

# Equilibriums and Permanence for an Autonomous Competitive System with Feedback Control\*

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**Abstract.** In this paper, an autonomous competitive model with feedback control is studied. And the equilibriums of the system are discussed at first. Then the stability of equilibriums are obtained by ODE's stability theory and qualitative theory. Finally, some sufficient conditions for the permanence and the extinction of the system are obtained and some reasonable ecological explanations are given.

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## §1 Introduction

For ecological system in the natural world, competition is very common among species in the same environment, which describes the dynamic relation among them (see [5]). On the other hand, it is unavoidable to be interfered by some external factors, which leads to the frequent changes of the parameters of the system. And this may finally bring influence to the permanence of the system. In view of the control theory, these interferences are often considered as certain controlled arguments. Therefore, it very meaningful and interesting to study ecological models with feedback control.

In fact, many researchers had done much work about it. For example, Chen et al.[2-4] studied the permanence, global attractivity and the almost periodic solution in two species competitive system with feedback control and delay or functional response. Si [6] studied the persistence for three species predator-prey system with feedback control. And Chen [7] discussed the asymptotic properties

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of a two-species competitive system with feedback controls. Tian [1] also studied an a nonautonomous prey-predator system with feed-back control and Holling IV functional response, in which some useful conclusions are obtained.

However, all of these papers are concerned about the nonautonomous ecological models, and it's very scarcely to see papers focus on the autonomous system with feedback control. Thus, in this paper, the author derived the following autonomous competitive system (1.1) with feedback control.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_1(r_1 - a_1x_1 - b_1x_2 + k_1s_1) \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_2(r_2 - a_2x_2 - b_2x_1 + k_2s_2) \\ \frac{ds_1}{dt} = a_3 - b_3s_1 - c_1x_1 \\ \frac{ds_2}{dt} = a_4 - b_4s_2 - c_2x_2 \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Here, for the ecological reason, all the parameters in the system  $a_i, b_i (i=1,2,3,4)$  and  $r_j, k_j, c_j (j=1,2)$  are positive in the following paper, i. e.,

$$r_1, r_2, a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, k_1, k_2, a_3, a_4, b_3, b_4, c_1, c_2 > 0 \quad (1.2)$$

## §2 Equilibriums and their stability

In this section, for the realistic application, we are only concerned with the positive equilibriums (including the boundary equilibriums) of the system and their stability. First of all, we can obtain the following conclusion by direct calculation.

**Lemma 2.1** If system (1.1) satisfies (1.2) and the following inequalities (2.1)

$$\begin{cases} a_2a_4 > c_2r_2, & b_2a_3 > c_1r_1 \\ c_2r_1 > b_1a_4, & c_1r_2 > b_2a_3 \\ a_2(r_1 + k_1) > b_1r_2 \\ a_1r_2 > b_2a_1 \\ a_1 > b_2, & b_1 > a_2 \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

then system (1.1) has following four positive equilibriums:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^* & (0, 0, \frac{a_3}{b_3}, \frac{a_4}{b_4}); p_2^* (0, \frac{b_4r_2 + k_2a_4}{b_4a_2 + k_2c_2}, \frac{a_3}{b_3}, \frac{a_2a_4 - c_2r_2}{c_2k_2 + a_2b_4}); p_3^* (\frac{b_3r_1 + k_1a_3}{a_1b_3 + k_1c_1}, 0, \frac{a_1a_3 - c_1r_1}{a_1b_3 + k_1c_1}, \frac{a_4}{b_4}) \text{ and} \\ p_4^* & (\frac{bb_1b_2r_2 - b_3c_2k_1r_1 + b_3k_1b_4a_1 - b_3a_1b_2r_1 - b_3a_1b_2k_1 - a_3c_2k_1k_1}{c_2k_2a_3 - bb_1b_2b_3 + a_2b_4c_1k_1 + a_2b_4a_3 + c_2k_2c_1k_1}, \frac{-b_1k_1b_2a_3 + b_4c_1k_1r_2 + b_4a_1b_2r_2 - b_4r_1b_2b_3 + a_4k_2a_3 + a_4k_2c_1k_1}{c_2k_2a_3 - bb_1b_2b_3 + a_2b_4c_1k_1 + a_2b_4a_3 + c_2k_2c_1k_1}, \\ & \frac{bb_4c_1r_1 - c_2k_2c_1r_1 + c_2k_2a_3 + k_2c_1b_4a_1 - bb_1b_2a_3 + a_2b_4a_3 - a_2b_4c_1r_1}{c_2k_2a_3 - bb_1b_2b_3 + a_2b_4c_1k_1 + a_2b_4a_3 + c_2k_2c_1k_1}, \frac{c_2k_1b_4a_3 - c_2c_1k_1r_1 - c_2a_1b_2r_2 + c_2r_1b_2b_3 - b_4a_1b_2b_3 + c_2a_1a_3k_1 + a_2a_1a_3b_3}{c_2k_2a_3 - bb_1b_2b_3 + a_2b_4c_1k_1 + a_2b_4a_3 + c_2k_2c_1k_1}). \end{aligned}$$

At first, in order to discuss the stability of the equilibrium  $p_1^*(0, 0, \frac{a_3}{b_3}, \frac{a_4}{b_4})$ , we can consider the linear system at the point  $p_1^*$  as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = (r_1 + k_1 \frac{a_3}{b_3})x_1 - b_1x_2 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = -b_2x_1 + (r_2 + k_2 \frac{a_4}{b_4})x_2 \\ \frac{ds_1}{dt} = -c_1x_1 - b_3(s_1 - s_1^*) \\ \frac{ds_2}{dt} = -c_2x_2 - b_4(s_2 - s_2^*) \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

And it's easy to obtain its characteristic equation,

$$(\lambda - (r_1 + k_1 \frac{a_3}{b_3}))(\lambda - (r_2 + k_2 \frac{a_4}{b_4}))(\lambda + b_3)(\lambda + b_4) = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

Whose eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = r_1 + k_1 \frac{a_3}{b_3} > 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = r_2 + k_2 \frac{a_4}{b_4} > 0$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -b_3 < 0$ ,  $\lambda_4 = -b_4 < 0$ .

Therefore, the equilibrium  $p_1^*$  is unstable, that is,

**Theorem 2.1** If all the parameters of the system (1.1) are positive (i.e. if the system (1.1) satisfies (1.2)), then the equilibrium  $p_1^*$  is unstable.

In the same way and Hurwitz's criteria (see [8]), we can obtain the stability theorem of the equilibrium  $p_i^*$  ( $i = 2, 3, 4$ ) as following Lemma 2.2—2.3.

**Lemma 2.2** If the system (1.1) satisfies (1.2) and the following inequalities (2.4),

$$\begin{cases} b_4 > r_2 + k_2 \frac{a_2a_4 - c_2r_2}{c_2k_2 + a_2b_4} - 2a_2 \frac{b_4r_2 + k_2a_4}{b_4a_2 + k_2c_2} \\ b_1b_3(b_4r_2 + k_2a_4) > (b_3 + k_1a_3)(b_4a_2 + k_2c_2) \\ b_4r_2 < 2a_2b_4 \frac{b_4r_2 + k_2a_4}{b_4a_2 + k_2c_2} - k_2b_4 \frac{a_2a_4 - c_2r_2}{c_2k_2 + a_2b_4} + c_2k_2 \frac{b_4r_2 + k_2a_4}{b_4a_2 + k_2c_2} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

then the equilibrium  $p_2^*(0, \frac{b_4r_2 + k_2a_4}{b_4a_2 + k_2c_2}, \frac{a_3}{b_3}, \frac{a_2a_4 - c_2r_2}{c_2k_2 + a_2b_4})$  is local asymptotic stable.

If we suppose  $x_1$  specie is not exist, then the system can be simplified as following system,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_2(r_2 - a_2x_2 + k_2s_2) \\ \frac{ds_1}{dt} = a_3 - b_3s_1 \\ \frac{ds_2}{dt} = a_4 - b_4s_2 - c_2x_2 \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

It is easy to obtain system (2.5) have two equilibriums  $\bar{p}_1(0, \frac{a_3}{b_3}, \frac{a_4}{b_4})$  and  $\bar{p}_2(\bar{x}_2, \bar{s}_1, \bar{s}_2)$ .

Where,  $\bar{x}_2 = \frac{b_4 r_2 + k_2 a_4}{b_4 a_2 + k_2 c_2}$ ,  $\bar{s}_1 = \frac{a_3}{b_3}$ ,  $\bar{s}_2 = \frac{a_2 a_4 - c_2 r_2}{c_2 k_2 + a_2 b_4}$

In the same way of the Theorem 2.1, we can declaim  $\bar{p}_1(0, \frac{a_3}{b_3}, \frac{a_4}{b_4})$  is unstable for its corresponding characteristic equation has a positive eigenvalue  $\lambda = r_2 + k_2 \frac{a_4}{b_4} > 0$ . Also, we can obtain the linear system at the equilibrium  $\bar{p}_2$ , whose characteristic equation is as follow:

$$(\lambda + b_3)[\lambda^2 + (b_4 + 2a_2\bar{x}_2 - k_2\bar{s}_2 - r_2)]\lambda + (k_2c_2\bar{x}_2 + 2a_2b_4\bar{x}_2 - b_4k_2\bar{s}_2 - b_4r_2) = 0 \tag{2.6}$$

Obviously,  $\bar{p}_2$  is local asymptotic stable if

$$b_4 + 2a_2\bar{x}_2 > k_2\bar{s}_2 + r_2, k_2c_2\bar{x}_2 + 2a_2b_4\bar{x}_2 > b_4k_2\bar{s}_2 + b_4r_2 \tag{2.7}$$

On the other hand, if we constrcut following Liapunov function,

$$V(x_2, s_1, s_2) = \lambda_1(x_2 - \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_2 \ln \frac{x_2}{\bar{x}_2}) + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}(s_1 - \bar{s}_1)^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{2}(s_2 - \bar{s}_2)^2$$

Calculating the upper right derivation  $V(x_2, s_1, s_2)$  along the system (1.1) we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} D^+V(x_2, s_1, s_2) &= \lambda_1 \frac{x_2 - \bar{x}_2}{x_2} \frac{dx_2}{dt} + \lambda_2 (s_1 - \bar{s}_1) \frac{ds_1}{dt} + \lambda_3 (s_2 - \bar{s}_2) \frac{ds_2}{dt} \\ &= -\lambda_1(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)[a_2(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) - k_2(s_2 - \bar{s}_2)] - \lambda_2 b_3 (s_1 - \bar{s}_1)^2 - \lambda_3 (s_2 - \bar{s}_2)[b_4(s_2 - \bar{s}_2) + c_2(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)] \\ &= -\lambda_1 a_2 (x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2 - \lambda_2 b_3 (s_1 - \bar{s}_1)^2 - \lambda_3 b_4 (s_2 - \bar{s}_2)^2 + (\lambda_1 k_2 - \lambda_3 c_2)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)(s_2 - \bar{s}_2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if we choose  $\lambda_1 = c_2 \lambda, \lambda_2 = \lambda, \lambda_3 = k_2 \lambda$  ( $\lambda > 0$ ), then we have,

$$D^+V(t) = -\lambda[a_2 c_2 (x_2 - \bar{x}_2)^2 + b_3 (s_1 - \bar{s}_1)^2 + b_4 k_2 (s_2 - \bar{s}_2)^2] < 0,$$

Therefore, we have the following Theorem 2.2 according to the Liapunov Theorem.

**Theorem 2.2** If the system (1.1) satisfies (1.2) and the following inequalities (2.4),(2.7), then the equilibrium  $p_2^*$  is global asymptotic stable.

In the same way, we can obtain Theorem 2.3 as follow:

**Theorem 2.3** If the system (1.1) satisfies (1.2) and the following inequalities(2.8),

$$\begin{cases} b_3 > r_1 - 2a_1 \frac{b_3 r_1 + k_1 a_3}{a_1 b_3 + k_1 c_1} + k_1 \frac{a_1 a_3 - c_1 r_1}{k_1 c_1 + a_1 b_3} \\ b_2 b_4 (b_3 r_1 + k_1 a_3) > (r_2 b_4 + k_2 a_4)(a_1 b_3 + k_1 c_1) \\ b_3 r_1 < k_1 b_3 \frac{a_1 a_3 - c_1 r_1}{k_1 c_1 + a_1 b_3} - 2a_1 b_3 \frac{b_3 r_1 + k_1 a_3}{a_1 b_3 + k_1 c_1} + c_1 k_1 \frac{b_3 r_1 + k_1 a_3}{a_1 b_3 + k_1 c_1} \\ b_3 + 2a_1 \bar{x}_1 > k_1 \bar{s}_1 + r_1, k_1 c_1 \bar{x}_1 + 2a_1 b_3 \bar{x}_1 > b_3 k_1 \bar{s}_1 + b_3 r_1 \end{cases} \tag{2.8}$$

Where,  $\bar{x}_1 = \frac{b_3 r_1 + k_1 a_3}{b_3 a_1 + k_1 c_1}$ ,  $\bar{s}_1 = \frac{a_1 a_3 - c_1 r_1}{b_3 a_1 + k_1 c_1}$ ,  $\bar{s}_2 = \frac{a_4}{b_4}$  (2.9)

then the equilibrium  $p_3^*(\frac{b_3 r_1 + k_1 a_3}{a_1 b_3 + k_1 c_1}, 0, \frac{a_1 a_3 - c_1 r_1}{k_1 c_1 + a_1 b_3}, \frac{a_4}{b_4})$  is global asymptotic stable.

For the convenience to discuss the stability of the equilibrium  $p_4^*$ , we set  $p_4^*(x_1^*, x_2^*, s_1^*, s_2^*)$  for short and denote:

$$X_1^* = r_1 - 2a_1 x_1^* - b_1 x_2^* + k_1 s_1^*, X_2^* = r_2 - 2a_2 x_2^* - b_2 x_1^* + k_2 s_2^*. \text{ Then we obtain}$$

**Lemma 2.3** If the system (1.1) satisfies (1.2) and the following inequalities (2.10)—(2.13),

$$b_3 + b_4 > X_1^* + X_2^* \quad (2.10)$$

$$(b_3 - X_1^*)(b_4 - X_2^*) - b_3 X_1^* - b_4 X_2^* + c_1 k_1 x_1^* + c_2 k_2 x_2^* - b_1 b_2 x_1^* x_2^* > 0 \quad (2.11)$$

$$(b_3 - X_1^*)(c_2 k_2 x_2^* - b_4 X_2^*) + (b_4 - X_2^*)(c_1 k_1 x_1^* - b_3 X_1^*) > b_1 b_2 (b_3 + b_4) x_1^* x_2^* \quad (2.12)$$

$$b_3 b_4 X_1^* X_2^* + (c_1 c_2 k_1 k_2 - b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4) x_1^* x_2^* > b_3 c_2 k_2 x_2^* X_1^* + b_4 c_1 k_1 x_1^* X_2^* \quad (2.13)$$

then the equilibrium  $p_4^*$  is local asymptotic stable.

And we construct following Liapunov function,

$$V(x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2) = w_1(x_1 - x_1^* - x_1^* \ln \frac{x_1}{x_1^*}) + w_2(x_2 - x_2^* - x_2^* \ln \frac{x_2}{x_2^*}) + \frac{w_3}{2}(s_1 - s_1^*)^2 + \frac{w_4}{2}(s_2 - s_2^*)^2$$

Calculating the upper right derivation  $V(x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2)$  along the system (1.1) we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} D^+V(x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2) &= w_1 \frac{x_1 - x_1^*}{x_1} \frac{dx_1}{dt} + w_2 \frac{x_2 - x_2^*}{x_2} \frac{dx_2}{dt} + w_3 (s_1 - s_1^*) \frac{ds_1}{dt} + w_4 (s_2 - s_2^*) \frac{ds_2}{dt} \\ &= -w_1 (x_1 - x_1^*) [a_1 (x_1 - x_1^*) + b_1 (x_2 - x_2^*) - k_1 (s_1 - s_1^*)] \\ &\quad - w_2 (x_2 - x_2^*) [a_2 (x_2 - x_2^*) + b_2 (x_1 - x_1^*) - k_2 (s_2 - s_2^*)] \\ &\quad - w_3 (s_1 - s_1^*) [b_3 (s_1 - s_1^*) + c_1 (x_1 - x_1^*)] - w_4 (s_2 - s_2^*) [b_4 (s_2 - s_2^*) + c_2 (x_2 - x_2^*)] \\ &= -[a_1 w_1 (x_1 - x_1^*)^2 + a_2 w_2 (x_2 - x_2^*)^2 + b_3 w_3 (s_1 - s_1^*)^2 + b_4 w_4 (s_2 - s_2^*)^2] \\ &\quad - (b_1 w_1 + b_2 w_2) (x_1 - x_1^*) (x_2 - x_2^*) + (k_1 w_1 - c_1 w_3) (x_1 - x_1^*) (s_1 - s_1^*) + (k_2 w_2 - c_2 w_4) (x_2 - x_2^*) (s_2 - s_2^*) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if we choose  $w_1 = c_1 w$ ,  $w_2 = c_2 w$ ,  $w_3 = k_1 w$ ,  $w_4 = k_2 w$ , ( $w > 0$ ), then we have,

$$D^+V(t) = -w [a_1 (x_1 - x_1^*)^2 + (b_1 + b_2) (x_1 - x_1^*) (x_2 - x_2^*) + a_2 (x_2 - x_2^*)^2 + b_3 (s_1 - s_1^*)^2 + b_4 (s_2 - s_2^*)^2]$$

It is obvious to show that  $D^+V(t) < 0$  when the parameters  $a_i, b_i (i=1, 2)$  of the system (1.1) satisfies the inequality  $(b_1 + b_2)^2 \leq 4a_1 a_2$  (2.14)

Therefore, we have the following Theorem 2.4 according to the Liapunov Theorem.

**Theorem 2.4** If the system (1.1) satisfies (1.2) and the following inequalities

(2.10)—(2.14), then the equilibrium  $p_4^*$  is global asymptotic stable.

### §3 Permanence

**Lemma 3.1**  $R_4^+ = \{(x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2) \mid x_i(t) > 0, s_i(t) > 0 (i=1,2)\}$  is the positively invariant set of the system (1.1).

Suppose  $(x_1(t), x_2(t), s_1(t), s_2(t))$  is the random positive solution of the system (1.1) with positive initial values, then we can obtain the subsequent several lemmas.

**Lemma 3.2** There exists a  $T_1^* > 0$ , such that  $0 < x_i(t) \leq M_i, 0 < s_i(t) \leq N_i (i=1,2)$

when  $t > T_1^*$ , where,  $M_1 = \frac{r_1 b_3 + k_1 a_3}{a_1 b_3}$ ;  $M_2 = \frac{r_2 b_4 + k_2 a_4}{a_2 b_4}$ ;  $N_1 = \frac{a_3}{b_3}$ ;  $N_2 = \frac{a_4}{b_4}$ .

Proof. According to the last two equations of the system (1.1), we have

$$\frac{ds_1}{dt} = a_3 - b_3 s_1 - c_1 x_1 \leq a_3 - b_3 s_1 \Rightarrow \frac{ds_1}{dt} \Big|_{s_1=N_1} \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{ds_2}{dt} = a_4 - b_4 s_2 - c_2 x_2 \leq a_4 - b_4 s_2 \Rightarrow \frac{ds_2}{dt} \Big|_{s_2=N_2} \leq 0.$$

Then there exists a  $T_1 > 0$  and a  $T_2 > 0$ , such that  $0 < s_1(t) \leq N_1$  when  $t > T_1$  and  $0 < s_2(t) \leq N_2$  when  $t > T_2$ . (3.1)

On the other hand, according to the first two equations of the system (1.1) and (3.1), we can obtain

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_1(r_1 - a_1 x_1 - b_1 x_2 + k_1 s_1) \leq x_1(r_1 - a_1 x_1 + k_1 s_1) \quad (3.2)$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_2(r_2 - a_2 x_2 - b_2 x_1 + k_2 s_2) \leq x_2(r_2 - a_2 x_2 + k_2 s_2) \quad (3.3)$$

Via the formula (3.1)—(3.3) we have

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} \leq x_1(r_1 - a_1 x_1 + k_1 N_1) \Rightarrow \frac{dx_1}{dt} \Big|_{x_1=M_1} \leq x_1(r_1 - a_1 M_1 + k_1 \frac{a_3}{b_3}) = 0, \text{ when } t > T_1.$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} \leq x_2(r_2 - a_2 x_2 + k_2 N_2) \Rightarrow \frac{dx_2}{dt} \Big|_{x_2=M_2} \leq x_2(r_2 - a_2 M_2 + k_2 \frac{a_4}{b_4}) = 0, \text{ when } t > T_2.$$

Therefore, there exists a  $T_3 (> T_1)$  and  $T_4 (> T_2)$ , such that

$$0 < x_1(t) \leq M_1, \text{ when } t > T_3 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < x_2(t) \leq M_2, \text{ when } t > T_4 \quad (3.4)$$

If we choose  $T_1^* = \max\{T_3, T_4\}$ , then  $0 < x_i(t) \leq M_i, 0 < s_i(t) \leq N_i (i=1,2)$  when  $t > T_1^*$ . □

**Lemma 3.3** If the system (1.1) satisfies initial condition (1.2) and the following inequalities (3.5)

$$\begin{cases} k_1 a_3 + r_1 b_3 > b_1 b_3 M_2 + k_1 c_1 M_1 \\ k_2 a_4 + r_2 b_4 > b_2 b_4 M_1 + k_2 c_2 M_2 \\ a_3 > c_1 M_1, \quad a_2 > c_2 M_2 \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

then there exists a  $T_2^* > 0$ , such that  $x_i(t) \geq m_i, s_i(t) \geq n_i (i=1,2)$  when  $t > T_2^*$ ,

$$\text{where, } m_1 = \frac{r_1 b_3 - b_1 b_3 M_2 + k_1 (a_3 - c_1 M_1)}{a_1 b_3}, \quad n_1 = \frac{a_3 - c_1 M_1}{b_3};$$

$$m_2 = \frac{r_2 b_4 - b_2 b_4 M_1 + k_2 (a_4 - c_2 M_2)}{a_2 b_4}, \quad n_2 = \frac{a_4 - c_2 M_2}{b_4}.$$

Proof. According to the last two equations of the system (1.1) and utilizing the conclusion of Lemma 3.2, it is very simple to obtain the following formulas when

$$t > T_1^*, \quad \frac{ds_1}{dt} = a_3 - b_3 s_1 - c_1 x_1 \geq a_3 - b_3 s_1 - c_1 M_1 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{ds_1}{dt} \right|_{s_1=n_1} \geq 0$$

$$\text{and } \frac{ds_2}{dt} = a_4 - b_4 s_2 - c_2 x_2 \geq a_4 - b_4 s_2 - c_2 M_2 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{ds_2}{dt} \right|_{s_2=n_2} \geq 0$$

then there exists a  $T_5 (> T_1^*)$  and a  $T_6 (> T_1^*)$ , such that

$$s_1(t) \geq n_1 \text{ when } t > T_5 \text{ and } s_2(t) \geq n_2 \text{ when } t > T_6 \quad (3.6)$$

On the other hand, according to the first two equations of system (1.1) and formula (3.6), also considering the conclusion of Lemma 3.2, we can obtain

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_1 (r_1 - a_1 x_1 - b_1 x_2 + k_1 s_1) \geq x_1 (r_1 - a_1 x_1 - b_1 M_2 + k_1 n_1) \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dx_1}{dt} \right|_{x_1=m_1} \geq 0, \text{ when } t > T_5 \quad (3.7)$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_2 (r_2 - a_2 x_2 - b_2 x_1 + k_2 s_2) \geq x_2 (r_2 - a_2 x_2 - b_2 M_1 + k_2 n_2) \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dx_2}{dt} \right|_{x_2=m_2} \geq 0, \text{ when } t > T_6. \quad (3.8)$$

Therefore, there exists a  $T_7 (> T_5)$  and  $T_8 (> T_5)$ , such that

$$x_1(t) \geq m_1, \text{ when } t > T_7 \text{ and } x_2(t) \geq m_2, \text{ when } t > T_8 \quad (3.9)$$

If we choose  $T_2^* = \max\{T_7, T_8\}$ , then  $x_i(t) \geq m_i, s_i(t) \geq n_i (i=1,2)$  when  $t > T_2^*$ . □

Deriving from Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.3,

$K = \{(x_1, x_2, s_1, s_2) | m_i \leq x_i \leq M_i, n_i \leq s_i \leq N_i (i=1,2)\}$  is the ultimately bounded set of the system (1.1). That is to say, each solution of the system (1.1) with positive initial values will be enter the compact region K and remain in it finally. Thus, we have the following persistence Theorem 3.1 of the system (1.1).

**Theorem 3.1** Under the condition of Lemma 3.1, system (1.1) is permanent.

## §4 Extinction and Explanations

When two species compete for a certain food resource in the same living environment, the familiar result is the extinction of the weaker specie, and the

population of the stronger specie reach to the carrying capacity of the environment. According to the conclusions in this paper, when the equilibrium  $p_2^*, p_3^*$  is global asymptotic stable, either one of the two will be extinct or the other.

**Theorem 4.1** Under the condition of Theorem 2.2, if system (1.1) also satisfies  $a_2 a_4 > c_2 r_2$ , then the population  $x_2$  will be extinct finally.

This means it is good for the population  $x_1$  in this circumstance, and the competitive capacity of the population  $x_1$  is stronger than that of the population  $x_2$ .

**Theorem 4.2** Under the condition of Theorem 2.3, if system (1.1) also satisfies  $a_1 a_3 > c_1 r_1$ , then the population  $x_1$  will be extinct finally.

This means it is good for the population  $x_2$  in this circumstance, and the competitive capacity of the population  $x_2$  is stronger than that of the population  $x_1$ .

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