

## ECOL8000: Mutualism Simulation Exercise #2

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In the paper by Doebeli and Knowlton (1998), potential mutualists are defined by phenotypes  $(a,b)$  and  $(a',b')$ , which parameterize investments in cooperation/mutualism:  $a$  and  $a'$  denote the initial investment during the first of a series of interactions over the course of a generation, and  $b$  and  $b'$  denote the rate that the payoff from the previous interaction is invested in the current interaction. Payoff for  $(a,b)$  is defined as  $B(a') - C(a)$ , and similarly  $B(a) - C(a')$  for  $(a',b')$ , with  $B(I) = B_0(1 - e^{-B_1 I})$  and  $C(I) = C_0 I$ .

- 1). Use the function `plot_investment_evolution_game_with_generations` to try to recreate the panels in figure 2 in Doebeli and Knowlton (1998).
- 2). Using the function `plot_and_print_investment_evolution_game_with_generations`, simulate the evolution of cooperation for a small number of generations ( $\leq 10$ ), while varying the number of iterations per generation. Describe what happens to the payoffs over subsequent iterations within a generation. Does the fixation of mutant strategies make sense given the payoffs? Explain.
- 3). Use the output from `plot_and_print_investment_evolution_game_with_generations` to argue for how the number of iterations per generation will influence the propensity for the initial investment versus the subsequent investment of past payoff to increase.
- 4). By varying `B_0`, `B_1`, and `C_0` as inputs to the function `plot_investment_evolution_game_with_generations`, explore how the parameterization of  $B(I)$  and  $C(I)$  influences the evolution of both components of the phenotype.
- 5). Optional and for fun only, try to figure out why my code doesn't seem to produce the same pronounced increases in  $a$ ,  $a'$ ,  $b$ , and  $b'$  shown in figure 2.