

# Using Python and PySD library to conduct sensitivity analysis in Vensim models

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## 1 Install the packages

This step involves setting up the Python environment with necessary libraries like **pandas**, **numpy**, **matplotlib**, **pysd**, and using **pip**. It's crucial for accessing various tools and functions for data manipulation and visualization.

```
[1]: %%capture
!pip install pandas
!pip install numpy
!pip install matplotlib
!pip install pysd
!pip install netCDF4
```

## 2 Load the libraries

After installing the packages, let's import these libraries into our script. This enables the use of their functionalities, essential for data processing and analysis.

```
[2]: import os
import zipfile
import itertools
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pysd
```

## 3 Set the working directory

This is a fundamental step for file management in Python, ensuring that scripts can find and store data correctly.

```
[3]: os.chdir("C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Python_ChickenModel")
os.getcwd()
```

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[3]: 'C:\\Users\\rss188\\Desktop\\Python_ChickenModel'
```

## 4 Unzip model and data

This segment teaches how to extract data from a zip file into the working directory.

```
[4]: # Path to the zip file
zip_file_path = 'C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Python_ChickenModel/SFD chicken model_
↳V2.zip'

# Directory where you want to extract the contents
extract_to_folder = 'C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Python_ChickenModel' # Replace_
↳with your desired path

# Create the directory if it doesn't exist
os.makedirs(extract_to_folder, exist_ok=True)

# Unzip the file
with zipfile.ZipFile(zip_file_path, 'r') as zip_ref:
    zip_ref.extractall(extract_to_folder)

print(f"Extracted contents of {zip_file_path} to {extract_to_folder}")
```

Extracted contents of C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Python\_ChickenModel/SFD chicken model V2.zip to C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Python\_ChickenModel

## 5 Read the original model and print the results

This section is essential for executing System Dynamics models in Python, focusing on loading the model from a file and outputting initial and final simulation results for analysis.

```
[5]: # Import the pysd library to handle System Dynamics models
import pysd

# Load the Vensim model from the specified file path
model = pysd.read_vensim("C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Python_ChickenModel/SFD_
↳chicken model V2.mdl")

# Run the simulation on the loaded model
results = model.run()

# Print the first few rows of the simulation results
print(results.head())
```

	FINAL TIME	INITIAL TIME	SAVEPER	TIME STEP	Births	Chickens	\
0	50	0	1	1	200.0	1000.0	
1	50	0	1	1	200.0	1000.0	
2	50	0	1	1	200.0	1000.0	
3	50	0	1	1	200.0	1000.0	
4	50	0	1	1	200.0	1000.0	

	Cross roading	Death risk	Deaths	Egg production	Eggs \
0	1.0	0.2	200.0	200.0	1000.0
1	1.0	0.2	200.0	200.0	1000.0
2	1.0	0.2	200.0	200.0	1000.0
3	1.0	0.2	200.0	200.0	1000.0
4	1.0	0.2	200.0	200.0	1000.0

	Fertility effect	Incubation time	Initial chicken population \
0	0.2	5	1000
1	0.2	5	1000
2	0.2	5	1000
3	0.2	5	1000
4	0.2	5	1000

	Initial number of eggs	Max chicken capacity	Normal death risk \
0	1000	1000	0.2
1	1000	1000	0.2
2	1000	1000	0.2
3	1000	1000	0.2
4	1000	1000	0.2

	Normal fertility rate	Stress
0	0.2	1.0
1	0.2	1.0
2	0.2	1.0
3	0.2	1.0
4	0.2	1.0

## 5.1 Set new conditions and print the results

This segment is crucial for modifying simulation parameters in a System Dynamics model and displaying the updated outcomes, enabling a tailored analysis of different scenarios.

```
[6]: # Load the System Dynamics model from a specified Vensim file
model = pysd.read_vensim("C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Chicken model/SFD chicken_
↳model/SFD chicken model V2.mdl")

# Define new parameters to alter the model's behavior
params = {'Normal fertility rate': 0.3, 'Normal death risk': 0.2}

# Specify which variables to include in the simulation results
return_columns = ['Eggs', 'Chickens', 'Egg production', 'Births', 'Deaths']

# Define the range of simulation time steps to be returned
return_timestamps = range(51)

# Run the model simulation with the specified parameters and settings
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results = model.run(params=params, return_columns=return_columns,
    ↪return_timestamps=return_timestamps, initial_condition='current')

# Print the first few rows of the simulation results for initial insight
print(results.head())

```

	Eggs	Chickens	Egg production	Births	Deaths
0	1000.0	1000.000000	300.0	200.00	200.000000
1	1100.0	1000.000000	300.0	220.00	200.000000
2	1180.0	1020.000000	300.0	236.00	208.080000
3	1244.0	1047.920000	300.0	248.80	219.627265
4	1295.2	1077.092735	300.0	259.04	232.025752

## 5.2 Plot the results from the new conditions

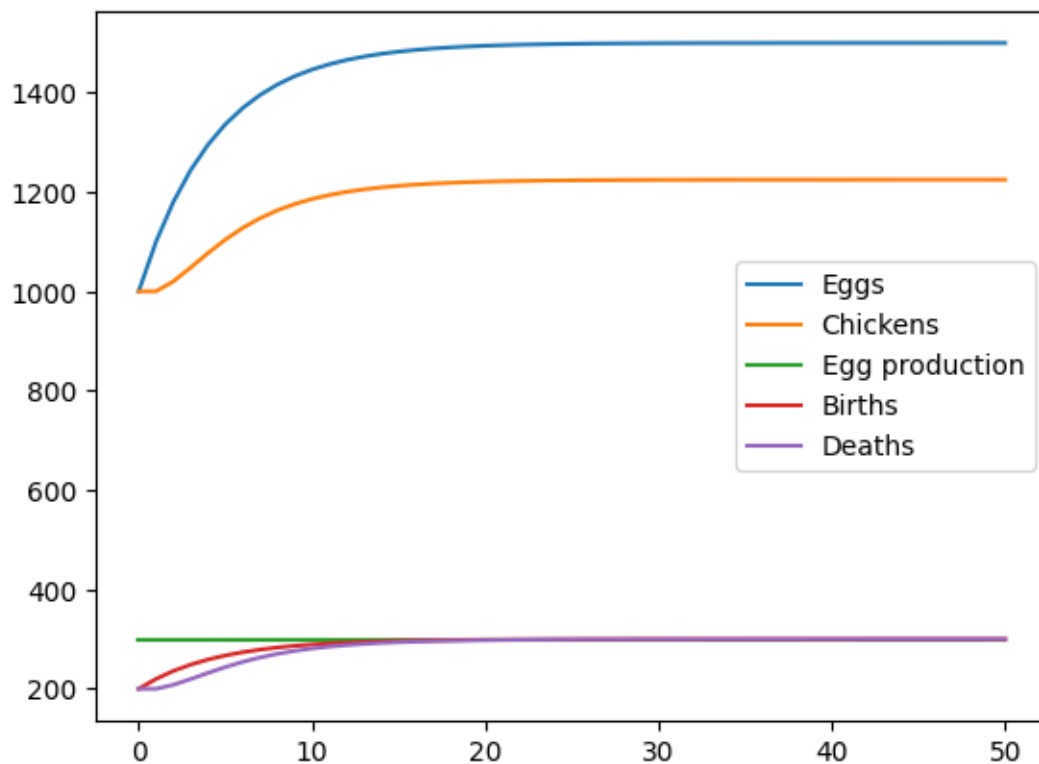
This section is dedicated to visualizing the outcomes of the System Dynamics model under altered conditions, providing a graphical representation of the simulation results for enhanced analysis and understanding.

```

[7]: # Generate a plot of the simulation results using the new conditions
results.plot()

```

[7]: <Axes: >



## 6 First sensitivity analysis (Normal fertility rate)

This segment focuses on conducting the first sensitivity analysis of the System Dynamics model, specifically examining how varying the ‘Normal fertility rate’ parameter influences the overall model behavior and outcomes. This analysis helps in understanding the impact of changes in fertility rate on the system’s dynamics.

```
[8]: # Define a range of values for 'Normal Fertility Rate' to test in the
      ↪ sensitivity analysis
Fertility_Rate_Values = np.linspace(start=0.2, stop=1, num=5)

# Initialize an empty DataFrame to store results of each simulation run
results = pd.DataFrame()

# Loop through each fertility rate value
for rate in Fertility_Rate_Values:

    # Run the model simulation with the current fertility rate
    single_run_result = model.run(params={'Normal Fertility Rate': rate})

    # Store the 'Chickens' population results in the DataFrame with the rate as
    ↪ the column name
    results[str(round(rate, 2))] = single_run_result['Chickens']

# Print the first few rows of the results DataFrame for an initial overview
print(results.head())
```

	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
0	1000.0	1000.000000	1000.000000	1000.000000	1000.000000
1	1000.0	1000.000000	1000.000000	1000.000000	1000.000000
2	1000.0	1040.000000	1080.000000	1120.000000	1160.000000
3	1000.0	1095.680000	1190.720000	1285.120000	1378.880000
4	1000.0	1153.177068	1302.357176	1447.613317	1589.017989

### 6.1 Plot the results from the first sensitivity analysis

This section is centered on visualizing the data obtained from the first sensitivity analysis, which focused on the ‘Normal fertility rate’ parameter. It involves creating plots to illustrate how varying this rate impacts the model’s outcomes, offering a clear graphical representation for easier interpretation and comparison of results.

```
[9]: # Generate a plot of the simulation results with different fertility rates
results.plot()

# Set the label for the x-axis as 'Days'
plt.xlabel('Days')

# Set the label for the y-axis as 'Chickens'
```

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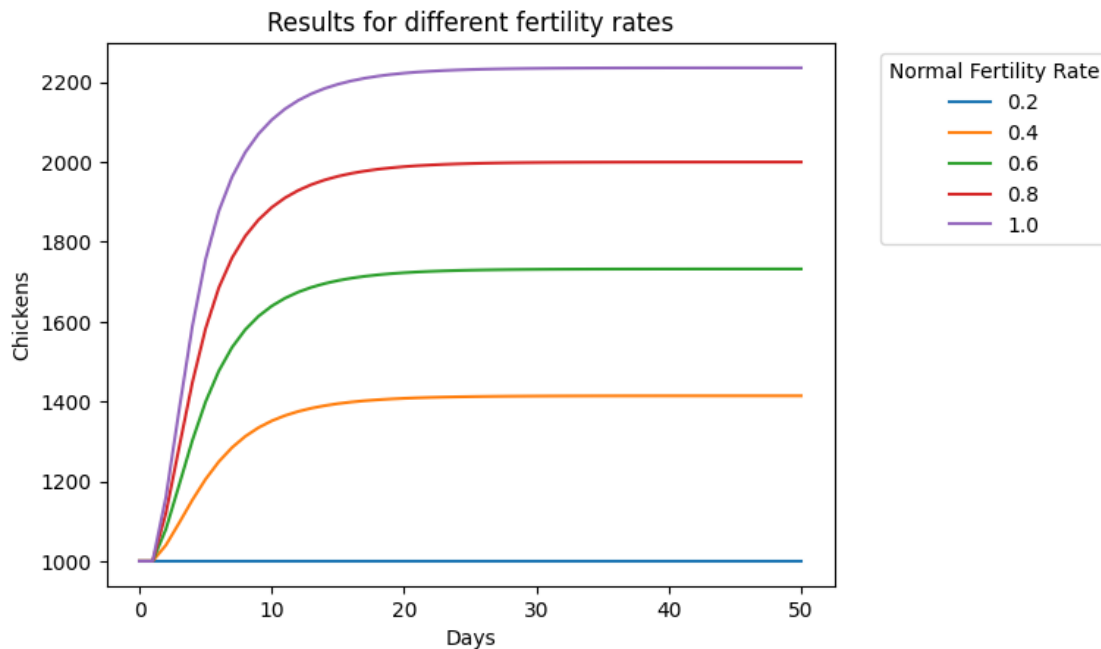
plt.ylabel('Chickens')

# Add a title to the plot
plt.title('Results for different fertility rates')

# Add a legend to the plot, with a title, and position it outside the plot area
plt.legend(title='Normal Fertility Rate', bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper_↵
↵left')

# Display the plot
plt.show()

```



## 7 Second sensitivity analysis (Normal fertility rate and Normal death risk)

This segment conducts a second, more comprehensive sensitivity analysis on the System Dynamics model, simultaneously examining the effects of variations in two key parameters: 'Normal fertility rate' and 'Normal death risk'. This dual-parameter analysis aims to understand the interplay and combined impact of these factors on the model's behavior and outcomes, providing deeper insights into the system's dynamics.

```

[10]: # Define a range of values for 'Normal Fertility Rate' and 'Normal Death Risk'↵
↵for sensitivity analysis
Fertility_Rate_Values = np.linspace(start=0.02, stop=1, num=5)

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Death_Risk_Values = np.linspace(start=0.02, stop=1, num=5)

# Create all possible combinations of Fertility Rate and Death Risk values
parameter_combinations = list(itertools.product(Fertility_Rate_Values,
↳Death_Risk_Values))

# Initialize a list to store results of each simulation run
results_list = []

# Initialize a variable to track the number of each simulation run
run_number = 1

# Loop through each combination of Fertility Rate and Death Risk
for Fertility_Rate, Death_Risk in parameter_combinations:

    # Run the model with the current combination of parameters
    single_run_result = model.run(params={'Normal Fertility Rate':
↳Fertility_Rate, 'Normal Death Risk': Death_Risk})

    # Append selected results and parameters to the results list with the
↳current run number
    results_list.append({
        'Run Number': f'Run {run_number}',
        'Normal Fertility Rate': Fertility_Rate,
        'Normal Death Risk': Death_Risk,
        'Eggs': single_run_result['Eggs'],
        'Chickens': single_run_result['Chickens']
    })

    # Increment the run number for the next iteration
    run_number += 1

    # Delete the single run result to free up memory
    del single_run_result

# Convert the list of results into a DataFrame
results = pd.DataFrame(results_list)

# Define the file path to save the results as a CSV file
csv_file_path = r'C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Chicken model/SFD chicken model/
↳model_results.csv'

# Save the results DataFrame to a CSV file
results.to_csv(csv_file_path, index=False)

```

## 7.1 Plot the results from the second sensitivity analysis

This section involves creating visual representations of the data obtained from the second sensitivity analysis, which explores the combined effects of varying both ‘Normal fertility rate’ and ‘Normal death risk’. The focus is on graphically illustrating how these dual-parameter changes impact the model’s behavior, facilitating a more nuanced understanding of the interactions between these two key factors.

```
[11]: # Create a figure for plotting with specified dimensions (width 12 inches, height 8 inches)
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))

# Iterate through each row in the 'results' DataFrame
for index, row in results.iterrows():
    # For each row, plot the 'Chickens' data, using the 'Run Number' as the label for each line
    plt.plot(row['Chickens'], label=row['Run Number'])

# Set the label for the x-axis to 'Days'
plt.xlabel('Days')

# Set the label for the y-axis to 'Chickens'
plt.ylabel('Chickens')

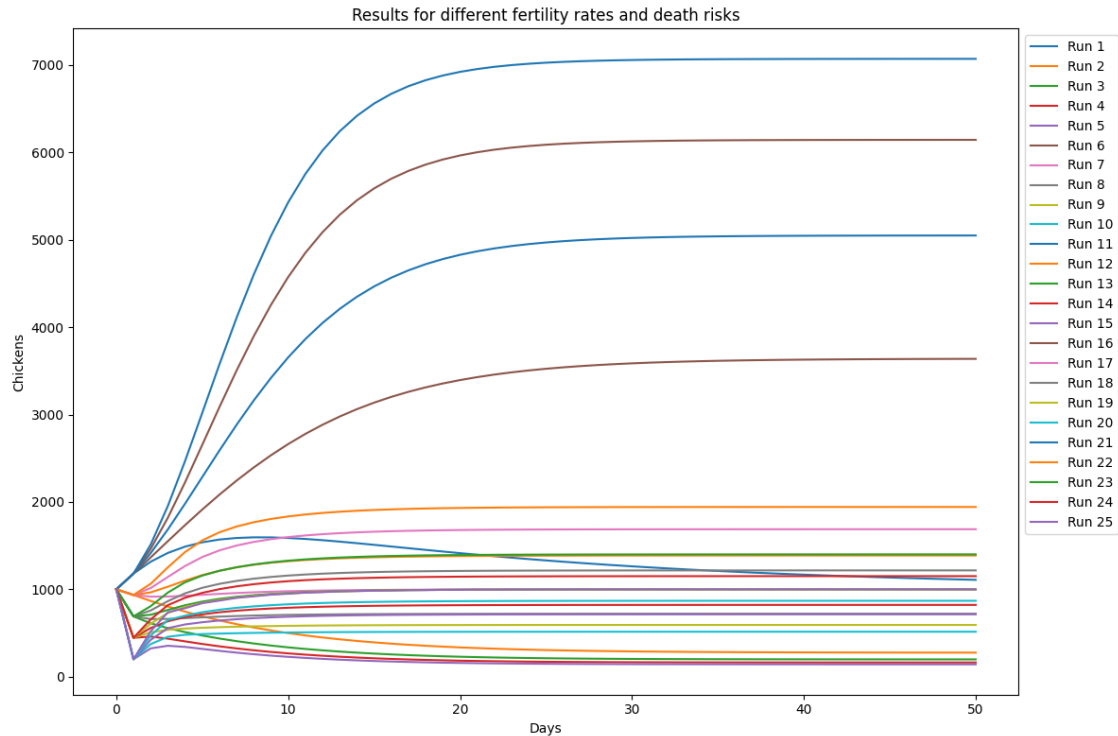
# Set the title of the plot to describe the content
plt.title('Results for different fertility rates and death risks')

# Place a legend on the plot, positioning it in the upper left corner outside of the main plot area
plt.legend(loc='upper left', bbox_to_anchor=(1, 1))

# Adjust the layout for better appearance and to fit all elements within the figure bounds
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```





## 8 Third sensitivity analysis (Normal fertility rate, Normal death risk, Max chicken capacity)

This segment undertakes a third sensitivity analysis on the System Dynamics model, expanding the scope to include three key parameters: 'Normal fertility rate', 'Normal death risk', and 'Max chicken capacity'. The analysis aims to explore and understand the combined effects and interactions of these parameters on the model's behavior, providing a more comprehensive view of how these factors collectively influence the system's dynamics.

```
[12]: # Create arrays of values for the 'Normal Fertility Rate', 'Normal Death Risk', and 'Max Chicken Capacity' parameters
Fertility_Rate_Values = np.linspace(start=0.02, stop=1, num=5)
Death_Risk_Values = np.linspace(start=0.02, stop=1, num=5)
Chicken_Capacity_Values = np.linspace(start=1000, stop=2000, num=5)

# Generate all possible combinations of the three parameters
parameter_combinations = list(itertools.product(Fertility_Rate_Values, Death_Risk_Values, Chicken_Capacity_Values))

# Initialize an empty list to store the results of each simulation run
results_list = []
```

```

# Set a counter to keep track of each simulation run
run_number = 1

# Iterate through each combination of the three parameters
for Fertility_Rate, Death_Risk, Chicken_Capacity in parameter_combinations:

    # Run the model simulation with the current combination of parameters and
    ↪ for a specified range of time steps
    single_run_result = model.run(params={'Normal Fertility Rate':
    ↪ Fertility_Rate, 'Normal Death Risk': Death_Risk, 'Max chicken capacity':
    ↪ Chicken_Capacity}, return_timestamps=range(51))

    # Append a dictionary containing the run number, parameter values, and
    ↪ relevant results to the results list
    results_list.append({
        'Run Number': f'Run {run_number}',
        'Normal Fertility Rate': Fertility_Rate,
        'Normal Death Risk': Death_Risk,
        'Max chicken capacity': Chicken_Capacity,
        'Eggs': single_run_result['Eggs'],
        'Chickens': single_run_result['Chickens']
    })

    # Increment the run number for the next iteration
    run_number += 1

    # Delete the result of the current simulation run to free up memory
    del single_run_result

# Convert the list of results into a DataFrame
results = pd.DataFrame(results_list)

# Define the file path to save the results as a CSV file
csv_file_path = r'C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Chicken model/SFD chicken model/
    ↪ model_results.csv'

# Save the DataFrame as a CSV file at the specified path
results.to_csv(csv_file_path, index=False)

```

## 8.1 Plot the results from the third sensitivity analysis

This section is dedicated to graphically presenting the outcomes from the third sensitivity analysis, which explores the interaction between ‘Normal fertility rate’, ‘Normal death risk’, and ‘Max chicken capacity’ in the System Dynamics model. It focuses on visually illustrating the collective impact of these three parameters, allowing for an in-depth analysis of their combined influence on the system’s behavior.

```

[13]: # Create a figure for plotting with specified dimensions (width 15 inches,
      ↪ height 10 inches)
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))

# Iterate through each row in the results DataFrame
for index, row in results.iterrows():
    # For each row, plot the 'Chickens' data, using the 'Run Number' as the
    ↪ label for each line
    plt.plot(row['Chickens'], label=row['Run Number'])

# Set the label for the x-axis to 'Days'
plt.xlabel('Days')

# Set the label for the y-axis to 'Chickens'
plt.ylabel('Chickens')

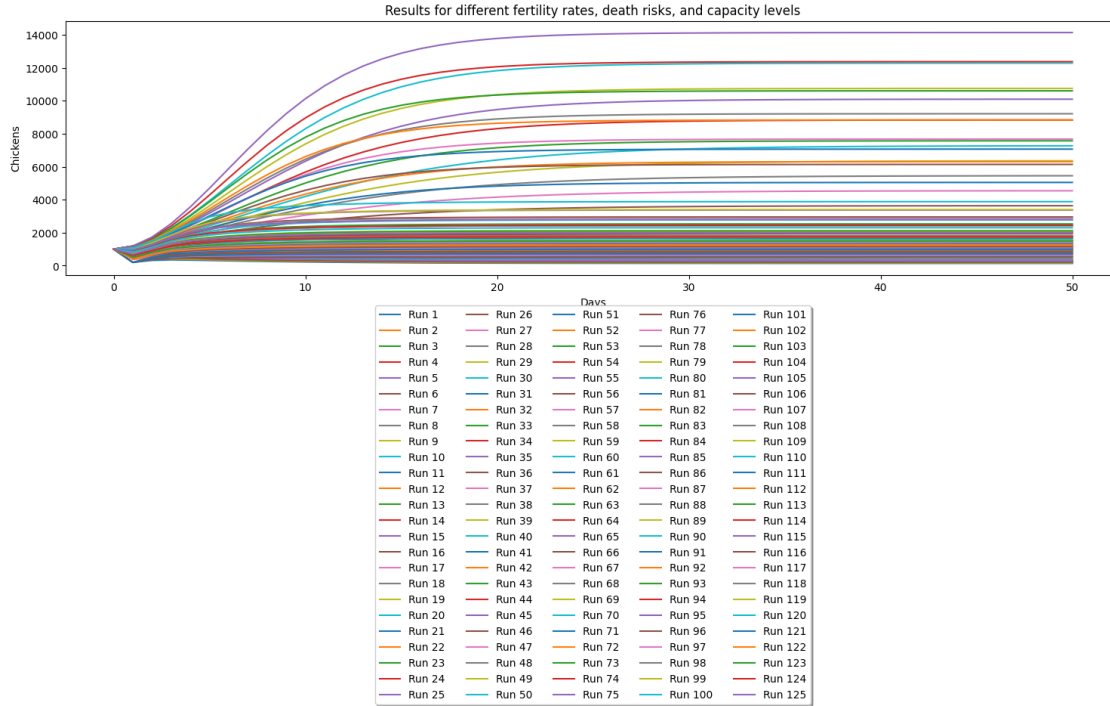
# Set the title of the plot to describe the content
plt.title('Results for different fertility rates, death risks, and capacity
      ↪ levels')

# Place a legend on the plot with a central upper position and additional
      ↪ styling
plt.legend(loc='upper center', bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, -0.1), fancybox=True,
      ↪ shadow=True, ncol=5)

# Adjust the layout for better appearance and to fit all elements within the
      ↪ figure bounds
plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
plt.show()

```



## 9 Fourth sensitivity analysis (Normal fertility rate, Normal death risk, Max chicken capacity, Initial number of eggs, Initial number of chickens)

This segment delves into a detailed examination of the System Dynamics model by simultaneously varying five key parameters: ‘Normal fertility rate’, ‘Normal death risk’, ‘Max chicken capacity’, ‘Initial number of eggs’, and ‘Initial number of chickens’. This comprehensive analysis aims to explore and understand the complex interactions and combined effects of these parameters, providing an extensive insight into how they collectively shape the model’s behavior and outputs.

```
[14]: # Define arrays of values for sensitivity analysis on five parameters
Fertility_Rate_Values = np.linspace(start=0.02, stop=1, num=3)
Death_Risk_Values = np.linspace(start=0.02, stop=1, num=3)
Chicken_Capacity_Values= np.linspace(start=1000, stop=2000, num=3)
Initial_Eggs_Values= np.linspace(start=500, stop=1100, num=3)
Initial_Chickens_Values= np.linspace(start=500, stop=1100, num=3)

# Generate all possible combinations of these five parameters
parameter_combinations = list(itertools.product(Fertility_Rate_Values,
↪Death_Risk_Values, Chicken_Capacity_Values, Initial_Eggs_Values,
↪Initial_Chickens_Values))

# Initialize an empty list to store the results of each simulation run
```

```

results_list = []

# Set a counter to keep track of each simulation run
run_number = 1

# Iterate through each combination of the five parameters
for Fertility_Rate, Death_Risk, Chicken_Capacity, Initial_Eggs,
↳Initial_Chickens in parameter_combinations:

    # Run the model with the current combination of parameters for a specified
↳range of time steps
    single_run_result = model.run(params={'Normal Fertility Rate':
↳Fertility_Rate, 'Normal Death Risk': Death_Risk, 'Max chicken capacity':
↳Chicken_Capacity, 'Initial number of eggs':Initial_Eggs, 'Initial chicken
↳population':Initial_Chickens}, return_timestamps=range(51))

    # Append a dictionary containing the run number, parameter values, and
↳relevant results to the results list
    results_list.append({
        'Run Number': f'Run {run_number}',
        'Normal Fertility Rate': Fertility_Rate,
        'Normal Death Risk': Death_Risk,
        'Max chicken capacity': Chicken_Capacity,
        'Initial number of eggs': Initial_Eggs,
        'Initial chicken population': Initial_Chickens,
        'Eggs': single_run_result['Eggs'],
        'Chickens': single_run_result['Chickens']
    })

    # Increment the run number for the next iteration
    run_number += 1

    # Delete the result of the current simulation run to free up memory
    del single_run_result

# Convert the list of results into a DataFrame
results = pd.DataFrame(results_list)

# Define the file path to save the results as a CSV file
csv_file_path = r'C:/Users/rss188/Desktop/Chicken model/SFD chicken model/
↳model_results.csv'

# Save the DataFrame as a CSV file at the specified path
results.to_csv(csv_file_path, index=False)

```

## 9.1 Plot the results from the fourth sensitivity analysis

This section is focused on visually presenting the outcomes of the fourth sensitivity analysis, which examines the interplay between ‘Normal fertility rate’, ‘Normal death risk’, ‘Max chicken capacity’, ‘Initial number of eggs’, and ‘Initial number of chickens’ in the System Dynamics model. The aim is to graphically illustrate the complex interactions and combined effects of these five parameters, thereby offering a comprehensive view of their collective impact on the system’s behavior through detailed plots.

```
[15]: # Create a figure for plotting with specified dimensions (width 15 inches,
      ↪height 10 inches)
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))

# Iterate through each row in the results DataFrame
for index, row in results.iterrows():
    # Plot the 'Chickens' data for each simulation run, using the 'Run Number'
    ↪as the label for each line
    plt.plot(row['Chickens'], label=row['Run Number'])

# Set the label for the x-axis to 'Days'
plt.xlabel('Days')

# Set the label for the y-axis to 'Chickens'
plt.ylabel('Chickens')

# Set the title of the plot to describe the content
plt.title('Results for different fertility rates, death risks, capacity levels,
      ↪and initial population values')

# Place a legend on the plot with a central upper position, adding styling
      ↪features
plt.legend(loc='upper center', bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, -0.1), fancybox=True,
      ↪shadow=True, ncol=5)

# Display the plot
plt.show()
```

