a short guide to

CMlib – Cell mapping algorithms in C++

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The latest version of this document is available at: github.com/Gyebro/cell-mapping

1   Introduction and goals

CMlib is a library of cell mapping algorithms and utility functions and classes written in c++. Cell mapping methods are suitable for the global analysis of dynamical systems, they can be used to efficiently find state space objects (fixed points, periodic orbits and their corresponding domains of attractions) in a given discretized state space domain.

The goal of the CMlib library is to provide simple and efficient implementations of basic cell mapping algorithms allowing users to quickly utilize them to their problems or to integrate them into other applications independently of the underlying data types or differential equation solvers. To achieve this, CMlib mostly provides template base classes for various components, from which application-specific classes can derived.

The target audience of this library (and the included cell mapping methods) ranges from university students to researchers, as these methods can be used to demonstrate the behaviour of simple systems or to analyse the state space of complex, non-linear, but usually low-dimensional systems.

The author of the CMlib library have used cell mapping methods extensively during his PhD studies and currently moving (and rewriting) his private code base to this open-source library.

2   Features

- Current version includes Simple Cell Mapping (SCM) and Clustered SCM methods, Generalized Cell Mapping (GCM) will be added.

- Entirely written in c++ considering modern language features, with care to code clarity and documentation.

- Contains cross-platform and efficient implementations of cell mapping algorithms.

- Template approach allows replacing certain components (e.g. underlying data types, methods for state space discretization, used solvers) easily and independently from each other.

- Open source (with MIT licence), hosted on GitHub.

- Actively maintained and developed.

3 Documentation

The CMLIB library is hosted on GitHub at: github.com/Gyebro/cell-mapping.
Doxygen generated code documentation (description of classes, APIs) can be found at the GitHub page of the repository: gyebro.github.io/cell-mapping.
The latest version of this guide is available in the cell-mapping/docs folder of the repository. The repository's main page contains information about the currently developed features which can usually be found on development branches.

4 Installation

4.1 Requirements

The CMLIB library can be used as a stand-alone `c++` library built from sources contained in the `cpp/cm` folder of the repository or as a `CMake library`. The only requirement is a modern C++ compiler with `c++11` support. (GCC 4.8.1 or above, on Windows, MinGW-w64 is recommended.)

For convenience and to aid cross-platform compilation, a `CMake` project is provided, and it is recommended to compile the library (and demonstrations) using `CMake` (available at cmake.org.) Alternatively, one can use an Integrate Development environment which supports `CMake` projects, such as JetBrains CLion (which is available for free to university students and faculty at jetbrains.com/clion).

4.2 Cloning the repository and building the demonstrations

Cloning the repository can be done with git:
`git clone https://github.com/Gyebro/cell-mapping.git`
Or alternatively, by simply downloading the repository as a zip archive.

The top level `CMakeLists.txt` file can be found in the `cell-mapping/cpp` folder. For convenience, scripts for reloading the CMake project (`reload-project-*` files) and building the demonstrations (`build-demo-*` files) are provided.

In order to build the demonstrations on Windows in Release mode, run:
`reload-project-release.bat`, followed by
`build-demo-release.bat`.

To build on Linux, use the same files with `.sh` extension.

After building, demonstration executables can be found in the `cmake-build-release/demo` folder.

5 Examples

Some simple examples are provided in this section to show the basic concept and usage of the cell mapping library.

5.1 Simple pendulum

Consider the equation of motion of a simple pendulum with damping δ and stiffness originating from the gravity (characterised by α):

$$\ddot{\varphi}(t) + \delta \, \dot{\varphi}(t) + \alpha \, \sin(\varphi(t)) = 0$$

In order to execute Simple Cell Mapping (SCM) on a dynamical system, first a class should be derived from `DynamicalSystemBase`:

```
1  class Pendulum : public cm::DynamicalSystemBase<vec2> {
2   private:
3    double alpha; // Stiffness
4    double delta; // Damping
5    double dt;    // Target integration time for a "step"
6   public:
7    Pendulum(double alpha, double delta, double timestep) :
8     alpha(alpha), delta(delta) { dt = timestep; }
9    vec2 f(const vec2 &y0, const double& t) const {
10    return vec2({
11     y0[1],
12     -delta*y0[1] -alpha*sin(y0[0])
13    });
14   }
15   vec2 step(const vec2 &state) const override {
16    // Use RK45 to integrate the system scheme
17    cm::RK45<vec2,Pendulum> rk45(this, 1e-8);
18    return rk45.step(state, 0, dt, dt/50.0);
19   }
20  };
```

The `DynamicalSystemBase` class requires a `step` function which can be used to track trajectories of the system. In order to generate a solution, the `RK45` template integrator can be used (see lines 17-18). To use the solver, the function `f(y0, t)` needs to be implemented in the `Pendulum` class which describes the right-hand side of the system written as a set of first order differential equations (see lines 11-12). Note: `vec2` is a simple 2-element vector type provided by the library.

```
1  int main() {
2   Pendulum pendulum(1.0, 0.2, 0.1);
3   // Cell state space properties
4   vec2 center = {0.0, 0.0};
5   vec2 width  = {16.0*M_PI, 10.0};
6   vector<uint32_t> cells = {1400, 800};
7   // SCM object and solution
8   SCM32<vec2> scm(center, width, cells, &pendulum);
9   scm.solve(20); // Max. number of steps to leave state-space cells
10  scm.generateImage("pendulum.jpg");
11  return 0;
12 }
```

In order to execute SCM on the `Pendulum` system, the center, width and cell counts of the state space along state-space dimensions are defined. The `SCM32<StateVectorType>` class' template parameter in this case is `vec2` as the `Pendulum` used that type for the state vector. Note: `SCM32` is a type definition for `SCM<SCMCell<uint32_t>, uint32_t, StateVectorType>` meaning, that the addressing of cells are done with 32-bit unsigned integers. If your state space contains more than $2^{32} - 1 = 4\,\text{GCells}$, use `SCM64` instead.

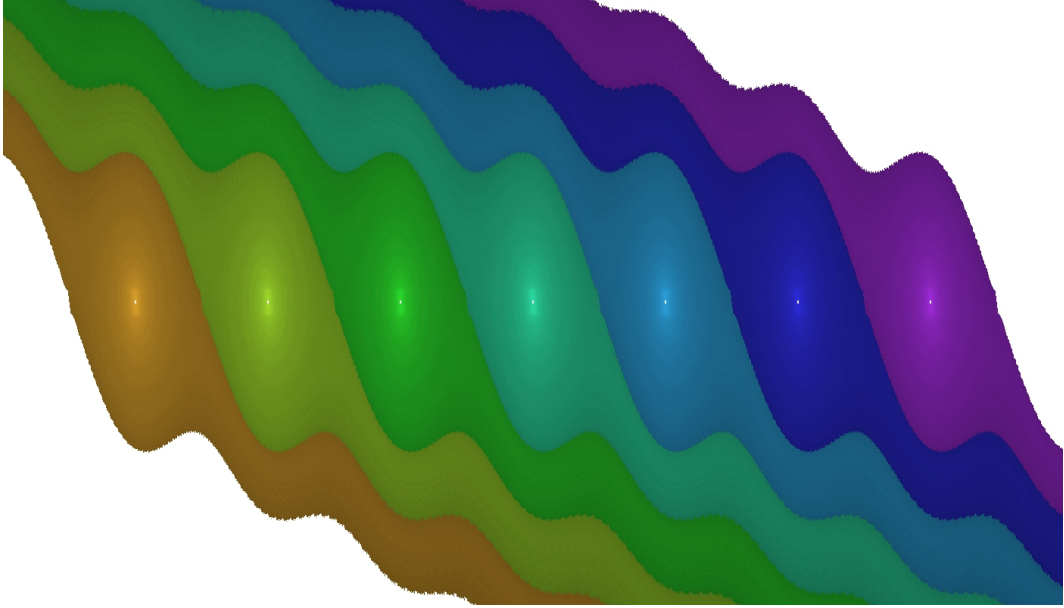After running this example program, the following output is generated:

Figure 1: `pendulum.jpg`: the $(\varphi, \dot{\varphi})$ state space of the simple pendulum. Coloured regions indicate domains of attraction of stable equilibria – fixed points.
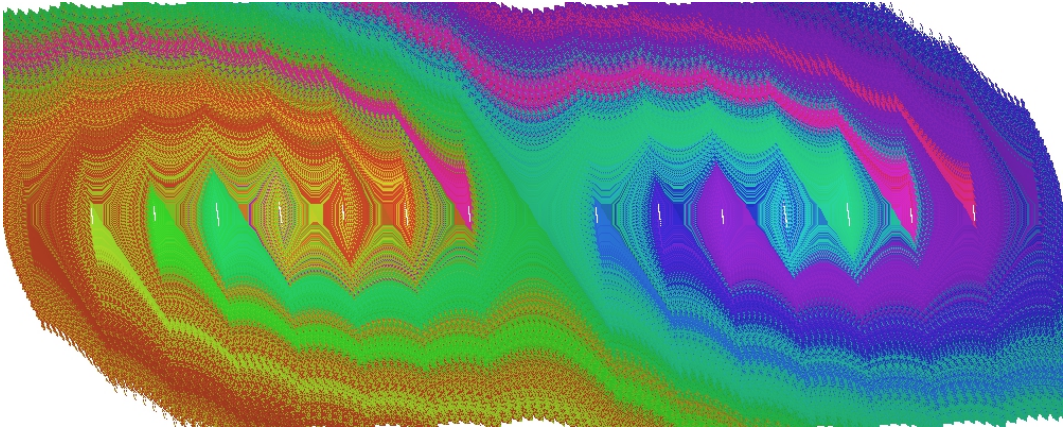
5.2 Micro-chaos map

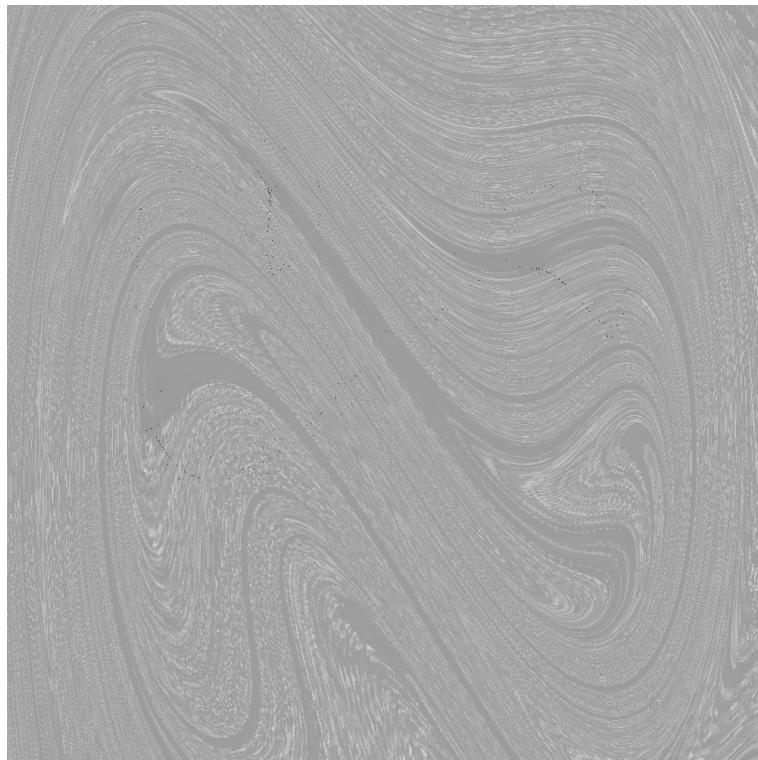Figure 2: SCM results for the micro-chaos map.

5.3 Duffing oscillator

Figure 3: SCM results for the Duffing oscillator Poincaré-section.