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Allee effect model with U-shaped emigration and matrix hostility.

We study positive solutions to steady-state reaction-diffusion equations of the form:

$$-\Delta u = \lambda f(u); \ \Omega$$
  
$$\alpha(u)\frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} + \gamma \sqrt{\lambda} [1 - \alpha(u)] u = 0; \ \partial \Omega$$

where u is the population density,  $f(u) = \frac{1}{a}u(u+a)(1-u)$  represents a weak Allee effect type growth of the population with  $a \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\alpha(u)$  is the probability of the population staying in the habitat  $\Omega$  when it reaches the boundary, and positive parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\gamma$  represent the domain scaling and effective exterior matrix hostility, respectively. In particular, we analyze the case when  $\alpha(s) = \frac{1}{[1+(A-s)^2+\epsilon]}$  for all  $s \in [0,1]$ , where  $A \in (0,1)$  and  $\epsilon \ge 0$ . In this case  $1 - \alpha(s)$  represents a U-shaped relationship between density and emigration. Existence, nonexistence, and multiplicity results for this model are established via the method of sub-super solutions. (Received September 10, 2020)