

A generalization of the Keller—Segel system
to higher dimensions from a structural viewpoint

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The Keller-Segel system

$$(KS) \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) \\ v_t = \Delta v - v + u \end{cases}$$

Keller-Segel (1970)

Chemotaxis:

- Cells produce a signal substance.
- Cells move towards higher concentrations of a signal substance.

Purpose of my study

There are many variants:

logistic source, sensitivity function, nonlinear diffusion, nonlinear production term, coupled with fluid equation, two species, et al.

Construct a generalization of the Keller-Segel system from a structural view point!

Problem

Consider two-chemical substances chemotaxis system:

$$(P) \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ v_t = \Delta v - v + w & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ w_t = \Delta w - w + u & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \end{cases}$$

Background

Attraction-repulsion chemotaxis system:

$$(ATC) \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - \chi \nabla \cdot (u \nabla z) + \xi \nabla \cdot (u \nabla w) \\ z_t = \Delta z - \beta z + \alpha u \\ w_t = \Delta w - \delta w + \gamma u \end{cases}$$

Luca et al. (2003)

If $\chi = \xi$, $\alpha = \gamma = 1$, $\beta = 1$, $\delta = 2$, the triplet

$(u, z - w, w)$ corresponds with solutions to (P) .

Review: (KS)

$$(\text{KS})' \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) \\ v_t = \Delta v + u \end{cases}$$

- Mass conservation:

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^1(\Omega)} = \|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \quad t > 0$$

- Scaling invariance

$$\begin{cases} u_\lambda(x, t) := \lambda^2 u(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t) \\ v_\lambda(x, t) := v(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t) \end{cases}$$

$$\|u_\lambda(t)\|_{L^1} = \lambda^2 \int u(x, t) \lambda^{-n} dx = \lambda^{2-n} \|u_0(t)\|_{L^1}$$

Lyapunov functional

(KS)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}(u, v) + \mathcal{D}(u, v) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{F}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} u \log u - \int_{\Omega} uv + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} v^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2,$$

$$\mathcal{D}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} u |\nabla(\log u - v)|^2.$$

(KS) Trudinger-Moser type inequality (Chang-Yang, 1988)

$$\log \left(\int_{\Omega} e^{|v|} \right) \leq \frac{1}{2 \cdot M_{TM}} \|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + C(\|v\|_{L^1(\Omega)}) \quad v \in H^1(\Omega),$$

$$M_{TM} = \begin{cases} 8\pi & \text{for rad. function} \\ \frac{8\pi}{2} & \text{for arbitrary function} \end{cases} \quad n = 2$$

(KS) Known result (Nagai-Senba-Yoshida, 1997)

Assume (Neumann)

$n = 2$

- $\Omega = B(R)$ ($R > 0$), (u_0, v_0) : rad. sym.

$$\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} < 8\pi \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{GE \& bdd}$$

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Remarks

- $n = 1$ GE & bdd for all initial data. Osaki-Yagi (2001)

- $n = 2$ There is an unbounded solution with

$$\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \geq 8\pi \text{ or } \frac{8\pi}{2}. \quad \text{Horstmann (2002) etc.}$$

Problem

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- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$: bounded domain with smooth $\partial\Omega$,
- One of the following boundary conditions:
 - (Neumann) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu} = 0$ on $\partial\Omega \times (0, \infty)$,
 - (Mix) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} - u \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = v = w = 0$ on $\partial\Omega \times (0, \infty)$,
- $u(\cdot, 0) = u_0, v(\cdot, 0) = v_0, w(\cdot, 0) = w_0$ in Ω .
(Nonnegative smooth data)

Observation

$$(P)' \begin{cases} u_t = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) \\ v_t = \Delta v + w \\ w_t = \Delta w + u \end{cases}$$

- Mass conservation:

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(P) Main theorem 1

Assume (Neumann) or (Mix)

$$n \leq 3$$

- GE & bdd for all initial data.

Strategy of Proof: smoothing effect of semigroup.

(KS) Known result (Osaki-Yagi, 2001)

Assume (Neumann)

$$n = 1$$

- GE & bdd for all initial data.

(P) Main theorem 2

Assume (Neumann)

$n = 4$

- $\Omega = B(R)$ ($R > 0$), (u_0, v_0, w_0) : rad. sym.

$$\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} < (8\pi)^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{GE \& bdd}$$

(KS) Known result (Nagai-Senba-Yoshida, 1997)

Assume (Neumann)

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(P) Main theorem 3

Assume (Mix).

$n = 4$

- $\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} < (8\pi)^2 \longrightarrow$ GE & bdd

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(P) vs. (KS) (Lyapunov functional)

(P)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}(u, v) + \mathcal{D}(u, v) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{F}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} u \log u - \int_{\Omega} uv + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |v_t|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |(-\Delta + 1)v|^2,$$

$$\mathcal{D}(u, v) = 2 \int_{\Omega} (|v_t|^2 + |\nabla v_t|^2) + \int_{\Omega} u |\nabla(\log u - v)|^2.$$

(KS)

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(P) vs. (KS) (Key inequality)

(P) Adams type inequality (Ruf-Sani, 2013 and Tarsi, 2012)

$$\log \left(\int_{\Omega} e^{|v|} \right) \leq \frac{1}{2 \cdot (8\pi)^2} \|(-\Delta + 1)v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + C,$$

for $v \in H_0^2(\Omega)$ or radial functions $v \in H^2(\Omega)$. $n = 4$

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Regularity estimate

Testing the first equation by pu^{p-1} ($p > 1$):

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p = -\frac{4(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 + \underbrace{p(p-1) \int_{\Omega} u^{p-1} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v}_{\text{red wavy line}}.$$

Since Young's inequality implies

$$\underbrace{p(p-1) \int_{\Omega} u^{p-1} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v}_{\text{red wavy line}} \leq \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2,$$

It follows that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 \leq \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2.$$

In the study of (KS)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 \leq \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2.$$

Maximal regularity theory implies $\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2 \leq C \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} u^{p+1}.$

Apply the Sobolev inequality in 2D $\|f\|_{L^2} \leq K \|f\|_{W^{1,1}}$:

$$\int_{\Omega} u^{p+1} \leq C \int_{\Omega} u \cdot \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 + C(\|u_0\|_{L^1}).$$

Combine the above with the next inequality:

$$\int_{\Omega} u \leq \frac{1}{\log s} \int_{\Omega} (u \log u + e^{-1}) + C(s).$$


New approach

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 \leq \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^p |\nabla v|^2.$$

Apply the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 \leq \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \left(\int_{\Omega} u^{2p} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

By the Sobolev inequality $\|f\|_{L^4} \leq K \|f\|_{H^1}$:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} u^p + \frac{2(p-1)}{p} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 \leq C \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u^{\frac{p}{2}}|^2 + \int_{\Omega} u^p \right) \left(\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^4 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$


We consider local-in-space estimates!

(P) Main theorem 4

Assume (Mix).

$$n = 4$$

- \exists Blowup sol. with $\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} > (8\pi)^2$

(KS) Known result (Horstmann 2002 etc)

Assume (Neumann)

$$n = 2$$

- $\Omega = B(R)$ ($R > 0$), (u_0, v_0) : rad. sym.
 - \exists Blowup sol. with $\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} > 8\pi$
- \exists Blowup sol. with $\|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)} > \frac{8\pi}{2}$

Outline of proof (use the method in Horstmann (2002))

Consider the stationary problem:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0 = \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ 0 = \Delta v - v + w & \text{in } \Omega, \\ 0 = \Delta w - w + u & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Delta u - \nabla \cdot (u \nabla v) \\ &= \nabla \cdot u \nabla (\log u - v) \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad u = C e^v$$

Outline of Proof

Putting $\Lambda = \|u_0\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$, the system is written as

$$(S) \begin{cases} (-\Delta + 1)^2 v = \frac{\Lambda}{\int_{\Omega} e^v} e^v & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = \frac{\Lambda}{\int_{\Omega} e^v} e^v & \text{in } \Omega, \\ w = -\Delta v + v & \text{in } \Omega, \\ v = \Delta v = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\Lambda) := \{(u, v, w) \mid (u, v, w) \text{ satisfies (S) with } \|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)} = \Lambda\}$$

Outline of Proof

Proposition

$$\Lambda \in (0, \infty) \setminus \{(8\pi)^2\}\mathbb{N}$$

➔ There exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\sup\{\|(u, v, w)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \mid (u, v, w) \in \mathcal{S}(\Lambda)\} \leq C,$$

$$F_*(\Lambda) := \inf\{\mathcal{F}(u, v, w) \mid (u, v, w) \in \mathcal{S}(\Lambda)\} \geq -C.$$

We construct nonnegative functions (u_0, v_0, w_0) such that

$$\mathcal{F}(u_0, v_0, w_0) < F_*(\Lambda) \text{ and } \Lambda \in ((8\pi)^2, \infty) \setminus \{(8\pi)^2\}\mathbb{N}.$$

Summary

- We consider two-chemical substances chemotaxis system.
- We construct Lyapunov functional.
- We use the Adams type inequality (instead of T-M ineq.).
- The critical constant changes to $(8\pi)^2$ from 8π .

Our system is regarded as a generalization of the Keller-Segel system from a structural view point!