

What is a dynamical system?

→ any system that evolves through time

ie. height of tree as a function of time - one player system



• population of predators & prey - interactive system
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 humans fish
 lynx hare

- pendulum
- traffic flow
- disease spread

Mathematically, a dynamical system is a set of

- continuous → - ordinary differential equations
- partial " " " " (involves both integrals & differential)
- mixed → - integro " " " "
- discrete → - difference " " " "

Goals

- ODEs : interpret
- , solve → graphically / steady-state / numerically.

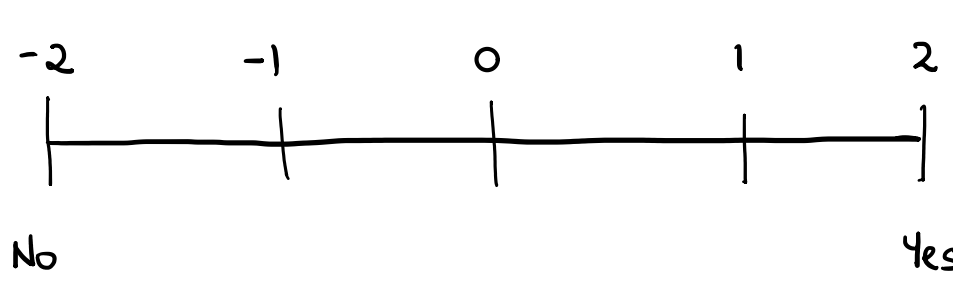
Model 1 - Opinion Dynamics

Types of Behaviours

- steady-state
- steady increase / decrease
- oscillation



How to measure opinion? (single issues)



- focal individual
- neighbour

No Amplification

	-2	-1	1	2
-2	-2	-1	-1	-1
-1	-2	-1	1	1
1	-1	-1	1	2
2	1	1	1	2

Application Case (probability Pa)

	-2	-1	1	2
-2	-2	-2	-1	-1
-1	-2	-2	1	1
1	-1	-1	2	2
2	1	1	2	2

Rule: The focal individual moves 1 step forward the opinion of the chosen neighbour

Rule: The focal individual's opinion becomes more entrenched (1step) if interacting w/ a neighbour of the same side.

Let:

- L_2 = fraction of individuals with opinion -2
- L_1 = " " " " -1
- R_1 = " " " " 1
- R_2 = " " " " 2

summation = 1

$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} = \text{interactions that increase } L_2 - \text{interactions that decrease } L_2$$

No Amplification (1-Pa)

	-2	-1	1	2
-2	■	■	■	■
-1	■			
1				
2				

Application Case (probability Pa)

	-2	-1	1	2
-2	■	■	■	■
-1	■	■		
1				
2				

$$\frac{dL_2}{dt} = \left[(1-p_a)L_1L_2 + p_aL_1L_2 + p_aL_1L_1 \right] - \left[(1-p_a)L_2(L_1 + R_1 + R_2) + p_aL_2(R_1 + R_2) \right]$$

$$= \left[L_1L_2 + p_aL_1L_1 \right] - \left[(1-p_a)L_2L_1 \right]$$

$$\frac{dL_1}{dt} = \text{interactions that increase } L_1 - \text{interactions that decrease } L_1$$

No Amplification (1-Pa)

	-2	-1	1	2
-2		■	■	■
-1	■	■	■	■
1	■	■		
2				

Application Case (probability Pa)

	-2	-1	1	2
-2		■	■	■
-1	■	■	■	■
1	■	■		
2				

$$\frac{dL_1}{dt} = \left[(1-p_a)(L_1L_2 + R_1L_2 + R_2L_2) + p_a(R_1L_2 + R_2L_2) + (1-p_a)R_1(L_2 + L_1) + p_aR_1(L_2 + L_1) \right] - \left[(1-p_a)L_1(L_2 + R_1 + R_2) + p_aL_1(L_2 + L_1 + R_1 + R_2) \right]$$

↳ check literature paper: answer on pg 4

Another way to model the change in L_2 :

$$\dot{L}_2 = \text{increased} - \text{decreased}$$

$$= \text{increased} - [L_2 - \text{no change}]$$

• Read Appendix A