

(Literature: D.J. Wozan, Applied Mathematics, chapter 6)

## Stability

Consider a system of first order equations of the form

$$(*) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx_1}{dt} &= f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} &= f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{dx_n}{dt} &= f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}),$$

$\mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

where  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  are given functions of  $n$  variables.

Let  $x_j(0) = x_j^0, j=1, \dots, n$ , be initial values.

We assume (\*) has a unique solution for  $t > 0$

for any initial values  $x_j^0(0), j=1, \dots, n$ . (\*) is often

referred to as a dynamical system. Note that

geometrically  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  is the tangent vector to the solution curve  $\mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Definition An equilibrium point  $\mathbf{x}_e \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a constant solution to (\*). i.e.  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_e$  is a solution.

Thus  $\mathbf{x}_e$  is an equilibrium point if and only if  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_e) = \mathbf{0}$ .

Typically, if a dynamic system settles in a point  $\mathbf{x}_e$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x_e$  is an equilibrium point.

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Equilibrium points can be categorized as follows:

\* The equilibrium point  $x_e$  is stable, if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist a  $\delta > 0$ , such that if

$$\|x_0 - x_e\| < \delta$$

then  $\|x_0 - x(t)\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $t > 0$ .

\* The equilibrium point  $x_e$  is asymptotically stable if it is stable and if there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|x_0 - x_e\| < \varepsilon \text{ and } x(t) \text{ solves } x' = f(x), x(0) = x_0$$

implies that  $\|x(t) - x_e\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

\* The equilibrium point is unstable if it is not stable

### Example

Consider the 1-dimensional example (the logistic equation)

$$(*) \quad x' = ax - bx^2, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad \underline{a > 0, b > 0}.$$

Hence  $f(x) = ax - bx^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$  or  $x = a/b$ .

Thus we have two equilibrium points.

Consider first  $x_e = a/b$ :

Let  $x(t)$  be the solution having  $x(0) = x_0$ . Define  $\hat{x}(t)$  by

$$x(t) = x_e + \hat{x}(t),$$

and find the equation  $\hat{x}(t)$  satisfies: From (\*\*)

$$(x_e + \hat{x})' = a(x_e + \hat{x}) - b(x_e + \hat{x})^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{x}' = a\hat{x} + ax_e - bx_e^2 - 2x_e b\hat{x} - b\hat{x}^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{x}' = ax_e - bx_e^2 + (a - 2x_e b)\hat{x} - b\hat{x}^2$$

$$x_e = \frac{a}{b} \text{ gives } \underline{\hat{x}' = -a\hat{x} - b\hat{x}^2} \quad (**)$$

If  $|\hat{x}(0)| = |\hat{x}_0|$  is small (i.e.  $|x_0 - x_e|$  small), then

$\hat{x}^2$  is small, and ignoring  $-b\hat{x}^2$  we obtain

$$\hat{x}' = -a\hat{x} \Rightarrow \hat{x}(t) = \hat{x}(0)e^{-at}$$

Thus  $|\hat{x}(t)| = |x(t) - x_e| \rightarrow 0$ , indicating that

$x_e = a/b$  is an asymptotically stable equilibrium point when  $|x_0 - x_e|$  is "small".

Now, it is actually possible to solve (\*\*) exactly

(it is separable) giving

$$\hat{x}(t) = \frac{(bc/a)e^{-bt}}{1 - ce^{-bt}}, \text{ where } c \text{ is a constant.}$$

Then  $\hat{x}(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , meaning that  $x_e = a/b$  is asymptotically stable.

$x_e = 0$  :

The other equilibrium point  $x_e = 0$ . So, let  $x(t) = \hat{x}(t) + 0$ .

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$$\text{Then } \hat{x}' = a\hat{x} - b\hat{x}^2, \quad \hat{x}(0) = \hat{x}_0.$$

If  $\hat{x}_0$  is small  $\hat{x} \approx ce^{at}$ , so  $|\hat{x}(t)| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

The full equation has solution

$$\hat{x}(t) = \frac{ac}{bc + (a-c)e^{-at}} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b} \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus  $x_e = 0$  is unstable (since  $\hat{x}(t) \not\rightarrow 0$ ).

### Linear systems

Consider the linear system

$$x' = Ax, \quad x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $A$  is a constant  $n \times n$ -matrix. The equilibrium points satisfy  $Ax_e = 0$ .

If  $A$  is invertible, we have one single equilibrium point  $x_e = 0$ .

The solution to  $x' = Ax, x(0) = 0$  is

$$x(t) = e^{At} x_0,$$

where  $e^U = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{U^n}{n!}$ . If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then

the general solution to  $x' = Ax$  is

$$x(t) = c_1 x_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 x_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + \dots + c_n x_n e^{\lambda_n t} \quad (*)$$

where  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are determined by the initial conditions,  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  eigenvectors, and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  corresponding eigenvalues.

Note that eigenvectors and eigenvalues are complex in general. We observe that if

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(1)  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_j < 0$  for  $j=1, \dots, n$ ,

then  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  always, and  $x_e = 0$  is consequently asymptotically stable. If

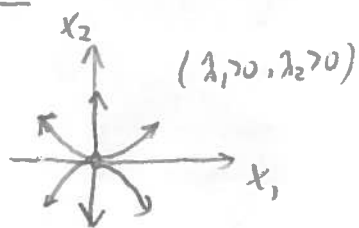
(2)  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_k > 0$  for at least one  $k$ ,

then  $x_e$  is an unstable equilibrium point.

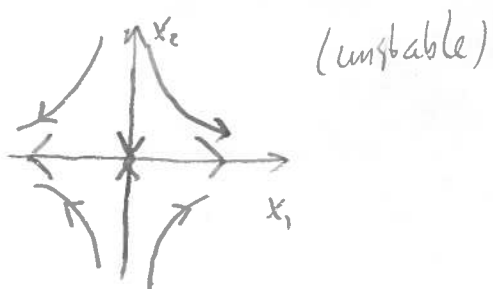
(3) If  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_j \leq 0$ , for  $j=1, \dots, n$ , and  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_k = 0$  for one  $k$  (at least), then  $x_e$  is stable.

Example  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : If  $A$  is  $2 \times 2$ -matrix we have 4 typical behaviors:

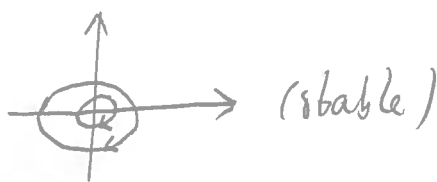
1) Nodes  $\lambda_1 < 0, \lambda_2 < 0$  (stable);  $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 > 0$  (unstable)



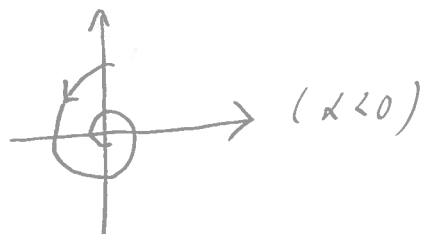
2) Saddle point  $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$



3) Center  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \pm i\omega$



4) Spirals  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \alpha \pm i\omega$   
 $\alpha > 0$  (unstable),  $\alpha < 0$  (stable)



# Non-linear systems

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$$\dot{x} = f(x) = f(x_0) + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Taylor series}}}{df(x_0)}(x - x_0) + O(\|x - x_0\|^2)$$

where

$$df = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{df_1}{dx_1} & \dots & \frac{df_1}{dx_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{df_n}{dx_1} & \dots & \frac{df_n}{dx_n} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the Jacobi matrix}$$

Let  $x_e$  be an equilibrium point, and put

$$x(t) = \tilde{x}(t) + x_e$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{x}' = f(\tilde{x} + x_e) = f(x_e) + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 0}}{df(x_e)}\tilde{x} + O(\|\tilde{x}\|^2)$$

The linearized system is

$$\tilde{x}' = A\tilde{x}, \text{ where } A = df(x_e).$$

Theorem: If  $f$  is twice continuously differentiable, and

$\lambda_i$  eigenvalues of  $A = df(x_e)$ , then

- $\max \operatorname{Re} \lambda_i < 0 \Rightarrow x_e$  asymptotically stable
- $\max \operatorname{Re} \lambda_i = 0 \Rightarrow$  no conclusion
- $\max \operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0 \Rightarrow$  unstable.

See problem set 5 and 6!

## Example



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### Chemotaxis of amoebae

Let  $a(x,t)$  be amoebae concentration,  $[a] = m^{-3}$ , and  $\phi(x,t)$  the flux of amoebae,  $[\phi] = m^{-2}s^{-1}$  (number of amoebae passing per area per time).

$$\phi = \phi_a + \phi_c$$

where  $\phi_a = -k \frac{da}{dx}$ ,  $k > 0$  is a diffusion mechanism making amoebae spread from high concentration areas to lower concentration areas.

$\phi_c$  is the flux due to chemotaxis making amoebae migrate towards high concentration of a chemical  $c$  with concentration  $c(x,t)$ . We set

$$\phi_c = \lambda a(x,t) \frac{dc}{dx}(x,t), \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } \phi = -k \frac{da}{dx} + \lambda a \frac{dc}{dx}.$$

Conservation of amoebae number:

We have  $\phi(x)A - \phi(x+\Delta x)A = \text{rate of accumulation of amoebae in interval } [x, x+\Delta x]$

Thus  $\frac{d}{dt}(a \Delta x A) = \phi(x)A - \phi(x+\Delta x)A$ , and let  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ , giving

$$\frac{da}{dt} + \frac{d\phi}{dx} = 0$$

Thus, 
$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( k \frac{da}{dx} - ca \frac{dc}{dx} \right).$$

Then we need to state mass conservation for chemical:

The flux is 
$$e_d = -D \frac{dc}{dx}.$$

Now we also have a source term  $Q = aq_1 - cq_2$

where  $q_1$  is the rate one amoeba generates the chemical, and  $q_2$  is the rate of decay. In the interval  $[x, x+\Delta x]$

we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_x^{x+\Delta x} c(s,t) A ds = e_d(x,t)A - e_d(x+\Delta x,t) + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} Q(s,t) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dc}{dt} + \frac{d}{dx} qd = Q \text{ , giving}$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = D \frac{d^2c}{dx^2} + aq_1 - cq_2.$$

Consequently,

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( k \frac{da}{dx} - ca \frac{dc}{dx} \right)$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = D \frac{d^2c}{dx^2} + aq_1 - cq_2$$

We see that  $a(x,t) = a_0, c(x,t) = c_0$ , provided that

$$a_0 q_1 - c_0 q_2 = 0, \text{ gives equilibrium point.}$$

Write  $a(x,t) = a_0 + \tilde{a}(x,t)$

$$c(x,t) = c_0 + \hat{c}(x,t).$$



This gives

$$\frac{d\hat{a}}{dt} = k \frac{d^2 \hat{a}}{dx^2} - l a_0 \frac{d^2 \hat{c}}{dx^2} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \hat{a} \frac{d\hat{c}}{dx} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{c}}{dt} = D \frac{d^2 \hat{c}}{dx^2} + \hat{a} q_1 - \hat{c} q_2$$

Linearize, to obtain

$$\frac{d\hat{a}}{dt} = k \frac{d^2 \hat{a}}{dx^2} - l a_0 \frac{d^2 \hat{c}}{dx^2}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{c}}{dt} = D \frac{d^2 \hat{c}}{dx^2} + \hat{a} q_1 - \hat{c} q_2$$

From Fourier-analysis, put  $\hat{a} = c_1 e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta x}$   
 $\hat{b} = c_2 e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta x}$

giving  $\alpha c_1 = -c_1 k \beta^2 + l a_0 c_2 \beta^2$

$$\alpha c_2 = -c_2 D \beta^2 + c_1 q_1 - c_2 q_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\alpha + k\beta^2) c_1 - l a_0 \beta^2 c_2 = 0$$

$$-q_1 c_1 + (\alpha + D\beta^2 + q_2) c_2 = 0$$

This set of equations has non-trivial solution for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  if and only if

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha + k\beta^2 & -l a_0 \beta^2 \\ -q_1 & \alpha + D\beta^2 + q_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\alpha^2 + (k\beta^2 + D\beta^2 + q_2)\alpha + kD\beta^4 + k\beta^2 q_2 - l a_0 \beta^2 q_1 = 0$$

We see to need roots since the discriminant is (10)

$$D = (k\beta^2 - D\beta^2 - q_2)^2 + 4q_1 a_0 \beta^2 > 0$$

Do we have a positive root? For a 2-degree equation

$$x^2 + px + r = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -\frac{p}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{p^2 - 4r} \quad \text{The largest root is}$$

$$-\frac{p}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{p^2 - 4r} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{p^2 - 4r} > p. \quad \text{So, for } \beta > 0$$

(as we have), the largest root is positive if and

$$\text{only if } r < 0 \Leftrightarrow kD\beta^4 + kq_2\beta^2 - a_0q_1\beta^2 < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{kD\beta^2 + kq_2 < a_0q_1} \Rightarrow \alpha > 0, \text{ hence instability.}$$

The opposite inequality gives the criteria for stability.

\* We see when the wave-number  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  it is easier to see instability. For sufficiently large  $\beta$  we see stability.

\* Also, when  $q_1$  increases (due to lack of food), instability can be triggered, and we have onset of aggregation!

# Bifurcation theory

When a dynamical system

$$x' = f(x, \mu), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

depends on a parameter  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , the equilibrium points  $x_e = x_e(\mu)$  depend on  $\mu$ . And also stability properties of  $x_e(\mu)$  can change as  $\mu$  varies. In addition, the number of equilibrium points may depend on  $\mu$ 's value.

## 1-D theory

Consider

$$x' = f(x, \mu) \quad (1)$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  is a parameter. For fixed  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , the equilibrium points  $x_e = x_e(\mu)$  are the solutions to

$$f(x, \mu) = 0.$$

For certain values of  $\mu_c$  the qualitative nature of (1) can change, either by (or both)

- \*  $x_e(\mu)$  changes from stable to unstable, or vice versa.
- \* The number of equilibrium points changes.

$\mu_c$  is called a bifurcation point

Theorem

Let  $x' = f(x, \mu)$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $x_e(\mu)$  be an equilibrium point. Assume

$$f(x_e + \tilde{x}, \mu) = \frac{df}{dx}(x_e, \mu) \tilde{x} + O(\tilde{x}^2)$$

Then  $x_e(\mu)$  is

a) Asymptotically stable if  $\frac{df}{dx}(x_e, \mu) < 0$

b) Unstable if  $\frac{df}{dx}(x_e, \mu) > 0$ .

(Makes sense as the linearized problem is stable)

Example  $x' = \mu x - x^2 = f(x, \mu)$

$$f(x, \mu) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{x = 0} \text{ or } \underline{x = \mu}, \text{ and } \frac{df}{dx} = \mu - 2x$$

The equilibrium point  $x_e = 0$  has  $\frac{df}{dx}(0, \mu) = \mu$ .

Thus  $x_e = 0$  is stable for  $\mu < 0$  and unstable for  $\mu > 0$ .

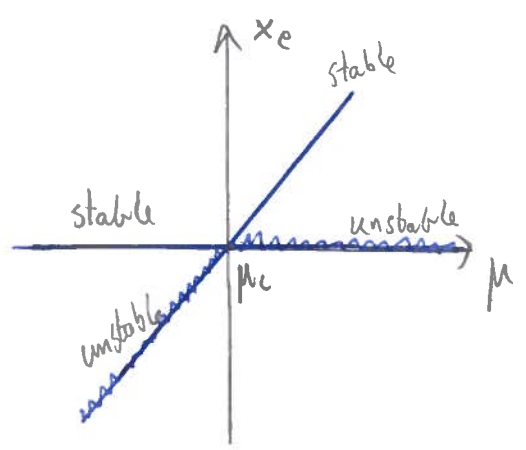
For  $x_e = \mu$  we have  $\frac{df}{dx}(\mu, \mu) = \mu - 2\mu = -\mu$ , so

that  $x_e = \mu$  is unstable for  $\mu < 0$  and stable for  $\mu > 0$ .

We observe that the stability properties of  $x' = f(x, \mu)$  changes when  $\mu$  changes sign.  $\mu = \mu_c = 0$  is consequently the only bifurcation point.

We may illustrate the properties of the equilibrium points

in a bifurcation diagram:



Example 1 Regular turning point  $\frac{df}{dx} = 0, \frac{df}{d\mu} \neq 0$

$$x' = x^2 - \mu = f(x, \mu).$$

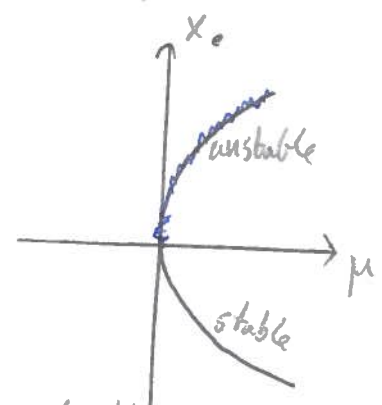
$$\text{The } f(x_e, \mu) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_e^2 = \mu.$$

So for  $\mu > 0$  we get  $x_e = \pm \sqrt{\mu}$

Now  $\frac{df}{dx} = 2x$ , meaning that  $+\sqrt{\mu}$  gives instability

and  $-\sqrt{\mu}$  is a stable equilibrium point.

Thus  $\mu = 0$  is a bifurcation point.



In general, at a regular turning point  $(x_e, \mu)$

we have  $\frac{df}{dx} = 0$  and  $\frac{df}{d\mu} \neq 0$ , meaning that

we can locally solve  $f(x, \mu) = 0$  as  $\mu(x) = \mu$ ,

where 
$$\frac{d\mu}{dx} = - \frac{df/dx}{df/d\mu} = 0.$$

The implicit function theorem tells us when  $f(x, \mu) = 0$  is locally a "normal" curve (i.e. no

$(x, \mu)$  a regular point

branching). We simply have:

- If  $\frac{df}{dx}(x, \mu) \neq 0$  we have  $x = x(\mu)$  locally, and
- if  $\frac{df}{d\mu}(x, \mu) \neq 0$  we can locally write  $\mu = \mu(x)$ .

Thus we need to have  $\frac{df}{dx}(x, \mu) = \frac{df}{d\mu}(x, \mu) = 0$

in order to possibly having a branching point for the equation  $f(x, \mu) = 0$ . In this case  $(x, \mu)$  is called a singular point.

Double points

Let  $(x_0, \mu_0)$  be a singular point. Then

$$f(x_0 + \Delta x, \mu_0 + \Delta \mu) = f(x_0, \mu_0) + f_x(x_0, \mu_0) \Delta x + f_\mu(x_0, \mu_0) \Delta \mu + \frac{1}{2} (f_{xx} \Delta x^2 + 2f_{x\mu} \Delta x \Delta \mu + f_{\mu\mu} \Delta \mu^2) + \text{higher order,}$$

If  $f(x_0 + \Delta x, \mu_0 + \Delta \mu) = 0$  and  $(x_0, \mu_0)$  is a singular point, then

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$$f_{xx} \Delta x^2 + 2f_{x\mu} \Delta \mu \Delta x + f_{\mu\mu} \Delta \mu^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f_{xx} \left( \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta \mu} \right)^2 + 2f_{x\mu} \left( \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta \mu} \right) + f_{\mu\mu} = 0$$

Second degree equation for  $\left( \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta \mu} \right)$ , with discriminant

$$D = 4f_{x\mu}^2 - 4f_{xx}f_{\mu\mu}$$

If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{xx} \neq 0$  we have two real solutions,

$$\text{for } \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta \mu} : \quad \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta \mu} \approx \frac{dx}{d\mu} = \frac{1}{f_{xx}} \left( -f_{x\mu} \pm \sqrt{f_{x\mu}^2 - f_{xx}f_{\mu\mu}} \right)$$

If  $D > 0$  and  $f_{\mu\mu} \neq 0$  we find two solutions for

$\frac{d\mu}{dx}$ . When  $D > 0$  we have a double point

If  $D < 0$  there are no real solutions, and the equilibrium  $x_e(\mu)$  is an isolated point

If  $D = 0$  there are at least 2 curves through the critical point having coincident tangents.

We saw that  $(0,0)$  is a double point

$$\text{for } x' = \mu x - x^2 = f(x, \mu)$$

We see that  $f_x(0,0) = 0$ ,  $f_\mu(0,0) = 0$

$$f_{xx} = -2, f_{\mu x} = -1, f_{\mu\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$D = 4(f_{x\mu}^2 - f_{xx}f_{\mu\mu}) = 4 > 0, \text{ and}$$

we obtain  $\frac{dx}{d\mu} = 1$  or  $\frac{dx}{d\mu} = 0$

as seen in the first bifurcation diagram.

### Example (Pitchfork)

$$x' = \mu x - x^3 = f(x, \mu)$$

$$f(x, \mu) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(\mu - x^2) = 0 \quad x = 0 \text{ or } x = \pm\sqrt{\mu}$$

Thus, for  $\mu < 0$ ,  $x_e = 0$  only equilibrium points.

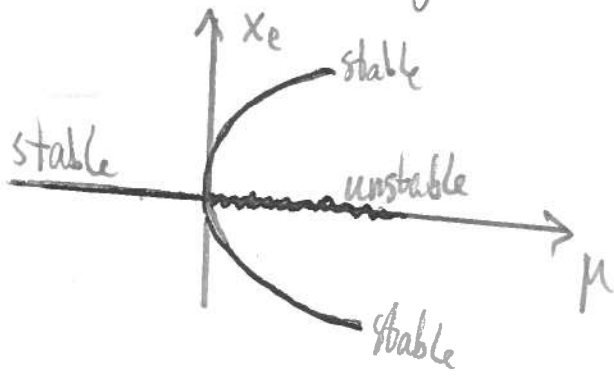
$$\frac{df}{dx}(0, \mu) = \mu \Rightarrow (0, \mu) \text{ is stable for } \mu < 0,$$

unstable for  $\mu > 0$ ,

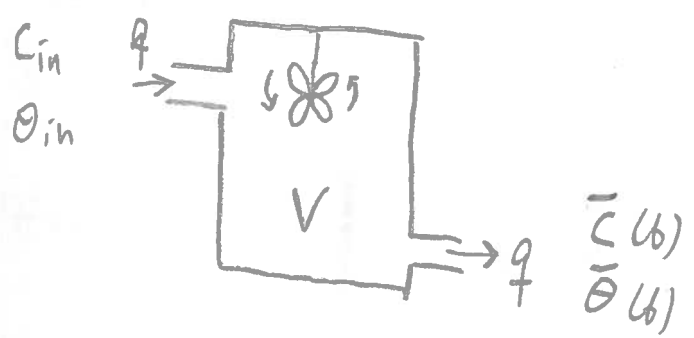
$$\text{while } \frac{df}{dx}(\pm\sqrt{\mu}, \mu) = \mu - 3(\pm\sqrt{\mu})^2 = -2\mu < 0 \text{ for } \mu > 0$$



# Bifurcation diagram



## Tank reactor



- $V$  : tank volume
- $\bar{c}$  : concentration of chemical
- $\bar{\theta}$  : temperature
- $q$  : feed rate  $[q] = m^3 s^{-1}$
- $C_{in}$  : concentration of input
- $\theta_{in}$  : temperature of input

We feed a tank with a chemical having concentration  $C_{in}$  and temperature  $\theta_{in}$  as it enters the tank.

We assume the chemical disappears at a rate  $-k\bar{c} e^{-A/\bar{\theta}}$ , and that the reaction gives off  $h k \bar{c} e^{-A/\bar{\theta}}$  energy per volume and time. Here  $k, h, A$  are constants. The tank is stirred, so we assume uniform concentration and temperature in the tank.

# Mass conservation for chemical

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$$\frac{d}{dt}(V\bar{c}) = q c_{in} - q \bar{c} - V k \bar{c} e^{-A/\bar{\theta}}$$

Heat balance, or conservation of thermal energy:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(cV\bar{e}) = q c_{in} C - q \bar{e} C + h V k \bar{c} e^{-A/\bar{\theta}},$$

where  $e$  is heat capacity of the mixture

Scaling     $\tau = \frac{V}{q} t$ ,     $\bar{\theta} = \theta_{in} \theta$ ,     $\bar{c} = c_{in} c$ ,

giving     $c' = 1 - c - \frac{c}{\mu} e^{-\gamma/\theta}$     (1)

$$\theta' = 1 - \theta + \frac{bc}{\mu} e^{-\gamma/\theta}$$
    (2)

$\mu = \frac{q}{hV}$ $b = \frac{h c_{in}}{c \theta_{in}}$	$\gamma = \frac{A}{\theta_{in}}$
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Multiply (1) with  $b$  and add to (2) giving

$$(bc + \theta)' = 1 + b - (bc + \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow bc + \theta = 1 + b + K e^{-t}$$

Assuming  $\theta(0) = 1$ ,  $c(0) = 1$  we get  $K = 0$  giving

$$c = \frac{1}{b}(1 + b - \theta)$$

Inserted into (2) gives

$$\theta' = 1 - \theta + \frac{b}{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{b}(1 + b - \theta) \right) e^{-\gamma/\theta}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \theta' = 1 - \theta + \frac{1 - \theta + b}{\mu} e^{-\gamma/\theta}$$

Let  $u = \theta - 1$  giving

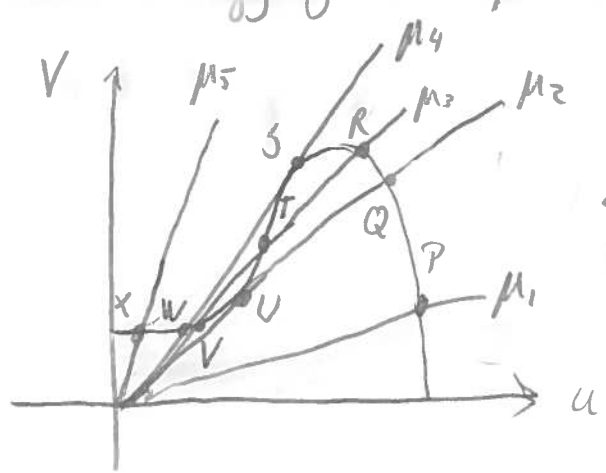
$$\underline{u' = -u + \frac{b-u}{\mu} e^{-\gamma/(u+1)} = f(u, \mu)}$$

We use  $\mu$  as bifurcation parameter as we vary  $\mu$  with varying rate  $\gamma$ .

We observe that  $f(u, \mu) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$u\mu = (b-u) e^{-\gamma/(u+1)} = h(u).$$

This equation cannot be solved explicitly for  $u$  as a function of  $\mu$ , but we can use graphical techniques for analyzing the bifurcation diagram.



Graph of  $v = h(u)$  intersects  $v = \mu u$  for various values of  $\mu$ .

This for  $\mu_1$  (smallest  $\mu$  is  $\mu_1$  here on figure) has largest  $u$ , and the bifurcation diagram is

