

# Bifurcation analysis of delay equations using software for ODEs

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# Test delay equations

Logistic Delay Differential Equation (DDE):

$$y'(t) = r y(t) (1 - y(t - 1)), \quad t \geq 0, r > 0$$

A cannibalism model formulated as Renewal Equations (RE):

$$y(t) = \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{a_0}^{\tau} y(t - a) e^{-y(t-a)} da, \quad t > 0, \gamma > 0$$

Note:

- delay (bounded)
- both point delays and distributed delays
- dependence on parameters:  $r, \gamma$
- history function:  $y_t(\theta) := y(t + \theta), \quad \theta \in [-\tau, 0],$

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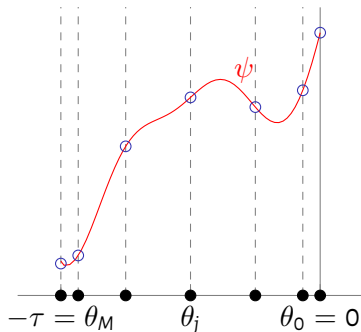
$$D(\mathcal{A}) = \{\psi, \psi' \in L^1([-\tau, 0]): \psi(0) = f(\psi)\}$$

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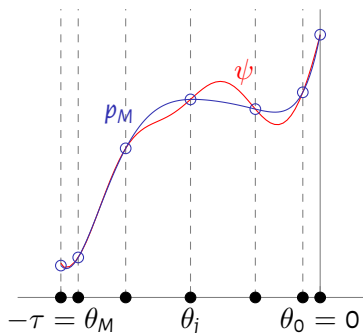


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function in  $Y \approx$  polynomial of degree  $M$

$$\psi(\theta) \approx p_M(\theta) = \sum_{j=0}^M \ell_j(\theta) \psi(\theta_j)$$

with  $\ell_j(\theta)$  Lagrange polynomials:

$$\ell_j(\theta) = \prod_{k \neq j} \frac{\theta - \theta_k}{\theta_j - \theta_k}$$

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ODE in  $\mathbb{R}^{M+1}$

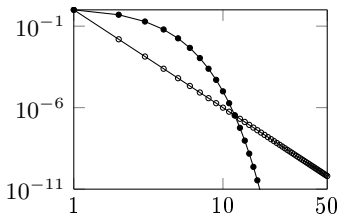
$$\dot{v}_0 = f(p_M(v_0, \dots, v_M))$$

$$\dot{v}_k = \sum_{j=0}^M d_{kj} v_j, \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

- system of  $M + 1$  ODEs, with  $v_k(t) \approx v(t)(\theta_k)$
- linear part for differentiation independent of the specific equation,  $d_{kj} = \ell'_j(\theta_k)$
- the right-hand side  $f$  appears only in the equation for  $v_0$

# Equilibria and characteristic roots

- one-to-one correspondence of equilibria:  $\bar{y} \leftrightarrow (\bar{y}, \dots, \bar{y})$
- Chebyshev nodes (roots or extrema) ensure spectral convergence:  
 $M = 10 - 20$  typically gives satisfactory accuracy



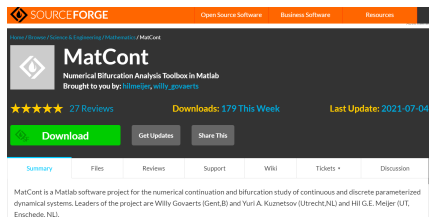
- ODE system can be studied with established software

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- MATLAB package, available on [sourceforge.net](http://sourceforge.net)
- numerical continuation of equilibria and periodic orbits with respect to parameters
- other packages for ODEs, e.g. AUTO, but an important point is the possibility of varying the dimension of the system
- dde-biftool is a similar MATLAB package for DDEs with discrete delays

## MatCont example: logistic DDE

$$y'(t) = r y_t(0) (1 - y_t(-1)), \quad t \geq 0, r > 0$$

With  $v_k \approx y_t(\theta_k)$ , the approximating ODE reads

$$\dot{v}_0(t) = r v_0(t) (1 - v_M(t))$$

$$\dot{v}_k(t) = \sum_{j=0}^M d_{kj} v_j(t), \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

## Renewal equations and the integrated state

Given a renewal equation,  $y(t) = f(y_t)$ ,  $t > 0$ , consider

$$v(t)(\theta) := \int_0^\theta y_t(s) \, ds, \quad \theta \in [-\tau, 0]$$

and the operator  $\mathcal{A}\psi = \psi'$ ,  $\psi \in D(\mathcal{A}) = \{\psi \in L^1 : \psi' \in NBV, \psi(0) = 0\}$ .

Abstract equation in NBV

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v}(t) &= \mathcal{A}v(t) - f(\mathcal{A}v(t)) \\ v(t) &\in D(\mathcal{A}) = \{\psi(0) = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

ODE in  $\mathbb{R}^M$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v}_k &= \sum_{j=0}^M d_{kj} v_j - f(p'_M), \quad k = 1, \dots, M \\ p_M &= p_M(0, v_1, \dots, v_M) \end{aligned}$$

- $y_t \in L^1 \Rightarrow v(t) \in AC$
- algebraic condition for  $v_0$  replaced by nonlinear perturbation

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for  $a_j$ ,  $w_j$  nodes and weights for the quadrature formula.



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