

Math 568 Homework 7
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Problem 1 Consider the Optical Parametric Oscillator as given in Lecture 23 of the notes.

- (a) Assuming slow time $\tau = \epsilon^2 t$ and slow space $\xi = \epsilon x$, derive the Fisher-Kolmogorov equation for the slow evolution of the instability (the expression after Eq. (518))
- (b) Derive the Swift-Hohenberg type expression which is governed by Eq. (519) with the scalings detailed in the notes.

Solution.

Consider the Optical Parametric Oscillator (OPO) that is given by the dimensionless signal (U) and pump (V) of the form

$$\begin{aligned} U_t &= \frac{i}{2} U_{xx} + VU^* - (1 + i\Delta_1)U \\ V_t &= \frac{i}{2} \rho V_{xx} + U^2 - (\alpha + i\Delta_2)V + S, \end{aligned}$$

where Δ_1 and Δ_2 are the cavity detuning parameters, ρ is the diffraction ration between signal and pump fields, α is the pump-to-signal loss ratio, and S represents the external pumping term. We know that the stable uniform steady-state response of the OPO is given by

$$\begin{aligned} U &= 0 \\ V &= \frac{S}{\alpha + i\Delta_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Using linearly stability analysis, we find that the critical value of the pumping strength is given by

$$S_c = (\alpha + i\Delta_2)(1 + i\Delta_1).$$

To study the behavior near S_c , we use the following slow scales

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \epsilon^2 t \\ \xi &= \epsilon x, \end{aligned}$$

where $\epsilon^2 = |S - S_c| \ll 1$. Now we expand about the steady-state solution by

$$\begin{aligned} U &= 0 + \epsilon u(\tau, \xi) \\ V &= \frac{S}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} + \epsilon^2 v(\tau, \xi) \\ S &= S_c + \epsilon^2 C + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4), \end{aligned}$$

where C is a constant. Note that the chain rules are given by

$$\begin{aligned} U_t &= \epsilon^3 u_\tau \\ V_t &= \epsilon^4 v_\tau \\ U_{xx} &= \epsilon^3 u_{\xi\xi} \\ V_{xx} &= \epsilon^4 v_{\xi\xi}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging these expansions into the first OPO equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^3 u_\tau &= \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^3 u_{\xi\xi} + \left(\frac{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)(1 + i\Delta_1) + \epsilon^2 C}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} + \epsilon^2 v \right) \epsilon u^* - (1 + i\Delta_1) \epsilon u + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \\ \implies \epsilon(1 + i\Delta_1)(u - u^*) &= \epsilon^3 \left(\frac{i}{2} u_{\xi\xi} - u_\tau + v u^* + \frac{C}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} u^* \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \\ \implies (1 + i\Delta_1)(u - u^*) &= \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{i}{2} u_{\xi\xi} - u_\tau + v u^* + \frac{C}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} u^* \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\implies u^* = u - \frac{\epsilon^2}{1 + i\Delta_1} \left(\frac{i}{2} u_{\xi\xi} - u_\tau + v u^* + \frac{C}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} u^* \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4). \quad (2)$$

Similarly, we can plug in the second OPO equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^4 v_\tau &= \frac{i}{2} \rho \epsilon^4 v_{\xi\xi} + \epsilon^2 u - (\alpha + i\Delta_2) \left(\frac{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)(1 + i\Delta_1) + \epsilon^2 C}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} + \epsilon^2 v \right) \\ &\quad + (\alpha + i\Delta_2)(1 + i\Delta_1) + \epsilon^2 C + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \\ \implies (\alpha + i\Delta_2)v &= -u^2 + \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{i}{2} \rho v_{\xi\xi} - v_\tau \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\implies v = -\frac{u^2}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} \left(\frac{i}{2} \rho v_{\xi\xi} - v_\tau \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4). \quad (4)$$

Now plugging Equation 4 into itself yields

$$\begin{aligned} v &= -\frac{u^2}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} \left(-\frac{i}{2} \rho \frac{(u^2)_{\xi\xi}}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} + \frac{(u^2)_\tau}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4), \\ &= -\frac{u^2}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)^2} \left((u^2)_\tau - \frac{i}{2} \rho (u^2)_{\xi\xi} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Then multiplying Equation 5 by u^* yields

$$v u^* = -\frac{1}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} |u|^2 u + \frac{\epsilon^2}{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)^2} \left((u^2)_\tau u^* - \frac{i}{2} \rho (u^2)_{\xi\xi} u^* \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

and plugging in Equation 2 gives

$$v u^* = -\frac{1}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} |u|^2 u + \frac{\epsilon^2}{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)^2} \left((u^2)_\tau u - \frac{i}{2} \rho (u^2)_{\xi\xi} u \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4). \quad (6)$$

Now plugging 6 into 1 yields

$$R := \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{i}{2} u_{\xi\xi} - u_\tau - \frac{1}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} |u|^2 u + \frac{C}{\alpha + i\Delta_2} u^* \right) + \epsilon^4 \left(\frac{1}{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)^2} \left((u^2)_\tau u - \frac{i}{2} \rho(u^2)_{\xi\xi} u \right) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6). \quad (7)$$

Enforcing the Fredholm-Alternative theorem on the RHS of Equation 7 for the leading order, gives the solvability condition

$$(1 - i\Delta_1)R + (1 + i\Delta_1)R^* = (R + R^*) + i\Delta_1(R^* - R) = 0.$$

From Equation 2, we have that $u = u^*$ at leading order, thus we have that

$$R = \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{i}{2} u_{\xi\xi} - u_\tau - \frac{(\alpha - i\Delta_2)u^3}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} + \frac{(\alpha - i\Delta_2)Cu}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$R^* = \epsilon^2 \left(-\frac{i}{2} u_{\xi\xi} - u_\tau - \frac{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)u^3}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} + \frac{(\alpha + i\Delta_2)Cu}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

then

$$R + R^* = \epsilon^2 \left(-2u_\tau - \frac{2\alpha u^3}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} + \frac{2\alpha Cu}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} \right),$$

$$R^* - R = -i\epsilon^2 \left(u_{\xi\xi} + \frac{2\Delta_2 u^3}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} - \frac{2\Delta_2 Cu}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} \right),$$

$$\implies i\Delta_1(R^* - R) = \epsilon^2 \Delta_1 \left(u_{\xi\xi} + \frac{2\Delta_2 u^3}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} - \frac{2\Delta_2 Cu}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} \right).$$

Thus we have

$$0 = (R + R^*) + i\Delta_1(R^* - R)$$

$$\implies 0 = \epsilon^2 \left(-2u_\tau - \frac{2\alpha u^3}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} + \frac{2\alpha cu}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} + \Delta_1 u_{\xi\xi} + \frac{2\Delta_1 \Delta_2 u^3}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} - \frac{2\Delta_1 \Delta_2 Cu}{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2} \right)$$

$$\implies 0 = u^3 - cu + \frac{\Delta_1(\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2)}{2(\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha)} u_{\xi\xi} - \frac{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha} u_\tau.$$

Now if we let $u = \left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha} \right)^{1/2} \varphi$ then we get

$$\left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha} \right)^{3/2} \varphi^3 - c \left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha} \right) \varphi + \frac{\Delta_1}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha} \right)^{3/2} \varphi_{\xi\xi} - \left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha} \right)^{3/2} \varphi_\tau = 0,$$

$$\implies \varphi^3 - \left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \Delta_2^2}{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 - \alpha} \right) \varphi + \frac{\Delta_1}{2} \varphi_{\xi\xi} - \varphi_\tau = 0.$$

Finally, if we let $\zeta = \left(\frac{\Delta_1}{2}\right)^{1/2}$ and $\gamma = \frac{|C|(\Delta_1\Delta_2-\alpha)}{\alpha^2+\Delta_2^2}$ then we get the Fisher-Kolmogorov equation

$$\varphi^3 \mp \gamma\varphi + \varphi_{\xi\xi} - \varphi_\tau = 0.$$

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