

Final project

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Description of the system

Fishing effort tends to focus on large-bodied, slow-growing, late-maturing organisms, often at high trophic levels. As abundances of these organisms decrease, fishing effort then focuses on lower trophic level species, gradually moving through the food webs in a process called “trophic downgrading” or “fishing down the food webs” (Pauly et al. 1998). When fisheries are to be recovered, it is important to take into account the order in which predator and preys are managed, as their interspecific interactions can shape the pathway of recovery. Here I recreate the results by Samhoury et al. (2017), who investigates the pathways of recovery of a harvested predator-prey system under different management interventions.

Description of the model

The harvested system of a generalist predator and a prey is given by:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = r_x X \left(1 - \frac{X}{K_x}\right) - a_x P X - h_x X \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = [c(a_x X + a_y Y) - d_p] P \left(1 - \frac{P}{K_p}\right) - h_p P \quad (2)$$

Where X and P represent the prey and predator abundances, r_x is the preys per capita growth rate, and K_x and K_p are the carrying capacity of prey and predator. Prey are subtracted from the population due to the interaction between species -governed by a_x -, and harvesting h_x . Predators feed on X and Y at rates a_x and a_y , die at rate d_p and are harvested at rate h_p . Preys are converted to predators with a conversion rate c . Parameter values obtained from Samhoury et al. (2017) and are presented in table 1.

Table 1: Parameter values for the harvested system of a generalist predator and a prey.

parameter	value
rx	1.000
Kx	100.000
ax	0.030
hx	0.650
c	0.050
ay	0.030
dp	0.250
Kp	25.000
hp	0.325

Approaches

Calculating equilibrium solutions analytically

We set 1 equals to zero and replace X with X^* for to denote equilibrium densities:

$$\begin{aligned} r_x X^* \left(1 - \frac{X^*}{K_x}\right) - a_x P X^* - h_x X^* &= 0 \\ r_x X^* - \frac{r_x X^{*2}}{K_x} - a_x P X^* - h_x X^* &= 0 \\ X^* \left(r_x - \frac{r_x X^*}{K_x} - a_x P - h_x\right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

At this point, a trivial equilibrium is that $X^* = 0$. Continuing to solve for X^* :

$$\begin{aligned} r_x - \frac{r_x X^*}{K_x} - a_x P - h_x &= 0 \\ -\frac{r_x X^*}{K_x} &= -r_x + a_x P + h_x \\ \frac{r_x X^*}{K_x} &= r_x - a_x P - h_x \\ X^* &= \frac{K_x}{r_x} (r_x - a_x P - h_x) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

For the predator equation, the density-dependence can be expressed as $S = \frac{c(a_x X + a_y Y) - d_p}{K_p}$. By substituting this into the predator equation (2) can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P[c(a_x X + a_y Y) - d_p - SP] - h_p P$$

This can be set equal to zero, and P substituted for P^* to denote equilibrium:

$$P^* [c(a_x X + a_y Y) - d_p - SP^*] - h_p P^* = 0$$

Substituting 3 into the equation above, we obtain:

$$P^* \left[c \left(a_x \left(\frac{K_x}{r_x} (r_x - a_x P^* - h_x) \right) + a_y Y \right) - d_p - SP^* \right] - h_p P^* = 0$$

Turns out solving for P^* here is quite hard (the authors did it in Mathematica). I was only able to get to¹:

$$\begin{aligned} P^* \left(-S - \frac{cK_x a_x^2}{r_x} \right) &= d_p + h_p + c \left(\frac{a_x K_x}{r_x} - a_y Y - a_x K_x \right) \\ P^* &= \frac{d_p + h_p + c \left(\frac{a_x K_x}{r_x} - a_y Y - a_x K_x \right)}{\left(-S - \frac{cK_x a_x^2}{r_x} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

¹See the math attempt section.

Substituting S gives:

$$P^* = \frac{d_p + h_p + c \left(\frac{a_x K_x}{r_x} - a_y Y - a_x K_x \right)}{\left(-\frac{c(a_x X^* + a_y Y) - d_p}{K_p} - \frac{c K_x a_x^2}{r_x} \right)}$$

And substituting X^* into the above, gives:

$$P^* = \frac{d_p + h_p + c \left(\frac{a_x K_x}{r_x} - a_y Y - a_x K_x \right)}{\left(-\frac{c(a_x \left(\frac{K_x}{r_x} (r_x - a_x P^* - h_x) \right) + a_y Y) - d_p}{K_p} - \frac{c K_x a_x^2}{r_x} \right)}$$

Different management strategies

I reproduce the three management strategies proposed by Samhouri et al. (2017). All strategies follow the same initial path: The system is let to run until equilibrium, then trophic downgrading occurs b fishing for the predator only until a new equilibrium is reached. Then, harvest of prey begins until a new harvested equilibrium is reached. The next steps depend on the management strategy:

- Harvest of both species stops (*i.e.* $h_x = h_p = 0$)
- Harvest of predator stops (*i.e.* $h_p = 0$) until new equilibrium is reached, and then harvest of prey stops (*i.e.* $h_x = 0$)
- Harvest of prey stops (*i.e.* $h_x = 0$) until new equilibrium is reached, and then harvest of predator stops (*i.e.* $h_p = 0$)

For that, I define a function to call with `lsoda` multiple times:

```
pred_prey <- function(t, values, pars){

  # Extract parameters
  rx <- pars[1]
  Kx <- pars[2]
  ax <- pars[3]
  hx <- pars[4]
  c <- pars[5]
  ay <- pars[6]
  dp <- pars[7]
  Kp <- pars[8]
  hp <- pars[9]

  Y <- 500

  # Extract state variables
  X <- values[1]
  P <- values[2]

  # Update equations

  dXdt <- (rx*X)*(1-(X/Kx))-(ax*P*X)-(hx*X)
  dPdt <- P*((c*((ax*X)+(ay*Y)))-dp)*(1-(P/Kp))-(hp*P)

  return(list(c(dXdt, dPdt)))
}
```

I also create a wrapper function that allows me to manipulate all the parameters, calls `lsoda` and returns a `data.frame` object.

```
run_model <- function(rx = 1, Kx = 100, ax = 0.03, hx = 0.65,
                     c = 0.05, ay = 0.03, dp = 0.25, Kp = 25,
                     hp = 0.325, t0 = 0, t1 = 40, X0, P0){
  # Define parameters
  pars <- c(rx, Kx, ax, hx, c, ay, dp, Kp, hp)

  # Define values
  values <- c(X0, P0)

  # Define time
  time <- seq(t0, t1, by = 0.1)

  lsoda(y = values, times = time, func = pred_pre, parms = pars) %>%
    as.data.frame() %>%
    magrittr::set_colnames(value = c("Time", "X", "P")) %>%
    gather(Organism, Abundance, X, P) %>%
    mutate(H = case_when(Organism == "X" ~ hx*Abundance,
                        Organism == "P" ~ hp*Abundance))
}
```

Since the initial conditions of every scenario depend on the previous scenario's final conditions, I create a function that extracts the last values of *X* and *Y*.

```
extract_state_vars <- function(scenario){
  last_values <- scenario %>%
    filter(Time == max(Time)) %>%
    group_by(Organism) %>%
    select(-H) %>%
    spread(Organism, Abundance)

  return(c(last_values$X, last_values$P))
}
```

Run model to equilibrium trophic downgrading, and harvest for prey

```
# First call of the model to reach equilibrium
start <- run_model(hx = 0, hp = 0, t1 = 30, X0 = 25, P0 = 25)

# Extract final conditions and start trophic downgrading
c(X1, P1) %<-% extract_state_vars(start)
harvest_P <- run_model(hx = 0, t0 = 30, t1 = 70, X0 = X1, P0 = P1)

# Extract final conditions and start fishing for prey too
c(X2, P2) %<-% extract_state_vars(harvest_P)
harvest_X <- run_model(t0 = 70, t1 = 120, X0 = X2, P0 = P2)
```

Synchronous recovery

```
# Stop fishing and let both species recover
c(X3, P3) %<-% extract_state_vars(harvest_X)
stop_harvest <- run_model(hx = 0, hp = 0, t0 = 120, t1 = 200, X0 = X3, P0 = P3)

# create ggplot object
both <- rbind(start, harvest_P, harvest_X, stop_harvest) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Time, y = Abundance)) +
  geom_line(aes(color = Organism), size = 1) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set1") +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```

Predator first

```
# Start recovering predator
c(X3, P3) %<-% extract_state_vars(harvest_X)
stop_harvest_P <- run_model(hp = 0, t0 = 120, t1 = 140, X0 = X3, P0 = P3)

# Start recovering prey
c(X4, P4) %<-% extract_state_vars(stop_harvest_P)
stop_harvest_X <- run_model(hx = 0, hp = 0, t0 = 140, t1 = 200, X0 = X4, P0 = P4)

p_first <- rbind(start, harvest_P, harvest_X, stop_harvest_P, stop_harvest_X) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Time, y = Abundance)) +
  geom_line(aes(color = Organism), size = 1) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set1") +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```

Prey first

```
# start recovering prey
c(X3, P3) %<-% extract_state_vars(harvest_X)
stop_harvest_X <- run_model(hx = 0, t0 = 120, t1 = 140, X0 = X3, P0 = P3)

# Start recovering predator
c(X4, P4) %<-% extract_state_vars(stop_harvest_X)
stop_harvest_P <- run_model(hp = 0, hx = 0, t0 = 140, t1 = 200, X0 = X4, P0 = P4)

x_first <- rbind(start, harvest_P, harvest_X, stop_harvest_X, stop_harvest_P) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Time, y = Abundance)) +
  geom_line(aes(color = Organism), size = 1) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set1") +
  theme(legend.position = "none")

plot_grid(both, p_first, x_first, labels = "AUTO", ncol = 1) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = c(0.27, 0.425, 0.625, 0.7), linetype = "dashed")
```

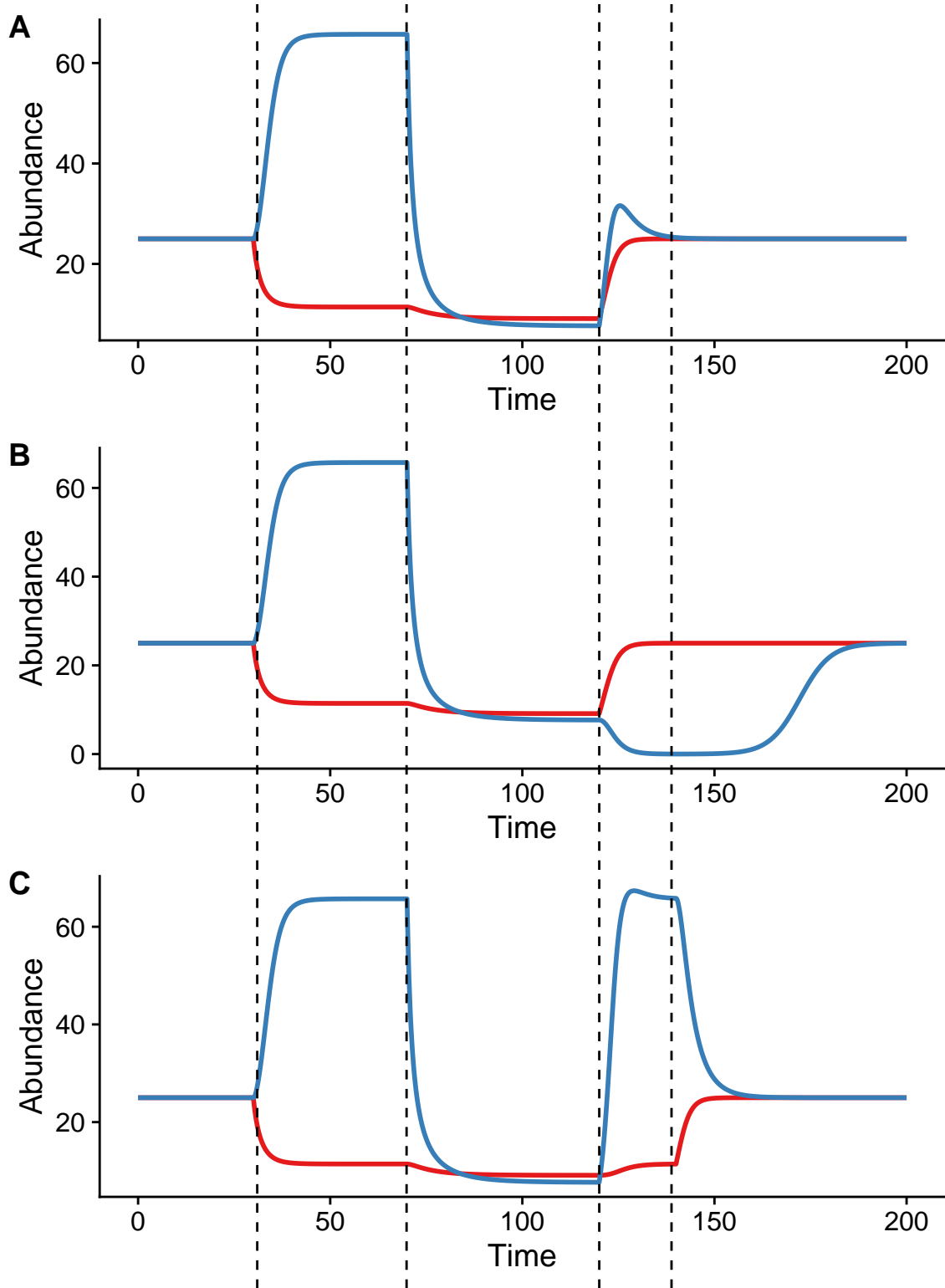


Figure 1: Different recovery scenarios after trophic downgrading for a generalist predator and one of its prey. Red lines indicate predator, blue lines indicate prey. Vertical dashed lines indicate when conditions change. The scenarios include synchronous recovery of predator and prey (A), recovery of predator first (B) and recovery of prey first (C).

Discrete time stochastic

The Discrete time model can be described by:

$$X_{t+1} = X_t + r_{xs}X_t \left(1 - \frac{X_t}{K_x}\right) - a_x P_t X_t - h_x X_t \quad (4)$$

$$P_{t+1} = P_t + [c(a_x X_t + a_y Y_s) - d_P]P_t \left(1 - \frac{P_t}{K_p}\right) - h_p P_t \quad (5)$$

In this case, prey growth rate is determined by $r_{xs} \sim N(\mu = r_x, \sigma = 0.2)$, and the other group of available prey (Y_s) is determined by $Y_s \sim N(\mu = Y, \sigma = 100)$.

The numerical simulation for the difference equations above can be done with `for` loops. I simulate 100 realizations of 200 timesteps. The results are shown in Figure 2.

```
# Define parameters
rx <- 1; Kx <- 100; ax <- 0.03
hx <- 0.65; c <- 0.05; ay <- 0.03
dp <- 0.25; Kp <- 25; hp <- 0.325

X0 <- 25
P0 <- 25
set.seed(43)
nsteps = 200
all_results <- tibble(time = NA, X = NA, P = NA)
for(j in 1:100){
  time <- seq(0, nsteps, by = 1)
  X <- rep(0, length(time)) #Define empty vectors
  P <- X
  X[1] <- X0 #Set initial conditions of each run
  P[1] <- P0
  for(i in 2:(nsteps+1)){
    # Define harvesting rules based on time
    hx <- case_when(i < 30 ~ 0,
                     i >= 30 & i < 70 ~ 0,
                     i >= 70 & i < 120 ~ 0.65,
                     i >= 120 ~ 0)

    hp <- case_when(i < 30 ~ 0,
                     i >= 30 & i < 70 ~ 0.325,
                     i >= 70 & i < 120 ~ 0.325,
                     i >= 120 ~ 0)

    rx_s <- rnorm(n = 1, mean = rx, sd = 0.2)
    Y <- rnorm(n = 1, mean = 500, sd = 100)
    # Difference equations
    X[i] <- X[i-1] + rx_s*X[i-1]*(1-(X[i-1]/Kx))-(ax*P[i-1]*X[i-1])-(hx*X[i-1])
    P[i] <- P[i-1] + (c*((ax*X[i-1])+(ay*Y))-dp)*P[i-1]*(1-(P[i-1]/Kp)) - (hp*P[i-1])
  }
  results_i <- tibble(time, X = X, P = P) #collect results
  all_results <- rbind(all_results, results_i) #save results
}
```

```

all_results %>%
  filter(!is.na(time)) %>%
  gather(Organism, Abundance, X, P) %>%
  group_by(time, Organism) %>%
  summarize(minA = min(Abundance),
             maxA = max(Abundance),
             sdA = sd(Abundance),
             meanA = mean(Abundance)) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = time, color = Organism, fill = Organism)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = minA), linetype = "dashed") +
  geom_line(aes(y = maxA), linetype = "dashed") +
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = meanA - sdA, ymax = meanA + sdA), alpha = 0.4) +
  geom_line(aes(y = meanA), size = 1) +
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set1") +
  scale_fill_brewer(palette = "Set1") +
  labs(y = "Abundance") +
  theme(legend.position = c(0.8, 0.7)) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = c(30, 70, 120), linetype = "dashed")

```

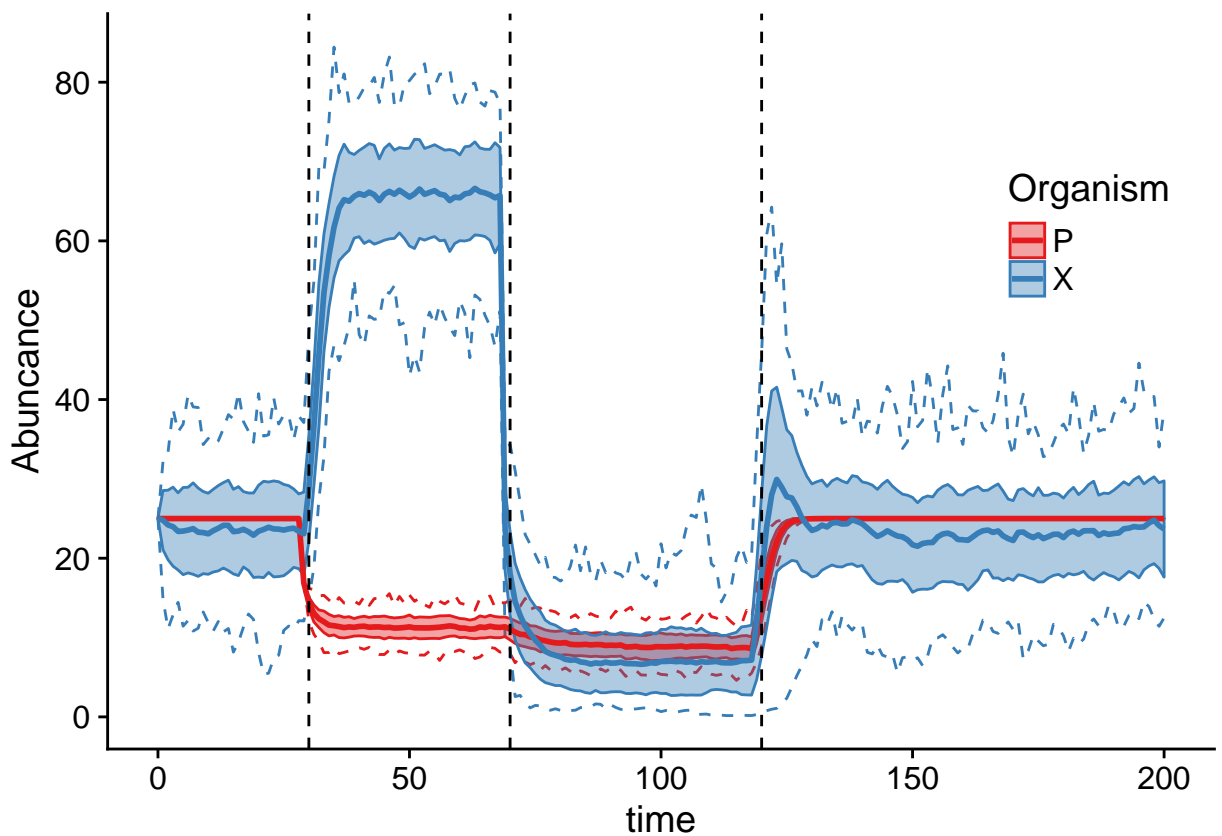


Figure 2: Stochastic simulation of a discrete-time harvested predator-prey system, showing a synchronous recovery of both populations after trophic downgrading has occurred. This scenario is equivalent of Fig 1A. Vertical lines indicate when conditions change. Solid lines indicate mean, dashed line indicate the ranges, and ribbon indicates 1 standard deviation away from the mean.

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Math attempt

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P \left[a_2 \left(\frac{K_2 - a_2 P^*}{K_2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{K_2}{K_p} \right) \right] - d_p P$$

$$S = \frac{c(a_2^2 + a_2 Y) - d_p}{K_p}$$

$$S = \frac{c \left[a_2 \left(\frac{K_2}{r_2} (K_2 - a_2 P^*) \right) + a_2 Y \right] - d_p}{K_p}$$

$$S = \frac{c \left[a_2 \left(K_2 - \frac{K_2 a_2 P^*}{r_2} - \frac{K_2 h_2}{r_2} \right) + a_2 Y \right] - d_p}{K_p}$$

$$S = \frac{c \left(a_2 K_2 - \frac{c K_2 a_2^2 P^*}{r_2} - \frac{c a_2 h_2}{r_2} + a_2 Y \right) - d_p}{K_p}$$

$$S = \frac{c a_2 K_2 - \left(\frac{c K_2 a_2^2}{r_2} \right) P^* + c a_2 Y - d_p}{K_p}$$

$$P^* = \frac{c a_2 K_2 - \left(\frac{c K_2 a_2^2}{r_2} \right) P^* + c a_2 Y - d_p}{K_p}$$

$$P^* \left(-\frac{c K_2 a_2^2}{r_2} - d_p - h_p + c a_2 Y + c a_2 K_2 - \frac{c a_2 h_2}{r_2} \right) = 0$$

$$-SP^* - \frac{c K_2 a_2^2 P^*}{r_2} = d_p + h_p - c a_2 Y - c a_2 K_2 + \frac{c a_2 h_2}{r_2}$$

$$-P^* c a_2 K_2 + \frac{P^* c a_2^2}{r_2} - P^* c a_2 Y - P^* d_p - \frac{c K_2 a_2^2 P^*}{r_2} = d_p + h_p - c a_2 Y - c a_2 K_2 + \frac{c a_2 h_2}{r_2}$$

$$P^* \left(c a_2 K_2 + \frac{c a_2^2}{r_2} \right) - c a_2 Y - d_p - \frac{c K_2 a_2^2}{r_2} = d_p + h_p - c a_2 Y - c a_2 K_2 + \frac{c a_2 h_2}{r_2}$$

Figure 3: