

# Nonlinear diffusion

(1)

$$C_t = D(C^p C_x)_x$$

$$C = \frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} F(\xi)$$

$$\xi = \frac{x}{(M^p Dt)^{1/(2+p)}}$$

$$\int C(x,t) dx = M$$

$$C_x(0,t) = 0 \quad C(x \rightarrow \infty, t) \rightarrow 0$$

$$C_t = -\frac{1}{(2+p)} \frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} \cdot \frac{1}{t} F(\xi) + \frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} F'(\xi) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{(2+p)} \frac{\xi}{t}\right)$$

$$= \frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} \cdot \frac{1}{t} \left\{ -\frac{1}{(2+p)} \xi F' - \frac{1}{(2+p)} F \right\} = \boxed{\frac{-M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)} t (2+p)} (\xi F)'}$$

$$C^p C_x = \frac{M^{2p/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{p/(2+p)}} F^p \frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} \cdot \frac{1}{(M^p Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} = \boxed{\frac{M}{Dt} F^p F'}$$

$$\rightarrow D(C^p C_x)_x = D \frac{M}{Dt} (F^p F')' \cdot \frac{1}{(M^p Dt)^{1/(2+p)}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{t (Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} (F^p F')' = -\frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)} t (2+p)} (\xi F)' \Rightarrow \boxed{(F^p F')' = -\frac{1}{(2+p)} (\xi F)'}$$

hence  $F^p F' = -\frac{1}{(2+p)} \xi F + \text{const}$  : by the boundary conditions at  $\xi=0$ ,  $\text{const}=0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F^p F' = -\frac{1}{(2+p)} \xi F}$$

note the normalisation

$$\int C dx = \frac{M^{2/(2+p)}}{(Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} \int dx F(\xi) \frac{(M^p Dt)^{1/(2+p)}}{(M^p Dt)^{1/(2+p)}} = M \int d\xi F(\xi)$$

so we take  $F$  normalised to unity

solving the last boxed eqn.

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$$F^p F' = -\frac{1}{(z+p)} \xi F \Rightarrow d F F^p = -\frac{1}{(z+p)} \xi d\xi$$

$$\frac{F^p}{p} = -\frac{\xi^2}{2(z+p)} + \text{const}$$

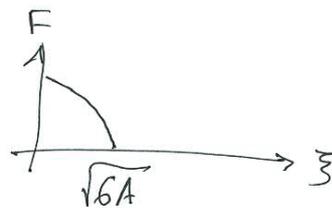
$$\text{or } F(\xi) = \left[ A - \frac{p}{2(z+p)} \xi^2 \right]^{1/p}$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq \xi \leq \left[ \frac{2(z+p)}{p} A \right]^{1/p}$$

special case of  $p=1$

$$F(\xi) = A - \frac{1}{6} \xi^2 \quad 0 \leq \xi \leq \sqrt{6A}$$

= 0 outside



normalisation

$$\int_0^{\sqrt{6A}} \left( A - \frac{1}{6} \xi^2 \right) d\xi = 1 = A \sqrt{6A} - \frac{1}{18} (6A)^{3/2} = A^{3/2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{6} = A^{3/2} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore A = \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^{2/3} = \left( \frac{3}{8} \right)^{1/3}$$

# FitzHugh - Nagumo model

(1)

i) homogeneous fixed point

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u(1-u)(u-a) + v &= 0 \\ bu - cv &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} v = \frac{b}{c}u \quad \text{so } u=0 \text{ or } (1-u)(u-a) + \frac{b}{c} = 0$$

$$u^2 - (1+a)u + a - b/c = 0$$

$$u^* = \frac{1+a \pm \sqrt{(1+a)^2 - 4a + 4b/c}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1+a \pm \sqrt{(1-a)^2 + 4b/c}}{2}$$

$$v^* = \frac{b}{c} u^* \quad \text{choose + sol'n so } u^* > 0.$$

stability matrix

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} ? & 1 \\ b & -c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J_{11} = (1-u)(u-a) + u(1-u) - u(u-a) \quad @ u^*$$

$$= -3u^2 + 2u + 2ua - a$$

$$\text{but } u^2 = \frac{b}{c} - a + (1+a)u$$

$$\text{so } J_{11} = -\frac{3b}{c} + 2a - u(1+a) \quad \text{after some algebra}$$

$$\text{now, } u^* > \frac{1+a}{2} \quad \text{so } 2a - u^*(1+a) \leq 2a - \frac{(1+a)^2}{2}$$

$$\leq -\frac{1}{2}(1-a)^2 < 0$$

thus  $J = \begin{pmatrix} - & + \\ + & - \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Tr } J < 0$

and since  $J_{11} < -\frac{b}{c}$

Det > 0 } stable fixed pt.

(ii)  $u_t = -\gamma \phi \quad u_{xx} = \ddot{\phi} \quad v_t = -\gamma \psi \quad \bullet = \frac{d}{d\xi} \quad \xi = x - \gamma t$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} -\gamma \dot{\phi} &= \ddot{\phi} + \phi(1-\phi)(\phi-a) + \psi \\ -\gamma \dot{\psi} &= b\phi - c\psi \end{aligned}}$$



iii) if  $b=c=0$   $\dot{\psi}=0 \Rightarrow \psi = \text{const} = 0$  by statement of problem (2)

$$\Rightarrow -\gamma \dot{\phi} = \ddot{\phi} + \phi(1-\phi)(\phi-a)$$

set  $\phi = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\alpha\xi}}$   $\dot{\phi} = \frac{\alpha e^{-\alpha\xi}}{(1+e^{-\alpha\xi})^2} = \alpha(\phi - \phi^2)$  (useful trick!)

$$\therefore \ddot{\phi} = \alpha \dot{\phi}(1-2\phi) \Rightarrow \boxed{-\gamma \dot{\phi} = \alpha \dot{\phi}(1-2\phi) + \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\alpha}(\phi-a)}$$

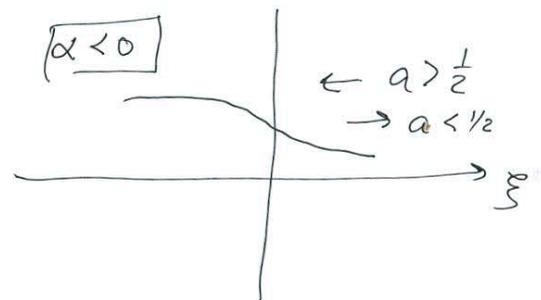
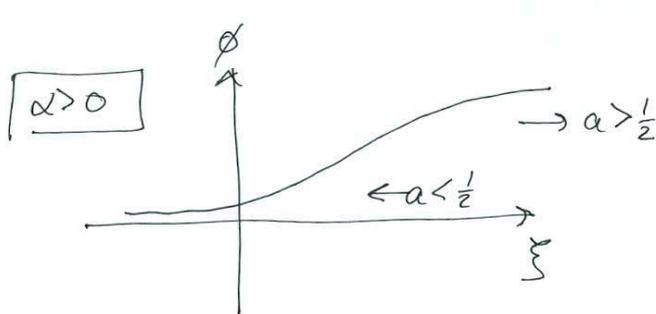
either  $\dot{\phi}=0$  or

$$\phi(1-2\alpha^2) + (\alpha^2 + \gamma\alpha - a) = 0$$

holds  $\forall \xi$  if  $1-2\alpha^2=0$   $\alpha = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

and  $\alpha^2 + \gamma\alpha - a = 0$   $\gamma = \pm \sqrt{2}(a - \frac{1}{2})$

direction?, depends on  $\gamma$



# Chemotaxis

(1)

$$n_t = D n_{xx} + bn \left(1 - \frac{n}{n_0}\right) - \partial_x (X(a) n a_x)_x$$

$$a_t = D_A a_{xx} + hn - ka$$

$$X(a) = \frac{X_0 K}{(K+a)^2}$$

clearly, set  $u = n/n_0$ , let  $T = bt$   $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = b \frac{\partial}{\partial T}$   $k^{-1}$  is a time, so set

$$a = hn_0 k^{-1} v$$

diffusive scalings:

$$x = \sqrt{D b^{-1}} X$$

$$\partial_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{D b^{-1}}} \partial_X \text{ etc.}$$

algebra  $\rightarrow$

$$\beta = \frac{X_0 K k}{D h n_0}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{K k}{h n_0}$$

$$\gamma = k/b$$

$$\delta = D_A/D$$

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{u} = u'' + u(1-u) - \beta \left[ \frac{u v'}{(\alpha + v)^2} \right]' \\ \ddot{v} = \delta v'' + \gamma(u - v) \end{cases}$$

homogeneous steady state  $u = v = 1$  by inspection

stability matrix  $J = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ \gamma & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$   $\left. \begin{matrix} \text{Tr} < 0 \\ \text{Det} > 0 \end{matrix} \right\}$  hence stable

now allow spatial instability  $e^{ikx}$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ \gamma & -\gamma \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -k^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\delta k^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{\beta} k^2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\beta} = \frac{\beta}{(1+\alpha)^2}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -(1+k^2) & \hat{\beta} k^2 \\ \gamma & -(\gamma + \delta k^2) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Tr} < 0 \text{ always as usual}$$

$$\text{Det} = (1+k^2)(\gamma + \delta k^2) - \gamma \hat{\beta} k^2 = \underbrace{\delta (k^2)^2}_{\text{"a"}} + \underbrace{(\gamma + \delta - \gamma \hat{\beta}) k^2}_{\text{"b"}} + \underbrace{\gamma}_{\text{"c"}} \quad (*)$$

can  $k$  ever be negative for  $k^2 > 0$ ?

if so, need  $\gamma + \delta - \gamma \hat{\beta} < 0$  "b"

and  $(\gamma + \delta - \gamma \hat{\beta})^2 - 4\gamma\delta > 0$  " $b^2 - 4ac$ "

i.e.  $-(\gamma + \delta - \gamma \hat{\beta}) > 2\sqrt{\delta} \sqrt{\gamma}$

or  $\gamma \hat{\beta} > \gamma + 2\sqrt{\delta} \sqrt{\gamma} = (\sqrt{\gamma} + \sqrt{\delta})^2$

$\left[ \frac{\gamma \hat{\beta}}{(1+\alpha)^2} > (\sqrt{\gamma} + \sqrt{\delta})^2 \right]$  as required (\*)

$k_c^2 = \frac{-b}{2a} = -\frac{\gamma - \delta + \gamma \hat{\beta}}{2\delta} = \frac{\gamma \hat{\beta} - (\gamma + \delta)(1+\alpha)^2}{2\delta(1+\alpha)^2}$

$k_c = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_c}$  ← wavelength if  $\alpha = \gamma = \delta = 1$

$k_c^2 = \frac{\beta - 8}{8}$

$\lambda_c = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{8}{\beta - 8}}$

and note that  $k$  gives  $\beta > 16$

# A Turing instability

(1)

$$u_t = u_{xx} + \frac{u^2}{v} - bu$$

$$v_t = d v_{xx} + u^2 - v$$

homogeneous fixed point.

$$\frac{u^2}{v} - bu = 0 \quad u^2 - v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u^* = b^{-1} \quad v^* = b^{-2}}$$

$$J|_{u^*, v^*} = \begin{pmatrix} b & -b^2 \\ 2/b & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det} = b$$

$$\text{Tr} = b - 1$$

so

$$\boxed{0 < b < 1} \\ \text{stable}$$

spatial instability  $\sim e^{ikx}$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} b - k^2 & -b^2 \\ 2/b & -1 - dk^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Tr < 0 of course

$$\text{Det} = (b - k^2)(-1 - dk^2) + 2b$$

$$= d(k^2)^2 + (1 - bd)k^2 + b$$

can this be negative for any  $k^2 > 0$ ?

need  $1 - bd < 0$  i.e.  $bd > 1$

also  $(1 - bd)^2 > 4bd$

$$\text{so } \boxed{bd > 3 + \sqrt{8}}$$

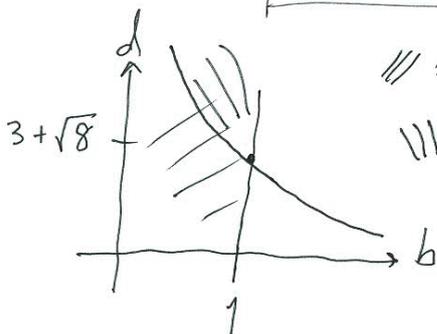
$$1 - 2x + x^2 > 4x$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 1 > 0$$



$$x_{\pm} = 3 \pm \sqrt{8}$$

$x_+$  relevant



// = homog. stability

||| Turing instability

critical wavenumber

$$k_0^2 = -\frac{(1 - bd)}{2d} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{d}$$

$$k_0 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{d}{1 + \sqrt{2}}}$$

# Phytoplankton - zooplankton

(1)

$$u_t = u_{xx} + u(1-u-\gamma v)$$

want  $u, v > 0$  only

$$v_t = d v_{xx} + v(\beta u - v)$$

fixed point:

$$u_0 = \frac{1}{\beta\gamma - 1}$$

$$v_0 = \beta u_0 = \frac{\beta}{\beta\gamma - 1}$$

clearly  $\beta\gamma > 1$

stability

$$J = u_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\gamma \\ \beta^2 & -\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det} = u_0^2 \beta(\gamma\beta - 1) > 0$$

$$\text{Tr} = u_0(1 - \beta) < 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta > 1}$$

again, with perturbations  $\sim e^{ikx}$

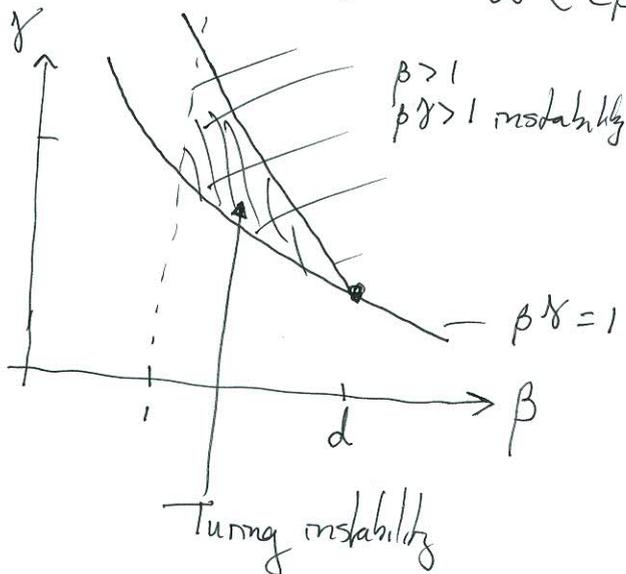
$$J = u_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\gamma \\ \beta^2 & -\beta \end{pmatrix} - k^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $\text{Tr} < 0$  still and  $\text{Det} = d(k^2)^2 + (\beta - d)u_0 k^2 + \beta(\gamma\beta - 1)u_0^2$

for Turing instability, need this  $< 0$  for some  $k^2 > 0$

i.e. need  $\boxed{d > \beta}$  and  $\boxed{(\beta - d)^2 > 4\beta d(\gamma\beta - 1)}$  (\*)

i.e.  $\gamma < \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{d} \left(\frac{\beta - d}{2\beta}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{d} \left(\frac{\beta + d}{2\beta}\right)^2$  and this  $> \frac{1}{\beta}$



$$k_0^2 = \frac{d - \beta}{2d} = \sqrt{\frac{\beta(\gamma\beta - 1)}{d}}$$

but  $\Rightarrow \beta < \frac{d}{2\sqrt{\gamma d} - 1}$

$$\text{so } k_c^2 = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma d} - 1}{2\sqrt{\gamma d} - 1}$$