

# Global-in-time behavior of a Gierer-Meinhardt system

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a mathematics for cell biology  
~ top down modeling

1) reinforce-consumption

$$u_t = \alpha u, v_t = -\beta v$$

2) production-extinction

$$u_t = \alpha u, v_t = -\beta v$$

3) transport

$$u_t = -\nabla \cdot j$$

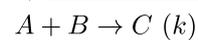
$j$ ... flux

4) gradient

$$j = -d_u \nabla u \dots \text{diffusion}$$

$$j = d_v \nabla v \dots \text{chemotaxis}$$

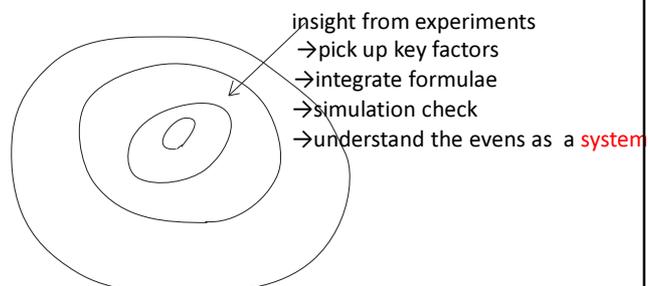
5) chemical reaction



$\Rightarrow$  (mass action)

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k[A][B]$$

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = -k[A][B]$$



**Chemotaxis**

Keller-Segel 70

$$u_t = \nabla \cdot (d_1(u, v)\nabla u) - \nabla \cdot (d_2(u, v)\nabla v)$$

$$v_t = d_v \Delta v - k_1 v w + k_{-1} p + f(v)u$$

$$w_t = d_w \Delta w - k_1 v w + (k_{-1} + k_2)p + g(v, w)u$$

$$p_t = d_p \Delta p + k_1 v w - (k_{-1} + k_2)p$$

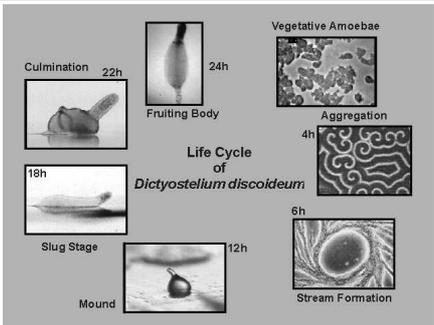
$u = u(x, t)$  cellular slime molds  
 $v = v(x, t)$  chemical substances  
 $w = w(x, t)$  enzymes  
 $p = p(x, t)$  comlices

- transport, gradient
  - diffusion  $u, v, w, p$
  - chemotaxis  $v \rightarrow u$
- production  $u \rightarrow (v, w)$
- chemical reaction  $v, w, p$

$$V + W \xrightleftharpoons[k_{-1}]{k_1} P \xrightarrow{k_2} W + A$$

$$v_t = -k_1 v w + k_{-1} p$$

$$w_t = -k_1 v w + (k_{-1} + k_2)p$$

$$p_t = k_1 v w - (k_{-1} + k_2)p$$


moving clustered cells    aggregating cells

a mathematical phenomenon

**blowup of the solution**

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u^2, u(0) = T^{-1} > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$u(t) = (T - t)^{-1}$$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow T} u(t) = +\infty$$

quantity distributed in space - time

$\Omega$  bounded set,  $T > 0$

$u = u(x, t) :$   
 $\Omega \times [0, T] \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  continuous

$$D(t) = \overline{\{x \in \Omega \mid u(x, t) = +\infty\}}$$

$$D = \bigcup_{0 \leq t \leq T} D(t) \times \{t\} \subset \Omega \times [0, T]$$

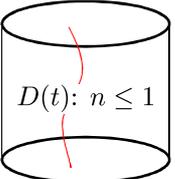
scale invariant estimate

$$\int_0^T \text{Cap}_2(D(t)) dt \leq \frac{L^n(\Omega)}{2}$$

$D(t): n \leq 1$

$\Omega: n = 3$

Temperature infinite region enclosed in a bounded domain in a positive time interval takes a dimension lower than 2



**Reaction-Diffusion System in Biology****- Population Dynamics and Morphogenesis** $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^N$  bounded domain $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1, D \gg 1$  diffusion coefficients $\partial\Omega$  smooth,  $\nu$  outer unit normal $0 < \tau \ll 1$  relaxation time

$$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v)$$

 $u = u(x, t) \geq 0$  activator (prey)

$$\tau v_t = D \Delta v + g(u, v) \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

 $v = v(x, t) \geq 0$  inhibitor (predator)

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial\Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

 $f = f(u, v), g = g(u, v)$ 

nonlinearity

$$u|_{t=0} = u_0(x) \geq 0, v|_{t=0} = v_0(x) \geq 0$$

self-growth (birth/death) + interaction

**PDE system**

$$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v)$$

$$\tau v_t = D \Delta v + g(u, v)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial\Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

**ODE part**

$$u_t = f(u, v)$$

$$\tau v_t = g(u, v)$$

constant stationary solution  $(u_*, v_*)$  $\Rightarrow$  an equilibrium of ODE

$$f(u_*, v_*) = g(u_*, v_*) = 0$$

**stationary problem**

$$\varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v) = 0$$

$$D \Delta v + g(u, v) = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial\Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

stability controlled by the real parts  
of eigenvalues of the linearized matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_u(u_*, v_*) & f_v(u_*, v_*) \\ \tau^{-1} g_u(u_*, v_*) & \tau^{-1} g_v(u_*, v_*) \end{pmatrix}$$

<b>reaction-diffusion system</b>	
$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v)$	$\Rightarrow$
$\tau v_t = D \Delta v + g(u, v)$	$\tau \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} v = \int_{\Omega} g(u, v)$
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$	$D \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow \Delta v \rightarrow 0$
	$\Delta v = 0, \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0 \Rightarrow v(\cdot, t) = \xi(t)$
<b>Turing 52</b>	<b>shadow system</b>
diffusion	$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v)$
$\Rightarrow$ instabilization of stable constant stationary solutions	$\tau \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{1}{ \Omega } \int_{\Omega} g(u, \xi)$
$\Rightarrow$ pattern formation	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$

<b>reaction-diffusion system</b>	<b>ODE part</b>
$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v)$	$u_t = f(u, v)$
$\tau v_t = D \Delta v + g(u, v)$	$\tau v_t = g(u, v)$
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$	
	<b>transient and asymptotic dynamics</b>
<b>stationary problem</b>	<b>shadow system</b>
$\varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v) = 0$	$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + f(u, v)$
$D \Delta v + g(u, v) = 0$	$\tau \frac{d\xi}{dt} = \frac{1}{ \Omega } \int_{\Omega} g(u, \xi)$
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$



$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + u(a - bv)$   
 $\tau v_t = D \Delta v + v(-c + du)$   
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = 0$   
 $u|_{t=0} = u_0(x) \geq 0, v|_{t=0} = v_0(x) \geq 0$

$u = u_D(x, t), v = v_D(x, t)$

**Theorem 2** [transient control of shadow system]

$\forall T > 0$

$\lim_{D \uparrow +\infty} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \{ \|u_D(\cdot, t) - U(\cdot, t)\|_{C^2}$   
 $+ \|v_D(\cdot, t) - V(t)\|_{C^2} \} = 0$

**shadow system**

$U_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta U + U(a - bV)$   
 $\tau \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} V(-c + dU)$   
 $\frac{\partial U}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = 0, U|_{t=0} = u_0(x) \geq 0$   
 $V|_{t=0} = \bar{v}_0 = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} v_0$

**Theorem 3** [shadow system  $(U, V) \rightarrow$  ODE]

$(\hat{u}, \hat{v}) = (\hat{u}(t), \hat{v}(t))$  ODE solution

$\hat{u}(0) = \bar{u}_0 \equiv \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} u_0$   
 $\hat{v}(0) = \bar{v}_0 \equiv \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} v_0$

(period  $\hat{T}$ )

$\Rightarrow$

$\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} U(\cdot, t) = \hat{u}(t), V(t) = \hat{v}(t)$   
 $\lim_{t \uparrow +\infty} \|U(\cdot, t) - \hat{u}(t)\|_{\infty} = 0$

$U(\cdot, t) - \hat{u}(t) \approx e^{-\varepsilon^2 \mu_2 t} \varphi_2$

$\hat{T} > 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  non-shrink to a point

**Theorem 4 [Discrepancy]**

$\forall \delta > 0, \exists D_0 > 0$  s.t.

$D \geq D_0 \Rightarrow \tilde{T} > \hat{T} - \delta$

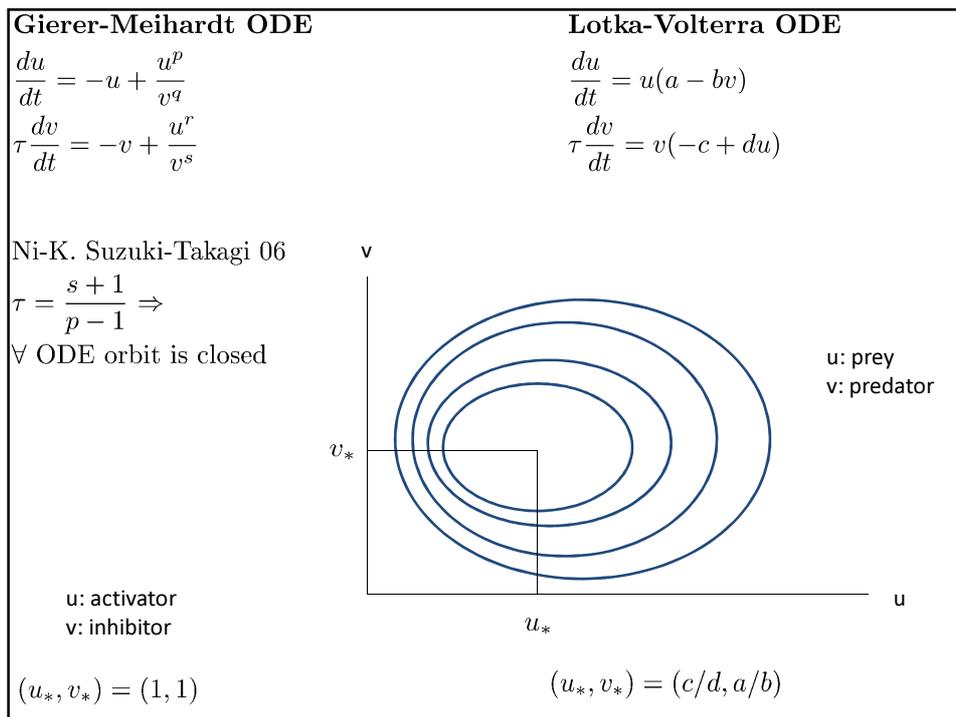
$\hat{T}$ , ultimate period of  $(u(\cdot, t), v(\cdot, t))$

<p><b>Gierer-Meinhardt 72</b>          morphogenesis          spatial tissue structure of hydra</p> <p>cut → duplicate</p> 	<p>local self-enhancement (direct, indirect)          +          long-range inhibition          (prevent the spreading into surrounding tissue)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>local concentration maxima          stripelike distributions of substances</p> <p><math>u=u(x,t)</math> activator  <math>v=v(x,t)</math> inhibitor</p> $f(u, v) = -u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$ $g(u, v) = -v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}$ <p><math>p &gt; 1, q, r &gt; 0, s &gt; -1</math></p>
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<p>spiky patterns in stationary states</p> <p>.. Wei-Wintner 08          J. Wei, HB DE, Stationary PDE, vol. 5</p> <p><b>stationary state</b></p> $\varepsilon^2 \Delta u - u + \frac{u^p}{v^q} = 0$ $D \Delta v - v + \frac{u^r}{v^s} = 0$ $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$	<p>spiky patterns discovered by          Ni-Takagi 86</p> <p><b>shadow stationary state</b></p> $\varepsilon^2 \Delta u - u + \frac{u^p}{\xi^q} = 0, \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$ $\xi = \left( \frac{1}{ \Omega } \int_{\Omega} u^r \right)^{1/(s+1)}$ <p>A chemotaxis system shares the shadow stationary state</p>
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<b>Gierer-Meinhardt PDE</b>	<b>shadow system <math>D \rightarrow +\infty</math></b>
$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u - u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$	$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u - u + \frac{u^p}{\xi^q}$
$\tau v_t = D \Delta v - v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$	$\tau \frac{d\xi}{dt} = -\xi + \frac{1}{ \Omega } \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^r}{\xi^s} dx$
global-in-time existence case	global-in-time existence case
Masuda-Takahashi 87	blowup case
Jiang 06	Li-Ni 09
<b>Question 1 compactness of the orbit</b>	<b>Question 2 dynamical control to PDE</b>

<b>Gierer-Meinhardt ODE</b>	<b>Gierer-Meinhardt condition</b>
$\frac{du}{dt} = -u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$	$0 < \frac{p-1}{r} < \frac{q}{s+1}$
$\tau \frac{dv}{dt} = -v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}$	$\Rightarrow$
spatially homogeneous (constant) stationary state	equilibrium $(u_*, v_*) = (1, 1)$ activator $\leftrightarrow$ inhibitor ( <b>oscillating</b> ) ( <b>near equilibrium</b> )
$f(u_*, v_*) = -u_* + \frac{u_*^p}{v_*^q} = 0$	<b>ODE phase plane</b>
$g(u_*, v_*) = -v_* + \frac{u_*^r}{v_*^s} = 0$	
$\Rightarrow$	
$u_*^{p-1} = v_*^q, u_*^r = v_*^{s+1}$	
$\Rightarrow$	
$(p-1) \log u_* = q \log v_*$	
$r \log u_* = (s+1) \log v_*$	



### Abstract

Gierer-Meihardt system models morphogenesis of hydra in the context of Turing patterns. There is a parameter region, however, where the ODE part takes periodic orbits. If two diffusion coefficients are comparable in this parameter region, then any solution exists global-in-time and is absorbed into an ODE orbit. A variational structure is hidden there, common and applicable to the study of other reaction-diffusion systems; joint work with G. Karali and Y. Yamada

### Plan

1. Lotka-Volterra system (7)
2. Variational structure (4)
3. Compactness of the orbit (2)
4. Main theorem (1)

## 1. Lotka-Volterra system

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u(a - bv)$$

$$\tau \frac{dv}{dt} = v(-c + du)$$

$$\xi = \log u, \eta = \log v$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = a - be^\eta$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = -\frac{c}{\tau} + \frac{d}{\tau}e^\xi$$

**Observation**

$u_t/u, v_t/v$  are growth rates

$$H(\xi, \eta) = -a\eta + be^\eta - \tau^{-1}c\xi + \tau^{-1}de^\xi$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$a - be^\eta = -H_\eta$$

$$-\frac{c}{\tau} + \frac{d}{\tau}e^\xi = H_\xi$$

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## Lotka-Volterra ODE is a Hamilton system

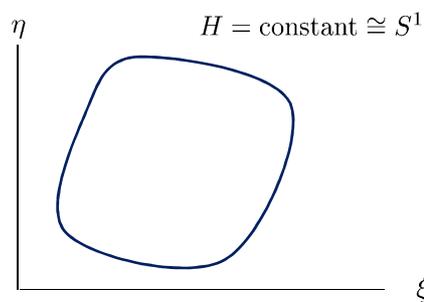
$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = -H_\eta$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = H_\xi$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d}{dt}H(\xi, \eta) = 0$$

$$H(\xi, \eta) \equiv -a\eta + be^\eta - \tau^{-1}c\xi + \tau^{-1}de^\xi$$



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<p><b>Lotka-Volterra PDE</b></p> $u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + u(a - bv)$ $\tau v_t = D \Delta v + v(-c + du)$ $\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = 0$ <p><b>growth rate formulation</b></p> $\xi = \log u, \eta = \log v$ $H(\xi, \eta) = -a\eta + be^\eta - \tau^{-1}c\xi + \tau^{-1}de^\xi$ $\xi_t = \varepsilon^2 e^{-\xi} \Delta e^\xi - H_\eta$ $\eta_t = \tau^{-1} D e^{-\eta} \Delta e^\eta + H_\xi$ $\left. \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = 0$	$\mathcal{H}(\xi, \eta) = \int_{\Omega} H(\xi(\cdot), \eta(\cdot))$ $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{H}(\xi(\cdot, t), \eta(\cdot, t)) = \int_{\Omega} H_\xi \xi_t + H_\eta \eta_t \, dx$ $= \int_{\Omega} (-\tau^{-1}c + \tau^{-1}de^\xi) \varepsilon^2 e^{-\xi} \Delta e^\xi \, dx$ $+ \int_{\Omega} (-a + be^\eta) \tau^{-1} D e^{-\eta} \Delta e^\eta \, dx$ $= -\tau^{-1} \int_{\Omega} c \varepsilon^2  \nabla \xi ^2 + a D  \nabla \eta ^2 \, dx$ <p><b>a Lyapunov function</b></p> <p>stationary states</p> $\Rightarrow$ <p>spatially homogeneous</p> <p>no Turing pattern</p>
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<b>A priori estimates via Lyapunov function</b>	
$H(\xi, \eta) = -a\eta + be^\eta - \tau^{-1}c\xi + \tau^{-1}de^\xi$	$H(\xi, \eta) \geq \delta_1(e^\xi + e^\eta) - C_2$ $\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} e^\xi + e^\eta$ $= \ u(\cdot, t)\ _1 + \ v(\cdot, t)\ _1 \leq C_3$
$\mathcal{H}(\xi, \eta) = \int_{\Omega} H(\xi(\cdot), \eta(\cdot)) \, dx$ $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\log u(\cdot, t), \log v(\cdot, t)) \leq C_1$	$H(\xi, \eta) \geq \delta_2(\xi_- + \eta_-) - C_4$ $\Rightarrow \ \log u(\cdot, t)\ _1 + \ \log v(\cdot, t)\ _1 \leq C_5$

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comparison theorem	semigroup estimate
$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + u(a - bv)$ $\leq \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + au$ $= (\varepsilon^2 \Delta + a - \lambda)u + \lambda u$ $\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = 0, u _{t=0} = u_0(x) \geq 0$	$\ u(\cdot, t)\ _1 \leq C_3$ $\Rightarrow$ $\ \bar{u}(\cdot, t)\ _r \leq C_6(r)$ $\Rightarrow$ $\ u(\cdot, t)\ _r \leq C_6(r), 1 \leq r < \infty$ $\Rightarrow$
$\bar{u} = \bar{u}(x, t), \lambda \gg 1$ $\bar{u}_t = (\varepsilon^2 \Delta + a - \lambda)\bar{u} + \lambda u$ $\left. \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = 0, \bar{u} _{t=0} = u_0(x)$	$\ \bar{u}(\cdot, t)\ _\infty \leq C_7$ $\Rightarrow$ $\ u(\cdot, t)\ _\infty \leq C_7$
$\Rightarrow$ $0 \leq u \leq \bar{u}$	$\tau v_t = D\Delta v + v(-c + du)$ $\leq D\Delta v + dC_7 v$ $\Rightarrow$ $\ v(\cdot, t)\ _\infty \leq C_8$

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Theory of dynamical systems	
<p><b><math>\omega</math>-limit set</b></p> $\omega(u_0, v_0) = \{(u_*, v_*) \mid \exists t_k \uparrow +\infty \text{ s.t. } \ (u(\cdot, t_k), v(\cdot, t_k)) - (u_*, v_*)\ _{C^2} = 0\}$ $\Rightarrow$ <p>compact, connected in <math>C^2(\bar{\Omega}) \times C^2(\bar{\Omega})</math></p>	$\forall (u_*, v_*) \in \omega(u_0, v_0)$ $u_* \geq 0, v_* \geq 0$ $\ \log u(\cdot, t)\ _1 + \ \log v(\cdot, t)\ _1 \leq C_5$ $\Rightarrow \text{(Fatou's lemma)}$ $\log u_* \in L^1(\Omega), \log v_* \in L^1(\Omega)$
<p>invariant under the flow</p> $u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u + u(a - bv)$ $\tau v_t = D\Delta v + v(-c + du)$ $\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = 0$	$\mathcal{H}_* = \int_{\Omega} H(\log u_*, \log v_*)$ <p>well-defined, invariant on <math>\omega(u_0, v_0)</math></p> <p>i.e.,</p> $\mathcal{H}_* = \mathcal{H}_\infty$ $\mathcal{H}_\infty = \lim_{t \uparrow +\infty} \mathcal{H}(\log u(\cdot, t), \log v(\cdot, t))$

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$(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) = (\tilde{u}(\cdot, t), \tilde{v}(\cdot, t))$ solution to LV PDE with $\tilde{u} _{t=0} = u_* \geq 0, \tilde{v} _{t=0} = v_* \geq 0$  <b>strong maximum principle</b> $u_* \neq 0, v_* \neq 0$ $\Rightarrow$ $\tilde{u}(\cdot, t), \tilde{v}(\cdot, t) > 0, t > 0$  $(\tilde{u}(\cdot, t), \tilde{v}(\cdot, t)) \in \omega(u_0, v_0), \forall t \geq 0$ $\mathcal{H}$ invariant on $\omega(u_0, v_0)$ $\Rightarrow \forall t > 0$ $0 = \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{H}(\log \tilde{u}(\cdot, t), \log \tilde{v}(\cdot, t))$ $= -\tau^{-1} \int_{\Omega} c\varepsilon^2  \nabla \log \tilde{u} ^2 + aD  \nabla \log \tilde{v} ^2$	$(u_*, v_*)$ spatially homogeneous $\Rightarrow$ $\forall t_k \uparrow +\infty, \exists \{t'_k\} \subset \{t_k\}$ s.t. $(\tilde{u}(\cdot, t + t'_k), \tilde{v}(\cdot, t + t'_k)) \rightarrow (\hat{u}(t), \hat{v}(t))$ in $C^2$ , a solution to the ODE  $ \Omega  \cdot H(\hat{u}(t), \hat{v}(t)) = \mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ $= \lim_{t \uparrow +\infty} \mathcal{H}(\log u(\cdot, t), \log v(\cdot, t))$  ODE orbit $\{(\hat{u}(t), \hat{v}(t))\}_{-\infty < t < +\infty}$ determined by the Hamiltonian $\Rightarrow$ <b>Theorem 1</b>
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<b>2. Variational structure</b>	
<b>Gierer-Meinhardt ODE</b> $\frac{du}{dt} = -u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$ $\tau \frac{dv}{dt} = -v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}$	<b>growth rate formulation</b> $\xi = u^{-p+1}/(p-1)$ $\eta = v^{s+1}/(s+1)$ $\Rightarrow$ $\xi_t = -u_t u^{-p}$ $\eta_t = v^s v_t$
$u^{-p} u_t = u^{-p+1} + v^{-q}$ $v^s v_t = -\tau^{-1} v^{s+1} + \tau^{-1} u^r$	$\xi_t = (p-1)\xi - \{(s+1)\eta\}^{-\frac{q}{s+1}}$ $\eta_t = -\tau^{-1}(s+1)\eta + \tau^{-1}\{(p-1)\xi\}^{-\frac{r}{p-1}}$
	$p-1 = \tau^{-1}(s+1) \Leftrightarrow \tau = \frac{s+1}{p-1}$

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assume  $p - 1 = \tau^{-1}(s + 1)$

$$H = (p - 1)\xi\eta + \left(\frac{r}{p - 1} - 1\right)^{-1} A(\xi) + \left(\frac{q}{s + 1} - 1\right)^{-1} B(\eta)$$

$$A(\xi) = \tau^{-1}(p - 1)^{-\frac{r}{p-1}} \xi^{1-\frac{r}{p-1}}$$

$$\xi_t = (p - 1)\xi - \{(s + 1)\eta\}^{-\frac{q}{s+1}}$$

$$B(\eta) = (s + 1)^{-\frac{q}{s+1}} \eta^{1-\frac{q}{s+1}}$$

$$\eta_t = -\tau^{-1}(s + 1)\eta + \tau^{-1}\{(p - 1)\xi\}^{-\frac{r}{p-1}}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d\xi}{dt} = H_\eta$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = -H_\xi$$

Hamilton formalism

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### Gierer-Meinhardt PDE

$$u_t = d_1 \Delta u - u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$$

$$v_t = d_2 \Delta v - \tau^{-1} \left( v + \frac{u^r}{v^s} \right)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial \Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial \Omega} = 0$$

$$d_1 = \varepsilon^2, d_2 = \tau^{-1} D$$

$$\xi = u^{-p+1}/(p - 1)$$

$$\eta = v^{s+1}/(s + 1)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\xi_t = -d_1(p - 1)\xi^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \Delta \xi^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} + H_\eta$$

$$\eta_t = d_2(s + 1)\eta^{\frac{s}{s+1}} \Delta \eta^{\frac{1}{s+1}} - H_\xi$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial \Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \nu} \right|_{\partial \Omega} = 0$$

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$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} H(\xi, \eta) dx =$ $- \int_{\Omega} Q(\xi^{-1/2} \eta^{1/2}  \nabla \xi , \xi^{1/2} \eta^{-1/2}  \nabla \eta )$ $+ c_1  \nabla \xi^{-\alpha/2} ^2 + c_2  \nabla \eta^{-\beta/2} ^2 dx$ $Q(X, Y) = d_1 \cdot \frac{p}{p-1} X^2 + d_2 \cdot \frac{s}{s+1} Y^2$ $+ (d_1 + d_2) XY$ $\frac{2\sqrt{d_1 d_2}}{d_1 + d_2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{sp}}$ $\Rightarrow$ $Q(X, Y) \geq 0$	$\alpha = \frac{r}{p-1} > \frac{1}{p-1}$ $\beta = \frac{q}{s+1} > 1$ $\Rightarrow$ $c_i > 0, i = 1, 2$ <p><b>Lemma 1</b></p> $\frac{2\sqrt{d_1 d_2}}{d_1 + d_2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{sp}}$ $\frac{p}{r} < 1 < \frac{q}{s+1}, \tau = \frac{s+1}{p-1}$ $\Rightarrow$ $\mathcal{H}(\xi, \eta) = \int_{\Omega} H(\xi(\cdot, t), \eta(\cdot, t))$ <p>a Lyapunov function</p>
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**3. Compactness of the orbit**

$\mathcal{H}(\xi, \eta) \approx$ $\int_{\Omega} u^{-p+1} v^{s+1} + u^{r-p+1} + v^{-q+s+1}$ $\frac{q}{s+1} > 1 \Rightarrow q - s - 1 > 0$ $\ell > \max\{n/2, 1\}$ $a = \frac{\ell}{q - s - 1} > 0$ $v = w^{-a} > 0$ $\Rightarrow$ $\ w(\cdot, t)\ _{\ell} \leq C_1$	$w_t = d_2 \Delta w - d_2 (a+1) w^{-1}  \nabla w ^2$ $+ a^{-1} \tau^{-1} (w - u^r w^{a(s+1)+1})$ $\leq d_2 \Delta w + a^{-1} \tau^{-1} w$ $\frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu} \Big _{\partial \Omega} = 0$ <p>comparison + semigroup estimate</p> $\Rightarrow$ $\ w(\cdot, t)\ _{\infty} \leq C_2$ $\Rightarrow$ <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <math display="block">\ v(\cdot, t)^{-1}\ _{\infty} \leq C_3</math> </div>
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**Lemma 2** (Masuda-K.Takahashi-Jiang)

$$0 < \frac{p-1}{r} < \min\left\{\frac{q}{s+1}, 1\right\}, a > 1, b > 0$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{d_1 d_2}}{d_1 + d_2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{ab}{(a-1)(b+1)}}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^a v^{-b} \leq (-a + \tau^{-1}b) \int_{\Omega} u^a v^{-b} + C_4(a, b) \left( \int_{\Omega} v^{-\theta/\varepsilon} \right)^{\varepsilon} \left( \int_{\Omega} u^a v^{-b} \right)^{1-\varepsilon}$$

$$\theta = \frac{r}{r-p+1-\delta} \left[ q - \frac{(p-1)(s+1)}{r} - \left( \frac{s+1}{r} - \frac{b}{a} \right) \delta \right]$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta}{a} \left( \frac{r}{r-p+1-\delta} \right) \quad 0 < \delta \ll 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \varepsilon < 1, \theta > 0$$

$$\forall a > 1, 0 < \exists b \ll 1 \text{ s.t. } \int_{\Omega} u^a v^{-b} dx \leq C_5(a, b)$$

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**4. Main Theorem**

**Theorem** [Gierer-Meinhardt system]

$$\frac{2\sqrt{d_1 d_2}}{d_1 + d_2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{sp}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{s+1}{p-1}$$

$$\frac{p}{r} < 1 < \frac{q}{s+1}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$\exists 1$  ODE solution  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) = (\tilde{u}(t), \tilde{v}(t))$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow +\infty} \text{dist}_{C^2}((u(\cdot, t), v(\cdot, t)), \mathcal{O}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \{(\tilde{u}(t), \tilde{v}(t))\}_{t \geq 0}$$

**Remark 1** [Jiang 06]

$$\frac{p-1}{r} < 1 \Rightarrow T = +\infty$$

**Gierer-Meinhardt PDE**

$$u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u - u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$$

$$\tau v_t = D \Delta v - v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = 0$$

$$d_1 = \varepsilon^2, d_2 = \tau^{-1} D$$

**Gierer-Meinhardt ODE**

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$$

$$\tau \frac{dv}{dt} = -v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}$$



the only case where the compactness of the orbit is known so far

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<p><b>Remark 2</b> [Yanagida 01, 02]</p> <p>skew-gradient formalism (Kuhn-Tucker duality)</p> $p + 1 = r, q + 1 = s$ <p>non-degenerate saddle of a Lagrangean is dynamically stable</p>	<p><b>Gierer-Meinhardt PDE</b></p> $u_t = \varepsilon^2 \Delta u - u + \frac{u^p}{v^q}$ $\tau v_t = D \Delta v - v + \frac{u^r}{v^s}$ $\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = \left. \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} \right _{\partial \Omega} = 0$
<p><b>a spatially homogeneous - temporally oscillation criterion</b></p> $\frac{2\sqrt{d_1 d_2}}{d_1 + d_2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{sp}}$ $d_1 = \varepsilon^2 \approx d_2 = \tau^{-1} D$ $\tau = \frac{s+1}{p-1}, \frac{p}{r} < 1 < \frac{q}{s+1}$	<p><b>Remark 3</b> [expected Turing pattern]</p> <p>local self-enhancement</p> $\Leftrightarrow$ $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1 \ll D$ <p>long-range inhibition</p> $\Leftrightarrow$ $0 < \tau \ll 1$

Pattern formation is certainly based on the interaction of many components. Since the interaction are expected to be nonlinear, our intuition is insufficient to check whether a particular assumption really accounts for the experimental observation. By **modeling**, the weak points of an hypothesis become evident and the initial hypothesis can be modified or improved. Models often contain simplifying assumptions, and different models may account equally well for a particular observation. This diversity should, however, be considered as an **advantage**: multiplicity of models stimulates the design of experimental tests in order to discriminate between the rival theories.

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