

1. Linear Stability of Lorenz eqs.

$$\begin{cases} A_1' = -A_1 - B_1 - A_0 B_1 \\ B_1' = Pr \{ -\lambda A_1 - B_1 \} \\ A_0' = -b A_0 + A_1 B_1 \end{cases}$$

sol: $A_0' = -b A_0 \Rightarrow A_0 = e^{-bt}$

for the other two eqs, put in $\begin{cases} A_1 = e^{-\lambda t} \\ B_1 = e^{-\lambda t} \end{cases}$

then

$$-\lambda e^{-\lambda t} = -e^{-\lambda t} - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$-\lambda e^{-\lambda t} = -Pr \lambda e^{-\lambda t} - Pr e^{-\lambda t}$$

eigenvalues are found from

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -1 \\ \lambda Pr & \lambda - Pr \end{vmatrix} = 0 = (1 - \lambda)(\lambda - Pr) + \lambda Pr \\ = \lambda - \lambda^2 - Pr - \lambda Pr + \lambda Pr = 0$$

stable if $\lambda = 0$, then $\lambda = 1 = \frac{R}{R_L} \therefore R = R_L$

2. Steady Bifurcation Sol. ($\frac{d}{dt} = 0$)

$$\begin{cases} 0 = -A_1 - B_1 - A_0 B_1 \\ 0 = \lambda A_1 + B_1 \\ 0 = -b A_0 + A_1 B_1 \end{cases}$$

from eq. 3, $A_0 = \frac{A_1 B_1}{b}$

subst. into 2, $-A_1 - B_1 - \frac{A_1 B_1^2}{b} = 0$

from 2, $B_1 = -\gamma A_1$

subst., $-A_1 + \gamma A_1 - \frac{\gamma^2 A_1^3}{b} = 0$

or, $(\gamma - 1)A_1 = \frac{\gamma^2 A_1^3}{b}$

To get Landau eq.,

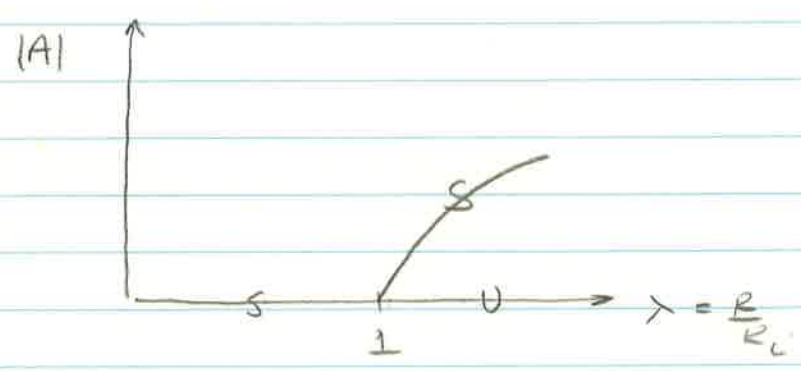
start with, $A_1' = -A_1 - B_1 - \frac{A_0 B_1^2}{b}$

$A_1' = (\gamma - 1)A_1 - \frac{\gamma^2 A_1^3}{b}$ ← Landau eq. (steady limit cycle)

For this,

$A_1 = 0$ is basic state

$A_1^2 = \frac{b(\gamma - 1)}{\gamma^2}$ is bifurcation solution for $\gamma > 1$



Landau eq. says that the new solution in the region of the branch remains stable (forever).

• Stability of Bifurcation Sol.

$$\text{let } A_1 = \bar{A}_1 + a_1$$

$$B_1 = \bar{B}_1 + b_1$$

$$A_0 = \bar{A}_0 + a_0$$

subst. into Lorenz eqs. and linearize.

$$a_1' = -(\bar{A}_1 + a_1) - (\bar{B}_1 + b_1) - (\bar{A}_0 + a_0)(\bar{B}_1 + b_1)$$

$$a_1' = -a_1 - b_1 - \bar{A}_0 b_1 - \bar{B}_1 a_0 + \text{nonlinear terms}$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} a_1' = -a_1 - b_1 - \bar{A}_0 b_1 - \bar{B}_1 a_0 \\ b_1' = Pr(-\gamma a_1 - b_1) \\ a_0' = -ba_0 + \bar{A}_1 b_1 + \bar{B}_1 a_1 \end{cases} \quad \text{linear}$$

$$\text{subs. } (a_1, b_1, a_0) = (a_1, b_1, a_0) e^{\gamma t}$$

then

$$\begin{cases} (\gamma+1)a_1 + (1+\bar{A}_0)b_1 + \bar{B}_1 a_0 = 0 \\ Pr\gamma a_1 + (\gamma+Pr)b_1 = 0 \\ \bar{B}_1 a_1 - \bar{A}_1 b_1 + (\gamma+b)a_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

or,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \gamma+1 & 1+\bar{A}_0 & \bar{B}_1 \\ Pr\gamma & \gamma+Pr & 0 \\ -\bar{B}_1 & -\bar{A}_1 & \gamma+b \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Obtain a cubic eq. for γ , namely.

$$\gamma^3 + \gamma^2(1 + P_r + b) + \gamma b(P_r + \gamma) + 2P_r b(\gamma - 1) = 0$$

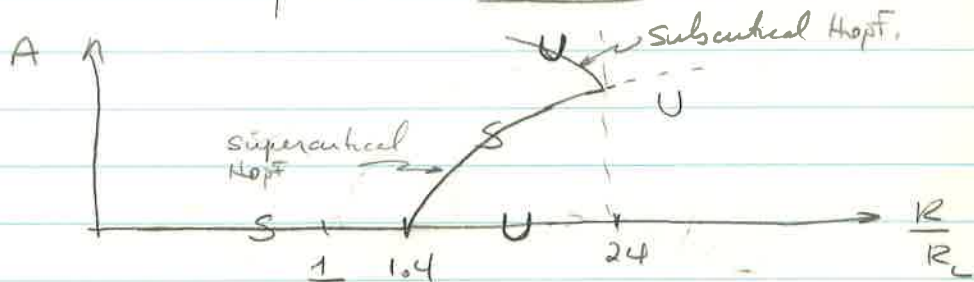
this applies for $\gamma > 1$. $i.e. (R > R_L)$
 $b = b(k^2, \pi^2, \dots) \rightarrow b = \frac{4\pi^2}{\pi^2 + k^2}, R_L = \frac{(k^2 + \pi^2)^3}{k^2}$
 • at critical k^2 , $b = \frac{8}{3}$ @ $P_r = 10$. @ critical pt.

When $1 < \gamma < \gamma_1$, cubic has 3 real, neg. roots.

$\gamma_1 < \gamma < \gamma_2$ 1 real neg. root, 1 complex conj. pair with neg. real part. still stable.

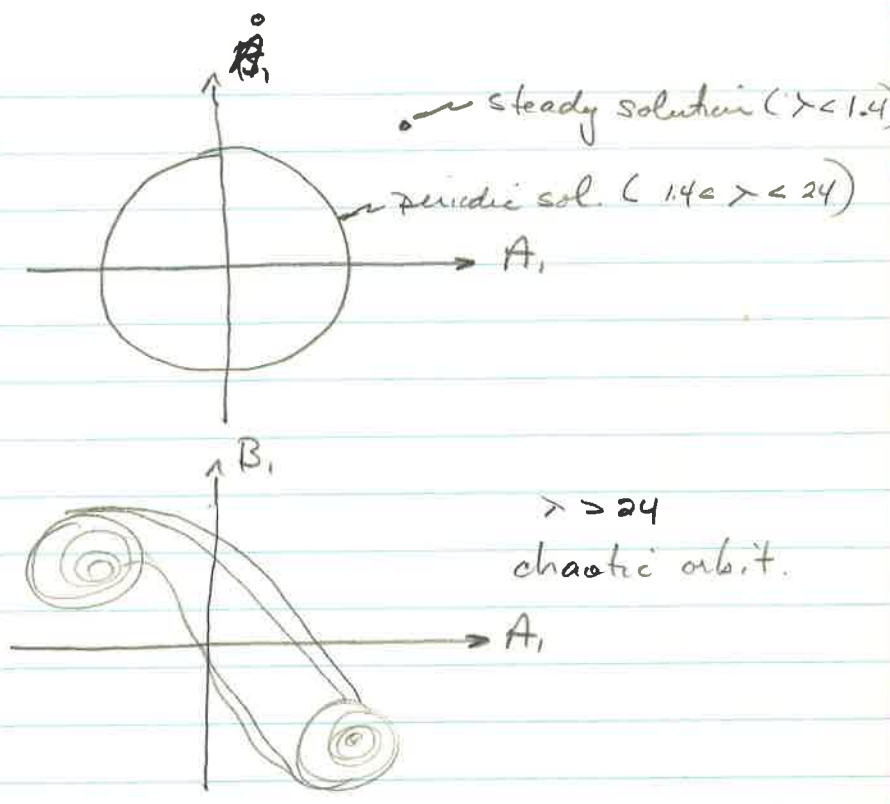
Values are $\gamma_1 = 1.4 = R/R_L$
 $\gamma_2 = 24$

$\gamma_2 < \gamma$ 1 neg. real, 1 complex conj. pair with pos. real part. unstable



• For $\gamma = 24$, there will be a chaotic orbit, or so-called aperiodic sol which goes back and forth between two or several periodic-like orbits. -- called a strange attractor.

Phase space



As opposed to Landau approach, which says that you obtain a chaotic behavior (turbulence?) through a ^(large) successive no. of supercritical bifurcations, implying large number of modes (high dimension system),

we have for the Lorenz system, chaotic behavior after two bifurcations, one being subcritical. This is a low dimensional chaos.