

Hopf bifurcation for degenerate singular points of multiplicity $2n - 1$ in dimension 3

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Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to study the Hopf bifurcation for a class of degenerate singular points of multiplicity $2n - 1$ in dimension 3 via averaging theory. More specifically, we consider the system

$$\dot{x} = -H_y(x, y) + P_{2n}(x, y, z) + \varepsilon P_{2n-1}(x, y),$$

$$\dot{y} = H_x(x, y) + Q_{2n}(x, y, z) + \varepsilon Q_{2n-1}(x, y),$$

$$\dot{z} = R_{2n}(x, y, z) + \varepsilon cz^{2n-1},$$

where

$$H = \frac{1}{2n}(x^{2l} + y^{2l})^m, \quad n = lm,$$

$$P_{2n-1} = x(p_1x^{2n-2} + p_2x^{2n-3}y + \dots + p_{2n-1}y^{2n-2}),$$

$$Q_{2n-1} = y(p_1x^{2n-2} + p_2x^{2n-3}y + \dots + p_{2n-1}y^{2n-2}),$$

and P_{2n} , Q_{2n} and R_{2n} are arbitrary analytic functions starting with terms of degree $2n$. We prove using the averaging theory of first order that, moving the parameter ε from $\varepsilon = 0$ to $\varepsilon \neq 0$ sufficiently small, from the origin it can bifurcate $2n - 1$ limit cycles, and that using the averaging theory of second order from the origin it can bifurcate $3n - 1$ limit cycles when $l = 1$.

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