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# Supplementary Information: Stability of schooling patterns of a fish pair swimming against a flow

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## S1. Expressions for fluid flow model

The flow velocity induced by each of the two fish (point dipoles) in the model is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{f1} = & r_0^2 v_0 \frac{(x - x_1 + y - y_1)(x - x_1 - y + y_1) \cos \theta_1 + 2(x - x_1)(y - y_1) \sin \theta_1}{((x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2)^2} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \\ & + r_0^2 v_0 \frac{2(x - x_1)(y - y_1) \cos \theta_1 - (x - x_1 + y - y_1)(x - x_1 - y + y_1) \sin \theta_1}{((x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2)^2} \hat{\mathbf{j}}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_{f2} = & r_0^2 v_0 \frac{(x - x_2 + y - y_2)(x - x_2 - y + y_2) \cos \theta_2 + 2(x - x_2)(y - y_2) \sin \theta_2}{((x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2)^2} \hat{\mathbf{i}} \\ & + r_0^2 v_0 \frac{2(x - x_2)(y - y_2) \cos \theta_2 - (x - x_2 + y - y_2)(x - x_2 - y + y_2) \sin \theta_2}{((x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2)^2} \hat{\mathbf{j}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The flow velocity due to the presence of the walls

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}_w = & r_0^2 v_0 \left[ \left( \frac{\cos \theta_1}{(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2} - \frac{1}{4} f_w(x_1, y_1, \theta_1) - \frac{2(x - x_1)((x - x_1) \cos \theta_1 + (y - y_1) \sin \theta_1)}{((x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2)^2} \right) \right. \\ & + \left. \left( \frac{\cos \theta_2}{(x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2} - \frac{1}{4} f_w(x_2, y_2, \theta_2) - \frac{2(x - x_2)((x - x_2) \cos \theta_2 + (y - y_2) \sin \theta_2)}{((x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2)^2} \right) \right] \hat{\mathbf{i}} \\ & + r_0^2 v_0 \left[ \left( \frac{\sin \theta_1}{(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2} - \frac{1}{4} f_{\tilde{w}}(x_1, y_1, \theta_1) - \frac{2(y - y_1)((x - x_1) \cos \theta_1 + (y - y_1) \sin \theta_1)}{((x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2)^2} \right) \right. \\ & + \left. \left( \frac{\sin \theta_2}{(x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2} - \frac{1}{4} f_{\tilde{w}}(x_2, y_2, \theta_2) - \frac{2(y - y_2)((x - x_2) \cos \theta_2 + (y - y_2) \sin \theta_2)}{((x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2)^2} \right) \right] \hat{\mathbf{j}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_w(x_k, y_k, \theta_k) = & -\frac{\pi^2 e^{-i\theta_k}}{2h^2} \left( e^{2i\theta_k} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k + i(y - y_k))}{2h} \right) + \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k - i(y - y_k))}{2h} \right) \right. \\ & + \left. e^{2i\theta_k} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k - i(y + y_k))}{2h} \right) + \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k + i(y + y_k))}{2h} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (4a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\tilde{w}}(x_k, y_k, \theta_k) = & \frac{\pi^2 i e^{-i\theta_k}}{2h^2} \left( -e^{2i\theta_k} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k + i(y - y_k))}{2h} \right) + \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k - i(y - y_k))}{2h} \right) \right. \\ & + \left. e^{2i\theta_k} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k - i(y + y_k))}{2h} \right) - \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x - x_k + i(y + y_k))}{2h} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4b)$$

## S2. Expressions for fish dynamics model

The advection velocities of the two fish are given by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{U}_1 = & \left[ U_0 \left( 1 - \epsilon + \frac{4\epsilon y_1}{h} \left( 1 - \frac{y_1}{h} \right) \right) - \frac{\pi^2 r_0^2 v_0}{24h^2} \left\{ e^{-i\theta_1} + e^{i\theta_1} + 3e^{-i\theta_1} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_1}{h} \right) + 3e^{i\theta_1} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_1}{h} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & - 3e^{i\theta_2} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h} \right) - 3e^{-i\theta_2} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h} \right) \\
 & - 3e^{i\theta_2} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) - 3e^{-i\theta_2} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) \left. \right\} \hat{i} \\
 & + \left[ \frac{\pi^2 r_0^2 v_0}{24h^2} e^{-i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \left\{ e^{i\theta_2} - e^{i(2\theta_1 + \theta_2)} - 3e^{i\theta_2} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_1}{h} \right) + 3e^{i(2\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_1}{h} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & + 3e^{i(\theta_1 + 2\theta_2)} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h} \right) - 3e^{i\theta_1} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h} \right) \\
 & - 3e^{i(\theta_1 + 2\theta_2)} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) + 3e^{i\theta_1} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) \left. \right\} \hat{j},
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{U}_2 = & \left[ U_0 \left( 1 - \epsilon + \frac{4\epsilon y_2}{h} \left( 1 - \frac{y_2}{h} \right) \right) - \frac{\pi^2 r_0^2 v_0}{24h^2} \left\{ e^{-i\theta_2} + e^{i\theta_2} + 3e^{-i\theta_2} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_2}{h} \right) + 3e^{i\theta_2} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_2}{h} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & - 3e^{i\theta_1} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 + i(y_2 - y_1))}{2h} \right) - 3e^{-i\theta_1} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 - i(y_2 - y_1))}{2h} \right) \\
 & - 3e^{i\theta_1} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) - 3e^{-i\theta_1} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) \left. \right\} \hat{i} \\
 & + \left[ \frac{\pi^2 r_0^2 v_0}{24h^2} e^{-i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \left\{ e^{i\theta_1} - e^{i(\theta_1 + 2\theta_2)} - 3e^{i\theta_1} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_2}{h} \right) + 3e^{i(\theta_1 + 2\theta_2)} \csc^2 \left( \frac{\pi y_2}{h} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & + 3e^{i(2\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 + i(y_2 - y_1))}{2h} \right) - 3e^{i\theta_2} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 - i(y_2 - y_1))}{2h} \right) \\
 & - 3e^{i(2\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) + 3e^{i\theta_2} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\pi(x_2 - x_1 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h} \right) \left. \right\} \hat{j}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

The flow-induced angular velocity of each of the two fish are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_1 = & \frac{1}{16h^3} e^{-i(2\theta_1+\theta_2)} \left[ 32U_0 y_1 h \epsilon e^{i\theta_2} \left( 1 + e^{2i\theta_1} \right)^2 - 64U_0 h^2 \epsilon e^{i(2\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cos^2(\theta_1) \right. \\
& + \pi^3 r_0^2 v_0 \left\{ e^{i(5\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) - e^{i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \right. \\
& - 2e^{i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cos^2(\theta_1) \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) - 2e^{i(3\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cos^2(\theta_1) \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \\
& - 2i \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h}\right) \\
& + 2ie^{2i(2\theta_1+\theta_2)} \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 - y_2))}{2h}\right) \\
& - 2ie^{2i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cos^2(\theta_1) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \\
& + i(-1 + e^{4i\theta_1}) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \\
& + 2ie^{2i\theta_1} \cos^2(\theta_1) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \\
& - 4ie^{i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cos(\theta_1) \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \sin(\theta_1) \\
& - 4e^{2i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cos(\theta_1) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \sin(\theta_1) \\
& + 2e^{i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_1) + 2e^{i(3\theta_1+\theta_2)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_1}{h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_1) \\
& + 2ie^{2i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 - i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_1) \\
& \left. - 2ie^{2i\theta_1} \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_1 - x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2))}{2h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_1) \right\} \Bigg], \quad (7)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_2 = & \frac{1}{16h^3} e^{-i(2\theta_2+\theta_1)} \left[ 32U_0y_2h\epsilon e^{i\theta_1} \left( 1 + e^{2i\theta_2} \right)^2 - 64U_0h^2\epsilon e^{i(2\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cos^2(\theta_2) \right. \\
& + \pi^3 r_0^2 v_0 \left\{ e^{i(5\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) - e^{i(\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \right. \\
& - 2e^{i(\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cos^2(\theta_2) \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) - 2e^{i(3\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cos^2(\theta_2) \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \\
& - 2i \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2-y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2-y_1))}{2h}\right) \\
& + 2ie^{2i(2\theta_2+\theta_1)} \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2-y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2-y_1))}{2h}\right) \\
& - 2ie^{2i(\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cos^2(\theta_2) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \\
& + i(-1+e^{4i\theta_2}) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \\
& + 2ie^{2i\theta_2} \cos^2(\theta_2) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \\
& - 4ie^{i(\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cos(\theta_2) \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \sin(\theta_2) \\
& - 4e^{2i(\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cos(\theta_2) \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \sin(\theta_2) \\
& + 2e^{i(\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_2) + 2e^{i(3\theta_2+\theta_1)} \cot\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \csc^2\left(\frac{\pi y_2}{h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_2) \\
& + 2ie^{2i(\theta_2+\theta_1)} \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1-i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_2) \\
& \left. - 2ie^{2i\theta_2} \coth\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\frac{\pi(x_2-x_1+i(y_2+y_1))}{2h}\right) \sin^2(\theta_2) \right\} \Bigg]. \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

### S3. Expressions for dynamical system

The final system of equations of the dynamical system governing the position and orientation of both the fish swimming in an infinite channel is given by Eq. (??). The expressions of all the required functions are given below:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_\xi(\xi_1, \xi_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Lambda) = & \frac{\pi^2}{24} \left[ -3ie^{-i\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{csch}^2(\psi_1) + \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_2) \right\} + 3ie^{i\theta_2} \left\{ \operatorname{csch}^2(\psi_3) + \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_2) \right\} \right. \\
& \left. + (\cos(2\pi\xi_1) - 5) \sec^2(\pi\xi_1) \sin\theta_1 \right], \quad (9a)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{\theta}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Lambda) = & \frac{\pi^3}{8}(\sin(\theta_2) + i \cos(\theta_2)) \left[ -\cos(2\theta_1) \coth\left(\psi_2 - i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\psi_2 - i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right. \\
& + \cos(2\theta_1) \cos(\theta_2)^2 \coth\left(\psi_4 + i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\psi_4 + i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\
& + \coth(\psi_1) \operatorname{csch}^2(\psi_1) (\cos(2\theta_1) - i \sin(2\theta_1)) \\
& - i \coth\left(\psi_2 - i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\psi_2 - i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \sin(2\theta_1) \\
& - \coth\left(\psi_4 + i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \operatorname{csch}^2\left(\psi_4 + i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \left\{ i \cos^2(\theta_2) \sin(2\theta_1) + \cos(2\theta_1) \sin^2(\theta_2) \right. \\
& \left. - i \sin(2\theta_1) \sin^2(\theta_2) - i \cos(2\theta_1) \sin(2\theta_2) - \sin(2\theta_1) \sin(2\theta_2) \right\} \\
& - (\cos(2\theta_1 + 2\theta_2) + i \sin(2\theta_1 + 2\theta_2)) \coth(\psi_3) \operatorname{csch}(\psi_3) \\
& \left. - 2i \cos(\theta_1) \cos(\theta_2) \sec^2(\pi\xi_1) \tan(\pi\xi_1) + 2\cos(\theta_1) \sec^2(\pi\xi_1) \sin(\theta_2) \tan(\pi\xi_1) \right], \quad (9b)
\end{aligned}$$

$$g_{\theta}(\xi_1, \theta_1) = 8\xi_1 \cos^2 \theta_1, \quad (9c)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{\Lambda}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \Lambda) = & \frac{\pi^2}{24} \left[ \cos \theta_1 (7 + \cos(2\pi\xi_1)) \sec^2(\pi\xi_1) - \cos \theta_2 (7 + \cos(2\pi\xi_2)) \sec^2(\pi\xi_2) \right. \\
& + 3(\cos \theta_1 - i \sin \theta_1) \left\{ \operatorname{csch}^2(\psi_1) - \cos(2\theta_1) \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_2) - \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_4) \right. \\
& + \operatorname{csch}^2(\psi_1) (\cos(2\theta_1) + i \sin(2\theta_1)) - i \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_2) \sin(2\theta_1) \left. \right\} \\
& - 3(\cos \theta_2 - i \sin \theta_2) \left\{ \operatorname{csch}^2(\psi_1) - \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_2) - \cos(2\theta_2) \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_4) \right. \\
& \left. + \operatorname{csch}^2(\psi_3) (\cos(2\theta_2) + i \sin(2\theta_2)) - i \operatorname{sech}^2(\psi_4) \sin(2\theta_2) \right\} \left. \right], \quad (9d)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_1 &= \frac{\pi}{2} (\Lambda + i(\xi_1 - \xi_2)), \quad \psi_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} (\Lambda - i(\xi_1 + \xi_2)), \\
\psi_3 &= \frac{\pi}{2} (\Lambda - i(\xi_1 - \xi_2)), \quad \psi_4 = \frac{\pi}{2} (\Lambda + i(\xi_1 + \xi_2)). \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$