

# Global dynamics of a Lotka-Volterra competition patch model

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# Single species patch model

Consider a single species  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  living in  $n$  patches:

$$u'_i = \mu \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} u_j + u_i(r_i - u_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

- $r_i > 0$  is the growth rate for patch  $i$ .  $\mu > 0$  is the dispersal rate.
- Dispersal matrix  $L = (l_{ij})$  satisfies  $l_{ij} \geq 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $l_{jj} = -\sum_{i \neq j} l_{ij}$  ( $-L$  is (column) Laplacian).
- Suppose  $L$  is irreducible.  $L$  has a left eigenvector  $(1, \dots, 1)$  corresponding with eigenvalue 0. By Perron-Frobenius Theorem, spectral bound  $s(L) = 0$  is the unique eigenvalue corresponding with a positive eigenvector  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)^T > 0$ .

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} -\sum_{k \neq 1} l_{k1} & l_{12} & \cdots & l_{1n} \\ l_{21} & -\sum_{k \neq 2} l_{k2} & \cdots & l_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & \cdots & -\sum_{k \neq n} l_{kn} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Single species patch model

The dynamics of the single species  $n$ -patch model is similar to the logistic model:

**Theorem (Lu-Takeuchi 1993; Cosner 1996; Li-Shuai 2010)**

*The single species  $n$  patch model has a unique positive equilibrium, which is globally asymptotically stable in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .*

**Proof.**

Since the Jacobian matrix of the right hand side of the model is cooperative (off-diagonal entries are nonnegative) and irreducible, the solutions have strong monotonicity, i.e. for any two solutions  $u^1(t)$  and  $u^2(t)$  of the model, if  $u^1(0) > u^2(0) \geq \mathbf{0}$  then  $u^1(t) \gg u^2(t)$  for all  $t > 0$ . (In particular, if  $u^1(0) > \mathbf{0}$  then  $u^1(t) \gg \mathbf{0}$  for all  $t > 0$ .)  $\square$

# Two species competition patch model

- 1 Let  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  = two competing species in  $n$  patches.
- 2 The classic Lotka-Volterra competition patch model:

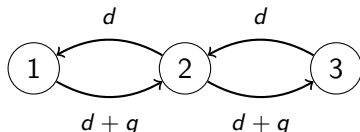
$$\begin{cases} u'_i = \mu_u \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} u_j + u_i(p_i - u_i - cv_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0, \\ v'_i = \mu_v \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} v_j + v_i(q_i - bu_i - v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0. \end{cases}$$

- 3 The model has one trivial equilibria  $E_0 = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$  and two semi-trivial equilibria:  $E_1 = (w^*(\mu_u, p), \mathbf{0})$  and  $E_2 = (\mathbf{0}, w^*(\mu_v, q))$ , where  $w^*(\mu, r)$  is the unique positive equilibrium of

$$w'_i = \mu \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} w_j + w_i(r_i - w_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

## Related works: river network models.

The following model was considered in [Jiang-Lam-Lou BMB 2020&2021]:



$$\begin{cases} u'_1 = d(u_2 - u_1) - qu_1 + u_1\left(1 - \frac{u_1 + v_1}{k_1}\right) \\ u'_2 = d(u_1 + u_3 - 2u_2) + qu_1 - qu_2 + u_2\left(1 - \frac{u_2 + v_2}{k_2}\right) \\ u'_3 = d(u_2 - u_3) + qu_2 + u_3\left(1 - \frac{u_3 + v_3}{k_3}\right) \\ v'_1 = D(v_2 - v_1) - qv_1 + v_1\left(1 - \frac{u_1 + v_1}{k_1}\right) \\ v'_2 = D(v_1 + v_3 - 2v_2) + qv_1 - qv_2 + u_2\left(1 - \frac{u_2 + v_2}{k_2}\right) \\ v'_3 = D(v_2 - v_3) + qv_2 + v_3\left(1 - \frac{u_3 + v_3}{k_3}\right). \end{cases}$$

The resident species  $u$  and invading species  $v$  are only different by the diffusion rate  $D$ . Under what conditions, can  $v$  invade  $u$ ?

## Related works: special cases

- There is a recent paper [Slavik SIADS 2020] considers the case when  $L$  is symmetric.
- When  $n = 2$ , [Lin-Lou-Shih-Tsai MBE 2014; Cheng-Lin-Shih MBE 2019] studied a conjecture by [Gourley-Kuang MBE 2005] for

$$\begin{cases} u_1' = d(u_2 - u_1) + u_1(\alpha_1 - u_1 - v_1) \\ u_2' = d(u_1 - u_2) + u_2(\alpha_2 - u_1 - v_1) \\ v_1' = d(v_2 - v_1) + v_1(\beta_1 - u_1 - v_1) \\ v_2' = d(v_1 - v_2) + v_2(\beta_2 - u_2 - v_2). \end{cases}$$

They proved:

**Theorem (Lin-Lou-Shih-Tsai MBE 2014; Cheng-Lin-Shih MBE 2019)**

*Suppose  $0 < \alpha_1 = \beta_1 - \sigma < \beta_1 < \beta_2 < \alpha_2 = \beta_2 + \sigma$  with  $\sigma > 0$ . Then there exists  $d^* > 0$  such that if  $d > d^*$  the model has a globally stable positive equilibrium; if  $d < d^*$  the  $u$ -only semitrivial equilibrium is globally stable.*



## Related works: reaction-diffusion models

- The reaction-diffusion Lotka-Volterra competition model has been studied by many people...
  - (1) R. S. Cantrell and C. Cosner. Spatial Ecology via Reaction-Diffusion Equations, 2004.
  - (2) W.-M. Ni. The mathematics of diffusion, 2011.
  - (3) P. Hess. Periodic-Parabolic Boundary Value Problems and Positivity, 1991.
- See [Lou JDE 2006, Lam-Ni SIAM 2012, He-Ni CPAM 2016] for global dynamics when  $bc < 1$  of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \mu_u \Delta u + u(p(x) - u - cv), \\ \partial_t v = \mu_v \Delta v + v(q(x) - bu - v). \end{cases}$$

- Similar result was obtained in [Zhou-Xiao JFA 2018] for

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \mu_u (\Delta u - \nabla \cdot u \nabla m) + u(p(x) - u - cv), \\ \partial_t v = \mu_v (\Delta v - \nabla \cdot v \nabla m) + v(q(x) - bu - v). \end{cases}$$

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# One patch

If  $n = 1$ , then

$$u' = u(p - u - cv),$$

$$v' = v(q - bu - v).$$

- One trivial equilibrium:  $E_0 = (0, 0)$ . Two semi-trivial equilibria:  $E_1 = (p, 0)$ ,  $E_2 = (0, q)$ .
- Case  $bc < 1$ : weak competition. If  $b < q/p$  and  $c < p/q$ , coexistence equilibrium  $E = (\frac{p-cq}{1-bc}, \frac{q-bp}{1-bc})$  is globally stable; if  $b \geq q/p$  and  $c < p/q$ ,  $E_1$  is globally stable; if  $b < q/p$  and  $c \geq p/q$ ,  $E_2$  is globally stable; if  $b = q/p$  and  $b = m/n$ , there are infinitely many positive equilibria.
- Case  $bc > 1$ : strong competition.

# Lotka-Volterra competition patch model

We consider the classic Lotka-Volterra competition patch model:

$$\begin{cases} u_i' = \mu_u \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} u_j + u_i(p_i - u_i - c v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0, \\ v_i' = \mu_v \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} v_j + v_i(q_i - b u_i - v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0. \end{cases}$$

We make the following assumptions:

- (A1)  $b > 0$ ,  $c > 0$ , and  $0 < bc \leq 1$ ;  $p_i, q_i > 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- (A2) The matrix  $-L$  is irreducible and Laplacian.
- (A3) The weighted digraph  $\mathcal{G}$  associated with  $L$  is cycle-balanced.

Each of the following graph is cycle-balanced:

- (1)  $L$  is symmetric;
- (2)  $n = 2$ ;
- (3) Every cycle of the weighted digraph  $\mathcal{G}$  has two vertices.

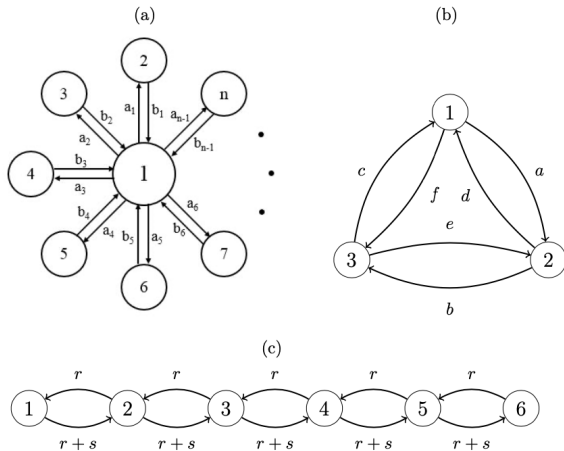


Figure 1: (a) A star migration graph. (b) A digraph that is cycle-balanced if  $abc = def$ .  
(c) A stepping stone graph.

- The competition model has two semi-trivial equilibria,  $E_1 = (w^*(\mu_u, p), \mathbf{0})$  and  $E_2 = (\mathbf{0}, w^*(\mu_v, q))$ , and one trivial equilibria  $E_0 = (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$ .
- Denote by  $\lambda_1(\mu, h)$  the principal eigenvalue of

$$\mu \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} \psi_j + h_i \psi_i = \lambda \psi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$



$$\begin{aligned} S_u &= \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : E_1 \text{ is linearly stable}\} = \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : \lambda_1(\mu_v, q - bw^*(\mu_u, p)) < 0\}, \\ S_v &= \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : E_2 \text{ is linearly stable}\} = \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : \lambda_1(\mu_u, p - cw^*(\mu_v, q)) < 0\}, \\ S_- &= \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : \lambda_1(\mu_v, q - bw^*(\mu_u, p)) > 0, \lambda_1(\mu_u, p - cw^*(\mu_v, q)) > 0\}, \\ S_{u,0} &= \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : \lambda_1(\mu_v, q - bw^*(\mu_u, p)) = 0\}, \\ S_{v,0} &= \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : \lambda_1(\mu_u, p - cw^*(\mu_v, q)) = 0\}, \\ S_{0,0} &= \{(\mu_u, \mu_v) : \lambda_1(\mu_v, q - bw^*(\mu_u, p)) = \lambda_1(\mu_u, p - cw^*(\mu_v, q)) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

# Complete dynamics for the patch model

Global dynamics is completely determined by local dynamics.

## Theorem (Chen-Shi-Shuai-W Nonlinearity 2022)

Suppose that (A1)-(A3) hold. Then we have the following mutually disjoint decomposition of  $Q := \{(\mu, \nu) : \mu, \nu > 0\}$ :

$$Q = (S_u \cup S_{u,0} \setminus S_{0,0}) \cup (S_v \cup S_{v,0} \setminus S_{0,0}) \cup S_- \cup S_{0,0}. \quad (2)$$

Moreover, the following statements hold:

- (i) For any  $(\mu_u, \mu_v) \in S_u \cup S_{u,0} \setminus S_{0,0}$ ,  $E_1 = (w^*(\mu_u, \rho), \mathbf{0})$  is globally asymptotically stable.
- (ii) For any  $(\mu_u, \mu_v) \in S_v \cup S_{v,0} \setminus S_{0,0}$ ,  $E_2 = (\mathbf{0}, w^*(\mu_v, q))$  is globally asymptotically stable.
- (iii) For any  $(\mu_u, \mu_v) \in S_-$ , there exists a unique positive equilibrium  $(u, v)$ , which is globally asymptotically stable.
- (iv) For any  $(\mu_u, \mu_v) \in S_{0,0}$ , we have  $bc = 1$ ,  $w^*(\mu_u, \rho) \equiv cw^*(\mu_v, q)$  and the model has a compact global attractor consisting of a continuum of equilibria

$$\{(\rho w^*(\mu_u, \rho), (1 - \rho)w^*(\mu_u, \rho)/c) : \rho \in [0, 1]\}. \quad (3)$$



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# First tool: monotone dynamical system theory

The main tool to investigate the competition model is monotone dynamical system theory:

- 1 H. L. Smith. Monotone Dynamical Systems. 1995.
- 2 P. Hess. Periodic-Parabolic Boundary Value Problems and Positivity, volume 247, 1991.
- 3 M. W. Hirsch, H. L. Smith. Monotone dynamical systems, 2006.
- 4 S. B. Hsu, H. L. Smith, and P. Waltman. Competitive exclusion and coexistence for competitive systems on ordered Banach spaces. Trans. Amer. Math. Soc., 348 (10): 4083–4094, 1996.
- 5 ...

The global dynamics of the competition model is determined by the local dynamics of the equilibria:

- 1 if  $E_2$  is unstable and the model has no positive equilibrium, then  $E_1$  is globally asymptotically stable; if  $E_1$  is unstable and the model has no positive equilibrium, then  $E_2$  is globally asymptotically stable;
- 2 if  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are both unstable, then the model has at least one stable positive equilibrium, which is globally asymptotically stable if it is unique;
- 3 if  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are both locally asymptotically stable, then the model has at least one unstable positive equilibrium.

Key step: a positive (or coexistence) equilibrium, if exists, is stable.

## Second tool: graph theory

Let  $L = (l_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with nonnegative off-diagonals.

- A *weighted digraph*  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  associated with the matrix  $L$  consists of a set  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of vertices and a set  $E$  of arcs  $(i, j)$  (i.e., directed edges from  $i$  to  $j$ ) with weight  $l_{ji}$ , where  $(i, j) \in E$  if and only if  $l_{ji} > 0$ ,  $i \neq j$ .
- A weighted digraph  $\mathcal{G}$  is strongly connected if and only if the weight matrix  $L$  is irreducible.
- A list of distinct vertices  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$  with  $k \geq 2$  form a *directed cycle* if  $(i_m, i_{m+1}) \in E$  for all  $m = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$  and  $(i_k, i_1) \in E$ .
- A subdigraph  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  is *spanning* if  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  have the same vertex set.
- The *weight* of a subdigraph  $\mathcal{H}$  is the product of the weights of all its arcs.

## Second tool: graph theory

- A connected subdigraph  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  is a *rooted out-tree* if it contains no directed cycle, and there is one vertex, called the root, that is not a terminal vertex of any arcs while each of the remaining vertices is a terminal vertex of exactly one arc.
- A subdigraph  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  is *unicyclic* if it is a disjoint union of two or more rooted out-trees whose roots are connected to form a directed cycle. Every vertex of unicyclic digraph  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a terminal vertex of exactly one arc.
- For  $\mathcal{G}$ , we associate it with a row Laplacian matrix:

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{k \neq 1} l_{1k} & -l_{12} & \cdots & -l_{1n} \\ -l_{21} & \sum_{k \neq 2} l_{2k} & \cdots & -l_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -l_{n1} & -l_{n2} & \cdots & \sum_{k \neq n} l_{nk} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

# Tree-cycle identity

The following result is proved in [Li-Shuai JDE 2010]:

## Theorem (Tree-Cycle Identity)

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a strongly connected weighted digraph and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the Laplacian matrix of  $\mathcal{G}$  as defined in (4). Let  $\alpha_i$  denote the cofactor of the  $i$ -th diagonal element of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then the following identity holds for  $x_i, x_j \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  and any family of functions  $\{F_{ij} : D \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i}^n \alpha_i l_{ij} F_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{\mathcal{Q} \in \mathcal{Q}} w(\mathcal{Q}) \sum_{(s,r) \in E(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Q}})} F_{sr}(x_s, x_r), \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is the set of all spanning unicyclic digraphs of  $(\mathcal{G}, L)$ ,  $w(\mathcal{Q}) > 0$  is the weight of  $\mathcal{Q}$  (the product of weights of all directed edges on  $\mathcal{Q}$ ), and  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Q}}$  denotes the directed cycle of  $\mathcal{Q}$  with arc set  $E(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{Q}})$ .

# Cycle balanced graph

A weighted digraph  $\mathcal{G}$  is said to be *cycle-balanced* if for any cycle  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  it has a corresponding reversed cycle  $-\mathcal{C}$  and  $w(\mathcal{C}) = w(-\mathcal{C})$ . Here  $-\mathcal{C}$ , the reverse of  $\mathcal{C}$ , have the same vertices but edges with reserved direction as  $\mathcal{C}$ .

We note that each of the following graph is cycle-balanced:

- (1)  $\mathcal{L}$  is symmetric;
- (2)  $n = 2$ ;
- (3) Every cycle of the weighted digraph  $\mathcal{G}$  has two vertices.

## Theorem (Chen-Shi-Shuai-W Nonlinearity 2022)

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a strongly connected weighted digraph that is cycle-balanced, and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the Laplacian matrix of  $\mathcal{G}$  as defined in (4). Let  $\alpha_i$  denote the cofactor of the  $i$ -th diagonal element of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Assume that  $x_i, x_j \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  and  $\{F_{ij} : D \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  be a family of functions satisfying

$$F_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + F_{ji}(x_j, x_i) \geq 0, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n, j \neq i. \quad (6)$$

Then the following holds

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i, j=1}^n \alpha_i l_{ij} F_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i, j=1}^n \alpha_i l_{ij} F_{ji}(x_j, x_i) \geq 0. \quad (7)$$

In addition, the double sum in (7) equals 0 if and only if  $F_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + F_{ji}(x_j, x_i) = 0$  for all distinct  $i, j$ .



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# Special case 1

Two species compete for the common resource:

$$\begin{cases} u'_i = \mu_u \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} u_j + u_i(r_i - u_i - c v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0, \\ v'_i = \mu_v \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} v_j + v_i(r_i - b u_i - v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0. \end{cases}$$

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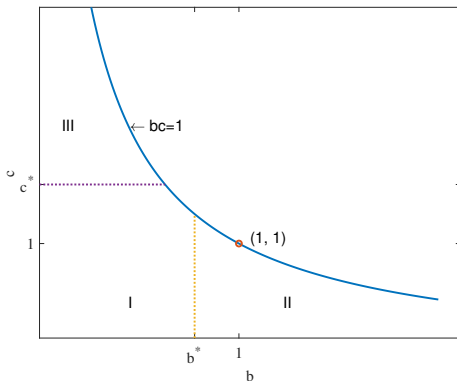
Suppose that (A1) – (A3) holds. Let  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n)$  be a positive right eigenvector of  $L$  corresponding to  $s(L) = 0$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i = 1$ . Then,

- (i) If  $r = \delta \theta$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , then we have:
  - (i<sub>1</sub>) If  $(b, c) = (1, 1)$ , there exists a compact global attractor consisting of a continuum of equilibria  $\{(\rho r, (1 - \rho)r) : \rho \in [0, 1]\}$ ;
  - (i<sub>2</sub>) If  $b \geq 1$  and  $c < 1$ ,  $E_1$  is globally asymptotically stable;
  - (i<sub>3</sub>) If  $b < 1$  and  $c \geq 1$ ,  $E_2$  is globally asymptotically stable;
  - (i<sub>4</sub>) If  $b < 1$  and  $c < 1$ , there exists a unique globally stable positive equilibrium

$$E = \left( \frac{1 - c}{1 - bc} r, \frac{1 - b}{1 - bc} r \right).$$

## Theorem

- (ii) If  $r \neq \delta\theta$  for any  $\delta > 0$ , then we have:
- (ii<sub>1</sub>) Suppose  $\mu_u < \mu_v$ . Then there exist  $b^* < 1$  and  $c^* > 1$  with  $b^*c^* > 1$  such that if  $b < b^*$  and  $c < c^*$  the model has a unique positive equilibrium which is globally asymptotically stable; if  $b \geq b^*$ ,  $E_1$  is globally asymptotically stable; if  $c \geq c^*$ ,  $E_2$  is globally asymptotically stable;
  - (ii<sub>2</sub>) Suppose  $\mu_u > \mu_v$ . Then there exist  $b^* > 1$  and  $c^* < 1$  with  $b^*c^* > 1$  such that if  $b < b^*$  and  $c < c^*$  the model has a unique positive equilibrium which is globally asymptotically stable; if  $b \geq b^*$ ,  $E_1$  is globally asymptotically stable; if  $c \geq c^*$ ,  $E_2$  is globally asymptotically stable;
  - (ii<sub>3</sub>) Suppose  $\mu_u = \mu_v$ . Then if  $b < 1$  and  $c < 1$ , the model has a unique positive equilibrium which is globally asymptotically stable; if  $b \geq 1$  and  $c < 1$ ,  $E_1$  is globally asymptotically stable; if  $c \geq 1$  and  $b < 1$ ,  $E_2$  is globally asymptotically stable; if  $(b, c) = (1, 1)$ , there exists a compact global attractor consisting of a continuum of steady states  $\{(\rho w^*(\mu_u, r), (1 - \rho)w^*(\mu_v, r)) : \rho \in [0, 1]\}$ .



**Figure:** Illustration of Theorem (ii<sub>1</sub>) ( $r \neq \delta\theta$  and  $\mu_u < \mu_v$ ). Here,  $b^* < 1$ ,  $c^* > 1$ , and  $b^*c^* > 1$ . In I, there exists a globally asymptotically stable positive equilibrium; in II,  $E_1$  is globally asymptotically stable; in III,  $E_2$  is globally asymptotically stable.

## Special case 2

Two species have the same intraspecific competition coefficients and diffusion rates, but different resources availability:

$$\begin{cases} u'_i = \mu \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} u_j + u_i(p_i - u_i - v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0, \\ v'_i = \mu \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} v_j + v_i(q_i - u_i - v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0, \\ u(0) = u_0 \geq (\neq) \mathbf{0}, v(0) = v_0 \geq (\neq) \mathbf{0}. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

### Theorem (Chen-Shi-Shuai-Wu Nonlinearity 2022)

*Suppose that (A1)-(A3) hold. If  $p > q$ , then  $E_1 = (w^*(\mu, p), \mathbf{0})$  is globally asymptotically stable for (8); if  $p < q$ , then  $E_2 = (\mathbf{0}, w^*(\mu, q))$  is globally asymptotically stable for (8).*

## Theorem (Chen-Shi-Shuai-W Nonlinearity 2022)

Suppose that (A1)-(A3) hold, and  $p \not\geq q$  and  $q \not\geq p$ . Let  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n)$  be a positive right eigenvector of  $L$  corresponding to  $s(L) = 0$  satisfying  $\sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i = 1$ . Then the following statements hold for (8):

- 1 There exists  $\mu_1 > 0$  such that the model has a unique positive equilibrium which is globally asymptotically stable for  $0 < \mu < \mu_1$ .
- 2 If  $\sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j(p_j - q_j) > 0$ , then there exists  $\mu_2 > \mu_1$  such that  $E_1$  is globally asymptotically stable for  $\mu > \mu_2$ ; on the other hand if  $\sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j(p_j - q_j) < 0$ , then there exists  $\mu_3 > \mu_1$  such that  $E_2$  is globally asymptotically stable for  $\mu > \mu_3$ .

## Theorem (Chen-Shi-Shuai-W Nonlinearity 2022)

Suppose that (A1)-(A3) hold. Let  $\Omega_u = \{i : 1 \leq i \leq n, p_i > q_i\}$  and  $\Omega_v = \{i : 1 \leq i \leq n, p_i < q_i\}$ . Suppose that  $\Omega_u$  and  $\Omega_v$  are not empty with  $\Omega_u \cup \Omega_v = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $U_0 = (U_{01}, U_{02}, \dots, U_{0n})$  and  $V_0 = (V_{01}, V_{02}, \dots, V_{0n})$ , where

$$U_{0i} = \begin{cases} p_i, & \text{if } i \in \Omega_u, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \in \Omega_v, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{0i} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \in \Omega_u, \\ q_i & \text{if } i \in \Omega_v. \end{cases}$$

Let  $(u, v)$  be the unique positive equilibrium of the model when  $\mu$  is small, then  $\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} (u, v) = (U_0, V_0)$ .

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- Can we remove cycle-balanced condition?
- Strong competition?  $bc > 1$ .
- More general:

$$\begin{cases} u'_i = \mu_u \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} u_j + u_i(p_i - a_i u_i - c_i v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0, \\ v'_i = \mu_v \sum_{j=1}^n l_{ij} v_j + v_i(q_i - b_i u_i - d_i v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, t > 0. \end{cases}$$

- Radom and directed movement rates are not equal?

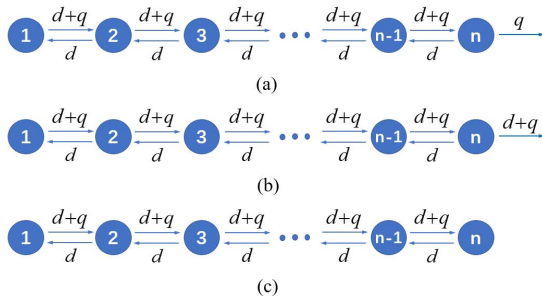
# Competition in stream

Two-species competition model in spatially homogeneous stream environment:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^n (d_1 D_{ij} + q_1 Q_{ij}) u_j + u_i (r - u_i - v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, \quad t > 0, \\ \frac{dv_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^n (d_2 D_{ij} + q_2 Q_{ij}) v_j + v_i (r - u_i - v_i), & i = 1, \dots, n, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0) = u_0 \geq (\neq) \mathbf{0}, \quad v(0) = v_0 \geq (\neq) \mathbf{0}. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

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Three cases:



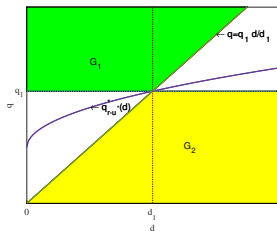
**Figure:** Movements of the species among patches. Here, (a): stream to lake; (b): stream to ocean; and (c): inland stream.

We have the following result for Case a.

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Then the following statements hold:

- (i) Fix  $q_2 = q_1$ . If  $d_2 < d_1$ ,  $(u^*, \mathbf{0})$  is globally asymptotically stable; and if  $d_2 > d_1$ ,  $(\mathbf{0}, v^*)$  is globally asymptotically stable;
- (ii) Fix  $d_2 = d_1$ . If  $q_2 > q_1$ ,  $(u^*, \mathbf{0})$  is globally asymptotically stable; and if  $q_2 < q_1$ ,  $(\mathbf{0}, v^*)$  is globally asymptotically stable.



**Figure:** If  $(d_2, q_2) \in G_1$ ,  $(u^*, \mathbf{0})$  is globally asymptotically stable; and if  $(d_2, q_2) \in G_2$ ,  $(\mathbf{0}, v^*)$  is globally asymptotically stable.

Thank you!