



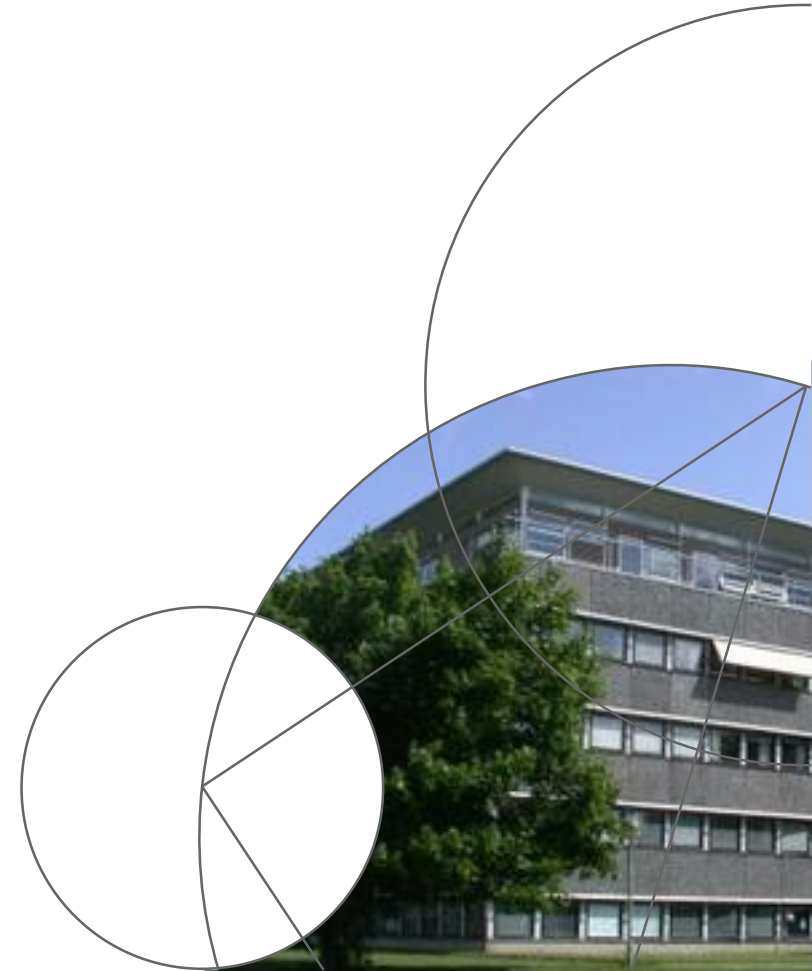
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Lecture 10: Deciding upon multistationarity

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$$F_{\kappa, T}(x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n.$$

The function $F_{\kappa, T}$ has d rows equal to $Wx - T$, and s linearly independent polynomials among $f_\kappa(x)$.

- $C_{\kappa, T} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n \mid F_{\kappa, T}(x) = 0\}$.

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- The **higher deficiency algorithm** decides upon multistationarity “for almost” all networks (Ellison, Feinberg, Ji, Knight). Implemented in the CRNT toolbox of Feinberg for Windows (<https://cbe.osu.edu/chemical-reaction-network-theory>).

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How to address the questions:

- General approaches coming from semialgebraic geometry.
- Direct approaches using ideas from univariate polynomials.
- Other methods involving the Jacobian (from semialgebraic geometry to polyhedral geometry).

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Checkable using the **sign condition** $\sigma(\ker M^T) \cap \sigma(S) = \{0\}$ or the **determinant condition** if $p = \dim S$

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$$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n, x - y \in S, x \neq y \quad x^M = y^M \quad (*)$$

$$\exists \kappa \text{ st } \operatorname{diag}(\kappa) x^B = z, \text{ where } z \in \ker N \cap \mathbb{R}_{>0}^r$$

$$\hookrightarrow f_{\kappa}(x) = 0$$

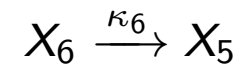
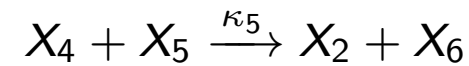
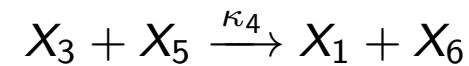
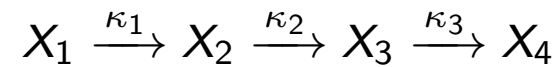
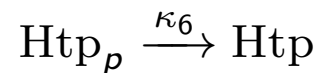
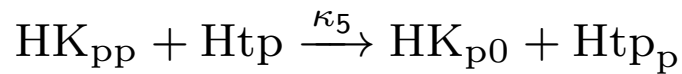
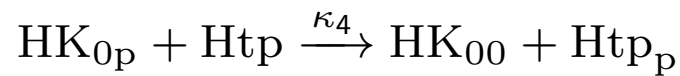
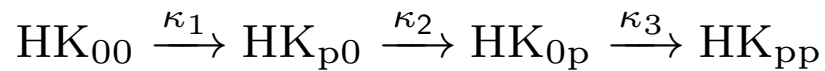
$$f_{\kappa}(x) = 0 \iff x^M = \gamma(\kappa) \iff y^M = \gamma(\kappa) \iff f_{\kappa}(y) = 0$$

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Recall

Our hybrid histidine kinase example:



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General approaches

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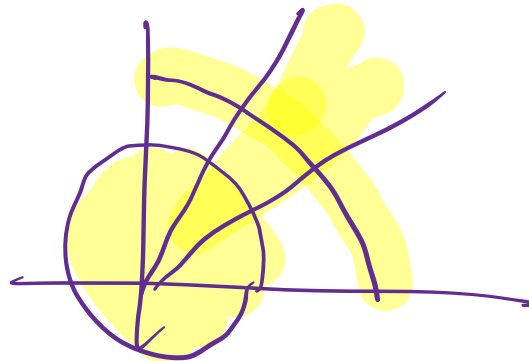
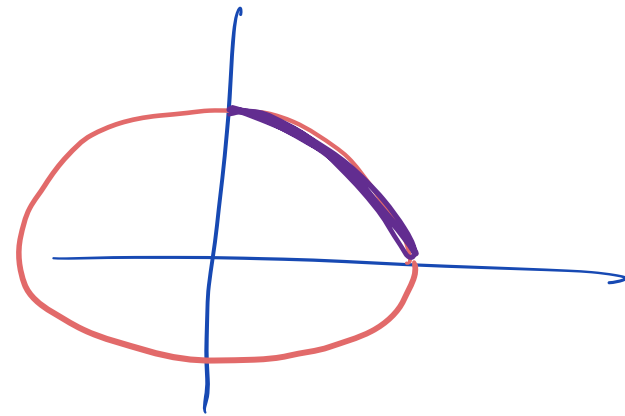
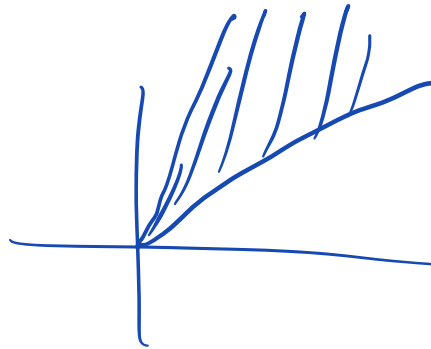
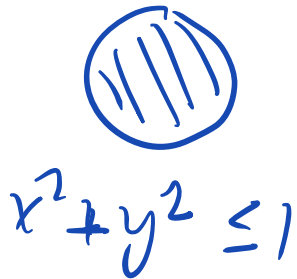
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Any example relevant to “us”?

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$$- \mathcal{P}_{x_0}$$

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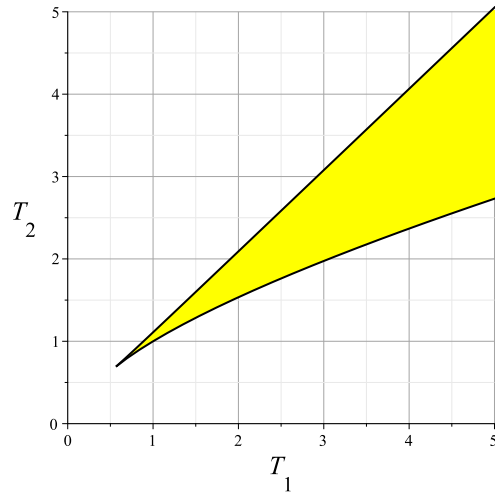
Conclusion: we can decide upon for which κ 's the steady state variety is nonempty, upon multistationarity, and to find the parameter region of multistationarity (**theoretically**).

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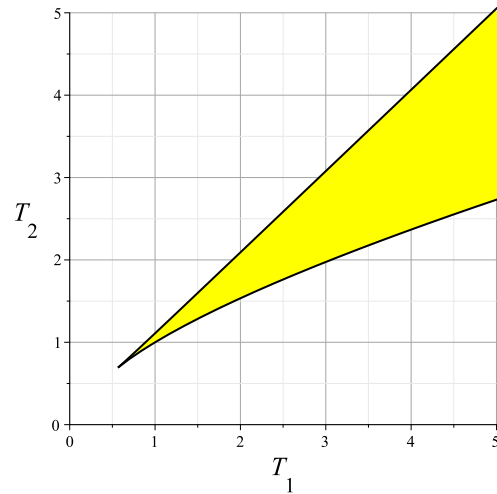
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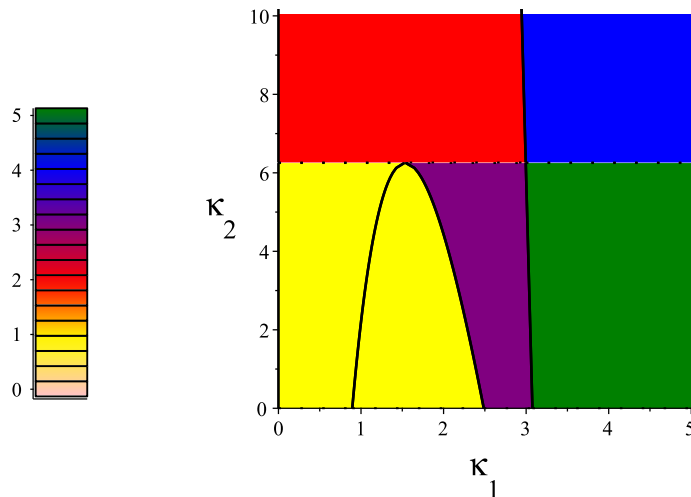
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 & + \left(\frac{9}{2}\kappa_1 + \frac{21}{4}\right)t^3 + \left(-\frac{23}{4}\kappa_1 + \frac{3}{8}\right)t^2 \\
 & + \left(\frac{15}{8}\kappa_1 - \frac{23}{8}\right)t + \left(\frac{1}{100}\kappa_2 - \frac{1}{16}\right).
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according to the number of positive roots.

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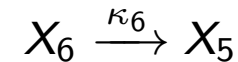
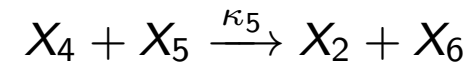
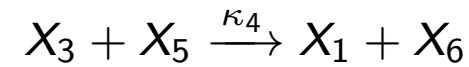
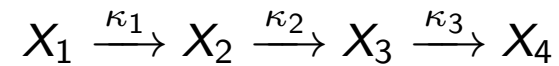
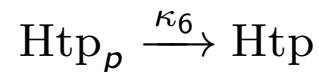
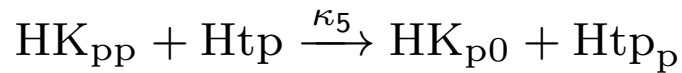
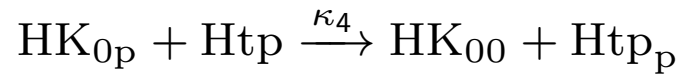
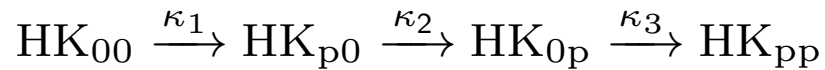
$$c \leq 2$$

Discriminant

Univariate approaches

Case Study

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Manual approach

Recall that we had the following relations:

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(all roots of $q_6(x_5)$ are smaller than T_2).

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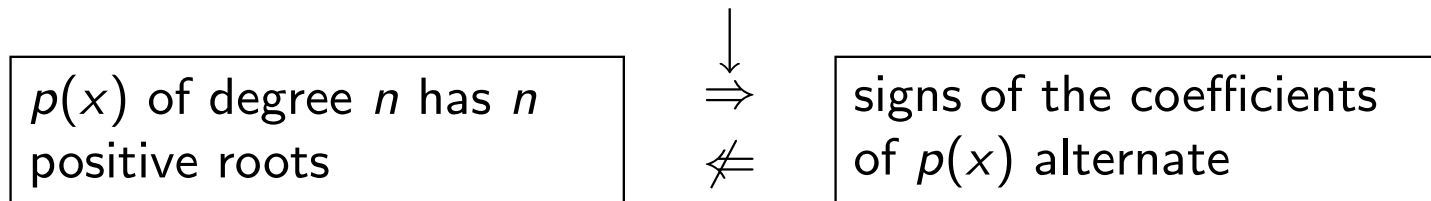
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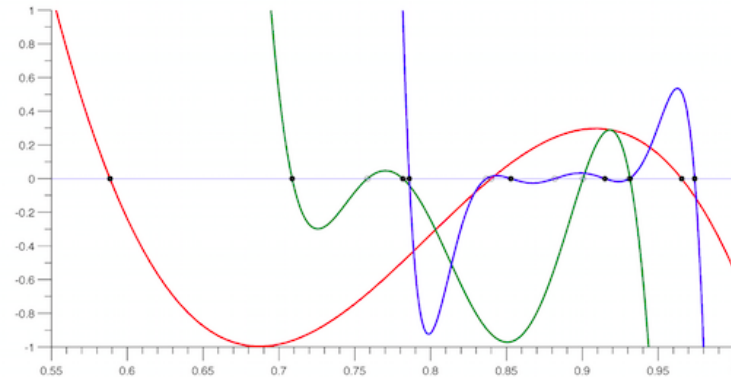
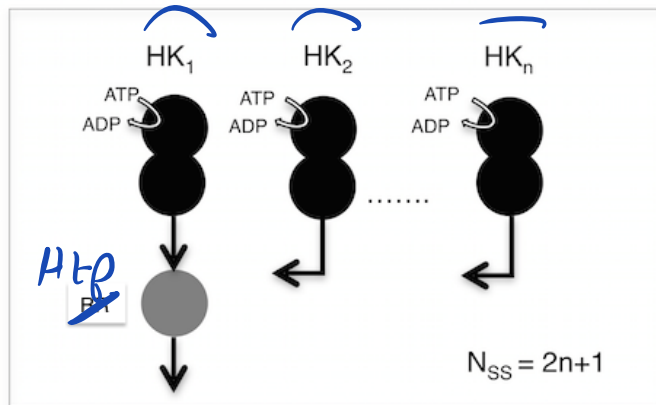
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General system



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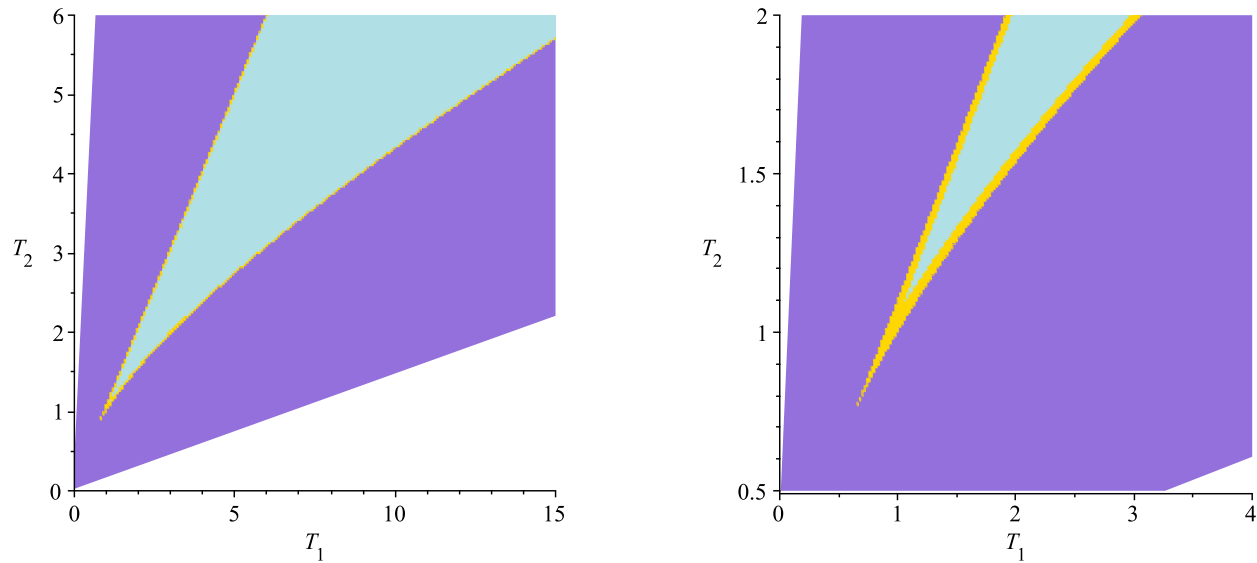
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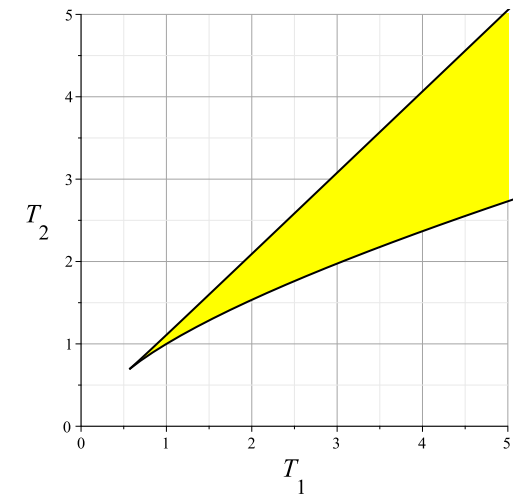
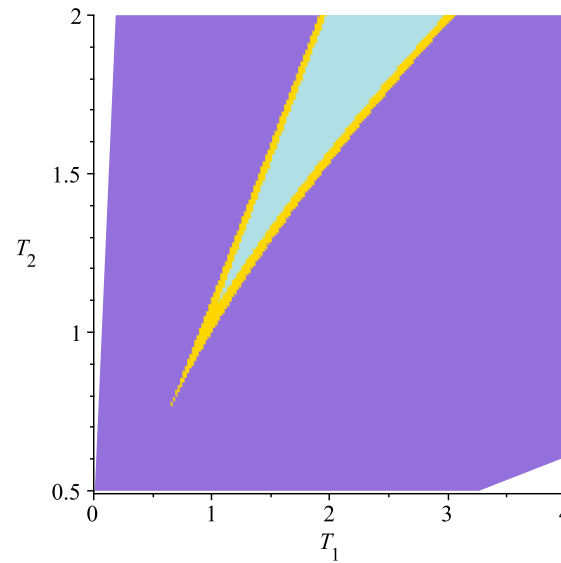
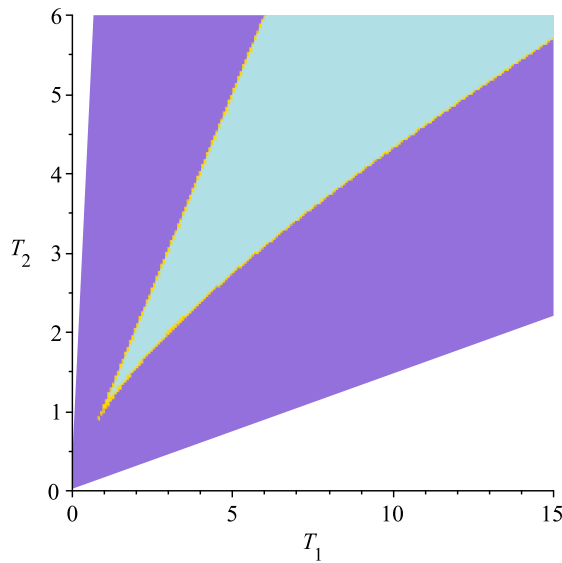
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