Topological-numerical analysis of a two-dimensional dynamical model of a neuron

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We conduct computer-assisted analysis of the two-dimensional model of a neuron introduced by Chialvo in 1995 (Chaos, Solitons & Fractals 5, 461– 479). We apply the method for rigorous analysis of global dynamics based on a set-oriented topological approach, introduced by Arai et al. in 2009 (SIAM J. Appl. Dyn. Syst. 8, 757–789). Additionally, we introduce a new algorithm to analyze the return times inside a chain recurrent set, and together with the information on the size of the chain recurrent set, we develop a new method that allows one to determine ranges of parameters for which chaotic dynamics may appear.