

## **Supplementary Information**

Title: Vaccinating behavior guided by imitation and aspiration

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This file includes the detailed derivation of Eq. (9) in the main text (section A). It also provides the source code (c++) of the numerical simulation (section B).

### Section A: Derivation of Eq. (9)

Under the pure aspiration dynamic ( $\alpha = 0$ ), the expression for steady-state frequency of vaccinators, as in Eq. (8),

$$x_{asp}^* = \frac{P_{NV}^S}{P_{NV}^S + P_V^S} = \frac{1 + \exp[-k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle)]}{2 + \exp[-k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle)] + \exp[-k(\omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)]}.$$

Under weak selection  $k \ll 1$ , the above expression can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{asp}^* &\approx \frac{1 + 1 - k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle)}{2 + 1 - k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle) + 1 - k(\omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)} \\ &= \frac{2 - k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle)}{4 - k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle) - k(\omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)} \\ &= \frac{2 - k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle)}{4(1 - \frac{k}{4}(\omega_V + \omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle))} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(2 - k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle)) \left(1 - \frac{k}{4}(\omega_V + \omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)\right)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A1})$$

We presume that aspiration levels of vaccinators and non-vaccinators fall between the minimum and maximum value of their payoffs ( $\langle \pi_V \rangle$  or  $\langle \pi_{NV} \rangle$ ). More  $k \ll 1$ , we can perceive that,  $\left|\frac{k}{4}(\omega_V + \omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)\right| < 1$ . Thus, we can use the binomial expansion for  $\left(1 - \frac{k}{4}(\omega_V + \omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)\right)^{-1}$ , avoiding higher order terms of  $k$  as,

$$\left(1 - \frac{k}{4}(\omega_V + \omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)\right)^{-1} \approx 1 + \frac{k}{4}(\omega_V + \omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle). \quad (\text{A2})$$

Using (A2) in (A1),

$$x_{asp}^* \approx \frac{1}{4}(2 - k(\omega_V - \langle \pi_V \rangle)) \left(1 + \frac{k}{4}(\omega_V + \omega_{NV} - \langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)\right) \quad (\text{A3})$$

Simplifying the above expression and avoiding terms that involve  $k^2$ , one can finally obtain Eq. (9) as in the main text,

$$x_{asp}^* \approx \frac{1}{2} + \frac{k}{8}[(\omega_{NV} - \omega_V) + (\langle \pi_V \rangle - \langle \pi_{NV} \rangle)] \quad (9)$$

## Section B: Source code for the numerical simulation

Below we provide the source code (c++) of our numerical simulation. This code especially generates data for Fig. 3(a, b) in the body text. All other figures can be generated by tuning relevant parameters.

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#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <vector>
#include <list>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <cctype.h>
#include <sstream>
#include <string>
#include <cstdio>
#include <time.h>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;
using std::setw;

int main()
{
    # define times 300
    # define GENERATION 20000
    # define K 10// loop

    string file1 = "fes.csv";
    ofstream Data1(file1);
    Data1 << "Cr,e,FES" << endl;

    string file2 = "vc.csv";
    ofstream Data2(file2);
    Data2 << "Cr,e,VC" << endl;

    string file3 = "w_v.csv";
    ofstream Data3(file3);
    Data3 << "cr,e,wv" << endl;

    string file4 = "w_nv.csv";
    ofstream Data4(file4);
    Data4 << "Cr,e,wnv" << endl;

    string file5 = "alpha.csv";
    ofstream Data5(file5);
    Data5 << "Cr,e,alpha" << endl;

    double pi_V, pi_NV, w_v[GENERATION + 1], w_nv[GENERATION + 1], R_inf[times + 1];
    double alp[GENERATION + 1], x[GENERATION + 1], alpha;
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        double R0 = 2.5; // Basic reproduction number

        for (int cost = 0; cost < 101; cost++) // loop for vaccination cost
        {
            double Cr = cost / 100.0;

            for (int ef = 0; ef < 101; ef++) // loop for efficacy
            {

                double e = ef / 100.0; w_nv[0] = -0.5; w_v[0] = -0.5;
                alp[0] = 0.2; x[0] = 0.5;
                for (int j = 0; j < GENERATION; j++) // loop for repeated
seasons
                {
                    R_inf[0] = 0.5;
                    for (int i = 0; i < times; i++)
                    {
                        R_inf[i + 1] = (1 - e * x[j]) * (1 - exp(-R0 *
R_inf[i])); // estimating final epidemic size
                    }

                    double hv = x[j] * (e + (1 - e) * exp(-R0 *
R_inf[times])); //healthy and vaccinated
                    double iv = x[j] * (1 - e) * (1 - exp(-R0 *
R_inf[times])); //infected and vaccinated
                    double sfr = (1 - x[j]) * exp(-R0 * R_inf[times]);
//successful free rider
                    double ffr = (1 - x[j]) * (1 - exp(-R0 *
R_inf[times])); //failed free rider
                    pi_V = (-Cr * hv - (Cr + 1) * iv) / x[j]; //average
payoff of vaccinators
                    pi_NV = -ffr / (1 - x[j]); //average payoff of non-
vaccinators

                    //assigning alpha and aspiration levels
                    alpha = 0.5; double omega1 = -0.5; double omega2 = -0.2;
// omega1 and omega2 represent aspiration levels for vaccinators and non-
vaccinators

                    double p_V_NV = x[j] * (1 - x[j]) * 1 / (1 + exp(-
(pi_NV - pi_V) * K)); //imitative probability from V to NV
                    double p_V_C = 1.0 / (1 + exp(-(omega1 - pi_V) * K));
//Aspiration-led switching probability for vaccinators
                    double p_NV_V = x[j] * (1 - x[j]) * 1.0 / (1 + exp(-
(pi_V - pi_NV) * K)); //imitative probability from NV to V

                    double p_NV_C = 1.0 / (1 + exp(-(omega2 - pi_NV) *
K)); //Aspiration-led switching probability for non-vaccinators
                    x[j + 1] = x[j] + 0.1 * (p_NV_V - p_V_NV);
                    double x_imt = x[j + 1];
                    x[j + 1] = x[j] + 0.1 * ((1 - x[j]) * p_NV_C - x[j] *
p_V_C);
                    double x_aspp = x[j + 1];
                    x[j + 1] = alpha * x_imt + (1 - alpha) * x_aspp;

// In case of time dependent 'alpha' and 'aspirations', one can use following
expressions, and then substitute 'alpha = alp[j]', 'omega1 = w_v[j]', and 'omega2
= w_nv[j]' in the line with comment "//assigning alpha and aspiration levels"
//double h = 0.2; // learning rate

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        //w_v[j + 1] = (1-h) * w_v[j] + h * pi_V;
        //w_nv[j + 1] = (1-h) * w_nv[j] + h * pi_NV;
        //alp[j + 1] = alp[j] + 1.0 * alp[j] * (1 - alp[j]) *
(x_imt - x_aspp); // updating alpha

    }

Data1 << Cr << "," << e << "," << R_inf[times] << endl;
Data2 << Cr << "," << e << "," << x[GENERATION] << endl;
Data3 << Cr << "," << e << "," << w_v[GENERATION] << endl;
Data4 << Cr << "," << e << "," << w_nv[GENERATION] << endl;
Data5 << Cr << "," << e << "," << alp[GENERATION] << endl;
}

}

Data1.close();
Data2.close();
Data3.close();
Data4.close();
Data5.close();
}

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