

1. Consider the continuous-time whale problem given by

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = 0.05B \left(1 - \frac{B}{150000}\right) - \alpha BF$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 0.08F \left(1 - \frac{F}{400000}\right) - \alpha BF$$

We will use simulation to explore the fractal limit sets for the discrete approximations of the continuous system using Euler's method for different step sizes  $h$ .

(i) Let  $X = (B, F)$  and write the above system as  $dX/dt = G(X)$ . What is  $G(X)$ ?

The above system can be written as  $dX/dt = G(X)$  where

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ F \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad G(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.05B(1 - B/150000) - \alpha BF \\ 0.08F(1 - F/400000) - \alpha BF \end{bmatrix}.$$

(ii) Suppose the initial whale populations are  $B_0 = 5000$  blue whales and  $F_0 = 70000$  fin whales. Let  $\alpha = 10^{-8}$  and use a computer implementation of the Euler method

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + hG(X_n) \quad \text{with} \quad h = 32$$

to plot the population of fin whales for the times  $t_n = hn$  where  $n = 0, 1, \dots, 50$ . This may be done in Julia as

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Xn=X0; Xs=[X0]; h=32
for n=1:50
    Xn=Xn+h*G(Xn...)
    push!(Xs,Xn)
end
scatter(h*(0:50),last.(Xs),
        xlabel="years",ylabel="Fin whales",label=false)
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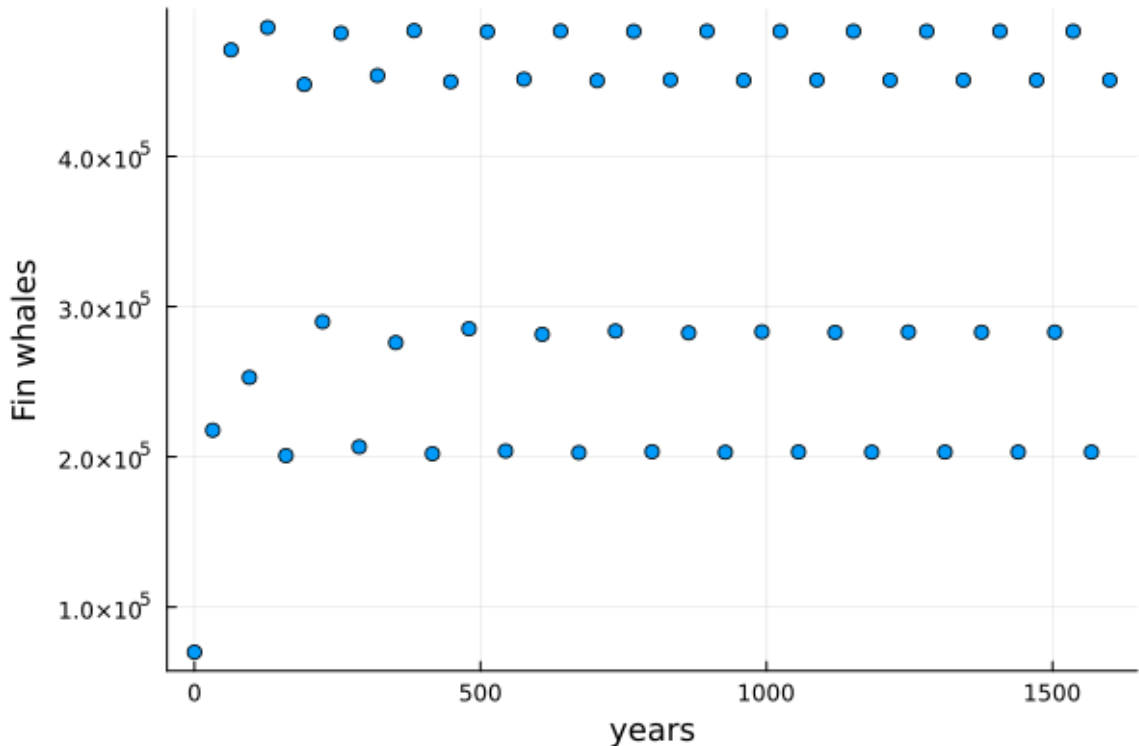
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In [1]: G(B,F)=[0.05*B*(1-B/150000)-alpha*B*F,
               0.08*F*(1-F/400000)-alpha*B*F]
alpha=1e-8
B0=5000.0; F0=70000.0
X0=[B0,F0]
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Out[1]: 2-element Vector{Float64}:
 5000.0
70000.0
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In [2]: using Plots
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In [3]: Xn=X0; Xs=[X0]; h=32
for n=1:50
    Xn=Xn+h*G(Xn...)
    push!(Xs,Xn)
end
scatter(h*(0:50),last.(Xs),
        xlabel="years",ylabel="Fin whales",label=false)
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Out[3]:



(iii) Plot blue whales  $B_n$  versus fin whales  $F_n$  for  $n = 100, 101, \dots, 1000$ . This may be done in Julia as

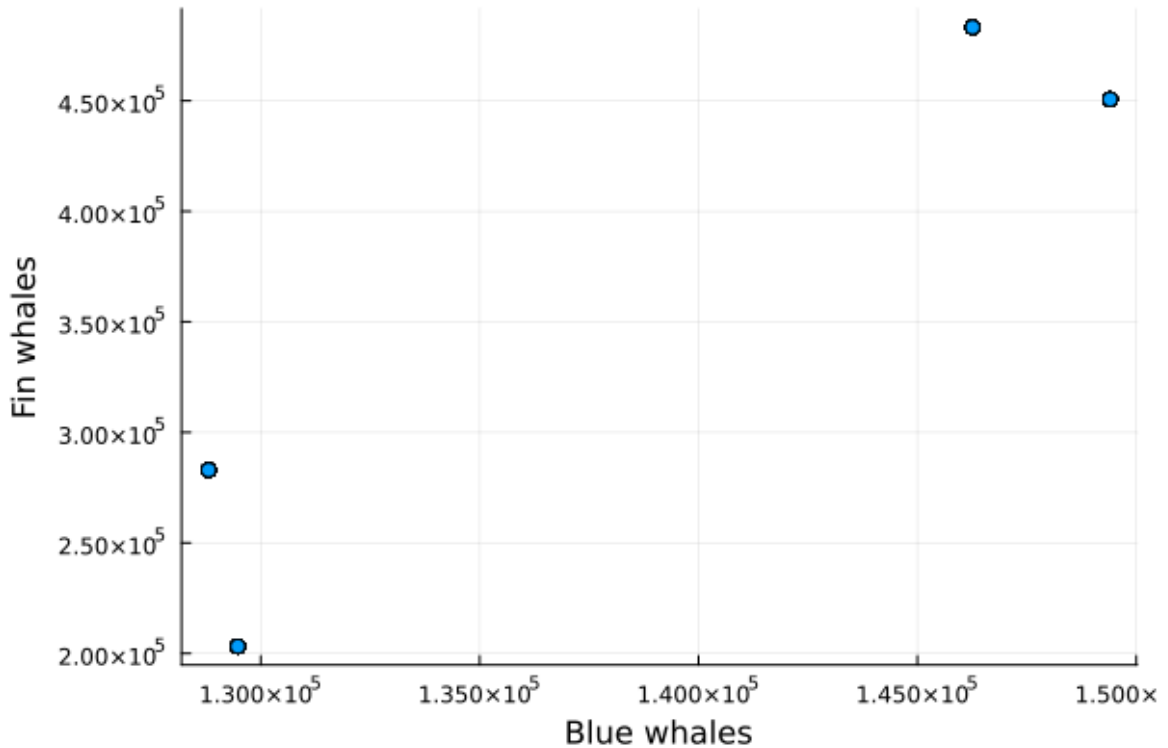
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Xn=X0; Xs=[X0]; h=32
for n=1:1000
    Xn=Xn+h*G(Xn...)
    push!(Xs,Xn)
end
scatter(first.(Xs[101:end]),last.(Xs[101:end]),
        xlabel="Blue whales",ylabel="Fin whales",label=false)
```

Your graph should show the limit set consisting of four points.

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In [4]: Xn=X0; Xs=[X0]; h=32
for n=1:1000
    Xn=Xn+h*G(Xn...)
    push!(Xs,Xn)
end
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scatter(first.(Xs[101:end]),last.(Xs[101:end]),
        xlabel="Blue whales",ylabel="Fin whales",label=false)
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Out[4]:



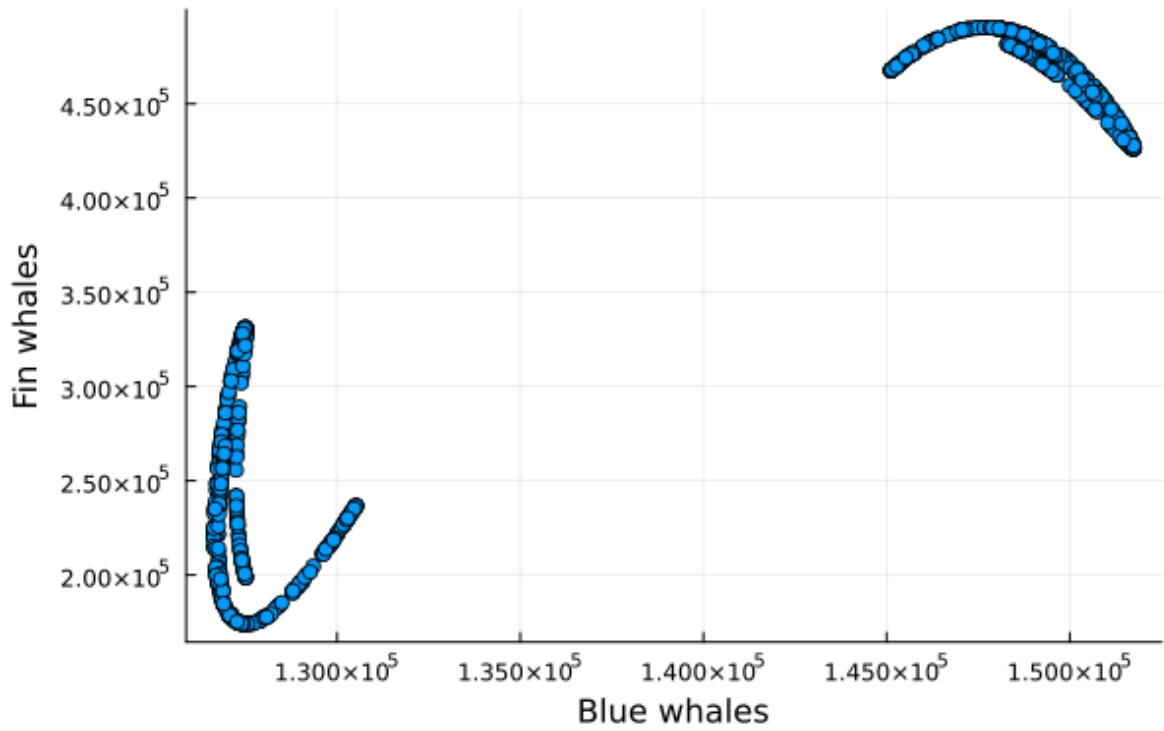
(iv) Repeat the simulation of part (iii) for step sizes of  $h = 33, 34, \dots, 37$ . For each case plot the limit set. How does the limit set change as the step size increases?

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In [5]: function mkplot(h)
        Xn=X0; Xs=[X0]
        for n=1:1000
            Xn=Xn+h*G(Xn...)
            push!(Xs,Xn)
        end
        scatter(first.(Xs[101:end]),last.(Xs[101:end]),
                title="X0=$X0 and h=$h",
                xlabel="Blue whales",ylabel="Fin whales",label=false)
    end
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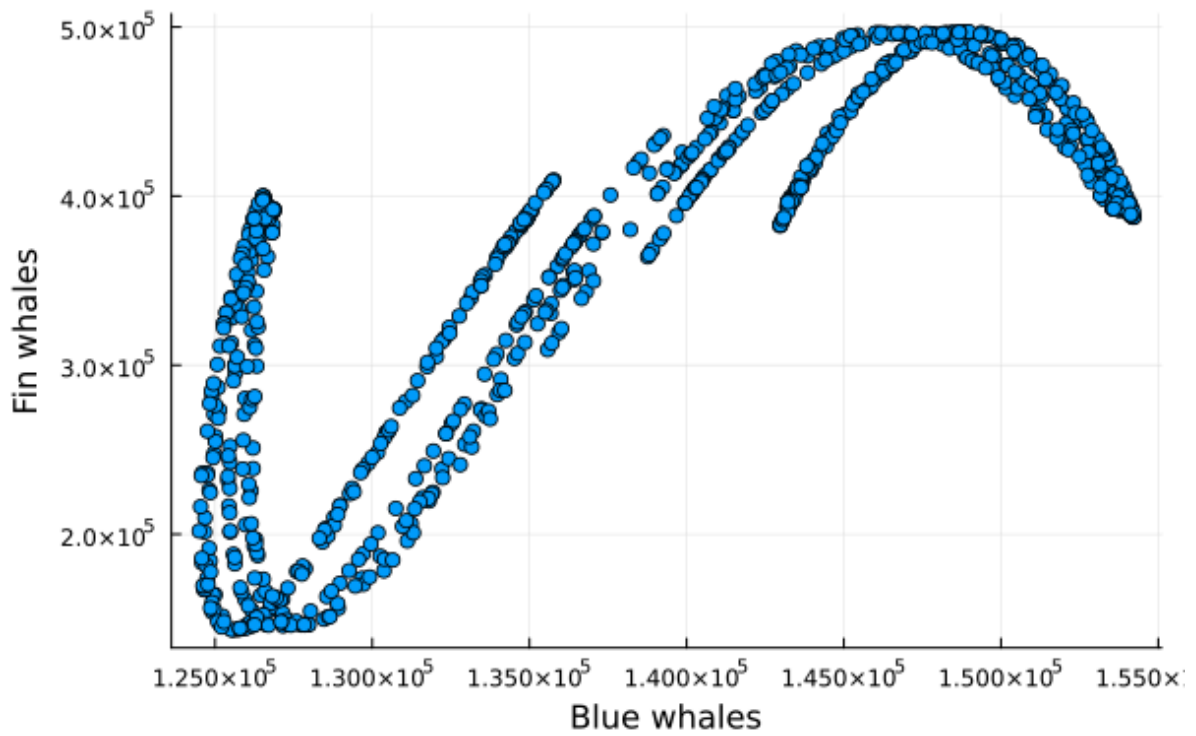
Out[5]: mkplot (generic function with 1 method)

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In [6]: for h=33:37
        println()
        display(mkplot(h))
    end
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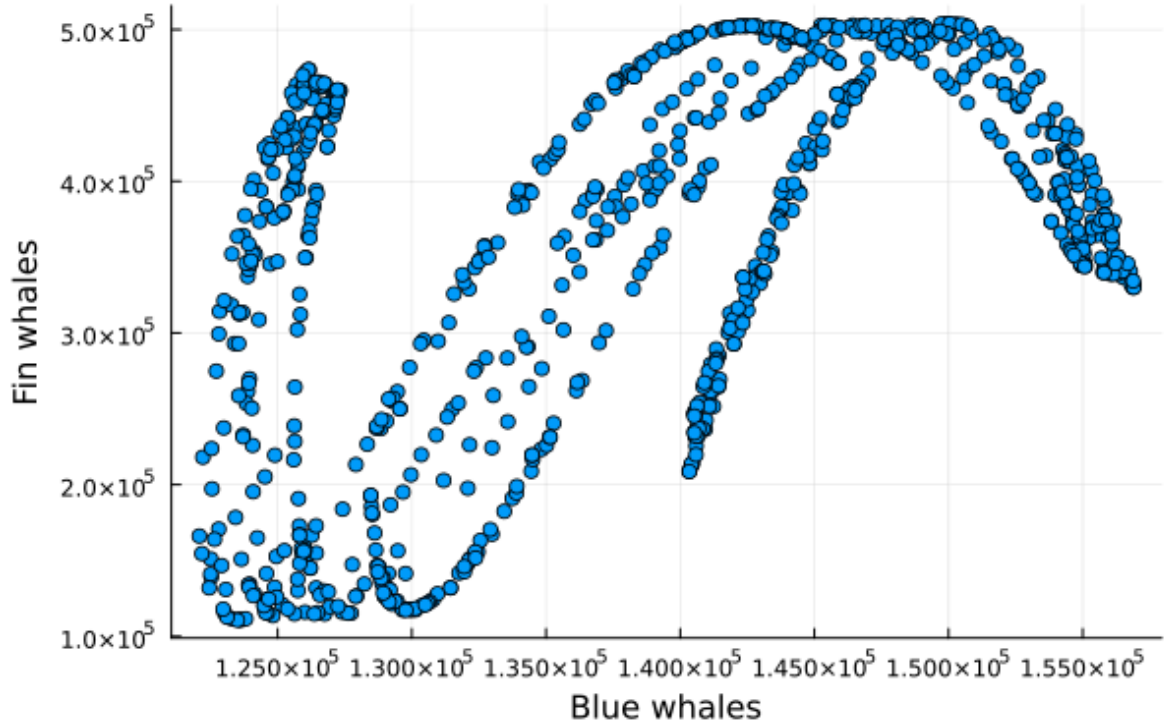
$X_0=[5000.0, 70000.0]$  and  $h=33$



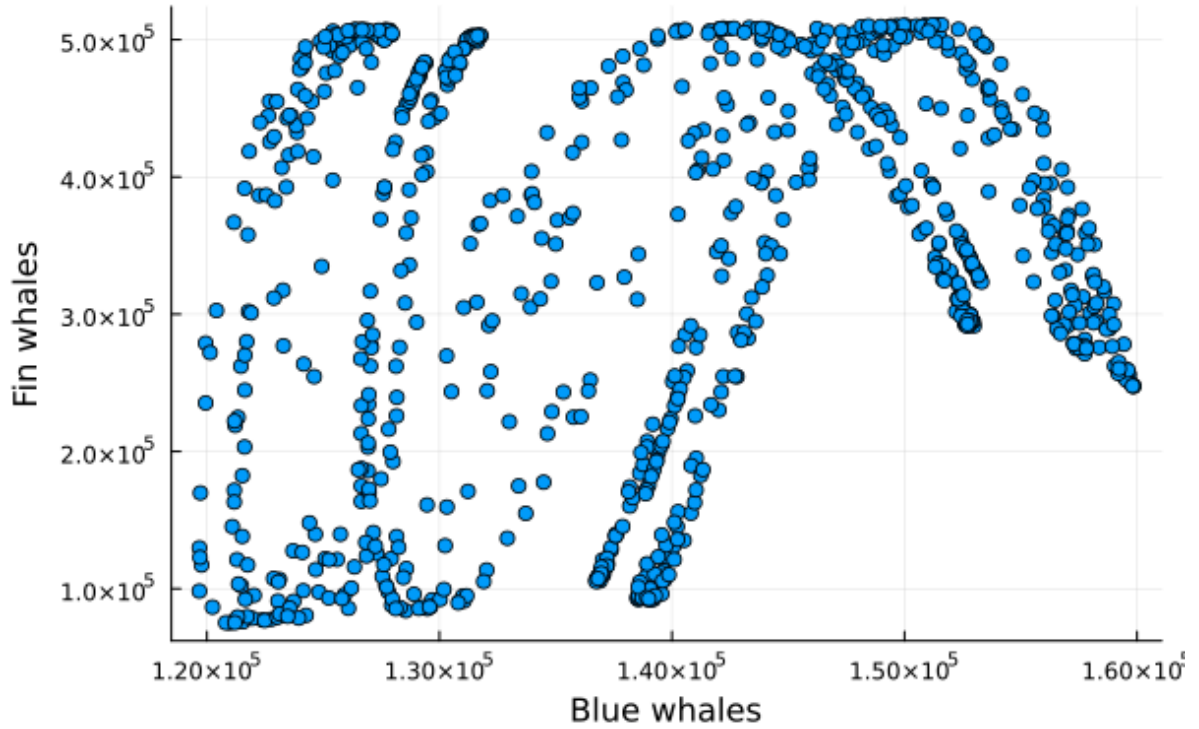
$X_0=[5000.0, 70000.0]$  and  $h=34$

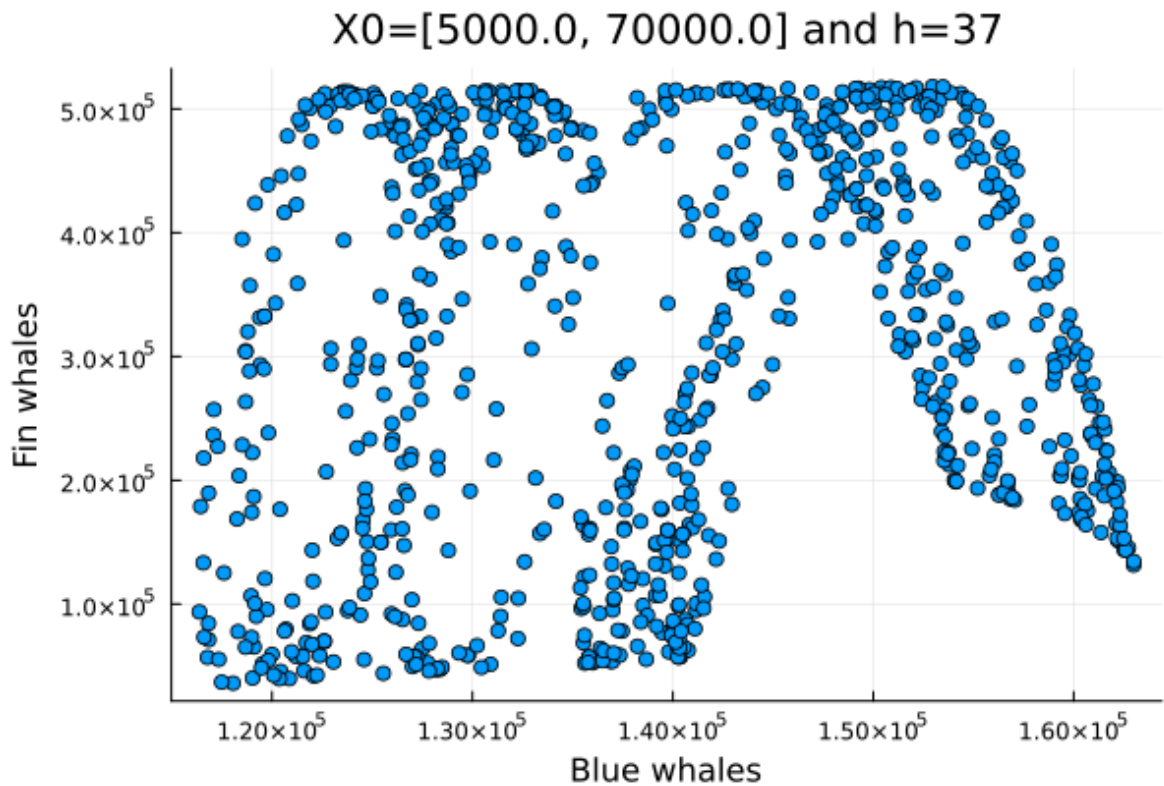


$X_0=[5000.0, 70000.0]$  and  $h=35$



$X_0=[5000.0, 70000.0]$  and  $h=36$





As the step size  $h$  increases the limit set gets more and more complicated. Note, however, that the number of fin and blue whales varies over a similar range in each case.

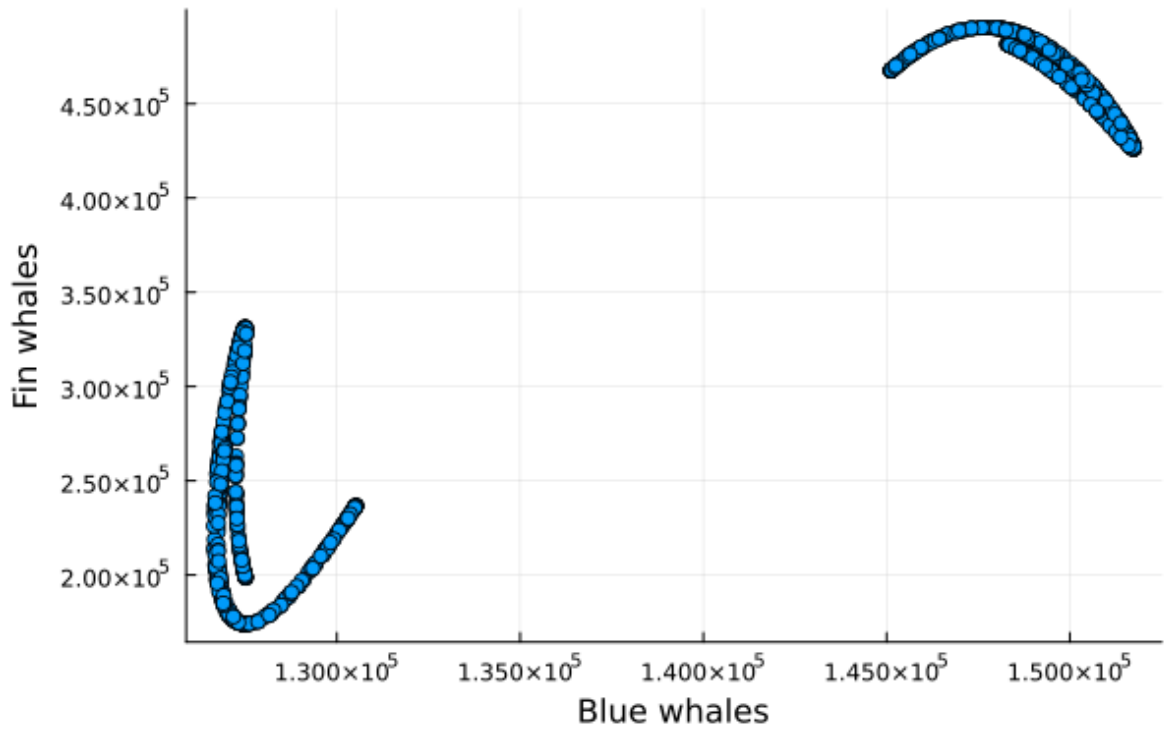
(iv) Repeat part (iv) for the initial condition  $B_0 = 150000$  and  $F_0 = 400000$ . Does the limit set depend on the initial condition?

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In [7]: B0=150000.0; F0=400000.0
        X0=[B0,F0]
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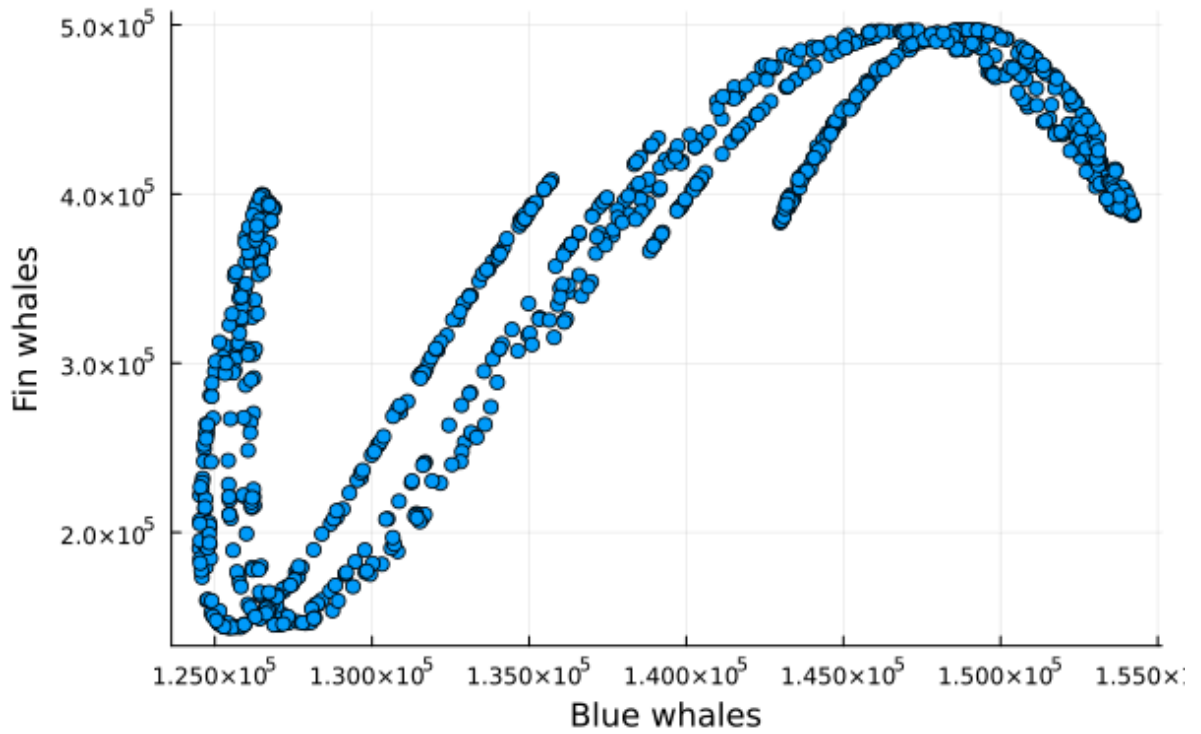
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Out[7]: 2-element Vector{Float64}:
         150000.0
         400000.0
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In [8]: for h=33:37
         println()
         display(mkplot(h))
         end
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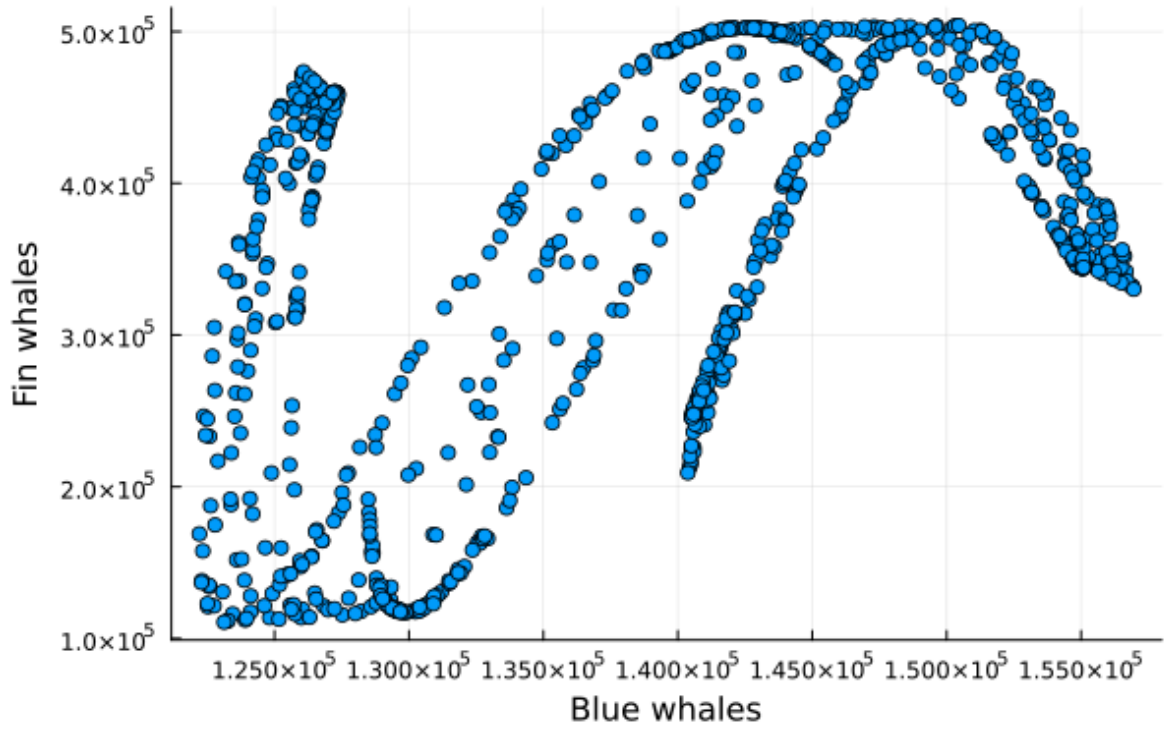
$X_0=[150000.0, 400000.0]$  and  $h=33$



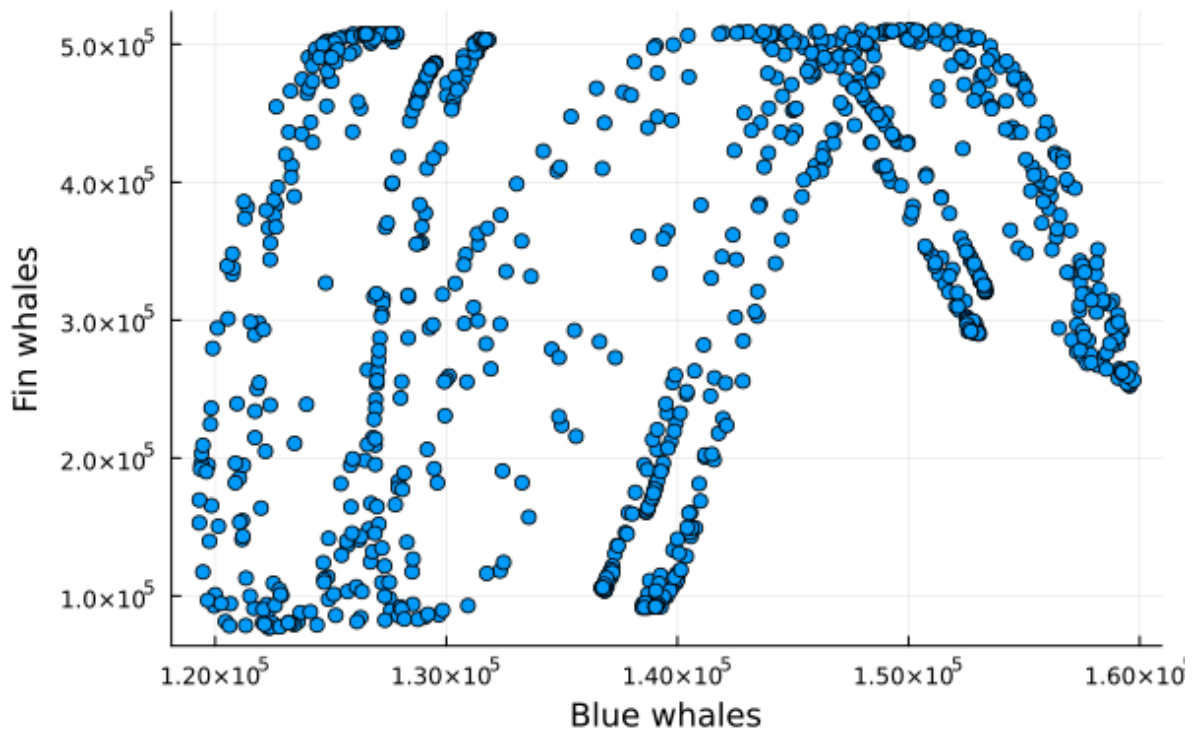
$X_0=[150000.0, 400000.0]$  and  $h=34$

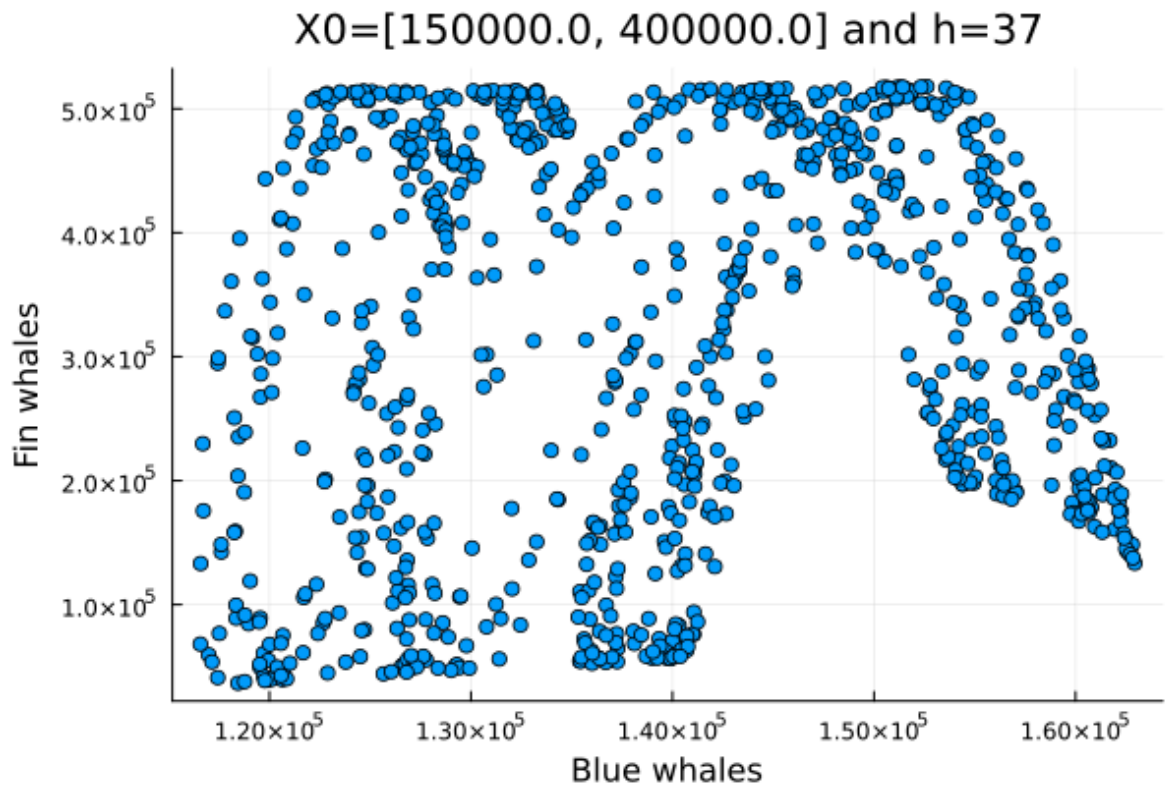


$X_0=[150000.0, 400000.0]$  and  $h=35$



$X_0=[150000.0, 400000.0]$  and  $h=36$





The limit set is visually indistinguishable when comparing the choice of  $X_0 = (5000, 70000)$  to  $X_0 = (150000, 400000)$ . Therefore it appears the limit set does not depend on the initial condition.

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