

Mathematical Analysis of Marine Ecosystem Models

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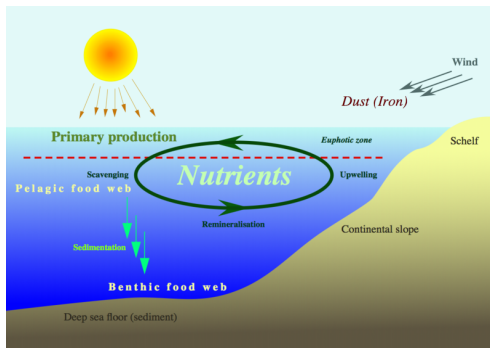
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Why ecosystem models?

- Oceans are a carbon sink
- Marine ecosystems influence concentrations of carbon, phosphorus...
- Models express processes in marine ecosystems



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Marine ecosystem model equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \partial_t y_j + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}y_j) - \operatorname{div}(\kappa \nabla y_j) + d_j(y, u) &= 0 && \text{in } Q_T \\ \nabla y_j \cdot (\kappa \eta) + b_j(y, u) &= 0 && \text{on } \Sigma \end{aligned} \right\} j = 1, \dots, s$$

with

- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n \leq 3$, open, bounded, $\Gamma := \partial\Omega$
- $Q_T := \Omega \times [0, T]$ and $\Sigma := \Gamma \times [0, T]$
- $\mathbf{v} \in L^\infty(0, T; H^1(\Omega)^n)$ with $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}(t)) = 0$ in Ω and $\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \eta = 0$ on Γ
- $\kappa \in L^\infty(Q_T)$ with $\kappa_{\min} := \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{(x,t)} \kappa(x, t) > 0$
- Reaction terms d and b with $d(0, u) = 0 = b(0, u)$
- $u \in \mathbb{R}^P$ parameter vector

Example: The PO_4 -DOP model by Parekh et al. (2006)

Two model variables $y = (y_1, y_2)$ ($s = 2$)

Domain Ω is 3-dimensional

Reaction terms differ in the upper and the lower part of Ω :

$$d_1(y, u) := \begin{cases} -\lambda y_2 + G(y_1) & \text{in } \Omega_1 \times [0, T], \\ -\lambda y_2 - (1 - \nu)E(y_1) & \text{in } \Omega_2 \times [0, T]. \end{cases}$$

$$d_2(y, u) := \begin{cases} \lambda y_2 - \nu G(y_1) & \text{in } \Omega_1 \times [0, T], \\ \lambda y_2 & \text{in } \Omega_2 \times [0, T]. \end{cases}$$

with

$$G(y_1) := \alpha \frac{y_1}{|y_1| + K_P} \frac{Ie^{-x_3 K_W}}{|Ie^{-x_3 K_W}| + K_I} \quad \text{Consumption}$$

$$E(y_1) := \frac{\beta}{\bar{h}_e} \left(\frac{x_3}{\bar{h}_e} \right)^{-\beta-1} \int_0^{\bar{h}_e} G(y_1) d\tilde{x}_3 \quad \text{Export (non-local)}$$

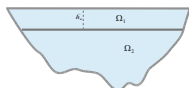


Figure : Domain Ω

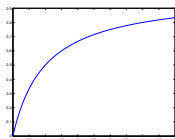


Figure : Half saturation function

Aim: Model output reproduces observed data y_d

Corresponding optimal control problem

$$\min_{(y,u)} J(y,u) := \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(Q_T)^s}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|u - u_{ref}\|_{\mathbb{R}^p}^2, \quad \gamma \geq 0$$

subject to

$$\int_0^T \{ \langle y'_j, w_j \rangle + (\kappa \nabla y_j, \nabla w_j) + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla y_j + d_j(y,u), w_j) + (b_j(y,u), w_j) \} dt = 0$$

$$(w_j \in L^2(0,T; H^1(\Omega)), \quad j = 1, \dots, s)$$

appropriate initial condition

$$u_{i \min} \leq u_i \leq u_{i \max}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p.$$

- A **weak solution** of each model equation belongs to the space

$$W(0, T) := \{v \in L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) : v' \in L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)^*)\}$$

- Let $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)^s$. A weak solution $y \in W(0, T)^s$ is called **transient** if

$$y_j(0) = y_0^j \quad \text{for all } j = 1, \dots, s.$$

- A weak solution $y \in W(0, T)^s$ is called **periodic** if

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General transient problem

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with

- $d^i : L^2(Q_T)^s \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow L^2(Q_T)^s$ and $b^i : L^2(Q_T)^s \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma)^s$ continuous reaction terms ($i = 1, 2$)
- General inhomogeneities $q_Q, q_\Sigma \in L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)^*)^s$
- Initial value $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)^s$

Theorem

Assuming that

- $d^1(\cdot, u), b^1(\cdot, u)$ Lipschitz continuous
- $d^2(\cdot, u), b^2(\cdot, u)$ monotone and bounded
- $d^i(0, u) = b^i(0, u) = 0$

there is a unique weak solution $y \in W(0, T)^s$ of the general transient problem. Furthermore, the estimate

$$\|y\|_{W(0, T)^s} \leq C(\|q_Q\|_{L^2(Q_T)^s} + \|q_\Sigma\|_{L^2(\Sigma)^s} + \|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)^s})$$

holds with a constant $C > 0$ independent of y, y_0 .

Proof (idea):

- Fix Lipschitz continuous terms $d^1(z, u), b^1(z, u)$ with $z \in C([0, T], L^2(\Omega))^s$
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Existence theorem of Gajewski et al., 1974

Let $V \subset H \subset V^*$ be an evolution triple, $X := L^2(0, T; V)$. If $A : X \rightarrow X^*$ is a continuous, **monotone** and **coercive** operator, the problem

$$y' + Ay = f, \quad y(0) = y(T),$$

has a solution $y \in L^2(0, T; V)$ with $y' \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$ for every $f \in X^*$.

Definitions:

- A monotone $:\Leftrightarrow \langle Ay - Az, y - z \rangle \geq 0$ for all $y, z \in X$
- A coercive $:\Leftrightarrow \frac{\langle Ay, y \rangle}{\|y\|_X} \rightarrow \infty$ if $\|y\|_X \rightarrow \infty$

Problems with standard existence theorem:

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Idea: take into account the model's conservation of mass:

- An s -dimensional vector of concentrations y has a **constant mass** $C \in \mathbb{R}$ if

$$\text{mass}(y(t)) := \sum_{j=1}^s \int_{\Omega} y_j(t) dx = C \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T].$$

- The solution of an ecosystem model has a constant mass if

$$\sum_{j=1}^s \left[\int_{\Omega} d_j(y, u, t) dx + \int_{\Gamma} b_j(y, u, t) ds \right] = 0 \quad \text{for almost all } t \text{ and all } (y, u)$$

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Formulation as operator equation

$$y_1' + B(y_1) - \lambda y_2 + F_1(y) = 0$$

$$y_2' + B(y_2) + \lambda y_2 + F_2(y) = 0$$

with

- Operators $B, F_1, F_2 : L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \rightarrow L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)^*)$, defined by

$$\langle B(y), v \rangle := \int_0^T (\kappa \nabla y, \nabla v)_{L^2(\Omega)^3} dx + (\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}y), v)_{L^2(\Omega)} dt,$$

$$\langle F_j(y), v \rangle := \int_0^T \{(\tilde{d}_j(y, u), v)_{L^2(\Omega)} + (\tilde{b}_j(y, u), v)_{L^2(\Gamma)}\} dt$$

for $j = 1, 2$ and $y, v \in L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$ (parameter vector u fixed)

- $\lambda > 0$

Theorem

Let $C \in \mathbb{R}$. Assuming that

■ \tilde{d}, \tilde{b} are continuous

■ $\sum_{j=1}^2 \left[\int_{\Omega} \tilde{d}_j(y, u, t) dx + \int_{\Gamma} \tilde{b}_j(y, u, t) ds \right] = 0$ for almost all t and all (y, u)

■ $\max\{\|\tilde{d}_j(y, u)\|_{L^2(Q_T)}, \|\tilde{b}_j(y, u)\|_{L^2(\Sigma)}\} \leq M$ for all (y, u) , $j = 1, 2$

there is at least one periodic weak solution $y \in W(0, T)^2$ of the model equation of N -DOP type with

$$\text{mass}(y(t)) = C \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T].$$

In particular, there is a nontrivial periodic solution.

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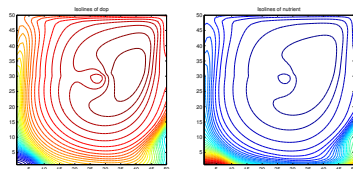


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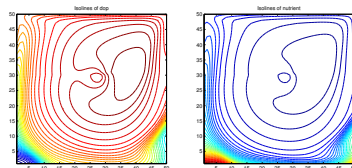


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- Model variables $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$ ($s = 4$)

- Reaction terms

$$d_1(y) = J(y_1, y_2)y_2 - \gamma_m y_4 - \Phi_m^z y_3$$

$$d_2(y) = (\Phi_m^p - J(y_1, y_2))y_2 + G(y_2)y_3$$

$$d_3(y) = \Phi_m^* |y_3| y_3 + (\Phi_m^z - \beta G(y_2))y_3$$

$$d_4(y) = \gamma_m y_4 - (1 - \beta)G(y_2)y_3 - \Phi_m^* |y_3| y_3 - \Phi_m^p y_2$$

with the abbreviations

$$G(y_2) = \frac{g\epsilon y_2^2}{g + \epsilon y_2^2}$$

$$J(y_1, y_2) = \min\left\{\bar{\mu}(y_2), \frac{y_1}{|y_1| + K_N}\right\} \quad (\bar{\mu}(y_2) \text{ incidence of light})$$

- Homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions: $b(y, u) = 0$ (conservation of mass condition is satisfied)

Theorem

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The parameter identification problem

Given: $y_d = \text{data}$, $u_{ref} = \text{reference parameters}$, $\gamma \geq 0$

Problem:

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with

$$\begin{aligned} e : W(0,T)^s \times \mathbb{R}^p &\rightarrow L^2(0,T; H^1(\Omega)^*)^s \times L^2(\Omega)^s : \\ e_1(y,u) &= y' + B(y) + d(u,y) + b(u,y) \\ e_2(y,u) &= y(0) - y_0 \\ &\text{or } y(0) - y(T) \text{ (depending on problem)} \end{aligned}$$

$$U_{ad} = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^p : u_{i \min} \leq u_i \leq u_{i \max} \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, p\}$$

- **Existence** follows from a standard theorem (Hinze et al., 2009)
- Theorem holds in both the periodic and the transient case if reaction terms are continuous on $L^2(Q_T)^s \times \mathbb{R}^p$
- **Uniqueness** only in case that (y_d, u_{ref}) is an optimal control (relevant for tests) under one of the conditions
 - $\gamma > 0$
 - $y = z \Rightarrow u = v$ for all admissible pairs $(y, u), (z, v)$

Given: optimal parameter $\bar{u} \in U_{ad}$

Further assumptions

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Problem: Control-to-state map not well-defined (solution of state equation not unique)

Thus: Adjoint state as a Lagrange multiplier

Problem adapted to model of N -DOP type:

$$\min_{(y,u)} J(y,u) := \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(Q)}^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|u - u_{est}\|_{\mathbb{R}^p}^2$$

s. t. $e(y,u) = 0$ in $Z := (W(0,T)^*)^2 \times L^2(\Omega)^2$
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 - Proof highly adapted to the model class in question

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