
REDUCTION METHODS IN NONLINEAR DYNAMICS: CENTER MANIFOLDS AND NORMAL FORMS

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MOTIVATION

- **study nonlinear waves and patterns**
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NONLINEAR WAVES ON WATER



Water wave

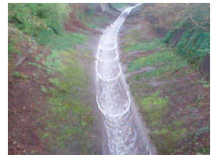
[David Sanger Photography]



Solitary wave

Lagoon of Molokai, Hawaii

[photo: R.I. Odom]



Roll wave

Channel in Lions Bay, Canada

[website of N. Balmforth]



Mascaret de St Pardon

Dordogne river



Tsunami in Asia



Rogue wave

Chemical tanker ship Stolt Surf

[photo: K. Petersen]

OTHER NONLINEAR WAVES



Kelvin-Helmholtz clouds
Mount Duval, Australia
[English Wikipedia: GRAHAMUK]



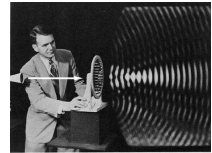
Morning Glory cloud
near Burketown, Australia
[author: Mick Petrov]



Fire rainbow
Northern Idaho



Hurricane



Sound wave
Bell Telephone Laboratories
[book by David C. Knight]

PATTERNS IN NATURE



Sand patterns

[photo: R. Niebrugge]



THE MATHEMATICS OF ... NONLINEAR WAVES AND PATTERNS

- **observed in nature, experiments, numerical simulations**
- **particular solutions of PDEs or ODEs**
 - *well-defined temporal and spatial structure*
 - *e.g., traveling waves*
- **play a key role in the dynamics of the underlying system**

THE MATHEMATICS OF ... NONLINEAR WAVES AND PATTERNS

Questions

- **existence** – *spatial and temporal properties*
- **stability** – *spatial and temporal behavior*
- **interactions**
- ...
- **role in the dynamics of the system**

THE MATHEMATICS OF ... NONLINEAR WAVES AND PATTERNS

Answers

- ... many different methods ...
- ... not enough ...
 - numerical
 - analytical

TWO REDUCTION METHODS

- **center manifolds**
 - **normal forms**
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SOME APPLICATIONS ¹

- **bifurcations of nonlinear waves and patterns**
-

¹Focus on results not on equations!

WATER WAVES



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WATER-WAVE PROBLEM



■ gravity-capillary water waves

- *three-dimensional inviscid fluid layer*
- *constant density ρ*
- *gravity and surface tension*
- *(ir)rotational flow*

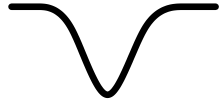
2D TRAVELING WAVES



periodic wave



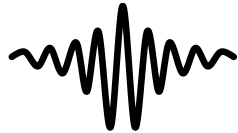
solitary waves



generalized solitary waves

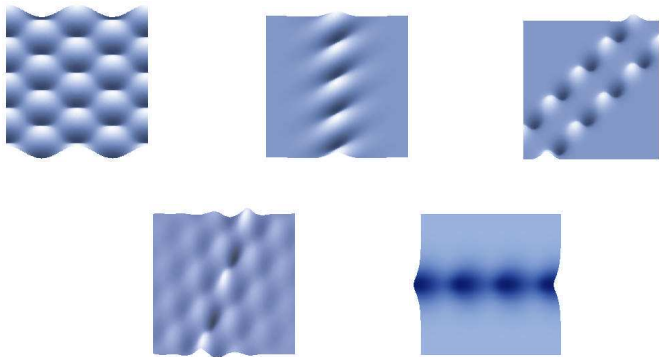


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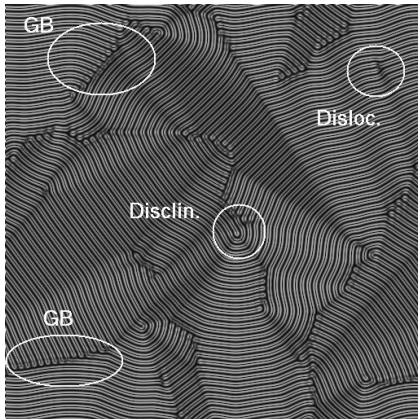
[Nekrasov, Levi-Civita, Struik, Lavrentiev, Friedrichs & Hyers, ...
Amick, Kirchgässner, Iooss, Buffoni, Groves, Toland, Lombardi, Sun, ...]

3D TRAVELING WAVES



[Groves, Mielke, Craig, Nicholls, H., Kirchgässner, Deng, Sun, Sandstede, Iooss, Plotnikov, Wahlén, ...]

DEFECTS IN STRIPED PATTERNS



- grain boundaries
- dislocations
- disclinations

[D. Boyer, J. Viñals]

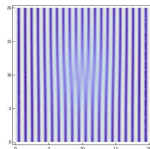
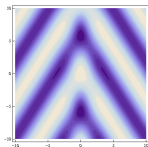
DEFECTS IN STRIPED PATTERNS

- **Occur in a wide range of systems**
 - Rayleigh-Bénard convection experiment
 - crystal patterns in material science
 - chemical reactions
 - biology
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EXISTENCE OF DEFECTS

■ grain boundaries and dislocations

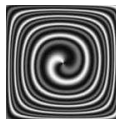
(Rayleigh-Bénard convection, Swift-Hohenberg equation)



[H., Scheel, Wu, Iooss, Buffoni, Lloyd, ...]

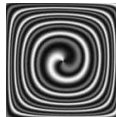
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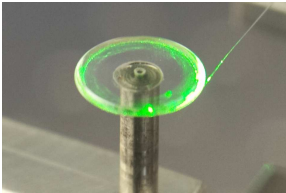


▣ Some **cannot be treated** by any of these methods ...



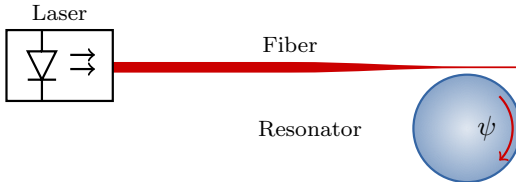
A PROBLEM FROM OPTICS

■ Home-made whispering gallery modes resonators



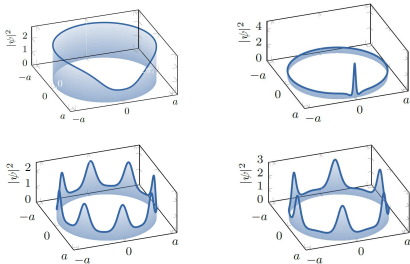
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SCIENCES &
TECHNOLOGIES

[Yanne Chembo, Rémi Henriet,
Aurelien Coillet]



FREQUENCY COMBS

- **optical signals:** *superposition of modes with equally spaced frequencies + stationary in suitable reference frame*



- *analytical results are in very good agreement with numerical and experimental results*

[Chembo, Godey, H., Delcey, Reichel, Mandel, ...]

CENTER MANIFOLDS

- **reduce dimensions**
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CENTER MANIFOLDS

- **Dynamical system** (*infinite-dimensional*)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}), \quad \mathbf{U}(t) \in \mathcal{X}$$

- start with particular solution: equilibrium

$$\mathbf{U}(t) = \mathbf{U}_*$$

(often $\mathbf{U}_* = 0$, but not always)

- **Question:** *local dynamics?*

EXAMPLE

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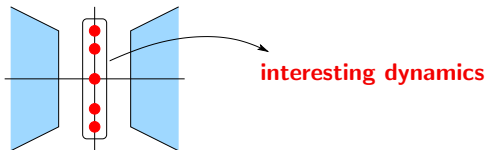
- $\mathbf{U} = u, \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}, \mu) = - \left(1 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 u + \mu u - u^3$
- $\mathcal{X} = L^2_{per}(0, 2\pi)$
- particular solution: $\mathbf{U}_* = 0$

LINEAR DYNAMICS

Linearized equation

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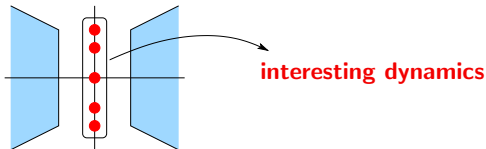


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- **center space X_c :** *sum of the generalized eigenspaces associated with purely imaginary eigenvalues*
- **X_c contains all bounded solutions**

NONLINEAR DYNAMICS

System

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{U} = \mathcal{A}_* \mathbf{U} + \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U})$$

Center manifold

- *analogue of the center space \mathbf{X}_c for the nonlinear equation*
- *contains all small bounded solutions of the dynamical system*
- *exist in finite dimensions*
- **infinite dimensions:** *three main hypotheses*

CENTER MANIFOLDS

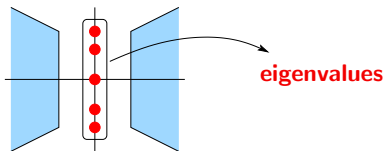
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- 3 resolvent estimates: *(see also [H. & Iooss, 2011])*

$$\|(\mathcal{A}_* - i\omega)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}} \leq \frac{C}{|\omega|}, \quad \|(\mathcal{A}_* - i\omega)^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}} \leq \frac{C}{|\omega|^{1-\alpha}}$$

for $|\omega| \geq \omega_*$, and some $\alpha \in [0, 1)$.

CENTER MANIFOLDS

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- X_c is the (finite-dimensional) center space of the linearized equation

$$X_c = \bigoplus_{i\kappa \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}_*)} E_{i\kappa}$$

- Φ is a map of class C^k ;
- \mathcal{M}_c contains all bounded solutions of the system.

CENTER MANIFOLDS

■ Reduced dynamics:

- *solutions of the infinite-dimensional dynamical system which belong to the center manifold*

$$\mathbf{U}(t) = \mathbf{U}_0(t) + \Phi(\mathbf{U}_0(t)), \quad \mathbf{U}_0(t) \in \mathbf{X}_c$$

- $\mathbf{U}_0(t)$ solves the reduced system

$$\frac{d\mathbf{U}_0}{dt} = \mathcal{A}_0 \mathbf{U}_0 + \mathcal{R}_0(\mathbf{U}_0)$$

(the dimension of this system is often small)

- $\mathcal{A}_0 = \mathcal{A}_*|_{\mathbf{X}_c}$ and the Taylor expansion of $\mathcal{R}_0(\mathbf{U}_0)$ can be computed ...

CENTER MANIFOLDS

- *locally invariant manifolds tangent to X_c at 0;*
 - *their dimension is equal to the dimension of X_c*
- *not unique, but the Taylor expansion of Φ is unique ...*
- *manifolds of class C^k for C^k vector fields, but not analytic ...*

FURTHER PROPERTIES

- *parameter-dependent version*
- *symmetries of the original system are inherited by the reduced system, e.g.,*
 - *equivariance*
 - *reversibility*
 - *Hamiltonian structure*

CENTER MANIFOLDS

- *open questions . . .*
 - *infinite-dimensional center manifolds?*
 - *quasilinear dynamical systems in Banach spaces?*
- *used in the study of local bifurcations (existence of nonlinear waves) / stability problems*
- *together with stable/unstable manifolds provide a description of the nonlinear dynamics*
- *together with normal forms provide a rigorous justification of amplitude equations*

NORMAL FORMS

- **simplify nonlinear vector fields**
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NORMAL FORMS

■ Dynamical system (*finite-dimensional*)

$$\boxed{\frac{du}{dt} = \mathbf{L}u + \mathbf{R}(u)} \quad (1)$$

■ Hypotheses

- ① $\mathbf{L} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^n)$;
- ② for $k \geq 2$, there exists a neighborhood $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ of 0 such that $\mathbf{R} \in \mathcal{C}^k(\mathcal{V}, \mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$\boxed{\mathbf{R}(0) = 0, \quad D\mathbf{R}(0) = 0.}$$

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- ρ is of class \mathcal{C}^k in a neighborhood of 0, and $\rho(v) = o(\|v\|^p)$;
- $N : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a polynomial of degree p ;

PROPERTIES OF \mathbf{N}

① $\mathbf{N} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ polynomial of degree p , $\mathbf{N}(0) = 0, D\mathbf{N}(0) = 0$

② $\mathbf{N}(e^{t\mathbf{L}^*} v) = e^{t\mathbf{L}^*} \mathbf{N}(v)$ for all $(t, v) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$

③ $D\mathbf{N}(v)\mathbf{L}^* v = \mathbf{L}^* \mathbf{N}(v)$ for all $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

■ we use the identity

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{-t\mathbf{L}^*} \mathbf{N}(e^{t\mathbf{L}^*} v) \right) = e^{-t\mathbf{L}^*} \left(-\mathbf{L}^* \mathbf{N}(e^{t\mathbf{L}^*} v) + D\mathbf{N}(e^{t\mathbf{L}^*} v) \mathbf{L}^* e^{t\mathbf{L}^*} v \right)$$

[C. Elphick et al.]

PROOF

■ $\frac{du}{dt} = \mathbf{L}u + \mathbf{R}(u)$, $u = v + \Phi(v)$, $\frac{dv}{dt} = \mathbf{L}v + \mathbf{N}(v) + \rho(v)$

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- **Linear equation:** $\mathcal{A}_L \Phi_q = \mathbf{Q}_q - \mathbf{N}_q$

PROOF

- Solve the linear equation:

$$\mathcal{A}_L \Phi_q = \mathbf{Q}_q - \mathbf{N}_q$$

- \mathcal{A}_L^* adjoint of \mathcal{A}_L
- $\mathbf{Q}_q - \mathbf{N}_q \in \ker(\mathcal{A}_L^*)^\perp = \text{im}(\mathcal{A}_L)$
- $\mathbf{P}_{\ker(\mathcal{A}_L^*)}(\mathbf{Q}_q - \mathbf{N}_q) = 0$
- $\mathbf{N}_q = \mathbf{P}_{\ker(\mathcal{A}_L^*)} \mathbf{Q}_q \in \ker(\mathcal{A}_L^*)$

Remark: *the normal form is not unique*

EXAMPLES

■ 0^2 normal form

(Takens–Bogdanov bifurcation)

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■ $i\omega$ normal form

(Hopf bifurcation)

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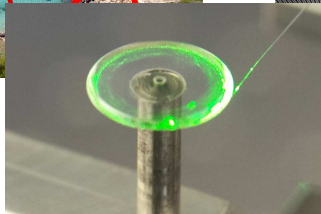
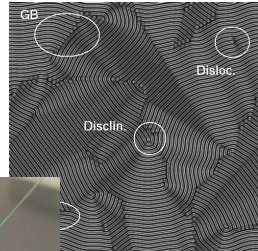
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NONLINEAR WAVES AND PATTERNS



APPROACH

- **spatial dynamics**
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IDEA OF SPATIAL DYNAMICS



Klaus Kirchgässner
(1931 – 2011)

SPATIAL DYNAMICS

- nonperiodic bounded solutions of PDEs in infinite strips

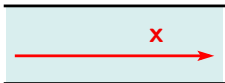


[Kirchgässner, 1982]

- **x timelike coordinate**

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- $U(x)$ belongs to a Hilbert (Banach) space \mathcal{X} of functions depending upon the “space” variables;
- $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^m$ parameters.

EXAMPLE

$$\mathbf{u}_{xx} + \mathbf{u}_{yy} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}), \quad (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, 1)$$

- Set $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}_x$

- Dynamical system:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}), \quad \mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{U}) = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ -u_{yy} + f(u) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Phase space: $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{X}$, $\mathcal{X} = L^2(0, 1) \times L^2(0, 1), \dots$

SPATIAL DYNAMICS APPROACH

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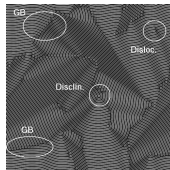
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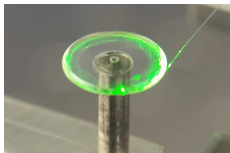
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- ② **Center manifold reduction:** reduced system of ODEs

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- ③ **Bounded orbits of the reduced system of ODEs**
 - e.g., use **normal forms**
 - *study a truncated system, then show persistence of the truncated dynamics*

REDUCED SYSTEM

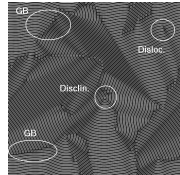
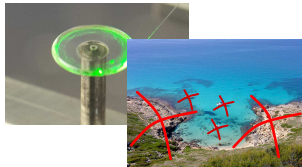
- ① Dynamical system
- ② Center manifold reduction: reduced system of ODEs

$$\frac{d}{dx} v = g(v, \mu), \quad v(x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

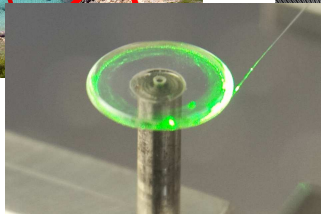
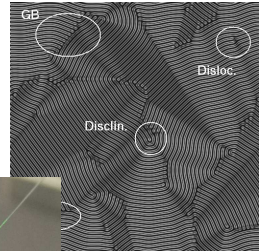
- ③ Bounded orbits of the reduced system of ODEs

- e.g., use **normal forms**
- *study a truncated system, then show persistence of the truncated dynamics*

- difficult:



NONLINEAR WAVES AND PATTERNS



COMPUTATION OF THE REDUCED SYSTEM

■ Taylor expansion of

$$\mathcal{R}_0(\mathbf{U}_0) = \mathbf{P}_c \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}_0 + \Phi(\mathbf{U}_0))$$

- 1 \mathcal{R} known
- 2 $\mathbf{U}_0(x)$ belongs to the center space $X_c = \bigoplus_{i\kappa \in \sigma(\mathcal{A}_*)} E_{i\kappa}$
 - $\mathbf{U}_0(x)$ is a finite linear combination of basis vectors
 - *basis of X_c* : consists of generalized eigenvectors which form a basis for the generalized eigenspaces $E_{i\kappa}$
- 3 \mathbf{P}_c is the *spectral projector onto* tel que
 - $P_c^2 = P_c$ (projector)
 - $P_c \mathcal{A}_* = \mathcal{A}_* P_c$ (commutes with \mathcal{A}_*)
- 4 Φ : it is possible to compute its Taylor expansion (often, not necessary)