

# FitzHugh - Nagumo Model

(LANGCUI)

— Waves in Modes with mult-steady States.

## I. Introduction.

⇒ Spreading ↔ Non-locality.

⇒ avalanching ↔ burgers. etc

⇒ intensity field ↔ "k-ε",  $\frac{\partial k}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot D(k) \cdot \nabla k = S_0 - \frac{k^{3/2}}{\ell}$


⇒ reaction - diffusion

Fisher Eqn:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \epsilon - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \epsilon \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x} = \gamma \epsilon - \alpha \epsilon^2$

i unstable;

ii 2<sup>nd</sup> order transition

iii  $C \sim \sqrt{\gamma D}$

iv  leading edge.

⇒ Bi-stable → "threshold"

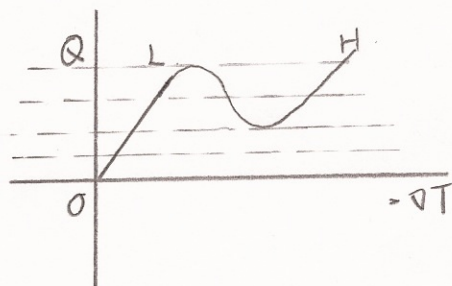
cubic:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \epsilon - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} D_0 \epsilon \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x} = \gamma(\nabla T) \epsilon - \alpha \epsilon^2 = -\alpha \epsilon^2 + \left[ \gamma_T L \left( \frac{\alpha}{\chi_0 + D_0 \epsilon} - \nabla T_{crit} \right) \epsilon + \gamma_0 \right] \epsilon$

$Q = (\chi_0 + D_0 \epsilon) \nabla T \rightarrow$  "switch"

Bi-stable Models:

$Q = \frac{-\chi_T \nabla T}{1 + \alpha V_E^2} - \chi_{ic} \nabla T$

$V_E^1 \rightarrow \underline{E} + \underline{v} \times \underline{B} = - \frac{\nabla P}{\eta}$



"What does bi-stable looks like?"

⇒ Fitzhugh - Nagumo Eqn. ↔ reduction of "Hodgkin-Huxley"

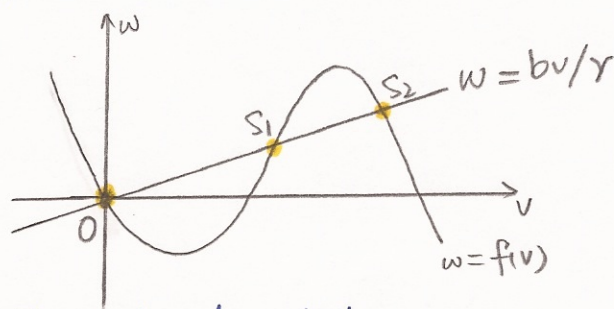
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \overset{\text{"fast"}}{f(v)} - w + I_a$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \overset{\text{"slow"}}{bv} - \gamma w$$

( $0 < a < 1$ ,  $b, \gamma$  positive constant).

$$f(v) = v(a-v)(v-1)$$

$I_a \neq 0$ :



three possible steady states;

1 unstable,  $S_1$

2 stable but excitable,  $(0,0)$ ,  $S_2$

⇒ waves in Models with Multi-steady State: "Spread".

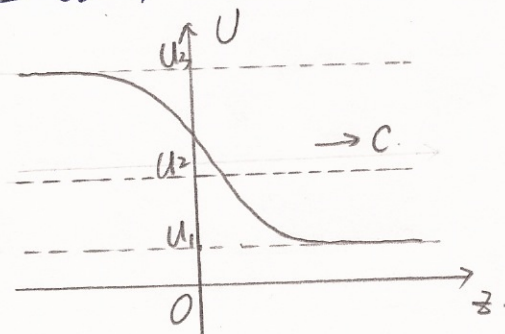
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f(u) + D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$f(u) = A(u-u_1)(u_2-u)(u-u_3)$$

in the case of: wave moves with a unique speed  $C$ :

the solution  $U(z)$ :

$$U(-\infty) = u_2, \quad U(\infty) = u_1$$





Solution for  $c$ : (speed) = "travelling wave:"

$$u = u(x-ct)$$

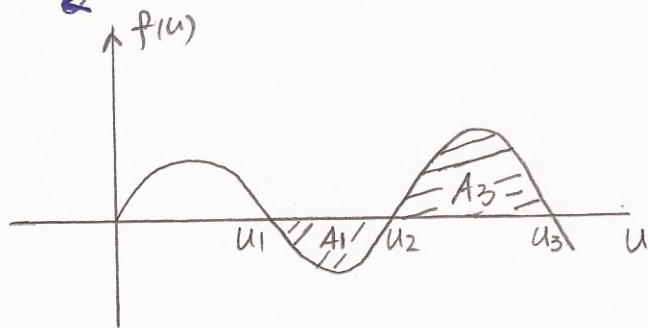
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f(u) \Rightarrow -c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f(u) \dots (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cdot u' \cdot (*) \Rightarrow -c u'^2 = D u'' u' + u' f(u)$$

$$\Rightarrow -c \int_{u_3}^{u_1} u'^2 = D \int_{u_3}^{u_1} u' u'' + \int_{u_3}^{u_1} u' f(u) du$$

$$c = \frac{- \int_{u_3}^{u_1} f(u) du}{\int_{u_3}^{u_1} [u']^2} = \text{"speed"} !$$

$$c \begin{matrix} > \\ = \\ < \end{matrix} 0 \text{ if } \int_{u_1}^{u_3} f(u) du \begin{matrix} > \\ = \\ < \end{matrix} 0$$



Discussion: if  $A_3 > A_1 \Rightarrow c > 0$  : move to  $u_1$

$A_3 < A_1 \Rightarrow c < 0$  : move to  $u_3$

$A_3 = A_1 \Rightarrow$  stationary.

\* Also known to "Maxwell criterion", "phase coexistence".

" How to calculate speed  $c$  ? "

⇒ reaction - diffusion eqn:

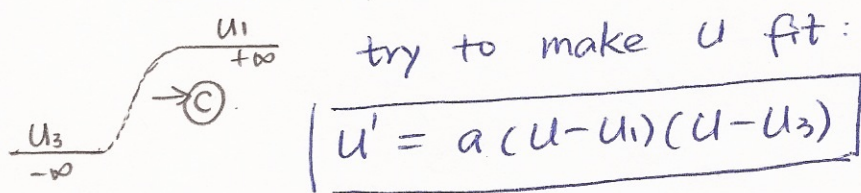
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = A(u-u_1)(u_2-u)(u-u_3) + D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u(x,t) = U(z) = U(x-ct) \\ U(-\infty) = u_3, \quad U(\infty) = u_1 \end{array} \right.$$

above gives:

$$L(U) = DU'' + cU' + A(u-u_1)(u_2-u)(u-u_3) = 0 \quad \dots (\Delta)$$

try to make  $U$  fit:



$$U' = a(u-u_1)(u-u_3)$$

Substituting  $U'$  into  $(\Delta)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} L(U) &= (u-u_1)(u-u_3) [Da^2(2u-u_1-u_3) + ca - A(u-u_2)] \\ &= (u-u_1)(u-u_3) \{ (2Da^2 - A)u - [Da^2(u_1+u_3) - ca - Au_2] \} \end{aligned}$$

For  $L(U) = 0$ : must have

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2Da^2 - A = 0 \\ Da^2(u_1+u_3) - ca - Au_2 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = \left(\frac{A}{2D}\right)^{1/2} \\ c = \left(\frac{AD}{2}\right)^{1/2} (u_1 - 2u_2 + u_3) \end{array} \right.$$

when  $\frac{u_1+u_3}{2} = u_2 \Rightarrow$  steady coexistence.



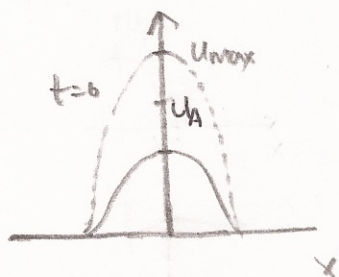
# " Discussion of F-N models "

## waves in Excitable Media"

$$(\star) \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f(u) - v + D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = bu - \gamma v \\ f(u) = (a - u)(u - 1)u \end{cases} \quad (0 < a < 1, b \ \& \ \gamma \text{ positive}).$$

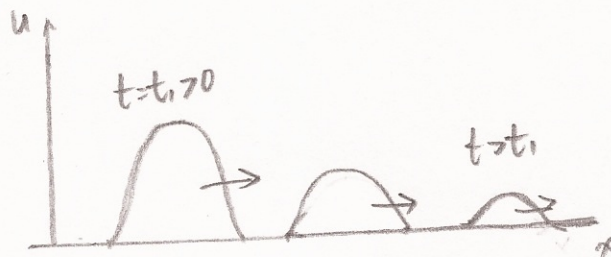
" to demonstrate how travelling wave solutions arise for reaction diffusion systems with excitable kinetics "

B.C. satisfy:  $u \rightarrow 0, u' \rightarrow 0, v \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$



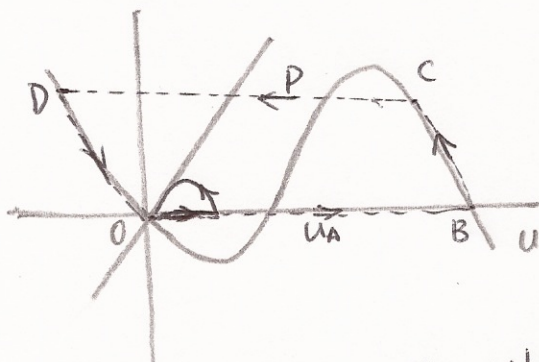
(a)

perturbation  $u$ :  
 $u_{max} < u_A$



(b)

the solution is decaying transient



(c) solid line:  $u_{max} < u_A$  (threshold).

dash line:  $u_{max} > u_A$   
(OBCDO)

(Cont).

# "Wave in Excitable Media"

consider with  $b, \gamma$  small:

$$b = \epsilon L, \quad \gamma = \epsilon M, \quad 0 < \epsilon \leq 1$$

Eqn (\*) becomes:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = D u_{xx} + f(u) - v \\ v_t = \epsilon (L u - M v) \end{cases}$$

1. in the limiting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ :  $v \approx \text{constant} \rightarrow 0$ .

thus:  $u_t = D u_{xx} + f(u)$

$$f(u) = u(a-u)(u-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u=0 \rightarrow \text{stable} \\ u=a \rightarrow \text{unstable} \\ u=1 \rightarrow \text{stable} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  wave speed:

$$c = \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^{1/2} (1-2a), \quad c \begin{matrix} \geq \\ < \end{matrix} 0 \text{ if } \int_0^1 f(u) du \begin{matrix} \geq \\ < \end{matrix} 0$$

2. on the trajectory  $v \approx v_c$ :

$$u_t = D u_{xx} + f(u) - v_c$$

the solution becomes:

$$u = u(z), \quad z = x - ct, \quad u(-\infty) = u_D, \quad u(\infty) = u_C.$$

$$c = \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^{1/2} (u_C - 2u_P + u_D)$$

