

MODEL \rightarrow

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = f(C) - \gamma A$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = f(A) - \gamma B$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = f(B) - \gamma C$$

Next what?

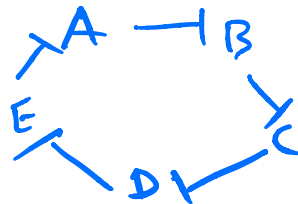
\rightarrow What is required at biomolecular/systems level for an oscillation to occur?

Based on $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$, following may be needed

- "there should be a cycle"
 \equiv Feedback
- "product of signs should be negative"



not oscillate



oscillate

$\equiv \sim$ Negative

- maybe more ...

as ∇A doesn't oscillate, maybe a "delay" is required. (think about this in Boolean representation)

Look at a simple (st) circuit that has feedback + "negative".



has stable fixed point.

"Autoregulation"
"Negative autoregulatory circuit"

Does a model of this oscillate?

This model does not oscillate.

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \alpha_0 + \alpha \cdot \frac{K^n}{K^n + A^n} - \tau A$$

Is it easy to write analytical solution $A(t) = \dots$? ($\alpha_0 = 0, n = 1$)

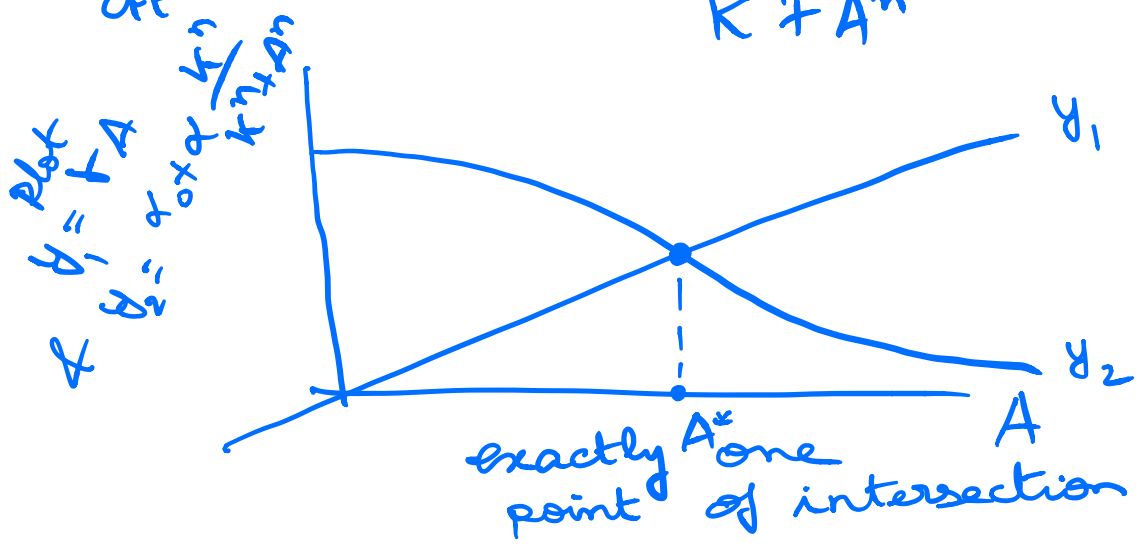
Geometric / Qualitative way

• When is $\frac{dA}{dt} = 0$?

(searching for a fixed point...)

Does it exist? If so, how many?

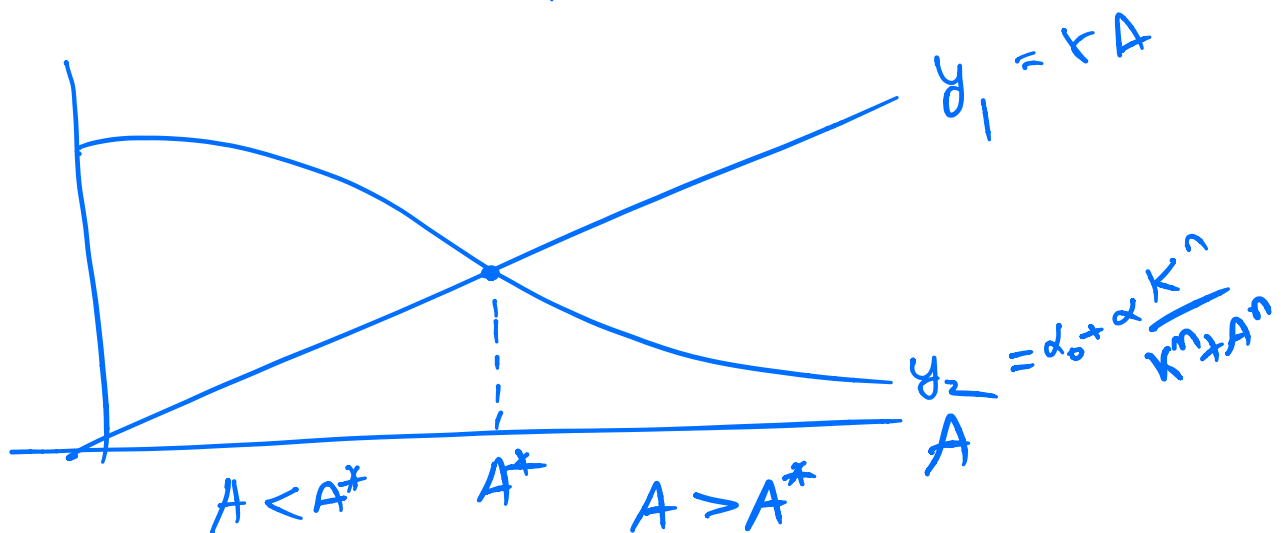
$$\frac{dA}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_0 + \alpha \cdot \frac{K^n}{K^n + A^n} = \tau A$$



$$\therefore \text{If } A(0) = A^* \Rightarrow A(t) = A^* \quad \forall t > 0$$

Is it stable?

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha K^n}{K^n + A^n} - \tau A$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} < 0$$

$\therefore A$ is a stable fixed point
 {globally ($A \geq 0$)}

This model does not oscillate.

Possibly, no delay?

Point: A model with feedback + negative does not oscillate. \longrightarrow role of delay?

Notion of time scale. (to understand delay)

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \alpha - \Gamma A \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{A}$$

vs

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \alpha_0 + \alpha \frac{k^n}{k^n + A^n} - \Gamma A$$

