

## Lecture 3

### Basic dynamical system theory II

Bifurcation theory.

AEM-ADV12 Hydrodynamic stability

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- 1. Transcritical bifurcation**
- 2. Saddle-node bifurcation**
- 3. Pitchfork bifurcation**
- 4. Hopf bifurcation**

## 1. Transcritical bifurcation

$$\dot{x} = x(1-x) - \mu x$$

$$\dot{y} = y(1-y) - \mu y$$

$$\dot{z} = z(1-z) - \mu z$$

## Bifurcation

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### Definition: Bifurcation

Bifurcation refers to a sudden topological change of given nonlinear dynamical system taking place when a control parameter changes smoothly.

Re. Angle of attack.

Ra.

## Transcritical bifurcation

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Example: Transcritical bifurcation

Find the bifurcation diagram of a model given by

$$\frac{du}{dt} = k(R - R_c)u - lu^2$$

*Reynolds number.*

*critical  $R_c$ .*

where  $k, l$  are constants and  $R$  is the control parameter.

Step 1) Find equilibrium points  $\Rightarrow$  set  $\frac{du}{dt} = 0$ .

$$0 = k(R - R_c)u_0 - lu_0^2.$$

$$= [k(R - R_c) - lu_0]u_0.$$

$$\Rightarrow u_0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u_0 = \frac{k}{l}(R - R_c)$$

## Transcritical bifurcation

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Step 2) Examine linear stability of the equilibrium points

①  $u_0 = 0$  Let  $u = u_0 + \epsilon \delta u$  with  $\epsilon \ll 1$   
 Basic State

$$\delta u(t) = C_1 e^{k(R-R_c)t} \quad \frac{d\delta u}{dt} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right|_{u=u_0} \delta u = (k(R-R_c) - \cancel{2\epsilon u_0}) \delta u.$$

$$= \underline{k(R-R_c)} \delta u. \quad (\text{assume } k > 0)$$

$R > R_c$  : unstable.

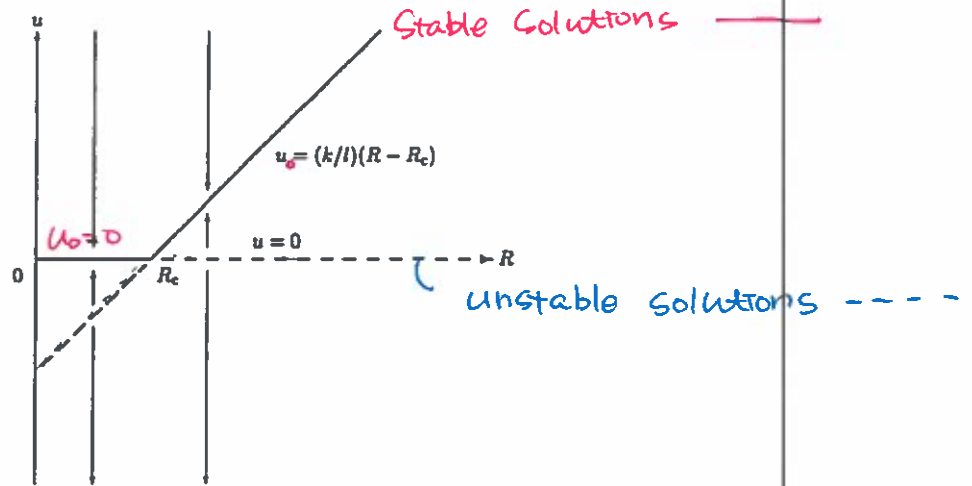
$R < R_c$  : stable.

②  $u_0 = \frac{k}{l}(R-R_c)$

$$\frac{d\delta u}{dt} = - \underline{k(R-R_c)} \delta u$$

$R > R_c$  : stable

$R < R_c$  : unstable



Bifurcation diagram of transcritical bifurcation

At  $R = R_c$ , two equilibrium points interchange their stability

2. Saddle-node bifurcation

→ Couette flow  
Pipe flow.  
Poiseuille flow )



## Saddle-node bifurcation

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### Example: Saddle-node bifurcation

Find the bifurcation diagram of a model of given by

$$\frac{du}{dt} = k(R - R_c) - lu^2$$

where  $k, l$  are real constants and  $R$  is the control parameter. ( $k > 0, l > 0$ )

Step 1) Find equilibrium points

$u \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$0 = k(R - R_c) - lu^2$$

$$u_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{l} (R - R_c)}$$

Equilibrium points  
exist  
only for  $R > R_c$

## Saddle-node bifurcation

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Step 2) Examine linear stability of the equilibrium points

Stable Node. ①  $u_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{2}(R-R_c)}$  Let  $u = u_0 + \varepsilon \delta u$ .

$$\frac{d\delta u}{dt} = -2\ell u_0 \delta u = -2\ell \sqrt{\frac{k}{2}(R-R_c)} \delta u.$$

$R > R_c$  stable.

$R < R_c$ : does not exist.

Saddle. ②  $u_0 = -\sqrt{\frac{k}{2}(R-R_c)}$

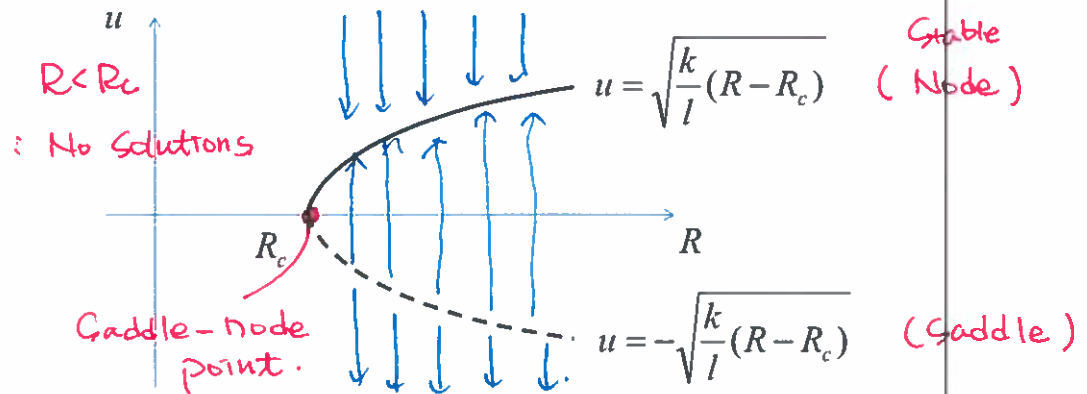
$$\frac{d\delta u}{dt} = -2\ell u_0 \delta u = 2\ell \sqrt{\frac{k}{2}(R-R_c)} \delta u$$

$R > R_c$ : unstable.

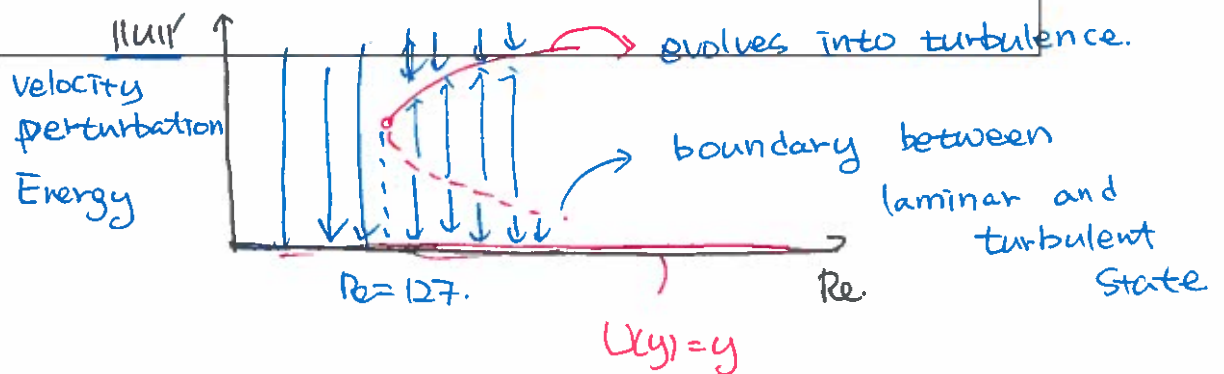
## Saddle-node bifurcation

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### Example: Saddle-node bifurcation



Bifurcation diagram of  
Saddle-node bifurcation



**3. Pitchfork bifurcation**

## Pitchfork bifurcation

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### Example: Pitchfork bifurcation

Find the bifurcation diagram of a model of given by

$$\frac{du}{dt} = k(R - R_c)u - lu^3$$

where  $k, l$  are real constants and  $R$  is the control parameter. ( $k > 0, l > 0$ )

Step 1) Find equilibrium points

$$0 = k(R - R_c)u_0 - lu_0^3$$

$$= u_0 (k(R - R_c) - lu_0^2)$$

$$u_0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{l} (R - R_c)}$$

exist if  $R > R_c$

Step 2) Examine linear stability of the equilibrium points

①  $u_0 = 0$  and  $u = u_0 + \varepsilon \delta u$ .

$$\frac{d\delta u}{dt} = \underline{k(R - R_c)} \delta u.$$

$R > R_c$ : unstable

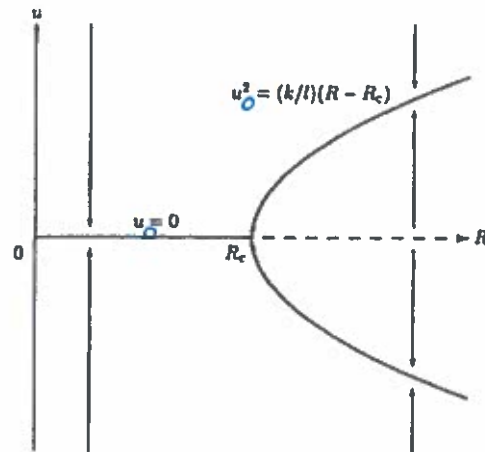
$R < R_c$ : stable.

②  $u_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{\ell} (R - R_c)}$

$$\frac{d\delta u}{dt} = \underline{-2k (R - R_c)} \delta u.$$

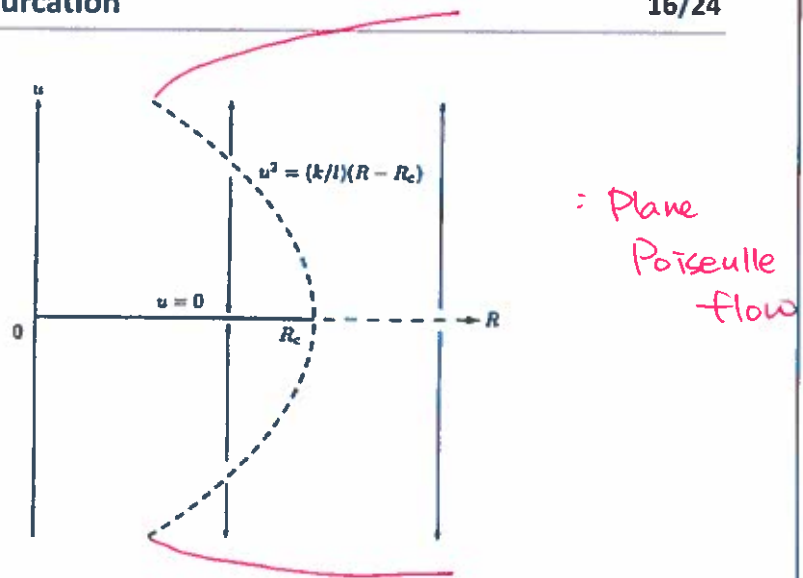
$R > R_c$  stable

$R < R_c$  does not exist.



3D Bluff-body  
wake

Bifurcation diagram of Pitchfork bifurcation  
(supercritical case, i.e.  $l > 0$ )



Bifurcation diagram of Pitchfork bifurcation  
(subcritical case, i.e.  $l < 0$ )



Flow example: Wake behind a sphere

$$Re_D = 100$$

$$Re_{D,critical} \approx 210$$



$$Re_D = 250$$

$$Re_D = \frac{U_\infty D}{\nu}$$



Steady axisymmetric



Steady planar symmetric

Kim &amp; Choi (2001)

4. Hopf bifurcation → Wake behind a 2D bluff body.

**Example 1: Hopf bifurcation**

Find the bifurcation diagram a model given by

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -y + (a - x^2 - y^2)x, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = x + (a - x^2 - y^2)y, \end{cases}$$

where  $a = k(R - R_c)$  and  $k > 0$ .Let  $x = r \cos \theta$   $y = r \sin \theta$ . where  $r(t)$  and  $\theta(t)$ 

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}.$$

$$\# \textcircled{1}: \quad \frac{dr}{dt} \cos \theta - r \sin \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -r \sin \theta + (a - r^2) \cos \theta.$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} \sin \theta + r \cos \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = r \cos \theta + (a - r^2) \sin \theta.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = r(a - r^2), \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1$$

( $r > 0$ ).

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = r(a - r^2)$$

$$r_0 = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Stable for } R < R_c \\ \text{Unstable for } R > R_c \end{array} \right.$$

$$r_0 = \sqrt{a} \rightarrow \text{Stable for } R > R_c.$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1$$

$$\theta(t) = t + \text{const.}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad r_0 = 0, \quad \theta(t) = t + \text{const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = 0, \quad y_0 = 0.$$

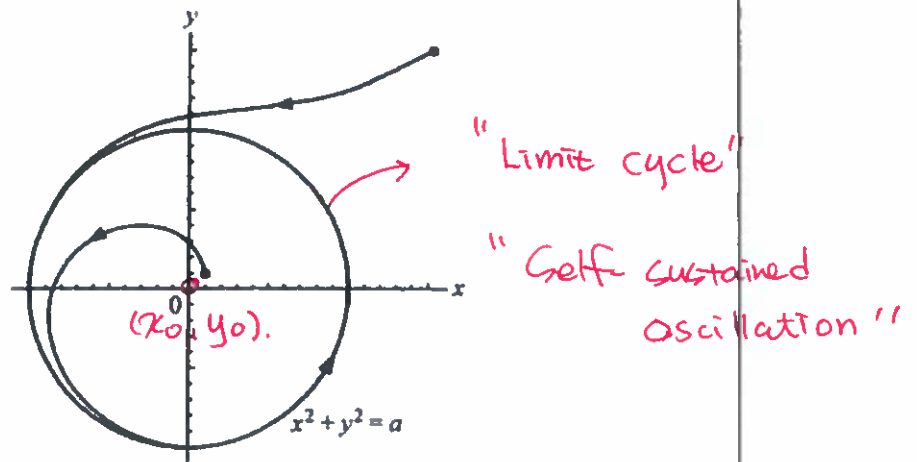
Stable for  $R < R_c$   
Unstable for  $R > R_c$ .

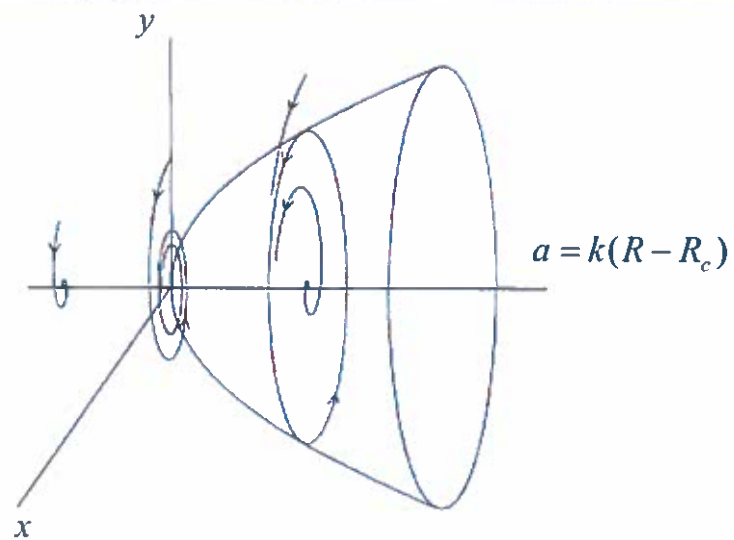
$$\textcircled{2} \quad r_0 = \sqrt{a}, \quad \theta(t) = t + \text{const.}$$

$$\underline{x_0(t) = \sqrt{a} \cos(t + \text{const.}) \quad y_0(t) = \sqrt{a} \sin(t + \text{const.})}$$

Time periodic solution. Stable if  $R > R_c$

Phase portrait for  $a > 0$  ( $R > R_c$ )





Bifurcation diagram of  
supercritical Hopf bifurcation

Flow example: Wake behind a circular cylinder

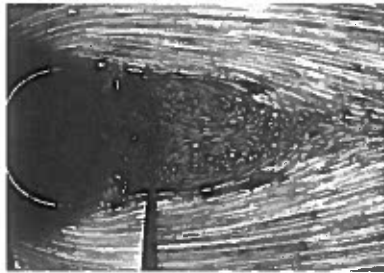
$$Re_D = \frac{U_\infty D}{\nu}$$

$$Re_{D,critical} \approx 47$$

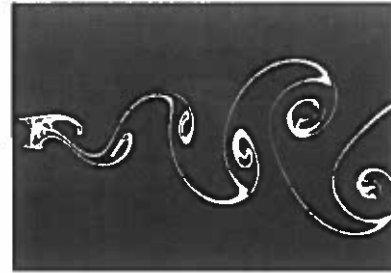
$$Re_D = 27$$



$$Re_D = 140$$



**Steady symmetric**  
Coutanceau & Bouard (1977)



**Unsteady time periodic**  
Taneda (1982)

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