

# Pattern formation – Turing instability

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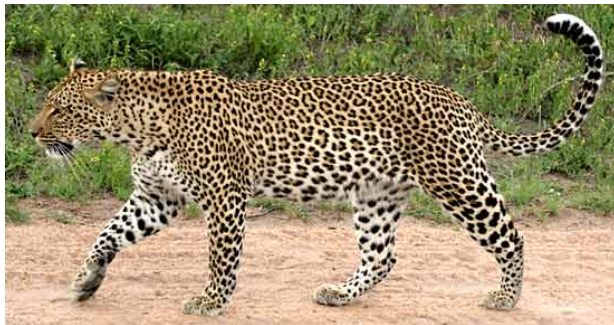
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# Motivation



Reaction-diffusion system:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= d_1 \Delta u + f(u, v) \\ \frac{dv}{dt} &= d_2 \Delta v + g(u, v)\end{aligned}$$

Linearisation at  $(u_0, v_0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= d_1 \Delta u + A_{11}u + A_{12}v \\ \frac{dv}{dt} &= d_2 \Delta v + A_{21}u + A_{22}v\end{aligned}$$

Homogeneous steady state:

$$\begin{aligned}f(u_0, v_0) &= 0 \\ g(u_0, v_0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Linearisation matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} f_u & f_v \\ g_u & g_v \end{pmatrix} (u_0, v_0)$$

Turing instability occurs if solution  $(u_0, v_0)$  of linearisation is:

- (a) stable with respect to spatially homogeneous disturbances
- (b) unstable to spatial disturbances

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if

$$(T1) \operatorname{tr} A < 0$$

$$(T2) \det A > 0$$

(b)  $(u_0, v_0)$  is unstable to spatial disturbances  
if

$$\exists k > 0 :: \lambda_k = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -b_k + \sqrt{b_k^2 - 4h_k} \right] > 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad h_k < 0$$

where

$$b_k = (d_1 + d_2)\mu_k - \operatorname{tr} A$$

$$h_k = d_1 d_2 \mu_k^2 - (d_2 f_u + d_1 g_v)\mu_k + \det A$$

$\mu_k \dots$  eigenvalue of Laplacian

Remark 1: (b)  $\Rightarrow$

$$(T3) d_2 f_u + d_1 g_v > 0$$

$$(T4) 4d_1 d_2 \det A < (d_2 f_u + d_1 g_v)^2$$

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**Remark 2:**

$\mathbf{w}_k(x, t) = e^{\lambda_k t} z_k(x) \mathbf{U}_k$  is an unstable solution of linearisation.

$$[A - \mu_k D] \mathbf{U}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{U}_k$$



Notation:

$\bar{u}, \bar{v} \dots$  number of molecules of  $A, B$

Reaction-diffusion system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} &= d_1 \Delta \bar{u} + k_1 \bar{u}^2 \bar{v} + k_2 - k_3 \bar{u}, \\ \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} &= d_2 \Delta \bar{v} - k_1 \bar{u}^2 \bar{v} + k_4 \end{aligned}$$

Stationary state:

$$u_s = \frac{k_4 + k_2}{k_3}, \quad v_s = \frac{k_4}{k_1 u_s^2}$$

Shifted variables:

$$\bar{u} = u + u_s, \quad \bar{v} = v + u_s$$

Shifted system:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= d_1 \Delta u + \alpha u + \beta v + f(u, v) \\ \frac{dv}{dt} &= d_2 \Delta v - \gamma u - \beta v - f(u, v)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\alpha = k_3 \frac{k_4 - k_2}{k_4 + k_2}, \quad \beta = \frac{k_1}{k_3^2} (k_4 + k_2)^2, \quad \gamma = \frac{2k_3 k_4}{k_4 + k_2}$$
$$f(u, v) = k_1 u^2 v + 2k_1 u_s u v + k_1 v_s u^2$$



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Linearisation matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\gamma & -\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Turing conditions:

$$(T1) \operatorname{tr} A = \alpha - \beta < 0$$

$$(T2) \det A = k_1(k_4 + k_2)^2/k_3 > 0$$

$$(T3) d_2\alpha - d_1\beta > 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{d_2}{d_1} > \frac{\beta}{\alpha} > 1$$

$$(T4) 4d_1d_2 \det A < (d_2f_u + d_1g_v)^2$$

$$\Omega = (0, 1)$$

$$k_1 = 10^{-6}, \quad k_2 = 1, \quad k_3 = 0.02, \quad k_4 = 2 \text{ [sec}^{-1}\text{]} \\ d_1 = 10^{-5}, \quad d_2 = 10^{-3} \text{ [mm}^2 \text{ sec}^{-1}\text{]}$$

Linearisation matrix:

$$A = \frac{1}{100} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Turing conditions:

$$(T1) \operatorname{tr} A = -0.03 < 0$$

$$(T2) \det A = 1/1250 > 0$$

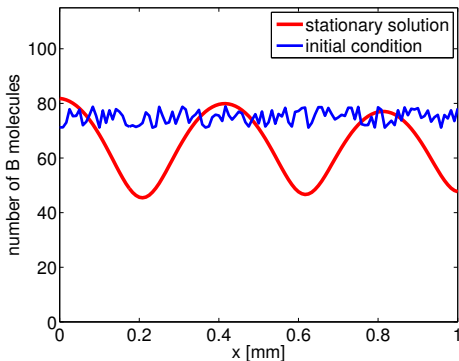
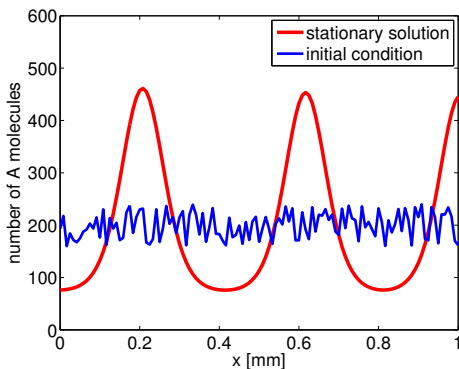
$$(T3) \frac{d_2}{d_1} > 4 \Leftrightarrow d_2 > 4d_1 \Leftrightarrow 10^{-3} > 4 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$(T4) d_2 > \frac{100d_1}{25 - 8d_1} \Leftrightarrow 10^{-3} > \frac{10^{-3}}{25 - 8 \times 10^{-5}} \approx 4 \times 10^{-5}$$

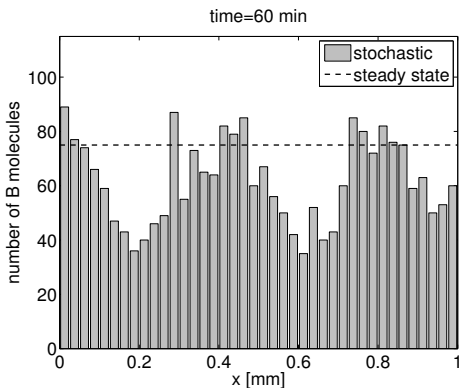
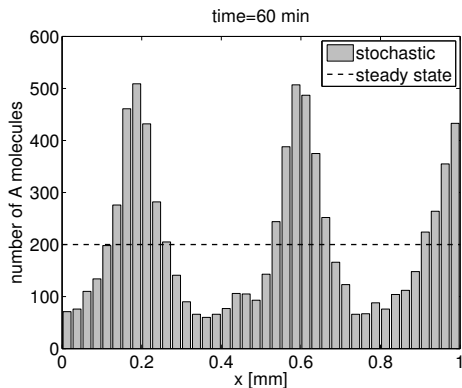
# Schnakenberg – deterministic

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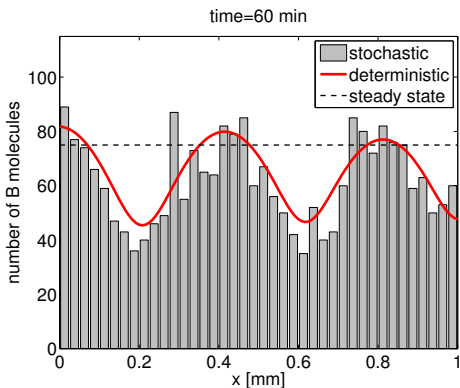
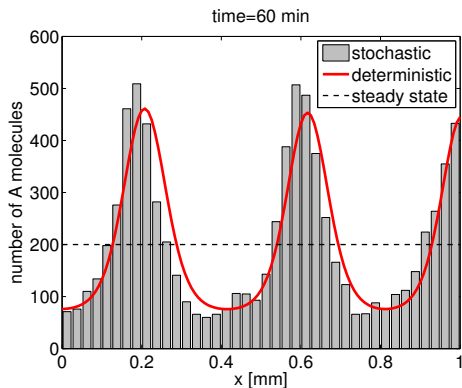
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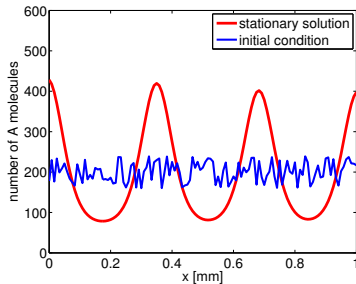
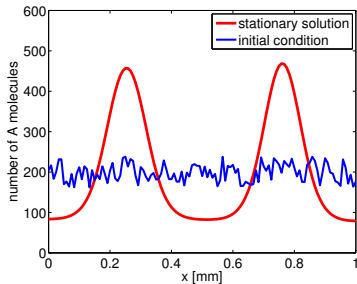
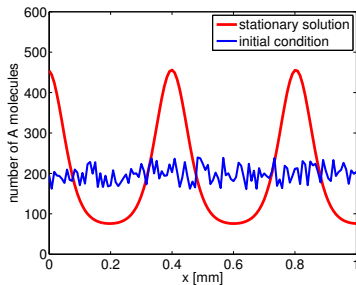
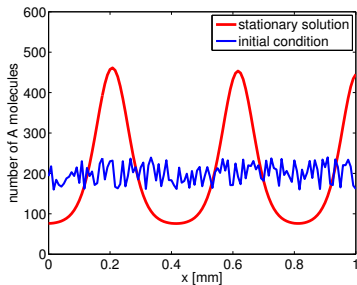
# Schnakenberg – stochastic (compartments)



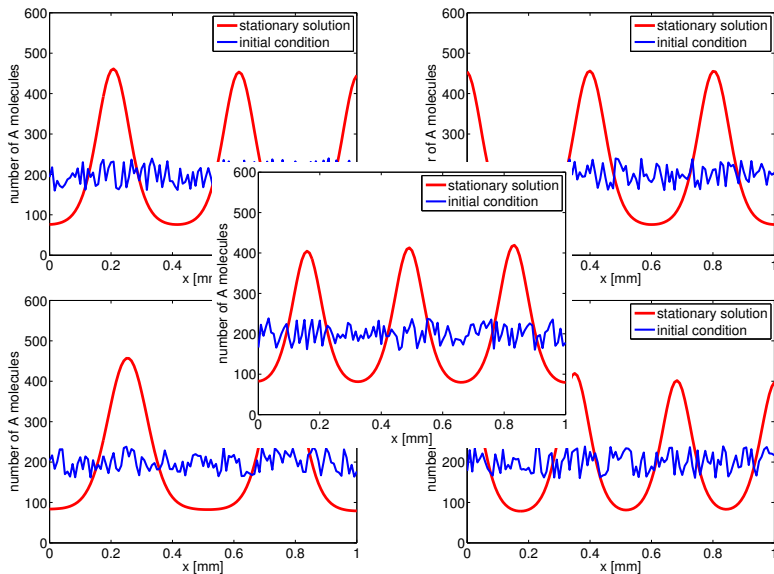
# Schnakenberg – stochastic vs. deterministic



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## Schnakenberg – sharper conditions

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$\Leftrightarrow$

$$h_k = d_1 d_2 \mu_k^2 - (d_2 f_u + d_1 g_v) \mu_k + \det A < 0 \dots \text{hyperbolas}$$

Solutions of linearization:  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} (x, t) = \mathbf{w}_k(x, t) = e^{\lambda_k t} z_k(x) \mathbf{U}_k$ ,

where

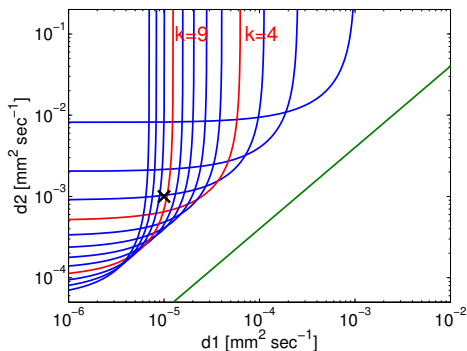
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -z_k'' = \mu_k z_k \quad \text{in } (0, 1) \\ z_k(0) = z_k(1) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} z_k = \cos(k\pi x), & k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ \mu_k = k^2 \pi^2 \end{cases}$$

$$[A - \mu_k D] \mathbf{U}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{U}_k, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Hyperbolas

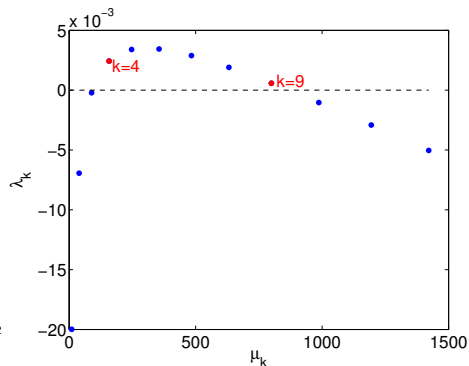


$$d_1 = 10^{-5} \quad d_2 = 10^{-3} \quad [\text{mm}^2 \text{sec}^{-1}]$$

Point  $(d_1, d_2)$  lies inside hyperbolas for  $k = 4, 5, \dots, 9$ .

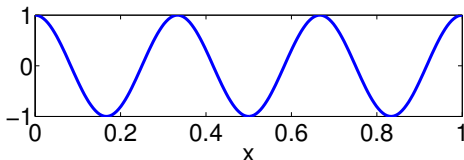
$$\lambda_6 > \lambda_5 > \lambda_7 > \lambda_4 > \lambda_8 > \lambda_9$$

## Dispersion relation

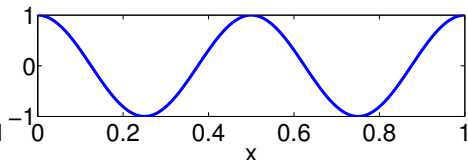


# Schnakenberg – Laplace eigenmodes

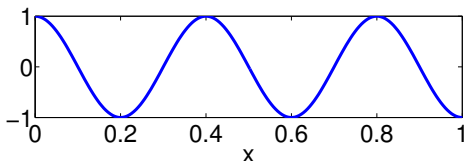
$\cos(k\pi x)$  for  $k=6$ , ( $\lambda_6=3.44e-03$ )



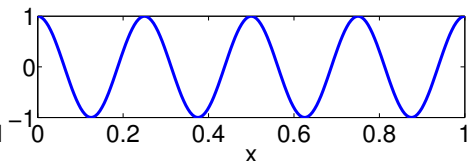
$\cos(k\pi x)$  for  $k=4$ , ( $\lambda_4=2.43e-03$ )



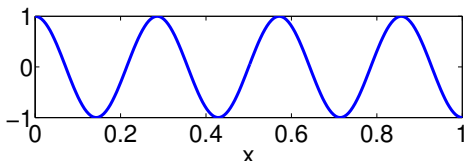
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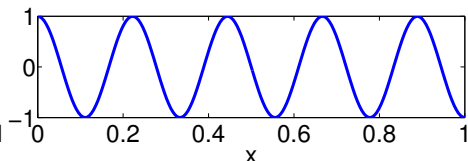
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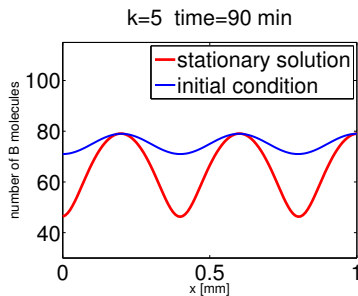
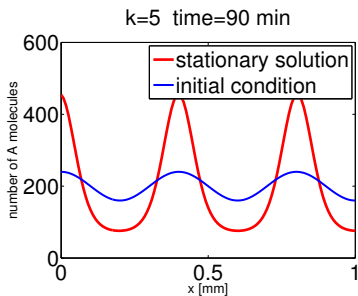
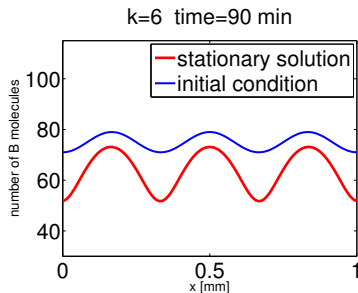
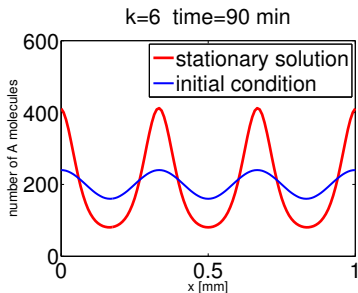
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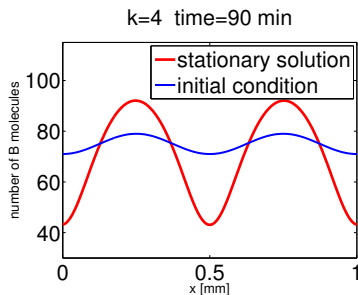
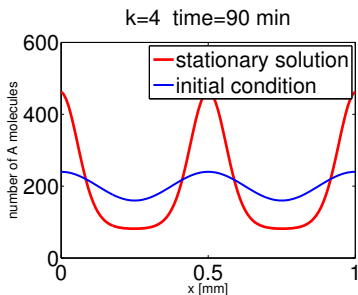
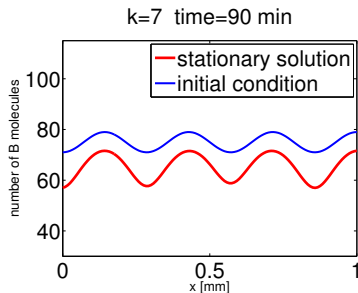
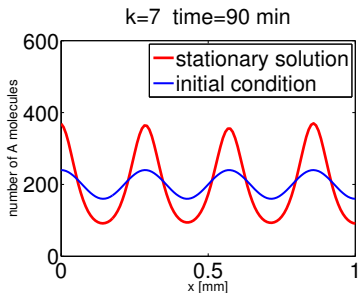
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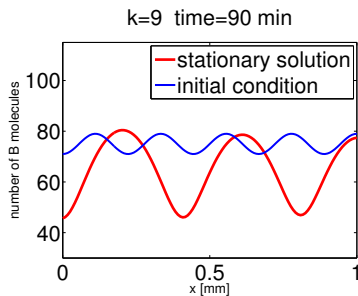
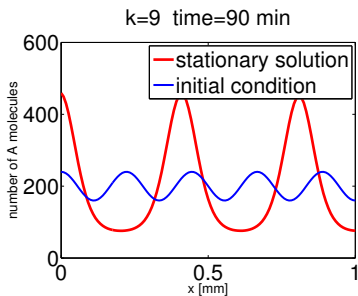
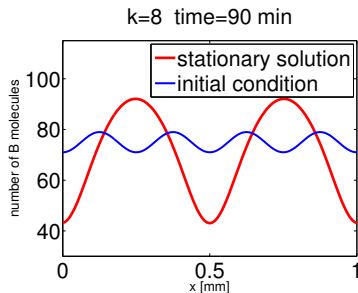
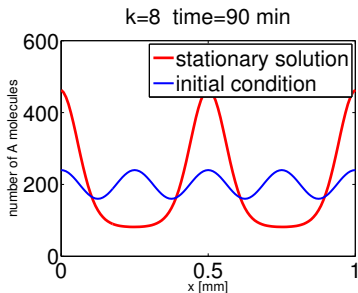
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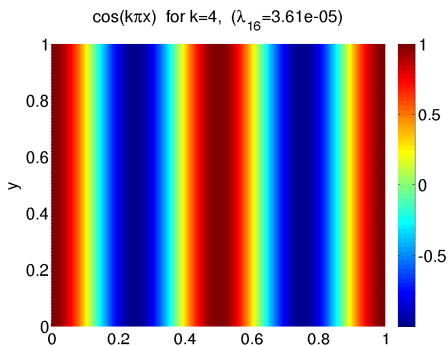
where  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ ,  $k, \ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -\Delta z_{k,\ell} = \mu_{k,\ell} z_{k,\ell} \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \partial z_{k,\ell} / \partial \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial \Omega \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} z_{k,\ell} = \cos(k\pi x) \cos(\ell\pi x) \\ \mu_{k,\ell} = (k^2 + \ell^2)\pi^2 \end{cases}$$

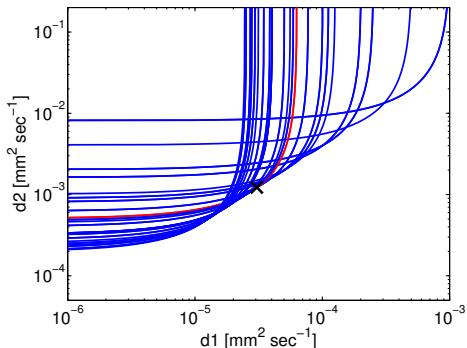
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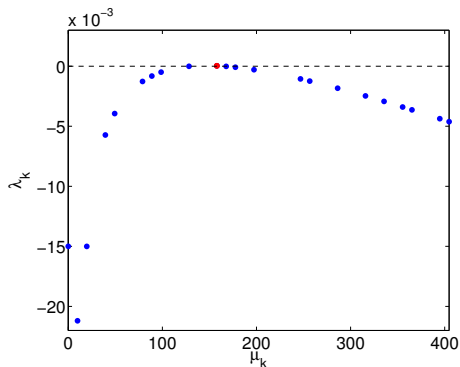
Laplace eigenmode:



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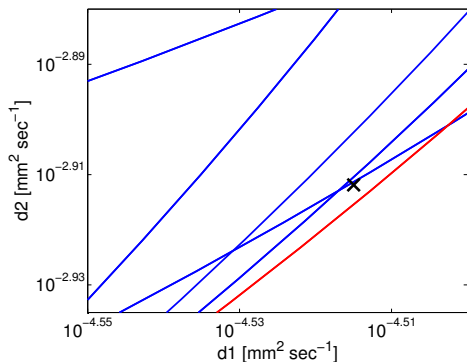


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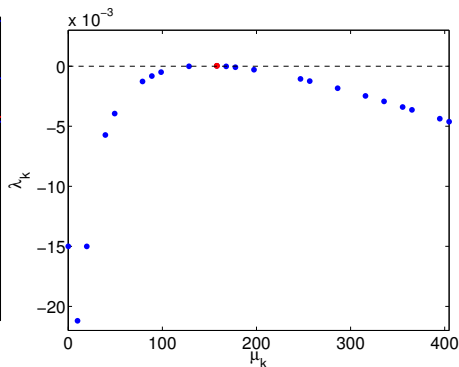
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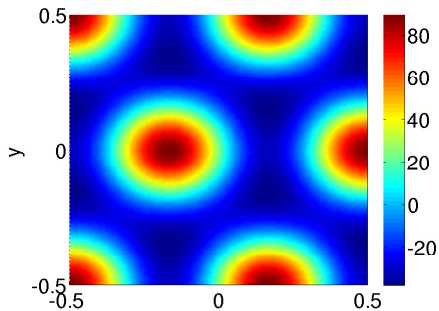


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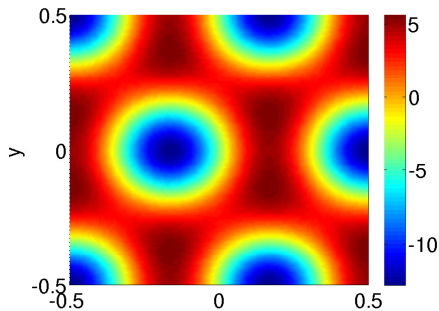
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# Schnakenberg 2D – stationary state

Number of A molecules



Number of B molecules



- ▶ General conditions for Turing instability
- ▶ Schnakenberg system in 1D – stochastically and deterministically
- ▶ Schnakenberg system in 2D

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