

Curves arise from soln. of some equation, and should depend cont. on parameters.

* Structural Stability of bifurcations - §3.6 Imperfect Bifurcations & Catastrophes

Do some topological - hand waving arguments about it

a) Saddle Node / Turning point

a.1) hard to destroy node in curve!

a.2) corresponds to a max (or min.) in $\dot{x} = f(x, \Gamma)$

$f(x, \Gamma)$ moving up and down through zero as Γ

varies! An "imperfection" (slight change in f)

will change the location of the node in (x_*, Γ) space

- when does min. hit zero - but nothing else.

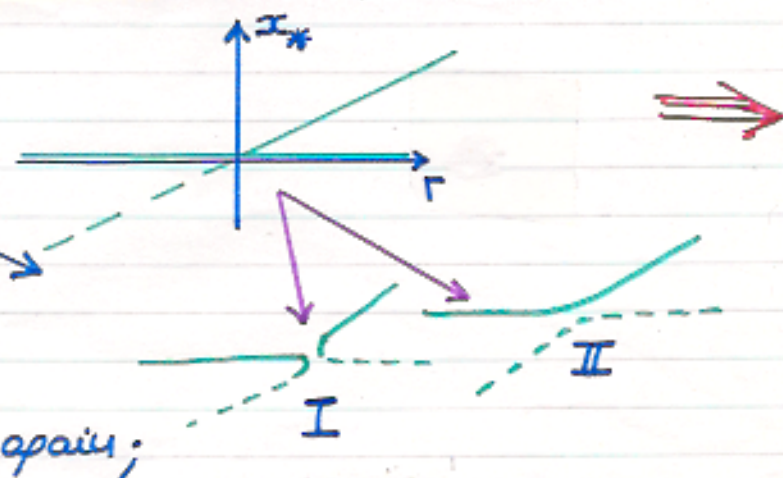
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b) Transcritical

b.1) Topology easy to change.

b.2) Two zeros of $f(x, \Gamma)$

collide and split up again;



* These show conclusions are in fact far more general than for simple first order scalar systems!

easy for an "imperfection" in f to destroy/stop collision!

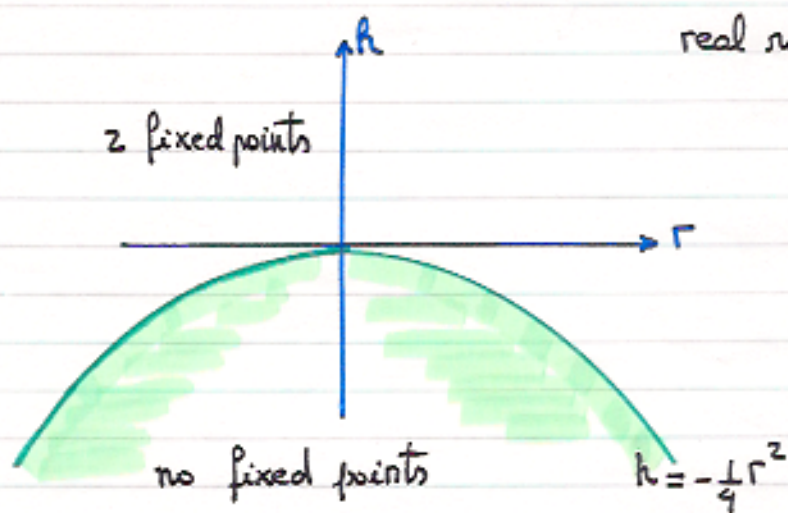
◇ Example $\dot{x} = f = h + \gamma x - x^2$

↑ imperfection (one simple example!)

($h = 0$ yields the transcritical bif.) [No bif. for $h \neq 0$]

zeros of f are: $x_* = \frac{1}{2}\gamma \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\gamma^2 + h}$

real roots require $h \geq -\frac{1}{4}\gamma^2$



"Stability" diagram

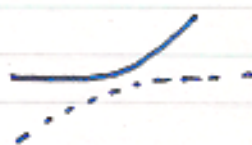
$h > 0$: Two distinct roots for all $-\infty < \gamma < \infty$

x_*^+ is always stable

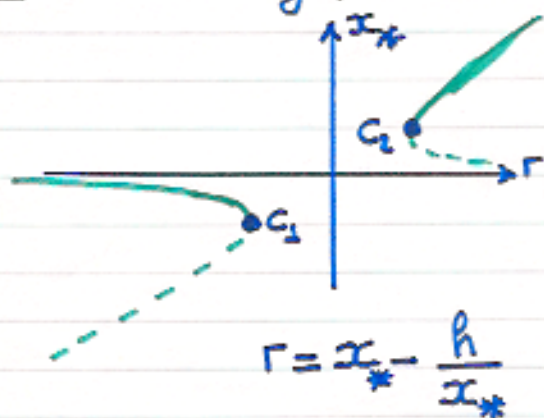
x_*^- is always unstable

$x_*^+ > x_*^-$

This is case II



$h < 0$: roots only for $|\gamma| \geq \sqrt{-4h}$ (two if $|\gamma| > \sqrt{-4h}$)



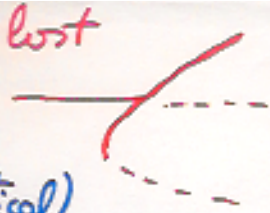
$C_1: x_c = -\sqrt{-h} \quad \Gamma = 2x_c$

$C_2: x_c = \sqrt{-h} \quad \Gamma = 2x_c$

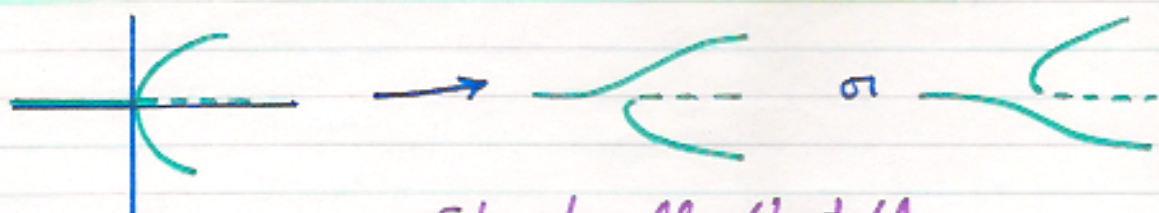
This is case I

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$\rightarrow \sigma_1$, if zero not lost



c) Pitchfork (supercritical - same for subcritical)

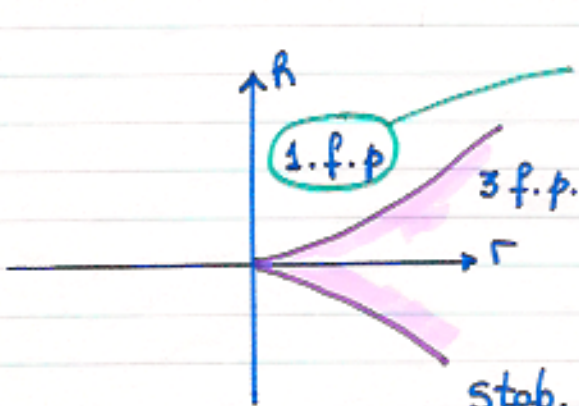
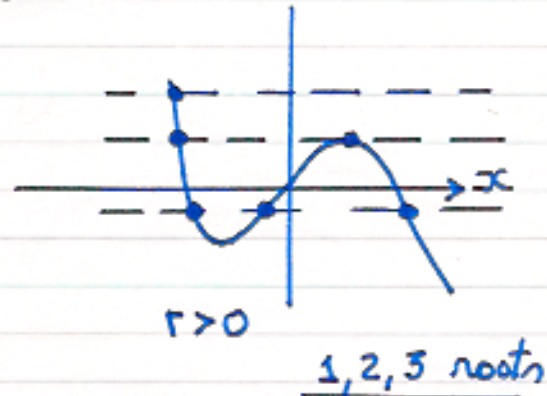
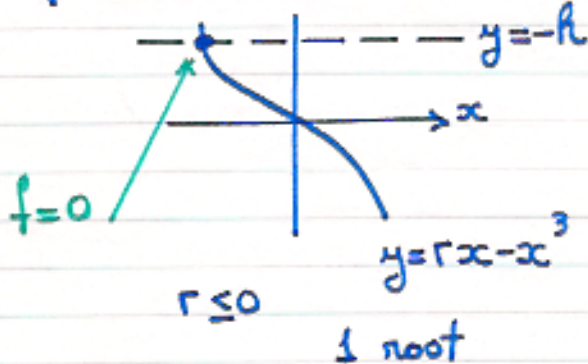


Structurally Unstable

Two zeros in the complex plane hit the real axis - at the same location of another zero - and go real...

If they "miss" then get turning point bifurcation plus single isolated c. point (as above in figure)

◇ Example $\dot{x} = f = R + \Gamma x - x^3$



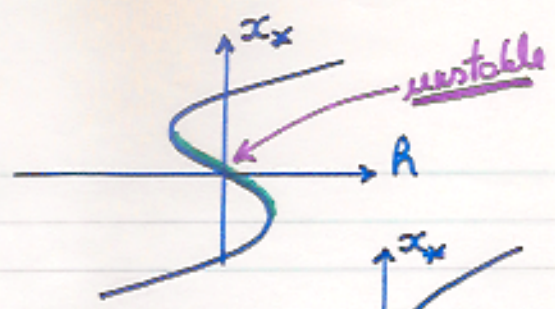
for large R : $x_* \sim R^{1/3}$

stab. bdry: $R = \pm 2(\Gamma/3)^{3/2}$, $\Gamma > 0$

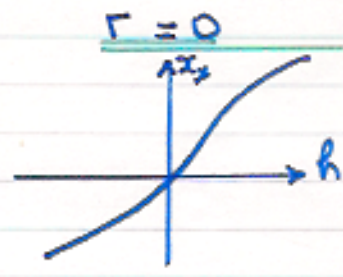
stability diagram

$f = f' = 0$ (double roots)
 $\therefore \begin{cases} 0 = R + \Gamma x - x^3 \\ 0 = \Gamma - 3x^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Gamma = 3x^2 \\ R = -2x^3 \end{cases}$

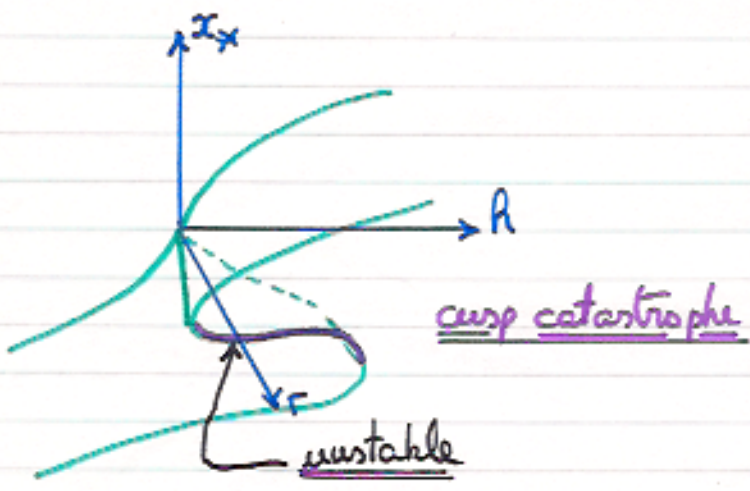
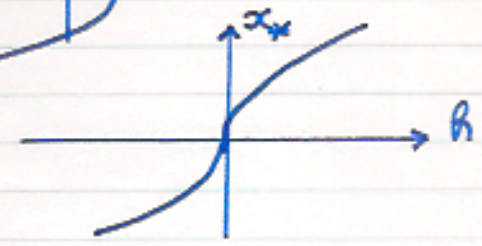
Graphs of roots for Γ fixed > 0



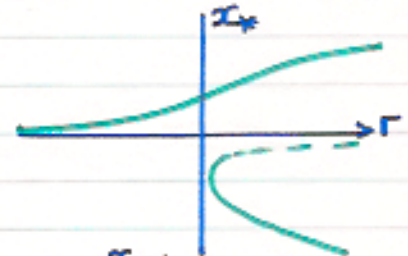
Γ fixed < 0



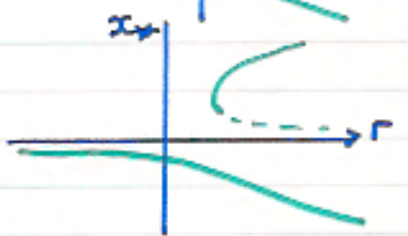
$\Gamma = 0$



h fixed > 0



h fixed < 0



↑ catastrophes, hysteresis, etc

Example Model for Insect outbreak § 3.7

(Read in book)