

# Stabilization and Robustness Analysis for a Chemostat Model with Two Species



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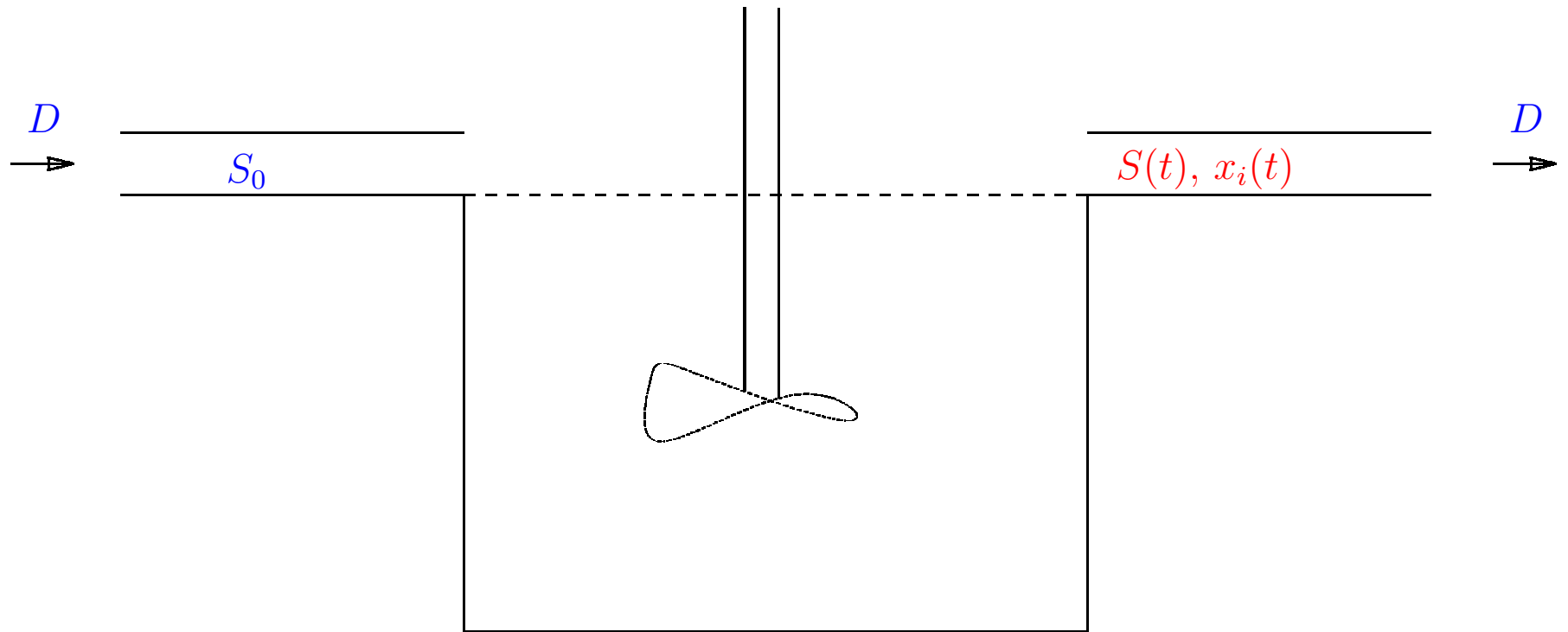
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**Goal:** Given any  $X_{i*} > 0$ , design  $S_0$  and  $D(\cdot)$ , depending only on  $Y = X_1 + AX_2$  (where  $A$  is a given positive constant), that render  $(S_*, X_{1*}, X_{2*}) \in \mathcal{X}$  robustly GAS.

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**Outputs:** De Leenheer-Smith and **Gouzé-Robledo** (*IJRNC*'06..) stabilized using only  $X_1 + X_2$  or  $S$ . No ISS.

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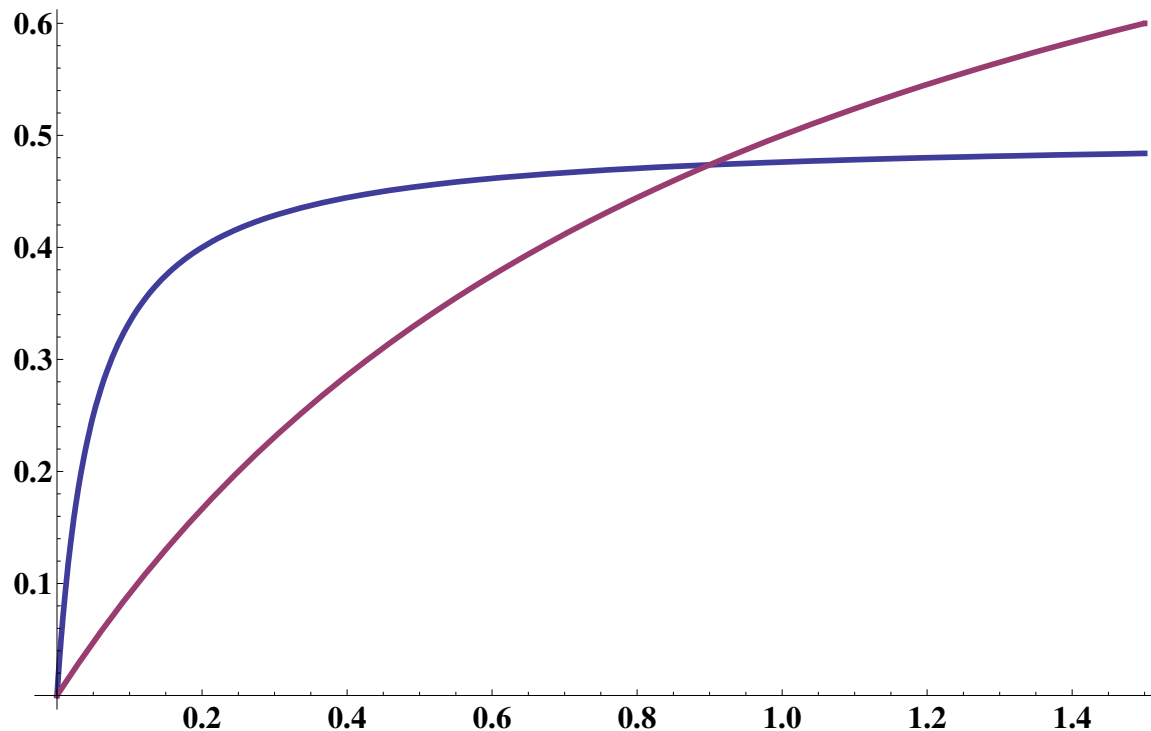
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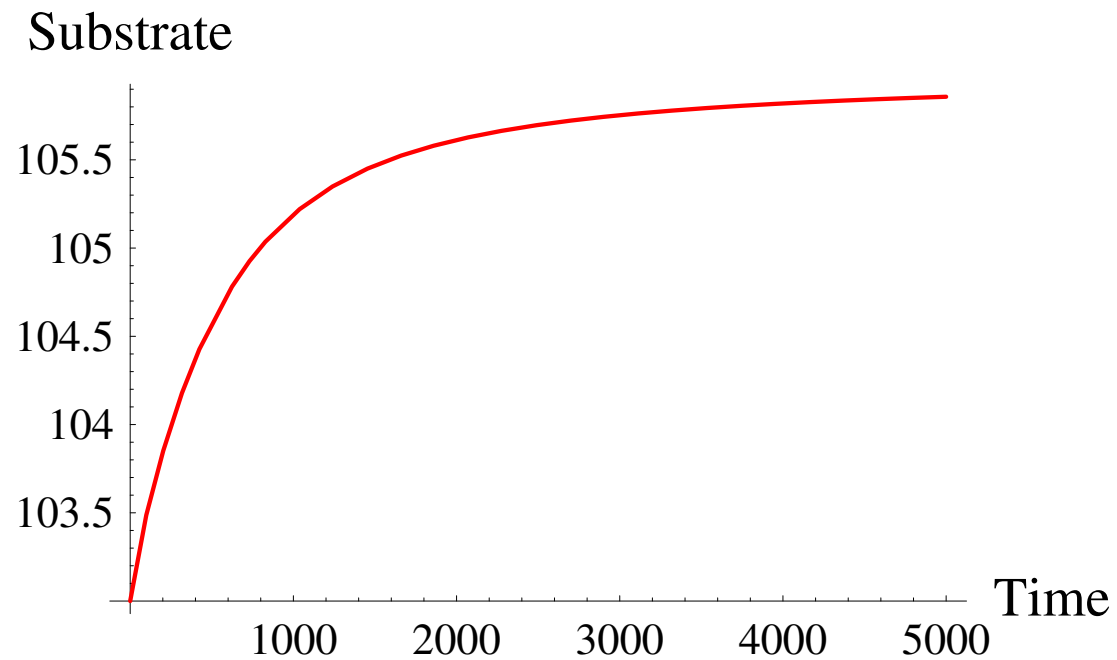
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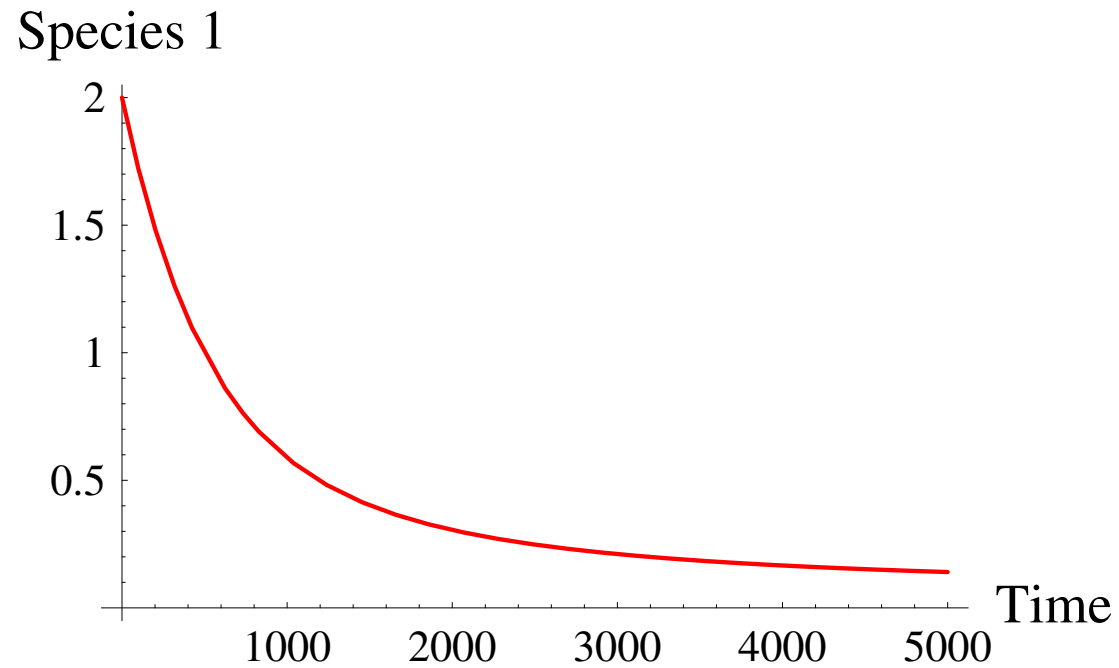
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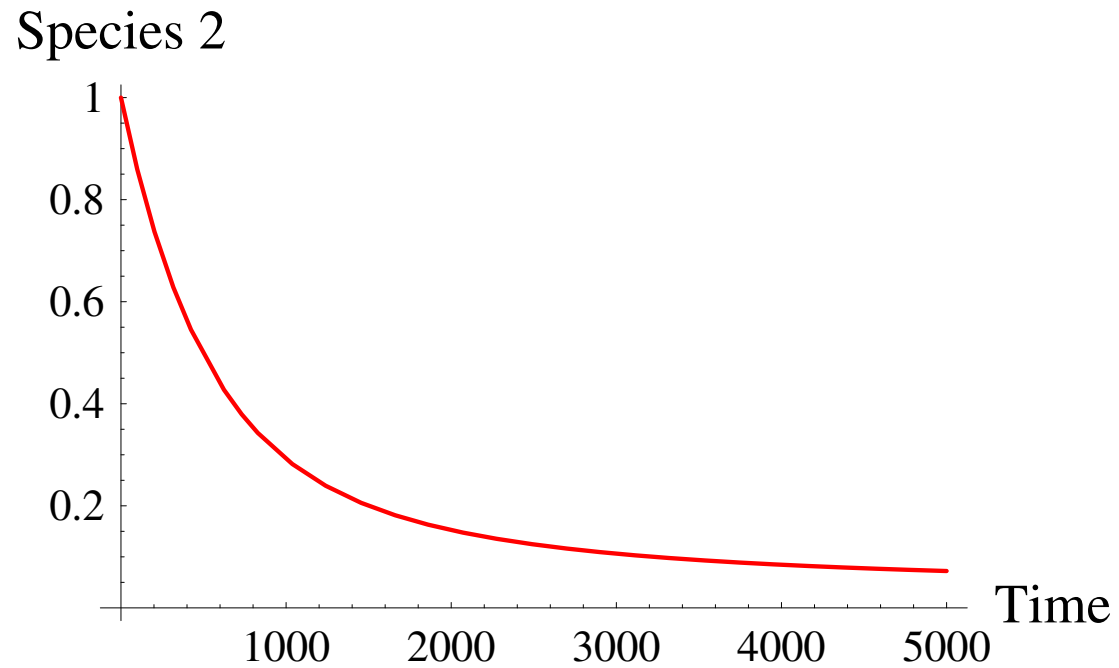
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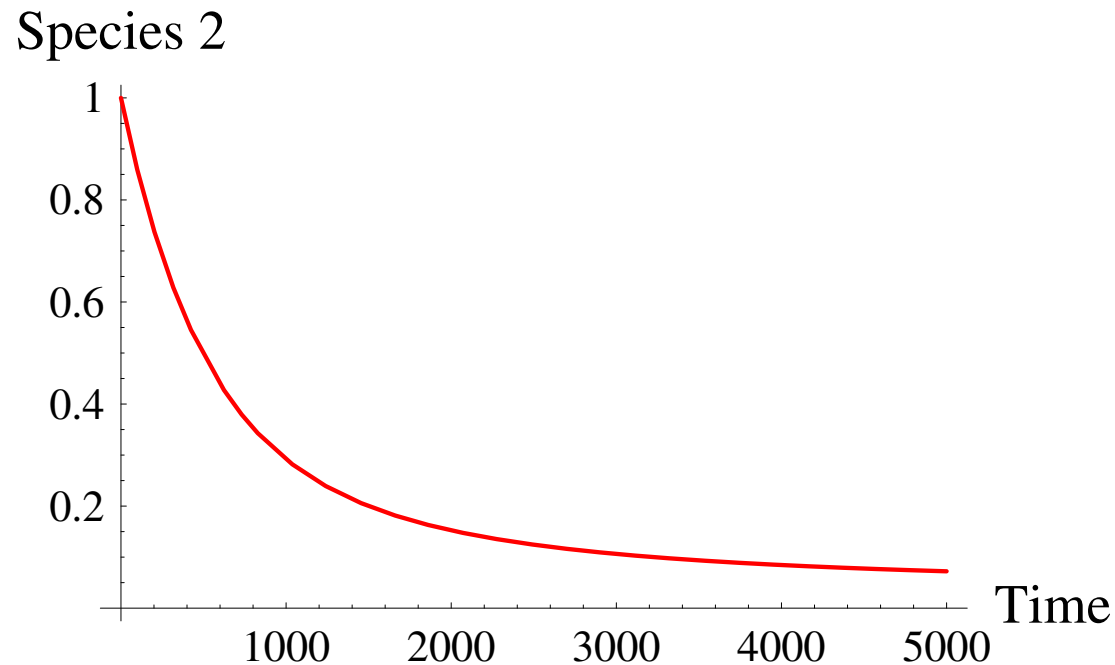
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