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# Execute every statement in order
                 f_{1} \coloneqq \left(b_{11} - a_{11}\right) \cdot k_{1} \cdot x_{1}^{a_{11}} \cdot x_{2}^{a_{21}} + \left(a_{11} - b_{11}\right) \cdot k_{2} \cdot x_{1}^{b_{11}} \cdot x_{2}^{b_{21}} + \left(b_{12} - a_{12}\right) \cdot k_{3} \cdot x_{1}^{a_{12}}
                                  f_2 \coloneqq \left( b_{21} - a_{21} \right) \cdot k_1 \cdot x_1^{a_{11}} \cdot x_2^{a_{21}} + \left( a_{21} - b_{21} \right) \cdot k_2 \cdot x_1^{b_{11}} \cdot x_2^{b_{21}} + \left( b_{22} - a_{22} \right) \cdot k_3 \cdot x_1^{a_{12}}
               > # if the network has one-dimensional sthoichiometric subspace, then the above
                                                                     two polynomials can be simplified:
     f_{1} := (b_{11} - a_{11}) \cdot \left(k_{1} \cdot x_{1}^{a_{11}} \cdot x_{2}^{a_{21}} - k_{2} \cdot x_{1}^{b_{11}} \cdot x_{2}^{b_{21}} - K \cdot x_{1}^{a_{12}} \cdot x_{2}^{a_{22}}\right) :
f_{2} := (b_{21} - a_{21}) \cdot \left(k_{1} \cdot x_{1}^{a_{11}} \cdot x_{2}^{a_{21}} - k_{2} \cdot x_{1}^{b_{11}} \cdot x_{2}^{b_{21}} - K \cdot x_{1}^{a_{12}} \cdot x_{2}^{a_{22}}\right) :
      \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline f_2 \coloneqq \left(b_{21} - a_{21}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - x_2 - x_2 \cdot x_1 - x_2 - x_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \# \ below, \ \ we \ \ combine \ \ the \ \ conservation \ \ law \ \ equation \\ h_1 \coloneqq \left(b_{11} - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - x_2 - k_2 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_2 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_2 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_2 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_2 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - k_2 \cdot x_1\right) \\ \geqslant \left(k_1 \cdot x_1 - a_{11}\right) \cdot \left(k_
\begin{array}{c} -_{1} - \left( v_{11} - a_{11} \right) \cdot \left( k_{1} \cdot x_{1}^{-11} \cdot x_{2}^{-21} - k_{2} \cdot x_{1}^{-11} \cdot x_{2}^{-21} - K \cdot x_{1}^{-12} \cdot k_{2} \cdot x_{1}^{-12} \cdot x_{2}^{-12} - K \cdot x_{1}^{-12} \cdot k_{2} \cdot x_{1}^{-12} \cdot x_{2}^{-12} - K \cdot x_{1}^{-12} \cdot x_{2}^{-12} - K \cdot x_{1}^{-12} \cdot x_{2}^{-12} \cdot x_{2}^{-12
                  \stackrel{	extstyle -}{	extstyle } # below, we show witness of multistability for networks in Rows (7) - (10)
                                                                   in Table 4 (see main manuscript)
                                    \# Row(7) [a_{11}, a_{21}, b_{11}, b_{21}, a_{12}, a_{22}] = [0, 1, 1, 0, 2, 1]
                                  co := [0, 1, 1, 0, 2, 1] : unassign('b_{12}', 'b_{22}') :
                                  a_{11} := co[1] : a_{21} := co[2] : b_{11} := co[3] : b_{21} := co[4] :
                                 a_{12} := co[5] : a_{22} := co[6] : b_{12} := b_{12} : b_{22} := b_{22} :
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$$K x_1^2 x_2 + k_1 x_2 - k_2 x_1 - x_1 - x_2 - c_1$$
 (1)

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> # choose witness
   coepick := \left\lfloor c_1 = -9, \ k_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \ k_2 = 16, \ K = -\frac{3}{2} \right\rfloor :
   sh[1] := subs(coepick, h_1);
sh[2] := subs(coepick, h_2);
                                     sh_1 := \frac{3}{2} x_1^2 x_2 - 16 x_1 + \frac{1}{2} x_2
                                               sh_9 := -x_1 - x_2 + 9
                                                                                                                               (2)
> # 3 positive steady states
   # stable, if tr<0;
   shsol := solve(subs(x_2 = solve(sh[2], x_2), sh[1]), x_1):
   for n from 1 to 3 do
   sol[n] := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 = shsol[n], & x_2 = subs(x_1 = shsol[n], & solve(sh[2], & x_2)) \end{bmatrix};
   evasol[n] := evalf(sol[n], 5);
   evatr[n] := if_tr = evalf(subs(sol[n][1], sol[n][2], coepick, tr), 5);
   end do:
   # 1st column: Solutions; 2nd column: Approximate Values; 3rd column: Trace of
        Jacobian(f)
   [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)];
   [sol[2], evasol[2], evatr[2]];
   [sol[1], evasol[1], evatr[1]];
   [so1[3], evaso1[3], evatr[3]];
               [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)]
     \begin{bmatrix} x_1 = 4 - \sqrt{13}, x_2 = 5 + \sqrt{13} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_1 = 0.3944, x_2 = 8.6056 \end{bmatrix}, if_tr = -6.5513 \end{bmatrix}
                           [[x_1 = 1, x_2 = 8], [x_1 = 1., x_2 = 8.], if_tr = 6.]
     \left[\left[x_{1}=4+\sqrt{13}\;,\;x_{2}=5-\sqrt{13}\;\right],\;\left[x_{1}=7.\;6056,\;x_{2}=1.\;3944\;\right],\;if\_tr=-71.\;453\;\right]
                                                                                                                               (3)
\begin{split} co &:= [\textit{1, 0, 0, 2, 2, 1}] : \textit{unassign}(\textit{`b$}_{12}\textit{', 'b$}_{22}\textit{'}) : \\ a_{11} &:= co[\textit{1}] : a_{21} := co[\textit{2}] : b_{11} := co[\textit{3}] : b_{21} := co[\textit{4}] : \\ a_{12} &:= co[\textit{5}] : a_{22} := co[\textit{6}] : b_{12} := b_{12} : b_{22} := b_{22} : \end{split}
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K x_1^2 x_2 + k_2 x_2^2 - k_1 x_1
                                          2 x_1 + x_2 - c_1
                                                                                                          (4)
> # choose witness
  coepick := \left[ c_1 = 6, \ k_1 = 16, \ k_2 = \frac{1}{8}, \ K = \frac{7}{2} \right] :
  sh[1] := subs(coepick, h_1);
  sh[2] := subs(coepick, h_2);
                               sh_1 := \frac{7}{2} x_1^2 x_2 + \frac{1}{8} x_2^2 - 16 x_1
                                      sh_9 := 2 x_1 + x_2 - 6
                                                                                                          (5)
> # 3 positive steady states
   # stable, if tr<0;
  shso1 := solve(subs(x_2 = solve(sh[2], x_2), sh[1]), x_1):
  for n from 1 to 3 do
  sol[n] := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 = shsol[n], & x_2 = subs(x_1 = shsol[n], & solve(sh[2], & x_2)) \end{bmatrix};
  evasol[n] := evalf(sol[n], 5);
  evatr[n] := if_tr = evalf(subs(sol[n][1], sol[n][2], coepick, tr), 5);
  end do:
  # 1st column: Solutions; 2nd column: Approximate Values; 3rd column: Trace of
       Jacobian(f)
   [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)];
  [sol[2], evasol[2], evatr[2]];
  [sol[1], evasol[1], evatr[1]];
   [sol[3], evasol[3], evatr[3]];
             [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)]
  x_1 = \frac{29}{28} - \frac{\sqrt{337}}{28}, x_2 = \frac{55}{14} + \frac{\sqrt{337}}{14}, [x_1 = 0.38006, x_2 = 5.2399], if_tr
                      [[x_1 = 1, x_2 = 4], [x_1 = 1., x_2 = 4.], if_tr = 3.]
  x_{1} = \frac{29}{28} + \frac{\sqrt{337}}{28}, x_{2} = \frac{55}{14} - \frac{\sqrt{337}}{14}, [x_{1} = 1.6913, x_{2} = 2.6173], if_{tr}
                                                                                                          (6)
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> # Row(9) \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}, a_{21}, b_{11}, b_{21}, a_{12}, a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0 \end{bmatrix}
  \begin{array}{l} co \coloneqq [\ 1,\ 2,\ 0,\ 0,\ 2,\ 0] \ : \ unassign(\ 'b_{12}\ ',\ 'b_{22}\ ') \ : \\ a_{11} \coloneqq co[\ 1] \ : \ a_{21} \coloneqq co[\ 2] \ : \ b_{11} \coloneqq co[\ 3] \ : \ b_{21} \coloneqq co[\ 4] \ : \end{array}
   a_{12} := co[5] : a_{22} := co[6] : b_{12} := b_{12} : b_{22} := b_{22} :
                                             -k_1 x_1 x_2^2 + K x_1^2 + k_2
                                                   -2 x_1 + x_2 - c_1
                                                                                                                                   (7)
  \begin{array}{l} \text{coepick} \coloneqq \left[ c_1 = 6, \ k_1 = 1, \ k_2 = 1, \ K = 63 \right] : \\ \text{sh}[1] \coloneqq \text{subs} \left( \text{coepick}, \ h_1 \right); \\ \text{sh}[2] \coloneqq \text{subs} \left( \text{coepick}, \ h_2 \right); \end{array}
                                          sh_1 := -x_1 x_2^2 + 63 x_1^2 + 1
                                               sh_2 := -2 x_1 + x_2 - 6
                                                                                                                                   (8)
> # 3 positive steady states
   # stable, if tr<0;
   shsol := solve(subs(x_2 = solve(sh[2], x_2), sh[1]), x_1):
   for n from 1 to 3 do
   sol[n] := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 = shsol[n], & x_2 = subs(x_1 = shsol[n], & solve(sh[2], & x_2)) \end{bmatrix};
   evasol[n] := evalf(sol[n], 5);
   evatr[n] := if_tr = evalf(subs(sol[n][1], sol[n][2], coepick, tr), 5);
   end do:
   # 1st column: Solutions; 2nd column: Approximate Values; 3rd column: Trace of
         Jacobian(f).
   [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)];
   [sol[2], evasol[2], evatr[2]];
   [sol[1], evasol[1], evatr[1]];
   [sol[3], evasol[3], evatr[3]];
                [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)]
  \left[x_{I} = \frac{35}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{1209}}{8}, x_{2} = \frac{59}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{1209}}{4}\right], \left[x_{I} = 0.0286, x_{2} = 6.0572\right], if_{tr}
 (9)
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= \Rightarrow # Row(10) \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}, a_{21}, b_{11}, b_{21}, a_{12}, a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0 \end{bmatrix}
   co := [1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0] : unassign('b_{12}', 'b_{22}') :
   a_{11} \coloneqq co[1] : a_{21} \coloneqq co[2] : b_{11} \coloneqq co[3] : b_{21} \coloneqq co[4] :
  a_{12} \coloneqq co[\, 5] \, : \, a_{22} \coloneqq co[\, 6] \, : \, b_{12} \coloneqq b_{12} \, : \, b_{22} \coloneqq b_{22} \, : \,
                                           -k_1 x_1 x_2^2 + K x_1^2 + k_2 x_2
                                                     -x_1 + x_2 - c_1
                                                                                                                                 (10)
> # choose witness
   \begin{array}{l} \text{coepick} \coloneqq \left[ \, c_1 = 3, \, \, k_1 = 1, \, \, k_2 = 1, \, \, K = 12 \right] : \\ \text{sh}[\, 1] \coloneqq \text{subs} \big( \, \text{coepick}, \, \, h_1 \big) \, ; \\ \text{sh}[\, 2] \coloneqq \text{subs} \big( \, \text{coepick}, \, \, h_2 \big) \, ; \\ \end{array} 
                                          sh_1 := -x_1 x_2^2 + 12 x_1^2 + x_2
                                                 sh_2 := -x_1 + x_2 - 3
                                                                                                                                 (11)
> # 3 positive steady states
   # stable, if tr<0;
   shsol := solve(subs(x_2 = solve(sh[2], x_2), sh[1]), x_1):
   for n from 1 to 3 do
   sol[n] := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 = shsol[n], & x_2 = subs(x_1 = shsol[n], & solve(sh[2], & x_2)) \end{bmatrix};
   evasol[n] := evalf(sol[n], 5);
   evatr[n] := if_tr = evalf(subs(sol[n][1], sol[n][2], coepick, tr), 5);
   end do:
   # 1st column: Solutions; 2nd column: Approximate Values; 3rd column: Trace of
        Jacobian(f).
   [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)];
   [sol[2], evasol[2], evatr[2]];
   [sol[1], evasol[1], evatr[1]];
   [so1[3], evaso1[3], evatr[3]];
                [Steady States, Approximate Values, Trace of Jacobian(f)]
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$$\left[ \left[ x_{I} - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}, x_{g} - \frac{11}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} \right], \left[ x_{I} - 0.6972, x_{g} - 3.6972 \right], if, tr = -1,091 \right]$$

$$\left[ \left[ x_{I} - 1, x_{g} - 4 \right], \left[ x_{I} - 1, x_{g} - 4, \right], if, tr = 1, \right]$$

$$\left[ \left[ x_{I} - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}, x_{g} - \frac{11}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} \right], \left[ x_{I} - 4.3028, x_{g} - 7.3028 \right], if, tr = -11,913 \right]$$

$$\left[ \left[ x_{I} - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}, x_{g} - \frac{11}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} \right], \left[ x_{I} - 4.3028, x_{g} - 7.3028 \right], if, tr = -11,913 \right]$$

