

Contraction A function $f: X \rightarrow X$, where $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is a contraction if $\exists K \in [0, 1)$ such that for all $x, y \in X$,

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq K \|x - y\|.$$

So K is chosen first, which applies for all pairs $(x, y) \in X^2$.

Ex: $f(x) = 5$.

This is a contraction with $K=0$.
 Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|5 - 5\| = 0 \leq K \|x - y\|.$$

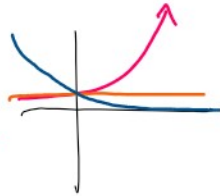
So f is a contraction.

4.1 & 4.2 are complicated... What are we really doing?

We are looking at families of functions

$$f_a(x)$$

$$f_a(t) = e^{\lambda t}$$



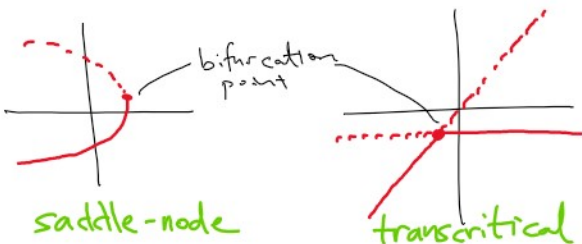
$$f_{\lambda=1}, f_{\lambda=2}, f_{\lambda=\dots}, f_{\lambda}$$



This tells us how the long term behavior of f_a depends on a . We are looking $F(a, x)$.

1. Saddle-node,

2. Transcritical.



4.3 Pitchfork Bifurcation.

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Ex: $f_a(x) = x + ax - x^3$.

Fixed points must satisfy:

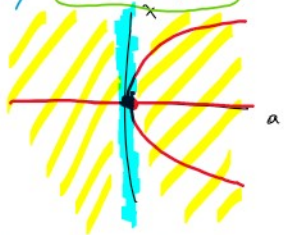
$$x = x + ax - x^3$$

$$0 = ax - x^3$$

$$0 = x(a - x^2)$$

We have 3 fixed points:

$$x=0, \quad x = \pm\sqrt{a} \quad \rightarrow \quad \underline{\underline{x^2 = a}}$$



This is a pitchfork bifurcation.

Let's understand stability.

Case 1: $a < 0$. $f'_a(x) = a + 1 - 3x^2$

Thm 3.5 determines stability based

on $|f'_a(0)| = |a + 1|$

For $a < 0$ but close to 0, the fixed pt. $x=0$ is stable.

Case 2: $a=0$. $f'_0(x) = 1 - 3x^2$.

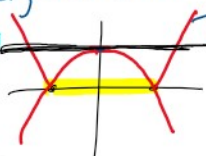
Here $x=0$ is not hyperbolic, that means that

$$|f'_0(0)| = |1| = 1.$$

So, here, $f_0(x) = x - x^3$.

$$|f_0(x)| = |x - x^3| = |x| |1 - x^2|$$

Look at neighborhood around $x=0$, say $|x| < 1$. Thus, $|1 - x^2| < 1$.



(Prop 3.8: If $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $\forall x \in B_r(0) \setminus \{0\}$ where $|f(x)| < |x|$, then $x=0$ is an attracting fixed point.)

If $x \in B_r(0) \setminus \{0\}$, then $|1 - x^2| < 1$.

$$|f_0(x)| = |x| \cdot |1 - x^2| < |x|.$$

So by Prop 3.8, $x=0$ is stable.

Case 3: $a > 0$. The deriv. is

$$f'_a(x) = 1 + a - 3x^2$$

Thm 3.5 says since $|f'_a(0)| = |1+a| > 1$, then $x=0$ is unstable.

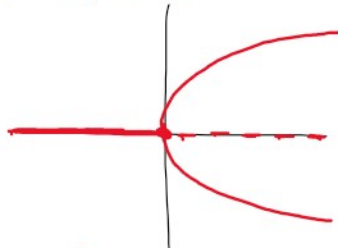
Since $a > 0$, we have $x = \pm\sqrt{a}$ as fixed points as well.

Same stability

$$|f'_a(\sqrt{a})| = |1+a-3a| = |1-2a| < 1$$

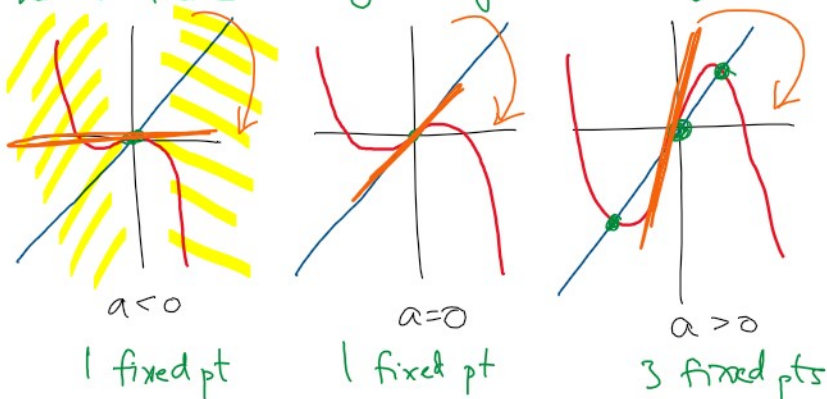
$$|f'_a(-\sqrt{a})| = \dots = |1-2a| < 1$$

For small positive a , these fixed points are stable.



This is the b. diagram from our example.

The pitchfork bifurcation arises when there is symmetry in the system.



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Thm 4.8 (Pitchfork bifurcation special case)

Let $F: J \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a C^3 -function.

Suppose $\exists (\bar{a}, \bar{x}) \in J \times I$ s.t.

1. $F(a, \bar{x}) = \bar{x}$ for all $a \in J$,
2. $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) = 1$,

$$3. \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2}(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) = 0 \quad (\text{this was } \neq 0 \text{ in transcript real.})$$

$$4. \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial a}(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) \neq 0, \text{ and}$$

$$5. \frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial x^3}(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) \neq 0.$$

Then there exists an open interval $U \subseteq I$ containing \bar{x} and a unique function $h: U \rightarrow J$ s.t.

- $h(\bar{x}) = \bar{a}$,
- $F(h(x), x) = x$,
- $h'(\bar{x}) = 0$,
- $h''(\bar{x}) \neq 0$,
- $h(x) \neq \bar{a}$ for $x \in U \setminus \{\bar{x}\}$.

Idea of proof: Similar to Thm 4.6.

$$H(a, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{F(a, x) - x}{x - \bar{x}} & x \neq \bar{x}, \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \bar{x}} \frac{F(a, x) - x}{x - \bar{x}} & x = \bar{x}. \end{cases}$$

Apply IFT to H (show this is OK).
This proves the existence of $h: U \rightarrow J$ s.t. $h(\bar{x}) = \bar{a}$, $H(h(x), x) = 0$.

Show that $F(h(x), x) = x$. Then use implicit derivatives to show that $h''(\bar{x}) \neq 0$.

Notation: Write $F_x = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$.

We know

$$F(h(x), x) = x.$$

Taking deriv. with respect to x :

$$F_a(h(x), x) h'(x) + F_x(h(x), x) = 1.$$

Apply it again:

$$F_{aa}(h(x), x) h'(x) + F_{ax}(h(x), x) \dots$$

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$$(F_{ax} h' + F_x) h' + F_a h'' + F_{xa} h' + F_{xx} = 0$$

Evaluate this at $x = \bar{x}$. We know $h'(\bar{x}) = 0$.

At $x = \bar{x}$ (i.e. $h(\bar{x}) = \bar{a}$):

$$F_a(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) h''(\bar{x}) + F_{xx}(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) = 0$$

$$h''(\bar{x}) = \frac{-F_{xx}(\bar{a}, \bar{x})}{F_a(\bar{a}, \bar{x})}$$

Note $F_a(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) = 0$. So the red box is undefined.....

Do another deriv. and then sub $x = \bar{x}$:

$$F_{xxx}(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) + 3F_{ax}(\bar{a}, \bar{x}) \underline{h''(\bar{x})} = 0 \quad \square$$