

1.

(a) state space:

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

(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  $\bar{P}_1 = \bar{P}_2 = 0$ ,  $\bar{P}_3 + \bar{P}_4 = 1$

2. (a)

$$V(\tilde{x}; \Omega) \triangleq -\frac{1}{\Omega} \ln \frac{\bar{p}_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}; \Omega)}{\bar{p}_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}_*; \Omega)} \geq 0$$

(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  $\Omega$  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  $\Omega$  is large enough.

3.

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

$$(b) \quad F(t) = U(t) - S(t) \quad \text{where} \quad U(t) = \sum_x E(x) P_x(x;t)$$

$$= \sum_x P_x(x;t) \ln \left( \frac{P_x(x;t)}{P_x(x)} \right)$$

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

$h(t)$  is the heat dissipation rate

$f(t)$  is the motive power

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

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

equilibrium



4.

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

$X_{2L}$  means active neuron (1)

$V_{ij}$  means the weight of synaptic ~~from~~ <sup>between</sup> neuron  $i$  and neuron  $j$

(b)

first reaction: a quiet neuron is activated <sup>by other neurons</sup> 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)

(d)

as indicated by the formulas,

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

change of  $\Omega$  (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)

$\bar{P} = \frac{dH}{d\Omega}$   $\bar{B} = \frac{d\bar{P}}{d\Omega}$