

# Hopf bifurcations, and Some variations of diffusive logistic equation

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# **Hopf Bifurcation Theorem**

Consider ODE  $x' = f(\lambda, x), \lambda \in \mathbf{R}, x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , and f is smooth.

(i) Suppose that for  $\lambda$  near  $\lambda_0$  the system has a family of equilibria  $x^0(\lambda)$ . (ii) Assume that its Jacobian matrix  $A(\lambda) = f_x(\lambda, x^0(\lambda))$  has one pair of complex eigenvalues  $\mu(\lambda) \pm i\omega(\lambda)$ ,  $\mu(\lambda_0) = 0$ ,  $\omega(\lambda_0) > 0$ , and all other eigenvalues of  $A(\lambda)$  have non-zero real parts for all  $\lambda$  near  $\lambda_0$ .

If  $\mu'(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ , then the system has a family of periodic solutions  $(\lambda(s), x(s))$ for  $s \in (0, \delta)$  with period T(s), such that  $\lambda(s) \to \lambda_0$ ,  $T(s) \to 2\pi/\omega(\lambda_0)$ , and  $||x(s) - x^0(\lambda_0)|| \to 0$  as  $s \to 0^+$ .



#### **Predator-prey system with functional response**

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u(a - bu) - c\phi(u)v,$$
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -dv + f\phi(u)v.$$

 $\phi(u): \text{ predator functional response}$   $\phi(u) = u \text{ (Lotka-Volterra)}$   $\phi(u) = \frac{u}{1+mu} \text{ (Holling type II, } m: \text{ the handling time of prey)}$ [Holling, 1959](Michaelis-Menton biochemical kinetics)

**Biological work:** 

[Rosenzweig-MacArthur, American Naturalist 1963]

[Rosenzweig, Science, 1971] (Paradox of enrichment)

[May, Science, 1972] (Existence and uniqueness of limit cycle)

#### **Basic analysis of the model**

 $\frac{du}{dt} = u(1-u) - \frac{muv}{a+u}, \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = -dv + \frac{muv}{a+u}$ Nullcline(isocline):  $u = 0, v = \frac{(1-u)(a+u)}{m}; v = 0, d = \frac{mu}{a+u}$ .
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# **Phase portrait**



Left:  $(1 - a)/2 < \lambda < 1$ : (1, 0) is a saddle, and  $(\lambda, v_{\lambda})$  is a locally stable equilibrium Right:  $0 < \lambda < (1 - a)/2$ : (1, 0) is a saddle, and  $(\lambda, v_{\lambda})$  is a locally unstable equilibrium; there exists a limit cycle

A subcritical Hopf bifurcation occurs.

# **Global stability**

[Hsu, Math. Biosci., 1978]  $(\lambda, v_{\lambda})$  is globally asymptotically stable if  $a \ge 1$ , or 0 < a < 1 and  $1 - a \le \lambda < 1$ .

[Ardito et.al. J. Math. Biol., 1995]  $(\lambda, v_{\lambda})$  is asymptotically globally stable  $(1-a)/2 < \lambda < 1-a$ .

[Cheng, SIAM J. Math. Anal., 1981] If  $0 < \lambda < (1 - a)/2$ , then  $(\lambda, v_{\lambda})$  is unstable, and there is a unique periodic orbit which is globally asymptotically stable.

More on uniqueness of limit cycle: [Zhang, 1986], [Kuang-Freedman, 1988], [Sugie et.al. 1997], [Hsu et.al. 2001], [Xiao-Zhang, 2003]

### Summary

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# New result of this ODE

[Hsu-Shi, 2008] Relaxation oscillator profile of limit cycle in predator-prey system. Submitted. (Motivated by numerical observation)



# Graph of limit cycle

# Parameters: $a = 0.5, m = 1, d = 0.1, \lambda = 1/18 \approx 0.056$ , period $T \approx 37$ .



# Small d



# **Graph of limit cycle**

# Parameters: $a = 0.5, m = 1, d = 0.01, \lambda = 1/198 \approx 0.005$ , period $T \approx 336$ .



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# **Illustration of limit cycle**



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#### **Relaxation oscillation**

<u>Theorem 1</u>[Hsu-Shi, 2008] If 0 < a < 1 and m > 0 are fixed, and as  $d \to 0$ (thus  $\lambda \to 0$ ), then  $C_1 \lambda^{-1} \leq T(O_1 O_2) \leq C_2 \lambda^{-1}$ ,  $T(O_2 O_3)$ ,  $T(O_4 O_1) = O(|\ln \lambda|)$ , and  $T(O_3 O_4) = O(1)$ . In particular, the period  $T \to \infty$  as  $d \to 0$ . The shape of the graph of the limit cycle is a relaxation oscillator.

Other known relaxation oscillators:

Van der Pol oscillator in electrical circuits employing vacuum tubes, Fitzhugh-Nagumo oscillator in action potentials of neurons

Theorem 2[Hsu-Shi, 2008] If m > d > 0 are fixed, and as  $a \to 0$  (thus  $\lambda \to 0$ ), then  $C_1 \lambda^{-1} \leq T(O_1 O_2), T(O_3 O_4) \leq C_2 \lambda^{-1}$ ,  $T(O_2 O_3) = O(|\ln \lambda|)$ , and  $T(O_4 O_1) = O(1)$ . In particular, the period  $T \to \infty$  as  $a \to 0$ . The shape of the graph of the limit cycle is a nearly a Heaviside function.

#### **Reaction-diffusion predator-prey model**

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - d_1 u_{xx} &= u \left( 1 - \frac{u}{k} \right) - \frac{muv}{u+1}, & x \in (0, \ell\pi), \ t > 0, \\ v_t - d_2 v_{xx} &= -\theta v + \frac{muv}{u+1}, & x \in (0, \ell\pi), \ t > 0, \\ u_x(0, t) &= v_x(0, t) = 0, \ u_x(\ell\pi, t) = v_x(\ell\pi, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) \ge 0, \ v(x, 0) = v_0(x) \ge 0, & x \in (0, \ell\pi). \end{aligned}$$

All bifurcations for ODE still occurs for PDE as spatial homogeneous solutions.

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# **Determine the bifurcation points**

Linearization at  $(\lambda, v_{\lambda})$ :

$$L(\lambda) := \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\lambda(k-1-2\lambda)}{k(1+\lambda)} & -\theta \\ \frac{k-\lambda}{k(1+\lambda)} & d_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \end{pmatrix},$$

and 
$$L_n(\lambda) := \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{d_1 n^2}{\ell^2} + \frac{\lambda(k-1-2\lambda)}{k(1+\lambda)} & -\theta \\ \frac{k-\lambda}{k(1+\lambda)} & -\frac{d_2 n^2}{\ell^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} T_n(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda(k-1-2\lambda)}{k(1+\lambda)} - \frac{(d_1+d_2)n^2}{\ell^2}, \\ D_n(\lambda) = \frac{\theta(k-\lambda)}{k(1+\lambda)} - \left[\frac{d_2\lambda(k-1-2\lambda)}{k(1+\lambda)}\right] \frac{n^2}{\ell^2} + \frac{d_1d_2n^4}{\ell^4} \end{cases}$$

#### **Existence of spatial non-homogeneous periodic orbits**

#### Condition for Hopf bifurcation:

 $T_n(\lambda_0) = 0$ ,  $D_n(\lambda_0) > 0$ , and  $T_j(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ ,  $D_j(\lambda_0) \neq 0$  for  $j \neq n$ . <u>Theorem 3[Shi-Wei-Yi, 2008]</u> Suppose  $d_1, d_2, \theta > 0$  and k > 1 satisfy

$$\frac{d_1}{d_2} > \frac{\max h(\lambda)}{4\theta}$$
, where  $h(\lambda) := \frac{\lambda^2 (k - 1 - 2\lambda)^2}{k(1 + \lambda)(k - \lambda)}$ 

Then there exists  $\ell_n > 0$ , such that any  $\ell$  in  $(\ell_n, \ell_{n+1}]$ , there exists 2n points  $\lambda_{j,\pm}^H(\ell), 1 \le j \le n$ , satisfying

$$0 < \lambda_{1,-}^{H}(\ell) < \lambda_{2,-}^{H}(\ell) < \dots < \lambda_{2,+}^{H}(\ell) < \lambda_{1,+}^{H}(\ell) < \frac{k-1}{2},$$

such that the system undergoes a Hopf bifurcation at  $\lambda = \lambda_{j,\pm}^H$ , and the bifurcating periodic solution at  $\lambda = \lambda_{j,\pm}^H$  is in form of  $(u, v) = (\lambda_{j,\pm}^H, v(\lambda_{j,\pm}^H)) + s(a_0, b_0) \cos\left(\frac{jx}{\ell}\right) \cos(\omega_{j,\pm}t) + h.o.t.$ (There is no spatial non-homogeneous steady state solutions bifurcating for these parameters.)

#### More bifurcation: periodic orbits and steady states

<u>Theorem 4</u>[Shi-Wei-Yi, 2008] [Peng-Shi, in preparation] Suppose  $d_1, d_2, \theta > 0$  and k > 1 satisfy

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Then there exist  $\ell_{n,\pm}$  such that if for each  $\ell \in (\ell_{n,\pm}, \ell_{n,-})$  except a finite many exceptional  $\ell$ , there exists exactly two points  $\lambda_{n,\pm}^S$  such that a smooth curve  $\Gamma_{n,\pm}$  of positive solutions of the system bifurcating from  $(\lambda, u, v) = (\lambda_{n,\pm}^S, \lambda_{n,\pm}^S, v_{\lambda_{n,\pm}^S})$ , and  $\Gamma_{n,\pm}$  is contained in a global branch  $C_{n,\pm}$  of the positive solutions. Near  $(\lambda, u, v) = (\lambda_{n,\pm}^S, \lambda_{n,\pm}^S, v_{\lambda_{n,\pm}^S}),$  $\Gamma_{n,\pm} = \{(\lambda(s), u(s), v(s)) : s \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)\},$  where  $(u(s), v(s) = (\lambda_{n,\pm}^S, v_{\lambda_{n,\pm}^S}) + s(a_n, b_n) \cos(nx/\ell) + h.o.t.$  Moreover each  $C_{n,\pm}$  contains another  $(\lambda_{j,\pm}^S, \lambda_{j,\pm}^S, v_{\lambda_{i,\pm}^S})$ .

# **Bifurcation points: periodic orbits and steady states**



Bifurcation diagram:  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ , k = 3,  $\theta = 0.003$  and  $\ell = 30$ .

#### Remarks

<u>1.</u> We rigorously show the existence of spatial non-homogeneous periodic orbits in an autonomous and homogeneous reaction-diffusion system, which is rarely achieved previously. In general there are many Hopf and steady state bifurcations entangled for  $\lambda \in (0, (k-1)/2)$ , which indicates complicated spatiotemporal dynamics.

(Numerical evidence: Medvinsky, Li, et.al., Spatiotemporal complexity of plankton and fish dynamics. *SIAM Review* 2002.)

<u>2</u>. Near bifurcation points, these patterned solutions are all unstable, since  $(\lambda, v_{\lambda})$  has lost the stability at  $\lambda = (k - 1)/2$  to spatial homogenous periodic orbit.

<u>3.</u> These bifurcations are not Turing bifurcations since the diffusion coefficients can be chosen arbitrarily.

# **Rich spatial patterns in diffusive predator-prey system**



Patterns generated by diffusive predator-prey system

Our results show that the system does have many periodic solutions and steady state solutions.

# **Diffusive logistic equation (Fisher-KPP equation)**

[Fisher, 1937] [Kolmogoroff-Petrovsky-Piscounoff, 1937]

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u + \lambda u(1-u), & x \in \Omega, \ t > 0, \\ u(x,t) = 0, & x \in \partial \Omega, \ t > 0, \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x) \ge 0, & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Minimal patch size: for  $\lambda > \lambda_1$ , there is a unique steady state which is globally asymptotically stable. Traveling wave: (1-D and  $\Omega = \mathbf{R}$ ) traveling wave in form u(x, t) = v(x - ct) exists for  $c > 2\sqrt{\lambda}$ .



# Some ideas for the global stability

- 1. The uniqueness of positive steady state solution since 1 u is a decreasing function.
- 2. The system is a monotone dynamical system which preserves the order of the solution. (If  $u_1(x,0) \ge u_2(x,0)$ , then  $u_1(x,t) > u_2(x,t)$ .)
- 3. The system is a gradient system with a Lyapunov functional  $I(u) = (1/2) \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \lambda \int_{\Omega} F(u) dx$ , where  $F(u) = \int_0^u s(1-s) ds$ . Along a solution orbit  $u(\cdot, t)$ ,  $d/dt[I(u(\cdot, t))] \leq 0$ . Thus the orbit must converge to the set of steady state solutions.

How much of these nice results are still true when more structure is added to the model?

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- Logistic growth rate models the autocatalytic chemical reaction:  $A + B \rightarrow 2A$

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- In the convergent direction we have the following one dimensional equation for the average profile of the filament representing the evolution of a transverse slice of the filament in a Lagrangian reference frame (following the motion of a fluid element):

 $\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} - x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = Df(C) + \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}.$ 

# Numerical simulations: stretching of the patterns



Neufeld, et al, Chaos, Vol 12, 426-438, 2002.

#### A function space and a linear operator

The equation can be rewritten as  $\frac{2}{2}$ 

 $u_t = e^{-x^2/2} (e^{x^2/2} u_x)_x + Du(1-u)$ 

 $W_{\phi}^{1,2}(\mathbf{R}) = \{ u : u \text{ and } u' \text{ are measurable in } \mathbf{R}, \}$ 

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{x^2/2} u^2 dx < \infty, \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{x^2/2} (u')^2 dx < \infty \}.$$

We define a linear operator  $A\phi(x) = -e^{-x^2/2} \left(e^{x^2/2}\phi_x\right)_x$ . *A* is a self-adjoint densely defined linear operator in  $L^2_{\phi}(\mathbf{R})$ , and the domain  $D(A) = W^{1,2}_{\phi}(\mathbf{R}) \cap W^{2,2}_{\phi,loc}(\mathbf{R})$ . The spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  consists of simple eigenvalues  $\lambda_k = k, k \in \mathbf{N}$ , and the corresponding eigenfunction  $\phi_k(x) = e^{-x^2/2}P_k(x)$  where  $P_k$  is a polynomial of degree k - 1 which can be defined recursively.  $\{\phi_k(x)\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2_{\phi}(\mathbf{R})$ .

# **Global stability**

Theorem 5. Consider

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx} + xu_x + Du(1-u), & x \in \mathbf{R}, \ t > 0, \\ \lim_{|x| \to \infty} u(x,t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x) \ge 0, & x \in \mathbf{R}. \end{cases}$$
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- 1. When  $D \leq 1$ , (1) has only the trivial steady state solution  $u \equiv 0$ , and when D > 1, (1) has a unique positive steady state  $U_D(x)$ , which satisfies  $U_D(-x) = U_D(x)$ ;
- 2. For any D > 0,  $u_0 \in W^{1,2}_{\phi}(\mathbf{R})$  and  $u_0 \ge (\not\equiv)0$ , (1) has a unique solution u(x,t) > 0 for t > 0 and  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .
- 3. When  $D \leq 1$ , for any  $u_0 \in W^{1,2}_{\phi}(\mathbf{R})$  and  $u_0 \geq 0$ ,  $u(x,t) \to 0$  in  $W^{1,2}_{\phi}(\mathbf{R})$  as  $t \to \infty$ , and when D > 1, for any  $u_0 \in W^{1,2}_{\phi}(\mathbf{R})$  and  $u_0 \geq (\not\equiv)0$ ,  $u(x,t) \to U_D$  in  $W^{1,2}_{\phi}(\mathbf{R})$  as  $t \to \infty$ .

#### Shape of steady state

Theorem 6. Let  $(D, U_D)$  be the unique steady state solution. Let  $x_D$  be the unique point in  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $U_D(x_D) = 1/2$ . Then as  $D \to \infty$ ,

- 1.  $U_D(x) \rightarrow 1$  uniformly for x in any compact subset P of **R**;
- $2. \quad \lim_{D \to \infty} x_D D^{-1/2} = 2;$
- 3.  $U_D(x_D + D^{-1/2}y) \rightarrow v(y)$  uniformly for any y in any compact subset of **R**, where v(y) is a solution of

$$v'' + cv' + v(1-v) = 0, \quad v'(y) < 0, \quad \lim_{y \to -\infty} v(y) = 1, \quad \lim_{y \to \infty} v(y) = 0,$$

where c = 2.

Hence the steady state  $U_D$  has a "plateau top" near u = 1 with width about  $4\sqrt{D}$ , and the sharp interface has the width  $O(D^{-1/2})$  when D is large.

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Asymptotic propagation speed [Kolmogoroff-Petrovsky-Piscounoff, 1937] Assume spatial domain **R** with compact support initial value. Interfaces between u = 0 and u = 1 are developed, and they are moving toward  $\pm \infty$ with asymptotic speed  $c = 2\sqrt{D}$ , which is the minimal speed or all possible traveling waves.

connection with Theorem 6

#### Numerical illustrations D = 40

- $u(x,0) = exp(-(x-2)^2) + exp(-(x+2)^2)$ simulation
- $u(x,0) = 2exp(-2(x-2)^2) + exp(-(x+2)^2) + 3exp(-(x-5)^2)$ simulation
- $u(x,0) = cos(\pi x/40)$  when |x| < 20 and u(x,0) = 0 when  $|x| \ge 20$  simulation
- $u(x,0) = exp(-(x-2)^2) + exp(-(x+2)^2)$  Fisher equation simulation

#### **Effect of delay: diffusive Hutchingson equation**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = \Delta u(x,t) + \lambda u(x,t)(1 - u(x,t-\tau)), & x \in \Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x,t) = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x,s) = \eta(x,s) \ge 0, & x \in \Omega, \quad -\tau \le s \le 0. \end{cases}$$

It has the same unique steady state solution as diffusive logistic equation, but is it stable?

[Busenberg-Huang, 1996] (case of n = 1) The unique positive steady state  $u_{\lambda}$ may not be stable. For  $\lambda > \lambda_1$  but near  $\lambda_1$ ,  $u_{\lambda}$  is locally stable for small  $\tau > 0$ , but is unstable for large  $\tau > 0$ . A supercritical Hopf bifurcation occurs at a sequence of  $\tau_n > 0$ , and a periodic orbit exists for  $\tau > \tau_0$ .

### **Delay induced different Hopf bifurcation**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = \Delta u(x,t) + \lambda u(x,t) f(u(x,t-\tau)), & x \in \Omega, \ t > 0, \\ u(x,t) = 0, & x \in \partial \Omega, \ t > 0, \\ u(x,s) = \eta(x,s) \ge 0, & x \in \Omega, \ -\tau \le s \le 0. \end{cases}$$

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