
Lotka-Volterra Equations[1, 2] are couples of ordinary differential equations as follows

$$\frac{dp_1}{dt} = ap_1 - bp_1p_2, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dp_2}{dt} = -cp_2 + dp_1p_2, \quad (2)$$

where $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ are dependent variables of t , and $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^+$ are constant parameters. Eliminating t from Eqs.(1) and (2), conserved quantity of the system is derived as

$$V = -a \log(p_2) + bp_2 - c \log(p_1) + dp_1. \quad (3)$$

Solving Eq.(3) for p_2 ,

$$p_2 = -\frac{a}{b} W \left(-\frac{b}{a} \exp \left(\frac{1}{a} (-c \log p_1 + dp_1 - V) \right) \right), \quad (4)$$

where W is the Lambert W function[3]. W is multivalued function with two branches (W_{-1}, W_0). We choose W_0 when $-b/a p_2 \leq -1$ and W_{-1} for other case.

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