

Inferring the past for traits that alter speciation and

extinction rates





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- * Impact of a trait on speciation and extinction
 - Herbivory in insects (Mitter et al. 1988)

- 231.0
- Defense mechanisms in plants (Farrell et al. 1991)
- Floral symmetry (Sargent 2004)
- Tropical/temperate distribution (Weir and Schluter 2007)







* Trait transitions and ancestral states

- Gain/loss of migratory behavior (Kondo and Omland 2007)
- Biogeographic range (Ree and Smith 2008)
- Ancestral state of vivipary in mangroves (Shi et al 2005)



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Ancestral reconstruction: If species with purple trait are prone to extinction We have been developing likelihood methods to infer parameters of interest given a phylogeny and the states of present-day species.



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(Forward rates)

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For example, if species in state 1 are more prone to extinction, then $\mu_0 < \mu_1$.



${f 2}$ Derive differential equations

Probabilities of lineage evolving as observed (D_0 and D_1):

$$\frac{dD_{N0}}{dt} = -(\lambda_0 + \mu_0 + \rho_{01}) D_{N0} + \rho_{01} D_{N1} + 2 \lambda_0 E_0(t) D_{N0}$$

$$\frac{dD_{N1}}{dt} = -(\lambda_1 + \mu_1 + \rho_{10}) D_{N1} + \rho_{10} D_{N0} + 2 \lambda_1 E_1(t) D_{N1}$$

$$3 \quad Move from the tips to root$$

$$T = D_0(0) = 1$$

Probabilities of extinction before the present (\mathbf{E}_0 and \mathbf{E}_1): $\frac{\mathrm{d}E_0}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mu_0 - (\mu_0 + \rho_{01} + \lambda_0) E_0 + \rho_{01} E_1 + \lambda_0 E_0^{-2}$

$$\frac{dE_1}{dt} = \mu_1 - (\mu_1 + \rho_{10} + \lambda_1) E_1 + \rho_{10} E_0 + \lambda_1 E_1^2$$





Once at the root, we sum over the root states to get an overall likelihood of observing the data (the states of present day species), given the phylogeny and the model parameters (λ_0 , λ_1 , μ_0 , μ_1 , ρ_{01} , ρ_{10}).

- Allows hypothesis testing using LRT (e.g., $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1$)
- Provides credibility intervals for parameters of interest
- Can be used in a Bayesian framework to provide posterior probability distributions

BiSSE: Binary State Speciation & Extinction

Simulation test:

- 500 taxon tree
- 500 replicate analyses

$$\lambda_0 = 0.1, \lambda_1 = 0.1 \text{ or } 0.2,$$

 $\mu_0 = 0.03, \mu_1 = 0.03,$
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Speciation rate, λ_0



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Extinction rate, μ_0

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Transition rate, ρ_{01}



Extinction rate, μ_0

Extinction rates harder to estimate:

- Fewer events
- Absence of evidence

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Accounting for unresolved clades

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• Method 2: If there are unresolved clades (e.g., all the members of a genus), we can splice together:





95% Credibility intervals

- Method 1: Dashed curves
- Method 2: Solid curves

Phylogeny need not be complete to be able to infer parameters of interest with confidence.

Recent developments:

- Quantitative traits (QuaSSE; FitzJohn 2010)
- Multiple traits & multiple states (MuSSE; FitzJohn 2012)
- Cladogenetic & anagenetic trait shifts (BiSSE-ness; Magnuson-Ford & Otto 2012)

These methods provides a powerful method to address:

- Are rare traits rare because they increase extinction, reduce speciation, or rapidly change?
- How can we infer ancestral states when a trait affects diversification?
- Do particular habitats promote speciation?
- Do diversification rates vary over time?







PTH (functional asexuality) was not an evolutionary dead end, exhibiting high diversification and reversion rates.

Polyploidy (Mayrose et al. 2011)



Across 63 genera of plants, diploids exhibited higher diversification, with both higher speciation rates and lower extinction rates, than polyploid clades.

Within-species applications:

The multi-type birth-death model may also be useful for analyzing within-species data.

- Stadler and Bonhoeffer extended the model to include sampling within species, at different time points. The model was then applied using to an HIV-1 phylogeny to determine the transmissibility for different host types (e.g., intravenous drug users vs heterosexuals).
- While the birth-death model ignores density dependence, applying the method to populations of ~constant size may still provide reasonable inferences.

Moran model simulations: Constant population size, N



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Speciation rate, λ_0



Dots and bars give point estimates and 95% credibility intervals for a single 500-species tree, sampled to varying degrees.



Proportion of tips phylogenetically resolved



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Does sexual selection influence diversification?

• Dimorphism in shorebirds (FitzJohn et al.)

Do pollinators promote speciation of colorful flowers?

• Flower color in Ipomoea (with Smith and Rausher)

Does specialization increase speciation & extinction rates?

• Resource utilization in fungi (with Binder and Hilbert)

Is asexual reproduction an evolutionary dead end?

• Mating system in Oenothera (Johnson et al)

Does polyploidization help or hinder diversification?

• An analysis of 63 genera of plants (Mayrose et al)







