

Patterns of Sources and Sinks in the Complex Ginzburg-Landau Equation with Zero Linear Dispersion

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Abstract

The complex Ginzburg-Landau equation with zero linear dispersion, which forms a reaction-diffusion system of so-called λ - ω type, occurs in a large variety of contexts as the modulation equation near the supercritical onset of a homogeneous oscillation. The analysis of its coherent structures is therefore of great interest. Its fundamental spatiotemporal pattern is wavetrains, which are spatially periodic solutions moving with constant speed. In the past decade interfaces separating regions with different wavetrains have been studied in detail, as they occur frequently both in simulations and in real experiments. The basic interface types are sources and sinks, distinguished by the signs of the opposing group velocities of the adjacent wavetrains. In this paper we study existence conditions for propagating patterns composed of sources and sinks. Our analysis is based on a formal asymptotic expansion in the limit of large source-sink separation and small speed of propagation. The main results concern the possible relative locations of sources and sinks in such a pattern. We show that sources and sinks are to leading order only coupled to their nearest neighbours, and that the separations of a source from its neighbouring sinks, L_+ and L_- say, satisfy a phase locking condition, whose leading order form is derived explicitly. Significantly this leading order phase locking condition is independent of the propagation speed. The solutions of the condition form a discrete infinite sequence of curves in the L_+-L_- plane. We perform detailed numerical tests of our results. Firstly we present high-accuracy numerical solutions of the ODEs satisfied by coherently propagating patterns, confirming the quantitative accuracy of our predictions. We then perform a series of PDE simulations, demonstrating the discreteness of possible separation distances in source-sink patterns.

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1 Introduction

In spatially extended oscillatory media, the fundamental solutions are wavetrains (also referred to as plane waves and as periodic travelling waves). In some contexts, an entire spatial domain is filled with a single wavetrain. However, in a number of areas of physics and chemistry, experiments reveal wavetrains arising not as a single unit spanning the whole domain, but rather as a series of thinner bands separated by sharp interfaces. Most commonly these interfaces are an alternating sequence of sources and sinks, defined by the condition that the group velocities of the two wavetrains are directed away from or towards the interface, respectively. Sources and sinks have been observed experimentally in systems including chemical reactions (Perraud *et al*, 1993), electrochemical systems (Plenge *et al*, 2005), heated wire convection (Alvarez *et al*, 1997; Pastur *et al*, 2003a,b), binary fluid convection (Kolodner, 1992; Kaplan & Steinberg, 1993), convection waves generated by heating at a boundary (Burguete *et al*, 1999), and the “printer’s instability”, in which the thin gap between two rotating acentric cylinders is filled with oil (Habdas *et al*, 2001; Habdas & de Bruyn, 2005). Moreover, sources and sinks play an important role in the development of spatiotemporal chaos, with repeated creation and destruction of sources and sinks being a hallmark of “defect chaos” (van Hecke, 1998; Aranson & Kramer, 2002; van Hecke, 2003).

Sources and sinks have been studied theoretically in a variety of equations, including the cubic-quintic complex Ginzburg-Landau equation (van Saarloos & Hohenberg, 1992; Cisternas & Descalzi, 2007), coupled complex Ginzburg-Landau equations (van Hecke *et al*, 1999; Montagne & Hernández-García, 2000), and reaction-diffusion systems (Sandstede & Scheel, 2004). However it is in the (cubic) complex Ginzburg-Landau equation (CGLE) that the most comprehensive work has been done; in this context, sources are often known as holes because they have the form of a local dip in amplitude, while sinks are often known as shocks. Nozaki & Bekki (1985) showed that the CGLE has a one-parameter family of hole solutions; the family is typically parameterised using the hole velocity, or the amplitude of one of the asymptotic wavetrains. The subsequent literature on Nozaki-Bekki holes is extensive: for reviews see Stiller *et al* (1995), Lega (2001) and Aranson & Kramer (2002, §III.B). From a strict mathematical point of view, Nozaki-Bekki holes are isolated objects, separating two semi-infinite expanses of

wavetrains. In practice, both in numerical simulations of the CGLE and in experiments, one usually sees patterns involving a series of sources that resemble Nozaki-Bekki holes, separated by sinks. The sources and sinks can either be all stationary, or can move as a coherent unit, or can move with different velocities. Patterns of these types have been very widely reported. Figure 1 shows some typical simulations; for a wide variety of other examples, see Chaté (1994). Nevertheless, there are almost no results on the possible forms of source-sink patterns. In this paper, we study these patterns in detail for the case of the CGLE with zero linear dispersion. We focus on this case because the resulting mathematical simplifications make it possible to obtain analytic results. We consider patterns in which the propagation velocity is small and the separation between each source and sink is large. Our results apply to leading order as the velocity tends to zero and the separations tend to infinity (precise statements are given later). Our key findings from a formal leading order asymptotic matching are, roughly speaking, as follows:

1. For a single source-sink pair moving with any fixed small velocity, there is a discrete infinite sequence of possible separations with constant increments, to leading order.
2. For patterns with multiple sources and sinks moving with any fixed small velocity, the separations L_+ and L_- between each source and its neighbouring sinks are constrained to lie on one of a discrete infinite sequence of curves in the L_+-L_- plane. The translation between any two consecutive curves in the sequence is the same, and as L_+ (say) $\rightarrow \infty$, the asymptotic values of L_- tend to the separations in 1.
3. In both 1 and 2, we derive formulae for the possible separations, valid to leading order.

Our work is distinct from the one previous paper we are aware of that addresses the general issue of source-sink separations (Popp *et al*, 1995). These authors obtain results on the separation of sources and sinks in the CGLE perturbed by a small quintic term. But crucially their results (which are qualitatively different from ours) only apply when the coefficient of the quintic term, though small, is large compared to the negative exponential of the separation (multiplied by a particular scaling factor). Consequently, at large separations, their results apply fundamentally to the cubic-*quintic* CGLE. Another very relevant study is by Doelmann (1996), who proved rigorously the existence of various defect patterns in the CGLE close to

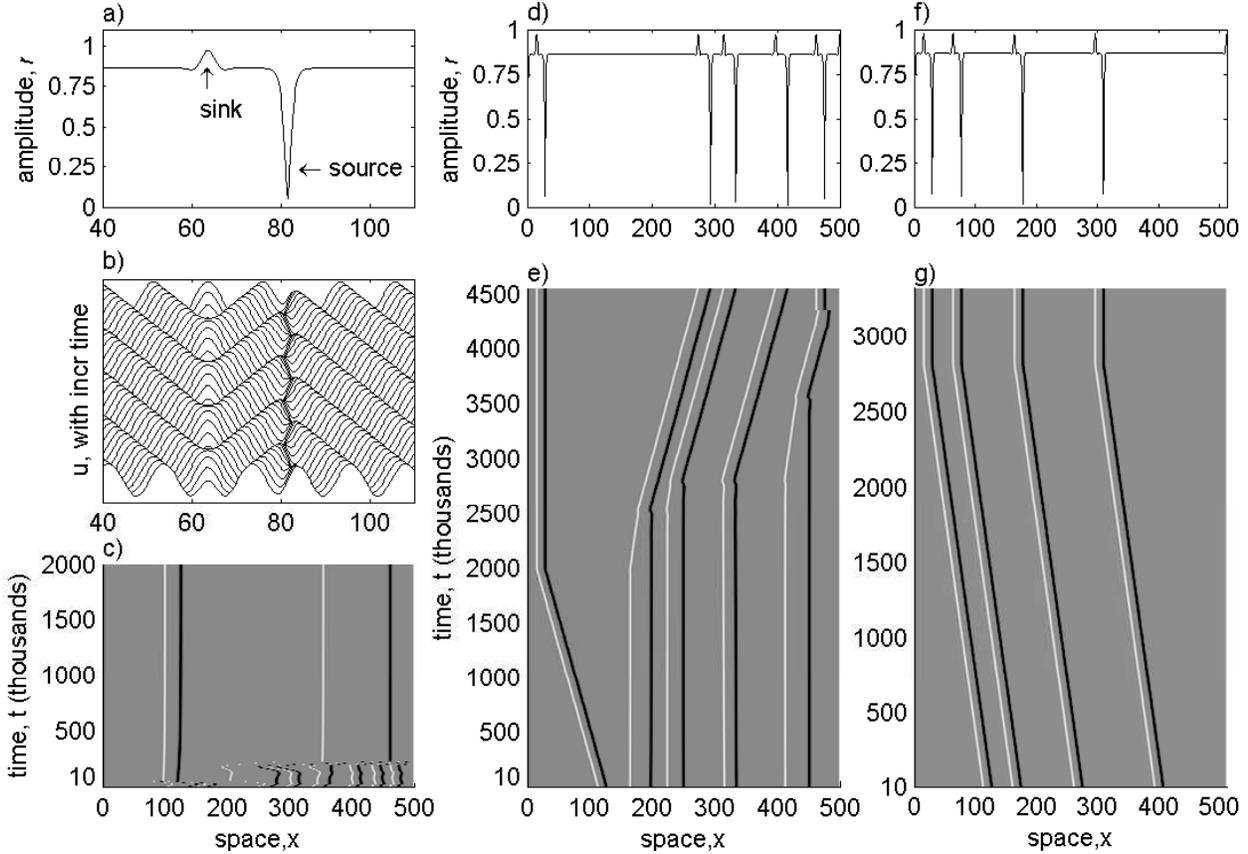


Figure 1: Repeating patterns of sources and sinks predicted by (1), with boundary conditions $u = v = 0$ at $x = 0$ and $u_x = v_x = 0$ at $x = 500$. These conditions force a boundary source at $x = 0$ and a boundary sink at the right hand boundary $x = 500$. The nonlinear dispersion parameter $c = 1.45$ in (a)–(e) and $c = 1.4$ in (f), (g). For these values, the asymptotic wavetrain of the (stationary) boundary source is convectively unstable (i.e. unstable but absolutely stable), and patterns of sources and sinks develop in the interior of the domain (Smith *et al*, 2009). Initial conditions for u and v were drawn from uniformly distributed random numbers between 1 and 0. (a) shows a close-up of a source-sink solution at time $t = 1000$, where amplitude $r = (u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}$. (b) shows the spatiotemporal dynamics of u for the same simulation between $t = 975$ and $t = 1000$. (c), (e) and (g) show the long term spatiotemporal dynamics of r , with darker shading indicating smaller r and $0 < r < 1$. Thus sources and sinks appear as black and white lines, respectively. (d) and (f) show the solution for r at the final time points in (e) and (g), respectively. The simulations in (c) and (e) only differ in the seed that was used to generate the random initial conditions. The equations were solved numerically using a semi-implicit Crank-Nicolson method, with $\delta x = 0.2$ and $\delta t = 0.001$. For $c = 1.0$, say, the computed (stable) asymptotic wavetrain amplitude is then accurate to 0.012%.

the real Ginzburg-Landau equation limit (and also the near nonlinear Schrödinger equation limit). Much of Doelman’s work concerns the equations when perturbed by a small quintic term. However, for the unperturbed cubic CGLE in these parameter regimes, in contrast to the cases we consider, there do *not* exist coherent patterns of multiple sources and sinks with large separations.

2 Formulation of the problem

With the linear dispersion parameter set to zero, the CGLE is a reaction-diffusion system, of a type often referred to as “ λ - ω equations” (Kopell & Howard, 1973):

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} + (1 - r^2)u + cr^2v \\ v_t &= v_{xx} + (1 - r^2)v - cr^2u \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $r = (u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}$. Here the parameter $c > 0$ is the coefficient of nonlinear dispersion in the CGLE for the complex amplitude $A = u + iv$, which transforms (1) into the CGLE form

$$A_t = A_{xx} + A - (1 + ic)|A|^2A.$$

The CGLE appears in broad generality as the modulation equation near the onset of Hopf-type instabilities (Aranson & Kramer, 2002). The above form occurs, for instance, at a standard supercritical Hopf bifurcation of a homogeneous equilibrium state in a reaction-diffusion equation with equal diffusivities. It is most convenient to study (1) in terms of amplitude r and phase $\theta = \tan^{-1}(v/u)$, which satisfy

$$r_t = r_{xx} - r\theta_x^2 + r(1 - r^2) \tag{2a}$$

$$\theta_t = \theta_{xx} + \frac{2r_x\theta_x}{r} - cr^2. \tag{2b}$$

The wavetrain family is $r = R$, $\theta = \theta_0 \pm \sqrt{1 - R^2}x - cR^2t$ (Kopell & Howard, 1973); here θ_0 is an arbitrary constant, and the amplitude R is the most natural parameter for the family, with $0 \leq R \leq 1$. The phase velocity of wavetrains is $\pm cR^2/\sqrt{1 - R^2}$ and their group velocity is $\mp c\sqrt{1 - R^2}$; since these have opposite signs, wavetrains propagate towards sources and away from sinks. Note that these directions can be reversed via the gauge invariance of the CGLE.

When a source is widely separated from neighbouring sink(s), its form is similar to a Nozaki-Bekki hole (Nozaki & Bekki, 1985). When additionally the propagation velocity is small, it is the (unique) stationary hole solution that is relevant. This has a particularly simple analytical form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = R^* \tanh\left(x/\sqrt{2}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \cos \\ \sin \end{pmatrix} \left[-c R^{*2} t \mp \text{sign}(c) \sqrt{2(1-R^{*2})} \log \cosh\left(x/\sqrt{2}\right) \right] \quad (3)$$

$$\text{where } R^* = \left(\frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{8}{9}c^2} \right] \right)^{-1/2} \quad (4)$$

(Newell, 1973; Nozaki & Bekki, 1985; Sherratt, 2003). The wavetrain of amplitude R^* is stable if $c < c^{\text{stab}} \approx 1.110468$ (Kopell & Howard, 1973) and absolutely stable if $c < c^{\text{abs}} \approx 1.576465$ (Smith *et al*, 2009); here and throughout the paper we use the term “(un)stable” to mean (un)stable spectrum of the linearisation about the wavetrain. Note that stability of the asymptotic wavetrains is not a pre-requisite for stability of source-sink patterns. If the asymptotic wavetrains are convectively unstable then any unstable linear mode propagates as it grows (see for example Sandstede & Scheel, 2004 and references therein). Such a growing mode therefore travels to the nearest sink, where it is absorbed; thus the solution as a whole is stable in a suitable function space. This situation is reminiscent of the stability of pulses in reaction-diffusion systems when the two asymptotic states are convectively stable (Sandstede & Scheel, 2000; Nii, 2000; Romeo & Jones, 2001). However, if the asymptotic wavetrain is absolutely unstable, there is a stationary unstable linear mode, rendering a source-sink pattern pointwise unstable. We discuss the stability of source-sink patterns in more detail in §6.

The source-sink patterns that we consider have amplitude r and phase gradient θ_x changing with constant shape and (slow) speed (see Figure 1, for example). Therefore the solution ansatz

$$r(x, t) = \widehat{r}(z), \quad \theta_x(x, t) = \widehat{\psi}(z), \quad z = x - st \quad (5)$$

is appropriate. Here s is the speed of source/sink movement, which can take either sign or be zero. Then $\theta(x, t) = \int^{z=x-st} \widehat{\psi}(z) dz + \widehat{\theta}(t)$ for some function $\widehat{\theta}(\cdot)$, and substitution into (2) gives

$$\widehat{r}'' + s\widehat{r}' + \widehat{r} \left(1 - \widehat{r}^2 - \widehat{\psi}^2 \right) = 0 \quad (6a)$$

$$\widehat{\psi}' + s\widehat{\psi} - c\widehat{r}^2 + 2\frac{\widehat{\psi}\widehat{r}'}{\widehat{r}} = d\widehat{\theta}(t)/dt, \quad (6b)$$

where $' = d/dz$. We require \hat{r} and $\hat{\psi}$ to approach constant values in between the sources and sinks: these are the amplitude and phase gradient of the asymptotic wavetrains. Adopting a notational convention that will be continued throughout the paper, we denote by R^+ (respectively R^-) the amplitude of the asymptotic wavetrain to the right (respectively left) of a source. The corresponding values of $\hat{\psi}$ are then $\mp(1 - R^{\pm 2})^{1/2}$, and (6) implies that

$$\mp s (1 - R^{\pm 2})^{1/2} - cR^{\pm 2} = K. \quad (7)$$

Our combined assumptions of large source-sink separations and slow propagation speed mean that R^+ and R^- will both be close to R^* , the asymptotic wavetrain amplitude in a stationary Nozaki-Bekki hole, which is given in terms of c in (4). It is the small size of $R^{\pm} - R^*$ that constitutes the formal basis for the perturbation theory calculation that we will present in §3.

We write

$$s = \epsilon s_1 + \epsilon^2 s_2 + \dots \quad (8a)$$

$$K = K_0 + \epsilon K_1 + \epsilon^2 K_2 + \dots \quad (8b)$$

$$R^{\pm} = R^* + \epsilon R_1^{\pm} + \epsilon^2 R_2^{\pm} + \dots \quad (8c)$$

where $\epsilon \ll 1$. For uniqueness, a normalisation condition is required, and we specify

$$\epsilon = c R^{*2} \left(2 - \frac{R^+ + R^-}{R^*} \right) \quad (9)$$

which gives some algebraic simplification in the subsequent calculations. Then $R_1^+ + R_1^- = -1/(cR^*)$, and $R_i^+ + R_i^- = 0$ for $i \geq 2$. Note that ϵ can take either sign. The basic objective of §3 is to derive the leading order relationship between ϵ and the source-sink separation.

To leading order, (7) and (8) imply

$$K_0 = -cR^{*2}. \quad (10)$$

Moreover (7) has one real root for each of R^{\pm} when ϵ is sufficiently small. Substituting (9) into (7) and equating coefficients of ϵ implies that $K_1 = 1$ and

$$s_1 = cR^*(R_1^- - R_1^+)/\sqrt{1 - R^{*2}}. \quad (11)$$

This proportionality between the propagation speed and the difference in asymptotic wavetrain amplitudes is well-known (e.g. Alvarez *et al*, 1997; Sherratt *et al*, 2003; Sandstede & Scheel,

2004, §6.2–6.3). We emphasise that there is a 1–1 correspondence between (ϵ, s_1) and (R_1^+, R_1^-) : inverting (9) and (11) implies

$$R_1^\pm = -\frac{\epsilon}{2cR^*} \mp \frac{s_1\sqrt{1-R^{*2}}}{2cR^{*,2}}. \quad (12)$$

3 Analytical investigation of sink-source-sink patterns

Having established the underlying parameterisation of the problem, we can proceed with our calculation, in which we regard (6) as a perturbation theory problem in the small parameter ϵ , treating the source-sink separations as functions of ϵ . Throughout, we use ϵ and s_1 as parameters, rather than R_1^\pm . Also, we use R^* rather than c as the physical parameter; the two are equivalent via (4), which inverts to give

$$c = 3\sqrt{1-R^{*2}} / \left(\sqrt{2}R^{*2}\right). \quad (13)$$

(using our assumption that $c > 0$). We write

$$\hat{r} = \hat{r}_0(y) + \epsilon\hat{r}_1(y) + \epsilon^2\hat{r}_2(y) + \dots \quad (14a)$$

$$\hat{\psi} = \hat{\psi}_0(y) + \epsilon\hat{\psi}_1(y) + \epsilon^2\hat{\psi}_2(y) + \dots \quad (14b)$$

Substituting these expansions into (6) using (8) and (10) and equating terms independent of ϵ gives

$$\hat{r}'' + \hat{r}(1 - \hat{r}^2 - \hat{\psi}^2) = 0 \quad (15a)$$

$$\hat{\psi}' + 2\frac{\hat{\psi}\hat{r}'}{\hat{r}} + \left(3/\sqrt{2}\right)(1 - R^{*2})^{1/2} \left(1 - \frac{\hat{r}^2}{R^{*2}}\right) = 0. \quad (15b)$$

We will consider the behaviour on the two sides of a source centred at $z = 0$, with neighbouring sinks centred at $z = \xi L_\xi(\epsilon)$. Here $\xi = \pm 1$ and $L_\xi > 0$ with $L_\xi(\epsilon) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$; recall that the asymptotic wavetrain amplitudes are R^+ for $z > 0$ and R^- for $z < 0$. The problem set-up is illustrated schematically in Figure 2. In the stationary case ($s_1 = 0$), the solution is the same for $\xi = +1$ and $\xi = -1$, but for the moving case ($s_1 \neq 0$), this formulation avoids separate calculations for the cases of a source upstream and downstream of a sink. To formally specify the location of the origin of z , we impose the condition that \hat{r} has a local minimum at $z = 0$. To leading order, the wavetrain band in between the source and sink (specifically

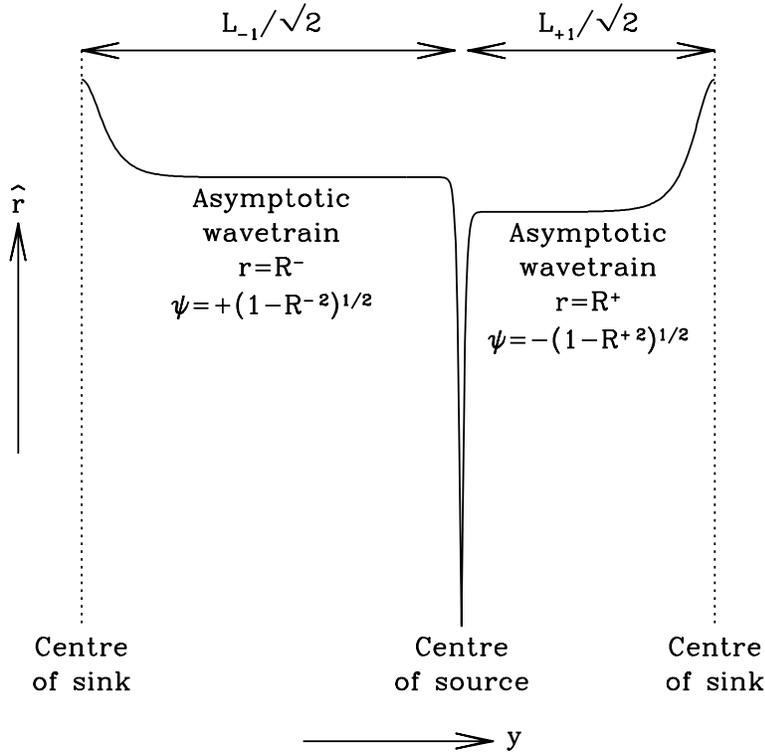


Figure 2: A schematic illustration of the problem set-up. The rescaled coordinate y is related to $z = x - st$ via $y = z/\sqrt{2}$.

at $1 \ll z \ll L_\xi(\epsilon)$ has $\hat{r} = R^*$ and $\hat{\psi} = -\xi\sqrt{1-R^{*2}}$. (Recall that $\hat{\psi} < 0$ for a wavetrain moving in the negative x direction – and thus with positive group velocity – and vice-versa). Linearising (15) about this wavetrain solution gives a third order linear ODE system whose characteristic values are calculated as $-\xi\sqrt{2}$ and $+\xi(1 \pm i\sqrt{11-12R^{*2}})/\sqrt{2}$; note that we are concerned only with values of c for which the (leading order) wavetrain is unstable, i.e. $c > 1.110468 \Rightarrow R^* < 0.81706$, so that $11 - 12R^{*2} > 0$. Therefore the leading order source solution (centred at $z = 0$) decays towards the asymptotic wavetrain at a rate that is twice that for the sink (centred at $z = \xi L_\xi(\epsilon)$). Crucially, this implies that the dominant interaction between the source and sink is via the effect of the sink solution on the source, with the reverse interaction being of lower order. Therefore in the remainder of the calculation we focus on the first order correction to the source, and its matching to the leading order sink solution.

3.1 Perturbing the source

A detailed study is possible because there is an exact solution for the leading order (isolated) source, see (3), namely

$$\widehat{r}_0 = \xi R^* \tanh y \quad (16a)$$

$$\widehat{\psi}_0 = -\sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \tanh y \quad (16b)$$

where R^* is defined in (4) (Newell, 1974; Nozaki & Bekki, 1985; Sherratt, 2003). Here and henceforth we write $y = z/\sqrt{2}$ for notational simplicity; note that y takes positive values when $\xi = +1$ and negative values when $\xi = -1$. With these formulae, substituting (14) into (6) (rewritten in terms of y rather than z) and equating coefficients of ϵ gives

$$\begin{aligned} d^2\widehat{r}_1/dy^2 + \xi s_1 R^* \sqrt{2} \operatorname{sech}^2 y + 2\widehat{r}_1 [1 - (1 + 2R^{*2}) \tanh^2 y] \\ + 4\xi R^* \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \tanh^2 y \widehat{\psi}_1 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (17a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R^* \tanh y d\widehat{\psi}_1/dy + 2R^* \operatorname{sech}^2 y \widehat{\psi}_1 - 2\xi \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \tanh y d\widehat{r}_1/dy \\ + 2\xi \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} (1 - 4 \tanh^2 y) \widehat{r}_1 - s_1 \sqrt{2} R^* \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \tanh^2 y = R^* \sqrt{2} \tanh y. \end{aligned} \quad (17b)$$

Differentiating (17a) with respect to y enables elimination of $\widehat{\psi}_1$, giving a third order ODE for \widehat{r}_1 :

$$\begin{aligned} d^3\widehat{r}_1/dy^3 + 2(d\widehat{r}_1/dy) [1 - 3(2R^{*2} - 1) \tanh^2 y] \\ - 12\widehat{r}_1 [\tanh y \operatorname{sech}^2 y - 2(1 - R^{*2}) \tanh^3 y] = g(y) \end{aligned} \quad (18a)$$

where

$$g(y) = 2\sqrt{2} \xi R^* \tanh y \left[s_1 \{1 + (2R^{*2} - 3) \tanh^2 y\} - 2\sqrt{(1 - R^{*2})} \tanh y \right]. \quad (18b)$$

This equation can be solved exactly via a substitution that reduces the corresponding homogeneous equation to a hypergeometric equation. This approach was used previously by Sherratt (2008) and Smith *et al* (2008), who derived asymptotic expansions for solutions satisfying boundary conditions close to a one-dimensional zero Dirichlet condition. We omit details of the solution method for brevity, referring the reader to either of these previous papers for details.

The result is the following general solution of (18):

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{r}_1(y) &= \frac{\operatorname{sech}^2 y}{W} \left[\int_{y_1=0}^{y_1=y} Y^-(y_1) \int_{y_2=y_1}^{y_2=\xi\infty} \frac{Y^+(y_2)g(y_2)}{\cosh^4 y_2} dy_2 dy_1 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_{y_1=0}^{y_1=y} Y^+(y_1) \int_{y_2=y_1}^{y_2=\xi\infty} \frac{Y^-(y_2)g(y_2)}{\cosh^4 y_2} dy_2 dy_1 \right] \\
&\quad + C_1^\xi \operatorname{sech}^2 y \int_{y_1=0}^{y_1=y} Y^+(y_1) dy_1 + C_2^\xi \operatorname{sech}^2 y \int_{y_1=0}^{y_1=y} Y^-(y_1) dy_1 \\
&\quad + C_3^\xi \operatorname{sech}^2 y
\end{aligned} \tag{19a}$$

$$\text{where } Y^\pm(y) = \operatorname{Re} \left[\operatorname{sech}^{-3+i\delta} y F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, (1 \pm \tanh y)/2) \right] \tag{19b}$$

$$\alpha, \beta = \frac{1}{2} + i \left(\delta \pm \sqrt{\delta^2 + \frac{3}{4}} \right) \tag{19c}$$

$$\gamma = 1 + i\delta \tag{19d}$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{11 - 12R^{*2}} \tag{19e}$$

$$W = 4\pi \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha\beta)}{\Gamma(\frac{1+\alpha}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1+\beta}{2})} \right] \cdot \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha\beta)}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{2})\Gamma(\frac{\beta}{2})} \right]. \tag{19f}$$

Here F is the hypergeometric function, and C_j^ξ ($j = 1, 2, 3$) are constants of integration.

This solution contains seven undetermined constants: C_1^\pm , C_2^\pm , C_3^\pm and s_1 ; for convenience we write $\xi = \pm$ instead of $\xi = \pm 1$ in sub- or superscripts. These are constrained by continuity and smoothness conditions at $y = 0$ (the centre of the source), and by matching with the leading order forms of the adjacent sinks. We consider first the conditions at $y = 0$. Although the leading order (isolated) source solution (16) is continuous at $y = 0$, it is not smooth. Therefore direct matching of the solutions for $\xi = \pm 1$ at $y = 0$ is not possible. Rather, a transition layer is required, for which the appropriate rescalings are

$$\widetilde{r} = \widehat{r}/\epsilon \quad \widetilde{\psi} = \epsilon\widehat{\psi} \quad \eta = y/\epsilon = z/(\epsilon\sqrt{2}).$$

Substituting these rescalings together with (8) and (10) into (6) gives

$$d^2\widetilde{r}/d\eta^2 - 2\widetilde{r}\widetilde{\psi}^2 = O(\epsilon^2) \tag{20a}$$

$$d\widetilde{\psi}/d\eta + 2(\widetilde{\psi}/\widetilde{r})d\widetilde{r}/d\eta = O(\epsilon^2). \tag{20b}$$

Writing $\widetilde{r} = \widetilde{r}_0(y) + \epsilon\widetilde{r}_1(y) + \epsilon^2\widetilde{r}_2(y) + \dots$ and $\widetilde{\psi} = \widetilde{\psi}_0(y) + \epsilon\widetilde{\psi}_1(y) + \epsilon^2\widetilde{\psi}_2(y) + \dots$ and equating

coefficients of ϵ^0 and ϵ^1 gives simple ODEs for the leading and first order terms, with solutions

$$\tilde{r}_0 = (A_0^2 + 2B_0^2\eta^2)^{1/2} \quad (21a)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_0 = A_0B_0 / (A_0^2 + 2B_0^2\eta^2) \quad (21b)$$

$$\tilde{r}_1 = (A_0A_1 + 2B_0B_1\eta^2) / (A_0^2 + 2B_0^2\eta^2)^{1/2} \quad (21c)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_1 = [(A_0^3B_1 - A_0^2B_0A_1) + 2(B_0^3A_1 - A_0B_0^2B_1)\eta^2] / [A_0^2 + 2B_0^2\eta^2]^2. \quad (21d)$$

Here A_0 , B_0 , A_1 and B_1 are constants of integration; we take $B_0 > 0$ for uniqueness. The two additional constants of integration correspond to $O(\epsilon)$ and $O(\epsilon^2)$ translations in η , and these are determined by our requirement that \hat{r} has a local minimum at $z = 0$, which implies that $d\tilde{r}_0/d\eta = d\tilde{r}_1/d\eta = 0$ at $\eta = 0$. Note that $\tilde{\psi}_0$ has a local maximum at $\eta = 0$, implying that ψ has a spike of width $O(\epsilon)$ and height $B_0/(\epsilon A_0)$ at the centres of the sources.

The behaviour of (21) as $\eta \rightarrow \pm\infty$ is

$$\tilde{r}_0 = \sqrt{2}B_0|\eta| + O(1/\eta) \quad (22a)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_0 = A_0/(2B_0\eta^2) + O(1/\eta^4) \quad (22b)$$

$$\tilde{r}_1 = \sqrt{2}B_1|\eta| + O(1/\eta) \quad (22c)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_1 = O(1/\eta^2). \quad (22d)$$

These behaviours must match with those of $\hat{r}_0(y) + \epsilon\hat{r}_1(y)$ and $\hat{\psi}_0(y) + \epsilon\hat{\psi}_1(y)$ as $y \rightarrow 0$. The expansions

$$\hat{r}_0 = \xi R^* y + O(y^3) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\psi}_0 = -\sqrt{1 - R^{*2}}y + O(y^3)$$

follow immediately from (16). Explicit differentiation of (19) implies that

$$\hat{r}_1(y) = C_3^\xi + \text{Re} [F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1}{2})] (C_1^\xi + C_2^\xi - \xi H_1) y + O(y^2) \quad (23)$$

as $\xi y \rightarrow 0^+$; a formula for the constant H_1 as a function of R^* (or equivalently of c) is given in Appendix A. Initial calculation of the expansion (23) gives an additional term $-\text{Re} [F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1}{2})] s_1 H_2$, where H_2 is a combination of integrals involving the hypergeometric function, that is given explicitly in Appendix A. However careful investigation (see Appendix A) shows that H_2 is in fact identically zero.

For $\widehat{\psi}_1$, expanding the various terms in (17a) in power series and simplifying using (18) and (19) gives

$$\widehat{\psi}_1 = \frac{-\left[I_1 + \xi s_1 I_2 + C_1^\xi - C_2^\xi\right] \operatorname{Re}\left[F'(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1}{2})\right] - 2s_1 \xi R^* \sqrt{2}}{8 \xi R^* \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}}} y^{-2} - \frac{\xi C_3^\xi \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}}}{R^*} + O(y) \quad (24)$$

as $\xi y \rightarrow 0^+$; formulae for the constants I_1 and I_2 as functions of R^* (or equivalently of c) are given in Appendix A.

With these expansions, matching of the transition layer and “outer” solutions is straightforward. Using the intermediate variable $y_\nu = y/\nu(\epsilon) = \eta\epsilon/\nu(\epsilon)$ with $1 \gg \nu \gg \epsilon$, we require that as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ with y_ν fixed,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{r}_0(\nu y_\nu) + \epsilon \widehat{r}_1(\nu y_\nu) &= \epsilon \widetilde{r}_0(\nu y_\nu/\epsilon) + \epsilon^2 \widetilde{r}_1(\nu y_\nu/\epsilon) + O(\epsilon^3) \\ \epsilon \widehat{\psi}_0(\nu y_\nu) + \epsilon^2 \widehat{\psi}_1(\nu y_\nu) &= \widetilde{\psi}_0(\nu y_\nu/\epsilon) + \epsilon \widetilde{\psi}_1(\nu y_\nu/\epsilon) + O(\epsilon^3). \end{aligned}$$

These give the conditions

$$C_3^\xi = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$B_0 = R^*/\sqrt{2} \quad (26)$$

$$B_1 = \operatorname{Re}\left[F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1}{2})\right] \left(C_1^\xi + C_2^\xi - \xi H_1\right) / \left(\xi \sqrt{2}\right) \quad (27)$$

$$A_0 = -2B_0 \left(\frac{\left[I_1 + \xi s_1 I_2 + C_1^\xi - C_2^\xi\right] \operatorname{Re}\left[F'(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1}{2})\right] + 2s_1 \xi R^* \sqrt{2}}{8 \xi R^* \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}}} \right). \quad (28)$$

Note that the leading order term in $\widehat{\psi}_0$ is not determined by matching at this order; rather it will match with a $O_s(\eta)$ term in $\widetilde{\psi}_2(\eta)$. Here we use the notation O_s in the usual way: $\delta_1 = O_s(\delta_2) \Leftrightarrow \delta_1 = O(\delta_2)$ and $\delta_1 \neq o(\delta_2)$. Conditions (26–28) determine A_0 , B_0 and B_1 in terms of the 7 undetermined constants in (19); A_1 is determined by higher order matching. But more significantly, (25) determines C_3^+ and C_3^- (both zero), while the right hand sides of (27) and (28) must be invariant under $\xi \rightarrow -\xi$ since the left hand sides are independent of ξ . Therefore,

$$-C_1^- - C_2^- = C_1^+ + C_2^+ \quad (29a)$$

$$-I_1 - C_1^- + C_2^- = I_1 + C_1^+ - C_2^+. \quad (29b)$$

We now consider matching the perturbed source solution to the leading order sink solution, which will give four further conditions to be satisfied by the constants and by the source–sink separation $L_\xi(\epsilon)$. Standard asymptotic behaviour of the hypergeometric function can be used to derive the leading order behaviour of (19) as $y \rightarrow \xi\infty$; details of this are given in Appendix A of both Sherratt (2008) and Smith *et al* (2008). This implies that

$$\hat{r}_1(y) = C_1^\xi e^{\xi y} \operatorname{Re} [Q_\xi e^{i\delta\xi y}] - C_2^\xi e^{\xi y} \operatorname{Re} [Q_{-\xi} e^{i\delta\xi y}] + O(1) \quad (30)$$

as $y \rightarrow \xi\infty$; formulae for the constants Q_\pm as functions of R^* (or equivalently of c) are given in Appendix A.

3.2 Decay of the sink to the asymptotic wavetrain

In contrast to the source, we do not have an explicit form for the leading order (isolated) sink solution. Indeed to our knowledge, the existence of such a solution has not been proved, except when $c \ll 1$ (Doelman, 1996). Counting stable and unstable manifold dimensions of the wavetrains as equilibria suggests that, generically, one should expect a two-parameter family of sink solutions of (1) (van Saarloos & Hohenberg, 1992); typical parameters would be the amplitudes of the two asymptotic wavetrains. Numerical evidence suggests that this generic behaviour does occur (e.g. Bohr *et al*, 1997). Therefore, we assume that there is exactly one (stationary) sink solution for which both asymptotic wavetrains have amplitude R^* ; we have performed a detailed numerical confirmation of this (see Appendix B). The eigenvalue structure of (15) at $\hat{r}_0 = R^*$, $\hat{\psi}_0 = -\xi\sqrt{1 - R^{*2}}$ implies that the amplitude of this sink solution, $r_{sink}(y)$ say, must satisfy

$$r_{sink}(y) - R^* = \operatorname{Re} \left[S \exp \left(- \left(1/\sqrt{2} + i\delta/\sqrt{2} \right) z_{sink} \right) \right] + o \left(e^{-z_{sink}/\sqrt{2}} \right). \quad (31)$$

as $z_{sink} \rightarrow \infty$. Here the coordinate $z_{sink} > 0$ is measured from the centre of the sink, so that $z_{sink} = L_\xi(\epsilon) - \xi y\sqrt{2}$. S is a complex valued constant that is known in principle, but an explicit form for its dependence on R^* (or equivalently on c) is not available without an exact isolated sink solution. However, S can be estimated very accurately via numerical solutions of (6); details of this are given in Appendix B. Note that because the isolated sink solution is necessarily symmetric in r (and anti-symmetric in ψ), S is the same for $\xi = -1$ and $\xi = +1$.

3.3 Matching source and sinks

Matching requires that

$$\widehat{r}_0(y) + \epsilon \widehat{r}_1(y) = r_{sink}(y) + o(\epsilon)$$

when $1 \ll y \ll L_\xi(\epsilon)/\sqrt{2}$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} R^* + \epsilon C_1^\xi e^{\xi y} \operatorname{Re} [Q_\xi e^{i\delta \xi y}] - \epsilon C_2^\xi e^{\xi y} \operatorname{Re} [Q_{-\xi} e^{i\delta \xi y}] + o(\epsilon e^{\xi y}) \\ = R^* + e^{\xi y} \operatorname{Re} \left[S \exp \left(i\xi \delta y - (1 + i\delta) L_\xi(\epsilon)/\sqrt{2} \right) \right] + o \left(e^{\xi y - L_\xi(\epsilon)/\sqrt{2}} \right) + o(\epsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Since this equation must hold for a range of y values, it requires that

$$\epsilon C_1^\xi Q_\xi - \epsilon C_2^\xi Q_{-\xi} = S \exp \left(-(1 + i\delta) L_\xi(\epsilon)/\sqrt{2} \right) + o \left(e^{-L_\xi(\epsilon)/\sqrt{2}} \right) + o(\epsilon). \quad (32)$$

Equation (32) is complex valued, and must hold for $\xi = +1$ and $\xi = -1$; therefore it constitutes four additional conditions.

There are two distinct classes of solution to (32). One possibility is

$$e^{-L_\xi(\epsilon)/\sqrt{2}} = o(\epsilon) \quad (33a)$$

$$\text{and } C_1^\xi = C_2^\xi = 0; \quad (33b)$$

the second of these follows from the first because Q_\pm are linearly independent complex numbers for all $R^* \in (0, 1)$. The alternative possibility is

$$e^{-L_\xi(\epsilon)/\sqrt{2}} = \kappa_\xi |\epsilon| \quad (34a)$$

$$\text{and } C_1^\xi Q_\xi - C_2^\xi Q_{-\xi} = \kappa_\xi \operatorname{sign}(\epsilon) S \exp \{ i\delta (\log |\epsilon| + \log \kappa_\xi) \} + o(1) \quad (34b)$$

as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, for some $\kappa_\xi > 0$ that is $O_s(1)$. Now fix a sign $\zeta \in \{\pm 1\}$ (using $\zeta = \pm$, $-\zeta = \mp$ in sub- and superscripts). If (33) holds for $\xi = \zeta$, then (29) implies that

$$C_1^{-\zeta} + C_2^{-\zeta} = 0 \quad (35a)$$

$$C_1^{-\zeta} - C_2^{-\zeta} = -2I_1. \quad (35b)$$

The formula for I_1 given in Appendix A implies that it is non-zero for all $R^* \in (0, 1)$, so that (35) is incompatible with (33b) for $\xi = -\zeta$, for any value of s_1 . Hence, (33) cannot hold for

both $\xi = \zeta$ and $\xi = -\zeta$. Thus if (33) holds for $\xi = \zeta$, condition (34b) would then have to hold for $\xi = -\zeta$, with $C_1^{-\zeta}$ and $C_2^{-\zeta}$ determined by (35), which requires

$$\kappa_{-\zeta} \exp(+i\delta \log \kappa_{-\zeta}) = \Upsilon \equiv \tilde{\Upsilon} \text{sign}(\epsilon) \exp(-i\delta \log |\epsilon|), \quad (36a)$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\Upsilon} = -I_1(Q_+ + Q_-)/S. \quad (36b)$$

This holds for some $\kappa_{-\zeta} > 0$ if and only if

$$(\delta \log |\Upsilon| - \arg \Upsilon) / 2\pi \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (37)$$

In conclusion, except in the special case of (37) being satisfied, condition (34) must hold for $\xi = +1$ and $\xi = -1$, implying that to leading order, the source–sink separation is given by $-\sqrt{2} \log |\epsilon|$. We can then solve equation (34b) for the leading order forms of C_1^ξ and C_2^ξ ; these are given in Appendix A. Substituting these back into (29) to give two conditions on κ_+ and κ_- . These can be expressed as linear equations for the real and imaginary parts of $(\kappa_+^{1-i\delta} - \kappa_-^{1-i\delta})$, whose solution yields the single complex condition

$$\kappa_- \exp(+i\delta \log \kappa_-) - \Upsilon/2 = -\kappa_+ \exp(+i\delta \log \kappa_+) + \Upsilon/2 \quad (38)$$

to leading order, with a correction that is $o(1)$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$; Υ is defined in (36). The left (right) hand sides of (38) trace out logarithmic spirals in the complex plane as κ_- (κ_+) vary between 0 and $+\infty$. We will refer to these spirals as \mathcal{S}_\pm ; they are point reflections of one another through the origin, with centres at $\pm\Upsilon/2$ and with the same orientation. Solutions for κ_- and κ_+ occur when \mathcal{S}_\pm intersect.

Condition (34) requires that $\kappa_\pm > 0$; however we allow $\kappa_\pm = 0$ in (38); this corresponds to (37), and thus (38) incorporates both matching conditions, with $L_\pm \sim -\sqrt{2} \log |\epsilon|$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ if $\kappa_\pm \neq 0$, and $L_\pm \gg -\sqrt{2} \log |\epsilon|$ if $\kappa_\pm = 0$. In the latter case there is an $O(\epsilon)$ contribution to the solution for $\mp y > 0$, but for $\pm y > 0$ the correction to the leading order (isolated) source solution is $o(\epsilon)$. Investigation of the source-sink separation in this case would require higher order matching, which we have not attempted.

If (37) holds, then \mathcal{S}_+ has its center point on \mathcal{S}_- (and vice-versa) so that the two spirals intersect an infinite number of times. In Appendix D we show that otherwise, the number of intersections is finite and can be zero. A simple change of variables (given in (D.1)) shows that

the number of intersections depends on Υ via the real quantity

$$\frac{\delta \log |\Upsilon| - \arg \Upsilon}{2\pi} = \frac{\delta \log |\epsilon|}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{4} (\text{sign}(\epsilon) - 1) + \frac{\delta \log |\tilde{\Upsilon}| - \arg \tilde{\Upsilon}}{2\pi};$$

recall that $\tilde{\Upsilon}$, which is defined in (36), is independent of ϵ . Moreover, the number of intersections has a self-similarity: if (κ_-^*, κ_+^*) is a solution for $\Upsilon = \Upsilon^*$, then $(\kappa_-^* e^{2n\pi/\delta}, \kappa_+^* e^{2n\pi/\delta})$ is a solution for $\Upsilon = \Upsilon^* e^{2n\pi/\delta}$, for any integer n . Therefore, for a given value of R^* (or equivalently of c) and for either value of $\text{sign}(\epsilon)$, the set $\mathcal{S}_+ \cap \mathcal{S}_-$ is periodic in $\log |\epsilon|$, with period $2\pi/\delta$. In addition, it is the same for $\epsilon = \epsilon^* > 0$ and $\epsilon = -\epsilon^* e^{\pi/\delta}$. As discussed in §2, the wavetrain of amplitude R^* is unstable but absolutely stable when $1.110468 < c < 1.576465$. For c in this range, the number of intersections of the two spirals is zero for a sequence of non-trivial intervals of ϵ values, separated by intervals in which there are one or more pairs of intersections (illustrated in Figure 3). This implies that although some values of ϵ allow patterns with multiple source-sink separations (even an infinite number, if (37) is satisfied), for many other values of ϵ there are no possible patterns.

4 Families of source-sink patterns

Condition (38) for κ_{\pm} completes the leading order matching. Note that at this order, the regions between two neighbouring sinks are completely decoupled from one another, although we expect there to be coupling at lower order. Our calculations suggest that there is a three parameter family of patterns of sources and sinks. One parameter is ϵ ; recall that this corresponds to the difference between R^* and the average of the asymptotic wavetrain amplitudes on the two sides of a source or sink. The value of ϵ is constrained to be such that (38) has at least one pair of solutions for κ_{\pm} , which occurs in non-trivial intervals (see Figure 3). A second parameter is the constant of proportionality s_1 between the speed of movement and ϵ . This is totally absent in the majority of the above calculation, and has essentially no effect on the solution structure – in particular, any dependence of the source–sink separations on s_1 is $o(1)$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. Recall from (12) that specifying ϵ and s_1 is equivalent to specifying the asymptotic wavetrain amplitudes on the two sides of the source. These first two parameters of the family are continuous, but the third is discrete, and comes from the possible multiplicity of solutions for κ_{\pm} that is implied by (38). Recall that κ_- and κ_+ determine the $O_s(1)$ part of the separation between a source and

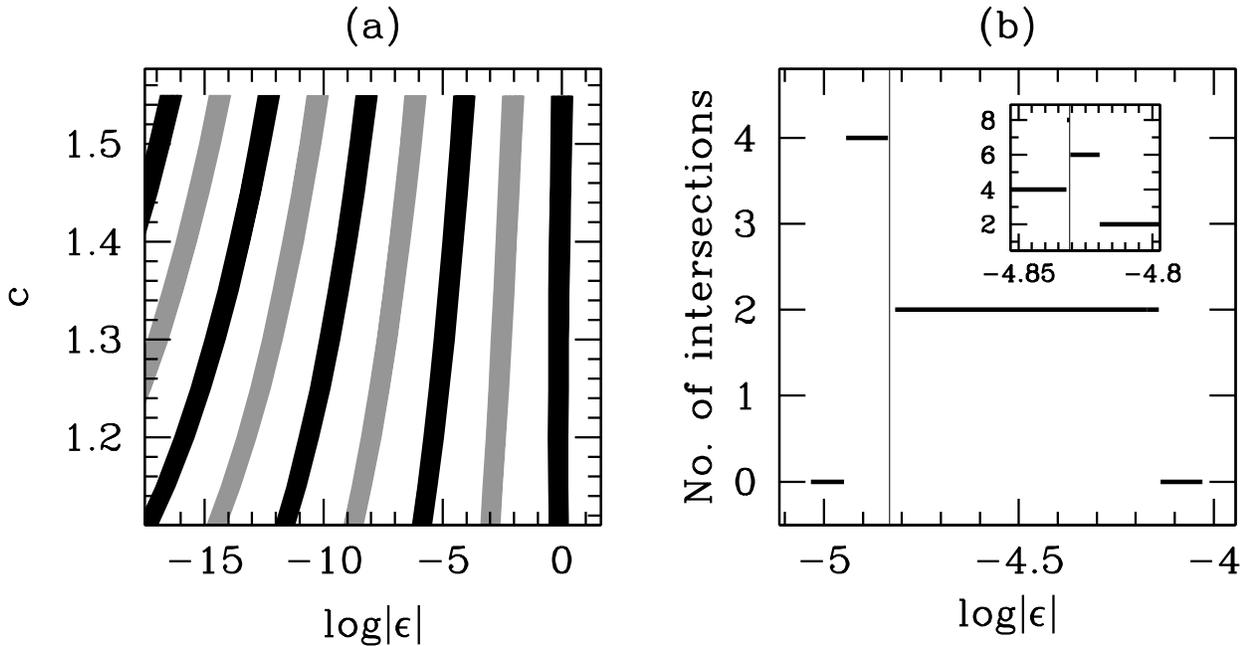


Figure 3: An illustration of the number of possible intersections of the spirals $\mathcal{S}_{\pm 1}$, as a function of ϵ and c . Each intersection corresponds to a family of patterns in which the speed coefficient s_1 is an unconstrained parameter. (a) The values of ϵ for which there is at least one pair of intersections. We plot $\log|\epsilon|$ on the horizontal axis, and indicate regions (shaded) in which there are patterns. Dark/light shading indicates a pattern with ϵ positive/negative. (b) A more detailed plot on a small region of the $\log|\epsilon|$ axis, for $c = 1.4$, showing the number of intersections. These are all for $\epsilon > 0$. The number of intersections has a sharp peak centred around the value of ϵ for which (37) is satisfied (indicated by a thin vertical line). There it is infinite, with the centres of each spiral lying on the other. By symmetry, the number of intersections is even except at values of ϵ for which there is a root of (38) with $\kappa_+ = \kappa_-$. This occurs once in each shaded band in (a), when $[\delta \log(|\Upsilon|/2) - \arg \Upsilon]/2\pi \in \mathbb{Z}$; in (b), there is exactly one intersection when $\log|\epsilon| = -4.1377$. Numerical values of Υ are required for these plots. Formulae for H_1 , I_1 and Q_{\pm} are given in Appendix A, and MAPLE code that evaluates these formulae numerically is available at www.ma.hw.ac.uk/~jas/supplements/sourcesandsinks/. Numerical calculation of S is described in Appendix B. In (a), the range of c on the vertical axis corresponds to the wavetrain of amplitude R^* being unstable but absolutely stable.

a neighbouring sink on its right and left respectively, with the separations being

$$L_{\pm} = -\sqrt{2} \log|\epsilon| - \sqrt{2} \log \kappa_{\pm} + o(1)$$

as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.

Interpretation of this solution family is somewhat easier if one reformulates the problem as follows: given distances L_{\pm} , is there a source-sink pattern with separations L_{\pm} between a

source and the neighbouring sinks? Our calculation answers this question for $L_{\pm} \rightarrow \infty$ with $L_+ - L_- = O_s(1)$ ¹. Multiplying (38) by $|\epsilon|$ and using (34a) gives

$$\exp\left(-L_-(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}\right) + \exp\left(-L_+(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}\right) = \epsilon\tilde{\Upsilon} + o(\epsilon) \quad (39)$$

as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, where $\tilde{\Upsilon}$ is defined in (36). This constitutes two (real) equations in the three unknowns L_{\pm} and ϵ , and we expect curves of solutions in (L_-, L_+, ϵ) -space. Indeed, a sink-source-sink pattern is a heteroclinic connection of the same type as a sink, which is (generically) robust. Note that $\tilde{\Upsilon}$ is independent of ϵ ; it is a function of R^* (or equivalently of c). Thus geometrically, in the complex plane, the right hand side forms a line through the origin parameterised by ϵ and for fixed L_- , say, the left hand side is a logarithmic spiral parameterised by L_+ . The formula is valid near the origin, corresponding to L_+ and L_- being sufficiently large. Analytically, a pattern exists if L_{\pm} satisfy

$$\arg\left[\exp\left(-L_-(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}\right) + \exp\left(-L_+(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}\right)\right] = \arg\left[\text{sign}(\epsilon)\tilde{\Upsilon}\right] + o(1) \quad (40)$$

as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, or equivalently as $L_{\pm} \rightarrow \infty$ with $L_+ - L_- = O_s(1)$. Equation (40) is a ‘‘locking condition’’, which ensures appropriate phase-matching of the oscillatory decay of the sinks to their asymptotic wavetrains. Similar conditions apply for interacting pulses in reaction-diffusion equations (see for example Sandstede & Scheel, 2001). That situation is analogous to the case $L_+ = \infty$ or $L_- = \infty$, and the locking condition arises as a condition for stability only. In contrast, in our case (40) must hold for the solution to even exist. Given any solution pair L_{\pm}^* of (40), $L_{\pm}^* + 2\sqrt{2}n\pi/\delta$ is also a solution for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, with the same sign for ϵ . Therefore (40) defines a sequence of curves in the (L_-, L_+) -plane (Figure 4a). Each curve approaches a limiting value of L_{\pm} as $L_{\mp 1} \rightarrow \infty$. In this limit, (37) is satisfied, and (40) implies that the limiting source-sink separations L are

$$L = (\sqrt{2}/\delta) \cdot \left[n\pi - \arg(\tilde{\Upsilon})\right] \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > \arg(\tilde{\Upsilon})/\pi). \quad (41)$$

The approach to these limiting values is oscillatory (Figure 4b), corresponding to the spirals $\mathcal{S}_{\pm 1}$ winding in towards their centres. The limiting values (41) are the separations that are possible in a solution consisting a single source-sink pair; their variation with c is illustrated in Figure 5.

¹Our calculation also applies for $L_{\pm} \rightarrow \infty$ with $L_{\mp 1} = \infty$, which corresponds to (37) being satisfied.

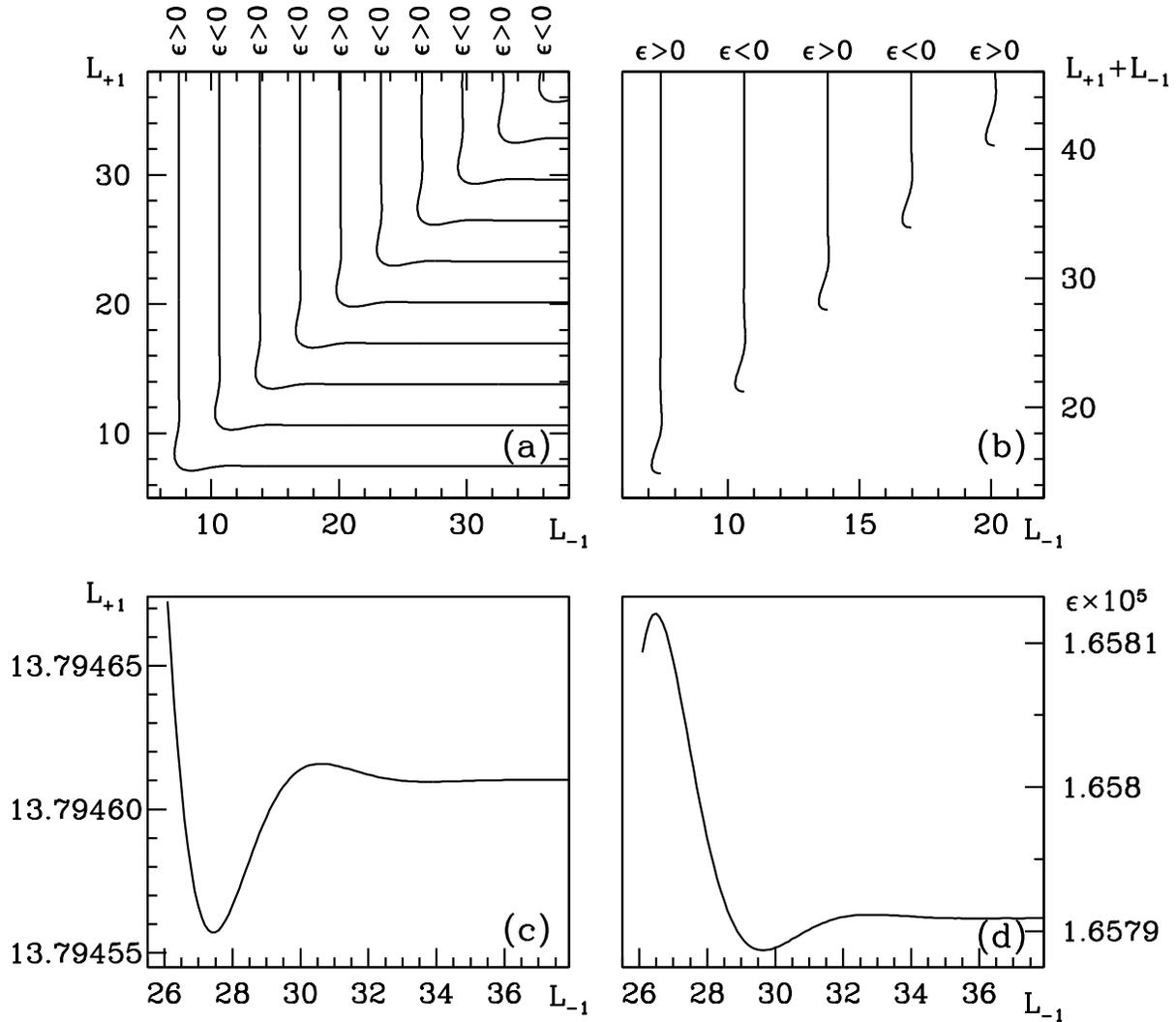


Figure 4: An illustration of the phase locking condition (40) that must be satisfied by L_{\pm} for a sink-source-sink pattern to exist, for $c = 1.4$. The condition implies a sequence of curves in the $L_{+}-L_{-}$ plane, which are shown in (a). The corresponding values of ϵ have a fixed sign along each curve, which alternates through the sequence as indicated. (b) shows a different visualisation, plotting one of the separation distances against their sum, which is the separation of adjacent sinks. The approach of each solution curve to its limiting value as L_{+} or $L_{-} \rightarrow \infty$ is oscillatory, and we illustrate this in (c). Finally, in (d) we plot the variation of ϵ along one of the curves (the same one as used in (c)); the value of ϵ is given as a function of L_{\pm} by equation (42), with $\text{sign}(\epsilon)$ chosen as in (40).

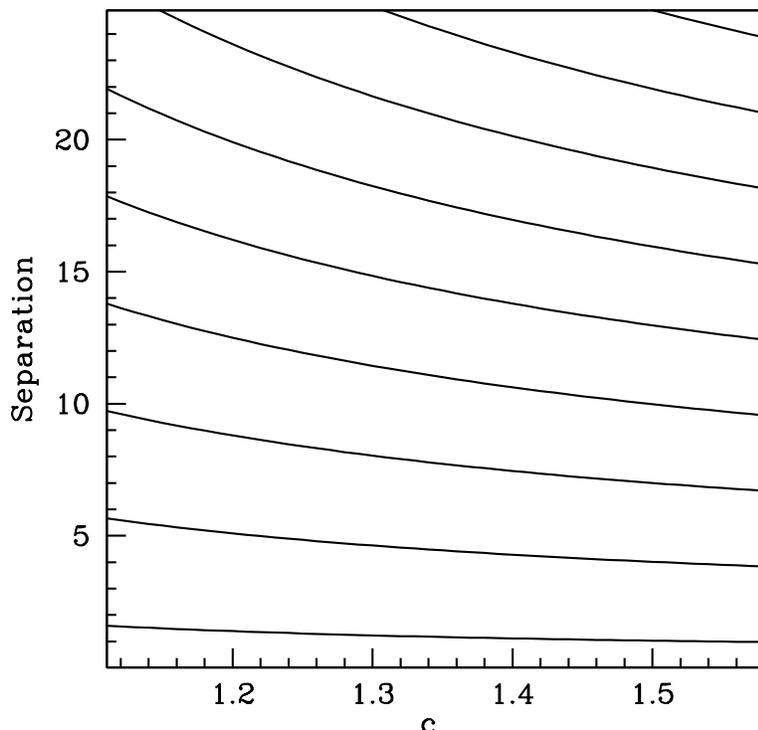


Figure 5: An illustration of the dependence on c of the possible separations between the source and sink in an isolated source-sink pair. This corresponds to the phase locking condition (40) being satisfied with one of L_{\pm} being infinite. These separations are given by the formula (41).

If (40) is satisfied, then ϵ is uniquely determined via

$$|\epsilon| = \left| \exp\left(-L_{-}(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}\right) + \exp\left(-L_{+}(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}\right) \right| / |\tilde{\Upsilon}|, \quad (42)$$

with $\text{sign}(\epsilon)$ being the same as in (40). Each of the solution curves shown in Figure 4a traces out one of the ϵ intervals shown in Figure 3a, in which the spirals \mathcal{S}_{+1} and \mathcal{S}_{-1} intersect. In Figure 4c we show the variation of ϵ along one of the solution curves. The limiting value of ϵ , corresponding to the separation (41), is

$$\epsilon = (-1)^n e^{-L/\sqrt{2}} / |\tilde{\Upsilon}|. \quad (43)$$

The value of ϵ determines the average of the amplitudes of the asymptotic wavetrains either side of the source. The difference between these amplitudes, or equivalently the propagation

speed of the source-sink pattern, is arbitrary, except that for our calculation to be valid it must be $O(e^{-L_{\pm}})$ as $L_{\pm} \rightarrow \infty$.

These considerations specify the possible solutions between two successive sinks (with a source in between them). Finally, we comment that there can be multiple distinct pairs L_{\pm} satisfying (40) and giving the same value of ϵ (see Figure 3b and Figure 4d). Since at first order each sink-sink block is decoupled, it is possible that they can be glued together to give a rich variety of composite patterns. Investigation of this would require higher order matching, which we have not attempted.

5 Numerical Verification

5.1 ODE simulations

In §5.2, we will present results from numerical solutions of the PDEs (1) demonstrating the discreteness of the possible separation distances in source-sink patterns. However, the numerical accuracy of our PDE simulations is not sufficient to enable a detailed quantitative test of the analytical results derived in §2. For that, we used instead numerical solutions of the travelling wave ODEs (6), with $d\hat{\theta}(t)/dt = K_0 + \epsilon$ and $c = \epsilon s_1$; K_0 is given in (10). Using these equations we calculate numerically solutions consisting of one source and one sink in an unbounded domain, which corresponds to L_+ (say) being infinite; a typical example is shown in Figure 6. As $|z| \rightarrow \infty$, a solution of this type decays to the asymptotic wavetrain with $\hat{\psi} < 0$. Recall from §3 that linearising (6) about this wavetrain shows that it has one real eigenvalue and a complex conjugate pair; these and the corresponding eigenvectors can easily be calculated numerically. The approach to the asymptotic wavetrain is oscillatory as $z \rightarrow -\infty$, and monotonic as $z \rightarrow +\infty$. Therefore to construct numerical solutions, we solve (6) in the negative z direction, starting with \hat{r} , $d\hat{r}/dz$ and $\hat{\psi}$ on the eigenvector corresponding to the real (negative) eigenvalue. This reduces the problem to one of shooting in the single unknown parameter ϵ , which must be chosen so that the solution traces out a source followed by a sink, and then decays again to the asymptotic wavetrain. Although it is simple in concept, this procedure is complicated in practice by the extreme sensitivity of the solutions of (6) to changes in ϵ . For example, the solution shown in Figure 6 has $\epsilon \approx -2 \times 10^{-8}$ (see the legend for the precise value) and uses a domain of length 53. If ϵ is increased by more than 6×10^{-11} , or decreased by more than

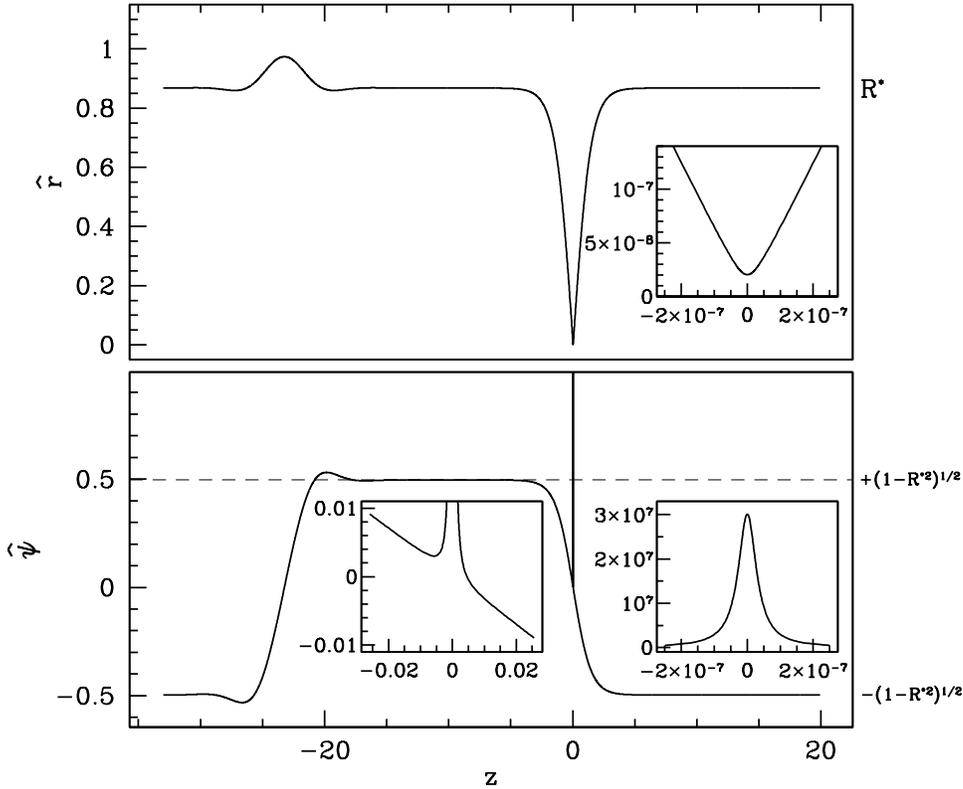


Figure 6: A numerical simulation of an isolated stationary source-sink pair. The insets show details of the solution near the centre of the source. For ψ , we show this over two different ranges of z : the left hand inset shows the behaviour near the base of the spike, while the right hand inset shows the spike in full. Note the very narrow ranges on the z -axis in the latter case, and in the inset on the r graph. The solution was obtained using (6) with $d\hat{\theta}(t)/dt = K_0 + \epsilon$; K_0 is given in (10). We integrated these equations backwards in z using the routine DLSODAR (Hindmarsh, 1983; Petzold, 1983), which is part of the ODEPACK collection, and is freely available at www.netlib.org. The solver automatically switches between an Adams predictor-corrector method and a Gear backward differentiation formula method. We set both the absolute and relative error tolerances in the routine to $\ell = 10^{-24}$. We use initial conditions lying on the (unique) real eigenvector of the asymptotic wavetrain, normalised so that r was $\sqrt{\ell}$ below its asymptotic wavetrain value. (Note that the amplitude of the asymptotic wavetrain is different from R^* , since $\epsilon \neq 0$). We discuss the reason for this choice of normalisation, and the size of the resulting numerical errors, in Appendix B. Prior to plotting, we made a translation in z so that the source was centred at $z = 0$, since this is the formulation that we have adopted in our perturbation theory calculation. The parameters are $\epsilon = -1.98921217 \times 10^{-8}$, $c = 1.4$ and $s_1 = 0$; in the main text we comment on the extreme sensitivity of the numerical solutions to ϵ . We determined the value of ϵ by numerical shooting. The appropriate shooting condition is that $(\hat{r}, d\hat{r}/dz, \hat{\psi}) - (R^*, 0, -(1 - R^{*2})^{1/2})$ lies in the plane spanned by the real and imaginary parts of the eigenvector corresponding to the complex conjugate pair of eigenvalues at the asymptotic wavetrain. In practice it is convenient to perform a primitive continuation in ϵ , gradually increasing the domain length from about 42 to 45 using the alternative shooting condition $\hat{r} = R^*$, before finally applying the correct condition. The routine DLSODAR automatically stops integration when specified algebraic conditions are satisfied, and this enables precise identification of the centres of the source and sink.

10^{-14} , the solution for \hat{r} increases through 1 before reaching the end of the domain, after which it rapidly increases towards infinity.

Tables 1a and 1b compare six successive stationary source-sink pair solutions, calculated numerically in this way, against the analytical approximations derived in §2. The comparison is extremely good. There is numerical error in both the simulations and the predictions; the latter is due to error in the numerical calculation of the constant S . In Appendix C we present a detailed discussion of these errors, and conclude that we have a high level of confidence in the first 10 decimal places of the separations and the first 10 significant figures of the values of ϵ , in both the simulations and the predictions. For each of the cases presented in Table 1, the difference between the simulated and predicted separations is much greater than this, and is therefore an accurate measure of the higher order corrections to our perturbation theory expansions. These corrections decrease with ϵ , as predicted by the theory. Moreover, the entries in column 3 differ between parts (a) and (b) of Table 1, suggesting that the corrections do depend on s_1 . This would imply that the speed of propagation of the sources and sinks does affect the possible separations, but with this dependence being $o(1)$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.

The ODE solutions contain a sharp spike in ψ centred at the source (see Figure 6), as predicted by the theory. Our analysis predicts that this spike has height $B_0/(\epsilon A_0) + O(1)$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, with B_0 and A_0 given in (26) and (28) respectively. For a single source-sink pair,

$$B_0/(\epsilon A_0) = -4R^* \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} / \left(\epsilon(I_1 + s_1 I_2) \operatorname{Re} [F'(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1}{2})] + 2\sqrt{2} s_1 R^* \right). \quad (44)$$

In column 6 of Table 1 we give the heights implied by (44) and compare them with the heights of the spikes in our numerical solutions. The comparison is extremely good, and the difference between the predictions and simulations is roughly constant as ϵ varies (see column 7 of Table 1), as predicted by the theory. It is important to emphasise that although the source-sink separations have only a $o(1)$ dependence on ϵ as this tends to zero, other aspects of the patterns vary with ϵ to leading order. This is highlighted by comparing column 6 of parts (a) and (b) of Table 1. For each of the possible separations, the heights of the spikes in ψ differ by a factor of about 1.6.

Separation (pred ⁿ)	ϵ (prediction)	Prediction – sim ⁿ (separation)	Prediction – sim ⁿ (ϵ)	Height of spike in ψ (pred ⁿ)	Pred ⁿ – sim ⁿ (height)
(a) $c = 1.4, s_1 = 0$					
10.624	-1.560×10^{-4}	2.449×10^{-3}	5.517×10^{-7}	3.862×10^3	0.498
13.795	1.658×10^{-5}	-3.222×10^{-4}	7.396×10^{-9}	-3.620×10^4	0.498
16.965	-1.762×10^{-6}	4.091×10^{-5}	9.626×10^{-11}	3.408×10^5	0.498
20.136	1.872×10^{-7}	-5.056×10^{-6}	1.232×10^{-12}	-3.207×10^6	0.500
23.306	-1.989×10^{-8}	6.120×10^{-7}	1.555×10^{-14}	3.018×10^7	0.479
26.476	2.114×10^{-9}	-7.352×10^{-8}	1.925×10^{-16}	-2.840×10^8	0.677
(b) $c = 1.4, s_1 = 1$					
10.624	-1.560×10^{-4}	1.990×10^{-3}	2.152×10^{-7}	2.456×10^3	0.574
13.795	1.658×10^{-5}	-2.536×10^{-4}	2.468×10^{-9}	-2.307×10^4	0.574
16.965	-1.762×10^{-6}	3.159×10^{-5}	2.831×10^{-11}	2.171×10^5	0.574
20.136	1.872×10^{-7}	-3.849×10^{-6}	3.244×10^{-13}	-2.043×10^6	0.576
23.306	-1.989×10^{-8}	4.608×10^{-7}	3.733×10^{-15}	1.923×10^7	0.554
26.476	2.114×10^{-9}	-5.501×10^{-8}	4.118×10^{-17}	-1.810×10^8	0.761

Table 1: A comparison of the predictions of our perturbation theory calculation and numerical simulations, for a single stationary source-sink pair. Column 1 shows six successive predicted separations, given by solving (40) with one of L_+ and L_- set to infinity, and column 2 shows the corresponding values of ϵ , given by (42), with the sign of ϵ as in (40). Columns 3 and 4 show the differences between these predictions and the results from numerical solutions of (6), performed as discussed in the main text and in the legend to Figure 6. Accurate computation of the source-sink separations in these solutions is straightforward because of the root-finding capability of our ODE solver (see the legend to Figure 6). Column 5 shows the predicted height of the spike in ψ , given by (44), and column 6 shows the difference between this and the results from numerical simulations. The parameters are $c = 1.4$ and (a) $s_1 = 0$; (b) $s_1 = 1$. Only the first few significant figures are shown in each column, but we have a high level of confidence in the first 10 decimal places of the separations, and the first 10 significant figures of the values of ϵ , for both the predictions and the simulations (see Appendix C). For the height of the spike in ψ , the estimated numerical error in simulations is at most 10^{-5} (see Appendix C), while the predicted values are free of numerical error, being independent of S .

5.2 PDE simulations

The basic prediction of our analytical theory is the discreteness of the possible separation distances in source-sink patterns. In this subsection we describe numerical tests of this prediction. The numerical solutions of the travelling wave ODEs (6) described in the previous subsection have a very high level of accuracy. However, our PDE simulations are generally much less accurate. To assess this, we solved (1) on a large spatial domain with $u = v = 0$ imposed at one boundary and $u_x = v_x = 0$ at the other. Provided that c is sufficiently small that the asymptotic wavetrain is stable, the long-term solution has the form of a stationary Nozaki-Bekki hole away from the latter boundary (Sherratt, 2003; Smith *et al*, 2009). A convenient measure of accuracy is provided by the amplitude of the asymptotic wavetrain, given by (4). For all of the computations in this subsection, and also for Figure 1, we used a semi-implicit Crank-Nicolson method, with a uniform grid spacing $\delta x = 0.2$ and a time step $\delta t = 10^{-3}$; for $c = 1.0$, say, the computed asymptotic wavetrain amplitude is then accurate to 0.012%. The implications of this for the computation of source-sink patterns follows from a consideration of the solution form in between the source and sink, where the two structures interact. The eigenvalues of (6) imply that the difference between the source (respectively sink) solution and the asymptotic wavetrain is proportional to $e^{-z\sqrt{2}}$ (respectively $e^{-(L-z)/\sqrt{2}}$), where L is the separation distance and $z = 0$ is the centre of the source. These quantities are the same size when $z \approx L/3$, with that size being about $e^{-L\sqrt{2}/3}$. Therefore we expect our PDE simulations to be able to reproduce source-sink patterns with reasonable accuracy provided that L is less than about $-(3/\sqrt{2})\log(1.2 \times 10^{-4}) \approx 19.5$.

With this restriction in mind, we began by attempting to reproduce in PDE simulations the stationary source-sink pairs corresponding to the various rows of Table 1a; their typical form is illustrated in Figure 6. We used a relatively large spatial domain (chosen arbitrarily as $0 < x < 100$), with boundary conditions $u_x = v_x = 0$ at both ends. This condition is compatible with the centre of a stationary sink. However it is also satisfied by the (stable) spatially uniform oscillation $u = -\sin(ct)$, $v = \cos(ct)$, and we found that this has a very large basin of attraction: even initial conditions of roughly “source-sink form” typically evolve to this uniform oscillation. Therefore we based our initial conditions on our very accurate ODE computations of source-sink pairs, described in §5.1. On the left-hand part of the domain, we

used the ODE solution (such as that illustrated in Figure 6), starting from the centre of the sink. On the right-hand part of the domain, we again used the ODE solution starting from the centre of the sink, but with z decreasing in this case. Finally, in the central part of the domain we used the asymptotic wavetrain. Continuity of phase, θ , is of course required; we obtained the θ profile for the source-sink pair by numerically solving $d\theta/dz = \widehat{\psi}$ in parallel with (6), and we then made appropriate uniform shifts in θ in the central and right-hand parts of the solution, in order to give continuity. We then converted from r and θ to u and v , prior to solving (1). The form of the resulting initial conditions is as in Figure 7a. Our procedure results in small discontinuities between the three segments, but these disappear after a short time in the simulations.

The significance of the domain being relatively large is that the source is much too far from the sink at the right-hand boundary for there to be any interaction in the PDE simulations with our accuracy level. Thus, up to the cut-off at $x = 0$, we are effectively simulating a single, isolated, stationary source-sink pair. Figure 7b shows the results of our simulations. We plot the distance L_- between the sink at $x = 0$ and the source (see Figure 7a) as a function of time, for each of the initial spacings listed in the first column of Table 1a. In two cases (initial $L_- = 13.795$ and 20.136), the spacing stays approximately constant ($L_- = 13.785$ and 20.113 at $t = 10^4$); we attribute the small changes to numerical error. In two other cases (initial $L_- = 10.624$ and 16.965) the spacing changes, converging to about 13.8 and 20.1 respectively. This suggests that the source-sink pairs with these spacings are unstable, with the long time scale on the horizontal axis in Figure 7b indicating that the corresponding eigenvalue is very small. Finally, the two largest spacings (initial $L_- = 23.306$ and 26.476) remain almost constant; there are in fact very slow changes, which are not visible at the scale used in Figure 7b. In these cases the source-sink separation is large enough that the interaction between the source and sink occurs via variations in the solution amplitude that are below the accuracy of our numerical scheme. To confirm this, we reran a small number of the simulations at higher numerical accuracy ($\delta x = 0.1$, $\delta t = 10^{-4}$). For initial $L_- = 23.306$, the separation then converges to about 26.5.²

These results show that our boundary and initial conditions are suitable for the simulation

²Readers considering reproducing this result should be aware that the separation changes very slowly: a solution time of about 2×10^5 is required to see the convergence.

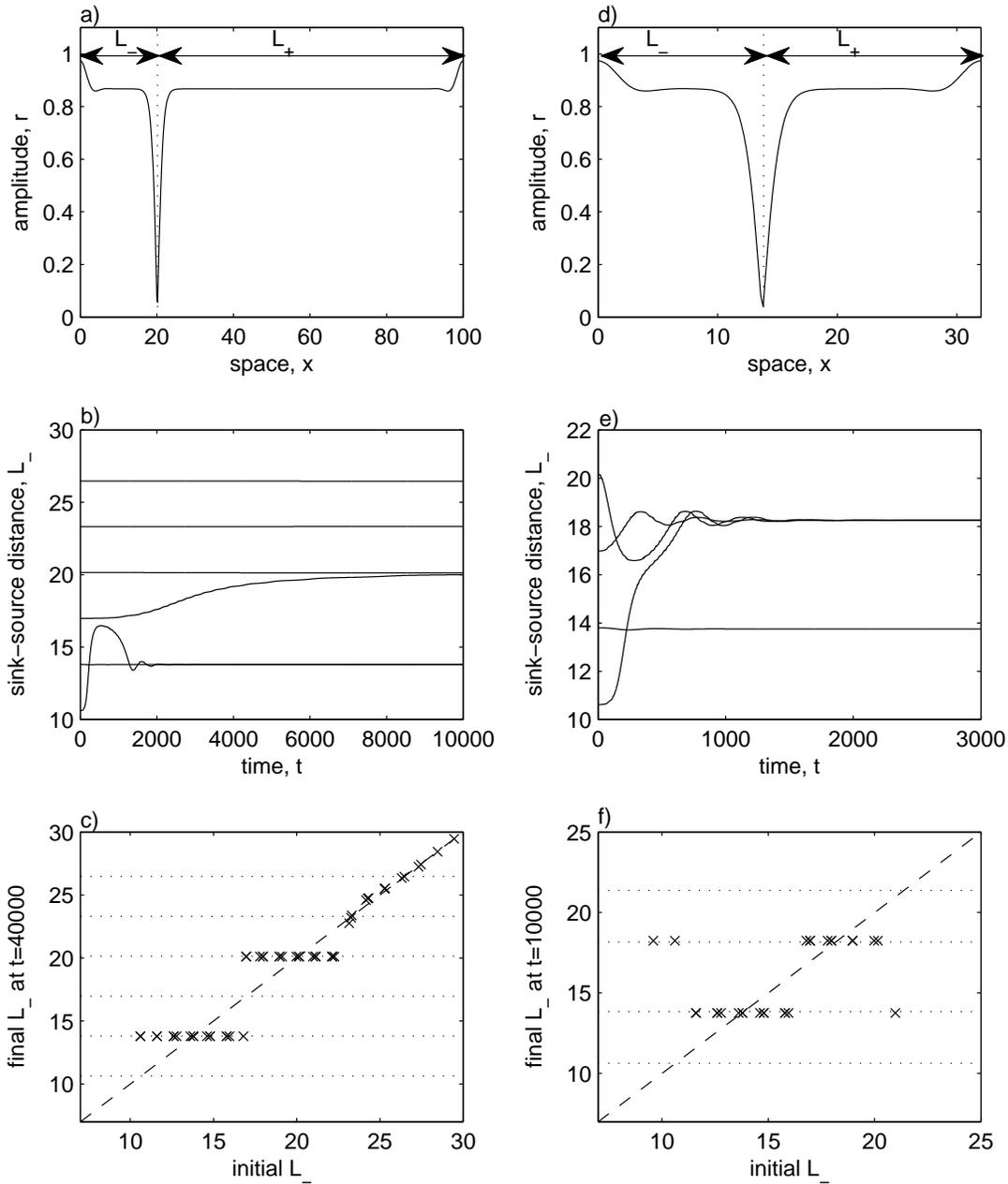


Figure 7: Results of PDE simulations of (1) with $c = 1.4$ and boundary conditions $u_x = v_x = 0$ at both boundaries (left boundary at $x = 0$ in all simulations, right boundary at $x = 100$ in a-c and at $x = 32$ in d-f). The initial conditions were always a source-sink pair, modified using the methods described in §5.2. (a) and (d) show solutions at time $t = 10000$, with source-sink spacing as in our theoretical predictions. (b) and (e) show time series of the sink to source distance. (c) and (f) plot the initial sink to source spacing against the final sink to source spacing at the final simulation time ($t = 40000$ in a-c and $t = 10000$ in d-f). In (c) the crosses on the diagonal correspond to cases in which the interactions between the source and the boundary sinks are both dominated by numerical error, as discussed in §5.2. The equations were solved numerically using a semi-implicit Crank-Nicolson method, with $\delta x = 0.2$ and $\delta t = 0.001$.

of source-sink pairs, providing a foundation from which we can investigate the discreteness of the spacings. For this, we made small changes to the location of the source, keeping the overall domain size constant. For each of the initial spacings used in Figure 7b, we changed L_- by $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3$ and ± 4 , with a corresponding decrease or increase in L_+ . We achieved this by altering the length of the “flat” regions of r and θ_x , in which the solution is approximately on the asymptotic wavetrain. Appropriate phase shifts are required in the various parts of the solution in order to retain continuity of phase, prior to conversion from r and θ to u and v . Figure 7c shows that in all cases the source-sink spacing converged to either 13.8 or 20.1 (approximately), provided that the initial spacing was sufficiently small to prevent the source-sink interaction being dominated by numerical error; we found that the threshold for this is $L_- \approx 23$ for our numerical scheme. These results provide specific evidence for the discreteness of possible separations in source-sink pairs.

To study the case of sink-source-sink triples, it was necessary to reduce the domain length considerably, so that the source is close enough to both boundaries for the interactions to be significant within the context of our numerical scheme. We fixed the domain length at 32, for which equation (40) predicts source-sink separations of $L_{\pm} = 10.625$ and 13.839 , plus their complements.³ We generated initial conditions with a variety of different initial spacings, using our numerical solutions of the travelling wave ODEs (6) for source-sink pairs, following the procedure described above. Figure 7f shows that all of these solutions converged to the same spacing of about $L_- = 13.75$ (or its complement of 18.25); the difference between this and the theoretical prediction can be attributed to numerical error. The temporal evolution of the separation is shown in Figure 7e for a few cases. These results provide evidence that the discreteness of possible separations extends beyond the case of single source-sink pairs, to patterns with multiple sources and sinks.

While our PDE tests successfully support our prediction of the discreteness of possible separation distances in source-sink patterns, they also highlight that the patterns that emerge in simulations such as those in Figure 1 are the result of a complicated interplay between true source-sink interactions and numerical artefacts arising from insufficient numerical accuracy.

³The equation (40) also has three smaller solutions of about 1.1, 4.3 and 7.5. However the significance of these is doubtful since the theory underlying (40) assumes large separation distances. We have not seen any of these smaller spacings in our PDE simulations.

For example Figure 1g shows the movement of four source-sink pairs with equal spacings over long simulation times. Our numerical tests in this subsection suggest that the observed distance between each source and the sink on its left (≈ 14) is the result of a real source-sink interaction. However the distance between the sources and the sinks on their right, which is variable, significantly exceeds the threshold of about 23 in each case, implying that the interactions between the sources and sinks are dominated by numerical error. Further investigation into the determinants of the long term dynamics of source-sink patterns is a natural (and challenging) area for further investigation. However, a prerequisite for such studies is a numerical scheme that is accurate enough to generate quantitatively correct source-sink solutions for a wide range of parameter values and source-sink spacings.

6 Discussion

Patterns of sources and sinks are a common feature of numerical simulations of the CGLE, and have been observed in a variety of corresponding experimental systems. The main results of this paper concern the possible relative locations of sources and sinks that form a coherent pattern moving with constant small speed. Using a formal asymptotic expansion we showed that the separations L_+ and L_- between each source and its neighbouring sinks are constrained to satisfy a phase locking condition which requires them to lie on one of a discrete infinite sequence of curves in the L_+-L_- plane. Moreover, we have derived exact formulae for the leading order terms in asymptotic expansion of these curves. Our asymptotics are based on two assumptions: large source-sink separations and slow propagation speed. Mathematically, the first assumption ensures that the source resembles a Nozaki-Bekki hole, while the second implies that it is the stationary hole that is relevant. One aspect of our results that is of particular interest is that although the possible separations do depend on the speed at which the sources and sinks move, this dependence tends to zero as the separations tend to infinity. Moreover our detailed numerical investigation suggests that the dependence of the separations on propagation speed is so small that it is significantly less than the errors inherent in most numerical methods in use for the CGLE (see column 3 of Table 1).

Many readers will be familiar with the “modulated amplitude wave” (Brusch *et al*, 2000, 2001, 2003; Lan *et al*, 2004) and “homoclinic hole” (homoclons) (van Hecke, 1998; van Hecke

& Howard, 2001; Howard & van Hecke, 2003) solutions of the CGLE. For their benefit, we now briefly compare these solutions with the source-sink patterns that we have studied. All of these solution types are “coherent structures”, satisfying the solution ansatz (5) and the ODEs (6). Briefly, the equilibria of these ODEs, which are wavetrains, can undergo Hopf bifurcation (Janiaud, 1992). The branches of periodic solutions (in \hat{r} , $d\hat{r}/dz$ and $\hat{\psi}$) emanating from such bifurcations constitute the modulated amplitude waves. In some cases, the solution branch terminates at another Hopf bifurcation; otherwise the period is unbounded along the branch, and the terminating homoclinic orbit is known as a homoclinic hole. The case of a single source-sink pair that we have studied is superficially similar to a homoclinic hole: both are localised disturbances to an otherwise uniform wavetrain solution. However, homoclinic holes do not contain a band of an oppositely moving wavetrain. Moreover homoclinic holes are connected to a Hopf bifurcation of an equilibrium of (6) (a wavetrain), while source-sink pairs are not – rather, their organising centre is a heteroclinic cycle. Similarly, modulated amplitude waves are quite distinct from repeating patterns of sources and sinks.

The focus of this paper has been the existence of source-sink patterns. An important follow-up question is the stability of these patterns. As discussed in §2, patterns of sources and sinks provide a classic illustration of the difference between convective and absolute stability. When the asymptotic wavetrains are only convectively unstable, all unstable linear modes propagate as they grow, travelling towards the nearest sink, where they are absorbed. In contrast, when one of the asymptotic wavetrains is absolutely unstable, there are stationary unstable modes. Therefore, one expects intuitively that in the limit of large separations, the stability of a solution consisting of a doubly-infinite sequence of sources and sinks will depend crucially on the absolute stability of the asymptotic wavetrain, but not on its stability. This expectation is consistent with the significant body of work on the highly analogous problem of pulse stability (Sandstede & Scheel, 2000; Nii, 2000; Romeo & Jones, 2001). These various papers consider pulse wave solutions of reaction-diffusion equations, with a stable uniform equilibrium behind and ahead of the wave, and a long intermediate plateau in which the solution is close to a second equilibrium. In particular, Sandstede & Scheel (2000) showed that a solution of this type is stable in the limit of large plateau lengths if and only if two conditions are satisfied: (i) the plateau equilibrium is absolutely stable; (ii) a finite set of point eigenvalues associated with

the front and back of the pulse are all stable. The intuition behind (i) is exactly as discussed above: provided that the plateau equilibrium is absolutely stable, any unstable linear mode will propagate as it grows, eventually reaching the front or back of the pulse, where it will be absorbed.

Condition (ii) reflects the fact that the front and back of the pulse may themselves be intrinsically unstable, through point spectra. Sandstede & Scheel (2000) showed that such point spectra are inherited by the pulse, with a correction that is exponentially small in the separation distance. For the source-sink patterns that we are considering, the corresponding issue is point spectra associated with the sources and sinks. For sinks, we are not aware of any detailed study, either analytical or numerical, but a large body of PDE simulations suggest that they are always stable. However, this is certainly not the case for sources, and the stability of Nozaki-Bekki holes has been studied in considerable detail (Sakaguchi, 1991; Chaté & Menneville, 1992; Sasa & Iwamoto, 1993; Popp *et al.*, 1995; Kapitula & Rubin, 2000; a concise review of this work can be found in Lega, 2001; see also Sandstede & Scheel, 2005). In particular, the stability of stationary Nozaki-Bekki holes changes due to discrete eigenvalues as parameters cross the “core stability curve” in the parameter plane of the CGLE. By analogy with the results of Sandstede & Scheel (2000), we hypothesise that these discrete eigenvalues will be inherited by the source-sink patterns, modulo a correction that is exponentially small in the source-sink separation. The core stability curve crosses the zero linear dispersion axis at $c = c^{\text{core}} \approx 1.12$, slightly above the threshold for the stability of the asymptotic wavetrains ($c = c^{\text{stab}} \approx 1.11$)⁴. Therefore we hypothesise that patterns consisting of a doubly-infinite sequence of sources and sinks can only be stable, in the limit of large separations, if c lies between $c^{\text{core}} \approx 1.12$ and $c^{\text{abs}} \approx 1.57$. Since rigorous results already exist for the reaction-diffusion pulse problem, a proof of this hypothesis seems within reach, and is a natural area for future study.

In the range $c^{\text{core}} < c < c^{\text{abs}}$, we expect that stability depends on eigenvalues near the origin. By analogy with multi-pulse solutions (Sandstede, 1998), each source and sink is expected to contribute one such eigenvalue. These are associated with the neutral translation modes of the individual sources and sinks, but only one will be pinned at the origin as the translation mode of the entire pattern. This situation differs from that of pulse waves discussed above; in

⁴The difference between these two critical values of c is somewhat ambiguous in the literature, and we are grateful to Professor Shin-ichi Sasa (University of Tokyo) for confirming it in personal correspondence.

that case the plateau and background states have different stabilities, and as a result only the “back” of the pulse generates an eigenvalue associated with its neutral translation mode (see Lemma 3 of Sandstede & Scheel, 2000).

As a final remark on stability, we comment that the above discussion concerns only a doubly-infinite sequence of sources and sinks. It is unchanged for a source-sink pattern on a finite domain with either periodic or appropriate separated boundary conditions. It is also unchanged for a finite or singly-infinite sequence of sources and sinks on an unbounded domain, when the sequence is terminated by sink(s). However, in the case of a terminal source, even propagating unstable modes can grow without bound, since the group velocity is then directed away from the source, into an unbounded part of the domain containing no sinks. Therefore it is the stability of the asymptotic wavetrain, rather than its absolute stability, that is relevant in this case.

In addition to issues connected to the stability of source-sink patterns, our results raise four main questions that are natural targets for future work.

1. In our perturbation theory calculation, we only considered the leading order difference between a source-sink pattern and the corresponding isolated sources and sinks. This was sufficient to provide a detailed account of the separation between a source and its neighbouring sink(s). However, neighbouring sinks are decoupled at this order, and thus our calculation provides no information on the nature or even existence of constraints on sink-sink separations. Investigation of this via higher order asymptotics is an important objective for subsequent work.
2. Our results apply only to the case of zero linear dispersion, and an obvious question is the extent to which our results apply when the linear dispersion parameter in the CGLE is non-zero. The cornerstone of our calculation was the exact solution for the stationary isolated source. The work of Nozaki & Bekki (1985) provides corresponding exact solutions for non-zero linear dispersion, so that a directly analogous calculation would be possible, with the only barrier being the increased algebraic complexity.
3. Generically, sources occur as isolated solutions in reaction-diffusion-type equations (van Saarloos *et al.*, 1992; Sandstede & Scheel, 2004). However, the CGLE is non-generic and

has a continuous family of sources, the Nozaki-Bekki holes. The “hidden symmetry” that is responsible for this has been discussed extensively (van Saarloos *et al*, 1992; Doelman, 1996; Lega, 2001). We have focussed entirely on the case of slowly moving source-sink patterns with large separation distances, so that the sources are close to the stationary Nozaki-Bekki hole solution. It seems likely that there are also more rapidly moving source-sink patterns, in which the sources are close to the corresponding non-stationary Nozaki-Bekki holes. Such patterns could also be studied using our perturbation theory approach, although the greater algebraic complexity of the moving Nozaki-Bekki hole solutions would make the calculation extremely challenging. We emphasise that the existence of such patterns would be non-generic, and would again be a consequence of the “hidden symmetry” of the CGLE. Moreover, all non-stationary Nozaki-Bekki holes are structurally unstable; in particular, they do not persist when the equation is perturbed by the addition of a small quintic term (Doeleman, 1996; Popp *et al*, 1993, 1995). We speculate that this property will be shared by moving source-sink patterns, including the solutions that we have studied with $s_1 \neq 0$.

4. We have shown that there is a family of source-sink patterns, with a discrete set of possible source-sink separations and a continuum of possible propagation speeds. Whenever a source-sink pattern arises in a solution of the CGLE, a particular member of this family is selected by the initial and boundary conditions. This pattern selection problem is completely open.

Appendix A

In this Appendix, we give details of the various constants arising in the perturbation theory calculation for which we have exact formulae. All depend on the amplitude R^* of the isolated source, which is equivalent to a dependence on the parameter c , via (13).

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= 4\sqrt{2} (R^*/W) \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^1 [F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1+t}{2}) - F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1-t}{2})] \\
 &\quad t^2(1-t^2)^{(-1+i\delta)/2} dt \\
 H_2 &= 2\sqrt{2} (R^*/W) \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \int_0^1 F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1+t}{2}) \cdot [(3 - 2R^{*2})t^3 - t] (1-t^2)^{(-1+i\delta)/2} dt \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \int_0^1 F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1-t}{2}) \cdot [(3 - 2R^{*2})t^3 - t] (1-t^2)^{(-1+i\delta)/2} dt \right\} \quad (\text{A.1})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &= 4\sqrt{2} (R^*/W) \sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \operatorname{Re} \int_0^1 [F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1+t}{2}) + F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1-t}{2})] \\
 &\quad \cdot t^2(1-t^2)^{(-1+i\delta)/2} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= 2\sqrt{2} (R^*/W) \operatorname{Re} \int_0^1 [F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1+t}{2}) + F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \frac{1-t}{2})] \\
 &\quad \cdot [(3 - 2R^{*2})t^3 - t] (1-t^2)^{(-1+i\delta)/2} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_+ &= \frac{i\delta}{3+i\delta} \left[\frac{2^{-1+i\delta} \Gamma(i\delta)^2}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + i\delta + i\{\delta^2 + \frac{3}{4}\}^{1/2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + i\delta - i\{\delta^2 + \frac{3}{4}\}^{1/2})} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{2^{-1-i\delta} |\Gamma(i\delta)|^2}{|\Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + i\{\delta^2 + \frac{3}{4}\}^{1/2})|^2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_- = \frac{-2^{-1-i\delta}}{3+i\delta}$$

$$C_1^\xi = \kappa_\xi \operatorname{sign}(\epsilon) \operatorname{Im} [\overline{Q}_{-\xi} S \exp \{-i\delta (\log |\epsilon| + \log \kappa_\xi)\}] / \operatorname{Im} [Q_\xi \overline{Q}_{-\xi}] + o(1) \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$C_2^\xi = \kappa_\xi \operatorname{sign}(\epsilon) \operatorname{Im} [\overline{Q}_\xi S \exp \{-i\delta (\log |\epsilon| + \log \kappa_\xi)\}] / \operatorname{Im} [Q_\xi \overline{Q}_{-\xi}] + o(1). \quad (\text{A.3})$$

When evaluating these various expressions numerically, we used the software package MAPLE (Monagan *et al*, 2007). Our code is available at www.ma.hw.ac.uk/~jas/supplements/-sourcesandsinks/.

Proof that $H_2 = 0$

Substituting $\xi = (1 + t)/2$ into the first of the integrals in (A.1) and $\xi = (1 - t)/2$ into the second gives

$$H_2 = 2^{(5/2)+i\delta} (R^*/W) \operatorname{Re} [(4R^{*2} - 6) h_1 + (1 - R^{*2}) h_{-1}]$$

where $h_n = \int_0^1 (\xi - \xi^2)^{(n+i\delta)/2} (2\xi - 1) F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \xi) d\xi$.

Now $F(\cdot)$ satisfies the hypergeometric equation $F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \xi) = (\xi - \xi^2) \cdot (d^2F/d\xi^2)/(1 + i\delta) - (2\xi - 1) \cdot (dF/d\xi)$. Therefore

$$h_1 = \frac{1}{1 + i\delta} \int_0^1 (\xi - \xi^2)^{(3+i\delta)/2} (2\xi - 1) \frac{d^2F}{d\xi^2} d\xi - \int_0^1 (\xi - \xi^2)^{(1+i\delta)/2} (2\xi - 1)^2 \frac{dF}{d\xi} d\xi.$$

Evaluating the first of these integrals by parts implies

$$h_1 = \int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{(1 - i\delta)^2}{2(1 + \delta^2)} (\xi - \xi^2)^{(1+i\delta)/2} (2\xi - 1)^2 - \frac{2(1 - i\delta)}{1 + \delta^2} (\xi - \xi^2)^{(3+i\delta)/2} (2\xi - 1) \right\} \frac{dF}{d\xi} d\xi.$$

Evaluating by parts again and simplifying gives $(28 + 4\delta^2)h_1 = (1 + \delta^2)h_{-1}$. Using $\delta^2 = 11 - 12R^{*2}$, this implies that $H_2 = 0$.

Appendix B

The lack of an exact solution for sinks means that we do not have a formula for the constant S , which must therefore be calculated numerically. An isolated stationary sink is a solution of the ODEs (6), with $s = 0$ and $d\hat{\theta}(t)/dt = K_0$, defined in (10). As $z \rightarrow -\infty$ (say), such a sink solution must approach the steady state $\hat{r} = R^*$, $\hat{\psi} = -\sqrt{1 - R^{*2}}$ on the two-dimensional manifold corresponding to the complex conjugate eigenvalues $(1 \pm i\delta)/\sqrt{2}$. Therefore calculation of the sink solution can be reduced to a shooting problem. We solve (6), with $s = 0$ and $d\hat{\theta}(t)/dt = K_0$, forwards in z from initial conditions

$$(\hat{r}, d\hat{r}/dz, \hat{\psi}) = \left(R^*, 0, -\sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \right) + \rho \operatorname{Re}(\underline{E} e^{i\sigma}) \quad (\text{B.1})$$

at $z = 0$ (say). Here \underline{E} is the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue $(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}$, normalised so that $E_1 = 1$. The quantities ρ (small) and $\sigma \in [0, 2\pi)$ are the polar coordinates of the starting point on the unstable eigenspace, which is used as an approximation of the unstable manifold. Our shooting parameter is σ , and the choice of ρ is discussed below. We integrate forwards in z , detecting zeros of $d\hat{r}/dz$ and $\hat{\psi}$ as the integration proceeds. For the numerical solution, we used the routine DLSODAR (Hindmarsh, 1983; Petzold, 1983), which is part of the ODEPACK collection. This solver automatically switches between an Adams predictor-corrector method and a Gear backward differentiation formula method, and automatically stops integration when specified algebraic conditions are satisfied. This root-finding capability enables accurate detection of the zeros of $d\hat{r}/dz$ and $\hat{\psi}$. The numerical code is freely available at www.netlib.org.

A sink occurs when $d\hat{r}/dz$ and $\hat{\psi}$ are simultaneously zero; this is then the centre of the sink, about which the sink solution is symmetric. For all values of c that we have considered, this occurs for exactly one value of σ . This is in line with the generic expectation of exactly one sink solution for any given pair of asymptotic wavetrain amplitudes (van Saarloos & Hohenberg, 1992). However we emphasise that a proof of this is currently lacking, to the best of our knowledge. The critical value σ_{crit} can be calculated using a nonlinear algebraic equation solver in which the ‘‘equation’’ is the (signed) distance between the relevant zeros of $d\hat{r}/dz$ and $\hat{\psi}$; we denote by z_{crit} the coordinate of the common zero. Having found σ_{crit} and z_{crit} we can

deduce the value of S , which is defined by (31). Comparison with (B.1) shows that we require

$$\rho \operatorname{Re} \left[e^{i\sigma_{crit}} \right] = \operatorname{Re} \left[S e^{-z_{crit}(1+i\delta)/\sqrt{2}} \right],$$

which implies that $|S| = \rho e^{z_{crit}/\sqrt{2}}$ and $\arg(S) = \delta z_{crit}/\sqrt{2} \pm \sigma_{crit}$. The choice of $\pm\sigma_{crit}$ is specified by the additional requirement of correspondence in dr/dz between (31) and (B.1), which implies that $\arg(S) = \delta z_{crit}/\sqrt{2} + \sigma_{crit}$.

The above algorithm requires a particular value for the (small) parameter ρ . In the numerical ODE solver DLSODAR, errors are controlled locally, and we denote the local error tolerance by ℓ . In all our implementations of this solver, we set numerical parameters so that the local error test during the solution is met if either the absolute or relative error is less than ℓ , for each solution component. Then after a few numerical integration steps, the initial conditions (B.1) evolve to

$$(r, dr/dz, \psi) = \left(R^*, 0, -\sqrt{1 - R^{*2}} \right) + \rho \operatorname{Re} \left(\underline{E} e^{i\sigma} e^{(1+i\delta)z/\sqrt{2}} \right) + \ell \underline{\mathcal{L}}(z) + \rho^2 \underline{\mathcal{R}}$$

for some small positive value of z ; $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$ and $\underline{\mathcal{R}}$ are $O(1)$ as ℓ and $\rho \rightarrow 0$. The $O(\rho^2)$ term arises from the nonlinear terms in the ODEs. The deviation of this point from the eigenvector is given by

$$\frac{\rho \operatorname{Re} \left(E_m e^{i\sigma} e^{(1+i\delta)z/\sqrt{2}} \right) + \ell \mathcal{L}_m(z) + \rho^2 \mathcal{R}_m}{\rho \operatorname{Re} \left(E_n e^{i\sigma} e^{(1+i\delta)z/\sqrt{2}} \right) + \ell \mathcal{L}_n(z) + \rho^2 \mathcal{R}_n} - \frac{\operatorname{Re}(E_m e^{i\sigma})}{\operatorname{Re}(E_n e^{i\sigma})}$$

($m, n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, $m \neq n$), which is $O(\rho + \ell/\rho)$ as $\ell, \rho \rightarrow 0$. The optimal choice for ρ in this setting is that which minimizes this deviation, namely that ρ is proportional to $\sqrt{\ell}$. With this choice, the deviation from the eigenvector is $O(\sqrt{\ell})$ as $\ell \rightarrow 0$. Since the third eigenvalue at the steady state is (real and) negative, the solution returns to the required trajectory as z increases. However, the deviation from the eigenvector at the start of the integration leads to an $O(\sqrt{\ell})$ error in the value of z corresponding to a particular point $(r, dr/dz, \psi)$ on this trajectory. Since the governing equations are autonomous, this $O(\sqrt{\ell})$ translational error approaches a constant, independent of the point on the solution trajectory.

In the supplementary online material (www.ma.hw.ac.uk/~jas/supplements/sourcesandsinks/), we describe a test problem that corroborates this argument. It follows that the numerical error in z_{crit} will be $O(\sqrt{\ell})$. To consider the numerical error in σ_{crit} , we compared the convergence of z_{crit} and σ_{crit} as ℓ is decreased; we fix ρ rather than setting $\rho = \sqrt{\ell}$, since the value of σ_{crit} (and

of z_{crit}) depends on ρ . This comparison suggests that z_{crit} and σ_{crit} converge in parallel, suggesting that the error in both quantities, and hence in both the modulus and argument of S , will be $O(\sqrt{\ell})$. We take $\ell = 10^{-24}$, using 16-byte precision, which gives about 34 significant digits. We then expect the error in S to be about 10^{-12} , giving us a high level of confidence in the first 10 or 11 decimal places of our computed values of S . A table of S values as a function of c , to 10 decimal places, is available at www.ma.hw.ac.uk/~jas/supplements/sourcesandsinks/.

Appendix C

In this Appendix we discuss the numerical errors in the entries in Table 1. Since the constant S must be calculated numerically, there are numerical errors in the predicted values listed in the table, as well as in the simulated values. Hence the predictions are the sum of the true values, numerical error, and corrections due to higher order terms in the asymptotic expansions. Here we justify our assertion that in all three cases (separation, ϵ and spike height), the numerical errors in both predicted and simulated values are significantly less than the difference between the two values. It follows from this that the differences (which are listed in columns 3, 4 and 6 of Table 1) are an accurate measure of the higher order corrections.

We denote by \mathcal{E}_q the numerical error in a quantity q . Then our algorithm for calculating S (see Appendix B) implies that to leading order for small errors, $\mathcal{E}_{|S|} = |S|\mathcal{E}_{z_{crit}}/\sqrt{2}$ and $\mathcal{E}_{\arg(S)} = (\delta/\sqrt{2})\mathcal{E}_{z_{crit}} + \mathcal{E}_{\sigma_{crit}}$. The results in Table 1 are for an isolated source-sink pair, for which our perturbation theory calculation implies that the source-sink separation L is one of the values given by (41), with the corresponding value of ϵ given by (43). The numerical errors in our evaluations of these predictions enter via $\tilde{\Upsilon}$, which depends on S . Straightforward expansions show that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}_L &= \mathcal{E}_{z_{crit}} + (\sqrt{2}/\delta)\mathcal{E}_{\sigma_{crit}} \\ \mathcal{E}_\epsilon &= (\sqrt{2}/\delta)|\epsilon|\mathcal{E}_{\sigma_{crit}}.\end{aligned}$$

Crucially, the errors in z_{crit} and σ_{crit} translate into absolute errors in L , but only relative errors in ϵ . As discussed in Appendix B, our choice of local error tolerance ($\ell = 10^{-24}$) implies that $\mathcal{E}_{z_{crit}}$ and $\mathcal{E}_{\sigma_{crit}}$ are both about 10^{-12} . Therefore we are confident in our evaluations of the first 10 or 11 decimal places of L , and the first 10 or 11 significant figures of ϵ . These are significantly less than the differences between the predicted and simulated values in all rows of Table 1, as required. Note, however, that for the next separation in the sequence ($L \approx 29.6$), the higher order terms in the asymptotic expansion for L would be only about 100 times larger than the numerical error in the computation.

The predicted height of the spike in $\hat{\psi}$ is given by (44); it is independent of S and hence free from numerical error. In numerical solutions of (6), the error in the height depends on ℓ and ϵ . Recall that we set numerical parameters in DLSODAR so that the local error test during ODE

solution is met if either the absolute or relative error is less than ℓ , for each solution component. Since the spike in ψ has height $O(1/\epsilon)$, the absolute local error near its peak is $O(\ell/\epsilon)$. Moreover, one expects the number of solution steps required to reach the top of the spike to be $O(1/\epsilon)$, suggesting a global error estimate of $O(\ell/\epsilon^2)$. A test problem corroborating this is described in the supplementary online material (www.ma.hw.ac.uk/~jas/supplements/sourcesandsinks/). Note that this rather large global error does not persist as integration of (6) continues beyond the spike. This is due to the structure of the transition layer equations (20) which determine the spike. The exact solution (21a,b) of (20) shows that numerical errors in ψ propagate forward only as relative rather than absolute error, so that the residual global error is only $O(\ell/\epsilon)$.

It remains to consider the numerical errors in the values of ϵ and source-sink separation that we have determined by numerical solution of the ODEs (6). These are difficult to estimate because they involve a complex mixture of different numerical errors, and there is no natural analogous problem with an exact solution. Moreover, the steep spike in ψ (see Figure 6) makes an adaptive ODE solver essential, and this makes convergence acceleration techniques for error estimation inappropriate, because of potentially nonlinear changes in step sizes as the local error is decreased. To give a rough indication of the errors, we calculated the variation in the computed values as the local error tolerance ℓ was changed over five orders of magnitude (10^{-21} – 10^{-25}) spanning our reference value (10^{-24}), for each of the rows in Table 1. At worst, the source-sink separation and the value of ϵ change in only the 12th and 20th decimal places respectively. This suggests that the numerical errors in these computed values are comparable with those in our evaluations of the analytical predictions, and significantly less than the differences between the computed and predicted values.

As a final check, we repeated all the calculations in Table 1 (for both the predicted and computed values) at a 100-fold larger local error tolerance ($\ell = 10^{-22}$). The entries were all unchanged.

Appendix D

In this Appendix we prove that the spirals \mathcal{S}_\pm , which are defined as the two sides of equation (38), have only a finite number of intersections, unless the centres of the spirals lie on one another. Specifically, we prove:

Proposition. For fixed ϵ , (38) has a finite number of positive solutions for κ_\pm unless Υ satisfies (37).

In our proof, we make use of the following lemma:

Lemma. If $\kappa_\pm \geq 0$ solves (38) for some ϵ , then $\kappa_\pm \leq \kappa_m = |\Upsilon| / (1 - e^{-\pi/2\delta})$.

We comment that $|\Upsilon|$ and thus κ_m are independent of ϵ .

Proof of proposition. Eliminating κ_- (say) from (38) yields, to leading order,

$$g(\kappa_+) := \arg(\Upsilon - \kappa_+ e^{i\delta \log \kappa_+}) - \delta \log |\Upsilon - \kappa_+ e^{i\delta \log \kappa_+}| = 0.$$

The lemma implies that κ_+ is bounded so that an infinite number of solutions would accumulate at some κ_0 . We will show that this is not possible.

The case $\Upsilon = \kappa_0 e^{i\delta \log \kappa_0}$, which is equivalent to (37), is excluded by assumption. Hence, κ_0 is such that $g(\kappa)$ is analytic in a neighborhood of κ_0 (on the covering space of \arg). Therefore, accumulation of roots at κ_0 implies $g(\kappa) \equiv 0$ in a neighborhood of κ_0 . By analytic continuation this holds globally for $\kappa > 0$, which would imply that the spirals coincide. However, by the lemma, the spirals are disjoint for large κ_\pm . \square

Proof of lemma. For notational simplicity, we write

$$\widehat{\kappa}_+ = \frac{\kappa_+}{e^{(\arg \Upsilon)/\delta}} \quad \widehat{\kappa}_- = \frac{\kappa_-}{e^{(\arg \Upsilon)/\delta}} \quad A = \frac{|\Upsilon|}{e^{(\arg \Upsilon)/\delta}}, \quad (\text{D.1})$$

which reduces (38) to

$$\widehat{\kappa}_+ e^{i\delta \log \widehat{\kappa}_+} + \widehat{\kappa}_- e^{i\delta \log \widehat{\kappa}_-} = A. \quad (\text{D.2})$$

Since the statement is trivial for $\kappa_+ = 0$ or $\kappa_- = 0$, we assume that $\widehat{\kappa}_+ \geq \widehat{\kappa}_- > 0$. Now suppose

$\kappa_+ > \kappa_m$, which is equivalent to $\widehat{\kappa}_+ > A/(1 - e^{-\pi/2\delta})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\kappa}_- &= |A - \widehat{\kappa}_+ e^{i\delta \log \widehat{\kappa}_+}| \geq \widehat{\kappa}_+ - A \\
\Rightarrow 1 &\geq \widehat{\kappa}_-/\widehat{\kappa}_+ \geq 1 - A/\widehat{\kappa}_+ \geq e^{-\pi/2\delta} \\
\Rightarrow 1 &\geq \cos[\delta \log(\widehat{\kappa}_-/\widehat{\kappa}_+)] \geq 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{D.3}$$

Now considering (D.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|\widehat{\kappa}_+ e^{i\delta \log \widehat{\kappa}_+} + \widehat{\kappa}_- e^{i\delta \log \widehat{\kappa}_-}| &= |\widehat{\kappa}_+ + \widehat{\kappa}_- e^{i\delta \log(\widehat{\kappa}_-/\widehat{\kappa}_+)}| \\
&\geq |\widehat{\kappa}_+ + \widehat{\kappa}_- \cos[i\delta \log(\widehat{\kappa}_-/\widehat{\kappa}_+)]| \\
&= \widehat{\kappa}_+ + \widehat{\kappa}_- \cos[i\delta \log(\widehat{\kappa}_-/\widehat{\kappa}_+)], \text{ using (D.3)} \\
&\geq \widehat{\kappa}_+ > A.
\end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction of (D.2). □

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