

# Forest management optimization

- *considering biodiversity, global warming and economics goals*

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## **Preparations before the workshop starts:**

### **Lecture room preparations:**

**It is important that the lecture room has PC projector and necessary cables, screen etc.**

**It is also important that the lecture room has WiFi connection to the internet.**

**It is also important that the lecture room has a large whiteboard (at least 3 meters wide and one meter high) and pens with different colors. A large ruler (one meter length) makes the graphs and drawings better.**



## Preparations before the workshop starts:

### Individual preparations:

Preparations to be made before the exercises:

During the exercises, we will use QB64.

It is important that the participants have access to laptops where QB64 has already been installed.

This software can be downloaded for free from this link: <http://www.qb64.net/>

It is also good if the participants have already installed Lingo.

Here is the link: <http://www.lindo.com/index.php/products/lingo-and-optimization-modeling> .

During the exercises, it is sufficient to have a simple version, which is free, of Lingo installed. Of course, for more advanced problems, a more advanced version is better. Advanced versions of Lingo can however be very expensive.

In the end of this document, you find the "Workshop references".

These references contain central theories and methods that will be discussed and used in the sessions. In the schedule, you find the references that are connected to the different sessions. All references may be downloaded from the internet. Please download the references as soon as possible and store them in your computer since internet disturbances may occur some days.

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# Case

- The following model is used to derive general conclusions about how the optimal forest management decisions change if the importance of storing carbon increases.
- The model can also be used as a background to particular numerically specified models to be solved by Lingo.
- Later, such Lingo models will be defined and analyzed with changing parameter values.

## Problem definition:

$$\pi(V_1, t; \cdot) = \pi_A(V_1, t; \cdot) + \pi_B(V_1, t; \cdot) \quad , \quad V_1 > 0, t > \varepsilon > 0, \varepsilon \approx 0$$

$$V(s) = V_0 \quad 0 \leq s < \varepsilon$$

$$V(\varepsilon) = V_0 - h_0$$

$$\frac{dV(s)}{ds} > 0 \quad \varepsilon \leq s < t$$

$$h(0) = V_0 - V_1 = h_0$$

$$V(\varepsilon) = V_0 - h(0) = V_1$$

$$V_2 = V_2(V_1, t) = V(t)$$

**OBS: Maybe a continuous time definition of  $h$  is not necessary.**

$$h(kt) = V_2(V_1, t) - V_1 = h_1 \quad \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$h(s) = 0 \quad \forall s \neq kt, k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}, n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$V(kt + s) = V(s) \quad \forall \varepsilon \leq s \leq t, k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}, n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$V(kt + \varepsilon) = V(t + \varepsilon) = V_1 \quad \forall k \in \{0, 2, \dots, n\}, n \rightarrow \infty$$



$$\pi_A = P_{A_0} (V_0 - V_1) - c + \frac{P_{A_1} (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1) - c}{e^{rt} - 1}$$

Particular values:

$$F(0) = F_0 = 0$$

$$F(\varepsilon) = F_0 + h(0) = V_0 - V_1 = h_0$$

$$F(t + \varepsilon) - F(t) = h(t) = h_1$$

$$F(kt + \varepsilon) - F(kt) = h(t) = h_1 \quad \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, n \rightarrow \infty$$

Generalized expressions:

$$F(s) = F(\varepsilon) = h_0 \quad \varepsilon \leq s < t + \varepsilon$$

$$F(kt + s) = h_0 + kh_1 \quad \forall \varepsilon \leq s < t + \varepsilon, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$Y(s) = V(s) + F(s)$$

$$\pi_G = \int_0^{\infty} e^{\phi s} e^{-rs} \left( P_{B_1} Y(s) + P_{B_2} \frac{dY(s)}{ds} \right) ds$$

$$Y(s) = V(s) + F(s) \approx V_0 + \frac{h(t)}{t} s = V_0 + \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} s$$

$$\pi_G = \int_0^{\infty} e^{\phi s} e^{-rs} \left( P_{B_1} Y(s) + P_{B_2} \frac{dY(s)}{ds} \right) ds$$

$$\pi_B = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(r-\phi)s} \left( P_{B_1} \left( V_0 + \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} s \right) + P_{B_2} \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right) ds$$

$$\pi_B = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} \left( P_{B_1} V_0 + (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right) ds \quad , \quad r_2 = r - \phi$$



$$\pi_B = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} \left( P_{B_1} V_0 + (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right) ds$$

$$\pi_B = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} P_{B_1} V_0 ds + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} ds$$

$$\pi_B = P_{B_1} V_0 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} ds + \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds$$

$$\pi_B \approx \pi_G$$

$$\pi_G = \int_0^{\infty} e^{\phi s} e^{-rs} \left( P_{B_1} Y(s) + P_{B_2} \frac{dY(s)}{ds} \right) ds$$

$$\pi_B = P_{B_1} V_0 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} ds + \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds$$

$$\pi(V_1, t; \cdot) = \pi_A(V_1, t; \cdot) + \pi_B(V_1, t; \cdot) \quad , \quad V_1 > 0, t > \varepsilon > 0, \varepsilon \approx 0$$

**Maximization problem:**

$$\max_{V_1, t} \pi(V_1, t; \cdot) = P_{A_0} (V_0 - V_1) - c + \frac{P_{A_1} (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1) - c}{e^{rt} - 1} + P_{B_1} V_0 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} ds + \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds$$

**First order optimum conditions:**

$$\frac{d\pi}{dV_1} = -P_{A_0} + \frac{P_{A_1}}{e^{rt} - 1} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right)}{t} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} \left( P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2} \right) ds = 0$$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dt} = \frac{P_{A_1} \frac{dV_2}{dt} (e^{rt} - 1) - (P_{A_1} (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1) - c) r e^{rt}}{(e^{rt} - 1)^2} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} \left( P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2} \right) ds \left( \frac{\frac{dV_2}{dt} t - (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t^2} \right) = 0$$

**Reformulations of the first order optimum conditions:**

$$\frac{d\pi}{dV_1} = -P_{A_0} + \frac{P_{A_1}}{e^{rt} - 1} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) + \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds}{t} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dV_1} = -P_{A_0} + \left( \frac{P_{A_1}}{e^{rt} - 1} + \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds}{t} \right) \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) = 0$$



$$\frac{d\pi}{dt} = \frac{P_{A_1} \frac{dV_2}{dt} (e^{rt} - 1) - (P_{A_1} (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1) - c) r e^{rt}}{(e^{rt} - 1)^2} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds \left( \frac{\frac{dV_2}{dt} t - (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dt} = \frac{P_{A_1} \frac{dV_2}{dt} (e^{rt} - 1) - (P_{A_1} (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1) - c) r e^{rt}}{(e^{rt} - 1)^2} + \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds}{t} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dt} - \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right) = 0$$

**Final version of the first order optimum conditions:**

$$\frac{d\pi}{dV_1} = -P_{A_0} + \left( \frac{P_{A_1}}{e^{rt} - 1} + \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds}{t} \right) \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dt} = \frac{P_{A_1} \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} (e^{rt} - 1) - (P_{A_1} (V_2(V_1, t) - V_1) - c) r e^{rt}}{(e^{rt} - 1)^2} + \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) ds}{t} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dt} - \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right) = 0$$

**OBS: Here, it is possible to introduce "MC = MR interpretations" and modified "Faustmann type interpretations".**

***Observations concerning some second order derivatives and second order maximum conditions:***

$$\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2} = \left( \frac{P_{A_1}}{e^{rt} - 1} + \frac{\int_0^\infty e^{-r_2s} (P_{B_1}s + P_{B_2}) ds}{t} \right) \frac{d^2V_2}{dV_1^2} < 0 \quad , \quad r > 0, t > 0, P_{A_1} > 0, P_{B_1} \geq 0, P_{B_2} \geq 0, \frac{d^2V_2}{dV_1^2} < 0$$

The sign of  $\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2}$  is more complicated to determine.

However, a unique maximum will be assumed.

$$\left| \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2} \right| < 0 \quad \left| \begin{array}{cc} \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dt} \\ \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dV_1} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2} \end{array} \right| > 0$$

## Comparative statics analysis in the time interval dimension:

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2} dt^* + \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_B} dP_B = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2} dt^* = - \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_B} dP_B$$

$$\frac{dt^*}{dP_B} = \frac{- \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_B}}{\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2}}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_{B_1}} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} s ds}{t} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dt} - \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right)$$

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_{B_2}} = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-r_2 s} ds}{t} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dt} - \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right)$$

Observation: Let  $t > 0 \wedge t \rightarrow 0$ .  $\left( \frac{dV_2}{dt} - \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} \right)$  is strictly positive for low values of  $V$ ,

zero for the MSY maximizing value of  $V$ ,  $V_{MSY}$ , and strictly negative for higher values of  $V$ .

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_{B_1}} = \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } V_2 < V_{MSY} \\ = 0 & \text{if } V_2 = V_{MSY} \\ < 0 & \text{if } V_2 > V_{MSY} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dt^*}{dP_{B_1}} = \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } V_2 < V_{MSY} \\ = 0 & \text{if } V_2 = V_{MSY} \\ < 0 & \text{if } V_2 > V_{MSY} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_{B_2}} = \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } V_2 < V_{MSY} \\ = 0 & \text{if } V_2 = V_{MSY} \\ < 0 & \text{if } V_2 > V_{MSY} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dt^*}{dP_{B_2}} = \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } V_2 < V_{MSY} \\ = 0 & \text{if } V_2 = V_{MSY} \\ < 0 & \text{if } V_2 > V_{MSY} \end{cases}$$

Hence, if  $P_B$  increases, ceteris paribus, the optimal harvest interval increases if  $V_2 < V_{MSY}$ .

The optimal harvest interval is not changed if  $V_2 = V_{MSY}$  and the optimal harvest decreases if  $V_2 > V_{MSY}$ .

It is NOT optimal to increase the stock level above  $V_{MSY}$ .



## Comparative statics analysis in the volume dimension:

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} dV_1^* + \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}} dP_{B_1} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} dV_1^* = - \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}} dP_{B_1}$$

$$\frac{dV_1^*}{dP_{B_1}} = \frac{- \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}}{\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2}}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} dV_1^* + \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}} dP_{B_2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} dV_1^* = - \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}} dP_{B_2}$$

$$\frac{dV_1^*}{dP_{B_2}} = - \frac{\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}}{\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2}}$$

*Let us assume that growth, at least locally, can be approximated by the logistic equation:*

$$V_2 = V_2(V_1, t)$$

The equation is derived and explained in detail in

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$$V_2 = V_2(V_1, t; \cdot) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K} + \left( \frac{1}{V_1} - \frac{1}{K} \right) e^{-at}}$$

$$V_2 - V_1 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K} + \left( \frac{1}{V_1} - \frac{1}{K} \right) e^{-at}} - V_1$$

$$\frac{d(V_2 - V_1)}{dV_1} = \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1$$

$$\frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 = \frac{(1 - e^{at})(V_1^2 e^{at} - (K - V_1)^2)}{(V_1 e^{at} + K - V_1)^2}$$

**Assumptions:**

$$at > 0 \Rightarrow (1 - e^{at}) < 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{sgn} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) = \text{sgn} \left( - \left( V_1^2 e^{at} - (K - V_1)^2 \right) \right)$$

$$\text{sgn} \left( \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_B} \right) = \text{sgn} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) = \text{sgn} \left( - \left( V_1^2 e^{at} - (K - V_1)^2 \right) \right)$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(-V_1^2 e^{at} + (K - V_1)^2\right)$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(-V_1^2 e^{at} + K^2 - 2KV_1 + V_1^2\right)$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(V_1^2 (1 - e^{at}) + K^2 - 2KV_1\right)$$

## Calculations with very short time intervals:

$$t \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow (1 - e^{at}) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}(K^2 - 2KV_1)$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}(K(K - 2V_1))$$



**Assumptions:**

$$K > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}(K - 2V_1) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{K}{2} - V_1\right)$$

## Observations:

$$\begin{aligned} a. \quad V_1 < \frac{K}{2} \quad & \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}} \right) = \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}} \right) = \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) > 0 \\ b. \quad V_1 = \frac{K}{2} \quad & \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}} \right) = \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}} \right) = \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) = 0 \\ c. \quad V_1 > \frac{K}{2} \quad & \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}} \right) = \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}} \right) = \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \right) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Calculations with longer time intervals:

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(V_1^2(1 - e^{at}) + K^2 - 2KV_1\right)$$

Hence, if  $t$  increases from zero, then  $(1 - e^{at})$  becomes more negative.

As a result,  $(V_1^2(1 - e^{at}) + K^2 - 2KV_1)$  becomes more negative.

$$\operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) \text{ and } \frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1 \text{ may become strictly negative even if } V_1 \leq \frac{K}{2} .$$

## Conclusions in the volume dimension:

If the time interval is very short (approximately zero):

$$\frac{dV_1^*}{dP_{B_1}} = \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}}{\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dV_1^*}{dP_{B_2}} = \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}}{\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2}}$$

are strictly positive for low values of  $V$ , zero for  $V$  that

maximizes MSY and strictly negative for larger values of  $V$ .

Hence, if  $P_{B_1}$  and/or  $P_{B_2}$  increase(s), ceteris paribus, the optimal stock level converges to  $V \approx V_{MSY}$ .

It is NOT optimal to increase the stock level above  $V_{MSY}$ .

If the time interval is not very short:

$$\frac{dV_1^*}{dP_{B_1}} = \frac{\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}}{\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dV_1^*}{dP_{B_2}} = \frac{\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}}{\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2}}$$

are strictly positive for low values of  $V$  (if the time

interval is sufficiently short), equal to zero for a particular value of  $V$ ,  $V_1 < V_{MSY}$ , and strictly negative for larger values of  $V$ .

Hence, if  $P_{B_1}$  and/or  $P_{B_2}$  increase(s), ceteris paribus, the optimal stock level converges to a value below  $V_{MSY}$ .

It is NOT optimal to increase the stock level above  $V_{MSY}$ .

## Comparative statics analysis in two dimensions:

In the derivations below, we investigate the qualitative effects (directions of changes) of the decision

variables in case the imaginary parameter  $P_B$  increases. Since  $\text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1dP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1dP_{B_2}}\right)$  and

$\text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dtdP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dtdP_{B_2}}\right)$ , and since complementary assumptions are made (below), the results

derived and reported below with respect to the imaginary parameter  $P_B$ , are relevant to both of the

the real parameters  $P_{B_1}$  and  $P_{B_2}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dt} \\ \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dV_1} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dV_1^* \\ dt^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dP_B} dP_B \\ -\frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dP_B} dP_B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dt} \\ \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dV_1} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|D| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1^2} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dV_1 dt} \\ \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt dV_1} & \frac{d^2 \pi}{dt^2} \end{vmatrix} > 0$$



$$\frac{dV_1^*}{dP_B} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B} & \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dt} \\ \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} & \frac{d^2\pi}{dt^2} \end{vmatrix}}{|D|} = \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B} \frac{d^2\pi}{dt^2} + \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dt}}{|D|}$$

$$\frac{dt^*}{dP_B} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2} & -\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B} \\ \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dV_1} & -\frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} \end{vmatrix}}{|D|} = \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2} \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} + \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dV_1} \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B}}{|D|}$$

**Special assumptions of relevance to the two dimensional comparative statics analysis:**

$$\frac{d^2\pi}{dtdV_1} = \varepsilon < 0. \quad ABS(\varepsilon) \text{ is very small. We have a unique maximum. } |D| > 0$$

***As a consequence,***

$$\frac{dV_1^*}{dP_B} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B} & \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dt} \\ \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} & \frac{d^2\pi}{dt^2} \end{vmatrix}}{|D|} = \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B} \frac{d^2\pi}{dt^2} + \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} \varepsilon}{|D|} \approx \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B} \frac{d^2\pi}{dt^2}}{|D|}$$

$$\frac{dt^*}{dP_B} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2} & -\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B} \\ \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dV_1} & -\frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} \end{vmatrix}}{|D|} = \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2} \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B} + \varepsilon \frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B}}{|D|} \approx \frac{-\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1^2} \frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B}}{|D|}$$

$$\text{sgn}\left(\frac{dV_1^*}{dP_B}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_B}\right)$$

$$\text{sgn}\left(\frac{dt^*}{dP_B}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_B}\right)$$

**Conclusions from the one and two dimensional comparative statics analyses:**

If the initial value of  $V_1$  is lower than  $V_{MSY}$  and the time interval  $t$  is sufficiently short, then  $V_1$  and  $t$  increase if  $P_B$  ( $P_{B_1}$  and/or  $P_{B_2}$ ) increase(s).

If the initial value of  $V_1$  is lower than  $V_{MAX}$  and the time interval  $t$  is sufficiently long, then  $V_1$  and  $t$  may be unchanged or decrease if  $P_B$  ( $P_{B_1}$  and/or  $P_{B_2}$ ) increase(s).

If the initial value of  $V_1$  is equal to  $V_{MSY}$  and the time interval  $t$  is very short, then  $V_1$  and  $t$  are not changed if  $P_B$  ( $P_{B_1}$  and/or  $P_{B_2}$ ) increase(s).

If the initial value of  $V_1$  is higher than  $V_{MSY}$  and/or the time interval  $t$  is sufficiently long, then  $V_1$  and  $t$  decrease if  $P_B$  ( $P_{B_1}$  and/or  $P_{B_2}$ ) increase(s).

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