

Generalist predator dynamics under Kolmogorov versus non-Kolmogorov models

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Abstract

Ecosystems often contain multiple species across two or more trophic levels, with a variety of interactions possible. In this paper we study two classes of models for generalist predators that utilize more than one food source. These models fall into two categories: predator - two prey and predator - prey - subsidy models. For the former, we consider a generalist predator which utilizes two distinct prey species, modelled via a Kolmogorov system of equations with Type II response functions. For the latter, we consider a generalist predator which exploits both a prey population and an allochthonous resource which is provided as a subsidy to the system exogenously, again with Type II response functions. This latter class of model is no longer Kolmogorov in form, due to an exogenous forcing term modelling the input of the allochthonous resource into the system. We non-dimensionalize both models, so that their respective parameter spaces may be more easily compared, and study the dynamics possible from each type of model, which will then indicate - for specific parameter regimes - which generalist predator's preferences are more favorable to survival, including the prevalence of coexistence states. We also consider the various non-equilibrium dynamics emergent from such models, and show that the non-Kolmogorov predator - prey - subsidy model often admits more regular dynamics (including steady states and one type of limit cycle), whereas the predator - two prey Kolmogorov model can feature multiple types of limit cycles, as well as multistability resulting in strong sensitivity to initial conditions (with stable limit cycles and steady states both coexisting for the same model parameters). Our results highlight several interesting differences and similarities between Kolmogorov and non-Kolmogorov models for generalist predators.

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1. Introduction

Generalist predators make use of more than one food source: either multiple prey species, or a combination of prey species and allochthonous resources. While there is a rich theoretical literature on generalist predators (Erbach et al., 2013; Morozov and Petrovskii, 2013; Parshad et al., 2016; Rutz and Bijlsma, 2006; Sanders et al., 2011; Smout et al., 2010; Sunde et al., 2014; Terraube and Arroyo, 2011), there are also a variety of real applications for such models (Clare et al., 2009; Díaz-Ruiz et al., 2013; Weber and Lundgren, 2011; Willson and Hopkins, 2011), with particular relevance to the study of sustainability or control of food webs (Kar and Ghosh, 2012; Maron et al., 2010; Nomikou et al., 2010; Snyder and Wise, 1999; Symondson et al., 2002; van Maanen et al., 2010; Welch et al., 2012). Here we will study the impact that different kinds of predation have on the dynamics of systems with generalist predators.

The competitive exclusion principle (Gause's law) states that two identical species cannot coexist unless they are different in at least one aspect (Vance, 1978), yet introducing a predator to a system of two competing prey species allows them to coexist in some settings (Vance, 1978). Many one predator-two interacting prey models, where the two prey either compete or help each other, have been studied (Abrams and Matsuda,

1993; Leeuwen et al., 2007; Liu and Wang, 2013; Mariani et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2015). Gilpin (1979) studied dynamics from a three-species ecosystem, and later work considered logistic growth of the prey populations in such models to account for resource limitations (El-Gohary and Al-Ruzaiza, 2007; Gakkhar et al., 2003; Hutson and Vickers, 1983; Klebanoff and Hastings, 1994; Kumar et al., 2002; Takeuchi and Adachi, 1983). In such models, the populations can approach a steady state, fall into a limit cycle, or exhibit chaotic dynamics. A similar model is the prey-predator-super predator model, where a predator exploits a prey, and a super predator exploits the predator, yet has no relationship with the prey (Hastings and Powell, 1991). The importance of understanding aperiodic or chaotic dynamics emergent from ecological models was discussed in Schaffer and Kot (1986), where it was suggested that rather than being random and disorganized, the structure of chaotic trajectories can contain important information about the dynamics of ecological systems relevant to explaining real ecosystem dynamics.

While generalist predator systems in which a predator can utilize two or more prey species are commonly found in nature, so are situations where a predator utilizes an allochthonous resource in addition to prey (Giroux et al., 2012; Legagneux et al., 2012; Marczak et al., 2007; Rose and Polis, 1998). Population dynamics have been shown to be altered when predators utilize

Behavior	(x^*, y^*)	Feasibility	Stability
Extinction SS	$(0, 0)$	Always	Never
Predator Free SS	$(K, 0)$	Always	$D > \frac{K}{1+PK}$
Positive SS	$\left(\frac{D}{1-DP}, \frac{1}{1-DP} \left(1 - \frac{D}{(1-DP)K}\right)\right)$	$1 - DP > 0, K > \frac{D}{(1-DP)}$	$K < \frac{1+DP}{P(1-PD)}$
Limit Cycle	-	$1 - DP > 0, K > \frac{1+DP}{P(1-PD)}$	When Feasible

Table 1: List of the steady states (SS), along with feasibility and stability conditions, for the non-dimensional system (2a)-(2b). We also provide conditions for the existence of limit cycles.

subsidies of natural resources (Darimont et al., 2008; Halaj and Wise, 2002; Henden et al., 2010). These systems have been modelled using exogenous forcing representing additional resources flowing into the system (Nevai and Van Gorder, 2012), and so do not obey the typical form of Kolmogorov systems (for which the rate of change of each population is purely density-dependent). In addition to exogenous resources, there have also been studies which couple predator-prey dynamics to temperature (Wollkind et al., 1988; Nomdedeu et al., 2012). Hence, there are a range of external effects which might be modelled through a non-Kolmogorov framework.

From the aforementioned applications, it is clear that natural ecosystems often contain more than two species or two levels, and we shall be interested in studying two classes of models for generalist predators which utilize more than one food source. In Section 2, we review the dynamics of the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model, as we build on this model. In Section 3 we consider a generalist predator which utilizes two distinct prey species, modelled via a Kolmogorov system (Kolmogorov, 1936; Sigmund, 2007) of equations with Holling Type II functional response (Holling, 1959). In Section 4 we consider a generalist predator which exploits both a prey population and an allochthonous resource which is provided as a subsidy to the system, again with Type II response functions. This latter class of model is no longer Kolmogorov in form, due to an exogenous forcing term modelling the input of the allochthonous resource into the system. While each type of model has been considered in the literature, it is useful to consider how the dynamics of each type of model will differ, and we non-dimensionalize both models in a similar manner so that their respective parameter spaces are comparable. We classify the dynamics emergent from each model, and contrast the steady states and non-equilibrium dynamics (such as limit cycles and multistability) inherent from each family of models. We discuss our findings in Section 5.

2. Review of Rosenzweig-MacArthur dynamics

A commonly employed model for predator-prey interactions takes the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{k}\right) - \frac{\theta xy}{x+h}, \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\epsilon \theta xy}{x+h} - \delta y, \quad (1b)$$

where x represents the prey population and y represents the predator population. The prey grows at a constant rate r , the

predator consumes the prey at the rate θ , the predator benefits from the prey at the rate ϵ , and the predator population dies at the rate δ . Here the intrinsic growth rate of the prey is modelled by a logistic term, and hence the prey population can never exceed the carrying capacity, k . The rate at which the predator consumes the prey is modelled with a Holling Type II functional response $\theta x/(x+h)$ (Holling, 1959, 1966; Turchin, 2003). This ensures that the prey consumption rate saturates as the prey population grows large. Rosenzweig and MacArthur (1963) represented the predator-prey interactions graphically and provided stability conditions for the two species interaction, and the model (1) is often referred to as the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model. A more analytical approach for global stability of the steady states was later provided by Hsu (1978). When k is sufficiently small, the model indicates a stable predator-free equilibrium. For a certain range of the carrying capacity, k , this model admits a stable steady state solution, which attracts all positive initial populations. As k increases beyond this range, a supercritical Hopf-bifurcation will occur, which leads to limit cycle dynamics (Hofbauer and Sigmund, 1998; Kot, 2001; Nevai and Van Gorder, 2012). As k increases further, the maximum of the prey population increases, but the minimum of the prey population may decrease to vanishingly small values which cannot persist in nature (Kot, 2001). Rosenzweig referred to this non-intuitive phenomena, in which the prey is enriched yet which the populations die off, as the *paradox of enrichment* (Rosenzweig, 1971).

We non-dimensionalize all models considered in this paper, so as to better compare solutions between the models. To non-dimensionalize (1), we scale $t = \bar{t} \hat{t}$, $x = \bar{x} \hat{x}$, $y = \bar{y} \hat{y}$. Adopting the scalings $\bar{t} = \frac{1}{r}$, $\bar{y} = \frac{h}{\theta \hat{t}} = \frac{hr}{\theta}$, $\bar{x} = \frac{h}{\epsilon \theta \hat{t}} = \frac{hr}{\epsilon \theta}$, we reduce the parameter space to the positive dimensionless groups $K = \frac{\epsilon \theta k}{hr}$ (effective carrying capacity), $D = \frac{\delta}{r}$ (effective death rate), $P = \frac{r}{\epsilon \theta}$ (rate of prey renewal to exploitation). With these scalings, we have that $D \ll 1$, $K, P = O(1)$ for ecologically sensible parameter ranges. Dropping hats on the variables, we obtain the non-dimensional form of (1), which reads

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - \frac{xy}{1+Px}, \quad (2a)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{xy}{1+Px} - Dy. \quad (2b)$$

The feasibility and stability of the three steady states (x^*, y^*) of (2) are listed in Table 1. One may show that solutions of (2) remain positive and bounded. When all steady states lose stability, the trajectories enter into a positively invariant set which

does not border any steady states nor contain any stable steady states, so by the Poincaré - Bendixson theorem, the only non-equilibrium behaviors possible are limit cycles.

Taking the limit $P \ll 1$, (2) reduces to the simplified model

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K} \right) - xy, \quad (3a)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = xy - Dy, \quad (3b)$$

where the interspecies interaction terms are now Type I functional responses. Biologically, the $P \ll 1$ limit (i.e., $r \ll \epsilon\theta$) means that the rate at which the predator exploits the prey is much larger than the intrinsic growth or renewal rate of the prey. This model is essentially the Lotka-Volterra model with the linear prey growth term modified to a logistic growth term. We list the stability and feasibility of the steady states to (3) in Table 2. We find that the dynamics of the simplified model (3) are also bounded. While this model is less biologically relevant, as the exploitation rate is more commonly less than the renewal rate for populations which persist, it is a far easier and more pedagogical model by which to understand steady state dynamics.

Behavior	(x^*, y^*)	Feasibility	Stability
Extinction	$(0, 0)$	Always	Never
Predator Free	$(K, 0)$	Always	$K < D$
Positive	$(D, 1 - \frac{D}{K})$	$K > D$	When Feasible

Table 2: Steady states, feasibility and stability conditions for the system (3).

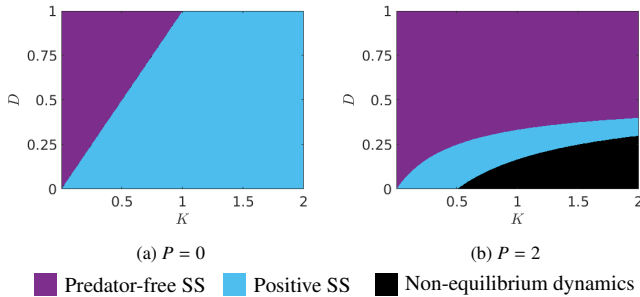


Figure 1: Comparison of dynamics between the (a) simplified model (3) and (b) Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (2) with $P = 2$. The plots are generated using the information from Table 1 and 2. Simulations from the black region always give limit cycles.

Both the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (2) and the simplified model (3) have three steady states, although the extinction state is never stable. Figure 1 displays the change of stability regions when comparing the dynamics between the models (2) and (3). When $D = K$, a transcritical bifurcation occurs for model (3), and likewise for model (2) when $D = K/(1 + PK)$. Any positive value of P in (2) results in at least some parameters permitting non-equilibrium dynamics resulting in limit cycles (along the border of this region, there is a Hopf bifurcation curve), while non-equilibrium dynamics do not occur for (3). The Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (2) has limit cycle solutions when K is sufficiently large (although in many ecological systems, the carrying capacity is not always very large, as

discussed in Hobbs and Swift (1985)). Hence, the $P = 0$ limit modelling a Type I functional response is degenerate from the $P = O(1)$ regime of the Type II functional response, representing a distinct distinguished limit within which for all parameter values there will always be a stable steady state (either predator free or positive).

3. Kolmogorov model for generalist predators utilizing two prey

An example of a predator-two prey system consists of the mountain lion predating on both mule deer and porcupine in North America's Great Basin Desert (Sweitzer et al., 1997). Sweitzer et al. (1997) suggested that changes in plant communities resulted in the irruption (explosive growth) of mule deer and corresponding expansion of mountain lions. The increased population of mountain lion then caused the near extinction of porcupines, which is a native species. A further case study on this ecosystem was carried out by Grasman et al. (2001). Similar dynamics occur in predator - prey dynamics involving wolves which exploit increased moose populations due to clearcutting (Fisher and Wilkinson, 2005; Hins et al., 2009; Houle et al., 2010), with this resulting in additional stress on the caribou population which is also exploited by the wolves. As another example, Hamilton (1935) demonstrated that the red fox predares independent prey, including squirrels and rabbits. Such models also arise in the biological control of thrips and whiteflies by a shared predator (Messelink et al., 2008).

The predator-two prey model we consider takes the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = r_1 x \left(1 - \frac{x}{k_1} \right) - \frac{\theta xy}{x + w + h}, \quad (4a)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = r_2 w \left(1 - \frac{w}{k_2} \right) - \frac{\psi wy}{x + w + h}, \quad (4b)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\epsilon \theta xy}{x + w + h} + \frac{\eta \psi wy}{x + w + h} - \delta y, \quad (4c)$$

where x , w denote the population of prey 1 and prey 2, respectively, while y denotes the generalist predator population. Here r_1 , r_2 are the intrinsic growth rates of prey 1 and prey 2, k_1 , k_2 are the carrying capacities of prey 1 and prey 2, θ , ψ are the maximum rates at which the predators exploit prey 1 and prey 2, and ϵ , η are the conversion rates of the energy that the predator obtains from prey 1 and prey 2, respectively. The handling time h is assumed to be uniform over all food sources. Other parameters are the same as in the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (1). Note that (4) is an example of a Kolmogorov generalist predator model with independent prey. Models of this type have been studied previously (Fussell et al., 2019; Genkai-Kato and Yamamura, 2000; Yamauchi and Yamamura, 2005; Abrams, 2006; Mougi and Nishimura, 2008; Mougi, 2010; Toyokawa, 2017). We note that while the assumption of independent prey is restrictive, it allows us to compare the qualitative impact of different predation strategies in a simple setting with the model in Section 4.

We non-dimensionalize the system variables with $t = \bar{t} \hat{t}$, $x = \bar{x} \hat{x}$, $w = \bar{w} \hat{w}$ and $y = \bar{y} \hat{y}$, and choose the scalings $\bar{t} = \frac{1}{r_1}$,

Behavior	(x^*, w^*, y^*)	Feasibility
Extinction	$(0, 0, 0)$	Always
Prey 1 Only	$(K_1, 0, 0)$	Always
Prey 2 Only	$(0, K_2, 0)$	Always
Predator-Free	$(K_1, K_2, 0)$	$D < K_1 + K_2$
Prey 1-Free	$\left(0, \frac{D}{1-DQ}, \frac{1}{\Phi} \left(1 + \frac{QD}{1-QD}\right) \left(R - \frac{RD}{K_2(1-DQ)}\right)\right)$	$1 - DQ > 0, K_2 > \frac{D}{1-DQ}$
Prey 2-Free	$\left(\frac{D}{1-DP}, 0, \frac{1}{1-DP} - \frac{D}{K_1(1-DP)^2}\right)$	$1 - DP > 0, K_1 > \frac{D}{1-DP}$
Positive	(x^*, w^*, y^*)	$x^* > 0, w^* > 0, y^* > 0$

Table 3: Steady states and feasibility conditions for the predator-two prey model (5).

$\bar{y} = \frac{r_1 h}{\theta}$, $\bar{x} = \frac{r_1 h}{\epsilon \theta}$, $\bar{w} = \frac{r_1 h}{\eta \psi}$. We define the dimensionless groups $K_1 = \frac{\epsilon \theta k_1}{h r_1}$, $K_2 = \frac{\eta \psi k_2}{h r_1}$, $\Phi = \frac{\psi}{\theta}$, $D = \frac{\delta}{r_1}$, $R = \frac{r_2}{r_1}$, $P = \frac{r_1}{\epsilon \theta}$, $Q = \frac{r_1}{\eta \psi}$. Note that $K_1, K_2 = O(1)$ are effective carrying capacities, $D \ll 1$ is an effective death rate, $R = O(1)$ is the ratio of growth or renewal rates from each prey species, while $P, Q = O(1)$ are respective rates of renewal to exploitation for each prey. The parameter Φ measures the preference of the generalist predator for each prey species, with $\Phi > 1$ indicating a preference for prey 2 and $\Phi < 1$ indicating a preference for prey 1. When $\Phi = 1$, both prey are preferred equally. Upon dropping the hats, the dimensionless form of the system (4) reads

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K_1} - \frac{y}{1 + Px + Qw} \right), \quad (5a)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = w \left(R - \frac{Rw}{K_2} - \frac{\Phi y}{1 + Px + Qw} \right), \quad (5b)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y \left(\frac{x + w}{1 + Px + Qw} - D \right). \quad (5c)$$

The dynamics of (5) may be shown to be bounded. In Table 3, we summarize the steady states and their feasibility conditions.

Determining stability of equilibria for the predator-two prey model is not analytically tractable, so we compute the Jacobian at each steady state and then determine the stability numerically, via numerical evaluation of the eigenvalues of the Jacobian. Since the extinction, prey 1 only, and prey 2 only steady states are never stable, only the predator-free, prey 1-free, prey 2-free, and positive steady states will appear in the bifurcation diagrams. While standard bifurcation methods and software exists to perform such analysis (e.g. (Doedel, 1981; Dhooge et al., 2003; Seydel, 2009)), due to the complexity of visualizing basins of attraction of different attracting sets, we will use direct numerical simulations for ease of analysis when dealing with non-equilibrium states, such as limit cycles. In particular, we take the initial condition to be the positive steady state plus a normally distributed perturbation with standard deviation 10^{-3} (taking absolute values in the case that the positive steady state is not feasible), and evolve this solution for a long time period ($t \leq 3000$) by which point all trajectories have reached their long-time behaviours. In this way, we gain an understanding of what happens to a coexistence equilibrium if system parameters change quasi-statically due to external fluctuations, such as environmental change.

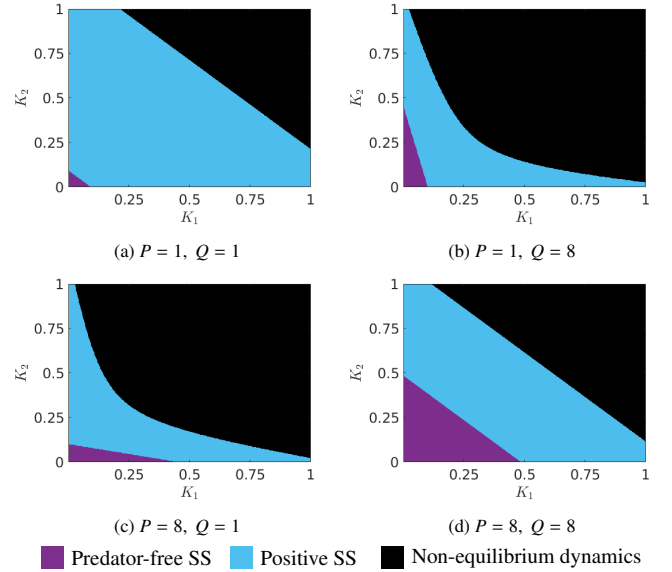


Figure 2: Bifurcation diagrams over K_1, K_2 for the steady states and non-equilibrium dynamics of the predator-two prey model (5) given various P, Q . Parameters $D = 0.1$, $R = 1$, $\Phi = 1$ are fixed.

Figure 2 shows the change of stability regions for each of the emergent behaviors (predator-free and positive steady states in addition to non-equilibrium dynamics consisting of limit cycles) when we change the values of the ratios of prey renewal to exploitation, P and Q . As the prey are likely be renewed at rates similar to or greater than exploitation, we take $P, Q = O(1)$ or larger. However, it is possible to have values smaller than one, in either an unhealthy system, or with one of P or Q large enough to counter the other being small. When the values of P and Q are equal and the preference for each prey is equal to one, the corresponding regions for the predator-free steady state, positive steady state, and non-equilibrium dynamics are symmetric about the line $K_1 = K_2$ in parameter space. The dynamics are akin to what is observed for the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (2). When P and Q are not equal, then the dynamics may be skewed toward one or the other prey species, but the qualitative behaviors observed are consistent.

In order to better understand how the preference parameter, Φ , influences the dynamics emergent from (5), we consider bifurcation diagrams for different values of Φ in Figure 3, considering the case of $\Phi < 1$ (so that prey 1 is preferred over

Behavior	(x^*, w^*, y^*)	Feasibility	Stability
Extinction	$(0, 0, 0)$	Always	Never
Prey 1 Only	$(K_1, 0, 0)$	Always	Never
Prey 2 Only	$(0, K_2, 0)$	Always	Never
Predator Free	$(K_1, K_2, 0)$	Always	$D > K_1 + K_2$
Prey 1 Free	$(0, D, \frac{RK_2 - RD}{K_2\Phi})$	$D < K_2$	$\Phi < R(1 - \frac{D}{K_2})$
Prey 2 Free	$(D, 0, 1 - \frac{D}{K_1})$	$D < K_1$	$\Phi > R(1 - \frac{D}{K_1})^{-1}$
Positive	(x^*, w^*, y^*)	$R(1 - \frac{D}{K_2}) < \Phi < R(1 - \frac{D}{K_1})^{-1}, D < K_1 + K_2$	When Feasible

Table 4: Steady states, feasibility and stability conditions for the simplified predator-two prey model (6). Note that the feasibility conditions for the positive steady state are the complement of the stability conditions for the other steady states. The positive steady state is stable when feasible, hence there will be exactly one stable steady state for all parameter values.

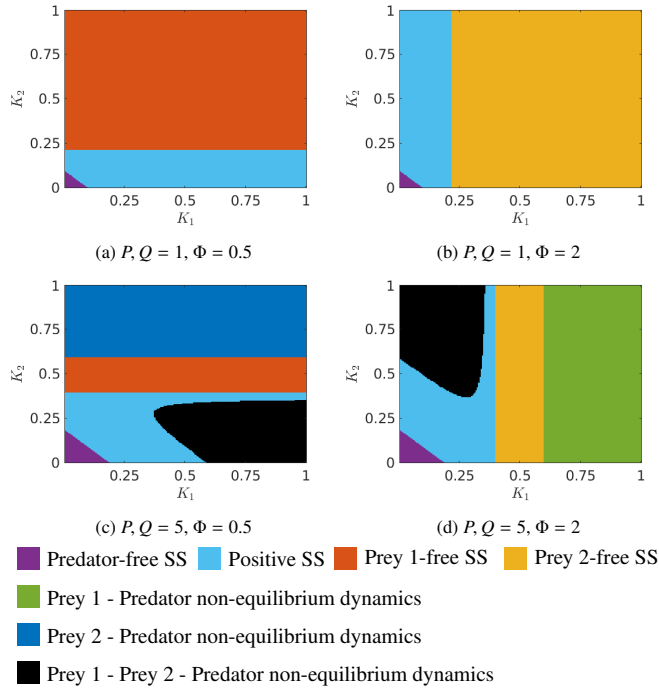
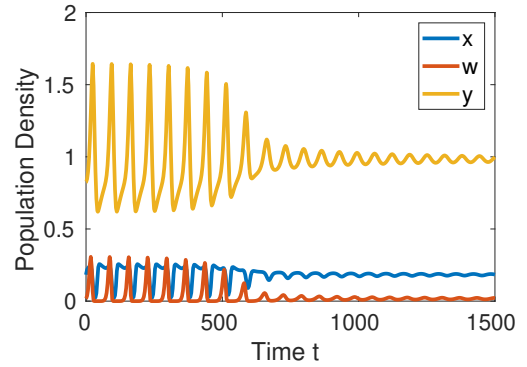


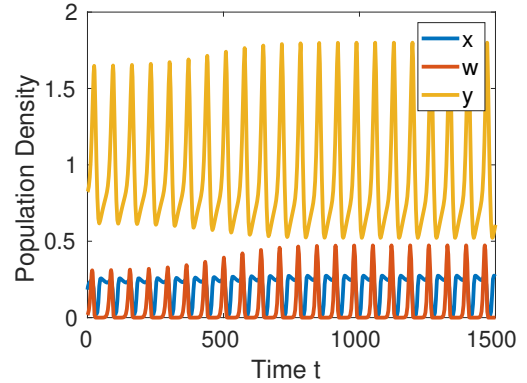
Figure 3: Bifurcation diagrams over K_1, K_2 for the steady states and non-equilibrium dynamics of the predator-two prey model (5) given various P, Q , and Φ . We fix $D = 0.1, R = 1$.

prey 2) and $\Phi > 1$ (so that prey 2 is preferred over prey 1). Here the coupling between the preference and the renewal to exploitation rates will matter in determining which dynamics are possible. In addition to the various dynamics observed in Figure 2, we now observe the possibility of asymmetric states where one of the two prey species is extinct. These may either consist of a steady state for which one of the prey species is extinct, or limit cycles between the predator and one prey, with the other prey having gone extinct. As such, the non-equilibrium dynamics no longer necessarily involve all three species, but may involve only pairs of species, with the other prey population equal to zero. We therefore clarify which of the behaviors we observe in each region, by plotting three distinct regions of non-equilibrium dynamics.

We find that certain parameter combinations permit multistability in the dynamics of (5). In Figure 4, we provide an



(a) Dynamics leading to a positive steady state.



(b) Dynamics leading to a stable limit cycle.

Figure 4: Simulations of the full predator-two prey model (5). The parameter values $R = 1, \Phi = 2, D = 0.1, K_1 = 0.36, K_2 = 1, P = 5, Q = 5$ are fixed. Both simulations are at the positive steady state $x^* \approx 0.1831, w^* \approx 0.0169, y^* \approx 0.9831$, with a small perturbation added to the initial predator population. In (a) we set $y(0) = 0.825$ and in (b) we set $y(0) = 0.824$.

example of a three-species limit cycle which occurs for the same parameter values at which a positive steady state is stable. The positive steady state is locally stable, and trajectories which initially are within the basin of attraction tend to this steady state. However, when the initial condition is sufficiently far away from this steady state, the solutions tend to limit cycles. This means that for some parameter values, population evolution under (5) involve a hysteresis, with the initial state of the populations influencing their long-time dynamics. We

Behavior	(x^*, s^*, y^*)	Feasibility
Extinction	$(0, 0, 0)$	$I = 0$
Subsidy Only	$(0, \frac{I}{\Gamma}, 0)$	$I, \Gamma > 0$
Prey Only	$(K, 0, 0)$	$I = 0$
Subsidy-Free	$(\frac{D}{1-DP}, 0, \frac{K-PDK-D}{K(1-DP)^2})$	$I = 0, 1 - DP > 0, K > \frac{D}{1-DP}$
Prey-Free	$(0, \frac{D}{1-DQ}, \frac{I}{D\Phi} - \frac{\Gamma}{\Phi(1-DQ)})$	$1 - DQ > 0, \frac{I}{\Gamma} > \frac{D}{1-DQ}$
Predator-Free	$(K, \frac{I}{\Gamma}, 0)$	$I, \Gamma > 0$
Positive	(x^*, s^*, y^*)	$x^* > 0, s^* > 0, y^* > 0$

Table 5: Steady states and feasibility conditions for the primary predator-prey-subsidy model (8).

remark that such multistability phenomena has been observed in other ecological systems (Aguirre et al., 2009; Broer et al., 2007; González-Yanez et al., 2007; Tyson and Lutscher, 2016; Vayenas and Pavlou, 1999).

Although it is not as biologically relevant as the $P, Q = O(1)$ case, the $P, Q = 0$ limit for (5) gives

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K_1} - y \right), \quad (6a)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = w \left(R - \frac{R}{K_2} w - \Phi y \right), \quad (6b)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(x + w - D), \quad (6c)$$

We summarize the dynamics of the system (6) in Table 4. Importantly, only steady states are stable in this model, with the variety of non-equilibrium dynamics emergent from (5) suppressed due to the Type I rather than Type II functional response. The asymmetric steady states found for the model (5) when the preference parameter $\Phi \neq 1$ are retained in this simpler model. Despite the drastic simplification $P, Q = 0$, (6) preserves the variety of steady state dynamics seen under the more complicated model (5), although the former does not have the non-equilibrium dynamics of the latter.

4. Non-Kolmogorov model for generalist predators utilizing prey and allochthonous resource

We now consider the case of a generalist predator exploiting a prey and an allochthonous resource. For example, while interactions between the Arctic fox and the lemming have been considered as a prototypical predator-prey system (Angerbjörn et al., 1999), it is known that the Arctic fox also consumes birds and bird eggs, and scavenges seal carrion discarded by polar bears on the sea ice (Roth, 2002, 2003). Similar interaction patterns have also been observed in systems where river otters predate on fish and plants (Ben-David et al., 1998), systems where wolves predate on both deer and salmon carcasses (Adams et al., 2010; Darimont et al., 2008), systems where puma exploit both mule deer and mule deer carcasses (Bauer et al., 2005), and also systems where Kodiak brown bears predate on Pacific salmon and berries (Barnes Jr, 1990; Berns and Hensel, 1972; Berns et al., 1980; Reimchen, 2000; Willson, 1993). Motivated by some of these ecological systems, Nevai

and Van Gorder (2012) extended the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (1) to a predator-prey-subsidy model of the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = rx \left(1 - \frac{x}{k} \right) - \frac{\theta xy}{x + s + h}, \quad (7a)$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = i - \gamma s - \frac{\psi sy}{x + s + h}, \quad (7b)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\epsilon \theta xy}{x + s + h} + \frac{\eta \psi sy}{x + s + h} - \delta y, \quad (7c)$$

where s denotes the population of the subsidy, i is the subsidy input rate, γ is the subsidy decay rate, ψ is the maximum rate at which the predator consumes the subsidy, η is the conversion rate of the energy that the predator obtains from the subsidy, and the other parameters are the same as in the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (1). Note that the input rate i is due to an exogenous source, and hence this model is an example of a non-Kolmogorov generalist predator model. Dynamics from this form of the model were studied in Nevai and Van Gorder (2012).

To non-dimensionalize (7), we take $t = \bar{t} \hat{t}$, $x = \bar{x} \hat{x}$, $y = \bar{y} \hat{y}$, $s = \bar{s} \hat{s}$, where the scalings are $\bar{t} = \frac{1}{r}$, $\bar{y} = \frac{hr}{\theta}$, $\bar{x} = \frac{hr}{\epsilon \theta}$, $\bar{s} = \frac{hr}{\eta \psi}$, and also define the dimensionless groups $K = \frac{\epsilon \theta k}{hr}$, $I = \frac{i \eta \psi}{hr^2}$, $\Gamma = \frac{\gamma}{r}$, $\Phi = \frac{\psi}{\theta}$, $D = \frac{\delta}{r}$, $P = \frac{r}{\epsilon \theta}$, $Q = \frac{r}{\eta \psi}$. Here $K = O(1)$ is the effective carrying capacity, $I = O(1)$ is the effective input rate of the subsidy, $\Gamma \ll 1$ is the ratio of the renewal rate of the prey to the decay rate of the subsidy, $D \ll 1$ is the effective death rate, $P, Q = O(1)$ are the ratios of renewal rate to exploitation rate for the prey and subsidy, respectively, and Φ is again the preference parameter, with $\Phi < 1$ if the prey is preferred over the subsidy, and $\Phi > 1$ if the subsidy is preferred over the prey. Dropping hats, the dimensionless form of (7) reads

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K} - \frac{y}{1 + Px + Qs} \right), \quad (8a)$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = I - s \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Phi y}{1 + Px + Qs} \right), \quad (8b)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y \left(\frac{x + s}{1 + Px + Qs} - D \right). \quad (8c)$$

One can show that the dynamics of (8) are bounded, and in Table 5 we list steady states and corresponding feasibility conditions. The stability criteria are more complicated, so as before we numerically determine the eigenvalues of the Jacobian

Behavior	(x^*, s^*, y^*)	Feasibility	Stability
Extinction	$(0, 0, 0)$	$I = 0$	Never
Subsidy Only	$(0, \frac{I}{\Gamma}, 0)$	$I, \Gamma > 0$	Never
Prey Only	$(K, 0, 0)$	$I = 0$	$D > K$
Subsidy-Free	$(D, 0, 1 - \frac{D}{K})$	$I = 0, D < K$	When Feasible
Prey-Free	$(0, D, \frac{I-D\Gamma}{D\Phi})$	$I - D\Gamma > 0$	$I > D(\Gamma + \Phi)$
Predator-Free	$(K, \frac{I}{\Gamma}, 0)$	$I, \Gamma > 0$	$D > K + \frac{I}{\Gamma}$
Positive	(x^*, s^*, y^*)	$-\Gamma K < I - D\Gamma < D\Phi$	When Feasible

Table 6: Steady states, feasibility and stability conditions for the simplified predator-prey-subsidy model (9). Note that the feasibility conditions for the positive steady state are the complement of the stability conditions for the other steady states. We show that the positive steady state is stable when feasible, hence there will be exactly one stable steady state for all parameter values.

matrix for each steady state, and use this to construct bifurcation diagrams. Since the subsidy-only steady state is always unstable, and the extinction, prey-only, and subsidy-free steady states are only stable on the K -axis (where $I = 0$), only the predator-free, prey-free, and positive steady states will appear in our bifurcation diagrams.

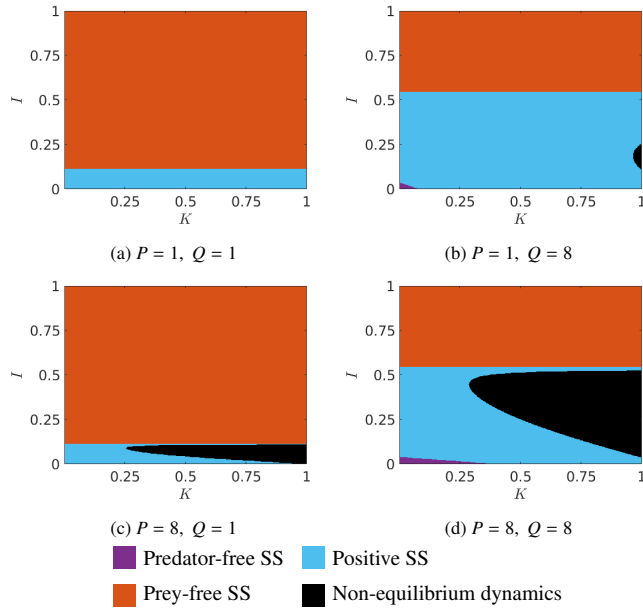


Figure 5: Bifurcation diagrams over K, I for the steady states and non-equilibrium dynamics of the full predator-prey-subsidy model (8) given various P, Q . We fix $D = 0.1, \Gamma = 0.1, \Phi = 1$.

Figure 5 gives bifurcation diagrams for various values of the ratios of prey (P) or subsidy (Q) renewal to exploitation, given that the predator has the same preference for each. In this case, it is the rate parameter corresponding to the prey, P , which most strongly modifies the existence region of non-equilibrium dynamics. Given an increase in the ratio of prey renewal to exploitation, the stability region for the positive steady state decreases in area, while the regions for both the predator-free steady state and the non-equilibrium solutions increase in area. Meanwhile, an increase in the rate parameter corresponding to the subsidy results in a decrease in the stability region for the prey-free steady state, with an increase in the other two regions.

Unlike for the predator - two prey model (5), the preference parameter, Φ , does not drastically change the qualitative structure of the bifurcation diagrams for the predator - prey - subsidy model (8), as we show in Figure 6. Rather, the structure of the bifurcation diagrams remains the same, with only quantitative shifts in the boundaries between regions apparent. This is due to the difference in functional response in the subsidy equation versus those of the predator and prey equations, highlighting one difference of including an exogenous source term modelled by a non-Kolmogorov framework.

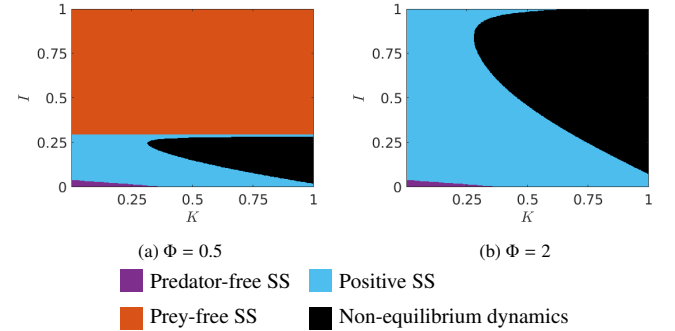


Figure 6: Bifurcation diagrams over K, I for the steady states and non-equilibrium dynamics of the full predator-prey-subsidy model (8) given various P, Q , and Φ . We fix $D = 0.1, \Gamma = 0.1, P = Q = 8$. Compare these with panel (d) of Figure 5 for $\Phi = 1$, with all other parameters the same.

As we did in Sections 2-3, we take the $P, Q \rightarrow 0$ limit of (8), obtaining the Lotka-Volterra type model

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{K} - y \right), \quad (9a)$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = I - s(\Gamma + \Phi y), \quad (9b)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y(x + s - D). \quad (9c)$$

We summarize our analysis of this system in Table 6. The simplified predator-prey-subsidy model always admits a steady state solution, without the possibility of limit cycles. As the preference parameter increases, the region for prey-free steady states decreases in area. Therefore, as the preference of the predator is skewed toward the subsidy, this relieves pressure on

the prey population, resulting in a wider range of parameters for coexistence. In contrast, if the input rate of the subsidy, I , is increased, then the prey may be worse off, as the predator will become more abundant, as we earlier observed in solutions to the model (8). Therefore, many of the qualitative findings for the steady states are the same despite the reduction of the Type II functional response to the Type I functional response, with the primary difference being the lack of non-equilibrium dynamics.

5. Discussion

We considered two classes of models for generalist predators which utilize more than one food source: predator - two prey models of Kolmogorov form, and predator - prey - subsidy models, with the subsidy exogenously fed into the system, breaking the symmetry of a Kolmogorov system. Both models were non-dimensionalized in compatible manners, which allowed for a straightforward comparison between the two models.

Understanding the region of parameter space permitting a positive steady state is important, as this state corresponds to the coexistence of predator and prey species which is often considered valuable from the perspective of maintaining species diversity. In the Kolmogorov predator-two prey model, increasing either of the ratio of prey renewal to exploitation (P and Q) resulted in an increase in the stability region for a positive steady state. In contrast, while this behavior was observed in the non-Kolmogorov predator-prey-subsidy model for the prey parameter P , the opposite behavior was noted when increasing the ratio of renewal to exploitation for the subsidy. This suggests that systems involving two prey species may yield dynamics which are more favorable for the survival of either prey species, compared with systems of only one prey species with the predator also exploiting a subsidy. Part of the reason is that the subsidy cannot go extinct, as it is input at a rate independent of the present values of subsidy in the system. This induces an asymmetry in the results, with large input rates of subsidy leading to larger predator populations, which in turn put more pressure on the prey population. In contrast, in the Kolmogorov model with two prey, excessive exploitation of either or both prey populations will result in fewer predators, allowing for a rebound in the respective prey populations. This is therefore one setting where the ecosystem may be more stable as a whole if the predator exploits two active prey, rather than an inert subsidy.

In the predator-two prey model, the value of the predator preference for each prey, Φ , will significantly influence the dynamics. When the predator has a strong preference for one prey species over the other, this results in an asymmetry in both the emergent steady states and the non-equilibrium dynamics, and if the difference in preference is strong, then one of the two prey species may be pushed to extinction. Solutions in this extreme involve either steady states with only two positive populations, or limit cycles involving only two populations, with the third population dying off to zero. In contrast, there was no appreciable qualitative change in the dynamics observed under the

predator - prey - subsidy model with a change in the respective preference parameter. In this sense, the non-Kolmogorov model maintains the general dynamics despite a shift in predator preferences, whereas a shift in predator preferences may result in drastic changes to the food web modelled by the predator - two prey Kolmogorov model. As such, inclusion of a subsidy may make for a more stable ecosystem in cases where the predator preferences are highly skewed. With that said, excessive input rates of subsidy, I , can lead to rapid growth of predator populations, which puts added stress on the prey and may lead to prey extinction (consistent with findings in Nevai and Van Gorder (2012)).

For certain restricted parameter values, we saw that initial conditions may determine the long-time dynamics in addition to the model parameters under the Kolmogorov model, with steady states and limit cycles being simultaneously locally stable for identical parameter values with different initial conditions. This situation is referred to as multistability, with two or more states being locally stable, and no one state being globally stable. Multistability has been observed in other nonlinear models of population dynamics (Aguirre et al., 2009; Broer et al., 2007; González-Yanez et al., 2007; Tyson and Lutscher, 2016; Vayenas and Pavlou, 1999) and hence this finding is not completely surprising. Such dynamics were not present in the non-Kolmogorov predator - prey - subsidy system, and hence the initial conditions did not play any role in long-time dynamics of that system provided all initial conditions were positive. This suggests that there is a degree of hysteresis inherent in the three-species Kolmogorov model which is not present in the non-Kolmogorov model due to symmetry breaking. While this dependence on initial conditions is somewhat troubling from a modelling point of view, it is not common for the parameter choices we investigated, being confined to small sets of parameters where stable steady states and stable limit cycles exist simultaneously. Still, this hysteresis is useful to be aware of as a possible source of error in long-time predictions of population dynamics under such Kolmogorov models.

We also obtained reduced or simplified forms of each of the full models, assuming that renewal rate of the prey or subsidy (as appropriate) was small relative to the exploitation rate of each resource by the predator. In this limit, the Type II functional response terms reduce to Type I functional response terms. While perhaps less relevant to most ecosystems, this provides a reduction of each model to a type of Lotka-Volterra system, which is simpler to work with and perhaps useful for pedagogical reasons. These simplified models exhibit all of the various steady states seen in the models with Type II response, yet they do not exhibit the non-equilibrium dynamics. This finding is in contrast to different Lotka-Volterra models considered in the literature for three or more species (Hofbauer, 1981; Zeeman, 1993), with the difference being that there is no direct interaction term between either of the two prey species in our models. As discussed in Fujii (1977), such competition between the two prey species is needed to drive limit cycles in predator-prey forms of three species Lotka-Volterra models, so our finding is not surprising.

The models we study can be made more realistic if we take

additional environmental factors into consideration. One option is to have distinct handling times for each food source, or to make these handling times, or other parameters, time dependent. Indeed, motivated by the seasonal diet of polar bears (Thiemann et al., 2008) and seasonal changes in the intrinsic growth rate and the carrying capacity of lemmings (Turchin and Hanski, 1997), Levy et al. (2016) explored predator-prey-subsidy dynamics where the constant input rate and decay rate of the subsidy, the intrinsic growth rate of the prey and the predation rate of the predator were time-dependent. Even for simpler predator-prey models, seasonal changes can cause chaotic behaviors (Fuentes Sommer, 2016; Rinaldi et al., 1993), and such time dependent parameters would likely modify some of the dynamics we observe. Spatially extended non-Kolmogorov models have been studied in a variety of contexts, motivated by the Arctic fox - lemming - seal carrion (Bassett et al., 2017; Eide et al., 2018; Jansen and Van Gorder, 2018; Shen and Van Gorder, 2017), as well as Kodiak Brown Bear - Pacific Salmon predator - prey system in which the bears also consume berries as an allochthonous resource (Fussell et al., 2019). Further systematic classification of model dynamics across different spatial habitats could provide valuable insight into the spatiotemporal structure of ecosystems involving generalist predation. Indeed, for the Kolmogorov model, asymmetric states may be replaced with states where one prey survives in one region of the habitat, with the other prey surviving in a distinct region.

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