

$$\frac{\partial N_1}{\partial t} = F(D_2) - \gamma_N N_1$$

$$\frac{\partial D_1}{\partial t} = G(N_1) - \gamma_D D_1$$

$$\frac{\partial N_2}{\partial t} = F(D_1) - \gamma_N N_2$$

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N_i = Active notch in cell i
 D_i = Active delta in cell i

F is Rate of Notch activation
 G is Rate of Delta activation

γ is Inactivation rate constant
 eq. 1 & 2

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$$f(D) = \frac{F(D)}{\gamma_D} = \frac{D^2}{0.1 + D^2}$$

eqn. (4)

$$g(N) = \frac{G(N)}{\gamma_D} = \frac{1}{1 + 10N^2}$$

$$\gamma_D / \gamma_N \ll 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_N / \gamma_D \gg 1 \quad \text{let } \gamma_N / \gamma_D = \gamma'$$

$$\text{let } \partial \tau = \gamma_D \partial t$$

In terms γ'

$$\frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \tau} = \frac{F(D_2)}{\gamma_D} - \gamma' N_1 = \gamma' (f(D_2) - N_1)$$

$$\frac{\partial D_1}{\partial \tau} = \frac{G(N_1)}{\gamma_D} - D_1 = g(N_1) - D_1$$

$$\frac{\partial N_2}{\partial \tau} = \frac{F(D_1)}{\gamma_D} - \gamma' N_2 = \gamma' (f(D_1) - N_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial D_2}{\partial \tau} = \frac{G(N_2)}{\gamma_D} - D_2 = g(N_2) - D_2$$

Active Notch Steady State \rightarrow solve for notch in terms Delta

at QSS,

$$\frac{1}{\gamma'} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \tau} = f(D_2) - N_1 \approx 0 \rightarrow f(D_2) \approx N_1$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma'} \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial \tau} = f(D_1) - N_2 \approx 0 \rightarrow f(D_1) \approx N_2$$

Sub-in notch approximations into Delta dynamical equations

$$\frac{\partial D_1}{\partial \tau} = g(f(D_2)) - D_1$$

$$\frac{\partial D_2}{\partial \tau} = g(f(D_1)) - D_2$$

} Define these functions in Python program, along w/
 functional forms of $f(D)$, $g(N)$ from above. Create
 Streamplot in D_1, D_2 plane