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# Replicator dynamics for the iterated prisoner's dilemma with three types of players

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	Cooperate	Defect
<b>Cooperate</b>	<b>R, R</b>	<b>S, T</b>
<b>Defect</b>	<b>T, S</b>	<b>P, P</b>

- Temptation to defect
- Reward for mutual cooperation
- Punishment for mutual defection
- Sucker's payoff

$$T > R > P \geq S, 2R > T + S$$



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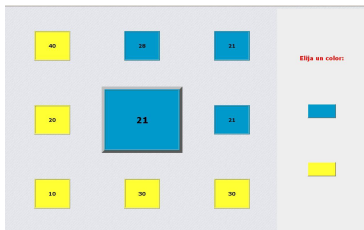
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- Square lattice  $13 \times 13$
- Experiment 1  $\rightarrow$  Control  $\rightarrow$  Experiment 2

“Social experiments in the mesoscale: Humans playing a spatial Prisoner's Dilemma” J. G., C. Fosco, L. Araujo, JA. Cuesta, A. Sánchez

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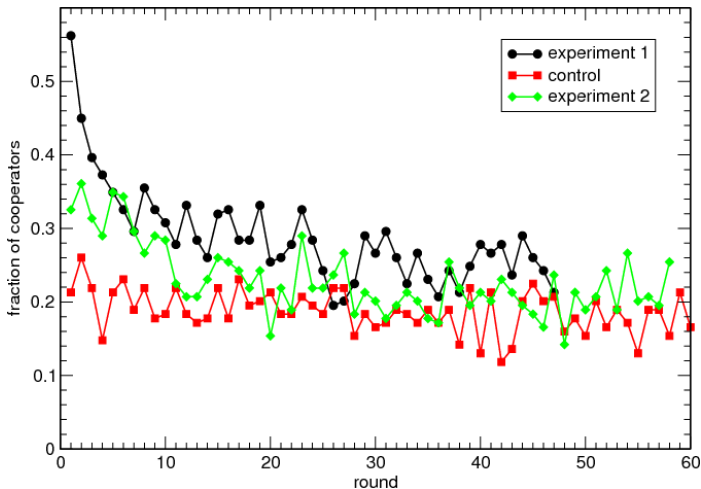
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## ■ Cooperation level $\cong 25\%$





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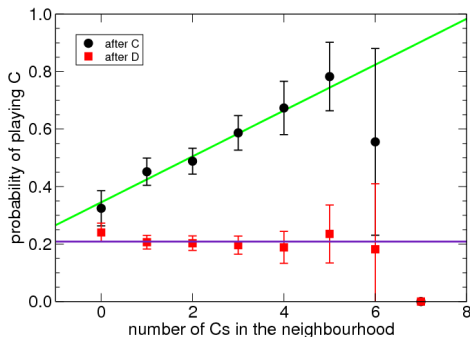
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Type of player	Mark	Experiment 1	Control	Experiment 2
Defectors	<b>D</b>	24%	43%	41%
Cooperators	<b>C</b>	1.8%	1.8%	5.3%
Conditional cooperators	<b>X</b>	74%	56%	54%





# Earnings for different types

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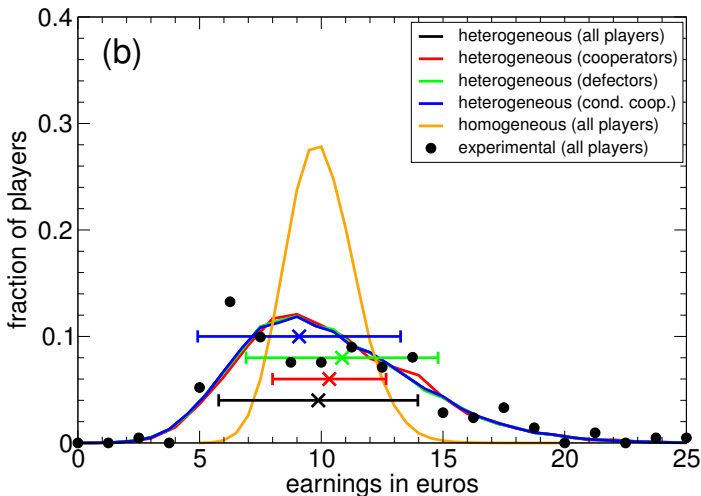
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# Idea

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- Why this heterogeneity?
- Is there an evolutionary explanation?
- We start with the simplest case.
- Pairwise prisoner's dilemma



# Experiment & Model

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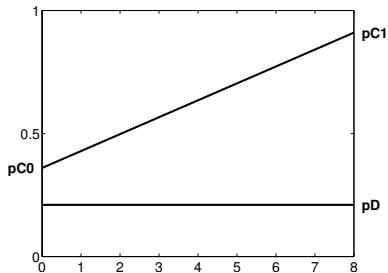
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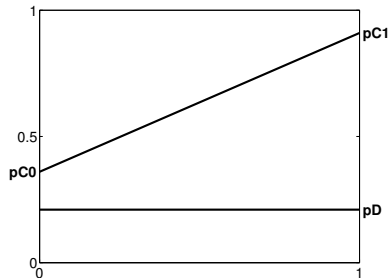
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Player's action in the previous round	C	C	D	D
Opponent's action in the previous round	C	D	C	D
<b>Type 1: mostly defectors</b>	$1 - p$	$1 - p$	$1 - p$	$1 - p$
<b>Type 2: mostly cooperators</b>	$p$	$p$	$p$	$p$
<b>Type 3: conditional cooperators</b>	$p_{C1}$	$p_{C0}$	$p_D$	$p_D$

- What are the frequencies?
- Replicator dynamics:

$$\frac{\dot{x}_i}{x_i} = [(\mathbf{A}\vec{x})_i - \vec{x}\mathbf{A}\vec{x}]$$



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- How to calculate  $\mathbf{A}$ ?
- If just C and D,  $p=1$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} P & T \\ S & R \end{bmatrix}$$

- If  $p < 1$  what is  $A_{11}$   
 $(1-p)(1-p)R + (1-p)pS + p(1-p)T + ppP$
- For  $A_{13}$  we need transition probability matrix



# Transition probability matrix

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	C C	C D	D C	D D
C C	$M_{11}$	$M_{12}$	$M_{13}$	$M_{14}$
C D	$M_{21}$	$M_{22}$	$M_{23}$	$M_{24}$
D C	$M_{31}$	$M_{32}$	$M_{33}$	$M_{34}$
D D	$M_{41}$	$M_{42}$	$M_{43}$	$M_{44}$

Table: Transition probability matrix of the Markov chain generated in an iterated PD game between two given players. The first action is that of the focal player and the second action is that of the opponent. For example,  $M_{31}$  is the probability that if focal player played D and his opponent played C, they will both play C in the next round.



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Matrix for 1–3 interaction:

$$M(1-3) = \begin{pmatrix} (1-p)p_{C1} & (1-p)(1-p_{C1}) & pp_{C1} & p(1-p_{C1}) \\ (1-p)p_D & (1-p)(1-p_D) & pp_D & p(1-p_D) \\ (1-p)p_{C0} & (1-p)(1-p_{C0}) & pp_{C0} & p(1-p_{C0}) \\ (1-p)p_D & (1-p)(1-p_D) & pp_D & p(1-p_D) \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix for 3–3 interaction

$$M(3-3) = \begin{pmatrix} p_{C1}^2 & (1-p_{C1})p_{C1} & (1-p_{C1})p_{C1} & (1-p_{C1})^2 \\ p_{C0}p_D & p_{C0}(1-p_D) & (1-p_{C0})p_D & (1-p_{C0})(1-p_D) \\ p_{C0}p_D & (1-p_{C0})p_D & p_{C0}(1-p_D) & (1-p_{C0})(1-p_D) \\ p_D^2 & (1-p_D)p_D & (1-p_D)p_D & (1-p_D)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Stationary probability vector

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- $M^n, n \rightarrow \infty$ , all members of one column will tend to converge to the same value

$$\pi = \pi \mathbf{M}$$

$$\pi = (\pi_{CC}, \pi_{CD}, \pi_{DC}, \pi_{DD})$$

$$A_{ij} = R\pi_{CC} + S\pi_{CD} + T\pi_{DC} + P\pi_{DD}$$

- $\pi$  need to be normalized



# Example A

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- $p = 0.83$ ,  $p_D = 0.2$ ,  $p_{C0} = 0.4$ ,  $p_{C1} = 0.8$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.235 & -0.026 \\ -0.048 & 0 & 0.062 \\ -0.007 & 0.143 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Zeeman game:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 & -4 \\ -3 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Back to the replicator equation

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$$\dot{x}_i = x_i [(\mathbf{A}\vec{x})_i - \vec{x}\mathbf{A}\vec{x}]$$

## ■ Rest points:

$$0 = x_i [(\mathbf{A}\vec{x})_i - \vec{x}\mathbf{A}\vec{x}]$$

$$1 = \sum_i x_i$$

## ■ Solutions:

$$(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), \\ \left(\frac{4}{5}, 0, \frac{1}{5}\right), \left(0, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{8}\right), \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$



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## Linearization

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{sol} + \vec{\varepsilon}, \quad \sum_i \varepsilon_i = 0$$

## System:

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_1 = \frac{17}{9}\varepsilon_1 + \frac{22}{9}\varepsilon_2$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_2 = -\frac{19}{9}\varepsilon_1 - \frac{23}{9}\varepsilon_2$$

Solutions of the form:

$$\varepsilon_1 = Ae^{mt}$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = Be^{mt}$$





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whenever  $m$  is a root of the quadratic equation

$$m^2 - \left( \frac{17}{9} - \frac{23}{9} \right) m + \left( \frac{19}{9} \frac{22}{9} - \frac{17}{9} \frac{23}{9} \right) = 0$$

Solutions:

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{3} \left( -1 - i\sqrt{2} \right), \quad m_2 = \frac{1}{3} \left( -1 + i\sqrt{2} \right)$$

- the roots  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are conjugate complex  $\Rightarrow$  spiral
- real part negative  $\Rightarrow$  attractor
- for  $(1, 0, 0)$   $m_1 = -3$ ,  $m_2 = -1 \Rightarrow$  attractor
- others are unstable



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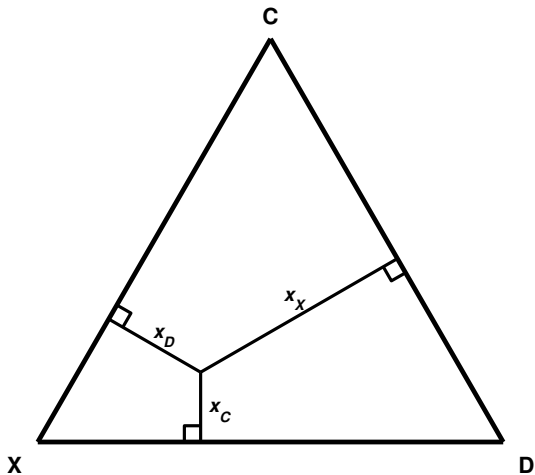
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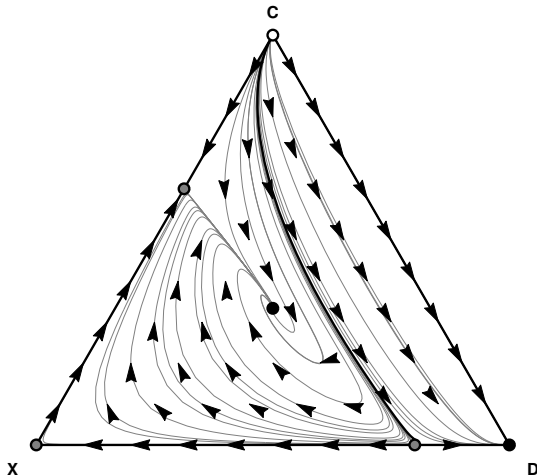
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# Increasing $p$

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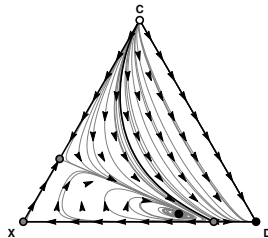
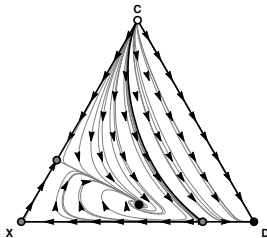
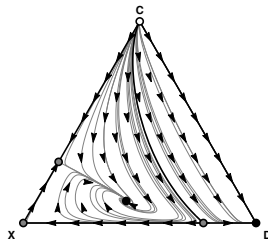
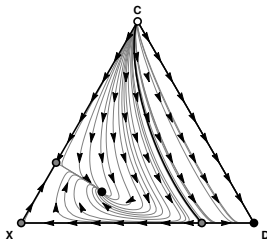
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left top  $p = 0.8$ , right top  $p = 0.83$ , bottom left  $p = 0.85$ , bottom right  $p = 0.9$



# Increasing $p_D$

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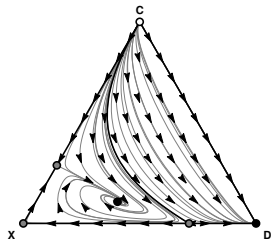
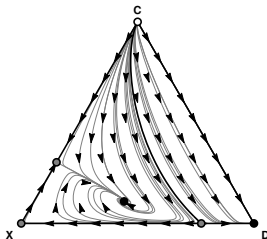
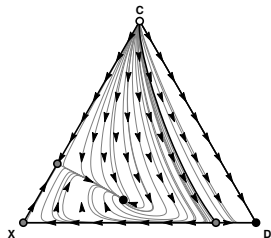
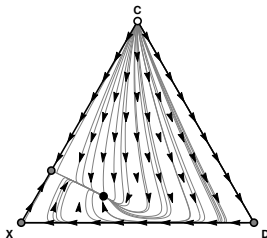
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# Increasing $p_{C0}$

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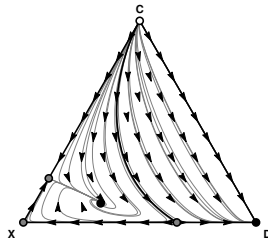
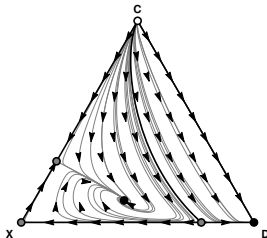
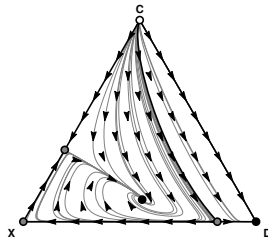
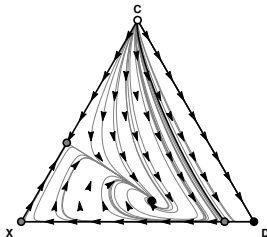
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# Increasing $p_{C1}$

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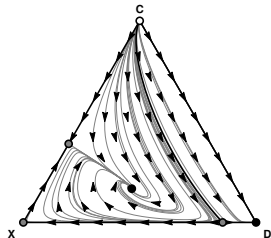
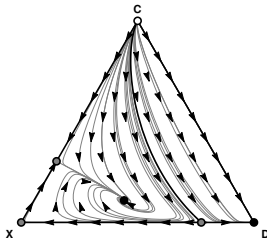
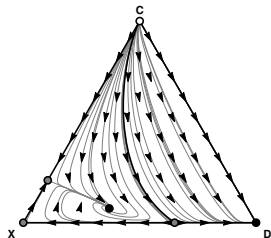
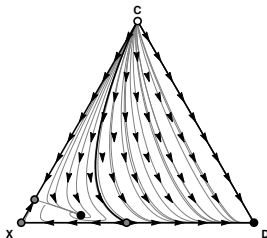
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left top  $p_{C1} = 0.7$ , right top  $p_{C1} = 0.75$ , bottom left  $p_{C1} = 0.8$ , bottom right  $p_{C1} = 0.85$





Parameters:  $p = 0.83$ ,  $p_D = 0.2$ ,  $p_{C0} = 0.4$  and  $p_{C1} = 0.8$

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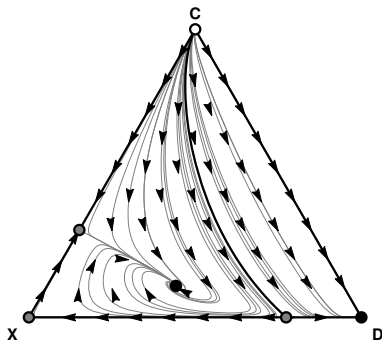
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	Defectors	Cooperators	Conditional cooperators
Model	0.39	0.11	0.50
Experiment 1	0.24	0.018	0.74
Experiment 2	0.41	0.053	0.54





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- Replicators dynamics for pairwise prisoners' dilemma
- The dynamics exhibits two attractors:
  - one for a population consisting only of defectors,
  - interior point with population frequencies comparable to those observed in the experiment.
  - The former has a much smaller basin of attraction than the latter, which therefore becomes the most probable evolutionary outcome.
- This the first hint that the experiment may be amenable to an evolutionarily explanation.