

Is swimming a limit cycle?

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THIS IS A BOARD TALK (GET CLOSE)

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Does this make sense?

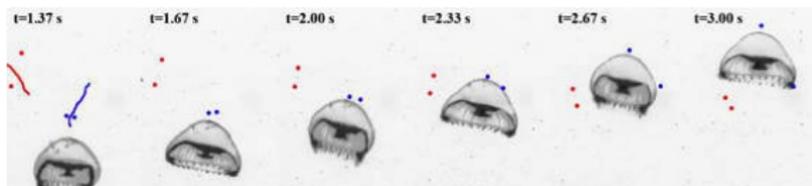


Figure : figure courtesy Kakani Katija

Courtesy Nikita Nester

Figure : Jellyfish in Palau (video by Naoki Inoue posted on YouTube Feb 2007)

The Averaging Theorem

Theorem

Let

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$

be a dynamical system with an asymptotically stable fixed point at x_0 . Then for any T -periodic vector field, $g(x, t)$, the dynamical systems

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + \epsilon g(x, t)$$

admits a limit cycle near x_0 with period T for sufficiently small ϵ .

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¹Guckenheimer & Holmes, *Nonlinear Oscillations and Chaos*, 2nd Ed, Springer (1983).

The passive system has a stable point

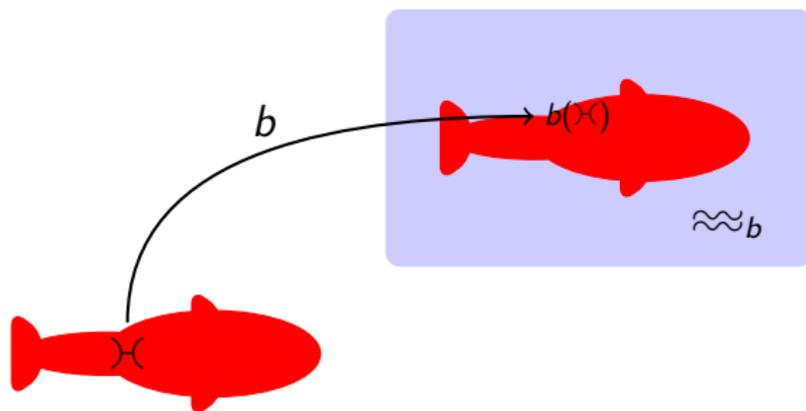
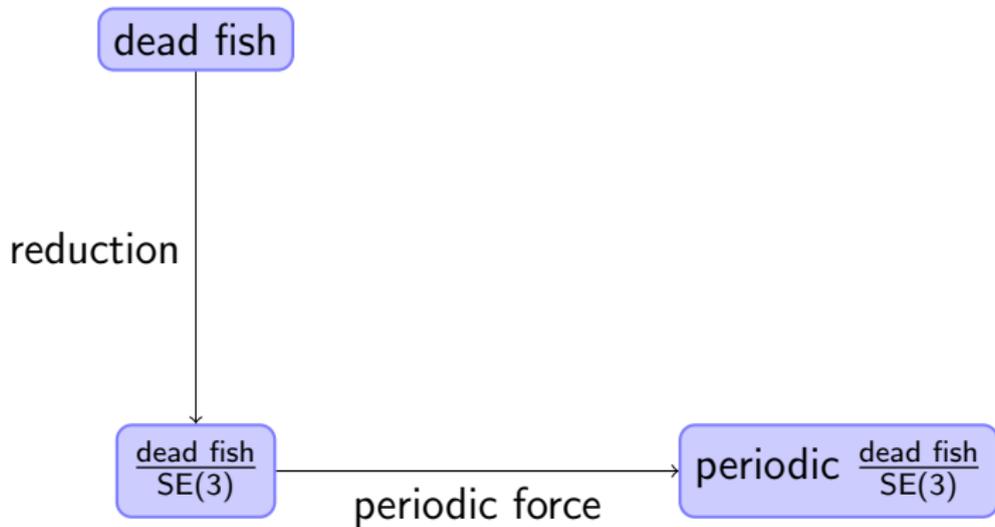


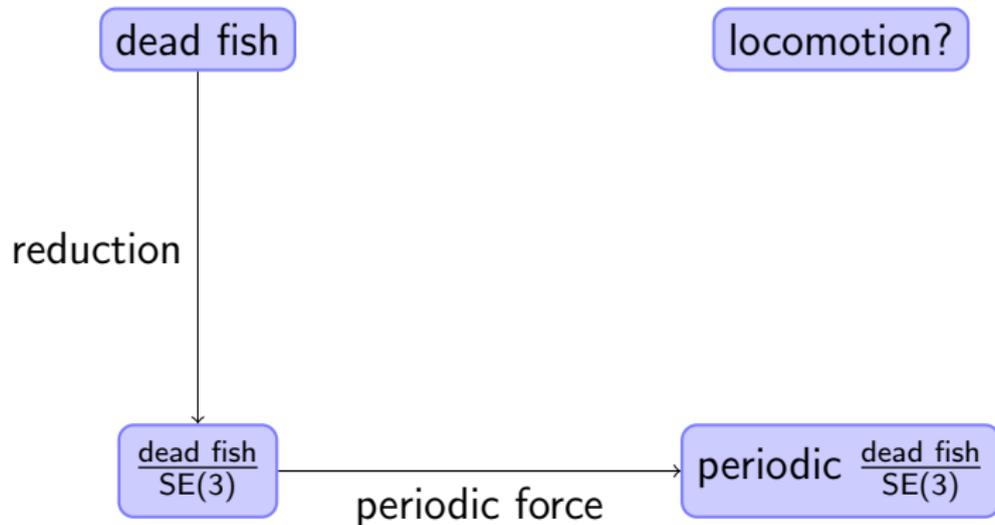
Figure : embedding of a dead fish in \mathbb{R}^3

a motionless corpse in stagnant water is a stable state.

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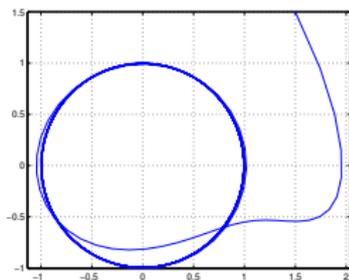


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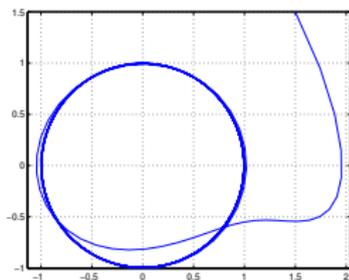


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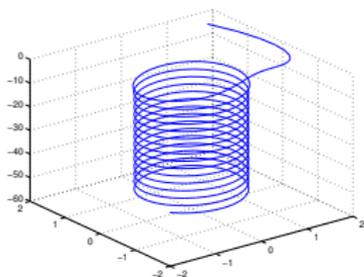
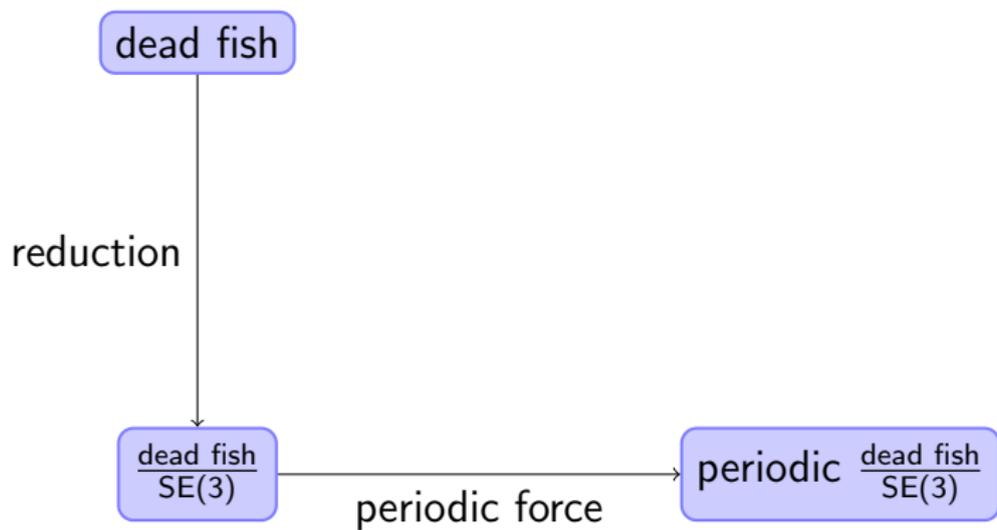
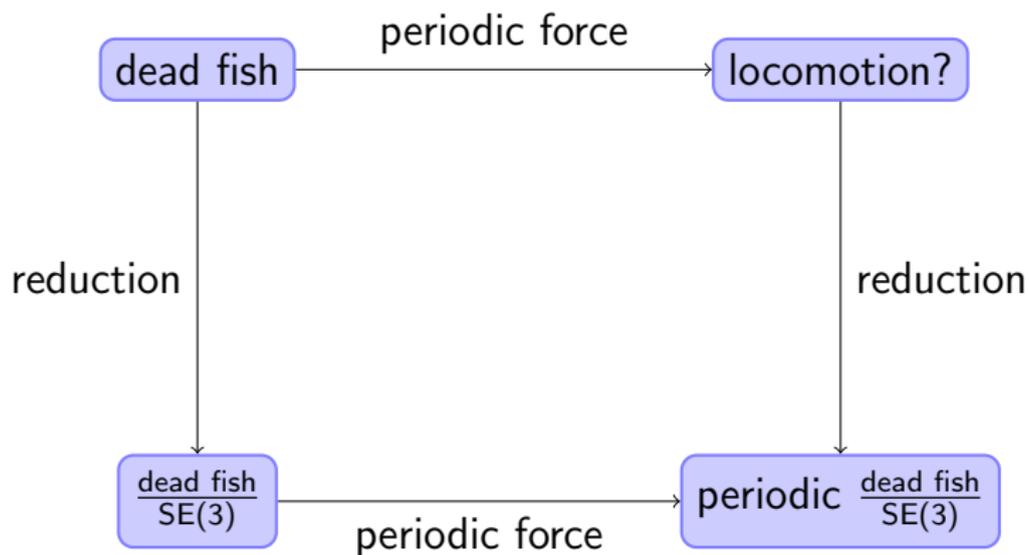


Figure : unreduced trajectory

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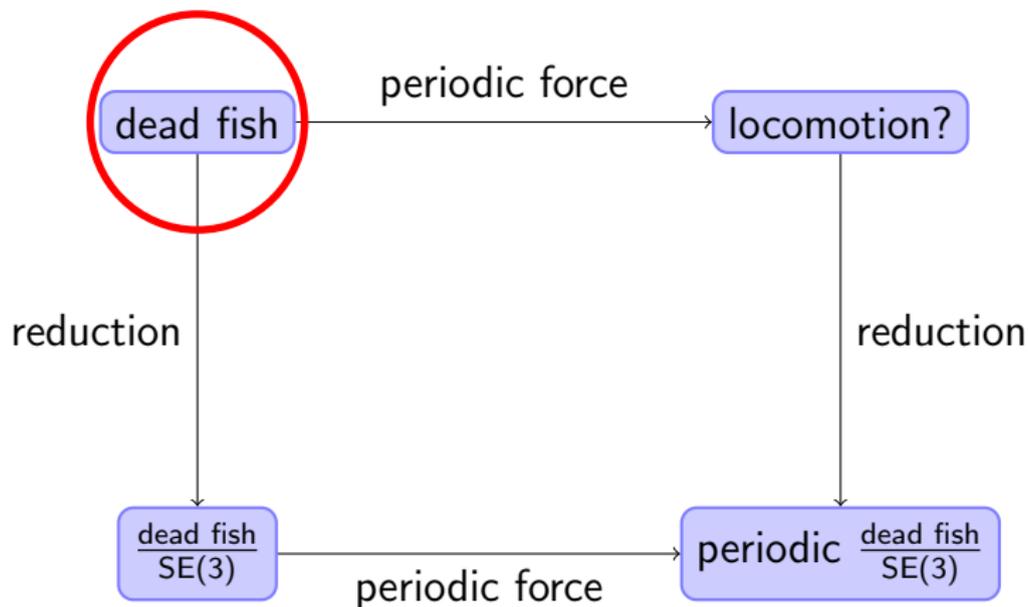
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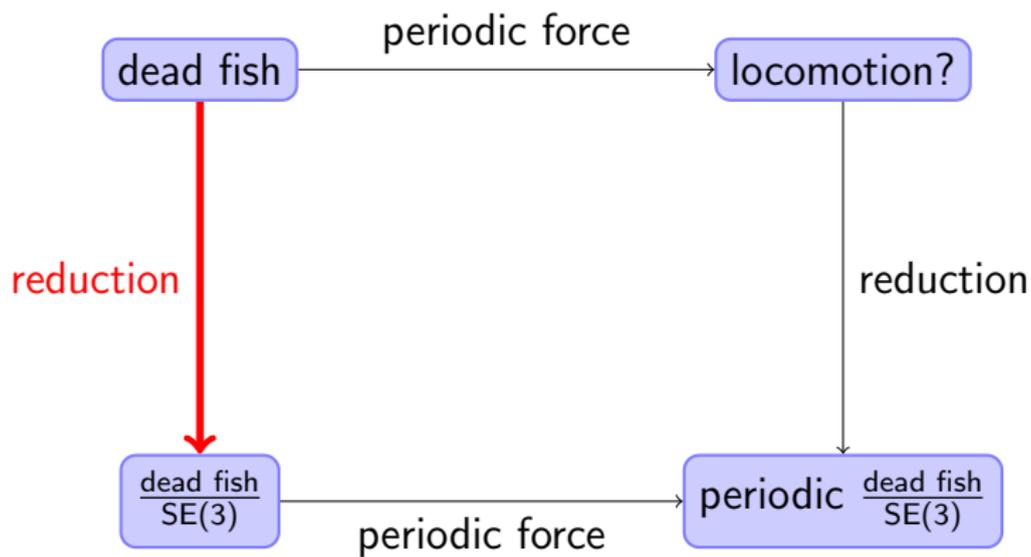
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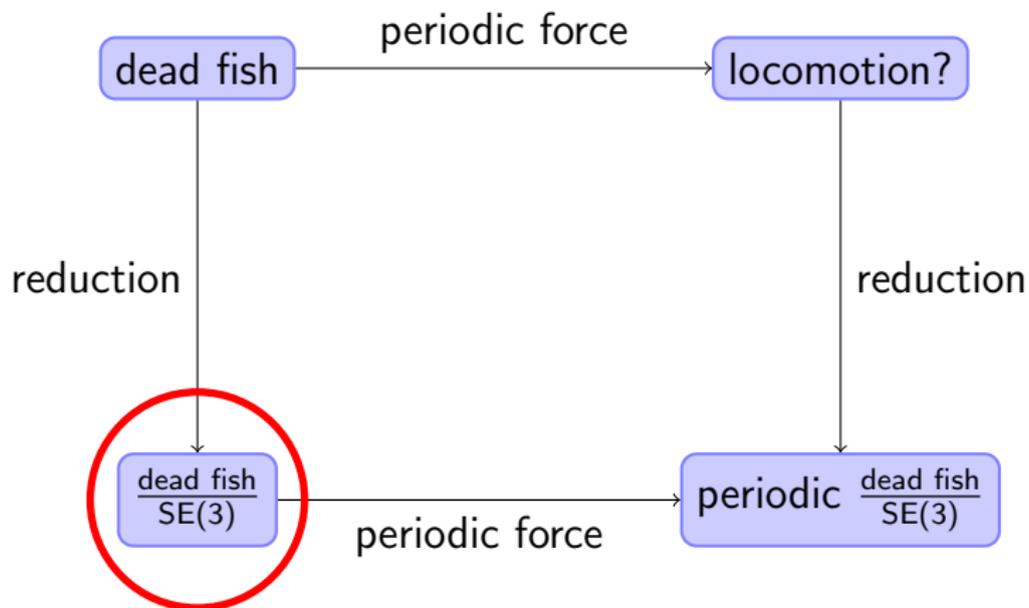
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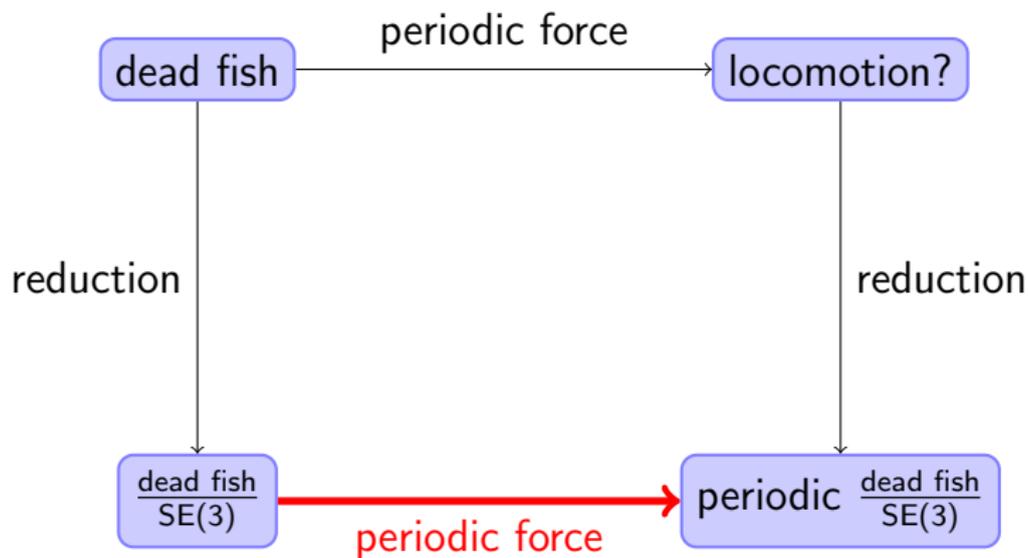
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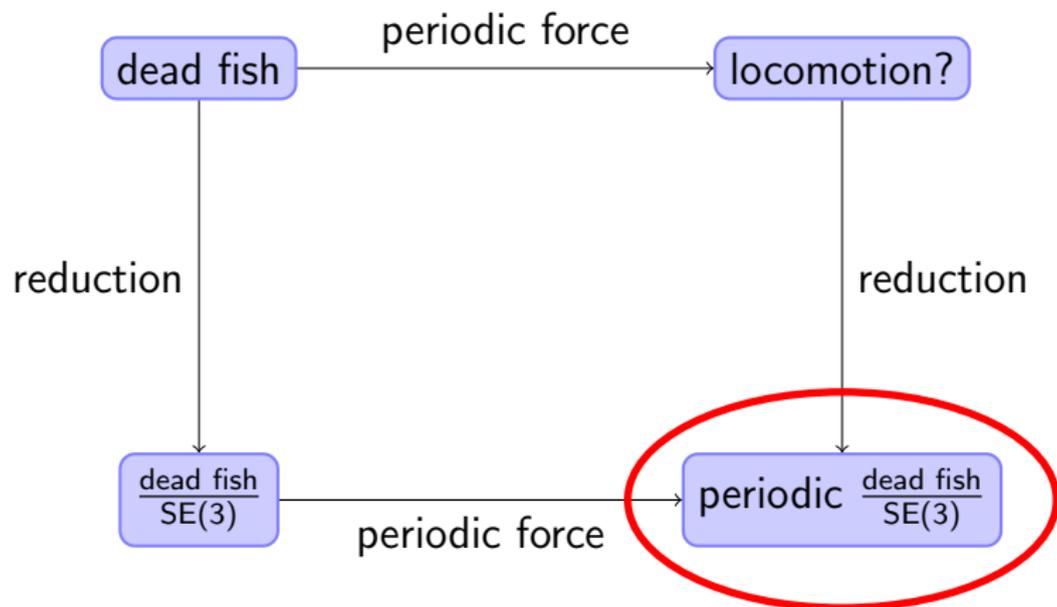
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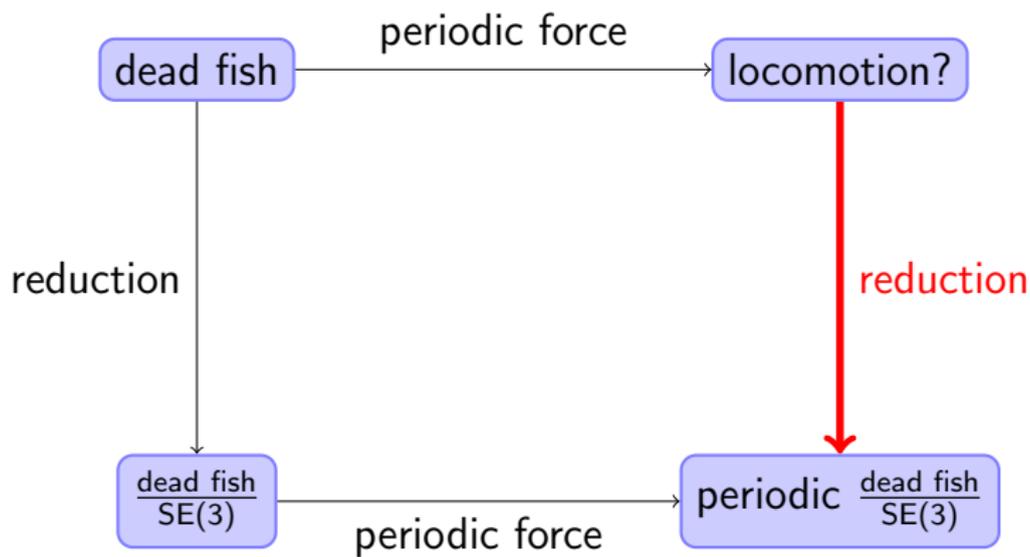
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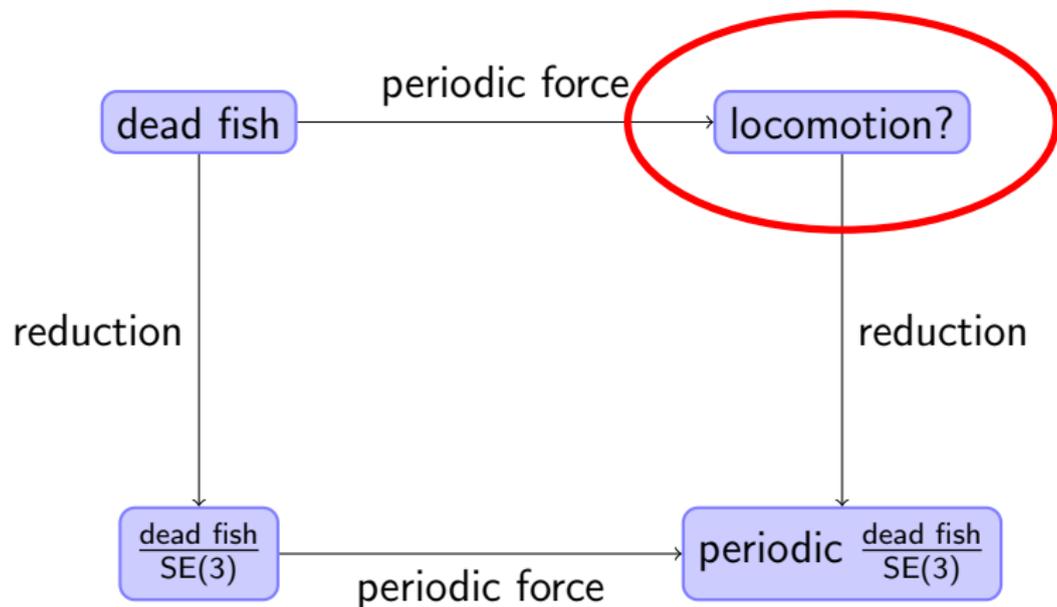
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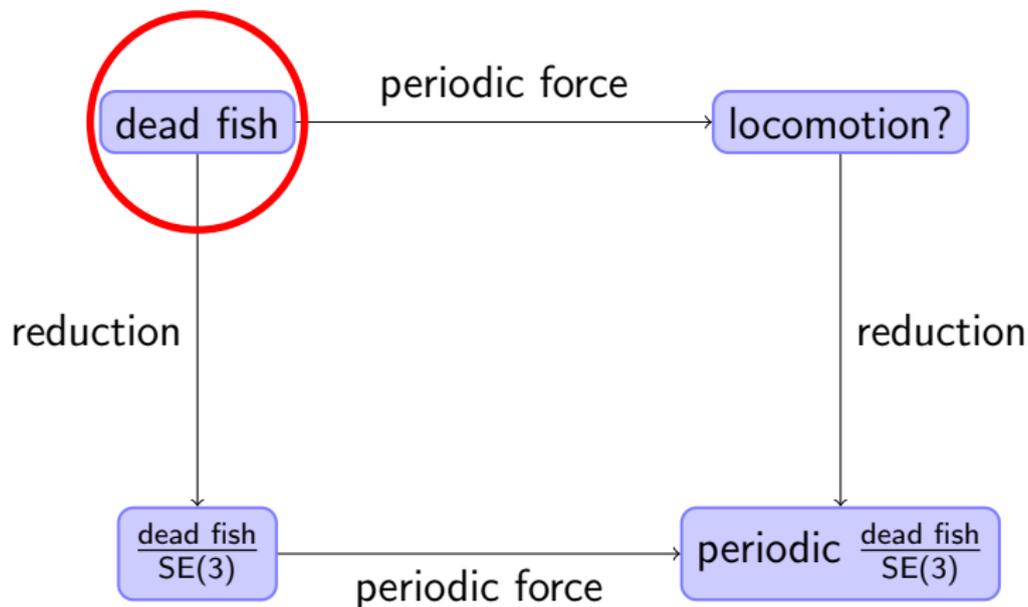


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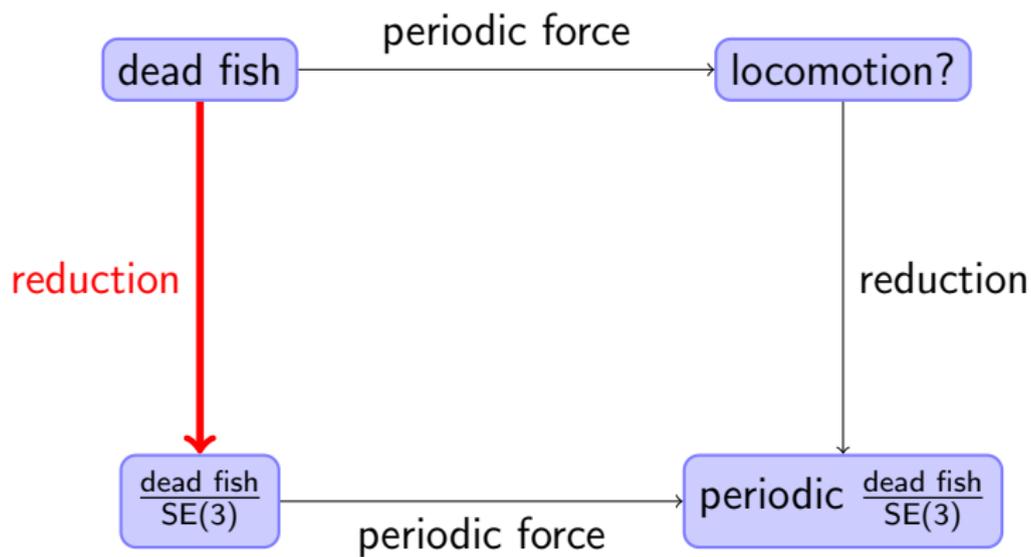


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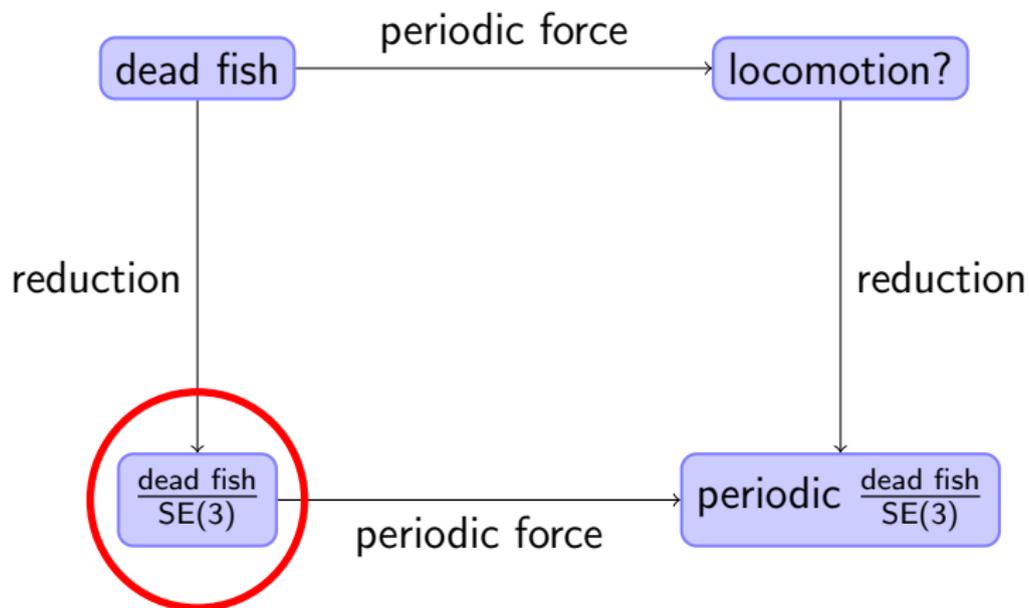
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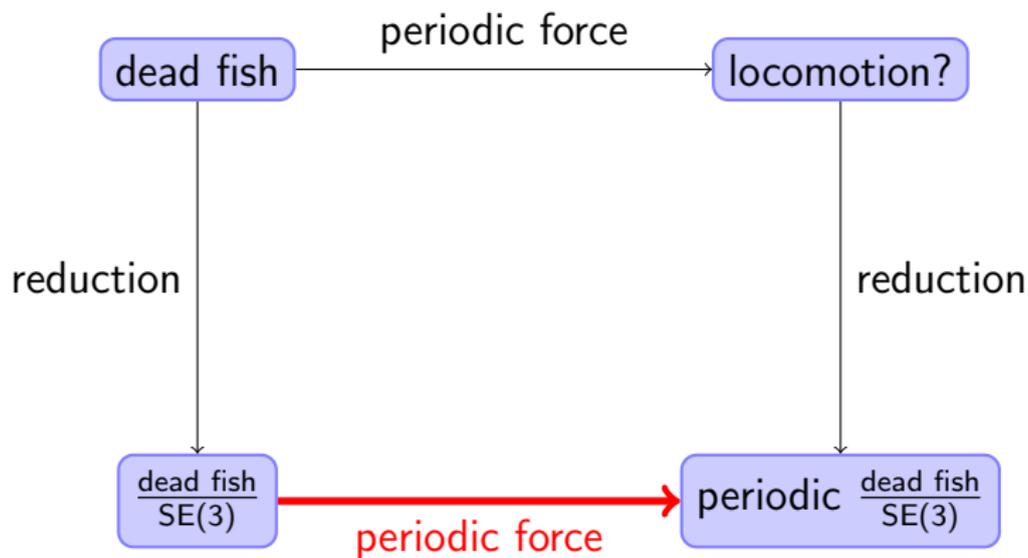
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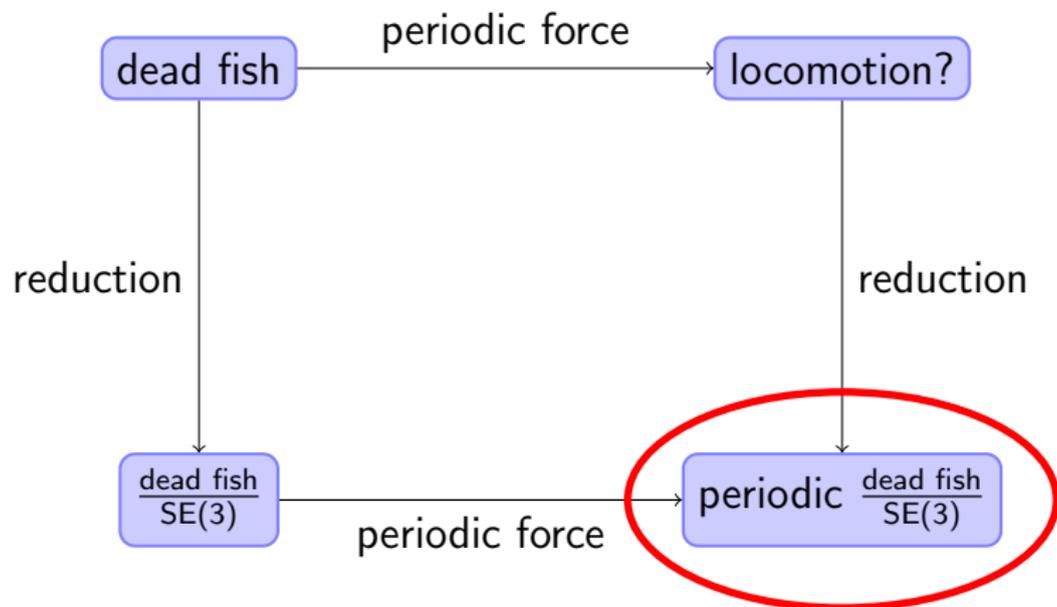
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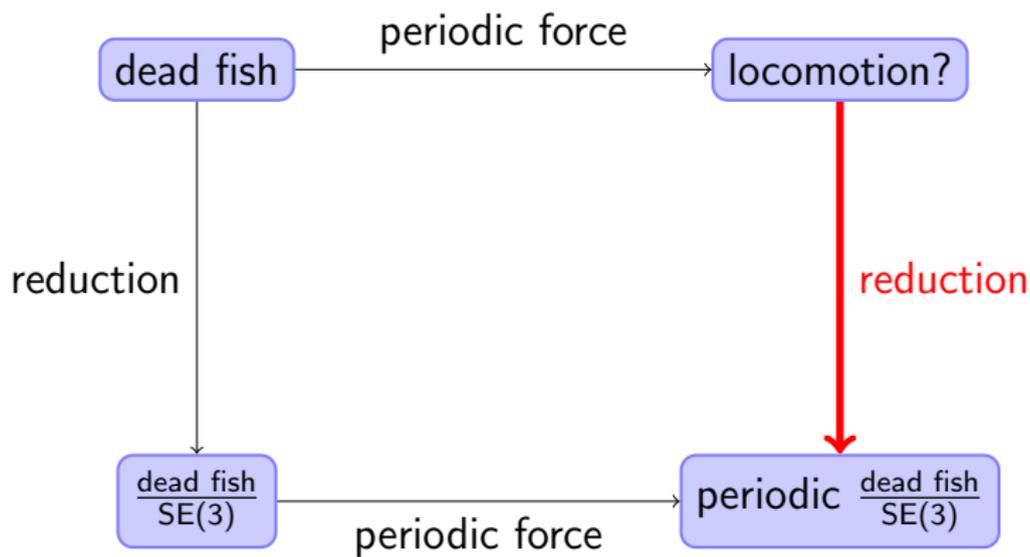
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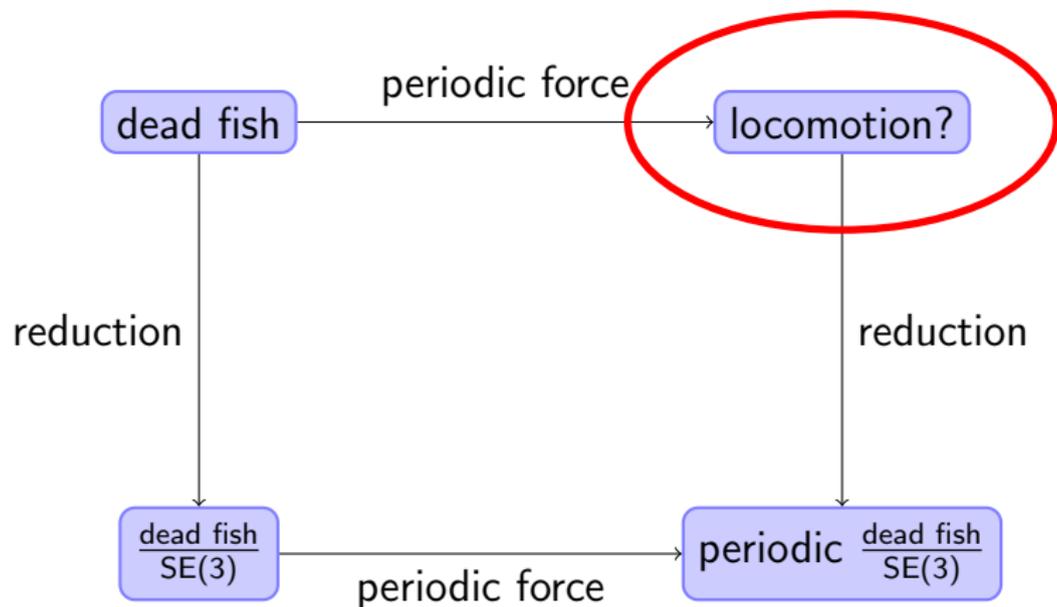
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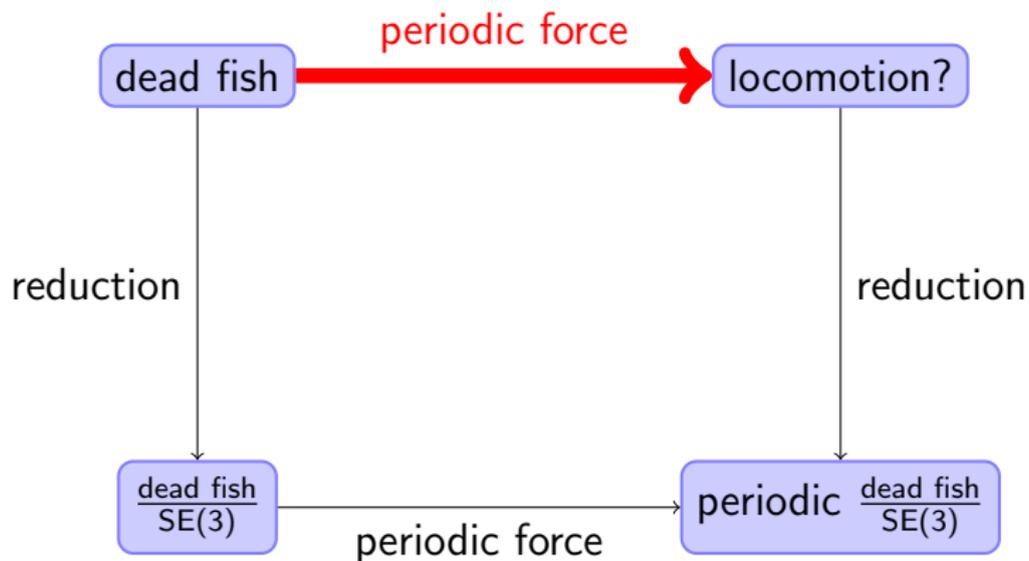
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Some sad news

The Averaging theorem requires that we be in a Banach space.
Here are some musings

1. We can use the completion of Q ? This involves non-differentiable mappings.
2. We can search for a set of feasible perturbations?
3. We may construct a sequence of finite dimensional models.

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