# An application of numerical bifurcation analysis

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#### A differentially heated rotating annulus



## A differentially heated rotating planet



#### A differentially heated rotating annulus



## **Regime diagram**



log(Taylor number)

#### Wave flow in the annulus



## Vacillating flow in the annulus



## **Regime diagram**



log(Taylor number)

## **Bifurcation analysis**

• Nonlinear DE: 
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = G(x, \alpha)$$
,  $x \in \mathcal{R}^n$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}^1$ .

- Steady solution  $x_0 = x_0(\alpha)$  when:  $G(x_0, \alpha) = 0$ .
- Look for bifurcations from steady solution
  - Inear stability of steady solution
  - from eigenvalues, λ, of the linearization of dynamical equation about the steady solution:

$$G_x(x=x_0,\alpha).$$

- $Real(\lambda_j) < 0$  for all  $j \rightarrow x_0$  is linearly stable
- $Real(\lambda_j) > 0$  for one  $j \rightarrow x_0$  is linearly unstable

#### **Numerical computations**

- Steady solutions
  - use pseudo-arclength continuation
- Linear stability: eigenvalues
  - Implicitly restarted Arnoldi method
  - with Cayley transformations

## **Steady solution: continuation**

- Look for steady solutions
  - discretization reduces PDE to system of nonlinear algebraic equations
  - need to solve  $G(x, \alpha) = 0$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{R}^n$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}$
- Use Newton's method with continuation
  - need to have a good guess
  - assume we know  $x_0$  at  $\alpha_0$  such that  $G(x_0, \alpha_0) = 0$

#### **Natural parameterization**



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#### **Natural parameterization**



#### **Pseudo-arclength continuation**

- **Solution** Consider the parameter  $\alpha$  as an unknown
- **•** predictor: new guess  $(\hat{x}_1, \hat{\alpha}_1)$  given by

$$\hat{x}_1 = x_0 + \frac{\Delta s}{\|t_0\|} t_0^{(x)}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_1 = \alpha_0 + \frac{\Delta s}{\|t_0\|} t_0^{(\alpha)}$$

- $t_0 = \begin{bmatrix} t_0^{(x)} & t_0^{(\alpha)} \end{bmatrix}$  is the tangent to the solution curve
- the step size  $\Delta s$  measures arclength along tangent line
- for corrector, add an extra condition to get new system:

$$G(x, \alpha) = 0$$
  
$$f(x, \alpha) = 0$$

#### **Pseudo-arclength continuation**



- Eigenvalue problem
  - Linearize about steady solution
  - get generalized eigenvalue problems

 $\lambda \mathbf{B} \Phi = \mathbf{A} \Phi$ 

discretization leads to matrix eigenvalue problems

- For eigenvalues use 'Implicitly restarted Arnoldi method'
  - iterative
  - memory efficient
  - finds extremal eigenvalues

Use generalized Cayley transform

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \left(\mathbf{A} - \sigma_1 \mathbf{B}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{A} - \sigma_2 \mathbf{B}\right)$$

- $\lambda$  are eigenvalues from  $\lambda \mathbf{B} x = \mathbf{A} x$
- $\mu$  are eigenvalues from  $\mu x' = \mathbf{C}x'$

• 
$$Real(\lambda) > \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}{2} \to |\mu| > 1$$

Use generalized Cayley transform

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \left(\mathbf{A} - \sigma_1 \mathbf{B}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{A} - \sigma_2 \mathbf{B}\right)$$

Don't need to form the matrix C explicitly

• only need the matrix-vector product  $w = \mathbf{C}v$ 

$$w = \mathbf{C}v = (\mathbf{A} - \sigma_1 \mathbf{B})^{-1} (\mathbf{A} - \sigma_2 \mathbf{B}) v$$

• multiple by  $(\mathbf{A} - \sigma_1 \mathbf{B})$  get:

$$(\mathbf{A} - \sigma_1 \mathbf{B}) w = (\mathbf{A} - \sigma_2 \mathbf{B}) v$$

i.e. a system of linear equations

#### **Centre manifold reduction**

- Apply centre manifold reduction at bifurcation points
  - gives a low-dimensional model of dynamics
  - get existence and stability of bifurcating solutions
  - gives results close to a bifurcation point (local dynamics)
- Write ODE (reduced equation) in normal form
  - compute the coefficients of the normal form equations
- Deduce dynamics of PDE from low-dimensional ODE

#### A differentially heated rotating annulus



#### **Model of fluid in the annulus**

- Navier-Stokes equations in the Boussinesq approximation
- Cylindrical coordinates and rotating frame of reference
- No-slip boundary conditions
- Insulating top and bottom of annulus
- Differential heating:  $\Delta T = T_b T_a$ inner cylinder cooled; outer cylinder heated
- Quantitatively accurate results

## Analysis

Look for steady flows invariant under rotation

- primary transitions
- reduces to problem in two-spatial dimensions
- Bifurcations from steady solutions

## **Regime diagram**



log(Taylor number)

#### **Transition curve**



#### **Regions of bi-stability**



### **Spherical Shell**



## Model of fluid in a spherical shell

- Navier-Stokes equations in the Boussinesq approximation
- Spherical polar coordinates and rotating frame of reference
- No-slip boundary conditions at inner sphere
- Stress-free boundary condition at outer sphere
- Insulating outer sphere
- Differential heating imposed on inner sphere: at  $r = r_0$ ,  $T = T_0 - \Delta T \cos(2\theta)$ .

## **Differential heating**



#### **Spherical shell**



# Analysis

- Look for steady flows invariant under rotation and reflection about equator
  - Reduces to problem in two-spatial dimensions
  - Introduces additional boundary conditions at pole and equator
- Bifurcations of steady solutions

**Steady Solution:**  $\eta = R/r_0 = 1/2$ ,  $\Delta T = 0.004$ 



#### **Steady Solution:** $\eta = R/r_0 = 1/2, \Delta T = 0.026$

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#### **Steady Solution:** $\eta = R/r_0 = 1/2, \Delta T = 0.0483$

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#### Steady Solution: $\eta = R/r_0 = 1$ , $\Delta T = 0.002$

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#### **Steady Solution:** $\eta = R/r_0 = 1$ , $\Delta T = 0.029$

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#### **Bifurcation Diagram:** $\eta = R/r_0 = 1$

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#### **Steady Solution:** $\eta = R/r_0 = 3.5, \Delta T = 0.001$

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#### **Steady Solution:** $\eta = R/r_0 = 3.5, \Delta T = 0.019$

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#### **Bifurcation Diagram:** $\eta = R/r_0 = 3.5$

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#### **Cusp bifurcation**

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#### **Cusp bifurcation (schematic)**

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## **Computation of cusp point**

- Codimension two bifurcation
  - Need two parameters:  $\Delta T$  and  $\eta$
- Write equations as:

$$\dot{U} = LU + N(U, U)$$

where U is dependent variable, LU is linear part, N(U, U) is nonlinear part, and  $\dot{U}$  is derivative with respect to time

## **Computation of cusp point**

- Cusp point is characterized by:
  - **1.**  $LU_0 + N(U_0, U_0) = 0$
  - 2. zero eigenvalue of  $L_0$  where  $L_0V = LV + N(V, U_0) + N(U_0, V)$
  - 3. vanishing of the coefficient of 2nd-order term of equation on centre manifold (or reduced equation)

#### **Reduced equation**

Reduced equation

$$\dot{w} = \beta_1 + \beta_2 w + aw^2 + cw^3$$

where

$$a = 1/2 \langle \Phi^*, N(\Phi, \Phi) \rangle = 0$$

 $\Phi$  is the eigenfunction corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\Phi^*$  is the corresponding adjoint eigenfunction,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the inner product

## **Defining system**

$$LU_0 + N(U_0, U_0) = 0, \quad g = 0, \quad g' = 0$$

where g and g' are scalars given by

$$L_0V + gB = 0, \quad \langle C, V \rangle = 1$$

$$L_0 V' + g' B = -N(V, V), \quad \langle C, V' \rangle = 0$$

where *B* not in range of  $L_0$ , and *C* not in range of the adjoint operator  $L_0^*$ .

Solve to get a = 0 at  $\eta = 3.46$ ,  $\Delta T = 0.011$ 

## **Summary**

Application of numerical bifurcation analysis

- compute flow regimes
- compute details of flow transitions
- Could apply same ideas to industrial problems
- Applied to transitions from steady flows
- Could also apply similar ideas to transitions from periodic flows
  - HPC