

Consider a system (polynomial in U)

$$(1) \dot{U} = G(U, \eta; \sigma), \quad U \in \mathbb{R}^n, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^p, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

which has at  $\eta=0$  an equilibrium  $U=0$  (satisfying P bif. cond.). Here  $\sigma$  is a vector of the coefficients of the polynomials in (1)

(Ex.  $\dot{u} = \eta + \sigma u^2$ )

Consider also a system

$$(2) \dot{X} = F(X, \mu), \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mu \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

having at  $\mu=0$  an equilibrium  $X=0$

Definition (normal form) System (1)

is called a topological normal form for the bifurcation if any generic system (2)

satisfying the same bifurcation conditions is locally topologically equivalent near the origin to (1)

Remark (i) The theory of normal forms developed by Poincaré in his Phd thesis  
(ii) what is a generic system?

System is generic if it satisfies a finite number of genericity conditions of the form

$$N_i[f] \neq 0 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

where each  $N_i$  is some algebraic function of certain partial derivatives of  $F(X, \mu)$  with respect to  $X, \mu$  evaluated at  $(X, \mu) = (0, 0)$

•  $\frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^m}(0,0)$  are nondegeneracy conditions

•  $\frac{\partial^m f}{\partial \mu^i \partial x^j}$ ,  $i+j=m$  are transversality conditions

Example (Hopf) - Normal form for Hopf is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u} = \eta u - v + \sigma u(u^2 + v^2) \\ \dot{v} = u + \eta v + \sigma v(u^2 + v^2) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \dot{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta & -1 \\ 1 & \eta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} +$$

$\sigma = \pm 1$

And a system  $\dot{x} = F(x, \mu)$  which is top. eq. to this form (is generic) satisfies

(a) •  $\frac{d}{d\mu} \operatorname{Re} \lambda_{1,2}(\mu) \Big|_{\mu=0} \neq 0$  (transv)

•  $l_1(0) \neq 0$  (nond.)

where (a) makes sure the eigenvalues pass the imaginary axis (transver) &  $l_1(0)$  is a certain combination of Taylor coefficients (2nd & 3rd order) i.e. partial derivative  $\frac{d}{dx^m}$

What about normal forms for SN, TC, PF?

Consider (1)  $\dot{x} = f(x, \mu)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$   
 having a nonhyperbolic eq. at  $(x, \mu) = (0, 0)$   
Saddle-node: When (1) satisfies (Lecture 18x)

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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu}(0, 0) \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) \neq 0$$

Then it undergoes a SN at  $\mu=0$ . As

$$(2) \dot{v} = \eta + \sigma v^2, \quad \sigma = \pm 1$$

has a similar phase portrait in the neighbourhood of  $(v, \eta) = (0, 0)$   
 (2) can be considered as a normal form for SN.

Remarks (Tr. nodes)

Transcritical: When (1) satisfies

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu}(0, 0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial \mu}(0, 0) \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) \neq 0$$

(cross  $\lambda = 0$  at nonzero speed  
 & change sign at 0)

it undergoes a transcrit. at  $\mu=0$ . As

$$\dot{v} = \eta v + \sigma v^2, \quad \sigma = \pm 1$$

satisfies above, it can be considered as a normal form for TC.

Pitchfork when (i) satisfies

$$\frac{\partial f(\mu)}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(\mu, 0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial \mu}(\mu, 0) \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3}(\mu, 0) \neq 0$$

it undergoes PF at  $\mu=0$ . As

$$\dot{v} = \eta v + \sigma v^3, \quad \sigma = \pm 1$$

also satisfies above, its a normal form for PF bifurcation.

Remark.

(1)

Codimension: how 'degenerate' (rare) is the bifurcation?

Suppose (1)  $\dot{X} = F(X, \alpha, \beta)$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

can be approximated about a nonhyp. equi:  $(X, \alpha, \beta) = (0, 0, 0)$

(2)  $\dot{X} = f(x, \alpha, \beta) \stackrel{x_0}{=} kx + ax^2 + bx^3 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^4)$ ,

where  $k = k(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $a = a(\alpha, \beta)$  etc. are partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n}$  of (1) evaluated at  $X=0$ . ((2) has a nonhyp. point as well!?)

(lets consider for simplicity real valued functions...)

As  $\hat{X} \stackrel{\lambda=0}{}$  is nonhyp. at  $(\alpha, \beta) = (0, 0)$ , we have  
 $X_0(0, 0) = 0$  (equi at origin)  
 $k(0, 0) = 0$  (eigenvalue is 0)

$\Rightarrow$  Near nonhyp. equi. (solutions follow)

(3)  $\dot{X} = f(x, 0, 0) = ax^2 + bx^3 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^4)$

What if we perturb the system (i.e. the equi. loses its non hyperbolicity?) by perturbing  $\alpha$  and/or  $\beta$  away from zero.

To make this "analysis" bit simpler, suppose that we can study its "normal form"  $\dot{X} = f(x, \mu, \epsilon)$ , where <sup>for a moment</sup>

(4)  $\dot{X} = f(x, 0, 0) = ax^2 + bx^3 + \mathcal{O}(|x|^4)$ ,  
and  $a = \delta_1$ ,  $b = \delta_2$   
(Perturbing this system is simpler?)

Okay, so again, what if we perturb (4)?

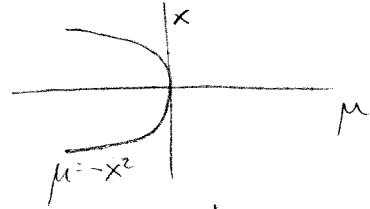
(A) First, suppose  $a \neq 0$  (hence we may ignore  $O(|x|^3)$ ) (C2)  
 and let us study just one of the normal forms  
 Then, option 1:

$$\dot{x} = f(x, \mu, \varepsilon) = \mu + x^2 \quad \text{one-parameter family of VF}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

(at  $(0,0,0)$  nonhyp. equil., as all other cases will have?)

This system undergoes SN  
 when  $\mu$  is perturbed passed 0.  
 (nonhyp. equil. at  $(0,0)$  "unfolds" as  
 an SN when adding  $\mu$ )



|| Q: if we perturb a) further, by adding a second parameter

That is, adding new parameter  $\varepsilon$  will the SN bif. cond. be satisfied?

$$i) \quad \dot{x} = f(x, \mu, \varepsilon) = \mu + \varepsilon x + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{equil.} \quad \hat{x}_{1,2} = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 - 4\mu}}{2}$$

Since  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, \mu, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon + 2x$ , equil  $\hat{x}_{1,2}$  is  
 nonhyp. when  $\hat{x} = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ , i.e.  $\mu = \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{x}_{1,2} \text{ is nonhyp. for } \mu = \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2$$

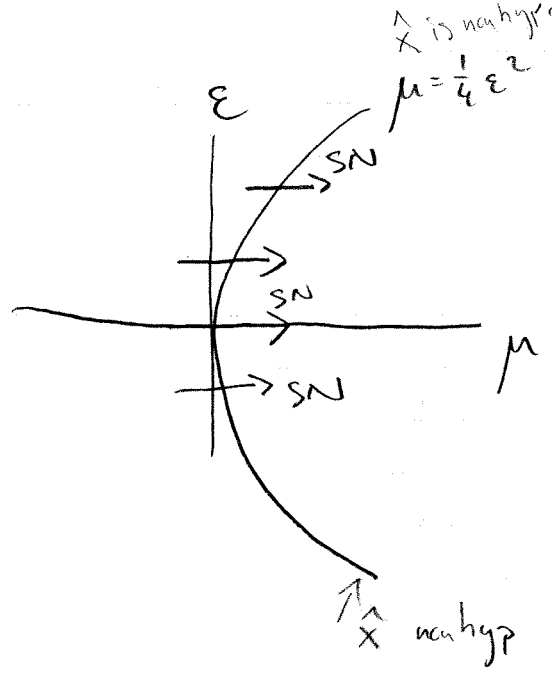
Will SN occur for small  $\varepsilon$  when  $\mu$  passes  $\mu_0$ ?

lets check  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu}(\hat{x}, \mu_0, \varepsilon_0) = 1 \neq 0 \quad (\mu_0, \varepsilon_0) = \left\{ \left( \mu, \varepsilon \right) \mid \mu = \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2 \right\}$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(\hat{x}, \mu_0, \varepsilon_0) = 2 \neq 0$$

Yes, when  $\mu$  passes  $\mu_0$  for all  $\varepsilon \Rightarrow$  SN

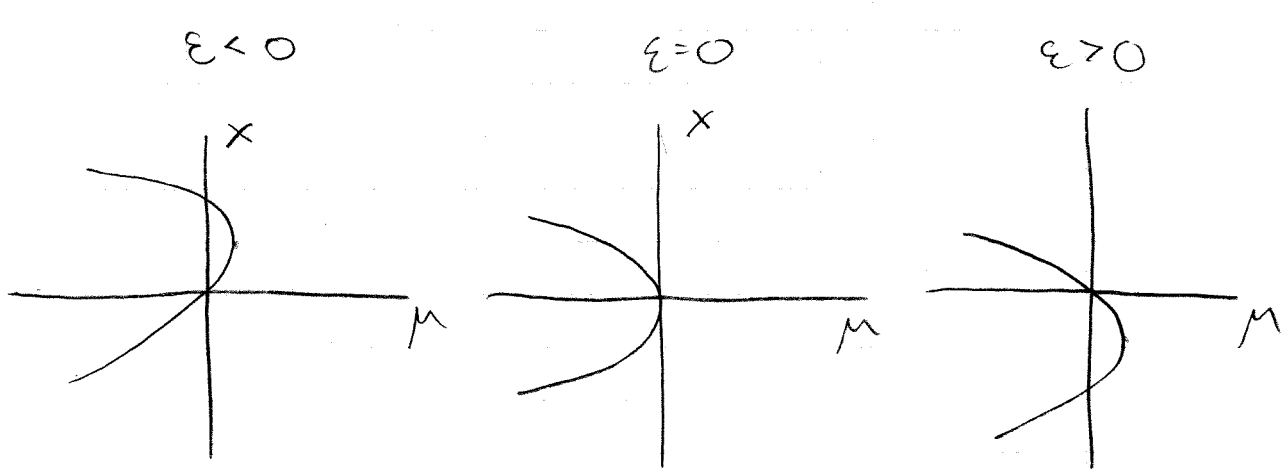
(ii) SN is fully detemide by  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu}$   
 We know perturbations of order  $O(|x|^3)$  & higher  
 will satisfy above conditions  $\Rightarrow$



SN persists under any perturbations!  $\nabla$

As we need to have only 1-parameter, SN is a codim 1-bifurcation.

### Phase portraits



SN for all  $\epsilon$

(still  $a \neq 0$ )

(C3)

Option 2

$$(1) \dot{x} = f(x, \mu, \epsilon) = \mu x + x^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  TC

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x \partial \mu} \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \neq 0$$

Q: if we perturb this further, will it undergo TC when  $\mu$  passes  $\mu_0$  for which  $\hat{x}$  is nonhyp.??

(As previously) there is only one way how it could even affect the dynamics  $\Rightarrow$

$$\dot{x} = f(x, \mu, \epsilon) = \epsilon + \mu x + x^2$$

equil.  $\hat{x}_{1,2} = -\frac{\mu}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\mu^2 - 4\epsilon}}{2}$

As  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, \mu, \epsilon) = \mu + 2x$

a nonhyp. equil. must satisfy  $x = -\frac{\mu}{2} \Rightarrow \epsilon = \frac{1}{4}\mu^2$

$\Rightarrow \epsilon < 0$ : no nonhyp. equil ( $\Rightarrow$  no TC)

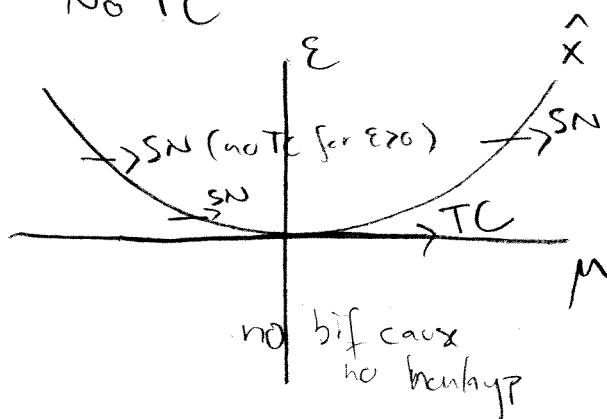
$\epsilon = 0$ : we are back to (1)  $\Rightarrow$  TC

$\epsilon > 0$ : nonhyp. eq. for  $(\mu_0, \epsilon_0) = \{(\mu, \epsilon) \mid \epsilon = \frac{1}{4}\mu^2\}$

Will TC happen when  $\mu$  passes  $\mu_0$ ?

$\bullet \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mu}(\hat{x}, \mu_0, \epsilon_0) = \hat{x} = -\frac{\mu_0}{2} \neq 0$  for  $\epsilon \neq 0$

No TC



Notice that

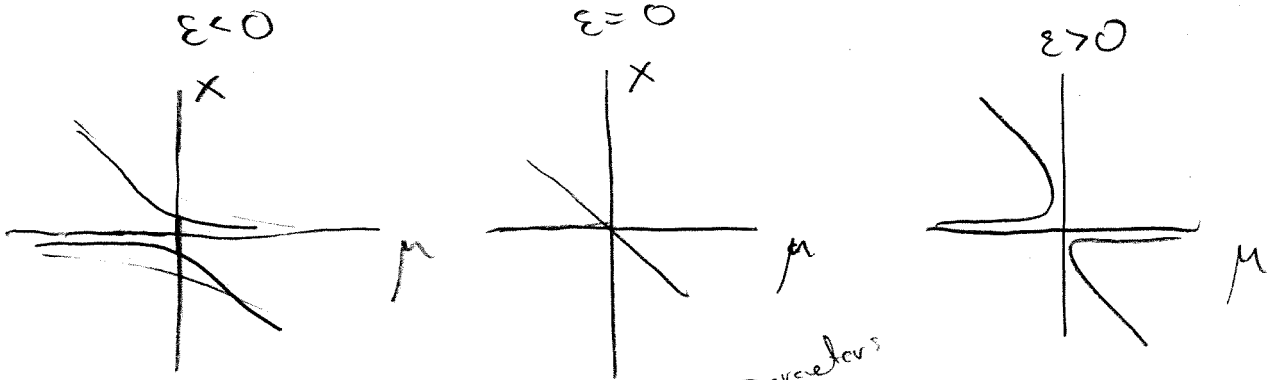
$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(\hat{x}, \mu_0, \epsilon_0) = 2 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  SN at  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4}\mu^2$   $\epsilon > 0$

$\epsilon > 0$



Phase portraits



two parameters

For TC, we need to tune  $\epsilon$  &  $\mu$   $\Rightarrow$  (if we let  $\epsilon$  be anything, tuning  $\mu$  is  $\Rightarrow$  SN)

Remark: Biological systems!  $\Rightarrow$  codim-2 bifurcation

Similarly, we show that PF is codim-2

However, if complex eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow$  2 dim VF

we can show only 1-parameter is needed for hop-f!  $\Rightarrow$  codim 1.

Okay,  $a \neq 0$  + perturbing nonhyperbolic go back to

$$\dot{x} = f(x, \alpha, \beta) = x_0(\alpha, \beta) + k(\alpha, \beta)x + a(\alpha, \beta)x^2$$

$$\text{Suppose at } \alpha=0, \beta=0 \quad f(0,0,0)=0 \quad \frac{df}{dx}(0,0,0)=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0(0,0)=0 \quad k(0,0)=0$$

perturbing  $\alpha$  away from zero  $\Rightarrow x_0 \neq 0$  &  $k \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  SN  $\mathbb{D}$ , unless we perturb  $\beta$  as well  
 so that we keep  $x_0(\alpha, \beta) = 0$  in the hands of  $(0,0)$ ?  
 only then TC?

(C4)

Okay, lets go back to the original system & its approximation

$$\dot{x} = f(x, \alpha, \beta) = X_0(\alpha, \beta) + k(\alpha, \beta)x + a(\alpha, \beta)x^2$$

(for this purpose we need to consider  $O(x^2)$ )

Recall, at  $x=0=\beta \Rightarrow$  nonhyp. equil.  $\mathcal{P}$

If, we perturb only 1-parameter  $\alpha$  away from 0, then (provided  $x, \beta$  sat with respect to  $\alpha$ )  
 $X_0$  and  $k \neq 0$ , hence

$$\dot{x} = f(x, \alpha, 0) = X_0 + kx + ax^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  system undergoes SN  $\mathcal{P}$  when  $\alpha$  passes  $\alpha_0$  for which  $\hat{x}$  is nonhyp.

unless, we perturb  $\beta$  at the same time, so that we keep  $X_0(\alpha, \beta) = 0$

Two parameters need to be <sup>controlled</sup> tuned for TC  $\mathcal{P}$

This motivates us to give the following loose definition for the codimension of a bifurcation

Def. The codim of a bifurcation is  $k$ , if we need to control  $k$  parameters for it to occur.