# APPROXIMATE AGGREGATION OF NON-AUTONOMOUS TWO TIME SCALES SPATIALLY DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS. 

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\end{array}\right.
$$

Local dynamics

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{d p_{1}}{d \tau}=f_{1}\left(p_{1}\right) \\
\frac{d p_{2}}{d \tau}=f_{2}\left(p_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right.
$$

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\frac{d p_{1}}{d \tau}=-m_{1}(\epsilon \tau) p_{1}+m_{2}(\epsilon \tau) p_{2}+\epsilon f_{1}\left((\epsilon \tau), p_{1}\right)  \tag{2}\\
\frac{d p_{2}}{d \tau}=m_{1}(\epsilon \tau) p_{1}-m_{2}(\epsilon \tau) p_{2}+\epsilon f_{2}\left((\epsilon \tau), p_{2}\right)
\end{array}\right.
$$

■ Slow variable $z$ varies slowly: $d z / d \tau=\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

■ Defining $p=p_{1}+p_{2}$ and frequencies $\nu_{i}=p_{i} / p$ yields

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{d \nu_{1}}{d \tau}=m_{2}(\epsilon \tau)-\left(m_{1}(\epsilon \tau)+m_{2}(\epsilon \tau)\right) \nu_{1}+\epsilon \frac{f_{1}\left((\epsilon \tau), \nu_{1} p\right)}{p}  \tag{3}\\
\frac{d p}{d \tau}=\epsilon\left(f_{1}\left((\epsilon \tau), \nu_{1} p\right)+f_{2}\left((\epsilon \tau),\left(1-\nu_{1}\right) p\right)\right)
\end{array}\right.
$$

Change variables $\boldsymbol{s}=(\epsilon \tau-\alpha) / \epsilon$ and let $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ in (3):

$$
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$$

For each $\alpha$

$$
\nu_{1}^{*}(\alpha)=\frac{m_{2}(\alpha)}{m_{1}(\alpha)+m_{2}(\alpha)}
$$

is an A.S. equilibrium, uniformly in $\alpha$.

Let $t=\epsilon \tau$ and consider $\nu_{1}^{*}(t)=\frac{m_{2}(t)}{m_{1}(t)+m_{2}(t)}$

## Theorem

If an uniformly $A S$ solution $p^{*}(t)$ exits for equation

$$
\frac{d p}{d t}=f_{1}\left(t, \nu_{1}^{*} p\right)+f_{2}\left(t,\left(1-\nu_{1}^{*}\right) p\right)
$$

then, for each solution $\left(p_{1}^{\epsilon}(t), p_{2}^{\epsilon}(t)\right)$ of system (2),

$$
\lim _{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}\left(p_{1}^{\epsilon}(t), p_{2}^{\epsilon}(t)\right)=\left(\nu_{1}^{*}(t) p^{*}(t),\left(1-\nu_{1}^{*}(t)\right) p^{*}(t)\right)
$$

uniformly in closed subintervals of $\left[t_{0}, \infty\right)$
where $m_{i}, f_{i} \in \mathcal{C}^{2}$ are periodic functions of time, $i=1,2$.

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\frac{d p}{d s}=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

has an A.S. equilibrium $\nu_{1}^{*}=\frac{\bar{m}_{2}}{\bar{m}_{1}+\bar{m}_{2}}$.

## General settings

Consider a population divided in $A$ groups inhabiting $q$ patches:

$$
\mathbf{n}=\left(\mathbf{n}_{1}, \cdots, \mathbf{n}_{A}\right)=\left(n_{11}, \cdots, n_{1 q}, \cdots, n_{A 1}, \cdots, n_{A q}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{q A}
$$

Our model couples fast migrations between patches with slow local interactions:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\frac{d \mathbf{n}_{1}}{d \tau}=\mathbf{f}_{1}\left(\star, \mathbf{n}_{1}\right)+\epsilon \mathbf{S}_{1}(\epsilon \tau, \mathbf{n})  \tag{5}\\
\cdots \\
\frac{d \mathbf{n}_{A}}{d \tau}=\mathbf{f}_{A}\left(\star, \mathbf{n}_{A}\right)+\epsilon \mathbf{S}_{A}(\epsilon \tau, \mathbf{n})
\end{array} \text { time } \star \in\{\tau, \epsilon \tau\}\right.
$$

where

- $\mathbf{f}_{i}, \mathbf{s}_{i} \in \mathcal{C}^{2}$.
- $\mathbf{f}_{i}$ migrations of group $i$.

■ $\mathbf{s}_{i}$ interactions of group $i$ with other(s) groups.

## Slow-fast form

We consider:
■ the global (slow) variables

$$
y_{i}:=\sum_{k=1}^{q} n_{i k} \quad i=1, \cdots, A
$$

- the frequencies

$$
x_{i j}=\frac{n_{i j}}{y_{i}} \quad i=1, \cdots, A, j=1, \cdots, q
$$

Rearranging variables $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{q A} \leftrightarrow(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{(q-1) A} \times \mathbb{R}^{A}$

$$
\begin{cases}\frac{d \mathbf{x}}{d \tau}=\mathbf{F}(\star, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})+\epsilon \mathbf{S}(\star, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), &  \tag{6}\\ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{(q-1) A} \\ \frac{d \mathbf{y}}{d \tau}=\epsilon \mathbf{G}_{j}(\star, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), & \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{A}\end{cases}
$$

If migrations are non autonomous and linear:
$\mathbf{f}_{j}\left(\star, \mathbf{n}_{j}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}-m_{1 j}(\star) & \alpha_{12}^{j} m_{2 j}(\star) & \cdots & \alpha_{1 q}^{j} m_{q j}(\star) \\ \alpha_{21}^{j} m_{1 j}(\star) & -m_{2 j}(\star) & \cdots & \alpha_{2 q}^{j} m_{q j}(\star) \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \alpha_{q 1}^{j} m_{1 j}(\star) & \alpha_{q 2}^{j} m_{2 j}(\star) & \cdots & -m_{q j}(\star)\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}n_{1 j} \\ n_{2 j} \\ \cdots \\ n_{q j}\end{array}\right)$
where $\star \in\{\tau, \epsilon \tau\}, 0 \leq \alpha_{m k}^{j} \leq 1, \sum_{k \neq m, k=1}^{q} \alpha_{m k}^{j}=1$, $m=1,2, \cdots, q$, then

Theorem. Under the previous hypotheses, system (6) becomes

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\begin{cases}\mathbf{x}_{t}^{\prime}=\mathbf{F}(t, \mathbf{x})+\epsilon \mathbf{S}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{(q-1) A} \\ \mathbf{y}_{t}^{\prime}=\mathbf{G}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), & \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{A}\end{cases}
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where $\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{S} \in \mathcal{C}^{2}$ are $\omega$-periodic on $t$. Assume that system

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$$
\begin{gathered}
\lim _{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}\left(\mathbf{n}_{1}^{\epsilon}(t), \ldots, \mathbf{n}_{A}^{\epsilon}(t)\right)= \\
\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}^{*} y_{1}^{*},\left(1-\sum_{k=1}^{q-1} x_{1 k}^{*}\right) y_{1}^{*}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{A}^{*} y_{A}^{*},\left(1-\sum_{k=1}^{q-1} x_{A k}^{*}\right) y_{A}^{*}\right)
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uniformly on closed subset of $\left[t_{0}, \infty\right)$.

Theorem. Consider the system

$$
\begin{cases}\mathbf{x}_{t}^{\prime}=\mathbf{F}(\tau, \mathbf{x})+\epsilon \mathbf{S}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{(q-1) A} \\ \mathbf{y}_{t}^{\prime}=\mathbf{G}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), & \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{A}\end{cases}
$$

where $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{G}$ are $\omega$-periodic on $t$ and $\lim _{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{F}(\xi, \mathbf{x})=\overline{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{x})$. Assume that system

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For more general migration functions (for instance, a matrix with periodic and denso-dependent coefficients,...)

$$
\begin{cases}\frac{d \mathbf{x}}{d s}=\mathbf{F}(\alpha, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{(q-1) A} \\ \frac{d \mathbf{y}}{d s}=0 & \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{A} .\end{cases}
$$

it is needed that system

$$
\mathbf{x}_{s}^{\prime}=\mathbf{F}(\alpha, \mathbf{x}, \beta), \quad(\alpha, \mathbf{x}, \beta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{(q-1) A} \times \mathbb{R}^{q}
$$

possess finitely many equilibrium $\mathbf{x}^{*}(\alpha, \beta)$ isolated and A.S. uniformly in ( $\alpha, \beta$ ).

$$
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\end{array}\right.
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Coefficients are positive periodic functions of time $t=\epsilon \tau$.

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Coefficients are positive periodic functions of time.

Consider:
■ global variables: $n=n_{1}+n_{2}, p$.
$\square$ frequencies: $\nu_{i}=\frac{n_{i}}{n}, 1=\nu_{1}(t)+\nu_{2}(t), \nu_{1}^{*}(t)=\frac{\nu_{1}(t)}{\nu_{1}(t)+\nu_{2}(t)}$.

Proceeding as before and rearranging terms we get the aggregated system

$$
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c(t)=\beta_{2}(t)\left(1-\nu_{1}^{*}\right) \quad \lambda(t)=\lambda_{3}(t) \quad f(t)=\beta_{3}(t) \nu_{1}^{*}
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## Existence of periodic positive solutions

Using the maximum and minimum of the coefficients we get

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\left(a_{L}-b_{M} n-c_{M} \frac{p}{1+p}\right) n \leq n_{t}^{\prime} \leq\left(a_{M}-b_{L} n-c_{L} \frac{p}{1+p}\right) n \\
\left(-\lambda_{M}+f_{L} \frac{n}{1+p}\right) p \leq p_{t}^{\prime} \leq\left(-\lambda_{L}+f_{M} \frac{n}{1+p}\right) p \tag{8}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Proposition

Every solution of the aggregated system (7) is uniformly bounded, i.e.

$$
\lim _{t \rightarrow \infty}(n(t), p(t)) \in\left[0, \frac{a_{M}}{b_{L}}\right] \times\left[0, \frac{f_{M} a_{M}}{\lambda_{L} b_{L}}-1\right]
$$

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$\square$ We consider the $\omega$-operator

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\omega}: R & \rightarrow R \\
(r, s) & \mapsto \varphi_{\omega}(r, s)=\varphi(\omega ; 0, r, s)
\end{aligned}
$$

■ Brouwer's fixed point theorem: $\varphi(\omega, 0, r, s)=\varphi(0,0, r, s)$ and $\varphi(t, 0, r, s)$ is positive, periodic and globally defined.

Linearizing around the positive periodic solution $\varphi=\left(n_{0}, p_{0}\right)$

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Every positive periodic solution of the aggregated system is uniformly asymptotically stable

Using the topological degree

## Proposition

If the positive invariant region $R$ is bounded away from the axes, then it contains one and only one positive periodic solution of the aggregated system.


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$$
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$$

uniformly on closed subset of $\left[t_{0}, \infty\right)$.
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The semi-trivial solution is uniformly asymptotically stable if

$$
\int_{t}^{t+T}\left(-\lambda(s)+f(s) n^{*}(s)\right) d s<0
$$

In this case, for each solution $\left(n_{1}^{\epsilon}(t), n_{2}^{\epsilon}(t), p^{\epsilon}(t)\right)$ of the complete system, for $\epsilon \sim 0$,

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The stability of $\left(n^{*}(t), 0\right)$ depends on $\nu_{1}^{*}(t)$ as $f(t)$ depends on $\nu_{1}^{*}(t)$.



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Linearizing around the positive periodic solution $\left(n_{0}, p_{0}\right)$ yields

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where

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f(t) \frac{p_{0}(t)}{1+p_{0}(t)} & -\lambda(t)+f(t) \frac{n_{0}(t)}{\left(1+p_{0}(t)\right)^{2}}
\end{array}\right)
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changing variables $y_{1}=x_{1} / n_{0}, y_{2}=x_{2} / p_{0}$ leads to

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which is equivalent to (10).

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$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-b_{11} & -b_{12}  \tag{13}\\
b_{21} & -b_{22}
\end{array}\right)
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with $b_{i, j}>0, i, j=1,2$ positive real numbers. It is clear that the eigenvalues of (13) are given by

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\begin{equation*}
\lambda=\frac{-\left(b_{11}+b_{22}\right) \pm \sqrt{\left(b_{11}+b_{22}\right)^{2}-4\left(b_{11} b_{22}+b_{12} b_{21}\right)}}{2} \tag{14}
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and the real part of both eigenvalues is strictly negative.

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