

# Reliable Computation of Codimension-1 and Codimension-2 Bifurcations Using Interval Analysis

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# Outline

- Motivating Example
- Bifurcation Types and Test Functions
- Interval Newton/Generalized Bisection
- Results

# Predator/Prey Systems

- Systems of ordinary differential equations that describe the rates of change in species biomass
- Model parameters have real-life, physical meaning
- These models can exhibit rich mathematical behavior including varying numbers and stability of equilibria

## Example Model

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# Bifurcations of Equilibria

- Goal – locate equilibrium points and bifurcations in predator/prey models
- A bifurcation is a change in the topological type of the phase portrait as one or more system parameters are varied
  - One parameter allowed to vary – codimension-one bifurcation
  - Two parameters allowed to vary – codimension-two bifurcation
- Bifurcations are located by solving a nonlinear algebraic system consisting of the equilibrium conditions along with one or more augmenting (test) functions

# Codim-1 Bifurcations and Test Functions

- Fold and transcritical bifurcations
  - Collision of equilibria that results in annihilation or an exchange in stability
  - The Jacobian,  $J(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)$ , of the model has a single zero eigenvalue
  - Product of all eigenvalues must be zero:  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 0$
  - Convenient test function (avoiding calculation of eigenvalues):

$$\det (J(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)) = 0$$

# Codim-1 Bifurcations and Test Functions

- Hopf bifurcation
  - $J(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)$  has a pair of imaginary complex conjugate eigenvalues that cross the imaginary axis
  - Product of all possible pair sums must be zero:
$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) = 0$$
  - Convenient test function based on bialternate product
$$\det(2J(\mathbf{x}, \alpha) \otimes I) = 0$$
  - Can produce false-positives
  - Must screen solutions by checking if eigenvalues are imaginary conjugates

# Codim-2 Bifurcations and Test Functions

- Fold-Fold: Two eigenvalues that are zero
- Fold-Hopf: One eigenvalue that is zero and a pair of purely imaginary complex conjugate eigenvalues
- Located by using both augmenting functions

$$\det (J(\mathbf{x}, \alpha, \beta)) = 0$$

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# Locating Bifurcations

- Must solve equilibrium conditions and augmenting function(s) for  $x$  and  $\alpha$  (and  $\beta$ )
- Equation system may have multiple solutions
- Typically these systems are solved using a continuation-based strategy (e.g., Kuznetsov, 1991)
  - Initialization dependent
  - No guarantee of locating all branches
- Interval mathematics provides a method that is:
  - Initialization *independent*
  - Capable of locating *all* branches *with certainty*

# Interval Newton/Generalized Bisection Method (IN/GB)

- Given a system of equations, an initial interval (bounds on all variables), and a solution tolerance:
  - IN/GB can find (enclose), *with mathematical and computational certainty*, all solutions to the equation system, or it can determine that no solutions exist (Moore, 1966; Kearfott, 1996)
  - The equation system must have a finite number of real roots in the initial interval
  - No strong assumptions or simplifications to the equation system are needed

# IN/GB Method

Problem: Solve  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  for all roots in the interval  $\mathbf{X}^{(0)}$

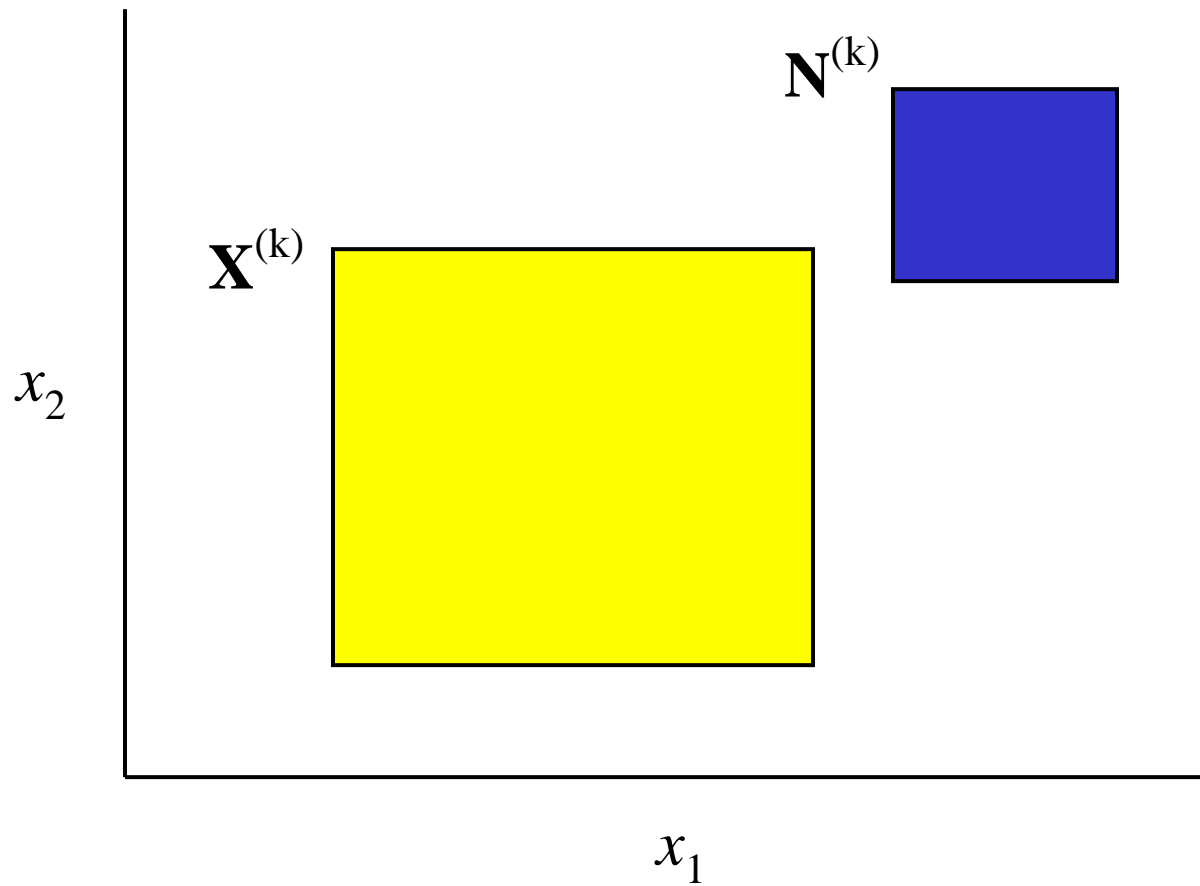
Basic iteration scheme: For a particular subinterval (box),  $\mathbf{X}^{(k)}$ , perform root inclusion test:

- Range test: Compute an interval extension (bounds on range) for each function in the system
  - If any element of the interval extension does not contain zero, delete the box. Otherwise continue.
- Interval Newton test: Compute the image,  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)}$ , of the box by solving the linear interval equation system

$$F'(\mathbf{X}^{(k)}) (\mathbf{N}^{(k)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}) = -f(\mathbf{x}^{(k)})$$

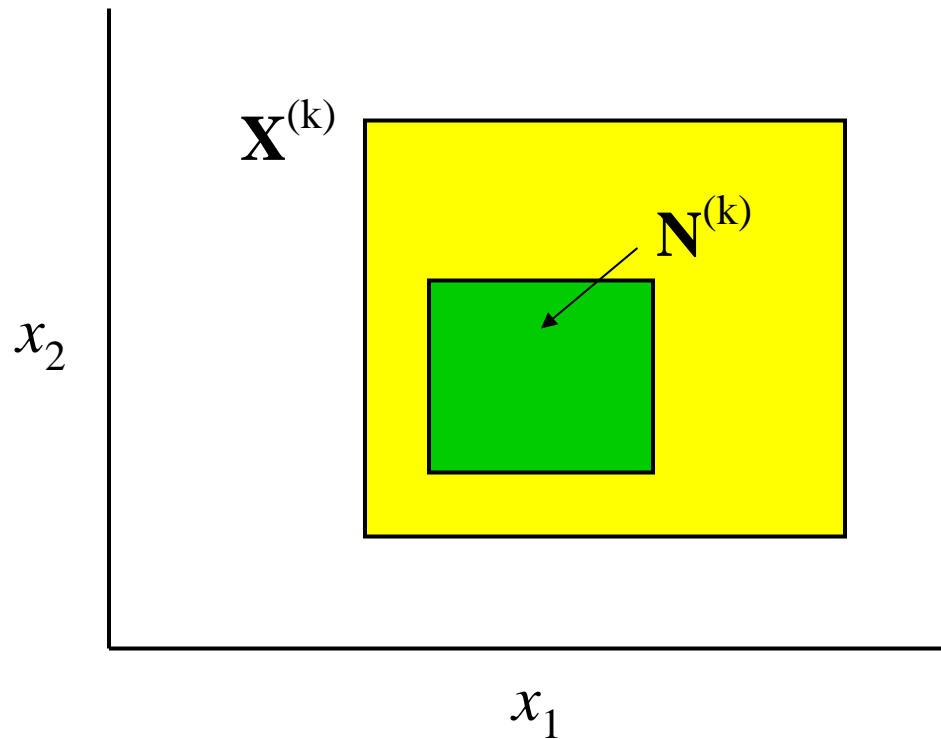
- $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  is any point in  $\mathbf{X}^{(k)}$
- $F'(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$  is the interval extension of the Jacobian matrix of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  over the interval  $\mathbf{X}^{(k)}$

# IN/GB Method: Interval Newton Test



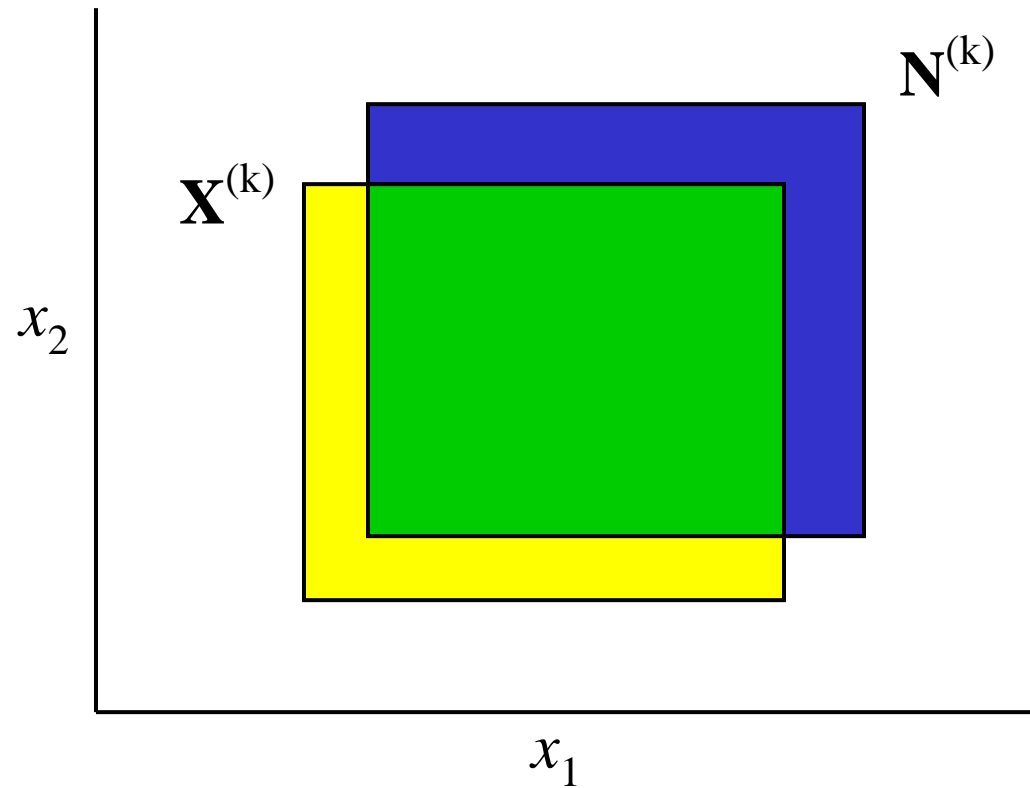
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- There is a *unique* solution in  $\mathbf{X}^{(k)}$  that is also in  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)}$
- Additional interval-Newton steps will tightly enclose the solution with quadratic convergence

# IN/GB Method: Interval Newton Test



- Any solutions in  $\mathbf{X}^{(k)}$  are in the intersection of  $\mathbf{X}^{(k)}$  and  $\mathbf{N}^{(k)}$
- If the intersection is sufficiently small, repeat the root inclusion test
- Otherwise, bisect the intersection and apply the root inclusion test to each resulting subinterval

# Example Problems

- IN/GB was used to solve the equilibrium conditions and appropriate augmenting function(s) for  $\mathbf{x}$  and the bifurcation parameter(s) of interest
- To generate codim-one bifurcation diagram (say  $r$  vs.  $K$ )
  - Set  $r$ , solve for bifurcation(s) with  $K$  as parameter
  - Increment  $r$  and repeat
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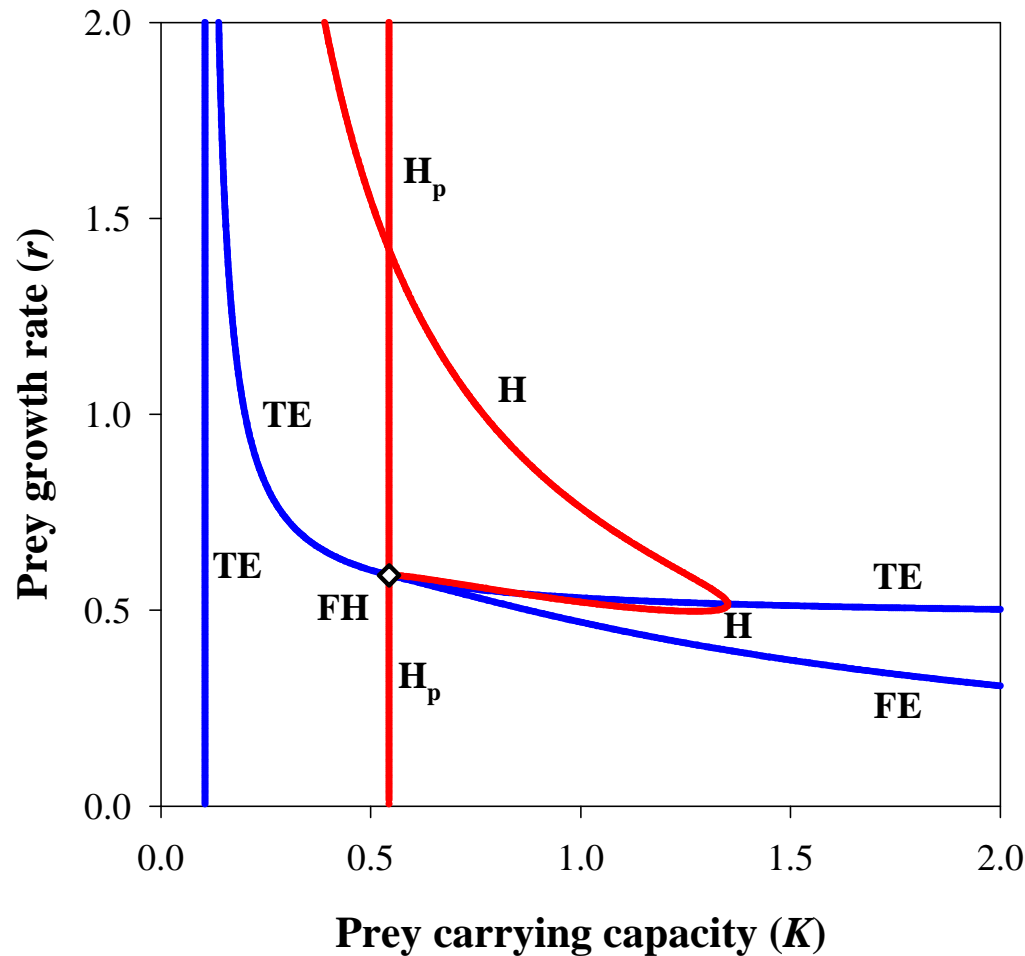
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## $K$ vs. $r$ Bifurcation Diagram



Bifurcation diagram matches results published in literature (Gragnani, 1998)

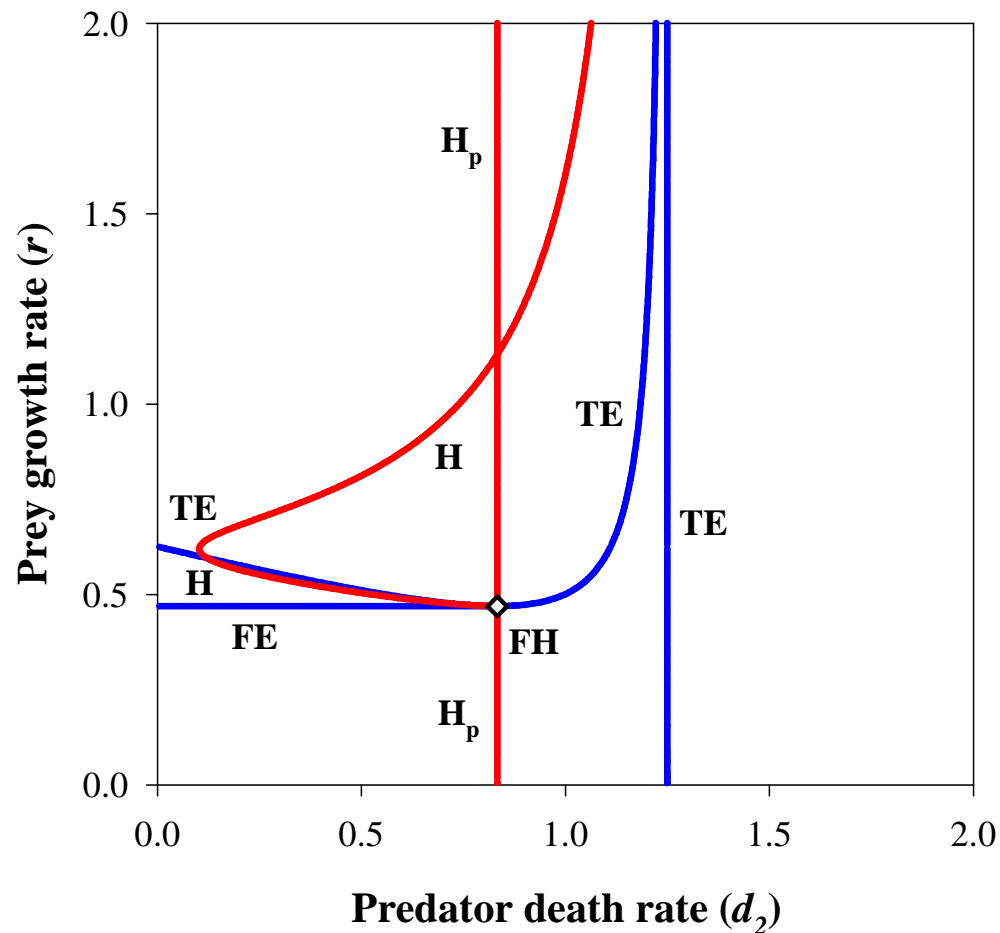
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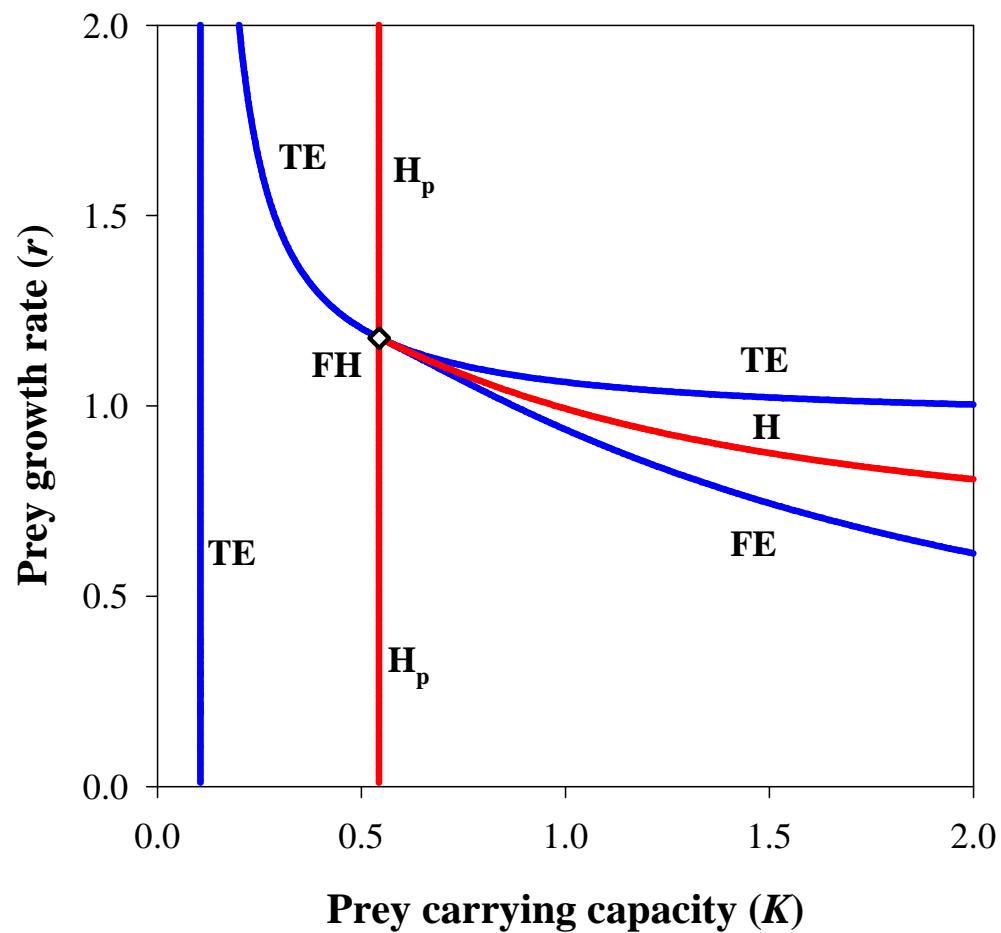
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# Tri-trophic Model with Sigmoidal Functional Responses

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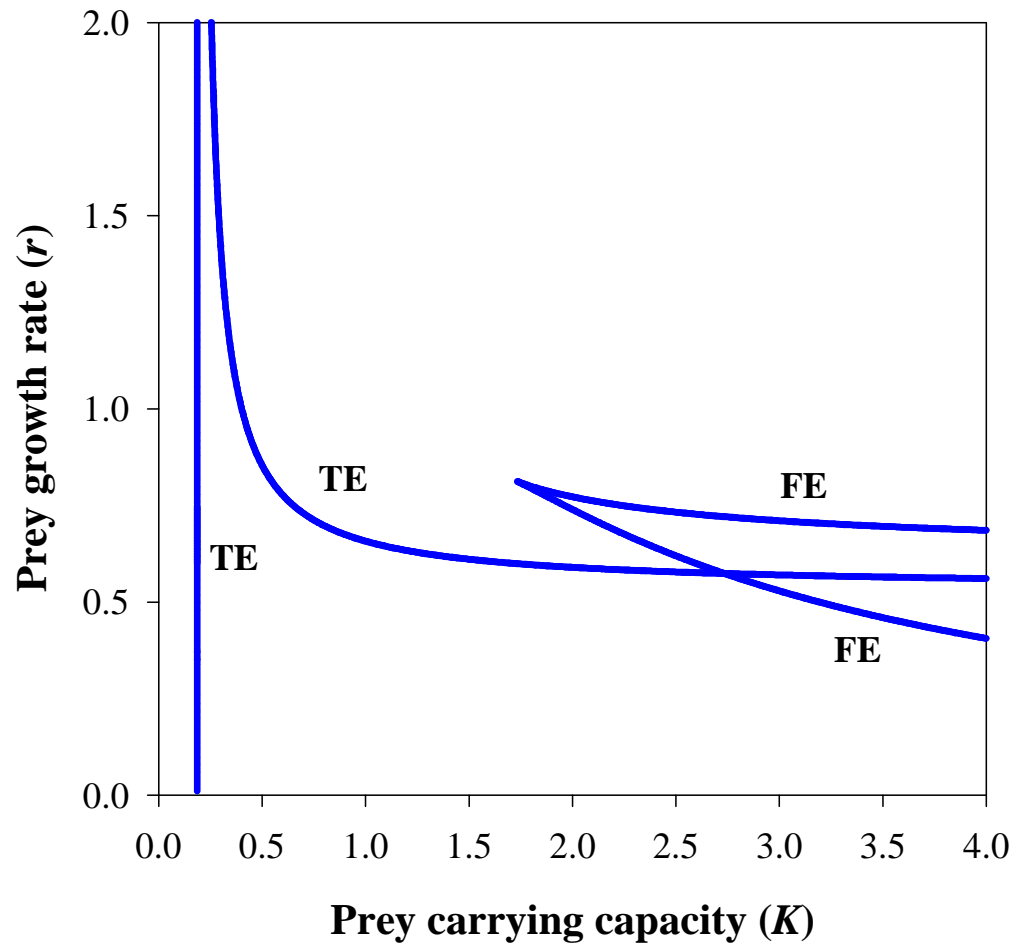
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# Sigmoidal Model

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# Summary

- Interval Newton/Generalized Bisection method is a robust, reliable method to find all solutions to an equation or equation system
- IN/GB can be applied to reliably locate bifurcations of equilibria without *a priori* knowledge of system behavior
  - Initialization independent
  - Capable of locating all branches with mathematical and computational certainty

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Questions?