

Two Coupled Oscillators with Chirality

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1 The Model

1.1 Raw model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{1,2} = v \cos \theta_{1,2} \\ \dot{y}_{1,2} = v \sin \theta_{1,2} \\ \dot{\theta}_{1,2} = \omega_{1,2} + \lambda f(r) \sin(\theta_{2,1} - \theta_{1,2}) \end{cases}$$

where $f(r)$ is a function of $r = |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|$, and λ is the coupling strength. The function $f(r)$ can be defined as

1. $f(r)_H = H(r_0 - r)$, $r_0 > 0$;
2. $f(r)_P = \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{-\frac{1}{r_0}}$, $r_0 > 0$;
3. ...

1.2 Model under polar coordinates

Let

$$x_i = r_i \cos \varphi_i,$$

$$y_i = r_i \sin \varphi_i,$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{r}_i &= \frac{1}{r_i} (x_i \dot{x}_i + y_i \dot{y}_i) \\ &= v \cos \varphi_i \cos \theta_i + v \sin \varphi_i \sin \theta_i \\ &= v \cos(\varphi_i - \theta_i), \\ \dot{\varphi}_i &= \frac{1}{r_i^2} (x_i \dot{y}_i - y_i \dot{x}_i) \\ &= \frac{v}{r_i} (\sin \varphi_i \cos \theta_i - \cos \varphi_i \sin \theta_i) \\ &= \frac{v}{r_i} \sin(\varphi_i - \theta_i). \end{aligned}$$

Introduce $\alpha_i = \varphi_i - \theta_i$, $\Delta\theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1$, $\Delta\varphi = \varphi_2 - \varphi_1$, $\Delta\omega = \omega_2 - \omega_1$, then we have

$$\begin{cases} \dot{r}_{1,2} = v \cos \alpha_{1,2} \\ \dot{\alpha}_{1,2} = \frac{v}{r_{1,2}} \sin \alpha_{1,2} - \omega_{1,2} \mp \lambda f(r) \sin \Delta\theta \\ \Delta\dot{\varphi} = \frac{v}{r_2} \sin \alpha_2 - \frac{v}{r_1} \sin \alpha_1 \\ \Delta\dot{\theta} = \Delta\omega - 2\lambda f(r) \sin \Delta\theta \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{(r_1 \cos \varphi_1 - r_2 \cos \varphi_2)^2 + (r_1 \sin \varphi_1 - r_2 \sin \varphi_2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos \Delta\varphi} \end{aligned}$$

So the function $f(r)$ can be defined as $f(r_1, r_2, \Delta\varphi)$.

1.3 Single direction driving

Assuming that $\dot{\theta}_2 = \omega_2, \alpha_2 = \frac{\pi \text{sgn} \omega_2}{2}$, which means that the second oscillator is rotating around the origin with a constant angular velocity ω_2 , and the first oscillator is driven by the second one. Then the model becomes

$$\begin{cases} \dot{r}_1 = v \cos \alpha_1 \\ \dot{\alpha}_1 = \frac{v}{r_1} \sin \alpha_1 - \omega_1 - \lambda f(r) \sin \Delta\theta \\ \Delta\dot{\varphi} = \omega_2 - \frac{v}{r_1} \sin \alpha_1 \\ \Delta\dot{\theta} = \Delta\omega - \lambda f(r) \sin \Delta\theta \end{cases}.$$

When $2\lambda f(r) \geq |\Delta\omega|$, the system has fixed points \mathbf{x} , which are

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= \frac{v}{\omega_2}, \\ \alpha_1 &= \frac{\pi \text{sgn} \omega_2}{2}, \\ \Delta\varphi &= C_\varphi, \\ \Delta\theta &= C_\theta, \end{aligned}$$

where C_φ and C_θ are constants determined by the initial conditions. Linearizing the governing equations yields

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v \sin \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{v}{r_1^2} \sin \alpha_1 - \lambda f_{r_1} \sin \Delta\theta & \frac{v}{r_1} \cos \alpha_1 & -\lambda f_{\Delta\varphi} \sin \Delta\theta & -\lambda f \cos \Delta\theta \\ \frac{v}{r_1^2} \sin \alpha_1 & -\frac{v}{r_1} \cos \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda f_{r_1} \sin \Delta\theta & 0 & -\lambda f_{\Delta\varphi} \sin \Delta\theta & -\lambda f \cos \Delta\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

where $f_{r_1} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r_1}$, $f_{\Delta\varphi} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \Delta\varphi}$, and $f_{\Delta\theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \Delta\theta}$. Evaluating M at the fixed points results in

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -v \operatorname{sgn} \omega_2 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\omega_2^2}{v} \operatorname{sgn} \omega_2 - \lambda f_{r_1}(\mathbf{x}) \sin C_\theta & 0 & -\lambda f_{\Delta\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \sin C_\theta & -\lambda f(\mathbf{x}) \cos C_\theta \\ \frac{\omega_2^2}{v} \operatorname{sgn} \omega_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\lambda f_{r_1}(\mathbf{x}) \sin C_\theta & 0 & -\lambda f_{\Delta\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \sin C_\theta & -\lambda f(\mathbf{x}) \cos C_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$