

# Centers in dimension 3

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PART I:

# Centers on center manifolds

# The Hopf points in $\mathbb{R}^3$

We consider the analytic three-dimensional system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y + \mathcal{F}_1(x, y, z), \\ \dot{y} &= x + \mathcal{F}_2(x, y, z), \\ \dot{z} &= \lambda z + \mathcal{F}_3(x, y, z),\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ;
- $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2, \mathcal{F}_3) \in C^w(\mathcal{U})$  with  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  neighborhood of 0;
- $\mathcal{F}(0) = 0$  and  $D\mathcal{F}(0) = 0$ .

## Hopf singular point

The origin is a *Hopf singularity* of system (1): it possesses the eigenvalues  $\pm i \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

# Local center manifolds $\mathcal{W}^c$

Let  $\mathcal{W}^c$  be a **local center manifold** at the origin of system (1):

- $\mathcal{W}^c$  is an invariant surface, tangent to the  $(x, y)$  plane at the origin.
- $\mathcal{W}^c = \{z = h(x, y) : \text{for } (x, y) \text{ around } (0, 0)\}$  with  $h(0, 0) = 0$  and  $Dh(0, 0) = 0$ .
- For any  $k \geq 1$  there exists a  $C^k$  local center manifold.
- The local center manifold need not be unique.

# Local dynamics on a center manifold $\mathcal{W}^c$

- The origin is a **center** of (1) if all the orbits on  $\mathcal{W}^c$  are periodic;
- Otherwise, the origin is a **saddle-focus**: a focus on  $\mathcal{W}^c$ .

The center problem in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

To decide when the origin of (1) is a center or not.

# The Lyapunov solution to the center problem

## Lyapunov Center Theorem

The origin is a center for the analytic system (1) if and only if (1) admits a real analytic local first integral of the form

$$H(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + \dots$$

in a neighborhood of the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## Remark

Moreover, when there is a center, the local center manifold  $\mathcal{W}^c$  is unique and analytic.

# Inverse Jacobi multipliers (1844)

$\mathcal{X}$  will denote the associated vector field to system (1), that is,

$$\mathcal{X} = (-y + \mathcal{F}_1(x, y, z)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (x + \mathcal{F}_2(x, y, z)) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (\lambda z + \mathcal{F}_3(x, y, z)) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

## Inverse Jacobi multiplier

A  $C^1$  function  $V : \mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an *inverse Jacobi multiplier* of  $\mathcal{X}$  if it is not locally null and it satisfies the linear first-order partial differential equation

$$\mathcal{X}V = V \operatorname{div} \mathcal{X},$$

where  $\operatorname{div} \mathcal{X}$  is the divergence of  $\mathcal{X}$ .

## Remark

For the rescaled vector field  $\mathcal{X}/V$  on  $\mathcal{U} \setminus V^{-1}(0)$ :  $\operatorname{div}(\mathcal{X}/V) \equiv 0$ .

# A new solution to the center problem

## Theorem 1

System (1) has a center at the origin if and only if it admits a local analytic inverse Jacobi multiplier of the form

$$V(x, y, z) = z + \dots$$

in a neighborhood of the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .



# Sketch of the proof of Theorem 1 (necessary condition)

⇒ Assume that (1) has a center at the origin.

- 1 Using normal form theory, system (1) having a center is real analytically conjugated to the normal form

$$\dot{\xi} = -\eta F(\xi^2 + \eta^2), \quad \dot{\eta} = \xi F(\xi^2 + \eta^2), \quad \dot{w} = \lambda w + w G(\xi^2 + \eta^2).$$

- 2 It has the inverse Jacobi multiplier  $\hat{V}(\xi, \eta, w) = w$ .
- 3 Going back we get  $V(x, y, z) = z + \dots$  □

# Sketch of the proof of Theorem 1 (sufficient condition)

⇐ Assume that (1) possesses  $V(x, y, z) = z + \dots$ .

- 1 Using the Implicit Function Theorem for  $V(x, y, z) = 0$ : there exists a unique analytic function  $h(x, y)$  such that  $h(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $Dh(0, 0) = 0$  and  $V(x, y, h(x, y)) \equiv 0$ .
- 2 Hence, from the flow-invariance of the surface  $V = 0$ , we have  $\mathcal{W}^c = \{z = h(x, y)\}$  is an analytic local center manifold for (1).
- 3 \*\*\* We prove that  $V(x, y, z) = (z - h(x, y))W(x, y, z)$  such that  $W|_{\mathcal{W}^c}(x, y) = W(x, y, h(x, y)) \not\equiv 0$ .
- 4 \*\*\* We prove that  $W|_{\mathcal{W}^c}$  is an analytic inverse integrating factor of  $\mathcal{X}|_{\mathcal{W}^c}$  that is non-vanishing at the origin.
- 5 The Reeb Criterion assures that the origin is a center for  $\mathcal{X}|_{\mathcal{W}^c}$ .

# Relations between $\mathcal{W}^c$ and $V^{-1}(0)$ around centers

Remark: Non-uniqueness of  $V \in C^w$  around a center

For any  $k \geq 0$ , there are analytic inverse Jacobi multipliers  $\hat{V}$  at a center of the form

$$\hat{V} = VH^k = (z + \dots)(x^2 + y^2 + \dots)^k = z(x^2 + y^2)^k + \dots$$

A consequence of the proof of Theorem 1

When system (1) has a center, then the  $V(x, y, z) = z + \dots$  predicted by Theorem 1 satisfies  $\mathcal{W}^c \subset V^{-1}(0)$

Theorem 2

When system (1) has a center, then any local  $C^\infty$  inverse Jacobi multiplier  $V$  of system (1) must satisfy  $\mathcal{W}^c \subset V^{-1}(0)$ .

# An application: classification of centers in the Lü system

For  $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , consider the 3-parametric Lü family

$$\dot{x} = a(y - x), \quad \dot{y} = cy - xz, \quad \dot{z} = -bz + xy.$$

- The singularities  $Q_{\pm} = (\pm\sqrt{bc}, \pm\sqrt{bc}, c)$  when  $c = (a + b)/3$  and  $ab > 0$  are Hopf points.
- Invariance under the symmetry  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (-x, -y, z)$ .
- The first three Lyapunov constants of  $Q_{\pm}$  vanish if and only if  $(a, b, c) \in L = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a \neq 0, b = 2a, c = a\}$ .

## Theorem 3. (The centers in the Lü system)

The singularities  $Q_{\pm}$  are centers if and only if  $(a, b, c) \in L$ .

**Proof:** When  $(a, b, c) \in L$ ,  $V(x, y, z) = x^2 - 2az$  is an inverse Jacobi multiplier.

# Existence and smoothness of $V$ and $\mathcal{W}^c$ around the saddle-focus

## Theorem 4

Assume that the origin is a saddle-focus for the analytic system (1). Then the following holds:

- There exists a local  $C^\infty$  and non-flat inverse Jacobi multiplier of (1) having the expression

$$V(x, y, z) = z(x^2 + y^2)^n + \dots$$

for some  $n \geq 2$ .

- For the former  $V$ , there is a local  $C^\infty$  center manifold  $\mathcal{W}^c$  such that  $\mathcal{W}^c \subset V^{-1}(0)$ .

# A simple example of saddle-focus shows the possibilities

The following system has,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\dot{x} = -y - x(x^2 + y^2), \quad \dot{y} = x - y(x^2 + y^2), \quad \dot{z} = -z,$$

$$\mathcal{W}_a^c = \begin{cases} \{z = 0\} & \text{(analytic)} \\ \left\{ z = a \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(x^2+y^2)}\right) \right\} & (C^\infty \text{ flat}) \end{cases}$$

$$V_a(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} z(x^2 + y^2)^2 & \text{(analytic)} \\ \left( z - a \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(x^2+y^2)}\right) \right) (x^2 + y^2)^2 & (C^\infty \text{ non-flat}) \end{cases}$$

$\hat{V}(x, y, z) = V_0(x, y, z) - V_1(x, y, z) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(x^2+y^2)}\right) (x^2 + y^2)^2$   
is  $C^\infty$  flat and  $\hat{V}^{-1}(0) = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$ .

# More properties of $\mathcal{W}^c$ and $V^{-1}(0)$ around a saddle-focus

## Theorem 5

Assume that the origin is a saddle-focus for system (1).

- Any two locally  $C^\infty$  and non-flat at the origin linearly independent inverse Jacobi multipliers of (1) have the same Taylor expansion at the origin.
- Let  $V$  be a locally  $C^\infty$  and non-flat at the origin inverse Jacobi multiplier of (1). Then there is exactly one smooth center manifold  $\mathcal{W}^c$  of (1) such that  $\mathcal{W}^c \subset V^{-1}(0)$ .

PART II:

# Characterizing centers on center manifolds via Lie symmetries



# Normal forms near a Hopf singularity

## Analytical normal form near a center

If the origin is a center for  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  then there is a real analytic near-identity diffeomorphism  $\Phi$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\lambda &= \Phi^* \mathcal{X}_\lambda = -y (1 + F(x^2 + y^2)) \partial_x + x (1 + F(x^2 + y^2)) \partial_y \\ &\quad + z (\lambda + G(x^2 + y^2)) \partial_z\end{aligned}$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are real analytic on a neighborhood of zero in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $F(0) = G(0) = 0$ .

# Normal forms near a Hopf singularity

## $C^\infty$ normal form near a saddle-focus

If the origin is a saddle-focus for  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  then there is a  $C^\infty$  near-identity diffeomorphism  $\Phi$  such that  $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda = \Phi^* \mathcal{X}_\lambda$  where

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda = & \left( -y + \frac{1}{2}[(x + iy)A(x^2 + y^2) + (x - iy)B(x^2 + y^2)] \right) \partial_x \\ & + \left( x + \frac{1}{2}[(y - ix)A(x^2 + y^2) + (y + ix)B(x^2 + y^2)] \right) \partial_y \\ & + z[\lambda + C(x^2 + y^2)] \partial_z\end{aligned}$$

where ( $i^2 = -1$ ) and the symmetry conjugation

$\overline{B(x^2 + y^2)} = A(x^2 + y^2)$  holds (so the normal form is real),  
 $A(x^2 + y^2) + B(x^2 + y^2) \neq 0$ , and  $\operatorname{Re}(A) \neq 0$ .

# Normal forms near a Hopf singularity

Notation:

$$\mathcal{X}_\lambda = \mathcal{X}_A + \dots$$

where  $\mathcal{X}_A$  is the linear vector field with associated matrix  $A$ .

## Linearizable and orbitally linearizable centers

- $\mathcal{X}_\lambda = \mathcal{X}_A + \dots$  is *analytically orbitally linearizable* in  $\mathcal{U}$  if there exists an analytic change of coordinates  $\Phi$  on  $\mathcal{U}$  such that  $\Phi^* \mathcal{X}_\lambda = f(x, y, z) \mathcal{X}_A$  for some analytic function  $f : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on a neighborhood of the origin with  $f(0, 0, 0) = 1$ .
- In the particular case that  $f(x, y, z) \equiv 1$  we say that  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  is *analytically linearizable* in  $\mathcal{U}$ .



# Background on Centralizers and Normalizers in $\mathbb{R}^n$

$[\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}] = \mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{Y}\mathcal{X}$  denotes the usual Lie bracket of vector fields  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  in  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  regarded as derivations.

## Definitions and notations

- The set of analytic centralizers of  $\mathcal{X}$  on  $\mathcal{V}$  will be denoted  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) = \{\mathcal{Z} \in C^w(\mathcal{V}) : [\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z}] = 0\}$ .
- The set of linear centralizers of  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ .
- The set of analytic normalizers of  $\mathcal{X}$  on  $\mathcal{V}$  will be denoted  $\mathfrak{N}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) = \{\mathcal{Z} \in C^w(\mathcal{V}) : [\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z}] = \Lambda\mathcal{X}\}$  where  $\Lambda : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a meromorphic function.
- The set of real analytic first integrals (including constants) of  $\mathcal{X}$  on  $\mathcal{V}$  will be denoted  $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$ .

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## Several related algebraic structures

- The sets  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$  and  $\mathfrak{N}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$  are Lie algebra over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  which are, in general, infinite-dimensional.
- The set  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}_M)$  is a finite-dimensional real vector space.
- The set  $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$  is a ring.

## Certain very interesting cases

One has in some cases the interesting fact that the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$  has dimension  $\dim \mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) = \infty$  but  $\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$  is a finitely generated module over  $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$ .

# Background on Centralizers and Normalizers in $\mathbb{R}^n$

## Note

We emphasize that there is no algorithmic procedure for determining if  $\mathfrak{N}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V})$  is nontrivial, that is,  $\mathfrak{N}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) \neq \mathbb{R}\mathcal{X}$ .

## The formal counterpart

- $\mathfrak{C}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X})$ ,  $\mathfrak{N}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X})$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X})$  denotes the set of formal centralizers, normalizers, and first integrals of a given formal vector field  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- If  $\mathcal{X}$  is analytic on  $\mathcal{V}$  we have:

$$\mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) \subset \mathfrak{C}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}), \quad \mathfrak{N}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) \subset \mathfrak{N}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}), \quad \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{V}) \subset \mathcal{I}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}).$$

# Centralizers and dynamics of $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$

Recall that  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda = \mathcal{X}_A + \dots$  with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

The vector space  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}_A)$

A basis of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}_A)$  is  $\{\mathcal{Z}_0, \mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2\}$  where

$$\mathcal{Z}_0 = \mathcal{X}_A = -y\partial_x + x\partial_y + \lambda z\partial_z, \quad \mathcal{Z}_1 = x\partial_x + y\partial_y, \quad \mathcal{Z}_2 = z\partial_z.$$

# Centralizers and dynamics of $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$

Theorem: Module structure of Centralizers of  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\lambda$  in the center case. Application to linearizable centers

Suppose  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  has a center on the center manifold  $W^c$  at the origin and let  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\lambda$  be its analytic normal form.

- For any open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}^* \subset \mathcal{U}$  of the origin and any  $\mathcal{Z} \in \mathfrak{C}(\widehat{\mathcal{X}}_\lambda, \mathcal{U}^*)$  there exist  $\mu_i(x^2 + y^2) \in \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{X}_A, \mathcal{U}^*)$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ , such that

$$\mathcal{Z} = \mu_0(x^2 + y^2)\mathcal{Z}_0 + \mu_1(x^2 + y^2)\mathcal{Z}_1 + \mu_2(x^2 + y^2)\mathcal{Z}_2.$$

- If  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  is not analytically linearizable then  $\mu_1 \equiv 0$ .



# Centralizers and dynamics of $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$

Theorem: The formal Centralizers of  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda$  in the saddle-focus case. Finite-dimensional Lie algebras

Suppose  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  has a saddle-focus at the origin and let  $\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda$  be its  $C^\infty$  normal form.

- The Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{e}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda)$  and  $\mathfrak{e}_{\text{for}}(\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda)$  satisfy

$$\dim \mathfrak{e}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda) = \dim \mathfrak{e}_{\text{for}}(\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda) = 3.$$

- A basis of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{e}_{\text{for}}(\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda)$  is  $\{\mathcal{Z}_0, \mathcal{Z}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_\lambda\}$ .

# Centralizers and dynamics of $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$

Corollary 1: A solution of the center problem in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in terms of  $\dim \mathfrak{C}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda)$

- The origin is a center for  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  if and only if  $\dim \mathfrak{C}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda) = \infty$ , which is true if and only if  $\dim \mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda, \mathcal{U}) = \infty$ .
- The origin is a saddle-focus for  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  if and only if  $\dim \mathfrak{C}_{\text{for}}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda) = 3$ .

Corollary 2:  $\dim \mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda, \mathcal{U})$  and analytic normalization in the saddle-focus case

Assume the origin is a saddle-focus for  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$ . Then:

- $\dim \mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda, \mathcal{U}) \leq 3$ .
- If  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  is analytically normalizable then  $\dim \mathfrak{C}(\mathcal{X}_\lambda, \mathcal{U}) = 3$ .

PART III:

# Multiple Hopf bifurcations from a saddle-focus

# Analytic perturbation of a saddle-focus

We perturb analytically system (1) of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y + \mathcal{G}_1(x, y, z; \varepsilon) , \\ \dot{y} &= x + \mathcal{G}_2(x, y, z; \varepsilon) , \\ \dot{z} &= \lambda z + \mathcal{G}_3(x, y, z; \varepsilon) ,\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

- $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $0 < \|\varepsilon\| \ll 1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_i(x, y, z; 0) \equiv \mathcal{F}_i(x, y, z)$ .
- $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2, \mathcal{G}_3)$  is analytic for both  $(x, y, z)$  and  $\varepsilon$  in a neighborhood of the origin.
- We keep the monodromic nature of the origin:  
 $\mathcal{G}_i(0, 0, 0; \varepsilon) = 0$  and  $D\mathcal{G}(0, 0, 0; \varepsilon) = 0$ .

# Multiple Hopf bifurcation

We study the existence of periodic orbits of (2) bifurcating from  $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$  in a multiple Hopf bifurcation for  $\|\varepsilon\| \ll 1$ .

## Theorem 6

Assume that the origin of (1) is a saddle-focus. Let  $V(x, y, z)$  be a  $C^\infty$  and non-flat at the origin inverse Jacobi multiplier of the unperturbed analytic system (1). Then:

- $V(x, y, z) = z(x^2 + y^2)^n + \dots$  with  $n \geq 2$  fixed.
- The maximum number of limit cycles that can bifurcate from the origin in the perturbed system (2) with  $\|\varepsilon\|$  sufficiently small is  $n - 1$ .

# Sketch of the proof of Theorem 6

- 1 We perform the polar blow-up  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (\theta, r, w)$  defined by  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ ,  $z = rw$  and the new time  $t \mapsto \theta$  bringing system (2) into

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = R(\theta, r, w; \varepsilon), \quad \frac{dw}{d\theta} = \lambda w + W(\theta, r, w; \varepsilon), \quad (3)$$

defined for  $|r|$  sufficiently small on the cylinder  $C = \{(\theta, r, w) \in \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{R}^2\}$  where  $\mathbb{S}^1 = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ .

- 2 We define for system (3):
  - (a) **Poincaré map**: the  $2\pi$ -time flow  $\Pi(r_0, w_0; \varepsilon) = (r(2\pi; r_0, w_0; \varepsilon), w(2\pi; r_0, w_0; \varepsilon))$ .
  - (b) **displacement map**:  $d(r_0, w_0; \varepsilon) = \Pi(r_0, w_0; \varepsilon) - \text{Id}(r_0, w_0) = (d_1(r_0, w_0; \varepsilon), d_2(r_0, w_0; \varepsilon))$ .

# Sketch of the proof of Theorem 6

## PROBLEM:

Look for zeroes of  $d(r_0, w_0; \varepsilon)$  around  $(r_0, \varepsilon) = (0, 0)$  and with  $r_0 > 0$ .

- 3 **Lyapunov-Schmidt reduction to  $d(r_0, w_0; \varepsilon)$** : there exists one unique analytic function  $\bar{w}(r_0, \varepsilon)$  defined near  $(r_0, \varepsilon) = (0, 0)$  such that  $d_2(r_0, \bar{w}(r_0, \varepsilon); \varepsilon) \equiv 0$ .

## REDUCED PROBLEM:

Look for zeroes of the analytic **reduced displacement map**  $\Delta(r_0; \varepsilon) = d_1(r_0, \bar{w}(r_0, \varepsilon); \varepsilon)$  around  $(r_0, \varepsilon) = (0, 0)$  with  $r_0 > 0$ .

## Sketch of the proof of Theorem 6

- 4 Define  $\delta(r_0) = \Delta(r_0; 0)$  with Taylor expansion at  $r_0 = 0$ :  
 $\delta(r_0) = \sum_{i \geq k} c_i r_0^i$  with  $c_k \neq 0$ .  
 $k$  is the order at the origin of  $\delta(r_0)$ .

### STANDARD ARGUMENTS:

- UPPER BOUND OF # ZEROES: From the Weierstrass Preparation Theorem, the number of zeros of  $\Delta(r_0; \varepsilon)$  near  $(r_0, \varepsilon) = (0, 0)$  is **at most  $k$** .
- SYMMETRY: System (3) is invariant under  $(r, \theta, w) \mapsto (-r, \theta + \pi, -w)$ . Hence the zeroes of  $\Delta(r_0; \varepsilon)$  near  $(r_0, \varepsilon) = (0, 0)$  appear in pairs of opposite sign except the trivial one  $r_0 = 0$ . Thus the maximum number of limit cycles (associated with the zeros with  $r_0 > 0$ ) is  **$(k - 1)/2$** .



# Sketch of the proof of Theorem 6

## 5 FINAL STEP: prove that $(k - 1)/2 = n - 1$

An inverse Jacobi multiplier  $\hat{V}(\theta, r, w)$  of system  $(3)_{\varepsilon=0}$  in  $r \neq 0$  is given by

$$\hat{V}(\theta, r, w) = \frac{V(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, rw)}{r^2(1 + \Theta(\theta, r, w; 0))} .$$

### THE FUNDAMENTAL RELATION

Let  $\hat{V}(\theta, r, w)$  be an inverse Jacobi multiplier of system  $(3)_{\varepsilon=0}$  and  $\Pi(r_0, w_0)$  its Poincaré map. Then

$$\hat{V}(2\pi, \Pi(r_0, w_0)) = \hat{V}(0, r_0, w_0) \det(D\Pi(r_0, w_0)) . \quad (4)$$

PART IV:

The 3-dimensional center problem at  
the zero-Hopf singularity

# Families of 3-dimensional analytic zero-Hopf singularities

Take  $\lambda = 0!!!$

We consider an analytic three-dimensional family of system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y + F_1(x, y, z; \mu) \\ \dot{y} &= x + F_2(x, y, z; \mu) \\ \dot{z} &= F_3(x, y, z; \mu),\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

where  $\mu \in \Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  are the parameters of the family and:

- The functions  $F_i : U \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are  $C^w(U)$ ,  $F_i(0, 0, 0; \mu) = 0$  and  $\nabla F_i(0, 0, 0; \mu) = (0, 0, 0)$ ;
- The eigenvalues associated to the singularity of at the origin of (5) are  $\{\pm i, 0\}$ .
- The origin of (5) is called a *zero-Hopf* or a *fold-Hopf* singularity.

# The linear part is completely integrable

- The linearization  $\dot{x} = -y$ ,  $\dot{y} = x$ ,  $\dot{z} = 0$  of (5) has two first integrals  $H_1(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2$  and  $H_2(x, y, z) = z$ .
- The orbits are the intersection of the level sets of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ : cylinders and planes.

## Definition: 3-dimensional center

The origin of the nonlinear system (5) is a *3-dimensional center* if there is a neighborhood of it completely foliated by periodic orbits of (5), including continua of equilibria as trivial periodic orbits.

# The analytic Poincaré return map

## The polar-directional blow-up

Doing first the rescaling  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (x/\varepsilon, y/\varepsilon, z/\varepsilon)$  and later the polar blow-up  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (\theta, r, w)$  defined by

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad z = rw, \quad (6)$$

system (5) can be written for  $|\varepsilon|$  sufficiently small into the analytic system

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = \varepsilon R(\theta, r, w; \mu, \varepsilon), \quad \frac{dw}{d\theta} = \varepsilon W(\theta, r, w; \mu, \varepsilon), \quad (7)$$

around its invariant set  $\{r = 0\}$  and defined on the cylinder  $\{(\theta, r, w) \in \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathcal{K}\}$  where  $\mathbb{S}^1 = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is an arbitrary compact set.

# The analytic Poincaré return map

## Remark

Any  $2\pi$ -periodic solution of (7) corresponds to a periodic orbit of (5) near  $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ .

## 3-dimensional centers and displacement map

The origin is a 3-dimensional center of (5) with  $\mu = \mu^* \in \mathbb{R}^p$  if and only if  $d(r_0, w_0; \mu^*, \varepsilon) \equiv 0$ .

# Characterizing 3-dimensional centers via normal form

It is immediate to check that:

complete analytical integrability  $\Rightarrow$  3-dimensional center.

**What about the converse?**

**Theorem (3-dimensional centers and complete integrability)**

*The origin of system (5) for  $\mu = \mu^*$  is a 3-dimensional center if and only if one of the following statements hold:*

- 1. System (5) is completely analytically integrable.*
- 2. System (5) is analytically orbitally linearizable.*

# A 9-parameter family of quadratic vector fields

Let us consider the 9-parameter family of quadratic vector fields in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y + x(a_1x + a_2y + a_3z), \\ \dot{y} &= x + y(b_1x + b_2y + b_3z), \\ \dot{z} &= z(c_1x + c_2y + c_3z),\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

where the parameters of the family are

$$\mu = (a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3, c_1, c_2, c_3) \in \mathbb{R}^9.$$



# The irreducible components of the center variety

## Theorem (García-Valls)

*The origin of (8) is a 3-dimensional center if and only if:*

- (i)  $a_3 = b_3 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = \pm b_1$ ,  $b_2 = \pm a_1$  and  $c_2 = \pm c_1$ ;
- (ii)  $a_2 = a_3 = b_2 = b_3 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $a_3 = b_3 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = b_2$ ,  $b_1 = a_1$ ,  $c_2 = c_1 b_2 / a_1$  with  $a_1 \neq 0$ ;
- (iv)  $a_3 = b_3 = c_3 = c_1 = c_2 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = -2b_2$ ,  $b_1 = -2a_1$ ;
- (v)  $c_3 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = \pm b_1$ ,  $b_2 = \pm a_1$ ,  $c_2 = \pm c_1$ ;
- (vi)  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = \mp 2a_1$ ,  $a_3 = -b_3$ ,  $b_1 = -2a_1$ ,  $b_2 = \pm a_1$ ;
- (vii)  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = b_2$ ,  $a_3 = -b_3$ ,  $b_1 = a_1$ ;
- (viii)  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = c_3 = 0$ ;
- (ix)  $a_1 = a_3 = b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = c_1 = c_3 = 0$ ;
- (x)  $a_1 = a_3 = b_2 = b_3 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $b_1 = -a_2$ ,  $c_1 = -c_2$ ;
- (xi)  $a_1 = a_3 = b_1 = b_3 = c_1 = c_3 = 0$ .

PART V:

# Future work and open problems

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- 1 The cyclicity problem for a center on  $W^c$  in some POLYNOMIAL family  $\mathcal{X}_\lambda$  with  $\lambda \neq 0$ . We need to control the displacement map and the Bautin ideal!!
- 2 The nilpotent center on a center manifold: We can lose analyticity of  $W^c$  even in the center case!!

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y + F_1(x, y, z; \lambda) \\ \dot{y} &= F_2(x, y, z; \lambda) \\ \dot{z} &= \lambda z + F_3(x, y, z; \lambda),\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

with  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

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