



A Food Chain Model with Ratio-dependent Functional Response, Impulsive Perturbations and Feedback Controls

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Abstract

In this paper, a food chain system with ratio-dependent functional response, impulses, feedback controls and delays is studied. By using the theorem of coincidence degree, homotopy invariance property and Lyapunov's approach, a set of sufficient conditions for ensuring the existence and stability of positive periodic solutions of the system are derived. The results extend some recent works.

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1 Introduction

Predator-prey system is the classic model in ecology, has been studied extensively (Cheng and Li, 2007; Li et al., 2003). At present, two species predator-prey system with feedback control models have become hot, also systems which based on rate-dependent functional response have also been received much attention. The ratio-dependent functional response is the density ratio function on predator and prey two groups. Generally, predator-prey system with ratio-dependent functional response is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) - yp(\frac{x}{y}), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = kyq(\frac{x}{y}) - dy. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

The literature [Chen et al.(2003); Gopalsamy and Wang (1993)] proposed the following feedback system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dn(t)}{dt} = n(t)[1 - \frac{a_1 n(t) + a_2 n(t-\tau)}{k} - cv(t)], \\ \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = -av(t) + bn(t), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

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Here $n(t)$ and $v(t)$ stand for population density of the specie and the feedback controls variable, respectively. The paper studied the stability of positive equilibrium point, and also gave the global asymptotic stability conditions.

The literature (Li and Wang, 2009) studied a food chain system with ratio-dependent functional response, delays and feedback controls to advanced predator. The model as follows

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = x_1(t)[a_1(t) - b_1(t)x_1(t) - \frac{c_1(t)x_2(t)}{m_1x_2(t)+x_1(t)}], \\ \frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = x_2(t)[-a_2(t) + \frac{f_1(t)x_1(t-\tau_1)}{m_1x_2(t-\tau_1)+x_1(t-\tau_1)} - \frac{c_2(t)x_3(t)}{m_2x_3(t)+x_2(t)}], \\ \frac{dx_3(t)}{dt} = x_3(t)[-a_3(t) + \frac{f_2(t)x_2(t-\tau_2)}{m_2x_3(t-\tau_2)+x_2(t-\tau_2)}] - c_3(t)v(t)x_3(t), \\ \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = -a(t)v(t) + b(t)x_3(t). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The author investigated the existence of periodic solutions.

The literatures (Li and Wang, 2009; Si and Chen, 2007) introduces feedback control variables to the three groups, respectively; literature (Yang and Xu, 2009), proposes a food chain system, in order to close to the actual situation introduces pulse effects. In this paper, basing on model (1), (2) and (3), introduces feedback control variables for the three groups respectively and pulse interference.

2 Model formulation

This paper, basing on model (1), (2) and (3), introduces feedback control variables for the three groups respectively and pulse interference, thus the following food chain system was established.

$$\left. \begin{cases} \frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = x_1(t)[a_1(t) - b_1(t)x_1(t) - \frac{c_1(t)x_2(t)}{m_1(t)x_2(t)+x_1(t)}] - h_1(t)v_1(t)x_1(t) \\ \frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} = x_2(t)[-a_2(t) + \frac{f_1(t)x_1(t-\tau_1)}{m_1(t)x_2(t-\tau_1)+x_1(t-\tau_1)} - \frac{c_2(t)x_3(t)}{m_2(t)x_3(t)+x_2(t)}] \\ \quad - h_2(t)v_2(t)x_2(t) \\ \frac{dx_3(t)}{dt} = x_3(t)[-a_3(t) + \frac{f_2(t)x_2(t-\tau_2)}{m_2(t)x_3(t-\tau_2)+x_2(t-\tau_2)}] - h_3(t)v_3(t)x_3(t) \\ \frac{dv_i(t)}{dt} = -\alpha_i(t)v_i(t) + \beta_i(t)x_i(t) \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \\ \Delta x_i = x_i(t_k^+) - x_i(t_k) = d_{ik}x_i(t_k) \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \quad k \in N. \end{cases} \right\} t \neq t_k, \quad (4)$$

Here $x_i(t)$ denote the population density of the i specie in this food chain at time t , $v_i(t)$ stand for the feedback control variables for the i specie, ($i = 1, 2, 3$), Δx_i is incremental of the corresponding population at the pulse time $t = t_k$.

The ecological significance for system (4): because of birth, acquisition, stocking and other transient factors, the three groups is in the case of high growth rates, through the introduction the feedback control variables to the three groups, we come to control the growth rates of three species, achieve to the overall controls for the system, and keep the ecosystem balance. We noted that the feedback controls variables represent the interference which people have done, so the system (4) has much practical value. This paper studies existence and global asymptotic stability of Positive Periodic Solutions of system (4).

Note: This article discusses the generally model. When $\Delta x_i = 0$, the system(4) corresponds to feedback controls predator-prey systems without pulse, such as (Si and Chen, 2007) studied the persistence of the system, and obtained sufficient conditions for existence of periodic solutions.

When $\alpha_i(t) = 0$, the system(4) corresponds to the pulse type predator-prey system without feedback controls, such as (Zhang et al., 2005) studied local stability of the predator eradication periodic solution of the the system.

When $\Delta x_i = 0, \alpha_i(t) = 0$, the system(4) corresponds to predator-prey system with no pulse and no feedback controls, such as (Xu and Chen, 2001) studied the persistence of the system and global asymptotic stability.

For the sake of generality and convenience, we make the following fundamental assumptions for system (4):

- (H1) $\{t_k\}$ satisfies: $t_k < t_{k+1}$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_k = \infty, k \in N$;
- (H2) There exists an integer $\omega > 0$ and positive integer p , such that $t_{kp} = t_k + \omega, d_{i,k+p} = d_{ik} \geq 0, k \in N, i = 1, 2, 3$;
- (H3) $a_i(t), h_i(t), \alpha_i, \beta_i, i = 1, 2, 3; f_i(t), c_i(t), m_i(t), i = 1, 2$ and $b_1(t)$ is a nonnegative continuous ω -Periodic function, τ_1, τ_2 is a nonnegative constants.

For continuous ω - periodic function $g(t)$ and ω - periodic sequence $\{d_{ik}\}$, set

$$g^l = \inf_{t \in [0, \omega]} g(t), \quad g^u = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} g(t), \quad \bar{g} = \frac{\int_0^\omega g(t) dt}{\omega},$$

$$|\bar{g}| = \frac{\int_0^\omega |g(t)| dt}{\omega}, \quad \bar{\Delta}_i = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^p \ln(1 + d_{ik})}{\omega}.$$

Considering the initial conditions

$$x_i(s) = \phi_i(s), s \in [-\tau, 0], x_i(0) > 0,$$

$$v(t) = \varphi_i(t), t \in [0, \omega], v_i(0) > 0, i = 1, 2, 3;$$

and $\tau = \max\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$.

2.1 Important lemma

In order to study the existence of periodic solutions of the system (4), we use the following definition and Lemma^[10].

Let X, Z be real Banach spaces, $L : \text{Dom}L \subset X \rightarrow Z$ is the linear mapping, $\ker L = L^{-1}(0)$ is the nucleus of L , $\text{Im}L = L(\text{Dom}L)$ is the range of L, I is the identity mapping.

The mapping L is said to be a Fredholm mapping of index zero, if $\dim \ker L = \text{codim} \text{Im}L < +\infty$, and $\text{Im}L$ is closed in Z .

If L is a Fredholm mapping of index zero, then there exist continuous projectors $P : X \rightarrow X$ and $Q : Z \rightarrow Z$, such that $\text{Im}P = \ker L, \text{Im}L = \ker Q = \text{Im}(I - Q)$, It follows that the restriction L_p of L to $\text{Dom}L \cap \ker P: (I - P)X \rightarrow \text{Im}L$ is invertible. Denote the inverse of L_p by $K_P, K_P : \text{Im}L = \text{Dom}L$, then $PK_P = 0, LK_P|_{\text{Im}L} = I, K_P L|_{\text{Dom}L} = I - P$.

The mapping $N : X \rightarrow Z$ is said to be L - compact on $\bar{\Omega}$, if Ω is an open bounded subset of X , $QN(\bar{\Omega})$ 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 $J : \text{Im}Q \rightarrow \ker L$.

Lemma 1 (Yang and Xu, 2009) Let $\Omega \subset X$ be an open bounded set, L be a Fredholm mapping of index zero and $N : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow Z$ be L - compact on $\bar{\Omega}$. Assume

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

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

Lemma 2 (Gopalsamy, 1992) A non-negative function $f(t) \in PC[[0, \infty), R]$, and $\int_0^{+\infty} f(s) ds < +\infty$. if for each $\epsilon > 0$ and $n \in N$, there exists $\delta > 0$, when $s_1, s_2 \in (t_{n-1}, t_n], |s_1 - s_2| < \delta$, there is $|f(s_1) - f(s_2)| < \epsilon$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} f(t) = 0$.

Lemma 3 $R_+^6 = \{(x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t), v_1(t), v_2(t), v_3(t))^T \in R^6 : x_i(t) > 0, v_i(t) > 0, i = 1, 2, 3\}$ is the positive invariant set of system (4).

Proof. For $t \in (t_{k-1}, t_k]$, by the first and fifth equations of system (4), we have

$$x_1(t) = x_1(0)(1 + d_{1k})^{k-1} \exp\left\{\int_0^t [a_1(s) - b_1(s)x_1(s) - \frac{c_1(s)x_2(s)}{m_1x_2(s) + x_1(s)} - h_1(t)v_1(t)] ds\right\},$$

because of the initial conditions $x_i(0) > 0, x_1(t) > 0$ is clear.

Similarly, by the second, third and fifth equations of system (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_2(t) &\geq x_2(0)(1 + d_{2k})^{k-1} \exp\left\{\int_0^t \left[-a_2(s) - \frac{c_2(s)x_3(s)}{m_2x_3(s)+x_2(s)} - h_2(s)v_2(s)\right] ds\right\}, \\ x_3(t) &\geq x_3(0)(1 + d_{3k})^{k-1} \exp\left\{\int_0^t \left[-a_3(s) - h_3(s)v_3(s)\right] ds\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

because of the initial conditions $x_2(0) > 0, x_3(0) > 0, x_2(t) > 0$ and $x_3(t) > 0$ is clear.

In addition, from the fourth equations of the system (4), we have

$$v_i(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \alpha_i(s) ds} [v_i(0) + \int_0^t \beta_i(s)x_i(s)e^{\int_0^s \alpha_i(u) du} ds],$$

Therefore, because of the initial conditions $v_i(0) > 0, \beta_i(t) \geq 0$ and $x_i(t) > 0 (i = 1, 2, 3)$, we obtain $v_i(t) > 0 (i = 1, 2, 3)$. This completes the proof.

3 Existence of positive periodic solutions

Theorem 1 In addition to (H1)-(H3), assume further that

- (1) $\bar{a}_1 > \frac{\bar{c}_1}{m_1^t} + \frac{\bar{h}_1\bar{\beta}_1\bar{a}_1}{b_1} e^{\omega(\bar{\Delta}_1+2\bar{a}_1)} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_1} + 2\omega\right)$;
- (2) $\bar{f}_1 > \bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^t} + \frac{\bar{h}_2\bar{\beta}_2\bar{a}_1\bar{f}_1}{b_1\bar{a}_2m_1^t} e^{\omega(\bar{\Delta}_1+\bar{\Delta}_2+2\bar{a}_1+2\bar{f}_1)} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_2} + 2\omega\right)$;
- (3) $\bar{f}_2 > \bar{a}_3 + \frac{\bar{h}_3\bar{\beta}_3\bar{a}_1\bar{f}_1\bar{f}_2}{b_1\bar{a}_2\bar{a}_3m_1^t m_2^t} e^{\omega(\bar{\Delta}_1+\bar{\Delta}_2+\bar{\Delta}_3+2\bar{a}_1+2\bar{f}_1+2\bar{f}_2)} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}_3} + 2\omega\right)$.

Then system (4) has at least one positive ω periodic solution.

Proof. Let $x_i(t) = e^{y_i(t)}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. It follows that

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{dy_1(t)}{dt} &= a_1(t) - b_1(t)e^{y_1(t)} - \frac{c_1(t)e^{y_2(t)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t)}+e^{y_1(t)}} - h_1(t)v_1(t), \\ \frac{dy_2(t)}{dt} &= -a_2(t) + \frac{f_1(t)e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_1)}+e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}} \\ &\quad - \frac{c_2(t)e^{y_3(t)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t)}+e^{y_2(t)}} - h_2(t)v_2(t), \\ \frac{dy_3(t)}{dt} &= -a_3(t) + \frac{f_2(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t-\tau_2)}+e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}} - h_3(t)v_3(t), \\ \frac{dv_i(t)}{dt} &= -\alpha_i(t)v_i(t) + \beta_i(t)e^{y_i(t)} \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \\ \Delta y_i &= y_i(t_k^+) - y_i(t_k) = \ln(1 + d_{ik}) \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \quad k \in N. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t \neq t_k, \quad (5)$$

Set $y(t) = (y_1(t), y_2(t), y_3(t))^T, v(t) = (v_1(t), v_2(t), v_3(t))^T$. Let

$$Y = \{U(t) = (y(t)^T, v(t)^T)^T \in PC(R, R_+^6) | U(t + \omega) = U(t)\},$$

$$Z = Y \times R^{6p} = \{z = ((y(t)^T, (v(t)^T)^T, \{\ln(1 + d_{1k}), \ln(1 + d_{2k}), \ln(1 + d_{3k})\}^T, 0, 0, 0)\}^p | k = 1, 2, \dots, p\},$$

$$\|U\|_Y = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} \|y(t)\| + \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} \|v(t)\|, \quad \|V\|_Z = \|U\|_Y + \|z\|, \quad \text{here } U \in Y, V = (U, z) \in Z, z \in R_+^{6p}, \|\cdot\| \text{ is the corresponding norm in } R^{6p}, \text{ then } Y, Z \text{ is a Banach spaces. Let } L : \text{Dom}L \rightarrow Z \text{ and } N : Y \rightarrow Z,$$

$$LU = (U'(t), \Delta U(t_1), \dots, \Delta U(t_p)),$$

$$\text{where } U \in \text{Dom}L, \quad \Delta U(t_k) = \begin{pmatrix} y(t_k^+) - y(t_k) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{and } \text{Dom}L = \{U(t) | U(t) = (y(t), v(t))^T \in Y \cap PC^1(R, R^6)\}.$$

$$NU = (\Phi(t), \Xi_1, \dots, \Xi_p),$$

where $\Phi(t) = (\phi_1(t), \phi_2(t), \phi_3(t), \varphi_1(t), \varphi_2(t), \varphi_3(t))^T,$

$$\Xi_l = (\ln(1 + d_{1l}), \ln(1 + d_{2l}), \ln(1 + d_{3l}), 0, 0, 0) \in R^6, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \phi_1(t) &= a_1(t) - b_1(t)e^{y_1(t)} - \frac{c_1(t)e^{y_2(t)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t)} + e^{y_1(t)}} - h_1(t)v_1(t), \\ \phi_2(t) &= -a_2(t) + \frac{f_1(t)e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_1)} + e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}} - \frac{c_2(t)e^{y_3(t)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t)} + e^{y_2(t)}} - h_2(t)v_2(t), \\ \phi_3(t) &= -a_3(t) + \frac{f_2(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t-\tau_2)} + e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}} - h_3(t)v_3(t), \\ \varphi_i(t) &= -\alpha_i(t)v_i(t) + \beta_i(t)e^{y_i(t)} \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\ker L = \mathbb{R}^6, \quad \text{Im}L = \{V = (U, z_1, \dots, z_p) \in Z \mid \int_0^\omega U(s)ds + \sum_{j=1}^p z_j = 0\}.$$

so $\dim \ker L = \text{Codim Im}L < +\infty$ and $\text{Im}L$ is closed in Z . Therefore L is a Fredholm mapping of index zero. As to $U \in Y, V = (U, z_1, \dots, z_p) \in Z$, define two projectors $P : Y \rightarrow Y$ and $V : Z \rightarrow Z$ as

$$PU = \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega U(t)dt, \quad QV = \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \left(\int_0^\omega U(t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^p z_j\right), 0, \dots, 0\right),$$

then P and Q are continuous projectors such that $\text{Im}P = \ker L$, and $\text{Im}L = \ker Q = \text{Im}(I - Q)$. Furthermore, through an easy computation we find that the inverse K_P of $L|_{\text{Dom}L \cap \ker P} : (I - P)X \rightarrow \text{Im}L$, has the form

$$K_P : \text{Im}L \rightarrow \text{Dom}L \cap \ker P.$$

For each $V = (U, z_1, \dots, z_p) \in Z$, there exists $\chi \in X$ such that $\chi'(t) = U(t), t \neq t_k, k \in N, U(t_k^+) - U(t_k) = z_k$, then $\chi(t) = \int_0^t U(s)ds + \sum_{t > t_k} z_k + U(0)$. And $\int_0^\omega \chi(t)dt = 0$, for $\chi \in \ker P$, such that

$$\int_0^\omega \int_0^t U(s)dsdt + \int_0^\omega \sum_{t > t_k} z_k dt + \omega U(0) = 0.$$

Then

$$K_{Pz} = \chi(t) = \int_0^t U(s)ds + \sum_{t > t_k} z_k - \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^\omega \int_0^t U(s)dsdt - \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{j=1}^p (\omega - t_k)z_k.$$

Clearly, QN and $K_P(I - Q)N$ are continuous. By using Arzela-Ascoli Theorem, it is not difficult to prove that $QN(\bar{\Omega})$ and $K_P(I - Q)N(\bar{\Omega})$ are relatively compact for any open bounded set $\Omega \in Y$. Therefore $N : Y \rightarrow Z$ is L -compact on $\bar{\Omega}$.

In order to apply Lemma 2.2, we need to find an appropriate open, bounded subsets Ω in Y . Assume $\Omega = \{U \mid \|U\| < H\}$, here H is a constant to be determined. Corresponding to the operator equation $LU = \lambda NU, U \in Y, \lambda \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{dy_1(t)}{dt} &= \lambda \left[a_1(t) - b_1(t)e^{y_1(t)} - \frac{c_1(t)e^{y_2(t)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t)} + e^{y_1(t)}} - h_1(t)v_1(t) \right], \\ \frac{dy_2(t)}{dt} &= \lambda \left[-a_2(t) + \frac{f_1(t)e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_1)} + e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}} - \frac{c_2(t)e^{y_3(t)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t)} + e^{y_2(t)}} - h_2(t)v_2(t) \right], \\ \frac{dy_3(t)}{dt} &= \lambda \left[-a_3(t) + \frac{f_2(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t-\tau_2)} + e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}} - h_3(t)v_3(t) \right], \\ \frac{dv_i(t)}{dt} &= \lambda \left[-\alpha_i(t)v_i(t) + \beta_i(t)e^{y_i(t)} \right], \\ \Delta y_i &= y_i(t_k^+) - y_i(t_k) = \lambda \ln(1 + d_{ik}) \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \quad k \in N. \end{aligned} \right. \quad t \neq t_k, \quad (6)$$

Integrating (6) over the interval $[0, \omega]$ leads to

$$\int_0^\omega [b_1(t)e^{y_1(t)} + \frac{c_1(t)e^{y_2(t)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t)} + e^{y_1(t)}} + h_1(t)v_1(t)]dt = \bar{a}_1\omega, \quad (7)$$

$$\int_0^\omega [a_2(t) + \frac{c_2(t)e^{y_3(t)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t)} + e^{y_2(t)}} + h_2(t)v_2(t)]dt = \int_0^\omega [\frac{f_1(t)e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_1)} + e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}]dt \leq \bar{f}_1\omega, \quad (8)$$

$$\int_0^\omega [a_3(t) + h_3(t)v_3(t)]dt = \int_0^\omega [\frac{f_2(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t-\tau_2)} + e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}}]dt \leq \bar{f}_2\omega, \quad (9)$$

$$\int_0^\omega \alpha_i(t)v_i(t)dt = \int_0^\omega [\beta_i(t)e^{y_i(t)}]dt. \quad (10)$$

By (7)-(10), we have

$$\int_0^\omega |\dot{y}_1(t)|dt < \int_0^\omega |a_1(t)|dt + \int_0^\omega |b_1(t)e^{y_1(t)} + \frac{c_1(t)e^{y_2(t)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t)} + e^{y_1(t)}} + h_1(t)v_1(t)|dt = 2\bar{a}_1\omega. \quad (11)$$

$$\int_0^\omega |y_2(t)|dt < \int_0^\omega |a_2(t) + \frac{c_2(t)e^{y_3(t)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t)} + e^{y_2(t)}} + h_2(t)v_2(t)|dt + \int_0^\omega |\frac{f_1(t)e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_1)} + e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}|dt \leq 2\bar{f}_1\omega. \quad (12)$$

$$\int_0^\omega |y_3(t)|dt < \int_0^\omega |a_3(t) + h_3(t)v_3(t)|dt + \int_0^\omega |\frac{f_2(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}}{m_2(t)e^{y_3(t-\tau_2)} + e^{y_2(t-\tau_2)}}|dt \leq 2\bar{f}_2\omega. \quad (13)$$

For $(y^T, v^T)^T \in Y$, there exists $\xi_i, \varsigma_i, \hat{\xi}_i, \hat{\varsigma}_i \in [0, \omega], i = 1, 2, 3$, such that

$$y_i(\xi_i^-) = \inf_{t \in [0, \omega]} y_i(t), \quad y_i(\varsigma_i^+) = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} y_i(t),$$

$$v_i(\hat{\xi}_i^-) = \inf_{t \in [0, \omega]} v_i(t), \quad v_i(\hat{\varsigma}_i^+) = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} v_i(t).$$

Then from (7) and (11) we have

$$\bar{a}_1\omega \geq \int_0^\omega [b_1(t)e^{y_1(\xi_1^-)}]dt = \bar{b}_1\omega e^{y_1(\xi_1^-)}, \quad y_1(\xi_1^-) \leq \ln[\frac{\bar{a}_1}{\bar{b}_1}].$$

Then,

$$y_1(t) \leq \bar{\Delta}_1\omega + y_1(\xi_1^-) + \int_0^\omega |\dot{y}_1(t)|dt \leq \ln[\frac{\bar{a}_1}{\bar{b}_1}] + [\bar{\Delta}_1 + 2\bar{a}_1]\omega \triangleq L_1.$$

By (8)(12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_2\omega &\leq \int_0^\omega [\frac{f_1(t)e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_1)}}]dt = \int_{-\tau_1}^{\omega-\tau_1} [\frac{f_1(s+\tau_1)e^{y_1(s)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(s)}}]ds \\ &\leq \int_{-\tau_1}^{\omega-\tau_1} [\frac{f_1(s+\tau_1)e^{y_1(\xi_2^-)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(\xi_2^-)}}]ds \leq \frac{e^{L_1}\bar{f}_1\omega}{m_1^l e^{y_2(\xi_2^-)}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{y_2(\xi_2^-)} \leq \frac{\bar{f}_1}{m_1^l \bar{a}_2} e^{L_1} \leq \frac{\bar{f}_1 \bar{a}_1}{m_1^l \bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_1} e^{\omega(2\bar{a}_1 + \bar{\Delta}_1)}, \quad y_2(\xi_2^-) \leq \ln[\frac{\bar{f}_1 \bar{a}_1}{m_1^l \bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_1} e^{\omega(2\bar{a}_1 + \bar{\Delta}_1)}].$$

Therefore

$$y_2(t) \leq \bar{\Delta}_2\omega + y_2(\xi_2^-) + \int_0^\omega |\dot{y}_2(t)|dt \leq \ln[\frac{\bar{f}_1 \bar{a}_1}{m_1^l \bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_1} e^{\omega(2\bar{a}_1 + \bar{\Delta}_1)}] + \omega(\bar{\Delta}_2 + 2\bar{f}_1) \triangleq L_2.$$

Similarly, it follows from (9) and (13) that

$$e^{y_3(\xi_3^-)} \leq \frac{\bar{f}_2}{m_2^l \bar{a}_3} e^{L_2},$$

$$y_3(t) \leq \bar{\Delta}_3\omega + y_3(\xi_3^-) + \int_0^\omega |\dot{y}_3(t)|dt \leq \ln[\frac{\bar{f}_1 \bar{f}_2 \bar{a}_1}{\bar{b}_1 \bar{a}_2 \bar{a}_3 m_1^l m_2^l} e^{(2\bar{a}_1 + 2\bar{f}_1 + \bar{\Delta}_1 + \bar{\Delta}_2)\omega}] + \omega(\bar{\Delta}_3 + 2\bar{f}_2) \triangleq L_3.$$

By (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\omega v_i(t)dt &\leq \frac{e^{y_i(\varsigma_i^+)}}{\alpha_i^l} \int_0^\omega \beta_i(t)dt \leq \frac{e^{y_i(\varsigma_i^+)}}{\alpha_i^l} \omega \bar{\beta}_i, \\ \int_0^\omega \alpha_i(t)v_i(t)dt &\leq e^{L_i} \int_0^\omega \beta_i(t)dt \leq e^{L_i} \omega \bar{\beta}_i, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

It follows from (14) that

$$v_i(\hat{\xi}_i) \leq e^{L_i} \frac{\bar{\beta}_i}{\bar{\alpha}_i}, \quad \int_0^\omega |v_i(t)|dt \leq 2 \int_0^\omega \alpha_i(t)v_i(t)dt \leq 2e^{L_i} \omega \bar{\beta}_i,$$

Then,

$$v_i(t) \leq v_i(\hat{\xi}_i) + \int_0^\omega |\dot{v}_i(t)|dt \leq e^{L_i} \left[\frac{\bar{\beta}_i}{\bar{\alpha}_i} + 2\omega \bar{\beta}_i \right] \triangleq \hat{L}_i.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_1 \omega &\leq \int_0^\omega [b_1(t)e^{y_1(\varsigma_1^+)} + \frac{c_1(t)}{m_1(t)} + h_1(t)\hat{L}_1]dt = \bar{b}_1 \omega e^{y_1(\varsigma_1^+)} + \frac{\bar{c}_1 \omega}{m_1^l} + \bar{h}_1 \hat{L}_1 \omega, \\ y_1(\varsigma_1^+) &\geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{a}_1 - \frac{\bar{c}_1}{m_1^l} - \bar{h}_1 \hat{L}_1}{\bar{b}_1} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By (11), we have

$$y_1(t) \geq y_1(\varsigma_1^+) - \int_0^\omega |\dot{y}_1(t)|dt \geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{a}_1 - \frac{\bar{c}_1}{m_1^l} - \bar{h}_1 \hat{L}_1}{\bar{b}_1} \right] - 2\bar{a}_1 \omega \triangleq l_1.$$

From (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{f}_1 \omega e^{y_1(\varsigma_2^+)}}{m_1^u e^{y_2(\varsigma_2^+)} + e^{y_1(\varsigma_2^+)}} &\leq \int_{-\tau_1}^{\omega - \tau_1} \frac{f_1(s+\tau_1)e^{y_1(s)}}{m_1(s)e^{y_2(s)} + e^{y_1(s)}} ds \\ &= \int_0^\omega \frac{f_1(t)e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}}{m_1(t)e^{y_2(t-\tau_1)} + e^{y_1(t-\tau_1)}} dt \leq \bar{a}_2 \omega + \frac{\bar{c}_2 \omega}{m_2^l} + \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2 \omega, \\ e^{y_2(\varsigma_2^+)} &\geq \frac{\bar{f}_1 - \bar{a}_2 - \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} - \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2}{m_1^u (\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} + \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2)} e^{y_1(\varsigma_2^+)} \geq \frac{\bar{f}_1 - \bar{a}_2 - \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} - \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2}{m_1^u (\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} + \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2)} e^{l_1}, \\ y_2(\varsigma_2^+) &\geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{f}_1 - \bar{a}_2 - \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} - \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2}{m_1^u (\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} + \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2)} e^{l_1} \right], \\ y_2(t) &\geq y_2(\varsigma_2^+) - \int_0^\omega |\dot{y}_2(t)|dt \geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{f}_1 - \bar{a}_2 - \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} - \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2}{m_1^u (\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{c}_2}{m_2^l} + \bar{h}_2 \hat{L}_2)} e^{l_1} \right] - 2\bar{f}_1 \omega \triangleq l_2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, it follows from (9) that

$$\begin{aligned} y_3(\varsigma_3^+) &\geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{f}_2 - \bar{a}_3 - \bar{h}_3 \hat{L}_3}{m_2^u (\bar{a}_3 + \bar{h}_3 \hat{L}_3)} e^{l_2} \right], \\ y_3(t) &\geq y_3(\varsigma_3^+) - \int_0^\omega |\dot{y}_3(t)|dt \geq \ln \left[\frac{\bar{f}_2 - \bar{a}_3 - \bar{h}_3 \hat{L}_3}{m_2^u (\bar{a}_3 + \bar{h}_3 \hat{L}_3)} e^{l_2} \right] - 2\bar{f}_2 \omega \triangleq l_3. \end{aligned}$$

By (10), we have

$$v_i(\hat{\varsigma}) \omega \bar{\alpha}_i \geq \int_0^\omega \alpha_i(t)v_i(t)dt \geq e^{l_i} \omega \bar{\beta}_i.$$

$$v_i(t) \geq v_i(\hat{c}_i) - \int_0^\omega |\dot{v}_i(t)| dt \geq \frac{e^{l_i} \bar{\beta}_i}{\bar{\alpha}_i} - 2\omega \bar{\beta}_i \triangleq \hat{l}_i.$$

Then, for $\lambda \in (0, 1)$,

$$l_i \leq y_i(t) \leq L_i, \hat{l}_i \leq v_i(t) \leq \hat{L}_i. \tag{15}$$

Clearly, $l_i, L_i, \hat{l}_i, \hat{L}_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ are independent of λ .

We take $\Omega = \{U \in Y \mid \|U\| < H\}$, here H is taken sufficiently large such that $H > \max_{1 \leq i \leq 3} \{|l_i| + |L_i| + |\hat{l}_i| + |\hat{L}_i|\}$. Now we check the conditions of Lemma 1. By (15), one can conclude that for each $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, $y \in \partial\Omega$, $LU \neq \lambda NU$.

considering to $U = (y_1, y_2, y_3, v_1, v_2, v_3)^T \in R^6$ of the system of algebraic equations

$$\begin{cases} \bar{a}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^{y_1} - \mu \left(\frac{\bar{c}_1 e^{y_2}}{\bar{m}_1 e^{y_2} + e^{y_1}} + \bar{h}_1 v_1 \right) = 0, \\ -\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{f}_1 e^{y_1}}{\bar{m}_1 e^{y_2} + e^{y_1}} - \mu \left(\frac{\bar{c}_2 e^{y_3}}{\bar{m}_2 e^{y_3} + e^{y_2}} + \bar{h}_2 v_2 \right) = 0, \\ -\bar{a}_3 + \frac{\bar{f}_2 e^{y_2}}{\bar{m}_2 e^{y_3} + e^{y_2}} - \mu \bar{h}_3 v_3 = 0, \\ \bar{\alpha}_i v_i - \bar{\beta}_i e^{y_i} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

here $\mu \in [0, 1]$. For any $\mu \in [0, 1]$, the solution $(y^T, v^T)^T$ of algebraic equations (16) satisfies

$$l_i \leq y_i \leq L_i, \hat{l}_i \leq v_i \leq \hat{L}_i. \tag{17}$$

For any $U \in \partial\Omega \cap \ker L$, U is a constant vector in R^6 with $\|U\| = H$, we have

$$QNU = \left(\begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^{y_1} - \frac{\bar{c}_1 e^{y_2}}{\bar{m}_1 e^{y_2} + e^{y_1}} - \bar{h}_1 v_1 \\ -\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{f}_1 e^{y_1}}{\bar{m}_1 e^{y_2} + e^{y_1}} - \frac{\bar{c}_2 e^{y_3}}{\bar{m}_2 e^{y_3} + e^{y_2}} - \bar{h}_2 v_2 \\ -\bar{a}_3 + \frac{\bar{f}_2 e^{y_2}}{\bar{m}_2 e^{y_3} + e^{y_2}} - \bar{h}_3 v_3, \\ (\bar{\alpha}_i v_i - \bar{\beta}_i e^{y_i})_{3 \times 1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ By(17), for any}$$

$U \in \partial\Omega \cap \ker L$, we have $QNU \neq 0$.

In order to calculate Brouwer Degree, we need make a homotopy mapping.

$$G(\mu, U) = \mu QNU + (1 - \mu)H(U), \quad \mu \in [0, 1],$$

$$H(U) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^{y_1} \\ -\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{f}_1 e^{y_1}}{\bar{m}_1 e^{y_2} + e^{y_1}} \\ -\bar{a}_3 + \frac{\bar{f}_2 e^{y_2}}{\bar{m}_2 e^{y_3} + e^{y_2}}, \\ (\bar{\alpha}_i v_i - \bar{\beta}_i e^{y_i})_{3 \times 1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = (y^T, v^T)^T.$$

From (17), for any $U \in \partial\Omega \cap \ker L$ and $\mu \in [0, 1]$, we know $G(\mu, U) \neq 0$. Because of $\text{Im}Q \subset \ker L$, we take $J = I$, So, due to homotopy invariance theorem we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(JQN, \Omega \cap \text{Ker}L, 0) &= \deg(QN, \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) \\ &= \deg(H, \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) \\ &= \deg\left(\bar{a}_1 - \bar{b}_1 e^{y_1}, -\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{f}_1 e^{y_1}}{\bar{m}_1 e^{y_2} + e^{y_1}}, -\bar{a}_3 + \frac{\bar{f}_2 e^{y_2}}{\bar{m}_2 e^{y_3} + e^{y_2}}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \bar{\alpha}_1 v_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 e^{y_1}, \bar{\alpha}_2 v_2 - \bar{\beta}_2 e^{y_2}, \bar{\alpha}_3 v_3 - \bar{\beta}_3 e^{y_3}, \Omega \cap \text{Ker}L, 0\right), \end{aligned}$$

and because the following algebraic equations has a unique solution,

$$\begin{cases} \bar{a}_1 - \bar{b}_1 z_1 = 0, \\ -\bar{a}_2 + \frac{\bar{f}_1 z_1}{\bar{m}_1 z_2 + z_1} = 0, \\ -\bar{a}_3 + \frac{\bar{f}_2 z_2}{\bar{m}_2 z_3 + z_2} = 0, \\ \bar{\alpha}_i u_i - \bar{\beta}_i z_i = 0, i = 1, 2, 3. \end{cases}$$

$$z_1^* = \frac{\bar{a}_1}{\bar{b}_1}, \quad z_2^* = \frac{(\bar{f}_1 - \bar{a}_2)\bar{a}_1}{\bar{m}_1 \bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_1}, \quad z_3^* = \frac{(\bar{f}_2 - \bar{a}_3)(\bar{f}_1 - \bar{a}_2)\bar{a}_1}{\bar{m}_1 \bar{m}_2 \bar{a}_2 \bar{a}_3 \bar{b}_1}, \quad u_i^* = \frac{\bar{\beta}_i z_i^*}{\bar{\alpha}_i}.$$

Then there is not difficult to know that $H(U) = 0$ has also a unique solution, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(H, \Omega \cap \ker L, 0) &= \text{sign} \begin{vmatrix} -\bar{b}_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\bar{f}_1 \bar{m}_1 z_2^*}{(\bar{m}_1 z_2^* + z_1^*)^2} & \frac{-\bar{f}_1 \bar{m}_1 z_1^*}{(\bar{m}_1 z_2^* + z_1^*)^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\bar{f}_2 \bar{m}_2 z_3^*}{(\bar{m}_2 z_3^* + z_2^*)^2} & \frac{-\bar{f}_2 \bar{m}_2 y_2^*}{(\bar{m}_2 z_3^* + z_2^*)^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\bar{\beta}_1 & 0 & 0 & \bar{\alpha}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\bar{\beta}_2 & 0 & 0 & \bar{\alpha}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\bar{\beta}_3 & 0 & 0 & \bar{\alpha}_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \text{sign} \left| -\frac{\bar{\alpha}_1 \bar{\alpha}_2 \bar{\alpha}_3 \bar{b}_1 \bar{f}_1 \bar{f}_2 \bar{m}_1 \bar{m}_2 z_1^* z_2^*}{(\bar{m}_1 z_2^* + z_1^*)^2 (\bar{m}_2 z_3^* + z_2^*)^2} \right| = -1 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

By now we have proved that Ω satisfies all the requirements in Lemma 1. Hence, (5) has at least one ω -periodic solution $((y^*(t))^T, (v^*(t))^T)^T$. Accordingly, system (4) has at least one ω -periodic solution $((x^*(t))^T, (v^*(t))^T)^T = ((e^{y^*(t)})^T, (v^*(t))^T)^T$ with strictly positive components. This completes the proof.

3.1 Global asymptotic stability of periodic solutions

Theorem 2 In addition to the condition of Theorem 1, assume further that

$$b^l > \frac{f_1^m}{m_1^l l_2 + l_1} + \beta_1^u, \quad \frac{c_1^l}{m_1^u L_2 + L_1} > \frac{f_2^m}{m_2^l l_3 + l_2} + \beta_2^u, \quad \frac{c_2^l}{m_2^u L_3 L_2} > \beta_3^u, \quad h_i^l + \alpha_i^l > 0$$

Then system (4) has a unique positive ω -periodic solution which is globally asymptotically stable.

Proof. Based on the conclusion of Theorem 1, we need only to verify the globally asymptotically stability of positive periodic solutions of (4). Let $((x^*(t))^T, (v^*(t))^T)^T$ be a positive ω -periodic solution of system (4). and $((x(t))^T, (v(t))^T)^T$ be any positive solution of system (4). We define a Lyapunov function

$$\begin{aligned} V(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 [|\ln x_i(t) - \ln x_i^*(t)| + |v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)|] \\ &\quad + \int_{t-\tau_1}^t \frac{f_1(t)}{m_1^l l_2 + l_1} |x_1(u) - x_1^*(u)| du + \int_{t-\tau_2}^t \frac{f_2(t)}{m_2^l l_3 + l_2} |x_2(u) - x_2^*(u)| du. \end{aligned}$$

When $t = t_k, k \in N$,

$$V(t_k) - V(t_k^-) = \sum_{i=1}^3 [|\ln(1 + b_{ik})x_i(t_k^-) - \ln(1 + b_{ik})x_i^*(t_k^-)| - |\ln x_i(t_k^-) - \ln x_i^*(t_k^-)|] = 0,$$

then $V(t)$ is a continuous function.

When $t \neq t_k, k \in N$, calculating the upper right derivative of $V(t)$ along solutions of system (4), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} D^+V(t) &\leq [-b^l + \frac{f_1^m}{m_1^l l_2 + l_1} + \beta_1^u] |x_1(u) - x_1^*(u)| + [-\frac{c_1^l}{m_1^u L_2 + L_1} + \frac{f_2^m}{m_2^l l_3 + l_2} + \beta_2^u] |x_2(u) - x_2^*(u)| \\ &\quad + [-\frac{c_2^l}{m_2^u L_3 + L_2} + \beta_3^u] |x_3(u) - x_3^*(u)| + \sum_{i=1}^3 [(-h_i^l - \alpha_i^l) |v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)|], \end{aligned}$$

By assumption conditions of theorem 2, there exists a constant

$$\gamma = \min\{b^l - \frac{f_1^m}{m_1^l l_2 + l_1} - \beta_1^u, \frac{c_1^l}{m_1^u L_2 + L_1} - \frac{f_2^m}{m_2^l l_3 + l_2} - \beta_2^u, \frac{c_2^l}{m_2^u L_3 L_2} - \beta_3^u, h_i^l + \alpha_i^l\} > 0,$$

such that

$$D^+V(t) \leq -\gamma \sum_{i=1}^3 [|x_i(t) - x_i^*(t)| + |v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)|]. \tag{18}$$

Then

$$\gamma \sum_{i=1}^3 \int_0^t [|x_i(t) - x_i^*(t)| + |v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)|] dt \leq V(0) - V(t), \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$\int_0^\infty [|x_i(t) - x_i^*(t)|] dt < \infty, \quad \int_0^\infty [|v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)|] dt < \infty, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Therefore, $|x_i(t) - x_i^*(t)|$ and $|v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)|$ are bounded on $[0, \infty)$, and it is easy to see that their derivative are also bounded. By Barbalat's lemma(lemma 2), we conclude that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x_i(t) - x_i^*(t)| = 0, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)| = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \quad (19)$$

Further, there exists a positive number M such that $|\ln x_i(t) - \ln x_i^*(t)| \geq \frac{|x_i(t) - x_i^*(t)|}{M}$, Thus,

$$V(t) \geq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^3 [|x_i(t) - x_i^*(t)| + |v_i(t) - v_i^*(t)|].$$

Combining (18) and (19), we have completed that system (4) has a unique positive ω -periodic solution which is globally asymptotically stable. This completes the proof.

Note: The results in this paper can be extended to a n species food chain model with ratio-dependent functional response and feedback controls.

4 CONCLUSIONS

This paper has considered a food chain system with ratio-dependent functional response, pulse, delays and feedback controls. The sufficient conditions of the existence and global asymptotic stability of positive periodic solution are derived. The article provides a good theoretical basis for the further study for the food chain system with ratio-dependent functional response and feedback controls.

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