# Effects of viscoelasticity on a two-link filament model

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# What do we want to know?

"How does fluid elasticity affect the flagellar beat of microscopic swimmers?"

# What does it mean to swim?

"...You are put in some liquid and are allowed to deform your body in some manner." -Purcell (1976)

Cyclic deformation (strokes) is optimal to keep swimming.



Macroscopic Scale



**Microscopic Scale** 

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# Flagella and Cilia



Flagella and cilia are tail or hairlike filaments on microscopic swimming organisms. They propel the organisms through fluid by generating beats.



Dynein motors along the flagella/cilia cause them to bend. "Beats" result from coupled reactions from the surrounding fluid, elastic forces of the bending filament, and molecular motor activity.

# **Complex Fluids - Fluid Elasticity**



Rod Climbing



Shear Thickening

Complex fluids have a nonlinear relationship between stress and strain. So, they don't behave like Newtonian fluids.

- Often mixtures; have polymers
- Viscosity isn't constant
- Normal stresses from shearing
- Elastic recoil
- Yield Stress

But modeling all these affects to the movements of an elastic filament is tricky... So, we considered a simpler model.

# Follower Force Model in a Viscous Fluid



Motion of a flagella is influenced by a number of aspects due to its complex internal structure, we can simplify this by considering a tangential, follower force that is acting on the tip of the flagella.



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#### Equations of Motion for continuous vs two-link model



# Dynamics are similar for two-link model



 $\sigma$  and  $\Sigma$  - ratio between strength of follower force and elastic force

Real part of  $\omega$  represents growth rate, imaginary part of  $\omega$  represents frequency

=>Higher order and lower order modeling of the filament yield similar dynamics, so we will continue with the two link model to understand the effect of viscoelasticity



# Variables of Two-link Model

Locations of points A and B:  $r_A = A - O = l(\cos \theta_1, \sin \theta_1)$  $r_B = B - O = l(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2, \sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_2)$ 

Velocities of points A and B:

$$v_A = \dot{r}_A = l\dot{\theta}_1(-\sin\theta_1,\cos\theta_2)$$
  

$$v_B = \dot{r}_B = l[\dot{\theta}_1(-\sin\theta_1,\cos\theta_1) + \dot{\theta}_2(-\sin\theta_2,\cos\theta_1)]$$



Follower Force:

 $\Gamma = -\Gamma \hat{t}$  where  $\Gamma > 0$  is the magnitude and  $\hat{t} = (\cos \theta_2, \sin \theta_2)$  is the unit tangent vector that joins points A and B.

Torsional Springs Restoring Moments:  $M_O = -k\theta_1$  at point O  $M_A = -k(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$  at point A

# With this set up in mind, we

- Derived equations of motion for the two-link filament in both viscous (DeCanio) and viscoelastic fluids
- Numerically simulated the nonlinear systems
- Ran linear stability analysis and
- Tried to find the expected value of the frequency of filament oscillations in the viscoelastic case

To find "How does viscoelasticity affect the oscillations of a two-link model?"

# Viscous Equations of Motion with Nondimensionalization

Applied the principle of virtual work:

$$\Gamma \cdot \delta r_B + F_B \cdot \delta r_B + F_A \cdot \delta r_A - k\theta_1 \delta \theta_1 - k(\theta_1 - \theta_2)(\delta \theta_1 - \delta \theta_2) = 0$$
Fluid viscous forces = drag forces:  $F_A = -\zeta v_A$ ,  $F_B = -\zeta v_B$ .

Nondimensional scaling:
$$\Sigma=rac{\Gamma l}{k}$$
,  $\hat{t}=rac{kt}{\zeta l^2}$ .

Separating the arbitrary  $\delta\theta_1$  and  $\delta\theta_2$  yielded the nonlinear system  $\sum \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - [2\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)] - 2\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 0$   $-\dot{\theta}_1 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - \dot{\theta}_2 + \theta_1 - \theta_2 = 0$ 

#### Viscous model solved in Matlab using ode45













# Linearization for viscous case

Linearized the system of equations about  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 0$ .

Applied the Taylor Series for sin(x) and cos(x) for when x is small:

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \cdots$$



Linearized System of Equations:

1. 
$$\Sigma(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - (2\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) - 2\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 0$$

$$2. -\dot{\theta}_1 - \dot{\theta}_2 + \theta_1 - \theta_2 = 0$$

## Linear Stability Analysis

Applied solution 
$$\theta_i = \hat{\theta}_i e^{\omega \tilde{t}}$$
:  

$$\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) - \omega(2\hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_2) - 2\hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_2 = 0$$

$$-\omega(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) + \hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2 = 0$$

Separating the equations by  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  yielded the matrix system

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\Sigma - 2\omega - 2) & (-\Sigma - \omega + 1) \\ (-\omega + 1) & (-\omega - 1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta}_1 \\ \hat{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With the determinant zero, the solution for  $\omega$  was

$$\omega_{\pm} = \Sigma - 3 \pm \sqrt{(\Sigma - 4)(\Sigma - 2)}$$

# Stability Analysis results



- 1.  $\Sigma \le 2 \Rightarrow \omega_{\pm} < 0 \Rightarrow$  system is stable 2.  $2 < \Sigma < 3 \Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(\omega_{\pm}) < 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(\omega_{\pm}) \neq 0$  $\Rightarrow$  decaying oscillations
- $\Sigma$ =3  $\Rightarrow$  Re( $\omega_+$ )=0 and Im( $\omega_+$ )≠0  $\Rightarrow$ 3. system is stable with periodic oscillations
- $3 < \Sigma < 4 \Rightarrow \text{Re}(\omega_+) > 0 \text{ and } \text{Im}(\omega_+) \neq 0$ 4.  $\Rightarrow$  exponentially growing oscillations

5. 
$$\Sigma \ge 4 \Rightarrow \omega_{\pm} > 0 \Rightarrow$$
 system is unstable





# What is Hopf Bifurcation?

A textbook definition:

"The appearance or the disappearance of a periodic orbit through a local change in the stability properties of a steady point."

#### Linear Stability

- Exponential decay stops and changes to exponential growth, and the oscillations change from stable to unstable when Re( $\omega$ ±) = 0, leaving constant oscillations of frequency  $\frac{Im(\omega_{\pm})}{2\pi}$ .

# Hopf Bifurcation: Viscous

Linear Analysis Solution:  $\omega_{\pm} = \Sigma - 3 \pm \sqrt{(\Sigma - 4)(\Sigma - 2)}$ Real Part:  $\Sigma - 3$ So,  $\Sigma - 3 = 0$  $\Sigma = 3$ 



# **Viscoelastic Fluid Properties**

- Possess both fluid and solid properties
  - Viscosity- fluid property; measure of resistance to flow
  - Elasticity- solid property; ability to resume original shape after deformation
- Stress ( $\sigma$ ) and is a function of strain ( $\epsilon$ ) and strain rate

 $\circ \sigma = \sigma(\epsilon, \dot{\epsilon})$ 

# Maxwell Model

Linear arrangement of spring and dashpot

• Stress is equal throughout

 $\circ \sigma = \sigma_s = \sigma_d$ 

• Strain is additive

 $\circ$   $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_s + \varepsilon_d$ 

$$\eta \dot{\sigma} + E\sigma = E\eta \dot{\epsilon}$$



# Changing Drag Force

Maxwell Model:

$$\eta \dot{\sigma} + E \sigma = E \eta \dot{\epsilon} \Rightarrow \lambda \dot{\sigma} + \sigma = F_{viscous}$$
  
 $\lambda = \frac{\eta}{E}$ : the fluid relaxation time,  $F_{viscous} = \eta \dot{\epsilon}$   
Viscoelastic forces:  $F_A \rightarrow \sigma_A + F_B \rightarrow \sigma_B$   
 $\sigma_A = (\sigma_{Ax}, \sigma_{Ay}) \qquad \sigma_B = (\sigma_{Bx}, \sigma_{By})$ 

Evolution of drag forces overtime:

$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_A = -\zeta v_A - \sigma_A$$

$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_B = -\zeta v_B - \sigma_B$$

# Viscoelastic equations of Motion

Principle of virtual work and fluid viscous forces:  $\Gamma \cdot \delta r_B + \sigma_B \cdot \delta r_B + \sigma_A \cdot \delta r_A - k\theta_1 \delta \theta_1 - k(\theta_1 - \theta_2)(\delta \theta_1 - \delta \theta_2) = 0$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_A + \sigma_A = -\eta v_A$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_B + \sigma_B = -\eta v_B$ 

Initial nonlinear system:

$$-\Gamma l \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + l[-(\sigma_{A_x} + \sigma_{B_x})\sin\theta_1 + (\sigma_{A_y} + \sigma_{B_y})\cos\theta_1] + k(\theta_2 - 2\theta_1) = 0$$
$$l[-\sigma_{B_x}\sin\theta_2 + \sigma_{B_y}\cos\theta_2] - k(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = 0$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_x} + \sigma_{A_x} = \zeta l \dot{\theta}_1 \sin\theta_1$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_y} + \sigma_{A_y} = -\zeta l \dot{\theta}_1 \cos\theta_1$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_x} + \sigma_{B_x} = \zeta l (\dot{\theta}_1 \sin\theta_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \sin\theta_2)$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_y} + \sigma_{B_y} = -\zeta l (\dot{\theta}_1 \cos\theta_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \cos\theta_2)$$

# Linearization

Linearized about  $\theta_1=\theta_2=0$  with Taylor Series  $\sin(x)=x$  and  $\cos(x)=1$ 

$$-\Gamma l(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + l(\sigma_{A_x} + \sigma_{B_x}) + k(\theta_2 - 2\theta_1) = 0$$
$$l\sigma_{B_y} - k(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = 0$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_x} + \sigma_{A_x} = 0$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_y} + \sigma_{A_y} = -\zeta l \dot{\theta}_1$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_x} + \sigma_{B_x} = 0$$
$$\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_y} + \sigma_{B_y} = -\zeta l (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)$$

# Nondimensionalization

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Scaling substitutions:  $t = T\hat{t}$ ,  $\sigma = \tilde{\Sigma}\hat{\sigma}$ , and  $\theta = \alpha\hat{\theta}$ .

$$-\Gamma l\alpha(\hat{\theta}_{2} - \hat{\theta}_{1}) + l\tilde{\Sigma}(\hat{\sigma}_{A_{y}} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_{y}}) + k\alpha(\hat{\theta}_{1} - 2\hat{\theta}_{2}) = 0$$
$$l\tilde{\Sigma}\hat{\sigma}_{B_{y}} - k\alpha(\hat{\theta}_{2} - \hat{\theta}_{1}) = 0$$
$$\lambda\tilde{\Sigma}\frac{1}{T}\dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{A_{y}} + \tilde{\Sigma}\hat{\sigma}_{A_{y}} = -\zeta l\alpha\frac{1}{T}\dot{\hat{\theta}}_{1}$$
$$\lambda\tilde{\Sigma}\frac{1}{T}\dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{B_{y}} + \tilde{\Sigma}\hat{\sigma}_{B_{y}} = -\zeta l\alpha\frac{1}{T}(\dot{\hat{\theta}}_{1} + \dot{\hat{\theta}}_{2})$$

Divided equations 1 and 2 by k $\alpha$ , 3 and 4 by  $\tilde{\Sigma}$ .

$$-\frac{\Gamma l}{k}(\hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1) + \frac{l\tilde{\Sigma}}{k\alpha}(\hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y}) + (\hat{\theta}_1 - 2\hat{\theta}_2) = 0$$

$$\frac{l\tilde{\Sigma}}{k\alpha}\hat{\sigma}_{B_y} - (\hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0$$

$$\lambda \frac{1}{T} \dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} = -\frac{\zeta l\alpha}{\tilde{\Sigma}} \frac{1}{T} \dot{\hat{\theta}}_1$$

$$\lambda \frac{1}{T} \dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{B_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} = -\frac{\zeta l\alpha}{\tilde{\Sigma}} \frac{1}{T} (\dot{\hat{\theta}}_1 + \dot{\hat{\theta}}_2)$$

# **Scaling Factors**

Scaling factors: 
$$T = \frac{\zeta l^2}{k}$$
,  $\tilde{\Sigma} = \frac{k\alpha}{l}$ ,  $\Sigma = \frac{\Gamma l}{k}$ ,  $\Lambda = \frac{k\lambda}{\zeta l^2}$ 

Nondimensionalized linear system:

$$\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) + (\hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y}) + (\hat{\theta}_1 - 2\hat{\theta}_2) = 0$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{B_y} - (\hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0$$
$$\Lambda \dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} = -\dot{\hat{\theta}}_1$$
$$\Lambda \dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{B_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} = -(\dot{\hat{\theta}}_1 + \dot{\hat{\theta}}_2)$$

Viscoelastic Linear Stability Analysis Assumed solutions  $\theta_j = \hat{\theta}_j e^{\omega \hat{t}}$  and  $\sigma_j = \hat{\sigma}_j e^{\omega \hat{t}}$ .

$$\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) + (\hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y}) + (\hat{\theta}_1 - 2\hat{\theta}_2) = 0$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{B_y} - (\hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0$$
$$\Lambda \omega \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} = -\omega \hat{\theta}_1$$
$$\Lambda \omega \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} = -(\omega \hat{\theta}_1 + \omega \hat{\theta}_2)$$

Separating the equations by  $\hat{\theta}_1$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_2$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_{A_y}$ , and  $\hat{\sigma}_{B_y}$  yielded the matrix system

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\Sigma-2) & (-\Sigma+1) & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \omega & 0 & (\Lambda\omega+1) & 0 \\ \omega & \omega & 0 & (\Lambda\omega+1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta}_1 \\ \hat{\theta}_2 \\ \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} \\ \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With the determinant zero, the solution for  $\omega$  was

$$\omega_{\pm} = \frac{\Sigma - \Lambda - 3 \pm \sqrt{(\Sigma - 4)(\Sigma - 2)}}{-2\Sigma\Lambda + \Lambda^2 + 6\Lambda + 1}$$

# Hopf Bifurcation: Linear Relationship between $\Sigma$ and $\Lambda$

Viscoelastic Linear Result:



# Results of stability analysis are consistent with linear relationship



# **Predicting Frequency along Bifurcation Points**

Substituting  $\Sigma=\Lambda+3$  in  $\mathcal{W}\pm$  yielded

$$\omega_{\pm} = \frac{0 \pm \sqrt{(\Lambda - 1)(\Lambda + 1)}}{-\Lambda^2 + 1}$$

This predicts frequency of oscillations at the hopf bifurcation points with varying  $\Lambda$ :



# Model of Nonlinear System

System of DAEs- 4 DEs and 2 mechanical constraint equations 
$$\begin{split} &\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{Ax} - \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1 = -\sigma_{Ax} \\ &\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{Ay} + \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1 = -\sigma_{Ay} \\ &\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{Bx} - \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1 - \dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2 = -\sigma_{Bx} \\ &\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{By} + \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2 = -\sigma_{By} \\ &-\Sigma \sin(\theta_2 - \theta_1) - (\sigma_{A_x} + \sigma_{B_x}) \sin \theta_1 + (\sigma_{A_y} + \sigma_{B_y}) \cos \theta_1 + \theta_2 - 2\theta_1 = 0 \\ &-\sin \theta_2 \sigma_{B_x} + \cos \theta_2 \sigma_{B_y} - \theta_2 + \theta_1 = 0 \end{split}$$

# What is a DAE?

Differential Algebraic System of Equations:

- Type of differential equations where one or more derivatives of dependent variables are not present in the equations.
- Variables are *algebraic* if they do not have their derivative in the equations, and the presence of algebraic variables means that you cannot translate the equations in the explicit form y'=f(t,y)

Matlab ODE Solver ODE45 could not solve our nonlinear equations.

DAE solvers: ODE15i and ODE15s.

# Mass matrix for nonlinear system

Need M such that My'=F(y, T)

# Viscoelastic model solved in Matlab using ode15s When A=0, we recover viscous model:



Fluid elasticity changes oscillation pattern for fixed  $\Sigma$ 

Σ=3.3:



# Fluid elasticity changes oscillation pattern for fixed $\Sigma$ = 3.3:



# Issues with Maxwell Model

- Model breaks down for large  $\Sigma$  values
- We jump straight from a purely viscous to purely viscoelastic fluid
  - We want a way to smoothly transition between the two
- ... So we considered a new model!

# Oldroyd-B Viscoelastic Model

Complex fluids have a total stress comprised of the fluid and polymer parts

$$\tau = \tau_f + \tau_p$$

With the Maxwell model, we considered just the viscosity of the polymers.

With this model, we consider both fluid and polymer viscosity:

$$F_B = -\zeta_f l[\dot{\theta}_1(-\sin(\theta_1),\cos(\theta_1)) + \dot{\theta}_2(-\sin(\theta_2),\cos(\theta_2))]$$
  
$$\sigma_b = -\lambda((\dot{\sigma}_{B_x},\dot{\sigma}_{B_y}) + \frac{\zeta_p}{\lambda}[\dot{\theta}_1(-\sin(\theta_1),\cos(\theta_1)) + \dot{\theta}_2(-\sin(\theta_2),\cos(\theta_2))]$$

\*Similar changes for  $F_A$  and  $\sigma_A$ .

# **Oldroyd-B Equations of Motion**

Principle of virtual work and fluid viscous forces:  $\Sigma \cdot \delta r_B + F_B \cdot \delta r_B + \sigma_B \cdot \delta r_B + F_A \cdot \delta r_A + \sigma_A \cdot \delta r_A - k\theta_1 \delta \theta_1 - k(\theta_1 - \theta_2)(\delta \theta_1 - \delta \theta_2) = 0$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_A + \sigma_A = F_A$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_B + \sigma_B = F_B$ 

Initial nonlinear system:

 $-\Gamma l \sin(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + l(-\sin\theta_1(\sigma_{A_x} + \sigma_{B_x}) + \cos\theta_1(\sigma_{A_y} + \sigma_{B_y})) - 2\zeta_f l^2 \dot{\theta}_1 - \zeta_f l^2 \dot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - 2k\theta_1 + k\theta_2 = 0$   $l(-\sin\theta_2 \sigma_{B_x} + \cos\theta_2 \sigma_{B_y}) - \zeta_f l^2 (\dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_1 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)) - k(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = 0$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_x} + \sigma_{A_x} = \zeta_p l \dot{\theta}_1 \sin\theta_1$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_y} + \sigma_{A_y} = -\zeta_p l \dot{\theta}_1 \cos\theta_1$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_x} + \sigma_{B_x} = \zeta_p l (\dot{\theta}_1 \sin\theta_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \sin\theta_2)$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_y} + \sigma_{B_y} = -\zeta_p l (\dot{\theta}_1 \cos\theta_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \cos\theta_2)$ 

## Linearization

Assuming  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 0$ ,  $\cos(x) = 1$ , and  $\sin(x) = x$ ;  $-\Gamma l(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + l(\sigma_{A_y} + \sigma_{B_y}) - 2\zeta_p l^2 \dot{\theta}_1 - \zeta_p l^2 \dot{\theta}_2 + k(\theta_2 - 2\theta_1) = 0$   $l\sigma_{B_y} - \zeta_p l^2 (\dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_1) - k(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = 0$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_y} + \sigma_{A_y} = -\zeta_p l \dot{\theta}_1$   $\lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_y} + \sigma_{B_y} = -\zeta_p l (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2)$ 

## Nondimensionalization

Scaling factors:  $t = T\hat{t}, \ \sigma = \tilde{\Sigma}\hat{\sigma}, \ \text{and} \ \theta = \alpha\hat{\theta} \rightarrow$ 

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\Gamma l}{k}(\hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1) + \frac{l\tilde{\Sigma}}{k\alpha}(\hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y}) - 2\frac{\zeta_p l^2}{kT}\dot{\hat{\theta}}_1 - \frac{\zeta_p l^2}{kT}\dot{\hat{\theta}}_2 + (\hat{\theta}_2 - 2\hat{\theta}_1) = 0\\ \frac{l\tilde{\Sigma}}{k\alpha}\hat{\sigma}_{B_y} - \frac{\zeta_p l^2}{kT}(\dot{\hat{\theta}}_2 + \dot{\hat{\theta}}_1) - (\hat{\theta}_2 - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0\\ \frac{\lambda}{T}\dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} = -\frac{\zeta_p l\alpha}{\tilde{\Sigma}T}\dot{\hat{\theta}}_1\\ \frac{\lambda}{T}\dot{\hat{\sigma}}_{B_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} = -\frac{\zeta_p l\alpha}{\tilde{\Sigma}T}(\dot{\hat{\theta}}_1 + \dot{\hat{\theta}}_2)\end{aligned}$$

Linear System of Equations  
Substitutions:  

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \frac{k\alpha}{l}, T = \frac{(\zeta_f + \zeta_p)l^2}{k}, \Sigma = \frac{\Gamma l}{k}, \Lambda = \frac{k\lambda}{\zeta_f l^2}, \beta = \frac{\zeta_p}{\zeta_f + \zeta_p}, (1 - \beta) = \frac{\zeta_f}{\zeta_f + \zeta_p}$$
  
 $\beta = 0$ : No polymer viscosity  $\rightarrow$  Viscous model

 $\beta$  = 1: Only polymer viscosity  $\rightarrow$  Maxwell model

$$\begin{split} \Sigma(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + \sigma_{A_y} + \sigma_{B_y} - 2(1 - \beta)\dot{\theta}_1 - (1 - \beta)\dot{\theta}_2 + \theta_2 - 2\theta_1 &= 0\\ \sigma_{B_y} - (1 - \beta)(\dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_1) - \theta_2 + \theta_1 &= 0\\ \Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_y} + \sigma_{A_y} &= -\beta \dot{\theta}_1\\ \Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_y} + \sigma_{B_y} &= -\beta (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) \end{split}$$

# Nonlinear System of Equations

 $\Sigma \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - \sin \theta_1 (\sigma_{A_x} + \sigma_{B_x}) + \cos \theta_1 (\sigma_{A_y} + \sigma_{B_y}) - 2(1 - \beta)\dot{\theta}_1 - (1 - \beta)\dot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - 2\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 0$  $-\sin \theta_2 \sigma_{B_x} + \cos \theta_2 \sigma_{B_y} - (1 - \beta)(\dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_1 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)) - \theta_2 + \theta_1 = 0$  $\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_x} + \sigma_{A_x} = \beta \dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1$  $\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{A_y} + \sigma_{A_y} = -\beta \dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1$  $\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_x} + \sigma_{B_x} = \beta (\dot{\theta}_1 \sin \theta_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \sin \theta_2)$  $\Lambda \dot{\sigma}_{B_y} + \sigma_{B_y} = -\beta (\dot{\theta}_1 \cos \theta_1 + \dot{\theta}_2 \cos \theta_2)$ 

# Linear Analysis

Same solutions  $\theta_j = \hat{\theta}_j e^{\omega \hat{t}}$  and  $\sigma_j = \hat{\sigma}_j e^{\omega \hat{t}}$ .

$$\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) + \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} - \omega(1 - \beta)(2\hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_2) + \hat{\theta}_2 - 2\hat{\theta}_1 = 0$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{B_y} - \omega(1 - \beta)(\hat{\theta}_2 + \hat{\theta}_1) - \hat{\theta}_2 + \hat{\theta}_1 = 0$$
$$\omega\Lambda\hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{A_y} + \omega\beta\hat{\theta}_1 = 0$$
$$\omega\Lambda\hat{\sigma}_{B_y} + \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} + \omega\beta(\hat{\theta}_1 + \hat{\theta}_2) = 0$$

# Separating the equations by $\hat{\theta}_1$ , $\hat{\theta}_2$ , $\hat{\sigma}_{A_y}$ , and $\hat{\sigma}_{B_y}$ yielded the matrix system

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\Sigma - 2\omega(1-\beta) - 2) & (-\Sigma - \omega(1-\beta) + 1) & 1 & 1\\ -\omega(1-\beta) + 1 & -\omega(1-\beta) - 1 & 0 & 1\\ \omega\beta & 0 & (\omega\Lambda + 1) & 0\\ \omega\beta & \omega\beta & 0 & (\omega\Lambda + 1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta}_1\\ \hat{\theta}_2\\ \hat{\sigma}_{A_y}\\ \hat{\sigma}_{B_y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\end{bmatrix}$$

The solutions for  $\omega$  are a bit too lengthy to use individually...

# ... So we solved it numerically!



Two bifurcations along  $\Sigma$ =3.25 for  $\beta$ =0.67



Two bifurcations along  $\Sigma$ =3.25



# Frequency and amplitude change as we vary $\wedge$



# Frequency changes as we vary $\wedge$





∧=0.25

∧=3

# Conclusion-how does viscoelasticity affect flagellar motion?

- Maxwell model
  - Increased fluid viscoelasticity damps oscillations
- Oldroyd B Model
  - Two bifurcation points for viscoelastic fluids
  - Increasing viscoelasticity decreases oscillation amplitude, increases frequency

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