

# LECTURE 22 Higher-codimension bifurcations + center manifold reductions

PITCHFORK BIFURCATION RECALL  $\dot{x} = \mu x - x^3$  is the <sup>supercritical</sup> pitchfork normal form  
at  $\mu=0$  this is the structurally unstable vector field  $\dot{x} = -x^3$

The naive form of the critical unfolding is

$$\dot{x} = \mu_1 x + \mu_2 x^2 + \mu_3 x^3 - x^3 \quad \text{but letting } X \leftarrow x - \frac{\mu_2}{2} \text{ as in previous} \\ + \text{redefining } \mu_1 \text{ \& } \mu_2 \text{ we get}$$

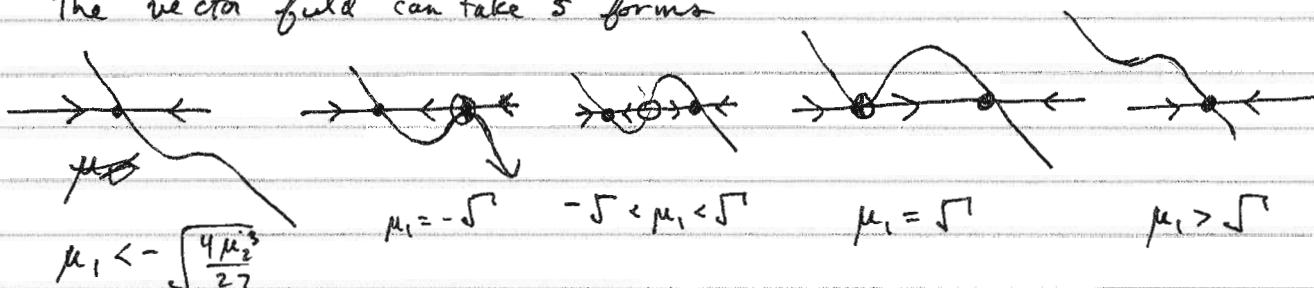
$$\dot{x} = \mu_1 + \mu_2 x - x^3$$

let's assume  $\mu_2 > 0$ , vary  $\mu_1$

$$\text{fixed pts } x^3 - \mu_2 x - \mu_1 = 0$$

$$\text{this has 3 roots} \iff \mu_1^2 < \frac{4\mu_2^3}{27}$$

The vector field can take 5 forms

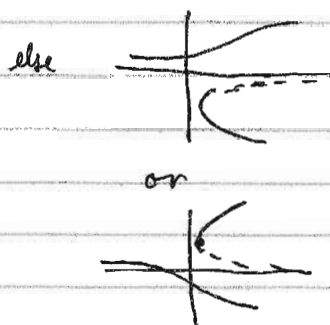
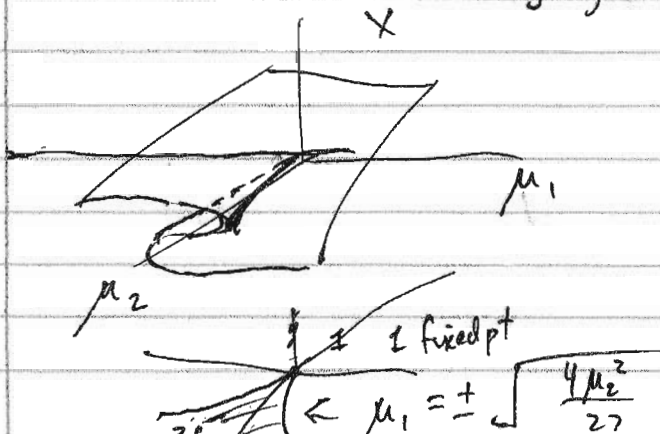


the same 5 qualitative behaviors are possible for  $\mu_2 < 0$

(the pitchfork normal form)  
Note  $\dot{x} = \mu x - x^3$  is an unfolding of  $\dot{x} = -x^3$ , just not a universal unfolding because it does not contain all possible phase portraits

so the generic bifurcation is codimension 2, see that at  $\mu_1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4\mu_2^3}{27}}$ ,  $\mu_2 \neq 0$   
the system undergoes a saddle-node bifurcation

only by moving along  $\mu_2 = 0$  and  $\mu_1$  increasing through zero do we see pitchfork



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Now back to center manifold theory (Perko 2.12)

Suppose  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\dot{x} = f(x)$   $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f(0) = 0$

Suppose  $\tilde{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$   $x \in \mathbb{R}^c$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^s$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{R}^u$

$$\dot{x} = Cx + F(x, y, z)$$

$$\dot{y} = Py + G(x, y, z)$$

$$\dot{z} = Qz + H(x, y, z)$$

$$\text{Where } F(0) = G(0) = H(0) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \lambda(C) = 0$$

$$DF(0) = DG(0) = DH(0)$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \lambda(P) < 0, \operatorname{Re} \lambda(Q) > 0$$

SIMPLEST CASE, assume  $u=0$ , no unstable direction  
then stability of zero solution depends on the flow on  
the center manifold

Local center manifold then

$$f \in C^r(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \dot{x} = Cx + F(x, y)$$

$$r \geq 1 \quad \dot{y} = Py + G(x, y) \quad \text{or above}$$

Then  $\exists h(x) \in C^r(N_s(0))$ ,  $\delta > 0$

$y = h(x)$  ~~satisfies~~ defines the local stable manifold

and substituting  $y = h(x)$  into  $\dot{y} = Py + G(x, y)$  we find

$$Dh(x)\dot{x} = Ph(x) + G(x, h(x))$$

$$Dh(x)(Cx + F(x, h(x))) = Ph(x) + G(x, h(x))$$

This is in general a partial differential eqn for  $x$   
and an ugly one, but it gives us a recipe for  
constructing  $h(x)$  via Taylor series

( $h$  not unique but if  $f$  analytic,  $\exists$  unique analytic  $h$ )

eg  $\dot{x} = xy$  stable manifold  $x=0$   
 $\dot{y} = -y - x^2$

$$y = ax^2 + bx^3 + \dots$$

$$\dot{y} = 2ax\dot{x} + 3bx^2\dot{x} = 2xy + 3bx^2(-y - x^2)$$

$$= (2ax + 3bx^2)x(-y - x^2) = (2ax + 3bx^2)x(ax^2 + bx^3) + \dots = -(ax^2 + bx^3) - x^2$$

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note on LHS

$$2a^2 x^4 + \dots = (-a-1)x^2 - bx^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1, b = 0$$

so we find the center manifold is  $y = -x^2 + O(x^4)$

so on  $y = -x^2 + \dots$  we find

$$\dot{x} = x(-x^2) + \dots$$

$$\dot{x} \approx -x^3 \Rightarrow (0,0) \text{ asymptotically stable}$$



Change problem slightly

$$\dot{x} = x^2 y$$

$$\dot{y} = -y^2 - x^2$$

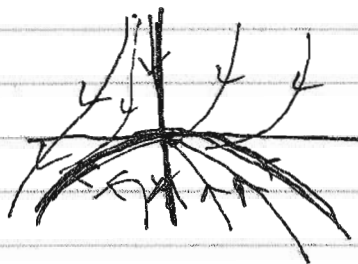
as before only we get, from same ansatz

$$\dot{y} = (2ax + 3bx^2)x^2 y = (2ax + 3bx^2)x^2(ax^2 + bx^3 + \dots) = -(ax^2 + bx^3 + \dots) - x^2$$

again, find  $a = -1, b = 0 \Rightarrow y = -x^2$   
in fact  $C = 0$  also

$$\dot{x} = x^2(-x^2) = -x^4$$

origin only semistable on center manifold



note that it is hard to determine what constitute "low-order" or "high order" terms

eg 
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= x^2 y + \alpha x^4 \\ \dot{y} &= -y - x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$x^4$  term looks higher, but  
when we plug in  $y = -x^2$   
we get  $\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow$  need include  
 $\alpha x^5$  term in our  
expansion

What happens when  $\alpha = 1$ ?

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Example

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_1 y - x_1 x_2^2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_2 y - x_2 x_1^2$$

$$\dot{y} = -y + x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & E^C = \text{span} \{ \hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2 \} \\ & E^S = \text{span} \{ \hat{e}_3 \} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Pretty clear  $y = h(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + O(|x|^3)$

then  $\dot{x}_1 = x_1(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - x_1 x_2^2 = x_1^3$

on  $W^C$   $\dot{x}_2 = x_2(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - x_2 x_1^2 = x_2^3$

so



note this is not what we get by crossing out  $y$  in  $\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2$  eqns

EXAMPLE

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2 + y$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = y + x_1^2$$

$$\dot{y} = -y + x_2^2 + x_1 y$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Jordan Block}$$

try  $y = ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2 + O(|x|^3)$

$$2ax_1\dot{x}_1 + bx_1\dot{x}_2 + 1b\dot{x}_1x_2 + 2cx_2\dot{x}_2 = -(ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2) + x_2^2 + x_1(ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2)$$

$$2ax_1(x_2 + ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2) + bx_1(x_2 + ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2) + 2cx_2(x_2 + ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2) = \text{RHS}$$

$$+ 1b\dot{x}_1x_2 + 2cx_2\dot{x}_2 = \text{RHS}$$

note there is no  $x_1^2$  term on LHS

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

so  $(x_2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2)bx_2 + (x_1^2 + bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2)(bx_1 + 2cx_2) = (x_1 - 1)(bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2) + x_2^2$

now there are no  $x_1x_2$  terms on left  $\Rightarrow b = 0$

$$(x_1^2 + cx_2^2)2cx_2 = (x_1 - 1)cx_2^2 + x_2^2 + \dots O(|x|^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1$$

so  $y = x_2^2$

so  $\dot{x}_1 = x_2 + \text{hot}$

$$\dot{x}_2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

