

Structural identifiability of reaction-diffusion processes in mathematical biology

Chemotaxis model

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In[*]:= (* Define equations*)
sys1 = {
  D[ρ[x, t], t] - (Dρ * D[ρ[x, t], {x, 2}] -
    χ D[c[x, t], {x, 2}] * ρ[x, t] - χ D[c[x, t], x] * D[ρ[x, t], x]),
  D[c[x, t], t] - (Dc * D[c[x, t], {x, 2}] - k * c[x, t] + α * ρ[x, t])
};

In[*]:= (* Obtain parameters in the above expression *)
params = Quiet[Complement[Variables[sys1], Join[{ρ[x, t], c[x, t]},
  Select[Variables[sys1], #[[0]][1] === ρ || #[[0]][1] === c &]]]]

Out[*]:=
{Dc, Dρ, k, α, χ}

In[*]:= (* Eliminate second derivatives from second equation *)

In[*]:= sys2 = {
  sys1[[1]],
  Expand[sys1[[1]] * Coefficient[sys1[[2]], D[c[x, t], {x, 2}]] -
    sys1[[2]] * Coefficient[sys1[[1]], D[c[x, t], {x, 2}]]]
}

Out[*]:=
{ρ(0,1)[x, t] + χ c(1,0)[x, t] ρ(1,0)[x, t] + χ ρ[x, t] c(2,0)[x, t] - Dρ ρ(2,0)[x, t],
 -k χ c[x, t] × ρ[x, t] + α χ ρ[x, t]2 - χ ρ[x, t] c(0,1)[x, t] -
 Dc ρ(0,1)[x, t] - Dc χ c(1,0)[x, t] ρ(1,0)[x, t] + Dc Dρ ρ(2,0)[x, t]}

In[*]:= (* Expand the system to the appropriate order *)
sys3 = Join[
  Catenate[Table[Table[D[sys2[[1]], {x, i}, {t, m - i}], {i, 0, m}], {m, 0, 2}]],
  Catenate[Table[Table[D[sys2[[2]], {x, i}, {t, m - i}], {i, 0, m}], {m, 0, 3}]]
];
cvars = Join[{c[x, t]}, Quiet[Select[Variables[sys3], #[[0]][1] === c &]]]

Out[*]:=
{c[x, t], c(0,1)[x, t], c(0,2)[x, t], c(0,3)[x, t], c(0,4)[x, t],
 c(1,0)[x, t], c(1,1)[x, t], c(1,2)[x, t], c(1,3)[x, t], c(2,0)[x, t],
 c(2,1)[x, t], c(2,2)[x, t], c(3,0)[x, t], c(3,1)[x, t], c(4,0)[x, t]}

In[*]:= (* Convert the system to matrix form *)
A1 = Table[Coefficient[Expand[expr], var], {expr, sys3}, {var, cvars}];
B1 = Table[Table[0, {i, 1, Length[cvars]}] /.
  CoefficientRules[expr, cvars], {expr, sys3}];
M1 = Transpose[Insert[Transpose[A1], B1, Length[cvars] + 1]];

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In[ ]:= (* Number of polynomial expressions that we expected *)
MatrixRank[M1] - MatrixRank[A1]
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Out[ ]:=
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In[ ]:= (* Obtain expression *)
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In[ ]:= R1 = Quiet[UpperTriangularize[LUdecomposition[M1][[1]]]];
expr1 = R1[[-1, -1]]
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Out[ ]:=
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$$\begin{aligned}
& 4 \alpha \chi \rho^{(1,0)}[x, t] \rho^{(1,1)}[x, t] + 2 \alpha \chi \rho^{(0,1)}[x, t] \rho^{(2,0)}[x, t] + \\
& \dots 20 \dots + \frac{(3 \chi \rho^{(1,1)}[x, t] - \dots 1 \dots) (\dots 1 \dots) (\dots 1 \dots)}{\chi \dots 1 \dots \left(\dots 1 \dots + \dots 1 \dots - \frac{\dots 1 \dots}{\dots 1 \dots} \right)} + Dc D\rho \rho^{(4,1)}[x, t] - \\
& \frac{Dc \rho^{(1,0)}[x, t] (6 \alpha \chi \rho^{(1,0)}[x, t] \rho^{(2,0)}[x, t] + \dots 14 \dots + Dc D\rho \rho^{(5,0)}[x, t])}{\rho[x, t]}
\end{aligned}$$

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In[ ]:= expr2 = Numerator[Together[expr1]];
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In[ ]:= (* Obtain coefficients *)
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rhovars = Join[{rho[x, t]}, Quiet[Select[Variables[sys3], #[[0]][[1]] == rho &]]];
coef1 = Values@CoefficientRules[expr2, rhovars];
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In[ ]:= (* Normalise to ensure uniqueness *)
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In[*]:= **coef2 = coef1 / coef1[[17]]**

Out[*]=

$$\begin{aligned} &\{-k \alpha \chi, -\alpha \chi, \alpha \chi, Dc k \alpha \chi, -Dc \alpha \chi, Dc \alpha \chi, k \alpha \chi, \alpha \chi, -2 \alpha \chi, -k^2, k, Dc \alpha \chi, Dc k^2, \\ &-Dc k, -\alpha \chi, -2 k, 1, 2 Dc k, -Dc, -1, Dc, -k \alpha \chi, \alpha \chi, Dc k \alpha \chi, -Dc \alpha \chi, -3 \alpha \chi, \\ &5 Dc \alpha \chi, -5 Dc k \alpha \chi, -Dc \alpha \chi, Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -2 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 4 Dc \alpha \chi, D\rho k^2, Dc k + 2 D\rho k, Dc + D\rho, \\ &-Dc D\rho k, -Dc D\rho, -D\rho k, -Dc - D\rho, Dc D\rho, Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -Dc D\rho k^2, Dc D\rho k, -Dc^2 k - 2 Dc D\rho k, \\ &Dc^2 + Dc D\rho, -Dc^2 - Dc D\rho, Dc^2 D\rho k, Dc^2 D\rho, -Dc^2 D\rho, 2 \alpha \chi, k^2, -1, -Dc k, Dc, k, 1, \\ &-2 Dc, 1, k \alpha \chi, 3 \alpha \chi, -3 Dc \alpha \chi, -8 Dc \alpha \chi, -5 Dc k^2 - D\rho k^2, 3 Dc k - 2 D\rho k, -Dc - D\rho, \\ &Dc^2 k + Dc D\rho k, Dc D\rho, Dc k, -2 Dc, -Dc D\rho, 3 Dc + D\rho, 4 Dc^2 k + Dc D\rho k, -3 Dc^2 - Dc D\rho, \\ &3 Dc^2 + Dc D\rho, -1, -\alpha \chi, -10 Dc k + D\rho k, 5 Dc + D\rho, Dc^2 - Dc D\rho, Dc - D\rho, 4 Dc^2 + Dc D\rho, \\ &-5 Dc, -Dc k \alpha \chi, 8 Dc \alpha \chi, Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -21 Dc \alpha \chi, 5 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -Dc k, Dc, Dc^2 k + Dc D\rho k, \\ &-3 Dc^2 + Dc D\rho, Dc^2 D\rho, Dc^2 - 2 Dc D\rho, -10 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 5 Dc D\rho k^2, 5 Dc^2 k + 6 Dc D\rho k, \\ &5 Dc^2 + 5 Dc D\rho, -6 Dc^2 D\rho k, -5 Dc^2 D\rho, -4 Dc^2 - 4 Dc D\rho, -Dc^3 + 3 Dc^2 D\rho, -Dc^2 D\rho k, \\ &Dc^3 + Dc^2 D\rho, -Dc^3 D\rho, Dc^3 D\rho, -Dc, Dc D\rho, -Dc D\rho k, -4 Dc^2 + 2 Dc D\rho, 4 Dc^2 D\rho, \\ &Dc^3, -3 Dc D\rho, -4 Dc^2 D\rho k, 3 Dc^2 D\rho, -Dc^3 - 7 Dc^2 D\rho, Dc^3 D\rho, -Dc^3 D\rho, Dc, 5 Dc k, \\ &-2 Dc, -Dc^2 + Dc D\rho, -4 Dc, -4 Dc^2 - Dc D\rho, 7 Dc, 12 Dc \alpha \chi, 4 Dc k^2, -3 Dc k, -3 Dc, \\ &-12 Dc^2 k - Dc D\rho k, 5 Dc^2 - Dc D\rho, -Dc^2 D\rho, 3 Dc, 3 Dc^2 + Dc D\rho, -25 Dc^2 k - 5 Dc D\rho k, \\ &-4 Dc D\rho, 3 Dc^3 - 2 Dc^2 D\rho, -6 Dc^3 - Dc^2 D\rho, 12 Dc^2 + 4 Dc D\rho, 3 Dc^3 + 4 Dc^2 D\rho, \\ &8 Dc k, -6 Dc, -12 Dc^2 + 2 Dc D\rho, -25 Dc^2 - 2 Dc D\rho, 4 Dc, 4 Dc k \alpha \chi, 8 Dc \alpha \chi, \\ &-20 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 16 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -4 Dc D\rho k^2, -4 Dc^2 k - 8 Dc D\rho k, -4 Dc^2 - 4 Dc D\rho, 4 Dc^2 D\rho k, \\ &4 Dc^2 D\rho, -5 Dc^2 k + 4 Dc D\rho k, 18 Dc^2 + 4 Dc D\rho, 2 Dc^3 - 10 Dc^2 D\rho, -5 Dc^2 + 4 Dc D\rho, \\ &17 Dc^2 D\rho k, -5 Dc^3 + Dc^2 D\rho, 5 Dc^3 D\rho, 6 Dc^3 + 4 Dc^2 D\rho, -8 Dc^3 D\rho, 13 Dc^2 - 4 Dc D\rho, \\ &-13 Dc^3 - 15 Dc^2 D\rho, 25 Dc^2 D\rho k, 10 Dc^3 + 28 Dc^2 D\rho, -13 Dc^3 D\rho, 19 Dc^3 D\rho, \\ &-12 Dc^2 D\rho, -3 Dc^3 D\rho, -2 Dc, -4 Dc k, 6 Dc, 6 Dc^2 - 2 Dc D\rho, 16 Dc^2 + 2 Dc D\rho, -4 Dc, \\ &-4 Dc \alpha \chi, 68 Dc^2 k + 4 Dc D\rho k, -10 Dc^2 + 4 Dc D\rho, -4 Dc^3 + 6 Dc^2 D\rho, -62 Dc^2 - 4 Dc D\rho, \\ &28 Dc^3 + 10 Dc^2 D\rho, -30 Dc^3 - 16 Dc^2 D\rho, 68 Dc^2, 44 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 4 Dc^2 k, 4 Dc^2, -4 Dc^2 D\rho k, \\ &4 Dc^3 - 4 Dc^2 D\rho, -4 Dc^3 D\rho, -22 Dc^2, -2 Dc^3 + 22 Dc^2 D\rho, -68 Dc^2 D\rho k, -26 Dc^3 - 64 Dc^2 D\rho, \\ &30 Dc^3 D\rho, 2 Dc^3 D\rho, 30 Dc^3 + 46 Dc^2 D\rho, -58 Dc^3 D\rho, 30 Dc^3 D\rho, -18 Dc^2, -36 Dc^2 k, \\ &54 Dc^2, -12 Dc^3 - 18 Dc^2 D\rho, 18 Dc^3 + 18 Dc^2 D\rho, -36 Dc^2, -36 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 36 Dc^2 D\rho k, \\ &12 Dc^3 + 36 Dc^2 D\rho, -12 Dc^3 D\rho, -18 Dc^3 - 36 Dc^2 D\rho, 30 Dc^3 D\rho, -18 Dc^3 D\rho\} \end{aligned}$$

In[*]:= **(* Clearly, $D\rho$, Dc , and k are identifiable. Check expresions involving α *)**

coef3 = Select[coef2, MemberQ[Variables[#], α] &]

Out[*]=

$$\begin{aligned} &\{-k \alpha \chi, -\alpha \chi, \alpha \chi, Dc k \alpha \chi, -Dc \alpha \chi, Dc \alpha \chi, k \alpha \chi, \alpha \chi, -2 \alpha \chi, Dc \alpha \chi, -\alpha \chi, \\ &-k \alpha \chi, \alpha \chi, Dc k \alpha \chi, -Dc \alpha \chi, -3 \alpha \chi, 5 Dc \alpha \chi, -5 Dc k \alpha \chi, -Dc \alpha \chi, Dc^2 \alpha \chi, \\ &-2 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 4 Dc \alpha \chi, Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 2 \alpha \chi, k \alpha \chi, 3 \alpha \chi, -3 Dc \alpha \chi, -8 Dc \alpha \chi, -\alpha \chi, \\ &-Dc k \alpha \chi, 8 Dc \alpha \chi, Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -21 Dc \alpha \chi, 5 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -10 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 12 Dc \alpha \chi, \\ &4 Dc k \alpha \chi, 8 Dc \alpha \chi, -20 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, 16 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -4 Dc \alpha \chi, 44 Dc^2 \alpha \chi, -36 Dc^2 \alpha \chi\} \end{aligned}$$

In[*]:= **Variables[coef3 / ($\alpha \chi$)]**

Out[*]=

{ Dc , k }

In[*]:= **(* Therefore, combination $\alpha \chi$ is identifiable,
but individually parameters are not *)**