# Existence of Positive Steady-state Solution of a Predator-prey Dynamics with Dinosaur Functional Response and Heterogeneous Environment 

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#### Abstract

It is well known that the effects of the protection zone on the dynamical behavior are significantly different from the non-protection zone. In this paper, we presents a semi-linear ellipic system, which describes the predator-prey relationship with Dinosaur functional response under homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions. This paper concerns the existence of non-constant positive steady-state solutions, in the case (1): Nondegeneracy of $\beta(x)$ with $\beta(x)>0$ on $\bar{\Omega}$ or case (2): Degeneracy of $\beta(x)$ with $\beta(x)=0$ in $\Omega_{0}, \beta(x)>0$ in $\bar{\Omega} \backslash \bar{\Omega}_{0}$. These results provide theoretical evidence for the complex spatiotemporal dynamics.


Index Terms-reaction-diffusion system, predator-prey relationship, heterogeneous environment, existence.

## I. Introduction

IN [1], Wollkind et al. first considered the following predator-prey system:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{u}=r u\left(1-\frac{u}{K}\right)-p(u) v,  \tag{1}\\
\dot{v}=v\left[s\left(1-h \frac{v}{u}\right)\right],
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $u$ is the biomass of prey and $v$ is the biomass of predator. To model various different processes of energy transfer in ecology, many kinds of $p(u)$ modes have been developed [2], [3]. They are put forward by different backgrounds and have important dynamic significance in mathematical theory. Incorporated the Dinosaur functional response [5] into (1), we obtain

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{u}=r u\left(1-\frac{u}{K}\right)-u v e^{-k u},  \tag{2}\\
\dot{v}=v\left[s\left(1-h \frac{v}{u}\right)\right] .
\end{array}\right.
$$

The Dinosaur reaction term is $u e^{-k u}$, which is an improvement of the Ivlev-type reaction term $h\left(1-e^{-k u}\right)$. Given the spatial inhomogeneity in population density, we establish the following diffusive predator-prey model:

$$
\begin{cases}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}=\Delta u+r u\left(1-\frac{u}{K}\right)-u v e^{-k u} & x \in \Omega, t>0  \tag{3}\\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}=\Delta v+v\left[s\left(1-h \frac{v}{u}\right)\right] & x \in \Omega, t>0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0 & x \in \partial \Omega, t>0\end{cases}
$$

where $\Omega$ is a bounded domain in the Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^{N}$ ( $N \in\{1,2,3, \cdots\}$ ) with smooth boundary, denoted as $\partial \Omega$, $n$ is the unit outer normal vector on $\partial \Omega$. Now we introduce the following non-dimensional quantities:

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$\bar{u}=r u, \bar{v}=r h v$, and $a=r, b=1 / K, \alpha=\frac{1}{r h}, \beta=k / r$.
By substituting these new variables into (3) and dropping the bars for notational convenience, we obtain

$$
\begin{cases}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}=\Delta u+a u-b u^{2}-\alpha u v e^{-\beta u} & x \in \Omega, t>0  \tag{4}\\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}=\Delta v+s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right) & x \in \Omega, t>0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0 & x \in \partial \Omega, t>0\end{cases}
$$

The corresponding steady-state system to (4) is

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u=a u-b u^{2}-\alpha u v e^{-\beta u}, & x \in \Omega,  \tag{5}\\ -\Delta v=s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right), & x \in \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

In order to discuss the effect of heterogeneous environment on parameters, we obtain

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u=a u-b(x) u^{2}-\alpha u v e^{-\beta(x) u}, & x \in \Omega  \tag{6}\\ -\Delta v=s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right), & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

where the parameters $a, \alpha$ and $s$ are assumed to be positive constants, and the functions $b(x), \beta(x) \in C^{1}(\bar{\Omega})$ may vanish in a non-trivial open subdomain $\Omega_{0}$ of $\Omega$, which imply the degeneracy (if vanish). The dependence of $b(x)$ and $\beta(x)$ on the space variable $x$ represents that the two species interact in a spatially heterogeneous environment. Let $z=z(x)$ be a function in $C^{1}(\bar{\Omega})$, satisfying

$$
\begin{equation*}
z(x)=0, x \in \Omega_{0}, \quad z(x)>0, x \in \bar{\Omega} \backslash \bar{\Omega}_{0} \tag{H}
\end{equation*}
$$

When $\beta \equiv 0$, Du and Hsu [6] considered

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u=a u-b u^{2}-\alpha u v, & x \in \Omega  \tag{7}\\ -\Delta v=s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right), & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

They showed that (7) always had a positive solution. When $\alpha=0$, (6) becomes

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u=a u-b(x) u^{2}, & x \in \Omega  \tag{8}\\ -\Delta v=s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right), & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

where the first equation is decoupling from the second equation. So, the existence of positive solution of (8) depends directly on the existence of positive solution of the first scalar equation in (8).
In this paper, we always assume that the condition (H) holds for $b=b(x)$ in (6), and consider the existence of non-constant positive steady state solutions, in the case (1): Non-degeneracy of $\beta(x)$ with $\beta(x)>0$ on $\bar{\Omega}$ or case (2): Degeneracy of $\beta(x)$ with $\beta(x)=0$ in $\Omega_{0}$ and $\beta(x)>0$ in $\bar{\Omega} \backslash \bar{\Omega}_{0}$.

## II. Existence of Positive Steady-state Solution

First, we want to obtain the existence for the positive solutions to (6) by the techniques in [7] in the non-degenerate case: $\beta(x)>0$ on $\bar{\Omega}$.

Assume that $q(x) \in C(\bar{\Omega})$. Let $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega}(q)$ or $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}(q)$ be the first eigenvalue of $-\Delta+q(x)$ in $\Omega$ subject to the homogeneous Dirichlet or Neumann boundary condition. By some of the notations in [7], we have $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}(q)$ or $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega}(q)$ is increasing in $q$.

Let $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega} \doteq \lambda_{1}^{\Omega}(0)$. Obviously,

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\Delta u=a u-b(x) u^{2}, x \in \Omega, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=0, x \in \partial \Omega \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

has a positive solution if and only if $0<a<\lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}$. In this case (9) has a unique positive solution $u_{a}, a \rightarrow u_{a}$ is continuous as a map from $\left(0, \lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}\right)$ to $C^{2+\mu}(\Omega)$, and $\left\|u_{a}\right\|_{\infty} \rightarrow \infty$ as $a \rightarrow \lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}-0$.
Lemma 1. (Maximum principle, [8, Proposition 2.2]) Assume that $g \in C(\bar{O} \times \mathbb{R})$.
(i) If $w \in C^{2}(O) \cap C^{1}(\bar{O})$ satisfies

$$
\Delta w(x)+g(x, w(x)) \geq 0 \text { in } O, \partial_{\nu} w \leq 0 \text { on } \partial O,
$$

and $w\left(x_{0}\right)=\max _{\bar{O}} w$, then $g\left(x_{0}, w\left(x_{0}\right)\right) \geq 0$.
(ii) If $w \in C^{2}(O) \cap C^{1}(\bar{O})$ satisfies

$$
\Delta w(x)+g(x, w(x)) \leq 0 \text { in } O, \partial_{\nu} w \geq 0 \text { on } \partial O,
$$

and $w\left(x_{0}\right)=\min _{\bar{O}} w$, then $g\left(x_{0}, w\left(x_{0}\right)\right) \leq 0$.
Lemma 2. (Harnack inequality, [9, Lemma 4.3]) Let $w \in C^{2}(\Omega) \cap C^{1}(\bar{\Omega})$ be a positive solution to $\Delta w(x)+$ $c(x) w(x)=0$, where $c \in C(\bar{\Omega})$, satisfying the homogeneous Neumann boundary condition. Then, there exists a positive constant $C$ which depends only on $B$ where $\|c\|_{\infty} \leq B$ such that

$$
\max _{\bar{\Omega}} w \leq C \min _{\bar{\Omega}} w .
$$

Theorem 3. Let $\beta(x)>0$ on $\bar{\Omega}$. Given any small $\epsilon>0$ and large $M>0$, there exists a positive constant $C$, which depends only on $\epsilon$ and $\Omega$, such that any positive solution $(u, v)$ to (6) satisfies $\|u\|_{\infty}+\|v\|_{\infty} \leq C$ if either (i) $0<$ $a<\lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}-\epsilon$ or (ii) $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}+\epsilon<a<M$.

Proof: Let $(u, v)$ be a positive solution to (6).
(i) From the first equation in (6), we have $-\Delta u \leq a u-$ $\alpha(x) u^{2}$. By the upper and lower solution method for elliptic equation, existence and uniqueness of positive solution to (6), $u \leq u_{a}$ on $\Omega$. Let $v\left(x_{0}\right)=\max _{\bar{\Omega}} v$ for some $x_{0} \in \bar{\Omega}$. By Lemma 1, it follows from the second equation in (6) that $v\left(x_{0}\right) \leq u\left(x_{0}\right)$, and so $v \leq u_{a}$. Hence, Lemma 1 holds for case (i).
(ii) By an indirect argument, supposing the conclusion is not true, we can find some $\epsilon, M>0$ and one sequence $a_{i} \in$ $\left(\lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}+\epsilon, M\right)$ such that the corresponding positive solution ( $u_{i}, v_{i}$ ) to (6) with $a=a_{i}$, i.e.,

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u_{i}=a_{i} u_{i}-b(x) u_{i}^{2}-\alpha u_{i} v_{i} e^{-\beta u_{i}}, & x \in \Omega  \tag{10}\\ -\Delta v_{i}=s v_{i}\left(1-\frac{v_{i}}{u_{i}}\right), & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v_{i}}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

satisfies $\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{\infty}+\left\|v_{i}\right\|_{\infty} \rightarrow \infty$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$. Without loss of generality, we assume that $a_{i} \rightarrow a \in\left[\lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}+\epsilon, M\right]$. By Lemma 1 again, it follows from the second equation in (10)
that $v_{i} \leq u_{i}$. Thus, for the sequence $\left\{u_{i}\right\}$, it is necessary that $\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{\infty} \rightarrow \infty$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$.
Let $\widetilde{u}_{i}=\frac{u_{i}}{\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{\infty}}$. From the first equation in (10), $-\Delta u_{i} \leq$ $a_{i} u_{i}$. Then we obtain
$\int_{\Omega}\left|\nabla \widetilde{u}_{i}\right|^{2}+\left|\widetilde{u}_{i}\right|^{2} d x \leq\left(a_{i}+1\right) \int_{\Omega}\left|\widetilde{u}_{i}\right|^{2} \leq(M+1)|\Omega| d x$.
By the similar proof statements of Proposition 2.1 in [11], we obtain that $\widetilde{u}_{i} \rightarrow \widetilde{u}$ weakly in $H^{1}(\Omega)$ and strongly in $L^{2}(\Omega)$, and $\widetilde{u} \not \equiv 0$ in $L^{p}(\Omega)$.
Let $c_{i}=v_{i} e^{-\beta u_{i}}$. By virtue of $v_{i} \leq u_{i}$, we have $c_{i} \leq u_{i} e^{-\beta u_{i}}$. Since $\beta(x)>0$ on $\bar{\Omega}$, there must exist a $\beta_{0}>0$ such that $\beta \geq \beta_{0}>0$ in $\bar{\Omega}$, and then $\left\|c_{i}\right\|_{\infty}<C_{0}$ dependent of $\beta$ for some $C_{0}>0$. By choosing a subsequence if necessary, we assume that $c_{i} \rightarrow c$ weakly in $L^{2}(\Omega)$ and $c \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$. From the first equation of (10), we obtain

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u_{i}=a_{i} u_{i}-b(x) u_{i}^{2}-\alpha u_{i} c_{i}, & x \in \Omega  \tag{11}\\ \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

Let $\varphi \in C_{0}^{1}\left(\Omega_{0}\right)$ and $\varphi \equiv 0 \in C\left(\bar{\Omega} \backslash \bar{\Omega}_{0}\right)$. Since $b(x)=0$ on $\bar{\Omega}_{0}$, integrating over $\Omega$ by parts, it follows from (11) that

$$
\int_{\Omega_{0}} \nabla \widetilde{u}_{i} \cdot \nabla \varphi=a_{i} \int_{\Omega_{0}} \widetilde{u}_{i} \varphi d x-\alpha \int_{\Omega_{0}} \widetilde{u}_{i} c_{i} d x .
$$

Let $i \rightarrow \infty$. Then $\widetilde{u}$ satisfies

$$
\int_{\Omega_{0}} \nabla \widetilde{u} \cdot \nabla \varphi=a_{i} \int_{\Omega_{0}} \widetilde{u} \varphi d x-\alpha \int_{\Omega_{0}} \widetilde{u} c d x
$$

Hence, $\widetilde{u}$ is a weak solution of the problem:

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\Delta \widetilde{u}=a \widetilde{u}-\alpha \widetilde{u} c, x \in \Omega, \quad \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}}{\partial n}=0, x \in \partial \Omega \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

By the similar proof statements of Proposition 2.1 in [11], the smoothness of the boundary $\partial \Omega_{0}$ yields $\widetilde{u} \in H_{0}^{1}\left(\Omega_{0}\right)$.

Recall that $\widetilde{u} \not \equiv 0$ in $L^{p}(\Omega)$. Then, $\widetilde{u} \geq, \not \equiv 0$ is a solution of (12). Since $a-\alpha c \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$, it follows from Lemma 2 that $\widetilde{u}>0$ in $\Omega_{0}$. Moreover, the standard theory guarantees $\widetilde{u} \in C^{1}\left(\bar{\Omega}_{0}\right)$. Note that $\widetilde{u}_{i}=\frac{u_{i}}{\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{\infty}}$ and $v_{i} \leq u_{i}$. Since $\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{\infty} \rightarrow \infty$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$,

$$
c_{i}=v_{i} e^{-\beta u_{i}} \leq u_{i} e^{-\beta u_{i}}=\frac{\widetilde{u}_{i}\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{\infty}}{e^{\beta \widetilde{u}_{i}\left\|u_{i}\right\|_{\infty}}} \rightarrow 0
$$

a.e. in $\Omega_{0}$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$. This shows that $c=0$ a.e in $\Omega_{0}$. Hence, $a=\lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}$ from (12), which contradicts $a>\lambda^{\Omega_{0}}+\epsilon$. The proof is complete.

Remark 4. Theorem 3 (i) still holds for the degenerate case of $\beta(x)$, which could be seen in the proof process of Theorem 6.

Remark 5. Considering $s$ as the bifurcation parameter, we want to consider the bifurcation solutions in the semitrivial (non-degenerate) solution curve $\Gamma_{u}=\left\{\left(s ; u_{a}, 0\right)\right.$ : $d \in(0, \infty)\}$. By employing the Crandall and Rabinowitz bifurcation theorem [10], we find that there will be no bifurcations around ( $u_{a}, 0$ ), except the bifurcation parameter $s=0$, which is invalid since the parameter $s$ is a positive constant. That is completely different from Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 in [7], so we will consider the degenerate case in the next moment.

Now, we will give the result for the existence of positive solutions to (6) in the degenerate case: $\beta(x)=0$ in $\Omega_{0}$ and $\beta(x)>0$ in $\bar{\Omega} \backslash \bar{\Omega}_{0}$.

Theorem 6. If $a \in\left(0, \lambda_{1}^{\Omega_{0}}\right)$, then (6) has at least one positive solution.

Proof: Let $(u, v)$ be a positive solution to

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u=a u-b(x) u^{2}-t \alpha u v e^{-\beta(x) u}, & x \in \Omega  \tag{13}\\ -\Delta v=s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right), & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

with $t \in[0,1]$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f(t, u, v) \doteq a u-b(x) u^{2}-t \alpha u v e^{-\beta(x) u} \\
& g(u, v) \doteq \operatorname{sv}\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Using the same proof process as Theorem 3(i), we obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
0 \leq v \leq u \leq u_{a} \leq\left\|u_{a}\right\|_{\infty}, \quad \min _{\bar{\Omega}} v \geq \min _{\bar{\Omega}} u \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

by Lemma 1, where $u_{a}$ is the unique positive solution to (9).
Note that $b, \beta \in C^{1}(\bar{\Omega})$. Then, the solution $(u, v)$ to (6) belongs to $\left[C^{2}(\bar{\Omega})\right]^{2}$ by elliptic regularity. Let $u\left(x_{0}\right)=\min _{\bar{\Omega}} u$ for some $x_{0} \in \bar{\Omega}$. By Lemma 1 again, we have

$$
a-b\left(x_{0}\right) u\left(x_{0}\right)-\operatorname{t\alpha v}\left(x_{0}\right) e^{-\beta\left(x_{0}\right) u\left(x_{0}\right)} \leq 0
$$

which yields that $a \leq\|b\|_{\infty} \min _{\bar{\Omega}} u+\alpha\|v\|_{\infty}$, and then $a \leq$ $\|b\|_{\infty} \min _{\bar{\Omega}} u+\alpha\|u\|_{\infty}$.
Let $c(x)=a-b(x) u-t \alpha v e^{-\beta(x) u}$. Then the equation of $u$ becomes

$$
-\Delta u=c(x) u, x \in \Omega, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=0, x \in \partial \Omega
$$

Since $\|c\|_{\infty} \leq a+\|b\|_{\infty}\|u\|_{\infty}+\alpha\|v\|_{\infty} \leq a+\left(\|b\|_{\infty}+\right.$ $\alpha)\left\|u_{a}\right\|_{\infty}$, by Lemma 2, there exists a positive constant $C$ dependent of $a$ such that $\max _{\bar{\Omega}} u \leq C \min _{\bar{\Omega}} u$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
a \leq\|b\|_{\infty} \min _{\bar{\Omega}} u+\alpha\|u\|_{\infty} & \leq\|b\|_{\infty} \min _{\bar{\Omega}} u+\alpha\|u\|_{\infty} \\
& \leq\left(\|b\|_{\infty}+\alpha C\right) \min _{\bar{\Omega}} u
\end{aligned}
$$

which implies that $\min _{\bar{\Omega}} u \geq a\left(\|b\|_{\infty}+\alpha C\right)^{-1}$.
Define a space $E$ by

$$
E=\{(u, v) \in C(\Omega) \times C(\Omega): m<u, v<M\}
$$

with $m=\frac{a}{2}\left(\|b\|_{\infty}+\alpha C\right)^{-1}$ and $M=2\left\|u_{a}\right\|_{\infty}$. By the above discussion, for all $t \in[0,1]$, (13) has no solution on $\partial E$.

Let $L(t ; u, v)=\left((-\Delta+I)^{-1} f(t, u, v),(-\Delta+\right.$ $\left.I)^{-1}\right) g(u, v)$. Then, $L:[0,1] \times \bar{E} \rightarrow C(\bar{\Omega}) \times C(\bar{\Omega})$ is compact. For $(u, v) \in \bar{E},(u, v)$ is a solution of (13) if and only if $(u, v)$ is a fixed point of $L(t: \cdot)$, i.e. $(u, v)=L(t ; u, v)$. It is obvious that $(u, v) \neq L(t ; u, v)$ for all $t \in[0,1]$ and $(u, v) \in \partial E$. Hence, the degree $\operatorname{deg}(I-L(t ; \cdot), E, 0)$ is well defined and independent of $t \in[0,1]$.

Setting $t=0$, (13) becomes

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta u=a u-b(x) u^{2}, & x \in \Omega  \tag{15}\\ -\Delta v=s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u}\right), & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

One can see that (15) has a unique positive solution $(u, v)=$ ( $u_{a}, v_{a}$ ), where $u=u_{a}$ is the unique positive solution of (9) and $v=v_{a}$ is the unique positive solution of

$$
-\Delta v=s v\left(1-\frac{v}{u_{a}}\right), x \in \Omega, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial n}=0, x \in \partial \Omega
$$

And therefore, $\operatorname{deg}(I-L(0 ; \cdot), E, 0)=\operatorname{index}(I-$ $\left.L(0 ; \cdot),\left(u_{a}, v_{a}\right)\right)$. Now we prove that $\left(u_{a}, v_{a}\right)$ as a solution of (15) is non-degenerate and linearized stable. In fact, the linearized eigenvalue problem of (15) at $\left(u_{a}, v_{a}\right)$ is

$$
\begin{cases}-\Delta \phi=a \phi-2 b(x) u_{a} \phi+\mu \phi, & x \in \Omega  \tag{16}\\ -\Delta \psi=s\left(1-\frac{2 v_{a}}{u_{a}}\right) \psi+s \frac{v_{a}^{2}}{u_{a}^{2}} \phi+\mu \psi, & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n}=\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial n}=0, & x \in \partial \Omega\end{cases}
$$

where $\mu$ denotes the eigenvalue and $(\phi, \psi)$ denotes the corresponding eigenfunction. It follows from the first equation of (15) that $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}\left(b(x) u_{a}-a\right)=0$. If $\phi \not \equiv 0$, by the first equation of (16), we obtain that

$$
\mu \geq \lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}\left(2 b(x) u_{a}-a\right)>\lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}\left(b(x) u_{a}-a\right)=0
$$

If $\phi \equiv 0$, then $\psi \not \equiv 0$. It follows from the second equation of (15) that $\lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}\left(s\left(\frac{v_{a}}{u_{a}}-1\right)\right)=0$. By the second equation of (16), we obtain that

$$
\mu \geq \lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}\left(s\left(\frac{2 v_{a}}{u_{a}}-1\right)\right)>\lambda_{1}^{\Omega, N}\left(s\left(\frac{v_{a}}{u_{a}}-1\right)\right)=0
$$

In conclusion, we always have $\mu>0$ and therefore $\operatorname{index}\left(I-L(0 ; \cdot),\left(u_{a}, v_{a}\right)\right)=1$. So we have that $\operatorname{deg}(I-$ $L(1 ; \cdot), E, 0)=1$, and then $L(1 ; \cdot)$ has at least one fixed point in $E$. In other words, (6) has at least one positive solution.

Remark 7. (Numerical example) We consider the effect of degenerate on the positive solution to (6): fixed $b(x)$, but variable $\beta(x)$. Let $\Omega=(0,5 \pi), b(x)= \begin{cases}1 & \pi \leq x \leq 4 \pi \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}$ and $\beta(x)$ presents the following three cases:
case 1. $\beta(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}1 & 0.5 \pi \leq x \leq 4.5 \pi \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{array}\right.$ (Figure 1),
case 2. $\beta(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}1 & \pi \leq x \leq 4 \pi \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{array}\right.$ (Figure 2),
case 3. $\beta(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \pi \leq x \leq 3 \pi \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{array}\right.$ (Figure 4).
For better comparison, we also give the parameter homogeneous case: $b(x) \equiv 1$ and $\beta(x) \equiv 1$ (Figure 5). In fact, if $a=0.7, \alpha=1, s=1.5, b=1$ and $\beta=1$, the kinetic system corresponding to (4) has a unique positive equilibrium point (Figure 3), which is linearly stable (Locally asymptotically stable).

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Fig. 1. Numerical simulation of the spatio-temporal positive solution to (4) with $a=0.7, \alpha=1$ and $s=1.5$ : case 1 .
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Fig. 2. Numerical simulation of the spatio-temporal positive solution to (4) with $a=0.7, \alpha=1$ and $s=1.5$ : case 2 .


Fig. 3. Stability of the kinetic system corresponding to (4) with $a=$ $0.7, \alpha=1, s=1.5, b=1$ and $\beta=1$.


Fig. 4. Numerical simulation of the spatio-temporal positive solution to (4) with $a=0.7, \alpha=1$ and $s=1.5$ : case 3 .


Fig. 5. Numerical simulation of the spatio-temporal positive solutions to (4) with $a=0.7, \alpha=1$ and $s=1.5: b(x) \equiv 1$ and $\beta(x) \equiv 1$.

