

G. Bard Ermentrout

Education

- B.A. Mathematics, Johns Hopkins, 1975
- M.A. Mathematics, Johns Hopkins, 1975
- Ph.D. Biophysics and Theoretical Biology, Univ. Chicago, 1979

Employment

- Staff Fellow, Math Research Branch, NIH, 1979-1982
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics, University of Pittsburgh, 1982-1986
- Associate Professor of Mathematics, University of Pittsburgh, 1986-1989
- Professor of Mathematics, University of Pittsburgh, 1989 - present

Fellowships and Honors

Sloan Fellowship 1983 - 1985

Professional Service

REVIEWING: Reviewer for NSF, NIH, AFOSR, ONR and over a dozen journals including Neural Computation, J. Neurophysiology, Nature and Science.

EDITING: Editor or on editorial board for : Journal of Computational Neuroscience, Chaos, Neural Computation, Neural Networks.

Interdisciplinary Work

- Grants
 - Keck Foundation training grant in Computational Biology - developed a course “Mathematical Methods for Crystallographers”
 - Neural Processes in Cognition training grant (NSF) - developed a course “Computational Neuroscience”
 - Whittaker Foundation grant in Bioengineering - developed a course “Quantitative Cardio-vascular Physiology”
 - NSF summer undergraduate training program for the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition.
- Conferences
 - Organized the Gordon Research Conference on Theoretical Biology 1996

- Co-organized the Special Year in Mathematical Biology at the Institute for Math and its Applications, 1998
- Invited handbook chapters
 - Handbook of Enzymology - “Biochemical Oscillations”
 - Handbook of Neural Networks - several chapters
 - Encyclopedia of Life Sciences - “Neural Oscillations”
 - Computational Biology (MIT Press, 2000) - “Averaging”

Recent special invited talks

- UC Davis, special year in Math Biology, 4 lectures, Oct 1997
- Caltech, course in Computational Biology, 3 lectures, Mar 1998
- Univ. British Columbia, special year in Math Biology, 3 lectures, June 1999

Students

- Joe Paultett, 1993, Assistant Professor, Penn State
- Liwei Ren, 1995, FORE Systems
- Zhixiong Chen, 1996
- David Pinto, 1997, Brown Univ (Connor lab)
- Sharon Crook, 1997, Montana State (Miller lab)
- Boris Gutkin, 1999, Paris (Fregnac lab)

Software

- PhasePlane - interactive solutions to ordinary differential equations (MS-DOS, 1989)
- XTC - solutions to continuum PDEs, integral equations in one spatial dimension (UNIX, 1993)
- XPPAUT - solutions to ordinary differential equations, delay equations, stochastic equations, differential algebraic equations, and functional equations plus bifurcation analysis (UNIX, Windows NT, 1995-present)

Publications

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9. Ermentrout,-G.-B., Asymptotic behavior of stationary homogeneous neuronal nets. Lecture Notes in Biomath., 45, Springer, Berlin-New York, 1982.
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