

1 Models

1.1 Definitions

1.1.1 Self-propelled dynamics

$$\dot{x}_i = v \cos \theta_i , \quad (1a)$$

$$\dot{y}_i = v \sin \theta_i , \quad (1b)$$

1.1.2 Phase coupling dynamics

- Additive coupling:

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i + K \sum_{j=1}^N f(r_{ij}) \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i + \alpha) , \quad (2)$$

- Mean-field coupling by oscillator number:

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N f(r_{ij}) \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i + \alpha) , \quad (3)$$

which is similar to the swarmalator model.

Here, $f(r_{ij})$ is a function of $r = |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|$, and K is the coupling strength. The function $f(r)$ can be defined as

1. $f_H(r) = H(d_0 - r)$, $r_0 > 0$;
2. $f_E(r) = e^{-\frac{r}{r_0}}$, $r_0 > 0$.

The natural frequencies ω_i are distributed with following two cases:

1. **Single-chiral swarmalators:** The natural frequencies ω_i are distributed in $U(\omega_{\min}, \omega_{\max})$ for all swarmalators and $\omega_{\min} \omega_{\max} > 0$.
2. **Double-chiral swarmalators:** The frequencies are distributed in two symmetric uniform distributions, representing two types of chirality. Exactly half of the swarmalators have natural frequencies $\omega_i \sim U(\omega_{\min}, \omega_{\max})$ and the other half have natural frequencies $\omega_i \sim U(-\omega_{\max}, -\omega_{\min})$.

1.1.3 Chemotactic Dynamics

Consider two chemical fields $u(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $v(\mathbf{r}, t)$ that are produced by the ensemble of two symmetrically chiral swarmalators. Swarmalators interact with the chemical field and move towards/against the regions with higher concentration, which can be described by the following equation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = v \mathbf{p}_i \quad (4a)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i + \beta_i^u \mathbf{p}_i \times \nabla u + \beta_i^v \mathbf{p}_i \times \nabla v + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N f(|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i|) \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) , \quad (4b)$$

where $\beta_i^{u,v}$ denote the ‘chemotactic’ coupling strength and $\mathbf{p}_i = (\cos \theta_i, \sin \theta_i)$ is the unit vector pointing in the direction of the i -th swarmalator. Here, we used the notation $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1$.

These two fields evolve as

$$\dot{u} = k_0 \sum_{j \in S_+} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j) - k_d u + D_u \nabla^2 u , \quad (5a)$$

$$\dot{v} = k_0 \sum_{j \in S_-} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j) - k_d v + D_v \nabla^2 v , \quad (5b)$$

where S_+ and S_- are the sets of two chiral swarmalators, k_0 is the production rate, k_d is the decay rate, $D_{u,v}$ are the diffusion coefficients.