

Bifurcations

$$x' = f(x, a)$$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x, a) = f_a(x)$$

What happens to fixed points as a changes?

x^* a fixed point.

$$x^* = x^*(a)$$

$$0 = f(x^*, a) = f(x^*(a), a)$$

Replace a by $a + \Delta a$ and

x^* by $x^* + \Delta x^*$

$$0 = f(x^* + \Delta x^*, a + \Delta a)$$

Linear approximation

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$$f(x+\Delta x, y+\Delta y) \approx f(x, y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y) \Delta y$$

$$0 = f(x^* + \Delta x^*, a + \Delta a)$$

$$0 = \underbrace{f(x^*, a)}_{=0} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a) \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a) \Delta a$$

$$\Delta x^* = - \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a)} \Delta a$$

this is OK when $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a) \neq 0$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^* + \Delta x^*, a + \Delta a) \approx \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a)$$

Theorem: $x' = f(x, a) = f_a(x)$

Assume x^* is a fixed point when $a = a^*$.
(this means $f(x^*, a^*) = 0$).

Assume $f'_{a^*}(x^*) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a^*) \neq 0$.

Then, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and a $\downarrow$ unique continuous
function $\Delta x^*: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such
that $\Delta x^*(0) = 0$ and

$$f(x^* + \Delta x^*(\Delta a), a + \Delta a) = 0$$

and, the sign of

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^* + \Delta x^*(\Delta a), a + \Delta a) = \text{to the}$$

sign of $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a)$.

this means the fixed point

$$x^* + \Delta x^*(\Delta a) \text{ when } a = a^* + \Delta a$$

... is the same type as x^* when

is of the same type

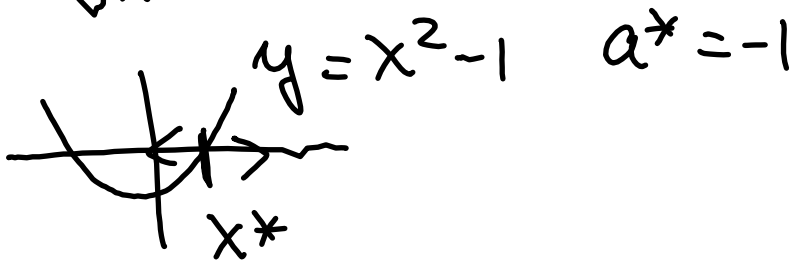
$$a = a^*$$

$$\underline{Ex:} \quad x^1 = x^2 + a$$

$$a^* = -1 \quad x^* = 1$$

$$f(x, a) = x^2 + a$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(1, -1) = 2 \neq 0 \quad x^* = 1 \text{ is a source}$$



$$(x^* + \Delta x^*)^2 + (a^* + \Delta a) = 0$$

$$(1 + \Delta x^*)^2 + (-1 + \Delta a) = 0$$

$$(1 + \Delta x^*)^2 = 1 - \Delta a \quad \varepsilon = 1$$

$$\Delta x^* = -1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \Delta a}$$

$$\Delta x^* = 0 \text{ if } \Delta a = 0$$

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then $\Delta x^* = -1 + \sqrt{1 + \Delta a}$

$1 + (-1 + \sqrt{1 + \Delta a})$ is the fixed point when $a = -1 + \Delta a$, that corresponds (continuously) to the fixed point $x=1$ when $a = -1$.

$1 + (-1 + \sqrt{1 + \Delta a})$ is a source for all Δa such that $|\Delta a| < 1$.

there is no bifurcation in this case

Question: $x' = f_a(x) = f(x, a)$.

$f(x^*, a^*) = 0$. Also $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a^*) = 0$.

Also $\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a^*) \neq 0$. Also $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x^*, a^*) \neq 0$

$x = x^* + \Delta x$

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$$a = a^* + \Delta a$$

$$f(x, a) \approx \overset{0}{f(x^*, a^*)} + \overset{0}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a^*)} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a^*) \Delta a + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x^*, a^*) (\Delta x)^2$$

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$$x = x^* + \Delta x \text{ then } x' = (\Delta x)'$$

$$(\Delta x)' \approx \underset{\uparrow}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a^*)} \Delta a + \frac{1}{2} \underset{\uparrow}{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x^*, a^*)} (\Delta x)^2$$

$$(\Delta x)' = \alpha \Delta a + \beta (\Delta x)^2$$

Do we still have a fixed point?

If yes, $\Delta x = \text{constant}$ and $\Delta x' = 0$

$$0 = \alpha (\Delta x)^2 + \beta \Delta a$$

$$\Delta x = \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \Delta a}$$

No fixed point if $-\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \Delta a < 0$

Two fixed points if $-\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \Delta a > 0$

In this case

$$x^* + \Delta x = x^* \pm \sqrt{\frac{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x^*, a^*)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a^*)} \Delta a}$$

In this case, $|\Delta x| = \text{const} \sqrt{|\Delta a|}$

Then $|\Delta x|^2 = O(|\Delta a|)$

$$|\Delta x \Delta a| = O(|\Delta a|^{3/2}) \ll |\Delta a|$$

$$|\Delta a|^2 \ll |\Delta a|$$

Theorem: $x' = f_a(x)$. $f(x^*, a^*) = 0$.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x^*, a^*) = 0. \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x^*, a^*) \neq 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a^*) \neq 0.$$

$$\text{Let } c = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x^*, a^*)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a}(x^*, a^*)}$$

If $c > 0$, then: $(\Delta a = a - a^*)$

If $\Delta a < 0$, there is no fixed point

If $\Delta a = 0$, there is one fixed point (x^*)

If $\Delta a > 0$, there are two fixed points

$$x = x^* + \Delta x = a^* \pm \sqrt{c} \sqrt{\Delta a}$$

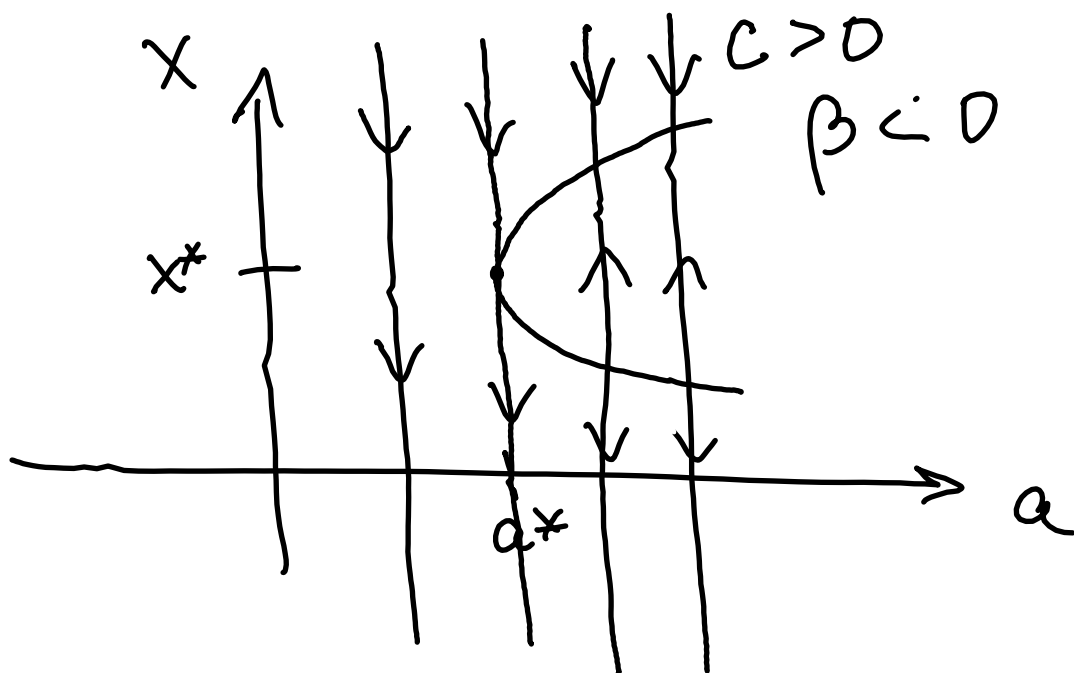
If $c < 0 \Rightarrow$ the opposite

2 fixed points $x = x^* + \Delta x = a^* \pm \sqrt{-c}$

$\sqrt{-\Delta a}$ if $\Delta a < 0$

no fixed point if $\Delta a > 0$

Bifurcation diagram



this is what is called a saddle
node bifurcation.

this is the bifurcation we expect
in one-dimension