

# Reaction-Diffusion Models and Bifurcation Theory

## Lecture 9: Hopf bifurcation

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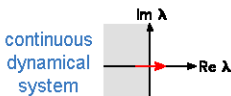
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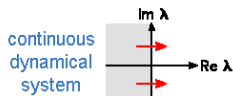
**Stationary Bifurcation** (transcritical/pitchfork): if 0 is an eigenvalue of  $D_u F(\lambda_*, u_*)$ . It generates new stationary (steady state, equilibrium) solutions.

**Hopf Bifurcation:** if  $\pm ki$  ( $k > 0$ ) is a pair of eigenvalues of  $D_u F(\lambda_*, u_*)$ . It generates new small amplitude periodic orbits.

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# Poincaré-Andronov-Hopf Bifurcation Theorem

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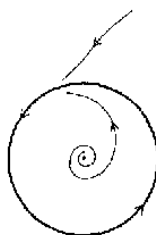
If  $\mu'(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ , then the system has a family of periodic solutions  $(\lambda(s), x(s))$  for  $s \in (0, \delta)$  with period  $T(s)$ , such that  $\lambda(s) \rightarrow \lambda_0$ ,  $T(s) \rightarrow 2\pi/\omega(\lambda_0)$ , and  $\|x(s) - x^0(\lambda_0)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $s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



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# Poincaré-Andronov-Hopf bifurcation



Henri Poincaré (1852-1912)   Aleksandr Andronov (1901-1952)  
Eberhard Hopf (1902-1983)

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# Proof of Hopf bifurcation theorem: (1) transformation

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- (iii)  $\mu'(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ .

**Preparation:**

1. We can assume  $x^0(\lambda) = 0$  (if not we can make a change of variables:  $y = x - x^0(\lambda)$ ), so from now we assume that  $f(\lambda, 0) = 0$  for  $\lambda$  near  $\lambda_0$ , and  $A(\lambda) = f_x(\lambda, 0)$ .
2. A periodic solution  $x(t)$  satisfying  $x(t + \rho) = x(t)$  for a period  $\rho$ . We rescale the time  $s = t/\rho$ . Then the equation  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(\lambda, x)$  becomes  $\frac{dx}{ds} = \rho f(\lambda, x)$ , and now  $x(s)$  satisfies  $x(s) = x(s + 1)$  for a period 1. From now we consider the equation  $x' = \rho f(\lambda, x)$ , and we look for periodic solutions with period 1.

# Proof of Hopf bifurcation theorem: (2) Setup

Consider ODE  $x' = \rho f(\lambda, x)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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Define the spaces

$$X = \{x \in C^1(\mathbb{R} : \mathbb{R}^n) : x(t+1) = x(t)\}, \quad Y = \{y \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n) : y(t+1) = y(t)\}.$$

and a mapping  $F : U \times V \times X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $\lambda_0 \in U \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho_0 = 2\pi/\omega_0 \in V \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$F(\lambda, \rho, x) = x' - \rho f(\lambda, x).$$

Since the eigenvalues are complex, hence we may consider the linearized equations in

$$X_{\mathbb{C}} = X + iX = \{x_1 + ix_2 : x_1, x_2 \in X\}, \quad Y_{\mathbb{C}} = Y + iY.$$

# Proof of Hopf bifurcation theorem: (3) Linearization

Consider  $F : U \times V \times X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $\lambda_0 \in U \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho_0 = 2\pi/\omega_0 \in V \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$F(\lambda, \rho, x) = x' - \rho f(\lambda, x).$$

Then

$$F_x(\lambda, \rho, x)[w] = w' - \rho f_x(\lambda, x)w, \quad F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)[w] = w' - \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} f_x(\lambda_0, 0)w.$$

Kernel is two-dimensional:

$$\mathcal{N}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)) = \text{span} \{ \exp(2\pi i t) v_0, \exp(-2\pi i t) \overline{v_0} \},$$

where  $f_x(\lambda_0, 0)v_0 = i\omega_0 v_0$  and  $v_0 (\neq 0) \in X_{\mathbb{C}}$ .

Range is codimensional two:

$$\mathcal{R}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)) = \{ h \in Y_{\mathbb{C}} : h \exp(2\pi i t) v_0 = 0, h \exp(-2\pi i t) \overline{v_0} = 0 \},$$

or more precisely  $h = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h_k \exp(2k\pi i t)$  (Fourier series),  $h_{-k} = \overline{h_k}$ ,  $h_1 \cdot v_0 = 0$ .

# Proof of Hopf bifurcation theorem: (4) New spaces

For

$$X = \{x \in C^1(\mathbb{R} : \mathbb{R}^n) : x(t+1) = x(t)\}, \quad Y = \{y \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n) : y(t+1) = y(t)\},$$

there are the space decompositions:

$$X = \mathcal{N}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)) + Z, \quad Y = \mathcal{R}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)) + W,$$

where  $Z$  and  $W$  are complements of  $\mathcal{N}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0))$  and  $\mathcal{R}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0))$  respectively.

Let  $w_0 = \frac{\exp(2\pi it)v_0 + \exp(-2\pi it)\overline{v_0}}{2} = \cos(2\pi t)u_0$  ( $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ), and let  $X_1 = \text{span}\{w_0\} + Z$ .

We restrict  $F(\lambda, \rho, x) = x' - \rho f(\lambda, x)$  for  $x \in X_1$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)) = \text{span}\{w_0\}$ .

Define  $Y_1 = \{y \in Y : \sum_{k \neq 1} y_k \exp(2k\pi it) + y_1 \cos(2\pi t)\}$ . Then  $F : U \times V \times X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  satisfies  $\text{codim}(\mathcal{R}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0))) = 1$ . Indeed  $\mathcal{R}(F_x(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)) = \{y \in Y_1 : y_1 \cdot x_0 = 0\}$ .

# Bifurcation from simple eigenvalue with two parameters

**Theorem 7.6.** [Crandall-Rabinowitz, 1971, JFA]

Let  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $(\lambda_0, u_0)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times X$ , and let  $F : U \rightarrow Y$  be a continuously differentiable mapping such that  $F_{\lambda u}$  exists and continuous in  $U$ . Assume that  $F(\lambda, u_0) = 0$  for  $(\lambda, u_0) \in U$ . At  $(\lambda_0, u_0)$ ,  $F$  satisfies

**(F1)**  $\dim \mathcal{N}(F_u(\lambda_0, u_0)) = \text{codim} \mathcal{R}(F_u(\lambda_0, u_0)) = 1$ , and

**(F3)**  $F_{\lambda u}(\lambda_0, u_0)[w_0] \notin \mathcal{R}(F_u(\lambda_0, u_0))$ , where  $w_0 \in \mathcal{N}(F_u(\lambda_0, u_0))$ ,

Let  $Z$  be any complement of  $\mathcal{N}(F_u(\lambda_0, u_0)) = \text{span}\{w_0\}$  in  $X$ . Then the solution set of  $F(\lambda, u) = 0$  near  $(\lambda_0, u_0)$  consists precisely of the curves  $u = u_0$  and  $\{(\lambda(s), u(s)) : s \in I = (-\epsilon, \epsilon)\}$ , where  $\lambda : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z : I \rightarrow Z$  are continuous functions such that  $u(s) = u_0 + sw_0 + sz(s)$ ,  $\lambda(0) = \lambda_0$ ,  $z(0) = 0$ .

**two-parameter case.** [Shearer, 1978, MPCPS] Let  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $(\lambda_0, \rho_0, u_0)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times X$ , and let  $F : U \rightarrow Y$  be a continuously differentiable mapping such that  $F_{\lambda u}$  and  $F_{\rho u}$  exist and continuous in  $U$ . Assume that  $F(\lambda, \rho, u_0) = 0$  for  $(\lambda, \rho, u_0) \in U$ . At  $(\lambda_0, \rho_0, u_0)$ ,  $F$  satisfies

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**(F3)** there exists  $(a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that

$a_1 F_{\lambda u}(\lambda_0, \rho_0, u_0)[w_0] + a_2 F_{\rho u}(\lambda_0, \rho_0, u_0)[w_0] \notin \mathcal{R}(F_u(\lambda_0, \rho_0, u_0))$ , where  $w_0 \in \mathcal{N}(F_u(\lambda_0, \rho_0, u_0))$ ,

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# Proof of Hopf bifurcation theorem: (5)

For the mapping  $F : U \times V \times X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$ ,  $F(\lambda, \rho, x) = x' - \rho f(\lambda, x)$ , **(F1)** is satisfied.

$$F_{\rho u}(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)[w_0] = -f_x(\lambda_0, 0)w_0 = 0,$$

$$F_{\lambda u}(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)[w_0] = -\rho_0 f_{\lambda x}(\lambda_0, 0)w_0$$

Let  $f_x(\lambda, 0)[w(\lambda)] = (\alpha(\lambda) + i\beta(\lambda))w(\lambda)$ . By differentiating with respect to  $\lambda$ , we get

$$f_{\lambda x}(\lambda_0, 0)[\exp(2\pi it)v_0] =$$

$$(\alpha'(\lambda_0) + i\beta'(\lambda_0))\exp(2\pi it)v_0 - [f_x(\lambda_0, 0)w'(\lambda_0) - (\alpha(\lambda_0) + i\beta(\lambda_0))w'(\lambda_0)].$$
 Then

$$f_{\lambda x}(\lambda_0, 0)w_0 = \alpha'(\lambda_0)w_0 + z \text{ for some } z \in \mathcal{R}(F_u(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)), \text{ hence}$$

$$f_{\lambda x}(\lambda_0, 0)w_0 \notin \mathcal{R}(F_u(\lambda_0, \rho_0, 0)) \text{ since } \alpha'(\lambda_0) \neq 0.$$

From the bifurcation from simple eigenvalue with two-parameter theorem, all nontrivial solutions of  $F(\lambda, \rho, x) = 0$  are on a curve  $\{(\lambda(s), \rho(s), x(s)) : |s| < \delta\}$ .

In this way, we prove the periodic solutions in  $X_1$  are all on the curve  $\{(\lambda(s), \rho(s), x(s)) : |s| < \delta\}$ . Note that with different choice of  $X_1$  and  $Y_1$ , different periodic solutions can be obtained, but they are only the same as the ones in  $X_1$  after a time phase shift.

# Dynamical system approach

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More non-degeneracy condition:  $l_1(0) \neq 0$  (where  $l_1(\alpha)$  is the first Lyapunov coefficient), then according to the Center Manifold Theorem, there is a family of smooth two-dimensional invariant manifolds  $W_c^\alpha$  near the origin. The  $n$ -dimensional system restricted on  $W_c^\alpha$  is two-dimensional.

Moreover, under the non-degeneracy conditions, the  $n$ -dimensional system is locally topologically equivalent near the origin to the suspension of the normal form by the standard saddle, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_1 &= \beta y_1 - y_2 + \sigma y_1(y_1^2 + y_2^2), \quad \dot{y}_2 = y_1 + \beta y_2 + \sigma y_2(y_1^2 + y_2^2), & (\text{center manifold}) \\ \dot{y}^s &= -y^s, & (\text{stable manifold}), \quad \dot{y}^u = +y^u & (\text{unstable manifold}) \end{aligned}$$

Whether Andronov-Hopf bifurcation is subcritical or supercritical is determined by  $\sigma$ , which is the sign of the “first Lyapunov coefficient”  $l_1(0)$  of the dynamical system near the equilibrium.

# First Lyapunov coefficient

Write the Taylor expansion of  $f(x, 0)$  at  $x = 0$  as

$$f(x, 0) = A_0 x + \frac{1}{2} B(x, x) + \frac{1}{6} C(x, x, x) + O(\|x\|^4),$$

where  $B(x, y)$  and  $C(x, y, z)$  are the multilinear functions with components

$$B_j(x, y) = \sum_{k,l=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 f_j(\xi, 0)}{\partial \xi_k \partial \xi_l} \Big|_{\xi=0} x_k y_l,$$

$$C_j(x, y, z) = \sum_{k,l,m=1}^n \frac{\partial^3 f_j(\xi, 0)}{\partial \xi_k \partial \xi_l \partial \xi_m} \Big|_{\xi=0} x_k y_l z_m,$$

where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $q \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be a complex eigenvector of  $A_0$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $i\omega_0$ :  $A_0 q = i\omega_0 q$ . Introduce also the adjoint eigenvector  $p \in \mathbb{C}^n$ :

$A_0^T p = -i\omega_0 p$ ,  $\langle p, q \rangle = 1$ . Here  $\langle p, q \rangle = \bar{p}^T q$  is the inner product in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Then (see, for example, [\[Kuznetsov, 2004, book\]](#))

$$l_1(0) = \frac{1}{2\omega_0} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \langle p, C(q, q, \bar{q}) \rangle - 2 \langle p, B(q, A_0^{-1} B(q, \bar{q})) \rangle + \langle p, B(\bar{q}, (2i\omega_0 I_n - A_0)^{-1} B(q, q)) \rangle \right]$$

where  $I_n$  is the unit  $n \times n$  matrix. Note that the value (but not the sign) of  $l_1(0)$  depends on the scaling of the eigenvector  $q$ . The normalization  $\langle q, q \rangle = 1$  is one of the options to remove this ambiguity.

# Rosenzweig-MacArthur model

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u \left( 1 - \frac{u}{k} \right) - \frac{mu v}{1 + u}, \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = -\theta v + \frac{mu v}{1 + u}$$

$$\text{Nullcline: } u = 0, v = \frac{(k - u)(1 + u)}{m}; \quad v = 0, \theta = \frac{mu}{1 + u}.$$

$$\text{Solving } \theta = \frac{mu}{1 + u}, \text{ one have } u = \lambda \equiv \frac{\theta}{m - \theta}.$$

$$\text{Equilibria: } (0, 0), (k, 0), (\lambda, v_\lambda) \text{ where } v_\lambda = \frac{(k - \lambda)(1 + \lambda)}{m}$$

We take  $\lambda$  as a bifurcation parameter

Case 1:  $\lambda \geq k$ :  $(k, 0)$  is globally asymptotically stable

Case 2:  $(k - 1)/2 < \lambda < k$ :  $(k, 0)$  is a saddle, and  $(\lambda, v_\lambda)$  is a globally stable equilibrium

Case 3:  $0 < \lambda < (k - 1)/2$ :  $(k, 0)$  is a saddle, and  $(\lambda, v_\lambda)$  is an unstable equilibrium  
 $(\lambda = \lambda_0 = (k - 1)/2)$  is a Hopf bifurcation point)

$$A_0 = L_0(\lambda_0) := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\lambda_0(k - 1 - 2\lambda_0)}{k(1 + \lambda_0)} & -\theta \\ \frac{k - \lambda_0}{k(1 + \lambda_0)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Normal form (1)

[Yi-Wei-Shi, 2009, JDE]

Eigenvector:  $A_0 q = i\omega_0 q$ ,  $A_0^* q^* = -i\omega_0 q^*$ ,  $\langle q, q^* \rangle = 1$ .

$$q := \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i\omega_0/\theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad q^* := \begin{pmatrix} a_0^* \\ b_0^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ -\theta i/(2\omega_0) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\theta/k}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda, u, v) &= (u + \lambda) \left( 1 - \frac{u + \lambda}{k} \right) - \frac{m(u + \lambda)(v + v_\lambda)}{1 + u + \lambda}, \\ g(\lambda, u, v) &= -\theta(v + v_\lambda) + \frac{m(u + \lambda)(v + v_\lambda)}{1 + u + \lambda}, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &= \frac{-2(k-1)^2 + 8i\omega_0 k}{k(k-1)(k+1)}, \quad d_0 = -\frac{4(k-1) + 8i\omega_0 k}{k(k-1)(k+1)}, \\ e_0 &= \frac{2(1-k)}{k(k+1)}, \quad f_0 = -\frac{4}{k(k+1)}, \quad g_0 = -h_0 = -\frac{24(k-1) + 16i\omega_0 k}{k(k-1)(k+1)^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

## Normal form (2)

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle q^*, Q_{qq} \rangle &= \frac{4\theta\omega_0 k - (k-1)^2\omega_0 + 2\theta(3-k)i}{k(k-1)(k+1)\omega_0}, \\
 \langle q^*, Q_{q\bar{q}} \rangle &= \frac{(1-k)\omega_0 - 2\theta i}{k(k+1)\omega_0}, \\
 \langle \bar{q}^*, Q_{qq} \rangle &= -\frac{(k-1)^2\omega_0 + 2\theta k\omega_0 - 4\theta ki}{k(k-1)(k+1)\omega_0}, \\
 \langle \bar{q}^*, C_{qq\bar{q}} \rangle &= \frac{-12(k-1)\omega_0 - 8\theta k\omega_0 + 4\theta(3k-5)i}{k(k-1)(k+1)^2\omega_0}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{20} &= \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ d_0 \end{pmatrix} - \langle q^*, Q_{qq} \rangle \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix} - \langle \bar{q}^*, Q_{qq} \rangle \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}_0 \\ \bar{b}_0 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \\
 H_{11} &= \begin{pmatrix} e_0 \\ f_0 \end{pmatrix} - \langle q^*, Q_{q\bar{q}} \rangle \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix} - \langle \bar{q}^*, Q_{q\bar{q}} \rangle \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}_0 \\ \bar{b}_0 \end{pmatrix} = 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

which implies that  $w_{20} = w_{11} = 0$ . So

$$\langle q^*, Q_{w_{11}, q} \rangle = \langle q^*, Q_{w_{20}, \bar{q}} \rangle = 0. \tag{5}$$

# Normal form (3)

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \operatorname{Re}(c_1(\lambda_0)) &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{i}{2\omega_0} \langle q^*, Q_{qq} \rangle \cdot \langle q^*, Q_{q\bar{q}} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle q^*, C_{q,q,\bar{q}} \rangle \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\theta(4\theta k - (k-1)^2 - (3-k)(1-k))}{k^2(k-1)(k+1)^2\omega_0^2} + \frac{6\omega_0(1-k) - 4\theta\omega_0 k}{k(k-1)(k+1)^2\omega_0} \\
 &= \frac{\theta(4\theta k - (k-1)^2 - (3-k)(1-k))}{k^2(k-1)(k+1)^2\omega_0^2} - \frac{6(k-1) + 4\theta k}{k(k-1)(k+1)^2} \quad (6) \\
 &= \frac{4\theta k - (k-1)^2 - (3-k)(1-k) - 6(k-1) - 4\theta k}{k(k-1)(k+1)^2} \\
 &= -\frac{2(k-1)(k+1)}{k(k-1)(k+1)^2} = -\frac{2}{k(k+1)} < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The bifurcation is supercritical (resp. subcritical) if

$$\frac{1}{\alpha'(\lambda_0)} \operatorname{Re}(c_1(\lambda_0)) < 0 \text{ (resp. } > 0 \text{)}; \quad (7)$$

see also [\[Kuznetsov, 2004, book\]](#)

# Higher dimension

ODE model:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(\lambda, y), \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n, f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

**Equilibrium:**  $y = y_0$  so that  $f(\lambda_0, y_0) = 0$

**Jacobian Matrix:**  $J = f_y(\lambda_0, y_0)$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix

**Characteristic equation:**

$$P(\lambda) = \text{Det}(\lambda I - J) = \lambda^n + a_1 \lambda^{n-1} + a_2 \lambda^{n-2} + \cdots + a_{n-1} \lambda + a_n$$

**Routh-Hurwitz criterion:** complicated for general  $n$

$$n = 1: \lambda + a_1 = 0, \underline{a_1 > 0}$$

$$n = 2: \lambda^2 + a_1 \lambda + a_2 = 0, \underline{a_1 > 0, a_2 > 0} \text{ Trace-determinant plane}$$

$$n = 3: \lambda^3 + a_1 \lambda^2 + a_2 \lambda + a_3 = 0, \underline{a_1 > 0, a_2 > \frac{a_3}{a_1}, a_3 > 0}$$

$$n = 4: \lambda^4 + a_1 \lambda^3 + a_2 \lambda^2 + a_3 \lambda + a_4 = 0, \underline{a_1 > 0, a_2 > \frac{a_3^2 + a_1^2 a_4}{a_1 a_3}, a_3 > 0, a_4 > 0}$$

$$n \geq 5: \text{check books}$$

# 3D system

$$n = 3: \lambda^3 + a_1\lambda^2 + a_2\lambda + a_3 = 0, \quad a_1 > 0, \quad a_2 > \frac{a_3}{a_1}, \quad a_3 > 0$$

Hopf bifurcation point:  $a_1 > 0, a_3 > 0, a_1 a_2 - a_3 = 0$ .

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1 = \beta i, \lambda_2 = -\beta i$ , and  $\lambda_3 = -\alpha$  (for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ) Then

$$a_1 = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) = \alpha > 0, \quad a_2 = \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 = \beta^2 > 0, \quad a_3 = -\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3 = \alpha\beta^2 > 0.$$

And  $a_1 a_2 - a_3 = 0$ .

**Example:** (Lorenz system)  $x' = \sigma(y - x), y' = rx - y - xz, z' = xy - bz$ .

**Basic dynamics:**

equilibria:  $C_0 = (0, 0, 0), C_{\pm} = (\pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, \pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, r-1)$ .

global stability: when  $0 < r < 1$ ,  $C_0$  is globally stable

Jacobian:  $\begin{pmatrix} -\sigma & \sigma & 0 \\ r-z & -1 & -x \\ y & x & -b \end{pmatrix}$ , characteristic equation at  $C_{\pm}$ :

$$\lambda^3 + (\sigma + b + 1)\lambda^2 + (r + \sigma)b\lambda + 2b\sigma(r - 1) = 0$$

Hopf bifurcation:  $a_1 = \sigma + b + 1 > 0, a_3 = 2b\sigma(r - 1) > 0$ ,

$$a_1 a_2 - a_3 = (\sigma + b + 1)(r + \sigma)b - 2b\sigma(r - 1) = 0$$

Hopf bifurcation point:  $r = \frac{\sigma(\sigma + b + 3)}{\sigma - b - 1}$ . **It is a subcritical bifurcation.**

# Global bifurcation of periodic orbits

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

**Assumptions:**

- (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  $\mu(\lambda) \pm i\omega(\lambda)$ ,  $\mu(\lambda_0) = 0$ ,  $\omega(\lambda_0) = \omega_0 > 0$ , and all other eigenvalues of  $A(\lambda)$  have non-zero real parts for all  $\lambda$  near  $\lambda_0$ .
- (iii)  $\mu'(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ .

Let  $x(\lambda, t; x_0)$  be the solution of the equation with initial condition  $x(\lambda, 0; x_0) = x_0$ .

We say  $(\lambda, x_0)$  is **stationary** if  $x(\lambda, t; x_0) = x_0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

We say  $(\lambda, x_0)$  is **periodic** if it is not stationary, and there exists  $T > 0$  such that  $x(\lambda, T; x_0) = x_0$ .

If  $(\lambda, x_0)$  is periodic, then all positive  $T > 0$  such that  $x(\lambda, T; x_0) = x_0$  are the **periods**. The smallest positive period is the **least period**.

Define

$$\Sigma = \{(\lambda, T, x_0) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n : x(\lambda, T; x_0) = x_0 \text{ and } (\lambda, x_0) \text{ is periodic}\}.$$

# Global bifurcation of periodic orbits

[Alexander-Yorke, 1978, AJM]

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- (iii)  $\mu'(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ .

Define

$$S = \{(\lambda, T, x_0) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n : x(\lambda, T; x_0) = x_0 \text{ and } (\lambda, x_0) \text{ is periodic}\}.$$

- 1 There exists connected component  $S_0$  of  $S \cup \{y_0 \equiv (\lambda_0, 2\pi/\omega_0, x^0(\lambda_0))\}$  containing  $y_0$  and at least one periodic solution. Near  $y_0$ , every  $y = (\lambda, T, x_0) (\neq y_0) \in S_0$  is periodic with the least period  $T$ .
- 2 One or both of the following are satisfied: (i)  $S_0$  is not contained in any compact subset of  $\mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n$ ; (ii) there exists a point  $(\lambda_*, T_*, x_{0*}) \in \overline{S_0} \setminus S_0$ .
- 3 For any  $(\lambda_*, T_*, x_{0*}) \in \overline{S} \setminus S$ ,  $(\lambda_*, x_{0*})$  is stationary. For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a neighborhood  $U_\varepsilon$  of  $(\lambda_*, T_*, x_{0*})$  such that for any  $(\lambda, T, x_0) \in U_\varepsilon \cap S$ , all points of the orbit  $x(\lambda, t; x_0)$  are of distance less than  $\varepsilon$  from  $x_{0*}$ .

# Remarks

- 1 The assumptions (ii) and (iii) can be generalized to: there are  $k$  pairs of purely imaginary eigenvalues of  $A(\lambda_0)$  in form  $\{i\beta_j\omega_0 : 1 \leq j \leq k\}$  with  $1 \leq \beta_1 \leq \beta_2 \leq \dots \leq \beta_k$ , and the change of the number of such eigenvalues with positive real part from  $\lambda = \lambda_0 - \varepsilon$  to  $\lambda = \lambda_0 + \varepsilon$  is odd.
- 2 The proofs of the result use homotopy theory or Fuller index or other topological invariants.
- 3 The theorem states that either the connected component  $S_0$  contains another stationary solution, or it is unbounded in the sense that

$$\sup_{(\lambda, T, x_0) \in S_0, t \in \mathbb{R}} (|\lambda| + |T| + |T^{-1}| + |x(\lambda, t; x_0)|) = \infty.$$

- 4 If  $(\lambda, T, x_0) \in S_0$ , then  $T$  is not necessarily the least period of the periodic solution  $x(\lambda, T; x_0)$ . If  $i\omega_0$  is an simple eigenvalue of  $A(\lambda_0)$ , then near  $y_0$ ,  $T$  is the least period. Note that if  $T$  is a period, so is  $kT$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , so the periods are always unbounded. The main point of the theorem is the periods can be unbounded continuously.
- 5 The notation  $x(\lambda, t; x_0)$  is a periodic solution, and  $\{x(\lambda, t; x_0) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a periodic orbit. It is clear that for any  $x_t = x(\lambda, t; x_0)$ ,  $x(\lambda, t; x_t)$  is also a periodic solution, but it has the same orbit as  $x(\lambda, t; x_0)$ . For a fixed  $\lambda$ , the periodic solution is never unique, but the periodic orbit may be unique. Hence it is wrong to say “there exists at least two periodic solutions” in a theorem, and you should say “there exists at least two periodic orbits”.

# Example

Rosenzweig-MacArthur model

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u \left( 1 - \frac{u}{k} \right) - \frac{mu v}{1 + u}, \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = -\theta v + \frac{mu v}{1 + u}.$$

Parameter:  $\lambda \equiv \frac{\theta}{m - \theta}.$

Equilibria:  $(0, 0), (k, 0), (\lambda, v_\lambda)$  where  $v_\lambda = \frac{(k - \lambda)(1 + \lambda)}{m}$

Case 1:  $\lambda \geq k$ :  $(k, 0)$  is globally asymptotically stable

Case 2:  $(k - 1)/2 < \lambda < k$ :  $(\lambda, v_\lambda)$  is a globally stable equilibrium

Case 3:  $0 < \lambda < (k - 1)/2$ :  $(k, 0)$  and  $(\lambda, v_\lambda)$  are both unstable  
 $(\lambda = \lambda_0 = (k - 1)/2)$  is a Hopf bifurcation point)

There exists a branch of periodic orbits  $S_0 = \{(\lambda, T, x_0) : 0 < \lambda < (k - 1)/2\}.$

One can show that  $|x_0|$  is bounded for  $S_0$ , so  $T$  is unbounded when  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ . In this case, the limit of the orbits  $\{x(\lambda, t; x_0) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  when  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  is not an orbit.

[\[Hsu-Shi, 2009, DCDS-B\]](#)

Sometimes if  $T \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_*$ , the limit of the orbits  $\{x(\lambda, t; x_0) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  when  $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_*$  is a homoclinic orbit or a heteroclinic loop of the system.

[\[Wang-Shi-Wei, 2011, JMB\]](#)

# Abstract version: Hopf bifurcation theorem

[Crandall-Rabinowitz, ARMA, 1977]

Consider an evolution equation in Banach space  $X$ :

$$\frac{du}{dt} + Lu + f(\mu, u) = 0. \quad (8)$$

Here  $X$  is a Banach space, and  $X_{\mathbb{C}} = X + iX$  is the complexification of  $X$ ;  $L : X \rightarrow X$  is a linear operator and it can be extended to  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$  naturally. The spectral set  $\sigma(L) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , and  $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$  if and only if  $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(L)$ .

Conditions on  $L$  (HL):

- ①  $-L$  is the infinitesimal generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $T(t)$  on  $X$ ;
- ②  $T(t)$  is a holomorphic (analytic) semigroup on  $X_{\mathbb{C}}$ ;
- ③  $(\lambda I - L)^{-1}$  is compact for  $\lambda \notin \sigma(L)$ ;
- ④  $i$  is a simple eigenvalue of  $L$  (with eigenvector  $w_0 \neq 0$ );
- ⑤  $ni \notin \sigma(L)$  for  $n = 0$  and  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ .

# Abstract version: Hopf bifurcation theorem

Conditions on  $f$ : (Hf)

- 1 There exists  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and a neighborhood  $U$  of  $(\mu, u) = (0, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times X^\alpha$  such that  $f \in C^2(U, X)$ ;
- 2  $f(\mu, 0) = 0$  for  $(\mu, 0) \in U$  and  $f_u(0, 0) = 0$ .

(HL) and (Hf) imply that there exists  $C^1$  functions  $(\beta(\mu), v(\mu))$  for  $\mu \in (-\delta, \delta)$  such that

$$[L + f_u(\mu, 0)]v(\mu) = \beta(\mu)v(\mu), \quad \beta(0) = i, \quad v(0) = w_0.$$

Condition on  $\beta$ : (H $\beta$ )

- 1  $\operatorname{Re} \beta'(0) \neq 0$ .

**Rescaling**  $\tau = \rho^{-1}t$ : change the period of periodic orbit to a parameter

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} + \rho Lu + \rho f(\mu, u) = 0. \quad (9)$$

Looking for a period-1 periodic orbit for the rescaled equation.

**Convert it to integral equation**  $u(\tau)$  is a solution to (9) for  $\tau \in [0, r]$  if and only if, for  $\tau \in [0, r]$ ,

$$F(\rho, \mu, u) \equiv u(\tau) - T(\rho\tau)u(0) + \rho \int_0^\tau T(\rho(\tau - \xi))f(\mu, u(\xi))d\xi = 0.$$

# Abstract version: Hopf bifurcation theorem

Let  $C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}, X_\alpha)$  be the set of  $2\pi$ -periodic continuous functions, and let  $C_0([0, 2\pi], X_\alpha) = \{h : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow X_\alpha, h(0) = 0, h \text{ is continuous}\}$ . Then

$$F(\rho, \mu, u) \equiv u(\tau) - T(\rho\tau)u(0) + \rho \int_0^\tau T(\rho(\tau - \xi))f(\mu, u(\xi))d\xi$$

is well-defined so that  $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}, X_\alpha) \rightarrow C_0([0, 2\pi], X_\alpha)$ .

**Theorem.** Let (HL), (Hf) and (H $\beta$ ) be satisfied. Then there exist  $\varepsilon, \eta > 0$  and  $C^1$  functions  $(\rho, \mu, u) : (-\eta, \eta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}, X_\alpha)$  such that

- 1  $F(\rho(s), \mu(s), u(s)) = 0$  for  $|s| < \eta$ .
- 2  $\mu(0) = 0, u(0) = 0, \rho(0) = 1$  and  $u(s) \neq 0$  for  $0 < |s| < \eta$ .
- 3 If  $(\mu_1, u_1) \in \mathbb{R} \times C(\mathbb{R}, X_\alpha)$  is a solution of (8) with period  $2\pi\rho_1$ , where  $|\rho_1 - 1| < \varepsilon, |\mu_1| < \varepsilon$ , and  $\|u_1\|_\alpha < \varepsilon$ , then there exist  $s \in [0, \eta)$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$  such that  $u(\rho_1\tau) = u(s)(\tau + \theta)$  for  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Note: There is a relation between the solutions with  $s \in (0, \eta)$  and  $s \in (-\eta, 0)$ , and they are the same orbit with different phases.

# Reaction-Diffusion systems

[Yi-Wei-Shi, 2009, JDE]

A general reaction-diffusion system subject to Neumann boundary condition on spatial domain  $\Omega = (0, \ell\pi)$ .

$$\begin{cases} u_t - d_1 u_{xx} = f(\lambda, u, v), & x \in (0, \ell\pi), t > 0, \\ v_t - d_2 v_{xx} = g(\lambda, u, v), & x \in (0, \ell\pi), t > 0, \\ u_x(0, t) = v_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(\ell\pi, t) = v_x(\ell\pi, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad v(x, 0) = v_0(x), & x \in (0, \ell\pi), \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

where  $d_1, d_2, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are  $C^k (k \geq 3)$  with  $f(\lambda, 0, 0) = g(\lambda, 0, 0) = 0$ . Define the real-valued Sobolev space

$$X := \{(u, v) \in H^2(0, \ell\pi) \times H^2(0, \ell\pi) | (u_x, v_x)|_{x=0, \ell\pi} = 0\}. \quad (11)$$

The linearized operator of the steady state system of (10) evaluated at  $(\lambda, 0, 0)$  is,

$$L(\lambda) := \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + A(\lambda) & B(\lambda) \\ C(\lambda) & d_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + D(\lambda) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

with the domain  $D_{L(\lambda)} = X_{\mathbb{C}}$ , where  $A(\lambda) = f_u(\lambda, 0, 0)$ ,  $B(\lambda) = f_v(\lambda, 0, 0)$ ,  $C(\lambda) = g_u(\lambda, 0, 0)$ , and  $D(\lambda) = g_v(\lambda, 0, 0)$ .

# Hopf bifurcations

We assume that for some  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , the following condition holds:

**(H<sub>1</sub>)**: There exists a neighborhood  $O$  of  $\lambda_0$  such that for  $\lambda \in O$ ,  $L(\lambda)$  has a pair of complex, simple, conjugate eigenvalues  $\alpha(\lambda) \pm i\omega(\lambda)$ , continuously differentiable in  $\lambda$ , with  $\alpha(\lambda_0) = 0$ ,  $\omega(\lambda_0) = \omega_0 > 0$ , and  $\alpha'(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ ; all other eigenvalues of  $L(\lambda)$  have non-zero real parts for  $\lambda \in O$ .

**Theorem.** Suppose that the assumption **(H<sub>1</sub>)** holds. Then there is a family of periodic orbits  $S = \{(\lambda(s), T(s), u(s, x, t), v(s, x, t)) : 0 < s < \delta\}$  with  $\lambda(s), T(s), u(s, \cdot, \cdot), v(s, \cdot, \cdot)$  differentiable in  $s$ ,  $(u(s, x, t + T(s)), v(s, x, t + T(s))) = (u(s, x, t), v(s, x, t))$ , and

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \lambda(s) = \lambda_0, \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} T(s) = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}, \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} |u(s, x, t)| + |v(s, x, t)| = 0,$$

uniformly for  $x \in [0, \ell\pi]$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . All periodic orbits of the system are time phase shifts of the ones on  $S$ .

Normal form calculations: [\[Yi-Wei-Shi, 2009, JDE\]](#)

# Remarks

- 1 The result for (semilinear) reaction-diffusion systems can be extended to quasilinear systems with cross-diffusion, self-diffusion, chemotaxis.  
[Liu-Shi-Wang, 2013, preprint]  
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- 2 The Hopf bifurcation from non-constant equilibria are much difficult to obtain since the linearized operator cannot be decomposed with Fourier series.
- 3 The stability of the bifurcating periodic orbits are difficult to analyze except near the Hopf bifurcation points.
- 4 The Hopf bifurcation theorem is also extended to delay differential equations (see next lecture), and delayed reaction-diffusion equations (see last lecture).
- 5 The uniqueness of limit cycle is difficult in general.

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