A very small intro to Diversification Models

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Questions of trait evolution are intrinsically linked with diversification

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The Birth-Death model

 Continuous Time Markov Chain. Create a new lineage with rate λ and a lineage goes extinct with rate μ



State dependent diversification models

 State diversification models are birth and death models + trait evolution models



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Since the number of lineages that speciate or go extinct are infinite, the *Q*-matrix that BiSSE defines is infinite!

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_0 & 0 & 0 & \infty \\ \mu_0 & -\lambda_0 & 0 & \infty \\ 0 & \mu_0 & -\lambda_0 & \infty \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \infty \end{pmatrix}$$

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And we need the exponential?

Calculating the probabilities of a BiSSE (and any SSE)

Remember that the *Q* is the derivative of the probabilities so that defines a series of equations

Within branches



We are going to connect two models as building blocks The discrete trait model with a birth-death model

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- Spurious significant differences in diversification can be the result of a single shift of trait (Maddison and Fitzjohn, 2015)

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