

Direct and inverse bifurcation problems for semilinear equations

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- 1 Direct and Inverse Problems for ODE

Introduction

We consider the following nonlinear eigenvalue problems

$$-u''(t) = \lambda(u(t) + g(u(t))), \quad t \in I =: (-1, 1), \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(t) > 0, \quad t \in I, \quad (1.2)$$

$$u(-1) = u(1) = 0, \quad (1.3)$$

where $g(u) \in C(\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ and $\lambda > 0$ is a parameter.

It is well known (cf. [T. Laetsch, 1970]) that if

$$u + g(u) > 0 \quad \text{for } u > 0,$$

then by **time-map method**, we find that λ is parameterized by using $\alpha = \|u\|_\infty$, such as $\lambda = \lambda(\alpha)$ and is a continuous function of $\alpha > 0$. Since λ depends on g , we write

$$\lambda = \lambda(g, \alpha).$$

oscillating bifurcation curve

One of the nonlinear terms $g(u)$ we are interested in is

$$g_1(u) = \sin \sqrt{u}.$$

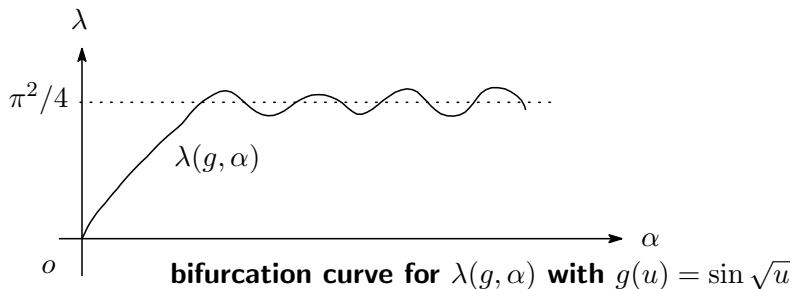
In this case, the equation (1.1)–(1.3) has been proposed in Cheng (2002) as a model problem which has arbitrary many solutions near $\lambda = \pi^2/4$.

Theorem 1.0. ([Cheng, 2002]) *Let $g(u) = \sin \sqrt{u}$ ($u \geq 0$). Then for any integer $r \geq 1$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that if $\lambda \in (\lambda_1 - \delta, \lambda_1 + \delta)$, then (1.1)–(1.3) has at least r distinct solutions.*

- Certainly, Theorem 1.0 gives us the information about the solution set of (1.1)–(1.3), and we expect that $\lambda(\alpha)$ oscillates and intersects the line $\lambda = \pi^2/4$ infinitely many times as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$.

- So we expect that the bifurcation curve for g_1 is as follows.

Structure of the bifurcation curve for $g(u) = \sin \sqrt{u}$



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- The first purpose here is to prove the expectation above is valid.
- Precisely, we establish the asymptotic formula for $\lambda(g, \alpha)$ as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$, which gives us the well understanding why $\lambda(g, \alpha)$ intersect the line $\lambda = \pi^2/4$ infinitely many times.
- We also obtain the asymptotic formula for $\lambda(g, \alpha)$ as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$. These two formulas clarify the total structure of $\lambda(g, \alpha)$.

Asymptotic length of bifurcation curve

We also consider the **asymptotic length** of $\lambda(g, \alpha)$ ($\alpha \gg 1$) defined by

$$L(g, \alpha) := \int_{\alpha}^{2\alpha} \sqrt{1 + (\lambda'(g, s))^2} ds. \quad (1.4)$$

In particular, we are interested in $g(u)$, which satisfies

$$L(g, \alpha) = \alpha + o(\alpha), \quad (\alpha \rightarrow \infty). \quad (1.5)$$

This notion will be used to **propose a new concept** of inverse bifurcation problem.

Theorem 1.1 ([17]). *Let $g(u) = g_1(u) = \sin \sqrt{u}$. Then as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$\lambda(g_1, \alpha) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \pi^{3/2} \alpha^{-5/4} \cos \left(\sqrt{\alpha} - \frac{3}{4} \pi \right) + o(\alpha^{-5/4}), \quad (1.6)$$

$$\lambda'(g_1, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \pi^{3/2} \alpha^{-7/4} \sin \left(\sqrt{\alpha} - \frac{3}{4} \pi \right) + o(\alpha^{-7/4}), \quad (1.7)$$

$$L(g_1, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{1}{40} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \right) \alpha^{-5/2} + o(\alpha^{-5/2}). \quad (1.8)$$

Theorem 1.2 ([17]). Let $g(u) = g_1(u) = \sin \sqrt{u}$.

(i) As $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, the following asymptotic formula for $\lambda(g_1, \alpha)$ holds:

$$\lambda(g_1, \alpha) = \frac{3}{4}C_1^2\sqrt{\alpha} + \frac{3}{2}C_1C_2\alpha + O(\alpha^{3/2}), \quad (1.9)$$

where

$$C_1 := \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-s^{3/2}}} ds, \quad C_2 := -\frac{3}{8} \int_0^1 \frac{1-s^2}{\sqrt{1-s^{3/2}}} ds. \quad (1.10)$$

(ii) Let v_0 be a unique classical solution of the following equation

$$-v_0''(t) = \frac{3}{4}C_1^2 \sqrt{v_0(t)}, \quad t \in I, \quad (1.11)$$

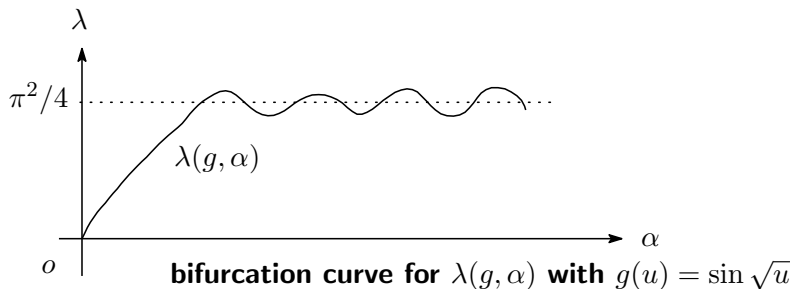
$$v_0(t) > 0, \quad t \in I, \quad (1.12)$$

$$v_0(-1) = v_0(1) = 0. \quad (1.13)$$

Furthermore, let $v_\alpha(t) := u_\alpha(t)/\alpha$. Then $v_\alpha \rightarrow v_0$ in $C^2(I)$ as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$.

- For the uniqueness of the positive solution of (1.12)–(1.14), we refer to A. Ambrosetti, H. Brezis, G. Cerami (1994).

Structure of the bifurcation curve for $g(u) = \sin \sqrt{u}$



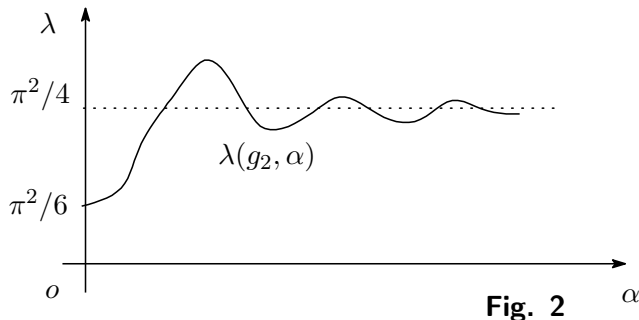
Oscillating bifurcation curve

The other nonlinear terms we treat in this talk are

$$g_2(u) = \frac{1}{2} \sin u, \quad (1.14)$$

$$g_3(u) = \sin u^2. \quad (1.15)$$

We know that the shape of $\lambda(g_2, \alpha)$ is something like Fig.2 below.



Structure of the bifurcation curve for $g(u) = \frac{1}{2} \sin u$

Theorem 1.3 ([15]). *Let $g(u) = g_2(u) = (1/2) \sin u$. Then as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$*

$$\lambda(g_2, \alpha) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{\pi}{2\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}} \sin\left(\alpha - \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) + O(\alpha^{-2}), \quad (1.16)$$

$$\lambda'(g_2, \alpha) = -\frac{\pi}{2\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}} \cos\left(\alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + o(\alpha^{-3/2}), \quad (1.17)$$

$$L(g_2, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{3\pi^3}{256} \alpha^{-2} + o(\alpha^{-2}). \quad (1.18)$$

Theorem 1.4 ([17]). *Let $g(u) = g_3(u) = \sin u^2$. Then as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$\lambda(g_3, \alpha) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{\pi^{3/2}}{2} \alpha^{-2} \cos\left(\alpha^2 - \frac{3}{4}\pi\right) + o(\alpha^{-2}), \quad (1.19)$$

$$\lambda'(g_3, \alpha) = \frac{\pi^{3/2}}{\alpha} \sin\left(\alpha^2 - \frac{3}{4}\pi\right) + o(\alpha^{-1}). \quad (1.20)$$

$$L(g_3, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{\pi^3}{8\alpha} + o(\alpha^{-1}). \quad (1.21)$$

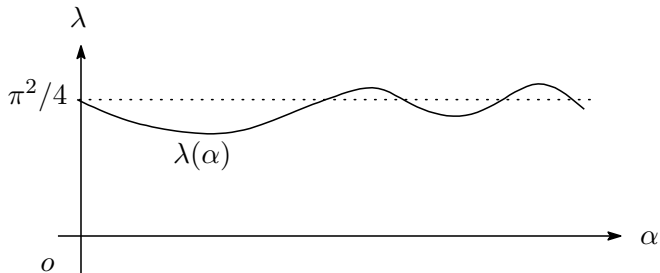
Theorem 1.5 ([17]). *Let $g(u) = g_3(u) = \sin u^2$. Then as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$,*

$$\lambda(g_3, \alpha) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{1}{3}\pi A_1 \alpha + \left(\frac{1}{9}A_1^2 + \frac{1}{6}\pi A_2 \right) \alpha^2 + o(\alpha^2), \quad (1.22)$$

where

$$A_1 = \int_0^1 \frac{1-s^3}{(1-s^2)^{3/2}} ds, \quad A_2 = \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s^3)^2}{(1-s^2)^{5/2}} ds. \quad (1.23)$$

Structure of the bifurcation curve for $g(u) = \sin u^2$



bifurcation curve for $\lambda(\alpha)$ with $g(u) = \sin u^2$

Inverse problem A

Assume that

$$g \in \Lambda := \{g \in C(\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+) : \lambda(g, \alpha) \rightarrow \pi^2/4 \text{ as } \alpha \rightarrow \infty\}$$

satisfies

$$L(g, \alpha) = \alpha + o(\alpha), \quad (\alpha \rightarrow \infty). \quad (1.24)$$

Then is it possible to distinguish g from g_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) by the second term of $L(g, \alpha)$?

Inverse Problem A (Weak Version)

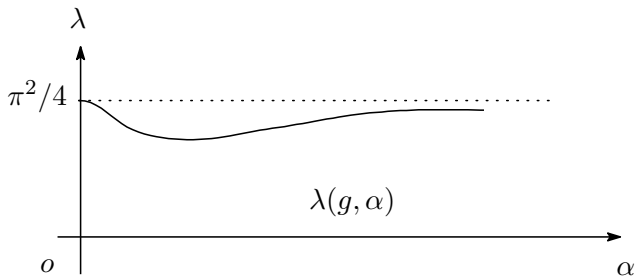
- This approach for inverse bifurcation problem seems to be **a new attempt**, and it is significant to consider whether this framework is suitable or not, since a few attempts have so far been made.
- We restrict our attention to the **'monotone' nonlinear terms** and make the simple approach to Inverse problem A.

Inverse Problem A (Weak Version)

Assume that $g(u) \in C^1(\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+)$ satisfies the following assumption (C.1).

(C.1) $g(0) = g'(0) = 0$, $g'(u) \geq 0$ for $u > 0$ and $g(u) = Cu^m$ for $u \geq 1$, where $C > 0$ and $0 < m < 1$ are constants.

Graph of $\lambda(g, \alpha)$ ($g(u)$ is "monotome" type)



bifurcation curve for $g(u) \sim Cu^m$

Theorem 1.6 ([17]). *Let $g(u)$ satisfy (C.1). Then as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$L(g, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{2^{2m-3} - 1}{2(2m-3)} A(m)^2 \alpha^{2m-3} + o(\alpha^{2m-3}), \quad (1.25)$$

$$\lambda(g, \alpha) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{\pi}{m+1} CC(m) \alpha^{m-1} + o(\alpha^{m-1}), \quad (1.26)$$

$$\lambda'(g, \alpha) = -\frac{m-1}{m+1} \pi CC(m) \alpha^{m-2} + o(\alpha^{m-2}), \quad (1.27)$$

where

$$A(m) := \frac{(1-m)\pi CC(m)}{1+m}, \quad C(m) = \int_0^1 \frac{1-s^{m+1}}{(1-s^2)^{3/2}} ds. \quad (1.28)$$

Answer to Inverse Problem A (Weak Version)

$$g_1(u) = \sin \sqrt{u}, \quad g_2(u) = \frac{1}{2} \sin u, \quad g_3(u) = \sin u^2,$$

and $g(u)$ is a "monotone type" ($0 < m < 1$). Then by [15] and [17],

$$L(g_1, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{1}{40} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \right) \alpha^{-5/2} + o(\alpha^{-5/2}),$$

$$L(g_2, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{3\pi^3}{256} \alpha^{-2} + o(\alpha^{-2}),$$

$$L(g_3, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{\pi^3}{8} \alpha^{-1} + o(\alpha^{-1}),$$

$$L(g, \alpha) = \alpha + \frac{2^{2m-3} - 1}{2(2m-3)} A(m)^2 \alpha^{2m-3} + o(\alpha^{2m-3}).$$

- We can distinguish g and g_3 by the second term of $L(g, \alpha)$.

- If we put $m = 1/4$ and $m = 1/2$ choose a parameter C

appropriately, we can not distinguish g and g_1, g_2 by the second term

Proof of Theorems

= **time-map**

+ **Asymptotic formulas for some special functions.**

- The proofs of the Theorems in this section basically depend on the time-map argument. In particular, the key tool of the proof of Theorem 1.1 is the asymptotic formula for the Bessel functions obtained by Krasikov (2016).

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