

## PREFACE

Papers collected in these two issues (Issues 11-12) of Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems Series S (DCDS-S) address and present some advances with an emphasis on newly developed techniques that further progress nonlinear systems and analysis, as well as applications in mathematical biology, physics, and engineering. These papers make notable contributions to many branches, including mathematical modeling, qualitative analysis, numerical computations, and simulations. It is also worth mentioning that some of these contributions not only present a great number of results, ideas, and techniques in nonlinear analysis, but also formulate new possible developments that may stimulate novel studies in this area.

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