

POSITIVE PERIODIC SOLUTIONS FOR A PREDATOR-PREY MODEL WITH TIME DELAYS AND IMPULSIVE EFFECT

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ABSTRACT. In this article, a two-species predator-prey model with time delays and impulsive effect is investigated. By using Mawhin's continuation theorem of coincidence degree theory, sufficient conditions are obtained for the existence of positive periodic solutions.

1. INTRODUCTION

In the past few years, predator-prey models and with many kinds of functional responses have been of great interest to both applied mathematicians and ecologists see references in this article. Recently, by using Floquet theory of linear periodic impulsive equation, Song and Li [15] considered the following T -periodic predator-prey model with modified Leslie-Gower and Holling-type II schemes and impulsive effect

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= x(t) \left(r_1(t) - b_1(t)x(t) - \frac{a_1(t)y(t)}{x(t) + k_1(t)} \right) \\ \dot{y}(t) &= y(t) \left(r_2(t) - \frac{a_2(t)y(t)}{x(t) + k_2(t)} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t \neq \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$
$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(\tau_k^+) &= (1 + h_k)x(\tau_k) \\ y(\tau_k^+) &= (1 + g_k)y(\tau_k) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t = \tau_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

where $b_1(t), r_i(t), a_i(t), k_i(t) (i = 1, 2)$ are continuous ω -periodic functions such that $b_1(t) > 0, r_i(t) > 0, a_i(t) > 0, k_i(t) > 0 (i = 1, 2)$ and $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{1, 2, \dots\}$; $h_k, g_k (k \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$ are constants and there exists an integer $q > 0$ such that $h_{k+q} = h_k, g_{k+q} = g_k, \tau_{k+q} = \tau_k + \omega$, and $1 + h_k > 0, 1 + g_k > 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. They obtain some conditions for the linear stability of trivial periodic solution and semitrivial periodic solutions.

However, as pointed out in [9], naturally, more realistic and interesting models of single or multiple species growth should take into account both the seasonality of the changing environment and the effects of time delays.

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In this paper, we consider the following ω -periodic predator-prey system with time delays and impulses:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= x(t) \left(r_1(t) - b_1(t)x(t - \tau(t)) - \frac{a_1(t)y(t - \sigma_1(t))}{x(t - \tau_1(t)) + k_1(t)} \right) \\ \dot{y}(t) &= y(t) \left(r_2(t) - \frac{a_2(t)y(t - \sigma_2(t))}{x(t - \tau_2(t)) + k_2(t)} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t \neq t_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(t_k^+) &= I_k(x(t_k)) + x(t_k^-) \\ y(t_k^+) &= J_k(y(t_k)) + y(t_k^-) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t = t_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

(1.1)

where $x(t_k^+), x(t_k^-), y(t_k^+), y(t_k^-)$ represent the right and the left limit of $x(t_k)$ and $y(t_k)$, respectively, in this paper, we assume that x, y are left continuous at t_k ; $b_1(t), \tau(t), a_i(t), r_i(t), k_i(t), \sigma_i(t), \tau_i(t)$ ($i = 1, 2$) are all positive periodic continuous functions with period $\omega > 0$ and $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{1, 2, \dots\}$; $I_k, J_k \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$ satisfy that $I_k(u) > -u, J_k(v) > -v$, and there exists a positive integer p such that $t_{k+p} = t_k + \omega, I_{k+p} = I_k, J_{k+p} = J_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. Without loss of generality, we also assume that $[0, \omega) \cap \{t_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}_+\} = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p\}$.

Our purpose of this paper is by using continuation theorem of coincidence degree theory [6] to establish criteria to guarantee the existence of positive periodic solutions of system (1.1).

2. NOTATION AND PRELIMINARIES

To obtain our main result of this paper, we first need to make the following preparations. For any non-negative integer q , let

$$\begin{aligned} &C^{(q)}[0, \omega; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p] \\ &= \left\{ x : [0, \omega] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } x^{(q)}(t) \text{ exists for } t \neq t_1, \dots, t_p; x^{(q)}(t_k^+), x^{(q)}(t_k^-) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{exists at } t_1, \dots, t_p; \text{ and } x^{(j)}(t_k) = x^{(j)}(t_k^-), k = 1, 2, \dots, p, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q \right\} \end{aligned}$$

with the norm

$$\|x\|_q = \max \left\{ \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} |x^{(j)}(t)| \right\}_{j=0}^q.$$

It is easy to see that $C^{(q)}[0, \omega; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p]$ is a Banach space and the functions in $C[0, \omega; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p]$ are continuous with respect to t different from t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p . Let

$$PC_\omega = \{x \in C[0, \omega; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p] : x(0) = x(\omega)\}$$

with the same norm as that of $C[0, \omega; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p]$.

Let X, Y be normed vector spaces, $L : \text{Dom } L \subset X \rightarrow Y$ be a linear mapping, and $N : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous mapping. The mapping L will be called a Fredholm mapping of index zero if $\dim \ker L = \text{codim Im } L < +\infty$ and $\text{Im } L$ is closed in Y . If L is a Fredholm mapping of index zero, and there exist continuous projectors: $P : X \rightarrow X$ and $Q : Y \rightarrow Y$ such that $\text{Im } P = \ker L, \ker Q = \text{Im } L = \text{Im}(I - Q)$. It follows that mapping $L|_{\text{Dom } L \cap \ker P} : (I - P)X \rightarrow \text{Im } L$ is invertible. We denote the inverse of that mapping by K_P . If Ω is an open bounded subset of X , the mapping N will be called L -compact on $\bar{\Omega}$ if $QN(\bar{\Omega})$ is bounded and $K_P(I - Q)N : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow X$ is compact. Since $\text{Im } Q$ is isomorphic to $\ker L$, there exists an isomorphism $J : \text{Im } Q \rightarrow \ker L$.

Definition 2.1. The set F is said to be quasi-equicontinuous in $[0, \omega]$ if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that if $x \in F$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $t_1, t_2 \in (t_{k-1}, t_k) \cap [0, \omega]$, $|t_1 - t_2| < \delta$, then $|x(t_1) - x(t_2)| < \epsilon$.

Lemma 2.2 ([2]). *The set $F \subset PC_\omega$ is relatively compact if and only if*

- (1) F is bounded, that is, $\|f\|_{PC_\omega} = \|f\|_0 = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} |f(t)| \leq M$ for each $f \in F$ and some $M > 0$;
- (2) F is quasi-equicontinuous in $\text{Dom } f$.

Now, we introduce Mawhin's continuation theorem.

Lemma 2.3 ([6]). *Let $\Omega \subset X$ be an open bounded set and let $N : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous operator which is L -compact on $\bar{\Omega}$. Assume*

- (a) for each $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, $x \in \partial\Omega \cap \text{Dom } L$, $Lx \neq \lambda Nx$,
- (b) for each $x \in \partial\Omega \cap \ker L$, $QNx \neq 0$,
- (c) $\deg(JQN, \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) \neq 0$.

Then $Lx = Nx$ has at least one solution in $\bar{\Omega} \cap \text{Dom } L$.

Throughout this paper, we assume that there exist $p_{1k}, p_{2k}, q_{1k}, q_{2k} \in \mathbb{R}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that

$$\inf_{u>0} \frac{I_k(u)}{u} \geq q_{1k} > -1, \quad \sup_{u>0} \frac{I_k(u)}{u} \leq p_{1k} < +\infty,$$

$$\inf_{v>0} \frac{J_k(v)}{v} \geq q_{2k} > -1, \quad \sup_{v>0} \frac{J_k(v)}{v} \leq p_{2k} < +\infty.$$

For convenience, we introduce the notation

$$\bar{f} = \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega f(t) dt, \quad f^M = \max_{t \in [0, \omega]} \{f(t)\},$$

$l_{1k} = \max \{|\ln(1 + p_{1k})|, |\ln(1 + q_{1k})|\}$, $l_{2k} = \max \{|\ln(1 + p_{2k})|, |\ln(1 + q_{2k})|\}$ where f is a continuous ω -periodic function and $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

3. MAIN RESULT

Let

$$H_1 = \ln \left(\frac{\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{1k}))}{b_1} \right),$$

$$M_1 = H_1 + 2\omega \bar{r}_1 + \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{1k}) \right) + \sum_{k=1}^p l_{1k};$$

$$H_2 = \ln \left(\frac{\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + q_{2k}))}{\frac{a_2}{k_2}} \right),$$

$$M_2 = H_2 - 2\omega \bar{r}_2 - \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{2k}) \right) - \sum_{k=1}^p l_{2k};$$

$$H_3 = \ln \left(\frac{(k_2^M + e^{M_1})(\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{2k})))}{a_2} \right),$$

$$M_3 = H_3 + 2\omega \bar{r}_2 + \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{2k}) \right) + \sum_{k=1}^p l_{2k};$$

$$H_4 = \ln \left(\frac{\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + q_{1k})) - e^{M_3 \left(\frac{a_1}{k_1} \right)}}{\bar{b}_1} \right),$$

$$M_4 = H_4 - 2\omega \bar{r}_1 - \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{1k}) \right) - \sum_{k=1}^p l_{1k};$$

Our main result of this paper is as follows:

Theorem 3.1. *If*

$$\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{1k}) \right) > 0,$$

$$\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + q_{2k}) \right) > 0,$$

$$\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + q_{1k}) \right) - e^{M_3 \left(\frac{a_1}{k_1} \right)} > 0,$$

then (1.1) has at least one ω -periodic positive solution.

Proof. Let $x(t) = e^{u(t)}$, $y(t) = e^{v(t)}$ then (1.1) is reformulated as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{u}(t) &= r_1(t) - b_1(t) \exp\{u(t - \tau(t))\} - \frac{a_1(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_1(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_1(t))\} + k_1(t)} \\ \dot{v}(t) &= r_2(t) - \frac{a_2(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_2(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_2(t))\} + k_2(t)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.1)$$

for $t \neq t_k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u(t_k^+) &= e_k(u(t_k)) + u(t_k^-) \\ v(t_k^+) &= f_k(v(t_k)) + v(t_k^-) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t = t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

where

$$e_k(u(t_k)) = \ln \left(\frac{I_k(\exp\{u(t_k)\}) + \exp\{u(t_k)\}}{\exp\{u(t_k)\}} \right),$$

$$f_k(v(t_k)) = \ln \left(\frac{J_k(\exp\{v(t_k)\}) + \exp\{v(t_k)\}}{\exp\{v(t_k)\}} \right).$$

It is easy to see that

$$\ln(1 + q_{1k}) \leq e_k(u(t_k)) \leq \ln(1 + p_{1k}),$$

$$\ln(1 + q_{2k}) \leq f_k(v(t_k)) \leq \ln(1 + p_{2k}).$$

If system (3.1) has an ω -periodic solution $(u(t), v(t))$, then

$$(e^{u(t)}, e^{v(t)}) = (x^*(t), y^*(t))$$

is a positive ω -periodic solution to system (1.1). So, in the following, we discuss the existence of ω -periodic solution to system (3.1). Here, we denote

$$A(t) = r_1(t) - b_1(t) \exp\{u(t - \tau(t))\} - \frac{a_1(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_1(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_1(t))\} + k_1(t)},$$

$$B(t) = r_2(t) - \frac{a_2(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_2(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_2(t))\} + k_2(t)}.$$

To use the continuation theorem of coincidence degree theory to establish the existence of an ω -periodic solution of (3.1), we take

$$X = PC_\omega \times PC_\omega, \quad Y = X \times \mathbb{R}^{2p}.$$

Then X is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_X = \|(u, v)\|_X = \|u\|_0 + \|v\|_0 = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} |u(t)| + \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} |v(t)|,$$

and Y is also a Banach space with the norm

$$\|z\|_Y = \|x\|_X + \|y\|_2, \quad x \in X, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^{2p},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_2$ in \mathbb{R}^n is defined as

$$\|\xi\|_2 = \|(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n)\|_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|.$$

So if $x = (u, v) \in X \cap \mathbb{R}^2$, then $\|x\|_X = \|x\|_2$. Let

$$\text{Dom } L = \left\{ (u, v) : u, v \in C^{(1)}[0, \omega; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p]; u(0) = u(\omega), v(0) = v(\omega) \right\},$$

$$L : \text{Dom } L \cap X \rightarrow Y$$

$$(u, v) \rightarrow (\dot{u}, \dot{v}, \Delta u(t_1), \dots, \Delta u(t_p), \Delta v(t_1), \dots, \Delta v(t_p)),$$

and let $N : X \rightarrow Y$ with

$$N(x) = N(u, v) = (A(t), B(t), \Delta u(t_1), \dots, \Delta u(t_p), \Delta v(t_1), \dots, \Delta v(t_p)).$$

Obviously, $\ker L = \left\{ (u, v) : u, v \in \mathbb{R}, t \in [0, \omega] \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\text{Im } L = \left\{ z = (f, g, c_1, \dots, c_p, d_1, \dots, d_p) \in Y : \int_0^\omega f(s) ds + \sum_{k=1}^p c_k = 0, \right.$$

$$\left. \int_0^\omega g(s) ds + \sum_{k=1}^p d_k = 0 \right\}$$

and $\dim \ker L = \text{codim Im } L = 2$. So that, $\text{Im } L$ is closed in Y , L is a Fredholm mapping of index zero. Define the two projectors

$$Px = \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega x(t) dt,$$

$$Qz = \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega f(s) ds + \sum_{k=1}^p c_k \right], \frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega g(s) ds + \sum_{k=1}^p d_k \right], \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{2p} \right).$$

It is easy to show that P and Q are continuous and satisfy

$$\text{Im } P = \ker L = \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \text{Im } L = \ker Q = \text{Im}(I - Q).$$

Further, let $L_P = L|_{\text{Dom } L \cap \ker P}$ and the generalized inverse $K_P = L_P^{-1}$ is given by

$$K_P z = \left(\int_0^t f(s) ds + \sum_{t > t_k} c_k - \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \int_0^t f(s) ds dt - \sum_{k=1}^p c_k + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p t_k c_k, \right.$$

$$\left. \int_0^t g(s) ds + \sum_{t > t_k} d_k - \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \int_0^t g(s) ds dt - \sum_{k=1}^p d_k + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p t_k d_k \right).$$

Thus, the expression of QNx is

$$\left(\frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega A(s) ds + \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) \right], \frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega B(s) ds + \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \right], \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{2p} \right),$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} & K_P(I - Q)Nx \\ &= \left(\int_0^t A(s) ds + \sum_{t > t_k} e_k(u(t_k)) - \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \int_0^t A(s) ds dt + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p t_k e_k(u(t_k)) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{t}{\omega} \right) \int_0^\omega A(s) ds - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{t}{\omega} \right) \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) \right), \\ & \quad \left(\int_0^t B(s) ds + \sum_{t > t_k} f_k(v(t_k)) - \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \int_0^t B(s) ds dt + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p t_k f_k(v(t_k)) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{t}{\omega} \right) \int_0^\omega B(s) ds - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{t}{\omega} \right) \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, QN and $K_P(I - Q)N$ are both continuous. Using Lemma 2.2, it is easy to show that $K_P(I - Q)N(\bar{\Omega})$ is compact for any open bounded set $\Omega \subset X$. Moreover, $QN(\bar{\Omega})$ is bounded. Therefore, N is L -compact on $\bar{\Omega}$ for any open bounded set $\Omega \subset X$.

Now, it needs to show that there exists a domain Ω that satisfies all the requirements given in Lemma 2.3. Corresponding to operator equation $Lx = \lambda Nx$, $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, $x = (u, v)$, we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{u}(t) &= \lambda \left[r_1(t) - b_1(t) \exp\{u(t - \tau(t))\} - \frac{a_1(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_1(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_1(t))\} + k_1(t)} \right] \\ \dot{v}(t) &= \lambda \left[r_2(t) - \frac{a_2(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_2(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_2(t))\} + k_2(t)} \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.2)$$

for $t \neq t_k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u(t_k^+) &= \lambda e_k(u(t_k)) + u(t_k^-) \\ v(t_k^+) &= \lambda f_k(v(t_k)) + v(t_k^-) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t = t_k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

Suppose $x = (u, v)$ is an ω -periodic solution to system (3.2). By integrating (3.2) over $[0, \omega]$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\omega r_1(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) \\ &= \int_0^\omega \left[b_1(t) \exp\{u(t - \tau(t))\} + \frac{a_1(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_1(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_1(t))\} + k_1(t)} \right] dt, \quad (3.3) \\ & \int_0^\omega r_2(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) = \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t) \exp\{v(t - \sigma_2(t))\}}{\exp\{u(t - \tau_2(t))\} + k_2(t)} dt. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2) and (3.3), we have

$$\int_0^\omega |\dot{u}(t)| dt < 2 \int_0^\omega r_1(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\int_0^\omega |\dot{v}(t)| dt < 2 \int_0^\omega r_2(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)). \quad (3.5)$$

Since $u(t), v(t) \in PC_\omega$, there exist $\xi_1, \xi_2, \eta_1, \eta_2 \in [0, \omega]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u(\xi_1) &= \min_{t \in [0, \omega]} u(t), & u(\eta_1) &= \max_{t \in [0, \omega]} u(t), \\ v(\xi_2) &= \min_{t \in [0, \omega]} v(t), & v(\eta_2) &= \max_{t \in [0, \omega]} v(t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Then by (3.3) and (3.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) &\geq \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega b_1(t) e^{u(\xi_1)} dt, \\ \bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) &\leq \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t) e^{v(\eta_2)}}{k_2(t)} dt; \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$u(\xi_1) \leq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k))}{\bar{b}_1} \right] \leq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{1k}) \right)}{\bar{b}_1} \right] =: H_1$$

and

$$v(\eta_2) \geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k))}{\left(\frac{a_2}{k_2}\right)} \right] \geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + q_{2k}) \right)}{\left(\frac{a_2}{k_2}\right)} \right] =: H_2.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &\leq u(\xi_1) + \int_0^\omega |\dot{u}(t)| dt + \sum_{k=1}^p |e_k(u(t_k))| \\ &\leq H_1 + 2\omega\bar{r}_1 + \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{1k}) \right) + \sum_{k=1}^p l_{1k} =: M_1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &\geq v(\eta_2) - \int_0^\omega |\dot{v}(t)| dt - \sum_{k=1}^p |f_k(v(t_k))| \\ &\geq H_2 - 2\omega\bar{r}_2 - \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{2k}) \right) - \sum_{k=1}^p l_{2k} =: M_2. \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \geq \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t) e^{v(\xi_2)}}{k_2(t) + e^{M_1}} dt \geq \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t) e^{v(\xi_2)}}{k_2^M + e^{M_1}} dt;$$

that is,

$$v(\xi_2) \leq \ln \left(\frac{(k_2^M + e^{M_1}) \left(\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \right)}{a_2} \right)$$

$$\leq \ln \left(\frac{(k_2^M + e^{M_1})(\bar{r}_2 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{2k})))}{\bar{a}_2} \right) =: H_3.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &\leq v(\xi_2) + \int_0^\omega |\dot{v}(t)| dt + \sum_{k=1}^p |f_k(v(t_k))| \\ &\leq H_3 + 2\omega\bar{r}_2 + \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{2k}) \right) + \sum_{k=1}^p l_{2k} =: M_3. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) \leq \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega b_1(t) e^{u(\eta_1)} dt + \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_1(t) e^{M_3}}{k_1(t)} dt;$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} u(\eta_1) &\geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(v(t_k)) - e^{M_3} \left(\frac{a_1}{k_1} \right)}{\bar{b}_1} \right] \\ &\geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{r}_1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + q_{1k}) \right) - e^{M_3} \left(\frac{a_1}{k_1} \right)}{\bar{b}_1} \right] =: H_4. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &\geq u(\eta_1) - \int_0^\omega |\dot{u}(t)| dt - \sum_{k=1}^p |e_k(u(t_k))| \\ &\geq H_4 - 2\omega\bar{r}_1 - \ln \left(\prod_{k=1}^p (1 + p_{1k}) \right) - \sum_{k=1}^p l_{1k} =: M_4. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have

$$M_4 \leq u(t) \leq M_1, \quad M_2 \leq v(t) \leq M_3.$$

Let $D = |M_1| + |M_2| + |M_3| + |M_4|$. We have

$$\|x\|_X = \|u\|_0 + \|v\|_0 \leq D.$$

Clearly, D is independent of λ . Denote $M = D + D_0$, where D_0 is taken sufficiently large such that each solution (u^*, v^*) of

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\omega r_1(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) &= \int_0^\omega \left[b_1(t) e^u + \frac{a_1(t) e^v}{e^u + k_1(t)} \right] dt, \\ \int_0^\omega r_2(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) &= \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t) e^v}{e^u + k_2(t)} dt \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

satisfies $\|(u^*, v^*)\|_X < D_0$, and we can obtain D_0 by repeating the above arguments. Then $\|(u^*, v^*)\|_X < M$.

Let $\Omega = \{x = (u, v) \in X, \|x\|_X < M\}$, which satisfies condition (a) of Lemma 2.3.

When $x \in \partial\Omega \cap \ker L = \partial\Omega \cap R^2$, x is a constant vector in R^2 with $\|x\|_X = M$.

Then

$$QNx = \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega \left(r_1(t) - b_1(t) \exp\{u\} - \frac{a_1(t) \exp\{v\}}{\exp\{u\} + k_1(t)} \right) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) \right] \right),$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega \left(r_2(t) - \frac{a_2(t) \exp\{v\}}{\exp\{u\} + k_2(t)} \right) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \right], \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{2p}$$

$$\neq 0,$$

which shows that condition (b) in Lemma 2.3 holds.

Finally, we prove that condition (c) in Lemma 2.3 is satisfied. The isomorphism J of $\text{Im } Q$ onto $\ker L$ can be defined by

$$J : \text{Im } Q \rightarrow X, \quad (f, g, c_1, \dots, c_p, d_1, \dots, d_p) \rightarrow (f, g).$$

For $x \in \ker L \cap \Omega$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} JQNx &= \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega \left(r_1(t) - b_1(t) \exp\{u\} - \frac{a_1(t) \exp\{v\}}{\exp\{u\} + k_1(t)} \right) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) \right], \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1}{\omega} \left[\int_0^\omega \left(r_2(t) - \frac{a_2(t) \exp\{v\}}{\exp\{u\} + k_2(t)} \right) dt + \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \right] \right) \\ &= \left(\bar{r}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^u - \frac{e^v}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_1(t)}{e^u + k_1(t)} dt + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{r}_2 - \frac{e^v}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t)}{e^u + k_2(t)} dt + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Denote $\varphi : \text{Dom } L \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ as the form

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u, v, \mu) &= \left(\bar{r}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^u, \bar{r}_2 - \frac{e^v}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t)}{e^u + k_2(t)} dt \right) \\ &\quad + \mu \left(-\frac{e^v}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_1(t)}{e^u + k_1(t)} dt + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)), \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu \in [0, 1]$ is a parameter. With the mapping φ , we have $\varphi(u, v, \mu) \neq 0$ for $(u, v) \in \partial\Omega \cap \ker L$. Otherwise, there exists a constant vector (u, v) with $\|(u, v)\|_X = M$ implies $\varphi(u, v, \mu) = 0$; i.e.,

$$\bar{r}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^u - \frac{\mu e^v}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_1(t)}{e^u + k_1(t)} dt + \frac{\mu}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p e_k(u(t_k)) = 0$$

and

$$\bar{r}_2 - \frac{e^v}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t)}{e^u + k_2(t)} dt + \frac{\mu}{\omega} \sum_{k=1}^p f_k(v(t_k)) = 0.$$

Similar to the above discussion, we know that $\|(u, v)\|_X < M$, which contradicts $\|(u, v)\|_X = M$. From the property of coincidence degree theory, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(JQNx, \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) &= \deg(\varphi(u, v, 1), \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) \\ &= \deg(\varphi(u, v, 0), \Omega \cap \ker L, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the following algebraic equation has a unique solution (u^*, v^*)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{r}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^u &= 0, \\ \bar{r}_2 - \frac{e^v}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \frac{a_2(t)}{e^u + k_2(t)} dt &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\deg(JQNx, \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) = \deg(\varphi(u, v, 0), \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) = 1 \neq 0.$$

By Lemma 2.3, the system (1.1) has at least one ω -periodic solution in Ω . The proof is complete. \square

4. AN EXAMPLE

Consider the system

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= x(t) \left(r_1 + \sin 2\pi t - b_1 x(t - \tau(t)) - \frac{a_1(1 + \theta \cos 2\pi t)y(t - \sigma_1(t))}{x(t - \tau_1(t)) + k_1} \right) \\ \dot{y}(t) &= y(t) \left(r_2 - \frac{a_2(1 + \theta \cos 2\pi t)y(t - \sigma_2(t))}{x(t - \tau_2(t)) + k_2} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.1)$$

for $t \neq t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(t_k^+) &= (1 - h)x(t_k^-) \\ y(t_k^+) &= (1 - g)y(t_k^-) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t = t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

where $r_1 = 1.1$, $r_2 = 1.25$, $b_1 = 0.6$, $a_1 = 0.05$, $a_2 = 0.7$, $k_1 = k_2 = 1$, $h = 0.5$, $g = 0.7$, $\theta = 0.5$. Obviously, in this case, $\omega = 1, p = 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &< -0.38, & M_1 &< 1.82, & H_3 &< -0.66, & M_3 &< 1.84, \\ 0.40 &< r_1 + \ln(1 - h) &< 0.41, & & 0.04 &< r_2 + \ln(1 - g) &< 0.05, \\ r_1 + \ln(1 - h) - e^{M_3} \frac{a_1}{k_1} &> 0.40 - 0.32 = 0.08 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

So that, all conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Therefore, (4.1) has at least one ω -periodic positive solution.

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