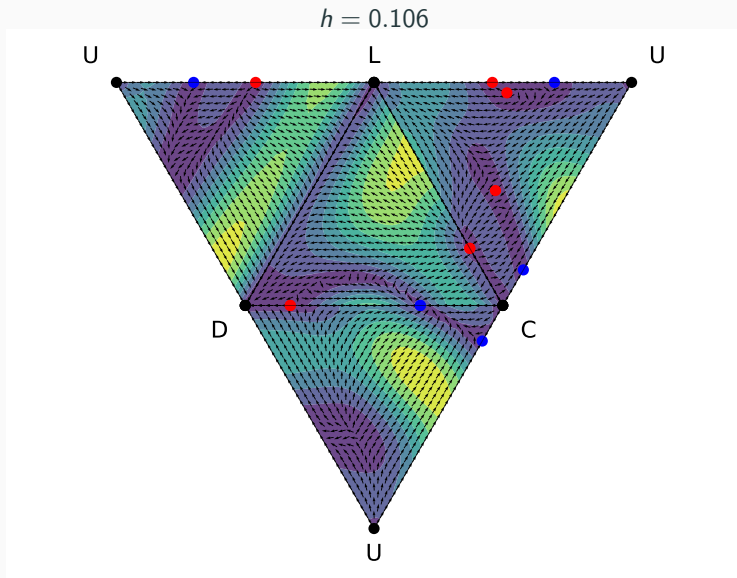
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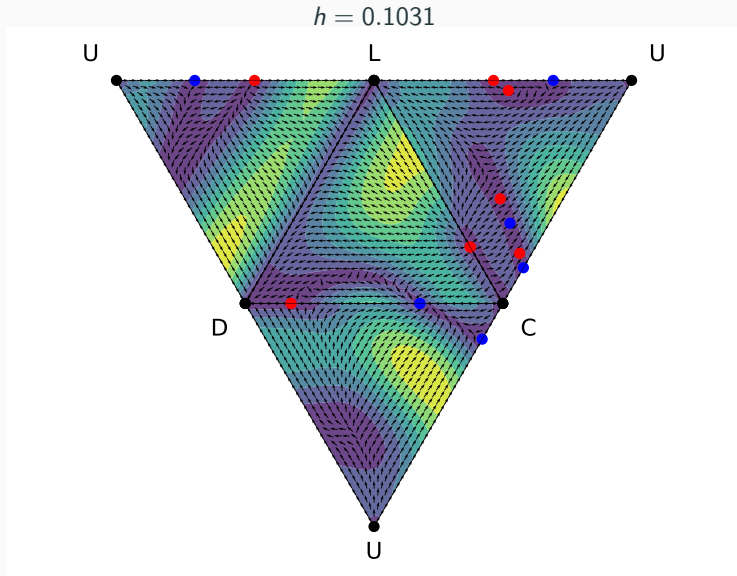
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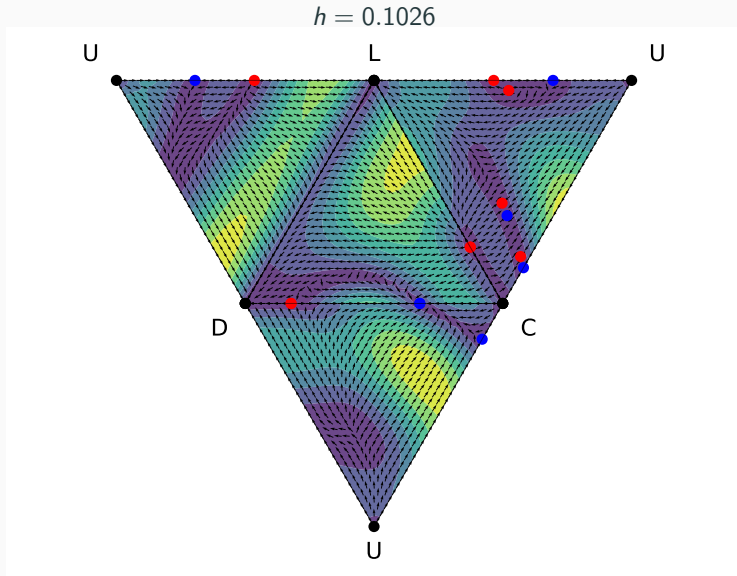
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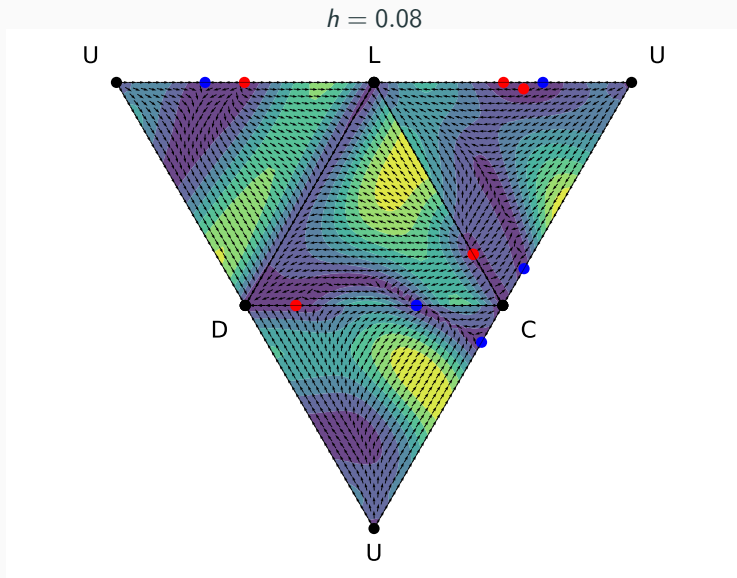
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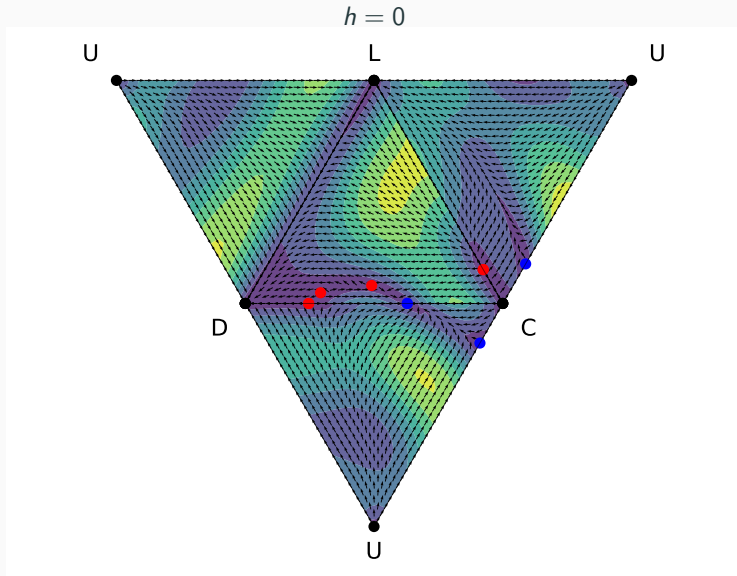
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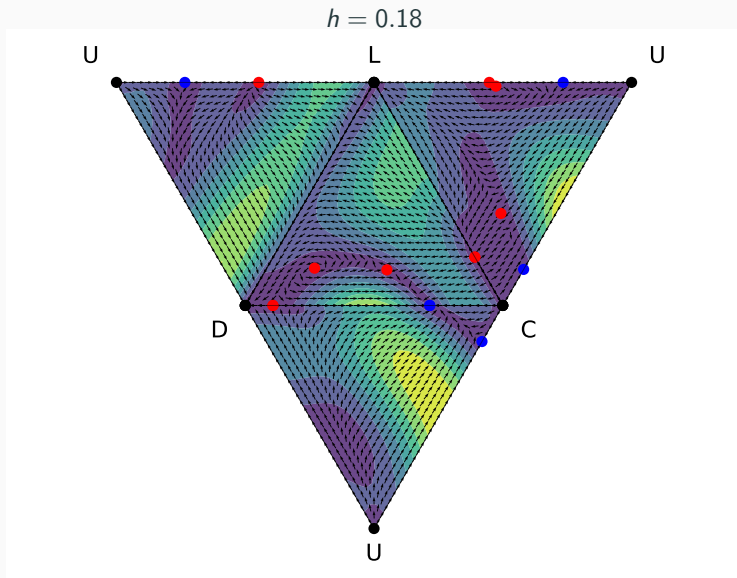
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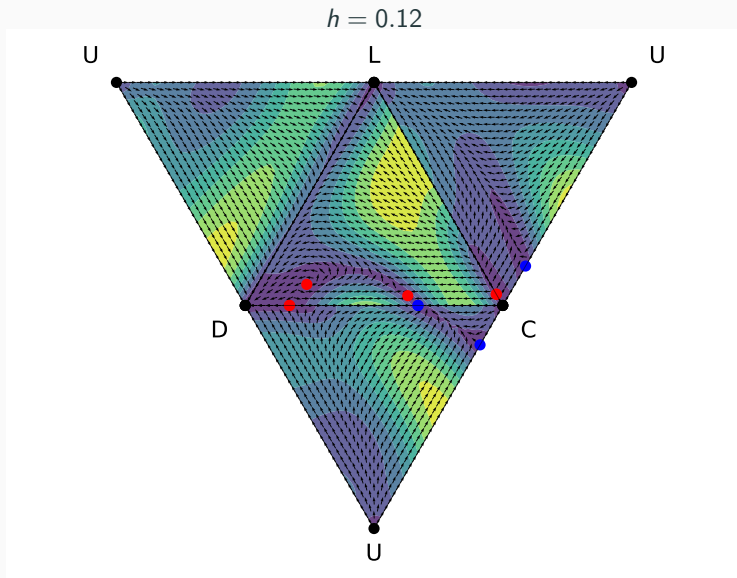
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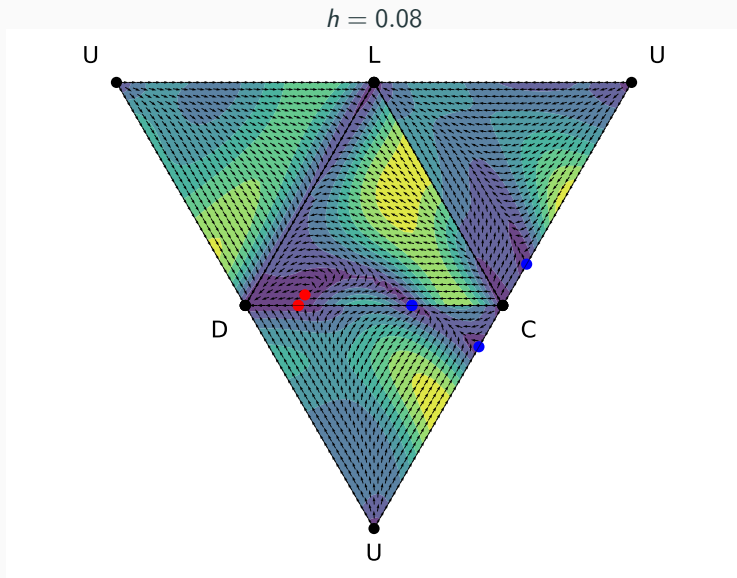
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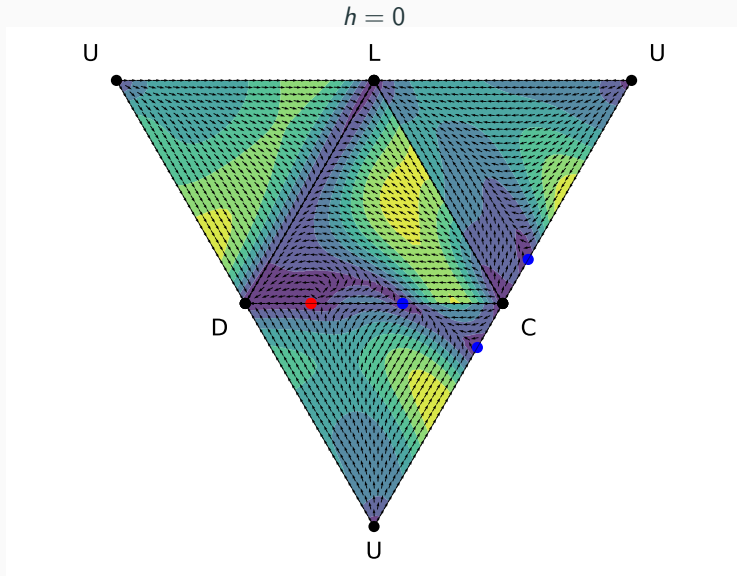
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Summary

- Mathematical framework combines discrete-strategy group games with kin selection (or 'matching rules')
- Investigate how cooperation first arose and how it can persist

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Check if an Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma strategy is a subgame perfect Nash equilibrium

I recently read a paper by Kishineva et al. (2023). The effect of environmental information on evolution of cooperation in stochastic games, which provided an opportunity to teach myself about how to analyse iterated games. In particular, the problem they investigated admits 64 possible variations with 256 possible strategies each, and I was interested in writing code that could automate the analysis. The solution I eventually landed on (GitHub repo) used a combination of SymPy, NetworkX, SageMath, the Z3 Theorem Prover, and PyEDA for Boolean minimization, but I think my approach could be improved. Background to the paper Kishineva et al...

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A summary of Richard Joyce's 'The Evolution of Morality'

Moral. To learn more about the evolution of cooperation from a philosopher's perspective, I recently read Richard Joyce's book The Evolution of Morality. Joyce's book makes the case for the evolutionary debunking argument, which holds that moral beliefs are the product of evolutionary processes rather than tracking moral truths. While evolution has equipped us with the capacity for moral judgement, this doesn't necessarily mean that our moral beliefs are true or justified. Instead, our moral sense evolved because it was useful for our ancestors' survival and reproduction, regardless of whether moral facts actually exist. Joyce begins by examining the evolutionary...