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Abstract

Gynodioecy is a breeding system in plants where populations consist of hermaphrodites and females. The females result from a genetic mutation which impairs pollen production in hermaphrodite plants. Most previous models for the evolution of gynodioecy do not take into account any spatial detail, which might be expected to play an important role in populations with short range interactions caused by poor or no locomotion.

In this article we present a generalised mean-field analysis (which ignores any spatial detail), together with stochastic spatial simulations, to investigate the spatial effect on the evolution of gynodioecy. We show that, in a population of hermaphrodites where male sterility is caused by a dominant allele in a nuclear gene, mean-field calculations greatly underestimate the reproductive advantage females require to become viable under spatial constraints. This suggests that gynodioecy is less likely to evolve in plants with more localised pollination and seed setting. This may have implications for the evolution of dioecy, a breeding system in plants where the population consists of males

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and females, as gynodioecy is thought to be a route to dioecy. Our results also demonstrate that a lower frequency of females should be expected for gynodioecious populations when interactions are local. This is relevant when comparing the results of breeding experiments with observations of female frequency in the wild.

Key words: sexual reproduction, lattice, Gynodioecy

1. Introduction

Gynodioecy is a breeding system in plants where populations consist of hermaphrodite and female individuals. It is both a common and widespread polymorphism describing approximately 7% of all flowering plants (Richards, 1986). Some examples of species that exhibit gynodioecy are the wild strawberry, *Fragaria virginiana*, (Ashman, 1999) and *Cucurbita foetidissima* (Cucurbitaceae) (Kohn, 1989). The evolution of gynodioecy also has implications for the evolution of dioecy, as gynodioecy is thought to be a route to dioecy. A well-known dioecious species is American holly, *Ilex aquifolium* (Aquifoliaceae) (Obeso et al., 1998).

Gynodioecy occurs as a result of a genetic mutation which impairs pollen production in hermaphrodite plants. This makes gynodioecy an excellent system for studying the interplay of genetic architecture and ecology in evolution (Bailey and Delph, 2007). Genetic mutations can impair pollen production in several ways but still allow normal female reproduction (Chaudhury, 1993). The genetic basis for male sterility can significantly affect whether a mutation for male sterility can become established. Nuclear genes are inherited through both parents whereas cytoplasmic genes are only inherited from the

19 mother. It has been shown that females would need to be at least twice
20 as fertile as hermaphrodites (produce twice as many offspring) for a nuclear
21 male sterility gene to become established (Lewis, 1941). However, cytoplas-
22 mic male sterility can become established when the fertility of the female is
23 only slightly larger than that of the hermaphrodite (Lewis, 1941). This is
24 because a cytoplasmic gene is not inherited through male function hence has
25 nothing to lose if pollen production is stopped. In some species, male sterility
26 is complicated further by the evolution of restorer genes which suppress the
27 deleterious effects of cytoplasmic male sterility (Schnable and Wise, 1998).

28 Most previous models of inherited male sterility assumed that female fit-
29 ness is dependent on the availability of pollen in the environment but herm-
30 aphrodite fitness is not (Lewis, 1941; Lloyd, 1983), i. e. hermaphrodites
31 are self-compatible. However, incompatibility recognition systems prevent-
32 ing self-fertilization have evolved several times in independent lineages of
33 Angiosperm plants (Charlesworth et al., 2005) and many plants have been
34 observed as self-incompatible (Igic and Kohn, 2006). If the case of a self-
35 incompatible species is considered, cytoplasmic inherited male sterility is
36 only stable if hermaphrodite and female fertility are exactly equal (Charnov,
37 1982). In this unlikely case it would be difficult for the cytoplasmic mutation
38 to invade from small frequencies as it is neutral in terms of selection. For
39 the case of cytoplasmic male sterility in out-crossing hermaphrodites, it was
40 shown that if female fertility is larger than hermaphrodite fertility, females
41 will spread until scarcity of pollen causes the population to become extinct
42 (Stewart-Cox et al., 2005).

43 All of the analyses discussed thus far ignore spatial detail, which becomes

44 important in populations with short range interactions between constituents
45 and limited mixing caused by poor/no locomotion. These conditions would
46 be expected to be particularly prevalent in plant populations. A powerful ap-
47 proach for modelling spatial detail is the use of stochastic spatial simulations,
48 which have been extensively applied in chemical, ecological and sociological
49 systems (Durrett, 1999; Durrett and Levin, 1994).

50 A spatial model of cytoplasmic male sterility in self-incompatible herm-
51 aphrodites (Stewart-Cox et al., 2005), showed behaviour vastly different from
52 the predictions of non-spatial models. Where non-spatial models predicted
53 that invasion of females would lead to extinction of the population (female
54 fertility $>$ hermaphrodite fertility), the spatial model (Stewart-Cox et al.,
55 2005) instead displayed stable nodes, foci, limit cycles or extinction depend-
56 ing on the relative fertility of females to hermaphrodites. This demonstrated
57 that cytoplasmic male sterility can evolve in self-incompatible hermaphrodite
58 populations.

59 In this article we present a generalised model for gynodioecy that accom-
60 modates male sterility conferred by a cytoplasmic gene or a dominant allele
61 in a nuclear gene. This contrasts the aforementioned spatial investigation
62 (Stewart-Cox et al., 2005), which solely considered cytoplasmic male steril-
63 ity. We present a generalised mean-field analysis (which ignores any spatial
64 detail), together with stochastic spatial simulations, to investigate the spatial
65 effect on the evolution of gynodioecy in self-incompatible hermaphrodites.

66 For established gynodioecious populations we compare the equilibrium
67 frequencies of females in spatial and non-spatial models over a range of pa-
68 rameter values. A knowledge of the equilibrium frequency of females would

69 be of interest when comparing the results of breeding experiments with ob-
70 servations of female frequency in the wild.

71 In the following section a stochastic spatial simulation is described that
72 is used to simulate the evolution of gynodioecy. A mean-field analysis for
73 the evolution of gynodioecy is presented in section 3 and results from the
74 stochastic spatial simulations are presented in section 4. The results pre-
75 sented for the case of cytoplasmic male sterility show good agreement with
76 previous spatial simulations (Stewart-Cox et al., 2005).

77 2. Model

78 The stochastic spatial simulation described here is continuous in time
79 and extends a previous model for the sexual reproductive process (Preece
80 and Mao, 2009). The population resides on a two-dimensional square lattice
81 of side length L , with periodic boundary conditions. Each lattice site can be
82 occupied by either a self-incompatible hermaphrodite, a female or be empty.
83 An occupied site becomes vacant at a rate λ , the death rate. The death rate
84 is considered to be equal for hermaphrodites and females for the purposes of
85 our investigation.

86 A hermaphrodite produces an offspring at a rate equal to $j\kappa_1/4$, where j
87 is the number of nearest neighbour sites occupied by hermaphrodites and κ_1
88 is the birth rate. This positive relationship between individual fitness and the
89 density of conspecifics demonstrates the well-known Allee effect (Odum and
90 Allee, 1954). A nearest neighbour site is then chosen randomly. If the chosen
91 site is empty the offspring is placed on the site. If the site is occupied the
92 offspring is deleted. Similarly, a female produces a hermaphrodite offspring

93 at a rate, $j\kappa_2/4$, and a female offspring at a rate, $j\kappa_3/4$. Thus, a female
 94 produces offspring at a total rate, $j(\kappa_2 + \kappa_3)/4$.

95 Genetics can be explicitly defined in this model for the case of a dominant
 96 allele in a nuclear gene that causes male sterility, or a cytoplasmic gene that
 97 causes male sterility. Consider a dominant nuclear allele for male sterility,
 98 B . Thus, $Bb = \text{female}$, and, $bb = \text{hermaphrodite}$. Since females produce no
 99 pollen, no homozygous BB individuals are formed and there are only two
 100 genotypes in the population (Lewis, 1941). $\kappa_2 \neq \kappa_3$, represents the case of
 101 differential mortality between male and female offspring due to their own sex
 102 genotypes (Lloyd, 1974).

103 The case of cytoplasmic male sterility is modelled by setting $\kappa_2 = 0$.
 104 Hence, females always produce females and the hermaphrodite population is
 105 not increased through mating with females.

106 3. Mean-field Analysis

107 The mean-field kinetics of the hermaphrodite and female populations are
 108 described by,

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = h \left[-\lambda + \frac{3(h\kappa_1 + f\kappa_2)(1 - h - f)}{4} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = f \left[-\lambda + \frac{3h\kappa_3(1 - h - f)}{4} \right] \quad (2)$$

109 where h and f are the densities of hermaphrodites and females respectively.
 110 The derivation of equations (1) and (2) is explained in appendix A. By scaling
 111 time ($\tau = \lambda t$), the system can be simplified by introducing the parameters;
 112 $K_1 = 3\kappa_1/4\lambda$, $K_2 = 3\kappa_2/4\lambda$ and $K_3 = 3\kappa_3/4\lambda$.

113 In the following mean-field analysis, the case of nuclear male sterility
 114 ($K_1 > 0$, $K_2 > 0$ and $K_3 > 0$) will be considered first and the case of
 115 cytoplasmic male sterility ($K_1 > 0$, $K_2 = 0$ and $K_3 > 0$) will be considered
 116 second.

117 3.1. Nuclear male sterility.

118 Equilibria for equations (1) and (2) were found by setting the time deriva-
 119 tive equal to zero, then solving the resulting two equations simultaneously.
 120 The nature of these equilibria was characterised by linear stability analysis of
 121 the system of equations (1) and (2). As $h \geq 0$, $f \geq 0$ and $h + f \leq 1$, the re-
 122 gion of interest on the (h, f) -plane is the triangle with vertices $(h = 0, f = 0)$,
 123 $(h = 1, f = 0)$ and $(h = 0, f = 1)$. The trivial equilibrium $(h = 0, f = 0)$ is
 124 stable provided $\lambda > 0$. For $(K_1 > 0, K_2 > 0, K_3 > 0)$, equations (1) and (2)
 125 have four equilibria besides the trivial one. Two equilibria are located on the
 126 boundary ($f = 0$) with,

$$h_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{K_1 - 4}{K_1}} \right), \quad (3)$$

$$h_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{K_1 - 4}{K_1}} \right). \quad (4)$$

127 The remaining two equilibria are,

$$h_4 = \frac{K_2 K_3 - \sqrt{A}}{2K_3(K_2 + K_3 - K_1)}, \quad (5)$$

$$f_4 = \frac{(K_3 - K_1)(K_2 K_3 - \sqrt{A})}{2K_2 K_3(K_2 + K_3 - K_1)}, \quad (6)$$

$$h_5 = \frac{K_2 K_3 + \sqrt{A}}{2K_3(K_2 + K_3 - K_1)}, \quad (7)$$

$$f_5 = \frac{(K_3 - K_1)(K_2K_3 + \sqrt{A})}{2K_2K_3(K_2 + K_3 - K_1)}, \quad (8)$$

128 where $A = K_2K_3[4(K_1 - K_2 - K_3) + K_2K_3]$. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
 129 from the linear stability analysis of these equilibria can be found in appendix
 130 B.

131 Equilibria $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ are real and positive only if $K_1 > 4$. The
 132 eigenvalues from the linear stability analysis of these equilibria are only de-
 133 pendent on K_1 and K_3 (see appendix B). If $K_1 > K_3$, equilibria $(h_2, 0)$ and
 134 $(h_3, 0)$ are a saddle point and attractor respectively. This marks a regime
 135 where hermaphroditism is an ESS. Thus, a small number of mutant females
 136 cannot invade a hermaphrodite population. Later it will be shown that when
 137 $K_1 > K_3$, only equilibria $(0, 0)$, $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ exist in the region of inter-
 138 est. Typical mean-field dynamics for the regime, where $K_1 > 4$ and $K_1 > K_3$,
 139 are shown in figure 1. The unstable manifold of the saddle point in figure 1
 140 lies along the boundary $(f = 0)$. Thus, a population of just hermaphrodites
 141 evolves to the trivial equilibrium if the initial density of the population is
 142 below the saddle point and evolves to the stable node if the initial density of
 143 the population is above the saddle point.

144 If $K_3 > K_1$, equilibria $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ are an unstable node and saddle
 145 point respectively. The unstable manifold of the saddle point at $(h_3, 0)$ points
 146 in to the interior, $(h > 0, f > 0)$. In the absence of females the dynamics of
 147 the hermaphrodite population is the same as for the case, $K_1 > K_3$. How-
 148 ever, a small number of mutant females can now invade the hermaphrodite
 149 population. Thus, Hermaphroditism is no longer an ESS.

150 By inspecting equations (5)-(8) it can be seen that equilibria (h_4, f_4) and

151 (h_5, f_5) are real only if $A \geq 0$. Using this condition, it can be shown that
 152 equilibria (h_4, f_4) and (h_5, f_5) are positive, real, and distinct if,

$$\begin{aligned} K_3 &> 4, \\ K_3 &> K_1, \\ \text{and } K_2 &> S, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

153 where,

$$S = \frac{4K_3 - 4K_1}{K_3 - 4}. \tag{10}$$

154 When they exist in the region of interest, equilibria (h_4, f_4) and (h_5, f_5) are
 155 a saddle point and stable node respectively. The condition, in equation (9),
 156 that $K_3 > K_1$, means that the boundary equilibria $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ are an
 157 unstable node and a saddle point respectively. Typical mean-field dynamics
 158 for this regime are shown in figure (2). In the absence of females, the dy-
 159 namics of hermaphrodite population is similar to the case where $K_1 > K_3$:
 160 a population of just hermaphrodites evolves to the trivial equilibrium if the
 161 initial density of hermaphrodites is below the unstable node and evolves to
 162 the boundary saddle point if the initial density of hermaphrodites is above
 163 the unstable node. However, females can now invade a population of herm-
 164 aphrodites. The population can then evolve to the stable node (h_5, f_5) , which
 165 represents a stable coexisting population of hermaphrodites and females. As
 166 can be seen in figure(2), mixed populations with low densities evolve to the
 167 trivial equilibrium.

168 The conditions in equations (9) also reveal that a coexisting population of
 169 females and hermaphrodites can be stable even when a population consisting
 170 solely of hermaphrodites is not stable (when $K_1 < 4$).

171 Whilst obeying equations (9), reducing K_3 (or increasing K_1) brings equi-
 172 libria (h_4, f_4) and (h_5, f_5) closer to the boundary ($f = 0$). When $K_3 = K_1$,
 173 equilibria (h_4, f_4) and (h_5, f_5) collide with the boundary equilibria, $(h_2, 0)$
 174 and $(h_3, 0)$ respectively, here a transcritical bifurcation occurs. As discussed
 175 above, when $K_1 > K_3$, the boundary equilibria $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ are a saddle
 176 point and attractor respectively. Thus hermaphroditism is the ESS.

177 Decreasing K_2 , whilst obeying the conditions in equation 9, brings equi-
 178 libria (h_4, f_4) and (h_5, f_5) closer together. At $K_2 = S$, equilibria (h_4, f_4) and
 179 (h_5, f_5) collide and annihilate. This is a saddle-node bifurcation point. If
 180 $K_3 > K_1$ and $K_2 < S$; the boundary equilibria, $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$, are a
 181 node and saddle point respectively and no equilibrium for coexistence exists.
 182 Under these conditions females could invade the hermaphrodite population.
 183 As the only stable equilibrium is the trivial equilibrium the population will
 184 then converge on the trivial equilibrium, resulting in extinction. Typical
 185 mean-field dynamics for this regime are shown in figure 3.

186 All possible evolutionary outcomes for the case $K_1 > 0$, $K_2 > 0$ and
 187 $K_3 > 0$ are summarised in table (1). At equilibrium the frequency of females
 188 in the population is given by,

$$\frac{f_5}{f_5 + h_5} = \frac{K_3 - K_1}{K_3 + K_2 - K_1}. \quad (11)$$

189 Note that equation (11) is only valid if the (h_5, f_5) is real and positive, there-
 190 fore if the conditions in equation 9 are satisfied. Equation 11 differs from the
 191 result of Lewis (1941) as Lewis's model considers self-compatible hermaph-
 192 roditites.

	$K_1 > 4$	$K_1 < 4$
$K_1 > K_3$	Hermaphroditism is ESS	Extinction (only trivial equilibrium)
$(K_3 > K_1)$ & $(S > K_2)$	Female invasion leads to extinction	Extinction (only trivial equilibrium)
$(K_3 > K_1)$ & $(K_2 > S)$ & $(K_3 > 4)$	Gynodioecy	Gynodioecy

Table 1: Evolutionary outcomes in mean-field analysis, for nuclear male sterility ($K_1 > 0, K_2 > 0, K_3 > 0$), where K_1 , K_2 and K_3 are the scaled reproductive rates for the following processes: $H + H \rightarrow H$, $H + F \rightarrow H$, and $H + F \rightarrow F$ respectively (H represents a hermaphrodite and F a female).

193 *3.2. Cytoplasmic male sterility*

194 For the case of cytoplasmic male sterility, the behaviour of equilibria
195 $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ is the same as in the previous section: for $K_1 > K_3$
196 equilibria $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ are a saddle point and stable node respectively,
197 for $K_3 < K_1$ equilibria $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ are an unstable node and saddle
198 point respectively.

199 If $K_2 = 0$ and $K_1 > K_3$, hermaphroditism is an ESS and similar dynamics
200 to those shown in figure 1 are observed. For $K_2 = 0$ and $K_3 > K_1$, females
201 can invade a hermaphrodite population but the population then converges
202 on the trivial equilibria and becomes extinct. The dynamics observed for
203 this case are similar to those shown in figure 3.

204 For the special case $K_2 = 0$ and $K_3 = K_1$, there is a curve of equilibrium

205 points given by,

$$f = \frac{K_1 h - K_1 h^2 - 1}{K_1 h}. \quad (12)$$

206 Eigenvalues and eigenvectors from the linear stability analysis of this equi-
 207 librium curve are given in appendix C. The first eigenvalue for points on this
 208 equilibrium curve is zero with corresponding eigenvector along the curve.
 209 The second eigenvalue is negative for $h > 2/K_1$ and positive for $h < 2/K_1$.
 210 Typical mean-field dynamics for this regime is shown in figure 4. The be-
 211 haviour observed here for the case $K_2 = 0$ is in agreement with previous
 212 results from similar evolutionary models (Stewart-Cox et al., 2005; Charnov,
 213 1982).

214 4. Results of lattice simulation

215 All simulations were run on lattices of side length $L = 100$ for 100 gen-
 216 erations, where the time in generations is given by $\tau = \lambda t$, and t is in Monte
 217 Carlo steps. For hermaphrodite populations (with no females), previous in-
 218 vestigations for this lattice model (Preece and Mao, 2009) have shown that a
 219 discontinuous phase transition occurs between an active phase (finite popula-
 220 tion) and an absorbing phase (extinction) at $K_1 \approx 6$. Thus values of $K_1 > 6$
 221 are required for a sustainable hermaphrodite population.

222 The simulation results for the case of cytoplasmic male sterility ($K_2 = 0$)
 223 show good qualitative agreement with previous spatial simulations (Stewart-
 224 Cox et al., 2005). Simulations (for $K_2 = 0$) displayed coexistence of females
 225 and hermaphrodites (not shown) for values of K_3 roughly 1.5 times larger than
 226 K_1 . Figure 5 shows how behaviour is increasingly cyclic with increased female
 227 reproductive advantage (increased K_3/K_1). This contrasts with mean-field

228 kinetics, which predict extinction of the population following the invasion
 229 of females. Large values of K_3 ($K_3 > 8K_1$) result in extinction (not shown)
 230 showing similar behaviour to mean-field predictions.

231 Sample paths from the lattice simulation for the case of nuclear male
 232 sterility ($K_2 > 0$) are shown in figures 6 and 7. In figure 6, hermaphroditism
 233 is the ESS. It can be seen from the plot, that the hermaphrodite population
 234 is robust against invasion by large numbers of females. Simulations started
 235 with low population densities evolved to the trivial equilibrium (not shown).
 236 These observations are in agreement with mean-field kinetics. In figure 7,
 237 coexistence of females and hermaphrodites is evolutionary stable. The paths
 238 shown in figure 7 converge on an equilibrium at approximately $(0.77, 0.12)$,
 239 this corresponds to the stable node, (h_5, f_5) , in the mean-field analysis. This
 240 is difficult to see from figure 7 due to slow dynamics close to the equilibrium.
 241 Simulations started with low population densities evolved to the trivial equi-
 242 librium (not shown).

243 Breaking the condition $K_2 > S$ (equation (9)) with $K_3 > K_1$ does not
 244 result in extinction following female invasion, as predicted by mean-field
 245 analysis. Instead simulations display coexistence with increasingly cyclic be-
 246 haviour as K_2 is decreased and/or K_3 increased. This result is not surprising
 247 given the observations for $K_2 = 0$ shown earlier (figure 5).

248 The frequency of females in natural gynodioecious populations is often
 249 used as an indicator of the genetic mechanism responsible for male steril-
 250 ity in a particular species (Bailey and Delph, 2007). For cases of nuclear
 251 male sterility where $K_2 > S$, spatial simulations arrive at equilibria which
 252 are fairly static in (h, f) -space. Thus, equilibrium frequencies of females in

253 the population are easily calculated. Figure 8 plots the equilibrium female
254 frequencies for spatial simulation and mean-field analysis as a function of
255 K_3/K_1 , with $K_2 = K_3$. For each set of results K_1 was fixed while K_2 and
256 K_3 were incremented. By testing several values of K_1 , the plots show that
257 the relative magnitudes of K_1 , K_2 and K_3 are dominant in determining the
258 behaviour of the system and not their absolute values. Though birth rates
259 do need to be of sufficient magnitude to avoid extinction. Reproductive rates
260 used for the simulations in figures 5–8 are larger than those use for mean-
261 field dynamics (figures 1–4). This because the strictly local interactions of
262 the simulation make the population more vulnerable to extinction at low
263 birth rates (Preece and Mao, 2009).

264 Mean-field analysis predicted that nuclear male sterility could evolve if
265 $K_3 > K_1$. Figure 8 shows that the condition for nuclear male sterility to
266 evolve in a spatial simulation with ($K_2 = K_3$) is approximately $K_3 > 3K_1$.
267 This infers that nuclear male sterility is less likely to evolve in species with
268 local pollination and seed setting, as is the case in the simulation, than
269 in than in a well mixed/widely dispersing population. Results from lattice
270 simulations are summarised in table 2.

271 Figure 8 also shows that female frequency is lower in the spatial simulation
272 than predicted by mean-field analysis. Thus, it may be expected that gyn-
273 odioecious plant species with local pollination and seed setting should have
274 lower female frequencies in the wild compared to species with long range
275 interactions. The difference between mean-field and simulation is likely to
276 be due to local variation in the concentration of females. As offspring are
277 placed on nearest neighbour sites females with easy access to pollen can-

Male Sterility	Parameters	Evolutionary Outcome
Nuclear	$3K_1 > K_3$ & $K_3 = K_2$	Hermaphroditism is ESS
Nuclear	$K_3 > 3K_1$ & $K_3 = K_2$	Gynodioecy
Cytoplasmic	$1.5 > \frac{K_3}{K_1}$ & $K_2 = 0$	Hermaphroditism is ESS
Cytoplasmic	$8 > \frac{K_3}{K_1} > 1.5$ & $K_2 = 0$	Gynodioecy
Cytoplasmic	$\frac{K_3}{K_1} > 8$ & $K_2 = 0$	Female invasion leads to extinction

Table 2: Evolutionary outcomes for lattice simulations, where K_1 , K_2 and K_3 are the scaled reproductive rates for the following processes: $H + H \rightarrow H$, $H + F \rightarrow H$, and $H + F \rightarrow F$ respectively (H represents a hermaphrodite and F a female). A value of $K_1 > 6$ is required for a sustainable hermaphrodite population.

278 not compensate for females being starved of pollen in regions of high female
 279 concentration. This would result in regions with high female concentration
 280 dying off due to a shortage of pollen.

281 In many hermaphrodite plant populations individuals are self-incompatible
 282 (Igic and Kohn, 2006), which is the focus of the model presented above. In
 283 other species some self-fertilisation is observed in addition to out-crossing
 284 (Kohn, 1989; Ashman, 1999). Though selfing would alter the details of the
 285 model presented in this article, we would still expect the main conclusions
 286 of our investigation to stand. Namely, females require a greater fertility
 287 advantage to become established when interactions are local, and the equi-
 288 librium frequency of females is lower when interactions are local. This may
 289 account for observations of Ashman (1999) that observed female frequencies
 290 are generally lower than those predicted by the equation of Lewis (1941) in

291 a gynodioecious species of wild strawberry.

292 As pointed out in the introduction, male sterility has also been observed
293 to be controlled by more complex genetic interactions than studied here. For
294 example male sterility due to recessive genes (Lewis, 1941) and the evolution
295 of restorer genes which counter male sterility (Schnable and Wise, 1998).
296 Spatial simulations similar to the one presented here could easily be applied
297 to these systems.

298 5. Conclusions

299 The population dynamics for a stochastic spatial simulation and its mean-
300 field approximation have been presented for a gynodioecious population where
301 male sterility is conferred by a dominant nuclear allele. It was demonstrated
302 that a female needs a much greater fertility advantage to become established
303 in the stochastic spatial simulation when compared with the mean-field ap-
304 proximation. This result suggests that gynodioecy is less likely to evolve in
305 plants with local pollination and seed setting, and may also contribute to the
306 observation that a relatively small percentage of plant species exhibit gyn-
307 odioecy (Richards, 1986) and dioecy (Dellaporta and Calderonurrea, 1993).

308 The equilibrium frequency of females in the population was found to be
309 lower in the stochastic spatial simulation than in the mean-field approxima-
310 tion. This suggests that a lower frequency of females should be expected for
311 gynodioecious populations with local pollination and seed setting.

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316 **A. Derivation of mean-field dynamics**

317 According to the reproductive process described in section 2, a hermaph-
 318 rodite produces offspring via its female sexual function at a mean rate,

$$r = \frac{\kappa_1}{4} \sum_{j=0}^4 [j \mathbf{P}(j) \mathbf{P}(x = \emptyset | j)], \quad (13)$$

319 where j is the number of nearest neighbour sites occupied by hermaphrodites,
 320 κ_1 is the birth rate, $\mathbf{P}(j)$ is the probability a hermaphrodite has j nearest
 321 neighbours, and $\mathbf{P}(x = \emptyset | j)$ is the probability that the site chosen for the
 322 offspring to reside on, x , is empty given j nearest neighbour sites are occupied
 323 by hermaphrodites. Applying Bayes' theorem to equation(13),

$$r = \frac{\kappa_1}{4} \sum_{j=0}^4 [j \mathbf{P}(x = \emptyset) \mathbf{P}(j | x = \emptyset)]. \quad (14)$$

324 As $\mathbf{P}(x = \emptyset)$ is not a function of j it can be taken out of sum in equation(14)
 325 and placed as a prefactor. In the meanfield,

$$\mathbf{P}(x = \emptyset) = (1 - h - f), \quad (15)$$

326 where h and f are the densities of hermaphrodites and females respectively.
 327 In the meanfield, the remaining sum from equation (14) is,

$$\sum_{j=0}^4 [j \mathbf{P}(j | x = \emptyset)] = 3h. \quad (16)$$

328 The factor of 3 arises because $\mathbf{P}(j|x = \emptyset) = 0$ for $j = 4$. Substituting
 329 equations(15) and (16) into equation(13) gives,

$$r = \frac{3h(1-h-f)}{4}. \quad (17)$$

330 Equation(17) is the meanfield reproductive rate per hermaphrodite via its
 331 female sexual function. A similar derivation can be used to calculate the
 332 meanfield rates that hermaphrodites and females are produced by female
 333 individuals.

334 B. Stability analysis — nuclear male sterility

335 The equilibrium points for nuclear male sterility are given in equations
 336 (3) – (8). The eigenvalues for the trivial equilibrium $(0, 0)$ are,

$$\nu_1^1 = -1, \quad (18)$$

$$\nu_1^2 = -1, \quad (19)$$

337 with corresponding eigenvectors,

$$\mathbf{z}_1^1 = (0, 1), \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_1^2 = (1, 0). \quad (21)$$

338 The eigenvalues for $(h_2, 0)$ are,

$$\nu_2^1 = \frac{4 - K_1 + \sqrt{K_1(K_1 - 4)}}{2}, \quad (22)$$

$$\nu_2^2 = \frac{K_3}{K_1} - 1, \quad (23)$$

339 with corresponding eigenvectors,

$$\mathbf{z}_2^1 = (1, 0), \quad (24)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_2^2 = \left(\frac{K_1 \left(2 - K_1 + \sqrt{K_1(K_1 - 4)} \right) + 2K_2}{K_1 \left(K_1 - 6 - \sqrt{K_1(K_1 - 4)} \right) + 2K_3}, 1 \right). \quad (25)$$

340 The eigenvalues for $(h_3, 0)$ are,

$$\nu_3^1 = \frac{4 - K_1 - \sqrt{K_1(K_1 - 4)}}{2}, \quad (26)$$

$$\nu_3^2 = \frac{K_3}{K_1} - 1, \quad (27)$$

341 with corresponding eigenvectors,

$$\mathbf{z}_3^1 = (1, 0) \quad (28)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_3^2 = \left(\frac{K_1 \left(2 - K_1 - \sqrt{K_1(K_1 - 4)} \right) + 2K_2}{K_1 \left(K_1 - 6 + \sqrt{K_1(K_1 - 4)} \right) + 2K_3}, 1 \right). \quad (29)$$

342 The eigenvalues of $(h_4, 0)$ are,

$$\nu_4^1 = \frac{K_1}{K_3} - 1, \quad (30)$$

$$\nu_4^2 = \frac{2}{1 + K_2 K_3 A^{-1/2}}, \quad (31)$$

343 where $A = K_2 K_3 [4(K_1 - K_2 - K_3) + K_2 K_3]$. The corresponding eigenvec-

344 tors are,

$$\mathbf{z}_4^1 = \left(\frac{-K_2 (2K_1 + K_2(K_3 - 2) - 4K_3 + A^{1/2})}{K_3 (2K_1 + K_2(K_3 - 4) - 2K_3 + A^{1/2})}, 1 \right), \quad (32)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_4^2 = \left(\frac{K_2}{K_3 - K_1}, 1 \right). \quad (33)$$

345 The eigenvalues of $(h_5, 0)$ are,

$$\nu_5^1 = \frac{K_1}{K_3} - 1, \quad (34)$$

$$\nu_5^2 = \frac{2}{1 - K_2 K_3 A^{-1/2}}, \quad (35)$$

346 where the corresponding eigenvectors are,

$$\mathbf{z}_5^1 = \left(\frac{-K_2(2K_1 + K_2(K_3 - 2) - 4K_3 - A^{1/2})}{K_3(2K_1 + K_2(K_3 - 4) - 2K_3 - A^{1/2})}, 1 \right), \quad (36)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_5^2 = \left(\frac{K_2}{K_3 - K_1}, 1 \right). \quad (37)$$

347 C. Stability analysis — cytoplasmic male sterility

348 $(h_2, 0)$ and $(h_3, 0)$ are still equilibria for the case of cytoplasmic male steril-
 349 ity ($K_1 > 0$, $K_2 = 0$ and $K_3 > 0$). Though, (h_4, f_4) and (h_5, f_5) are not. For
 350 the special case $K_3 = K_1$, a curve of equilibrium points exists given by equa-
 351 tion (12). The eigenvalues from the linear stability analysis of points on this
 352 curve are given by,

$$\nu_6^1 = 0, \quad (38)$$

$$\nu_6^2 = 2 - K_1 h, \quad (39)$$

353 where the hermaphrodite density h refers to the hermaphrodite density on
 354 the equilibrium curve. The corresponding eigenvectors are,

$$\mathbf{z}_6^1 = \left(\frac{K_1 h^2}{1 - K_1 h^2}, 1 \right), \quad (40)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_6^2 = \left(\frac{-K_1 h^2}{1 + K_1 h(h - 1)}, 1 \right), \quad (41)$$

355 again the hermaphrodite density h refers to the hermaphrodite density on
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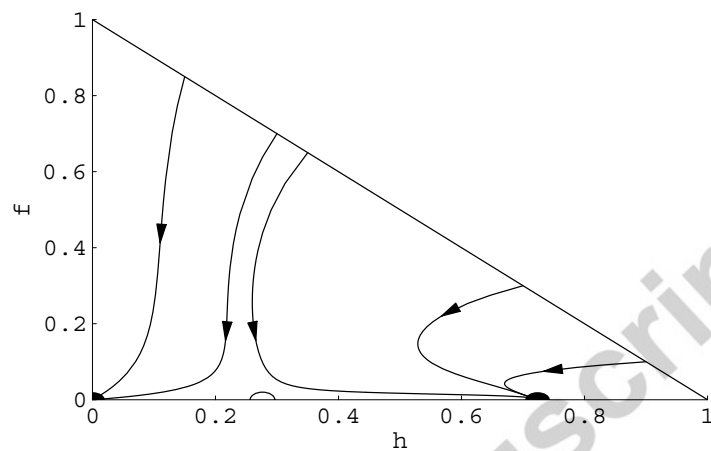


Figure 1: Typical mean-field dynamics for the case where hermaphroditism is the ESS. Filled circles mark stable nodes, the empty circle marks a saddle point. The arrows indicate the direction of evolution. Plot shown for $K_1 = 5$, $K_2 = 3$ and $K_3 = 3$.

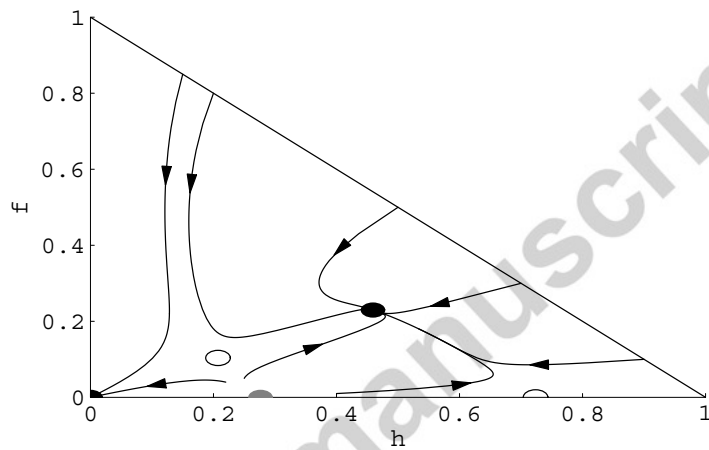


Figure 2: Typical mean-field dynamics for the case where a coexisting population of hermaphrodites and females is evolutionary stable. Filled circles mark stable nodes, empty circles mark saddle points and the grey filled circle marks an unstable node. The arrows indicate the direction of evolution. Plot shown for $K_1 = 5$, $K_2 = 4$ and $K_3 = 7$.

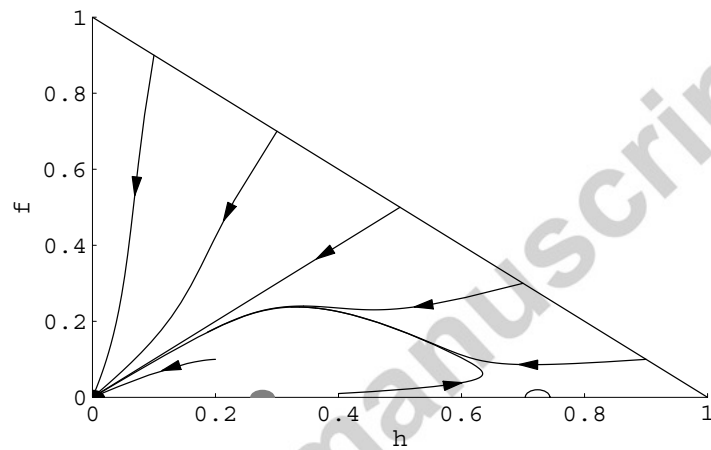


Figure 3: Typical mean-field dynamics for the case where invasion of females leads to extinction. Filled circles mark stable nodes, the empty circle marks a saddle points and the grey filled circle marks an unstable node. The arrows indicate the direction of evolution. Plot shown for $K_1 = 5$, $K_2 = 2$ and $K_3 = 7$.

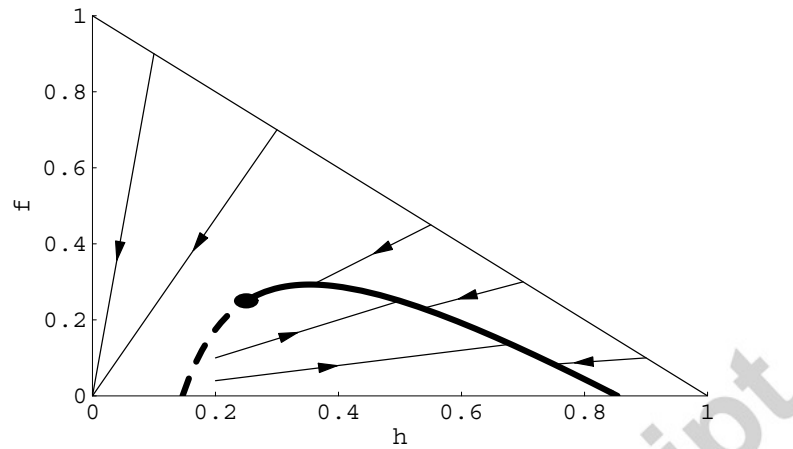


Figure 4: Typical mean-field dynamics for the case where $K_1 = K_3$ and $K_2 = 0$. Plot shown for $K_1 = K_3 = 8$, $K_2 = 0$. The solid section of the curve is stable, the dashed section is unstable. The filled circle indicates the point at which the curve becomes unstable. The arrows indicate the direction of evolution.

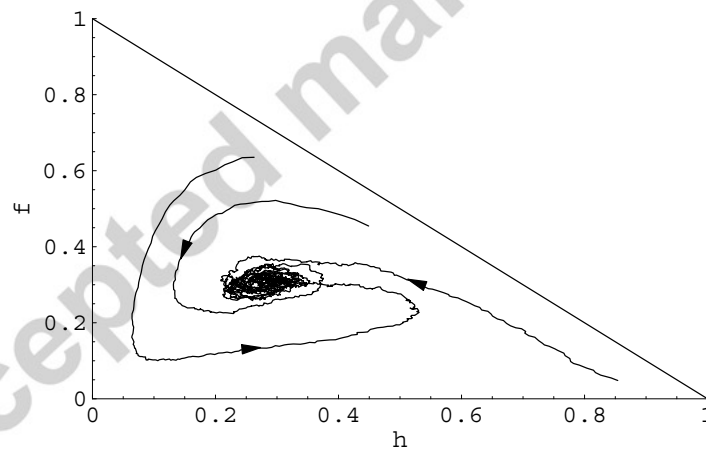


Figure 5: Lattice simulation for cytoplasmic male sterility; coexistence of females and hermaphrodites. The arrows indicate the direction of evolution. Simulations were run for 100 generations on a lattice of side length $L = 100$, with $K_1 = 10$, $K_2 = 0$ and $K_3 = 40$.

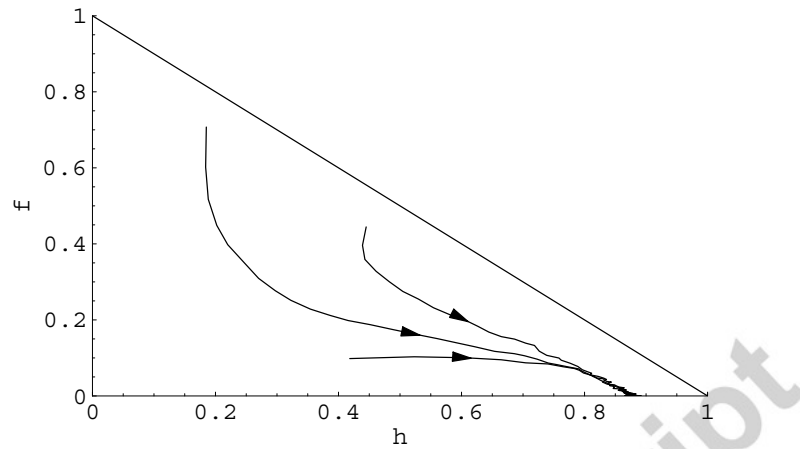


Figure 6: Lattice simulation; hermaphroditism is an ESS. The arrows indicate the direction of evolution. Simulations were run for 100 generations on a lattice of side length $L = 100$ with $K_1 = 10$, $K_2 = 8$ and $K_3 = 8$.

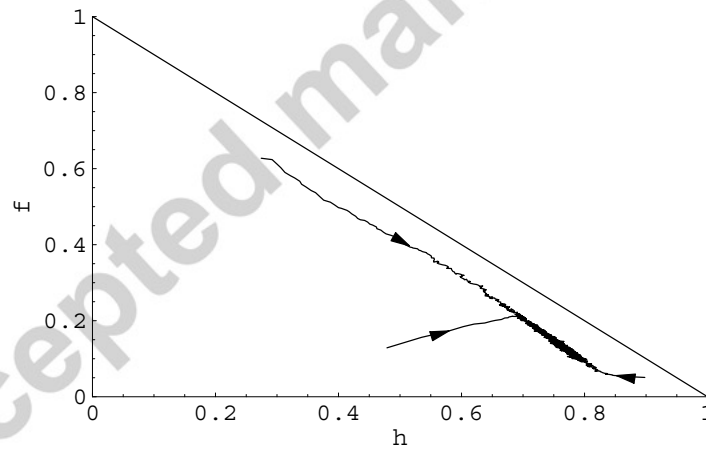


Figure 7: Lattice simulation; coexistence of females and hermaphrodites. The arrows indicate the direction of evolution. Simulations were run for 100 generations on a lattice of side length $L = 100$ with $K_1 = 10$, $K_2 = 40$ and $K_3 = 40$.

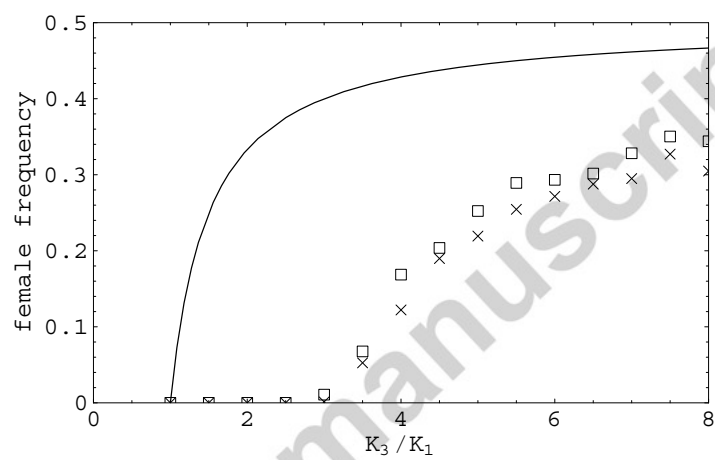


Figure 8: Comparison of equilibrium sex-ratio for mean-field (line) and lattice simulation. Simulations shown for $K_2 = K_3$, and $K_1 = 10$ (\square) and $K_1 = 20$ (\times). Points shown were averaged over the last 10 generations of the simulation.