

# The Hamiltonian period-doubling bifurcation

the plan of the presentation

- Floquet exponents/multipliers
- pitchfork bifurcation
- flip bifurcation
- period-doubling bifurcation

Consider the Hamiltonian  $H(x, y, q, p) = \omega y + (\alpha + 2\pi\omega) \frac{p^2 + q^2}{2}$ ,  $x \in T = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$   
 with the symplectic structure:  $dx \wedge dy + dq \wedge dp$ .

choosing the co-ordinates  $x$  and  $y$  wisely makes  $\omega$  independent of  $x$   
 and passing to Floquet co-ordinates  $q$  and  $p$  makes  $\alpha$  independent of  $x$   
 (the former always works and the latter works unless a Floquet multiplier is equal to  $-1$ )

the corresponding equations of motion:

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = \omega$$

$$\dot{y} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\dot{q} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = -(\alpha + 2\pi\omega)p$$

$$\dot{p} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = (\alpha + 2\pi\omega)q$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha + 2\pi\omega \\ -(\alpha + 2\pi\omega) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenvalues:

$$\pm i(\alpha + 2\pi\omega)$$

Floquet exponents

$$e^{\pm i(\alpha + 2\pi\omega)}$$

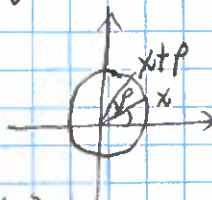
Floquet multipliers

pitchfork bifurcation:

phase space  $T \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$

$$H(x, y, q, p) = \omega y + \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}yq^2$$

$S^1$ -symmetry  $S^1$ -symmetry:  $x \mapsto x + p$



$\{y\} \times \mathbb{R}^2$

$$H(x+p, y, q, p) = \omega y + \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}yq^2$$

a fixed value of parameter.

$x$ : cyclic angle  $\Rightarrow y$ : is an integral of motion

$$(\dot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow y = \text{constant})$$

$y$  is conserved.

we can see  $y$  as a parameter.

$$\mathcal{H}_y(q, p) = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}yq^2$$

the corresponding equations of motion:

reduce form (becomes simpler)

2 degree-of-freedom  $\rightarrow$  1 d.o.f.

4-dimensional  $\rightarrow$  2-dimensional

$$\dot{q} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_y}{\partial p} = p$$

I: equilibria

$$= 0$$

$$p = 0$$

$$\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_y}{\partial q} = -\frac{q^3}{6} - yq = 0$$

$$q = 0, \pm\sqrt{6y}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{q^2}{2} - y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{(q,p) = (0,0), (\pm\sqrt{6y}, 0)}$$

$$y \in \mathbb{R} \begin{cases} y < 0 \\ y = 0 \\ y > 0 \end{cases}$$

$y > 0$ : at  $(q, p) = (0, 0)$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -y & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ eigenvalues: imaginary}$$



at  $(q, p) = (\pm\sqrt{6y}, 0)$ ,

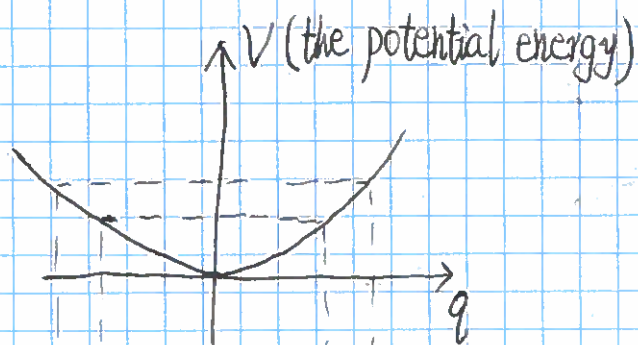
because  $y > 0$ ,  $\pm\sqrt{6y}$  is not real value  $\Rightarrow$  there is no equilibrium.

$y = 0$ : at  $(q, p) = (0, 0)$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ parabolic}$$

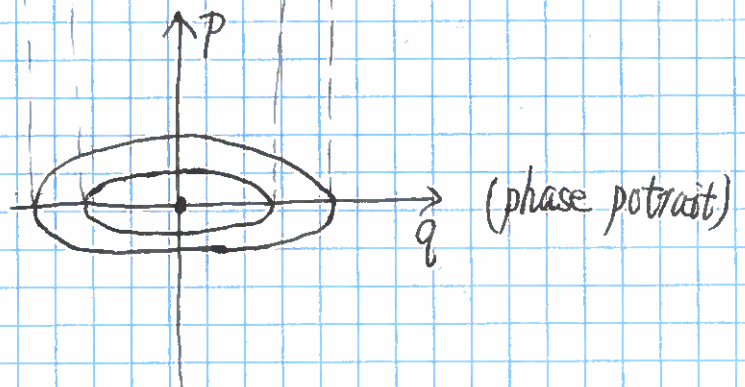
$$\mathcal{H}_y(q, p) = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}yq^2$$

$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}p^2}_{\text{kinetic}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}yq^2}_{\text{the potential energy}}$



because  $y = 0$ ,

$$\text{here } V = \frac{1}{24}q^4$$

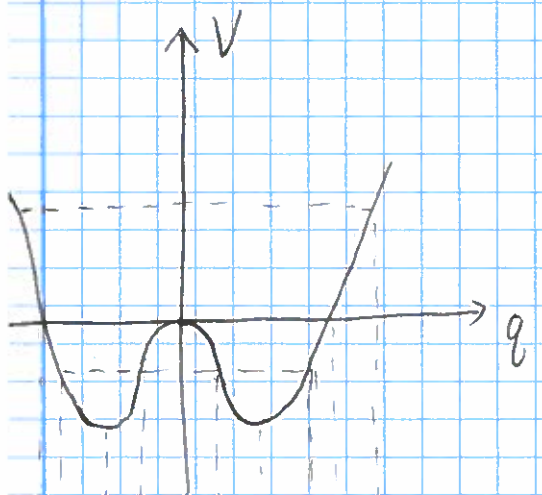


at  $(q, p) = (\pm\sqrt{6y}, 0) |_{y=0} = (0, 0)$ ,

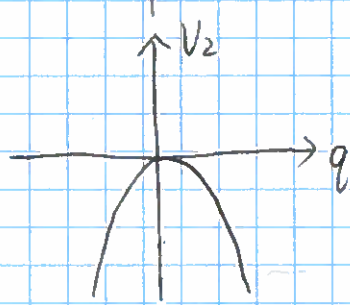
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ parabolic} \quad \text{the same as above.}$$

0: at  $(q, p) = (0, 0)$ ,

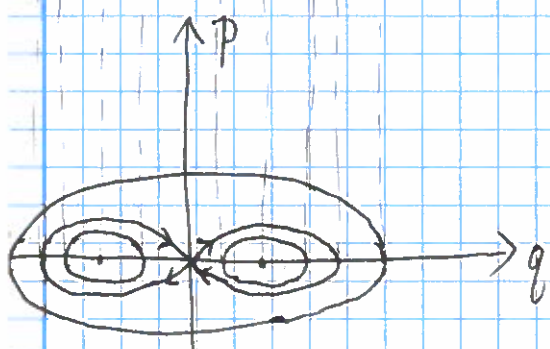
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ |y| & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  eigenvalues:  $\pm\sqrt{|y|}$  saddle



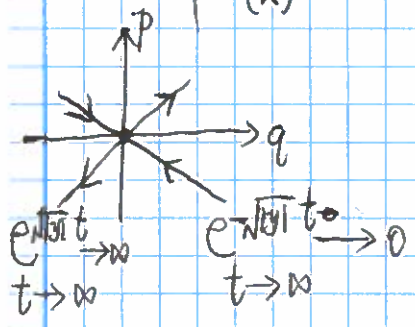
$V = \frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}yq^2$   
 $\frac{V_1}{V_2}$



$q \rightarrow 0: |V_1| < |V_2| \quad V < 0$   
 $q \text{ large: } |V_1| > |V_2| \quad V > 0$



(\*)



$t(q, p) = (\pm\sqrt{-6y}, 0)$ ,

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  eigenvalues: imaginary centres

the phase portrait is the same as (\*).

$\mathbb{Z}_2$ -symmetry:  $(q, p) \mapsto (-q, -p)$

$(q, p)$ -plane  $\pi$ -rotation.

the symplectic structure is invariant:  $dq \wedge dp \mapsto dq \wedge dp$ .

$$\mathcal{H}_y(-q, -p) = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}yq^2$$

this means the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}_y(q, p)$  doesn't change.  $\dim(Z_2) = 0$ .

Why do we do  $Z_2$ -symmetry?

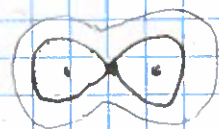
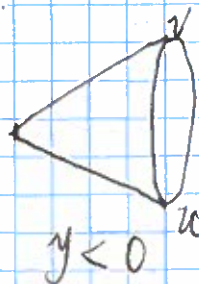
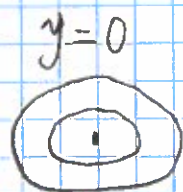
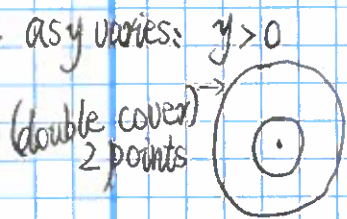
choose a basis of invariants:  $u = \frac{q^2}{2}$ ,  $v = -\frac{p^2}{2}$ ,  $w = pq$ .

$$\mathcal{H}_y(u, v, w) = v + \frac{1}{6}u^2 + yu$$

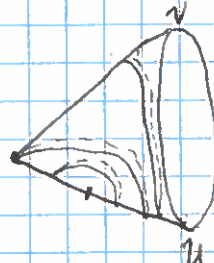
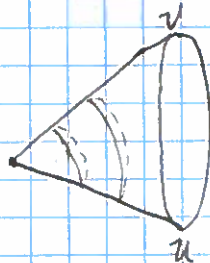
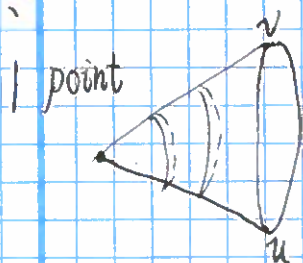
the order of  $\mathcal{H}_y(q, p)$  is 4, the order of  $\mathcal{H}_y(u, v, w)$  is 2.

bec to some extent: becomes simpler.

cone:  $2uv = \frac{w^2}{2}$ ,  $u \geq 0, v \geq 0$

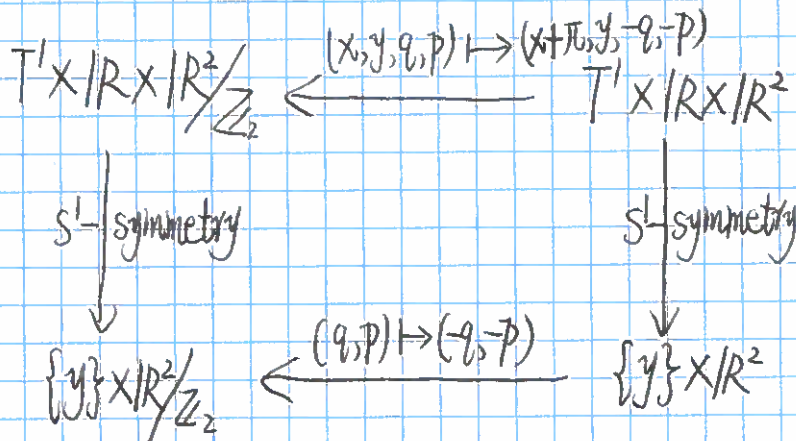


pitchfork bifurcation

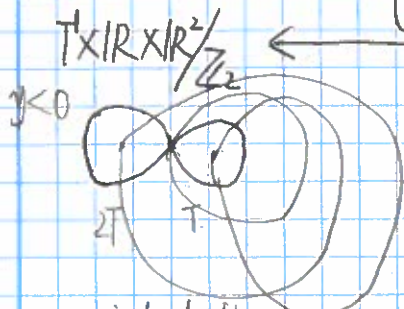


flip bifurcation

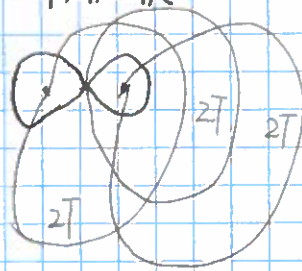
After the reduction of the  $Z_2$ -symmetry, the pitchfork bifurcation becomes flip bifurcation.



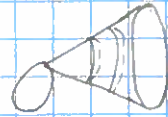
$$(x, y, q, p) \mapsto (x + \pi, y, -q, -p)$$



period-doubling bifurcation.



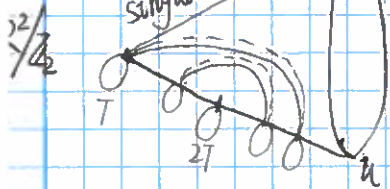
$y > 0$



$y = 0$



the others:  $T^2 = T^1 \times T^1$



Up to above, all are examples.

The book [local and Semi-local Bifurcations in Hamiltonian Dynamical Systems] on page 98:

Theorem (general statement):

Let  $H$  define a Hamiltonian system in two degrees of freedom and let  $\gamma$  be a period orbit of  $X_H$  with Floquet multiplier  $-1$ . Under generic conditions on  $H$  a period-doubling bifurcation takes place as the value of  $H$  passes through  $H(\gamma)$ .

Explanation: Here,  $H: T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has a period orbit with Floquet multiplier  $-1$ . So for Floquet co-ordinates, they have to pass to a double cover space.  $T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$  is a double cover of  $T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_2$ , on the phase space  $T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ , around the period orbit, we can choose Floquet co-ordinates  $(x, y, q, p)$ , for example, there have  $\hat{H}(x, y, q, p) = \omega y + \frac{p^2}{2} + \frac{q^4}{24} + \frac{yq^2}{2}$  defined on  $T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ , then by reducing the  $S^1$ -symmetry, we get  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_y(q, p) = \frac{p^2}{2} + \frac{q^4}{24} + \frac{yq^2}{2}$ . After reducing the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -symmetry  $\mathcal{H}_y(u, v, w) = v + \frac{1}{8}u^2 + yu$ , then the dynamics on  $\mathbb{R}^3 / \mathbb{Z}_2$  are clear, so the dynamics on  $T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_2$  are clear.

Exercise:

Consider the Hamiltonian  $H(x, y, q, p) = \omega y + \frac{1}{2}p^2 - \frac{1}{24}q^4 + \frac{1}{2}\gamma q^2$  on  $T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ . Follow this programme to explain the dual case of the period-doubling bifurcation.

— reduce the  $S^1$ -symmetry.

— reduce the  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -symmetry.

— explain how it is related to a period-doubling bifurcation on  $T^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

— concentrate on the differences to the previous ~~case~~<sup>case</sup>.

(students can be short on what works in exactly the same way).