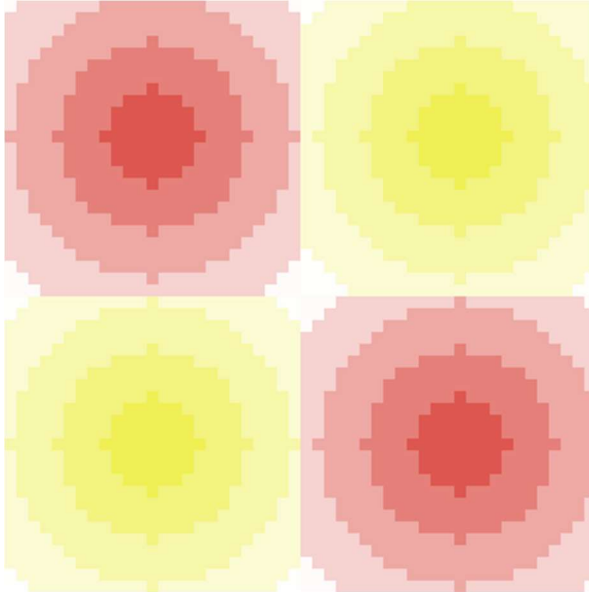


Model description

This model extends the Sugarscape 3 Wealth Distribution model from the Netlogo library (see Social science / sugarscape) which is based on Epstein and Axtell (1996)'s Sugarscape's model with adding the following elements:

- Include a second resource spice, where the spatial distribution is generated, not imported from a file.



- Agents have a welfare function, where their welfare, W , is defined by the amount of sugar, w_1 , and spice, w_2 , accumulated by the agent,
$$W(w_1, w_2) = w_1^{m_1/(m_1+m_2)} w_2^{m_2/(m_1+m_2)}$$
and where m_1 is the metabolism rate of sugar, and m_2 is the metabolism rate of spice. Movement decisions are now not dependent on the amount of sugar, but the value of W .
- Reproduction. If an agent derives a wealth beyond a certain threshold of accumulated wealth it generates an offspring if there is an empty patch nearby. The parent will lose half the sugar and spice.
- Agents can trade with neighboring agents. Agents can calculate the marginal rate of substitution (MRS) of agents in the neighborhood, where $MRS = \frac{w_2/m_2}{w_1/m_1}$
- If MRS of an agent A is bigger than the MRS of agent B, A buys sugar from B who gives spice in return. The reason for this is that B has a relative surplus of spice compared to agent A.
- The trading price that the agents will set on is $p = \sqrt{MRS_A \cdot MRS_B}$. This means that if $p > 1$, p units of spice are exchanged for 1 unit of sugar, and if $p < 1$, then 1 unit of spice is exchanged for $1/p$ of sugar. Before the trade is made, both agents will be checked to benefit from the trade in their level of wealth.

This model is part of the textbook *Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling* by Marco Janssen: Which include more discussion of this model version of Sugarscape.

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