

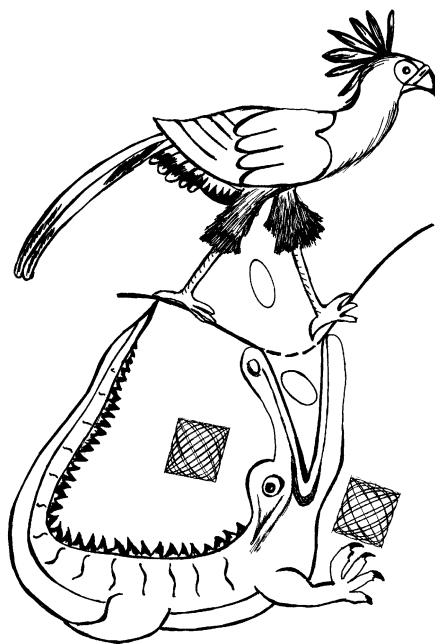
General Mechanisms of Synchronization

“Begin at the beginning,” the King said, very gravely, “and go on till you come to the end: then stop.”

Lewis Carroll, “Alice in Wonderland”

You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else.

Albert Einstein



This part offers a tutorial description of the mechanisms of synchronization. We start from the beginning: periodic oscillations and analytical approaches. Then we proceed with irregular oscillations, either chaotic or stochastic, and generalize the classical results. Then we stop.