

The integrable system

We propose to study perturbation of the generalized Liénard system:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \dot{x} &= y - f(x) \\ \dot{y} &= -f'(x) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Which after the rescaling $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (\varepsilon^{1/2}x, y\varepsilon, \varepsilon^{1/2}t)$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y - f_\varepsilon(x) \\ \dot{y} &= -f'_\varepsilon(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

This system is integrable of integrand factor e^{-y} .

$$H(x, y) = e^{-y}[f_\varepsilon(x) - y - 1] = h \in [-1, h_{max}].$$

and

$$y(x) = f_\varepsilon(x) - 1$$

is a solution. To simplify the visualization, we represent the level set of H for $\varepsilon = 1$ in the two following examples: a) $f(x) = (x+1)x(x-1)(x-3/2)(x-3)$, b) $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4}$.

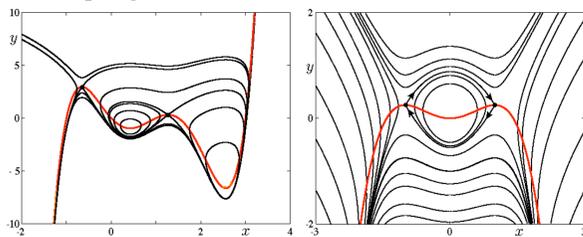


FIGURE 1: a) Three homoclinic loops bounding three nests, b) A nest bounded by an heteroclinic loop. Figure retrieved from [1]

Lambert function: It is the reciprocal of the function $x \rightarrow xe^x$. This function is not injective but the Lambert function has only two real branches: the principal branch W_0 and the other W_{-1}

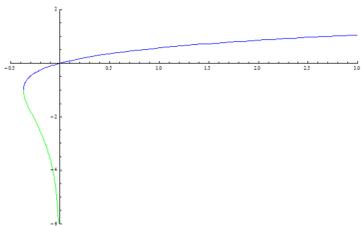


FIGURE 2: The two real branches of the Lambert function.

Solution of the integrable system:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{f_\varepsilon(x)-y-1}[f_\varepsilon(x) - y - 1] &= h e^{f_\varepsilon(x)-1} \\ \Leftrightarrow y_+ &= f_\varepsilon(x) - 1 - W_{-1}\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon} e^{f_\varepsilon(x)}\right), \\ y_- &= f_\varepsilon(x) - 1 - W_0\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon} e^{f_\varepsilon(x)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Proposition 1 Any periodic trajectory intersects transversally the critical curve in exactly two points.

$\rightarrow y(x) = y_+(x)$ above the critical curve $y = f_\varepsilon(x)$ and $y(x) = y_-(x)$ below. We choose to study the system:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \dot{x} &= y - \frac{x^2}{2} - \alpha \frac{x^3}{3} \\ \dot{y} &= -x - x^2 \alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

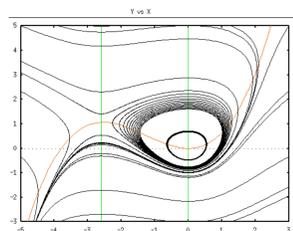


FIGURE 3: Phase portrait of system (4) for $\varepsilon = 1$.

Canard-induced loss of stability across a homoclinic bifurcation

We now consider the perturbed system

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \dot{x} &= y - \frac{x^2}{2} - \alpha \frac{x^3}{3} \\ \dot{y} &= -x - x^2(\alpha - \beta) + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mu. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

After rescaling this yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y - \frac{x^2}{2} - \sqrt{\varepsilon} \alpha \frac{x^3}{3} \\ \dot{y} &= -x - \sqrt{\varepsilon} x^2(\alpha - \beta) + \mu. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Numerical simulation (done with XPPAUT (see [4] and [2])). For $0 < \alpha < 1$, $0 < \sqrt{\varepsilon} \ll 1$ and $0 < \beta < 1$ fixed, a small canard cycle is born by varying μ across a Hopf bifurcation, for variation of μ of the order of 10^{-7} the cycle explodes and disappears across a homoclinic bifurcation.

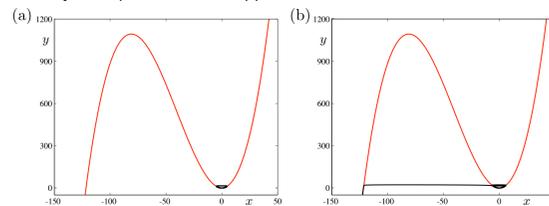


FIGURE 4: (a): Small canard cycle. (b): Trajectory with the same initial condition after explosion. Figure retrieved from [1].

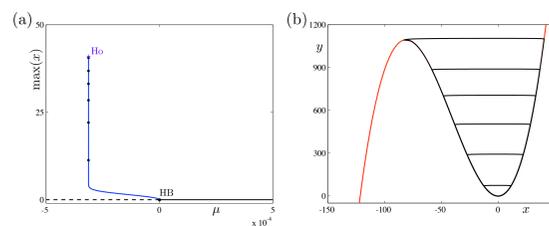


FIGURE 5: (a): Bifurcation diagram in μ . (b): a few limit cycles on the explosive branch (in blue) shown in panel (a), approaching the homoclinic connection. Figure retrieved from [1].

\Rightarrow The value of μ for which there is a solution which follows the repulsive part of the critical manifold are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= O(\varepsilon) \\ \mu &= \mu_c + \varepsilon^{5/2} \sigma e^{-\frac{k^2}{\varepsilon}}, \\ \mu_c &= -\sqrt{\varepsilon} \beta (1 + d) [1 + o(1)] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

for some $d \in [-2/3, 2/3]$. We prove it by following the Eckhaus methods (see [3]). We compare this result with that obtained in the Van der Pol case: Let us consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \dot{x} &= y - x^2/2 - \alpha x^3/3 \\ \dot{y} &= -x + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mu. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

By following the Eckhaus methods we find:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \mu_c + \varepsilon^{5/2} \sigma e^{-\frac{k^2}{\varepsilon}}, \\ \mu_c &= -\sqrt{\varepsilon} \alpha + O(\varepsilon^{3/2}) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

We now want to compute the value of μ for which the cycle explodes. We use a strategy based on the first return map and the derivative given by an integral of Lambert function.

Consider the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} h &= e^{-\frac{y}{\varepsilon}} \left[\frac{f(x)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{y}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right] \\ \omega &= e^{-\frac{y}{\varepsilon}} \frac{y-f(x)}{\varepsilon} dy - e^{-\frac{y}{\varepsilon}} (-f'(x) - \delta(x)) dx \\ &= dh - e^{-\frac{y}{\varepsilon}} \delta(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The following integral equation holds:

$$\int_{\gamma_{\mu,\beta,h}} \omega = \int_{\gamma_{\mu,\beta,h}} dh - \int_{\gamma_{\mu,\beta,h}} e^{-\frac{y}{\varepsilon}} \delta(x) dx, \quad (11)$$

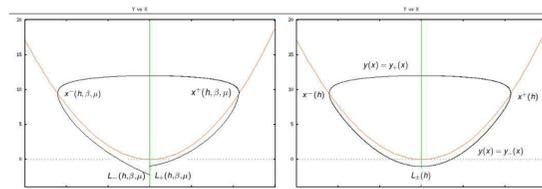


FIGURE 6: Schema of trajectories in positive and in negative time starting from an initial condition lying on the y-axis.

Using the parametrization with the Lambert function we obtain the condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L_+(h,\beta,\mu) - L_-(h,\beta,\mu)}{h} &= \beta \int_{x^-(h)}^{x^+(h)} x^2 \left[\frac{1}{W_0\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon} e^{\frac{f(x)}{\varepsilon}}\right)} - \frac{1}{W_{-1}\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon} e^{\frac{f(x)}{\varepsilon}}\right)} \right] dx \\ &+ \sqrt{\varepsilon} \mu \int_{x^-(h)}^{x^+(h)} \frac{1}{W_0\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon} e^{\frac{f(x)}{\varepsilon}}\right)} - \frac{1}{W_{-1}\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon} e^{\frac{f(x)}{\varepsilon}}\right)} dx \\ &+ O((\sqrt{\varepsilon} \mu, \beta)^2). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Solving this equation with MATHEMATICA for $h = e^{-\frac{1}{60\alpha^2\varepsilon}}$ (level set of the homoclinic loop) we find a very good approximation of the parameter for which the loss of stability happens.

Fast deformation of an explicit periodic orbit

Let us consider the integrable system:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \frac{1}{\psi} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \\ \dot{y} &= -\frac{1}{\psi} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$\rightarrow \psi$ is the integrating factor associated with the first integral of the system H . We suppose that for some I , the level set $H(x, y) = h \in I$ are closed. Let us consider the perturbed system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \frac{1}{\psi} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \\ \dot{y} &= -\frac{1}{\psi} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \beta [H - h], \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where $h \in I$. \Rightarrow The curve $H(x, y) = h$ is a periodic orbit of the system.

Consider now the system

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \dot{x} &= y - \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + \alpha \frac{x^3}{3} \right), \\ \dot{y} &= -x - \alpha x^2 + \varepsilon \beta \left[e^{-y/\varepsilon} \left(\frac{f(x)}{\varepsilon} - \frac{y}{\varepsilon} - 1 \right) - h \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

\rightarrow For $h = -1$, the point $(0, 0)$ is a center, \rightarrow For $h = h_h = -e^{-\frac{1}{60\alpha^2\varepsilon}}$, the point $(-\frac{1}{\alpha}, f(-\frac{1}{\alpha})) = e^{-\frac{1}{60\alpha^2\varepsilon}}$ is a saddle-node For $\sqrt{\varepsilon} = 0.03125$, $\alpha = 0.3$: $h_h \simeq -2.811787299503 * 10^{-824}$.

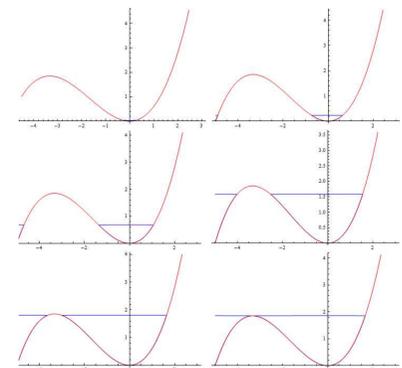


FIGURE 7: Evolution of the trajectory $H(x, y) = h$ for $\alpha = 0.3$, $\sqrt{\varepsilon} = 0.03125$ and h takes from left to right and top to bottom the value $h = -10^{-10}$, $h = -10^{-300}$, $h = -10^{-700}$, $h = -10^{-800}$ et $h = -2.9 * 10^{-824}$

\rightarrow The upper part of the limit cycle is given by $y(h, \varepsilon, x) = f(x) - \varepsilon [1 + W_{-1}(\frac{h}{\varepsilon} e^{f(x)})]$

\Leftrightarrow the maximum height of the cycle $y(h, \varepsilon)$ ($y(h, \varepsilon, 0)$) is given by:

$$y(h, \varepsilon) = -\varepsilon [1 + W_{-1}(h e^{-1})].$$

\rightarrow The sup of the limit cycle height (height of the homoclinic loop) is $L_{max} = -\varepsilon [1 + W_{-1}(-e^{-1 - \frac{1}{60\alpha^2\varepsilon}})] \simeq \frac{1}{60\alpha^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} -\varepsilon [1 + W_{-1}(h e^{-1})] &\geq \frac{1}{600\alpha^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow h &\geq -\left(1 + \frac{1}{600\alpha^2\varepsilon}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{600\alpha^2\varepsilon}} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

\Leftrightarrow The amplitude of the cycle increases by a ratio of 100 when h covers the interval $[-(1 + \frac{1}{600\alpha^2\varepsilon}) e^{-\frac{1}{600\alpha^2\varepsilon}}, -e^{-\frac{1}{60\alpha^2\varepsilon}}]$.

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