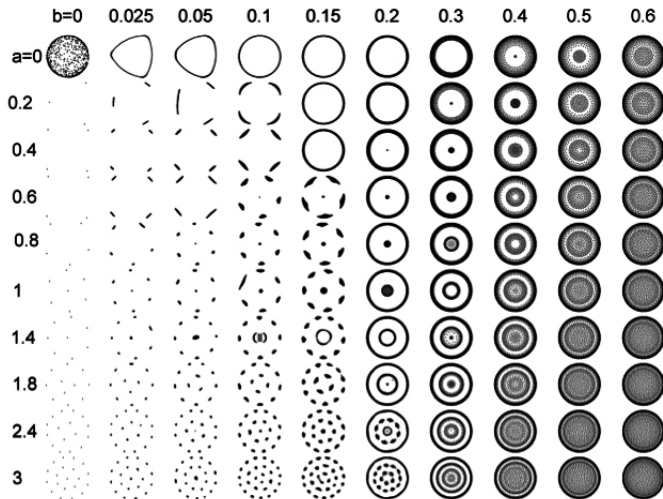


Clusters and Spots of the Aggregation Model

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$$F(r) = \min(ar + b, 1 - r)$$

Aggregation Model

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_k = \sum_{j \neq k} F(|x_k - x_j|) \frac{x_k - x_j}{|x_k - x_j|} \quad k=1 \dots N$$

- $F(r) > 0$ for small r (repulsive)
- $F(r) < 0$ for sufficiently large r (attractive)

Simplified Model

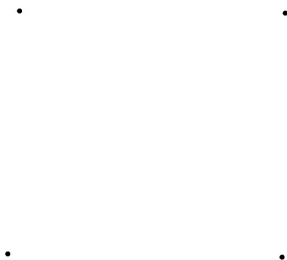
Rewriting $f(r) = F(r)/r$ yields a simpler model:

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_k = \sum_{j \neq k} f(|x_k - x_j|)(x_k - x_j) \quad k=1 \dots N$$

Clusters & Spots



Clusters



- Occur when $F(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow 0$
- K clusters or 'holes'
- $n = \frac{N}{K}$ particles in each hole
- $x_{k,l} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $k = 1 \dots K$, $l = 1 \dots n$

Clusters

We can then rewrite the system as

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_{k,l} = \sum_{g,j} f(|x_{k,l} - x_{g,j}|)(x_{k,l} - x_{g,j}) \quad k,g=1\dots K \quad l,j=1\dots n$$

with steady state $x_{k,l} = x_k$ satisfying

$$0 = \sum_g f(|x_k - x_g|)(x_k - x_g)$$

Stability

Linearize $x_{k,l} = x_k + \phi_{k,l}$, $\phi \ll 1$

$$\phi'_{k,l} = \sum_{g,j} \left[\frac{f'(|x_{k,l} - x_{g,j}|)}{|x_{k,l} - x_{g,j}|} (x_{k,l} - x_{h,j}) \otimes (x_{k,l} - x_{g,j}) + f(|x_{k,l} - x_{g,j}|) I \right] (\phi_{k,l} - \phi_{g,j})$$

where $v \otimes u = vu^T$ and I is the identity in $\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$

Stability

Solution decouples into two subspaces

$$\text{A: } \sum_l \phi_{k,l} = 0$$

$$\text{B: } \phi_{k,l} = \phi_k$$

Reduced system in A

If $\sum_l \phi_{k,l} = 0$,

$$\phi'_{k,l} = nM_k \phi_{k,l}$$

where M_k is a $d \times d$ matrix

$$M_k = \sum_g \frac{f'(|x_k - x_g|)}{|x_k - x_g|} (x_k - x_g) \otimes (x_k - x_g) + f(|x_k - x_g|)I$$

Reduced system in A in 2D

If all clusters are positioned along a ring, $x_k = re^{2\pi ik/K}$, by symmetry all K problems are identical and we write $M_k = \hat{M}$, where

$$\hat{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{M}_{1,1} & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{M}_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\hat{M}_{1,1} = \sum_{g=0}^{K-1} 2rf'(2r \sin(\pi g/K)) \sin(\pi g/K) \sin^2(\pi g/K) + f(2r \sin(\pi g/K))$$

$$\hat{M}_{2,2} = \sum_{g=0}^{K-1} 2rf'(2r \sin(\pi g/K)) \sin(\pi g/K) \cos^2(\pi g/K) + f(2r \sin(\pi g/K))$$

Reduced system in B

If $\phi_{k,l} = \phi_k$,

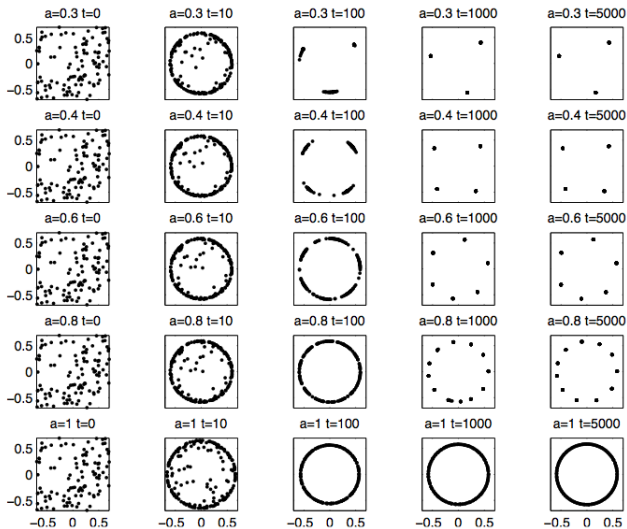
$$\phi'_k = n \sum_g \frac{[f'(|x_k - x_g|)]}{|x_k - x_g|} (x_k - x_g) \otimes (x_k - x_g) + f(|x_k - x_g|) I (\phi_k - \phi_g)$$

Equivalent to stability of K holes with one particle in each hole

K-Cluster Stability Overview

The K-cluster steady state is stable iff

- 1 the steady state is stable when each cluster contains one particle and
- 2 K matrices $M_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ are all negative

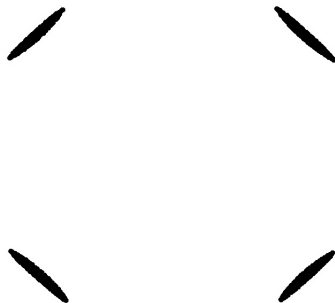


$$f(r) = \min(a, 1 - r)$$

The K -cluster solution is guaranteed to be stable if $a \in (a_1, a_2)$

K	r	a_1	a_2
3	$3^{-1/2} \approx 0.5773$	0	0.5
4	0.585786	0.171573	0.656851
5	0.587785	0.309017	0.736067
6	0.588457	0.411543	0.788636
7	0.588735	0.489115	0.819194
8	0.588867	0.549301	0.841735
$\gg 1$	$\frac{3}{16}\pi$	$1 - \frac{3\pi^2}{8K}$	$1 - \frac{\pi^2}{8K}$

Spots



- Occur when $F(r) > 0$ at the origin
- K spots with $n = \frac{N}{K}$ particles in each spot
- $F(r) = \delta$ at the origin, $0 < \delta \ll 1$
- $F'(0) = a, a > 0$

Spots Steady State

Constructing spots solution as a perturbation of the clusters solution:

$$x_{k,l} = x_k + \delta\phi_{k,l}$$

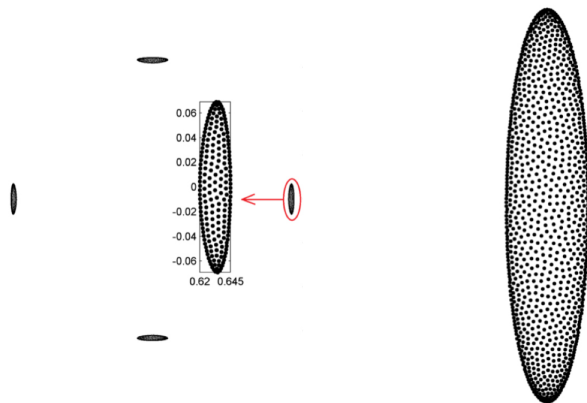
and considering self-consistent ansatz $\sum_l \phi_{k,l} = 0$ yields the following reduced system

$$\phi_{k,l} = \sum_{j \neq l} \frac{\phi_l - \phi_j}{|\phi_l - \phi_j|} + nM_k \phi_{k,l}$$

with

$$M_k = aI + \sum_g \frac{f'(|x_k - x_g|)}{|x_k - x_g|} (x_k - x_g) \otimes (x_k - x_g) + f(|x_k - x_g|)I$$

Reduced system in 2D



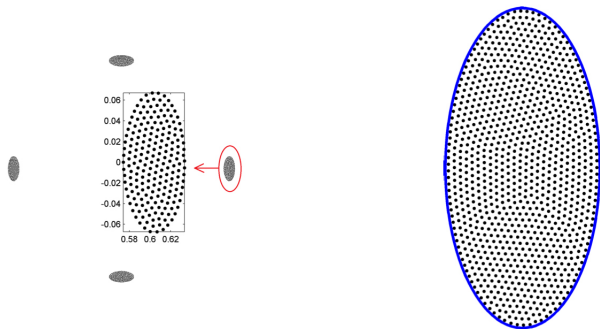
- K spots of equal size symmetrically distributed along a ring
- fix arbitrary $k = K$, $x_K = (r, 0)$
- $\phi_{K,I} = \phi_I$

$$\phi_l = \sum_{j \neq l} \frac{\phi_l - \phi_j}{|\phi_l - \phi_j|} - n \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} \phi_l$$

$$\alpha = -a - \sum_{g=1}^{K-1} 2rf'(2r \sin(\pi g/K)) \sin(\pi g/K) \sin^2(\pi g/K) + f(2r \sin(\pi g/K))$$

$$\beta = -a - \sum_{g=1}^{K-1} 2rf'(2r \sin(\pi g/K)) \sin(\pi g/K) \cos^2(\pi g/K) + f(2r \sin(\pi g/K))$$

Spots of Uniform Density



$$f(r) = a + \frac{\delta}{r^2}$$

Continuous model:

$$\rho_t(x, t) + \nabla_x \cdot (v(x)\rho(x, t)) = 0$$

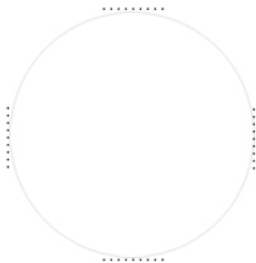
$$v(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left\{ \nabla_x \ln |x - y| - A \frac{\nabla_x |x - y|^2}{2} \right\} \rho(y) dy, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Let D be an ellipse, $\partial D = (a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta)$, $\theta = 0 \dots 2\pi$

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{\beta}{\alpha}}, \quad b = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{\alpha}{\beta}}$$

The system admits a steady state $\rho = \text{constant}$ inside D and 0 outside D

Stripe Steady State



The system admits a '1 dimensional' stripe solution'

$$\phi_j = \left(\frac{2}{\beta n} j - \frac{1}{\beta} (1 + 1/n) \right) i$$

Stability of a stripe

Perturb

$$\phi_j = \left(\frac{2}{\beta n} j - \frac{1}{\beta} (1 + 1/n) \right) i + \psi_j \quad \psi_j \ll 1$$

Linearized system becomes

$$\psi_l' = \sum_{j \neq l} \frac{\beta n}{4|l-j|} (\bar{\psi}_l - \bar{\psi}_j + \psi_l - \psi_j) - n \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \phi_l + \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \bar{\psi}_l \right)$$

Two solution subspaces

Vertical Perturbation

$$\Re(\psi_I) = 0$$

Horizontal Perturbation

$$\Im(\psi_I) = 0$$

Vertical Perturbation

Reduces to a 1-D problem. Let $\psi_I = e^{\lambda t} i$. Then we have

$$\lambda = -n\beta$$

Horizontal Perturbation

Reduces to

$$\psi'_l = \sum_{j \neq l} \frac{\beta n}{2|l-j|} (\psi_l - \psi_j) - n\alpha\psi_j$$

Key Lemma

The n eigenvalues for the problem

$$\lambda\psi_l = \sum_{j \neq l} \frac{\psi_l - \psi_j}{|l - j|} \quad l = 1 \dots n$$

are given by

$$\lambda_k = 2 \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{j}, \quad k = 0 \dots n - 1$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j} \rightarrow \ln(n) + \gamma \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (\gamma = 0.5772156)$$

The stripe is stable if

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} > S_{n-1}$$

Or as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$n < e^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \gamma} \approx 0.5614 e^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}$$

