

# Modelling Effect Of The Depleting Dissolved Oxygen On The Existence Of Intracting Planktonic Population With Nutrient Cycling

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**Abstract :** The effect of dissolved oxygen depletion on the existence of interacting planktonic populations with nutrient cycling is investigated in this work using a mathematical model. A system of non-linear ordinary differential equations is used to formulate the mathematical model. Nutrient content, algal density, Zooplankton population density and dissolved oxygen concentration are among the four state variables included in the model. The requirements for the presence of the internal equilibrium are specified after obtaining all of the system's possible equilibria. All possible equilibrium points are subjected to a local stability study. The non linear stability analysis of the non trivial equilibrium point was performed, and numerical simulation was used to determine the criterion for the species survival or extinction.

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## (1) INTRODUCTION

Phosphorus and nitrogen are all around us, and more importantly around lake. Since most plant life, aquatic, rely heavily on both, they all contain large amounts of nutrients. These nutrients consist of lawn fertilizers, garden / flower bed fertilizers, farm fields and pastures, and wild life. When golf fairways and greens, lawns, gardens, flower beds, and farm fields are fertilized, there is an often large amounts of excessive nutrients that are not used quick enough by the terrestrial plants or that the soil cannot hold. When the first rain or irrigation comes along in these areas, those extra amounts of nitrogen and phosphorous "run off" into the low areas. Most lakes are the lowest spots in a given area because they need to be able to hold water. Therefore, the nutrients that runoff are flowing directly into the lake.

Due to excessive growth of macrophytes in water and algae floating on the water surface, the photosynthesis process of aquatic flora decrease leading to decreased production of oxygen in the water body. Due to the oxygen deficit, growth rate of many aquatic populations decrease [13] and the habitat also deteriorates due to the decrease in the level of transparency of the aquatic population has been investigated by Chaturvedi and Misra [1].

Several investigators have studied the depletion of dissolved oxygen and survival of aquatic population in a lake due to presence of algae and zooplankton [4, 5, 6, 7, 9]. Voinov and Tonkikh [3] have presented an eutrophication model in an unpolluted lake assuming that the nutrient is supplied only by detritus of algae and macrophytes and have not considered the discharge of nutrients by water runoff from agricultural fields. Jayaweera et.al. [8] studied bio-manipulation in shallow eutrophic lakes by using a mathematical model involving phytoplankton, zooplankton, detritus, bacteria and fish population but they did not consider the supply of nutrients from outside. Shukla et. al. [7] presented a non-linear mathematical model for the depletion of dissolved oxygen in a lake caused by algal bloom, but in this model, we have not considered, macrophytes role on the depletion of dissolved oxygen. Misra [2, 4, 5] studied the depletion of dissolved oxygen in a lake due to submerged macrophytes. But in this model, they have not considered the effect of oxygen deficit on the planktonic population.

Many researchers [9, 10, 11, 12] have studied the nutrient, phytoplankton, zooplankton system with nutrient cycling. Khare et. al. [10] have studied the role of toxin producing phytoplankton on a plankton ecosystem. In this chapter, a mathematical model has been proposed to study the depletion of dissolved oxygen in plankton ecosystem with nutrient cycling.

Keeping in view of the above, in this chapter, we have study the effect of the depleting dissolved oxygen on the existence of intracting planktonic population with nutrient cycling.

## (2) MATHEMATICAL MODEL

In this chapter, we consider a waterbody, where the eutrophication process is governed by nutrients, algae, planktonic and concentration of dissolved oxygen. Let  $n$  be the cumulative concentration of various nutrients,  $a$  be the cumulative density of algae,  $P$  be the density of planktonic and  $C$  be the concentration of dissolved oxygen. We assume that the cumulative rate of discharge of nutrients into the waterbody is  $q$ , which is depleted with rate  $\alpha_0 n$ . It is further assumed that the growth rate of nutrients by algae is  $(\pi_1 \alpha_1 a)$ . The depletion of cumulative concentration of nutrients by algae is proportional to the monod interaction of the density of algae and to the concentration of nutrient (i.e.  $\beta_1 n a / (\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n)$ ). Thus, the growth rate of algae, which is assumed to be wholly dependent on the nutrients, is proportional to this fraction. The depletion rate of algae and zooplankton are  $\alpha_1, r_1$  respectively.  $\alpha_3$  is rate of predation of algae by zooplankton. It is consider that the rate of growth of dissolved oxygen through air-water interaction is  $q_c$  assumed to be a constant and  $\alpha_2$  is natural depletion rate of concentration  $C$ . It is further assumed that, the rate of depletion of dissolved oxygen by algae is proportional to  $a$  (i.e.  $\beta \alpha_1 a$ ). The growth rate of planktonic by algae is proportional to the terms (i.e.  $\pi_2 \alpha_3 a P / (\beta_2 + C_0 - C)$ ).  $\beta_{12}, \beta_2$  are half saturation constants,  $C_0$  is DO saturation value and  $C_0 - C$  is oxygen deficit.  $\pi_1$  is the fraction of dead algae population that is being recycled back to the nutrient pool. In view of the above considerations, the system is governed by the following differential equations:-

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = q - \alpha_0 n - \frac{\beta_1 na}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n)} + \pi_1 \alpha_1 a \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{\theta_1 \beta_1 na}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n)} - \alpha_1 a - \alpha_3 a P \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = q_c - \alpha_2 C - \beta \alpha_1 a \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 a P}{\beta_2 + C_0 - C} - r_1 P \quad (4)$$

With initial conditions  $n(0) = n_{10} > 0$ ,  $a(0) = a_{10} > 0$ ,  $C(0) = C_{10} > 0$ ,  $P(0) = P_{10} > 0$ . Where  $q$ ,  $\alpha_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_{12}$ ,  $\beta_{11}$ ,  $\theta_1$ ,  $\alpha_3$ ,  $q_c$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\pi_2$ ,  $\alpha_3$ ,  $\beta_2$ ,  $C_0$ ,  $r_1$  and  $0 < \pi_1 < 1$  are positive constants.

### (3) BOUNDEDNESS AND EQUILIBRIA OF THE SYSTEM

In this section, we analyze the system of equations (1) – (4) under the initial conditions  $n(0) = n_{10} > 0$ ,  $a(0) = a_{10} > 0$ ,  $C(0) = C_{10} > 0$  and  $P(0) = P_{10} > 0$ . In the following lemma we have shown that all the solutions are bounded in the region  $\Omega_1$ .

**Lemma (1):** The set

$$\Omega_1 = \{(n, a, C, P) \in \mathbb{R}_4^+ : 0 \leq n + a + P \leq \frac{q}{\delta_m}, 0 \leq C \leq R_c\}$$

is a region of attraction for all solutions initiating in the interior of positive octant, where

$$\delta_m = \text{Min} \{\alpha_0, (1 - \pi_1)\alpha_1, r_1\} \text{ and } R_c = \frac{q_c}{\alpha_2}$$

**Proof:-** Let us consider the following function:

$$w(t) = n(t) + a(t) + P(t)$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dn}{dt} + \frac{da}{dt} + \frac{dP}{dt}$$

from model (1) – (4) and if  $\delta_m = \min(\alpha_0, (1 - \pi_1)\alpha_1, r_1)$ , then we obtain the following expression:-

$$\frac{dw(t)}{dt} \leq q - \delta_m w(t),$$

$$\frac{dw(t)}{dt} + \delta_m w(t) \leq q,$$

Now, applying the theorem of differential inequalities we obtain

$$w(t) \leq w(0) e^{-\delta_m t} + \frac{q}{\delta_m},$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$0 \leq w(t) \leq \frac{q}{\delta_m},$$

$$0 \leq n + a + P \leq \frac{q}{\delta_m},$$

from equation (3.2.3), we have

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = q_c - \alpha_2 C - \beta \alpha_1 a,$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} + \alpha_2 C = q_c - \beta \alpha_1 a,$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} + \alpha_2 C \leq q_c,$$

This is liner equation of first order, we get,

$$c(t) \leq \frac{q_c}{\alpha_2},$$

Hence, the solution of the system (1) – (4) is bounded in  $\Omega_1$ .

The model (1) – (4) has three non-negative equilibria, namely

- (i)  $E_1\left(\frac{q}{\alpha_0}, 0, \frac{q_c}{\alpha_2}, 0\right)$
- (ii)  $E_2(\bar{n}, \bar{a}, \bar{C}, 0)$ , Where

$$\bar{n} = \frac{\alpha_1 \beta_{12}}{(\theta_1 \beta_{11} - \alpha_1 \beta_{11})},$$

$$\bar{a} = \frac{\theta_1}{\alpha_1 (1 - \theta_1 \pi_1)} \left[ \frac{q(\theta_1 \beta_{11} - \alpha_1 \beta_{11}) - \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \beta_{12}}{(\theta_1 \beta_{11} - \alpha_1 \beta_{11})} \right],$$

$$\bar{C} = \frac{q_c - \beta \alpha_1 \bar{a}}{\alpha_2},$$

Thus,  $E_2$  exist if

$$\theta_1 \beta_{11} - \alpha_1 \beta_{11} > 0, (\theta_1 \beta_{11} - \alpha_1 \beta_{11}) q - \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \beta_{12} > 0, 1 - \theta_1 \pi_1 > 0, \quad q_c - \beta \alpha_1 \bar{a} > 0, (\beta_2 + C_0) - \bar{C} > 0, q - \alpha_0 \bar{n} > 0$$

$$, r_1(\beta_2 + C_0 - \bar{C}) - \pi_2 \alpha_3 \bar{a} > 0$$

- (iii)  $E_3(n^*, a^*, C^*, P^*)$ , Where

$$C^* = \frac{q_c - \beta \alpha_1 a^*}{\alpha_2},$$

$$a^* = \frac{r_1 \alpha_2 (\beta_2 + C_0) - r_1 q_c}{\pi_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_2 - \beta r_1 \alpha_1},$$

$$n^* = \frac{[(q\beta_{11} + \pi_1 \alpha_1 a^* \beta_{11}) - (\alpha_0 \beta_{12} + \beta_1 a^*)] + \sqrt{[(q\beta_{11} + \pi_1 \alpha_1 a^* \beta_{11}) - (\alpha_0 \beta_{12} + \beta_1 a^*)]^2 + 4\alpha_0 \beta_{11} (q\beta_{12} + \pi_1 \alpha_1 a^* \beta_{12})}}{2\alpha_0 \beta_{11}},$$

$$P^* = \frac{\theta_1 \beta_{11} n^*}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*) \alpha_3} - \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3},$$

Thus,  $E_3$  exist if

$$q_c - \beta \alpha_1 a^* > 0, r_1 \alpha_2 (\beta_2 + C_0) - r_1 q_c > 0, \quad \pi_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_2 - \beta r_1 \alpha_1 > 0$$

#### (4) DYNAMICAL BEHAVIOUR OF THE SYSTEM

In this section, we will discuss the stability behaviours of  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$ .

The variational matrix of model system (1) – (4) is given as follows:-

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_0 - \frac{a\beta_1\beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n)^2} & -\frac{\beta_1 n}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n)} + \pi_1 \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\theta_1 a \beta_1 \beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n)^2} & \frac{\theta_1 \beta_1 n}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n)} - \alpha_1 - \alpha_3 P & 0 & -\alpha_3 a \\ 0 & -\beta \alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 P}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C)} & \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 a P}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C)^2} & \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 a}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C)} - r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, corresponding to the equilibrium point  $E_1$ , Jacobean  $J_1$  is –

$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_0 & -\frac{\beta_1 q}{(\beta_{12} \alpha_0 + \beta_{11} q)} + \pi_1 \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\theta_1 \beta_1 q}{(\beta_{12} \alpha_0 + \beta_{11} q)} - \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta \alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Eigenvalues of the characteristic equation of  $J_1$  are  $\lambda_1 = -\alpha_0, \lambda_2 = -\alpha_2,$

$$\lambda_3 = -r_1 \text{ and } \lambda_4 = \frac{(\theta_1\beta_1 - \alpha_1\beta_{11})q - \alpha_1\alpha_0\beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12}\alpha_0 + \beta_{11}q)}$$

It is seen from the eigenvalues that the equilibrium  $E_1$  is locally asymptotically stable if  $(\beta_{11}q + \alpha_0\beta_{12})\alpha_1 > q\theta_1\beta_1$ . Thus,  $E_2$  exist if  $E_1$  is unstable.

Variation matrix corresponding to the equilibrium point  $E_2$ .

$$J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_0 - \frac{\bar{a}\beta_1\beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}\bar{n})^2} & -\frac{\beta_1\bar{n}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}\bar{n})} + \pi_1\alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\theta_1\bar{a}\beta_1\beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}\bar{n})^2} & \frac{\theta_1\beta_1\bar{n}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}\bar{n})} - \alpha_1 & 0 & -\alpha_3\bar{a} \\ 0 & -\beta\alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\pi_2\alpha_3\bar{a}}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - \bar{C})} - r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

using (1) – (4), above Jacobean converts to

$$J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{11} & \frac{(\alpha_0\bar{n} - q)}{\bar{a}} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{12} & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_3\bar{a} \\ 0 & -\beta\alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\pi_2\alpha_3\bar{a}}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - \bar{C})} - r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $a_{11} = \alpha_0 + \frac{\bar{a}\beta_1\beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}\bar{n})^2}$ ,  $a_{12} = \frac{\theta_1\bar{a}\beta_1\beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}\bar{n})^2}$

Characteristic equation corresponding to the above Jacobean is :-

$$(-\alpha_2 - \lambda) \left( \frac{\pi_2\alpha_3\bar{a}}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - \bar{C})} - r_1 - \lambda \right) \left[ \lambda^2 + a_{11}\lambda - \frac{(\alpha_0\bar{n} - q)}{\bar{a}} a_{12} \right] = 0$$

The Eigenvalues of the characteristic equation of  $J_2$  are  $\lambda_1 = -\alpha_2, \lambda_2 = -\frac{[r_1((\beta_2 + C_0) - \bar{C}) - \pi_2\alpha_3\bar{a}]}{[(\beta_2 + C_0) - \bar{C}]}$ ,

$$\lambda = \frac{-a_{11} \pm \sqrt{a_{11}^2 + \frac{4(\alpha_0\bar{n} - q)}{\bar{a}} a_{12}}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -\frac{a_{11} + \sqrt{a_{11}^2 + \frac{4(\alpha_0\bar{n} - q)}{\bar{a}} a_{12}}}{2},$$

$$\lambda_4 = -\frac{a_{11} - \sqrt{a_{11}^2 + \frac{4(\alpha_0\bar{n} - q)}{\bar{a}} a_{12}}}{2},$$

Here  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$  are negative. Thus, point  $E_2$  are stable .

Now, we will examine the local behavior of the equilibrium point  $E_3$  ( $n^*, a^*, C^*, P^*$ ). The Jacobean matrix corresponding to the equilibrium point  $E_3$ .

$$J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha_0 - \frac{a^* \beta_1 \beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)^2} & \frac{-\beta_1 n^*}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)} + \pi_1 \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{a^* \theta_1 \beta_1 \beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)^2} & \frac{\theta_1 \beta_1 n^*}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)} - \alpha_1 - \alpha_3 P^* & 0 & -\alpha_3 a^* \\ 0 & -\beta \alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 P^*}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C^*)} & \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 a^* P^*}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C^*)^2} & \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 a^*}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C^*)} - r_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

using (1) – (4), above Jacobean converts to

$$J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{11} & \frac{(\alpha_0 n^* - q)}{a^*} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_3 a^* \\ 0 & -\beta \alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{r_1 P^*}{a^*} & a_{43} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $a_{11} = \alpha_0 + \frac{a^* \beta_1 \beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)^2}$ ,  $a_{21} = \frac{a^* \theta_1 \beta_1 \beta_{12}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)^2}$ ,  $a_{43} = \frac{\pi_2 \alpha_3 a^* P^*}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C^*)^2}$

Characteristic equation corresponding to the above Jacobean is -

$$\lambda^4 + b_1 \lambda^3 + b_2 \lambda^2 + b_3 \lambda + b_4 = 0 \tag{1}$$

where

$$b_1 = \alpha_2 + a_{11}$$

$$b_2 = a_{11} \alpha_2 + r_1 P^* \alpha_3 + \frac{(q - \alpha_0 n^*)}{a^*} a_{21}$$

$$b_3 = a_{11} r_1 P^* \alpha_3 + r_1 P^* \alpha_2 \alpha_3 + \frac{(q - \alpha_0 n^*)}{a^*} \alpha_2 a_{21} - \beta a^* \alpha_1 \alpha_3 a_{43}$$

$$b_4 = \alpha_2 \alpha_3 r_1 P^* a_{11} - \beta a^* \alpha_1 \alpha_3 a_{43} a_{11}$$

Using the Routh-hurwitz criteria, the condition for the stationary point to be locally asymptotically stable are  $b_1 > 0$ ,  $b_2 > 0$ ,  $b_3 > 0$ ,  $b_4 > 0$ ,  $b_1 b_2 - b_3 > 0$  and  $b_1 b_2 b_3 - b_3^2 - b_1^2 b_4 > 0$ , we have shown it numerically using given set of parameters.

$q = 4$ ,  $\beta_1 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 1$ ,  $\beta_{12} = 0.1$ ,  $\beta_{11} = 1$ ,  $\pi_1 = 0.9$ ,  $\alpha_1 = 0.9$ ,  $\theta_1 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 0.1$ ,

$q_c = 10$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 1$ ,  $\beta = 0.9$ ,  $\pi_2 = 0.1$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.3$ ,  $C_0 = 25$ ,  $r_1 = 0.001$ , and

$a_{11} = 1.0113677$ ,  $a_{21} = 0.0113677$ ,  $a_{43} = 0.0000444$ , thus the values of  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $b_3$  and  $b_4$  are as under  $b_1 = 2.0113677$ ,  $b_2 = 1.0133056$ ,  $b_3 = 0.0020066$ ,

$b_4 = 0.0000686$  and  $b_1 b_2 b_3 - b_3^2 - b_1^2 b_4 = 0.0038082 > 0$ . All values are greater than zero, thus Jacobean matrix  $J_3$  is asymptotically stable.

Now, In the following theorem we will study the nonlinear stability analysis of the equilibrium point  $E_3$  by Lyapunovs direct method.

**Theorem (1):-** The equilibria  $E_3$  is nonlinearly stable in  $\Omega_1$ , if the following conditions are satisfied.

$$\left[ \frac{(\beta_{12} \delta_m + \beta_{11} q)(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*) \pi_1 \alpha_1 - q n^* \beta_1 \beta_{11}}{(\beta_{12} \delta_m + \beta_{11} q)(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)} \right]^2 < \frac{2 \alpha_0 n^* \alpha_3}{3 \theta_1} \tag{1.1}$$

$$\beta^2 \alpha_1^2 m_2 < \frac{n^* \alpha_3 \alpha_2}{3\theta_1} \tag{1.2}$$

$$\left[ \frac{m_3 \pi_2 \alpha_2}{(\beta_2 \alpha_2 + C_0 \alpha_2 - q_c)} \right]^2 < \frac{n^*}{6\theta_1^2} \tag{1.3}$$

$$\left[ \frac{m_3 \pi_2 a^*}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C^*)(\beta_2 \alpha_2 + C_0 \alpha_2 - q_c)} \right]^2 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 < \frac{m_2 n^*}{2\theta_1} \tag{1.4}$$

**Proof:-**

We consider the following positive definite function:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(n - n^*)^2 + m_1 \left( a - a^* - a^* \ln \frac{a}{a^*} \right) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (C - C^*)^2 + m_3 \left( P - P^* - P^* \ln \frac{P}{P^*} \right)$$

Where  $m_1, m_2$  and  $m_3$  are positive constants, to be chosen appropriately.

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = (n - n^*) \frac{dn}{dt} + m_1 \frac{(a - a^*)}{a} \frac{da}{dt} + m_2 (C - C^*) \frac{dC}{dt} + m_3 \frac{(P - P^*)}{P} \frac{dP}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = Z_1 \frac{dn}{dt} + m_1 \frac{Z_2}{a} \frac{da}{dt} + m_2 Z_3 \frac{dC}{dt} + m_3 \frac{Z_4}{P} \frac{dP}{dt}$$

We assume  $Z_1 = (n - n^*), Z_2 = (a - a^*), Z_3 = (C - C^*), Z_4 = (P - P^*)$

Using (1) – (4), choosing  $m_1 = \frac{n^*}{\theta_1}$  and using the inequality  $a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$ , then some algebraic manipulations  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  reduces

in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} \leq & - \frac{\beta_1 \beta_{12} a}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n)(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)} Z_1^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} 2\alpha_0 Z_1^2 + \left[ \pi_1 \alpha_1 - \frac{nn^* \beta_1 \beta_{11}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n)(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)} \right] Z_1 Z_2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^* \alpha_3}{3\theta_1} Z_2^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^* \alpha_3}{3\theta_1} Z_2^2 - m_2 \beta \alpha_1 Z_2 Z_3 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 \alpha_2 Z_3^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^* \alpha_3}{3\theta_1} Z_2^2 + \frac{m_3 \pi_2 \alpha_3}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C)} Z_2 Z_4 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^* \alpha_3}{2\theta_1} Z_4^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} m_2 \alpha_2 Z_3^2 + \frac{m_3 \pi_2 \alpha_3 a^*}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C)(\beta_2 + C_0 - C^*)} Z_3 Z_4 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n^* \alpha_3}{2\theta_1} Z_4^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} \leq & - \frac{\beta_1 \beta_{12} a}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n)(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11} n^*)} Z_1^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} P_{11} Z_1^2 + P_{12} Z_1 Z_2 - \frac{1}{2} P_{22} Z_2^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} P_{22} Z_2^2 + P_{23} Z_2 Z_3 - \frac{1}{2} P_{33} Z_3^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} P_{22} Z_2^2 + P_{24} Z_2 Z_4 - \frac{1}{2} P_{44} Z_4^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2} P_{33} Z_3^2 + P_{34} Z_3 Z_4 - \frac{1}{2} P_{44} Z_4^2 \end{aligned}$$

Where,

$$P_{11} = 2\alpha_0, P_{12} = \left[ \pi_1 \alpha_1 - \frac{nn^* \beta_1 \beta_{11}}{(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n)(\beta_{12} + \beta_{11}n^*)} \right], P_{22} = \frac{n^* \alpha_3}{3\theta_1},$$

$$P_{23} = -m_2 \beta \alpha_1, P_{33} = m_2 \alpha_2, P_{24} = \frac{m_3 \pi_2 \alpha_3}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C)}, P_{34} = \frac{m_3 \pi_2 \alpha_3 a^*}{(\beta_2 + C_0 - C)(\beta_2 + C_0 - C^*)},$$

$$P_{44} = \frac{n^* \alpha_3}{2\theta_1}$$

Thus, sufficient conditions for  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  to be negative definite in  $\Omega_1$  are that the following inequalities hold:

$$P_{12}^2 < P_{11} \cdot P_{22}, P_{23}^2 < P_{22} \cdot P_{33}, P_{24}^2 < P_{22} \cdot P_{44}, P_{34}^2 < P_{33} \cdot P_{44}.$$

Hence, V is a Lyapunov's function with respect to  $E_3$  whose domain contains the region of attraction  $\Omega_1$ , proving the theorem.

**(5) NUMERICAL SIMULATION**

To check the feasibility of our analysis regarding the existence of  $E_3$  and the corresponding stability conditions, we conduct with the numerical computation of model (1) – (4) by choosing the following values of the parameters:

$$q = 4, \beta_1 = 1, \alpha_0 = 1, \beta_{12} = 0.1, \beta_{11} = 1, \pi_1 = 0.9,$$

$$\alpha_1 = 0.9, \theta_1 = 1, \alpha_3 = 0.1, q_c = 10, \alpha_2 = 1, \beta = 0.9,$$

$$\pi_2 = 0.1, \beta_2 = 0.3, C_0 = 25, r_1 = 0.001.$$

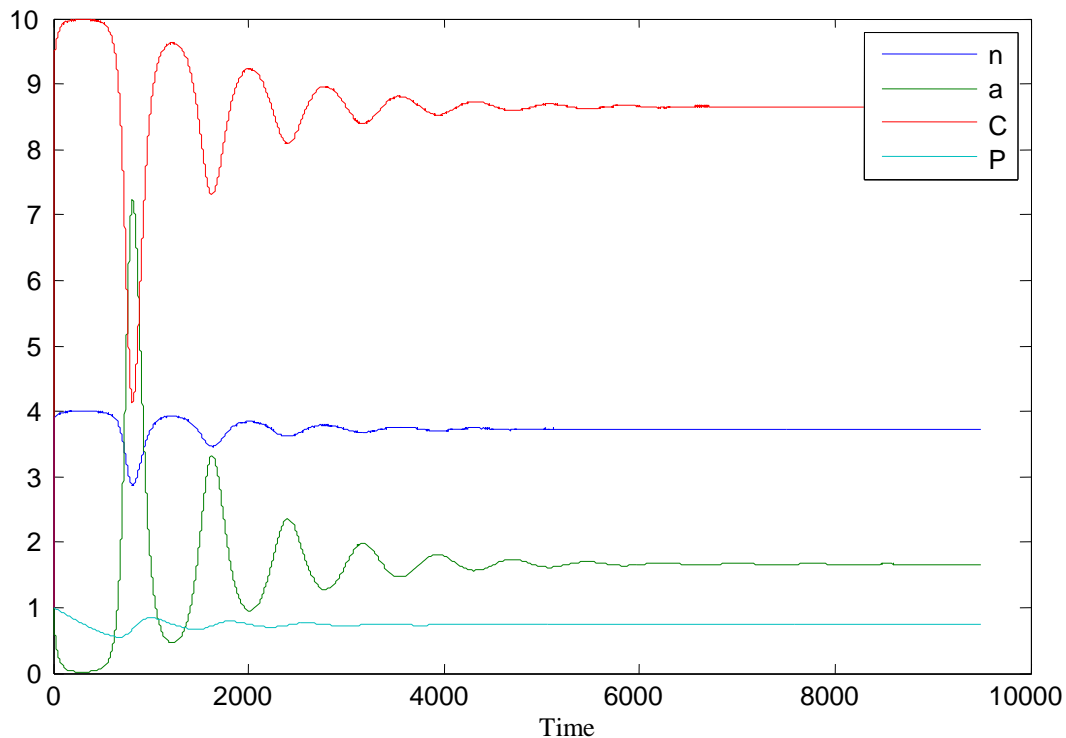
It is found that under the above set of parameters, conditions for the existence of interior equilibrium  $E_3(n^*, a^*, C^*, P^*)$  are satisfied and  $E_3$  is given by

$$n^* = 3.7270, a^* = 1.6649, C^* = 8.6515, P^* = 0.7388.$$

It is pointed out here that for the above set of parameters, the conditions for nonlinear stability (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) are also satisfied.

In figure (1), we observed that the equilibrium point  $E_3$  is asymptotically stable. In figure, concentration of dissolved oxygen and nutrients increases, while algae and zooplankton population decreases. It is further noted that all the stability conditions satisfied for the above values of parameters showing the local and nonlinear stability behaviour of  $E_3$ .

**Time Series Graph**



**Fig.-1**

**(6) CONCLUSION**

In this chapter, a non-linear mathematical model for the depletion of dissolved oxygen in plankton ecosystem has been proposed and analyzed. The model has three feasible steady states (equilibria)  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$ .

After analyzing the stability of equilibrium points we have seen that all the feasible equilibria have locally asymptotically stable under the certain conditions. We have studied the nonlinear stability analysis of the interior equilibrium point  $E_3$  by Lyapunov's direct method.

By numerical simulation it is shown that concentration of dissolved oxygen and nutrients increases, while density of algae and zooplankton population decreases. Numerical example is considered to show the stability with the help of figure (1), which support the qualitative analysis too.

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