Analysing the effects of nonlocal competition on invasion speed and the formation of patterns

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$$\omega(k)=i(r-Dk^2).$$

[1] W. van Saarloos. Front propagation into unstable states. Physics Reports, 29(222):3042, August 2003

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Equating these two equations and solving for k gives the asymptotic invasion speed $v = 2\sqrt{rD}$.

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We are interested in determining how nonlocal competition, and the resulting patterns, affect the population invasion speed.

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In particular, a population with nonlocal competition takes longer to reach the asymptotic invasion speed than a population with local competition.

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