

# 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.

Now: System with *control parameter*  $\mu$ .

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

How does  $\mu$  influence the number, location and stability of fixed points?

# Bifurcation

## Definition

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

## Example: Logistic growth with harvesting

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Solving  $f(y, \mu) = 0$  for any parameter  $\mu$ .

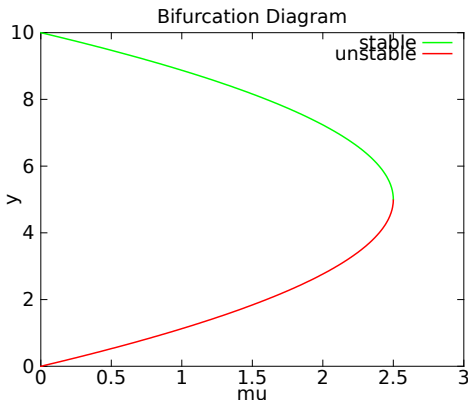
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Bifurcation  
Diagram:



# Hopf Bifurcation

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

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

$$y_1' = \mu - y_1 - \frac{4y_1y_2}{y_1^2 + 1} \quad (1)$$

$$y_2' = y_1 \left(1 - \frac{y_2}{y_1^2 + 1}\right) \quad (2)$$

# Numerical Bifurcation Analysis

How to draw the bifurcation diagram and find bifurcation points?

Fixed point analysis for equidistant parameters  $\mu$  is inefficient.

## Idea

Follow the fixed point around the fold bifurcation curve.

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

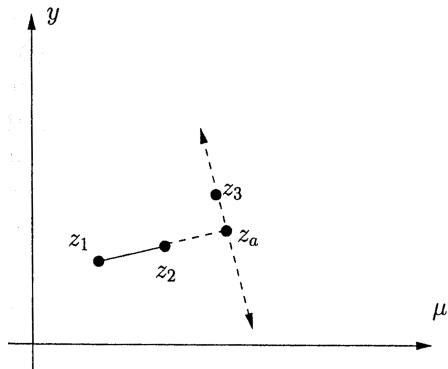
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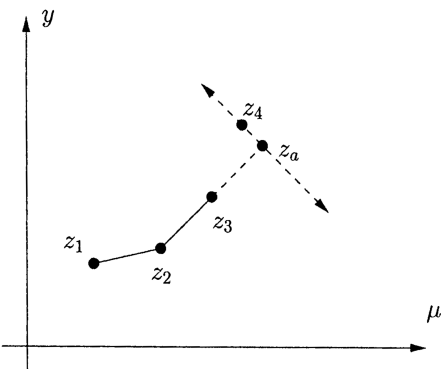


# Numerical Bifurcation Analysis

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



(a)



(b)

## Example: Path following

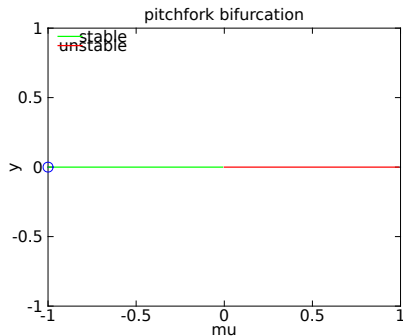
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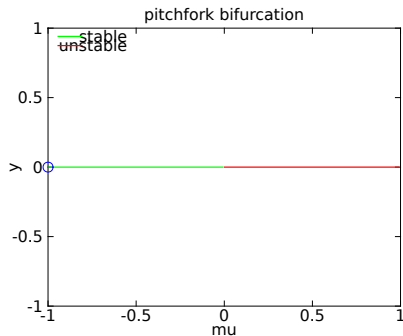
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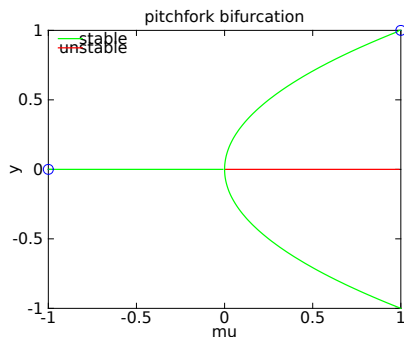
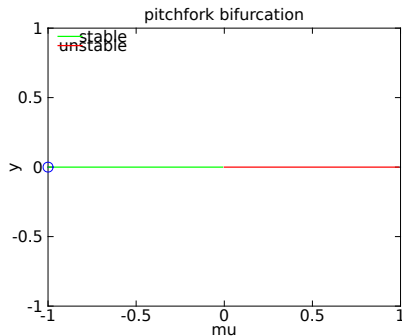
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