

# Chaos Control and Behavior Analysis of a Discrete-Time Dynamical System with Competitive Effect\*

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**Abstract** This paper is about a class of discrete-time dynamical systems with competitive effects. The local stability of the positive equilibrium point of the system and the conditions for the existence of flip bifurcation and Neimark-Sacker bifurcation are discussed by using the center manifold theorem and bifurcation theory. In addition, the direction of the flip bifurcation and Neimark-Sacker bifurcation is given. Furthermore, a feedback control strategy is employed to control bifurcation and chaos in the system. Finally, flip bifurcation, Neimark-Sacker bifurcation and chaos control strategy are verified with the help of numerical simulations.

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## 1. Introduction

In nature, no species exists alone, but is closely related to and interdependent with other species. There is not only cooperation but also competition between the various groups. If two populations live together in the same area and compete for limited resources, space and other supplies, both sides of the competition are inhibited. In most cases, only one party benefits while the other party is eliminated, and one party replaces the other. This suggests that two different populations with the same needs cannot live permanently in the same environment. Interspecific competition is one of the most common interactions in predator-prey system. Berryman [1] studied the origin and evolution of predator-prey. Many researchers studied deterministic mathematical models in ecology and the dynamic behavior of prey-predator systems [2–11]. Furthermore, some authors studied the conditions, complexity and stability of spatial pattern formation in prey-predator systems [12–14].

Numerous studies have demonstrated that, for small populations, the discrete-time system is more appropriate than the continuous system. This has been effectively explored and explained in references [15–19]. In addition, Cheng et al. [20] conducted a study on a discrete-time prey-predator system with ratio-dependent

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and Allee effect, and found that the model with logistic growth function had similar bifurcation structures. Recent studies have demonstrated that the discrete-time prey-predator systems have more colorful dynamic behaviors, including bifurcation and chaos, than continuous systems. These dynamic behaviors between populations have been explored and analyzed through numerical simulations (references [21–26]). In [27–30], researchers not only studied the bifurcation phenomenon and dynamic behavior in the prey-predator systems, but also discussed the chaos control strategy for the chaos phenomenon at the unstable equilibrium point. Sarwardi et al. [31] studied a competitive prey-predator system with a prey refuge and obtained the relevant dynamic behaviors.

Interspecific competition is mainly reflected in the competition of different species for resources in the ecosystem (such as food, living space, etc.); interspecific competition is more common among closely related species. In fact, up to now, ecologists still have little understanding of the evolutionary significance of interspecific competition. On the one hand, researchers pay more attention to the form and process of competition, and on the other hand, it takes a long time for evolution to reflect the evolutionary significance of a biological event.

In order to study the effects of competition on populations, in this paper we consider the predator-prey system:

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1} = u_n + \mu[r_1 u_n(1 - \frac{u_n}{K_1}) - \frac{b u_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_1 u_n^2], \\ v_{n+1} = v_n + \mu[r_2 v_n(1 - \frac{v_n}{K_2}) + \frac{a b u_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_2 v_n^2], \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $r_1, r_2, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, a$  and  $b$  are greater than zero,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the intrinsic growth rates of the prey  $u$  and predator  $v$  populations, respectively.  $b$  indicates the ability of the predator to consume the prey.  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  denote the competition among individuals (i.e., intraspecies interaction) of prey and predator species due to resources.  $a$  denotes the conversion rate of the predator to the prey and  $K_1, K_2$  denote environmental carrying capacity of the prey and predator in a particular habitat. And  $\mu$  expresses the integral step length.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, the existence and stability of the system at different equilibrium points are discussed. In Section 3, we discuss the specific conditions for the existence of Neimark-Sacker bifurcation and flip bifurcation. In Section 4, chaos is controlled to an unstable equilibrium point by the feedback control method. In Section 5, we carry out numerical simulations. Finally, we conclude with a brief summary in the last section.

## 2. Qualitative study of system

In this section, we will investigate the existence and stability of fixed points in the system. To determine the equilibrium points of equation (1.1), we solve the following set of equations:

$$\begin{cases} u = u + \mu[r_1 u(1 - \frac{u}{K_1}) - \frac{b u v}{u + v} - \varepsilon_1 u^2], \\ v = v + \mu[r_2 v(1 - \frac{v}{K_2}) + \frac{a b u v}{u + v} - \varepsilon_2 v^2]. \end{cases}$$

By calculation, the following results can be gained directly.

**Lemma 2.1.** (i) System (1.1) has two positive axial equilibrium points  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$ ,  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$ ;  
(ii) Assume that system (1.1) has a unique positive equilibrium point  $E_3 = (u^*, v^*)$ , where  $u^*$  and  $v^*$  satisfy

$$\begin{cases} r_1(1 - \frac{u^*}{K_1}) - \frac{bv^*}{u^* + v^*} - \varepsilon_1 u^* = 0, \\ r_2(1 - \frac{v^*}{K_2}) + \frac{abu^*}{u^* + v^*} - \varepsilon_2 v^* = 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

The Jacobian matrix  $H(u, v)$  related to system (1.1) at  $(u, v)$  is given by:

$$H(u, v) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \mu \left( r_1 - \frac{2r_1 u}{K_1} - \frac{bv^2}{(u+v)^2} - 2\varepsilon_1 u \right) & -\frac{\mu bu^2}{(u+v)^2} \\ \frac{\mu abv^2}{(u+v)^2} & 1 + \mu \left( r_2 - \frac{2r_2 v}{K_2} + \frac{abu^2}{(u+v)^2} - 2\varepsilon_2 v \right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

The characteristic equation of  $H(u, v)$  can be written as

$$\lambda^2 + m(u, v)\lambda + z(u, v) = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(u, v) &= -\text{tr}H = -2 - \mu \left( r_1 - \frac{2r_1 u}{K_1} - \frac{bv^2}{(u+v)^2} - 2\varepsilon_1 u + r_2 - \frac{2r_2 v}{K_2} + \frac{abu^2}{(u+v)^2} \right) \\ &\quad + 2\mu\varepsilon_2 v, \\ z(u, v) &= \det H = \frac{\mu^2 ab^2 u^2 v^2}{(u+v)^4} + \left[ 1 + \mu \left( r_1 - \frac{2r_1 u}{K_1} - \frac{bv^2}{(u+v)^2} - 2\varepsilon_1 u \right) \right] \\ &\quad \left[ 1 + \mu \left( r_2 - \frac{2r_2 v}{K_2} + \frac{abu^2}{(u+v)^2} - 2\varepsilon_2 v \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are two roots of the characteristic equation of the Jacobian matrix  $H|_{(u,v)}$ , and we obtain the following definition and results.

**Definition 2.1** ([11]). The equilibrium point  $(u, v)$  is called

- (i) Sink if  $|\lambda_1| < 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| < 1$ , and it's locally asymptotically stable;
- (ii) Source if  $|\lambda_1| > 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| > 1$ , and it's locally unstable;
- (iii) Saddle if either  $(|\lambda_1| < 1 \text{ and } |\lambda_2| > 1)$  or  $(|\lambda_1| > 1 \text{ and } |\lambda_2| < 1)$ ;
- (iv) Non-hyperbolic if either  $|\lambda_1| = 1$  or  $|\lambda_2| = 1$ .

The Jacobian matrix for equilibrium point  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  is:

$$H_{E_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \mu r_1 & -b \\ 0 & 1 + \mu(r_2 + ab) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2.3)$$

Then,  $\lambda_1 = 1 - \mu r_1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 + \mu(r_2 + ab)$ . Thus, the following propositions hold.

**Lemma 2.2.** The eigenvalues at the boundary equilibrium point  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  are  $\lambda_1 = 1 - \mu r_1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 + \mu(r_2 + ab)$ , then

- (i)  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  is a saddle, if  $0 < \mu < \frac{2}{r_1}$ ;

- (ii)  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  is non-hyperbolic, if  $\mu = \frac{2}{r_1}$ ;  
 (iii)  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  is a source, if  $\mu > \frac{2}{r_1}$ .

**Proof.** According to (2.3), the two eigenvalues of system (1.1) at the boundary equilibrium point are  $\lambda_1 = 1 - \mu r_1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 + \mu(r_2 + ab)$ . Since  $r_1, r_1, a$  and  $b$  are greater than zero, then  $|\lambda_2| > 1$ . Thus from Definition 2.1, when  $|\lambda_1| < 1$ , then  $0 < \mu < \frac{2}{r_1}$ . Thus,  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  is a saddle. Similarly, when  $|\lambda_1| > 1$ , then  $\mu > \frac{2}{r_1}$ , and  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  is a source. When  $\lambda_1 = -1$ , then  $\mu = \frac{2}{r_1}$ , and  $E_1 = (\frac{r_1 K_1}{r_1 + \varepsilon_1 K_1}, 0)$  is non-hyperbolic. This completes the proof.  $\square$

The Jacobian matrix for  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$  is:

$$H_{E_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \mu(b - r_1) & 0 \\ ab & 1 - \mu r_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2.4)$$

Then,  $\lambda_1 = 1 - \mu(b - r_1), \lambda_2 = 1 - \mu r_2$ . Thus, the following results hold.

**Lemma 2.3.** *The eigenvalues of  $H_{E_2}$  are  $\lambda_1 = 1 - \mu(b - r_1)$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \mu r_2$ , then*

- (i)  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$  is sink if  $b - r_1 > 0$  and  $0 < \mu < \min\left\{\frac{2}{r_2}, \frac{2}{b - r_1}\right\}$ ;  
 (ii)  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$  is a source if  $b - r_1 > 0$  and  $\mu > \max\left\{\frac{2}{r_2}, \frac{2}{b - r_1}\right\}$ ;  
 (iii)  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$  is non-hyperbolic if  $\mu = \frac{2}{r_2}$  or  $\mu = \frac{2}{b - r_1}$  and  $b - r_1 > 0$ ;  
 (iv)  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$  is a saddle for all possible values of parameters except those values which lies in (i) to (iii).

**Proof.** (i) According to (2.4), the two eigenvalues of system (1.1) at the boundary equilibrium point  $E_2$  are  $\lambda_1 = 1 - \mu(b - r_1)$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1 - \mu r_2$ .  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$  is sink if and only if  $|\lambda_1| < 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| < 1$ . When  $|\lambda_1| < 1$ , then  $0 < \mu < \frac{2}{b - r_1}$ , where  $b - r_1 > 0$ . When  $|\lambda_2| < 1$ , then  $0 < \mu < \frac{2}{r_2}$ . In conclusion,  $E_2 = (0, \frac{r_2 K_2}{r_2 + \varepsilon_2 K_2})$  is sink if  $b - r_1 > 0$  and  $0 < \mu < \min\left\{\frac{2}{r_2}, \frac{2}{b - r_1}\right\}$ . The same can be proved for (ii), (iii) and (iv). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** ([11]). *Suppose that  $F(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + M\lambda + N$ , and  $F(1) > 0$ ,  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are roots of  $F(\lambda) = 0$ . Then the following results hold true:*

- (i)  $|\lambda_1| < 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| < 1$  if and only if  $F(-1) > 0$  and  $N < 1$ ;  
 (ii)  $|\lambda_1| < 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| > 1$  ( or  $|\lambda_1| > 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| < 1$ ) if and only if  $F(-1) < 0$ ;  
 (iii)  $|\lambda_1| > 1$  and  $|\lambda_2| > 1$  if and only if  $F(-1) > 0$  and  $N > 1$ ;  
 (iv)  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $|\lambda_2| \neq 1$  if and only if  $F(-1) = 0$  and  $N \neq 0, 2$ ;  
 (v)  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are complex and  $|\lambda_1| = |\lambda_2| = 1$  if and only if  $M^2 - 4N < 0$  and  $N = 1$ .

By performing calculations, the characteristic equation for system (1.1) can be obtained at the point  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$ .

$$\lambda^2 + m(u^*, v^*)\lambda + z(u^*, v^*) = 0, \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m(u^*, v^*) &= -2 - B\mu, \\ z(u^*, v^*) &= A\mu^2 + B\mu + 1, \\ B &= r_1 - \frac{2r_1u^*}{K_1} - \frac{bv^{*2}}{(u^*+v^*)^2} - 2\varepsilon_1u^* + r_2 - \frac{2r_2v^*}{K_2} + \frac{abu^{*2}}{(u^*+v^*)^2} - 2\varepsilon_2v^*, \\ A &= \left[ r_1 - \frac{2r_1u^*}{K_1} - \frac{bv^{*2}}{(u^*+v^*)^2} - 2\varepsilon_1u^* \right] \left[ r_2 - \frac{2r_2v^*}{K_2} + \frac{abu^{*2}}{(u^*+v^*)^2} - 2\varepsilon_2v^* \right] + \frac{ab^2u^{*2}v^{*2}}{(u^*+v^*)^4}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$F_{E_3}(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - (2 + B\mu)\lambda + (A\mu^2 + B\mu + 1).$$

And

$$F(1) = A\mu^2, \quad F(-1) = 4 + 2B\mu + A\mu^2.$$

Using Lemma 2.4, we have the following results:

**Lemma 2.5.** *System (1.1) has the following propositions at  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$ .*

(i)  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$  is a sink if one of the following conditions is true:

- (1)  $B^2 - 4A \geq 0$  and  $0 < \mu < \frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4A}}{A}$ ,
- (2)  $B^2 - 4A < 0$  and  $0 < \mu < \frac{-B}{A}$ .

(ii)  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$  is a source if one of the following conditions is true:

- (1)  $B^2 - 4A \geq 0$  and  $\mu > \frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4A}}{A}$ ,
- (2)  $B^2 - 4A < 0$  and  $\mu > \frac{-B}{A}$ .

(iii)  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$  is non-hyperbolic if one of the following conditions is true:

- (1)  $B^2 - 4A \geq 0$  and  $\mu = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4A}}{A}$ ,
- (2)  $B^2 - 4A < 0$  and  $\mu = \frac{-B}{A}$ .

(iv)  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$  is a saddle for all possible values of parameters except those values which lies in (i) to (iii).

**Proof.** (i) According to Lemma 2.4,  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$  is a sink point if and only if  $F(1) > 0$ ,  $F(-1) > 0$  and  $N < 1$ . It can be obtained by calculation when  $B^2 - 4A \geq 0$ , then  $0 < \mu < \frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4A}}{A}$ ; when  $B^2 - 4A < 0$ , then  $0 < \mu < \frac{-B}{A}$ . Therefore, Lemma 2.5 (i) holds. Similarly, Lemma 2.5 (ii), (iii) and (iv) can be established.  $\square$

By the above analysis, we can obtain that when the parameters vary on sets  $F_{E'_3}$  and  $F_{E''_3}$ , system (1.1) will have a flip bifurcation at  $E_3(u^*, v^*)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} F_{E'_3} &= \left\{ (r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}_+^9 : \mu = \frac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4A}}{A}, B^2 - 4A \geq 0 \right\}, \\ F_{E''_3} &= \left\{ (r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}_+^9 : \mu = \frac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4A}}{A}, B^2 - 4A \geq 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

When the parameters alter in set  $F_{E_3}$ , system (1.1) will have a Neimark-Sacker bifurcation at  $E_3$ , where

$$F_{E_3} = \left\{ (r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}_+^9 : \mu = -\frac{B}{A}, B^2 - 4A < 0 \right\}.$$

### 3. Bifurcation phenomenon

#### 3.1. Flip bifurcation

Consider the following system

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1} = u_n + \mu_1[r_1 u_n(1 - \frac{u_n}{K_1}) - \frac{bu_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_1 u_n^2], \\ v_{n+1} = v_n + \mu_1[r_2 v_n(1 - \frac{v_n}{K_2}) + \frac{abu_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_2 v_n^2]. \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

The eigenvalues of  $E_3$  are  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 3 + B\mu_1$  with  $|\lambda_2| \neq 1$  by Lemma 2.5.

Consider a perturbation corresponding to system (3.1) as follows:

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1} = u_n + (\mu_1 + \mu^*)[r_1 u_n(1 - \frac{u_n}{K_1}) - \frac{bu_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_1 u_n^2], \\ v_{n+1} = v_n + (\mu_1 + \mu^*)[r_2 v_n(1 - \frac{v_n}{K_2}) + \frac{abu_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_2 v_n^2], \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\mu^*$  is a small perturbation parameter and  $|\mu^*| \ll 1$ .

Let  $p = u - u^*$  and  $q = v - v^*$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{n+1} \\ q_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{11}p_n + T_{12}q_n + T_{13}p_n^2 + T_{14}p_n q_n + T_{15}q_n^2 + S_{11}\mu^*p_n + S_{12}\mu^*q_n \\ \quad + S_{13}\mu^*p_n^2 + S_{14}\mu^*p_n q_n + S_{15}\mu^*q_n^2 + O((|p_n|, |q_n|, |\mu^*|)^4) \\ T_{21}p_n + T_{22}q_n + T_{23}p_n^2 + T_{24}p_n q_n + T_{25}q_n^2 + S_{21}\mu^*p_n + S_{22}\mu^*q_n \\ \quad + S_{23}\mu^*p_n^2 + S_{24}\mu^*p_n q_n + S_{25}\mu^*q_n^2 + O((|p_n|, |q_n|, |\mu^*|)^4) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_{11} &= 1 + \mu_1[-\frac{r_1}{K_1}u^* + \frac{bu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^2} - \varepsilon_1 u^*], & T_{12} &= -\frac{\mu_1 bu^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^2}, \\ T_{13} &= \mu_1[-\frac{r_1}{K_1} + \frac{bv^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^3} - \varepsilon_1], & T_{14} &= -\frac{2\mu_1 bu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, & T_{15} &= \frac{\mu_1 bu^*}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, \\ S_{11} &= -\frac{r_1}{K_1}u^* + \frac{bu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^2} - \varepsilon_1 u^*, & S_{12} &= -\frac{bu^*}{u^* + v^*}, \\ S_{13} &= -\frac{r_1}{K_1} + \frac{bv^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^3} - \varepsilon_1, & S_{14} &= -\frac{2bu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, & S_{15} &= \frac{bu^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, \\ T_{21} &= \frac{\mu_1 abv^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^2}, & T_{22} &= 1 + \mu_1(-\frac{r_2 v^*}{K_2} - \frac{abu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^2} - \varepsilon_2 v^*), \\ T_{23} &= -\frac{\mu_1 abv^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, & T_{24} &= \frac{2\mu_1 abu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, & T_{25} &= \mu_1(-\frac{r_2}{K_2} - \frac{abu^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^3} - \varepsilon_2), \\ S_{21} &= \frac{abv^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^2}, & S_{22} &= -\frac{r_2 v^*}{K_2} - \frac{abu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^2} - \varepsilon_2 v^*, & S_{23} &= -\frac{abv^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, \\ S_{24} &= \frac{2abu^*v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^3}, & S_{25} &= -\frac{r_2}{K_2} - \frac{abu^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^3} - \varepsilon_2. \end{aligned}$$

Construct a nonsingular matrix  $D_1$  and use the following translation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} = D_1 \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$D_1 = \begin{pmatrix} T_{12} & T_{12} \\ -1 - T_{11} & \lambda_2 - T_{11} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Taking  $D_1^{-1}$  on both sides of system (3.3), we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} f(p, q, \mu^*) \\ g(p, q, \mu^*) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f(p, q, \mu^*) &= \frac{[T_{13}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{23}]p^2}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} + \frac{[T_{14}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{24}]pq}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{[T_{15}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}]q^2}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} + \frac{[S_{11}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{21}]\mu^*p}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{[S_{12}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{22}]\mu^*q}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} + \frac{[S_{13}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{23}]\mu^*p^2}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{[S_{14}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{24}]\mu^*pq}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} + \frac{[S_{15}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{25}]\mu^*q^2}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)} \\ &+ O((|p|, |q|, |\mu^*|)^4), \\ g(p, q, \mu^*) &= \frac{[T_{13}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}T_{23}]p^2}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} + \frac{[T_{14}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}T_{24}]pq}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} \\ &+ \frac{[T_{15}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}T_{25}]q^2}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} + \frac{[S_{11}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}S_{21}]\mu^*p}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} \\ &+ \frac{[S_{12}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}S_{22}]\mu^*q}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} + \frac{[S_{13}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}S_{23}]\mu^*p^2}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} \\ &+ \frac{[S_{14}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}S_{24}]\mu^*pq}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} + \frac{[S_{15}(1 + T_{11}) + T_{12}S_{25}]\mu^*q^2}{T_{12}(1 + \lambda_2)} \\ &+ O((|p|, |q|, |\mu^*|)^4), \\ p &= T_{12}(\tilde{u} + \tilde{v}), \quad q = (\lambda_2 - T_{11})\tilde{v} - (1 + T_{11})\tilde{u}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the center manifold theorem related to system (3.4) at equilibrium point  $(0, 0)$  in a limited region of  $\mu^* = 0$ . Then there exists a center manifold  $W^c(0)$  as follows:

$$W^c(0) = \{(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \mu^*) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \tilde{v}(\tilde{u}, \mu^*) = T_0\mu^* + T_1\tilde{u}^2 + T_2\tilde{u}\mu^* + T_3\mu^{*2} + O(|\tilde{u}| + |\mu^*|)^3\},$$

and it satisfies

$$H(\tilde{v}(\tilde{u}, \mu^*)) = \tilde{v}(-\tilde{u} + f(p, \tilde{v}(\tilde{u}, \mu^*))) - \lambda_2\tilde{v}(\tilde{u}, \mu^*) - g(p, \tilde{v}(\tilde{u}, \mu^*), \mu^*) = 0,$$

and there exists

$$\begin{aligned}
T_0 &= 0, \\
T_1 &= \frac{[T_{13}(1+T_{11}) + T_{12}T_{23}]T_{12} - [T_{14}(1+T_{11}) + T_{12}T_{24}](1+T_{11})}{1-\lambda_2^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{[T_{15}(1+T_{11})T_{12}T_{25}](1+T_{11})^2}{(1-\lambda_2^2)T_{12}}, \\
T_2 &= \frac{-[S_{11}(1+T_{11}) + T_{12}S_{21}]T_{12} + [S_{12}(1+T_{11}) + T_{12}S_{22}](1+T_{11})}{T_{12}(1+\lambda_2)^2}, \\
T_3 &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we consider the map restricted to the center manifold  $W^c(0)$  as follows:

$$f : \tilde{u} \rightarrow -\tilde{u} + t_1\tilde{u}^2 + t_2\tilde{u}\mu^* + t_3\tilde{u}^2\mu^* + t_4\tilde{u}\mu^{*2} + t_5\tilde{u}^3 + O((|\tilde{u}| + |\mu^*|)^4),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
t_1 &= \frac{[T_{13}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{23}]T_{12}}{1+\lambda_2} - \frac{[T_{14}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{24}](1+T_{11})}{1+\lambda_2} \\
&\quad + \frac{[T_{15}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}](1+T_{11})^2}{T_{12}(1+\lambda_2)}, \\
t_2 &= \frac{[S_{11}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{21}]}{1+\lambda_2} - \frac{[S_{12}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{22}](1+T_{11})}{T_{12}(1+\lambda_2)}, \\
t_3 &= \frac{[T_{13}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{23}]2T_2T_{12}}{1+\lambda_2} + \frac{[T_{14}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{24}](\lambda_2 - 2T_{11} - 1)T_2}{1+\lambda_2} \\
&\quad - \frac{2[T_{15}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}](1+T_{11})(\lambda_2 - T_{11})T_2}{1+\lambda_2} + \frac{[S_{11}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{21}]T_1}{1+\lambda_2} \\
&\quad + \frac{[S_{12}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{22}](\lambda_2 - T_{11})T_1}{T_{12}(1+\lambda_2)} + \frac{[S_{13}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{23}]T_{12}}{1+\lambda_2} \\
&\quad - \frac{[S_{14}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{24}](1+T_{11})}{1+\lambda_2} + \frac{[S_{15}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{25}](1+T_{11})^2}{(1+\lambda_2)T_{12}}, \\
t_4 &= \frac{[S_{11}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{21}]T_2}{1+\lambda_2} + \frac{[S_{12}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}S_{22}](\lambda_2 - T_{11})T_2}{T_{12}(\lambda_2 + 1)}, \\
t_5 &= \frac{[T_{13}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{23}]2T_{12}T_1}{1+\lambda_2} + \frac{[T_{14}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{24}](\lambda_2 - 2T_{11} - 1)T_1}{\lambda_2 + 1} \\
&\quad - \frac{2[T_{15}(\lambda_2 - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}](1+T_{11})(\lambda_2 - T_{11})T_1}{(1+\lambda_2)T_{12}}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the flip bifurcation we define the following two nonzero real numbers  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$ , where

$$\delta_1 = \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tilde{u} \partial \mu^*} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu^*} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tilde{u}^2} \right) \Big|_{(0,0)} = t_2, \quad \delta_2 = \left( \frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial \tilde{u}^3} + \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tilde{u}^2} \right)^2 \right) \Big|_{(0,0)} = t_1^2 + t_5.$$

From the above analysis, we get the following theorem:



**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $\delta_1 \neq 0, \delta_2 \neq 0$ , then system (1.1) passes through a flip bifurcation at the interior equilibrium point  $E_3$  when the parameter  $\mu^*$  alters in the small region of the point  $(0,0)$ . In addition, if  $\delta_2 > 0$  (resp.,  $\delta_2 < 0$ ), then the period-two orbits that bifurcate from equilibrium point  $E_3$  are stable (resp., unstable).*

### 3.2. Neimark-Sacker bifurcation

Consider a perturbation related to system (1.1) as follows:

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1} = u_n + (\mu_2 + \mu)[r_1 u_n(1 - \frac{u_n}{K_1}) - \frac{b u_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_1 u_n^2], \\ v_{n+1} = v_n + (\mu_2 + \mu)[r_2 v_n(1 - \frac{v_n}{K_2}) + \frac{a b u_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_2 v_n^2], \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

where  $\mu$  is a limited perturbation parameter and  $|\mu| \ll 1$ .

The characteristic equation of system (3.5) at  $E_3$  is as follows:

$$\lambda^2 + m(\mu)\lambda + z(\mu) = 0,$$

where

$$m(\mu) = -2 - B(\mu + \mu_2), \quad z(\mu) = A(\mu + \mu_2)^2 + B(\mu + \mu_2) + 1.$$

Since parameters  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \mu_2) \in F_{E_3}$ , the characteristic values of system (3.5) at the interior equilibrium point  $E_3$  are a pair of complex conjugate numbers  $\lambda$  and  $\bar{\lambda}$  as follows.

$$\lambda, \bar{\lambda} = \frac{-m(\mu) \pm i\sqrt{4z(\mu) - m^2(\mu)}}{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda, \bar{\lambda} = 1 + \frac{B(\mu_2 + \mu)}{2} \pm \frac{i(\mu_2 + \mu)\sqrt{4A - B^2}}{2},$$

and there exist

$$|\lambda| = |\bar{\lambda}| = z(\mu)^{1/2}, \quad \left. \frac{d|\lambda|}{d\mu} \right|_{\mu=0} = \left. \frac{d|\bar{\lambda}|}{d\mu} \right|_{\mu=0} = -\frac{B}{2} > 0.$$

When  $\mu$  changes in a small region of  $\mu = 0$ , then  $\lambda, \bar{\lambda} = c \pm id$ , where

$$c = 1 + \frac{\mu_2 B}{2}, \quad d = \frac{\mu_2 \sqrt{4A - B^2}}{2}.$$

Furthermore, the Neimark-Sacker bifurcation requires that  $\mu = 0, \lambda^r, \bar{\lambda}^r \neq 1$  ( $r=1, 2, 3, 4$ ) which is equivalent to  $m(0) \neq -2, 0, 1, 2$ . Because parameter  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \mu_2) \in F_{E_3}$ , consequently  $m(0) \neq -2, 2$ . We only require  $m(0) \neq 0, 1$ , so that

$$B^2 \neq 2A, 3A. \quad (3.6)$$

Let  $p = u - u^*$  and  $q = v - v^*$ . After the transformation of the interior equilibrium point  $E_3$  of system (3.6) to the origin, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{n+1} \\ q_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{11}p_n + T_{12}q_n + T_{13}p_n^2 + T_{14}p_nq_n + T_{15}q_n^2 + O((|p_n|, |q_n|)^3) \\ T_{21}p_n + T_{22}q_n + T_{23}p_n^2 + T_{24}p_nq_n + T_{25}q_n^2 + O((|p_n|, |q_n|)^3) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.7)$$

where  $T_{ij}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 1 \leq j \leq 5$ ) are given in (3.3) by substituting  $\mu_2$  for  $\mu_2 + \mu$ .

Consider the translation as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix} = D_2 \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$D_2 = \begin{pmatrix} T_{12} & 0 \\ c - T_{11} & -d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Taking  $D_2^{-1}$  on both sides of system (3.7), we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c - d \\ d & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{f}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) \\ \tilde{g}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) &= \frac{T_{13}p^2}{T_{12}} + \frac{T_{14}pq}{T_{12}} + \frac{T_{15}q^2}{T_{12}} + O((|p|, |q|)^3), \\ \tilde{g}(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) &= \frac{[T_{13}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{23}]p^2}{T_{12}d} + \frac{[T_{14}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{24}]pq}{T_{12}d} \\ &\quad + \frac{[T_{15}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}]q^2}{T_{12}d} + O((|p|, |q|)^3), \\ p &= T_{12}\tilde{u}, \quad q = (c - T_{11})\tilde{u} - d\tilde{v}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}} &= 2T_{12}T_{13} + 2T_{14}(c - T_{11}) + \frac{2T_{15}(c - T_{11})^2}{T_{12}}, \quad \tilde{f}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{v}} = -T_{14}d - \frac{2T_{15}(c - T_{11})d}{T_{12}}, \\ \tilde{f}_{\tilde{v}\tilde{v}} &= \frac{2T_{15}d^2}{T_{12}}, \quad \tilde{f}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}\tilde{u}} = \tilde{f}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}\tilde{v}} = \tilde{f}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{v}\tilde{v}} = \tilde{f}_{\tilde{v}\tilde{v}\tilde{v}} = 0, \\ \tilde{g}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}} &= \frac{2[T_{13}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{23}]T_{12}}{d} + \frac{2[T_{14}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{24}](c - T_{11})}{d} \\ &\quad + \frac{2[T_{15}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}](c - T_{11})^2}{T_{12}d}, \\ \tilde{g}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{v}} &= -\frac{[T_{15}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}]}{T_{12}}, \quad \tilde{g}_{\tilde{v}\tilde{v}} = -\frac{2[T_{15}(c - T_{11}) - T_{12}T_{25}]d}{T_{12}}, \\ \tilde{g}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}\tilde{u}} &= 0, \quad \tilde{g}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}\tilde{v}} = 0, \quad \tilde{g}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{v}\tilde{v}} = 0, \quad \tilde{g}_{\tilde{v}\tilde{v}\tilde{v}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The Neimark-Sacker bifurcation occurs in system (1.1) if the following quantity  $\Lambda$  is not zero

$$\Lambda = -\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{(1 - 2\bar{\lambda})\bar{\lambda}^2}{1 - \lambda} \Upsilon_{11} \Upsilon_{20} \right] - \frac{1}{2} |\Upsilon_{11}|^2 - |\Upsilon_{02}|^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\bar{\lambda} \Upsilon_{21}), \quad (3.8)$$

where

$$\Upsilon_{11} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ (\tilde{f}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}} + \tilde{f}_{\tilde{v}\tilde{v}}) + i(\tilde{g}_{\tilde{u}\tilde{u}} + \tilde{g}_{\tilde{v}\tilde{v}}) \right],$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Upsilon_{20} &= \frac{1}{8} \left[ (\tilde{f}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}} - \tilde{f}_{\bar{v}\bar{v}} + 2\tilde{g}_{\bar{u}\bar{v}}) + i(\tilde{g}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}} - \tilde{g}_{\bar{v}\bar{v}} - 2\tilde{f}_{\bar{u}\bar{v}}) \right], \\
\Upsilon_{02} &= \frac{1}{8} \left[ (\tilde{f}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}} - \tilde{f}_{\bar{v}\bar{v}} - 2\tilde{g}_{\bar{u}\bar{v}}) + i(\tilde{g}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}} - \tilde{g}_{\bar{v}\bar{v}} + 2\tilde{f}_{\bar{u}\bar{v}}) \right], \\
\Upsilon_{21} &= \frac{1}{16} \left[ (\tilde{f}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{u}} + \tilde{f}_{\bar{u}\bar{v}\bar{v}} + \tilde{g}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{v}} + \tilde{g}_{\bar{v}\bar{v}\bar{v}}) + i(\tilde{g}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{u}} + \tilde{g}_{\bar{u}\bar{v}\bar{v}} - \tilde{f}_{\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{v}} - \tilde{f}_{\bar{v}\bar{v}\bar{v}}) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If  $\Lambda \neq 0$ , Neimark-Sacker bifurcation will occur in system (1.1), and the following theorem holds:

**Theorem 3.2.** *If the condition (3.6) holds,  $\Lambda \neq 0$ , then system (1.1) goes through a Neimark-Sacker bifurcation at  $E_3$  when the parameter  $\mu$  alters in the small region of the point  $(0,0)$ . In addition, if  $\Lambda > 0$  (resp.,  $\Lambda < 0$ ), then a repelling (resp., attracting) invariant closed curve bifurcates from equilibrium point  $E_3$  for  $\mu < 0$  (resp.,  $\mu > 0$ ).*

## 4. Chaos control

In this section, we will utilize the feedback control method [27–29] to stabilize the chaotic orbit at an unstable equilibrium point. This will be achieved by adding a feedback control term to system (1.1), which will result in system (1.1) taking the following form:

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+1} = u_n + \mu[r_1 u_n(1 - \frac{u_n}{K_1}) - \frac{b u_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_1 u_n^2] - x(u_n, v_n) = f(u_n, v_n), \\ v_{n+1} = v_n + \mu[r_2 v_n(1 - \frac{v_n}{K_2}) + \frac{a b u_n v_n}{u_n + v_n} - \varepsilon_2 v_n^2] = g(u_n, v_n), \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

where  $x(u_n, v_n) = h_1(u_n - u^*) + h_2(v_n - v^*)$  is the feedback controlling force,  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are feedback gains, and  $(u^*, v^*)$  the unique interior equilibrium point of system (1.1). Furthermore,  $f(u^*, v^*) = u^*$ , and  $g(u^*, v^*) = v^*$ .

The Jacobian matrix corresponding to system (4.1) at  $(u^*, v^*)$  is as follows:

$$J(u^*, v^*) = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} - h_1 & T_{12} - h_2 \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{11} &= 1 + \mu[-\frac{r_1}{K_1} u^* + \frac{b u^* v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^2} - \varepsilon_1 u^*], & T_{12} &= -\frac{\mu u^{*2}}{u^* + v^*}, \\
T_{21} &= \frac{\mu a b v^{*2}}{(u^* + v^*)^2}, & T_{22} &= 1 + \mu(-\frac{r_2 v^*}{K_2} - \frac{a b u^* v^*}{(u^* + v^*)^2} - \varepsilon_2 v^*).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the characteristic equation related to  $J(u^*, v^*)$  is:

$$\lambda^2 - (T_{11} + T_{22} - h_1)\lambda + (T_{11} - h_1)T_{22} - (T_{12} - h_2)T_{21} = 0. \quad (4.2)$$

Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be the eigenvalues of characteristic equation (4.2). Then

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = T_{11} + T_{22} - h_1, \quad \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = (T_{11} - h_1)T_{22} - (T_{12} - h_2)T_{21}. \quad (4.3)$$

Next, we must solve equations  $\lambda_1 = \pm 1$  and  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 1$  to gain the critical stability line. At the same time, it also ensures that the absolute value  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are less than one.

Suppose that  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 1$ . Then we gain

$$L_1 : T_{11}T_{22} - T_{12}T_{21} - 1 = T_{22}h_1 - T_{21}h_2.$$

Assume that  $\lambda_1 = 1$ . Then we have

$$L_2 : T_{11} + T_{22} - T_{11}T_{22} + T_{12}T_{21} - 1 = (1 - T_{22})h_1 + T_{21}h_2.$$

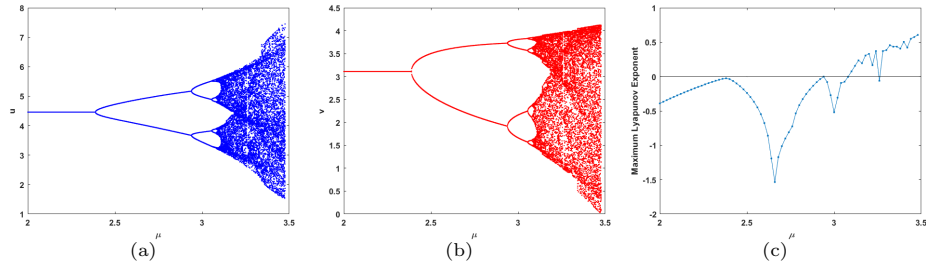
Assume that  $\lambda_1 = -1$ . Then we obtain

$$L_3 : T_{11} + T_{22} + T_{11}T_{22} - T_{12}T_{21} + 1 = (1 + T_{22})h_1 - T_{21}h_2.$$

Thus, the stable eigenvalues lie within the triangular region with the boundaries of the straight lines  $L_1, L_2, L_3$ . In addition, when the control parameters  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  take values in the triangular region, system (4.1) will not generate chaos.

## 5. Numerical simulations

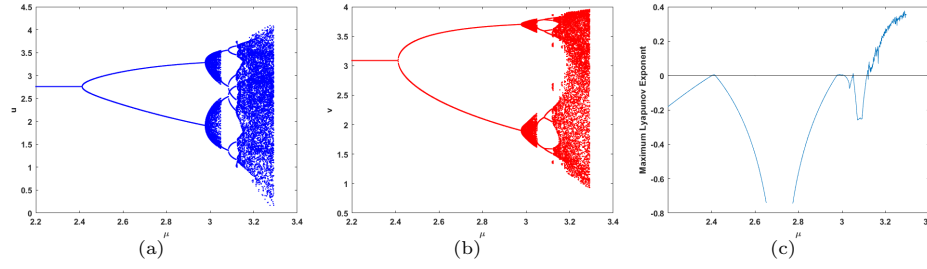
In this section, we draw the bifurcation diagrams, phase portraits, solution of the figures and maximum Lyapunov exponents for system (1.1) to verify the above theoretical analysis.



**Figure 1.** (a,b) Bifurcation diagram corresponding to system (1.1) with  $\mu \in [2, 3.5]$ ,  $r_1 = 0.8, r_2 = 0.8, a = 0.1, b = 0.5, K_1 = 6, K_2 = 3, \varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 0$ , and the initial value is  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$ . (c) Maximum Lyapunov exponents corresponding to (a,b).

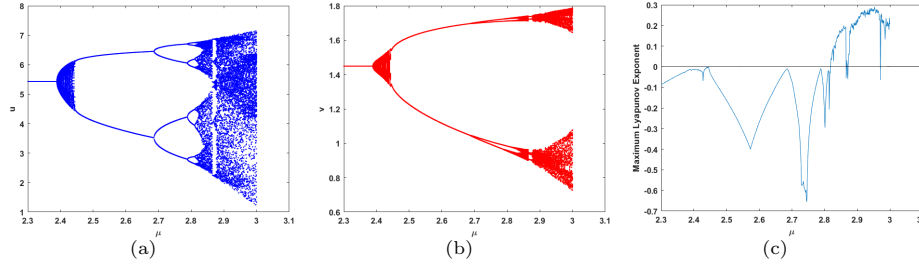
In Figure 1, we consider that the competitive rates of prey and predator  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 0$  and take  $\mu$  as the bifurcation parameter to analyze the dynamic behavior of system (1.1) at the interior equilibrium point. Take the parameter values as  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, c, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (0.8, 0.8, 0.1, 0.5, 6, 3, 0, 0) \in F_{E'_3}$  with the initial value of  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$  and  $\mu \in [2, 3.5]$ . Flip bifurcation appears from the critical value point  $(4.45905, 3.11045)$  at  $\mu = 2.3880$ , and it is stable when  $\mu < 2.3880$ , and when  $\mu > 2.3880$ , system (1.1) oscillates with periods of  $2, 2^2, 2^3, \dots$ . It can be acquired from Figure 1(c) that chaos will happen in system (1.1) as the bifurcation parameter  $\mu$  continues to increase.

In Figure 2, we will consider that the competitive rates of prey and predator  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.1, \varepsilon_2 = 0$ , respectively. Take  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (1, 0.8, 0.1, 0.5, 6, 3, 0.1, 0) \in F_{E'_3}$  with the initial value of  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$  and  $\mu \in [2.2, 3.4]$ . Flip bifurcation



**Figure 2.** (a,b) Bifurcation diagram corresponding to system (1.1) with  $\mu \in [2.2, 3.4]$ ,  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = 0.8, a = 0.1, b = 0.5, K_1 = 6, K_2 = 3, \varepsilon_1 = 0.1, \varepsilon_2 = 0$ , and the initial value is  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$ . (c) Maximum Lyapunov exponents related to (a,b).

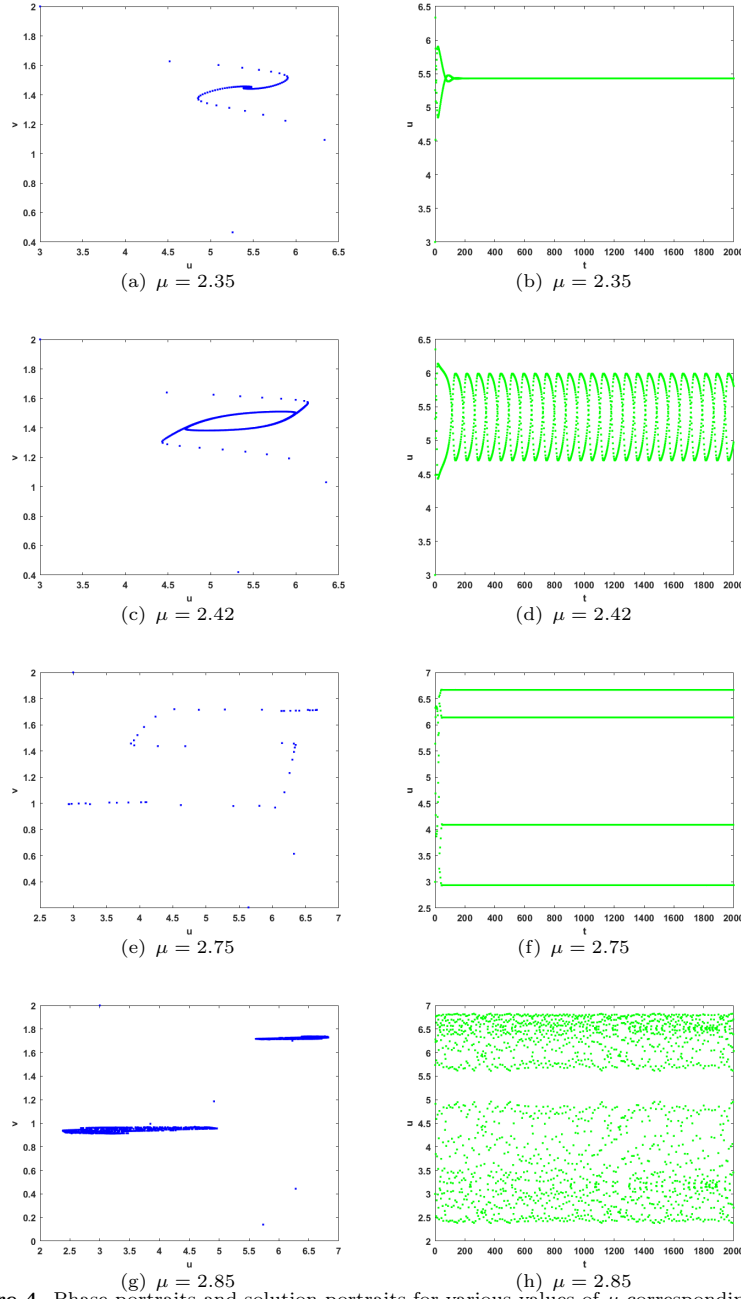
appears from the critical value point  $(2.75981, 3.088)$  at  $\mu = 2.412$ , and it is stable when  $\mu < 2.412$  and when  $\mu > 2.412$ , system (1.1) oscillates with periods-two orbits. It can be known from Figure 2(a-c) that the bifurcation at the interior equilibrium point also changes from flip bifurcation to Neimark-Sacker bifurcation and chaos will occur in system (1.1) as the bifurcation parameter  $\mu$  continues to increase. At the same time, if only the prey is properly competed, it's population density decreases, and the predator population density decreases.



**Figure 3.** (a,b) Bifurcation diagram of system (1.1) with  $\mu \in [2.3, 3.1]$ ,  $r_1 = 1, r_2 = 0.8, a = 0.1, b = 0.45, K_1 = 6, K_2 = 3, \varepsilon_1 = 0, \varepsilon_2 = 0.31$ , and the initial value is  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$ . (c) Maximum Lyapunov exponents related to (a,b).

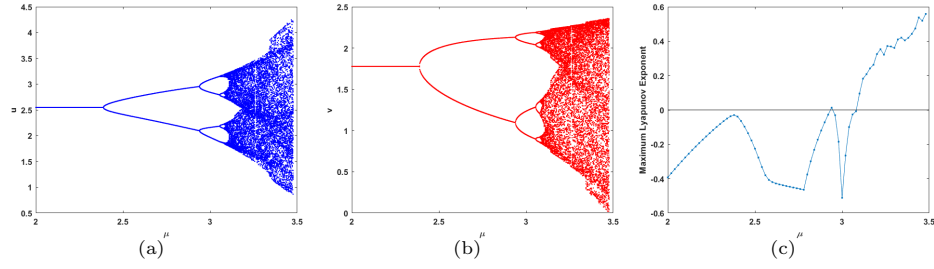
In Figure 3, we consider that the competitive rates of prey and predator  $\varepsilon_1 = 0, \varepsilon_2 = 0.31$ , respectively. Take  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (1, 0.8, 0.1, 0.45, 6, 3, 0, 0.31) \in F_{E'_3}$  with the initial value of  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$  and  $\mu \in [2.3, 3.1]$ . Neimark-Sacker bifurcation appears from the critical value point  $(5.43, 1.45)$  at  $\mu = 2.388$ , and it is stable when  $\mu < 2.388$  and when  $\mu > 2.388$ , system (1.1) will change from a Neimark-Sacker bifurcation to a flip bifurcation and finally a chaos phenomenon will occur as the bifurcation parameter  $\mu$  continues to increase. At the same time, if only the predator is properly competed, it's population density decreases, and the prey population density increases.

In Figure 5, we consider that the competitive effect of prey and predator  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.1, \varepsilon_2 = 0.2$ , respectively. Take  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (0.8, 0.8, 0.1, 0.5, 6, 3, 0.1, 0.2) \in F_{E'_3}$  with the initial value of  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$  and  $\mu \in [2, 3.5]$ . Flip bifurcation appears from the critical value point  $(2.54803, 1.7774)$  at  $\mu = 2.3880$ , and it is stable when  $\mu < 2.3880$  and when  $\mu > 2.3880$ , system (1.1) oscillates with

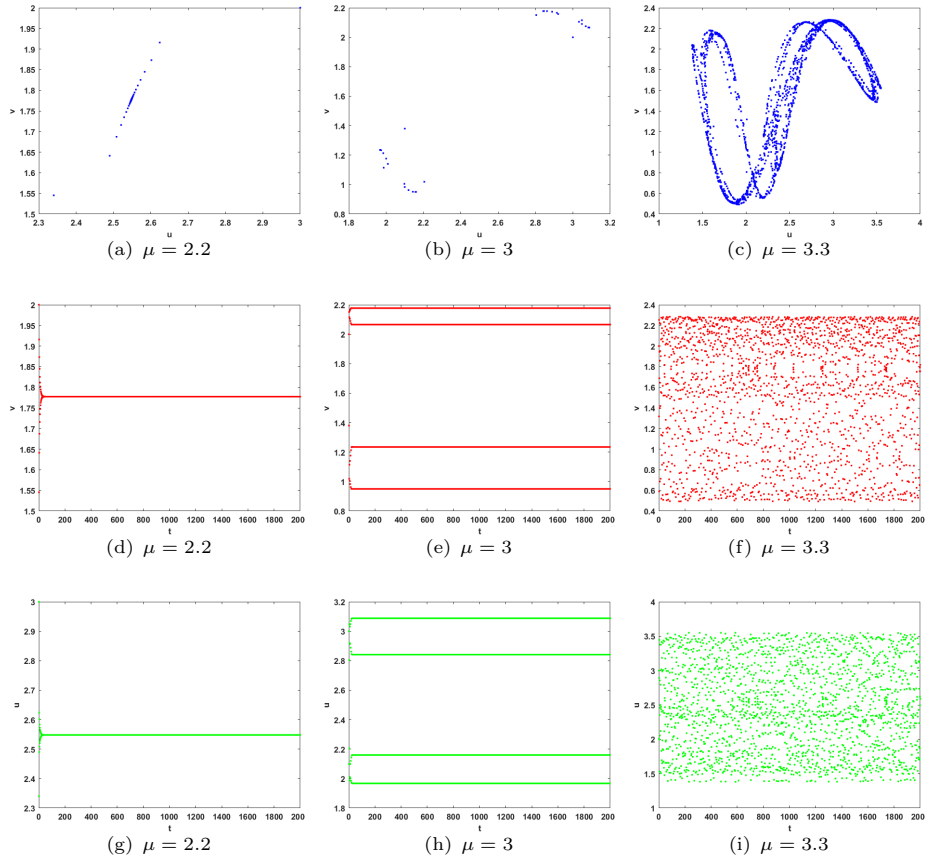


**Figure 4.** Phase portraits and solution portraits for various values of  $\mu$  corresponding to Fig. 3.

periods of  $2, 2^2, 2^3, \dots$ . It can be known from Figure 6(c) that chaos will occur in system (1.1) as the bifurcation parameter  $\mu$  continues to increase. At the same time, when  $\varepsilon_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\varepsilon_2 = 0.2$ , system (1.1) will occur not only flip bifurcation and chaos, but also the equilibrium point be lowered, and the prey and the predator population density decreases.



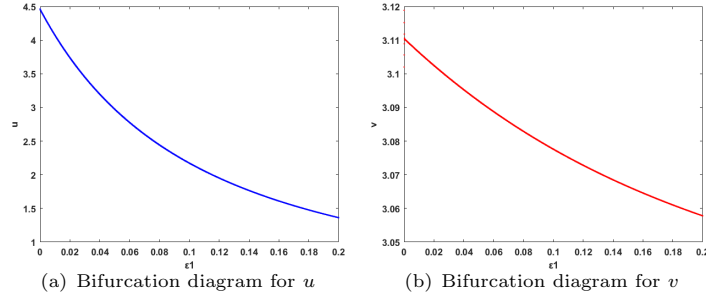
**Figure 5.** (a,b) Bifurcation diagram corresponding to system (1.1) with  $\mu \in [2, 3.5]$ ,  $r_1 = 0.8, r_2 = 0.8, a = 0.1, b = 0.5, K_1 = 6, K_2 = 3, \varepsilon_1 = 0.1, \varepsilon_2 = 0.2$ , and the initial value is  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$ . (c) Maximum Lyapunov exponents related to (a,b).



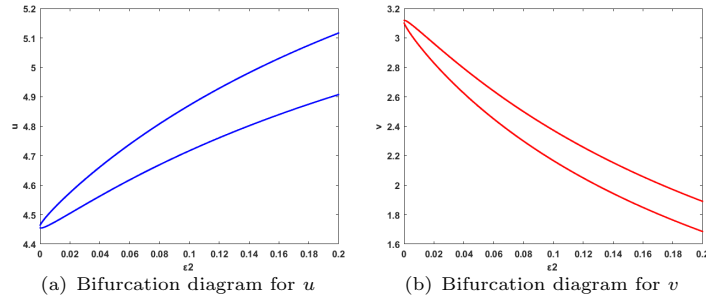
**Figure 6.** Phase portraits and solution portraits for various values of  $\mu$  corresponding to Fig. 5.

In Figure 7, when the parameter value is  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \mu, \varepsilon_2) = (0.8, 0.8, 0.1, 0.5, 6, 3, 2.3880, 0)$  with the initial value of  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$  and  $\varepsilon_1 \in [0, 0.2]$ ,  $\varepsilon_1$  is bifurcation parameter. At this time, the bifurcation phenomenon of system (1.1) will not occur. The population density of prey and predator will continue to decrease with the increasing of prey competitive effect  $\varepsilon_1$ .

In Figure 8, when the parameter value is  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \mu, \varepsilon_1) = (0.8, 0.8, 0.1,$

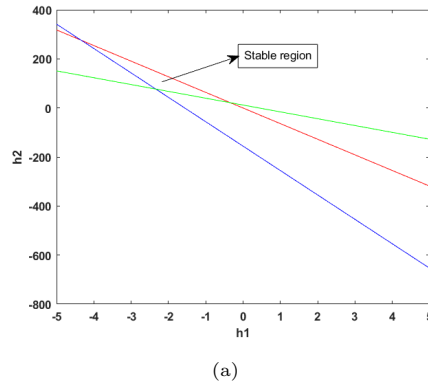


**Figure 7.** Bifurcation diagram of system (1.1) with  $\varepsilon_1 \in [0, 0.2]$ ,  $r_1 = 0.8, r_2 = 0.8, a = 0.1, b = 0.5, K_1 = 6, K_2 = 3, \varepsilon_2 = 0, \mu = 2.3880$ , and the initial value is  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$ .



**Figure 8.** Bifurcation diagram of system (1.1) with  $\varepsilon_2 \in [0, 0.2]$ ,  $r_1 = 0.8, r_2 = 0.8, a = 0.1, b = 0.5, K_1 = 6, K_2 = 3, \mu = 2.3880, \varepsilon_1 = 0$ , and the initial value is  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$ .

0.5, 6, 3, 2.388, 0) with the initial value of  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$  and  $\varepsilon_2 \in [0, 0.2]$ ,  $\varepsilon_2$  is bifurcation parameter. Figure 8 shows the occurrence of period-2 flip bifurcation in system (1.1), the bifurcation graph does not exhibit chaos as the value of parameter  $\varepsilon_2$  increases. In addition, the population density of prey and predator will increase and decrease with the increase of predator competitive effect  $\varepsilon_2$ .



**Figure 9.** The bounded region for the eigenvalues of the controlled system (4.1) in the  $(h_1, h_2)$  plane.



In Figure 9, take  $(r_1, r_2, a, b, K_1, K_2, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = (0.8, 0.8, 0.1, 0.5, 6, 3, 0.1, 0.2)$  with the initial value of  $(u_0, v_0) = (3, 2)$ . In Figure 5(c), when the bifurcation parameter  $\mu = 3.3$ , system (1.1) will produce chaos. When the  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are controlled in the triangular region surrounded by three straight lines  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_3$ , the chaos generated by system (4.1) will be controlled near the fixed point and become asymptotically stable state.

## 6. Conclusions

On the basis of previous study work, this paper studies the stability and bifurcation analysis and chaos control for a class of discrete-time dynamical system with competitive effect. According to the research results, we can have the following results:

(a) System (1.1) has two non-trivial solutions  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , in which the stable equilibrium point is positive, reflecting the stable coexistence of prey and predator.

(b) System (1.1) has flip bifurcation and Neimark-Sacker bifurcation at the positive equilibrium point when  $\mu$  changes in  $F_{E'_3}$  or  $F_{E''_3}$  and  $F_{E_3}$  small fields. It can be seen from Figures 1, 2, 3, 5. We can also find the orbits of periods 2, 4, and 8 periodic windows of flip bifurcation.

(c) When  $\varepsilon_1 = 0, \varepsilon_2 \neq 0$ , the equilibrium point of system (1.1) changes compared to Figure 1, where  $u^*$  goes up and  $v^*$  goes down. The number of predators goes down and the number of prey goes up. In addition, the bifurcation phenomenon at the positive equilibrium point also changes from flip bifurcation to Neimark-Sacker bifurcation (see Figures 1, 3).

(d) When  $\varepsilon_1 \neq 0, \varepsilon_2 = 0$ , the equilibrium point of system (1.1) changes compared to Figure 1, where  $u^*$  and  $v^*$  both go down. The numbers of predators and prey go down. In addition, the bifurcation phenomenon of system (1.1) at the positive equilibrium point does not change (see Figures 1, 2).

(e) When  $\varepsilon_1 \neq 0, \varepsilon_2 \neq 0$ , the equilibrium point of system (1.1) changes compared to Figures 1, where  $u^*$  and  $v^*$  both go down. The density of both predators and prey populations decrease. In addition, the bifurcation phenomenon of system (1.1) at the positive equilibrium point does not change (see Figures 1, 5).

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