Bifurcation in parameter dependent systems

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Overview

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 μ where bifurcation occurs is called a *bifurcation point*.

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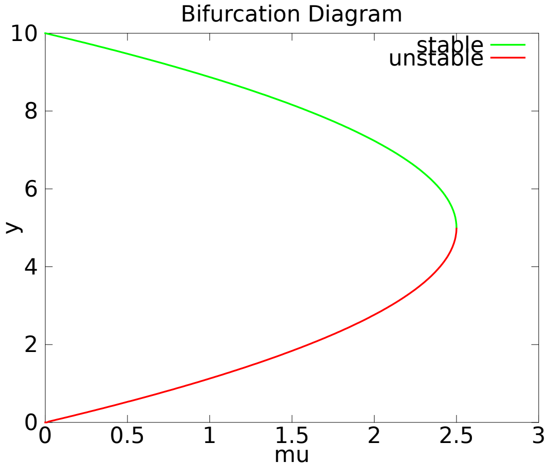
Fixed points at
$y_{1/2} = 5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 10\mu}$

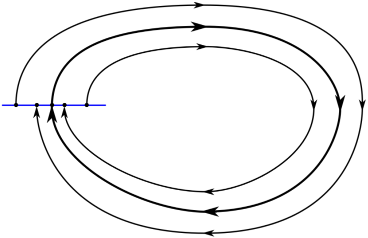
Stability:
$\lambda = \frac{df}{dy} = -\frac{2}{10} y + 1$



Hopf Bifurcation

Definition

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.

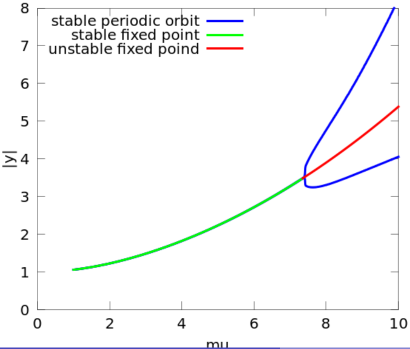
Hopf Bifurcation example

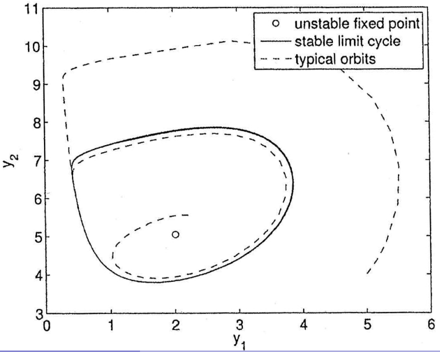
chlorine dioxide-iodine-malonic acid reaction

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

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

- 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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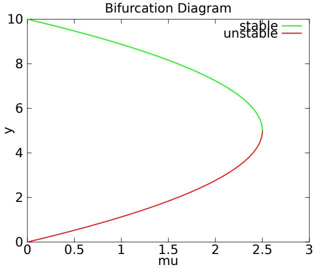

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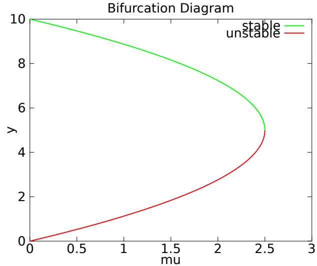

Idea: Path following

Follow the fixed point around the fold bifurcation curve.

Treat μ as an additional dependent variable in phase space and solve

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

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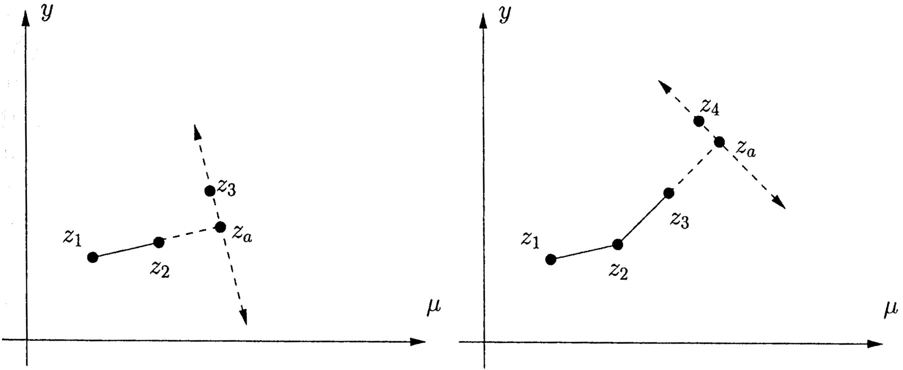
Numerical Bifurcation Analysis

- Given two nearby points $z_1 = (y_1, \mu_1)$ and $z_2 = (y_2, \mu_2)$
- Initial approximation $z_a = 2z_2 - z_1$
- 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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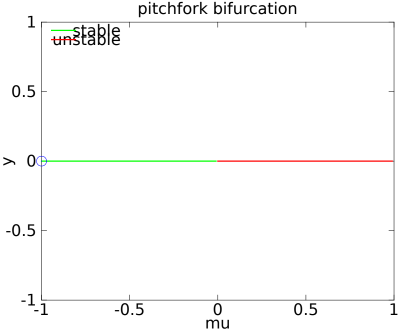

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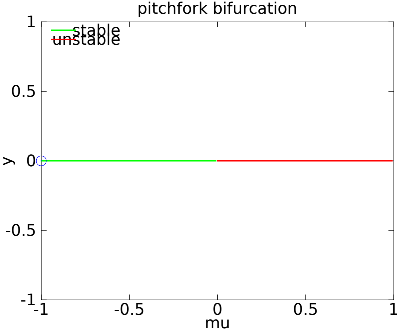

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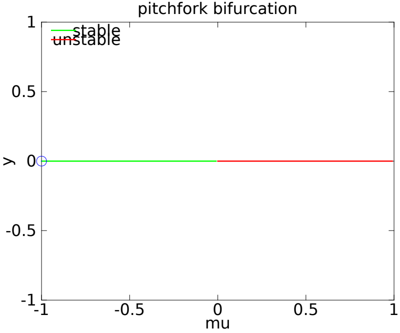

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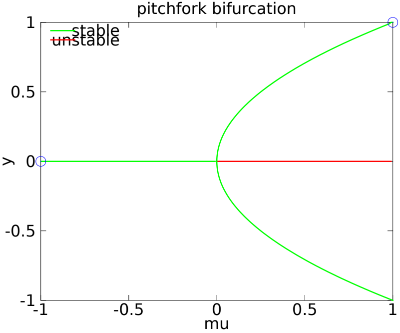

Summary

- Controle 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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