

# L.A.S. and negative Schwarzian derivative do not imply G.A.S. in Clark's equation

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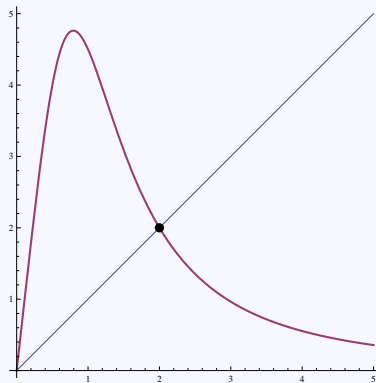


Figure 1: Shepherd's function  $h(x) = px/(1+x^q)$  with  $p = 9$ ,  $q = 3$ ,  $u = 2$ , belongs to the class  $S$ .



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What about “L.A.S.  $\Leftrightarrow$  G.A.S” for (DE) if it is “dominated”, in some sense by a one-dimensional map  $h$ ?



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Relevant example (Tilman and Wedin 1991):

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Typical maps  $h$  for Clark's equation ( $I = (0, \infty)$ ,  $p, q > 0$ ):

- Shepherd's function  $h(x) = px/(1 + x^q)$  (Mackey and Glass, 1977)
- Ricker's function  $h(x) = pxe^{-qx}$  (Gurney, Blythe and Nisbet, 1980)



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This curve can also be seen as the graph of a decreasing function  $\alpha = a_k(r)$ ,  $r \in (-\infty, 1)$ , with

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow -\infty} a_k(r) = 1, \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow -1} a_k(r) = 0;$$

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It has been conjectured that if  $h$  belongs to the class  $S$ , then  $\alpha > a_k(r)$  is actually enough to get global attraction for (CE), that is, **L.A.S. implies G.A.S.** (Györi and Trofimchuk 2000, El-Morshedy and Liz 2005). Some numerical estimates support it (Wang and Wei 2008, Liz 2009).



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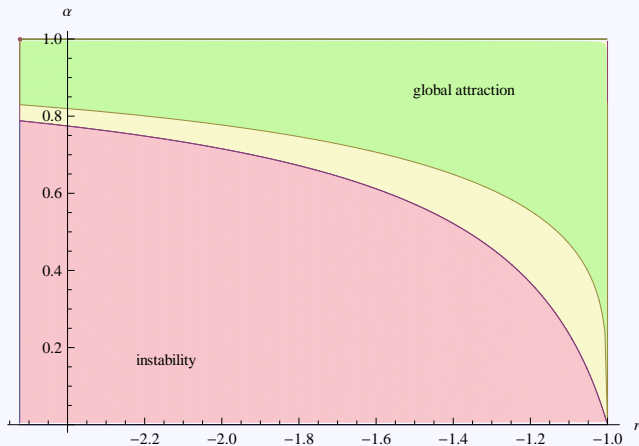


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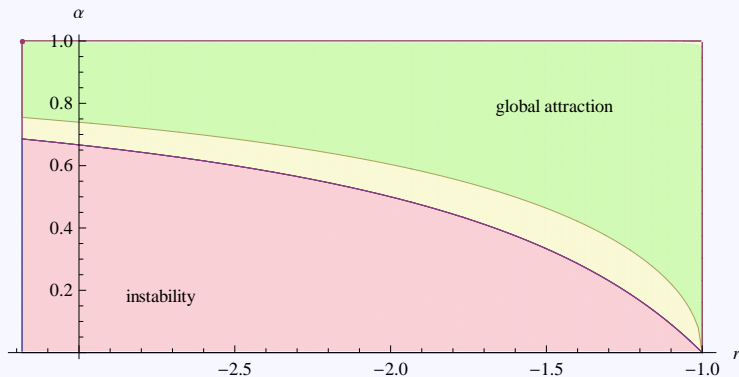


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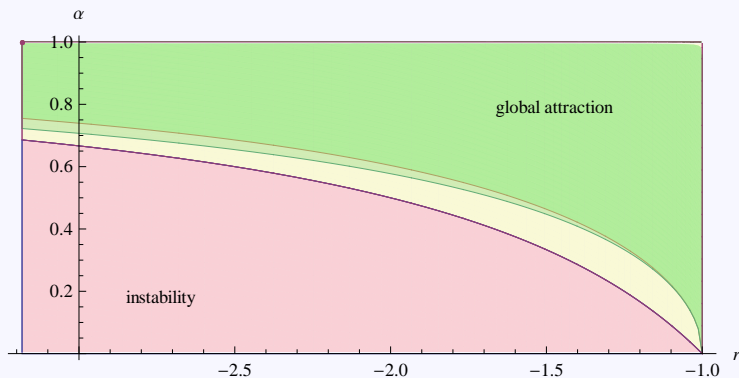


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In the supercritical case the conjecture is reinforced; in the subcritical case the conjecture is disproved!



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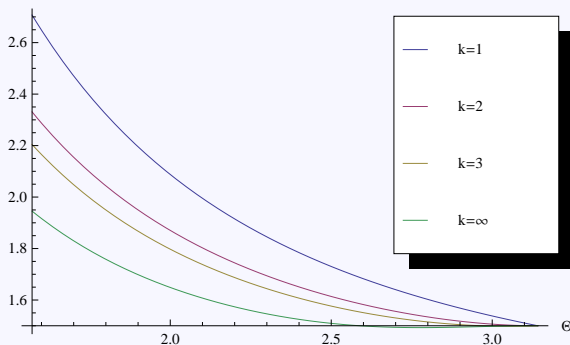


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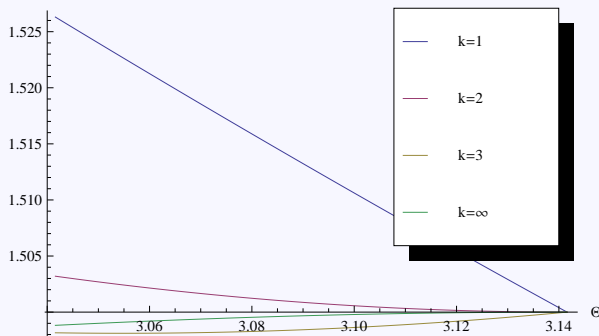


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- $(2, 1.570831, 0.995705, 0.638023)$  (gold),
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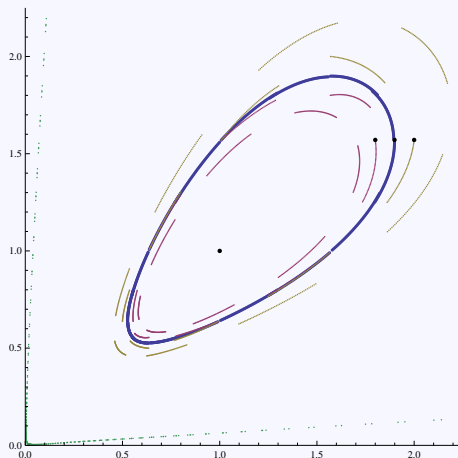
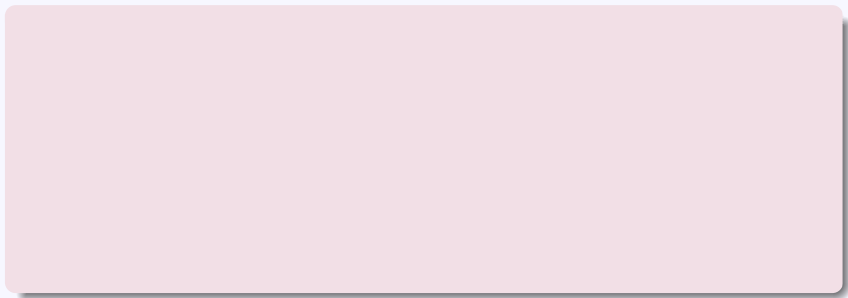


Figure 6: A local, but not global attractor, for Clark's equation.



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