

# Bifurcation in parameter dependent systems

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# Overview

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# Introduction: Fixed Point Analysis

Given the system of differential equations:

$$y' = f(y)$$

## Definition

A *fixed point*  $y^*$  is defined by  $f(y^*) = 0$ .

- Solve the equation  $f(y) = 0$
- Analyse eigenvalues of the Jacobian at fixed points.

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*Bifurcation* is the changing of the character of an equilibrium point and/or the creation of extra ones by alteration of a control parameter.

The value of  $\mu$  where bifurcation occurs is called a *bifurcation point*.

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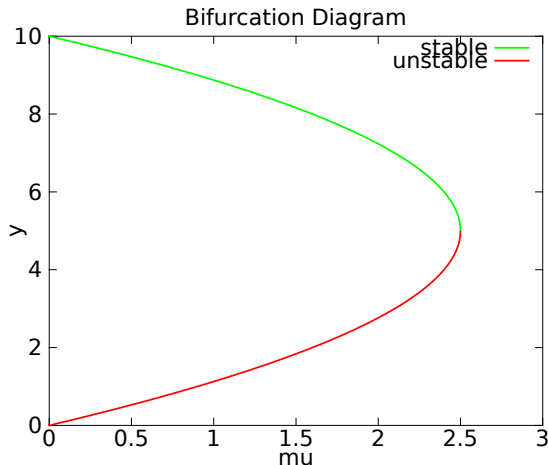
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Fixed points at

$$y_{1/2} = 5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 10\mu}$$

Stability:

$$\lambda = \frac{df}{dy} = -\frac{2}{10}y + 1$$

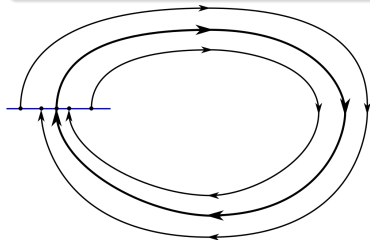




# Hopf Bifurcation

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A *Hopf Bifurcation* is the appearance or disappearance of a periodic orbit (limit cycle) through a local change in the stability properties of a fixed point.



It appears when a pair of complex conjugate eigenvalues around the fixed point crosses the imaginary axis of the complex plane.

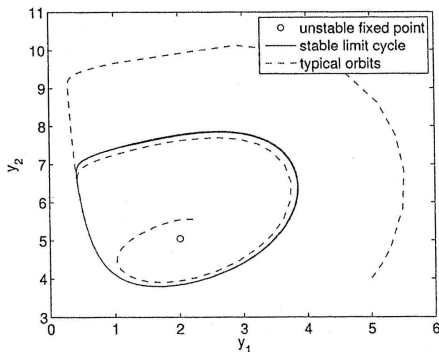
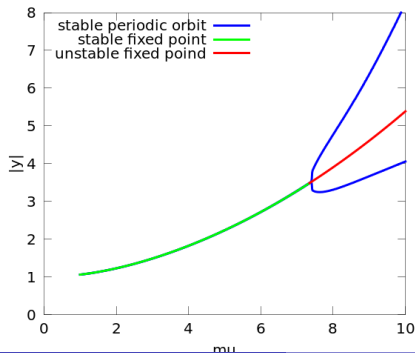
# Hopf Bifurcation example

## chlorine dioxide-iodine-malonic acid reaction

iodine:  $y_1' = \mu - y_1 - \frac{4y_1y_2}{y_1^2+1}$

chlorine dioxide:  $y_2' = y_1(1 - \frac{y_2}{y_1^2+1})$

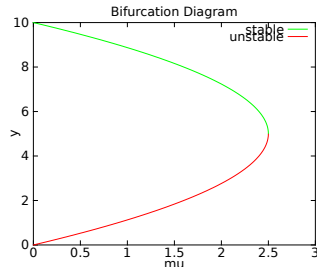
- Fixed points at  $(y_1, y_2) = (\frac{\mu}{5}, \frac{1}{25}(\mu^2 + 25))$
- Bifurcation point at  $\mu \approx 7.3$



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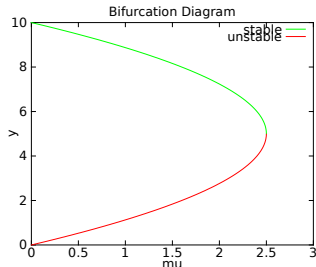
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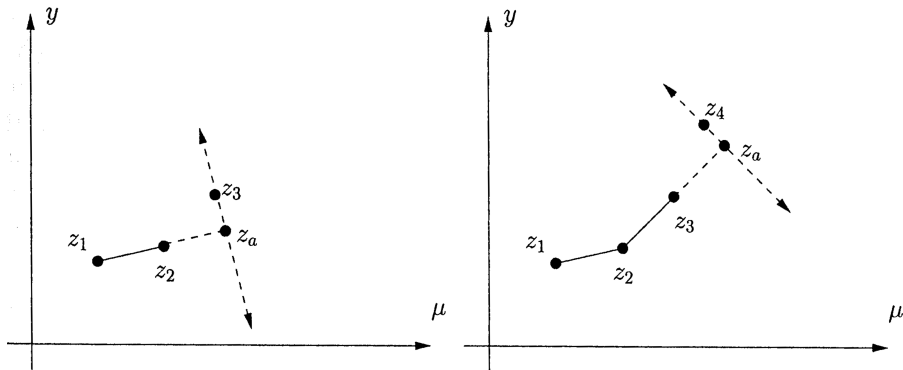
Follow the fixed point around the fold bifurcation curve.

Treat  $\mu$  as an additional dependent variable in phase space and solve

$$f(y, \mu) = 0$$

# Numerical Bifurcation Analysis

- Given two nearby points  $z_1 = (y_1, \mu_1)$  and  $z_2 = (y_2, \mu_2)$
- Initial approximation  $z_a = 2z_2 - z_1$
- Additional equation:  $(z_3 - z_a) \cdot (z_a - z_2) = 0$
- Solving for  $z_3$  via Newton's method with init. approx.  $z_a$



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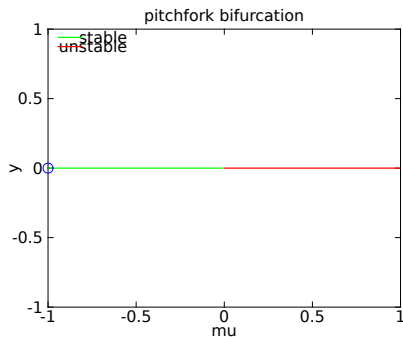
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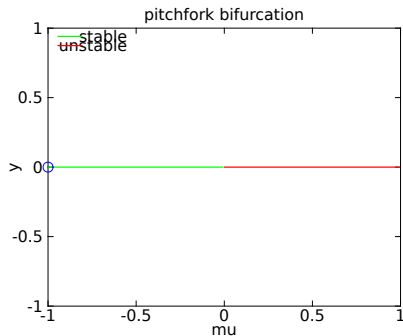
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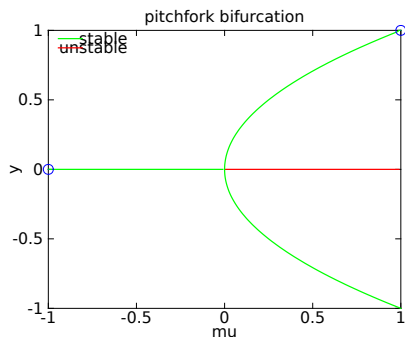
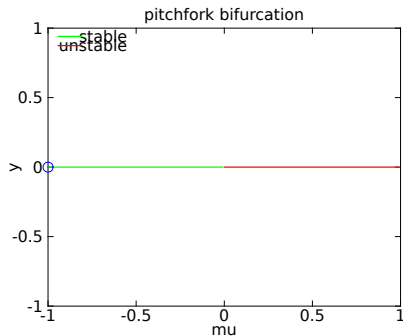




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# Summary

- Control parameters can influence fixed points in ODE systems.
- At bifurcation points the stability, location and/or number of fixed points change.
- In a Hopf bifurcation a fixed point loses stability and a limit cycle occurs.
- Bifurcation can be analysed numerically using path following.

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Thank you!

