

Lecture with Computer Exercises: Modelling and Simulating Social Systems with MATLAB

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- 3.1 What is Self-Organized Criticality?

Self-Organized Criticality is the Concept that the dynamics of a physical system converge to a critical point independent of the bestowed boundary conditions. This critical point commonly is not the equilibrium point in a traditional, physical sense. The concept is best understood by example, so we shall bring up a very educative one introduced first by (P.Bak, C.Tang, K.Wiesenfeld, Phys. Rev. A 38, 19988):

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