

Global Attractivity of a Single Species Model with both Infinite Delay Merdan Type Allee effect

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Abstract: - This paper proposes and investigates a single-species model with infinite delay and Merdan-type Allee effect. The model takes the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(a - bx - c \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds) \frac{x}{\beta + x},$$

where $a, b, c,$ and β are all positive constants. The differential inequality theory and iterative method are used to obtain sufficient conditions that ensure the global attractivity of the system's positive equilibrium. Our research shows that the Allee effect does not affect the final density of the species; however, the numerical simulations show that with the increase of the Allee effect, the system takes much time to the stable state.

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1 Introduction

The paper aims to investigate the dynamic behaviors of the following single-species model with both infinite delay and the Allee effect

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x \times \frac{x}{\beta + x} \times (a - bx - c \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds), \quad (1.1)$$

$$x(t)$$

where a, b, c and β are all positive constants. $x(t)$ is the density of the species at the time t . We shall consider (1.1) together with the initial conditions

$$x(t) = \phi(t), t \in (-\infty, 0], i = 1, 2; \quad (1.2)$$

Where $\phi_i \in BC^+$ and

$BC^+ = \{\phi \in C((-\infty, 0], [0, +\infty)) : \phi(0) > 0, \text{ and}$

$\phi \text{ bounded}\}$.

The delay kernel $K : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ is a continuous function such that

$$\int_0^{+\infty} K(s)ds = 1. \quad (1.3)$$

According to the fundamental theory of functional differential equations [39], system (1.1) has a unique solution satisfying the initial condition (1.2). We can easily demonstrate $x(t) > 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.

Many scholars have studied the dynamic behaviors of population models over the last few decades ([1]-[37]). Among those works, the model with infinite delays has been studied by many scholars ([1]-[18]). For example, Chen, Xie, and Wang [7] proposed a competition model of plankton allelopathy with infinite delay,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1(t) &= x_1(t)[K_1 - \alpha_1 x_1(t) \\ &\quad - \beta_{12} \int_{-\infty}^t K_{12}(s)x_2(t-s)ds \\ &\quad - \gamma_1 x_1(t) \int_{-\infty}^t f_{12}(s)x_2(t-s)ds], \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= x_2(t)[K_2 - \alpha_2 x_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\beta_{21} \int_{-\infty}^t K_{21}(s)x_1(t-s)ds \\
 & -\gamma_2 x_2(t) \int_{-\infty}^t f_{21}(s)x_1(t-s)ds], \quad (1.4)
 \end{aligned}$$

They showed that for this system, delay and toxic substances are harmless for the stability of the interior equilibrium point.

On the other hand, Merdan [19] proposed the following predator-prey system with the Allee effect on prey species:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dx}{dt} &= rs(1-x) \frac{x}{\beta+x} - axy, \\
 \frac{dy}{dt} &= ay(x-y),
 \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

where β is a positive constant, which describes the intensity of the Allee effect. Merdan showed that the Allee effect harms the species. Since then, many scholars have proposed an ecosystem incorporating a Merdan-type Allee effect ([19]-[34]). The Merdan-type Allee effect appears to have a different impact on different population systems; for example, Lin[21] proposed a Lotka-Volterra commensal symbiosis model with the first species subject to the Allee effect

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dx}{dt} &= x(b_1 - a_{11}x) \frac{x}{\beta+x} + a_{12}xy, \\
 \frac{dy}{dt} &= y(b_2 - a_{22}y),
 \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

he showed that the final density of the species subject to the Allee effect is also increased.

It draws our attention to the fact that all of those works ([19]-[34]) did not consider the influence of the delay, which is one of the most important factors to determine the dynamic behaviors of the species. This motivated us to propose the system (1.1), which is the most simple single species model with infinite delay and the Allee effect.

As far as the system (1.1) is concerned, one interesting issue is finding out the influence of the Allee effect. One may think it is possible to investigate the dynamic behaviors of the system (1.1) by constructing some suitable Lyapunov function similar to [5, 6, 8]. i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(t) &= |\ln x(t) - \ln x^*| \\
 &+ c \int_0^{+\infty} k(s) \int_{t-s}^t |x(\theta) - x^*| ds dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

However, by simple computation, with the Allee effect term, it seems impossible to obtain conditions to ensure the negative of the D+V (t), hence, one could not apply the method of [5, 6, 8] to investigate the dynamic behaviors of the system (1.1).

The paper aims to find out the influence of the Allee effect on the system (1.1), the rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, by using the iterative method, we obtain a set of sufficient conditions that ensure the system (1.1) admits a unique globally attractive positive equilibrium. In Section 3, we give a numeric simulation to show the feasibility of the main result. We end this paper with a brief discussion.

2 Main result

Concerned with the stability of the system (1.1), we have the following result.

Theorem 2.1.

Assume that

$$b > c \quad (2.1)$$

then the system (1.1) admits a unique positive equilibrium $x^* = \frac{a}{b+c}$, which is globally attractive.

Before we begin to prove the main result, we need several Lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. [27] Consider the following equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(a_2 - b_2 y) \frac{y}{u+y}, \quad (2.2)$$

the unique positive equilibrium $y^* = \frac{a_2}{b_2}$ is global stable.

Following Lemma 2.2 is Lemma 3 of Francisco Montes de Oca and Miguel Vivas[9].

Lemma 2.2. Let $x : R \rightarrow R$ be a bounded nonnegative continuous function, and let $k : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ be a continuous kernel such

that $\int_0^{+\infty} k(s)ds = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \\
 & \leq \liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^t k(t-s)x(s)ds \\
 & \leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^t k(t-s)x(s)ds \\
 & \leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3[27] System (1.1) has a unique positive equilibrium $x^* = \frac{a}{b+c}$.

Proof The equilibria of system (1.1) satisfy the equation

$$x(a - bx - c \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x ds) \frac{x}{\beta+x} = 0. \quad (2.3)$$

Noting that

$$\int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)ds = 1,$$

the positive solution of the system (1.1) satisfies the equation

$$a - bx - cx = 0.$$

That is, system (1.1) allows for a unique positive equilibrium $x^* = \frac{a}{b+c}$.

This ends the proof of Lemma 2.3.

Lemma 2.4. Let $x(t)$ be any solution of (1.1) \rightarrow (1.2), then $x(t) > 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.

Proof. We note that in (1.1), one has

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = P(t)x(t), \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$P(t) = \frac{x}{\beta+x} \times (a - bx - c \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds). \quad (2.5)$$

Hence,

$$x(t) = x(0) \exp \left\{ \int_0^t P(s)ds \right\} > 0. \quad (2.6)$$

This ends the proof of Lemma 2.4.

Following, we will develop the method of Chen, Xie, and Wang [6] and Wu, Gao, and Chen [16] to prove the main result.

Proof of Theorem 2.1. From (1.7), it follows that there exists a $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently small such that

$$r_1 > \frac{b_1 \left(\frac{r_2}{a_2} + \varepsilon \right)}{1 + \left(\frac{r_2}{a_2} + \varepsilon \right)} + a_1 \varepsilon, \quad (2.7)$$

$$r_2 > \frac{b_2 \left(\frac{r_1}{a_1} + \varepsilon \right)}{1 + \left(\frac{r_1}{a_1} + \varepsilon \right)} + a_2 \varepsilon.$$

Let $x(t)$ be any positive solution of system (1.1) with initial condition (1.1). From system (1.1) it follows that

$$\frac{dx}{dt} \leq x(a - bx) \frac{x}{\beta+x}. \quad (2.8)$$

Now let's consider the auxiliary equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u(a - bu) \frac{u}{\beta+u}. \quad (2.9)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1 that the unique positive equilibrium $u^* = \frac{a}{b}$ is globally stable. That is,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(t) = \frac{a}{b},$$

As a result of employing the differential inequality theory, one has

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \leq \frac{a}{b}, \quad (2.10)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds \\ & \leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \\ & \leq \frac{a}{b}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Hence, for sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$, which satisfies (2.7), it follows from (2.10) and (2.11) that there exists a $T_1 > 0$ such that for all $t \geq T_1$

$$x(t) < \frac{a}{b} + \varepsilon \stackrel{def}{=} M^{(1)}. \quad (2.12)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds < \frac{a}{b} + \varepsilon \stackrel{def}{=} M^{(1)}. \quad (2.13)$$

For $t > T_1$, it follows from the system (1.1) and (2.13) That

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \geq x[a - bu - cM^{(1)}] \frac{x}{\beta+x}. \quad (2.14)$$

Now let's consider the auxiliary equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u(a - bu - cM^{(1)}) \frac{u}{\beta+u}. \quad (2.15)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1 that the unique positive equilibrium $u^* = \frac{a - cM^{(1)}}{b}$ is globally stable. That is,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(t) = \frac{a - cM^{(1)}}{b}.$$

As a result of employing the differential inequality theory, one has

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \frac{a - cM^{(1)}}{b}, \quad (2.16)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.2 and (2.16) that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \\ &\geq \frac{a - cM^{(1)}}{b}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

Hence, for enough small $\varepsilon > 0$, which satisfies (2.7), it follows from (2.7) and (2.17) that there exists a $T_2 > 0$ such that for all $t \geq T_2$,

$$x(t) > \frac{a - cM^{(1)}}{b} - \varepsilon \stackrel{def}{=} m^{(1)}. \quad (2.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds \\ &> \frac{a - cM^{(1)}}{b} - \varepsilon \stackrel{def}{=} m^{(1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

For $t \geq T_2$, it follows from the system (1.1) and (2.19) that

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \leq x[a - bx - cm^{(1)}] \frac{x}{\beta + x}. \quad (2.20)$$

Now let's consider the auxiliary equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} \leq u[a - bu - cm^{(1)}] \frac{u}{\beta + u}. \quad (2.21)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1 that the unique positive equilibrium $u^* = \frac{a - cm^{(1)}}{b}$ is globally stable. That is,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(t) = \frac{a - cm^{(1)}}{b}.$$

Thus, by using the differential inequality theory, one has

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \leq \frac{a - cm^{(1)}}{b}, \quad (2.22)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} &\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds \\ &\leq \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \\ &\leq \frac{a - cm^{(1)}}{b}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Hence, for $\varepsilon > 0$ which satisfies (3.1), it follows from (3.15)-(3.16) that there exists a $T_3 > 0$ such that for all $t \geq T_3$,

$$y_1(t) < \frac{a - cm^{(1)}}{b} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \stackrel{def}{=} M^{(2)}. \quad (2.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds \\ &< \frac{a - cm^{(1)}}{b} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \stackrel{def}{=} M^{(2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

For $t \geq T_3$, it follows from the system (1.1) and (2.25)

That

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \geq x(t)[a - bx - cM^{(2)}] \frac{x}{\beta + x}. \quad (2.26)$$

Now let's consider the auxiliary equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u[a - bu - cM^{(2)}] \frac{u}{\beta + u}. \quad (2.27)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1 that the unique positive equilibrium $u^* = \frac{a - cM^{(2)}}{b}$ is globally stable. That is,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(t) = \frac{a - cM^{(2)}}{b}.$$

Thus, by using the differential inequality theory, one has

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \geq \frac{a - cM^{(2)}}{b}, \quad (2.28)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.3 that

$$\begin{aligned} &\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds \\ &\geq \liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) \\ &\geq \frac{a - cM^{(2)}}{b}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.29)$$

Hence, for $\varepsilon > 0$ which satisfies (3.1), it follows from (2.28) and (2.29) that there exists a $T_4 > 0$ such that for all $t \geq T_4$,

$$x(t) > \frac{a - cM^{(2)}}{b} - \varepsilon \stackrel{def}{=} m^{(2)}. \quad (2.30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s)ds \\ &> \frac{a - cM^{(2)}}{b} - \varepsilon \stackrel{def}{=} m^{(2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$

One could easily see that

$$\begin{aligned} &M^{(2)} = \frac{a - cm^{(1)}}{b} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &< \frac{a}{b} + \varepsilon = M^{(1)}; \\ &m^{(2)} = \frac{a - cM^{(2)}}{b} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &> \frac{a - cM^{(1)}}{b} - \varepsilon = m^{(1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

Repeating the above procedure, we get four sequences $M^{(n)}, m^{(n)}, n = 1, 2, \dots$, such that for $n \geq 2$

$$M^{(n)} = \frac{a - cm^{(n-1)}}{b} + \frac{\varepsilon}{n};$$

$$m^{(n)} = \frac{a - cM^{(n)}}{b} - \frac{\varepsilon}{n}. \quad (2.33)$$

Obviously,

$$m^{(n)} < x(t) < M^{(n)}, \text{ for } t > T_{2n}. \quad (2.34)$$

By induction, similar to the analysis of Chen, Xie, and Wang[7], we could prove that sequences $M^{(n)}$ are non-increasing, and sequences $m^{(n)}$ are non-decreasing. Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} M^{(n)} = \bar{x}, \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} m^{(n)} = \underline{x}. \quad (2.35)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow +\infty$ in (2.33), we obtain

$$b\bar{x} = a - c\underline{x},$$

$$b\underline{x} = a - c\bar{x}. \quad (2.36)$$

It follows from (2.36) that

$$(b + c)(\bar{x} - \underline{x}) = 0.$$

Hence,

$$\bar{x} = \underline{x}. \quad (2.37)$$

Again, substituting (2.37) with (2.36) leads to

$$\bar{x} = \underline{x} = \frac{a}{b + c} = x^*.$$

that is

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} x(t) = x^*.$$

Thus, the unique interior equilibrium x^* is globally attractive. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

3 Numeric simulations

Now let us consider the following examples.

Example 3.1

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(6 - 2x - \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-(t-s)} x(s) ds) - \frac{x}{\beta + x}, \quad (3.1)$$

where β is a positive constant.

Let $y = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-(t-s)} x(s) ds$, then system (3.1) is equivalent to the system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(6 - 2x - y) - \frac{x}{\beta + x},$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x - y. \quad (3.2)$$

It follows from Theorem 2.1 that system (3.1) admits a unique globally attractive positive equilibrium $x^* = 2$. Consequently, system (3.2) admits a unique globally attractive positive equilibrium $(x^*, y^*) = (2, 2)$. Fig.1 supports this assertion.

Now let's choose $\beta = 2, 5,$ and $20,$ respectively. Fig. 2 shows that as β (i.e., Allee effect) increases, the solution takes longer to reach its steady state.

Dynamic behaviors of the system (3.2)

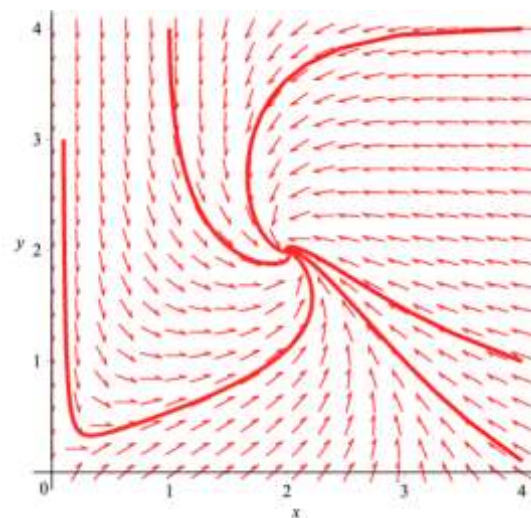


Figure 1: Dynamic behaviors of the system (3.2), the initial condition $(x(0), y(0)) = (4, 0.1), (0, 1.3), (1, 4), (4, 1)$ and $(4, 4)$, respectively.

4 Discussion

Merdan [19] proposed a predator-prey system with the Allee effect on prey species, see system (1.5), his study showed that this harms the species. The final density of the species will decrease as the Allee effect increases. Since then, many scholars ([19]-[34]) have investigated the dynamic behaviors of the population system with the Merdan-type Allee effect, and for different systems, the Allee effect has different influences.

In this paper, we further incorporate the Merdan-type Allee effect into the single-species delayed system. As demonstrated in Theorem 2.1, system (1.1) admits a unique globally attractive positive equilibrium x^* under the assumption $b > c$. Noting that this condition is also necessary to ensure the system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(a - bx - c \int_{-\infty}^t K(t-s)x(s) ds), \quad (4.1)$$

admits the unique globally attractive positive equilibrium. Also, noting that x^* is independent of β . Hence, we can conclude: the Allee effect does not influence the existence and stability of the positive equilibrium. However, Fig. 2 shows that with the increasing Allee effect, the system should take more time to approach its steady state. It is in this sense that the Allee effect harms the stability property of the system.

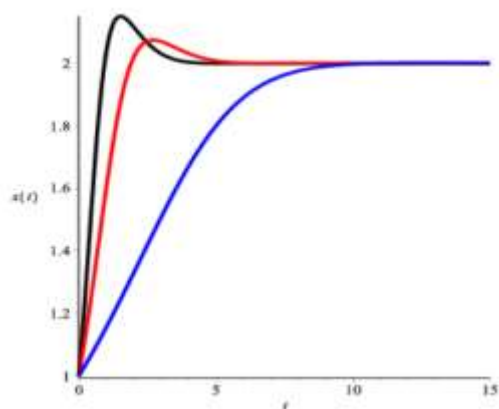


Figure 2: Numeric simulations of $x(t)$, with $\beta = 2, 5, 20$, and $(x(0), y(0)) = (1,1)$, respectively, where the black curve is the solution of $\beta = 2$, the red curve is the solution of $\beta = 5$, and the blue curve is the solution of $\beta = 20$.

We would like to mention at the end of the paper that in [40], one of our recent works, we discovered that for the discrete commensalism model with Merdan type Allee effect, the Allee effect increased the stability property of the system in the sense that, without Allee effect, the system may be chaos, however, only with the increasing of Allee effect, if the Allee effect is enough large, the system may become stable. The influence of the Merdan-type Allee effect appears to be quite different for the continuous and discrete systems. To this day, no scholar has proposed a discrete model with infinite delay and a Merdan-type Allee effect, we will try to do work in this direction in the future.

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