

# Difference equations in mathematical modeling: Exploring the Rosenzweig-MacArthur predator-prey model

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# Introduction

The classical Lotka-Volterra model, where we describe interactions between predators and prey:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= rx - bxy \\ \dot{y} &= -sy + cxy, \quad r, b, s, c > 0\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where  $x$  denote the prey density and  $y$  denote predator density. Volterra improved the Lotka-Volterra model by adding a logistic growth function for the prey population in the absence of predators

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - bxy \\ \dot{y} &= -sy + cxy, \quad r, K, s, c > 0.\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

The Volterra model is more stable than the Lotka-Volterra model. The coexistence equilibrium is globally stable due to prey density dependence

Rosenzweig and MacArthur suggest a hyperbolic functional response for a more realistic model (M.L. Rosenzweig, R.H. MacArthur, *Graphical representation and stability conditions of predator-prey interactions*, Am. Nat. 97 (1963), pp. 209-223.). They considered the following model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - \frac{bxy}{d+x} \\ \dot{y} &= -sy + \frac{cbxy}{d+x}.\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Model (3) has two dynamic behavior types: stable equilibrium and stable limit cycle. It is an improvement over the Lotka-Volterra model.

- M.R. Myerscough, M.J. Darwen, W.L. Hogarth, *Stability, persistence and structural stability in a classical predator-prey model*, Ecol. Modeling 89 (1980), pp. 31–42 deals with the following Rosenzweig and MacArthur model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - byF(x) \\ \dot{y} &= -sy + cyF(x), \quad r, K, b, s, c > 0,\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

and  $F(x)$  predator functional response (prey caught per predator per unit time).  $F(x)$  is Holling II, Ivlev or Trigonometric.

- Gunog Seo, Gail S. K. Wolkowicz, *Sensitivity of the dynamics of the general Rosenzweig–MacArthur model to the mathematical form of the functional response: a bifurcation theory approach*, J. Math. Biol. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00285-017-1201-y> 2018.

Let  $f$  be a general predator functional response in (4) with usual properties:  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(x) > 0$ ,  $f''(x) \leq 0$ . Scaling and using a proper substitution reduced the number of parameters to three, i.e., we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} &= ru(1 - u) - vf(u) \\ \dot{v} &= -sv + avf(u).\end{aligned}$$

By using the Euler forward scheme, we derive the following system.

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+1} &= u_n + \delta[ru_n(1 - u_n) - v_n f(u_n)] \\ v_{n+1} &= v_n + \delta[av_n f(u_n) - sv_n].\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

We rescale the system (5).

Set

$$1 + \delta r = \hat{r}, \quad \frac{1 + \delta r}{\delta r} = \hat{\alpha}, \quad \delta a = \hat{a}, \quad \frac{s}{\hat{a}} = \hat{s}.$$

Then, system (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+1} &= \hat{r}u_n \left(1 - \frac{u_n}{\hat{\alpha}}\right) - \delta v_n f(u_n) \\v_{n+1} &= v_n + \hat{a}v_n(f(u_n) - \hat{s}).\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

We introduce new variables  $\hat{u}_n = \frac{u_n}{\hat{\alpha}}$ ,  $\hat{v}_n = \frac{\delta}{\hat{\alpha}}v_n$ , and define  $f(\hat{u}_n\hat{\alpha}) = \hat{f}(\hat{u}_n)$ . Then, system (6) takes the following form

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u}_{n+1} &= \hat{r}\hat{u}_n(1 - \hat{u}_n) - \hat{v}_n\hat{f}(\hat{u}_n) \\ \hat{v}_{n+1} &= \hat{v}_n + \hat{a}\hat{v}_n(\hat{f}(\hat{u}_n) - \hat{s}).\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

By ignoring the hats, we obtain the following system with three parameters

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+1} &= ru_n(1 - u_n) - v_n f(u_n) \\v_{n+1} &= v_n + av_n(f(u_n) - s).\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

The right-hand side of the system (8) defines the map  $H : \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , where

$$H(u, v) = (h_1(u, v), h_2(u, v)) = (ru(1 - u) - vf(u), v + av(f(u) - s)).$$

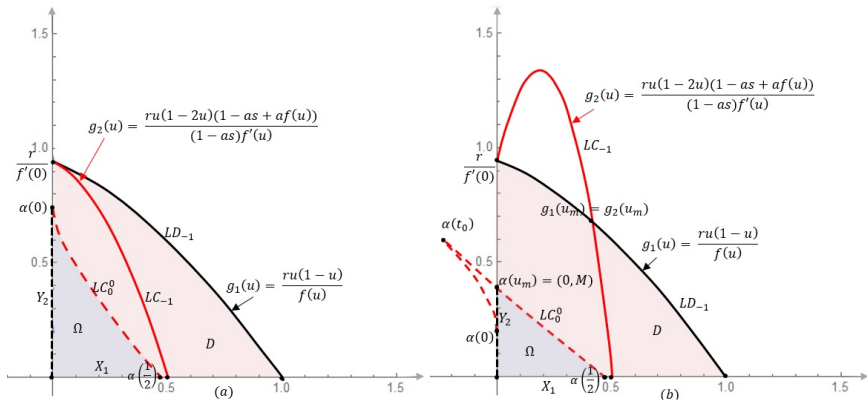
# Preservation of positivity

- Numerical simulations indicate that the first quadrant may not be positively invariant with respect to the map  $H$ .
- Define set  $D = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : H(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2\}$ .
- Set  $D = \{(u, v) : 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq g_1(u)\} \subset \mathbb{R}_+^2$ , where

$$g_1(u) = \begin{cases} g_1^*(u), & 0 < u \leq 1, \\ \frac{r}{f'(0)}, & u = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad g_1^*(u) = \frac{r(1-u)u}{f(u)}.$$

Thus, two line segments bound the domain  $D$  and a continuous curve  $g_1(u)$  whose shape depends on the function  $f$ . Since the set  $D$  is a bounded and closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+^2$ , it is a compact set.





**Figure:** Invariant sets  $D$  and  $\Omega \subset D$  where  $\Omega = H(D)$ ,  
 $X_1 = H([0, 1/2] \times \{0\}) = [0, r/4] \times \{0\}$ ,  $Y_1 = H(\{0\} \times [0, r/f'(0)])$ ,  
 $Y_2 = H(LD_{-1})$ ,  $\alpha(0) = (0, (1 - as)r/f'(0))$ ,  $\alpha(1/2) = (r/4, 0)$ , and  
 $LC_0^0 = \alpha([u_m, 1/2])$  (a) The case where  $q(t) \neq 0$  for  $0 < t < 1/2$ . (b) The case  
 where  $q(t) = 0$  for exactly one  $t_0$ ,  $0 < t_0 < 1/2$ .

- Let

$$LD_{-1} = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : 0 \leq u \leq 1, v = g_1(u)\}.$$

- Function  $g_1$  connects points  $(0, r/f'(0))$  and  $(1, 0)$ .
- The image of the curve  $LD_{-1}$  under the map  $H$  is

$$H(u, g_1(u)) = \begin{cases} \left(0, \frac{r(1-u)u(1-as+af(u))}{f(u)}\right), & 0 < u \leq 1, \\ \left(0, \frac{r(1-as)}{f'(0)}\right), & u = 0. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Thus,  $LD_{-1}$  is mapped into the positive  $v$  axis.

- We use the singularity theory and topology to prove the positive invariance of set  $D$ .
- For singularity theory, we refer to the classical work by H. Whitney, *On singularities of mappings of Euclidean spaces, mappings of the plane into the plane*, Annals of Mathematics 62(3) (1955), pp. 374–410.
- We also refer to paper E. C. Balreira, S. Elaydi, S., R. Luis, *Local stability implies global stability for the planar Ricker competition model*, Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems - Series B 19(2) (2014), pp. 323-351. <http://doi.org/10.3934/dcdsb.2014.19.32>.
- Using this approach, we aim to understand the map  $H$  by considering its regular and singular sets.

# Definitions from Whitney [13], Balreira et al. [1], Mira et al. [2]

- Let  $F$  be a differentiable map defined on an open subset  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- The map  $F$  is considered regular at  $p$  if  $\det JF(p) \neq 0$ ; otherwise, it is singular.
- The  $p$  is a good point if either  $\det J(p) \neq 0$  or  $\nabla J(p) \neq 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the gradient. A map is good if every point is good.
- For a 2-dimensional continuous good map, the fundamental critical curve (Mira [2]) is defined as
$$LC_{-1} = \{p \in U : \det J(p) = 0 \text{ or } F \text{ is not differentiable at } p\}.$$
- Let  $\phi$  be parametrization of the critical curve  $LC_{-1}$  through the point  $p$ , with  $\phi(0) = p$ . The point  $p$  is said to be fold if  $\frac{d}{dt}(F \circ \phi)(0) \neq 0$ . It is cusp if  $\frac{d}{dt}(F \circ \phi)(0) = 0$  and  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(F \circ \phi)(0) \neq 0$ .

### Theorem (Theorem 15A, Whitney (12))

Let  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a differentiable map. If  $p \in U$  is a fold point, then there are smooth coordinates  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  around  $p$  and  $F(p)$  such that  $F$  takes the form  $x_2 = x_1$  and  $y_2 = y_1^2$ .

### Theorem (Theorem 16A, Whitney (12))

$F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a differentiable map. If  $p \in U$  is a cusp around  $p$  and  $F(p)$ , then there are smooth coordinates  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  such that  $F$  takes the form  $x_2 = x_1$  and  $y_2 = y_1^3 - x_1 y_1$ .

- The critical curve  $LC_{-1}$  is given by the following expression

$$LC_{-1} = \left\{ (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : 0 \leq u \leq 1/2, v = \frac{r(1-2u)(1-as+af(u))}{(1-as)f'(u)} \right\}.$$

- The critical curve  $LC_{-1}$  is continuous and connects points  $(0, r/f'(0))$  and  $(1/2, 0)$ .
- $LC_0 = H(LC_{-1})$
- Parametrization of  $LC_0$

$$\begin{aligned} (H \circ \phi_1)(u, v) &= H(h_1(t, g_2(t)), h_2(t, g_2(t))) = \\ &= \left( r(1-t)t - \frac{r(1-2t)f(t)(1-as+af(t))}{(1-as)f'(t)}, \frac{r(1-2t)(af(t)-as+1)^2}{(1-as)f'(t)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha(t) = (H \circ \phi_1)(t) = (\alpha_1(t), \alpha_2(t)).$$

- All points  $(LC_0)$  are fold except one which is cusp.(Fig.(a) fold; Fig.(b) cusp).

- Let  $X = [0, 1] \times \{0\}$  and  $Y = \{0\} \times [0, r/f'(0)]$ .
- The boundary of  $D$  is  $\partial D = X \cup Y \cup LD_{-1}$ .
- $Y_1 = H(Y) = \{0\} \times [0, (1 - as)r/f'(0)] \subset Y$ .
- $X_1 = H(X) = [0, r/4] \times \{0\} \subset X$  for  $0 < r < 4$ .

- Define  $g_3(u) = \begin{cases} g_3^*(u), & u \neq 0 \\ \frac{r(1 - as)}{f'(0)}, & u = 0. \end{cases}$  where

$$g_3^*(u) = \frac{r(1 - u)u(1 - as + af(u))}{f(u)}.$$

- $Y_2 = H(LD_{-1}) = \{(0, g_3(u)) \mid \text{for } 0 \leq u \leq 1\}$ .

## Lemma

Consider the map  $H$  associated with system (8) and

$$LC_{-1} = \left\{ (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : 0 \leq u \leq 1/2, g_2(u) = \frac{r(1-2u)(1-as+af(u))}{(1-as)f'(u)} \right\}$$

Then, we have  $\partial H(D) \subseteq H(\partial D) \cup LC_0$ , where  $LC_0$  is the image of  $LC_{-1}$  under  $H$ , i.e.,  $LC_0 = H(LC_{-1})$ .

- The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 4.5. in the paper of E. C. Balreira, S. Elaydi, S., R. Luis.
- The images of regular values cannot be on the boundary and any new boundary points must be images of singular points.



Let  $M = \max_{u \in [0,1]} g_3(u)$ . The following lemma holds.

### Lemma

*There exists  $0 \leq u_m < 1/2$ , such that  $M = \alpha_2(u_m) = g_3(u_m)$ , and  $g_1(u_m) = g_2(u_m)$ , where  $\alpha(t) = (H \circ \phi_1)(t) = (\alpha_1(t), \alpha_2(t))$  is given by (10). Furthermore,  $Y_2 = H(LD_{-1}) = \{0\} \times [0, M]$ .*

- The number of common points between  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  is the same as the number of the intersection of the curve  $\alpha(t)$  with positive  $v$ -axis.
- The latter points are images of the intersection points between curves  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ .

The first theorem is proved, assuming that  $LC_0^0 = LC_0 \cap \mathbb{R}_+^2$  is contained in  $D$ .

### Theorem

*Let  $a < 1$ ,  $0 < r < 4$ ,  $LC_0^0 = LC_0 \cap \mathbb{R}_+^2$ , and  $M \leq r/f'(0)$ , where  $M = g_3(u_m) = \max_{u \in [0,1]} g_3(u)$ . Suppose that there is at most one  $t_0$ ,  $0 < t_0 < 1/2$ , such that  $q(t_0) = 0$ . If  $q'(t_0) \neq 0$ , and  $q(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \neq t_0$ , and  $LC_0^0 \subseteq D$ , then, domain  $D$  is positive invariant under map  $H$ , i.e.,  $\Omega = H(D) \subseteq D \subset \mathbb{R}_+^2$ .*

The next theorem proves that under certain conditions,  $LC_0^0 \subseteq D$ , which, using the previous theorem, implies that  $D$  is positively invariant.

## Theorem

*Let  $a < 1$ ,  $0 < r < 4$ , and  $M \leq r/f'(0)$  where  $M = \max_{u \in [0,1]} g_3(u)$ . Suppose that there is at most one  $t_0$ ,  $0 < t_0 < 1/2$ , such that  $q(t_0) = 0$ . If  $q'(t_0) \neq 0$ , and  $q(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \neq t_0$ , then  $LC_0^0 \subseteq D$ , and  $D$  is a positively invariant set under map  $H$ , i.e.,  $\Omega = H(D) \subseteq D \subset \mathbb{R}_+^2$ .*

## Lemma

For system (8), the following results hold.

- (a) If  $\bar{u}$  is solution of equation  $f(\bar{u}) = s$  and  $\bar{u} \geq (r-1)/r$ , or  $f(\bar{u}) = s$  has no solution, then there is no interior equilibrium, and there are only extinction equilibrium  $E_0 = (0, 0)$  and exclusion equilibrium  $E_1 = ((r-1)/r, 0)$ .
- (b) If  $\bar{u}$  is positive solution of  $f(\bar{u}) = s$  and  $0 \leq \bar{u} < (r-1)/r$ ,  $1 < r < 4$ , then there are three equilibrium points: extinction  $E_0 = (0, 0)$ , exclusion  $E_1 = ((r-1)/r, 0)$ , and unique coexistence equilibrium

$$\bar{E}(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \left( \bar{u}, \frac{\bar{u}(r-1-r\bar{u})}{s} \right).$$

## Lemma

The equilibrium point  $E_0$  is

- (a) locally asymptotically stable if  $r < 1$ ;
- (b) non-hyperbolic if  $r = 1$ ;
- (c) a saddle point if  $r > 1$ .

## Theorem

Assume that  $r \in (0, 1]$ . Then,  $E_0$  is globally asymptotically stable for system (8).

# Lemma

Equilibrium point  $E_1$  is

- (a) a locally asymptotically stable if  $1 < r < 3$  and  $f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right) < s$ .
- (b) repeller if  $3 < r < 4$  and  $f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right) > s$ .
- (c) non-hyperbolic if  $r = 3$  or  $s = f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right)$ . Additionally, period-doubling bifurcation with a stable two-cycle occurs at  $r = 3$  for  $s > f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ , while transcritical bifurcation occurs at  $s = f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right)$  when  $r \neq 3$ . Moreover, for  $r = 3$  and  $s > f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ ,  $\bar{E}_1$  is stable; for  $r \neq 3$  and  $s = f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right)$ ,  $\bar{E}_1$  is unstable.
- (d) a saddle point if

$$\left(1 < r < 3 \text{ and } f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right) > s\right) \text{ or } \left(3 < r < 4 \text{ and } f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right) < s\right).$$

There are stable and unstable manifolds that intersect at  $\bar{E}_1$ . In the first case, the local stable and unstable manifolds are

$$\mathcal{W}_1^s = \{(u, v) : 0 < u < \infty, v = 0\},$$

$$\mathcal{W}_1^u = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^+ : u = \frac{r-1}{r} + \frac{f\left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)}{1 - r + as - af\left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)}v + \beta_1 v^2 + \beta_2 v^3 + O(|v|^4)\},$$

where  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  are given by (??), while in the second case,  $\mathcal{W}_2^s = \mathcal{W}_1^u$  and  $\mathcal{W}_2^u = \mathcal{W}_1^s$ .

# Bifurcation diagram and Lyapunov exponents

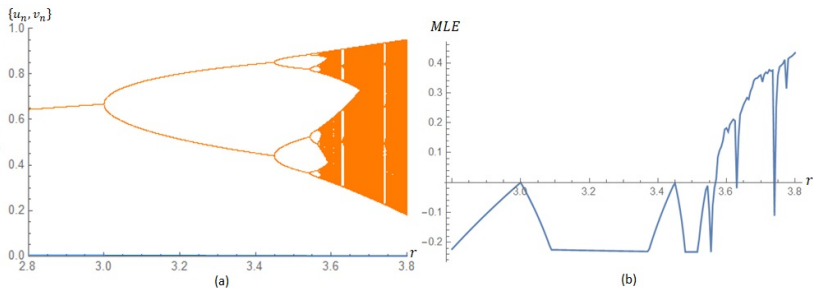
- A dynamically interesting case in the above Lemma arises in statement (c) when period-doubling and transcritical bifurcations occur around  $\bar{E}_1$ .
- As  $r$  approaches the bifurcation value of 3, we show that one of the Lyapunov exponents for period-doubling bifurcation equals zero, and the other is negative.

## Theorem

For  $1 < r \leq 3$ , and  $s > f((r-1)/r)$ , when  $r$  is near 3, the MLE at  $(u_0, 0)$  near  $\bar{E}_1$  is  $\lambda_1 = \ln |2 - r|$

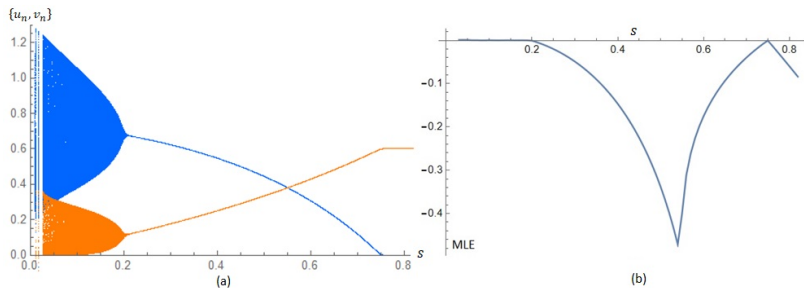
Particularly, we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 3} \lambda_1(a, r, s) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 3} \lambda_2(a, r, s) = \ln \left| 1 - as + af \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \right| < 0.$$



**Figure:** Period-doubling bifurcation and Maximum Lyapunov exponents for  $r_0 = 3$ ,  $r \in (2.8, 3.8)$ ,  $a = 0.2$ ,  $s = 1.8$ ,  $a_H = 2.0$ ,  $b_H = 1.0$ ,  $x_0 = 0.4$ ,  $y_0 = 0.2$  and  $f(u) = \frac{2u}{u+1}$  Holling II predator functional response.





**Figure:** Transcritical bifurcation and Maximum Lyapunov exponents at  $s_0 = 0.75$ ,  $s \in (0.01, 0.82)$ ,  $r = 2.5$ ,  $a = 0.7$ ,  $a_H = 2.0$ ,  $b_H = 1.0$ ,  $x_0 = 0.2$ ,  $y_0 = 0.2$  and  $f(u) = \frac{2u}{u+1}$  Holling II predator functional response.

# Attractivity results at the boundary equilibrium

We prove the following lemmas that we use to obtain global asymptotic stability results for the boundary equilibrium point.

## Lemma

Let  $(u_n, v_n)$  denote the solution of the system (8) with the initial condition  $(u_0, v_0) \in D$ . If  $r \in (1, 2]$ , then  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n \leq \frac{r-1}{r}$ . Moreover, if  $f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right) < s$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n, v_n) = E_1$ .

## Lemma

Assume  $2 < r < 3$ , and  $f(r/4) < s$ . Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n = 0$ , and for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that  $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{(r-2)/4, (4r^2 - r^3 - 8)/8\}$ , there exists  $n_0$ , such that for all  $n > n_0$ , we have  $ru_n(1 - u_n) - \varepsilon \leq u_{n+1} \leq ru_n(1 - u_n)$ . Furthermore, if  $0 < u_{n_0} < \frac{1}{2}$ , then there exists  $n_1 > n_0$ , with  $\frac{1}{2} < u_{n_1} < \frac{r + \sqrt{(r-2-2\varepsilon)r}}{2r}$ .

## Lemma

Let  $(u_n, v_n)$  denote the solution of system (8) with the initial condition  $(u_0, v_0) \in D$ . If  $2 < r < 3$  and  $f(r/4) < s$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n, v_n) = E_1$ .

The next result is global.

## Theorem

Assume that

$$\left(1 < r \leq 2 \text{ and } f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right) < s\right) \text{ or } \left(2 < r < 3 \text{ and } f\left(\frac{r}{4}\right) < s\right).$$

Then, the boundary equilibrium is globally asymptotically stable.

# Stability of the coexistence equilibrium point

## Lemma

Assume  $1 < r < 4$  and  $0 < as < 1$ . Then, the equilibrium point  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  is

- (i) a saddle point if  $a < \frac{2(1+r-2r\bar{u})}{\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u})} + \frac{2}{s}$ .
- (ii) locally asymptotically stable if  $\frac{2(1+r-2r\bar{u})}{\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u})} + \frac{2}{s} < a < \frac{r-2r\bar{u}-1}{\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u})} + \frac{1}{s}$ .
- (iii) a repeller if  $a > \frac{2(1+r-2r\bar{u})}{\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u})} + \frac{2}{s}$  and  $a > \frac{r-2r\bar{u}-1}{\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u})} + \frac{1}{s}$ .
- (iv) a non-hyperbolic equilibrium if and only if  $a = \frac{2(1+r-2r\bar{u})}{\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u})} + \frac{2}{s}$  or  $a = \frac{r-2r\bar{u}-1}{\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u})} + \frac{1}{s}$  and  $|\bar{u}(r\bar{u}-r+1)f'(\bar{u}) + s(-2r\bar{u}+r+1)| < 2s$ .

# Period-doubling bifurcation and Neimark-Sacker bifurcation at the interior equilibrium

- We show the occurrence of the period-doubling bifurcation at the unique interior equilibrium of system (8), taking  $a$  as a bifurcation parameter. Due to the huge expressions, we skip them here.
- We use the results from S. Wiggins, *Introduction to applied nonlinear dynamical systems and chaos*. Second edition. Texts in Applied Mathematics, 2. Springer-Verlag, New York, 2003, pages 513—516.

## Lemma

Assume that  $\text{Tr}(A) \neq 0$ ,  $\text{Tr}(A) \neq -1$ ,  $s > 0$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $0 < \bar{u} < (r-1)/r$ , where  $\bar{u}$  is positive solution of the equation  $f(\bar{u}) = s$ . Let  $a_0 > 0$  such that

$$f'(\bar{u}) = \frac{s(-2r\bar{u} + r - 1)}{\bar{u}(a_0s - 1)(r(\bar{u} - 1) + 1)} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\left| \frac{a_0s(-2r\bar{u} + r + 1) - 2}{a_0s - 1} \right| < 2. \quad (11)$$

Then,  $\tilde{H}$  has fixed point at  $(0, 0)$ , and conjugate complex eigenvalues  $\mu(a)$ ,  $\bar{\mu}(a)$  of Jacobian matrix  $J_{\tilde{H}_a}(0, 0)$  for a close  $a_0$  with modulus one at  $a = a_0$ , where

$$\mu(a_0) = \frac{a_0s(-2r\bar{u} + r + 1) - 2 + i\Delta}{2a_0s - 2}$$

and  $\Delta = \sqrt{-a_0s(1 + r(-1 + 2\bar{u}))(4 + a_0s(-3 - r + 2r\bar{u}))}$  and  $|\mu(a_0)| = 1$ . Moreover,  $\mu$  satisfies the following

(a)  $\mu(a_0)^k \neq 1$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

(b)

$$d(a_0) = \left. \frac{d}{da} |\mu(a)| \right|_{a=a_0} = \frac{s(r(2\bar{u} - 1) + 1)}{2(a_0s - 1)}. \quad (12)$$

## Lemma (cont.)

(c) Eigenvectors associated to the  $\mu$  are

$$q = q(a_0) = \left( \frac{a_0 s (-1 + r - 2r\bar{u}) + i\Delta}{2a_0 (1 - r + 2r\bar{u})}, 1 \right)$$

and

$$p = p(a_0) = \left( -\frac{ia_0 (1 + r(-1 + 2\bar{u}))}{\Delta}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{ia_0 s (1 + r(-1 + 2\bar{u}))}{2\Delta} \right),$$

such that  $Aq = \mu(a_0)q$ ,  $pA = \mu(a_0)p$  and  $pq = 1$ .

We compute an approximation of the closed invariant curve following the procedure in K. Murakami, *The invariant curve caused by Neimark–Sacker bifurcation*. Dynamics of Continuous, Discrete and Impulsive Systems, 9(1)(2002), 121-132. We also determine the explicit form of the first Lyapunov coefficient.

## Theorem

Assume that all assumptions of Lemma 17 hold. Then the following holds:

- (a) If  $\alpha(a_0) < 0$  and  $d(a_0) > 0$  ( $d(a_0) < 0$ ), then there is a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of the  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  and a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $|a - a_0| < \delta$  and  $(u_0, v_0) \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $\omega$ -limit set of  $(u_0, v_0)$  is  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  if  $a < a_0$  ( $a > a_0$ ) and belongs to a closed invariant  $C^1$  curve  $\Gamma(a)$  encircling the  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  if  $a > a_0$  ( $a < a_0$ ). Furthermore,  $\Gamma(a_0) = \{(\bar{u}, \bar{v})\}$ .
- (b) If  $\alpha(a_0) > 0$  and  $d(a_0) > 0$  ( $d(a_0) < 0$ ), then there is a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of the  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  and a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $|a - a_0| < \delta$  and  $(u_0, v_0) \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $\alpha$ -limit set of  $(u_0, v_0)$  is the  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  if  $a > a_0$  ( $a < a_0$ ) and belongs to a closed invariant  $C^1$  curve  $\Gamma(a)$  encircling the  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  if  $a < a_0$  ( $a > a_0$ ). Furthermore,  $\Gamma(a_0) = \{(\bar{u}, \bar{v})\}$ .

Assume  $\alpha(a_0) \neq 0$  and  $a = a_0 + \delta$  where  $\delta$  is a sufficient small parameter. If  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  is fixed point of  $H$  then invariant curve  $\Gamma(a)$  can be approximated by

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \approx (\bar{u}, \bar{v}) + 2\rho_0 \operatorname{Re} \left( q e^{i\theta} \right) + \rho_0^2 \left( \operatorname{Re} \left( K_{20} e^{2i\theta} \right) + K_{11} \right), \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R} \quad (13)$$

where

$$\rho_0 = \sqrt{-\frac{d(a_0)}{\alpha(a_0)}} \delta.$$



# Permanence of the system

- The following definition of permanence is from R. Kon and Y. Takeuchi, *Permanence of host-parasitoid system*, *Nonlinear Analysis* 47 (2001), pp. 1383-1393.

## Definition

System (8) is permanent (for  $\partial X$ ) if there is a compact set  $M \subset X$  such that the minimum distance between  $M$  and  $\partial X$  is positive, and for every initial value in  $\text{int}X$  the orbits enter and remain in  $M$ .

- We use the method of average Lyapunov functions developed in the V. Hutson, *A theorem on average Liapunov functions*, *Monatshefte für Mathematik* 98 (1984,) pp. 267–275.

## Theorem (Hutson)

Consider the system

$$Z_{n+1} = F(Z_n), Z_i \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, i \geq 0.$$

Assume that  $X$  is compact and that  $S$  is a compact subset of  $X$  with an empty interior. Let  $S$  and  $X \setminus S$  be forward invariant. Suppose that there is a continuous function  $P : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  which satisfies the following conditions

(a)  $P(Z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow Z \in S$

(b)  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \liminf_{Z_0 \rightarrow Z, Z_0 \in X \setminus S} \frac{P(F^n(Z_0))}{P(Z_0)} > 1 \quad (Z \in S)$

Then there is a compact forward invariant set  $M$  with  $d(M, S) > 0$  which is such that every orbit in  $X \setminus S$  enter and remain in  $M$ .

## Corollary (Hutson)

The conclusion of the Theorem (Hutson) remains true if, instead of (b) it is assumed that  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \liminf_{Z_0 \rightarrow Z, Z_0 \in X \setminus S} \frac{P(F^n(Z_0))}{P(Z_0)} > \begin{cases} 1, & Z \in \Omega(S), \\ 0, & Z \in S, \end{cases}$  where  $\Omega(S)$  is the omega limit set of  $S$ .

For compact set  $\Omega_1 \subset D$ , let  $S_1 = \{(u, v) \in \Omega_1 \mid u = 0\}$  and  $S_2 = \{(u, v) \in \Omega_1 \mid v = 0\}$ .  $H(S_i) \subseteq S_i$ , and  $H(\Omega_1 \setminus S_i) \subseteq \Omega_1 \setminus S_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ . Define the following continuous functions  $P_i : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) by

$P_1((u, v)) = u$  and  $P_2((u, v)) = v$ . Put

$$\sigma_i(Z) = \sup_{n \geq 0} \liminf_{Z_0 \rightarrow Z, Z_0 \in Y \setminus S_i} \frac{P_i(H^n(Z_0))}{P_i(Z_0)} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2$$

## Theorem

Assume that  $1 < r < 4$ . System (8) is permanent if the following condition holds:  $\sigma_2(Z) > 1$  for any  $Z \in \Omega(S_2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\})$ .

## Theorem

If  $1 < r < 3$  and  $f\left(\frac{r-1}{r}\right) > s$ , then system (8) is permanent.

## Lemma

Assume that  $3 < r < 4$ ,  $u_0 > 0$  and  $v_0 = 0$ . Let  $\{(u_i, 0)\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  be a solution of the (8). Then, there exist  $\rho > 0$ , such that for all  $u_0 > 0$ , there is  $n_0 = n_0(u_0) > 0$  with  $\rho < u_n < r/4$  for all  $n > n_0$ . Furthermore, if  $\rho < u_0 < r/4$ , then  $\rho < u_n < r/4$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

- We use Lemma 2.4

### Lemma (Hofbauer et al.)

Assume that  $x_i > 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq q$ ). Suppose that there are real numbers  $b > 0$  and  $b'$ , and a sequence  $(k_j) \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $b < (x \cdot k_j)_i < b'$  ( $1 \leq i \leq q, j \geq 1$ ). Then there are a subsequence, again denoted by  $(k_j)$ , and an equilibrium point  $x^*$  such that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}(k_j) = x^*$ .

in J. Hofbauer, V. Hutson, and W. Jansen, *Coexistence for systems governed by difference equations of Lotka-Volterra type*, J. Math. Biol. (25) (1987), pp. 553-570, to prove the following result.

### Lemma

Let  $\{(u_i, 0)\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  be a solution of system (8) for  $u_0 > 0$  and  $v_0 = 0$ . Suppose that there are real numbers  $\rho_1 > 0$  and  $\rho_2$ , such that  $\rho_1 \leq u_i \leq \rho_2$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . Then, there exists subsequence  $\{n_i\}$  such that  $\lim_{n_i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n_i-1} \ln(1 - u_j)}{n_i} = -\ln r$ .

We prove the next lemma.

## Lemma

Assume that  $0 < \rho < r/4$  and  $1 < r < 4$ . Let  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  are solution of the system

$$\xi \ln(1 - \rho) - \eta = \ln(1 - as + af(\rho))$$

$$\xi \ln\left(1 - \frac{r}{4}\right) - \eta = \ln\left(1 - as + af\left(\frac{r}{4}\right)\right).$$

Then if  $f''(u) < 0$  for  $u \in [\rho, r/4]$  then  $\ln(1 - as + af(u)) \geq \xi \ln(1 - u) - \eta$  for  $\rho \leq u \leq r/4$  where

$$\xi = \frac{\ln(af(\rho) - as + 1) - \ln\left(af\left(\frac{r}{4}\right) - as + 1\right)}{\ln(1 - \rho) - \ln\left(1 - \frac{r}{4}\right)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\ln\left(1 - \frac{r}{4}\right) \ln(af(\rho) - as + 1) - \ln(1 - \rho) \ln\left(af\left(\frac{r}{4}\right) - as + 1\right)}{\ln(1 - \rho) - \ln\left(1 - \frac{r}{4}\right)}$$

We prove the following permanence result.

### Theorem

*Assume that  $3 < r < 4$  and  $\xi \ln r + \eta < 0$  where  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  are from Lemma 28. Then, the system (8) is permanent.*

# Numerical examples and simulations

- We consider system (8) with hyperbolic predator functional response  $f(u) = a_T \tanh(b_T u)$ , where  $a_T, b_T > 0$ .
- We choose parameters  $a_T, b_T, a, s$ , and  $r$  such that  $as < 1$ , and set  $D$  must be positively invariant.
- In this example, the set  $D$  is

$$D = \left\{ (u, v) : 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq -\frac{r(u-1)u \coth(b_T u)}{a_T} \right\}.$$



- For the set  $D$  to be positively invariant, the following condition must hold

$$M \leq \frac{r}{a_T b_T}, \quad (14)$$

and there must be at most one  $t_0$ ,  $0 < t_0 < 1/2$ , such that  $q(t_0) = 0$ ,  $q'(t_0) \neq 0$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} q(t) &= 2a_T b_T \operatorname{sech}^2(tb_T) (a(-2ta_T b_T + a_T b_T + s) - 1) \\ &+ 2a_T b_T \tanh(tb_T) \operatorname{sech}^2(tb_T) (2t(as - 1)b_T - a(a_T + sb_T) + b_T), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} q'(t) &= 2a_T b_T^2 \operatorname{sech}^4(tb_T) (4t(as - 1)b_T - 2asb_T - 3aa_T + 2b_T) \\ &+ 2(2t - 1)a_T b_T^3 \operatorname{sech}^4(tb_T) ((1 - as) \cosh(2tb_T) + aa_T \sinh(2tb_T)). \end{aligned}$$

- We find the interior equilibrium point in  $D$
- Set  $D$  is positively invariant only if the following conditions hold

$$0 < s < a_T \tanh\left(\frac{(r-1)b_T}{r}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad 1 < r < 4. \quad (15)$$

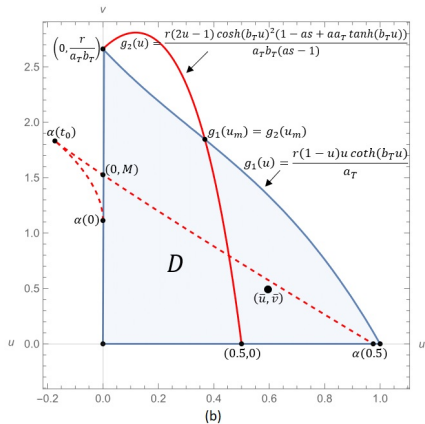
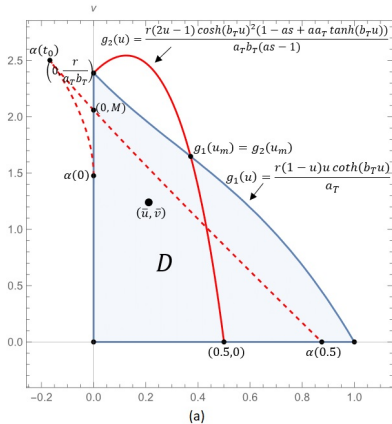
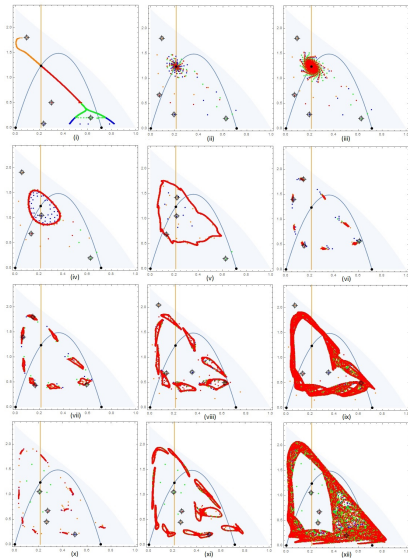


Figure: Closed invariant set  $D$  for  $a_T = 0.99$ ,  $b_T = 1.48$ , and (a)  $r = 3.5$ ,  $s = 0.3$ , (b)  $r = 3.9$ ,  $s = 0.7$ .

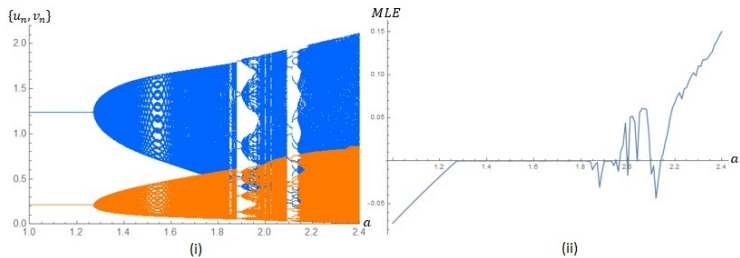
- We take the values of parameters  $a_T$ , and  $b_T$  from Gregor F Fussmann, Bernd Blasius, *Community response to enrichment is highly sensitive to model structure*, Biol. Lett. 1 (2005), pp. 9-12. doi: 10.1098/rsbl.2004.0246., i.e.,  $a_T = 0.99$ ,  $b_T = 1.48$ .
- We also refer to the article Gunog Seo, Gail S. K. Wolkowicz, *Sensitivity of the dynamics of the general Rosenzweig–MacArthur model to the mathematical form of the functional response: a bifurcation theory approach*, J. Math. Biol. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00285-017-1201-y> 2018. Other parameters are  $r = 3.5$ ,  $s = 0.3$ .
- For the chosen values, the set  $D$  becomes

$$D = \{(u, v) : 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq -3.53535(u - 1)u \coth(1.48u)\},$$

and  $M = 2.05981$ ,  $\frac{r}{f'(0)} = \frac{r}{a_T b_T} = 2.38875$ ,  $t_0 = 0.255533$ ,  
 $q'(t_0) = -13.8511 \neq 0$ .



**Figure:** Trajectories (red, green, blue and orange) for  $a_T = 0.99$ ,  $b_T = 1.48$ ,  $s = 0.3$ ,  $r = 3.5$  and (i)  $a = 0.01$  (ii)  $a = 1.13$  (iii)  $a = a_0 = 1.272554647499$  (iv)  $a = 1.4$  (v)  $a = 1.82$  (vi)  $a = 1.90$  (vii)  $a = 1.93$  (viii)  $a = 1.57$  (ix)  $a = 2.07$  (x)  $a = 2.11$  (xi)  $a = 2.17$  and (xii)  $a = 2.34$ .



**Figure:** Bifurcation diagrams and Maximum Lyapunov exponents where  $a_T = 0.99$ ,  $b_T = 1.48$  and  $f(u) = 0.99 \tanh(1.48u)$  Hyperbolic predator functional response for  $a \in (1.0, 2.4)$ , and  $s = 0.3$ ,  $r = 3.5$   $x_0 = 0.3$ ,  $y_0 = 0.2$ .

- Take the values of parameters  $a_T = 0.99$ ,  $b_I = 1.48$ ,  $r = 3.9$ , and  $s = 0.7$ .
- For the chosen values, the set  $D$  becomes

$$D = \{(u, v) : 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq -3.93939(u - 1)u \coth(1.48u)\},$$

and  $M = 1.52563$ ,  $\frac{r}{f'(0)} = \frac{r}{a_T b_T} = 2.66175$ ,  $t_0 = 0.252524$ ,  
 $q'(t_0) = -9.06119 \neq 0$ .

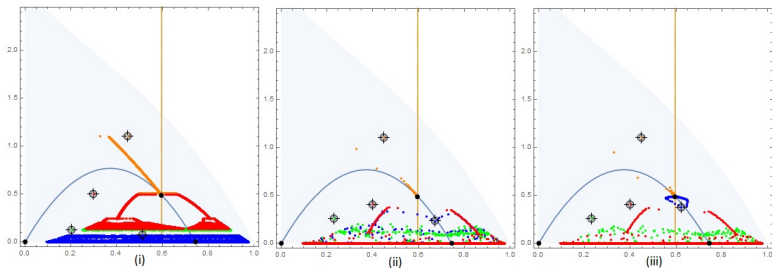
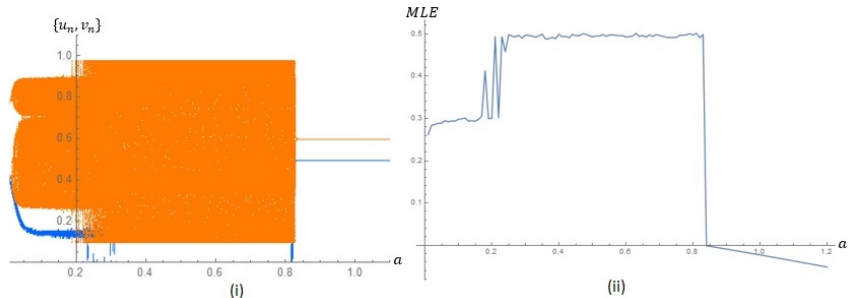


Figure: Trajectories (red, green, blue and orange) for  $a_T = 0.99$ ,  $b_T = 1.48$ ,  $s = 0.7$ ,  $r = 3.9$  and (a)  $a = 0.01$  (b)  $a = a_0 = 0.83111$  and (c)  $a = 1.10$ .





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