

## Application of the Leray-Schauder Principle to the Analysis of a Nonlinear Integral Equation

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We study a nonlinear integral equation arising from the parametric closure for the third spatial moment in the Dieckmann–Law model of stationary biological communities.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \bar{\omega} + b - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( b - d - \frac{d'(b-d)}{Y} \right) \right) C = \\ & = \frac{Y\bar{m}}{b-d} \bar{\omega} + [\bar{m} * C] - \alpha \frac{b-d}{2Y} ((C+2)[\bar{\omega} * C] + [\bar{\omega}C * C]), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha \in [0; 1]$ ,  $\bar{m} = bm$ ,  $\bar{\omega} = d'\omega$ ,  $Y = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (C(x) + 1) \cdot \bar{\omega}(x) dx$ , and  $*$  stands for the operation of convolution of functions.

We have studied the well-posedness of a problem related to a nonlinear integral equation derived by applying a parametric power-2 closure of the third spatial moment. Sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of a solution of this equation were found in the case when the competition,  $\omega$  and dispersal,  $m$  kernels are continuous. The following theorem on the existence of the solution was proved

**Theorem 1.** *Lets  $b > d \geq 0$ ,  $d' > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in (0; 1]$ ,  $R < \frac{1}{\|\omega\|_C}$ . Then, for sufficiently small  $d'$ , the equation 1 has a solution*

Also we find sufficient conditions under which the equation (1) has a unique solution.

**Theorem 2.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1 there exist constants  $b > d \geq 0$  and a small number  $d' > 0$  such that the equation (1) has a unique solution.*

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