

Complex dynamical behaviors in a discrete  
eco-epidemiological model with disease in prey  
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# Eco-epidemiological models.

- **Ecological models** → study interactions between species and their environment.
- **Epidemiological models** → study the spread of diseases in populations.

## Eco-epidemiological models

Combine both aspects to study the interactions between species while considering the impact of diseases on population dynamics.

# Hypotheses of the model.

- ① The prey population is divided into susceptible and infected individuals.
- ② In the absence of disease the prey population density grows according to a logistic curve with carrying capacity  $K$  and intrinsic growth rate  $r$ .
- ③ Only the susceptible prey are able to reproduce.
- ④ Disease spread in the prey population only. The infected populations do not recover or become immune.
- ⑤ We assume that the predator eats only the infected prey with ratio-dependent Michaelis–Menten functional response function.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See: J. Chattopadhyay, O. Arino, A predator–prey model with disease in the prey, *Nonlinear Anal.* 36 (1999) 749–766.

# Discrete time eco-epidemiological model with disease in prey

## Model Equations

$$S(t+1) = S(t) \exp \left\{ r \left( 1 - \frac{S(t) + I(t)}{K} \right) - \beta I(t) \right\} \quad (1)$$

$$I(t+1) = I(t) \exp \left\{ \beta S(t) - c - \frac{bY(t)}{mY(t) + I(t)} \right\} \quad (2)$$

$$Y(t+1) = Y(t) \exp \left\{ \frac{kbl(t)}{mY(t) + I(t)} - d \right\} \quad (3)$$

Where  $S(t)$ ,  $I(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  denote the susceptible prey, infected prey and predator populations at time  $t$ , respectively.

# Parameters

- $r$ : intrinsic birth rate of the prey population.
- $K$ : carrying capacity for the prey population.
- $\beta$ : transmission coefficient of the disease.
- $c$ : death rate of the infected prey.
- $b$ : predation coefficient.
- $m$ : ratio-dependent rate.<sup>2</sup>
- $k$ : coefficient in converting prey into predator offspring.
- $d$ : death rate of the predator.

$$r, k, b, \beta, K, m, c, d > 0.$$

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<sup>2</sup>See: Xiao, Y, Chen, L: A ratio-dependent predator-prey model with disease in the prey. Appl. Math. Comput. 131, 397-414 (2002)

# Basic Reproduction Number.

We can compute the *basic reproduction number*, that is the expected number of cases directly generated by one case in a population where all individuals are susceptible to infection.

$\mathcal{R}_0$ : Basic Reproduction Number

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} \quad (4)$$

- $K$ : carrying capacity for the prey population.
- $\beta$ : transmission coefficient of the disease.
- $c$ : death rate of the infected prey.

The number of equilibria depends on  $\mathcal{R}_0$ .

$$\mathcal{R}_0 < 1$$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} < 1 \quad (5)$$

One equilibrium:

- $E_1 = (K, 0, 0)$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} > 1 \quad (6)$$

Always at least two equilibria:

- $E_1 = (K, 0, 0)$
- $E_2 = \left( \frac{c}{\beta}, \frac{rK}{r+K\beta} \left( 1 - \frac{c}{K\beta} \right), 0 \right)$



# Existence of the positive endemic equilibrium.

If  $kb > d$  and  $mk(K\beta - c) - (kb - d) > 0$ , then there exists a positive endemic equilibrium;

$$E_3 = (S^*, I^*, Y^*)$$

where:

- $S^* = \frac{cmk+kb-d}{mk\beta},$
- $I^* = \frac{r}{r+K\beta}(K - S^*),$
- $Y^* = \frac{kb-d}{md} I^*$

# Stability of $E_1$ .

## Theorem 1

- 1 if  $\mathcal{R}_0 < 1$  and  $0 < r < 2$ ,  $E_1$  is locally asymptotically stable;
- 2 if  $\mathcal{R}_0 < 1$  and  $r > 2$ ,  $E_1$  is unstable;
- 3 if  $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$ ,  $E_1$  is unstable.

# Stability of $E_2$ .

## Theorem 2

Let  $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$ , then  $E_2$  is locally asymptotically stable if the following conditions hold:

$$bk < d, \quad (r - 4)c < 4, \quad \frac{cr(c + 2)}{4 + cr} < K\beta < 1 + c$$

These results are obtained by studying the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix evaluated at the equilibria.

$$J(E_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{rS}{K} & -S(\beta + \frac{r}{K}) & 0 \\ \beta I & 1 & -b \\ 0 & 0 & e^{bk-d} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Stability of $E_3$ .

## Theorem 3

Let  $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$ ,  $kb > d$  and  $mk(K\beta - c) - (kb - d) > 0$ , then  $E_3$  is locally asymptotically stable if one of the following conditions hold:

- ①  $\Delta \leq 0$ ,  $P(-1) < 0$  and  $-1 < \lambda_{1,2} < 1$ ;
- ②  $\Delta > 0$ ,  $P(-1) < 0$  and  $-1 < \lambda_{2,3} < 1$ .

$$J(E_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{r}{K}S^* & -S^*(\beta + \frac{r}{K}) & 0 \\ \beta I^* & 1 + \frac{bI^*Y^*}{(mY^* + I^*)^2} & -\frac{b(I^*)^2}{(mY^* + I^*)^2} \\ 0 & \frac{bkm(Y^*)^2}{(mY^* + I^*)^2} & 1 - \frac{bkml^*Y^*}{(mY^* + I^*)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

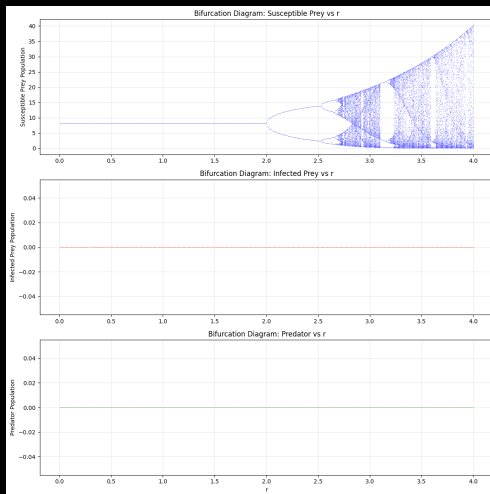
And  $P(\lambda) = \lambda^3 + a_1\lambda^2 + a_2\lambda + a_3$

$$a_1 = -(J_{11} + J_{22} + J_{33}),$$

$$a_2 = J_{11}(J_{22} + J_{33}) + J_{22}J_{33} - J_{23}J_{32} - J_{12}J_{21},$$

$$a_3 = \det(J(E_3)).$$

# Period Doubling Bifurcation for $r > 2$ .



**Figure:**  $b = 0.2, c = 0.6, d = 0.12, k = 0.1, m = 0.2, \beta = 0.05, K = 8, r \in [0.01, 4], S_0 = 4, I_0 = 0.5, Y_0 = 0.1$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} = \frac{8 \times 0.05}{0.6} \approx 0.67 < 1$$

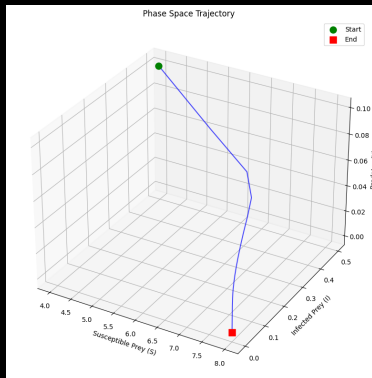


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $r = 1$ .

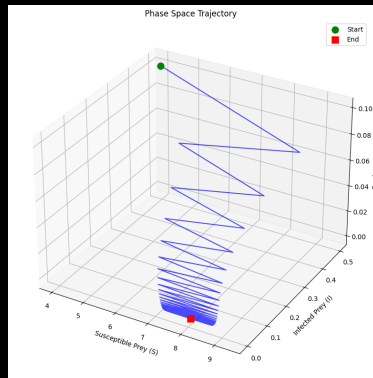
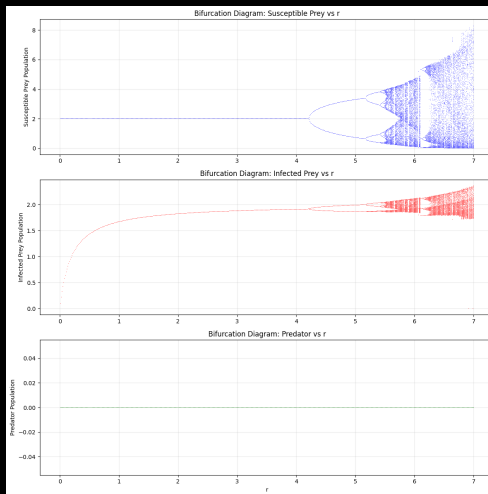


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $r = 2$ .

# Flip bifurcation and chaos



**Figure:**  $b = 0.15, c = 0.1, d = 0.2, k = 0.2, m = 0.3, \beta = 0.05, K = 4, r \in [0.001, 7], S_0 = 2, I_0 = 1.5, Y_0 = 1$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} = \frac{4 \times 0.05}{0.1} = 2 > 1$$

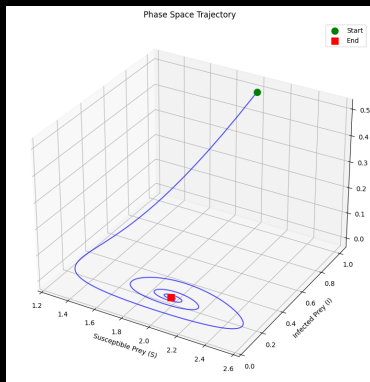


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $r = 0.02$ .

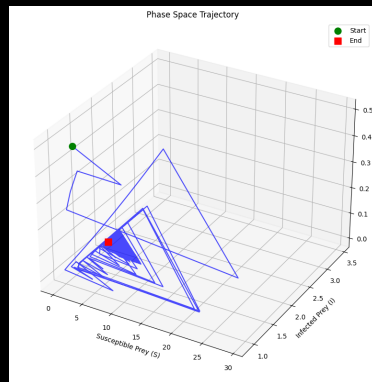


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $r = 6.05$ .

A 3-period orbit appears for  $r \approx 6.05$ .



# Comparison between Equilibria $E_1$ and $E_2$ and $r$ .

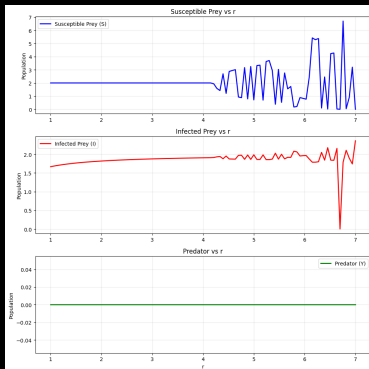


Figure: Population vs  $r$  for Equilibrium  $E_2$ .

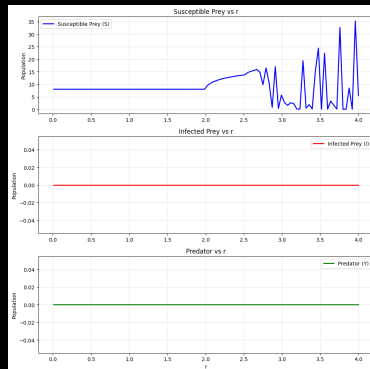


Figure: Population vs  $r$  for Equilibrium  $E_1$ .

$0 < c \leq 1$  Hopf bifurcation and chaos.  $1 < c < 1.633$   $S$  increases,  $I$  decreases.  
 $c \geq 1.633$  flip bifurcation and chaos.

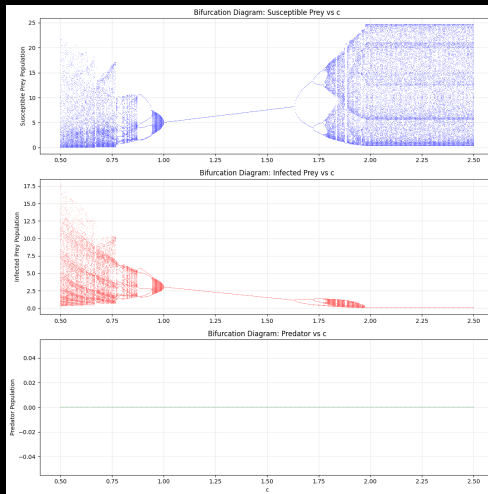


Figure:

$b = 0.2, d = 0.2, k = 0.2, m = 0.5, r = 3, \beta = 0.2, K = 10, c \in [0.5, 2.5], S_0 = 20, I_0 = 1, P_0 = 0$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} = \frac{10 \times 0.2}{c} = \frac{2}{c}$$

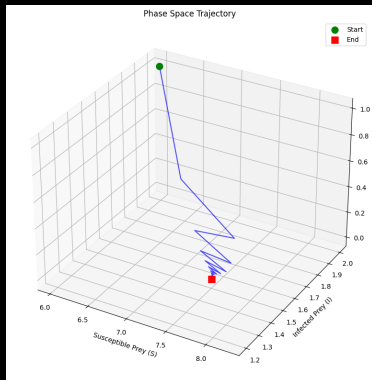


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $c = 1.5$ .

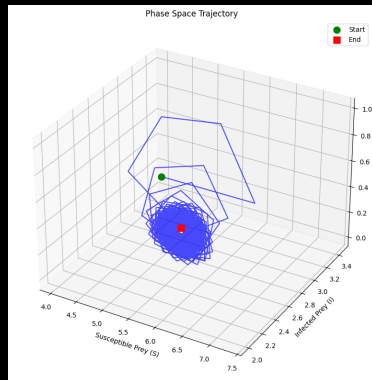


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $c = 1$ .

# Population vs $c \in [0.5, 2.5]$ .

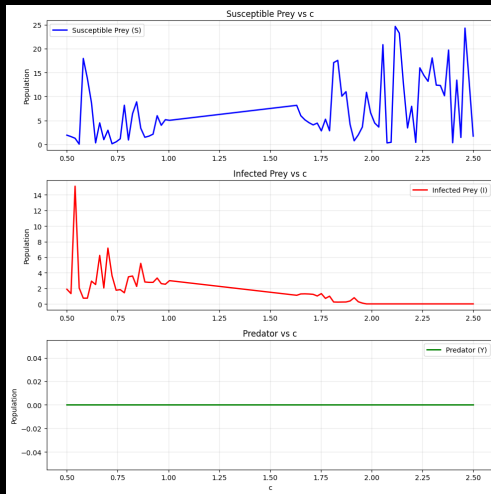
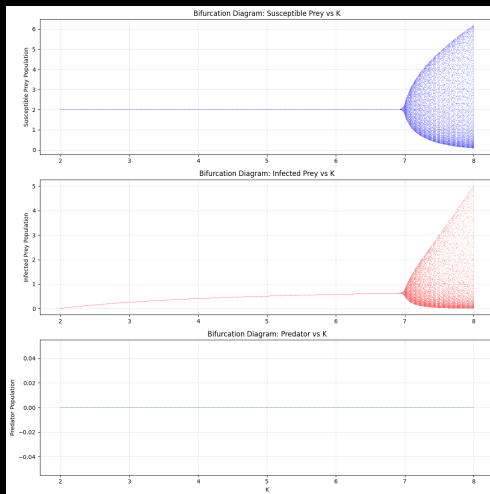


Figure: Population vs  $c \in [0.5, 2.5]$ .

$E_2$  stable for  $2 < K < 7$ , flip bifurcation and Hopf bifurcation for  $K \geq 7$ .



**Figure:**  $b = 0.1, c = 0.4, d = 0.2, k = 0.2, m = 0.5, r = 0.2, \beta = 0.2, K \in [2, 8], S_0 = 1, I_0 = 0.5, Y_0 = 0.2$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} = \frac{K \times 0.2}{0.4} = \frac{K}{2}$$

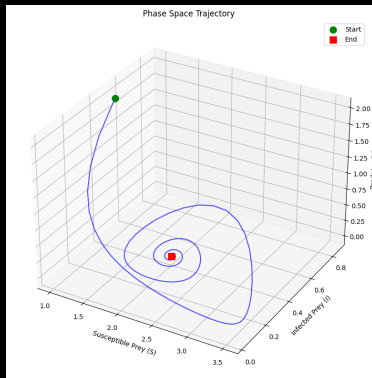


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $K = 4$ .

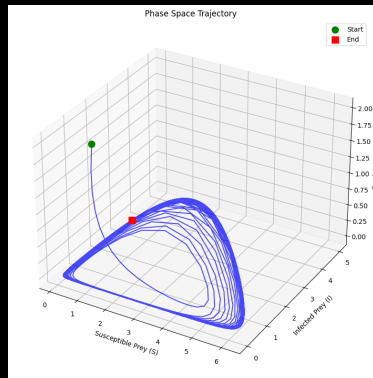


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $K = 8$ .

# Population vs $K \in [2, 8]$ .

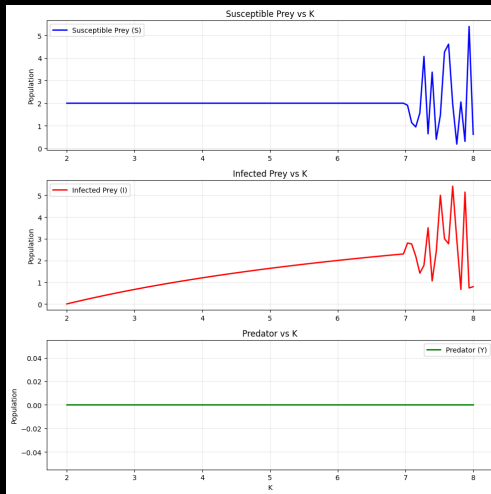
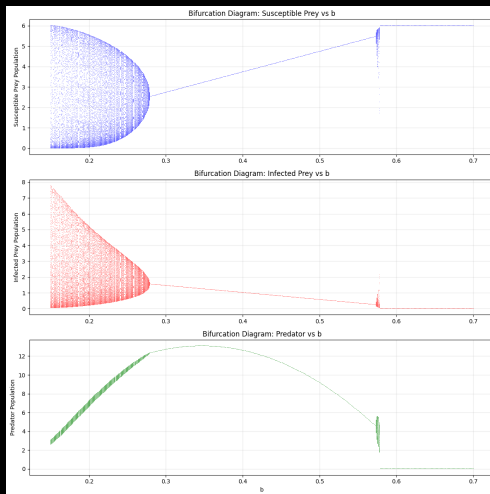


Figure: Population vs  $K \in [2, 8]$ .

$0.15 < b < 0.28$  Hopf bifurcation.  $b \geq 0.28 < 0.57$  stable equilibrium.



**Figure:**  $c = 0.1, d = 0.02, k = 0.3, m = 0.4, r = 1.2, \beta = 0.25, K = 6, b \in [0.15, 7], S_0 = 2, I_0 = 1.5, Y_0 = 1$



$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} = \frac{6 \times 0.25}{0.1} = 15$$

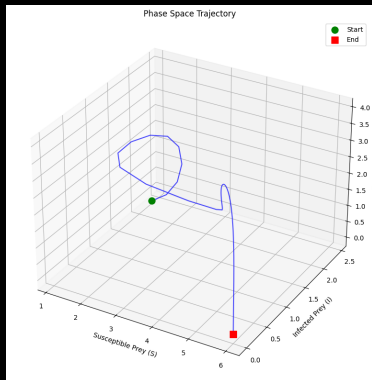


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $b = 0.6$ .

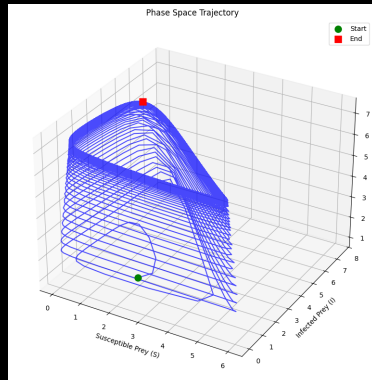
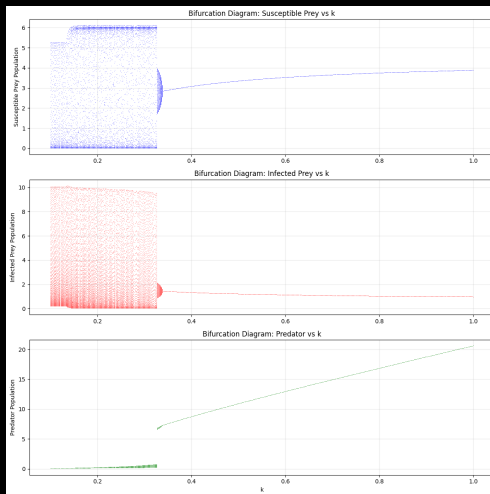


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $b = 0.2$ .

$0.15 < k < 0.34$  Hopf bifurcation.  $1 > k \geq 0.34$   $S, I$  increasing and  $Y$  decreasing.



**Figure:**  $b = 0.3, c = 0.1, d = 0.04, m = 0.3, r = 1.2, \beta = 0.25, K = 6, k \in [0.15, 1], S_0 = 2, I_0 = 1.5, Y_0 = 1$

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{K\beta}{c} = \frac{6 \times 0.25}{0.1} = 15$$

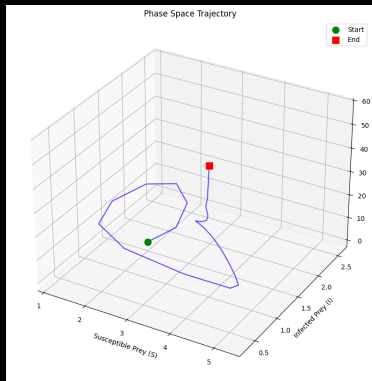


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $k = 0.3$ .

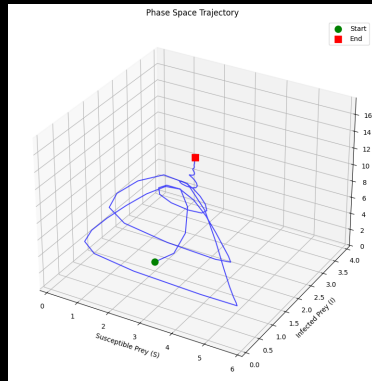


Figure: Plot of one orbit for  $k = 0.8$ .

# Influence of the parameters $b$ and $k$ on populations.

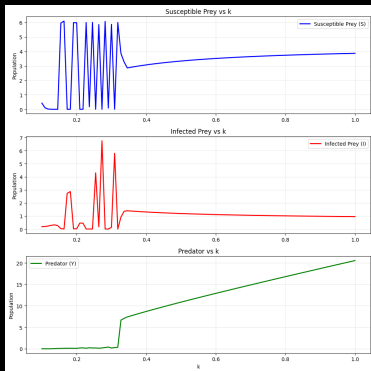


Figure:  $b$  fixed and varying  $k$ .

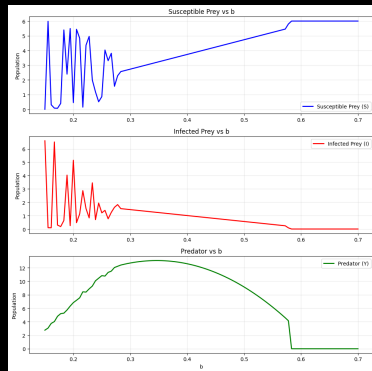
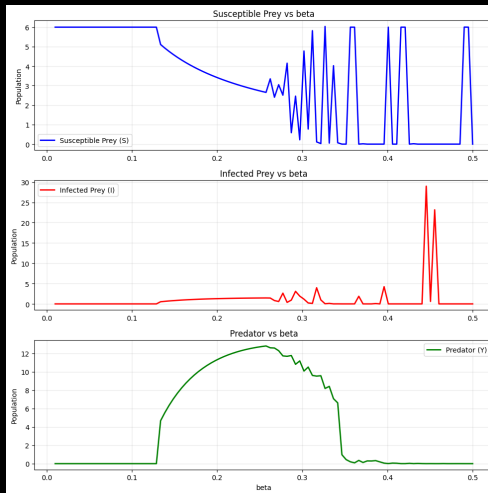


Figure:  $k$  fixed and varying  $b$ .

# Influence of $\beta$ on the endemic equilibrium



**Figure:**  $b = 0.3, c = 0.1, d = 0.04, k = 0.34, m = 0.4, r = 1.2, K = 6, \beta \in [0.01, 0.5], S_0 = 2, I_0 = 1.5, Y_0 = 1$

# Summary

The discrete-time model exhibits a richer dynamical behavior compared to its continuous-time counterpart.

- When  $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$  and  $bk < d$ :  $S$  and  $I$  coexist while  $Y$  becomes extinct.
- $r, K, \beta, c$  directly influence the dynamical behaviors of the system. By varying these parameters, we observe local stability, period-doubling bifurcations, Hopf bifurcations, and even chaotic dynamics.
- When  $b$  and  $k$  increase,  $Y$  increase and  $I$  decrease. If  $b$  is large this can lead to the extinction of  $I$  and ultimately  $Y$  (since predators can only eat infected prey).

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