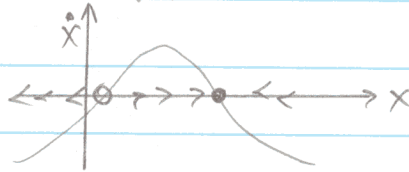


## Flows on the circle

\* impossibility of oscillations in 1d systems:  
 In a system in 1d  $\dot{x} = f(x)$ , the flows are either approaching a f.p. or  $\infty$ . cannot overshoot a f.p. & thus cannot have oscillations around the f.p.



The simplest systems in which oscillations are possible are flows on a circle  $\dot{\theta} = f(\theta)$

example:  $\dot{\theta} = \sin(\theta)$

fixed pts are:  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi$



example: uniform oscillator:  $\dot{\theta} = \omega$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(t) = \omega t + \theta_0$$

\*  $\Rightarrow$  clearly  $f(\theta)$  must be  $2\pi$  periodic or  $\dot{\theta}$  is not uniquely defined  
phase difference, beat phenomena: (e.g.  $\dot{\theta} = \theta^2$  is wrong)

consider  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{\theta}_1 = \omega_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 = \omega_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{two oscillators}$   $\omega_1 = 2\pi/T_1$   
 $\omega_2 = 2\pi/T_2$

phase difference is  $\phi = \theta_1 - \theta_2$

$\Rightarrow \dot{\phi} = \omega_1 - \omega_2$ , phases increase by  $2\pi$

after a time  $2\pi/(\omega_1 - \omega_2) = \left(\frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2}\right)^{-1}$

so the obs are  $T_1$  periods, the longer is

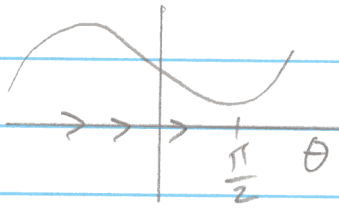
the beat period. this example corresponds

to two non interacting oscillators. it gets more interesting when they do interact.

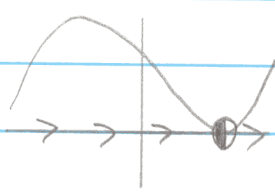
non uniform oscillator:

$$\ddot{\theta} = \omega^2 - a \sin \theta$$

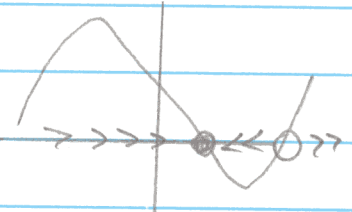
$\ddot{\theta}$  ← neglected acceleration  
 $\omega^2$  ← friction  
 $a \sin \theta$  ← constant torque  
 $\theta$  ← gravity



$a < \omega$



$a = \omega$



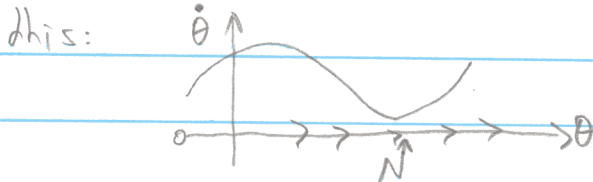
$a > \omega$



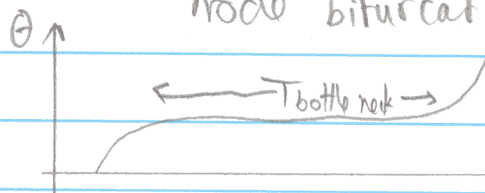
period:  $T = \int_{\text{period}} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dt}{d\theta} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\omega - a \sin \theta} = \dots = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\omega^2 - a^2}}$

$\Rightarrow T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\omega^2 - a^2} \sqrt{\omega - a}} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega - a}} = \text{square root scaling law}$   
 for  $\omega \approx a$

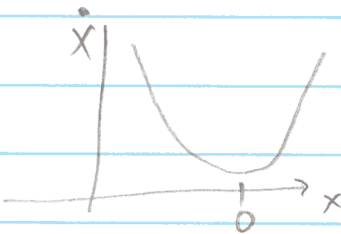
square root scaling is typical of systems near a saddle-node bifurcation: in a case like



slow flow, bottle neck, "ghost" of saddle node bifurcation.



consider  $\dot{x} = r + x^2$



the time to pass via the  
bottle neck is  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{r+x^2} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{r}}$  again square root  
law.

synchronization, <sup>nonlinear</sup> phase locking:

example: Fireflies (coupling)

fireflies tend to flash on & off together. why?  
how? Also, given an external periodic light,  
fireflies try to follow it, & may not be able to do it  
if it's too fast & then try again...

a specific model: let  $\Theta$  be the phase of  
an external stimulation (flashlight) of a constant rate:  
 $\dot{\Theta} = \Omega$ . (flash occurs at  $\Theta = 0$ ).

The fire fly increases/decreases its rate of flashing  
depending on phase difference from external source:

$$\dot{\Theta} = \omega + A \sin(\Theta - \theta)$$

↑  
natural rate  
for fireflies

↑ adjustment to  
stimulus.

The phase difference between the stimulus & the  
firefly satisfies  $\phi = \Theta - \theta = \Omega - \omega - A \sin \phi$

let  $\tau = At$ ,  $\mu = \frac{\Omega - \omega}{A}$

$\Rightarrow \dot{\phi} \equiv \frac{d\phi}{d\tau} = \mu - \sin\phi$

\*  $\mu = 0 \Rightarrow$  fixed pt is  $\phi = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  no phase difference  
 between flashlight & firefly. ( $\mu = 0$  means  
 natural firefly freq  $\equiv$  external freq  $\Omega = \omega$ ).

\*  $0 < \mu < 1$

$\Rightarrow$  a constant phase lag, fireflies are  
 "phase locked" to flashlight.

\*  $\mu < 0$

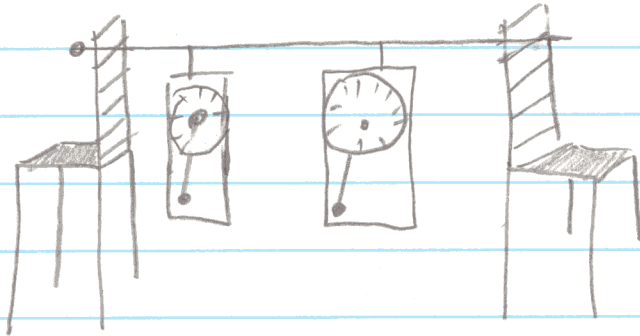
$\Rightarrow$  phase difference  $\phi = \Theta - \theta$  varies.  
 $\Rightarrow$  "phase drift".

note that phase locking: (1) occurs because the nonlinear firefly oscillator can change its period to fit the external one ( $\Omega$ ); (2) occurs over a specific range of parameters:  $\omega - A < \Omega < \omega + A$   
 $\equiv$  "range of entrainment".  
 (a linear oscillator cannot change its period!!)

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Another example of mode locking (= phase locking  
= nonlinear resonance)

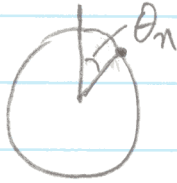
① 17th century Dutch physicist Huyghens:  
synchronisation between clocks:



② Glacial cycles & Milankovitch forcing  
...

Another view at phase locking: The circle map  
[Schuster, chapter 6.2]

$$\theta_{n+1} = f(\theta_n) = \theta_n + \Omega + \frac{K}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi\theta_n) \pmod{1}!$$



$\Rightarrow$  a simple model for a periodically forced oscillator:

$\Omega$  = forcing

$\frac{K}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi\theta_n)$  = "gravity, nonlinear"

$$[m\ddot{\theta} = -b\dot{\theta} + mg\sin\theta + \kappa \sin(\Omega \cdot t)]$$

when  $K=0$ ,  $\theta_n$  rotates uniformly;

\* if  $\Omega$  is rational,  $\theta_n$  is periodic

e.g.  $\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  period 2  $\theta_n = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \dots$

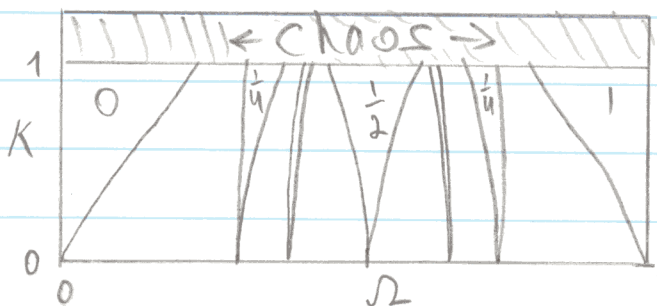
$\Omega = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \theta_n = 0, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, 1 (=0), \dots$

$\Rightarrow$  period 4, 3 rotations per period.

\* if  $\Omega$  is irrational,  $\theta_n$  never repeats, & eventually covers all points on the circle.

$\Rightarrow$  "quasi-periodic"

when  $K > 0$  (nonlinear regime), can have periodic solutions even for irrational  $\Omega$

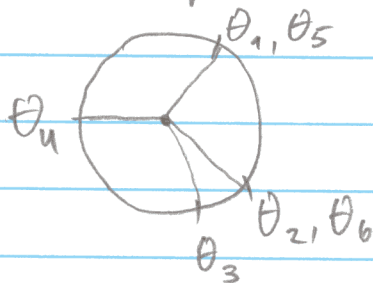


Arnold's  
tongues





If we choose  $K, \Omega$  values within the  $\frac{1}{4}$  tongue, for example, then any initial conditions  $\theta_0$  will eventually converge to a specific  $u$ -period solution, such as



$\Rightarrow$  unequal jumps (due to nonlinearity), but still  $u$ -periodic.

\* There are  $\infty$  Arnold's tongues, each corresponding to a <sup>nonlinear</sup> resonance between the forcing  $\Omega$  & the nonlinear oscillator, each for a different rational  $P/Q$  ["Winding #"]  $\equiv \frac{\theta^n - \theta_0}{n} \text{ (} n \rightarrow \infty \text{)}$

\* [describe nonlinear resonance for an actual pendulum forced by periodic forcing, vs a linear resonance.]

### Devil's staircase

At  $k=1$ , the tongues of periodic solutions cover the entire  $\Omega = [0, 1]$  interval, besides a fractal set of dimension  $< 1 \Rightarrow$  zero total length.

winding number

$$\left[ \frac{P}{Q} \right] \uparrow$$

at  $k=1$

$\Omega$

Devil's staircase!

## Farey tree for the Devil's staircase

\* note that width of steps is smaller if the denominator in the winding  $\neq$  of each step is larger.

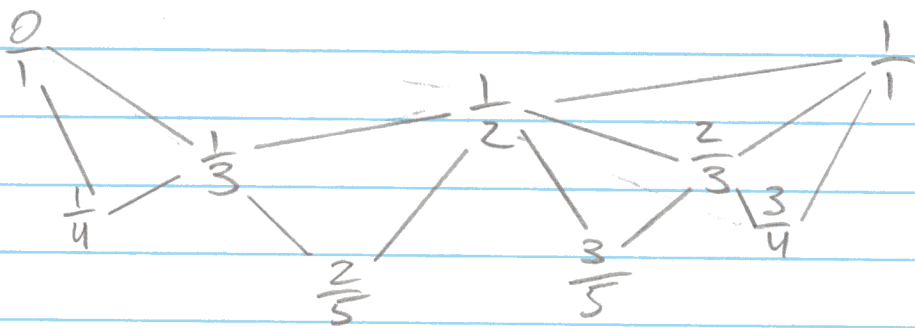
\* also, given two steps  $\frac{p}{q}, \frac{p'}{q'}$  the largest step in between is  $(p+p')/(q+q')$ . this is because this is the rational  $\neq$  with the largest denominator between  $p/q, p'/q'$ .

[examples:  $0/1 < 1/2 < 1/1$

$1/2 < 2/3 < 1/1$

$1/2 < 3/5 < 2/3$ ]

$\Rightarrow$  can order the steps using a Farey tree, which orders rationals  $\frac{p}{q}$  by denominator  $q$ :



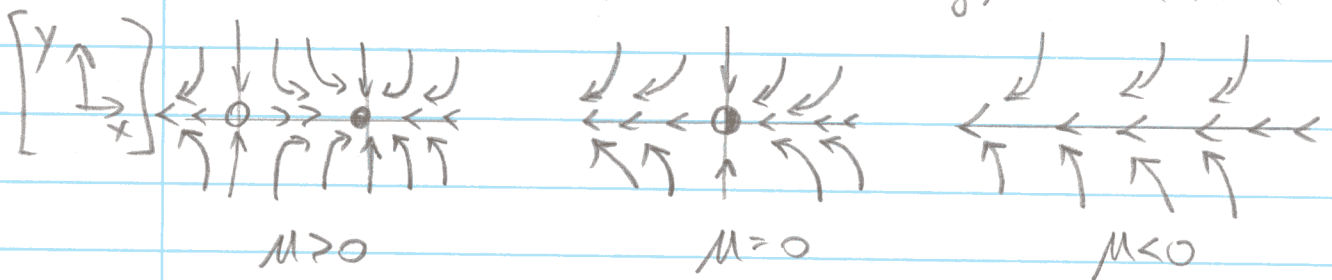


## Center manifold theory [time permitting...]

It's important to understand that the saddle-node, transcritical & pitchfork bif's can occur in larger dimensional dynamical systems

$\dot{x} = f(x, \mu)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . When this occurs, there is a systematic theory for how to reduce the  $n$ -dim system into an equivalent 1-d system via a nonlinear change of coordinates. To get a feeling for this: consider a 2-d system:  $\dot{x} = \mu - x^2$  (\*)

$\dot{y} = -y$   
 behavior in  $y$  is very simple:  $y(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 behavior in  $x$  depends on  $\mu$ ; e.g.  $\mu > 0 \Rightarrow (x^*, y^*) = (\pm\sqrt{\mu}, 0)$

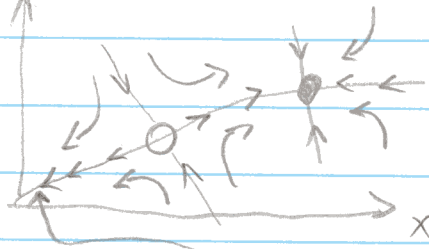


- \* The  $x$ -axis is the "center manifold" where all the interesting stuff happens. Note that it is "invariant", a solution with  $y(t_0) = 0$  will remain on the  $x$ -axis for all  $t$ .  $y$  is a "stable manifold". There can also be "unstable manifold".
- \* Center manifold theory is a systematic method for finding such an invariant center manifold on which the interesting things occur...

example (Strogatz p. 243)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -ax + y \\ \dot{y} &= \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} - by\end{aligned} \quad (\#\#)$$

can show that phase space behavior is like this  $y \uparrow$



[and this picture varies like on page 85 when  $a, b$  are varied...]

so that along the line, behavior is like on  $x$ -axis in simpler previous example. thus this line is the "center manifold."

\* mathematically, center manifold is parallel to eigenvectors of jacobian with zero real <sup>part of</sup> eigen value. more on this later...

\* stable manifold is spanned by eigenvectors with negative real part of eigenvalues

\* unstable manifold: by ... positive real part...

$\Rightarrow$  the simpler 3 1d normal forms we have discussed last time are generic & occur in larger dimensional systems as well

\* center manifold theorem provides the recipe for transforming  $(\#\#)$  to a different coordinate system in which we get a 1d eq'n on the center manifold, equivalent to \* p. 85 via nonlin. transfor.

normal forms:

once we have reduced the dynamics to the center manifold (say a 1d center manifold if bifurcation is one of the 3 we have discussed) the eq'n may still be complicated. normal form theorem gives us a recipe for transforming (again, a nonlinear transformation) to the standard normal forms we have discussed.

example (strogatz p. 52)

$$\dot{x} = \Gamma \ln x + x - 1$$

$x=1$  is fixed pt. shift problem by letting  $u = x-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{u} &= \Gamma \ln(1+u) + u \\ &= \Gamma \left\{ u - \frac{1}{2}u^2 + o(u^3) \right\} + u \\ &= \underline{(\Gamma+1)u} - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma u^2 + o(u^3) \end{aligned}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  looks like transcritical bif.

let  $u = a \cdot v$  where  $v$  is the new variable, subst in eq'n for  $u$ :

$$\dot{v} = (\Gamma+1)v - \left(\frac{1}{2}\Gamma a\right)v^2 + o(v^3)$$

let  $R = \Gamma+1$ ,  $a = 2/\Gamma \Rightarrow \dot{v} = Rv - v^2 + o(v^3)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  indeed transcritical.

more normal form: getting rid of  $o(v^3)$

normal form theorem tells us we can transform to normal form up to arbitrary accuracy, not just to  $o(v^3)$ . do see how  $\hookrightarrow$

example, Strogatz p. 80-81

\* suppose we have  $\begin{cases} \dot{X} = RX - X^2 + a_n X^n + O(X^{n+1}) \end{cases}$  (1)  $\leftarrow$  (2)  
 we want to eliminate the  $X^n$  term to improve accuracy of this approximation to the normal form  $\dot{x} = rx - x^2$ .

\* use "near identity" transformation:

[note: this is not correct. The transformation here leads to an invert transformation: write  $X = x + c_n X^n + O(X^{n+1})$  (2)  $\leftarrow$  (1)  
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$$\Rightarrow X \approx x - b_n x^n$$

\* Let now  $\left[ \frac{d}{dt} \text{ of (1)} \right] \Rightarrow \dot{X} = \dot{X} + n \cdot b_n \cdot X^{n-1} \cdot \dot{X}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \dot{x} &= \dot{X} \cdot (1 + n \cdot b_n X^{n-1}) \\ &= (RX - X^2 + a_n X^n) (1 + n b_n X^{n-1}) \\ &= (R[x - b_n x^n] - [x - b_n x^n]^2 + a_n [x - b_n x^n]^n) * \\ &\quad * (1 + n b_n [x - b_n x^n]^{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

\* collect all terms in  $x^n$ , & choose  $b_n$  such that these terms vanish & we have

$$\dot{x} = Rx - x^2 + O(x^{n+1})$$

$\Rightarrow$  improved approx to normal form by one power... can proceed same again...