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Stability and Bifurcation Analysis for a Class of Generalized Reaction-Diffusion Neural Networks with Time Delay

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Considering the fact that results for static neural networks are much more scarce than results for local field neural networks and our purpose letting the problem researched be more general in many aspects, in this paper, a generalized neural networks model which includes reaction-diffusion local field neural networks and reaction-diffusion static neural networks is built and the stability and bifurcation problems for it are investigated under Neumann boundary conditions. First, by discussing the corresponding characteristic equations, the local stability of the trivial uniform steady state is discussed and the existence of Hopf bifurcations is shown. By using the normal form theory and the center manifold reduction of partial function differential equations, explicit formulae which determine the direction and stability of bifurcating periodic solutions are acquired. Finally, numerical simulations show the results.

1. Introduction

In the past several decades, the dynamics of neural networks have been extensively investigated.

The artificial neural network has been used widely in various fields such as signal processing, pattern recognition, optimization, associative memories, automatic control engineering, artificial intelligence, and fault diagnosis, because it has the characteristics of self-adaption, self-organization, and self-learning.

Most of the phenomena occurring in real-world complex systems do not have an immediate effect but appear with some delay; for example, there exist time delays in the information processing of neurons. Therefore, time delays have been inserted into mathematical models and in particular in models of the applied sciences based on ordinary differential equations. The delayed axonal signal transmissions in the neural network models make the dynamical behaviors become more complicated, because a time delay into an ordinary differential equation could change the stability of the equilibrium (stable equilibrium becomes unstable) and could cause fluctuations, and Hopf bifurcation can occur (see [1]). And in [1] we can know the time delays' effects from the work

by Carlo Bianca, Massimiliano Ferrara, and Luca Guerrini. So, the delay is an important control parameter.

In addition, we must consider that the activations vary in space as well as in time, because the electrons move in asymmetric electromagnetic fields, and there exists diffusion in neural network (see [2]).

In the past, the main work was to research local field neural networks, and static neural networks were rarely studied. Considering the fact that the problem of generalized neural network is more general in many aspects; in this paper, we will investigate a class of generalized neural networks which combine local field neural networks and static neural networks.

In order to study the effect of time delays and diffusion on the dynamics of a neural network model, in [3], Gan and Xu considered the following neural network model:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} &= D_1 \Delta u_1 - a_1 u_1(t, x) + g_1(u_2(t - \tau, x)), \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} &= D_2 \Delta u_2 - a_2 u_2(t, x) + g_2(u_1(t - \tau, x)).\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Motivated by the works of Gan and Xu, in this paper, we are concerned with the following neural network system with time delay and reaction-diffusion:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= D_1 \Delta u - a_1 u(t, x) + b_{11} g_1(w_{11} u(t, x)) \\ &\quad + b_{12} g_2(w_{12} v(t - \tau, x)), \quad t > 0, x \in \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= D_2 \Delta v - a_2 v(t, x) + b_{21} g_1(w_{21} u(t - \tau, x)) \\ &\quad + b_{22} g_2(w_{22} v(t, x)), \quad t > 0, x \in \Omega \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

with initial and boundary conditions (Neumann boundary conditions):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial l} = 0, \quad t > 0, x \in \partial\Omega, \\ u(t, x) &= \varphi_1(t, x), \\ v(t, x) &= \varphi_2(t, x), \\ t &\in [-\tau, 0], x \in \bar{\Omega}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $a_1, a_2, \tau, D_1, D_2 \geq 0$, $b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{21}, b_{22}, w_{11}, w_{12}, w_{21}$, and w_{22} are random constants, where a_1 and a_2 represent the neuron charging time constants, τ represents the signal transmission time delay, D_1 and D_2 represent the smooth diffusion operators, b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{21} , and b_{22} represent connecting weight coefficients, and w_{11}, w_{12}, w_{21} , and w_{22} represent the coefficients of $u(t, x)$, $v(t - \tau, x)$, $u(t - \tau, x)$, and $v(t, x)$, respectively. u , v , and x are the state variables and space variable, respectively. g_1 and g_2 are the action functions of the neurons satisfying $g_1(0) = g_2(0) = 0$. Ω is a bounded domain in R^n with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, where $\partial/\partial l$ denotes the outward normal derivative on $\partial\Omega$.

The organization of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, by analyzing the corresponding characteristic equations, we discuss the local stability of trivial uniform steady state and the existence of Hopf bifurcations of (2) and (3). In Section 3, by applying the normal form and the center manifold theorem, closed-form expressions are derived which allow us to determine the direction of the Hopf bifurcations and the stability of the periodic solutions in (2) and (3) (see [2]). In Section 4, numerical simulations are carried out to illustrate the main theoretical results.

2. Local Stability and Hopf Bifurcation

Obviously, we can easily show that system (2) always has a trivial uniform steady state $E^* = (0, 0)$.

Here, we use $0 = \mu_1 < \mu_2 < \dots$ as the eigenvalues of the operator $-\Delta$ on Ω with the homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions and $E(\mu_i)$ as the eigenspace corresponding to μ_i in $C^1(\Omega)$. Let $\nabla = [C^1(\Omega)]^2$, let $\{\varphi_{ij}; j = 1, \dots, \dim E(\mu_i)\}$

be an orthonormal basis of $E(\mu_i)$, and let $\nabla_{ij} = \{c\varphi_{ij} \mid c \in R^2\}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla &= \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} \nabla_i, \\ \nabla_i &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\dim E(\mu_i)} \nabla_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Let $\wp = \text{diag}(D_1, D_2)$, $\zeta m = \wp \Delta m + \mathbb{Z}(E^*)m$, where $\mathbb{Z}(E^*)m$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{pmatrix} -a_1 + b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0) & 0 \\ 0 & -a_2 + b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(t, x) \\ v(t, x) \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_{12}w_{12}g'_2(0) \\ b_{21}w_{21}g'_1(0) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u(t - \tau, x) \\ v(t - \tau, x) \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

First, we linearize system (2) at E^* . Then, $m_t = \zeta m$. ∇_i is invariant under the operator ζ for each $i \geq 1$, and λ is an eigenvalue of ζ if and only if it is an eigenvalue of the matrix $-\mu_i \wp + \mathbb{Z}(E^*)$ for some $i \geq 1$, in which case, there is an eigenvalue in ∇_i .

The characteristic equation of $-\mu_i \wp + \mathbb{Z}(E^*)$ is of the form

$$\lambda^2 + p_1 \lambda + p_2 + p_3 e^{-2\lambda\tau} = 0, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= \mu_i D_1 + a_1 - b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0) + \mu_i D_2 + a_2 \\ &\quad - b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0), \\ p_2 &= (\mu_i D_1 + a_1 - b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0)) \\ &\quad \cdot (\mu_i D_2 + a_2 - b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0)), \\ p_3 &= -b_{12}b_{21}w_{12}w_{21}g'_1(0)g'_2(0). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Letting $\tau = 0$, then (6) becomes

$$\lambda^2 + p_1 \lambda + p_2 + p_3 = 0. \quad (8)$$

Obviously,

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 + p_3 &= (\mu_i D_1 + a_1 - b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0)) \\ &\quad \cdot (\mu_i D_2 + a_2 - b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0)) \\ &\quad - b_{12}b_{21}w_{12}w_{21}g'_1(0)g'_2(0). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Obviously, if the following holds:

(H1)

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 - b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0) &> 0, \\ a_2 - b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0) &> 0, \\ (a_1 - b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0))(a_2 - b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0)) \\ &\quad - b_{12}b_{21}w_{12}w_{21}g'_1(0)g'_2(0) > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

then $p_2 + p_3 > 0, p_1 > 0$. Hence, if (H1) holds, when $\tau = 0$, the trivial uniform steady state E^* of problems (2) and (3) is locally stable.

Let $i\omega$ ($\omega > 0$) be a solution of (6), separating real and imaginary parts; then, we can get that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^2 - p_2 &= p_3 \cos 2\omega\tau, \\ p_1\omega &= p_3 \sin 2\omega\tau. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Squaring and adding the two equations of (11), we obtain that

$$\omega^4 + (p_1^2 - 2p_2)\omega^2 + p_2^2 - p_3^2 = 0. \tag{12}$$

Letting $z = \omega^2$, then (12) becomes

$$z^2 + (p_1^2 - 2p_2)z + p_2^2 - p_3^2 = 0. \tag{13}$$

Obviously, it is easy to calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} p_1^2 - 2p_2 &= (\mu_i D_1 + a_1 - b_{11} w_{11} g_1'(0))^2 \\ &\quad + (\mu_i D_2 + a_2 - b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(0))^2 > 0, \\ p_2^2 - p_3^2 &= (\mu_i D_1 + a_1 - b_{11} w_{11} g_1'(0))^2 \\ &\quad \cdot (\mu_i D_2 + a_2 - b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(0))^2 \\ &\quad - b_{12}^2 b_{21}^2 w_{12}^2 w_{21}^2 g_1'^2(0) g_2'^2(0). \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= (a_1 - b_{11} w_{11} g_1'(0))(a_2 - b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(0)) \\ &\quad + b_{12} b_{21} w_{12} w_{21} g_1'(0) g_2'(0), \\ q_2 &= (a_1 - b_{11} w_{11} g_1'(0))^2 (a_2 - b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(0))^2 \\ &\quad - b_{12}^2 b_{21}^2 w_{12}^2 w_{21}^2 g_1'^2(0) g_2'^2(0), \\ q_3 &= (a_1 - b_{11} w_{11} g_1'(0))^2 + (a_2 - b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(0))^2 > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Therefore, if $q_2 > 0$, (13) has no positive roots. Then, if $q_1 > 0$ and (H1) Holds, the trivial uniform steady state E^* of system (2) is locally asymptotically stable for all $i \geq 1$ and $\tau \geq 0$.

For $i = 1$, if $q_1 < 0$, then (12) has a unique positive root ω_0 , where

$$\omega_0 = \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(-q_3 + \sqrt{q_3^2 - 4q_2} \right) \right)^{1/2}. \tag{16}$$

It means that the characteristic equation (6) admits a pair of purely imaginary roots of the form $\pm i\omega_0$ for $i = 1$.

Take $\omega = ((1/2)(-q_3 + \sqrt{q_3^2 - 4q_2}))^{1/2}$. Obviously, (12) holds if and only if $i = 1$. Now, we define that

$$\tau_{0n} = \frac{1}{2\omega_0} \arccos \frac{\omega_0^2 - p_2}{p_3} + \frac{n\pi}{\omega_0}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \tag{17}$$

Then, for $i = 1$, when $\tau = \tau_{0n}$, (6) has a pair of purely imaginary roots $\pm i\omega_0$ and all roots of it have negative real parts for $i \geq 2$. It is easy to see that if (H1) holds, the trivial uniform steady state E^* is locally stable for $\tau = 0$. Hence, on the basis of the general theory on characteristic equations of delay-differential equations from [3, Theorem 4.1], we can know that E^* remains stable when $\tau < \tau_0$, where $\tau_0 = \tau_{00}$.

Now, we claim that

$$\left. \frac{d(\operatorname{Re} \lambda)}{d\tau} \right|_{\tau=\tau_0} > 0. \tag{18}$$

This will mean that there exists at least one eigenvalue with positive real part when $\tau > \tau_0$. In addition, the conditions for the existence of a Hopf bifurcation [2] are then satisfied generating a periodic solution. To this end, we differentiate (6) about τ ; then,

$$(2\lambda + p_1) \frac{d\lambda}{d\tau} - 2p_3 e^{-2\lambda\tau} \left(\lambda + \tau \frac{d\lambda}{d\tau} \right) = 0. \tag{19}$$

So, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\lambda}{d\tau} \right)^{-1} &= \frac{2\lambda + p_1 - 2\tau p_3 e^{-2\lambda\tau}}{2\lambda p_3 e^{-2\lambda\tau}} \\ &= \frac{(2\lambda + p_1) e^{2\lambda\tau}}{2\lambda p_3} - \frac{\tau}{\lambda}. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{sign} \left\{ \left. \frac{d(\operatorname{Re} \lambda)}{d\tau} \right\}_{\lambda=i\omega_0} \right. &= \operatorname{sign} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{d\lambda}{d\tau} \right)^{-1} \right\}_{\lambda=i\omega_0} \\ &= \operatorname{sign} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{(2\lambda + p_1) e^{2\lambda\tau}}{2\lambda p_3} \right]_{\lambda=i\omega_0} + \operatorname{Re} \left[-\frac{\tau}{\lambda} \right]_{\lambda=i\omega_0} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{sign} \left\{ \frac{2\omega_0 \cos 2\omega_0\tau + p_1 \sin 2\omega_0\tau}{2\omega_0 p_3} \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

By (11), we can obtain that

$$\operatorname{sign} \left\{ \left. \frac{d(\operatorname{Re} \lambda)}{d\tau} \right\}_{\lambda=i\omega_0} \right. = \operatorname{sign} \left\{ \frac{2\omega_0^2 + p_1^2 - 2p_2}{2p_3^2} \right\}. \tag{22}$$

Because $p_1^2 - 2p_2 > 0$, so

$$\left. \frac{d(\operatorname{Re} \lambda)}{d\tau} \right|_{\tau=\tau_0, \omega=\omega_0} > 0. \tag{23}$$

Hence, the transversal condition holds and a Hopf bifurcation occurs when $\omega = \omega_0$ and $\tau = \tau_0$.

Consequently, we gain the following results.

Theorem 1. Let $\tau_0 = \tau_{00}$ and let q_1 be defined by (15). For system (2), let (H1) hold. If $q_1 > 0$, the trivial uniform steady state E^* of system (2) is locally asymptotically stable when $\tau \geq 0$; if $q_1 < 0$, the trivial uniform steady state E^* is asymptotically stable for $0 \leq \tau < \tau_0$ and is unstable for $\tau > \tau_0$; furthermore, system (2) undergoes a Hopf bifurcation at E^* when $\tau = \tau_0$.

3. Direction and Stability of Hopf Bifurcation

In Section 2, we have demonstrated that systems (2) and (3) undergo a train of periodic solutions bifurcating from the trivial uniform steady state E^* at the critical value of τ . In this section, we derive explicit formulae to determine the properties of the Hopf bifurcation at critical value τ_0 by using the normal form theory and center manifold reduction for PFDEs. In this section, we also let the condition (H1) hold and $q_1 < 0$. And the work of Bianca and Guerrini in papers [4–7] is the founder of the method in this section.

Set $\tau = \alpha + \tau_0$. We first should normalize the delay τ by the time-scaling $t \rightarrow t/\tau$. Then, (2) can be rewritten in the fixed phase space $\ell^* = C([-1, 0], X)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}(t) &= \tau_0 \rho \Delta m(t) + \tau_0 \mathbb{Z}(E^*)(m(t)) \\ &+ f^*(m(t), \alpha), \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where $f^*: \ell^* \times R^+ \rightarrow R^2$ is defined by

$$f^*(\phi, \alpha) = \alpha \rho \Delta \phi(0) + \tau_0 \mathbb{Z}(E^*)(\phi) + (\tau_0 + \alpha) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2!} b_{12} w_{12}^2 g_2''(0) \phi_2^2(-1) + \frac{1}{3!} b_{12} w_{12}^3 g_2'''(0) \phi_2^3(-1) + \dots \\ \frac{1}{2!} b_{21} w_{21}^2 g_1''(0) \phi_1^2(-1) + \frac{1}{3!} b_{21} w_{21}^3 g_1'''(0) \phi_1^3(-1) + \dots \end{pmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

where $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2)^T \in \ell^*$.

By the discussion in Section 2, we can know that the origin $(0, 0)$ is a steady state of (24) and $\Lambda_0 = \{-i\omega_0\tau_0, i\omega_0\tau_0\}$ are a pair of simple purely imaginary eigenvalues of the linear equation

$$\dot{m}(t) = \tau_0 \rho \Delta m(t) + \tau_0 \mathbb{Z}(E^*)(m(t)) \quad (26)$$

and the functional differential equation

$$\dot{z}(t) = \tau_0 \mathbb{Z}(z_t). \quad (27)$$

On the basis of the Riesz representation theorem, there exists a function $\eta(\theta, \tau)$ of bounded variation for $\theta \in [-1, 0]$ such that

$$\mathbb{Z}(E^*)(\varphi) = \frac{1}{\tau_0} \int_{-1}^0 d\eta(\theta, \tau_0) \varphi(\theta), \quad \text{where } \varphi \in C. \quad (28)$$

Here, we choose that

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\theta, \tau_0) &= \tau_0 \begin{pmatrix} -a_1 + b_{11} w_{11} g_1'(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & -a_2 + b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \delta(\theta) \\ &- \tau_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_{12} w_{12} g_2'(\theta) \\ b_{21} w_{21} g_1'(\theta) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \delta(\theta + 1), \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

where δ is the Dirac delta function.

Let $A(\tau_0)$ denote the infinitesimal generator of the semi-group induced by the solutions of (27) and let A^* be the formal adjoint of $A(\tau_0)$ under the bilinear pairing

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi(s), \varphi(\theta) \rangle &= \psi(0) \varphi(0) \\ &- \int_{-1}^0 \int_{\xi=0}^{\theta} \psi(\xi - \theta) d\eta(\theta) \varphi(\xi) d\xi, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where $\varphi \in C^1([-1, 0], R^2)$, $\psi \in C^1([0, 1], (R^2)^*)$, $\eta(\theta) = \eta(\theta, \tau_0)$. Then, $A(\tau_0)$ and A^* are a pair of adjoint operators.

By the discussions in Section 2, we can realize that $A(\tau_0)$ has a pair of simple purely imaginary eigenvalues $\pm i\omega_0\tau_0$ and they are also eigenvalues of A^* since $A(\tau_0)$ and A^* are adjoint operators. Let P and P^* be the center spaces of $A(\tau_0)$ and A^* associated with Λ_0 , respectively. Hence, P^* is the adjoint space of P and $\dim P = \dim P^* = 2$.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \frac{b_{21} w_{21} g_1'(0) e^{-i\omega_0\tau_0}}{a_2 + i\omega_0 - b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(0)}, \\ \kappa &= \frac{b_{12} w_{12} g_2'(0) e^{i\omega_0\tau_0}}{a_2 - i\omega_0 - b_{22} w_{22} g_2'(0)}; \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

then,

$$\begin{aligned} p_1(\theta) &= e^{i\omega_0\tau_0\theta} (1, \gamma)^T, \\ p_2(\theta) &= \bar{p}_1(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

$$-1 \leq \theta \leq 0$$

is a basis of P associated with Λ_0 and

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(s) &= (1, \kappa)^T e^{-i\omega_0\tau_0 s}, \\ q_2(s) &= \bar{q}_1(s), \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

$$0 \leq s \leq 1$$

is a basis of Q associated with Λ_0 .

Let $\Phi = (\Phi_1, \Phi_2)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_1(\theta) &= \frac{p_1(\theta) + p_2(\theta)}{2}, \\ \Phi_2(\theta) &= \frac{p_1(\theta) - p_2(\theta)}{2i} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

for $\theta \in [-1, 0]$, and let $\Psi^* = (\Psi_1^*, \Psi_2^*)^T$, where

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_1^*(s) &= \frac{q_1(s) + q_2(s)}{2}, \\ \Psi_2^*(s) &= \frac{q_1(s) - q_2(s)}{2i}\end{aligned}\quad (35)$$

for $s \in [-1, 0]$.

Now we define that $(\Psi^*, \Phi) = (\Psi_j^*, \Phi_k)$, $(j, k = 1, 2)$, and construct a new basis Ψ for Q by

$$\Psi = (\Psi_1^*, \Psi_2^*)^T = (\Psi^*, \Phi)^{-1} \Psi^*. \quad (36)$$

Hence, $(\Psi, \Phi) = I_2$, which is the second-order identity matrix. Moreover, we define f_0 for $f_0 = (\beta_0^1, \beta_0^2)$ and $c \cdot f_0 = c_0\beta_0^1 + c_2\beta_0^2$ for $c = (c_1, c_2)^T \in C$. Then, the center space of linear equation (26) is given by $P_{CN}\ell^*$, where

$$P_{CN}\ell^* = \Phi(\Psi, \langle \phi, f_0 \rangle) \cdot f_0, \quad \phi \in \ell^*, \quad (37)$$

and ℓ^* denotes the complementary subspace of $P_{CN}\ell^*$, where

$$\ell^* = P_{CN}\ell^* \oplus Q. \quad (38)$$

Let A_{τ_0} be defined by

$$\begin{aligned}A_{\tau_0}\phi(\theta) &= \dot{\phi}(\theta) \\ &+ X_0(\theta) [\wp\Delta\phi(0) + \tau_0 Z(E^*)(\phi(\theta)) - \dot{\phi}(0)], \\ &\phi \in \ell^*,\end{aligned}\quad (39)$$

where $X_0 : [-1, 0] \rightarrow B(X, X)$ is given by

$$X_0(\theta) = \begin{cases} 0, & -1 \leq \theta < 0, \\ I, & \theta = 0. \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

Then, we have rewritten system (24), and it can be rewritten as follows:

$$\dot{m}(t) = A_{\tau_0}m(t) + X_0f^*(m(t), \alpha). \quad (41)$$

The solution of (24) on the center manifold is given by

$$m^*(t) = \Phi(x_1, x_2)^T \cdot f_0 + W(x_1, x_2, \alpha). \quad (42)$$

Letting $z = x_1 - ix_2$, $W = W_{20}(z^2/2) + W_{11}z\bar{z} + W_{02}(\bar{z}^2/2) + \dots$, then

$$\dot{z} = iw_0\tau_0z + g(z, \bar{z}), \quad (43)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}g(z, \bar{z}) &= (\Psi_1(0) - i\Psi_2(0)) \langle f^*(m^*(t), 0), f_0 \rangle \\ &\triangleq g_{20} \frac{z^2}{2} + g_{11}z\bar{z} + g_{02} \frac{\bar{z}^2}{2} + g_{21} \frac{z^2\bar{z}}{2} + \dots\end{aligned}\quad (44)$$

We can use some easy computations to show that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f^*(m^*(t), 0), f_0 \rangle &= \frac{\tau_0}{8} \left(c_{11}z^2 + c_{12}\bar{z}^2 + c_{13}z\bar{z} \right) \\ &+ \frac{\tau_0}{16} \left(\langle c_{01}, 1 \rangle \right) z^2\bar{z} + \dots,\end{aligned}\quad (45)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}c_{11} &= b_{12}w_{12}g_2'(0) (-a_1 + b_{11}w_{11}g_1'(0)) \gamma e^{-iw_0\tau_0}, \\ c_{12} &= b_{12}w_{12}g_2'(0) (-a_1 + b_{11}w_{11}g_1'(0)) \bar{\gamma} e^{iw_0\tau_0}, \\ c_{13} &= b_{12}w_{12}g_2'(0) (-a_1 + b_{11}w_{11}g_1'(0)) \\ &\cdot (\bar{\gamma} e^{iw_0\tau_0} + \gamma e^{-iw_0\tau_0}), \\ c_{21} &= b_{21}w_{21}g_1'(0) (-a_2 + b_{22}w_{22}g_2'(0)) \gamma e^{-iw_0\tau_0}, \\ c_{22} &= b_{21}w_{21}g_1'(0) (-a_2 + b_{22}w_{22}g_2'(0)) \bar{\gamma} e^{iw_0\tau_0}, \\ c_{23} &= b_{21}w_{21}g_1'(0) (-a_2 + b_{22}w_{22}g_2'(0)) \\ &\cdot (\gamma e^{iw_0\tau_0} + \bar{\gamma} e^{-iw_0\tau_0}), \\ c_{01} &= b_{12}w_{12}g_2'(0) (-a_1 + b_{11}w_{11}g_1'(0)) \\ &\cdot (\bar{\gamma} W_{20}^{(1)}(0) e^{iw_0\tau_0} + W_{20}^{(2)}(-1)) + 2b_{12}w_{12}g_2'(0) \\ &\cdot (-a_1 + b_{11}w_{11}g_1'(0)) \\ &\cdot (W_{11}^{(2)}(-1) + \gamma W_{11}^{(1)}(0) e^{-iw_0\tau_0}), \\ c_{02} &= b_{21}w_{21}g_1'(0) (-a_2 + b_{22}w_{22}g_2'(0)) \\ &\cdot (\bar{\gamma} W_{20}^{(1)}(-1) + W_{20}^{(2)}(0) e^{iw_0\tau_0}) + 2b_{21}w_{21}g_1'(0) \\ &\cdot (-a_2 + b_{22}w_{22}g_2'(0)) \\ &\cdot (\gamma W_{11}^{(1)}(-1) + W_{11}^{(2)}(0) e^{-iw_0\tau_0}).\end{aligned}\quad (46)$$

Setting $(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \Psi_1(0) - i\Psi_2(0)$, by calculating, we get that

$$\begin{aligned}g_{20} &= \frac{\tau_0}{4} (c_{11}\psi_1 + c_{21}\psi_2), \\ g_{02} &= \frac{\tau_0}{4} (c_{12}\psi_1 + c_{22}\psi_2), \\ g_{11} &= \frac{\tau_0}{8} (c_{13}\psi_1 + c_{23}\psi_2), \\ g_{21} &= \frac{\tau_0}{8} (\langle c_{01}, 1 \rangle \psi_1 + \langle c_{02}, 1 \rangle \psi_2).\end{aligned}\quad (47)$$

Because there are $W_{20}(\theta)$ and $W_{11}(\theta)$ in g_{21} where $\theta \in [-1, 0]$, we still need to compute them.

By [4], we know that

$$\dot{W} = A_{\tau_0}W + H(z, \bar{z}), \quad (48)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H(z, \bar{z}) &= H_{20} \frac{z^2}{2} + H_{11} z \bar{z} + H_{02} \frac{\bar{z}^2}{2} + \dots \\ &= X_0 f^*(m^*(t), 0) \\ &\quad - \Phi(\Psi, \langle X_0 f^*(m^*(t), \alpha), f_0 \rangle) \cdot f_0, \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

for $H_{ij} \in Q$, with $i + j = 2$. It follows from (43), (48), and (49) that

$$\begin{aligned} (A_{\tau_0} - 2i\omega_0\tau_0) W_{20}(\theta) &= -H_{20}(\theta), \\ A_{\tau_0} W_{11}(\theta) &= -H_{11}(\theta), \dots \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

By (49), we have that for $\theta \in [-1, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} H(z, \bar{z}) &= -\frac{1}{2} [g_{20} p_1(\theta) + \bar{g}_{02} p_2(\theta)] z^2 \cdot f_0 \\ &\quad - [g_{11} p_1(\theta) + \bar{g}_{11} p_2(\theta)] z \bar{z} \cdot f_0 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Comparing the coefficients with (49), we get that for $\theta \in [-1, 0)$

$$H_{20}(\theta) = -[g_{20} p_1(\theta) + \bar{g}_{02} p_2(\theta)] \cdot f_0, \quad (52)$$

$$H_{11}(\theta) = -[g_{11} p_1(\theta) + \bar{g}_{11} p_2(\theta)] \cdot f_0. \quad (53)$$

By (50), (52), and the definition of A_{τ_0} , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_{20}(\theta) &= 2i\omega_0\tau_0 W_{20}(\theta) + [g_{20} p_1(\theta) + \bar{g}_{02} p_2(\theta)] \\ &\quad \cdot f_0. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

Noticing that $p_1(\theta) = p_1(0)e^{i\omega_0\tau_0\theta}$, hence,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{20}(\theta) &= \left[\frac{ig_{20}}{\omega_0\tau_0} p_1(\theta) e^{i\omega_0\tau_0\theta} + \frac{i\bar{g}_{02}}{3\omega_0\tau_0} p_2(\theta) e^{-i\omega_0\tau_0\theta} \right] \cdot f_0 \\ &\quad + E_1 e^{2i\omega_0\tau_0\theta}, \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

where $E_1 = (E_1^{(1)}, E_1^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ which is a constant vector.

In a similar way, by (50) and (53), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} W_{11}(\theta) &= \left[-\frac{ig_{11}}{\omega_0\tau_0} p_1(0) e^{i\omega_0\tau_0\theta} + \frac{i\bar{g}_{11}}{\omega_0\tau_0} p_2(0) e^{-i\omega_0\tau_0\theta} \right] \cdot f_0 \\ &\quad + E_2, \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

where $E_2 = (E_2^{(1)}, E_2^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ which is also a constant vector.

In what follows, we seek appropriate E_1 and E_2 . From the definition of A_{τ_0} and (50), we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} 2i\omega_0\tau_0 W_{20}(0) - \wp \Delta W_{20}(0) - \mathbb{Z}(E^*) W_{20}(\theta) \\ = H_{20}(0), \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

$$-\wp \Delta W_{11}(0) - \mathbb{Z}(E^*) W_{11}(\theta) = H_{11}(0), \quad (58)$$

where

$$H_{20}(0) = \frac{\tau_0}{4} \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} \\ c_{21} \end{pmatrix} - [g_{20} p_1(0) + \bar{g}_{02} p_2(0)] \cdot f_0, \quad (59)$$

$$H_{11}(0) = \frac{\tau_0}{8} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} \\ c_{23} \end{pmatrix} - [g_{11} p_1(0) + \bar{g}_{11} p_2(0)] \cdot f_0. \quad (60)$$

Substituting (55) and (59) into (57), we can obtain that

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2i\omega_0\tau_0 + a_1 - b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0) & -b_{12}w_{12}g'_2(0) e^{-2i\omega_0\tau_0} \\ -b_{21}w_{21}g'_1(0) e^{-2i\omega_0\tau_0} & 2i\omega_0\tau_0 + a_2 - b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} \\ c_{21} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (61)$$

In a similar way, substituting (56) and (60) into (58), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} E_2 &= \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - b_{11}w_{11}g'_1(0) & -b_{12}w_{12}g'_2(0) \\ a_2 - b_{22}w_{22}g'_2(0) & -b_{21}w_{21}g'_1(0) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} \\ c_{23} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Therefore, we can compute the following values:

$$c_1(0) = \frac{i}{2\omega_0} \left(g_{11}g_{20} - 2|g_{11}|^2 - \frac{|g_{02}|^2}{3} \right) + \frac{g_{21}}{2},$$

$$\mu_2 = -\frac{\operatorname{Re}\{c_1(0)\}}{\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda'(\tau_0)\}},$$

$$\beta_2 = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{c_1(0)\},$$

$$T_2 = -\frac{\operatorname{Im}\{c_1(0)\} + \mu_2 \operatorname{Im}\{\lambda'(\tau_0)\}}{\omega_0}, \quad (63)$$

which determine the quantities of bifurcating periodic solutions in the center manifold at the critical value τ_0 ; that is, μ_2 determines the direction of Hopf bifurcation: the Hopf bifurcation is supercritical (subcritical) if $\mu_2 > 0$ ($\mu_2 < 0$) and the bifurcating periodic solutions exist for $\tau > \tau_0$ ($\tau <$

τ_0); β_2 determines the stability of the bifurcating periodic solutions: if $\beta_2 < 0$ ($\beta_2 > 0$), the bifurcating periodic solutions are stable (unstable); and T_2 determines the period of the bifurcating periodic solutions: the period increases (decrease) if $T_2 > 0$ ($T_2 < 0$) [8–11].

4. Numerical Simulations

In this section, in order to illustrate the results above, we will give two examples.

Example 1. In system (2), we choose that $D_1 = D_2 = 1$, $a_1 = b_{11} = 0.4$, $w_{11} = 0.6$, $a_2 = 0.3$, $b_{22} = w_{22} = 0.5$, $b_{12} = 0.3$, $b_{21} = 0.6$, $w_{12} = 2.4$, $w_{21} = 3.6$, $g_1(x) = -0.1 \tan(x)$, and $g_2(x) = \arctan(x)$; then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \Delta u - 0.4u(t, x) - 0.04 \tan(0.6u(t, x)) \\ &\quad + 0.3 \arctan(2.4v(t - \tau, x)), \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= \Delta v - 0.3v(t, x) - 0.06 \tan(3.6u(t - \tau, x)) \\ &\quad + 0.5 \arctan(0.5v(t, x)) \end{aligned} \tag{64}$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< x < 1, \\ t &> 0 \end{aligned} \tag{65}$$

with initial and Neumann boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial l} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial l} = 0, \quad t \geq 0, \quad x = 0, 1, \\ u(t, x) &= 0.5 \left(1 + \frac{t}{\pi} \right) \sin(\pi x), \\ v(t, x) &= \left(1 + \frac{t}{\pi} \right) \sin(\pi x), \end{aligned} \tag{66}$$

$$(t, x) \in [-\tau, 0] \times [0, 1].$$

What should be remarked is that we choose the parameter values stochastically under the condition $q_2 < 0$ in order to ensure the existence of Hopf bifurcation at E^* when $\tau = \tau_0$.

So, $\tau_0 = 1.9371$ and $w_0 = 0.2939$. Then, we can know on the basis of Theorem 1 that the trivial uniform steady state $E^* = (0, 0)$ is asymptotically stable when $0 \leq \tau < \tau_0$. When $\tau > \tau_0$, the steady state is unstable and a Hopf bifurcation is arising from the steady state. The numerical simulations in Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the facts.

When $\tau = \tau_0$, we get that $c_1(0) = -0.0001 + 0.0022i$; then, we can acquire that $\mu_2 > 0$ and $\beta_2 < 0$. Hence, when τ passes through τ_0 to the right ($\tau > \tau_0$), the bifurcation turns up, and the corresponding periodic orbits are orbitally asymptotically stable.

Example 2. In system (2), we choose that $D_1 = D_2 = 0.01$, $b_{21} = 0.9$, $a_2 = 0.2$, $b_{12} = 0.3$, $b_{11} = b_{22} = w_{22} = 0.5$, $a_1 =$

$w_{11} = 0.6$, $w_{12} = 2.5$, $w_{21} = 3.6$, $g_1(x) = -0.1 \tan(x)$, and $g_2(x) = \arctan(x)$; then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= 0.01 \Delta u - 0.6u(t, x) - 0.05 \tan(0.6u(t, x)) \\ &\quad + 0.3 \arctan(2.5v(t - \tau, x)), \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= 0.01 \Delta v - 0.2v(t, x) - 0.09 \tan(3.6u(t - \tau, x)) \\ &\quad + 0.5 \arctan(0.5v(t, x)) \end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< x < 1, \\ t &> 0 \end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

with initial and Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, 0) &= u(t, 1) = v(t, 0) = v(t, 1) = 0, \quad t \geq 0, \\ u(t, x) &= 0.5 \left(1 + \frac{t}{\pi} \right) \sin(\pi x), \\ v(t, x) &= \left(1 + \frac{t}{\pi} \right) \sin(\pi x), \end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

$$(t, x) \in [-\tau, 0] \times [0, 1].$$

The similar Hopf bifurcation phenomenon is illustrated by the numerical simulations in Figures 3 and 4.

5. Discussion and Research Perspective

This section is devoted to a summary of discussion and research perspective for the generalized reaction-diffusion neural network model. The model is based on the assumption that the signal transmission is of a digital (McCulloch-Pitts) nature; the model then described a combination of analog and digital signal processing in the network [12]. Depending on the modeling approaches, neural networks can be modeled either as a static neural network model or as a local field neural network model. In order to let the problem be more general in many aspects, we build a generalized reaction-diffusion neural network model which includes reaction-diffusion local field neural networks and reaction-diffusion static neural networks. For a delayed neural network, an important issue is the dynamical behaviors of the network [13]. Thus, there has been a large body of work discussing the stability and bifurcation in delayed neural network models. By analyzing the characteristic equation, we discussed the local stability of the trivial uniform of system (2) [14]. It was shown that when the delay τ varies, the trivial uniform steady state exchanges its stability and Hopf bifurcations occur. Numerical simulations illustrated the occurrence of the bifurcate periodic solutions when the delay τ passes the critical value τ_0 .

A research perspective includes the problem of determining the bifurcating periodic solutions and the stability and directions of the Hopf bifurcation using the normal

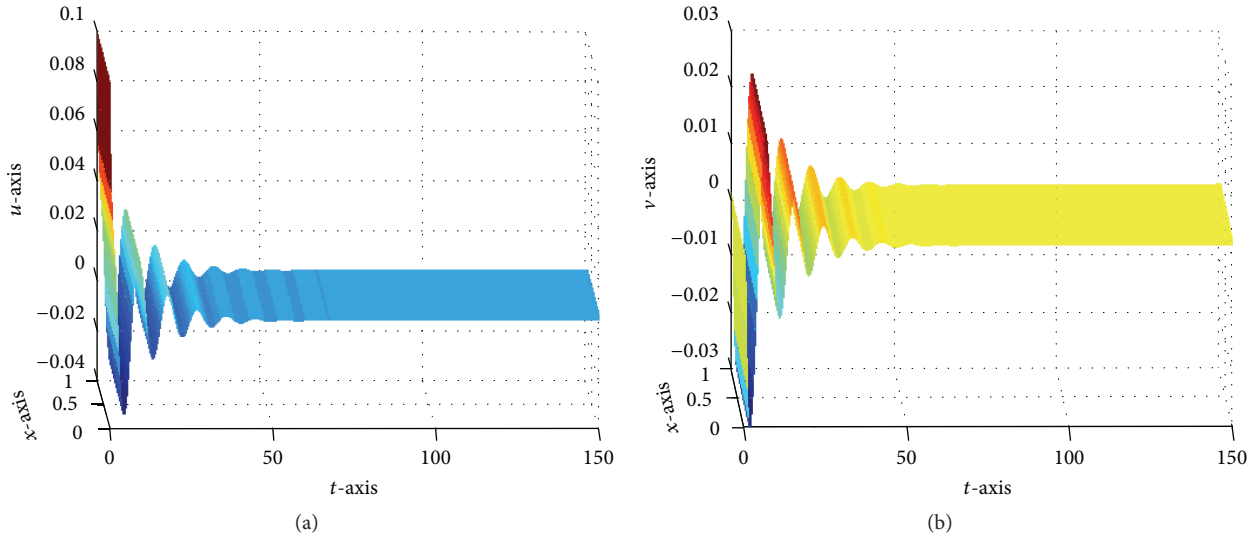


FIGURE 1: The temporal solution found by numerical integration of systems (64) and (66) with $\tau = 1.85$: (a) $u(t, x)$ and (b) $v(t, x)$.

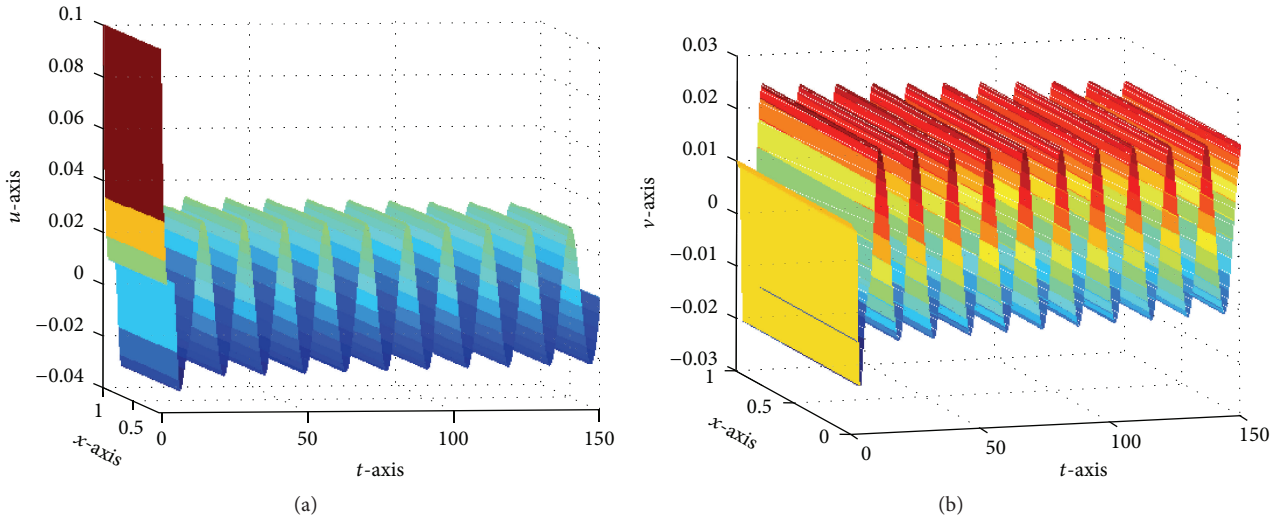


FIGURE 2: The temporal solution found by numerical integration of systems (64) and (66) with $\tau = 4.25$: (a) $u(t, x)$ and (b) $v(t, x)$.

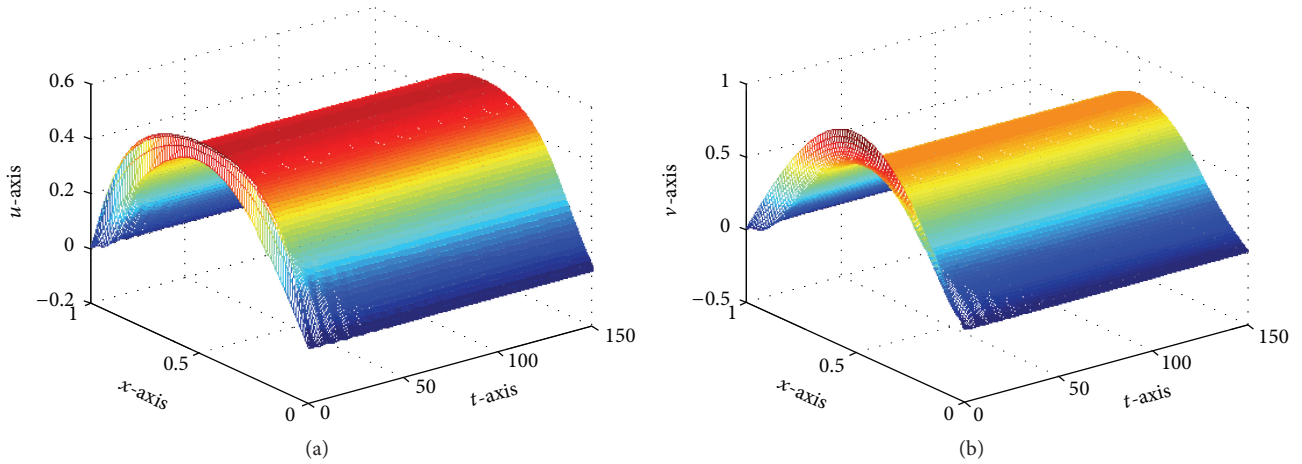


FIGURE 3: The temporal solution found by numerical integration of systems (67) and (69) with $\tau = 1.25$: (a) $u(t, x)$ and (b) $v(t, x)$.

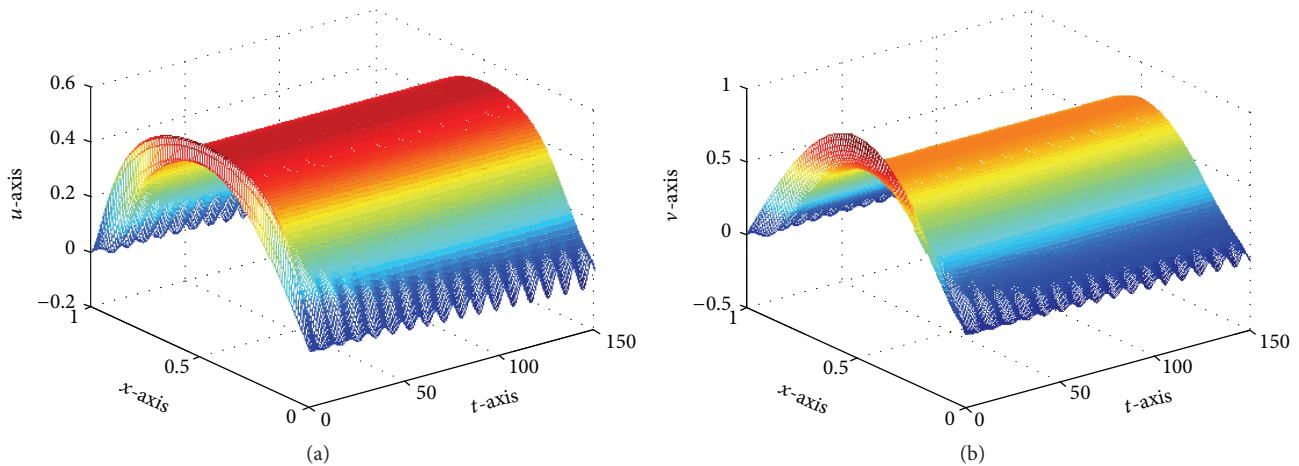


FIGURE 4: The temporal solution found by numerical integration of systems (67) and (69) with $\tau = 2.05$: (a) $u(t, x)$ and (b) $v(t, x)$.

form theory and the center manifold reaction. A challenging perspective is the comparison of the generalized model introduced in the present paper with the experimentally measurable quantities. Indeed, the mathematical models should reproduce both qualitatively and quantitatively empirical data (see [4]).

Conflict of Interests

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this paper.

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