

Initial Experiments with the Double-Well System

Neil MacLaren

October 25, 2021

1 The System

I have written two functions that implement a single double-well system, optionally with added noise and stress, and a system of coupled double-wells that interact according to an adjacency matrix.

1.1 A Single Double-Well System

$$\Delta x = -(x - r_1)(x - r_2)(x - r_3) + u + \varepsilon \Delta t \quad (1)$$

$$x_{t+1} = x_t + \Delta x \quad (2)$$

where $r_1 = 1$, $r_2 = 2$, and $r_3 = 5$ are parameters that influence the “shape” the double-well system, $u = 10$ is a constant representing stress being added to the system, and ε is currently implemented as Gaussian noise ($\sim N(0, 10)$).

1.2 Coupled Double-Wells

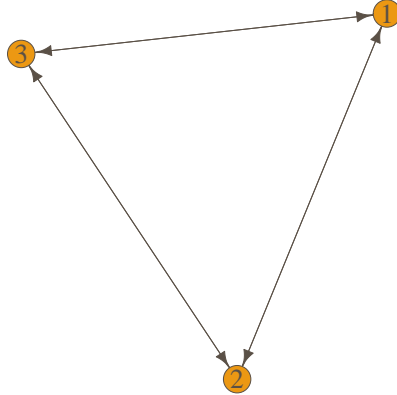
$$\Delta x_i = -(x_i - r_1)(x_i - r_2)(x_i - r_3) + D \sum_{j=1}^n A x_j + u_i + \varepsilon_i \Delta t \quad (3)$$

with symbols as before and $D \in (0, 1)$ a coupling strength and A an adjacency matrix.

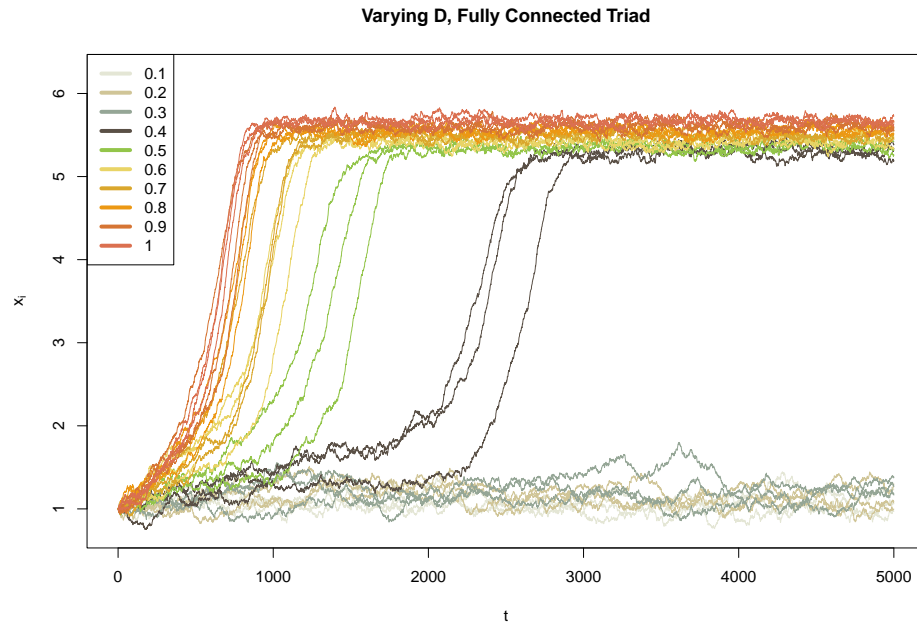
I am focusing on a few particular triads: the complete triad, the “feed-forward” loop or transitive triad, the “feed-back” loop or intransitive triad, and a few variations on the line motif.

2 Initial Results

Taking first the complete triad



I vary D , which influences all nodes,



and u . For u , I only add stress u_1 to node x_1 .

