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- What is Computer Algebra?
- Why Computer Algebra?
- A question from Population Dynamics.
- Asking help from Computer Algebra.
- Limitations of Computer Algebra.
- Asking help from humans :)

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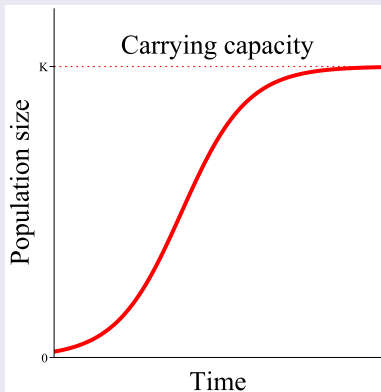
Why Computer Algebra?

Few examples of questions that computer algebra can solve:

- Graph coloring,
- Hypergraph coloring,
- Feasibility of nonlinear programming problems,
- Finding extreme points of a convex set,
- Quantifier elimination in nonlinear real arithmetic logic,
- Finding bifurcations of a nonlinear ODE system.

Population growth

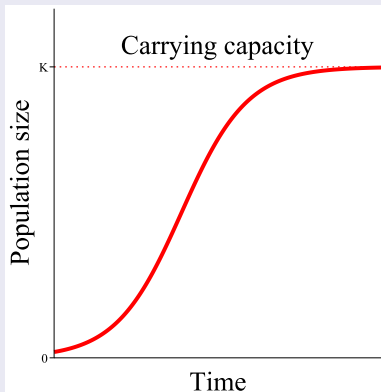
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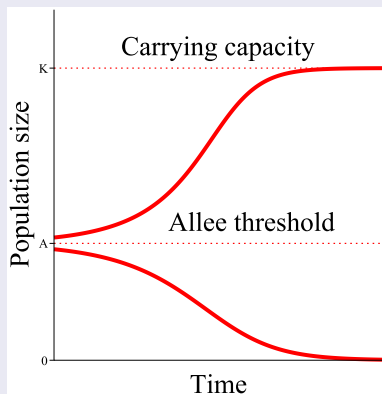
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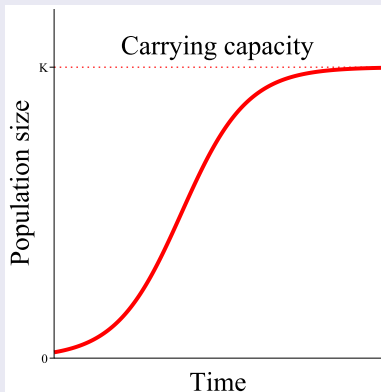
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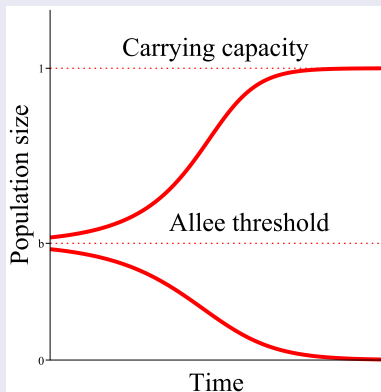
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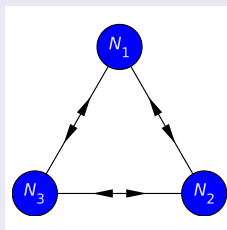


$$\dot{N} = N(1 - N)(N - b)$$

Main model

n -connected populations with Allee effect.

$$\dot{N}_i = N_i(1 - N_i)(N_i - b) - (n - 1)aN_i + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n aN_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$



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- What happens for not very small and not very large values of a ?
- Is it true that the number of non-negative solutions is non-increasing with respect to a ?

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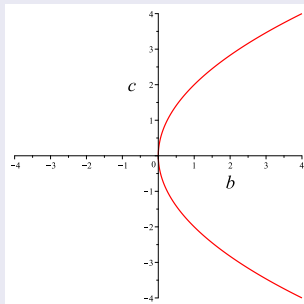
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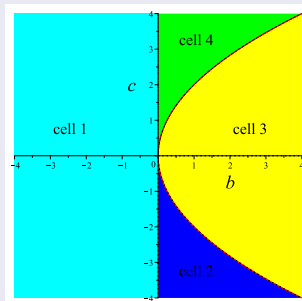
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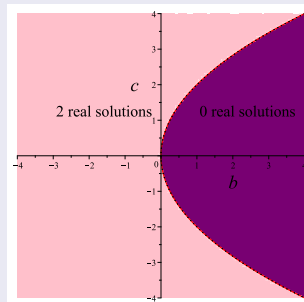
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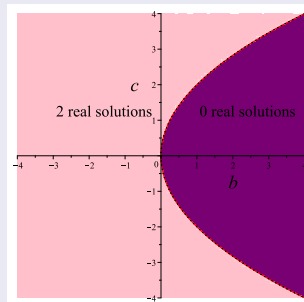
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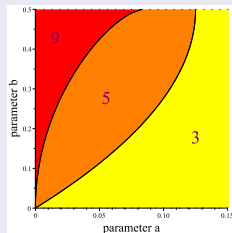


Open CAD with respect to the discriminant variety is already implemented in a Maple package.

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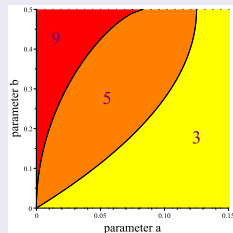
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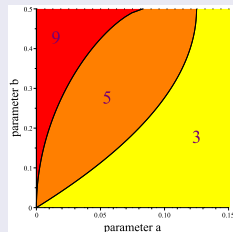
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The complexity of this algorithm is doubly exponential!
- What is doubly exponential complexity?
See shorturl.at/bfvyI

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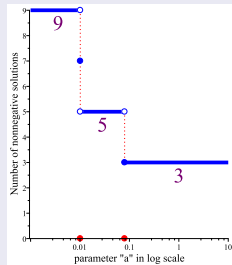
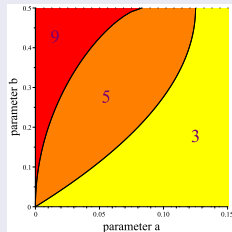
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By fixing the value of b , Maple* can compute the 1-dimensional CAD* of the model for $n = 2, 3, 4$, but not $n = 5$.

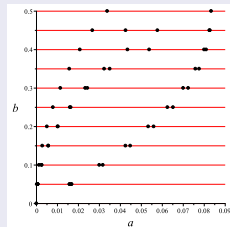
As an example the case $n = 2$ for $b = 0.2$ is shown here.



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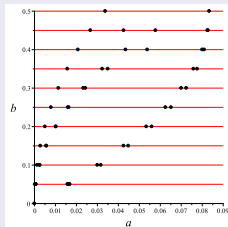


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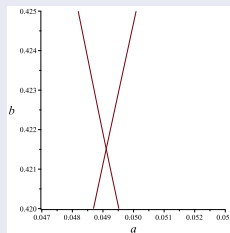
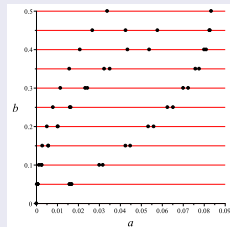
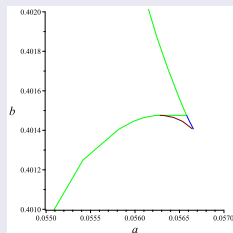


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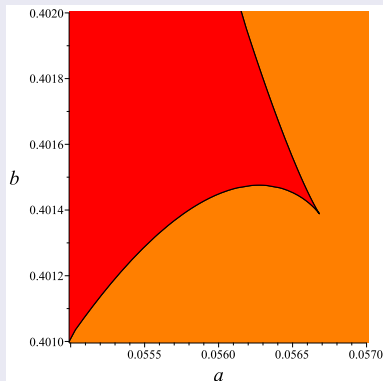
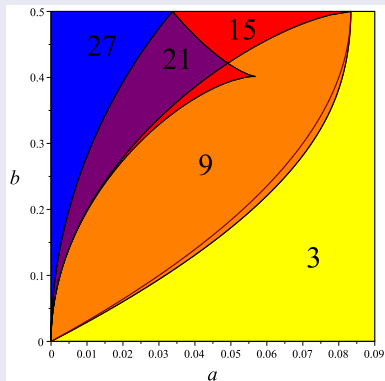
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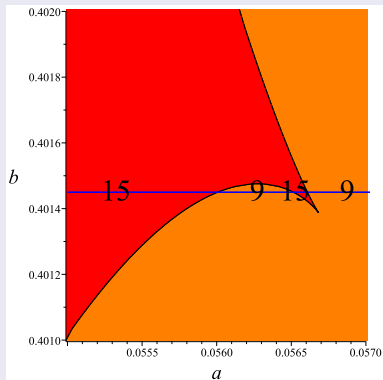
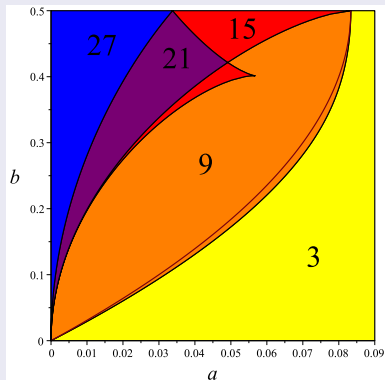


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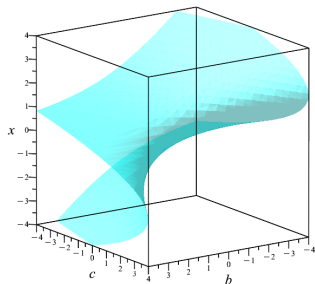
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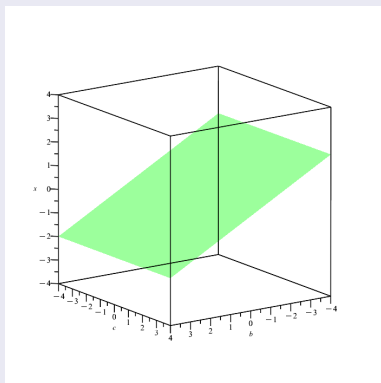
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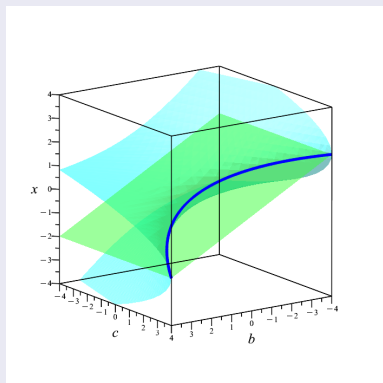
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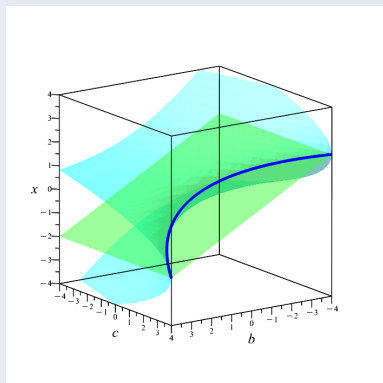
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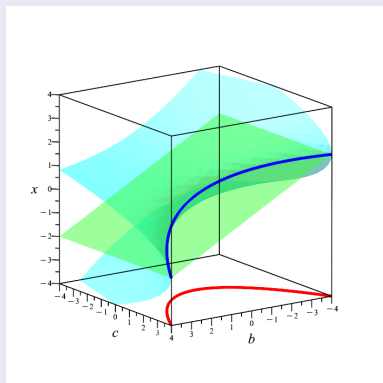
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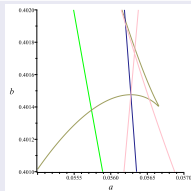
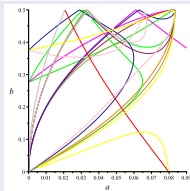
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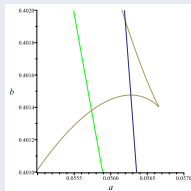
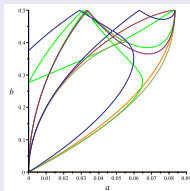


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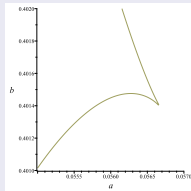
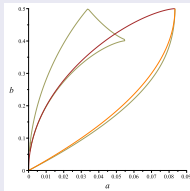
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ResChainBranching
5 milliseconds



Dixon resultant
7 minutes



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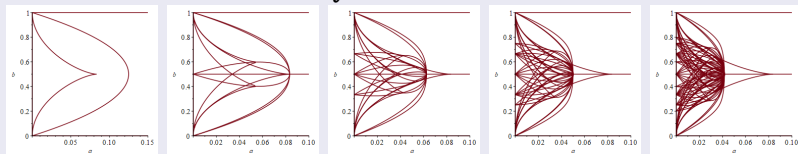
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For $n = 6$ it takes 118 seconds. For $n = 7$ we get a Maple error message.

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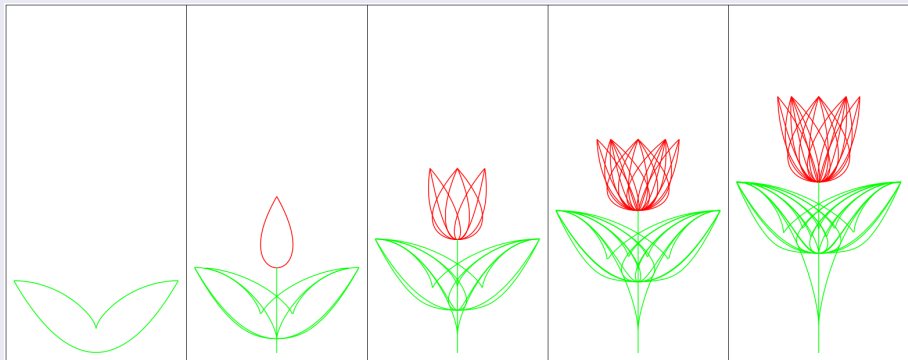
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Does it mean that the former numerical approach (approach 1) is not interesting anymore?

No, one still can equip approach 2 on top of any of the other approaches and go even further in the size of examples that can be handled by a normal computer.

If you feel artistic

Growing Allee flowers



Displayed at Maple art gallery 2022.

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Thank you for listening.