

Existence, positivity and stability for delay differential equations of cellular proliferation

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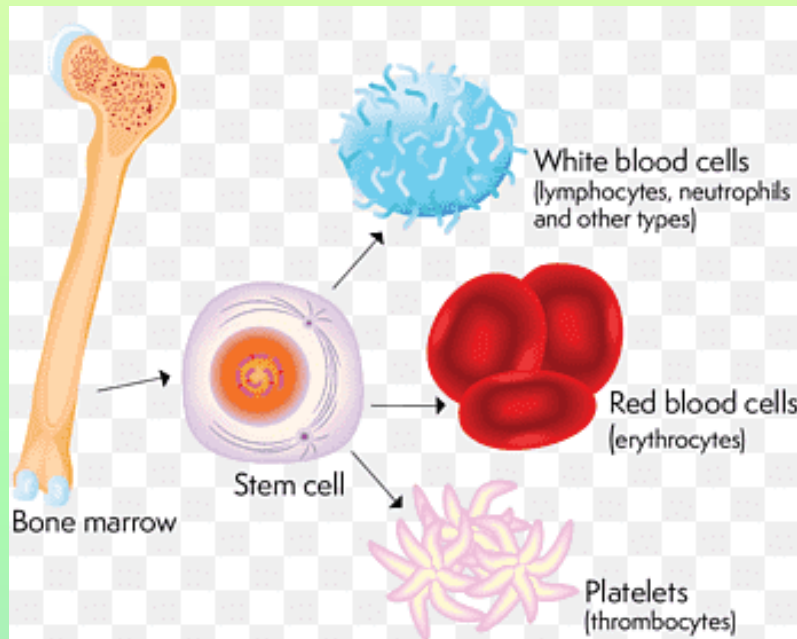
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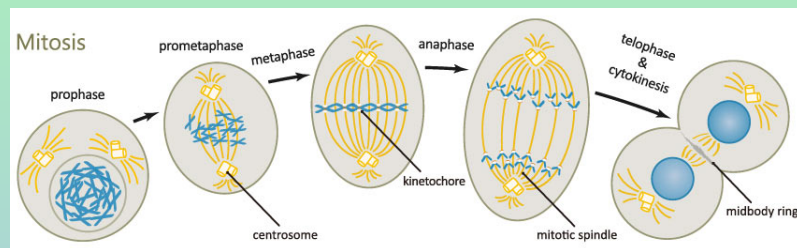
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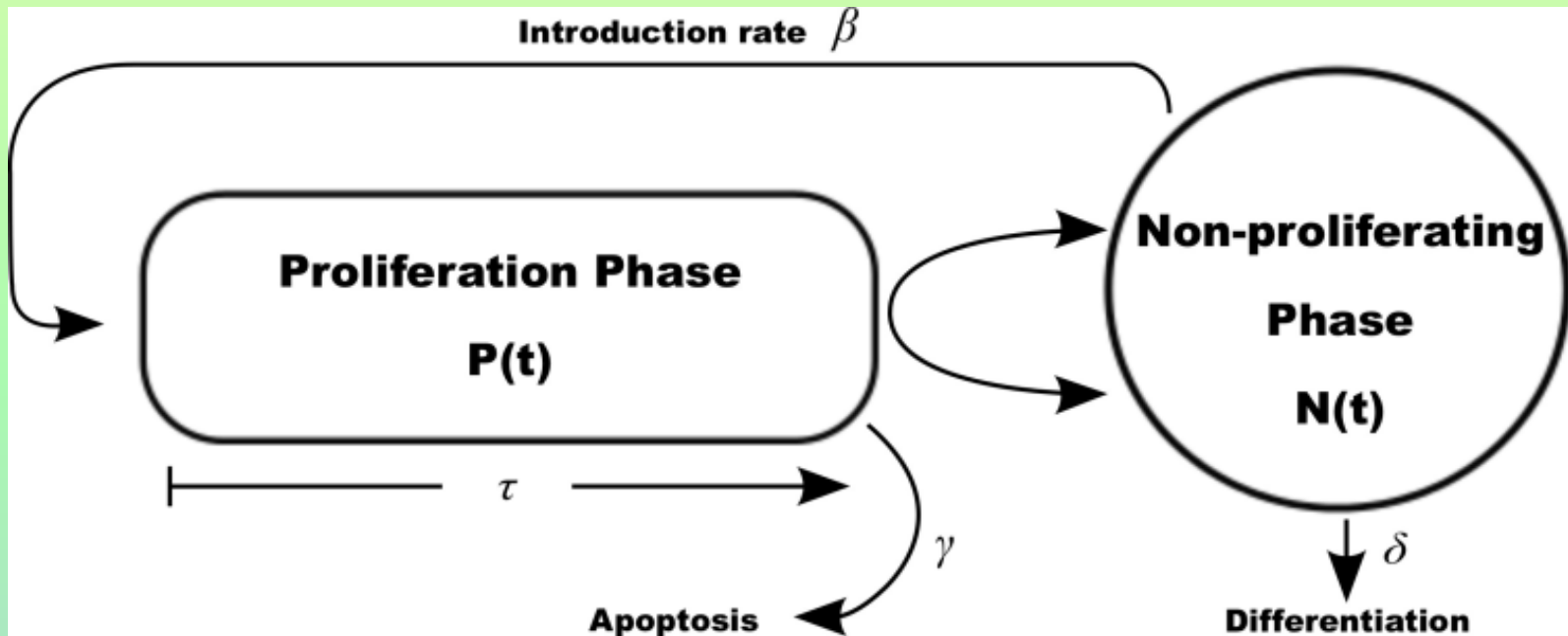


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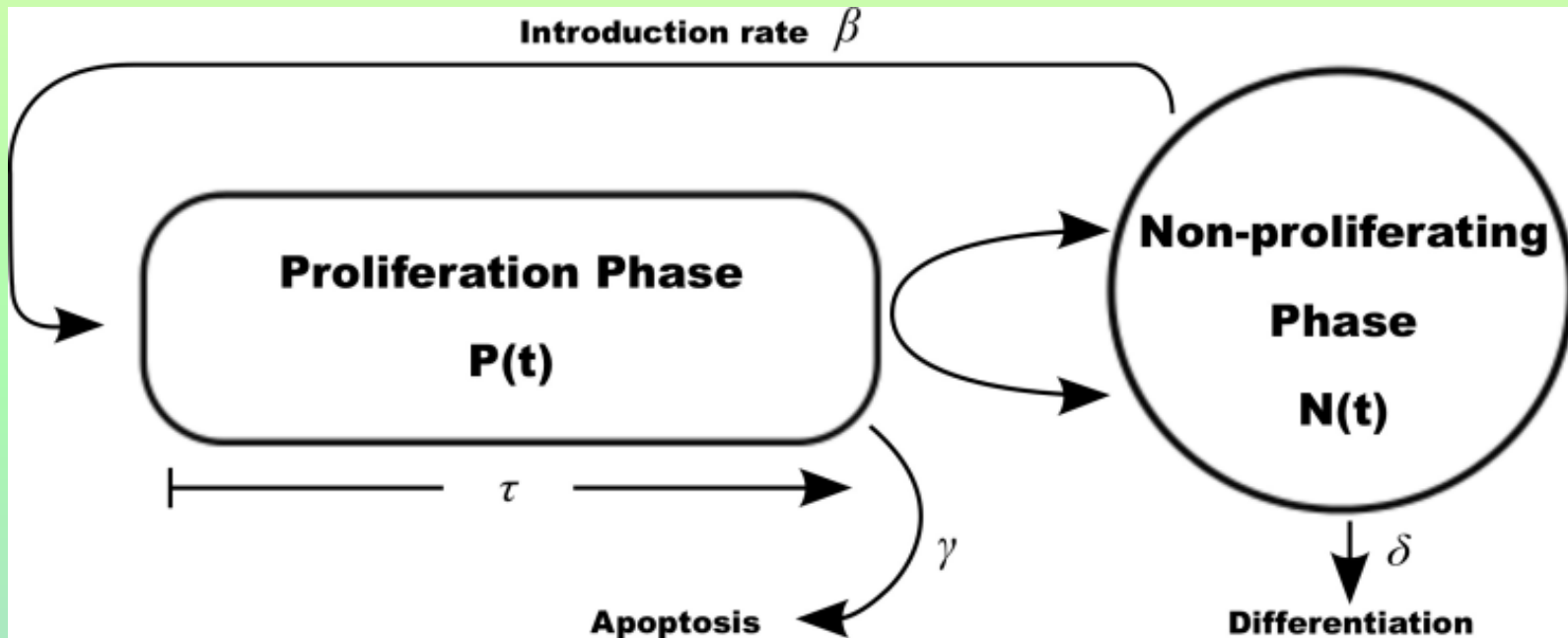


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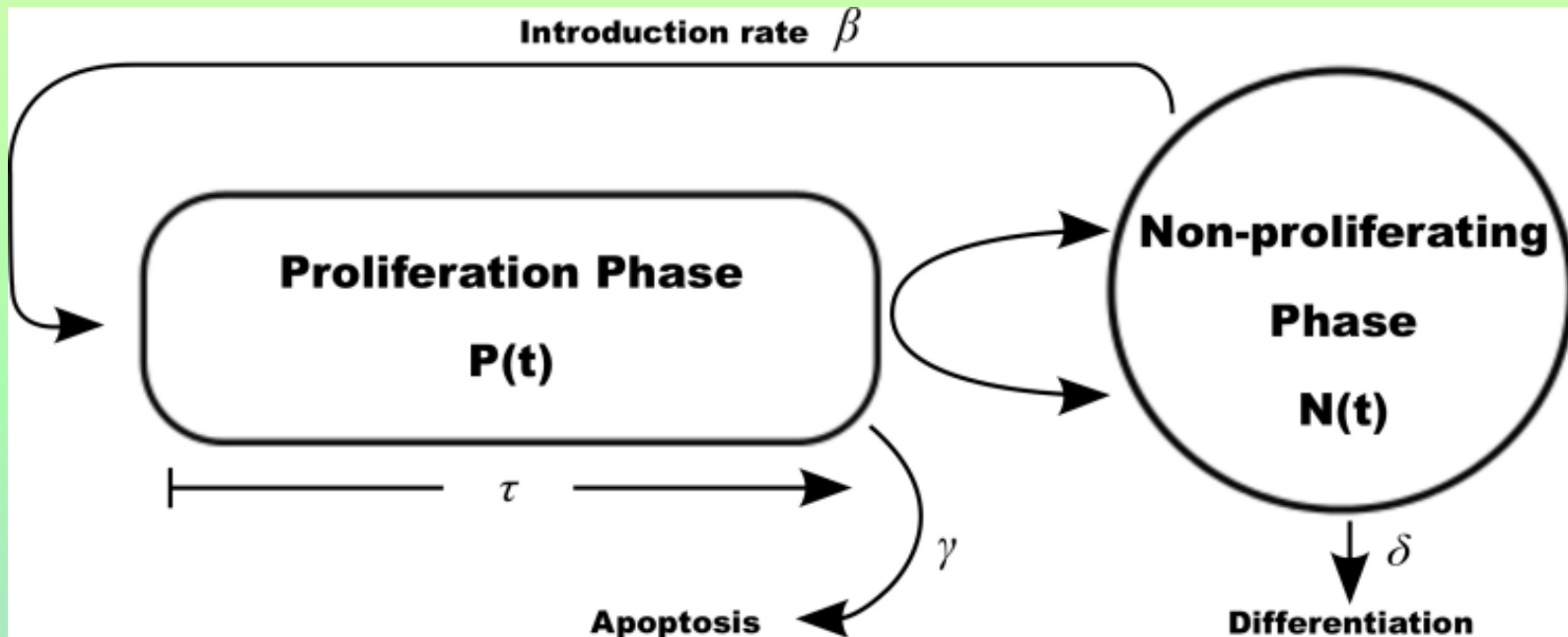


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Cells in the non-proliferating phase can leave this phase either by mortality with a rate $\delta > 0$ which considers the differentiation, or by entering into proliferation phase with a rate $\beta > 0$.

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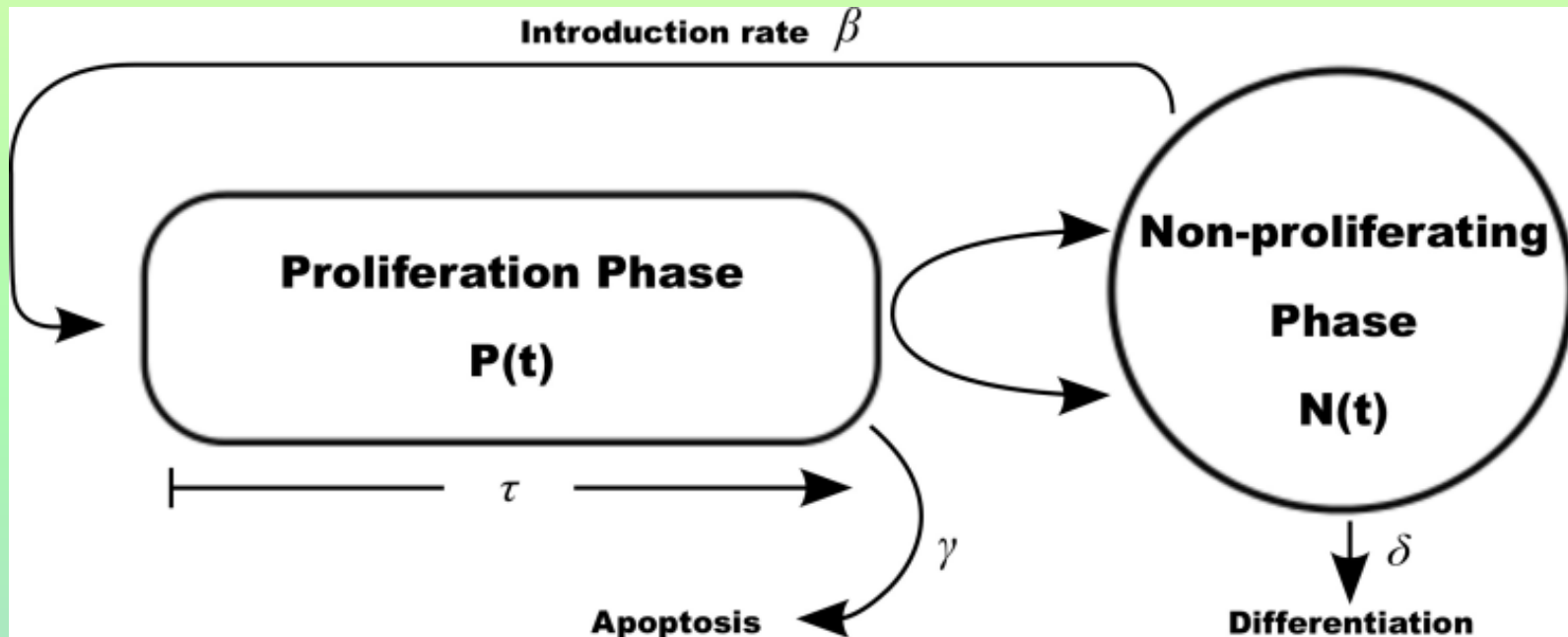


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In the proliferating phase, the cells are allowed to stay only for a finite time. We note $\tau > 0$ the time duration of the proliferating phase. In this compartment, the cells are eliminated by apoptosis (programmed death) with a rate of $\gamma > 0$.

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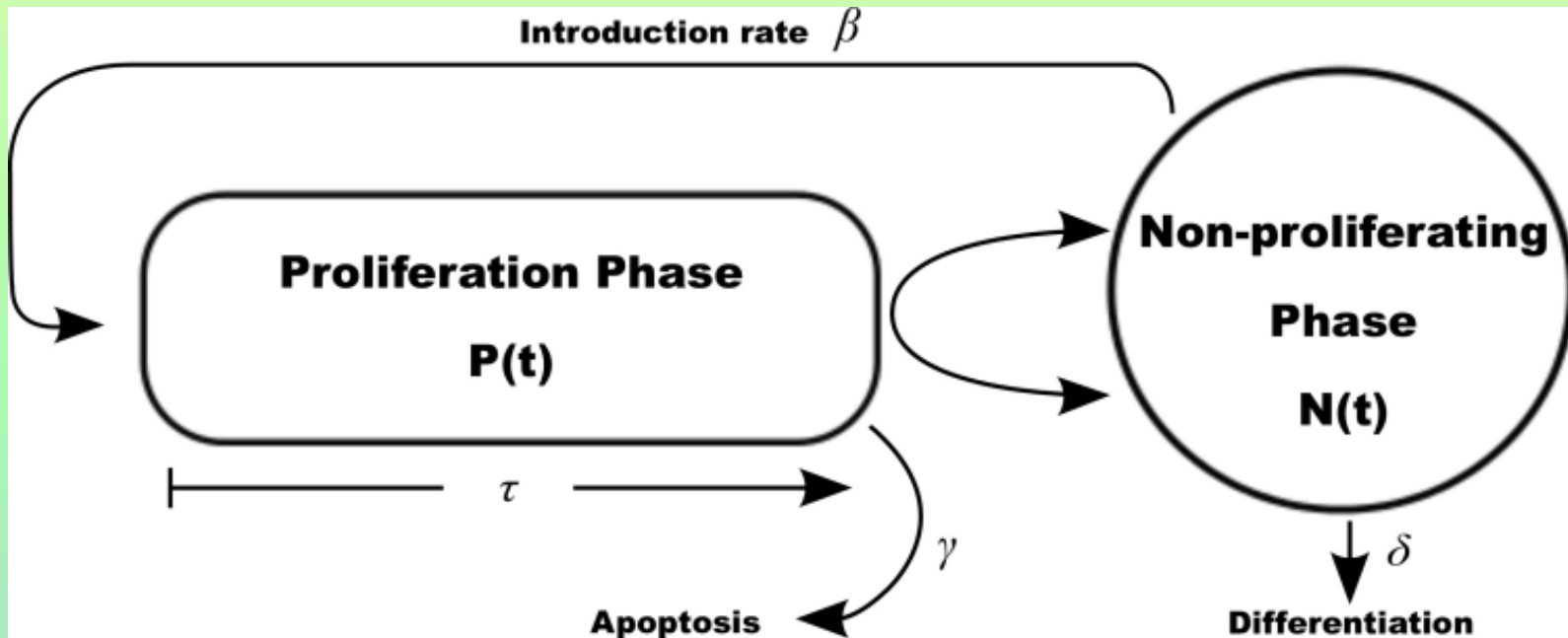


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At the end of the proliferating phase, all the cells divide and each one gives two daughter cells. The latter directly access the non- proliferating phase.

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We assume, for the sake of simplicity, that proliferating and non-proliferating cells die at the same rate, i.e. $\delta = \gamma$.

Then the populations P and N satisfy the following evolution equations (see M. Adimy [3] or [4]),

$$\begin{cases} \dot{P} &= -\gamma P(t) + \beta N(t) - e^{-\delta\tau} \beta N(t - \tau), \\ \dot{N} &= -\delta N(t) - \beta N(t) + 2e^{-\delta\tau} \beta N(t - \tau). \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

we assume that the rate of reintroduction $\beta = \beta(S(t))$ depends on the total population of hematopoietic stem cells denoted by S i.e. $S(t) = N(t) + P(t)$. The function β is naturally assumed to be decreasing and positive with $\lim_{S \rightarrow \infty} \beta(S) = 0$.

The populations N and S satisfy the following nonlinear system with delay τ ,

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} &= -\delta S(t) + e^{-\delta\tau} \beta(S(t - \tau)) N(t - \tau), \\ \dot{N} &= -\delta N(t) - \beta(S(t)) N(t) + 2e^{-\delta\tau} \beta(S(t - \tau)) N(t - \tau). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Existence of solutions

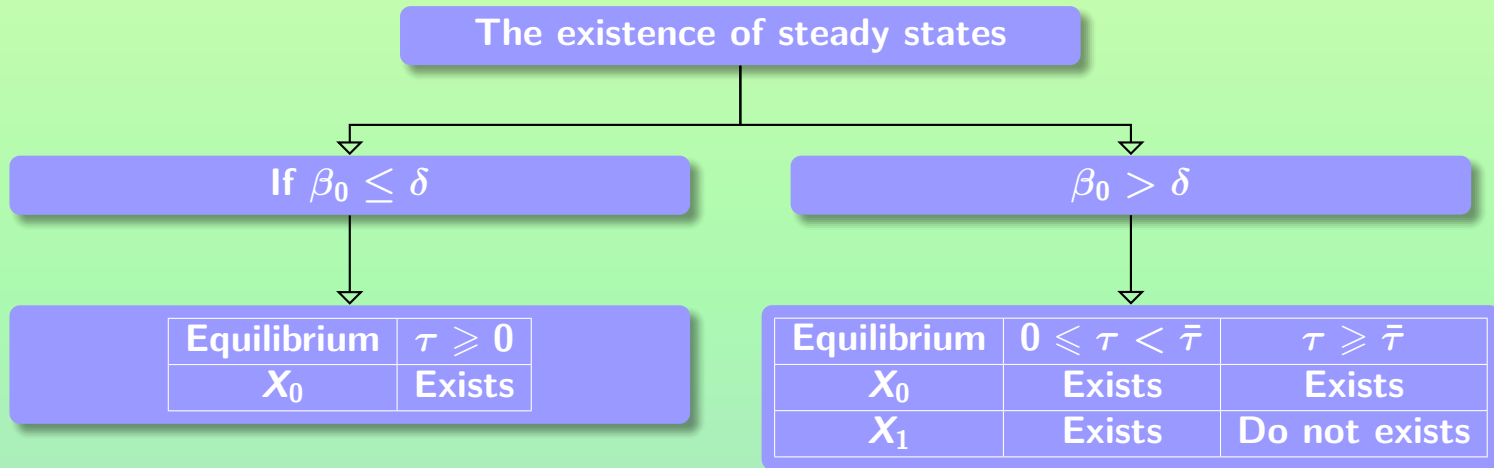
Theorem

For any initial condition $(\varphi, \psi) \in C([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}_+) \times C([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}_+)$ the system (2) admits a unique positive solution in $[0, +\infty[$.

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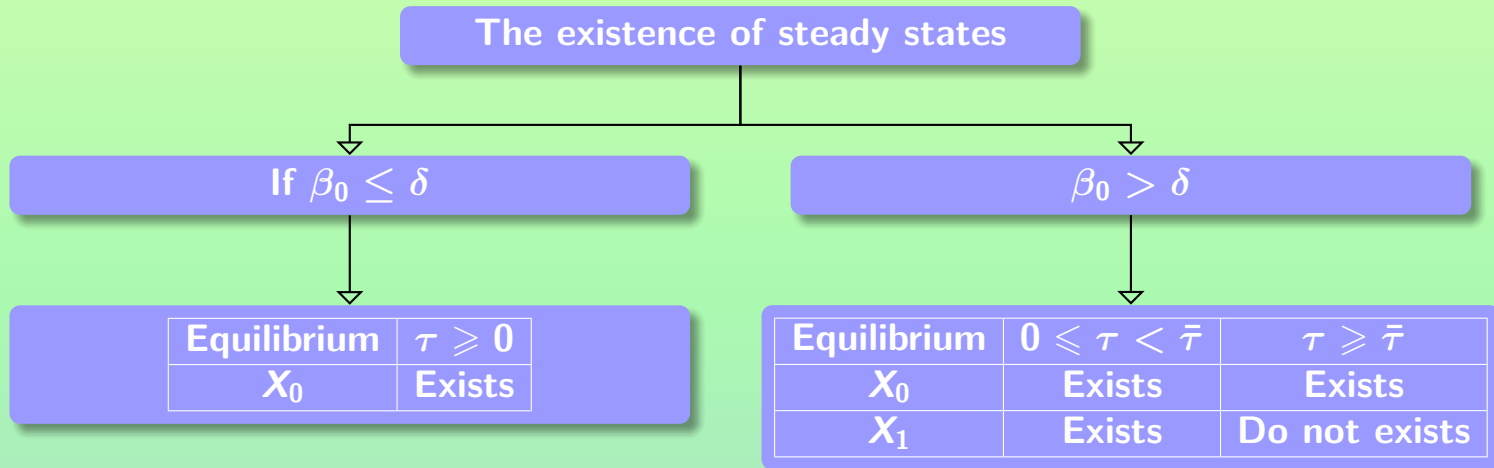


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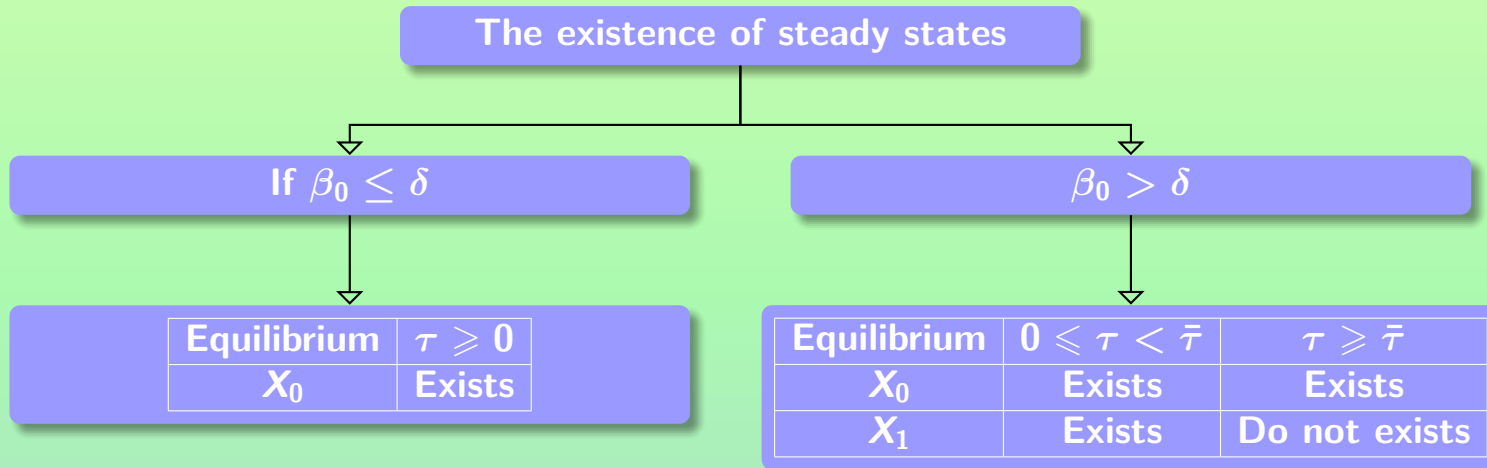


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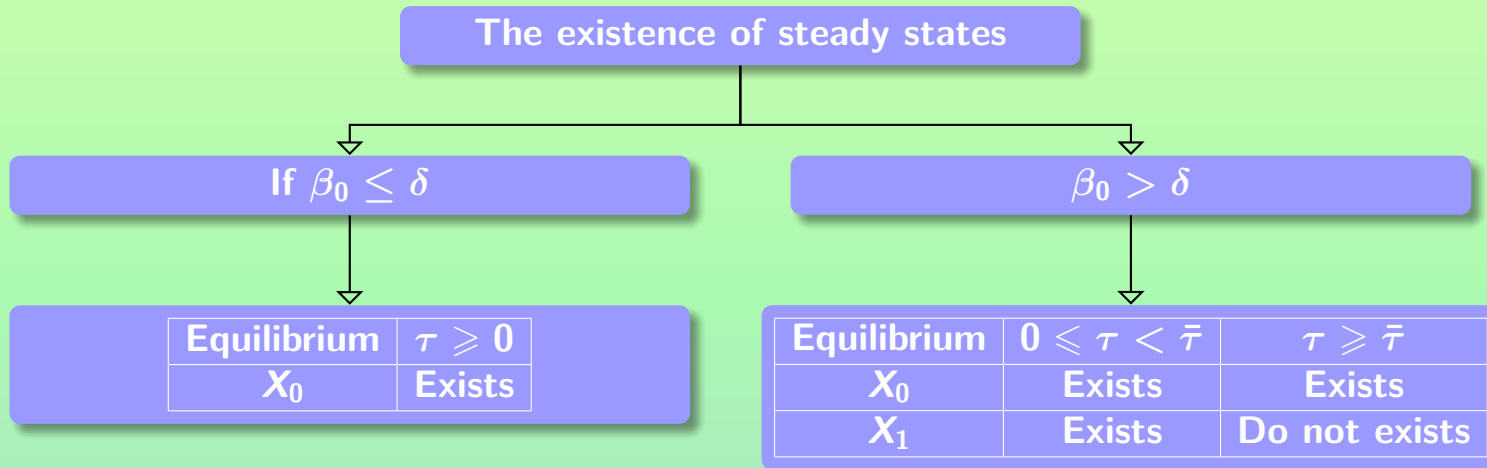
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The stability of X_0

The stability of the X_0 steady state

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