

# Bifurcation Theory

## Center Manifolds

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1. (Center Manifolds for Maps) Consider a  $C^k$ -smooth map

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Bx + f(x, y) \\ Cy + g(x, y) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_c+n_u}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_s}$ , and  $f$  and  $g$  have only non-linear terms. Suppose that the  $(n_c + n_u) \times (n_c + n_u)$  matrix  $B$  has  $n_c$  eigenvalues with  $|\lambda| = 1$  and  $n_u$  eigenvalues with  $|\lambda| > 1$ , while all  $n_s$  eigenvalues of the  $n_s \times n_s$  matrix  $C$  satisfy  $|\lambda| < 1$ . Let  $n = n_s + n_c + n_u$ .

Prove the following Theorem using the Graph Transform

**Center-Unstable Manifold** Assume  $f(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $g(0, 0) = 0$ , and that the functions  $f$  and  $g$  have sufficiently small bounds and sufficiently small Lipschitz bounds  $\text{Lip}(f), \text{Lip}(g)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the map has an invariant manifold

$$W^{cu} = \{(x, h(x)) : x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_c+n_u}\}, \quad (2)$$

where  $h : \mathbb{R}^{n_c+n_u} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_s}$  is a bounded and Lipschitz map satisfying  $h(0) = 0$ .

2. Consider the map

$$\bar{x} = a - bx - x^3. \quad (3)$$

- (a) Find equations of the bifurcation curves for the fixed points of this map and draw these curves in the plane of parameters  $(a, b)$ .
- (b) On the curve which corresponds to the existence of a fixed point with the multiplier equal to  $-1$ , and the points from which a bifurcation curve emanates which corresponds to a period 2 point with a multiplier  $+1$ .

3. Exercise 4.3 of Chicone

4. Show that the center Manifold is not unique in general. Why in the proof of Theorem 4.1 in Chicone, he claims there is a unique center manifold?

5. Consider the system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, r)$$

satisfying

$$f(0, 0) = \partial_x f(0, 0) = 0, \partial_r f(0, 0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_{xx} f(0, 0) = -2$$

Prove that there exists a neighborhood of the origin, and there a smooth coordinate transformation close to the identity

$$(x, t) \mapsto (X, T) \quad (4)$$

of the form  $X = x\Phi(x)$  and  $\frac{dT}{dt} = \Psi(x, r)$  such that the system is transformed into

$$\frac{dX}{dT} = r - X^2$$

Classify the bifurcation. In fact, it is enough to assume that  $\partial_r f(0, 0) > 0$  and  $\partial_{xx} f(0, 0) < 0$ , why?

6. Study bifurcations in the system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= a - x - y^2 \\ \dot{y} &= b - y - 2xy\end{aligned}$$

as parameters  $a$  and  $b$  vary. Namely, do the following:

- (a) Show that the system cannot have periodic orbits.
  - (b) Show that the only bifurcations of equilibria of this system correspond to a single zero eigenvalue of the linearisation matrix.
  - (c) Draw the bifurcation curve on the  $(a, b)$  plane.
  - (d) For each of the regions, into which this curve divides the  $(a, b)$  plane, determine the number of equilibria and their stability.
7. Formulate and prove a theorem based on the implicit function theorem that can be used to show that a small perturbation of a family of differential equations with a saddle-node bifurcation has a nearby saddle-node bifurcation. A possible formulation can have the following flavor: suppose  $\dot{x} = f(x, \mu)$  with  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  unfolds a saddle-node bifurcation. Consider a family  $\dot{x} = f(x, \mu, \nu)$  with  $f(x, \mu, 0) = f(x, \mu)$ . Prove that  $\dot{x} = f(x, \mu, \nu)$  unfolds a saddle-node for each small value of  $\nu$ .
8. Determine bifurcations, stability of critical elements and sketch the bifurcation diagram of

$$\ddot{y} + \dot{y} + y(2y^2 + \lambda(\lambda - 2)) = 0,$$

9. Find center manifolds to second order and reduced systems to third order for the following problems:

- (a)  $\dot{x} = x^2y + \alpha z^2, \dot{y} = -y + x^2 + zy, \dot{z} = z - y^2 + xy$ .
- (b)  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (-x + yz, -\frac{1}{2}y + x^2, 2z - xy)$ .