

# Electronic Supplementary Materials for Complex groundwater flow systems as a traveling agent models

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## Derivation of the Flow Equations

Lets consider a group of agents moving in a square lattice according with a strategy  $e$  function of actual location and neighbors density. The probability of finding an agent in an arbitrary node  $(i\Delta x, j\Delta y)$  at the time  $k\Delta t$ , as in Figure 1, is

$$P(i\Delta x, j\Delta y, k\Delta t). \quad (1)$$

The probability of an agent originally in  $(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y)$  at the time  $k_0\Delta t$  walk to  $(i\Delta x, j\Delta y)$  at the next time  $k\Delta t = (k+1)\Delta t$  is

$$\begin{aligned} P(i\Delta x, j\Delta y, k\Delta t) - P(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y, k_0\Delta t) &= e_{Uij}^t [P(i\Delta x, (j+1)\Delta y, k\Delta t) - P(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y, k_0\Delta t)] \\ &+ e_{Dij}^t [P(i\Delta x, (j-1)\Delta y, k\Delta t) - P(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y, k_0\Delta t)] \\ &+ e_{Rij}^t [P((i+1)\Delta x, j\Delta y, k\Delta t) - P(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y, k_0\Delta t)] \\ &+ e_{Lij}^t [P((i-1)\Delta x, j\Delta y, k\Delta t) - P(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y, k_0\Delta t)] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Where  $e_{dij}^t$  is the strategy that the agent adopt based on the density neighbors difference between his actual position and the next one in  $d$  direction, so

$$\begin{aligned} e_{Uij}^t &= e \left( \left\| (\nabla P)_{i,j+1}^t \right\| \right) \\ e_{Dij}^t &= e \left( \left\| (\nabla P)_{i,j-1}^t \right\| \right) \\ e_{Rij}^t &= e \left( \left\| (\nabla P)_{i+1,j}^t \right\| \right) \\ e_{Lij}^t &= e \left( \left\| (\nabla P)_{i-1,j}^t \right\| \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

If we define  $\delta P_{Uij}^t = P(i\Delta x, (j+1)\Delta y, k\Delta t) - P(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y, k_0\Delta t)$ , and so for the rest of directions, then Eq.2 became

$$P(i\Delta x, j\Delta y, k\Delta t) = P(i_0\Delta x, j_0\Delta y, k_0\Delta t) + e_{Uij}^t \delta P_{Uij}^t + e_{Dij}^t \delta P_{Dij}^t + e_{Rij}^t \delta P_{Rij}^t + e_{Lij}^t \delta P_{Lij}^t. \quad (4)$$

Which is the discrete form of the anisotropic diffusion equation[1]

$$\frac{\partial P(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = \text{div} [e(\|\nabla P\|) \nabla P]. \quad (5)$$

The discrete anisotropic diffusion equation 4 could be rewritten as[2]

$$P_a^{t+1} = P_a^t + \frac{\lambda}{|\eta_a|} \sum_{b \in \eta_a} e(\delta P_{a,b}) \delta P_{a,b} \quad (6)$$

with  $a$  the actual position,  $\eta_s$  the neighboring position of  $a$ ,  $|\eta_a|$  the number of first neighbors of the the agent in  $a$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$  a constant that define the diffusion rate.

Of course, the functional form of  $e_{dij}^t$  could be a more generic one as

$$e_{dij}^t = e_{dij}^t(x, y, t) \quad (7)$$

	C	D
C	R	S
D	T	P

Tab. 1: Canonical payoff matrix for classical Prisoner's dilemma. Where T stands for Temptation to defect, R for Reward for mutual cooperation, P for Punishment for mutual defection and S for Sucker's payoff. To be defined as prisoner's dilemma, the following inequalities must hold:  $T > R > P > S$

in which case the general anisotropic diffusion equation is obtained

$$\frac{\partial P(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = \text{div} [e(x, y, t) \nabla P] = \nabla e \cdot \nabla P + e(x, y, t) \nabla^2 P. \quad (8)$$

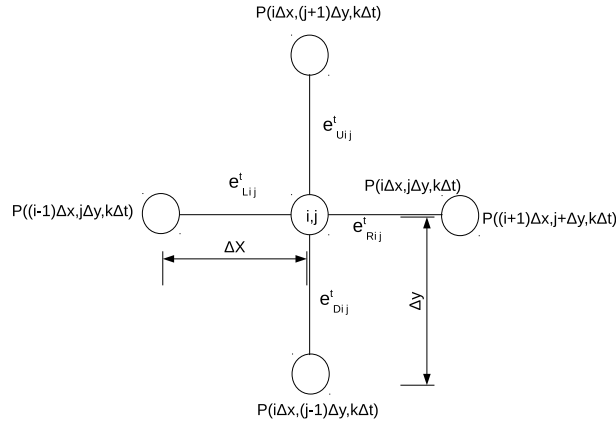


Fig. 1: Diagram1

Even more, one could extend this analysis to a  $n$  players game and use the Evolutionary Theory of Nowak. In that context, if we relate  $e$  with a particular game with payoff matrix  $A$ , and then  $e^t_{hij}$  is the fraction of agents in the  $(i, j)$  position that adopt strategy  $h$  at time  $t$ . The corresponding replication equation is then

$$e^k_{hij} \Delta t - e^{k_0}_{hij} \Delta t = e^{k_0}_{hij} \Delta t (f_h - \phi_h) \quad (9)$$

where  $f_h$ ,  $\phi_h$  are the fitness and mean fitness of strategy  $h$ .

As an example, let be the matrix  $A$  with elements  $a_{hh'}$  the payoff of a Prisoner's dilemma game given in Table, then the corresponding fitness are

$$\begin{aligned} h = C &\Rightarrow f_C = (R) e^{k_0}_{hij} \Delta t + (S) e^{k_0}_{hij} \Delta t \\ h = D &\Rightarrow f_D = (T) e^{k_0}_{hij} \Delta t + (P) e^{k_0}_{hij} \Delta t \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

And the mean fitness is

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \sum_{\gamma} f_{\gamma} e^{\gamma}_{hij} e^{k_0}_{\gamma(i+1)j} + \dots \\ &+ \sum_{\gamma} f_{\gamma} e^{\gamma}_{hij} e^{k_0}_{\gamma(i-1)j} + \dots \\ &+ \sum_{\gamma} f_{\gamma} e^{\gamma}_{hij} e^{k_0}_{\gamma i(j+1)} + \dots \\ &+ \sum_{\gamma} f_{\gamma} e^{\gamma}_{hij} e^{k_0}_{\gamma i(j-1)} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Taking into account equations 10 and 11 and that  $e^k_{hij} \Delta t - e^{k_0}_{hij} \Delta t$  is the discrete form of the time derivative, the replicator equation can be rewritten [3] in matrix form as

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = [\Lambda(t), E(t)]. \quad (12)$$

Where  $E$ ,  $\Lambda$  are two matrix with elements

$$E_{hh'} = (e_h e_{h'})^{1/2} \quad (13)$$

and

$$\Lambda_{hh'} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{hk} e_k \right) (e_h e_{h'})^{1/2} - (e_h e_{h'})^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{hk} e_k \right) \right], \quad (14)$$

and the square brackets  $[\ ]$  in equation 12, stands for commutation operation. It has been demonstrated that quantum game theory is a generalization of game theory and that the replicator equation 12 is equivalent to von Neumann equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d\rho}{dt} = [H, \rho] \quad (15)$$

Where  $\rho$  is the density matrix, a self-adjoint (or Hermitian) positive-semidefinite matrix of trace one, that describes the statistical state of a quantum system. The  $H$  operator is the hamiltonian of the system. The equivalence between the replicator and von Neumann equations are given by [3]

$$E \leftrightarrow \rho, \quad \Lambda \leftrightarrow -\frac{i}{\hbar} H. \quad (16)$$

Via the master equation, it can be demonstrated [4, 5, 6] that the von Neumann equation leads to a Fokker-Planck equation of the form

$$\frac{\partial e(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = -div [D_1(x, y, t) e(x, y, t)] + \nabla [D_2(x, y, t) e(x, y, t)] \quad (17)$$

where  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are traditionally associated with drift and diffusion.

In this game theory context  $D_1(x, y, t)$  is associated with the fitness  $f(x, y, t)$  (Eq.10) and  $D_2(x, y, t)$  with the mean fitness  $\phi(x, y, t)$  (Eq.11).

The master equation is a first-order differential equation that describe the time evolution of the probability of the system to be in a particular set of states. Typically the master equation is given by

$$\frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} = A(t) \vec{P} \quad (18)$$

where  $\vec{P}$  is a column vector of the states  $i$ , and  $A(t)$  is the matrix of connections. Many physical problems in classical, quantum mechanics and other sciences, can be expressed in terms of a master equation. Examples of these are the Lindblad equation in quantum mechanics and as we mention above, the Fokker-Planck equation which describes the time evolution of a continuous probability distribution. For more hydrologically applications of the master equation the reader may refer to [7].

We can finally enunciate the discrete spatially extended game in continuum terms. The probability of finding an agent in the position  $(x, y)$  at the time  $t$  is given by

$$\frac{\partial P(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = div [e(x, y, t) \nabla P]. \quad (19)$$

Where  $e(x, y, t)$  is the strategy that the player in  $(x, y)$  plays at the time  $t$  and that obeys the equation

$$\frac{\partial e(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = -div [D_1(x, y, t) e(x, y, t)] + \nabla^2 [D_2(x, y, t) e(x, y, t)]. \quad (20)$$

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