

Dynamical systems

1. | Dynamical systems in Euclidean spaces

Introduction

Definition 1. Let (X, G, Π) be a dynamical system. In the continuous case, we say that $x \in X$ is an *equilibrium point* if $\Pi(x, t) = x \forall t \in G$. In the discrete case, a point $x \in X$ satisfying this property is called a *fixed point*.

Definition 2. Let (X, G, Π) be a dynamical system. A *periodic orbit of period T* is an orbit of the system that satisfies $\Pi(x, t + T) = \Pi(x, t) \forall t \in G$ and for some $x \in X$.

Theorem 3. Let (X, G, Π) be a dynamical system and γ_x be an orbit. Then, there are 3 possible cases for γ_x . In the continuous case:

1. γ_x is an equilibrium point.
2. γ_x is a periodic orbit.
3. $\gamma_x \cong \mathbb{R}$.

In the discrete case:

1. γ_x is a fixed point.
2. γ_x is a periodic orbit.
3. $\gamma_x \cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Theorem 4. Let $(X, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \Pi)$ be a discrete semidynamical system and γ_x be an orbit. Then, apart from the above possibilities the orbit can also be of the form:

1. $\gamma_x = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n, x_n, x_n, x_n, \dots\}$
2. $\gamma_x = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n, \dots, x_{n+T}, x_n, \dots, x_{n+T}, \dots\}$

Definition 5. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions and consider the system of ODEs:

$$\begin{cases} x' = p(x, y) \\ y' = q(x, y) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

We say that the system is *symmetric with respect to the x -axis* if it is invariant under the transformation $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (-x, y, -t)$. Analogously, we say that the system is *symmetric with respect to the y -axis* if it is invariant under the transformation $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (x, -y, -t)$.

Theorem 6. Consider the system Eq. (1) and suppose that the origin is an equilibrium point. If the system is symmetric with respect to the x -axis or y -axis, and if the origin is a center of the linear part of the system, then the origin is a center of the nonlinear system Eq. (1).

Theorem 7. Consider the differential system in $\mathbb{C}$ defined by:

$$z' = iz + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots =: iz + f(z)$$

This is a *holomorphic differential equation*. Then, there exists a conjugation that conjugates this system with $z' = iz$. This process of finding the conjugacy is called *linearization* of the first system. In particular, the periods of the periodic orbits are always the same.

Theorem 8. Consider the differential system

$$\begin{cases} x' = \lambda x + p(x, y) \\ y' = \mu y + q(x, y) \end{cases}$$

where $p, q \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ and $\deg p, \deg q \geq 2$. If $\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \notin \mathbb{Q}$, then there exists a conjugacy of class $\mathcal{C}^\omega$ between them.

Definition 9. Let (X, G, Π) be a dynamical system and $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an invariant subset. We say that A is *minimal* if it doesn't contain any proper invariant subset.

Definition 10. A *Kolmogorov system* is a dynamical system of the form:

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = x_1 f_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ x_n' = x_n f_n(\mathbf{x}) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Homogeneous systems

Definition 11. We say that function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *homogeneous of degree k* if $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ we have:

$$f(\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^k f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Definition 12. We say that differential system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ is *homogeneous of degree k* if the components of $\mathbf{f}$ are homogeneous functions of degree k . That is, if $\mathbf{f}(\lambda \mathbf{x}) = \lambda^k \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proposition 13. The study of the global dynamics of a homogeneous system with only one equilibrium point (at the origin) is the same as the study of local dynamics at the origin.

Poincaré map

Proposition 14. Let $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ be a planar differential system and $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a transversal section. Then, the Poincaré map $\Pi : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ is monotone.

Proposition 15. Let $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ be a differential system and $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ be a transversal section. Then, $\Pi \in \mathcal{C}^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Discrete maps

Definition 16. A discrete map of order m is a recurrence of the form:

$$f(n, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}) = 0 \quad (3)$$

where $f : \mathbb{R}^{m+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a function. Sometimes we will be able to express it in its explicit form as:

$$x_{n+m} = f(x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m-1}) \quad (4)$$

Proposition 17. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a function. Consider a discrete map of Eq. (4). Then, we can transform this map into a map of order 1 of m equations:

$$\begin{cases} (y_1)_{n+1} = (y_2)_n \\ (y_2)_{n+1} = (y_3)_n \\ \vdots \\ (y_{m-1})_{n+1} = (y_m)_n \\ (y_m)_{n+1} = f(n, (y_1)_n, (y_2)_n, \dots, (y_{m-1})_n) \end{cases}$$

where $(y_i)_n = x_{n+i-1}$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$.

Proposition 18. Let $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be an invertible function and consider the discrete map of Eq. (4). Then, $\Pi(\mathbf{x}, n) := \mathbf{f}^n(\mathbf{x})$ defines a discrete dynamical system.

Proposition 19 (Characteristic equation). Consider the following linear discrete map:

$$x_{n+m} + a_{m-1}x_{n+m-1} + \dots + a_1x_{n+1} + a_0x_n = 0$$

Let:

$$p(y) := y^m + a_{m-1}y^{m-1} + \dots + a_1y + a_0 = 0$$

Suppose p has r distinct real roots and $2(s - r)$ distinct complex roots.

$$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, \lambda_{r+1}, \overline{\lambda_{r+1}}, \dots, \lambda_s, \overline{\lambda_s}$$

Here, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \ \forall i = 1, \dots, r$ and $\lambda_i = \alpha_i + i\beta_i \in \mathbb{C} \ \forall i = r+1, \dots, s$. Assume, each of these roots have multiplicity $k_i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, the general solution to that discrete map is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_n = & \sum_{i=1}^r (c_{i,0} + c_{i,1}n + \dots + c_{i,k_i-1}n^{k_i-1}) \lambda_i^n + \\ & + \sum_{i=r+1}^s \sum_{j=0}^{k_i-1} n^j \rho_i^n (c_{i,j,1} \cos(\theta_i n) + c_{i,j,2} \sin(\theta_i n)) \end{aligned}$$

where $c_{i,j,k} \in \mathbb{R}$ are constants and $\lambda_i = \rho_i e^{i\theta_i}$.

Proposition 20. Consider the discrete map

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

and let $\mathbf{p}$ be a fixed point of $\mathbf{f}$.

- If $\forall \lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{p}))$ we have $|\lambda| < 1$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is asymptotically stable.

- If $\forall \lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{p}))$ we have $|\lambda| > 1$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is repelling and negatively stable.
- If $\mathbf{p}$ is positively stable, then $|\lambda| \leq 1 \ \forall \lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{p}))$.
- If $\mathbf{p}$ is negatively stable, then $|\lambda| \geq 1 \ \forall \lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{p}))$.

Theorem 21 (Hartman-Grobman theorem). Consider the discrete map

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

where $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$. Let $\mathbf{p} \in U$ be a fixed point of $\mathbf{f}$ and suppose $\sigma(\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{p})) = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$. Then, $\mathbf{p}$ will be a

- stable node if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2| < 1$.
- unstable node if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2| > 1$.
- saddle point if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $|\lambda_1| < 1$ and $|\lambda_2| > 1$ (or vice versa).
- stable focus if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|\lambda_1| < 1$.
- unstable focus if $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|\lambda_1| > 1$.

2. | Study of local dynamics

Stable manifold and center manifold theorems

Theorem 22 (The stable manifold theorem). Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open subset containing the origin, $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^1(E)$ and ϕ_t be the flow of the following system of n equations:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (5)$$

Suppose that $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ and that $\mathbf{Df}(\mathbf{0})$ has n_+ eigenvalues with positive real part and $n_- = n - n_+$ eigenvalues with negative real part. Then, there exists a unique n_+ -dimensional differentiable manifold S tangent to the stable eigenspace E^s of the linear system at $\mathbf{0}$ such that $\forall t \geq 0$, $\phi_t(S) \subseteq S$ and $\forall \mathbf{x}_0 \in S$:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi_t(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathbf{0}$$

This manifold is called *stable manifold*. Analogously, there exists a unique n_- -dimensional differentiable manifold U tangent to the stable eigenspace E^u of the linear system at $\mathbf{0}$ such that $\forall t \leq 0$, $\phi_t(U) \subseteq U$ and $\forall \mathbf{x}_0 \in U$:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \phi_t(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathbf{0}$$

This manifold is called *unstable manifold*.

Definition 23. Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open subset containing the origin, $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^1(E)$ and ϕ_t be the flow of the system of Eq. (5). The *global stable manifold* and *global unstable manifold* at $\mathbf{0}$ are defined respectively by:

$$W^s(\mathbf{0}) = \bigcup_{t \leq 0} \phi_t(S) \quad W^u(\mathbf{0}) = \bigcup_{t \geq 0} \phi_t(U)$$

Proposition 24. Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open subset containing the origin, $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^1(E)$ and ϕ_t be the flow of the system of Eq. (5). Then, the manifolds W^s and W^u are unique and invariant with respect to the flow ϕ_t

Theorem 25 (The center manifold theorem). Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open subset containing the origin, $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^r(E)$, $r \geq 1$ and consider the system of Eq. (5). Suppose that $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ and that $D\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{0})$ has n_+ eigenvalues with positive real part, n_- eigenvalues with negative real part and $n_0 = n - n_+ - n_-$ eigenvalues with zero real part. Then, there exists a n_0 -dimensional differentiable manifold W^c (called *central manifolds*) of class $\mathcal{C}^{r-1}$ tangent to the center eigenspace E^c of the linear system at $\mathbf{0}$; there exists a n_+ -dimensional differentiable manifold S tangent to the stable eigenspace E^s of the linear system at $\mathbf{0}$, and there exists a n_- -dimensional differentiable manifold U tangent to the stable eigenspace E^u of the linear system at $\mathbf{0}$. Furthermore, W^c , W^s and W^u are invariant under the flow ϕ_t . If moreover, $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^\omega(E)$, the the manifold W^c is also of class $\mathcal{C}^\omega$ and it is unique¹.

Local bifurcation theory

Definition 26. A *local bifurcation* on a differential systems

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mu) \quad (6)$$

is the study of the changes in the local stability properties of equilibrium points, periodic orbits or other invariant sets as the parameter μ cross through critical thresholds.

Definition 27. The *normal form* of a dynamical system is a simplified form that can be useful in determining the system's behavior.

Definition 28. The *codimension* of a bifurcation is the number of parameters which must be varied for the bifurcation to occur.

Definition 29 (Saddle-node bifurcation). The normal form of the codimension-one *saddle-node bifurcation* is:

$$x' = \mu + x^2$$

Fig. 1a shows the qualitative behavior of that system².

Definition 30 (Transcritical bifurcation). The normal form of the codimension-one *transcritical bifurcation* is:

$$x' = \mu x + x^2$$

Fig. 1b shows a qualitative behavior of the stability of the equilibria.

Definition 31 (Pitchfork bifurcation). The normal form of the codimension-one *pitchfork bifurcation* is:

$$x' = \mu x + x^3$$

Fig. 1c shows a qualitative behavior of the stability of the equilibria.

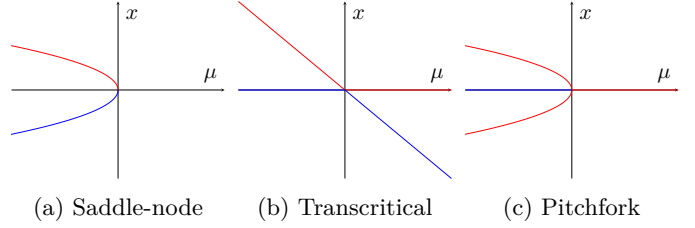


Figure 1: Bifurcation diagrams of the principal bifurcations in 1-dimensional systems

Theorem 32. Consider the system of Eq. (6). Then, it will have a saddle-node bifurcation at the origin if $\mathbf{f}(0, 0) = 0$, $\mathbf{f}_x(0, 0) = 0$, $\mathbf{f}_{xx}(0, 0) \neq 0$ and $\mathbf{f}_\mu(0, 0) \neq 0$.

Theorem 33. Consider the system of Eq. (6). Then, it will have a transcritical bifurcation at the origin if $\mathbf{f}(0, 0) = 0$, $\mathbf{f}_x(0, 0) = 0$, $\mathbf{f}_{xx}(0, 0) \neq 0$, $\mathbf{f}_\mu(0, 0) = 0$ and $\mathbf{f}_{x\mu}(0, 0) \neq 0$.

Theorem 34. Consider the system of Eq. (6). Then, it will have a pitchfork bifurcation at the origin if $\mathbf{f}(0, 0) = 0$, $\mathbf{f}_x(0, 0) = 0$, $\mathbf{f}_{xx}(0, 0) = 0$, $\mathbf{f}_{xxx}(0, 0) \neq 0$, $\mathbf{f}_\mu(0, 0) = 0$ and $\mathbf{f}_{x\mu}(0, 0) \neq 0$.

Non-hyperbolic equilibrium points

Theorem 35 (Lyapunov's theorem). Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set and $\mathbf{f} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a vector field of class $\mathcal{C}^1$ and $\mathbf{p} \in U$ be a critical point of $\mathbf{f}$. Suppose there exists a function $V : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of class $\mathcal{C}^1$ and a neighbourhood $\tilde{U} \subseteq U$ of $\mathbf{p}$ such that $V(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ and $V(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \forall \mathbf{x} \in \tilde{U} \setminus \{\mathbf{p}\}$. Then:

- If $V'(\mathbf{q}) \leq 0 \forall \mathbf{q} \in \tilde{U}$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is stable.
- If $V'(\mathbf{q}) < 0 \forall \mathbf{q} \in \tilde{U}$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is asymptotically stable.
- If $V'(\mathbf{q}) \leq 0 \forall \mathbf{q} \in \tilde{U}$ and $\omega(\tilde{U}) = \{\mathbf{p}\}$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is asymptotically stable.
- If $V'(\mathbf{q}) > 0 \forall \mathbf{q} \in \tilde{U}$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is unstable.

Theorem 36 (Lyapunov's theorem). Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set, $\mathbf{f} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a continuous function and consider the iteration $\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n)$. Let $\mathbf{p} \in U$ be a fixed point of $\mathbf{f}$. Suppose there exists a continuous function $V : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a neighbourhood $\tilde{U} \subseteq U$ of $\mathbf{p}$ such that $V(\mathbf{p}) = 0$ and $V(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \forall \mathbf{x} \in \tilde{U} \setminus \{\mathbf{p}\}$. Then:

- If $V(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}) - V(\mathbf{x}_n) \leq 0 \forall \mathbf{x}_n \in \tilde{U}$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is stable.
- If $V(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}) - V(\mathbf{x}_n) < 0 \forall \mathbf{x}_n \in \tilde{U}$, then $\mathbf{p}$ is asymptotically stable.

Theorem 37 (Semi-hyperbolic singular points classification theorem). Consider the differential system

$$\begin{cases} x' = X(x, y) \\ y' = y + Y(x, y) \end{cases}$$

¹Unique in the sense that there is no other manifold of class $\mathcal{C}^\omega$ tangent to E^c at $\mathbf{0}$ but it may be other manifolds of class $\mathcal{C}^r$, $r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$, satisfying this property.

²In these images, the red lies means that the point (μ, x) is repelling. The blue lines means that the point (μ, x) is attracting.

where $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}^\omega$ have order ≥ 2 in their Taylor's series. Hence, the differential of the system at the origin is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose the origin is an equilibrium point, let $y = f(x)$ the solution to the equation $y + Y(x, y) = 0$ given by the implicit function theorem and $g(x) = X(x, f(x)) = a_m x^m + O(x^{m+1})$, where $a_m \neq 0$ and $m \geq 2$. Then:

1. If m is odd and $a_m > 0$, the origin is a repelling node.
2. If m is odd and $a_m < 0$, the origin is a saddle.
3. If m is even, the origin is a *saddle-node* (See Fig. 2).

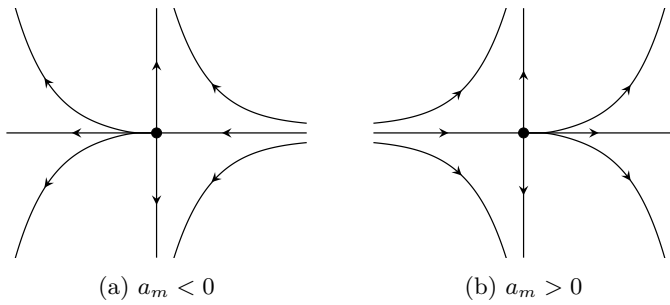


Figure 2: Local phase portraits of the saddle-node system when m is even.

Definition 38. A singular point of a differential system is called *nilpotent* if the differential at this point is nilpotent.

Theorem 39 (Nilpotent singular points classification theorem). Consider the differential system

$$\begin{cases} x' = y + X(x, y) \\ y' = Y(x, y) \end{cases}$$

where $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}^\omega$ have order ≥ 2 in their Taylor's series. Hence, the differential of the system at the origin is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose the origin is an equilibrium point, let $y = f(x)$ the solution to the equation $y + X(x, y) = 0$ given by the implicit function theorem and $g(x) = Y(x, f(x))$. Moreover, define $\Phi(x) = \text{div}(X, Y)(x, f(x))$. Then:

1. If $g(x) = \Phi(x) = 0$, the phase portrait at the origin is given by Fig. 3a.
2. If $g(x) = 0$ and $\Phi(x) = bx^n + O(x^{n+1})$ with $n \geq 1$ and $b \neq 0$, then the phase portrait at the origin is given by Figs. 3b or 3c.
3. If $\Phi(x) = 0$ and $g(x) = ax^m + O(x^{m+1})$ with $m \geq 2$ and $a \neq 0$, then:

- i) If m is odd and
 - a) $a > 0$, the origin is a saddle (Fig. 3d).

- b) $a < 0$, the origin is a center or a focus (Figs. 3e to 3g).

- ii) If m is even, the origin is a *cusp* (it consists of two hyperbolic sectors, Fig. 3h).

4. If $g(x) = ax^m + O(x^{m+1})$ and $\Phi(x) = bx^n + O(x^{n+1})$ with $m \geq 2$, $n \geq 1$ and $a, b \neq 0$, then:

- i) If m is even and

- a) $m > 2n + 1$, the origin is a saddle-node (Figs. 3i or 3j).

- b) $m < 2n + 1$, the origin is a cusp (Fig. 3h).

- ii) If m is odd and $a > 0$, the origin is a saddle (Fig. 3d).

- iii) If m is odd, $a < 0$ and

- a) n is even and either $m > 2n + 1$, or $m = 2n + 1$ and $b^2 + 4a(n + 1) \geq 0$, then the origin is a node. The node is attracting if $b < 0$ (Fig. 3m) and repelling if $b > 0$ (Fig. 3l).

- b) n is odd and either $m > 2n + 1$, or $m = 2n + 1$ and $b^2 + 4a(n + 1) \geq 0$, then the origin consists of an elliptic sector and a hyperbolic sector (Fig. 3k).

- c) either $m < 2n + 1$, or $m = 2n + 1$ and $b^2 + 4a(n + 1) < 0$, then the origin is a center or a focus (Figs. 3e to 3g).

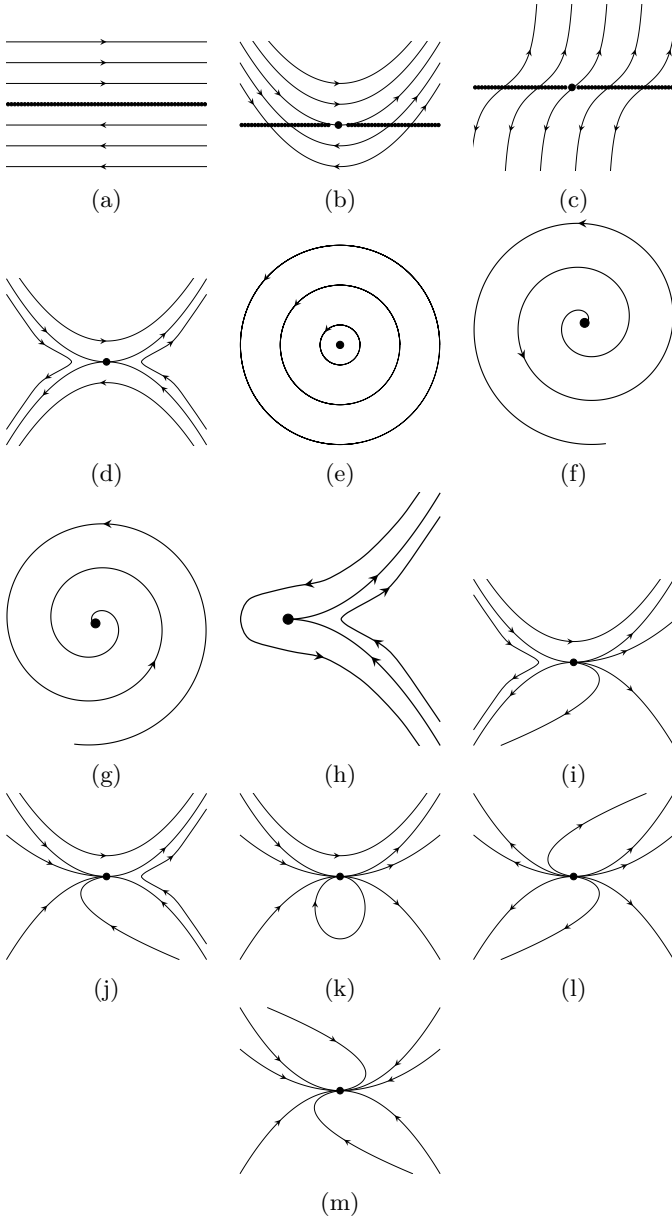


Figure 3: Phase portraits of nilpotent singular points

Theorem 40 (Blow-up in polar coordinates). Consider a planar differential system with an equilibrium at the origin such that its differential at $(0,0)$ is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, a change from cartesian coordinates to polar coordinates will transform the equations into the following ones:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{r} = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} r^{k-1} f_k(\theta) \\ \dot{\theta} = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} r^{k-2} g_k(\theta) \end{cases}$$

where $f_k(\theta)$ and $g_k(\theta)$ are trigonometric polynomials of degree k . The above system has the same phase portrait

as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{r} = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} r^{k-2} f_k(\theta) \\ \dot{\theta} = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} r^{k-3} g_k(\theta) \end{cases}$$

We are interested in the local behavior of the origin so we should first think this problem in the cylinder $(r, \theta) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, 2\pi)$. The equilibrium points of that system at $r = 0$ will be the isolated zeros of $g_3(\theta)$. Let $Z(g_3)$ be the set of such zeros. Now we want to study the behavior on each of these points. To do so, we can apply either Hartman's theorem, [Theorem 37](#) or [Theorem 39](#). If none of these are applicable of some $\theta^* \in Z(g_3)$, we should repeat the procedure by doing another polar transformation centered at θ^* ³. We can then represent all these local behavior by *blowing-up* the origin to S^1 and once done, we should *blow-down* until contract S^1 into the origin (See the example [Fig. 4](#) for a better understanding).

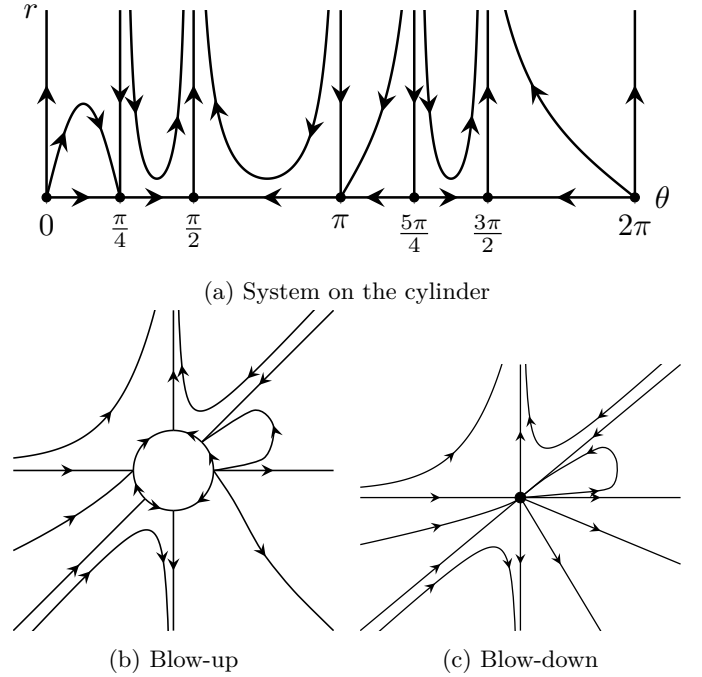


Figure 4: Blowing-up of a non-hyperbolic critical point. The kinds of equilibrium points in the cylinder (here $Z(g_3) = \{0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\}$) are three saddles, two saddle-node and one node. These are transformed in parabolic, hyperbolic and elliptic sectors when blowing-down the origin.

Corollary 41 (Blow-up in generalized polar coordinates). If, in the above theorem, in a neighbourhood of the origin we have $x^\alpha \sim y^\beta$ where $\alpha, \beta > 0$, then a better change of variables instead of the ordinary change to polars would be:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r^\beta \cos \theta \\ y &= r^\alpha \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

³See [Theorem 42](#) for a better solution to this problem.

Theorem 42 (Blow-up in cartesian coordinates). Consider a planar differential system with an equilibrium at the origin such that its differential at $(0, 0)$ is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We would like to do not a blow-up equally-weighted in all directions (as in the polar blow-up) but two blow-ups: one by leaving one axis undefined and the other one covering that axis left. Thus, if at the origin $x^\alpha \sim y^\beta$ where $\alpha, \beta > 0$ we seek transformations of the form $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(x, \frac{y^\beta}{x^\alpha}\right)$, which is undefined at $x = 0$, and transformations of the form $(x, y) \rightarrow \left(\frac{x^\alpha}{y^\beta}, y\right)$, which is undefined at $y = 0$. From here, we proceed as in [Theorem 40](#).

Proposition 43 (Lyapunov's method). Consider the differential system:

$$\begin{cases} x' = \mu x - y + X(x, y) \\ y' = x + \mu y + Y(x, y) \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where $X, Y \in \mathcal{C}^\omega$ have order ≥ 2 in their Taylor's series. In polar coordinates this system is transformed into:

$$\begin{cases} r' = \mu r + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} f_k(\theta) r^{k-1} \\ \theta' = 1 + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} g_k(\theta) r^{k-1} \end{cases}$$

where $f_k(\theta)$ and $g_k(\theta)$ are trigonometric homogeneous polynomials of degree k . And so, in a neighbourhood of the origin, we can express $\frac{dr}{d\theta}$ as:

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = \mu r + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} h_k(\theta) r^{k-1}$$

where $h_k(\theta)$ are trigonometric polynomials of degree k . If we impose $r(0) = \rho \simeq 0$ and assume $\mu = 0$, then the solution $r(\theta, \rho)$ can be written as:

$$r(\theta, \rho) = \rho + v_2(\theta)\rho^2 + v_3(\theta)\rho^3 + \dots^4$$

We define the n -th *Lyapunov constant* as:

$$L_n := v_{2n+1}(2\pi)^{56}$$

Theorem 44 (Hopf bifurcation theorem). Consider the system of [Eq. \(7\)](#) with $\mu = 0$ and suppose $L_1 \neq 0$. Then, for $\mu \gtrsim 0$ there exists a unique periodic orbit that bifurcates at the origin. If $L_1 > 0$ the periodic orbit is an unstable limit cycle, and if $L_1 < 0$ the periodic orbit is a stable limit cycle (see [Fig. 5](#)). This codimension-one bifurcation is called *Hopf-bifurcation*.

⁴Because of the differentiable dependence on initial conditions.

⁵Note that this has a strong relation with the Poincaré map $\Pi(\rho) = r(2\pi, \rho)$ given the section $\{(r, 0) : r \simeq 0\}$.

⁶In practice we will only compute the L_n coefficient if $v_k(2\pi) = 0$ for $k = 2, \dots, 2n$.

⁷This H will be either a first integral of the system or a Lyapunov function. In the first case, we obtain a center for the system; in the second one, a focus.

⁸Note that finding such a function H is computationally more efficient than finding the values of $v_{2n+1}(2\pi)$ of Lyapunov's method.

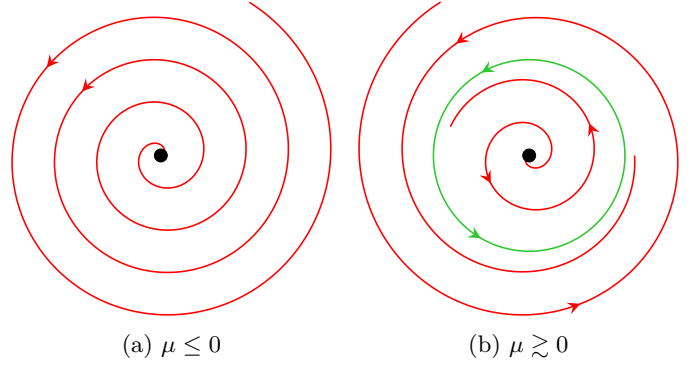


Figure 5: Hopf bifurcation with $L_1 < 0$

Theorem 45. Consider the system of [Eq. \(7\)](#) with $\mu = 0$ and the functions $v_k(\theta)$. We have that $v_{2n}(2\pi) = 0$.

Corollary 46. Consider the system of [Eq. \(7\)](#) with $\mu = 0$. Then, the origin is a center if and only if:

$$L_n = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Theorem 47 (Poincaré's method). Consider the system of [Eq. \(7\)](#) with $\mu = 0$. Then, there exists a function $H(x, y)^7$ of the form

$$H(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + H_3(x, y) + H_4(x, y) + \dots$$

where each $H_j(x, y)$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree j , such that:

$$H' = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_k(x^2 + y^2)^{k+1}^8$$

Note that due to the given stability of the problem, if $k = k_0$ is the index of the first non-zero Lyapunov coefficient, we must have $L_k = a_k P_k$, with $a_k > 0$.

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Bifurcation of periodic orbits

Theorem 48 (Bautin's theorem). Consider the differential system:

$$\begin{cases} x' = \alpha x - y + p_2(x, y, \mu) \\ y' = x + \alpha y + q_2(x, y, \mu) \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where p_2 and q_2 are homogeneous polynomials of degree 2. Then, in a neighbourhood of the origin and for $(\alpha, \mu) \simeq 0$ there are at most 3 limit cycles that born from the origin.

Definition 49 (Homoclinic bifurcation). A *homoclinic bifurcation* is a bifurcation in which a limit cycle collides with a saddle point.

Theorem 50 (Bogdanov-Takens bifurcation). The normal form of the codimension-two *Bogdanov-Takens bifurcation* is:

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + x^2 - xy \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Observe that three codimension-one bifurcations occur nearby: a saddle-node bifurcation, a Hopf bifurcation and a homoclinic bifurcation.

Proposition 51 (Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion). Consider the following polynomial:

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + 1$$

The *Routh-Hurwitz stability criterion* gives a method to conclude whether all the real parts of the roots of p are negative or not. Construct a table as follows:

a_n	a_{n-2}	a_{n-4}	$\cdots$
a_{n-1}	a_{n-3}	a_{n-5}	$\cdots$
b_{11}	b_{12}	b_{13}	$\cdots$
b_{21}	b_{22}	b_{23}	$\cdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

Table 1

where the coefficient b_{ij} is obtained by computing the determinant of the matrix whose first column is formed by the the first two elements of the two rows just above b_{ij} , and the second column is formed by the two elements of the $(i+1)$ -th column in the two rows just above b_{ij} . Finally this determinant is divided by the first by minus the first coefficient of the row just above b_{ij} . That is:

$$\begin{aligned} b_{1j} &= -\frac{1}{a_{n-1}} \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n-2j} \\ a_{n-1} & a_{n-2j-1} \end{vmatrix} \\ b_{2j} &= -\frac{1}{b_{11}} \begin{vmatrix} a_{n-1} & a_{n-2j-1} \\ b_{11} & b_{1(j+1)} \end{vmatrix} \\ b_{ij} &= -\frac{1}{b_{(i-1)1}} \begin{vmatrix} b_{(i-2)1} & b_{(i-2)(j+1)} \\ b_{(i-1)1} & b_{(i-1)(j+1)} \end{vmatrix} \quad \forall i \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

When completed, the number of sign changes in the first column of **Table 1** will be the number of non-negative roots.

Rotated vector fields

Definition 52. Let $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = (X(\mathbf{x}), Y(\mathbf{x}))$ be a vector field in $\mathbb{R}$. We say that $\{\mathbf{f}(\cdot, \mu) : \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a *one-parameter family of rotated vector fields* if the equilibrium points of $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mu)$ are isolated and:

$$\mathbf{f} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mu} = \begin{vmatrix} X & Y \\ X_\mu & Y_\mu \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

The vector field is *positively rotated* if $\mathbf{f} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mu} > 0$. Otherwise it is *negatively rotated*.

Remark. The word “rotated” can be explained by the following the expression of the rate of rotation in terms of μ is:

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \mu} = \frac{XY_\mu - YX_\mu}{X^2 + Y^2} = \frac{\mathbf{f} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mu}}{X^2 + Y^2}$$

Theorem 53. Stable and unstable limit cycles of a family of rotated vector fields expand or contract monotonically as the parameter μ varies in a fixed sense and the motion covers an annular neighbourhood of the initial position.

Theorem 54. A semistable limit cycle Γ_μ of a family of rotated vector fields splits into two simple limit cycles, one stable and one unstable, as the parameter μ is varied in one sense and it disappears as μ is varied in the opposite sense.

Theorem 55 (Melnikov’s method). Let $\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $\mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^m)$ and $\varepsilon \simeq 0$. Consider the following ODE:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mu) \quad (10)$$

Suppose that for $\varepsilon = 0$ the system has a one-parameter family of periodic orbits $\gamma_h(t)$ of period T_h . Then for any simple zero (μ_0, h_0) of the function

$$M(\mu, h) = \int_0^{T_h} \mathbf{f}(\gamma_h(t)) \times \mathbf{g}(\gamma_h(t)) dt$$

there exists a unique limit cycle Γ_ε for $\varepsilon \simeq 0$ such that $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Gamma_\varepsilon = \gamma_{h_0}$. On the other hand, if $M(\mu_0, h_0) \neq 0$, for sufficiently small ε , the system of **Eq. (10)** with $\mu = \mu_0$ has no limit cycle in any sufficiently small neighborhood of γ_{h_0} .

Corollary 56 (Melnikov’s method). Let $H \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $P, Q \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^m)$ and $\varepsilon \simeq 0$. Consider the following system of ODEs:

$$\begin{cases} x' = -H_y - \varepsilon Q(x, y, \mu) \\ y' = H_x + \varepsilon P(x, y, \mu) \end{cases}$$

Suppose the system has a center and let $\gamma_h = \{H(x, y) = h\}$ be a one-parameter family of periodic orbits of it. Then:

$$M(\mu, h) = \int_{\gamma_h} P dx + Q dy$$

Graphs

Definition 57. A *graph* in a continuous dynamical system is the collection of a set of equilibrium points joined together with orbits which have them as α - and ω -limits.

Definition 58. We say that a graph in the system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ is *non-degenerated* if all the equilibrium points on it are *linear saddles*, that is, saddles $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\det D\mathbf{f}(p) \neq 0$.

Proposition 59. Consider a system with a non-degenerated graph Γ with n equilibria and such that the differential at each of the n saddles has eigenvalues $\lambda_i > 0$ and $\mu_i < 0$. Then:

1. If $\prod_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\mu_i}{\lambda_i} \right| < 1$, then Γ is unstable.
2. If $\prod_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\mu_i}{\lambda_i} \right| > 1$, then Γ is stable.

Corollary 60. Suppose that the system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ has a homoclinic orbit γ which has p as α - and ω -limit. Then:

1. If $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{f}(p) > 0$, then γ is unstable.
2. If $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{f}(p) < 0$, then γ is stable.

Liénard system

Definition 61. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be functions of class $\mathcal{C}^1$. A *Liénard system* is a system of the form:

$$x'' + f(x)x' + g(x) = 0 \iff \begin{cases} x' = y - F(x) \\ y' = -g(x) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where we have denoted $F(x) := \int_0^x f(\xi) d\xi$.

Theorem 62 (Liénard's theorem). Let $F, g \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R})$ be odd functions such that:

- $xg(x) > 0$ for $x \neq 0$.
- $F'(0) < 0$.
- F has a single positive zero at $x = a$.
- F increases monotonically to infinity for $x \geq a$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Then, the Liénard system of Eq. (11) has exactly one limit cycle and it is stable.

Definition 63. Let $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$. A *Van der Pol oscillator* is a Liénard system of the form:

$$x'' + \mu(x^2 - 1)x' + x = 0 \iff \begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -x + \mu(1 - x^2) \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Corollary 64. For $\mu > 0$, Van der Pol oscillator has a unique limit cycle and it is stable.

Dynamics on $\mathbb{R}^3$

Proposition 65. Let $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a vector field and $\gamma(t)$ be a periodic orbit of period T of it. Consider a transversal section $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ that cuts γ and let $\Pi : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ be the Poincaré map on it. If $\mathbf{M}(t)$ is the solution to the variational equation

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{M}' = \mathbf{Df}(\gamma(t))\mathbf{M} \\ \mathbf{M}(0) = \mathbf{I}_n \end{cases}$$

then, $\sigma(\mathbf{M}(T)) = \sigma(\mathbf{D}\Pi) \cup \{1\}$. Hence, the stability of the orbit can be studied from $\mathbf{M}(T)$.

Lorenz System

Definition 66. The *Lorenz system* is defined as:

$$\begin{cases} x' = \sigma(y - x) \\ y' = x(\rho - z) - y \\ z' = xy - \beta z \end{cases}$$

4. | Global dynamics in discrete systems

Periodic orbits

Definition 67. Let $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a function and consider the discrete map

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_n) \quad (13)$$

A *periodic point* $\mathbf{y}$ of period m is a solution to the equation $\mathbf{f}^m(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$. If moreover it satisfies that $\mathbf{f}^k(\mathbf{y}) \neq \mathbf{y} \forall k = 1, \dots, m-1$, then m is called *prime period* of $\mathbf{y}$. We denote the *set of periodic points* of period (not necessarily prime) n by $\operatorname{Per}_n(\mathbf{f})$. Finally we define the *set of periods* $\operatorname{Per}(\mathbf{f}) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ as follows:

$$m \in \operatorname{Per}(\mathbf{f}) \iff \exists \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ such that } \mathbf{y} \text{ is a periodic point of prime period } m \text{ under } \mathbf{f}$$

Proposition 68. Consider the one-dimensional discrete map $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ and let $\gamma = \{x^1, \dots, x^k\}$ be a periodic orbit of period k of f . Then, the orbit is stable if:

$$\prod_{i=1}^k |f'(x^i)| < 1$$

Analogously, it is unstable if:

$$\prod_{i=1}^k |f'(x^i)| > 1$$

Proof. The orbit γ is stable if $|(f^k(x^1))'| < 1$ as x^1 is a fixed point of f^k . But by the ?? ?? we have:

$$(f^k(x^1))' = \prod_{i=1}^k f'(f^{k-i}(x^1)) = \prod_{i=1}^k f'(x^{k+1-i}) = \prod_{i=1}^k f'(x^i)$$

The unstable case is analogous. □

Logistic map

Definition 69. The *logistic map* is the one-dimensional iteration

$$x_{n+1} = \mu x_n(1 - x_n) =: f_\mu(x_n) \quad (14)$$

where $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^*$.

Proposition 70. The logistic map of Eq. (14) satisfies that $f_\mu(0) = f_\mu(1) = 0$ and $f_\mu(p_\mu) = p_\mu$, where $p_\mu = 1 - \frac{1}{\mu}$. Moreover for $\mu > 1$ we have the following properties:

- $0 < p_\mu < 1$
- If $x > 1$ or $x < 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(x) = -\infty$.

Proposition 71. The logistic map of Eq. (14) has a transcritical bifurcation at $\mu = 1$.

Proposition 72. Consider the logistic map of Eq. (14) with $\mu \in (1, 3)$. Then:

- p_μ is attracting and 0 is repelling.
- If $0 < x < 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(x) = p_\mu$.

Definition 73 (Period-doubling bifurcation). A *period-doubling bifurcation* occurs when a slight change in a system's parameters causes a new periodic trajectory to emerge from an existing periodic trajectory, the new one having double the period of the original. A *period-halving bifurcation* occurs when a system switches to a new behavior with half the period of the original system.

Definition 74. A *period-doubling cascade* is an infinite sequence of period-doubling bifurcations.

Theorem 75. The logistic map of Eq. (14) has a period-doubling cascade starting at $\mu = 3$.

Definition 76 (Sharkovskii's order). Consider the following order relation $\geq_s$ on $\mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 3 & \geq_s & 5 & \geq_s & \cdots & \geq_s & (2n+1) & \geq_s & \cdots \\ \cdots & \geq_s & 2 \cdot 3 & \geq_s & 2 \cdot 5 & \geq_s & \cdots & \geq_s & 2 \cdot (2n+1) & \geq_s & \cdots \\ \cdots & \geq_s & 2^2 \cdot 3 & \geq_s & 2^2 \cdot 5 & \geq_s & \cdots & \geq_s & 2^2 \cdot (2n+1) & \geq_s & \cdots \\ & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & & & \\ \cdots & \geq_s & 2^k \cdot 3 & \geq_s & 2^k \cdot 5 & \geq_s & \cdots & \geq_s & 2^k \cdot (2n+1) & \geq_s & \cdots \\ \cdots & \geq_s & 2^k & \geq_s & \cdots & \geq_s & 2^2 & \geq_s & 2 & \geq_s & 1 \end{array}$$

Lemma 77. $(\mathbb{N}, \geq_s)$ is a totally ordered set.

Proposition 78 (Expansive fixed point theorem). Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a closed bounded interval and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $I \subseteq f(I)$. Then, f has a fixed point.

Proof. Suppose $I = [a_1, a_2]$. Then, $\exists b_1, b_2 \in I$ such that $f(b_1) = a_1$ and $f(b_2) = a_2$. Now use the ?? ??.

Lemma 79 (Itinerary lemma). Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function and suppose that there exists closed bounded intervals $I_0, I_1, \dots, I_{n-1}$ such that:

$$f(I_0) \subseteq I_1, f(I_1) \subseteq I_2, \dots, f(I_{n-2}) \subseteq I_{n-1}, f(I_{n-1}) \subseteq I_0$$

Then, $\exists x \in I_0$ such that $f^n(x) = x$ and $f^j(x) \in I_j \forall j \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 80 (Sharkovskii's theorem).

1. Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a closed bounded interval and $f : I \rightarrow I$ be a continuous function. If $n \in \text{Per}(f)$, then $m \in \text{Per}(f) \forall m \leq_s n$.
2. Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a continuous function $f : I \rightarrow I$ defined on a closed bounded interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that $n \in \text{Per}(f)$ and $\forall m \geq_s n, m \notin \text{Per}(f)$.

Corollary 81 (Period three theorem). Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval and $f : I \rightarrow I$ be a continuous function. If $3 \in \text{Per}(f)$, then $\text{Per}(f) = \mathbb{N}$.

Definition 82. Consider the logistic map of Eq. (14) with $\mu > 4$ and define the following set:

$$A_0 := \{x \in [0, 1] : f_\mu(x) \notin [0, 1]\}$$

Note that A_0 breaks the interval $[0, 1]$ in itself and two other intervals: one on the right of it, I_0 , and one on its left, I_1 . Thus, $[0, 1] = I_0 \cup A_0 \cup I_1$.

Proposition 83. Consider the logistic map of Eq. (14) with $\mu > 4$ and let $(s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots) \in \{0, 1\}^\mathbb{N}$ be a sequence of zeros and ones. We define the following sets

$$I_{s_0 s_1 \dots s_n} := \{x \in I : x \in I_{s_0}, f_\mu(x) \in I_{s_1}, \dots, f_\mu^n(x) \in I_{s_n}\}$$

Then, $\Lambda_\mu := \bigcap_{n=0}^\infty I_{s_0 s_1 \dots s_n}$ is homeomorphic to the Cantor set.

Proposition 84. Consider the logistic map of Eq. (14) with $\mu > 4$. Then, Λ_μ is invariant under f_μ .

Symbolic dynamics

Definition 85. Consider the set

$$\Sigma_2 := \{(s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots) : s_n \in \{0, 1\} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$$

and define the following distance on Σ_2 :

$$d_2((s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots), (t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots)) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{|s_n - t_n|}{2^n}$$

In order to simplify the notation we will write from now on $s = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots)$ and $t = (t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots)$.

Lemma 86. (Σ_2, d_2) is a metric space.

Proposition 87 (Proximity theorem). Let $s, t \in \Sigma_2$. Then, $s_i = t_i$ for $i = 0, \dots, n$ if and only if $d_2(s, t) \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$.

Definition 88 (Shift map). The *shift map* is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma : \Sigma_2 &\longrightarrow \Sigma_2 \\ (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots) &\longmapsto (s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 89. The shift map is continuous.

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $s, t \in \Sigma_2$ with $d_2(s, t) < \delta$. Then:

$$d_2(\sigma(s), \sigma(t)) = |s_0 - t_0| + 2d_2(s, t) < \varepsilon$$

if $\delta < \frac{\varepsilon - |s_0 - t_0|}{2}$.

Proposition 90. The triplet $(\Sigma_2, \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \sigma)$ is a discrete semidynamical system.

Proposition 91.

1. $|\text{Per}_n(\sigma)| = 2^n$
2. There exists a dense orbit for σ in Σ_2 .
3. The set of periodic orbits of σ is dense in the set of orbits of σ .

Sketch of the proof.

1. Just note that there are 2^n different sequences in Σ_2 of the form:

$$(s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}, \dots)$$

2. Consider the sequence of "all sequences":

$$\begin{aligned} (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, \\ 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

3. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, take $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} < \varepsilon$ and let $s = (s_n) \in \Sigma_2$. The element

$$t_s := (s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, \dots)$$

is periodic and satisfies $d_2(s, t_s) < \varepsilon$.

□

Definition 92. Consider the logistic map of Eq. (14). We define the *itinerary* of $x \in \Lambda_\mu$ as the function $S_\mu : \Lambda_\mu \rightarrow \Sigma_2$ defined by $S_\mu(x) = (s_n)$, where:

$$s_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f_\mu^n(x) \in I_0 \\ 1 & \text{if } f_\mu^n(x) \in I_1 \end{cases}$$

Proposition 93. For $\mu > 2 + \sqrt{5}$, the itinerary map is a homeomorphism.

Theorem 94. Consider the logistic map of Eq. (14). Then, $S_\mu \circ f_\mu = \sigma \circ S_\mu$.

Corollary 95. Consider the logistic map of Eq. (14) for $\mu > 2 + \sqrt{5}$. Then:

1. $|\text{Per}_n(f_\mu)| = 2^n$
2. There exists a dense orbit for f_μ in Λ_μ .
3. The set of periodic orbits of f_μ is dense in Σ_2 .

Introduction to chaos

Definition 96. Let $f : I \rightarrow I$ be a function. The iteration $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ is *topologically transitive* if for any pair of open subsets $U, V \subseteq I$, $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^k(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$.

Definition 97. Let $f : I \rightarrow I$ be a function. The iteration $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ has *sensitive dependence on initial conditions* on I if $\exists \delta > 0$ such that for each $x \in I$ and any neighborhood N of x , exists $y \in N$ and $n \geq 0$ such that $|f^n(x) - f^n(y)| > \delta$.

Lemma 98. Let $f : I \rightarrow I$ be a function such that the iteration $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ is topologically transitive. Then, it has a dense orbit.

Definition 99 (Chaos). Let $f : I \rightarrow I$ be a function. The iteration $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ is said to be *chaotic* on I if f has the following properties:

1. Periodic points are dense in I .
2. f is topologically transitive.
3. f has sensitive dependence on initial conditions⁹.

Theorem 100. The logistic maps $x_{n+1} = \mu x_n(1 - x_n)$ are chaotic on Λ for $\mu > 2 + \sqrt{5}$.

Theorem 101. The logistic map $x_{n+1} = 4x_n(1 - x_n)$ is chaotic on $[0, 1]$.

⁹Although this is the classical definition of chaos, it has been shown that the first two properties imply the third one.