

Pattern formation

Dynamics of ~~pattern formation~~
 conc. field $c(x,t)$.

Warm-up: diffusion

- conservation equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(x,t) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathcal{J}$$

$$\mathcal{J} = -D \frac{\partial}{\partial x} c(x,t) \equiv \text{flux.}$$

- refl. b.c.

$$\mathcal{J}(x=0) = \mathcal{J}(x=L) = 0.$$

- Fourier decomposition

$$c = c_0 + \sum_n c_n \exp\left(\frac{v_n x}{L} + i c t\right)$$

Phase space

$$\{c_n, n \geq 0\}$$

- Invariant of motion $c_0(t) = \bar{c}$
 \Rightarrow foliation

- Dispersion relation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(x,t) = D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} c(x,t)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{c}(q,t) = -D q^2 \tilde{c}(q,t)$$

$$\tilde{c}(q,t) = \sum_n c_n(t) \delta\left(q - \frac{v_n}{L}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{c}_n(t) = -D q^2 c_n(t).$$

⇒ restrict to hypersurface
 $c_0(t=0) = \bar{c}$.

⇒ $c(x) = \bar{c}_0 \rightarrow$ stable fixed point

• perturbation mode

exp iqx has Lyapunov

exponent Dq^2 [s⁻¹]

A Simple Turing system:

- two chemical species,
concentrations $A(x,t), B(x,t)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} A = d_A P(A,B) - \beta_A A + D_A \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} A$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} B = d_B P(A,B) - \beta_B B + D_B \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} B$$

$$P(A,B) = \frac{A^h}{A^h + B^h} \rightarrow \Theta(A-B) \text{ for } h \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{L_A \beta_B}{d_B \beta_A} < 1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lambda_A &= \sqrt{D_A / \beta_A} \\ \lambda_B &= \sqrt{D_B / \beta_B} \end{aligned} \right\} \equiv \text{two length-scales}$$

\Rightarrow two dimensionless parameters.

Homogeneous steady state

$$A(x) = A^*, \quad B(x) = B^*$$

$$A^* = \Lambda B^*$$

self-cov. equ.

$$B^* = \frac{d_B}{\beta_B} \frac{1}{1 + \Lambda^h} = \frac{d_B}{\beta_B} P(A B^*, B^*)$$

Linear stability analysis

$$A = A^* + a \exp(iq^*x)$$

$$B = B^* + b \exp(iq^*x)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{a} \\ \dot{b} \end{pmatrix} = \underset{=q}{M} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underset{=0}{M} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{AA} & R_{AB} \\ R_{BA} & R_{BB} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} R_{AA} &= \partial_A R_A \\ R_{AB} &= \partial_B R_A \\ R_{BA} &= \partial_A R_B \\ R_{BB} &= \partial_B R_B \end{aligned}$$

where

$$R_A = \alpha_A P - \beta_A A$$

$$R_B = \alpha_B P - \beta_B B$$

$$\underset{=q}{M} = \underset{=0}{M} - \begin{pmatrix} D_A & \\ & D_B \end{pmatrix} q^2$$

Specifically for our system

$$\partial_A P = \frac{h \beta_A / d_A}{\pi \Delta R} \Rightarrow R_{AA} = d_A \partial_A P - \beta_A$$

$$\partial_B P = - \Delta \partial_A P \Rightarrow R_{BB} = 2 d_B \partial_B P - \beta_B$$

\Rightarrow

$$\det \underline{M}_q = (\beta_A + D_A q^2)(\beta_B + D_B q^2) - \frac{\beta_A \beta_B q^2 R}{1 + \Delta R}$$

$$\left(\frac{D_B}{\beta_B} - \frac{D_A}{\beta_A} \right)$$

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$$\lambda_B^2 - \lambda_A^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \underline{M}_q < 0$$

$$\text{implies } \boxed{\lambda_B > \lambda_A}$$

Spontaneous formation of
inhomogeneous patterns requires.

(i) (A^*, B^*) stable for $q=0$.
 $\text{tr } \underline{M}_0 < 0$, $\det \underline{M}_0 > 0$.

(ii) (A^*, B^*) unstable for some
 $q > 0$.

Let's write this down:

• $\text{tr } \underline{M}_0 = R_{AA} + R_{BB} < 0$. (1)

• $\det \underline{M}_0 = R_{AA} R_{BB} - R_{AB} R_{BA} > 0$. (2)

• $\text{tr } \underline{M}_0 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{tr } \underline{M}_q = \text{tr } \underline{M}_0 - (D_A + D_B) q^2 < 0$.

\Rightarrow We need $\det \underline{M}_q < 0$ for some q .

• $\det \underline{M}_q = \det \underline{M}_0 - (D_A R_{BB} + D_B R_{AA}) q^2 + D_A D_B q^4$ (3)
(N.B. $\det \underline{M}_q = \det \underline{M}_{-q}$)

What do we

learn? Necessary cond.

• (1) $\Rightarrow R_{AA} < 0$

(3) $\Rightarrow R_{AA} > 0$

or $R_{BB} < 0$
or $R_{BB} > 0$.

Wlog $R_{AA} > 0,$

$R_{BB} < 0.$



self-activating



self-inhibitory.

• (2) $\Rightarrow R_{AB} R_{BA} < 0$

Cross-reaction terms.

$\Rightarrow R_{AB}$ and R_{BA} .

have opposite sign //

(N.B. Not possible in equilibrium system:
Owage relation $R_{AB} = R_{BA}$)

• (1), (3) $\Rightarrow R_{AA} > D_A \tau^2$

\Rightarrow local activation //

Can we find sufficient Cond.?

$R_{AA} > 0.$

$R_{BB} < 0.$

$|R_{AB} R_{BA}| > R_{AA} |R_{BB}|$

$R_{AA} > D_A \tau^2.$

$D_B \gg D_A.$

