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**DÉPARTEMENT D2 – FLUIDES
THERMIQUE ET COMBUSTION**

An introduction to hydrodynamic stability

Lecture 7: beyond the critical point

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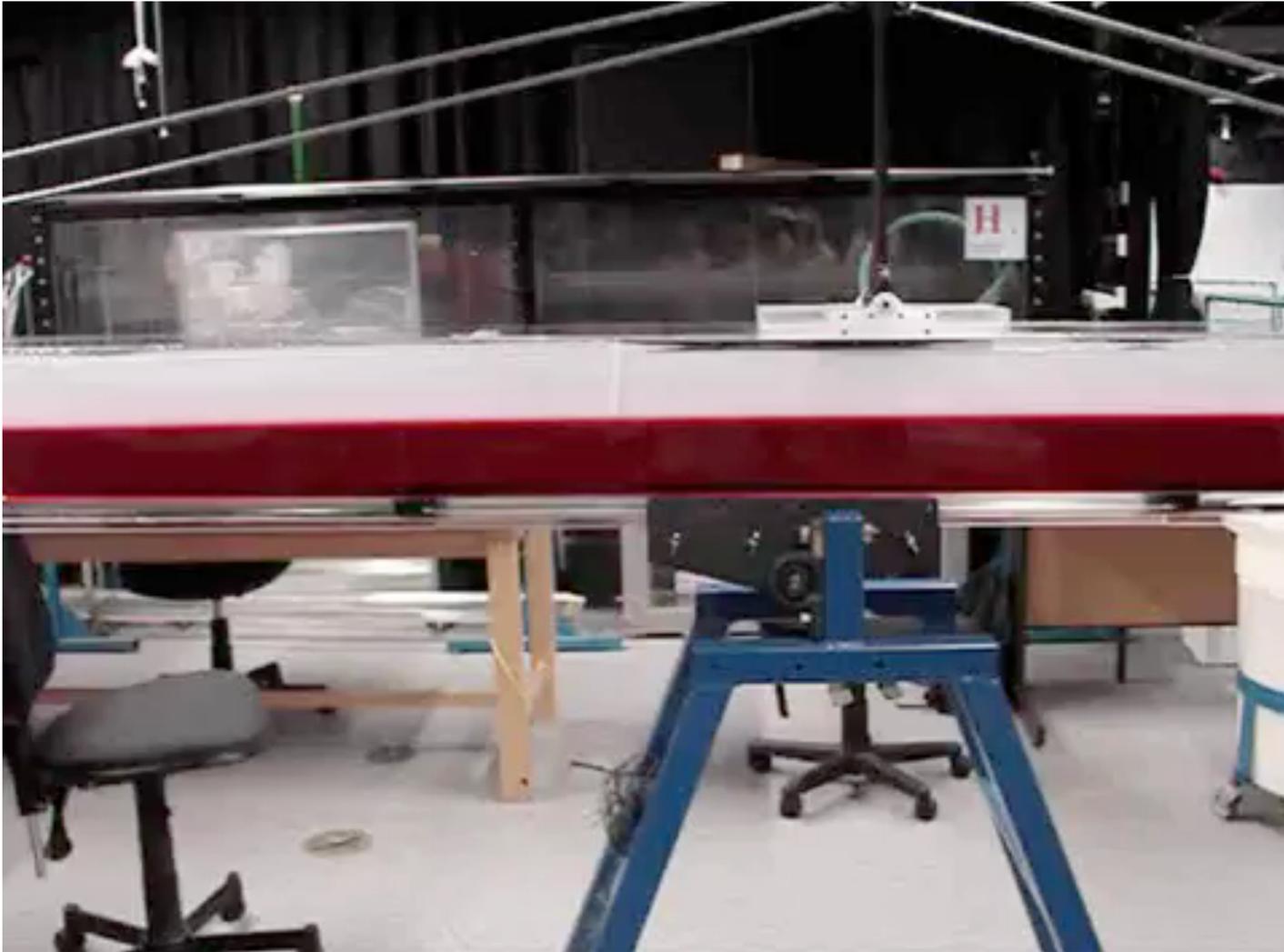
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1. Beyond the critical point?
2. State-space representation of dynamical systems
3. Local bifurcation theory

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1. Beyond the critical point?

1. Beyond the critical point – Kelvin-Helmholtz



1. Beyond the critical point – Taylor-Couette flow

New base flow: Taylor vortices,

This flow is stable until a second critical rotation rate,

After which a new instability develops

Azimuthal travelling waves.

Further increase in the rotation rate leads to chaotic behaviour:

- irregular time dependence.

Further increase and the flow finally becomes turbulent, but with organised structures still visible...



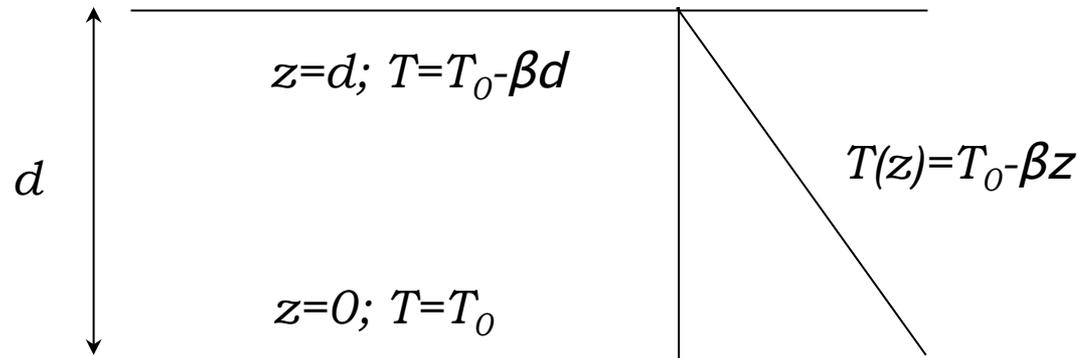
(d) $\Omega_{c4} < \Omega_1$: turbulent Taylor vortices

1. Beyond the critical point – Rayleigh-Bénard convection



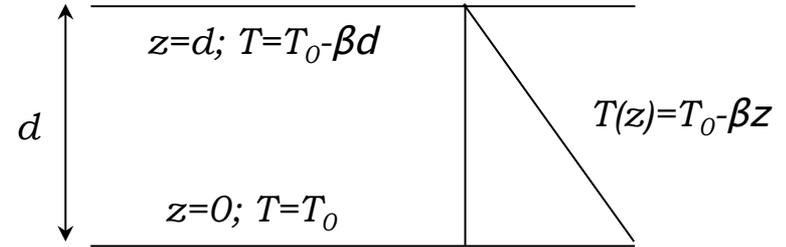
2. Rayleigh-Bénard convective instability

Base state: no flow & vertical temperature gradient



2. Rayleigh-Bénard convective instability

Boussinesq approximation



The density changes are associated with changes in volume due to temperature

$$\Delta\rho = -\alpha\Delta T\rho_0$$

Coefficient of volume expansion

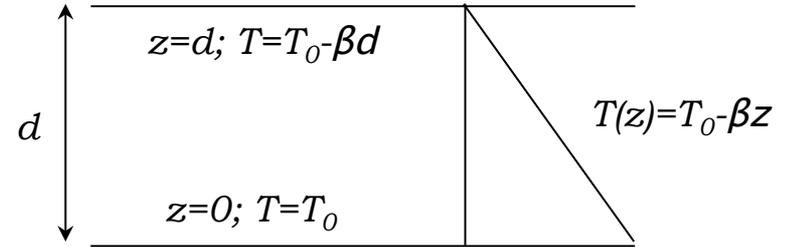
With which there is an associated body force (buoyancy) proportional to

$$\rho_0\alpha\Delta Tg$$

This is what drives the flow, trying to move hot fluid upward.

2. Rayleigh-Bénard convective instability

Boussinesq approximation



Any motion of fluid due to the body force will have to compete with:

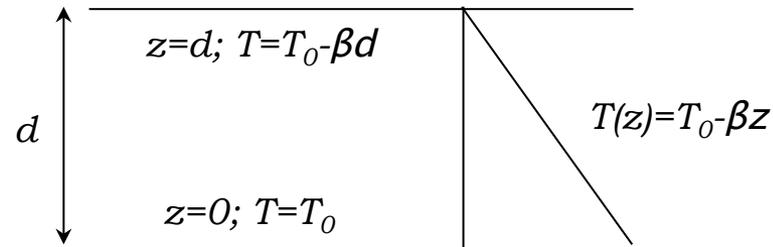
- Viscous diffusion ν
- Thermal diffusivity κ

Prandtl number: $P = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}$

But the more important non-dimensional number is:

Rayleigh number: $R = \frac{\alpha \Delta T g d^3}{\nu \kappa}$ *

2. Rayleigh-Bénard convective instability



Prandtl number: $P = \frac{\nu}{\kappa}$

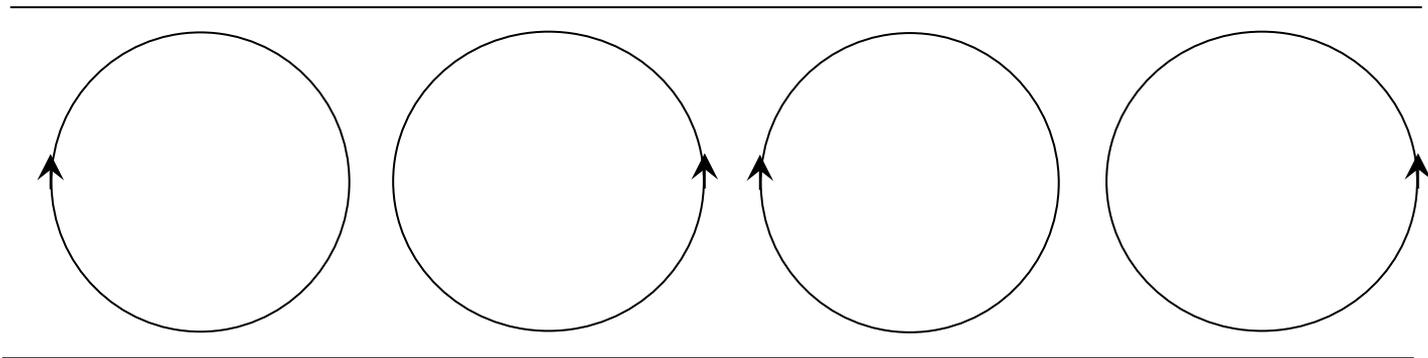
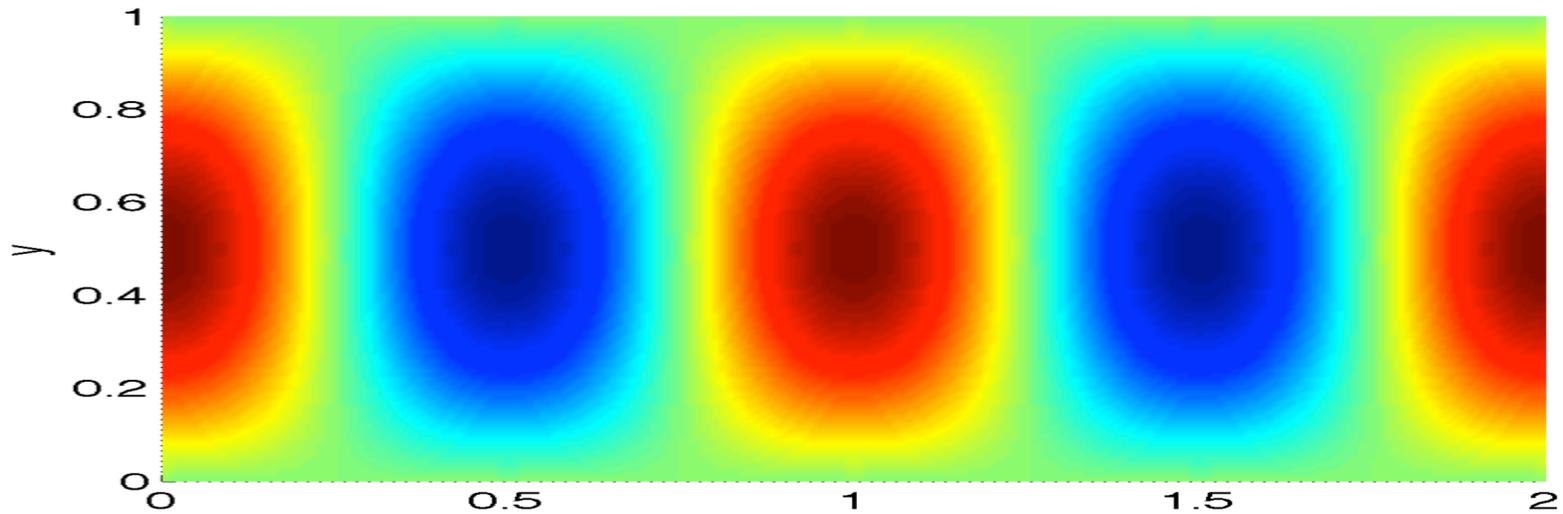
- Ratio of kinematic viscosity to thermal diffusivity
- Embodies the relative effects of momentum diffusion and heat diffusion

Rayleigh number: $R = \frac{\alpha \Delta T g d^3}{\nu \kappa}$

- Ratio of buoyancy effects to the combined viscous and thermal diffusion:
 - Buoyancy is destabilising,
 - Diffusion is stabilising.
- A good stability parameter.

2. Rayleigh-Bénard convective instability

Spatial structure of the instability: $\bar{\omega} = A \sin(\pi z) \cos(a_c x)$



2. Rayleigh-Bénard convective instability

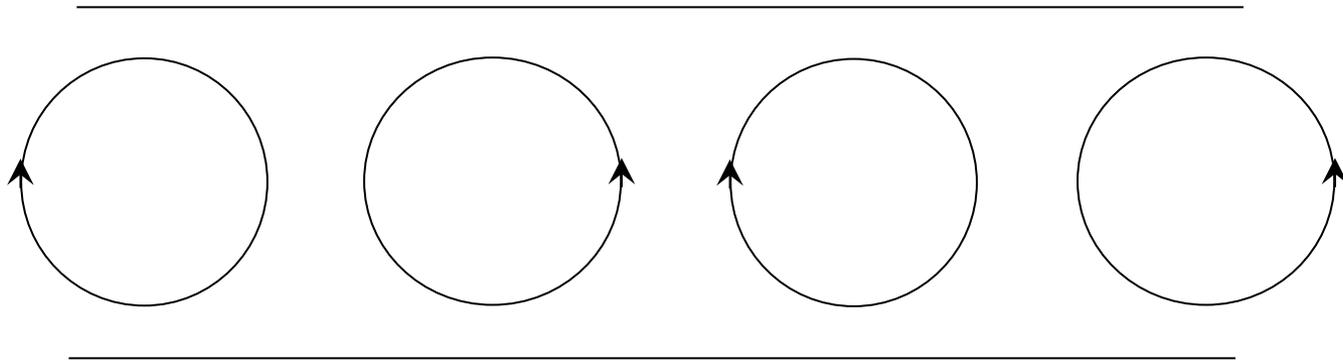
But the flow physics associated with the rolls allow them to persist,

- Heat is transferred away from the lower wall, reducing the potential for instability,
- Horizontal gradients increase viscous friction and thermal diffusion,

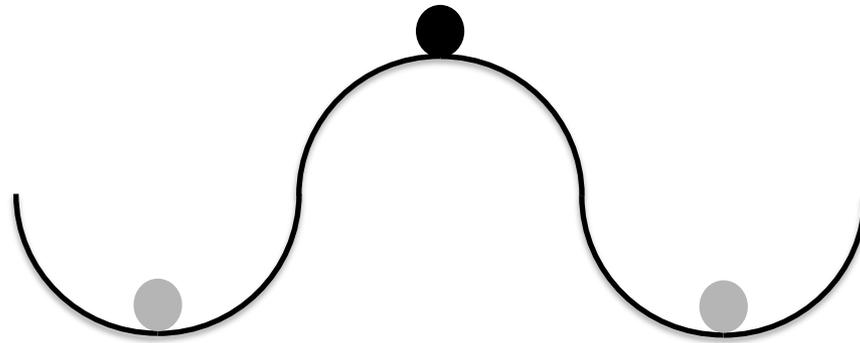
The amplitude of the motions saturates beyond threshold:

- **bifurcation is supercritical**, a new base state is established, and this is stable until a new critical value of R is attained,

Numerous bifurcations can occur before the flow reaches a turbulent state.

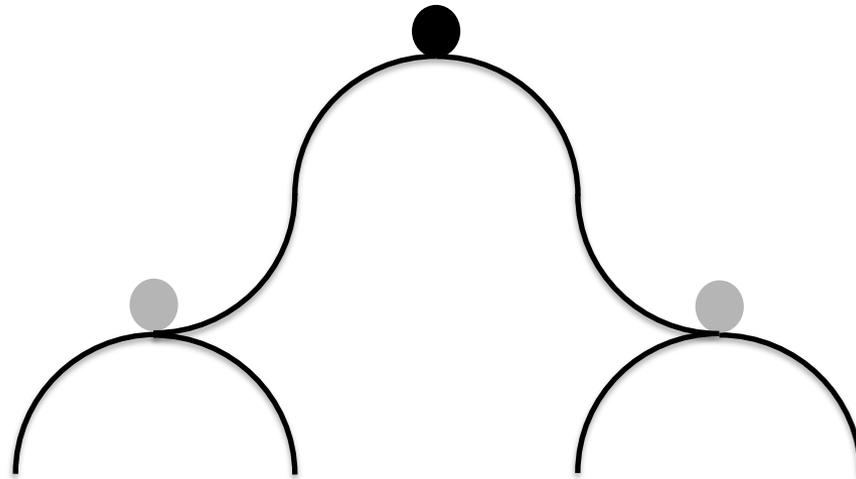


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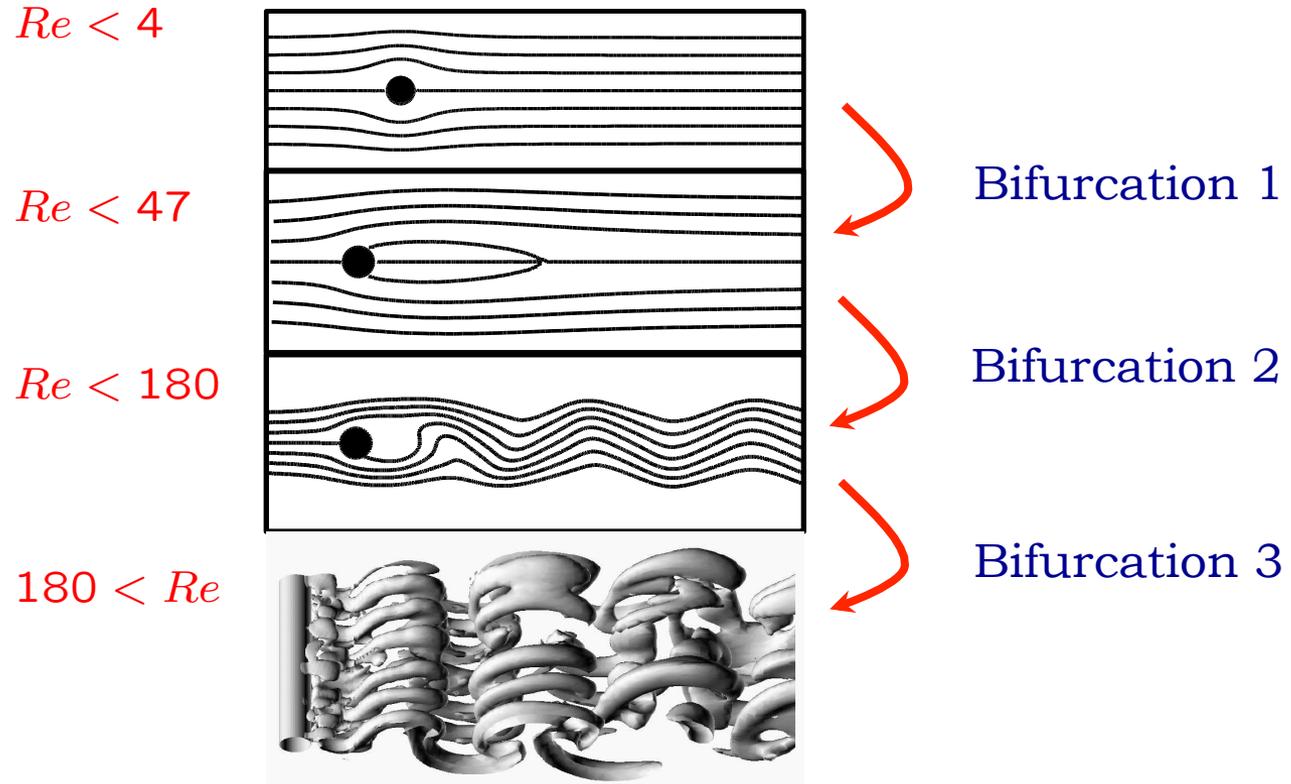
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1. Beyond the critical point – cylinder wake



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1. Beyond the critical point

- i. Kelvin-Helmholtz: direct transition to turbulence,
- ii. Taylor-Couette flow, Rayleigh-Bénard convection, cylinder wake:
 - series of **bifurcations** and base-flows

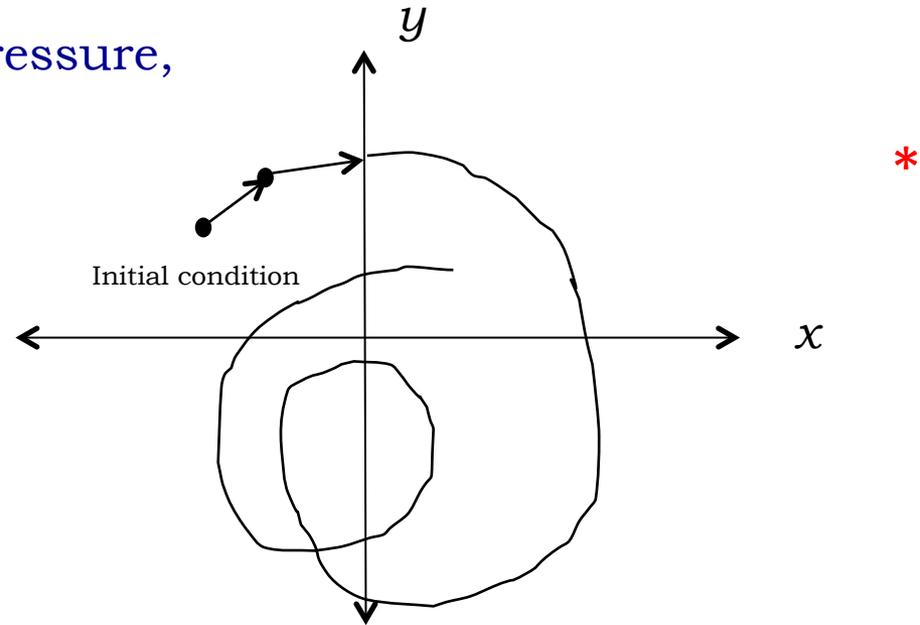
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3. State-space representation of dynamical systems

Dynamics viewed in phase or state space

- state variables: minimum number of variables that uniquely define the status of the system,
- could be velocities, momenta, pressure,
- voltage, current,
- heat flux,...

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f_1(x, y)$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f_2(x, y)$$



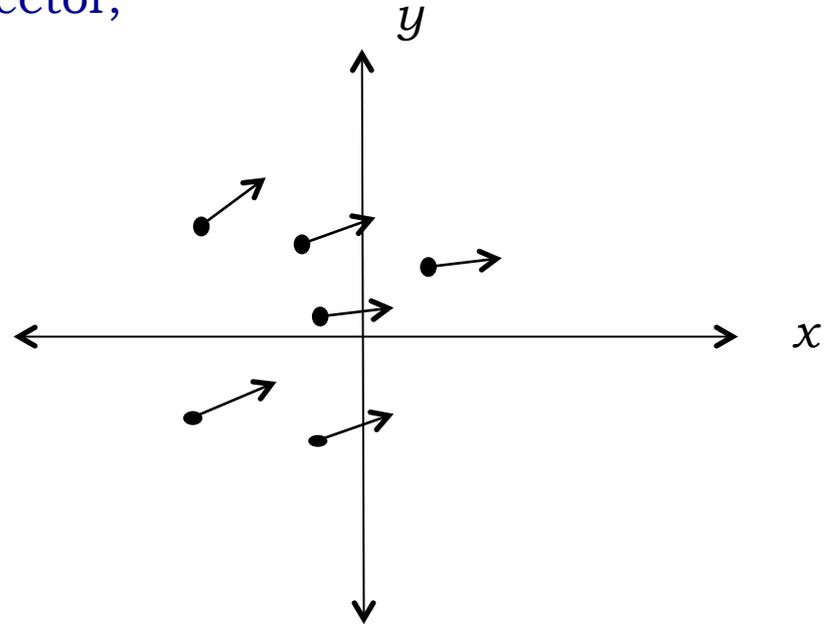
A system of non-linear differential equations represents a flow in a state space: incrementally this is a series of vectors.

3. State-space representation of dynamical systems

Dynamics viewed in phase or state space

- for each initial condition there is a different trajectory,
- trajectory is the solution for a given IC,
- at each point the DEs define a vector,

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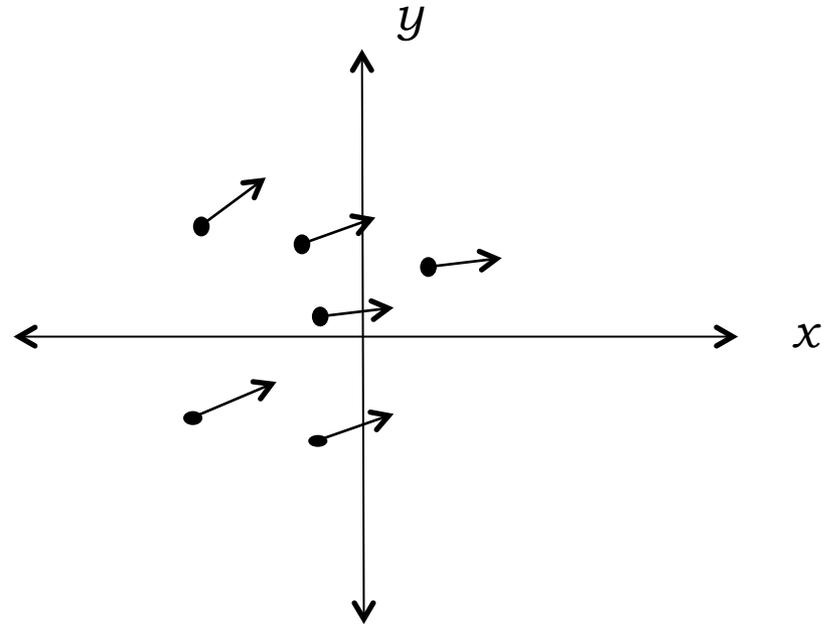


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Dynamics viewed in phase or state space

- To know all of the possible dynamics one would need to solve the system for every initial condition,
- clearly not feasible !

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f_1(x, y)$$
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f_2(x, y)$$



But we can obtain a qualitative, graphical, representation of the state-space and the vector field (flow), and this can sometimes provide access to the qualitative behaviour of the non-linear dynamics.

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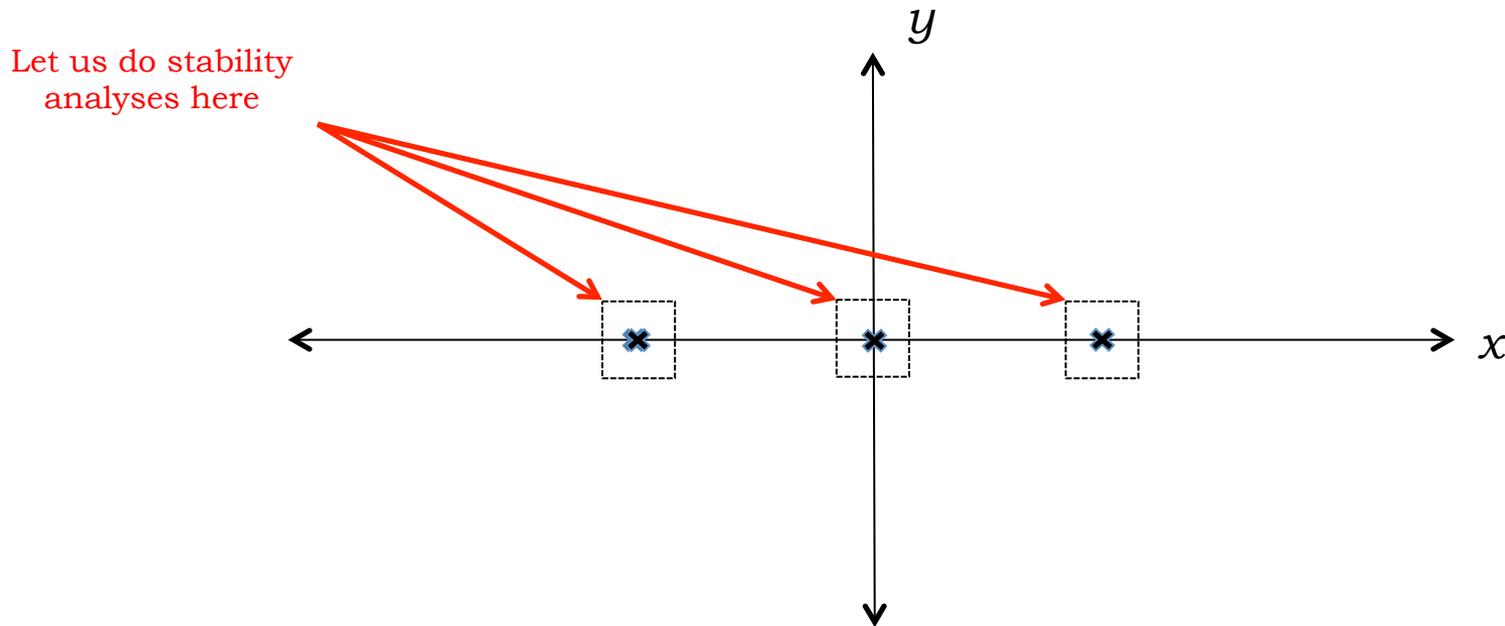
Dynamical system \longrightarrow

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -x + x^3\end{aligned}$$

Fixed points $(-1, 0), (0, 0), (+1, 0)$

The base flows you've been using for stability analysis are all fixed points

What is the character of the vector field in the vicinity of these points?

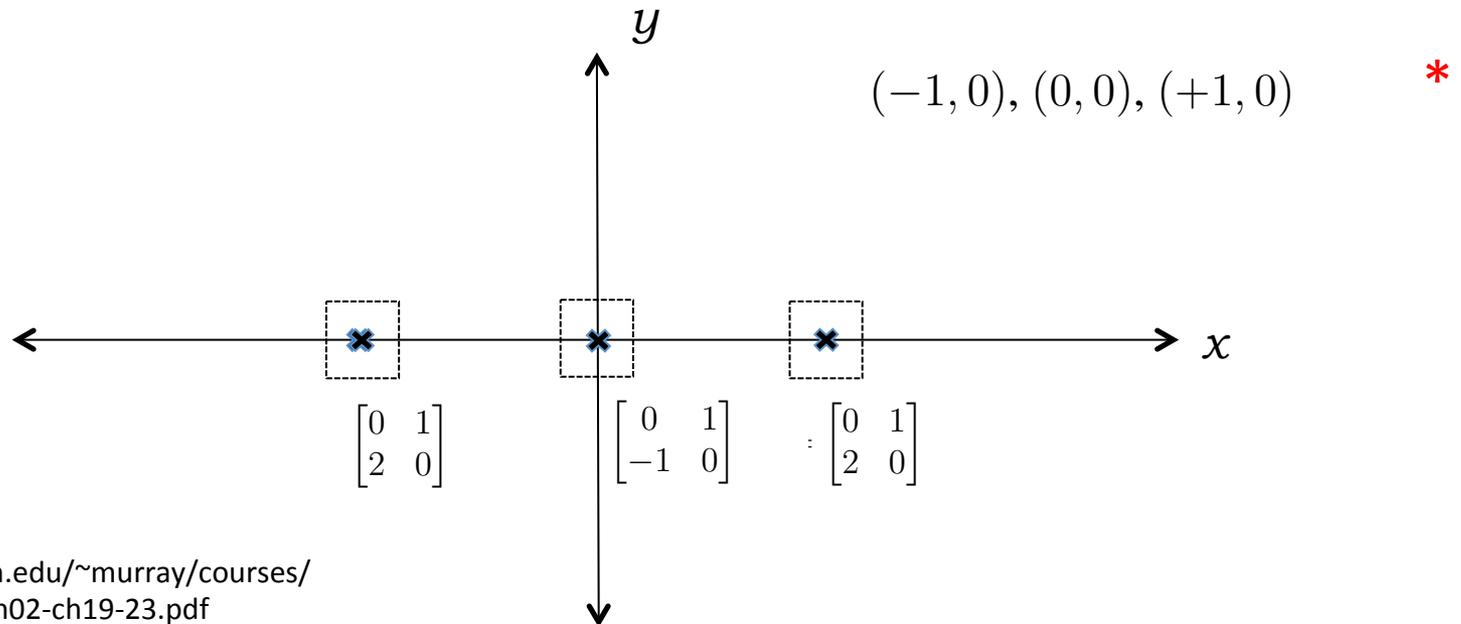


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Zoom in and use Jacobian to obtain local linearisation*

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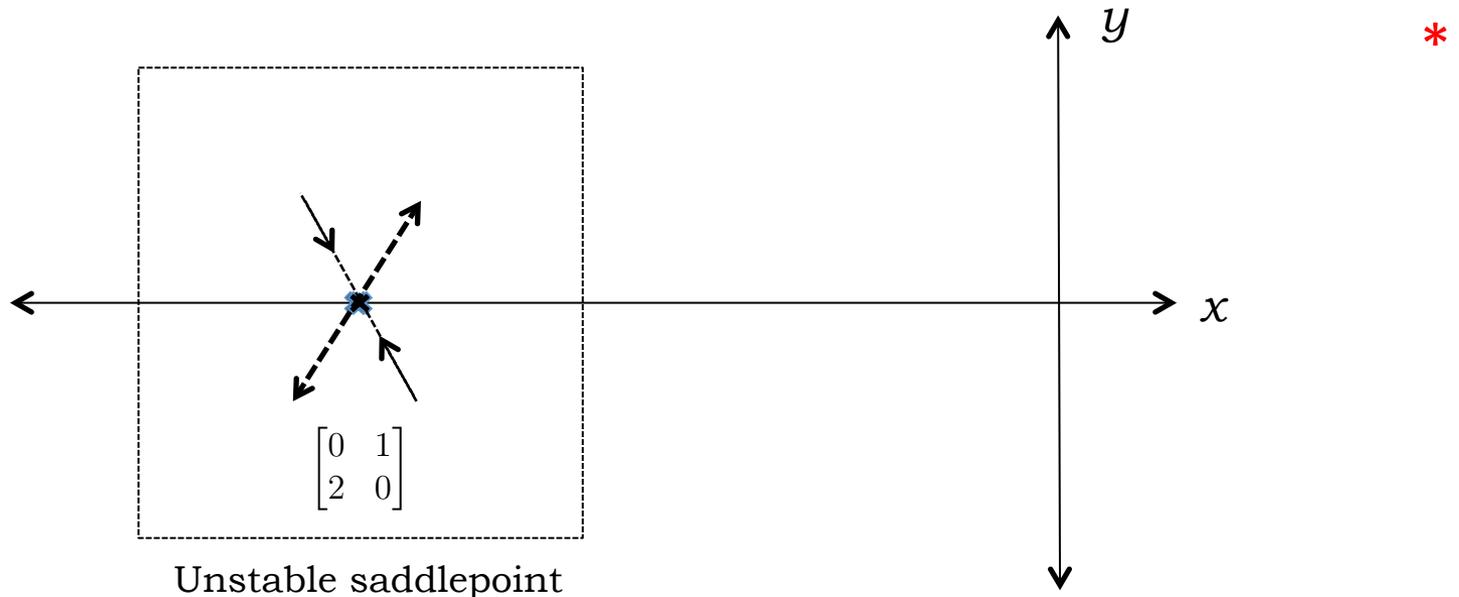
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Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\det[A - \lambda I] = 0} \begin{aligned} \lambda^2 &= 2 \\ \lambda &= \pm\sqrt{2} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

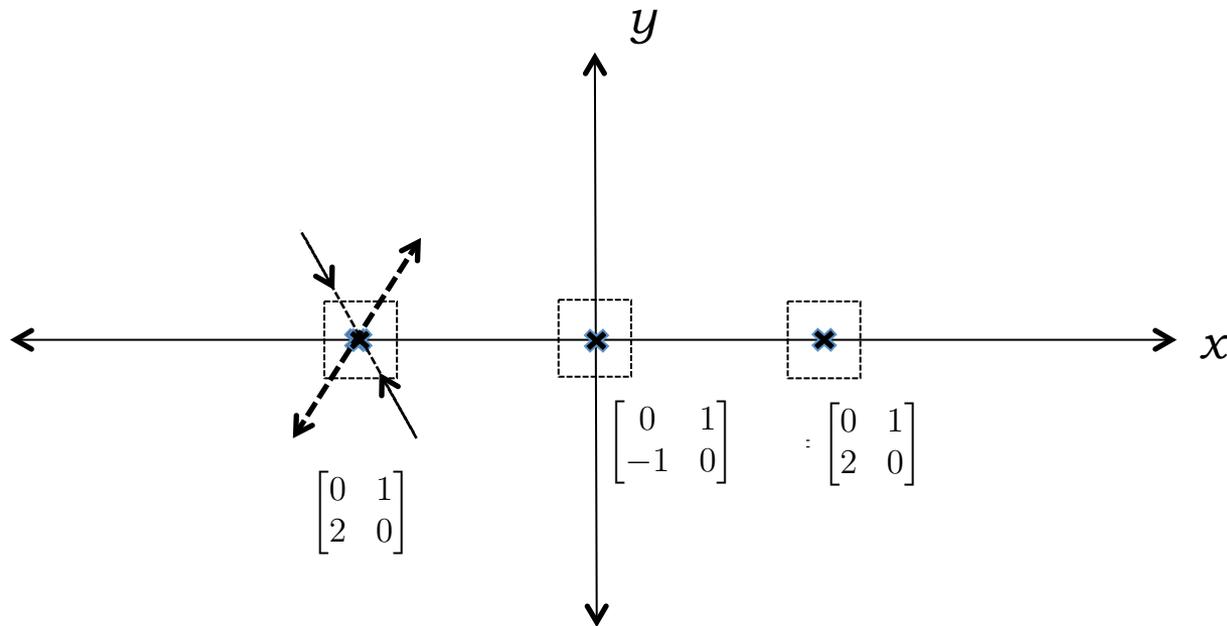


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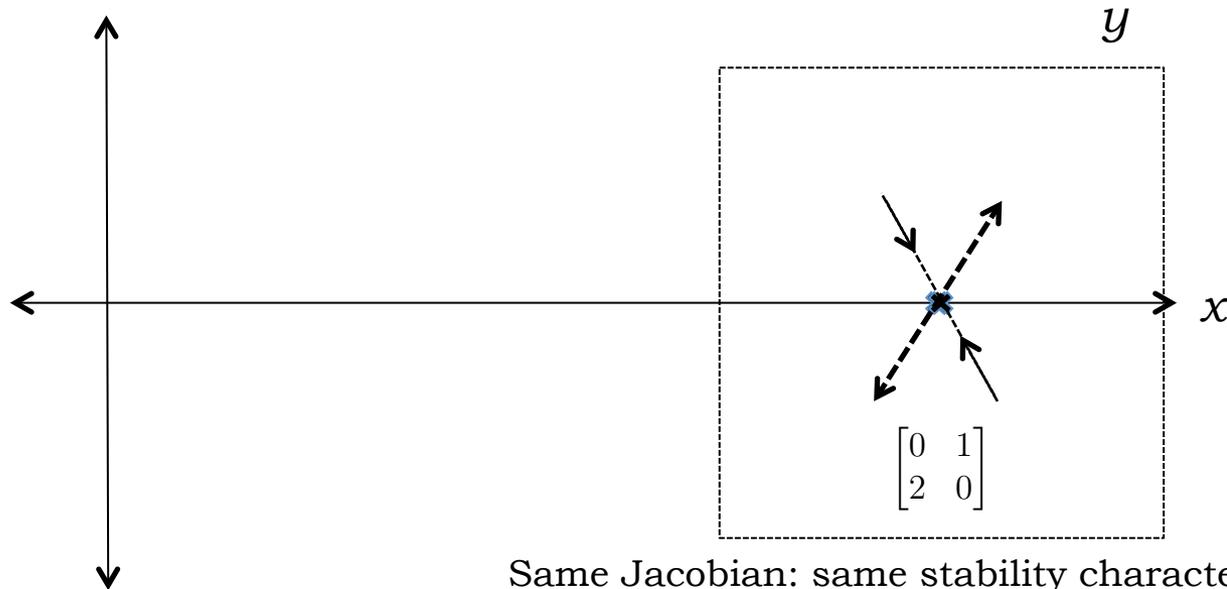


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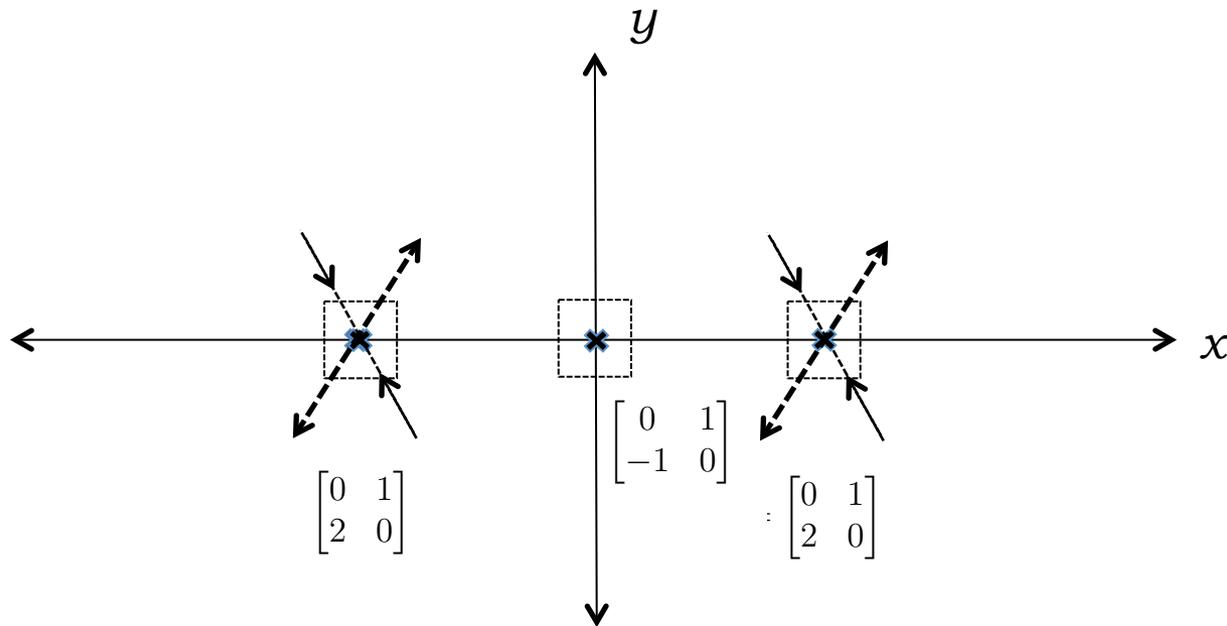


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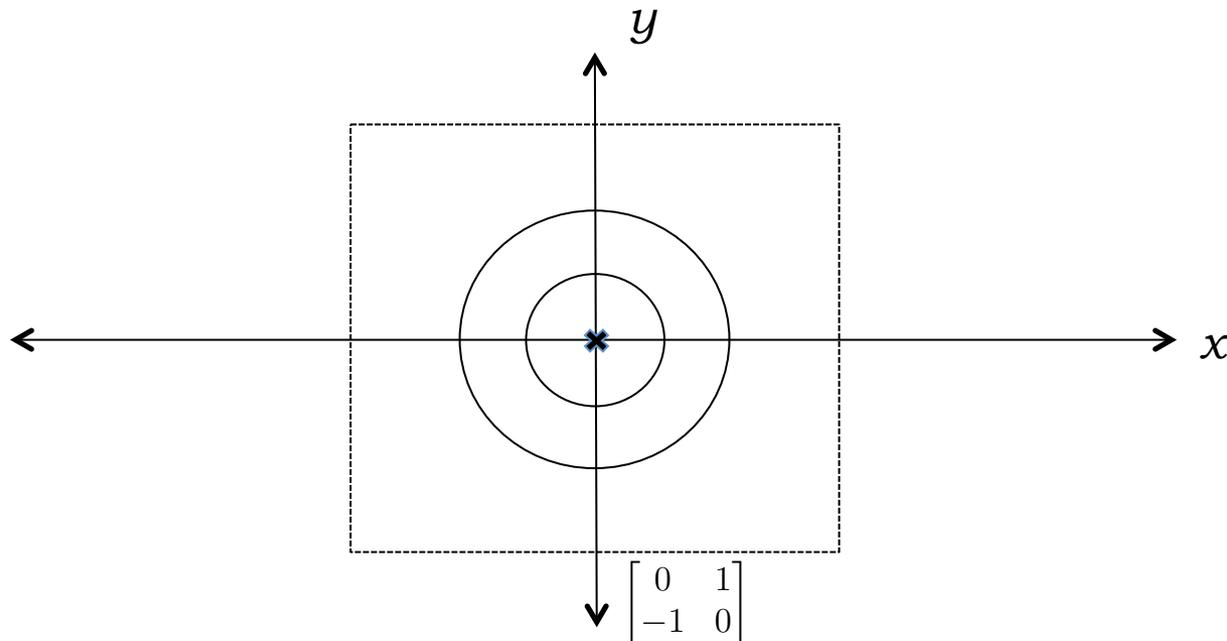


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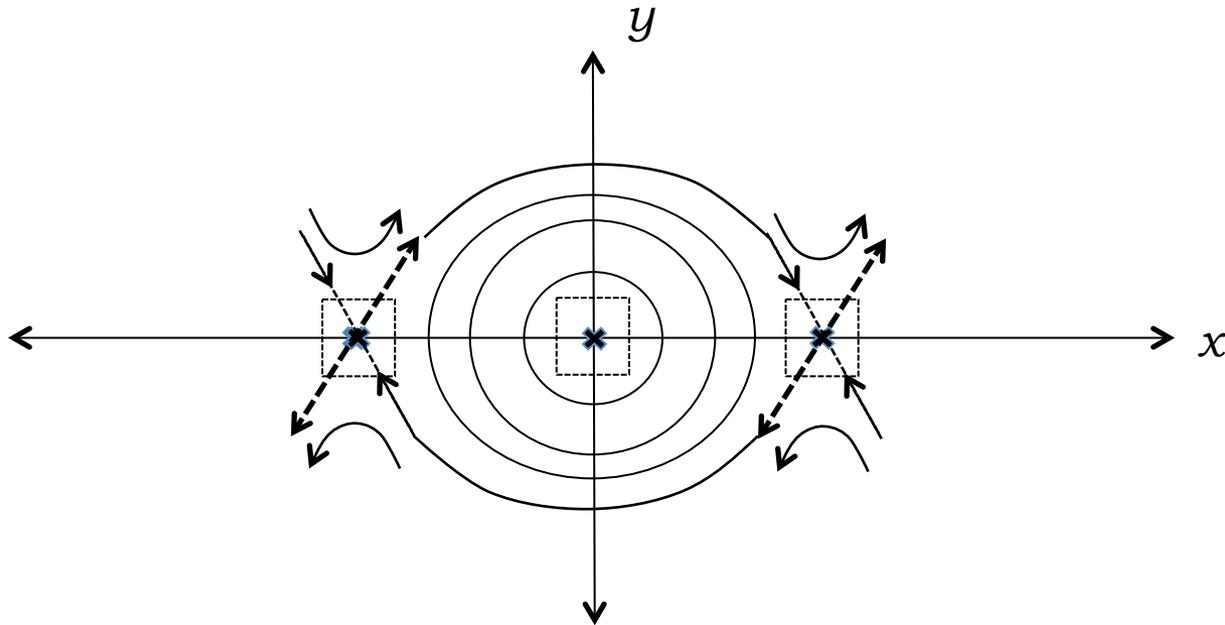
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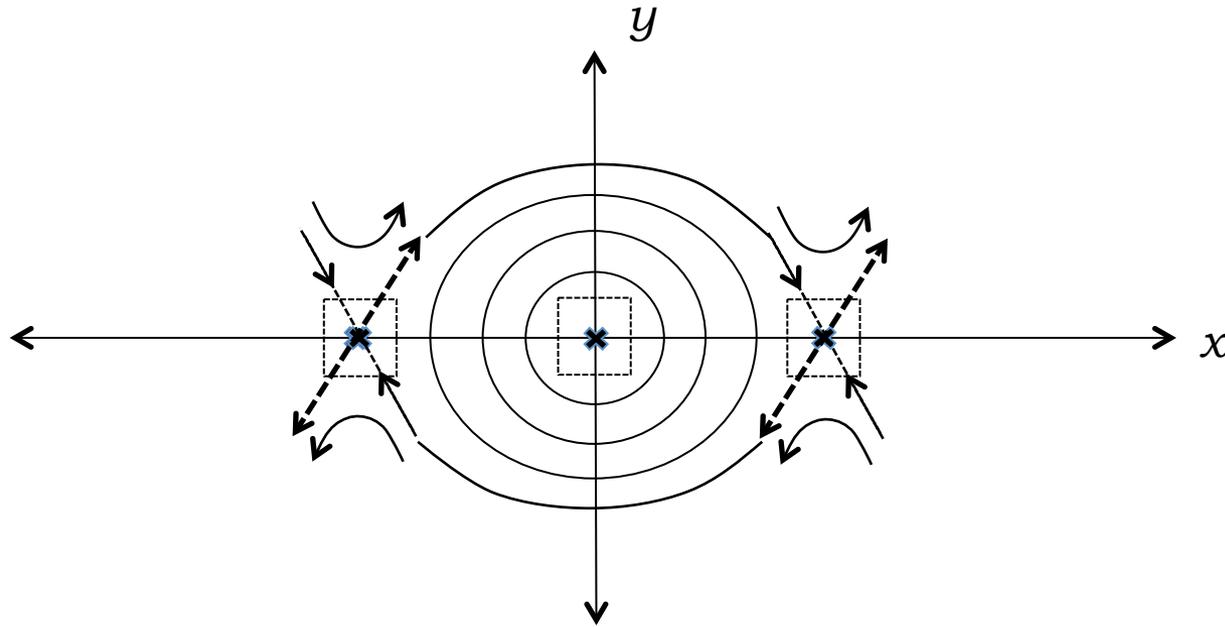
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Once the stability characteristics have been determined in the vicinity of the fixed points, because **solution trajectories can never cross paths**, and are smooth, we can complete the **qualitative solution topology** in regions where non-linear dynamics will be manifest.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= -x + x^3\end{aligned}$$



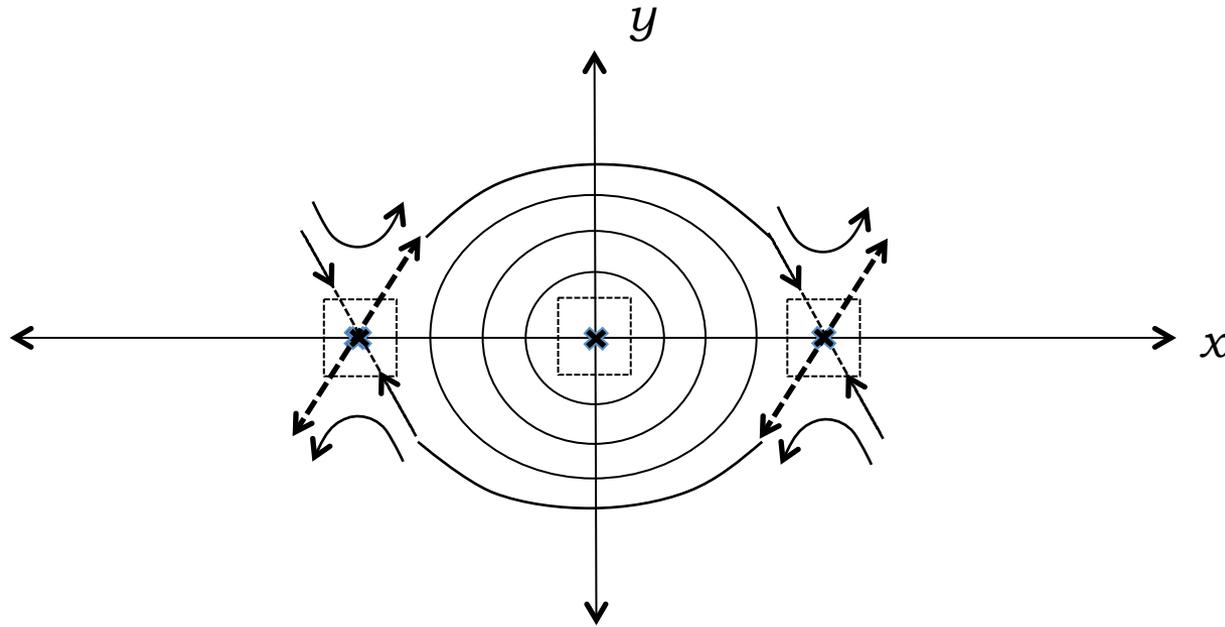
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The continuation of an **eigenvector** into the non-linear regime is known as a **manifold**, which can also be classified as stable or unstable,

Unstable eigenvectors are tangent to unstable manifolds at fixed points,

3. State-space representation of dynamical systems



In systems whose dynamics depend on some parameter, the vector fields change as we go through a **bifurcation point (e.g critical \mathbf{Re} or \mathbf{R})**:

- the stability characteristics of one or more of the fixed points change...

3. Local bifurcation theory

4. Local bifurcation theory

We will use simple model equations to explore some of the more frequently encountered bifurcation scenarios:

- Saddle-node bifurcation,
- Transcritical bifurcation,
- Pitchfork bifurcation,
- Hopf bifurcation,
- Bifurcation in the Lorenz system.

The saddlenode bifurcation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a - x^2 \quad \text{for } x, a \text{ real.}$$

What are the base states?

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \quad x = x_B = \pm\sqrt{a}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a - x^2 \quad \text{for } x, a \text{ real.}$$

Possibilities:

$$x = x_B = \pm\sqrt{a} \quad *$$

$a < 0$ no real solution,

$a > 0$ two real solutions.

The saddlenode bifurcation

Assess the stability of each of the base states

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a - x^2 \quad x = x_B = \pm\sqrt{a} \quad a > 0$$

Add a perturbation and substitute into governing equation

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$$x = x_B + \tilde{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} &= (a - x_B^2) - 2x_B\tilde{x} - \tilde{x}^2 \\ \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} &= -2x_B\tilde{x} \end{aligned}$$

Linearisation: negligible

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = -2x_B\tilde{x}$$

Write down the solution

$$\tilde{x}(t) = Ae^{-2x_B t}$$

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This gives us the stability of the two base states

for $x_B = +\sqrt{a}$, $|\tilde{x}| \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

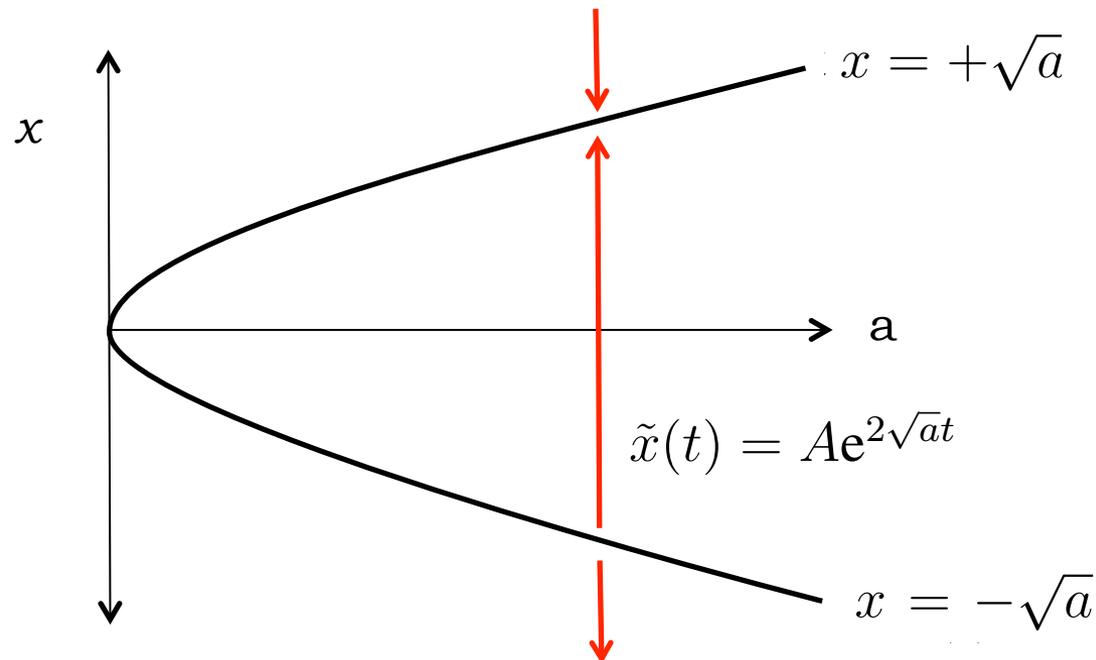
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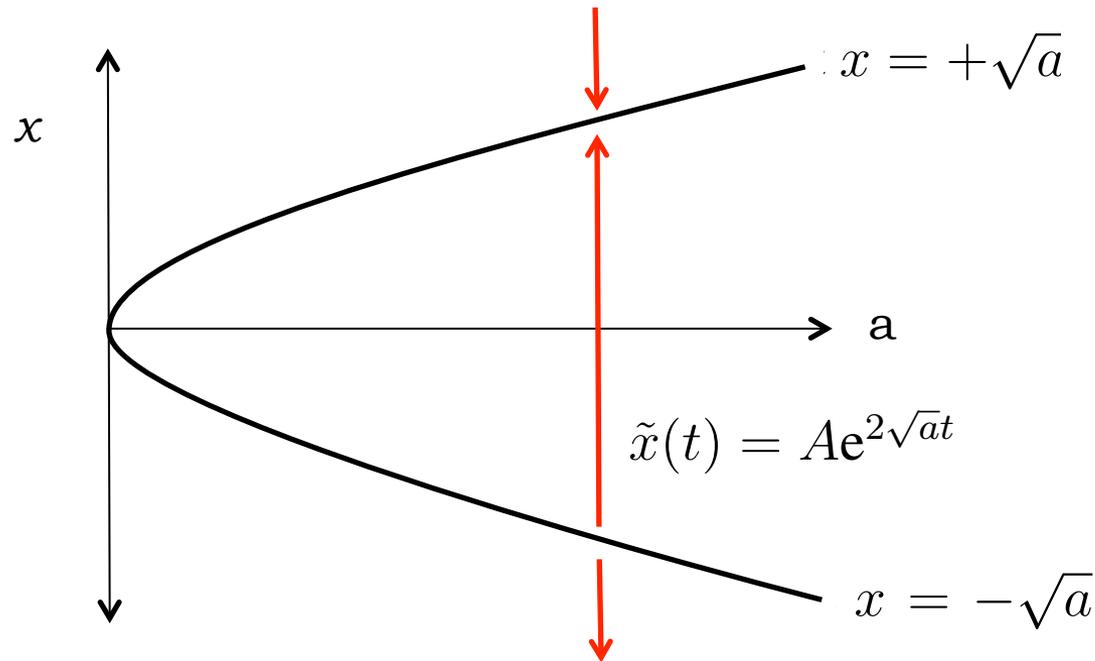
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$a=0$ is a bifurcation point



The saddlenode bifurcation



The bifurcation point, $a=0$, corresponds to the appearance of two new **solution branches**, one stable, the other unstable,

The solution branches are due to the non-linearity, just like in the Rayleigh-Bénard and cylinder-wake examples.

The transcritical bifurcation

Dynamics governed by a system with two control parameters

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^2 \quad \text{for } x, a, b \text{ real.}$$

Write down the steady states

$$x = x_{B1} = 0$$

$$x = x_{B2} = a/b$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^2 \quad \text{for } x, a, b \text{ real.}$$

$$x = x_{B1} = 0$$

$$x = x_{B1} + \tilde{x}$$

Write down the linearised system for x_{B1}

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = a\tilde{x} - \cancel{b\tilde{x}^2}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = a\tilde{x}$$

$$x = x_{B1} = 0 \qquad \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = a\tilde{x}$$

Write down the solution

$$\tilde{x}(t) = Ae^{at}$$

Stability criteria?

$a < 0$ Linearly stable

$a > 0$ Linearly unstable

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^2 \quad \text{for } x, a, b \text{ real.}$$

$$x = x_{B2} = a/b$$

Write down the linearised system and solution for x_{B2}

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$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = -a\tilde{x} \qquad \tilde{x}(t) = Ae^{-at}$$

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Linearly **stable**

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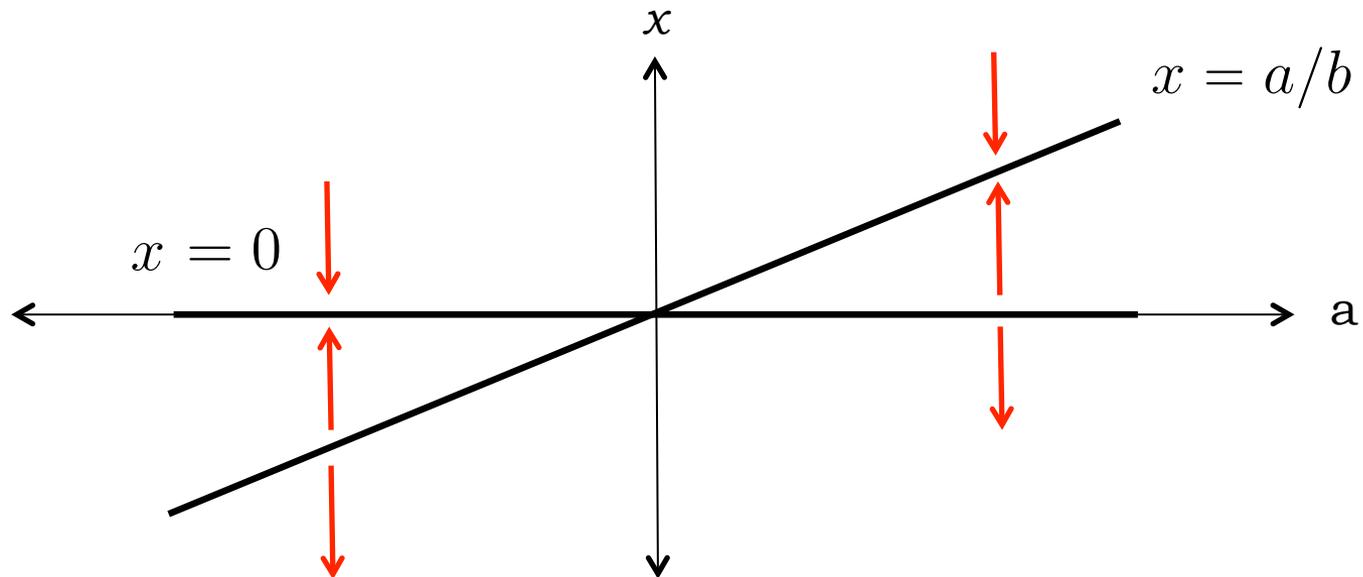
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The pitchfork bifurcation

Dynamics governed by a system with two control parameters

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^3 \quad \text{for } x, a, b \text{ real}$$

Steady states

$$x = x_{B1} = 0$$

$$x = x_{B2} = +\sqrt{a/b} \quad \text{for } a/b > 0$$

$$x = x_{B3} = -\sqrt{a/b} \quad \text{for } a/b > 0$$

Base states 2 and 3 only exist for $a > 0$ if $b > 0$.

The pitchfork bifurcation

Linear stability of $x = x_{B1} = 0$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^3$$

$$x = x_{B1} + \tilde{x} \longrightarrow \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = a\tilde{x}$$

Solution $\tilde{x} = Ae^{at}$

Stability $a < 0$ Linearly stable

$a > 0$ Linearly unstable

The pitchfork bifurcation

Linear stability of

$$x = x_{B2} = +\sqrt{a/b}$$
$$x = x_{B3} = -\sqrt{a/b}$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{a/b} + \tilde{x}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax - bx^3 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = a\tilde{x} - 3bx_B^2\tilde{x} \quad *$$

General solution

$$\tilde{x} = Ae^{st}$$

$$s = a - 3bx_B^2 = a - 3b\frac{a}{b} = -2a$$

The pitchfork bifurcation

$$x = x_{B1} = 0$$

$$x = x_{B2} = +\sqrt{a/b}$$

$$x = x_{B3} = -\sqrt{a/b}$$

$$a < 0$$

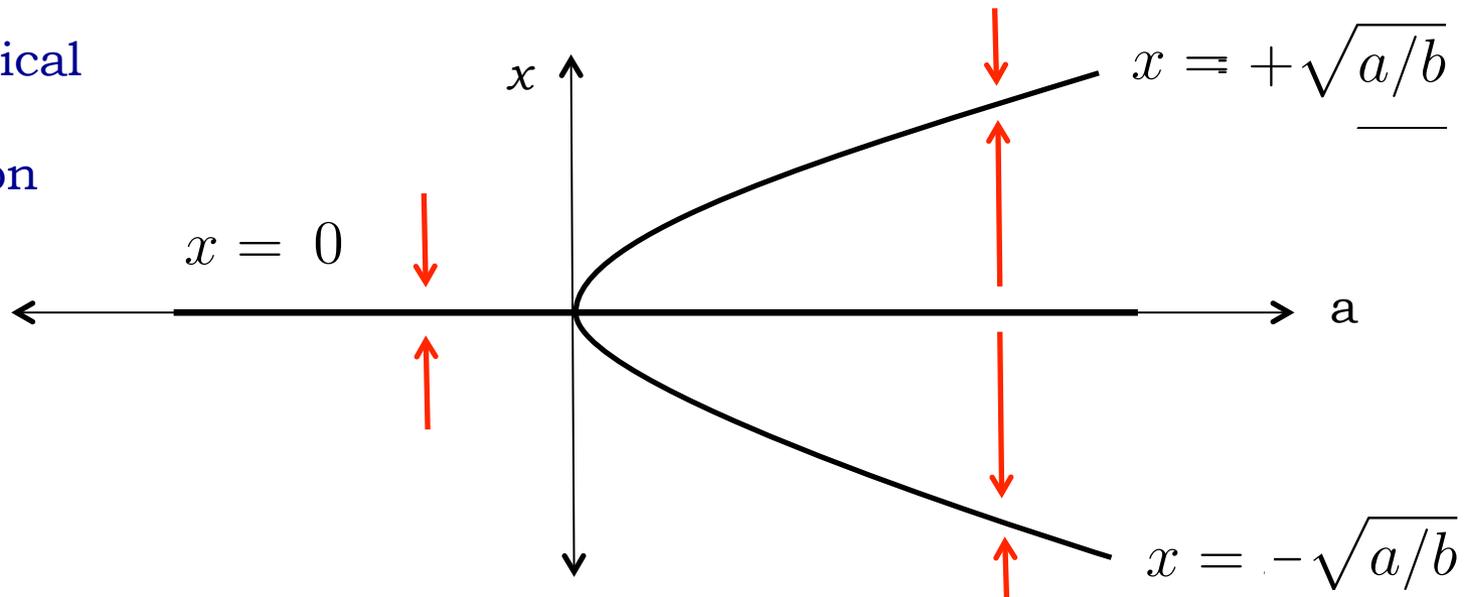
Linearly stable

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Supercritical
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The pitchfork bifurcation

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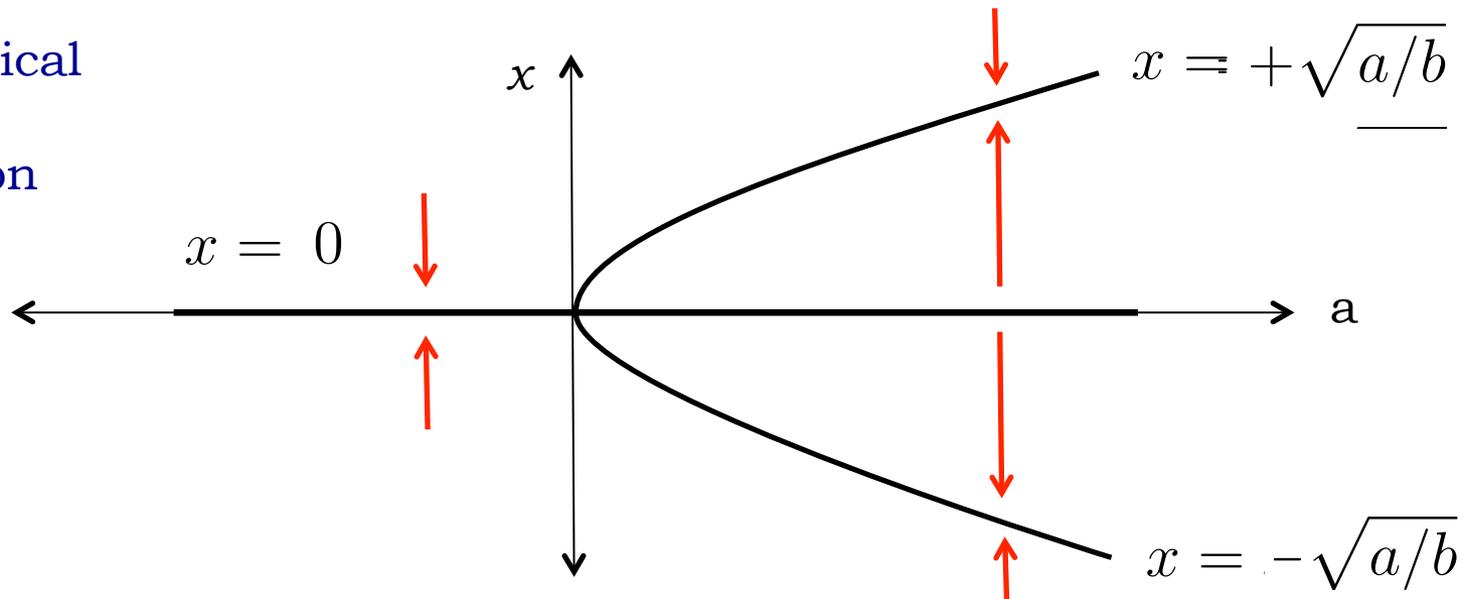
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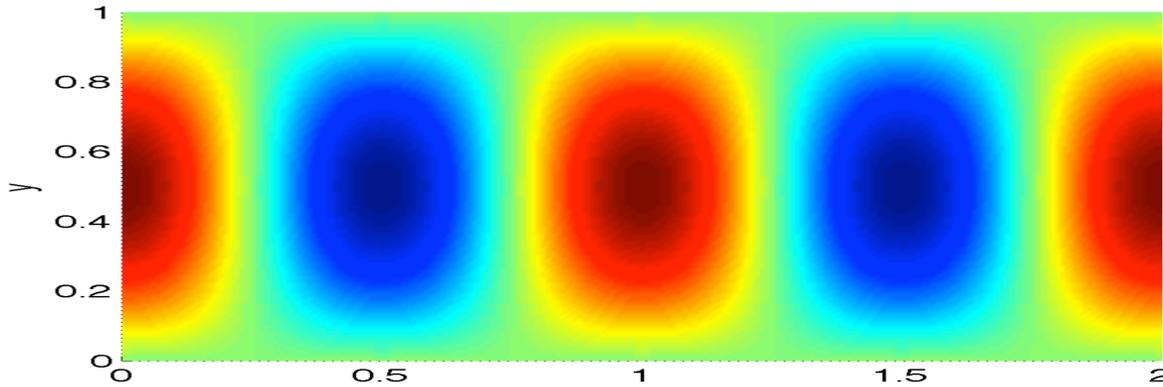
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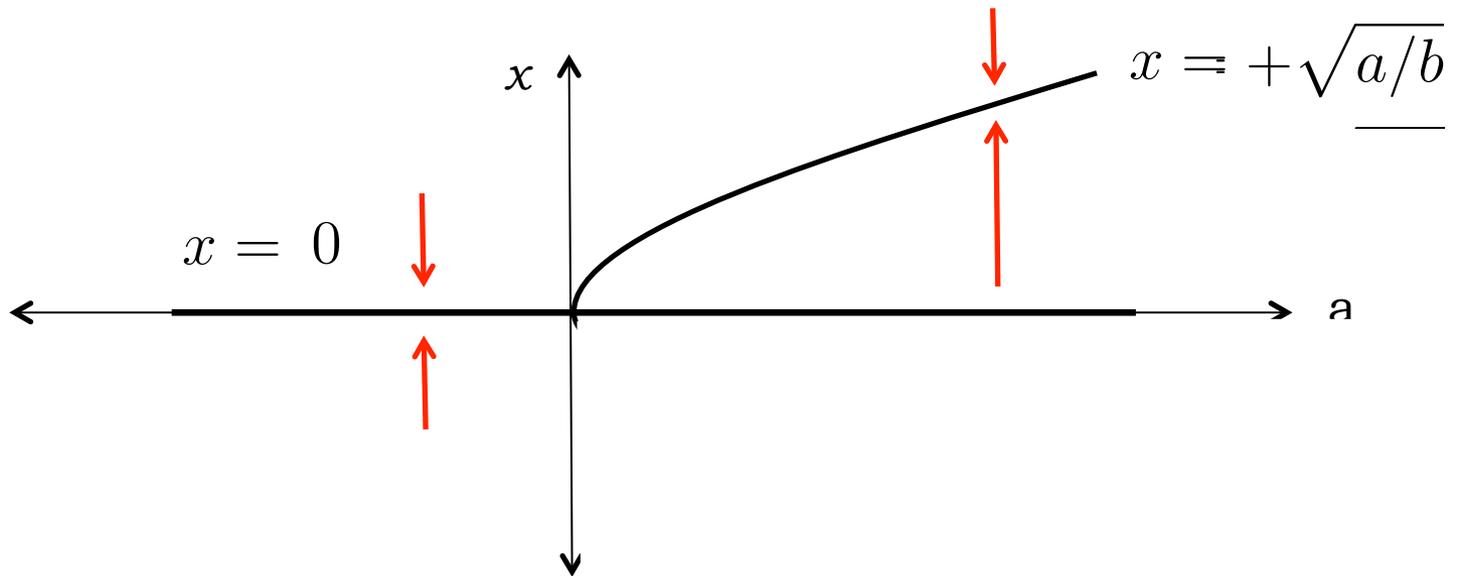


The pitchfork bifurcation

Rayleigh-Bénard is analogous to this

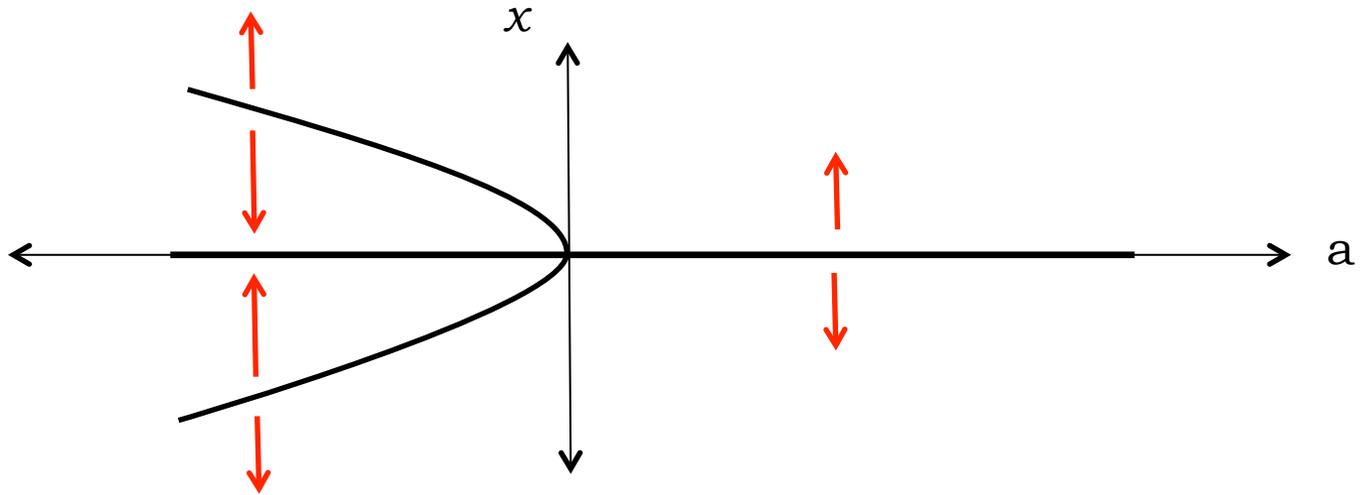


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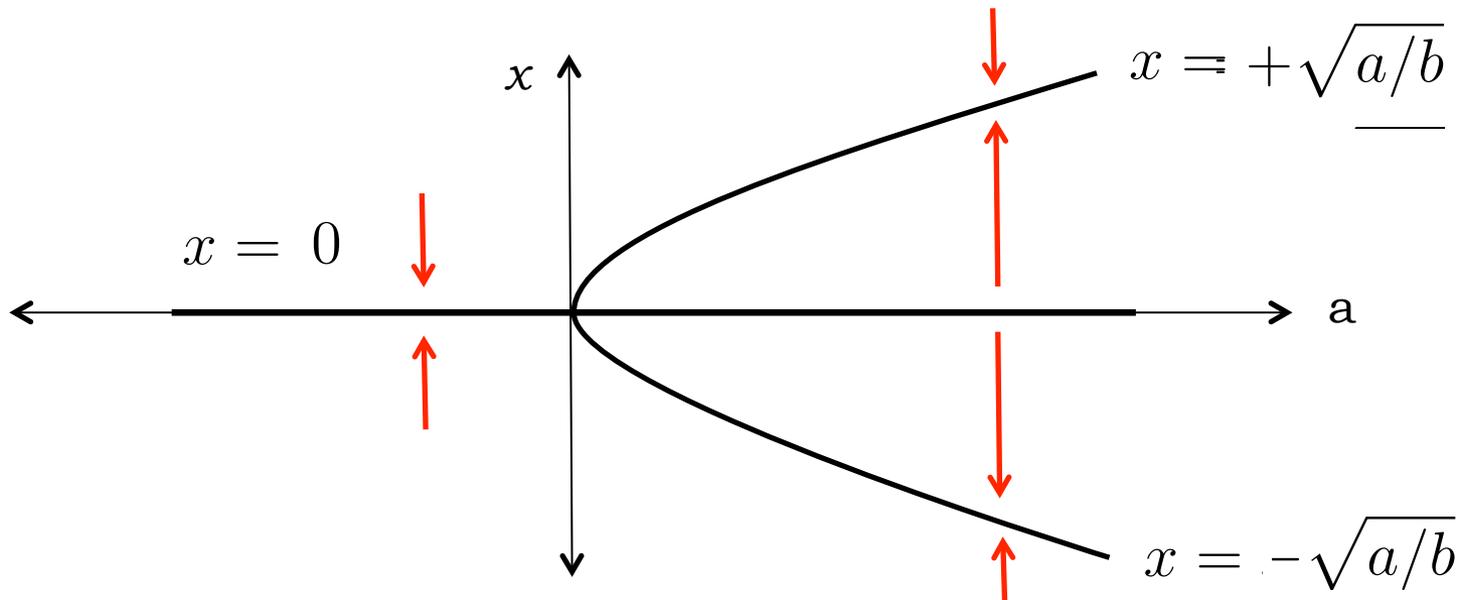


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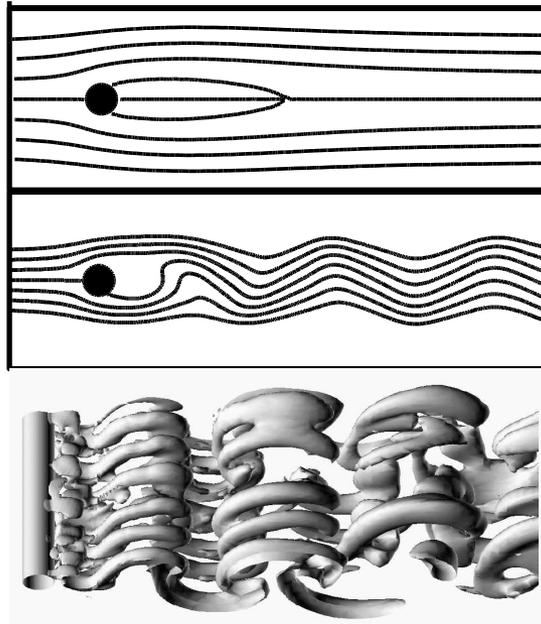
**Subcritical
Pitchfork
bifurcation**



**Supercritical
Pitchfork
bifurcation**



The Hopf bifurcation



Dynamics governed by two equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -y + (a - x^2 - y^2)x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= x + (a - x^2 - y^2)y\end{aligned}$$

Steady state : $x = y = 0$

Base + perturbation

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 0 + \tilde{x} \\ y &= 0 + \tilde{y}\end{aligned}$$

What is the linearised system?

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} &= -\tilde{y} + a\tilde{x} \\ \frac{d\tilde{y}}{dt} &= \tilde{x} + a\tilde{y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = -\tilde{y} + a\tilde{x}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}}{dt} = \tilde{x} + a\tilde{y}$$

Solution (normal modes)

$$\tilde{x} = \alpha e^{st} + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\tilde{y} = \beta e^{st} + \text{c.c.}$$

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Substituting into linearised system

$$\alpha s = -\beta + a\alpha$$

$$\beta s = \alpha + a\beta$$

$$s^2 - 2as + (a^2 + 1) = 0 \longrightarrow s = a \pm i$$

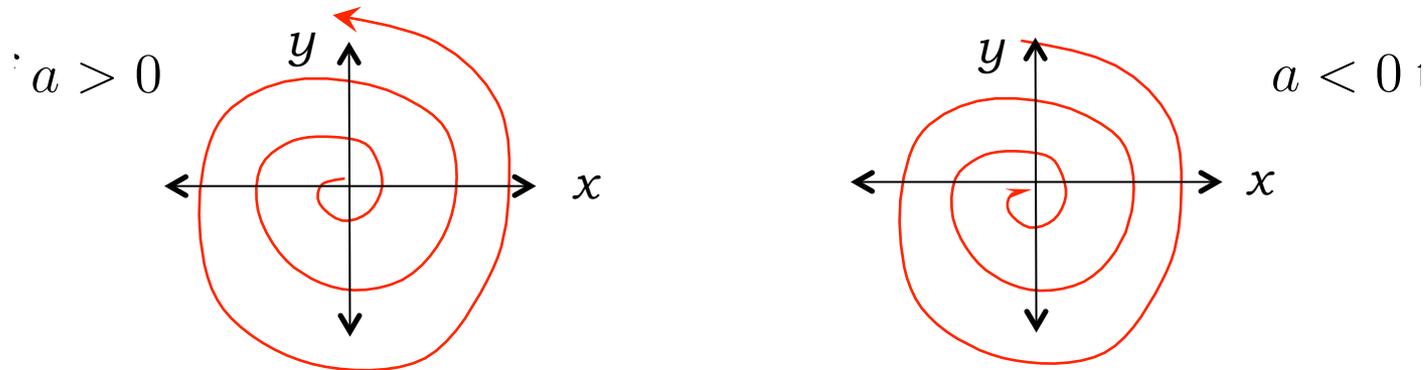
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Stability?

if $a > 0$ then $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ and so $|\tilde{x}|, |\tilde{y}| \rightarrow \infty$ - linear instability

if $a < 0$ then $\text{Re}(s) < 0$ and so $|\tilde{x}|, |\tilde{y}| \rightarrow 0$ - linear stability

But s is complex: the system oscillates toward zero or infinity.



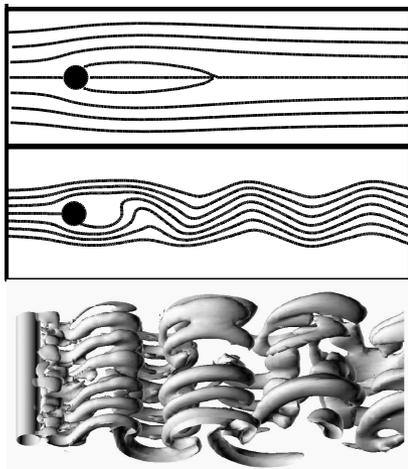
The Hopf bifurcation

But, the non-linear system has an unsteady, periodic, stable, base state:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -y + (a - x^2 - y^2)x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= x + (a - x^2 - y^2)y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \sqrt{a} \cos(t + t_0) \\ y &= \sqrt{a} \sin(t + t_0)\end{aligned}$$

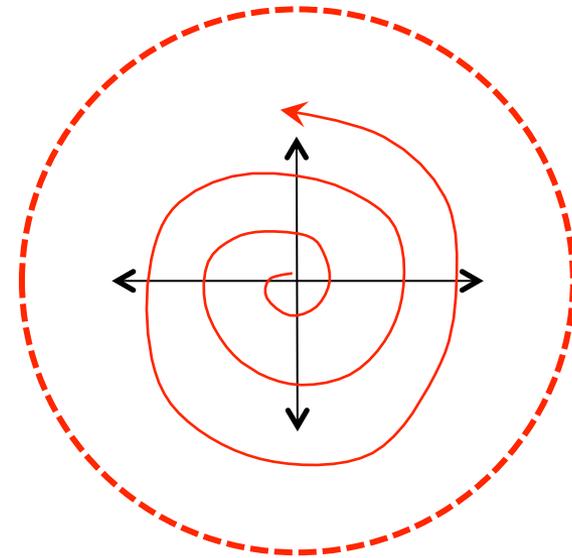
A higher-dimensional version of a supercritical pitchfork bifurcation,



1st Supercritical
Hopf bifurcation



2nd Supercritical
Hopf bifurcation



Bifurcation in the Lorenz system

The Lorenz equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -\sigma(x - y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= rx - y - xz \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= -bz + xy\end{aligned}$$

We will keep σ and b fixed and use r as the stability parameter.

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Steady state 1

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Steady state 2

$$(x_{B2}, y_{B2}, z_{B2}) = (\pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, \pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, r-1)$$

The Lorenz equations,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -\sigma(x - y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= rx - y - xz \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= -bz + xy\end{aligned}$$

have steady states, also called **fixed points**:

$$(x_{B1}, y_{B1}, z_{B1}) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$(x_{B2}, y_{B2}, z_{B2}) = (\pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, \pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, r-1)$$

Base flow + perturbation

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \sigma(\tilde{y} - \tilde{x})$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}}{dt} = r\tilde{x} - \tilde{y} - x_B\tilde{z} - z_B\tilde{x}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{z}}{dt} = -b\tilde{z} + x_B\tilde{y} + y_B\tilde{x}$$

Linear stability for $(x_{B1}, y_{B1}, z_{B1}) = (0, 0, 0)$

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \sigma(\tilde{y} - \tilde{x})$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{y}}{dt} = r\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{z}}{dt} = -b\tilde{z}$$

The linearised Lorenz equations,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} &= \sigma(\tilde{y} - \tilde{x}) \\ \frac{d\tilde{y}}{dt} &= r\tilde{x} - \tilde{y} \\ \frac{d\tilde{z}}{dt} &= -b\tilde{z}\end{aligned}$$

The third equation is uncoupled from the first two and produces exponential decay (first eigenvalue = $-b$),

$$\tilde{z} = \gamma e^{-bt}$$

The first two equations are coupled and so solutions must be sought for

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x} &= \alpha e^{st} \\ \tilde{y} &= \beta e^{st}\end{aligned}$$

Inserting in linearised Lorenz equations,

$$\begin{array}{l} \tilde{x} = \alpha e^{st} \\ \tilde{y} = \beta e^{st} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \sigma(\tilde{y} - \tilde{z}) \\ \frac{d\tilde{y}}{dt} = r\tilde{x} - \tilde{y} \\ \frac{d\tilde{z}}{dt} = -b\tilde{z} \end{array}$$

Leads to the **eigenvalue problem**

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha s = \sigma(\beta - \alpha), \\ \beta s = r\alpha - \beta. \end{array}$$

This has non-trivial solution when

$$\det[A-sI]=0$$

$$\longrightarrow (s + \sigma)(s + 1) - \sigma r = 0$$

Second and third eigenvalues given by:

$$\tilde{x} = \alpha e^{st}$$

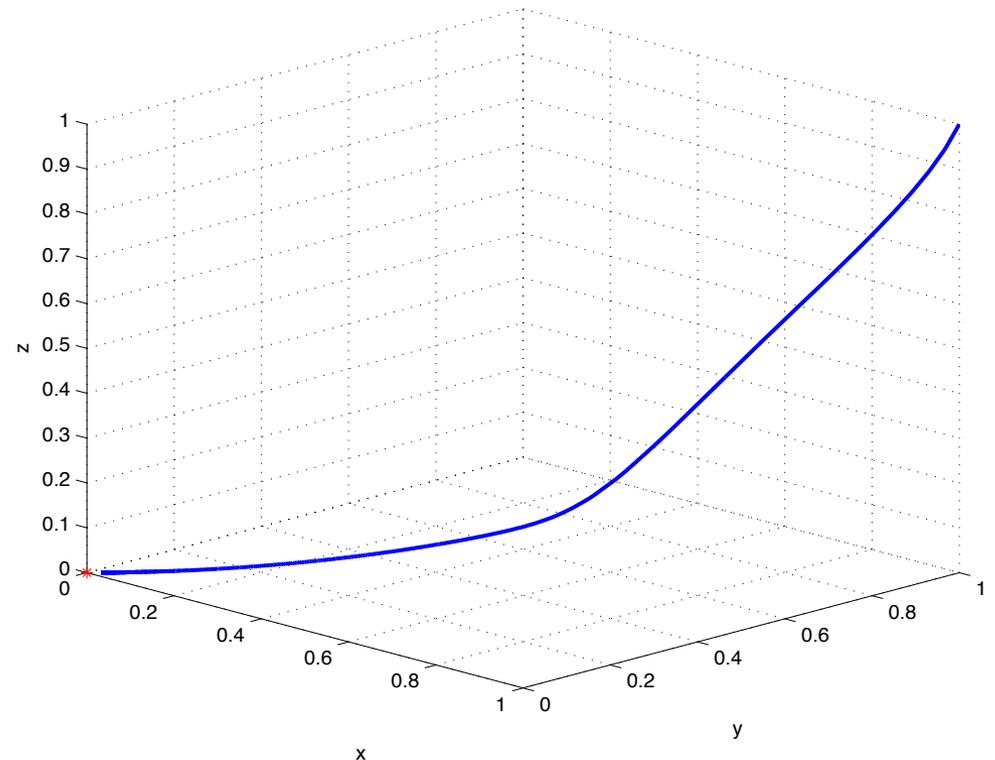
$$\tilde{y} = \beta e^{st}$$

$$(s + \sigma)(s + 1) - \sigma r = 0$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2} \left[-(\sigma + 1) \pm \sqrt{(\sigma + 1)^2 - 4\sigma(1 - r)} \right] \quad *$$

Stable for $r < 1$, unstable for $r > 1$

$$r = 0.6$$



$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x} &= \alpha e^{st} & (s + \sigma)(s + 1) - \sigma r &= 0 \\ \tilde{y} &= \beta e^{st} & s &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-(\sigma + 1) \pm \sqrt{(\sigma + 1)^2 - 4\sigma(1 - r)} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Stable for $r < 1$, unstable for $r > 1$,

But we know that a second base state comes into existence at $r > 1$:

$$(x_{B2}, y_{B2}, z_{B2}) = (\pm \sqrt{b(r - 1)}, \pm \sqrt{b(r - 1)}, r - 1)$$

So $r = 1$ is supercritical pitchfork bifurcation

Bifurcation in the Lorenz system

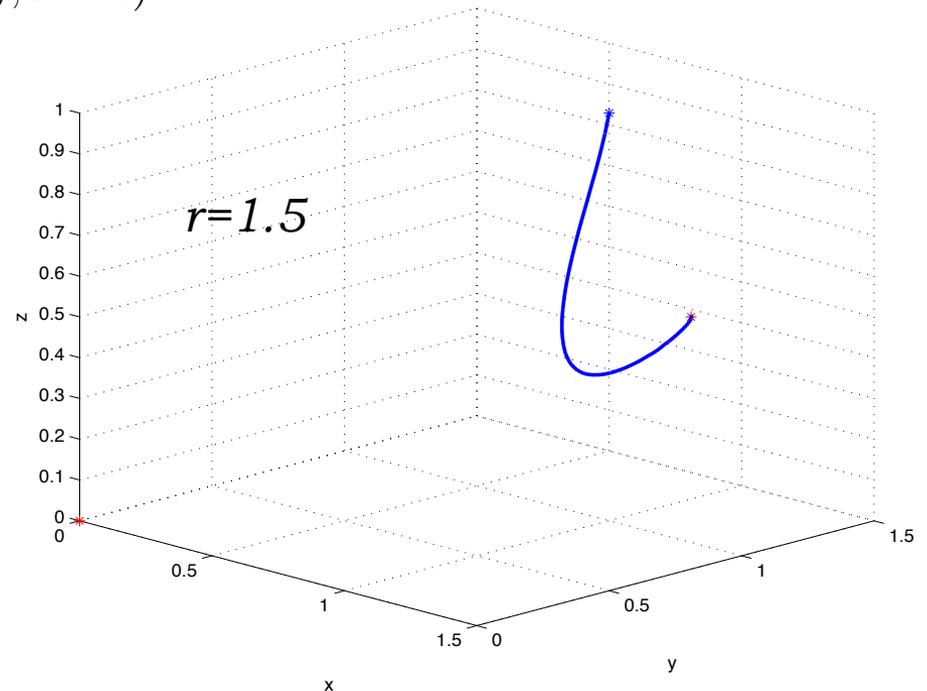
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$$(x_{B2}, y_{B2}, z_{B2}) = (\pm\sqrt{b(r - 1)}, \pm\sqrt{b(r - 1)}, r - 1)$$



What are the stability characteristics of:

$$(x_{B2}, y_{B2}, z_{B2}) = (\pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, \pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, r-1)$$

Inserting base state + perturbation into the governing equation, linearising and searching for solutions of the form:

$$\tilde{x} = \alpha e^{st}$$

$$\tilde{y} = \beta e^{st}$$

$$\tilde{z} = \gamma e^{st}$$

leads to

$$s^3 + (\sigma + b + 1)s^2 + b(\sigma + r)s + 2b\sigma(r - 1) = 0$$

$$s^3 + (\sigma + b + 1)s^2 + b(\sigma + r)s + 2b\sigma(r - 1) = 0$$

Cubic equation: two possibilities:

- 1 real eigenvalue + 1 complex conjugate pair,
- 3 real eigenvalues.

If 3 real eigenvalues: exponential growth or decay, from or toward the fixed point,

If 1 real eigenvalue + 1 complex conjugate pair:

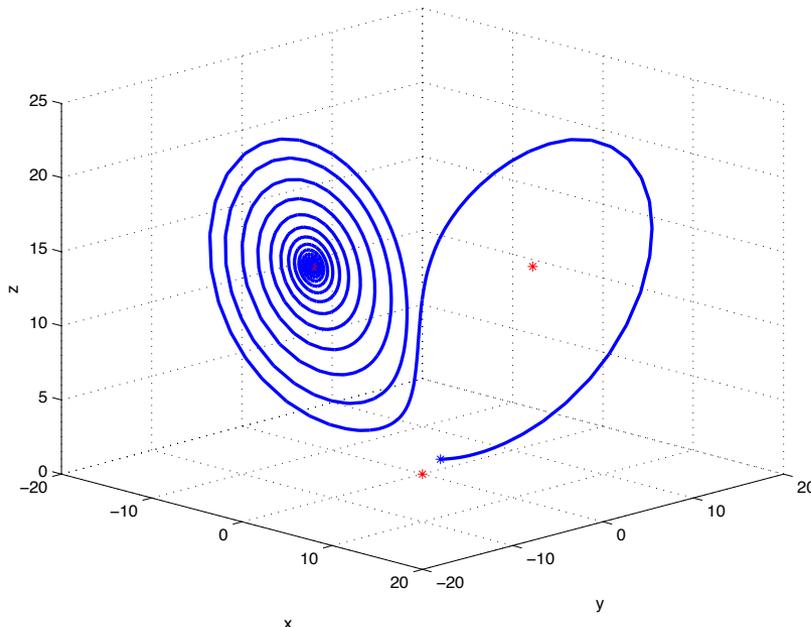
- 1 real eigenplane (from the real and imaginary parts of the complex eigenvector),
- 1 real eigendirection (sketch too difficult for powerpoint !
...do it on the blackboard.)

Bifurcation in the Lorenz system

$$s^3 + (\sigma + b + 1)s^2 + b(\sigma + r)s + 2b\sigma(r - 1) = 0$$

If 1 real **NEGATIVE** eigenvalue + 1 complex conjugate pair with **NEGATIVE** real part:

- 1 **real stable eigenplane** (from the real and imaginary parts of the complex eigenvector),
- 1 real eigendirection.



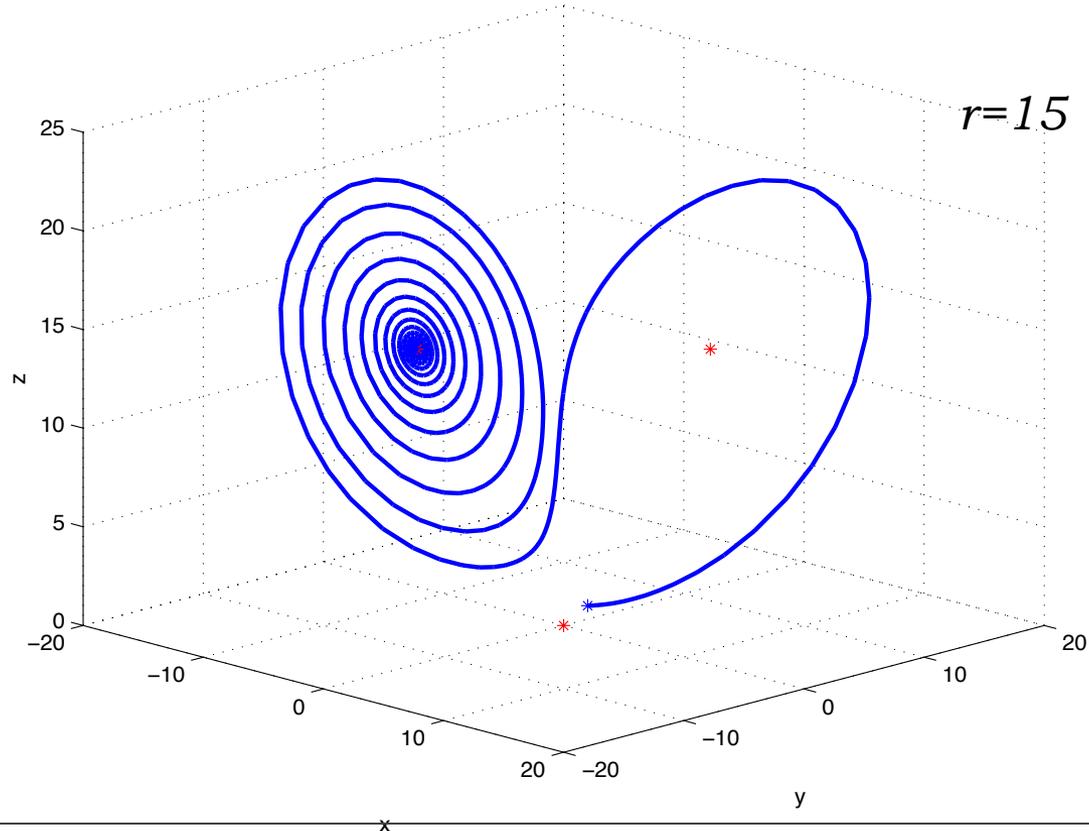
Basins of attraction:

- one set of ICs will go to one attractor, another set will go to the other attractor.

Bifurcation in the Lorenz system

$$s^3 + (\sigma + b + 1)s^2 + b(\sigma + r)s + 2b\sigma(r - 1) = 0$$

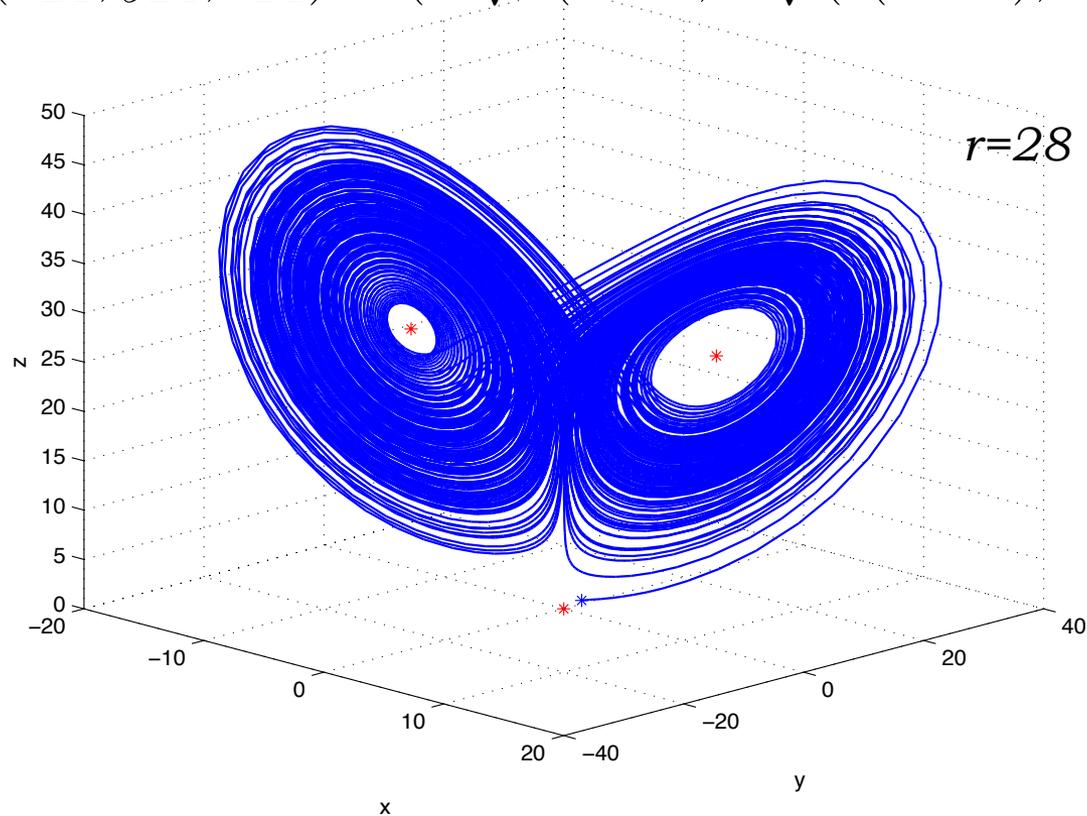
At $r=24,74$ the real part of the complex eigenvalues changes sign, and the system becomes unstable in the eigenplane; the real eigenvalue remains negative...



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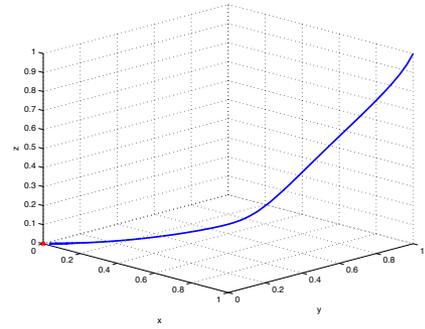
$$r_c = \frac{\sigma(3+b+\sigma)}{\sigma-b-1} = 24,74 \text{ for the parameters used in the model.}$$

$$(x_{B2}, y_{B2}, z_{B2}) = (\pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, \pm\sqrt{b(r-1)}, r-1)$$

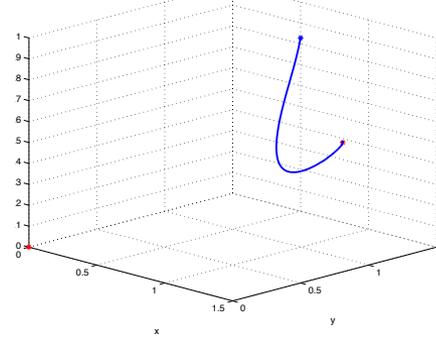


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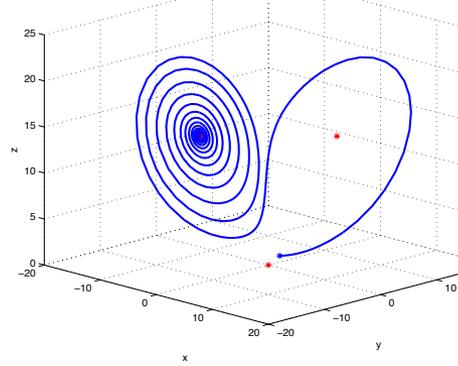
$r=0.6$



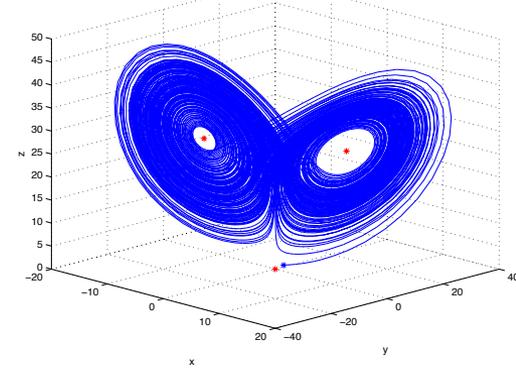
$r=1.5$



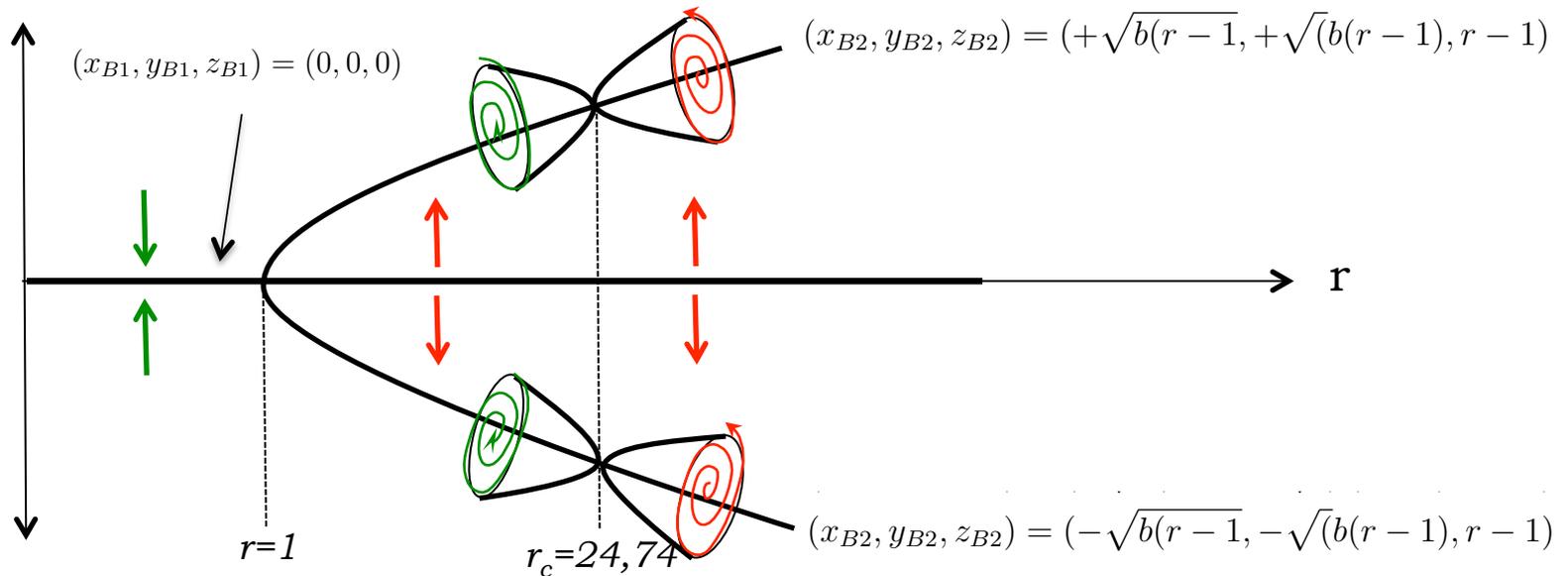
$r=15$



$r=28$



x or y



Linear analysis allows the identification of:

- neutral curves,
- bifurcation points,
- bifurcation characteristics.

Identification of the various base states permitted by the non-linear equation, followed by linear stability analysis of these, gives us a means by which to construct a skeleton of the stability characteristics through a variety of bifurcations.

This skeleton is a departure point for constructing the manifold on which the non-linear dynamics evolves.