

# Threshold Dynamics of a Vector-Borne Epidemic Model for Huanglongbing with Impulsive Control

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## Abstract

In this paper, the basic reproduction number is calculated for Huanglongbing (HLB) model with impulses which is a vector-borne epidemic model with impulses. For controlling HLB, farmers' experience is replanting of healthy plants and removing infected plants. To reflect the real world, we construct an impulsive control model which considers replanting of healthy plants and removing infected plants at one fixed time. By analyzing the model, we conclude that the disease-free equilibrium is globally asymptotically stable if the basic reproduction number  $R_0 < 1$ , and we prove that the HLB is permanence if the basic reproduction number  $R_0 > 1$ .

## Keywords

Huanglongbing, Impulsive Control, Basic Reproduction Number, Disease-Free Periodic Solution, Permanence

## 1. Introduction

Huanglongbing (HLB) is one of the most serious problems of citrus worldwide which caused by the bacteria *Candidatus Liberibacter* spp., whose name in Chinese means "yellow dragon disease", was first reported from southern China in 1919 and is now known to occur in next to 40 different Asian, African, Oceanian, South and North American countries [1]. HLB has no cure and affects all citrus varieties, reducing the productivity of orchards because the fruits of infected plants have poor quality and, in extreme cases, infection leads to plant death [2]. HLB symptoms are virtually the same wherever the disease occurs. Infected trees show a blotchy mottle condition of the leaves that result in the development of yellow shoots, the early and very characteristic symptom of the disease [1]. As

we all know, HLB can be spread efficiently by vector psyllids to all commercial cultivars of citrus [3] [4].

Mathematical models play an important role in understanding the epidemiology of vector-transmitted plant diseases. Applications of mathematical approach to plant epidemics were reviewed by Van der Plank [5] and Kranz [6]. There are many authors establish continuous mathematical models to describe the transmission of HLB. Chiyaka *et al.* [7] proposed a compartmental model of ordinary differential equations for the HLB transmission dynamics within a citrus tree considering 10 dimensions. In [2], Raphael *et al.* constructed a 6 dimensions model of ordinary differential equations with delay time. However the dynamic behaviors of these models are studied only by using computer simulations.

But, in our real world, farmers' experiences have led to development of integrated management concepts for virus diseases that combine available host resistance, cultural, chemical and biological control measures. A cultural control strategy including replanting, and/or removing (rouging) diseased plants is a widely accepted treatment for plant epidemics which involves periodic inspections followed by removal of the detected infected plants [8] [9] [10] [11] [12]. Periodic replanting of healthy plants or removing (rouging) infected plants in plant-virus disease epidemics is widely used to minimize losses and maximize returns [12]. There are only a few countries have been able to control Asian HLB. São Paulo State (SPS) might be one of the first to be successful. In SPS, encouraging results have been obtained in the control of HLB by tree removal and insecticide treatments against psyllids [13]. Monocrotophos has a short residual effect on psyllid, repeated application is often required to suppress psyllid, which can cause pesticide resistance. Pesticides pollution is also recognized as a major health hazard to human beings and beneficial insects. To deal with these questions, we propose model dealing in detail with the killing efficiency rate and decay rate of pesticides. The residual effects of pesticides (*i.e.* killing efficiency rate and decay rate) on the threshold conditions are also addressed.

A model for the temporal spread of an epidemic in a closed plant population with periodic removals of infected plants has been considered by Fishman *et al.* [8]. Integrated management has been found to be more effective at eliminating epidemics. In this paper, according to the above biological background, we develop a hybrid impulsive control model, in which replanting of healthy plants and removing infected plants at one fixed moment and pesticide spraying at another fixed moment are considered, to propose optimal control strategy.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we formulate the impulsive epidemic model and also simplify the original system (2.1). In Section 3, we introduce some useful lemmas and the basic reproduction number of the model. In Sections 4 and 5, we proved the global stability of the disease-free equilibrium and permanence of the model, respectively. In the finally section, a brief discussion is given.

## 2. Model Formulation

Let  $S_h(t), I_h(t)$  denote susceptible citrus host and infected citrus host, respectively, and  $S_v(t), I_v(t)$  represent susceptible psyllid and infected psyllid, respectively. We give the following system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dS_h(t)}{dt} &= -\lambda S_h(t)I_v(t) - d_1 S_h(t), \\ \frac{dI_h(t)}{dt} &= \lambda S_h(t)I_v(t) - d_1 I_h(t) - \nu I_h(t), \\ \frac{dS_v(t)}{dt} &= \Lambda - \beta S_v(t)I_h(t) - d_2 S_v(t), \\ \frac{dI_v(t)}{dt} &= \beta S_v(t)I_h(t) - d_2 I_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t \neq kT, k \in N, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S_h(t^+) &= S_h(t) + \delta, \\ I_h(t^+) &= (1 - \phi)I_h(t), \\ S_v(t^+) &= S_v(t), \\ I_v(t^+) &= I_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad t = kT, k \in N,$$

with initial condition

$$S_h(0^+) > 0, I_h(0^+) > 0, S_v(0^+) > 0, I_v(0^+) > 0. \tag{2.2}$$

The model is satisfied with the following assumptions.

- $S_h, I_h, S_v$  and  $I_v$  are left continuous, that is,  $S_h(t) = S_h(t^-)$ ,  $I_h(t) = I_h(t^-)$ ,  $S_v(t) = S_v(t^-)$  and  $I_v(t) = I_v(t^-)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .
- $\lambda \geq 0$  is the infected rate of citrus host.  $d_1 > 0, \nu > 0$  are the nature death rate and disease induced death rate of citrus, respectively.
- $\Lambda > 0$  is constant recruitment rate of psyllid.
- $\beta \geq 0, d_2 > 0$  are the infected rate and nature death rate of psyllid, respectively.
- $\delta \geq 0, 0 < \phi < 1$  are the recruitment rate of citrus and removing rate of infected citrus by impulses, respectively.
- $T > 0$  is the interpulse time, *i.e.*, the time between two consecutive pulse replanting and removing.

The following lemma is obvious.

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $S_h(0^+) > 0, I_h(0^+) > 0, S_v(0^+) > 0$  and  $I_v(0^+) > 0$ , then  $S_h(t) > 0, I_h(t) > 0, S_v(t) > 0$  and  $I_v(t) > 0$  for every  $t > 0$ .

Denote  $G := \{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in R_+^4 \mid 0 \leq S_h + I_h \leq N_h^*, 0 \leq S_v + I_v \leq N_v^*\}$ , where  $N_h^* = \frac{\delta}{1 - e^{-d_1 T}}, N_v^* = \frac{\Lambda}{d_2}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** The solutions of system (2.1) with initial condition (2.2) eventually enter into  $G$  and  $G$  is positively invariant for system (2.1).

**Proof:** Let  $N_h = S_h + I_h, N_v = S_v + I_v$ . By system (2.1), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dN_h(t)}{dt} &= -d_1 N_h(t) - v I_h(t), \\ \frac{dN_v(t)}{dt} &= \Lambda - d_2 N_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} t \neq kT, \tag{2.3}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} N_h(t^+) &= N_h(t) - \phi I_h(t) + \delta, \\ N_v(t^+) &= N_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} t = kT,$$

By the first and third equations of (2.3), we get

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{dN_h(t)}{dt} &\leq -d_1 N_h, \quad t \neq kT, \\ N_h(t^+) &\leq N_h(t) + \delta, \quad t = kT, \end{aligned} \right.$$

Thus, we have  $N_h \leq \frac{\delta}{1 - e^{-d_1 T}}$ .

From the second and fourth equations of (2.3), we have

$$\frac{dN_v(t)}{dt} \leq \Lambda - d_2 N_v.$$

Then, we have  $N_v \leq \frac{\Lambda}{d_2}$ .

Then, from the above analysis, which implies that  $G$  is positively invariant.

### 3. The Basic Reproduction Number of (2.1)

Let  $(R^n, R_+^n)$  be the standard ordered  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . For  $u, v \in R^n$ , we write  $u \geq v$  if  $u - v \in R_+^n$ ,  $u > v$  if  $u - v \in R_+^n \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $u \gg v$  if  $u - v \in \text{Int}(R_+^n)$ , respectively.

Set  $A(t)$  be cooperative, irreducible and periodic  $n \times n$  matrix function with period  $\omega$  ( $>0$ ),  $P$  be a  $n \times n$  constant matrix,  $T$  be a pulse period satisfying  $\omega/T = q, q \in N$ . Then  $\Phi_{A(\cdot)}(t)$  is the fundamental solution matrix of the linear differential equation

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = A(t)y,$$

and  $r(P^q \Phi_{A(\cdot)}(\omega))$  is the spectral radius of  $P^q \Phi_{A(\cdot)}(\omega)$ . By Perron-Frobenius theorem,  $r(P^q \Phi_{A(\cdot)}(\omega))$  is the principal eigenvalue of  $\Phi_{A(\cdot)}(\omega)$  in the sense that it is simple and admits an eigenvector  $v^* \gg 0$ .

Firstly, we introduce some lemmas which will be useful for our further arguments.

**Lemma 3.1.** [14] Let  $\mu = \frac{1}{\omega} \ln r(P^q \Phi_{A(\cdot)}(\omega))$ . Then there exists a positive,  $\omega$ -periodic function  $v(t)$  such that  $e^{\mu t} v(t)$  is a solution of

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{dy(t)}{dt} &= A(t)y, \quad t \neq kT, k \in N, \\ y(t^+) &= Py(t), \quad t = kT, k \in N. \end{aligned} \right. \tag{3.1}$$

In what follows, we give the basic reproduction number  $R_0$  for system (2.1).

Similar to Yang and Xiao [15].

An impulsive periodic differential mathematical model in which impulses occur at fixed times may be described as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(t, x), & t \neq kT, \\ x(t^+) = x(t) + I(t), & t = kT, \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

where  $f : R^+ \times \Omega \rightarrow R^k$  is  $\omega$ -periodic function and  $q = \omega/T$ , for  $t = kt$ ,  $x(kt^+) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} x(kt + h)$ ,  $k \in N, N = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\Omega$  is an open set.

Let  $\mathcal{F}_i(t, x(t))$  be the input rate of newly infected individuals in the  $i$ -th compartment, and  $\mathcal{V}_i(t, x(t)) = \mathcal{V}_i^-(t, x(t)) - \mathcal{V}_i^+(t, x(t))$  where  $\mathcal{V}_i^+(t, x(t))$  be the input rate of individuals by other means, and  $\mathcal{V}_i^-(t, x(t))$  be the rate of transfer of individuals out of compartment  $i$ ; then  $\mathcal{V}_i(t, x(t))$  denotes the net transfer rate out of compartments. We suppose that  $x(t_k)$  immediately after pulses equals

$$x(kt^+) = x(kt) + I(kt) = \psi(x(kt)),$$

where  $\psi : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega, \Omega \in R^n, \psi \in C^1(\Omega, \Omega)$ .

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T, \\ \mathcal{F}(t, x) &= (\mathcal{F}_1(t, x), \mathcal{F}_2(t, x), \dots, \mathcal{F}_n(t, x))^T, \\ \mathcal{V}(t, x) &= (\mathcal{V}_1(t, x), \mathcal{V}_2(t, x), \dots, \mathcal{V}_n(t, x))^T, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A^T$  denotes the transpose of  $A$ , and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are  $n$  homogeneous compartments in a heterogeneous population, with each  $x_i \geq 0$  being the number of individuals in each compartment. Assume that the compartments sort by two types, with the first  $m$  compartments  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  the infected individual, and  $x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n$  the uninfected individuals. Denote

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (x_1, \dots, x_m), \quad Y = (x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n), \\ \psi &= (h, g)^T, \quad h = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m), \quad g = (\psi_{m+1}, \dots, \psi_n), \\ h &\in C^1(\Omega, R^m), \quad g \in C^1(\Omega, R^{n-m}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, system (3.2) can be written as

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_i(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{F}_i(t, x(t)) - \mathcal{V}_i(t, x(t)), & t \neq kT, \\ \begin{cases} X(t^+) = h(x(t)), \\ Y(t^+) = g(x(t)), \end{cases} & t = kT. \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

Define  $X_s$  to be the set of all disease-free states:

$$X_s = \{x \geq 0 \mid x_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

Furthermore, assume that

$$\tilde{x}(t) = (0, \dots, 0, \tilde{x}_{m+1}(t), \dots, \tilde{x}_n(t))^T$$

be a disease-free periodic solution over the  $k$ -th time interval  $(kT, (k+1)T]$  with  $\tilde{x}_i(t) > 0$ ,  $m+1 \leq i \leq n$ , for all  $t \geq 0$ .

Let

$$F(t) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_i(t, \tilde{x}(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}, \quad V(t) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_i(t, \tilde{x}(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m},$$

$$M(t) = \left( \frac{\partial f_i(t, \tilde{x}(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{m+1 \leq i, j \leq n}, \quad Q = \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i(t, \tilde{x}(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{m+1 \leq i, j \leq n},$$

and  $P = \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i(t, \tilde{x}(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_i(t, x(t))$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_i(t, x(t))$ ,  $f_i(x(t))$ ,  $x_i$

and  $\psi_i$  are the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathcal{F}(t, x(t))$ ,  $\mathcal{V}(t, x(t))$ ,  $f(t, x(t))$ ,  $x$  and  $\psi$ , respectively.

We make the following assumptions, which are the same biological meanings as those by Wang and Zhao [16] and Yang and Xiao [15].

(H1) If  $x \geq 0$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_i, \mathcal{V}_i^+, \mathcal{V}_i^- \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

(H2) If  $x_i = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{V}_i^- = 0$ . In particular, if  $x \in X_s$ , then  $\mathcal{V}_i^- = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

(H3)  $\mathcal{F}_i = 0$  if  $i > m$ .

(H4) If  $x \in X_s$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_i = 0$  and  $\mathcal{V}_i^+ = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

(H5) The pulses on the infected compartments must be uncoupled with the uninfected compartments; that is,  $h(x(nT))$  is essentially  $h(X(nT))$ .

(H6) It holds that  $h(0) = 0$ .

(H7)  $r(Q^q \Phi_M(T)) < 1$ , where  $\Phi_M(t)$  is the fundamental solution matrix of the system

$$\frac{dZ(t)}{dt} = M(t)Z.$$

(H8)  $r(P^q \Phi_{-V}(T)) < 1$ .

In the following, we study the threshold dynamics of system (2.1) and show that its basic reproduction number can be defined as the spectral radius of the so-called next infection operator as that in impulsive and periodic environment [16].

Let  $Y(t, s), t \geq s$  be the evolution operator of the linear impulsive periodic system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = -V(t)y, & t \neq nT, \\ y(t^+) = Py(t), & t = nT, \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

where the explicit expression of  $Y(t, s)$  can be found in [17], we omit it here. By assumption (H1)-(H8), we also know that the periodic solution of system (3.4) is asymptotically stable.

Now, we define the so-called next infection operator  $L$  as follows:

$$(L\phi)(t) = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^t Y(t, s)F(s)\phi(s)ds, \quad \phi \in C_\omega,$$

where  $C_\omega$  is defined as the ordered Banach space of all  $\omega$ -periodic functions from  $R$  to  $R^m$ , equipped with the maximum norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ , and the positive cone  $C_\omega^+ \triangleq \{\phi \in C_\omega : \phi(t) \geq 0, \forall t \in R\}$ ;  $\phi(s)$  is the initial distribution of infectious individuals.

The limit as  $a$  goes to infinity does exist, and the next infection operator  $L$  is well defined, continuous, positive and compact on the domain. We now define the basic reproductive number as the spectral radius of  $L$  is

$$R_0 \triangleq \rho(L).$$

From above discussion, we have the following results.

**Lemma 3.3.** Assume that (H1)-(H8) hold, Then the following statements are valid:

- 1)  $R_0 = 1$  if and only if  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(\omega)) = 1$ .
- 2)  $R_0 > 1$  if and only if  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(\omega)) > 1$ .
- 3)  $R_0 < 1$  if and only if  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(\omega)) < 1$ .

The proof in detail is similar to periodic systems in [15].

**Lemma 3.4.** If  $R_0 < 1$  the disease-free periodic solution  $\tilde{x}(t)$  is asymptotically stable, and unstable if  $R_0 > 1$ .

**Proof:** Observe that the linearized system of system (3.3) at the disease-free periodic solution is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} F(t) - V(t) & \mathbf{0} \\ -J(t) & M(t) \end{pmatrix} x(t), & t \neq kT, \\ x(t^+) = \begin{pmatrix} P & \mathbf{0} \\ \Gamma & Q \end{pmatrix} x(t), & t = kT. \end{cases} \tag{3.5}$$

Then the monodromy matrix of the impulsive system (3.5) equals

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ \Gamma & Q \end{pmatrix}^q \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{F-V}(T) & \mathbf{0} \\ * & \Phi_M(T) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $*$  represents a non-zero block matrix. Then the Floquet multipliers of system (3.3) are the eigenvalues of  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(T))$  and  $r(Q^q \Phi_M(T))$ . By assumption (H7), that is,  $r(Q^q \Phi_M(T)) < 1$ , it then follows that the disease-free periodic solution is asymptotically stable if  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(T)) < 1$ , and unstable if  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(T)) > 1$ . This completes the proof.

Following, we demonstrate the existence of the disease-free periodic solution. Set  $I_h(t) = 0, I_v(t) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$ . Under this condition, we have the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dS_h(t)}{dt} &= -d_1 S_h(t), \\ \frac{dS_v(t)}{dt} &= \Lambda - d_2 S_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} & t \neq kT, \\ \left. \begin{aligned} S_h(t^+) &= S_h(t) + \delta, \\ S_v(t^+) &= S_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} & t = kT, \end{cases} \tag{3.6}$$

From the first and third equations of system (3.6), we have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS_h(t)}{dt} = -d_1 S_h(t), & t \neq kT, \\ S_h(t^+) = S_h(t) + \delta, & t = kT. \end{cases} \tag{3.7}$$

Then, over the  $k$ -th impulsive interval,  $S_h(t) = S_h(kT^+)e^{-d_1(t-kT)}, t \in (kT, (k+1)T]$ . By the impulsive condition, we have  $S_h((k+1)T^+) = S_h(kT^+)e^{-d_1T} + \sigma$ . The unique fixed point of this system equals  $S_h^*(t) = \frac{\sigma}{1 - e^{-d_1T}}$ .

Accordingly, the impulsive periodic solution of the system (3.7) is

$$S_h^*(t) = \frac{\sigma}{1 - e^{-d_1T}} e^{-d_1(t-nT)}, \quad t \in (kT, (k+1)T].$$

Obviously,  $S_h^*(t)$  is globally asymptotically stable.

From system (3.6), we know that  $S_v(t)$  is not affected by impulse, and we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} S_v^*(t) = \Lambda d_2^{-1}$ . Hence, system (2.1) has a unique disease-free periodic solution  $E_0 = (S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$ .

Obviously, by Lemma 3.4, we have that  $(S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$  of system (2.4) is asymptotically stable if  $R_0 < 1$ , and unstable if  $R_0 > 1$ .

We denote  $x(t) = (I_h(t), I_v(t), S_h(t), S_v(t))^T$ , then for system (2.1), we have

$$\mathcal{F}(t, x(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda S_h(t) I_v(t) \\ \beta S_v(t) I_h(t) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\mathcal{V}^+(t, x(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \Lambda \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{V}^-(t, x(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 I_h(t) + v I_v(t) \\ d_2 I_v(t) \\ \lambda S_h(t) I_v(t) + d_1 S_h(t) \\ \beta S_v(t) I_h(t) + d_2 S_v(t) \end{pmatrix} \tag{3.9}$$

and  $\mathcal{V}(t, x(t)) = \mathcal{V}^-(t, x(t)) - \mathcal{V}^+(t, x(t))$ .

Furthermore, we denote  $X = (I_h, I_v), Y = (S_h, S_v)$ . By [15], suppose that  $x(t)$  immediately after pulses equals

$$x(t^+) = \psi(x(t)), \quad t = nT. \tag{3.10}$$

For the system (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= (h, g)^T, \quad h = (\psi_1, \psi_2) = ((1-\phi)I_h(t), I_v(t)), \\ g &= (\psi_3, \psi_4) = (S_h(t) + \delta, S_v(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, conditions (H1)-(H6) are satisfied for system (2.1). There are only (H7) and (H8) should be verified in the following.

$x^*(t) = (0, 0, S_h^*(t), S_v^*(t))$  is the disease-free periodic solution for system (2.1). We define  $f(t, x(t)) = \mathcal{F}(t, x(t)) - \mathcal{V}(t, x(t))$ ,

$$M(t) = \left( \frac{\partial f_i(x^*(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{3 \leq i, j \leq 4} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i(x^*(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{3 \leq i, j \leq 4}, \quad \text{where } f_i(x(t)), x_i$$

and  $\psi_i$  are the  $i$ -th component of  $f(t, x(t))$ ,  $x$  and  $\psi$ , respectively.

Then, from (3.8) and (3.9), we obtain

$$M(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -d_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From (3.10), we have

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and hence,  $r(Q\Phi_M(T)) < 1$ . Therefore, (H7) holds.

We further denote  $F(t), V(t)$  and  $P$  are  $2 \times 2$  matrices defined by

$$F(t) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_i(t, x^*(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2}, \quad V(t) = \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_i(t, x^*(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} \quad \text{and}$$

$$P = \left( \frac{\partial \psi_i(x(t))}{\partial x_j} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2}, \quad \text{where } \mathcal{F}_i(t, x) \text{ and } \mathcal{V}_i(t, x) \text{ are the } i\text{-th component of}$$

$\mathcal{F}(t, x)$  and  $\mathcal{V}(t, x)$ , respectively. Then from (3.8), (3.9) and (3.10), it follows that

$$F(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda S_h^*(t) \\ \beta S_v^*(t) & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V(t) = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 + v & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that  $r(P^q \Phi_{-V}(\omega)) < 1$  satisfied. (H8) is hold.

Thus, the Lemma 3.3 is right for system (2.1).

### 4. Global Stability of the Disease-Free Equilibrium

In this section, we prove that the disease-free periodic solution  $E_0 = (S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$  is globally asymptotically stable, if  $R_0 < 1$  and hence, the disease extinct.

Firstly, we need to prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1.** For the system (2.1), it holds that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (N_h(t) - S_h^*(t)) = 0, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (N_v(t) - S_v^*(t)) = 0,$$

where

$$N_h(t) = S_h(t) + I_h(t), \quad N_v(t) = S_v(t) + I_v(t).$$

**Proof:** Let  $y_1(t) = N_h(t) - S_h^*(t)$ , from Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy_1(t)}{dt} &= \frac{dN_h(t)}{dt} - \frac{dS_h^*(t)}{dt} = -d_1 N_h(t) - v N_h(t) - d_1 S_h^*(t) \\ &\leq -d_1 (N_h(t) - S_h^*(t)) = -d_1 y(t), \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(t^+) &= N_h(t^-) - S_h^*(t^+) \\ &= N_h(t) - \psi I_h(t) + \delta - S_h^*(t) - \delta \\ &\leq N_h(t) - S_h^*(t) = y_1(t), \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

for  $t_2 > t_1$ .

Obviously, by (4.1), (4.2) and the comparison principle of impulsive differential equations in [17], we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} y_1(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (N_h(t) - S_h^*(t)) = 0.$$

In similar method, we can prove

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (N_v(t) - S_v^*(t)) = 0,$$

for  $t_2 > t_1$ .

Hence, the proof is completed.

**Theorem 4.1.** For any solution of system (2.1), if  $R_0 < 1$ , then the disease-free periodic solution  $(S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$  is globally asymptotically stable and if  $R_0 > 1$ , then it is unstable.

**Proof:** By Lemma 3.3, if  $R_0 > 1$ , then  $(S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$  is unstable and if  $R_0 < 1$ , then  $(S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$  is locally stable. Hence, it is sufficient to show that the global attractivity of  $(S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$  for  $R_0 < 1$ .

Now, we prove the global attractivity of the disease-free solution.

From Lemma 4.1, there exist a  $t_3 \geq t_2$  and a positive constant  $\epsilon_1$  such that  $S_h(t) \leq S_h^*(t) + \epsilon_1$ ,  $S_v(t) \leq S_v^*(t) + \epsilon_1$ .

By the second, fourth, sixth and eighth equations of system (2.1), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dI_h(t)}{dt} &\leq \lambda(S_h^*(t) + \epsilon_1)I_v(t) - (d_1 + \nu)I_h(t), \\ \frac{dI_v(t)}{dt} &\leq \beta(S_v^*(t) + \epsilon_1)I_h(t) - d_2I_v(t), \\ I_h(t^+) &= (1 - \phi)I_h(t), \\ I_v(t^+) &= I_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &t \neq kT, \\ &t = kT, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \geq t_3$ .

Set  $M_{\epsilon_1}(t)$  be the  $2 \times 2$  matrix function such that

$$M_{\epsilon_1}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Lemma 3.3, we have  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(\omega)) < 1$ , we restrict  $\epsilon_1 > 0$ , such that  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V+M_{\epsilon_1}}(\omega)) < 1$ . Let us consider the following system

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dI_h(t)}{dt} &= \lambda(S_h^*(t) + \epsilon_1)I_v(t) - (d_1 + \nu)I_h(t), \\ \frac{dI_v(t)}{dt} &= \beta(S_v^*(t) + \epsilon_1)I_h(t) - d_2I_v(t), \\ I_h(t^+) &= (1 - \phi)I_h(t), \\ I_v(t^+) &= I_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &t \neq kT, \\ &t = kT. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.1 and the standard comparison principle, there exists a positive  $T$ -periodic function  $V(t) = (V_1(t), V_2(t))$  such that  $J_1(t) \leq V(t) \exp(p_1 t)$

where  $J_1(t) = (I_h(t), I_v(t))^T$  and  $p_1 = \frac{1}{T} \ln \left( r \left( P^q \Phi_{F-V+M_{q_1}} \right) (T) \right) < 0$ . Then, we see that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} I_h(t) = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} I_v(t) = 0$ .

Moreover, we obtain that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (S_h(t) - S_h^*(t)) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (S_v(t) - S_v^*(t)) = 0$ . Hence, the disease-free periodic solution  $(S_h^*(t), 0, S_v^*(t), 0)$  is globally attractive. This completes the proof.

### 5. Permanence

In this section, we show that if  $R_0 > 1$ , then the disease persists.

Let  $\tilde{X}$  be a matrix space,  $f : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  be a continuous map, and  $X_0 \subseteq \tilde{X}$  be an open set. Define

$$\partial X_0 := \tilde{X} \setminus X_0, M_\partial := \{x \in \partial X_0 : f^n(x) \in \partial X_0, n \geq 0\}. \tag{5.1}$$

$A_\partial$  is a maximal compact invariant set of  $f$  in  $\partial X_0$ . A finite sequence  $\{M_1, \dots, M_k\}$  are disjoint, compact, and invariant subsets of  $\partial X_0$ , and each of them is isolated in  $\partial X_0$ .

We present persistence theory [18] as follows:

**Lemma 5.1.** Assume that

- 1)  $f(X_0) \subset X_0$  and  $f$  has a global attractor  $A$ ;
- 2) The maximal compact invariant set  $A_\partial = A \cap M_\partial$  of  $f$  in  $\partial X_0$ , possibly empty, has an acyclic covering  $\tilde{M}$  and where  $\tilde{M} = \{M_1, \dots, M_k\}$  with the following properties:

- a)  $M_i$  is isolated in  $\tilde{X}$ ; b)  $W^s(M_i) \cap X_0 = \emptyset$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

Then,  $f$  is uniformly persistent with respect to  $(X_0, \partial X_0)$ , i.e., there is  $\eta > 0$  such that for any compact internally chain transitive set  $L$  with  $L \not\subseteq M_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\inf_{x \in L} d(x, \partial X_0) > \eta$ .

Define Poincaré map  $\tilde{P} : R_+^4 \rightarrow R_+^4$  associated with system (2.1), satisfying  $\tilde{P}(x^0) = u(\omega^+, X^0), \forall x^0 \in R_+^4$ , where  $u(t, x^0)$  is the unique solution of system (2.1) with  $u(0, x^0) = x^0$ . Now, we denote  $\tilde{X} = \{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in R_+^4\}$ ,  $X_0 = \{(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \in \{S_h \geq 0, I_h > 0, S_v \geq 0, I_v > 0\}$  and  $\partial X_0 = \tilde{X} \setminus X_0$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** Suppose that  $R_0 > 1$ , then system (2.1) exists a positive constant  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for all  $(S_h(0), I_h(0), S_v(0), I_v(0)) = (S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0) \in X_0$ ,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} I_h(t) \geq \epsilon, \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} I_v(t) \geq \epsilon.$$

**Proof:** Firstly, we prove that  $\tilde{P}$  is uniformly persistent with respect to  $(X_0, \partial X_0)$ . From Theorem 2.1, it is obvious that  $\tilde{X}$  and  $X_0$  are positively invariant. We also know that  $\tilde{P}$  is point dissipative on  $R_+^4$  from Lemma 4.1.

Denote  $M_\partial = \{(S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0) \in \partial X_0 \mid \tilde{P}^m(S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0) \in \partial X_0, \forall m \geq 0\}$ .

Next, we need to show that  $M_\partial = \{(S_h, 0, S_v, 0) \mid S_h \geq 0, S_v \geq 0\}$ .

Obviously,  $\{(S_h, 0, S_v, 0) \mid S_h \geq 0, S_v \geq 0\} \subseteq M_\partial$ . We now need to prove that  $M_\partial \setminus \{(S_h, 0, S_v, 0) \mid S_h \geq 0, S_v \geq 0\} = \emptyset$ . Suppose it's not hold. For any  $(S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0) \in M_\partial \setminus \{(S_h, 0, S_v, 0) \mid S_h \geq 0, S_v \geq 0\} = \emptyset$ . For the case  $I_h^0 = 0, I_v^0 > 0$ , it is obvious that  $I_v(t) > 0$  and  $S_h(t) > 0$  for all  $t > 0$ . From second and sixth equations of system (2.4), we have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dI_h(t)}{dt} = \lambda S_h(t)I_v(t) - (d_1 + \nu)I_h(t), & t \neq kT, \\ I_h(t^+) = (1 - \phi)I_h(t), & t = kT, \end{cases}$$

then it hold that  $I_h(t) = \frac{\lambda S_h(0)I_h(0)}{d_1 + \nu} + \left( I_h^* - \frac{\lambda S_h(0)I_h(0)}{d_1 + \nu} \right) e^{-(d_1 + \nu)(t-T)} > 0$  for

all  $t > 0$  from Lemma 3.2, where  $I_h^* = \frac{\lambda S_h(0)I_h(0)(1 - \omega)(1 - e^{-(d_1 + \nu)T})}{d_1 + \nu - (1 - \omega)e^{-(d_1 + \nu)T}}$ . In

the similar method, for the case  $I_h^0 > 0, I_v^0 = 0$ , then we have  $I_h(t) > 0$  and  $S_v(t) > 0$  for all  $t > 0$ . This implies that  $(S_h, I_h, S_v, I_v) \notin M_\partial$  for  $t(>0)$  sufficiently small. It follows that  $M_\partial \subseteq \{(S_h, 0, S_v, 0) | S_h \geq 0, S_v \geq 0\}$ . Thus,  $M_\partial = \{(S_h, 0, S_v, 0) | S_h \geq 0, S_v \geq 0\}$ . It is clear that  $E_0 = (S_h^*, 0, S_v^*, 0)$  is a unique fixed point of  $\tilde{P}$  in  $M_\partial$ .

In the following, we need to prove  $W^s(E_0) \cap X_0 = \emptyset$ .

We write  $x^0 = (S_h^0, I_h^0, S_v^0, I_v^0) \in X_0$ . By the continuity of the solutions with respect to the initial conditions,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , there exist  $\delta_0 > 0$ , such that for all  $x^0 \in X_0$  with  $x^0 - E_0 \leq \delta_0$ , it hold that

$$\|u(t, x^0) - u(t, E_0)\| \leq \epsilon, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

Now, we show that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\tilde{P}^m(x^0), E_0) \geq \delta_0.$$

Suppose not hold, then  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\tilde{P}^m(x^0), E_0) < \delta_0$  for some  $x^0 \in X_0$ . Without loss of the generality, we can assume that  $d(\tilde{P}^m(x^0), E_0) < \delta_0, \forall m \geq 0$ . Thus, we obtain that  $\|u(t, \tilde{P}^m(x^0)) - u(t, E_0)\| \leq \epsilon, \forall t \in [0, T]$  and  $\forall m \geq 0$ .

For any  $\tilde{t}_1 \geq 0$ , let  $\tilde{t}_1 = m\omega + t'$ , where  $t' \in [0, \omega]$  and  $m = \left\lfloor \frac{\tilde{t}_1}{\omega} \right\rfloor$ .  $\left\lfloor \frac{\tilde{t}_1}{\omega} \right\rfloor$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $\tilde{t}_1/\omega$ . So, we have that

$$\|u(\tilde{t}_1, x^0) - u(\tilde{t}_1, E_0)\| = \|u(t', \tilde{P}^m(x^0)) - u(t', E_0)\| \leq \epsilon, \quad \forall \tilde{t}_1 \geq 0.$$

It follows that

$$0 \leq I_h(t) \leq \epsilon, \quad 0 \leq I_v(t) \leq \epsilon, \quad \forall \tilde{t}_2 > \tilde{t}_1.$$

Then, by the first, third, fifth and seventh equations of system (2.1), we have

$$\begin{cases} \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dS_h(t)}{dt} &\geq -(\lambda\epsilon + d_1)S_h(t), \\ \frac{dS_v(t)}{dt} &\geq \Lambda - \beta\epsilon S_v(t) - d_2S_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} & t \neq kT, \\ \left. \begin{aligned} S_h(t^+) &= S_h(t) + \delta, \\ S_v(t^+) &= S_v(t), \end{aligned} \right\} & t = kT, \end{cases} \tag{5.2}$$

Consider an auxiliary system

$$\left. \begin{cases} \frac{d\tilde{S}_h(t)}{dt} \geq -(\lambda\varepsilon + d_1)\tilde{S}_h(t), \\ \frac{d\tilde{S}_v(t)}{dt} \geq \Lambda - \beta\varepsilon\tilde{S}_v(t) - d_2\tilde{S}_v(t), \end{cases} \right\} t \neq kT, \tag{5.3}$$

$$\left. \begin{cases} \tilde{S}_h(t^+) = \tilde{S}_h(t) + \delta, \\ \tilde{S}_v(t^+) = \tilde{S}_v(t), \end{cases} \right\} t = kT,$$

Using the same method as aforementioned, we have that (5.3) admits a positive periodic solution  $(\tilde{S}_h^*(t), \tilde{S}_v^*(t))$ . Since  $r(Q^q\Phi_M(t)) < 1$  holds. Then, there exists a small enough  $\varepsilon$  such that  $r(Q^q\Phi_{M+M_\varepsilon}(t)) < 1$ , and  $r(Q^q\Phi_{M+M_\varepsilon}(t))$  is continuous for small  $\varepsilon$ , where

$$M_\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}.$$

As before, we have that  $(\tilde{S}_h^*(t), \tilde{S}_v^*(t))$  is globally asymptotically stable, and meanwhile  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \tilde{S}_h^*(t) = S_h^*(t)$ ,  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \tilde{S}_v^*(t) = S_v^*(t)$ , thus there exist  $\varepsilon_1$  small enough and a constant  $\xi > 0$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{S}_h^*(t) \geq S_h^*(t) - \xi, \\ \tilde{S}_v^*(t) \geq S_v^*(t) - \xi, \end{cases}$$

for  $\xi < \varepsilon_1$ .

On the other hand, the standard comparison theorem implies that there exist  $\tilde{t}_2 \geq \tilde{t}_1$  and  $\xi_1$  such that

$$\begin{cases} S_h(t) \geq \tilde{S}_h(t) \geq \tilde{S}_h^*(t) - \xi_1, \\ S_v(t) \geq \tilde{S}_v(t) \geq \tilde{S}_v^*(t) - \xi_1, \end{cases}$$

for all  $\tilde{t}_3 \geq \tilde{t}_2$ . Then, for all  $\tilde{t}_3 \geq \tilde{t}_2$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} S_h(t) \geq S_h^*(t) - \xi - \xi_1 \triangleq S_h^*(t) - \gamma, \\ S_v(t) \geq S_v^*(t) - \xi - \xi_1 \triangleq S_v^*(t) - \gamma, \end{cases} \quad \forall t \geq \tilde{t}_2$$

where  $\gamma = \xi + \xi_1$ .

By the second, fourth, sixth and eighth equations of system (2.1), we have

$$\left. \begin{cases} \frac{dI_h(t)}{dt} \geq \lambda(S_h^*(t) - \gamma)I_v(t) - (d_1 + \nu)I_h(t), \\ \frac{dI_v(t)}{dt} \geq \beta(S_v^*(t) - \gamma)I_h(t) - d_2I_v(t), \end{cases} \right\} t \neq kT, \tag{5.4}$$

$$\left. \begin{cases} I_h(t^+) = (1 - \phi)I_h(t), \\ I_v(t^+) = I_v(t), \end{cases} \right\} t = kT.$$

Set  $M_\gamma$  be the  $2 \times 2$  matrix function such that

$$M_\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma \\ \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\gamma$  is small enough.

By Lemma 3.1 and the standard comparison principle, it follows that there exists a positive  $T$ -periodic function  $W(t) = (W_1(t), W_2(t))$  such that  $J_2(t) = \exp(p_2 t)W(t)$  is a solution of system (5.4), where  $p_2 = \frac{1}{T} \ln r(P^q \Phi_{F-V-M_\gamma}(T))$ . Since  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V}(T)) > 1$ , and  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V-M_\gamma}(T))$  is continuous for small  $\gamma$ . So we can choose  $\gamma$  small enough, such that  $r(P^q \Phi_{F-V-M_\gamma}(T)) > 1$ . It follows that  $p_2 > 0$ , we can choose  $\tilde{t}_4 \geq \tilde{t}_3$  such that

$$I_h(\tilde{t}_4) \geq W_1(0), I_v(\tilde{t}_4) \geq W_2(0).$$

By the comparison principle we have

$$I_h(t) \geq \exp^{p_2(t-\tilde{t}_4)} W_1(t-\tilde{t}_4), I_v(t) \geq \exp^{p_2(t-\tilde{t}_4)} W_2(t-\tilde{t}_4)$$

for all  $t \geq \tilde{t}_4$ . Then, we obtain that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} I_h(t) = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} I_v(t) = +\infty$ , which contradicts to the boundedness of  $0 \leq I_h(t) \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $0 \leq I_v(t) \leq \varepsilon$ . Thus we have proved  $W^s(E_0) \cap X_0 = \emptyset$ , which implies each orbit in  $M_\delta$  converges to  $E_0$ , and hence  $E_0$  is acyclic in  $M_\delta$ .

Therefore, the Lemma 5.1 is satisfied for system (2.1). Furthermore, we obtain that the disease is permanence, when  $R_0 > 1$ .

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper, a vector-borne epidemic model for Huanglongbing with impulsive control is established. Under the reasonable assumptions (H1)-(H8), one studied the threshold dynamics behavior of the model. Based on comparison theorem of impulsive differential equation and method of enlarging and reducing, we proved that if the  $R_0 < 1$ , the disease-free equilibrium is global stability, and Huanglongbing is uniformly persistent if  $R_0 > 1$ . We only consider replanting susceptible and rouging infective in model, spraying insecticides to kill psyllid is not. It's a lot of room for us to improve.

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