

Breakdown of heteroclinic orbits for some analytic unfoldings of the Hopf-zero singularity

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Summary

In this paper we study the exponentially small splitting of a heteroclinic orbit in some unfoldings of the central singularity also called Hopf-zero singularity.

The fields under consideration are of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{d\tau} &= -\delta xz - y(\alpha + c\delta z) + \delta^{p+1}f(\delta x, \delta y, \delta z, \delta) \\ \frac{dy}{d\tau} &= -\delta yz + x(\alpha + c\delta z) + \delta^{p+1}g(\delta x, \delta y, \delta z, \delta) \\ \frac{dz}{d\tau} &= \delta(-1 + b(x^2 + y^2) + z^2) + \delta^{p+1}h(\delta x, \delta y, \delta z, \delta),\end{aligned}$$

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where f, g and h are real analytic functions, α, b and c are constants and δ is a small parameter.

When $f = g = h = 0$ the system has a heteroclinic orbit between the critical points $(0, 0, \pm 1)$ given by: $\{(x, y) = (0, 0) ; -1 < z < 1\}$.

Let $d^{s,u}$ be the distance between the one dimensional stable and unstable manifold of the perturbed system measured at the plane $z = 0$. We prove that for any f, g such that $\hat{m}(i\alpha) \neq 0$, where \hat{m} is the Borel transform of the function $m(u) = u^{1+ic}(f + ig)(0, 0, u, 0)$

$$|d^{s,u}| = 2\pi e^{c\pi/2} |\hat{m}(i\alpha)| \delta^p e^{-\pi|\alpha|/(2\delta)} (1 + O(\delta^{p+2} |\log \delta|)), \quad p > -2.$$

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