

Preparation of Papers for IFAC Conferences & Symposia: Use Title Case for Paper Title

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Abstract: These instructions give you guidelines for preparing papers for IFAC conferences. Use this document as a template to compose your paper if you are using Microsoft *Word* 6.0 or later. Otherwise, use this document as an instruction set. Please use this document as a “template” to prepare your manuscript. For submission guidelines, follow instructions on paper submission system as well as the Conference website. There is a very small blank line immediately above the abstract, do not delete it; it sets the footnote at the bottom of this column.

Keywords: Include a list of 5-10 keywords, preferably taken from the IFAC keyword list.

1. INTRODUCTION

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1.1 A subsection

Bifurcation: Plot of local maxima of x with damping a decreasing (Fig. 1).

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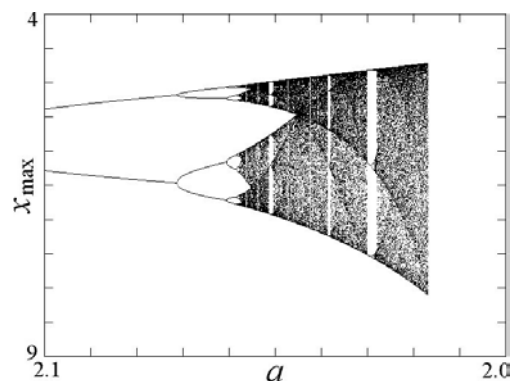


Fig. 1. Bifurcation: Plot of local maxima of x with damping a decreasing

2. PROCEDURE FOR PAPER SUBMISSION

2.1 Review Stage

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2.3 Page margins

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Table 1. Page margins

Page	Top	Bottom	Left/Right
First	3.5	2.5	1.5
Rest	2.5	2.5	1.5

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4. UNITS

Use either SI as primary units. Other units may be used as secondary units (in parentheses). This applies to papers in data storage. For example, write “15 Gb/cm² (100 Gb/in²).” An exception is when English units are used as identifiers in

trade, such as “3.5 in disk drive.” Avoid combining SI and CGS units, such as current in amperes and magnetic field in oersteds. This often leads to confusion because equations do not balance dimensionally. If you must use mixed units, clearly state the units for each quantity in an equation.

The SI unit for magnetic field strength H is A/m. However, if you wish to use units of T, either refer to magnetic flux density B or magnetic field strength symbolized as $\mu_0 H$. Use the centre dot to separate compound units, e.g., “A·m².”

5. HELPFUL HINTS

5.1 Figures and Tables

Figure axis labels are often a source of confusion. Use words rather than symbols. As an example, write the quantity “Magnetization,” or “Magnetization M ,” not just “ M .” Put units in parentheses. Do not label axes only with units. As in Fig. 1, for example, write “Magnetization (A/m)” or “Magnetization (A·m⁻¹),” not just “A/m.” Do not label axes with a ratio of quantities and units. For example, write “Temperature (K),” not “Temperature/K.”

Multipliers can be especially confusing. Write “Magnetization (kA/m)” or “Magnetization (10³ A/m).” Do not write “Magnetization (A/m) × 1000” because the reader would not know whether the top axis label in Fig. 1 meant 16000 A/m or 0.016 A/m. Figure labels should be legible, approximately 8 to 12 point type.

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Number equations consecutively with equation numbers in parentheses flush with the right margin, as in (1). First use

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$$\int_0^{r_2} F(r, \varphi) dr d\varphi = [\sigma r_2 / (2\mu_0)] \cdot \int_0^\infty \exp(-\lambda |z_j - z_i|) \lambda^{-1} J_1(\lambda r_2) J_0(\lambda r_i) d\lambda . \quad (1)$$

Be sure that the symbols in your equation have been defined before the equation appears or immediately following. Italicize symbols (*T* might refer to temperature, but *T* is the unit tesla). Refer to “(1),” not “Eq. (1)” or “equation (1),” except at the beginning of a sentence: “Equation (1) is”

5.5 Other Recommendations

Use one space after periods and colons. Hyphenate complex modifiers: “zero-field-cooled magnetization.” Avoid dangling participles, such as, “Using (1), the potential was calculated.” [It is not clear who or what used (1).] Write instead, “The potential was calculated by using (1),” or “Using (1), we calculated the potential.”

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6. CONCLUSIONS

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REFERENCES

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Appendix A. FIRST APPENDIX

Appendix B. SECOND APPENDIX