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1.

(a) state space:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ X_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right\}$$

(b) incompletely reducible

(c) states in P_1 are persistent (X_1, X_2)

states in P_2 are transient (X_3, X_4)

(d) the it becomes a completely reducible network, and state is P_1/P_2 can only be reached from states in P_1/P_2 , respectively.

In this case, as the initial state is X_4 , X_1 and X_2 can never be reached.

(e) it depends on initial condition generally.

In this case, the initial case is X_4 , so $\bar{P}_1 = \bar{P}_2 = 0$, $\bar{P}_3 + \bar{P}_4 = 1$

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$$\bar{P}_2 = \left[\frac{K_5}{K_4 + K_5} \right]$$

2. (a)

$$V(\tilde{x}; \Omega) \triangleq -\frac{1}{\Omega} \ln \frac{\bar{p}_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}; \Omega)}{\bar{p}_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}_x; \Omega)}$$

(b) from (a),
$$\bar{p}_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}; \Omega) = \frac{\exp(-\Omega V(\tilde{x}; \Omega))}{\sum_u \exp(-\Omega V(u; \Omega))}$$

(c) as $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$, minima of $V_0(\tilde{x})$ is ground state and macroscopic mode of the network.

(d) Keizer's paradox:

$$\lim_{\Omega \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}; t, \Omega) \neq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow \infty} p_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}; t, \Omega)$$

when there're more than one global/local minimum of V_0 .

(e) when Ω is not large enough, minimizing V may not minimize V_0 ,

so the modes will be "polluted" by this "noise", which means they're biased some of

from real macroscopic modes when Ω is large enough.

3.

(a) $S(t) = - \sum_x P_x(x;t) \ln P_x(x;t)$

(b) $F(t) = U(t) - S(t)$ where $U(t) = \sum_x E(x) P_x(x;t)$
 $= \sum_x P_x(x;t) \ln \left(\frac{P_x(x;t)}{P_x(x)} \right)$

(c) $\sigma(t)$ is the entropy production rate

$h(t)$ is the heat dissipation rate

$f(t)$ is the motive power

(d) $\sigma(t) = h(t) = f(t) \geq 0$

(e) $\sigma(t) = h(t) = f(t) = 0$ the system "dies" at thermodynamic

equilibrium

4.

(a) X_{2L-1} means quiet ~~neurons~~ neuron (L)

X_{2L} means active neuron (L)

V_{ij} means the weight of synaptic ~~from~~ ^{between} neuron i ~~to~~ ^{and} neuron j

(b)

first reaction: a quiet neuron is activated ^{by other neurons} and becomes active

second reaction: an active neuron becomes quiet.

(c) $\phi_L(x)$ is net overall synaptic input to neuron L

r_L is the degradation rate of neuron L (from active to quiet)

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(d)

as indicated by the formulas,

$\bar{P}(\Omega)$ means the changing rate of H (free Helmholtz energy) according to the change of Ω (size)

$\bar{B}(\Omega)$ means the changing rate of pressure according to size, which indicates the robustness of network.

If $\bar{B}(\Omega)$ is small, we say that the network is robust (the pressure change is small)

Critical behavior?

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