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Abstract

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This dissertation focuses on three interdisciplinary areas of applied mathematics, mathematical biology/epidemiology, economic epidemiology and mathematical physics, interconnected by the concepts and applications of dynamical systems.

In mathematical biology/epidemiology, a new deterministic SIS modeling framework for the dynamics of malaria transmission in which the malaria vector population is accounted for at each of its developmental stages is proposed. Rigorous qualitative and quantitative techniques are applied to acquire insights into the dynamics of the model and to identify and study two epidemiological threshold parameters $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 that characterize disease transmission and prevalence, and that can be used for disease control. It is shown that nontrivial disease-free and endemic equilibrium solutions, which can become unstable via a Hopf bifurcation exist. By incorporating vector demography; that is, by interpreting an aspect of the life cycle of the malaria vector, natural fluctuations known to exist in malaria prevalence are captured without recourse to external seasonal forcing and delays. Hence, an understanding of vector demography is necessary to explain the observed patterns in malaria prevalence. Additionally, the model exhibits a backward bifurcation. This implies that simply reducing R_0 below unity may not be enough to eradicate the malaria disease. Since, only the female adult mosquitoes involved in disease transmission are identified and fully accounted for, the basic reproduction number (R_0) for this model is smaller than that for previous SIS models for malaria. This, and the occurrence of both oscillatory dynamics and a backward bifurcation provide a novel and plausible framework for developing and implementing optimal malaria control strategies, especially those strategies that are associated with vector control.

In economic epidemiology, a deterministic and a stochastic model are used to investigate the effects of determinism, stochasticity, and safety nets on disease-driven poverty traps;

that is, traps of low per capita income and high infectious disease prevalence. It is shown that economic development in deterministic models require significant external changes to the initial economic and health care conditions or a change in the parametric structure of the system. Therefore, poverty traps arising from deterministic models lead to more limited policy options. In contrast, there is always some probability that a population will escape or fall into a poverty trap in stochastic models. It is demonstrated that in stochastic models, a safety net can guarantee ultimate escape from the poverty trap, even when it is set within the basin of attraction of the poverty trap or when it is implemented only as an economic or health care intervention. It is also shown that the benefits of safety nets for populations that are close to the poverty trap equilibrium are highest for the stochastic model and lowest for the deterministic model. Based on the analysis of the stochastic model, the following optimal economic development and public health intervention questions are answered:

(i) Is it preferable to provide health care, income/income generating resources, or both health care and income/income generating resources to enable populations to break cycles of poverty and disease; that is, escape from poverty traps? (ii) How long will it take a population that is caught in a poverty trap to attain economic development when the initial health and economic conditions are reinforced by safety nets?

In mathematical physics, an unusual form of multistability involving the coexistence of an infinite number of attractors that is exhibited by specially coupled chaotic systems is explored. It is shown that this behavior is associated with generalized synchronization and the emergence of a conserved quantity. The robustness of the phenomenon in relation to a mismatch of parameters of the coupled systems is studied, and it is shown that the special coupling scheme yields a new class of dynamical systems that manifests characteristics of dissipative and conservative systems.

Dedication

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Introduction and General Review of Dynamical System Concepts

1.1 Introduction

This dissertation focuses on three interdisciplinary areas of applied mathematics, mathematical biology/epidemiology, economic epidemiology and mathematical physics, interconnected by the notions and applications of dynamical systems. In mathematical biology, we shall study the dynamics of malaria transmission through a new modeling framework in which the malaria vector population is accounted for at each of its developmental stages. In economic epidemiology, we shall explore the interplay between per capita income and infectious disease prevalence, and propose intervention strategies that can enable societies to escape from traps of disease and poverty. In mathematical physics we shall investigate an unusual form of multistability involving the coexistence of an infinite number of attractors that arises from a new class of dynamical systems obtained by coupling chaotic systems in a special way. We organize the dissertation as follows:

In Part I, we propose and study a new deterministic SIS (Susceptible-Infectious-Susceptible) model for the dynamics of malaria transmission that explicitly integrates mosquito demography together with its interaction with the human population and the disease dynamics. This model differs from standard SIS models in that the mosquito population is further subdivided into *unfed* and *resting* mosquitoes present at mosquito breeding sites, *unfed* and *fertilized* mosquitoes questing for human blood meals in human habitats, and *fed* and *reproducing*

mosquitoes returning from human habitats to mosquito breeding sites. The mosquitoes involved and accounted for in disease transmission are only the female mosquitoes that are questing for human blood. Our main goals are to capture the natural oscillations that are known to exist in the prevalence of malaria without recourse to external seasonal forcing, compute a new basic reproduction number for malaria and compare it with that for the classical Ross' model [1], expose possible reasons why malaria eradication is difficult, and propose possible areas of malaria control based on our analysis.

The interplay between income and infectious disease prevalence is examined in Part ??.

Here, we use standard SIS deterministic and stochastic models in which the contact and recovery rates depend on income and an additional equation that models income to provide a theoretical structure for understanding general feedback between income and disease prevalence. We show that both models possess three equilibrium solutions, a stable high income-low disease prevalence equilibrium (also called development equilibrium), a stable low income-high disease burden equilibrium (poverty trap), and an unstable intermediate income-intermediate disease equilibrium. We also illustrate that with stochasticity, the system approaches the development equilibrium for some simulations and the poverty trap for others for the same set of parameters and initial data. Hence, the stable equilibrium point to which the system relaxes in the long-term is not fully determined by the initial conditions as is the case with determinism. Furthermore, we demonstrate that deterministic models can result in poverty traps that can be broken only by substantial external changes to the initial epidemiological and economic conditions, whereas in stochastic models there is always some probability that a population will leave or enter a poverty trap. Finally, we use the stochastic model to show that a safety net, defined as an externally enforced minimum level of health care or economic condition below which a population is not allowed to fall, can guarantee ultimate escape from the poverty trap even if the safety net is set within the basin of attraction of the poverty trap or if the safety net is imposed only in the form of a public health or economic measure. We conclude this part with some policy interpretations, one of which answers the question, “which is the most effective method to enable populations escape from disease-driven poverty traps: provide the populations with money/money generating resources, health care, or both money/money generating resources and health care?”

In Part III, we investigate two coupled chemical systems possessing an infinite number of coexisting attractors. We show how four different coupling schemes for the same dynamical system yield the dynamics of extreme multistability. In all four cases, this phenomenon is related to generalized synchronization of the two coupled systems as well as the emergence of a conserved quantity. Using the first coupling scheme, we show that the conserved quantity is connected with a conservation law in which all intermediate chemical reactants are weighted by their reaction time constants and is therefore given by the initial concentrations of the intermediates. This is also true for the fourth coupling scheme. For the second and third coupling schemes, this conserved quantity appears dynamically only in the long-term limit as time approaches infinity. Hence, the dependence on the initial conditions is more complex. We show that due to the emergence of this conserved quantity the state space is divided into submanifolds, each of them characterized by a certain value of the conserved quantity as well as a particular attractor. Since the conserved quantity can take any real value we obtain infinitely many attractors of different periods.

We now present a brief overview of some basic concepts of dynamical systems.

1.2 General Review of Dynamical System Concepts

Here, we briefly review some basic concepts of dynamical systems that will be essential in our studies. These include the notions of equilibria, attractors, multistability, bifurcations, chaos, dissipative systems, conservative systems and synchronization.

1.2.1 Dynamical Systems

Living and most physical systems interact with other systems and evolve with time. These are examples of dynamical systems. Dynamical systems are generally concerned with the time evolution of processes in response to specified rules. Such systems can either be *discrete*, evolving in discrete time, or *continuous*, evolving in continuous time [2]. Discrete dynamical systems are defined over the set of integers and they usually assume the form

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) \tag{1.1}$$

where $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n)$, $x_i = (x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, x_i^{(3)}, \dots, x_i^{(N)})$, ($i = n, n + 1$), n is the current time and $n + 1$ is the future time. Notice that time here is measured in terms of discrete intervals such as days, years, generations, etc. and that equation (1.1) represents a system of N difference equations. On the other hand, continuous dynamical systems are defined over the set of real numbers and they are usually described by differential equations of the form

$$\dot{x} = f(x(t)) \quad (1.2)$$

where $x, f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and the dot on the variables indicates differentiation with respect to time [3]. This is an n -dimensional system of ordinary differential equations. Continuous dynamical systems also include systems that change with both time and space. In fact, many interesting physical phenomena change with both time and space. For example, to model the transmission of a vector-borne disease, we might not be interested only at the evolution of the number or proportion of the vector or host with time but, more importantly, the evolution in time and distribution in space of the vector and/or host. This gives the system both a temporal and spatial structure.

In both equations (1.1) and (1.2), $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ represent the state variables of the system while $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ measure how fast the state variables change. Our studies shall be based entirely on continuous dynamical systems. The variables in the right-hand-side functions for each equation in (1.2) may depend on each other in a linear or nonlinear fashion. The nonlinear case is more interesting and leads to the theory of nonlinear dynamics, which has far reaching applications to real-world phenomena. With the passage of time, the theory of dynamical systems has gained strength in enhancing the understanding of many phenomena in disciplines such as engineering and the physical, biological, medical and social sciences. Examples of dynamical systems include population models such as the food chain and epidemiological models, chemical systems such as the Belousov–Zhabotinsky (BZ) reaction, motion of planets under gravitational forces, market prices, interest on bank loans, etc. [4]. See Refs. [3–6] for more information on dynamical systems.

Unfortunately, most dynamical systems that describe real-world phenomena are strongly nonlinear and analytical solutions can not easily be found in order to access their time evolution. Consequently, researchers resort to qualitative methods in order to acquire insights into

the dynamical behaviors of such systems. Numerical techniques are also employed to access the different qualitative and quantitative behaviors of nonlinear dynamical systems. General qualitative methods in the theory of nonlinear dynamics include the determination and classification of equilibrium points, the study of the stability, appearance and disappearance of these equilibria, and the transitions between them as a system parameter is varied.

1.2.2 Equilibria, Stability, Attractors and Bifurcations

Due to nonlinearities, many dynamical systems cannot be solved analytically. To acquire insight into the long-term behavior of such systems, it is essential to begin by determining rudimentary solutions that can enable us to examine the behavior of all other solutions.

Definition 1.2.1 (Equilibrium Solution). *Let $x^*, f \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then x^* is an equilibrium or steady-state solution of the dynamical system defined by the autonomous system of first order ordinary differential equations (1.2) if $f(x^*) = 0$ [7].*

That is, an equilibrium solution or point of a dynamical system is a solution or point that does not evolve with time. Equilibrium solutions are also called fixed, steady-state, or stationary solutions. Dynamical systems can possess one or more equilibria. An equilibrium point is called *hyperbolic* if none of the eigenvalues of the corresponding linear system has a zero real part. Nodes, saddles and spirals are hyperbolic equilibria while centers are non-hyperbolic equilibria. For more on equilibria, see [8, 9]. Trajectories that originate close to an equilibrium solution of a dynamical system can either stay close to the solution forever, stay close to the solution and eventually converge to it in the long run or, move away from the solution. This leads us to the concept of stability of solutions to dynamical systems. The concept of stability plays a crucial role in characterizing the long-term behavior of solutions to dynamical systems without necessarily solving the systems.

Definition 1.2.2 (Stable Solution). *A solution $x^*(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ of the dynamical system (1.2) is said to be stable if given $\epsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\epsilon, t_0) > 0$ such that for $t \geq t_0$ and for any neighboring solution $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$,*

$$\|x(t) - x^*(t)\| < \epsilon \text{ whenever } \|x(t_0) - x^*(t_0)\| < \delta \text{ [7].}$$

The solution $x^*(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ of a dynamical system is said to be *locally stable* if neighboring trajectories or solutions that originate close to $x^*(t)$ stay close to it over time. The solution $x^*(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is *locally asymptotically stable* if it is locally stable and slight or infinitesimal small perturbations from it decay to zero over time. Additionally, the solution $x^*(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is *globally asymptotically stable* if it is stable and any perturbations from the solution decay to zero or if trajectories originating from any initial data eventually relax to the solution. The stability of hyperbolic equilibria of both linear and nonlinear dynamical systems can be completely determined from the eigenvalues of the corresponding linearized system. Such equilibria are asymptotically stable if the real components of all eigenvalues of the linearized system are negative and unstable if at least one of the eigenvalues of the linearized system has a negative real part. The process of investigating the stability of equilibria of a nonlinear dynamical system through the corresponding linear system is termed *linear stability analysis*. See Appendix A for the principle of linearized stability. This process turns out not to be very useful in the case of non-hyperbolic equilibria. Lyapunov functions are more useful in assessing the stability of non-hyperbolic equilibria. It is worth noting that Lyapunov functions can also be used for the case of hyperbolic equilibria. Moreover, when Lyapunov functions are found, they can easily be used to establish global stability of equilibria as opposed to linear stability analysis that deals more with local stability.

Definition 1.2.3 (Lyapunov Function). *A positive definite scalar-valued function V is a Lyapunov function for the dynamical system (1.2), if $\dot{V}$ is negative semi-definite or negative definite with respect to the dynamical system (1.2) [7].*

Lyapunov functions provide a sufficient but not necessary condition for assessing the stability of equilibria without necessarily solving the system explicitly. As mentioned above, Lyapunov functions are also used for establishing global stability. Even though Lyapunov functions play a crucial role in establishing the stability of equilibria, there is, however, no general approach for constructing them [10]. Generally, one has to approach this through trial-and-error.

Definition 1.2.4 (Attractor). *An attractor is defined as the smallest invariant¹ closed set*

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¹A set is invariant if solution curves that originate from the set remain in it [11]. Common examples of invariant sets include periodic orbits.

$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ contained in an open set $\mathfrak{U}$ such that $\forall x_0 \in \mathfrak{U}$, $d(A, x^*(t)) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ where $x^*(t)$ is the solution of the initial value problem

$$\dot{x} = f(x(t)), x(0) = x_0.$$

From the above definition, it is clear that an attractor is a set in a dynamical system's phase space² where trajectories or points that get close to the set eventually approach it asymptotically in the long run irrespective of the initial conditions. Hence, equilibria that are asymptotically stable are attractors. An attractor can be a single point, for instance a single fixed point in one-dimensional space, a stable node or focus, a limit cycle³, a combination of two or more of the above or even a strange attractor (see Sec. 1.2.3). Some dynamical systems, especially coupled systems and systems in neuroscience, biology and physics may have two or more coexisting attractors [12, 13]. Dynamical systems with two or more co-existing attractors for a specified set of parameters are said to exhibit *multistability*. The special case in which we have two co-existing attractors is referred to as *bistability*. Multistability can arise as a result of the coexistence of two or more stable fixed points, stable fixed points and a limit cycles, etc. Attractors cannot be discussed in isolation without invoking the notion of *basin of attraction*. By a *basin of attraction* or *domain of attraction* we are referring to the collection of all possible initial conditions of a dynamical system that converge to a particular attractor of the system over time. Basins of attraction become more complex for the case of multistable systems. In such systems, the basins of attraction may be *riddled* or even *intermingled* in extreme cases [14–16].

One other important aspect of dynamical systems that is worth mentioning is the notion of bifurcations. A variation in the value of a parameter in a dynamical system can trigger a change in the stability of an equilibrium point or a change in the number of equilibria. That is, as a system's parameter is varied, a dynamical system can witness a change in which a stable solution becomes unstable, an unstable solution becomes stable, previous solutions disappear or solutions with new qualitative properties emerge. Parameters that give rise to

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²By phase space of a system, we are referring to the space of all possible state variables of the system.

³A limit cycle is an isolated closed orbit (or curve) in phase space that is not a member of a family of continuous curves. Many practical systems in chemistry and population dynamics exhibit periodic behavior. Note that the orbits of periodic solutions constitute limit cycles.

changes in the qualitative behaviors of dynamical systems are called bifurcation parameters.

Definition 1.2.5 (Bifurcation). *A bifurcation refers to a change in the qualitative properties of a dynamical system in response to changes in specific system parameters [17].*

Generally, bifurcations can be classified as local or global. A local bifurcation refers to a change in the stability properties of equilibrium solutions of a dynamical system as the threshold value of a parameter in the system is traversed. A gain or loss of stability of equilibrium solutions of dynamical systems usually occurs at the same time at which equilibrium solutions either emerge or disappear. Hence, the above definition ties with the more general use of the word bifurcation to denote the emergence and departure of equilibria to dynamical systems. Many types of local bifurcations have been identified and explored. These include, *transcritical bifurcations, period-doubling bifurcations, pitchfork bifurcations, saddle-node bifurcations, Hopf bifurcations*, etc.

Definition 1.2.6 (Transcritical Bifurcation). *A transcritical bifurcation occurs when an equilibrium solution of a dynamical system switches stability (from stable to unstable or vice versa) as the threshold value of a parameter in the system is traversed.*

It is worth mentioning that at any point in time, there is always a stable and an unstable equilibrium point on either side of the threshold parameter mentioned in Definition 1.2.6.

Definition 1.2.7 (Saddle-node Bifurcation). *A saddle-node bifurcation occurs when a stable node and an unstable saddle come together and annihilate one another.*

For example, the one-dimensional equation $\dot{x} = r + x^2$ exhibits a saddle-node bifurcation.

Unlike a transcritical bifurcation, a saddle-node bifurcation witnesses a disappearance of equilibria. The single species logistic growth equation $\dot{x} = rx - x^2$ is a simple example of an equation that can be used to demonstrate the occurrence of a transcritical bifurcation.

Definition 1.2.8 (Period-doubling Bifurcation). *A period-doubling bifurcation is one that result in the creation of new orbits of periodic solutions whose periods are two times those of the previous limit cycles from each bifurcation point.*

Period-1 oscillations have a single and regular maximum, period-2 oscillations have two alternating high and low or low and high maxima and so forth.

Another type of bifurcation that is witnessed mostly in symmetric systems is a pitchfork bifurcation. A consequence of pitchfork bifurcations is the emergence and disappearance of pairs of equilibria. Pitchfork bifurcations can be either supercritical or subcritical. In a *supercritical pitchfork bifurcation*, a stable equilibrium solution gives birth to two stable branches of equilibrium solutions that are symmetrical about the original equilibrium solution which is now unstable. In a *subcritical pitchfork bifurcation*, an unstable equilibrium solution gains stability accompanied by the emergence of a symmetric pair of unstable equilibria. Supercritical and subcritical pitchfork bifurcations are generally described in the literature through the prototype one-dimensional equations $\dot{x} = \mu x - x^3$ and $\dot{x} = \mu x + x^3$, respectively. See Refs. [7, 11] for an extensive exploration of these local bifurcations.

Definition 1.2.9 (Hopf Bifurcation). *A Hopf bifurcation occurs when the real part of a pair of imaginary eigenvalues of the linearized version of a nonlinear system switches from negative to positive (or moves from the left half plane to the right half plane).*

A Hopf bifurcation results to the emergence of periodic solutions. A *Hopf bifurcation* can either be *supercritical*, in which case a stable spiral switches to an unstable spiral that is enclosed within a stable limit cycle or *subcritical*, in which case the ensuing limit cycle is unstable. See, for example, Refs. [11, 18] for a formal definition of the Hopf bifurcation and a detailed discussion on bifurcations. Bifurcation diagrams depicting pitchfork bifurcations are analogous to those depicting Hopf and period-doubling bifurcations.

A global bifurcation arises as a result of a collision between equilibrium solutions of a dynamical system and larger invariant sets of the system. Examples of global bifurcations include *homoclinic bifurcations*, in which there is a collision between a saddle and a limit cycle, *heteroclinic bifurcations*, in which there is a collision between at least two saddles and a limit cycle, *infinite-period bifurcations*, which involve the appearance of both a saddle and a stable node on a limit cycle, and chaotic attractors [19]. Compared to local bifurcations, global bifurcations are complex and can not easily be characterized through stability analysis.

Points at which bifurcations occur are called bifurcation points. Bifurcations are com-

monly illustrated on diagrams referred to as *bifurcation diagrams*. On bifurcation diagrams, the long-term maximum value, minimum value, average value, frequency, etc., of a variable of interest is plotted on the ordinate against the bifurcation parameter, on the abscissa. Solid lines are typically utilized to denote stable equilibria while broken lines are used to denote unstable equilibria. See Refs. [8, 9, 11, 20] for more information on bifurcations.

1.2.3 Chaos and Strange Attractors

The wide range of dynamical behavior arising from nonlinear dynamical systems has attracted much attention in the scientific world. One such behavior is chaos.

Definition 1.2.10 (Chaos). *Chaos is deterministic aperiodic motion that is complex but ordered, unpredictable in the long run and manifests sensitivity to initial conditions* [11, 21].

Each of the key words in the definition 1.2.10 has a specific meaning. The word deterministic denotes the existence of a governing rule to the motion. Even though chaotic systems show irregularity in order or pattern, they are not random. Aperiodicity indicates that there is no repetition in the motion or behavior as is the case for periodic behavior. Effects of slight disturbances persist in aperiodic systems. Sensitive dependence on initial conditions indicates that solution curves or trajectories that originate close to each other move further and further away from each other over time. This aspect of chaos can be quantified through the *largest Lyapunov exponent*. A positive largest Lyapunov exponent indicates that nearby trajectories grow further apart in an exponential fashion as time progresses, while zero and negative largest Lyapunov exponents denote limit cycles and fixed points respectively [22]. Sensitive dependence on initial conditions indicates that motion can be predicted initially and within a short time but not in the long-term [23].

Systems that exhibit chaos are said to be *chaotic*. Chaos surfaces in almost every discipline, mathematics, physics, chemistry, ecology, finance, etc. Some examples of well-studied chaotic systems include the Lorenz system [24], the Rössler model [25], the three-variable food chain model [26], the Hindmarsh-Rose neuron model [27], the BZ reaction in chemistry [11], etc. Chaotic systems generally attract questions with regard to the emergence of the chaos. This has given rise to many studies on the various routes to chaos. Identification and

description of the route to chaos has been shown to play a crucial role in the interpretation of experimental and numerical observations. For instance, it may be quite difficult to decide whether an experimental system is chaotic as a result of errors or noise in the system. This difficulty can be resolved by understanding the route to chaos and by carrying out time series analysis [28]. A number of routes to chaos have been identified and investigated [3, 28, 29]. The simplest of these routes is period-doubling. Period-doubling usually culminates in chaos, whereby the period is infinite. In some systems, chaos is followed by reverse period-doubling.

The limit set of chaotic trajectories is termed a *strange attractor* [11, 30].

1.2.4 Dissipative and Conservative Systems

Many systems, such as open systems, interact with their environments. Interaction between systems and their environments may result in dissipation, loss, gain or conservation of certain properties of the system such as matter, energy, area, volume, etc. Systems in which such properties are dissipated or phase space volume shrinks over time are called *dissipative systems* [11]. A dissipative system supplies less energy or information to its surroundings than it absorbs [31, 32]. We now quote, Willem's mathematical definition of a dissipative system [31]. The original variables in the definition have been changed in order to ensure consistency in the variables used in this chapter.

Definition 1.2.11 (Dissipative Systems). *Let $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p$ where x, y , and z are, respectively, the state, output, and input values. Then the dynamical system*

$$\dot{x} = f(x, z), \quad y = g(x, z) \tag{1.3}$$

is said to be dissipative with respect to the function

$$h : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

if there exists a function

$$V : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

such that

$$\dot{V}(x(\cdot)) \leq h(z(\cdot), y(\cdot))$$

for all $x(\cdot), y(\cdot), z(\cdot)$ in the set of all solutions $(x, y, z) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p$ [31, 33].

Notice that the concept of dissipative systems in open systems generalizes Lyapunov theory in closed systems, with dissipation in the open systems corresponding to the notion of stability in the closed systems [33]. The long-term behavior of a dissipative system is characterized by an attractor that is the target of trajectories in the basin of attraction in phase space. Small perturbations of the system from these attractors decay to zero over time, and therefore, the long-term dynamics within the basin of attraction relax to the attractor. [21]. Dissipative systems generally emerge in physical contexts associated with energy dissipation, viscosity, friction, etc. [11]. Examples of dissipative dynamical systems include electrical circuits, mechanical systems, thermodynamic systems, the Belousov-Zhabotinsky (BZ) reaction, the autocatalator model, and the three-variable food chain model. Many studies have been carried out on dissipative systems, for example, see Refs. [31–38].

Although many physical or real-world systems are naturally dissipative, some are conservative or nearly conservative, for example, the solar system. In conservative systems, there is no dissipation or loss of energy or shrinking of phase space volume. Rather, these properties are conserved. Hence, properties of the system such as total energy are constant over time and, generally, Hamiltonian systems are conservative. In contrast to dissipative systems, the long-term behavior of conservative systems depends on initial conditions.

1.2.4.1 Illustration of Conservative and Dissipative Systems: The Simple Pendulum

Periodic motion is common in the real world, which may be due to an initial push or the effect of an external force, for example, swinging of tree leaves and branches under the influence of the wind, mechanical motion such as the motion of a mass-spring system, or the pendulum. The simple pendulum is one of the most fundamental nonlinear dynamical systems, which consists of a point mass attached to the lower end of a massless rod with its upper end fixed to a point. The simple pendulum exhibits periodic phenomena and its motion can be either conservative or dissipative depending on whether the system is undamped or damped. The motion of the simple pendulum is generally described by the following second-order ordinary differential equation:

$$\ddot{\theta} + b\dot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0. \quad (1.4)$$

Here, θ represents the angle (measured in radians) or the angular displacement, l represents the length of the pendulum rod, $b > 0$ is the ratio of the damping coefficient (or damping strength) to the mass of the pendulum bob, g is the acceleration due to gravity and the dot on θ denotes differentiation with respect to time, t . An essential assumption made in the derivation of equation (1.4) is that the weight of the rod is negligible compared to the mass of the point object. In preliminary studies of the dynamics of the simple pendulum, the approximation $\sin \theta \simeq \theta$, for small θ is used to simplify the nonlinear equation (1.4) into a linear equation whose solution can easily be determined analytically.

1.2.4.2 Undamped Simple Pendulum (Undamped Oscillator)

In the absence of friction and/or other damping forces, $b = 0$ and Eq.. (1.4) reduces to

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0. \quad (1.5)$$

By setting $\dot{\theta} = \nu$ where ν represents the angular velocity of the simple pendulum, we can rewrite equation (1.5) as the following system of first order ordinary differential equations:

$$\dot{\theta} = \nu, \quad (1.6)$$

$$\dot{\nu} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta. \quad (1.7)$$

The equilibrium solutions of this system are $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (0, 0)$ and $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (n\pi, 0)$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and the Jacobian matrix of the system evaluated at (θ^*, ν^*) is

$$J(\theta^*, \nu^*) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{l} \cos \theta^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If λ is an eigenvalue of J , then we have the following characteristic equation:

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta^* = 0. \quad (1.8)$$

At $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (0, 0)$, $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\sqrt{g/l}$. Hence, the origin is a center, which is neutrally stable.

For the equilibrium solution $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (n\pi, 0)$, we consider the case in which n is even and the case in which n is odd. The characteristic equation and, hence, the eigenvalues reduce to

those obtained above when n is even. Therefore, the equilibrium solution $(n\pi, 0)$ is a center for even n . For odd n , $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm\sqrt{g/l}$, and therefore, the equilibrium solution $(n\pi, 0)$ is a saddle point. Simulations confirming these characteristics are presented in Fig. 1.1.

Figure 1.1. Simulation results for the undamped simple pendulum system with $g = 9.81$ and $l = 1$. The equilibrium solution $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (n\pi, 0)$ is a center (denoted by green filled circles) for even n and a saddle point (denoted by red filled circles) for odd n . Notice that the horizontal line that passes through the origin and the vertical lines are nullclines. Equilibria occur at the intersection of these nullclines. The arrowed lines represent the direction fields.

The system (1.6)-(1.7) is conservative with a conserved quantity, the total energy E . One way to determine the equation for the phase paths is to divide equation (1.6) by equation (1.7) and solve the ensuing differential equation, which is separable in this particular case. The division yields

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\nu} = \frac{\nu}{-\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta}. \quad (1.9)$$

Separating the variables and integrating yields,

$$\frac{1}{2}\nu^2 = \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta + \text{Constant} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 - \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta = \text{Constant}, \quad (1.10)$$

where $\frac{1}{2}\nu^2$ is the kinetic energy of the system and $\frac{g}{l} \cos \theta$ is the potential energy. Hence,

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 - \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta = \text{Constant}.$$

The fact that all equilibrium solutions are only centers and saddles is consistent with the system being conservative or Hamiltonian since such systems do not possess nodes and foci.

Alternatively, we can use the standard approach of Jordan and Smith [7] to show that the system of equations (1.6)-(1.7) is Hamiltonian. To this effect, we need to find a function E that satisfies the conditions

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \nu} = \nu, \quad (1.11)$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta. \quad (1.12)$$

Since $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\nu) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu}(-\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta) = 0$, as each of the partial derivatives is clearly zero, E is the Hamiltonian function of the system. Hence, if $\theta(t)$ and $\nu(t)$ are specific solutions, using the chain rule, we obtain the following governing equation for the associated phase path:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial \nu} \frac{d\nu}{dt} = \left(-\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta\right) \nu + \nu \left(-\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta\right) = 0. \quad (1.13)$$

Now,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow E(\theta, \nu) = \text{Constant}. \quad (1.14)$$

Integrating (1.11) with respect to ν and (1.12) with respect to θ gives

$$\begin{aligned} E(\theta, \nu) &= \frac{1}{2}\nu^2 + A(\theta), \\ E(\theta, \nu) &= -\frac{g}{l} \cos \theta + B(\nu), \end{aligned}$$

where A and B are arbitrary functions of single variables. The only time the above two equations will be equal is when $A(\theta) = \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta - C$ and $B(\nu) = \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 - C$, where C is a constant. Hence, the phase paths of the system are characterized by the energy equation

$$E(\theta, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} \nu^2 - \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta = C.$$

1.2.4.3 Damped Simple Pendulum (Damped Oscillator)

This is the case in which the damping coefficient b is non-zero. Again, by setting $\dot{\theta} = \nu$, we rewrite (1.4) as the following system of ordinary differential equations:

$$\dot{\theta} = \nu, \tag{1.15}$$

$$\dot{\nu} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin \theta - b\nu. \tag{1.16}$$

Again, the equilibrium solutions of this system are $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (0, 0)$ and $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (n\pi, 0)$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Linearizing equations (1.15)-(1.16) about (θ^*, ν^*) yields the Jacobian matrix

$$J(\theta^*, \nu^*) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{g}{l} \cos \theta^* & -b \end{pmatrix}.$$

If λ is an eigenvalue of J , then we have the following characteristic equation:

$$\lambda^2 + b\lambda + \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta^* = 0. \tag{1.17}$$

At the equilibrium solution $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (0, 0)$, $\lambda_{1,2} = \left(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4g/l}\right)/2$, and $\lambda_1 < 0$ and $\lambda_2 < 0$ irrespective of whether $b^2 - 4g/l < 0$ or $b^2 - 4g/l > 0$. However, when $b^2 - 4g/l < 0$, the origin is a stable spiral, and when $b^2 - 4g/l > 0$ the origin is a stable node. Hence, the origin is asymptotically stable. Note that the origin is still stable when $b^2 - 4g/l = 0$.

For the equilibrium solution $(\theta^*, \nu^*) = (n\pi, 0)$, the case of even n yields the same stability results as that of the origin. However, for the case of odd n , we have $\lambda_{1,2} = \left(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 + 4g/l}\right)/2$, and both eigenvalues are real with one positive and the other negative. Therefore, the equilibrium solution $(n\pi, 0)$, where n is odd is a saddle. As opposed to the undamped system, we now have only spirals or nodes and saddles, and no centers. Simulation results are presented in Figs. 1.2-1.3.

Figure 1.2. Simulation results for $g = 9.81, l = 1$ and $b = 0.5$. Note that we have saddles (denoted by red filled circles) and stable foci (denoted by green filled circles), corresponding to the case in which $b^2 - 4g/l < 0$.

Figure 1.3. Simulation results for the damped simple pendulum system for $g = 9.81, l = 1$ and $b = 3.0$. In this case, we have stable foci (denoted by green filled circles) and saddle points (denoted by red filled circles).

The system (1.15)-(1.16) is dissipative, and we show that there is no conserved quantity [11]. Rewriting (1.4) as

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = -b\dot{\theta}$$

and multiplying through by $\dot{\theta}$ yields

$$\dot{\theta} \left(\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta \right) = \dot{\theta}(-b\dot{\theta}) \Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 - \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta \right) = -b \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2.$$

That is,

$$\dot{E} = -b\dot{\theta}^2 \leq 0.$$

Hence, the energy function E is monotonically decreasing. Therefore, the total energy of the system is no longer constant, due to it being consumed in overcoming friction.

The analysis in Sections 1.2.4.2 and 1.2.4.3 indicates that the undamped simple pendulum is conservative. However, on introducing damping or friction, the system becomes dissipative.

1.3 Synchronization

Many natural phenomena, including human activities, occur in synchrony. Synchronization easily arises in coupled systems, and the notion is not restricted to physical motion in coupled dynamical systems. Synchronization also involves the dynamics of coupled systems that coincide in time or in which the motion of one subsystem seems to precede that of the other. Studies on synchronization have flourished since the days of Christiaan Hugen, the first scientist to perceive and communicate the phenomenon in 1665 [39, 40].

Generally, synchronization is a phenomenon in which the asymptotic behaviors of two or more coupled dynamical systems are in synchrony for coupling strength values beyond a certain threshold [41]. See Refs. [42, 43] for a mathematical definition of synchronization. Synchronization can be achieved in a number of ways, including varying the coupling strength and entrainment generated by external forcing. Introducing the notion of synchronization in chaotic systems turns out to be interesting and surprising since slight differences in initial conditions of chaotic systems are amplified over time. Chaos synchronization occurs when identical dynamical behavior is exhibited by two or more coupled

chaotic dynamical systems [43–46]. Chaos synchronization has useful applications in engineering and it can also be helpfully in understanding some complex real-world systems. Like other types of synchronization, chaos synchronization can be triggered by external forcing or a variation in the coupling strength between the systems. Apart from chaos synchronization, other classes of synchronization such as complete or identical synchronization [47–49], general synchronization [50], phase synchronization [48, 51–53], lag synchronization [51, 54], and amplitude envelope synchronization [55] have been identified and studied.

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Part I

A New Route to Periodic Oscillations in the Dynamics of Malaria Transmission

Introduction

Malaria, a mass killer communicable disease, is one of the leading causes of morbidity and death to the human race in many parts of the world. Its devastating impact has persisted for decades. A February 2010 News Week article [1] states that Malaria is the likely killer of the boy Pharaoh in about 1324 BC. For more technical details, see the article by Hawass et al. [2]. Despite the longevity of the disease, malaria, which has been brought under control in some developed countries, still constitutes a major health menace in many developing countries, where most areas of high endemicity reside. Some African countries, especially countries within sub-Saharan Africa, still feature among the leading areas of high malaria endemicity in the world [3]. According to the latest version of the World Health Organization report [4], an estimated 225 million malaria clinical cases occurred in 2009, with an estimated 781,000 malaria mortalities. Although these statistics reflect a reduction compared to an estimated 243 million malaria cases, with an estimated 863,000 malaria deaths, 89% of which occurred in Africa in 2008 [5], the reduction is not sufficient. Generally, susceptibility to malaria is universal, that is, any person residing in or traveling to a country where malaria is prevalent is at risk of contracting the disease. However, the impact of malaria is greatest amongst children below five [6], where one in every five childhood deaths is due to the effects of the disease, among pregnant women, and among people from non-malarious regions. Due to easy worldwide transportation and other factors, non-malarious regions of the world risk experiencing malaria resurgence [7, 8]. In addition to being the paramount source of morbidity and mortality in malaria endemic regions, malaria also weakens the active and potential workforce, thereby negatively impacting economic growth in these areas [9]. Gallup

et al. [10] in their 2001 paper stated, “malaria and poverty are intimately connected.” Hence, continuous research to find ways to effectively control the disease and bring down the number of malaria deaths will not only save lives and a future generation, but improve the economic conditions of the most affected nations, which tend to be very poor.

Recently published research by Rich et al. [11] traces the origin of malaria to chimpanzees. This breakthrough eliminates the uncertainty in answering questions related to the origin of malaria that have lingered for years, and opens new avenues for research that may lead to the discovery of more effective drugs and/or vaccines for malaria.

Malaria is caused by a micro-parasitic organism of the genus *Plasmodium* and indirectly conveyed from one human to another¹ through female *Anopheles* mosquito bites. Both male and female *Anopheles* mosquitoes feed mostly on nectar, fruit juices, and other plant liquids. However, the female Anopheline also requires blood for the development of its eggs. In the course of acquiring a blood meal, a female *Anopheles* mosquito may pick up the form of the parasite that is transmissible from humans to mosquitoes (called gametocytes) from an infectious human or deposit the form of the parasite that is transmissible from mosquitoes to humans (salivary glands sporozoites) to a human (who may be susceptible or already infected). A bite from an infectious female *Anopheles* mosquito initiates the human phase of the parasite’s life cycle and culminates with the production of gametocytes (the sexual and transmissible form of the parasite from humans to mosquitoes) in the human blood system. Four species of human *Plasmodium*, *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium ovale* and *Plasmodium malariae* have been identified. *Plasmodium falciparum* is the most pernicious species and it is transmitted by the *Anopheles gambiae* complex. It accounts for about 80% of malaria related cases annually and this percentage rose to 93 in 2008 [5]. Coexistence of more than a single species of the human malaria parasite in the same malaria endemic community may be possible. In such cases, humans may harbor multiple species of the parasite concurrently. Other species of *Plasmodium* are also found in animals;

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¹Unlike directly transmissible diseases such as Influenza, TB, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, etc., indirectly transmitted diseases such as dengue fever and malaria are transmitted from one human to another by an intermediate transmission agent, the disease vector. This leads to a vicious cycle in which humans are infected by vectors and vectors are infected by humans in turn. However, except in the rare case of blood transfusion, humans do not infect other humans directly and vectors do not infect other vectors directly.

for example, *Plasmodium reichenowi* in the chimpanzee.

Plasmodium has an intricate life process, with part invested within the human host and the other part within the vector host. The human phase begins with an infectious bite from a female *Anopheles* mosquito, which introduces sporozoites (the asexual form of the parasite) from its salivary glands into the human victim's bloodstream. These sporozoites make their way into the victim's liver through the blood circulatory system and encroach on liver cells where they undergo asexual replication. At this stage the human is clinically sick but with no symptoms. After a few days, merozoites are unleashed into the human blood stream. These merozoites parasitize erythrocytes, where they eventually enlarge into trophozoites. The human phase culminates with further production of merizotes or gametocytes (sexual and infectious forms of the parasite) in the human blood system. At this point, there is a clear manifestation of malaria symptoms² and the malaria vector can pick up these parasites during a blood meal. The incubation period³ of the parasite within the human host varies between 8 and 30 days and it depends on the species of the parasite and the human's immune response. The vector phase of the life cycle begins with the female *Anopheles* mosquito picking up male and female gametocyte forms of the parasite from the human host during a blood meal, and culminates with the release of sporozoites into the mosquito's salivary glands. It is worth noting that sporozoites constitute the infectious form of the parasite within the vector host. Generally, completion of the sporogonic cycle of the parasite within the vector depends on both intrinsic and extrinsic factors, such as the human *Plasmodium* species, ambient temperature, humidity, etc. The incubation period of the parasite within the vector ranges from 10 to 18 days. The life cycles of the four *plasmodium* species are similar with only slight differences, for example, in the incubation period. See [12–16] for an extensive discussion on malaria epidemiology.

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²Malaria symptoms include bouts of fever, headache, vomiting, fatigue, pains in the joints and flu-like symptoms. Manifestation of symptoms ceases once the parasites are destroyed, e.g. through the use of drugs.

³By incubation period, we are referring to the time that elapses between infection and infectiousness. For humans, this is the time between the introduction of sporozoites into the blood system and the emergence of gametocytes in the blood system. For the vectors, this is the time between the introduction of gametocytes in the vector's gut and the appearance of sporozoites in the salivary glands.

Temperature is known to affect the developmental stages of the *Plasmodium falciparum* parasite [17, 18] and also the metamorphic stages of the mosquito [19]. There is a general consensus that future changes in climate may alter the prevalence and incidence of malaria; however, there are conflicting views among authors as to what the role of global warming is [20–23]. Additionally, some authors have argued that climate and ecology are the main determinants in the severity of malaria and the difficulty in controlling it [10]. Other factors that have led to difficulties in controlling the disease in the most affected malaria countries are shortcomings in socioeconomic conditions, population growth, urbanization, drug resistance, deficiencies in health care systems, poor sanitation, lack of information and education, water storage, garbage disposal, unpaved roads, and drainage systems that generate excellent breeding grounds for disease transmission agents close to human settlements [19, 24–27]. Thus, research in malaria that integrates the disease dynamics with breeding sites/demographic properties of the vector and the different developmental stages of the parasite may provide novel insights toward disease control and eradication.

Collective interdisciplinary research efforts involving the medical field, computer science, biological and mathematical sciences have been formed, all in an attempt to develop strategies of containing malaria. Multidisciplinary approaches will be necessary in order to determine the best methods for combatting this virulent disease. However, some policy makers in developing countries, as well as in the biological and medical sciences, fail to appreciate the role of mathematical models in epidemiology. On the contrary, mathematical models have much to contribute to the design, evaluation and implementation of optimal health policies. Mathematical models provide a means for better understanding the disease dynamics and transmission in terms of disease variables and underlying parameters, and provide a platform for new containment strategies as well as health policies. The year 1911 witnessed the dawn of a new era in studies of malaria with the development of the first mathematical model for malaria by R. Ross [28]. Ross’ model featured two ordinary differential equations: one for the total human population and the other for the total mosquito population. This model has evolved through time, with variations and extensions to incorporate different characteristic features of malaria. Some of these extensions include splitting the human and vector populations into different compartments, thereby giving rise to SI, SIS, SIR, SIRS, SEI, SEIS,

SEIR, and SEIRS models, where S represents susceptible individuals, E represents latent or exposed individuals, I represents infectious individuals, and R represents recovered individuals. Other extensions include the notions of superinfection [29] and acquired immunity [30–32]. A comprehensive survey of classical mathematical models for malaria can be found in Refs. [33–35]. More recent mathematical models for malaria include Ngwa and Shu’s SEIRS model [24], which features a class of partially immune individuals, Ngwa et al. proposed a SEIS [36] model that incorporates a time delay to capture the time lapse between egg laying and adult mosquito eclosion and also accounts for vector deaths in life stages prior to the adult stage. In the former model, an explicit expression was derived for the contact rates based on the fact that mosquitoes have a human biting rate, and for both models threshold parameters that determine the stability and instability of equilibria were calculated. An extension of the Ngwa and Shu’s model to incorporate a generalization of the human biting rate of the mosquitoes and human immigrations was developed and studied by Chitnis et al. [37, 38]. Other models for malaria have focused on the basic unit of study, the malaria parasite, for example, Teboh-Ewungkem et al. [39, 40] developed models that examine the contribution of gametocytes in the spread of malaria and the within-vector dynamics of the malaria parasite. For a few other recent malaria models see Refs. [41–48].

Although malaria is deadly, it can be cured by administering anti-malaria drugs. However, in endemic regions, the malaria parasite develops resistance to such drugs [49] and there is no effective vaccine for malaria. Consequently, prevention is the only other option. Prevention can be achieved through the use of prophylactic drugs and vector control strategies. To advance, plan, design, and implement effective or better vector control measures, a clear understanding of mosquito population dynamics, the disease dynamics, and mosquito interaction with the human population is necessary.

We introduce a new approach to the development of models for malaria transmission, wherein the mosquito vector is placed at the centre of the transmission process. Our objective is to develop a mathematical model for the dynamics of malaria transmission that takes into consideration the population dynamics of the malaria vector and how these vectors interact with the human population. To do that, an understanding of the vector population demography and dynamics is needed.

The malaria vector undergoes a complete metamorphosis, as it passes through four different life stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. The egg, larva and pupa stages are aquatic, while the adult stage is terrestrial. The entire cycle from egg laying to the emergence of the adult mosquito takes approximately 7-20 days, with 2-3 days spent in the egg stage, 4-10 days spent in the larva stage, and 2-4 days spent in the pupa stage [19]. While the average life span of the adult female mosquito ranges from 2-3 weeks, that of the males is approximately one week. As for the first three life stages, the life span of the adult mosquito depends on the species and ambient temperature. In addition to natural factors, survival of the adult female *Anopheles* mosquito also depends on its success in acquiring blood meals from humans. The flight range of an unnourished adult female *Anopheles* mosquitoes is about 2 Km [50]. However, transportation by car, aircraft or ship can enable mosquitoes to go much further. Like other disease vectors, the malaria vector is capable of locating humans [19, 51] and attempting as many times as possible to feed. The vectors exhibit varied behavioral habits: some will nourish inside human homes (endophagic), while others nourish outside (exophagic); some bite humans at night (nocturnal), while others bite humans at dawn or dusk (crepuscular); some share a common resting area with humans (endophilic), while others favor resting on different sites from human dwellings (exophilic) [52, 53]. In some areas where there is constant use of insecticide impregnated mosquito nets and application of other strategies to avoid mosquito bites, mosquitoes may seek alternative sources of blood meals from animals, such as cattle [54–56]. Nourishment is usually followed by a choice of breeding site, and this is where the mosquito eventually lays its eggs. Proximity to the human habitat from which the mosquito acquired its blood meal and safety from predation are major factors [57, 58]. It is clear that the feeding and resting habits of the malaria vector are major factors to be considered when designing vector intervention strategies. For instance, female mosquitoes that prefer human blood to animal blood have a higher chance of assisting in spreading the parasite within the human community than those that prefer animal blood. Intervention strategies may entail destroying or effecting changes to potential mosquito breeding sites, such as application of insecticides through indoor spraying or introduction of biological agents such as predators [59]. Common mosquito breeding sites include openings in trees, shallow slow running streams, swampy and humid areas, stagnant

water reservoirs such as bad drainage systems, depressions in the soil, pot-holes filled with water, and improperly disposed hollow material like cans, bowls, wheels, etc.

The mosquito population density fluctuates both seasonally and by virtue of its life cycle and reproductive pattern, which gives rise to oscillations in the vector population dynamics. Some modeling attempts aimed at quantifying the dynamics of infectious disease vectors have been proposed [60–62]. However, none of the models distinguish between reproducing and non-reproducing vectors. Ngwa [52] recently developed and studied a mathematical model for the dynamics of the malaria vector. The model splits the total adult female vector population into three compartments, comprising fed and reproducing vectors, unfed and questing vectors, and unfed and resting vectors. A delay to model vector deaths in prior life stages and the time lapse between egg laying and the emergence of the adult vector is also included in the model. A detailed analysis of the model for the case in which the delay is set to zero [52] and of the full delay model [63] produced results that included the appearance of a Hopf bifurcation. The model also captured the naturally occurring oscillatory dynamics that govern the mosquito population without the usual external seasonal forcing that is incorporated in many insect population dynamics models. However, the model considered only the interaction between the human population and questing vectors that are recruited from resting vectors from a single breeding site. The model was later extended to study the vector population dynamics when more than one breeding site is involved [25]. Since the focus of the models in Refs. [25, 52, 63] is on the population dynamics of the malaria vector, none of them include malaria dynamics and interactions between humans and the vector.

Our objective here is to update the model in Ref. [52] by developing and analyzing a deterministic SIS model for the dynamics of malaria transmission that includes the dynamics of the malaria vector. The vector dynamics and demography together with their interaction with the human host will be included as well as the transmission of the malaria parasite from one human host to another. It is well known that the most general form of a compartmental model for the dynamics of malaria transmission is an SEIRS model [24, 38]. However, in order to highlight the novelty in our modeling approach, we develop and analyze (using rigorous analytical and numerical techniques) a simple SIS model with the following objectives:

1. to capture the natural oscillations that are known to exist in the prevalence of malaria

without recourse to external seasonal forcing,

2. to redefine and calculate a new value of the basic reproduction number for malaria,
3. to present a possible interpretation of why it is difficult to eradicate malaria,
4. to compare our SIS model with the original Ross SIS malaria model and, hence, reveal the novelty in our approach,
5. to propose possible areas of control based on the model results.

The rest of this part is organized as follows: In Chapter 3, we derive and analyze the classical SIS model. We derive and nondimensionalize the basic ordinary differential equation model in Chapter 4. A detailed analysis of the model in the absence and in the presence of the disease is presented in Chapter 5. Finally, we present a comparison of our model and the classical SIS model and some concluding remarks in Chapter 6.

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The Classical Ross-Macdonald Type SIS Model

3.1 Introduction

To highlight the novelty of the new deterministic SIS model for the dynamics of malaria transmission that we derive in Chapter 4, it is necessary to begin by deriving and studying a simple classical SIS model for malaria [1–3]. This will enable us to identify the limitations of this simple model and, hence, substantiate the need to develop and study a new framework for modeling malaria transmission dynamics. We derive and analyze the Ross-Macdonald’s malaria model. Depending on whether the basic reproduction number is less than unity or larger than unity, this model can exhibit a stable disease-free equilibrium solution, denoting the situation in which the malaria disease is absent from the population, or a stable endemic equilibrium solution, denoting the situation in which the malaria disease perpetuates itself within the population. Oscillatory dynamics may be possible only when a delay or a nonlinear external forcing term is introduced in the model.

This chapter is organized as follows: We derive the classical SIS Ross-Macdonald’s malaria model in Section 3.2 and establish the existence, local stability, and global stability of equilibrium solutions to the model in Section 3.3. We present numerical simulation results and a summary of the Chapter in Sections 3.4 and 3.5, respectively.

3.2 Classical Model Derivation

Figure 3.1. A conceptual framework of the classical SIS model for malaria. Mosquitoes interact with humans and transfer the malaria parasite from human to human and within the mosquito population. Broken red lines represent interactions between humans and questing mosquitoes, solid blue lines denote links that result in an increase in the susceptible populations, solid red lines denote links that result in growth in the infectious populations, while purple lines represent links that result in deaths in both the human and mosquito populations. At any time t , the human and mosquito populations are subdivided into susceptible and infectious individuals so that $N_h(t) = S_h(t) + I_h(t)$ and $N_v(t) = S_v(t) + I_v(t)$.

In the classical model derivation, both the human and mosquito populations are broken down into two disjoint groups consisting of susceptible and infectious individuals so that at any time t , there are $S_h(t)$ susceptible humans, $S_v(t)$ susceptible mosquitoes, $I_h(t)$ infectious humans and $I_v(t)$ infectious mosquitoes. The total human and mosquito populations are denoted by $N_h(t)$ and $N_v(t)$, respectively, where $N_h(t) = S_h(t) + I_h(t)$ and $N_v(t) = S_v(t) + I_v(t)$, and N_h and N_v are assumed to be large enough so that the variables S_h, S_v, I_h and I_v are treated as continuous variables. It is also assumed that all new human and mosquito births are susceptible and occur at non-increasing density dependent rates λ_h and λ_v , respectively. On the other hand, natural deaths in the human and mosquito classes occur at density dependent rates μ_h and μ_v , respectively, where μ_h and μ_v are assumed to be monotone non-decreasing. The average human and mosquito life spans are, respectively, $1/\mu_h$ and $1/\mu_v$. In addition, humans die as a result of the malaria disease at rate γ . Humans recover and join the susceptible class at rate r_h and therefore the average duration of infection is $1/r_h$. Mosquitoes do not recover from the infection. Therefore, the human portion of the model is SIS while the mosquito portion of the model is SI. Uniform and homogeneously mixing populations are considered and β_h and β_v are, respectively, the contact rates between susceptible humans and infectious mosquitoes and susceptible mosquitoes and infectious humans. Contacts at the above rates bring about transitions between the susceptible and infectious classes.

Using the flow chart in Figure 3.1 and the assumptions above, we write the following system of differential equations for the SIS model:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{S}_h &= \lambda_h(N_h)N_h + r_h I_h - \beta_h(N_h)I_v S_h - \mu_h(N_h)S_h, \\
\dot{I}_h &= \beta_h(N_h)I_v S_h - (r_h + \gamma_h + \mu_h(N_h))I_h, \\
\dot{S}_v &= \lambda_v(N_v)N_v - \beta_v(N_h)I_h S_v - \mu_v(N_v)S_v, \\
\dot{I}_v &= \beta_v(N_h)I_h S_v - \mu_v(N_v)I_v,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

and the total human and mosquito populations are modeled by the equations,

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{N}_h &= \lambda_h(N_h)N_h - \mu_h(N_h)N_h - \gamma I_h, \\
\dot{N}_v &= \lambda_v(N_v)N_v - \mu_v(N_v)N_v,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where the functional forms for $\lambda_h, \mu_h, \lambda_v$ and μ_v are chosen accordingly. For instance, if

λ_h and λ_v are non-increasing functions and μ_h and μ_v are monotone non-decreasing, then equilibrium total populations will exist. By substituting $S_h = N_h - I_h$ and $S_v = N_v - I_v$ into system (3.1), the equations for S_h and S_v can be dropped and we end up with two equations; one modeling the infectious human population I_h and the other modeling the infectious mosquito population I_v .

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{I}_h &= \beta_h(N_h)(N_h - I_h)I_v - (r_h + \gamma_h + \mu_h(N_h))I_h, \\ \dot{I}_v &= \beta_v(N_h)(N_v - I_v)I_h - \mu_v(N_v)I_v.\end{aligned}\tag{3.3}$$

3.3 Classical Model Analysis

The total human and mosquito populations are constant in the classical Ross-Macdonald's model. That is, $\lambda_h = \mu_h = \text{constant}$, $\lambda_v = \mu_v = \text{constant}$ and $\gamma_h = 0$. In this case, $\beta_h(N_h) = \beta_h = \text{constant}$ and $\beta_v(N_h) = \beta_v = \text{constant}$. We use these assumptions to further simplify systems (3.1) and (3.3) to systems (3.4) and (3.5), respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{S}_h &= \mu_h N_h + r_h I_h - \beta_h I_v S_h - \mu_h S_h, \\ \dot{I}_h &= \beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h, \\ \dot{S}_v &= \mu_v N_v - \beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v S_v, \\ \dot{I}_v &= \beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v I_v,\end{aligned}\tag{3.4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{I}_h &= \beta_h(N_h - I_h)I_v - (r_h + \mu_h)I_h, \\ \dot{I}_v &= \beta_v(N_v - I_v)I_h - \mu_v I_v.\end{aligned}\tag{3.5}$$

Note that the assumptions of constant population sizes and no disease-induced mortalities are valid for diseases of short duration. To complete the formulation of system (3.4), appropriate initial conditions must be defined. The simplest type of initial conditions are of the form

$$(S_h(0), I_h(0), S_v(0), I_v(0)) = (S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0).\tag{3.6}$$

Since the variables represent human and mosquito populations, they are all positive and so we can explore system (3.4) in the following positively invariant feasible region:

$$\Psi_1 = \{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in \mathbb{R}_+^4 : S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v > 0, S_h + I_h = N_h, S_v + I_v = N_v\},\tag{3.7}$$

Similarly, system (3.5) can be studied in the following realistic region

$$\Psi_2 = \{(I_h, I_v) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : 0 < I_h < N_h, 0 < I_v < N_v\}. \quad (3.8)$$

We use the next generation matrix approach [4] to calculate the basic reproduction number for the simplified classical SIS model. This gives

$$R_0^c = \frac{\beta_v \beta_h N_v N_h}{\mu_v (r_h + \mu_h)}. \quad (3.9)$$

See Section 5.3.1 for details on the basic reproduction number of epidemiological models.

Definition 3.3.1 (Disease-free equilibrium solution). *A disease-free or infection-free equilibrium solution is a solution that exists when there is no disease in the population.*

Stability of a disease-free equilibrium represents a situation in which the disease is completely eradicated from the population. In epidemiological modeling, this is possible when $R_0 \leq 1$.

Definition 3.3.2 (Endemic equilibrium solution). *An endemic or infection equilibrium solution is an equilibrium solution that exists when there is disease in the population.*

Stability of an endemic equilibrium solution represents a situation in which a disease establishes itself within a community. In epidemiological modeling, this is possible when $R_0 > 1$.

Theorem 3.3.3. *System (3.5) has a disease-free equilibrium solution when $R_0 \leq 1$, and a unique endemic equilibrium solution when $R_0 > 1$, where R_0 is given by (3.9).*

Proof. Let E_0^* and E_e^* be the disease-free and endemic equilibrium solutions of system (3.5), respectively. Then these equilibrium solutions are given by the solutions of the system

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \beta_h(N_h)(N_h - I_h)I_v - (r_h + \gamma_h + \mu_h(N_h))I_h, \\ 0 &= \beta_v(N_h)(N_v - I_v)I_h - \mu_v(N_v)I_v. \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of algebraic equations yields,

$$\begin{aligned} E_0^* &= (I_h^*, I_v^*) = (0, 0), \\ E_e^* &= (I_h^*, I_v^*) = \left(\frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(R_0 - 1)}{\beta_v(\beta_h N_v + r_h + \mu_h)}, \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(R_0 - 1)}{\beta_h(\beta_v N_h + \mu_v)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The trivial equilibrium solution E_0^* exists and is the only equilibrium solution for $R_0 \leq 1$, while the endemic equilibrium solution E_e^* exists for $R_0 > 1$. Notice that E_e^* reduces to E_0^* when $R_0 = 1$. This proves the theorem. ■

Remark 3.3.4. (i) In terms of the full system (3.4), the equilibrium solutions are

$$E_0 = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*) = (N_h, 0, N_v, 0), \quad (3.10)$$

$$E_e = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*), \quad (3.11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_h^* &= \frac{(r_h + \mu_h)(\beta_v N_h + \mu_v)}{\beta_v(\beta_h N_v + r_h + \mu_h)} = \frac{(\beta_h N_v + R_0(r_h + \mu_h))N_h}{R_0(\beta_h N_v + r_h + \mu_h)} > 0, \\ I_h^* &= \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(R_0 - 1)}{\beta_v(\beta_h N_v + r_h + \mu_h)} > 0 \text{ when } R_0 > 1, \\ S_v^* &= \frac{\mu_v(\beta_h N_v + r_h + \mu_h)}{\beta_h(\beta_v N_h + \mu_v)} = \frac{(\beta_h N_v + r_h + \mu_h)N_v}{\beta_h N_v + R_0(r_h + \mu_h)} > 0, \\ I_v^* &= \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(R_0 - 1)}{\beta_h(\beta_v N_h + \mu_v)} \text{ when } R_0 > 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

(ii) From the equilibrium values given by (3.10)-(3.12), $\beta_v \beta_h N_v N_h = \mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)$ when $R_0 = 1$. In this case, the endemic equilibrium E_e reduces to the disease-free equilibrium E_0 . On the other hand, when $R_0 < 1$, the only realistic equilibrium solution is E_0 .

Theorem 3.3.5 (Local stability of equilibrium solutions). Let E_0^* and E_e^* be the disease-free and endemic equilibrium solutions of system (3.5). Then,

- (i) E_0^* is locally asymptotically stable when $R_0 < 1$, and unstable when $R_0 > 1$;
- (ii) E_e^* is locally asymptotically stable when $R_0 > 1$.

Proof. To investigate the local stability of equilibrium solutions to the simplified version of system (3.5), we linearize the system about (I_h^*, I_v^*) . This yields the Jacobian matrix

$$J(I_h^*, I_v^*) = \begin{pmatrix} -(\beta_h I_v^* + r_h + \mu_h) & \beta_h(N_h - I_h^*) \\ \beta_v(N_v - I_v^*) & -(\beta_v I_h^* + \mu_v) \end{pmatrix},$$

which gives rise to the characteristic equation

$$\xi^2 + (\beta_h I_v^* + \beta_v I_h^* + r_h + \mu_h + \mu_v)\xi + (\beta_h I_v^* + r_h + \mu_h)(\beta_v I_h^* + \mu_v) - \beta_v \beta_h (N_v - I_v^*)(N_h - I_h^*) = 0, \quad (3.13)$$

where ξ is an eigenvalue of J .

(i) At E_0^* , equation (3.13) reduces to

$$\xi^2 + (r_h + \mu_h + \mu_v)\xi + \mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(1 - R_0) = 0. \quad (3.14)$$

From the quadratic formula,

$$\xi_{1,2} = \frac{-(r_h + \mu_h + \mu_v) \pm \sqrt{(r_h + \mu_h + \mu_v)^2 + 4\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(R_0 - 1)}}{2}.$$

When $R_0 < 1$, the two values of ξ are negative if they are real, or have negative real parts if they are complex. In this case, E_0^* is locally asymptotically stable. On the other hand, if $R_0 > 1$, one value of ξ is positive while the other value is negative. Hence, E_0^* is a saddle when $R_0 > 1$, which is linearly unstable.

(ii) At E_e^* , the characteristic equation (3.13) reduces to

$$\theta_2 \xi^2 + \theta_1 \xi + \theta_0 = 0, \quad (3.15)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 &= (\beta_h N_v + r_h + \mu_h)(\beta_v N_h + \mu_v), \\ \theta_1 &= \beta_v N_h(\beta_h N_v(r_h + \mu_h + \mu_v) + (r_h + \mu_h)^2) + \beta_h \mu_v^2 N_v \\ &\quad + \mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(\beta_h N_v + \beta_v N_h + r_h + \mu_h + \mu_v)R_0, \\ \theta_0 &= \mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)(\beta_h N_v + \mu_v)(\beta_v N_h + r_h + \mu_h)(R_0 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Using the quadratic formula once more, we obtain

$$\xi_{1,2} = \frac{-\theta_1 \pm \sqrt{\theta_1^2 - 4\theta_2\theta_0}}{2\theta_2}.$$

Since the other two coefficients θ_1 and θ_2 of the characteristic equation (3.15) are both positive, the sign of the constant term θ_0 is essential in determining the stability of the endemic equilibrium solution E_e^* . Notice that when $R_0 > 1$, $\theta_0 > 0$. Therefore, when $R_0 > 1$, both ξ_1 and ξ_2 are negative, if they are real or have negative real parts, if they are complex. Hence, E_e^* is locally asymptotically stable when $R_0 > 1$. ■

Corollary 3.3.6. *The disease-free equilibrium solution E_0^* is stable when $R_0 = 1$.*

Proof. Follows directly from the proof of Theorem 3.3.5 by setting $R_0 = 1$ in (3.14). ■

Theorem 3.3.7 (Global stability of equilibrium solutions). *Let E_0 and E_e be the disease-free and endemic equilibrium solutions of system (3.4), respectively. Then,*

- (i) E_0 is globally and asymptotically stable when $R_0 < 1$,
- (ii) E_e is globally asymptotically stable when $R_0 > 1$.

Proof. In the proofs of both parts of the Theorem, we use LaSalle's invariance principle [5] and Lyapunov functions of the form

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \left(W_i - W_i^* - W_i^* \ln \frac{W_i}{W_i^*} \right),$$

where W_i, W_i^* and $a_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ are, respectively, state variables, the equilibrium values of W_i and positive constants. See, for example, Refs. [6–14] for a detailed exploration of Lyapunov functions and global stability analysis for compartmental epidemiological models.

- (i) As mentioned above, to show that the disease-free equilibrium solution E_0 of system (3.4) is globally asymptotically stable, we construct a Lyapunov function for the system. To this effect, consider the function U defined as follows:

$$U : \{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in \Psi_1 : S_h, S_v > 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$\begin{aligned} U(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = & a_0 \left(S_h - N_h - N_h \ln \frac{S_h}{N_h} \right) + b_0 I_h + \\ & c_0 \left(S_v - N_v - N_v \ln \frac{S_v}{N_v} \right) + d_0 I_v, \end{aligned}$$

where $b_0 = a_0$, $d_0 = c_0$ and a_0 and c_0 are positive constants to be determined. Then U is continuously differentiable in Ψ_1 . Also, $U(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) > 0$ and $U(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = 0$ if and only if $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*) = (N_h, 0, N_v, 0)$.

Next, if U_x , where $x = S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v$ denotes the partial derivative of U with respect to x , while a dot on U and the other variables denote time derivatives, then we have

$$\dot{U} = U_{S_h} \dot{S}_h + U_{I_h} \dot{I}_h + U_{S_v} \dot{S}_v + U_{I_v} \dot{I}_v$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_h}{S_h}\right) \dot{S}_h + a_0 \dot{I}_h + c_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_v}{S_v}\right) \dot{S}_v + c_0 \dot{I}_v \\
&= a_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_h}{S_h}\right) (\mu_h N_h + r_h I_h - \beta_h I_v S_h - \mu_h S_h) + a_0 (\beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h) + \\
&\quad c_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_v}{S_v}\right) (\mu_v N_v - \beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v S_v) + c_0 (\beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v I_v).
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.10), $E_0 = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*) = (N_h, 0, N_v, 0)$. Since $S_h + I_h = N_h$, $I_h = N_h - S_h$ and $r_h I_h = r_h(N_h - S_h) = r_h N_h - r_h S_h$. This leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{U} &= a_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_h}{S_h}\right) ((r_h + \mu_h) N_h - \beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) S_h) + a_0 (\beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h) \\
&+ c_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_v}{S_v}\right) (\mu_v N_v - \beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v S_v) + c_0 (\beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v I_v) \\
&= a_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_h}{S_h}\right) (-\beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h)(S_h - N_h)) + a_0 (\beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h) + \\
&\quad c_0 \left(1 - \frac{N_v}{S_v}\right) (-\beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v(S_v - N_v)) + c_0 (\beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v I_v) \\
&= -a_0(r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - N_h)^2}{S_h} + a_0(-\beta_h I_v S_h + \beta_h N_h I_v) + a_0(\beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h) \\
&- c_0 \mu_v \frac{(S_v - N_v)^2}{S_v} + c_0(-\beta_v S_v I_h + \beta_v N_v I_h) + c_0(\beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v I_v) \\
&= -a_0(r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - N_h)^2}{S_h} - c_0 \mu_v \frac{(S_v - N_v)^2}{S_v} + a_0(\beta_h N_h I_v - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h) + \\
&\quad c_0(\beta_v N_v I_h - \mu_v I_v) \\
&= -a_0(r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - N_h)^2}{S_h} - c_0 \mu_v \frac{(S_v - N_v)^2}{S_v} - a_0(r_h + \mu_h) \left(-\frac{\beta_h N_h I_v}{r_h + \mu_h} + I_h\right) \\
&\quad - c_0 \beta_v N_v \left(-I_h + \frac{\mu_v}{\beta_v N_v} I_v\right).
\end{aligned}$$

By setting $a_0 = 1$ and $c_0 = (r_h + \mu_h)/(\beta_v N_v)$, $\dot{U}$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{U} &= -(r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - N_h)^2}{S_h} - \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)}{\beta_v N_v} \frac{(S_v - N_v)^2}{S_v} \\
&\quad - (r_h + \mu_h) \left(-\frac{\beta_h N_h}{r_h + \mu_h} + \frac{\mu_v}{\beta_v N_v} \right) I_v \\
&= -(r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - N_h)^2}{S_h} - \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)}{\beta_v N_v} \frac{(S_v - N_v)^2}{S_v} \\
&\quad - \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)}{\beta_v N_v} \left(-\frac{\beta_v \beta_h N_v N_h}{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)} + 1 \right) I_v \\
&= -(r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - N_h)^2}{S_h} - \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)}{\beta_v N_v} \frac{(S_v - N_v)^2}{S_v} - \frac{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)}{\beta_v N_v} (1 - R_0) I_v \\
&\leq 0, \text{ when } R_0 \leq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, by setting $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = (N_h, 0, N_v, 0)$, we have $\dot{U} = 0$. Hence, $\dot{U} = 0$ if and only if $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = (N_h, 0, N_v, 0)$. Thus, the singleton $\{E_0\}$ constitutes the largest compact invariant set in $\{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in \Psi_1 : \dot{U} = 0\}$. Therefore, LaSalle's invariance principle assures us that the disease-free equilibrium solution E_0 is globally asymptotically stable in Ψ_1 . This completes the proof of the first part of the Theorem.

- (ii) Note that the endemic equilibrium solution $E_e = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*)$ that is given by (3.11)-(3.12) exists only when $R_0 > 1$. Now, consider the function V defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
V : \{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in \Psi_1 : S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v > 0\} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \\
V(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) &= a \left(S_h - S_h^* - S_h^* \ln \frac{S_h}{S_h^*} \right) + b \left(I_h - I_h^* - I_h^* \ln \frac{I_h}{I_h^*} \right) \\
&\quad + c \left(S_v - S_v^* - S_v^* \ln \frac{S_v}{S_v^*} \right) + d \left(I_v - I_v^* - I_v^* \ln \frac{I_v}{I_v^*} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where $b = a, d = c$ and a and b are positive constants to be determined. We establish that V is a Lyapunov function for system (3.4).

First we note that V is continuously differentiable in Ψ_1 , $V(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) > 0$ for all $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \neq (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*)$, and $V(S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*) = 0$. That is, $V(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = 0$ if and only if $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*)$, where the equilibrium values S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^* and I_v^* are given by equation (3.12).

Next, we show that $\dot{V} < 0$ and that $\dot{V} = 0$ if and only if $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*)$. To this effect, if V_x , where $x = S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v$ denotes the partial derivative of V with respect to x , while a dot on V and the other variables denote time derivatives, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V} &= V_{S_h} \dot{S}_h + V_{I_h} \dot{I}_h + V_{S_v} \dot{S}_v + V_{I_v} \dot{I}_v \\
&= a \left(1 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h}\right) \dot{S}_h + a \left(1 - \frac{I_h^*}{I_h}\right) \dot{I}_h + c \left(1 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v}\right) \dot{S}_v + c \left(1 - \frac{I_v^*}{I_v}\right) \dot{I}_v \\
&= a \left(1 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h}\right) (\mu_h N_h + r_h I_h - \beta_h I_v S_h - \mu_h S_h) + \\
&\quad a \left(1 - \frac{I_h^*}{I_h}\right) (\beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h) + c \left(1 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v}\right) (\mu_v N_v - \beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v S_v) + \\
&\quad c \left(1 - \frac{I_v^*}{I_v}\right) (\beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v I_v).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $S_h + I_h = N_h$, $I_h = N_h - S_h$ and $r_h I_h = r_h N_h - r_h S_h$. This leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V} &= a \left(1 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h}\right) ((r_h + \mu_h) N_h - \beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) S_h) + \\
&\quad a \left(1 - \frac{I_h^*}{I_h}\right) (\beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h) + c \left(1 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v}\right) (\mu_v N_v - \beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v S_v) + \\
&\quad c \left(1 - \frac{I_v^*}{I_v}\right) (\beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v I_v). \tag{3.16}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, the equilibrium values of system (3.4) are given by the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_h N_h + r_h(N_h - S_h^*) - \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* - \mu_h S_h^* &= 0, \\
\beta_h I_v^* S_h^* - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h^* &= 0, \\
\mu_v N_v - \beta_v I_h^* S_v^* - \mu_v S_v^* &= 0, \\
\beta_v I_h^* S_v^* - \mu_v I_v^* &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

This can be expressed as follows:

$$(r_h + \mu_h) N_h = \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* + (r_h + \mu_h) S_h^*, \quad (3.17)$$

$$r_h + \mu_h = \frac{\beta_h I_v^* S_h^*}{I_h^*}, \quad (3.18)$$

$$\mu_v N_v = \beta_v I_h^* S_v^* + \mu_v S_v^*, \quad (3.19)$$

$$\mu_v = \frac{\beta_v I_h^* S_v^*}{I_v^*}. \quad (3.20)$$

Substituting equations (3.17)-(3.20) in system (3.16) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V} &= a \left(1 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h} \right) (\beta_h I_v^* S_h^* + (r_h + \mu_h) S_h^* - \beta_h I_v S_h - (r_h + \mu_h) S_h) + \\
& a \left(1 - \frac{I_h^*}{I_h} \right) \left(\beta_h I_v S_h - \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \frac{I_h}{I_h^*} \right) + \\
& c \left(1 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v} \right) (\beta_v I_h^* S_v^* + \mu_v S_v^* - \beta_v I_h S_v - \mu_v S_v) + \\
& c \left(1 - \frac{I_v^*}{I_v} \right) \left(\beta_v I_h S_v - \beta_v I_h^* S_v^* \frac{I_v}{I_v^*} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a \left(1 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h}\right) \left(\beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \left(1 - \frac{I_v S_h}{I_v^* S_h^*}\right) - (r_h + \mu_h)(S_h - S_h^*)\right) + \\
&\quad a \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \left(1 - \frac{I_h^*}{I_h}\right) \left(\frac{I_v S_h}{I_v^* S_h^*} - \frac{I_h}{I_h^*}\right) + \\
&\quad c \left(1 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v}\right) \left(\beta_v I_h^* S_v^* \left(1 - \frac{I_h S_v}{I_h^* S_v^*}\right) - \mu_v(S_v - S_v^*)\right) + \\
&\quad c \beta_v I_h^* S_v^* \left(1 - \frac{I_v^*}{I_v}\right) \left(\frac{I_h S_v}{I_h^* S_v^*} - \frac{I_v}{I_v^*}\right) \\
&= a \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \left(1 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h}\right) \left(1 - \frac{I_v S_h}{I_v^* S_h^*}\right) - a(r_h + \mu_h) \left(1 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h}\right) (S_h - S_h^*) + \\
&\quad a \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \left(1 - \frac{I_h^*}{I_h}\right) \left(\frac{I_v S_h}{I_v^* S_h^*} - \frac{I_h}{I_h^*}\right) + c \beta_v I_h^* S_v^* \left(1 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v}\right) \left(1 - \frac{I_h S_v}{I_h^* S_v^*}\right) - \\
&\quad c \mu_v \left(1 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v}\right) (S_v - S_v^*) + c \beta_v I_h^* S_v^* \left(1 - \frac{I_v^*}{I_v}\right) \left(\frac{I_h S_v}{I_h^* S_v^*} - \frac{I_v}{I_v^*}\right) \\
&= -a(r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - S_h^*)^2}{S_h} - c \mu_v \frac{(S_v - S_v^*)^2}{S_v} + \\
&\quad a \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \left(2 - \frac{S_h^*}{S_h} - \frac{I_h^*}{I_h} + \frac{I_v}{I_v^*} - \frac{I_h^* I_v S_h}{I_h I_v^* S_h^*}\right) + \\
&\quad c \beta_v I_h^* S_v^* \left(2 - \frac{S_v^*}{S_v} - \frac{I_v}{I_v^*} + \frac{I_h}{I_h^*} - \frac{I_h S_v I_v^*}{I_h^* S_v^* I_v}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

By setting $a = \beta_v I_h^* S_v^*$ and $c = \beta_h I_v^* S_h^*$, $\dot{V}$ reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V} &= -\beta_v I_h^* S_v^* (r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - S_h^*)^2}{S_h} - \mu_v \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \frac{(S_v - S_v^*)^2}{S_v} + \\
&\quad \beta_v \beta_h I_h^* S_v^* I_v^* S_h^* \left(4 - \left(\frac{S_h^*}{S_h} + \frac{S_v^*}{S_v} + \frac{I_h^* I_v S_h}{I_h I_v^* S_h^*} + \frac{I_h S_v I_v^*}{I_h^* S_v^* I_v}\right)\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly,

$$4 \leq \frac{S_h^*}{S_h} + \frac{S_v^*}{S_v} + \frac{I_h^* I_v S_h}{I_h I_v^* S_h^*} + \frac{I_h S_v I_v^*}{I_h^* S_v^* I_v}$$

for all values of $S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v \geq 0$, since the geometric mean is less than or equal to the arithmetic mean. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} = & - \left(\beta_v I_h^* S_v^* (r_h + \mu_h) \frac{(S_h - S_h^*)^2}{S_h} + \mu_v \beta_h I_v^* S_h^* \frac{(S_v - S_v^*)^2}{S_v} \right) \\ & - \beta_v \beta_h I_h^* S_v^* I_v^* S_h^* \left(\frac{S_h^*}{S_h} + \frac{S_v^*}{S_v} + \frac{I_h^* I_v S_h}{I_h I_v^* S_h^*} + \frac{I_h S_v I_v^*}{I_h^* S_v^* I_v} - 4 \right) \leq 0. \quad (3.21)\end{aligned}$$

Now, by setting $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*)$ in (3.21), we obtain $\dot{V} = 0$. Hence, $\dot{V} < 0$ for $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \neq (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*)$ and $\dot{V} = 0$ if and only if $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) = (S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*)$ for all $S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^* > 0$. Hence, the singleton E_e constitutes the largest compact invariant set in $\{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in \Psi_1 : \dot{V} = 0\}$ and LaSalle's invariance principle assures us that the unique endemic equilibrium solution E_e of system (3.4) is globally asymptotically stable in Ψ_1 . This concludes the proof of the Theorem. ■

3.4 Numerical Simulations of the Classical SIS Model

We now present numerical simulations that confirm the above results. We use a human natural death rate of $\mu_h = 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$ per day, which corresponds to an average life expectancy of 60 years, a vector natural death rate of $\mu_v = 4.8 \times 10^{-2}$ per day, which corresponds to an average vector life span of 21 days, a human disease recovery rate of $r_h = 8.3 \times 10^{-3}$ per day, which corresponds to a duration of infection of 120 days, a total human population of $N_h = 5.0 \times 10^3$, and a total vector population $N_v = 1.0 \times 10^4$. We vary the contact rates β_h and β_v accordingly for the disease-free and endemic cases. Integrating system (3.5) using a regular fourth-order Runge-Kutta scheme with variable step-size control [15, 16] yields the results plotted in Figs. 3.2-3.3.

Figure 3.2 depicts a stable disease-free equilibrium. It thus represents the situation in which the disease is completely eradicated from the population. Notice that although there were 2,000 infectious humans from the onset, some of them recovered from the disease to join the susceptible class while some died. Since we assumed constant population sizes, the number of new births is exactly the same as the number of deaths, and so the total human

population and vector populations, which become entirely susceptible, stabilize at 5,000 and 10,000, respectively, after some time.

Figure 3.3 depicts a stable endemic equilibrium solution. This is the situation in which the disease establishes itself within the community. Notice that although there was no infectious human and only one infectious vector from the onset, the disease eventually affects most of the human population, resulting in 4,525 infectious humans and 8,403 infectious vectors.

Figure 3.2. Time series plot of solutions to the classical SIS model depicting a stable disease-free equilibrium solution for the parameter regime $\mu_h = 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$, $\mu_v = 4.8 \times 10^{-2}$, $r_h = 8.3 \times 10^{-3}$, $N_h = 5.0 \times 10^3$, $N_v = 1.0 \times 10^4$, $\beta_h = 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$, and $\beta_v = 2.0 \times 10^{-6}$. The initial conditions are $(S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0) = (3000, 2000, 7000, 3000)$. The basic reproduction number is $R_0 = 0.7519$ and the equilibrium solution is $(S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*) = (5000, 0, 10000, 0)$.

Figure 3.3. Time series plot of solutions to the classical SIS model depicting a stable endemic equilibrium solution for the parameter regime $\mu_h = 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$, $\mu_v = 4.8 \times 10^{-2}$, $r_h = 8.3 \times 10^{-3}$, $N_h = 5.0 \times 10^3$, $N_v = 1.0 \times 10^4$, $\beta_h = 5.0 \times 10^{-5}$, and $\beta_v = 2.0 \times 10^{-6}$. The initial conditions are $(S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0) = (5000, 0, 9999, 1)$. The basic reproduction number is $R_0 = 12.53$ and the equilibrium solution is $(S_h^*, I_h^*, S_v^*, I_v^*) = (475, 4525, 8403, 1597)$.

3.5 Conclusion

We have derived and analyzed the classical SIS model for malaria. The model has two equilibrium solutions, a disease-free equilibrium solution that exists and is stable when the basic reproduction number is smaller than or equal to unity and an endemic equilibrium solution that exists and is stable when the basic reproduction number is larger than unity. A closer observation of the characteristic polynomial (3.13) shows, as has been established in the literature, that this classical SIS model for malaria transmission cannot generate oscillatory dynamics, a clear limitation of the model. This limitation can be attributed to the assumptions made in deriving the model.

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Derivation of the Basic ODE Model

4.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we derive and nondimensionalize a new deterministic SIS (susceptible-infectious-susceptible) mathematical model for the dynamics of malaria transmission. Since malaria does not confer permanent immunity, it makes sense to consider an SIS model, whereby infectious humans regain susceptibility after recovering from the disease. The new model shall pay greater attention to the population dynamics of the disease transmission agent, the mosquito, a factor that has hitherto been omitted in most malaria models. Contrary to traditional SIS models in the biological and epidemiological literature (see, for example, [1–5]), the new model further subdivides the vector population into three mutually disjoint classes based on the resting, fertility, nourishment, and reproductive status of the vector. Mosquito population dynamics was first modeled in this manner by Ngwa [6] and has been extended in Refs. [7, 8]. However, these models focused only on the dynamics of the vector population in the absence of the malaria disease. Here, we derive a full SIS malaria model consisting of a system of eight coupled ordinary differential equations – two for the human population dynamics and six describing the dynamics of the vector population.

This chapter is organized as follows: In Section 4.2, we briefly describe the variables and parameters to be used in the new model. The general SIS non-linear ordinary differential equation model is derived Section 4.3. A simplified SIS model is presented and nondimensionalized in Section 4.4, and we conclude the chapter in Section 4.5.

4.2 Model Variables and Parameters

The full general SIS mathematical model will take the form of a non-linear delayed differential system of ordinary differential equations involving both the human and vector populations. Only populations involved in disease transmission are represented in the model formulation, and these include female *Anopheles* mosquitoes and humans of all ages and sexes. The equations are derived based on the additional fact that, in the presence of the malaria disease in the populations, both mosquitoes and humans can infect each other upon contact. While infected humans can recover from the malaria infection, it is assumed that once a mosquito is infected, it remains infected until death. To capture the life cycle of the mosquito vector in the model, the vector population is divided into three biologically realistic compartmental classes representing physiological status. These classes are: The class of *fed* and *reproducing* vectors returning from human habitats to vector breeding sites represented by the variable U ; the class of *unfed* and *resting* vectors present at vector breeding sites represented by the variable V ; and the class of *unfed* vectors *questing* (or *foraging*) for food (blood meal) in human habitats represented by the variable W . The human population and the vector population in each compartmental class are again classified into two epidemiologically realistic compartmental classes representing disease status: the susceptible class, consisting of individuals with the potential to contract the *Plasmodium* parasite but who have not yet contracted it, and the infectious class, consisting of individuals who have already contracted the *Plasmodium* parasite and can transmit it. Therefore, there are eight dependent variables that continuously depend on time t . All variables and parameters in the human system will carry the subscript h , while those in the vector subsystem will carry one of the subscripts v , u or w depending on the physiological status of the vector. Thus, at any time t we have humans of type $S_h(t)$ and $I_h(t)$, and vectors of type $S_v(t)$, $S_u(t)$, and type $I_v(t)$, $I_w(t)$ and $I_u(t)$, as explained in Table 4.1. The total human and vector populations, denoted by $N_h(t)$ and $N_{mv}(t)$, respectively, are then given as

$$N_h(t) = S_h(t) + I_h(t), \quad (4.1)$$

$$N_{mv}(t) = S_v(t) + I_v(t) + S_w(t) + I_w(t) + S_u(t) + I_u(t). \quad (4.2)$$

See Tables 4.1 and 4.2 for descriptions model variables and parameters, respectively.

Table 4.1. Model variables and their definitions.

Variable	Definition
$S_h(t)$	Susceptible humans (humans with the potential of being infected but who do not harbor malaria parasites in their liver or blood stream) at time t .
$I_h(t)$	Infectious humans (humans carrying either the liver or blood stage forms of the malaria parasite) at time t .
$N_h(t)$	Total human population at time t .
$S_u(t)$	Susceptible vectors of class U . These are the fertilized, fed and reproducing susceptible female vectors that do not have any form of the malaria parasite.
$S_v(t)$	Susceptible vectors of class V . This comprises of previously fertilized susceptible female vectors at breeding site that have just laid their eggs but are still resting at the breeding site together with all unfertilized females that have not yet fed on blood from humans and are not questing for blood but are swarming at the breeding site (some of these are the newly emerging vectors).
$S_w(t)$	Susceptible vectors of class W . These are all the fertilized but non-reproducing susceptible vectors that have left the breeding site and are questing for a blood meal. They comprise of the newly fertilized vectors together with the previously fertilized susceptible vectors; that is, those S_v vectors recruited from the $S_u(t)$ class of vectors that fed on susceptible humans and successfully made it back to the breeding site.
$I_u(t)$	Infectious vectors of class U . These are the fertilized, well nourished and reproducing vectors that fed on infectious humans.
$I_v(t)$	Infectious vectors of class V (previously fertilized infectious female vectors at breeding site that have just laid eggs but are still resting at the breeding site).
$I_w(t)$	Infectious vectors of class W . These are the fertilized but non-reproducing infectious vectors that have left the breeding site and are questing for their second or subsequent blood meal.
$N_{mv}(t)$	Total vector population at time t .

Table 4.2. System parameters representing the transition rates from one class to another together with recruitment and removal rates for humans and mosquitoes.

Parameter	Description
a_v	The rate at which successfully fed vectors return to breeding site.
α_v	The rate at which vectors are attracted to human habitats.
μ_h	Natural human death rate.
$\mu_{u,v,w}$	Natural mosquito death rate from each mosquito population class.
λ_h	Human birth rate.
$\tilde{\lambda}_v$	Mosquito birth rate.
r_h	Recovery rate among humans. Once infected, vectors are assumed to remain infectious for the remainder of their lives.
β_v	Flow rate from susceptible questing mosquito to either a susceptible human or an infectious human. Contact between a susceptible questing mosquito and an infectious human, denoted by $\beta_{v_{si}}$, leads to an infectious mosquito or new infection in the mosquito population, while contact between a susceptible mosquito and a susceptible human, which we denote by $\beta_{v_{ss}}$, does not.
β_h	Flow rate from infectious questing mosquitoes to susceptible or infectious humans. Contact between an infectious mosquito and a susceptible human, denoted by $\beta_{h_{is}}$, leads to a new infectious human, while contact between an infectious mosquito and an infectious human, denoted by $\beta_{h_{ii}}$, does not.
p	Probability that a susceptible questing vector successfully takes a blood meal from a susceptible human.
q	Probability that a susceptible questing vector successfully takes a blood meal from an infectious human.
p_1	Probability that an infectious questing vector successfully takes a blood meal from an infectious human.
q_1	Probability that an infectious questing vector successfully takes a blood meal from a susceptible human.
η	Proportion of emerging adult mosquitoes at the breeding site that are female.

4.3 THE ODE MODEL

A conceptual framework for the model is shown in Fig. 4.1.

Figure 4.1. Conceptual framework for new *SIS* malaria model. Mosquitoes interact with humans and transfer the malaria parasite from human to human and within the mosquito population. Interactions between humans and mosquitoes are denoted by broken lines, with red broken lines representing interactions in which at least one of the parties is infectious and blue broken lines representing interactions in which both parties are susceptible. For all successful interactions, the mosquito population grows as a result of transfer of biomass/energy through blood meals taken from humans. Susceptible transitions are denoted by blue solid lines, infectious transitions are denoted by red solid lines, and death links are denoted by purple solid lines. The different flow rates are explained in Table 4.2.

4.3.1 Model Equations

The model derivation uses a restricted form of homogeneous mixing based on the idea that the mosquito has a human-biting rate. In our model, we assume that all new born humans and newly emerged mosquitoes are susceptible; that is, there is no vertical transmission.

Flow from susceptible humans to infectious humans is a result of contact between the susceptible humans, S_h , and an infectious questing vector, I_w . Recruitment of new susceptible humans is from births by both susceptible and infectious humans at rate λ_h . Deaths can occur among susceptible humans naturally at rate μ_h . In the presence of the malaria disease in the human population, infectious humans can either die naturally at rate μ_h or due to malaria infection at rate γ_h or recover and join the susceptible class at rate r_h . The transmission rate of the parasite from mosquitoes to humans depends on the interaction between the susceptible humans and infectious questing mosquitoes with contact rate β_{his} . When an infectious questing mosquito successfully takes a blood meal from a susceptible human with contact rate β_{his} and success probability p_1 , this mosquito becomes an infectious fed vector of type U , (I_u), or it fails with probability $1 - p_1$ and is assumed killed. Hence the equations governing the human populations are

$$\dot{S}_h = \lambda_h(N_h) N_h + r_h I_h - \beta_{his}(N_h) S_h I_w - \mu_h(N_h) S_h, \quad (4.3)$$

$$\dot{I}_h = \beta_{his}(N_h) S_h I_w - (\mu_h(N_h) + r_h + \gamma_h) I_h, \quad (4.4)$$

and the equation for the total human population is:

$$\dot{N}_h = (\lambda_h(N_h) - \mu_h(N_h)) N_h - \gamma_h I_h. \quad (4.5)$$

Next, we derive the equations that describe the population dynamics in each of the vector classes. Resting susceptible vectors are recruited when susceptible or infectious fed vectors (respectively, types S_u and I_u vectors) reproduce at rate $\tilde{\lambda}_v$ per fed and reproducing vector. Note that $\tilde{\lambda}_v : [0, \infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a suitable continuously differentiable monotone decreasing vector birth rate function. We account only for the vector populations involved in disease transmission, the female vectors, by setting $\lambda_v = \eta \tilde{\lambda}_v$ where $\eta \in (0, 1)$ is a constant. Now, reproduction by a female mosquito is possible only when the mosquito visits a human being at the human habitat, takes a blood meal, rests, and then lays eggs at a chosen breeding

site. When eggs are laid, they hatch into larvae that further metamorphose into pupae and eventually develop into full adult vectors of class S_v . Hence, new adult mosquitoes only emerge after a delayed time period $T > 0$, accounting for the elapsed time between egg laying and emergence of the new vectors. We assume there are no additional mortalities in any of the four life stages apart from natural deaths. Starting with the first stage, the egg, we suppose $T_e > 0$ is the maturation period of eggs¹ and that $\mu_{ve} > 0$ is the natural death rate constant of eggs. We also assume that the rate of egg laying depends only on the current size of the adult fed and reproducing vectors S_u and I_u . Furthermore, let $a_v\lambda_v(S_u(t))$ and $a_v\lambda_v(I_u(t))$ be the respective rates at which susceptible and infectious fed and reproducing female vectors that return to the breeding site lay eggs; then at any time t , $a_v\lambda_v(S_u(t))S_u(t) + a_v\lambda_v(I_u(t))I_u(t)$ eggs are produced by susceptible and infectious fed and reproducing vectors. Now, if $E(t)$ is the expected number (or density) of eggs from time $t - T_e$ to time t , then

$$E(t) = \int_{t-T_e}^t (a_v\lambda_v(S_u(s))S_u(s) + a_v\lambda_v(I_u(s))I_u(s))e^{-\mu_{ve}(t-s)}ds, \quad (4.6)$$

where $e^{-\mu_{ve}T_e}$ is the probability that an egg laid at an earlier time $t - T_e$ survives to time t . See Refs. [6, 9–11] for details on how equation (4.6) is derived. Using Leibnitz rule (see Appendix B.1) to differentiate equation (4.6) with respect to t , we obtain the following equation describing the rate of change in the egg stage:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}(t) = & a_v\lambda_v(S_u(t))S_u(t) + a_v\lambda_v(I_u(t))I_u(t) - a_v\lambda_v(S_u(t - T_e))S_u(t - T_e)e^{-\mu_{ve}T_e} \\ & - a_v\lambda_v(I_u(t - T_e))I_u(t - T_e)e^{-\mu_{ve}T_e} - \mu_{ve}E(t), \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

where $a_v\lambda_v(S_u(t))S_u(t) + a_v\lambda_v(I_u(t))I_u(t)$ is the density of unhatched eggs at the breeding site at time t , $-a_v[\lambda_v(S_u(t - T_e))S_u(t - T_e) + \lambda_v(I_u(t - T_e))I_u(t - T_e)]e^{-\mu_{ve}T_e}$ is the density of eggs that hatch into larvae at time t , and $\mu_{ve}E(t)$ is the density of eggs that die at time t . Note that the eggs that hatch into larvae at time t are those eggs that were laid at an earlier time $t - T_e$ and that have survived through the maturation period of T_e time units.

Next, let $T_l > 0$ and $\mu_{vl} > 0$ be the maturation period and natural death rate constant of larvae, respectively. Then proceeding in a similar way, we obtain the following expression

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¹The maturation period of eggs is the length of time that elapses before laid eggs hatch into larvae.

depicting the entry rate into the pupa stage at time t :

$$-a_v[\lambda_v(S_u(t - (T_e + T_l))S_u(t - (T_e + T_l)) + \lambda_v(I_u(t - (T_e + T_l)))I_u(t - (T_e + T_l)))]e^{-\mu_{v_e}T_e + \mu_{v_l}T_l}.$$

Notice that the total maturation period for the first two life stages is $T_e + T_l$ time units, and that the larvae that progress to the pupal stage are those that emerged from eggs laid at an earlier time and that have survived through this total maturation period.

Finally, let $T_p > 0$ and μ_{v_p} be the maturation period and natural death rate constants of pupae. Then assuming that all deaths in earlier life stages occur at a uniform constant rate $\mu_v > 0$, i.e., $0 < \mu_v = \mu_{v_e} = \mu_{v_l} = \mu_{v_p}$, and continuing as in the first two stages, we obtain the following expression for newly emerging adult mosquitoes from the pupal stage:

$$-a_v[\lambda_v(S_u(t - T))S_u(t - T) + \lambda_v(I_u(t - T))I_u(t - T)]e^{-\mu_v T},$$

where $0 < T = T_e + T_l + T_p$ is the total maturation period for the first three life stages.

We now use the above adult vector emergence rate to derive the equations describing the rates of change in the S_v and I_v classes. Additional recruitment of susceptible resting vectors is obtained via the susceptible fed vectors (S_u) that return at rate a_v from human habitats to the breeding sites to lay eggs. Thus, population growth of vectors of type S_v is brought about by the newly emerging adult vectors as computed above and by old egg laying female vectors of type S_u that returned from human habitats to the breeding site at rate a_v . If the fed vectors that returned to the breeding site are infected, i.e., they fed on type I_h humans and thus are type I_u vectors, upon arrival at the breeding site they become vectors of type I_v , and thus serve as recruiters of type I_v vectors.

After acquiring some rest and after swarming, newly emerged adult female vectors and all previously fertilized adult susceptible (S_u) and infected (I_u) vectors can then return to human habitats at rate $\alpha_v(N_h)$ to seek blood meals. Additionally, individuals leave the susceptible and infected resting classes via natural death at rate μ_v . Taking into consideration the descriptions above and all assumptions made, the time rates of change of the S_v and I_v classes are, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{S}_v &= a_v[\lambda_v(S_u(t - T))S_u(t - T) + \lambda_v(I_u(t - T))I_u(t - T)]e^{-\mu_v T} + a_v S_u \\ &\quad - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h))S_v, \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

and

$$\dot{I}_v = a_v I_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) I_v. \quad (4.9)$$

In equation (4.8), the birth rate function λ_v , which is assumed to be continuously differentiable and strictly monotonic decreasing, can be modeled using any of the common birth functions in the biological and ecological literature. Common birth functions include the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function [12–14], the Beverton-Holt birth rate function [15], the Ricker birth rate function [16], the Hassell birth rate function [17], and the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function [18, 19]. See Section 5.5 and Refs. [11, 20] for more birth functions. The specific form of the birth rate function used here will be described in Section 4.4. Additionally, from equations (4.8) and (4.9), type V vectors from the breeding site are attracted to humans at a rate α_v that is dependent on the total human population. To complete the description of these equations, we derive an appropriate functional form for α . Let B_h and B_a be the blood indices of vectors that prefer human and animal blood, respectively. Then $B_h S_v$ susceptible unfed vectors feed on humans, while $B_a S_v$ susceptible unfed vectors feed on animals. The fractions of susceptible unfed vectors S_v that feed on humans and animals are given by the expressions

$$\frac{B_h S_v}{B_h S_v + B_a S_v} N_h = \frac{B_h}{B_h + B_a} N_h \text{ and } \frac{B_a S_v}{B_h S_v + B_a S_v} N_a = \frac{B_a}{B_h + B_a} N_a,$$

respectively, where N_h is the total human population and N_a is the total animal population. Hence, the proportion of susceptible unfed vectors that prefer human blood to animal blood is given by

$$\frac{\frac{B_h}{B_h + B_a} N_h}{\frac{B_h}{B_h + B_a} N_h + \frac{B_a}{B_h + B_a} N_a} = \frac{N_h}{N_h + k},$$

where $k = B_a N_a / B_h$ is a positive constant accounting for the existence of an alternative blood source for the vector. Therefore, susceptible unfed vectors at the breeding site are attracted to humans at rate

$$\alpha_v(N_h) = b N_h / (N_h + k),$$

where $b N_h / (N_h + k)$ is the proportion of susceptible unfed vectors that prefer human blood meals to animal blood meals and b is a positive constant to measure the flow rate of vectors

from breeding sites to human habitats. We are assuming that the mosquito's preference for human or other blood is not altered when the mosquito is infected. Continuing as above, we can easily show that type I_v vectors are also attracted to humans at the same rate.

We now model the rate of change for the type W vectors S_w and I_w . Once a vector, susceptible (S_v) or infected (I_v) from the vector breeding site, arrives at a human habitat, it becomes a questing vector of type W (respectively, susceptible (S_w) or infected (I_w)). A questing susceptible or infectious mosquito can either feed on a susceptible or infectious human. When a susceptible questing mosquito successfully takes a blood meal from an infectious human with contact rate $\beta_{v_{si}}$ and success probability q , this mosquito becomes an infectious fed vector of type U , represented as (I_u), or else it fails with probability $1 - q$ and is assumed killed. These contacts may lead to the production of new infectious vectors. If a questing susceptible vector instead successfully feeds on a susceptible human with contact rate $\beta_{v_{ss}}$ and with success probability p , it becomes a susceptible fed vector of type U , represented as (S_u), or else it fails with probability $1 - p$ and is assumed killed. These contacts do not lead to any new infections. When an infectious questing mosquito successfully takes a blood meal from an infectious human with contact rate $\beta_{h_{ii}}$ and success probability p_1 , this mosquito becomes an infectious fed vector of type U , (I_u), or else it fails with probability $1 - p_1$ and is assumed killed. No new infections ensue from these contacts. If an infectious questing vector instead successfully feeds on a susceptible human, with contact rate $\beta_{h_{is}}$ and probability q_1 , it becomes an infectious fed vector of type U , (I_u), or else it fails with probability $1 - q_1$ and is assumed killed. These contacts may lead to new infections in the human population but not in the vector population. Natural deaths in the S_w and I_w classes occur at rate μ_w which is considered to be constant at all times. From the above description, the respective governing equations for the population densities of the susceptible and infectious questing vectors assume the forms:

$$\dot{S}_w = \alpha_v(N_h)S_v - (\mu_w + \beta_{v_{ss}}S_h + \beta_{v_{si}}I_h)S_w, \quad (4.10)$$

$$\dot{I}_w = \alpha_v(N_h)I_v - (\mu_w + \beta_{h_{is}}S_h + \beta_{h_{ii}}I_h)I_w. \quad (4.11)$$

When susceptible questing vectors of type S_w successfully feed on humans, they either become fed and reproducing vectors of type S_u or of type I_u , depending on whether the

human they fed on was susceptible or infectious, at the rates described above. However, when infectious questing vectors (I_w) successfully feed on humans, they become infectious fed vectors of type I_u . Exits from the questing vector classes occur via natural deaths at constant rate μ_u and through vectors returning to the breeding site at rate a_v . Thus, the equations for the time rate of change of S_u and I_u are, respectively,

$$\dot{S}_u = p\beta_{v_{ss}}S_hS_w - (a_v + \mu_u)S_u, \quad (4.12)$$

$$\dot{I}_u = p_1\beta_{h_{is}}S_hI_w + q_1\beta_{h_{ii}}I_hI_w + q\beta_{v_{si}}I_hS_w - (a_v + \mu_u)I_u. \quad (4.13)$$

Combining equations (4.8) through (4.13), we obtain the following system of equations that govern the time rate of change of the vector population:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{S}_v &= a_v(\lambda_v(S_u(t-T))S_u(t-T) + \lambda_v(I_u(t-T))I_u(t-T)e^{-\mu_e T} + a_vS_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h))S_v, \\ \dot{S}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h)S_v - (\mu_w + \beta_{v_{ss}}S_h + \beta_{v_{si}}I_h)S_w, \\ \dot{S}_u &= p\beta_{v_{ss}}S_hS_w - (a_v + \mu_u)S_u, \\ \dot{I}_v &= a_vI_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h))I_v, \\ \dot{I}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h)I_v - (\mu_w + \beta_{h_{is}}S_h + \beta_{h_{ii}}I_h)I_w, \\ \dot{I}_u &= p_1\beta_{h_{is}}S_hI_w + q_1\beta_{h_{ii}}I_hI_w + q\beta_{v_{si}}I_hS_w - (a_v + \mu_u)I_u, \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

where

$$\alpha_v(N_h) = bN_h/(N_h + k). \quad (4.15)$$

The following equation governs the density of the total vector population:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{N}_v &= a_v\lambda_v(S_u(t-T))S_u(t-T)e^{-\mu_e T} + a_v\lambda_v(I_u(t-T))I_u(t-T)e^{-\mu_e T} \\ &\quad - (\mu_vS_v + \mu_wS_w + \mu_uS_u + \mu_vI_v + \mu_wI_w + \mu_uI_u) - (1-p)\beta_{v_{ss}}S_hS_w \\ &\quad - (1-q)\beta_{v_{si}}I_hS_w - (\beta_{h_{is}}S_h + \beta_{h_{ii}}I_h)I_w + p_1\beta_{h_{is}}S_hI_w + q_1\beta_{h_{ii}}I_hI_w. \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

Combining equations (4.3)-(4.4) and system (4.14) yields the system

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{S}_h &= \lambda_h(N_h) N_h + \gamma_h I_h - \beta_{h_{is}}(N_h) S_h I_w - \mu_h(N_h) S_h, \\
\dot{I}_h &= \beta_{v_{is}}(N_h) S_h I_w - (\mu_h(N_h) + \gamma_h + \nu_h) I_h, \\
\dot{S}_v &= a_v \lambda_v(S_u(t-T)) S_u(t-T) e^{-\mu_e T} + a_v \lambda_v(I_u) I_u + a_v S_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) S_v, \\
\dot{S}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h) S_v - (\mu_w + \beta_{v_{ss}} S_h + \beta_{v_{si}} I_h) S_w, \\
\dot{S}_u &= p \beta_{v_{ss}} S_h S_w - (a_v + \mu_u) S_u, \\
\dot{I}_v &= a_v I_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) I_v, \\
\dot{I}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h) I_v - (\mu_w + \beta_{h_{is}} S_h + \beta_{h_{ii}} I_h) I_w, \\
\dot{I}_u &= p_1 \beta_{h_{is}} S_h I_w + q_1 \beta_{h_{ii}} I_h I_w + q \beta_{v_{si}} I_h S_w - (a_v + \mu_u) I_u,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

with the following equations for the total populations:

$$\dot{N}_h = (\lambda_h(N_h) - \mu_h(N_h)) N_h - \gamma_h I_h, \tag{4.18}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{N}_v &= a_v \lambda_v(S_u(t-T)) S_u(t-T) e^{-\mu_e T} + a_v \lambda_v(I_u(t-T)) I_u(t-T) e^{-\mu_e T} \\
&\quad - (\mu_v S_v + \mu_w S_w + \mu_u S_u + \mu_v I_v + \mu_w I_w + \mu_u I_u) - (1-p) \beta_{v_{ss}} S_h S_w \\
&\quad - (1-q) \beta_{v_{si}} I_h S_w - (\beta_{h_{is}} S_h + \beta_{h_{ii}} I_h) I_w + p_1 \beta_{h_{is}} S_h I_w + q_1 \beta_{h_{ii}} I_h I_w,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

where α_v is given by equation (4.15).

To complete the formulation, system (4.17) must be solved with appropriate initial conditions. The simplest type of initial conditions would take the form

$$(S_h(0), I_h(0), S_v(0), S_w(0), S_u(0), I_v(0), I_w(0), I_u(0)) = (S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, S_w^0, S_u^0, I_v^0, I_w^0, I_u^0). \tag{4.20}$$

4.4 Simplified Model

As a first step we study a simplified model, where we assume that $p_1 = q_1$, and that deaths in each of the mosquito classes occur at a uniform constant rate μ_v , that is, $\mu_w = \mu_u = \mu_v =$ constant. Since our objective is to demonstrate a new route to periodic oscillations in the dynamics of malaria transmission, we make yet another approximation by assuming instantaneous mosquito births and set the maturation delay parameter T to zero.

The malaria transmission process is essentially driven by the human biting habit of the mosquito and hence the contact rates. In classical epidemic models, contact rates can be assumed to be directly proportional to the population numbers, as in Ref. [21], or constant as in Ref. [22], or some intermediate form as in Ref. [23]. Therefore, the fractional incidence rates which we have computed as β_{vss} , β_{vsi} , β_{his} and β_{hii} can take several forms, especially if we attempt to model the rate as a probability distribution with parameter $C_{wh}(N_{mv}, N_h)/N_h$ or $C_{hw}(N_{mv}, N_h)/N_h$ as in Refs. [24–26]. Such a distribution can be binomial, Poisson, censored Poisson, exponential, negative exponential, uniform, etc. Assuming mass action contact rates in all cases leads to uniform distributions at rates β_{vss} , β_{vsi} , β_{his} and β_{hii} . Hence, in the context of these simplifications, we assume uniform mass action contact rates, in which case the rates β_{vss} , β_{vsi} , β_{his} and β_{hii} are constants and then set $\beta_{vss} = \beta_{vsi} = \beta_v(N_h) = \beta_v = \text{constant}$ and $\beta_{his} = \beta_{hii} = \beta_h(N_h) = \beta_h = \text{constant}$.

Next, we choose a specific functional form for the birth rate function λ_v . To this effect, we consider the logistic function,

$$\lambda_v(\vartheta) = \lambda_0 \left(1 - \frac{\vartheta}{L}\right), \quad (4.21)$$

where λ_0 is a positive growth constant, $L > 0$ is the environmental carrying capacity², and $\vartheta = S_u$ or $\vartheta = I_u$. Notice that this is a positive real-valued continuously differentiable and strictly monotonic decreasing function of its argument provided $\vartheta < L$. The motivation for using the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function for the mosquito lies in the fact that it is linear, and in fact, is a general form for the first linear approximation to any monotone decreasing continuously differentiable function. More nonlinear forms, such as the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin function, have been used to study the effect of nonlinear birth in the dynamics of mosquito populations [7].

Furthermore, we assume that human recruitment and deaths both occur at an equal constant rate μ_h (that is, $\lambda_h(N_h) = \mu_h(N_h) = \mu_h$, a constant) and that there are no disease-induced human deaths, that is, $\gamma_h = 0$. These assumptions permit us to safely consider a

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²By environmental carrying capacity, we are referring to the constant maximum population size of a specific species that a designated habitat or breeding site can accommodate over an indefinite period of time without any deleterious repercussions.

constant human population, especially if there is always a human for a mosquito to attempt to feed on, in which case the total human population can be regarded essentially as constant.

These simplifications together with some rearrangement reduce our model to

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{S}_h &= \mu_h N_h + r_h I_h - \beta_h S_h I_w - \mu_h S_h, \\
\dot{I}_h &= \beta_h S_h I_w - (\mu_h + r_h) I_h, \\
\dot{S}_u &= p \beta_v S_h S_w - (a_v + \mu_v) S_u, \\
\dot{S}_v &= a_v \lambda_v(S_u) S_u + a_v \lambda_v(I_u) I_u + a_v S_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) S_v, \\
\dot{S}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h) S_v - (\mu_v + \beta_v N_h) S_w, \\
\dot{I}_u &= p_1 \beta_h N_h I_w + q \beta_v I_h S_w - (a_v + \mu_v) I_u, \\
\dot{I}_v &= a_v I_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) I_v, \\
\dot{I}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h) I_v - (\mu_v + \beta_h N_h) I_w,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.22}$$

together with the following equations for the total populations:

$$\dot{N}_h = 0, \tag{4.23}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{N}_{mv} &= a_v \lambda_v(S_u) S_u + a_v \lambda_v(I_u) I_u - \mu_v N_{mv} - (1-p) \beta_v S_h S_w \\
&\quad - (1-q) \beta_v I_h S_w - (1-p_1) \beta_h N_h I_w,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.24}$$

where $\alpha_v(N_h)$ and $\lambda_v(\vartheta)$, $\vartheta = S_u, I_u$ are given by (4.15) and (4.21), respectively. The simplified equation (4.23) immediately shows that N_h , the total human population, is constant and thus may appear as a parameter in the model. We note, in this case, that the mass action contact term is actually $\beta_h(N_h) S_h I_w$, where, to bring out the fact that it is really the proportion of susceptible humans that get infected, we can have $\beta_h(N_h) = \beta/N_h$, and the constant β may be viewed as a mass action coefficient. Since N_h is constant, we simply write $\beta_h(N_h) = \beta_h$, a constant, and the above simplification becomes reasonable. The same applies to $\beta_v = \beta_v(N_h)$. Now, for a constant human population, if we write $S_h = N_h - I_h$, we can compute S_h once we know I_h , which can be computed from the $\dot{I}_h$ equation in (4.22).

In the absence of the malaria disease, $I_h = I_v = I_w = I_u = 0$ and $S_h = N_h$. When these are substituted in system (4.22), the system reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{S}_u &= p\beta_v N_h S_w - (a_v + \mu_v) S_u, \\
\dot{S}_v &= a_v \lambda_v(S_u) S_u + a_v S_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) S_v, \\
\dot{S}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h) S_v - (\mu_v + \beta_v N_h) S_w,
\end{aligned} \tag{4.25}$$

so that when $\beta_v = \tau$, $N_h = H$, $S_u = U$, $S_w = W$ and $S_v = V$, we recover the demographics model for the population dynamics of the malaria vector developed and studied in Ref. [6] when $\eta = 1$, and later extended in Ref. [8]. This model exhibits periodic behavior.

4.4.1 Well Posedness, Positivity and Boundedness

In this section, we discuss the existence and uniqueness of solutions, positivity of solutions when they exist and boundedness of solutions. Since the system (4.22) models human and mosquito populations, it is assumed that all human and mosquito population variables are non-negative. This assumption yields the epidemiologically reasonable domain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{D} = \{ & (S_h, I_h, N_h, S_u, S_v, S_w, I_u, I_v, I_w, N_{mv}) \in \mathbb{R}^{10} : S_h \geq 0, I_h \geq 0, 0 < S_h + I_h \leq N_h, \\
& S_u \geq 0, S_v \geq 0, S_w \geq 0, I_u \geq 0, I_v \geq 0, I_w \geq 0, 0 < S_u + S_v + S_w + I_u + I_v + I_w \leq N_{mv} \}.
\end{aligned}$$

It can be shown using standard techniques described in Ref. [27, 28] that if initial conditions are specified for each of the state variables at time $t = 0$, with $S_v(0) + S_w(0) + S_u(0) + I_v(0) + I_w(0) + I_u(0) = N_{mv}(0)$, then there exist a unique solution satisfying these initial conditions for all $t \geq 0$, with $S_v(t) + S_w(t) + S_u(t) + I_v(t) + I_w(t) + I_u(t) = N_{mv}(t)$ for all $t \geq 0$. It can also be verified that if $N_{mv}(0) > 0$, then $N_{mv}(t) > 0$ for all t , whereas if $N_{mv}(0) = 0$, then $N_{mv}(t) = 0$ for all t . Of course similar arguments apply to the human equations with corresponding expressions. Thus the system (4.22) is well posed from a mathematical and physical standpoint. Additionally, our focus will be on the total mosquito population (equation (4.24)) since the total human population (equation (4.23)) is constant. Studying the system (4.24) yields the following theorem.

Theorem 4.4.1. *The closed set*

$$\Psi = \left\{ (S_u, S_v, S_w, I_u, I_v, I_w) \in \mathbb{R}_+^6 : N_{mv} = S_u + S_v + S_w + I_u + I_v + I_w \leq \frac{2a_v \lambda_0 L}{\mu_v} \right\},$$

is positively-invariant and attracting with respect to the system (4.22).

Proof. From equation (4.24) we see that

$$\dot{N}_{mv} \leq a_v \lambda_v(S_u) S_u + a_v \lambda_v(I_u) I_u - \mu_v N_{mv}, \quad (4.26)$$

since all human and mosquito population variables are non-negative and $\beta_v \geq 0$, $\beta_h \geq 0$ and $0 \leq p, q, p_1 \leq 1$. From equation (4.21), if $\vartheta \leq L$ then $\lambda_v(\vartheta) \leq \lambda_0$. Thus, if $S_u \leq L$ and/or $I_u \leq L$ then

$$\dot{N}_{mv} \leq 2a_v \lambda_0 L - \mu_v N_{mv}. \quad (4.27)$$

Separating variables and solving for N_{mv} , yields the following inequation:

$$N_{mv}(t) \leq \frac{2a_v \lambda_0 L}{\mu_v} + e^{-\mu_v t} \left(N_{mv}(0) - \frac{2a_v \lambda_0 L}{\mu_v} \right), \forall t \geq 0, \quad (4.28)$$

where $N_{mv}(0)$ is the initial total mosquito population. Hence, if $N_{mv}(0) \leq 2a_v \lambda_0 L / \mu_v$, then from the last inequality, $N_{mv}(t) \leq 2a_v \lambda_0 L / \mu_v$ implying that Ψ is a positively-invariant set. Notice that positivity is preserved if both $S_u > L$ and $I_u > L$, since in this case $\dot{N}_{mv}(t) < 0$ for $t \geq 0$ and so the mosquito population is decreasing. Hence $N_{mv}(t) \leq N_{mv}(0)$. Next, if $N_{mv}(t) > 2a_v \lambda_0 L / \mu_v$ then from equation (4.27) we see that $\dot{N}_{mv}(t) < 0$ and so the mosquito population is decreasing. From (4.28), $N_{mv}(t)$ approaches $2a_v \lambda_0 L / \mu_v$ as t approaches infinity. Thus, solutions either enter Ψ in finite time or $N_{mv}(t)$ approaches $2a_v \lambda_0 L / \mu_v$. Hence, Ψ is an attracting set. Therefore, the solutions of the model are considered epidemiologically and mathematically well-posed in Ψ .

4.4.2 Nondimensionalization and Reparametrization

We set $S_h = N_h - I_h$ and introduce the following new variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \frac{t}{t^0}, I = \frac{I_h}{I_h^0}, v_s = \frac{S_v}{S_v^0}, w_s = \frac{S_w}{S_w^0}, \\ u_s &= \frac{S_u}{S_u^0}, v_i = \frac{I_v}{I_v^0}, w_i = \frac{I_w}{I_w^0}, u_i = \frac{I_u}{I_u^0}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

where $t^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, S_w^0, S_u^0, I_v^0, I_w^0$ and I_u^0 are reference values. Substituting in system (4.22) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{I_h^0}{t^0} \dot{I} &= \beta_h I_w^0 I_h^0 \left(\frac{N_h}{I_h^0} - I \right) w_i - (\mu_h + \gamma_h) I_h^0 I, \\
\frac{S_u^0}{t^0} \dot{u}_s &= p \beta_v I_h^0 S_w^0 \left(\frac{N_h}{I_h^0} - I \right) w_s - (a_v + \mu_v) S_u^0 u_s, \\
\frac{S_v^0}{t^0} \dot{v}_s &= a_v \lambda_0 \left(1 - \frac{S_u^0 u_s}{L} \right) S_u^0 u_s + a_v \lambda_0 \left(1 - \frac{I_u^0 u_i}{L} \right) I_u^0 u_i + a_v S_u^0 u_s - \left(\mu_v + \frac{b N_h}{N_h + k} \right) S_v^0 v_s, \\
\frac{S_w^0}{t^0} \dot{w}_s &= \frac{b N_h S_v^0}{N_h + k} v_s - (\mu_v + \beta_v N_h) S_w^0 w_s, \tag{4.30}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{I_u^0}{t^0} \dot{u}_i = p_1 \beta_h N_h I_w^0 w_i + q \beta_v I_h^0 S_w^0 I w_s - (a_v + \mu_v) I_u^0 u_i,$$

$$\frac{I_v^0}{t^0} \dot{v}_i = a_v I_u^0 u_i - \left(\mu_v + \frac{b N_h}{N_h + k} \right) I_v^0 v_i,$$

$$\frac{I_w^0}{t^0} \dot{w}_i = \frac{b N_h I_v^0}{N_h + k} v_i - (\mu_v + \beta_h N_h) I_w^0 w_i,$$

which upon clearing the coefficients of the differentials on the left hand sides and carrying out some preliminary simplifications becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{I} &= \beta_h I_w^0 t^0 \left(\frac{N_h}{I_h^0} - I \right) w_i - (\mu_h + \gamma_h) t^0 I, \\
\dot{u}_s &= \frac{p \beta_v I_h^0 S_w^0 t^0}{S_u^0} \left(\frac{N_h}{I_h^0} - I \right) w_s - (a_v + \mu_v) t^0 u_s, \\
\dot{v}_s &= \frac{a_v \lambda_0 t^0}{S_v^0} \left(\left(1 - \frac{S_u^0 u_s}{L} \right) S_u^0 u_s + \left(1 - \frac{I_u^0 u_i}{L} \right) I_u^0 u_i \right) + \frac{a_v S_u^0 t^0}{S_v^0} u_s - \left(\mu_v + \frac{b N_h}{N_h + k} \right) t^0 v_s, \\
\dot{w}_s &= \frac{b N_h S_v^0 t^0}{S_w^0 (N_h + k)} v_s - (\mu_v + \beta_v N_h) t^0 w_s, \tag{4.31} \\
\dot{u}_i &= \frac{p_1 \beta_h N_h I_w^0 t^0}{I_u^0} w_i + \frac{q \beta_v I_h^0 S_w^0 t^0}{I_u^0} I w_s - (a_v + \mu_v) t^0 u_i,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{v}_i &= \frac{a_v I_u^0 t^0}{I_v^0} u_i - \left(\mu_v + \frac{b N_h}{N_h + k} \right) t^0 v_i, \\ \dot{w}_i &= \frac{b N_h I_v^0 t^0}{I_w^0 (N_h + k)} v_i - (\mu_v + \beta_h N_h) t^0 w_i.\end{aligned}$$

We now set

$$I_h^0 = N_h, S_u^0 = L = I_u^0, S_v^0 = \frac{S_u^0 (a_v + \mu_v) (\mu_v + \beta_v N_h)}{p \beta_v N_h \alpha_v (N_h)}, \quad (4.32)$$

$$S_w^0 = \frac{\alpha_v (N_h) S_v^0}{\mu_v + \beta_v N_h}, I_v^0 = \frac{a_v I_u^0}{\mu_v + \alpha_v (N_h)}, I_w^0 = \frac{\alpha_v (N_h) I_v^0}{\mu_v + \beta_h N_h}, t^0 = \frac{1}{a_v + \mu_v}, \quad (4.33)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\delta &= \frac{p_1 \beta_h N_h I_w^0 t^0}{I_u^0} = \frac{a_v}{(a_v + \mu_v)} \frac{\alpha_v (N_h)}{(\mu_v + \alpha_v (N_h))} \frac{\beta_h N_h}{(\mu_v + \beta_h N_h)} p_1, \rho = \frac{\mu_v + \alpha_v (N_h)}{a_v + \mu_v}, \\ \beta &= \beta_h I_w^0 t^0 = \left(\frac{a_v}{\mu_v + a_v} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_v (N_h)}{\mu_v + \alpha_v (N_h)} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_h}{\mu_v + \beta_h N_h} \right) L, \gamma = \frac{\mu_v + \beta_v N_h}{a_v + \mu_v}, \quad (4.34) \\ \alpha &= \frac{a_v t^0 S_u^0}{S_v^0} = p \left(\frac{a_v}{\mu_v + a_v} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_v N_h}{\mu_v + \beta_v N_h} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_v (N_h)}{\mu_v + a_v} \right), \alpha_v (N_h) = \frac{b N_h}{N_h + k}, \\ \sigma &= \frac{q \beta_v I_h^0 S_w^0 t^0}{I_u^0} = q/p, \epsilon = \frac{\mu_v + \beta_h N_h}{a_v + \mu_v}, \mu = (\mu_h + r_h) t^0.\end{aligned}$$

Using the new dimensionless variable and parameter groupings defined in (4.29) and (4.34), respectively, system (4.22) can be re-written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{I} &= \beta(1-I)w_i - \mu I, \\
\dot{u}_s &= (1-I)w_s - u_s, \\
\dot{v}_s &= \alpha\lambda_o(u_s(1-u_s) + u_i(1-u_i)) + \alpha u_s - \rho v_s, \\
\dot{w}_s &= \gamma(v_s - w_s), \\
\dot{u}_i &= \delta w_i + \sigma I w_s - u_i, \\
\dot{v}_i &= \rho(u_i - v_i), \\
\dot{w}_i &= \epsilon(v_i - w_i),
\end{aligned} \tag{4.35}$$

where the dots on the dimensionless variables represent differentiation with respect to τ and the subscripts s and i , respectively, denote dimensionless variables in the susceptible and infectious vector compartments.

For realistic dynamics of the density of susceptible fed vectors, $0 \leq I < 1$, or else the susceptible fed vectors decays continuously to zero. Additionally, the dimensionless parameters can be expressed in terms of the original model parameters follows:

$$\delta = \frac{p_1 \beta_h N_h I_w^0}{L(a_v + \mu_v)} = \frac{p_1 \beta_h N_h b^* I_v^0}{L(a_v + \mu_v)(a_v + \beta_h N_h)} = \frac{a_v}{(a_v + \mu_v)} \frac{b^*}{(\mu_v + b^*)} \frac{\beta_h N_h}{(\mu_v + \beta_h N_h)} p_1, \tag{4.36}$$

since $I_v^0 = (a_v L)/(\mu_v + b^*)$. Clearly, each fractional term in equation (4.36) is less than one and since $0 < p_1 < 1$ we see that $0 \leq \delta < 1$.

Next, in terms of the original parameters

$$\rho = \frac{\mu_v + b^*}{\mu_v + a_v} = \frac{\mu_v}{\mu_v + a_v} + \frac{b N_h}{(\mu_v + a_v)(N_h + k)} \tag{4.37}$$

and

$$\alpha = p \left(\frac{a_v}{\mu_v + a_v} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_v N_h}{\mu_v + \beta_v N_h} \right) \left(\frac{b N_h}{(\mu_v + a_v)(N_h + k)} \right). \tag{4.38}$$

Since $0 < p < 1$, $0 < \frac{a_v}{\mu_v + a_v} < 1$, $0 < \frac{\beta_v N_h}{\mu_v + \beta_v N_h} < 1$, $0 < p \left(\frac{a_v}{\mu_v + a_v} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_v N_h}{\mu_v + \beta_v N_h} \right) < 1$. Therefore,

$$\alpha = p \left(\frac{a_v}{\mu_v + a_v} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_v N_h}{\mu_v + \beta_v N_h} \right) \left(\frac{b^*}{\mu_v + a_v} \right) < \frac{b^*}{\mu_v + a_v} < \frac{\mu_v}{\mu_v + a_v} + \frac{b^*}{\mu_v + a_v} = \rho.$$

From the above verification, it is clear that $0 \leq \delta < 1$ and $\alpha < \rho$ or $\rho - \alpha > 0$. Assuming that $b = a_v$ (that is, the flow rates to and from human habitats are the same) implies $b^* \leq a_v$. Thus, $0 < \rho < 1$. Finally,

$$\beta = \left(\frac{a_v}{\mu_v + a_v} \right) \left(\frac{b^*}{\mu_v + b^*} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_h}{\mu_v + \beta_h N_h} \right) L < \frac{L}{N_h}, \quad (4.39)$$

$$\sigma = q/p \quad (4.40)$$

$$\alpha\sigma < \rho < 1. \quad (4.41)$$

Thus a feasible region for the parameter space is

$$\Omega = \{\beta \geq 0, \mu > 0, 0 < \alpha < \rho < 1, 0 \leq \delta < 1, \epsilon > 0, \sigma > 0, \gamma > 0, \lambda_0 > 0\}. \quad (4.42)$$

4.5 Conclusion

We have derived and nondimensionalized a new deterministic SIS model for the dynamics of malaria transmission that explicitly integrates the demography of the vector that transmits malaria together with its interaction with the human population. The model incorporates disease dynamics and it is different from standard SIS models in that only female adult vectors that are questing for human blood are involved in disease transmission. We identified and accounted for these vectors.

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Model Analysis

5.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we analyze the model derived in Chapter 4. Rigorous qualitative and quantitative techniques shall be applied to acquire insights into the dynamical behavior of the model and to identify essential epidemiological threshold parameters that characterize disease transmission and prevalence in the presence and in the absence of the disease. In the presence of the disease, we show that there exist parameter spaces in which the model exhibits Hopf and backward bifurcations and compare the effects of two different birth rate functions on the dynamical behavior of the model.

The Chapter is organized as follows: In Section 5.2, we study the model in the absence of the disease. We calculate the equilibrium solutions of the disease-free model in Section 5.2.1, study the stability of these equilibria in Section 5.2.2, and present simulation results in Section 5.2.3. In Section 5.3, we analyze the full disease model. We compute a new basic reproduction number for malaria in Section 5.3.1, compute the equilibria of the disease model and explore their stability properties in Sections 5.3.2 and 5.3.3, respectively, and present simulation results to the disease model in Section 5.3.4. We investigate the existence of a backward bifurcation in Section 5.4 and the effects of birth rate functions on the dynamics of the disease model in Section 5.5. We end the Chapter with a conclusion in Section 5.6.

5.2 Model in the Absence of the Malaria Disease

To be able to quantify the effect of the disease in the population, we first study the dynamics of the model in the absence of the disease. In the absence of the malaria disease, $I = 0, u_i = 0, v_i = 0, w_i = 0$ and system (4.35) reduces to the following three-variable system that models the population dynamics of the malaria vector:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u}_s &= w_s - u_s, \\ \dot{v}_s &= \alpha\lambda_0 u_s(1 - u_s) + \alpha u_s - \rho v_s, \\ \dot{w}_s &= \gamma(v_s - w_s).\end{aligned}\tag{5.1}$$

We highlight important results on the existence and stability of equilibria of system 5.1.

5.2.1 Existence of Realistic Equilibrium Solutions

Theorem 5.2.1. *There exists a threshold parameter, $\mathcal{R}^* = \alpha\lambda_0/(\rho - \alpha)$ such that when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$, system (5.1) has a unique equilibrium solution, the trivial equilibrium solution, and when $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, a non-trivial equilibrium solution coexists with the trivial equilibrium solution.*

Proof. By setting the left-hand sides of system (5.1) to zero and solving the ensuing system of algebraic equations simultaneously, we obtain the following two equilibrium solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}E_0 &= (u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*) = (0, 0, 0), \\ E_1 &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*}, 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*}, 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*}\right),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}^* = \alpha\lambda_0/(\rho - \alpha)\tag{5.2}$$

is a threshold parameter directly linked to the demography of the vector. A realistic positive non-zero steady E_1 exists when $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$. When $\mathcal{R}^* = 1$, E_1 reduces to the trivial equilibrium E_0 and when $\mathcal{R}^* < 1$, E_1 does not exist. ■

5.2.2 Stability of Equilibrium Solutions

Theorem 5.2.2. *In the absence of the malaria disease, there exists a threshold parameter $\mathcal{R}^*$ satisfying equation (5.2) such that*

1. If $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$, there exists a unique equilibrium E_0 , which is stable to small perturbations.
2. If $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, there are two equilibrium solutions, the trivial equilibrium E_0 , which is linearly unstable to small perturbations, and a realistic non-trivial equilibrium E_1 , whose stability is determined by the relationship between $\lambda_0(\gamma)$ and its critical value

$$\lambda_0^c(\gamma_c) = \frac{(\gamma + \rho + 1)(\gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho) + \gamma(\rho - \alpha)}{\alpha\gamma}, \quad (5.3)$$

or

$$\zeta = \frac{P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)}{QR}, \quad (5.4)$$

and its critical value $\zeta_c = 1$.

- (a) The non-trivial equilibrium E_1 is linearly stable to small perturbations when the coefficients of the characteristic equation (5.9) satisfy $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) > 0$, which is equivalent to $0 < \lambda_0 < \lambda_0^c$ or $0 < \zeta < 1$.
- (b) The non-trivial equilibrium E_1 is linearly unstable to small perturbations when the coefficients of the characteristic equation (5.9) satisfy $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) < 0$, which is equivalent to $\lambda_0 > \lambda_0^c$ or $\zeta > 1$.
- (c) When $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) = 0$, which is equivalent to $0 < \lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c$ or $0 < \zeta = \zeta_c = 1$, the characteristic equation (5.9) admits three roots: a real and negative root $\lambda = -Q$ and a pair of purely imaginary roots $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{R}i$, indicating that there is a parameter space where a Hopf bifurcation occurs.

Proof. The proof of the existence portion of this Theorem was already established in Theorem 5.2.1. Hence, we focus on the proof of stability here. To establish the stability of equilibrium solutions, we perturb system (5.1) about the equilibrium solution (u^*, v^*, w^*) by setting $u_s = u + u^*$, $v_s = v + v^*$ and $w_s = w + w^*$ where $|u| \ll 1$, $|v| \ll 1$ and $|w| \ll 1$. Expanding the resulting system in a Taylor series about (u^*, v^*, w^*) and retaining only linear terms in u, v and w gives rise to the following linear system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \alpha(\lambda_0 + 1) - 2\alpha\lambda_0 u^* & -\rho & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}}_{J(u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*)} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix},$$

where $J(u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*)$ is the Jacobian matrix of the system evaluated at the equilibrium point (u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*) . At each of the equilibrium solutions, we seek solutions to the linear system of the form $\vec{X} = \vec{X}_0 e^{\lambda t}$, where $\vec{X} = (u, v, w)^T$, $\vec{X}_0 = (u_0, v_0, w_0)^T$ is a non-zero vector of constants, and λ is an eigenvalue that measures the growth or decay rate of solutions to the linearized system. This gives rise to the linear system of algebraic equations $(J - \lambda I)\vec{X}_0 = \vec{0}$, which has non-zero solutions when

$$|J - \lambda I| = 0. \quad (5.5)$$

Now, at the trivial equilibrium point E_0 ,

$$J(0, 0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \alpha(\lambda_0 + 1) & -\rho & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of $J(0, 0, 0)$ are computed from the characteristic polynomial equation

$$\lambda^3 + (\gamma + \rho + 1)\lambda^2 + (\gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho)\lambda + \gamma\rho - \alpha\gamma(\lambda_0 + 1) = 0, \quad (5.6)$$

which is obtained by expanding the equation (5.5). Equation (5.6) can be rewritten as

$$\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + P(1 - \mathcal{R}^*) = 0, \quad (5.7)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \gamma + \rho + 1 > 0 \\ R &= \gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho > 0, \\ P &= \gamma(\rho - \alpha) > 0, \text{ since } \rho > \alpha, \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

and $\mathcal{R}^*$ is as defined in equation (5.2). Using Descartes' rule of signs and the Routh-Hurwitz conditions, we determine the following stability properties for the trivial equilibrium solution:

1. If $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$, there is no sign change in the sequence of coefficients of equation (5.7) indicating that there is no positive real value of λ . Now, by the Routh-Hurwitz condition all roots of the characteristic equation (5.7) will have negative real parts since $Q > 0$, $R > 0$ and $P(1 - \mathcal{R}^*) > 0$ when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$. Furthermore, $QR - P(1 - \mathcal{R}^*) = (\gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho + 1)(\gamma + \rho) + \gamma\rho\mathcal{R}^* + \gamma\alpha(1 - \mathcal{R}^*) = (\gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho + 1)(\gamma + \rho) + \gamma\alpha + \gamma(\rho - \alpha)\mathcal{R}^* > 0$ for all parameters in the parameter space Ω . Hence, when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$, the trivial equilibrium is linearly stable, and it is the only existing equilibrium solution.
2. If $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, the constant term in equation (5.7) is negative and there is exactly one sign change in the sequence of coefficients. This indicates that equation (5.7) can have at most one positive real value of λ . We easily verify that the Routh-Hurwitz conditions fail and thus the trivial equilibrium E_0 is linearly unstable to small perturbations whenever $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$.

Next, we examine the linear stability of the non-trivial equilibrium solution, $E_1 = (u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*)$. The Jacobian matrix evaluated at this equilibrium solution is

$$J(u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2\rho - \alpha(\lambda_0 + 1) & -\rho & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & -\gamma \end{pmatrix},$$

and the eigenvalues of J are given by the following characteristic polynomial equation:

$$\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) = 0, \quad (5.9)$$

where $Q > 0$, $R > 0$, $P > 0$ are defined in (5.8). Since $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, $P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) > 0$.

- (a) By the Routh-Hurwitz necessary and sufficient conditions, all solutions of equation (5.9) have negative real parts if $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) > 0$. That is, if $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0^c$ or $0 < \zeta < 1$. This establishes the linear stability of the non-trivial equilibrium, E_1 .
- (b) For a parameter space where $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) < 0$, that is, $\lambda > \lambda_0^c$ or $\zeta > 1$, the Routh-Hurwitz criterion fails and so a pair of complex eigenvalues have positive real parts. This indicates that the nontrivial equilibrium solution E_1 is linearly unstable to small perturbations when $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) < 0$ or $\lambda_0 > \lambda_0^c$. That is,

E_1 loses stability at $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) = 0$ or at $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c$, and the instability is accompanied by the emergence of periodic solutions.

- (c) If $QR = P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)$, equation (5.9) has a pair of purely imaginary roots. In fact, if $QR = P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)$, which is equivalent to $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c$ or $\zeta = \zeta_c = 1$, equation (5.9) can be rewritten as

$$\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + QR = 0,$$

which factors to $(\lambda + P)(\lambda^2 + Q) = 0$ and thus admits three roots: a real and negative root $\lambda = -Q$ and a pair of purely imaginary roots $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{R}i$, indicating that there is a parameter space where a Hopf bifurcation occurs when $QR = P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)$. To confirm the occurrence of a Hopf bifurcation at $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c$ or $\zeta = \zeta_c = 1$, and to further explore the nature of the instability that arises when $\lambda_0 > \lambda_0^c$ or $\zeta > \zeta_c = 1$, we assume that the eigenvalue λ depends continuously on ζ . That is, $\lambda = \lambda(\zeta)$. Note that equation (5.9) can be rewritten as

$$\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + \zeta QR = 0. \quad (5.10)$$

We perturb ζ about ζ_c by setting $\zeta = \zeta_c + \varrho^2\nu$ where $|\varrho| \ll 1$ and $\nu = \pm 1$. This yields $\lambda(\zeta) = \lambda(\zeta_c + \varrho^2\nu)$. Expanding λ in a Taylor series about ζ_c and keeping linear terms in $\varrho^2\nu$ only, we obtain

$$\lambda(\zeta) = \lambda(\zeta_c) + \lambda'(\zeta_c)\varrho^2\nu, \quad (5.11)$$

where the prime denotes differentiation with respect to ζ . Differentiating (5.10) implicitly with respect to ζ and solving for λ' gives

$$\lambda'(\zeta) = -\frac{QR}{3\lambda(\zeta)^2 + 2Q\lambda(\zeta) + R}.$$

Now, at $\zeta = \zeta_c$, $\lambda(\zeta_c) = \pm\sqrt{R}i$. Evaluating λ' at ζ_c yields

$$\lambda'(\zeta_c) = \frac{QR}{2(Q^2 + R)} \pm i\frac{Q^2\sqrt{R}}{2(Q^2 + R)}.$$

Clearly, $Re\lambda(\zeta_c) = 0$ and $Re\lambda'(\zeta_c) = \frac{QR}{2(Q^2 + R)} > 0$. Next, from equation (5.11),

$$\lambda(\zeta) = \lambda(\zeta_c) + \lambda'(\zeta_c)\varrho^2\nu = \frac{QR}{2(Q^2 + R)}\varrho^2\nu \pm i\sqrt{R}\left(1 + \frac{Q^2\sqrt{R}}{2(Q^2 + R)}\varrho^2\nu\right).$$

We have therefore demonstrated that for $0 < \zeta < 1$, all solutions of (5.1) have negative real parts. At $\zeta = \zeta_c = 1$, a purely imaginary pair of eigenvalues arises, and for $\zeta > 1$, the real parts of the imaginary eigenvalues become positive. Thus, as ζ traverses $\zeta_c = 1$, stable solutions of system (5.1) become unstable. Associated with this loss of stability is the emergence of periodic oscillations with initial period and amplitude approximately given by

$$\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{R} \left(1 + \frac{Q^2 \sqrt{R}}{2(Q^2 + R)} \varrho \nu\right)} \text{ and } \exp \left(\frac{QR}{2(Q^2 + R)} \varrho^2 \nu \tau \right), \text{ respectively, where } \varrho = \sqrt{\frac{|\zeta - \zeta_c|}{|\nu|}}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 5.2.2. ■

Remark 5.2.3. *Instability of E_0 is reasonable from a physical stand point and rules out any possibility of easily eradicating the mosquito population permanently whenever $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$.*

Remark 5.2.4. *Note that if in the absence of the malaria disease, S_u , S_v and S_w are scaled by $S_u^0 = u^*$, $S_v^0 = v^*$, $S_w^0 = w^*$, where u^*, v^*, w^* are the equilibrium solutions of the disease-free model, the associated dimensionless system will have a trivial equilibrium solution $(0, 0, 0)$ and a non-trivial equilibrium solution $(1, 1, 1)$. This will lead to the equivalent reparameterization of the reduced model (5.1) as studied in [1].*

5.2.3 Numerical Simulations of the Disease-free Model

As demonstrated in Sections 5.2.1 and 5.2.2, in the absence of the disease, system (5.1) can exhibit either one or two equilibrium solutions depending on whether $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$ or $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$. We also showed that when $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, the equilibrium solution E_1 is asymptotically stable if $\lambda_0 < \lambda_0^c$, and unstable with the emergence of period oscillations if $\lambda_0 > \lambda_0^c$. We now present numerical simulations to further confirm these results. Here, we use the parameter regime $\alpha = 0.4636, \gamma = 0.7849, 0.01 \leq \lambda_0 \leq 16$, and $\rho = 0.6182$ (see Table 5.2 for details) and a fourth-order Runge Kutta method with variable step size to simulate system (5.1) for 10,000 time steps. Time series plots depicting stable solutions are shown in Fig. 5.1, while a time series and a phase plot depicting periodic oscillatory solutions are shown in Fig. 5.2. A bifurcation diagram illustrating the switch from a stable trivial equilibrium solution that exists when $0 < \lambda_0 \leq 0.33$ or $0 < \mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$ to a stable non-trivial equilibrium solution that

exists when $0.33 \leq \lambda_0 < \lambda_0^c = 12.79$ or $1 < \mathcal{R}^* < 38.37$, and then to periodic solutions when $\lambda_0 > \lambda_0^c = 12.79$ or $\mathcal{R}^* > 38.37$ is presented in Fig. 5.4. Notice that a Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c = 12.79$ or $\mathcal{R}^* = 38.37$. Here, we plot the maximum and minimum values of u_s against λ_0 and $\mathcal{R}^*$. Analogous plots can be obtained for v_s and w_s .

5.1.1. Solution for the first 50 time steps.

5.1.2. Solution for the first 1,000 time steps.

Figure 5.1. Solutions of the disease-free model (5.1). The system converges to the stable non-trivial equilibrium solution $E_1 = (u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*) = (0.9667, 0.9667, 0.9667)$ for $\alpha = 0.4636, \gamma = 0.7849, \lambda_0 = 10$, and $\rho = 0.6182$. Note that $\mathcal{R}^* = 30$.

5.2.1. Time series showing periodic oscillations.

5.2.2. Phase plot showing the limit cycle.

Figure 5.2. Time series and phase plot of system (5.1) for $\alpha = 0.4636, \gamma = 0.7849, \lambda_0 = 13$, and $\rho = 0.6182$ showing periodic oscillations.

Figure 5.3. Plot of the total mosquito population showing sustained bounded oscillations.

5.4.1. Maximum and minimum values of u_s against λ_0 .

5.4.2. Maximum and minimum values of u_s against $\mathcal{R}^*$.

Figure 5.4. Bifurcation diagrams showing the transition from a stable trivial equilibrium for $0 < \lambda_0 \leq 0.33$ ($0 < \mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$) to a stable non-trivial equilibrium for $0.33 \leq \lambda_0 < 12.79$ ($1 < \mathcal{R}^* < 38.37$), and then to periodic solutions for $\lambda_0 > 12.79$ ($\mathcal{R}^* > 38.37$). A Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\lambda_0 = 12.79$ ($\mathcal{R}^* = 38.37$).

Figure 5.5. Bifurcation diagram illustrating the transition from a stable equilibrium solution to bounded periodic oscillations through a Hopf bifurcation and then back to a stable equilibrium solution through a second Hopf bifurcation as the parameter γ is increased from 0 to 3.5.

5.3 Model Analysis in the Presence of the Disease

5.3.1 A Discussion on the Basic Reproduction Number, R_0

A threshold parameter that is of essential importance to infectious disease transmission is the basic reproduction number denoted by R_0 . R_0 measures the average number of secondary clinical cases of infection generated in an absolutely susceptible population by a single infectious individual throughout the period within which the individual is infectious [2–7]. Generally, the disease disappears from the community if $R_0 < 1$ and may establish itself if $R_0 > 1$. Thus, R_0 serves as a direct quantitative measure of the intervention effort needed to eradicate the disease. Disease pathogens strive to maximize R_0 . The dynamics of some diseases exhibit backward bifurcation involving the existence of two endemic equilibria when $R_0 < 1$. In such diseases, simply reducing R_0 below unity may not be enough for disease elimination. The critical case $R_0 = 1$ represents the situation in which the disease reproduces itself thereby leaving the community with a similar number of infection cases at any time. The definition of R_0 specifically requires that initially everybody but the infectious individual in the population be susceptible. Thus, this definition breaks down within a population in which some of the individuals are already infected or immune to the disease under consideration. In such a case, the notion of reproduction number $\mathfrak{R}$ becomes useful. Unlike R_0 which is fixed, $\mathfrak{R}$ may vary considerably with disease progression. However, $\mathfrak{R}$ is bounded from above by R_0 and it is computed at different points depending on the number of infected or immune cases in the population.

One way of calculating R_0 is to determine a threshold condition for which endemic equilibrium solutions to the system under study exists or for which the disease-free equilibrium is unstable. Another method is the next generation matrix approach, where R_0 is the spectral radius of the next generation matrix [2]. Smith et al. [8] applied a novel approach to compute R_0 for malaria within 121 African populations. They illustrated that $1 \leq R_0 \leq 3000$. Large values for R_0 indicate that it may be impossible to eradicate malaria.

Using the next generation matrix approach, we identify all state variables for the infection, I_h, I_u, I_v and I_w , and their corresponding equations to be:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{I}_h &= \beta_h S_h I_w - (\mu_h + r_h) I_h, \\
\dot{I}_u &= p_1 \beta_h N_h I_w + q \beta_v I_h S_w - (a_v + \mu_v) I_u, \\
\dot{I}_v &= a_v I_u - (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) I_v, \\
\dot{I}_w &= \alpha_v(N_h) I_v - (\mu_v + \beta_h N_h) I_w.
\end{aligned}$$

We then identify terms representing new infections from the above equations and rewrite the system as the difference of two vectors $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ where $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}$ consists of all new infections and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ consists of the remaining terms or transitions between states. That is, we set $\dot{I}_i = \tilde{\mathfrak{F}} - \tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ where the subscript $i = (h, u, v, w)$. This gives rise to

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{F}} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_h S_h I_w \\ q \beta_v I_h S_w \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathcal{V}} = \begin{pmatrix} (\mu_h + r_h) I_h \\ -p_1 \beta_h N_h I_w + (a_v + \mu_v) I_u \\ -a_v I_u + (\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h)) I_v \\ -\alpha_v(N_h) I_v + (\mu_v + \beta_h N_h) I_w \end{pmatrix}.$$

Evaluating $\frac{d\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}{dI_i}$ and $\frac{d\tilde{\mathcal{V}}}{dI_i}$, where $i = (h, u, v, w)$ at the disease-free equilibrium, $(0, S_u^*, S_v^*, S_w^*, 0, 0, 0)$ gives

$$\mathfrak{F} = \frac{d\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}{dI_i} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta_h N_h \\ q \beta_v S_w^* & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\mathcal{V} = \frac{d\tilde{\mathcal{V}}}{dI_i} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_h + r_h & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_v + \mu_v & 0 & -p_1 \beta_h N_h \\ 0 & -a_v & \mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\alpha_v(N_h) & \mu_v + \beta_h N_h \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that $\mathfrak{F}$ and $\mathcal{V}$ are the rates of new infections and the transitions near the disease-free equilibrium, respectively. Next, we compute $\mathcal{V}^{-1}$:

$$\mathcal{V}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\mu_h + r_h} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{B_2 B_3}{B_0} & \frac{p_1 \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_h N_h}{B_0} & \frac{p_1 \beta_h B_2 N_h}{B_0} \\ 0 & \frac{a_v B_3}{B_0} & \frac{B_1 B_3}{B_0} & \frac{p_1 a_v \beta_h N_h}{B_0} \\ 0 & \frac{a_v \alpha_v(N_h)}{B_0} & \frac{\alpha_v(N_h) B_1}{B_0} & \frac{B_1 B_2}{B_0} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= B_1 B_2 B_3 - p_1 a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_h N_h, \\ B_1 &= a_v + \mu_v, \\ B_2 &= \mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h), \\ B_3 &= \mu_v + \beta_h N_h. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $B_0 > 0$ since $0 < p_1 < 1$. This still holds even if we set $p_1 = 1$. Also note that $\mathcal{V}^{-1}$ is proportional to the amount of time spent in each class. We find $\mathfrak{F}\mathcal{V}^{-1}$, the total rate at which new infections arise in the population within the entire duration of the infection:

$$\mathfrak{F}\mathcal{V}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_h N_h}{B_0} & \frac{\alpha_v(N_h) \beta_h B_1 N_h}{B_0} & \frac{\beta_h B_1 B_2 N_h}{B_0} \\ \frac{q \beta_v S_w^*}{\mu_h + r_h} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We can then calculate R_0 to be the largest eigenvalue of the next generation Matrix $\mathcal{M} = \mathfrak{F}\mathcal{V}^{-1}$. Since the eigenvalues of $\mathcal{M} = \mathfrak{F}\mathcal{V}^{-1}$ are

$$\begin{aligned} & -\sqrt{\frac{q a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_v \beta_h N_h S_w^*}{(\mu_h + r_h)(B_0)}}, 0, 0, \sqrt{\frac{q a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_v \beta_h N_h S_w^*}{(\mu_h + r_h)(B_0)}}, \\ \tilde{R}_0 &= \max \left(-\sqrt{\frac{q a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_v \beta_h N_h S_w^*}{\mathcal{B}(\mu_h + r_h)}}, 0, 0, \sqrt{\frac{q a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_v \beta_h N_h S_w^*}{\mathcal{B}(\mu_h + r_h)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{qa_v\alpha_v(N_h)\beta_v\beta_hN_hS_w^*}{\mathcal{B}(\mu_h + r_h)}},$$

where

$$\mathcal{B} = \mu_v \left(a_v\alpha_v(N_h) \left(1 + \frac{(1-p_1)\beta_hN_h}{\mu_v} \right) + (\mu_v + \beta_hN_h)(a_v + \alpha_v(N_h) + \mu_v) \right).$$

Similar calculations can be carried out for the scaled model (4.35). In dimensionless parameters, $\tilde{R}_0$ takes the form

$$\tilde{R}_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\beta\sigma w_s^*}{\mu(1-\delta)}} = \sqrt{\frac{\beta\sigma(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)}{\mu(1-\delta)\mathcal{R}^*}}. \quad (5.12)$$

However, since $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$, if $\tilde{R}_0 \leq 1$, then $\tilde{R}_0^2 \leq 1$ and if $\tilde{R}_0 > 1$, $\tilde{R}_0^2 > 1$, we use the values $R_0 = \tilde{R}_0^2$ which coincides with the value of the basic reproduction number obtained by seeking conditions for the existence of an endemic equilibrium or instability of the disease-free equilibrium. That is,

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta\sigma(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)}{\mu(1-\delta)\mathcal{R}^*} \quad (5.13)$$

for the scaled model and

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta_v\beta_hN_hS_w^*}{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)} \cdot q \cdot \frac{a_v\alpha_v(N_h)}{a_v\alpha_v(N_h) \left(1 + \frac{(1-p_1)\beta_hN_h}{\mu_v} \right) + (\mu_v + \beta_hN_h)(a_v + \alpha_v(N_h) + \mu_v)} \quad (5.14)$$

for the unscaled model. Note that since

$$0 < q < 1 \text{ and } 0 < \frac{a_v\alpha_v(N_h)}{a_v\alpha_v(N_h) \left(1 + \frac{(1-p_1)\beta_hN_h}{\mu_v} \right) + (\mu_v + \beta_hN_h)(a_v + \alpha_v(N_h) + \mu_v)} < 1,$$

it is evident that $R_0 < \frac{\beta_v\beta_hN_hS_w^*}{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)}$.

5.3.2 Existence of Equilibria

Theorem 5.3.1. *In the presence of the disease, there exists a non-disease threshold parameter $\mathcal{R}^*$ given by (5.2) and a disease threshold parameter R_0 given by (5.13) which exists when $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, such that*

1. When $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$, system (4.35) has a unique equilibrium, the trivial equilibrium E_0 .
2. When $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, system (4.35) also has a non-trivial disease-free equilibrium E_{dfe} .
3. In addition to the threshold parameters $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 , there exist parameter groupings

$$A_1 = 1 - \frac{\beta \rho u_s^*}{\alpha \mu \lambda_0} \text{ and } A_2 = u_s^{*2}(R_0 - 1), \quad (5.15)$$

where u_s^* is the equilibrium value of u_s such that system (4.35) has

- (a) two endemic equilibrium solutions when $R_0 < 1$, $A_1 > 0$, and $A_1^2 > 4A_2$,
- (b) a single endemic equilibrium solution when $R_0 > 1$, $A_1 > 0$, and $A_1^2 > 4A_2$,
- (c) a single endemic equilibrium solution when $R_0 > 1$, $A_1 < 0$ and $A_1^2 > 4A_2$,
- (d) a single endemic equilibrium solution when $R_0 > 1$, $A_1 = 0$, and $A_1^2 > 4A_2$,
- (e) a single endemic equilibrium solution when $R_0 = 1$, $A_1 > 0$, and $A_1^2 > 4A_2$,
- (f) a single endemic equilibrium solution when $R_0 < 1$, $A_1 > 0$ and $A_1^2 = 4A_2$.

Proof. We compute the equilibrium solutions of system (4.35) by setting the left-hand sides of the system to zero and solving the resulting system of algebraic equations. This gives rise to the following equilibrium solutions:

$$E_0 = (I_0^*, u_{s0}^*, v_{s0}^*, w_{s0}^*, u_{i0}^*, v_{i0}^*, w_{i0}^*) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), \quad (5.16)$$

a disease-free equilibrium,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{dfe} &= (I^*(\mathcal{R}^*), u^*(\mathcal{R}^*), v^*(\mathcal{R}^*), w^*(\mathcal{R}^*), u^*(\mathcal{R}^*), v^*(\mathcal{R}^*), w^*(\mathcal{R}^*)) \\ &= \left(0, 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*}, 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*}, 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*}, 0, 0, 0\right), \end{aligned} \quad (5.17)$$

where $\mathcal{R}^*$ is a disease-free threshold parameter as defined in (5.2). Additionally, there is an endemic equilibrium

$$E_e = (I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*) = (I^*(w_i^*), u_s^*, w_s(w_i^*), w_s(w_i^*), w_i^*, w_i^*, w_i^*), \quad (5.18)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I^*(w_i^*) &= \frac{\beta w_i^*}{\beta w_i^* + \mu}, \quad u_s^* = \frac{\mu(1 - \delta)}{\beta \sigma}, \\ v_s^*(w_i^*) &= w_s^*(w_i^*) = \frac{(1 - \delta)\beta w_i^* + \beta \sigma u_s^*}{\beta \sigma} = u_s^* + \frac{\beta u_s^*}{\mu} w_i^*, \\ u_i^* &= v_i^* = w_i^*, \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

and w_i^* is the positive solution of the quadratic equation

$$w_i^{*2} - A_1 w_i^* - A_2 = 0, \quad (5.20)$$

where A_1 and A_2 are given by (5.15) and R_0 is given by (5.13). Solving the quadratic equation (5.20) for positive values of w_i^* yields the following two solutions:

$$w_{i1,2}^* = \frac{A_1 \pm \sqrt{A_1^2 + 4A_2}}{2}.$$

That is,

$$w_{i1,2}^* = \frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta)) \pm \sqrt{(\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta)))^2 + (2\alpha\lambda_0\mu(1 - \delta))^2(R_0 - 1)}}{2\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma}. \quad (5.21)$$

1. It is clear from (5.16) and (5.17) that when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$, $E_0 = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ is the only equilibrium solution of system (4.35).
2. From (5.17), E_{dfe} exists and is nontrivial when $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$.
3. With the values of w_i^* given by equation (5.21), we can write the various realistic endemic equilibria in closed form. However, the existence of these realistic equilibrium solutions are governed by the signs of A_1 , A_2 and Δ , where

$$\Delta = A_1^2 + 4A_2 = \frac{(\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta)))^2 + (2\alpha\lambda_0\mu(1 - \delta))^2(R_0 - 1)}{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2}. \quad (5.22)$$

The following are worth noting:

- $A_2 > 0$ when $R_0 > 1$, $A_2 < 0$ when $R_0 < 1$, and $A_2 = 0$ when $R_0 = 1$; thus, a dependence on R_0 ;
- $A_1 > 0$ when $\lambda_0 > \frac{\rho(1 - \delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$, $A_1 < 0$ when $\lambda_0 < \frac{\rho(1 - \delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$, and $A_1 = 0$ when $\lambda_0 = \frac{\rho(1 - \delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$, where $\sigma = q/p$ is the ratio of the probability that a susceptible questing mosquito feeds on an infectious human to the probability that a susceptible questing mosquito feeds on a susceptible human; thus, A_1 depends on λ_0 .

A detailed analysis of equation (5.21) yields the following non-negative, non-trivial realistic endemic equilibrium solutions in closed form:

- (a) When $A_2 < 0$ or $R_0 < 1$ and $A_1 > 0$ or $\lambda_0 > \frac{\rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$ and $\Delta > 0$, we have the following two realistic endemic equilibria:

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{1,2}^* &= \frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) \pm \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}{2\alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma + \beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) \pm \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}, \\
u_{s1,2}^* &= \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}, \\
v_{s1,2}^* &= w_{s1,2}^* = (1-\delta) \frac{2\alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma + \beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) \pm \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}{2\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma^2}, \\
u_{i1,2}^* &= v_{i1,2}^* = w_{i1,2}^* = \frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) \pm \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}{2\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.23}$$

- (b) When $A_2 > 0$ or $R_0 > 1$ and $A_1 > 0$ or $\lambda_0 > \frac{\rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$ and $\Delta > 0$, the unique endemic steady state is

$$\begin{aligned}
I^* &= \frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) + \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}{2\alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma + \beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) + \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}, \\
u_s^* &= \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}, \\
v_s^* &= w_s^* = (1-\delta) \frac{2\alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma + \beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) + \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}{2\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma^2}, \\
u_i^* &= v_i^* = w_i^* = \frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) + \sqrt{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2\Delta}}{2\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.24}$$

- (c) When $A_2 > 0$ or $R_0 > 1$ and $A_1 < 0$ or $\lambda_0 < \frac{\rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$ and $\Delta > 0$, the only realistic equilibrium has the same representation as in equation (5.24) above. However, since A_1 is positive in (5.24) while here, $A_1 < 0$, that is, $\alpha\sigma\lambda_0 - \rho(1-\delta) < 0$, the two equilibrium values will differ numerically.

- (d) When $A_2 > 0$ or $R_0 > 1$ and $A_1 = 0$ or $\lambda_0 = \frac{\rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$ and $\Delta > 0$, we have $w_i^* = \frac{\mu(1-\delta)(\sqrt{R_0-1})}{\beta\sigma}$ and the corresponding equilibrium solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
I^* &= \frac{(1-\delta)\sqrt{R_0-1}}{\sigma + (1-\delta)\sqrt{R_0-1}}, \\
u_s^* &= \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}, \\
v_s^* &= w_s^* = \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma} \left(1 + \frac{(1-\delta)(\sqrt{R_0-1})}{\sigma} \right), \\
u_i^* &= v_i^* = w_i^* = \frac{\mu(1-\delta)(\sqrt{R_0-1})}{\beta\sigma}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.25}$$

(e) When $A_2 = 0$ or $R_0 = 1$ and $A_1 > 0$ or $\lambda_0 > \frac{\rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$ and $\Delta > 0$, we have $w_i^* = A_1 = \frac{\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\lambda_0\sigma}$ and the corresponding equilibrium solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
I^* &= \frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta))}{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) + \alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma}, \\
u_s^* &= \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}, \\
v_s^* &= w_s^* = (1-\delta) \frac{\alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma + \beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta))}{\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma^2}, \\
u_i^* &= v_i^* = w_i^* = \frac{\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\lambda_0\sigma}.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.26}$$

(f) When $A_2 < 0$ or $R_0 < 1$, $A_1 > 0$ or $\lambda_0 > \frac{\rho(1-\delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$ and $\Delta = 0$, we have $w_i^* = \frac{A_1}{2} = \frac{\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)}{2\alpha\lambda_0\sigma}$, and the corresponding equilibrium solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
I^* &= \frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta))}{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1-\delta)) + 2\alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma}, \\
u_s^* &= \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma},
\end{aligned}$$

$$v_s^* = w_s^* = (1 - \delta) \frac{2\alpha\lambda_0\mu\sigma + \beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta))}{2\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma^2}, \quad (5.27)$$

$$u_i^* = v_i^* = w_i^* = \frac{\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta)}{2\alpha\lambda_0\sigma}.$$

This concludes the proof of the Theorem. ■

Various conditions for the existence of realistic equilibrium solutions and the number of equilibriums as outlined in Theorem 5.3.1 are summarized in Table 5.1 and illustrated in Fig. 5.6. As indicated both in Table 5.1 and illustrated in Fig. 5.6, it is possible to have realistic solutions even when $A_1 < 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_0 < \frac{\rho(1 - \delta)}{\alpha\sigma}$. Additionally, there is a bifurcation point in the model, when the number of realistic endemic equilibrium solutions switch from zero to one to two equilibria. The fact that, for $A_2 < 0$ when $R_0 < 1$, there are two non-trivial endemic equilibria is a prerequisite for the occurrence of backward bifurcation.

Table 5.1. Summary of conditions for the existence of realistic equilibrium solutions and the number of realistic equilibrium solutions.

A_2	A_1	Δ	Number of realistic equilibria	Region
$A_2 > 0$ $(R_0 > 1)$	$A_1 < 0$	$\Delta > 0$	One realistic equilibrium with $w_{i1}^* = \frac{A_1 + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$ ($\sqrt{\Delta} > A_1 $)	(I)
	$A_1 = 0$	$\Delta > 0$	One realistic equilibrium with $w_{i1}^* = \sqrt{A_2}$	(II)
	$A_1 > 0$	$\Delta > 0$	One realistic equilibrium with $w_{i1}^* = \frac{A_1 + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$ ($\sqrt{\Delta} > A_1$)	(III)
$A_2 = 0$ $(R_0 = 1)$	$A_1 > 0$	$\Delta > 0$	One realistic equilibrium with $w_{i1}^* = A_1$	(IV)
$A_2 < 0$ $(R_0 < 1)$	$A_1 > 0$	$\Delta > 0$	Two realistic equilibria with $w_{i1,2}^* = \frac{A_1 \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$ ($\sqrt{\Delta} < A_1$)	(V)
	$A_1 > 0$	$\Delta = 0$	One realistic equilibrium with $w_i^* = A_1/2$	(VI)
	$A_1 > 0$	$\Delta < 0$	No realistic equilibrium	(VII)
	$A_1 = 0$	$\Delta < 0$	No realistic equilibrium	(VIII)
	$A_1 < 0$	$\Delta = 0$	No realistic equilibrium	(IX)
	$A_1 < 0$	$\Delta < 0$	No realistic equilibrium	(X)
	$A_1 < 0$	$\Delta > 0$	No realistic equilibrium	(XI)
$A_2 = 0$ $(R_0 = 1)$	$A_1 > 0$	$\Delta > 0$	One realistic equilibrium with $w_{i1}^* = A_1$	(XII)

Figure 5.6. A diagram showing various regions in the A_1 - A_2 plane within which zero, one or two endemic equilibrium solutions exist. $\Delta = A_1^2 + 4A_2$. Endemic equilibrium solutions exist on the solid magenta line, light green line and dark green curve within the graph, while there are no endemic equilibrium solutions on the dashed lines. Endemic equilibrium solutions also exist in the first quadrant, the second quadrant and the upper part of the fourth quadrant (above or to the right of the curve $\Delta = 0$).

5.3.3 Stability of Equilibria

To investigate the linear stability of the equilibrium solutions to system (4.35), we begin by linearizing the system about the equilibrium point $(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*)$. To this effect, we set $\vec{X} = \vec{X}^* + \vec{x}$, where $\vec{X} = (I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i)^T$, $\vec{X}^* = (I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*)^T$, $\vec{x} = (I_1, u, v, w, x, y, z)^T$, $|I_1| \ll 1$, $|u| \ll 1$, $|v| \ll 1$, $|w| \ll 1$, $|x| \ll 1$, $|y| \ll 1$, and $|z| \ll 1$ in system (4.35), and expand the resulting system in a Taylor series about $(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*)$. This leads to the following linearized system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{I}_1, \dot{u}, \dot{v}, \dot{w}, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z} \end{pmatrix}^T = J(I_1, u, v, w, x, y, z)^T,$$

where

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -(\beta w_i^* + \mu) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta(1 - I^*) \\ -w_s^* & -1 & 0 & 1 - I^* & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha & -\rho & 0 & \alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_i^*) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sigma w_s^* & 0 & 0 & \sigma I^* & -1 & 0 & \delta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \rho & -\rho & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & -\epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Jacobian matrix of the linearized system evaluated at $(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*)$.

5.3.3.1 Stability of the Trivial Equilibrium

Theorem 5.3.2. *The trivial equilibrium solution E_0 is linearly and asymptotically stable when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$ and linearly unstable otherwise.*

Proof. The Jacobian matrix evaluated at the trivial equilibrium, $E_0 = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ is

$$J(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha(\lambda_0 + 1) & -\rho & 0 & \alpha\lambda_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \delta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \rho & -\rho & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & -\epsilon \end{pmatrix}.$$

We seek solutions of the form $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 e^{\lambda t}$, where λ is an eigenvalue of J and $\vec{x}_0$ is a vector of constants. This gives the following characteristic equation:

$$(\lambda + \mu)[\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + P(1 - \mathcal{R}^*)][\lambda^3 + Q_1\lambda^2 + R_1\lambda + P_1] = 0, \quad (5.28)$$

where P, Q and R are as defined in (5.8) and

$$Q_1 = \epsilon + \rho + 1 > 0; \quad R_1 = \epsilon + \rho + \epsilon\rho > 0; \quad P_1 = \epsilon\rho(1 - \delta) > 0 \text{ since } 0 \leq \delta < 1. \quad (5.29)$$

Using Descartes' rule of signs and the Routh-Hurwitz conditions, we can easily show that the trivial equilibrium is linearly stable to small perturbations whenever $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$ and linearly unstable whenever $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$. Since the coefficients of the first cubic polynomial on the left-hand side of (5.28) are all positive and $QR - P(1 - \mathcal{R}^*) > 0$ when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$, and since all the coefficients of the second cubic polynomial on the left-hand side of equation (5.28) are all positive and $Q_1R_1 - P_1 = (\epsilon + \rho)(1 + \epsilon + \rho + \epsilon\rho) + \delta\epsilon\rho > 0$, the Routh-Hurwitz conditions assure us that all solutions of equation (5.28) have negative real parts when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$. ■

5.3.3.2 Stability of the Disease-free Equilibrium

Theorem 5.3.3. *When $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, the non-trivial disease-free equilibrium solution E_{dfc} is*

1. *linearly stable to small perturbations when $R_0 \leq 1$ and $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) > 0$,*
2. *linearly unstable to small perturbations, accompanied by the emergence of periodic oscillations, when $R_0 \leq 1$ and $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) < 0$,*
3. *linearly unstable to small perturbations when $R_0 > 1$.*

Proof. At the disease-free equilibrium, E_{dfe} given by (5.17),

$$J(E_{dfe}) = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta \\ -u_s^* & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha\lambda_0(1-2u_s^*) + \alpha & -\rho & 0 & \alpha\lambda_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sigma u_s^* & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \delta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \rho & -\rho & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & -\epsilon \end{pmatrix}.$$

We search for solutions of the linear system (5.3.3) with J evaluated at E_{dfe} in the form $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 e^{\lambda t}$, where λ is an eigenvalue of J and $\vec{x}_0$ is a vector of constants. This leads to the system $(J - \lambda I_7)\vec{x}_0$ where I_7 is the 7×7 identity matrix. Non-zero solutions exist when

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\mu - \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta \\ -u_s^* & -1 - \lambda & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha\lambda_0(1-2u_s^*) + \alpha & -\rho - \lambda & 0 & \alpha\lambda_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & -\gamma - \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sigma u_s^* & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 - \lambda & 0 & \delta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \rho & -\rho - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & -\epsilon - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

which can be rewritten as

$$[(\lambda+1)(\lambda+\gamma)(\lambda+\rho) - \gamma(\alpha\lambda_0(1-2u_s^*) + \alpha)][(\lambda+\mu)(-(\lambda+1)(\lambda+\epsilon)(\lambda+\rho) + \delta\epsilon\rho) + \beta\epsilon\rho\sigma u_s^*] = 0,$$

or the product of a cubic equation and a quartic polynomial equations as follows:

$$(\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1))(\lambda^4 + (Q_1 + \mu)\lambda^3 + (\mu Q_1 + R_1)\lambda^2 + (\mu R_1 + P_1)\lambda + P_1\mu(1 - R_0)) = 0.$$

That is,

$$\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) = 0 \quad (5.30)$$

or

$$\lambda^4 + (Q_1 + \mu)\lambda^3 + (\mu Q_1 + R_1)\lambda^2 + (\mu R_1 + P_1)\lambda + P_1\mu(1 - R_0) = 0, \quad (5.31)$$

where P, Q , and R are as defined in (5.8), P_1, Q_1 , and R_1 are as defined in (5.29), and E_{dfe} is as given in (5.17). Notice that equation (5.30) is exactly the characteristic equation (5.9) of the model in the absence of the disease. The condition $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$ is fulfilled trivially since the disease-free equilibrium only exists when $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$. As demonstrated in Theorem 5.2.2, when $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, all solutions of this equation are either negative or have negative real parts if $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) > 0$, a Hopf bifurcation occurs when $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) = 0$, and solutions with positive real parts exist if $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) < 0$. Hence, to complete the proof of the first two parts of the Theorem, all we need here is equation (5.31).

Now, when $R_0 \leq 1$, all coefficients of equation (5.31) are positive and thus by Descartes' rule of signs, there are no positive real solutions λ . Furthermore, from Lemma 5.3.4 below, the Routh-Hurwitz criterion assure us that when $R_0 \leq 1$ all the roots of equation (5.31) have negative real parts. Therefore, the non-trivial disease-free equilibrium E_{dfe} is linearly stable to small perturbations when $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) > 0$ and becomes unstable with the emergence of periodic oscillations when $QR - P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1) < 0$. The instability is via a Hopf bifurcation as shown in Theorem 5.2.2. This proves the first two parts of the Theorem.

When $R_0 > 1$, $\mu P_1(1 - R_0) < 0$ and, hence, there is one sign change in the sequence of coefficients of equation (5.31). Thus, there exist at least one positive real value of λ and so the disease-free equilibrium E_{dfe} is linearly unstable to small perturbations. This proves the third part of the Theorem and, hence, completes the proof. ■

Lemma 5.3.4. *All solutions of equation (5.31) have negative real parts when $R_0 < 1$.*

Proof. Notice that $Q_1 + \mu > 0$, $\mu R_1 + P_1 > 0$, and $\mu P_1(1 - R_0) > 0$ when $R_0 < 1$. All we need to show is that

$$(Q_1 + \mu)(\mu Q_1 + R_1)(\mu R_1 + P_1) > (\mu R_1 + P_1)^2 + (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1(1 - R_0).$$

Now, subtracting the expression on the left-hand side of the inequality from the expression on the right-hand side and simplifying yields

$$\begin{aligned} & (Q_1 + \mu)(\mu Q_1 + R_1)(\mu R_1 + P_1) - [(\mu R_1 + P_1)^2 + (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1(1 - R_0)] \\ = & (\mu R_1 + P_1)((Q_1 + \mu)\mu Q_1 + Q_1 R_1 - P_1) - (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1(1 - R_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\mu R_1 + P_1)(Q_1 R_1 - P_1) + \mu^2 R_1 (Q_1 + \mu) Q_1 + P_1 \mu Q_1 (Q_1 + \mu) \\
&\quad + (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1 R_0 - (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1 \\
&= (\mu R_1 + P_1)(Q_1 R_1 - P_1) + P_1 \mu Q_1 (Q_1 + \mu) + (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1 R_0 \\
&\quad + (Q_1 + \mu) \mu (\mu R_1 Q_1 - (Q_1 + \mu) P_1) \\
&= (\mu R_1 + P_1)(Q_1 R_1 - P_1) + P_1 \mu Q_1 (Q_1 + \mu) + (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1 R_0 \\
&\quad + (Q_1 + \mu) \mu (\mu (R_1 Q_1 - P_1) - Q_1 P_1) \\
&= (\mu R_1 + P_1)(Q_1 R_1 - P_1) + (Q_1 + \mu)^2 \mu P_1 R_0 + (Q_1 + \mu) \mu^2 (Q_1 R_1 - P_1) > 0,
\end{aligned}$$

since

$$Q_1 R_1 - P_1 = (1 + \epsilon + \rho)(\epsilon \rho + \epsilon + \rho) - \epsilon \rho(1 - \delta) = (\epsilon + \rho)(\epsilon \rho + \epsilon + \rho) + \epsilon + \rho + \epsilon \rho \delta \geq 0.$$

Hence, by the Routh-Hurwitz criterion, all solutions of equation (5.31) have negative real parts when $R_0 < 1$. ■

Remark 5.3.5. From Lemma 5.3.4, it is clear that when $R_0 < 1$, E_{dfe} is linearly and asymptotically stable to small perturbations. When $\frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma} = 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*}$ and $A_2 = 0$, $R_0 = 1$. There are no sign changes. Using the Routh-Hurwitz conditions, we can easily verify that, except for one eigenvalue which is zero, all other eigenvalues have negative real parts.

5.3.3.3 Stability of Endemic Equilibria

We illustrated in Section 5.3.2 that in the presence of malaria, system (4.35) can have zero, one or two equilibrium solutions when certain conditions are fulfilled. We explore the stability of these endemic equilibria in this section. At $(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
I^*(w_i^*) &= \frac{\beta w_i^*}{\beta w_i^* + \mu} < 1, \\
u_s^* &= \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}, \\
v_s^*(w_i^*) &= w_s^*(w_i^*) = \frac{(1-\delta)\beta w_i^* + \beta\sigma u_s^*}{\beta\sigma} = u_s^* \frac{1}{\mu} (\beta w_i^* + \mu), \\
u_i^* &= v_i^* = w_i^*,
\end{aligned}$$

the eigenvalues λ of J are given by the characteristic equation $|J - \lambda I_7| = 0$, where I_7 is the 7×7 identity matrix and the determinant $|J - \lambda I_7|$ is

$$\begin{vmatrix}
-(\beta w_i^* + \mu) - \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta(1 - I^*) \\
-w_s^* & -1 - \lambda & 0 & 1 - I^* & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha & -\rho - \lambda & 0 & \alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_i^*) & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \gamma & -\gamma - \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\sigma w_s^* & 0 & 0 & \sigma I^* & -1 - \lambda & 0 & \delta \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \rho & -\rho - \lambda & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & -\epsilon - \lambda
\end{vmatrix}.$$

By expanding $|J - \lambda I_7| = 0$, we obtain the following polynomial equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
& [\lambda + (\beta w_i^* + \mu)][-(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + \epsilon)(\lambda + \rho) + \delta\epsilon\rho][(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + \gamma)(\lambda + \rho) - \gamma(\alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha)(1 - I^*)] \\
& + \alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_i^*)\gamma\sigma I^*(\lambda + (\beta w_i^* + \mu))(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + \epsilon)(\lambda + \rho) \\
& + \beta\epsilon\rho\sigma(1 - I^*)w_s^*[(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + \gamma)(\lambda + \rho) - \gamma(\alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha)] = 0, \quad (5.32)
\end{aligned}$$

which can be rewritten in the following expanded and simplified form:

$$A_7\lambda^7 + A_6\lambda^6 + A_5\lambda^5 + A_4\lambda^4 + A_3\lambda^3 + A_2\lambda^2 + A_1\lambda + A_0 = 0, \quad (5.33)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A_7 &= 1, \\
A_6 &= Q_1 + Q + \beta w_i^* + \mu, \\
A_5 &= (Q_1 + Q)(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + QQ_1 + R + R_1, \\
A_4 &= (Q_1Q + R + R_1)(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + P_1 + Q_1R + R_1Q + \phi + \alpha\lambda_0\gamma\sigma(2w_i^* - 1)I^*, \\
A_3 &= (Q_1R + R_1Q + \phi)(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + \alpha\gamma\lambda_0\sigma(2w_i^* - 1)I^*((\beta w_i^* + \mu) + Q_1) \\
&+ P_1(\beta w_i^* + Q) + \phi Q_1 + R_1R, \\
A_2 &= (\phi Q_1 + R_1R)(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + \alpha\gamma\lambda_0\sigma(2w_i^* - 1)I^*(Q_1(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + R_1) \\
&+ P_1(\beta Qw_i^* + R) + \phi R_1, \\
A_1 &= \phi R_1(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + \alpha\gamma\lambda_0\sigma(2w_i^* - 1)I^*(P_1(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + \epsilon\rho) + \beta P_1Rw_i^* + \phi P_1, \\
A_0 &= \phi P_1(\beta w_i^* + \mu) + \beta\epsilon\rho\sigma(\alpha\gamma\lambda_0(2w_i^* - 1)w_i^* + P(u_s^*)^2\mathcal{R}^*(R_0 - 2)), \\
\phi &= P + \gamma\alpha I^* - \gamma\alpha\lambda_0(1 - 2u_s^*)(1 - I^*) = P + \alpha\gamma[(I^* - \lambda_0(1 - I^*)) + 2\lambda_0u_s^*(1 - I^*)].
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
1 - I^*(w_i^*) &= \frac{\mu}{\beta w_i^* + \mu}, \\
(\beta w_i^* + \mu)I^* &= \beta w_i^*, \\
(1 - I^*)w_s^* &= u_s^*, \\
\beta \epsilon \rho \sigma u_s^* &= \mu(\epsilon \rho(1 - \delta)) = \mu P_1, \\
\beta \epsilon \rho \sigma Q u_s^* &= \mu P_1 Q, \\
\beta \epsilon \rho \sigma R u_s^* &= \mu P_1 R.
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 5.3.6. *All coefficients of the characteristic polynomial are positive if $\phi \geq 0$, $w_i^* \geq 1/2$ and $R_0 \geq 2$. Notice that $\phi > 0$ if $I^* - \lambda_0(1 - I^*) \geq 0$ or if $\lambda_0 \leq \frac{I^*}{1 - I^*}$.*

Whenever the conditions of Remark 5.3.6 hold, all the coefficients of the characteristic equation (5.33) are positive and, hence, Descartes' rule of signs assures us that there are no positive real values for λ that are zeros of (5.33). This indicates that any instabilities that can arise as a result of perturbations in parameters are oscillatory instabilities. At this stage we can apply the Routh-Hurwitz criterion, as before, to obtain information on the signs of the real parts of the roots of the characteristic polynomial (5.33). Now, if we consider the endemic equilibrium solution presented in equation (5.25), which arises when $A_2 > 0$ or $R_0 > 1$ and $A_1 = 0$ or $\lambda_0 = \frac{\rho(1 - \delta)}{\alpha \sigma}$ and $\Delta > 0$, we have

$$I^* = \frac{(1 - \delta)\sqrt{R_0 - 1}}{\sigma + (1 - \delta)\sqrt{R_0 - 1}}, u_s^* = \frac{\mu(1 - \delta)}{\beta \sigma} \text{ and } w_i^* = \frac{\mu(1 - \delta)(\sqrt{R_0 - 1})}{\beta \sigma}.$$

At this equilibrium,

$$\begin{aligned}
w_i^* \geq 1/2 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\mu(1 - \delta)(\sqrt{R_0 - 1})}{\beta \sigma} \geq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow R_0 \geq 1 + \left(\frac{\beta \sigma}{2\mu(1 - \delta)}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2u_s^*}\right)^2 \text{ and} \\
\text{if } \lambda_0 \leq \frac{I^*}{1 - I^*} &= \frac{(1 - \delta)\sqrt{R_0 - 1}}{\sigma}, R_0 \geq 1 + \left(\frac{\lambda_0 \sigma}{1 - \delta}\right)^2 = 1 + \left(\frac{\rho}{\alpha}\right)^2 \text{ in which case } \phi > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

It is thus evident that there is richer dynamics in the region in parameter space where the conditions of Remark 5.3.6 fail for the equilibrium in (5.25) or even in the region where $0 \leq R_0 \leq 2$. This can equivalently be shown for the other endemic equilibria. Thus, we are considering the fact that from a mathematical and physical stand point, all we wish to

establish is whether there exists parameter regimes wherein the polynomial (5.33) has zeros with positive real parts. Such zeros will indicate the existence of growing oscillating solutions in the linear regime, which, should become bounded by the nonlinearity in the model to give (bounded) limit cycle solutions in phase space. Given the size of the system and the complex nature of the coefficients of (5.33), for the purposes of illustrating the potential of the model, we use MATLAB and the symbolic manipulation package MATHEMATICA to numerically evaluate and search the parameter space in view of exploring the nature of the solutions of the characteristic polynomial, and also having an insight into the possible solutions that exist for the full model. As illustrated in Section 5.3.4, there exist parameter regimes whereby the equilibrium solutions can be driven to instability via a *Hopf Bifurcation* and parameter regimes whereby a backward bifurcation occurs.

5.3.4 Numerical Simulations

We use the physically reasonable parameter values shown in Table 5.2 to explore the dynamics of system (4.35). All the parameters in the model have been explained in Table 4.2. See Table 5.3 for sample numerical values of equilibrium solutions of system (4.35) and their stability properties for some of the parameters in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2. Physically meaningful ranges of parameter values for system (4.35).

Parameter	Range of Values	Value Used	Reference
μ_h , (per day)	$[1/(72 \times 365), 1/(45 \times 365)]$	$1/(60 \times 365)$	[9]
r_h , (per day)	$[1/120, 1/80]$	$1/120$	[4]
μ_v , (per day)	$[1/21, 1/14]$	$1/21$	[4, 10]
a_v	$0.5 \leq a_v \leq 1$	1.0	[4]
$\alpha_v(N_h)$	$0.5 \leq \alpha_v(N_h) < a_v$	0.8	[1]
λ_0	variable	variable	
ϵ	variable	0.9	
L	variable	variable	
N_h	$[10^3, 10^7]$	variable	

Table 5.3. Sample simulation results for the existence and stability of endemic equilibria showing the possibility of a Hopf bifurcation when $A_2 > 0$ or $R_0 > 1$ and the possibility of a backward bifurcation when $A_2 < 0$ or $R_0 < 1$.

L	N_h	A_1	A_2	Δ	w_i^*	λ	Stability
10^4	10^3	0.9822	0.0002	0.9653	0.9823	-7.8667, -2.4876, -1.0147, -0.8904, -0.6215, $0.0487 \pm 1.4520i$.	unstable
10^4	5×10^6	0.9822	0.0971	1.3532	1.0727	-2.3158, -0.0062, -0.1401, $-0.0406 \pm 1.2995i$, $-1.1916 \pm 0.5758i$.	stable
10^4	6×10^6	0.9822	-0.0614	0.7190	0.9150	-2.4617, -0.0035, -0.0950, $-1.2140 \pm 0.6184i$, $0.0310 \pm 1.4263i$.	unstable
					0.0671	-2.4582, -0.0651, 0.0014, $-1.2302 \pm 0.6486i$, $0.0286 \pm 1.4228i$.	unstable

We now present numerical simulation results that illustrate the relationship between the two threshold parameters $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 as the parameters γ and λ_0 are varied. Let us note that in terms of the original system parameters, γ depends on β_v , that is the contact rate between a susceptible questing mosquito and a susceptible or infectious human and λ_0 is the growth rate of newly emerging mosquitoes. By varying γ and computing the corresponding values of $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 , we can determine the relationship between these threshold parameters and γ . On the other hand, by varying λ_0 and computing the corresponding values of the two threshold parameters, we can also determine a relationship between these threshold parameters and λ_0 . See Fig. 5.7 for a graphical illustrations of this. Fig. 5.7.3 illustrates that there are potentially four regions of interest for $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 that could be of great importance and could inform policy makers on control strategies.

5.7.1. Plot of $\mathcal{R}^*$ against γ .

5.7.2. Plot of R_0 against γ .

5.7.3. Plot of R_0 and $\mathcal{R}^*$ against λ_0 .

5.7.4. Plot of R_0 against λ_0 .

Figure 5.7. Plots of the threshold parameters $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 against the parameters γ and λ_0 . Notice that R_0 becomes unrealistic or becomes negative when $\mathcal{R}^* < 1$ and that R_0 attains a maximum of $\frac{1}{u_s^*} = \frac{\beta\sigma}{\mu(1-\delta)} = 29.03$.

Next, we explore the endemicity of the disease by studying the relationship between the equilibrium solutions and the basic reproduction number, R_0 . To do this, we set the other parameters as in Table 5.2 and vary the total human population N_h from 10^3 to 10^6 and compute the corresponding values of R_0, w_i^* and I^* . The results of this study confirm the analytical results presented in Section 5.3.2, which predicted the possibility of having two co-existing realistic endemic equilibria when $R_0 < 1$. This is a prerequisite for backward bifurcation. For $R_0 > 1$, we have a single realistic endemic equilibrium that is also stable.

Figure 5.8. Endemic curves. Plot of the equilibrium number of infectious humans and vectors against the basic reproduction number R_0 . The curves illustrate the possibility of having two realistic endemic equilibrium solutions when $R_0 < 1$ and a single realistic endemic equilibrium solution when $R_0 > 1$.

We now apply a fourth-order Runge Kutta method with variable step size to simulate and characterize the disease-free equilibrium solution and each of the endemic equilibria depicted in Fig. 5.6. To explore, we set $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$ and $N_h = 4 \times 10^6$, where N_h is specifically selected such that $R_0 < 1$. By choosing λ_0 appropriately and maintaining the other parameters as provided in Table 5.2, we can either have a stable disease-free equilibrium solution or oscillatory solutions. For instance, when $\lambda_0 = 10$, the above parameter regime yields $\mathcal{R}^* = 30$ and $R_0 = 0.7016$ and our system relaxes to a stable disease-free equilibrium solution in the long time limit. This behavior is illustrated in Fig. 5.9. This is the case in which λ_0 is smaller than some critical value $\lambda_0^c = 12.79$. For $\lambda_0 > 12.79$, we obtain oscillatory behavior around the disease-free equilibrium. Hence, there is a critical value of λ_0 below which the disease-free equilibrium is stable and above which it is unstable, with the instability giving rise to oscillatory phenomena. See Fig. 5.10 for a graphical demonstration of the oscillatory behavior.

Figure 5.9. Time series plot of solutions to the full model (4.35) for $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\lambda_0 = 10$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$, $N_h = 4 \times 10^6$ depicting a stable disease-free equilibrium. The corresponding values of the two threshold parameters are $\mathcal{R}^* = 30$ and $R_0 = 0.7050$. $E_{dfe} = (0, 0.9667, 0.9667, 0.9667, 0, 0, 0)$ while the equilibrium value of each of the other variables is zero.

5.10.1. Plot of the proportion of infectious humans against time.

5.10.2. Plot of the dimensionless variable u_s against time.

5.10.3. Plot of the dimensionless variables v_s and w_s against time.

5.10.4. Plot of the dimensionless variables u_i , v_i and w_i against time.

Figure 5.10. Time series plot of solutions to our full model for $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\lambda_0 = 13$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$, $N_h = 4 \times 10^6$ showing oscillatory behavior for the variables u_s , v_s and w_s . The corresponding values of $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 are 39 and 0.7106, respectively. Notice that each of the other variables relaxes to zero and that even though $R_0 < 1$, we still have oscillatory solutions since $\lambda_0 > \lambda_0^c$. The approximate period of oscillation is 5 days.

5.3.4.1 Exploration of the Unique Endemic Equilibrium Solution in Region (I) of Fig. 5.6

A single endemic equilibrium solution exists within Region (I) of Fig. 5.6. The conditions that guarantee the existence of this equilibrium solution are $A_1 < 0$ and $A_2 > 0$ or equivalently $R_0 > 1$. By retaining the parameter values in Table 5.2 and setting $\lambda_0 = 0.5$ and $\delta = 0.4$, we obtain $R_0 = 3.2415$, $A_1 = -0.3714$, $A_2 = 0.0237$ and $\Delta = 0.2327$. This parameter regime gives rise to the asymptotically stable equilibrium solution

$$(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*) = (0.2173, 0.1028, 0.1314, 0.1314, 0.05552, 0.05552, 0.05552).$$

The long-term behavior of solutions to the system within Region (I) is presented in Fig. 5.11.

Figure 5.11. Long-term behavior of solutions of system (4.35) in Region (I) for $\lambda_0 = 0.5$ and $\delta = 0.4$ depicting a stable endemic equilibrium.

5.3.4.2 Exploration of the Unique Endemic Equilibrium that exists when $A_1 = 0, A_2 > 0$ and $\Delta > 0$

We establish the stability of the equilibrium solution on the line labeled (II) in Fig. 5.6. For $\lambda_0 = 0.9143, \delta = 0.2$, and the other parameters given in Table 5.2, we obtain $R_0 = 4.6343, A_1 = 0.0, A_2 = 0.0683$ and $\Delta = 0.2733$, which satisfy the existence condition for the endemic equilibrium solution on the line labeled (II).

$$(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*) = (0.5666, 0.1371, 0.3163, 0.3163, 0.2614, 0.2614, 0.2614).$$

As illustrated in Fig. 5.12, the equilibrium solution is asymptotically stable.

Figure 5.12. Time series plot of solutions to system (4.35) for $\lambda_0 = 0.9143$ or $R_0 = 4.6343$ showing a stable endemic equilibrium solution. Only the first 1,000 out of a total of 10,000 time steps are shown.

5.3.4.3 Characterization of the Unique Endemic Equilibrium Solution in Region (III) of Fig. 5.6

We select N_h such that $R_0 > 1$. For $N_h = 10^5$ and $\lambda_0 = 12$, $\mathcal{R}^* = 36$ and $R_0 = 28.2239$. This parameter set gives rise to a stable endemic equilibrium solution, representing the situation in which malaria establishes itself within the community. See Figs. 5.13 and 5.14.

Figure 5.13. Time series plot of solutions to system (4.35) for $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\lambda_0 = 12$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$, $N_h = 10^5$. These and the rest of the parameters in Table 5.2 yield $\mathcal{R}^* = 36$, $R_0 = 28.3631$, and the stable endemic equilibrium solution $(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*) = (0.8351, 0.0343, 0.2079, 0.2079, 1.0127, 1.0127, 1.0127)$. Notice that as predicted by our analysis, $v_s^* = w_s^*$ and $u_i^* = v_i^* = w_i^*$. Only the first 50 out of 10,000 time steps are shown.

Figure 5.14. Time series plot of solutions to system (4.35) for $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\lambda_0 = 12$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$, $N_h = 10^5$. These and the rest of the parameters in Table 5.2 yield $\mathcal{R}^* = 36$, $R_0 = 28.3631$, and the stable endemic equilibrium solution $(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*) = (0.8351, 0.0343, 0.2079, 0.2079, 1.0127, 1.0127, 1.0127)$. Notice that as predicted by our analysis, $v_s^* = w_s^*$ and $u_i^* = v_i^* = w_i^*$. Only the first 1,000 out of 10,000 time steps are shown.

On the other hand, for $N_h = 10^5$ and $\lambda_0 = 14.775$, $\mathcal{R}^* = 44.325$ and $R_0 = 28.5153$. This gives rise to an unstable endemic equilibrium solution that is accompanied by the emergence of oscillatory solutions. See, for example, Fig. 5.15 for time series plots, Fig. 5.16 for phase plots, and Fig. 5.17 for a plot of the total mosquito population. The figures show sustained bounded oscillations which arise as the result of a Hopf bifurcation as the parameter λ_0 is varied. These indicate that natural occurring oscillations in the mosquito population introduce oscillations in the dynamics of malaria transmission. Until now, the way in which oscillations in malaria dynamics have been captured was by the inclusion of a seasonal forcing term or via delays. However, here we have demonstrated that it is possible to capture oscillations in the dynamics of malaria transmission by appropriately interpreting the life style and behavior of the transmitting vector, and by incorporating the relevant aspects into the malaria model without the consideration of delay or the inclusion of a seasonal forcing term. Note that from equations (5.12) and (5.13), $R_0 = \tilde{R}_0^2$. Thus, though the values of R_0 computed here for the particular parameter regime may seem large (< 29), a focus should be placed on the value of $\tilde{R}_0$, which is less than 6.

5.15.1. Plot of the proportion of infectious humans against time.

5.15.2. Plot of the dimensionless variable u_s against time.

5.15.3. Plot of the dimensionless variables v_s and w_s against time.

5.15.4. Plot of the dimensionless variables u_i , v_i and w_i against time.

Figure 5.15. Typical time series plots of solutions to system (4.35), showing oscillatory phenomena for $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\lambda_0 = 14.775$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$, and $N_h = 10^5$. These and the rest of the parameters in Table 5.2 yield $\mathcal{R}^* = 44.325$ and $R_0 = 28.5153$. The approximate period of oscillation is 5 days.

5.16.1. Limit cycle: Plot of I against u_s .

5.16.2. Limit cycle: Plot of I against v_s .

5.16.3. Limit cycle: Plot of I against w_s .

5.16.4. Limit cycle: Plot of I against u_i .

5.16.5. Limit cycle: Plot of I against v_i .

5.16.6. Limit cycle: Plot of I against w_i .

Figure 5.16. Limit cycles of system (4.35) for $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\lambda_0 = 14.775$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$, $N_h = 10^5$. For this parameter regime, $\mathcal{R}^* = 44.325$ and $R_0 = 28.5153$.

Figure 5.17. Pot of the total mosquito population in the presence of the disease showing bounded periodic oscillations.

5.3.4.4 Exploration of the Unique Endemic Equilibrium that Exists when $A_1 > 0, A_2 = 0$ and $\Delta > 0$

A realistic nontrivial endemic equilibrium exists when $A_1 > 0, \Delta > 0$ and $A_2 = 0$ or equivalently $R_0 = 1$. Here, $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c = 0.3452, R_0 = 1, A_1 = 0.3378, A_2 = 0.0, \Delta = 0.1141$ and the numerical value of the endemic equilibrium solution is

$$(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*) = (0.6282, 0.0343, 0.0922, 0.0922, 0.3378, 0.3378, 0.3378).$$

As illustrated in Fig. 5.18, the equilibrium is asymptotically stable.

Figure 5.18. Dynamical behavior of solutions to system (4.35) for $\lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c = 0.3452$ or $R_0 = 1$. A stable endemic equilibrium exists for this parameter regime.

5.3.4.5 Exploration of the Endemic Equilibrium that Exists when $A_1 > 0, A_2 < 0$ and $\Delta = 0$

In contrast to many epidemiological models in which endemic equilibria exist only when $R_0 > 1$, depending on whether $\Delta = 0$ or $\Delta > 0$, system (4.35) can exhibit one or two endemic equilibrium solutions when $R_0 < 1$. Here, we focus on the a single endemic equilibrium solution that exists when $A_1 > 0, A_2 < 0$ and $\Delta = 0$. The parameter regime, $\lambda_0 = 0.23, R_0 = 0.9918, A_1 = 0.0062, A_2 = -1 \times 10^{-5}$ and $\Delta = 0$ satisfies conditions for the existence of the endemic equilibrium solution $(I^*, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, u_i^*, v_i^*, w_i^*) = (0.0153, 0.0343, 0.0348, 0.0348, 0.0031, 0.0031)$; however, as illustrated in Fig. 5.19, the equilibrium solution is unstable.

Figure 5.19. Dynamical behavior of solutions to system (4.35) when $A_1 > 0, A_2 < 0$ and $\Delta = 0$. An unstable endemic equilibrium exists for this parameter regime.

We completely characterize the two endemic equilibrium solutions in region (V) of Fig. 5.6 that occur when $A_1 > 0, A_2 < 0$ and $\Delta > 0$ in the next section.

5.4 Characterization of Backward Bifurcation

Epidemiological models can exhibit some interesting dynamical behavior near $R_0 = 1$. In most cases, there is a supercritical or forward bifurcation at $R_0 = 1$. However, situations do arise in epidemiological modeling where we run into a double bifurcation at $R_0 = 1$. In this case, we have both a supercritical or forward bifurcation and a subcritical or backward bifurcation. The occurrence of a forward bifurcation is accompanied by the emergence of an asymptotically stable endemic equilibrium and loss of stability of the disease-free equilibrium. A major prerequisite for the occurrence of a backward bifurcation is the existence of two endemic equilibria when $R_0 < 1$. The other requirement is that one of the endemic equilibria together with the disease-free equilibrium have to be stable while the second endemic equilibrium has to be unstable. The phenomenon of backward bifurcation was first established by Huang et al. [11] and further exploited in Refs. [3, 12–17] among others. It is very essential in disease control in that it enlightens us to the fact that the basic reproduction number may not be the only possible threshold parameter to focus on in formulating disease control and eradication strategies. In fact, it tells us that simply reducing R_0 below unity might not be enough to eradicate certain diseases. We explore the existence of backward bifurcation in our model using the approach proposed by Castillo-Chavez et al. in Ref. [15] and then use our results to propose better malaria control strategies. We use the following Theorem due to Castillo-Chavez et al., which for convenience we quote in its entirety.

Theorem 5.4.1 (Theorem 4.1 in [15]). *Consider a general system of ordinary differential equations with a parameter ϕ :*

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, \phi), f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ and } f \in \mathbb{C}^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}). \quad (5.34)$$

Without loss of generality, it is assumed that 0 is an equilibrium for System (5.34) for all values of the parameter ϕ ; that is, $f(0, \phi) = 0$ for all ϕ .

Assume

A1: $A = D_x f(0,0) = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(0,0) \right)$ is the linearization matrix of a System (5.34) around the equilibrium 0 with ϕ evaluated at 0. Zero is a simple eigenvalue of A and all other eigenvalues of A have negative real parts;

A2: Matrix A has a nonnegative right eigenvector w and a left eigenvector v corresponding to the zero eigenvalue.

Let f_k be the k th component of f and

$$a = \sum_{k,i,j=1}^n v_k w_i w_j \frac{\partial^2 f_k}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(0,0), \quad (5.35)$$

$$b = \sum_{k,i=1}^n v_k w_i \frac{\partial^2 f_k}{\partial x_i \partial \phi}(0,0). \quad (5.36)$$

The local dynamics of the system around 0 are totally determined by a and b .

1. $a > 0, b > 0$. When $\phi < 0$ with $|\phi| \ll 1$, 0 is locally asymptotically stable, and there exists a positive unstable equilibrium; when $0 < \phi \ll 1$, 0 is unstable and there exists a negative and locally asymptotically stable equilibrium;
2. $a < 0, b < 0$. When $\phi < 0$ with $|\phi| \ll 1$, 0 is unstable; when $0 < \phi \ll 1$, 0 is locally asymptotically stable, and there exists a positive unstable equilibrium;
3. $a > 0, b < 0$. When $\phi < 0$ with $|\phi| \ll 1$, 0 is unstable, and there exists a locally asymptotically stable negative equilibrium; when $0 < \phi \ll 1$, 0 is stable and a positive unstable equilibrium appears;
4. $a < 0, b > 0$. When ϕ changes from negative to positive, 0 changes its stability from stable to unstable. Correspondingly a negative unstable equilibrium becomes positive and locally asymptotically stable.

For the system (4.35) we have the following result:

Theorem 5.4.2. *Let $0 < \lambda_0(\gamma) < \frac{(\gamma + \rho + 1)(\gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho) + \gamma(\rho - \alpha)}{\alpha\gamma}$. Then model (4.35) undergoes a backward bifurcation at $R_0 = 1$. In addition, there exists a threshold value of R_0 , namely, $R_0^c = 1 - \xi$ where $\xi = \left(\frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta))}{2\alpha\lambda_0\mu(1 - \delta)} \right)^2$ such that for $R_0 < R_0^c$, there exists a unique stable disease-free equilibrium and for $R_0^c < R_0 < 1$, there exists a stable disease-free equilibrium, a stable endemic equilibrium and an unstable endemic equilibrium.*

Proof. We follow through and establish that the conditions of Theorem 5.4.1 are satisfied and then conclude that there is a backward bifurcation in the model. The matrix A of the linearized system about the disease-free equilibrium is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \beta \\ -u_s^* & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha\lambda_0^c(1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha & -\rho & 0 & \alpha\lambda_0^c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & -\gamma & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sigma u_s^* & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & \delta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \rho & -\rho & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon & -\epsilon \end{pmatrix} \quad (5.37)$$

and the characteristic equation of A is given by

$$[\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)][\lambda^4 + (Q_1 + \mu)\lambda^3 + (\mu Q_1 + R_1)\lambda^2 + (\mu R_1 + P_1)\lambda + P_1\mu(1 - R_0)] = 0, \quad (5.38)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \gamma(\rho - \alpha) > 0, \\ Q &= 1 + \gamma + \rho > 0, \\ R &= \gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho > 0, \\ P_1 &= \epsilon\rho(1 - \delta) > 0, \\ Q_1 &= 1 + \epsilon + \rho > 0, \\ R_1 &= \epsilon + \rho + \epsilon\rho > 0. \end{aligned}$$

When $R_0 = 1$, we have

$$\lambda[\lambda^3 + Q\lambda^2 + R\lambda + P(\mathcal{R}^* - 1)][\lambda^3 + (Q_1 + \mu)\lambda^2 + (\mu Q_1 + R_1)\lambda + (\mu R_1 + P_1)] = 0. \quad (5.39)$$

Hence, there is a simple zero eigenvalue when $R_0 = 1$. Also, when $R_0 = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\beta\sigma(\mathcal{R}^{*c} - 1)}{\mu(1 - \mathcal{R}^{*c})} &= 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}^{*c} &= \frac{\beta\sigma}{\beta\sigma - \mu(1 - \delta)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}}, \\ \Leftrightarrow \lambda_0^c &= \frac{\beta\sigma(\rho - \alpha)}{\alpha[\beta\sigma - \mu(1 - \delta)]} = \frac{\rho - \alpha}{\alpha \left[1 - \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}\right]}.\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathcal{R}^* = \mathcal{R}^{*c} > 1$ when $R_0 = 1$ and

$$(Q_1 + \mu)(\mu Q_1 + R_1) - (\mu R_1 + P_1) = \mu Q_1(\mu + Q_1) + (\epsilon + \rho)(1 + R_1) > 0,$$

the Routh-Hurwitz conditions assure us that all other eigenvalues of A have negative real parts when $0 < \lambda_0(\gamma) < \frac{(\gamma + \rho + 1)(\gamma + \rho + \gamma\rho) + \gamma(\rho - \alpha)}{\alpha\gamma}$.

Now, if we rewrite system (4.35) as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{I} &= \beta(1 - I)w_i - \mu I = f_1(I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i), \\ \dot{u}_s &= (1 - I)w_s - u_s = f_2(I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i), \\ \dot{v}_s &= \alpha\lambda_o(u_s(1 - u_s) + u_i(1 - u_i)) + \alpha u_s - \rho v_s = f_3(I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i), \\ \dot{w}_s &= \gamma(v_s - w_s) = f_4(I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i), \\ \dot{u}_i &= \delta w_i + \sigma I w_s - u_i = f_5(I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i), \\ \dot{v}_i &= \rho(u_i - v_i) = f_6(I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i), \\ \dot{w}_i &= \epsilon(v_i - w_i) = f_7(I, u_s, v_s, w_s, u_i, v_i, w_i),\end{aligned}\tag{5.40}$$

then we have the following derivatives evaluated at $(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 f_1}{\partial I \partial w_i}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) &= \frac{\partial^2 f_1}{\partial w_i \partial I}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) = -\beta, \\
\frac{\partial^2 f_2}{\partial I \partial w_s}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) &= \frac{\partial^2 f_2}{\partial w_s \partial I}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) = -1, \\
\frac{\partial^2 f_3}{\partial u_s^2}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) &= -2\alpha\lambda_0^c, \\
\frac{\partial^2 f_3}{\partial u_i^2}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) &= -2\alpha\lambda_0^c, \\
\frac{\partial^2 f_5}{\partial I \partial w_s}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) &= \frac{\partial^2 f_5}{\partial w_s \partial I}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) = \sigma, \\
\frac{\partial^2 f_3}{\partial u_s \partial \lambda_0}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) &= \alpha(1 - 2u_s^*), \\
\frac{\partial^2 f_5}{\partial u_i \partial \lambda_0}(0, u_s^*, v_s^*, w_s^*, 0, 0, 0, \lambda_0^c) &= \alpha,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
u_s^* &= v_s^* = w_s^* = \frac{\alpha(1 + \lambda_0^c) - \rho}{\alpha\lambda_0^c} = 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^{*c}} = \frac{\mu(1 - \delta)}{\beta\sigma}, \\
\lambda_0^c &= \frac{\beta\sigma(\rho - \alpha)}{\alpha[\beta\sigma - \mu(1 - \delta)]} = \frac{\rho - \alpha}{\alpha \left[1 - \frac{\mu(1 - \delta)}{\beta\sigma} \right]}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
a &= \sum_{k,i,j=1}^n v_k w_i w_j \frac{\partial^2 f_k}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x^*, \lambda_0^c) = -2\beta v_1 w_1 w_7 - 2v_2 w_1 w_4 - 2\alpha\lambda_0^c v_3(w_2^2 + w_5^2) + 2\sigma v_5 w_1 w_4, \\
b &= \sum_{k,i=1}^n v_k w_i \frac{\partial^2 f_k}{\partial x_i \partial \lambda_0}(x^*, \lambda_0^c) = \alpha v_3 w_2(1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha v_3 w_5.
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we determine a nonnegative right eigenvector $w = (w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7)^T$ and a left eigenvector $v = (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7)^T$ that correspond to the simple eigenvalue of the matrix A . For the right eigenvector, we solve the system

$$Aw = 0.$$

This system is the same as

$$\begin{aligned}
-\mu w_1 + \beta w_7 &= 0, \\
-u_s^* w_1 - w_2 + w_4 &= 0, \\
(\alpha \lambda_0^c (1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha) w_2 - \rho w_3 + \alpha \lambda_0^c w_5 &= 0, \\
w_3 - w_4 &= 0, \\
\sigma u_s^* w_1 - w_5 + \delta w_7 &= 0, \\
w_5 - w_6 &= 0, \\
w_6 - w_7 &= 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{5.41}$$

By solving this system, we obtain the following form for the right eigenvector $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7)^T$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \\ w_5 \\ w_6 \\ w_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\beta}{\mu} w_7 \\ W_2^* w_7 \\ W_3^* w_7 \\ W_4^* w_7 \\ W_5^* w_7 \\ W_6^* w_7 \\ W_7^* w_7 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
W_2^* &= \frac{u_s^* \frac{\beta}{\mu} (\alpha \lambda_0^c (1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha) - \alpha \lambda_0^c}{\alpha \lambda_0^c (1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha - \rho} - u_s^* \frac{\beta}{\mu}, \\
W_3^* &= \frac{u_s^* \frac{\beta}{\mu} (\alpha \lambda_0^c (1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha) - \alpha \lambda_0^c}{\alpha \lambda_0^c (1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha - \rho}, \\
W_4^* &= W_3^*, \\
W_5^* &= W_6^*, \\
W_6^* &= W_7^*, \\
W_7^* &= 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\lambda_0^c = \frac{\rho - \alpha}{\alpha \left(1 - \frac{\mu(1-\delta)}{\beta\sigma}\right)} = \frac{\rho - \alpha}{\alpha(1 - u_s^*)} \Rightarrow \alpha\lambda_0^c = \frac{\rho - \alpha}{1 - u_s^*} \text{ and } \alpha\lambda_0^c(1 - 2u_s^*) + \alpha = \rho - (\rho - \alpha) \frac{u_s^*}{1 - u_s^*}.$$

Also note that $0 < 1 - u_s^* < 1$, since when $R_0 = 1$, $u_s^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*} \Rightarrow 1 - u_s^* = \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}^*} < 1$. It is also worth noting that since we are in the right half plane of the bifurcation diagram, $A_1 > 0$.

Using these simplifications we obtain

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \\ w_5 \\ w_6 \\ w_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta/\mu \\ A_1/u_s^* \\ (\beta u_s^{*2} + A_1\mu)/(\mu u_s^*) \\ (\beta u_s^{*2} + A_1\mu)/(\mu u_s^*) \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.42)$$

We then compute v such that $v \cdot w = 1$. To this end, we obtain

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_6 \\ v_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ v_3 \\ v_3 \\ v_5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ (\beta\sigma w_3)/(2(2\beta\sigma w_3^2 + \alpha\lambda_0^c\mu(w_2^2 + 1))) \\ (\beta\sigma w_3)/(2(2\beta\sigma w_3^2 + \alpha\lambda_0^c\mu(w_2^2 + 1))) \\ (\beta\sigma w_3^2 + \alpha\lambda_0^c\mu(w_2^2 + 1))/(2\beta\sigma w_3^2 + \alpha\lambda_0^c\mu(w_2^2 + 1)) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.43)$$

With the vectors w and v , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -2\alpha\lambda_0^c \left(\frac{A_1^2}{u_s^{*2}} + 1 \right) v_3 + 2\frac{\sigma}{\mu} w_3 v_5 = \frac{\beta\sigma(\beta u_s^{*2} + \mu A_1)}{2\mu^2 u_s^*}, \\ b &= \alpha((1 - 2u_s^*)w_2 + w_5)v_3 = \alpha \left(\frac{A_1}{u_s^*} - 2\frac{A_1}{u_s^*} u_s^* + 1 \right) v_3 \\ &= \alpha \left(\frac{A_1}{u_s^*} - A_1 - A_1 + 1 \right) v_3 = \frac{\alpha}{u_s^*} (A_1(1 - u_s^*) + (1 - A_1)u_s^*) v_3. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $a > 0$. Since $0 < u_s^* < 1$ and $1 - A_1 > 0, b > 0$. Hence, the model exhibits a backward bifurcation since both a and b are strictly positive.

Finally, by using the existence condition for endemic equilibrium solutions to our system, we derive the critical value of R_0 below which only a stable disease-free equilibrium solution exists and above which three equilibrium solutions, a locally stable disease-free equilibrium, a locally stable endemic equilibrium, and an unstable second endemic equilibrium exist. Considering the third and fourth quadrants of the bifurcation diagram, $A_2 < 0$ and A_1 can either be positive, zero or negative and we can either have no endemic equilibrium solution, one equilibrium solution or two endemic equilibrium solutions. For instance, for $A_1 > 0$, when $\Delta < 0$, there is no endemic equilibrium solution, when $\Delta = 0$, there is a single endemic equilibrium solution, and when $\Delta > 0$, there are two endemic equilibrium solutions. Therefore by setting $\Delta = 0$, we can obtain the critical value of R_0 , namely, $R_0^c < 1$ below which we have no endemic equilibrium solution and above which we have two endemic equilibrium solutions.

Now,

$$\Delta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{[\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta))]^2 + [2\alpha\lambda_0\mu(1 - \delta)]^2(R_0^c - 1)}{(\alpha\beta\lambda_0\sigma)^2} = 0.$$

This yields

$$R_0^c = 1 - \xi,$$

where

$$\xi = \left(\frac{\beta(\alpha\lambda_0\sigma - \rho(1 - \delta))}{2\alpha\lambda_0\mu(1 - \delta)} \right)^2.$$

Clearly, $\xi \geq 0$. Note that $\xi < 1$ if

$$\lambda_0 < \frac{\beta\rho(1 - \delta)}{\alpha[\beta\sigma - 2\mu(1 - \delta)]} = \frac{\rho(1 - \delta)}{\alpha\sigma \left[1 - 2\frac{\mu(1 - \delta)}{\beta\sigma} \right]} = \frac{\beta\rho \left[\frac{\mu(1 - \delta)}{\beta\sigma} \right]}{\alpha\mu \left[1 - 2\frac{\mu(1 - \delta)}{\beta\sigma} \right]}.$$

When $0 < \xi < 1, R_0^c < 1$ and

1. when $R_0 < R_0^c$, there exists a stable disease-free equilibrium;
2. when $R_0^c < R_0 < 1$, there exists two endemic equilibrium solutions, one of which is stable and a locally stable disease-free equilibrium solution. ■

Figure 5.20. Plot depicting the existence of both a backward (subcritical) bifurcation and a forward (supercritical) bifurcation. There is a critical value $R_0^c = 0.83$ of R_0 such that for $R_0 < R_0^c$, there exists a unique stable disease-free equilibrium (solid green line to the left of $R_0 = R_0^c$). For $R_0^c < R_0 < 1$, there exists a stable disease-free equilibrium (solid green line segment between $R_0 = R_0^c$ and $R_0 = 1$), a stable endemic equilibrium (solid blue line between $R_0 = R_0^c$ and $R_0 = 1$), and an unstable endemic equilibrium (dashed magenta line between $R_0 = R_0^c$ and $R_0 = 1$). Finally, for $R_0 > 1$, there exists a stable endemic equilibrium (solid blue line segment to the right of $R_0 = 1$ and an unstable disease-free equilibrium denoted by the dashed magenta line segment to the right of $R_0 = 1$). DFE represents disease-free equilibrium and EE represents endemic equilibrium.

5.5 Effects of Birth Rate Function

Different recruitment or birth rate functions have been used in the biological and ecological literature to quantify birth processes. These include simple constant birth rates, linear birth rates, the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function [18–20], the Beverton-Holt birth rate function [21], the Ricker birth rate function [22], the Hassell birth rate function [23], and the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function [24, 25]. The birth rate function used to model a specific biological or ecological process has a profound effect on the dynamics of the model. Some birth rate functions can lead to oscillatory dynamics. In this case, the size of the amplitude and perhaps period of oscillations may be different for different birth rate functions used to model the same process. In ecological processes, competition for sustainable resources among inhabitants of a community can lead to nonlinearities in the dynamics of the process. Such competition can be referred to as scramble or contest when individuals within the same species compete for the same resource [26, 27]. Scramble competition involves a situation in which the available resources are apportioned equally between the individuals involved. Generally, the resources are not sufficient to satisfy individual needs of the entire population, and in extreme situations, all individuals or species may become extinct. In contrast, contest competition is a “survival of the strongest” situation, in which the species or individuals that emerge victorious in the encounter can acquire the required amount of resources, while the losers may acquire little or nothing. By assuming that female *Anopheles* mosquitoes can always find humans to feed on, it is reasonable to consider the competition between female *Anopheles* mosquitoes for human blood as contest, whereby those that succeed to acquire human blood proceed to reproduce, whereas those that do not succeed to acquire blood meals are assumed to be killed. While the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function is suitable to modeling contest competition, the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function is suitable for modeling both scramble and contest competition.

The analysis presented in this Part uses the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function (4.21) to model mosquito birth. Here, we compare the size of the amplitudes of the oscillations for two different birth rate functions, the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function and the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function. The Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate

function is given by

$$\lambda_v(\vartheta) = \frac{\vartheta}{1 + \left(\frac{\vartheta}{L}\right)^n}, \quad (5.44)$$

where $\vartheta = S_u, I_u$ and n is a constant. Note that the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function is an approximation to the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function. Replacing the Verhulst-Pearl logistic birth rate function in system (4.22) by equation (5.44) and scaling the system appropriately, we obtain the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{I} &= \beta(1 - I)w_i - \mu I, \\ \dot{u}_s &= (1 - I)w_s - u_s, \\ \dot{v}_s &= \alpha\lambda_0 \left(\frac{u_s}{1 + u_s^n} + \frac{u_i}{1 + u_i^n} \right) + \alpha u_s - \rho v_s, \\ \dot{w}_s &= \gamma(v_s - w_s), \\ \dot{u}_i &= \delta w_i + \sigma I w_s - u_i, \\ \dot{v}_i &= \rho(u_i - v_i), \\ \dot{w}_i &= \epsilon(v_i - w_i). \end{aligned} \quad (5.45)$$

For the same parameter regime, system (5.45) produces periodic oscillations with higher amplitudes than system (4.35). For example, for $\gamma = 0.7849$, $\lambda_0 = 14.775$, $\epsilon = 0.9$, $L = 5 \times 10^3$, $N_h = 10^5$, $n = 50$, and the other parameters as in Table 5.2, system (5.45) yields periodic solutions with an approximate amplitude of 0.15 while system (4.35) yields periodic solutions with an approximate amplitude of 0.0001. See Figs. 5.21 and 5.22 for illustrations. In dimensional terms, these numbers correspond to 1,500 and 10 infectious humans, respectively. The fact that system (5.45) produces more sustained higher amplitude periodic oscillations than system (4.35) implies that it is more appropriate for modeling biological, epidemiological and ecological birth processes. Hence, the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function seems to be a better function for quantifying birth processes. With the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin function, n also plays an important role in disease dynamics. System (5.45) exhibits sustained periodic oscillations for $n \geq 4$ and non-oscillatory stable equilibrium solutions for $n < 4$.

Figure 5.21. Illustration of the effect of the Verhulst-Pearl birth rate functions on the dynamics of system (4.35). The amplitude of the oscillations is 0.0001. But since $N_h = 100,000$, the amplitude corresponds to 10 infectious human. The period is approximately 5 days.

Figure 5.22. Illustration of the effect of the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function on the dynamics of system (5.45). The amplitude of the oscillations is 0.15. For $N_h = 100,000$, the amplitude corresponds to 1,500 infectious humans.

5.6 Conclusion

We have applied analytical and numerical techniques to study the SIS model for the dynamics of malaria transmission described in Chapter 4. In the absence of the disease, we identified a threshold parameter $\mathcal{R}^*$ that is linked to mosquito demography. The disease-free model always has a trivial equilibrium solution which is linearly stable when $\mathcal{R}^* \leq 1$ and unstable otherwise. When $\mathcal{R}^* > 1$, a non-trivial equilibrium solution co-exists with the trivial equilibrium solution. We identified a critical value λ_0^c of λ_0 and showed that the non-trivial equilibrium solution is stable when $0 < \lambda_0 < \lambda_0^c$ and unstable with the emergence of periodic solutions when $\lambda_0 > \lambda_0^c$. A Hopf bifurcation occurs at $0 < \lambda_0 = \lambda_0^c$.

In the presence of the disease, we calculated a new basic reproduction number for malaria and used it to explore the existence and stability of disease-free and endemic equilibria. We showed that the system has an unstable trivial equilibrium solution and a non-trivial disease-free equilibrium solution. Conditions for the stability of the disease-free equilibrium solution were derived and, as in the disease-free model, we showed that the full model also exhibits a Hopf bifurcation. We derived conditions under which the model can have two, one or no endemic equilibrium solutions and also showed that there is a parameter space within which the model exhibits a backward bifurcation. We also demonstrated that the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin birth rate function can lead to oscillatory dynamics with higher periods than the Verhulst-Pearl logistic function. Hence, the Maynard-Smith-Slatkin function is more suitable to modeling the population dynamics of the malaria vector under our framework.

The discovery of oscillatory dynamics in the analysis of the model indicates that we have been able to capture natural oscillations known to exist in mosquito dynamics and hence malaria prevalence without recourse to external seasonal forcing. This oscillatory dynamics provides a plausible framework for designing and implementing malaria control strategies. For example, an efficient strategy will be to apply control measures when the mosquito population is at its minimum amplitude. Applying control strategies when the mosquito population is at its peak amplitude will require substantial effort, otherwise only a portion of the mosquito population will be suppressed and the population will eventually recover when conditions become favorable.

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Comparison of the New SIS Model with the Classical Ross-Macdonald Malaria Model, General Conclusions and Open Questions

6.1 Introduction

In this Chapter, we compare the classical SIS Ross-Macdonald model derived and studied in Chapter 3 with the SIS malaria model derived in Chapter 4 and analyzed in Chapter 5. We show that the new model is an improvement on the classical model, provide a general conclusion to Part I, and present some open questions and possible areas for future research.

6.2 Comparison of Model (4.22) to the Classical Ross SIS Model

We now examine how the simple Ross-type malaria model compares to the new simplified model (4.22) and how the Ross-type model can be recovered from the simplified model (4.22). To this effect, we set $p_1 = 1$ and $q = 1$, or $p_1\beta_h = \beta_h$ and $q\beta_v = \beta_v$, which accounts for the proportion of successful contacts. Also, we set $I_m = I_u + I_v + I_w$ (*fed + questing + breeding site* infectious mosquitoes) and $S_m = S_u + S_v + S_w$ (*fed + questing + breeding site* susceptible mosquitoes) where I_m and S_m denote infectious and susceptible mosquitoes, respectively. Additionally, we take $\lambda_v(\vartheta)\vartheta$, where λ_v is as defined in (4.21) to be a constant, λ_0 . This simplifies system (4.22) to the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{S}_h &= \mu_h N_h + r_h I_h - \beta_h S_h I_w - \mu_h S_h, \\
\dot{I}_h &= \beta_h S_h I_w - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h, \\
\dot{S}_m &= a_v \lambda_0 - \beta_v S_w I_h - \mu_v S_m, \\
\dot{I}_m &= \beta_v S_w I_h - \mu_v I_m.
\end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$

Let N_h and N_w be the total human and questing mosquito populations, respectively. Using $S_h = N_h - I_h$ and $S_w = N_w - I_w$, we can drop the equations for S_h and S_m from system (6.1) and have

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{I}_h &= \beta_h (N_h - I_h) I_w - (r_h + \mu_h) I_h, \\
\dot{I}_m &= \beta_v (N_w - I_w) I_h - \mu_v I_m.
\end{aligned}$$

In our model, $\beta_h (N_h - I_h) I_w$ models the contact between infectious questing female mosquitoes and susceptible humans, while in the Ross-type model, such a term is the contact made between mosquitoes and susceptible humans. Likewise, $\beta_v (N_w - I_w) I_h$ models the contact between susceptible questing female mosquitoes and infectious humans, while such a term is the contact made between mosquitoes and infectious humans in the Ross-type model. Note that because the total human population in both models is constant, the incidence functions in both our model and the classical Ross-Macdonald model are comparable.

In Ross-type models, $S_u + I_u$ is called N_v , and S_w is S_v . In model (4.22), the demography of the mosquito is important. Only those female mosquitoes that need to feed and are questing are involved in disease transmission, and they are appropriately accounted for. Additionally, only breeding vectors populate the susceptible class. This is true for fed vectors and breeding site vectors. The novelty is especially visible when control is taken into consideration. This is because with model (4.22), we can say how it will impact the model dynamics when the questing, breeding site, or even the fed mosquitoes are reduced.

The basic reproduction number provides another comparison between the Ross's model and model (4.22). The basic reproduction number for the Ross's model is

$$R_0^{classical} = \frac{\beta_h \beta_v N_h N_v}{\mu_v (r_h + \mu_h)},$$

while the basic reproduction number for model (4.22) is

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta_v \beta_h N_h S_w^*}{(r_h + \mu_h)} \cdot \frac{q a_v \alpha_v(N_h)}{((a_v + \mu_v)(\mu_v + \alpha_v(N_h))(\mu_v + \beta_h N_h) - p_1 a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \beta_h N_h)},$$

which can be rewritten as

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta_v \beta_h N_h S_w^*}{\mu_v(r_h + \mu_h)} \cdot q \cdot \frac{a_v \alpha_v(N_h)}{a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \left(1 + \frac{(1-p_1)\beta_h N_h}{\mu_v}\right) + (\mu_v + \beta_h N_h)(a_v + \alpha_v(N_h) + \mu_v)}.$$

It is evident that $R_0 < R_0^{classical}$ since

$$0 < q < 1 \text{ and } 0 < \frac{a_v \alpha_v(N_h)}{a_v \alpha_v(N_h) \left(1 + \frac{(1-p_1)\beta_h N_h}{\mu_v}\right) + (\mu_v + \beta_h N_h)(a_v + \alpha_v(N_h) + \mu_v)} < 1.$$

Additionally, since $S_w^* \leq N_{mv}$, the basic reproduction number of model (4.22) is less than or equal to the basic reproduction number of the classical SIS (Ross-type) model. Hence, our model brings out an important scaling factor for the R_0 obtained from the classical SIS model so that $R_0 \leq \varrho R_0^{classical}$, where $\varrho < 1$. Note that unlike the Ross-type model, whose basic reproduction number involves the total vector population, the basic reproduction number of model (4.22) involves the equilibrium value of the susceptible questing vectors, which are the only proportion of vectors that can become infected. Hence, R_0 can be reduced by regulating the rate at which susceptible female vectors visit human habitats to quest for blood meals.

The analysis of model (4.22) indicates that the model captures the natural oscillations known to occur in mosquito populations. These oscillations lead to oscillations in the malaria dynamics and thus the entire system oscillates, which is not captured by Ross-type models without recourse to external forcing by means of periodic contact rates, delays, etc. These oscillations provide a plausible framework for designing and implementing malaria intervention and control measures, especially measures that are related to mosquito control.

6.3 Synopsis and Conclusion

In this Part, we have developed a new SIS model for endemic malaria that explicitly integrates the demography of the mosquito vector that transmits the disease together with its interaction with the human population – and incorporates the disease dynamics. The

general model is an improvement on the classical Ross-Macdonald SIS model and provides a new framework for modeling malaria transmission. A simplification of the derived model, which is comparable to but still an improvement on the classical Ross-Macdonald SIS model is used to study the dynamics of the malaria disease within a closed human population. In summary, the main differences and improvement of our model over the Ross-type model are:

1. Mosquitoes involved and accounted for in disease transmission are only the female mosquitoes that need to feed and thus are questing for a human blood meal.
2. The vector demography is emphasized and, therefore, the impact of malaria control on the vector populations, fed and questing, resting and breeding, or newly emerging can be studied appropriately and accounted for.
3. The basic reproduction number, R_0 , computed for the new model is smaller than that computed for the Ross-Macdonald SIS model, since not all mosquitoes take part in the transmission process, a fact that has not been quantified in previous models.
4. Two threshold parameters, both of which can be used for control purposes, have been identified. One of these parameters is directly linked to the demography of the vector and the other is linked to the disease dynamics. The difficulty in eradicating malaria may therefore lie in the complicated life style of the malaria parasite; that is, in its ability to share its life cycle in the mosquito and in the human. Thus, model (4.22) is an improvement on the Ross model and provides important areas for malaria control.
5. The analysis of model (4.22) captures natural fluctuations as well as presents a new route to periodic oscillations in the dynamics of malaria transmission without recourse to external seasonal forcing and/or delays, a feature which the Ross-type model fails to capture unless some external forcing term is introduced.

In addition to the results highlighted in the discussion of the differences between model (4.22) and the Ross-type models, a detailed analytical and numerical exploration of model (4.22) yields the following results in the absence and in the presence of the malaria disease:

In the absence of the malaria disease, we presented and discussed conditions for the existence and stability of a realistic non-trivial equilibrium solution and also conditions for the existence of a Hopf bifurcation and hence oscillatory solutions.

In the presence of the malaria disease, we have carried out the following analysis:

1. Demonstrated the existence and stability of both a trivial and a disease free steady state, as well as derived conditions for the existence of a Hopf bifurcation. Instability of the trivial steady state E_0 is reasonable from a physical stand point, which rules out the possibility of permanently eradicating the mosquito population.
2. Captured natural fluctuations known to occur in the mosquito population dynamics without external seasonal forcing or delays. These fluctuations led to fluctuations in the malaria disease dynamics and thus presented a new route to periodic oscillations and a plausible framework for developing and implementing control strategies.
3. Derived conditions that guarantee the existence and stability of endemic equilibria. When $R_0 > 1$, we have one endemic equilibrium. However, when $R_0 < 1$, there are conditions for which there exist no endemic equilibrium, one endemic equilibrium, or two endemic equilibria, which may lead to a backward bifurcation.
4. Applied techniques described in Refs. [1–3] to completely characterize the backward bifurcation that arises when $R_0 < 1$. The occurrence of a backward bifurcation indicates that simply reducing R_0 below unity is not enough to eradicate the disease. That is, the disease can still establish itself within the population even when $R_0 < 1$. We thus derived a critical value R_0^c of R_0 that is also less than unity. The disease can be eradicated when $R_0 \leq R_0^c$ and can persist when $R_0 > R_0^c$.

The most striking result of our analysis is the highly multidimensional facets that seem to characterize the lives of the malaria mosquito population, the agents involved in transmitting the malaria parasite that causes malaria. This presents a significant challenge for malaria control and an opportunity for research in order to understand what this might mean for malaria control. In particular, control schemes need to be well thought out to capture all three phases of the mosquito population. Consequently, a desirable control scheme should be

one that targets each of the three stages of the mosquito population. It should seek to limit contact between questing mosquitoes and humans and disrupt breeding sites or move them further from human habitats. In fact, from the re-interpreted basic reproduction number, as the carrying capacity of the breeding sites is halved, the basic reproduction number is also halved and thus can drive R_0 from a value greater than one to a value less than one.

We have thus accomplished the task of addressing the five goals stated in the introduction. We captured the natural oscillations that are known to exist in the prevalence of malaria without recourse to external seasonal forcing, redefined and calculated a new value for the basic reproduction number for malaria, presented a possible interpretation of why it is difficult to eradicate malaria, and have compared the new SIS model with the original Ross SIS type malaria model. Additionally, we identified a parameter regime within which our model exhibits a Hopf bifurcation and another regime where a backward bifurcation occurs.

Our model indicates that to fully understand the dynamics of indirectly transmitted diseases such as malaria fever, dengue fever, yellow fever, Leishmaniasis, etc., mathematical models should not be developed in isolation, but should incorporate the demography of the vectors or arthropods that transmit the agent that cause these diseases. We have therefore presented a framework that researchers can build upon and apply to other indirectly transmitted diseases. We hope that it provides information that might lead to eradicating malaria and other vector-borne diseases, or significantly reducing their burden on humans.

6.4 Possible Extensions and Areas for Future Research

From the analysis of model (4.22), it is evident that there are many areas that require further development and areas of possible extensions. Additionally, there are some open questions that can be investigated. We now present some of these.

1. The mathematical analysis of the stability results of the endemic steady states needs further development. In our brief exploration of the endemic steady states, a number of issues became evident. It is evident that there is a richer dynamics in the region in parameter space where the conditions of remark 5.3.6 hold or fail and understanding

what this means mathematically is of importance. Additionally, exploring the dynamical behavior of the disease in the limit as $R_0 \rightarrow 1$ may lead to interesting results.

2. Figure 5.7.3 shows four regions for the threshold parameters $\mathcal{R}^*$ and R_0 as the parameter λ_0 is varied. The dynamics of malaria in each of these regions may expose interesting features about malaria dynamics and offer potentially useful information towards malaria eradication. Therefore, this is worth investigating.
3. We have modeled the fact that a mosquito takes a bite from a human as a Bernoulli random variable – success or failure. However, it is possible that a mosquito may fail to take a blood meal and then try again and again. It will be interesting to see how this aspect affects the disease dynamics.
4. Another open question is the exploration of the possibility of chaotic dynamics. Does it occur, and if so, under what conditions?
5. It is well known that the most general form of a compartmental model for the dynamics of malaria transmission is an SEIRS-type model [4, 5]. However, we used a simple SIS model. This was because we wanted to illustrate the novelty in our approach as well as acquire a deeper understanding of the associated dynamics and biological significance to malaria. Now that we have a sound understanding of this new framework and the role it can play in malaria control, it is necessary to extend it to capture and address more realistic features of the biology and dynamics of malaria transmission. Hence, it is necessary to develop and analyze deterministic and stochastic SEIRS models for malaria and other indirectly transmissible diseases that incorporate the following:
  - (a) disease-induced mortalities, since they are significant in endemic regions,
  - (b) vector demography and all the aquatic life stages of the malaria vector,
  - (c) multiple human habitats and multiple vector breeding sites.

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Part II

Disease-driven Poverty Traps

Disease-driven Poverty Traps: The Effects of Determinism, Stochasticity, and Safety Nets

7.1 Introduction

About one sixth of the world's population is poor, living on less than one U.S. dollar per day [1]. The poor are located mostly in developing countries, where poverty has lingered for ages. Unfortunately, most of the chronically poor hardly experience real economic growth at any stage of their lives. The reasons for such extreme poverty are varied and include factors such as: bad governance, corruption, poor health care systems, lack of education and social infrastructure, and biophysical factors such as agricultural productivity and environmental degradation [2–7]. Extreme poverty is common among socially marginalized people, people who are discriminated against, unhealthy people, etc. Based on poverty and infectious disease prevalence levels, populations can be grouped into a number of classes that include:

1. under-developed and high disease-burden populations that are stuck in a vicious cycle of poverty and disease,
2. developed and low disease-burden populations with growing economies and good health,
3. populations with intermediate levels of income and infectious disease prevalence, etc.

The gap between the extremely rich and the extremely poor has attracted much attention from the economics and development communities [8–11]. This has given rise to recent

research that is focused on identifying optimal intervention strategies for poverty alleviation and improvement of the health conditions of those leaving in extreme poverty. See, for example, Refs. [12–21] for an extensive coverage of this subject.

Any self-reinforcing system that prevents economic growth can be regarded as a poverty trap. One such system involves the interaction between disease and poverty. This interaction can lead to a vicious cycle where poor health and poverty reinforce each other in a positive feedback system, locking a country in a trap of poverty and poor health. Individuals and countries that are stuck in a poverty trap tend also to have high burdens of disease, while in contrast, rich individuals and developed countries have a relatively low disease burden. Health and nutrition are important for the acquisition of the education and training necessary for income generation, while disease can cause death and inhibit labor productivity, thereby limiting economic growth [22–24]. Disease weakens the workforce of a country and hence impacts economic growth negatively. On the other hand, disease prevalence tends to high in poor countries since such countries lack the necessary health care resources to contain and/or combat diseases. The reasons for the perpetuation of poverty traps are many but the role of per capita income and other economic variables cannot be discounted [9]. Other economic variables may include conflict [25, 26], household income, environmental factors [27] and infectious disease burdens [5, 23, 28].

Disease-driven poverty traps have been qualitatively studied and documented extensively [29]. While formal models of poverty traps have existed for decades, they have not been integrated with the natural sciences and epidemiology [9, 30–34]. Bonds et al. [35] recently proposed a theoretical framework for poverty traps based on an infectious disease model. They translated the generalized poverty trap cycle into a mathematical framework, in which the interaction between income and infectious disease prevalence is studied through a deterministic SIS (susceptible-infectious-susceptible) compartmental model with per capita income-dependent parameters. Although this framework formally demonstrates how poverty traps caused by infectious diseases can emerge in a very simple model, it is incomplete in several aspects. The framework fails to capture and/or explain the mechanism by which countries fall into disease-induced poverty traps and how countries can leave the poverty trap. Most importantly, which equilibrium the country relaxes to is determined entirely by

its initial level of income and burden of infectious disease. Moreover, once a country steps into the high income and low disease state, or the low income and high disease state, the country has no way of leaving that state. This is unrealistic in real-life. These deficiencies in the framework are attributed to the fact that their system is deterministic.

Stochastic models, that is, models that include random variation, can lead to qualitatively different results than deterministic models in a range of systems and scales of analysis [36, 37]. Stochastic processes are also an important part of the economic growth literature [30, 38], and they have played a central role in the development of population ecological theory [39–41]. A substantial amount of empirical work, from laboratory studies of marine micro-organisms to field studies of large mammals, has contributed to a growing consensus that stochastic processes are often as important as their underlying deterministic structure in explaining patterns of population dynamics [41–46]. For example, stochastic models have been essential in explaining the temporal behavior of infectious diseases of humans, such as measles, whooping cough, cholera, dengue fever, etc. [47–51]. Stochasticity can also play an important role in generating poverty traps, and in deciding whether or not a population or a country falls into, or leaves a poverty trap.

The question at issues is: what can be done about perpetual cycles of poverty and disease? There are those who suggest that what is needed is broad economic development, and everything else (such as mortality rates) will follow. Such goals have not only been elusive, they are not necessarily based on an understanding of the underlying mechanics of persistent poverty. Health conditions through a system of feedback mechanisms can be an important determinant of long-term economic growth and improving health care can play a role in breaking cycles of poverty and disease. Here, we explore deterministic and stochastic models of disease-driven poverty traps in view of determining the best ways of escaping disease-driven poverty traps. We show that deterministic models can give rise to poverty traps that can only be overcome by substantial external changes to the initial levels of income and health care, whereas there is always a possibility of breaking poverty traps arising from stochastic models. We also show that a “safety net¹”, which can be implemented as an economic measure, a health measure or both an economic and health measure is a

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¹A safety net is an externally enforced minimum level of health or economic conditions.

guaranteed measure of escaping from a poverty trap. This measure remains effective even when it is implemented within the basin of attraction of the poverty trap. Therefore, this research addresses structural versus stochastic poverty, and provides theoretical mechanisms for understanding the role of health safety nets in the context of stochastic poverty.

This study is motivated by the following findings developed from disparate literatures:

1. health, which depends largely on disease ecology, can influence economic productivity,
2. the effectiveness of policy is sensitive to the nature of poverty dynamics, and
3. the dynamics of income and disease have both deterministic and stochastic components.

The chapter is organized as follows: We explore the effects of determinism and stochasticity on disease-driven poverty traps in Sections 7.2 and 7.3, respectively, advance policy interpretations of our investigations in Section 7.4, and conclude the chapter in Section 7.5.

7.2 The Deterministic Approach

The parameters and variables used in this Section are described in Tables 7.1 and 7.2, respectively, while a schematic framework illustrating the flow of individuals between the susceptible and infectious classes is presented in Fig. 7.1.

Table 7.1. Model parameters and their descriptions.

Parameter	Description
λ	Birth rate of susceptible and infectious individuals
β	Transmission rate
β_1	Maximum transmission rate
r	Rate at which infectious individuals recover from the disease
r_1	Maximum rate at which infectious individuals recover from the disease
μ	Natural death rate of susceptible and infectious individuals
γ	Disease-induced death rate
M_0	Maximum income
ρ	Growth rate of income
σ	Volatility of per capita income

Table 7.2. Model variables and their descriptions.

Variable	Description
$\tilde{S}(t)$	Susceptible individuals at time t . These are individuals with the potential of contracting the disease but who has not yet contracted the disease.
$\tilde{I}(t)$	Infectious individuals at time t . These are individuals who have already contracted the disease and can transmit it.
$M(t)$	Per capita income at time t .

Figure 7.1. A schematic framework illustrating the movement of individuals into and out of the susceptible ($\tilde{S}$) and infectious ($\tilde{I}$) classes. The various transition rates are described in Table 7.1. At any time, the total population $\tilde{N}$, is given by $\tilde{N} = \tilde{S} + \tilde{I}$.

We derive and analyze a *SISM* (Susceptible-Infectious-Susceptible-Per capita income) deterministic ordinary differential equation model for a class of infectious diseases of humans that can serially reinfect their hosts. Such diseases may include bacterial infections, sexually transmitted diseases, vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue fever. Literature indicates that such diseases have been accused of inhibiting economic growth [23, 52, 53]. The generic $\tilde{S}\tilde{I}\tilde{S}$ part of the model has been widely studied in the literature [54–57]. See, for example, Chapter 2 for the derivation of this part of the model. Since disease-driven poverty traps arise as a result of positive feedback between income and disease, we adopt the framework proposed by Bonds et al. and model the contact and recovery rates as functions of per capita income. Using standard mass action laws and the schematic in Fig. 7.1, we write the following system of differential equations for the disease model:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\tilde{S}}{dt} &= \lambda\tilde{N} + r(M)\tilde{I} - \left(\frac{\beta(M)\tilde{I}}{\tilde{N}} + \mu\right)\tilde{S}, \\ \frac{d\tilde{I}}{dt} &= \frac{\beta(M)\tilde{I}}{\tilde{N}}\tilde{S} - (r(M) + \mu + \gamma)\tilde{I},\end{aligned}\tag{7.1}$$

where the total population is modeled by the equation

$$\frac{d\tilde{N}}{dt} = (\lambda - \mu)\tilde{N} - \gamma\tilde{I}.$$

For convenience, we rewrite the disease model in terms of proportions of susceptible and infectious individuals. To achieve this variable transformation, we set $S = \tilde{S}/\tilde{N}$ and $I = \tilde{I}/\tilde{N}$ in system (7.1). The derivatives on the left-hand sides are now given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= \frac{d(\tilde{S}/\tilde{N})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tilde{N}} \left(\frac{d\tilde{S}}{dt} - \frac{\tilde{S}}{\tilde{N}} \frac{d\tilde{N}}{dt} \right), \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \frac{d(\tilde{I}/\tilde{N})}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tilde{N}} \left(\frac{d\tilde{I}}{dt} - \frac{\tilde{I}}{\tilde{N}} \frac{d\tilde{N}}{dt} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Further simplification yields the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= \lambda(1 - S) - \beta(M)IS + r(M)I + \gamma IS, \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta(M)IS - (r(M) + \gamma + \lambda)I + \gamma I^2,\end{aligned}\tag{7.2}$$

where S and I are, respectively, the proportions of susceptible and infectious individuals. Since $S + I = 1$, $S = 1 - I$. We use this fact to reduce system (7.2) into the single equation

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta(M)I(1 - I) - (r(M) + \gamma + \lambda)I + \gamma I^2. \quad (7.3)$$

In contrast to previous frameworks used in modeling income [28, 35, 58], we regard per capita income as a state variable and model it explicitly through the following ordinary differential equation that is chosen in such a way that per capita income increases with decreasing disease prevalence and decreases with increasing disease prevalence:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = -\rho M(M - M_0(1 - I)), \quad (7.4)$$

where ρ is the growth rate of income and M_0 is the maximum income that would be earned if there is no disease in the population. To complete the description of the model, we select appropriate functions for the income-dependent rates. The transmission rate can be modeled through a decreasing function of income, while the recovery rate can be modeled through an increasing function of income. Note that the rich can easily afford treatment, cure and measures to avoid contacts with infectious individuals than the poor. We adopt the following functions from Ref. [35]:

$$\beta(M) = \frac{\beta_1 \epsilon}{M + \epsilon}, \quad (7.5)$$

$$r(M) = \frac{r_1 M}{M + \kappa}, \quad (7.6)$$

where ϵ and κ are positive constants and β_1 and r_1 are defined in Table 7.1. The selected transmission rate function β , has a maximum value of β_1 , which arises when income falls to zero. The recovery rate function r , attains a maximum of r_1 . Note that β approaches zero asymptotically, while r approaches r_1 asymptotically as M increases. See Fig. 7.2.

Rewriting equations (7.3) and (7.4), we obtain the following disease-income system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta(M)I(1 - I) - (r(M) + \gamma + \lambda)I + \gamma I^2, \\ \frac{dM}{dt} &= -\rho M(M - M_0(1 - I)). \end{aligned} \quad (7.7)$$

Figure 7.2. A sketch of the transmission and recovery rate functions from equations (7.5) and (7.6). The transmission rate function β , denoted by a blue line decays to zero asymptotically, while the recovery rate function r , denoted by a green line, grows and saturates at a maximum as income increases.

7.2.1 Existence of Equilibrium Solutions and Linear Stability Analysis

We identify the following threshold parameter and use it to explore the stability of system (7.7):

$$R_0^m = \frac{\beta_1 \epsilon (M_0 + \kappa)}{(M_0 + \epsilon)(r_1 M_0 + (\gamma + \lambda)(M_0 + \kappa))}. \quad (7.8)$$

Remark 7.2.1. *The following can be deduced from the parameter R_0^m :*

- (i) *An increase in M_0 , representing an improvement in economic conditions reduces R_0^m .*
- (ii) *An increase in r_1 , representing improved medical treatment, better nutrition, better health education, better health policies, etc., will decrease R_0^m .*
- (iii) *A decrease in β_1 will reduce R_0^m .*

Let (I^*, M^*) be an equilibrium solution of system (7.7). Then by substituting $I = I^*$ and $M = M^*$ in system (7.7), setting the left-hand sides to zero, and solving the resulting algebraic equations, we obtain the following five equilibrium solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} E_0^* &= (I^*, M^*) = (0, 0), \\ E_{M_0}^* &= (I^*, M^*) = (0, M_0), \\ E_I^* &= (I^*, M^*) = \left(\frac{\beta_1 - (\lambda + \gamma)}{\beta_1 - \gamma}, 0 \right), \\ E_{2,3}^* &= (I^*, M^*) = (I_i^*, M_m^*), \end{aligned} \quad (7.9)$$

where the equilibrium solution E_I^* exists (or is positive) only for $\beta_1 < \gamma$ or $\beta_1 > \lambda + \gamma$, and

$$\begin{aligned} I_i^* &= \frac{\beta(M_m^*) - (r(M_m^*) + \lambda + \gamma)}{\beta(M_m^*) - \gamma}, \\ M_m^* &= M_0(1 - I_i^*), \quad I_i^* < 1. \end{aligned}$$

We investigate the stability of the equilibria in (7.9) by linearizing system (7.7) about each of the equilibrium solutions. To this effect, we perturb the system about (I^*, M^*) by setting $I = I^* + i$ and $M = M^* + m$, where s and m are small. Substituting these values into the system and expanding in a Taylor series about (I^*, M^*) and retaining only linear terms in i and m yields the following linear system of ordinary differential equations in i and m :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{di}{dt} \\ \frac{dm}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = J \begin{pmatrix} i \\ m \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\beta_1 \epsilon}{M^* + \epsilon}(1 - 2I^*) - \frac{r_1 M^*}{M^* + \kappa} - (\lambda + \gamma) + 2\gamma I^* & -\frac{\beta_1 \epsilon I^*}{(M^* + \epsilon)^2}(1 - I^*) - \frac{r_1 \kappa I^*}{(M^* + \kappa)^2} \\ -\rho M_0 M^* & -\rho(2M^* - M_0(1 - I^*)) \end{pmatrix}$$

is the Jacobian matrix of the linear system. Let ξ be an eigenvalue of J .

Now, at the trivial equilibrium solution $E_0^* = (0, 0)$, J reduces to the diagonal matrix

$$J(E_0^*) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 - (\lambda + \gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & \rho M_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

whose eigenvalues are $\xi_1 = \rho M_0 > 0$ and $\xi_2 = \beta_1 - (\lambda + \gamma)$. These eigenvalues are real and positive when $\beta_1 > \lambda + \gamma$, and they have opposite signs when $\beta_1 < \lambda + \gamma$. Hence, E_0^* is an unstable node when $\beta_1 > \lambda + \gamma$, and a saddle when $\beta_1 < \lambda + \gamma$. Instability of E_0^* is reasonable since it is assumed impossible to have a country with no income and no disease prevalence. Note that the condition, $\beta_1 > \lambda + \gamma$, for which E_0^* is an unstable node guarantees the existence of E_I^* .

At the equilibrium point $E_{M_0}^*$, the Jacobian matrix becomes:

$$J(E_{M_0}^*) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\beta_1 \epsilon}{M_0 + \epsilon} - \frac{r_1 M_0}{M_0 + \kappa} - (\lambda + \gamma) & 0 \\ -\rho M_0^2 & -\rho M_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the eigenvalues of $J(E_{M_0}^*)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &= -\rho M_0, \\ \xi_2 &= -\frac{(r_1 M_0 + (\lambda + \gamma)(M_0 + \kappa))(1 - R_0^m)}{M_0 + \kappa}, \end{aligned}$$

where R_0^m is given by equation (7.8). Clearly, $E_{M_0}^*$ is a stable node when $R_0^m \leq 1$ and an unstable node when $R_0^m > 1$. Stability of $E_{M_0}^*$ represents the situation in which the disease dies out at a certain level of income M_0 .

At the equilibrium solution E_I^* , we have

$$J(E_I^*) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1(1 - 2I^*) - (\lambda + \gamma) + 2\gamma I^* & -\frac{\beta_1 I^*}{\epsilon}(1 - I^*) - \frac{r_1 I^*}{\kappa} \\ 0 & \rho M_0(1 - I^*) \end{pmatrix},$$

with eigenvalues, $\xi_1 = \beta_1(1 - 2I^*) - (\lambda + \gamma) + 2\gamma I^*$ and $\xi_2 = \rho M_0(1 - I^*)$, where I^* is given by (7.9). Note from (7.9) that $I^* < 1$. This makes sense, since I is the proportion of infectious individuals. Since $I^* < 1$, $\xi_2 > 0$. Therefore, E_I^* is an unstable node if $\xi_1 > 0$ and a saddle if $\xi_1 < 0$. Instability of E_I^* conforms with the fact that it is difficult to have a country that is stuck in a state with high disease prevalence and no income at all.

Calculating $E_{2,3}^*$ in closed form is difficult. Hence, studying the stability of these equilibria analytically is also difficult. We therefore resort to numerical simulations.

7.2.2 Numerical Simulations of the Deterministic Model

We use the following parameter values to simulate system (7.7): $\lambda = 0.06$, $\gamma = 0.02$, $\rho = 0.05$, $\beta_1 = 40$, $\epsilon = 15$, $r_1 = 13.5$, $\kappa = 100$, $M_0 = 100$. The simulation results confirm as well as reinforce the analytical evaluation of the stability of the equilibrium solutions, with the trivial equilibrium E_0^* and the zero income-high disease prevalence equilibrium E_I^* unstable, while the high income and no disease equilibrium point $E_{M_0}^*$, is stable. In addition, the non-trivial equilibrium solution E_2^* , is unstable, whereas the high disease prevalence-low income equilibrium solution E_3^* , is stable. Note that $E_3^* \neq E_I^*$, since the equilibrium value of M in E_3^* is not necessarily zero as in E_I^* . The stable equilibrium point to which the system relaxes in the long time limit is determined strictly by the initial conditions. Trajectories that originate close to a given stable equilibrium solution relax to that equilibrium solution. Trajectories that originate to the left of, and above the unstable equilibrium E_2^* , converge to the high income-low disease prevalence equilibrium $E_{M_0}^*$, while trajectories that originate to the right of, and below E_2^* , converge to E_3^* . Trajectories that originate close to the unstable

equilibrium solution E_I^* , converge to E_3^* . The stable equilibrium solution E_3^* , constitutes a poverty trap. The stable equilibrium $E_{M_0}^*$ is called a development equilibrium. Typical phase plots illustrating the behavior of system (7.7) are presented in Figs. 7.3-7.5.

Figure 7.3. Simulation results for the deterministic model showing the path taken by a typical trajectory that starts at a particular initial point to arrive at $E_{M_0}^*$.

Figure 7.4. Simulation results for the deterministic model showing the path a typical trajectory that starts at an initial point takes to get to the poverty trap E_3^* .

Figure 7.5. Simulation results for the deterministic model showing the paths taken by two typical trajectories that start at different initial points to arrive at the development stable equilibrium solution, $E_{M_0}^*$, and the poverty trap, E_3^* . The blue and the red lines represent the nullclines, $dM/dt = 0$ and $dI/dt = 0$, respectively, while the purple and magenta lines denote the paths taken by two typical trajectories to converge to the stable development equilibrium and the poverty trap, respectively. The parameter values used are: $\lambda = 0.06, \gamma = 0.02, \rho = 0.05, \beta_1 = 40, \epsilon = 15, r_1 = 13.5, \rho = 90, \kappa = 100, M_0 = 100$.

We now determine the combinations of initial values of per capita income and disease prevalence that will converge to the poverty trap over time. To achieve this, we integrate system (7.7) on a grid of initial values of per capita income and disease prevalence. The result of this simulation is illustrated in Fig. 7.6. Within the set defined by this combination, the probability that the system converges to the poverty trap is one. Outside this set, the system evolves to the development equilibrium point long run. In this case, the probability that the system will fall into the poverty trap is zero.

Although we have used a deterministic approach to explore some important features of poverty traps, modeling poverty traps deterministically has a number of limitations. For a given set of parameters, determinism implies that a country is permanently stuck in a trap of poverty and disease if its initial epidemiological and economic conditions fall within the basin of attraction of the poverty trap equilibrium, or a country is stuck in a high income and no disease state if its initial epidemiological and economic conditions are located within the basin of attraction of the development equilibrium. Determinism also indicates that a substantial initial push is required to move the state variables out of the basin of attraction of the poverty trap, or a change in the parameters that alters the existence or location of equilibria in the state space. Hence, determinism may lead to restrictive policy recommendations that require large external interventions which may not be necessary. It also provides a limited set of criteria for detecting poverty traps empirically.

Figure 7.6. Phase plot illustrating the effect of initial conditions on determining the stable equilibrium point to which the system relaxes in the long time limit. The following parameter values are used: $\lambda = 0.06, \gamma = 0.02, \rho = 0.05, \beta_1 = 40, \epsilon = 15, r_1 = 13.5, \rho = 90, \kappa = 100, M_0 = 100$.

7.3 Stochastic Model

Figure 7.7. A schematic framework illustrating the states to which a typical susceptible or infectious individual can evolve. At any time, the total population is $\tilde{N} = \tilde{S} + \tilde{I}$.

We now formulate and study a stochastic model describing the interplay between per capita income and infectious disease prevalence.

7.3.1 Partial Stochastic Model

Here, we study a stochastic disease model and a deterministic income model. In general, a deterministic ordinary differential equation model can give at best an approximation to a dynamical process that is by definition random. The solution to the system of ordinary differential equations described above results in the expected behavior of the system, providing no information as to the distribution of possible paths that the dynamical system can follow. In order to acquire a measure for this distribution, we numerically simulate the dynamical system using the Gillespie Algorithm. The Gillespie algorithm simulates random discrete events and the time elapsed between events. Here, the events are: birth of a susceptible individual, infection of a susceptible individual, recovery of an infectious individual, death of an infectious individual, and death of a susceptible individual. The total population that we consider as the sum of susceptible (S) and infectious (I) individuals is not constant. Starting from a state with susceptible and infectious individuals, there are five states, $(S + 1, I)$, $(S - 1, I + 1)$, $(S + 1, I - 1)$, $(S - 1, I)$, and $(S, I - 1)$ corresponding to the five events mentioned above to which the system can evolve at different rates. See the flow chart, Fig. 7.7 and what follows for details. For notational convenience, we have dropped the wiggles on S and I so that S and I are now the number of susceptible and infectious individuals, respectively.

- The state $(S + 1, I)$ represents increments to the susceptible population through births from susceptible and infectious individuals that occur at rate λ .
- The state $(S - 1, I + 1)$ describes movements of individuals from the susceptible class to the infectious class. These movements occur at rate $\frac{\beta I}{N}$, where β is the contact rate between susceptible and infectious individuals. To quantify the effect of income on disease transmission, we allow β to be a decreasing function of income.
- The state $(S + 1, I - 1)$ describes movements of individuals from the infectious class to the susceptible class. These are individuals who recover from the disease at rate r

to join the susceptible class. As in the deterministic model, to emphasize the effect of income on disease prevalence, we allow r to be an increasing function of income.

- The state $(S - 1, I)$ denotes the natural death of a susceptible individual that occur at rate μ .
- The state $(S, I - 1)$ represents natural and disease-induced mortalities from the infectious that occur at rates μ and γ , respectively.

7.3.1.1 Numerical Simulations of the Partial Stochastic Model

Using the same functional forms for β and r , and the same parameter values as in the deterministic model, we simulate the above stochastic system in MATLAB. To illustrate the unique properties of the stochastic system, we start the simulations at an intermediate level of both income and disease prevalence, close to the (unstable) intermediate equilibrium point E_2^* of the system. Fig. 7.8 shows the results of four different runs, with the same parameters, and the same starting point. In contrast to the deterministic case, where the system would always tend towards one of the stable steady states for all four runs, the system approaches the development equilibrium for some runs and falls into the poverty trap equilibrium for others. Hence, the stable equilibrium point to which the system relaxes in the long term is not necessarily determined by the initial condition applied to the system. Running the Gillespie algorithm multiple times from different initial conditions allows us to quantify the probability of ending up in either the development or poverty trap equilibrium. This probability was either zero or one in the deterministic case. But this is not the case with the stochastic model. As illustrated in Fig. 7.9, the probability of convergence to the poverty trap or development equilibrium is a number from zero to one. Given such a landscape plot, one can ask questions like, what is the quickest, or most likely path from the poverty trap to the development equilibrium? This is the sequence of disease-burden and income states that are likely to arise from a country moving from the poverty trap to the development equilibrium. One simple way to visualize this is to examine the plot from Fig. 7.9, and draw an arrow at each point in the direction of the neighboring point with the highest probability of ending up in the development equilibrium. By following the arrows from the bottom right

of the plot to the top left corner of the plot, Fig. 7.10, one can trace a likely path that a population or a country can take to leave the poverty trap. The solid lines on Figs. 7.9 and 7.10 represent contour lines, suggesting that there are intermediate values of the probability of a country leaving the poverty trap to the development equilibrium.

7.8.1. One possible path to the stable development equilibrium point.

7.8.2. Second path to the stable development equilibrium point.

7.8.3. One possible path to the poverty trap

7.8.4. Second path to the poverty trap

Figure 7.8. Possible paths to the stable development and poverty trap equilibria. Notice that unlike the deterministic case, irrespective of the initial conditions, it is possible to attain any of the two stable equilibria. That is, different simulations with the same initial condition and the same parameter values can drive the system to one stable equilibrium at one time and to the other stable equilibrium at another time.

Figure 7.9. Phase plot illustrating the fact that there are intermediate values of the probability of moving from the poverty trap to the development equilibrium.

Figure 7.10. Phase plot illustrating the effect of initial conditions. The arrows indicate the quickest path to the development equilibrium, which can be interpreted as the direction in which a country should move in the prevalence-income phase plane if it wants to maximize its probability of ending up in the stable development equilibrium.

7.3.2 Full Stochastic Model

For infectious disease dynamics, stochasticity is most often modeled as “demographic”; i.e., through the inherently random component of the movement between discrete states, with transitions determined by the rates in Fig. 7.7. For income, we model the stochastic process as “environmental”; i.e., through a Wiener process that includes the addition of an exogenous stochastic component. This is a standard method in economics and finance that applies naturally to poverty dynamics where incomes are often generated from highly variable agricultural productivity or through volatile earnings associated with an informal economy [59, 60]. Because income is a continuous variable it is modeled here as a simple differential equation:

$$dM = g(M)Mdt + \sigma dW_t, \quad (7.10)$$

where dW_t is a random variable with mean 0, generated by a Wiener process, $g(M) = -r(M - M_0(1 - I))$ is the average growth rate of per capita income, and σ is the volatility of per capita income. Constant σ ensures that the poor are more sensitive to swings in income.

As in Section, 7.3.1, we simulate the disease process through a Gillespie algorithm. At each event, the income is updated by numerically integrating equation (7.10) for the time elapsed. The quantity, dW_t is approximated by a vector of normally distributed random variables with mean 0 and variance dt , where dt is a dynamically determined step-size. Such an algorithm allows us to simulate both the disease and income processes simultaneously. As with the partial stochastic model, simulations of the full stochastic model for the same set of parameter values and initial levels of disease prevalence and income generate trajectories that can converge to the stable development equilibrium or the poverty trap equilibrium. This is illustrated in Figs. 7.11 and 7.12. On the other hand, for each point on a grid of initial disease prevalence and per capita income values, we simulate the stochastic disease-income model for 70 iterations, noting the proportion of times that convergence to the poverty trap equilibrium occurs. These proportions constitute the z -values in the contour plot illustrated in Fig. 7.13. Figure 7.14 is generated by drawing an arrow at each point on the grid pointing to the neighboring point that has the highest probability of convergence to the development equilibrium. The interpretation is reversed when populations fall into poverty traps.

Figure 7.11. Stochastic simulations. In contrast to the deterministic case, it is possible to attain either of the two stable equilibria with the same initial conditions. For example, for the initial values $(I, M) = (0.5, 50)$, the system converges to the development equilibrium during the first simulation.

Figure 7.12. Stochastic simulations. In contrast to the deterministic case, it is possible to attain either of the two stable equilibria with the same initial conditions. For the same initial values $(I, M) = (0.5, 50)$, the system converges to the poverty trap during the second simulation.

Figure 7.13. Phase plot illustrating probabilities that an initial condition will lead to landing in the poverty trap. Each solid line corresponds to a single probability of reaching either the development or poverty trap equilibrium.

Figure 7.14. Phase plot illustrating the path to development. The arrows indicate the quickest path to the development equilibrium. Note that this path depends on the status of the level of income and disease.

7.4 Policy Interpretation

As illustrated in Fig. 7.14, the level of income and disease prevalence plays a crucial role in determining the highest probability strategy of breaking a disease-driven poverty trap. Hence, a possible intervention strategy aimed at breaking disease-driven poverty traps involves effecting direct changes to the state variables, such as increasing income, reducing disease prevalence or increasing income and reducing disease prevalence simultaneously. The most efficient intervention in terms of the highest probability of leaving the poverty trap and heading towards the development equilibrium in areas of the state space where the arrows point vertically upward would be to increase income. In areas of state space where the arrows point horizontally to the left, the most efficient intervention strategy requires an improvement in health care, or a reduction in disease prevalence. Finally, in areas of state space in which the arrows point diagonally upwards and to the left, the best intervention strategy entails increasing income and reducing disease prevalence simultaneously. Such policies would be futile in a deterministic system where small interventions could change only the rate at which the system approaches its pre-destined stable equilibrium outcome.

A safety net, defined as the minimum enforced level of income and public health below which a population is not allowed to fall, constitutes another important intervention measure. Safety net interventions are modeled by incorporating an income threshold and a disease threshold and imposing conditions that prevent income from falling below the income threshold and disease prevalence from rising above the disease threshold. We then simulate the full stochastic model 500 times on a grid of initial values for disease prevalence and per capita income, with each simulation run until the development equilibrium is reached. The expected time to development equilibrium is estimated as the average of the time until the development equilibrium is reached for each of the 500 runs. The effect of safety nets is illustrated in Figs. 7.15-7.17. Development or convergence to the development equilibrium occurs even when the safety net is set within the basin of attraction of the poverty trap. Additionally, development occurs when the safety net is implemented as an economic (income safety net) and a public health (health safety net) policy simultaneously. This provides the fastest route to escape from the poverty trap. Furthermore, development is still attained

even when the safety net is implemented only as an economic condition or only as a public health policy. Hence, safety nets can guarantee ultimate escape from a poverty trap.

Figure 7.15. Stochastic simulation where the initial state is reinforced by a safety net. Income safety net set at $M = 10$. The safety net ensures that the system is driven towards the development equilibrium even though it is set in the basin of attraction of the poverty trap. The broken blue line represents $M^*(I)$, the broken red line represents $I^*(M)$ and the magenta curve represents the path a typical trajectory follows.

Figure 7.16. Stochastic simulation where the initial state is reinforced by a safety net. Health safety net set at $I = 0.90$. The safety net ensures that the system is driven towards the development equilibrium even though it is set in the basin of attraction of the poverty trap. The broken blue line represents $M^*(I)$, the broken red line represents $I^*(M)$ and the magenta curve represents the path a typical trajectory follows.

Figure 7.17. Stochastic simulation where the initial state is reinforced by a safety net. Income and health safety net, $(I, M) = (0.90, 10)$. The safety net ensures that the system is driven towards the development equilibrium even though it is set in the basin of attraction of the poverty trap. The broken blue line represents $M^*(I)$, the broken red line represents $I^*(M)$ and the magenta curve represents the path a typical trajectory follows.

The location of the safety net is important in determining the expected time to attain development. Figure. 7.18 presents the expected (i.e., mean) time it takes to reach the development equilibrium, which we define here as the “rate of development”, for the full range of initial conditions when reinforced by safety nets in both health and income. The slope of the contour lines in Fig. 7.18 indicate the relative sensitivity of this rate of development to safety nets at different levels of income and disease. For example, if the slope of the contour lines in Fig. 7.18 is greater than 1, then changes in the disease safety net will have a larger impact on the rate of development than changes in the income safety net. At the extreme, a vertical contour line (slope = ∞) would indicate that the development process was limited only by disease, and therefore changes in a safety net in income would have no effect on the rate of development. Likewise, horizontal contours (slope = 0) would signify that the rate of development is limited only by income. The proximity of the contour lines in the bottom right corner of Fig. 7.18 indicates that the rate of development is most sensitive to changes in the location of the safety net closest to the poverty trap equilibrium.

Figure 7.18. Phase plot illustrating the average time required to attain the development equilibrium from initial conditions that are reinforced by safety nets.

7.5 Conclusion

We have used a simple *SISM* model framework to address some basic questions on the feedback between income and disease. We demonstrated that deterministic models of poverty traps have qualitatively different behavior than stochastic models, and correspond to a different, and more limited, set of policy options. Economic development in the deterministic model requires either significant changes to initial conditions or a change in the parametric structure of the system. In contrast, the stochastic model shows how external interventions in the form of safety nets can significantly improve the development trajectory of a population irrespective of knowledge of the location of the poverty trap threshold. Even minor safety nets in population health, per capita income or both can have long-term impacts on economic development. Not only can development result from safety nets that are set within the basin of attraction of the poverty trap, but the rate of development is most sensitive to changes in safety nets near the poverty trap equilibrium, where marginal improvements in population health are also likely to be the least expensive. Thus, we have shown that a safety net can guarantee ultimate escape from a poverty trap, even if it is set within the basin of attraction of the poverty trap, and even if the safety net is only in the form of a health intervention. If a population is near the poverty-trap equilibrium, the benefits of a safety net is lowest in the deterministic system and highest for the stochastic model.

The disease component of our model is generic and can be used to study a variety of human diseases such as bacterial diseases, sexually transmitted diseases, and many vector-borne diseases including malaria, which are well known for having a negative impact on economic growth. Therefore, our model can be adapted to study poverty traps for different countries—developed or developing, and for different diseases by building in factors that are specific to such countries and diseases.

In this research, we identified various optimal intervention strategies for taking populations out of disease-driven poverty traps and highlighted when it is best to apply a specific intervention measure. The research also highlights the role mathematical models can play in public policy making. In fact, based on our analysis of the stochastic model, the following optimal economic development and public health intervention questions were answered:

- (i) To help populations escape from poverty traps, is it preferable to provide health care, income/income generating resources (to enable these populations generate wealth), or both health care and income/income generating resources?
- (ii) How long will it take a population in a poverty trap to attain economic development when the initial health and economic conditions are reinforced by safety nets?

Generally, the availability of good quantitative models is very important in the formulation of effective public policy. A new fundamental model such as ours can be studied in mathematical detail, and if it is found to produce good results, it can then be made more precise and used as an effective tool to guide decision makers. The relative lack of good mathematical models for understanding poverty dynamics, and the potential for this new model to explain and predict the evolution of income and poverty, makes this an exciting contribution within the field of dynamical system modeling, and on the formulation of public policy. This research provides a novel and plausible framework on which public policy can be informed by meaningful integration between economics and methodological advances in the natural sciences, epidemiology and mathematics.

Additionally, this research opens new areas for further investigation that include studying:

1. feedback between income and more realistic epidemiological models for specific diseases such as HIV, TB, malaria, childhood diseases, etc. in specific countries and
2. within-population dynamics as opposed to the previous framework whose dynamics is at the population level. This is necessary since within a given population or country, there are rich and healthy, rich and unhealthy, poor and healthy, and poor and unhealthy individuals.

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Part III

Extreme Multistability in a Chemical Model System

Introduction to Chemical Chaos

8.1 Introduction to Chemical Chaos through the Autocatalator Model

Many physical phenomena such as the weather, naturally occurring biological, physical and chemical systems, the human heartbeat, etc. have been shown to exhibit complex dynamical behaviors such as chaos [1]. Chaos is characterized by dynamical behavior that includes the emergence of strange attractors. Examples of systems that exhibit chaotic behavior include oscillatory chemical reactions. Such oscillatory systems present different periodic behaviors in response to variations in a parameter or a set of parameters in the system. Some systems exhibit period-doubling bifurcations, whereby trajectories take approximately twice as long to repeat as each bifurcation is realized. Period-doubling bifurcations culminate in chaotic behavior, whereby oscillations with infinite periods emerge. A widely studied system that exhibits such complex behavior is the Belousov-Zhabostinsky (BZ) reaction [2–4].

Oscillatory and chaotic dynamics do not require great complexity in the chemical mechanism. Chemical systems may exhibit chaotic dynamics if the chemistry includes sufficient feedback, which may also give rise to multiple steady states in a system. Chemical feedback typically occurs as a result of autocatalysis or non-isothermal reactions. Autocatalysis occurs when a product contributes in its own production while a non-isothermal reaction is one in which a change in temperature occurs. Autocatalytic reactions generally begin at slow rates, since the initial amount of the autocatalyst is small, and then speed up over time with the consumption of the reactant and production of more autocatalyst. A number of prototypical chemical reaction schemes for investigating oscillatory behavior have been pro-

posed and analyzed. Our investigation is based on a chemical model system that has been used in many studies of chemical oscillations and chaotic dynamics, the autocatalator model [5–11]. The two-variable autocatalator system, originally introduced by Gray and Scott [12], exhibits simple oscillations [13–16], while the three-variable autocatalator model, proposed by Peng et al. [17], exhibits complex periodic and chaotic behavior. Numerical studies have been carried out to investigate the quantitative behavior of the three-variable autocatalator model (see, for example, Ref. [18]); however, fewer studies have appeared on the qualitative behavior of the model. Hence, our goal in this Chapter is to carry out a comprehensive investigation of the qualitative behavior of the three-variable autocatalator model.

The Chapter is organized as follows. In Section 8.2, we review the two-variable autocatalator model. We present the three-variable autocatalator model in Section 8.3, reproduce as well as extend previous quantitative results through numerical simulations in Section 8.3.2, present a full qualitative analysis in Section 8.3.3, and summarize our results in Section 8.4.

8.2 The Two-variable Autocatalator Model

The two-variable autocatalator model is possibly the simplest prototype chemical model that is capable of exhibiting oscillations. The scheme involves the conversion of a chemical precursor A with constant concentration to a final product B through two intermediate species, X and Y . Let k_i , ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3$) be rate constants; the kinetic model is described by the following 4-step sequence of reactions:

Reaction (R_{8.3}), in which the intermediate species Y catalyzes its own production is the most crucial reaction of this model. This step is called the cubic autocatalysis step, which is the reason why this model is called the cubic autocatalator model. It provides a nonlinear feedback mechanism in the system that accounts for the observed oscillatory dynamics. The

corresponding ordinary differential equation model is:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{[X]} &= k_0 A_0 - k_1 [X][Y]^2 - k_3 [X], \\ \dot{[Y]} &= k_1 [X][Y]^2 - k_2 [Y] + k_3 [X],\end{aligned}\tag{8.1}$$

where A_0 is the concentration of the reactant A . The dimensionless variables and parameters,

$$x = \left(\frac{k_2}{k_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [X], \quad y = \left(\frac{k_2}{k_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Y], \quad t = k_3 \tau, \quad \mu = \left(\frac{k_2}{k_3}\right) \frac{k_0 A_0}{k_2}, \quad \alpha = \frac{k_1}{k_3},$$

simplify system (8.1) to

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \mu - xy^2 - \alpha x, \\ \dot{y} &= xy^2 - y + \alpha x.\end{aligned}\tag{8.2}$$

This system has been analyzed in detail in a number of papers. Merkin et al. [13] considered the special case in which the uncatalyzed reaction (R_{8.2}) is excluded from the system. They identified a stationary state $(x^*, y^*) = (1/\mu, \mu)$ and showed that it is stable for $\mu \geq 1$. They also showed that a Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\mu = 1$, and that a stable limit cycle exists for $\mu_c < \mu < 1$, where $\mu_c = 0.90032$. Merkin et al. [14] also studied the full system (8.2). They identified a steady state $(x^*, y^*) = (\mu/(\mu^2 + \alpha), \mu)$, which is stable for $\alpha > 0.125$. For $\alpha < 0.125$, they identified two critical values of μ ,

$$\mu_0^c = \sqrt{\frac{(1 - 2\alpha) - \sqrt{1 - 8\alpha}}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_1^c = \sqrt{\frac{(1 - 2\alpha) + \sqrt{1 - 8\alpha}}{2}},$$

at which Hopf bifurcations occur and showed that a stable limit cycle exists for $\mu_0^c < \mu < \mu_1^c$. Gray et al. [15] examined the effect of the inclusion of a quadratic step in the model. Forbes and Holmes [16] used analytical and numerical techniques to show that limit cycle behavior is only possible in a restricted region of the parameter space. They also found strong numerical evidence that this limit cycle is unique and stable to infinitesimal perturbations.

Figure 8.1 represents a bifurcation diagram of system (8.2) for $\alpha = 0.1$ and $0.3 \leq \mu \leq 0.9$. Notice that for this value of α , the critical values of μ at which Hopf bifurcations occur are, respectively, $\mu_0^c = 0.4200$ and $\mu_1^c = 0.7897$. Figures 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 are, respectively, the time series and phase plots of the system for the parameter values $\mu = 0.5$ and $\alpha = 0.0625$.

Figure 8.1. Bifurcation diagram for the two-variable autocatalator model. The maximum and minimum values of the variable x are plotted against the parameter μ , which serves as the bifurcation parameter. For $\alpha = 0.1$, the critical values of μ at which Hopf bifurcations occur are $\mu_0^c = 0.4200$ and $\mu_1^c = 0.7897$.

8.2.1. Time series plot showing periodic behavior.

8.2.2. Phase plot showing limit cycle.

Figure 8.2. Time series and phase plots of the two-variable autocatalator model for the parameter values $\mu = 0.5$ and $\alpha = 0.0625$. In Fig. 8.2.1, we plot x (the dimensionless concentration of the intermediate X) against time, and in Fig. 8.2.2 we plot y (the dimensionless concentration of the intermediate Y) against x .

Generally, the two-variable autocatalator model has one steady state, which is stable within a particular parameter regime and unstable outside this regime, with oscillatory concentrations of the intermediate species in the unstable region. The two-variable autocatalator model exhibits only steady state and oscillatory behavior. For more complex dynamical behavior such as chaos, a system with at least three variables is required.

8.3 The Three-variable Autocatalator Model

8.3.1 The Model

The original three-variable autocatalator model is derived from the two-variable model. Unlike the two-variable autocatalator model, the three-variable model incorporates a second feedback loop and, hence, is capable of exhibiting complex periodic behavior and chaos. The model reaction scheme involves the conversion of a chemical precursor A with constant concentration to a final product B via three intermediate species X , Y and Z . If k_i ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$) are the rate constants for the reactions, the model is given by the following six reaction steps:

The fourth reaction, $(R_{8.8})$, in the above system describes an autocatalytic process whereby the intermediate species Y catalyzes its own production. This autocatalysis introduces a nonlinear reaction term k_3XY^2 , which is essential for the oscillatory behavior observed in the system. The chaotic behavior arises as a result of the introduction of a second feedback loop through the third variable Z in $(R_{8.6})$. Notice that Z is produced from reaction $(R_{8.9})$ and fed back into the system through reaction $(R_{8.6})$ to catalyze the

production of X from A . Notice also that in reaction $(R_{8.8})$, Y is an autocatalyst while in reaction $(R_{8.6})$, Z serves as a normal catalyst.

Let A_0 , $[X]$, $[Y]$ and $[Z]$ be the concentrations of A , X , Y and Z , respectively. Then using standard mass action laws, which state that the instantaneous rate of change of any species is proportional to the product of the concentrations of the reacting species, we write the following system of first-order ordinary differential equations for the time evolution of the intermediate species:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{[X]} &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z] - k_2 [X] - k_3 [X][Y]^2, \\ \dot{[Y]} &= k_2 [X] + k_3 [X][Y]^2 - k_4 [Y], \\ \dot{[Z]} &= k_4 [Y] - k_5 [Z],\end{aligned}\tag{8.3}$$

where the concentration of the precursor is held constant at A_0 . Using the new variables

$$x = \left(\frac{k_3 k_2}{k_4^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [X], y = \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Y], z = \left(\frac{k_3 k_5^2}{k_2 k_4^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Z], \tau = k_2 t,$$

and the positive dimensionless parameter groupings

$$\mu = \left(\frac{k_1}{k_5}\right) A_0, \kappa = \left(\frac{k_0 k_5}{k_1 k_4}\right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \sigma = \left(\frac{k_2}{k_4}\right), \delta = \left(\frac{k_2}{k_5}\right),$$

proposed by Peng et al. [18], we obtain the following scaled version of the system (8.3):

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \mu(\kappa + z) - x(1 + y^2), \\ \sigma \dot{y} &= x(1 + y^2) - y, \\ \delta \dot{z} &= y - z.\end{aligned}\tag{8.4}$$

Remark 8.3.1. *To arrive at the dimensionless variable and parameter groupings, we set*

$$\tau = \frac{t}{t^0}, x = \frac{[X]}{X^0}, y = \frac{[Y]}{Y^0} \text{ and } z = \frac{[Z]}{Z^0},$$

where t^0 , X^0 , Y^0 and Z^0 are reference variables. Substituting into system (8.3), we obtain

$$t^0 = \frac{1}{k_2}, X^0 = \left(\frac{k_4^2}{k_2 k_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, Y^0 = \left(\frac{k_2^2}{k_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, Z^0 = \left(\frac{k_2 k_4^2}{k_3 k_5^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and the parameter groupings given in (8.4).

We note that $0 < x, y, z < \infty$ since x, y and z represent dimensionless concentrations of chemical reagents. The parameters σ, δ, μ and κ are positive as well since they represent combinations of reaction rate constants. The only parameter that can vary is μ , which contains the rate constants k_1 and k_5 and the fixed concentration of the precursor A_0 . Hence, μ serves as the bifurcation parameter whose variations give rise to the transitions between different dynamical behaviors. The above system has been successfully used in studies on chemical chaos and controlling chemical chaos. See, for example, Refs. [18–22] for details.

8.3.2 A Quantitative Study of the Three-variable Autocatalator Model

In our analysis of system (8.4), we use the initial condition $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0.01, 0.1, 0.1)$, and reserve μ for the bifurcation parameter, allowing it to vary in the interval $[0, 1)$. We also fix the other parameters in the system as follows: $\kappa = 65, \sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ and $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$. For different values of μ , we use a fourth order Runge-Kutta integration scheme with variable step size to integrate the system for 29,000 time steps and retain only the last 5,000 steps of the time series data in order to eliminate all transients. As μ is gradually increased, different dynamical behaviors are observed. For example, we observe stable steady state behavior for $0 \leq \mu \leq 0.015$. A Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\mu = 0.016$, leading to the emergence of oscillatory behavior. The Hopf bifurcation is supercritical, since a small limit cycle emerges at the bifurcation, which grows with increasing values of μ . This Hopf bifurcation is accompanied by period doubling, with period-1 from $\mu = 0.016$, period-2 from $\mu = 0.143$, period-4 from $\mu = 0.153$, and chaos from $\mu = 0.154$. At μ values close to the chaotic region, period-doubling occurs for very small increments in μ . Further increases in μ beyond the chaotic regime leads to a reverse period-doubling sequence. A second Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\mu = 0.175$ and the system eventually regains stable steady state behavior as μ is further increased. Figures 8.3 and 8.4, respectively, depict typical time series and the corresponding phase plots, while the bifurcation diagram for the system is presented in Fig. 8.5.

8.3.1. Time series for $\mu = 0.016$ showing period-1 behavior.

8.3.2. Time series for $\mu = 0.143$ showing period-2 behavior.

8.3.3. Time series for $\mu = 0.153$ showing period-4 behavior.

8.3.4. Time series for $\mu = 0.154$ showing chaotic behavior.

Figure 8.3. Typical time series plots of the three-variable autocatalator model showing different dynamical behaviors for $\kappa = 65$, $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$, $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ and for different values of the bifurcation parameter μ . We plot x (the dimensionless concentration of the intermediate product X) against time.

8.4.1. Phase plot for $\mu = 0.016$ showing period-1 behavior.

8.4.2. Phase plot for $\mu = 0.143$ showing period-2 behavior.

8.4.3. Phase plot for $\mu = 0.153$ showing period-4 behavior.

8.4.4. Phase plot for $\mu = 0.154$ showing chaotic behavior.

Figure 8.4. Typical phase plots of the three-variable autocatalator model showing different periodic and chaotic attractors for $\kappa = 65, \sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}, \delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ and for different values of the bifurcation parameter μ . We plot z (the dimensionless concentration of the intermediate product Z) against y (the dimensionless concentration of the intermediate product Y).

Figure 8.5. Bifurcation diagram of the three-variable autocatalator model. A plot of amplitude of x against the bifurcation parameter μ , showing a period-doubling sequence, chaos, and a reverse period-doubling sequence. Here, we set $\kappa = 65$, $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$, and $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$.

To confirm that system (8.4) is chaotic, we computed the Lyapunov exponents of the system for the same set of parameters used in the simulations above. Lyapunov exponents provide a quantitative measure of chaotic dynamical behavior, since they measure the average exponential rate at which trajectories that originate close to each other diverge or converge over time. Chaotic behavior is governed by a positive largest Lyapunov exponent, while periodic behavior is characterized by a zero largest Lyapunov exponent. The largest Lyapunov exponent for system (8.4) within the chaotic parameter regime ($\mu = 0.154$) is $\lambda_1 = 5.28$. Positivity of the largest Lyapunov exponent indicates that any two nearby trajectories separate exponentially as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, the system exhibits sensitive dependence on initial conditions, which results in a complete loss of information about the initial conditions in the long term [23]. To illustrate the notion of sensitive dependence on initial conditions, we vary the initial value of x (x_0) by 0.0001, fix the initial values of the other variables, and integrate the system for both sets of initial conditions within the chaotic regime. Here, we set $\mu = 0.154$ and retain the values of the other system parameters used above. The trajectories begin close to each other due to the small difference in initial conditions but diverge over time. A plot of the Lyapunov exponents against time is presented in Fig. 8.6, while time series plots illustrating sensitive dependence on initial conditions are presented in Fig. 8.7.

Figure 8.6. A plot of the Lyapunov exponents of system (8.4) for $\mu = 0.154$, $\kappa = 65$, $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$, and $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$. The largest Lyapunov exponent λ_1 is positive and so the system is chaotic.

8.7.1. Small initial trajectory divergence.

8.7.2. Large long term trajectory divergence.

Figure 8.7. Divergence of x trajectories when the system exhibits chaotic dynamics for a 0.0001 difference in the initial values of x . The blue line represents the trajectory that starts at the smaller value of x_0 , while the red line represents the trajectory that begins at the larger value of x_0 . These lines almost coincide initially but drift apart over time.

Chaotic behavior can also be characterized by one-dimensional maps. Fig. 8.8 below shows one-dimensional maps constructed from the time series of the model system within the chaotic regime. The unstable period-1 limit cycle is depicted by the intersection of this map and the bisectrix $z_{n+1} = z_n$. Generally, the unstable period- i where $i = 1, 2, 4, 8, \dots$ limit cycle is given by the intersection of the plot of z_{n+i} versus z_n and the bisectrix $z_{n+i} = z_n$.

Figure 8.8. One-dimensional return maps constructed from the time series of system (8.4) within the chaotic region for $\mu = 0.154$ (green) and $\mu = 0.155$ (blue). The magenta line is the bisectrix $z_{n+1} = z_n$.

8.3.3 Qualitative Study of the Three-variable Autocatalator Model

To acquire further insights into the qualitative behavior of system (8.4), we investigate the existence of steady states and perform a linear stability analysis about these steady states. We also employ analytical techniques to prove the occurrence of a Hopf bifurcation and to derive an expression for the approximate period and amplitude of the ensuing periodic solutions.

Definition 8.3.2. *In the context of this work, we call a solution $(x(t), y(t), z(t)), t \in [0, \infty)$ of system (8.4) realistic if the solution is non-negative for all time.*

Theorem 8.3.3. *System (8.4) has a realistic equilibrium solution S whenever $0 \leq \mu < 1$.*

Proof. Let $S = (x^*, y^*, z^*)$ be a steady state solution of (8.4). Then by substituting x^*, y^* and z^* in (8.4), setting the left hand sides to zero and solving the system of algebraic equations simultaneously, we obtain

$$S = (x^*, y^*, z^*) = \left(\frac{\kappa\mu(1-\mu)}{(\kappa\mu)^2 + (1-\mu)^2}, \frac{\kappa\mu}{1-\mu}, \frac{\kappa\mu}{1-\mu} \right). \quad (8.5)$$

It is now a trivial matter to see that this steady state is realistic for $0 \leq \mu < 1$. ■

Corollary 8.3.4. *The system (8.4) has a trivial steady state solution $S_0 = (0, 0, 0)$ for $\mu = 0$ and a non-trivial realistic steady state S^* for $0 < \mu < 1$.*

Proof. The proof follows from the proof of Theorem 8.3.3 by setting $\mu = 0$ for S_0 and considering $0 < \mu < 1$ for S . ■

Remark 8.3.5. *Notice that the steady state values of x and z above can be expressed in terms of the steady state value of y as follows: $x^* = \frac{y^*}{y^{*2}+1}$ and $z^* = y^*$.*

Remark 8.3.6. *Since we are concerned with chemical concentrations, only non-negative concentrations of the reactants are meaningful. All rate constants must also be positive.*

Next, we present results related to the linear stability analysis of solutions to system (8.4). The linear stability of the equilibrium solutions of system (8.4) can be explored by linearizing the system about the equilibrium solution (x^*, y^*, z^*) .

Theorem 8.3.7. *Let $0 \leq \mu \leq \frac{1}{\kappa+1}$ and (x^*, y^*, z^*) be an equilibrium solution of system (8.4). Suppose also that*

$$\lambda^3 + P\lambda^2 + Q\lambda + R = 0 \quad (8.6)$$

is the characteristic polynomial derived from the Jacobian matrix of the linearized system, where λ is an eigenvalue of the Jacobian matrix. Then

- (i) $y^* \in [0, 1]$,
- (ii) all coefficients of (8.6) are positive,
- (iii) the equilibrium solution (x^*, y^*, z^*) is linearly stable to small perturbations for all $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ and unstable for $\gamma > 1$ where $\gamma = R/(PQ)$,
- (iv) a Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\gamma_c = 1$ where γ_c represents a critical value of γ . Additionally, increasing γ through γ_c results in periodic solutions whose initial period can be determined as a function of the perturbation of γ from γ_c .

Proof. (i) Recall that $y^* = \frac{\kappa\mu}{1-\mu}$, where $0 \leq \mu < 1$. Clearly, $y^* \in [0, 1]$ for $0 \leq \mu \leq \frac{1}{\kappa+1}$.

- (ii) We linearize system (8.4). To this effect, we set $x = x^* + u$, $y = y^* + v$ and $z = z^* + w$, where $|u| \ll 1$, $|v| \ll 1$ and $|w| \ll 1$. Substituting these in (8.4) and expanding the right hand sides in a Taylor series about (x^*, y^*, z^*) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= [\mu(\kappa + z^*) - x^*(1 + y^{*2})] - (y^{*2} + 1)u - (2x^*y^*)v + \mu w - (x^*v^2 + 2y^*uv + uv^2), \\ \sigma\dot{v} &= [x^*(1 + y^{*2}) - y^*] + (y^{*2} + 1)u + (2x^*y^* - 1)v + (x^*v^2 + 2y^*uv + uv^2), \\ \delta\dot{w} &= [v^* - w^*] + v - w. \end{aligned} \quad (8.7)$$

Recognizing the fact that each of the expressions in square brackets is zero since (x^*, y^*, z^*) is an equilibrium solution of (8.4) and retaining only linear terms in u, v , and w yields the following linear approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= -(y^{*2} + 1)u - \left(\frac{2y^{*2}}{y^{*2} + 1}\right)v + \mu w, \\ \sigma\dot{v} &= (y^{*2} + 1)u + \left(\frac{2y^{*2}}{y^{*2} + 1} - 1\right)v, \\ \delta\dot{w} &= v - w, \end{aligned} \quad (8.8)$$

where $x^* = \frac{y^*}{y^{*2}+1} = \frac{\kappa\mu(1-\mu)}{(\kappa\mu)^2+(1-\mu)^2}$. The Jacobian matrix of the linearized system is

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -(y^{*2}+1) & -\frac{2y^{*2}}{y^{*2}+1} & \mu \\ \frac{y^{*2}+1}{\sigma} & \frac{y^{*2}-1}{\sigma(y^{*2}+1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\delta} & -\frac{1}{\delta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We find linearly independent solutions to (8.8) of the form

$$u = u_0 e^{\lambda t}, v = v_0 e^{\lambda t}, w = w_0 e^{\lambda t}, \quad (8.9)$$

where u_0 , v_0 and w_0 are constants and the eigenvalue λ determines the growth or decay rate of solutions to the linearized system. Substituting (8.9) in (8.8) and imposing the condition for non-trivial solutions, we obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} -(y^{*2}+1) - \lambda & -\frac{2y^{*2}}{y^{*2}+1} & \mu \\ \frac{y^{*2}+1}{\sigma} & \frac{y^{*2}-1}{\sigma(y^{*2}+1)} - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\delta} & -\frac{1}{\delta} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Expanding this determinant, we obtain the characteristic equation

$$(-(y^{*2}+1) - \lambda) \left(\frac{y^{*2}-1}{\sigma(y^{*2}+1)} - \lambda \right) \left(-\frac{1}{\delta} - \lambda \right) + \left(\frac{2y^{*2}}{\sigma} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{\delta} - \lambda \right) + \mu \left(\frac{y^{*2}+1}{\sigma\delta} \right) = 0,$$

which can be written as an expanded cubic polynomial in λ of the form given in (8.6)

above, where y^* is as calculated in the proof of Theorem 8.3.3 and

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{\sigma(y^{*2}+1)(\delta y^{*2} + \delta + 1) + \delta(1 - y^{*2})}{\delta\sigma(y^{*2}+1)}, \\ Q &= \frac{(y^{*2}+1)^2(\delta + \sigma) + (1 - y^{*2})}{\delta\sigma(y^{*2}+1)}, \\ R &= \frac{(y^{*2}+1)(1 - \mu)}{\delta\sigma}. \end{aligned} \quad (8.10)$$

Clearly, P , Q and R are positive by part (i) of the Theorem. Note that we discard the possibility of $y^* \in (-1, 0)$ since this renders y^* and consequently z^* unrealistic.

- (iii) To conclude that the equilibrium solution (x^*, y^*, z^*) is linearly and asymptotically stable, it suffices to show that all solutions of (8.6) have negative real parts. Since

$P > 0$, $Q > 0$ and $R > 0$ (see part (ii) of the Theorem) by the Routh-Hurwitz's necessary and sufficient condition, all the solutions of (8.6) have negative real parts if $PQ - R > 0$. But then $PQ - R > 0$ is equivalent to

$$p\sigma^2 + q\sigma + r > 0, \quad (8.11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} p &= (y^{*2} + 1)^3[\delta(y^{*2} + 1) + 1], \\ q &= (y^{*2} + 1)[\delta^2(y^{*2} + 1)^3 + \delta\mu(y^{*2} + 1) \\ &\quad + 2\delta(y^{*2} + 1)(1 - y^{*2}) + (1 - y^{*2})], \\ r &= \delta(1 - y^{*2})[\delta(y^{*2} + 1) + (1 - y^{*2})]. \end{aligned} \quad (8.12)$$

Hence, if inequality (8.11) is true or if $0 < \gamma < 1$ where $\gamma = R/(PQ)$, the equilibrium solution (x^*, y^*, z^*) is linearly and asymptotically stable. To be more precise, (x^*, y^*, z^*) is a stable spiral. However, if $p\sigma^2 + q\sigma + r < 0$, or if $\gamma > 1$, the equilibrium solution (x^*, y^*, z^*) is an unstable spiral since the Routh-Hurwitz condition fails.

- (iv) Since the stability properties of our equilibrium solution witness a change at $\gamma_c = \gamma = 1$, $\gamma_c = 1$ is a critical value of γ . To acquire a better understanding of the nature of the instability, we assume that λ depends continuously on γ . That is $\lambda = \lambda(\gamma)$ in which case equation (8.6) can be rewritten as

$$\lambda^3 + P\lambda^2 + Q\lambda + \gamma PQ = 0, \quad (8.13)$$

which factors to

$$(\lambda + P)(\lambda^2 + Q) = 0 \quad (8.14)$$

at $\gamma = \gamma_c = 1$. The solutions of (8.14) are $\lambda(\gamma_c) = -P$ or $\lambda(\gamma_c) = \pm i\sqrt{Q}$. Hence, at $\gamma_c = 1$, we have a real and negative eigenvalue and a purely imaginary pair of eigenvalues. Thus, a Hopf bifurcation exists.

We now perturb γ about γ_c by setting $\gamma = \gamma_c + \epsilon^2\nu$ where $|\epsilon| \ll 1$ and $\nu = \pm 1$. This yields $\lambda(\gamma) = \lambda(\gamma_c + \epsilon^2\nu)$. Expanding λ in a Taylor series about γ_c and holding onto linear terms in $\epsilon^2\nu$ only, we obtain

$$\lambda(\gamma) = \lambda(\gamma_c) + \lambda'(\gamma_c)\epsilon^2\nu, \quad (8.15)$$

where the prime denotes differentiation with respect to γ . Differentiating (8.13) implicitly with respect to γ and solving for λ' gives

$$\lambda'(\gamma) = -\frac{PQ}{3\lambda(\gamma)^2 + 2P\lambda(\gamma) + Q}. \quad (8.16)$$

Now,

$$\lambda'(\gamma_c) = \frac{PQ}{2(P^2 + Q)} \pm i\frac{P^2\sqrt{Q}}{2(P^2 + Q)}. \quad (8.17)$$

Clearly, $Re\lambda(\gamma_c) = 0$ and $Re\lambda'(\gamma_c) = \frac{PQ}{2(P^2+Q)} > 0$. Next,

$$\lambda(\gamma) = \lambda(\gamma_c) + \lambda'(\gamma_c)\epsilon^2\nu = \frac{PQ}{2(P^2 + Q)}\epsilon^2\nu \pm i\sqrt{Q}\left(1 + \frac{P^2\sqrt{Q}}{2(P^2 + Q)}\epsilon^2\nu\right). \quad (8.18)$$

We have effectively demonstrated that for $0 < \gamma < 1$, all solutions of (8.6) have negative real parts. At $\gamma = \gamma_c = 1$, a purely imaginary pair of eigenvalues arises and for $\gamma > 1$, the real parts of the imaginary eigenvalues become positive. Thus, as γ traverses the critical value $\gamma_c = 1$, stable solutions of (8.4) become unstable. Associated with this loss of stability is the emergence of periodic oscillations with initial period and amplitude approximately given by

$$\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{Q}\left(1 + \frac{P^2\sqrt{Q}}{2(P^2+Q)}\epsilon^2\nu\right)} \text{ and } \exp\left(\frac{PQ}{2(P^2 + Q)}\epsilon^2\nu\tau\right), \text{ respectively, where } \epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{|\gamma - \gamma_c|}{|\nu|}}.$$

The above completely describes a Hopf bifurcation¹. ■

Remark 8.3.8. *As illustrated by our simulations, the three-variable autocatalator model exhibits two Hopf bifurcations at two critical values of the bifurcation parameter μ . These critical values can be computed from $\gamma_c = 1$ or from the equation $p\sigma^2 + q\sigma + r = 0$.*

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¹A good source for the statement and proof of the Hopf bifurcation Theorem is Hassard et al. [24]

Corollary 8.3.9. *The trivial equilibrium solution $S_0 = (0, 0, 0)$ that exists when $\mu = 0$ is linearly and asymptotically stable to small perturbations.*

Proof. By setting $\mu = 0$, the Jacobian of the linearized system above is:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & \mu \\ 1/\sigma & -1/\sigma & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\delta & -1/\delta \end{pmatrix},$$

and the characteristic equation (8.6) reduces to

$$(-1 - \lambda) \left(-\frac{1}{\sigma} - \lambda \right) \left(-\frac{1}{\delta} - \lambda \right) = 0.$$

Since all three eigenvalues, $\lambda = -1, -1/\delta, -1/\sigma$ are negative, $(0, 0, 0)$ is linearly and asymptotically stable. In fact, the origin is a stable node. ■

Table 8.1 summarizes the solutions of (8.6), and the corresponding steady states and their stability properties for a few values of μ , when $\kappa = 65, \sigma = 0.005, \delta = 0.02$. The information in the table corresponds to that obtained from the numerical simulations.

Table 8.1. A summary of some numerical values of the equilibrium solutions, eigenvalues and stability properties of system (8.4) for $\mu = 0.0, 0.015, 0.016, 0.175, 0.178$.

μ	(x^*, y^*, z^*)	λ_1	λ_2	λ_3	Stability
0.000	(0, 0, 0)	-50	-1	-200	Stable
0.015	(0.5, 0.9898, 0.9898)	-50	$-2.010 + 19.79i$	$-2.01 + 19.79i$	Stable
0.016	(0.4992, 1.0569, 1.0569)	-50	$4.470 + 20.08i$	$4.470 - 20.08i$	Unstable
0.175	(0.0721, 13.7879, 13.7879)	-50	$3.380 + 195.40i$	$3.380 + 195.40i$	Unstable
0.178	(0.0707, 14.0754, 14.0754)	-50	$-0.584 + 199.50i$	$-0.584 + 199.50i$	Stable

8.4 Conclusion

We have reviewed the two-variable autocatalator model and examined the dynamical behavior of the three-variable autocatalator model. Our quantitative and qualitative studies of the three-variable autocatalator model show that for specific values of μ we can have either stable steady state behavior or unstable steady state behavior accompanied by oscillations. Our numerical studies are in line with previous studies, depicting a switch from stable steady state behavior to a period-doubling sequence through a Hopf bifurcation, chaos, a reverse period-doubling sequence and then stable steady state behavior again through a second Hopf bifurcation as the bifurcation parameter μ is gradually increased in the interval $[0, 1)$. For our qualitative studies, we computed a steady state (x^*, y^*, z^*) that exists and is nonnegative for $\mu \in [0, 1)$. We also identified a threshold parameter γ and showed that (x^*, y^*, z^*) is stable for $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, unstable for $\gamma \in (1, \infty)$ and that a Hopf bifurcation occurs at $\gamma = 1$. It is also important to mention that both quantitative and qualitative investigations indicate that the three-variable autocatalator model possesses a unique attractor for all values considered of the bifurcation parameter μ . That is, all initial conditions converge to a specific attractor for each given value of μ . This indicates that there is no sign of multistability corresponding to coexisting attractors for any parameter set in the system studied here. Multistability was reported by Petrov et al. [5] for other parameter values.

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Extreme Multistability in the Autocatalator Model

9.1 Introduction

Nonlinear dynamical systems in general and dissipative systems in particular possess a rich variety of interesting long-term dynamical behaviors, ranging from stationary points (such as nodes, spirals, saddles and combinations of these) to limit cycles or periodic and quasi-periodic oscillations to chaotic behavior. The asymptotic behavior of such systems is characterized by a finite number of attractors, typically one in most cases. However, some systems exhibit more than one attractor, and the number of attractors typically changes as a system parameter is varied. Over the years, most of the research devoted to dynamical systems theory has focused on systems having only one or a few coexisting attractors for a given set of system parameters. But there are many systems in nature, especially in biology and physics that exhibit a multitude of coexisting attractors [1–3]. Simple instances of multistability include the existence of more than one stable steady state and the case of a subcritical Hopf bifurcation. Examples of multistable systems include systems from laser and semiconductor physics [4–7], chemistry [8, 9], neuroscience [10] and population dynamics [11]. Multistability is a rather common phenomenon, found in different classes of systems such as weakly dissipative systems [12, 13], coupled systems [14–16] and systems with delays [17–19]. See, for example, Refs. [2, 3] for a general exposition on multistable systems.

Many studies on dynamical systems in general and dynamical chaos in particular have been centered around fixing a set of initial conditions and varying a parameter or a set of parameters in the system. This might give rise to new qualitative dynamical behavior of the

system for some values of the control parameter(s) (see, for example, Refs. [20–24]). Through this approach, various bifurcations and transitions to chaos have been identified and studied, and the control parameter(s) can be used to characterize the behavior of dynamical systems [25, 26]. However, studies by H. Sun et al. [27] based on two coupled Lorenz systems, in which all parameters in the coupled system were held fixed and only the initial conditions were varied, revealed unusual and interesting dynamical behavior for a purely dissipative system. Generally, small perturbations of a dissipative system from an asymptotically stable attractor eventually decay over time and the system finds itself at the same attractor. Consequently, the solutions of dissipative systems for a given set of parameters exhibit the same dynamical behavior in the long run irrespective of the choice of initial conditions. In contrast to most other dissipative systems, which would relax back to the original stable state when the initial conditions are varied, variation of initial conditions caused the coupled Lorenz system to evolve to completely different states. This study suggests a new class of nonlinear dynamical systems in which the asymptotic behavior is determined by the initial conditions. Perturbations or changes in initial conditions push these dynamical systems to evolve to completely new attractors with different statistical properties. Consequently, such systems may exhibit an infinite number of asymptotic attractors, some stationary, some periodic and some chaotic. To address the notions of multistability and synchronization, we refer to this behavior as extreme multistability. Extreme multistability should not be confused with the famous sensitive dependence on initial conditions of chaotic systems. Rather, it is a form of multistability, since for the same parameter or set of parameter values we can have completely different attractors depending on the initial conditions. Extreme multistability is governed by an interplay between multistability and synchronization. However, extreme multistability is different from known examples of multistability in that we have an infinite number of attractors, whereas multistability involves the coexistence of a finite number of attractors. The complexity of the dynamics in extreme multistability is visualized by plotting the long-term attractors obtained in simulations versus the initial condition. Surprisingly, these plots resemble bifurcation diagrams, though the initial condition can not be regarded as a bifurcation parameter. Moreover, all known transitions between the different attractors can be observed by simply varying the starting point for one of the state variables. The

associated dynamics of some coupled and high order systems can be studied through appropriate reduced systems in which the quantitative behavior may be different from that of the original system but the qualitative properties are essentially equivalent.

Chemical systems are among the most studied examples of dynamical systems exhibiting complex dynamics, chaos and pattern formation [28–30]. The dynamics leading to extreme multistability might account for reported irreproducibility of behavior in the chlorate-thiosulfate reaction [31] and in the chlorite-iodide reaction [32]. In these two reactions, the dynamical behavior varies from experiment to experiment under the same set of experimental conditions. The inability to reproduce the dynamical behavior for the same set of conditions, despite care to ensure reproducibility, suggests that the inherent dynamics of these systems is playing some role. In a modified three-variable autocatalator model, Wang et al. [33] showed that this system can possess infinitely many coexisting attractors when a “buffer step” is included in the chemical kinetics, where two reactants are produced and consumed in the same processes, a mechanism similar to that proposed by Epstein and co-workers for the chlorate-thiosulfate and chlorite-iodide reactions [31, 32].

In this Chapter we explore the dynamics of a coupled chemical model system possessing an infinite number of coexisting attractors. We show how this coupling scheme yields extreme multistability. We also demonstrate that the phenomenon of multistability is associated with generalized synchronization of the two coupled subsystems as well as the emergence of a conserved quantity. The conserved quantity is determined by a conservation law in which all intermediate chemical reactants are weighted by their reaction time constants and is therefore given by the initial concentrations of the intermediates. We show that the state space is divided into submanifolds, each of which is characterized by a certain value of the conserved quantity as well as a certain type of attractor. Since the conserved quantity can take any real value, we obtain infinitely many attractors.

This Chapter is organized as follows: We begin by coupling two three-variable autocatalator systems into a six-variable system in Section 9.2 and then present a non-dimensionalization of the coupled system in Section 9.3. We show that the extended system exhibits extreme multistability in Section 9.4. In Section 9.5, we show that the dynamics of this system is characterized by a conserved quantity that can be used to reduce the system to a five-

variable system. We study the robustness of the phenomenon of extreme multistability with respect to a slight mismatch of the parameters of the subsystems (making the subsystems non-identical) in Section 9.6, and end the Chapter with concluding remarks in Section 9.7.

9.2 Coupled Autocatalator Model

The dynamical behavior becomes more complex when two three-variable autocatalator models are coupled in a particular way. To achieve this coupling, we start with two three-variable autocatalator subsystems with variables X_1, Y_1, Z_1 and X_2, Y_2, Z_2 , respectively. As shown below, the coupling is realized through Z_2 in reaction (R_{9.12}) and indirectly through Z_1 in reaction (R_{9.22}), since the reactant E is produced from Z_1 in reaction (R_{9.16}). The chemical model obtained applying this coupling follows:

Let $A_0, [X_1], [Y_1], [Z_1], [X_2], [Y_2]$ and $[Z_2]$ be the concentrations of $A, X_1, Y_1, Z_1, X_2, Y_2$ and Z_2 respectively and let $k'_5 \gg k_5$. Then using the law of mass action, which states that the effect of the instantaneous rate of change of any species is proportional to the product of

the concentrations of the reacting species, we formulate the following mathematical model:

$$\begin{aligned}
[\dot{X}_1] &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_2] - k_2 [X_1] - k_3 [X_1] [Y_1]^2, \\
[\dot{Y}_1] &= k_2 [X_1] + k_3 [X_1] [Y_1]^2 - k_4 [Y_1], \\
[\dot{Z}_1] &= k_4 [Y_1] - k_5 [Z_1], \\
[\dot{X}_2] &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_2] - k_2 [X_2] - k_3 [X_2] [Y_2]^2, \\
[\dot{Y}_2] &= k_2 [X_2] + k_3 [X_2] [Y_2]^2 - k_4 [Y_2], \\
[\dot{Z}_2] &= k_4 [Y_2] - k_5 [Z_2].
\end{aligned} \tag{9.1}$$

9.3 Nondimensionalization

Nondimensionalization reduces the number of parameters in the system as well as leaves us with dimensionless quantities that facilitate analysis, and we therefore rescale system (9.1).

To this effect, we set

$$\tau = \frac{t}{t^*}, \quad x_1 = \frac{[X_1]}{x_1^*}, \quad y_1 = \frac{[Y_1]}{y_1^*}, \quad z_1 = \frac{[Z_1]}{z_1^*}, \quad x_2 = \frac{[X_2]}{x_1^*}, \quad y_2 = \frac{[Y_2]}{y_1^*}, \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = \frac{[Z_2]}{z_1^*},$$

where t^* , x_1^* , y_1^* , and z_1^* are reference values with the same units as t , $[X_1]$, $[Y_1]$, $[Z_1]$, respectively. Note that x_1^* , y_1^* and z_1^* also has the same units as $[X_2]$, $[Y_2]$ and $[Z_2]$, respectively.

Now,

$$\tau = \frac{t}{t^*} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d}{d\tau} \frac{d\tau}{dt} = \frac{1}{t^*} \frac{d}{d\tau},$$

and

$$u_i = \frac{[U_i]}{u_1^*} \Rightarrow [\dot{U}_i] = \frac{dU_i}{dt} = \frac{u_1^*}{t^*} \frac{du_i}{d\tau} = \frac{u_1^*}{t^*} \dot{u}_i,$$

where the dot on u_i denotes differentiation with respect to τ and u represents the variables $x_i, y_i, z_i, i = 1, 2$. Substituting these in (9.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{x_1^*}{t^*} \dot{x}_1 &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 z_1^* z_2 - k_2 x_1^* x_1 - k_3 x_1^* x_1 y_1^{*2} y_1^2, \\
\frac{y_1^*}{t^*} \dot{y}_1 &= k_2 x_1^* x_1 + k_3 x_1^* x_1 y_1^{*2} y_1^2 - k_4 y_1^* y_1, \\
\frac{z_1^*}{t^*} \dot{z}_1 &= k_4 y_1^* y_1 - k_5 z_1^* z_1, \\
\frac{x_1^*}{t^*} \dot{x}_2 &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 z_1^* z_2 - k_2 x_1^* x_2 - k_3 x_1^* x_2 y_1^{*2} y_2^2, \\
\frac{y_1^*}{t^*} \dot{y}_2 &= k_2 x_1^* x_2 + k_3 x_1^* x_2 y_1^{*2} y_2^2 - k_4 y_1^* y_2, \\
\frac{z_1^*}{t^*} \dot{z}_2 &= k_4 y_1^* y_2 - k_5 z_1^* z_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{9.2}$$

Dividing each equation by the coefficient of the differential on the left-hand side, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \frac{k_0 A_0 t^*}{x_1^*} + \frac{k_1 A_0 z_1^* t^*}{x_1^*} z_2 - k_2 t^* x_1 - k_3 x_1^* y_1^{*2} t^* x_1 y_1^2, \\
\dot{y}_1 &= \frac{k_2 x_1^* t^*}{y_1^*} x_1 + k_3 x_1^* y_1^* t^* x_1 y_1^2 - k_4 t^* y_1, \\
\dot{z}_1 &= \frac{k_4 y_1^* t^*}{z_1^*} y_1 - k_5 t^* z_1, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \frac{k_0 A_0 t^*}{x_1^*} + \frac{k_1 A_0 z_1^* t^*}{x_1^*} z_2 - k_2 t^* x_2 - k_3 x_1^* y_1^{*2} t^* x_2 y_2^2, \\
\dot{y}_2 &= \frac{k_2 x_1^* t^*}{y_1^*} x_2 + k_3 x_1^* y_1^* t^* x_2 y_2^2 - k_4 t^* y_2, \\
\dot{z}_2 &= \frac{k_4 y_1^* t^*}{z_1^*} y_2 - k_5 t^* z_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{9.3}$$

By setting $t^* = 1/k_2$ and $y_1^* = (k_2/k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ into system (9.3) and simplifying, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \frac{k_0 A_0}{k_2 x_1^*} + \frac{k_1 A_0 z_1^*}{k_2 x_1^*} z_2 - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\
\frac{k_2}{k_4} \dot{y}_1 &= \frac{(k_2 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}} x_1^*}{k_4} x_1(1 + y_1^2) - y_1, \\
\frac{k_2}{k_5} \dot{z}_1 &= \frac{k_4 y_1^*}{k_5 z_1^*} y_1 - z_1, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \frac{k_0 A_0}{k_2 x_1^*} + \frac{k_1 A_0 z_1^*}{k_2 x_1^*} z_2 - x_2(1 + y_2^2), \\
\frac{k_2}{k_4} \dot{y}_2 &= \frac{(k_2 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}} x_1^*}{k_4} x_2(1 + y_2^2) - y_2, \\
\frac{k_2}{k_5} \dot{z}_2 &= \frac{k_4 y_1^*}{k_5 z_1^*} y_2 - z_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{9.4}$$

Next, by setting

$$x_1^* = \frac{k_4}{(k_2 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \text{ and } z_1^* = \frac{k_4}{k_5} \left(\frac{k_2}{k_3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

in system (9.4) and simplifying, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= \frac{k_1 A_0}{k_5} \left(\left(\frac{k_0 k_5}{k_1 k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + z_2 \right) - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\ \frac{k_2}{k_4} \dot{y}_1 &= x_1(1 + y_1^2) - y_1, \\ \frac{k_2}{k_5} \dot{z}_1 &= y_1 - z_1, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \frac{k_1 A_0}{k_5} \left(\left(\frac{k_0 k_5}{k_1 k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + z_2 \right) - x_2(1 + y_2^2), \\ \frac{k_2}{k_4} \dot{y}_2 &= x_2(1 + y_2^2) - y_2, \\ \frac{k_2}{k_5} \dot{z}_2 &= y_2 - z_2. \end{aligned} \tag{9.5}$$

Finally, on setting

$$\mu = \frac{k_1}{k_5} A_0, \kappa = \left(\frac{k_0 k_5}{k_1 k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \sigma = \frac{k_2}{k_4} \text{ and } \delta = \frac{k_2}{k_5}$$

in system (9.5), we obtain a nondimensionalized version of system (9.1). In summary, the dimensionless variable and positive parameter groupings

$$\begin{aligned} \tau = k_2 t, \quad x_1 &= \frac{(k_1 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{k_4} [X_1], \quad y_1 = \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Y_1], \quad z_1 = \left(\frac{k_5}{k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Z_1], \\ x_2 &= \frac{(k_1 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{k_4} [X_2], \quad y_2 = \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Y_2], \quad z_2 = \left(\frac{k_5}{k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Z_2], \\ \mu &= \frac{k_1 A_0}{k_5}, \quad \kappa = \left(\frac{k_0 k_5}{k_1 k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{k_2}{k_4} \text{ and } \delta = \frac{k_2}{k_5} \end{aligned}$$

simplify the coupled six-variable system (9.1) to the following dimensionless system:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + z_2) - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1 - y_1 + x_1 y_1^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_1 &= y_1 - z_1, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \mu(\kappa + z_2) - x_2(1 + y_2^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_2 &= x_2 - y_2 + x_2 y_2^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_2 &= y_2 - z_1,
\end{aligned} \tag{9.6}$$

where $0 < x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2, z_2 < \infty$ since x_1, y_1, z_1, x_2, y_2 and z_2 are the dimensionless chemical concentrations. The parameter $\mu > 0$, since it is related to the constant concentration of the reactant A and rate constants. All the other parameters in system (9.6) are also positive since they are dimensionless rate constant groupings. The corresponding coupling for this nondimensional system is achieved by replacing z_1 in the first equation of system (9.6) by z_2 and z_2 in the sixth equation of system (9.6) by z_1 .

9.4 Model Analysis

Theorem 9.4.1 (Existence of equilibria). *Let $\kappa > 0, \mu > 0, y_2^* > 0$ and $y_2^* \geq \kappa\mu$ where y_2^* is the equilibrium value of y_2 . Then system (9.6) has a non-negative equilibrium solution E^* that is expressible in terms of y_2^* . Furthermore, this equilibrium solution is nontrivial and positive when $y_2^* > \kappa\mu$ and reduces to*

$$E^* = \left(\frac{\kappa\mu}{1 + (\kappa\mu)^2}, \kappa\mu, \kappa\mu, \frac{\kappa\mu}{1 + (\kappa\mu)^2}, \kappa\mu, 0 \right)$$

when $y_2^* = \kappa\mu$.

Proof. Let $E^* = (x_1^*, y_1^*, z_1^*, x_2^*, y_2^*, z_2^*)$ be an equilibrium solution of system (9.6). Then substituting E^* in (9.6), setting the right hand sides of the equations to zero and solving the ensuing system of algebraic equations for $x_1^*, y_1^*, z_1^*, x_2^*, y_2^*$ and z_2^* , we obtain

$$E^* = (x_1^*, y_1^*, z_1^*, x_2^*, y_2^*, z_2^*) = \left(\frac{y_2^*}{1 + y_2^{*2}}, y_2^*, y_2^*, \frac{y_2^*}{1 + y_2^{*2}}, y_2^*, \frac{y_2^* - \kappa\mu}{\mu} \right). \tag{9.7}$$

It is now easy to see that each term in (9.7) is non-negative when $\kappa > 0, \mu > 0, y_2^* > 0$ and $y_2^* \geq \kappa\mu$, since the last term z_2^* would either be zero or strictly positive.

It also follows from (9.7) that E^* is nontrivial and positive when $y_2^* > \kappa\mu$ and that

$$E^* = \left(\frac{\kappa\mu}{1 + (\kappa\mu)^2}, \kappa\mu, \kappa\mu, \frac{\kappa\mu}{1 + (\kappa\mu)^2}, \kappa\mu, 0 \right)$$

when $y_2^* = \kappa\mu$. ■

The algebra of the linear stability analysis of this system is very complex, and we therefore resort to numerical simulations to investigate the stability and dynamical behavior of the system. While the dynamics of a single subsystem possesses a unique attractor for any given set of parameters and for all initial conditions, as shown in Chapter 8, we now observe a multitude of coexisting attractors. To be more specific, the coupled system exhibits extreme multistability, i.e., there exist infinitely many attractors for a given set of parameters.

To demonstrate this behavior, we fix the parameters in such a way that the uncoupled three-variable autocatalator exhibits a simple periodic solution ($\mu = 0.157, \kappa = 65, \sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}, \delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$), which is reached from any initial condition in the three-dimensional state space. Keep in mind that only positive initial conditions make sense, since we are dealing with chemical entities that correspond to concentrations of reactants. Let us now check to which final state the dynamics of the coupled autocatalator systems converge. To this end, we fix five of the six initial conditions, $(0.01, 0.1, 0.1, 0.0, y_{02}, 0.0)$ and vary the initial concentration of y_2 within the interval $4.0 \leq y_{02} \leq 8.0$. To plot the long-term dynamical behavior depicted in Fig. 9.3, we integrate system (9.6) using a fourth-order Runge-Kutta method following the scheme of Dormand and Prince with variable step size control (see, for example, Ref. [34]). The computations were sufficiently long for asymptotic behavior to be exhibited, and the simulation time was mostly determined by the parameter regime under consideration. In particular, the simulations were carried out for at least 50,000 time steps, and only the last one-tenth of each time series was used. Identical behavior was found in simulations with one-half and three-quarters as many time steps, showing that the behavior is asymptotic. We also employed higher-order Runge-Kutta methods (7th-8th order) to verify the accuracy of our results. As shall be seen in Section 9.5, system (9.6) can be reduced to

a simpler system using a conserved quantity. This reduced system yields exactly the same results, which is a strong check of the validity of the numerical integration.

We find a great variety of dynamics, stretching from simple periodic motion for large values of y_{02} to oscillations of different periods for intermediate values to chaotic behavior for low values of y_{02} . Period-doubling is found at $y_{02} = 7.145$ ($T \rightarrow 2T$), $y_{02} = 5.515$ ($2T \rightarrow 4T$), $y_{02} = 5.165$ ($4T \rightarrow 8T$), and $y_{02} = 5.095$ ($8T \rightarrow 16T$). Chaotic behavior immersed with periodic windows is evident as well. Typical time series and phase plots depicting periodic behaviors of different periods and chaotic behavior of this coupled system are presented in Figs. 9.1 and 9.2, respectively. Figure 9.3 shows the maximum values of the amplitude of x_1 , corresponding to a Poincaré section, so that a simple oscillation with a period T appears in the plot as a fixed point. We obtain a picture, which looks like a complete bifurcation diagram; however, we do not change a bifurcation parameter but the initial condition, and therefore it only resembles a bifurcation diagram.

9.1.1. Chaotic behavior at $y_{02} = 4.0$.

9.1.2. Period-2 behavior at $y_{02} = 5.2$

9.1.3. Period-2 behavior at $y_{02} = 6.5$.

9.1.4. Period-1 behavior at $y_{02} = 8.0$.

Figure 9.1. Time series plots of the coupled autocatalator model for $\kappa = 65, \mu = 0.157, \sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}, \delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ showing different dynamical behaviors for different values y_{02} . We plot x_1 (the dimensionless concentration of the intermediate product X_1) against dimensionless time τ .

9.2.1. Chaotic attractor at $y_{02} = 4.0$.

9.2.2. Period-2 attractor at $y_{02} = 5.2$.

9.2.3. Period-2 attractor at $y_{02} = 6.5$.

9.2.4. Period-1 limit cycle at $y_{02} = 8.0$.

Figure 9.2. Phase plots of the coupled six-variable autocatalator model for $\kappa = 65$, $\mu = 0.157$, $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$, $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ showing different dynamical attractors for different values of y_{02} . We plot z_1 (the dimensionless concentration of the species Z_1) against y_1 (the dimensionless concentration of the species Y_1).

Figure 9.3. Long term dynamics of the coupled six-variable autocatalator model. A plot of the maximum amplitude of x_1 against the initial condition y_{02} showing a reverse period-doubling sequence.

Considering the quantitative behavior of the system, one could argue that the number of attractors is finite because there are entire intervals of y_{02} leading to an oscillation of a certain period, say, period $2T$. However for each initial condition within this interval the location of the $2T$ periodic orbit is slightly different. This means that for any pair of nearby initial conditions the corresponding final attractors are never identical. In that sense we obtain an infinite number of different attractors in state space, so that each initial condition converges to a different attractor. Moreover, taking into account the qualitative behavior of the system, we can also argue that there is an infinite number of different coexisting attractors, since the period-doubling cascade is complete, with bifurcations between period-1, period-2, period-4, period-8, period-16, etc. up to period-infinity.

This behavior of extreme multistability in coupled systems is quite surprising since the uncoupled system possesses a unique attractor. In Ref. [27] it was shown that this special type of dynamics is related to the emergence of generalized synchronization between the two subsystems. In case of the two coupled Lorenz systems considered in Ref. [27], two of the variables are fully synchronized ($y_1 = y_2$ and $z_1 = z_2$) while the difference between one of the variables takes a constant value c in the long-term limit ($c = x_1 - x_2$). Which value of c is reached depends on the initial condition. For the two coupled autocatalator systems described by Eqs. (9.6), we do not find such a simple kind of generalized synchronization, as shown in Figs. 9.4-9.6. There is seemingly no simple synchronization scheme visible, but as we will show later, we obtain a more complicated form of generalized synchronization.

9.4.1. $y_{02} = 4.0$, chaotic regime.

9.4.2. $y_{02} = 5.2$, period-4 regime.

9.4.3. $y_{02} = 6.5$, period-2 regime.

9.4.4. $y_{02} = 8$, period-1 regime.

Figure 9.4. Time series plots illustrating the difference between x_1 and x_2 within the chaotic, period-4, period-2 and period-1 regimes.

9.5.1. $y_{02} = 4.0$, chaotic regime.

9.5.2. $y_{02} = 5.2$, period-4 regime.

9.5.3. $y_{02} = 6.5$, period-2 regime.

9.5.4. $y_{02} = 8$, period-1 regime.

Figure 9.5. Time series plots illustrating the difference between y_1 and y_2 within the chaotic, period-4, period-2 and period-1 regimes.

9.6.1. $y_{02} = 4.0$, chaotic regime.

9.6.2. $y_{02} = 5.2$, period-4 regime.

9.6.3. $y_{02} = 6.5$, period-2 regime.

9.6.4. $y_{02} = 8$, period-1 regime.

Figure 9.6. Time series plots illustrating the difference between z_1 and z_2 within the chaotic, period-4, period-2 and period-1 regimes.

9.5 Conserved Quantity

To explain the appearance of extreme multistability we note that the coupling scheme implies the emergence of a conserved quantity. This quantity, which we call C with $dC/dt = 0$, corresponds to the sum of the weighted differences of the concentrations of all corresponding intermediate species. The weighting is provided by ratios of the reaction time constants.

Lemma 9.5.1 (Conserved quantity). *There is a conserved quantity,*

$$C = x_2 + \sigma y_2 + \delta z_2 - (x_1 + \sigma y_1 + \delta z_1), \quad (9.8)$$

associated with system (9.6) that satisfies $dC/dt = 0$.

Proof. By setting $e_1 = x_2 - x_1$, $e_2 = y_2 - y_1$ and $e_3 = z_2 - z_1$ in Eqs. (9.6) and simplifying, we obtain the following three-variable system of differences:

$$\dot{e}_1 = -x_2(1 + y_2^2) + x_1(1 + y_1^2), \quad (9.9)$$

$$\sigma \dot{e}_2 = x_2(1 + y_2^2) - x_1(1 + y_1^2) - y_2 + y_1, \quad (9.10)$$

$$\delta \dot{e}_3 = y_2 - y_1. \quad (9.11)$$

Adding Eqs. (9.9)-(9.11), we obtain

$$\dot{e}_1 + \sigma \dot{e}_2 + \delta \dot{e}_3 = 0 \text{ or } (\dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_1) + \sigma(\dot{y}_2 - \dot{y}_1) + \delta(\dot{z}_2 - \dot{z}_1) = 0. \quad (9.12)$$

On integrating Eq. (9.12), we obtain

$$e_1 + \sigma e_2 + \delta e_3 = \text{constant or } (x_2 - x_1) + \sigma(y_2 - y_1) + \delta(z_2 - z_1) = \text{constant}.$$

By setting the constant to C and rearranging, we obtain the desired conserved quantity. We show that $dC/dt = 0$ is always fulfilled by setting $C = e_1 + \sigma e_2 + \delta e_3$ in equation (9.12). ■

The value of C is given by the initial condition $C = x_{02} + \sigma y_{02} + \delta z_{02} - (x_{01} + \sigma y_{01} + \delta z_{01})$ and defines a complicated manifold in state space on which the dynamics takes place. Based on the existence of the conserved quantity C we can illustrate extreme multistability with the following schematic views depicted in Figs. 9.7 and 9.8. The whole state space is densely filled with manifolds (hypersurfaces), each associated with a value of C . In each of these

manifolds there exists at least one attractor. Since C can take any real value, the state space is “sliced” into infinitely many such manifolds, each of them containing another long-term dynamics. Changing the initial condition corresponds to a change of the manifold in which the dynamics takes place.

Figure 9.7. A sampling of the synchronization manifolds as a function of the conserved quantity C . Chaotic (light blue), period-4 (red), period-2 (dark blue), period-1 (magenta) behavior is exhibited for $C = 0.0075, 0.0135, 0.020$, and 0.0275 .

Figure 9.8. A sampling of the synchronization manifolds as a function of the initial condition y_{02} . Due to the existence of the conserved quantity C , the state space is divided into submanifolds corresponding to different values of C . In each of these submanifolds another long-term dynamics can be found. Chaotic (light blue), period-4 (red), period-2 (dark blue), period-1 (magenta) behavior is exhibited for $y_{02} = 4, 5.2, 6.5$ and 8 respectively. In terms of the conserved quantity C , chaotic, period-4, period-2 and period-1 behavior is exhibited for $C = 0.0075, 0.0135, 0.020$, and 0.0275 respectively.

The existence of a conserved quantity allows us to reduce the dimension of the dynamical system describing the two coupled autocatalators by one. From Eq. (9.8),

$$z_2 = (C + x_1 + \sigma y_1 + \delta z_1 - (x_2 + \sigma y_2))/\delta.$$

Substituting z_2 in Eqs. (9.6) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + (x_1 + \sigma y_1 + \delta z_1 + C - x_2 - \sigma y_2)/\delta) - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\ \sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1 - y_1 + x_1 y_1^2, \\ \delta \dot{z}_1 &= y_1 - z_1, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \mu(\kappa + (x_1 + \sigma y_1 + \delta y_1 - C - x_2 - \sigma y_2)/\delta) - x_2(1 + y_2^2), \\ \sigma \dot{y}_2 &= x_2 - y_2 + x_2 y_2^2, \end{aligned} \tag{9.13}$$

From this rewriting it becomes obvious that the conserved quantity C , and hence the initial condition y_{02} , can be indeed regarded as a bifurcation parameter in the reduced system (9.13). We see that Fig. 9.3 can be interpreted as a bifurcation diagram in the mathematical sense, exhibiting many known dynamical transitions. Now, using the conserved quantity C as a bifurcation parameter for system (9.13) and fixing all the system parameters and initial conditions as for the full system, we obtain dynamical behavior that is qualitatively identical to that of the full system. We observe chaotic behavior for small values of C and reverse period-doubling for larger values of C . There is a switch from period-16 to period-8 at $C = 0.01298$, period-8 to period-4 at $C = 0.01334$, period-4 to period-2 at $C = 0.01508$ and period-2 to period-1 at $C = 0.2326$. Figure 9.9 illustrates the behavior of system (9.13).

Figure 9.9. A bifurcation diagram of the reduced autocatalator model showing a reverse period-doubling sequence. Here, we are plotting the maximum value of x_1 (the dimensionless concentration of the intermediate species X_1) against the conserved quantity C for $\mu = 157$, $\kappa = 65$, $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ and $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$.

The existence of a conserved quantity is also apparent when computing Lyapunov exponents to characterize chaotic behavior in system (9.6). To verify this, we computed the Lyapunov exponents both as functions of time and the initial conditions. Computations of Lyapunov exponents as a function of time yield a positive largest Lyapunov exponent, $\lambda_1 = 5.08$, two zero Lyapunov exponents, $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0.00$, and three negative Lyapunov exponents, $\lambda_4 = -21.19$, $\lambda_5 = -27.00$, $\lambda_6 = -16.75$, as shown in Fig. 9.10. As discussed in Chapters 1 and 8, a positive largest Lyapunov exponent indicates that solution trajectories that originate close to each other drift apart exponentially as time become infinite.

For computations of Lyapunov exponents as a function of the initial condition y_{02} , we also obtain two zero Lyapunov exponents, where the first zero is the usual one corresponding to the Lyapunov exponent along the trajectory, while the second zero indicates the existence of a conserved quantity. We also have a positive largest Lyapunov exponent within the chaotic region. The Lyapunov exponents are negative within the periodic regions, except for the zero values. A plot of the largest three Lyapunov exponents is presented in Fig. 9.11.

Figure 9.10. Dynamics of Lyapunov exponents of the coupled six-variable autocatalator model versus time. The largest Lyapunov exponent is positive while two of the Lyapunov exponents are zero. One is the usual zero Lyapunov exponent while the second is a result of the conserved quantity.

Figure 9.11. Dynamics of the three largest Lyapunov exponents of the coupled six-variable autocatalator model (9.6) versus the initial condition y_{02} .

We now discuss the relation between the dynamics of the two coupled oscillators. As already mentioned and shown in Figs. 9.4-9.6, the two three-variable oscillators synchronize with a certain time lag so that the phase retains a fixed difference, while the amplitude difference varies. Hence, there is no amplitude synchronization. In Figs. 9.4-9.6, we observe lag synchronization in the periodic and chaotic cases. Lag synchronization generally emerges while varying the coupling strength between two oscillators [35]; however, such a change is not possible in this system, where the coupling is realized by chemical reactions. With this restriction in mind, we note that the coupled autocatalators exhibit a type of generalized synchronization with features much like those seen in chaotic synchronization.

The concept of basins of attraction, the sets of initial conditions that converge to the same attractor, of coexisting attractors is very important when studying multistable systems. To discuss this concept in the case of extreme multistability, we first note that the conserved quantity C is defined in equation (9.8) by the initial values $x_{01}, y_{01}, z_{01}, x_{02}, y_{02}$ and z_{02} . Therefore, C can be realized through many different initial conditions. This is because C is determined solely by sums and differences and different combinations of x_i, y_i, z_i , ($i = 1, 2$) give rise to the same value of C . Nonetheless, the question remains whether all these combinations of initial conditions leading to the same value of C also lead to the same attractor. To address this question, we fixed four of the initial values, say, x_{01}, z_{01}, x_{02} and z_{02} and varied only two corresponding initial values, say, y_{01} and y_{02} in such a way that the difference between them is always the same. This way, we obtained new initial conditions in y_{01} and y_{02} while holding the value of C constant. We then spanned the bifurcation diagram, considering the chaotic, period-8, period-4, period-2 and period-1 regimes, and then repeated the entire process so that different initial conditions for the other pairs (x_{01}, x_{02}) and (z_{01}, z_{02}) and combinations of all three pairs were also explored. In any specific region of the bifurcation diagram, we always obtained the same attractor for all the different initial conditions leading to the same value of C . The different initial condition combinations therefore lead to the same attractor for any specific value of C . Thus, each of the infinite coexisting attractors of system (9.6) is associated with its own basin of attraction, which is the set of initial conditions that satisfy the conservation equation (9.8). The basin of attraction of each attractor is therefore the manifold determined by the particular value of

the conserved quantity. However, these manifolds or slices in state space are dense, so that in each arbitrarily close neighborhood of each manifold there is another manifold leading to another attractor. That is, in each arbitrarily close neighborhood of an attractor there are points belonging to another manifold and, hence, to another basin of attraction. As a consequence, all attractors here are weak attractors in the Milnor sense [36].

Finally, another essential novelty in this work is the discovery of a new class of dynamical systems that manifests features of both dissipative and conservative systems. As described above, the system is dissipative because any set of initial conditions that satisfies the conservation relation, for a particular value of the conserved quantity, will relax to the associated attractor. For example, there are an infinite number of initial conditions that satisfy equation (9.8) for the value of C that gives rise to a period-1 orbit. We note that the limit cycle is stable only to perturbations that satisfy (9.8), while perturbations that do not satisfy (9.8) will move the system to another attractor. On the other hand, due to the existence of a conserved quantity, the dynamics becomes similar to the dynamics of Hamiltonian systems, where the marginally stable invariant set reached in the long-term limit depends on the value of the energy of the system. However, it is important to note that in contrast to the Hamiltonian case, the coupled autocatalator system is dissipative, and the invariant sets approached as time goes to infinity are attractors.

9.6 Nonidentical coupled systems

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the chemical plausibility of the reactions. So far we have assumed that the two subsystems coupled together are identical. That is, they are described with the same set of parameters, and the corresponding reactions in both subsystems therefore have the same rate constants. This is a very strong assumption, since it is difficult to find identical systems in nature apart from such cases as optical isomers. Naturally occurring subsystems would usually have at least some small mismatch in the parameters, arising, for example, from different isotopes. The question therefore arises whether extreme multistability is a robust feature occurring when there is a small mismatch in the parameters. For the chemical systems considered here, a mismatch in the parameters can

be interpreted as a mismatch in the rate constants for the reactions.

We now demonstrate that extreme multistability is sustained for small parameter mismatches. The mismatch values are obtained by considering the various dimensionless parameter groupings (κ, μ, σ and δ) and scaling each of them by 0 to 0.5% of their values accordingly to reflect the effect of the rate constants lumped into the parameter. First we note that the bifurcation diagrams shift with changing parameters in such a way that the period-doubling cascade occurs over a narrower range. Consequently, for rather large parameter mismatches, only period-1 and chaotic solutions survive, as higher periods disappear as the mismatch is increased. To demonstrate that extreme multistability is still possible, we have examined the long-term dynamics obtained with parameter mismatches ranging from 0.01% to 0.5%, while closely examining 0.01%, 0.05%, 0.1%, 0.2%, and 0.5% parameter mismatches. Figures 9.12 and 9.13 show the bifurcation sequences generated with 0.01% and 0.05% parameter mismatches, and Fig. 9.15 shows some time series and attractor plots derived from a 0.5% parameter mismatch. Our investigation indicates that the number of qualitatively different attractors is still infinite in the case of very small parameter mismatch. However, for larger parameter mismatches, say for 0.1% and higher, the number of qualitatively different attractors no longer tends to infinity because the period-doubling bifurcations are no longer resolved. Therefore, we conclude that extreme multistability is not dependent on the coupled systems being identical, but it is more likely to occur when systems are identical or are almost identical.

Figure 9.12. Long-term dynamics for two coupled autocatalator systems with 0.01% parameter mismatch vs. initial condition y_{02} .

Figure 9.13. Long-term dynamics for two coupled autocatalator systems with 0.05% parameter mismatch vs. initial condition y_{02} .

Table 9.1 lists values of y_{02} for period-8 to period-4, period-4 to period-2 and period-2 to period-1 transition for 0%, 0.01% and 0.05% parameter mismatches.

Table 9.1. Values of y_{02} for period-doubling transitions with increasing mismatches.

Transition	0% mismatch	0.01% mismatch	0.05% mismatch
Period-8 to period-4	5.165	5.34	6.2
Period-4 to period-2	5.51	5.735	6.23
Period-2 to period-1	7.14	7.4	8.23

9.14.1. $y_{02} = 25$, period-1 regime.

9.14.2. $y_{02} = 20$, chaotic regime.

Figure 9.14. Plots for a 0.5% parameter mismatch. Only the chaotic and period-1 regimes are prominent. Squeezing of the bifurcation diagram renders it difficult to distinguish the period-doubling sequence from chaos especially for periods higher than $2T$.

9.15.1. $y_{02} = 25$: Limit cycle.

9.15.2. $y_{02} = 20$: Chaotic behavior.

Figure 9.15. Plots for a 0.5% parameter mismatch. Only the chaotic and period-1 regimes are prominent. Squeezing of the bifurcation diagram renders it difficult to distinguish the period-doubling sequence from chaos especially for periods higher than $2T$.

Fig. 9.16 below illustrates the narrowing of the reverse period-doubling sequence. Here, we plot selected values of the initial condition y_{02} within the period-1, period-2, and chaotic regimes against the corresponding parameter mismatch.

Figure 9.16. A plot of values of y_{02} against corresponding parameter mismatches within the period-1, period-2 and chaotic regimes illustrating the narrowing of the reverse period-doubling sequence as the parameter mismatch is increased.

9.7 Conclusion

Our investigation shows that depending on the choice of initial conditions, an infinite number of different attractors can be attained, including fixed points, periodic orbits and chaotic orbits. This phenomenon is not exhibited with a single uncoupled three-variable autocatalator model. The phenomenon of extreme multistability is closely linked to the emergence of a conserved quantity that is determined by the initial conditions. This conserved quantity determines a complex manifold in state space in which the dynamics occur. An infinite number of attractors arise, since this conserved quantity can serve as a bifurcation parameter in a reduced system that gives rise to chaos in an infinite period-doubling cascade. Hence, the system contains orbits of all periods. Our investigations also indicate that extreme multistability has a close association with the emergence of generalized synchronization between the two autocatalator subsystems coupled together.

We have demonstrated that the phenomenon of extreme multistability emerges in a coupled six-variable system obtained by coupling two identical or slightly different three-variable systems. The fact that we are able to vary corresponding parameters of the three-variable systems by at least small amounts indicates extreme multistability is robust. We shall show in the next chapter, how this coupling scheme is not unique.

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Robustness of Extreme Multistability

10.1 Introduction

In Chapter 9, we demonstrated that extreme multistability emerges in a coupled six-variable system obtained by coupling two three-variable autocatalator systems in a special way. To show that the coupling technique is not unique, we examine three more coupling schemes, each of which gives rise to extreme multistability. We show that, in contrast to system (9.6), the conserved quantities associated with extreme multistability for the first two coupling schemes are no longer contained in the equations but arise in a non-trivial way as a result of the dynamics in the long-term limit. The conserved quantities of these two models are similar to that in the system studied by Sun et al. [1]. The conserved quantity for the last coupling scheme is similar to that of system (9.6).

This Chapter is organized as follows: In Section 10.2, we use a different scheme to couple two three-variable autocatalator systems, and show that the coupled system exhibits extreme multistability. We also show that the dynamics of the coupled system can be studied through a reduced system that differs from the original three-variable system only by a constant, the conserved quantity. We examine the dynamical behavior associated with two more coupling schemes in Sections 10.3 and 10.4, respectively, and conclude the chapter in Section 10.5.

10.2 Second Coupling Scheme

10.2.1 The Model

The second model involves the conversion of a chemical precursor A to a final product E through six intermediate species X_i , Y_i and Z_i ($i = 1, 2$). This occurs in two subsystems with an intermediate species from each subsystem involved in the other subsystem, comparable to model (R_{9.11})-(R_{9.22}). In the course of the conversion, two intermediate species C and D are formed that do not take part in the dynamics. The final product E does not participate in any reaction. We therefore neglect the time evolution of C , D and E in deriving system (10.1). Let k_i ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$), k'_4 and k''_4 be rate constants. Then the chemical representation of our model is as follows:

We keep the concentrations of A and B constant at A_0 and B_0 . Additionally, we assume that $k''_4 \gg k'_4 B_0 = k_4$. Reaction (R_{10.26}) describes an autocatalytic process in which Y_1 catalyzes its own production. Since Y_1 is produced through autocatalysis in reaction (R_{10.26})

and is used to produce Y_2 in reaction $(R_{10.33})$, we can also imagine an indirect autocatalysis occurring in the fourth equation of the second subsystem $(R_{10.33})$. In contrast to each of the individual three-variable systems, each of which has simple feedback loops, there are more complex feedback loops in the coupled system. For example, Z_1 and Z_2 are produced in reaction $(R_{10.28})$ and fed back into the system through reactions $(R_{10.24})$ and $(R_{10.31})$, respectively, to catalyze the production of X_1 from A , and the production of X_2 from A respectively. Note that while B is constant with the value B_0 , C is generated in reaction $(R_{10.27})$ of the first subsystem and rapidly consumed in reaction $(R_{10.34})$ of the second subsystem. Therefore, the rate of reaction $(R_{10.34})$ is determined by the rate of reaction $(R_{10.27})$. Consequently, we use $k_4 Y_1 = k'_4 B_0 Y_1$ instead of $k''_4 C Y_2$ in the corresponding mathematical model. This contributes to the coupling of the two subsystems. The first subsystem is also coupled to the second subsystem through Y_2 in reaction $(R_{10.28})$, while the second subsystem is also coupled to the first system through Y_1 in reaction $(R_{10.33})$.

Let A_0 , $[X_1]$, $[Y_1]$, $[Z_1]$, $[X_2]$, $[Y_2]$ and $[Z_2]$ be the concentrations of A , X_1 , Y_1 , Z_1 , X_2 , Y_2 and Z_2 respectively. Then using the law of mass action we write the following system of first-order ordinary differential equations for the above model:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{[X_1]} &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_1] - k_2 [X_1] - k_3 [X_1] [Y_1]^2, \\
\dot{[Y_1]} &= k_2 [X_1] + k_3 [X_1] [Y_1]^2 - k_4 [Y_1], \\
\dot{[Z_1]} &= k_4 [Y_2] - k_5 [Z_1], \\
\dot{[X_2]} &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_2] - k_2 [X_2] - k_3 [X_2] [Y_1]^2, \\
\dot{[Y_2]} &= k_2 [X_2] + k_3 [X_2] [Y_1]^2 - k_4 [Y_2], \\
\dot{[Z_2]} &= k_4 [Y_2] - k_5 [Z_2].
\end{aligned} \tag{10.1}$$

Using a scaling procedure similar to that of Chapter 9, we obtain the following dimensionless variable and parameter groupings:

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau &= k_2 t, \quad x_1 = \frac{(k_1 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{k_4} [X_1], \quad y_1 = \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Y_1], \quad z_1 = \left(\frac{k_5}{k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Z_1], \\
x_2 &= \frac{(k_1 k_3)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{k_4} [X_2], \quad y_2 = \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Y_2], \quad z_2 = \left(\frac{k_5}{k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [Z_2], \\
\mu &= \frac{k_1 A_0}{k_5}, \quad \kappa = \left(\frac{k_0 k_5}{k_1 k_4} \right) \left(\frac{k_3}{k_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{k_2}{k_4} \text{ and } \delta = \frac{k_2}{k_5},
\end{aligned}$$

which reduce system (10.1) to

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1(1 + y_1^2) - y_1, \\
\delta \dot{z}_1 &= y_2 - z_1, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \mu(\kappa + z_2) - x_2(1 + y_1^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_2 &= x_2(1 + y_1^2) - y_2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_2 &= y_2 - z_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{10.2}$$

10.2.2 Model Analysis

System (10.2) has a nonnegative equilibrium solution,

$$(x_1^*, y_1^*, z_1^*, x_2^*, y_2^*, z_2^*) = \left(\frac{y_1^*}{y_1^{*2} + 1}, y_1^*, \frac{y_1^* - \kappa\mu}{\mu}, \frac{y_1^*}{y_1^{*2} + 1}, \frac{y_1^* - \kappa\mu}{\mu}, \frac{y_1^* - \kappa\mu}{\mu} \right),$$

for $y_1^* \geq \kappa\mu$, $\kappa > 0$ and $\mu > 0$. Notice that when $y_1^* > \kappa\mu$, this equilibrium solution is positive and when $y_1^* = \kappa\mu$, it reduces to

$$(x_1^*, y_1^*, z_1^*, x_2^*, y_2^*, z_2^*) = \left(\frac{\kappa\mu}{1 + (\kappa\mu)^2}, y_1^*, 0, \frac{\kappa\mu}{1 + (\kappa\mu)^2}, 0, 0 \right).$$

We use numerical simulations to investigate the dynamical behavior of the system. Throughout this chapter, we set $\kappa = 65$, $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ and $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$. In Section 10.2.2.1, we allow μ to vary in the interval $[0, 1)$, and in Section 10.2.2.2, we set $\mu = 0.145$.

10.2.2.1 Dynamical Behavior for Varying μ

We study the coupled system with μ serving as a bifurcation parameter. Using the initial conditions $(x_{01}, y_{01}, z_{01}, x_{02}, y_{02}, z_{02}) = (0.5, 0.9898, 0.9896, 0.5, 0.9898, 0.9896)$, which is the steady state to which the system relaxes with initial conditions $(x_{01}, y_{01}, z_{01}, x_{02}, y_{02}, z_{02}) = (0.01, 0.1, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0)$, we integrate system (10.2) for different values of μ , retaining only the last tenth of the total number of time steps in order to eliminate any transients. To ensure that this represents the asymptotic behavior of the system, we verified that the behavior of our solutions for the last quarter, fifth and tenth of the total number of time

steps was the same. In each case, we found the behavior to be asymptotic. The qualitative behavior of the system for different values of μ is identical to that of the three-variable system. As μ is increased, the solutions switch from stable to chaotic through a period-doubling cascade. This is followed by period halving, which takes the system back to stable steady state behavior. For example, for $0 \leq \mu \leq 0.015$, we have steady state solutions, which switch to period-1 through a Hopf bifurcation at $\mu = 0.016$. As μ is further increased, there is a switch from period-1 to period-2 at $\mu = 0.143$, a switch from period-2 to period-4 at $\mu = 0.1527$, a switch from period-4 to period-8 at $\mu = 0.1532$ and chaos at $\mu = 0.154$. As μ is increased beyond the chaotic region, period halving occurs, and the system finally returns to stable a steady state through a second Hopf bifurcation at $\mu = 0.175$. A bifurcation diagram for the system showing different periodic and chaotic behaviors is presented in Fig. [10.1](#).

Figure 10.1. Long-term dynamics of the coupled six-variable autocatalator model depicting chaotic behavior, period-doubling and reverse period-doubling sequences. Here, we plot the amplitude of x_1 against the bifurcation parameter μ . As μ is increased beyond the region where chaotic behavior was first observed, windows of parameter values where periodic solutions exist can be identified. Hence, an aperiodic parameter regime is sandwiched between periodic parameter regimes.

10.2.2.2 Illustration of Extreme Multistability

To explore the phenomenon of extreme multistability, we set $(x_{01}, y_{01}, z_{01}, x_{02}, y_{02}, z_{02}) = (0.01, 0.1, 0.1, 0, y_{02}, 0)$, where y_{02} is allowed to vary from 0 to 10. We also set $\mu = 0.145$, which corresponds to a solution of period $2T$ for a single uncoupled three-variable autocatalator, and integrate the system for different values of y_{02} . As y_{02} is gradually increased from 0 through 10, we observe stable steady state behavior and a transition to chaos through period-doubling. As y_{02} is increased beyond the chaotic region, a reverse period doubling sequence that takes the system back to stable steady state behavior occurs. For example, solutions switch from period-1 to period-2 when $y_{02} = 0.955$, period-2 to period-4 when $y_{02} = 6.525$, period-4 to period-8 when $y_{02} = 6.835$, etc. Hence, this coupled system also exhibits the phenomenon of extreme multistability as illustrated in Fig. 10.2. Corresponding time series and phase plots are shown on Figs. 10.3 and 10.4 respectively.

Figure 10.2. Long-term dynamics of the coupled six-variable autocatalator model depicting chaotic behavior as well as period doubling phenomena. The amplitude of x_1 is plotted on the ordinate axis while the initial condition y_{02} is plotted on the abscissa. A period doubling sequence is identified for values of y_{02} prior to the chaotic region. For values of y_{02} beyond the region where chaotic behavior is observed, periodic solutions reappear. Hence, an aperiodic solution regime is sandwiched between two periodic solution regimes.

10.3.1. $y_{02} = 0.5$: Period-1

10.3.2. $y_{02} = 2.0$: Period-2

10.3.3. $y_{02} = 6.7$: Period-4

10.3.4. $y_{02} = 7.325$: Chaotic behavior

Figure 10.3. Typical plots of system (10.2) for $\kappa = 65, \mu = 0.145, \sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}, \delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ showing different dynamical behaviors for different values of y_{02} .

10.4.1. $y_{02} = 0.5$: Period-1

10.4.2. $y_{02} = 2.0$: Period-2

10.4.3. $y_{02} = 6.7$: Period-4

10.4.4. $y_{02} = 7.325$: Chaotic behavior

Figure 10.4. Typical phase plots of system (10.2) for $\kappa = 65, \mu = 0.145, \sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}, \delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ showing different dynamical behaviors for different values of y_{02} . We plot z_1 against y_1 .

10.2.3 Reduced System

We now show that the dynamics of system (10.2) can be studied through a reduced system. In contrast to the first coupled autocatalator system studied in Chapter 9, the new coupling gives rise to simple generalized synchronization between the two subsystems, in which two pairs of variables, (x_1, x_2) and (z_1, z_2) , synchronize completely, while the variables in the third pair, (y_1, y_2) , differ by a constant, $c = y_2 - y_1$. This type of synchronization is also associated with the emergence of a conserved quantity that characterizes the synchronization manifold. Compared to system (9.6), the conserved quantity c appears as a result of the dynamics, which takes its final value only in the long-term limit as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. To justify this statement, we introduce the new variables $e_i, i = 1, 2, 3$, which are appropriate for characterizing synchronization [2], since they can be interpreted as deviations from complete synchronization:

$$e_1 = x_2 - x_1, e_2 = y_2 - y_1, e_3 = z_2 - z_1. \quad (10.3)$$

By subtracting each of the first three equations of system (10.2) from the corresponding equation in the last three equations of system (10.2), simplifying and applying the new variable definitions (10.3), we obtain the following equations for the deviations e_i :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e}_1 &= \mu e_3 - (1 + x_2^2)e_1, \\ \sigma \dot{e}_2 &= (1 + x_2^2)e_1, \\ \delta \dot{e}_3 &= -e_3. \end{aligned} \quad (10.4)$$

Theorem 10.2.1 (Existence and stability of steady state solutions). *System (10.4) exhibits a single steady state solution, $(e_1^*, e_2^*, e_3^*) = (0, e_2^*, 0)$, where e_2^* is a constant that depends on the initial conditions. Moreover, this steady state solution is asymptotically stable.*

Proof. By setting the right-hand side of (10.4) to zero and solving the ensuing system of algebraic equations for e_1^*, e_2^* and e_3^* , where $e_i^*, i = 1, 2, 3$ represents the steady state value of e_i , we obtain $(e_1^*, e_2^*, e_3^*) = (0, e_2^*, 0)$. This proves the first part of the Theorem.

We now determine the stability of $(0, e_2^*, 0)$ by computing a Lyapunov function for system (10.4). Notice that all the terms on the right-hand side of system (10.4) are linear in e_1 and e_3 and that these terms are equally independent of e_2 . Consequently, a good Lyapunov

function candidate would be a function that consists of a combination of terms in e_1 , e_3 and e_1e_3 , with the total power of each term even. We consider the following candidate:

$$v(e_1, e_2, e_3) = ae_1^2 + be_1e_3 + ce_3^2,$$

where a, b and c with $4ac > b^2$ are constants to be determined. Let $\gamma = 1 + x_2^2$, then $\gamma > 0, \forall x$.

$$\dot{v}(e_1, e_2, e_3) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial e_1}\dot{e}_1 + \frac{\partial v}{\partial e_2}\dot{e}_2 + \frac{\partial v}{\partial e_3}\dot{e}_3 = \left(2\mu a - b\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{\delta}\right)\right)e_1e_3 - 2a\gamma e_1^2 - \left(\frac{2c}{\delta} - \mu b\right)e_3^2.$$

Now, for $\dot{v} < 0$, we must have:

$$2\mu a - b\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{\delta}\right) = 0, a > 0, \text{ and } \frac{2c}{\delta} - \mu b > 0. \quad (10.5)$$

That is, we must choose a, b and c such that all three conditions in (10.5) are satisfied. We satisfy the third condition by setting $c = 1$ and $b = \frac{1}{\delta\mu}$. This gives $\frac{2c}{\delta} - \mu b = \frac{1}{\delta} > 0$ since $\delta > 0$. Next, from the equation $2\mu a - b(\gamma + \frac{1}{\delta}) = 0$, we obtain $a = \frac{\gamma\delta + 1}{2(\delta\mu)^2} > 0$ since $\gamma > 0$, and $\delta > 0$. Thus, the conditions in (10.5) are satisfied if we choose

$$a = \frac{\gamma\delta + 1}{2(\delta\mu)^2}, b = \frac{1}{\delta\mu} \text{ and } c = 1.$$

Notice that with these values of a, b and c ,

$$a > 0, b > 0, c > 0 \text{ and } 4ac - b^2 = \frac{2(1 + x_2^2)\delta + 1}{(\delta\mu)^2} > 0.$$

Thus, $v(e_1, e_2, e_3) > 0$ for $(e_1, e_2, e_3) \neq (0, e_2^*, 0)$ and $v(e_1, e_2, e_3) = 0$ only at $(e_1, e_2, e_3) = (0, e_2^*, 0)$. The function,

$$v(e_1, e_2, e_3) = \frac{(1 + x_2^2)\delta + 1}{2(\delta\mu)^2}e_1^2 + \frac{1}{\delta\mu}e_1e_3 + e_3^2$$

satisfies the following conditions:

- v is continuous and has continuous first partial derivatives,
- $v > 0$ for all (e_1, e_2, e_3) and $v = 0$ only for $(e_1, e_2, e_3) = (e_1^*, e_2^*, e_3^*) = (0, e_2^*, 0)$,
- $\dot{v} = -\left(\frac{\gamma(\gamma\delta + 1)}{(\delta\mu)^2}e_1^2 + \frac{1}{\delta}e_3^2\right) < 0$ for all (e_1, e_2, e_3) and $\dot{v} = 0$ only for $(e_1, e_2, e_3) = (0, e_2^*, 0)$.

Hence, v is a Lyapunov function for (10.4) and $(0, e_2^*, 0)$ is asymptotically stable [3]. ■

We have shown in Theorem 10.2.1 that the steady state $(0, e_2^*, 0)$ is asymptotically stable. Hence, any solution of (10.4) converges to this steady state over time, and any perturbation of the system from this steady state decays to zero asymptotically. Consequently, the pairs of variables (x_1, x_2) and (z_1, z_2) whose differences constitute e_1 and e_3 , respectively, are completely synchronized in the long-term limit, and since $e_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, the second equation of (10.4) implies that $e_2 = y_2 - y_1 \rightarrow c$, where c is a constant that depends on the initial conditions of the full system (10.2). To see the dependence of c on the initial conditions of the full system, we note that in the long term, the second equation of (10.4) assumes the form $\dot{y}_2 - \dot{y}_1 \rightarrow 0$, since $e_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. But the general solution of the differential equation $\dot{y}_2 - \dot{y}_1 = 0$ is $y_2 - y_1 = c$, where c is a constant that depends on the initial values of y_1 and y_2 . Therefore, $y_2 - y_1 \rightarrow c$ or $y_2 \rightarrow y_1 + c$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. The constant c is a conserved quantity, which, in contrast to the conserved quantity computed for model (9.6), is not given directly by the initial conditions but evolves to its final value on approaching the asymptotic state and, hence, depends on the initial conditions in a nontrivial way. The value of c determines the synchronization manifold on which the long-term dynamics takes place. A schematic representation like that depicted in Fig. 9.7 holds only as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. In the long-term limit, the state space is divided into infinitely many synchronization manifolds, each corresponding to a particular value of c , as shown in Fig. 10.5. There exists at least one attractor in each synchronization manifold.

Figure 10.5. A sampling of the synchronization manifolds as a function of the conserved quantity c . Chaotic (light blue), period-4 (red), period-2 (dark blue), period-1 (magenta) behavior is exhibited for $c = 5.3, 4.5, 0.0$, and 6.0 , and -1.5 , and 7.8 .

The initial condition is not necessarily contained in the synchronization manifold. A new value of c is obtained for each new set of initial conditions, establishing a constant difference between the remaining pair of variables (y_1, y_2) . Therefore, we can substitute $y_2 = y_1 + c$ in the third equation of the first subsystem in the asymptotic state and obtain a reduced system, which can be further used to explore extreme multistability for $\tau \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\ \sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1(1 + y_1^2) - y_1, \\ \delta \dot{z}_1 &= (y_1 + c) - z_1, \end{aligned} \tag{10.6}$$

The only difference between this system and the original three-variable autocatalator system arises from the introduction of an additional parameter c , which depends on the initial conditions of the full system (10.2) in a complex manner. Our goal is to use c as a bifurcation parameter to study the dynamical behavior of system (10.6), and show that the reduced system can be used to explore the dynamics of the full system, (10.2). Using the same parameter values as in Section 10.2.2.2, we first integrate system (10.2) for different initial conditions as we did in Section 10.2.2.2 and use the last values of y_1 and y_2 to compute c according to the formula $c = y_2 - y_1$. Notice that using the last values of these variables ensures that all transients are eliminated and asymptotic dynamical behavior is attained. With these values of c and the initial condition $(0.01, 0.1, 0.1)$, we integrate the reduced system using a Runge-Kutta scheme with variable step size. A transition from simple to complex dynamical behavior is observed as c is gradually increased. Solutions of the system switch from period-1 to period-2 at $c = -1.208$, from period-2 to period-4 at $c = 4.362$, from period-4 to period-8 at $c = 4.672$, etc. The period doubling sequence leads to chaos that is followed by a period halving sequence that culminates in a stable steady state. Typical time evolution and phase plots of the solutions of the reduced system (10.6) for different values of c are presented in Fig. 10.6, while a bifurcation sequence depicting the dynamics of the system as a function of the conserved quantity c is illustrated in Fig. 10.7.

10.6.1. Period-1 behavior at $c = -1.5$.

10.6.2. Period-1 behavior at $c = -1.5$.

10.6.3. Period-2 behavior at $c = 0.0$.

10.6.4. Period-2 behavior at $c = 0.0$.

10.6.5. Chaotic behavior at $c = 5.2$.

10.6.6. Chaotic behavior at $c = 5.2$.

Figure 10.6. Typical time evolution and phase plots of the reduced system (10.6).

Figure 10.7. Bifurcation diagram of the reduced autocatalator model (10.6). A plot of the maximum amplitude of x_1 against c .

The parameter, c , characterizes a synchronization manifold in state space describing generalized synchronization, where two pairs of variables in the two subsystems are fully synchronized while the variables in the third pair are separated from each other by a constant c . The equivalence between the dynamical behavior of the full six-dimensional model (10.2) as a function of y_{02} and the reduced three-dimensional system (10.6) as a function of c can be observed by comparing the bifurcation diagram in Fig. 10.7 and the initial condition diagram in Fig. 10.2. The two diagrams are in complete correspondence. Figure 10.2 represents the long-term dynamical behavior for different initial conditions, which resembles a bifurcation diagram, while Fig. 10.7 is a bifurcation diagram in the mathematical sense, since c is a bifurcation parameter for the reduced system (10.6).

Figure 10.8 depicts typical time series plots for the full six-dimensional system in the long-term state. It highlights the nontrivial dependence of the final value of the conserved quantity c on the initial conditions. Figure 10.9 illustrates complete synchronization of the x_i and z_i , ($i = 1, 2$) variables. For all of the plots, $y_{01} = 0.1$. This indicates that the initial difference $y_{02} - y_{01}$ is not equal to the final value of the conserved quantity $c = y_2 - y_1$.

10.8.1. Chaotic regime: $y_{02} = 7.325, c = 5.1670, y_{02} - y_{01} = 7.225$.

10.8.2. Period-2 regime: $y_{02} = 8.0, c = 5.842, y_{02} - y_{01} = 7.9$.

10.8.3. Period-1 regime: $y_{02} = 15, c = 12.842, y_{02} - y_{01} = 14.9$.

10.8.4. Stable steady state regime: $y_{02} = 25, c = 22.842, y_{02} - y_{01} = 24.9$.

Figure 10.8. Time series plots illustrating the constant difference between y_1 and y_2 within the chaotic, period-2, period-1 and stable steady state regimes.

10.9.1. Chaotic regime: $y_{02} = 7.33$.

10.9.2. Chaotic regime: $y_{02} = 7.33$.

10.9.3. Period-2 regime: $y_{02} = 8$.

10.9.4. Period-2 regime: $y_{02} = 8$.

10.9.5. Period-1 regime: $y_{02} = 15$.

10.9.6. Period-1 regime: $y_{02} = 15$.

Figure 10.9. Time series plots illustrating complete synchronization of the variables x_1 and x_2 and z_1 and z_2 within the chaotic, period-2 and period-1 regions.

Computing the Lyapunov exponents and plotting them as a function of y_{02} reveals a similar behavior to that observed in Chapter 9. Due to the existence of a conserved quantity, there are two zero Lyapunov exponents for all initial conditions (Fig. 10.10).

Figure 10.10. The three largest Lyapunov exponents of the coupled six-variable autocatalator model (10.2) vs. the initial condition y_{02} .

10.3 Third Coupling Scheme

The third coupling scheme is accomplished through Y_1 in reaction $(R_{10.47})$ of the second subsystem, and through Y_2 and Z_2 in reactions $(R_{10.39})$ and $(R_{10.41})$, respectively, of the first subsystem. We assume that the formation of the intermediate species is accompanied by the formation of side products B , C , D and P , whose time evolution we omit. We also assume that the reaction between D and Y_2 is so fast that its rate is determined by the rate of formation of D . This permits us to use $k_4 Y_1$ instead of $k'_4 D Y_2$ as the removal term in the fifth equation of the corresponding mathematical system. This coupling yields the model

where $k'_4 \gg k_4$. The corresponding mathematical model is:

$$\begin{aligned}
[\dot{X}_1] &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_1] - k_2 [X_1] - k_3 [X_1] [Y_2]^2, \\
[\dot{Y}_1] &= k_2 [X_1] + k_3 [X_1] [Y_1]^2 - k_4 [Y_1], \\
[\dot{Z}_1] &= k_4 [Y_1] - k_5 [Z_1], \\
[\dot{X}_2] &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_2] - k_2 [X_2] - k_3 [X_2] [Y_2]^2, \\
[\dot{Y}_2] &= k_2 [X_2] + k_3 [X_2] [Y_1]^2 - k_4 [Y_1], \\
[\dot{Z}_2] &= k_4 [Y_1] - k_5 [Z_2].
\end{aligned} \tag{10.7}$$

Using a nondimensionalization procedure similar to that of Chapter 9, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_1(1 + y_2^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1 - y_1 + x_1 y_1^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_1 &= y_1 - z_1, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \mu(\kappa + z_2) - x_2(1 + y_2^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_2 &= x_2 - y_1 + x_2 y_1^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_2 &= y_1 - z_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{10.8}$$

We use the parameters $\kappa = 65$, $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ and $\delta = 2 \times 10^{-2}$. The bifurcation parameter is set to $\mu = 0.157$ which corresponds to a solution of period-1 for a single uncoupled three-variable model. System (10.8) exhibits the phenomenon of extreme multistability as illustrated in Fig. 10.11. We also identify a conserved quantity, c associated with this system. This quantity is similar to that of system (10.2) and is also given by $y_2 - y_1 = c$ in the long term limit. Substituting $y_2 = y_1 + c$ in the first equation of system (10.8) in the asymptotic state, we obtain the following reduced system which can also be used to further explore the dynamics of the full system (10.8) as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_1(1 + (y_1 + c)^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1 - y_1 + x_1 y_1^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_1 &= y_1 - z_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{10.9}$$

Figure 10.11. Long term dynamics of the coupled six-variable autocatalator system (10.8) showing periodic and chaotic behavior.

10.4 Fourth Coupling Scheme

The fourth coupling is achieved through Z_1 in reaction ($R_{10.57}$) of the second subsystem, and indirectly through Z_2 in reaction ($R_{10.55}$) of the first subsystem. The coupled chemical

model is:

where $k'_5 \gg k_5$. The corresponding mathematical model is:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{[X_1]} &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_1] - k_2 [X_1] - k_3 [X_1] [Y_1]^2, \\ \dot{[Y_1]} &= k_2 [X_1] + k_3 [X_1] [Y_1]^2 - k_4 [Y_1], \\ \dot{[Z_1]} &= k_4 [Y_1] - k_5 [Z_2], \\ \dot{[X_2]} &= k_0 A_0 + k_1 A_0 [Z_1] - k_2 [X_2] - k_3 [X_2] [Y_2]^2, \\ \dot{[Y_2]} &= k_2 [X_2] + k_3 [X_2] [Y_2]^2 - k_4 [Y_2], \\ \dot{[Z_2]} &= k_4 [Y_2] - k_5 [Z_2]. \end{aligned} \quad (10.10)$$

Using a similar scaling as that of the previous sections, we obtain the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1 - y_1 + x_1 y_1^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_1 &= y_1 - z_2, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_2(1 + y_2^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_2 &= x_2 - y_2 + x_2 y_2^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_2 &= y_2 - z_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{10.11}$$

System (10.11) also exhibits extreme multistability, as illustrated in Fig. 10.12. As in system (9.6) of Chapter 9, the conserved quantity is the same expression:

$$C = x_2 + \sigma y_2 + \delta z_2 - (x_1 + \sigma y_1 + \delta z_1).$$

By setting $z_2 = (C + x_1 + \sigma y_1 + \delta z_1 - (x_2 + \sigma y_2))/\delta$ in system (10.11), we obtain the following reduced five-variable system that can be used to explore the dynamics of system (10.11) when the conserved quantity C is used as the bifurcation parameter:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_1 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_1(1 + y_1^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_1 &= x_1 - y_1 + x_1 y_1^2, \\
\delta \dot{z}_1 &= y_1 - (C + x_1 + \sigma y_1 + \delta z_1 - (x_2 + \sigma y_2))/\delta, \\
\dot{x}_2 &= \mu(\kappa + z_1) - x_2(1 + y_2^2), \\
\sigma \dot{y}_2 &= x_2 - y_2 + x_2 y_2^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{10.12}$$

Figure 10.12. Long term dynamics of the six-variable autocatalator model (10.11) showing period doubling and chaotic behavior.

10.5 Brief Synopsis and Conclusion

We have demonstrated that two three-variable autocatalator models coupled in four different ways can exhibit extreme multistability. Therefore, the coupling technique leading to extreme multistability is not unique. We also illustrated that the dynamics of each of the coupled system is associated with a emergence of a conserved quantity. However, the conserved quantity for two of the coupled systems, (10.2) and (10.8) does not depend on the initial conditions of the full coupled system in a trivial way as that for systems (9.6) and (10.11). The conserved quantity for systems (10.2) and (10.8) emerges only from the dynamics in the long-term limit. The long-term dynamics of these two systems can be studied through reduced three-variable systems, each of which differs from the original three-variable system only by a constant c that arises as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. These two systems exhibit generalized synchronization in which two pairs of variables are completely synchronized and the third pair has variables that are separated by a constant. The robustness of extreme multistability with respect to a mismatch in the parameters of the uncoupled three-variable subsystems can also be verified for each of the three coupled systems studied here.

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Generalization of Extreme Multistability

11.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we summarize the results of our studies on extreme multistability and outline some evidence in support of the fact that the special coupling technique leading to extreme multistability gives rise to a new class of dynamical systems that exhibits characteristics of both dissipative and conservative systems. We also use our results to conclude that extreme multistability is a general concept.

11.2 Overview and Generalization

We have demonstrated the phenomenon of extreme multistability using four different coupling schemes of a chemical model system. For each of these couplings, we showed that the asymptotic behavior of the coupled system exhibits an infinite number of attractors, some stationary, some periodic and some chaotic. This situation was not possible with each of the two three-variable subsystems prior to the coupling. We explained the phenomenon of extreme multistability by illustrating that it is associated with the emergence of a conserved quantity. This conserved quantity can appear due to a special choice of the coupling scheme leading to a coupled system whose variables are no longer independent. In this case, the conserved quantity is determined directly by the initial conditions of the coupled system. This is the case for systems (9.6) and (10.11). On the other hand, other coupling options may lead to conserved quantities that emerge from the dynamics in the long-term limit. This

case is more complex and intriguing since the conserved quantity is not given but appears only when the trajectory reaches the attractor. Such conserved quantities were found in the coupled six-variable autocatalator systems (10.2) and (10.8). The dynamics of these coupled systems are governed by two properties of extreme multistability:

1. The dynamics takes place on a manifold in state space that is determined by the value of the conserved quantity and contains at least one attractor. Hence in the limit $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, extreme multistability can be interpreted in terms of a division of the state space into infinitely many manifolds on which the dynamics takes place.
2. Extreme multistability is associated with the appearance of generalized synchronization between the coupled subsystems.

The emergence of a conserved quantity in the long-term limit allows a model reduction of the coupled systems, (10.2) and (10.8). Since the dynamics for $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ takes place on a hypersurface in state space determined by the value of the conserved quantity, each of these systems can be reduced to a new three-variable system that differs from the original three-variable system only by a constant, the conserved quantity. The conserved quantity serves as a bifurcation parameter in the classical sense for each of the reduced three-variable models. This model reduction confirms the existence of an infinite number of attractors since the variation of the new bifurcation parameter, the conserved quantity, gives rise to an infinite cascade of period-doubling in transition to chaos. Extreme multistability therefore contains periodic orbits of all periods. In terms of the original system variables, the analysis of systems (10.2) and (10.8), and the corresponding reduced systems indicate that small differences in the concentrations of the intermediate species Y_1 and Y_2 may not only alter the dynamic behavior of the system quantitatively but also qualitatively. The variables x_1 and x_2 relax to the same value, and z_1 and z_2 also relax to the same value. However, the variables y_1 and y_2 relax such that $y_2 - y_1 = c$. Consequently, the plots of y_1 and y_2 are identical except for a shift by the factor of c . Note that the variables y_1 and y_2 exhibit phase synchronization. The analysis for systems (9.6) and (10.11), in which the associated conserved quantities emerge as well as depend on the initial conditions in a simple way is slightly different. There is no complete synchronization between any of the variable pairs. Thus, the conserved quantity

can be used to reduce each of these two systems by only a single variable. The conserved quantity can also serve as a bifurcation parameter in the mathematical sense.

The coupled six-dimensional chemical systems studied here exhibit both characteristics of dissipative and conservative dynamics. Common examples of conservative systems are the Lotka model [1] and the undamped simple pendulum system briefly examined in Chapter 1. The main difference between the coupled autocatalator systems and purely conservative systems resides in the fact that the former also possesses dissipative components, since the system relaxes to its asymptotic state, whereas there is no relaxation to an attractor in the latter. Due to the existence of a conserved quantity, the dynamics of the coupled autocatalator systems has features in common with Hamiltonian systems. However, the four systems studied here are dissipative and, hence, possess attractors in contrast to Hamiltonian systems, which exhibit marginally stable orbits. Conserved quantities in Hamiltonian systems, like energy, have fixed values from the very beginning. This is also true with systems (9.6) and (10.11). However, the conserved quantity for each of the systems in (10.2) and (10.8) emerges during the time evolution of the system and its value is fixed only as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. Almost all perturbations of the coupled systems lead to changes in the value of the conserved quantity and consequently to a change in the long-term dynamics. The exception, of course, is a perturbation in the values of the variables that preserve the conserved quantity, for example, a perturbation that changes y_1 and y_2 such that the conserved quantity remains the same. The set of initial conditions or perturbations that leave a particular conserved quantity unchanged constitutes the basin of attraction of the attractor defined by the value of that conserved quantity. Hence, each of the attractors has its own basin of attraction.

In each of the coupled systems, the rate constants for corresponding reactions in the subsystems are the same. To illustrate that extreme multistability can arise in a wider range of systems, we addressed the chemical plausibility of the reactions in the coupled systems. We demonstrated that it is possible to vary the rate constants for corresponding reactions by at least a small amount (less than 1%) without losing extreme multistability. For other systems such as the coupled Lorenz systems studied in [2], extreme multistability is lost for parameter mismatches that exceed 0.1% [3]. Thus, we conclude that extreme multistability is more likely to occur when almost identical subsystems are coupled.

Noise is inevitable in naturally occurring systems. Hence, it is necessary to address the robustness of extreme multistability against noise. For multistable systems possessing a large number of coexisting attractors it has been shown that noisy dynamics can be viewed as a combination of two phases of motion, where the first phase is characterized by a motion around the attractor and the second phase corresponds to a jump from one attractor to another [4]. Therefore, the duration of these two phases of motion is irregular and the overall dynamics appears as a hopping process between different attractors. For systems exhibiting extreme multistability, we also observe this hopping as noise of a certain strength drives the system to move from one synchronization manifold to another. However, it is important to note that this hopping can only be observed for small noise strengths, since strong noise leads to a diffusion process in state space.

The four different coupling schemes of the autocatalator model, each leading to extreme multistability, demonstrates that the special coupling technique is not unique. In an attempt to generalize the approach and the phenomenon of extreme multistability, we tried to find a generic prescription for constructing models that exhibit infinitely many attractors. Different factors including symmetry and asymmetry, coupling both subsystems through a single variable, coupling both subsystems through two or more variables, selecting coupling variables from any of the equations involved in the system, etc. have been considered. Taking these factors into account, we developed a number of different couplings for the autocatalator system. Some of these coupled models exhibit extreme multistability and some do not. Our investigations revealed that symmetry and asymmetry do not appear to play a major role in the occurrence of extreme multistability. We also discovered that all coupling attempts through a single variable failed to exhibit extreme multistability. Hence, the coupling should involve at least two variables.

Apart from the coupling, we may also try to generalize the notion of extreme multistability by considering the nature of the original subsystems. Here, we conjecture that a requirement for extreme multistability is chaos or chaotic subsystems. This is definitely a requirement for an infinite number of qualitatively different attractors, since the period-doubling cascade to chaos is the main characteristic that leads to this feature in all systems known to exhibit extreme multistability. We could not find extreme multistability in coupled

two-variable oscillatory systems of ordinary differential equations.

In addition to the Lorenz and the autocatalator systems, we also demonstrated the occurrence of extreme multistability in biological and ecological models such as the Hindmarsh-Rose neuron model [5, 6] and the ratio-dependent food chain model [7]. We are thus reasonably convinced that given a system that exhibits chaotic behavior we can find extreme multistability by appropriately coupling two such systems. In contrast to the autotacalator system in which we could easily verify that the couplings make sense physically, it is more difficult to verify whether the coupled Lorenz and biological systems are physically plausible.

11.3 Conclusion

Extreme multistability is an unusual kind of multistability characterized by the coexistence of an infinite number of attractors. It appears when two identical or almost identical systems are coupled in a special way. The special coupling gives rise to a new class of dynamical systems that exhibits characteristics of both dissipative and conservative dynamical systems. Extreme multistability is closely associated with generalized synchronization and the emergence of a conserved quantity.

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Appendices

Principle of Linear Stability

A linear stability analysis provides information about the local stability of equilibrium solutions to a dynamical system described by an autonomous system of ordinary differential equations. The principle of linear stability can be used to determine the equilibrium solution x^* of the nonlinear autonomous system of ordinary differential equations $\dot{x} = f(x)$ and its stability from the stability of the zero solution of the corresponding linear system $\tilde{x} = J\tilde{x}$, where J is the Jacobian matrix of the linear system and $\tilde{x}$ is a perturbation of the variable x from x^* . We briefly examine the principle of linear stability below.

Let us begin by considering the following autonomous system of differential equations:

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuously differentiable function of x and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuous function of t with $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose x^* is an equilibrium solution of (A.1); then we can study the linear stability of x^* by perturbing the system about x^* . To achieve this, we set

$$\tilde{x} = x - x^* \text{ or } x = x^* + \tilde{x},$$

where $\|\tilde{x}\| \ll 1$ in (A.1) and expand in a Taylor series about x^* . This results in the system

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = f(x^*) + J\tilde{x} + HOT, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where HOT represents higher order terms in $\tilde{x}$. The entries a_{ij} of the $n \times n$ Jacobian matrix J can be determined according to the formula $a_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i(x^*)}{\partial x_j}$, $i, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Now, since x^* is an equilibrium solution of (A.1), $f(x^*) = 0$, and since $\|\tilde{x}\| \ll 1$, we can re-write system

(A.2) while disregarding $f(x^*)$ and HOT as follows:

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = J\tilde{x}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

In expanded form, J can be written as

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next, we seek linearly independent solutions of this linear system of the form $\tilde{x} = ve^{\lambda t}$, where λ is an eigenvalue that measures the temporal response of the perturbation and $v \neq 0$ is the corresponding eigenvector that spans the null space of the system (A.3). Substituting this exponential solution in (A.3) and simplifying yields the new system

$$(J - \lambda I_n)v = 0, v \neq 0, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where I_n is the $n \times n$ identity matrix. From linear algebra, it is obvious that (A.4) has non-trivial solutions only when $|J - \lambda I_n| = 0$ or

$$\lambda^n + a_1\lambda^{n-1} + a_2\lambda^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-2}\lambda^2 + a_{n-1}\lambda + a_n = 0, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where the coefficients $a_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ are real constants. Equation (A.5) is an n -degree polynomial equation in λ , called a characteristic equation. Note that with these values of λ , the corresponding eigenvectors can be found from (A.4). Once we have values for λ and the corresponding eigenvectors, the solution of system (A.3) can be expressed in the form

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i v_i e^{\lambda_i t}, \quad (\text{A.6})$$

if all eigenvalues are distinct, and in the form

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m k_i v_m t^{m-1} e^{\lambda_m t} + \sum_{i=m+1}^n k_i v_i e^{\lambda_i t}, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

if λ_m is a repeated eigenvalue of multiplicity m . In either case, the k_i 's are constants whose values can be computed if initial conditions are specified.

Without necessarily determining the explicit solution of the system (A.3), it is possible to establish the local stability of solutions to system (A.3) and consequently system (A.1) as long as we are capable of determining the eigenvalues of (A.3). To this end, equilibrium solutions to (A.3), and consequently to (A.1), are linearly and asymptotically stable if all eigenvalues of (A.3) have strictly negative real parts, stable if the eigenvalues have non-positive real parts, and unstable if at least one eigenvalue has a positive real part. If λ is complex, we can have damped oscillations when the real part of λ is negative, growing oscillations when the real part of λ is positive, and sustained periodic oscillations when the real part of λ is zero; that is, when λ is purely imaginary. The system is neutrally stable when λ is purely imaginary. Neutral stability is fragile to perturbations. This is because small perturbations can destabilize the system or cause it to become attractive.

Libnitz Rule, Descartes' Rule of Signs, and Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

B.1 Libnitz Rule

The Libnitz Rule [1–4] is important in differentiating definite integrals whose limits are differentiable functions. It states that,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{u(t)}^{v(t)} p(s, t) ds = \int_{u(t)}^{v(t)} \frac{\partial p(s, t)}{\partial t} ds + p(v(t))v'(t) - p(u(t))u'(t), \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where the primes on u and v denote differentiation with respect to t .

Descartes' rule of signs [5, 6] and the Routh-Hurwitz criterion [7, 8] play an important role in determining the stability of linear systems of autonomous ordinary differential equations.

B.2 Descartes' Rule of Signs

Given the sequence $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^n$ formed from the coefficients of the n -degree polynomial equation (A.5), and given that m is the number of sign switches from one non-zero coefficient of equation (A.5) to the next, then Descartes' rule of signs states that the number of real positive roots of equation (A.5) is either m or $m - k$, where k is a positive even number. By repeating the rule with λ replaced by $-\lambda$, the number of negative real roots of (A.5) can be determined. Note that although Descartes' rule of signs predicts the number of positive roots of a polynomial, it does not provide any information about the values of the roots.

B.3 Routh-Hurwitz Criterion

The Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion provides necessary and sufficient conditions for all the roots of a polynomial equation to be negative if they are real or have negative real parts if they are complex. We now state the Routh-Hurwitz criterion.

Consider the n -degree characteristic polynomial equation (A.5), and the following Hurwitz matrices constructed from the coefficients of the polynomial:

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \end{pmatrix}, H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 1 \\ a_3 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}, H_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ a_3 & a_2 & a_1 \\ a_5 & a_4 & a_3 \end{pmatrix}, H_4 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & 1 \\ a_5 & a_4 & a_3 & a_2 \\ a_7 & a_5 & a_4 & a_3 \end{pmatrix}, \dots,$$

$$H_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_3 & a_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_5 & a_4 & a_3 & a_2 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Suppose $a_i > 0$, where $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Then $|H_i| > 0, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, where the vertical bars to the left and right of the Hurwitz matrix H_i denote, "determinant of", is a necessary and sufficient condition for all values of λ ; that is, all the roots of the characteristic equation (A.5) to have negative real parts.

To construct the matrix H_n , the coefficients $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ are arranged along the leading diagonal in ascending order of subscript from the top left corner of the matrix to the bottom right corner. The columns consist of coefficients with either odd or even subscripts only, arranged in ascending order from top to bottom. Note that the entries of the columns alternate between coefficients with odd and even subscripts. For example, the first column consist of coefficients with odd subscripts, the second column consists of coefficients with even subscripts, the third column consists of elements with odd subscripts, etc. Entries with subscripts less than 0 or bigger than n are set to 0. We now state the Routh-Hurwitz

stability criterion for the first few values of n , say, for $n = 2, 3, 4, 5$.

All values of λ that satisfy the characteristic equation (A.5) have negative real parts (or lie within the left half plane) if and only if:

- for $n = 2$:

$$|H_2| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & 1 \\ 0 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 a_2 > 0$$

or $a_1 > 0$ and $a_2 > 0$.

- for $n = 3$:

$$|H_3| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ a_3 & a_2 & a_1 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_3(a_1 a_2 - a_3) > 0$$

or $a_1 > 0, a_2 > 0, a_3 > 0$ and $a_1 a_2 > a_3$.

- for $n = 4$:

$$|H_4| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & 1 \\ 0 & a_4 & a_3 & a_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_4 \end{vmatrix} = a_4(a_1 a_2 a_3 - a_3^2 - a_1^2 a_4) > 0$$

or $a_1 > 0, a_2 > 0, a_3 > 0, a_4 > 0$ and $a_1 a_2 a_3 > a_3^2 + a_1^2 a_4$.

- for $n = 5$:

$$|H_5| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_3 & a_2 & a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ a_5 & a_4 & a_3 & a_2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a_5 & a_4 & a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_5 \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

or $a_1 > 0, a_2 > 0, a_3 > 0, a_4 > 0, a_5 > 0, a_1 a_2 a_3 > a_3^2 + a_1^2 a_4$ and $(a_1 a_4 - a_5)(a_1 a_2 a_3 - a_3^2 - a_1^2 a_4) > a_5(a_1 a_2 - a_3)^2 + a_1 a_5^2$.

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Existence and Uniqueness Theorem for Solutions to Systems of First-order Ordinary Differential Equations

We state a Theorem that guarantees the existence and uniqueness of solutions to a system of first-order ordinary differential equations. We reproduce the Theorem from Ref. [1].

Theorem C.0.1 (Existence and Uniqueness). *For the n th order system*

$$\dot{x} = f(x, t), \tag{C.1}$$

suppose that f is continuous and $\partial f_j / \partial x_i, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are continuous for $x \in \mathcal{D}, t \in I$, where $\mathcal{D}$ is a domain and I is an open interval. Then if $x_0 \in \mathcal{D}$ and $t_0 \in I$, there exists a solution $x^*(t)$, defined uniquely in some neighbourhood of (x_0, t_0) , which satisfies $x^*(t_0) = x_0$.

See Refs. [2–4] for an elaborate exploration of existence and uniqueness theorems for solutions to systems of first-order ordinary differential equations.

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Lyapunov Functions and Lyapunov Exponents

D.1 Lyapunov Functions

A positive definite scalar-valued function V for which $\dot{V}$ is negative semi-definite or negative definite with respect to a dynamical system described by a system of ordinary differential equations constitutes a Lyapunov function for the system. That is, a function v is called a Lyapunov function for a regular autonomous system of ordinary differential equations $\dot{x} = f(x)$, where $x, x^*, f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are vectors and x^* is an equilibrium solution of the system if it satisfies the following properties:

1. v is continuous and has continuous first partial derivatives,
2. $v > 0$ for all x and $v = 0$ only for $x = 0$,
3. $\dot{v} < 0$ for all x and $\dot{v} = 0$ only for $x = x^*$.

Lyapunov functions provide a sufficient but not necessary condition for assessing the stability of equilibria to dynamical systems described by systems of ordinary differential equations without necessarily solving the systems explicitly. In order to show that an equilibrium solution x^* of a regular autonomous system of ordinary differential equations is asymptotically stable, it suffices to construct a Lyapunov function $v = v(x)$ for the system. Lyapunov functions are not unique and they can also be used for establishing global stability. Even though Lyapunov functions play a crucial role in establishing the stability of equilibrium solutions of dynamical systems, there is, however, no general or fixed approach for constructing

them [1]. Generally, one has to approach this through trial-and-error. However, there are some documented methods for computing Lyapunov functions for certain classes of systems. For example, Ref. [2] outlines a method for computing Lyapunov functions for a linearized two dimensional system of ordinary differential equations and shows that the same function is also a Lyapunov function for the corresponding two dimensional nonlinear system. In some cases, the system at hand may furnish us with a clue on how to compute its Lyapunov function. As an example, we construct a Lyapunov function for the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= \mu x_3 - \gamma x_1, \\ \sigma \dot{x}_2 &= \gamma x_1, \\ \delta \dot{x}_3 &= -x_3, \end{aligned} \tag{D.1}$$

All of the terms on the right-hand side of system (D.1) are linear in x_1 and x_3 , while δ, γ, μ and σ are positive constants. These terms are equally independent of x_2 . Consequently, good Lyapunov function candidates would be functions that consist of a combination of terms in x_1, x_3 , and $x_1 x_3$, with the total power of each term even. For example,

- $v(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1^2 + bx_3^2$, where a and b are positive coefficients to be determined,
- $v(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1^4 + bx_3^4$, where a and b are positive coefficients to be determined,
- $v(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1^2 + bx_1 x_3 + cx_3^2$, where a, b and c with $4ac - b^2 > 0$ are constants.

The third candidate $v(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1^2 + bx_1 x_3 + cx_3^2$, where a, b and c with $4ac > b^2$ are constants is the best choice for system (D.1). Let v_y denote differentiation with respect to y , where $y = x_1, x_2, x_3$ and a dot on v, x_1, x_2 and x_3 denote time derivatives. Then by differentiating v with respect to time t , we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v}(x_1, x_2, x_3) &= v_{x_1} \dot{x}_1 + v_{x_2} \dot{x}_2 + v_{x_3} \dot{x}_3 \\ &= (2ax_1 + bx_3) \dot{x}_1 + (0) \dot{x}_2 + (bx_1 + 2cx_3) \dot{x}_3 \\ &= (2ax_1 + bx_3)(\mu x_3 - \gamma x_1) + (0) \left(\frac{\gamma}{\sigma} x_1 \right) + (bx_1 + 2cx_3) \left(-\frac{1}{\delta} x_3 \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2a\mu\delta - b(\gamma\delta + 1)}{\delta} \right) x_1 x_3 - 2a\gamma x_1^2 - \left(\frac{2c - b\mu\delta}{\delta} \right) x_3^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now, for $\dot{v} < 0$, we must have

- $\frac{2a\mu\delta - b(\gamma\delta + 1)}{\delta} = 0,$
- $a > 0,$ and
- $\frac{2c - b\mu\delta}{\delta} > 0.$

That is, we must choose a, b and c such that the three conditions above are satisfied. To this effect, we set $c = 1$ and $b = 1/(\delta\mu)$. This gives $(2c - b\mu\delta)/\delta = 1/\delta > 0$ since $\delta > 0$. Next, we determine a from the equation $(2a\mu\delta - b(\gamma\delta + 1))/\delta = 0$. The result is $a = (\gamma\delta + 1)/(2(\delta\mu)^2) > 0$ since $\gamma > 0, \forall x$ and $\delta > 0$. Thus, the above conditions are satisfied if we choose $a = (\gamma\delta + 1)/(2(\delta\mu)^2) > 0$, $b = 1/(\delta\mu)$ and $c = 1$. Notice that $4ac - b^2 = (2\gamma\delta + 1)/(\delta\mu)^2 > 0$ and that v satisfies conditions (1)-(3) above. Therefore, the following function is a Lyapunov function for system (D.1):

$$v(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{\gamma\delta + 1}{2(\delta\mu)^2}x_1^2 + \frac{1}{\delta\mu}x_1x_3 + x_3^2.$$

See the proof of Theorem 3.3.7 for an example on how to compute Lyapunov functions for epidemiological models and Refs. [3–5] for more on Lyapunov functions.

D.2 The Largest Lyapunov Exponent

Largest Lyapunov exponents provide a quantitative measure of chaotic behavior of dynamical systems. They measure the average exponential rate at which trajectories that originate close to each other either diverge from or converge to each other over time. Chaotic behavior is governed by a positive largest Lyapunov exponent, while periodic behavior is characterized by a zero largest Lyapunov exponent. Positivity of the largest Lyapunov exponent indicates that any two nearby trajectories separate exponentially in the long term. In this case, the system exhibits sensitive dependence on initial conditions. This results to a complete loss of information about the initial data in the long term [6]. Negative Lyapunov exponents are common among asymptotically stable dissipative systems and denote stable equilibrium points or stable limit cycles.

Consider the following autonomous system of ordinary differential equations:

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \tag{D.2}$$

where $x, f \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $x(t_0) = x_0$ be the vector of initial values of x , then Theorem C.0.1 provides conditions under which system (D.2) can have a unique solution, say, $x(t) = F(x, t)$. However, our interested here resides in the long-term asymptotic behavior of dF ; that is, the differential of the solution F . We perturb the system about a reference trajectory, say x^* by setting $x = x^* + u$, where $x^*, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\|u\| \ll \|x^*\|$. Substituting in system (D.2), expanding in a Taylor series about x^* , and retaining only linear terms in u yields the following linear system:

$$\dot{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}_{x=x^*} u. \quad (\text{D.3})$$

Let $u(t_0^*) = u_0$ be the initial conditions of the linearized system (D.3), then the system has a unique solution $u(t)$ that can be expressed in terms of the solution of the original system as follows:

$$u(t) = F(t, t_0^*)u_0, \quad (\text{D.4})$$

where $F(t, t_0^*)$ is a matrix obtained by linearizing the solution of system (D.2). If

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \|F(t, t_0^*)\| < \infty,$$

then the largest Lyapunov exponent of the system is given by

$$\lambda_L = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \left(\frac{\|u(t)\|}{\|u_0\|} \right). \quad (\text{D.5})$$

See [7] for details on how to calculate the largest Lyapunov exponents.

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LaSalle's Invariance Principle

LaSalle's invariance principle is an extension of Lyapunov's method and it is useful in proving global asymptotic stability for continuous and discrete dynamical systems. It uses the notions of limit sets and invariance to define Lyapunov functions in a less restrictive manner. For example, LaSalle's invariance principle eliminates the strict requirement that a Lyapunov function V for a continuous dynamical system that is described by an autonomous system of ordinary differential equations must have a negative definite time derivative for the system to be asymptotically stable.

Definition E.0.1 (Invariant set). *A set Ψ is said to be invariant with respect to the system of ordinary differential equations $\dot{x} = f(x)$, if all trajectories $x(t)$ that originate from the set do not leave the set Ψ at any time.*

Theorem E.0.2 (LaSalle's invariance principle). *Suppose the set $\Psi \subset D$ is compact and positively invariant with respect to the system of ordinary differential equations $\dot{x} = f(x)$. Suppose further that the function V defined by $V : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and that $\dot{V} \leq 0$ on Ψ . If $E = \{x \in \Psi : \dot{V}(x) = 0\}$ and E^* is the largest invariant set in E , then every solution of the system of ordinary differential equations $\dot{x} = f(x)$ that begins in the set Ψ approaches E^* as time t approaches infinity.*

See Refs. [1–6] for more on LaSalle's invariance principle.

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This Appendix consists of teaching material I prepared for the Third Hands-On Research in Complex Systems Advanced Study Institute that took place at the University of Buea, Cameroon from August 2-13, 2010. The audience was composed of outstanding graduate students and young faculty selected from developing countries. The hands-on sessions ran for three hours each day. My session received much attention and participants requested extended three-hour sessions almost on a daily basis. The Directors of the Institute were Professors Rajarshi Roy (University of Maryland), Kenneth Showalter (West Virginia University), and Harry L. Swinney (University of Texas) and the local organizers were Dr. Josepha Foba and Dr. Gideon Ngwa (University of Buea, Cameroon). See the next page for the sponsors of the Institute, and the website <http://www.handsonresearch.org/> for more information on the Institute and for information on past and future Hands-On Schools.

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Communicable Diseases Session

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F.1 Session Description Summary

Communicable diseases are carried by microorganisms and are diseases that can be communicated between persons. Examples of communicable diseases include malaria, HIV/AIDS, ringworm, and intestinal worms (Ascaries, Taenia, etc.). These diseases are called communicable because the infection can be "communicated" just as information can be communicated from one person to another. A human-to-human communicable disease could be passed through blood, mucus, uterine fluid, breast milk, semen, saliva, or breath. Question:

Can money harbor pathogens and thus serve as a communicable disease vector? It is well known that money is handled by persons of varying health and hygienic standards and also stored under varying environmental and personal hygienic conditions. Thus the chances of pathogens being present on money and persisting through multiple handling are high.

F.1.1 Theoretical and Experimental Part

In the first part of the session, participants will have the opportunity to carry out simple microscopic examinations to establish the existence of microorganisms (and the possible types) that can persist on the surfaces of money (coins and notes). In the second part, participants will learn how to develop simple mathematical models for indirectly transmitted diseases of humans. In the third part, participants will have the opportunity to formulate the hypotheses and mechanisms that may be useful in proposing mathematical models to assess the efficacy of money as a vector for communicating diseases between humans and then using MATLAB to analyze these models.

F.1.2 Simulation Introduction

Participants will explore the existence and stability of equilibrium solutions to an SIR disease model with and without vital dynamics using standard analytical techniques. MATLAB codes for an SIR disease model will be provided: The first two codes are for a deterministic SIR model with and without births and deaths (or vital dynamics). The third code will be for a stochastic version of an SIR disease model. The fourth code will be a deterministic SIR infectious disease model with a periodic contact rate. Participants will vary the contact rate to observe different dynamical behaviors, ranging from a stable steady state to a period-doubling cascade. A C code for an SEIRS model for endemic malaria from Ref. [1], which incorporates a spatial component, will be examined. Participants will use the built-in C compiler in MATLAB to compile and execute this code. They will then vary system parameters and diffusion coefficients to observe their effects on disease prevalence and the wave front of an infection process propagating through the community.

F.2 Detailed Session Description

F.2.1 Deterministic SIR Model

Figure F.1. A schematic framework illustrating the flow of individuals between the susceptible, infectious and immune classes. At any time, the total population is $N = S + I + R$.

Deterministic models are described by ordinary or partial differential equations. Predictions of system behavior can be obtained from the solutions of the system if such solutions can be computed explicitly, or via a stability analysis, if closed form solutions can not be found. These models are preferred when the population size under consideration is large.

To obtain the classical SIR model we simulate here, the total population is divided into susceptible individuals (those who have not contracted the disease), infectious individuals (those who have contracted the disease and can transmit it to others), and removed or immune individuals. The model is described by the following system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dS}{dt} &= \mu N - \beta SI - \mu S, \\
\frac{dI}{dt} &= \beta SI - (\mu + \nu)I, \\
\frac{dR}{dt} &= \nu I - \mu R,
\end{aligned} \tag{F.1}$$

where μ is the birth/natural death rate, β is the contact rate, and ν is the removal rate. The basic reproduction number is

$$R_0 = \frac{\beta N}{\mu + \nu}. \tag{F.2}$$

The threshold parameter, R_0 determines the existence and stability of equilibrium solutions to the system. When $R_0 \leq 1$, there exists a stable disease free equilibrium, representing the situation in which the disease dies out, and when $R_0 > 1$, there exists a stable endemic equilibrium, indicating that the disease establishes itself in the community.

F.2.1.1 Exercise

1. Compute the equilibrium solutions of system (F.1).
2. Verify that the basic reproduction number R_0 presented above is correct.
3. Determine the linear stability of the equilibrium solutions computed above.
4. Verify whether the equilibrium solutions are globally asymptotically stable or not.

F.2.1.2 Simulating the Deterministic Model with no Vital Dynamics

By no vital dynamics, we are referring to the situation in which there are no births and deaths; i.e., $\mu = 0$. The MATLAB code `SIRNoVitalDyn.m` is provided for the simulations.

1. Run the code by typing `SIRNoVitalDyn` in the command prompt and hitting “return”.
2. Vary the parameters and observe their effects on disease prevalence.

Figure F.2. Simulation results with $\mu = 0$.

F.2.1.3 Simulating the Deterministic Model with Vital Dynamics

We now simulate the entire system, taking into consideration births and deaths. That is, we consider the situation in which $\mu \neq 0$. To this effect, the MATLAB code `SIRVitalDyn.m` is provided. See Fig. F.3 for a sample time series and phase plot.

Exercise

1. Vary the parameters to determine their effects on both R_0 and disease prevalence.
2. Verify the linear stability results for the cases $R_0 \leq 1$ and $R_0 > 1$.

F.3.1. Time series

F.3.2. Phase plot

Figure F.3. Solution of system with vital dynamics

F.2.2 SIR Model with Periodic Contact Rate

F.2.2.1 Background

The prevalence of some diseases vary with seasonality and so the dynamics may exhibit oscillations. For instance, the prevalence of contagious diseases of children of school age is usually higher during the school term than during holidays. The dynamics of some communicable diseases of humans such as malaria vary with seasonality. This is due to variations in the mosquito population dynamics. One way of capturing such oscillations is by incorporating periodic contact rates as in Ref. [2]. See Refs. [3, 4] for other techniques of capturing periodicity in epidemiological models. Here, we re-examine the SIR model from Section F.2.1. As in Ref. [2], we consider a periodic contact rate given by $\beta(t) = \beta_0(1 + \beta_1 \cos 2\pi t)$ where B_0 and β_1 are positive constants.

F.2.2.2 Simulations

The MATLAB script, SIRPeriodic.m is provided. SIRPeriodic.m integrates the system using a fourth-order Runge Kutta method and produces both a time series and a phase plot of the results. This script can be run by typing “**SIRPeriodic**” at the MATLAB command prompt and hitting “return”. A preliminary run with the parameters $\mu = 0.02, \nu = 100, \beta_0 = 1800, \beta_1 \in \{0.0, 0.02, 0.08\}$ and initial conditions $S_0 = 0.0556$ and $I_0 = 0.001$ provides the output plotted in Figs. F.4 and F.5.

F.4.1. Stable equilibrium solution.

F.4.2. Stable spiral.

F.4.3. Time series showing period-1.

F.4.4. Limit cycle.

Figure F.4. Typical dynamical behaviors for different values of β_1 . Stable spiral when $\beta_1 = 0.0$ and period-1 behavior when $\beta_1 = 0.02$.

F.5.1. Time series showing period-2.

F.5.2. Phase plot showing Period-2.

F.5.3. Time series showing chaos.

F.5.4. Chaotic attractor.

Figure F.5. Typical dynamical behaviors for different values of β_1 . Period-2 oscillations for $\beta_1 = 0.08$ and chaotic behavior for $\beta_1 = 0.095$.

F.2.2.3 Exercise

1. Fix all system parameters and vary only the contact rate by varying the parameter β_1 to observe different dynamical behaviors, ranging from stable steady state behavior through a period-doubling cascade.
2. Fix the contact rate and vary the other system parameters.
3. Determine the parameter regimes for which $R_0 < 1$, $R_0 = 1$ and $R_0 > 1$, and investigate the consequences on disease prevalence.

F.2.3 Stochastic SIR Model

F.2.3.1 Model Description

We now consider a stochastic version of the deterministic SIR model above. As in deterministic models, variables are also used to denote states in stochastic models. However, the transition rates between these states are probabilities instead of simple reaction or flow rates as in deterministic models. In general, a deterministic ordinary differential equation model can only give an approximation of the corresponding stochastic model. Stochastic models are usually computationally more expensive than deterministic models; however, they are more appropriate when the population size under consideration is small. With the same set of initial data, stochastic models can yield different outcomes due to fluctuations.

Figure F.6. A schematic framework illustrating the states to which individuals can evolve. The labels along the arrows are the rates.

The flow chart in Fig. F.6 represents a conceptual framework of the stochastic model. Starting from a state with susceptible, infectious and immune individuals, there are eight states, $(S+1, I, R)$, $(S-1, I+1, R)$, $(S+1, I-1, R)$, $(S-1, I, R)$, $(S, I-1, R)$, $(S, I-1, R)$, $(S, I-1, R+1)$, and $(S, I, R-1)$ to which the system can evolve at different rates. Notice that the state $(S, I-1, R)$ is repeated since an infectious individual can either die naturally or as a result of the disease. Also notice that the ratio of the rates to the sum of the rates are effectively the probabilities for the events: birth, infection, recovery, natural death of a susceptible individual, natural death of an infectious individual, disease-induced death of an infectious individual, immunity and natural death of an immune individual along the arrows. That is, the transition probabilities or the probability that a specific event occurs is the ratio of the rate at which the event occurs to the sum of all the rates.

Table F.1. Summary of events and transition probabilities. The sum of the rates is given by $\Gamma = \lambda N + \beta SI + rI + \mu S + \mu I + \gamma S + \mu R + \nu I$.

Event	State	Rate	Probability
Birth	$S + 1, I, R$	λN	$\lambda N/\Gamma$
Infection	$S - 1, I + 1, R$	βSI	$\beta SI/\Gamma$
Recovery	$S + 1, I - 1, R$	rI	rI/Γ
Natural death of a susceptible individual	$S - 1, I, R$	μS	$\mu S/\Gamma$
Natural death of an infectious individual	$S, I - 1, R$	μI	$\mu I/\Gamma$
Disease-induced death of an infectious individual	$S, I - 1, R$	γS	$\gamma S/\Gamma$
Natural death of an immune individual	$S, I, R - 1$	μR	$\mu R/\Gamma$
Immunity	$S, I - 1, R + 1$	νI	$\nu I/\Gamma$

F.2.3.2 Simulation of the Stochastic Model

We numerically simulate the model using the Gillespie Algorithm¹ [7–13]. Figure F.7 depicts the results for four simulations. Notice that, unlike the deterministic model that gives the same result for the same set of parameters and initial conditions irrespective of the number of runs, the outcomes of the stochastic model can be different for different runs with the same initial conditions and parameters. The MATLAB script `StochasticSIR.m` is used and can be run by typing “**StochasticSIR**” at the command prompt and hitting “return”.

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¹The Gillespie algorithm simulates random discrete events and the time elapsed between such events. The crux of the algorithm resides on drawing two numbers at each step – one to identify the time that will elapse before the next event occurs and the other to select which event occurs next. The algorithm proceeds in the following simple steps (*c.f.* Refs. [5, 6]):

- (i) Initialization of system variables, parameters, and random number generator.
- (ii) Determination of the propensity functions and their sum.
- (iii) Selection of the next event and the time interval through the aid of randomly generated numbers.
- (iv) Updating the time step and state variables.
- (v) Return to step (ii) if the allocated final time has not been attained or if the variables are not zero.

F.7.1. Run number 1. The single infectious individual dies leaving a disease-free community.

F.7.2. Run number 2. Disease persists in the community.

F.7.3. Run number 3. Disease dies out.

F.7.4. Run number 4.

Figure F.7. Plots for different runs with the same parameter values, initial conditions and the same noise seed showing different behaviors. The parameter values are $\beta = 0.03, \nu = 0.05, \gamma = 0.01, r = 0.1, \mu = 0.02$. We consider a total population of 100 and assume that 99 of these individuals are susceptible initially, 1 is infectious and none is immune.

F.2.3.3 Exercise

1. Run the system a few of times with the given parameter values and initial populations.
2. Vary the initial and the total populations. Increase N up to 1000.
3. Vary the parameters and observe the effect on the system.
4. Vary the length of time for which the code runs.
5. The model is set up such that infectious individuals can recover from the disease and rejoin the susceptible class directly without acquiring immunity. Assume the disease confers temporary immunity so that immune individuals eventually lose their immunity and join the susceptible class. This transforms the model into an SIRS model. Modify the script StochasticSIR.m to incorporate this assumption and repeat the exercises.

F.2.4 Spatiotemporal SEIRS Malaria Model

F.2.4.1 Background

In this Section we explore the dynamics of a spatiotemporal SEIRS model for endemic malaria. Our model is obtained by introducing diffusion into the vector population of the ODE model developed and studied in Ngwa and Shu [1]. This model is described by the following nondimensional system of partial differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tau} &= \lambda(1 - u) + \beta R + rw + \gamma wu - \xi uz, \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial \tau} &= \nu(1 - u - R) + \gamma w^2 - (r + \alpha + \gamma + \lambda + \nu)w, \\ \frac{\partial R}{\partial \tau} &= \alpha w - \gamma wR - (\beta + \lambda)R, \\ \frac{\partial s}{\partial \tau} &= D_s \left(\frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial y^2} \right) + a(1 - s) - bsw - csR, \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \tau} &= D_z \left(\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} \right) + e(1 - s) - (a + e)z,\end{aligned}\tag{F.3}$$

where u is the proportion of susceptible humans, w is the proportion of infectious humans, R is the proportion of immune humans, s is the proportion of susceptible vectors, and z is the proportion of infectious vectors. D_s and D_z are, respectively, the diffusion coefficients of the

fractions of susceptible and infectious vectors, while $\gamma, \xi, \alpha, r, \beta, \lambda, \nu, a, b$ and c are positive dimensionless parameter groupings. It is worth noting that the dimensionless dependent variables u, w, R, s and z are functions of the spatial variables x and y and the temporal variable τ . The original system from Ref. [1] is a seven-variable model. However, since the total human and vector populations for the model reformulated in terms of proportions are given by $u + v + w + R = 1$ and $s + q + z = 1$, respectively, where v and q are the proportions of exposed humans and vectors, the substitutions $v = 1 - (u + w + R)$ and $q = 1 - (s + z)$ make it possible to eliminate the equations for the proportions of exposed individuals in each population, thereby leaving us with system (F.3).

The basic reproduction number for the corresponding ODE system was computed in Ref. [1] and it is given by

$$R_0 = \frac{\xi e \nu (\alpha c + b(\beta + \lambda))}{a(a + e)(\beta + \lambda)(\lambda + \nu)(\alpha + r + \gamma + \lambda)}. \quad (\text{F.4})$$

It was shown that when $R_0 \leq 1$, there exists a disease free equilibrium solution $(1, 0, 0, 1, 0)$ that is locally and asymptotically stable, and when $R_0 > 1$, there exists a unique endemic equilibrium $(u^*, w^*, R^*, s^*, z^*)$ that is locally and asymptotically stable.

F.2.4.2 Simulations

First, the MATLAB m-file, ODESEIRS.m, required to solve the system presented in [1] is provided. ODESEIRS.m solves the system and plots the results. See Fig. F.8 for the results of one run with initial conditions $(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.9, 0.1)$ and the parameters in Table F.2.

Second, the code Malaria.c written in C together with the MATLAB function SEIR.m are provided. Malaria.c integrates system (F.3) above and it can be opened as well as edited using the MATLAB editor. This code can be compiled as well as executed within MATLAB using the built-in C compiler. This process requires the use of MEX, a utility within MATLAB that facilitates calling of C, C++ or Fortran codes in MATLAB. The code is compiled into a MEX-file that is executable in MATLAB just like any built-in MATLAB function. See the Mathworks support page for details [14]. To compile Malaria.c within MATLAB, type “**mex Malaria.c**” at the MATLAB command prompt and hit “return”. This compiles the code and generates a mex file called Malaria. Simply type “**Malaria**” and

hit “return” at the MATLAB command prompt to execute.

The function SEIR.m plots solutions within some chosen cells and can be evoked by typing “**SEIR**” at the MATLAB command prompt. The function makemovie.m produces a propagating wave showing how the infection spreads within the community. This function can be run simply by typing “**makemovie**” at the command prompt and hitting return.

For our preliminary simulation, we use a grid size of 10×10 and begin with completely susceptible human and vector populations in each of the cells and then introduce some infectious vectors only in cell (1,1). We also use the parameter values presented in Table F.2 which, apart from the last two parameters, are obtained from Ref. [1]. See the referenced paper for a discussion on the dimensional and physical significance of these parameters.

Table F.2. Parameter values for the SEIRS malaria model.

Parameter	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Value 5
γ	0.00100				
ξ	4.06600				
α	0.30000				
r	0.20000				
β	0.35000				
λ	0.00184				
ν	2.00000				
a	1.00200				
b	10.0000				
c	1.00000				
e	2.40000				
D_s	0.00001				
D_z	0.00001				

F.2.4.3 Exercise

1. Using ODESEIRSMain.m, vary the parameter values to determine their effects on disease prevalence. Fill in your parameter values in the spaces provided in Table F.2.
2. Compile and execute Malaria.c with the above parameters, switching off diffusion the first and second time. Plot the results from different sample cells.
3. Vary the system parameters in Malaria.c to determine their effects on disease prevalence. Your target should be arriving at a realistic parameter regime for which there exists a stable disease-free equilibrium and another for which there exists a stable endemic equilibrium.
4. Vary the diffusion coefficients in Malaria.c and observe how the disease spreads within the population. What happens when the diffusion coefficient is too small? What happens when the diffusion coefficient is too large? What happens when the diffusion coefficient is neither too large nor too small?
5. Using Malaria.c, vary the cell(s) with infectious vectors and the proportion of infectious vectors in each cell.
6. Vary the grid size, the time step, and the length of time the code is run.
7. Formulate and simulate the stochastic version of the SEIRS model (F.3) above. Assume $D_s = D_z = 0$.

F.2.4.4 Some Results with the Parameter Values in Table F.2

Figure F.8. Simulation results for the ode model using ODESEIRSMMain.m.

Figure F.9. Solution of the ode model in cell (1,1). All variables converge to the unique endemic equilibrium $(0.0918, 0.4315, 0.3683, 0.1762, 0.5811)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. $R_0 = 104.895$ and the corresponding equilibrium values of the fractions of exposed humans and vectors are 0.1084 and 0.2427, respectively.

Figure F.10. Plots of some solutions within cells (1,1)-red, (2,1)-blue, (2,2)-green, (3,3)-pink, (5,5)-yellow, (1, 10)-magenta, (9,9)-black and (10, 10)-cyan, depicting the spread of the infection.

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Latex Files, MATLAB Codes, and Figures

See the accompanying DVD and external hard-drive for all the codes and figures. The latex files and the figures used to generate this dissertation are indexed as in Table G.1, while the codes used for generating the figures and the original figures are indexed as in Table G.2.

G.1 Latex Code

Table G.1. Latex Code and Figures

S/N	Folder/File	Description
01	CNN_Main	All required files
02	CNN_DissMain	Main code
04	CNN_Ref	Reference files
05	CNN_Chapters	Chapter codes
06	CNN_Appendix	Appendix codes
07	CNN_Part1Figs	Part 1 Figures
08	CNN_Part2Figs	Part 2 Figures
09	CNN_Part3Figs	Part 3 Figures
10	CNN_HandsFigs	Hands-on Figures
11	mynewstyle3.bst	Bibtex style
12	sty	Fancy Chapters
13	SecStyle	Section Style

G.2 MATLAB Codes

Table G.2. MATLAB Codes and Figures

S/N	Folder	Chapter
14	Simple Pendulum	1
15	Classical Malaria Model	3
16	Disease Free Model	5
17	Disease Model	5
18	Determin Poverty Traps	7
19	Stochastic Poverty Traps	7
20	Intro to Chemical Chaos	8
21	Extreme Mult. Model 1	9
22	Extreme Mult. Model 2	10
24	Extreme Mult. Model 3	10
25	Extreme Mult, Model 4	10
26	Buea Hands-on	F