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Bifurcations of one parameter families of vectorfields with simple recurrence are caused by, either

- a) non-hyperbolicity of singularities,
- b) non-hyperbolicity of periodic orbits,
- c) non-transversal intersection of invariant manifolds.

The generic ones in a) are the saddle-node and the Andronov-Hopf bifurcation $(\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\})$. Both are strongly stable. In the same way, quasi-transversality of the invariant manifolds of two hyperbolic elements is generic for c) $(\{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\})$.

Van Strien $(\{9\})$ gave a complete description of the conditions required for two generic one parameter families to be strongly equivalent. He did this in terms of moduli of stability $(\{10\}, \{11\}, \{12\}, \{13\}, \{14\},)$.

Here we shall see some results about one kind of two parameter families of vectorfields with simple recurrence in M^3 . They shall be those, whose central bifurcation is a vectorfield $X(0,0)$ which exhibits both a quasi-hyperbolic singularity (of the Hopf type) and a quasi-transversal intersection of invariant manifolds.

More precisely,

Let $X_1(M^3)$ be the space of C^∞ vector fields endowed with the C^∞ Whitney topology and let $X_2(M)$ be the space of the mappings $X: I \times I \rightarrow X_1(M)$ with the usual C^∞ topology ($I = [-1, 1]$).

Suppose $X(\mu)$, is a 2-parameter family of vectorfields such that $X(0,0)$ is a field which exhibits:

- a) a saddle type periodic orbit $\sigma_1(0)$ of period 1, hyperbolic, with

associated eigenvalues $0 < |\beta_1| < 1 < |\beta_2|$, C^2 linearizable with associated transversal section Σ .

b) a quasi-hyperbolic singularity $p(0)$ of saddle type such that $\dim W^u(p(0)) = 1$, associated to the eigenvalue $\alpha_3 > 0$ and $\dim W^s(p(0)) = 2$, associated to eigenvalues $\alpha_1 \pm i\alpha_2$ ($\alpha_1 = 0$). Consider $X/W^s(p(0))$ as a "vague attractor".

c) a unique orbit γ in $W^u(p(0)) \cap W^s(\sigma_1(0))$ that is, a quasi-transversal intersection.

Call $E \subset X(M^3)$ the set of fields like $X(0,0)$ and E' the set of families as the one described above.

A topological equivalence between two vectorfields X, \tilde{X} on M is an homeomorphism $h: M \rightarrow M$ such that h sends orbits of X onto orbits of \tilde{X} , preserving time orientation. If addition h preserves time, that is $h X_t = \tilde{X}_t h$ holds, then h is called a conjugation. A vectorfield X is called structurally stable if it is equivalent to any nearby vectorfield.

A semilocal equivalence between X and \tilde{X} and $\tilde{X} \in E$ shall be an equivalence defined from a neighborhood of \bar{Y} onto a neighborhood of \bar{Y} .

We say that a family X_μ at μ_0 is equivalent to \tilde{X}_μ at $\bar{\mu}_0$, if there exists a reparametrisation (homeomorphism) $\lambda: (U \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \mu_0) \rightarrow (U, \bar{\mu}_0)$ and a family of homeomorphisms $h_\mu: M \rightarrow M$ so that h_μ maps orbits of X_μ onto orbits of $\tilde{X}_{\lambda(\mu)}$ for μ near μ_0 . If in addition the homeomorphisms h_μ depend continuously on μ , then we say that X_μ is continuously (or strongly) equivalent to \tilde{X}_μ (at μ_0 and $\bar{\mu}_0$). We say

that X_μ has a stable bifurcation at μ_0 , if every family \tilde{X}_μ sufficiently near X , has a bifurcation value $\tilde{\mu}_0$ such that X_μ and \tilde{X}_μ are equivalent (at μ_0 and $\tilde{\mu}_0$).

We also need semilocal versions of these definitions. We say that X_μ at μ_0 is semilocally equivalent to \tilde{X}_μ at $\tilde{\mu}_0$ if there is a reparametrisation $\lambda: (U, \mu_0) \rightarrow (U, \tilde{\mu}_0)$, a family of homeomorphisms $h_\mu: M \rightarrow M$ and a neighbourhood V of the closure of γ such that

$$(i) \quad h(\gamma) = \tilde{\gamma}$$

$$(ii) \quad h_\mu|_V \text{ maps orbits of } X_\mu|_V \text{ onto orbits of } \tilde{X}_{\lambda(\mu)}|_{h_\mu(V)} \\ \text{for } \mu \text{ near } \mu_0.$$

Let us state

Theorem A - Let X, X' be two vectorfields in E , $\epsilon - C^r$ near. Then they are semilocally topologically equivalent iff $\beta_2 = \tilde{\beta}_2$.

Sketch of the proof: a) Necessity of modulus.

By Takens [15], we can "linearize" the vectorfield, in a way that $X/W^s(p)$ is given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\rho} = b\rho^3 + o(\rho^5), & b < 0 \text{ (vague attractor)} \\ \dot{\theta} = \alpha_2 + o(\rho^2) \end{cases}$$

Let $\Lambda = \{x_3 = 1\}$ be a transversal section to the flow, contained in the linearization domain of ρ .

Take $R = \{x_1 = a_1, x_2 = a_2, x_3 > 0\}$ (a line) and consider $F = \Lambda \cap \left(\bigcup_{t>0} X_t(R) \right)$.
 A sector F is a connected component of $F - W^S(\sigma_1)$.

Call e_m the maxima of the "upper" sectors.

Finally $c_1 \in W^u(\sigma_1) \cap \Sigma - \sigma_1$.

Define $N_m(F, \pi_2^{-1}(c_1), S_p) = \#\{S_j/S_j \cap X - n(\pi_2^{-1}(c_1)) \neq \emptyset, j \geq p\}$.

So we get $e_{1+N_m} \leq c_1 \beta_2^{-m} \leq e_{N_m}$

and, in the same way

$$\tilde{e}_{1+N_m} \leq \tilde{c}_1 \tilde{\beta}_2^{-m} \leq \tilde{e}_{N_m}$$

where $\tilde{c}_1 = h(c_1)$.

$$\text{Then } \frac{e_{1+N_m}}{\tilde{e}_{N_m}} \leq \frac{c_1}{\tilde{c}_1} \frac{\beta_2^{-m}}{\tilde{\beta}_2^{-m}} \leq \frac{e_{N_m}}{\tilde{e}_{1+N_m}}$$

With a little calculation, we get

$$e_{N_m} \approx A_{N_m} / \sqrt{1 - 2b t_{N_m}}$$

where t_{N_m} is the time needed in $W^C(p)$ to turn N_m times along an orbit, and $A_{N_m} \rightarrow A$.

So there exist two constants $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ such that

$$\delta_1 \leq \frac{c_1}{\tilde{c}_1} \left(\frac{\beta_2}{\tilde{\beta}_2} \right)^{-m} \leq \delta_2$$

for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. This means $\beta_2 = \tilde{\beta}_2$.

b) Sufficiency of the modulus.

It follows by an application of the same technique as in (14). \square

In this case we say that X has modulus of stability one, and that β_2 is a modulus for X . In some sense, we are parameterizing

the equivalence classes in a neighborhood of X by the parameter β_2 .

Let us mention which kind of vectorfields shall appear in a generic family of this type:

- 1) vectorfields in E
- 2) vectorfields in D , which are like those in E , except for the fact that the singularity p is hyperbolic.
- 3) vectorfields in C , which exhibit a singularity of the source type, hyperbolic and a periodic orbit σ_2 very near this singularity.

Let β_3 be its attractive eigenvalue.

This set C we subdivide into:

- a) C_1 , the set of fields such that $W^u(\sigma_2) \cap W^s(\sigma_1)$ consists only of one orbit, giving rise to a quasi transversal intersection.
- b) C_2 , the set of vectorfields such that $W^u(\sigma_2) \cap W^s(\sigma_1)$ along 2 orbits.
- c) C_0 , the set of vectorfields such that $W^u(\sigma_2) \cap W^s(\sigma_1) = \emptyset$.
- 4) Vectorfields in B , with a singularity p of saddle type, such that $W^u(p) \cap W^s(\sigma_1) = \emptyset$, which we subdivide into a) B_0 the set of fields where p is hyperbolic; b) B_1 the set of fields where p is quasi-hyperbolic.

Observe that $W^u(\sigma_2) \cap W^s(\sigma_1)$ consists alternatively of none, one or two orbits, and that there might be tangencies only for fields of C_1 .

We can now state

Theorem B - Let $X(\mu) \in E'$ be a generic 2 - parameter family of vectorfields. Then

a) the modulus of stability for weak topological equivalence is one, namely β_2 .

b) the modulus of stability for strong topological equivalence is infinite.

Sketch of the proof:

Take in Σ a C^1 family of C^2 linearizations. Choose a fundamental neighborhood N (that is, a neighborhood of a fundamental domain) and consider $v(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \pi_2 (N \cap W^{uu}(p(\mu_1, \mu_2)))$, where π_2 is the trivial projection on $W^u(\sigma_1(\mu_1, \mu_2))$.

We say that $X(\mu_1, \mu_2) \in E'$ is generic if

$D(\alpha_1(\mu_1, \mu_2), v(\mu_1, \mu_2)) (0,0)$ is a non singular matrix.

In this case, we can apply the Inverse Function Theorem and identify $\mu_1 = \alpha_1$, $\mu_2 = v$ (the "height" of $W^{uu}(p)$ over $W^s(\sigma_1)$).

Now we claim that for this type of family, the set of values (μ_1, μ_2) for which $W^u(\sigma_2(\mu_1, \mu_2)) \cap W^s(\sigma_1(\mu_1, \mu_2))$ is non transversal is a differentiable curve $\mu_1 = \mu_1(\mu_2)$, quadratically tangent to the μ_2 axis.

This is natural because for the Hopf bifurcation the radius σ_2 is approximated by $A\sqrt{\mu_1}$. So if $W^u(\sigma_2)$ is tangent to $W^s(\sigma_1)$, its "center" $v(\mu_1, \mu_2)$ will have height $\mu_2 = A\sqrt{\mu_1}$.

Take now another generic family \tilde{X}_μ in E' .

We recall that in [14] it is proven that the fields in D have modulus of stability 1, given by $\lambda_1 = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2}$ and β_2 . De Melo [11],

and Palis [10], prove that a vectorfield exhibiting a quasi trans - versal connection between the invariant manifolds of periodic orbits has modulus 1, namely $\lambda_2 = \lambda n \beta_3 / \lambda n \beta_2$.

Define the reparametrization p in order to get

$\gamma_1(\mu_1, 0) = \tilde{\gamma}_1(p(\mu_1, 0))$ for $\mu_1 < 0$ and $\gamma_2(\mu_1(\mu_2), \mu_2) = \tilde{\gamma}_2(p(\mu_1(\mu_2), \mu_2))$,
for $\mu_1 > 0$.

b) Van Strien proves in [9] that a one parameter family in D' has 2 moduli of stability for strong equivalence:

$\lambda_{1,1} = \alpha_1 / \alpha_2$; $\lambda_{1,2} = \lambda n \beta_2$, that is the modulus splits. For a family in C_1 the 2 moduli are $\lambda_{1,2} = \lambda n \beta_2$, $\lambda_{1,3} = \lambda n \beta_3$. Obviously for weak equivalence we have modulus 1.

For the sake of simplicity, change the parameters μ_1 and $\tilde{\mu}_1$ for $\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}$ and $\frac{\tilde{\mu}_1}{\alpha_2}$ respectively. Observe that $\rho(\mu_1, 0) = (\rho_1(\mu_1, 0), 0)$; hence $\rho_1(\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}, 0) = \frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}$ if we have a strong equivalence.

Moreover, as $\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2} \rightarrow 0$ monotonously with μ_1 , the existence of a strong equivalence between both families means that only $\tilde{X}(\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}, 0)$ can be equivalent to $X(\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}, 0)$ and in addition

$$\beta_2\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}, 0\right) = \tilde{\beta}_2\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}, 0\right)$$

for $\frac{\mu_1}{\alpha_2}$ in a left neighborhood of zero. This is an equality between two functions; more precisely, the functions $\beta_2(x, 0)$ and $\tilde{\beta}_2(x, 0)$ should define the same germ in a left neighborhood of zero.

In the same way we get two additional equalities of a similar

type, by considering β_3 , the attractive eigenvalue associated to σ_2 , along $\mu_2^+(\mu_1)$ and $\mu_2^-(\mu_1)$ ($\mu_1 > 0$), the two branches of the curve $\mu_1(\mu_2)$. Calling $\beta_3^+ = \beta_3(\mu_1, \mu_2^+(\mu_1))$ and $\beta_3^- = \beta_3(\mu_1, \mu_2^-(\mu_1))$, we have equalities between germs of functions defined to the right of zero, given by β_3^- and β_3^+ . \square

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