

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Particular values:

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

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

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



Generalized results:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

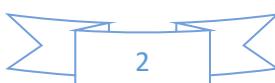
$$\pi_B = \int_0^\infty e^{-r_2 s} P_{B_1} V_0 ds + \int_0^\infty e^{-r_2 s} (P_{B_1} s + P_{B_2}) \frac{(V_2(V_1, t) - V_1)}{t} ds$$

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

$$\pi_B \approx \pi_G$$

### 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:**

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

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

**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:**

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

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

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

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

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

The sign of  $\frac{d^2\pi}{dt^2}$  is more complicated to determine. However, a unique maximum will be assumed.

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

**Comparative statics analysis in the time interval dimension:**

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

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

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

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

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

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  $V$ .

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

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

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

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

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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following 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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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:**

$$a. \quad V_1 < \frac{K}{2} \quad \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1\right) > 0$$

$$b. \quad V_1 = \frac{K}{2} \quad \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1\right) = 0$$

$$c. \quad V_1 > \frac{K}{2} \quad \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1\right) < 0$$

**Calculations with longer time intervals:**

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

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.

$\text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right)$  and  $\frac{dV_2}{dV_1} - 1$  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):

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

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

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  $\text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dV_1 dP_{B_2}}\right)$  and  $\text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_{B_1}}\right) = \text{sgn}\left(\frac{d^2\pi}{dt dP_{B_2}}\right)$ , 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:

$$\frac{d^2\pi}{dt dV_1} = \varepsilon < 0 . ABS(\varepsilon) \text{ is very small. We have a unique maximum. } |D| > 0 .$$

As a consequence,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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