



DUAL PARAMETRIZATION OF THE BIFURCATION SET OF A MECHANICAL SYSTEM WITH QUADRATIC INTEGRALS†

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A well-known scheme of topological analysis [1] is extended to the case of three or more integrals which are quadratic functions of the velocity. The bifurcation set is parametrized by Lagrange multipliers, which corresponds to a transition to the dual surface. As an example, the motion of a rigid body in a field with quadratic potential is considered. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Let us assume that a dynamical system on the tangent bundle TM of an n -dimensional manifold M with Riemannian metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ has m integrals

$$F_i(\mathbf{v}) \doteq \langle \mathbf{v}, \Gamma_i \mathbf{v} \rangle + W_i(x); \quad \mathbf{v} \in T_x M \quad (1.1)$$

where \mathbf{v} is the velocity, $T_x M$ is the tangent fibre at $x \in M$, Γ_i are the self-adjoint linear fibre operators, and Γ_1 is the identity operator. Consider the integral map $F: TM \rightarrow R^m$, $F(\mathbf{v}) = f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$, $f_i = F_i(\mathbf{v})$, whose range we denote by Ω , and the map $W: M \rightarrow R^m$ defined similarly by the functions $W_i(x)$ and giving the values of F at zero velocity, the set of which we denote by Ω_0 .

We adopt the notation λf for the convolution of the vector f with the covector $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$, and the notation λF , $\lambda \Gamma$, λW for the sheaves F_i , Γ_i , W_i with coefficients λ_i .

The object of topological analysis [1] is to describe the integral surfaces $I_f = F^{-1}(f) \subset TM$ and bifurcation set $\Sigma \subset R^m$, which consists of points f corresponding to modifications (surgeries) I_f , i.e. it includes the critical values of the integral map. The critical points of the latter are determined by the dependency condition of the differentials dF_i , which may be represented as $d\lambda F = 0$, where λ_i are the Lagrange multipliers. This condition is invariant [2], that is, the critical points of the sheaf λF form complete motions, which we call steady motions. We will use the quantities λ to parametrize the families of steady motions and the bifurcation surface.

As the partial gradient of the function λF along the fibre $T_x M$ equals $2\lambda \Gamma \mathbf{v}$, the critical points \mathbf{v} of the map F corresponding to a specific λ lie in the kernel of the operator $\lambda \Gamma$. Let $P(\lambda, x) = \det \lambda \Gamma$, $P'(\lambda, x) = \partial P / \partial \lambda_1$, $D(\gamma, \lambda, x) = \det(\lambda \Gamma - \gamma E)$, where $\gamma_i(\lambda, x)$ are the roots of the equation $D = 0$. Since $\lambda \Gamma - \gamma E = (\lambda_1 - \gamma)E + \dots + \lambda_m \Gamma_m$, it follows that $\partial D / \partial \gamma|_{\gamma=0} = -P'(\lambda, x)$. If $P = 0$, one of the roots, say γ_1 , must vanish, the kernel of $\lambda \Gamma$ is not zero, and by Viète's theorem $P' = \gamma_2 \gamma_3 \dots \gamma_n$. If $P = 0$ and $P' \neq 0$, the multiplicity of the zero root and the dimensions of the kernel of $\lambda \Gamma$ are greater than one. Then the rank of the matrix $\lambda \Gamma$ is less than $n - 1$, that is, all the cofactors P_{ij} of its elements γ_{ij} vanish, so that $dP = \sum P_{ij} d\gamma_{ij} = 0$. Thus, when $P' = P = 0$, the differential dP vanishes, and so does the partial differential $d_x P$.

The functions P and P' define parametrizations by λ of families of functions $P_\lambda(x)$ and $P'_\lambda(x)$ on M . It follows from the foregoing that, given λ , the points x over which the kernel of $\lambda \Gamma$ does not vanish form a surface $Z_\lambda = \{x: P_\lambda(x) = 0\}$, at whose regular points (we shall assume that these are points of general position on Z_λ) $P'_\lambda(x) \neq 0$, so that the kernel of $\lambda \Gamma$ over them is one-dimensional. It can be shown that the surface Z_λ and function λW are invariant with respect to the vectors of the kernel λF . (For natural systems this follows from the equations considered in [3].)

Proposition 1. The vectors $\mathbf{v} \in \ker \lambda \Gamma$ over regular points of the surface Z_λ are critical points of the integral map provided that

$$d\lambda W + \vartheta dP_\lambda = 0; \quad |\mathbf{v}|^2 = \vartheta P'_\lambda \quad (1.2)$$

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Proof. Suppose that λ is fixed, $P_\lambda = 0$ and $dP_\lambda \neq 0$ at the point x_* and the vector v_* lies in the kernel of $\lambda\Gamma$ over x_* . Then $D = 0$ and $\partial D/\partial\gamma = -P'_\lambda \neq 0$ for $\gamma = 0, x = x_*$. Applying the implicit-function theorem in the neighbourhood of x_* , we obtain a smooth function $\gamma_1(x)$ —a simple eigenvalue of the operator $\lambda\Gamma$, $\gamma_1(x_*) = 0$. In that case, in the same neighbourhood a smooth field $v^*(x)$ of eigenvectors belonging to γ_1 , $v(x_*) = v_*$, exists. Consider the functions $g(x) = \lambda F(v(x)) = \gamma_1(x)|v(x)|^2 + \lambda W(x)$ and $G(v) = \lambda F(v + v(x))$, $v \in TM$. We have $d\lambda F|_{v=v(x)} = dG|_{v=0}$. The partial differentials along T_xM appearing as summands on both sides of this equality vanish at $x = x_*$, since $\lambda\Gamma v_* = 0$. The remaining term on the right-hand side is the differential of the function $g(x) = G|_{v=0}$. Therefore, v_* is a critical vector provided that $dg = 0$ at x_* , which, since $\gamma_1(x_*) = 0$, is equivalent to $|v\gamma_1(x_*)|^2 d\gamma_1 + d\lambda W = 0$. On the other hand, $P_\lambda = \gamma_1(x)p(x)$, where $p = \gamma_2\gamma_3 \dots \gamma_n$, and therefore, if $\gamma_1 = 0$, we have $dP_\gamma = pd\gamma_1$ and $P'_\lambda = p$, which implies (1.2) for $-\partial = p^{-1}(x_*)|v_*|^2$.

The first condition of (1.2) defines the critical points of the restriction $\lambda W|_{Z_\lambda}$ and the values of ∂ at those points. Denote the set of such points at which $\partial P'_\lambda \geq 0$ by X_λ . If X_λ is connected, then λW takes a constant value on it, which we denote by $\Psi(\lambda)$

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \lambda W(x), \quad x \in X_\lambda \tag{1.3}$$

If X_λ is not connected, Ψ may have a different value on each component.

By Proposition 1, the set X_λ is filled by the trajectories of steady motions at a velocity $\pm v_\lambda$: $v_\lambda \in \ker \lambda\Gamma$, $|v_\lambda| = \sqrt{\partial P'_\lambda}$. By (1.3), the value of the integral λF on these motions is $\Psi(\lambda)$.

The critical points of the map W are defined by the condition $d\lambda W = 0$. By analogy with Proposition 1, the zero vectors over these points are critical points of the map F . Thus, every critical point of the function λW (other than equilibrium points) is the initial point of a steady motion over Z_λ with zero initial velocity; by continuity, this point must lie on Z_λ and the value of λW there equals $\Psi(\lambda)$. The critical values of W form a subset of the critical values of F , and this subset contains $\partial\Omega_0$.

2. Let us assume that the set X_λ , together with the function ∂ are smoothly deformed as λ varies in some domain Λ . Then $\Psi(\lambda)$ is a smooth function in Λ and the vectors $\pm v_\lambda$ also vary smoothly, running through a subset of critical points of the integral map; denote this subset by S .

Proposition 2. The values $f = F(v_\lambda)$ of the integral map on S are described by the equation

$$f = \partial\Psi/\partial\lambda \tag{2.1}$$

Proof. By assumption, any vector in S may be embedded in a smooth field $v(\lambda) = v_\lambda(x(\lambda))$, $x(\lambda) \in X_\lambda$, $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Let $f = F(v(\lambda))$, then $\lambda df = d\lambda F = 0$, and, since $\lambda F(v(\lambda)) = \lambda W(x(\lambda))$, it follows from (1.3) that $\lambda f = \Psi$, whence, after differentiation, since $\lambda df = 0$, we obtain (2.1).

Since $\Psi(\lambda)$ is a homogeneous function, it follows from (2.1) that $\lambda f = \Psi$ and $\lambda df = 0$, that is, λ is the normal and $\Pi_\lambda = \{f: \lambda f = \Psi\}$ is the tangent plane to $F(S)$ at the point (2.1). The tangent set $\{\Pi_\lambda, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ is identified with the surface $\{\lambda_1: \dots: \lambda_m: -\Psi(\lambda)\}$ in the adjoint projective space, which is called the space dual to $F(S)$ [4]; accordingly, the parametrization of the section $F(S) \subset \Sigma$ by formula (2.1) is called a dual parametrization and the domain Λ is called a dual bifurcation domain (DBD).

For all λ in a given DBD, the signature of the matrix $\lambda\Gamma$ over the regular points of the connected part of X_λ is the same, since $\gamma_2 \dots \gamma_n = P' \neq 0$. Those DBDs for which $\lambda\Gamma$ is positive-semidefinite or negative-semidefinite over $x \in X_\lambda$ will be called domains of definiteness and denoted by Λ^+ or Λ^- , respectively.

We will limit ourselves to the case in which Σ is exhausted by the critical values of the integrals (for example, if M is a compact set) and all its smooth parts have the form $F(S)$ for sets S as described above. Then the map (2.1), denoted henceforth by $f(\lambda)$, defines a dual parametrization of the bifurcation surface.

Remark. For every point f , the normals to the planes Π_λ containing it form a surface $\Theta_f = \{\lambda: \lambda f = \Psi(\lambda)\}$ in certain DBDs. The envelope K_f of these planes is a cone with apex f and generators parallel to $\text{grad}(\lambda f - \Psi(\lambda)) = f - f(\lambda)$, $\lambda \in \Theta_f$, that is, normal to Θ_f , so that K_f and Θ_f are mutually dual cones. Expressing (2.1) as $\text{grad}(\lambda f - \Psi(\lambda)) = 0$, we observe that the modifications Θ_f occur at $f \in \Sigma$, that is, in the cases considered here they correspond to bifurcations I_f .

3. Let us consider the map $\rho: I_f \rightarrow M$ defined as the composition of the embedding $I_f \rightarrow TM$ and the bundle projection $TM \rightarrow M$. The image $\rho(I_f) = M_f$ is the domain of possible motion (DPM) for the

given values of the integrals. The set of critical values of ρ is known as the generalized boundary of the DPM [5]; it includes the boundary ∂M_f of the DPM and is denoted by δM_f . Over points $x \in \delta M_f$ one has modifications of the section $\rho^{-1}(x) = I_f \cap T_x M$ —sets of possible velocities.

Let Ω_x and $\delta\Omega_x$ be the image of a set of critical values of the restriction $F|T_x M$. If \mathbf{v} is a critical point of the map ρ , then necessarily $\lambda\Gamma\mathbf{v} = 0$, i.e. it is also critical for $F|T_x M$. Thus, the conditions $x \in M_f$ and $x \in \delta M_f$ are equivalent to the conditions $f \in \Omega_x$ and $f \in \delta\Omega_x$. The map $F|T_x M$ is homogeneous up to the term $W(x)$, and therefore the sets Ω_x and $\delta\Omega_x$ are conical with apex $f = W(x)$.

The cone $\delta\Omega_x$, which contains the boundary $\partial\Omega_x$, is described by a dual parametrization with correction for homogeneity. The values of λ form a cone $X_x = \{\lambda : P(\lambda, x) = 0\}$, the role of Λ is played by its regular domains, defined by the condition $P(\lambda, x) \neq 0$.

Proposition 3. The values of $f \in \delta\Omega_x$ corresponding to regular points $\lambda \in X_x$ are described by the conditions

$$f - W(x) = \mu \partial P / \partial \lambda, \quad \mu \partial P / \partial \lambda_1 \geq 0, \quad P = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

with an undetermined factor μ .

The proof is analogous to that of Proposition 2, allowing for the fact that the function $\Psi(\lambda) = \lambda W(x)$ is linear and the differential $d\lambda$ must satisfy the condition $dP = 0$. The inequality follows from the fact that Γ_1 is positive.

Let Λ_x^+ and Λ_x^- be the closures of the domains of λ values for which the operator $\lambda\Gamma$ is positive-definite and negative-definite, respectively, over x . Denote their boundaries, which are contained in X_x , by X_x^+ and X_x^- , respectively; in both of them, $\lambda\Gamma$ is semidefinite. Clearly, the pairs Λ_x^\pm and X_x^\pm are symmetrical about zero.

Proceeding as at the end of Section 2, we conclude that the planes $\Pi_{\lambda x} = \{f : \lambda f = \lambda W(x)\}$ for $\lambda \in X_x$ are tangent to $\delta\Omega_x$. If $\lambda \in \Lambda_x^+$, they are support planes for Ω_x , and if $\lambda \in X_x^\pm$, they are tangent to $\partial\Omega_x$. Indeed, since $\lambda F(\mathbf{v}) - \lambda W(x) = \langle \mathbf{v}, \lambda\Gamma\mathbf{v} \rangle$, it follows that $\pm\lambda\Gamma \geq 0$ if and only if $\pm(\lambda f - \lambda W(x)) \geq 0$ for all $f = F(\mathbf{v})$, $\mathbf{v} \in T_x M$, with equality for $f \in \partial\Omega_x$, $\lambda \in X_x^\pm$, $\lambda\Gamma\mathbf{v} = 0$. Thus, the cone Λ_x^\pm is dual to Ω_x [6], and hence Λ_x^\pm is convex.

In what follows we will consider the case in which all the sets Ω_x are convex. This is the case, for example, when $m = 3$.

To prove this, one shows that the section of Ω_x by a plane $\{f_1 = \text{const}\}$ is convex. Any straight line in the section may be reduced, by a linear substitution of f_2 and f_3 , to the form $\{f_1 = \text{const}, f_2 = \text{const}\}$. Its pre-image in $T_x M$ —the intersection of two quadratic surfaces—is the union of a pair of connected components symmetrical about zero. Hence the set of values $f_3 = F_3(\pm\mathbf{v})$ on the pre-image is a single interval, as required.

Proposition 4. The domains of possible motion have the form

$$M_f = \{x : \forall \lambda \in X_x^\pm, \pm(\lambda f - \lambda W(x)) \geq 0\} \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. By convexity, Ω_x is dual to Λ_x^+ [6], and therefore the condition that $\lambda \in X_x^\pm = \partial\Lambda_x^\pm$ should imply $\pm(\lambda f - \lambda W(x)) \geq 0$ is necessary and sufficient for $f \in \Omega_x$, that is, for $x \in M_f$.

The boundary of Ω is obviously a subset of Σ .

Proposition 5. The smooth parts of $\partial\Omega$ are the images of the domains of definiteness under a dual parametrization, in such a way that the normals λ in Λ^+ are inward and those in Λ^- outward with respect to Ω .

Proof. Let $f(\lambda) \in \partial\Omega$. Since $\Omega = \cup\Omega_x$, it follows that $\partial\Omega$ is tangent to $\partial\Omega_x$ at the point $f(\lambda)$ for some $x \in X_\lambda$. Then λ is normal to $\partial\Omega_x$, and the tangent plane $\Pi_{\lambda x}$ is a support plane by convexity; hence $\lambda \in X_x^\pm$ and so $\lambda \in \Lambda^\pm$. It follows from (2.1) and (1.3) that $\lambda f(\lambda) = \lambda W(x)$, and therefore, if $f = f(\lambda) + df$, then $\lambda df = \lambda f - \lambda W(x)$, and if $\pm\lambda df > 0$, the point f lies on the same side of $\Pi_{\lambda x}$ as Ω_x , that is, the normal $\pm\lambda$ is inward for Ω_x and Ω .

4. Let us consider the motion of a rigid body with a fixed point in a field with a quadratic potential [7]. Let $Q = (\alpha_{ij})$ be the matrix of the transformation from principal axes of inertia to principal axes of potential, and let $I = \text{diag}(I_i)$ and $A = \text{diag}(a_i)$ be the principal matrices of inertia and potential. Assume that $I_1 > I_2 > I_3$, $a_1 > a_2 > a_3 > 0$. Let $J_i = I_{i+1}I_{i-1}$, $b_i = a_{i+1}a_{i-1}$, $i(\text{mod}3)$. Define matrices

$U = (u_{ij}) = QAQ^{-1}, J = \text{diag}(J_i), B = \text{diag}(b_i), V = (v_{ij}) = QBQ^{-1}$. Three integrals—linear combinations of those described in [7]—have the form (1.1), where $\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\omega}$ is the angular velocity, the metric is defined by the inertia tensor, and the matrices of operators in its principal axes and the functions $W_i(Q)$ are as follows:

$$\Gamma_2 = I, \quad \Gamma_3 = UI; \quad W_1 = \text{tr}UI, \quad W_2 = -\text{tr}UJ, \quad W_3 = \text{tr}VJ$$

Let us number the permutations σ of the numbers 1, 2, 3 as follows: σ_0 is the ideal permutation, $\sigma_1 = (123)$ is a cyclic permutation, $\sigma_2 = \sigma_1^{-1}$, $\sigma_{3,4,5}$ are transpositions, and $(ij) = \sigma_{i+j}$. Define vectors in the space R^3 by $c_{ij} = (1, I_i, I_j, a_j), i, j = 1, 2, 3$ and points $c_k, k = 0, \dots, 5$ by

$$c_k = \sum_{i=1}^3 (I_i a_{\sigma(i)}, -J_i a_{\sigma(i)}, J_i b_{\sigma(i)}), \quad \sigma = \sigma_k$$

As local coordinates of a point Q we take the values $w_i = W_i(Q)$. Let $w = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$. Then $\{w\} = \Omega_0$ and

$$P(\lambda, w) = \lambda_1 \lambda_3 (\lambda w - L(\lambda)), \quad L = \lambda c_k - (\lambda_1 \lambda_3)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda c_{i\sigma(i)}$$

for any $\sigma = \sigma_k (k = 0, \dots, 5)$. Since Z_λ is a level surface $L(\lambda)$ of the function λW , it follows by (1.3) that $\Psi(\lambda) = L(\lambda)$.

We carry over the notation Θ_f or to the projective curve of third order $\{\lambda: \lambda f = L(\lambda)\}$.

Then X_w coincides with Θ_f when $f = w$. The set of points f such that the curve Θ_f has a singularity is defined by the property that the discriminant of the curve vanishes, that is, the set is an algebraic surface of order 12 [8], which we denote by Δ . The set Σ lies on Δ (see the remark at the end of Section 2).

To describe Z_λ we will find the critical points of the sheaves λW . Omitting the calculations, we present the results for the case $a^{-1} < r < a, a = (a_1 - a_2):(a_2 - a_3), r = (J_2 - J_1):(J_3 - J_2)$. It is sufficient to take the values of λ in the plane $\{\lambda_3 = 1\}$, which is shown in Fig. 1 divided into domains by the straight lines $l_{ij} = \{\lambda: \lambda c_{ij} = 0\}$. The points of intersection of the straight lines $l_{i\sigma(i)}$ for $\sigma = \sigma_k$ are indicated by the digits $k = 0, \dots, 5$. For λ in the domains $\Lambda_{0^\pm}, \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3$, 16 critical points of λW exist, defined by the equations

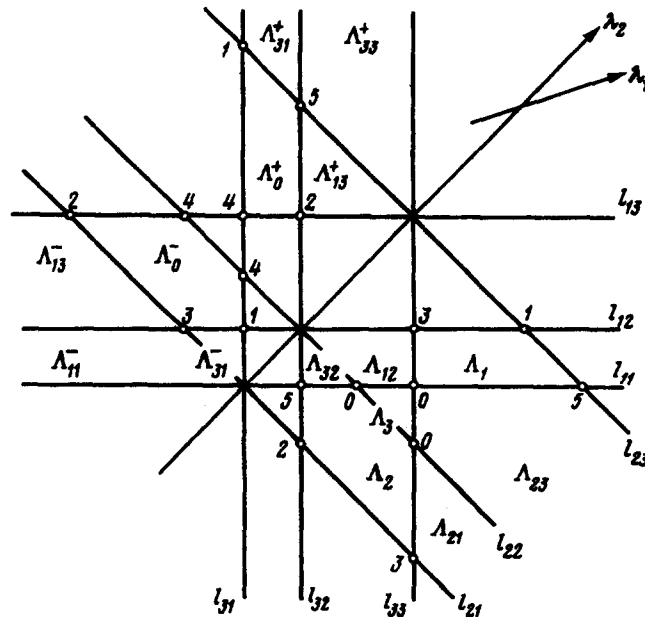


Fig. 1.

$$\alpha_{ij}^2(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda c_{i(j+1)} \lambda c_{i(j-1)} \lambda c_{(i+1)j} \lambda c_{(i-1)j}}{(I_i - I_{i+1})(I_i - I_{i-1})(a_j - a_{j+1})(a_j - a_{j-1})(\lambda_1 \lambda_3)^2}$$

$i, j \pmod 3$, and differing in the signs of α_{ij} , we give them a common notation Q_λ . The other critical points for $\lambda \in I_{ij}$ fill out curves $C_{ij} = \{Q : \alpha_{ij} = \pm 1\}$. Among them are 24 equilibrium points, where $\alpha_{i\sigma(i)} = \pm 1, w = c_k$ for $\sigma = \sigma_k, dW_i = 0$ ($i = 1, 2, 3; k = 0, \dots, 5$).

The form of Z_λ will be deduced from the modifications of the level sets λW as the level values pass through the critical values [9]. Since the first condition (1.2) is identically valid for $\vartheta = (\lambda_1 \lambda_3)^{-1}$, the set X_λ is the part of Z_λ on which $\text{sign } P'_\lambda = -\text{sign } \lambda_1 \lambda_3$. On Z_λ the sign of $P'_\lambda = \gamma_2 \gamma_3$ (for $\gamma_1 = 0$) is found from the signature of $\lambda \Gamma$ in the domains separated by Z_λ . We deduce that for λ in the unlabelled domains in Fig. 1 either Z_λ or X_λ is empty. For $\lambda \in \Lambda_0^\pm, \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2$, the set X_λ is formed by four of the eight components of Z_λ which are diffeomorphic to spheres punctured at four points and glued to Q_λ at the punctures. For the other labelled domains, the sets X_λ are identical with Z_λ , are diffeomorphic to a pair of tori and, as λ passes through I_{ij} , are modified according to C_{ij} . Thus, the labelled domains in Fig. 1 are DBDs; the meaning of the superscript plus or minus was indicated previously. The pieces of the boundary Λ^\dots are denoted by $\partial_{ij}\Lambda^\dots = I_{ij} \cap \partial\Lambda^\dots$.

The coordinates ω_i of the velocity of a steady motion along X_λ satisfy the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 : \omega_2 : \omega_3 &= u_1^{-1} : u_2^{-1} : u_3^{-1} \\ u_i &= (\lambda_1 + I_i \lambda_2) u_{jk} - I_i \lambda_3 u_{jk}, \quad i \neq j \neq k \neq i \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

(In the equation $\lambda \Gamma \omega = 0$, multiply the i th row by $u_{jk}, i \neq j \neq k \neq i$, single out the term $\text{diag}(u_i)$ in the new matrix and note that $u_i \omega_i$ does not depend on i .) The three u_i s vanish simultaneously only at points Q_λ where $\omega = 0$, or when $\lambda \in I_{ij}$ on the curves C_{ij} along which the steady motions occur with arbitrary initial ω_j and with $\omega_i = 0$ ($j \neq i$); these motions correspond to the values $\lambda_1 = 0$ or $\lambda_3 = 0$.

The values of the integrals on motions along C_{ij} form nine rays T_{ij} parallel to c_{ij} , each containing two points $c_k, j = \sigma_k(i)$, and ending in one of them. These rays (parts of the self-intersection edges of the surface Δ) are shown schematically in Fig. 2; they form the one-dimensional skeleton of the set Σ . The two-dimensional components of Σ are diffeomorphic images of the domains Λ^\dots in Fig. 1 under the map $f(\lambda)$; denote the image $f(\Lambda^\dots)$ by Σ^\dots with the same indices. These images are glued to the skeleton by continuation of $f(\lambda)$ to the boundary of the DBD. When that is done the vertices labelled k go into c_k , points with $\lambda_1 = 0, \infty$ go to infinity, $\partial_{ij}\Lambda^\dots$ ($i \neq j$) are mapped monotonically into T_{ij} and $\partial\Lambda^\dots$ doubly into T_{ii} : $\partial_{ii}\Lambda^\pm$ onto $[e_i, \infty)$, $\partial_{22}\Lambda_0^-$ onto $[c_4, e_2]$ and $\partial_{ii}\Lambda_3$ onto $[c_0, d_i]$. These segments of the rays T_{ii} will be called inner edges of the cells $\Sigma\Lambda^\dots$ glued to them (note that there are no two-dimensional cells glued to the segments $(d_i, e_i) \subset T_{ii}$). Thus, the totality of DBDs in Fig. 1 is an "unfolded" image of the bifurcation surface, which demonstrates the relative positions of its parts.

The partition of the domain Ω by the surface Σ consists, besides Ω_0 , of four infinite domains Ω_{ij} ($i, j = 1, 3$), one of which contains the finite domain Ω_1 . To avoid graphical difficulties, we will present separate schematic depictions of the parts of Σ bounding these domains (for the relationship chosen among I_i, a_i).

Figure 2 shows the boundary of Ω_0 ; the "invisible" faces Σ_1 and Σ_0 are not shown. Figures 3 and 4 show the boundaries of $\Omega_{ij}, i \neq j$ and Ω_{ii} ; here $k = i + 1 \pmod 3$, the upper index of the plus and minus

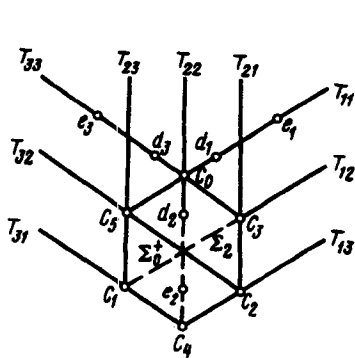


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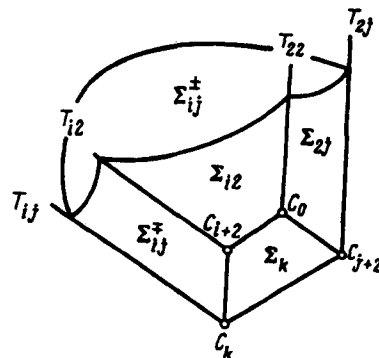


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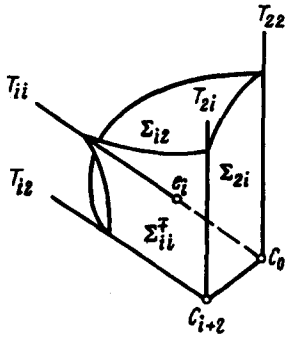


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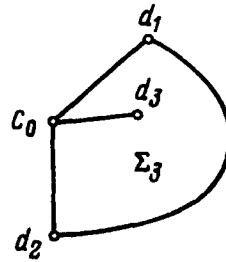


Fig. 5.

superscripts in the symbol Σ_{ii} is taken when $i = 1$, the inner edges $[c_0, d_i]$ of the faces Σ_{12} , Σ_{23} and Σ_2 are not shown. Figure 5 represents the closed surface Σ_3 with inner edges $[c_0, d_i]$ it bounds the domain Ω_1 , which is contained in Ω_{13} . By Proposition 5, the pieces Σ_0^+ , Σ_{ij}^+ and Σ_0^- , Σ_{ij}^- form the upper and lower parts of $\partial\Omega$, respectively, relative to the f_1 axis.

Since $\partial L \partial \lambda = f(\lambda)$, condition (3.1) becomes

$$f - w = \tau(f(\lambda) - w), \quad \lambda w = L(\lambda) \tag{4.2}$$

with an indefinite multiplier τ , which means that the points $f, w, f(\lambda)$ are collinear. Multiplying the first equality of (4.2) by λ we see, by virtue of the second equality and the identity $\lambda f(\lambda) = L$ (which follows from the homogeneity of $L(\lambda)$), that $\lambda(f - w) = 0$, that is, the second equality in (4.2) can be replaced by $\lambda f = L$. Hence it follows that the cone $\delta\Omega_w$ is half ($f_i \geq w_i$) of the cone K_w dual to the set X_w , and the generalized boundary δM_f is the intersection with Ω_0 of the half ($w_i \leq f_i$) of the cone K_f dual to Θ_f (cf. the remark at the end of Section 2).

Consider the domains $\Lambda_f^+, \Lambda_f^-, \Lambda_f^\pm = \{\lambda: \pm(\lambda f - L) \geq 0\}$ in the plane $\{\lambda_3 = 1\}$; they are bounded by the curve Θ_f and the λ_2 axis. Since $\lambda w = L$ on X_w , we can rewrite (3.2) as

$$M_f = \{w: X_w^\pm \subset \Lambda_f^\pm\} \tag{4.3}$$

Note that condition (4.2), which expresses the membership relation $w \in \delta M_f$, means that X_w is tangent to Θ_f , while the membership relation $w \in \partial M_f$ means, by (4.3), that X_w^\pm is tangent to $\partial \Lambda_f^\pm$.

Since the problem is integrable, the description of the integral surfaces reduces to indicating the number of component tori in each. To that end, we establish the form of M_f and the nature of the projection $I_f \rightarrow M_f$ for near-critical values of f .

All the curves Θ_f have three common points at $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = -a_i$ and three at infinity on the directions l_{ij} . The form of Θ_f may be established at $f = c_k$ (a triple of straight lines $l_{i\sigma(i)}, \sigma = \sigma_k$), at $f \in T_{ij}$ (a straight line l_{ij} and a hyperbola); by the Remark in Section 2, their form for other f s follows by continuity. Let $f_* = f(\lambda_*)$, $\lambda_* \in \Lambda_{11}^-$. Denote the corresponding sets by M_* , Θ_* , Z_* . Let file in Ω_{11} near f_* . Figure 6 shows

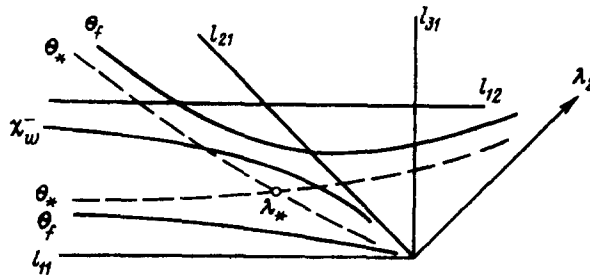


Fig. 6.

segments of the curves X_w^- , Θ_j and Θ_* (dashed) near λ_* —the nodes of Θ_* , and the domains Λ^- , Λ^* lie between the upper and lower branches of Θ_j , Θ_* .

It is clear that a necessary condition for $X_w^- \subset \Lambda^-$ is that $\lambda_* \in X_w^-$, that is, $w \in Z_*$, and a necessary condition for $X_w^- \subset \Lambda^+$ is that the curve X_w^- pass near λ_* , so that M_f lies near Z_* . Since $Z_* \subset M_*$, it follows that $M_* = Z_*$ and, by (4.3), the relation $\lambda_* \in X_w^-$ is a sufficient condition for $X_w^\pm \subset \Lambda^\pm$. By continuity, taking into consideration the possible nature of the intersection of the algebraic curves X_w^\pm and Θ_j with six common points, one can show that a sufficient condition for $X_w^\pm \subset \Lambda^\pm$ is that the branch X_w^- should pass between the branches Θ_j in Fig. 6; their points of tangency at $w \in \delta M_f$ form sets Θ'_f and Θ''_f on the upper and lower branches, respectively, of Θ_j near λ_* . The other branches of the curve X_w^- do not pass through Λ_{11}^- ; therefore, first, $\partial M_f = \partial M'_f$ and second, if $w \in M_f$, the quantity $\lambda w - L(\lambda)$ is non-positive on Θ'_f and non-negative on Θ''_f . Consequently, M_f lies at the intersection of the following domains Ω'_f and Ω''_f : $\Omega'_f = \cap \Omega^-_{\lambda}$, $\lambda \in \Theta'_f$, $\Omega''_f = \cap \Omega^+_{\lambda}$, $\lambda \in \Theta''_f$; $\Omega^\pm_{\lambda} = \{w: \pm(\lambda w - L) \geq 0\}$. Since the boundaries of these domains are defined by the same condition of the tangency of X_w^- with Θ_j as ∂M_f , it follows that $M_f = \Omega'_f \cap \Omega''_f$ and $\partial M_f = \partial \Omega'_f \cup \partial \Omega''_f$.

Shifting each point of Z_* along a vector field transverse to Z_* to a point with coordinates w_i such that X_w^- is tangent to Θ_j , we obtain a continuous deformation of Z_* into $\partial \Omega'_f$ and $\partial \Omega''_f$. Thus, M_f has two components, each bounded by a pair of tori and contractible to a component of the surface Z_* . Each boundary point of M_f is the image under projection from I_f of two antipodal vectors of the form (4.1), and each interior point is similarly the image of two antipodal pairs of nearby vectors. Hence I_f consists of four three-dimensional tori, each pair of which projects into two components of a DPM.

This is the form of I_f for Ω_{33} , Ω_{13} , Ω_{31} . Proceeding in analogous fashion for Ω_1 , one can deduce that the integral surfaces consist of eight tori: four that project onto a DPM, as described above, and two more pairs that project onto subsets of components of a DPM of the same form. For Ω_0 , the four tori comprising I_f project, one each, into the four components of the DPM bounding each pair of surfaces homeomorphic to a sphere.

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