



Exam Problem Sheet

The exam consists of 4 problems. You may answer in Dutch or in English. You have 120 minutes to answer the questions. Give brief but precise answers. You can achieve 60 points in total which includes a bonus of 5 points.

1. [5+5+5 Points.]

For each of the following bifurcations of equilibrium points of time continuous systems, plot the bifurcation diagram and describe in words the bifurcation scenario, and give an explicit example (i.e. a one-parameter family of systems showing the respective bifurcation).

- (a) Transcritical bifurcation.
- (b) Pitchfork bifurcation.
- (c) Hopf bifurcation.

2. [2+2+2+4+5 Points.]

Consider the planar system

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix},$$

where a is a positive constant.

- (a) Show from the eigenvalues that the equilibrium at the origin is asymptotically stable.
- (b) Give the (real) canonical form for the system (note that you might have to distinguish between different cases depending on the size of a).
- (c) Show that $L(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ is a Lyapunov function for the system.
- (d) State Lasalle's Invariance Principle.
- (e) Use Lasalle's Invariance Principle to prove again that the equilibrium at the origin is asymptotically stable and that the basin of attraction is the full plane. (Hint: consider disks of arbitrary radius centered at the origin.)

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3. [10 Points.]

Consider the family of one-dimensional systems $x' = f(x, a)$ with parameter $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that for $x_0, a_0 \in \mathbb{R}$,

- (i) $f(x_0, a_0) = 0$,
- (ii) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, a_0) = 0$,
- (iii) $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, a_0) \neq 0$, and
- (iv) $\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x_0, a_0) \neq 0$.

Show that the systems has a saddle-node bifurcation at (x_0, a_0) .

4. [6+9 Points.]

- (a) State the definition of chaos for a discrete time system.
- (b) Let $\Sigma = \{(s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots) : s_k \in \{0, 1\}\}$ be the space of half-infinite sequences of the symbols 0 and 1. The map $d : \Sigma \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which maps $s = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots)$ and $t = (t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots)$ to

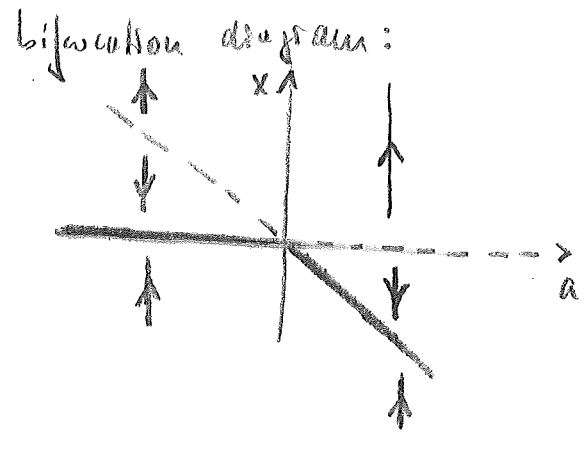
$$d(s, t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|s_k - t_k|}{2^k}$$

defines a metric on Σ . Argue that the shift map

$$\sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma, \quad s = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots) \mapsto \sigma(s) = (s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots)$$

is chaotic.

1. (a)

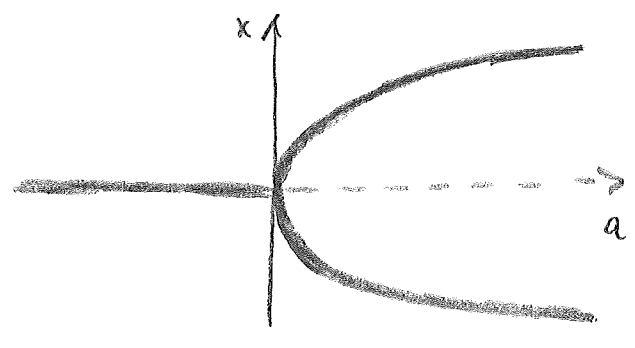


"two equilibria cross each other and exchange their stability"

bold: stable
dashed: unstable

example: $x' = ax \pm x^2$

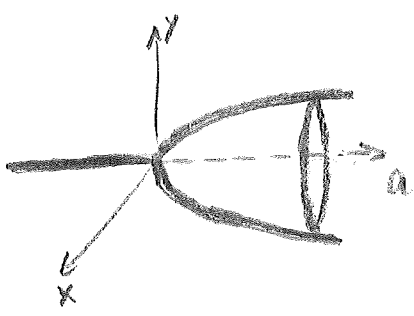
(b) bifurcation diagram



"a (central) equilibrium changes stability and gives birth to two new equilibria of opposite stability"

example: $x' = ax \mp x^3$

(c)



"a central equilibrium changes stability and a periodic orbit (limit cycle) of opposite stability is growing out of the equilibrium"

example:

in polar coordinates

$$r' = ar - r^3$$

$$\theta' = 1$$

$$2. \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} =: A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad a > 0$$

(a) eigenvalues:

$$\det(A - \lambda \text{id}) = -\lambda(-a-\lambda) + 1 \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda(a+\lambda) = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda_{\pm} = -\frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \lambda_{\pm} < 0$$

\Rightarrow equilibrium at origin is asymptotically stable

(b) for $a \geq 2$, eigenvalues are real.

The canonical form is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - 1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{a}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{4} - 1} \end{pmatrix}$$

for $0 < a < 2$, eigenvalues are complex (not real).

The canonical form is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \lambda_+ & \operatorname{Im} \lambda_+ \\ -\operatorname{Im} \lambda_+ & \operatorname{Re} \lambda_+ \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{a}{2} & \sqrt{1 - \frac{a^2}{4}} \\ \sqrt{1 - \frac{a^2}{4}} & -\frac{a}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \begin{aligned} L(x, y) &= L_x x' + L_y y' = 2x(y) + 2y(-x - ay) \\ &= -2ay^2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

as also $L(x, y) \geq 0$ and $L(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x, y) = (0, 0)$
 L is a Lyapunov function.

(d) x^* equilibrium point of $x' = F(x)$,
 U open neighbourhood of x^* , $L: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 Lyapunov function, $P \subset U$ compact neighb.
 of x^* , and there is no curve solution in $P \setminus \{x^*\}$
 on which L is constant. Then x^* is asymptotically
 stable and P is contained in the basin of
 attraction of x^* .

(e) let $P = B_r(0)$ where $B_r(0)$ is the closed
 ball of radius $r > 0$ centered at the origin.
 P is positively invariant as can be seen
 from the Lyapunov function defined in
 part (c).

To be shown: P contains no solutions
 apart from the equilibrium at the origin
 along which the Lyapunov function is constant.

We have: let $(x(t), y(t))$ be a solution

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} L(x(t), y(t)) = -a y(t)^2 \quad (\text{see (c)})$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x'(t) = y(t) \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) \equiv \text{constant}$$

But the only possible solution $(x(t), y(t)) = (c, 0)$
 is the one which has $c = 0$, i.e. the equi. sol.

3. $f(x_0, a_0) = 0, \frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x_0, a_0) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow \exists \epsilon > 0$ and function

$(x_0 - \epsilon, x_0 + \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto a(x)$

such that $f(x, a(x)) = 0$

(by implicit function theorem)

We have

$$a'(x_0) = \frac{-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, a_0)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x_0, a_0)} = 0 \quad \text{since} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, a_0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x_0, a_0) \neq 0$$

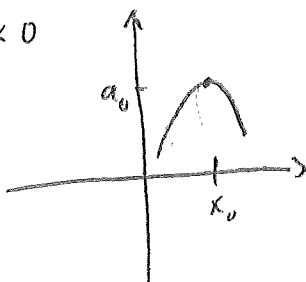
$$a''(x_0) = \frac{d}{dx} \left|_{x=x_0} \frac{-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, a(x))}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x, a(x))}\right.$$

$$= - \frac{\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial a \partial x} a'\right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial a} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial a^2} a'\right)}{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}\right)^2} \Big|_{x=x_0}$$

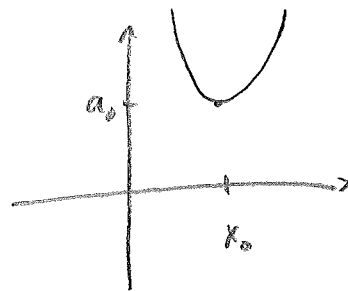
$$= - \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, a_0)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x_0, a_0)} \neq 0$$

\Rightarrow Graph of implicit function

$a'' < 0$



$a'' > 0$



reflecting over the diagonal give the bifurcation diagrams

4. (a) The system $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, with $f: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ is called chaotic.

if (i) periodic points are dense

(ii) f is transitive, i.e. for any open intervals U and V there is $n > 0$ such that $f^n(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$

(iii) f has sensitive dependence on initial conditions, i.e. there is $\beta > 0$ such that for any $x_0 \in \Lambda$ and any neighbourhood U of x_0 there is $y_0 \in U$ and $n > 0$ such that $d(f^n(x_0), f^n(y_0)) > \beta$ where $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a metric.

(b) T has property (i):

let $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\epsilon > 0$.

Choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\frac{1}{2^n} < \epsilon$

set $S = (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n, t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n, t_0, \dots)$
 $\Rightarrow S$ periodic and

$$d(S, t) < \epsilon$$

T has property (ii):

let $S^* = (\underbrace{0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1}_{\substack{\text{all blocks} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{length } 2}}, \underbrace{\dots}_{\substack{\text{all blocks} \\ \text{of length } 3}}, \dots)$

$\Rightarrow \forall^k s^*, k=0,1,2,\dots$ class in Σ .

This implies transitivity

\bar{v} has property (iii):

Set $\beta=2$. let $\epsilon > 0$ and $s \in \bar{\Sigma}$.

Choose n such that $\frac{1}{2^n} < \epsilon$.

Set $t = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n, \hat{s}_{n+1}, \hat{s}_{n+2}, \dots)$

where $\hat{s}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s_j = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } s_j = 1 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow d(s, t) < \epsilon$ and

$d(\bar{v}^{n+1}(s), \bar{v}^{n+1}(t)) = 2$