

On principal eigenvalues for time-periodic operators

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Talk Outline

- 1 $\mathcal{R}_0$
- 2 Frequency
- 3 Large drift
- 4 Small diffusion

SIS reaction-diffusion model

[Allen-Bolker-L.-Nevai¹]

$$\begin{cases} S_t = d_S \Delta S - \beta(x) \frac{SI}{S+I} + \gamma(x)I, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ I_t = d_I \Delta I + \beta(x) \frac{SI}{S+I} - \gamma(x)I, & x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ \nabla S \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla I \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0, \\ \int_{\Omega} [S(x, 0) + I(x, 0)] dx = N. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- $S(x, t), I(x, t)$: density of susceptible and infected individuals
- d_S, d_I : diffusion rates of susceptible and infected
- $\beta(x), \gamma(x)$: disease transmission and recovery rates
- $N > 0$: total number of individuals at $t = 0$

¹DCDS 21 (2008) 1-20

Basic reproduction number

- Let $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots$ denote the eigenvalues of

$$\begin{cases} -d_I \Delta \varphi + \gamma(x) \varphi = \lambda \beta(x) \varphi & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

- Next generation approach (Diekmann-Heesterbeek; Van Den Driessche-Watmough; Wang-Zhao):

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$$

Theorem 1

- (i) If $\mathcal{R}_0 \leq 1$, then the disease will die out;
- (ii) If $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$, the disease will persist.

An unusual prediction

Lemma 2 (Allen et al. 2008 DCDS)

If β/γ is non-constant, then $\mathcal{R}_0$ is strictly decreasing in d_I .

- Variational characterization of $\mathcal{R}_0$:

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \sup_{\varphi \in H^1(\Omega), \varphi \neq 0} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \beta \varphi^2}{d_I \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \varphi|^2 + \int_{\Omega} \gamma \varphi^2}$$

- If β/γ is a constant, then $\mathcal{R}_0 = \beta/\gamma$.
- Increasing d_I will increase access to medical resources?

Time periodic SIS model

[R. Peng & X.-Q. Zhao²]

$$\begin{cases} \partial_\tau \tilde{S} - d_S \Delta \tilde{S} = -\frac{\beta(x, \omega\tau) \tilde{S} \tilde{I}}{\tilde{S} + \tilde{I}} + \gamma(x, \omega\tau) \tilde{I} & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ \partial_\tau \tilde{I} - d_I \Delta \tilde{I} = \frac{\beta(x, \omega\tau) \tilde{S} \tilde{I}}{\tilde{S} + \tilde{I}} - \gamma(x, \omega\tau) \tilde{I} & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ \nabla \tilde{S} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla \tilde{I} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+. \end{cases}$$

- Set $t = \omega\tau$, $S(x, t) = \tilde{S}(x, t/\omega)$, and $I(x, t) = \tilde{I}(x, t/\omega)$

[S. Liu & L. 2021]

$$\begin{cases} \omega \partial_t S - d_S \Delta S = -\frac{\beta(x, t) S I}{S + I} + \gamma(x, t) I & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ \omega \partial_t I - d_I \Delta I = \frac{\beta(x, t) S I}{S + I} - \gamma(x, t) I & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+, \\ \nabla S \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla I \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

²Nonlinearity 25 (2012) 1451-1471

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- Characterization of $\mathcal{R}_0 = \mathcal{R}_0(d_I, \omega)$:

$$\begin{cases} \omega \partial_t \varphi = d_I \Delta \varphi - \gamma \varphi + \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}_0} \beta \varphi & \text{in } \Omega \times [0, 1], \\ \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times [0, 1], \\ \varphi(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \varphi(\mathbf{x}, 1) & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases}$$

- **Peng & Zhao 2012**: If $\mathcal{R}_0 < 1$, the unique disease free periodic solution (DFP) of (2) is globally stable; If $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$, (2) admits at least one positive periodic solution.
- If β and γ are independent of x , $\mathcal{R}_0$ is independent of ω , d_I :

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \frac{\int_0^1 \beta(t) dt}{\int_0^1 \gamma(t) dt}$$

Dependence of $\mathcal{R}_0$ on d_I

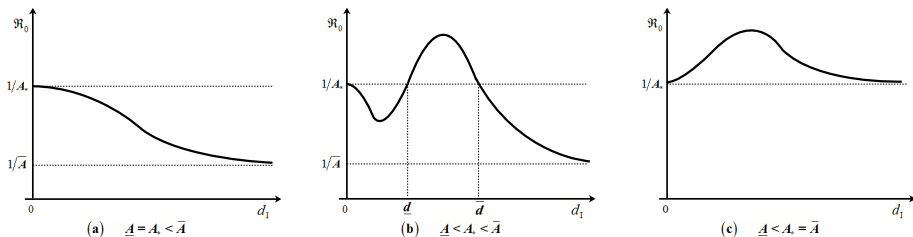


Figure: Graphs of $\mathcal{R}_0(d_I, \omega)$ as functions of d_I , with fixed ω .

- Including temporal variation in disease dynamics might be more realistic

A monotonicity result

[S. Liu, L. R. Peng & M. Zhou³]

$$\begin{cases} \omega \partial_t \varphi = d_I \Delta \varphi - \gamma \varphi + \lambda \varphi & \text{in } \Omega \times [0, 1], \\ \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial \Omega \times [0, 1], \\ \varphi(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \varphi(\mathbf{x}, 1) & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Theorem 3

For fixed $d_I > 0$, the principal eigenvalue of (3) is increasing in ω .

- This answers a question of Hutson, Mischaikow, Polacik (JMB 2001)

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Monotonicity of $\mathcal{R}_0$

Theorem 4 (Liu & L 2021, to appear in JFA)

For each fixed d_I , $\mathcal{R}_0(\omega, d_I)$ is decreasing in ω . Furthermore, $\mathcal{R}_0$ is either strictly increasing in ω or independent of ω .

- $\mathcal{R}_0$ is an increasing function of $T := 1/\omega$.
- In some scenarios, there is a critical period $T^* > 0$ such that $\mathcal{R}_0 < 1$ for $T < T^*$ and $\mathcal{R}_0 > 1$ for $T > T^*$.
- This might suggest why the outbreak of some diseases are less frequent than others, e.g. annually vs bi-annually

Level set of principal eigenvalue

- Principal eigenvalue $\lambda(d, \omega)$:

$$\begin{cases} \omega \partial_t \varphi - d \Delta \varphi + \gamma(x, t) \varphi = \lambda \beta(x, t) \varphi & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R} \\ \varphi(x, t) = \varphi(x, t + 1) & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

- Three key quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A} &:= \frac{\int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \gamma dx dt}{\int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \beta dx dt}, \\ A_* &:= \min_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} \frac{\int_0^1 \gamma dt}{\int_0^1 \beta dt}, \\ \underline{A} &:= \min_{x(\cdot) \in \mathcal{S}} \frac{\int_0^1 \gamma(x(t), t) dt}{\int_0^1 \beta(x(t), t) dt}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $\mathcal{S} := \{x(\cdot) \in C(\mathbb{R}; \bar{\Omega}) : x(t) = x(t + 1)\}$; $\underline{A} \leq A_* \leq \overline{A}$

Asymptotics of principal eigenvalue

Theorem 5 (Liu & L 2021)

- As $d \rightarrow 0+$,

$$\lim_{\omega/\sqrt{d} \rightarrow 0} \lambda(d, \omega) = \underline{A}, \quad \lim_{\omega/\sqrt{d} \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(d, \omega) = A_*$$

- For $\vartheta \in (0, \infty)$, $\lim_{d \rightarrow 0, \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{d}} \rightarrow \vartheta} \lambda(d, \omega) = A(\vartheta)$, whereas

$$\begin{cases} \vartheta \partial_t U + |\nabla U|^2 - \gamma = -A(\vartheta)\beta & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}, \\ \nabla U \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \mathbb{R}, \\ U(x, t) = U(x, t+1) & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Moreover, $A(\vartheta)$ is continuous and non-decreasing in ϑ , $A(\vartheta) \rightarrow \underline{A}$ as $\vartheta \rightarrow 0$, and $A(\vartheta) \rightarrow A_*$ as $\vartheta \rightarrow \infty$.

Level set of principal eigenvalue

- For each value $A \in (\underline{A}, \overline{A})$, define the level set

$$\Sigma_A := \{(d, \omega) : \omega, d > 0, \quad \lambda(d, \omega) = A\}.$$

- Σ_A has different topological structures for $A < A_*$ and $A > A_*$.

- One technical assumption:

(H) Set $c_* := \gamma - A_*\beta$. Assume $c_* \in C^{2,0}(\bar{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R})$ and there exist finite number of points $x_i \in \Omega$ ($1 \leq i \leq N$) such that $\hat{c}_*(x_i) = 0$ and $\hat{c}_*(x) > 0$ for all $x \in \bar{\Omega} \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$, and each point x_i is a non-degenerate critical point.

Level set of principal eigenvalue

Theorem 6 (Liu & L, 2021)

If $\underline{A} = \overline{A}$, then $\lambda(d, \omega) \equiv \overline{A}$ for all $\omega, d > 0$; If $\underline{A} < \overline{A}$,

- (i) For $A \in (\underline{A}, A_*]$, there is $\omega_A(d) : (0, d_A] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ s.t.
 $\lambda(d, \omega_A(d)) \equiv A$ in $(0, d_A]$, $\omega_A(d_A) = 0$, $\omega_A(d) > 0$ for $d \in (0, d_A)$,
 and if $A < \overline{A}$, $\omega_A(d)/\sqrt{d}$ is monotone decreasing.
 - (a) for $A < A_*$, the limit $\lim_{d \rightarrow 0} \omega_A(d)/\sqrt{d}$ exists and is positive. In particular, $\omega_A(d) \rightarrow 0$ as $d \rightarrow 0$;
 - (b) for $A = A^*$, if (H) holds, then $\omega_{A_*}(d) \rightarrow 0$ as $d \rightarrow 0$.
- (ii) For $A \in (A_*, \overline{A})$, if $\gamma - \hat{\gamma} - A(\beta - \hat{\beta})$ is independent of x , then
 $\lambda(d_A, \omega) \equiv A$ for all $\omega > 0$; otherwise, there exist $\underline{d}_A \in (0, d_A)$ and
 continuous function $\omega_A(d) : (\underline{d}_A, d_A] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that
 $\lambda(d, \omega_A(d)) \equiv A$ for $d \in (\underline{d}_A, d_A]$.
 - (a) $\omega_A(d_A) = 0$, $\omega_A(d) > 0$ in $(0, d_A)$, $\omega_A(d) \rightarrow \infty$ as $d \searrow \underline{d}_A$;
 - (b) $\omega_A(d)/\sqrt{d}$ is monotone decreasing in $(\underline{d}_A, d_A]$.

Topology of level sets

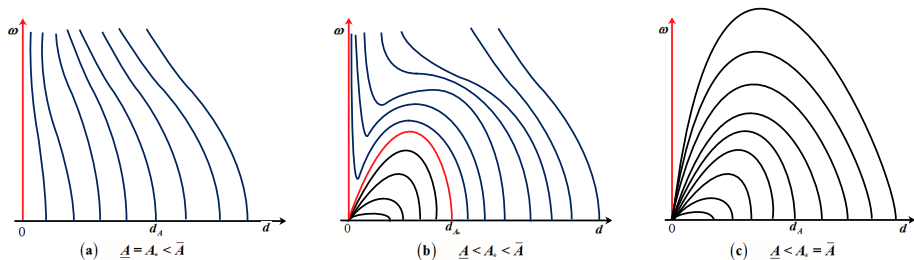


Figure: Illustrations of the level sets of principal eigenvalue $\lambda(d, \omega)$ in d - ω plane for three cases: $\underline{A} = A_* < \bar{A}$, $\underline{A} < A_* < \bar{A}$, and $\underline{A} < A_* = \bar{A}$

Dependence of $\mathcal{R}_0$ on d_I

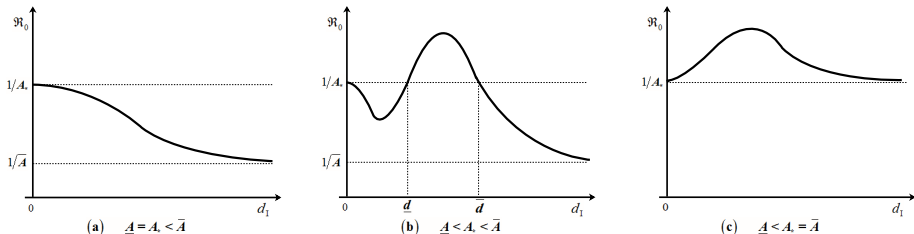


Figure: Graphs of $\mathcal{R}_0(d_I, \omega)$ as functions of d_I , with fixed ω . The generic case $\underline{A} < A_* < \bar{A}$ is shown in Fig. (b), where the graph of $\mathcal{R}_0$ intersects with the $1/A_*$ -line at least twice for small frequency ω . For $\underline{A} < A_* = \bar{A}$, the graph of $\mathcal{R}_0$ is not monotonic either, as illustrated by Fig. (c).

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Time-periodic parabolic operators

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \varphi - D \Delta \varphi + \alpha \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \varphi + c \varphi = \lambda \varphi, & x \in \Omega, t \in [0, 1], \\ b \varphi + (1 - b) \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & x \in \partial \Omega, t \in [0, 1], \\ \varphi(x, 0) = \varphi(x, 1), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

- $\mathbf{v}$: C^1 vector field, time-periodic with unit period
- c : continuous, time-periodic with unit period; $b \in [0, 1]$
- Principal eigenvalue $\lambda = \lambda(D, \alpha)$: It is real and has the smallest real part among all eigenvalues (Hess, 1991)
- Q. How does principal eigenvalue depend on D, α ?

Principal eigenvalue for elliptic operator

$$\begin{cases} -D\Delta\varphi + \alpha\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\varphi + \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x})\varphi = \lambda(\alpha)\varphi & \text{in } \Omega, \\ b\varphi + (1-b)\nabla\varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

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Dirichlet boundary condition

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta\varphi + \alpha\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\varphi = \lambda(\alpha)\varphi & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \varphi = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

- Wentzell (1975):

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\lambda(\alpha)}{\alpha^2} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \inf_X \frac{\int_0^T |X'(t) + \mathbf{v}(X(t))|^2 dt}{T} < +\infty,$$

where $X \in C^1([0, T]; \bar{\Omega})$.

- $\lambda(\alpha) = O(\alpha^2)$

Devinatz, Ellis, Friedman (1973-75)

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Neumann boundary condition

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta\varphi + \alpha \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\varphi + \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{x})\varphi = \lambda(\alpha)\varphi & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla\varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ \varphi > 0 & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases}$$

- For any α ,

$$\min_{\bar{\Omega}} \mathbf{c} \leq \lambda(\alpha) \leq \max_{\bar{\Omega}} \mathbf{c}.$$

- Question: $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\alpha) = ?$

Divergent free drift

[Berestycki-Hamel-Nadirashvili, CMP 2005]

- Assume $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{v}) = 0$ in Ω and $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$, then

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- If $\mathcal{I}$ consists of constants only,

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\alpha) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} c$$

Potential flow

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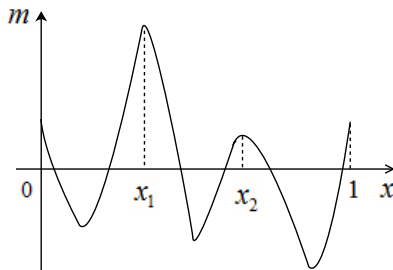
Theorem 1 (Chen-L, IUMJ 2008)

Suppose that $m \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$ and all critical points of m are non-degenerate, $c \in C(\bar{\Omega})$. Then

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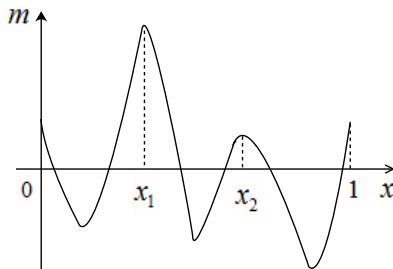
where $\mathcal{M}$ is the set of points of local maximum of m .

An illustration of Theorem 1



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- **Concentration of mass:** As $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$, principal eigenfunction $\varphi(\alpha, \cdot)$ concentrates on some local maximum of m

Time-periodic parabolic operator

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_t - \varphi_{xx} - \alpha m_x(x, t) \varphi_x + c(x, t) \varphi = \lambda(\alpha) \varphi & \text{in } (0, 1) \times [0, 1], \\ \varphi_x(0, t) = \varphi_x(1, t) = 0 & \text{on } [0, 1], \\ \varphi(x, t) = \varphi(x, t + 1) & \text{on } (0, 1). \end{cases}$$

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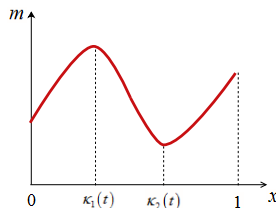
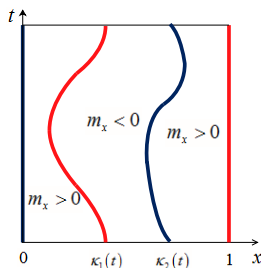
- What is the limit of $\lambda(\alpha)$ when $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$?
- The limit relies on spatially critical points of m :

$$\{(x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1] : m_x(x, t) = 0\}$$

Example

Assumption on m : $\exists \kappa_1(t), \kappa_2(t) \in (0, 1)$ such that

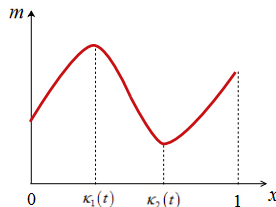
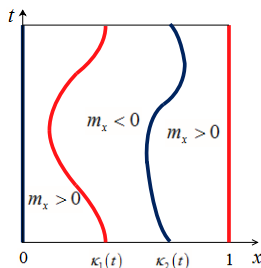
$$\begin{cases} m_x > 0, & x \in (0, \kappa_1(t)) \cup (\kappa_2(t), 1), \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ m_x = 0, & x \in \{\kappa_1(t), \kappa_2(t)\}, \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ m_x < 0, & x \in (\kappa_1(t), \kappa_2(t)), \quad t \in [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$



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$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\alpha) = \min \left\{ \int_0^1 c(\kappa_1(s), s) ds, \int_0^1 c(1, s) ds \right\}.$$

Asymptotic with large advection

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Suppose that all spatially critical points of m are non-degenerate. Let $\{(\kappa_i(t), t) : t \in [0, 1], 1 \leq i \leq N\}$ be the set of points of local maximum of m . Then

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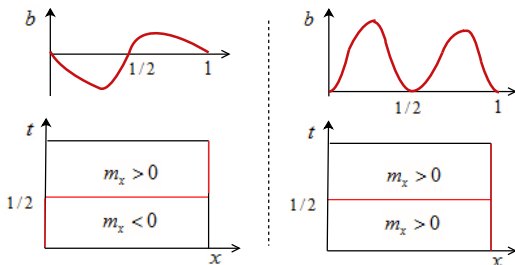
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- Peng-Zhao, CVPDE 2015: If $m_x > 0$, (resp. $m_x < 0$), then

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\alpha) = \int_0^1 c(1, s) ds \quad \left(\text{resp. } \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\alpha) = \int_0^1 c(0, s) ds \right).$$

An example: $m(x, t) = b(t)x$

- Assumption on b :



- Left figure: $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\alpha) = \int_0^{1/2} c(0, s) ds + \int_{1/2}^1 c(1, s) ds$;
- Right figure: $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\alpha) = \int_0^1 c(1, s) ds$.

Small diffusion limit

$$\begin{cases} -D\Delta\varphi + c(x)\varphi = \lambda(D)\varphi & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla\varphi \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

- Concentration of mass:

$$\lim_{D \rightarrow 0} \lambda(D) = \min_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} c(x).$$

- Cooperative elliptic system: Dancer (2009); Lam-L (2016)
- Time-periodic cooperative system: Shen et al. (2017, 2018, 2019); Liang-Zhang-Zhao (2017, 2019); Bai-He (2020)

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$$\Sigma_1 = \{x \in \Omega : |\nabla m| = 0\},$$

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Time-periodic parabolic operators

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_t - D\varphi_{xx} - m_x(x, t)\varphi_x + c(x, t)\varphi = \lambda(D)\varphi & \text{in } (0, 1) \times [0, 1], \\ \varphi_x(0, t) = \varphi_x(1, t) = 0 & \text{on } [0, 1], \\ \varphi(x, 0) = \varphi(x, 1) & \text{on } (0, 1). \end{cases}$$

- Set $p_+(x, t) := \max\{p(x, t), 0\}$, $\hat{p}(x) = \int_0^1 p(x, t) dt$.
- Redefine $\hat{m}_{xx}(0)$ and $\hat{m}_{xx}(1)$ as

$$\hat{m}_{xx}(0) = \begin{cases} -\infty & \text{if } \hat{m}_x(0+) < 0, \\ +\infty & \text{if } \hat{m}_x(0+) > 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{m}_{xx}(1) = \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{if } \hat{m}_x(1-) < 0, \\ -\infty & \text{if } \hat{m}_x(1-) > 0. \end{cases}$$

Small diffusion

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dP}{dt} = -m_x(P(t), t), & t > 0, \\ P(t) = P(t+1). \end{cases} \quad (\text{ODE})$$

Theorem 4 (Liu-L-Peng-Zhou, TAMS 2021)

Assume $m_x(0, t) \neq 0$ and $m_x(1, t) \neq 0$ for $t \in [0, 1]$.

- (i) If (ODE) has finite number of periodic solutions $\{P_i(t)\}_{i=1}^N$, satisfying $0 = P_0 < P_1(t) < \dots < P_N(t) < P_{N+1} = 1$, and $m_{xx}(P_i(t), t) \neq 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq N$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, then

$$\lim_{D \rightarrow 0} \lambda(D) = \min_{0 \leq i \leq N+1} \left\{ \int_0^1 \left[c(P_i(s), s) + [m_{xx}]_+(P_i(s), s) \right] ds \right\}.$$

Small diffusion limit

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Theorem 5 (Liu-L-Peng-Zhou)

Assume $m_x(0, t) \neq 0$ and $m_x(1, t) \neq 0$ for $t \in [0, 1]$.

(ii) If (ODE) has no periodic solutions, then

$$\lim_{D \rightarrow 0} \lambda(D) = \min \left\{ \hat{c}(0) + [\hat{m}_{xx}]_+(0), \hat{c}(1) + [\hat{m}_{xx}]_+(1) \right\}.$$

Special case: $m = \alpha b(t)x$

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_t - D\varphi_{xx} - \alpha b(t)\varphi_x + c(x, t)\varphi = \lambda(D)\varphi & \text{in } (0, 1) \times [0, 1], \\ \varphi_x(0, t) = \varphi_x(1, t) = 0 & \text{on } [0, 1], \\ \varphi(x, 0) = \varphi(x, 1) & \text{on } [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 6 (Liu-L-Peng-Zhou)

(i) If $\hat{b} \neq 0$, then for all $\alpha > 0$,

$$\lim_{D \rightarrow 0} \lambda(D) = \begin{cases} \hat{c}(1) & \text{for } \hat{b} > 0, \\ \hat{c}(0) & \text{for } \hat{b} < 0. \end{cases}$$

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Theorem 7 (Liu-L-Peng-Zhou)

(ii) If $\hat{b} = 0$, set $P(t) = -\int_0^t b(s)ds$, $\bar{P} = \max P$, $\underline{P} = \min P$. Then

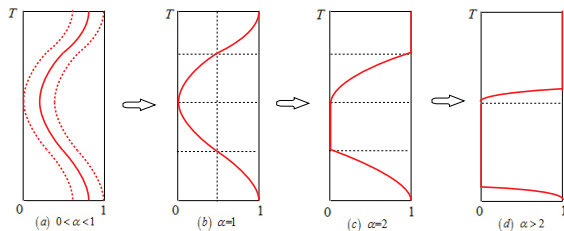
$$\lim_{D \rightarrow 0} \lambda(D) = \begin{cases} \min_{y \in [-\alpha \underline{P}, 1 - \alpha \bar{P}]} \int_0^1 c(\alpha P(s) + y, s) ds & 0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{\bar{P} - \underline{P}}, \\ \int_0^1 c(\tilde{P}_\alpha(s), s) ds, & \alpha > \frac{1}{\bar{P} - \underline{P}}, \end{cases}$$

where $\tilde{P}_\alpha$ is the unique periodic solution of $\ddot{P}(t) = -\alpha F(\tilde{P}(t), t)$ with

$$F(x, t) = \begin{cases} b(t) & 0 < x < 1, t \in [0, 1], \\ \min\{b(t), 0\}, & x = 0, t \in [0, 1], \\ \max\{b(t), 0\}, & x = 1, t \in [0, 1]. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

An explicit example

- $b(t) = -\pi \sin(2\pi t)$, $P(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi t) - \frac{1}{2}$, $\bar{P} = 0$, $\underline{P} = -1$



(a,b) $\alpha \leq 1$: $\exists y_\alpha \in [\alpha, 1]$ s.t. $\lambda(D) \rightarrow \int_0^1 c(\alpha P(s) + y_\alpha, s) ds$;

(c,d) $\alpha > 1$: $\lambda(D) \rightarrow \int_0^1 c(\tilde{P}_\alpha(s), s) ds$.

Thank you!