

# BIFURCATIONS IN REACTION CROSS-DIFFUSION SYSTEMS FOR COMPETING SPECIES

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The Shigesada–Kawasaki–Teramoto model (SKT) was proposed to account for stable inhomogeneous steady states exhibiting spatial segregation [4], which describes a situation of coexistence of two competing species. Despite the fact that the reaction part does not present the activator–inhibitor structure, the cross-diffusion terms are the key ingredient for the appearance of spatial patterns. We provide a deeper understanding on the conditions required on both the cross-diffusion and the reaction coefficients for non-homogeneous steady states to exist, by combining a detailed linearized analysis with advanced numerical bifurcation methods via the continuation software `pde2path` [5]. We report some numerical experiments suggesting that, when cross-diffusion is taken into account, there exist positive and stable non-homogeneous steady states outside of the range of parameters for which the coexistence homogeneous steady state is positive [1]. In 1D and 2D, we pay particular attention to the fast-reaction limit [2] by computing sequences of bifurcation diagrams as the time-scale separation parameter tends to zero. We show that the bifurcation diagram undergoes major deformations once the fast-reaction systems limits onto the cross-diffusion singular limit. Furthermore, in 2D we find evidence for time-periodic solutions by detecting Hopf bifurcations, we characterize several regions of multi-stability, and improve our understanding of the shape of patterns [3].

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