

lecture 4

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## Spatial patterns / waves

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△ Spatial patterns in development  
Ca waves in fly embryo

△ diffusion equation  
random walk / diffusion  
a simple solution of 1D diffusion eq.  
time scale, no wave possible

△ reaction - diffusion eq.

Fisher - Kolmogoroff eq.

↳ the derivation of Fisher

} logistic growth  
spread of disease  
auto catalysis

Analysis of Fisher - Kolmogoroff eq.

traveling wave solution

phase plane analysis / minimum speed

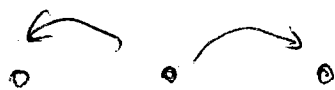
initial condition dependence

shape of the wave

simple argument on speed

diffusion / random walk

△ random walker in 1D



each step size  $l$

$N$  steps

typical distance traveled  $d$ .

$$X = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_N$$

where  $x_i = \pm l$  equal prob.

$$\bar{X} = \bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2 + \dots + \bar{x}_N = 0$$

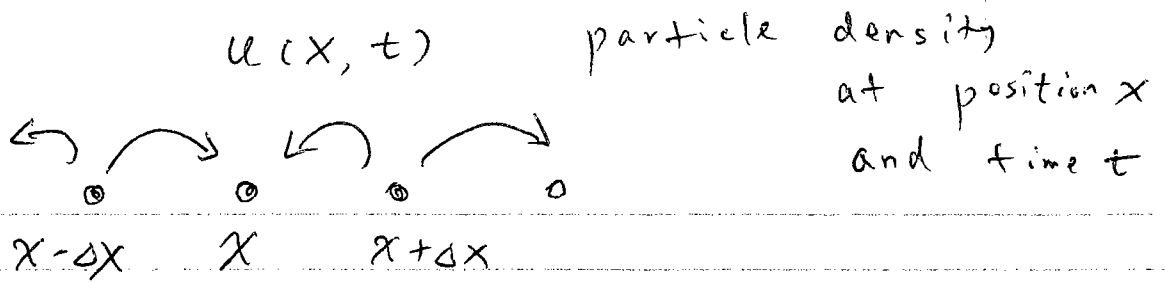
$$\begin{aligned} \overline{X^2} &= \overline{(\sum x_i)^2} = \sum_i \sum_j \overline{x_i x_j} \\ &= N \sum_i \overline{x_i^2} = N l^2 \end{aligned}$$

typical distance

$$d = \sqrt{\overline{X^2}} = N^{1/2} l$$

△ diffusion eq.

1D lattice, population



$$u(x, t + \Delta t) = \frac{1}{2} [u(x + \Delta x, t) + u(x - \Delta x, t)]$$

$$u(x, t) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \Delta t$$

partial derivative  
hold  $x$  fixed

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ u(x, t) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t) \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Delta x^2 + \dots \right. \\ \left. + u(x, t) - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t) \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Delta x^2 - \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 u(x, t) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Delta x^2$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2 \Delta t} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

define

$$D = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2 \Delta t}$$

diffusion coefficient

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

diffusion equation

can also be obtained by using

Fick's law  $J = -D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

and mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial x} = 0$$

△ existence of diffusion coefficient

$$D = \frac{\Delta x^2}{2\Delta t} \quad \Delta t \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{exist}$$

when  $\tau \ll \Delta t \ll t$

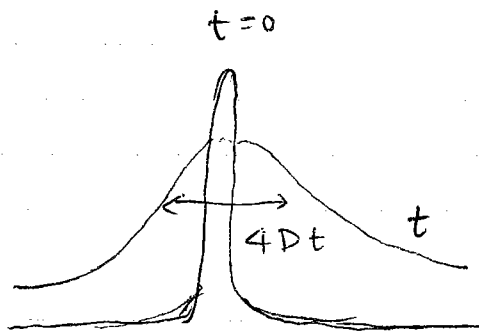
where  $\tau$  is the microscopic time scale on which particle change its direction due to random collision

$l$  : typical length particle travel before changing direction

$$\Delta x^2 = N l^2, \quad N = \frac{\Delta t}{\tau}$$

$$\Delta x^2 = \frac{\Delta t}{\tau} l^2, \quad \frac{\Delta x^2}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \frac{l^2}{\tau}$$

△ a typical solution of 1D diffusion eq.



Start with concentration concentrated at  $x=0$

$$u(x, t=0) = \delta(x)$$

what's the solution  $u(x, t)$  ?

dimensional analysis

$$\text{length scale} : \begin{cases} x \\ \sqrt{Dt} \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Dt}} g\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{Dt}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Dt}} g(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad z = \frac{x}{\sqrt{Dt}}$$

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$$-\frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} g(z) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{Dt}} g'(z) \frac{x}{\sqrt{D}} \left(-\frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2}\right)$$

$$= D \cdot g''(z) \frac{1}{Dt} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{Dt}}$$

$$g''(z) + \frac{1}{2} g(z) + \frac{1}{2} z g'(z) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ g'(z) + \frac{1}{2} z g(z) \right] = 0$$

$$g'(z) + \frac{1}{2} z g(z) = A \rightarrow \text{const}$$

$$z=0, \quad g'(z)=0, \quad (\text{symmetric})$$

$$\hookrightarrow A=0$$

$$\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} = -\frac{1}{2} z$$

$$g(x) = \text{const} \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{4}}$$

$$u(x, t) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}}$$

normalization  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x, t) dx = 1$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}}$$

given time  $t$ ,  
particle diffuse to a region  
of size  $\sim \sqrt{Dt}$

↳ can be  
obtained  
from  
random  
walker  
model  
+ central  
limit theorem

$\Delta$  time scale estimate  
given length  $L$

time it takes to diffuse

$$t \sim \frac{L^2}{D}$$

$$D \sim 0.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}, \quad L \sim 1 \text{ mm} \text{ fly egg}$$

for Ca in cytoplasm

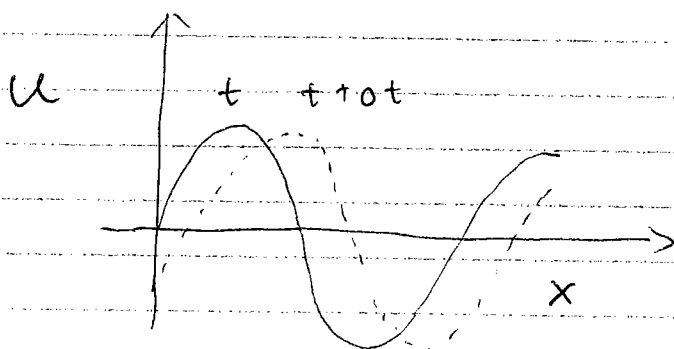
$$t \sim \frac{(1 \text{ mm})^2}{0.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}} \sim 3 \text{ hours}$$

in general, diffusion is too slow  
for signal propagation

△ diffusion eq does not have  
traveling wave solution

a general traveling wave

$$u(x, t) = u(z) = u(x - ct)$$



e.g.

sine wave

$$u = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

if  $u = u(x - ct)$

$$D \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + c \frac{du}{dz} = 0$$

$$u = A + B e^{-\frac{c}{D} z}$$

to be bounded as  $z \rightarrow -\infty$

$$B = 0$$

$u$  is uniform everywhere

reaction - diffusion eq.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f(u) \rightarrow \text{growth term}$$

△ Fisher - Kolmogoroff eq.

Advance of advantageous genes

allele  $A_1$  :  $p$  advantageous

$A_2$  :  $q$

Genotype  $A_1 A_1$      $A_1 A_2$      $A_2 A_2$

$p^2$      $2pq$      $q^2$

relative fitness     $1$      $1 - \frac{s}{2}$      $1 - s$

freq after selection     $\frac{p^2}{\bar{w}}$      $\frac{2pq(1 - \frac{s}{2})}{\bar{w}}$      $\frac{q^2(1-s)}{\bar{w}}$

$$\bar{w} = p^2 + 2pq(1 - \frac{s}{2}) + q^2(1-s)$$

normalization =  $1 - pq s - q^2 s$

after selection

$$p' = \frac{p^2}{\bar{w}} + \frac{pq(1 - \frac{s}{2})}{\bar{w}}$$

( $A_1 A_2$  has only one  $A_1$  allele)

$$\Delta p = p' - p$$

$$= \frac{p - \frac{pq s}{2}}{1 - pq s - q^2 s} - p \approx \frac{1}{2} pq s$$



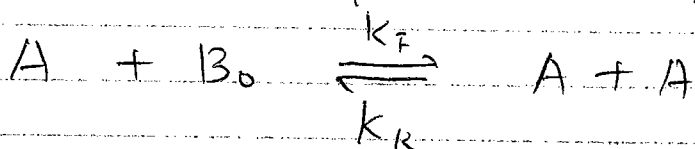
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{S}{2\sigma t} p(1-p) \equiv k p(1-p)$$

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + k u(1-u)$$

△ Fisher eq. in other context

\* auto-catalysis



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[A]}{dt} &= k_F [A][B_0] - k_R [A]^2 \\ &= k_F [A][B_0] \left(1 - \frac{k_R [A]}{k_F [B_0]}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$u = \frac{[A]}{[B_0]} \frac{k_R}{k_F}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dt} &= k_F [B_0] u(1-u) \\ &\equiv k u(1-u) \end{aligned}$$

\* logistic growth  
species invasion

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = kn \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) \quad \text{— growth}$$

\* disease propagation

total

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \alpha S H = \alpha S (T - s)$$

↓                      ↓  
sick                      Healthy

① behavior of Fisher - Kolmogoroff eq.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + k u (1 - u)$$

dimensions:  $[k] = \frac{1}{[T]}$

$$[D] = \frac{[L]^2}{[T]}$$

$$\left[ \sqrt{\frac{D}{k}} \right] = [L]$$

$$t' \Rightarrow kt$$

$$x' \Rightarrow x \sqrt{\frac{k}{D}}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + u(1 - u)$$

traveling wave solution

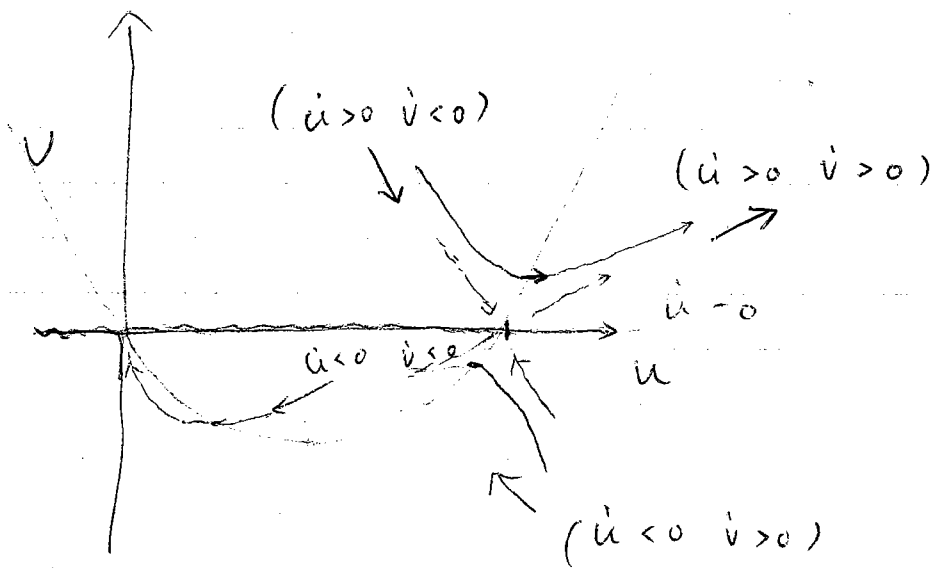
$$u = u(x - ct) = u(z)$$

$$-c \frac{du}{dz} = \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + u(1 - u)$$

$$\dot{u} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = -cv - u(1-u)$$

phase plane analysis



$$\dot{u} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad v = 0 \quad \text{null-cline}$$

$$\dot{v} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad v = -\frac{1}{c} u(1-u)$$

Stability analysis

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{u}}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \dot{u}}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{v}}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \dot{v}}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2u-1 & -c \end{bmatrix}$$

evaluated at  $(0, 0)$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -c \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Tr} = -c \\ \Delta = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\text{Tr} \pm \sqrt{\text{Tr}^2 - 4\Delta}}{2} = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4}}{2}$$

$(0, 0)$  is stable node  $c^2 > 4$

stable spiral  $c^2 < 4$

evaluated at  $(1, 0)$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -c \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Tr} = -c \\ \Delta = -1 \end{array}$$

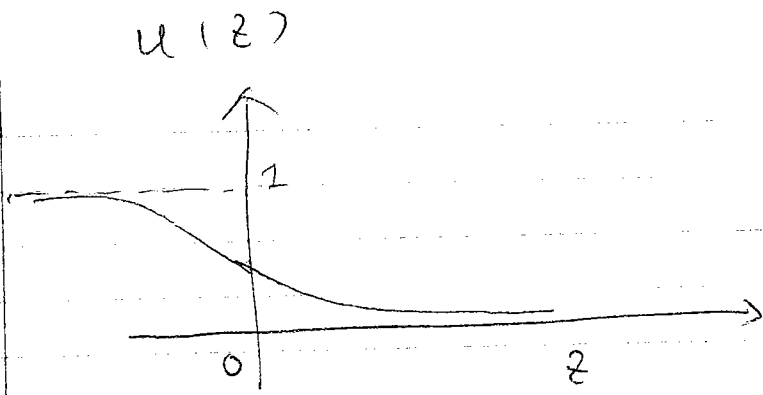
$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 + 4}}{2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 > 0 \\ \lambda_2 < 0 \end{array}$$

saddle point

when  $(0, 0)$  is stable spiral, solution unphysical as  $u$  becomes negative

when  $(0, 0)$  is stable node

there is one unique trajectory connecting  $(1, 0) \rightarrow (0, 0)$



solution  
for the  
wave front

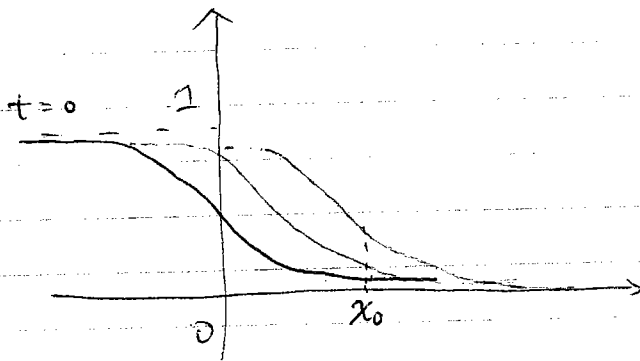
\* minimum wave speed

$$c \geq 2$$

in term of original parameter

$$c \geq 2\sqrt{KD}$$

traveling wave



simple argument for wave speed

time it takes to grow a  
wave front  $x_0 \rightarrow u \approx \frac{1}{2}$

$$\sim \frac{1}{K}$$

when  $u(x_0) \sim \frac{1}{2}$

the new wave front diffused to

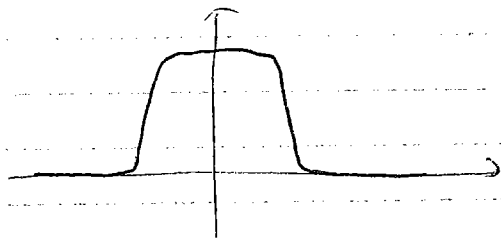
$$\text{Wave speed } \sqrt{\frac{D}{K}} / \frac{1}{K} \sim \sqrt{DK}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{D}{K}}$$

dependence of wave speed  
on initial conditions

if initially only a finite  
domain  $u = 1$ ,  $\rightarrow c = c_{\min}$

$$= 2\sqrt{KD}$$



if initially  $u(x, 0) \sim Ae^{-ax}$   
and  $a < 1$

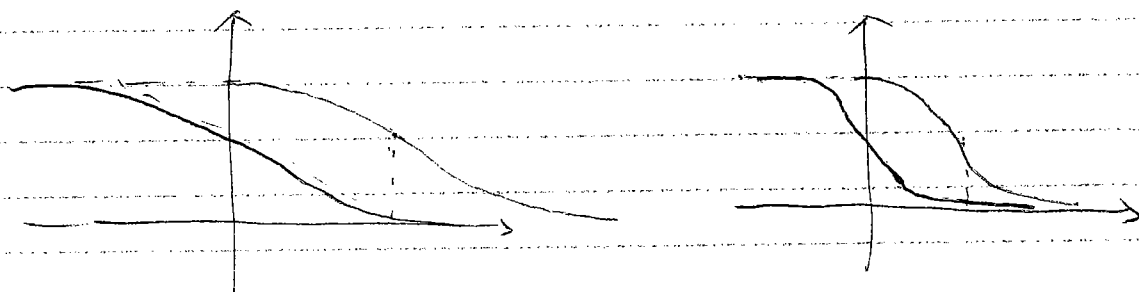
$u(x, t) = Ae^{-a(x-ct)}$  for  
the wave front

ignore nonlinear term

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = u + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$ca = 1 + a^2 \quad c = a + \frac{1}{a}$$

flatter wave, faster speed



reaction-diffusion eq. are  
widely used for modeling waves.

e.g. with growth term

$$f(u) = Au(1-u)(u-c)$$

↓  
model Pa waves

▲ Fitzhugh-Nagumo eq.

to model action-potential

propagation in a nerve axon