

6.1 Concepts of stability mathematical models are likely to be useful approaches when trying to understand why we observe the patterns we do see. In my class that I am currently taking (conservation biology) we have discussed the likelihood of populations returning to ~~a~~ a stable state after being disturbed by natural and anthropological events. This is also very good because it provides you with a good idea of ~~whether~~ whether or not it would be realistic to invest in conservation efforts for a group of species. If one species has a far better chance of reaching stability, it could be concluded that you use ~~more~~ more energy towards the species w/ the highest likelihood of success.

6.3 Species models are very important in determining how 1 species will react on it's own or when in contact with another species. using the terms  $\frac{a_{12}}{a_{N_2}}$  and  $\frac{a_{21}}{a_{N_1}}$  we can give these different signs to determine whether the interaction 2 species have is mutualistic, competitive, or predator-prey. For mutualistic, both will have positive signs since they both are helping to increase the population of the other. For a competitive relationship, both will have (-) signs because it is a lose-lose situation. For predator-prey systems, one of them will be positive and the other (-), because as one population increases, the other decreases.



