Supplementary materials for: Pulled Diversification Rates, Lineages-Through-Time Plots and Modern Macroevolutionary Modelling

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Section 1: Simulations for figure 2

Here we detail the simulations run to produce figure 2. Briefly, we simulated data and conducted a Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) approach to estimate the values of two parameters, $a$ and $b$ when our knowledge is of the difference between these two parameters, or the slope. Though not using a birth-death model, this can be thought of as a simplification of the process we go through when we try to estimate the speciation and extinction rate, when the data we have is related to their product - the net diversification rate.

First, we set the true values of the two parameters $a$ & $b$, and simulate 50 data points from a gamma distribution with a rate of $a - b$.

```
#number of simulated data points
n = 50

#true value of parameter1
a_true = 0.5

#true value of parameter2
b_true = 0.25

#sum of true values
diff_true <- a_true - b_true

#simulate data with gamma distribution
simulated_data <- rgamma(n, shape = 2, rate = diff_true)

#look at simulated data
plot(simulated_data)
```
Next, we generate random starting values for $a$ and $b$ for our chain, taking them from an exponential distribution.

```r
# rate for exponential distribution
alpha = 0.5

# draw 2 values from exponential distribution
a <- rexp(1, 1/alpha)
b <- rexp(1, 1/alpha)
```

We define functions to calculate the likelihood and prior.

```r
# function to calculate likelihood
likelihood <- function(a, b, datos) {
  if ((a - b) < 0) {
    like <- 0
    return(like) # fail
  } else {
    # product of all vectors of elements in gamma dist
    like <- prod(dgamma(datos, 2, rate = (a - b)))
    return(like)
  }
}

# function to calculate prior
prior <- function(a, b) {
  if ((a - b) < 0) {
    like <- 0
    return(like) # fail
  } else {
    # product of all vectors of elements in gamma dist
    like <- prod(dgamma(datos, 2, rate = (a - b)))
    return(like)
  }
}
```
prior.val <- 0
return(prior.val)
} else {
  prior.val <- dexp(a, 1/alpha) * dexp(b, 1/alpha)
  return(prior.val)
}

Then we run an MCMC chain of 5000 generations, logging the results of the run as it progresses.

# number of generations to run chain
generations <- 5000

# limits on sampling (+ or - this value)
delta <- 0.25

# prepare output matrix
output <- matrix(rep(0, 6 * generations), ncol = 6)

for (i in 1:generations) {
  # modify params (step)
  a_prime <- a + runif(1, -delta, delta)
  b_prime <- b + runif(1, -delta, delta)

  # calculate ratio of likelihoods of new values / old values
  like_odds <- likelihood(a_prime, b_prime, simulated_data)/likelihood(a, b, simulated_data)

  # calculate ratio of prior of new values / old values
  prior_odds <- prior(a_prime, b_prime)/prior(a, b)

  # calculate posterior odds
  R <- like_odds * prior_odds

  # randomly draw from uniform distribution
  u <- runif(1)

  # set to 0 if prior_odds is NaN
  if (is.nan(prior_odds)) {
    R <- 0
  }

  # if posterior odds are greater than a random value,
  # keep new values of parameter
  if (u < R) {
    a = a_prime
    b = b_prime
  }

  # calculate posterior (likelihood*prior)
  posterior <- likelihood(a, b, simulated_data) * prior(a, b)
# store output
output[i, 1] <- i
output[i, 2] <- prior(a, b)
output[i, 3] <- likelihood(a, b, simulated_data)
output[i, 4] <- posterior
output[i, 5] <- a
output[i, 6] <- b
}

# format output data
output <- data.frame(output)
names(output) <- c("iteration", "prior", "likelihood", "posterior",
              "a", "b")
We can then plot the results of our chain. Here we plot the values of $a$ and $b$ over time, showing how they vary dramatically and are highly correlated. However, when we plot $a - b$ we find that we are much better at approximating the value of the difference between these parameters. Even when $a$ and $b$ vary wildly our estimates of $a - b$ remain stable.

![Graph a](image-a.png)

![Graph b](image-b.png)

![Graph c](image-c.png)
Finally, we plot the relative likelihoods across a range of values we are interested in for $a$ and $b$. We do this by finding the pair of values for $a$ and $b$ that produce the maximum likelihood, and then divide the likelihood of all other combinations of $a$ and $b$ by the maximum likelihood. This produces a likelihood surface that clearly shows the high correlation between $a$ and $b$, but also that different pairs of values can be equally likely. The true values of $a$ and $b$ are shown as the orange dot. Even though this falls within a region of high likelihood as estimated by our model, it provides no reliable estimate of the absolute values of $a$ and $b$ due to unidentifiability.
Section 2: Simulations for figures 3 and 4

To construct figures 3 and 4 we first generated values of speciation and extinction rate over time. In Figure 3 we set speciation rate to be constant over time. For Figure 4 we used a slightly more complex a function in which speciation rate increased gradually over time, centered at 100 Ma, while extinction rate remained constant. With these known values of speciation and extinction rate we were able to calculated pulled speciation, diversification and extinction rates using the equations in Louca & Pennell, 2020.

We then used our functions of speciation and extinction rates over time to simulate 50 trees under a birth death model using the function rbdtree() from the R package ‘ape’. We generated Lineages-Through-Time (LTT) plots for the resulting trees (Figs. 3e, 4e) and calculated the slopes for each LTT using a loess function. We plotted the values of the slopes at each step (or event) in each LTT to show how the change in these slopes over time is captured by pulled speciation rate (Figs. 3f, 4f). The initial estimates of slope (Figs. 3f, 4f) can be higher than the diversification rate as we can only consider scenarios where early lineages survive. Likewise, the generally wide range of values around 300 Ma is due to a lack of speciation and extinction events leading to a poor estimation of rates early on. We note that the point estimates of slope in Figures 3f, 4f are calculated with a sliding window and this will introduce autocorrelation among estimates.

The github repository https://github.com/ajhelmstetter/pulledRates contains the full code for reproducing figures 3 and 4. This research compendium was made with the help of rcompendium.
Section 3: How does variation in $r$ affect $r_p$?

Preliminary functions

The following function returns the three pulled rates. Arguments are the birth and death rates (functions), the sampling fraction (real number) and a time series for integration.

```r
pulled <- function(birth, death, rho, t) {
  params <- numeric(0)
  # The following function is passed to the R function
  # ode()
  fn <- function(t, e, params) {
    with(as.list(c(e, params)), {
      g <- death(t) - e * (birth(t) + death(t)) + e * e * 
          birth(t)
      return(list(g))
    })
  }
  E0 <- 1 - rho  # initial value for E
  Enum <- ode(E0, t, fn, params)  # Numerical integration of e
  PSRfull <- birth(t) * (1 - Enum[, 2])  # Pulled speciation rate
  # To get all vectors with the same length we suppress
  # the last value of the vector because only intervals
  # are considered for the derivative
  PSR <- PSRfull[-length(PSRfull)]
  tt <- t[-length(t)]
  dt <- t[2] - t[1]  # to get the time interval
  # Pulled diversification rate
  PDR <- birth(tt) - death(tt) + diff(birth(tt))/(dt * birth(tt))
  PER <- birth(0)/(1 - E0) - PDR  # Pulled extinction rate
  return(list(PSR = PSR, PER = PER, PDR = PDR))
}
```

A function to do more or less sharp but continuous shifts in rates between rates ‘r0’ and ‘r1’. ‘Tshift’ is the timing of the shift and ‘alpha’ controls the sharpness of the shift (where increasing values are sharper).

```r
smooth_stepwise <- function(r0, r1, Tshift, alpha, t) {
  (r0 * exp(alpha * (t - Tshift)) + r1)/(exp(alpha * (t - Tshift)) + 1)
}
```
A function to generate four figures for a given scenario. 'spe' and 'ext' are functions for speciation and extinction rate through time, and 'rho' is the sampling fraction. 'seq_time' is a vector of time intervals.

```r
plot_scenario <- function(spe, ext, rho, seq_time) {
  pulled_rates <- pulled(birth = spe, death = ext, rho = rho, 
                        t = seq_time)
  div <- function(x) spe(x) - ext(x)
  PSR <- pulled_rates$PSR
  PER <- pulled_rates$PER
  PDR <- pulled_rates$PDR

  # remove last time value to match differences / pulled
  # rates
  t <- seq_time[-length(seq_time)]

  # layout
  par(mar = c(4, 2, 1, 1))
  par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
  palette(alpha(brewer.pal(5, "Set1"), 0.75))

  # True rates
  # set y axis values based on rates Ymin <- 0.9*min(rev(spe(t)), rev(ext(t)),rev(div(t))) - 0.03
  # Ymax <- 1.1*max(rev(spe(t)), rev(ext(t)),rev(div(t)))
  # + 0.06

  # fixed y axis values
  Ymin <- -0.1
  Ymax <- 0.25

  plot(rev(spe(t)) ~ rev(-t), type = "l", col = 2, ylim = c(Ymin, Ymax), ylab = "", cex.lab = 0.75, cex.axis = 0.75, xlab = bquote("Age (~ tau ~)", xaxt = "n")
  axis(1, at = pretty(range(rev(-t))), labels = rev(pretty(range(rev(t))))), cex.axis = 0.75)
  lines(rev(ext(t)) ~ rev(-t), col = 1)
  lines(rev(div(t)) ~ rev(-t), col = "black")
  legend("topright", legend = c("speciation rate", "extinction rate", "diversification rate"), lty = 1, col = c(2, 1, "black"), bty = "n", cex = 0.5)

  # True and pulled diversification rates Ymin <- 0.9*min(rev(div(t)), PDR) - 0.03 Ymax <- 1.1*max(rev(div(t)), PDR) + 0.06

  plot(rev(div(t)) ~ rev(-t), type = "l", col = "black", ylim = c(Ymin, Ymax), ylab = "", cex.lab = 0.75, cex.axis = 0.75, xlab = bquote("Age (~ tau ~)", xaxt = "n")
  axis(1, at = pretty(range(rev(-t))), labels = rev(pretty(range(rev(t))))), cex.axis = 0.75)
  lines(rev(PDR) ~ rev(-t), col = 2, lty = 2)
  legend("topright", legend = c("diversification rate", "pulled diversification rate"), lty = c(1, 2), col = c("black"), bty = "n", cex = 0.5)
}
```
# True and pulled speciation and extinction rates

\[ Y_{\text{min}} = 0.9 \times \min(\text{rev}(\text{spe}(t)), \text{PSR}, \text{rev}(\text{ext}(t))) - 0.03 \]

\[ Y_{\text{max}} = 1.1 \times \max(\text{rev}(\text{spe}(t)), \text{PSR}, \text{rev}(\text{ext}(t))) + 0.06 \]

\[ \text{plot}(\text{rev}(\text{spe}(t)) \sim \text{rev}(-t), \text{type} = "l", \text{col} = 2, \text{ylim} = c(Y_{\text{min}}, Y_{\text{max}}), \text{ylab} = \"", \text{cex.lab} = 0.75, \text{cex.axis} = 0.75, \text{xlab} = \text{bquote("Age (" * \tau * ")")}, \text{xaxt} = "n") \]

\[ \text{axis}(1, \text{at} = \text{pretty}(-\text{range}(\text{rev}(-t))), \text{labels} = \text{rev}(\text{pretty}(\text{range}(\text{rev}(t)))), \text{cex.axis} = 0.75) \]

\[ \text{lines}(\text{rev}(\text{PSR}) \sim \text{rev}(-t), \text{col} = 2, \text{lty} = 2) \]

\[ \text{lines}(\text{rev}(\text{ext}(t)) \sim \text{rev}(-t), \text{type} = "l", \text{col} = 1) \]

\[ \text{lines}(\text{rev}(\text{PER}) \sim \text{rev}(-t), \text{col} = 1, \text{lty} = 2) \]

\[ \text{legend}("topleft", \text{legend} = c("\text{speciation rate}", "\text{pulled speciation rate}", "\text{extinction rate}", "\text{pulled extinction rate}"), \text{lty} = c(1, 2, 1, 2), \text{col} = c(2, 2, 1, 1), \text{bty} = \"n", \text{cex} = 0.5) \]

# Pulled rates

\[ Y_{\text{min}} = 0.9 \times \min(\text{PSR}, \text{PDR}) - 0.03 \]

\[ Y_{\text{max}} = 1.1 \times \max(\text{PSR}, \text{PDR}) + 0.06 \]

\[ \text{plot}(\text{rev}(\text{PDR}) \sim \text{rev}(-t), \text{type} = "l", \text{lt} = 2, \text{col} = \"black\",
\text{ylim} = c(Y_{\text{min}}, Y_{\text{max}}), \text{ylab} = \"", \text{cex.lab} = 0.75, \text{cex.axis} = 0.75,
\text{xlab} = \text{bquote("Age (" * \tau * ")")}, \text{xaxt} = "n") \]

\[ \text{axis}(1, \text{at} = \text{pretty}(-\text{range}(\text{rev}(-t))), \text{labels} = \text{rev}(\text{pretty}(\text{range}(\text{rev}(t)))), \text{cex.axis} = 0.75) \]

\[ \text{lines}(\text{rev}(\text{PSR}) \sim \text{rev}(-t), \text{col} = 2, \text{lty} = 2) \]

\[ \text{legend}("topleft", \text{legend} = c("\text{pulled speciation rate}", "\text{pulled diversification rate}")\), \text{lty} = c(2), \text{col} = c(2, "black"), \text{bty} = \"n", \text{cex} = 0.5) \]
The simplest scenario - constant rates.

Here speciation and extinction rates are different, but constant over time. A lack of variation in speciation rate means that \( r_p \) and \( r \) are the same.

```r
# Maximum age
Tmax <- 300
# Sequence of times
seq_time <- seq(0, Tmax, 0.1)
# Speciation rate function
spec0 <- function(x) 0.05 + x - x
# Extinction rate function
ext0 <- function(x) 0.04 + x - x
# Plot scenario
plot_scenario(spe = spec0, ext = ext0, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, Tmax, 0.1))
```

\( r_p \) is a generally a good approximation of \( r \)

The exploration of the following scenarios demonstrates that even when \( \lambda_p \) and \( \mu_p \) are very different from \( \lambda \) and \( \mu \) (as shown in LP), in most cases, \( r \) and \( r_p \) are close. In the main text, we suggested that when \( r_p \) and \( \lambda_p \) are quite close (except for recent times), it is a good diagnostic of the fact that \( \lambda \) does not change too rapidly so that \( r_p \) is a good proxy for \( r \). The following exploration shows that this guideline is conservative as even when \( r_p \) and \( \lambda_p \) substantially differ, \( r_p \) can still be close to \( r \).

For simplicity, the sampling fraction is assumed to be 1 to focus on the effect of varying extinction and speciation rates, which is what we are interested in from a biological point of view. The effect of the sampling fraction can easily be explored by passing rho value to the `pulled()` function.

Here we give several examples to illustrate different possible scenarios. Using this script, any function for the speciation and extinction rate can be given to play with.
A single change in speciation rate

Here we use a stepwise change in speciation rate at 100 Ma with a smoothing function. When the change in speciation rates is gradual the true and pulled diversification rate remain quite close.

```r
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.03, r1 = 0.05, Tshift = 100, alpha = 0.05, x)
ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 + x - x
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```

![Graphs showing speciation, extinction, and diversification rates with and without a stepwise change in speciation rate.](image-url)
Then we looked at a more rapid change. In this case, $r_p$ strongly differs from $r$ but only during a very short period of time, which would be hard to detect with empirical data.

```r
# Function definitions

tmax <- 300
temp <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.03, r1 = 0.05, Tshift = 100, alpha = 1, x)
ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 + x - x

# Plot scenario
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```

![Graphs showing speciation, extinction, and diversification rates over time.](image-url)
A single change in extinction rate

The following two examples are similar to those above but with a shift in extinction rate. As $\lambda$ is kept constant, $r_p = r$, but an effect is still seen in $\lambda_p$. First, we show a slow shift.

```r
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.1 + x - x
ext1 <- function(x) smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.02, r1 = 0.045, Tshift = 100, alpha = 0.05, x)
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```
Second, a rapid shift in extinction rate causing $\lambda_p$ to depart from $r_p$ more quickly.

```r
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.1 + x - x
ext1 <- function(x) smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.02, r1 = 0.045, Tshift = 100, alpha = 1.5, x)
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```
Exponential growth or decline in speciation rate

Here we demonstrate a special case where \( \frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{dx}{x} \) is constant (= a) so that \( r_p = r + a \). Variations in \( r_p \) match variations in \( r \) but the absolute values are different. We present a couple of examples, first with a gradual exponential increase in speciation rate and a single gradual change in extinction rate.

tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)

spe1 <- function(x) 0.06 * exp(-0.008 * x)
ext1 <- function(x) smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.01, r1 = 0.03, Tshift = 100, alpha = 0.05, x)

plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
A more rapid exponential increase in speciation rate, with an oscillating extinction rate. Note how the oscillations in $r_p$ and $r$ mirror each other.

```r
max <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.2 * exp(-0.01 * x)
ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 * (1.1 + 0.5 * cos(0.1 * x))
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```
Contrasted scenarios for speciation and extinction leading to a similar scenario for diversification

In their article, LP give an example with seed plants, fitting two congruent models in which patterns of speciation and extinction variation strongly differ - both rates are either increasing or decreasing through time. However, the resulting pattern in diversification can be quite similar between the two scenarios, which we highlight here with two examples with contrasting scenarios. First, a scenario where both speciation and extinction rates are decreasing.

```R
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.05 + 2e-04 * x
ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 + 1e-04 * x
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```

![Graphs](https://via.placeholder.com/150)
Second, a scenario in which both speciation and extinction rate are increasing. Note how diversification rate remains similar between the two scenarios.

```r
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.1 - 1e-04 * x
ext1 <- function(x) 0.07 - 2e-04 * x
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```
Uncorrelated variations in both rates

In such scenarios, \( r_p \) is usually close to \( r \) except during rapid shifts in \( \lambda \), which can be detected by comparing the identifiable rates, \( r_p \) and \( \lambda_p \). Below are a few examples.

```r
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) ifelse(x < 150, smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.1, 
                          r1 = 0.05, Tshift = 120, alpha = 0.5, x), 
                          smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.04, 
                          r1 = 0.1, Tshift = 200, alpha = 0.5, x))
ext1 <- function(x) ifelse(x < 75, smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.01, 
                           r1 = 0.04, Tshift = 50, alpha = 0.5, x), 
                           smooth_stepwise(r0 = 0.04, 
                           r1 = 0.01, Tshift = 80, alpha = 0.5, x))
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, 
                                                      tmax, 0.1))
```

![Graphs showing speciation, extinction, and diversification rates.](attachment:image.png)
\texttt{tmax <- 300}
\texttt{seq.time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)}
\texttt{spe1 <- function(x) 0.05 * (1 + \exp(-(x - 100)^2/100) - 0.5 *}
\texttt{\exp(-(x - 200)^2/200))}
\texttt{ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 * (1 - 0.5 * \exp(-(x - 50)^2/100) +}
\texttt{\exp(-(x - 180)^2/300))}
\texttt{plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq.time = seq(0,}
\texttt{tmax, 0.1))}
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.05 * (1 + 0.2 * cos(0.05 * x))
ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 * (1 - 0.5 * exp(-(x - 50)^2/100) + exp(-(x - 180)^2/300))
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
The worst case scenario: parallel variation in speciation and extinction rates

According to the definition of $r_p$, the worst case is expected when $\lambda$ varies but $r$ is constant, that is when $\mu = \lambda - b$ where $b$ is a constant. If so, $r$ is constant whereas $r_p$ varies so that $r_p$ can be a very poor predictor of $r$. We start with a gradual change in rates so $r_p$ only slightly departs from $r$.

```r
# Set maximal time
T <- 300
# Set sequence of times
seq_time <- seq(0, T, 0.1)
# Function for speciation rate
spe <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.05 * exp(-0.02 * x)
# Function for extinction rate
ext <- function(x) 0.045 + 0.05 * exp(-0.02 * x)
# Plot scenario
plot_scenario(spe = spe, ext = ext, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, T, 0.1))
```

![Graph showing speciation, extinction, and diversification rates over time.](image)

![Graph showing pulled speciation and diversification rates over time.](image)
As we increased the complexity of the parallel changes in rates, $r_p$ and $r$ begin to differ more.

tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.05 * exp(-(x - 50)^2/500) + 0.1 * exp(-(x - 200)^2/10000)
ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.05 * exp(-(x - 50)^2/500) + 0.1 * exp(-(x - 200)^2/10000)
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
To illustrate an extreme case, here are rapid and parallel variations in speciation and extinction rate, resulting in an $r_p$ that varies with equal rapidity but bears no resemblance to $r$, which remains constant. Also note how $r_p$ and $\lambda_p$ are very different, which we suggest is a good indicator that $r_p$ is not a good representation of $r$.

```r

# Example code

tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)
spe1 <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.015 * cos(0.25 * x)
ext1 <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.015 * cos(0.25 * x)
plot_scenario(spe = spe1, ext = ext1, rho = 1, seq_time = seq(0, tmax, 0.1))
```

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![Graphs illustrating rapid variations in speciation and extinction rates](image)

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How sensitive is $r_p$ to variations in $\lambda$ and $\mu$?

Sinusoidal functions are useful to assess the sensitivity of these results. Discrepancies are stronger when $r$ is constant, so how variable does $r$ have to be for $r_p$ to be a good approximation of $r$? The following graphs explore how slight differences in the amplitude, period and phase of the variations in speciation and extinction rate alter the results presented above, where variations are parallel. If a slight change is introduced then $r_p$ and $r$ become almost immediately similar. Variation in the period is particularly effective. Quantitative differences still persist when amplitude and phase are changed, but the qualitative behavior becomes more similar i.e. the shapes of the curves are similar, even if they are delayed for $r_p$. 
Here we introduce a slight difference in the amplitude, the degree to which rates vary, by increasing amplitude for speciation rate. The top left panel shows parallel rates and amplitude is gradually increased in the other panels.

```r
spe <- list()
ext <- list()

spe[[1]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)
ext[[1]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[2]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.015 * cos(0.05 * x)
ext[[2]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[3]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.02 * cos(0.05 * x)
ext[[3]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[4]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.025 * cos(0.05 * x)
ext[[4]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)
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![Graphs showing speciation and extinction rates with increasing amplitude](image)
Here we show the effect of a slight difference in the period, the rate at which rates vary, by making speciation rate vary faster than extinction rate. The top left panel shows parallel rates and period is gradually increased in the other panels.

tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)

spe <- list()
ext <- list()

spe[[1]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)
ext[[1]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[2]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.055 * x)
ext[[2]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[3]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.06 * x)
ext[[3]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[4]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.065 * x)
ext[[4]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)
Finally we introduce a slight delay in the phase, the timing of the rate variation, by shifting the curve for speciation rate to the right. The top left panel shows parallel rates and phase is gradually shifted in the other panels.

\begin{verbatim}
tmax <- 300
seq_time <- seq(0, tmax, 0.1)

spe <- list()
ext <- list()

spe[[1]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)
ext[[1]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[2]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * (x - 10))
ext[[2]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[3]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * (x - 20))
ext[[3]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)

spe[[4]] <- function(x) 0.05 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * (x - 30))
ext[[4]] <- function(x) 0.02 + 0.01 * cos(0.05 * x)
\end{verbatim}
