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a) From Lecture notes:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial t} = F(D_2) - \gamma_N N_1 - (2) \\ \frac{\partial D_1}{\partial t} = G(N_1) - \gamma_D D_1 - (3) \\ \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial t} = F(D_1) - \gamma_N N_2 - (4) \\ \frac{\partial D_2}{\partial t} = G(N_2) - \gamma_D D_2 - (5) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \tau = \gamma_N t \\ V = \gamma_D / \gamma_N \end{array} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \tau} = f(D_2) - N_1 \\ \frac{\partial D_1}{\partial \tau} = (g(N_1) - D_1) V \\ \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial \tau} = f(D_1) - N_2 \\ \frac{\partial D_2}{\partial \tau} = (g(N_2) - D_2) V \end{array} \right.$$

$f(D)$ and $g(N)$ are from experiments (Sprinzale, Nature 2010)

$$f(D) = \frac{F(D)}{\gamma_N} = \frac{D^2}{0.1 + D^2} - (6)$$

$$g(N) = \frac{G(N)}{\gamma_D} = \frac{1}{1 + 10N^2} - (7)$$

Using $V = \frac{\gamma_D}{\gamma_N} \ll 1$, meaning $\gamma_N \gg \gamma_D$ and $\tau = \gamma_D t$ to make equations (2) ~ (5) dimensionless

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \tau} = f(D_2) - N_1 \\ \frac{\partial D_1}{\partial \tau} = g(N_1) - D_1 \\ V \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial \tau} = f(D_1) - N_2 \\ \frac{\partial D_2}{\partial \tau} = g(N_2) - D_2 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and } V \ll 1, \text{ thus } \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \boxed{f(D_2) - N_1 \doteq 0} - (2^*) \\ \frac{\partial D_1}{\partial \tau} = g(N_1) - D_1 - (3^*) \\ \boxed{f(D_1) - N_2 \doteq 0} - (4^*) \\ \frac{\partial D_2}{\partial \tau} = g(N_2) - D_2 - (5^*) \end{array} \right.$$

From (2*) and (4*), one can observe that the Notch activity quickly settles into a steady state by approaching a certain value.

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1. a) cont'd

Substituting (2*) and (4*) into (3*) and (5*), the equations of Detea can be written as

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial D_1}{\partial \tau} = g(f(D_2)) - D_1 & \text{--- (3**) } \\ \frac{\partial D_2}{\partial \tau} = g(f(D_1)) - D_2 & \text{--- (5**) } \end{cases}$$

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1. b)

From 1. a) equations (6) and (7) and equations (2*) and (4*) and equations (3**) and (5**),

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial D_1}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{1 + 10 \left(\frac{D_2^2}{0.1 + D_2^2} \right)^2} - D_1$$

$$\frac{\partial D_2}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{1 + 10 \left(\frac{D_1}{0.1 + D_1} \right)^2} - D_2$$

Phase portrait will be plotted using python and shown in other files in Github resp.