

Examples and Exercises for bifurcations

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Set all interval in Integrator to 100 or more. Remember to open Window/Output \rightarrow Graphic \rightarrow 2D plot. Choose axis by clicking MatCont \rightarrow Layout, Abscissa (x-axis) and Ordinate (y-axis).

1. Saddle node normal form

$$x' = a + x^2$$

for $a \in [-0.5, 0.5]$.

Starts from $a = -0.3, x = 0$.

2. Global average temperature model (saddle-node bifurcations) from [this source](#)

$$T' = Q * (1 - (0.5 + 0.2 * \tanh(0.1 * (265 - T)))) - EPS * SIGMA * T^4$$

for (atmospheric emissivity factor) $\varepsilon = 0.6$, (constant of proportionality) $\sigma = 5.67 * 10^{-8}$, and (annual global mean incoming solar radiation) $Q \in [250, 450]$.

Change RelTolarence = 1e-5, in the integrator window for better convergence and MaxStepsize = 2, in Continuer for faster computation. Starts from $Q = 250, T = 300$.

3. Discretization of Bratu-Gelfand equation (Pitchfork bifurcation)

$$U1' = -2 * U1 + U2 + LAMBDA * \exp(U1)$$

$$U2' = U1 - 2 * U2 + LAMBDA * \exp(U2)$$

for $LAMBDA \in [0, 0.5]$.

Start from equilibrium point $U1 = U2 = 0$ at $LAMBDA = 0$.

4. Alternative predator-prey model (supercritical Hopf bifurcation)

$$F' = r * F * (1 - F/K) - a * F * C / (1 + a * h * F)$$

$$C' = EPS * a * F * C / (1 + a * h * F) - muu * C$$

for $\mu = 0.1, a = 5, h = 3, \varepsilon = 0.5, r = 0.5$ and $K, C \in [0, 0.4]$.

Starts from $F = C = -0.3, K = 0.25$, set integrator RelTolerance = AbsTolerance = 1e-10, and interval = 10000. Continuer MinStepsize = MaxStepsize = 0.5, and MaxNumPoints = 100.

5. Aircraft Wing Flutter reformulated (subcritical Hopf bifurcation) from [this source](#)

$$x' = y$$

$$y' = (a + x^2 - 0.4 * x^4) * y - x$$

for $a \in [-1, 1], x \in [-3, 3]$.

Starts from equilibrium point $x = y = 0$ at $a = -0.5$, or from $x = y = 0.1$ to see that $x = y = 0$ is a stable fixed point at $a = -0.5$. In the Continuer window set MinStepsize = MaxStepsize = 0.5.