Nonlinear Dynamics: a look into onedimensional and two-dimensional flows



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STUDIES IN NONLINEARITY NONLINEAR DYNAMICS AND CHAOS



With Applications to Physics, Biology, Chemistry, and Engineering

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Background information

- Dynamics deals with systems that evolve over time
 - Nonlinear examples (products, powers, and functions of x)
- The goal is to study nonlinear dynamics from a bottom-up perspective
 - One-dimensional
 - Two-dimensional
 - Three-dimensional and higher (Chaos theory, fractals, etc.)
- All figures/diagrams taken from the book *Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos*



Fixed points and points of stability



Fixed point - Fixed points are found where $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = 0$ (y = 0)



Points of Stability Stable points

- A fixed point that is known as an attractor
 - Drawn in as a "filled-in point"

Unstable points

- A fixed point that's flow is known as a repeller
 - Drawn in as an "empty" point



Bifurcations



- Bifurcations are qualitative changes in the dynamics of a model, problem/example, graph, etc.
 - I.e., fixed points can be created, destroyed, stability changes, etc.
- Types of Bifurcations:
 - Saddle-node
 - Transcritical
 - Supercritical Pitchfork



Types of Bifurcations with models

Saddle-node Bifurcation

Transcritical







Introduction to phase planes and phase portraits (2-D)

- Phase planes are 2-D images of how a certain example will play out over time using trajectories



Poincaré-Bendixson Theorem





Figure 6.2.1



Figure 6.2.2

Existence and Uniqueness Theorem

- If *f* is continuously differentiable, then existence and uniqueness of solutions are guaranteed!
- The Poincaré-Bendixson Theorem states that, in a closed, bounded region where fixed points are not present, a trajectory MUST approach a closed orbit.
 - Ex: Hopf bifurcations (chemical oscillators), spirals, limit cycles, etc.

Future plans for research



- This research will continue to focus on 2-D dimensional flows
- In the future, the research focus will be on chaos theory and its applications
 - Applications may include weather prediction, biological inequalities, population growth, and more



Reference



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