

Permanence and uniform asymptotical stability of a ratio-dependent Leslie system with feedback controls on time scales

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ABSTRACT: Using time-scale calculus and construction of a suitable Lyapunov functional, the permanence and uniform asymptotical stability of a ratio-dependent Leslie model with feedback control on time scales are studied. The results of this paper extend some recent research results. An illustrative example with numerical simulations is employed to visually manifest the theoretical findings.

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INTRODUCTION

Predator-prey is one of the important interactions among species commonly observed in social animals and human society. The dynamical relationship between predators and their preys has long been and will continue to be one of the dominant themes in both ecology and mathematical ecology due to its universal existence and importance. Leslie [1] proposed a predator-prey model to describe the “carrying capacity” of the predator’s environment that is proportional to the number of preys. Leslie emphasized that the rates of increase of both preys and predators are limited, which is not the same as those in the Lotka-Volterra model. In case the number of preys is large or the number of predators is small, the rates are able to reach their upper limits. In terms of continuous time, these discussions deduce Leslie predator-prey system as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_1[b - ax_1] - p(x_1, x_2)x_2, \\ \dot{x}_2 = x_2[g - f \frac{x_2}{x_1}], \end{cases}$$

where x_1 and x_2 stand for the population (the density) of the preys and of the predators, respectively, p is the so-called predator functional response to predator and prey. In the last decades, the dynamical behaviors for the continuous-time Leslie predator-prey systems such as Hopf bifurcation [2, 3], permanence [4], periodic solution [5, 6],

almost periodic solution [7, 8], and stability [4], etc., have been widely investigated.

Recently, more and more obvious evidences of biology and physiology showed that in many conditions, especially when the predators have to search for food (consequently, have to share or compete for food), a more realistic and general predator-prey system should rely on the theory of ratio-dependence, this theory is confirmed by lots of experimental results. In the last decades, much work has been done on the ecosystem with feedback controls [9, 10]. In particular, Wang et al [11] considered a ratio-dependent Leslie predator-prey model with feedback controls as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) = x_1(t)[b(t) - a(t)x_1(t) \\ \quad - \frac{c(t)x_1(t)x_2(t)}{h^2(t)x_2^2(t) + x_1^2(t)} - d(t)u_1(t)], \\ \dot{x}_2(t) = x_2(t)[g(t) - f(t)\frac{x_2(t)}{x_1(t)} - p(t)u_2(t)], \\ \dot{u}_i(t) = \alpha_i(t) - \beta_i(t)u_i(t) + \gamma_i(t)x_i(t), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $u_1(t)$ and $u_2(t)$ are control variables. Under the assumption that the coefficients of the above system are all T -periodic functions, they obtained the existence of a unique globally attractive positive T -periodic solution of the above system.

Many literatures have discussed that the discrete-time systems described by difference equations are more realistic and more appropriate than the continuous-time systems in case

there exists non-overlapping generations in the populations. Furthermore, discrete-time systems can also provide efficient computational process of continuous-time systems for numerical simulations. As a result, various dynamical behaviors of discrete-time Leslie-Gower predator-prey systems, such as Bifurcations [12, 13], chaos control [12], chaos [13], permanence [14, 15], almost periodic solutions [14, 15], and stability [14], have become research highlights for many scholars

In [15], the following discrete ratio-dependent Leslie model was discussed:

$$\begin{cases} x_1(n+1) = x_1(n) \exp \left\{ b(n) - a(n)x_1(n) - \frac{c(n)x_1(n)x_2(n)}{h^2(n)x_2^2(n) + x_1^2(n)} - d(n)u_1(n) \right\}, \\ x_2(n+1) = x_2(n) \exp \left\{ g(n) - f(n)\frac{x_2(n)}{x_1(n)} - p(n)u_2(n) \right\}, \\ \Delta u_i(n) = \alpha_i(n) - \beta_i(n)u_i(n) + \gamma_i(n)x_i(n), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $\Delta u_i(n) = u_i(n+1) - u_i(n)$; $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i, d, p, h, a, b, c, f, g$ are bounded sequences defined on \mathbb{Z}^+ , $i = 1, 2$; \mathbb{Z}^+ is the set of nonnegative integers. The author obtained the permanence and the existence of a unique globally attractive positive almost periodic solution for the above discrete-time system.

Time-scale calculus was proposed in 1990, which unify the continuous-time analysis and the discrete-time analysis [16]. Later on, the theory of time scales was mainly developed by Bohner and Peterson [17, 18]. Recently, the theory of time scales has been applied in neural networks [19], ecological systems [20], as well as a variety of control systems [21]. With the mind of time scale scheme, the above continuous-time system (1) and discrete-time system (2) can be unified and integrated. It is therefore meaningful to study the dynamic systems on time scales that can unify differential and difference systems. Motivated by the results mentioned above, in this paper, we are concerned with the following ratio-dependent Leslie model with feedback controls on time scales:

$$\begin{cases} N_1^\Delta(t) = b(t) - a(t) \exp\{N_1(t)\} - d(t)u_1(t) - \frac{c(t) \exp\{N_1(t) + N_2(t)\}}{h^2(t) \exp\{2N_2(t)\} + \exp\{2N_1(t)\}}, \\ N_2^\Delta(t) = g(t) - f(t) \exp\{N_2(t) - N_1(t)\} - p(t)u_2(t), \\ u_i^\Delta(t) = \alpha_i(t) - \beta_i(t)u_i(t) + \gamma_i(t) \exp\{N_i(t)\}, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$t \in \mathbb{T}$, $i = 1, 2$, where \mathbb{T} is a time scale, which will be defined in Definition 1; b and g represent population growth rates of prey and predator, respectively; a stands for the prey death rate; f is the maximum value which represents per capita reduction rate of prey; c denotes the maximum value which per capita reduction rate of prey can

attain; h is the interference parameter; $b(t), a(t), c(t), d(t), h(t), g(t), f(t), p(t), \alpha_i(t), \beta_i(t)$ and $\gamma_i(t)$ are nonnegative functions, in which $i = 1, 2$. If $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$, then (3) is reduced to (1) and if $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$, then system (3) is reduced to (2), where \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{Z} are the set of real numbers and the set of integers, respectively.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition 1 [17, 18] Let \mathbb{T} be a nonempty closed subset (time scales) of \mathbb{R} . For any subset I of \mathbb{R} , we denote $I_{\mathbb{T}} = I \cap \mathbb{T}$. The forward and backward jump operators $\sigma, \rho : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ and the graininess $\mu : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ are defined, respectively, by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= \inf\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s > t\}, \\ \rho(t) &= \sup\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s < t\}, \\ \mu(t) &= \sigma(t) - t. \end{aligned}$$

For $y : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$, we define the delta derivative of $y(t)$, $y^\Delta(t)$, to be the number (if it exists) with the property that, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a neighborhood U of t such that

$$|[y(\sigma(t)) - y(s)] - y^\Delta[\sigma(t) - s]| < \epsilon|\sigma(t) - s|$$

for all $s \in U$. Let y be right-dense continuous. If $Y^\Delta(t) = y(t)$, then we define delta integral by

$$\int_a^t y(s)\Delta(s) = Y(t) - Y(a).$$

A function $p : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called regressive provided $1 + \mu(t)p(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$. The set of all regressive and rd-continuous functions $p : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be denoted by $\mathfrak{R} = \mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{T}) = \mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$. If $\mu(t)p(t) > 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{T}$, then p is a positively regressive function from \mathbb{T} to \mathbb{R} . If r is a regressive function, then the generalized exponential function e_r is defined by

$$e_r(t, s) = \exp \left\{ \int_s^t \xi_{\mu(\tau)}(r(\tau)) \Delta \tau \right\}, s, t \in \mathbb{T},$$

with the cylinder transformation

$$\xi_h(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\log(1 + hz)}{h}, & h \neq 0, \\ z, & h = 0. \end{cases}$$

Definition 2 [22] For each $t \in \mathbb{T}$, let \mathbb{N} be a neighbourhood of t . Then we define the generalized derivation (of Dini derivative), $D + u\Delta(t)$, to mean

that, given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a right neighbourhood $N(\epsilon > 0) \subset N$ of t such that

$$\frac{u(\sigma(t)) - u(t)}{\sigma(t) - s} < D^+u^\Delta(t) + \epsilon$$

for each $s \in N(\epsilon > 0), s > t$. In case t is right-scattered and $u(t)$ is continuous at t , this reduces to

$$D^+u^\Delta(t) = \frac{u(\sigma(t)) - u(t)}{\sigma(t) - s}.$$

Lemma 1 [17] The following facts hold:

- (1) $(\nu_1 f + \nu_2 g)^\Delta = \nu_1 f^\Delta + \nu_2 g^\Delta$, for any constants ν_1 and ν_2 ;
- (2) $(fg)^\Delta = (t) = f^\Delta(t)g(t) + f(\sigma(t))g^\Delta(t) = f(t)g^\Delta(t) + f^\Delta(t)g(\sigma(t))$;
- (3) if $f^\Delta \geq 0$, then f is nondecreasing.

Lemma 2 [23] Let $-a \in \mathfrak{R}$. The following facts are valid:

- (1) If $N^\Delta(t) \leq b - aN^\alpha(t)$, then for $t > t_0$,

$$N(t) \leq N(t_0)e_{(-a)}(t, t_0) + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^\alpha (1 - e_{(-a)}(t, t_0)).$$

In particular, if $a, b > 0$, we have $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t) \leq \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^\alpha$, where α is a positive constant.

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In particular, if $a, b > 0$, we have $\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t) \geq \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^\alpha$, where α is a positive constant.

PERMANENCE

Definition 3 System (3) is said to be permanent if for any solution $(N_1(t), N_2(t), u_1(t), u_2(t))^T$ of system (3), there exist some constants m_i, q_i, M_i and Q_i ($i = 1, 2$) such that

$$m_i \leq \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_i(t) \leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_i(t) \leq M_i,$$

$$q_i \leq \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_i(t) \leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_i(t) \leq Q_i.$$

Upper bounds of prey, predator and feedback control population

Proposition 1 Every solution $(N_1(t), N_2(t), u_1(t), u_2(t))^T$ of system (3) satisfies

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_i(t) \leq N_i^*, \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_i(t) \leq u_i^*,$$

where

$$N_1^* = \frac{b^M - a^l}{a^l}, \quad N_2^* = \frac{g^M - \frac{f^l}{\exp\{N_1^*\}}}{\frac{f^l}{\exp\{N_1^*\}}},$$

$$u_i^* = \frac{\alpha_i^M + \gamma_i^M \exp\{N_i^*\}}{\beta_i^l}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Proof: Let $(N_1(t), N_2(t), u_1(t), u_2(t))^T$ be any solution of system (3), it follows from the first equation of system (3) and the Bernoulli inequality, $\exp\{x\} \geq 1 + x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we obtain

$$N_1^\Delta(t) \leq b(t) - a(t) \exp\{N_1(t)\}$$

$$\leq b(t) - a(t)(N_1(t) + 1)$$

$$\leq b^M - a^l - a^l N_1(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

It follows from Lemma 2 that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_1(t) \leq \frac{b^M - a^l}{a^l} := N_1^*.$$

Now, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ such that $N_1(t) \leq N_1^* + \epsilon$ for all $t \geq t_0$. Then, from the second equation of system (3), we obtain

$$N_2^\Delta(t) \leq g(t) - f(t) \exp\{N_2(t) - N_1(t)\}$$

$$\leq g(t) - \frac{f(t)}{\exp\{N_1^*\}} (N_2(t) + 1)$$

$$\leq g^M - \frac{f^l}{\exp\{N_1^*\}} - \frac{f^l}{\exp\{N_1^*\}} N_2(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

It follows from Lemma 2 that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_2(t) \leq \frac{g^M - \frac{f^l}{\exp\{N_1^*\}}}{\frac{f^l}{\exp\{N_1^*\}}} := N_2^*.$$

For any $\epsilon > 0$ and there exists a $t_1 > t_0$ in the above inequality, which leads to

$$N_2(t) \leq N_2^* + \epsilon, \quad t > t_1, t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

Similarly, from the third equation of system (3), we have for $t > t_1, t \in \mathbb{T}, i = 1, 2$

$$u_i^\Delta(t) \leq \alpha_i(t) - \beta_i(t)u_i(t) + \gamma_i(t) \exp\{N_i^* + \epsilon\}$$

$$\leq \alpha_i^M - \beta_i^l u_i(t) + \gamma_i^M \exp\{N_i^* + \epsilon\}.$$

Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ in the above inequality, it follows from Lemma 2 that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_i(t) \leq \frac{\alpha_i^M + \gamma_i^M \exp\{N_i^*\}}{\beta_i^l} := u_i^*, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

The proof is completed. □

Lower bounds of prey, predator and feedback control population

Proposition 2 Assume that (H_1) $b^l > d^M u_1^*$ and (H_2) $g^l > p^M u_2^*$ then every solution $(N_1(t), N_2(t), u_1(t), u_2(t))^T$ of system (3) satisfies

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_i(t) \geq N_{i*}, \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_i(t) \geq u_{i*},$$

where

$$N_{1*} = \ln \frac{b^l - d^M u_1^*}{a^M + \frac{c^M}{(h^l)^2 \exp\{N_2^*\}}}, \quad N_{2*} = \ln \frac{g^l - p^M u_2^*}{\frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*}\}}},$$

$$u_{i*} = \frac{\alpha_i^l + \gamma_i^l \exp\{N_{i*}\}}{\beta_i^M}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Proof: For any $\epsilon > 0$, according to Proposition 1, there exists a $t_2 \in \mathbb{T}$ such that $N_i(t) \leq N_i^* + \epsilon, u_i(t) \leq u_i^* + \epsilon$ for all $t > t_2, i = 1, 2$. Then for $t > t_2$, from the first equation of system (3), we obtain

$$N_1^\Delta(t) \geq b(t) - a(t) \exp\{N_1(t)\} - d(t)(u_1^* + \epsilon) - \frac{c(t) \exp\{N_1(t)\} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}}{h(t)^2 \exp\{2(N_2^* + \epsilon)\} + \exp\{2N_1(t)\}}$$

$$\geq b(t) - a(t) \exp\{N_1(t)\} - d(t)(u_1^* + \epsilon) - \frac{c(t) \exp\{N_1(t)\}}{h(t)^2 \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}}$$

$$\geq b^l - d^M(u_1^* + \epsilon) - \left(a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}} \right) \exp\{N_1(t)\}.$$

We claim that for $t > t_2$

$$b^l - d^M(u_1^* + \epsilon) - \left(a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}} \right) \exp\{N_1(t)\} \leq 0. \quad (4)$$

Otherwise, assume that there exists $\tilde{t} \geq t_2$ such that

$$b^l - d^M(u_1^* + \epsilon) - \left(a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}} \right) \exp\{N_1(\tilde{t})\} > 0$$

and for any $t \in [t_2, \tilde{t}]_{\mathbb{T}}$,

$$b^l - d^M(u_1^* + \epsilon) - \left(a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}} \right) \exp\{N_1(t)\} \leq 0.$$

Hence,

$$N_1(\tilde{t}) < \ln \frac{b^l - d^M(u_1^* + \epsilon)}{a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}}},$$

and for any $t \in [t_2, \tilde{t}]_{\mathbb{T}}$

$$N_1(t) \geq \ln \frac{b^l - d^M(u_1^* + \epsilon)}{a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}}},$$

which implies $N_1^\Delta(\tilde{t}) < 0$. It is a contradiction. Therefore, (4) holds for $t \geq t_2$. Consequently, for $t \geq t_2$,

$$N_1(t) \geq \ln \frac{b^l - d^M(u_1^* + \epsilon)}{a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^* + \epsilon\}}}.$$

Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_1(t) \geq \ln \frac{b^l - d^M u_1^*}{a^M + \frac{c^M}{h^{l2} \exp\{N_2^*\}}} := N_{1*}.$$

Now, for any small enough $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $t_3 > t_2$ such that $N_1(t) \geq N_{1*} - \epsilon$ and $u_i(t) \leq u_i^* + \epsilon$ for all $t \geq t_3, i = 1, 2$. Similarly, from the second equation of system (3), we obtain for $t \geq t_3$

$$N_2^\Delta(t) \geq g(t) - f(t) \frac{\exp\{N_2(t)\}}{\exp\{N_1(t)\}} - p(t)(u_2^* + \epsilon)$$

$$\geq g^l - p^M(u_2^* + \epsilon) - \frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*} - \epsilon\}} \exp\{N_2(t)\}.$$

We claim that for $t > t_3$

$$g^l - p^M(u_2^* + \epsilon) - \frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*} - \epsilon\}} \exp\{N_2(t)\} \leq 0. \quad (5)$$

Otherwise, assume that there exists $\tilde{t} \geq t_3$ such that

$$g^l - p^M(u_2^* + \epsilon) - \frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*} - \epsilon\}} \exp\{N_2(\tilde{t})\} > 0$$

and for any $t \in [t_3, \tilde{t}]_{\mathbb{T}}$,

$$g^l - p^M(u_2^* + \epsilon) - \frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*} - \epsilon\}} \exp\{N_2(t)\} \leq 0.$$

Hence,

$$N_2(\tilde{t}) < \ln \frac{g^l - p^M(u_2^* + \epsilon)}{\frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*} - \epsilon\}}},$$

and for any $t \in [t_3, \tilde{t}]_{\mathbb{T}}$,

$$N_2(t) \geq \ln \frac{g^l - p^M(u_2^* + \epsilon)}{\frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*} - \epsilon\}}},$$

which implies $N_2^\Delta(\tilde{t}) < 0$. It is a contradiction. Therefore, (5) holds for $t \geq t_3$. Consequently, for $t \geq t_3$,

$$N_2(t) \geq \ln \frac{g^l - p^M(u_2^* + \epsilon)}{\frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*} - \epsilon\}}}.$$

Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} N_2(t) \geq \ln \frac{g^l - p^M u_2^*}{\frac{f^M}{\exp\{N_{1*}\}}} := N_{2*}.$$

Now, for any small enough $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $t_4 \in \mathbb{T}$ such that $N_i(t) \geq N_{i*} - \epsilon$ for all $t \geq t_4, i = 1, 2$. From the third equation of system (3), we have

$$u_i^\Delta(t) \geq a_i(t) - \beta_i(t)u_i(t) + \gamma_i(t) \exp\{N_{i*} + \epsilon\} \geq \alpha_i^l - \beta_i^M u_i(t) + \gamma_i^l \exp\{N_{i*} - \epsilon\}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

It follows from Lemma 2 that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_i(t) \geq \frac{\alpha_i^l + \gamma_i^l \exp\{N_{i*} - \epsilon\}}{\beta_i^M}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} u_i(t) \geq \frac{\alpha_i^l + \gamma_i^l \exp\{N_{i*}\}}{\beta_i^M} := u_{i*}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

The proof is completed. □

Permanence result

Now the main result of this section is obtained as follows.

Theorem 1 Assume that (H_1) and (H_2) hold, then system (3) is permanent.

Remark 1 If $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$, Theorem 1 gives a decision theorem for permanence of continuous or discrete Leslie predator-prey model with feedback controls, respectively. These results were obtained in [11, 15]. Therefore, our work in this paper extends the corresponding results in [11, 15].

UNIFORM ASYMPTOTICAL STABILITY

Set $\mathbb{T}_1 = \{t \in \mathbb{T} : \sigma(t) > t\}$, $\mu^- = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{T}_1} \mu(t) = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{T}_1} [\sigma(t) - t]$ and $\mu^+ = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}_1} \mu(t) = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}_1} [\sigma(t) - t]$.

Theorem 2 Assume that (H_1) and (H_2) hold and suppose further that one of the following cases holds:

(H_3) $\mathbb{T}_1 = \emptyset$ and $\Xi_1 > 0$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_1 &= \min \left\{ a^l e^{N_{1*}} - c^M H - f^M e^{N_2^* - N_{1*}} - \gamma_1^M e^{N_1^*}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. f^l e^{N_{2*} - N_1^*} - c^M H - \gamma_2^M e^{N_2^*}, \beta_1^l - d^M, \beta_2^l - p^M \right\}, \\ H &= \frac{e^{N_1^* + N_2^*}}{[(h^l)^2 e^{2N_{2*}} + e^{2N_{1*}}]^2} \times \\ &\quad \max \left\{ |e^{2N_1^*} - (h^l)^2 e^{2N_{2*}}|, |(h^M)^2 e^{2N_2^*} - e^{2N_{1*}}| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(H_4) $\mathbb{T}_1 = \mathbb{T}$ and $\Xi_2 > 0$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_2 &= \min \left\{ \frac{1}{\mu^+} - a^* - c^M H - f^M e^{N_2^* - N_{1*}} - \gamma_1^M e^{N_1^*}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{\mu^+} - f^* - c^M H - \gamma_2^M e^{N_2^*}, \frac{1}{\mu^+} - \beta_1^* - d^M, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{\mu^+} - \beta_2^* - p^M \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^* &= \max \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{\mu^-} - a^l e^{N_{1*}} \right|, \left| a^M e^{N_1^*} - \frac{1}{\mu^+} \right| \right\}, \\ f^* &= \max \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{\mu^-} - f^l e^{N_{2*} - N_1^*} \right|, \left| f^M e^{N_2^* - N_{1*}} - \frac{1}{\mu^+} \right| \right\}, \\ \beta_i^* &= \max \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{\mu^-} - \beta_i^l \right|, \left| \beta_i^M - \frac{1}{\mu^+} \right| \right\}, \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

(H_5) $\mathbb{T}_1 \neq \emptyset, \mathbb{T}_1 \neq \mathbb{T}, \Xi_1 > 0$ and $\Xi_2 > 0$,

then system (3) is uniformly asymptotically stable.

Proof: Suppose that $X(t) = (N_1(t), N_2(t), u_1(t), u_2(t))^T$ and $\bar{X}(t) = (\bar{N}_1(t), \bar{N}_2(t), \bar{u}_1(t), \bar{u}_2(t))^T$ are any two solutions of system (3), it has

$$\begin{aligned} N_1^\Delta(t) &= b(t) - a(t) \exp\{N_1(t)\} - d(t)u_1(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{c(t) \exp\{N_1(t) + N_2(t)\}}{h^2(t) \exp\{2N_2(t)\} + \exp\{2N_1(t)\}}, \\ N_2^\Delta(t) &= g(t) - f(t) \exp\{N_2(t) - N_1(t)\} - p(t)u_2(t), \\ u_1^\Delta(t) &= \alpha_i(t) - \beta_i(t)u_i(t) + \gamma_i(t) \exp\{N_i(t)\}, \\ \bar{N}_1^\Delta(t) &= b(t) - a(t) \exp\{\bar{N}_1(t)\} \\ &\quad - \frac{c(t) \exp\{\bar{N}_1(t) + \bar{N}_2(t)\}}{h^2(t) \exp\{2\bar{N}_2(t)\} + \exp\{2\bar{N}_1(t)\}} - d(t)\bar{u}_1(t), \\ \bar{N}_2^\Delta(t) &= g(t) - f(t) \exp\{\bar{N}_2(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)\} - p(t)\bar{u}_2(t), \\ \bar{u}_i^\Delta(t) &= \alpha_i(t) - \beta_i(t)\bar{u}_i(t) + \gamma_i(t) \exp\{\bar{N}_i(t)\}, \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Considering the Lyapunov function $V(t, X, \bar{X})$ on \mathbb{T} defined by

$$V(t) = V(t, X, \bar{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^2 |N_i(t) - \bar{N}_i(t)| + \sum_{i=1}^2 |u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t)|.$$

Case 1: $\mathbb{T}_1 = \emptyset$, i.e., $\sigma(t) = t, \forall t \in \mathbb{T}$. In view of system (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t))' &= -a(t)(\exp\{N_1(t)\} - \exp\{\bar{N}_1(t)\}) \\ &\quad - d(t)(u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)) \\ &\quad - c(t) \left[\frac{\exp\{N_1(t) + N_2(t)\}}{h^2(t) \exp\{2N_2(t)\} + \exp\{2N_1(t)\}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\exp\{\bar{N}_1(t) + \bar{N}_2(t)\}}{h^2(t) \exp\{2\bar{N}_2(t)\} + \exp\{2\bar{N}_1(t)\}} \right], \\ (N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t))' &= -f(t)(\exp\{N_2(t) - N_1(t)\} \\ &\quad - \exp\{\bar{N}_2(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)\}) - p(t)(u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)), \\ (u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t))' &= -\beta_i(t)(u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t)) \\ &\quad + \gamma_i(t)(\exp\{N_i(t)\} - \exp\{\bar{N}_i(t)\}), \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Calculating the right derivative D^+V^Δ of V along the solution of system (7) leads to

$$D^+V^\Delta(t) = V_1(t) + V_2(t) + V_3(t) + V_4(t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(t) &= D^+|N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)|, \quad V_2(t) = D^+|N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)|, \\ V_3(t) &= D^+|u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)|, \quad V_4(t) = D^+|u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)|. \end{aligned}$$

By using the mean value theorem, it yields from system (7) that

$$V_1(t) = \text{sgn}(N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t))(N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t))' \leq -[a^l e^{N_{1*}} - c^M H]|N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| + c^M H|N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| + d^M |u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)|,$$

$$V_2(t) = \text{sgn}(N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t))(N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t))' \leq -f^l e^{N_{2*} - N_{1*}} |N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| + f^M e^{N_{2*} - N_{1*}} |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| + p^M |u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)|,$$

and, for $i = 1, 2$,

$$V_i(t) = \text{sgn}(u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t))(u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t))' \leq -\beta_i^l |u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t)| + \gamma_i^M e^{N_i^*} |N_i(t) - \bar{N}_i(t)|.$$

Therefore, for $t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \mathbb{T}_1$,

$$D^+ V^\Delta(t) = V_1(t) + V_2(t) + V_3(t) + V_4(t) \leq -[a^l e^{N_{1*}} - c^M H - f^M e^{N_{2*} - N_{1*}} - \gamma_1^M e^{N_1^*}] |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| - [f^l e^{N_{2*} - N_{1*}} - c^M H - \gamma_2^M e^{N_2^*}] |N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| - [\beta_1^l - d^M] |u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)| - [\beta_2^l - p^M] |u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)| \leq -\Xi_1 V(t). \tag{8}$$

Integrating (8) from 0 to t leads to

$$V(t) + \Xi_1 \int_0^t \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 |N_i(s) - \bar{N}_i(s)| + \sum_{i=1}^2 |u_i(s) - \bar{u}_i(s)| \right] ds \leq V(0) < \infty,$$

for all $t \geq 0$, that is,

$$\int_0^t \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 |N_i(s) - \bar{N}_i(s)| + \sum_{i=1}^2 |u_i(s) - \bar{u}_i(s)| \right] ds < \infty,$$

which implies

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 |N_i(s) - \bar{N}_i(s)| + \sum_{i=1}^2 |u_i(s) - \bar{u}_i(s)| \right] = 0.$$

Thus, system (3) is uniformly asymptotically stable. **Case 2:** $\mathbb{T}_1 = \mathbb{T}$, i.e., $\sigma(t) > t, \forall t \in \mathbb{T}$. In view of system (6), we get

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} N_1(\sigma(t)) - \bar{N}_1(\sigma(t)) &= N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t) - \mu(t)d(t)(u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)) \\ &\quad - \mu(t)a(t)(\exp\{N_1(t)\} - \exp\{\bar{N}_1(t)\}) \\ &\quad - \mu(t)c(t) \left[\frac{\exp\{N_1(t) + N_2(t)\}}{h^2(t) \exp\{2N_2(t)\} + \exp\{2N_1(t)\}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\exp\{\bar{N}_1(t) + \bar{N}_2(t)\}}{h^2(t) \exp\{2\bar{N}_2(t)\} + \exp\{2\bar{N}_1(t)\}} \right], \\ N_2(\sigma(t)) - \bar{N}_2(\sigma(t)) &= N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t) - \mu(t)p(t)(u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)) \\ &\quad - \mu(t)f(t)(\exp\{N_2(t) - N_1(t)\} - \exp\{\bar{N}_2(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)\}), \\ u_i(\sigma(t)) - \bar{u}_i(\sigma(t)) &= (1 - \mu(t)\beta_i(t))(u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t)) \\ &\quad + \mu(t)\gamma_i(t)(\exp\{N_i(t)\} - \exp\{\bar{N}_i(t)\}), \quad i = 1, 2. \end{aligned} \right. \tag{9}$$

Calculating the right derivative $D^+ V^\Delta$ of V along the solution of system (9) leads to

$$D^+ V^\Delta(t) = \tilde{V}_1(t) + \tilde{V}_2(t) + \tilde{V}_3(t) + \tilde{V}_4(t),$$

where

$$\tilde{V}_1(t) = |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)|^\Delta = \frac{|N_1(\sigma(t)) - \bar{N}_1(\sigma(t))| - |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)|}{\mu(t)},$$

$$\tilde{V}_2(t) = |N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)|^\Delta = \frac{|N_2(\sigma(t)) - \bar{N}_2(\sigma(t))| - |N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)|}{\mu(t)},$$

$$\tilde{V}_3(t) = |u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)|^\Delta = \frac{|u_1(\sigma(t)) - \bar{u}_1(\sigma(t))| - |u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)|}{\mu(t)},$$

$$\tilde{V}_4(t) = |u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)|^\Delta = \frac{|u_2(\sigma(t)) - \bar{u}_2(\sigma(t))| - |u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)|}{\mu(t)}.$$

By the mean value theorem, we have from system (9) that

$$|N_1(\sigma(t)) - \bar{N}_1(\sigma(t))| \leq \mu(t)(a^* + c^M H)|N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| + \mu(t)c^M H|N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| + \mu(t)d^M |u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)|, \tag{10}$$

$$|N_2(\sigma(t)) - \bar{N}_2(\sigma(t))| \leq \mu(t)f^* |N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| + \mu(t)f^M e^{N_{2*} - N_{1*}} |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| + \mu(t)p^M |u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)|, \tag{11}$$

$$|u_i(\sigma(t)) - \bar{u}_i(\sigma(t))| \leq \mu(t)\beta_i^* |u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t)| + \mu(t)\gamma_i^M e^{N_i^*} |N_i(t) - \bar{N}_i(t)|, \quad i = 1, 2. \tag{12}$$

By (10)–(12), we gain

$$\tilde{V}_1(t) \leq -\frac{1 - \mu(t)(a^* + C^M H)}{\mu(t)} |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| + c^M H|N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| + d^M |u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)|,$$

$$\tilde{V}_2(t) \leq -\frac{1 - \mu(t)f^*}{\mu(t)} |N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| + f^M e^{N_{2*} - N_{1*}} |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| + p^M |u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)|,$$

$$\tilde{V}_i(t) \leq -\frac{1 - \mu(t)\beta_i^*}{\mu(t)} |u_i(t) - \bar{u}_i(t)| + \gamma_i^M e^{N_i^*} |N_i(t) - \bar{N}_i(t)|, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Therefore, for $t \in \mathbb{T}_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} D^+ V^\Delta(t) &= \tilde{V}_1(t) + \tilde{V}_2(t) + \tilde{V}_3(t) + \tilde{V}_4(t) \\ &\leq -\left[\frac{1}{\mu^+} - a^* - c^M H - f^M e^{N_2^* - N_1^*} - \gamma_1^M e^{N_1^*}\right] |N_1(t) - \bar{N}_1(t)| \\ &\quad - \left[\frac{1}{\mu^+} - f^* - c^M H - \gamma_2^M e^{N_2^*}\right] |N_2(t) - \bar{N}_2(t)| \\ &\quad - \left[\frac{1}{\mu^+} - \beta_1^* - d^M\right] |u_1(t) - \bar{u}_1(t)| \\ &\quad - \left[\frac{1}{\mu^+} - \beta_2^* - p^M\right] |u_2(t) - \bar{u}_2(t)| \leq -\Xi_2 V(t). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Integrating (13) from 0 to t leads to

$$V(t) + \Xi_2 \int_0^t \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 |N_i(s) - \bar{N}_i(s)| + \sum_{i=1}^2 |u_i(s) - \bar{u}_i(s)| \right] ds \leq V(0) < \infty,$$

that is,

$$\int_0^t \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 |N_i(s) - \bar{N}_i(s)| + \sum_{i=1}^2 |u_i(s) - \bar{u}_i(s)| \right] ds < \infty,$$

which implies

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 |N_i(s) - \bar{N}_i(s)| + \sum_{i=1}^2 |u_i(s) - \bar{u}_i(s)| \right] = 0.$$

Thus, system (3) is uniformly asymptotically stable.

Case 3: $\mathbb{T}_1 \neq \emptyset$, $\mathbb{T}_1 \neq \mathbb{T}$. From (7) and (9), $V(t) \leq -\Xi V(t)$, $\forall t \in \mathbb{T}$. Similar to the above argument, we can easily obtain uniform asymptotical stability of system (3). This completes the proof. \square

Remark 2 In Theorem 2, condition (H_3) corresponds to $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$, condition (H_4) corresponds to $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ and condition (H_5) corresponds to $\mathbb{T} \neq \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{T} \neq \mathbb{Z}$. When $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$, Theorem 2 gives a decision theorem for uniform asymptotical stability of continuous or discrete Leslie predator-prey model with feedback controls, respectively. These results were obtained in [11, 15]. Therefore, our work in this paper extends the corresponding results in [11, 15].

BIOLOGICAL MEANINGS

Theorems 1 and 2 imply the following biological indications:

- (1) The prey and predator populations have the upper bounds if the growth rate of prey exceeds the prey death rate, and the product of the

growth rate of predator and the maximum upper bounds of prey exceed the maximum value f which represents per capita reduction rate of prey N_1 .

- (2) The prey and predator populations have the lower bounds if the growth rate of prey (i.e., b) exceeds the feedback control du_1 and the growth rate of predator (i.e., g) exceeds the feedback control pu_2 .
- (3) The maximum upper bounds of prey and predator populations are $(b^M - a^l)/a^l$ and $(g^M - \frac{f^l}{N_1^l})/\frac{f^l}{N_1^l}$, respectively. It is clear that predator population grows as prey population grows.
- (4) From the definitions of N_1^* and N_2^* , the growth rates of prey and predator, the prey death rate and the maximum value f which represents per capita reduction rate of prey N_1 could effectively regulate the upper bounds of prey and predator populations, respectively. The upper bounds of prey and predator populations grow as the growth rates of prey and predator grow, and the prey death rate and the maximum value f reduce, respectively.
- (5) The minimum lower bounds of prey and predator populations are $\ln\left[\frac{(b^l - d^M u_1^*)}{\left(a^M + \frac{c^M}{(h^l)^2 \exp\{N_2^*\}}\right)}\right]$ and $\ln\left[\frac{(g^l - p^M u_2^*)}{\frac{f^M}{N_1^*}}\right]$, respectively. It is easy to observe that the lower bound of prey population grows as the upper bound of predator population grows. Meanwhile, the lower bound of predator population grows as the lower bound of prey population grows.
- (6) From conditions (H_5) – (H_7) , the uniform asymptotical stability of system (3) is influenced by the coefficients of the system. If the maximum value c of the attainable per capita reduction rate of N_1 , the interference parameter h and the feedback control coefficients (i.e., d, p, γ_1, γ_2) are small enough, then system (3) is uniformly asymptotically stable.

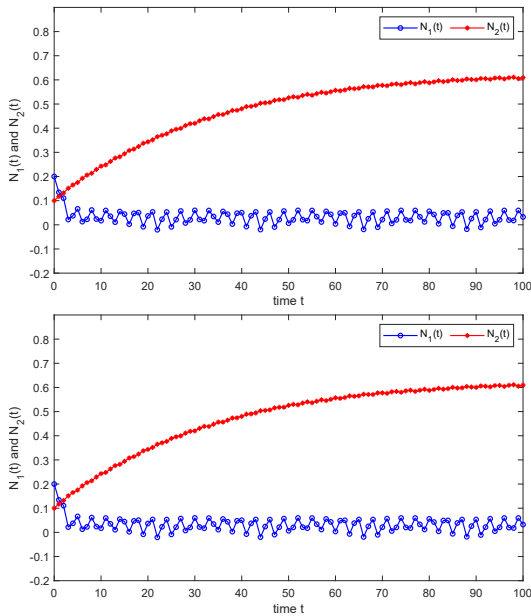


Fig. 1 Permanence of $(N_1(t), N_2(t), u_1(t), u_2(t))^T$ for system (14).

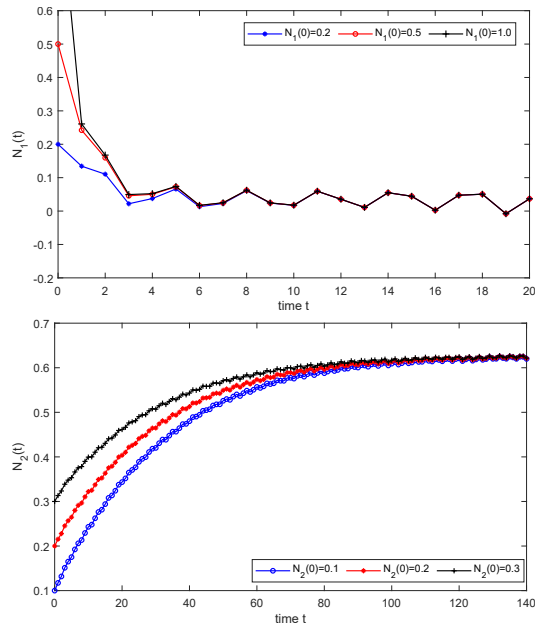


Fig. 2 Uniform asymptotical stability of N_1 and N_2 for system (14).

NUMERICAL ILLUSTRATIONS

Example 1 Regarding the following Leslie-Gower system with feedback controls:

$$\begin{cases} N_1^\Delta(t) = 4 + |\sin t| - 4.5 \exp\{N_1(t)\} - 0.002u_1(t) \\ \quad - \frac{0.001 \exp\{N_1(t) + N_2(t)\}}{0.01 \exp\{2N_2(t)\} + \exp\{2N_1(t)\}}, \\ N_2^\Delta(t) = 0.3 + 0.1|\cos t| - 0.2 \exp\{N_2(t) - N_1(t)\} \\ \quad - 0.001u_2(t), \\ u_i^\Delta(t) = -0.2u_i(t) + 0.01 \exp\{N_i(t)\}, \\ t \in \mathbb{T} = 0.1\mathbb{Z} = \{0.1k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, i = 1, 2. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Corresponding to system (3), Theorems 1 and 2, $N_1^* = 0.11, N_2^* = 1.2321, u_1^* = 0.0558, u_2^* = 0.1714, N_{1*} = -0.5130, N_{2*} = -0.1075, u_{1*} = 0.0299, u_{2*} = 0.0449$. Clearly, (H_1) – (H_2) in Theorem 1 are satisfied. By Theorem 1, system (14) is permanent, which can be seen in Fig. 1.

Further, $a^* = 7.3058, f^* = 9.8391, \beta_1^* = \beta_2^* = 9.8, H = 35.2780, \Xi_2 = \min\{1.5082, 0.0913, 0.1980, 0.1990\} = 0.0913 > 0$. So (H_4) in Theorem 2 holds. By Theorem 2, system (14) is uniformly asymptotically stable, as shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3.

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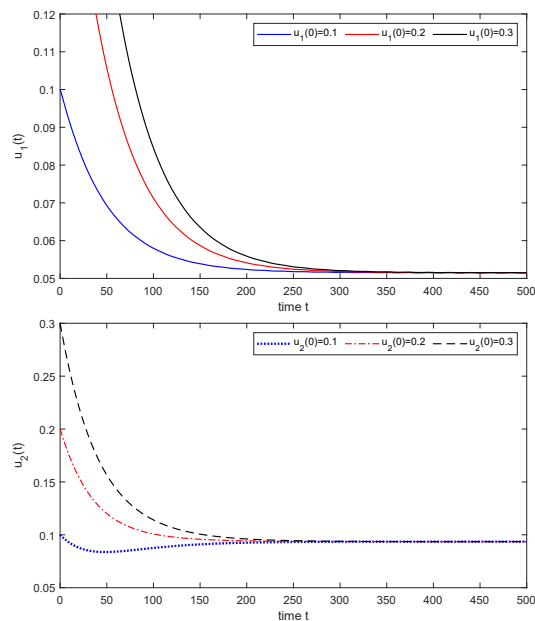


Fig. 3 Uniform asymptotical stability of u_1 and u_2 for system (14).

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