

Quiz 28

For the predator prey equations

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = .2V - .05PV$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -.1P + .01PV$$

a) What is the intrinsic growth rate of the victims?

This is the coefficient of V in the first equation, i.e.

$$\underline{\underline{r = .2}}$$

b, c) what are the average number of victims and predators.

Set $\frac{dV}{dt} = 0$, $\frac{dP}{dt} = 0$ and solve for $V, P \neq 0$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = V(.2 - .05P) = 0 \text{ implies } P = \frac{.2}{.05} = 4$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P(-.1 + .01V) = 0 \text{ implies } V = \frac{.1}{.01} = 10$$

so Average number of victims = 10

Average number of predators = 4