

**AUTO94: Software for Continuation and  
Bifurcation Problems in Ordinary  
Differential Equations**

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This is a guide to the software package AUTO for continuation and bifurcation problems in ordinary differential equations (ODEs). Companion papers are [1,2]. Earlier versions were described in [3,4].

The software described in this document, AUTO94, is the sequential version of AUTO94P [5], an experimental parallel program for the Intel Delta. Both were developed in the Applied Mathematics Department at the California Institute of Technology as one of the projects of the Differential Equations Group in the Center for Research on Parallel Computation.

Compared to previous versions AUTO94 has significant internal structural changes that are not apparent to the user. In addition it is somewhat more convenient to use, and it has a graphical user interface (GUI) written by Xianjun Wang. An earlier GUI for AUTO on SGI machines was written by Mark Taylor and Ioannis Kevrekidis [6]. AUTO94 also incorporates an improved Floquet multiplier algorithm written by Thomas Fairgrieve [7,8].

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## 1. Installing AUTO.

**1.1 Installation.** To obtain a copy of AUTO, send email to *doedel@cs.concordia.ca*. The software is transported as a compressed, encoded file, called *auto.tar.Z.uu*. Put this file in your main directory. Remove the first few lines put there by the mailer, if applicable. Type

```
wudecode auto.tar.Z.uu
```

followed by

```
uncompress auto.tar.Z
```

and

```
tar xvfo auto.tar
```

This will result in the creation of a directory, *auto*, with one subdirectory, *94*, containing the AUTO files. Type

```
cd auto/94
```

to change directory to *auto/94*. Then type either

```
make sgi
```

to compile AUTO on Silicon Graphics machines, or just

```
make
```

on SUNs and, in principle, on other Unix systems. Upon compilation, type

```
make clean
```

to remove unnecessary files. Also enter the following command :

```
source $HOME/auto/94/cmds/auto.env
```

and add the above line to your *.cshrc* file.

Some EISPACK [9] routines used by AUTO for computing eigenvalues and Floquet multipliers are included in the package. The Graphical User Interface (GUI) requires X Windows and Motif [10] to be on your machine. It may be necessary to enter their pathname in the appropriate makefile in *auto/94/gui*. AUTO can also be run in Command Mode, independently of the GUI. To compile the AUTO library files without compiling the GUI, type *make cmd* in directory *auto/94*.

For timing purposes, the file *auto/94/src/autlib1.f* contains references to the function *etime*. If this function is not automatically supplied by your f77 compiler then it can be replaced by an appropriate alternative call, or it can be disabled by replacing the two occurrences of the string *T=etime(timaray)* with *T=0*.

To prepare AUTO for transfer to another machine, type *make superclean* in directory *auto/94*. This will remove all executable, object, and other non-essential files, and thereby minimize the size of the package.

AUTO can be tested by typing `make > TEST` & in directory `auto/94/test`. This will execute a selection of demos from `auto/94/demos` and write a summary of the computations in the file `TEST`. The contents of `TEST` can then be compared to other test result files in directory `auto/94/test`. In case of suspected portability problems send `TEST` to `doedel@cs.concordia.ca`.

**1.2 Restrictions on problem size.** There are pre-defined size restrictions in the file `auto/94/include/auto.h` on the following AUTO-constants : the effective problem dimension `NDIM`, the number of collocation points `NCOL`, the number of mesh intervals `NTST`, the effective number of boundary conditions `NBC`, the effective number of integral conditions `NINT`, the effective number of equation parameters `NPAR`, the number of stored bifurcation points `NBIF` (algebraic problems), and the number of user output points `NUZR`. See Section 5 for the significance of each of the above constants. Their maxima are denoted by the corresponding constant followed by an X. For example, `NDIMX` in `auto.h` denotes the maximum value of `NDIM`. If any of these maxima is exceeded in an AUTO-run then a message will be printed. The exception is the the maximum value of `NPAR`, which, if exceeded, may lead to unreported errors. Upon installation `NPARX=35`; it should never be decreased below that value. See also Section 3.4. Size restrictions can be changed by editing `auto.h`. This must be followed by recompilation by typing `make` in directory `auto/94/src`. *It is strongly recommended that `NCOLX=4` be used, and that the value of `NDIMX` and `NTSTX` be chosen as small as is possible for the intended application of AUTO.*

Note that in certain cases the *effective dimension* may be greater than the user dimension. For example, for the two-parameter continuation of folds, the effective dimension is  $2\text{NDIM}+1$  for algebraic equations, and  $2\text{NDIM}$  for ODEs, respectively. Similarly, for the two-parameter continuation of Hopf bifurcations, the effective dimension is  $3\text{NDIM}+2$ .

**1.3 Compatibility with AUTO86.** There is a change in the preparation of equations-files : The subroutines `INIT` and `USZR` are no longer needed; instead AUTO-constants and output parameter values are read from a file; see Section 3.2.

There is also a change in output file format. However, AUTO86 output files can be converted to AUTO94 format with the `@86to94` command; see Section 3.1.

There is no longer is a preprocessor; instead there are adjustable size limitations on certain AUTO-constants; see Section 1.2 above.

## 2. Overview of Capabilities.

**2.1 Summary.** AUTO can do a limited bifurcation analysis of algebraic systems of the form

$$(2.1) \quad f(u, p) = 0, \quad f(\cdot, \cdot), u \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

and of systems of ODEs of the form

$$(2.2) \quad u'(t) = f(u(t), p), \quad f(\cdot, \cdot), u(\cdot) \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

Here  $p$  denotes one or more free parameters.

It can also do certain wave computations for the PDE

$$(2.3) \quad u_t = Du_{xx} + f(u, p), \quad f(\cdot, \cdot), u(\cdot) \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $D$  denotes a diagonal matrix of diffusion constants. The basic algorithms used in the package, as well as related algorithms, can be found in [1,2] and [11,12].

**2.2 Algebraic systems.** Specifically, for (2.1) the program can :

- Compute solution branches.
- Locate bifurcation points and automatically compute bifurcating branches.
- Locate Hopf bifurcation points and continue these in two parameters.
- Locate folds (limit points) and continue these in two parameters.
- Do the above for fixed points of the discrete dynamical system

$$u^{(k+1)} = f(u^{(k)}, p).$$

- Find extrema of an objective function along solution branches and successively continue such extrema in more parameters.

**2.3 Ordinary differential equations.** For the ODE (2.2) the program can :

- Compute branches of stable and unstable periodic solutions and compute the Floquet multipliers, that determine stability, along these branches. Starting data for the computation of periodic orbits are generated automatically at Hopf bifurcation points.
- Locate folds, regular bifurcations, period doubling bifurcations, and bifurcations to tori, along branches of periodic solutions. Branch switching is possible at regular and period doubling bifurcations.
- Continue folds and period-doubling bifurcations in two parameters. The two-parameter continuation of orbits of fixed period is also possible. This allows the approximate computation of curves of homoclinic orbits, if the period is sufficiently large.
- Locate extrema of an integral objective functional along a branch of periodic solutions and successively continue such extrema in more parameters.
- Compute curves of solutions to (2.2) on  $[0, 1]$ , subject to general nonlinear boundary and integral conditions. The boundary conditions need not be separated, i.e., they may involve both  $u(0)$  and  $u(1)$  simultaneously. The side conditions may also depend on parameters. The number of boundary conditions plus the number of integral conditions need not equal the dimension of the ODE, provided there is a corresponding number of additional parameter variables.
- Determine folds and bifurcation points along solution branches to the above boundary value problem. Branch switching is possible at bifurcation points. Curves of folds can be computed in two parameters.

**2.4 Periodic waves in diffusive systems.** For (2.3) the program can :

- Trace out branches of spatially homogeneous solutions. This amounts to a bifurcation analysis of the algebraic system (2.1). However, AUTO uses a related system instead, in order to enable the detection of bifurcations to wave train solutions of given wave speed. More precisely, bifurcations to wave trains are detected as Hopf bifurcations along fixed point branches of the related ODE

$$(2.2') \quad \begin{aligned} u'(z) &= v(z), \\ v'(z) &= -D^{-1} [c v(z) + f(u(z), p)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $z = x - ct$  , with the wave speed  $c$  specified by the user.



- Trace out branches of periodic wave solutions to (2.3) that emanate from a Hopf bifurcation point of (2.2'). The wave speed  $c$  is fixed along such a branch, but the wave length  $L$ , i.e., the period of periodic solutions to (2.2'), will normally vary. If the wave length  $L$  becomes large, i.e., if a homoclinic orbit of (2.2') is approached, then the wave tends to a solitary wave solution of (2.3).
- Trace out branches of waves of fixed wave length  $L$  in two parameters. The wave speed  $c$  may be chosen as one of these parameters. If  $L$  is large, then such a continuation gives a branch of approximate solitary wave solutions to (2.3).
- Do time evolution calculations for (2.3), given periodic initial data on the interval  $[0, L]$ . The initial data must be specified on  $[0, 1]$  and  $L$  must be set separately because of internal scaling. The initial data may be given analytically or obtained from a previous computation of wave trains, solitary waves, or from a previous evolution calculation. Conversely, if an evolution calculation results in a stationary wave, then this wave can be used as starting data for a wave continuation calculation.

Note that the system (2.2') is just a special case of (2.2) and that its fixed point analysis is a special case of (2.1). One advantage of the built-in capacity of AUTO to deal with problem (2.3) is that the user need only specify  $f$ ,  $D$ , and  $c$ . Another advantage is the compatibility of output data for restart purposes. This allows switching back and forth between evolution calculations and wave computations.

**2.5 Discretization.** AUTO discretizes ODEs by the method of orthogonal collocation using piecewise polynomials with 2-7 collocation points per mesh interval [13]. The mesh automatically adapts to the solution to equidistribute the local discretization error [14]. The number of mesh intervals and the number of collocation points remain constant during any given run, although they may be changed at restart points. Time evolution computations of (2.3) are adaptive in space and in time. Discretization in time is not very accurate : only implicit Euler. Indeed, time integration of (2.3) has only been included as a convenience and it is not very efficient.

## 2.6 Output files. AUTO writes four output files :

`fort.6` : A summary of the computation is written in Fortran unit 6; usually the screen. Only special solution points are noted, including :

- BP (1) : Bifurcation point (algebraic systems).
- LP (2) : Fold (algebraic systems).
- HB (3) : Hopf bifurcation.
- UZ (4) : User-specified parameter value.
- LP (5) : Fold (differential equations).
- BP (6) : Bifurcation point (differential equations).
- PD (7) : Period doubling bifurcation.
- TR (8) : Torus bifurcation.
- EP (9) : End point of branch; normal termination.
- MX (-9) : Abnormal termination; no convergence.

The above letter codes are used in the unit 6 output. The equivalent numerical codes are used internally and in the unit 7 and 8 output described below.

`fort.7` : The output file `fort.7` contains the bifurcation diagram. This information is written by the subroutines `STHD`, `HEADNG`, and `STPLAE` in the section 'Output (Algebraic Problems)', and by `STPLBV` in the section 'Output (Boundary Value Problems)' of the file `auto/94/src/autlib1.f`. The user has some control over this output via the AUTO-constant `IPLT`; see Section 5.9. The graphics program `PLAUT` can be used to graphically inspect this file.

`fort.8` : The output file `fort.8` contains complete graphics and restart data for selected solutions. The information per solution is much more extensive than that in `fort.7` and should normally be written only for a limited number of solutions. This file is written by `WRTSP8` in the section 'Output (Algebraic Problems)' and by `WRTBV8` in the section 'Output (Boundary Value Problems)' in `auto/94/src/autlib1.f`. The graphics program `PLAUT` can be used to graphically inspect this output.

`fort.9` : Diagnostic messages, convergence history, eigenvalues, and Floquet multipliers are written in `fort.9`. It is strongly recommended that this output be habitually inspected.

### 3. How to Run AUTO.

**3.1 Command mode.** AUTO can be run with the GUI described in Section 4 or with the commands described in this section. The AUTO aliases must have been activated; see Section 1.1; and an equations-file `xxx.f` and a corresponding constants-file `r.xxx` (see Section 3.2) must be in the current user directory.

*Do not run AUTO in the directory `auto/94` or in any of its subdirectories.*

- `@r` : Type `@r xxx`, to run AUTO. Restart data, if needed, are expected in `q.xxx`, and AUTO-constants in `r.xxx`. This is the most common way to run AUTO.
  - Type `@r xxx yyy`, to run AUTO with equations-file `xxx.f` and restart data file `q.yyy`. AUTO-constants must be in `r.xxx`.
  - Type `@r xxx yyy zzz`, to run AUTO with equations-file `xxx.f`, restart data file `q.yyy`, and constants-file `r.zzz`.
- `@R` : The command `@R xxx` is equivalent to the command `@r xxx` above.
  - Type `@R xxx i`, to run AUTO with equations-file `xxx.f`, constants-file `r.xxx.i` and, if needed, restart data file `q.xxx`.
  - Type `@R xxx i yyy`, to run AUTO with equations-file `xxx.f`, constants-file `r.xxx.i`, and restart data file `q.yyy`.
- `@sv` : Type `@sv xxx` to save the output files `fort.7`, `fort.8`, `fort.9`, as `p.xxx`, `q.xxx`, `d.xxx`, respectively. Existing files by these names will be deleted.
- `@ap` : Type `@ap xxx` to append the output files `fort.7`, `fort.8`, `fort.9`, to existing data files `p.xxx`, `q.xxx`, `d.xxx`, resp.
  - Type `@ap xxx yyy` to append `p.xxx`, `q.xxx`, `d.xxx`, to `p.yyy`, `q.yyy`, `d.yyy`, resp.
- `@p` : Type `@p xxx` to run the graphics program PLAUT for the graphical inspection of the data files `p.xxx` and `q.xxx`.
  - Type `@p` to run the graphics program PLAUT for the graphical inspection of the output files `fort.7` and `fort.8`.
- `@cp` : Type `@cp xxx yyy` to copy the data files `p.xxx`, `q.xxx`, `d.xxx`, `r.xxx` to `p.yyy`, `q.yyy`, `d.yyy`, `r.yyy`, respectively.
- `@mv` : Type `@mv xxx yyy` to move the data files `p.xxx`, `q.xxx`, `d.xxx`, `r.xxx`, to `p.yyy`, `q.yyy`, `d.yyy`, `r.yyy`, respectively.
- `@df` : Type `@df` to delete the output files `fort.7`, `fort.8`, `fort.9`.
- `@cl` : Type `@cl` to clean the current directory. This command will delete all files of the form `fort.*`, `*.o`, and `*.exe`.
- `@dl` : Type `@dl xxx` to delete the data files `p.xxx`, `q.xxx`, `d.xxx`.

- @dm : Type `@dm xxx` to copy the demo files `xxx.f` and `r.xxx.*` from the demo directory `auto/94/demos/xxx` to the current user directory. Here `xxx` denotes a demo name; e.g., `pp2`; see Section 7.
- @lb : Type `@lb` to run an interactive utility program for listing, deleting, and relabeling solutions in the AUTO output-files `fort.7` and `fort.8`. The original files are backed up as `fort.7~` and `fort.8~`.
  - Type `@lb xxx` to list, delete, and relabel solutions in the AUTO data-files `p.xxx` and `q.xxx`. The original files are backed up as `p.xxx~` and `q.xxx~`.
  - Type `@lb xxx yyy` to list, delete, and relabel solutions in the AUTO data-files `p.xxx` and `q.xxx`. The modified files are written as `p.yyy` and `q.yyy`.
- @pn : Type `@pn xxx` to run the pendula animation program with data file `q.xxx`. (On SGI machine only; see the pen demo in Section 7, as well as the file `auto/94/pendula/README` and reference [15].)
- @86to94 : Type `@86to94 xxx` to convert the AUTO86 data file `q.xxx` to AUTO94 format. The original file is backed up as `q.xxx~`.

**3.2 User supplied files.** The user must prepare the two files described below. This can be done with the GUI described in Section 4, or independently.

- `xxx.f` : A source file `xxx.f` containing the Fortran subroutines FUNC, STPNT, BCND, ICND, and FOPT. Here `xxx` stands for a user-selected name. If any of these subroutines is irrelevant to the problem then its body need not be completed. For their precise form see the model equations-file `auto/94/gui/aut.f`, which can be directly loaded with the GUI button *Equations/New*; see Section 4.2. Examples are in `auto/94/demos`, where, e.g., the file `pp2/pp2.f` defines a two-dimensional dynamical system, and the file `bvp/bvp.f` defines a boundary value problem. The simplest way to create a new equations-file is to copy and edit the model equations-file or an appropriate demo file.
- `r.xxx` : AUTO-constants for `xxx.f` are normally expected in a corresponding file `r.xxx`. Specific examples include `bvp/r.bvp` and `pp2/r.pp2` in `auto/94/demos`. See Section 5 for the significance of each constant.

The purpose of the user-supplied subroutines in the file `xxx.f` is described below.

- FUNC : defines the function  $f(u, p)$  in (2.1), (2.2), or (2.3).
- STPNT : This subroutine is typically called only during the first AUTO run, when `IRS=0`; see Section 5.8. It defines a solution  $(u, p)$  of (2.1) or (2.2). This starting solution should not be a bifurcation point. When starting from a

fixed point, the arguments of STPNT are (NDIM,U,PAR). When starting from an analytically known time- or space-dependent solution, the arguments of STPNT are (NDIM,U,PAR,T), where T denotes the independent time or space variable which takes values in the interval  $[0,1]$ . When restarting from an analytically known periodic orbit, one must in addition specify the period in PAR(11).

- BCND : A subroutine BCND that defines the boundary conditions, if any.  
 ICND : A subroutine ICND that defines the integral conditions, if any.  
 FOPT : A subroutine FOPT that defines the objective functional, if any.

**3.3 User supplied derivatives.** If the value of the AUTO-constant JAC is JAC=0 then derivatives need not be specified in FUNC, BCND, ICND, and FOPT. However, if one sets JAC=1 then derivatives must be given. This may be necessary for extremely sensitive problems, and is recommended for computations in which AUTO generates an extended system; see Section 5.2. Examples of user-supplied derivatives can be found in directory `auto/94/demos`, for example, in the equations-files `dd2/dd2.f`, `int/int.f`, `opt/opt.f`, and `ops/ops.f`.

**3.4 Restrictions on the use of PAR.** The array PAR in the user-supplied subroutines is available for equation parameters that the user wants to vary at some point in the computations. In any particular computation the free parameter(s) must be designated in ICP; see Section 5.7. The following restrictions apply :

- The maximum number of parameters, NPARX in `auto/94/include/auto.h`, has pre-defined value NPARX=35. NPARX should not normally be increased and it should never be decreased. Any increase of NPARX must be followed by recompilation of AUTO.
- For computations with ISW=2 or IPS=11-15 (see Section 5.8) only PAR(1)-PAR(9) should be used, as AUTO may need the remaining components internally.
- For computations with ISW=1 or ISW=-1, all entries of PAR are available to the user, except PAR(11) and PAR(12). AUTO uses PAR(11) for the detection of Hopf bifurcations, for periodic solutions PAR(11) contains the period, and for algebraic optimization problems PAR(11) contains the value of the objective function. PAR(12) is also needed internally.

## 4. Graphical User Interface.

**4.1 General overview.** The AUTO94 graphical user interface (GUI) is a tool for creating and editing equations-files and constants-files; see Section 3.2 for a description of these files. The GUI can also be used to run AUTO and to manipulate and plot output files and data files; see Section 3.1 for corresponding commands. To use the GUI for a new equation, change to an empty work directory. For an existing equations-file, change to its directory. (*Do not activate the GUI in the directory auto/94 or in any of its subdirectories.*) Then type

@*auto*      or just      @*a*

Here we assume that the AUTO aliases have been activated; see Section 1.1. The GUI includes a window for editing equations-files, and four groups of buttons, namely, the *Menu Bar* at the top of the GUI, the *Define Constants* buttons at the center-left, the *Load Constants* buttons at the lower left, and the *Stop and Exit* buttons.

**Note :** GUI buttons are normally activated by point-and-click action with the *left* mouse button. If a beep sound results then the *right* mouse button must be used.

**The Menu Bar.** It contains the main buttons for running AUTO and for manipulating the equations-file, the constants-file, the output files, and the data files. In a typical application, these buttons are used from left to right. First the *Equations* are defined and, if necessary, *Edited*, before being *Written*. Then the AUTO-constants are *Defined*. This is followed by the actual *Run* of AUTO. The resulting output files can be *Saved* as data files, or they can be *Appended* to existing data files. Data files can be *Plotted* with the graphics program PLAUT, and various file operations can be done with the *Files* button. Auxiliary functions are provided by the *Demos*, *Misc*, and *Help* buttons. The Menu Bar buttons are described in more detail in Section 4.2 below.

**The Define Constants buttons.** These have the same function as the *Define* button on the Menu Bar, namely to set and change AUTO-constants. However, for the *Define* button all constants appear in one panel, while for the Define Constants buttons they are grouped by function, as in Section 5, namely *Problem* definition constants, *Discretization* constants, convergence *Tolerances*, continuation *Step Size*, diagram *Limits*, designation of free *Parameters*, constants defining the *Computation*, and constants that specify *Output* options.

**The Load Constants buttons.** The *Previous* button can be used to load an existing AUTO-constants file. Such a file is also loaded, if it exists, by the *Equations* button on the *Menu Bar*. The *Default* button can be used to load default values of all AUTO-constants. Custom editing is normally necessary.

**The Stop and Exit buttons.** The *Stop* button can be used to abort execution of an AUTO-run. This should be done only in exceptional circumstances. Output files, if any, will normally be incomplete and should be deleted. Use the *Exit* button to end a session.

## 4.2 The Menu Bar.

**Equations.** This pull-down menu contains the items *Old*, to load an existing equations-file, *New*, to load a model equations-file, and *Demo*, to load a selected demo equations-file. Equations-file names are of the form **xxx.f**. The corresponding constants-file **r.xxx** is also loaded if it exists. The equation name **xxx** remains active until redefined.

**Edit.** This pull-down menu contains the items *Cut* and *Copy*, to be performed on text highlighted by click-and-drag action of the mouse, and the item *Paste*, which places editor buffer text at the location of the cursor.

**Write.** This pull-down menu contains the item *Write*, to write the loaded files **xxx.f** and **r.xxx**, by the active equation name, and the item *Write As* to write these files by a selected new name, which then becomes the active name.

**Define.** Clicking this button will display the full AUTO-constants panel. Most of its text fields can be edited, but some have restricted input values that can be selected with the right mouse button. Some text fields will display a subpanel for entering data. To actually apply changes made in the panel, click the *OK* or *Apply* button at the bottom of the panel.

**Run.** Clicking this button will write the constants-file **r.xxx** and run AUTO. If the equations-file has been edited then it should first be rewritten with the *Write* button.

**Save.** This pull-down menu contains the item *Save*, to save the output files **fort.7**, **fort.8**, **fort.9**, as **p.xxx**, **q.xxx**, **d.xxx**, respectively. Here **xxx** is the active equation name. It also contains the item *Save As*, to save the output files under another name. Existing data files with the selected name, if any, will be overwritten.

**Append.** This pull-down menu contains the item *Append*, to append the output files *fort.7*, *fort.8*, *fort.9*, to existing data files *p.xxx*, *q.xxx*, *d.xxx*, respectively. Here *xxx* is the active equation name. It also contains the item *Append To*, to append the output files to other existing data files.

**Plot.** This pull-down menu contains the items *Plot*, to run the plotting program PLAUT for the files *p.xxx* and *q.xxx*, where *xxx* is the active equation name, and the item *Name*, to run PLAUT with other data files.

**Files.** This pull-down menu contains the item *Restart*, to redefine the restart file. Normally, when restarting from a previously computed solution, the restart data is expected in the file *q.xxx*, where *xxx* is the active equation name. Use the *Restart* button to read the restart data from another data file in the immediately following run. The pull-down menu also contains the following items :

*Copy*, to copy *p.xxx*, *q.xxx*, *d.xxx*, *r.xxx*, to *p.yyy*, *q.yyy*, *d.yyy*, *r.yyy*, resp.;

*Append*, to append data files *p.xxx*, *q.xxx*, *d.xxx*, to *p.yyy*, *q.yyy*, *d.yyy*, resp.;

*Move*, to move *p.xxx*, *q.xxx*, *d.xxx*, *r.xxx*, to *p.yyy*, *q.yyy*, *d.yyy*, *r.yyy*, resp.;

*Delete*, to delete data files *p.xxx*, *q.xxx*, *d.xxx*; and

*Clean*, to delete files of the form *fort.\**, *\*.o*, and *\*.exe*.

**Demos.** This pulldown menu contains the items *Select*, to view and run a selected AUTO demo, and *Reset*, to restore the demo directory to its original state. Demo files can be copied to the user work directory with the *Equations/Demo* button.

**Misc.** This pulldown menu contains the items *Tek Window* and *VT102 Window*, for opening windows; *Emacs* and *Xedit*, for editing files, and *Print*, for printing the active equations-file *xxx.f*.

**Help.** This pulldown menu contains the items *AUTO-Constants*, for a description of AUTO-constants, and *User Manual*, for viewing the user manual; i.e., this document.



**4.3 Using the GUI.** AUTO-commands are described in Section 3.1 and illustrated in the demos of Section 7. Below we list the main AUTO commands together with the corresponding GUI button.

<i>@r</i>	<i>Run</i>
<i>@sv</i>	<i>Save</i>
<i>@ap</i>	<i>Append (output data)</i>
<i>@p</i>	<i>Plot</i>
<i>@cp</i>	<i>Files/Copy</i>
<i>@mv</i>	<i>Files/Move</i>
<i>@cl</i>	<i>Files/Clean</i>
<i>@dl</i>	<i>Files/Delete</i>
<i>@dm</i>	<i>Equations/Demo</i>

The AUTO-command *@r xxx yyy* is given in the GUI as follows : click *Files/Restart* and enter *yyy* as data. Then click *Run*. As noted in Section 3.1, this will run AUTO with the current equations-file *xxx.f* and the current constants-file *r.xxx*, while expecting restart data in *q.yyy*. The AUTO-command *@ap xxx yyy* is given in the GUI by clicking *Files/Append*.

#### 4.4 User notes.

**Print.** The *Misc/Print* button on the Menu Bar can be customized by editing *auto/94/include/GuiConsts.h*.

**Color.** GUI colors can be customized by creating an X resource file. Two model files can be found in directory *auto/94/gui*, namely, *Xdefaults.1* and *Xdefaults.2*. To become effective, edit one of these and copy it to *.Xdefaults* in your home directory. Color names can often be found in the file */usr/lib/X11/rgb.txt*.

**Help.** The file *auto/94/include/GuiGlobal.h* contains on-line help on AUTO-constants and demos. The text can be updated, subject to a modifiable maximum length. On SGI machines this is 10240 bytes, which can be increased, for example, to 20480 bytes, by replacing the line

$$CC = cc -Wf, -XNl10240 -O$$

in *auto/94/gui/Makefile* by

$$CC = cc -Wf, -XNl20480 -O$$

On other machines, the maximum message length is the system defined maximum string literal length.

## 5. Description of AUTO-constants.

**5.1 The AUTO-constants file.** As described in Section 3.2, if the equations-file is `xxx.f` then the constants that define the computation are normally expected in the file `r.xxx`. The general format of this file is the same for all AUTO runs. For example, the file `r.exp` for the boundary value problem `exp.f` in directory `auto/94/demos/exp` is listed below.

```

2 4 0 1          NDIM, IPS, IRS, ILP
1 1             NICP, (ICP(I), I=1, NICP)
5 4 3 1 1 0 2 0 NTST, NCOL, IAD, ISP, ISW, IPLT, NBC, NINT
50 0.0 4.0 0.0 50.0 NMX, RLO, RL1, A0, A1
50 10 2 8 5 3 0   NPR, MXBF, IID, ITMX, ITNW, NWTN, JAC
1.d-4 1.d-4 1.d-4 EPSL, EPSU, EPSS
0.01 0.001 1.0 1 DS, DSMIN, DSMAX, IADS
0              NTHL, (/ , I, THL(I)), J=1, NTHL)
0              NTHU, (/ , I, THU(I)), J=1, NTHU)
2              NUZR, (/ , I, PAR(I)), J=1, NUZR)
1 1.0
1 3.0

```

The significance of the AUTO-constants, grouped by function, is described below.

### 5.2 Problem constants.

- NDIM** : Dimension of the system of algebraic equations or ODEs.
- NBC** : The number of boundary conditions. Must be specified if `IPS=4` or `6`.
- NINT** : The number of integral conditions. Must be specified if `IPS=4` or `6`.
- JAC** : Used to indicate whether derivatives are supplied by the user or to be obtained by differencing :
- JAC=0** : No derivatives are given by the user.
- JAC=1** : Derivatives are given in the user-supplied subroutines `FUNC`, `BCND`, `ICND` and `FOPT`. This may be necessary for extremely sensitive problems. It is also recommended for computations in which AUTO generates an extended system, namely, if `ISW=2` or `IPS=15`.

### 5.3 Discretization constants.

**NTST** : The number of mesh intervals to be used for discretization. NTST remains fixed during any particular run, but can be changed when restarting at a previously computed solution. However, the location of the mesh points can be made to adapt to the solution by setting the constant IAD. Recommended value of NTST : As small as possible, while maintaining convergence.

**NCOL** : The number of Gauss collocation points per mesh interval, ( $2 \leq \text{NCOL} \leq 7$ ). NCOL remains fixed during any given run, but can be changed when restarting at a previously computed solution. Strongly recommended value : NCOL=4.

**IAD** :

IAD=0: Fixed mesh. This choice is not recommended, as it may result in the computation of spurious solutions.

IAD>0 : Adapt the mesh every IAD steps along the branch. Strongly recommended value : IAD=3.

### 5.4 Tolerances.

**EPSL** : Relative convergence criterion for equation parameters in the Newton/Chord method. Recommended value EPSL=1.D-6 or EPSL=1.D-8.

**EPSU** : Relative convergence criterion for solution components in the Newton/Chord method. Recommended value EPSU=1.D-6 or EPSU=1.D-8.

**EPSS** : Relative arclength convergence criterion for detecting bifurcations and user output points. Recommended value EPSS=1.D-4 or EPSS=1.D-6, i.e., approximately 100 times the value of EPSL, EPSU.

**ITMX** : The maximum number of iterations allowed in the accurate location of bifurcations, folds, and user output points. Recommended value : ITMX=8.

**NWTN** : For ODEs only : After NWTN Newton iterations the Jacobian is frozen, i.e., the Chord method is used if  $\text{NWTN} < \text{iteration index} \leq \text{ITNW}$ . Strongly recommended value : NWTN=3.

**ITNW** : The maximum number of combined Newton-Chord iterations. When reached, the step will be retried with half the stepsize. This is repeated until convergence, or until the minimum stepsize is reached. In the latter case the computation of the branch is discontinued and a message printed in **fort.9**. Recommended value : Usually ITNW=5, but ITNW=7 for ‘difficult’ problems.

## 5.5 Continuation step size.

**DS** : Pseudo-arclength stepsize for the first step along any branch, including the first step after restart. DS may be chosen positive or negative; its sign determines the direction of computation. The relation  $DSMIN \leq |DS| \leq DSMAX$  must be satisfied. Recommended value of  $|DS|$  : somewhere between DSMIN and DSMAX, but typically closest to DSMIN.

**DSMIN** : The minimum allowable absolute value of the pseudo-arclength stepsize. Only relevant if  $IADS > 0$ . DSMIN must be positive. Recommended value : highly problem-dependent; see Section 6.1.

**DSMAX** : The maximum allowable absolute value of the pseudo-arclength stepsize. Only relevant if  $IADS > 0$ . DSMAX must be positive. Recommended value : highly problem-dependent; see Section 6.1.

**IADS** :

**IADS=0** : Use fixed pseudo-arclength stepsize. Not recommended.

**IADS>0** : Adapt the pseudo-arclength stepsize after every IADS steps. If the Newton/Chord iteration converges rapidly then  $|DS|$  will be increased, but never beyond DSMAX. If a step fails then it will be retried with half the stepsize. This will be done repeatedly until the step is successful or until  $|DS|$  reaches DSMIN. In the latter case nonconvergence will be signalled. Recommended value :  $IADS=1$ .

**NTHL** : The number of parameter weights to be modified in the definition of the pseudo-arclength continuation algorithm. If  $NTHL=0$  then all weights will have default value 1.0 . Under certain circumstances one may want to modify some weights. In such case  $NTHL > 0$  and one must enter NTHL pairs (*Parameter Index, Weight*), each pair on a separate line. In particular, for the computation of periodic solutions it is recommended to set  $NTHL=1$ , with, on a separate line, the pair ( 11 0.0), without brackets. This removes PAR(11); the period; from the pseudo-arclength continuation stepsize, which avoids period-induced limitations on the stepsize near orbits of infinite period. See the file `r.pp2.3` in `auto/94/demos/pp2` for an example.

**NTHU** : The number of solution-component weights to be modified in the definition of the pseudo-arclength continuation algorithm. Normally  $NTHU=0$  and all weights will have default value 1.0 . Under exceptional circumstances one may want to modify some weights. In such case  $NTHU > 0$  and one must enter NTHU pairs (*Solution-Component-Index, Weight*), each pair on a separate line.

## 5.6 Diagram limits.

- NMX** : Maximum number of steps to be taken along any branch.
- RL0** : Lower bound on the principal continuation parameter; i.e., on  $\text{PAR}(\text{ICP}(1))$ .
- RL1** : Upper bound on the principal continuation parameter.
- A0** : Lower bound on the principal solution measure, i.e., on the  $L_2$ -norm or other measure selected through IPLT; see Section 5.9.
- A1** : Upper bound on the principal solution measure.

## 5.7 Free parameters.

- NICP** : The number of free equation parameters specified, i.e., the number of indices ( $\text{ICP}(I), I=1 \dots \text{NICP}$ ). This number should be greater than or equal to the generic number required by the computation.
- ICP** : Designates the free parameter(s) :
- Often there is only a single free equation parameter. In this case  $\text{NICP}=1$  and  $\text{ICP}(1)$  specifies the free parameter's index, i.e.,  $\text{PAR}(\text{ICP}(1))$  is free.
  - For the two-parameter continuation of folds and Hopf bifurcations, set  $\text{NICP}=2$  and use  $\text{ICP}(1)$  and  $\text{ICP}(2)$  to indicate the free parameters.
  - For boundary value problems set  $\text{NICP} = \text{NBC} + \text{NINT} - \text{NDIM} + 1$ , and use  $\text{ICP}(1) \cdot \dots \cdot \text{ICP}(\text{NICP})$  to specify the free equation parameters. A simple case is when  $\text{NBC}=\text{NDIM}$  and  $\text{NINT}=0$ . Then  $\text{NICP}=1$ , i.e., only one free parameter needs to be specified.
  - For the continuation of folds in a boundary value problem, set  $\text{NICP} = \text{NBC} + \text{NINT} - \text{NDIM} + 2$ . A simple case is when  $\text{NBC}=\text{NDIM}$  and  $\text{NINT}=0$ . Then  $\text{NICP}=2$ , i.e., two free parameters must be specified.
  - For the first run of an algebraic optimization problem ( $\text{IPS}=5$ ; see Section 5.8) one must set  $\text{ICP}(1)=11$ , as AUTO uses  $\text{PAR}(11)$  as principal parameter to monitor the value of the objective function. Furthermore, one must designate one free equation parameter in  $\text{ICP}(2)$ . Thus  $\text{NICP}=2$  in such a first run. Folds with respect to the principal parameter then correspond to local one-parameter extrema of the objective function. In a second run, with  $\text{NICP}=3$ , one can restart at such an extremum and specify an additional equation parameter in  $\text{ICP}(3)$ . Folds located in a second run then correspond to local two-parameter extrema of the objective function. This procedure can be repeated indefinitely.

## 5.8 Computation constants.

### **ILP** :

ILP=0 : No detection of folds. This choice is recommended.

ILP=1 : Detection of folds. Use if subsequent fold continuation is intended.

### **ISP** :

ISP=0 : No detection of bifurcation points. No Floquet multipliers.

ISP=1 : For algebraic equations : Detection of bifurcations. For ODEs : No detection of bifurcations. For periodic solutions : Floquet multipliers computed.

ISP=2 : For all equations : Detection of bifurcations. For periodic solutions : Floquet multipliers computed.

ISP=3 : If IPS=2,3,6 then the choice ISP=3 is similar to ISP=2, except that the first two, rather than one, closest Floquet multipliers to  $z = 1$  are excluded from stability and bifurcation considerations. Furthermore, folds will be determined with respect to the period. This option can be useful for certain non-generic systems.

If IPS=2,3, or 6, then the choice ISP=2,3 should be used with care, due to potential inaccuracy in the computation of the linearized Poincaré map and possible rapid variation of the Floquet multipliers. The linearized Poincaré map always has a multiplier  $z = 1$ . If this multiplier becomes inaccurate, then the automatic detection of potential secondary periodic bifurcations, if ISP=2,3, will be discontinued and a warning message will be printed in `fort.9`.

**ISW** : Normally ISW=1.

If ISW=-1 and IPS= 2,3,4, or IPS > 5, and if IRS is the label of a bifurcation point, then the restart procedure will attempt to switch branches, rather than continue computation of the given branch. For period doubling bifurcations it is recommended that NTST be increased to twice the value used in the computation that detected the bifurcation.

If ISW=2 and IPS=-1,0,1,2,3 or 4, and if IRS is the label of a fold, a Hopf bifurcation point, a period-doubling bifurcation, or a torus bifurcation, then the program will try to trace out a curve of such points in two parameters. The choice of second parameter must be specified in ICP(2), while ICP(1) remains the index of the first parameter. For boundary value problems with more than one free parameter one should use ICP(NBC+NINT-NDIM+2) to indicate the additional parameter necessary for the computation of the curve of folds.

**MXBF** : For algebraic problems only : MXBF sets the maximum number of bifurcating branches to be traced out. Additional bifurcations will be noted, but the corresponding bifurcating branches will not be computed. If MXBF is negative then bifurcations will only be traced out in one direction. If MXBF is positive then both directions are traced out.

**IRS** :

IRS=0 : A new problem : No previously computed restart data. A starting solution must be specified in STPNT; see Section 3.2.

IRS>0 : Computation to be restarted at a previously computed solution with label IRS. This solution is normally expected to be in the current solution file `q.xxx`. Most AUTO-constants can be modified at a restart point.

**IPS** : This constant defines the problem type :

IPS=0 : Algebraic bifurcation problem. Hopf bifurcations will not be detected and stability properties will not be indicated in `fort.7`.

IPS=1 : Algebraic bifurcation problem with detection of Hopf bifurcations. The sign of PT, the point number, in `fort.7` is used to indicate stability : `-` = stable , `+` = unstable.

IPS=-1 : Fixed points of the discrete dynamical system  $u^{(k+1)} = f(u^{(k)}, p)$ , with detection of Hopf bifurcations. The sign of PT in `fort.7` indicates stability : `-` = stable , `+` = unstable.

IPS= 2 : Computation of periodic solutions. Starting data can be a Hopf bifurcation point from a previous run with IPS=1, or a periodic orbit from a previous run with IPS=2 or 3. One can also specify an analytically known periodic orbit in the user subroutine STPNT. One free equation parameter must be designated in ICP(1); AUTO will automatically add the period, PAR(11), as second free parameter. The sign of PT in `fort.7` is used to indicate stability : `-` = stable , `+` = unstable or unknown.

IPS= 3 : Two-parameter continuation of orbits of fixed period. Starting data may be a periodic orbit from a previous run with IPS=2 or 3, or an analytically known periodic orbit specified in STPNT. Two free equation parameters must be designated in ICP(1) and ICP(2). The sign of PT in `fort.7` is used to indicate stability : `-` = stable , `+` = unstable or unknown.

IPS= 4 : A boundary value problem. Boundary conditions must be specified in the user-supplied subroutine BCND and integral constraints in ICND.

IPS= 5 : Algebraic optimization problems. The objective function must be specified in the user-supplied subroutine FOPT.

- IPS= 6 : Equivalent to IPS=4, except that AUTO will compute Floquet multipliers and check for associated bifurcations. This option is useful for periodic solutions of the second kind (rotations). It is also useful for computing periodic solutions when integral quantities; defined in ICND; are to be monitored. The user must supply BCND and ICND.
- IPS= 7 : This option is equivalent to IPS=2, except that AUTO will not monitor the Floquet multipliers. Instead, if  $ISP > 1$ , bifurcations will be located as singularities of the full collocation system, as is done if IPS=4. This option is useful for certain problems with non-generic Floquet behavior.
- IPS= 8 : This option is equivalent to IPS=3, except that AUTO will not monitor the Floquet multipliers. Instead, if  $ISP > 1$ , bifurcations will be located as singularities of the full collocation system, as is done if IPS=4. This option is useful for certain problems with non-generic Floquet behavior.
- IPS=11 : Spatially uniform solutions of (2.3) with detection of bifurcations to traveling waves, i.e., continuation of fixed points of (2.2'). The user need only define  $f$ , initialize the wave speed in PAR(10), the NDIM diffusion constants in PAR(15,16,...), and a free equation parameter in ICP(1).
- IPS=12 : Continuation of traveling waves, i.e., continuation of periodic solutions of (2.2'). The user need only define  $f$  and designate a free equation parameter in ICP(1). PAR(10) is used for for the (fixed) wave speed and PAR(11) for the (variable) wave length. Starting data can be a Hopf bifurcation point from a previous run with IPS=11, or a traveling wave from a previous run with IPS=12 or 13.
- IPS=13 : Continuation of traveling waves of fixed wave length, i.e., continuation of fixed period solutions of (2.2'). The user need only define  $f$  and designate two free parameters, for example, the wave speed PAR(10) and an equation parameter. Starting data can be a traveling wave from a previous run with IPS=12 or 13.
- IPS=14 : Time evolution computation for (2.3) on a periodic space interval. The initial data must be specified in the interval  $[0,1]$ . The actual length of the interval must be specified in PAR(11). AUTO uses PAR(14) for the time variable and PAR(15,16,...) for the diffusion constants. DS, DSMIN, and DSMAX govern the pseudo-arclength continuation in the (U,Time) variables. Starting data may be solutions from a previous run with IPS=12, 13 or 14, or given analytically in STPNT.



IPS=15 : Optimization of periodic solutions. Restart at a solution computed with IPS=2, IPS=3, or IPS=15. The integrand of the objective functional must be specified in the user supplied subroutine FOPT. It is recommended to compute with JAC=1 (specify derivatives). Only PAR(1-9) should be used for problem parameters. PAR(10) is the value of the objective functional, PAR(11) the period, PAR(12) the norm of the adjoint variables, PAR(14) and PAR(15) are internal optimality variables. PAR(21-29) and PAR(31) are used to monitor the optimality functionals associated with the problem parameters and the period. For a detailed example see the demo *ops*.

### 5.9 Output control.

**NPR** : Write plotting and restart information in `fort.8` every NPR steps along solution branches.

**IID** : Controls diagnostic output printed in `fort.9`.

IID=0 : Minimal output.

IID=2 : Recommended value of IID.

IID=3 : Algebraic problems : Jacobian and residual vector printed at the initial starting point.

IID=4 : ODEs : Reduced system and residual vector printed at each iteration. This setting should not normally be used.

IID=5 : ODEs : Very extensive output from the linear equation solver. This setting should not normally be used.

**IPLT** : Gives the user some control over the `fort.7` output, namely the choice of principal solution measure; the second real number written per output line.

- If  $IPLT = 0$  :  $L_2$  - norm.

- If  $0 < IPLT \leq NDIM$  : Maximum of the IPLT'th component.

- If  $-NDIM \leq IPLT < 0$  : Minimum of the IPLT'th component.

- If  $NDIM < IPLT \leq 2*NDIM$  : Integral of  $(IPLT-NDIM)$ 'th component.

Note that, for algebraic problems, maximum and minimum are identical. Also, for ODEs, the maximum and the minimum of a solution component are generally much less accurate than the  $L_2$ -norm and component integrals.

**NUZR** : Allows the setting of parameter values at which labelled graphics or restart information is wanted. Set NUZR=0 if no such output is needed. If NUZR>0 then one must enter NUZR pairs (*Parameter-Index,Parameter-Value*), each pair on a separate line. For an example, see the file `r.exp` at the beginning of this section.

## 6. Notes on Using AUTO.

**6.1 Efficiency.** In AUTO, efficiency has at times been sacrificed for generality of programming. This applies in particular to computations in which AUTO generates an extended system, e.g., computations with ISW=2. However, the user has significant control over computational efficiency, in particular through judicious choice of the AUTO-constants DS, DSMIN, and DSMAX, and, for ODEs, NTST and NCOL. Initial experimentation normally suggests appropriate values.

Slowly varying solutions to ODEs can often be computed with remarkably small values of NTST and NCOL, e.g., NTST=5, NCOL=2. Generally, however, it is recommended to set NCOL=4, and then to use the ‘smallest’ value of NTST that maintains convergence.

The choice of the pseudo-arclength stepsize parameters DS, DSMIN, and DS-MAX is highly problem dependent. Generally, DSMIN should not be taken too small, in order to prevent excessive step refinement in case of non-convergence. It should also not be too large, in order to avoid instant non-convergence. DS-MAX should be sufficiently large, in order to reduce computation time and amount of output data. On the other hand, it should be sufficiently small, in order to prevent stepping over bifurcations without detecting them. For a given equation, appropriate values of these constants can normally be found after some initial experimentation.

The constants ITNW, NWTN, THU, THL, EPSU, EPSL, EPSS also affect efficiency. Understanding their significance is therefore useful; see Section 5.4 and Section 5.5. Finally, it is recommended that initial computations be done with ILP=0; no fold detection; and ISP=1; no bifurcation detection for ODEs.

**6.2 Correctness of results.** AUTO-computed solutions to ODEs are almost always structurally correct, because the mesh adaption strategy, if IAD>0, safeguards against spurious solutions. If these do occur, possibly near infinite-period orbits, the unusual appearance of the solution branch typically serves as a warning. Repeating the computation with increased NTST is then recommended.

**6.3 Bifurcation points and folds.** As noted above, in Section 6.1, it is recommended that the detection of folds and bifurcation points be initially disabled. For example, if an equation has a ‘vertical’ solution branch then AUTO may try to locate one singular point after another; namely folds.

Generally, degenerate bifurcations cannot be detected. Furthermore, bifurcations that are close to each other may not be noticed when the pseudo-arclength step size is not sufficiently small. Hopf bifurcation points may go unnoticed if no clear crossing of the imaginary axis takes place. This may happen when there are other real or complex eigenvalues near the imaginary axis and when the pseudo-arclength step is large compared to the rate of change of the critical eigenvalue pair. A typical case is a Hopf bifurcation close to a fold. Similarly, Hopf bifurcations may go undetected if switching from real to complex conjugate, followed by crossing of the imaginary axis, occurs rapidly with respect to the pseudo-arclength step size. Secondary periodic bifurcations may not be detected for similar reasons. In case of doubt, carefully inspect the contents of the output file `fort.9`.

**6.4 Floquet multipliers.** The Floquet multiplier solver of AUTO94 has been written by Thomas Fairgrieve [7]. For a detailed description of the algorithm see Fairgrieve and Jepson [8].

If `IPS=2,3,6,12,13`, and `ISP=1,2`, then AUTO extracts approximations to the Floquet multipliers from the Jacobian of the linearized system in Newton's method. This procedure is very efficient; the multipliers are computed at negligible extra cost. For periodic solutions, the exact linearized Poincaré map always has a multiplier  $z = 1$ . A good accuracy check is to inspect this multiplier in the diagnostics output file `fort.9`. Note that if this multiplier becomes inaccurate, then the automatic detection of potential secondary periodic bifurcations (if `ISP=2,3`) will be discontinued and a warning message printed in `fort.9`. It is strongly recommended that the contents of this file be habitually inspected, in particular to verify whether solutions labelled as LP, BP, PD, or TR have indeed been correctly classified.

The current linear equations solver of AUTO is described in [2]. A more robust linear systems solver for AUTO is presented in [16], but at this time it has not yet been incorporated.

**6.5 Memory requirements.** Pre-defined maximum values of certain AUTO-constants are defined in `auto/94/include/auto.h`; see also Section 1.2. These maxima affect the run-time memory requirements and should not be set to unnecessarily large values. If an application does not require the differential equations options, i.e., if only `IPS=0,1,-1,5`, or 11 are used, and if `NDIM` is "large", then memory requirements can be much reduced by setting `NTSTX=NCOLX=NBCX=NINTX=1` in `auto/94/include/auto.h`, followed by recompilation of the AUTO libraries.

## 7. AUTO Demos.

The directory `auto/94/demos` has a number of subdirectories containing the necessary files for certain illustrative bifurcation calculations. Each subdirectory `xxx`; e.g., `pp2`; corresponds to a particular equation and contains an equations-file `xxx.f`; e.g., `pp2.f`; and one or more constants-files `r.xxx.i`; e.g., `r.pp2.1`, `r.pp2.2`,  $\dots$ .

For each demo, the Command Mode actions for performing various calculations and file maintenance operations are listed in this section; see Section 4.3 for corresponding GUI actions. The first action is always to copy the demo files to a user work directory. In Command Mode this is done with the `@dm xxx` command. In GUI Mode use the *Equations/Demo* button. Commands for plotting the data files are not listed in this section; use of the graphics program PLAUT is described in Section 8. To understand in detail how AUTO is instructed to carry out a particular task, inspect the equations-file `xxx.f`, as well as the appropriate constants-file `r.xxx`. For second and subsequent runs, it is indicated below which AUTO-constants in `r.xxx` have been changed with respect to the preceding run.

It is also possible to execute all runs of a selected demo automatically. This is mainly useful for testing purposes. To do this in GUI Mode, click *Demos/Select*, select a demo, and click the *Run* button in the pop-up window. Do not otherwise run AUTO in the directory `auto/94` or in any of its subdirectories.

New demos that illustrate a new type of computation are welcome for inclusion in this manual. Contact the first author for more information.

### **pp2 : Basic computations for continuous dynamical systems.**

This demo illustrates the computation of stationary solutions, periodic solutions, and the two-parameter continuation of folds, Hopf bifurcation points, and homoclinic orbits, for an autonomous ODE. The equations, which model a predator-prey system with harvesting, are

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= p_2 u_1 (1 - u_1) - u_1 u_2 - p_1 (1 - e^{-p_3 u_1}), \\u_2' &= -u_2 + p_4 u_1 u_2.\end{aligned}$$

Here  $p_1$  is used as the principal continuation parameter,  $p_3 = 5$ ,  $p_4 = 3$ , and, initially,  $p_2 = 3$ . For two-parameter computations  $p_2$  is also free.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir pp2</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd pp2</i>	change directory
<i>@dm pp2</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.pp2.1 r.pp2</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r pp2</i>	1st run; stationary solutions
<i>@sv pp2</i>	save output files as p.pp2, q.pp2, d.pp2
<i>cp r.pp2.2 r.pp2</i>	constants changed : IRS, RL1
<i>@r pp2</i>	2nd run; restart at labelled solution
<i>@ap pp2</i>	append output files to p.pp2, q.pp2, d.pp2
<i>cp r.pp2.3 r.pp2</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS, ILP
<i>@r pp2</i>	3rd run; periodic solutions
<i>@ap pp2</i>	append output files to p.pp2, q.pp2, d.pp2
<i>cp r.pp2.4 r.pp2</i>	constants changed : IRS, NTST
<i>@r pp2</i>	4th run; restart at labelled periodic solutions
<i>@ap pp2</i>	append output files to p.pp2, q.pp2, d.pp2
<i>cp r.pp2.5 r.pp2</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS, ISW, NICP
<i>@r pp2</i>	5th run; two-parameter continuation of folds
<i>@sv lp</i>	save output files as p.lp, q.lp, d.lp
<i>cp r.pp2.6 r.pp2</i>	constants changed : IRS
<i>@r pp2</i>	6th run; two-parameter continuation of Hopf bifurcations
<i>@sv hb</i>	save output files as p.hb, q.hb, d.hb
<i>cp r.pp2.7 r.pp2</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS, ISP
<i>@r pp2</i>	7th run; two-parameter continuation of homoclinic orbits
<i>@sv hom</i>	save output files as p.hom, q.hom, d.hom
<i>cp r.pp2.8 r.pp2</i>	constants changed : IRS, RL1
<i>@r pp2 hom</i>	8th run; restart homoclinic orbits; read restart data from q.hom
<i>@ap hom</i>	append the output files to p.hom, q.hom, d.hom
<i>@cl</i>	clean directory of unnecessary files
<i>@dl lp</i>	as an example, delete p.lp, q.lp, d.lp

NOTE : A sequence of commands such as *cp r.pp2.1 r.pp2* followed by *@r pp2* is equivalent to the single command *@R pp2 1*; see Section 3.1.

**exp : A boundary value problem (Bratu's equation).**

This demo illustrates the computation of a solution branch to the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= -p_1 e^{u_1},\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u_1(0) = 0$ ,  $u_1(1) = 0$ . This equation is also considered in [1].

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir exp</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd exp</i>	change directory
<i>@dm exp</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.exp.1 r.exp</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r exp</i>	1st run; compute solution branch containing fold
<i>@sv exp</i>	save output files as <i>p.exp</i> , <i>q.exp</i> , <i>d.exp</i>
<i>cp r.exp.2 r.exp</i>	constants changed : IRS, NTST, A1, DSMAX
<i>@r exp</i>	2nd run; restart at labelled solution with increased accuracy
<i>@ap exp</i>	append output files to <i>p.exp</i> , <i>q.exp</i> , <i>d.exp</i>

## int : An ODE with boundary and integral constraints.

This demo illustrates the computation of a solution branch to the equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= -p_1 e^{u_1},\end{aligned}$$

with a non-separated boundary condition and an integral constraint:

$$u_1(0) - u_1(1) - p_2 = 0, \quad \int_0^1 u(t)dt - p_3 = 0.$$

The solution branch contains a fold, which, in the second run, is continued in two equation parameters.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir int</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd int</i>	change directory
<i>@dm int</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.int.1 r.int</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r int</i>	1st run; detection of a fold
<i>@sv int</i>	save output files as p.int, q.int, d.int
<i>cp r.int.2 r.int</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW
<i>@r int</i>	2nd run; compute a curve of folds
<i>@sv lp</i>	save the output files as p.lp, q.lp, d.lp

## dd2 : Basic computations for discrete dynamical systems.

This demo illustrates the computation of a solution branch and its bifurcating branches for a discrete dynamical system. Also illustrated is the two-parameter continuation of Naimark-Sacker, or Hopf, bifurcations. The equations, a discrete predator-prey system, are

$$\begin{aligned}u_1^{k+1} &= p_1 u_1^k (1 - u_1^k) - p_2 u_1^k u_2^k, \\u_2^{k+1} &= (1 - p_3) u_2^k + p_2 u_1^k u_2^k.\end{aligned}$$

In the first run  $p_1$  is free. In the second run, both  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are free. The remaining equation parameter,  $p_3$ , is fixed in both runs.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir dd2</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd dd2</i>	change directory
<i>@dm dd2</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.dd2.1 r.dd2</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r dd2</i>	1st run; fixed point solution branches
<i>@sv dd2</i>	save output files as <i>p.dd2</i> , <i>q.dd2</i> , <i>d.dd2</i>
<i>cp r.dd2.2 r.dd2</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW
<i>@r dd2</i>	2nd run; a two-parameter curve of Naimark-Sacker bifurcations
<i>@sv ns</i>	save output files as <i>p.ns</i> , <i>q.ns</i> , <i>d.ns</i>



## **opt : A model algebraic optimization problem.**

This demo illustrates the method of successive continuation for constrained optimization problems [1,2], by applying it to the following simple problem : Find the maximum sum of coordinates on the unit sphere in  $R^5$ . Coordinate 1 is treated as the state variable. Coordinates 2-5 are treated as control parameters.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir opt</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd opt</i>	change directory
<i>@dm opt</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.opt.1 r.opt</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r opt</i>	one free equation parameter
<i>@sv 1</i>	save output files as p.1, q.1, d.1
<i>cp r.opt.2 r.opt</i>	constants changed : IRS
<i>@r opt 1</i>	two free equation parameters; read restart data from q.1
<i>@sv 2</i>	save output files as p.2, q.2, d.2
<i>cp r.opt.3 r.opt</i>	constants changed : IRS
<i>@r opt 2</i>	three free equation parameters; read restart data from q.2
<i>@sv 3</i>	save output files as p.3, q.3, d.3
<i>cp r.opt.4 r.opt</i>	constants changed : IRS
<i>@r opt 3</i>	four free equation parameters; read restart data from q.3
<i>@sv 4</i>	save output files as p.4, q.4, d.4

## lin : A linear ODE eigenvalue problem.

This demo illustrates the location of eigenvalues of a linear ODE boundary value problem as bifurcations from the trivial solution branch. By means of branch switching an eigenfunction is computed, as is illustrated for the first eigenvalue. This eigenvalue is then continued in two parameters by fixing the  $L_2$ -norm of the first solution component. The eigenvalue problem is given by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= (p_1 \pi)^2 u_1,\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u_1(0) - p_2 = 0$  and  $u_1(1) = 0$ . We add the integral constraint  $\int_0^1 u_1(t)^2 dt - p_3 = 0$ . Then  $p_3$  is simply the  $L_2$ -norm of the first solution component. In the first two runs  $p_2$  is fixed, while  $p_3$  is free. In the third run  $p_2$  is free, and  $p_3$  is fixed.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir lin</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd lin</i>	change directory
<i>@dm lin</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.lin.1 r.lin</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r lin</i>	1st run; compute the trivial solution branch and locate eigenvalues
<i>@sv lin</i>	save output files as <i>p.lin</i> , <i>q.lin</i> , <i>d.lin</i>
<i>cp r.lin.2 r.lin</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, DSMAX
<i>@r lin</i>	2nd run; compute a few steps along the bifurcating branch
<i>@ap lin</i>	append output files to <i>p.lin</i> , <i>q.lin</i> , <i>d.lin</i>
<i>cp r.lin.3 r.lin</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, ICP(2)
<i>@r lin</i>	3rd run; compute a two-parameter curve of eigenvalues
<i>@sv 2p</i>	save the output files as <i>p.2p</i> , <i>q.2p</i> , <i>d.2p</i>

## **bvp : A nonlinear ODE eigenvalue problem.**

This demo illustrates the location of eigenvalues of a nonlinear ODE boundary value problem as bifurcations from the trivial solution branch. The branch of solutions that bifurcates at the first eigenvalue is computed in both directions. The equations are

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= -(p_1\pi)^2 u_1 + u_1^2,\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u_1(0) = 0, \quad u_1(1) = 0$ .

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir bvp</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd bvp</i>	change directory
<i>@dm bvp</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.bvp.1 r.bvp</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r bvp</i>	compute the trivial solution branch and locate eigenvalues
<i>@sv bvp</i>	save output files as <i>p.bvp</i> , <i>q.bvp</i> , <i>d.bvp</i>
<i>cp r.bvp.2 r.bvp</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NPR, DSMAX
<i>@r bvp</i>	compute the first bifurcating branch
<i>@ap bvp</i>	append output files to <i>p.bvp</i> , <i>q.bvp</i> , <i>d.bvp</i>
<i>cp r.bvp.3 r.bvp</i>	constants changed : DS
<i>@r bvp</i>	compute the first bifurcating branch in opposite direction
<i>@ap bvp</i>	append output files to <i>p.bvp</i> , <i>q.bvp</i> , <i>d.bvp</i>

### pp3 : A continuous dynamical system with period-doubling.

This demo illustrates the computation of stationary solutions, Hopf bifurcations, and periodic solutions, including the computation of a branch bifurcating from a period-doubling bifurcation, and the computation of a 2-parameter branch of period-doubling bifurcations. The equations model a 3D predator-prey system with harvesting [17].

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_1(1 - u_1) - p_4 u_1 u_2, \\u_2' &= -p_2 u_2 + p_4 u_1 u_2 - p_5 u_2 u_3 - p_1(1 - e^{-p_6 u_2}) \\u_3' &= -p_3 u_3 + p_5 u_2 u_3.\end{aligned}$$

The free parameter is  $p_1$ , except in the 2-parameter period-doubling continuation, where both  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are free.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir pp3</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd pp3</i>	change directory
<i>@dm pp3</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.pp3.1 r.pp3</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r pp3</i>	1st run; stationary solutions
<i>@sv pp3</i>	save output files as p.pp3, q.pp3, d.pp3
<i>cp r.pp3.2 r.pp3</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS, NMX
<i>@r pp3</i>	compute a branch of periodic solutions
<i>@ap pp3</i>	append output files to p.pp3, q.pp3, d.pp3
<i>cp r.pp3.3 r.pp3</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NTST
<i>@r pp3</i>	compute the branch bifurcating at the period-doubling
<i>@ap pp3</i>	append output files to p.pp3, q.pp3, d.pp3
<i>cp r.pp3.4 r.pp3</i>	constants changed : ISW
<i>@r pp3</i>	generate starting data for the 2-parameter period-doubling continuation
<i>@sv tmp</i>	save output files as p.tmp, q.tmp, d.tmp
<i>cp r.pp3.5 r.pp3</i>	constants changed : IRS
<i>@r pp3 tmp</i>	2-parameter period-doubling continuation; restart from q.tmp
<i>@sv 2p</i>	save output files as p.2p, q.2p, d.2p

## wav : Periodic waves in a nonlinear parabolic PDE.

This demo illustrates the computation of various periodic wave solutions to a system of coupled parabolic partial differential equations on the spatial interval  $[0, 1]$ . The equations, that model an enzyme catalyzed reaction [18], are :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} - p_1 [p_4 R(u_1, u_2) - (p_2 - u_1)], \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} &= \beta \frac{\partial^2 u_2}{\partial x^2} - p_1 [p_4 R(u_1, u_2) - p_7(p_3 - u_2)],\end{aligned}$$

$$R(u_1, u_2) = \frac{u_2}{p_5 + u_2} \frac{u_1}{1 + u_1 + p_6 u_1^2}.$$

All equation parameters, except  $p_3$ , are fixed throughout.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir wav</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd wav</i>	change directory
<i>@dm wav</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.wav.1 r.wav</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r wav</i>	1st run; stationary solutions of the system without diffusion
<i>@sv ode</i>	save output files as <i>p.ode</i> , <i>q.ode</i> , <i>d.ode</i>
<i>cp r.wav.2 r.wav</i>	constants changed : IPS
<i>@r wav</i>	2nd run; detect bifurcations to wave train solutions
<i>@sv wav</i>	save output files as <i>p.wav</i> , <i>q.wav</i> , <i>d.wav</i>
<i>cp r.wav.3 r.wav</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS, NUZR, ILP
<i>@r wav</i>	3rd run; wave train solutions of fixed wave speed
<i>@ap wav</i>	append output files to <i>p.wav</i> , <i>q.wav</i> , <i>d.wav</i>
<i>cp r.wav.4 r.wav</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS, NMX, NICP, NUZR
<i>@r wav</i>	4th run; computation of fixed wave length waves (on a ring)
<i>@sv rng</i>	save output files as <i>p.rng</i> , <i>q.rng</i> , <i>d.rng</i>
<i>cp r.wav.5 r.wav</i>	constants changed : IPS, NMX, NPR, NICP
<i>@r wav</i>	5th run; time evolution computation
<i>@sv tim</i>	save output files as <i>p.tim</i> , <i>q.tim</i> , <i>d.tim</i>

### tim : A test problem for timing AUTO.

This demo is a boundary value problem with variable dimension NDIM. It can be used to time the performance of AUTO for various choices of NDIM (which must be even), NTST, and NCOL. The equations are

$$\begin{aligned} u_i' &= u_i, \\ v_i' &= -p_1 \epsilon(u_i), \end{aligned} \quad i = 1, \dots, NDIM/2,$$

with boundary conditions  $u_i(0) = 0$ ,  $u_i(1) = 0$ . Here

$$\epsilon(u) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{u^k}{k!},$$

with  $n = 25$ . The computation requires 10 full  $LU$ -decompositions of the linearized system that arises from Newton's method for solving the collocation equations. The commands for running the timing problem for a particular choice of NDIM, NTST, and NCOL are given below.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir tim</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd tim</i>	change directory
<i>@dm tim</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.tim.1 r.tim</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r tim</i>	do the computations
<i>@sv tim</i>	save output files as <i>p.tim</i> , <i>q.tim</i> , <i>d.tim</i>

## **ezp : Complex bifurcation in a boundary value problem.**

This demo illustrates the computation of a solution branch to the the complex boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= -p_1 e^{u_1},\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u_1(0) = 0$ ,  $u_1(1) = 0$ . Here  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are allowed to be complex, while the parameter  $p_1$  can only take real values. In the real case, this is Bratu's equation, whose solution branch contains a fold; see the exp demo. It is known [19] that a simple quadratic fold gives rise to a pitch fork bifurcation in the complex equation. This bifurcation is located in the first computation below. In the second and third run, both legs of the bifurcating solution branch are computed. On it, both solution components  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  have nontrivial imaginary part.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir ezp</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd ezp</i>	change directory
<i>@dm ezp</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.ezp.1 r.ezp</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r ezp</i>	1st run; compute solution branch containing fold
<i>@sv ezp</i>	save output files as <i>p.ezp</i> , <i>q.ezp</i> , <i>d.ezp</i>
<i>cp r.ezp.2 r.ezp</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW
<i>@r ezp</i>	2nd run; compute bifurcating complex solution branch
<i>@ap ezp</i>	append output files to <i>p.ezp</i> , <i>q.ezp</i> , <i>d.ezp</i>
<i>cp r.ezp.3 r.ezp</i>	constant changed : DS
<i>@r ezp</i>	3rd run; compute 2nd leg of bifurcating branch
<i>@ap ezp</i>	append output files to <i>p.ezp</i> , <i>q.ezp</i> , <i>d.ezp</i>

**non : A non-autonomous boundary value problem.**

This demo illustrates the continuation of solutions to the non-autonomous boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= -p_1 e^{x^3 u_1},\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u_1(0) = 0$ ,  $u_1(1) = 0$ . Here  $x$  is the independent variable. This system is easily converted to the following equivalent autonomous system :

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= -p_1 e^{u_3^3 u_1}, \\u_3' &= 1,\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u_1(0) = 0$ ,  $u_1(1) = 0$ ,  $u_3(0) = 0$ . For the case of a periodically forced system see the demo `frc`.

COMMAND	ACTION
<code>mkdir non</code>	create an empty work directory
<code>cd non</code>	change directory
<code>@dm non</code>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<code>cp r.non.1 r.non</code>	get the constants-file
<code>@r non</code>	compute the solution branch
<code>@sv non</code>	save output files as <code>p.non</code> , <code>q.non</code> , <code>d.non</code>



## plp : Continuation of a fold on a periodic solution branch.

This demo, which corresponds to computations in [1], shows how one can continue a fold on a branch of periodic solution in two parameters. The equations, that model a one-compartment activator-inhibitor system [20], are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ds}{dt} &= (s_0 - s) - \rho R(s, a), \\ \frac{da}{dt} &= \alpha(a_0 - a) - \rho R(s, a),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$R(s, a) = \frac{sa}{1 + s + \kappa s^2}, \quad \kappa > 0.$$

The free parameter is  $\rho$ . In the two-parameter fold continuation  $s_0$  is also free.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir plp</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd plp</i>	change directory
<i>@dm plp</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.plp.1 r.plp</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r plp</i>	1st run; compute a stationary solution branch
<i>@sv plp</i>	save output files as <i>p.plp</i> , <i>q.plp</i> , <i>d.plp</i>
<i>cp r.plp.2 r.plp</i>	constants changed : IPS, IRS, NMX
<i>@r plp</i>	compute a branch of periodic solutions and locate a fold
<i>@ap plp</i>	append output files to <i>p.plp</i> , <i>q.plp</i> , <i>d.plp</i>
<i>cp r.plp.3 r.plp</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NMX
<i>@r plp</i>	generate starting data for the 2-parameter fold continuation
<i>@sv tmp</i>	save output files as <i>p.tmp</i> , <i>q.tmp</i> , <i>d.tmp</i>
<i>cp r.plp.4 r.plp</i>	constants changed : IRS, NUZR
<i>@r plp tmp</i>	2-parameter fold continuation; restart data from <i>q.tmp</i>
<i>@sv 2p</i>	save output files as <i>p.2p</i> , <i>q.2p</i> , <i>d.2p</i>
<i>cp r.plp.5 r.plp</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NMX, NUZR
<i>@r plp 2p</i>	compute an isola of periodic solutions; restart data from <i>q.2p</i>
<i>@sv iso</i>	save output files as <i>p.iso</i> , <i>q.iso</i> , <i>d.iso</i>

## 2cl : A two-cell, one-substrate enzyme model.

The equations, that model a two-compartment enzyme system [20], are given by

$$\begin{aligned}s_1' &= (s_0 - s_1) + (s_2 - s_1) - \rho R(s_1), \\ s_2' &= (s_0 + \mu - s_2) + (s_1 - s_2) - \rho R(s_2),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$R(s) = \frac{s}{1 + s + \kappa s^2}.$$

The free parameter is  $s_0$ . Other parameters are fixed. This equation is also considered in [1].

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir 2cl</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd 2cl</i>	change directory
<i>@dm 2cl</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.2cl.1 r.2cl</i>	get the constants-file
<i>@r 2cl</i>	compute stationary solution branches
<i>@sv 2cl</i>	save output files as p.2cl, q.2cl, d.2cl

**cbv : Optimization in a boundary value problem.**

This demo illustrates use of the method of successive continuation for a boundary value optimization problem. A detailed description of the basic method, as well as a discussion of the specific application considered here, is given in [2]. The required extended system is fully programmed here in the user-supplied subroutines in `auto/94/demos/cbv/cbv.f`. For the case of periodic solutions the optimality system can be generated automatically; see the demo *ops*.

Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} u_1'(t) &= u_2(t), \\ u_2'(t) &= -\lambda_1 e^{p(u_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p(u_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \equiv u_1 + \lambda_2 u_1^2 + \lambda_3 u_1^4$ , with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(0) &= 0, \\ u_1(1) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The objective functional is

$$\omega = \int_0^1 (u_1(t) - 1)^2 dt + \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=1}^3 \lambda_k^2.$$

The successive continuation equations are given by

$$\begin{aligned} u_1'(t) &= u_2(t), \\ u_2'(t) &= -\lambda_1 e^{p(u_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)}, \\ w_1'(t) &= \lambda_1 e^{p(u_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)} p_{u_1} w_2(t) + 2\gamma(u_1(t) - 1), \\ w_2'(t) &= -w_1(t), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$p_{u_1} \equiv \frac{\partial p}{\partial u_1} = 1 + 2\lambda_2 u_1 + 4\lambda_3 u_1^3,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(0) &= 0, & w_1(0) - \beta_1 &= 0, & w_2(0) &= 0, \\ u_1(1) &= 0, & w_1(1) + \beta_2 &= 0, & w_2(1) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^1 [\omega - (u_1(t) - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=1}^3 \lambda_k^2] dt = 0,$$

$$\int_0^1 [w_1^2(t) - \alpha_0] dt = 0,$$

$$\int_0^1 \left[ -e^{p(u_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)} w_2(t) - \frac{1}{5} \gamma \lambda_1 \right] dt = 0,$$

$$\int_0^1 \left[ -\lambda_1 e^{p(u_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)} u_1(t)^2 w_2(t) - \frac{1}{5} \gamma \lambda_2 - \tau_2 \right] dt = 0,$$

$$\int_0^1 \left[ -\lambda_1 e^{p(u_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)} u_1(t)^4 w_2(t) - \frac{1}{5} \gamma \lambda_3 - \tau_3 \right] dt = 0.$$

In the first run the free equation parameter is  $\lambda_1$ . All adjoint variables are zero. Three extrema of the objective function are located. These correspond to bifurcation points and, in the second run, branch switching is done at one of these. Along the bifurcating branch the adjoint variables become nonzero, while state variables and  $\lambda_1$  remain constant. Any such non-trivial solution point can be used for continuation in two equation parameters, after fixing the  $L_2$ -norm of one of the adjoint variables. This is done in the third run. Along the resulting branch several two-parameter extrema are located by monitoring certain inner products. One of these is further continued in three equation parameters in the final run, where a three-parameter extremum is located.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir cbv</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd cbv</i>	change directory
<i>@dm cbv</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.cbv.1 r.cbv</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r cbv</i>	locate 1-parameter extrema as bifurcation points
<i>@sv cbv</i>	save output files as <i>p.cbv</i> , <i>q.cbv</i> , <i>d.cbv</i>
<i>cp r.cbv.2 r.cbv</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NMX
<i>@r cbv</i>	compute a few step on the first bifurcating branch
<i>@sv 1</i>	save the output files as <i>p.1</i> , <i>q.1</i> , <i>d.1</i>
<i>cp r.cbv.3 r.cbv</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NMX, ICP(3)
<i>@r cbv 1</i>	locate 2-parameter extremum; restart from <i>q.1</i>
<i>@sv 2</i>	save the output files as <i>p.2</i> , <i>q.2</i> , <i>d.2</i>
<i>cp r.cbv.4 r.cbv</i>	constants changed : IRS, ICP(4)
<i>@r cbv 2</i>	locate 3-parameter extremum; restart from <i>q.2</i>
<i>@sv 3</i>	save the output files as <i>p.3</i> , <i>q.3</i> , <i>d.3</i>

### **ext : Spurious solutions to a boundary value problem.**

This demo illustrates the computation of spurious, or extraneous, solutions to the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' - u_2 &= 0, \\u_2' + \lambda^2 \pi^2 \sin(u_1 + u_1^2 + u_1^3) &= 0, \quad t \in [0, 1], \\u_1(0) = 0, \quad u_1(1) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Here the differential equation is discretized using a fixed uniform mesh. This results in spurious solutions that disappear when an adaptive mesh is used. See the AUTO-constant IAD in Section 5.3. This example is also considered in [2].

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir ext</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd ext</i>	change directory
<i>@dm ext</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.ext.1 r.ext</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r ext</i>	detect bifurcations from the trivial solution branch
<i>@sv ext</i>	save output files as <b>p.ext</b> , <b>q.ext</b> , <b>d.ext</b>
<i>cp r.ext.2 r.ext</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NUZR
<i>@r ext</i>	compute a bifurcating branch containing spurious bifurcations
<i>@ap ext</i>	append output files to <b>p.ext</b> , <b>q.ext</b> , <b>d.ext</b>

## **nag : Heteroclinic orbits : a saddle-saddle connection.**

This demo illustrates the computation of traveling wave front solutions to Nagumo's equation,

$$\begin{aligned}w_t &= w_{xx} + f(w, a), & -\infty < x < \infty, & \quad t > 0, \\f(w, a) &\equiv w(1-w)(w-a), & 0 < a < 1.\end{aligned}$$

We look for solutions of the form  $w(x, t) = u(x + ct)$ , where  $c$  is the wave speed. This gives the first order system

$$\begin{aligned}u_1'(z) &= u_2(z), \\u_2'(z) &= cu_2(z) - f(u_1(z), a),\end{aligned}$$

where  $z = x + ct$ , and  $' = d/dz$ . If  $a = 1/2$  and  $c = 0$  then there are two analytically known heteroclinic connections, one of which is given by

$$u_1(z) = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}z}}{1 + e^{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}z}}, \quad u_2(z) = u_1'(z), \quad -\infty < z < \infty.$$

The second heteroclinic connection is obtained by reflecting the phase plane representation of the first with respect to the  $u_1$ -axis. In fact, the two connections together constitute a heteroclinic cycle. One of the exact solutions is used below as starting orbit. To start from the second exact solution, change SIGN=-1 in the subroutine STPNT in `nag.f` and repeat the computations below; see also [21].

COMMAND	ACTION
<code>mkdir nag</code>	create an empty work directory
<code>cd nag</code>	change directory
<code>@dm nag</code>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<code>cp r.nag.1 r.nag</code>	get the first constants-file
<code>@r nag</code>	compute part of first branch of heteroclinic orbits
<code>@sv nag</code>	save output files as <code>p.nag</code> , <code>q.nag</code> , <code>d.nag</code>
<code>cp r.nag.2 r.nag</code>	constants changed : DS
<code>@r nag</code>	compute first branch in opposite direction
<code>@ap nag</code>	append output files to <code>p.nag</code> , <code>q.nag</code> , <code>d.nag</code>

## **fsh : Heteroclinic orbits : a saddle-node connection.**

This demo illustrates the computation of travelling wave front solutions to the Fisher equation,

$$w_t = w_{xx} + f(w), \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0,$$
$$f(w) \equiv w(1 - w).$$

We look for solutions of the form  $w(x, t) = u(x + ct)$ , where  $c$  is the wave speed. This gives the first order system

$$u_1'(z) = u_2(z),$$
$$u_2'(z) = cu_2(z) - f(u_1(z)).$$

Its fixed point  $(0, 0)$  has two positive eigenvalues when  $c > 2$ . The other fixed point,  $(1, 0)$ , is a saddle point. A branch of orbits connecting the two fixed points requires one free parameter; see [21] for details. Here we take this parameter to be the wave speed  $c$ .

In the first run a starting connecting orbit is computed by continuation in the period  $T$ . This procedure can be used generally for time integration of an ODE with AUTO. Starting data in STPNT correspond to a point on the approximate stable manifold of  $(1, 0)$ , with  $T$  small. In this demo the ‘free’ end point of the orbit necessary approaches the unstable fixed point  $(0, 0)$ . A computed orbit with sufficiently large  $T$  is then chosen as restart orbit in the second run, where, typically, one replaces  $T$  by  $c$  as continuation parameter. However, in the second run below, we also add a phase condition, and both  $c$  and  $T$  remain free.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir fsh</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd fsh</i>	change directory
<i>@dm fsh</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.fsh.1 r.fsh</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r fsh</i>	continuation in the period $T$ , with $c$ fixed; no phase condition
<i>@sv 0</i>	save output files as <i>p.0</i> , <i>q.0</i> , <i>d.0</i>
<i>cp r.fsh.2 r.fsh</i>	constants changed : IRS, NICP, NINT, DS
<i>@r fsh 0</i>	continuation in $c$ and $T$ , with active phase condition
<i>@sv fsh</i>	save output files as <i>p.fsh</i> , <i>q.fsh</i> , <i>d.fsh</i>

## **phs : Effect of the phase condition on periodic orbits.**

This demo illustrates the effect of the phase condition on the computation of periodic solutions. We consider the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= \lambda u_1 - u_2, \\u_2' &= u_1(1 - u_1).\end{aligned}$$

This equation has a Hopf bifurcation from the trivial solution at  $\lambda = 0$ . The bifurcating branch of periodic solutions is vertical and along it the period increases monotonically. The branch terminates in a homoclinic orbit containing the saddle point  $(u_1, u_2) = (1, 0)$ . Graphical inspection of the computed periodic orbits, e.g.,  $u_1$  versus the scaled time variable  $t$ , shows how the phase condition has the effect of keeping the ‘peak’ in the solution in the same location.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir phs</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd phs</i>	change directory
<i>@dm phs</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.phs.1 r.phs</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r phs</i>	detect Hopf bifurcation
<i>@sv phs</i>	save output files as <b>p.phs</b> , <b>q.phs</b> , <b>d.phs</b>
<i>cp r.phs.2 r.phs</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS, NPR
<i>@r phs</i>	compute periodic solutions branch
<i>@ap phs</i>	append output files to <b>p.phs</b> , <b>q.phs</b> , <b>d.phs</b>



## pen : Rotations of coupled pendula.

This demo illustrates the computation of rotations, i.e., solutions that are periodic, modulo a phase gain of an even multiple of  $\pi$ . In this case one can not make use of the built-in capability of AUTO to compute periodic solutions; instead the boundary conditions and the phase condition must be defined by the user in the subroutines BCND and ICND. The model equations, a system of two coupled Josephson junctions, or equivalently, two coupled pendula [15], are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1'' + \epsilon\phi_1' + \delta \sin \phi_1 &= I + \gamma(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \\ \phi_2'' + \epsilon\phi_2' + \delta \sin \phi_2 &= I + \gamma(\phi_1 - \phi_2).\end{aligned}$$

The first run is a homotopy from  $\delta = 0$ , for which there is an analytical solution, to  $\delta = 1$ . In the second run, part of the in-phase solution branch is computed and a bifurcation to out-of phase solutions is located. Part of the bifurcating branch is computed in the third run. Throughout, the forcing  $I = 0$ , and  $\epsilon$  is a free parameter, even though its computed value is zero. In fact, an appropriate free equation parameter is necessary for computing energy preserving solutions. The phase gain per period is  $4\pi$ , rather than  $2\pi$ , even in the first two runs. As a result, the bifurcation, which is actually a period-doubling, is located as a pitch fork.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir pen</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd pen</i>	change directory
<i>@dm pen</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.pen.1 r.pen</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r pen</i>	homotopy to $\delta = 1$
<i>@sv 0</i>	save output files as <i>p.0</i> , <i>q.0</i> , <i>d.0</i>
<i>cp r.pen.2 r.pen</i>	constants changed : IRS, ICP(1), NMX
<i>@r pen 0</i>	branch of in-phase rotations; restart from <i>q.0</i>
<i>@sav pen</i>	save output files as <i>p.pen</i> , <i>q.pen</i> , <i>d.pen</i>
<i>cp r.pen.3 r.pen</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, ISP, IPS, NMX, NPR, DSMAX
<i>@r pen</i>	compute bifurcating branch of out-of-phase rotations;
<i>@ap pen</i>	append output files to <i>p.pen</i> , <i>q.pen</i> , <i>d.pen</i>
<i>@pn pen</i>	run an animation program to view the solutions in <i>q.pen</i> (on SGI machines only; see also [15] and <code>auto/94/pendula/README</code> )

## **frc : A periodically forced system.**

This demo illustrates the computation of periodic solutions to a periodically forced system. In AUTO this can be done by adding a nonlinear oscillator with the desired periodic forcing as one of the solution components. An example of such an oscillator is

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x + \beta y - x(x^2 + y^2), \\y' &= -\beta x + y - y(x^2 + y^2),\end{aligned}$$

which has the asymptotically stable solution  $x = \sin(\beta t)$ ,  $y = \cos(\beta t)$ . We couple this oscillator to the Fitzhugh-Nagumo equations :

$$\begin{aligned}v' &= (F(v) - w)/\epsilon, \\w' &= v - dw - (b + r \sin(\beta t)),\end{aligned}$$

by replacing  $\sin(\beta t)$  by  $x$ . Above,  $F(v) = v(v - a)(1 - v)$  and  $a, b, \epsilon$  and  $d$  are fixed. The first run is a homotopy from  $r = 0$ , where a solution is known analytically, to  $r = 0.2$ . Part of the solution branch with  $r = 0.2$  and varying  $\beta$  is computed in the second run. It contains a fold and a bifurcation point. For detailed results see [22].

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir frc</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd frc</i>	change directory
<i>@dm frc</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.frc.1 r.frc</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r frc</i>	homotopy to $r = 0.2$
<i>@sv 0</i>	save output files as <i>p.0</i> , <i>q.0</i> , <i>d.0</i>
<i>cp r.frc.2 r.frc</i>	constants changed : IRS, ICP(1), NTST, NMX, DS, DSMAX
<i>@r frc 0</i>	compute solution branch; restart from <i>q.0</i>
<i>@sv frc</i>	save output files as <i>p.frc</i> , <i>q.frc</i> , <i>d.frc</i>

## **spb : A singularly perturbed boundary value problem.**

This demo illustrates the use of continuation to compute a small  $\epsilon$  solution to the singularly perturbed boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= u_2, \\u_2' &= \frac{\lambda}{\epsilon}(u_1 u_2 (u_1^2 - 1) + u_1),\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u_1(0) = 3/2$ ,  $u_1(1) = \gamma$ . The parameter  $\lambda$  has been introduced into the equations in order to allow a homotopy from a simple equation with known exact solution to the actual equation. This is done in the first run. In the second run  $\epsilon$  is decreased by continuation. In the third run  $\epsilon$  is fixed at  $\epsilon = .001$  and the solution is continued in  $\gamma$ . This run takes more than 1500 continuation steps. For a detailed analysis of the solution behavior see [23].

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir spb</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd spb</i>	change directory
<i>@dm spb</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.spb.1 r.spb</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r spb</i>	1st run; homotopy from $\lambda = 0$ to $\lambda = 1$
<i>@sv 1</i>	save output files as <b>p.1</b> , <b>q.1</b> , <b>d.1</b>
<i>cp r.spb.2 r.spb</i>	constants changed : IRS, ICP(1), NTST, DS
<i>@r spb 1</i>	2nd run; let $\epsilon$ tend to zero; restart from <b>q.1</b>
<i>@sv 2</i>	save the output files as <b>p.2</b> , <b>q.2</b> , <b>d.2</b>
<i>cp r.spb.3 r.spb</i>	constants changed : IRS, ICP(1), RL0, ITNW, EPSL, EPSU, NUZR
<i>@r spb 2</i>	3rd run; continuation in $\gamma$ ; $\epsilon = 0.001$ ; restart from <b>q.2</b>
<i>@sv 3</i>	save the output files as <b>p.3</b> , <b>q.3</b> , <b>d.3</b>

## lor : Starting a periodic orbit from numerical data.

The special purpose subroutines used in this demo were written by Victor Burnley, California Institute of Technology.

The demo illustrates how to start the computation of a branch of periodic solutions from numerical data obtained, for example, from an initial value simulation. The data, which must correspond to a complete periodic orbit, is expected in `fort.4`. In this demo, the user-supplied subroutine STPNT contains a call to the library subroutine STDAT in `auto/94/src/stdat.f`

As an illustrative application we consider the Lorenz equations

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= p_3(u_2 - u_1), \\u_2' &= p_1 u_1 - u_2 - u_1 u_3, \\u_3' &= u_1 u_2 - p_2 u_3.\end{aligned}$$

Numerical simulations with a simple initial value solver show the existence of a stable periodic orbit, when  $p_1 = 280$ ,  $p_2 = 8/3$ ,  $p_3 = 10$ . Numerical data representing one complete periodic oscillation are contained in the file `lor.dat`. This file must be copied to `fort.4` before the start of the AUTO calculations.

COMMAND	ACTION
<code>mkdir lor</code>	create an empty work directory
<code>cd lor</code>	change directory
<code>@dm lor</code>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<code>cp r.lor.1 r.lor</code>	get the first constants-file
<code>cp lor.dat fort.4</code>	copy the periodic orbit data to <code>fort.4</code>
<code>@r lor</code>	compute a solution branch starting from the numerical data
<code>@sv lor</code>	save output files as <code>p.lor</code> , <code>q.lor</code> , <code>d.lor</code>
<code>cp r.lor.2 r.lor</code>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NTST
<code>@r lor</code>	switch branches at a period-doubling detected in the first run
<code>@ap lor</code>	append the output files to <code>p.lor</code> , <code>q.lor</code> , <code>d.lor</code>

## **pde : A parabolic PDE (Brusselator), using finite differences.**

This demo illustrates the computation of stationary solutions and periodic solutions to systems of parabolic PDEs in one space variable. A fourth order accurate finite difference approximation is used to approximate the second order space derivatives. This reduces the PDE to an autonomous ODE of fixed dimension which AUTO is capable of treating. The spatial mesh is uniform; the number of mesh intervals, as well as the number of equations in the PDE system, can be set by the user in the file `pde.inc`.

As an illustrative application we consider the Brusselator [24]

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= \frac{D_x}{L^2} u_{xx} + u^2 v - (B + 1)u + A, \\v_t &= \frac{D_y}{L^2} v_{xx} - u^2 v + Bu,\end{aligned}$$

with boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = A$  and  $v(0, t) = v(1, t) = B/A$ .

Note that, given the non-adaptive spatial discretization, the computational procedure here is not appropriate for PDEs with solutions that rapidly vary in space, and care must be taken to recognize spurious solutions and bifurcations.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir pde</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd pde</i>	change directory
<i>@dm pde</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.pde.1 r.pde</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r pde</i>	compute the stationary solution branch with Hopf bifurcations
<i>@sv pde</i>	save output files as <code>p.pde</code> , <code>q.pde</code> , <code>d.pde</code>
<i>cp r.pde.2 r.pde</i>	constants changed : IRS, IPS
<i>@r pde</i>	compute a branch of periodic solutions from the first Hopf point
<i>@ap pde</i>	append the output files to <code>p.pde</code> , <code>q.pde</code> , <code>d.pde</code>
<i>cp r.pde.3 r.pde</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW
<i>@r pde</i>	compute a solution branch from a secondary periodic bifurcation
<i>@ap pde</i>	append the output files to <code>p.pde</code> , <code>q.pde</code> , <code>d.pde</code>

## **che : The Brusselator, using Chebyshev collocation in space.**

This demo illustrates bifurcation analysis of the same class of problems as the preceding demo (pde), but now using Chebyshev collocation in space. More precisely, the approximate solution is assumed of the form  $u(x, t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} u_k(t) \ell_k(x)$ . Here  $u_k(t)$  corresponds to  $u(x_k, t)$  at the Chebyshev points  $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^n$  with respect to the interval  $[0, 1]$ . The polynomials  $\{\ell_k(x)\}_{k=0}^{n+1}$  are the Lagrange interpolating coefficients with respect to points  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^{n+1}$ , where  $x_0 = 0$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1$ . The number of Chebyshev points in  $[0, 1]$ , as well as the number of equations in the PDE system, can be set by the user in the file `che.inc`.

Note that, given the non-adaptive spatial discretization, the computational procedure here is not appropriate for PDEs with solutions that rapidly vary in space, and care must be taken to recognize spurious solutions and bifurcations.

COMMAND	ACTION
<code>mkdir che</code>	create an empty work directory
<code>cd che</code>	change directory
<code>@dm che</code>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<code>cp r.che.1 r.che</code>	get the first constants-file
<code>@r che</code>	compute the stationary solution branch with Hopf bifurcations
<code>@sv che</code>	save output files as <code>p.che</code> , <code>q.che</code> , <code>d.che</code>
<code>cp r.che.2 r.che</code>	constants changed : IRS, IPS
<code>@r che</code>	compute a branch of periodic solutions from the first Hopf point
<code>@ap che</code>	append the output files to <code>p.che</code> , <code>q.che</code> , <code>d.che</code>
<code>cp r.che.3 r.che</code>	constants changed : IRS, ISW
<code>@r che</code>	compute a solution branch from a secondary periodic bifurcation
<code>@ap che</code>	append the output files to <code>p.che</code> , <code>q.che</code> , <code>d.che</code>

**ops : Optimization of periodic solutions.**

This demo illustrates the method of successive continuation for the optimization of periodic solutions. For a detailed description of the basic method see [2]. The illustrative system of autonomous ODEs, taken from [25], is

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t) &= [-\lambda_4(x^3/3 - x) + (z - x)/\lambda_2 - y]/\lambda_1, \\y'(t) &= x - \lambda_3, \\z'(t) &= -(z - x)/\lambda_2,\end{aligned}$$

with objective functional

$$\omega = \int_0^1 g(x, y, z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4) dt,$$

where  $g(x, y, z; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4) \equiv \lambda_3$ . Thus, in this application, a one-parameter extremum of  $g$  corresponds to a fold with respect to the problem parameter  $\lambda_3$ , and multi-parameter extrema correspond to generalized folds. Note that, in general, the objective functional is an integral along the periodic orbit, so that a variety of optimization problems can be addressed.

For the case of periodic solutions, the extended optimality system can be generated automatically, i.e., one need only define the vector field and the objective functional (see `auto/94/demos/ops/ops.f`). For reference purpose it is convenient here to write down the full extended system in its general form :

$$\begin{aligned}u'(t) &= Tf(u(t), \lambda), \quad T \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (period)}, \quad u(\cdot), f(\cdot, \cdot) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\lambda}, \\w'(t) &= -Tf_u(u(t), \lambda)^* w(t) + \kappa u'_0(t) + \gamma g_u(u(t), \lambda)^*, \quad w(\cdot) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \kappa, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, \\u(1) - u(0) &= 0, \quad w(1) - w(0) = 0, \\ \int_0^1 u(t)^* u'_0(t) dt &= 0, \quad u_0 \text{ is a reference solution}, \\ \int_0^1 \omega - g(u(t), \lambda) dt &= 0, \\ \int_0^1 w(t)^* w(t) + \kappa^2 + \gamma^2 - \alpha dt &= 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \int_0^1 f(u(t), \lambda)^* w(t) - \gamma g_T(u(t), \lambda) - \tau_0 dt &= 0, \quad \tau_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \int_0^1 Tf_{\lambda_i}(u(t), \lambda)^* w(t) - \gamma g_{\lambda_i}(u(t), \lambda) - \tau_i dt &= 0, \quad \tau_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n_\lambda.\end{aligned}$$

In the computations below, the two preliminary runs, with IPS=1 and IPS=2, respectively, locate periodic solutions. The subsequent runs are with IPS=15 and hence use the automatically generated extended system.

- Run 1* : Locate a Hopf bifurcation. The free system parameter is  $\lambda_3$ .
- Run 2* : Compute a branch of periodic solutions from the Hopf bifurcation.
- Run 3* : This run retraces part of the periodic solution branch, using the full optimality system, but with all adjoint variables,  $w(\cdot)$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\gamma$ , and hence  $\alpha$ , equal to zero. The optimality parameters  $\tau_0$  and  $\tau_3$  are zero throughout. An extremum of the objective functional with respect to  $\lambda_3$  is located. Such a point corresponds to a bifurcation point of the extended system. Given the choice of objective functional in this demo, this extremum is also a fold with respect to  $\lambda_3$ .
- Run 4* : Branch switching at the above-found bifurcation point yields nonzero values of the adjoint variables. Any point on the bifurcating branch away from the bifurcation point can serve as starting solution for the next run. In fact, the branch-switching can be viewed as generating a nonzero eigenvector in an eigenvalue-eigenvector relation. Apart from the adjoint variables, all other variables remain unchanged along the bifurcating branch.
- Run 5* : The above-found starting solution is continued in two system parameters, here  $\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_2$ ; i.e., a two-parameter branch of extrema with respect to  $\lambda_3$  is computed. Along this branch the value of the optimality parameter  $\tau_2$  is monitored, i.e., the value of the functional that vanishes at an extremum with respect to the system parameter  $\lambda_2$ . Such a zero of  $\tau_2$  is, in fact, located, and hence an extremum of the objective functional with respect to both  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  has been found. Note that, in general,  $\tau_i$  is the value of the functional that vanishes at an extremum with respect to the system parameter  $\lambda_i$ .
- Run 6* : In the final run, the above-found two-parameter extremum is continued in three system parameters, here  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$ , and  $\lambda_3$ , toward  $\lambda_1 = 0$ . Again, given the particular choice of objective functional, this final continuation has an alternate significance here : it also represents a three-parameter branch of transcritical secondary periodic bifurcations points.

Although not illustrated here, one can restart an ordinary continuation of periodic solutions, using IPS=2 or IPS=3, from a labeled solution point on a branch computed with IPS=15.



The free scalar variables specified in the AUTO constants-files for the optimality-system runs, i.e., the runs with IPS=15, are as follows :

*Runs 3 and 4* (files `r.ops.3` and `r.ops.4`) :

Index	3	11	12	22	-22	-23	-31
Variable	$\lambda_3$	$T$	$\alpha$	$\tau_2$	$[\lambda_2]$	$[\lambda_3]$	$[T]$

Here  $\alpha$ , the norm of the adjoint variables, becomes nonzero after branch switching. The negative indices (-22, -23, and -31) set the active optimality functionals, namely for  $\lambda_2$ ,  $\lambda_3$ , and  $T$ , respectively, with corresponding variables  $\tau_2$ ,  $\tau_3$ , and  $\tau_0$ , respectively. These should be set in the first run with IPS=15 and remain unchanged in all subsequent runs.

*Run 5* (file `r.ops.5`) :

Index	3	2	11	22	-22	-23	-31
Variable	$\lambda_3$	$\lambda_2$	$T$	$\tau_2$	$[\lambda_2]$	$[\lambda_3]$	$[T]$

In this run  $\alpha$ , which has been replaced by  $\lambda_2$ , remains fixed and nonzero. The variable  $\tau_2$  monitors the value of the optimality functional associated with  $\lambda_2$ . The zero of  $\tau_2$  located in this run signals an extremum with respect to  $\lambda_2$ .

*Run 6* (file `r.ops.6`) :

Index	3	2	1	11	-22	-23	-31
Variable	$\lambda_3$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_1$	$T$	$[\lambda_2]$	$[\lambda_3]$	$[T]$

Here  $\tau_2$ , which has been replaced by  $\lambda_1$ , remains zero.

Note that  $\tau_0$  and  $\tau_3$  are not used as variables in any of the runs; in fact, their values remain zero throughout. Also note that the optimality functionals corresponding to  $\tau_0$  and  $\tau_3$  (or, equivalently, to  $T$  and  $\lambda_3$ ) are active in all runs. This set-up allows the detection of the extremum of the objective functional, with  $T$  and  $\lambda_3$  as scalar equation parameters, as a bifurcation in the third run.

The parameter  $\lambda_4$ , and its corresponding optimality variable  $\tau_4$ , are not used in this demo. Also,  $\lambda_1$  is used in the last run only, and its corresponding optimality variable  $\tau_1$  is never used.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir ops</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd ops</i>	change directory
<i>@dm ops</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.ops.1 r.ops</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r ops</i>	locate a Hopf bifurcation
<i>@sv 0</i>	save output files as <i>p.0</i> , <i>q.0</i> , <i>d.0</i>
<i>cp r.ops.2 r.ops</i>	constants changed : IPS, IRS, NMX, NUZR
<i>@r ops 0</i>	compute a branch of periodic solutions; restart from <i>q.0</i>
<i>@ap 0</i>	append the output files to <i>p.0</i> , <i>q.0</i> , <i>d.0</i>
<i>cp r.ops.3 r.ops</i>	constants changed : IPS, IRS, NICP, ICP, and more...
<i>@r ops 0</i>	locate a 1-parameter extremum as a bifurcation; restart from <i>q.0</i>
<i>@sv 1</i>	save the output files as <i>p.1</i> , <i>q.1</i> , <i>d.1</i>
<i>cp r.ops.4 r.ops</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISP, ISW, NMX
<i>@r ops 1</i>	switch branches to generate optimality starting data; restart from <i>q.1</i>
<i>@ap 1</i>	append the output files to <i>p.1</i> , <i>q.1</i> , <i>d.1</i>
<i>cp r.ops.5 r.ops</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, ICP, ISW, and more...
<i>@r ops 1</i>	compute 2-parameter branch of 1-parameter extrema; restart from <i>q.1</i>
<i>@sv 2</i>	save the output files as <i>p.2</i> , <i>q.2</i> , <i>d.2</i>
<i>cp r.ops.6 r.ops</i>	constants changed : IRS, ICP, EPSL, EPSU, NUZR
<i>@r ops 2</i>	compute 3-parameter branch of 2-parameter extrema; restart from <i>q.2</i>
<i>@sv 3</i>	save the output files as <i>p.3</i> , <i>q.3</i> , <i>d.3</i>

## tor : Detection and continuation of torus bifurcations.

This demo uses a model in [26] to illustrate the detection and two-parameter continuation of a torus bifurcation. It also illustrates branch switching at a secondary periodic bifurcation with double Floquet multiplier at  $z = 1$ . The computational results also include folds, homoclinic orbits, and period-doubling bifurcations. Their continuation is not illustrated here; see instead the demos *plp* (also *ops*), *pp2*, and *pp3*, respectively. The equations are

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t) &= [ -(\beta + \nu)x + \beta y - a_3 x^3 + b_3 (y - x)^3 ] / r, \\y'(t) &= \beta x - (\beta + \gamma)y - z - b_3 (y - x)^3, \\z'(t) &= y,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma = -0.6$ ,  $r = 0.6$ ,  $a_3 = 0.328578$ , and  $b_3 = 0.933578$ . Initially  $\nu = -0.9$  and  $\beta = 0.5$ .

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir tor</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd tor</i>	change directory
<i>@dm tor</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.tor.1 r.tor</i>	get the first constants-file
<i>@r tor</i>	1st run; compute a stationary solution branch with Hopf bifurcation
<i>@sv 1</i>	save output files as <i>p.1</i> , <i>q.1</i> , <i>d.1</i>
<i>cp r.tor.2 r.tor</i>	constants changed : IPS, IRS
<i>@r tor 1</i>	compute a branch of periodic solutions; restart from <i>q.1</i>
<i>@ap 1</i>	append output files to <i>p.1</i> , <i>q.1</i> , <i>d.1</i>
<i>cp r.tor.3 r.tor</i>	constants changed : IRS, ISW, NMX
<i>@r tor 1</i>	compute a bifurcating branch of periodic solutions; restart from <i>q.1</i>
<i>@ap 1</i>	append output files to <i>p.1</i> , <i>q.1</i> , <i>d.1</i>
<i>cp r.tor.4 r.tor</i>	constants changed : IRS, NICP, ISP, ISW, NMX, DS
<i>@r tor 1</i>	generate starting data for torus continuation; restart from <i>q.1</i>
<i>@sv tmp</i>	save output files as <i>p.tmp</i> , <i>q.tmp</i> , <i>d.tmp</i>
<i>cp r.tor.5 r.tor</i>	constants changed : IRS, ILP, NMX, NPR, ITNW
<i>@r tor tmp</i>	2-parameter torus continuation; restart data from <i>q.tmp</i>
<i>@sv tor</i>	save output files as <i>p.tor</i> , <i>q.tor</i> , <i>d.tor</i>

**stw : Continuation of sharp traveling waves.**

This demo illustrates the computation of sharp traveling wave front solutions to nonlinear diffusion problems of the form

$$w_t = A(w)w_{xx} + B(w)w_x^2 + C(w),$$

with  $A(w) = a_1w + a_2w^2$ ,  $B(w) = b_0 + b_1w + b_2w^2$ , and  $C(w) = c_0 + c_1w + c_2w^2$ . Such equations can have *sharp traveling wave fronts* as solutions, i.e., solutions of the form  $w(x, t) = u(x + ct)$  for which there is a  $z_0$  such that  $u(z) = 0$  for  $z \geq z_0$ ,  $u(z) \neq 0$  for  $z < z_0$ , and  $u(z) \rightarrow \text{constant}$  as  $z \rightarrow -\infty$ . These solutions are actually generalized solutions, since they need not be differentiable at  $z_0$ .

Specifically, in this demo a homotopy path will be computed from an analytically known exact sharp traveling wave solution of

$$(1) \quad w_t = 2ww_{xx} + 2w_x^2 + w(1 - w),$$

to a corresponding sharp traveling wave of

$$(2) \quad w_t = (2w + w^2)w_{xx} + ww_x^2 + w(1 - w).$$

This problem is also considered in [2]. For these two special cases the functions  $A, B, C$  are defined by the following sets of coefficients:

	$a_1$	$a_2$	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$
(1)	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	-1
(2)	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	-1

With  $w(x, t) = u(x + ct)$ ,  $z = x + ct$ , one obtains the reduced system

$$\begin{aligned} u_1'(z) &= u_2, \\ u_2'(z) &= [cu_2 - B(u_1)u_2^2 - C(u_1)]/A(u_1). \end{aligned}$$

To remove the singularity when  $u_1 = 0$ , we apply a nonlinear transformation of the independent variable (see [27]), viz.,  $d/d\tilde{z} = A(u_1)d/dz$ , which changes the above equation into

$$\begin{aligned} u_1'(\tilde{z}) &= A(u_1)u_2, \\ u_2'(\tilde{z}) &= cu_2 - B(u_1)u_2^2 - C(u_1). \end{aligned}$$

Sharp traveling waves then correspond to heteroclinic connections in this transformed system.

Finally, we map  $[0, T] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by the transformation  $\xi = \tilde{z}/T$ . With this scaling of the independent variable, the reduced system becomes

$$\begin{aligned} u_1'(\xi) &= TA(u_1)u_2, \\ u_2'(\xi) &= T[cu_2 - B(u_1)u_2^2 - C(u_1)]. \end{aligned}$$

For Case 1 this equation has a known exact solution, namely,

$$u(\xi) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(T\xi)}, \quad v(\xi) = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{1 + \exp(-T\xi)}.$$

This solution has wave speed  $c = 1$ . In the limit as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  its phase plane trajectory connects the stationary points  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, -\frac{1}{2})$ .

The sharp traveling wave in Case 2 can now be obtained using the following homotopy. Let  $(a_1, a_2, b_0, b_1, b_2) = (1 - \lambda)(2, 0, 2, 0, 0) + \lambda(2, 1, 0, 1, 0)$ . Then as  $\lambda$  varies continuously from 0 to 1, the parameters  $(a_1, a_2, b_0, b_1, b_2)$  vary continuously from the values for Case 1 to the values for Case 2.

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir stw</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd stw</i>	change directory
<i>@dm stw</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.stw.1 r.stw</i>	get the constants-file
<i>@r stw</i>	continuation of the sharp traveling wave
<i>@sv stw</i>	save output files as <b>p.stw</b> , <b>q.stw</b> , <b>d.stw</b>

## kar : The Von Karman swirling flows.

The steady axi-symmetric flow of a viscous incompressible fluid above an infinite rotating disk is modeled by the following ODE boundary value problem (Equation (11) in [28]) :

$$\begin{aligned}u_1' &= T u_2, \\u_2' &= T u_3, \\u_3' &= T [-2\gamma u_4 + u_2^2 - 2u_1 u_3 - u_4^2], \\u_4' &= T u_5, \\u_5' &= T [2\gamma u_2 + 2u_2 u_4 - 2u_1 u_5],\end{aligned}$$

with left boundary conditions

$$u_1(0) = 0, \quad u_2(0) = 0, \quad u_4(0) = 1 - \gamma,$$

and (asymptotic) right boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}[f_\infty + a(f_\infty, \gamma)] u_2(1) + u_3(1) - \gamma \frac{u_4(1)}{a(f_\infty, \gamma)} &= 0, \\a(f_\infty, \gamma) \frac{b^2(f_\infty, \gamma)}{\gamma} u_2(1) + [f_\infty + a(f_\infty, \gamma)] u_4(1) + u_5(1) &= 0, \\u_1(1) &= f_\infty,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}a(f_\infty, \gamma) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [(f_\infty^4 + 4\gamma^2)^{1/2} + f_\infty^2]^{1/2}, \\b(f_\infty, \gamma) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [(f_\infty^4 + 4\gamma^2)^{1/2} - f_\infty^2]^{1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that there are five differential equations and six boundary conditions. Correspondingly, there are two free parameters in the computation of a solution branch, namely  $\gamma$  and  $f_\infty$ . The “period”  $T$  is fixed;  $T = 500$ . The starting solution is  $u_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, 5$ , at  $\gamma = 1, f_\infty = 0$ .

COMMAND	ACTION
<i>mkdir kar</i>	create an empty work directory
<i>cd kar</i>	change directory
<i>@dm kar</i>	copy the demo files to the work directory
<i>cp r.kar.1 r.kar</i>	get the constants-file
<i>@r kar</i>	computation of the solution branch
<i>@sv kar</i>	save output files as <b>p.kar</b> , <b>q.kar</b> , <b>d.kar</b>

## 8. Using the Graphics Program PLAUT.

In command mode, type `@p xxx` to use PLAUT to inspect the contents of the AUTO data files `p.xxx` and `q.xxx`. In GUI mode, click the *Plot* button on the Menu Bar. More precisely, click *Plot/Plot* for plotting the active data files, and *Plot/Name* for other data files. A graphics window will appear in which PLAUT commands can be entered. The PLAUT *Help* command lists the available commands.

To illustrate the use of PLAUT, we assume that the first three runs of the pp2-demo have been completed in a user work directory; see Section 7. The files `p.pp2` and `q.pp2` will then exist in this directory. To interactively plot their contents, run PLAUT, as indicated above, by typing `@p pp2`, or by the corresponding GUI action. Then enter the commands below in the PLAUT window.

PLAUT-COMMAND	ACTION
<code>d3</code>	set convenient defaults
<code>bd0</code>	plot the default bifurcation diagram; $L_2$ -norm versus $p_1$
<code>cl</code>	clear the screen
<code>ax</code>	select axes
<code>1 3</code>	select real columns 1 and 3 in <code>p.pp2</code>
<code>bd0</code>	plot the bifurcation diagram; $\max u_1$ versus $p_1$
<code>cl</code>	clear the screen
<code>d2</code>	choose other default settings
<code>bd0</code>	bifurcation diagram
<code>bd</code>	get blow-up of current bifurcation diagram
<code>0 1 -0.25 1</code>	enter limits
<code>cl</code>	clear the screen
<code>2d</code>	enter '2D' mode, for plotting labelled solutions
<code>12 13 14</code>	select labelled orbits 12, 13, and 14 in <code>q.pp2</code>
<code>d</code>	default orbit display; $u_1$ versus time
<code>1 3</code>	select columns 1 and 3 in <code>q.pp2</code>
<code>d</code>	display the orbits; $u_2$ versus time

2 3	select columns 2 and 3 in <code>q.pp2</code>
d	phase plane display; $u_2$ versus $u_1$
cl	clear the screen
ex	exit from 2D mode
3d	enter '3D' mode, for plotting labelled solutions
15	select labelled orbit 15
cz	put coordinate axes at (0,0,0)
d	display (default) columns 1,2,3 in <code>q.pp2</code>
sc	scale the diagram
2 1.8 2	enter scaling factors
d	display; as above, $x = \text{time}$ , $y = u_1$ , $z = u_2$
pj	select projections
d	display
sav	save plot
fig.1	upon prompt, enter file name, e.g., <code>fig.1</code>
cl	clear the screen
ex	exit from 3D mode
end	exit from PLAUT

Each saved plot must be written in a separate file `fig.x` (e.g., `fig.1` above). These files are in Tektronix format. A program by Michael Fischbein of NASA to convert a file `fig.x` to PostScript format is in directory `auto/94/tek2ps`. To activate it, first see the `README` file. Once activated, the following commands can be used :

`@ps` : Type `@ps fig.x` to convert plot file `fig.x` to PostScript format. The PostScript file will be called `fig.x.ps`. The file `fig.x` is left unchanged.

`@pr` : Type `@pr fig.x` to convert `fig.x` to PostScript, and to send the resulting file `fig.x.ps` to the printer. It may be necessary to edit the file `auto/94/cmds/@pr` to define the correct printer path name.



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